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SIMBA results for the 2nd Ice Prediction Workshop

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Rationale

Challenge: the numerical prediction of in-flight ice accretion is becoming a valid mean to demonstrate the compliance with certification rules.

Physics: 3D ice-accretion on wings, fuselages, instruments, etc. :

- Performance loss due to 3D accreted walls
- Liquid-film / rivulets run-back
- A time-dependent and highly stochastic phenomena
- Long spray-times imply mixed-ice conditions (e.g. 3D scallops)

Goal: coupling two different methodologies to exploit their respective benefits

- Eulerian approach for water droplet impingement - easy catch efficiency computation
- Immersed Boundary solution - easy geometry handling and mesh generation



Simulation system based on an IMmersed Boundary Approach (SIMBA)

Comput. Domain

Unstructured 2D/3D Cartesian with adaptive mesh refinement (AMR). SIMBA_MESH

Air-phase

RANS/URANS or hybrid RANS-LES, FV IB-method, 2nd order skew-symmetric CDS, wall-modelling, static and dynamic multi-component surfaces.

Water-phase

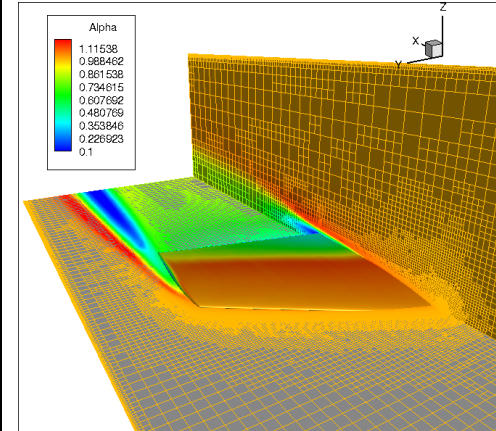
Eulerian droplet mass momentum and energy balances, FV IB-method, 2nd order CDS. Wright and ONERA SLD modelling available.

Thermodynamics (...on going)

New module fully integrated into the SIMBA system for solving surface balances eqns. (Messinger and SWIM) .



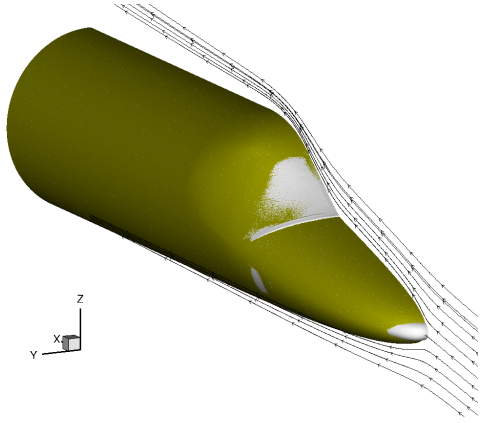
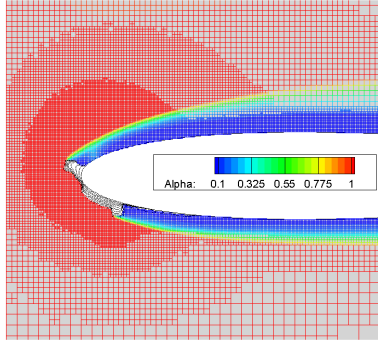
Air-phase by SIMBA_FLOW



Water-phase by SIMBA_ICE

(Capizzano et al., AIAAJ 2011 and 2016, JFE 2014, IJNME 2017, JCP 2019, C&F 2023)

SIMBA ice-accretion chain



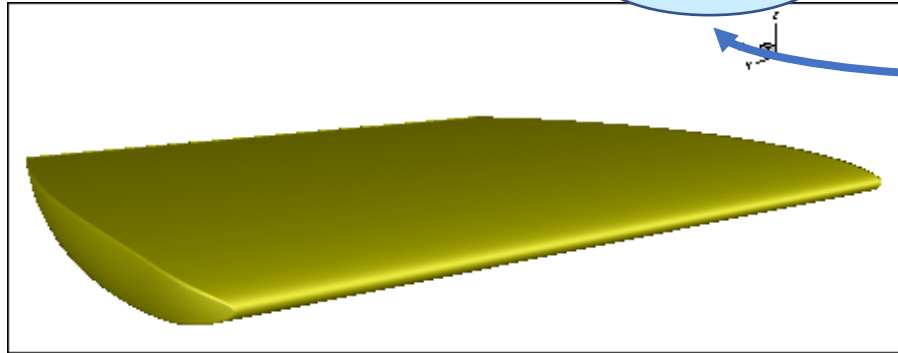
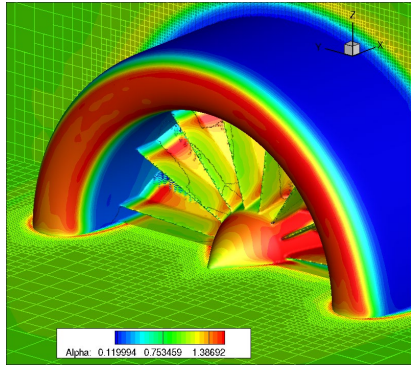
mesh adapt.

air-phase

Multi-step

ice-accr.

water-phase



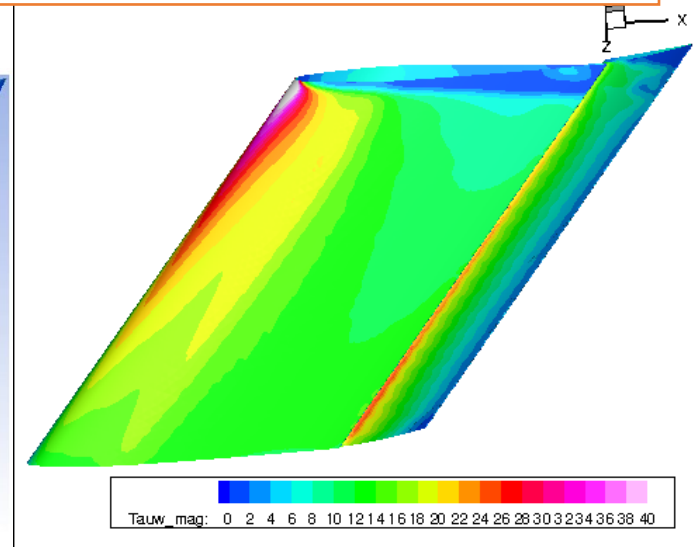
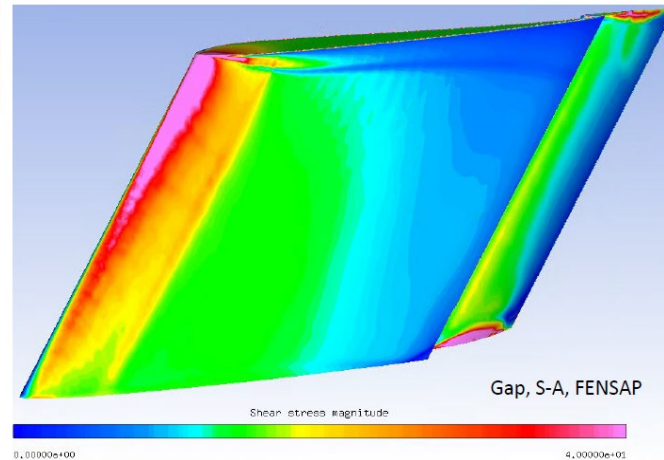
CRM65 Mid-span Hybrid: CASE 1, main and flap distinct components



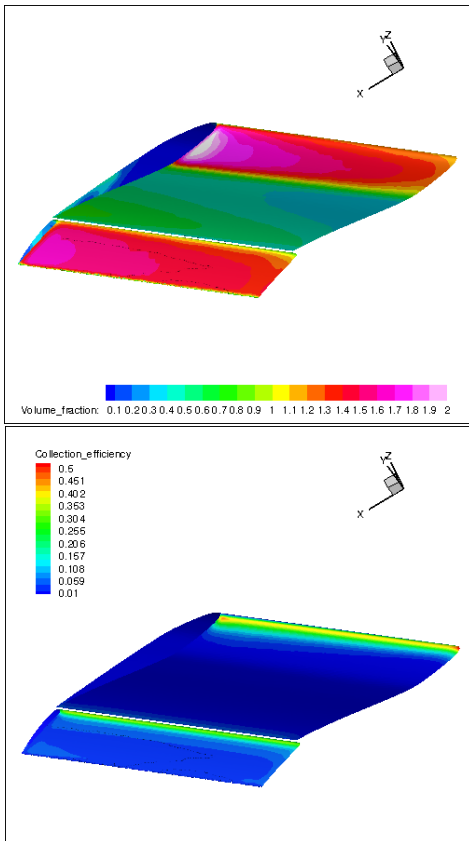
Case 1: CRM-65 Mid-span Hybrid (3D)

Numerical WT arrangement with GAP

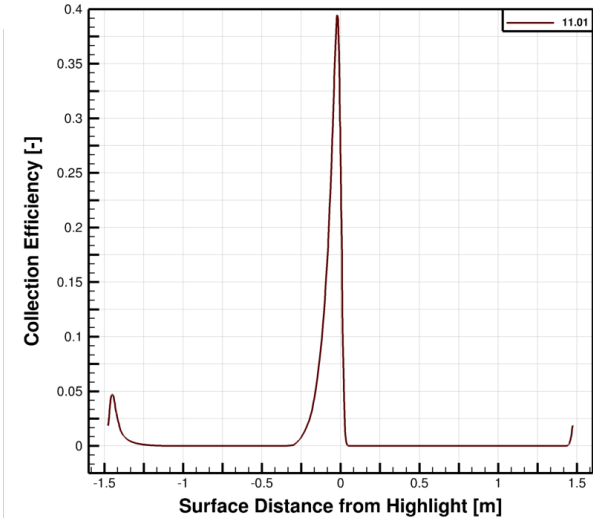
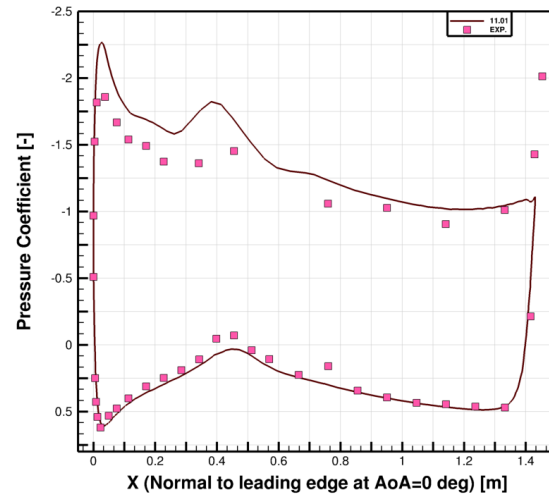
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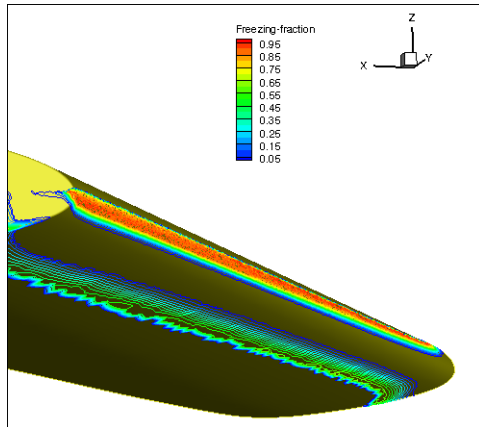
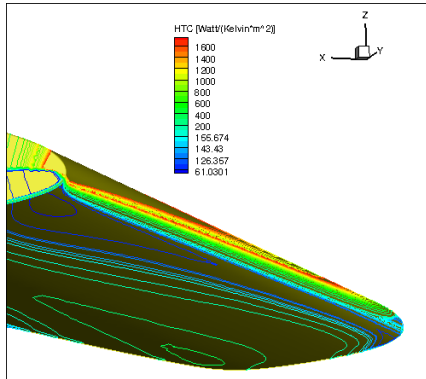
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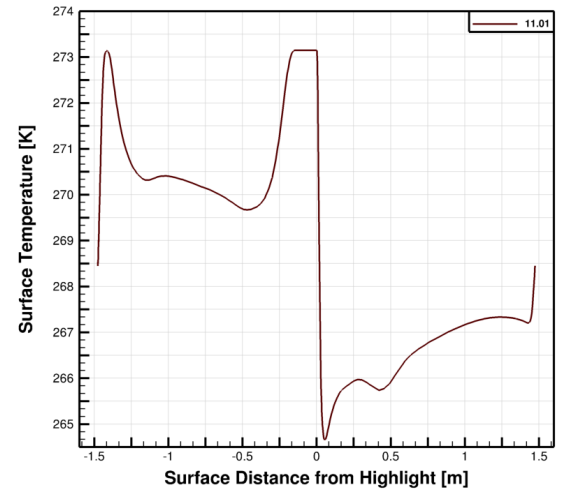
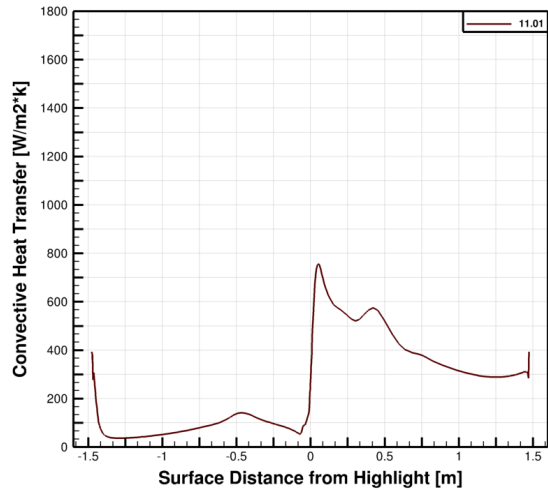
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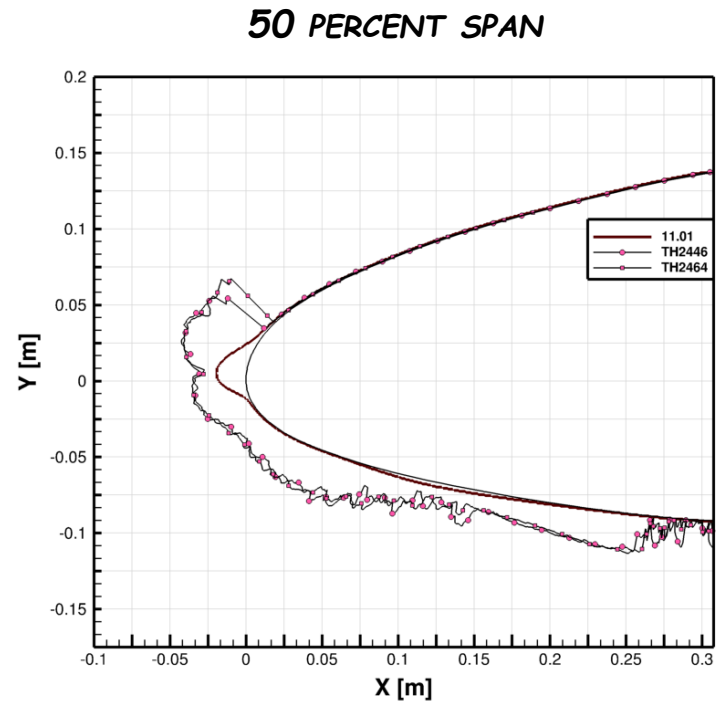
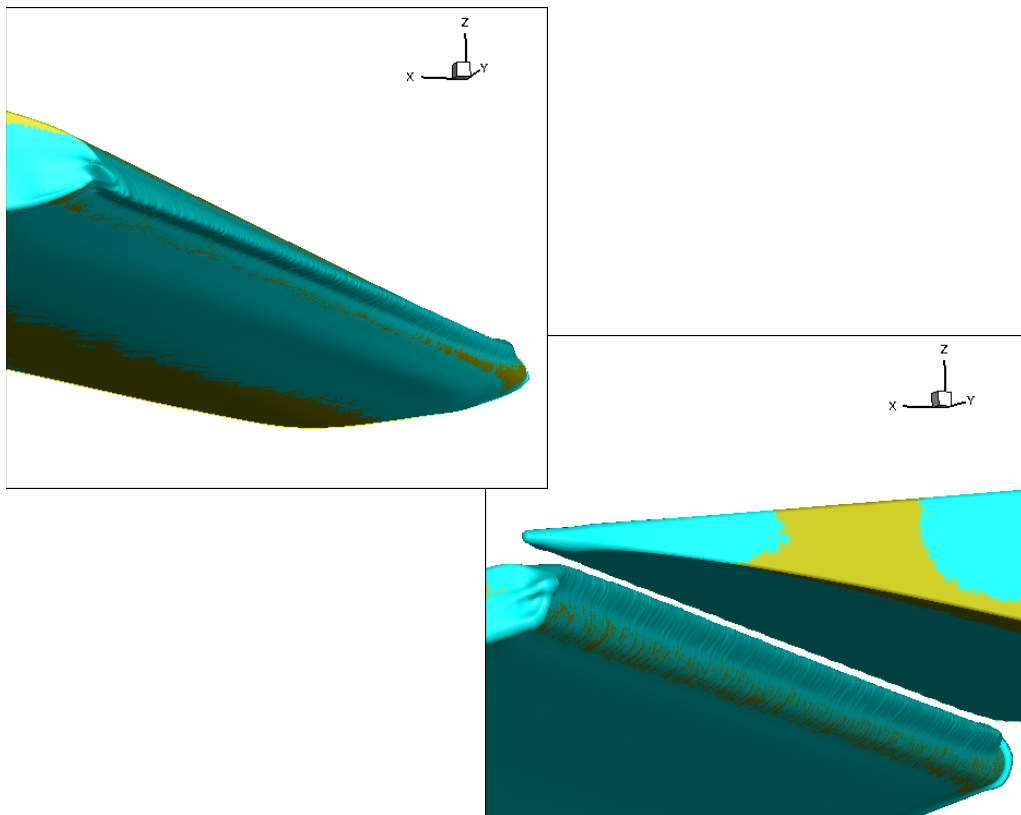
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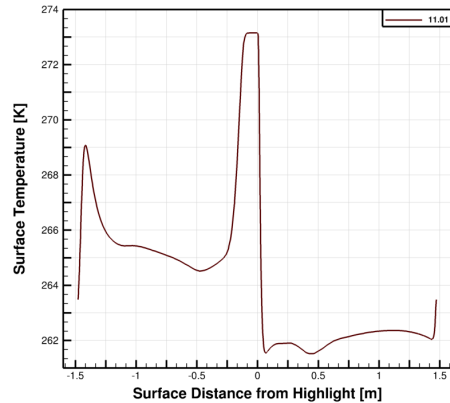
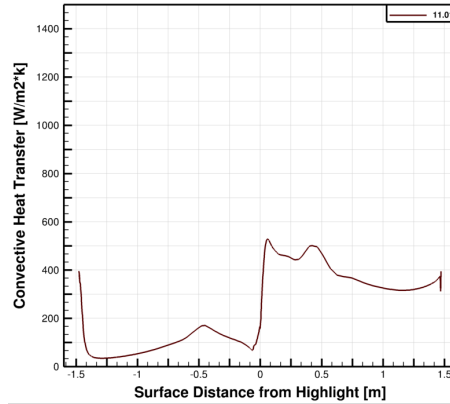
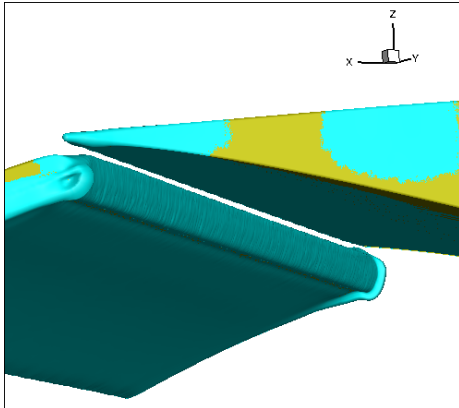
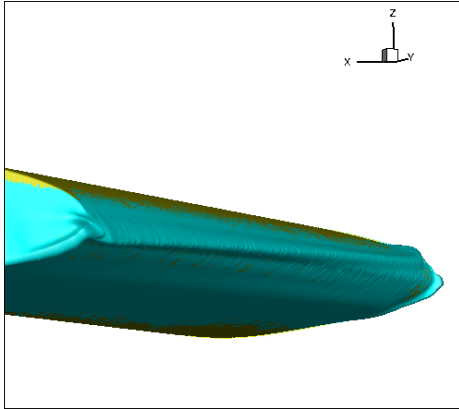
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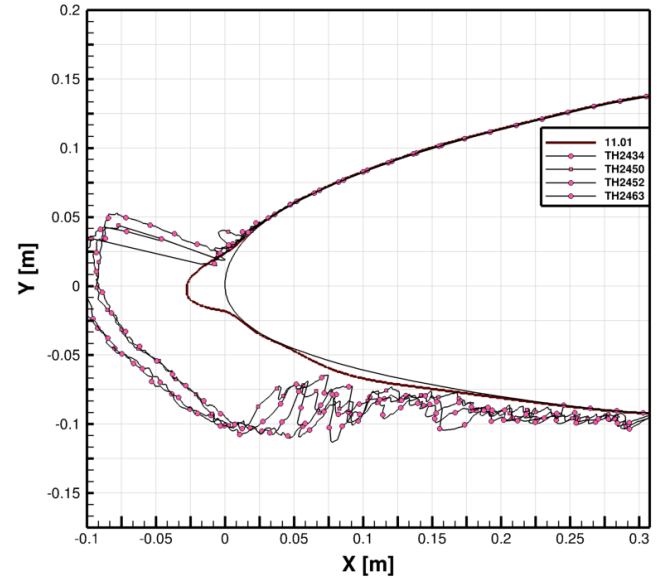
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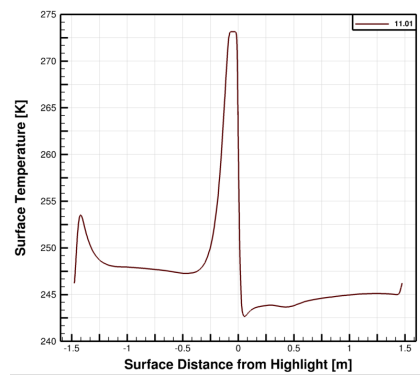
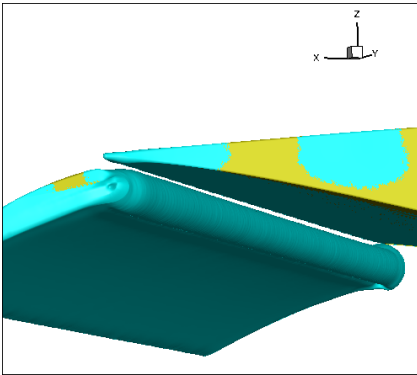
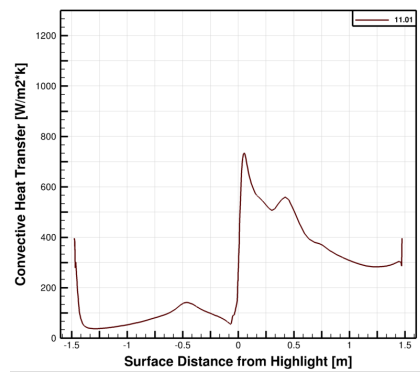
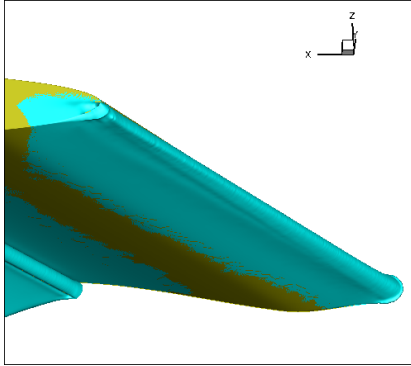
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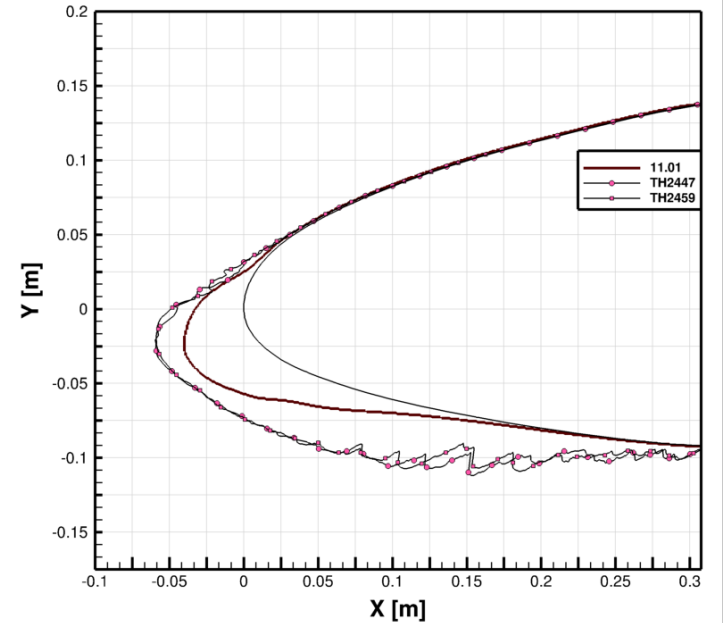
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CRM65 Mid-span: CASE 1.3



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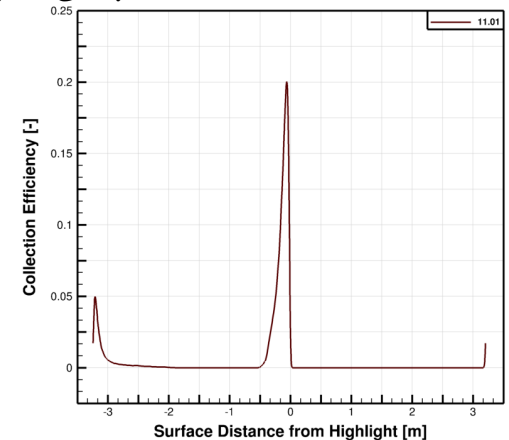
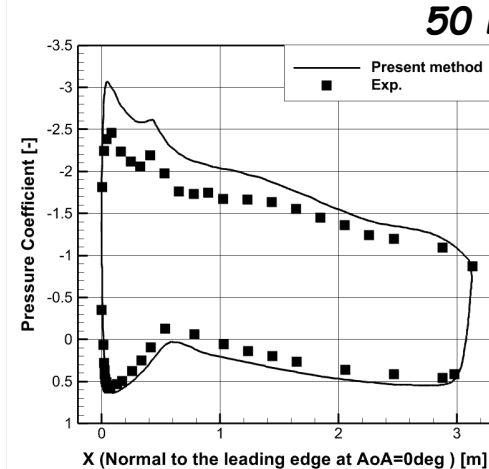
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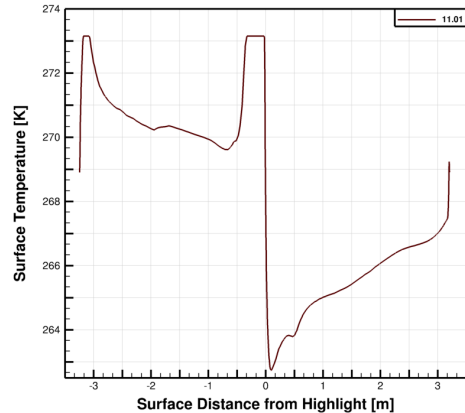
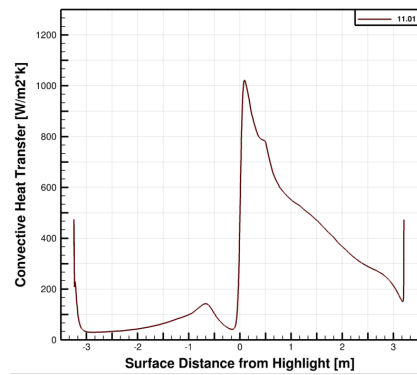
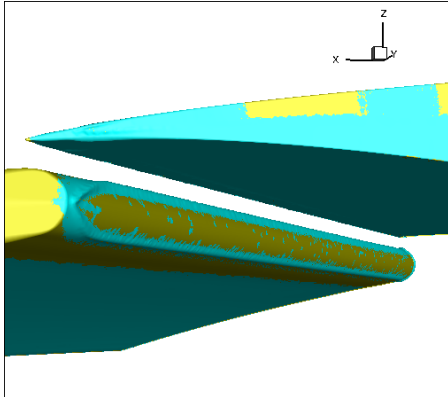
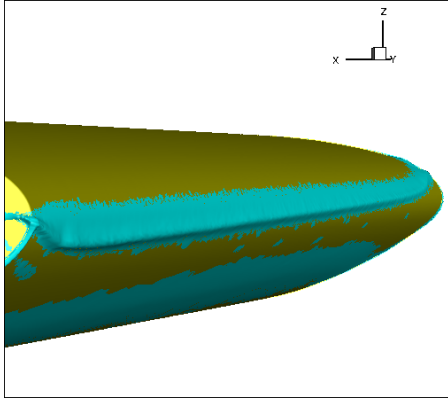
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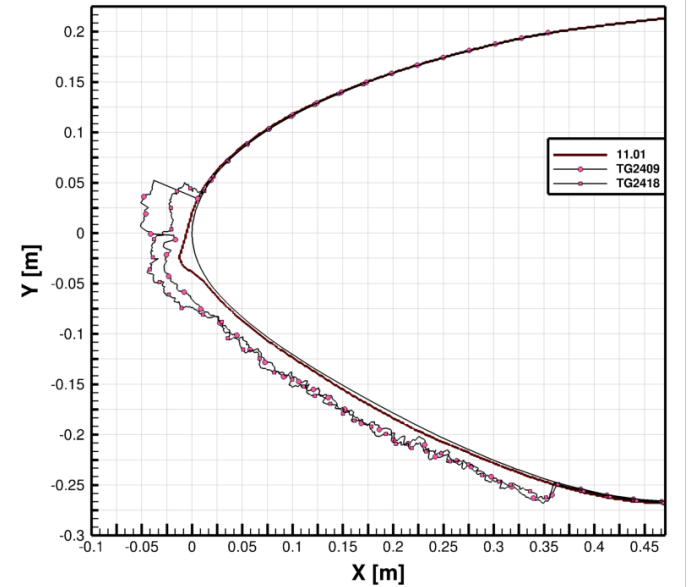
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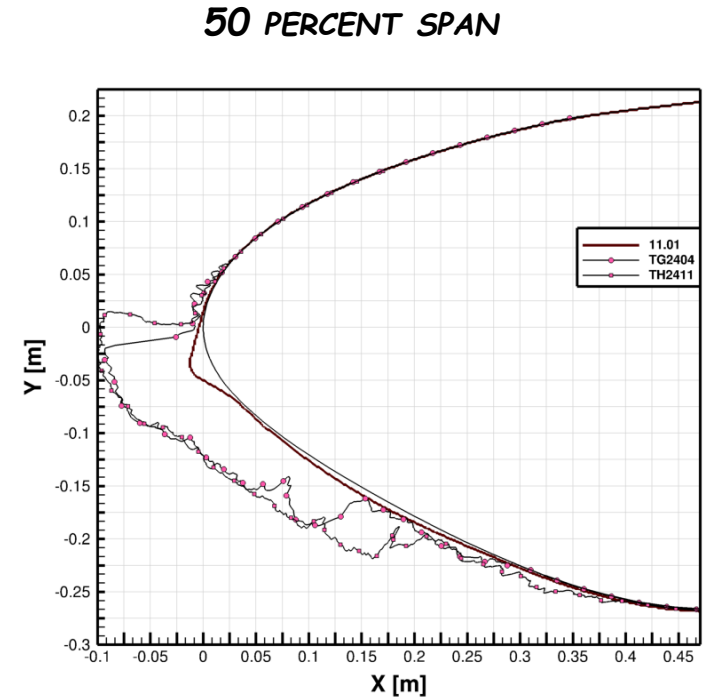
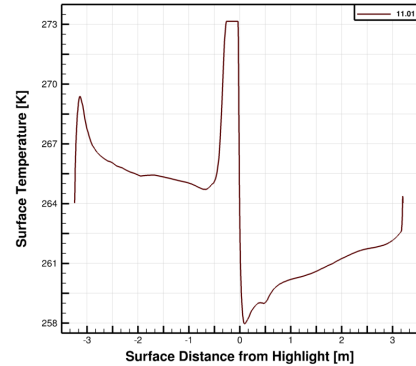
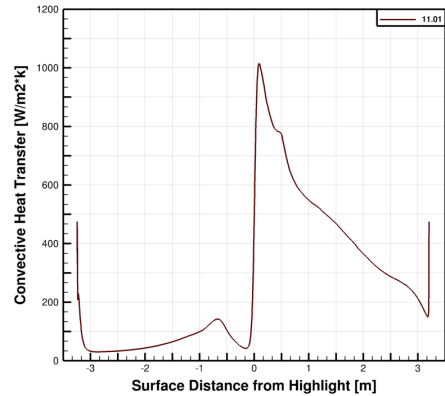
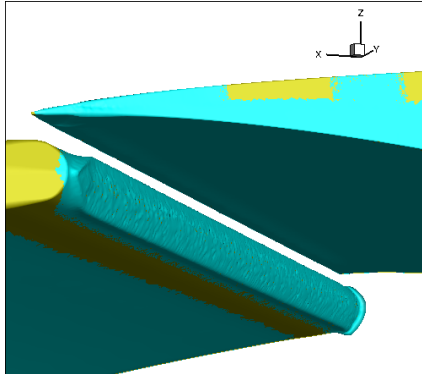
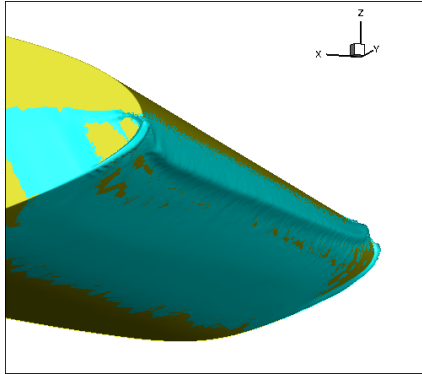
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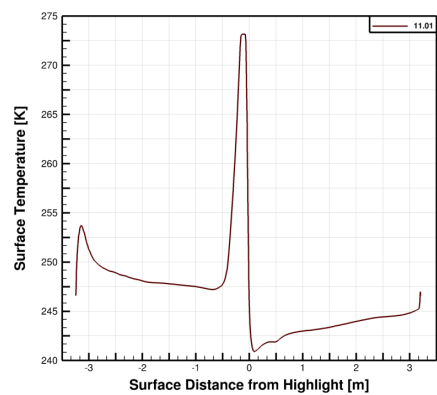
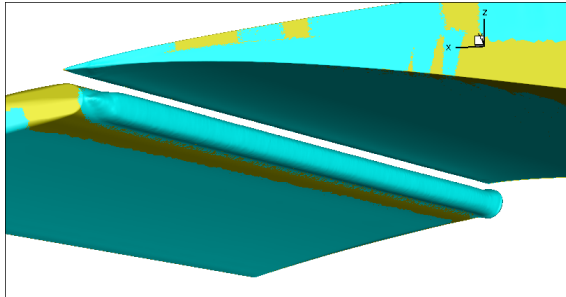
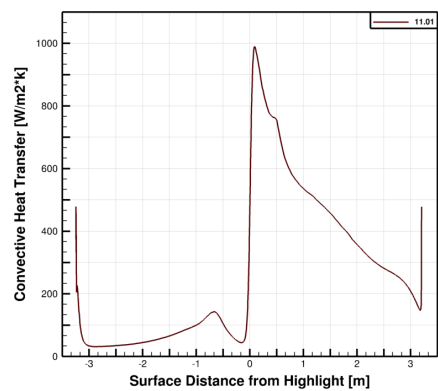
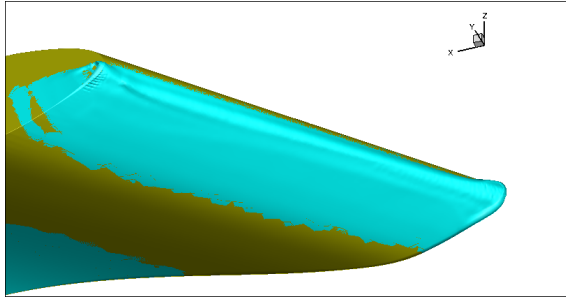
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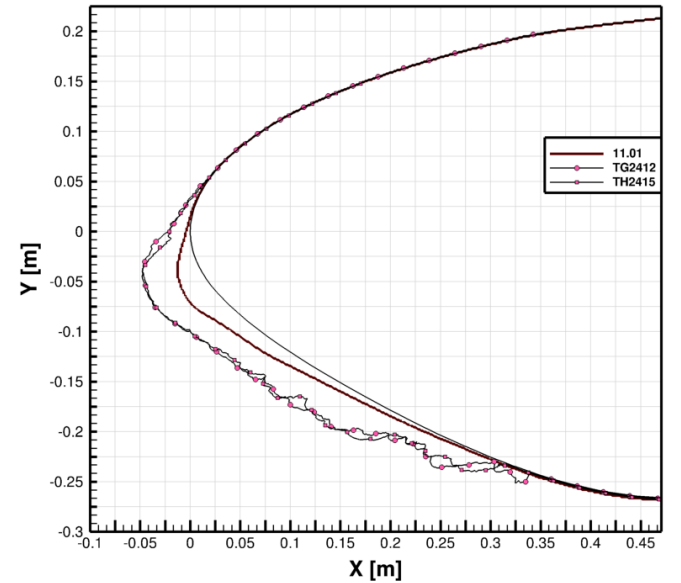
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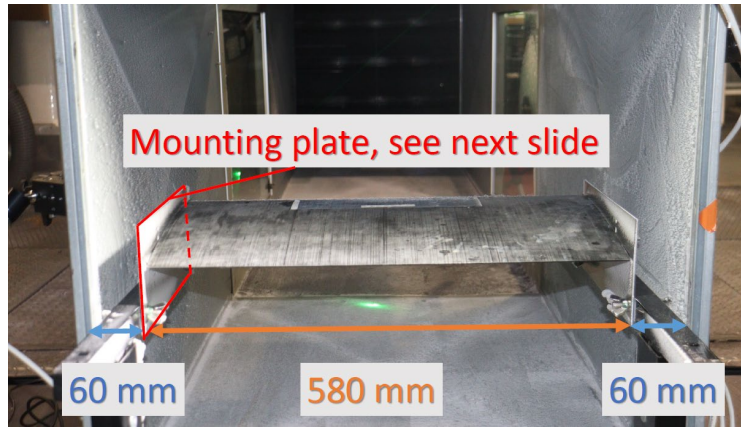
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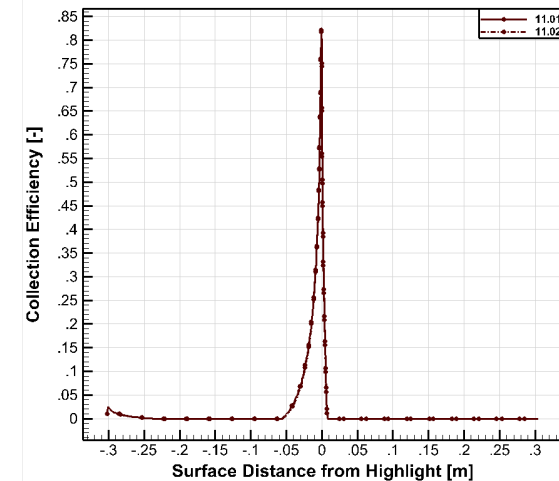
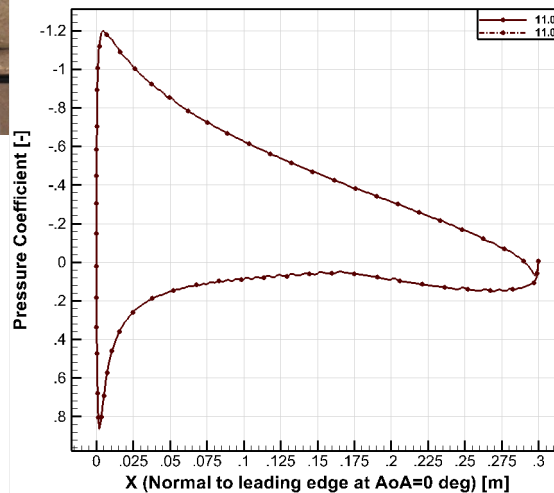


RG-15 small wing: CASE 3

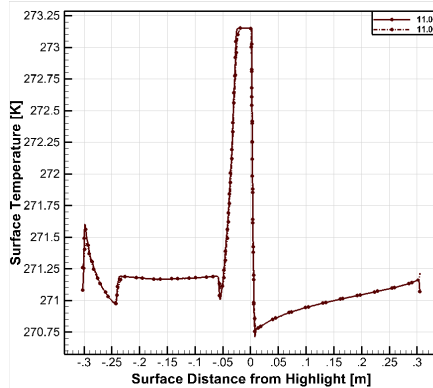
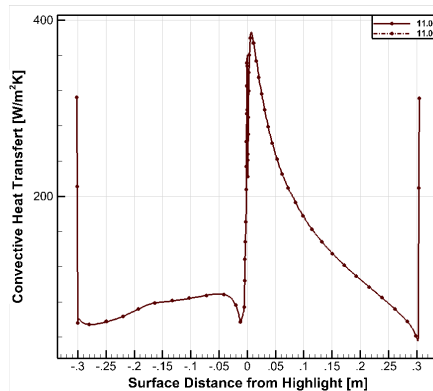
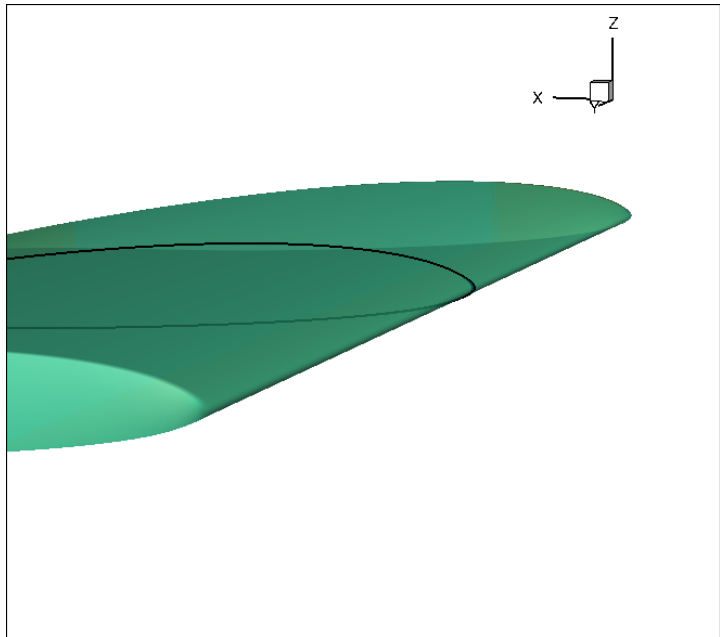


Numerical WT arrangement with periodic BCs

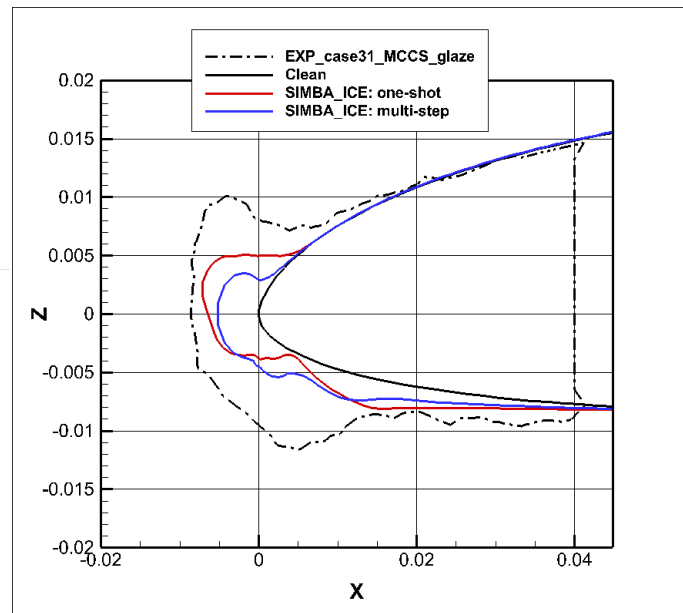
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RG-15 small wing: CASE 3.1

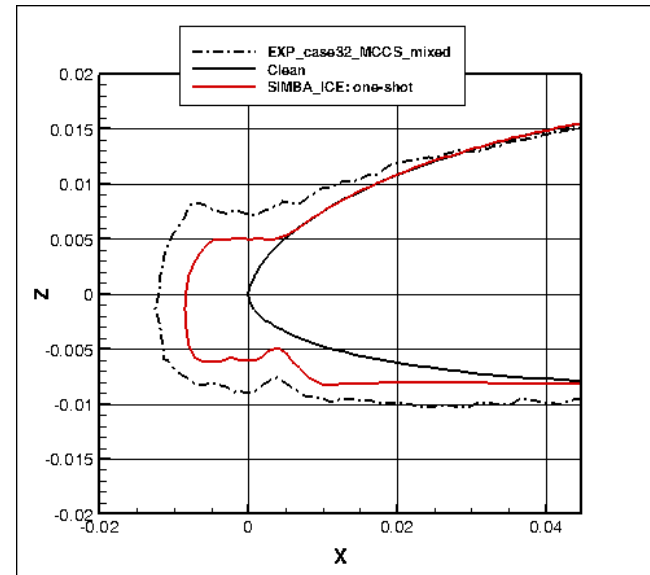
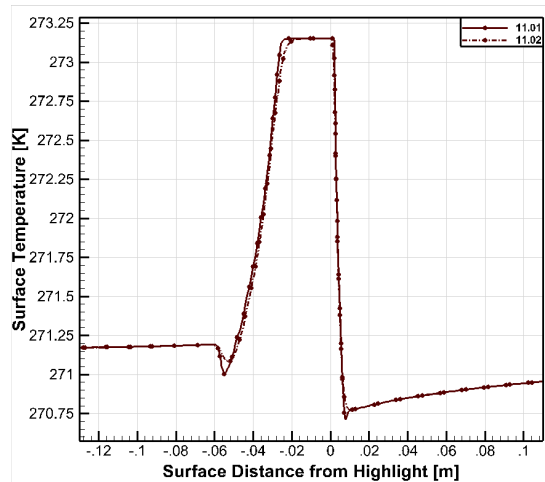
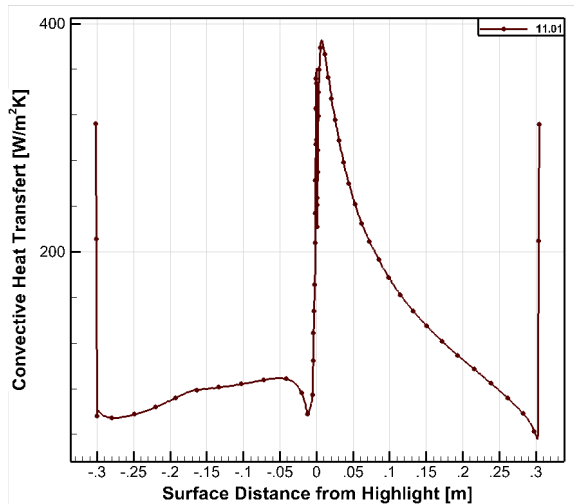


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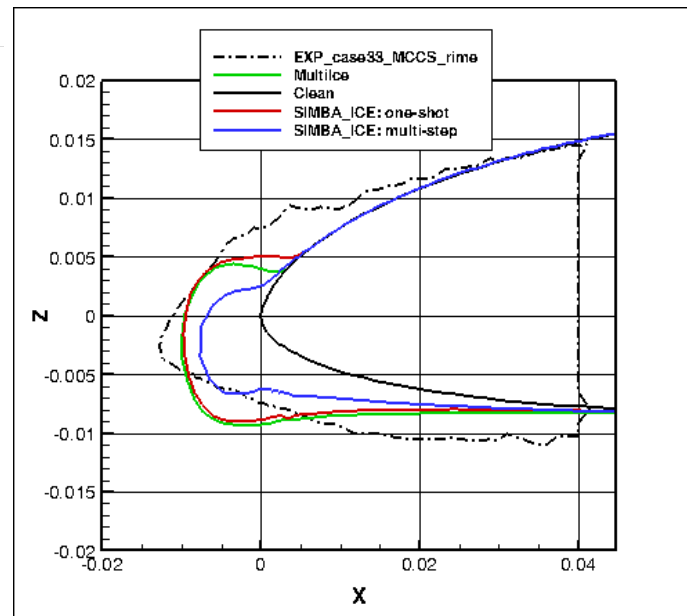
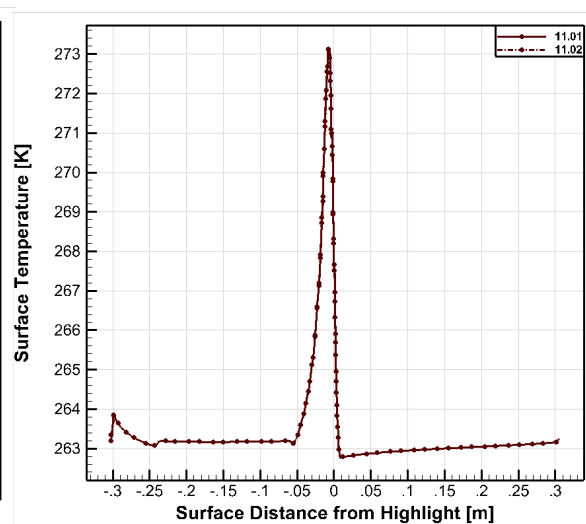
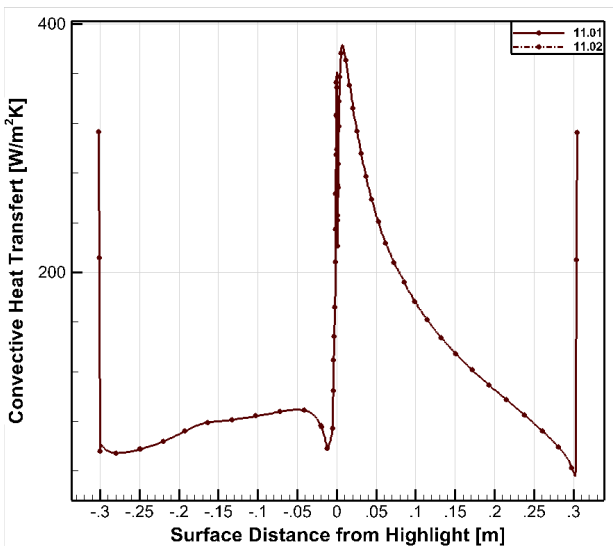
RG-15 small wing: CASE 3.2

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RG-15 small wing: CASE 3.3

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Encountered difficulties

Issues related to the benchmarks themselves

- Major:
 - CRM65 Midspan-model: separation at the top-section
 - Few info on the inlet-outlet pressure jump Δp into the WT test-section (...useful for a proper numerical setting)
 - Some ice-density measures would be appreciated
- Minor:
 - Unified post-processing by PyTecplot is welcome but possible failures due to different versions as well as compiled libraries (...Tecplot macros?).
 - RG-15 cases: ambiguity between WT and FF numerical setting

Issues related to the numerical method itself

- Major:
 - Numerical ice-accretions suffer from a constant density assumption.
 - The Lagrangian accretion is not conservative and prone to geometric failures.
 - Roughness and ice-density models can help.
- Minor:
 - HTC estimate
 - Multi-bin analyses can improve the RG-15 rime accretions
 - Run-back water may need some additional work/check
 - Local surface mesh-refinement by ad-hoc flow-based sensors (e.g. the collection efficiency).

Overall considerations

- The IPW-2 is a unique opportunity to exchange new ideas and data on the icing-topic (...and meeting in person many colleagues known in virtual Projects' meetings) .
- The IPW-2 cases themselves result very challenging and I regard the present ones as preliminary results, due to the short time-range between the exp. data release and the IWP-2 meeting.
- Besides, the obtained results need more time to be analysed also w.r.t. experimental data in order to summing-up clear findings.
- Most of the present IPW-2 analyses are carried-out in few weeks and outside office-hours (i.e. in the night!) ...For my personal health, next time, please release the benchmarks one year before!

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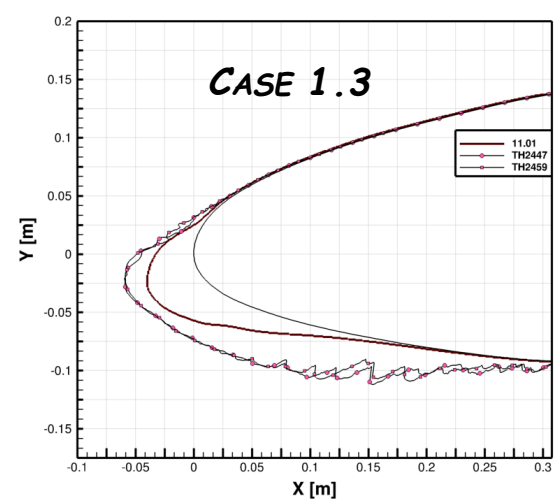
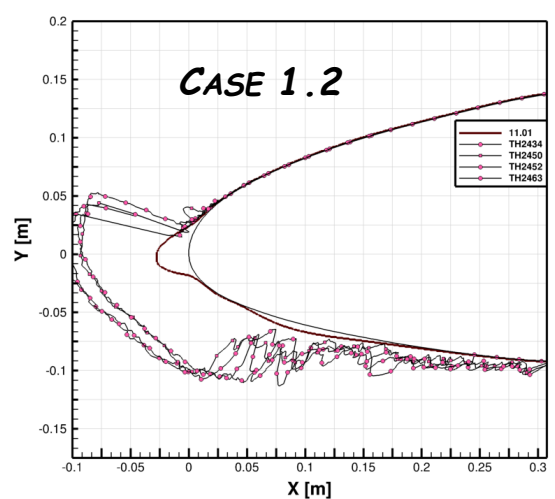
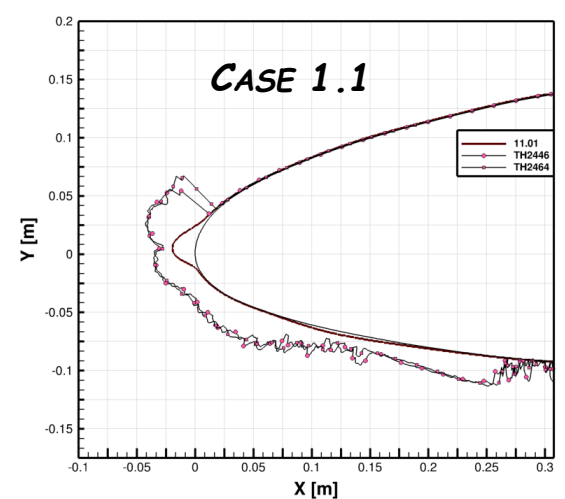
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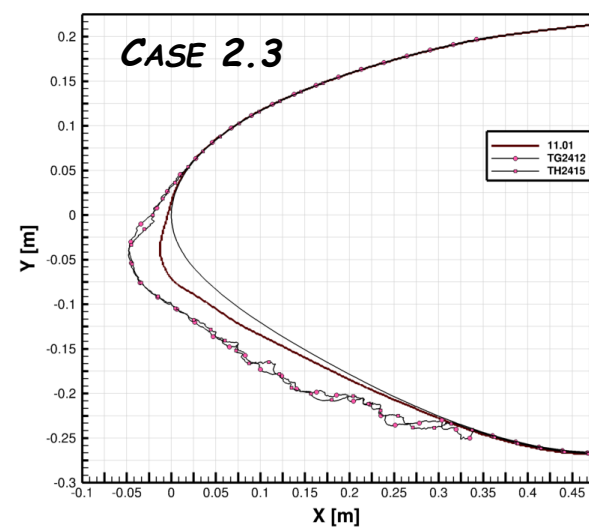
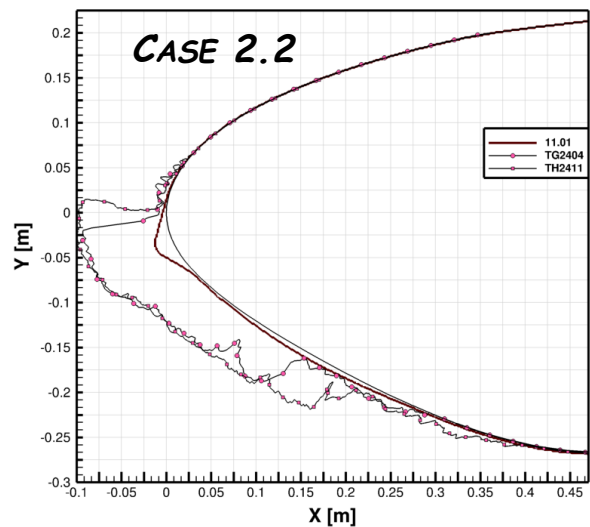
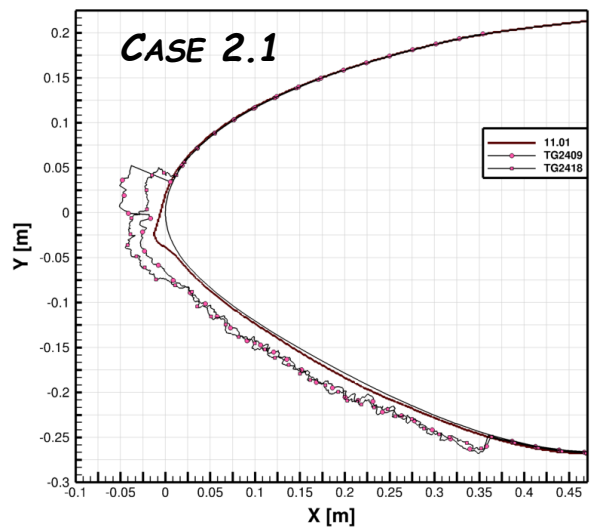
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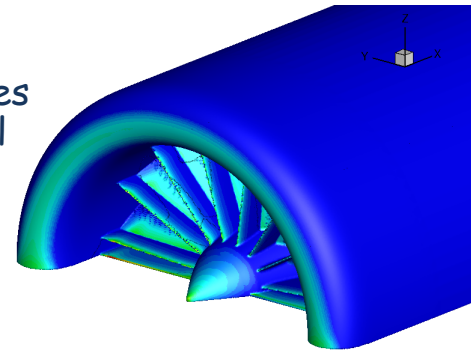
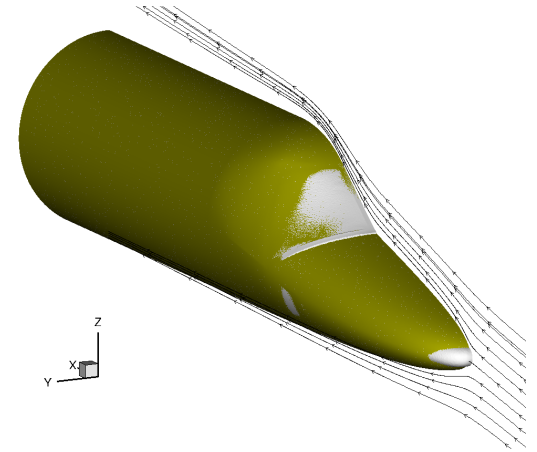
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Background

Liquid-film and 3D ice-accretion: models and methods.

- Surface models based on mass, momentum and energy balances
- 3D geometry modification based on Lagrangian, Eulerian and stochastic approaches
- One-shot analyses proven accurate/robust only for simple and mono-component geometries
- Multi-step analyses are more consistent but present many issues related to the modification of multi-connected surfaces as well as surface re-meshing

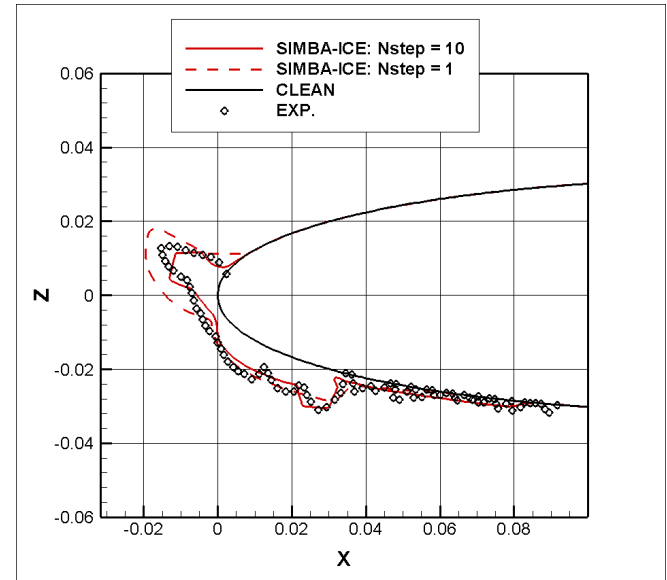
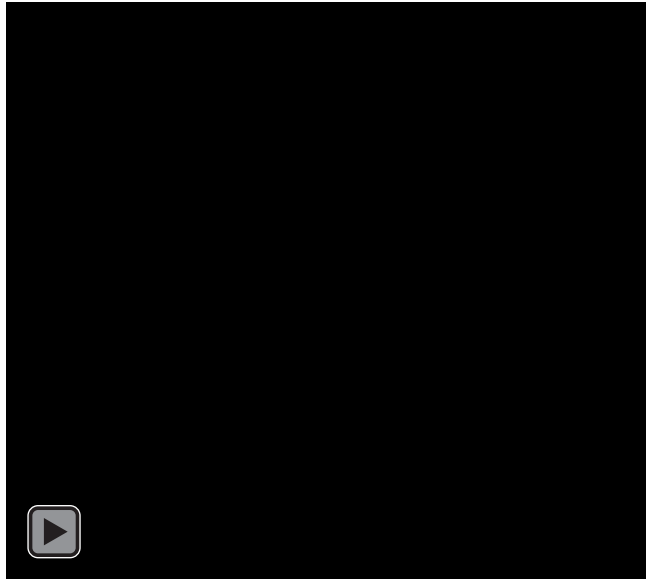


NACA0012 airfoil: NASA-RUN401 (Glaze)

Validation: Messenger, Multi-Step (MS)

2D test-case, App-C.

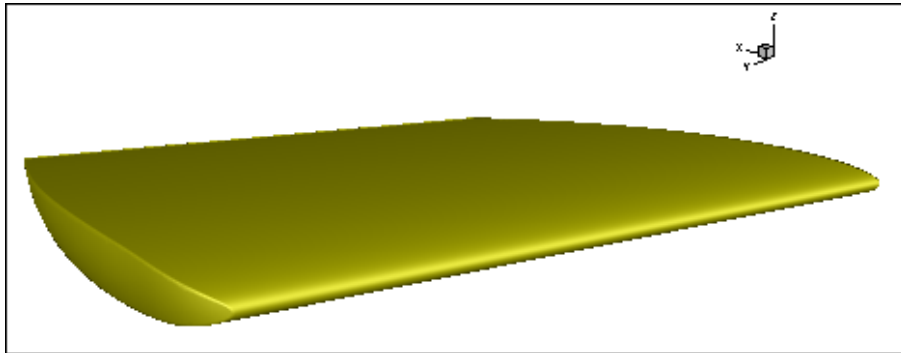
- NACA0012
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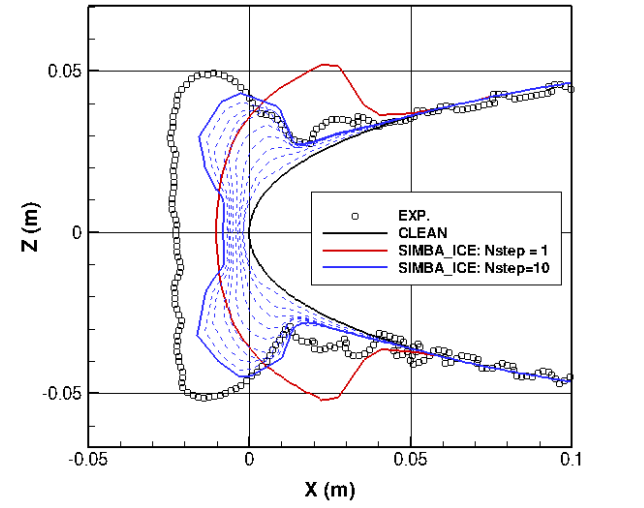
Swept-wing: IPW-1 case-362

3D benchmark, App-C. (optional)

- 30° swept NACA0012
- Cartesian-IB
- Case 362
- Glaze-ice



MULTISTEP, NSteps = 10

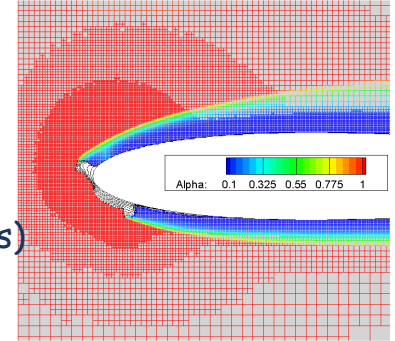


ONE-SHOT VS. MULTISTEP

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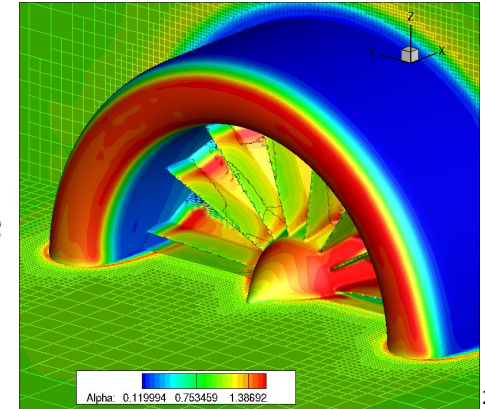
3D ice-accretion status

- Volume mesh displacement → grid quality issues
- Iced-surface deform. → mesh entanglement & ice-front collision
- Lack of volume conservation → not guaranteed for Lagrangian displacements
- Ice-density → significant variation in 3D accr. (e.g. swept wings)



Potential remedies

- Global or local volume remeshing → to improve mesh quality
- Remeshing of iced surface → not trivial due to non-smooth surfaces
- Ice-density models → to improve volume conservation
- Lagran. PC and MS approaches → ice-volume error reduces with N steps
- Eulerian ice-accretion methods → to reduce ice-volume error



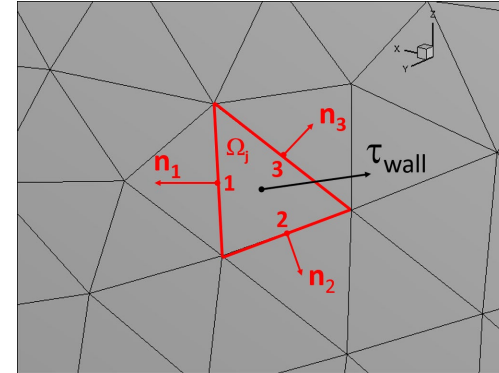
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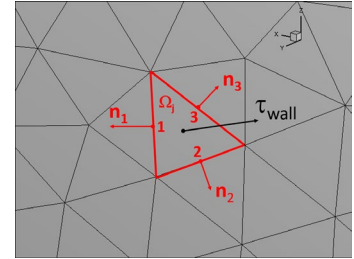
$$\text{Energy balance} \quad \dot{Q}_{ice} + \dot{Q}_{rbi} = \dot{Q}_{imp} + \dot{Q}_{rbo} + \dot{Q}_{es} + \dot{Q}_c$$

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Mass balance

$$\dot{m}_{rbo} = - \sum_{i=1}^3 \dot{m}_{rbo,i}, \quad \dot{m}_{rbo,i} = \dot{m}_{out} \frac{l_i (\tau_{wall} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)}{F_{rbo}} \quad \text{if } (\tau_{wall} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i) > 0$$

$$F_{rbo} = \sum_{i=1}^3 (l_i \tau_{wall} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i), \quad \text{if } (\tau_{wall} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i) > 0$$

$$\dot{m}_{rbi} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \dot{m}_{rbi,i}, \quad \dot{m}_{rbi,i} = \dot{m}_{rbo,i} \frac{A^i}{A}$$

$$\dot{m}_{es} = -0.696 \frac{h_c}{C_{p,a}} \frac{(p_{vs})_{wall} - (p_{vs})_{\infty}}{.5(p_{wall} + p_{\infty})}$$

$$\dot{m}_{ice} = f (\dot{m}_{imp} + \dot{m}_{rbi} - \dot{m}_{es})$$

$$\dot{m}_{imp} = \beta LWC U_{\infty}$$

Energy balance

$$\dot{Q}_{imp} = \dot{m}_{imp} \left[c_{p,w} (T_d - T_m) + \frac{U_d^2}{2} \right]$$

$$\dot{Q}_{rbi} = \dot{m}_{rbi} [C_{p,w} (T_{rbi} - T_m)]$$

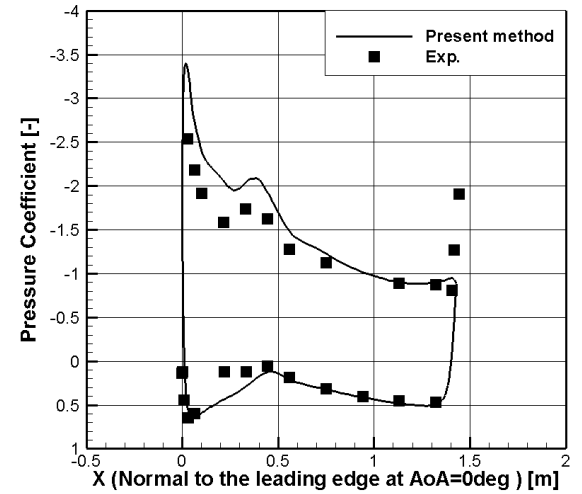
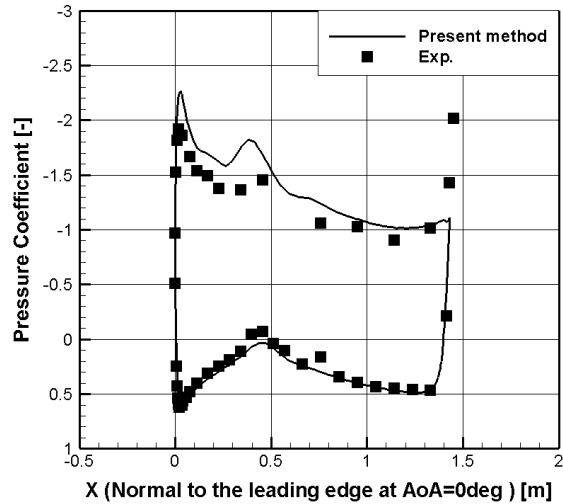
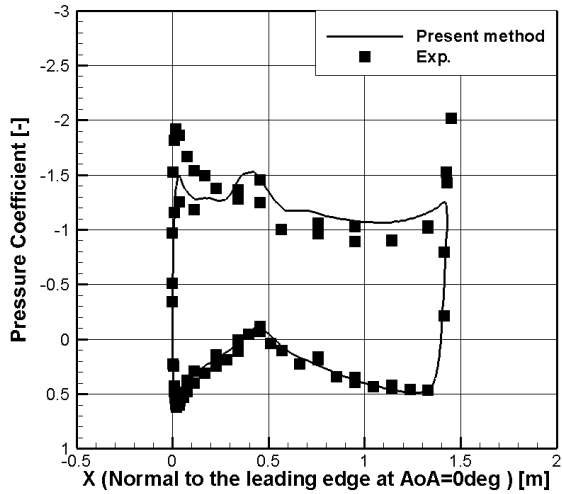
$$\dot{Q}_{rbo} = (\dot{m}_{rbo} + \dot{m}_{es}) [C_{p,w} (T_m - T_{eq})]$$

$$\dot{Q}_{es} = \dot{m}_{es} [(1 - f) L_{ev} + f L_s]$$

$$\dot{Q}_{ice} = \dot{m}_{ice} L_f + (\dot{m}_{ice} + \dot{m}_{es}) C_{p,w}$$

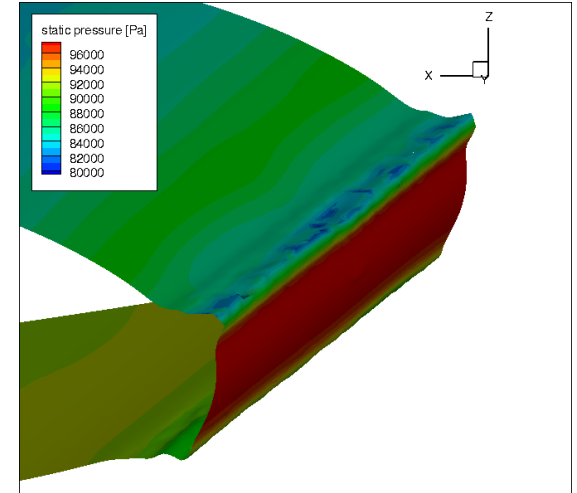
$$\dot{Q}_c = h_c (T_{ad} - T_{eq})$$

CRM65 Mid-span: CASE 1



Encountered difficulties and issues for 3D MS

- As expected, slight deviations of mass and energy surf. balances from two-dimensionality generate an irregular 3D iced-surface.
- No particular process-issues encountered for MS 3D analyses on case252 (SLD+glaze) and case361 (rime)
- Strict automation obtained for MS on case362 (glaze) at the cost of local surface smoothing (especially at the wing-tip).
- In general, need of expert/skilled users for monitoring the correctness of the multi-step process due to potential failures (skewed facets, spikes, concavities, restarts, codes' alignment, etc.).



Lessons learned and suggestions

- Ice density modelling is crucial: indeed, the impinging mass is converted into ice-volume via ice-density.
- Re-meshing/refining the iced-surface is definitely a very challenging task. Not prone to automation due to complex shapes (potential meshing errors).
- The more the grid is refined, the smaller the ice structures: this is an issue for meshes and CFD in general.
- The physics of 3D ice-accretion results in non-negligible numerical difficulties
- Models (e.g. density, htc, run-back) are still not satisfactory

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SIMBA results post-IPW2

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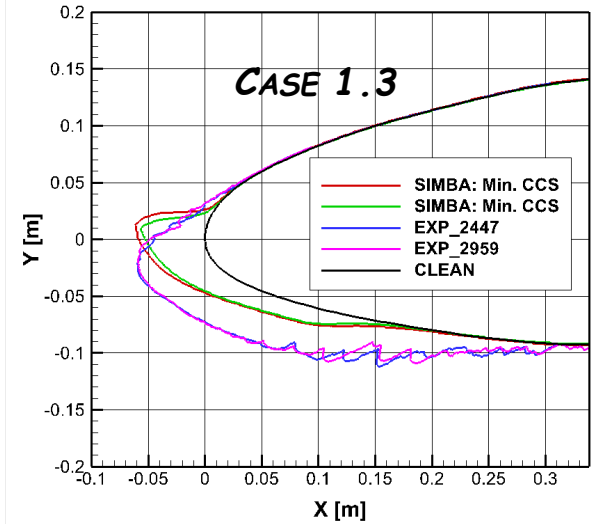
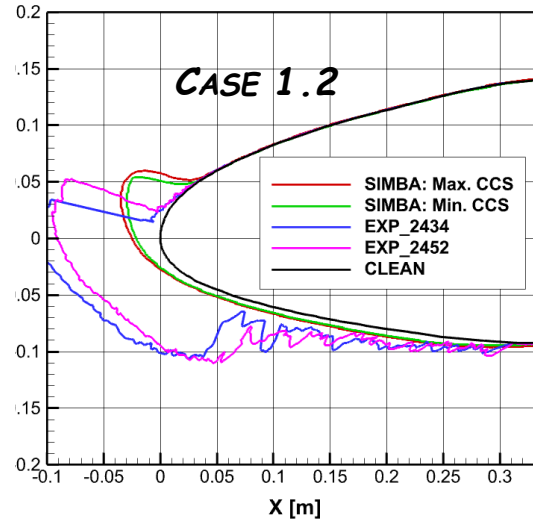
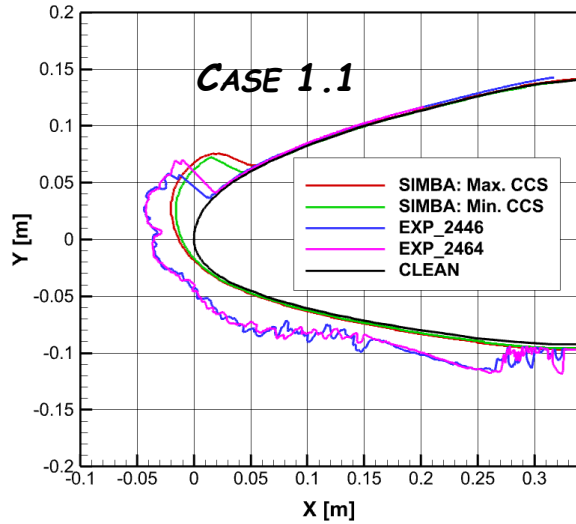


Improvements occurred post-IPW2

- New water-film solver fully integrated into the SIMBA framework.
- Some implementation bugs have been found and fixed.
- We have re-run all the IPW benchmarks and substantial differences were observed with respect to the preliminary results shown during the IPW2 workshop.
- Remark on the case3: we have re-run the cases by considering an $LWC=0.55g/m^3$ as pointed out during the IPW2 meeting day.

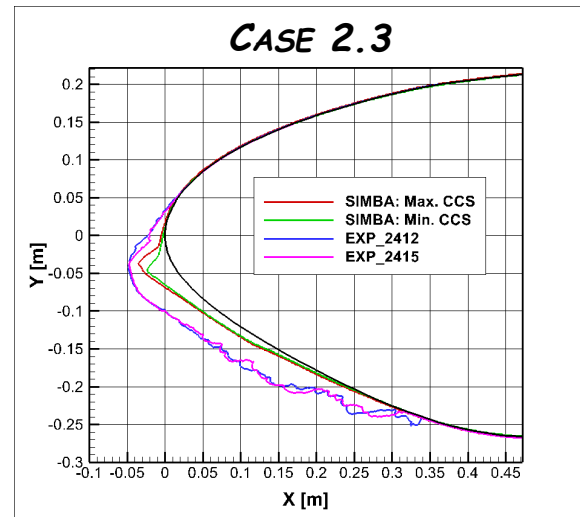
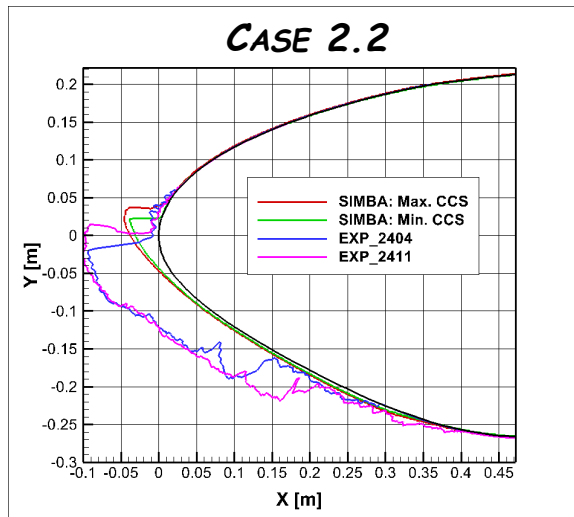
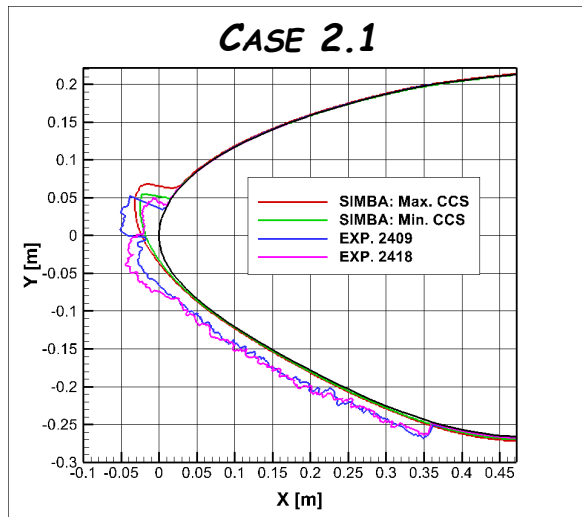
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CRM65 Inboard Hybrid: CASE 2

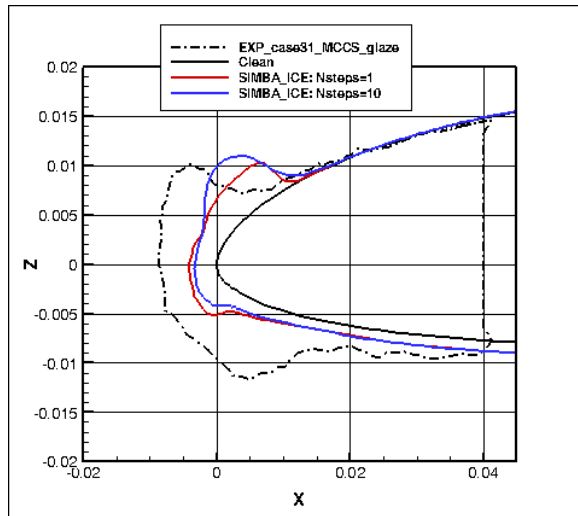
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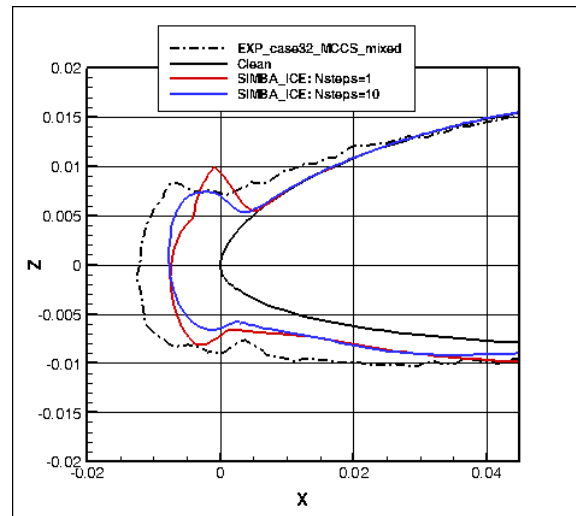
RG-15 small wing: CASE 3

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CASE 3.1



CASE 3.2



CASE 3.3

