

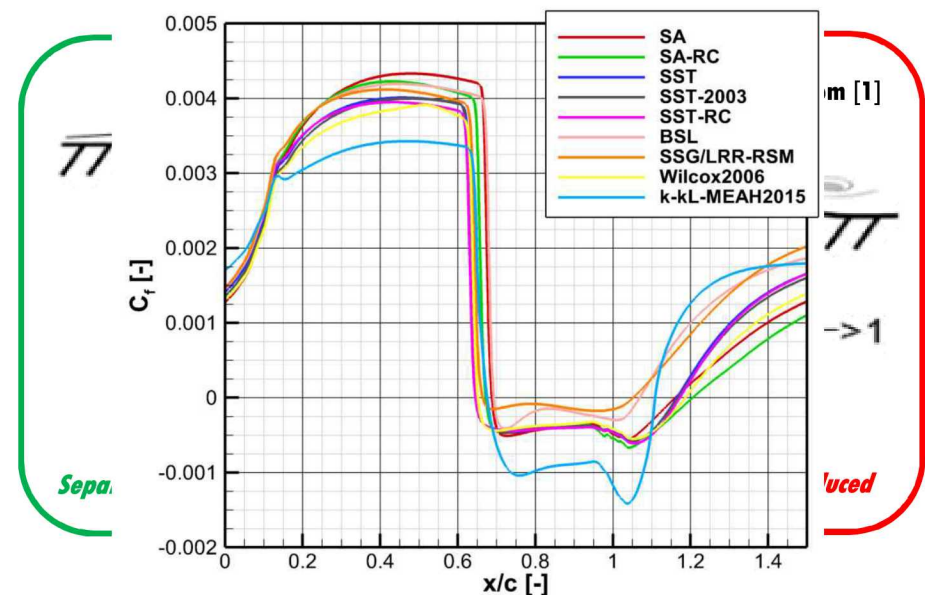
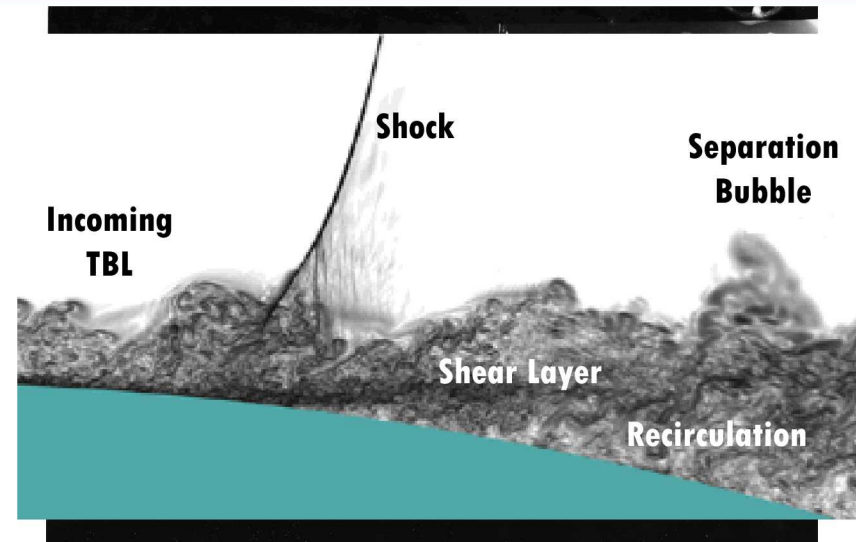
Revisiting the Bachalo-Johnson Axisymmetric Transonic Bump

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Motivations

- The Bachalo-Johnson experiment is a benchmark for turbulence models.
- Smooth, axisymmetric hump creates pressure gradient and shock, leading to *flow-induced separation*.
- Variety of physics: ∇p , high $M=0.875$, high $Re=2.7e6$, shocks, separation.
- RANS models underestimate Reynolds stresses, leading to errors in velocity deficit and skin friction.
- Advanced methods (LES/IDDES/WMLES) also show significant scatter in separation location and extent
- Establishing a DNS 'ground truth' difficult due to high Re

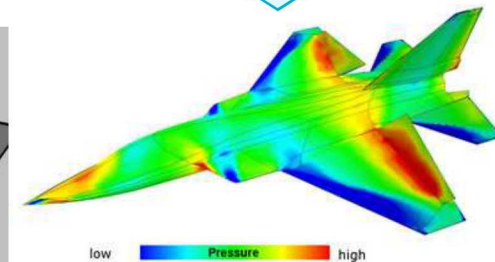
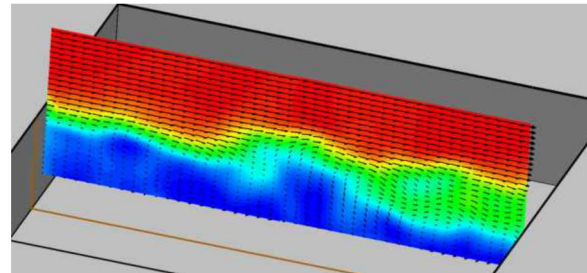
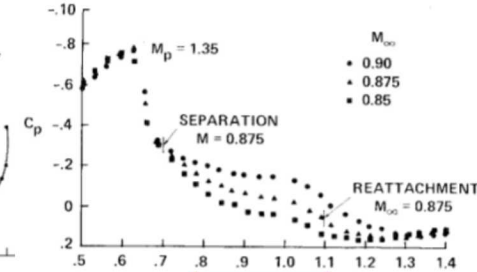
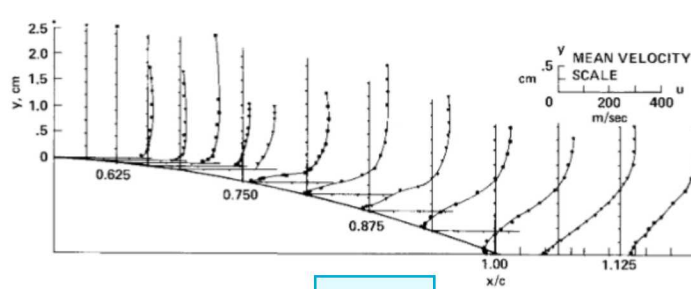


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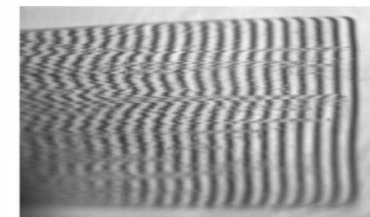
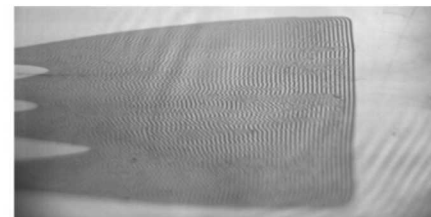
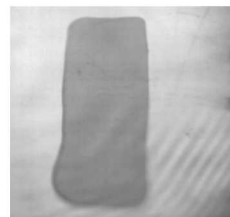
[2] Spalart et al. (2017) Large-eddy and direct numerical simulation of the Bachalo-Johnson flow with shock-induced separation. *Flow Turb Comb* 99.

Motivations

- Only available data is from single publication in 1986.
- Limited boundary condition information, *no skin friction*.
- Substantial improvements in diagnostics in 32 years:
 - Particle Image Velocimetry
 - Pressure-Sensitive Paint
 - Oil-Film Interferometry
- The physics are still relevant, so why not revisit this experiment?
- Modify for current needs:
 - $Re=1e6$ to make DNS tractable.
 - Analytical model geometry.
 - Solid walls to ease simulation boundary conditions.
 - Measure shear stress



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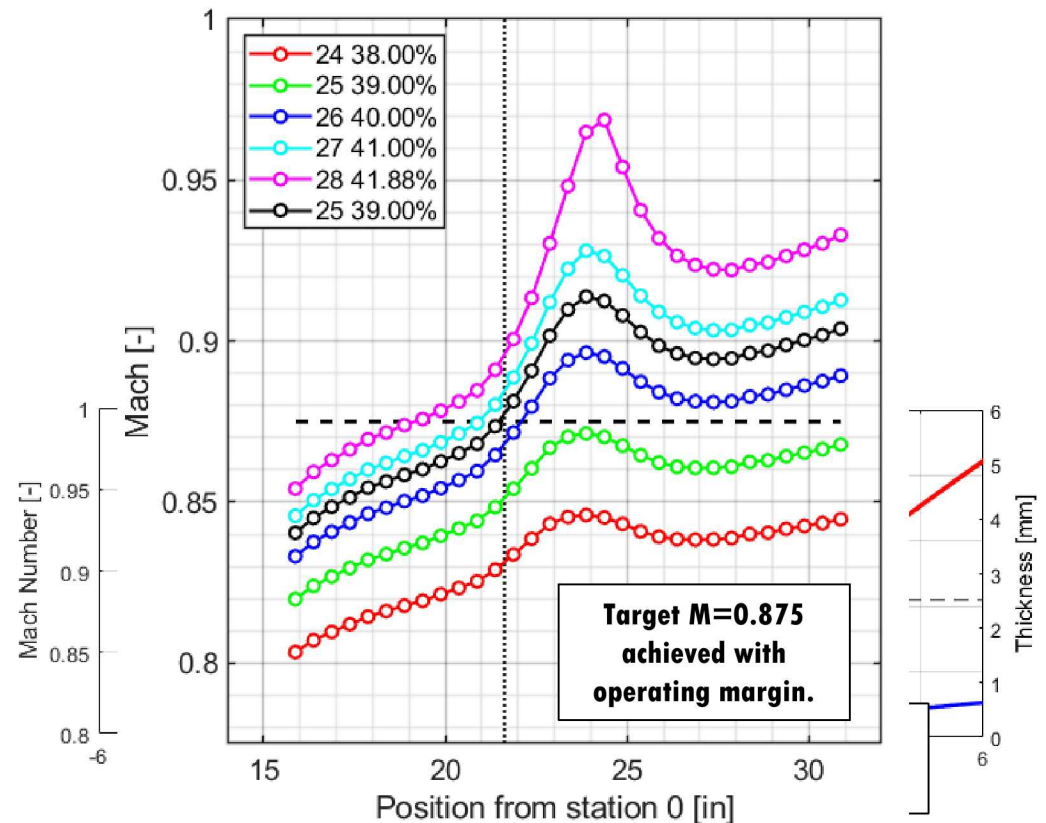
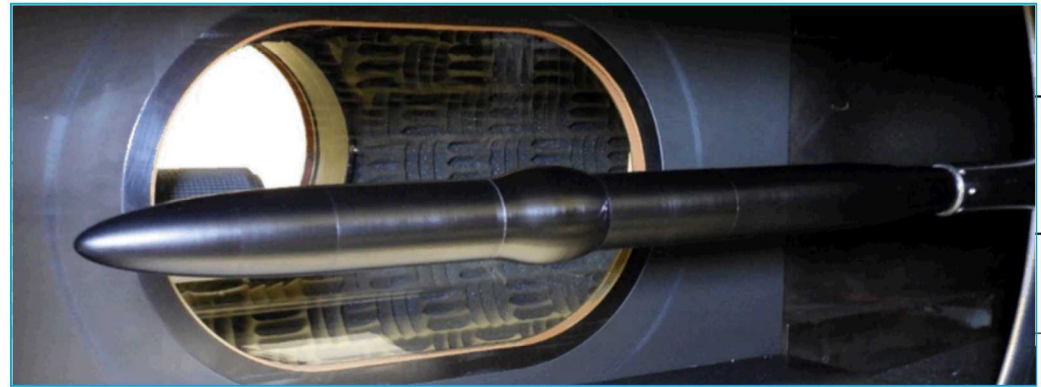


From [3]

Experiment Design

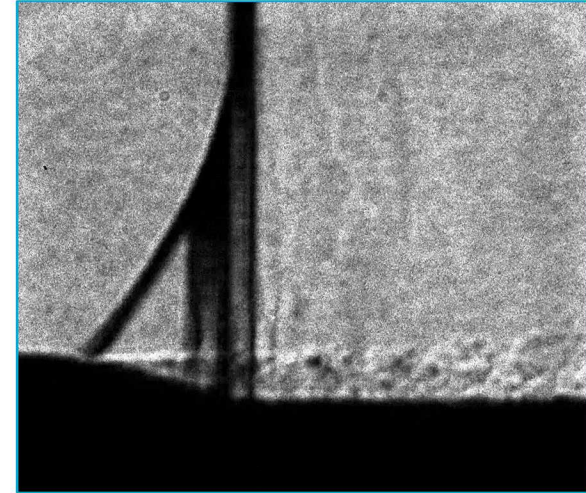
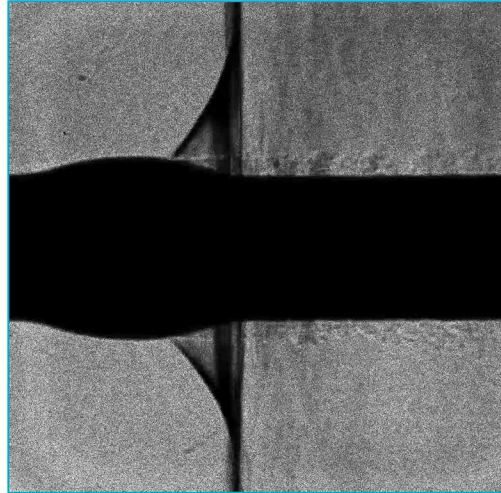
- **Model requirement: match flow/geometric quantities of [3]**
 - $M_\infty = 0.875$, $Re_c = 1$ million
 - $h/d = 1/8$; $c/d = 4/3$; $\delta/h = 0.42$
- **Sandia TWT is smaller facility (1 ft x 1 ft) than original experiment at NASA Ames (2 ft x 2 ft and 6 ft x 6 ft)**
- **Constrained design problem:**
 - d /large for diagnostics
 - d /limited by tunnel blockage
 - Solid walls required
- **Developed analytical geometry definition, optimized to maximize diameter**

Can meet requirements in Sandia TWT with model of reasonable scale (diameter on order 2 inches)

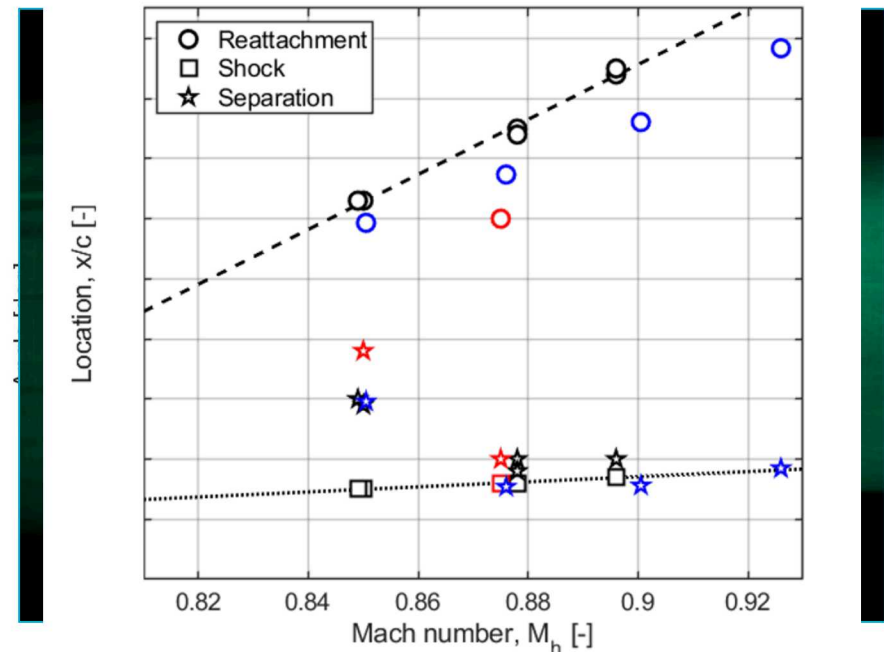


Experiments: Schlieren/Oil Flow

- Visualizations used to verify relevant physics being generated.
- Schlieren shows steady shock location, coinciding with shear layer/flow separation region
- Calibrated oil flow visualization confirms a shock-induced separation and reattachment
- Same Mach number trends observed as in [1] and [4]; shock and separation coalesce at $M = 0.875$.

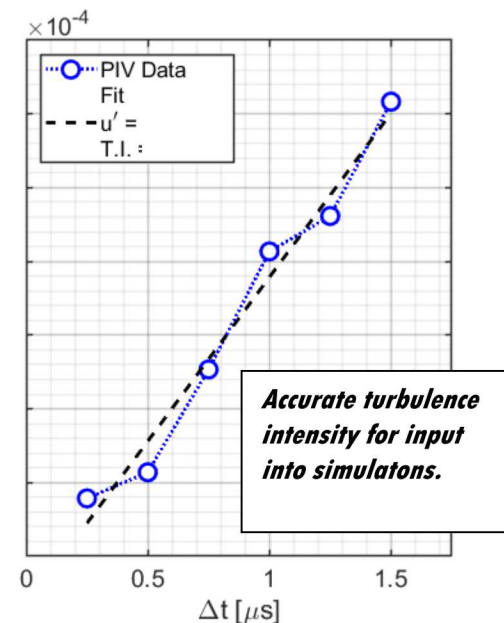
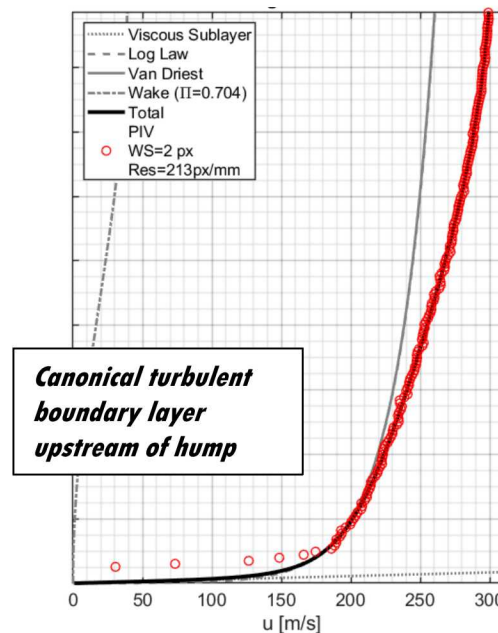
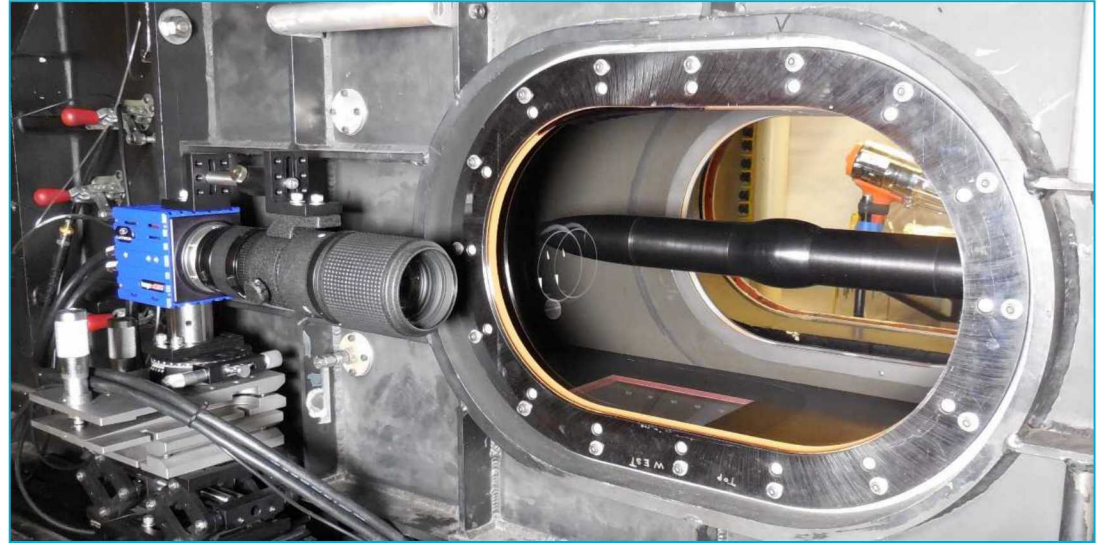


*Much smaller scale and solid walls,
but observing same target physics
and trends.*



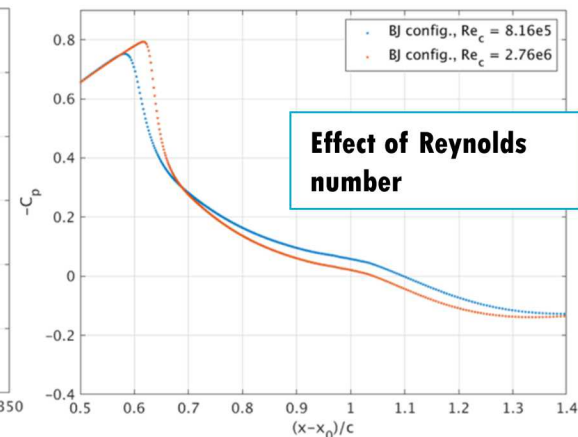
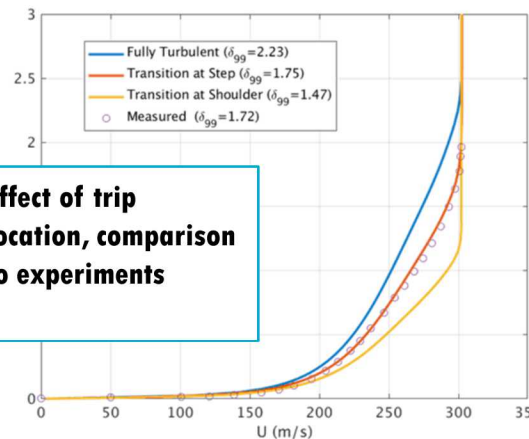
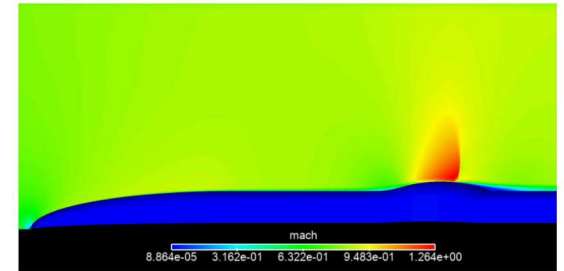
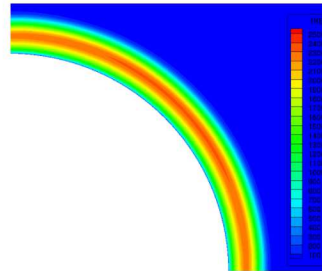
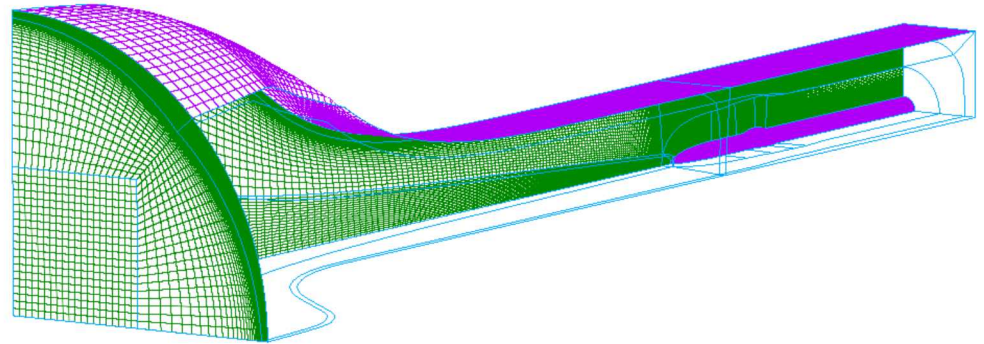
Experiments: PIV

- PIV characterizes incoming boundary layer, tunnel turbulence intensity, and separated region statistics.
- Small BL and hump requires high resolution: macro imaging and teleconverters yield 270 px/mm
- Enough resolution to measure into TBL buffer layer, apply fits for C_f and δ .
- Multiple Δt strategy for turbulence intensity independent of measurement noise
- Sweep along separation region for high resolution turbulence statistics



RANS Simulations

- Simulations used to optimize model design:
 - Confirmation of shock-free elliptical nose shape.
 - Quantification of axisymmetry
 - Alternative bump shapes
 - Estimates of upstream BL
- Calibration effort using experimental data:
 - Outflow BC: backpressure
 - Tunnel wall BL transition
 - Model trip effectiveness
 - Reynolds number effects
 - Adiabatic wall effects



Calibrating out these variables allows focus solely on effects of turbulence models

- New experimental data gives opportunity to evaluate state-of-the-art approaches
- Proposing 'blind' CFD challenge, but geometry and boundary conditions provided.
- Participants can use any RANS and/or advanced (WMLES/DES/LES) approach.
- How do these different approaches fare, particularly when they cannot be calibrated to experimental data *a priori*?
- Sandia computational team unanonymized, given access to data: How much improvement does known experimental data provide?
- Challenge through 2020, present at SciTech 2021.

