

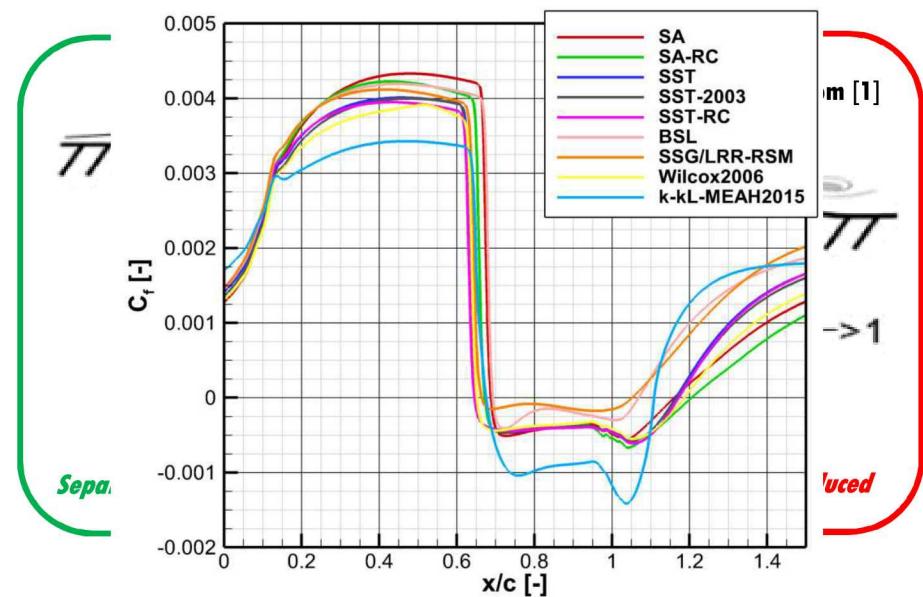
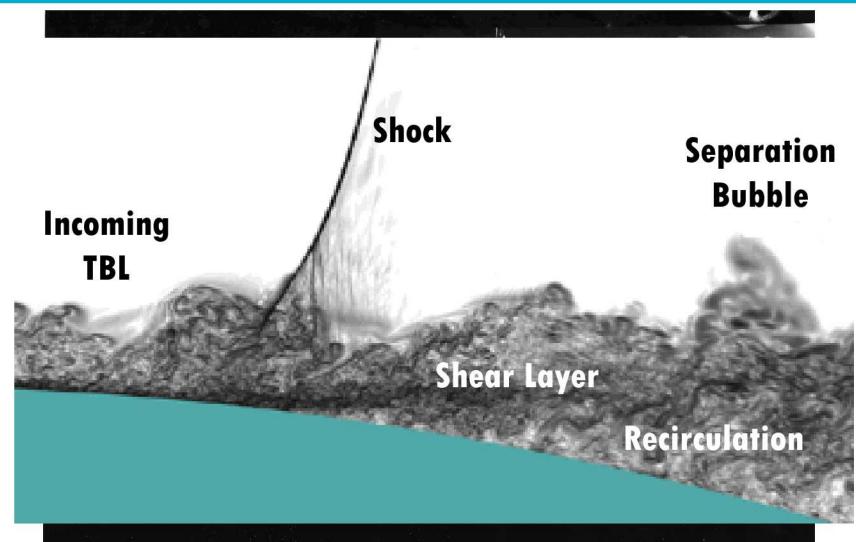
# Revisiting the Bachalo-Johnson Axisymmetric Transonic Bump

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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:  $\nabla p$ , 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  $Re$

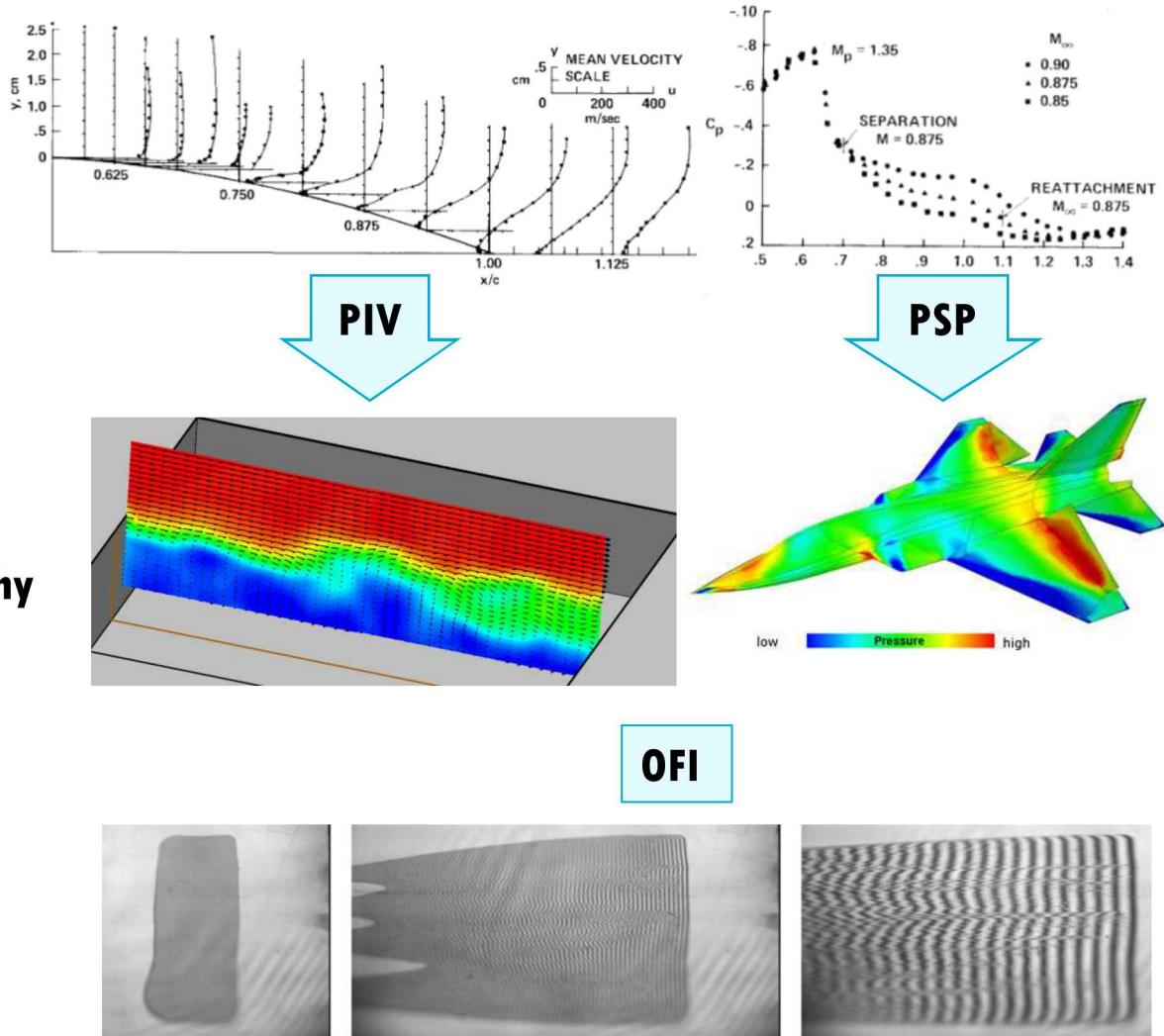


[1] Bachalo and Johnson (1986) Transonic, turbulent boundary-layer separation generated on an axisymmetric flow model. *AIAA J*24.

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

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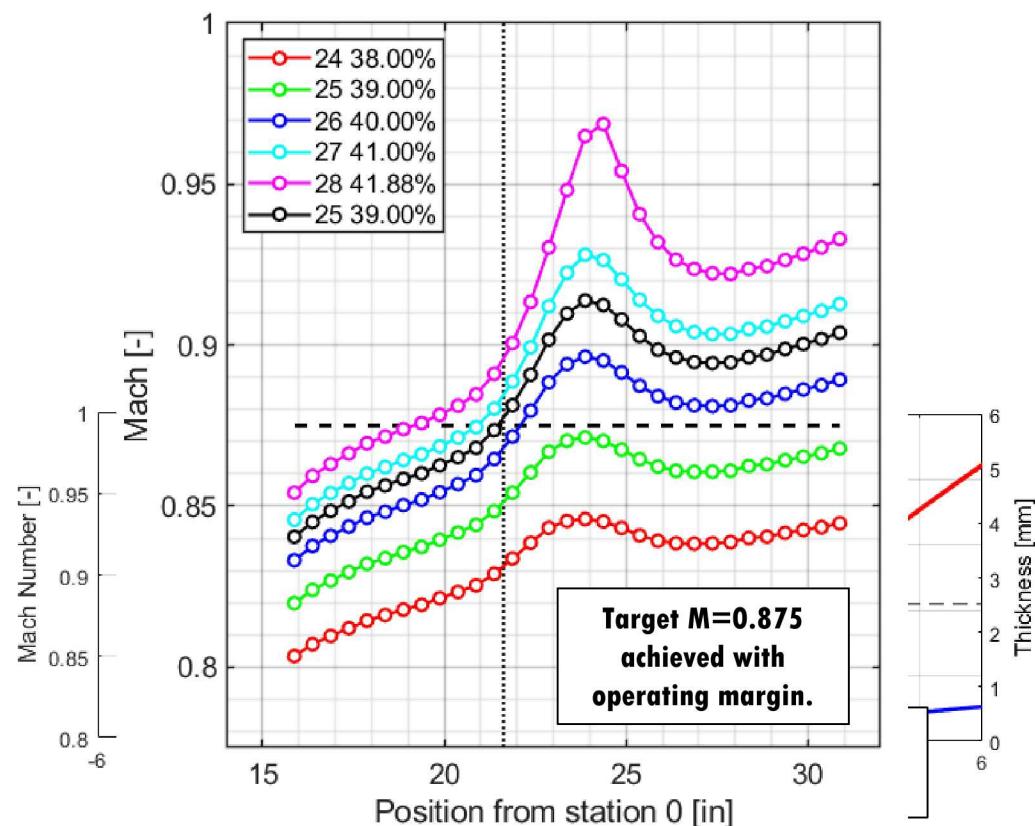
- Only available data is from single publication in 1986.
- Limited boundary condition information, *no skin friction*.
- Substantial improvements in diagnostics in 32 years:
  - Particle Image Velocimetry
  - Pressure-Sensitive Paint
  - Oil-Film Interferometry
- The physics are still relevant, so why 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



# 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**

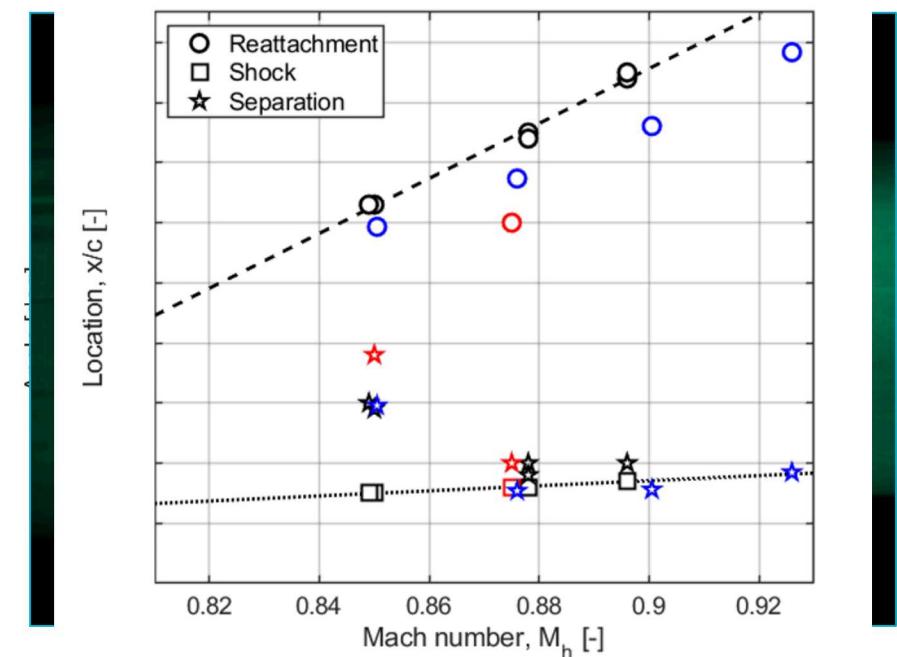
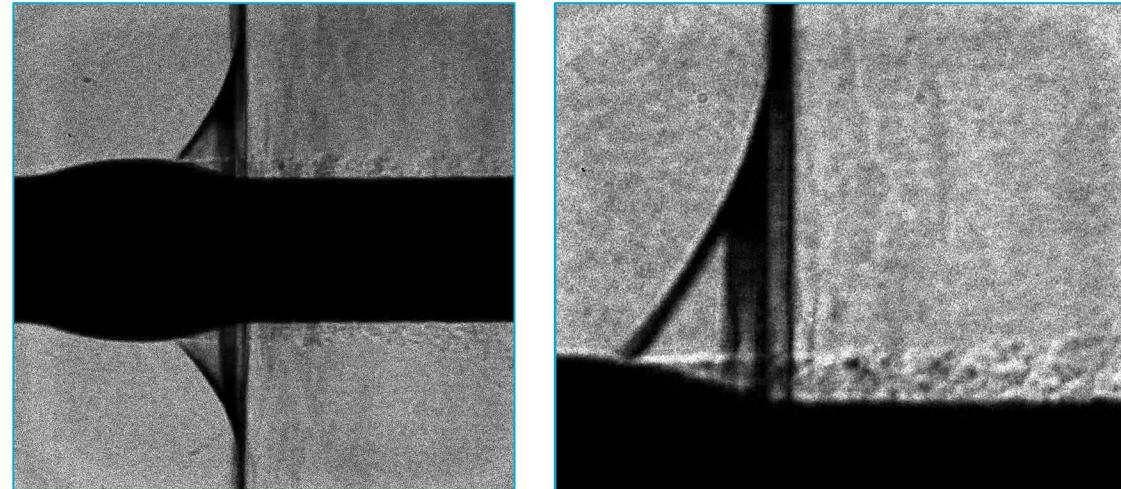
*Can meet requirements in Sandia TWT with model of reasonable scale (diameter on order 2 inches)*



# Experiments: Schlieren/Oil Flow

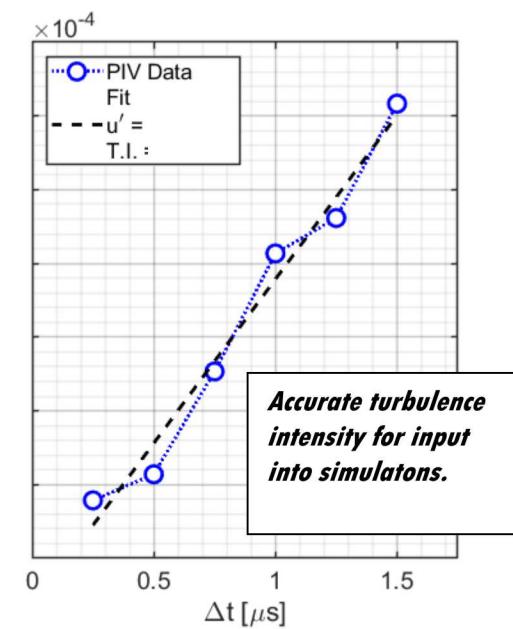
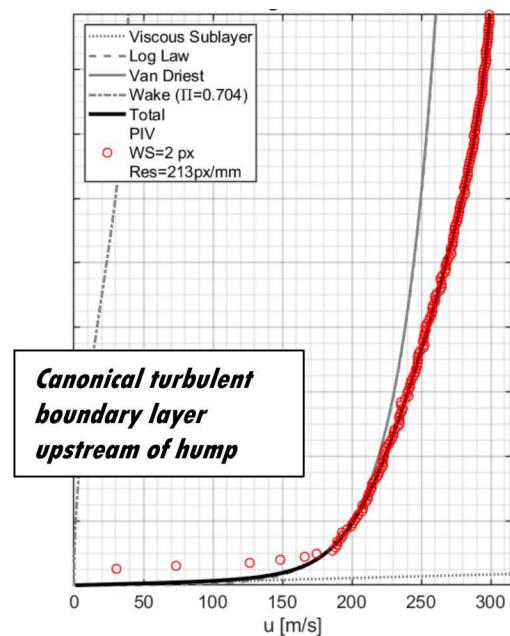
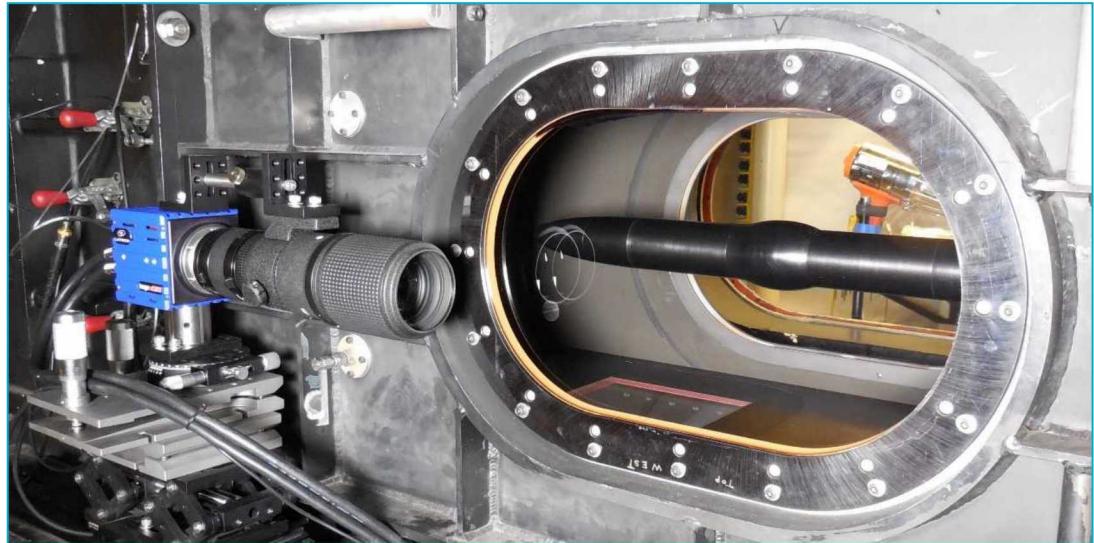
- **Visualizations used to verify relevant physics being generated.**
- **Schlieren shows steady shock location, coinciding with shear layer/flow separation region**
- **Calibrated oil flow visualization confirms a shock-induced separation and reattachment**
- **Same Mach number trends observed as in [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

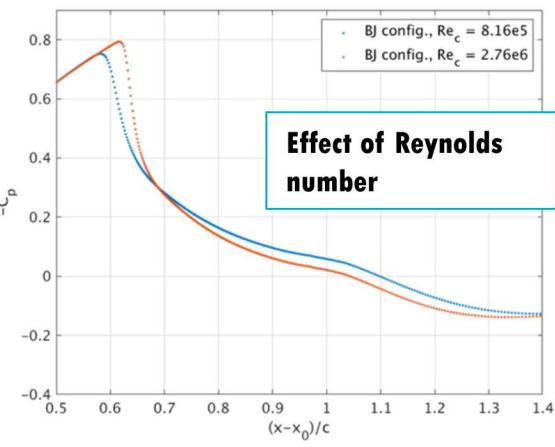
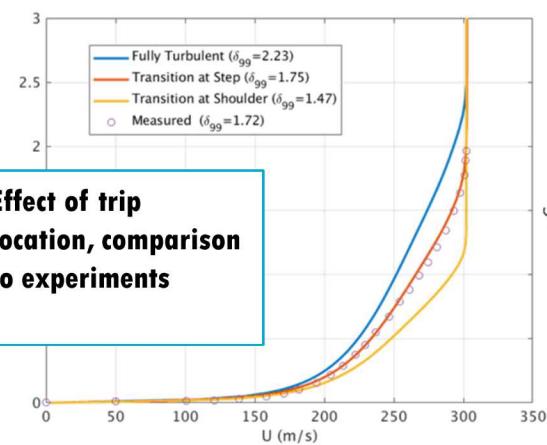
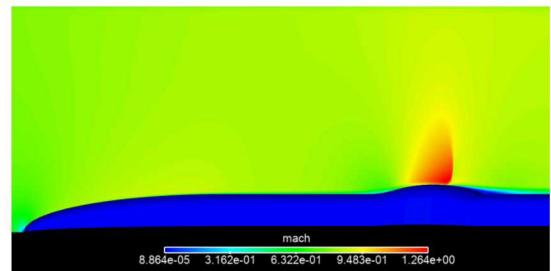
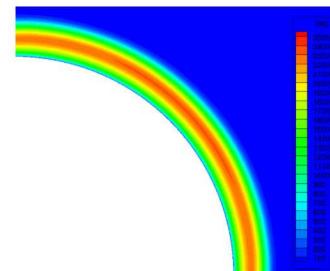
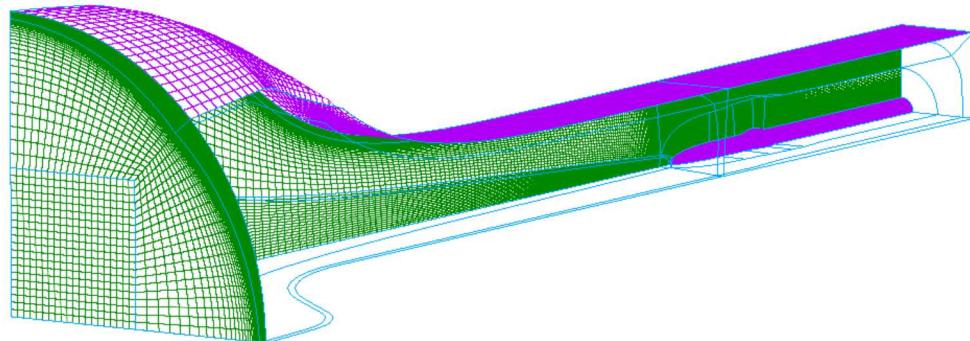
- PIV characterizes incoming boundary layer, tunnel turbulence intensity, and separated region statistics.
- Small BL and hump requires high resolution: macro imaging and teleconverters yield 270 px/mm
- Enough resolution to measure into TBL buffer layer, apply fits for  $C_f$  and  $\delta$ .
- Multiple  $\Delta t$  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*



# CFD Challenge

- 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.

