

Revisiting the Bachalo-Johnson Axisymmetric Transonic Bump

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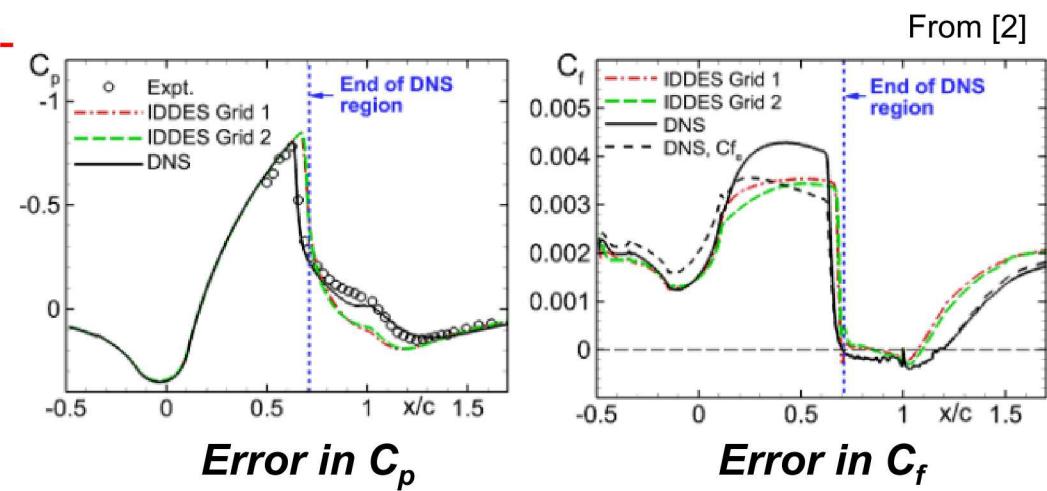
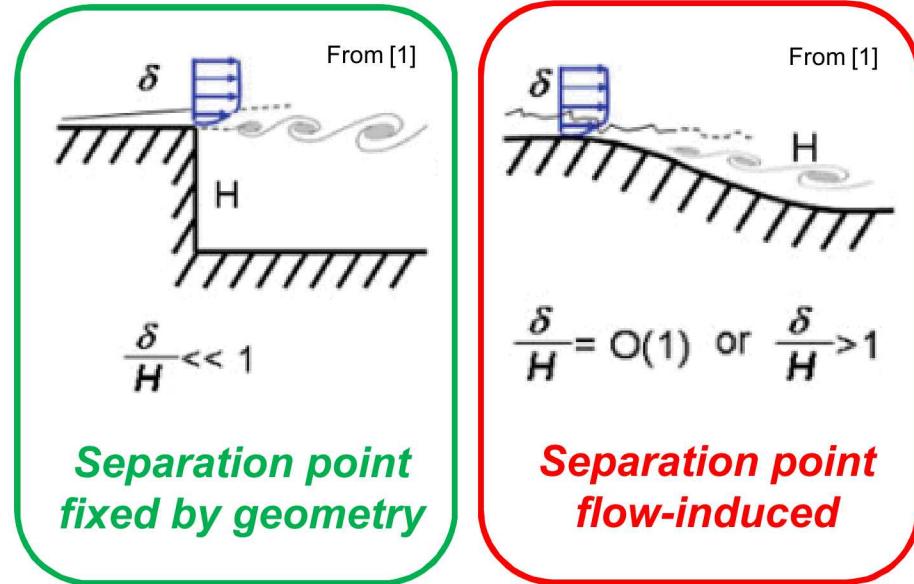
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Motivations

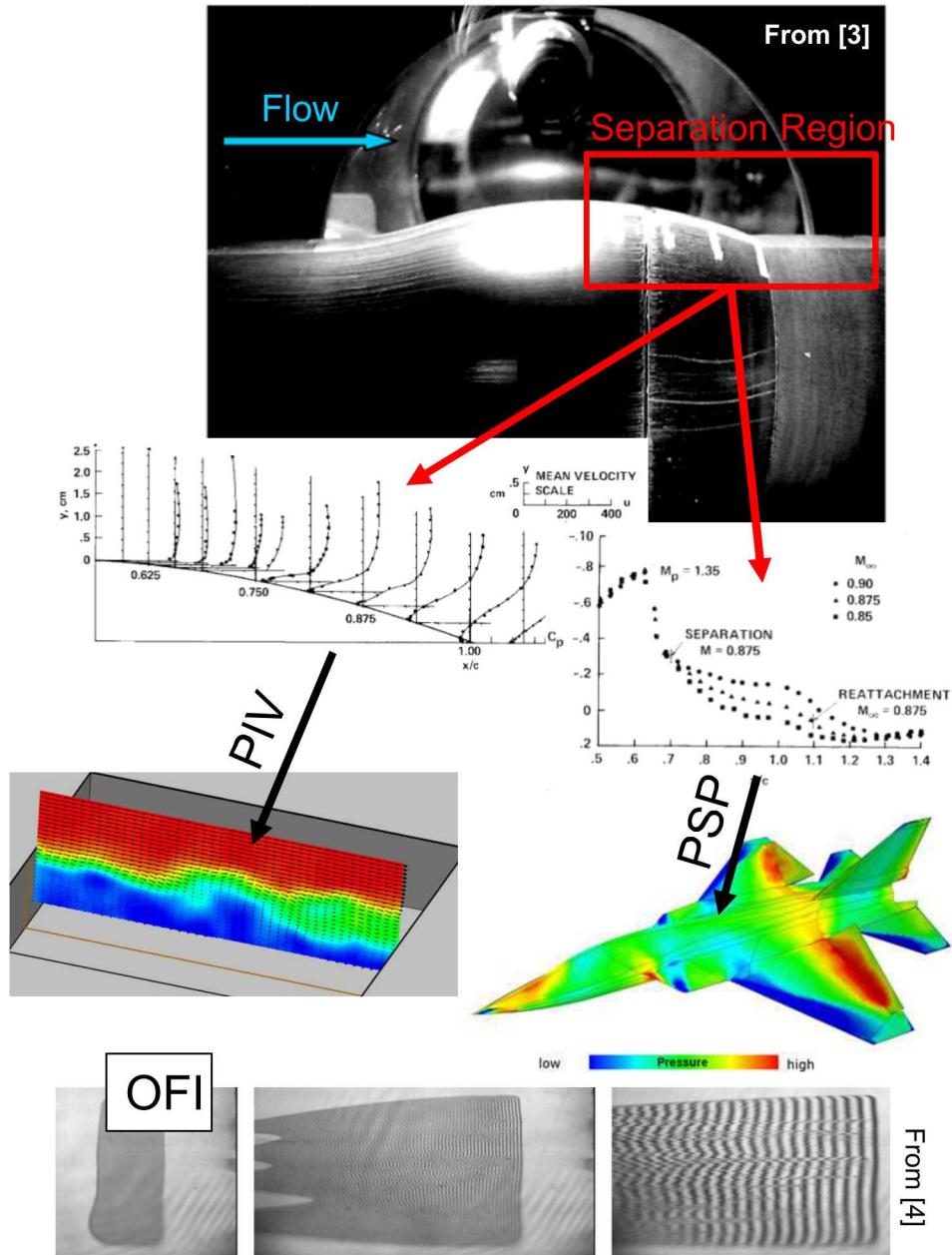
- RANS simulations ill-suited for flow separation/dynamic loading
- High cost of DNS at high Re forces use of various LES approaches:
 - Wall-resolved LES (WRLES)
 - Wall-modeled LES (WMLES)
 - Detached eddy simulation (DES)
 - Zonal DES (ZDES)
 - ...many other approaches
- These all have difficulty with **flow-induced**, rather than **geometry-fixed**, separation
- Separation point moves in time, coupled to fluid flow
- Models show error in pressure distribution and skin-friction



Motivations

- Data from a *single experiment* performed in 1980s is being relied on to guide many modeling efforts
- Axisymmetric 'hump' model
- Substantial improvements in diagnostic technology in 35 years:
 - Particle Image Velocimetry
 - Pressure-Sensitive Paint
 - Oil-Film Interferometry
- Replicate experiment at lower Re to allow DNS comparison and create a modern validation dataset.

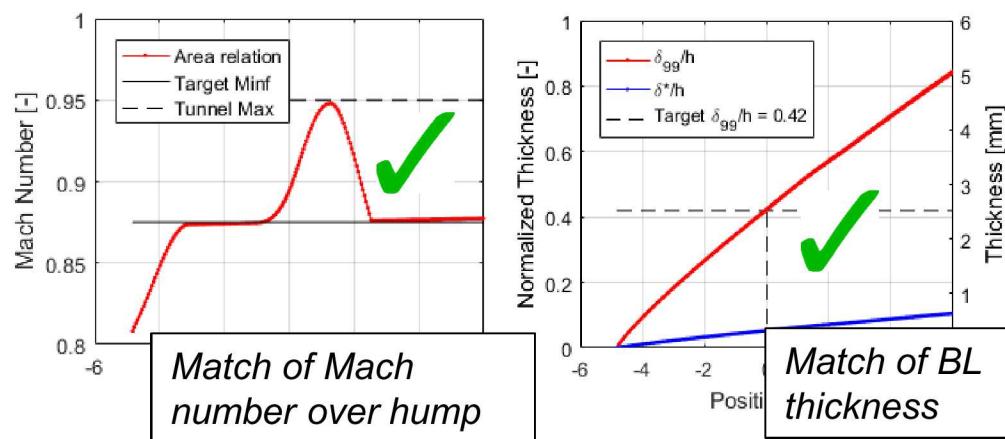
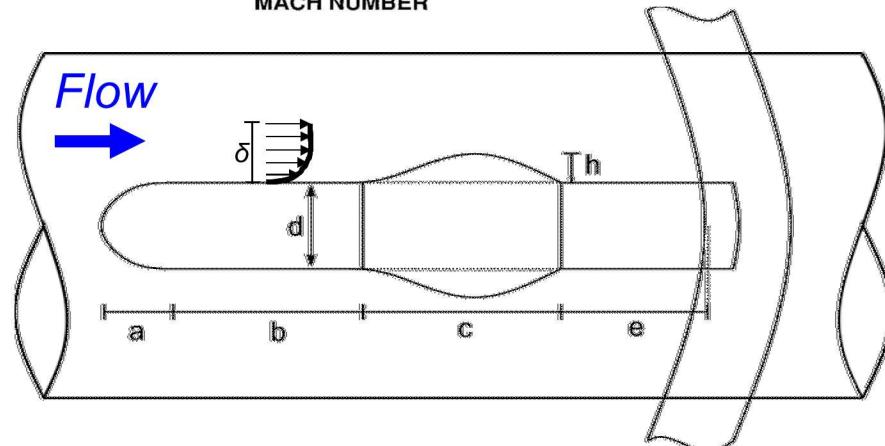
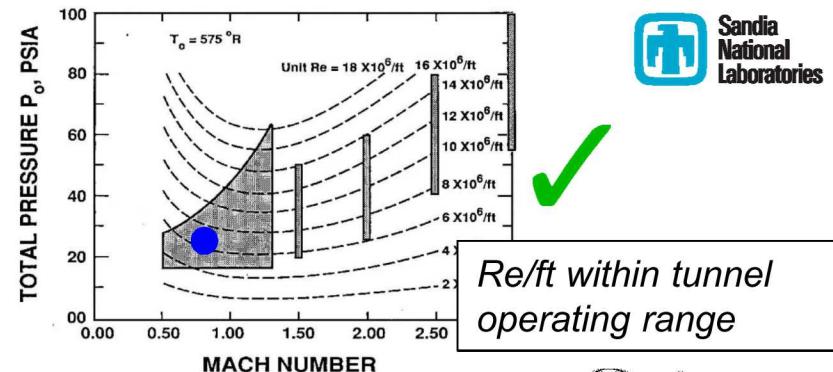
“...the high level of post-separation Reynolds stress measured is considered a clear challenge to RANS models, so that its confirmation is of great interest ... A repeat experiment ... with modern instrumentation would also have great value, vindicating its excellent design almost four decades ago.” [2]



Experiment Design

- Model requirement: match flow/geometric quantities of [3]
 - $M_{inf} = 0.875$, $Re_c = 1$ 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)
- Constrained design problem:
 - Diameter d large for diagnostics
 - d limited by tunnel blockage
 - **Solid walls requested***

We can meet the experiment requirements in the Sandia TWT



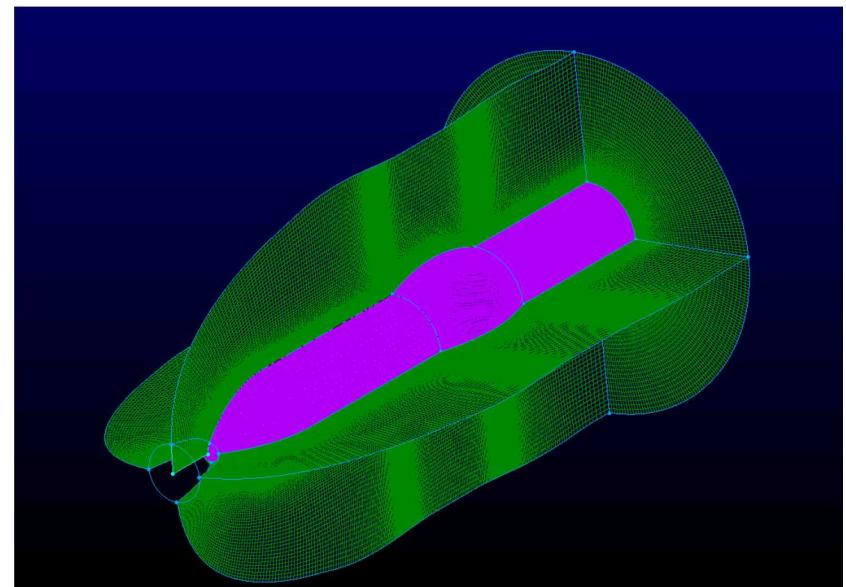
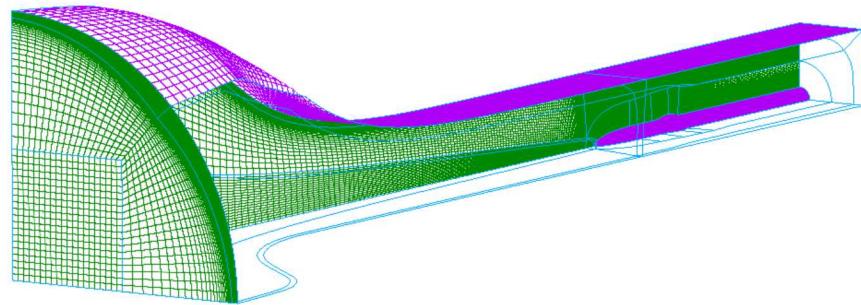
*Typical transonic testing performed with porous or slotted walls to mitigate blockage concerns; difficult to implement as simulation boundary condition.

[3] Bachalo and Johnson (1986) Transonic, turbulent boundary-layer separation generated on an axisymmetric flow model. AIAA Journal

Experiment Design

***Use simulations to optimize
the experiment***

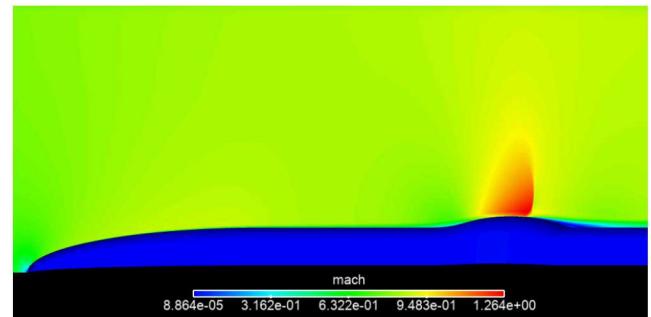
- “Model the Test”: Model includes the axisymmetric body and wind tunnel geometry
- SST RANS solutions obtained on multiple mesh resolutions
- SIGMA-CFD code – standard second order cell-centered finite volume numerics
- Iterative convergence to steady state
- Boundary conditions: no-slip on the tunnel walls, total conditions on plenum, static back-pressure adjusted to achieve desired Mach number



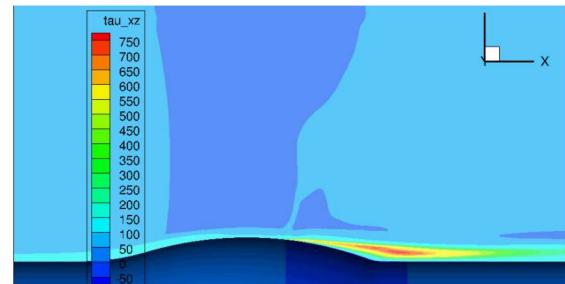
Experiment Design

Simulation greatly helped in multiple aspects of model design and analysis

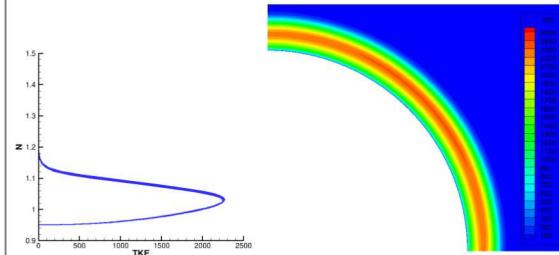
Confirmation of shock-free nose shape



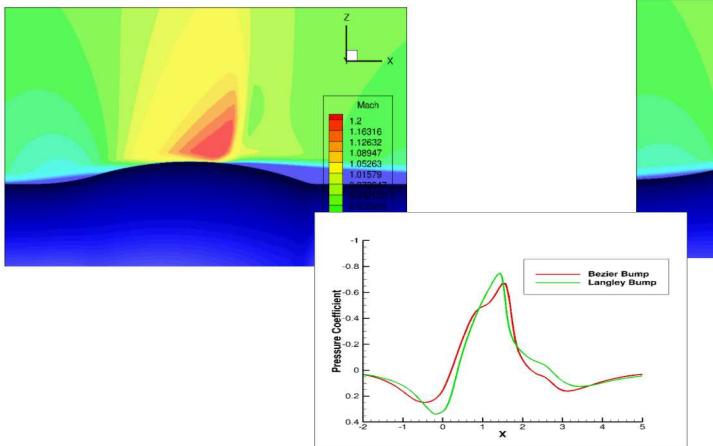
Reynolds stress estimation to set instrumentation requirements



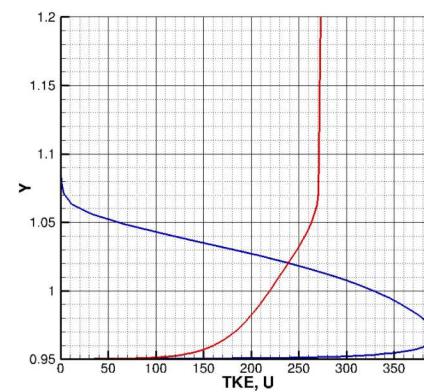
Quantification of axisymmetry



Examining alternative bump shapes



Obtaining desired upstream BL thickness

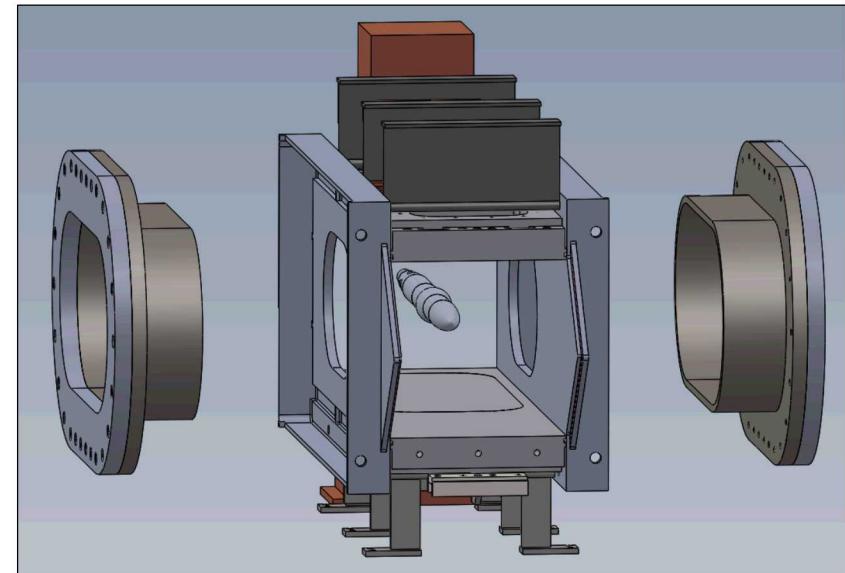
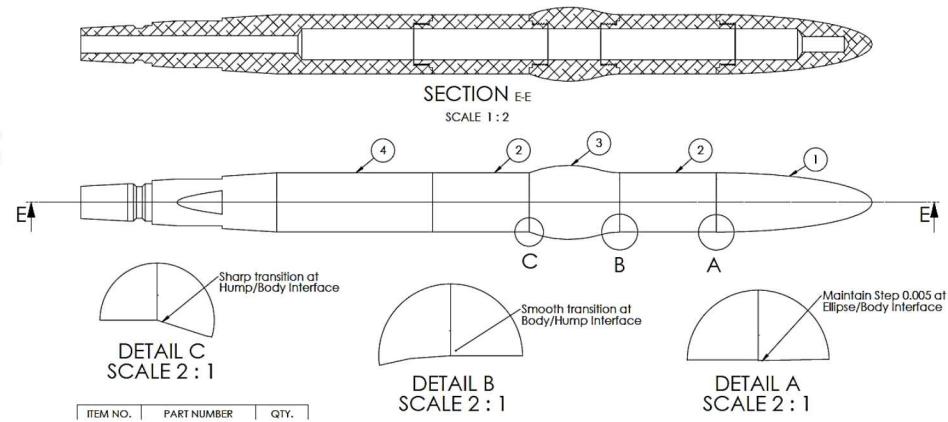


Next Steps: Experiments

A busy 2019 in the tunnel!

- Initial model sent out for manufacture; expected end of September
- First steps: turbulence intensity quantification, BL characterization
- Remainder of year: separation region characterization:
 - Particle Image Velocimetry
 - Fast Pressure Sensitive Paint + Transducers
 - Oil Film Interferometry

Characterized tunnel environment and inflow are a major focus: will make the datasets well-suited for sim-experimental comparisons



Next Steps: Simulations

- New simulations of geometry to be performed using Sandia codes
- DNS/LES studies to characterize transition and upstream boundary layer development.
- WMLES and Hybrid RANS/LES simulations to quantify flow unsteadiness and separation
- Collaboration: Identical simulations by Phillippe Spalart (Boeing)
- LES and DES using various turbulence models and corrections
- Limited DNS: Lower Re allows DNS of a large segment

Combined experimental and DNS reference provides unique validation dataset for model verification and development

