

# **Select Aeroacoustic Problems Associated with High Performance Aerospace Vehicles**

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# NCPA Current Research Areas

## •Basic Research

- Atmospheric Acoustics (Battlefield Acoustics)
- Thermoacoustics
- Infrasound / Infrasound Sensors

## •Applied Research

- Aero-Acoustics
- Wind Turbines
- Insect Acoustics
- Instrumentation for Aquaculture

## •Acoustics of Porous Media

- Soil Acoustics
- Mine Detection

## •Energy & Bio-Acoustics / Medical

- Fusion Research
- High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU)
- Materials Characterization (RUS)
- Hydrogen Storage
- Flexible Composite Transducers

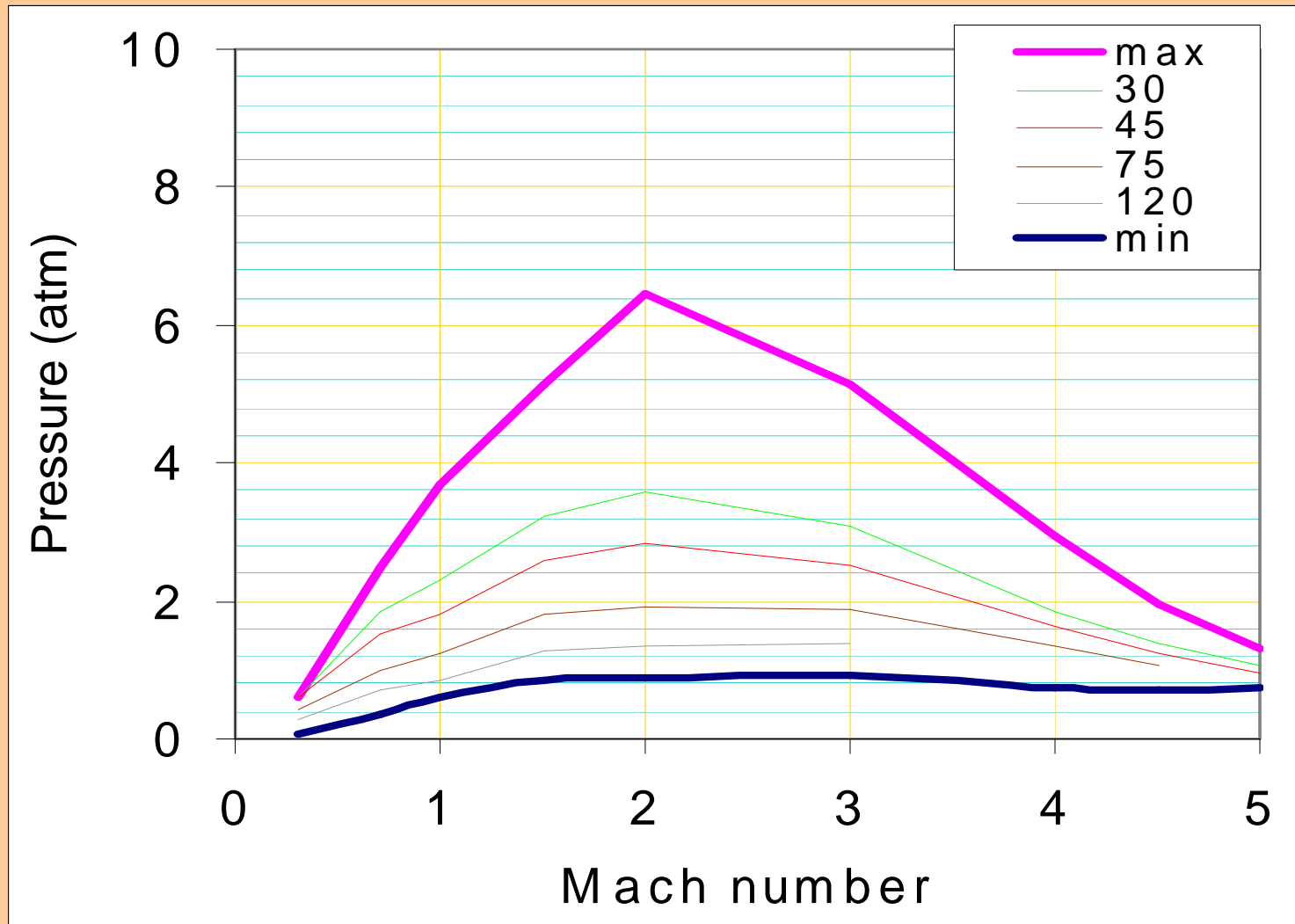
# **NCPA Mach 5 Trisonic Tunnel 0.3 X 0.3 Meter Test Section**



# Performance Envelope

Maximum Reynolds No./Ft. :  $70 \times 10^6$

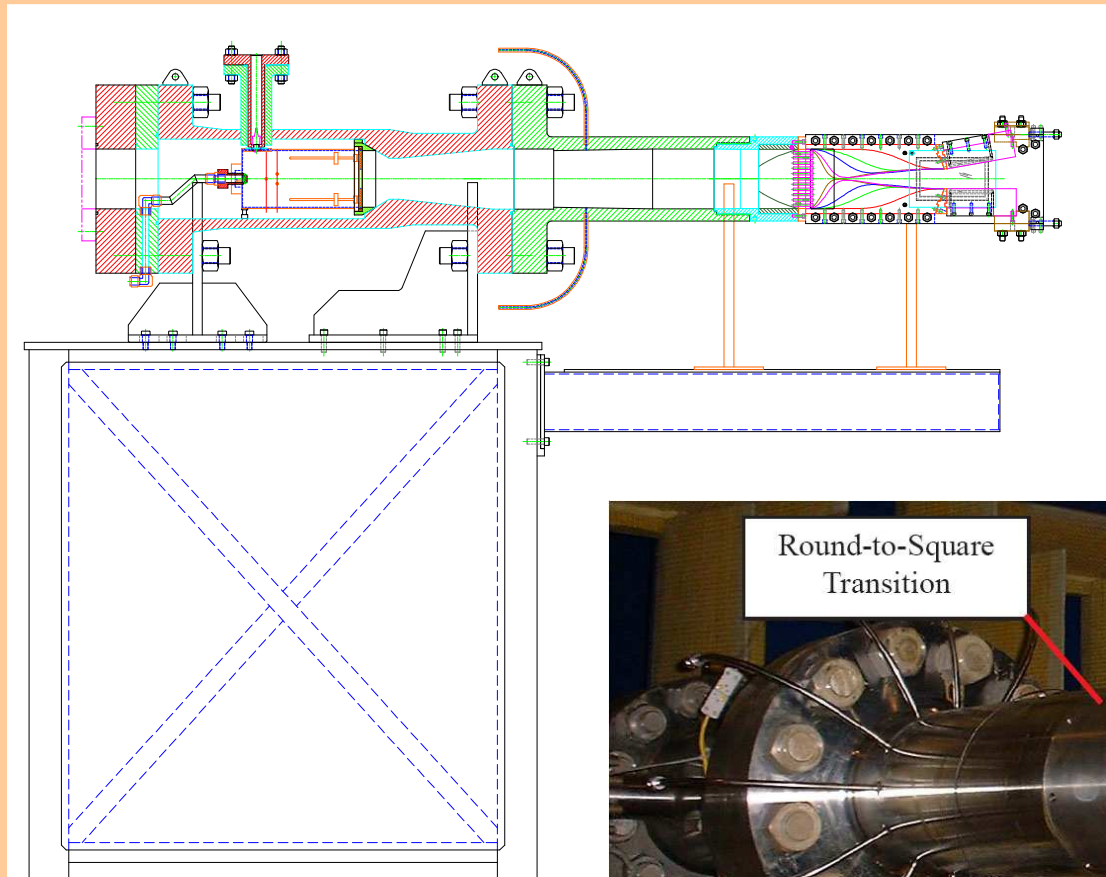
600 PSIA, 6000 Ft<sup>3</sup> Storage With 30 Minute Recharge Time



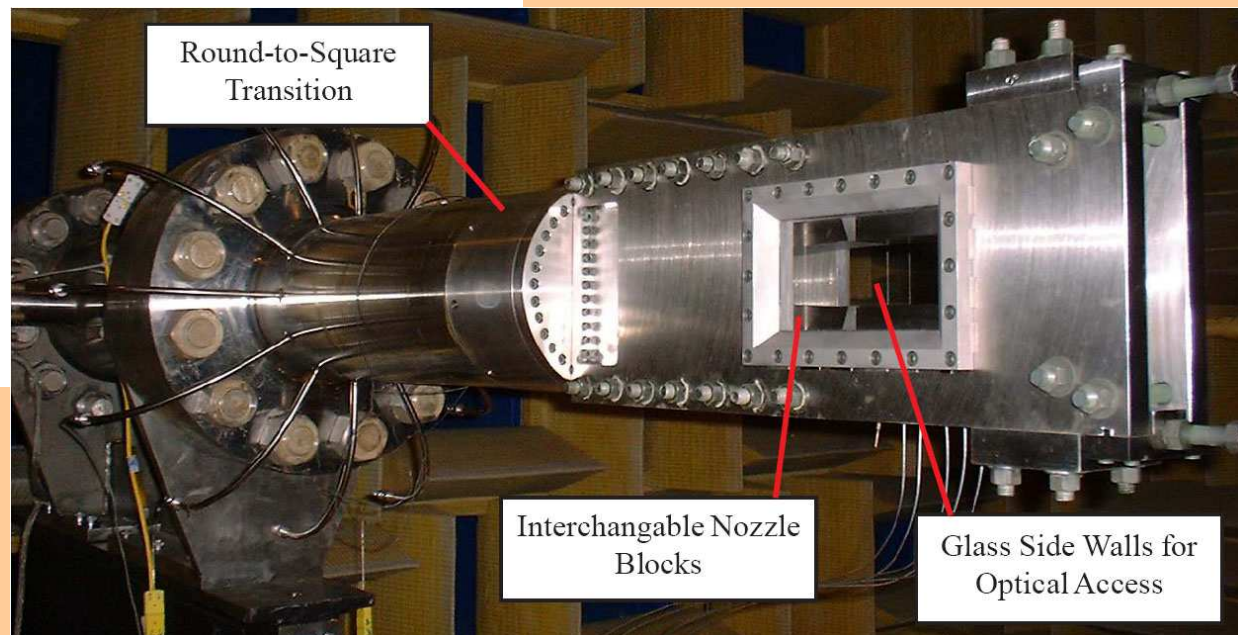
# Maximum Testing Altitudes

$M_{\infty}$	$P_s / P_o$	$P_o$ , Min (PSIA)	$P_s$ , Min (PSIA)	Altitude KM	Comment
1.5	0.27240	30.3	8.26	4.6	Transonic Cart
2.0	0.12780	36.4	4.65	8.7	Available
3.0	0.02722	81.8	2.23	13.4	Not Designed
3.5	0.01311	115.2	1.51	15.9	Available

# Mach 5 NCPA 2 x 2 Wind Tunnel Installed on Burner in Test Cell



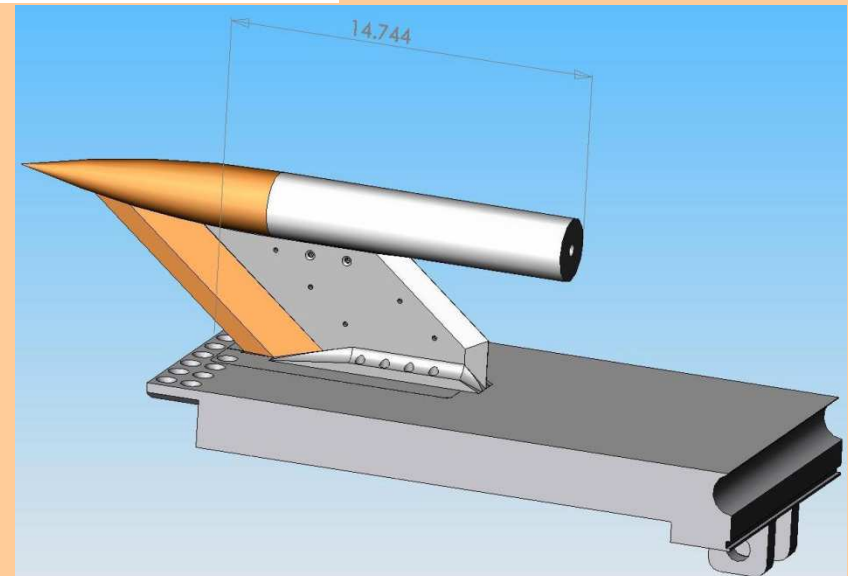
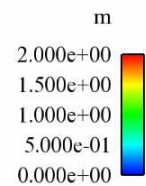
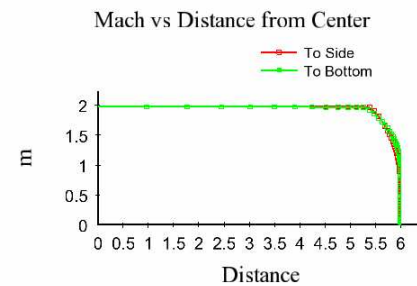
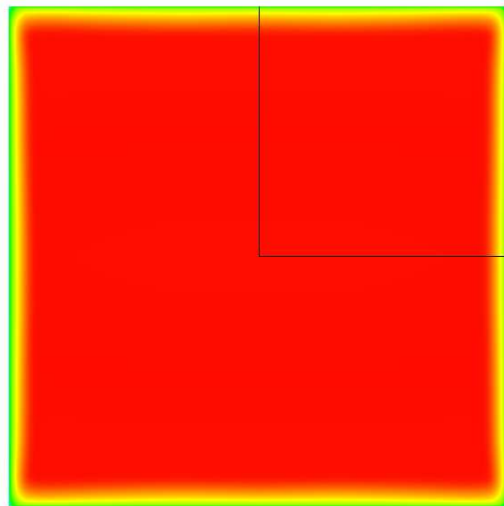
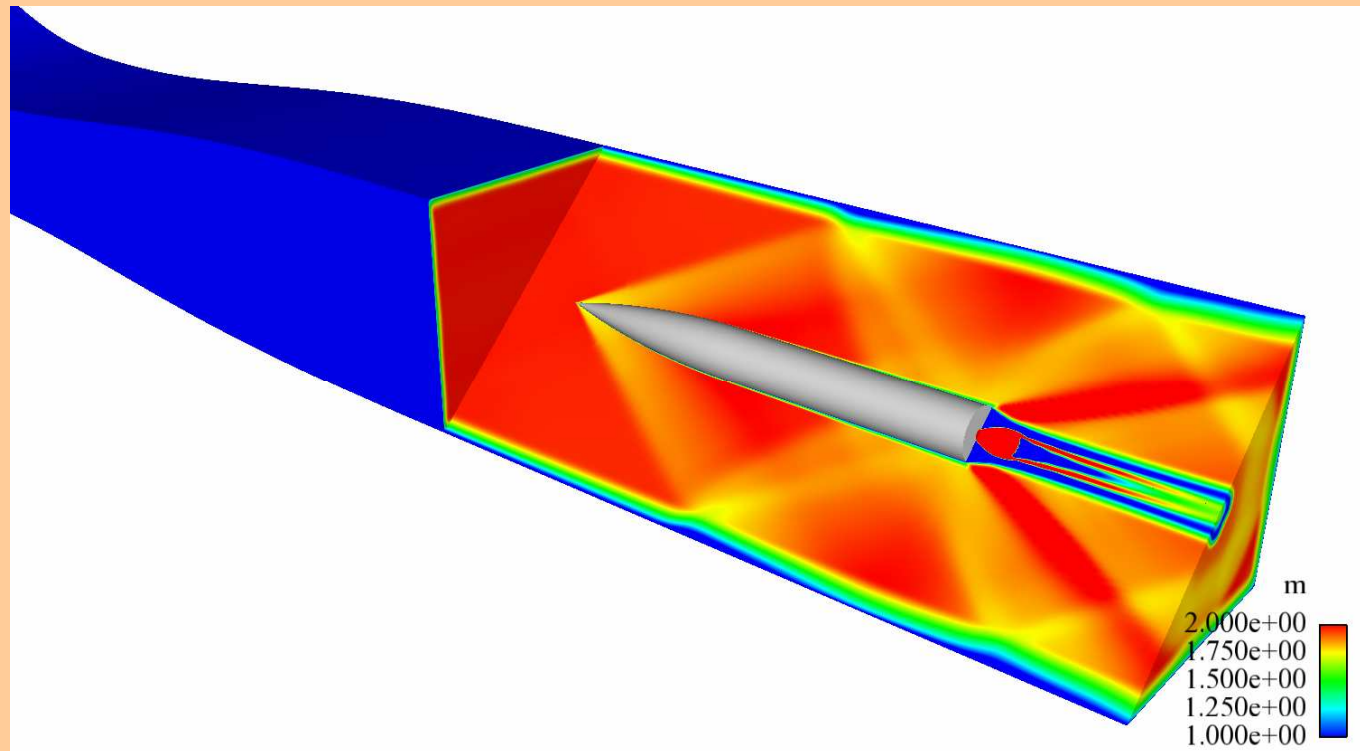
**Can Operate to 2000°R**



# Aeroacoustics Research Topics

- **Rocket Base Flow Pressure Recovery for NASA.**
- **BWS Improvement by Flow Control.**
- **Improved Scramjet Combustion Efficiency for Army.**
- **Weapons Bay Dynamic Loads and Store Release for AFWL.**
- **High Performance Military Aircraft Noise Reduction for NAVAIR.**

# Rocket Model Mach 2, Phi=1, Craft Code Simulation

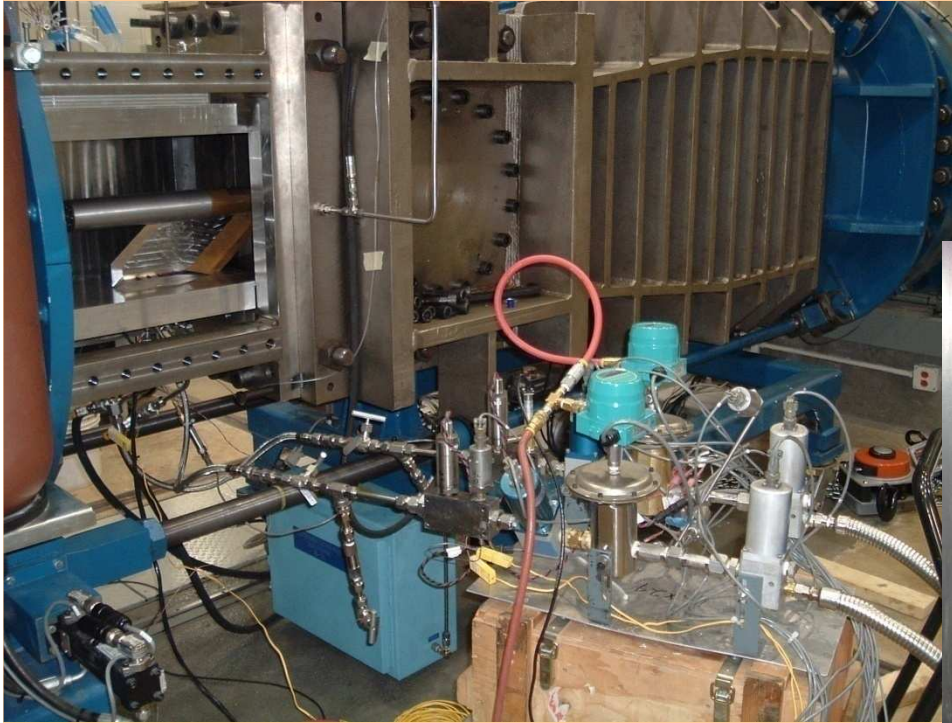




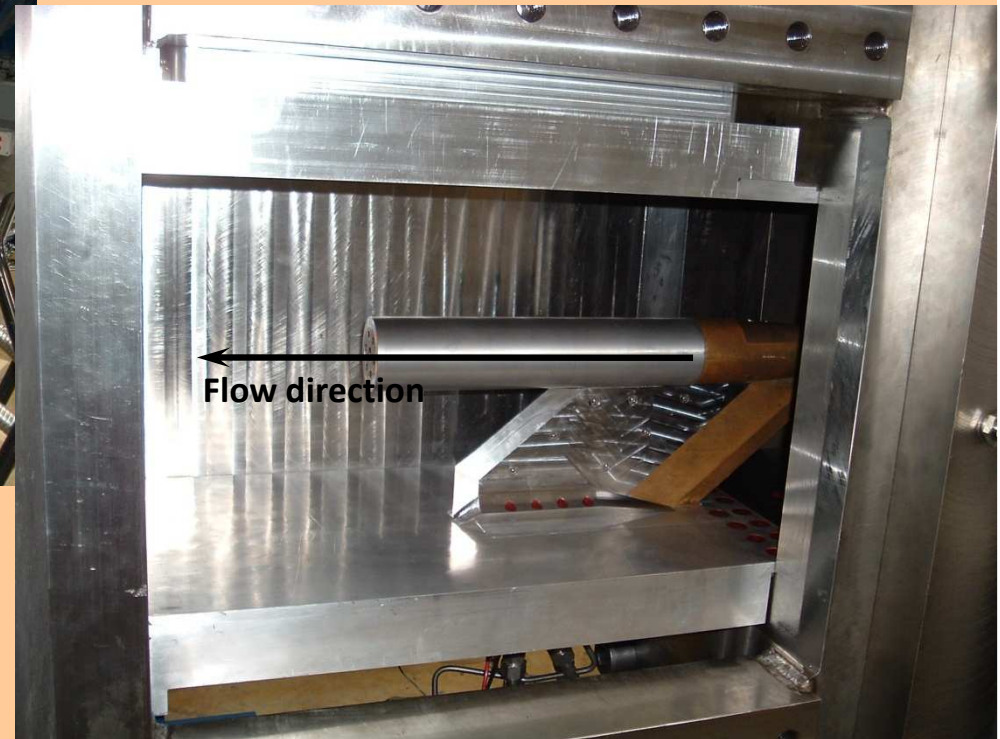
# Model Features

- Jet Exit Diameter 7/16 Inch
- NPR = 50
- NSPR = 2.15
- $A_E/A^* = 3.189$
- $M_T = 1.50$
- 12 Base Pressure Ports (Cold Model)
- 11 Nacelle Pressure Ports (Cold Model)
- PIV Seeding Ports
- Charging Station

# Experimental Setup



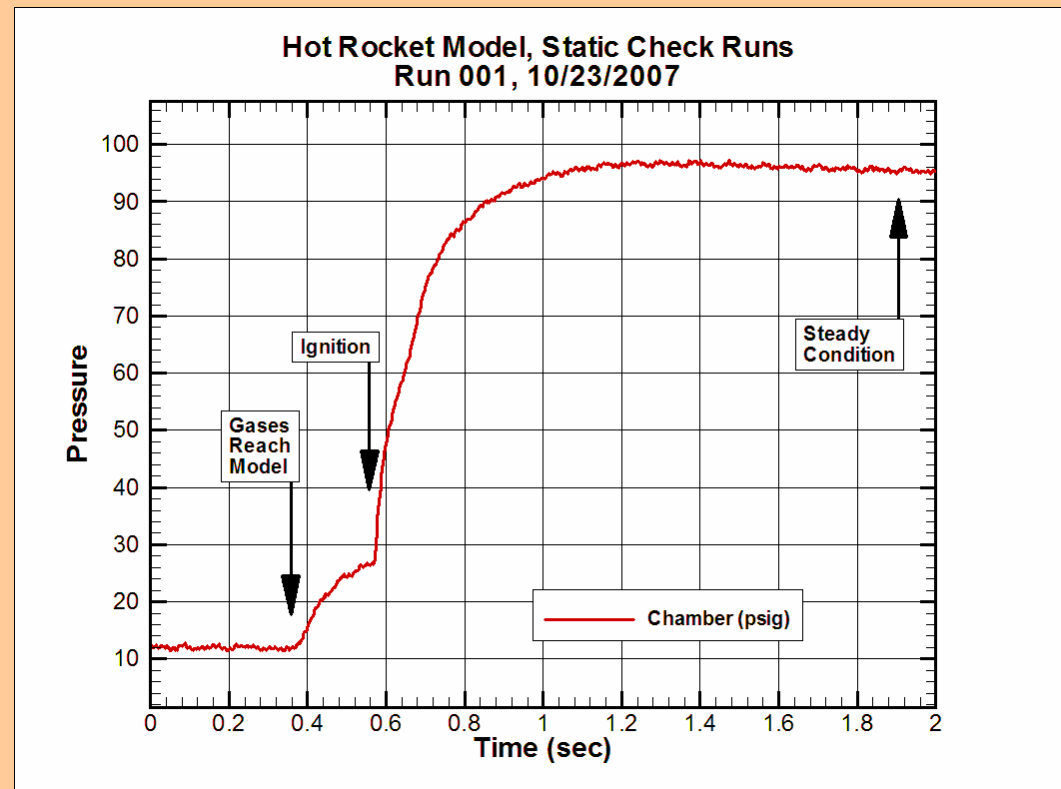
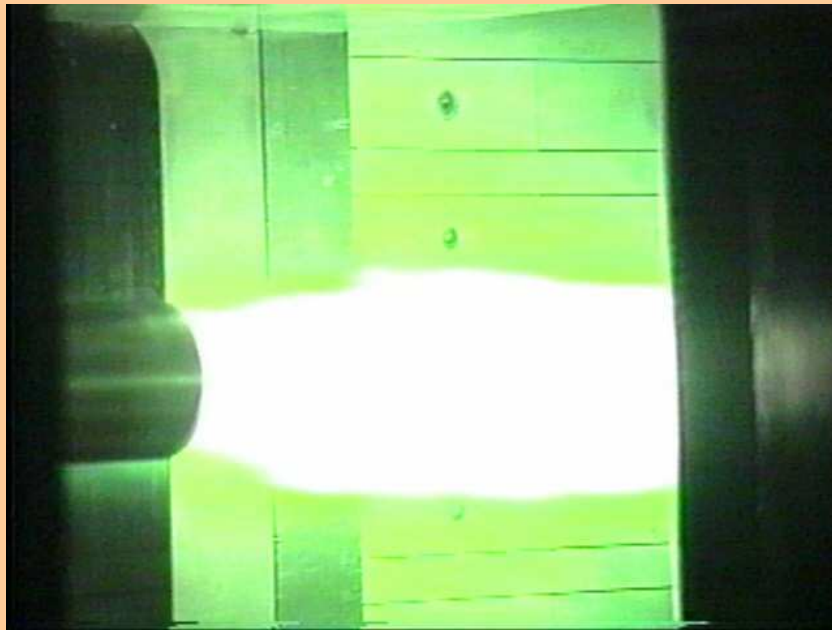
View of the model in the test section and the Hydrogen and Oxygen mass flow controllers



Close-up view of the model in the test section showing the modified support strut

# Hydrogen Powered Nacelle Sting Model for NCPA 12 X 12 Inch Tunnel

## Rocket Model Ignition With Gaseous Hydrogen And Oxygen

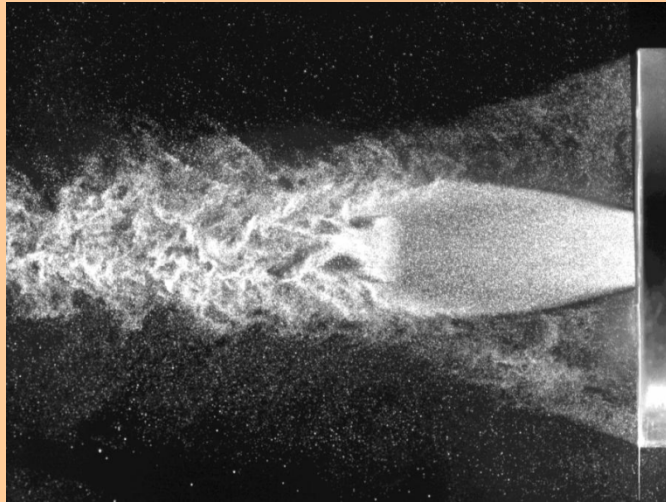


# Summary of Test Runs Analyzed

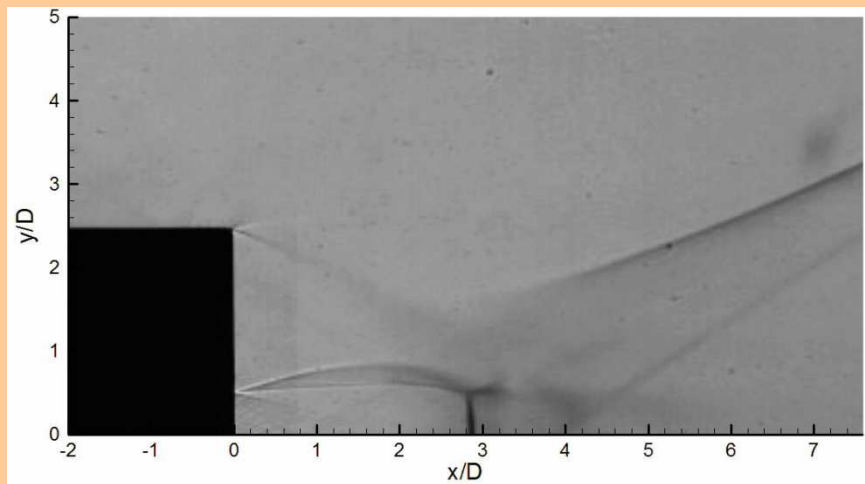
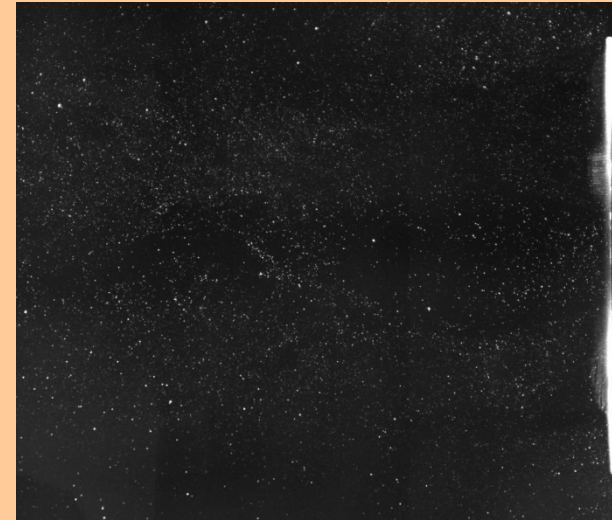
Mixture Type	Chamber Pressure $P_c$ (psia)	Tunnel Static Pressure $P_s$ (psia)	$q$ (psi)	Equivalent Altitude (feet)	AFR	$\dot{m}_{TOTAL}$ (lb <sub>m</sub> /s)	$\dot{m}_{Hydrogen}$ (lb <sub>m</sub> /s)	$\dot{m}_{Oxygen}$ (lb <sub>m</sub> /s)	Command $P_1$ (Hydrogen) (psia)	Command $P_1$ (Oxygen) (psia)
Fuel Rich	210.82	5.99	16.77	22822	3.79	0.04437	0.00926	0.03511	455.29	362.12
Stoichiometric	216.67	5.97	16.72	22899	7.96	0.05217	0.00582	0.04635	285.75	473.04
Fuel Lean	210.24	5.98	16.74	22860	9.01	0.05452	0.00545	0.04907	266.48	499.31
Fuel Rich	220.64	7.45	20.86	17628	3.81	0.04489	0.00933	0.03556	456.36	365.22
Stoichiometric	215.53	7.45	20.86	17628	7.89	0.05227	0.00588	0.04639	287.93	474.34
Fuel Lean	208.80	7.45	20.86	17628	9.01	0.05430	0.00542	0.04888	265.88	499.40

# Rocket Plume PIV Measurements & Schlieren

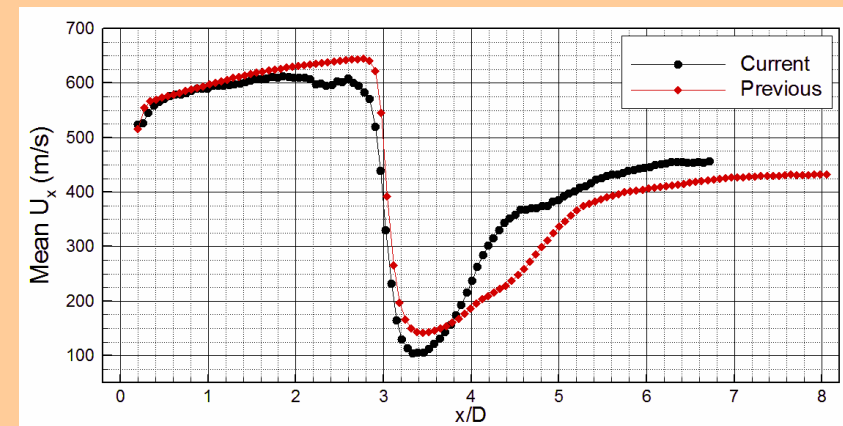
Heavily Laden Rocket



Correct Seeding Level



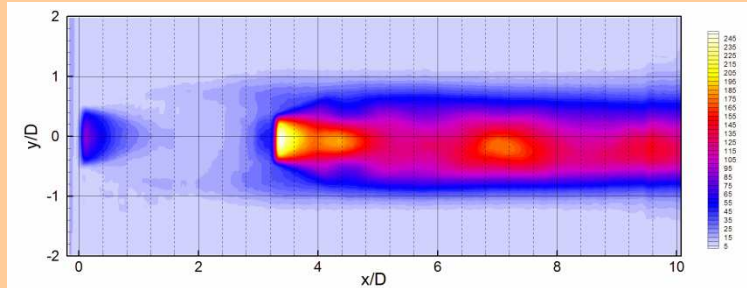
a. Avg of 2000 schlieren images



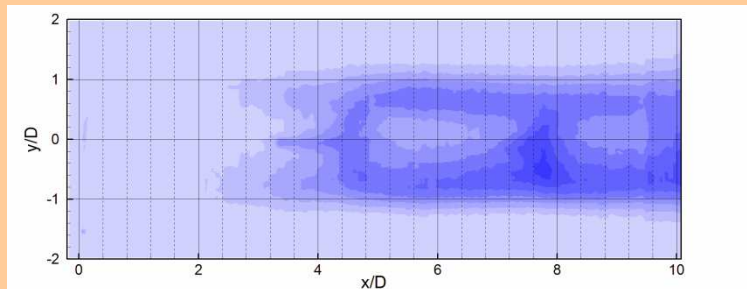
Centerline Velocity Profile

# Preliminary Results

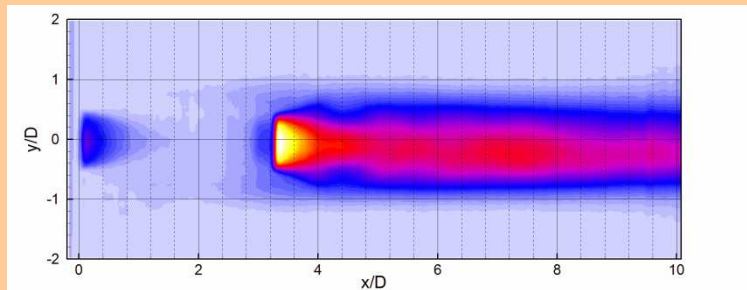
$P_s = 6$  psi



Stoichiometric



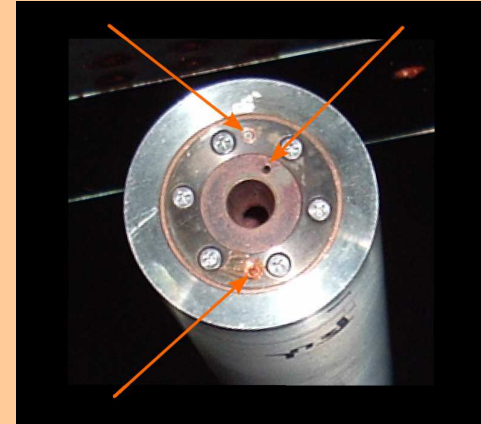
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Fuel Lean

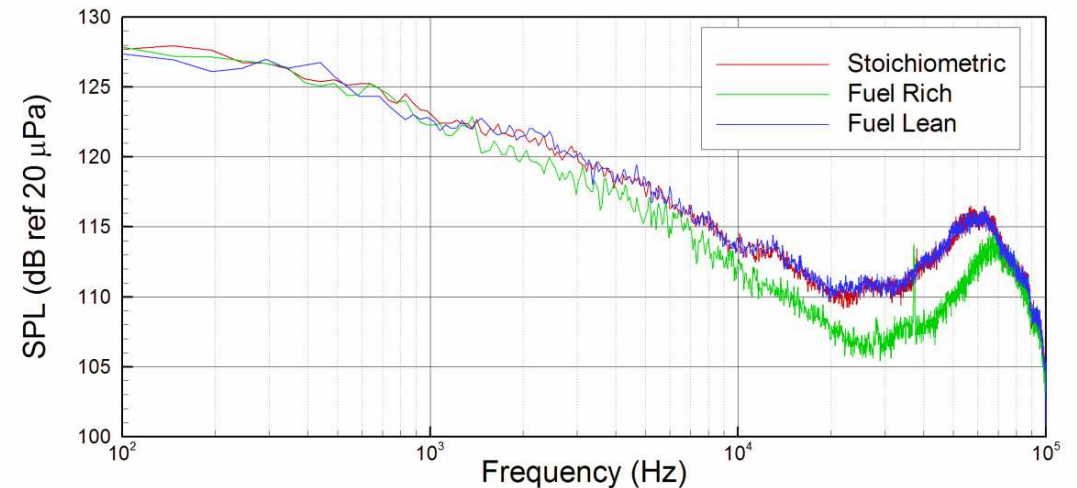
Dynamic Pressure

PIV Seed Port



Temperature

Dynamic pressure spectra  $P_s = 6$  psi



# **BWS Improvement by Flow Control**

## **Flow Over a Cavity & a Bubble**

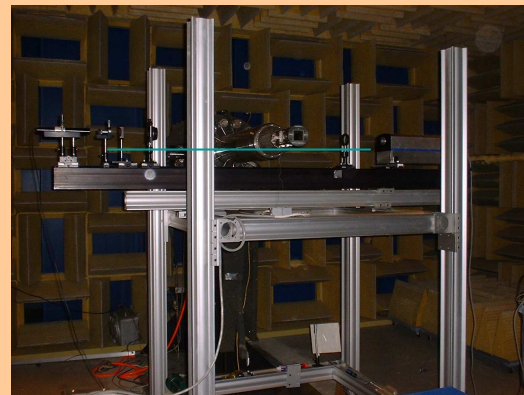
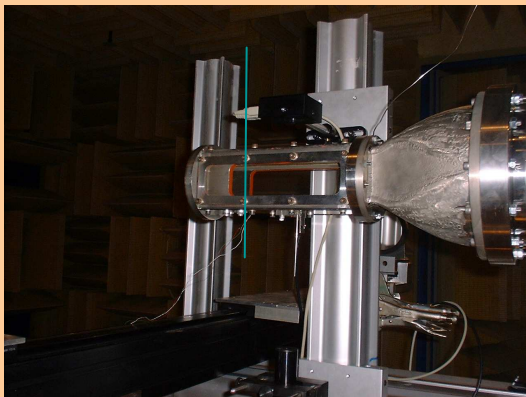
# Program

## Funded by AFOSR and AFRLVA

### Objective:

**Evaluate Ability of Flow Control to Facilitate Capability of Beam to Reach Target Intact**

- **Experiments In NCPA Anechoic Jet Lab:**
  - Flow characteristics evaluated by flow visualization and Particle Image Velocimetry
  - Beam quality evaluated by beam wander and wave front distortion measurements
- **Initial investigation with impinging jet flows and resonating cavities.**



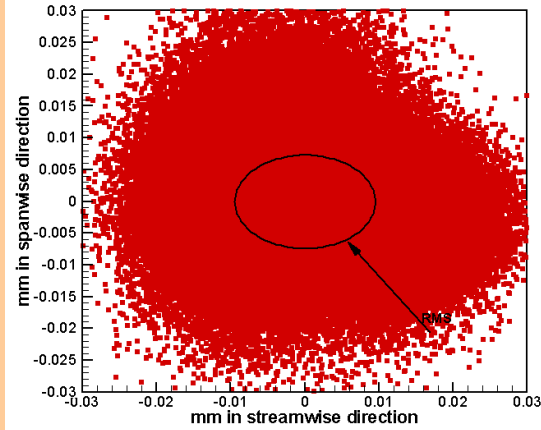


# BWS Program

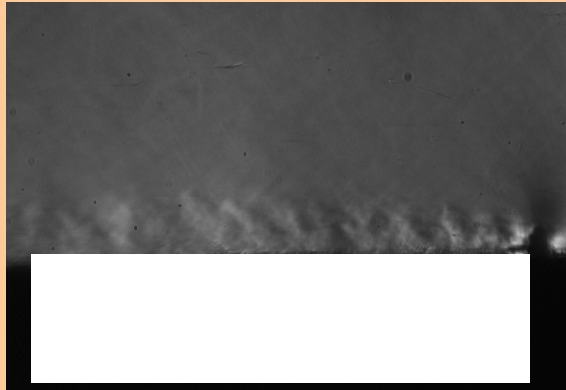
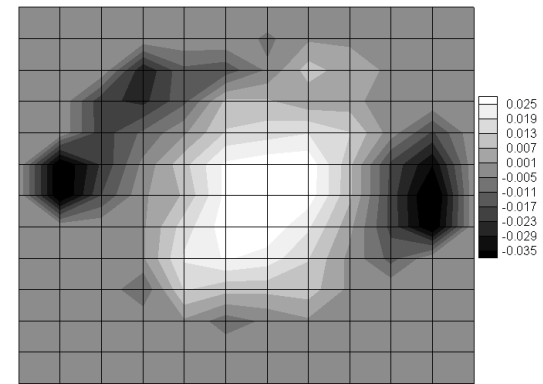
Schlieren



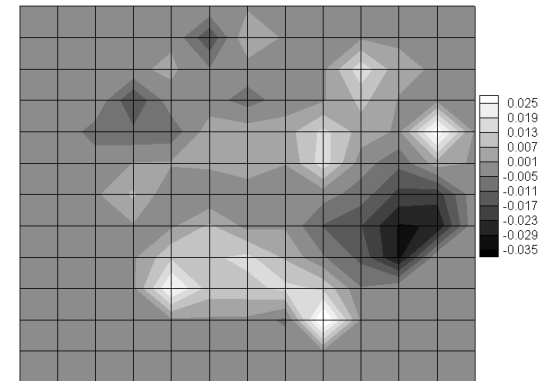
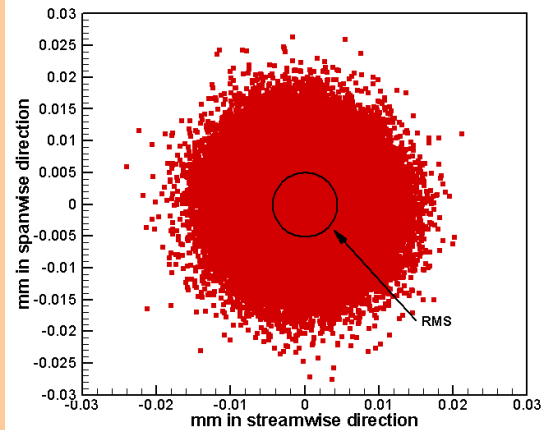
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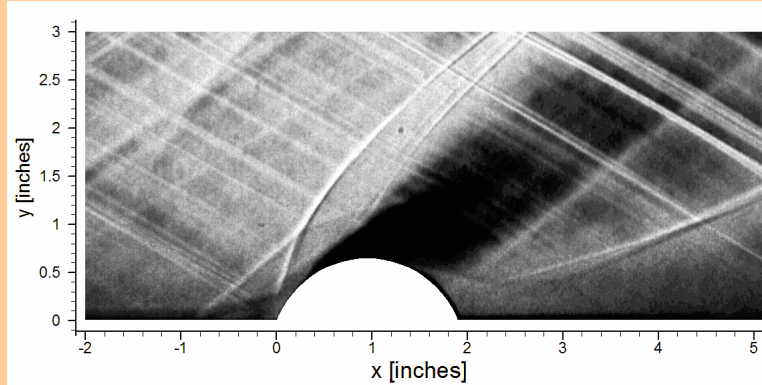


Without flow control

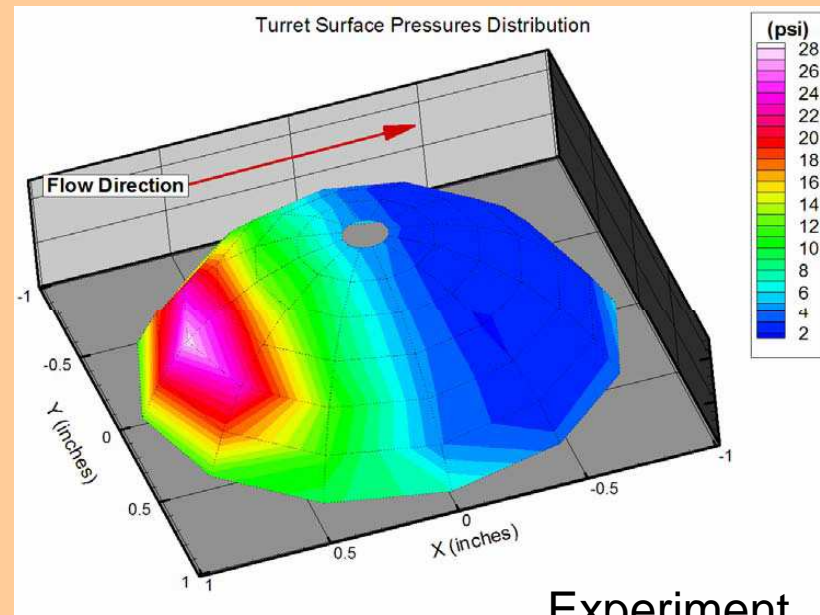
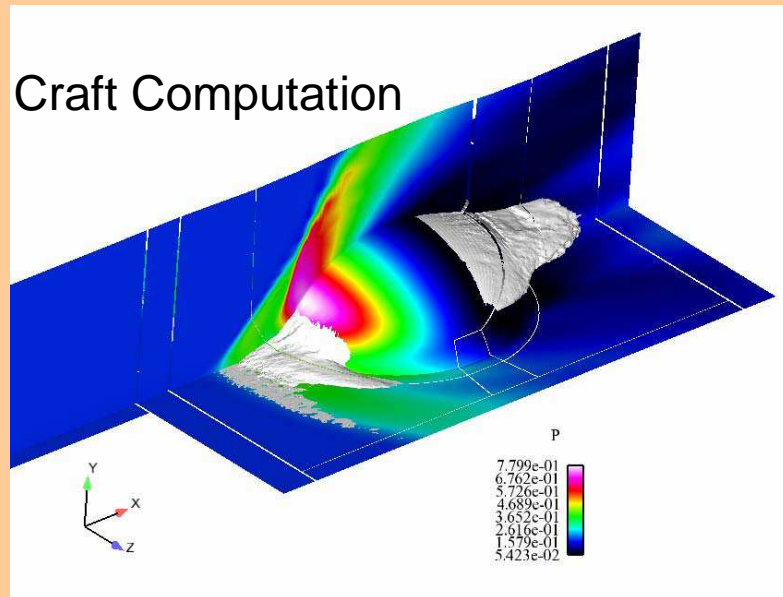
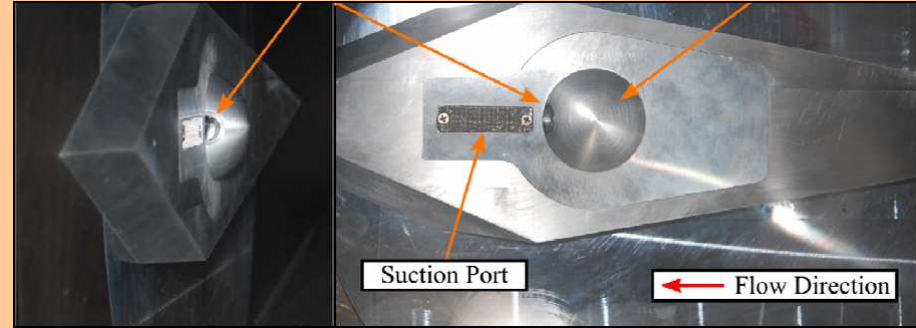


With flow control

# BWS Experiment at Mach 2 & 6.7 km

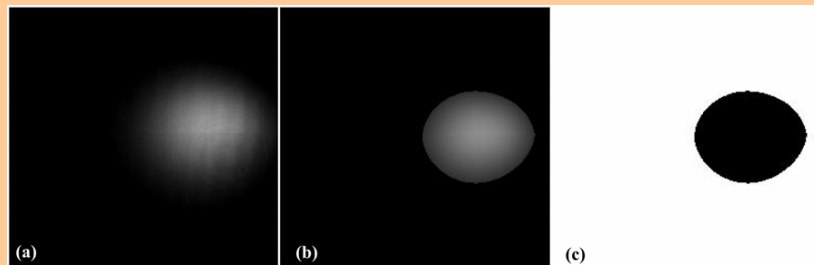
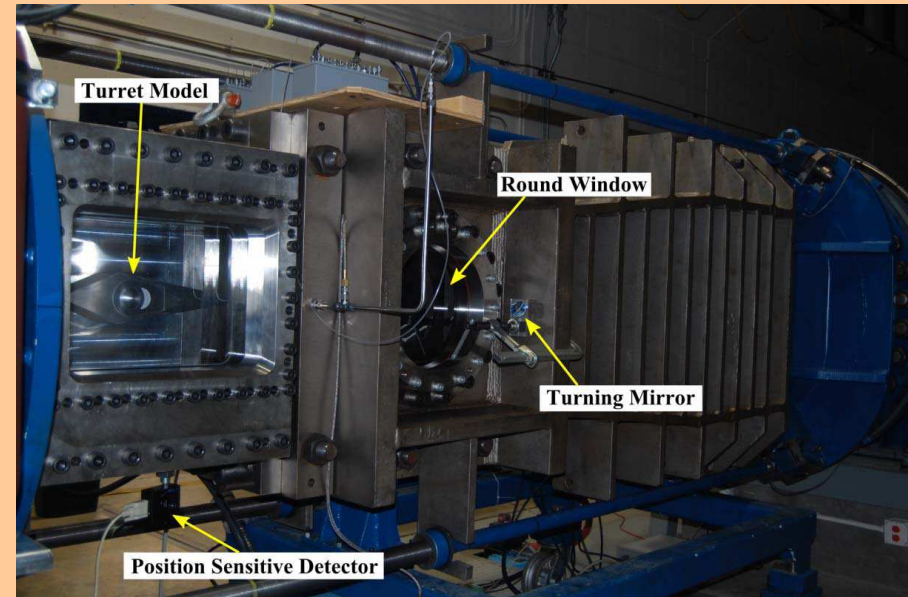
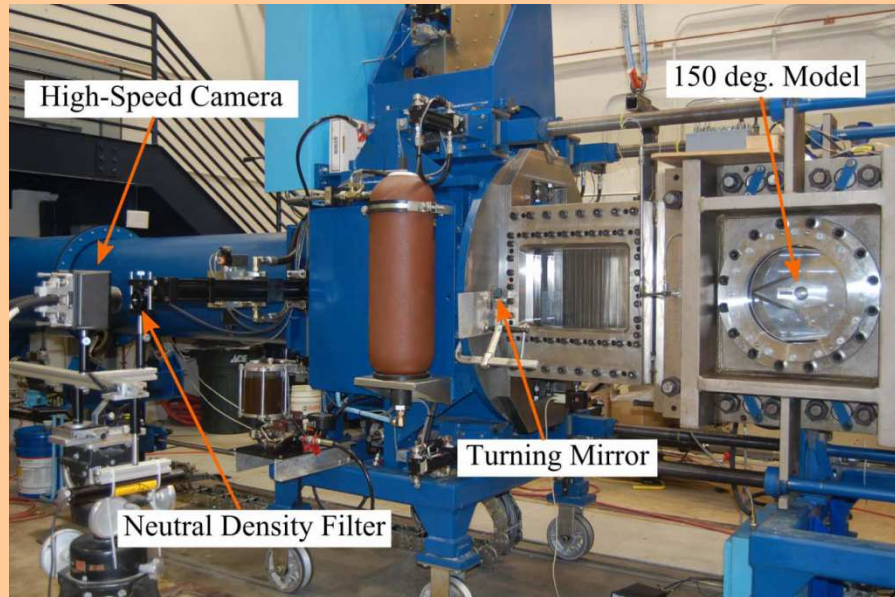


→ Flow Direction

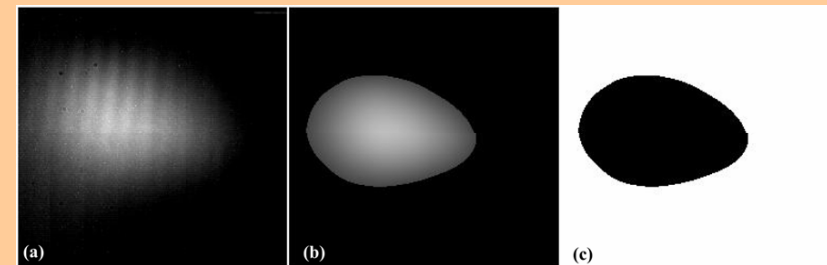


Experiment

# Beam Wander & Spread Over a Bubble at Mach 2



**Wind-OFF**



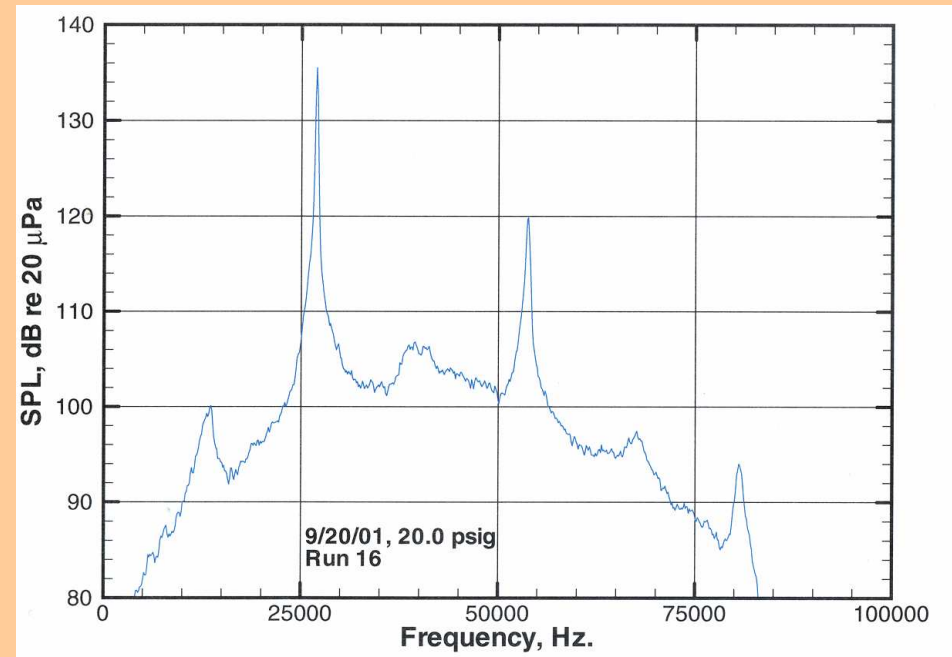
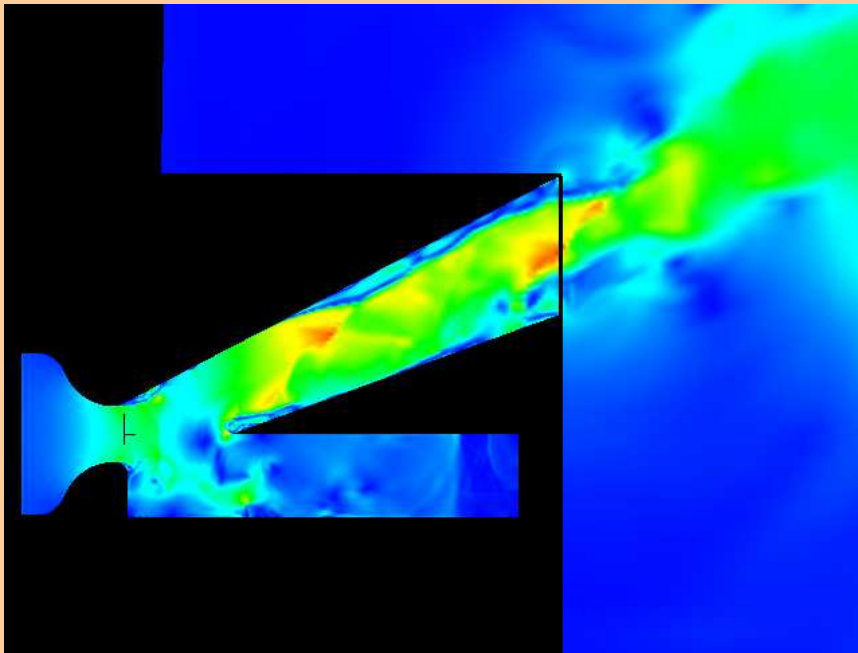
**Wind-On**

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# **Improved Scramjet Combustion Efficiency**

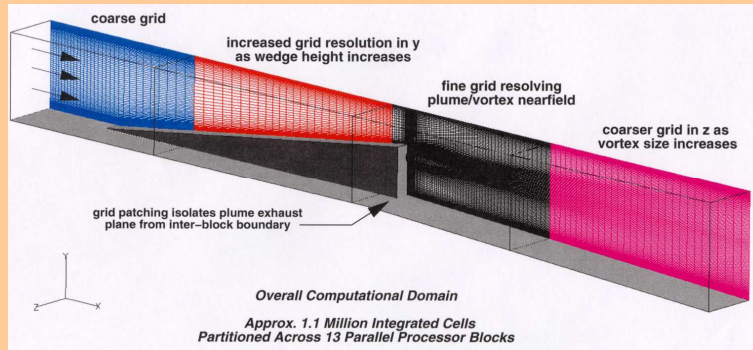
# Scramjet Combustion – Powered Resonance Tubes

## High Frequency Actuator



# Scramjet Oscillating And Pulsatile Hydrogen Fuel Injectors

## Computational Grid Volume



## Ignition Details

**Injector Conditions**

$M = 3.00$   
 $T = 100K$   
 $P = 3.5 \text{ atm}$   
 $100\% \text{ H}_2$

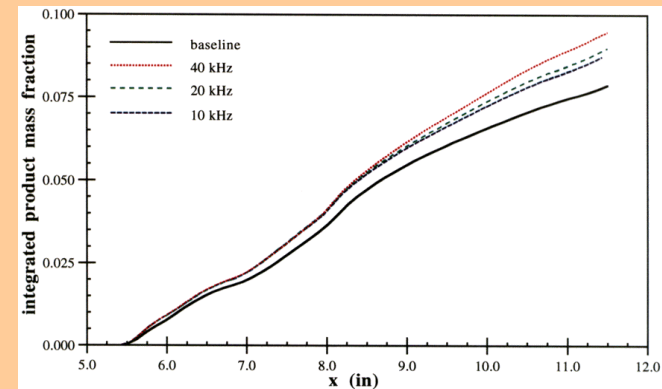
**Injection Orientation**

$v = U \sin(20)$   
 $w = U \cos(20) \sin(10) (1 - \text{abs}(\cos(\pi f)))$   
 $u = (U^2 - v^2 - w^2)^{1/2}$   
*all angles in degrees*  
 $f = \text{oscillation frequency (Hz)}$

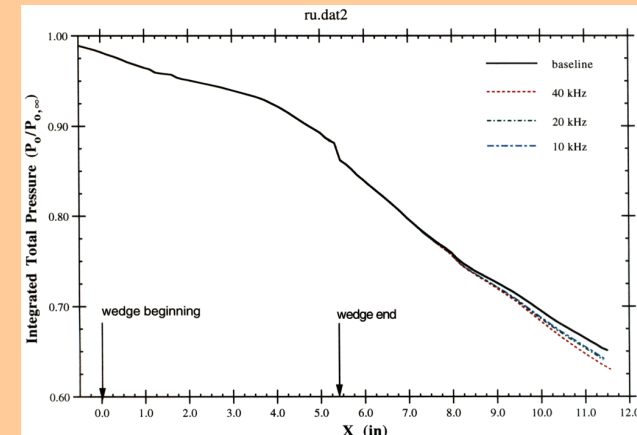
**Complete (Infinite Rate) Combustion Modeling**

**Fuel + Oxidizer  $\rightarrow$  Product**  
 $\text{H}_2 + 2.381 (0.79\text{N}_2 + 0.21\text{O}_2) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + 1.881\text{N}_2$

## Improved Combustion Efficiency

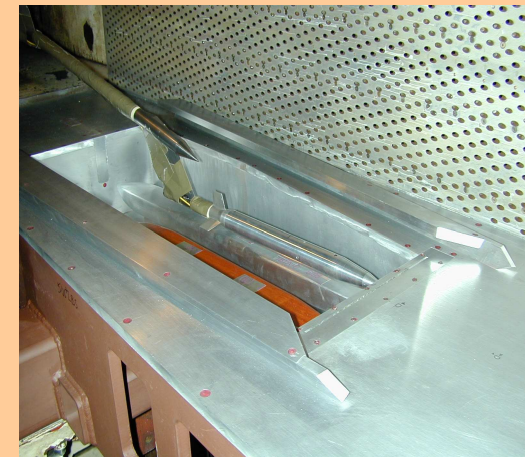
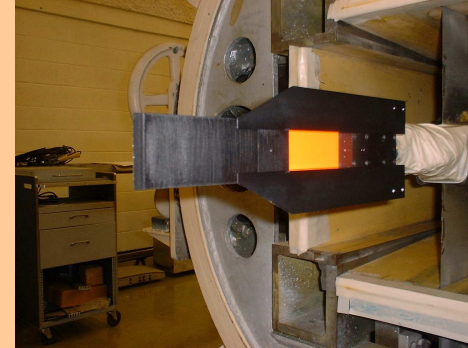


## Aero Performance



# Off- Site Weapons Bay Research

- **Air Force Academy  
Aug.-Oct. 2001**
- **DERA, Bedford,  
England, March 2002**
- **AEDC, Tullahoma,  
TN, June 2002.**
- **Lockheed Georgia,  
Atlanta, Aug. 2002**
- **F111 Aircraft Flight  
Test, Australia, June  
2004.**



# Weapons Bay Cavity Research Australia Flight Test Program

- Flight test minimize pressure loads in weapons by cavity will be conducted in conjunction with AFRL/VA and AFRL/MN using an RAAF F-111 in the spring of 2004.
- Actuator concept (jointly designed by NCPA and CRAFT Researchers) has been verified through a series of experimental tests at U.S Air Force Academy, DERA (U.K.), AEDC and Lockheed Marietta.
- NCPA personnel responsible for all acoustic/pressure data analysis.





# Predicting the Velocity Field

## PROPER ORTHOGONAL DECOMPOSITION - POD

$$R_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \langle u_i(\vec{x}, t) u_j(\vec{x}', t) \rangle$$

$$\int_{\Omega} R_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \phi_j^{(s)}(\vec{x}') d\vec{x}' = \lambda^{(s)} \phi_i^{(s)}(\vec{x})$$

$$u_i(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_s \alpha^{(s)}(t) \phi_i^{(s)}(\vec{x})$$

## QUADRATIC STOCHASTIC ESTIMATION - QSE

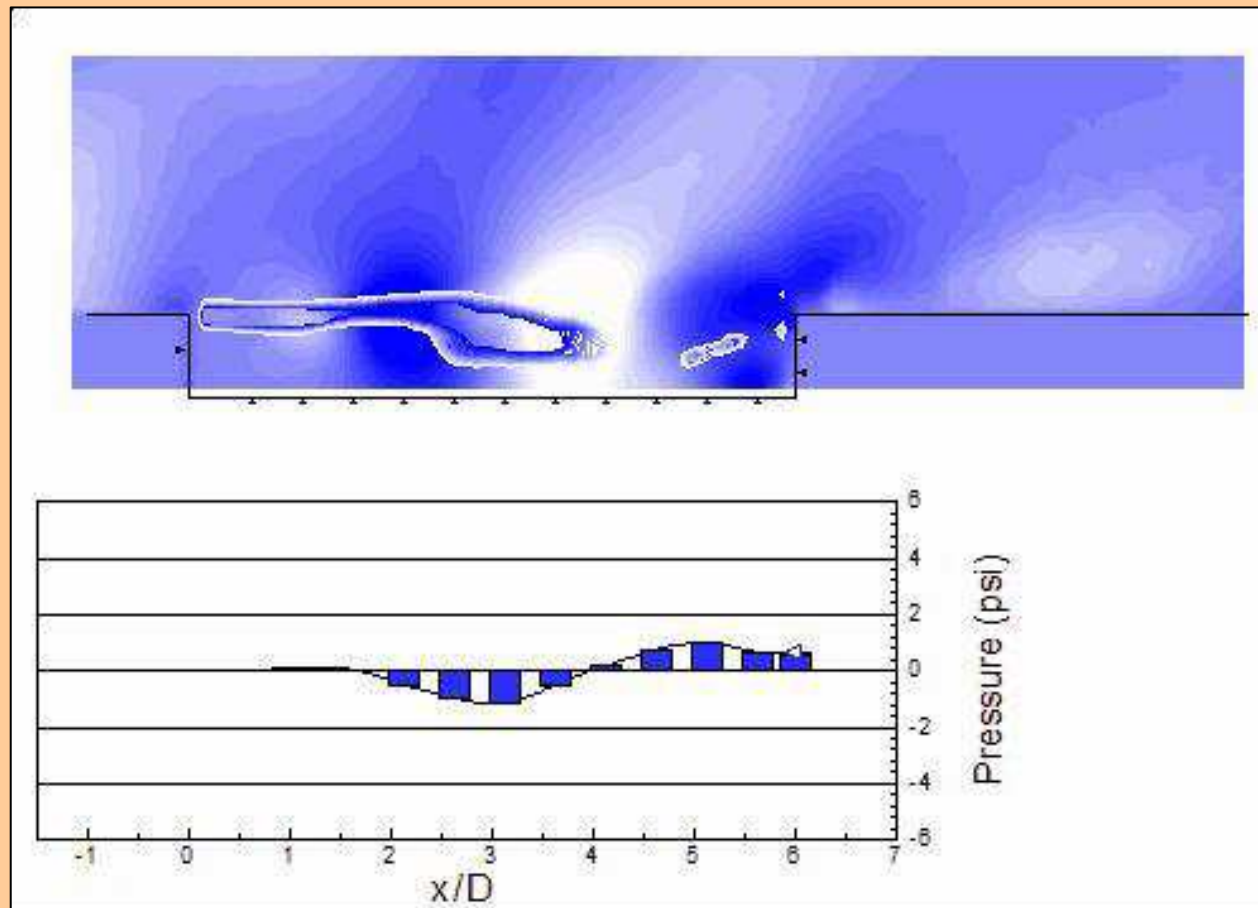
$$\tilde{\alpha}^{(s)}(t) = A_k^{(s)} P_k(t) + B_{qr}^{(s)} P_q(t) P_r(t)$$

## MODIFIED QSE - ESTIMATING THE VELOCITY DYNAMICS

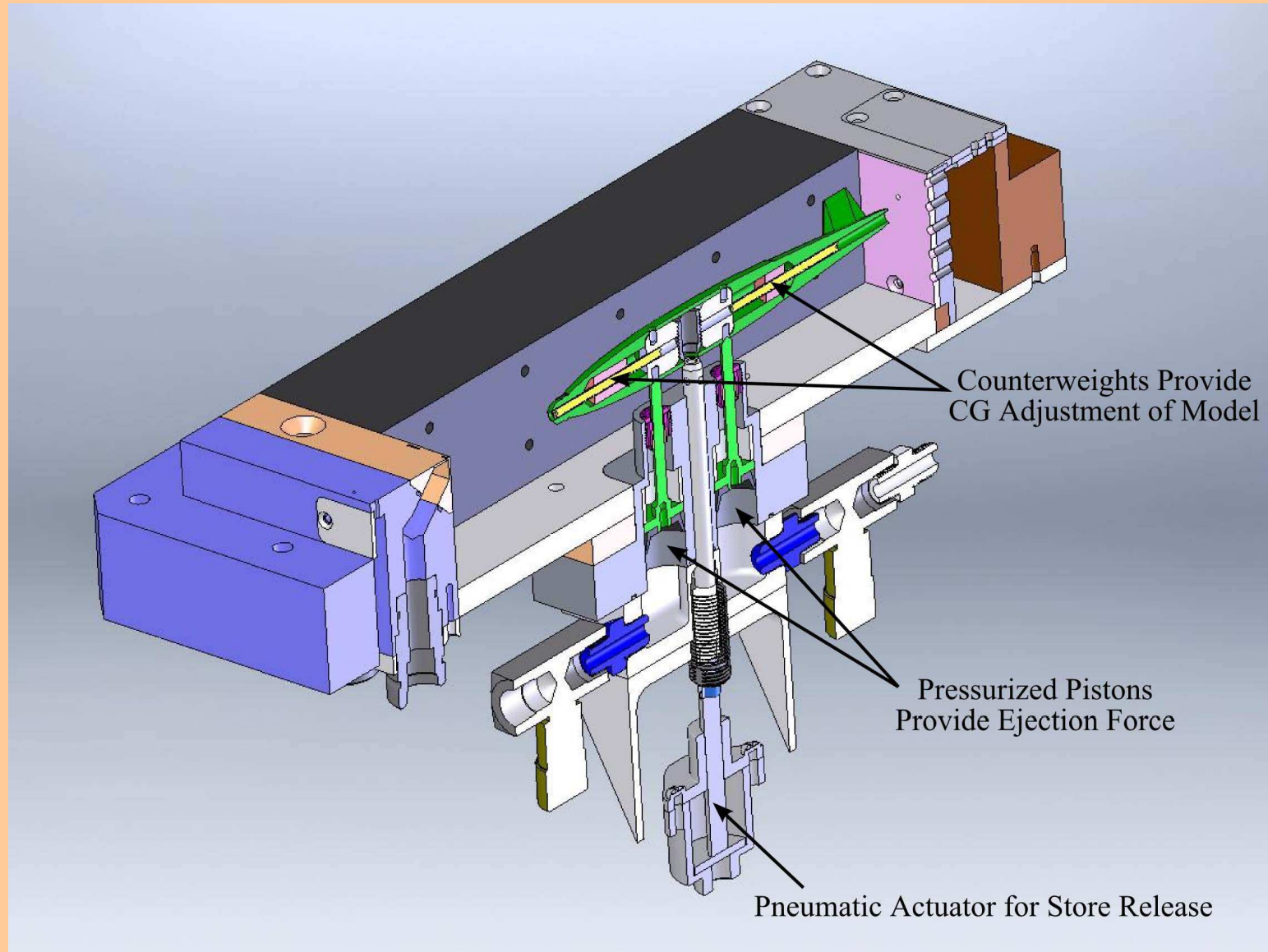
Combining POD and QSE allows estimation of the time-dependent velocity field from surface pressure measurements using a database of 2-point statistics.

# Predicting the Velocity Field

EXAMPLE OF mQSE OF CAVITY FLOW



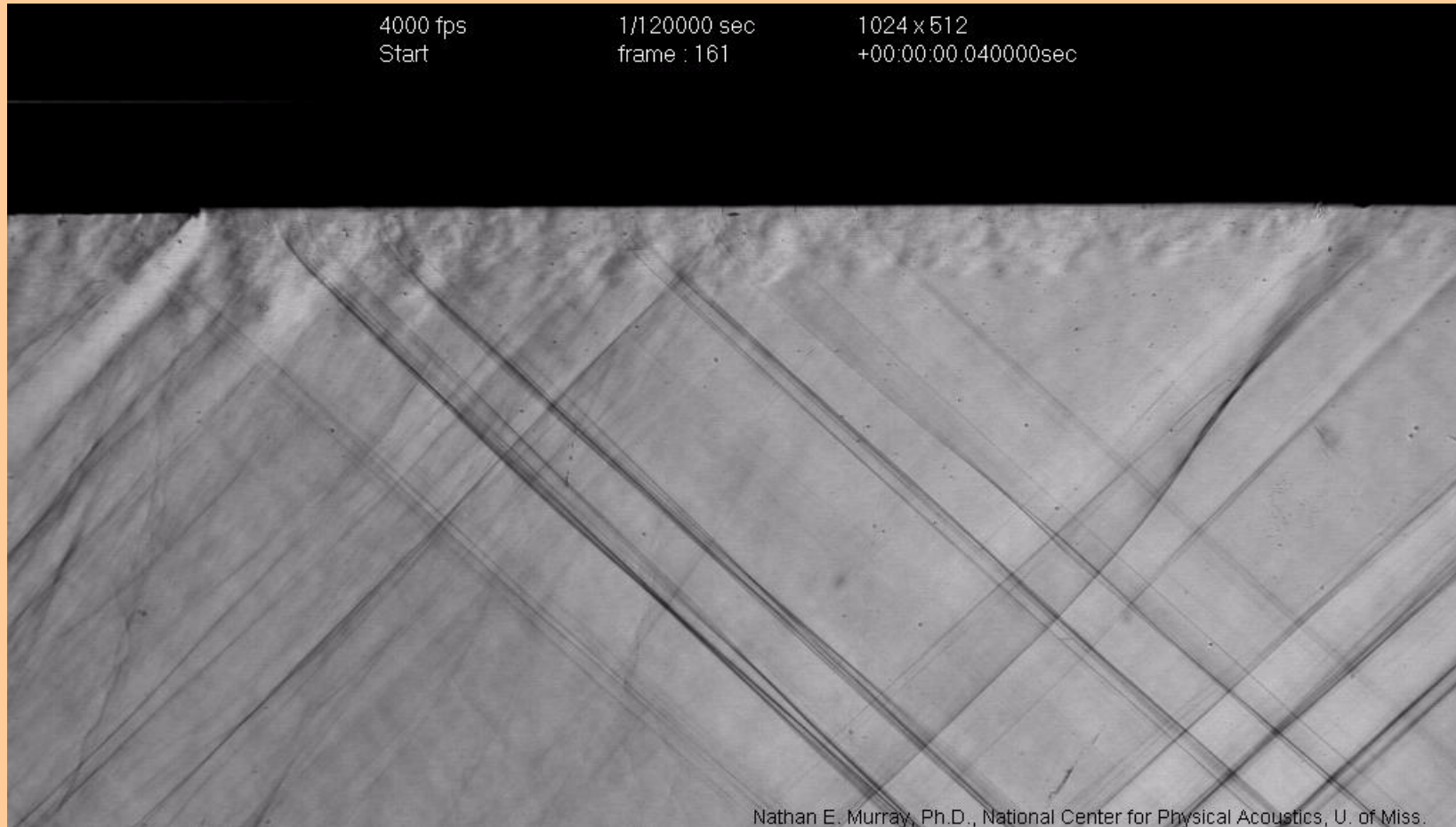
# Store Release Mechanism



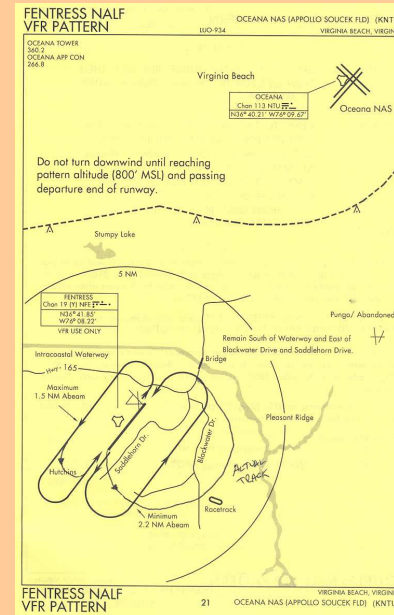
# Store Release With Loads Suppression



# Store Release With Suppression



# Noise Impact on US Naval Missions



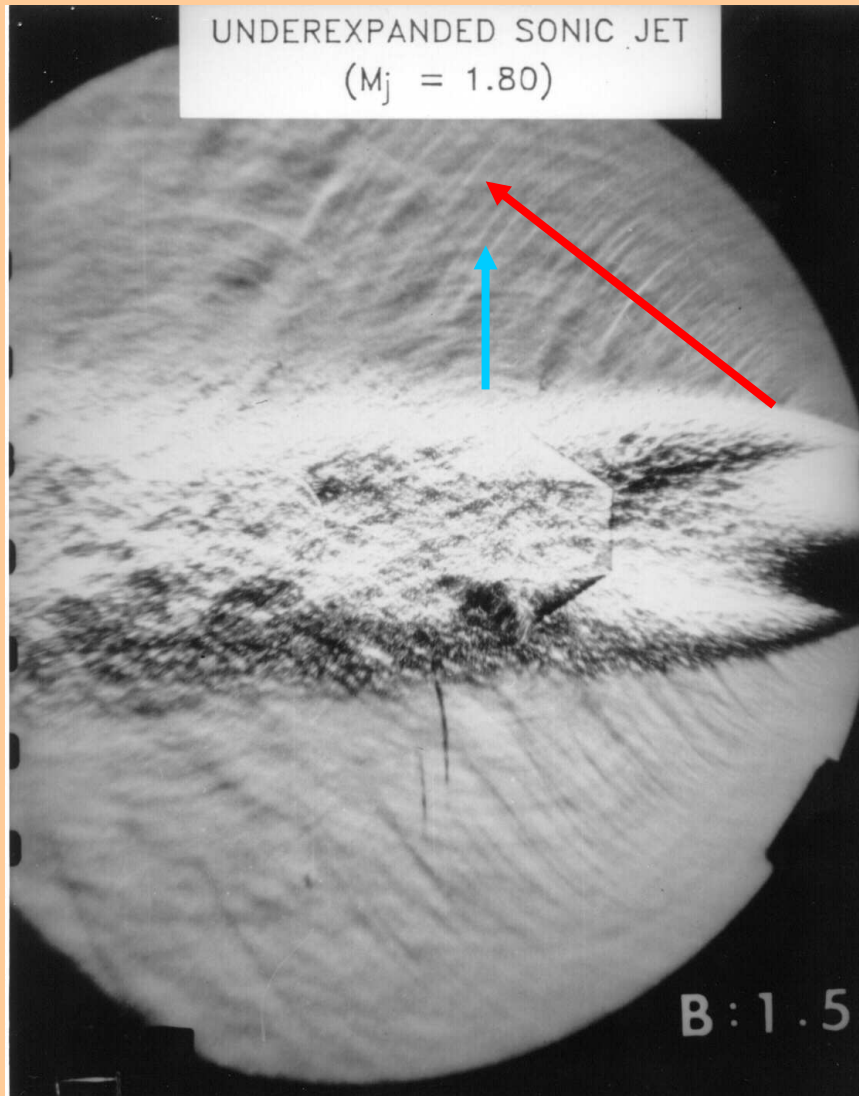
- **Community Noise Impact During The Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) Mission**
- **Naval Crew Hearing Loss Associated With Carrier Deck Launch and Retrieval of Aircraft.**

# Carrier Deck Mission Launch With Jet Blast Deflector - JBD



1. Final Checker
2. Final Checker
3. JBD Operator
4. Misc. Cat Crew
5. Arming Crew
6. Arming Crew
7. Arming Crew
8. Holdback Man
9. Topside Petty Officer
10. Aircraft Director
11. Misc. Cat Crew
12. Weight Board Operator
13. Fuels
14. Fuels
15. Chocks, Chains, Tractors

# Mach Wave Emission & Shock Generated Noise



**Both Mach Wave and Shock  
Noise Sources are Extremely  
Efficient Producing Noise  
Energy That Is Approximately  
0.1% of the Total Mechanical  
Jet Power.**

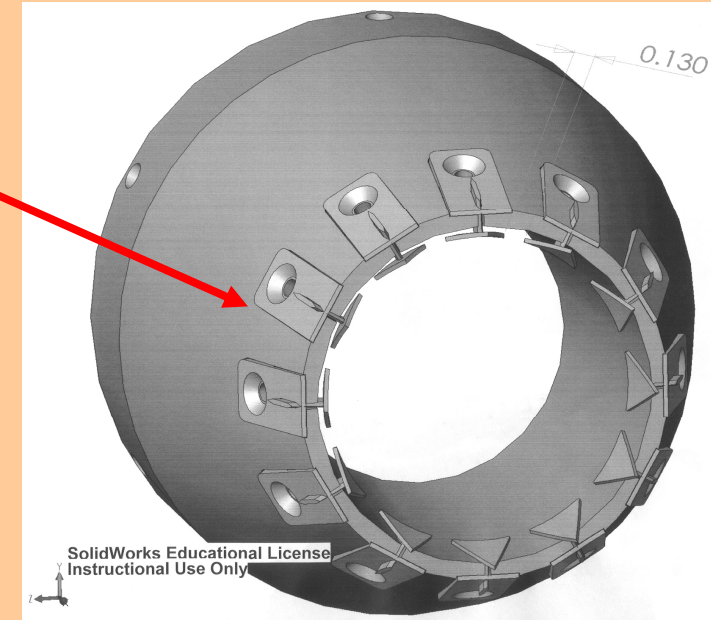
 **Mach Wave Emission**

 **Shock Noise Emission**



# Aero-Performance Efficient Suppression Concepts Investigated

- Outer Flap Chevrons
- Inner Seal Detached Chevrons
- Corrugated Engine Seals
- High Pressure Water Jet Spray
- Beveled Exhaust Nacelle

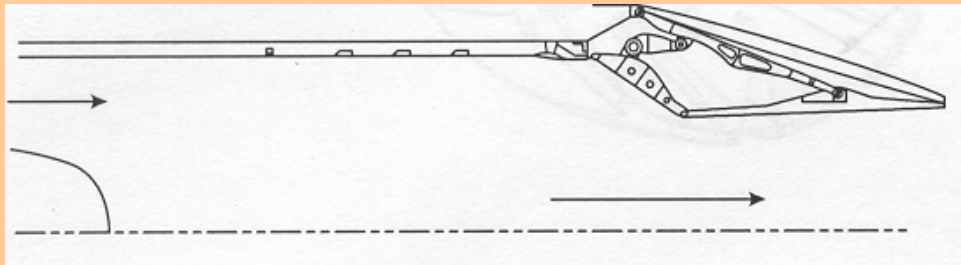


## Configurations:

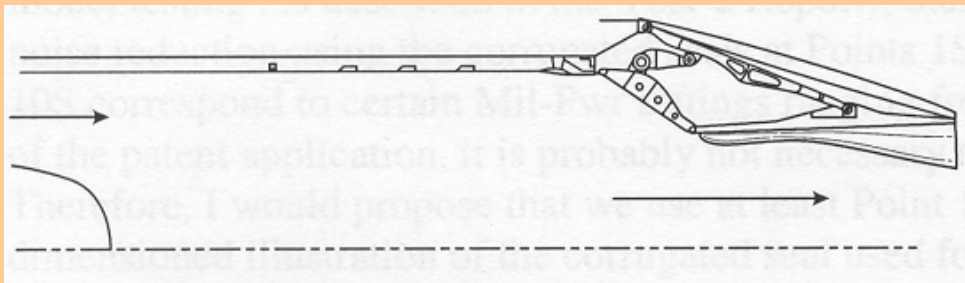
- **1/10'th Scale Model Single Jet Nacelle, NCPA**
- **1/10'th Scale Model Twin Jet Nacelle, NCPA**
- **1/5'th Scale Model Single Jet Nacelle, Boeing LSAF**
- **F404-400 GE Engine Thrust Stand at NAWCADLKE**

# Modified Internal Secondary Seal

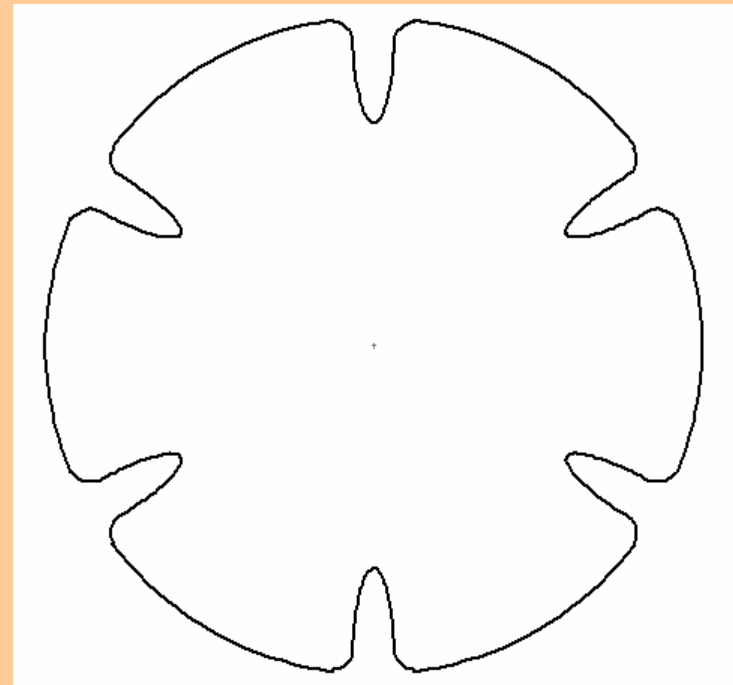
**Unmodified GE F404-400 Engine**



**Modified GE F404-400 Engine**



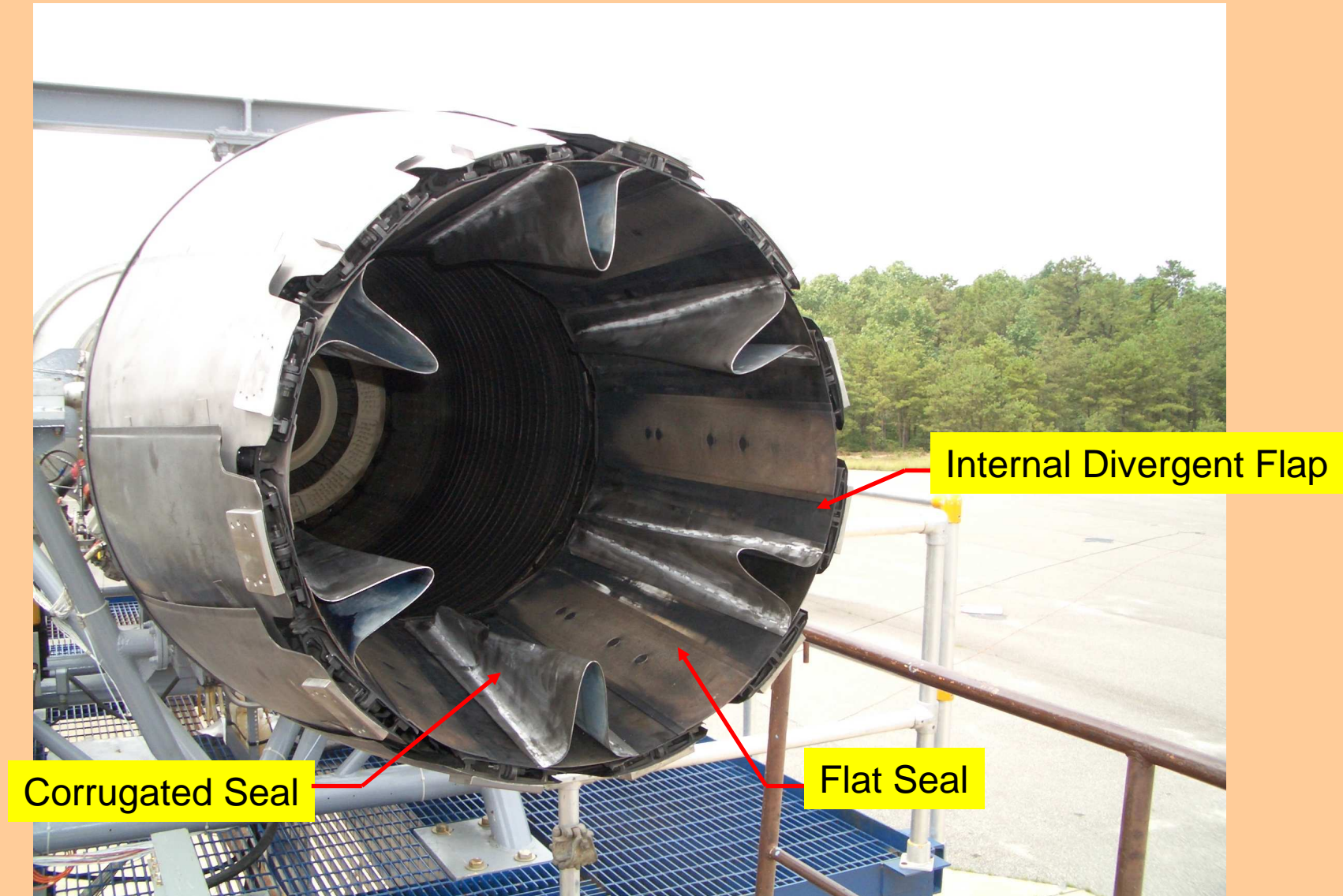
**Engine Exit Profile  
Design For 6**



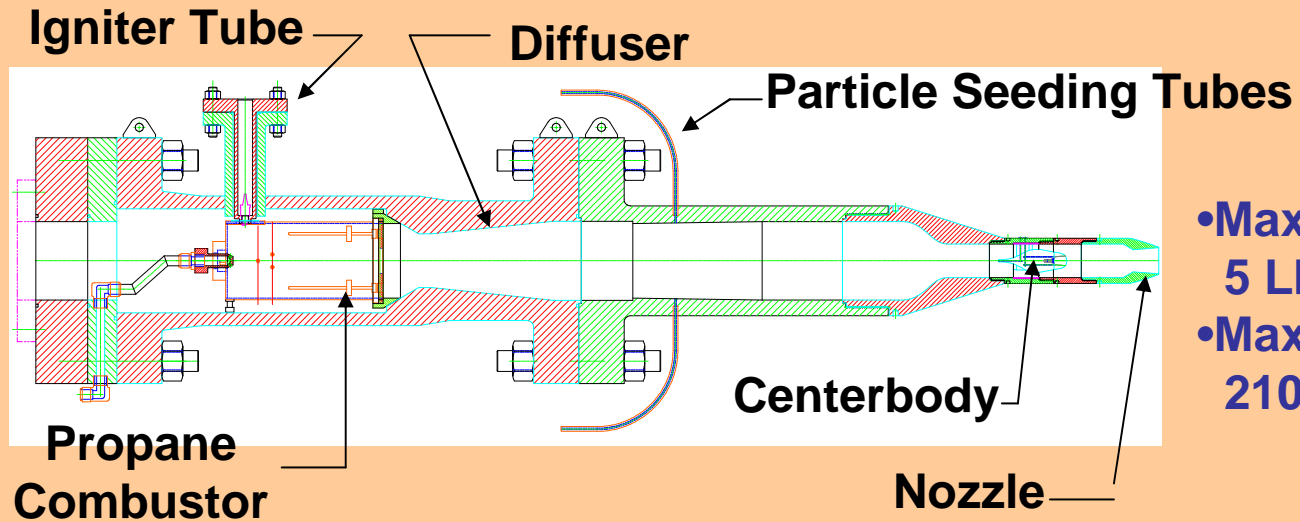
# **Corrugated Engine Seal Concept**

- **MOC Based Design**
- **Shock Noise Elimination**
- **Mixing Noise Reduction Due to Enhanced Mixing With External Stream**
- **Jet Plume Infrared Signature Reduction**
- **Thrust Augmentation**
- **Simple Part to Replace Existing Flat Seals**

# GEAE F404-400 Engine at NAWCADLKE With Corrugated Engine Seals



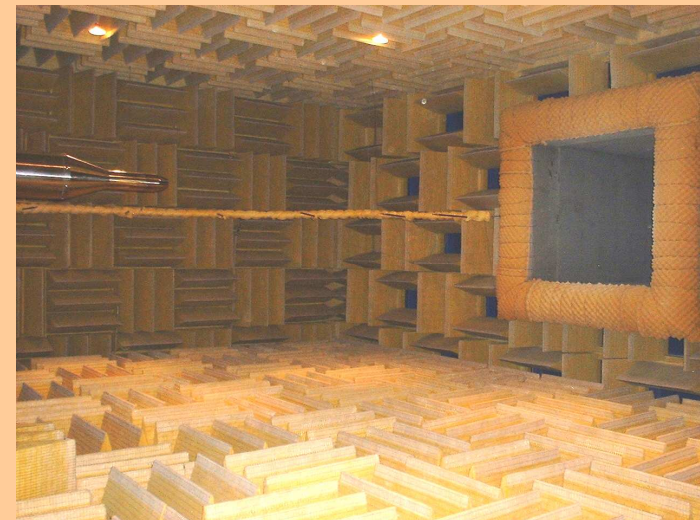
# NCPA Jet Noise Laboratory



- Max. Continuous Flow Rate:  
5 Lbm./Sec.
- Max. Continuous Temp:  
2100 Deg. R

## Anechoic Room Properties

- Low Frequency Cut-Off 200 Hz.
- Microphones mounted at angles
- $\psi = 45, 52.5, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120, 127.5, 135, 142.5, 150, \text{ and } 160$  degrees.
- $R/D = 55$ .
- Maximum NPR = 40.
- Maximum  $T_j = 2100$  Deg. R
- Flow Through Wedges



# NCPA Fabricated Model Geometry

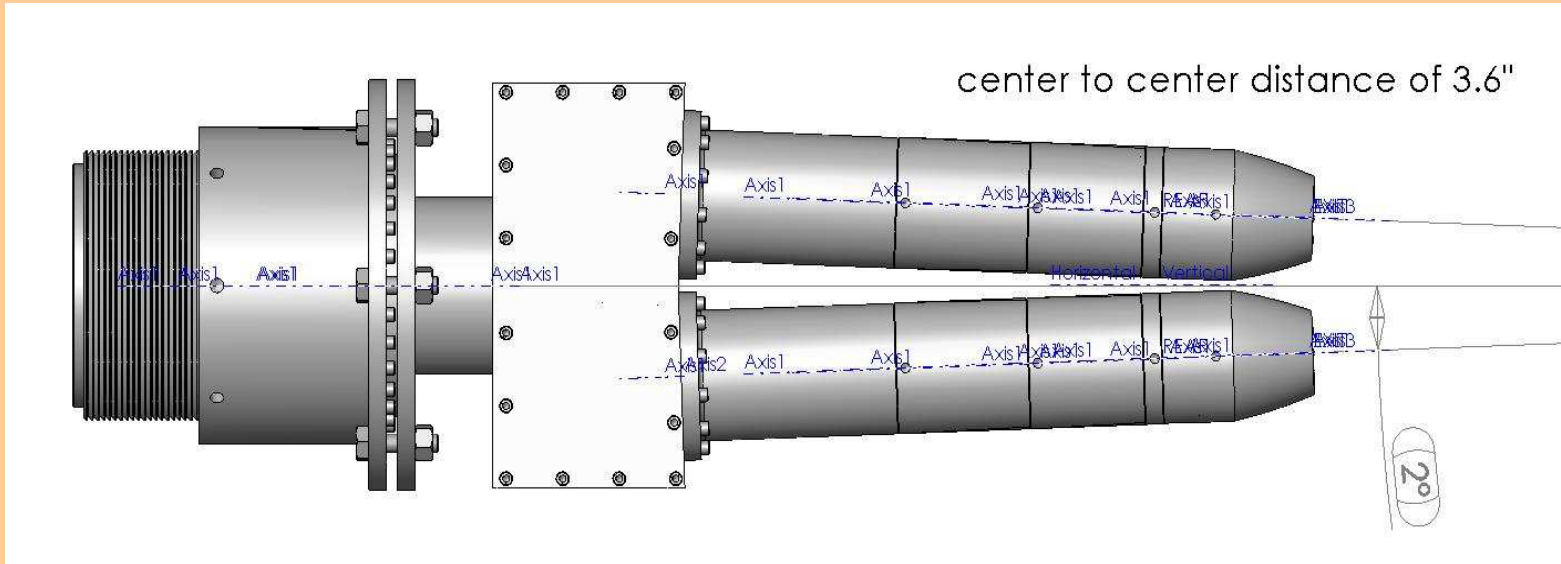
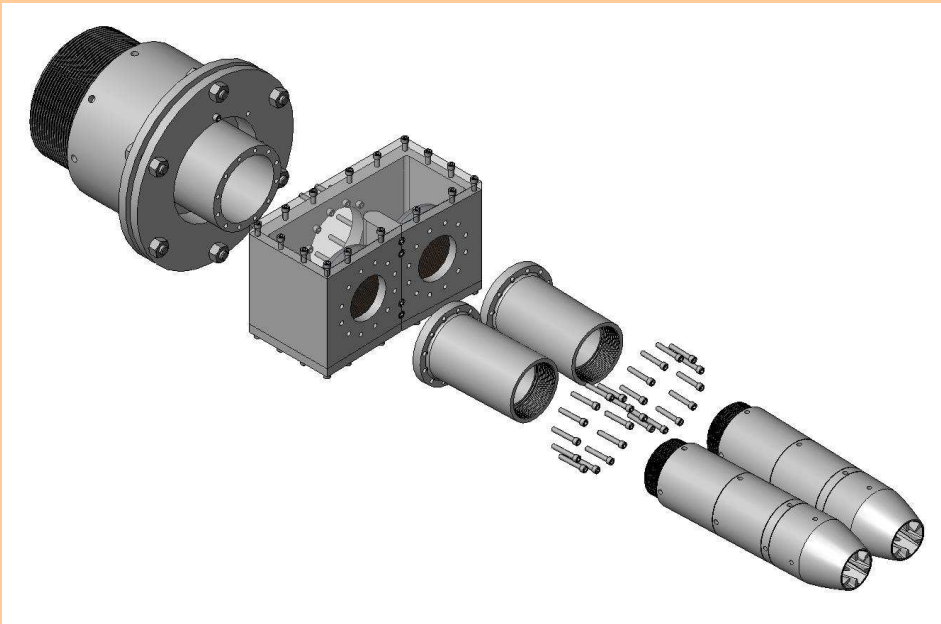
**Corrugated Seal Inserts**



**Installed Corrugations With  
Baseline Insert**



# Twin-Jet Setup

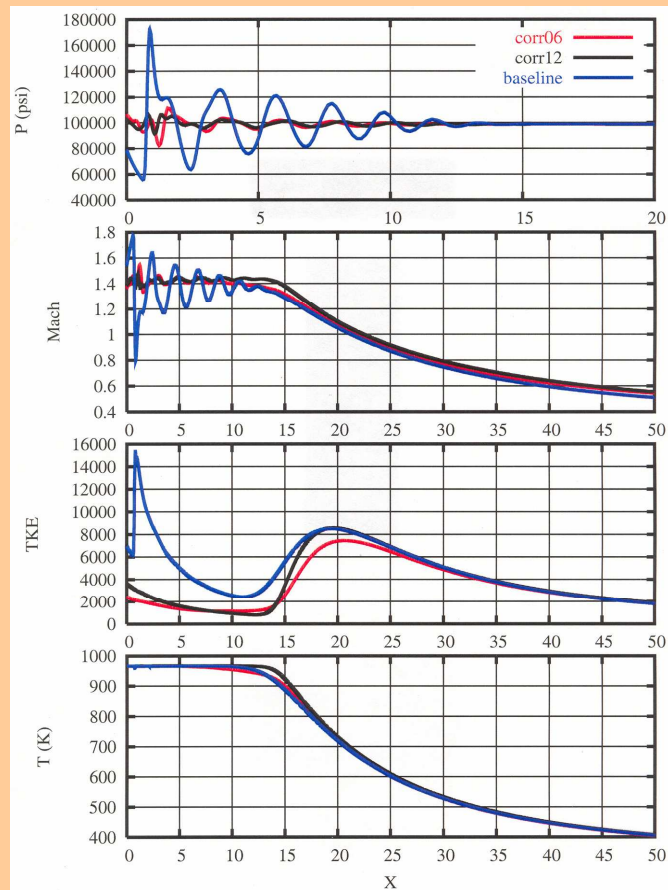


# ***Twin Jet Nacelle In NCPA Jet Noise Lab With Corrugated Seals***

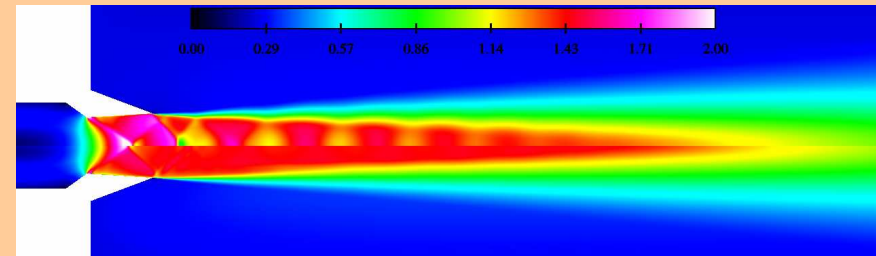




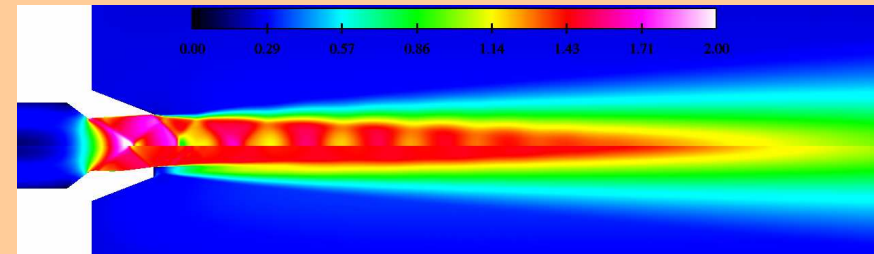
# Reduction of Plume Shocks With Corrugated Engine Seals



## Mach Number Contours At Military Power

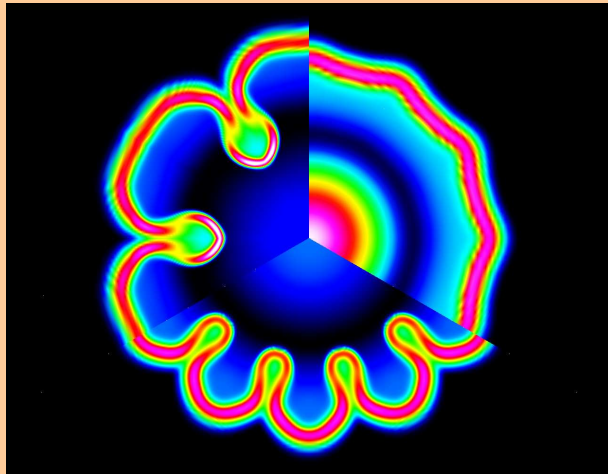


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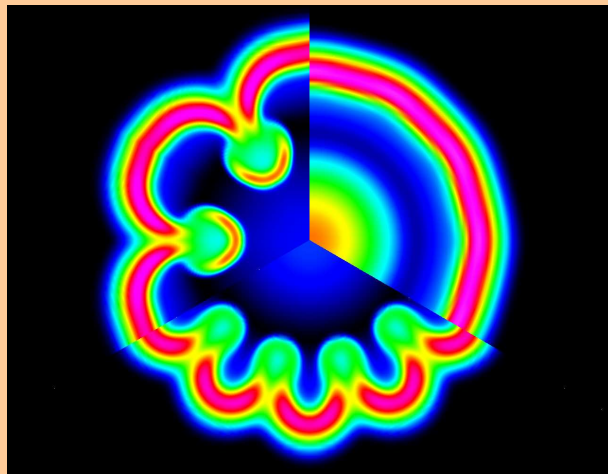
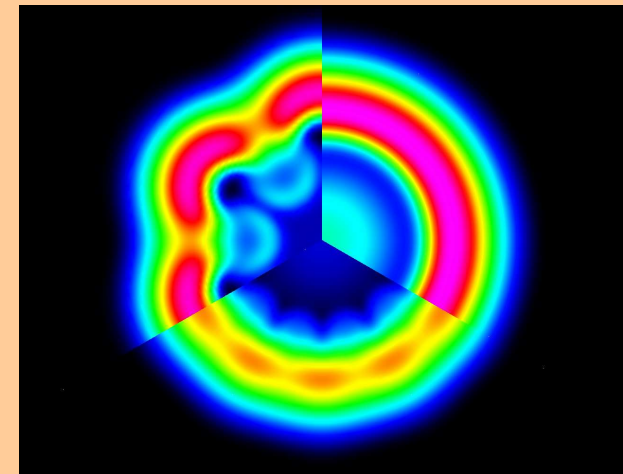


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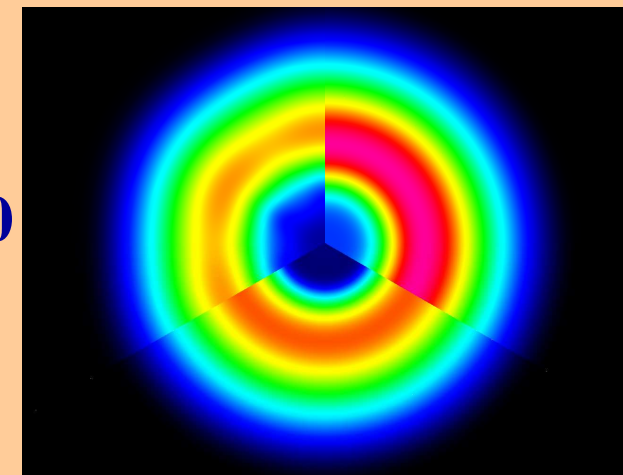
# Cross-Plane TKE Predictions



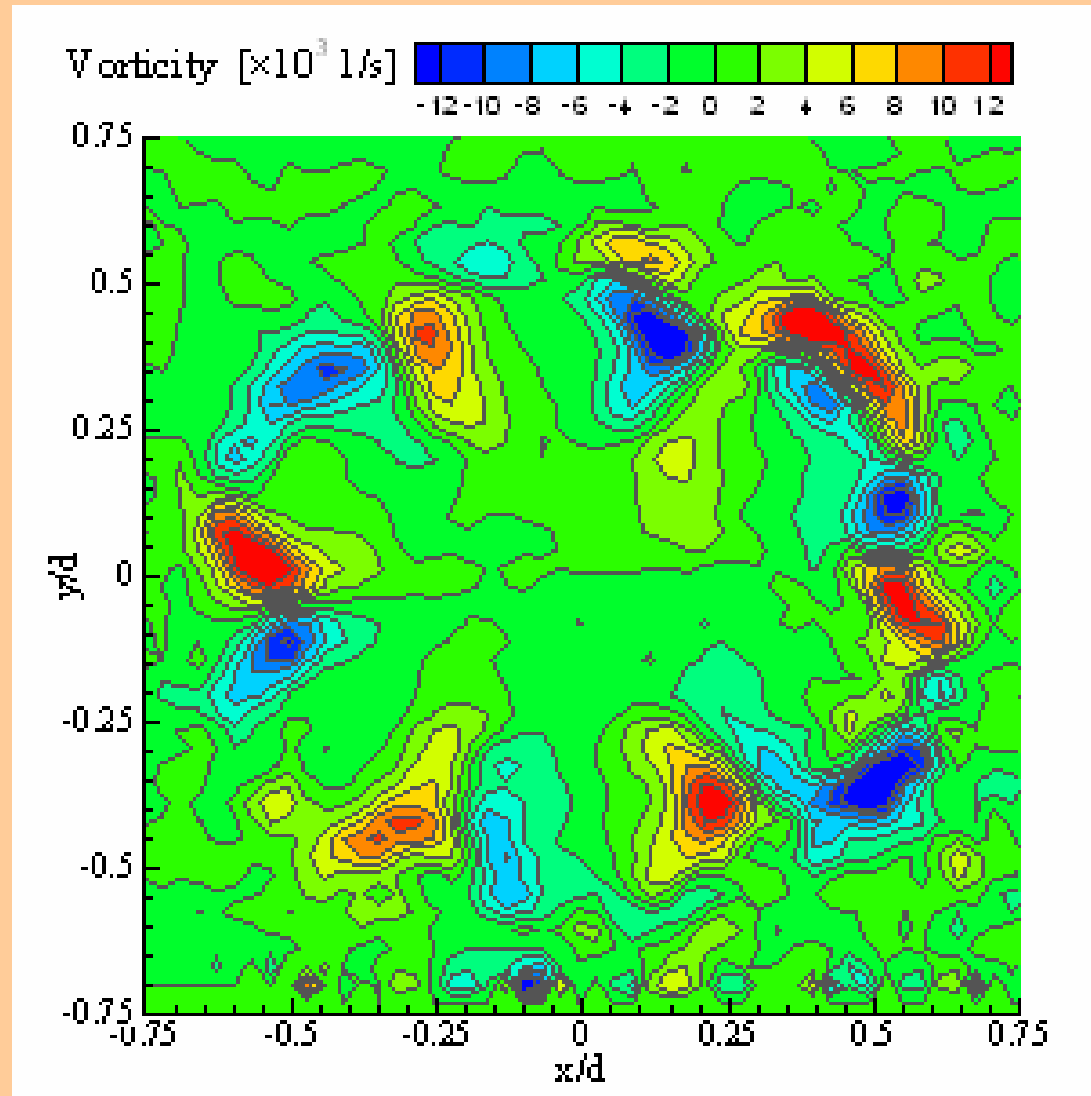
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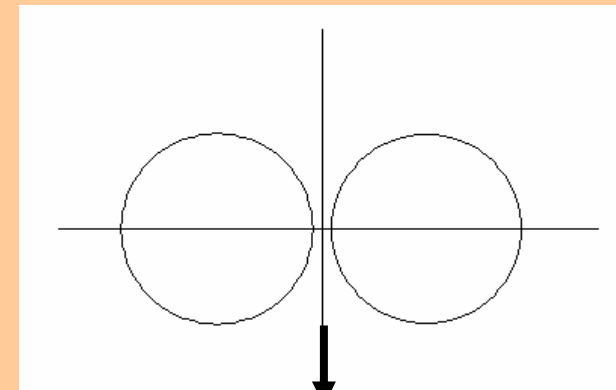
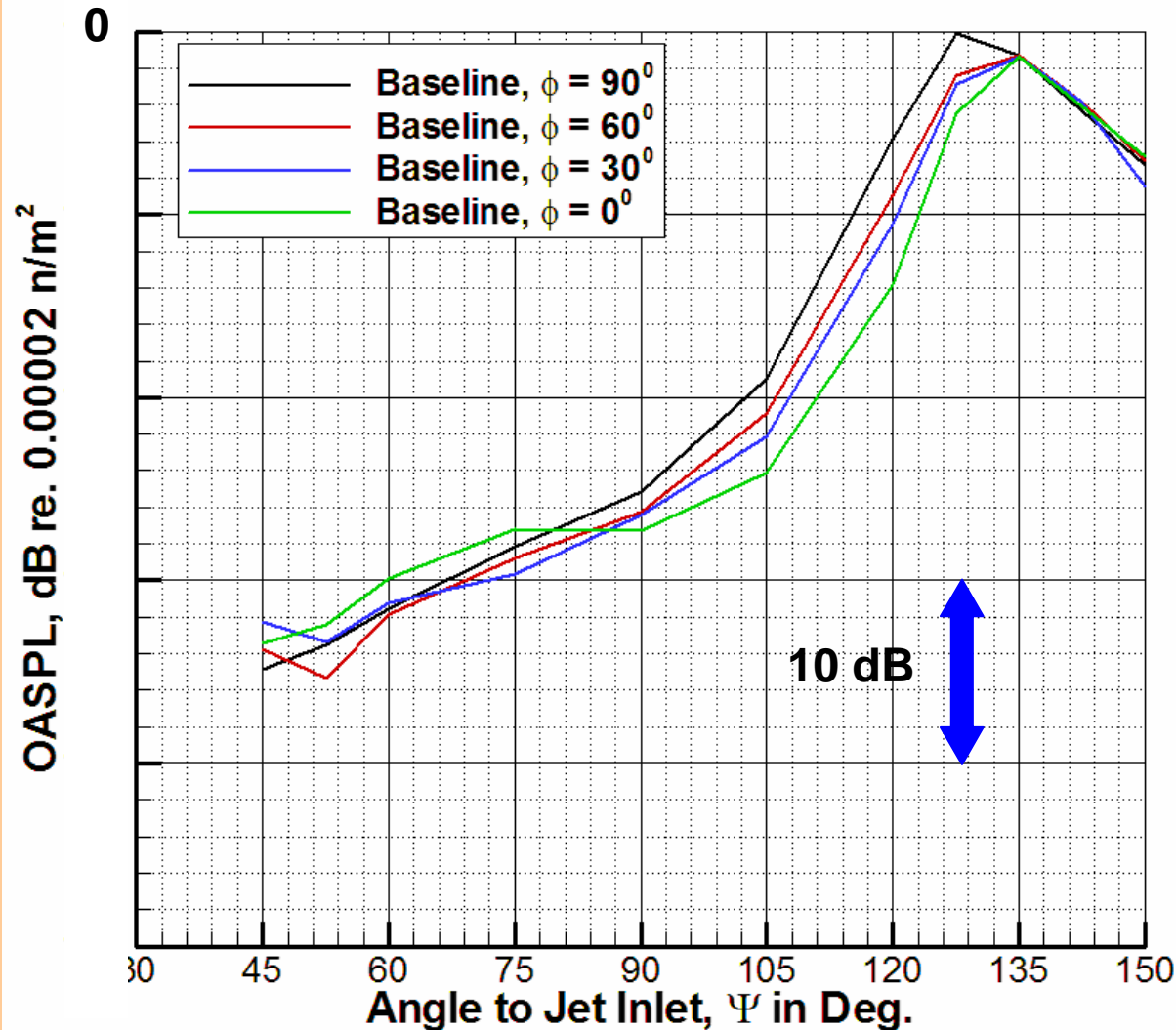
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# Axial Vorticity at Military Power of Corrugated Nozzle (SPIV)

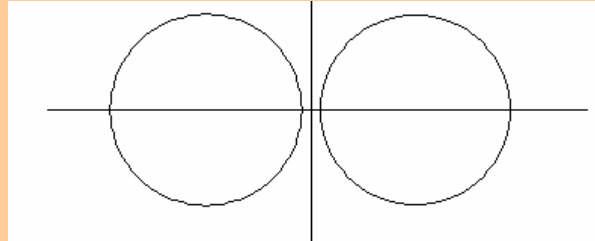


# *Twin Jet Azimuthal Noise Field Baseline Faceted Nozzle*



$\phi = 90^\circ$

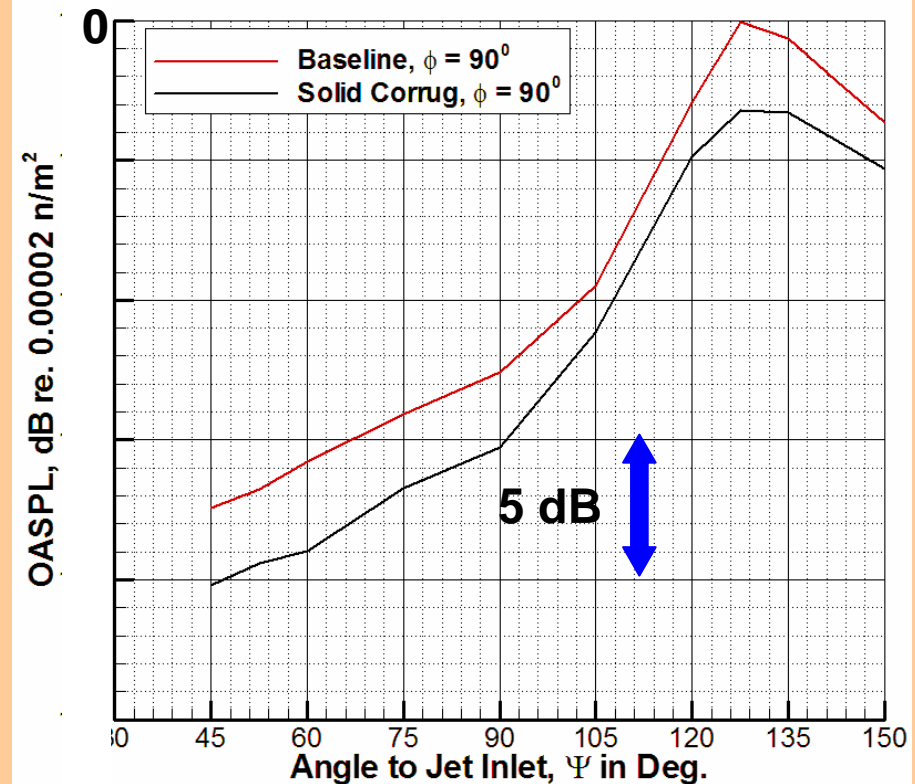
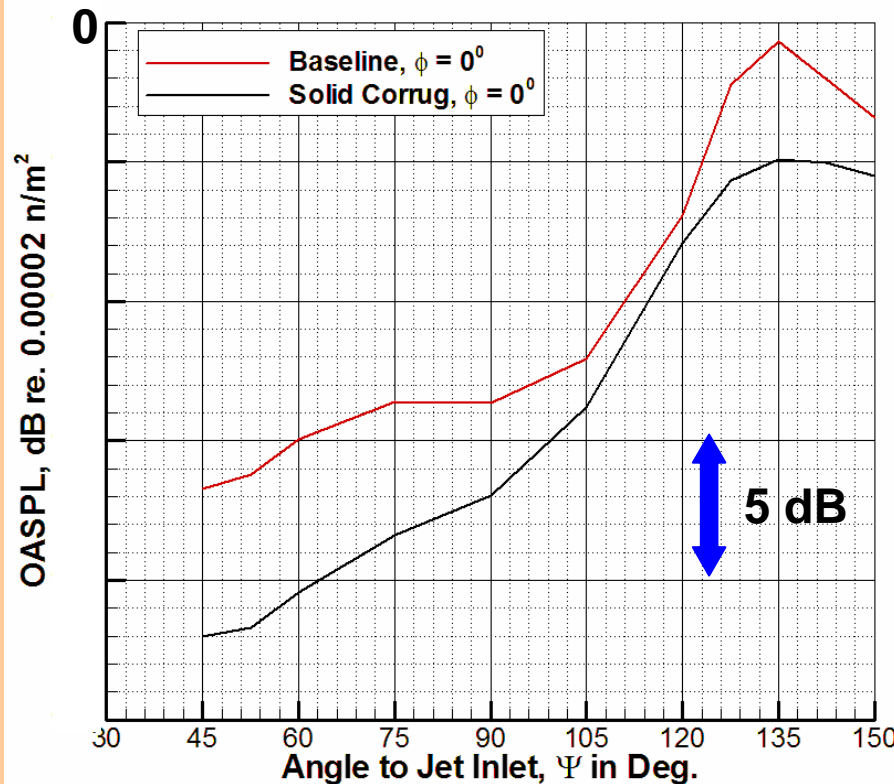
# Corrugated Seal & Baseline Faceted Twin Jet Nacelle Acoustics



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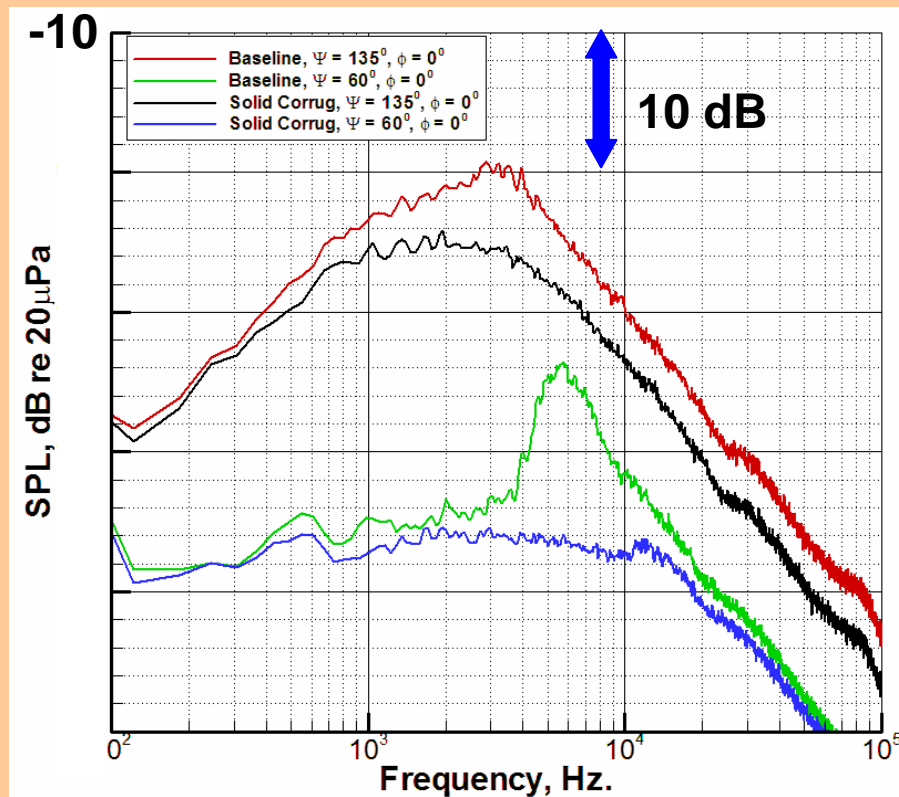
**Sideline Direction**

**Under Flight Path**

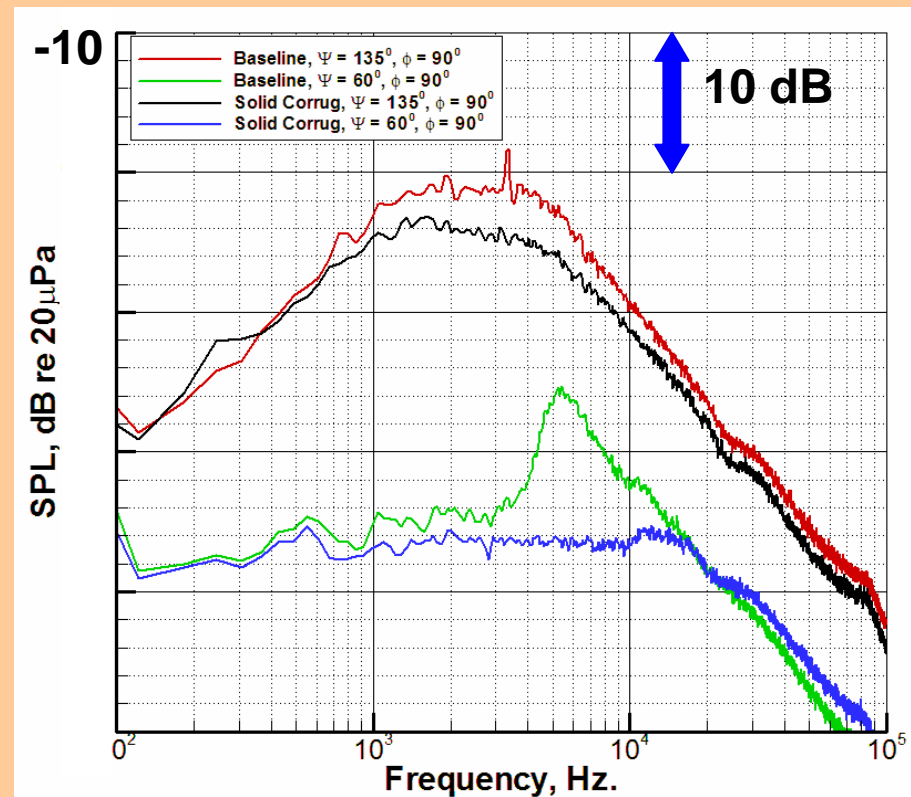


# Narrow Band Spectra at Principle Mach Wave and Shock Emission Angles

## Sideline Direction

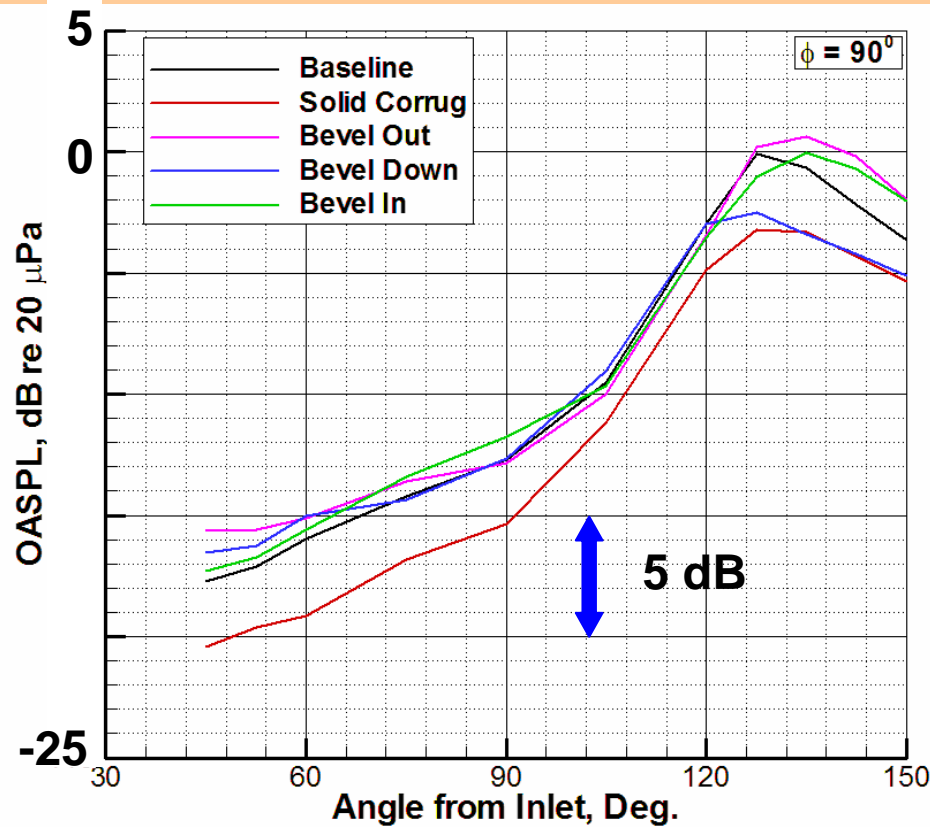


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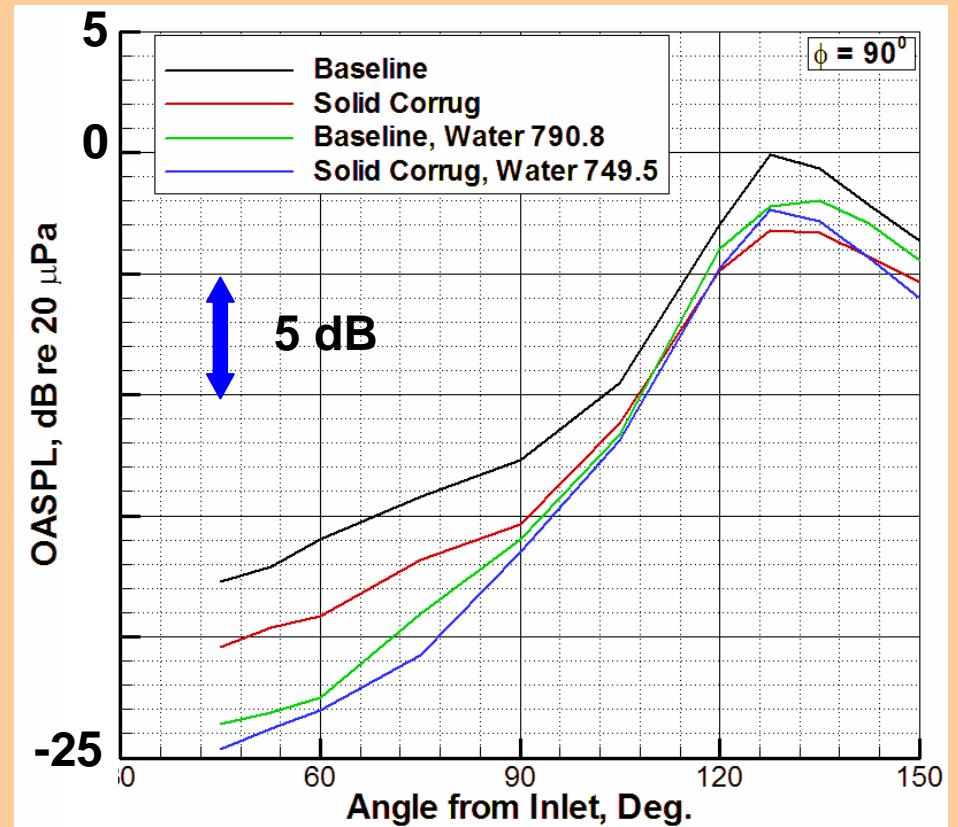


# Noise Radiated to Ground Plane

## Baseline, Corrugations & Beveled Nacelle OASPL

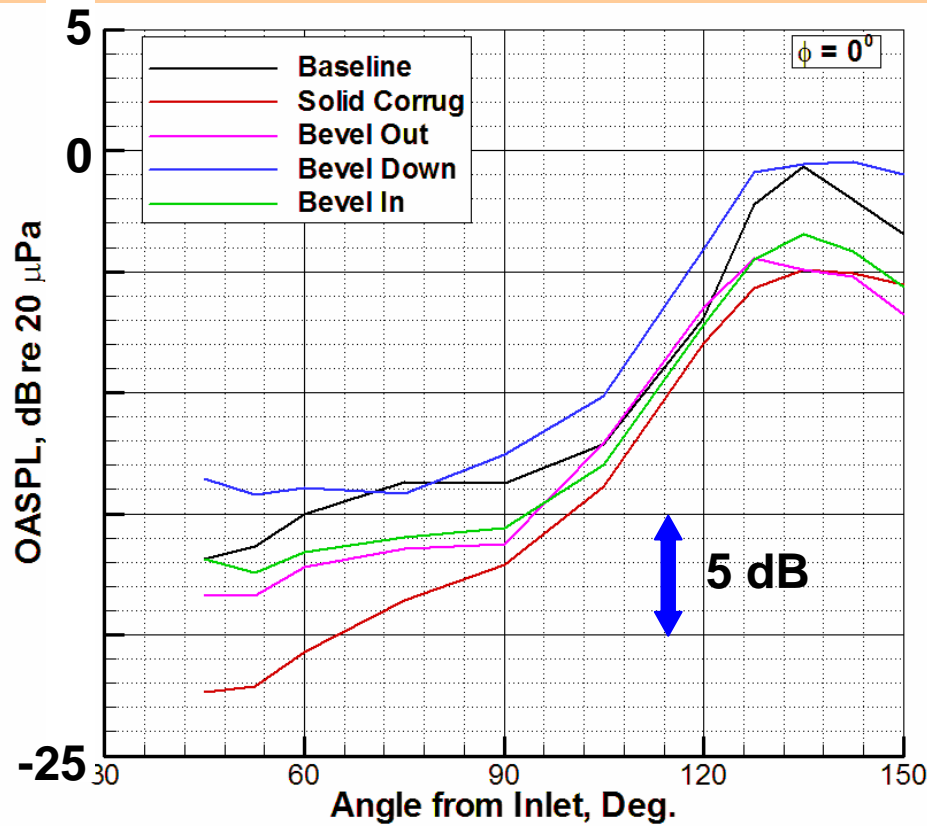


## Baseline, Corrugations & Microjets Nacelle OASPL

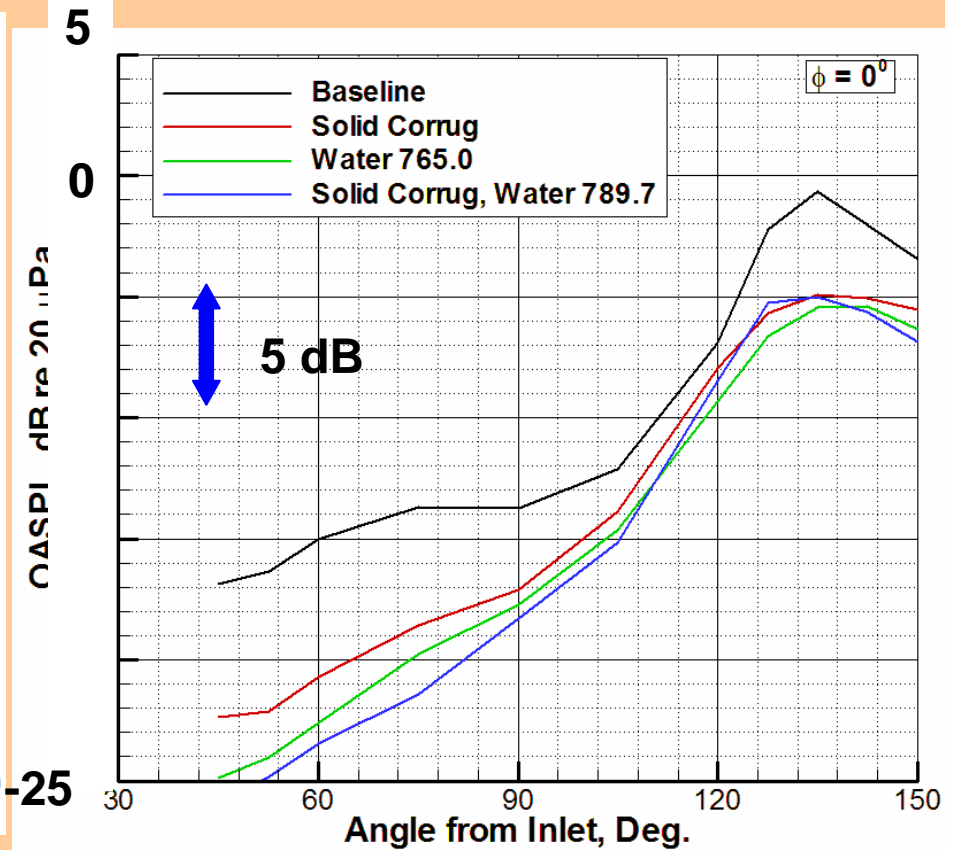


# Noise Radiated to Sideline

## Baseline, Corrugations & Beveled Nacelle OASPL

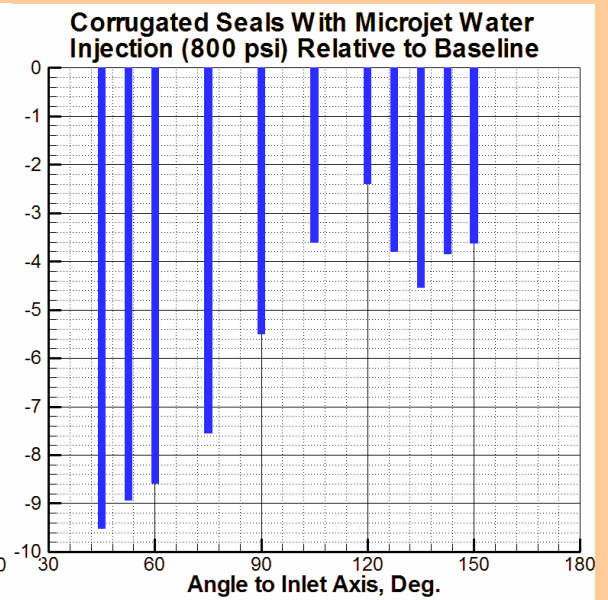
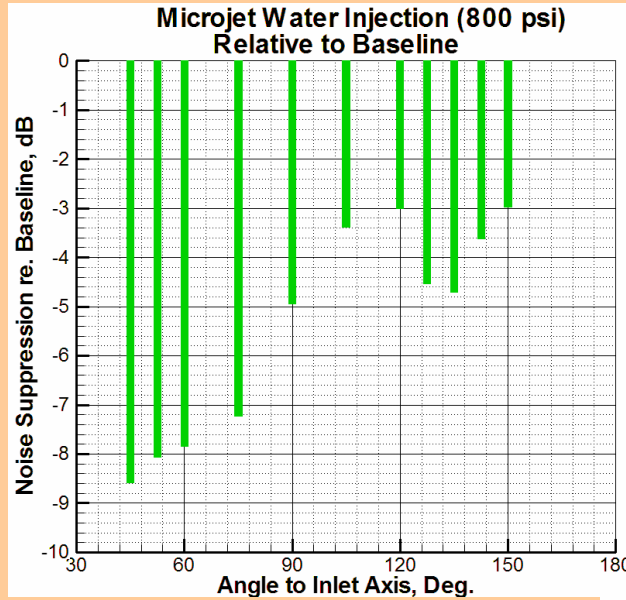
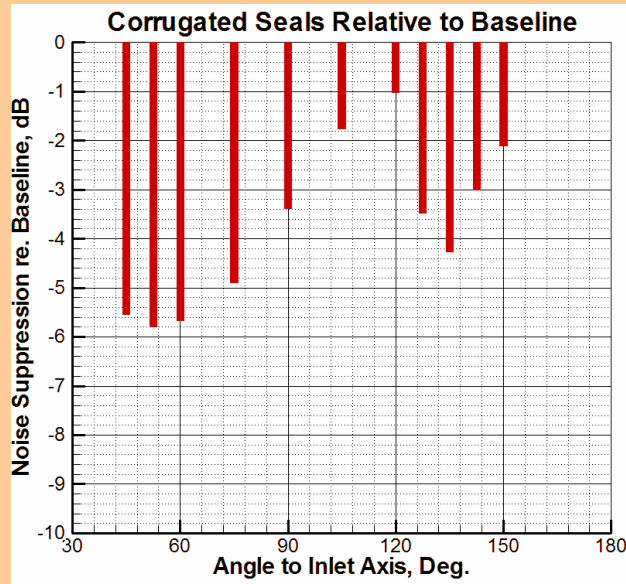


## Baseline, Corrugations & Microjets Nacelle OASPL





# Noise Suppression of Twin Jet Nacelle



# Conclusions

- **Model Testing Completed With 1/10'th Scale Twin Jet Nacelle.**
- **Improved Noise Suppression With Twin Jet Relative to Faceted Baseline.**
- **Beveled Nacelle Produces Strong Non-Axisymmetric Noise Field With Increased Levels In Certain Directions.**
- **Model Static Results Show 4.5 dB Reduction in Rear Arc and 9.5 dB in Forward Arc.**
- **All Concepts Lead to Aero-Performance Gain.**
- **Forward Flight Enhances Suppression.**