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**EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL
AEROACOUSTICS RESULTS OF
STRUT-BRACED WING
CONFIGURATION**

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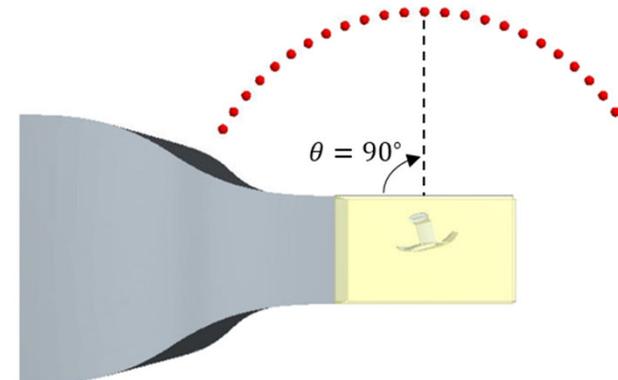
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Joint experimental and numerical study - UoB/Siemens collaboration

Main objectives from experimental side:

- Understand effect of the strut and junction on aeroacoustic characteristics of a high-lift device
- Conduct a parametric study on the strut height and mounting location

Main objectives from numerical side:

- Provide further insight into sound source mechanisms thanks to simulation
- Consolidate our best practices for aeroacoustic simulations

Modelling of wind
tunnel conditions

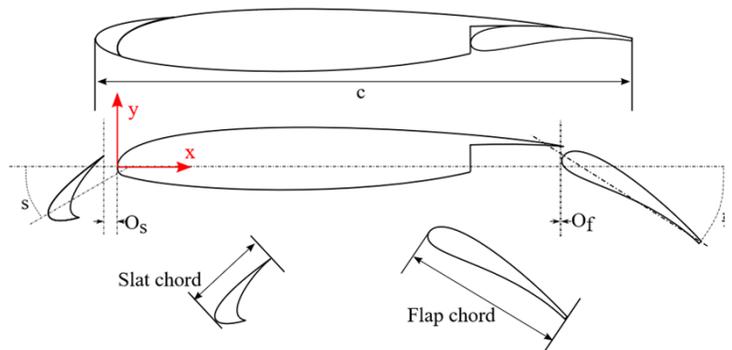
Correlation with
test data

Deep insight into flow
and acoustic thanks to
simulation

Performance of
numerical models
(LES, DES, U-RANS, ...)

Objectives:

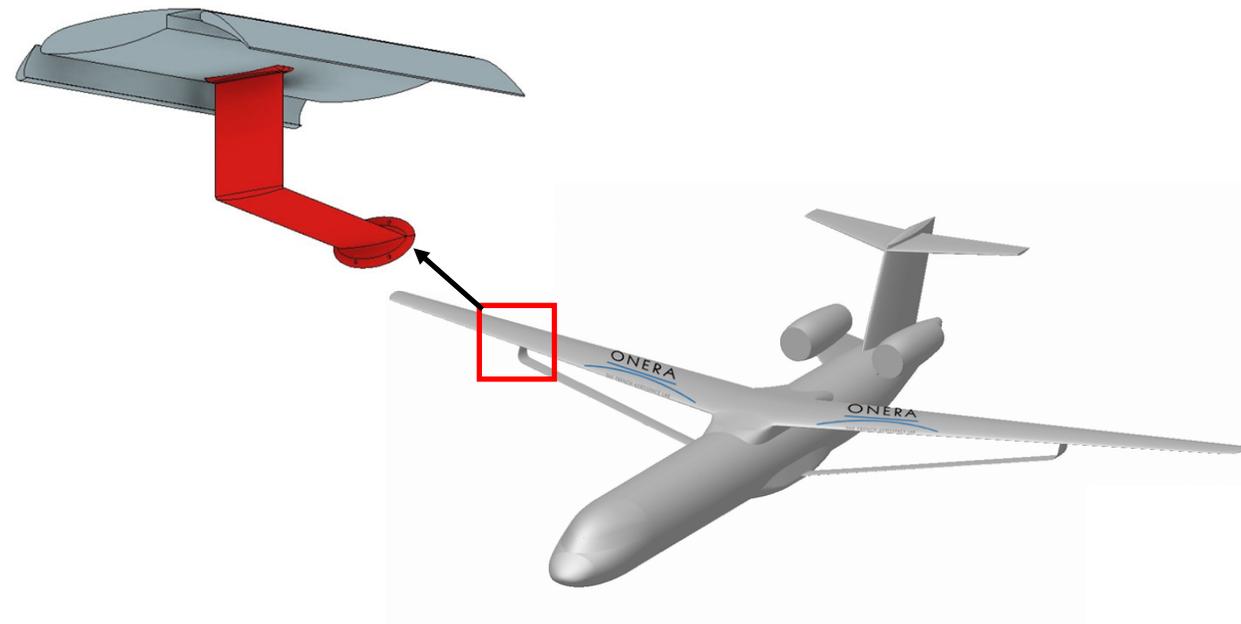
- To understand any potential noise signature changes from strut junction
- 30P30N retracted chord is like typical of this configuration
- Strut junction with wing likely to be around high-lift devices



30P30N HLD



Albatros wing aerofoil

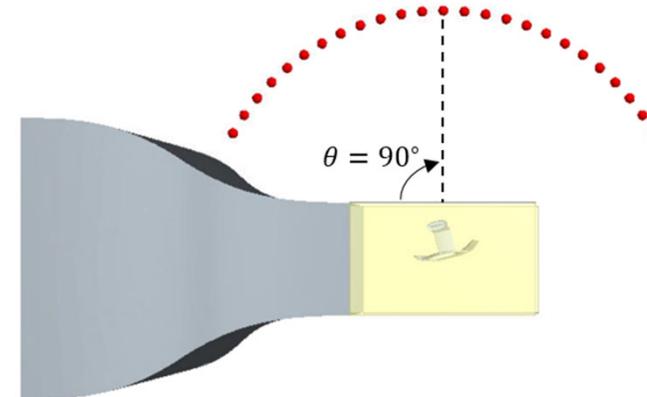


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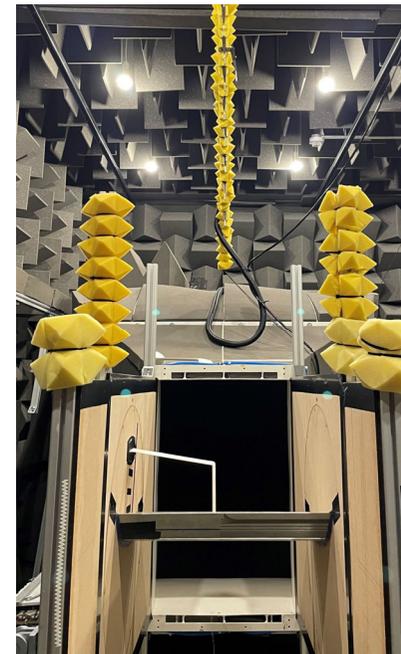
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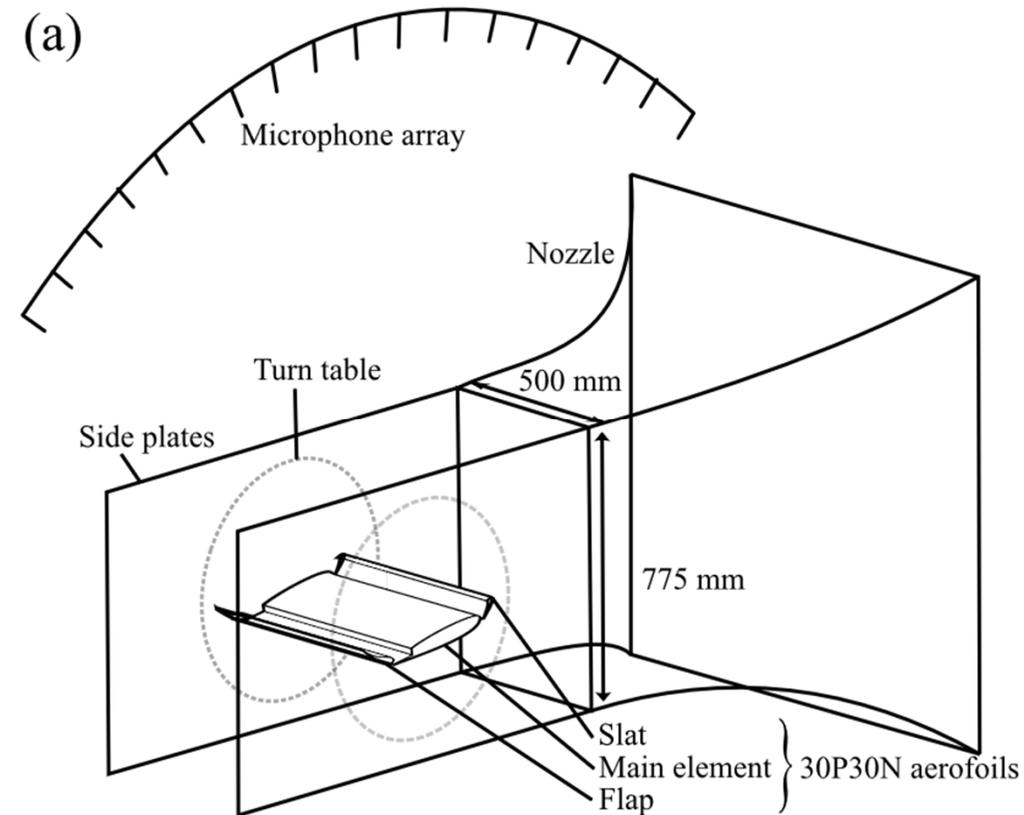
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- University of Bristol Aeroacoustic Wind tunnel
- Far-field microphone array of 23x GRAS Free-field microphones



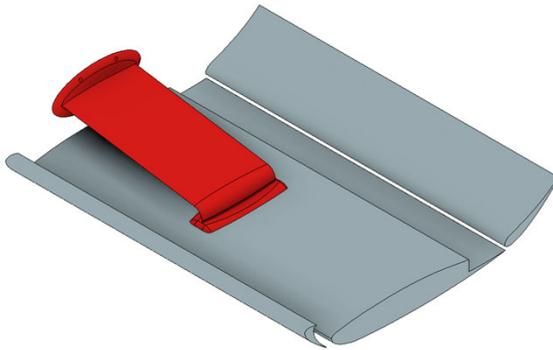
- 30P30N airfoil $c=0.35\text{m}$
- 3 strut heights at 2 chordwise locations
- Flow velocities $U_\infty=25,30$ and 34 m/s
- Geometric angles of attack of $\alpha=12^\circ,14^\circ,16^\circ$ and 18°
- 103 static pressure taps
- 18 surface pressure microphones at 3 chordwise locations
- Measurements of C_p , surface pressure fluctuations, velocity measurements using CTA hotwire.



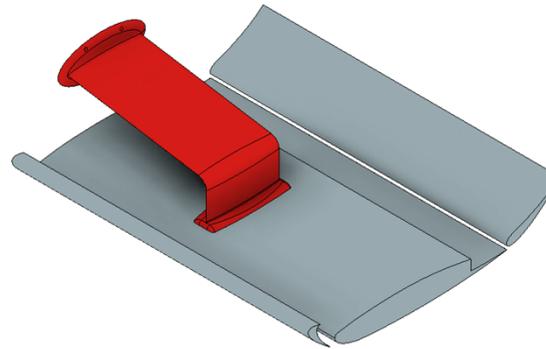
STRUT CONFIGURATIONS

Mid-Chord
mounting

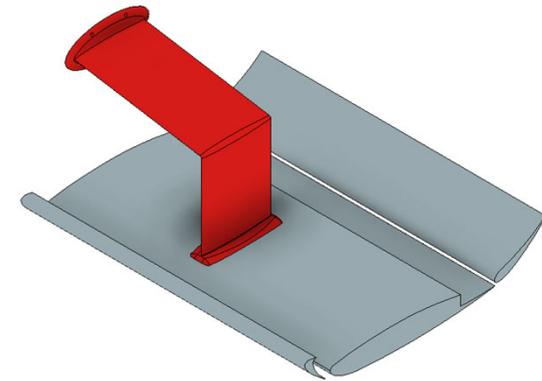
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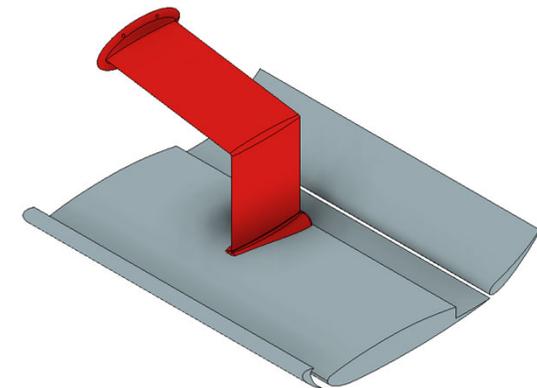
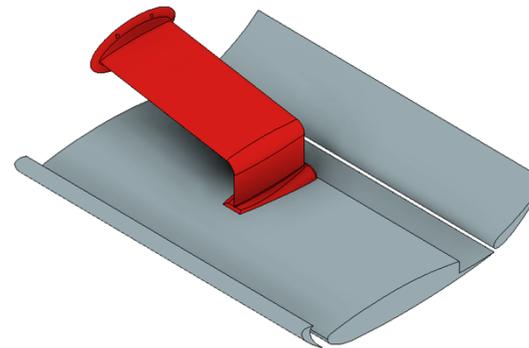
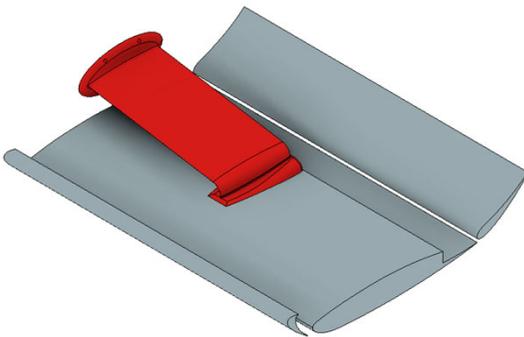
Medium Height



Albatros



Trailing edge
mounting

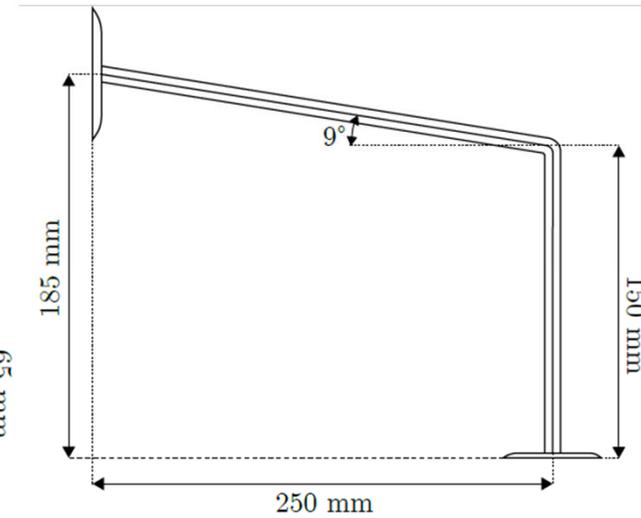
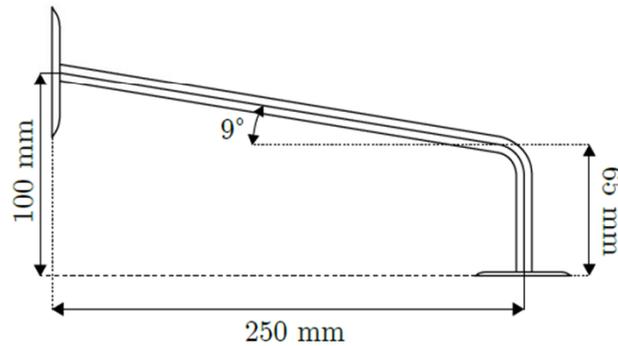
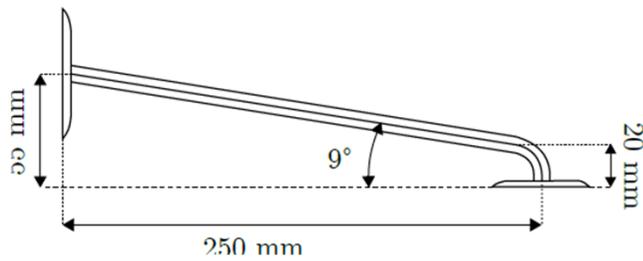


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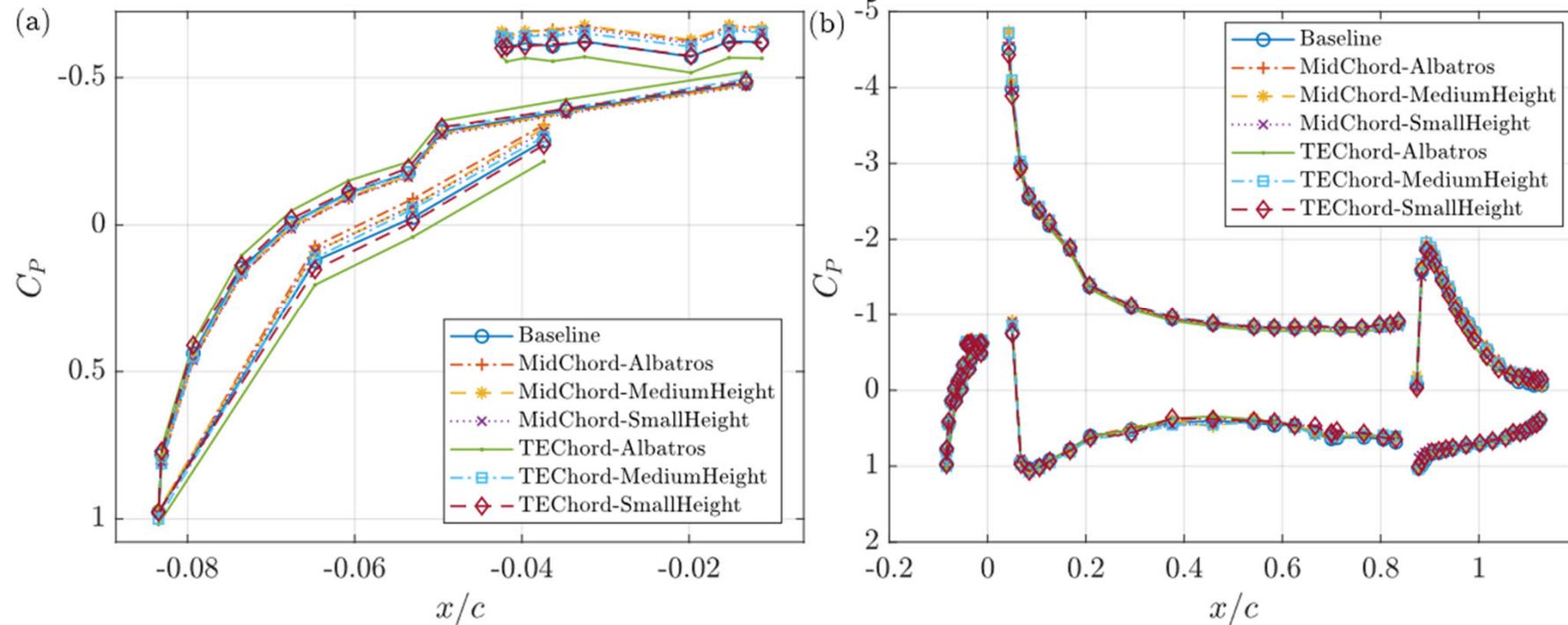
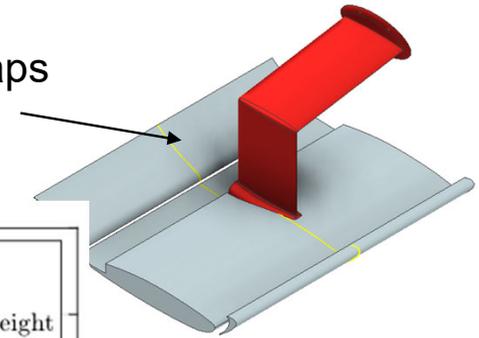
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Geometric definition



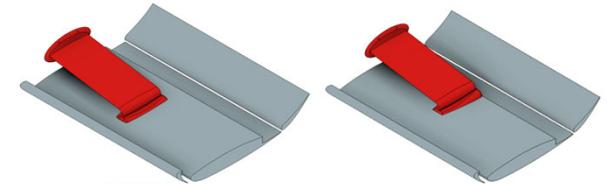
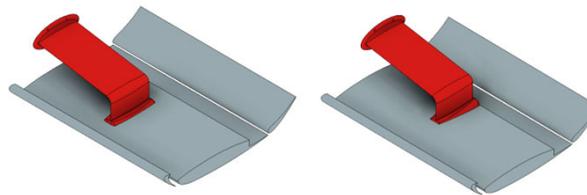
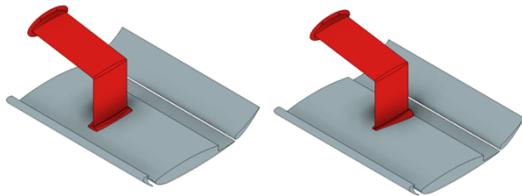
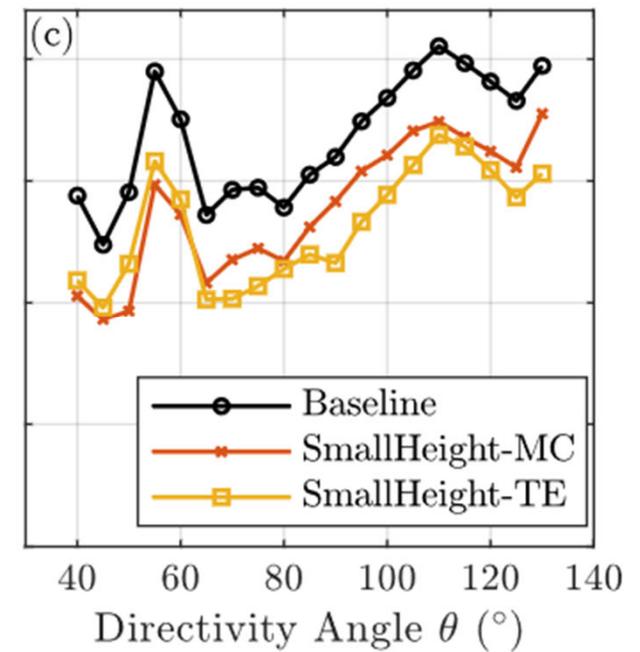
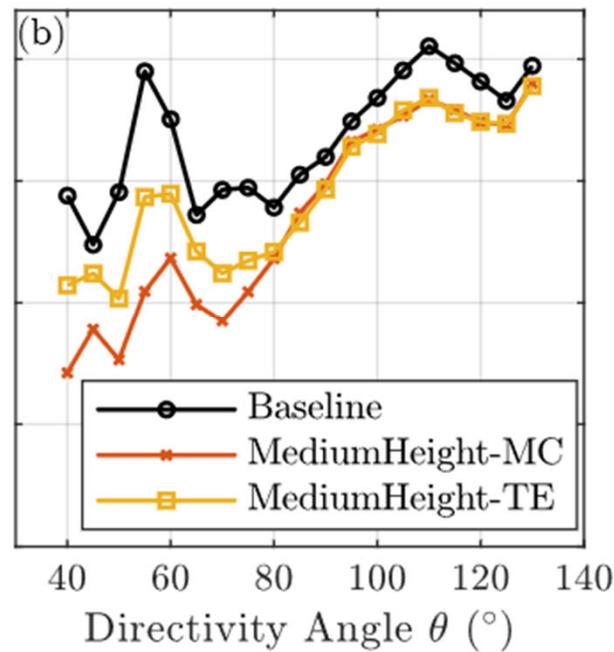
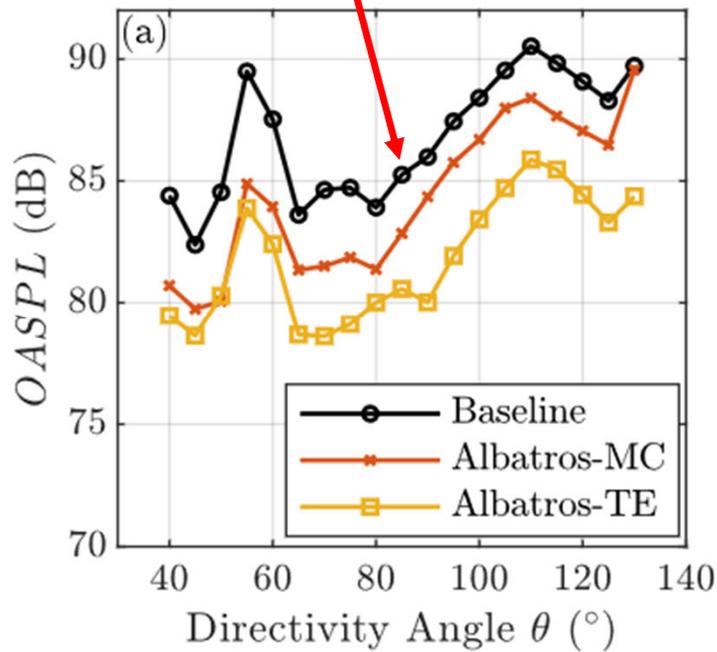
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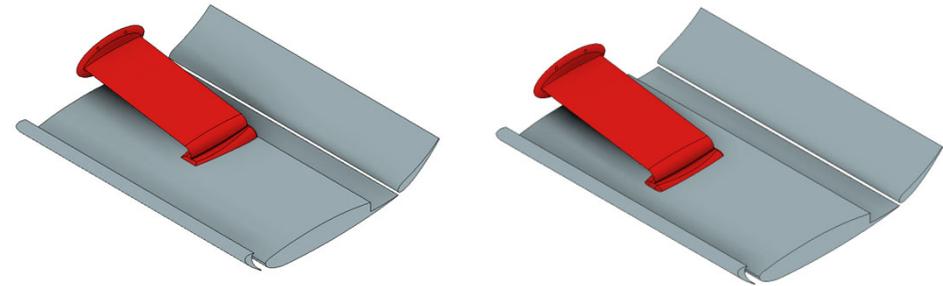
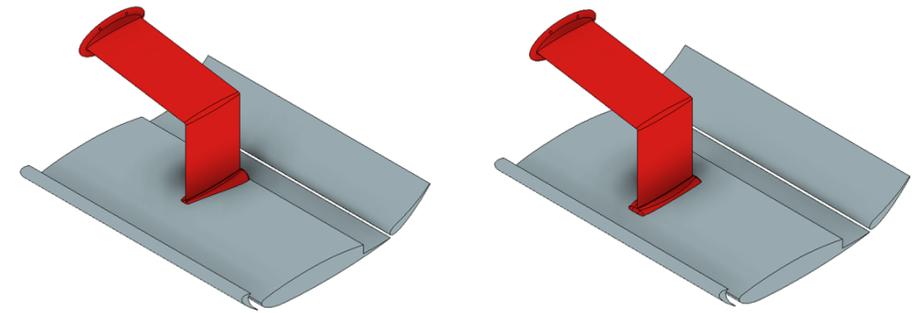
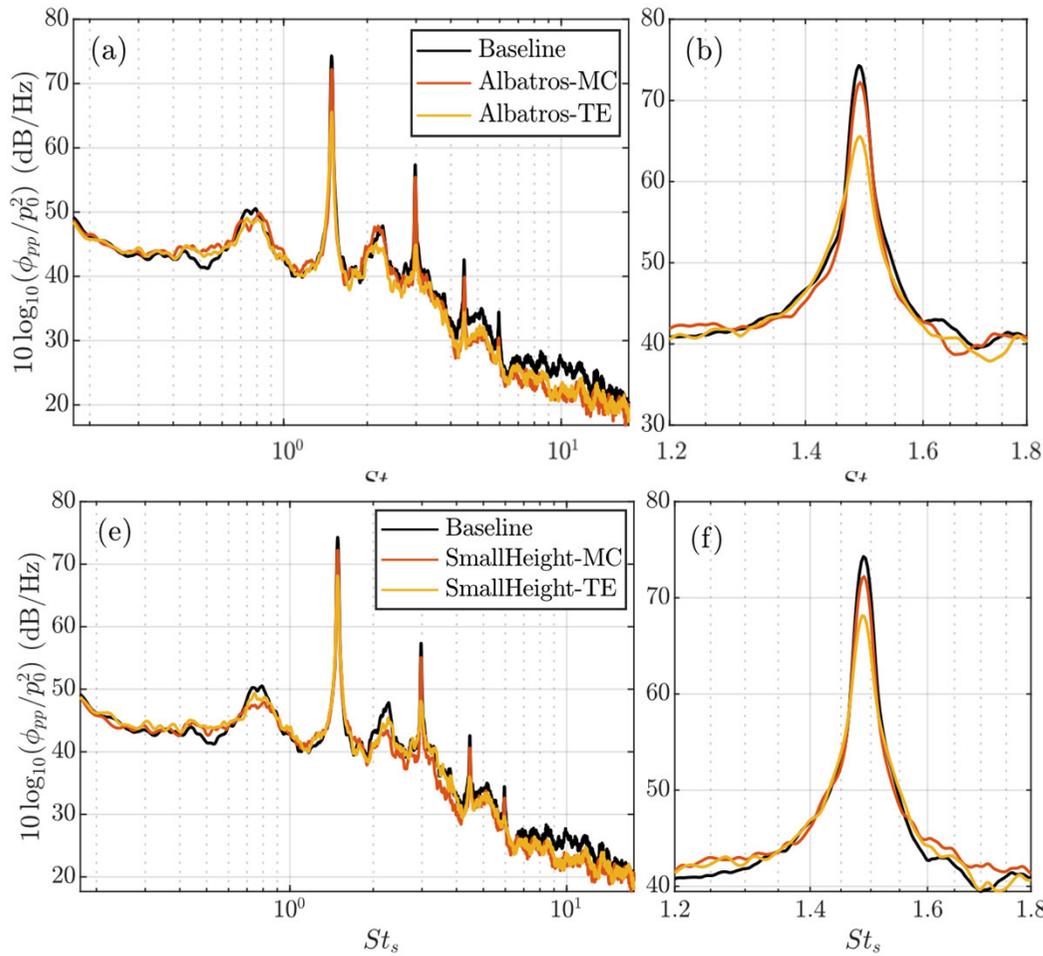
Plane of C_p Taps



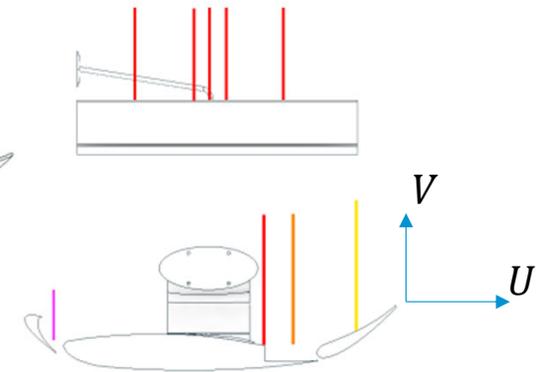
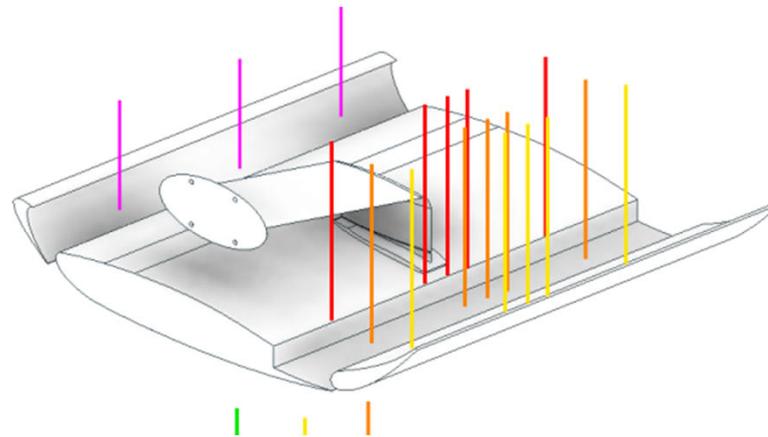
6 dB Reduction

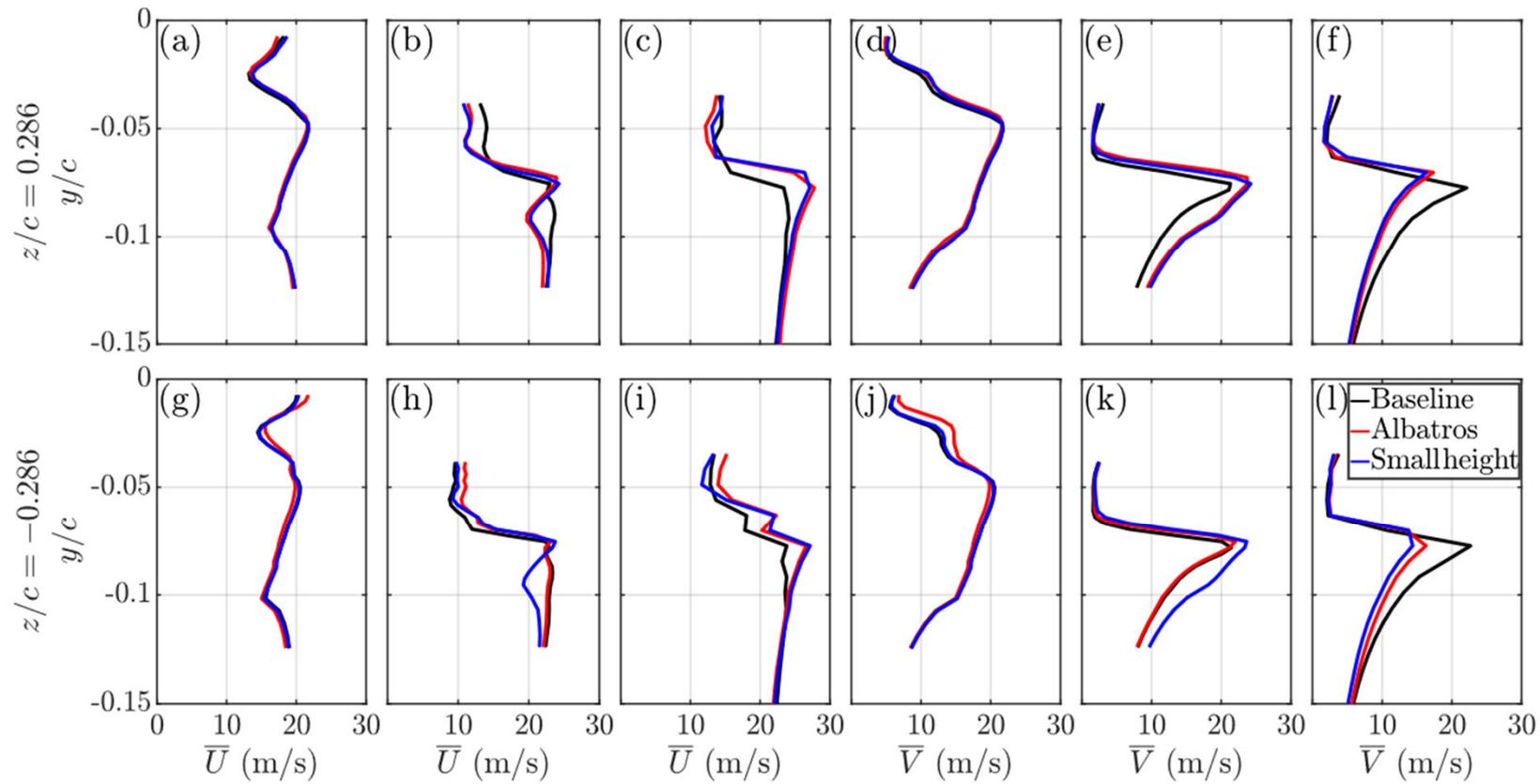
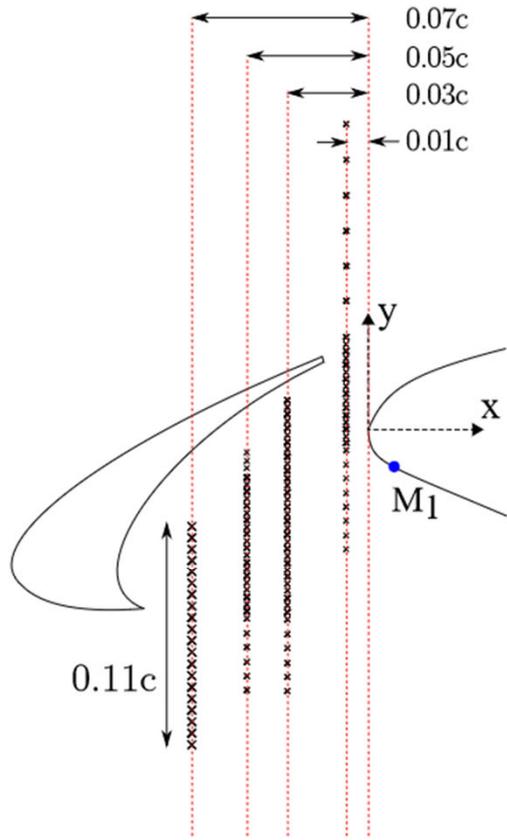
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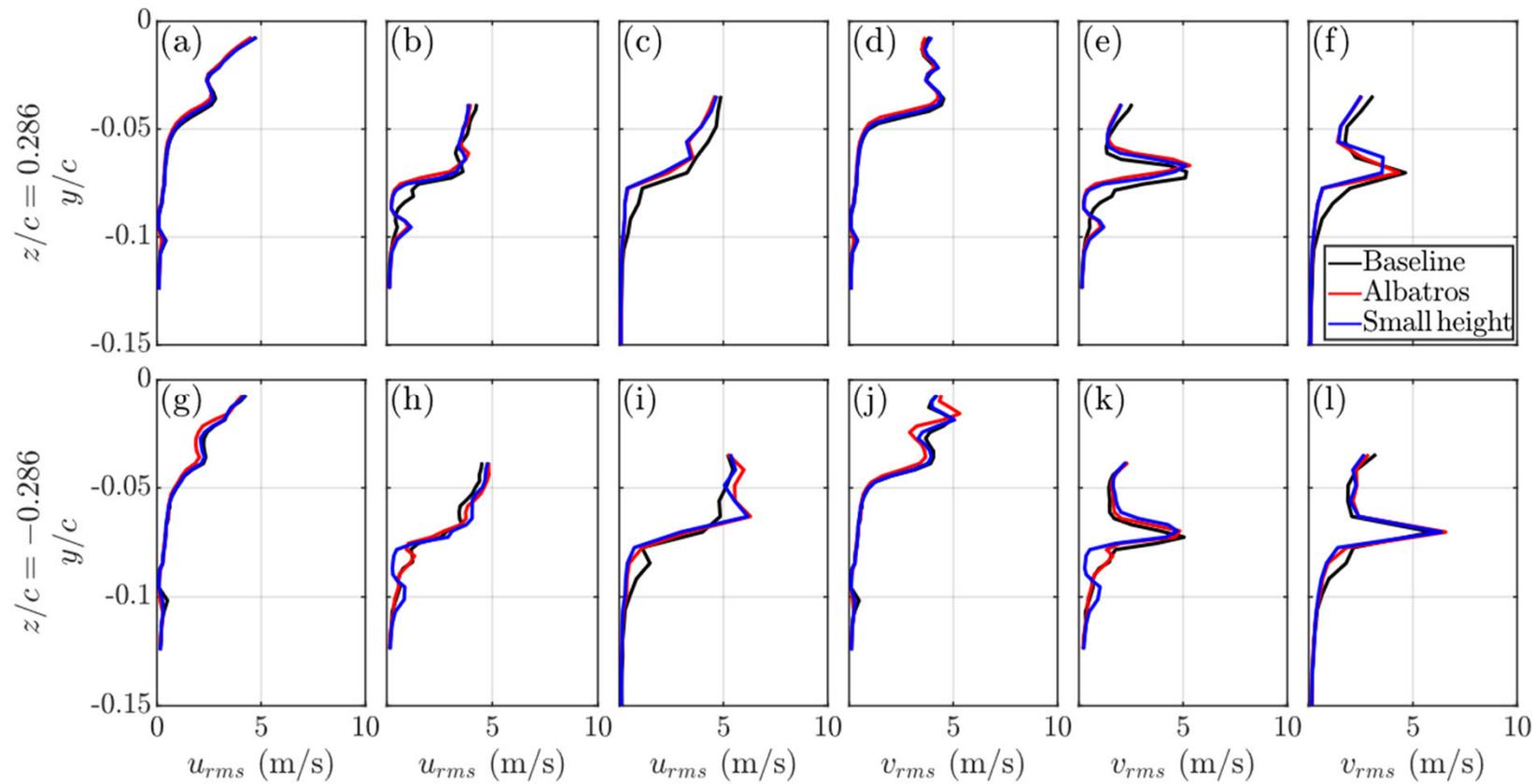
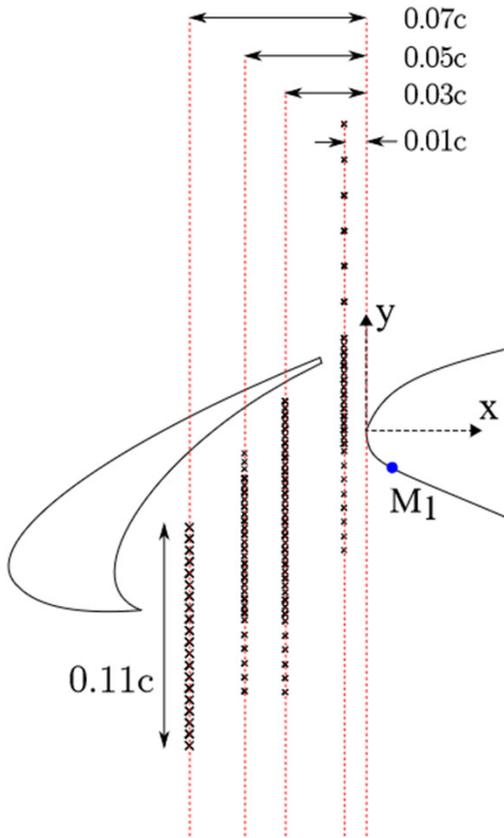


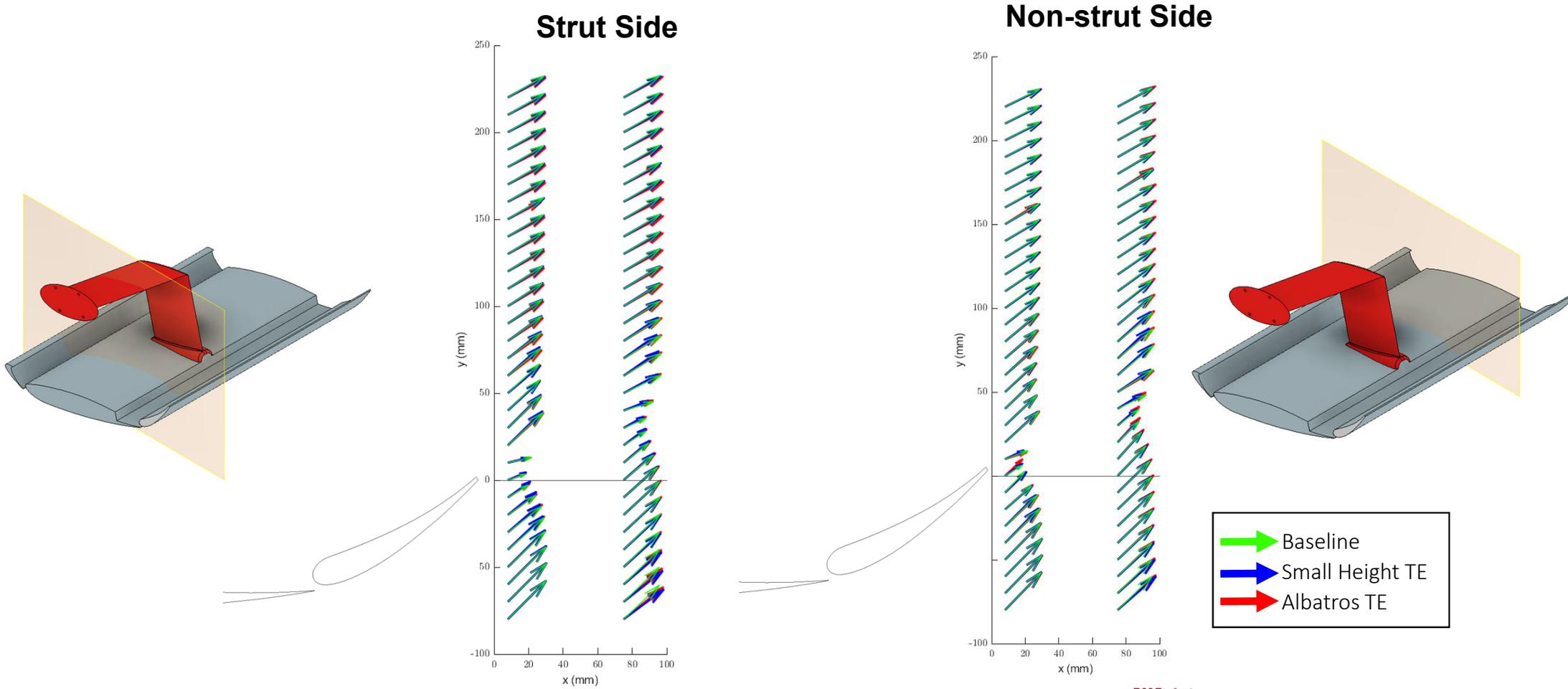


- Velocity measurements made with 2-component x-wire probe.
- Measuring U and V velocity
- Extensive measurements for small height and Albatros configurations







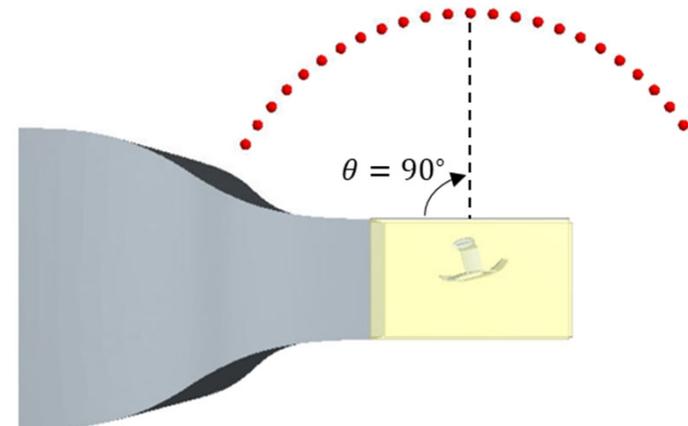


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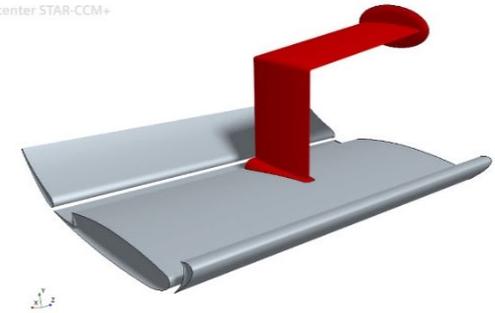
Albatros trailing-edge mounting case selected for its reduced noise footprint compared to the no-strut configuration

Main parameters

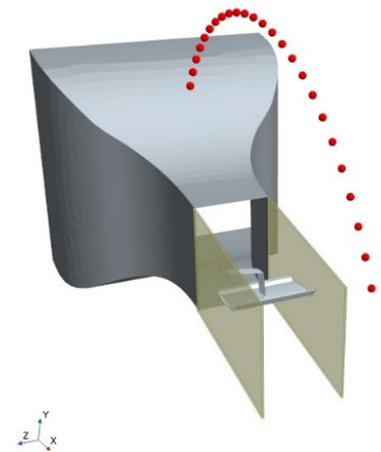
Stowed chord c	0.35 m
Span l	0.53 m
AoA	14 deg
Velocity U_∞	30 m/s
Mach number M_∞	0.0875
Chord-based Reynolds number Re_c	7.02×10^5

- Aeroacoustic simulations with/without strut
- For realistic flow conditions, wind tunnel nozzle and side-plates included in the simulations

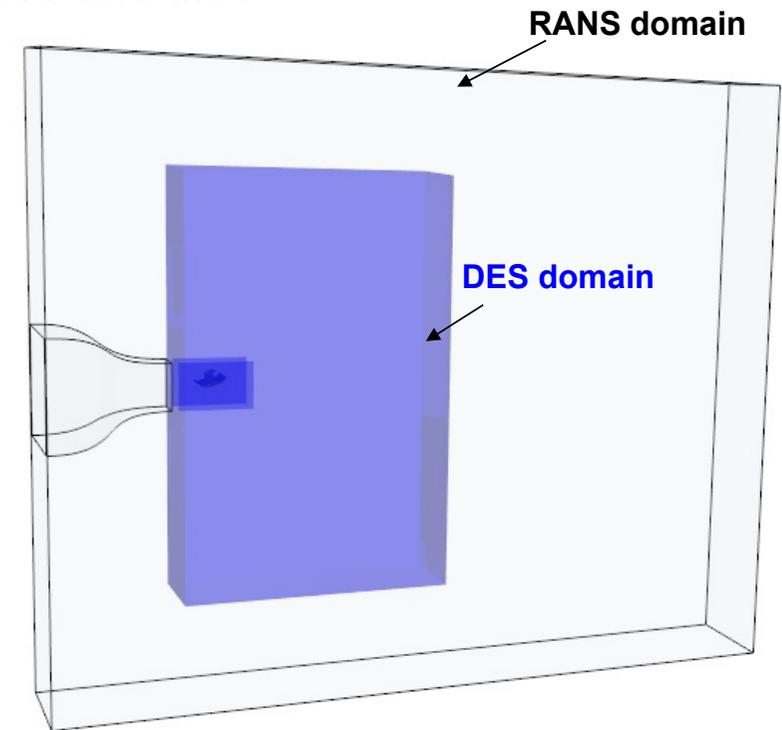
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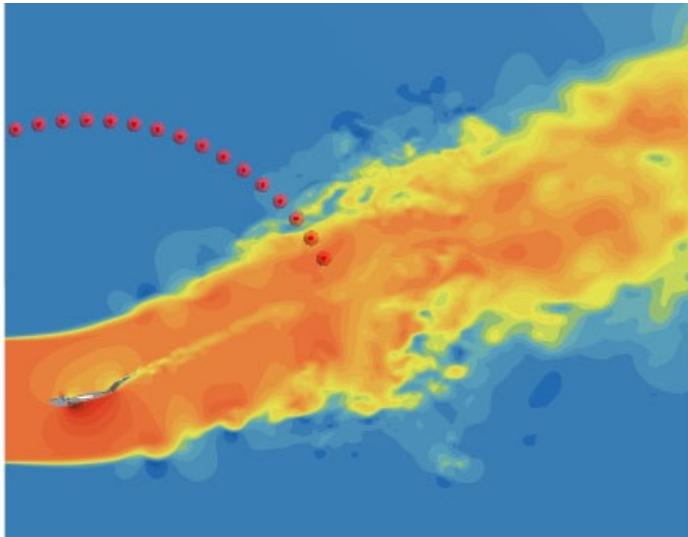


- **Simcenter STAR-CCM+**
 - Multiphysics CFD software
 - Finite-volume unstructured solver, 2nd order accurate in space and time
- **Compressible simulations**
 - To capture slat noise mechanisms
- **Detached-Eddy Simulations (DES)**
 - SST $k - \omega$ detached-eddy model
 - DES grids of 45M cells w/o strut and 60M cells with strut
 - $y^+ < 2$ at the airfoil walls
 - Mesh resolved up to 4 kHz in the acoustic region
 - Initial condition: RANS including the wind tunnel nozzle
 - Computations
 - 40 000 time steps per DES (T=0.32 s)
 - Statistics collected over of period of 0.24 s

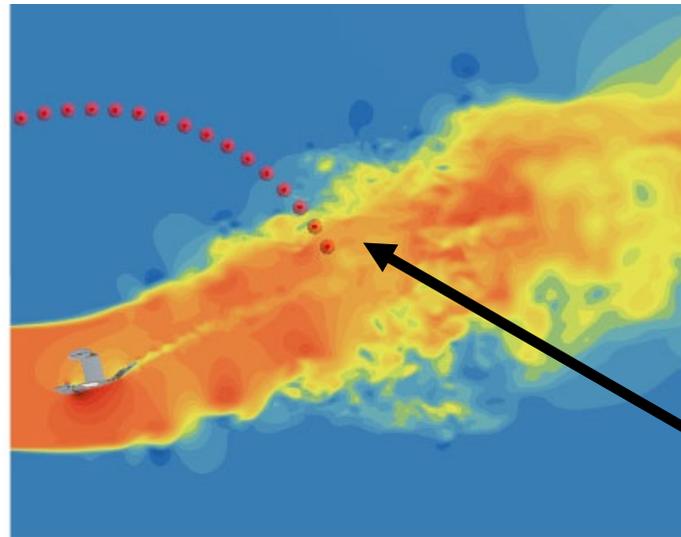


- Instantaneous views of streamwise velocity field in the mid-span plane

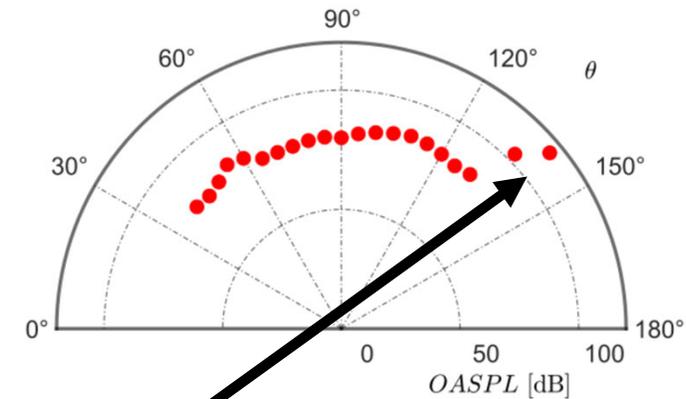
DES - no-strut case



DES - strut case



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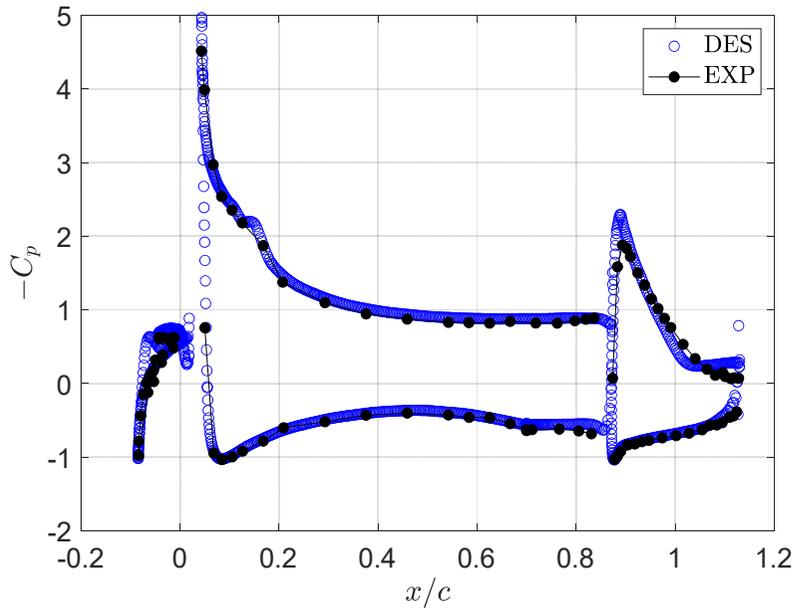


Microphones affected by flow

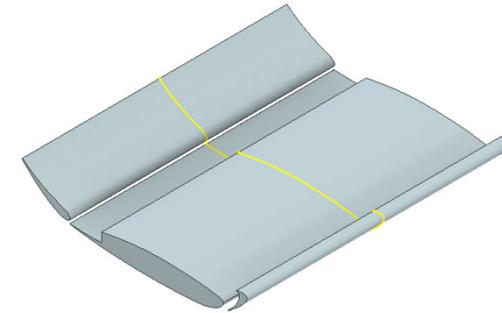
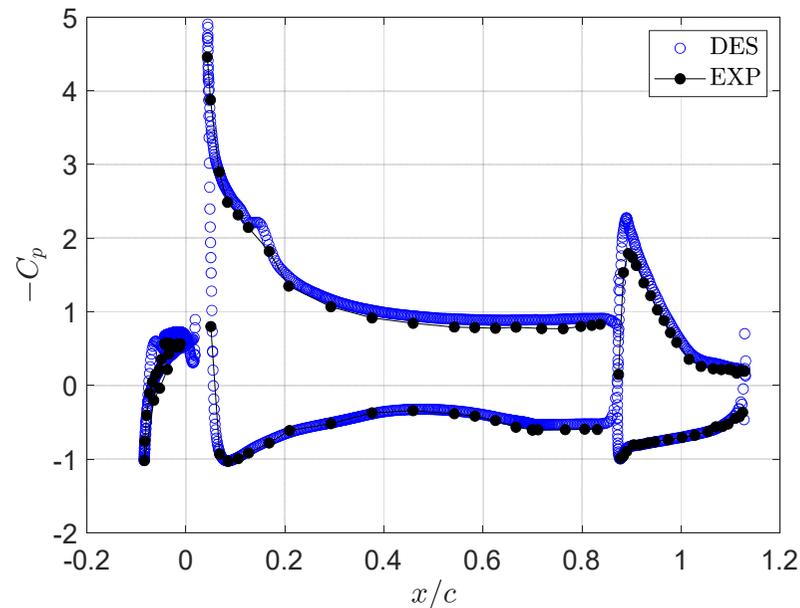
Wind tunnel jet flow strongly deflected by the presence of the wing, with jet shear layers reaching microphones located at extremity of the arc.

- Pressure coefficient on high-lift device in the mid-span plane

No-strut case



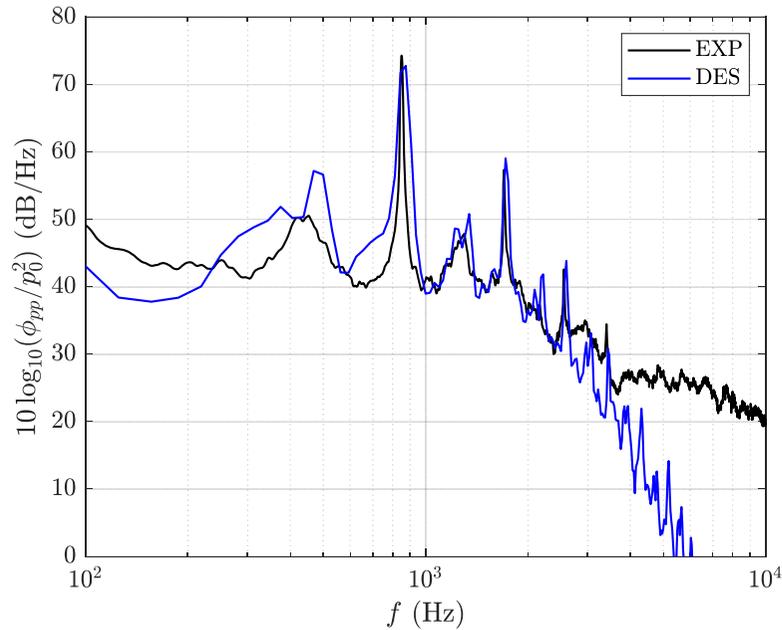
Strut case



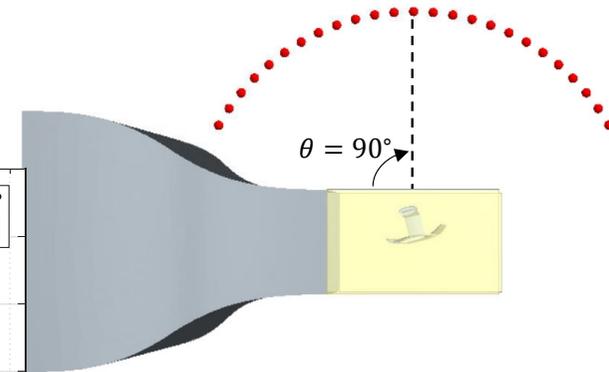
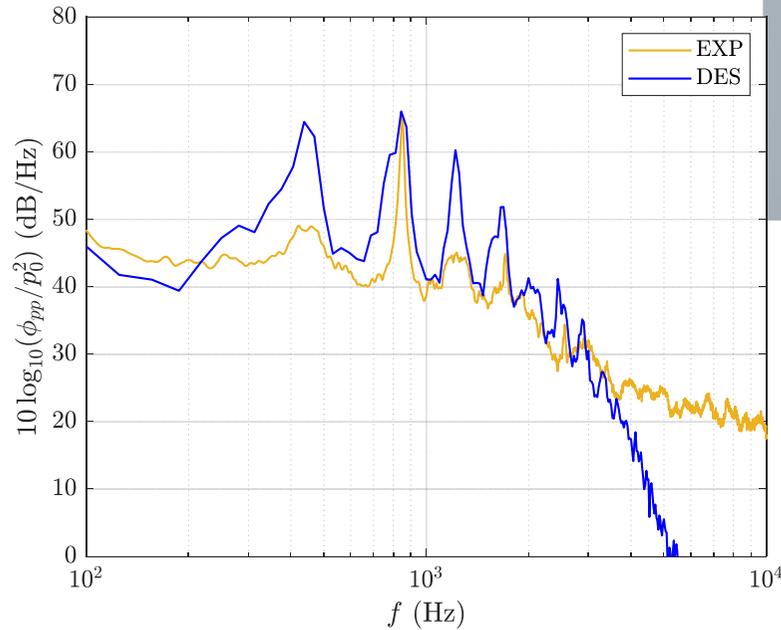
Numerical results obtained from time-averaged DES data. Excellent agreement with experimental data.

- Power spectral density at $r = 1.75$ m and $\theta = 90^\circ$

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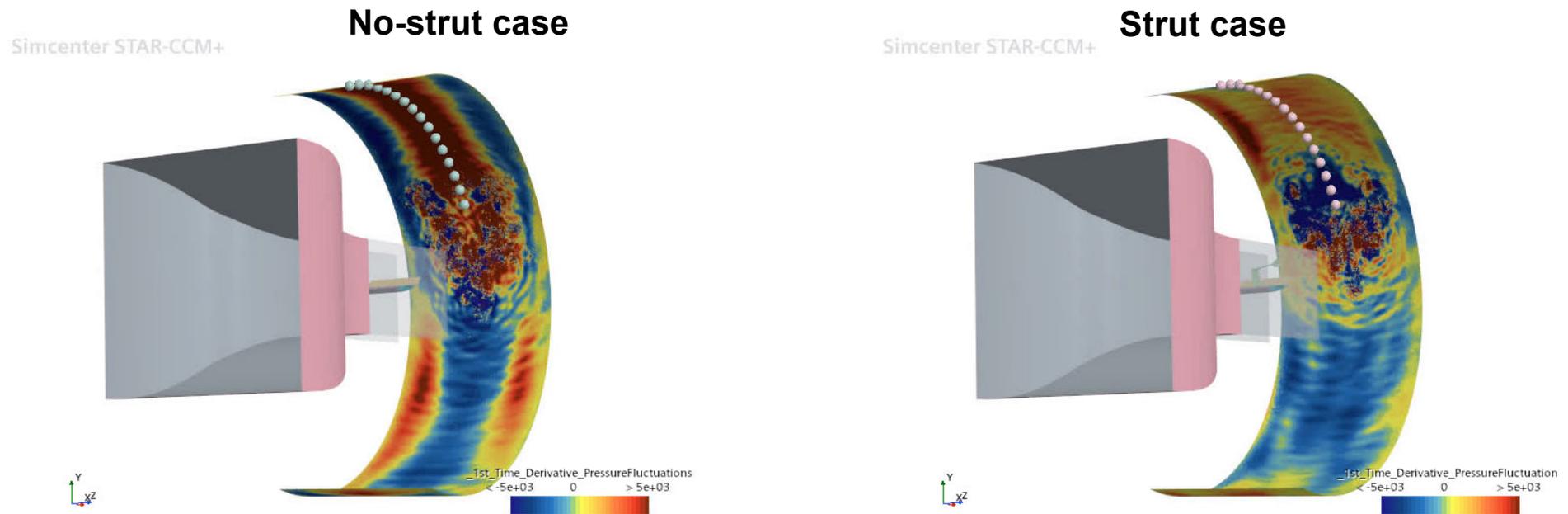


Strut case



Tonal frequencies well-predicted in DES simulations, amplitude of the main peak well-captured. With strut, overprediction of the higher modes maybe due to DES turbulence modelling. Under investigation.

- Time derivative of the pressure fluctuations on a cylindrical section at 1 m from the wing

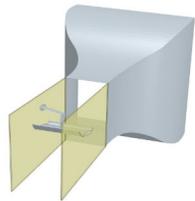


With strut, the acoustic field becomes highly asymmetric.
On-going work to better understand the sound source mechanisms at stake.

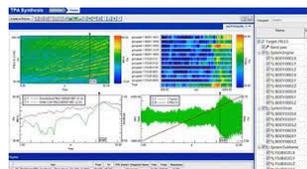
- Extensive experimental test campaign of strut configurations
 - Mean C_p values for each configuration show little change
 - Far-field noise demonstrates sensitivity to strut height and mounting location
 - Velocity results hint towards a local reduction of angle of attack on strut side in wake
- Numerical simulations carried out for one wing-strut configuration
 - DES results in very good agreement with experimental data
 - The presence of the strut leads to an asymmetry of the acoustic field
 - Towards improved best practices for aeroacoustic simulations



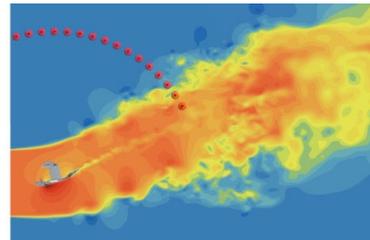
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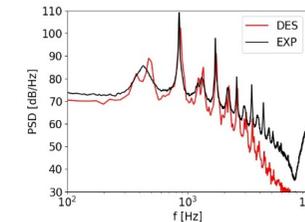
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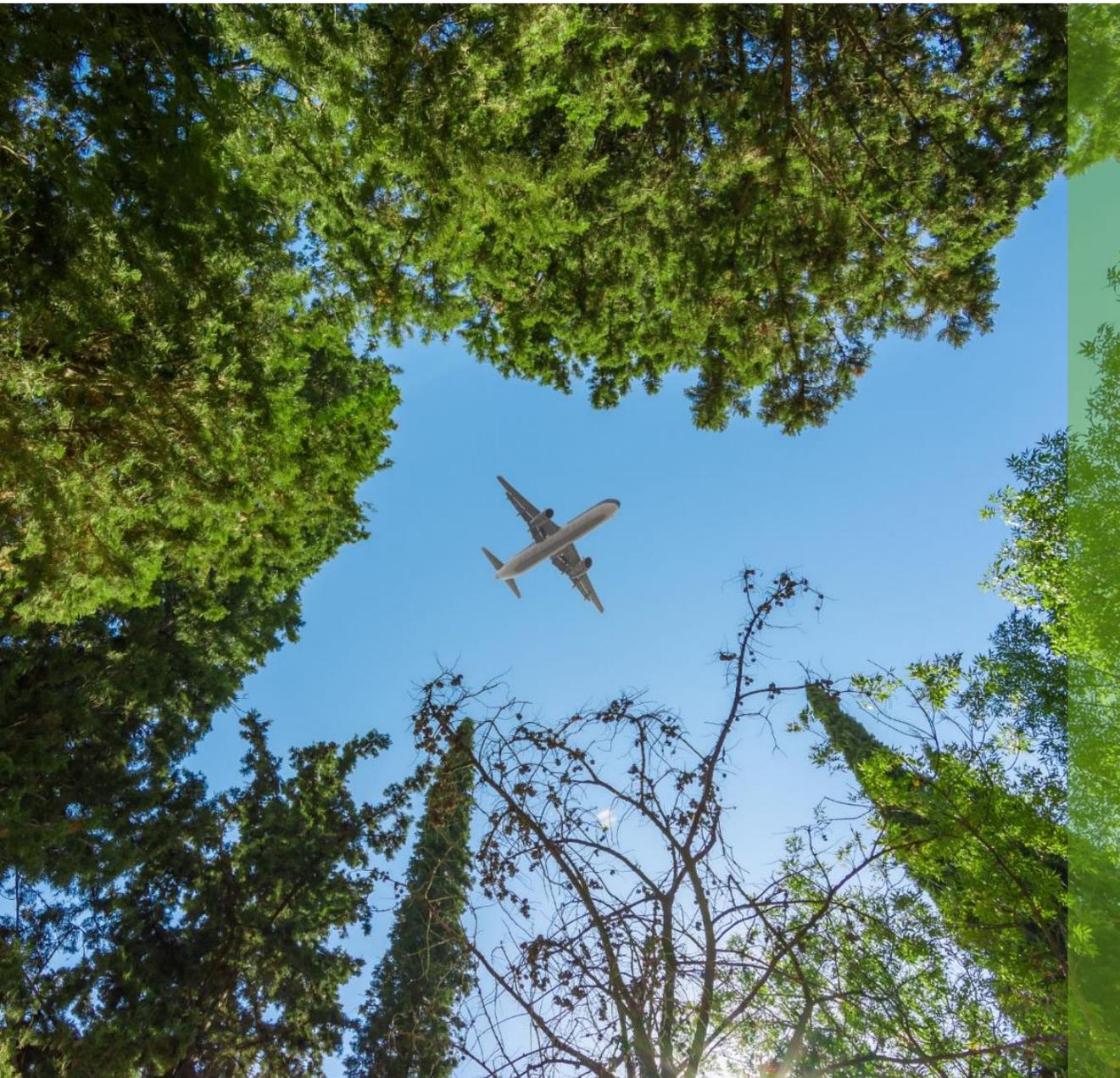


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Performance of numerical models (LES, DES, U-RANS, ...)





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