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Summary

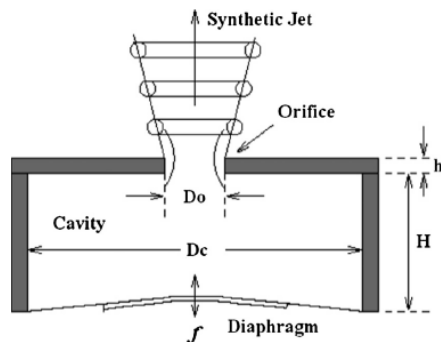
- Active Flow Control 
 - ❖ Definition
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- The Zero-Net-Mass-Flux 
- Setting simulations 
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- Conclusion 



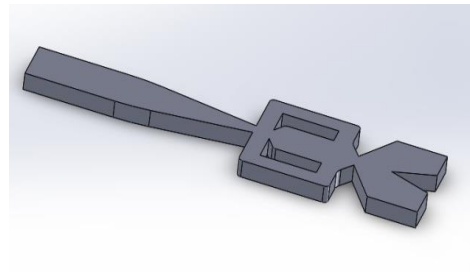
Active flow control (AFC)

➤ Fluid dynamics technology which is used to improve the performance of aerodynamic surfaces under varying conditions.

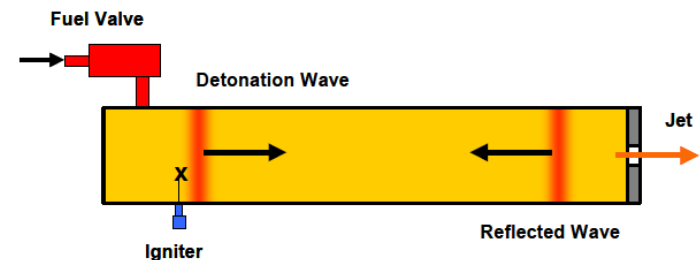
❖ **Active:** Implies that the technology is applied only when needed, to avoid the drawdown of the natural performance.



Zero-Net-Mass-Flux



Fluidic oscillator

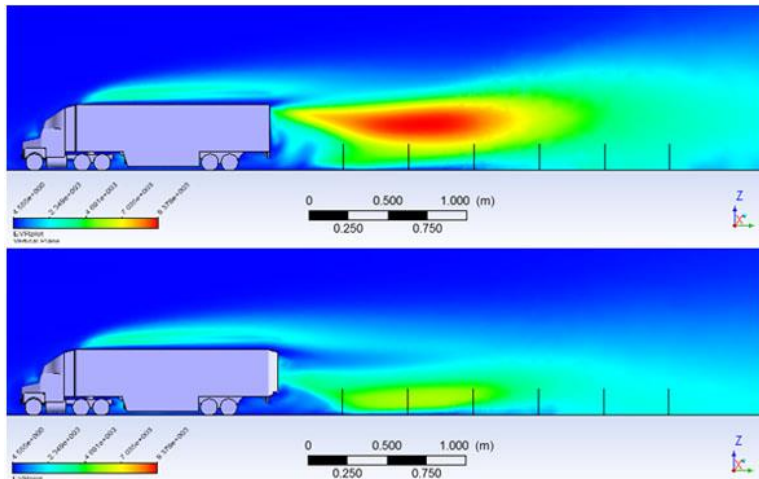


Combustion driven jet actuator

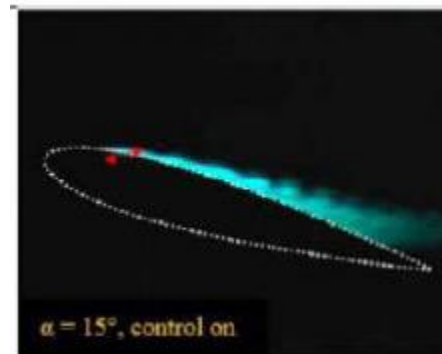
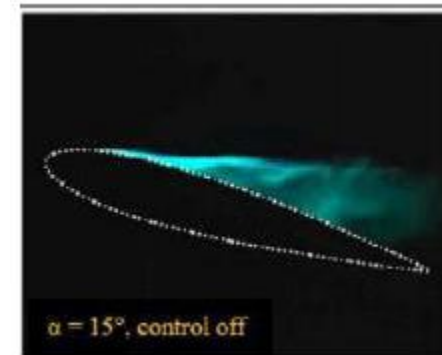


Active flow control (AFC)

- Wide application in different fields of research
 - ❖ Aerospace sector
 - ❖ Automobile industry



Vorticity in the back of the truck when using AFC

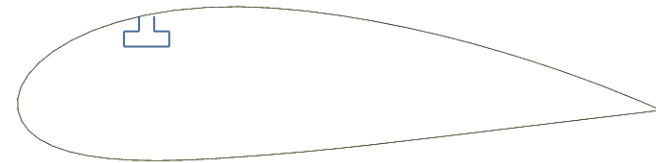


Tomoscopy flow visualization of the boundary layer without AFC (top) and using AFC (bottom)

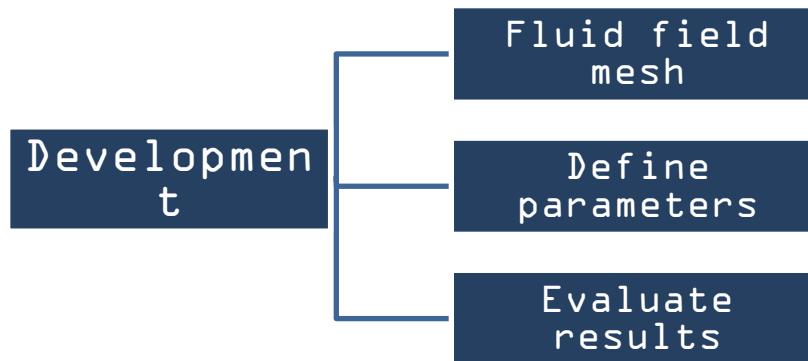


The Zero-Net-Mass-Flux

- **Aim:** Study how a Zero-Net-Mass-Flux (ZNMf) can improve the performance of a NACA 4421 airfoil



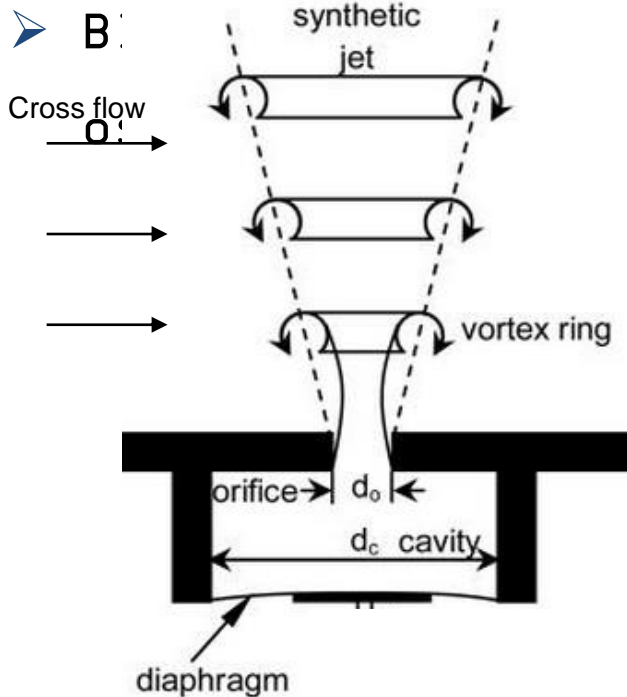
ZNMf set on a NACA 4421





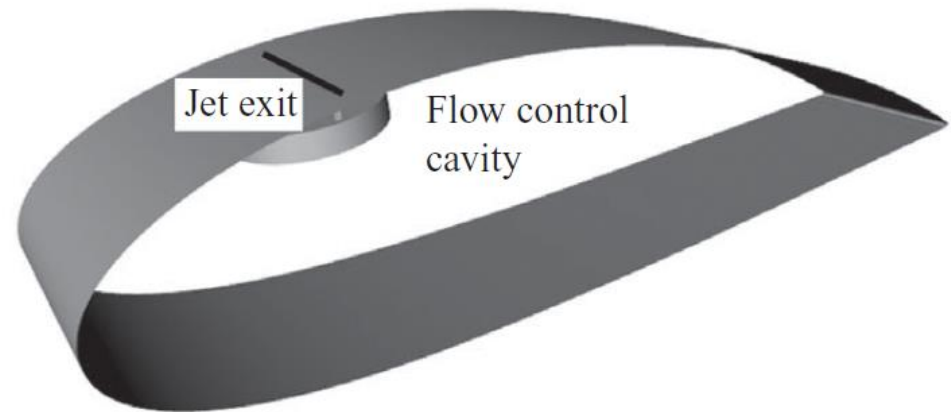
The Zero-Net-Mass-Flux

➤ No mass addition, only momentum to the embedding flow.



ZNMF scheme (Zhang, 2007)

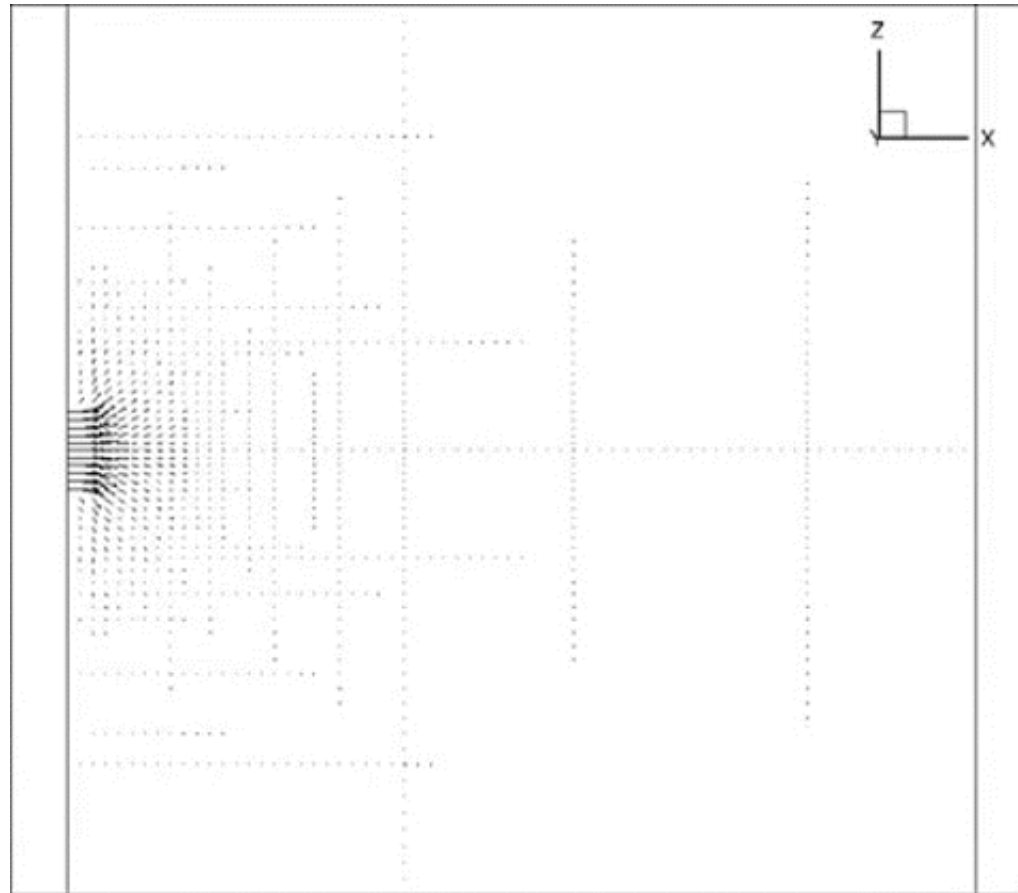
and suction stroke through an orifice.



Cavity set in the airfoil (Sahni, 2011)



The Zero-Net-Mass-Flux

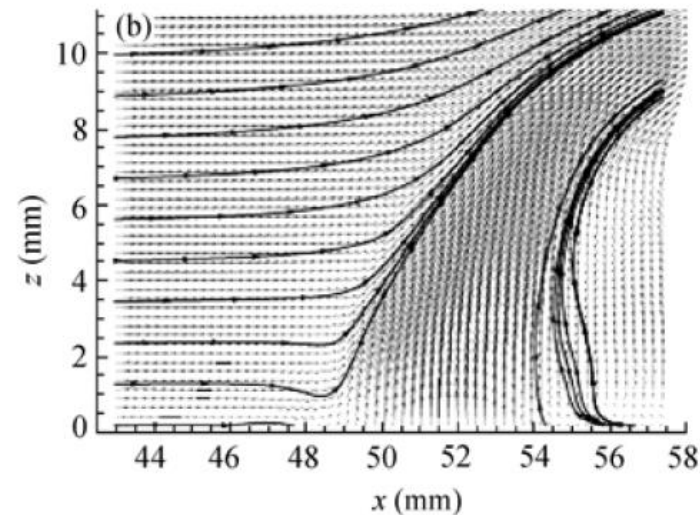
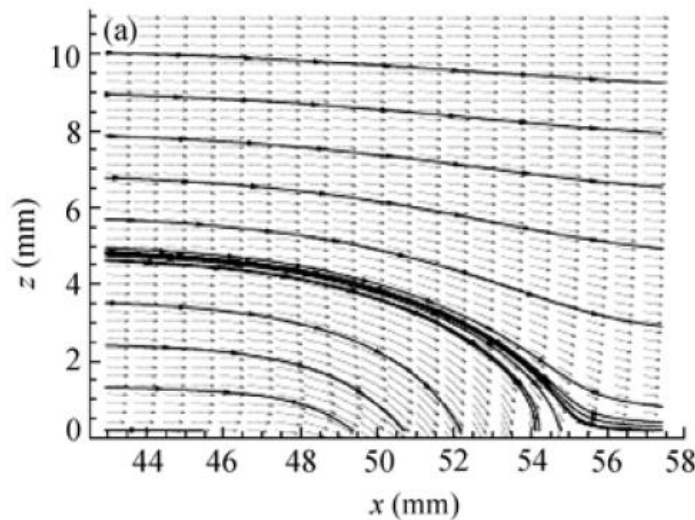


*Synthetic jet behaviour
(quiescent flow)*



State of the art

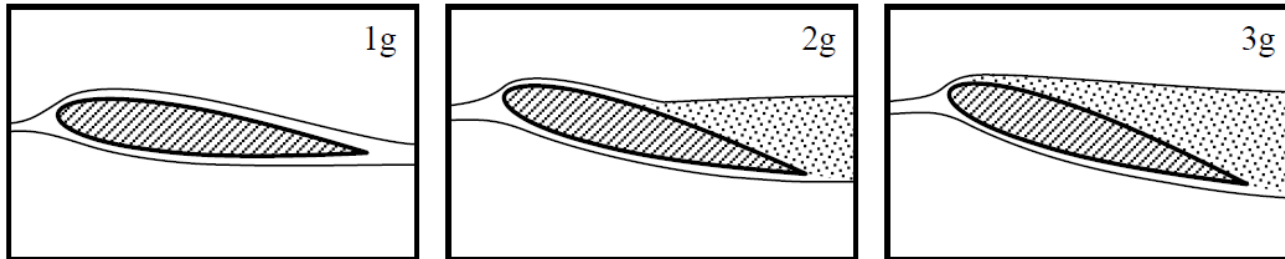
- Experimental studies to appreciate the jet behaviour (*Ugrina 2007*)
- Synthetic jet has to enter inside the boundary layer
 - strong layer
 - weak layer
 - No effects on the boundary layer



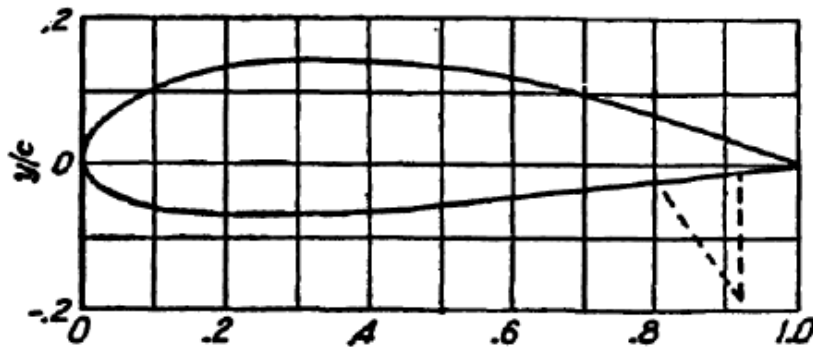
ZNMF jet streamlines (cross flow). (a) Suction stroke; (b) Blowing stroke (*Ugrina, 2007*)



Meshing the NACA 4421 Airfoil



*Stall process in thick airfoils
(Mesequer, 2004)*



*NACA 4421
Airfoil (Abbott,
1959)*

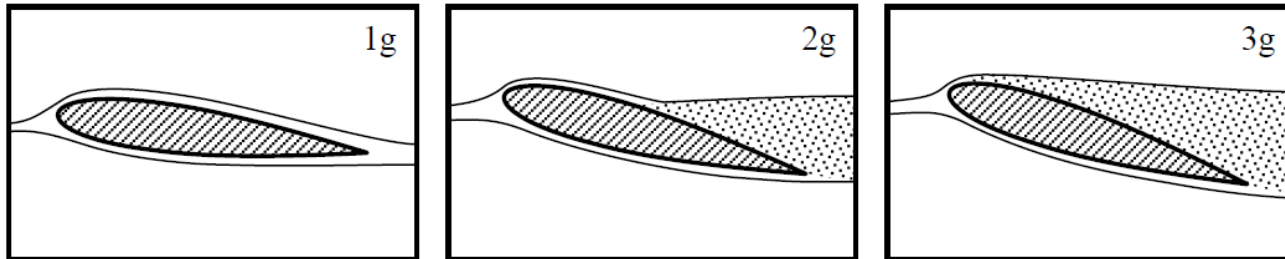
Relative thickness:

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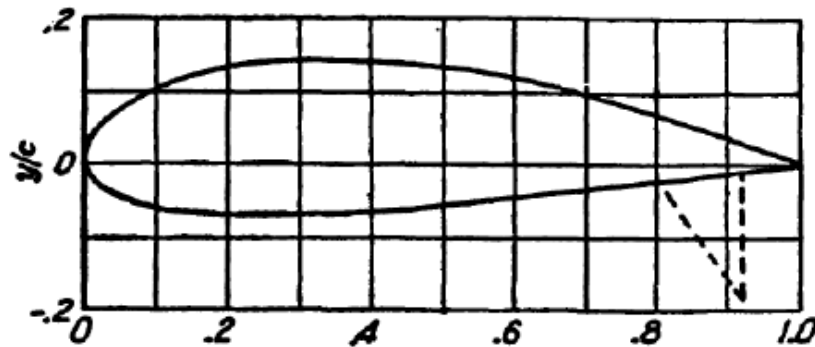
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**Thick
airfoil**



Meshing the NACA 4421 Airfoil



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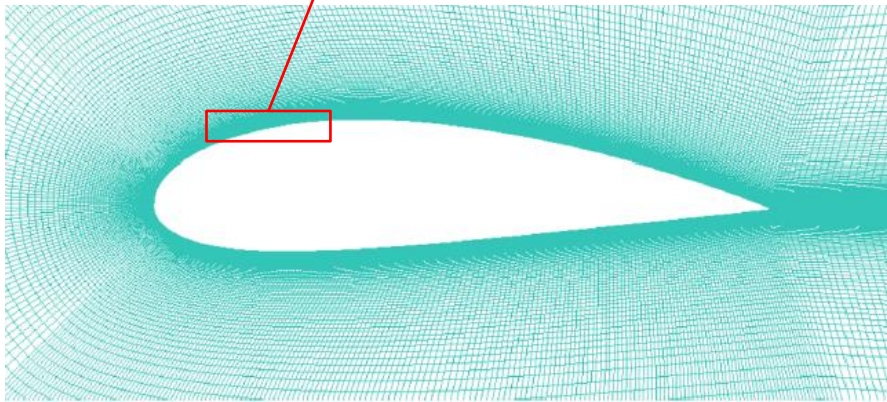
$$\delta/c > 0.15$$

**Thick
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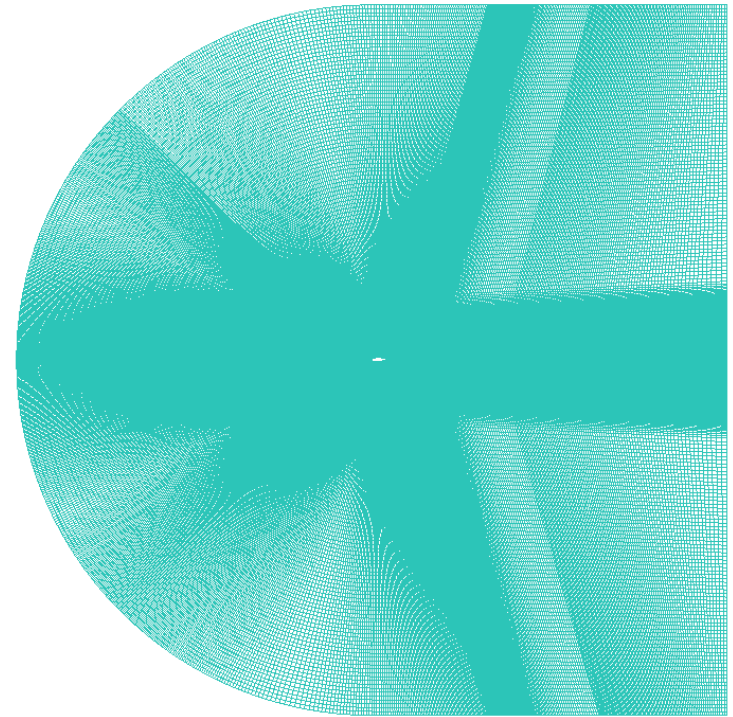


Meshing the NACA 4421 Airfoil

First cell height:
 $y^+ \approx 2.2$



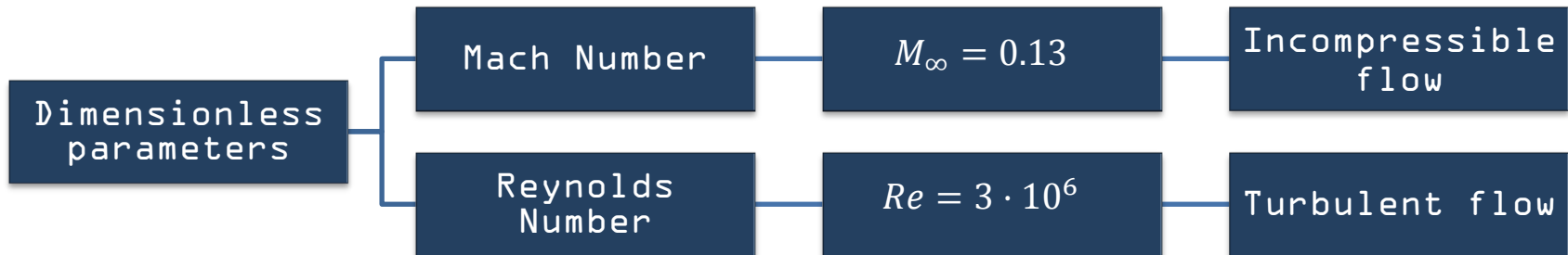
*Mesh around the
airfoil*



*Mesh in the
fluid field*



Setting simulations parameters



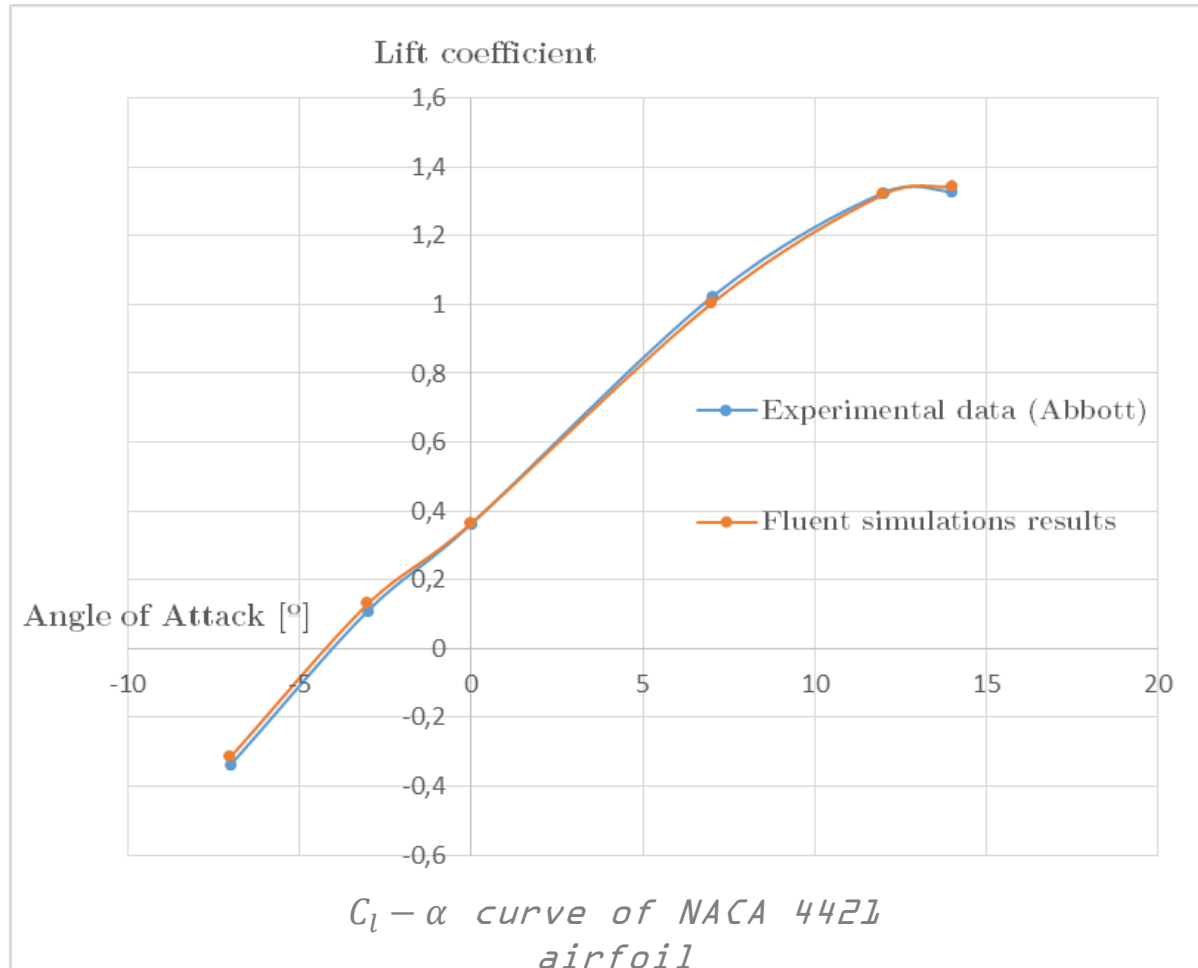
Characteristic parameters of the simulations



Solver used in the simulations



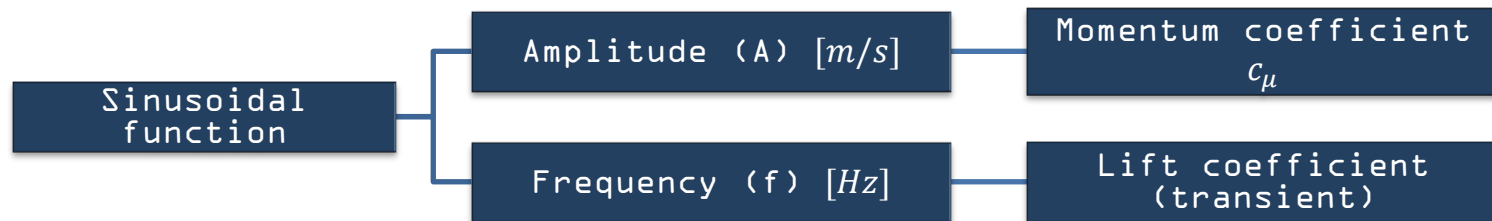
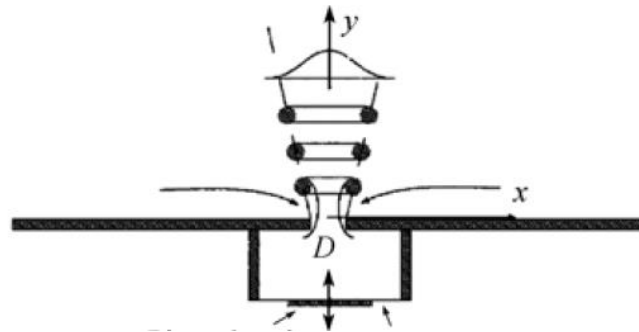
Evaluating mesh and parameters





Setting the ZNMF

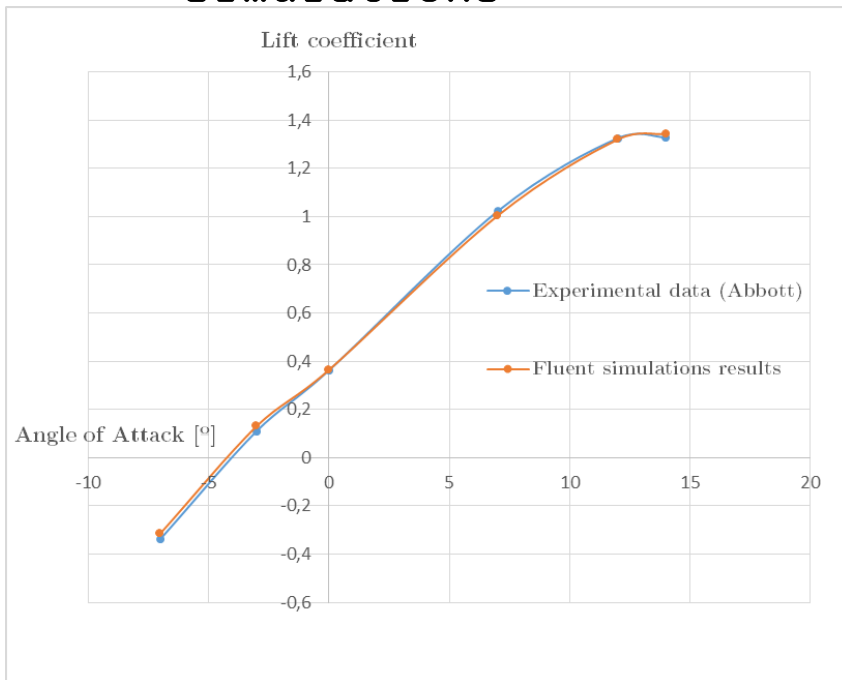
- ZNMF can be simulated using boundary conditions
 - ❖ Sinusoidal function, without offset (no mass addition)
 - ❖ Velocity perpendicular to the surface, with a characteristic frequency





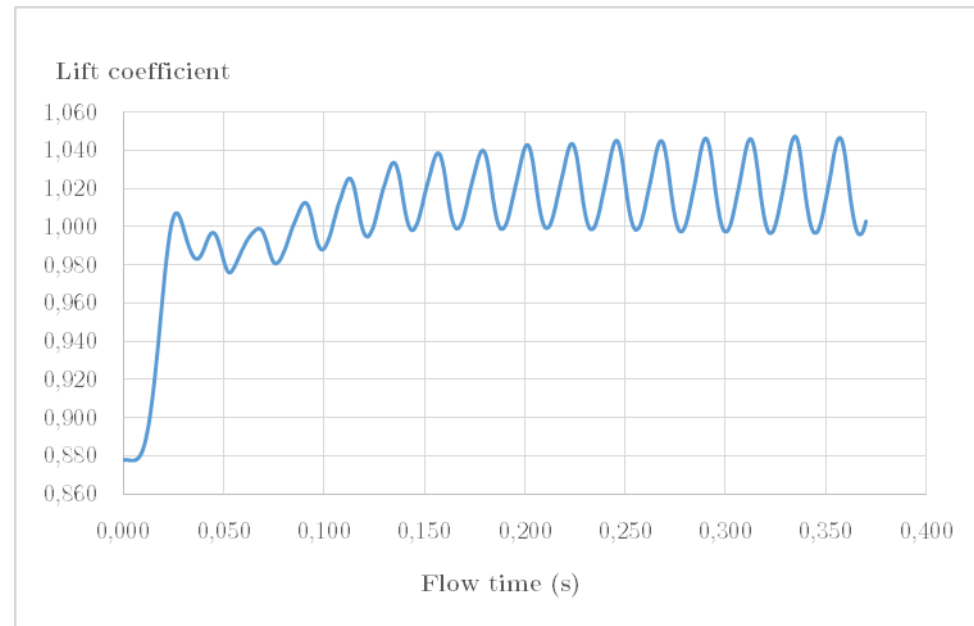
Setting the ZNMF

STATIC Simulations



$C_l - \alpha$ curve of NACA 4421 airfoil

DYNAMIC Simulations



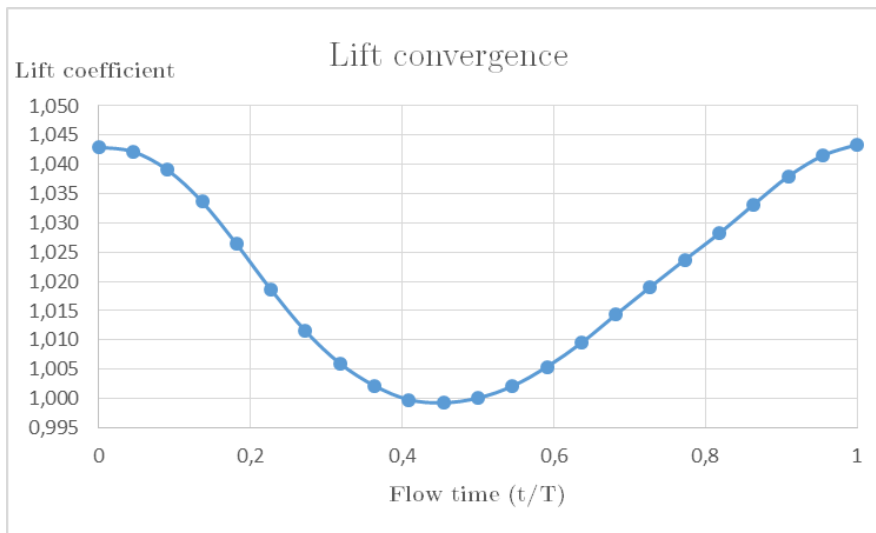
Lift coefficient value in dynamic simulations



Setting the ZNMF

Frequency (f) [Hz]

Amplitude (A) [m/s]



$f \approx 45 \text{ Hz}$

Momentum coefficient

$$c_{\mu} = \frac{\text{Momentum near orifice}}{\text{Momentum upstream}}$$

$$c_{\mu} = \frac{h \cdot A^2 \cdot \rho_x}{c \cdot U_{\infty}^2 \cdot \rho_{\infty}}$$

$A \approx 90 \text{ m/s}$



Setting the ZNMF

- Different frequencies have to be studied
 - ❖ Same order of magnitude (*Durrani, 2011*)
 - ❖ One order of magnitude larger (*Zhang, 2008*)

SCENARIOS (Frequencies & Angles of attack)

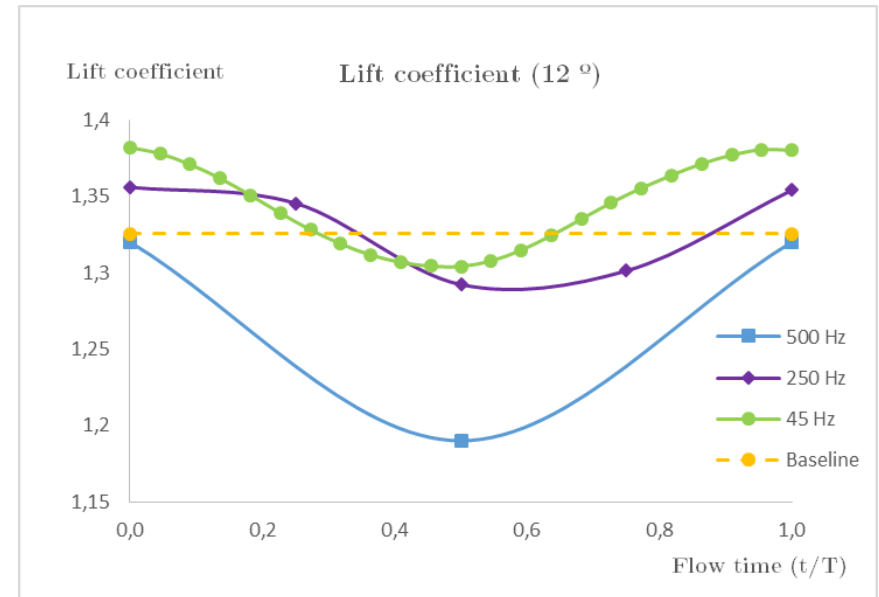
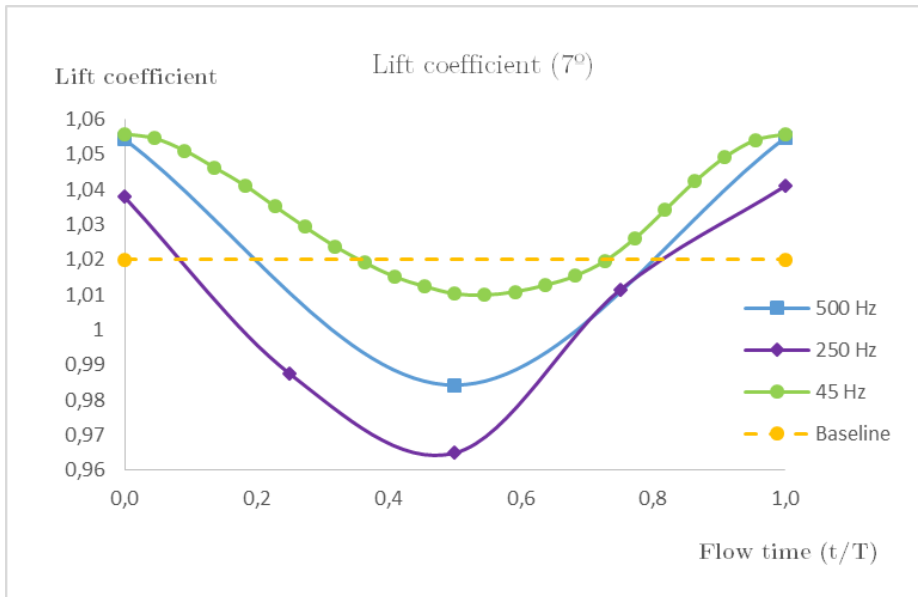
Angle of attack	70°			120°			140°		
Frequency (Hz)	45	250	500	45	250	500	45	250	500

- Other parameters settled following experimental bibliography
 - ❖ Orifice length ($h = 2 \text{ mm}$)
 - ❖ Orifice position ($\frac{x}{c} = 0,17$)



Results: Lift coefficient

- The ZNMF should decrease the amplitude of the oscillation



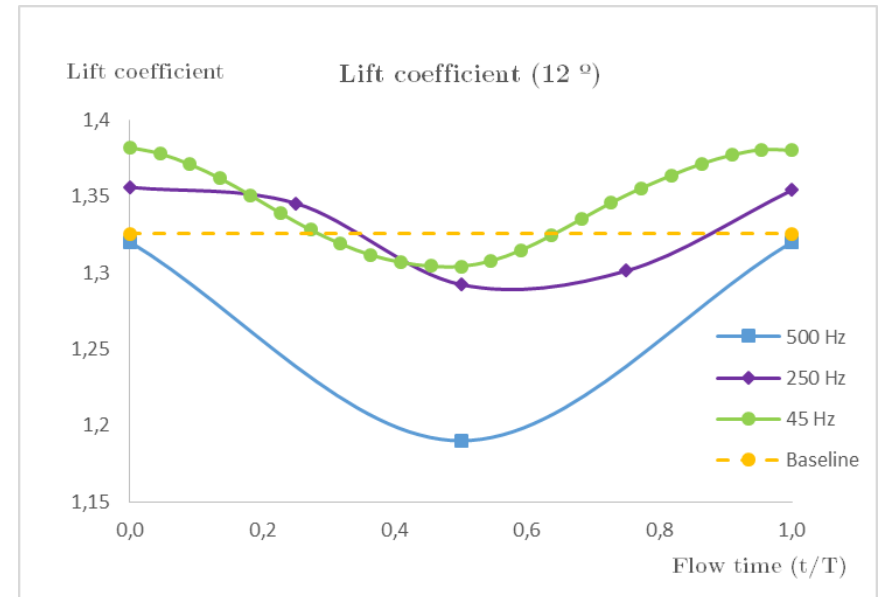
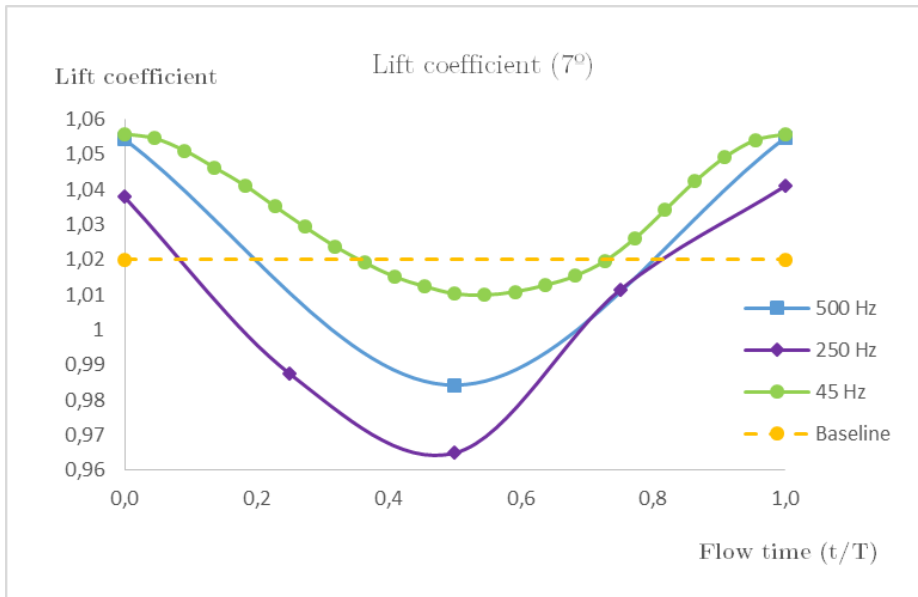
	7°		
Frequency	45 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz
Amplitude	0.046	0.076	0.071

	12°		
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Amplitude	0.078	0.104	0.130



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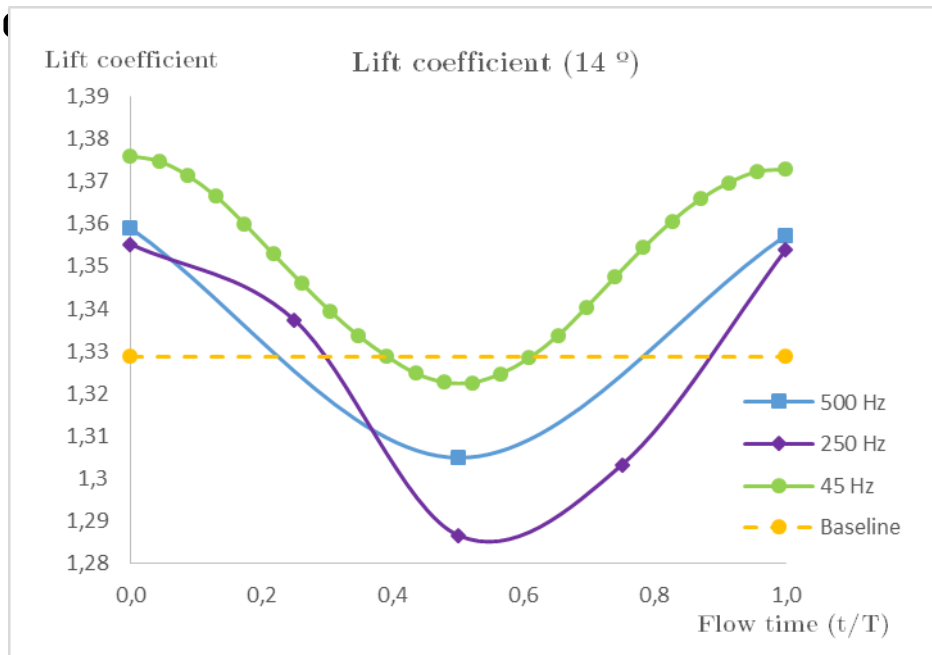
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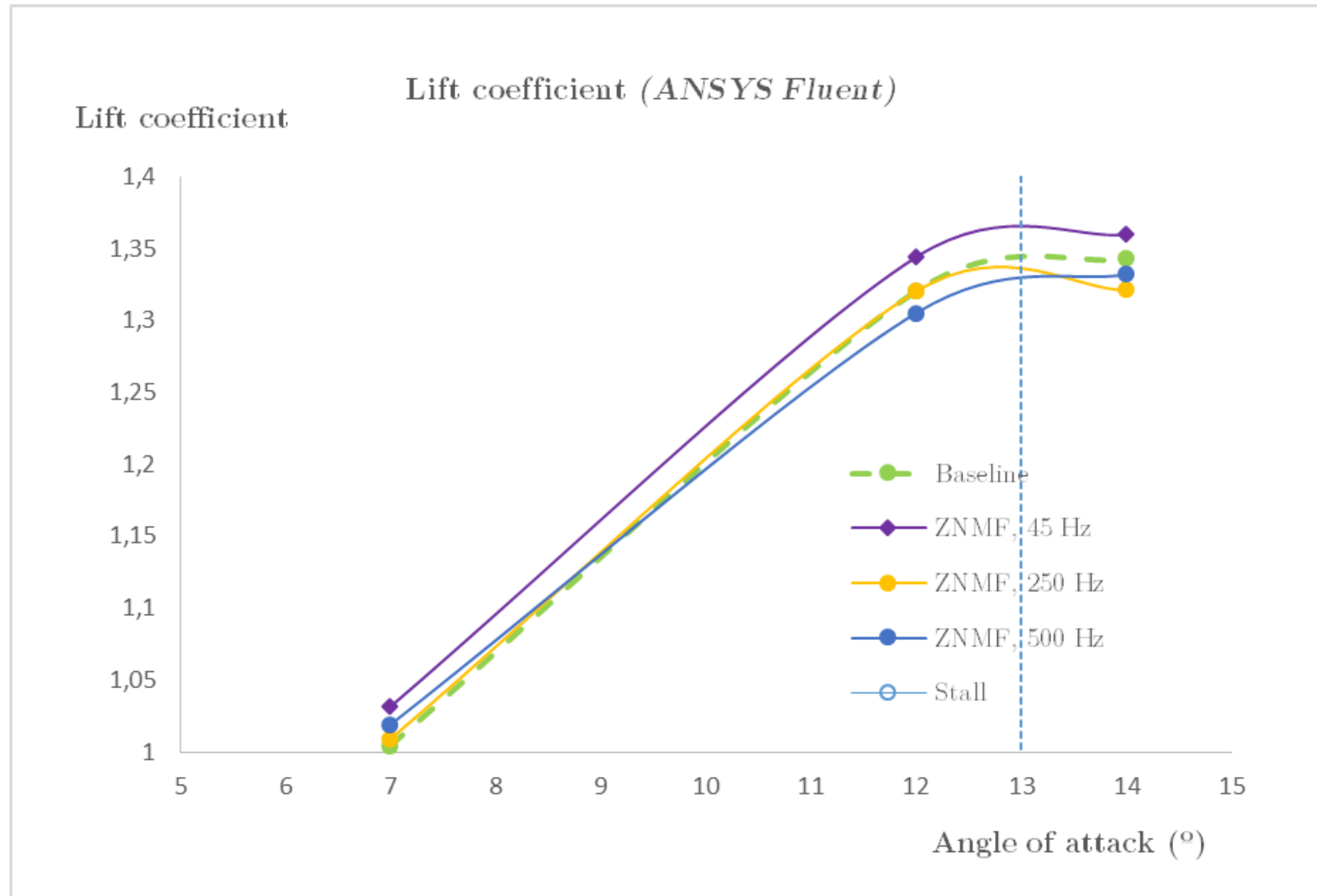
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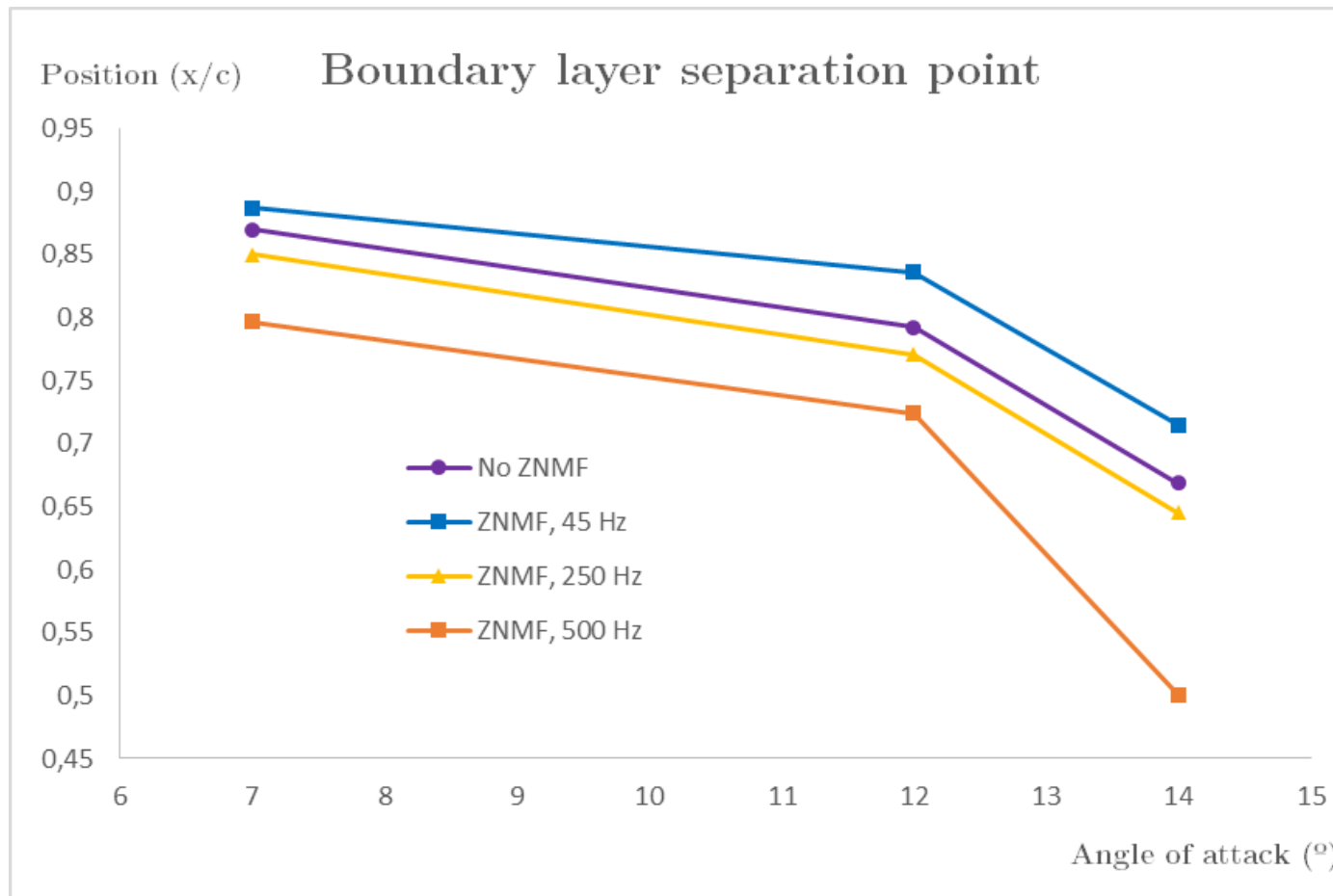


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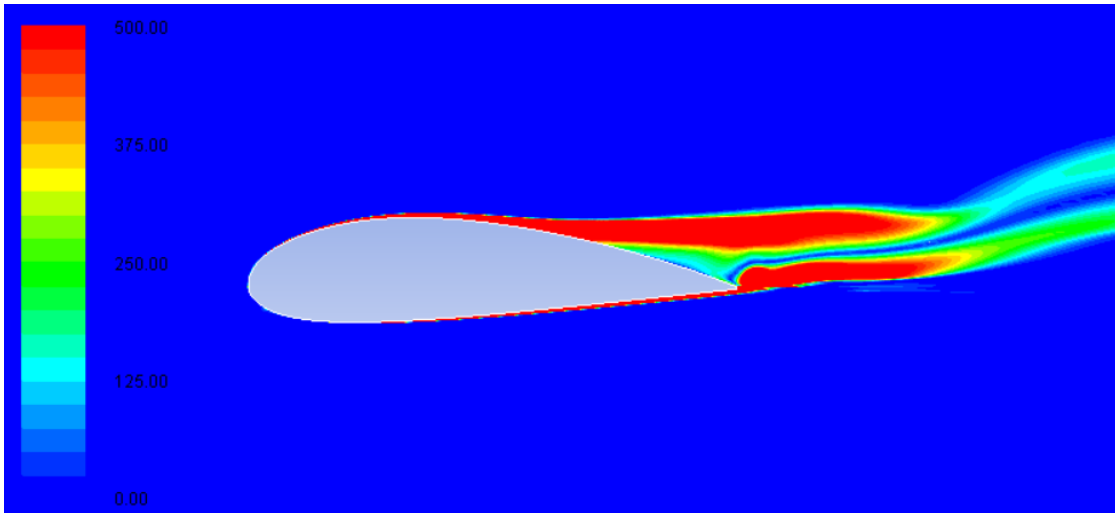


Results: Boundary layer separation

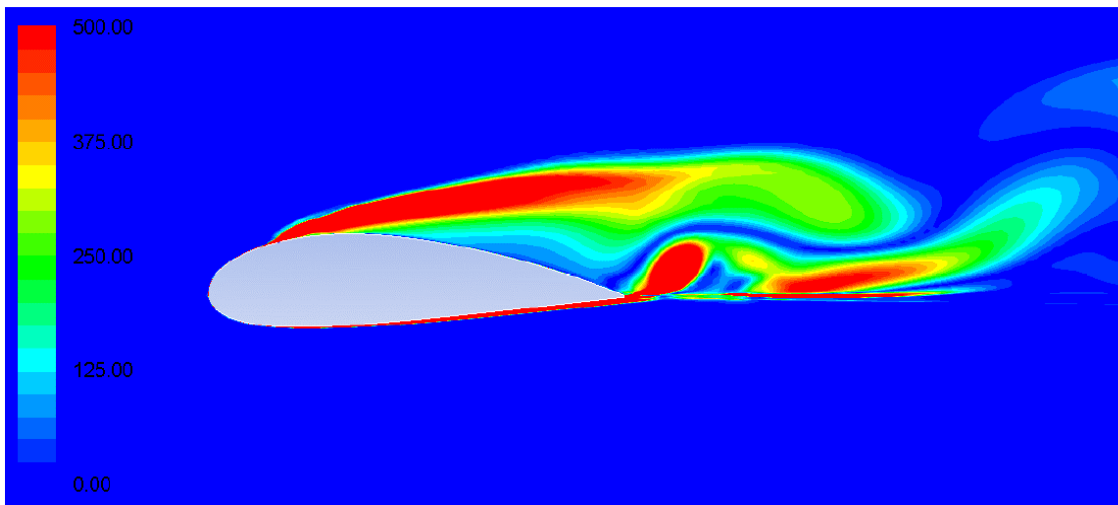




Results: Vorticity magnitude



*Vorticity [1/s] of a NACA
4421 without ZNMF.
 $\alpha = 12^\circ$ (ANSYS Fluent)*



*Vorticity [1/s] of a NACA
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Conclusions

- The ZNMF improves NACA 4421 performance, best results at 45 Hz
 - ❖ Lift coefficient oscillation amplitude suppressed
 - ❖ Boundary layer separation point moved upstream
 - ❖ Separated region diminished
- The actuator has to be precisely calibrated
- Future work needed to get study the effect of each parameter
 - ❖ Change C_μ value
 - ❖ Change orifice parameters (length, position)
 - ❖ Compare ZNMF performance with other AFC devices



Applying AFC in automobiles

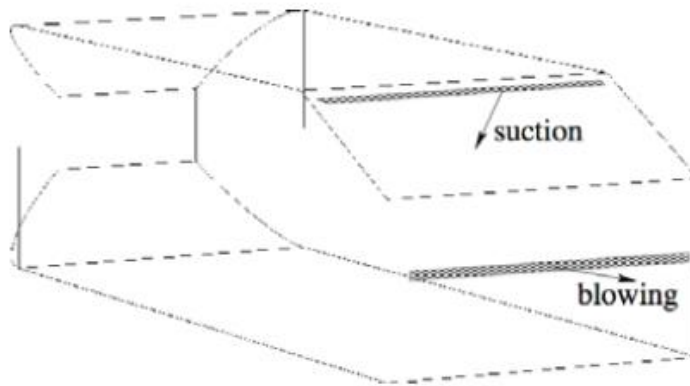
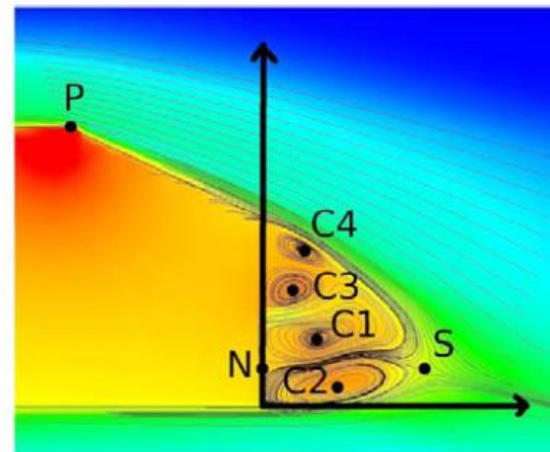
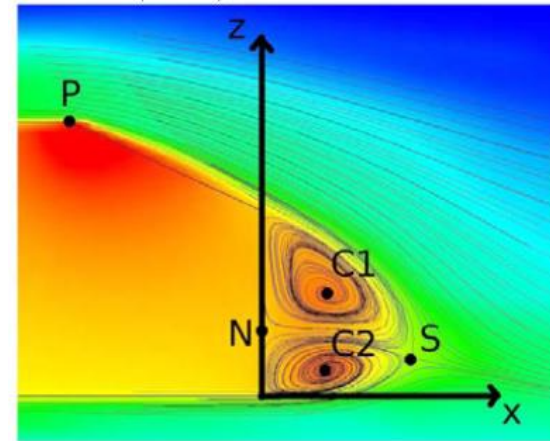


Fig. 7. Transversal control jet lines.



Streamlines in the back of the car without AFC (top) or using it (bottom)



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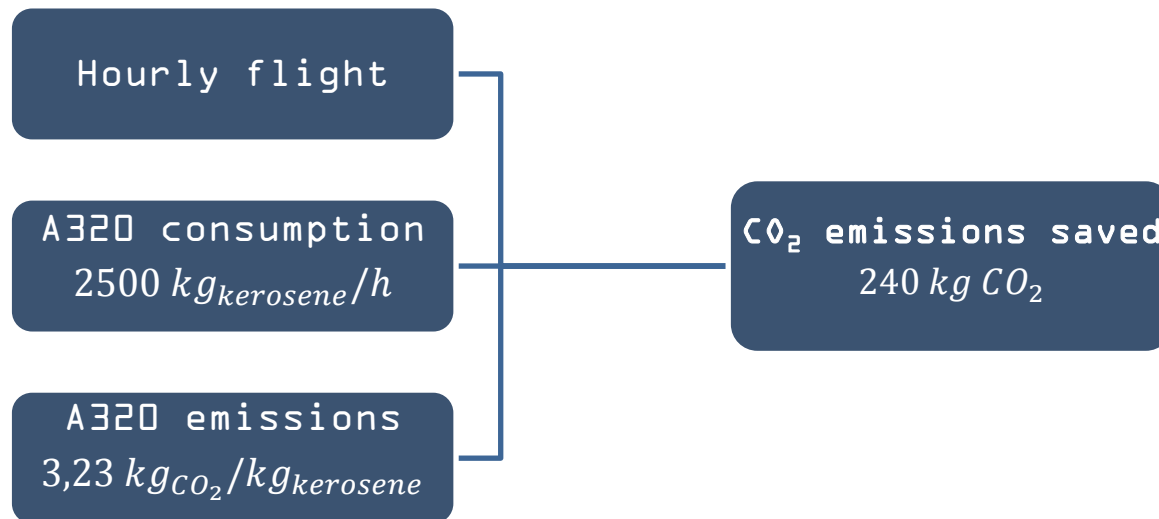
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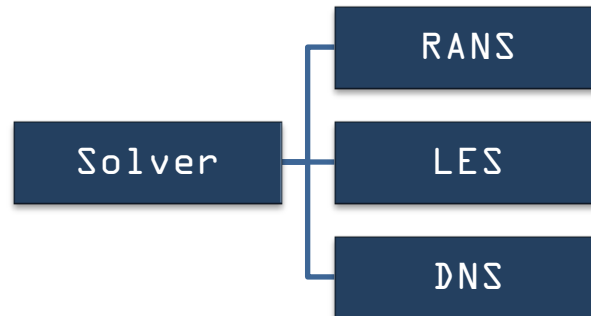
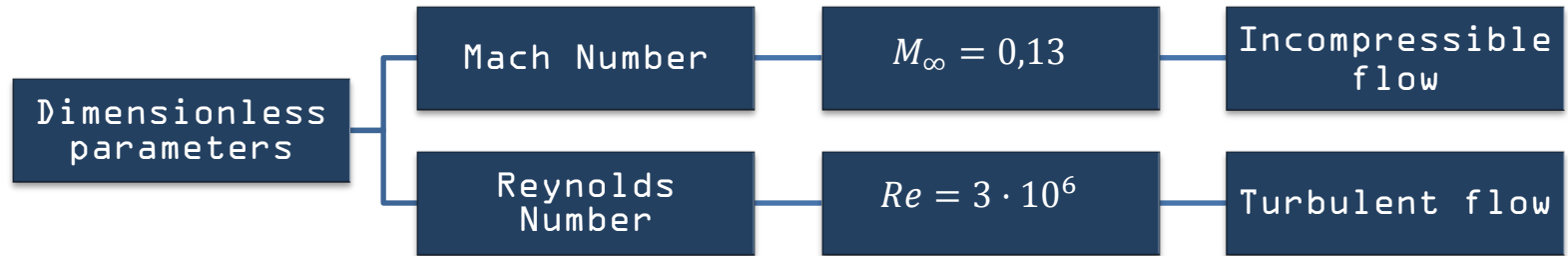
Sustainability study



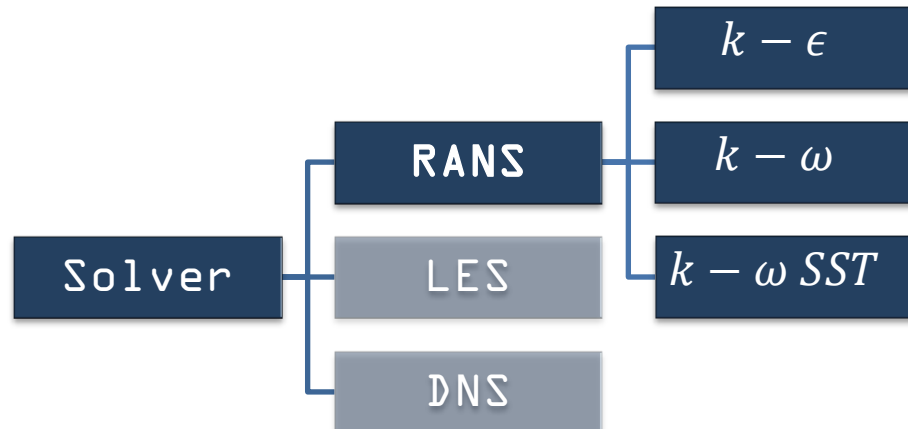
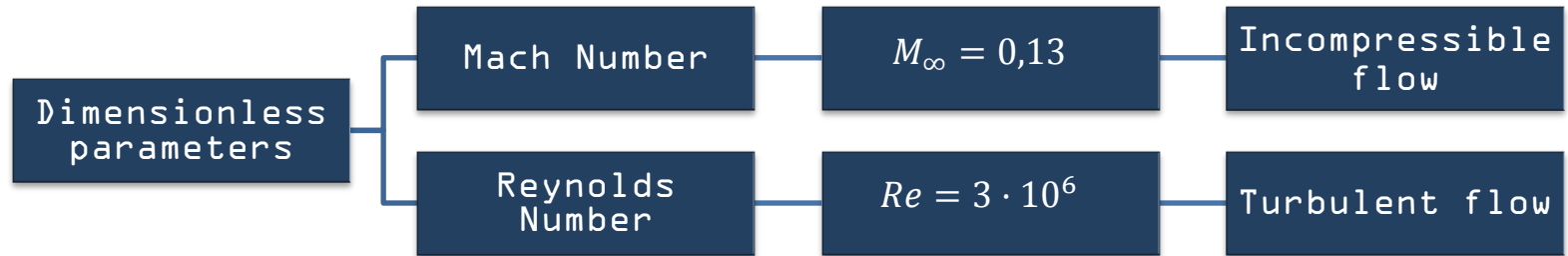
- ZNMF actuator saves up to 3% of a common commercial aircraft fuel consumption (*Agarwal, 2012*)



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