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Response Prediction of Compliant Structures in Hypersonic Flow

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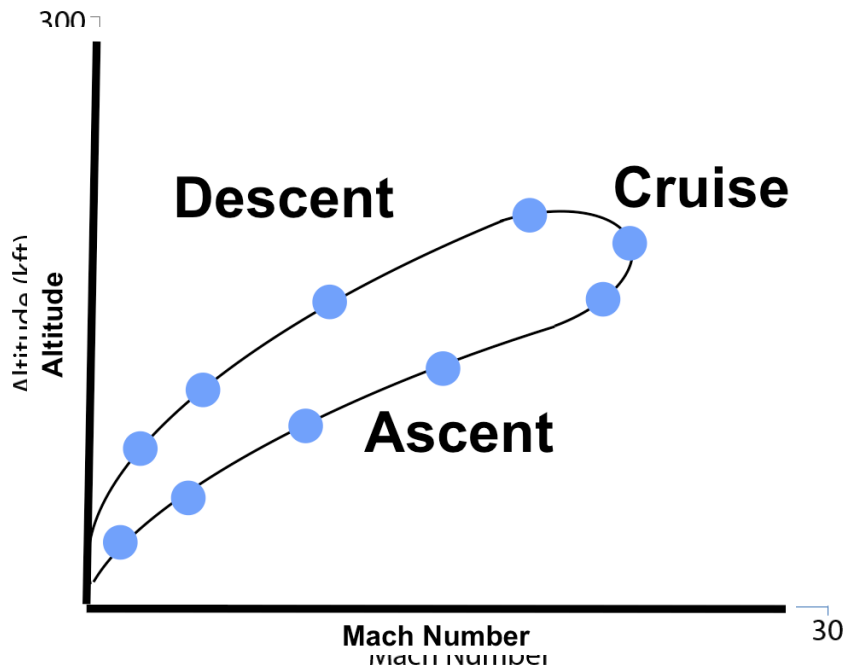
Motivations & Objective

1. **Thin gauge hot structures** *enable* responsive hypersonic platforms
2. Response prediction of **thin gauge structures** in high speed flows requires *coupled fluid-thermal-structural* modeling & analysis.
3. Fluid-Thermal-Structural response is **trajectory dependent** (& *dependent on operational life w/ damage accumulation*).
4. Testing *scaled multi-disciplinary* models in wind tunnels is impractical.
5. *Direct coupling* of high fidelity numerical techniques for predicting vehicle response over a **trajectory and/or life** is impractical.

Require Improved Basic Understanding & Tractable Multi-Physics Approaches

Standard Structural Design Practice

Standard Approach: Develop a set of uncoupled load cases and spot check around operating conditions



Aerodynamic heating and damage accumulation introduce large time-scale transients and path-dependence of the response

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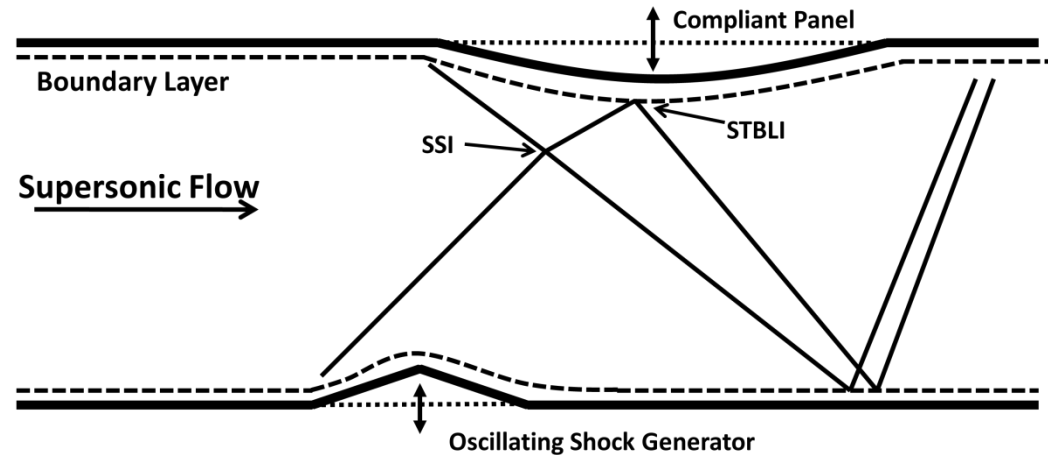
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Shock Impingement on a Compliant Panel

Freestream Properties

Mach Number	3.0
Static Pressure	2970 Pa
Temperature	220 K
Density	0.04704 kg/m ³
Reynolds Number	2.914×10 ⁴ m ⁻¹



Oscillating Shock Generator

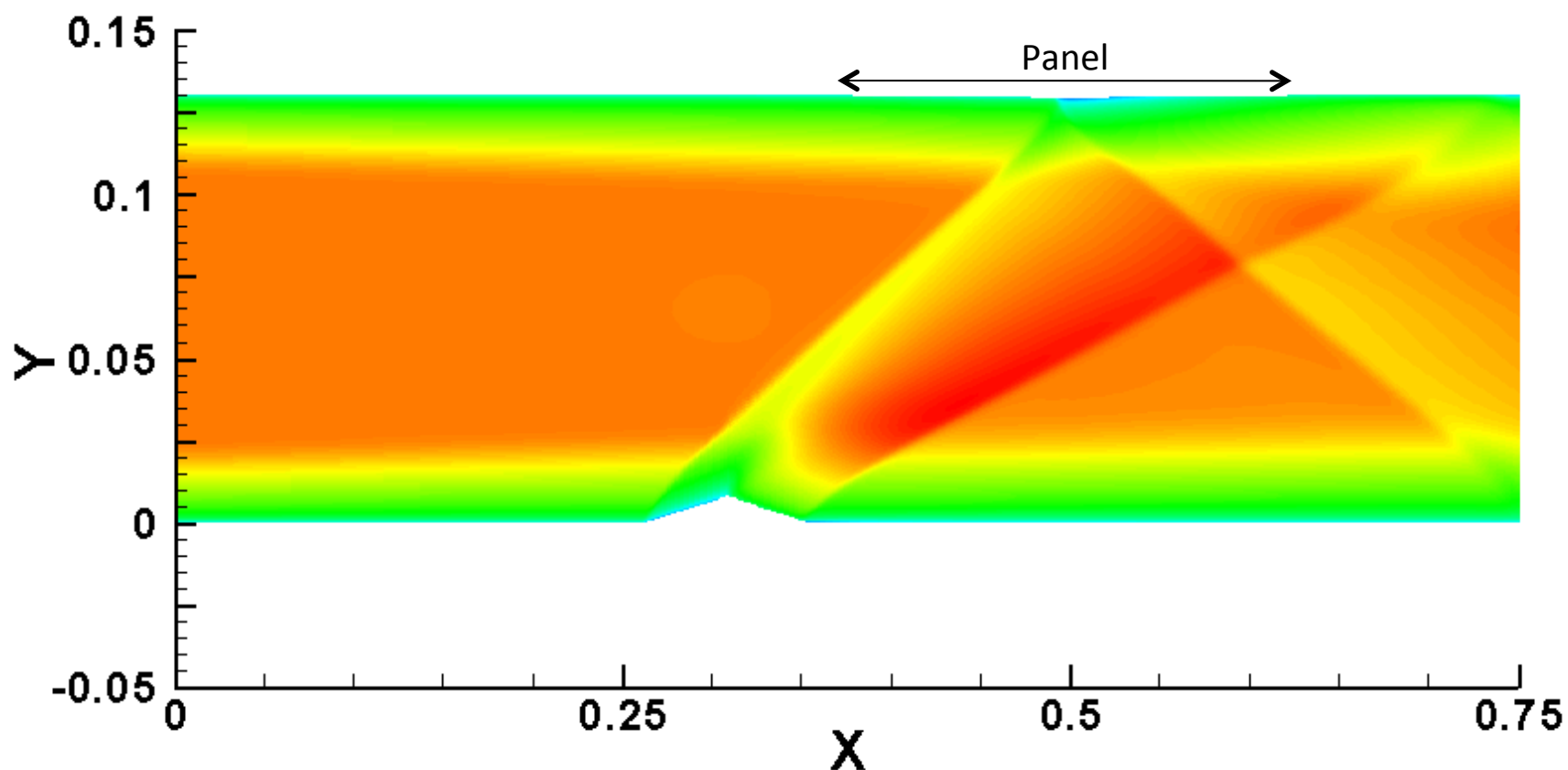
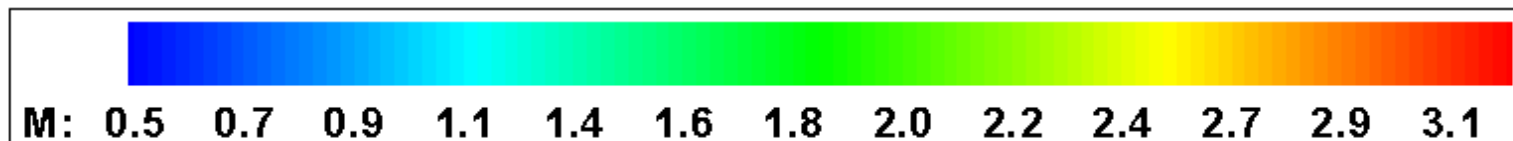
Frequency	10 Hz
Wedge angle range	7°-13°

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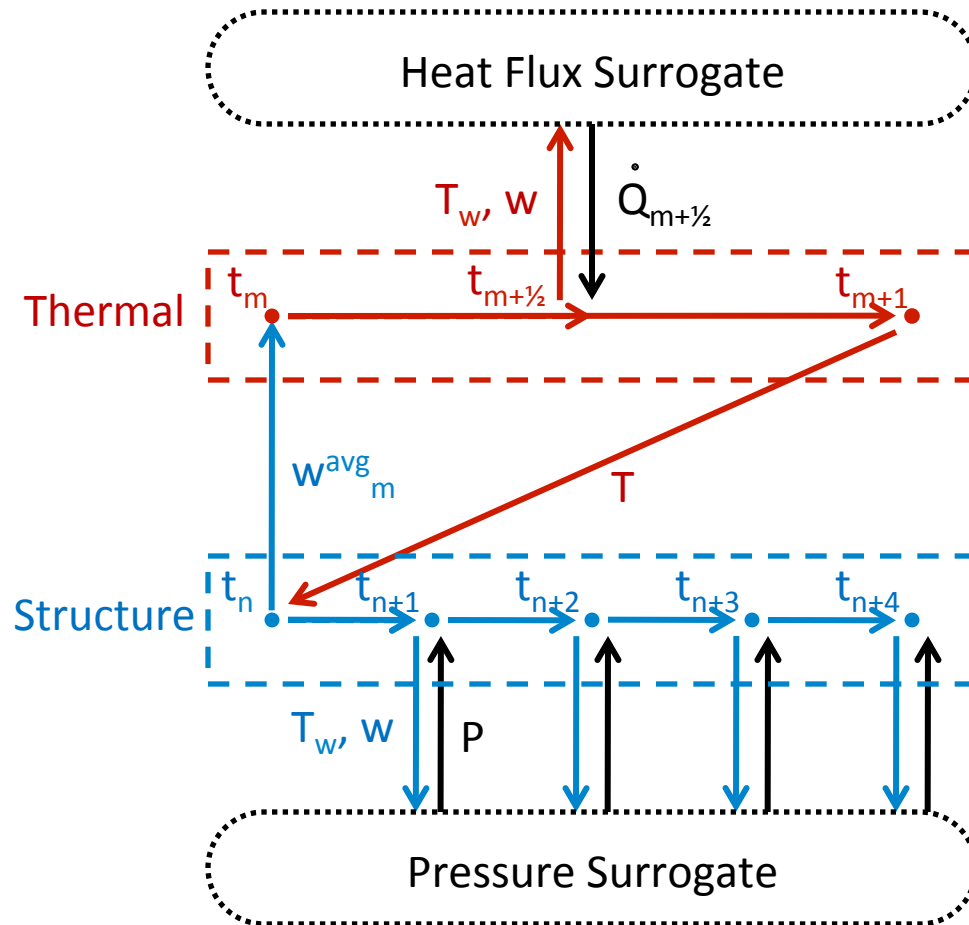
Material	Steel 4130
Length	25 cm
Thickness	0.7 mm
Initial Temperature	220 K

Miller, Crowell, McNamara, "Modeling and Analysis of Shock Impingements on Thermo-Mechanically Compliant Surface Panels," AIAA-2012-1548, 2012.

Shock Impingement on a Compliant Panel



Fluid-Thermal-Structural Solution Scheme



Aerothermodynamic Surrogate

- NASA Langley CFL3D Flow Solver
- Quasi-static flow assumption
- < 6% error w/ unsteady comp. of temp response & aero forces

Thermal Solver

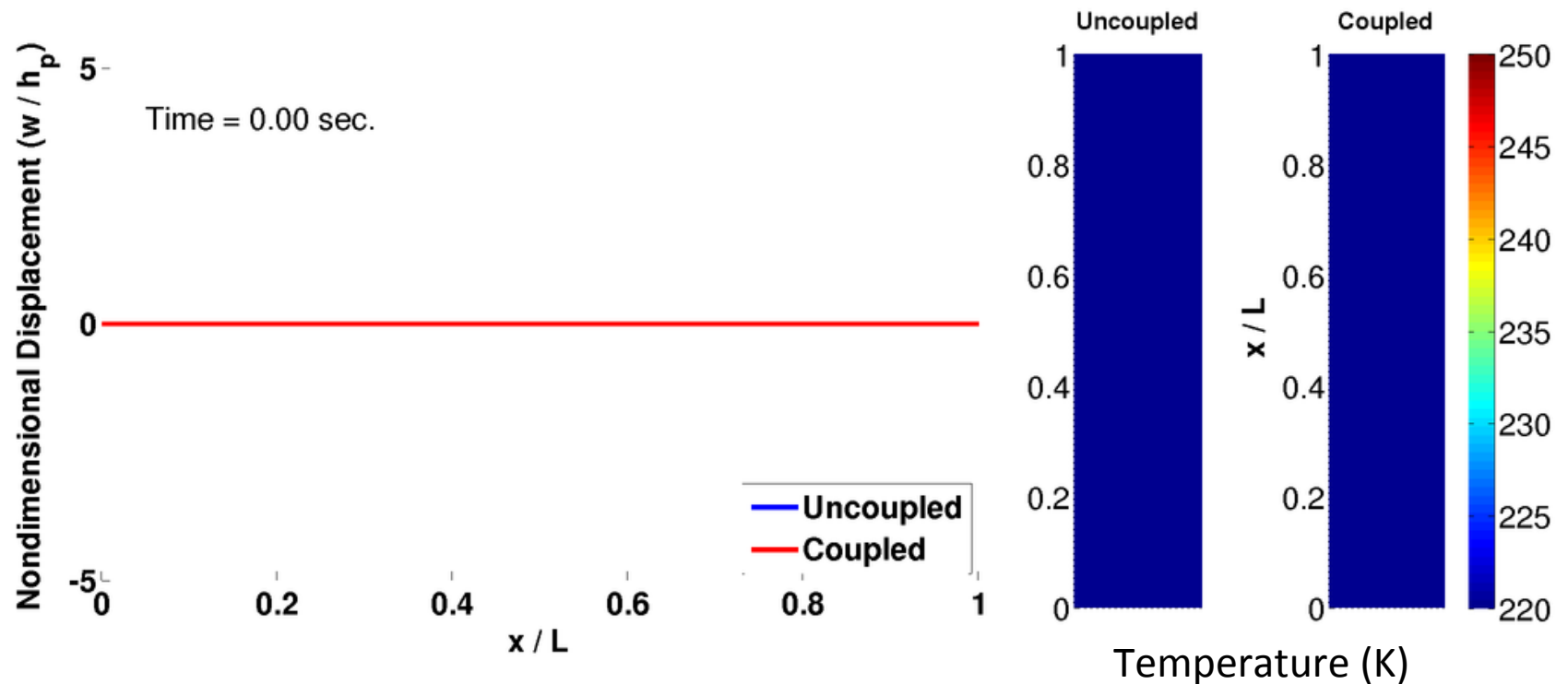
- 2D Finite Element Model
- 2nd order accurate Crank Nicolson time marching scheme

Structural Solver

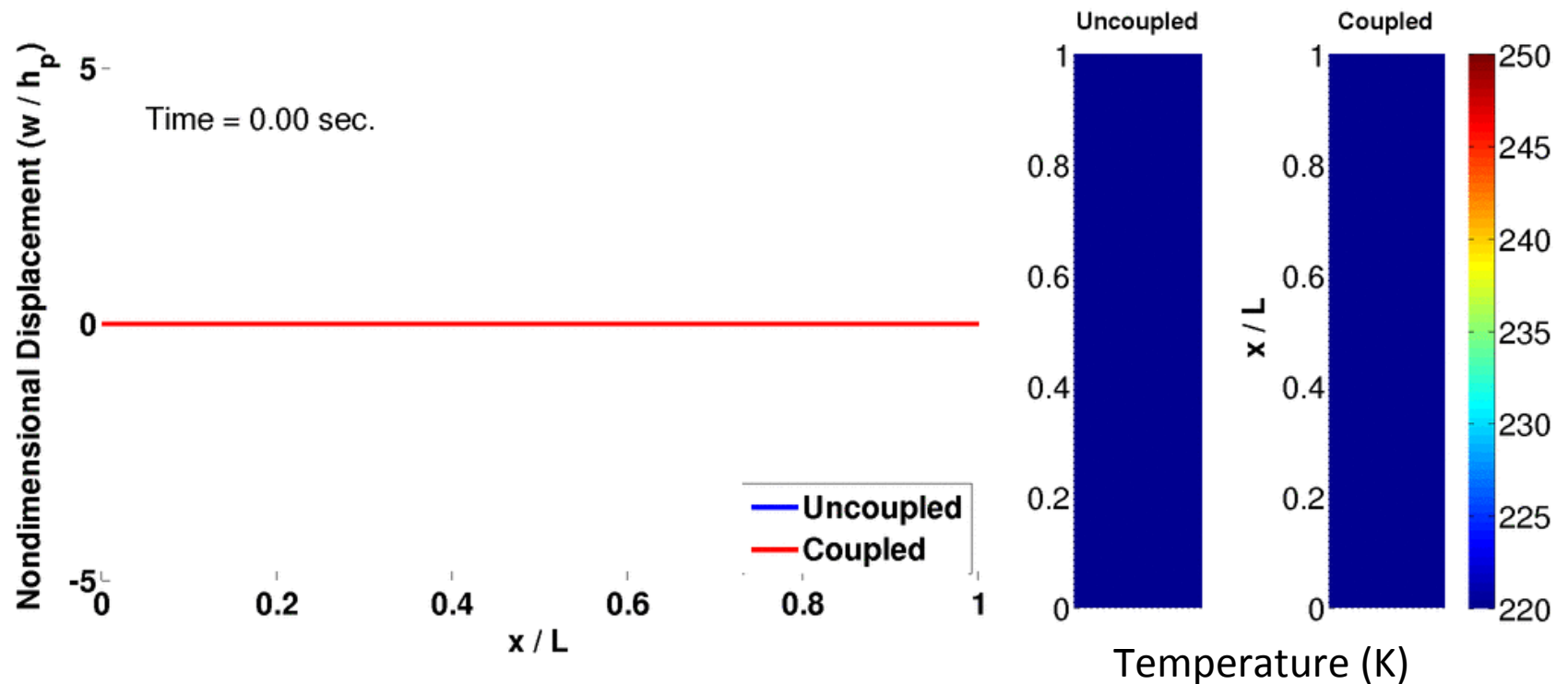
- von Kàrmàn panel in cylindrical bending (nonlinear 1D panel model)
- Galerkin discretization w/ 15 modes
- 2nd order accurate Newmark- β time marching scheme

All interpolations and extrapolations are at least second order accurate

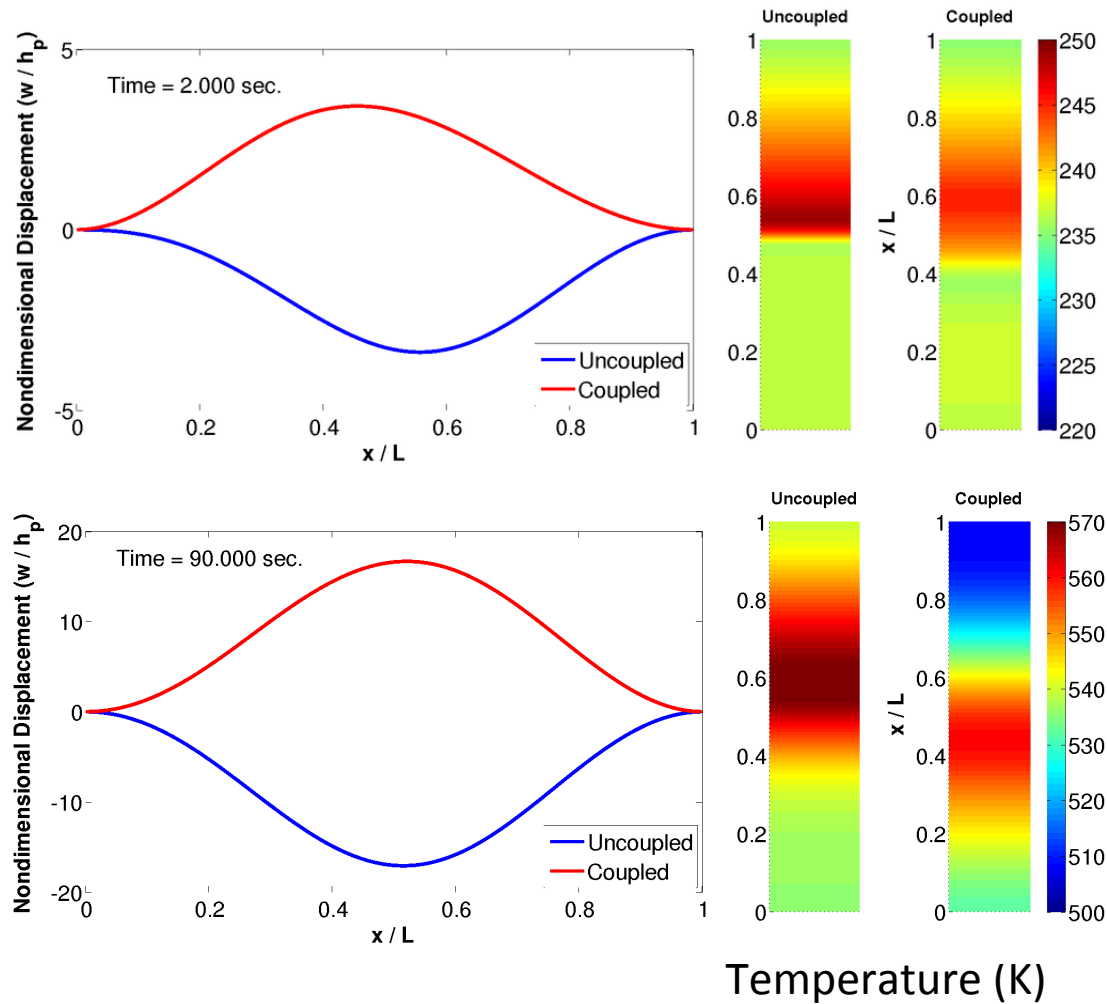
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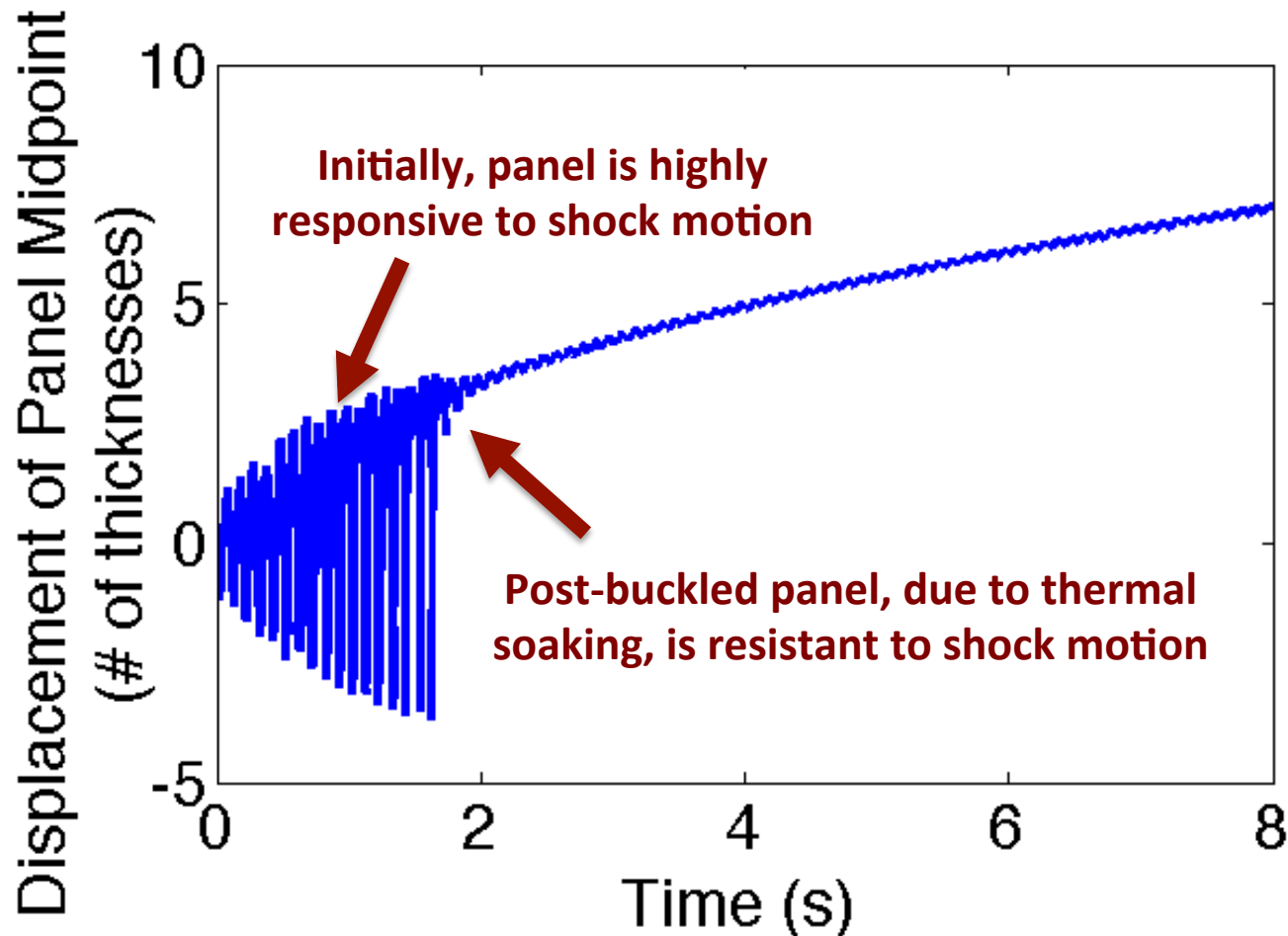
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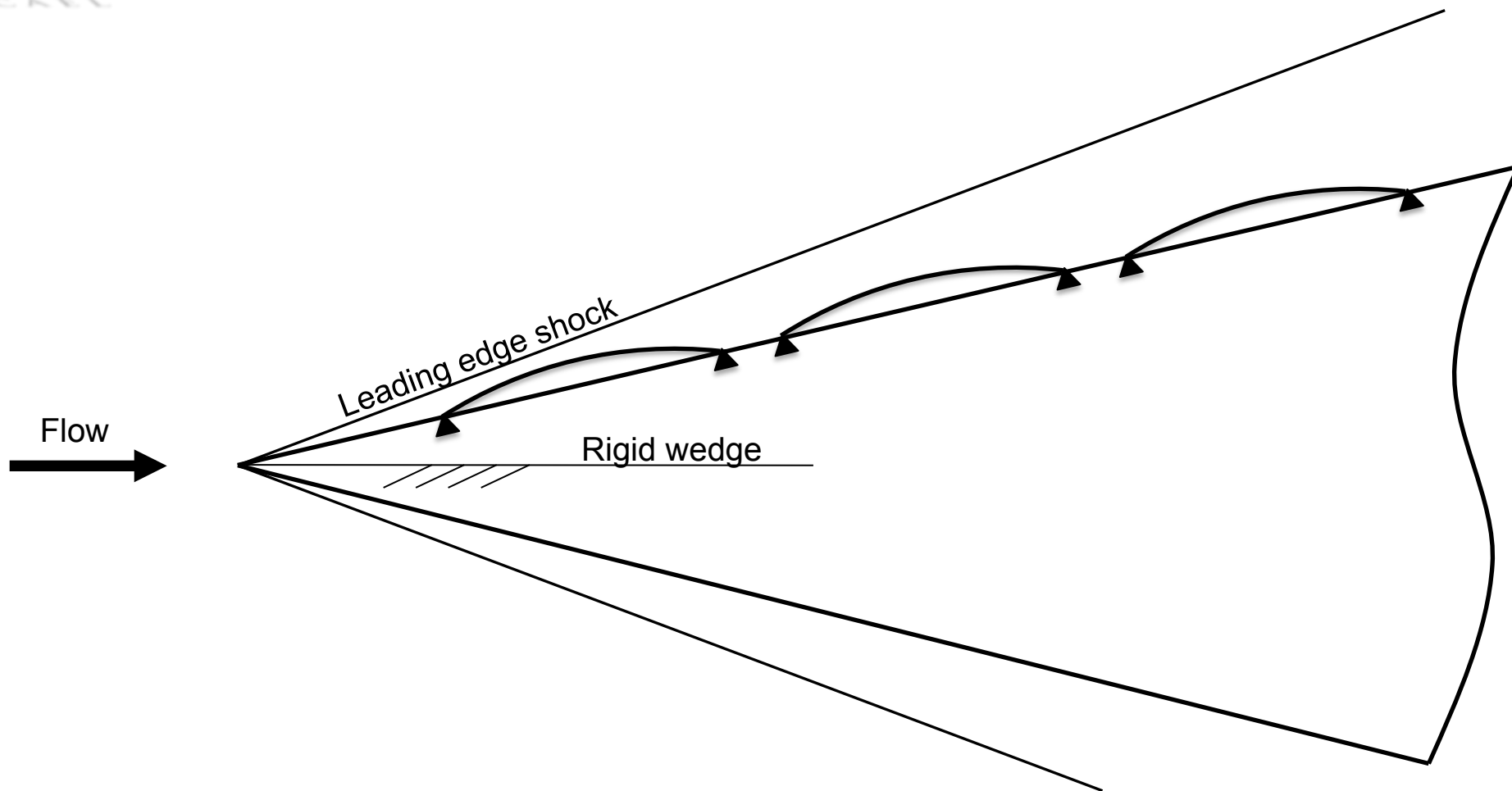
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Mid-Point Displacement

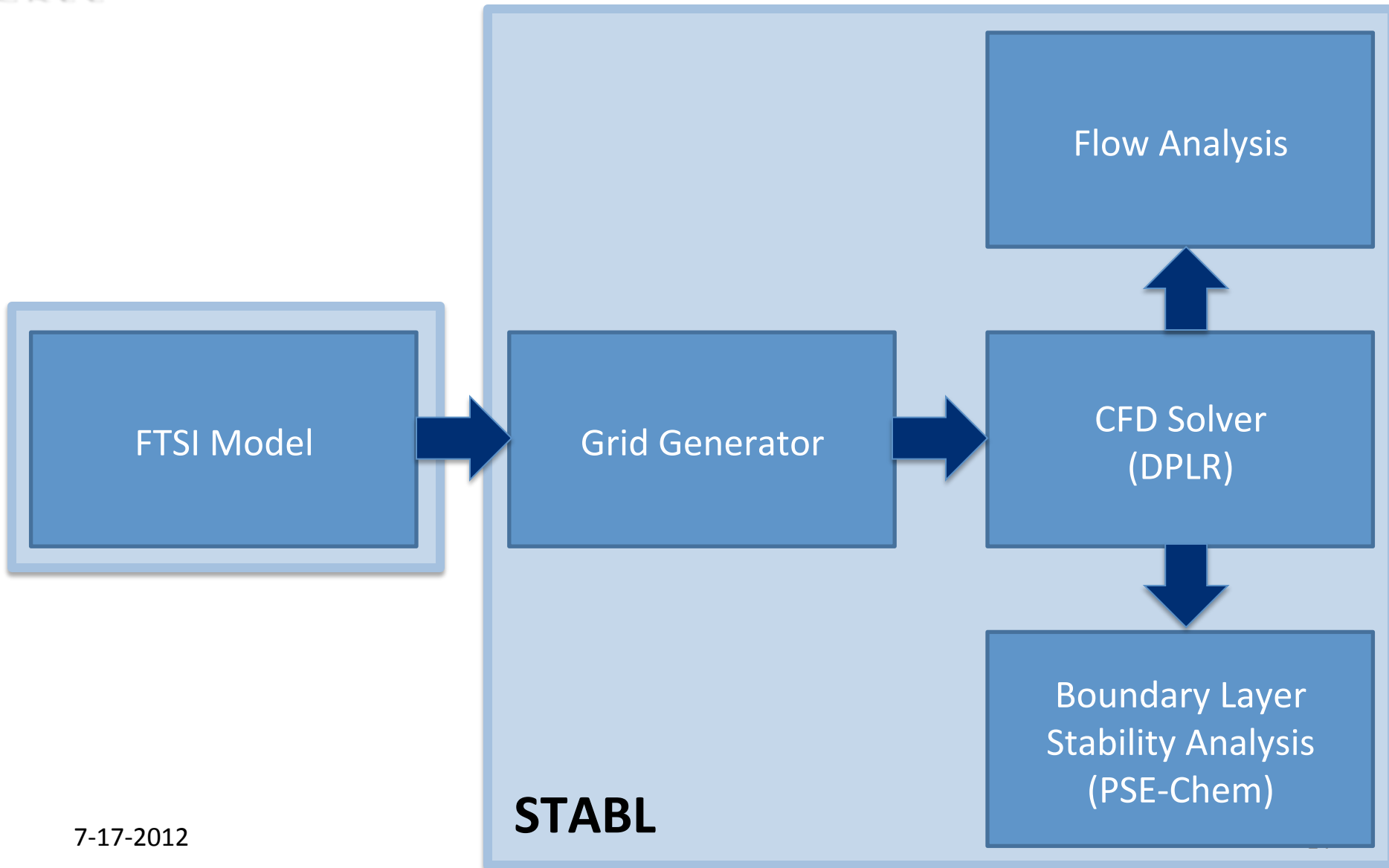


Impact of FTSI on HBLT & Stability



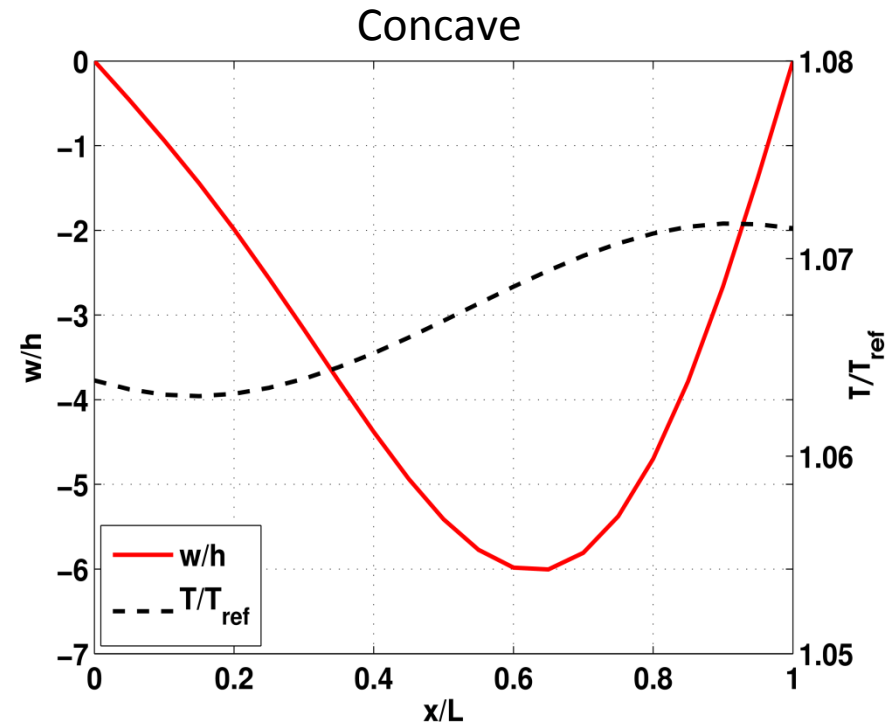
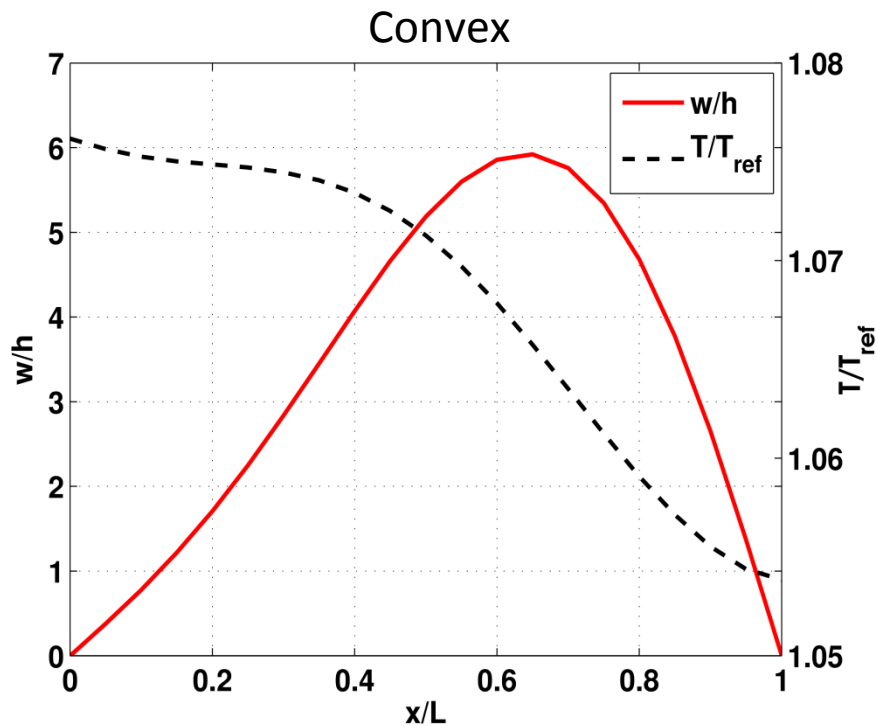
Riley, McNamara, Johnson "Hypersonic Boundary Layer Stability in the Presence of Thermo-Mechanical Surface Compliance," AIAA-2012-15489, 2012.

First Order Analysis



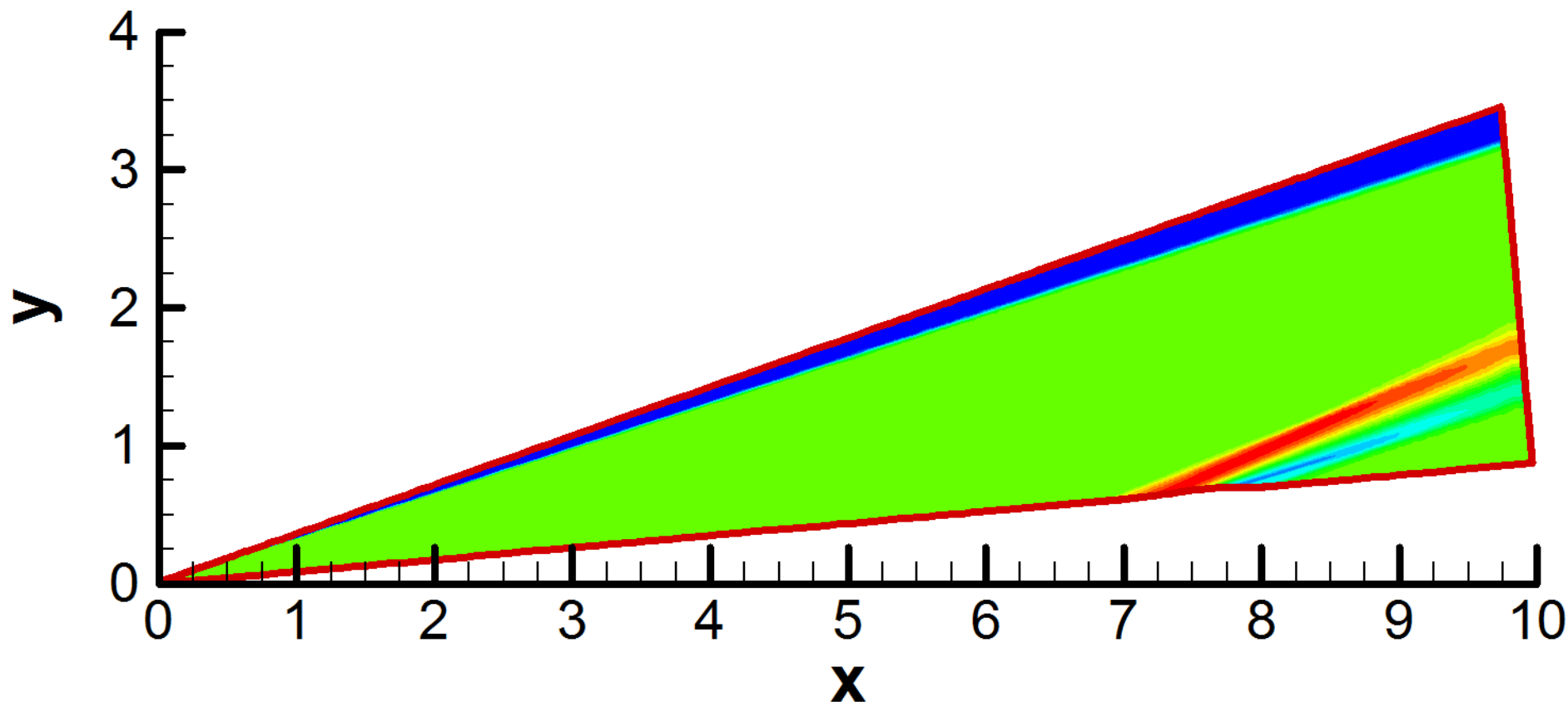
Panel Response

- Response for Panel Location and Multiple Panel studies
- Max displacement $\sim 6X$ panel thickness
 - 3X (1m), 1.8X (3m), 1.4X (5m) and 1.2X (7m) BLT of rigid wedge
- Max temperature $\sim 7\%$ higher than isothermal temperature (300K)



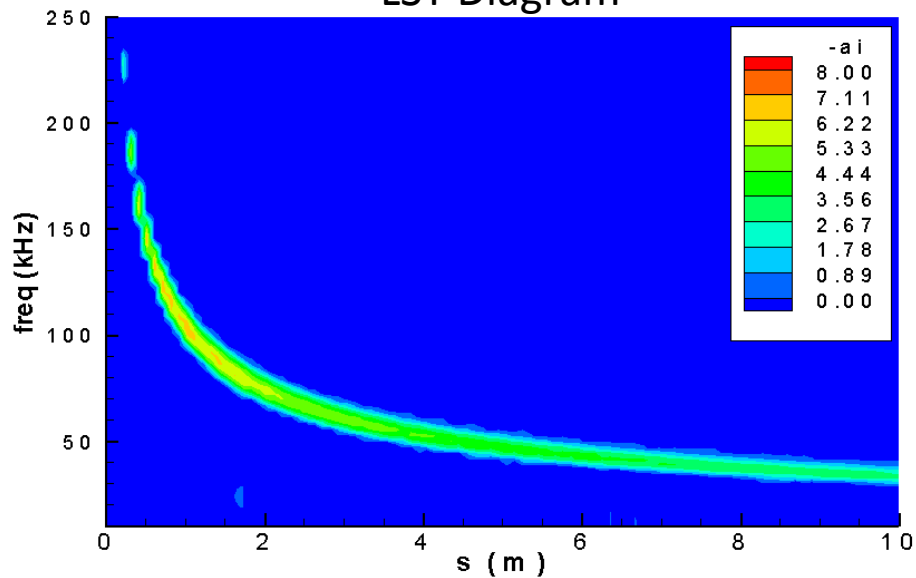
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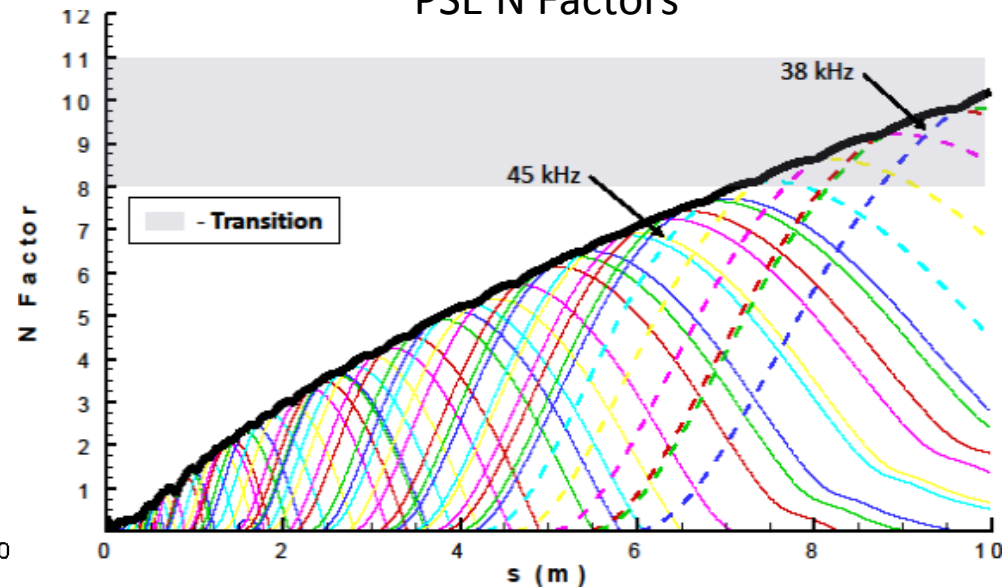


Rigid Wedge

LST Diagram



PSE N Factors



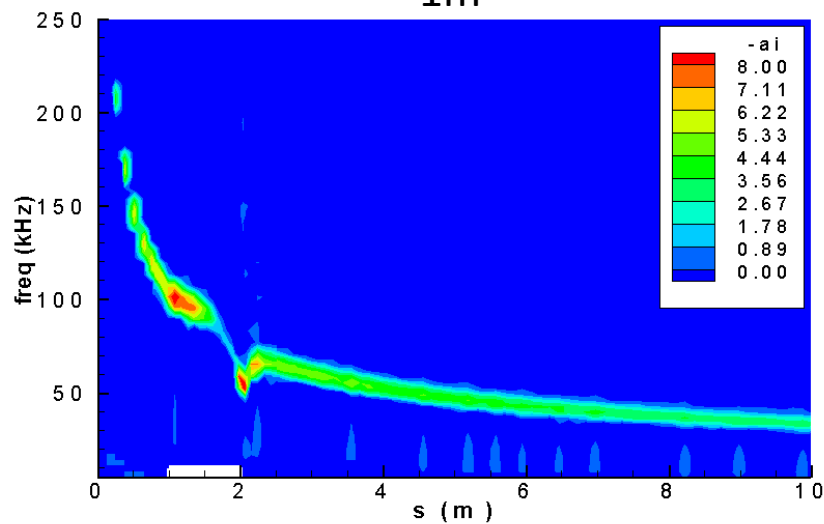
Study Parameters

Mach Number	4.0
Altitude	30 km
Wedge Half-Angle	5°
Wedge Length	10 m
Panel(s) Length	1 m

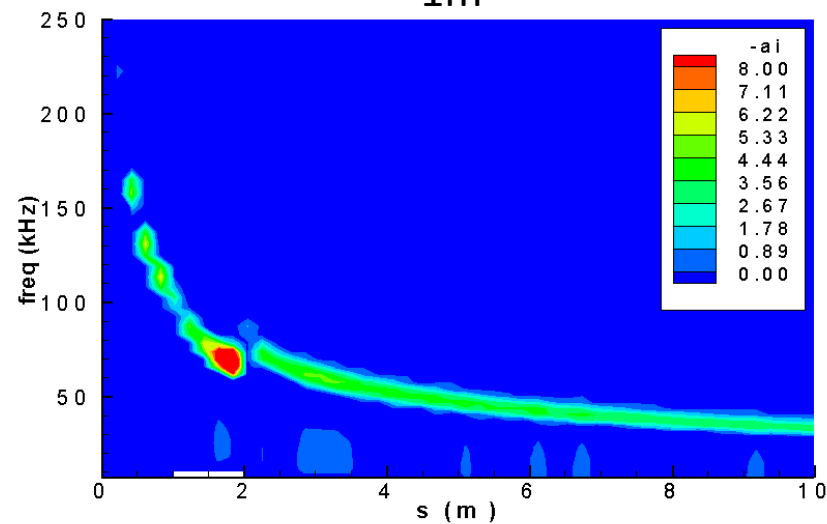
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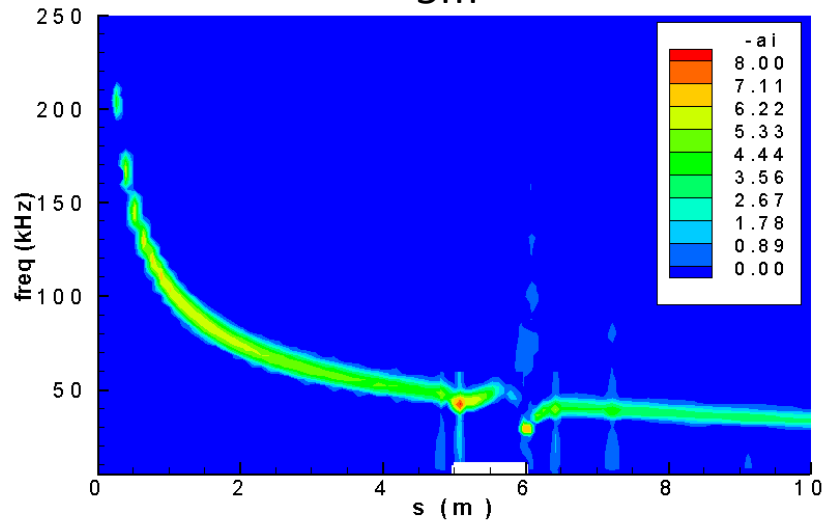
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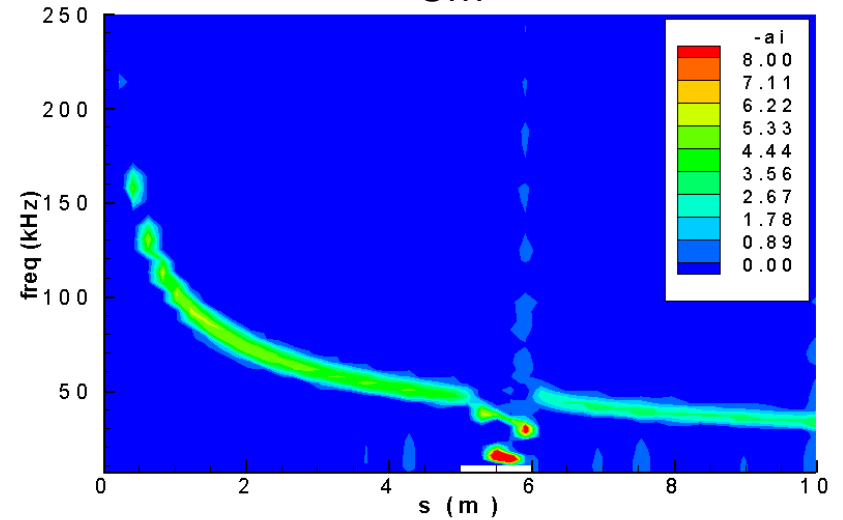
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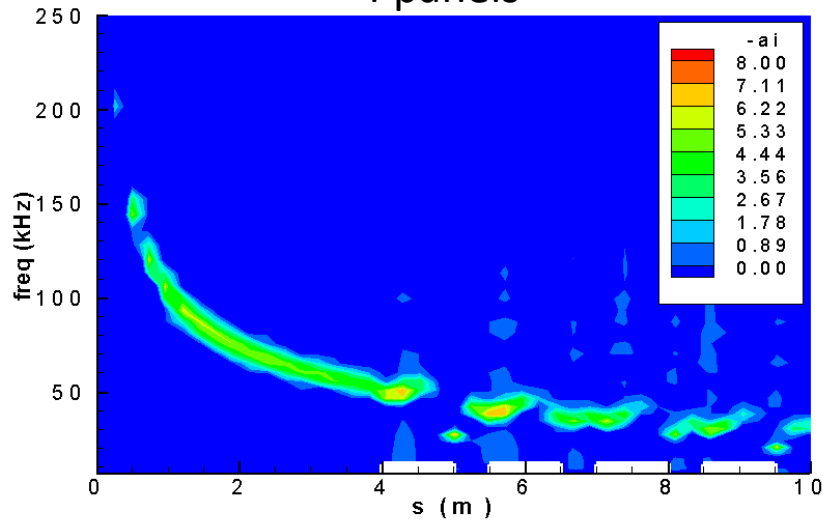
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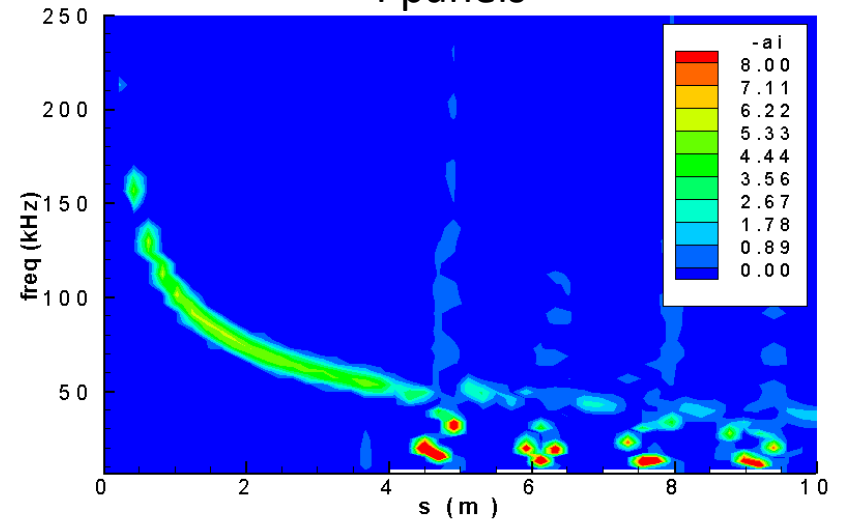
Single Panel – Varied Location



4 panels



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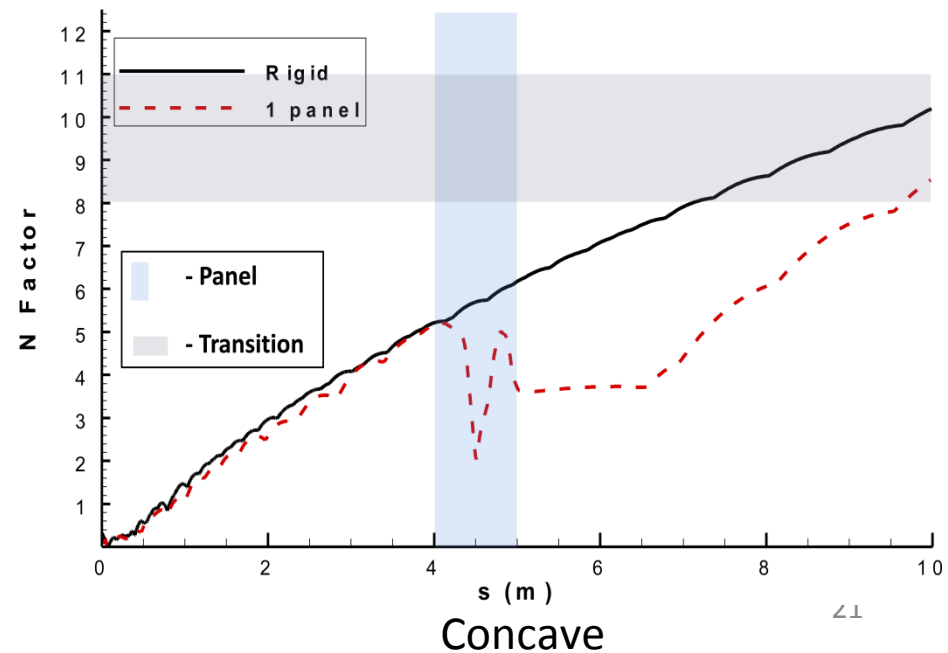
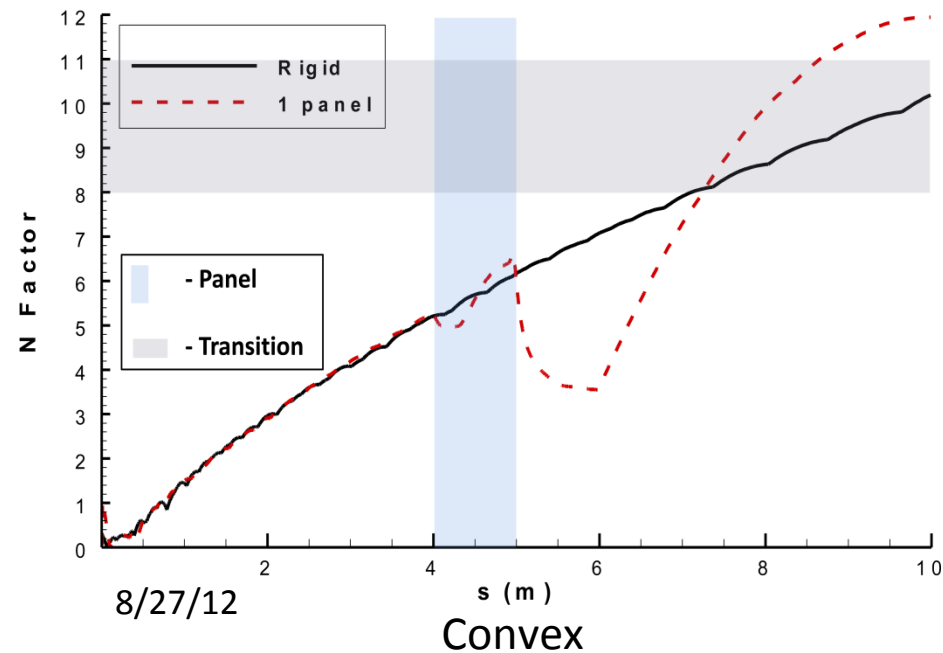


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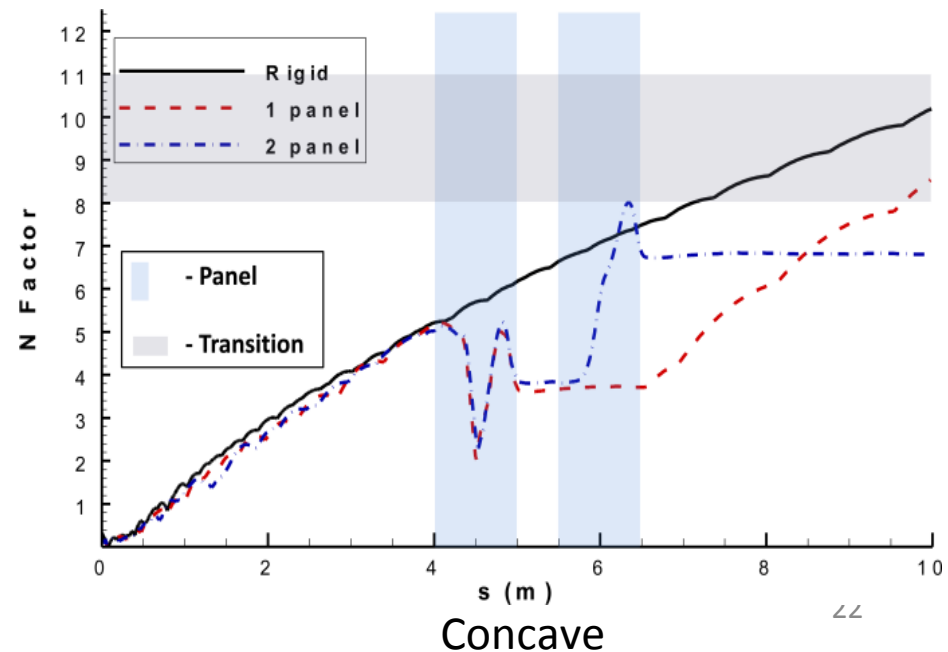
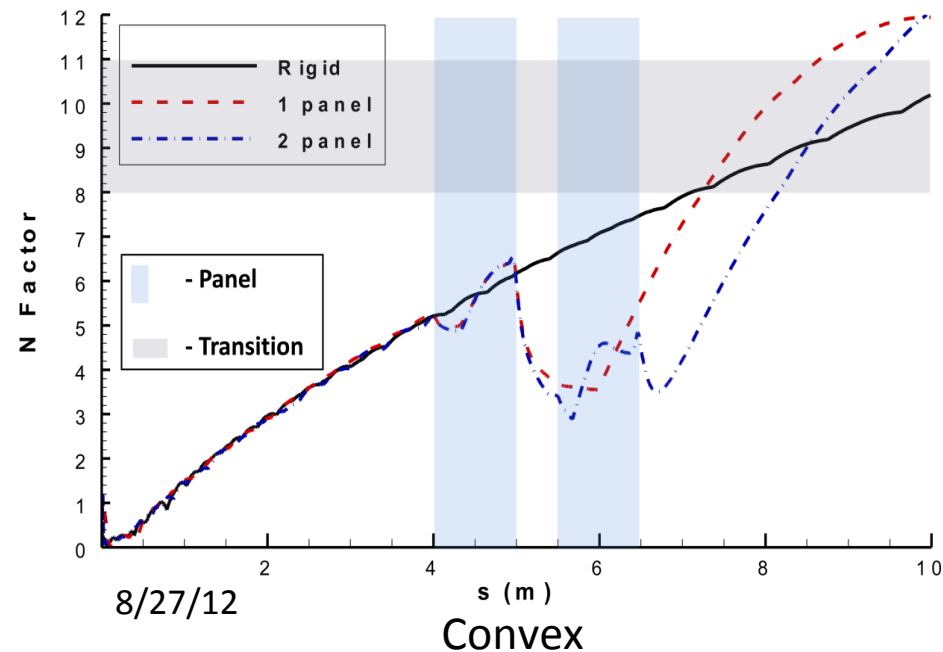


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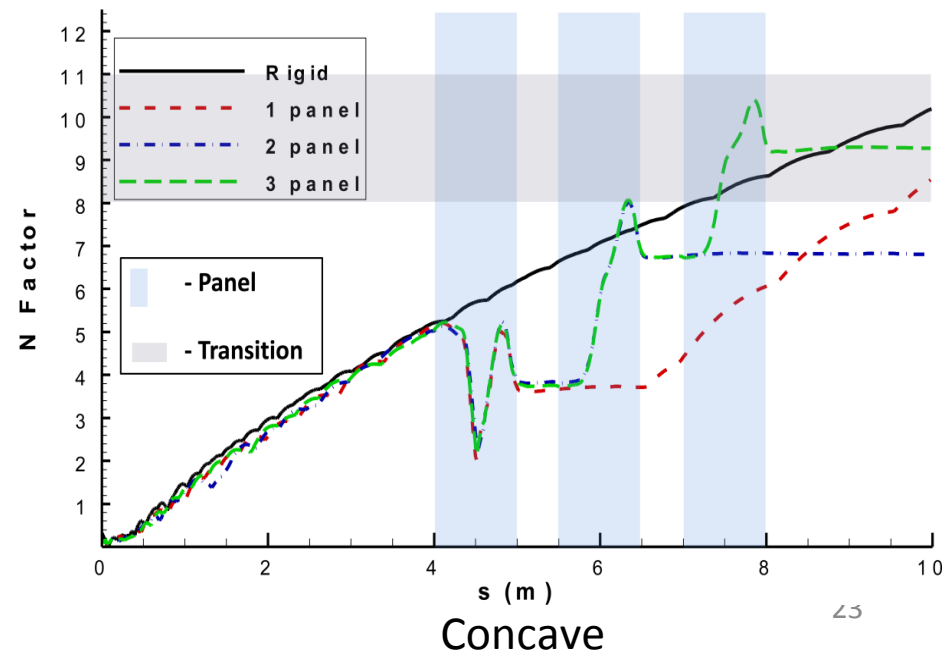
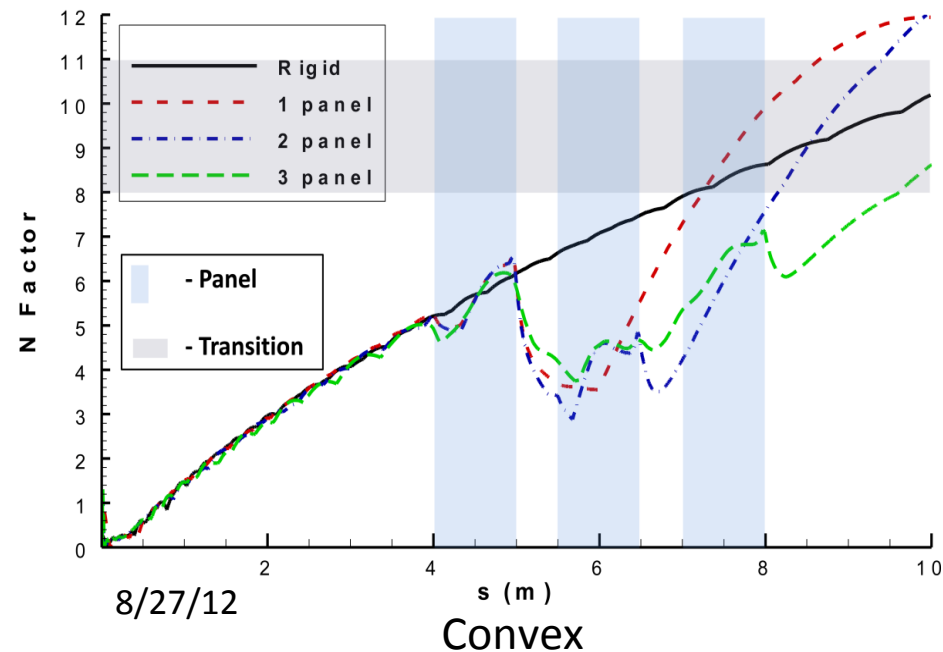


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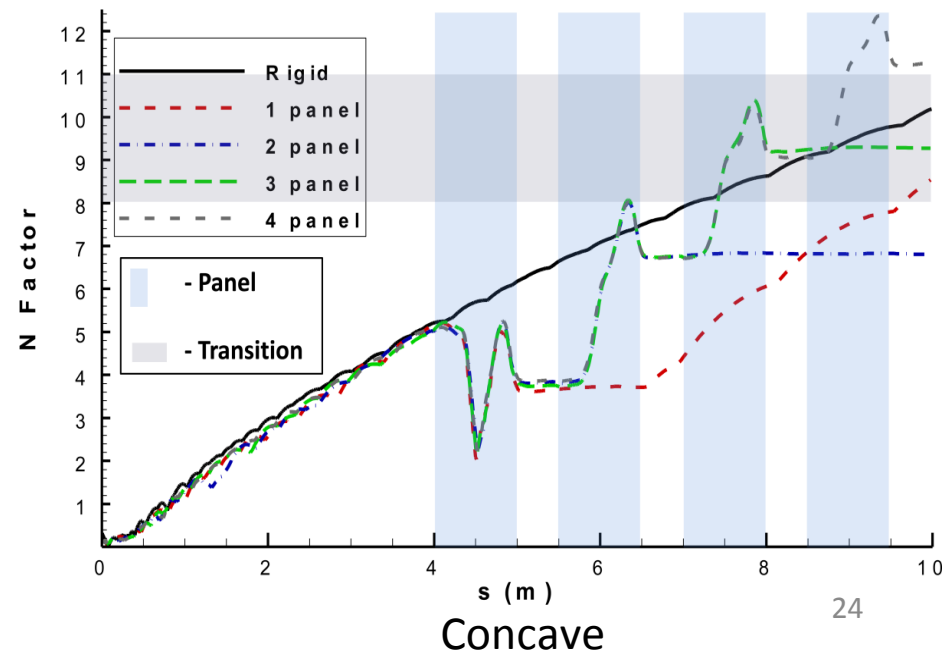
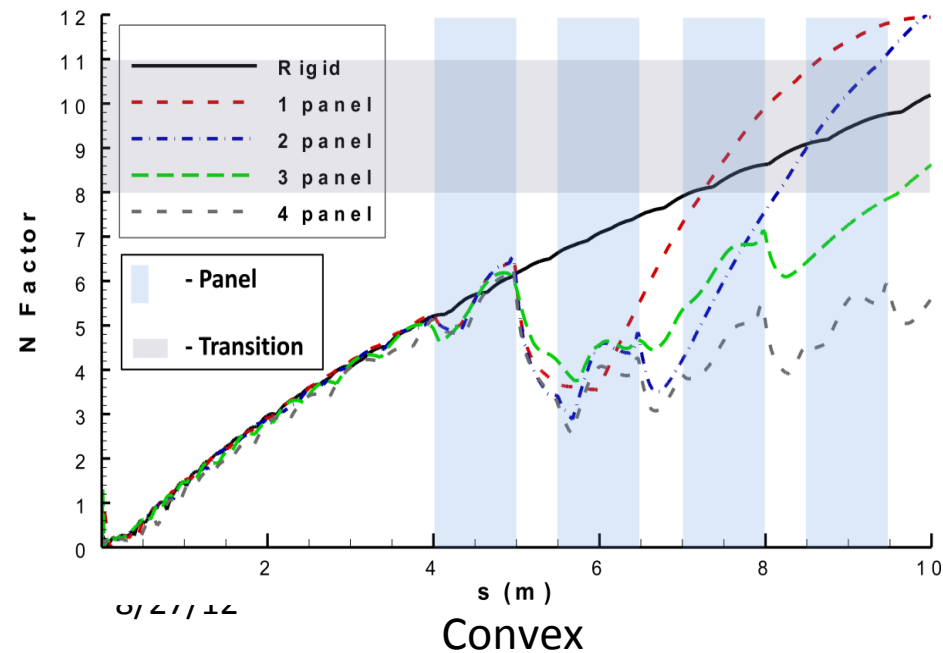


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Fundamental Questions & Challenges

- Bricks don't fly easily...but they sure are easier to design.
- Experimental validation of ***coupled*** physics?
- Incorporation of LES/DNS into ***long time record*** multi-physical analysis?
 - SBLIs
 - Turbulent Boundary Layer Loadings in General
- How does the N-factor corresponding to transition change with evolving surface conditions? What about 3-D considerations?
- Consequences of damage accumulation & material evolution?