Numerical Simulations of a Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST) Aircraft Preliminary Design

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Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) simulations were performed on a Lockheed Martin Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST) aircraft preliminary design to as sess inlet performance. The FUN3D flow solver and its adjoint-based grid refinement capability were used for the simulations in hopes of determining internal "best practices" for predicting inlet performance on top-aft-mounted inlets. Several parameters were explored including tetrahedral vs. pentahedral cells in/around the boundary-layer regions, an engine axis-alignedlinear pressure sensor vs. a pressure box objective as the grid adaptation metric, and the number of grid adaptation cycles performed. Additional simulations were performed on manually refined grids for comparison with the adjoint-based adapted grids. Results showed poor agreement in predicted inlet performance on the refined grids compared to experimental data. This was true regardless of whether the refinement was adjoint-based or manual, the cell type in/near the boundary-layer regions, or the grid adaptation metric used. In addition, the 40-probe total pressure recovery was shown to decrease asymptotically as the number of adaptation cycles is increased. Solutions on the unadapted grids generally had better agreement with experimental data than their refined grid counterparts.

Nomenclature

DPCP	=	inlet circumferential distortion
DPRP	=	inlet radial distortion
М	=	Mach number
m_2/m_0	=	inlet mass flow rate ratio
p, p_t	=	static and total pressure
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	=	inlet total pressure recovery
и	=	streamwise velocity
<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>	=	cartes ian coordinates
<i>y</i> ⁺	=	non-dimensional wall distance
α	=	angle of attack
β	=	sideslip angle
σ	=	standard deviation
∞	=	freestream

I. Introduction

LTHOUGH there has not been a commercial supersonic flight since the retirement of the Concorde fleet in 2003, the aviation community has shown interest in bringing back commercial supersonic transports, with several companies already pursuing efforts¹⁻³. These efforts are on-going despite the current ban on supersonic flight over U.S. territories due to the loudness of the sonic booms produced by aircraft flying at supersonic speeds⁴. NASA has taken an interest in paving the way for commercial supersonic transport aircraft in the United States⁵ and has gone as far as devoting one of the x-planes in the New Aviation Horizons initiative to demonstrating that an aircraft flying supersonically can generate a quiet sonic boom⁶. This low boom flight demonstrator aircraft was contracted out to Lockheed Martin by NASA to develop the aircraft through the

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preliminary design review⁷. While several incarnations of the aircraft were analyzed by both Lockheed Martin engineers and NASA researchers, the C607.1 version of the Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST) aircraft was chosen for wind tunnel aerodynamic and propulsion tests in the NASA Glenn Res earch Center's (GRC's) 8'x6' Supersonic Wind Tunnel (SWT) during the first half of 2017. This paper focuses on the Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) computational fluid dynamic (CFD) simulations performed by the NASA GRC researchers that supported the propulsion wind tunnel test effort.

II. Geometry and Numerical Modeling

A. QueSST C607.1 Geometry

The QueSST aircraft preliminary design, shown in Fig. 1, is a single engine aircraft, with the engine topmounted at the aft-end of the fuselage. The inlet is an external compression diverterless bump inlet that compresses the flow external of the inlet duct while diverting the boundary-layer flow away from the engine intake. The C607.1 version, shown in Fig. 2 with features highlighted in Fig. 3, had modified internal inlet contours with respect to its predecessors in order to improve inlet performance. The inlet itself had a throat area of 510in² and a subsonic diffuser length of 96in. Vortex generators were situated approximately 10 inlet diameters upstream of the inlet in order to help mitigate boundary-layer flow from being ingested by the inlet. Approximately 15 inlet diameters upstream of the vortex generators is a camera fairing for housing an external camera system. The camera system is required to help aid the pilot with take-offs and landings due to the minimal visibility from the cockpit. The presented simulations used a 9.5% scaled version of the C607.1 aircraft, which is consistent with the scale of the wind tunnel model used in the 8'x6' SWT aerodynamic and propulsion tests.



Figure 1. Artist's concept of the Lockheed Martin QueSST aircraft preliminary design⁵.



Figure 2. QueSST C607.1 aircraft preliminary design.



Figure 3. QueSST C607.1 aircraft features, including the aerodynamic interface plane (AIP).

B. Flow Solver

NASA's FUN3D⁸ code was used for all simulations. FUN3D is a node-based production level coded eveloped and maintained at the NASA Langley Research Center. It can solve 2D/3D Euler and RANS equations for incompressible and compressible flows on unstructured grids. The FUN3D flow solver was chosen for two main reasons: 1) it can handle complex geometries represented by unstructured grids and 2) it has the capability to perform adjoint-based grid adaptation. The adjoint-based grid adaption uses the refine/one library⁹, which requires "freezing" all boundary-layer (BL) cells within a user-specified distance from no-slip walls. FUN3D's adjointbased grid adaptation capability has been used extensively with external flow applications including complexnozzle plumes⁹⁻¹¹, sonic boom predictions¹², and internal flow applications such as s-ducts¹³. The adjoint-based grid adaptation works by reducing the grid spatial discretization error with respect to a specified flow field metric by leveraging flow solution sensitivities. For the presented simulations, the pressure within the inlet duct was chosen as the flow field metric for adaptation.

C. Grid Adaptation Parameters

In order to develop internal "best practices" for capturing top-aft-mounted inlet performance, three parameters were chosen to explore their sensitivities to the predicted inlet performance. These included the cell type in/near the boundary-layer, the grid adaptation metric, and the number of grid adaptation cycles. The cell type looked at u sing tetrahedrals or pentahedrals (i.e. prisms and pyramids) in and around the boundary-layer regions. The two grid adaptation metrics that were explored were an engine axis-aligned linear pressure sensor and a pressure box objective. The linear pressure sensor objective works by minimizing the discretization error around a linear pressure "sensor" while the pressure box objective works by computing the RMS values of pressure. Each objective is only activate within a user specified region of the flow field domain. Finally, the number of grid adaptation cycles was varied from 8 to 16 cycles. Table 1 summarizes the combinations of the parameters that were simulated.

Table 1. On a dapation cases.				
Case#	BL Cell Type	Adaptation Metric	Adaptation Cycles	
1	Tetrahedral	NA	0	
2	Tetrahedral	Linear Pressure Sensor	8	
3	Pentahedral	NA	0	
4	Pentahedral	Pressure Box	8	
5	Tetrahedral	Pressure Box	8*	
6	Tetrahedral	Pressure Box	16*	
7	Pentahedral	Pressure Box	8*	
8	Pentahedral	PressureBox	16*	

Table 1: Grid adaptation cases

*reduced number of additional nodes/adaptation cycle.

D. Initial and Manually Refined Grids

An unstructured surface grid was generated using the Pointwise¹⁴ grid generation software while three different initial volume grids were generated using the AFLR3¹⁵ code. AFLR3 is a research code developed at Mississippi State University that generates unstructured tetrahedral/pentahedral volume grids via the Advancing -Front/Local Reconstruction method^{16,17}. The three initial volume grids were differentiated as follows; grid #1 consisted of all tetrahedral cells (referred to as the tetrahedral boundary-layer grid), grid #2 contained a mix of tetrahedral and pentahedral cells (referred to as the pentahedral boundary-layer grid), and grid #3 was a smoothed version of grid

#2 (referred to as the pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid). Viscous spacing was such that the y^+ value was less than 0.2. Nodal count for all initial grids was 33.4 million. Due to symmetry, only half of the aircraft was modeled.

In addition, two manually refined grids, one based off of grid #1 and the other based off of grid #2, were developed following the same process as the initial grids for comparison with the adapted grids. Refinement took the form of uniformly increasing the nodal counton the surface grid connectors by a factor of 1.5 and decreasing the initial spacing off the viscous surfaces by a factor of 1.5. This resulted in volume grids with 92.3 million nodes for the tetrahedral boundary-layer based grid and 91.8 million nodes for the pentahedral boundary-layer based grid.

E. Flow Conditions

Three different experimental set points were chosen for the simulations, with details outlined in Table 2. Most of the simulations focused on the experimental data points condition referred to as Reading 1755, which at $M_{\infty}=1.46$ was slightly higher than the aircraft's designed freestream cruise condition of $M_{\infty}=1.42$. Additionally, a lower supersonic point of $M_{\infty}=1.35$ (Reading 1771) and a low subsonic point of $M_{\infty}=0.30$ (Reading 2033) were chosen for additional comparisons.

Tuble 2. Set point conditions.			
Reading #	Mach Number	α (deg)	β (deg)
1755	1.46	2.0	0.0
1771	1.35	3.0	0.0
2033	0.30	3.0	0.0

Table 2: Set point conditions.

F. Boundary Conditions, Initial Solutions, and Turbulence Modeling

A combination of freestream and farfield boundary conditions were applied to the outer boundaries of the computational domain, shown in Fig. 4 for the supersonic flow cases and Fig. 5 for the subsonic flow case. An extrapolation boundary condition was applied to the outflow boundary for the supersonic flow cases while a farfield boundary condition was applied for the subsonic flow case. Mass flow through the inlet was set indirectly by specifying the inlet exit plane Mach number, which in turn set the back pressure within the inlet duct. Setting the mass flow through the inlet in this manor was in lieu of modeling the mass flow plug that was used in the experiment. Flow through the nozzle was set by imposing a subsonic inflow boundary conditions were set to uniform flow at the freestream conditions with the exception of the inlet duct, which was initialized at a subsonic uniform flow. All simulations used the Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model¹⁸.







Figure 5. Boundary conditions for subsonic flow condition.

III. Results

The presented results will mostly focus on the solutions along the aircraft centerline. While the inlet was the main area of interest, two additional stations upstream of the inlet were chosen for comparison with experiment al data: the area around the camera faring and the area at the inlet bump. Figure 6 shows all of the areas of interest while Fig. 7 shows the experiment pressure tap locations at the camera fairing and inlet bump regions. For reference, the nose of the aircraft is at axial station x=2.419", which is consistent with the aircraft model run in the experiment. In addition, the inlet mass flow rate ratio was defined as the ratio of the mass flow rate at the aerodynamic interface plane (AIP), m_2 , to the theoretical capture mass flow rate, m_0 . The capture mass flow rate utilized the inlet throat area as the capture area, which does not account for the pre-compression surface of the inlet bump diverter. Thus, some of the mass flow rate ratios reported in this paper exceed 1.00.



Figure 6. Areas of interest along the aircraft centerline.



Figure 7. Experiment pressure tap locations along the aircraft centerline at the camera fairing region (left) and inlet bump region (right).

A. Statistical Approach

Paired t-tests were performed in order to help quantify the comparisons between the CFD solutions to themselves and the experimental data. By definition, the paired t-tests were performed on the differences between the data being compared and not the absolute values themselves. For example, if a paired t-test were to be performed on data derived from CFD simulations and an experiment, shown in Table 3, the paired t-test would be performed on

the differences between the two data sets, i.e. the third column of Table 3. Due to the limited number of CFD simulation data points available, the statistical comparisons presented in this paper utilized only 4-6 points per comparison. While this is notideal, it is the hope of the authors that the presented framework can be utilized for future CFD simulation comparisons.

Although the CFD simulations were run at the experimental conditions, the CFD simulations were not necessarily run at the same inlet mass flow rate ratios as the experiment, therefore, curve fits were applied to the CFD data for a one-on-one comparison with the experimental data. The curve fits were generated using a least-squares error method to fit a 4th-order or lower polynomial to the CFD data as a function of the inlet mass flow rate ratio, with an example curve fit shown in Fig. 8. CFD data with curve fits with an R-squared value less than 0.8 were omitted from the statistical comparisons and the curve fits were used only for interpolation. Figures that utilize the curve fits have an asterisk at the end of each figure caption. The reader is cautioned that there is a difference between being statistically the same/different and being the same/different from an engineering perspective. For example, two data sets might be close enough that from an engineering perspective they are the same, but statistically they are different due to the standard deviations being smaller than the average difference between the two data sets. This will come into play in the following subsections.

 Table 3: Example pressure data (as a function of the inlet mass flow rate ratio) at one of the inlet bump pressure taplocations.

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CFD	Experiment	CFD – Experiment
1645	1619	26
1732	1700	32
1870	1843	27
2004	1962	42



Figure 8. Example CFD curve fit at one of the inlet bump pressure taplocations.

B. Cell Type and Grid Adaptation Metric

Figure 9 shows the inlet Mach number contour on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 conditions (M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°) for an inlet mass flow ratio of 0.96. It can be seen that FUN3D predicts a small separation region within the subsonic diffuser. This separation region is an artifact of the shockwave boundary-layer interaction occurring upstreamin the inlet bump region and therefore is sensitive to how well the CFD code can predict the shockwave strength and location. Further, this separation region is shown to be greatly exaggerated after 8 adaptation cycles, shown in Fig. 10, when using the engine axis-aligned linear pressure sensor. Note that during the adaptation process, the boundary-layer cells were "frozen" below a y^+ of ~300 in order to permit a smooth transition from the viscous layers. Figure 11 shows the inlet Mach number contour on the unadapted p entah edral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 conditions for an inlet mass flow ratio of 0.95. Just like on the un adapted tetrahedral grid, FUN3D predicts a small separation region within the subsonic diffuser. This too is greatly exaggerated after 8 adaptation cycles using the pressure box bijective within the inlet subsonic diffuser, shown in

Fig. 12. It should be noted that unlike the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid has an abrupt transition from the viscous regions. This is because FUN3D's adjoint-based grid adaptation refine/one library does not adapt pentahedral cells, and thus these cells were the only cells that were "frozen" during the adaptation process. In order to try to mitigate this abrupt transition, the smoothed version of the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid was run at the Reading 1755 conditions, with the Mach number contour for an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 0.95 shown in Fig. 13. In this case, FUN3D predicts a much larger separation compared to the previous unadapted grids, although it is still smaller than the ones predicted by the adapted grids. It was decided not to try adapting the pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid as the previous results showed that adapting the grid would only increase the size of the separation region.

While comparing aircraft centerline Mach number contours is great for qualitative CFD solution comparisons, it does not answer the question of how well each solution is correctly predicting the flow field, let alone predicting inlet performance. To help answer these questions, the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump regions were plotted at various inlet mass flow rate ratios. Some of these are shown in Fig. 14 and Fig. 15 for the camera fairing region and Fig. 16 through Fig. 18 for the inlet bump region. The camera fairing region figures show that the pressure measurements at this location are insensitive to the inlet mass flow rate ratio. This is to be expected as the inlet is well downs tream of the camera fairing location. The inlet bump region figures show that the pressure profiles are insensitive to the inlet mass flow rate ratio only to about $x=80.2^{\circ}$, at which point, the pressure measurements tend to decrease as the mass flow rate ratio is increased. The exception to this is the CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, which shows sensitivity to the inlet mass flow rate ratio as far upstream as x=79.6". To further compare the CFD solutions and the experimental data, the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump at an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 0.95 were plotted, as shown in Fig. 19. Note that the uncertainty in the experiment pressure data is ± 2.16 psf. It can be seen that the solutions from the pendahetral boundary-layer grids matched the experimental data better at the camera fairing compared to their tetrahedral boundary-layer grid counterparts. This trend shifts slightly downstream at the inlet bump as all CFD solutions tend to agree well with the experimental data, with the exception of the 8 ad aptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid. In terms of inlet performance, the 40-probe average total pressure recovery, shown in Fig. 20, was better predicted on the unadapted grids compared to their adapted counterparts. While qualitatively better predicted, could it be said that the average total pressure recoveries are statistically the same? Based on the paired ttests, all of the CFD solutions with the exception of the solutions obtained on the 8 ad a ptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid statistically agree with the experimental data at the 95% confidence level.

To give a qualitative idea of inlet distortion, the computed 40-probe total pressure recovery contours at the AIP are shown in Fig. 21 through Fig. 23. These show that the size of the lower total pressure recovery region in the bottom portion of the inlet increased in the adapted cases compared to the unadapted cases. This trend is related to the increase in the separation region shown in the Mach number contour plots. Unlike the aircraft centerline Mach number contour plots, experimental data was available at the AIP. It is shown that the CFD first under predicts and then over predicts the size of the lower total pressure recovery region. To quantify the inlet distortion, ARP 1420 distortion parameters¹⁹ were computed and shown in Fig. 24. Unlike the total pressure recovery, qualitatively the inlet distortion was not well predicted by any of the CFD solutions. However, only the circumferential inlet distortion computed on the unadapted grids were statistically the same as the experimental data at the 95% confidence level.



Figure 9. Mach number contours for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0 = 0.96$.

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Figure 10. Mach number contours for the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.93$.



Figure 11. Mach number contours for the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.95$.



Figure 12. Mach number contours for the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.94$.



Figure 13. Mach number contours for the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid, $m_2/m_0=0.95$.



Figure 14. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing for the unadapted (left) and 8 adaptation cycle (right) tetrahedral boundary-layer grids for $M_{\infty}=1.46$, $a=2.0^{\circ}$.*



Figure 15. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing for the experiment at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.

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Figure 16. Static pressure profiles along the inlet bump for the unadapted (left) and 8 adaptation cycle (right) tetrahedral boundary-layer grids for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.*



Figure 17. Static pressure profiles along the inlet bump for the unadapted (left) and 8 adaptation cycle (right) pentahedral boundary-layer grids for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.*



Figure 18. Static pressure profiles along the inlet bump for the experiment at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.

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Figure 19. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing (left) and inlet bump (right) for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°, m_2/m_0 =0.95.*



Figure 20.40-probe total pressure recovery plot for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 21.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted (left) and 8 adaptation cycle (middle) tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to the experiment (right) at $M_{\alpha}=1.46$, $\alpha=2.0^{\circ}$.



Figure 22.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted (left) and 8 adaptation cycle (middle) pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to the experiment (right) at $M_{\infty}=1.46$, $\alpha=2.0^{\circ}$.



Figure 23.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid (left) and the experiment (right) at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 24. Inlet distortion plot for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.*

C. Number of Adaptation Cycles

While the number of adaptation cycles was increased from 8 to 16 for this sub-study, it should be noted that the target number of nodes added per adaptation cycle was decreased from 1×10^6 to 2×10^5 in order to reduce the grid size of the 16 adaptation cycle grids. Thus the 8 adaptation cycle grids presented in this subsection had approximately 25-54% fewer nodes compared to their counterparts in the previous subsection. Figure 25 and Fig.

26 show the aircraft centerline Mach number contours for the 8 and 16 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grids at the Reading 1755 conditions (M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°) while Fig. 27 and Fig. 28 show the aircraft centerline Mach number contours for the 8 and 16 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grids at the Reading 1755 conditions. These figures show that there is very little difference in the flow field between 8 and 16 adaptation cycles. Also, they predict a large separation region in the subsonic diffuser, which is consistent with the separation regions predicted on the adapted grids shown in Fig. 10 and Fig. 12.

Figure 29 shows static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and the inlet bump at the Reading 1755 conditions for the unadapted, 8 adaptation cycle, and 16 adaptation cycle tetrahedral and pentahedral boundary-layer grids. It can be shown that the pressure profiles at the camera fairing generally agree with each other. Figure 29 also shows that the pressure profiles at the inlet bump generally agree with each other with the exception of the second to last pressure station (x=81.3").

In terms of the 40-probe average total pressure recovery, shown in Fig. 30, both the pentahedral boundary-layer grids showed asymptotically decreasing total pressure recovery as the number of adaptation cycles was increased. This was more pronounced on the tetrahedral boundary-layer grids than the pentahedral boundary-layer grids. The trend that the 40-probe average total pressure recovery as ymptotically decreased as the number of adaptation cycles increased suggests that while adjoint-based grid adaptation will converge to a value for the 40-probe average total pressure recovery, that value will most likely not be the same value as that provided by experimental data. Further insight can be gained by looking at the computed AIP 40-probe total pressure recovery does not change significantly between 8 and 16 adaptation cycles while also over predicting theregion of lower total pressure recovery in the bottom portion of the inlet. This is consistent with what was seen in the adapted grid solutions in Fig. 21 and Fig. 22.

Although using the adjoint-based solver in FUN3D resulted in poor agreement with the experimental data for these cases, the adjoint solver itself might not be the issue. In FUN3D, error estimates are computed after each adaptation cycle using the Venditti error estimate²⁰. The computation of this error estimate, called the remaining adaptation error, is summarized in Eq. (1).

Examining the remaining adaptation error for the pentahedral boundary-layer grid in Fig. 33 shows that the remaining adaptation error is actually increasing over the course of the first 5 adaptation cycles and then steadies out to a relatively high value (on the order of 10^3). This is despite the fact that the flow residuals over the course of each adaptation cycle are shown to level out. Figure 33 also shows an example of the flow residuals during the 3^{rd} adaptation cycle. Similar trends in the flow residuals were seen during the other adaptation cycles and the remaining adaptation error followed a similar trend for the tetrahedral boundary-layer grid. A possible reason for the lack of convergence of the remaining adaptation error is that the error estimation is using noisy data. The noisy data is most likely due to poor convergence of the flow equations, which in turn is due to numerical instability or physical unsteadiness of the flow field.



Figure 25. Mach number contours for the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.97$.



Figure 26. Mach number contours for the 16 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.97$.



Figure 27. Mach number contours for the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.99$.



Figure 28. Mach number contours for the 16 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.99$.



Figure 29. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing (left) and inlet bump (right) for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 30.40-probe total pressure recovery plots on the pentahedral boundary-layer grids (left) and on the tetrahedral boundary-layer grids (right) for $M_{\infty}=1.46$, $\alpha=2.0^{\circ}$.

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Figure 31.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the 8 adaptation cycle (left) and 16 adaptation cycle (middle) tetrahedral boundary-layer grids compared to the experiment (right) at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 32.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the 8 adaptation cycle (left) and 16 adaptation cycle (middle) pentahedral boundary-layer grids compared to the experiment (right) at $M_{\infty}=1.46$, $\alpha=2.0^{\circ}$.



Figure 33. Remaining adaptation error (left) and 3rd adaptation cycle flow residuals (right) for the pentahedral boundary-layer grid.

D. Manually Refined Grids

Figure 34 and Fig. 35 show the Mach number contour plots along the aircraft centerline for the Reading 1755 conditions (M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°) on the manually refined grids. Just like on the adapted grids, the CFD solutions predict a large separation region within the subsonic diffuser, regardless of the cell type within/around the boundary-

layer regions. Figure 36 shows the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump for the reading 1755 conditions on the manually refined grids. For comparison, the solutions on the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle grids were included in the plots. The figure shows that the manually refined grids tend to agree with the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle grids at the camera fairing with the exception of the fourth upstream location (x=43.2"), where the manually refined grids predict a lower pressure than the 16 adaptation cycle grid. The figure also s hows that the CFD solutions on the manually refined grids tend to agree with the other CFD solutions at the inlet bump with the exception of the second to last downstreamlocation (x=81.3"). At this location, the predicted pressure measurements on the manually refined grids matches closely with the pressure measurements predicted on the unadapted grids.

Figure 37 shows the 40-probe average total pressure recovery for the manually refined grids along with the 40probe average total pressure recoveries for the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle grids. Interestingly, the figure shows that the average total pressure recovery on the manually refined pentahedral boundary-layer grid agrees with the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid while the average total pressure recovery on the manually refined tetrahedral boundary-layer grid falls in between the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle tetrahedral bound ary-layer grids. One reason for this discrepancy between the two different cell-type grids could be that the phenomena that the total pressure recovery decreases as ymptotically as the adaption cycle (and thus the grid size) is in creased was more pronounced on the tetrahedral boundary-layer grids than the pentahedral boundary-layer grids. This would imply that one would expect a greater disagreement between the 40-probe average total pressure recoveries computed from the tetrahedral boundary-layer grids compared to those computed from the pentahedral boundarylayer grids. Figure 38 and Fig. 39 show the 40-probe total pressure recovery contour plots for the manually refined grids compared to the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle grids. It can be seen that the manually refined grids are predicting a region of lower total pressure recovery that is sized in between the equivalent regions predicted on the unadapted and 16 adaptation cycle grids. This makes sense as the number of nodes at the AIP on the manually refined grids were greater than the number of nodes on the unadapted grids but less than the number of nodes on the 16 adaptation cycle grids.



Figure 34. Mach number contours for the manually refined tetrahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=0.99$.



Figure 35. Mach number contours for the manually refined pentahedral boundary-layer grid, $m_2/m_0=1.00$.



Figure 36. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing (left) and inlet bump (right) for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 37.40-probe total pressure recovery plots on the pentahedral boundary-layer grids (left) and on the tetrahedral boundary-layer grids (right) for M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.

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Figure 38.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted (left), manually refined (middle), and 16 adaptation cycle (right) tetrahedral boundary-layer grids at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.



Figure 39.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted (left), manually refined (middle), and 16 adaptation cycle (right) pentahedral boundary-layer grids at M_{∞} =1.46, α =2.0°.

E. Additional Simulations

Based on the results obtained on the adapted and manually refined grids, it was decided to run the simulations at the other two conditions using only the unadapted tetrahedral and pentahedral boundary-layer grids. Figure 40 and Fig. 41 show the aircraft centerline Mach number contours at the Reading 1771 conditions (M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°) with an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 0.96. Both grids predict a small separation within the subsonic diffuser, a trend that is consistent with the sub-studies using these grids at the higher Mach number condition. Figure 42 and Fig. 43 show the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump, respectively, for the CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid and the experiment at various inlet mass flow rate ratios at the Reading 1771 condition. The figures show that the pressure profiles are insensitive to the inlet mass flow rate ratio at the camera fairing region and for the first five upstream pressure stations of the inlet bump region. However, the pressure measurements at the remaining three downstream stations are shown to decrease as the mass flow rate ratio is increased. This is because the shockwave in front of the inlet moves downstream as the inlet mass flow rate ratio is increased. Note that the CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid were omitted from Fig. 42 and Fig. 43 as they displayed the same trend as the CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid. To further compare the CFD solutions and the experimental data, the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump at an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 0.92 are shown in Fig. 44. While from an engineering perspective the pressure profiles at the camera faring and at the inlet bump all agree with each other, statistically they do not. Most of the pressure profiles do not agree statistically at the 95% confidence level because two times the standard deviations between the average pressure measurements across the various inlet mass flow rate ratios are smaller than the difference between the average pressure measurements. The exception to this is when comparing the CFD solutions to each other at $x=79.0^{\circ}$ and downstream of $x=79.6^{\circ}$. In addition, the 40-probe average total pressure recovery values, shown in Fig. 45, tend to agree statistically with the experimental data for both the unadapted tetrahedral and pentahedral boundary-layer grids at the 95% confidence level. This is further demonstrated in the 40-probe total pressure recovery contour plots, shown in Fig. 46, although both CFD solutions tend to under predict the size of the lower total pressure recovery region.

Figure 47 and Fig. 48 show the aircraft centerline Mach number contours at the Reading 2033 conditions $(M_{\infty}=0.30, \alpha=3.0^{\circ})$ at an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 1.81 for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid and 1.82 for the unadapted pentahedreal boundary-layer grid. Unlike the supersonic cases, the small separation region has moved from the bottom of the subsonic diffuser to the top. This is consistent between the two grids. Figure 49 and Fig. 50 show the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and inlet bump, respectively, for the CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid and the experiment at various inlet mass flow rate ratios at the Reading 2033 condition. It can be seen that the pressure profiles at the camera fairing are insensitive to the inlet mass flow rate ratios with the exception of the CFD solution at x=44.2". It can also be shown that the first three upstream inlet bump stations are insensitive to the inlet mass flow rate ratio while the pressure measurements decrease with increasing mass flow rate ratio at the remaining stations. This trend is similar to what was seen at the Reading 1771 condition. However unlike the Reading 1771 condition which was at a supersonic freestream, the decrease in the pressure measurements as the mass flow rate ratio increases is not due to the movement of the external shockwave. To further compare the CFD solutions and the experimental data, the static pressure profiles at the camera fairing and the inlet bump at an inlet mass flow rate ratio of 1.86 are shown in Fig. 51. While from an engineering perspective the static pressure profiles agree well with each other, they in fact do not statistically agree with each other at the 95% confidence level. There are a few exceptions to this, specifically the CFD solutions compared to the experiment at the most downstream camera fairing location, the CFD solutions compared to each other at $x=79.0^{\circ}$, $x=79.6^{\circ}$, and $x=81.3^{\circ}$ at the inlet bump, the CFD solution on the tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to the experiment at x=81.3", and all data at the most downstream in let bump station. Figure 52 shows the respective 40-probe average total pressure recovery values, which show that the CFD solutions tend to agree well with each other and the experimental data. Statistically, this is also true at the 95% confidence level with the exception of comparing the average total pressure recoveries for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer and unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grids. Differences can also be seen in the 40-probe total pressure recovery contour plots, shown in Fig. 53. In particular, the CFD solutions tend to not fully capture the lower total pressure recovery region at the lower portion of AIP. Despite the statistical differences, the results of this sub-study suggest that FUN3D is able to better predict, from an engineering perspective, the flow field and inlet performance of a topaft-mounted propulsion system as the freestream Mach number is decreased.



Figure 40. Mach number contours for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid for M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°, m_2/m_0 =0.96.



Figure 41. Mach number contours for the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid for M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°, m_2/m_0 =0.96.



Figure 42. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid (left) and the experiment (right) for M_{∞} =1.35, a=3.0°.*



Figure 43. Static pressure profiles along the inlet bump for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid (left) and the experiment (right) for M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°.*

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Figure 44. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing (left) and inlet bump (right) for M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°, m_2/m_0 =0.92.*



Figure 45.40-probe total pressure recovery plot for M_{∞} =1.35, α =3.0°.



Figure 46.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer (left) and the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer (middle) grids compared to the experiment (right) at $M_{\infty}=1.35, \alpha=3.0^{\circ}$.



Figure 47. Mach number contours for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid for $M_{\infty}=0.30$, $\alpha=3.0^{\circ}, m_2/m_0=1.81$.



Figure 48. Mach number contours for the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid for $M_{\infty}=0.30$, $\alpha=3.0^{\circ}, m_2/m_0=1.82$.



Figure 49. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid (left) and the experiment (right) for M_{∞} =0.30, α =3.0.*



Figure 50. Static pressure profiles along the inlet bump for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid (left) and the experiment (right) for M_{∞} =0.30, α =3.0°.*



Figure 51. Static pressure profiles along the camera fairing (left) and inlet bump (right) for $M_{\infty}=0.30$, $\alpha=3.0^{\circ}, m_2/m_0=1.86.*$



Figure 52.40-probe total pressure recovery plot for M_{∞} =0.30, α =3.0°.

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Figure 53.40-probe total pressure recovery contours for the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer (left) and the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer (middle) grids compared to the experiment (right) at $M_{\infty}=0.30, \alpha=3.0^{\circ}$.

IV. Conclusions

To conclude, a grid adaptation study was performed on a QueSST aircraft preliminary design in order to determine internal "best practices" for computing inlet performance of top-aft-mounted inlets. It was shown that grids with pentahedral cells in/around the boundary-layer regions generally did slightly better at predicting in let performance than grids with tetrahedral cells in that same region. It was also shown that both the engine axis-aligned linear pressure sensor and the pressure box objective led to adapted grids that poorly predicted inlet performance. In addition, it was shown that the 40-probe total pressure recovery decreases asymptotically as the number of adaptation cycles increases and agreement with the experimental data generally got worse with the number of adaptation cycles. Finally, it was shown that the CFD results on the unadapted grids had better agreement with the experimental data at the lower freestream Mach numbers compared to the freestream Mach number of 1.46. These trends suggest that it is hard to predict inlet performance for a high speed top -aft-mounted propulsion system without anchoring the CFD solutions to experimental data and performing a grid refinement study.

Appendix A

The following tables outline the inlet mass flow rate ratios that the CFD simulations were run at.

Table A1: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the cell type and grid adaptation metric sub-study (tetrahedral

boundary-layer grids).		
Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0	
	0.83	
	0.88	
	0.92	
0	0.96	
	1.02	
	1.05	
	1.09	
	0.76	
	0.81	
	0.85	
8	0.89	
	0.93	
	0.96	
	1.00	
	1.07	

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Table A2: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the cell type and grid adaptation metric sub-study	(pentahedral
boundary-layer grids)	

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Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0		
	0.75		
	0.86		
0	0.95		
	1.04		
	1.08		
	1.09		
	0.75		
	0.80		
	0.85		
	0.89		
8	0.94		
	0.99		
	1.03		
	1.07		
	1.10		

 Table A3: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the cell type and grid adaptation metric sub-study (pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid).

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Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0	
	0.86	
	0.95	
0	1.04	
	1.08	
	1.09	

 Table A4: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the number of adaptation cycles sub-study (tetrahedral boundary-layer grids).

Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0
0	0.99
8*	0.97
16*	0.97

*reduced number of additional nodes/adaptation cycle.

Table A5: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the number of adaptation cycles sub-study (pentahedral

boundary-layer grids).		
m_2/m_0		
0.99		
0.99		
0.99		

*reduced number of additional nodes/adaptation cycle.

 $Table \ A6: In let \ mass \ flow \ rate \ ratios \ for \ the \ manually \ refined \ grids \ ub-study \ (tetrahedral \ boundary-layer$

grid).	
Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0
0	0.99

 Table A7: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the manually refined gridsub-study (pentahedral boundary-laver grid).

layer grid).		
Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0	
0	1.00	

Table A8: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the additional simulations sub-study (Reading 1771 conditions, tetrahedral boundary-layer grid).

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Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0
	0.78
	0.87
0	0.96
	1.00
	1.04
	1.05

 Table A9: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the additional simulations sub-study (Reading 1771 conditions, pentahedral boundary-layer grid).



 Table A10: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the additional simulations sub-study (Reading 2033 conditions, tetrahedral boundary-layer grid).

Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0
	1.48
	1.65
0	1.81
	1.88
	1.94
	1.96

 Table A11: Inlet mass flow rate ratios for the additional simulations sub-study (Reading 2033 conditions, pentahedral boundary-layer grid).

Adaptation Cycles	m_2/m_0
	1.48
	1.65
0	1.82
	1.89
	1.95
	1.96

Appendix B

The following tables summarize the average and two times the standard deviation values from the paired t-tests.

Table B1: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.010	0.014
DPCP	0.044	0.009
DPRP	-0.013	0.006

 Table B2: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahetral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.003	0.010
DPCP	0.007	0.026
DPRP	-0.015	0.008

 Table B3: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer smooth grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.008	0.014
DPCP	0.002	0.006
DPRP	-0.011	0.002

Table B4: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle pentahetral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.003	0.025
DPCP	0.060	0.013
DPRP	-0.028	0.008

 Table B5: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahetral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.034	0.033
DPCP	0.057	0.011
DPRP	-0.022	0.014

 Table B6: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.007	0.006
DPCP	-0.037	0.034
DPRP	-0.002	0.003

Table B7: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.002	0.007
DPCP	-0.042	0.013
DPRP	0.002	0.004

Table B8: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.007	0.014
DPCP	0.016	0.010
DPRP	-0.014	0.006

Table B9: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.044	0.028
DPCP	0.012	0.012
DPRP	-0.009	0.008

Table B10: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer smooth grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

		Average	2σ
p	$t_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.005	0.007
L	DPCP	-0.005	0.022
L	DPRP	0.004	0.006

Table B11: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.000	0.016
DPCP	0.053	0.039
DPRP	-0.012	0.006

 Table B12: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.037	0.025
DPCP	0.050	0.035
DPRP	-0.006	0.006

Table B13: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer smooth grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.007	0.014
DPCP	0.016	0.010
DPRP	-0.014	0.006

Table B14: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahetral boundary-layer smooth grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.044	0.028
DPCP	0.012	0.012
DPRP	-0.009	0.008

Table B15: CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the 8 adaptation cycle pentahetral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1755 condition.

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	-0.037	0.019
DPCP	-0.003	0.006
DPRP	0.006	0.010

	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	62.397	2.944
P102	61.195	2.504
P103	21.850	1.174
P104	90.300	0.925
P105	13.492	1.455
P106	-18.433	1.281
P107	61.651	2.555
P108	25.484	1.951

 Table B16: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (camera fairing pressure measurements).

Table B17: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (inlet bump pressure measurements).

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	Average(psf)	2σ
P601	36.650	0.856
P602	24.308	1.518
P603	85.322	1.773
P604	71.395	0.827
P605	42.929	4.034
P606	38.081	42.967
P607	86.793	52.633
P608	31.977	14.266

 Table B18: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (total pressure recovery).

U	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.009	0.017

 Table B19: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (camera fairing pressure measurements).

	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	63.476	2.942
P102	73.258	2.503
P103	4.461	1.822
P104	135.431	0.928
P105	49.986	1.454
P106	92.506	1.283
P107	19.607	2.554
P108	24.904	1.951

 Table B20: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (inlet bump pressure measurements).

	Average(psf)	2σ
P601	40.538	0.854
P602	11.459	1.459
P603	85.065	1.609
P604	74.217	0.938
P605	43.685	3.005
P606	38.058	29.991
P607	94.135	42.276
P608	40.876	12.267

 Table B21: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 1771 condition (total pressure recovery).

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	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.008	0.014

Table B22: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1771 condition (camera fairing pressure measurements).

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	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	-1.079	0.002
P102	-12.063	0.002
P103	17.389	1.455
P104	-45.131	0.011
P105	-36.494	0.005
P106	-110.939	0.004
P107	42.044	0.002
P108	0.580	0.000

 Table B23: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1771 condition (inlet bump pressure

measurements).		
	Average (psf)	2σ
P601	-3.887	0.014
P602	12.849	0.115
P603	0.257	0.377
P604	-2.823	0.493
P605	-0.756	4.900
P606	0.023	23.223
P607	-7.342	11.984
P608	-8.899	15.157

Table B24: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 1771 condition (total pressure recovery).

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.001	0.005

 Table B25: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 2033 condition (camera fairing pressure measurements).

	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	1.868	0.684
P102	2.376	0.766
P103	2.983	0.693
P104	13.021	0.938
P105	-1.406	0.713
P106	3.648	0.724
P107	3.404	0.748
P108	0.352	0.756

	Average(psf)	2σ
P601	-5.427	0.877
P602	-1.658	0.867
P603	-1.658	0.981
P604	-3.104	1.202
P605	-4.098	1.658
P606	-3.789	2.601
P607	-2.802	4.901
P608	-5.432	12.862

 Table B26: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 2033 condition (inlet bump pressure measurements).

Table B27: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 2033 condition (total pressure recovery).

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.004	0.011

 Table B28: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 2033 condition (camera fairing pressure measurements).

	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	1.876	0.682
P102	2.702	0.765
P103	2.718	0.691
P104	15.220	0.943
P105	1.664	0.721
P106	9.247	5.353
P107	1.508	0.745
P108	-0.175	0.754

Table B29: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental
data at the Reading 2033 condition (inlet bump pressure measurements).

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	Average(psf)	2σ
P601	-5.120	0.859
P602	-1.775	0.843
P603	-1.674	0.945
P604	-3.075	1.159
P605	-3.965	1.607
P606	-3.579	2.493
P607	-2.364	4.685
P608	-4.514	11.936

 Table B30: CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid compared to experimental data at the Reading 2033 condition (total pressure recovery).

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.002	0.011

Table B31: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 2033 condition (camera fairing pressure

measurements).		
	Average(psf)	2σ
P101	-0.008	0.010
P102	-0.326	0.004
P103	0.265	0.020
P104	-2.199	0.012
P105	-3.070	0.025
P106	-5.599	5.446
P107	1.896	0.008
P108	0.527	0.012

 Table B32: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 2033 condition (inlet bump pressure

measurements).		
	Average(psf)	2σ
P601	-0.307	0.048
P602	0.117	0.072
P603	0.016	0.084
P604	-0.029	0.121
P605	-0.133	0.178
P606	-0.210	0.352
P607	-0.438	0.864
P608	-0.918	2.989

Table B33: CFD solutions on the unadapted pentahedral boundary-layer grid compared to CFD solutions on the unadapted tetrahedral boundary-layer grid at the Reading 2033 condition (total pressure recovery).

	Average	2σ
$p_{t,2}/p_{t,\infty}$	0.002	0.002

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