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A Tradition of Aeronautic Research



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Aerospace Building



Hessert Laboratory



White Field Laboratory

72,000 sq-ft of laboratory
and office space

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SIGNATURE RESEARCH AREAS

- Aero-acoustics
- Aero-optics
- Fluid-structure Interactions
- Gas-turbine Propulsion
- Wind Energy
- Multi-phase Flows
- Plasma Dynamics
- Sensors and Flow Control Actuators
- Hypersonic Aerodynamics

PARTICIPANTS

- 22 T&R Faculty
- 4 R Faculty
- 6 Technical Staff
- 75 Ph.D. Students (85% U.S. citizens)
- 11 U.S. Govt. Agencies
- 25 Companies



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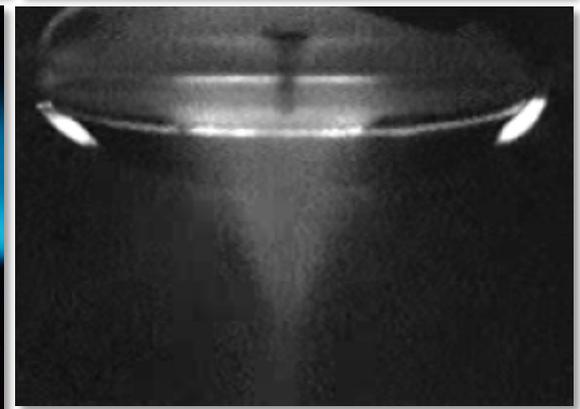
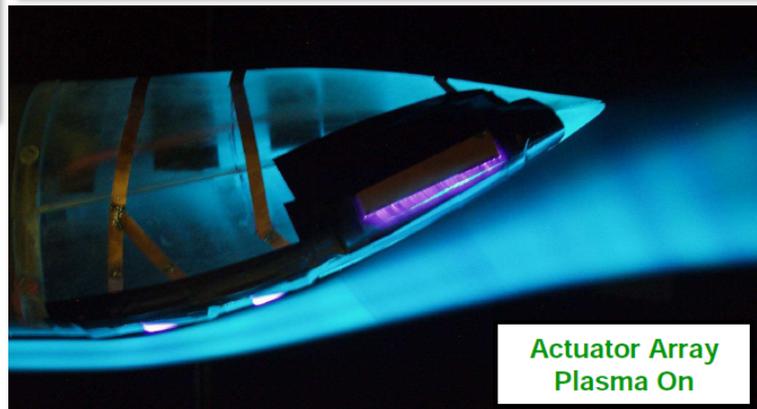
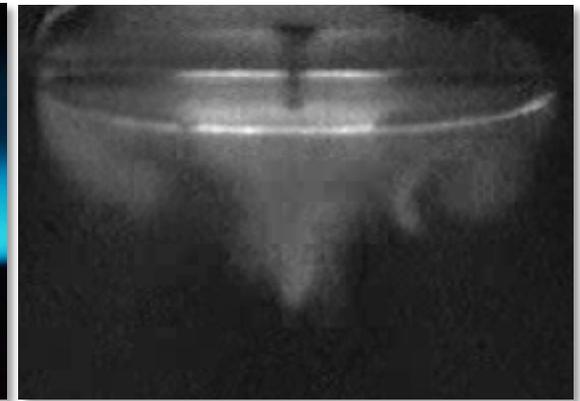
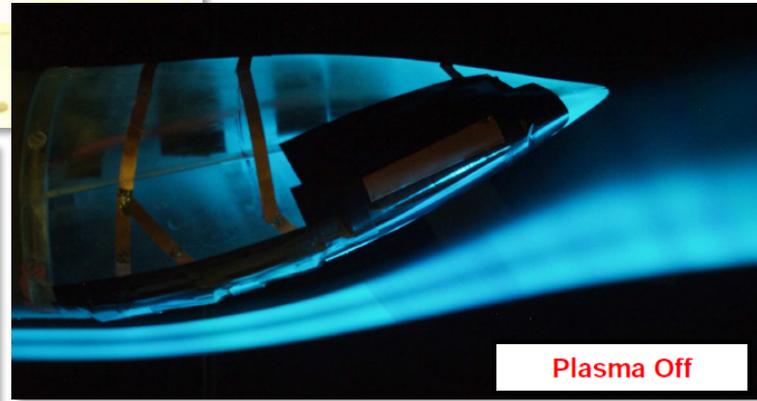
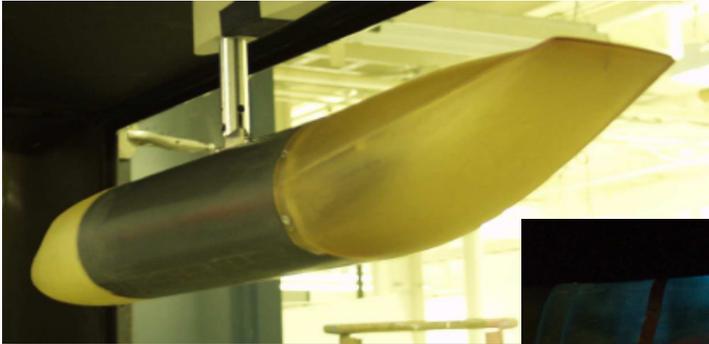


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Low-Speed Wind Tunnels



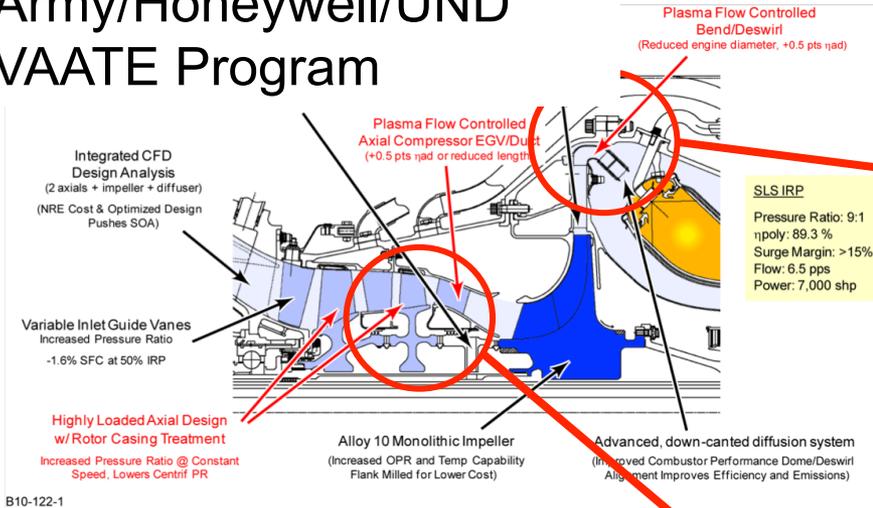
Initial investigations utilizing flow visualization and other flow diagnostic tools (hot-wire, LDV, PIV, etc)



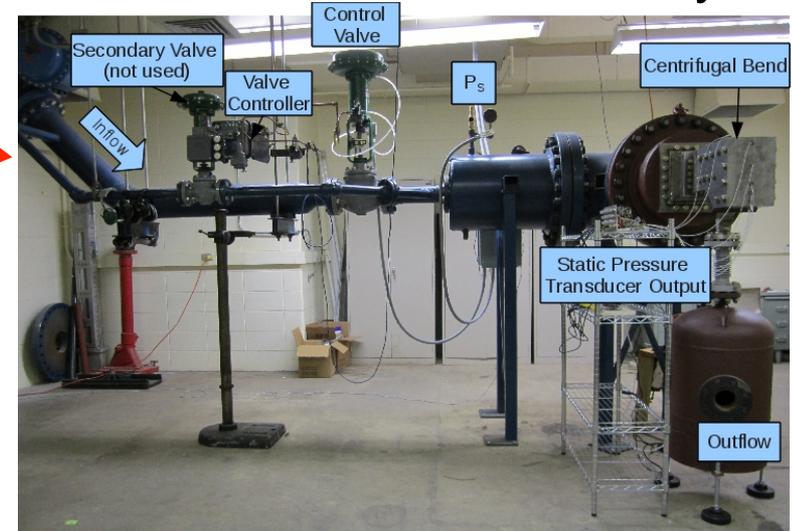


Component Facilities

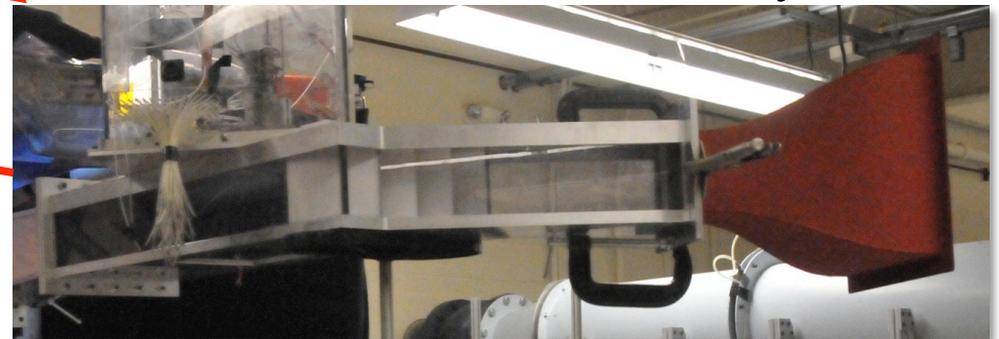
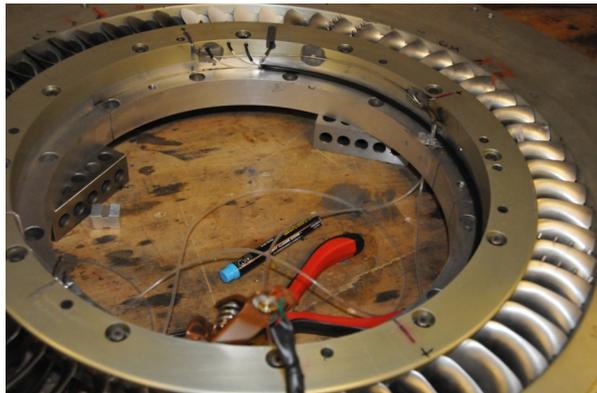
Army/Honeywell/UND VAATE Program



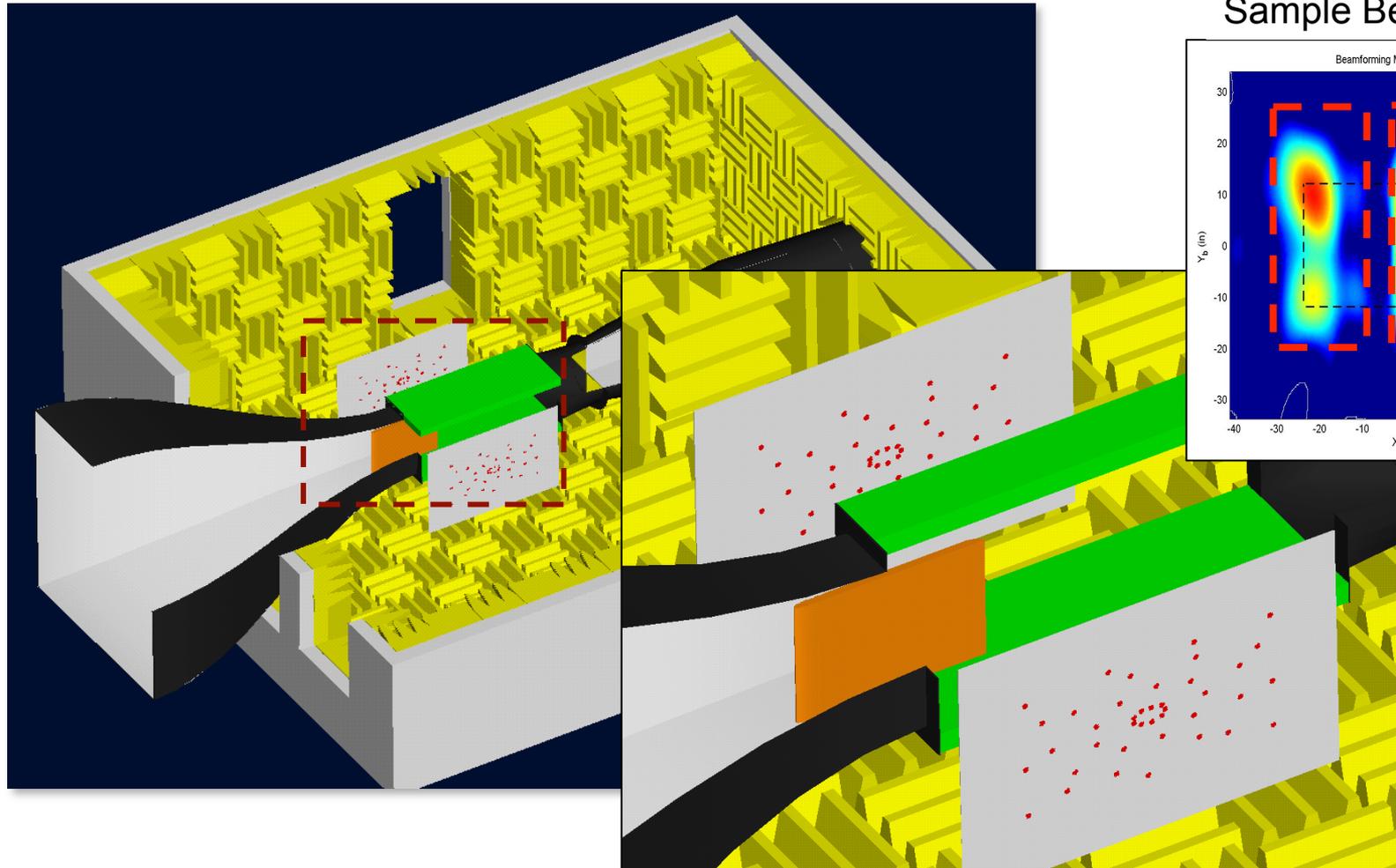
40Bar Blow-down Facility



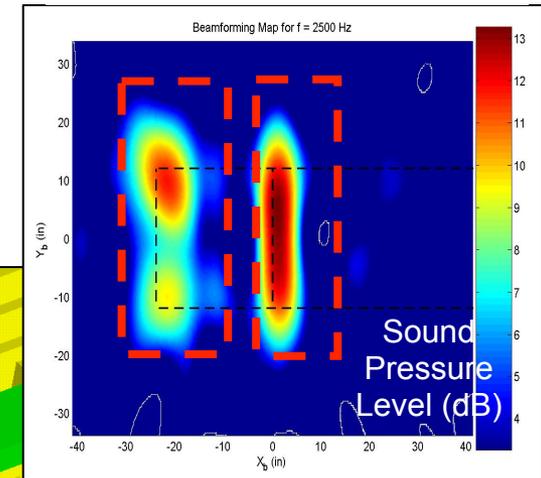
In-draft Tri-Sonic Facility



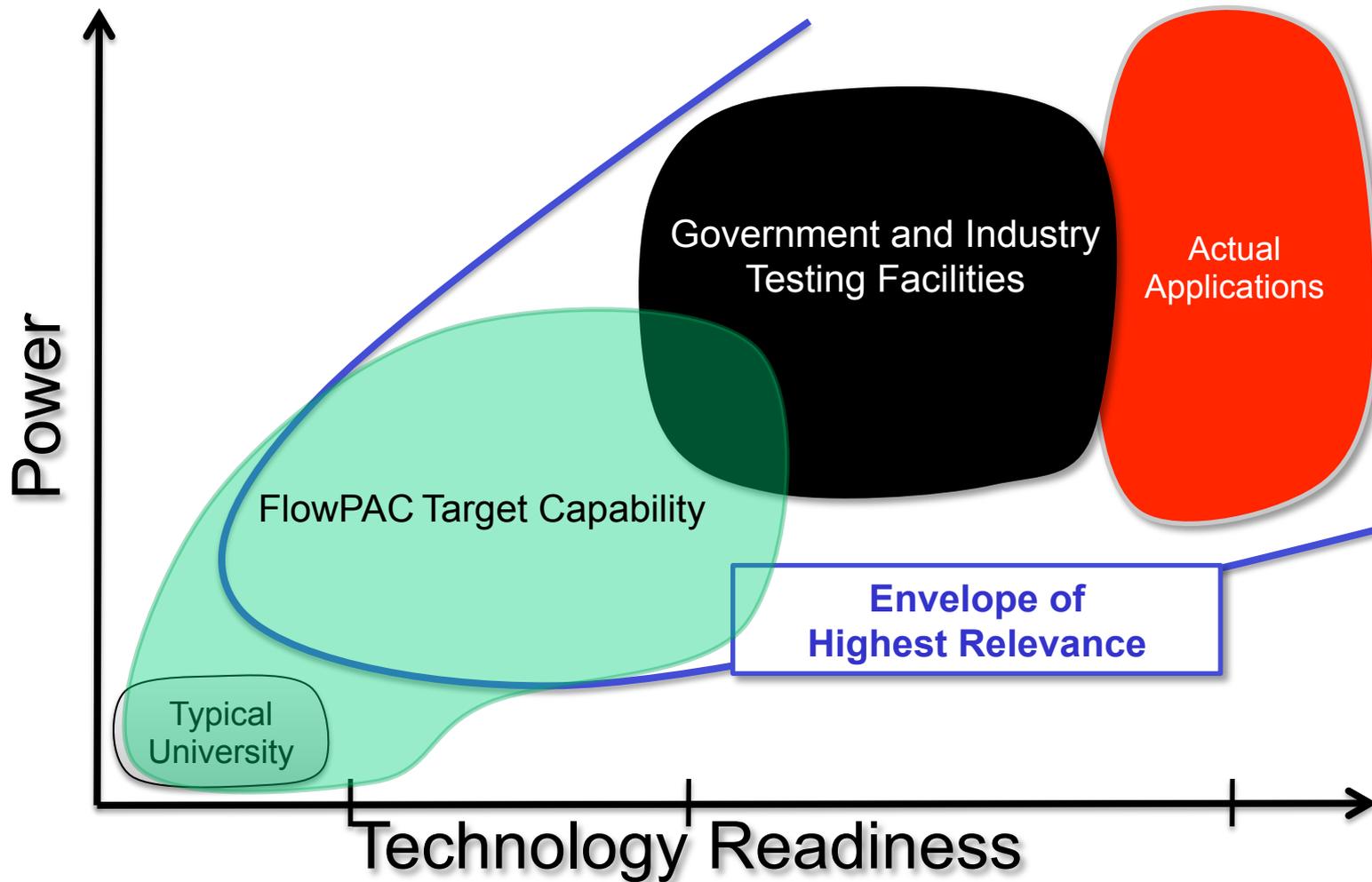
Anechoic Wind Tunnel



Sample Beam Forming



Experimental Facilities Vision



Mach 0.6 Wind Tunnel

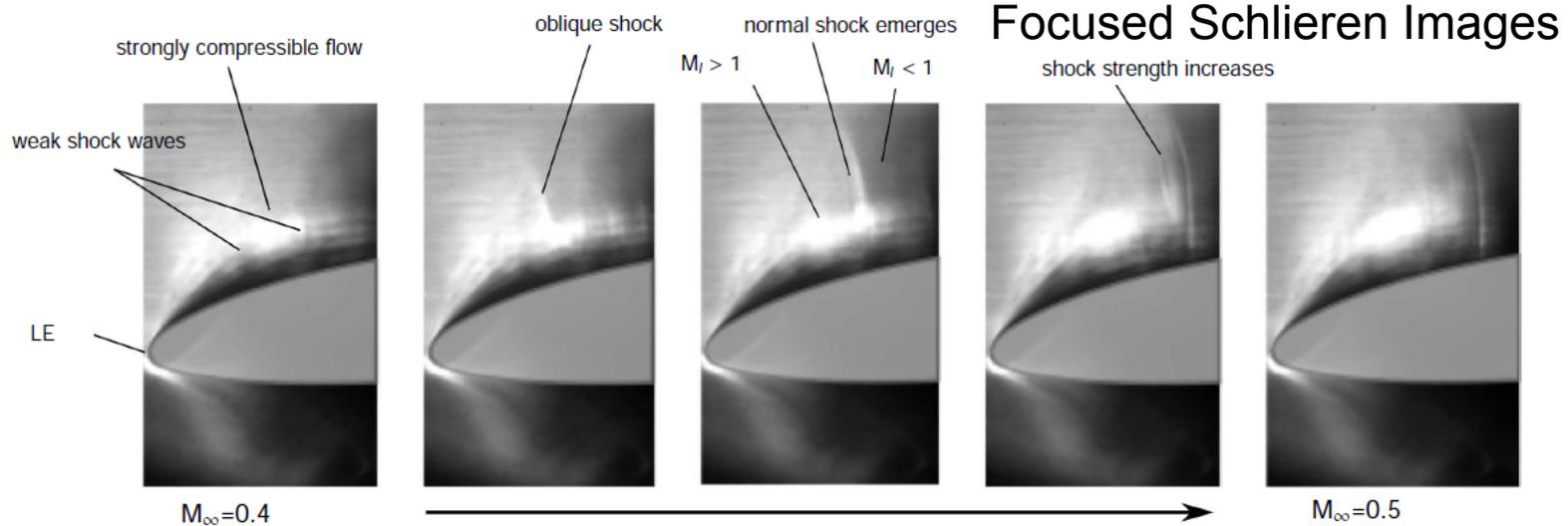
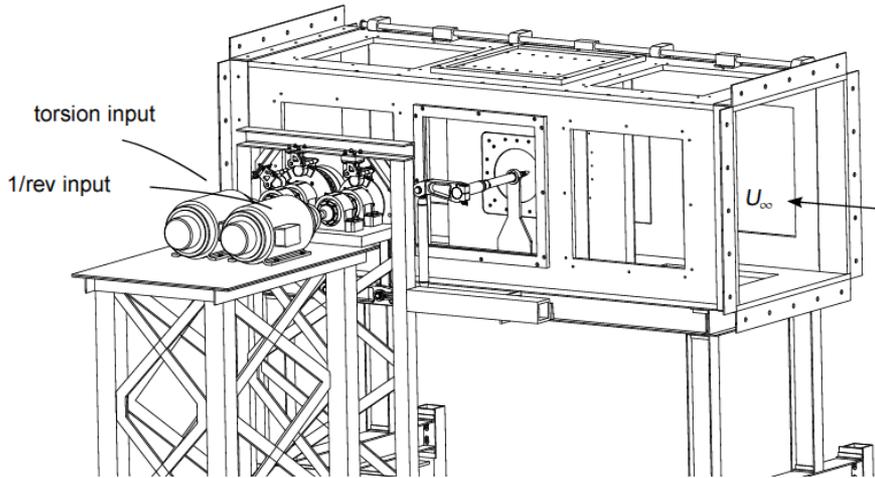


- 3'x3'x9' test sections
- Large optical access
- Low turbulence
- Temperature controlled

- 1750 H.P. motor
- Variable R.P.M. AC
- 8' diam., 2-stage fan
- 1000 ton-hr ice-storage chilled water cooling



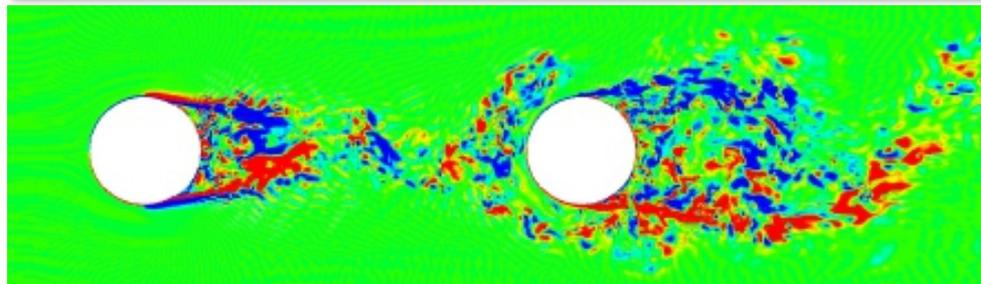
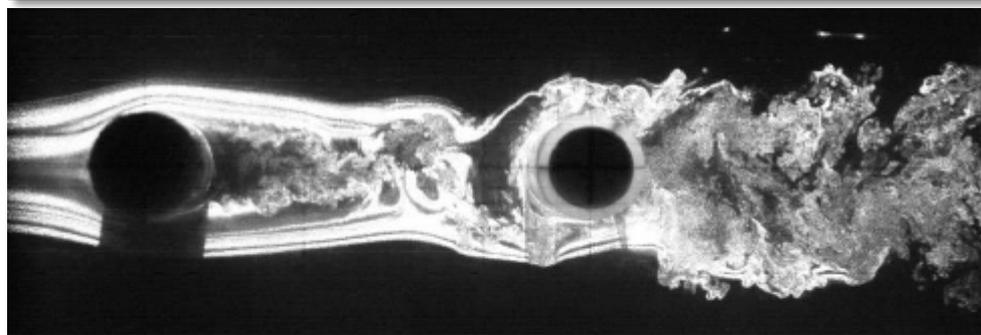
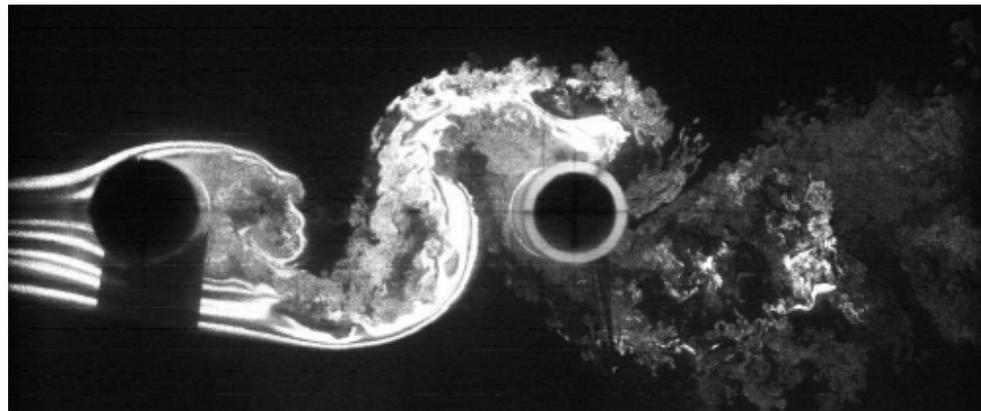
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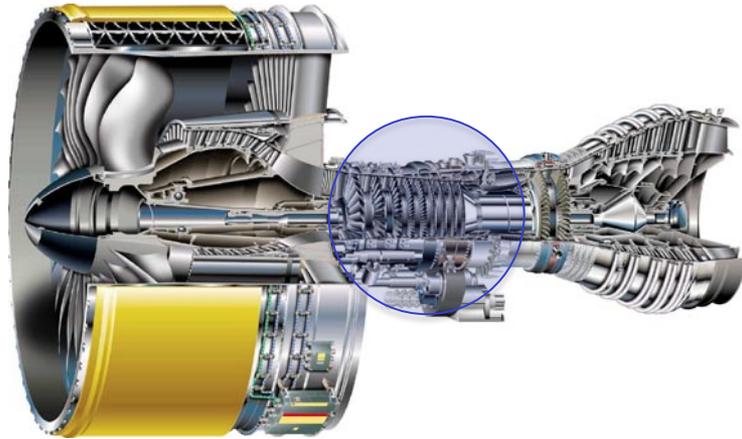
Airframe Noise



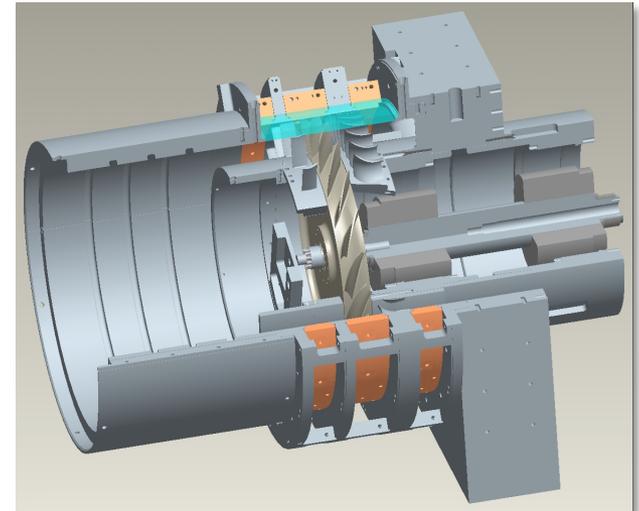
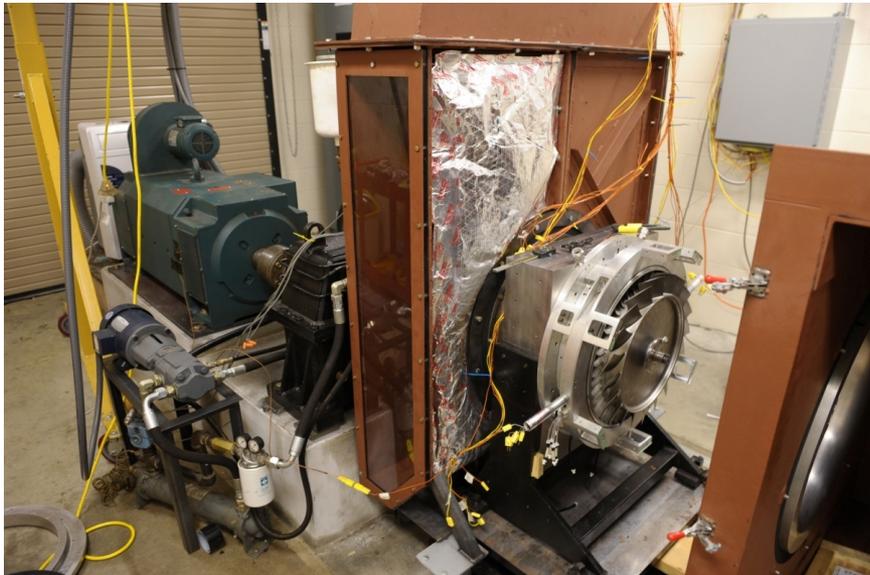
Gulfstream 550 Nose LG



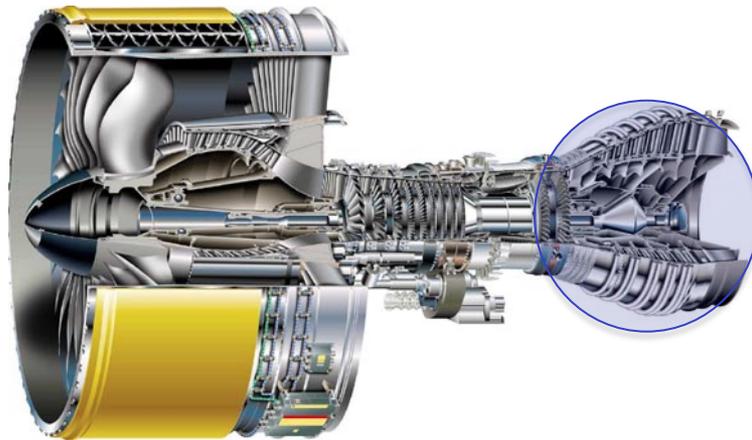
Transonic Compressor Facility



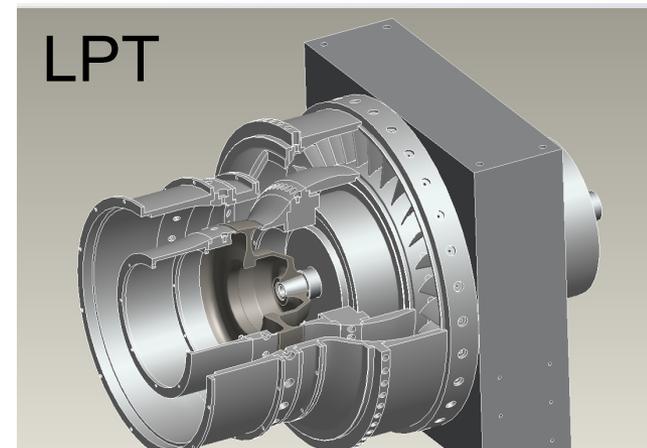
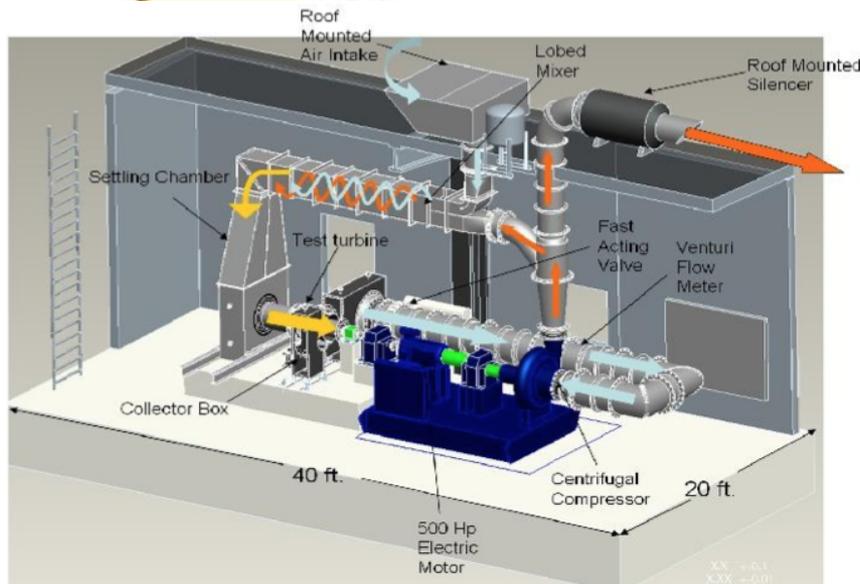
- 400 H.P.
- 15,000 R.P.M.
- Design tip-Mach: 1.2
- Magnetic levitation rotor bearings
- Rotor optical access



Transonic Turbine Facility

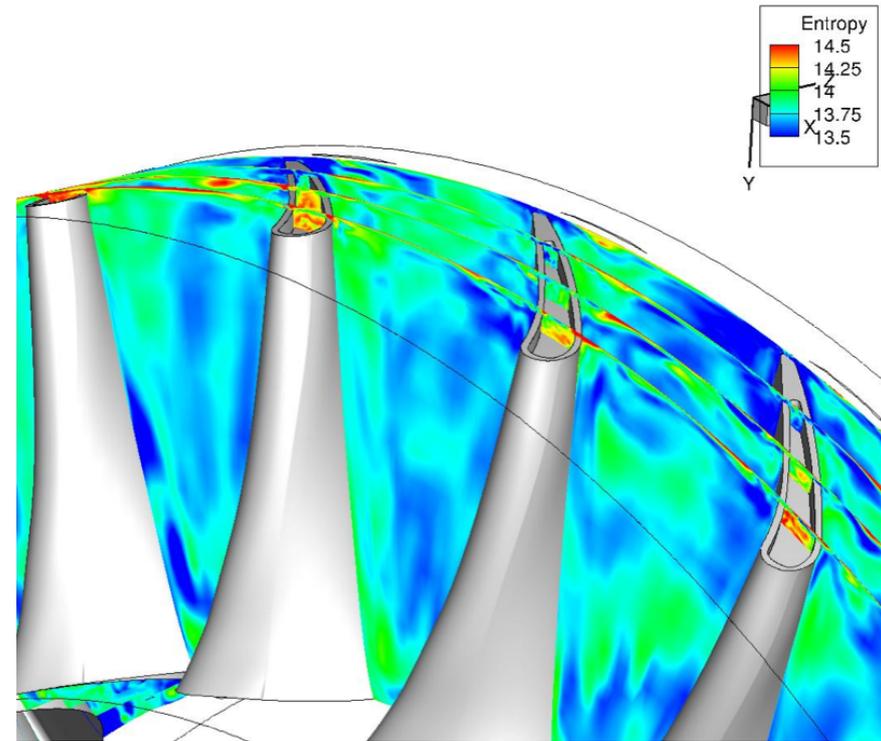
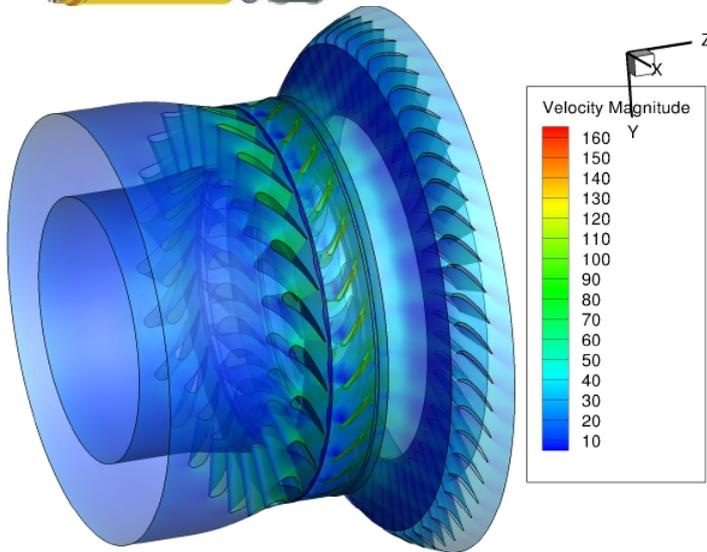
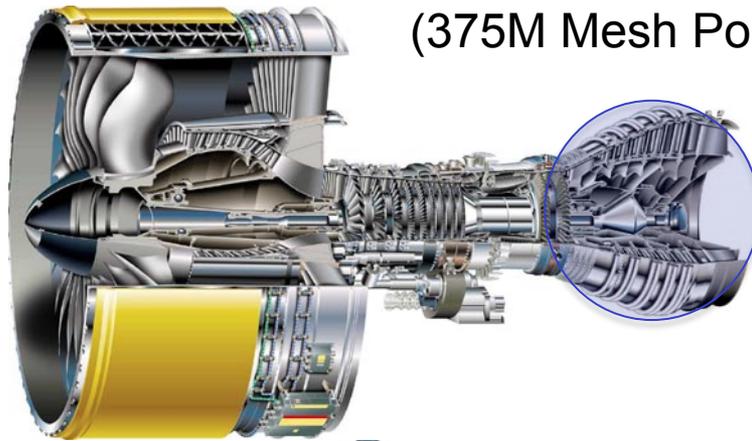


- 800 H.P. compressor
- 500 H.P. motor
- Design 300 H.P. turbine
- Magnetic levitation rotor bearings
- Highly-loading rotor design

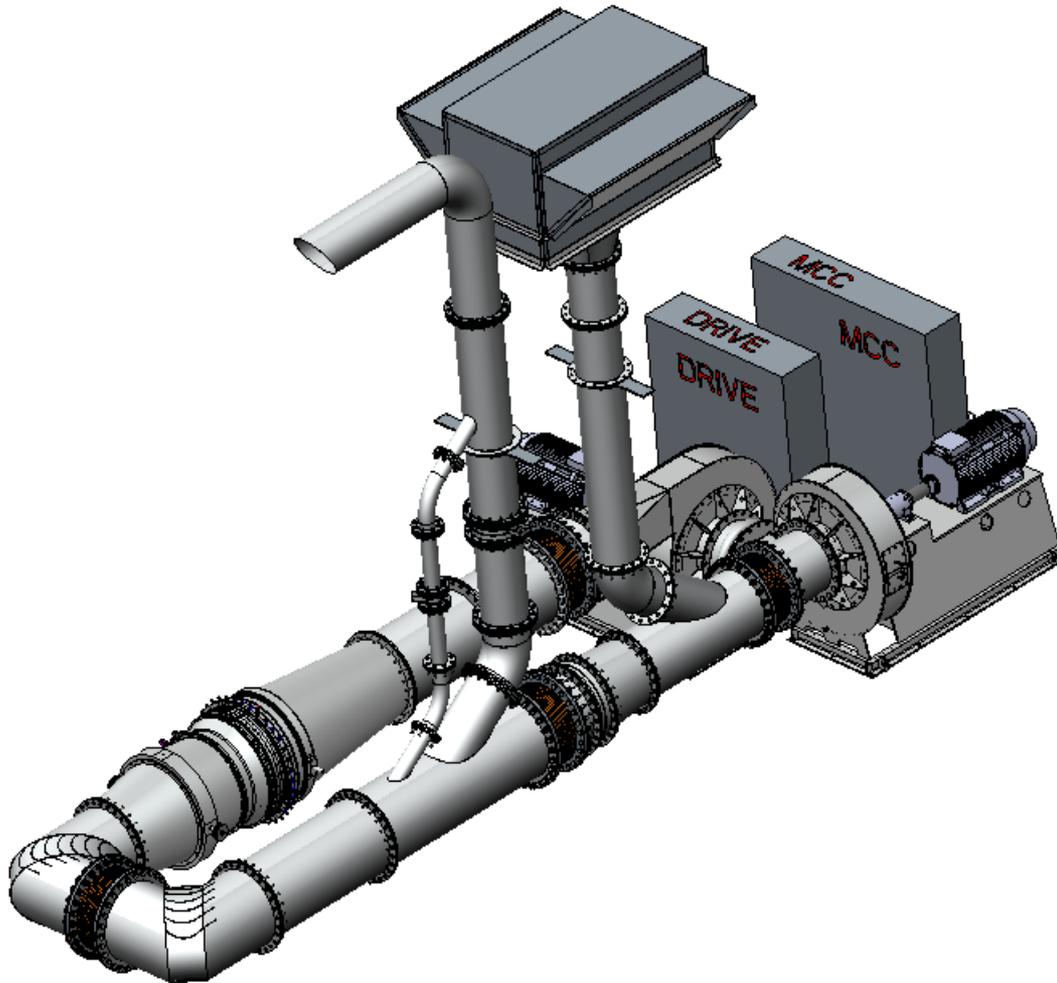


Computational Fluid Dynamics

(375M Mesh Points, 512 Processor Cores)



Hot Annular Nozzle Cascade (HANC)

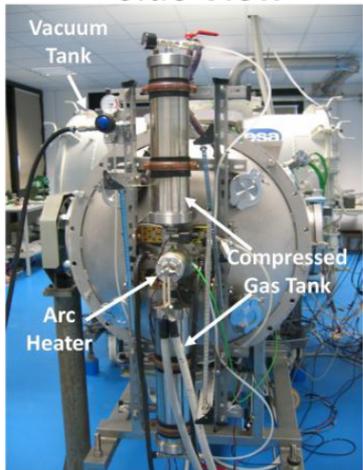


- 700°F primary flow
- Transonic nozzle Mach numbers
- Full secondary cooling systems
- 46 inch diameter
- Controlled inlet turbulence characteristics.
- Highly detailed aero/thermal measurements

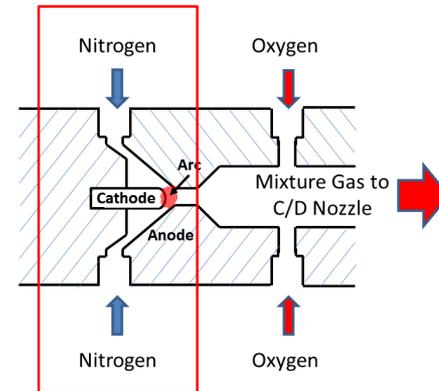
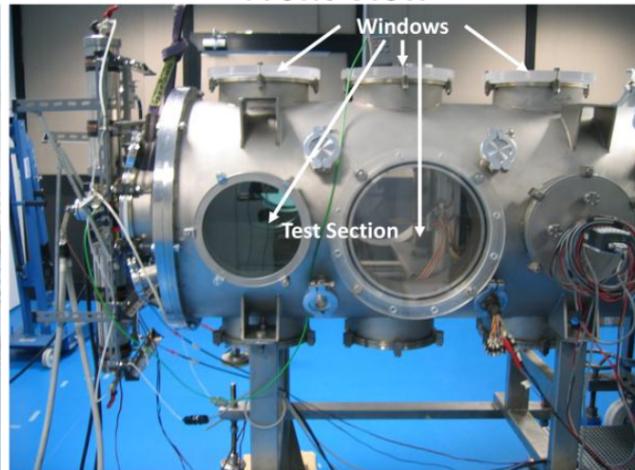
Arc Heated Hypersonic Wind Tunnel



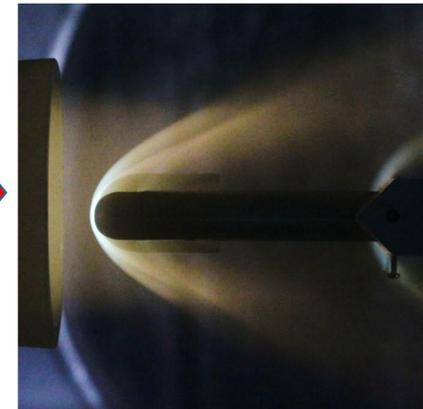
Side View



Front View

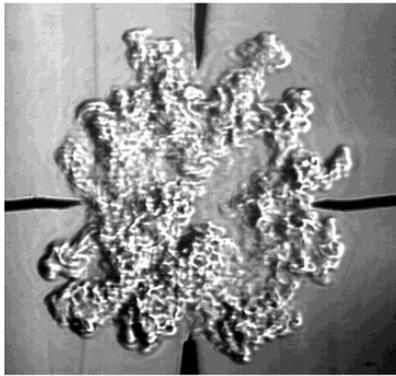
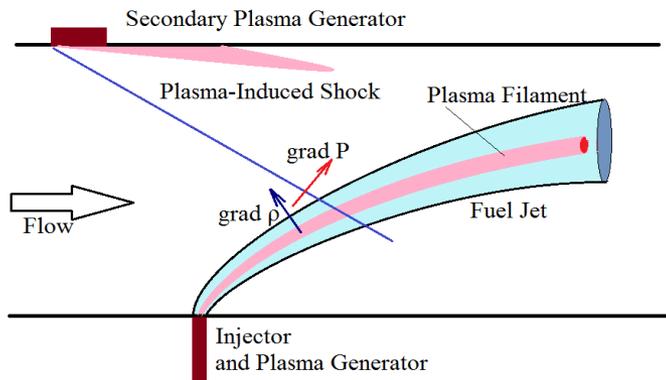


Previously, only two air inlets

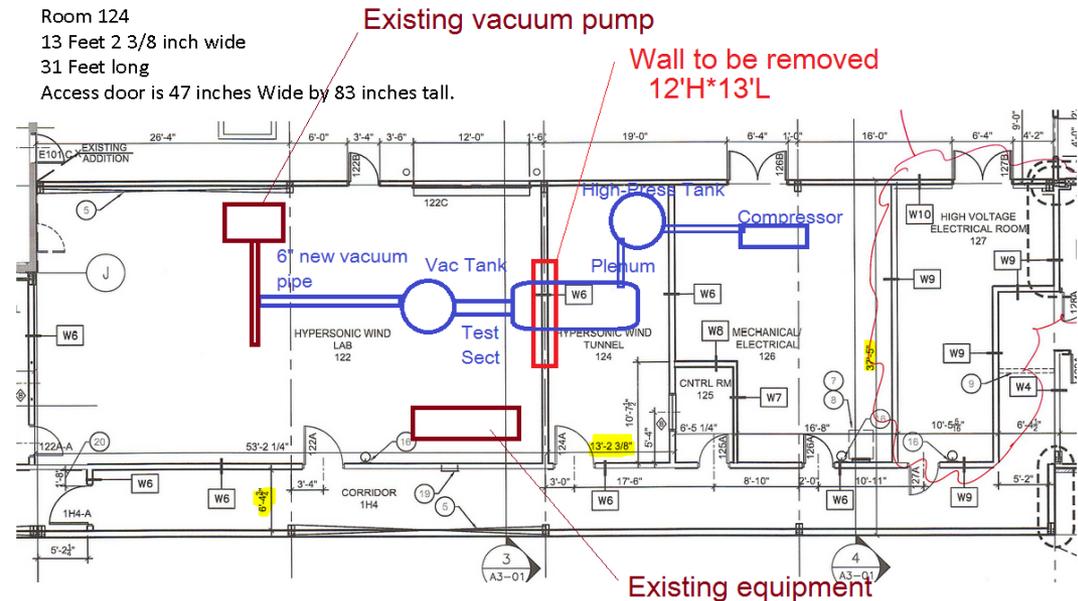


Supersonic Mixing Facility

Mixing Enhancement and Flame Stabilization in High-Speed Combustion Systems by Transient Plasma*



Room 124
 13 Feet 2 3/8 inch wide
 31 Feet long
 Access door is 47 inches Wide by 83 inches tall.

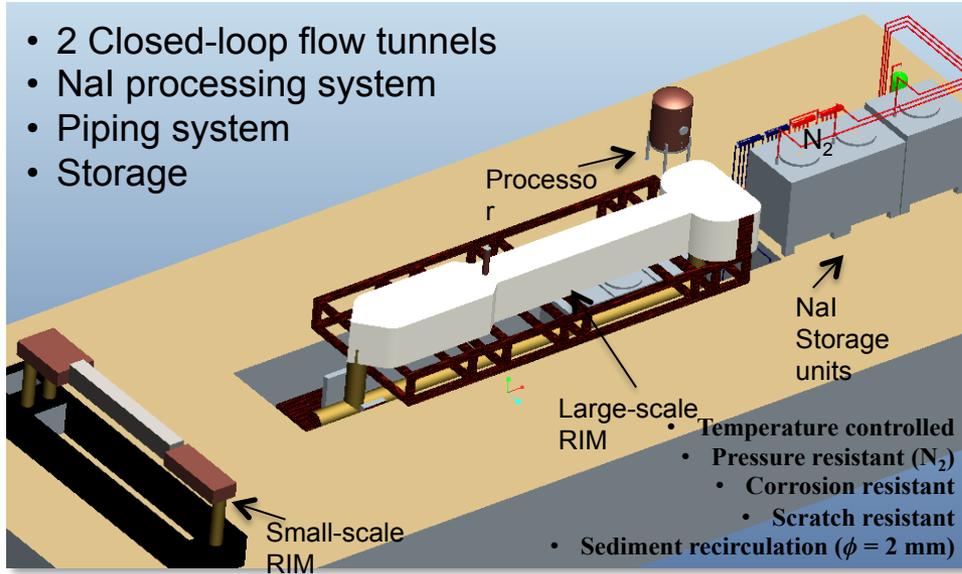


Refractive-Index-Matched (RIM) Flow Facilities*

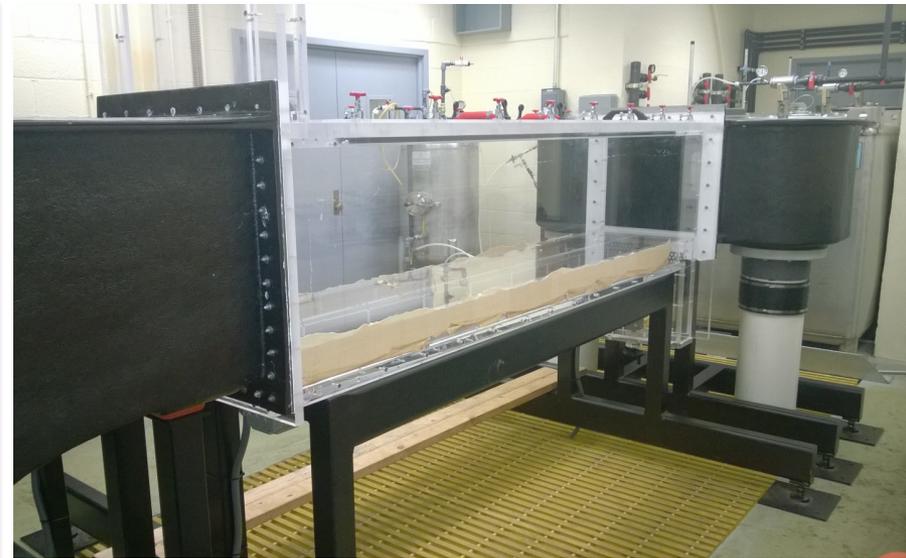


Laboratory overview

- 2 Closed-loop flow tunnels
- NaI processing system
- Piping system
- Storage

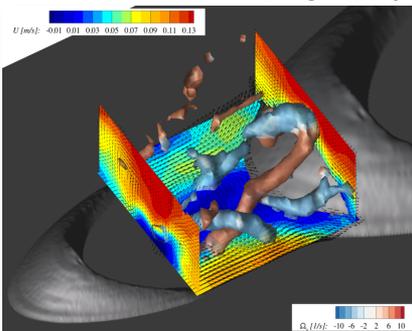


Large-scale RIM

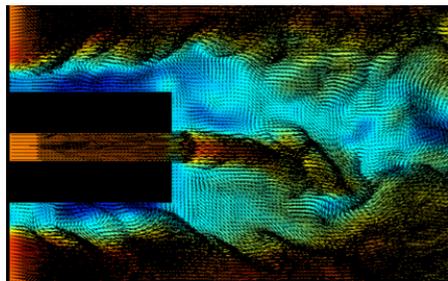


- Total volume: 4200 liters
- Cross section: 0.45 m x 0.45 m
- Velocity up to ~ 2 ms⁻¹
- Length: 2.5 m

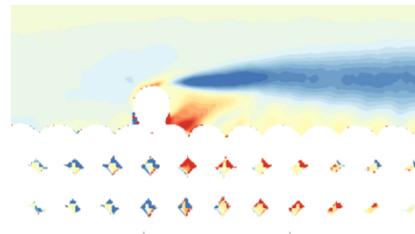
Complex 3D topography



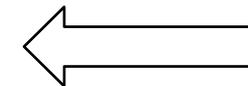
Bluff Bodies



Permeable boundaries



Applications



*AFOSR MURI, Ken Christensen PI

Wind Energy Laboratory (eWiND)



25kW Turbines:

- 30' Diameter
- 59' Hub Height
- Pitch Controlled

Meteorological Tower:

- 3-component, fast response ultrasonic anemometers
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Pressure

Airborne Aero-optics Laboratory



Falcon 10

Side-mounted laser source and tracking gimbal – AFIT/ND



Chase Plane

- Beacon "pinhole" source laser
- Tracking system
- 110 V ac
- 28/24 V dc
- Differential GPS range information
- Communication with Test Bed AC

Turret Test Bed Aircraft

- Gimbal turret
 - Optical bench
 - Tracking system
 - Experimental crew station in cabin
 - Differential GPS range information
 - 110 V ac power
 - 28/24 V dc power
 - Communication with chase-plane pinhole tracking operator
- Transonic Capable**



Turret protruding through crew escape hatch, hard mounted to optical bench in passenger Compartment – Boeing SVS

Funding:
"Airborne Aero-Optics Laboratory,"
JTO/DE & AFOSR, 2007-2012.

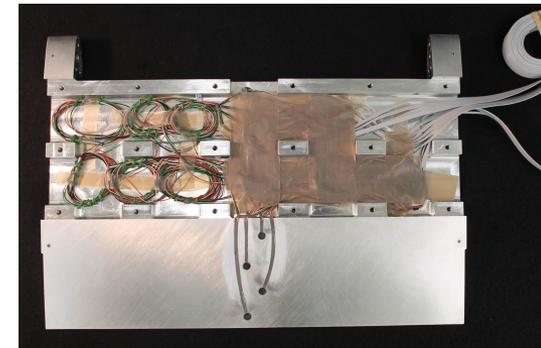
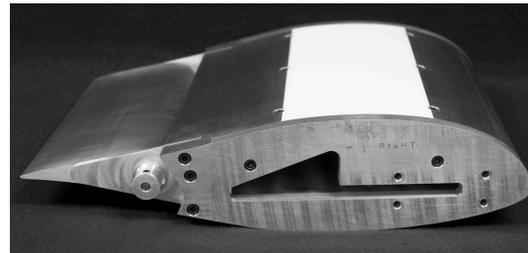
Dynamic correction of optical distortions produced by compressible flow structures



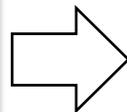
FlowPAC Fabrication Shop



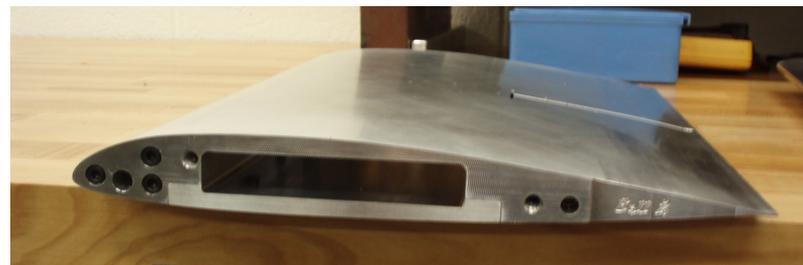
4 Axis Mill



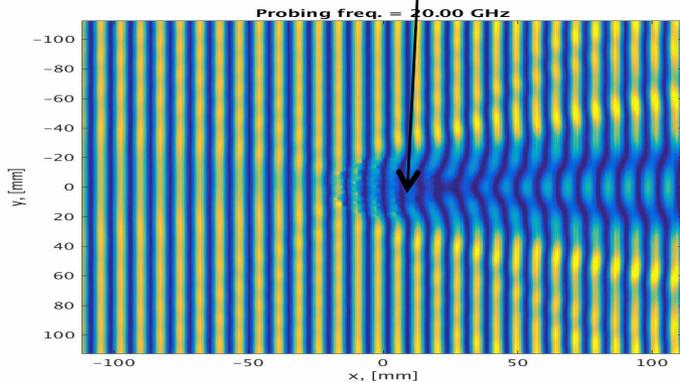
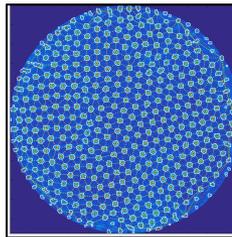
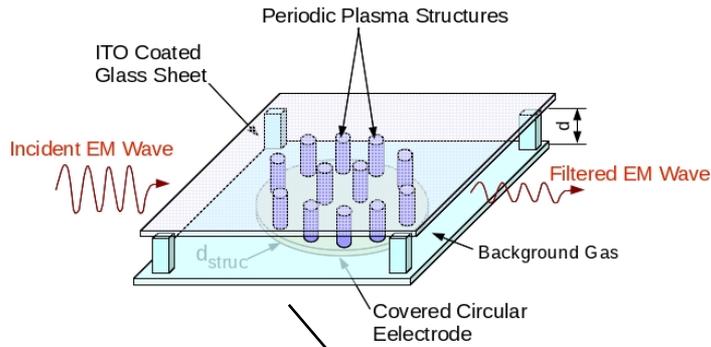
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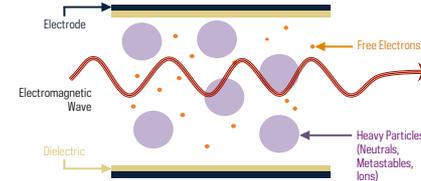
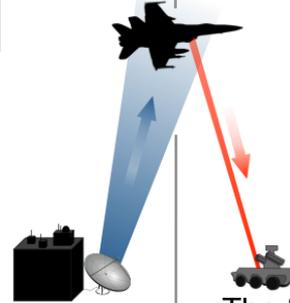
Num. Lathe



Tunable Plasma Metamaterials

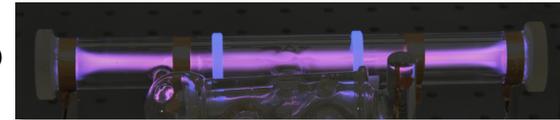


Plasma Adaptive Optics

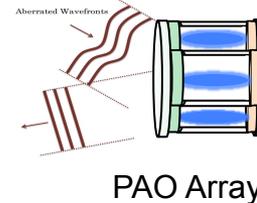


- The free electrons, neutrals, metastables, and ions in an ionized gas can affect the **permittivity to EM waves**.
- Change in the permittivity affects refractive index >>> Plasma Adaptive Optics (PAO). **Technology Driver: Bandwidth**

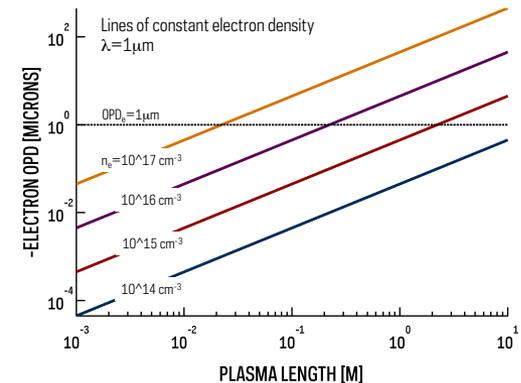
PAO



- Plasma optics OPD depends on the **length of the plasma**, **electron density**, EM wavelength, **gas composition**, and **heavy particle density**.



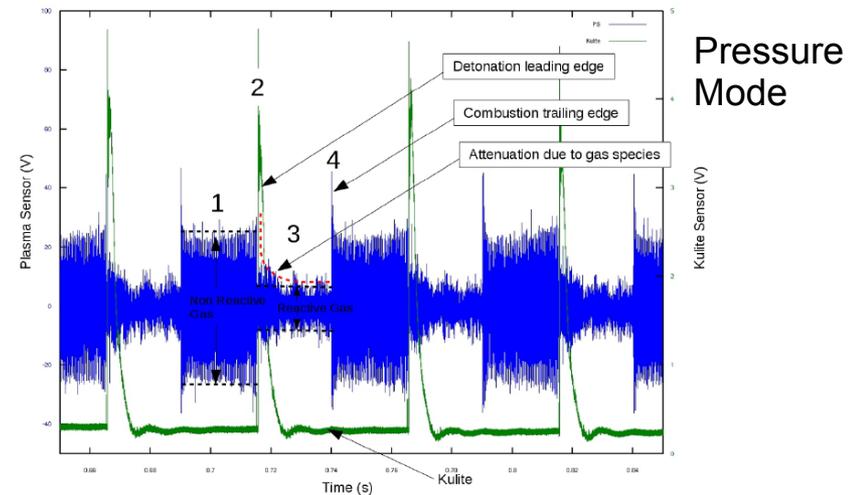
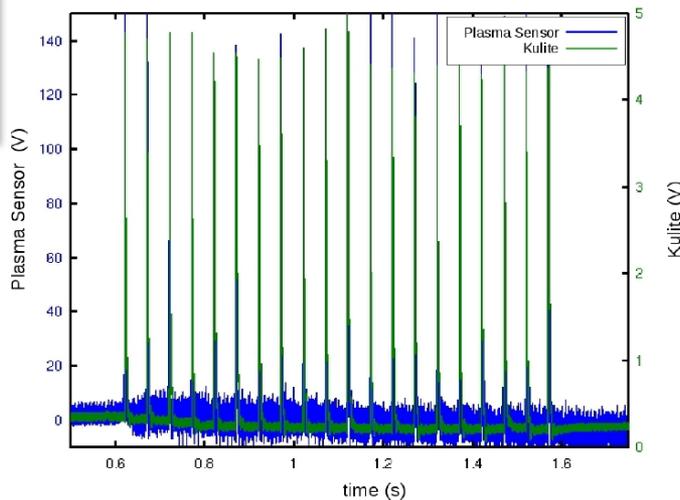
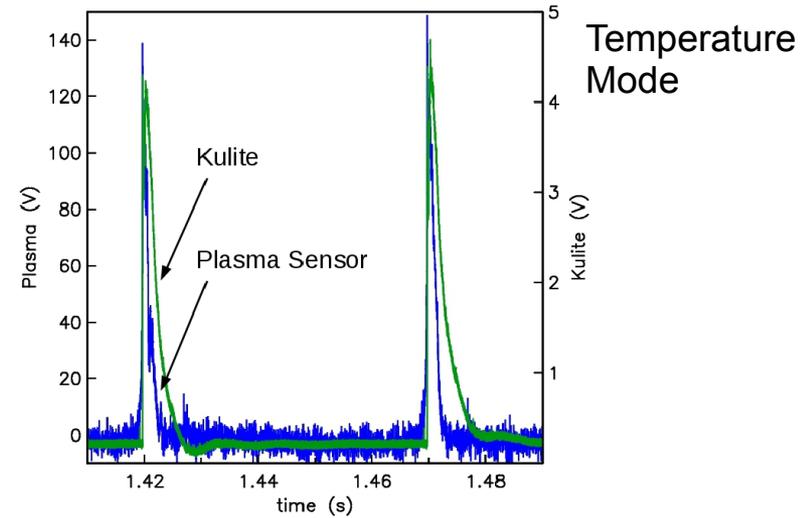
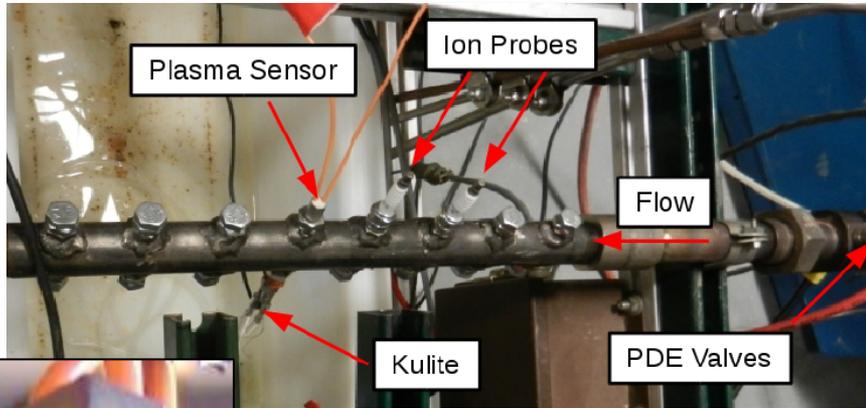
PAO Array



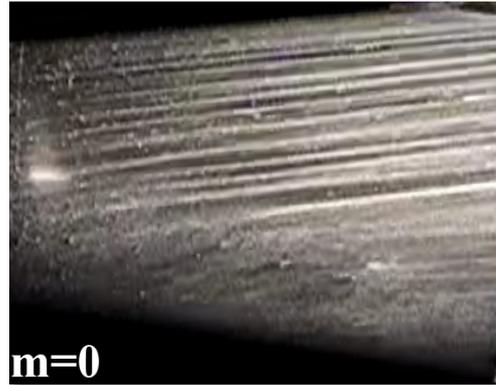
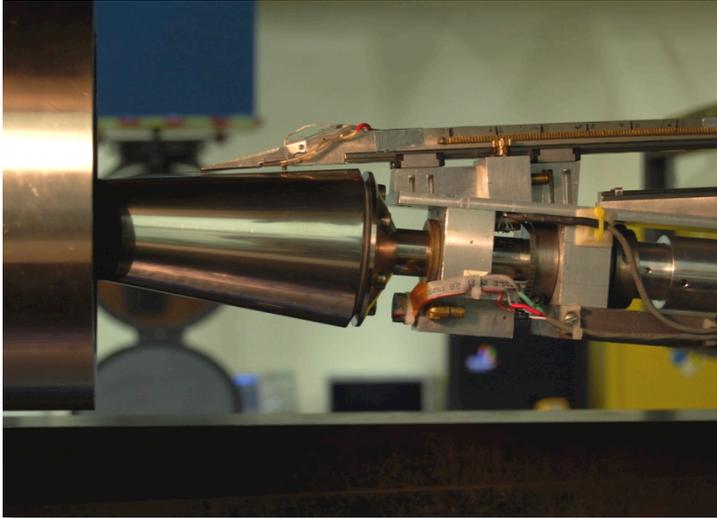
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Plasma Temperature/Pressure Sensor

Pulse-detonation Engine

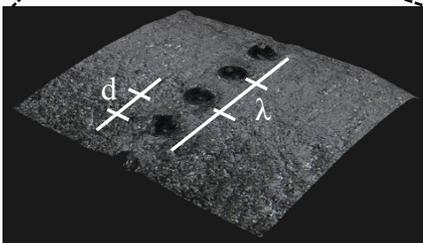
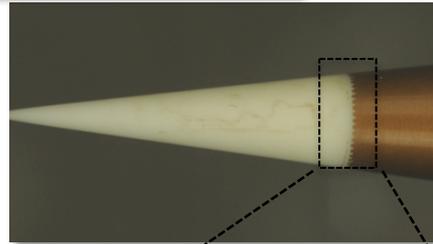
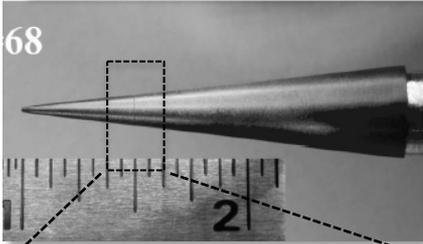


Supersonic Boundary Layer Transition Control

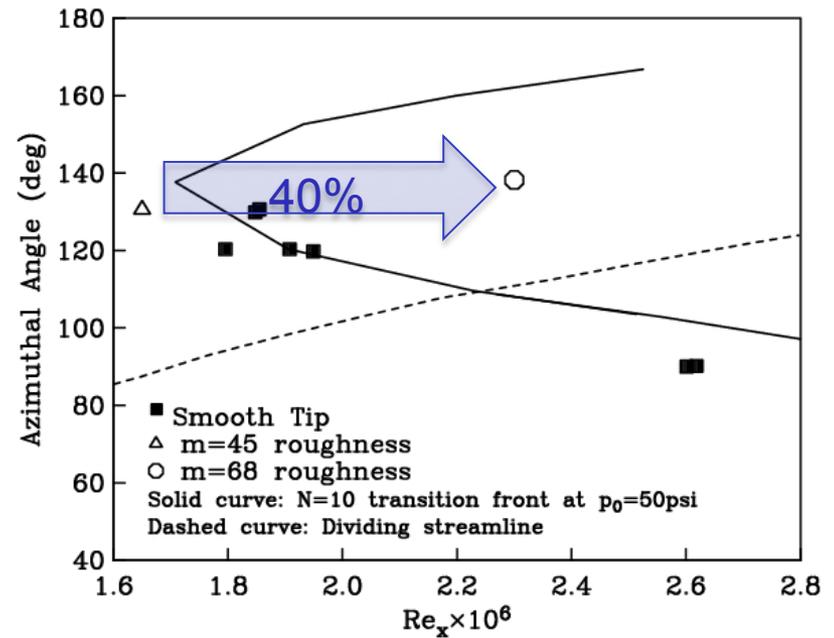


NASA Mach 3.5 0.5m
Quiet Nozzle

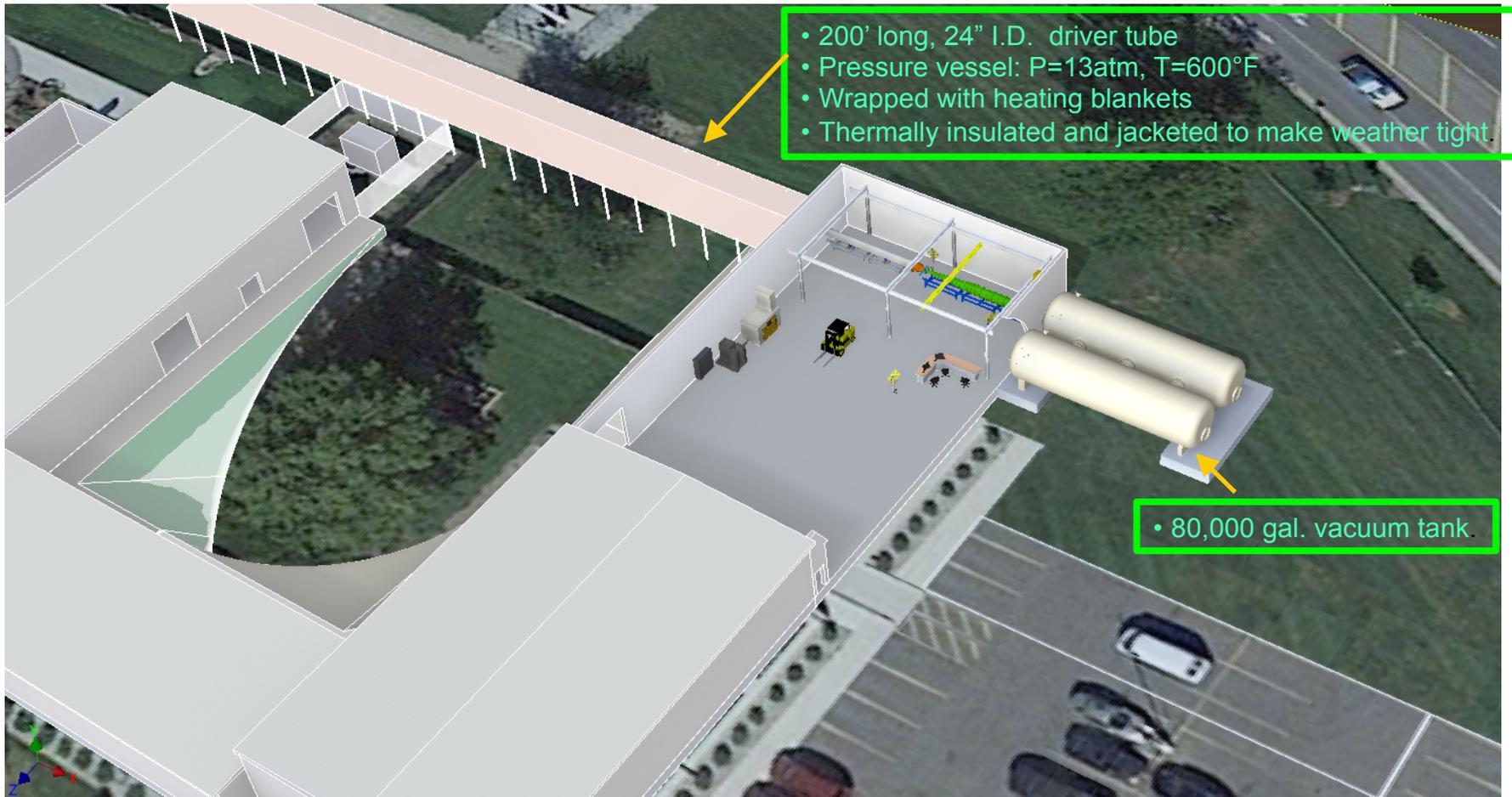
4° AoA 14° Cone
Model



$d=76\mu\text{m}$
 $d/\lambda=0.43$



Notre Dame Mach 6 Quiet Wind Tunnel

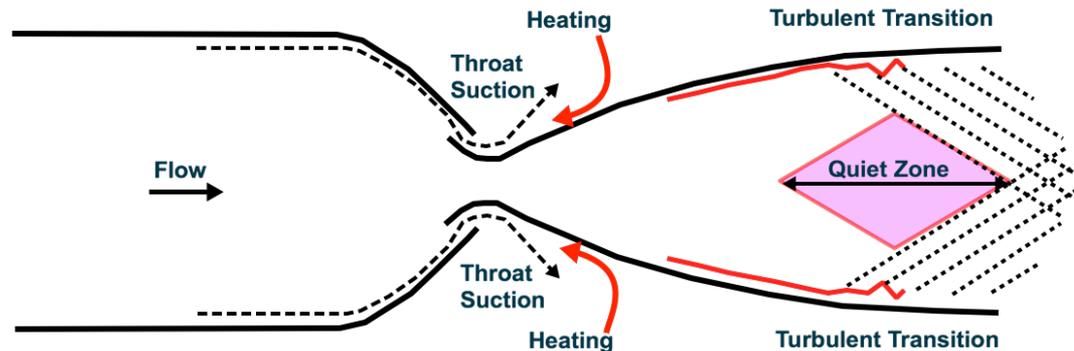


Motivation: Hypersonics for Defense

- Hypersonic flight vehicles are becoming essential to the security of the U.S.
 - This is motivated by the need for survivable time-critical strike, as hypersonics is becoming the “new stealth”
 - 2017 Senate Armed Services Committee report on the NDAA:
 - “hypersonic technologies are a key component of Third Offset strategies”
 - “concerned that investment has been insufficient to support test infrastructure, advanced testing techniques, and the testing workforce. Without these investments, it is unlikely that hypersonic systems will achieve operational status.”
- Hypersonic flight is characterized by extremely high surface heating
 - 3x higher surface heating if the boundary layer flow over the vehicle is turbulent
 - **Accurate prediction of turbulent transition is essential.**
 - If wrongly predict laminar, vehicle burns up in flight.
 - If wrongly predict turbulent, payload and range are compromised

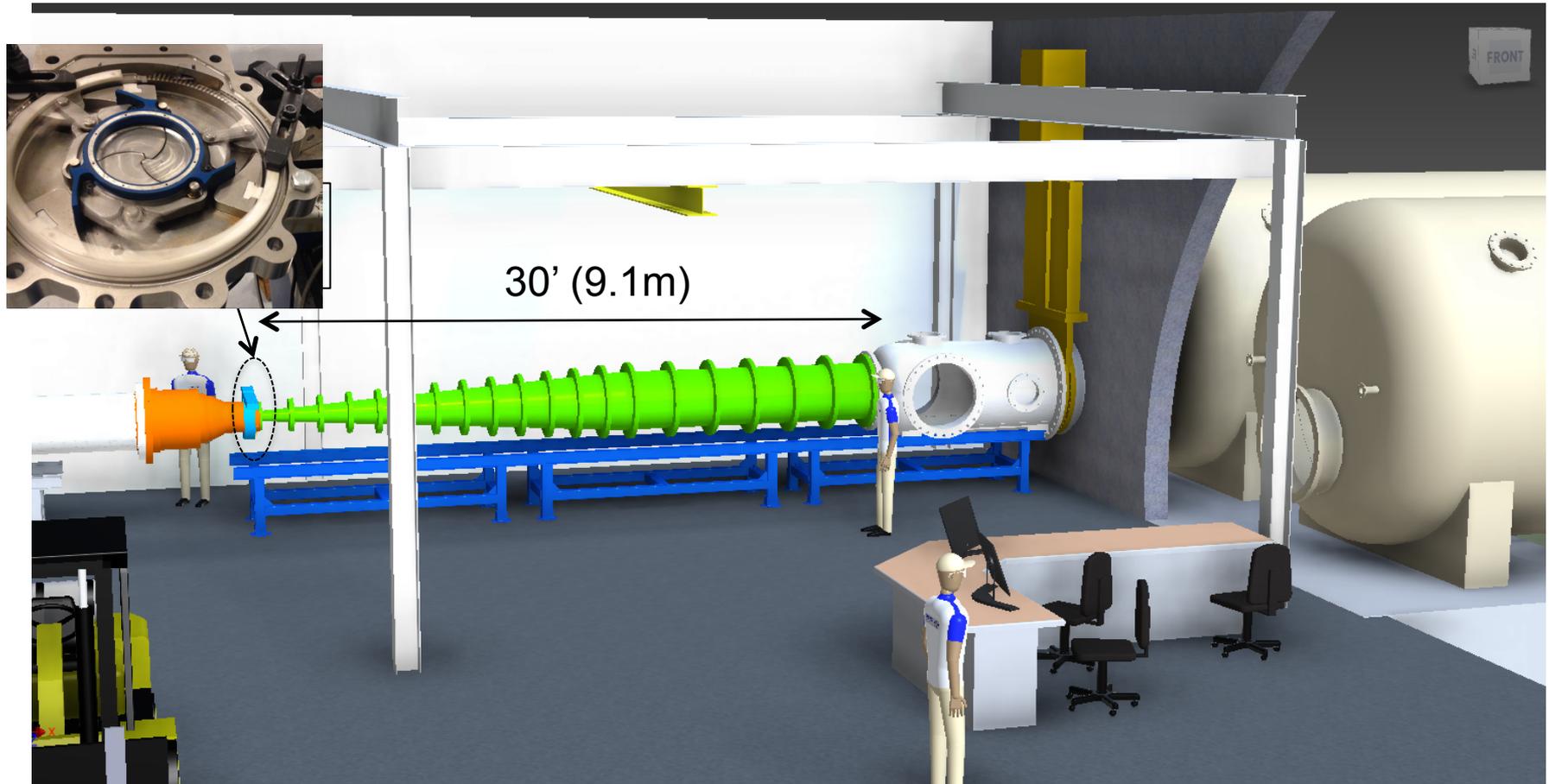
Hypersonic Ground Test Requirements

- Hypersonic ground test facilities need to simulate the **flight environment**:
- Quiet hypersonic facilities require suppressing turbulent transition on nozzle expansion walls.



- Design involves **slow expansion** (Görtler instability), **throat suction** (Mack instability), **wall heating** (T-S instability) and **highly polished surfaces** (all of the above).

UND High Re_x Quiet Mach 6 Wind Tunnel



Quiet Design 30' Long Nozzle Expansion

Next Step

Mach number	<5	6.0	8.0	10.0	>10
Minimum stagnation temperature	<330 K (<135 °F)	430 K (315 °F)	725 K (850 °F)	1100 K (1520 °F)	>1100 K
Stagnation pressure (quiet flow)		1 MPa	3 MPa ?	3 MPa ?	
Freestream unit Re (quiet flow)		11*10 ⁶ /m	7.0*10 ⁶ /m	2.0*10 ⁶ /m	
Is 2 nd -mode the primary instability mechanism?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are real gas effects (dissociation, etc.) important?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Has a quiet tunnel worked at this Mach number before?	Yes	Yes (Purdue, TAMU)	Yes, briefly (NASA LaRC)	No	No
Can one be built?	Yes, but why bother?	Yes	Probably	Maybe	Probably not, but no need