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### [7-D-02] 10 Years of AIAA Hover Prediction Workshops: State-of-the-Art and Future Plans

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## 10 Years of AIAA Hover Prediction Workshops (HPW): State-of-the-Art and Future Plans

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## The Hover Problem

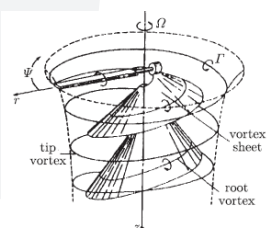
Simulation of self-induced flow fields in near-zero winds to accurately predict rotor performance, loads, download, and acoustic signature of rotorcraft



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## Role of Vorticity in Fixed and Rotary Wings

- Vortex and vorticity are central to aerodynamic lift and lifting efficiency
- Trailing Vortices behind a jet-liner on final: Hazardous to flights behind, but minimal influence on the aircraft itself
- In hover, rotorcraft vortical systems coil helically underneath – huge aerodynamic influence on the generating aircraft



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## Why do we need a Hover Prediction Workshop (HPW)?

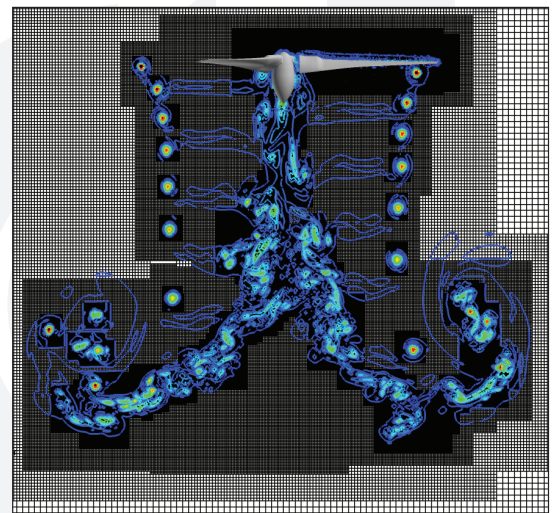
- Hover: True value of rotorcraft and is a limiting power design point
- Strong self-induced vortex system impact all aspects of hover
  - Accurate numerical predictions of efficiency require accurate modeling of the structure, strength and trajectory of the tip vortex.

Hariharan N., Egolf, T.A., Sankar, L.N., "Simulation of Rotor in Hover: Current State and Challenges," AIAA 2014-0041, National Harbor, MD, January 2014,

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## Why do we need a Hover Prediction Workshop (HPW)?

- A problem of computational scales:
  - Vortex core length scale is  $\sim 1/150$  of a realistic rotor-blade span, and  $\sim 1/1500$  of computational domain scales
  - Computationally Demanding
- Prediction precision required is demanding:
  - Even a difference of 0.01 (say 0.73 vs 0.72) in Hover Performance Efficiency prediction (Figure of Merit (FM)) is huge!
  - For a heavy vehicle the difference is  $\sim 200$  lbs, 1 crew member



(Wissink, 2013, Helios)

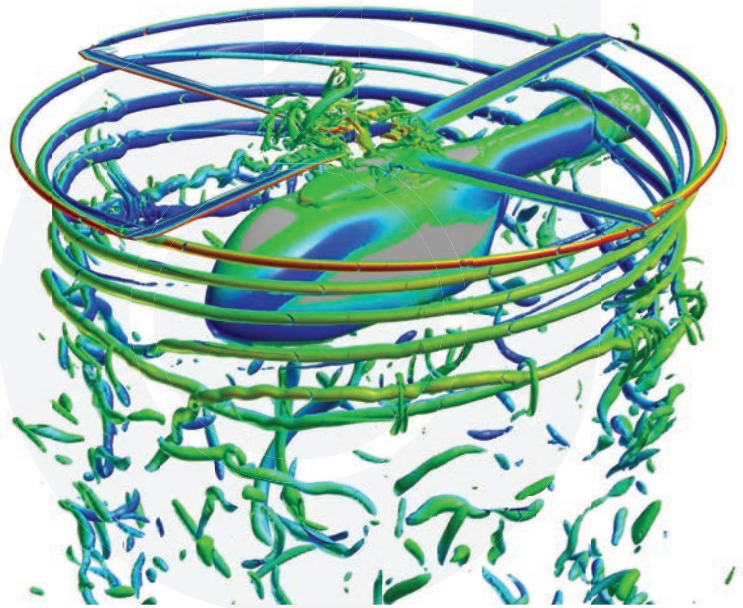
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## HPW Vision (2014)

Our vision is to inspire collaboration among industry, governments, and academia for the development of computational methods to predict all aspects of hovering flight efficiently, practically, and accurately

The idea of a workshop for hover came out of a lunch discussion at Aviation 2011 with Alan Egolf, Chief Aerodynamicist (now retired) at Sikorsky. Prof. Sankar of GaTech was also part of the initial triad.



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## 10 Years Hence: HPW Headline Stats

Since 2014\*

- 100+ conference papers (13 industry, 39 university, 16 gov't, 26 mix)
- Over 100 different contributors
- 32 unique institutions (10 industry, 17 university, 5 gov't)
- 8 countries
- 3 common rotors (S-76, PSP, HVAB)

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## HPW Common Hover Problems

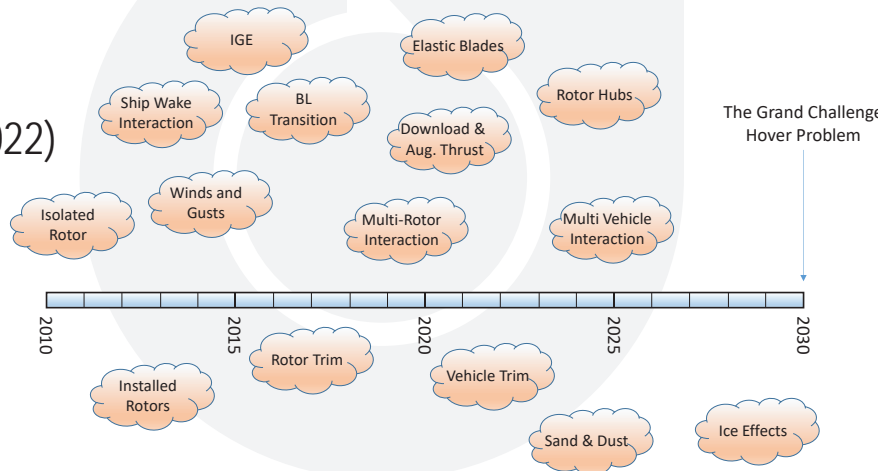
- Isolated Rotor: S-76 (2014) (old data set)
- Isolated Rotor: PSP (2018)
- Isolated Rotor: HVAB (2021)
- Full Aircraft: Hover Focus Problem(2022)

Geometry and surface grids are available on the website:

<https://www.aiaa-hpw.org/>

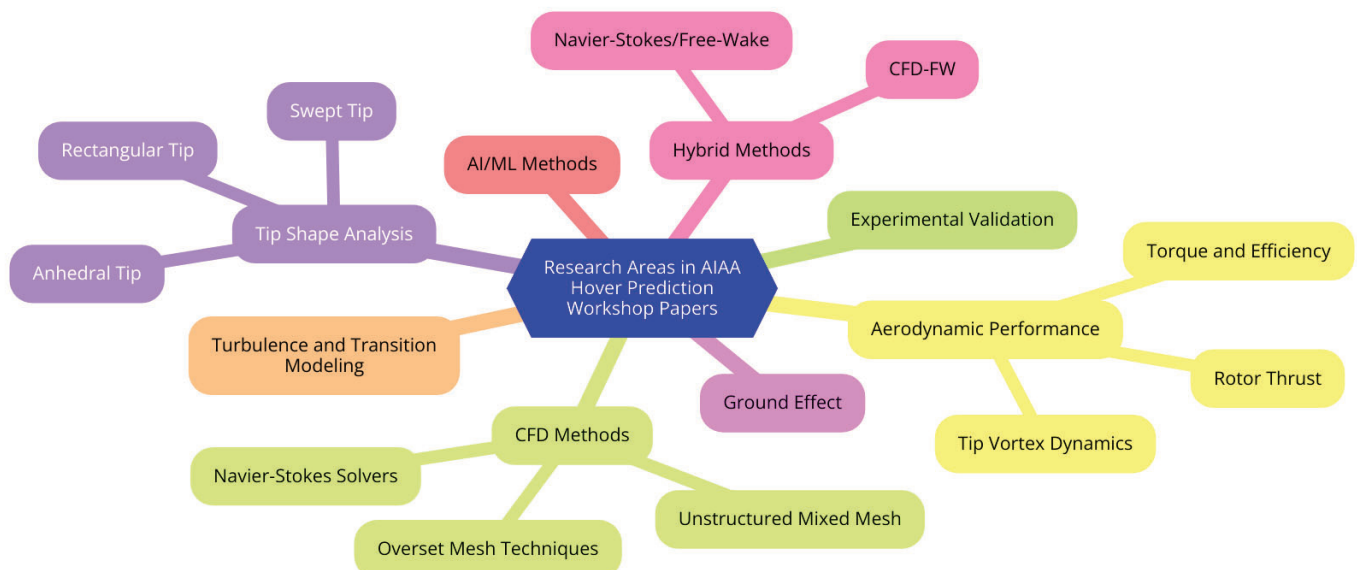
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### Grand Challenge Problem



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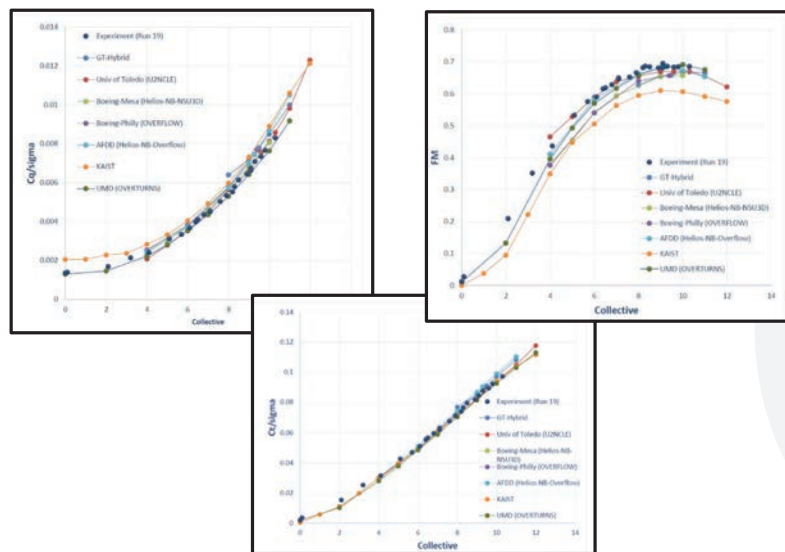
## HPW Research Areas 2014-2024



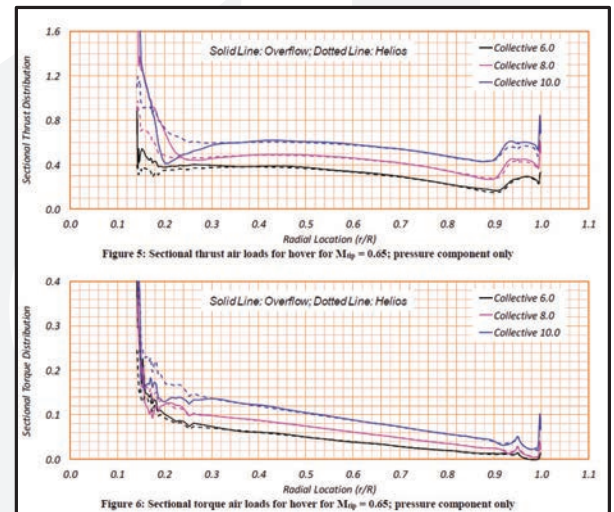
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## HPW Focus Areas: (i) Integrated and Distributed Loads



Hariharan, N., Egolf, A., Narducci, R., and Sankar, L., SciTech 2015



Narducci, R., Jain, R., Abras, J., Hariharan, N., SciTech 2021

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## HPW Focus: (ii) Tip Shape Variation Analysis

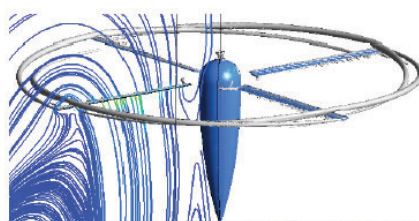


Figure 17. Vorticity isosurface and streamlines (RT blades,  $\theta = 7^\circ$ , steady state solution,  $k-\omega$  SST, swirling strength =  $0.005 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $C_T = 0.003729$ ,  $C_Q = 0.00029$ ,  $FM = 0.555141$ )

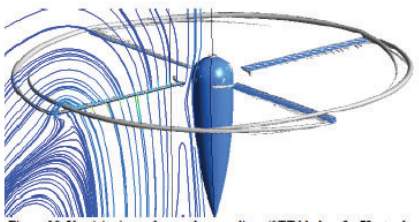
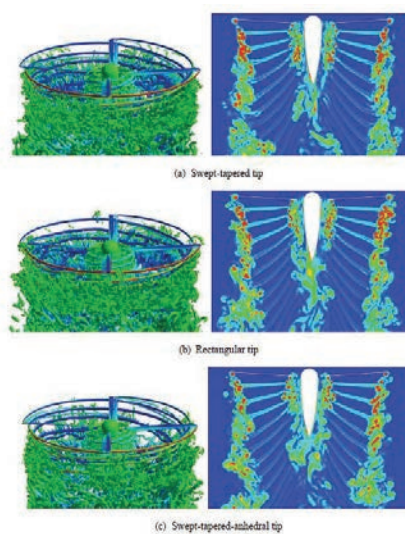
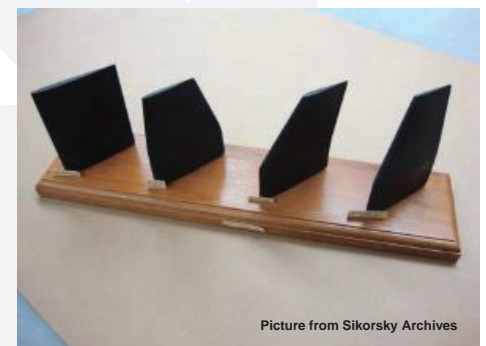


Figure 18. Vorticity isosurface and streamlines (SIT blades,  $\theta = 7^\circ$ , steady state solution,  $k-\omega$  SST, swirling strength =  $0.005 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $C_T = 0.003966$ ,  $C_Q = 0.000285$ ,  $FM = 0.6197$ )

Anusonti-Inthra, P., SciTech 2015



Jain, R., SciTech 2015



Picture from Sikorsky Archives

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## HPW Focus: (iii) Characterization of Aerodynamic Loads

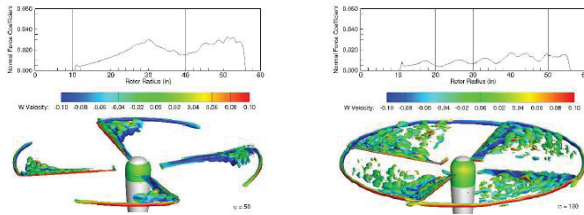
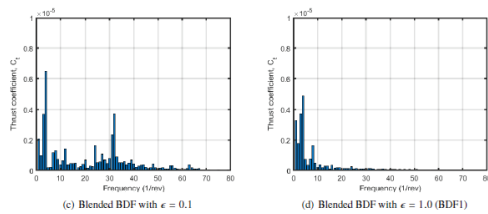


Fig. 24 Initial solution development through the first 100° of rotor rotation.

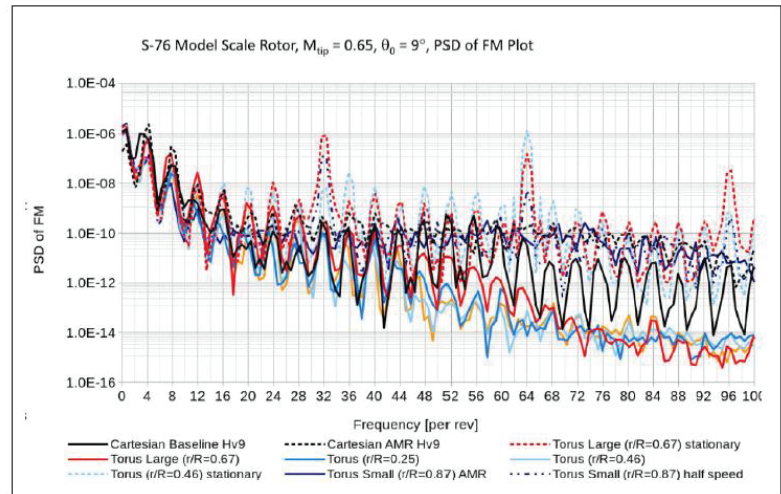
Abras, J., Narducci, R., and Hariharan, N., SciTech 2019



(c) Blended BDF with  $\epsilon = 0.1$

(d) Blended BDF with  $\epsilon = 1.0$  (BDF1)

Lee, B., and Baeder, J., SciTech 2021



Hariharan, N., Abras, J., and Narducci, R., SciTech 2020

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## HPW Focus: (iv) Rotor Variations

S76

PSP

HVAB

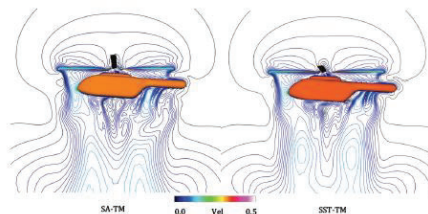


Figure 10 Total velocity contours predicted using SA and SST turbulence models

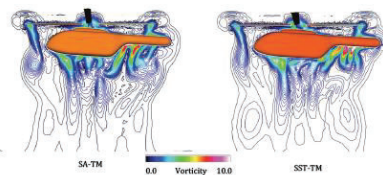
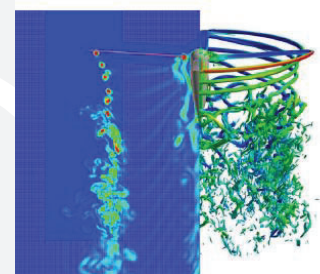


Figure 11 Vorticity contours predicted using SA and SST turbulence models



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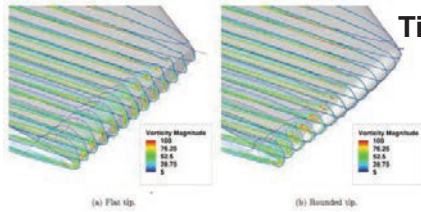
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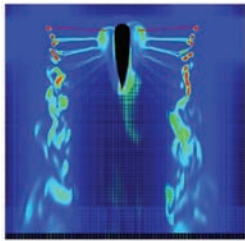


## HPW Focus: (v) Physical Parameter Studies



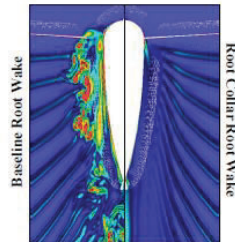
**Tip Treatment**

Garcia, A., and Barakos, G., SciTech 2015



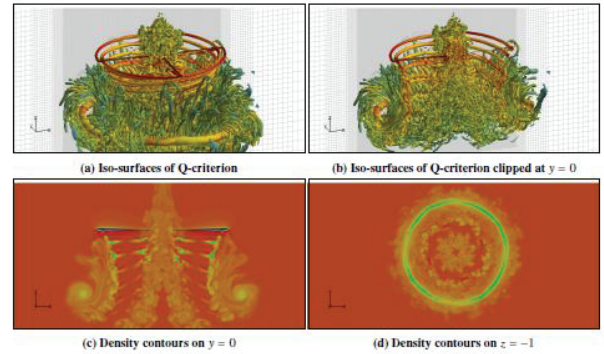
Narducci, R., SciTech 2015

**Root Wake Impact**



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**Grid Studies**

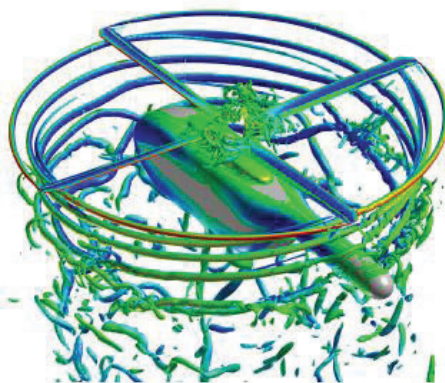


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**Blade Elasticity**

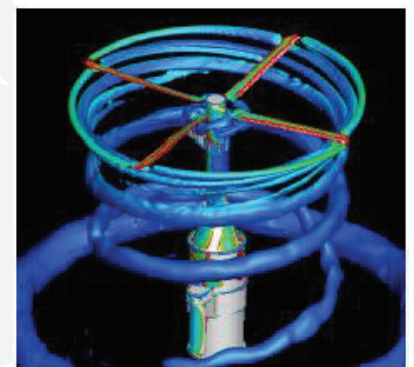


Jain, R., SciTech 2018

**Test Stand Impact**



Jain, R., SciTech 2018



Park, S., Han, J., and Kwon, O., SciTech 2021

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## HPW Focus: (v) Physical Parameter Studies (contd)

### Fuselage Effects



Figure 5. Vortex structure of the isolated PSP rotor



Figure 6. Vortex structure of the installed PSP rotor under free-air condition

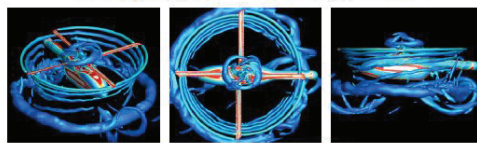
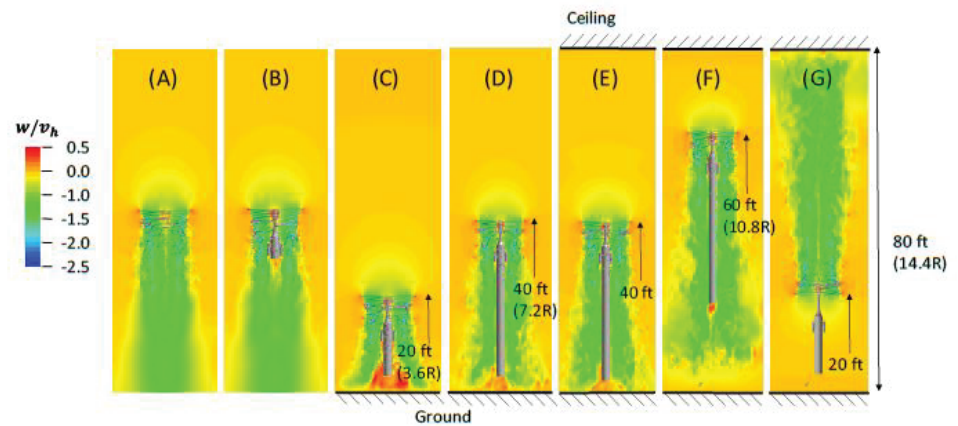


Figure 7. Vortex structure of the installed PSP rotor under confined wall condition

Park, S., Kwon, O., SciTech 2020

### Facility Effects



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## HPW Focus: (vi) Transition Modeling

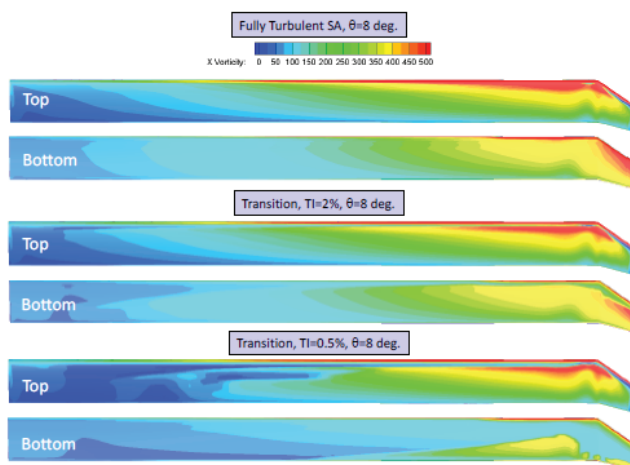


Figure 18. Transition location (span-wise vorticity),  $\theta=8$  deg.

Min, B.Y., Reimann, C., Wake B., Jee, S., and Baeder, J., SciTech 2018

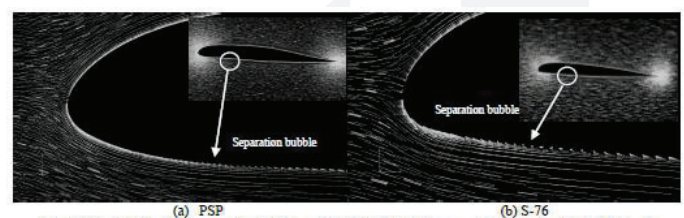


Fig. 12. Predicted laminar separation bubbles on the PSP and S-76 lower surfaces at  $r/R = 0.75$  and  $\theta = 4^\circ$

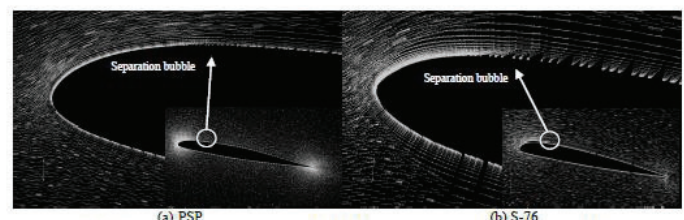


Fig. 13. Predicted tip flow separations on the PSP and S-76 upper surfaces at  $r/R = 0.90$  and at  $\theta = 12^\circ$

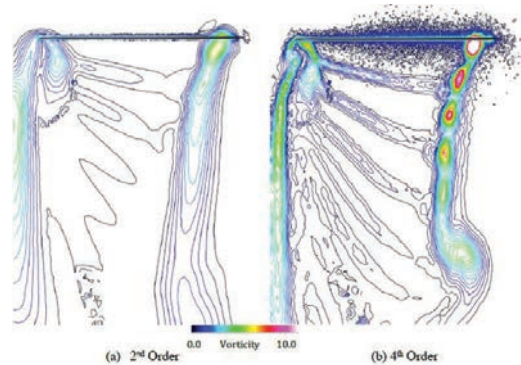
Zhao, Q., Wang, J., and Sheng, C., SciTech 2018

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## HPW Focus: (vii) Numerical Methods & Fidelity

### High-Order WENO



Sheng, C., Zhao, Q., and Baugher, S.,  
SciTech 2020

### Rotational and SU/PG Methods

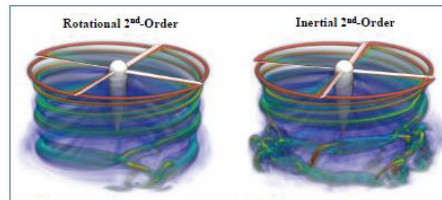


Fig. 11 Vorticity magnitude volume renderings of inertial vs. rotational cases.

Abras, J., Glasby, R., Holst, K., and  
Hariharan, N., SciTech 2021

### DG Methods

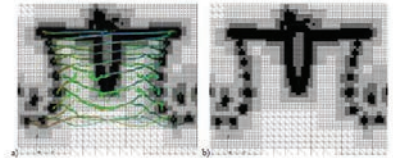


Figure 8. WAKE3D results for the 5-76 rotor with the swept-tapered tip at 3.0deg=0.66 using p=3. (a) Iso-surface of velocity magnitude showing the wake (b) off-body mesh showing adapted mesh.

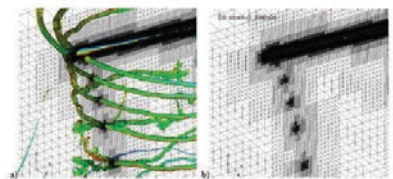


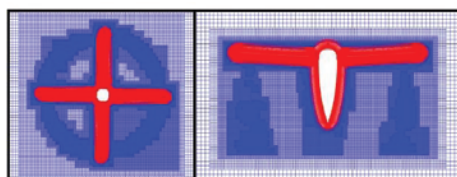
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Kara, K., Kirby, A., and Mavriplis,  
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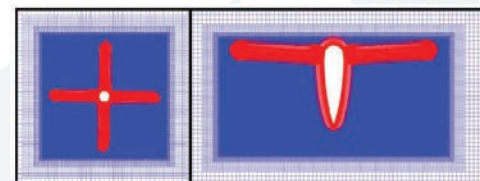
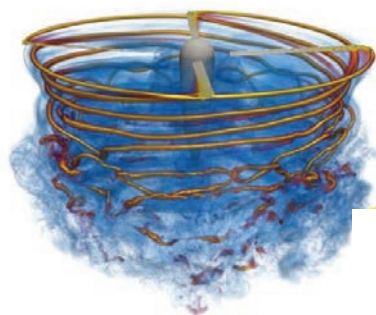
## HPW Focus: (viii) Computational Strategies

### Structured Near-Body Cartesian Off-Body

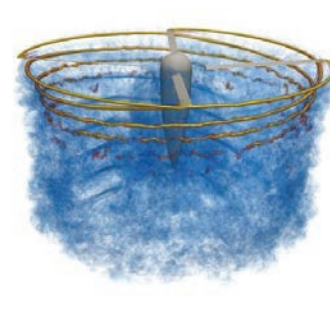


Adaptive Mesh Refinement

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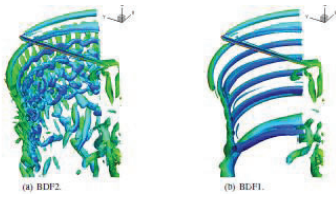
Strand Near-Body Cartesian Off-Body



Abras, J., Narducci, R., and Hariharan, N., SciTech 2020

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## HPW Focus: (ix) Wake Physics: Preservation & Breakdown



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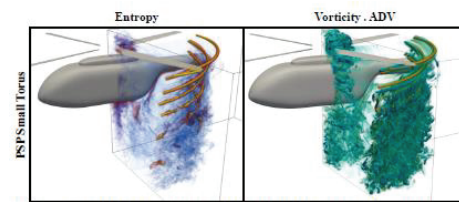
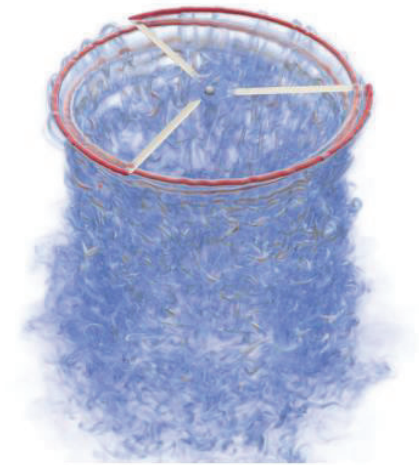
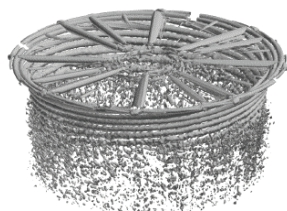


Fig. 22 FSP comparison volume renderings of the small torus case at the final wake state.



Caprace, D., Winckelmans, G., Chatelain, P., SciTech 2021



Mobley, F., Carnes, J., and Coder, J., SciTech 2021

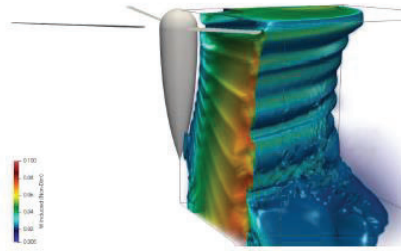
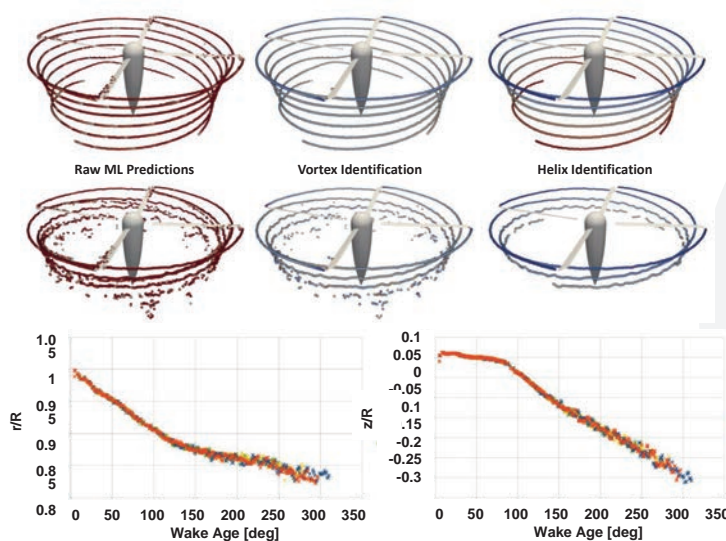


Fig. 28 Volume rendering of the shear layer in the S-76 baseline simulation around revolution 7.5.

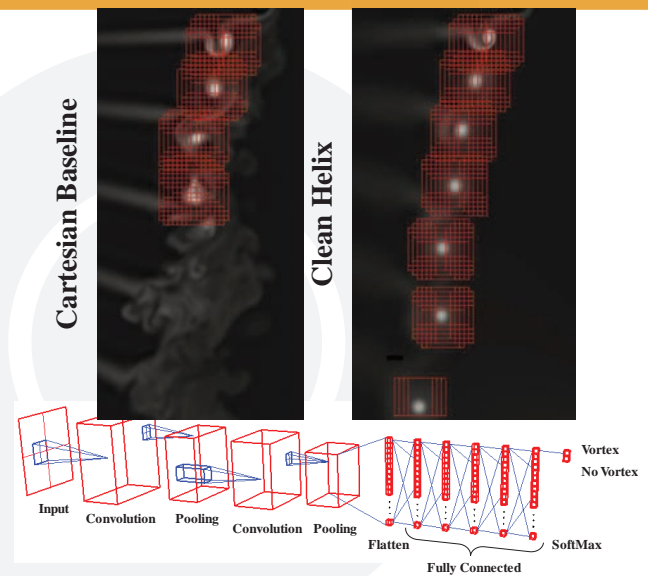
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## HPW New Tech: (i) Machine Learning Based Automated Vortex Tracking



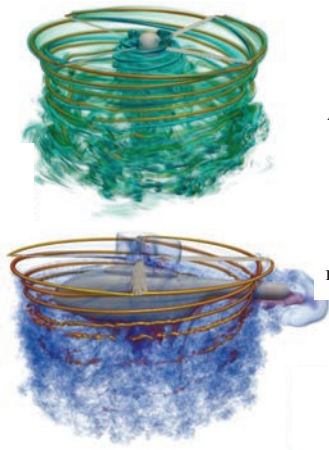
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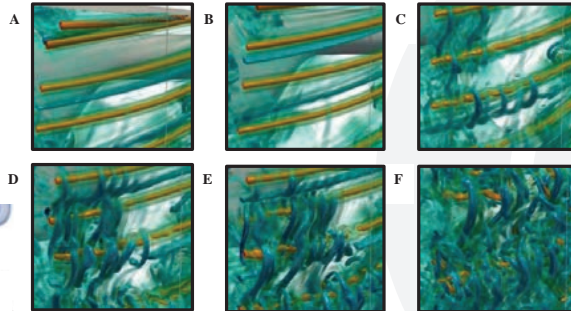
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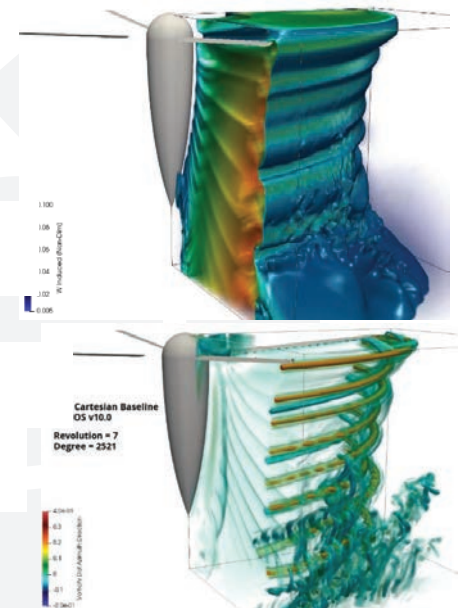
## HPW New Tech: (ii) Physics Inference: Advanced Visualization Techniques



### Volume Rendering

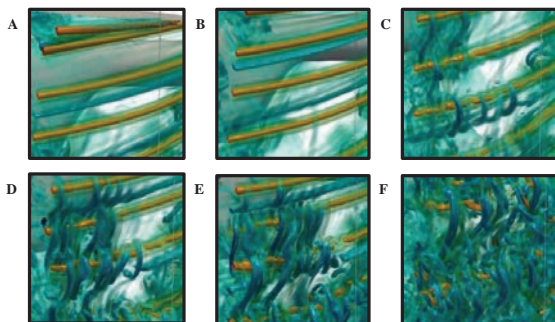


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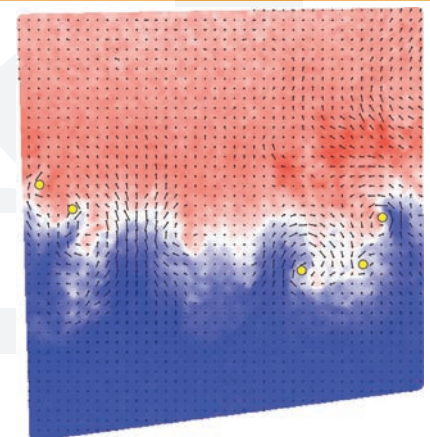
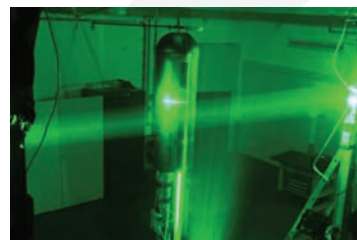


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## HPW New Tech: (iii) Wake Experiments for Breakdown



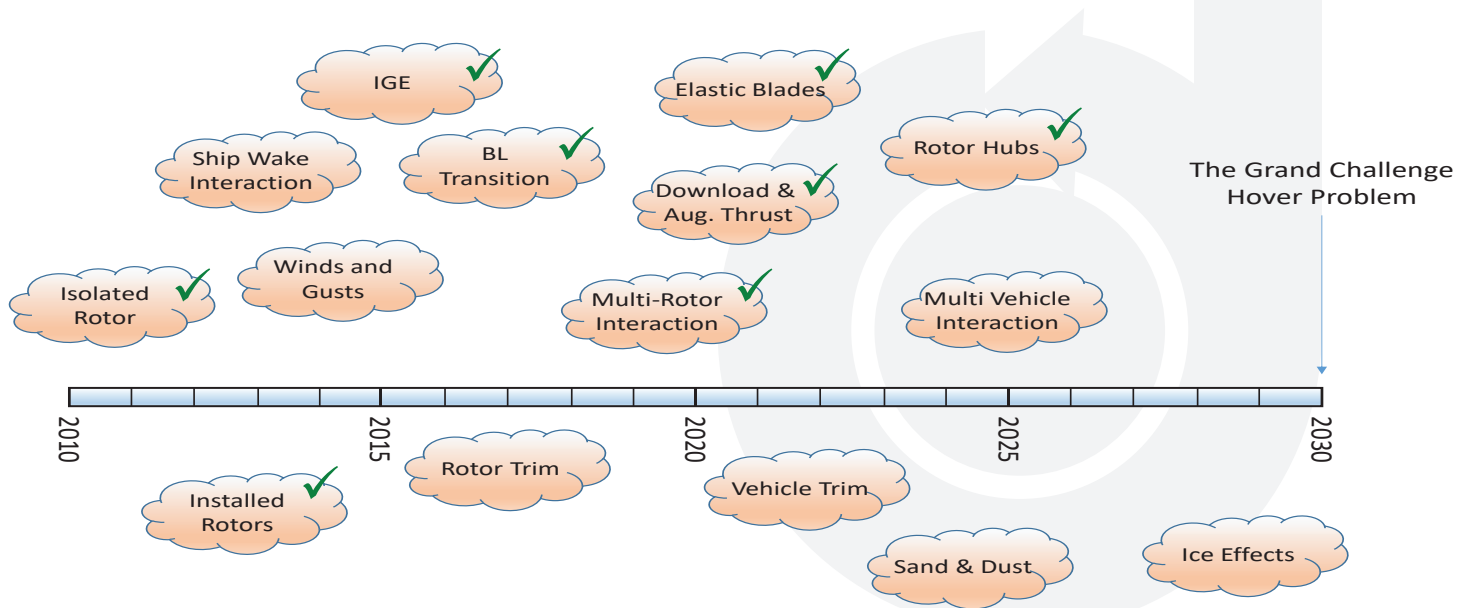
Abras, J., et al., HPW, SciTech 2021



Heinz, A, et al., " Influence of Configurational Parameters on the Vortex System of a Rotor in Hover," HPW, SciTech 2024

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## Elements addressed in HPW



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## HPW Advocacy: NASA/Army HVAB Hover Tests



ARTS Test Stand in Hover Chamber

Norman, T., SciTech 2018



Articulated Hub



NFAC 80- by 120-

HVAB Blades

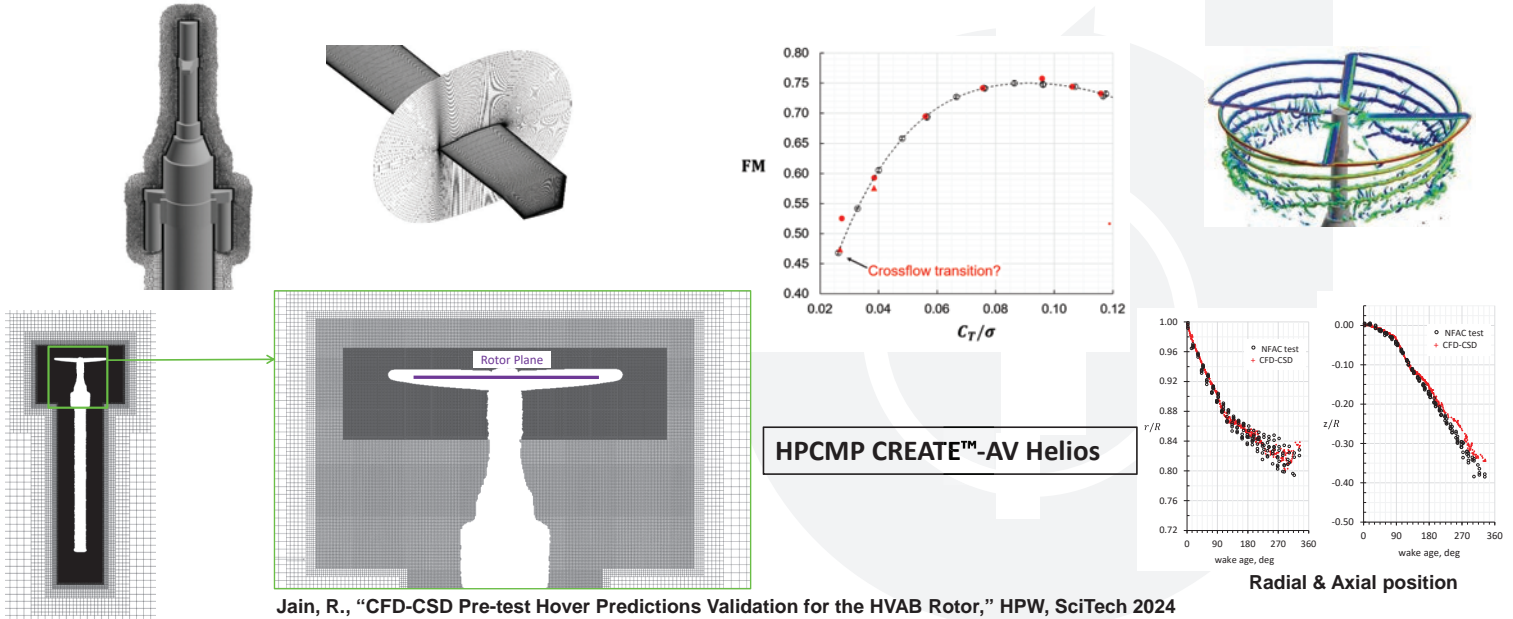
HVAB Rotor in 80- by 120-Foot NFAC wind tunnel



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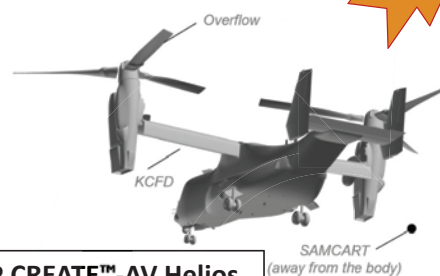
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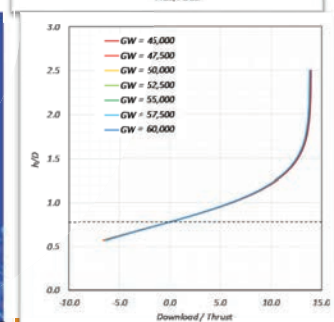
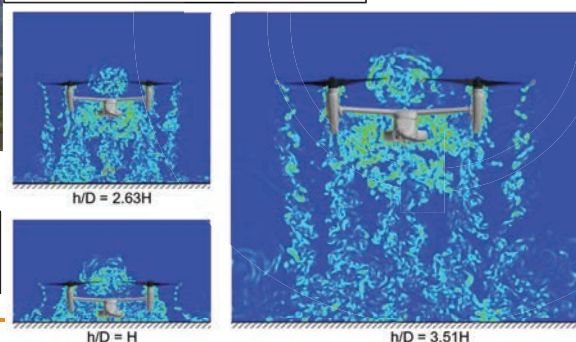
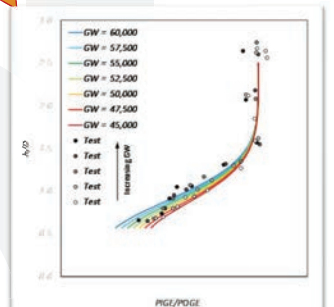
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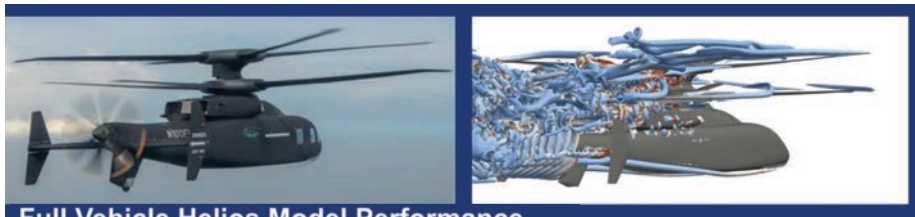
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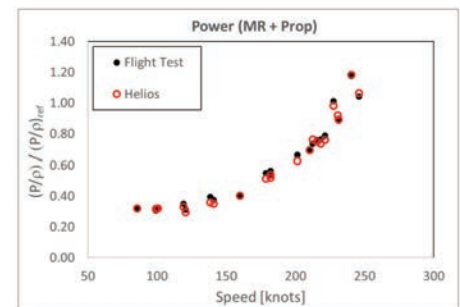
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# Putting it all together: State-of-the-Art

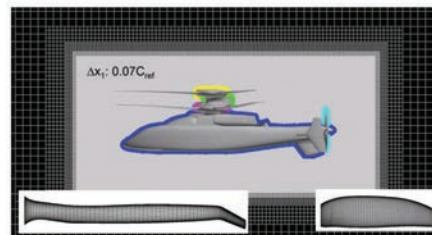


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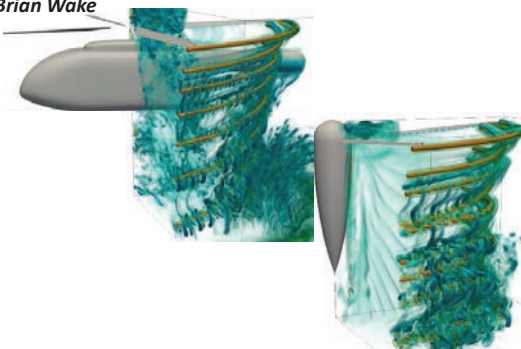
Technical Committee

### Purpose

- Bring together government institutions, industry and academia
- Assess current state-of-the-art across industry, government agencies and academia.
- Scope critical challenges in consistently, and accurately predicting rotorcraft hover and forward flight.
- Act as leading catalyst in the development of computational methods for solving rotorcraft hover problems
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### Impact/Accomplishments

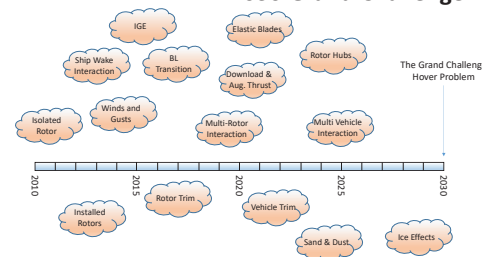
- 20+ Hover Prediction Workshop Special Sessions, SciTech 2014-2024
- 100+ papers by 87 authors from 19 organizations around the world (7 Universities, 6 Industries, 6 Government Agencies)
- Special section in the Journal of Aircraft (2018)
- Contributing catalyst for the NASA/Army comprehensive HVAB hover tests (2021-22)
- Enhanced State-of-the-art: Computational modeling requirements for accurate hover integrated load prediction, importance of transition effects, understanding of numerical wake-breakdown, visualization, aero-elastics



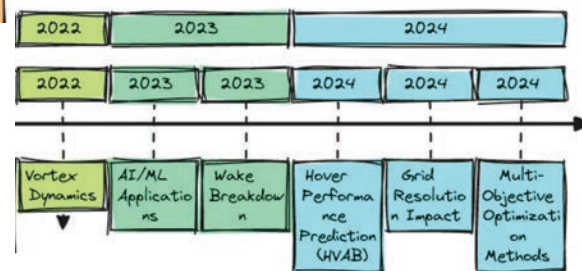
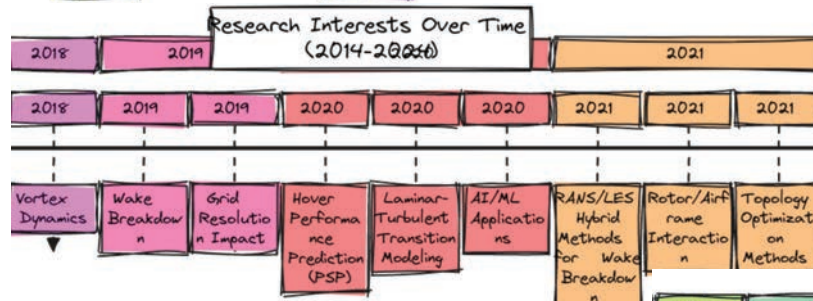
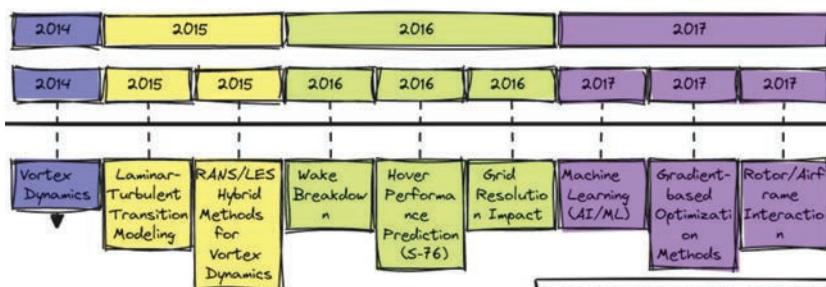
### Future Plans

- NASA/Army HVAB Hover Predictions
- Hover Download Predictions
- Full Rotorcraft Hover 2030 Grand Challenge
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