

# Recent Applications Supporting Human Spaceflight



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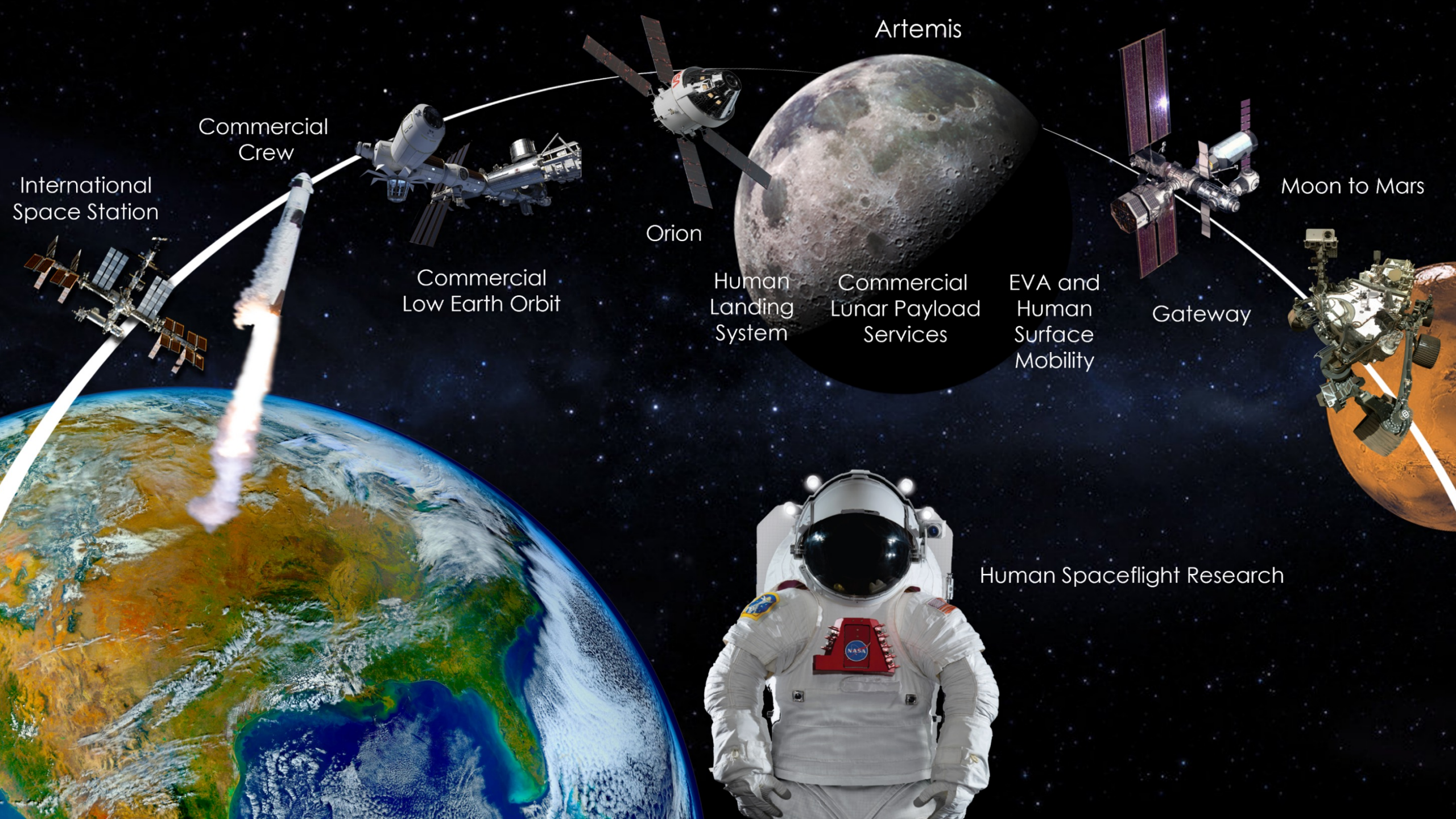
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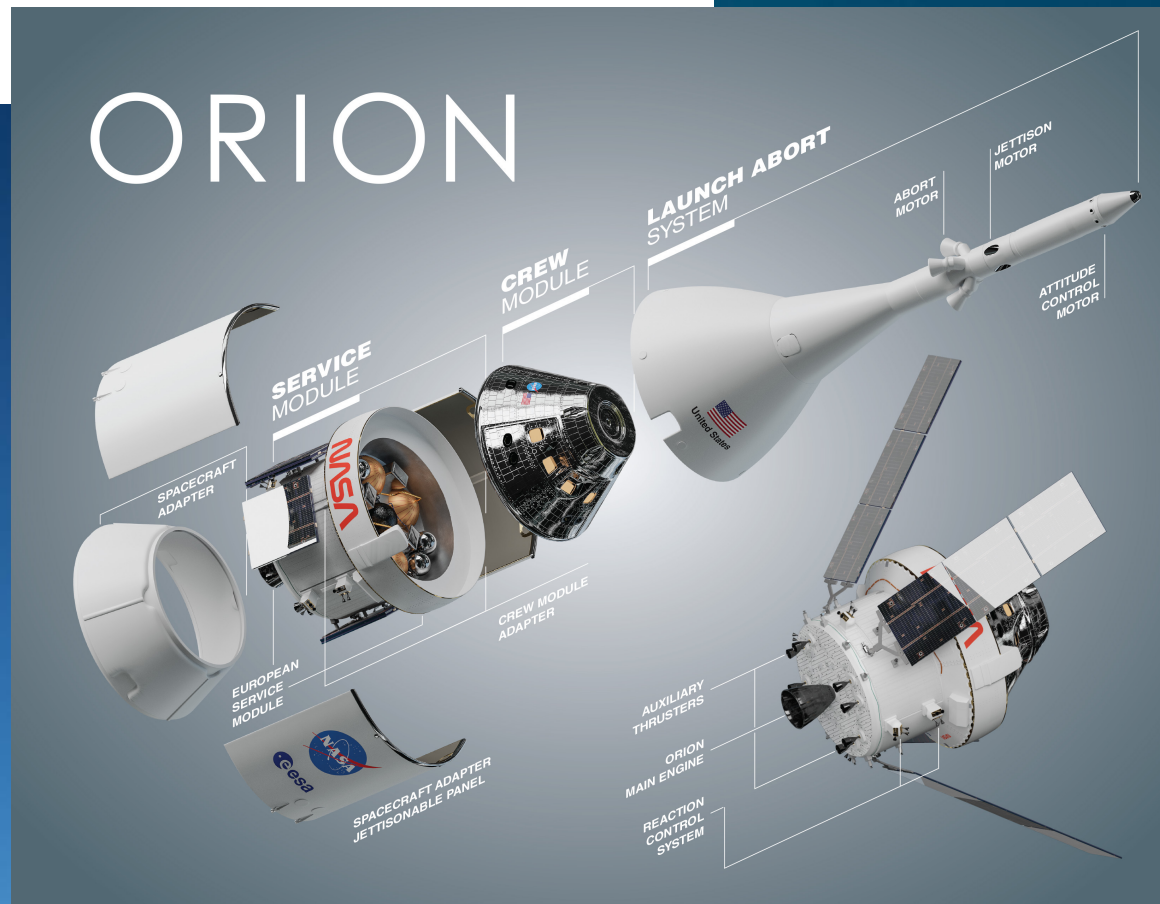
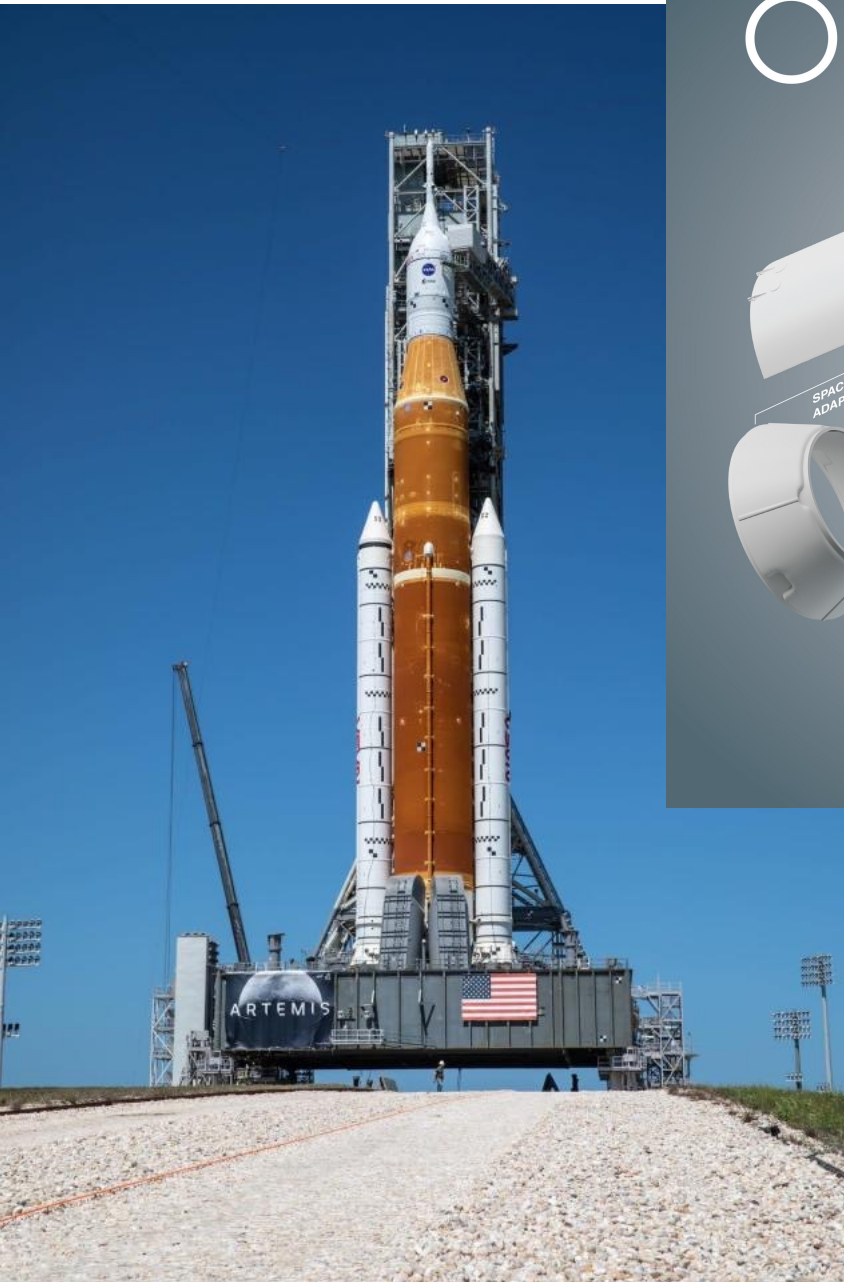
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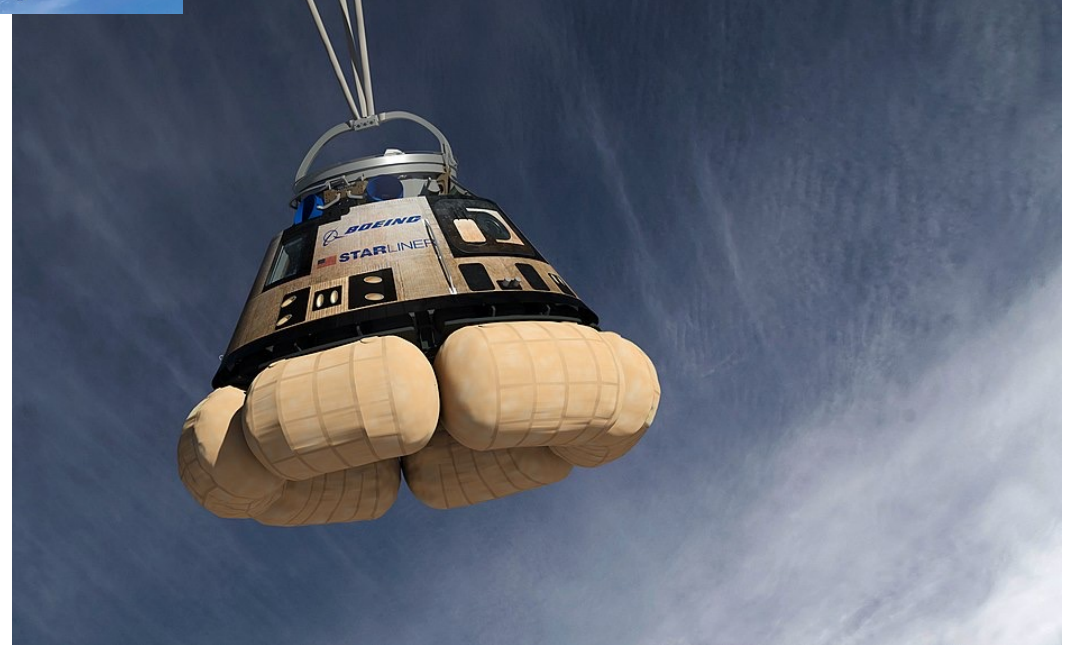
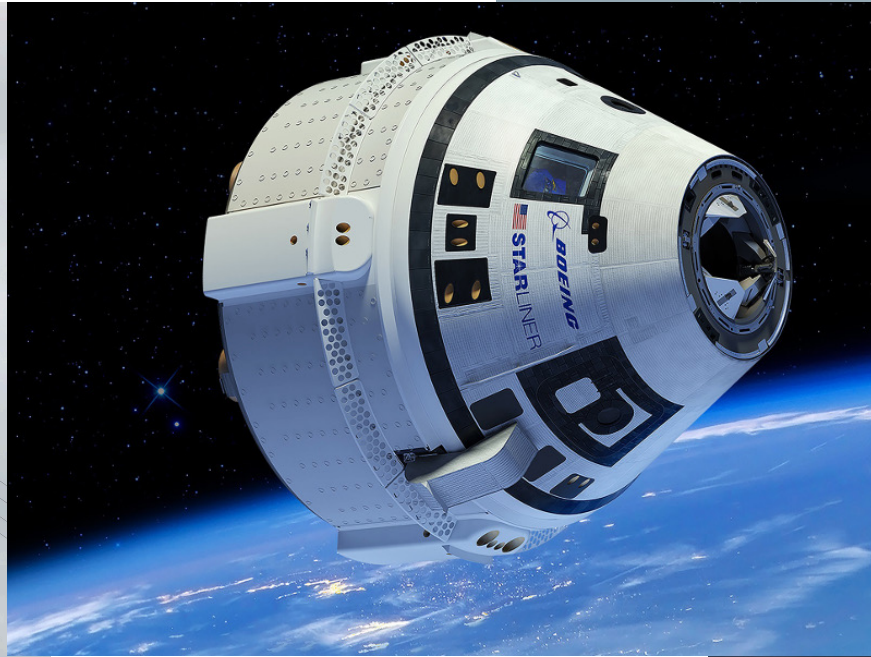


# Orion/SLS



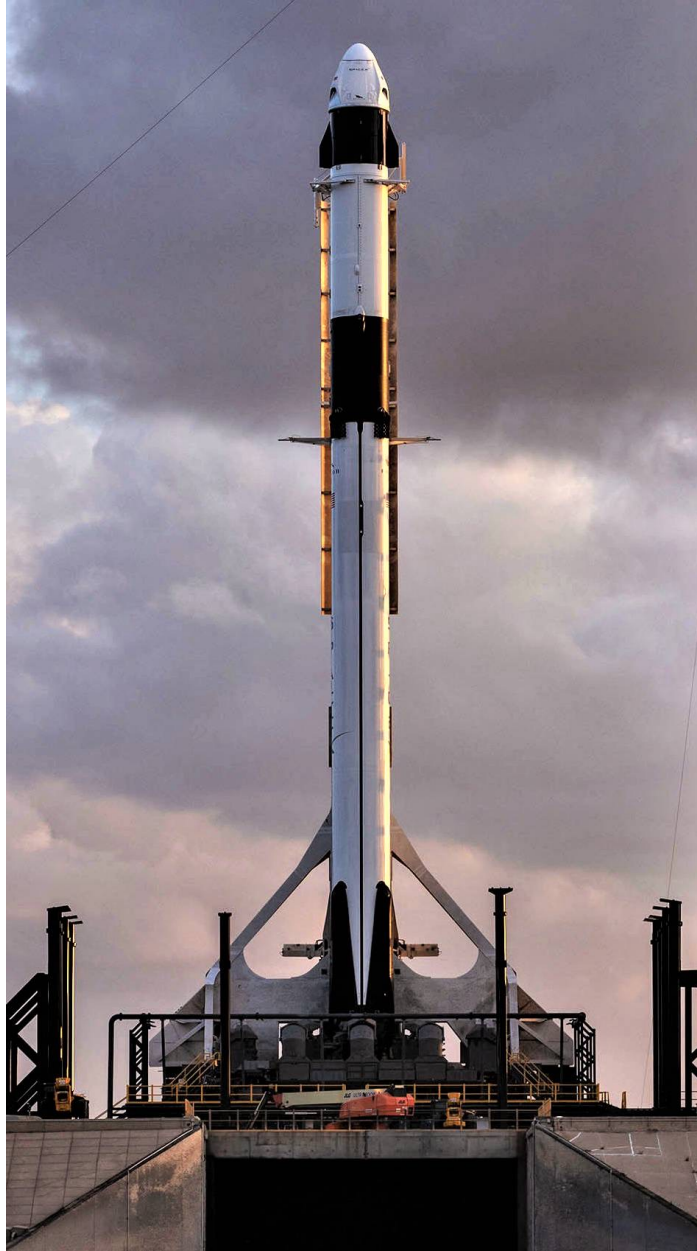


# Starliner/Atlas V





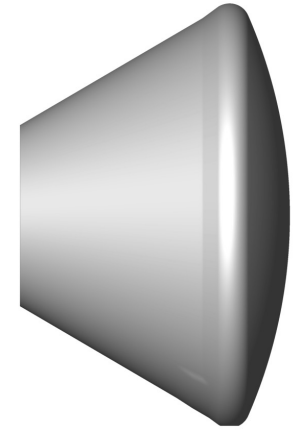
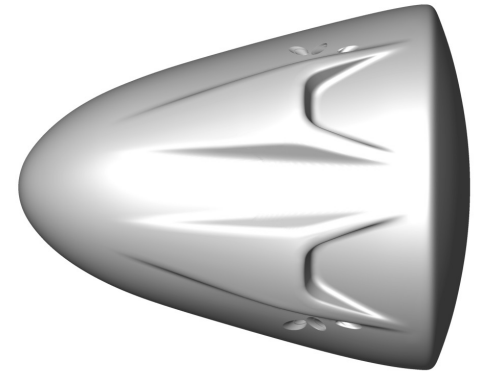
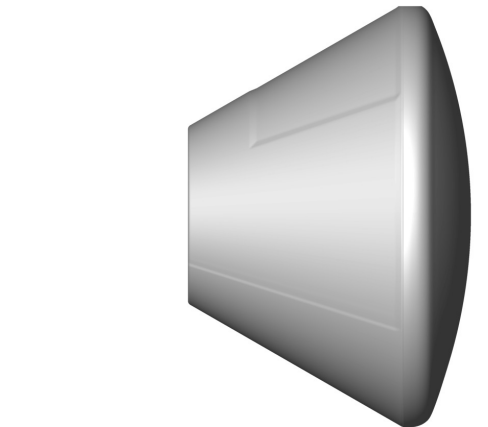
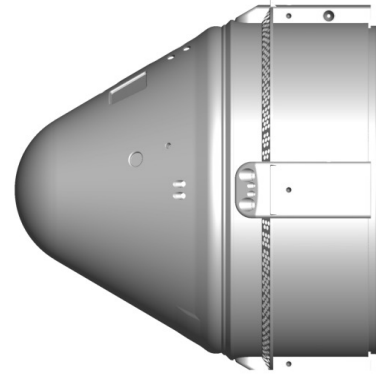
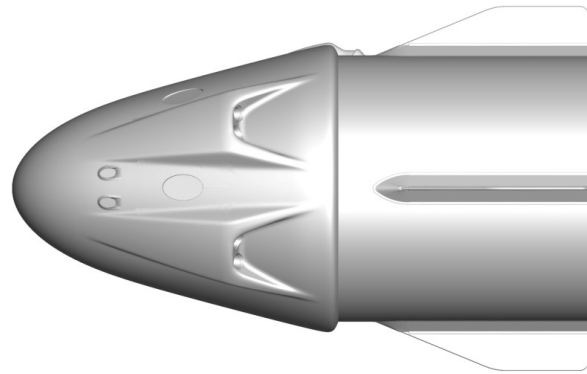
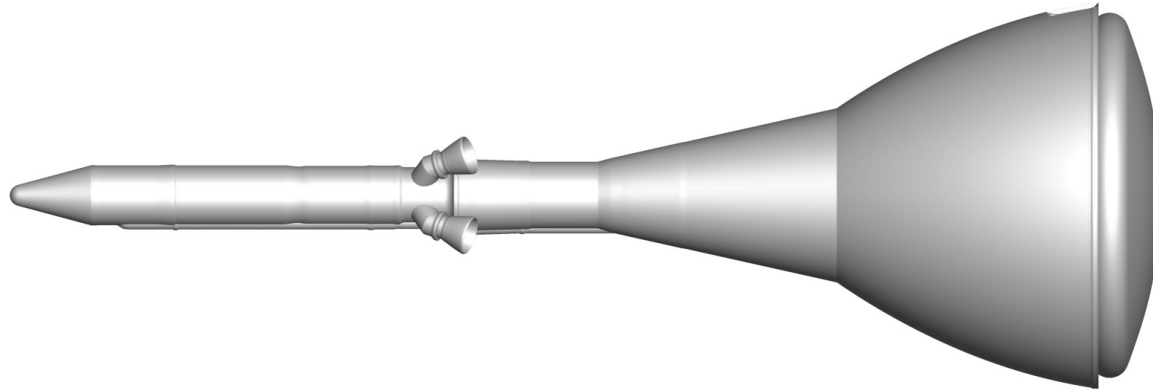
# Dragon/Falcon 9





# Crewed Vehicles

- Currently 3 crewed vehicles scheduled to fly NASA astronauts
- Simultaneously certifying these three independent (and very different!) crewed spacecraft
- All 3 have end-to-end abort capability



# Analyses

## Commercial Crew

### Boeing Starliner

- Nominal entry aerodynamics
  - Base static aerodynamics
  - Ascent cover increments
  - Dynamic aerodynamics
  - Reaction Control System (RCS) jet interaction
- Abort aerodynamics
  - Launch vehicle/spacecraft separation
  - **Crew Module (CM) /Service Module (SM) separation and OMAC jet interaction**
  - **Abort RCS jet interaction**

### SpaceX Dragon

- Nominal entry aerodynamics
  - Base static aerodynamics
  - RCS jet interaction
  - **Dynamic aerodynamics**
- Abort Aerodynamics
  - Launch vehicle/spacecraft separation
  - RCS jet interaction

Bolded items summarized in this presentation

## Artemis

### Orion

- Ascent Abort 2 flight reconstruction
  - Drag miss
- Abort aero database development
- Entry aero database development
- Crew Module wake modeling
  - Supporting parachute analysis

### Space Launch System (SLS)

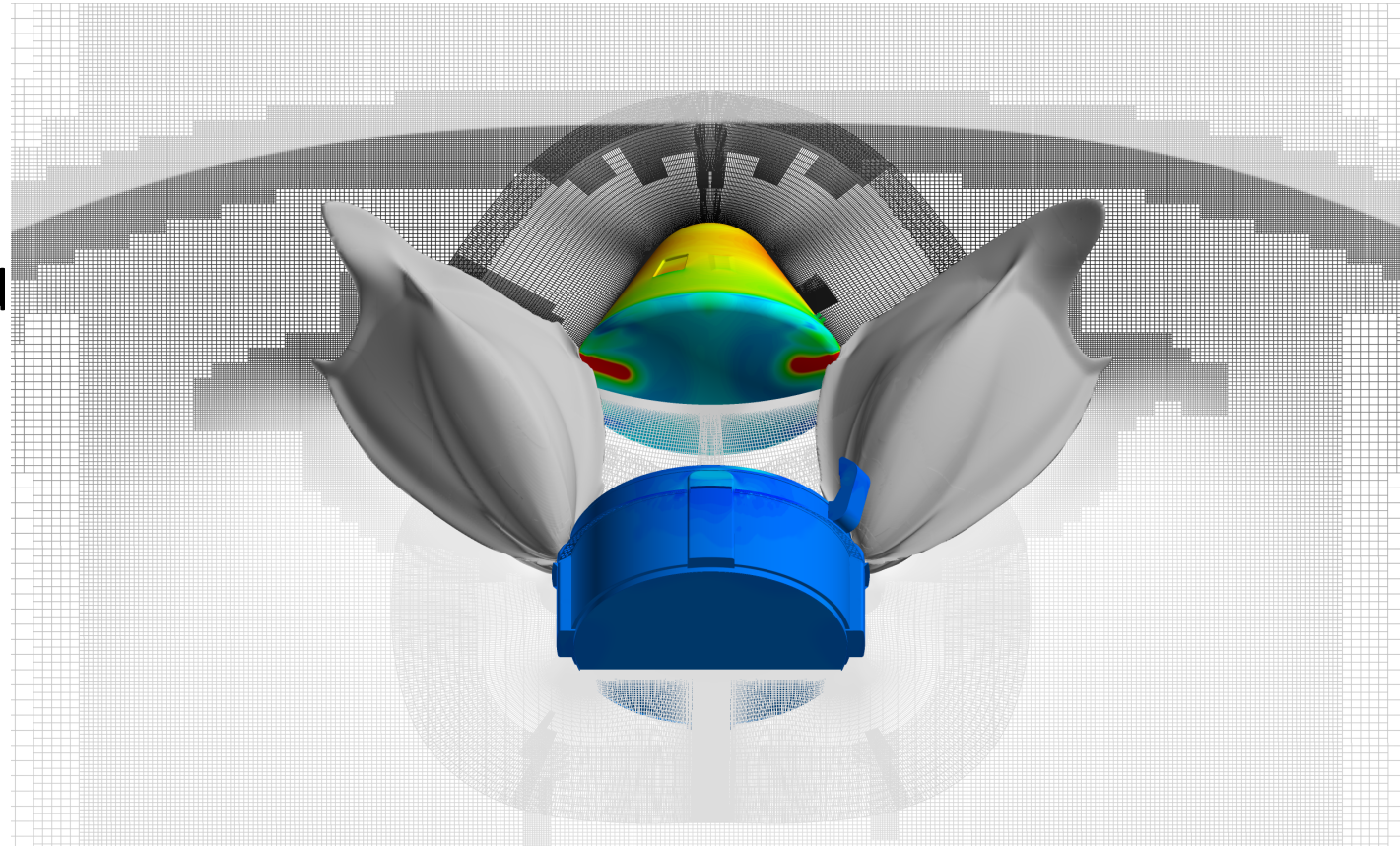
- Databases for Block 1, Block 1B, Block 2
  - **Booster separation aero database**
  - Protuberance ascent airloads
  - Surface pressure database (used for venting)
  - Ascent aero line-load database



# Starliner CM/SM Abort Separation

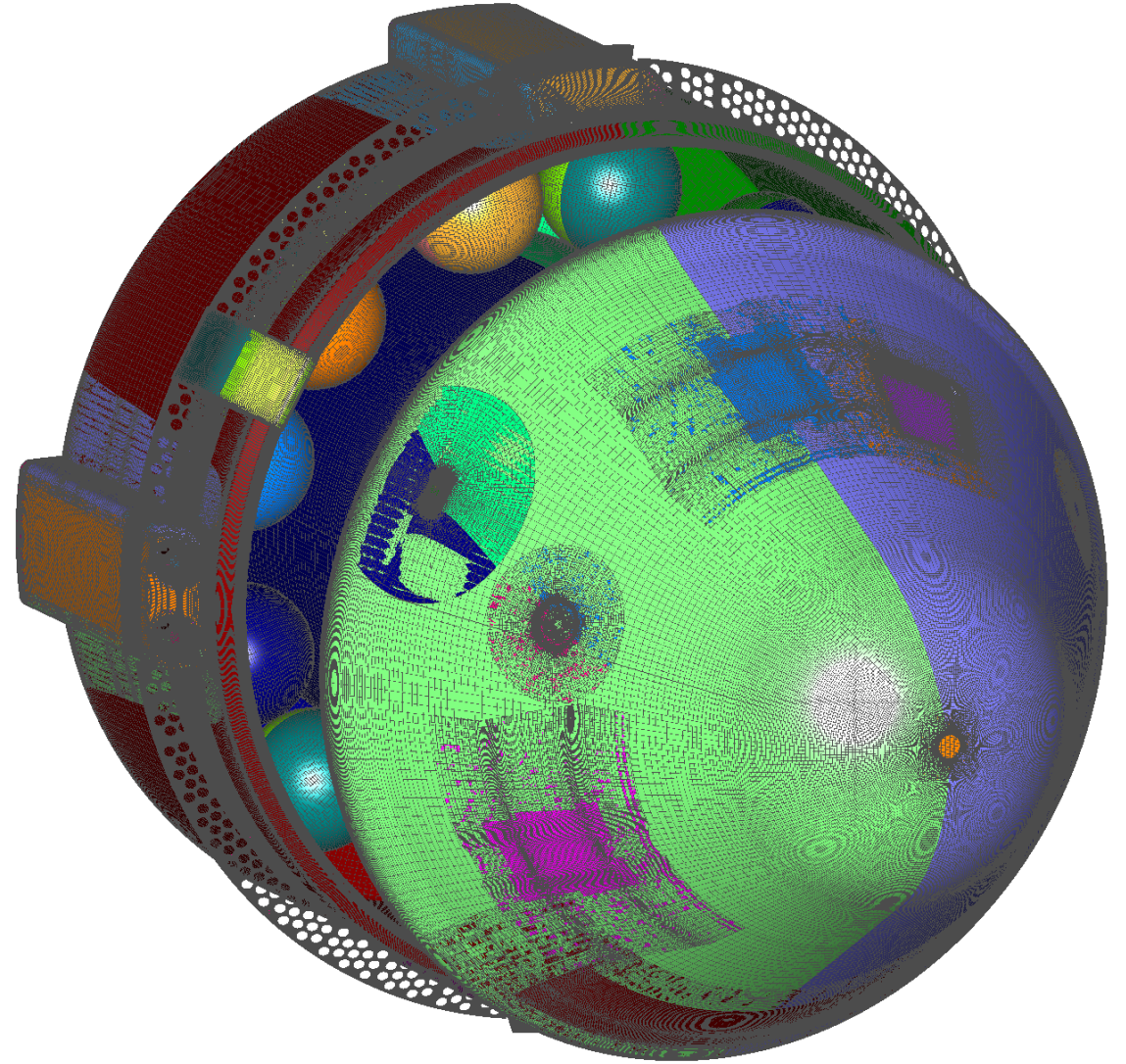
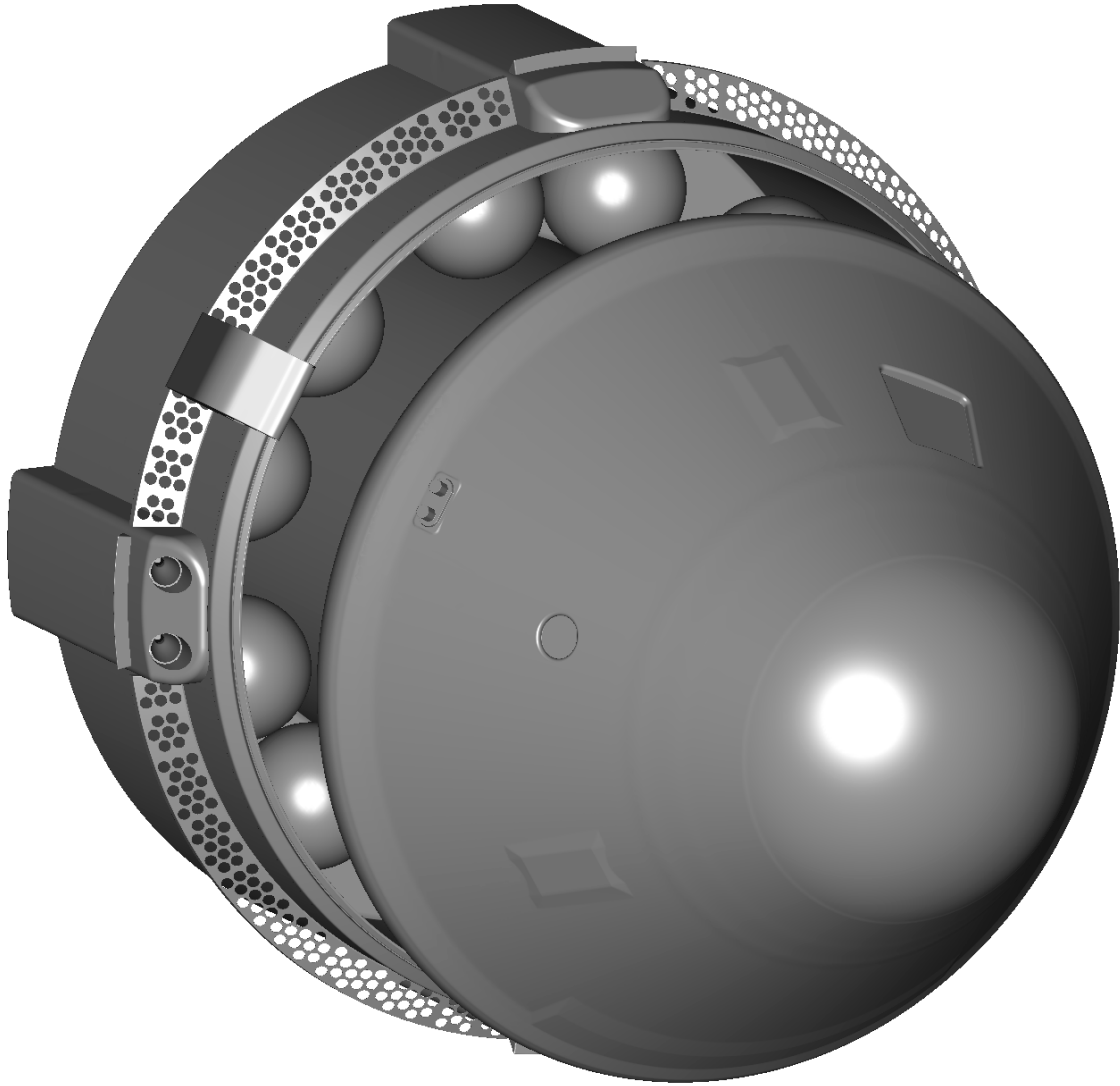
## Analysis Highlights

- Very complex physics – supersonic retropulsion with multiple bodies, plume impingement on CM
- 9-dimensional analysis space
- Hybrid DCF/Pegasus with near-body and off-body grid adaptation
- Final product is to check the forces and moments induced on the CM as a function of the 9 independent variables
- Stats
  - Base grid is ~1400 grids, 575e6 points, adapting to 20,000+ grids, 1e9 points
  - Unique grid for each case (due to adaption and relative motion)
  - 60k to 80k CPU hours per case
  - 170 cases, 10 million CPU hours total



$$\text{Aero} = f(\text{Mach}, \text{CM}_\alpha, \text{CM}_\beta, \text{SM}_\alpha, \text{SM}_\beta, \text{DX}, \text{DY}, \text{DZ}, \text{qbar})$$

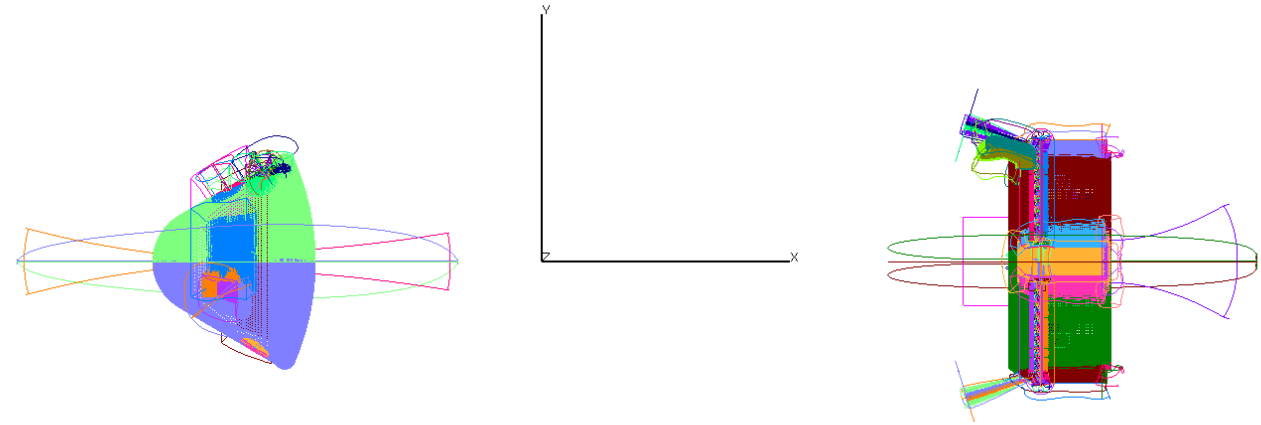
# Geometry and Surface Grid Details





# Hybrid DCF/Pegasus

- Run Pegasus on the two bodies with enough separation so they don't touch
- Pegasus does the hole cutting and overlap minimization among the grids in each body
- Use Config.xml to position each body
- Overflow generates the box grids
- XRINFO cuts the boxes and between the two bodies



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! cm_cut_in_boxes
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  IGXLIST = -1,
  XDELTA = 90.0,
$END

! cm_far_cut_in_sm
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overflow.inp

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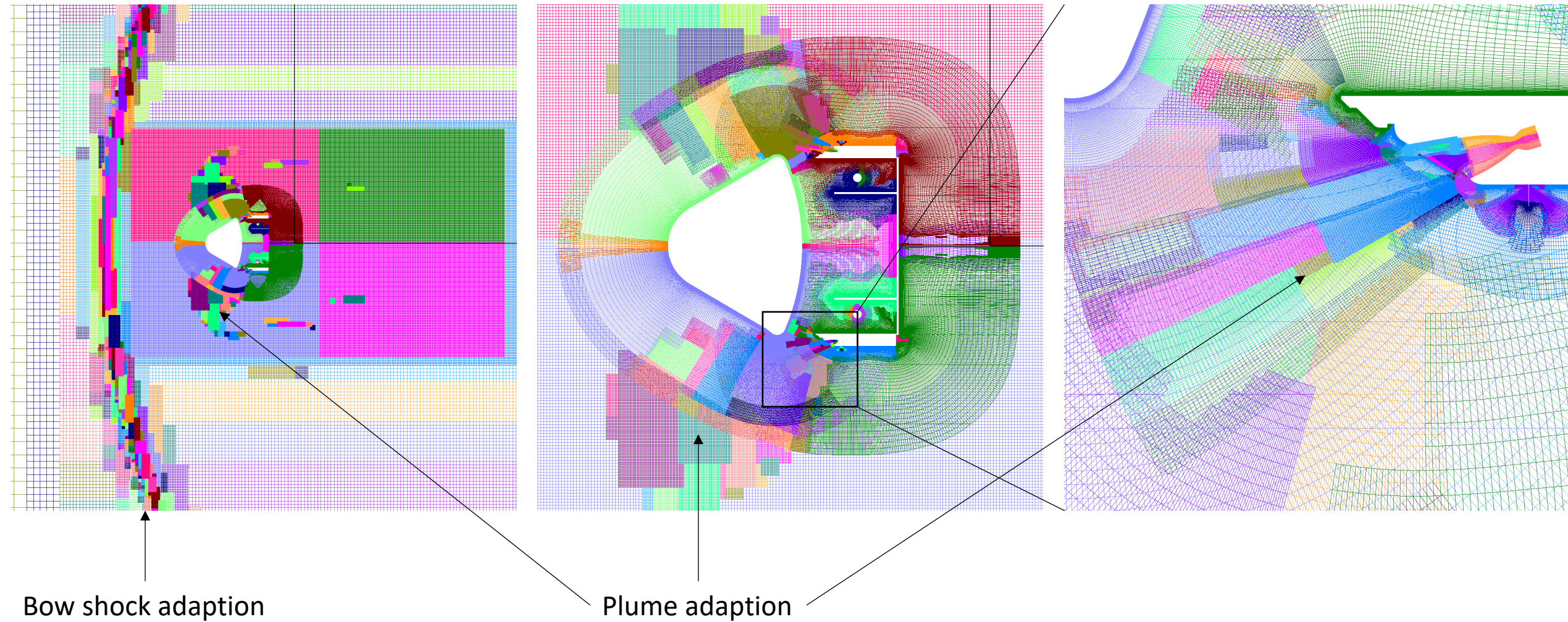
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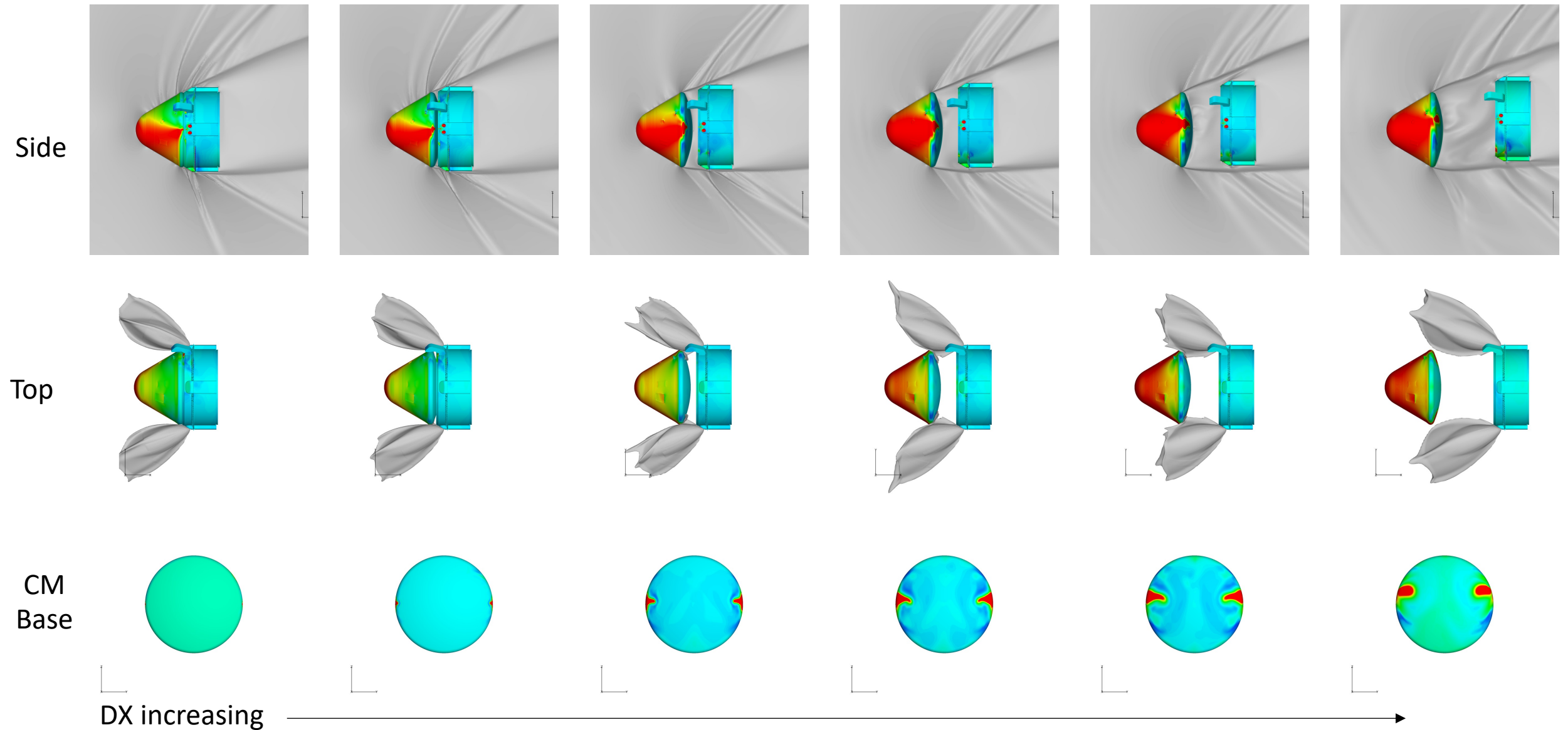
Config.xml

# Adaption Examples

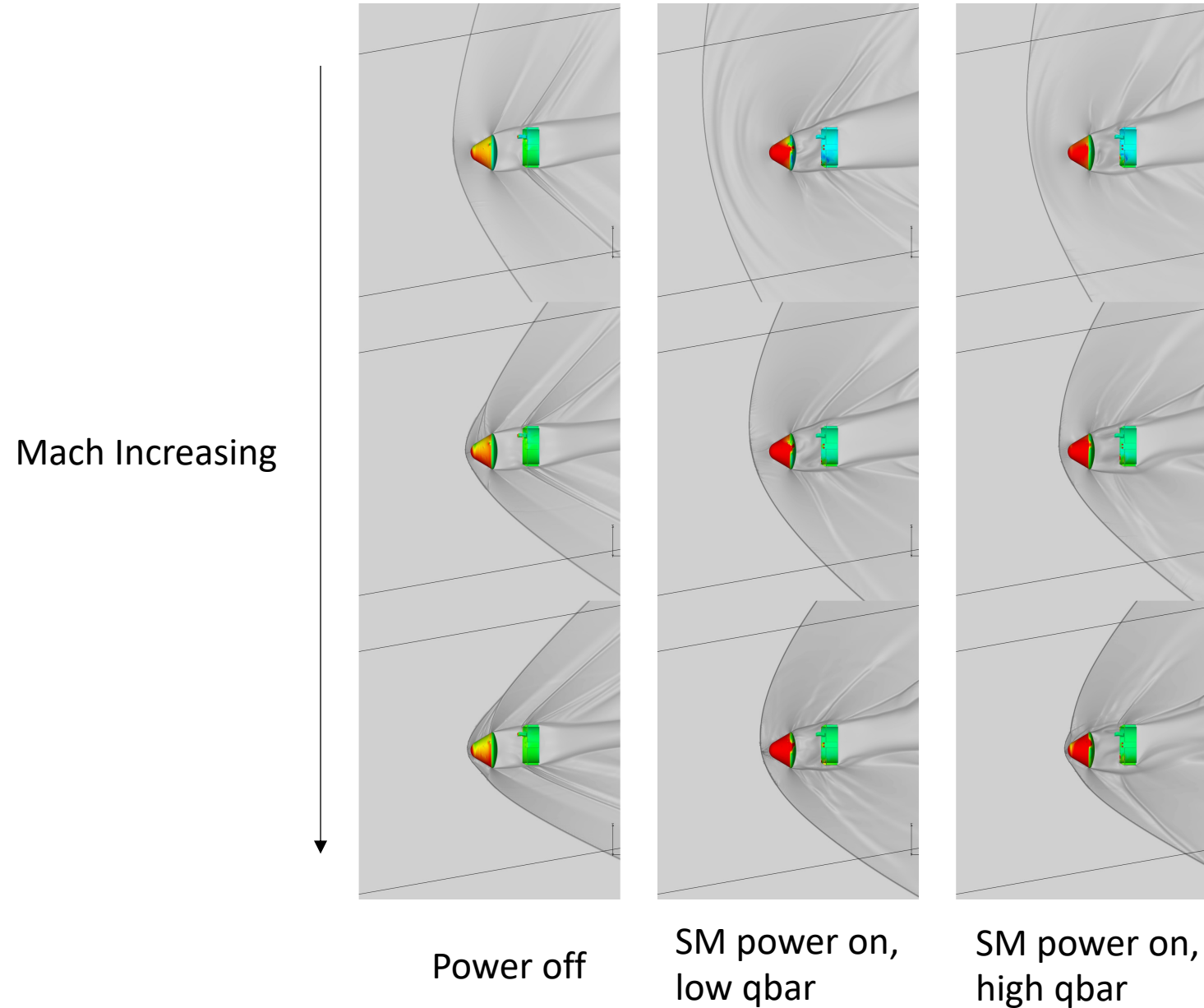




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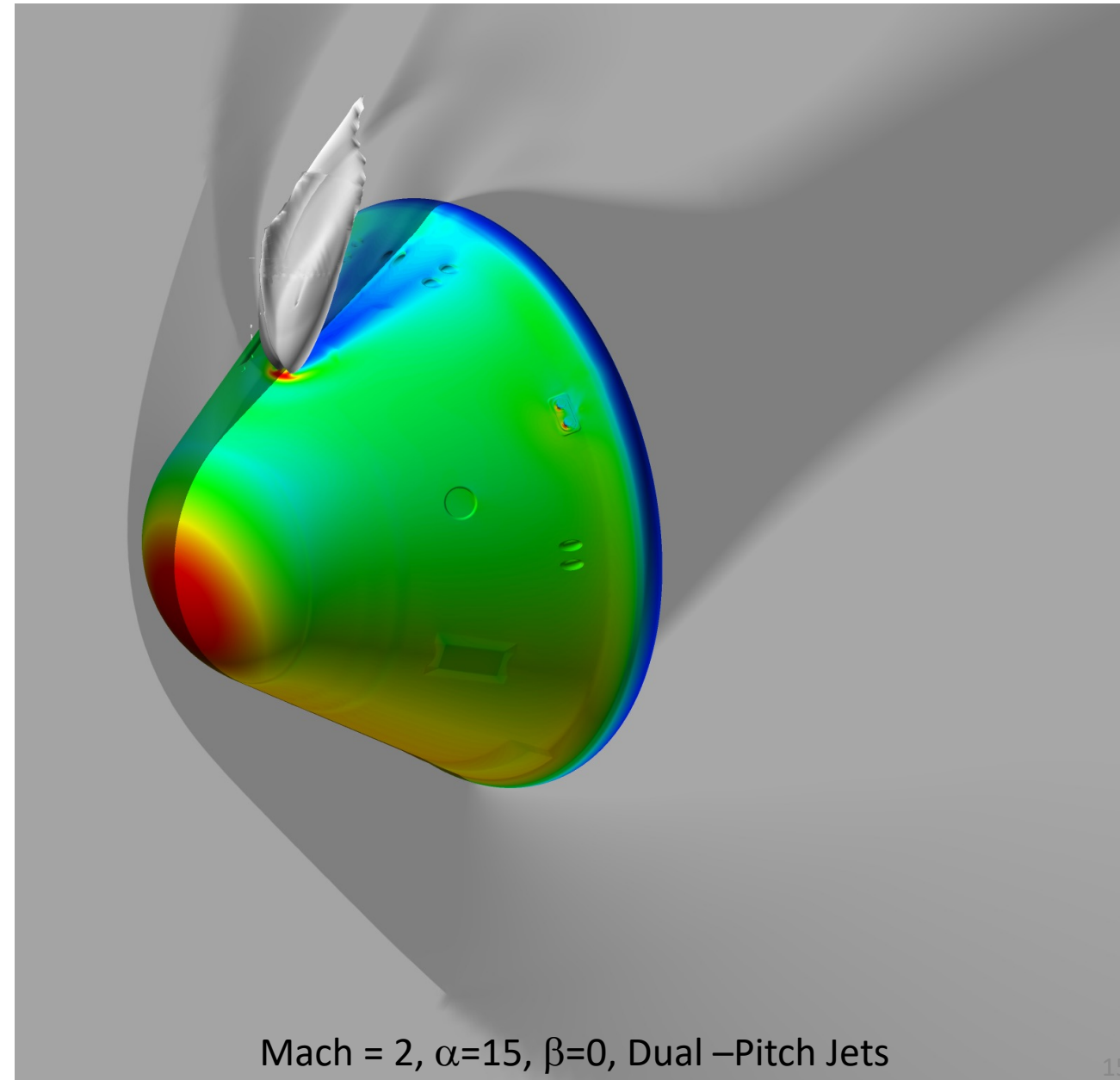
# Starliner CM/SM Abort Separation



# Starliner Abort RCS Jet Interaction

## Analysis Highlights

- Utilized new L2X = 2 Pegasus option for optimal surface overlap
- Shock fitted grid to vehicle bow shock and rotated wakebox grid
  - Requires a separate grid for each Mach/alpha combination
- Final product is a check of the jets' aerodynamic interactions and their affect on the vehicle moments
- Stats
  - 69 zones, 115e6 points per grid system
  - 61 grids systems for analysis
  - 1000 to 5000 CPU hours per case
  - 428 cases, 800,000 CPU hours total

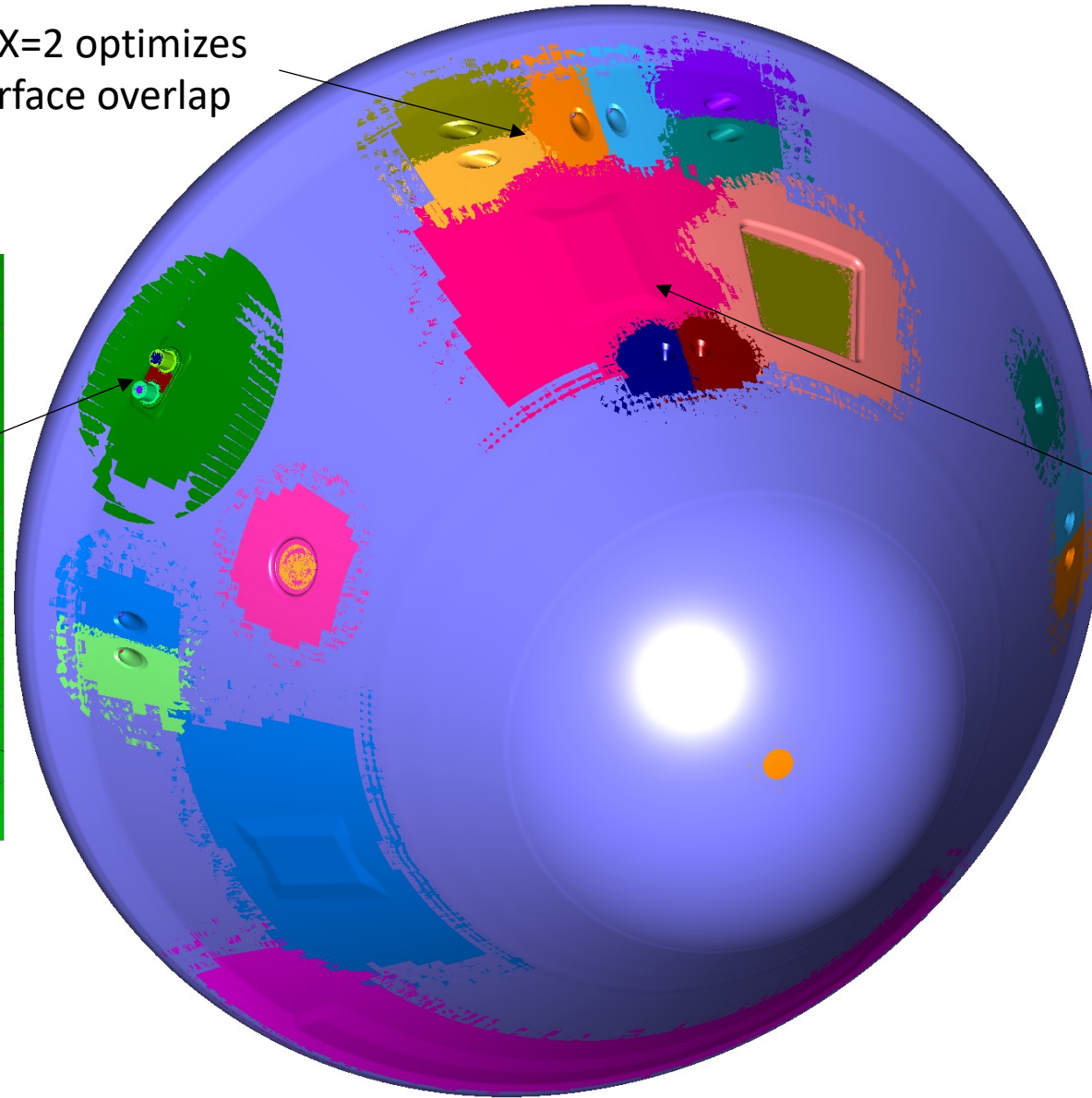
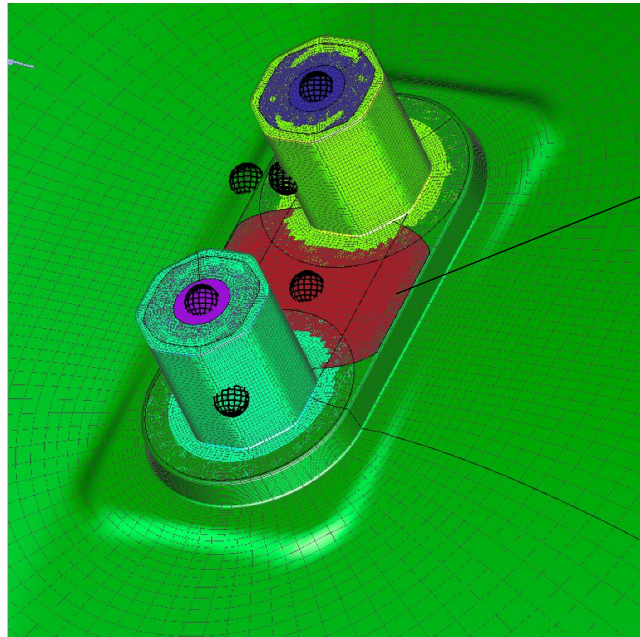




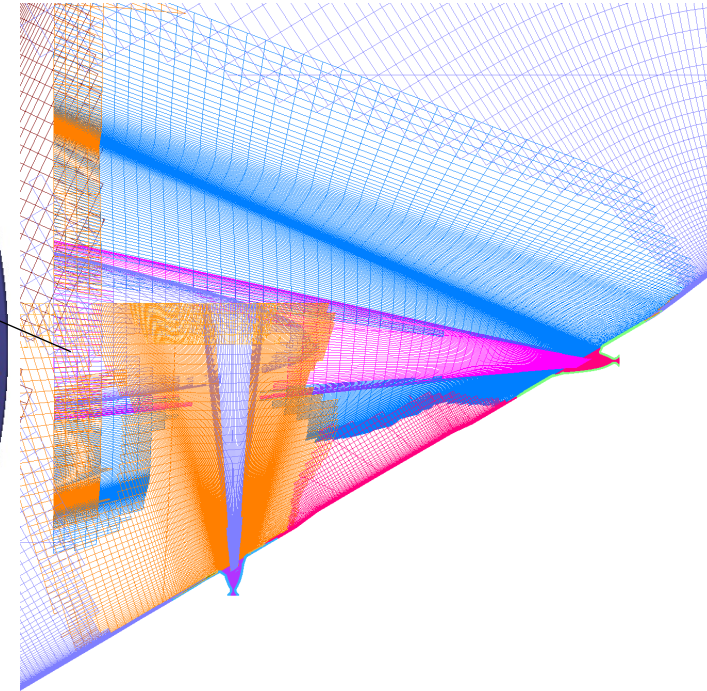
# Starliner Grid System for RCS Jet Interaction

L2X=2 optimizes  
surface overlap

Protuberance Details

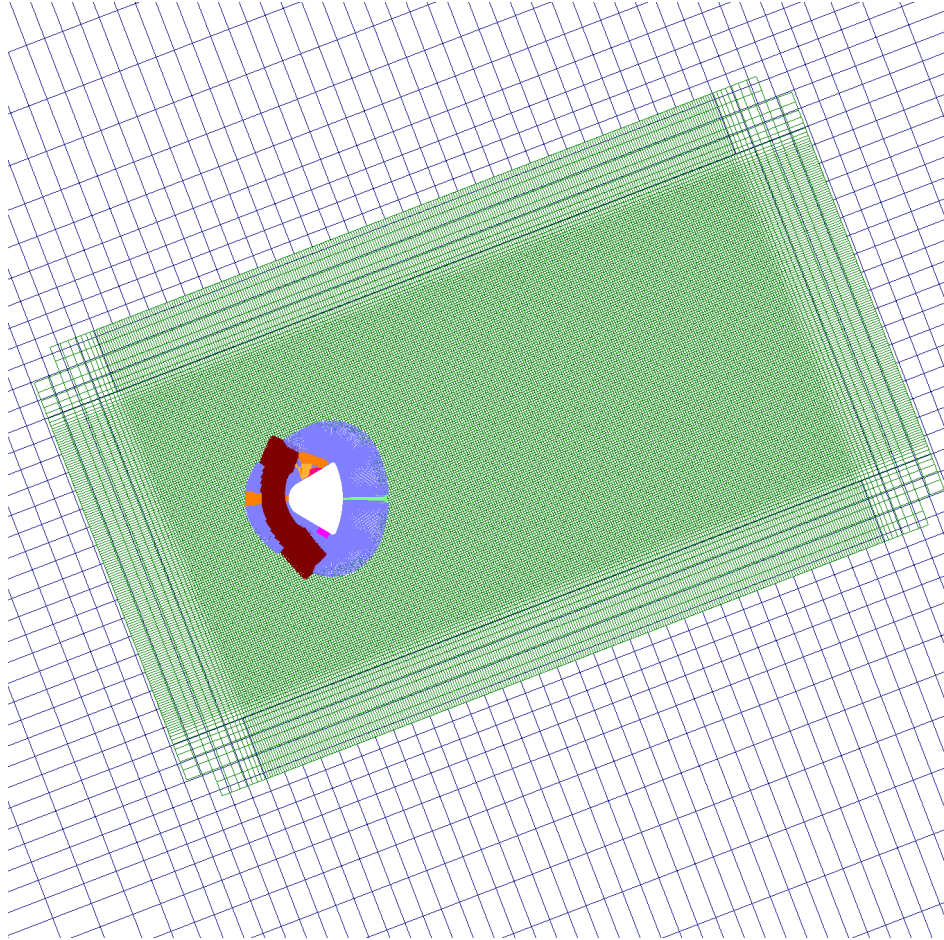


Y=0 Cut Through Plume Grids

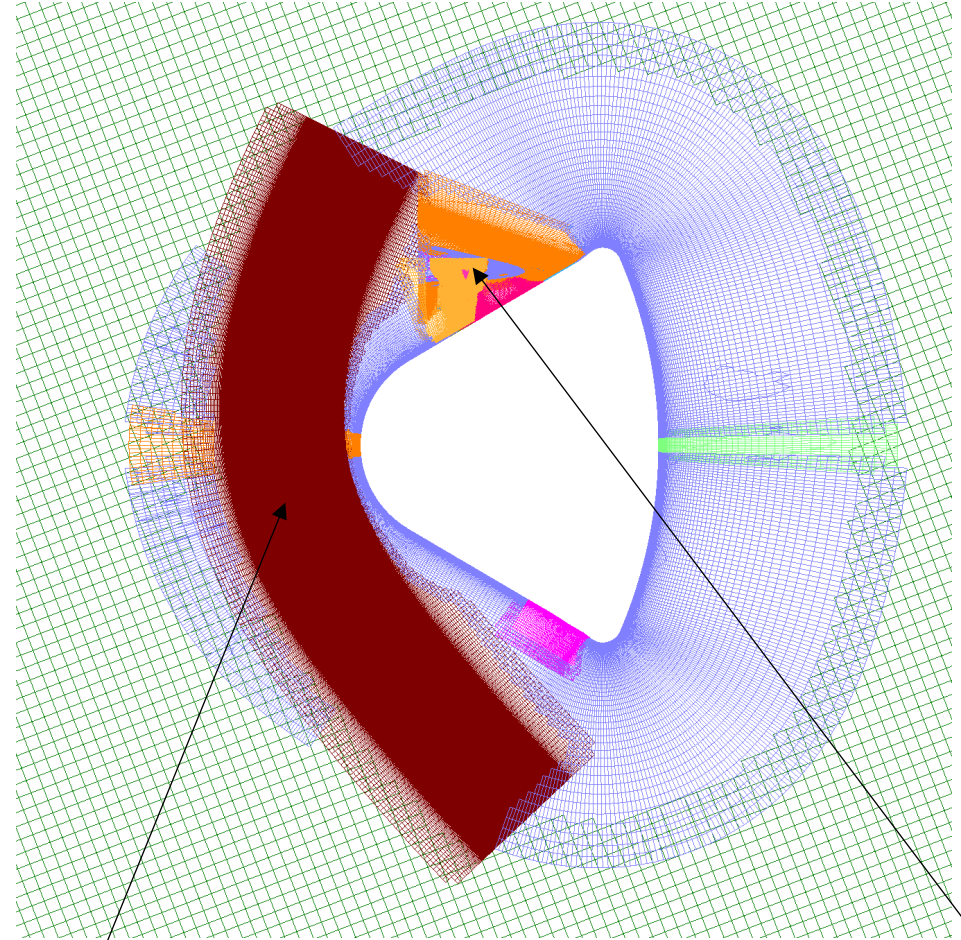




# Starliner Grid System for RCS Jet Interaction



Wakebox grid matched to alpha (15degrees)

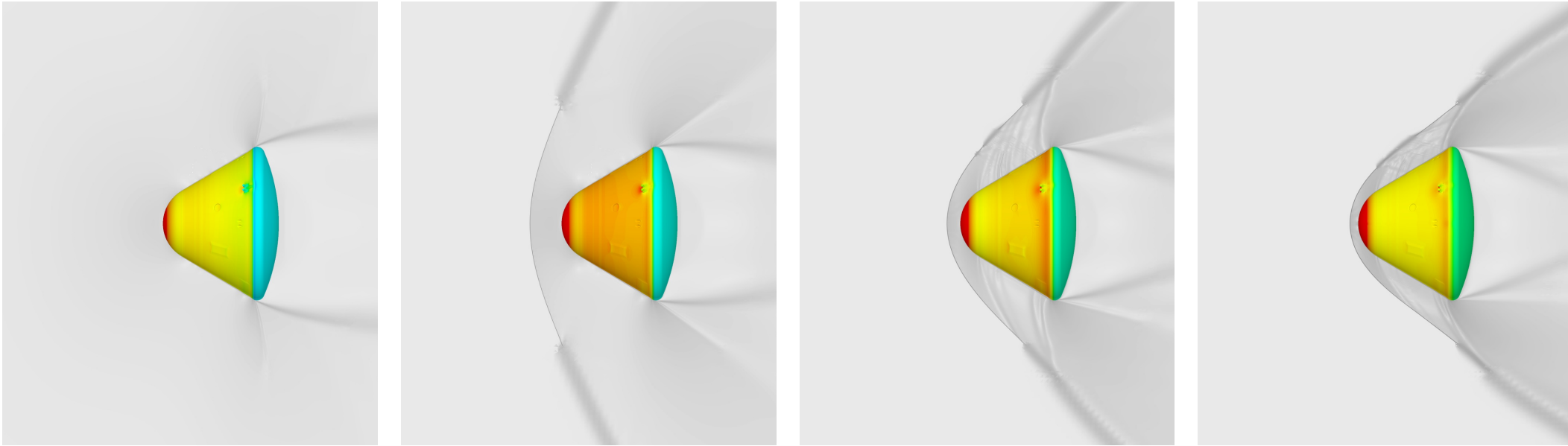


Shock refinement grid to resolve bow shock  
Plume refinement grids to resolve RCS firings

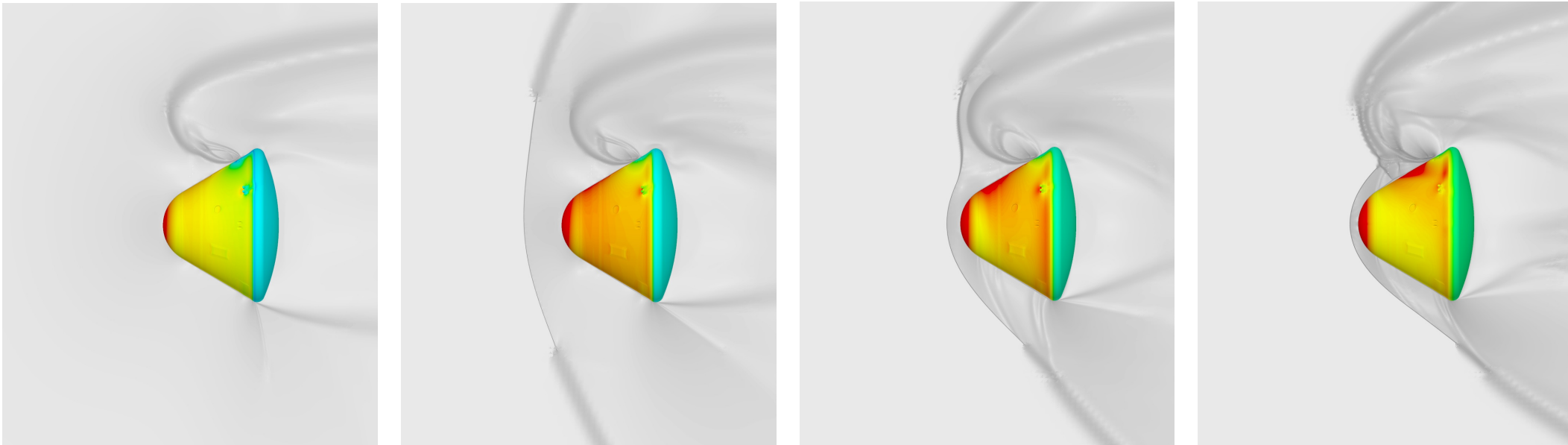


# Starliner Abort RCS Jet Interaction

Power Off



+Pitch Jet On



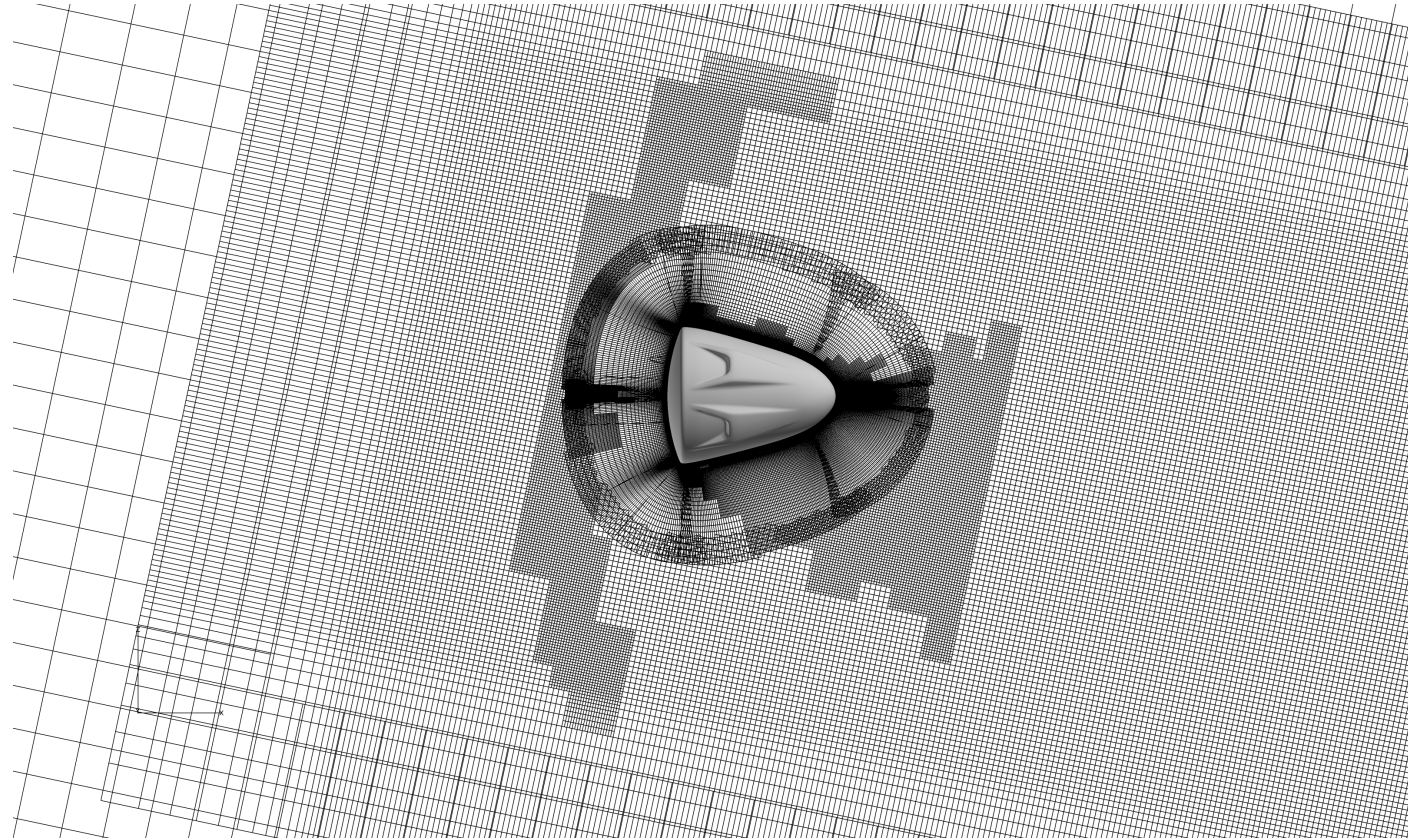
Mach Increasing



# Dragon Dynamic Aero

## Analysis Highlights

- Moving body, forced oscillation
- Unsteady DES
- Adaption
- Final product :
  - $C_m q$  for comparison to wind tunnel test (WTT) data (forced oscillation)/sting interference
  - Extend data above WTT max Mach number
  - Compare forced/free oscillation
- Stats
  - Base grid is 24 grids, 40e6 points, adapting to ~2270 grids, 101e6 points
  - Unique grid for each case (due to adaption)
  - 30k to 120k CPU hours per case (depending on timestep & # of cycles modeled)
  - ~140 cases, ~8.6 million CPU hours total



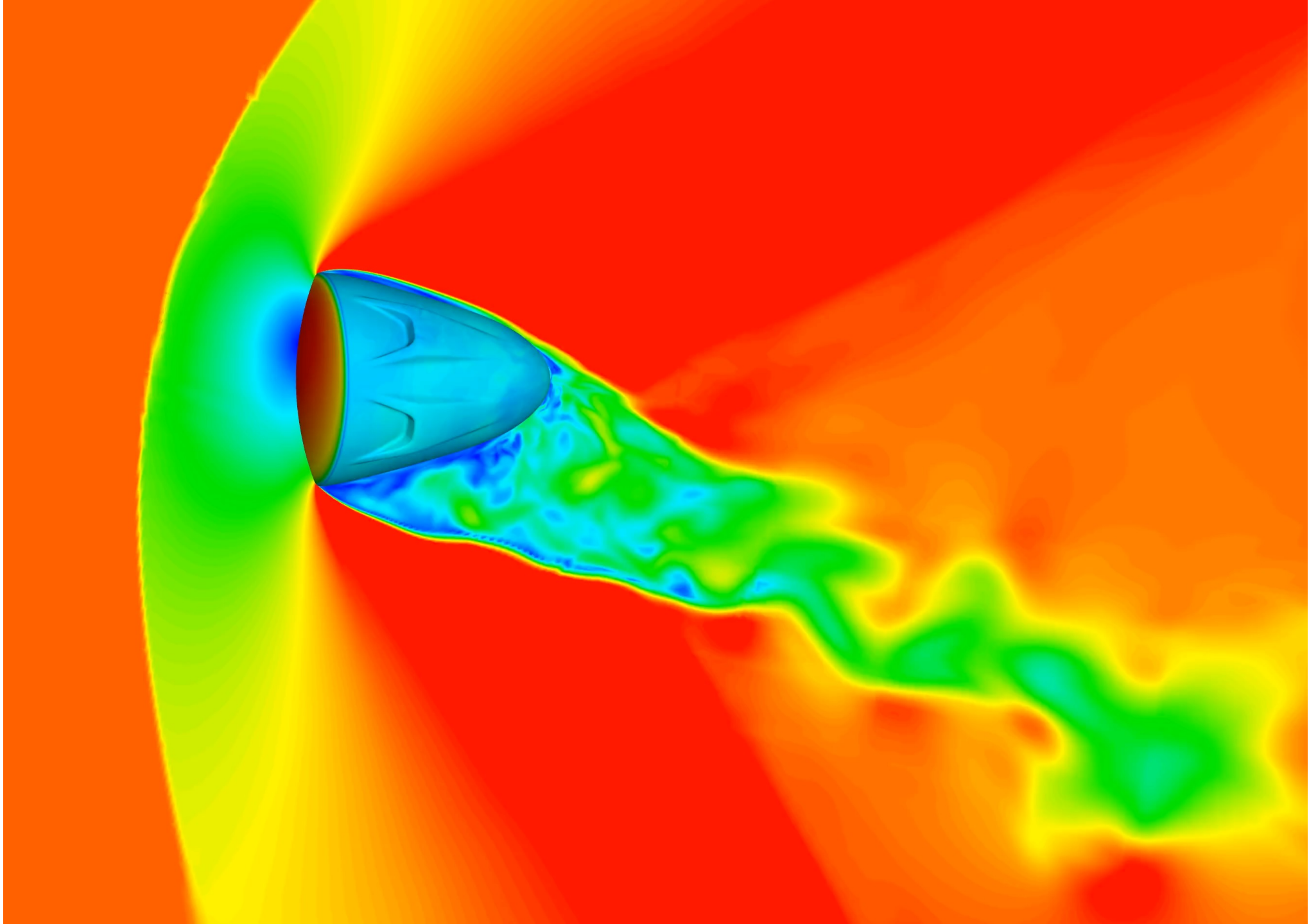


## Forced Oscillation

- 0.32 Hz
- 4° amplitude

Wake/shedding  
frequency  $\gg$   
pitch motion

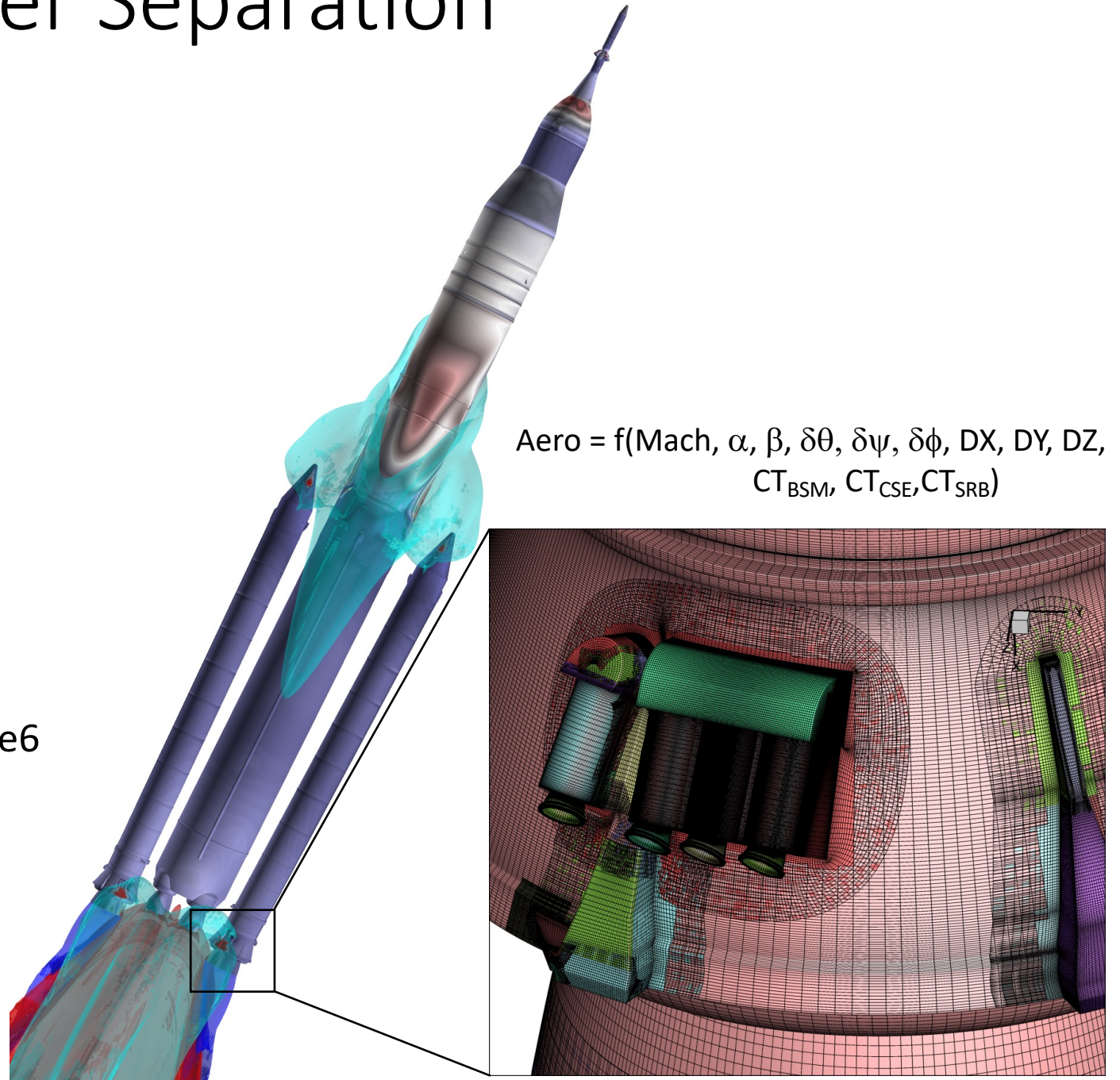
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leeward backshell  
separation



# SLS Solid Rocket Booster Separation

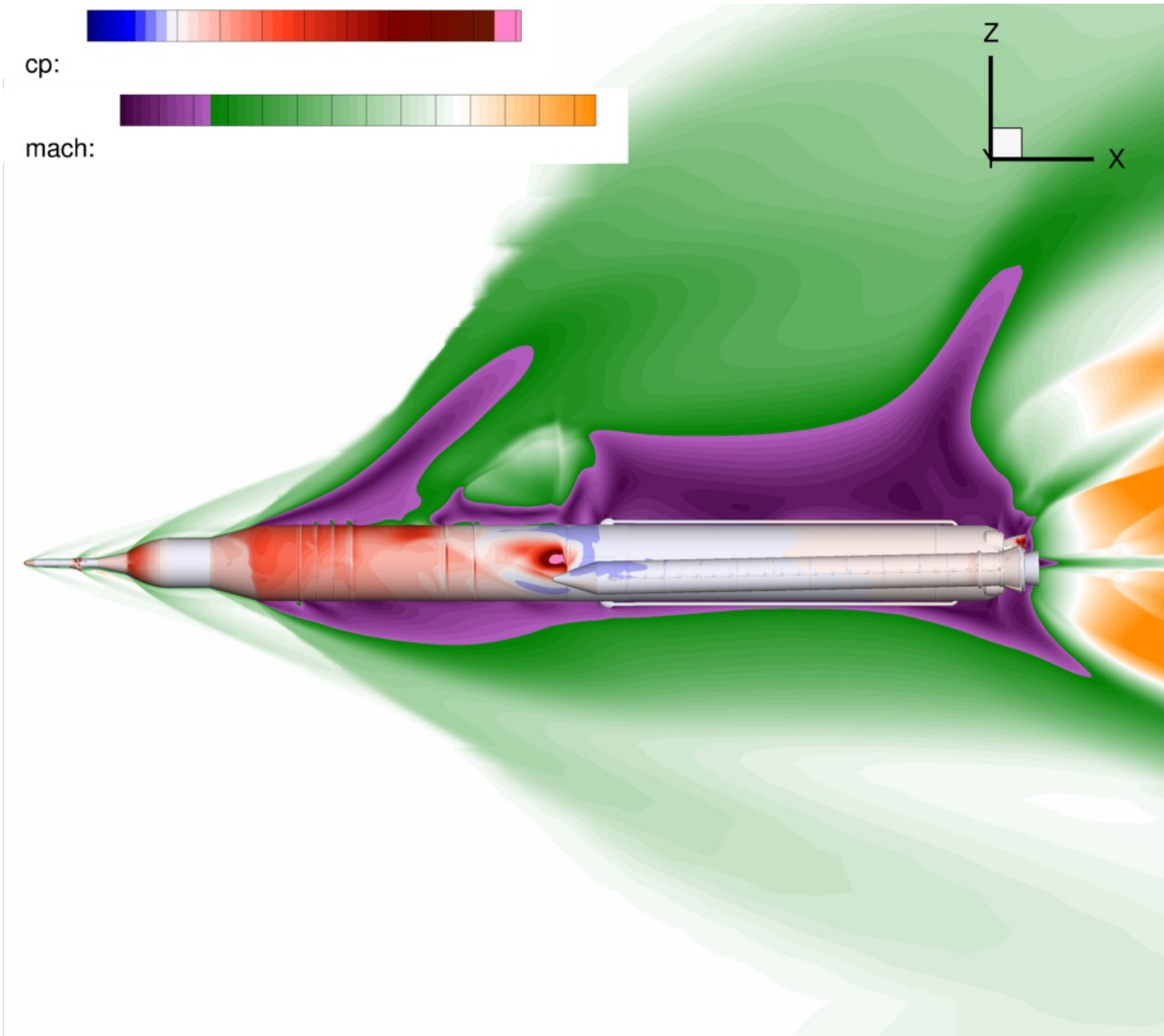
## Analysis Highlights

- Very complex physics – supersonic, multi-body separation with plumes
- 22 powered nozzles – 8 on each SRB, 4 core stage (RS-25) and 2 Solid Rocket Boosters
- 12-dimensional analysis space
- Hybrid DCF/Pegasus with off-body grid adaptation
- Final product is aero coefficients used for creation of an aero database
- Stats
  - Base grid is 340e6 points, adapting to 425e6 points
  - O(40,000) CPU hours per case
  - 1500 fun3d simulations (!)
  - 100 overflow cases run to augment aero database (UQ creation)

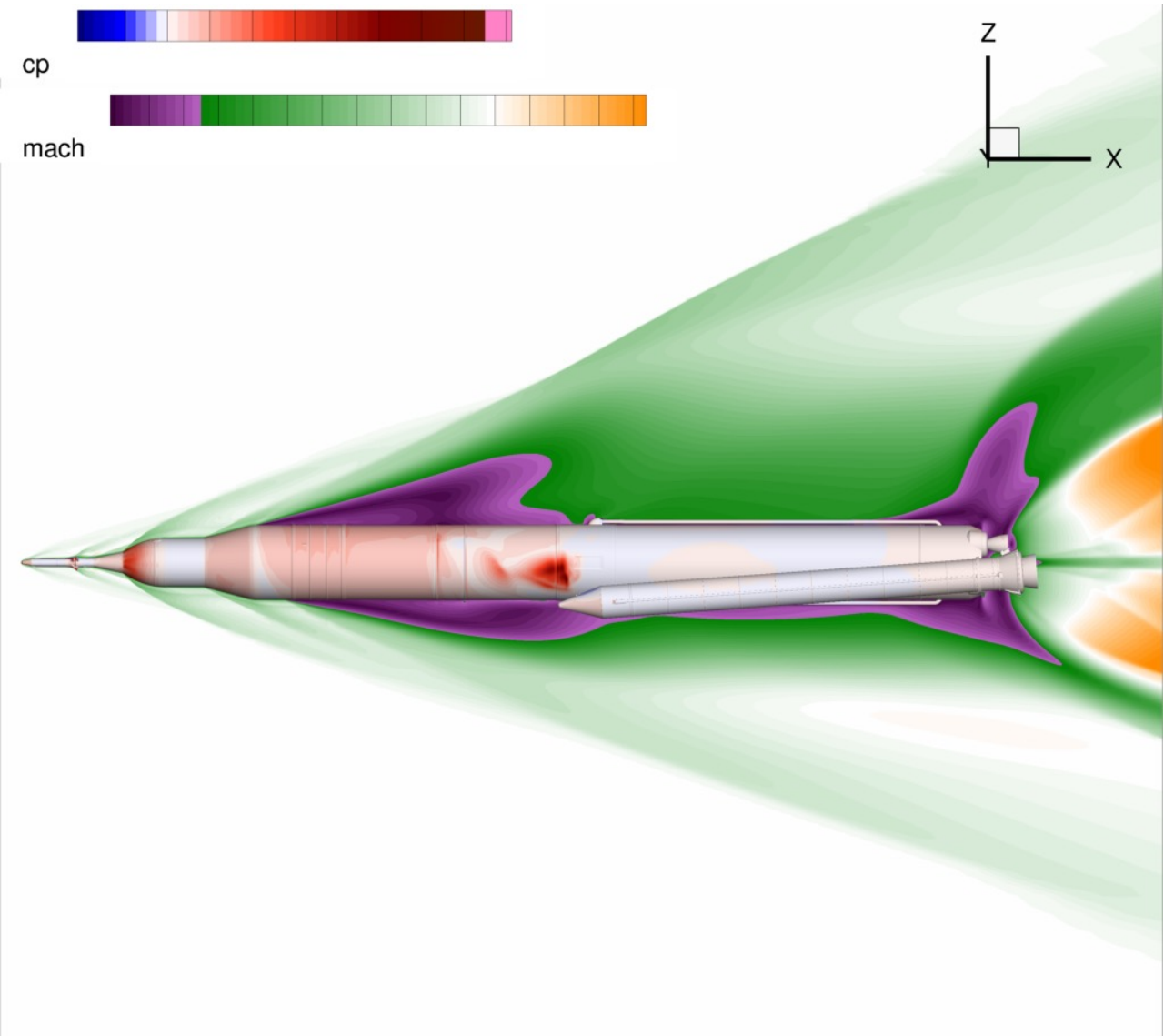




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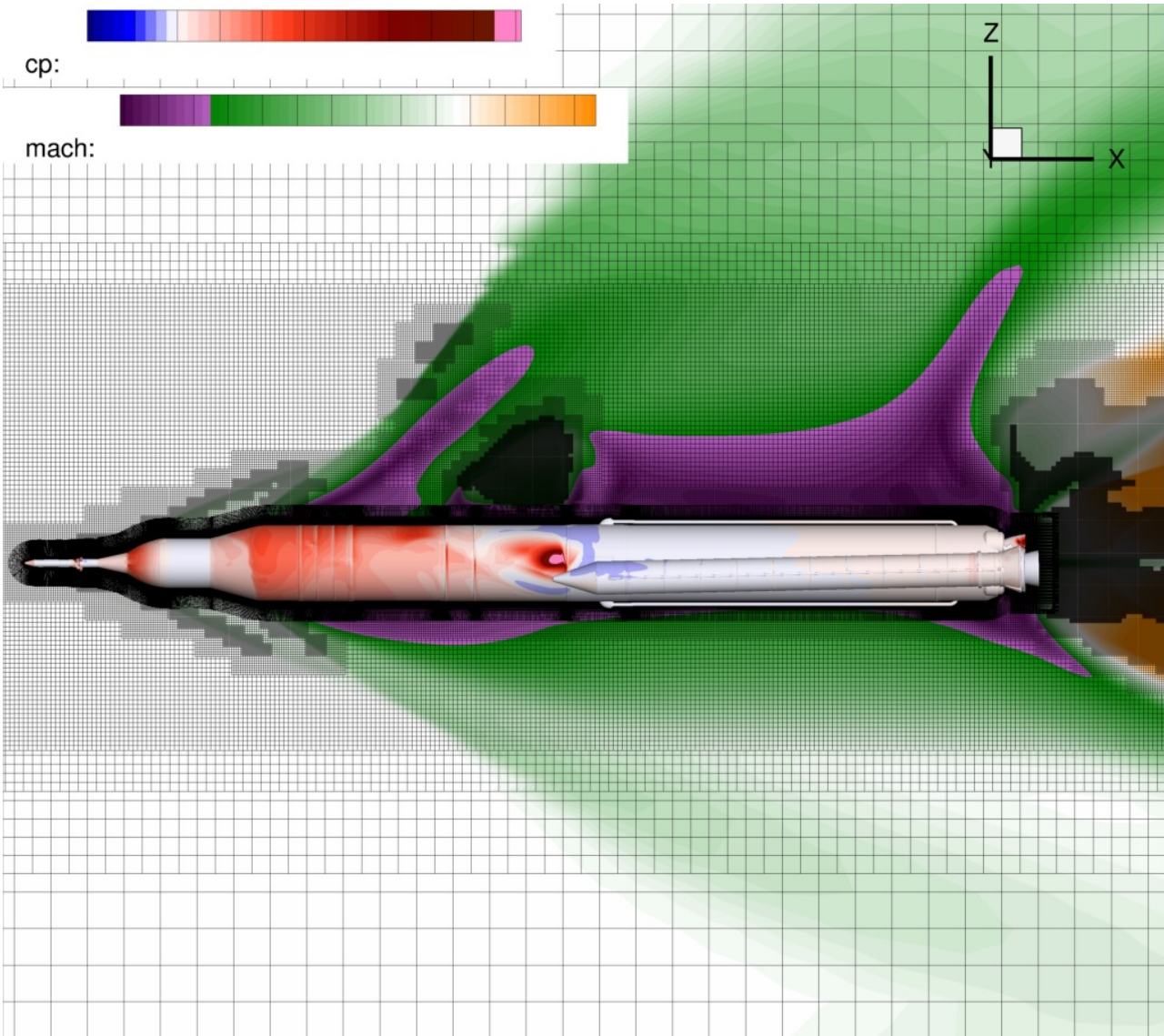


DX=4', Max BSM power

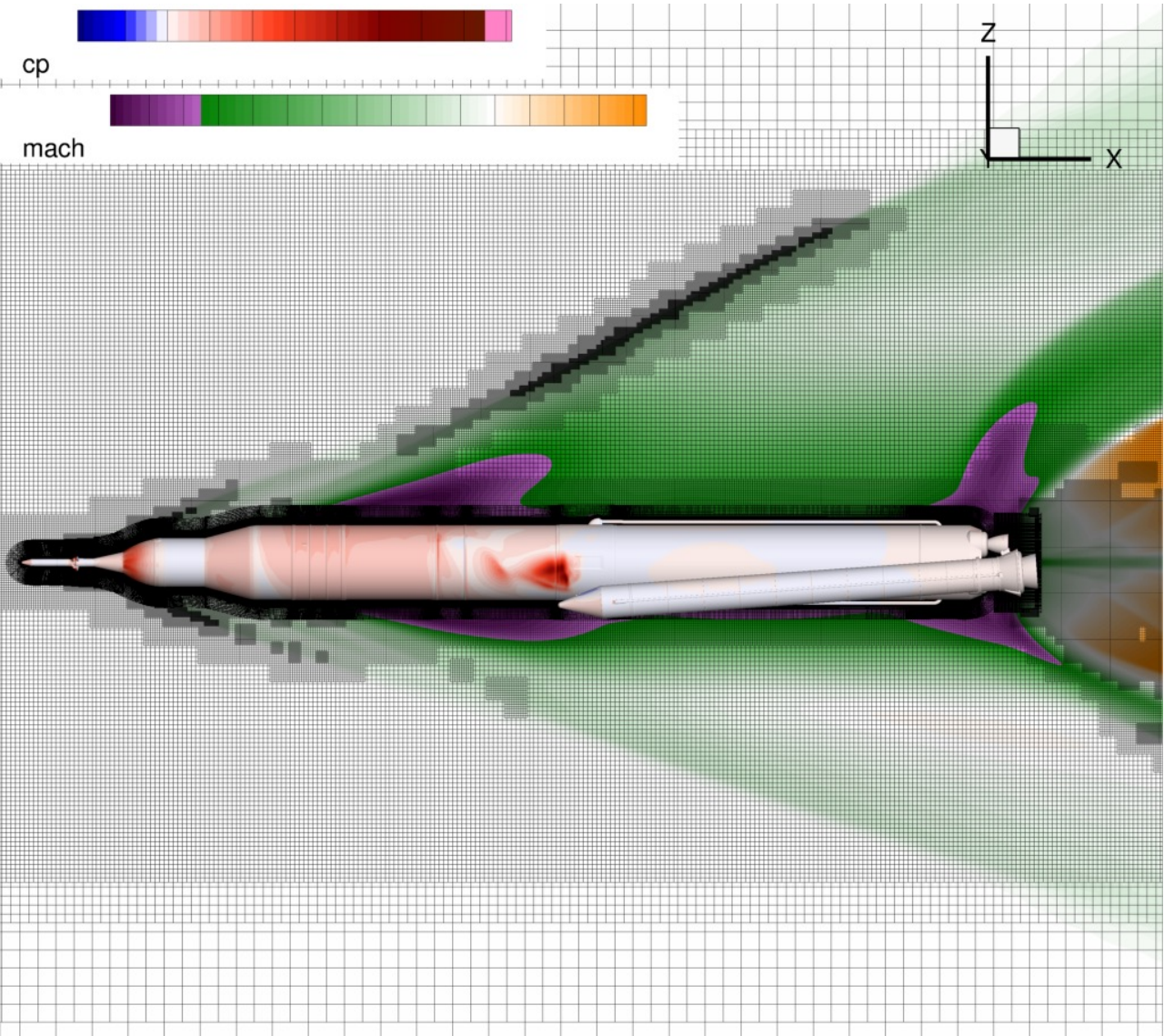


DX=10', Low BSM power

# SLS Solid Rocket Booster Separation



DX=4', Max BSM power



DX=10', Low BSM power



Questions?