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# **Aerodynamic performance study for a low Reynolds number aerofoil using micro vortex generators**

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# Summary

This thesis highlights and reviews the use of micro vortex generators for boundary layer and flow separation control. Micro vortex generators (MVG's) or low profile vortex generators (VG's) find their application both in aerofoil/wing aerodynamic enhancement area and in non aerofoil/wing applications. This thesis only covers the aerofoil/wing application area of MVG's. Performance enhancement via MVG's is achieved by increasing the lift and reduction of drag in low Re aerofoils, high lift aerofoils, transonic aerofoil, and high swept wings. Most effective MVG for laminar flow region is called as "wishbone MVG" for which  $h/\delta = 0.3$  and  $\Delta z/\delta = 19$ . A slotted Clark Y aerofoil geometry is analyzed in ANSYS (FLUENT) and design modification by adding different type of MVG's at different locations of the flap is tested for optimizing the aerodynamic performance of the flap hence increasing the lift of aerofoil. By careful placement of wishbone MVG's over the flap surface, a 25% increase in lift of the flap is obtained. Hence improving its performance. It is equally noted that, aerofoil total lift is increased by 13%. A FORTRAN code is developed to calculate the value of  $C_L$  for the flap using the  $C_p$  distribution and the value is compared against the values obtained by ANSYS (FLUENT).

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

For reduction of drag and improving the flow quality there is a need to reduce and/or control the boundary layer over the surface. Introducing vortex generators is one of the techniques to reduce the complications in flow caused due to boundary layer. Although other techniques such as flow vanes, boundary layer suction, laminar surfaces etc are available but introduction vortex generators is the most robust, easy in installation, light weighted, and simple of them all. Generally for aeronautical application the boundary layer is turbulent, and control of turbulent boundary layer is a huge topic in itself. There are many ways by which such boundary layer may be controlled. One such way is introduction of vortex generator which is the topic of this thesis.

Vortices formed in the boundary layer can help us to control the boundary layer, vortices inside the boundary layer can be formed using the micro vortex generators on the surface.

Micro vortex generators (MVG's) also called as low-profile or sub-profile boundary layer VG's are vortex generators having their height less than the boundary layer thickness of the surface. MVG's are known for improving the health of the flow or simply improving the flow conditions. Robustness and very less low profile drag are the obvious advantages of micro vortex generators. As the flow control involves formation of a micro vortex that is generated by the MVG there is no need of any actuating system making MVG's simpler and easy to implement. While MVG's might not produce as much changes in the flow field as is done by its other conventional counterparts, MVG's still are able to produce changes that are significant enough in improving the flow conditions and improving the capability of boundary layer to cope with the adverse pressure gradient. MVG's are best effective at low speeds as is shown by the past research being done on them.

Micro vortex generators operate the same ways as a conventional vortex generator does, i.e., it energizes the boundary layer by formation of vortices, although the clarity as to how the process exactly happens is still unknown. In simple words introducing swirling motion provides extra energy to the boundary layer needed by it to delay separation caused due to adverse pressure gradient.

There are studies being conducted which propose that MVG's can help to overcome the adverse effect caused due to boundary layer and shock interaction, the study is being carried out in both transonic and subsonic flow regimes. Large scale separation region is caused due to shock-wave boundary-layer interaction that causes low quality flow resulting in localized peak in heating and pressure can be controlled using MVG's, these high speed studies are conducted on MVG's for research purpose.

## 1.1 Purpose of the thesis

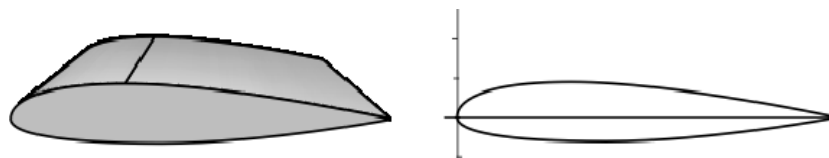
This thesis concentrates on aerodynamic implementation of MVG's to enhance performance of high lift device (slot) on a multi-element aerofoil. Lift can be improved in a wing by adding a flap (high lift device) to it, having a slotted flap enhances the lift more than having only flap. Hence by providing a flap it is possible to have more lift at same incidence and lower velocities, which enhances aircrafts performance while takeoff and landing.

For takeoff high values of  $C_L$  are required which are not met by the normal aerofoil (fig. 1.1a) hence there is a need to introduce flaps (fig. 1.1b) in some cases the values are not even met by introducing flaps alone hence there is a need to have slotted flap, or in some cases a slat or leading edge flap (fig. 1.1c). Usually with a single flaps it is difficult to produce considerable increase in  $\max(C_L)$  mainly due to turbulent separation, this problem may be solved using multi-slot/multi-element aerofoils.

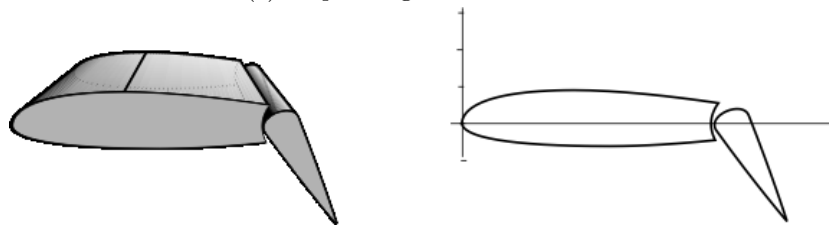
The use of vortex generators is widely employed in aeronautical engineering to rescue turbulent separation hence reducing pressure drag caused by it. The purpose of this thesis is to optimize the location of the MVG on the flap surface so that there is a delay in separation and  $\max(C_L)$  of the aerofoil can be increased owing to the reduction in adverse pressure gradient on the trailing edge.

## 1.2 Background

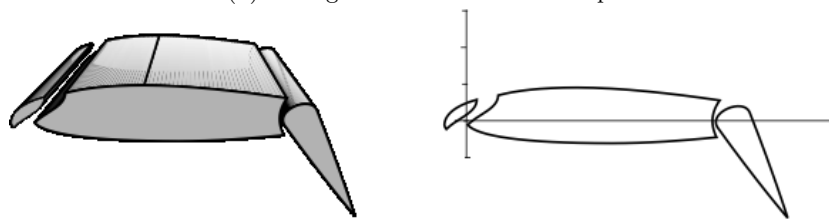
Taylor back in 1947 [1] was the first to study the effect of vortex generators over the wing and how it affects the aerodynamic performance of the wing. Passive vortex generators which is the topic of this study were first developed by in [1], these were used to delay the boundary layer separation in wind tunnel diffuser. Systematically vortex generators and what effect they have on boundary layer were studied in detail by Schubauer and Spangenberg back in 1960 [2]. The conventional passive vortex generator was then being studied extensively. However, in 1994 Storms and Jang [3] suggested that vortex generators are not advisable for cruising speed as it involves increment in parasite drag. Also it is not easy to place a vortex generator in a slotted flap due to lack of space between the main aerofoil and the flap element. Hence, MVG's – due to their small size – are a good choice to apply in the case of a multi-element aerofoil. Novel trailing edge



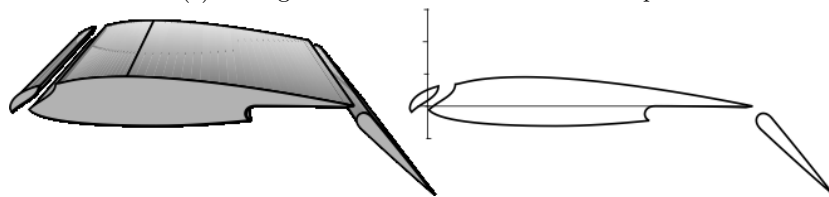
(a) simple wing and an aerofoil.



(b) a wing and an aerofoil with flap.



(c) a wing and an aerofoil with slot and flap.



(d) a wing and an aerofoil with leading-edge slat and trailing-edge flap.

Figure 1.1: use of slots, slats, and flaps.



devices have been proposed by Werle et al. in 1987 [4] which helped in delaying the separation of the flow, these consists of waving the trailing edge in order to promote mixing of lower surface and upper surface flow to enhance lift. But waving of flap wing has a problem that it would make flap stowing impossible hence MVG's prove to be a good option for the wing with flaps.

In general, vortex generators are of two type active vortex generators and passive vortex generators [5]. Passive vortex generators are ones having fixed size, shape, positioning over and orientation over the flow wetted surface. Such MVG's have a narrow operational range. An in depth review of Passive type of MVG's was given by Lin JC [6], this work concentrated how passive MVG's help in controlling the boundary layer flow separation. Gordard et al. [7] conducted experiments to find the optimized location passive vane type VG's for delaying boundary layer separation. Two type of VG configurations were tested one producing a co and other counter rotating Vortices, and it was proven that the counter rotating vortex created appeared to be more effective in the case. The Active vortex generators are capable changing their size position, orientation and size according to the flow condition available. Shizawa and Mizusaki [8] studied active VG's effect over flat plate boundary layer. There are other evidences available that prove that active VG's energises the boundary layer and also enhances momentum mixing hence making it superior over passive VG's.

### 1.3 Hypothesis

For low  $Re$  number, flow over the aerofoil remains laminar. As laminar flows offer less resistance to adverse pressure gradient, these are more susceptible to flow separation. The separated shear layer is characterized by formation of vortices due to Kelvin–Helmholtz mechanism. The present work propose is to find the optimal location of a low profile passive MVG by the use of CFD so that aerodynamics performance of the wing may be improved. MVG's produce a micro vortex that helps energising the flow, hence delaying the separation. This delayed separation would consequently enhance the lift of the aerofoil, and thereby enhancing its aerodynamic performance.

## Chapter 2

# Enhancing aerodynamic performance by application of vortex generators

In broader sense as to how MVG's help in delay of flow separation the area of research may be divided into two. First being the investigation of flow separation control application, and how it behaves for different aerofoil and wing configuration. Second is investigation of non aerofoil applications of MVG's through flow control. The details of research and investigations that are carried out on MVG's are presented in fig. 2.1, the table summaries the importance of parameters that are used for separation control in the flow, these include VG type,  $h/d$ ,  $e/h$ ,  $\Delta z/h$ ,  $\beta$ , and VG location.

The study over aerofoil or a wing may be sub-categorized as: low  $Re$  aerofoil, aerofoil with high lifting devices, highly swept wing and transonic aerofoil/wings as shown in fig. 2.1. In depth discussion of the topic is present in sections 2.1 to 2.4. The non aerofoil/wing application study of MVG's may be sub categorized as: noise reduction using VG's, reducing inlet distortion in the engines these are shown in fig. 2.1 detailed discussion over such application will not be presented as it is beyond the scope of the thesis presented. The discussion in general covers the nature of flow separation and the phenomena associated with it also it goes on to provide proof of benefits that can be gained by the use of MVG's for these cases.

### 2.1 Aerofoil/wing applications at low Reynolds number

Many of the modern aerofoils have the capabilities to operate for a low range of Reynolds number, such aerofoils find its application in unmanned air vehicles, high altitude long endurance aircraft wings, wind turbine blades, and compressor blades. Typical chord  $Re$  range of operation for such aerofoils is below one million hence such flows fall in laminar flow regime and often such flows ex-

Investigator(s) (year pub.)	Test bed	Type of study	Flow parameters	Most effective VG parameters examined				Comments		
				VG type	$h$	$e/h$	$\Delta z/h$		$\beta$ (deg)	VG placement
<i>Noise reduction for Gulfstream III</i>										
Holmes et al. (1987)	Gulfstream III aircraft	Flight test	$M_\infty = 0.78$ to $0.85$ , $\delta \sim 1$ in	Counter-rotating rectangular vanes	1/88	8	18	$\pm 30$	122 in from the aircraft nose (up to about 50 h up-stream of the shock location)	Up to 5 dB interior noise reduction via delayed shock-induced separation and attenuated Kármán vortex street shed from canopy shock wave.
<i>Engine face distortion management in compact inlets:</i>										
Anabtawi et al. (1999)	Diffusing S-duct	Wind-tunnel test	$M_\infty = 0.05$ , $Re_d = 0.5 \times 10^6$	Co-rotating rectangular vanes	0.25 $\delta$ 0.5 $\delta$	10 3	$\sim 4$ $\sim 3$	$\sim 16$ $\sim 16$	VG LE at the duct throat	Non-optimum VG placement and small number of device caused the low-profile VGs to be less effective than conventional VGs.
Anderson et al. (1999)	DERA/M2129 inlet S-duct	CFD and DOE	$M_{th} = 0.794$ , $Re = 16 \times 10^6$ per feet	Co-rotating rectangular vanes	$\sim \theta$ , 2-4 mm	12	$\sim 12$	24	2 throat radius from the inlet	Attenuate large pair of baseline counter-rotating vortices resulting in reduction of DC(60) engine face distortion by over a factor of 3. A reduced CFD model eliminates the need to model the VG geometry.
Hamstra et al. (2000)	4:1 aspect ratio ultra-compact serpentine duct	Wind-tunnel Test	$M_{th} = 0.43$ to $0.68$ , $Re_d = 3 \times 10^6$	Co-rotating rectangular vanes	$\sim \theta$ , 2-3 mm	12	$\sim 12$	24	2 stations down-stream of inlet throat	Up to 5% increase in total pressure recovery. Up to 50% decrease in DC(60) spatial distortion and RMS turbulence.
Tai (2002)	Overwing fairing of V-22: overwing fairing	CFD	$M_\infty = 0.345$	Counter-rotating trapezoidal vanes	0.5 $\delta$	3	$\sim 3$	$\pm 9$	$\sim 10h$ upstream of baseline separation	New gridding method allows VGs incorporated onto full aircraft for CFD design analysis. Mild separation and marginal benefit predicted for VGs using Baldwin-Lomax turbulence model.

Investigator(s)	Test bed	Type of study	Flow parameters	Most effective VG parameters examined				Comments	
				VG type	$h$	$e/h$	$\Delta z/h$		$\beta$ (deg)
<i>Low-Reynolds number airfoil:</i> Kerho et al. (1993)	Liebeck LA2573A low-Re airfoil	Wind-tunnel test	$Re_c = 20,000$ to $500,000$ , $\delta = 1.6$ mm	Wishbones	$0.3\delta$	10	65	$\pm 27$	0.48-mm-high wishbone VGs can produce a desirable eddy structure without prematurely produce turbulent boundary layer resulting in 38% drag reduction.
				Ramp cone	$0.4\delta$	9	40	60	
<i>High-lift airfoil:</i> Lin et al. (1994) Lin (1999)	3-element high-lift airfoil	Wind-tunnel test	$M_\infty = 0.2$ , $Re_c = 5$ and $9 \times 10^6$	Counter-rotating trapezoidal vanes	$0.2\delta$	7	13	$\pm 23$	0.04-in-high VGs produced 10% lift increase, 50% drag reduction, and 100% increase in $L/D$ . VGs allow stowage inside the flap well during aircraft cruise.
				Counter-rotating trapezoidal vanes	$0.2\delta$	7	13	$\pm 23$	
Klausmeyer et al. (1996)	3-element high-lift airfoil	Wind-tunnel test	$U_\infty = 140$ ft/s	Co-rotating wires	$\sim 0$	45	$\sim 87$	$\sim 14$	0.51-mm-dia. wire VGs provided up to 16% reduction in $K$ and delayed the onset of buffet by 10% in $C_L$ .
<i>Highly swept wings:</i> Ashill et al. (1994) Ashill et al. (1994) Ashill et al. (1995) Ashill et al. (1998)	60° LE delta wing model	Wind-tunnel test	$M_\infty = 0.18$ , $Re_c = 4 \times 10^6$	Co-rotating wires	$\sim 0$	45	$\sim 87$	$\sim 14$	0.51-mm-dia. wire VGs provided up to 16% reduction in $K$ and delayed the onset of buffet by 10% in $C_L$ .
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Langan and Samuels (1995)	40° LE diamond wing model	Wind-tunnel test	$M_\infty = 0.19$ , $Re = 4 \times 10^6$ /m $\delta = 0.1$ in	Co-rotating vanes	$0.5\delta$	4	12	30	0.05-in-high co-rotating VGs provided up to 5% increase in max. $L/D$ .
				Co-rotating vanes	$0.5\delta$	4	9	10	
<i>Transonic airfoil:</i> Ashill et al. (2001)	RAE 5243 transonic airfoil	Wind-tunnel test	$M_\infty = 0.67$ to $0.71$ , $Re_c = 19 \times 10^6$	Counter-rotating vanes Forward wedges	$\sim \delta^*$	$\sim 10$	12	$\pm 14$	0.76-mm-high vanes spaced 1 <i>h</i> apart produced over 20% increase in maximum lift. Forwards wedges increased maximum $L/D$ by 5%.

Figure 2.1: Summary of research aerofoil/wing aerodynamic performance enhanced by MVG's.

perience a laminar separation bubble for low angles of attack generally below stall region. Generally, the separation bubble is formed near the boundary layer separation area the reason being maximum suction pressure or adverse pressure gradient is available in such area, this results in an unstable shear layer near to the surface that rapidly transits to a reattached turbulent boundary layer. Small separation bubbles have almost neglecting effect on  $C_L$  of aerofoil although it heavily affects  $C_D$  of the aerofoil hence reducing aerodynamic efficiency. If the separation bubble can be controlled or reduced that would result in a thinner turbulent boundary layer hence increasing the aerofoils performance. This is one of the application areas of MVG's, i.e., to reduce the thickness of turbulent boundary layer in such aerofoils.

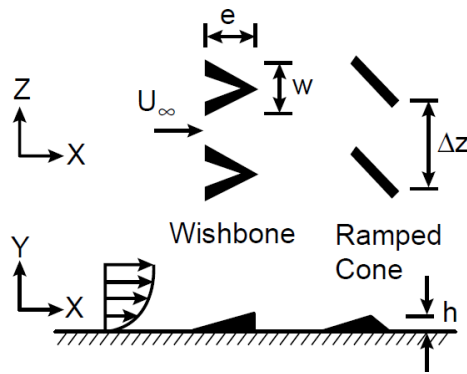


Figure 2.2: Wishbone MVG and ramped cone MVG [9].

Kerho et al. [9] presented experimental work on a low  $Re$  aerofoil (Liebek LA2573A), authors tried to reduce the separation bubble in the aerofoil by using MVG's and thereby reduced  $C_D$ . The  $Re$  range of the aerofoil was between 2 million to 5 million, which is a typical range of low Reynolds number aerofoil. MVG's produce micro vortices at the VG's trailing edge energizing the flow to overcome the adverse pressure gradient, and hence suppressing the separation bubble. Wishbone MVG's with  $h/\delta = 0.3$ , ( $\delta = 1.6$  mm) and ramp cone MVG's with  $h/\delta = 0.4$  are two different types of MVG's fig. 2.2 that are tested. The results can be seen in fig. 2.3.

## 2.2 High lift aerofoil

High lift aerofoils are the most frequently used ones in commercial transport aircrafts. There is more flow separation in a multi-element aerofoil (fig. 2.4) than compared to a simple one as it is a function of complicated geometry of the aerofoil and the flying conditions. For such cases boundary layer separation is exhibited by the aerofoil at much lower angles of attack than the conventional aerofoil. Altering the geometry for avoiding such conditions would not be a good option as it may complicate the geometry even further hence MVG's find a good application in this field of aeronautics.

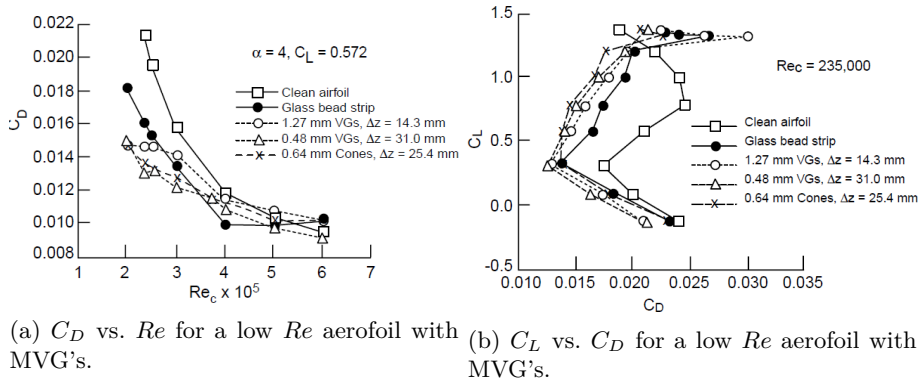


Figure 2.3: Performance curves for VG's [9].

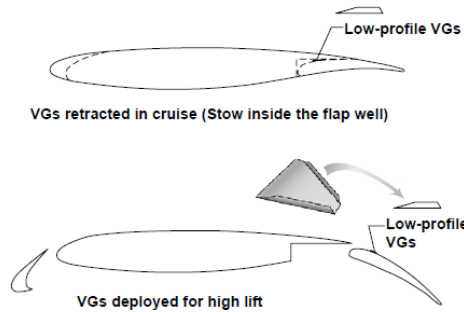


Figure 2.4: multi-element aerofoil with a MVG [10].

NASA in early 1990s conducted research on high lift performance enhancement using MVG's [10]. The tests were conducted on a single flap three element aerofoil and results are presented in fig. 2.5. Tests were conducted on Reynolds number ranging from  $5$  to  $9 \times 10^6$  these Reynolds number represent the cruising condition Reynolds number for a commercial airplane.

As can be seen by fig. 2.5, placing the MVG over the flap surface enhances the pressure distribution over the aerofoil thus resulting in better lift distribution hence more  $C_L$ . A active MVG, counter rotating, trapezoidal wing MVG with  $(h/c = 0.0018, e/h = 7, \beta = 23^\circ)$  located at  $0.25C$  is used for the study presented.

## 2.3 High swept wings

Ashille et al. [12] used minute wire segments as MVG's to control leading edge flow separation on high sweep back wing. these are referred to as "swept back vortex generators" (SBVG's). Such MVG's are suitable for wings with sweep angle greater than  $40^\circ$ . Such devices increase the maneuvering ability of aircraft by reducing the induced drag at subsonic speeds.

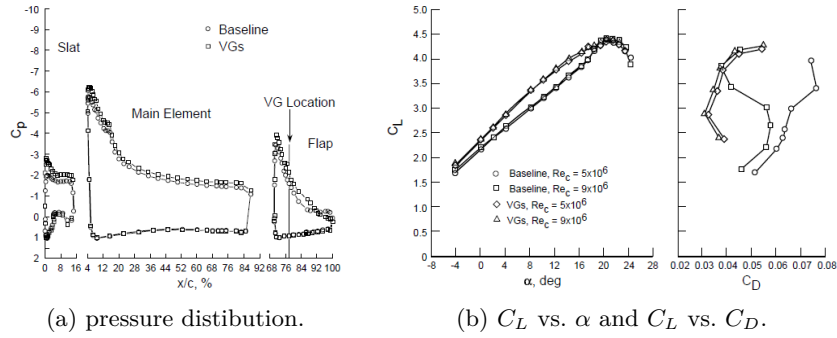


Figure 2.5: effect of MVG on multi-element aerofoil at  $M = 0.2$ . For  $C_p$  plot in (a)  $\alpha = 8^\circ$ ,  $Re = 9 \times 10^6$  [11].

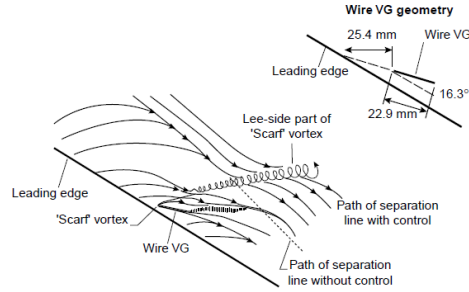


Figure 2.6: wire type VG over the wing surface [13].

MVG's in this case are small wires fig. 2.6 with  $d = 0.51$  mm and  $e/d = 45$ , approximately equal to  $\delta^*$ . Each wire is arranged in a sense so that it produces a stream-wise vortex, the rotation of the vortex is such that it resists the drift of boundary layer flow. Oil flow studies prove that the wires help in converting the boundary layer vortices to stream-wise vortices hence reducing the induced drag. Experimentally it is said to do so by producing a scarf vortex that is nothing but the stream-wise vortex created by the wire.

These kind of MVG's are used with modern fighter aircrafts enhancing their maneuver performance. As during combat the advanced fighter jets are required to have aggressive and high maneuver capabilities, such things are characterized by vortices in flow field and highly separated flow over wings. Such kind of flow fields lead in reduction of effectiveness of aerodynamics control. Implementing MVG's enhances the flow health hence giving better aerodynamic control over the jet. A fighter using MVG's is shown in fig. 2.7.

## 2.4 Transonic aerofoil

An aircraft during transonic flight operations encounters very large adverse pressure gradient due to boundary layer separation due to shock waves being formed in the transonic region. Separation may lead to loss of lift and loss of control

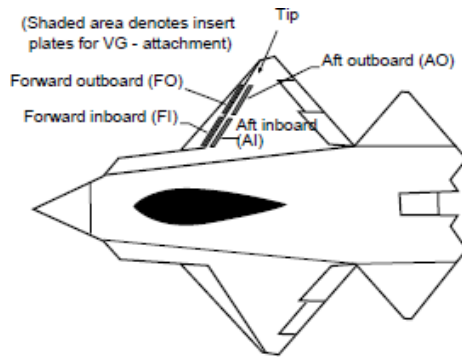


Figure 2.7: fighter aircraft implementing MVG's [14].

over the aircraft, higher drag and buffeting. A possible solution for such case is the use of low profile VG with the aerofoil to delay the separation [15].

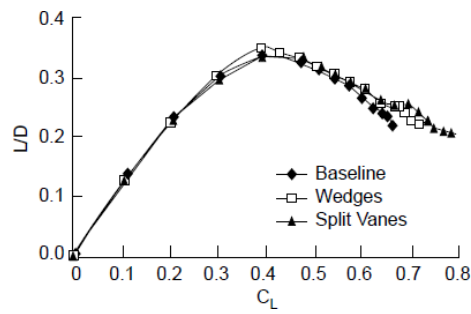


Figure 2.8: effect of MVG on  $L/D$  for a transonic aerofoil ( $M = 0.71$ ) [12].

Ashill et al. [16] tested RAE 5243 aerofoil under transonic conditions and proved that lift can be enhanced if MVG's were used with the aerofoil the results can be seen in fig. 2.8. He used SBVG's type of vortex generator located at 55% of the cord and obtained almost 10% increase in lift.



# Chapter 3

## CFD analysis

### 3.1 CFD over a low profile MVG for a low $Re$ aerofoil

CFD analysis on a low  $Re$  multi-element aerofoil Clark Y is performed to find out the optimized location of MVG for enhancing its aerodynamic performance. The reason for choosing Clark Y is that such aerofoil performs good under low speed and low Reynolds number conditions. As we are dealing with a low  $Re$  for the flow it will be assumed to remain laminar.

### 3.2 Governing equations

The flow here is being treated as a 2D flow. It is then governed by a two-dimensional Navier–Stokes equation for a compressible flow in generalized curvilinear coordinates  $(\xi, \eta)$  the equation is given by

$$\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (E + E_v)}{\partial \xi} = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

The inviscid flux vectors  $E$  and  $F$ , the viscous flux vectors  $E_v$  and  $F_v$  and the conserved vector  $Q$  are given as:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ E_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \frac{1}{J} \begin{pmatrix} \rho U \\ \rho U u + p \xi_x \\ \rho U v + p \xi_y \\ U (E_t + p) \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \frac{1}{J} \begin{pmatrix} \rho V \\ \rho V u + p \eta_x \\ \rho V v + p \eta_y \\ V (E_t + p) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$E_v = \frac{1}{J} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{xx} \xi_x + \tau_{yx} \xi_y \\ \tau_{xy} \xi_x + \tau_{yy} \xi_y \\ Q_x \xi_x + Q_x \xi_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad F_v = \frac{1}{J} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{xx} \eta_x + \tau_{yx} \eta_y \\ \tau_{xy} \eta_x + \tau_{yy} \eta_y \\ Q_x \eta_x + Q_x \eta_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $J = \partial(\xi, \eta)/\partial(x, y)$  is the Jacobian for the coordinate transformation. The curvilinear coordinates are given by  $(\xi, \eta)$  and the Cartesian are given by  $(x, y)$ ,  $\xi_x, \xi_y, \eta_x, \eta_y$  are the metric terms for the transformation.  $u$  and  $v$  are

the velocities in  $x$  and  $y$  direction  $\rho$  is the density.  $E_t$  is the total energy given by:

$$E_t = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho(u^2 + v^2) \quad (3.4)$$

The covariant velocity components of  $U$  and  $V$  are given as:

$$\begin{aligned} U &= u\xi_x + v\xi_y \\ V &= u\eta_x + v\eta_y \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

The  $Q_x$  and  $Q_y$  terms in the energy equations are given as:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_x &= -q_x + u\tau_{xx} + v\tau_{xy} \\ Q_y &= -q_y + u\tau_{yx} + v\tau_{yy} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$q_x$  and  $q_y$  are the heat fluxes in  $x$  and  $y$  directions respectively and  $\tau_{xx}$ ,  $\tau_{yy}$ ,  $\tau_{yx}$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$  are the viscous shear stresses. Mach number  $M$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Prandtl number  $Pr$ , and specific heat ratio  $\gamma$  are defined as:

$$M = \frac{U}{\sqrt{\gamma RT}}; \quad Re = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu}; \quad Pr = \frac{C_p}{\mu k}; \quad \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \quad (3.7)$$

$R$  is the gas constant  $C_p$  and  $C_v$  are the specific heats at constant pressure and constant volume. Viscosity is determined according to Sutherland's law in dimensionless form given by

$$\mu = \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}(1+S)}{T+S} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \frac{110.3 K}{T_\infty} \quad (3.8)$$

The governing equation of state is giving by

$$\gamma M^2 p = \rho T \quad (3.9)$$

The components of viscous stress tensor and the heat fluxes in the non dimensional form is give by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{ij} &= \frac{\mu}{Re} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \right] \\ q_i &= - \frac{\mu}{(\gamma - 1) M^2 Re Pr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

For in depth explanation of these governing equations please refer [17, 18].

### 3.3 Geometric modeling

Single slotted Clark Y geometry was constructed using ICEM CFD (ANSYS).

Clark Y aerofoil coordinate points are given in appendix A.1, these coordinates were imported into ICEM CFD as a point coordinate file and aerofoil was constructed. For the aerofoil flap and the slot it was cut out using fig. 3.1 as reference. Aerofoil chord length of 1 m was chosen for the study. The design parameters are given in the table table 3.1.

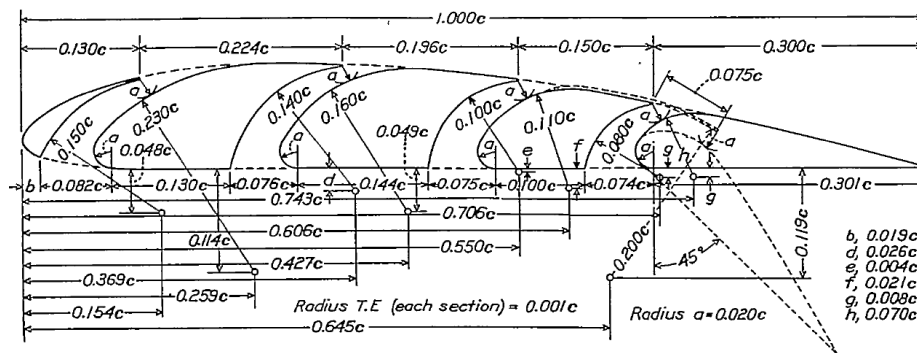


Figure 3.1: Clark Y aerofoil geometry with slat slot locations [19].

Table 3.1: Clark Y aerofoil Design parameters.

Description	Dimension (m)
Chord length ( $C$ )	1.000
Flap chord ( $C_f$ )	0.301
Trailing Edge ( $Rt$ )	0.001
Leading Edge ( $Rl$ )	0.020

Using table 3.1 as reference the Slotted flap multi-element Clark Y aerofoil as was constructed in ICEM CFD the same can be seen in fig. 3.2.

Figure 3.2 shows the Clark Y aerofoil model which was created using spline function in ICEM geometry creation module by joining all the points that where imported from appendix A.1. After creating the aerofoil the domain was wrapped around the model. C topology for domain was chosen with 12.5 chord length above below and ahead of the aerofoil and 20 chord length behind the aerofoil as can be seen in fig. 3.3.

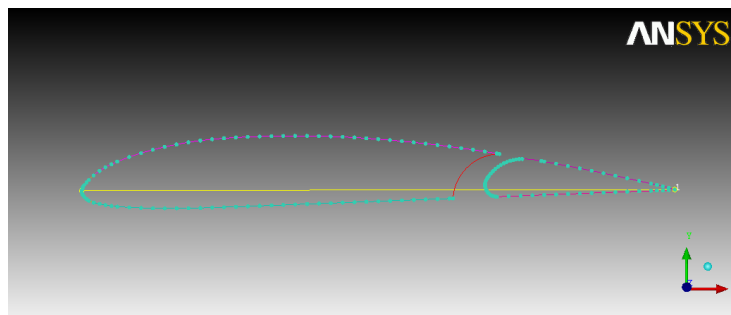


Figure 3.2: Clark Y aerofoil modeled in ICEM CFD.

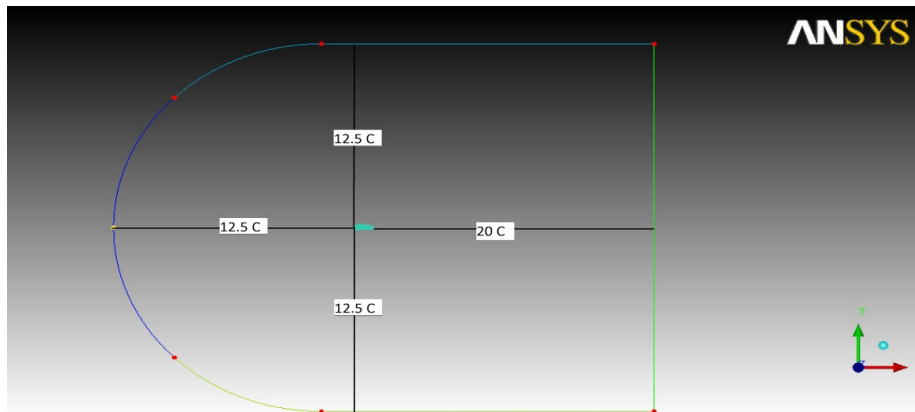


Figure 3.3: fluid domain around aerofoil.

### 3.4 Domain description: zones and parts

Zones and parts need to be created after the modeling part is over, as on these zones and parts during solving the boundary conditions and operational conditions are applied. Zones define the operational region of the domain and the boundaries are the enclosing geometries of the zones. In general zones and parts may be divided into two classes:

- Boundary type.
- Continuum type.

*Boundary type* includes the external and the internal boundaries of the domain, these are defined by points in 1D problems, lines in 2D problems and surfaces in 3D problems. Some of the common boundary types are wall, outlet, inlet, vent etc.

*Continuum type* includes the area of the domain which has a phase continuum i.e., it is solid or a fluid etc. Some available zone types are pressure inlet, pressure outlet, pressure farfield, porous medium, moving boundary, mass flow inlet, inlet, outlet, vent, inflow, surface, symmetry, velocity inlet, velocity outlet etc.

The zones and the parts for the model are shown in fig. 3.4 and are described in table 3.2.

As shown by the table the model has total of 5 parts and one zone. Main aerofoil is divided into two parts ‘main element’ and ‘flap’ these form the wall of the aerofoil. The interior of the domain is considered to be continuum type of zone containing air.

### 3.5 Meshing

ICEM CFD (ANSYS) was chosen for meshing the domain. The reason for choosing ICEM CFD’s (ANSYS) meshing tool for the task is that its mesh

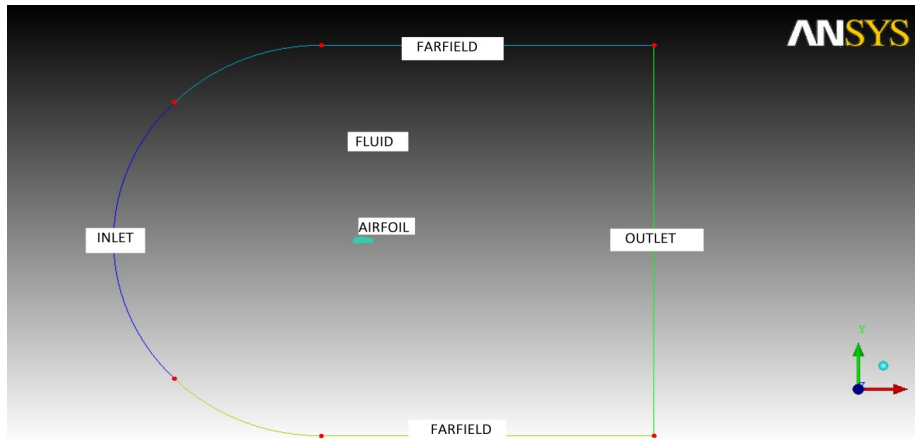


Figure 3.4: computational domain showing parts and zones.

Table 3.2: parts and zones of the domain.

Entity	Type
<b>fluid</b>	
Inlet boundary	velocity inlet
Outlet boundary	pressure outlet
Farfield boundary	no shear wall
Fluid zone	air
<b>aerofoil</b>	
Main element boundary	no slip wall
Flap boundary	no slip wall

generation tool is capable of parametrically mesh the model in may formats:

- Multiblock Structured meshing
- Unstructured hexahedral meshing
- Unstructured tetrahedral meshing
- Cartesian mesh with H-grid refinement
- Hybrid meshing
- Quad and triangular surface meshing

A multiblock structured meshing strategy was chosen to mesh the domain. The blocking strategy involved an O-grid on the periphery of the C-grid and multiblocks near the aerofoil as can be seen in fig. 3.5. A multiblocked meshes provide the users to have better control over the mesh parameters.

As can be seen in the figure the outer blocks 9 to 12 are a part of O-grid outer block and the inner core is further blocked to give a dense mesh near the surface of the aerofoil. Structured mesh quality of about 80% was obtained with total elements: 159,825 and total nodes: 158,985.

Figure 3.6 we can notice a denser mesh at the walls of the aerofoil as denser mesh is needed to capture the boundary layer properly.  $Y+$  value of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  is used with the mesh, also as can be seen in the fig. 3.6 high density mesh is developed in between the slot to capture effects that occurring in the slot.

Given fig. 3.7 shows the total mesh that was developed for the analysis the parameters are of mesh are depicted in the table 3.3.

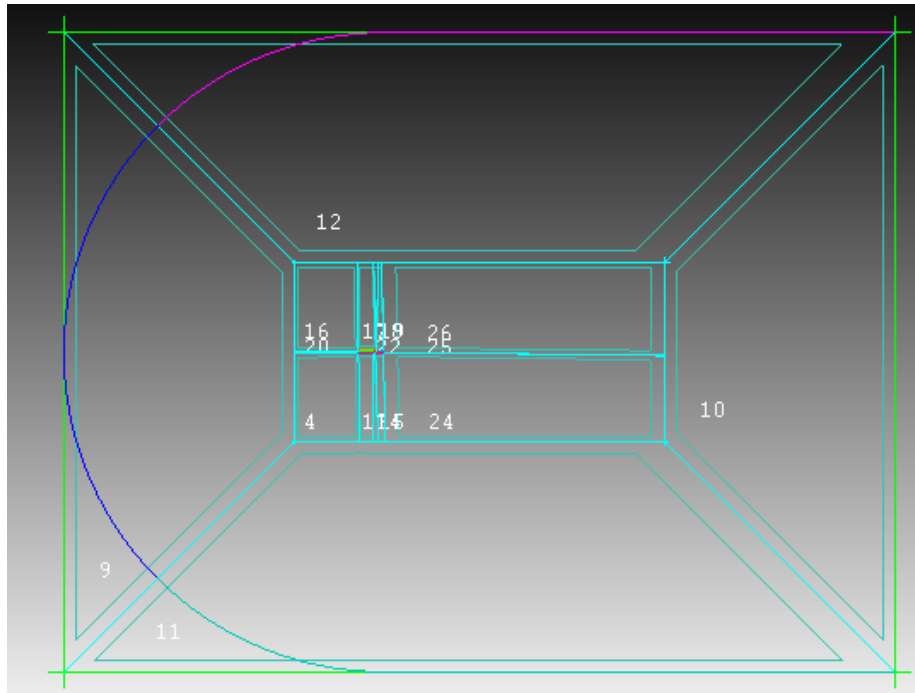
Table 3.3: Mesh parameters.

Parameter	Value
Total nodes	159825
Total element	158985
Total faces	228624
Total blocks	7
Mesh quality	80%

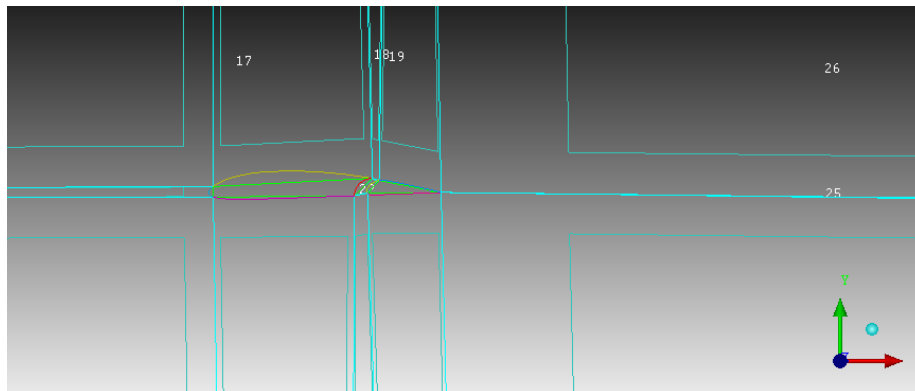
### 3.6 Boundary conditions

Table 3.4 gives the summary of the boundary conditions used for the model. Air is assumed to flow in through the inlet at standard temperature and pressure (STP) with density  $\rho$  of  $1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and viscosity  $\mu$  of  $1.7894 \times 10^{-5}$  inlet (part) is chosen to be the velocity inlet and Air is assumed flows in through inlet at a velocity of 55 m/sec. As the inlet is curved air is flown in the  $x$  direction i.e., normal to the inlet.

At outlet we assume the air to get back to STP condition hence the outlet is chosen as pressure outlet with a pressure of 101,325. For the farfields zero



(a) full computational domain.



(b) zoom section around airfoil.

Figure 3.5: blocking strategy for meshing the airfoil.

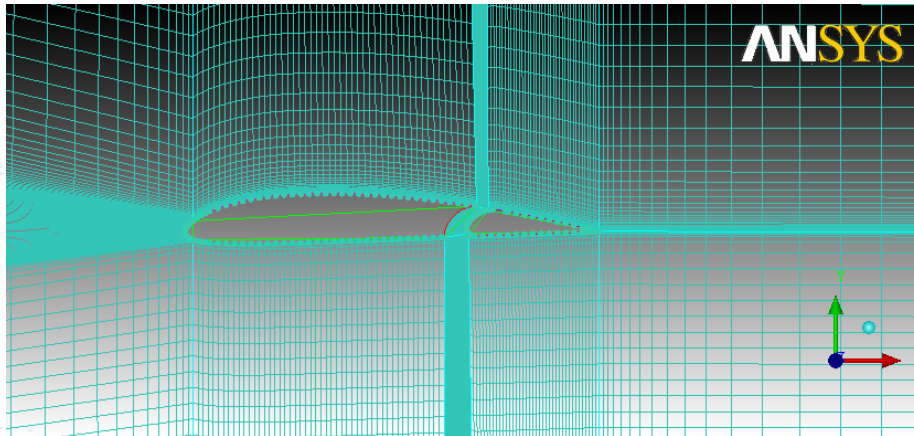


Figure 3.6: zoom of meshed Clark Y aerofoil.

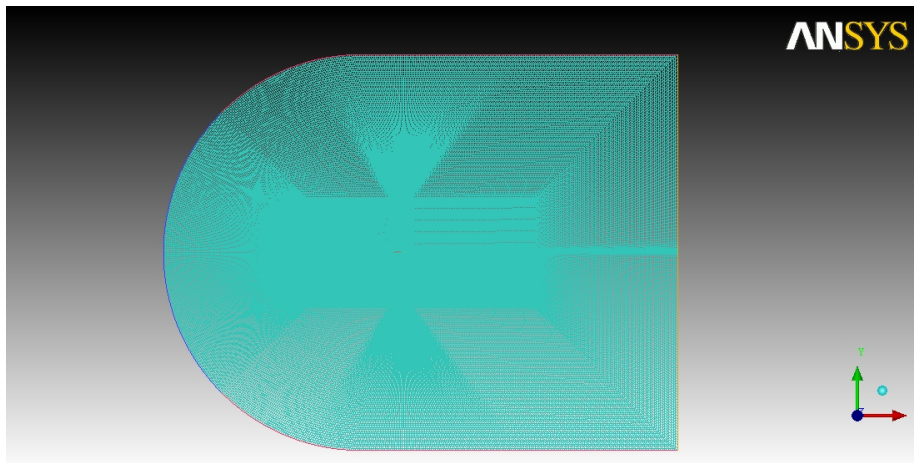


Figure 3.7: C-grid meshing over aerofoil.



Table 3.4: Boundary conditions.

Part/Zone	Boundary condition
<b>Inlet</b>	<i>Velocity inlet</i> Velocity magnitude = 55 m/s Velocity direction = $x$ -axis
<b>Outlet</b>	<i>pressure outlet</i> Gauge pressure= 0 atm Backflow direction = normal to boundary
<b>Aerofoil main Element</b>	<i>Wall</i> Stationary no slip wall Roughness 0.5
<b>Aerofoil flap</b>	<i>Wall</i> Stationary no slip wall Roughness 0.5
<b>Farfield</b>	<i>Wall</i> Stationary wall with zero shear
<b>Fluid</b>	<i>interior</i>

shear stationary wall is assumed as the flow is assumed to return its original velocity and conditions as it reaches the farfield. Aerofoil is split into two parts the main element and the flap both are assumed to be no slip shear walls with a roughness factor of 0.5. As out flow is laminar and much of the work depends on boundary layer capturing hence no lip condition is assumed.

### 3.7 Solver model and initial condition

ANSYS FLUENT was used for solving the problem, 2D double precision serial processing was used. Inlet velocity as can be seen from the boundary condition section is assumed to be 55 m/sec this makes the flow incompressible as  $M$  is approximately 0.15 for such flow also for such flow with low velocity and such mach number the chordal Reynolds number is 300,000 which makes the flow laminar. Laminar flow model pressure based is used for solving the problem. Energy equation is not turned on as thermodynamic changes are assumed to be neglected.

Standard initialization strategy is used and the solution is initialized used inlet values i.e., zero gauge pressure and 55 m/sec velocity. Second order discretization scheme is used for pressure and momentum under SIMPLEC solving strategy and the convergence criteria is chosen to be  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  for time constrain. Skewness correction of 4 is used with SIMPLEC solver.

### 3.8 Results and discussions

Using the above boundary conditions and the solver conditions multi-element aerofoil with clean geometry was analyzed and results were observed. Figure 3.8 shows the pressure contours of the aerofoil.

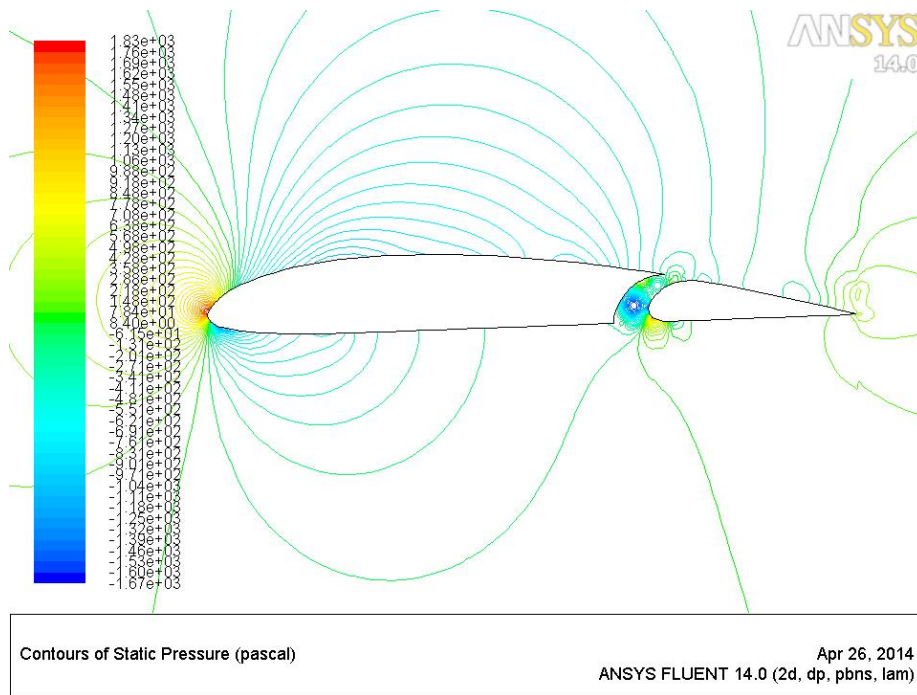


Figure 3.8: pressure contours of Clark Y aerofoil.

Observation is made that there is a low pressure zone created inside the slot as there are vortices formed inside it (see fig. 3.8). Also high pressure zone at the stagnation is observed, aerofoil as can be seen from the figure has two high pressure stagnation zones one at the leading edge of the main element one at leading edge of the flap. As observed from the contours the lower side pressure of both the main element and flap is higher than upper side pressure hence the aerofoil shows lifting capabilities.

Observation of velocity vectors is made and it is observed that a maximum velocity of 74 m/sec and minimum flow velocity approximately zero flow over the aerofoil (see fig. 3.9). Aerofoil shows smooth laminar flow and vortices are observed in the slot region. also a small trailing edge vortex is observed at the trailing edge of the flap. Vortices observed in the slot are shown in the fig. 3.9.

Separation and wake region behind the flow is observed using velocity contours as shown in fig. 3.11.

Figure 3.11 shows the wake region being formed behind the aerofoil. Also separation point can be observed on the flap surface. For precisely getting the

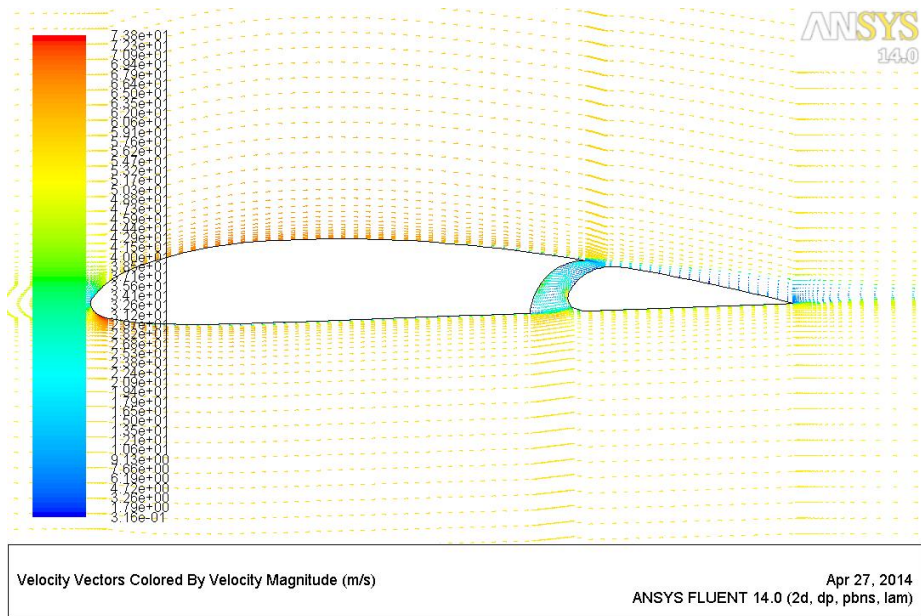


Figure 3.9: velocity vectors of Clark Y with no VG.

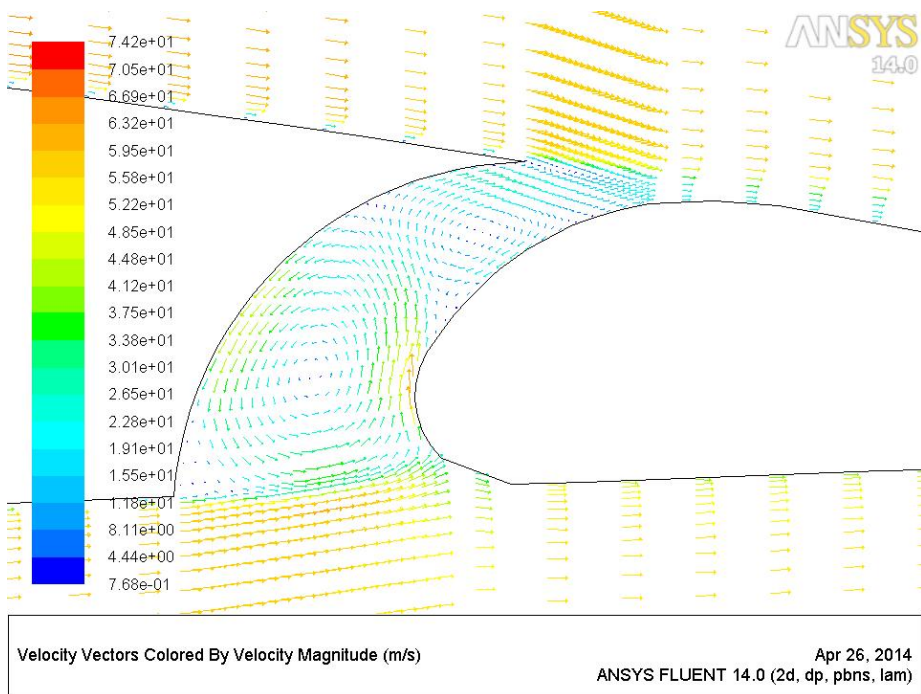


Figure 3.10: vortices inside the slot of Clark Y.

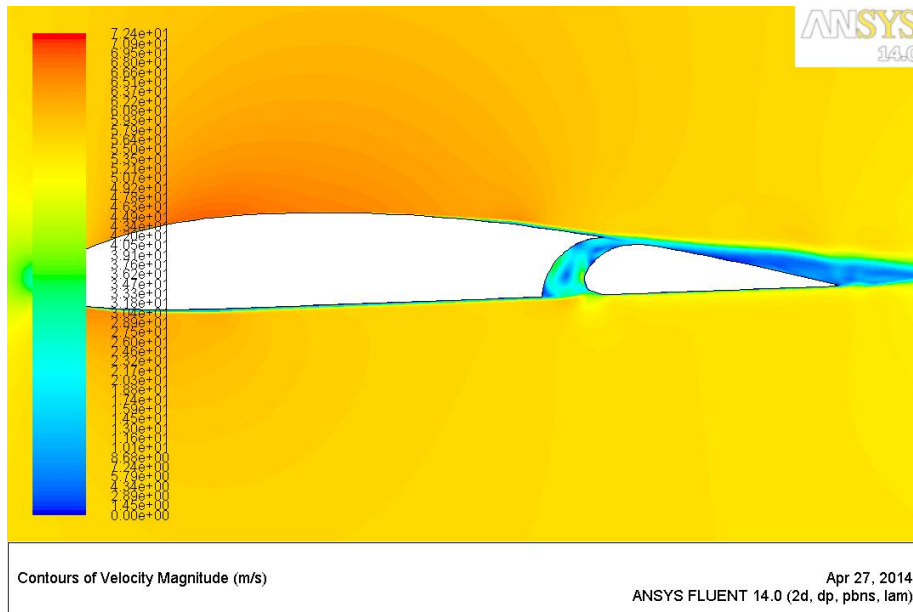


Figure 3.11: separation and wake developed in the aerofoil.

value of separation point  $C_f$  is plotted for the flap surface. As shown in fig. 3.12  $C_f$  plot shows dropping of  $C_f$  to zero that exist due to separation of the flow. The results obtained are validated for  $C_L$  vs.  $\alpha$  graph as shown in appendix D.

As  $C_f$  value tends to zero at 3.8 m location hence the location is the separation point of the aerofoil. The lower flap portion shows not much fluctuation in  $C_f$  as the flow is separation and wake free hence such profile exists.

To delay this separation and to enhance the aerodynamic performance of the flap various configurations of MVG's at various locations were tested following were some of locations at which CFD analysis was performed. These different locations are presented in fig. 3.13.

MVG's were place inside the slot MVG's used were triangular kind as shown in figure with dimensions of 2 mm wide and 2 mm high. Not much change was observed in the flow field characteristics. The configuration was tested for 2 to 10 MVG's placed in series but none showed positive results. The location of such VG's was varied from placing VG's on the slot to the upper surface of flap but no enhancement of aerodynamic characteristics were shown.

Single wishbone VG 6 mm wide and 2 mm high was used within the flap slot but not much changes were observed with such VG configuration. Also wishbone VG was used over the flap upper surface it showed some minor changes in enhancing the characteristics. Within the slot 2 to 5 wishbone VG's were tested at multiple locations but each case didn't show much of change from the original case.

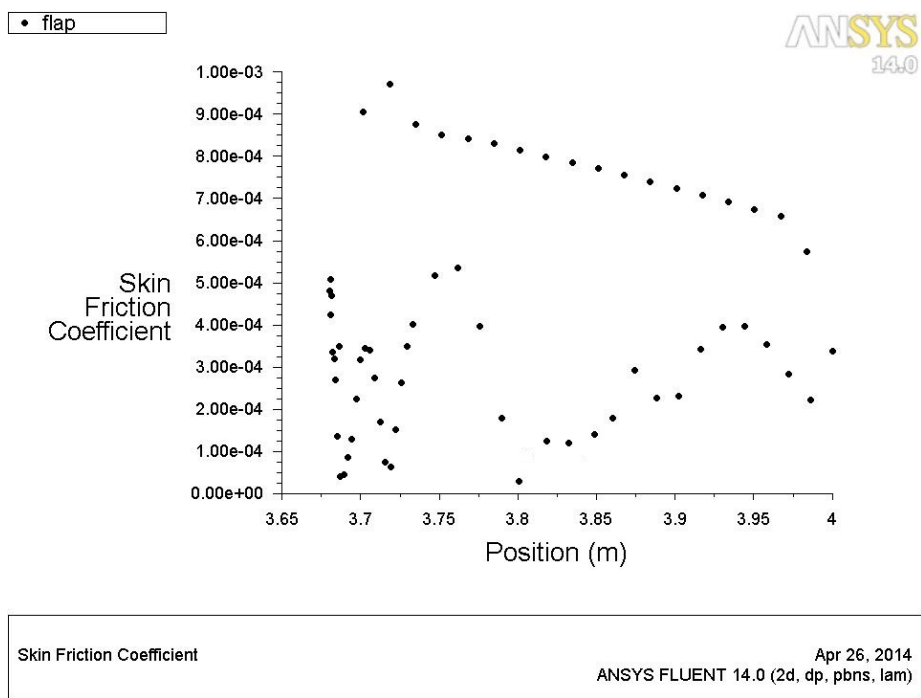


Figure 3.12: friction coefficient vs. position.

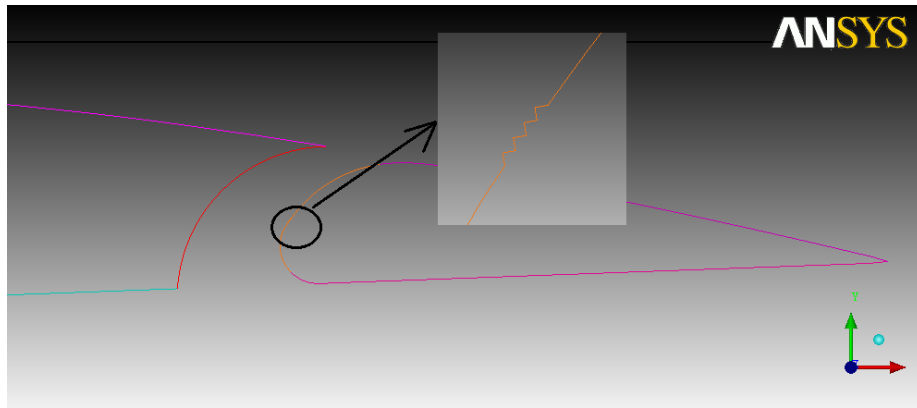
Wishbone MVG's were placed over the upper surface of the flap, 1 to 6 MVG configuration were tested 3 MVG's over the surface at about 25% flap chord showed improvement in the flow characteristics and the results are discussed below.

Using 3 wishbone MVG's over the flap surface proved that the separation point could be delayed as is shown in fig. 3.14.

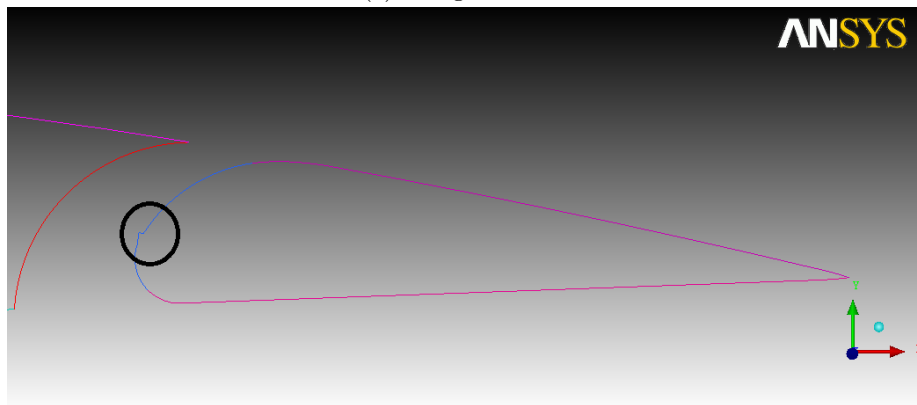
As can be seen from fig. 3.14 the separation point before VG was 3.8 and after VG it is about 3.83, so the separation is delayed by almost 3 cm. The data file of this plot from fig. 3.14 is given appendix B.1. A FORTRAN code was developed in order to process and compare the  $C_f$  data. The details of working of this code is provided via a flowchart presented in appendix B.2. The full code itself is provided in appendix B.3. The results obtained by this code are summarized in table 3.5.

As can be observed from the table provided that  $C_f$  value has increased by adding the MVG's. But separation point has shown a delay of 3 cm on the flap surface also there is a decrease in  $C_f$  on the lower flap surface but there is an increase in the upper surface overall there is an increase in  $C_f$  which is nearly 1% of the original  $C_f$ . As the separation is delayed this gives better aerodynamics of the flap hence enhancing its performance.

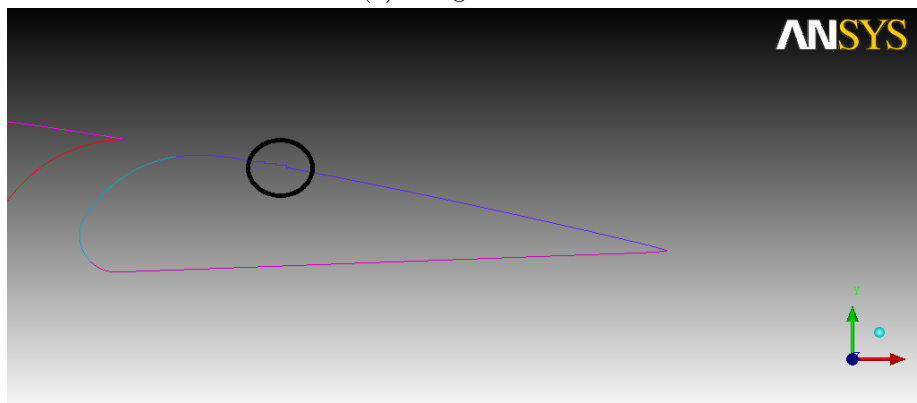
Coefficient of pressure  $C_p$  plots of with and without MVG's are shown in



(a) configuration 1.



(b) configuration 2.



(c) configuration 3.

Figure 3.13: chosen positions of VG's on the flap.

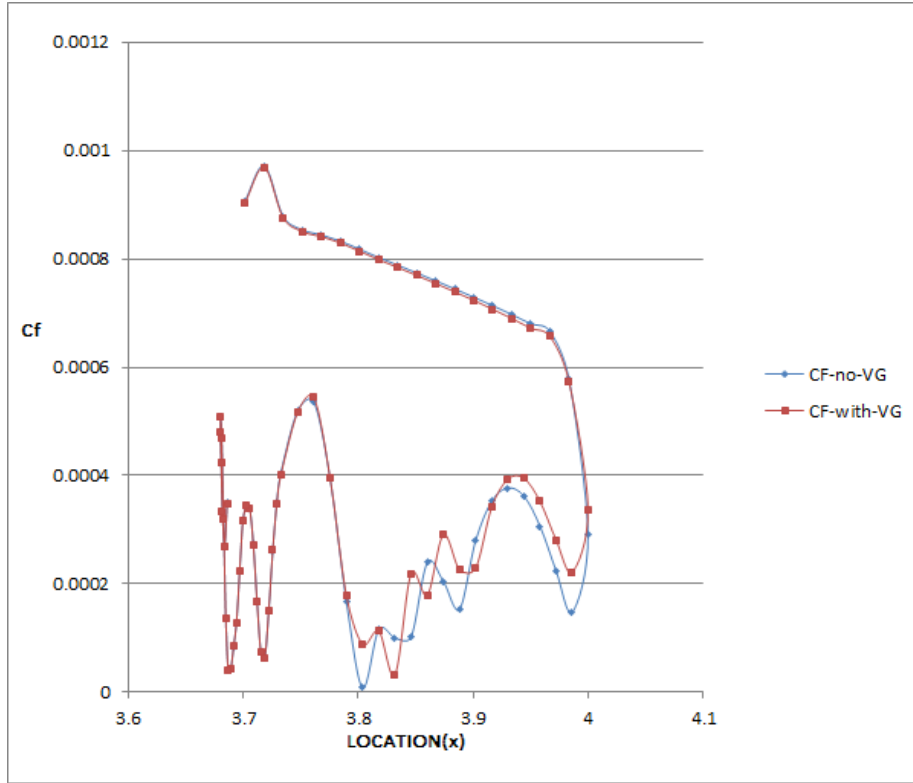


Figure 3.14: friction coefficient  $C_f$  comparison.

fig. 3.15. Data pertaining to these plots are given in appendices C.1 to C.4. A FORTRAN code is developed to read the  $C_p$  values and find out lift and drag developed by the flap and hence compare the values. The flowchart explaining the algorithm of the code is given in appendix C.5. The concerned FORTRAN codes are also given in appendices C.6 and C.7.

Results obtained from the FORTRAN code are given in table 3.6. Coefficient of lift  $C_L$  can be obtained from coefficient of pressure  $C_p$  by using the following formula:

$$C_l = \frac{1}{c} \int_{LE}^{TE} C_{pl}(x) dx - \frac{1}{c} \int_{LE}^{TE} C_{pu}(x) dx \quad (3.11)$$

where  $c$  is the flap chord length,  $TE$  and  $LE$  are trailing and leading edge  $x$  coordinates,  $C_{pl}$  is the lower lift coefficient, and  $C_{pu}$  is the upper lift coefficient.

The FORTRAN code is run for the flap coordinates given in table 3.7. The FORTRAN code then inputs the  $C_p$  values and finds out the  $C_L$  values of the flap for the case with MVG's and without MVG's.

Hence, from the results in table 3.7 we see that there is about 25% increase in lift of flap of aerofoil flap when compared with the overall lift of the aerofoil. A 13% increase in lift was observed for the case with MVG's.

Table 3.5:  $C_f$  comparison.

Parameter	Value
<b>No MVG'S</b>	
$C_f$ on lower flap surface	$7.543190 \times 10^{-4}$
$C_f$ on upper flap surface	$2.591608 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>With MVG'S</b>	
$C_f$ on lower flap surface	$7.521700 \times 10^{-1}$
$C_f$ on upper flap surface	$2.682863 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>Summary</b>	
Increase in overall skin friction	$6.976887 \times 10^{-6}$
Percentage increase in $C_f$	0.6884%

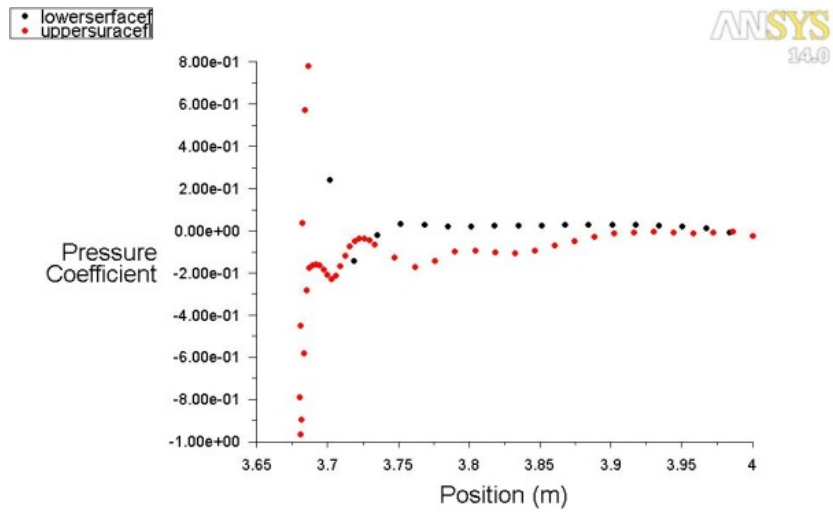
Table 3.6:  $C_L$  comparison ANSYS and FORTRAN results.

Solver	$C_L$ value
<b>ANSYS FLUENT</b>	
Flap without MVG	0.1146200
Flap with MVG	0.1531900
<b>FORTRAN Code</b>	
Flap without MVG	0.1110461
Flap with MVG	0.1406270

Table 3.7: flap coordinates for Clark Y.

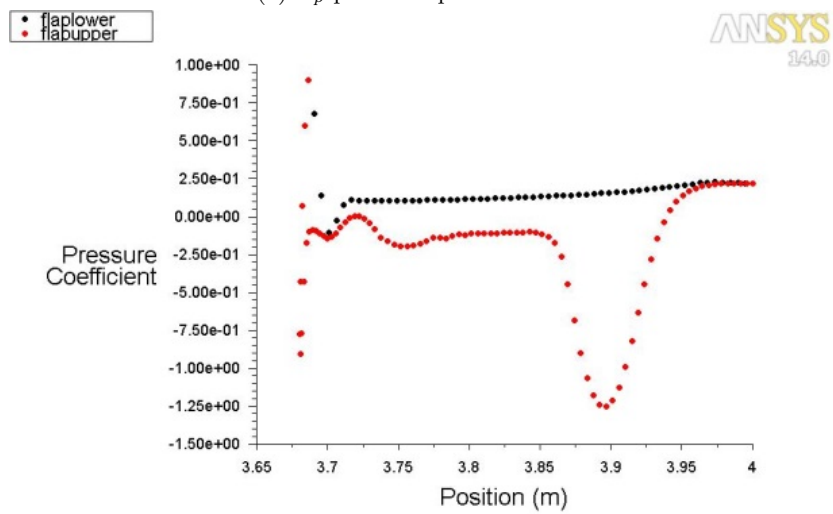
Parameter	Value
Flap LE	$3.68(x)$
Flap TE	$4(x)$
Flap Chord length	0.301





Pressure Coefficient Apr 27, 2014  
ANSYS FLUENT 14.0 (2d, dp, pbns, lam)

(a)  $C_p$  plot of flap without VG



Pressure Coefficient Apr 27, 2014  
ANSYS FLUENT 14.0 (2d, dp, pbns, lam)

(b)  $C_p$  plot of flap with VG

Figure 3.15: Change in  $C_p$  due to VG.

Table 3.8: Aerodynamics of the Clark Y flap.

Flap	Coefficient of lift	Coefficient of drag	Aerodynamic efficiency
-	$C_L$	$C_D$	$\eta$
<b>No MVG</b>	0.11462	0.03150	3.6387
<b>With MVG</b>	0.15319	0.03617	4.2352

Finally, from table 3.8 observation can be made that although drag of the aerofoil is increased by 15% but there is overall increase in efficiency of the flap due to increase in  $C_L$  of the flap. hence from the discussion we conclude that careful placement of MVG's over the flap surface will lead to enhancement of aerodynamic performance of the flap.

### 3.9 Conclusion and recommendation

In this thesis discussion of various types and configurations of MVG's used with flap was made. It was concluded that configuration 3 in which series of Wishbone MVG's were placed together on the flap upper surface was the best location of such type of MVG's, it lead to enhancement of flap lift by almost 25% although drag over the flap was increased by 15% but overall the aerodynamic efficiency of the flap got increased.

On closing note it should be noted that not only do low profile VG's provide boundary layer control and flow separation control, but also it provides practical advantages of low installation cost, simplicity and low device drag these characteristics should be taken into account for its wide range of applications. Although MVG's may not replace the use of conventional VG's in all type of flow cases but may be used as a logical complement for some particular situations, such as cases where the separation region is fixed, MVG's may be placed close to the region hence improving on its flow conditions.

# Appendix A

## Clark Y aerofoil

### A.1 Clark Y coordinates

$x$	$y$	$x$	$y$	$x$	$y$
1.37680	0.000824	0.362870	0.158130	0.24707	0.00195
1.36320	0.004566	0.335290	0.157370	0.27461	0.00238
1.34950	0.008299	0.307690	0.156010	0.30215	0.00262
1.33590	0.012019	0.280060	0.153910	0.32970	0.00272
1.32220	0.015713	0.252410	0.150950	0.35725	0.00272
1.29490	0.023005	0.224720	0.147100	0.38481	0.00265
1.26760	0.030147	0.197000	0.142370	0.41236	0.00256
1.24030	0.037143	0.169250	0.136700	0.43992	0.00249
1.21300	0.044003	0.141460	0.129930	0.46747	0.00244
1.18570	0.050722	0.113630	0.121850	0.49503	0.00239
1.15840	0.057297	0.085739	0.112250	0.52258	0.00235
1.13110	0.063720	0.071764	0.106570	0.55014	0.00231
1.10370	0.069993	0.057757	0.099966	0.57769	0.00227
1.07640	0.076105	0.043704	0.092045	0.60524	0.00222
1.04900	0.082060	0.029577	0.082002	0.63280	0.00217
1.02170	0.087850	0.018208	0.072045	0.66035	0.00212
0.99433	0.093480	0.012506	0.066564	0.68791	0.00207
0.96696	0.098944	0.006771	0.060137	0.71546	0.00201
0.93960	0.104240	0.003870	0.055938	0.74302	0.00196
0.91222	0.109360	0.002394	0.053130	0.77057	0.00192
0.88484	0.114280	0.001639	0.051244	0.79813	0.00187
0.85745	0.118990	0.000839	0.048050	0.82568	0.00182
0.83006	0.123470	0.000839	0.048050	0.85324	0.00177
0.80265	0.127710	0.001302	0.041600	0.88079	0.00172
0.77524	0.131700	0.001929	0.039826	0.90834	0.00167
0.74782	0.135440	0.003215	0.037206	0.93590	0.00162
0.72039	0.138940	0.005837	0.033392	0.96345	0.00157
0.69295	0.142190	0.011160	0.028008	0.99101	0.00152
0.66550	0.145190	0.016535	0.024119	1.01860	0.00147
0.63804	0.147920	0.027384	0.019195	1.04610	0.00142
0.61057	0.150360	0.041031	0.015503	1.07370	0.00137
0.58309	0.152480	0.054699	0.012388	1.10120	0.00132
0.55560	0.154280	0.068385	0.009810	1.12880	0.00127
0.52810	0.155720	0.082093	0.007840	1.15630	0.00122
0.50059	0.156830	0.109550	0.005047	1.18390	0.00117
0.47306	0.157620	0.137020	0.002820	1.21140	0.00112
0.44553	0.158140	0.164510	0.001056	1.23900	0.00107
0.41798	0.158410	0.192020	-0.00029	1.26660	0.00102
0.39043	0.158430	0.219540	-0.00127	1.29410	0.00097
0.36287	0.158130	0.247070	-0.00195	1.32170	0.00092

## A.2 $xy$ plot of points

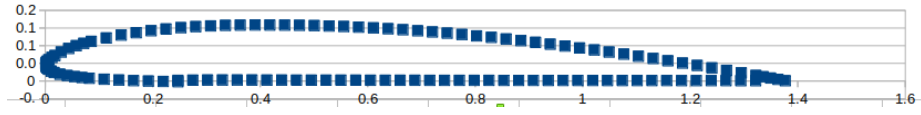


Figure A.1: Clark Y points.

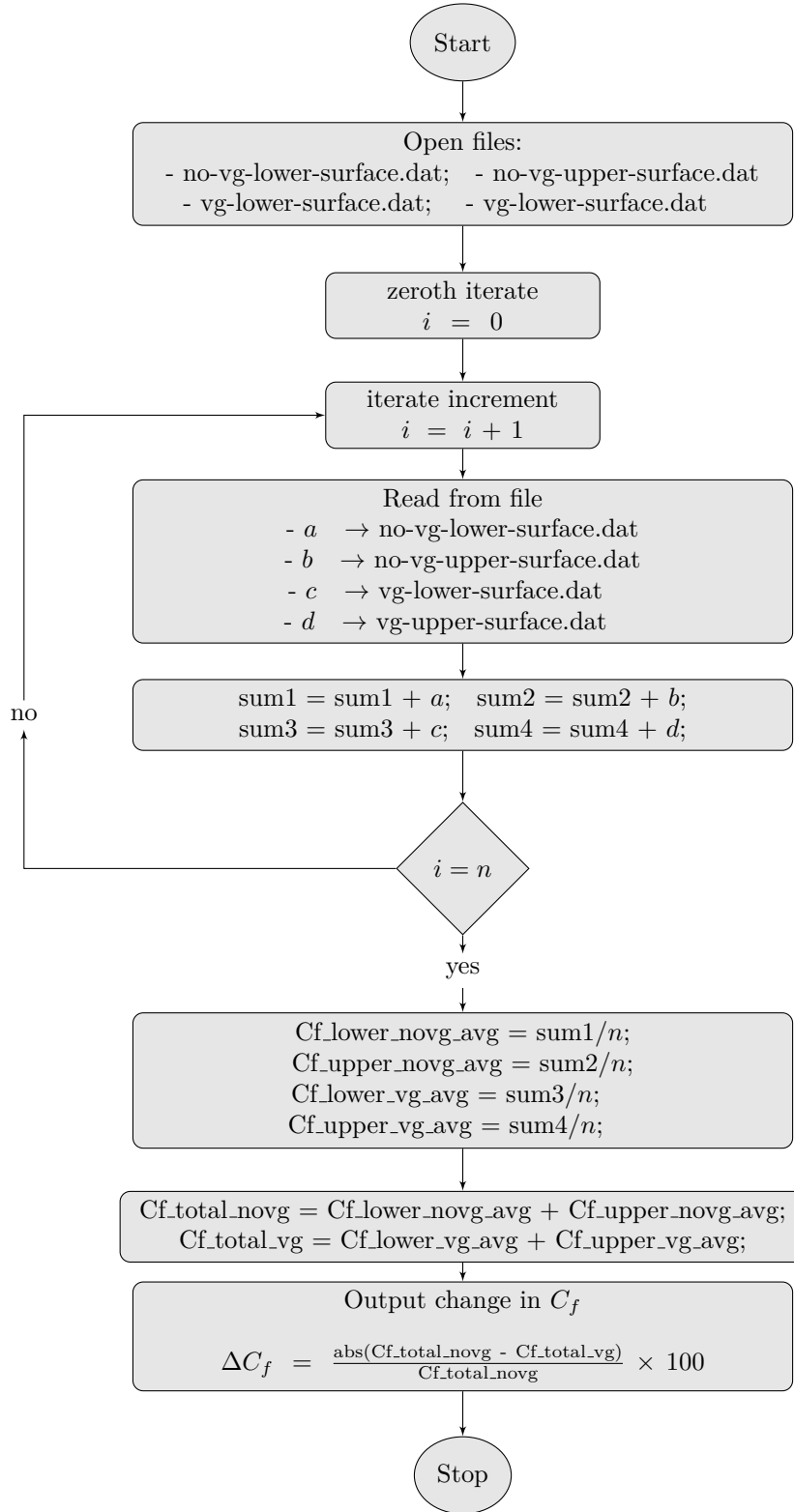
# Appendix B

## Coefficient of friction

### B.1 $C_f$ with and without MVG of flap

Location $x$	Coefficient of friction with no VG $C_f$	Coefficient of friction with VG $C_f$
3.70158	0.0009070	0.000904359
3.71818	0.0009720	0.000969418
3.73476	0.0008790	0.000875989
3.75134	0.0008540	0.000850573
3.76792	0.0008440	0.000841087
3.78450	0.0008330	0.000829449
3.80108	0.0008180	0.000814206
3.81766	0.0008030	0.000798739
3.83424	0.0007890	0.000784323
3.85082	0.0007740	0.000769686
3.86740	0.0007600	0.000754615
3.88398	0.0007450	0.000739227
3.90056	0.0007290	0.000723446
3.91714	0.0007140	0.000706993
3.93371	0.0006970	0.000690042
3.95029	0.0006800	0.000671814
3.96687	0.0006660	0.000656664
3.98345	0.0005780	0.000573386
4.00000	0.0002910	0.000337213
3.98618	0.0001470	0.000220863
3.97222	0.0002240	0.000280992
3.95825	0.0003060	0.000351928
3.94426	0.0003620	0.000395061
3.93027	0.0003770	0.000393234
3.91626	0.0003530	0.000341435
3.90224	0.0002800	0.000228785
3.88822	0.0001540	0.000225806
3.87418	0.0002040	0.000290871
3.86014	0.0002390	0.000178724
3.84608	0.0001010	0.000219000
3.83201	0.0001000	0.000031800
3.81793	0.0001160	0.000112843
3.80385	0.0000080	0.000088400
3.78974	0.0001680	0.000178719
3.77563	0.0003940	0.000394991
3.76149	0.0005350	0.000543908
3.74719	0.0005190	0.000515952
3.73286	0.0004050	0.000401018
3.72925	0.0003510	0.000348933
3.72569	0.0002610	0.000262411
3.72217	0.0001500	0.000150767
3.71870	0.0000613	0.000062400
3.71531	0.0000745	0.000074000
3.71199	0.0001710	0.000167886
3.70877	0.0002740	0.000272514
3.70562	0.0003390	0.000338626
3.70258	0.0003440	0.000344128
3.69965	0.0003150	0.000315492
3.69685	0.0002220	0.000222234
3.69415	0.0001290	0.000128309
3.69158	0.0000837	0.000084000
3.68918	0.0000421	0.000042900
3.68696	0.0000404	0.000040000
3.68482	0.0001360	0.000135298
3.68279	0.0003200	0.000319367
3.68121	0.0004700	0.000468955
3.68033	0.0005090	0.000507659
3.68018	0.0004810	0.000479907
3.68074	0.0004240	0.000423578
3.68190	0.0003350	0.000334338
3.68369	0.0002700	0.000269546
3.68602	0.0003490	0.000348749

## B.2 Flowchart to compare $C_f$



### B.3 FORTRAN code to compare $C_f$

```

1 Program cf_compare
2 implicit none
3
4 !***** Variables used *****
5 integer i,k
6 real cf,cf_Vg,sum1,sum2,n1,n2
7 real cflower1,cfupper1,cfower2,cfupper2
8 !*****
9
10 !***** Opening files that contain input data*****
11 open (unit=1, file="novglowersurface.dat")
12 open (unit=2, file="vglowersurface.dat")
13 open (unit=3, file="novguppersurface.dat")
14 open (unit=4, file="vguppersurface.dat")
15 !*****
16
17 !*****upper surface Cf*****
18 do i=1,43 !do loop to read input of the upper surface
19
20 read(3,*) n1 !reading the input
21 read(4,*) n2 !reading the input
22 sum1= sum1+n1 !summing up the input for no VG case
23 sum2= sum2+n2 !summing up the input for VG case
24 end do
25
26 cfupper1=sum1/43 !Average Cf on upper surface with No VG
27 cfupper2=sum2/43 !Average Cf on Upper Surface with VG
28 !*****
29
30 sum1=0
31 sum2=0
32 n1=0
33 n2=2
34
35 !***** Lower surface Cf*****
36 do i=1,19 !do loop to read input of lower surface
37
38 read(1,*) n1 !reading input from file 1
39 read(2,*) n2 !reading input from file 2
40 sum1= sum1+n1 !summing up the input for no VG case
41 sum2= sum2+n2 !summing up the input for VG case
42 end do
43 !*****
44
45 cflower1=sum1/19 !Average Cf on lower surface No VG
46 cflower2=sum2/19 !Average Cf on lower surface with VG
47
48 close(1)
49 close(2)
50 close(3)
51 close(4)
52
53 !*****printing results*****
54 print*,"average lower surface cf NO VG:",cflower1
55 print*,"average lower surface cf WITH VG:",cflower2
56 print*,"average upper surface cf NO VG:",cfupper1
57 print*,"average upper surface cf WITH VG:",cfupper2
58
59 ! claculating change in cf
60 cf = abs((cflower1+cfupper1) -(cflower2+cfupper2))

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61
62 print*, "increase in skinfriction due to VG:",cf
63
64 !calculating %ange change in cf
65 cf_Vg= cf*100/(cflower1+cfupper1)
66
67 print*, "percentage increase in cf:", cf_Vg
68
69 read*,k
70 end program cf_compare
```



## Appendix C

# Coefficient of pressure & lift

### C.1 $C_p$ of lower surface with VG

location $x$	Coefficient of pressure $C_p$	location $x$	Coefficient of pressure $C_p$
3.70593	-0.02291	3.85566	0.132578
3.71128	0.078849	3.86101	0.134994
3.71662	0.107310	3.86635	0.137525
3.72197	0.104856	3.87170	0.140179
3.72732	0.101920	3.87705	0.142966
3.73267	0.100618	3.88240	0.145898
3.73801	0.100212	3.88774	0.148988
3.74336	0.100667	3.89309	0.152253
3.74871	0.101675	3.89844	0.155713
3.75406	0.102885	3.90379	0.159391
3.75940	0.104171	3.90913	0.163315
3.76475	0.105377	3.91448	0.167518
3.77010	0.106425	3.91983	0.172039
3.77545	0.107434	3.92518	0.176917
3.78079	0.108507	3.93052	0.182188
3.78614	0.109671	3.93587	0.187900
3.79149	0.110923	3.94122	0.194113
3.79684	0.112259	3.94657	0.200763
3.80218	0.113675	3.95191	0.207671
3.80753	0.115172	3.95726	0.214468
3.81288	0.116752	3.96261	0.220127
3.81823	0.118416	3.96796	0.223397
3.82357	0.120168	3.97330	0.223408
3.82892	0.122006	3.97865	0.222306
3.83427	0.123933	3.98400	0.220494
3.83962	0.125950	3.98934	0.220770
3.84496	0.128062	3.99468	0.218671
3.85031	0.130269	4.00000	0.218919

## C.2 $C_p$ of upper surface with VG

location $x$	Coefficient of pressure $C_p$	location $x$	Coefficient of pressure $C_p$
3.70258	-0.1410	3.84663	-0.10121
3.70562	0.11523	3.85117	-0.10968
3.70877	0.07867	3.85570	-0.12711
3.71199	0.04138	3.86023	-0.15984
3.71531	0.01345	3.86476	-0.23701
3.71870	0.00034	3.86928	-0.40572
3.72217	0.00135	3.87381	-0.64655
3.72569	0.01719	3.87833	-0.87771
3.72925	0.04469	3.88286	-1.05614
3.73286	-0.0865	3.88739	-1.18029
3.73746	0.13836	3.89191	-1.25054
3.74207	0.16493	3.89643	-1.26736
3.74670	0.18728	3.90095	-1.23408
3.75132	0.19973	3.90547	-1.15185
3.75593	0.20125	3.90999	-1.02199
3.76053	0.19386	3.91451	-0.85378
3.76511	0.18034	3.91903	-0.66587
3.76967	0.16283	3.92354	-0.47877
3.77423	0.14212	3.92806	-0.30911
3.77885	0.14155	3.93257	-0.16781
3.78335	0.14751	3.93708	-0.05738
3.78785	-0.1258	3.94159	0.025484
3.79247	0.11736	3.94610	0.085696
3.79670	0.11992	3.95061	0.128438
3.80124	0.11287	3.95512	0.158494
3.80579	-0.1108	3.95963	0.179627
3.81033	0.10917	3.96413	0.194367
3.81487	0.10828	3.96864	0.20433
3.81941	0.10738	3.97314	0.210648
3.82395	-0.1064	3.97764	0.214323
3.82849	0.10509	3.98215	0.216266
3.83303	0.10317	3.98665	0.217233
3.83756	-0.10084	3.99115	0.217671
3.84210	-0.09917	3.99560	0.217876
		4.00000	0.218919

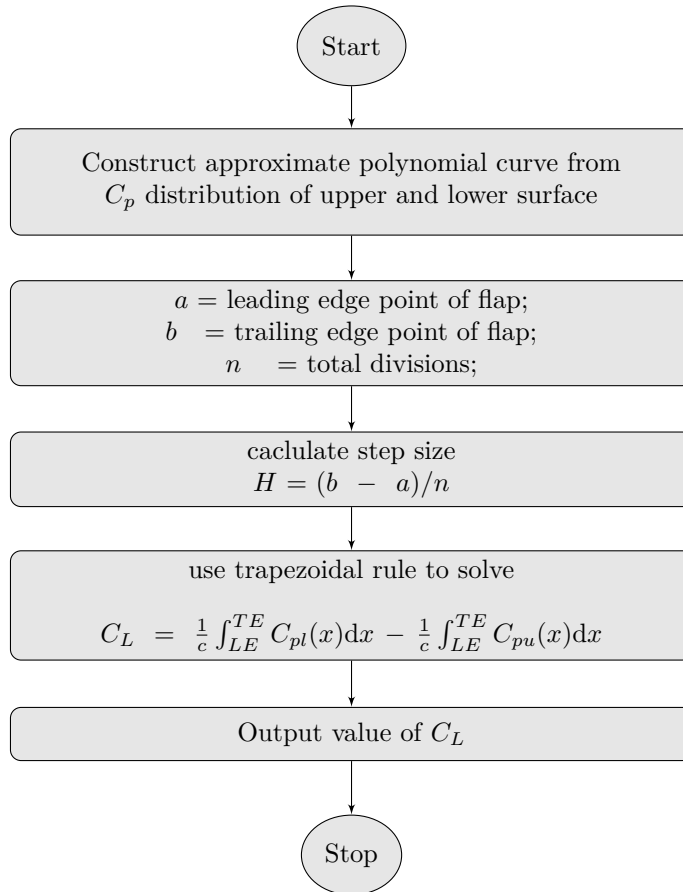
### C.3 $C_p$ on lower surface with no VG

location	Coefficient of pressure
$x$	$C_p$
3.71818	-0.14627
3.73476	-0.02277
3.75134	0.030547
3.76792	0.025003
3.78450	0.018813
3.80108	0.019850
3.81766	0.022257
3.83424	0.023325
3.85082	0.024082
3.86740	0.025011
3.88398	0.025699
3.90056	0.025915
3.91714	0.025429
3.93371	0.023799
3.95029	0.019560
3.96687	0.010812
3.98345	-0.00901
4.00000	-0.02494

#### C.4 $C_p$ on upper surface with no VG

location	Coefficient of pressure
$x$	$C_p$
3.69415	0.16705
3.69685	0.18361
3.69965	0.21155
3.70258	0.23093
3.70562	0.21536
3.70877	0.17082
3.71199	0.11875
3.71531	0.07511
3.7187	0.04909
3.72217	0.03894
3.72569	0.03956
3.72925	0.04774
3.73286	0.06601
3.74719	0.12862
3.76149	0.17244
3.77563	0.14354
3.78974	0.10066
3.80385	0.09369
3.81793	0.10242
3.83201	0.10707
3.84608	0.09572
3.86014	-0.0728
3.87418	0.04975
3.88822	0.03015
3.90224	0.01559
3.91626	0.00805
3.93027	0.00704
3.94426	0.01022
3.95825	0.01492
3.97222	0.01007
3.98618	0.00453
4.00000	0.02494

## C.5 Flowchart to calculate $C_L$ from $C_p$



## C.6 FORTRAN code to calculate $C_L$ from $C_p$ distribution given above for no MVG on aerofoil flap

```

1 program Cl_novg
2 implicit none
3
4 !***** variables used*****
5 real a,b,c,h,sl,su,fxcpl,fxcpu,x,y,sum,xi
6 integer i,j,k,n
7
8 print*, "enter the lower limit " !coordinates of flap LE
9 read*, a
10
11 print*, "enter the upper limit" !coordinated of lap TE
12 read*, b
13
14 !trapezoidal rule total divisions
15 print*, "enter the total number of divisions"
16 read*, n
  
```

```

17
18 h = (b-a)/n          !increment
19 sum = 0
20
21 do i= 1,n-1 !do loop calculating cp of lower integral formula
22 xi=a + (i*h)
23
24 sum = sum + fxcpl(xi)
25 end do
26
27 sl = (-h*0.5) * (fxcpl(a) + fxcpl(b) +(2*sum)) !cp lower surface
28 sum = 0
29
30 do i= 1,n-1 !do loop calculating cp on the upper surface
31 xi=a + (i*h)
32
33 sum = sum + fxcpu(xi)
34 end do
35
36 su = (-h*0.5) * (fxcpu(a) + fxcpu(b) +(2*sum)) !cp upper surface
37
38 print*, "cl of the flap is :",sl,su,(sl-su)/(30) !30 is c of flap
39 read*,k
40
41 end program CLNOVG
42
43
44 !***** function for lower surface*****
45 function fxcpl(x) result(y)
46 real x,y
47
48 !function calculated using excel plotting
49 y=(-510.6*x**4)+(7907.9*x**3)-(45923*x**2)+(118509*x)-(114671)
50 end function fxcpl
51
52
53 !***** function for upper surface*****
54 function fxcpu(x) result(y)
55 real x,y
56
57 !calculated using excel
58 y=(-534.14*x**4)+(8217.3*x**3)-(47395*x**2)+(121465*x)-116707
59
60 end function fxcpu

```

## C.7 FORTRAN code to calculate $C_L$ from $C_p$ distribution given above for MVG on aerofoil flap

```

1 program Cl_vg
2 implicit none
3
4 !***** variables used*****
5 real a,b,h,sl,su,fxcpl,fxcpl1,sum,xi,h1,su1,su2,h2,fxcpu2
6 integer i,k,n
7
8 print*, "enter the lower limit " !coordinaytes of flap LE
9 read*, a
10
11 print*, "enter the upper limit" !coordinated of lap TE

```

```

12 read *, b
13
14 !trapezoidal rule total divisions
15 print *, "enter the total number of divisions"
16 read *, n
17
18 h = (b-a)/n      !increment
19 sum = 0
20
21 do i= 1,n-1 !do loop calculating cp of lower integral formula
22 xi=a + (i*h)
23
24 sum = sum + fxcpl(xi)
25 end do
26
27 s1 = (h*0.5) * (fxcpl(a) + fxcpl(b) +(2*sum)) !cp lower surface
28 sum = 0
29 h1= (3.85-3.7)/n
30
31 do i= 1,n-1 !do loop calculating cp on the upper surface
32 xi=3.7 + (i*h1)
33
34 sum = sum + fxcpu1(xi)
35 end do
36
37 !cp of upper surface
38 su1 = (h1*0.5) * (fxcpu1(3.7) + fxcpu1(3.85) +(2*sum))
39
40 sum = 0
41 h2 = (4-3.9)/n
42
43 do i= 1,n-1 !do loop calculating cp on the upper surface
44 xi=3.9 + (i*h2)
45
46 sum = sum + fxcpu2(xi)
47 end do
48
49 !cp of upper surface
50 su2 = (h2*0.5) * (fxcpu1(3.9) + fxcpu1(4) +(2*sum))
51
52 su= (su1+su2)
53
54 print *, "cl of the flap is :",s1,su,(su-s1)/(30)      !30 is c of
55 read *,k
56
57 end program CLVG
58
59
60 !***** fuction for lower surface*****
61 function fxcpl(x) result(y)
62 real x,y
63
64 !fuction calculated using excel plotting
65 y=(-251.07*x**4) + (3876.9*x**3) - (22443*x**2) +(57729*x)-55671
66 end function fxcpl
67
68 !***** function for upper surface (3.7 to 3.85)*****
69 function fxcpu1(x) result(y)
70 real x,y
71
72 !calculated using excel

```

```
73 y=(-738.17*x**3)+(8372.7*x**2)-(31778*x)+40200
74
75 end function fxcpu1
76
77 !***** function for upper surface (3.85 to 4)*****
78 function fxcpu2(x) result(y)
79 real x,y
80
81 !calculated using excel
82 y=(-6356.6*x**3)+(74953*x**2)-(294575*x)+(385867)
83
84 end function fxcpu2
```



# Appendix D

## Validation

Validation of results from ANSYS comparison with experimental results with research paper from Fred E. Whick, Joseph A Shortal, Multiple fixed Slots and A Trailing Edge Flap on the lift and drag of Clark Y airfoil. NACA report 427 [19].

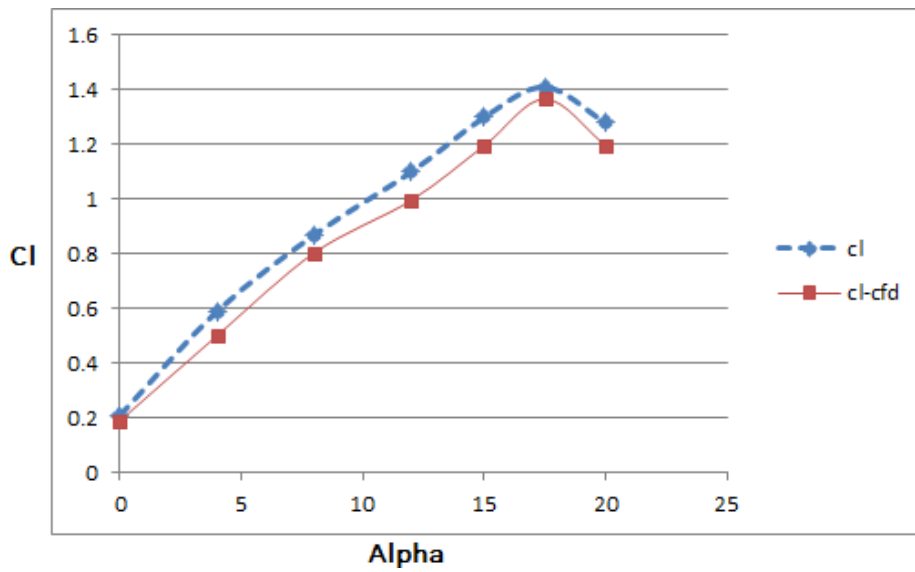


Figure D.1: Clark Y points.

Maximum error of 12.3% is observed when compared with experimental results.

Table D.1: ANSYS FLUENT results for Clark Y without vortex generators.

Angle of attack $\alpha$	Coefficient of lift $C_L$
0.0	0.18970
4.0	0.50123
8.0	0.80411
12.0	0.99632
15.0	1.19610
17.5	1.36650
20.0	1.19651

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