
Icing Certification An Industry Perspective

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Agenda

- **Common Industry And Regulatory Objectives**
- **Impact Of Certification Requirements On Aircraft Design & Operation**
- **Challenges Of Large Droplet Rulemaking**

Industry and Regulatory Objectives

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- **Common Objectives**
 - Designing and certifying aircraft that can be operated safely in icing conditions
 - » Within limitations
 - Continued airworthiness
- **Not so common objectives**
 - Well defined scope
 - Schedule

Common Objectives Defined Requirements

- **Historically, icing programs have carried a lot of development uncertainty**
 - Due to informal and negotiated policy
 - Policy development concurrent with certification programs
- **Situation is improving as icing rules and guidance matures**

Alternatives

- **Alternate venues for developing icing policy**
 - **Technical committees could provide expertise**
- **Provides for exchange of ideas and industry perspective**

Common Objectives

Harmonization

- Harmonization allows manufacturers to meet the common objectives as well as the “not so common” objectives
- Icing rules are somewhat harmonized
 - Recent European participation in harmonization has been limited
- Harmonization makes best use of limited resources
 - Provides a “global” level of safety
 - Benefits both regulators and manufacturers

Common Objectives

Continued Airworthiness

- Improving safety for aircraft in the field
 - Icing seminars and on-line training
 - Aircraft specific operating guidance & limitations
- Scale effects limit the ability of small aircraft to operate unrestricted in icing
 - Requires monitoring aircraft effects
 - » Abnormal ice accretions
 - » Performance effects
 - Requires exiting severe icing conditions

Impact of Icing Requirements on Aircraft Design & Operation

Simulation of Ice Shapes

- **Certification programs typically use simulated ice shapes to examine limits of icing envelopes**
 - **Allows simulation of low-probability icing encounters**
 - **Rigorous evaluation of aircraft performance and handling qualities**
- **Simulated ice shapes are designed to be conservative**
 - **However, excessive conservatism can alter aircraft design or limit aircraft operations**

Ice Shape Background

- Ice shape definition
 - Analytical, or observed in natural/icing tunnels
 - Roughness applied



Simulated Ice Shape Testing

- **Certification goal is to remain conservative**
 - Conservative assumptions on weight, cg, airspeed, altitude, water content, drop size, etc.
 - Typically 45 minute holds at maximum water contents
- **The effect is cumulative which can result in very conservative ice shapes**
- **Conservatism in ice shapes is necessary, but can have design consequences**

Conservative versus Accurate Simulated Icing Shapes

- Increased stall speeds
 - Increased approach and landing speeds
- Ice shapes can affect stability
- Excessive drag can affect performance and climb information
- As such, conservative and accurate ice shapes are necessary

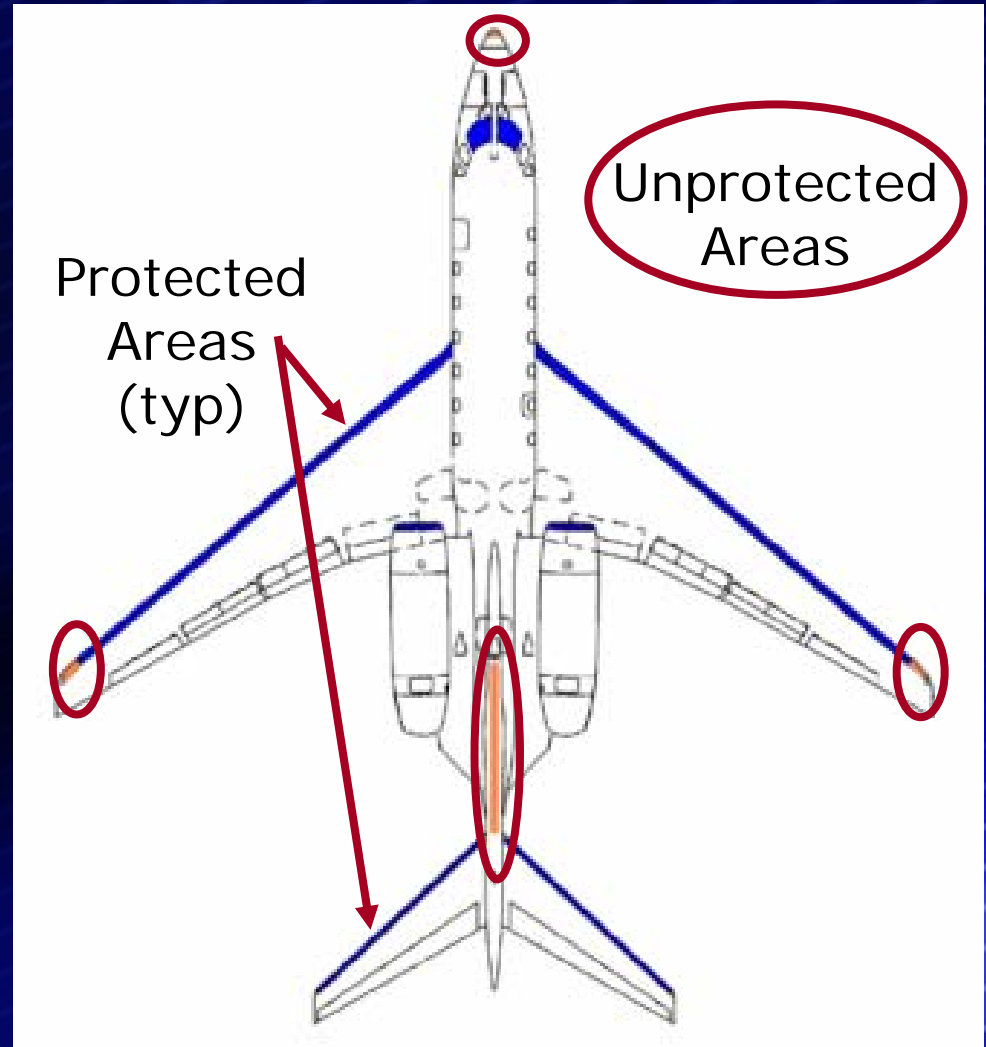
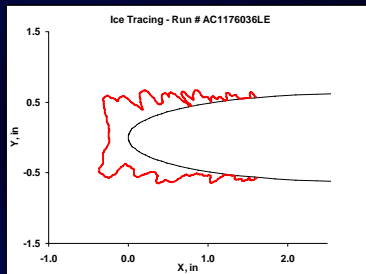
Challenges of Large Droplet Rulemaking

Simulation of Large Droplet Icing

- Lewice 3.2.2 has some SLD capability
 - Splashing and breakup models
- Splashing models significantly reduce potential accretions in aft regions of leading edges
- Positive step towards modeling SLD

Protected vs. Unprotected

- Large aircraft are mostly unprotected
- Small aircraft are mostly protected
 - Scale effect
- Most ice shape development and validation considers unprotected ice shapes



Protected Area SLD Effects

- Protected areas have a much larger influence on small aircraft
 - Performance and handling qualities
 - Handling quality assessment is becoming more critical
- Accurate prediction/simulation of SLD roughness effects aft of protected areas
 - Important for smaller scale aircraft
 - Considering influence of various ice protection systems

Large Droplet Simulation Example

- Used a generic business jet airfoil
 - Typical, but not representative of any specific aircraft; 50" chord
- Used LEWICE version 3.2.2; SLD flag active
 - Splashing and breakup
- Examined two airspeeds 100 & 200 KCAS
- Assumed a total air temperature of -2°C
- Water contents per Proposed Appendix "X"
- Assumed a 10 minute exposure

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Table 1. FZDZ distributions represented using 10 bins.

Bin	FZDZ/L (MVD < 40 μm)			FZDZ/G (MVD > 40 μm)			
	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
	Proportion of Mass	Left Boundary Point (μm)	Mass-weighted Midpoint (μm)	Right Boundary Point (μm)	Left Boundary Point (μm)	Mass-weighted Midpoint (μm)	Right Boundary Point (μm)
1	0.100	1	9	10	1	11	15
2	0.200	10	13	16	15	22	36
3	0.200	16	18	20	36	64	106
4	0.200	20	23	27	106	150	197
5	0.100	27	29	33	197	221	247
6	0.050	33	36	40	247	261	276
7	0.050	40	48	66	276	292	309
8	0.050	66	97	137	309	330	354
9	0.025	137	163	202	354	370	390
10	0.025	202	252	388	390	417	473

Note: DSDs in one-micrometer-drop bin resolution are available in electronic files from the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

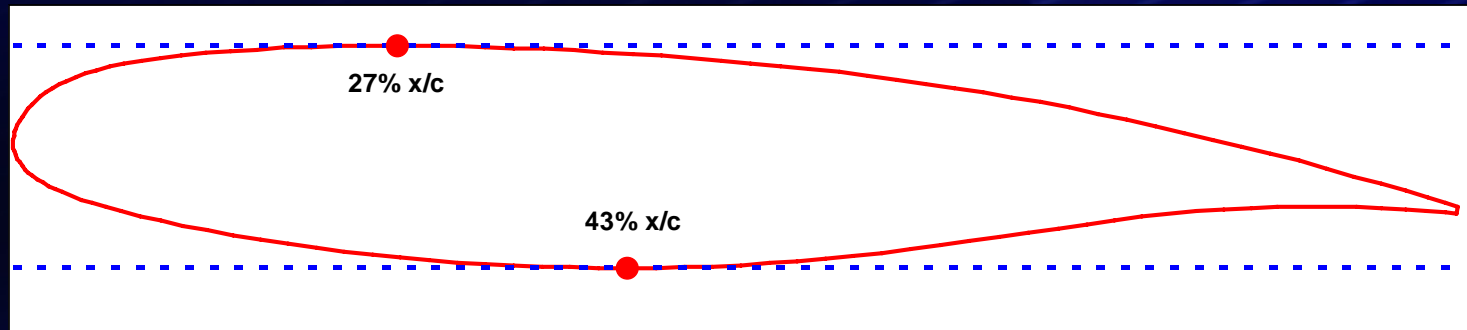
A distributions represented using 10 bins.

(MVD < 40 μm)		FZRA/G (MVD > 40 μm)					
(b)		(b)	(b)				
Mass-weighted Midpoint (μm)	Right Boundary Point (μm)	Left Boundary Point (μm)	Mass-weighted Midpoint (μm)	Right Boundary Point (μm)			
7	8	1	9	14			
10	12	14	35	236			
15	19	236	399	526			
25	53	526	645	765			
5	0.100	53	255	468	765	833	912
6	0.050	468	534	595	912	957	1008
7	0.050	595	655	718	1008	1066	1129
8	0.050	718	792	883	1129	1197	1288
9	0.025	883	942	1034	1288	1345	1420
10	0.025	1034	1191	1553	1420	1545	2228

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Large Droplet Effects

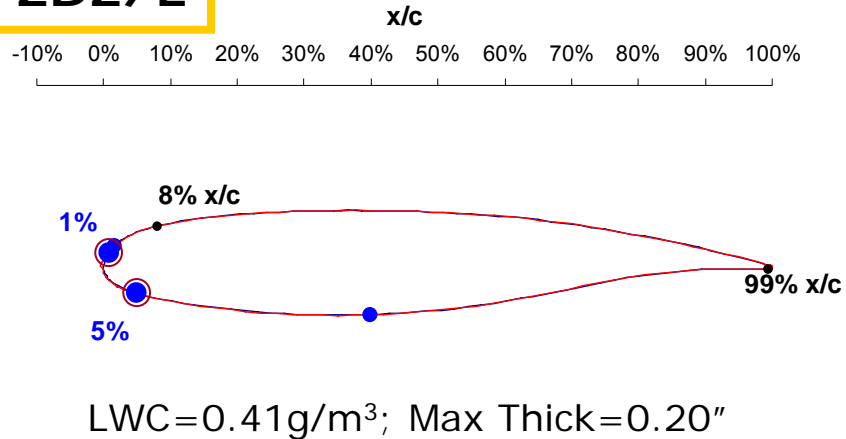
- Beta curves indicate that impingement can approach max thickness of airfoil



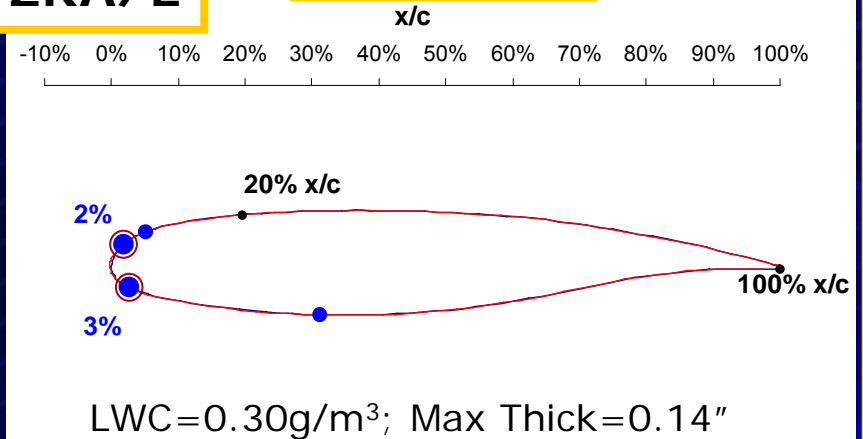
- However, impingement doesn't appear to be strongly correlated to ice thickness or ice limits
 - Splashing removes significant mass aft of protected regions

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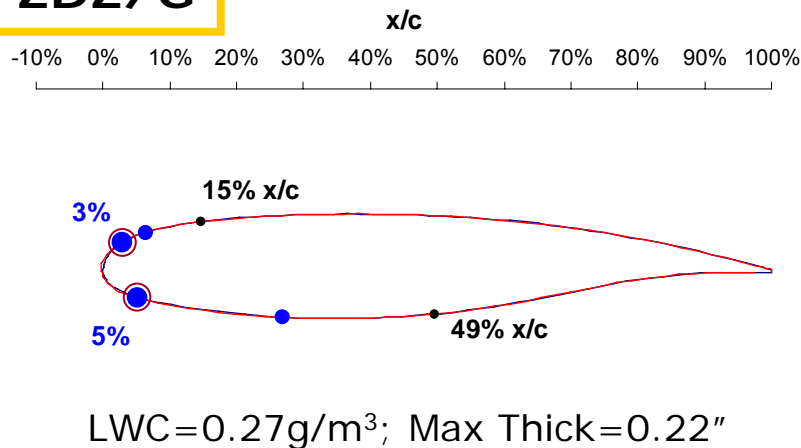
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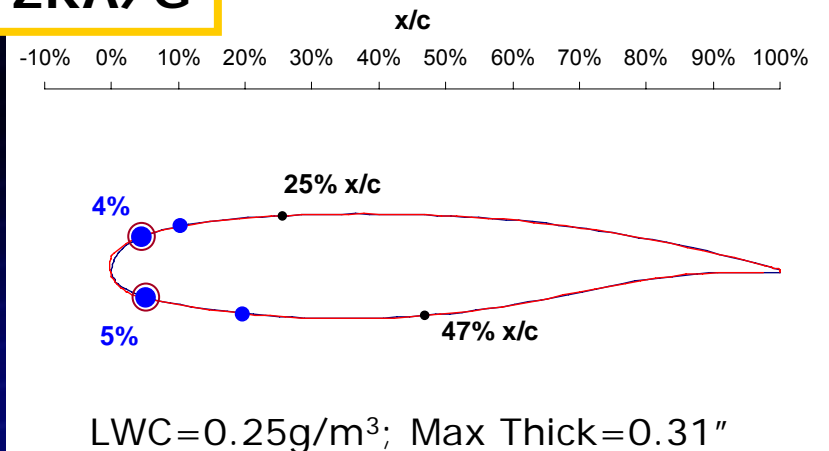
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FZDZ/G



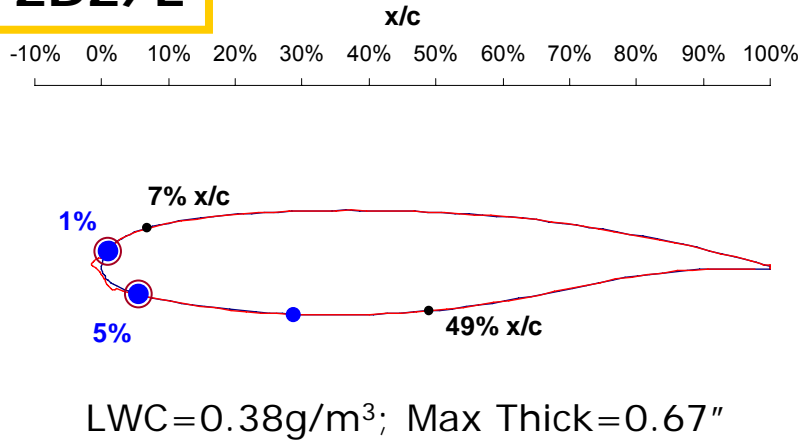
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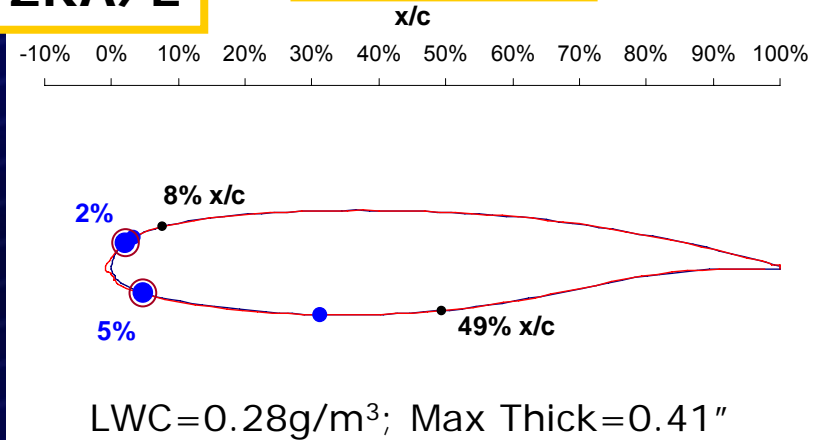
- Airfoil
- Final Ice Shape
- 0.050" Thickness Limits
- 0.000" Thickness Limits
- Beta Limits

200 KCAS

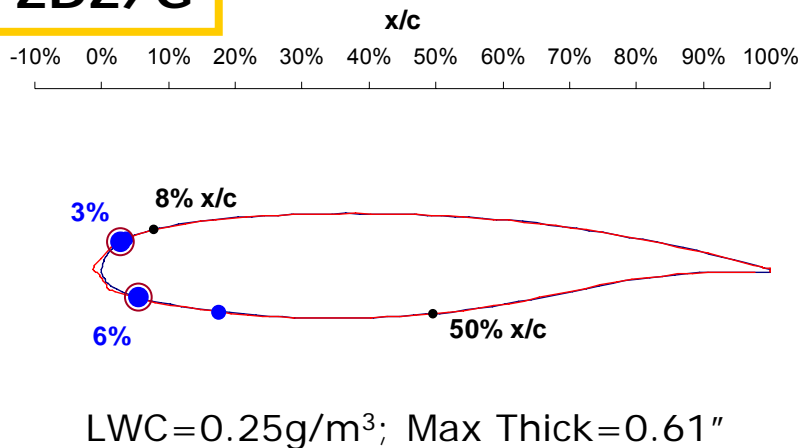
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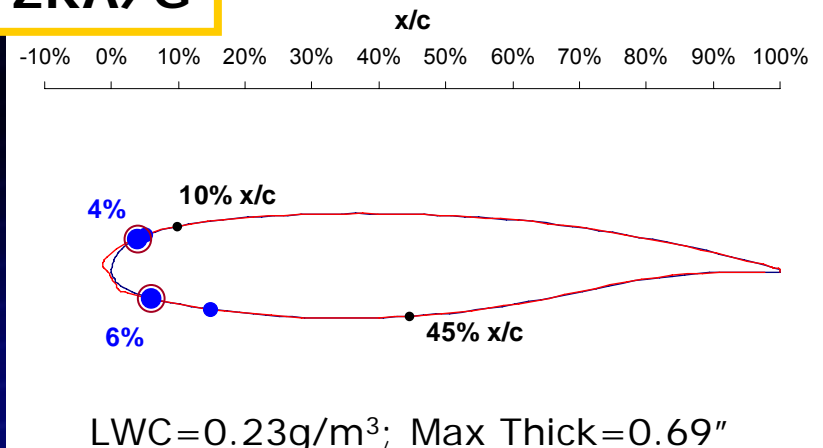
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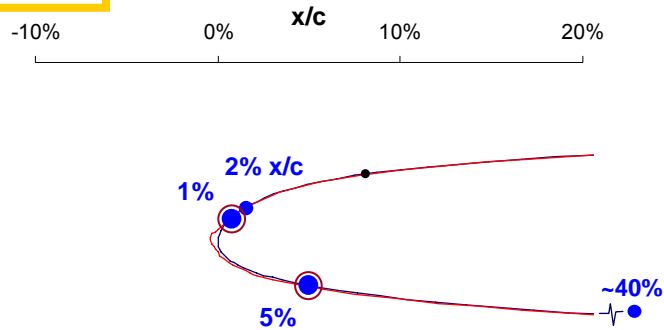
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Large Droplet Effects

- Ice shapes on leading edge regions similar to Appendix C
- At lower airspeeds, splashing effect is not as strong
- Operation at slower airspeeds appears to extend ice limit
 - Opposite behavior from classic impingement effects (e.g. larger drops impinge further aft)
 - Could increase severity of effect for smaller, slower aircraft

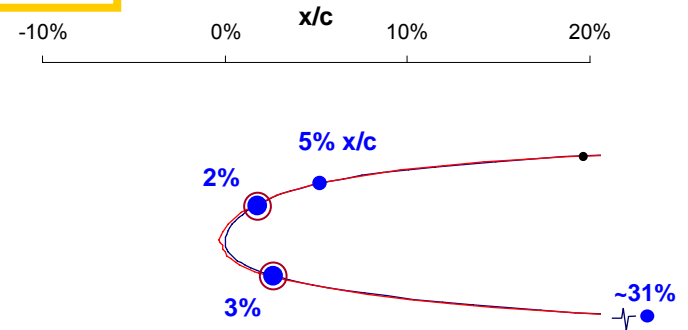
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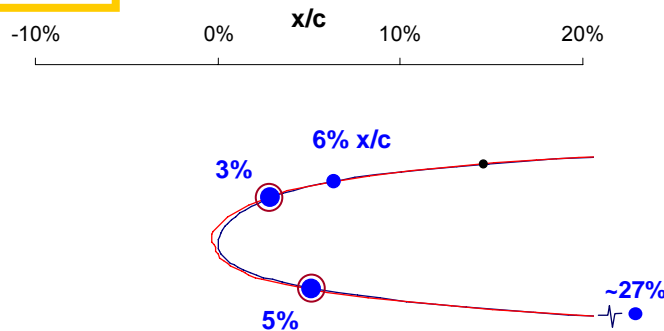
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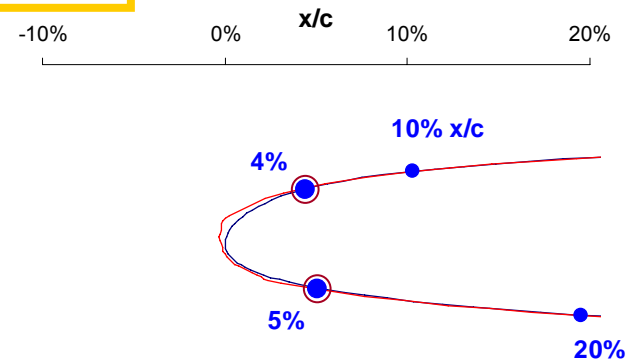
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FZDZ/G



LWC=0.27g/m³; Max Thick=0.22"

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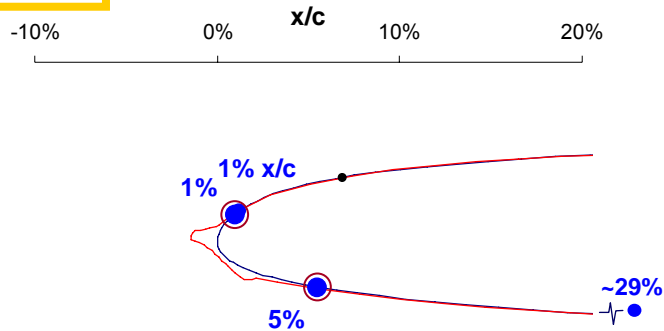


LWC=0.25g/m³; Max Thick=0.31"

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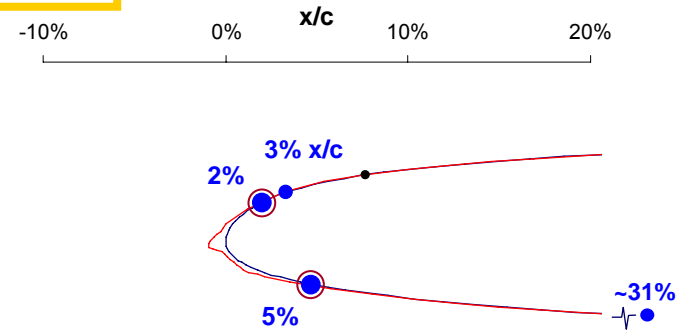
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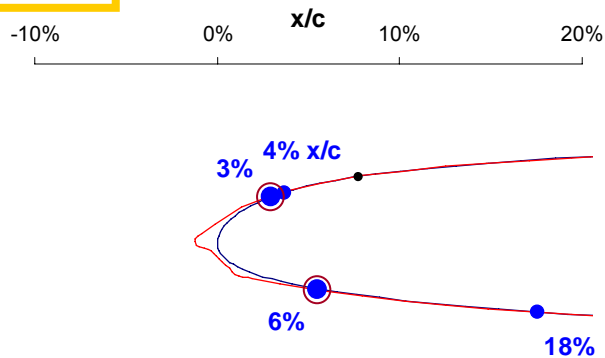
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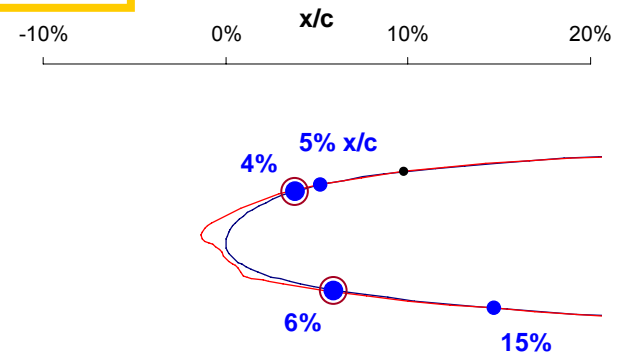
LWC=0.28g/m³; Max Thick=0.41"

FZDZ/G



LWC=0.25g/m³; Max Thick=0.61"

FZRA/G



LWC=0.23g/m³; Max Thick=0.69"

- Airfoil
- Final Ice Shape
- 0.050" Thickness Limits
- 0.000" Thickness Limits
- Beta Limits

Conclusions

- **Common Industry And Regulatory Objectives**
 - Safe operation in icing conditions within operating guidance & limitations
 - Addressing issues that provide the largest safety benefit
 - » Best use of limited resources
- **Conservative and accurate ice shape simulation necessary**
- **Significant challenges remain in simulation of large droplet icing**
 - Particularly with respect to roughness aft of protected areas