

## 01. RBF-MORPH

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## FSI ACTIVITY: MOTORSPORT APPLICATION INDY CAR



Indy configuration of the IR5 formula car



It's important to investigate the front wing deformation to:

- Evaluate the influence on the front loads (**performance**)
- Evaluate the maximum deformation (**structural safety and rules book**)

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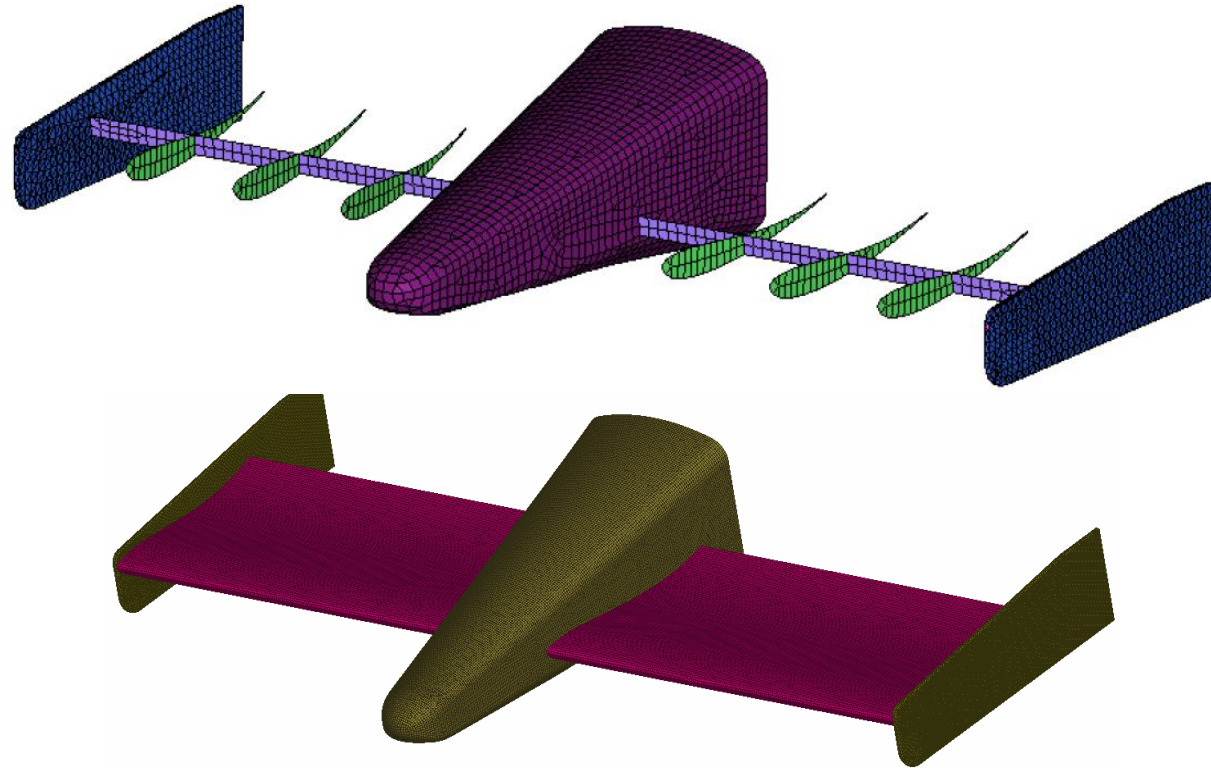
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Detailed materials description and constraints imposition for each physical component. Particular attention has been taken in order to correctly represent the carbon properties in terms of lamination and fibers orientation.

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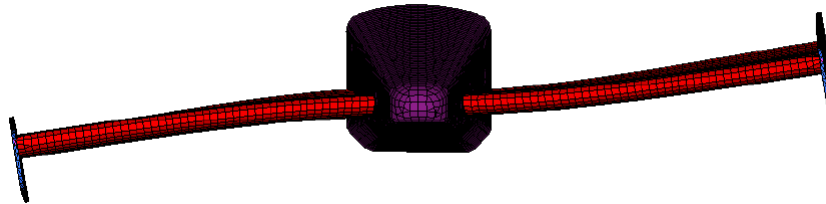
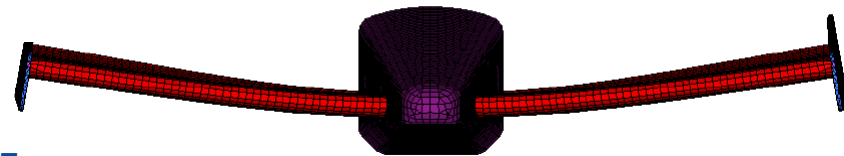
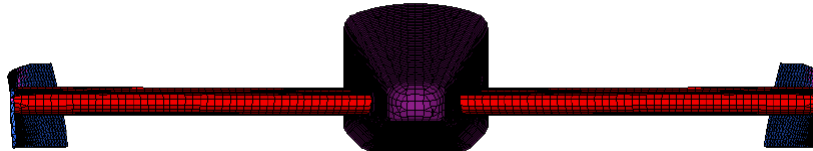
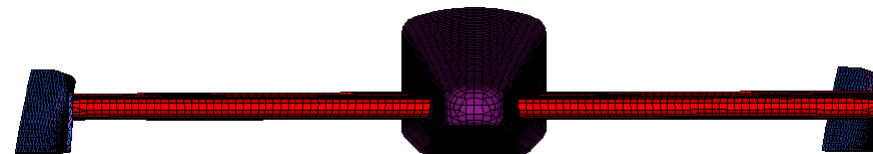
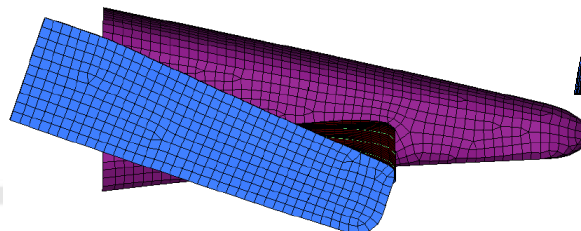
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The modal analysis of the FEA model shows that the first 5 modes are significant (shape and frequency) to describe the deformation of the front wing assembly.

Mode 1:  $f = 27.29$  HzMode 2:  $f = 29.04$  HzMode 3:  $f = 57.84$  HzMode 4:  $f = 57.85$  HzMode 5:  $f = 88.57$  Hz

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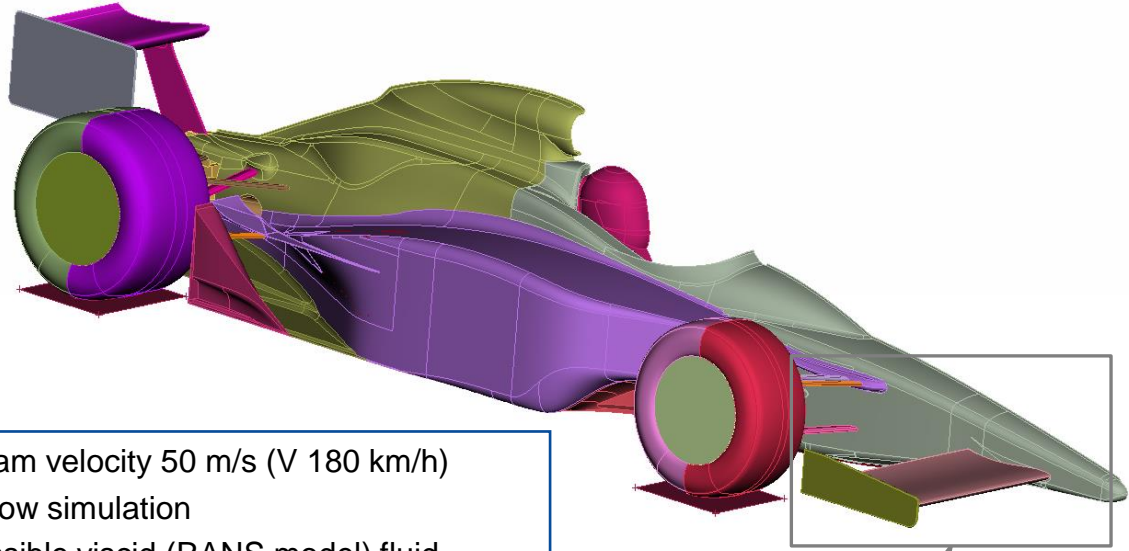
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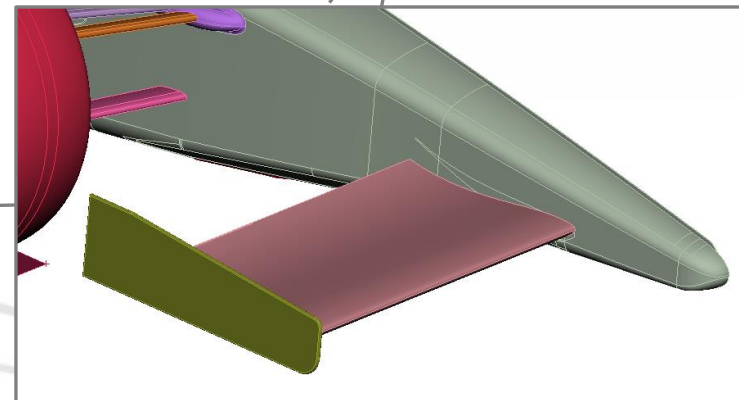
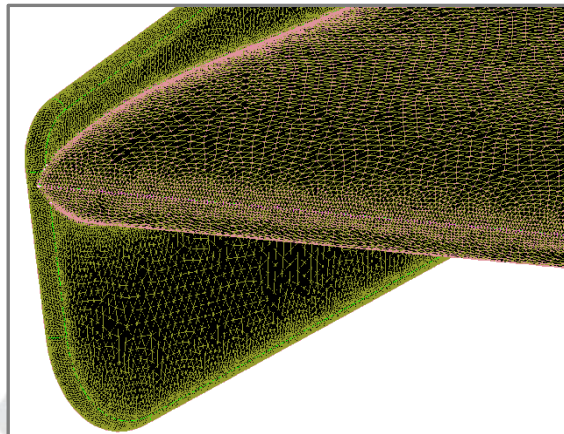
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Freestream velocity 50 m/s ( $V$  180 km/h)  
Steady flow simulation  
Compressible viscid (RANS model) fluid



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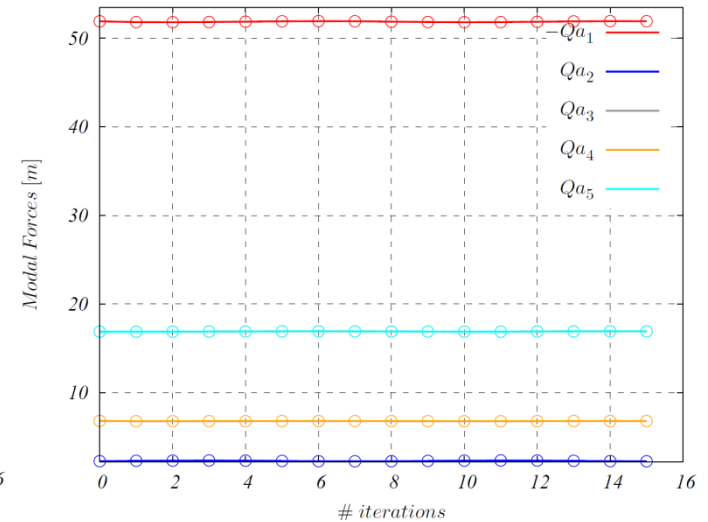
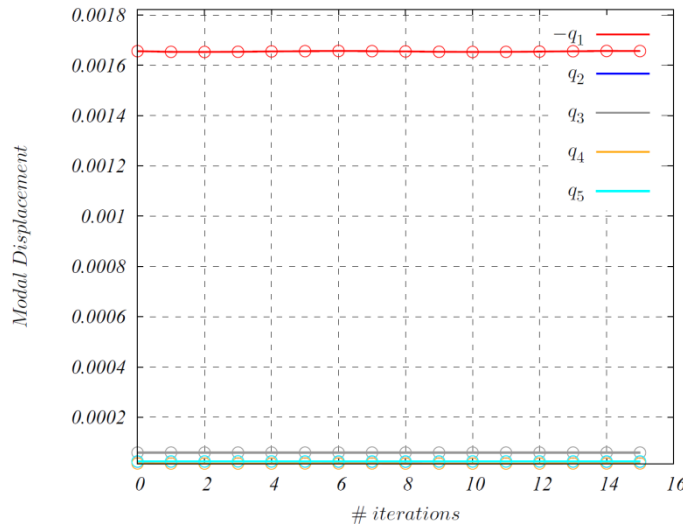
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### Iterative loop

An iterative loop has been implemented to obtain the static aeroelastic equilibrium.



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-- Convergence on Mode #1 --
iter = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Delta Qa = 0.17470% 0.02527% 0.04021% 0.08436% 0.08077% 0.03363% 0.03165% 0.08241% 0.08517%
-- Convergence on Mode #2 --
iter = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Delta Qa = 1.88489% 1.09139% 0.61667% 0.59139% 1.38882% 1.43591% 0.67074% 0.53028% 1.39858%
-- Convergence on Mode #3 --
iter = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Delta Qa = 0.00719% 0.02707% 0.03973% 0.08003% 0.07481% 0.03062% 0.03031% 0.07769% 0.08010%
-- Convergence on Mode #4 --
iter = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Delta Qa = 0.56809% 0.04595% 0.04571% 0.11358% 0.10389% 0.03395% 0.05235% 0.11180% 0.10513%
-- Convergence on Mode #5 --
iter = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Delta Qa = 0.00720% 0.02708% 0.03974% 0.08002% 0.07482% 0.03062% 0.03031% 0.07770% 0.08010%
    
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The modal convergence is achieved after just 4!!

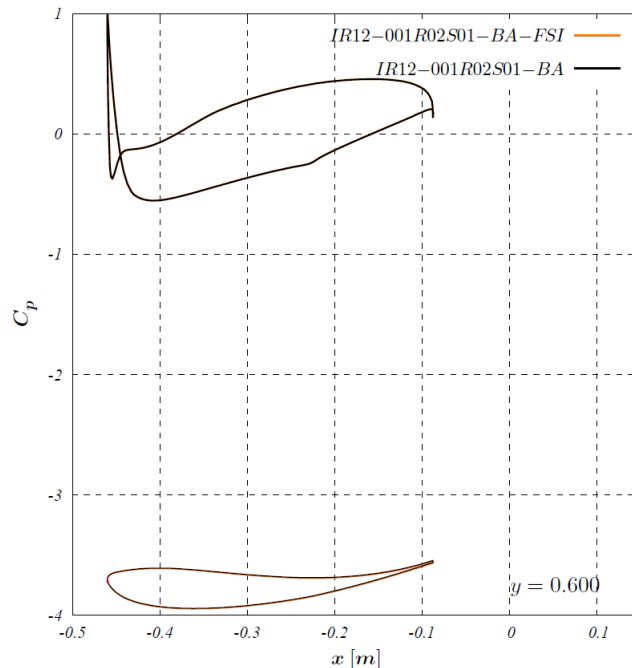
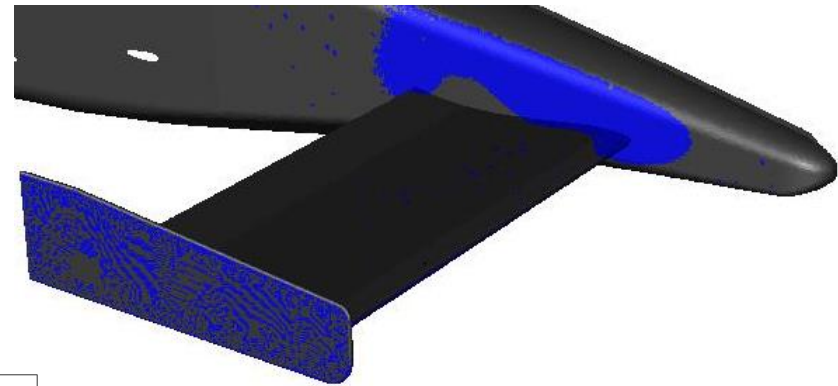
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Delta displacement with the 1st iter.	6%
Delta 1st iter – FSI-mapping	5%

**PERFORMANCE:** The aeroelastic deformation produces a quite small displacement. The aerodynamic performance is not influenced in this front wing configuration.

**STRUCTURAL SAFETY:** The maximum displacement is completely acceptable (design and rules check), according to the structural characteristics.

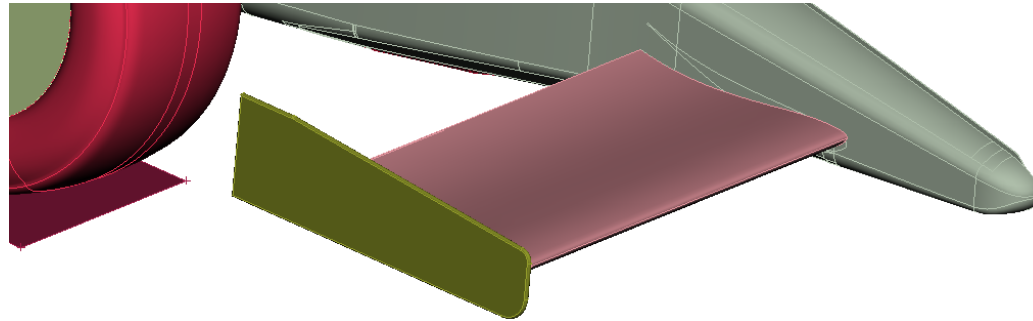
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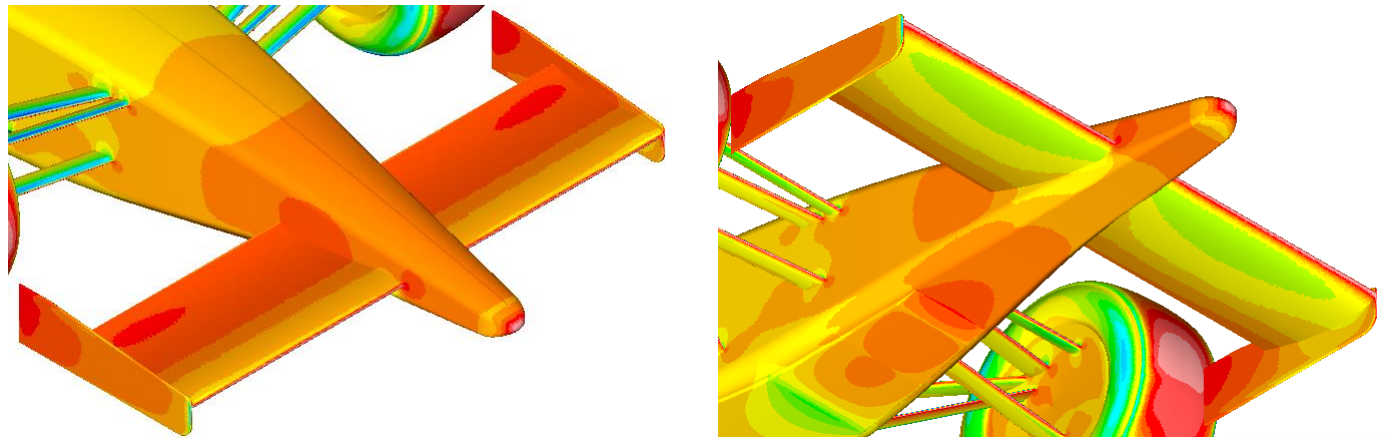
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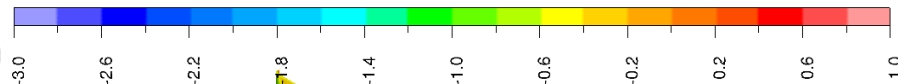
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IR5 FRONTWING SLOPE



Ref. angle =  $-1.5^\circ$  nose up, Indy configuration



Pressure Coefficient [ ]



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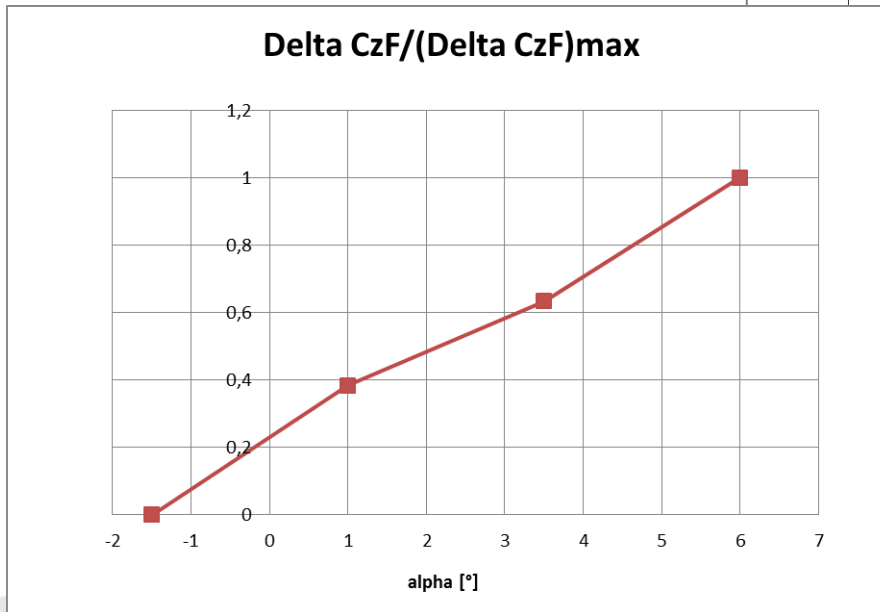
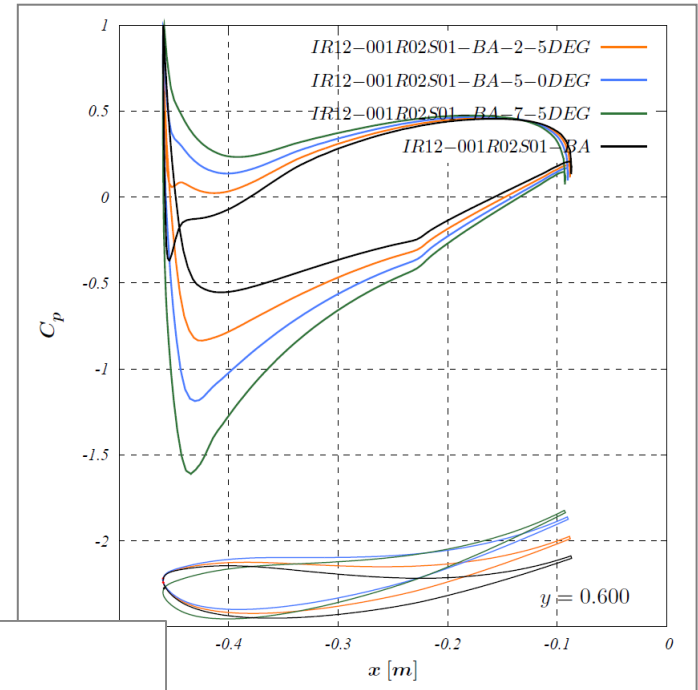
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## IR5 FRONT WING SLOPE

Thanks to the RBF-morph it has been possible to achieve the rear wing slope results in just 3h of computational time.





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- The RBF-morph tool has been tested for complex applications and it proves to well perform
- The aeroelastic loop has been implemented thanks to RBF-morph. The resulting displacement solution and loads distributions are consistent with the expectations
- A rear wing slope application has been tested

### **But remember: limitations!**

- RBF-morph is based on the mesh deformation, this means that just “small” perturbation from the original status are allowed.