## **Problem definition**

#### **Transitional Flow Simulation Over the Three-element Airfoil NHLP2D**



- Another transition validation case related to aeronautical applications.
- This is a hard as it can get.
- This case has plenty of experimental and numerical data available.
- A few references:
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**Geometry and mesh** 





- We will run this case at a Reynolds number equal to 3 500 000.
- The Mach number is low, nevertheless we will use a compressible solver.
- We will run at an angle of attach of 20.18°, very close to the maximum lift coefficient..
- You are invited to run the case at different angles of attack and try to reproduce the lift and drag polars.
- You can also run the case using traditional turbulence models and compare the outcome.

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Geometry and mesh

- Capturing the maximum lift coefficient and the stall pattern (abrupt stall in this case) is very challenging in CFD.
- This behavior is better capture using transition turbulence models.



Pressure contours

Velocity magnitude contours



Slat

Main airfoil

Flap

Plot of intermittency contours Values equal to zero indicate laminar flow.



Sampling location

Non-dimensional velocity profile at sampling location



Pressure coefficient – Numerical results and experimental results