## Fluid Structure Interaction Simulation of Hood Flutter

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#### Background





#### Hood Flutter





#### Hood flutter mechanisms

3 groupings for aeroelastic phenomena from Naudascher & Rockwell:

- 1. Extraneously Induced Excitation
- 2. Instability Induced Excitation
- 3. Movement Induced Excitation









#### Extraneously Induced Excitation

Excitation caused by fluctuations in the oncoming flow conditions

Examples:

- Buffeting
- Vortex shedding from upstream body







#### Instability Induced Excitation

Excitation caused by flow instability about the structure

Examples:

- Vortex shedding
- Separation







#### **Movement Induced Excitation**

Excitation caused by fluid forces arising from movements of structure

#### Examples:

- Classical flutter
- Gallop







#### Hood flutter analysis

How can the risk of hood flutter be minimized by simulation during design stage?



#### Outline of study

- 1. Validation of ICFD solver using DrivAer generic car model
- 2. Simulation of unsteady loads from the wake of a preceding car
- 3. FSI simulations of a spoiler on the DrivAer car
- 4. 2D FSI simulations of separated flow over a flexible hood



#### Pressure profile on DrivAer model

- Comparison is made to experimental pressure profile from TUM
- Two ICFD simulations:
  - Steady state k-ω
  - Transient LES
- Steady state OpenFOAM k-ω simulation for comparison
- Flow is sensitive to turbulence model



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1.5m

# Time-varying loads from wake of preceding vehicle



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### FSI of spoiler

- Structural model of plastic spoiler added
- Some difference in vertical loads, but load fluctuates due to eddies from rear window
- Endplate of the spoiler visibly deflects







#### Video of FSI with spoiler





#### 2D FSI of flexible hood

- Hood leading edge raised to promote separation
- Thin gap under hood can open up
- Non-linear spring on front edge to act as contact





#### 2D FSI with flexible hood





#### Conclusions

- Validation of pressure profile
- Complex models, long run times
- Instability issues associated with remeshing
- Difficulty in modelling gap opening
- Validation required with results from aero-elastic wind tunnel testing.





Figure 6.3 Separation bubble made visible by means of smoke, which is injected either as streaks into the undisturbed flow or into the separated flow, after ref. 6.6

