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## *Icewing presentation*

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# Background

*Finnish Transport Safety Agency started granting safety related research from the beginning of 2012.*

*Aalto University's application for aerodynamic research of deicing/anti-icing fluids was approved early 2012. The project was granted a second phase from beginning of 2013*

*The first wind tunnel tests started 29. Feb 2012. The second phase has been completed during spring 2013.*

# Background

- *Icewing Phase II includes allowance also for "networking" activities :*
  - ✓ *To get contacts with the research community*
  - ✓ *To discover on going activities in the field*
  - ✓ *To get response and new views*
- *Presentations given at:*
  - ✓ *AEA De-Icing/Anti-Icing WG meeting (13.3.2013 Brussels)*
  - ✓ *SAE WG-12 meeting (9. -10.5.2013 New Orleans )*
  - ✓ *AIAA Conference paper (26.6.2013 San Diego)*

# Rationale for the Project

- Present aerodynamic acceptance test standard SAE AS 5900 originates from 1990's.
- SAE AS 5900 based on tests with Type II fluids of 1980's.
- Concentrated in Boeing 737 geometry (test flights with B737 )
- No major updates published.
- Very few aerodynamic tests published on Type IV fluids at all.
- NRC in Canada (funded by TC and FAA) the only facility actively publishing aerodynamic studies during recent years (especially related to HOT)

# Rationale for the Project



## *Operative problems related to Type IV fluids*

- *Fluid residue problems in several different forms were encountered since mid 1990's (applies to all thickened fluids)*
- *Some recent reported cases including Type IV fluid contribution:*
  - ✓ *2010 an incident report of Finnair E-170: buffet and pitch limit indicator activation during an otherwise normal take-off. Possibly Type IV fluid contribution (OAT = -16 °C)*
  - ✓ *BAE ATP discontinued take-off at EFHK on 11.1.2010: (Within one year 7 similar cases. EASA presented a research plan to address this at SAE WG-12 9.5.2013)*

# Objectives

*To study :*

- *Type IV – fluid “flow off” behaviour on wing surface with different parameters*
- *Lift losses due to anti-ice treatment with Type IV-fluids during take off*
- *Possible premature fluid flow off during high speed taxi*

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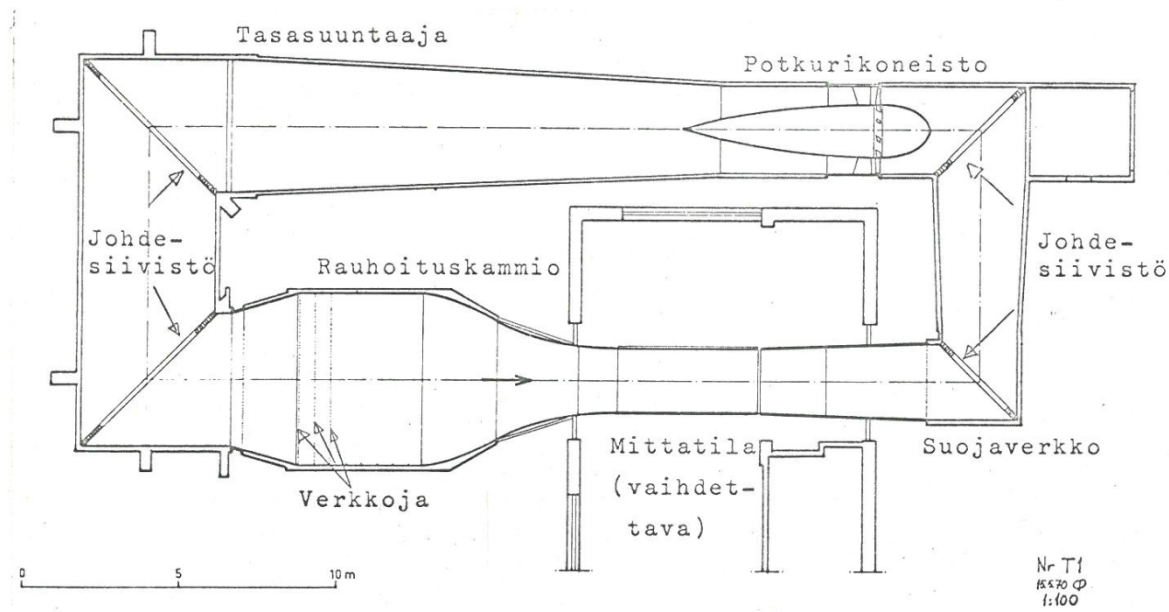
# Objectives (cont'd)

- *Effect of two step de-icing treatment on fluid flow off and on lift loss during take off compared to one step treatment*
- *Effect of dilution of Type IV fluids on lift loss during take off*
- *Effect of real frost on lift loss during take off compared to Type IV and Type II treatment*

# The Wind Tunnel

## Aalto University Low Speed Wind Tunnel:

2m x 2m test section - max airspeed 60 m/s = 120 kt

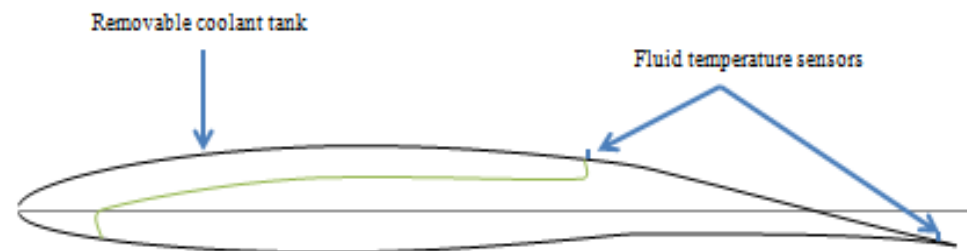




# The Wind Tunnel Models

- *Fixed Model: chord 1,8 m, profile NACA 63-210, with 5.5 deg folded trailing edge from 35% chord simulating the flap setting.*
- *No force measurements – video recording with a thickness calculation algorithm*
- *Rotation model: chord 0,65 m, three element DLR F15 - profile (representing a modern airliner wing), adjustable slats and flaps*
- *Force measurements, video recordings*
- *Both models have coolant tanks to simulate the cold fuel in wing tanks*

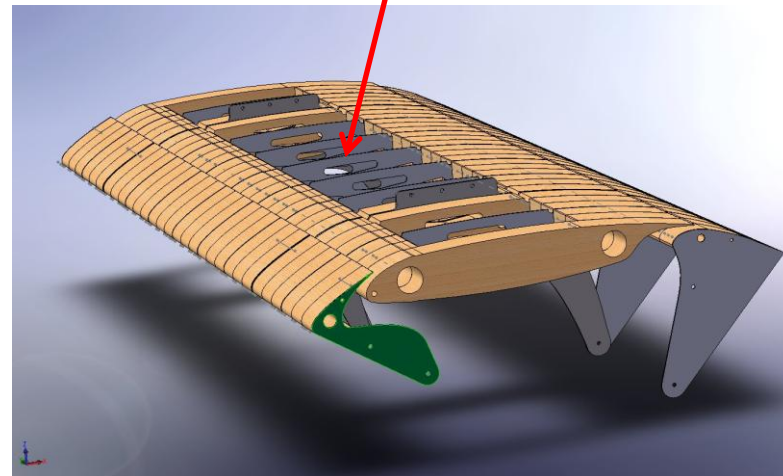
# Fixed Wing Model



# Rotating Wing Model



**Coolant tank**

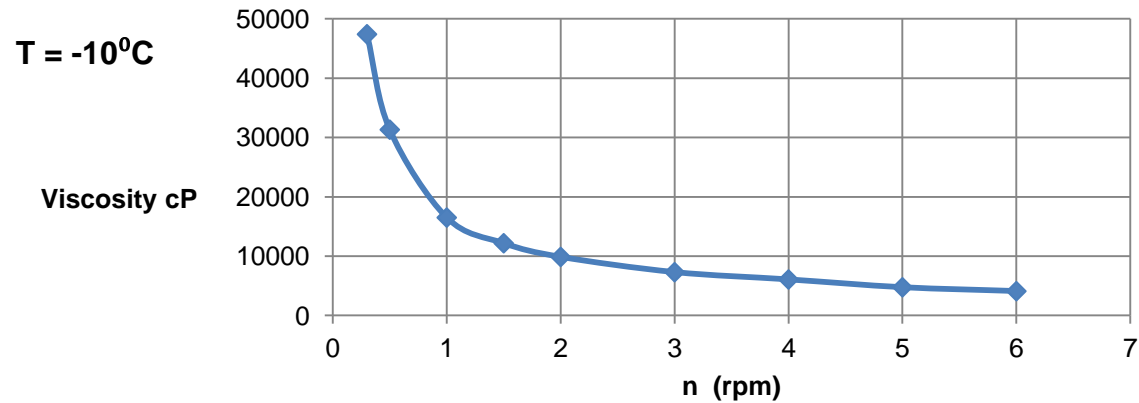


# Fluids Applied in the Tests

- *Fluid manufacturers reluctant*
- *One manufacturer delivered four different fluid types (T IV, T II, T I and AS 5900 reference fluid)*
- *Coverage of different manufacturers inadequate*
- *Rheological properties determined for Type IV.*
- *Type II still to be tested*

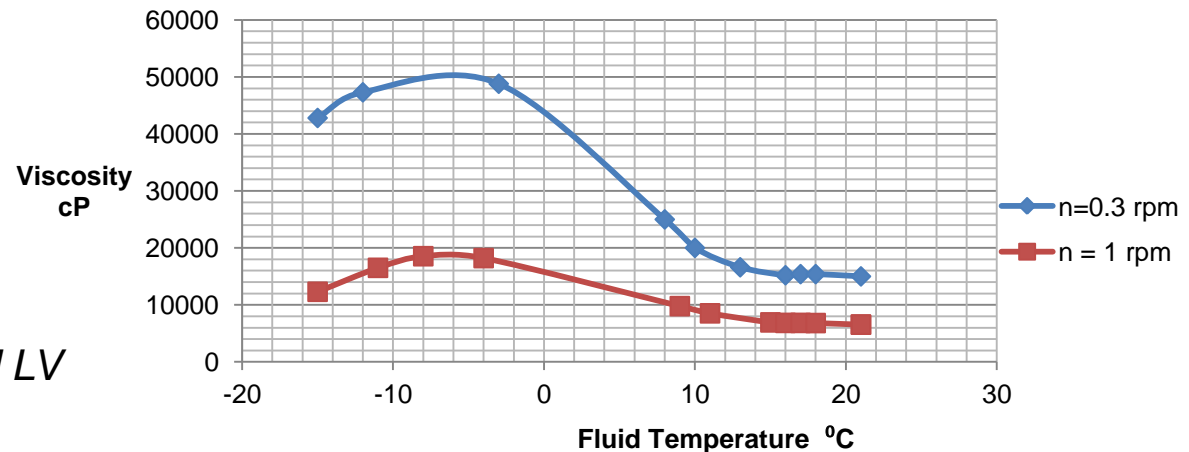
# Rheological Properties of Type IV Fluid Applied

- Typical non-Newtonian behavior (shear thinning) of Type IV fluid :



- Viscosity variation with temperature – less typical:

Test OAT mostly within the "plateau" area ( $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

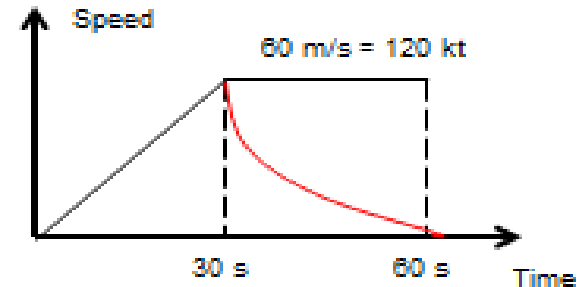


$n$  = rotational speed Brookfield LV viscometer (spindle no LV2)

# Tests with the Fixed Model

## Test arrangements:

1. Acceleration to 60 m/s + deceleration  
Acceleration simulates the take off run.



To gain better resolution in results the constant speed phase of 30 s (as per AS 5900) was not adopted

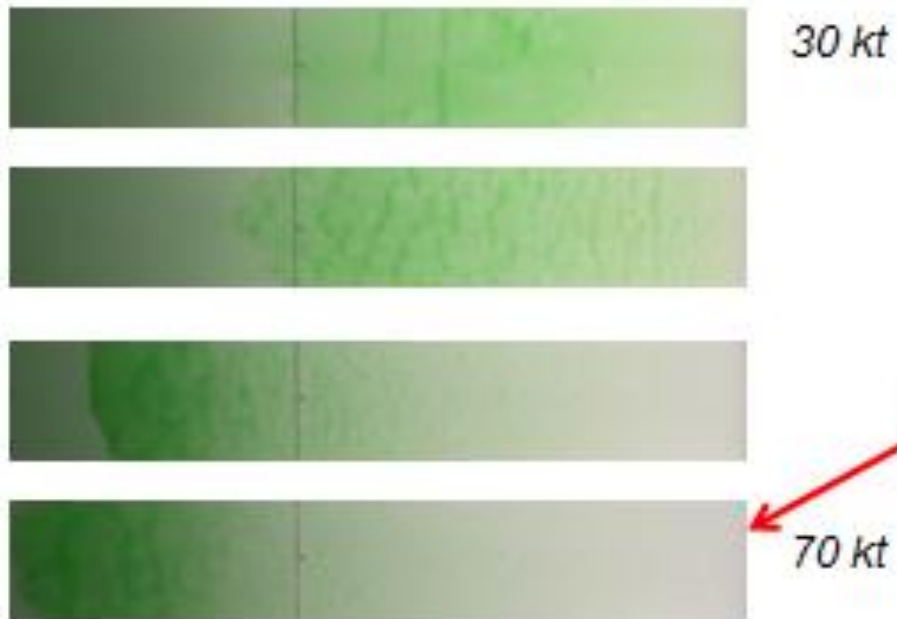
2. "Taxiing" tests: stepwise speed increments (5, 10, 15 m/s = 10, 20, 30 kt)

## Measurements:

- Fluid thickness values calculated from video frame RGB-values (in house Matlab-software)
- Elcometer fluid film thickness gauge measurements on wing surface before and after test
- Comparison between applied and off-scraped fluid volumes

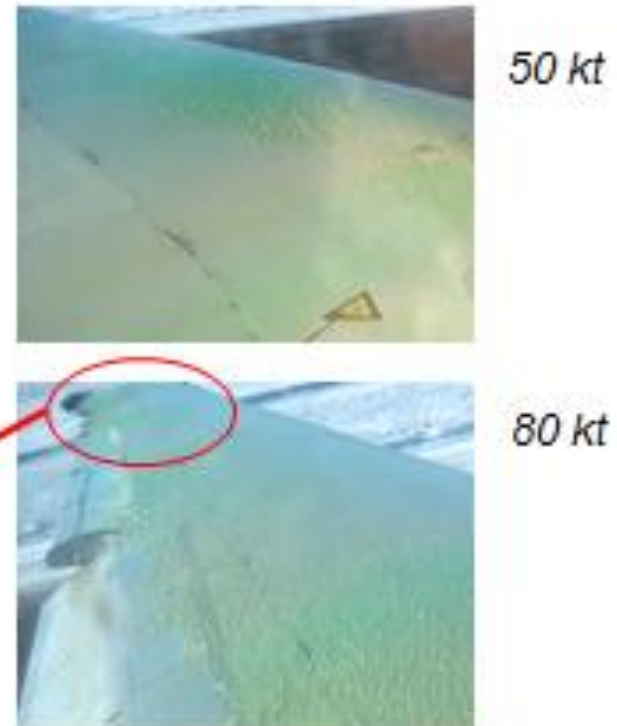
## Fluid Flow Off Mechanism

Wind tunnel model



NOTE: Speeds are not accurate!

MD – 80 wing during T-O



# Effect of Parameter Variations

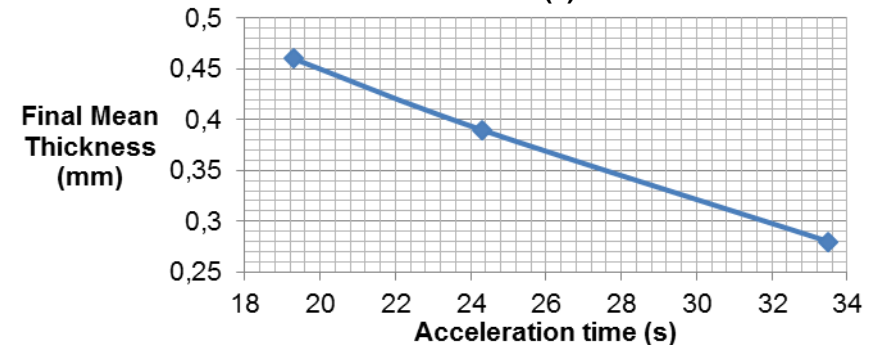
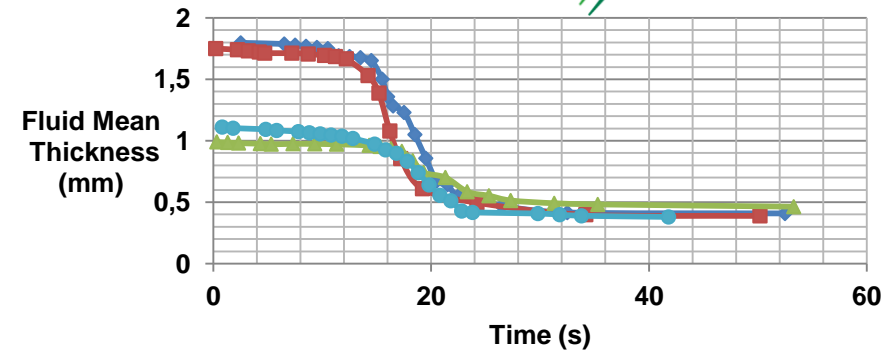
- Initial fluid mean thickness (1 – 2 mm)  
Behaviour as reported for Type II fluids in earlier publications

- Acceleration time (19 – 33 s)  
Strong dependence – in contrast to some of earlier studies

Mean acceleration time at actual take offs during winter period 2003-4 among Finnair A321 fleet (63 freight flights) recorded to be 28 s (min 19 s)

- 2-step de-icing treatment compared to 1-step treatment:

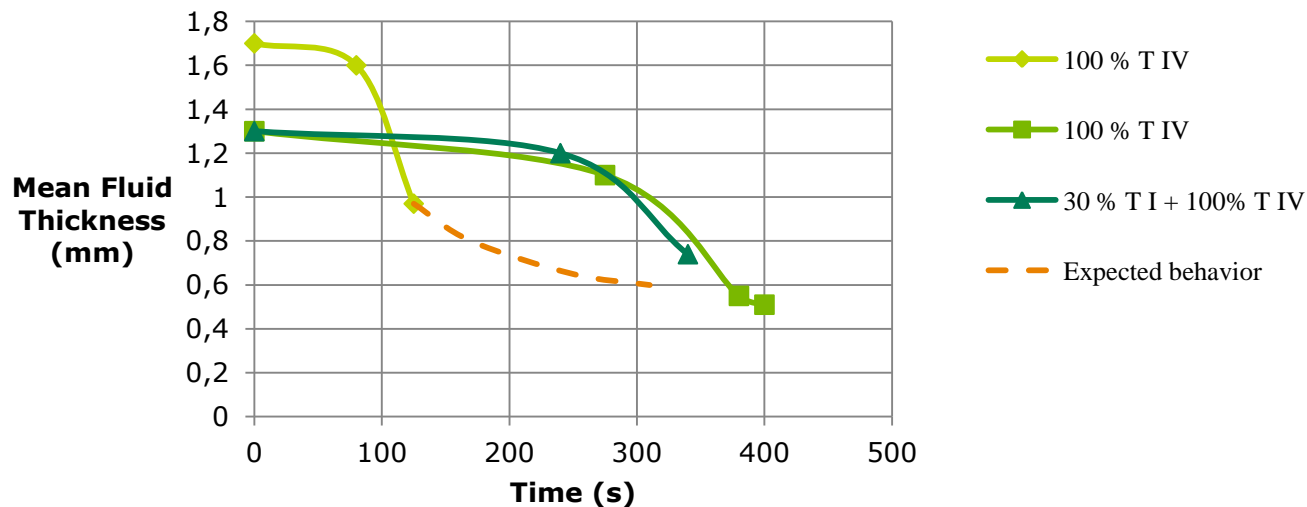
**No measurable difference**





# "Taxiing Tests":

- *No published experimental studies before present one*
- *Results alarming considering the premature fluid flow off before takeoff*

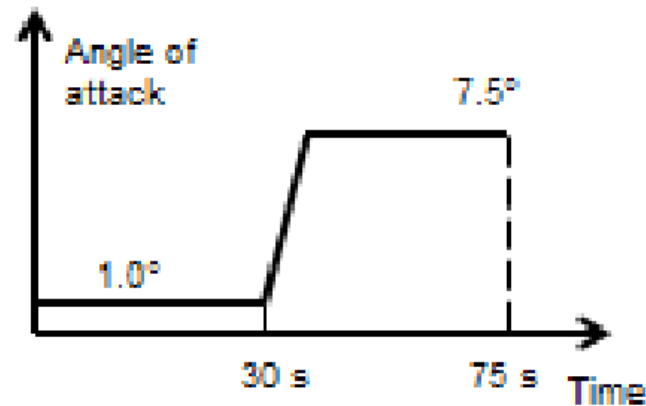
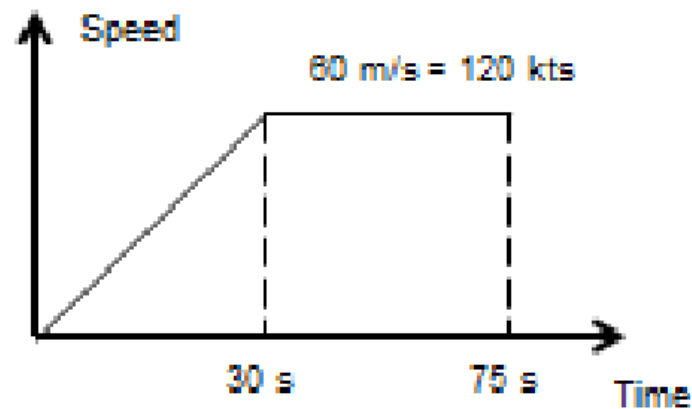


Mean fluid thickness variation with taxi time at speed of 14-15 m/s (28-30 kt)

# Tests With Rotating Model

## Test Arrangements:

- Acceleration to 60 m/s → rotation @ 3°/s to 7.5° for about 40 s
- Configuration selected to correspond realistic pressure distribution on wing during take-off
- Anti-ice fluid was applied before the take-off configuration was adjusted to simulate the sequence of events in reality
- "Taxiing" tests conducted as with fixed model



- *SAE AS 5900 test criteria is based on correlation between thickening of BLDT (=Boundary Layer Displacement Thickness) on flat plate and degradation of wing lift coefficient at lift off*
- *Reasoning behind AS 5900 BLDT limit values:  
Clean wing margin of  $V_2$  to stall speed (1g) is 13 % ( $V_2 = 1.13V_s$ )  
De/anti-iced wing margin may be reduced to 10 % ( $V_2 = 1.1V_s$ )  
This reduction means in terms of lift coefficient a 5.24 % reduction*
- *Acceptance test considers conditions at the point of rotation  
→ "acceptable" limit for lift coefficient loss = 5.24 % at the point when wing model reaches 7.5° angle in present study (though it doesn't correspond maximum  $C_L$  as in the previous reasoning !)*

# Tests with Rotating Model

## Parameters:

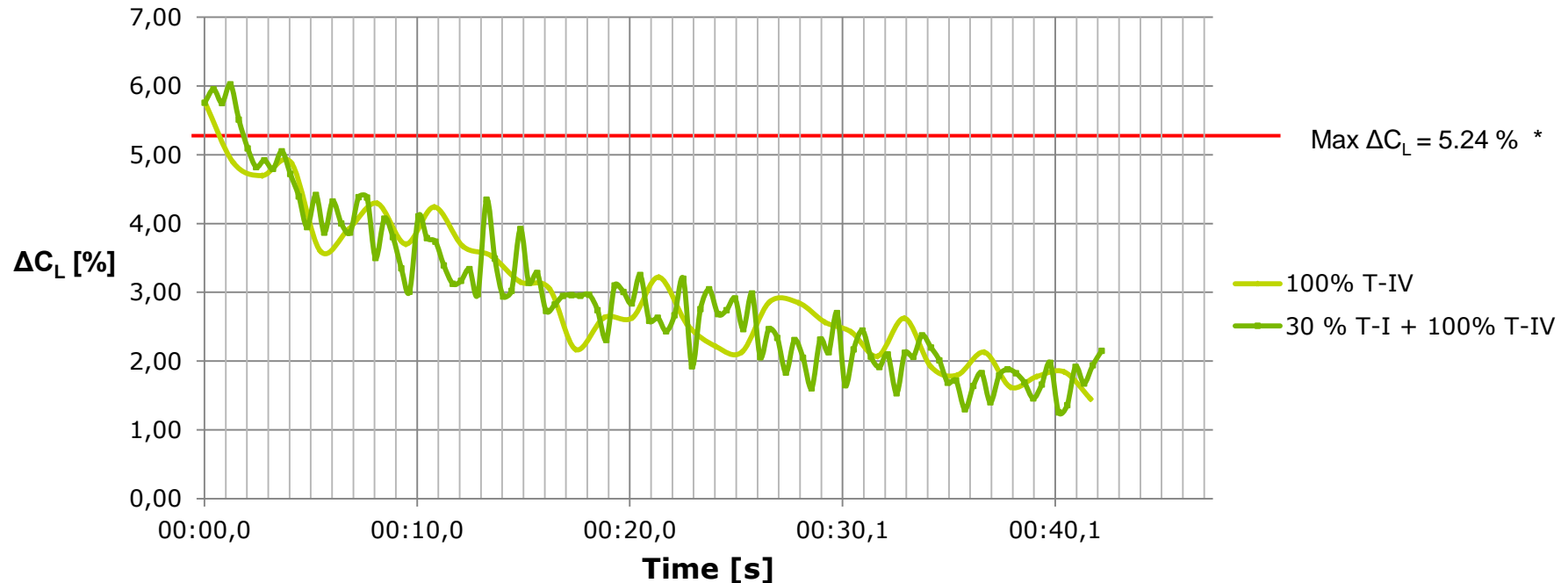
- *One - step treatment compared to two-step one*
- *Different types of fluids: 100% IV, 75% IV, 100% II*
- *Acceleration time*
- *Actual frost*

## Measurements:

- *Force measurements to determine the lift loss compared to clean wing*
- *Video recording for qualitative analysis*

# Preliminary Results for Rotating Model

## Comparison between 1- and 2-step treatment



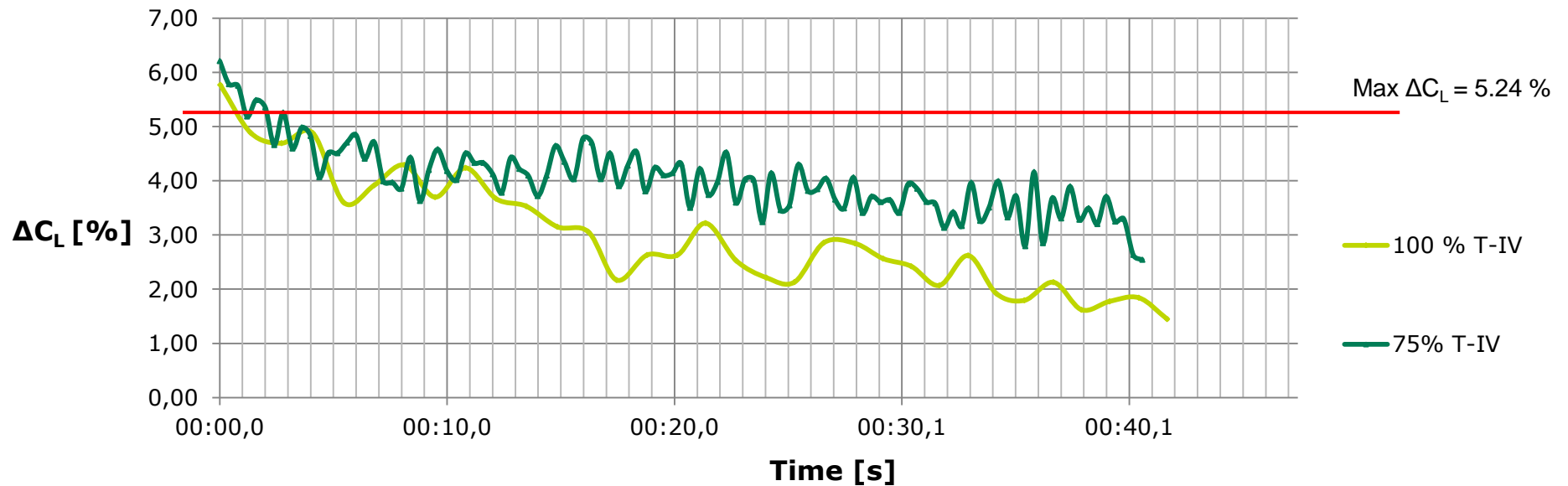
**Note: Time = 0 at the point when AoA reaches the max value of  $7.5^\circ$**

\*  $\Delta C_L$  considered as maximum in acceptance standard basis

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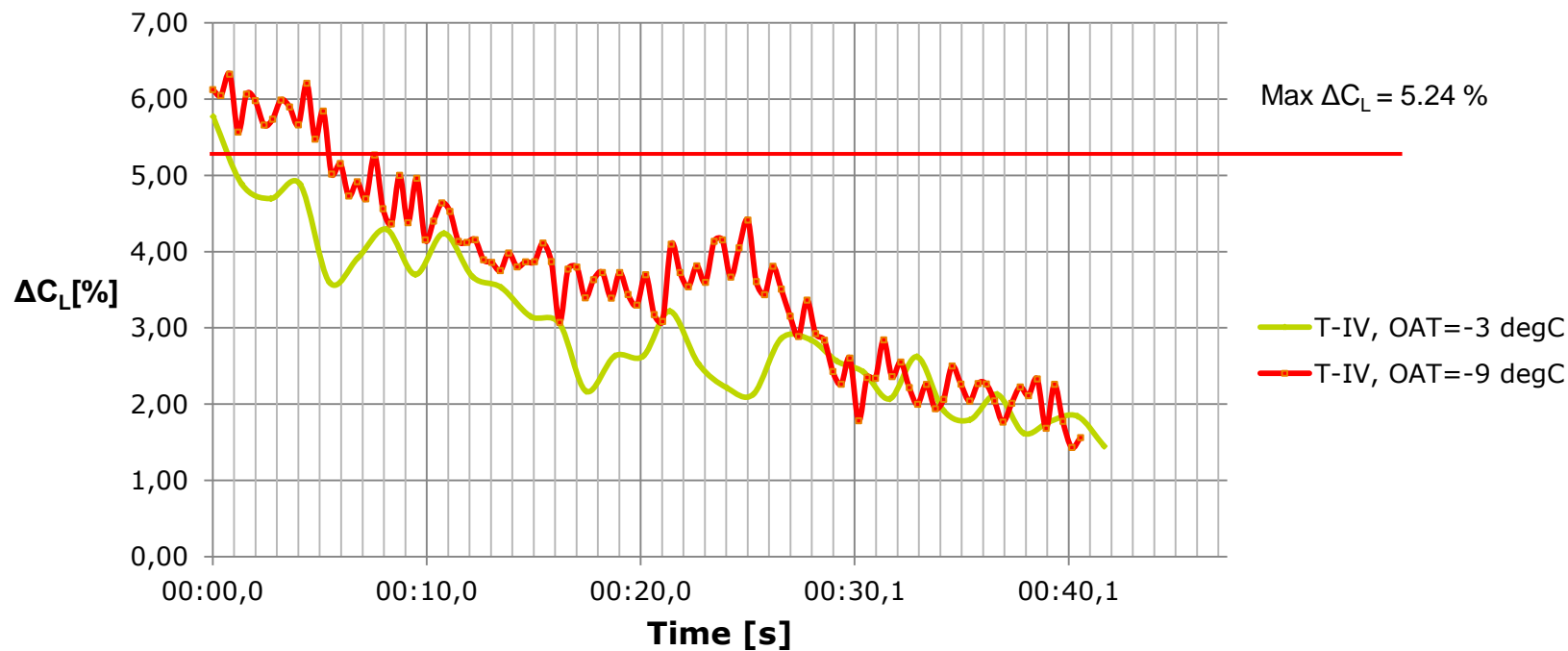
## Effect of diluting the anti-ice fluid with water



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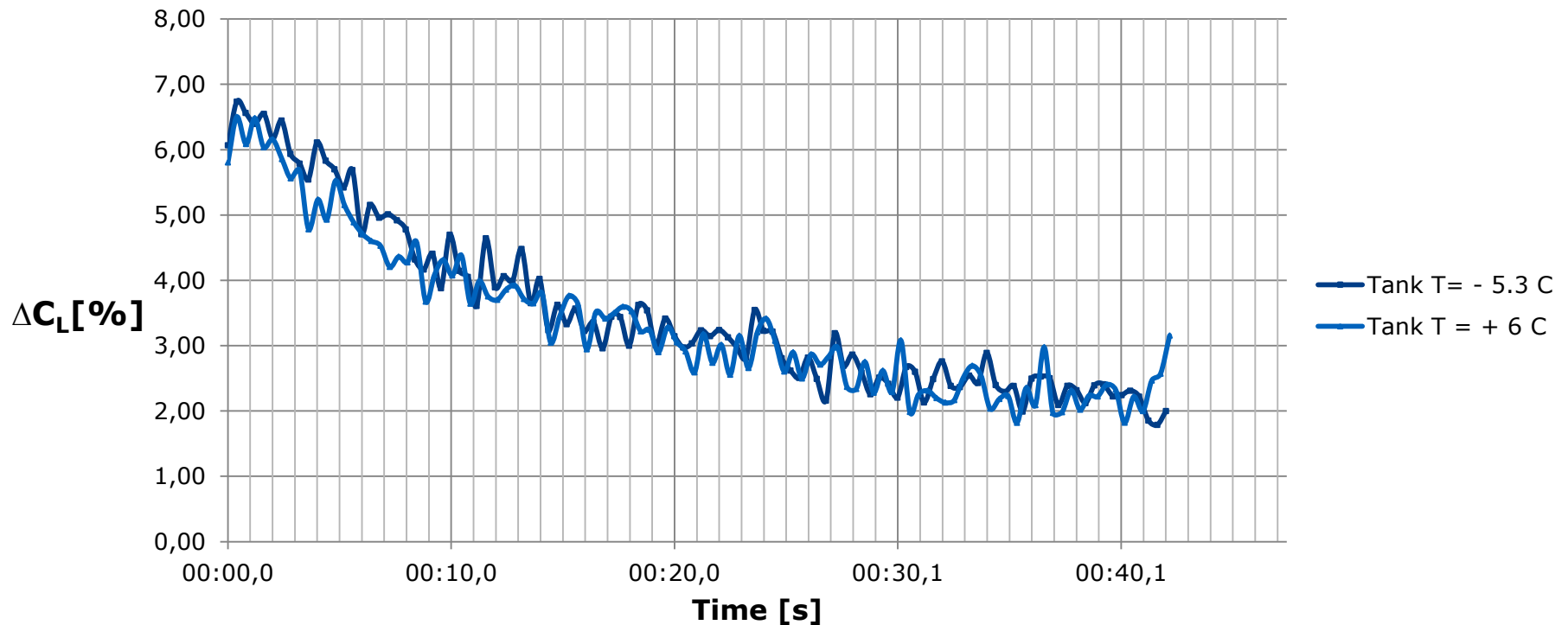


## Effect of temperature (OAT) on Type IV fluid



# Preliminary Results for Rotating Model TraFi

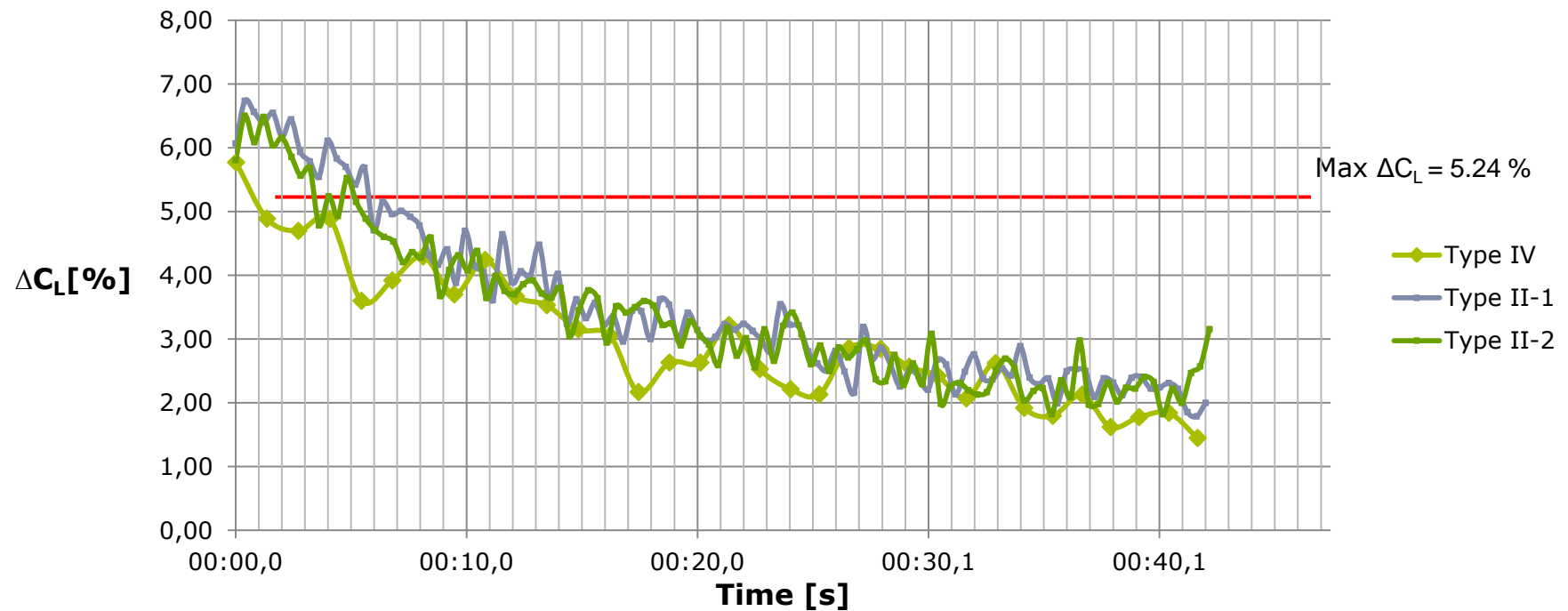
Effect of coolant tank temperature on Type IV fluid (OAT = 0°C)





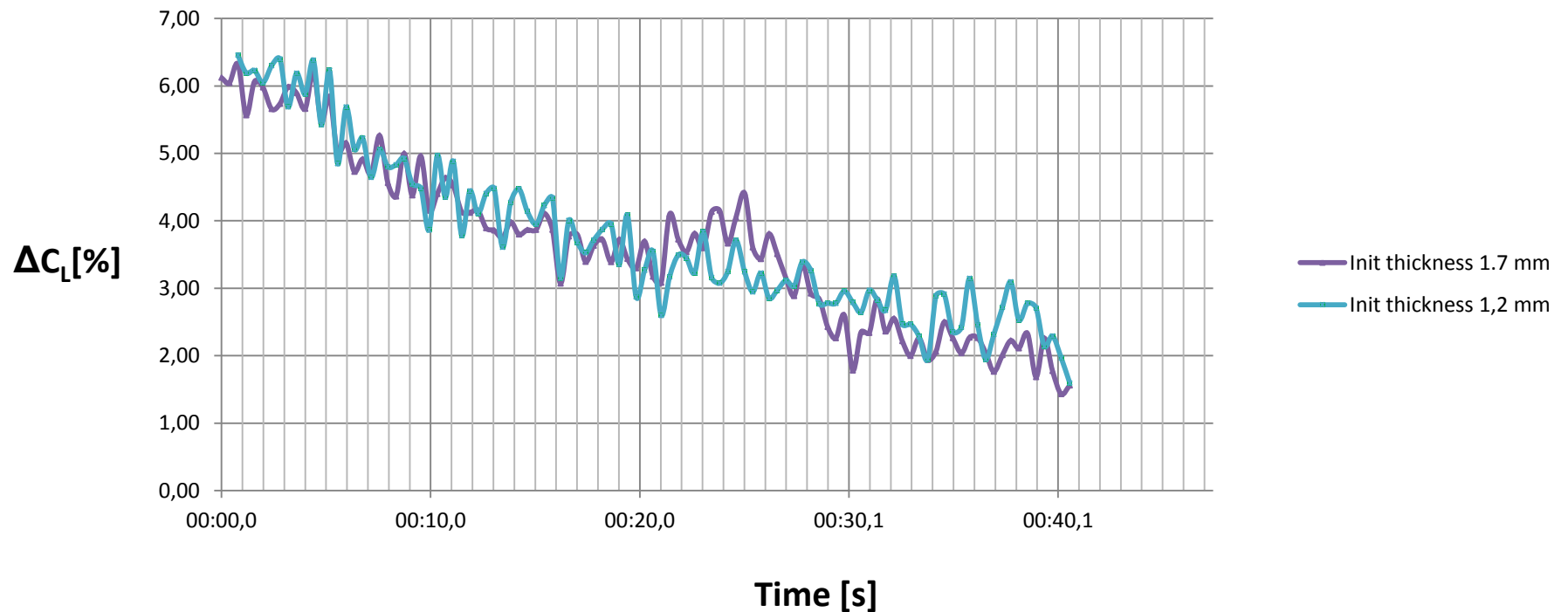
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## Comparison of Type II and IV fluids



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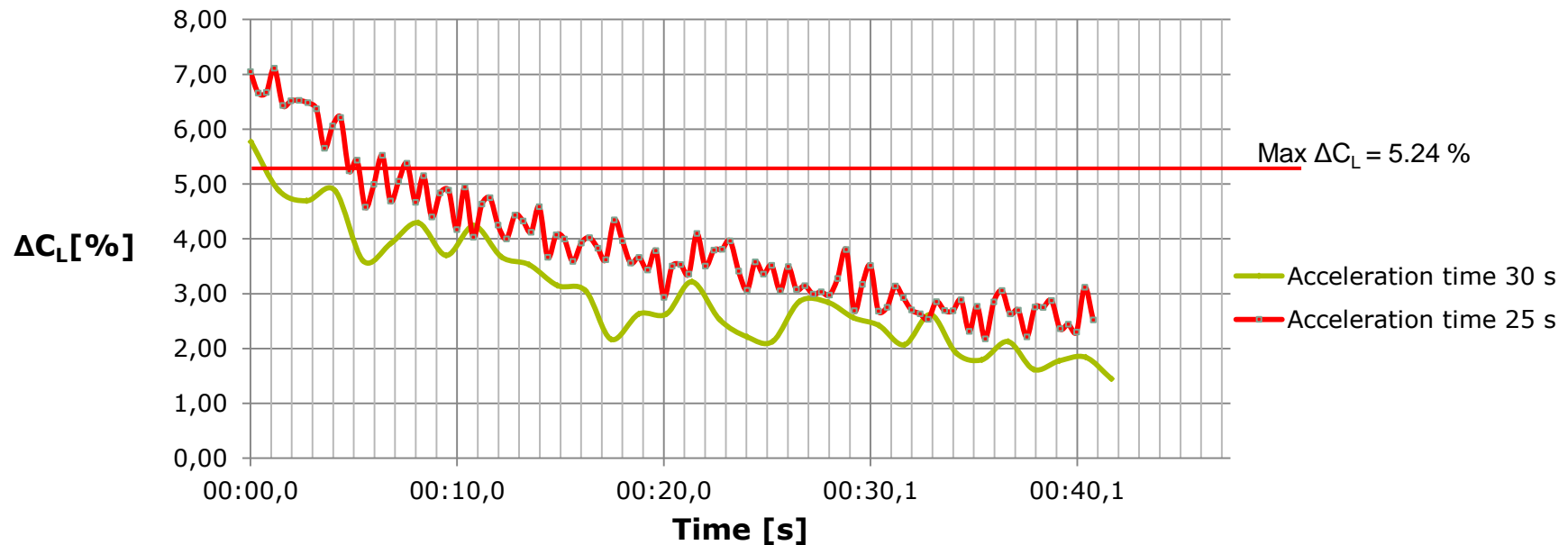
## Effect of fluid initial thickness on Type II fluid



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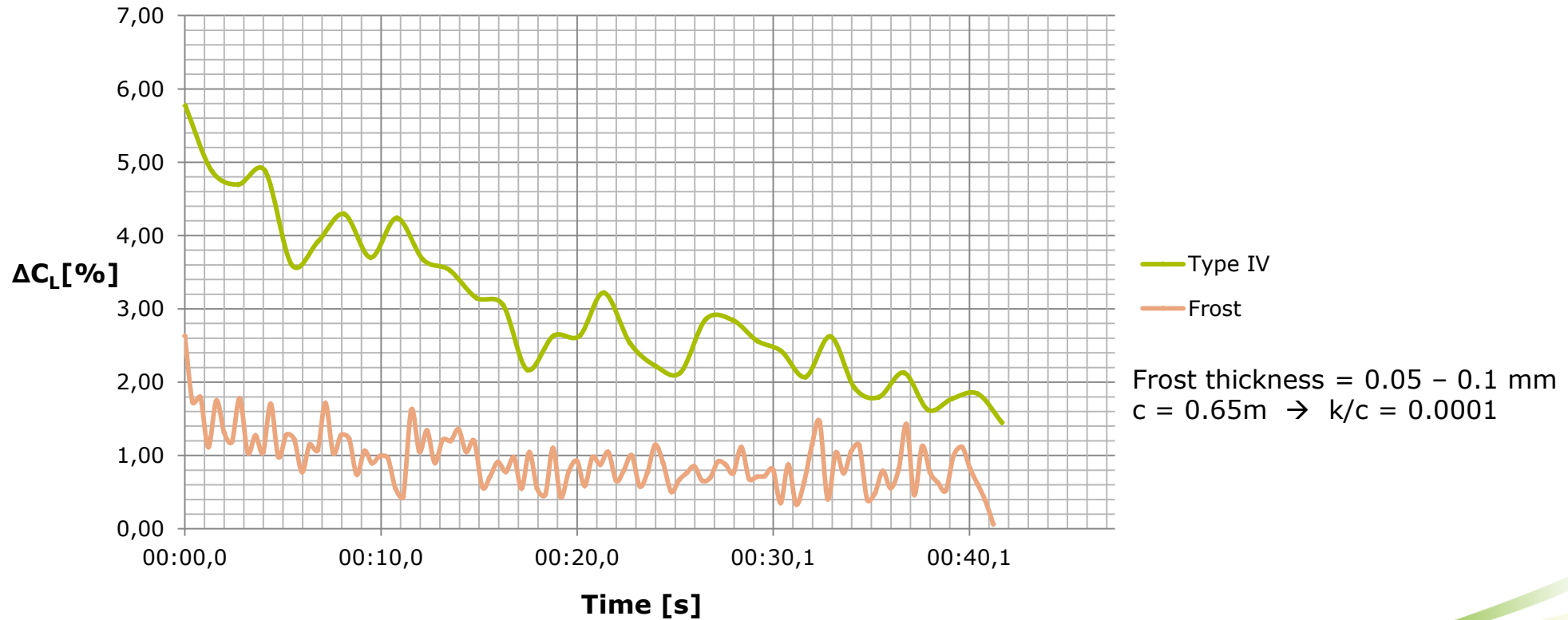
## Effect of acceleration time

100 % Type IV Fluid



# Preliminary Results for Rotating Model TraFi

Frost and Type IV fluid (average frost thickness around 0.07 mm)



# Future Plans

## Possible future issues of interest

- *Detrimental effects of thickened fluids on unpowered flight controls of low rotation speed aircrafts (ref. BAE ATP incidents)*
- *The effect of composite skin of future airliner wings on anti-ice fluid behaviour*
- *Further high speed taxi tests (with a real aircraft ?)*
- *Other ??*
- *Coordination with SAE, AEA and EASA*

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# Reasoning behind FPET-test

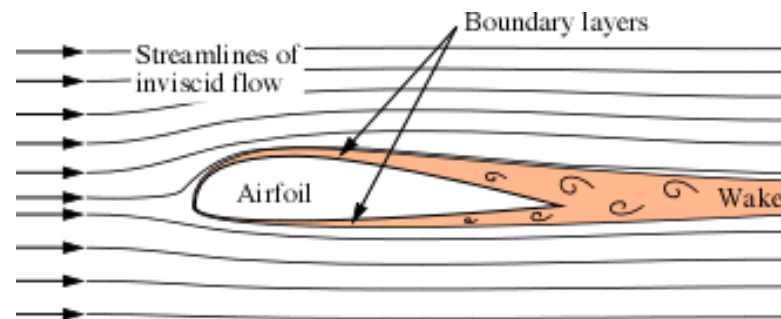
**Correlation chain**



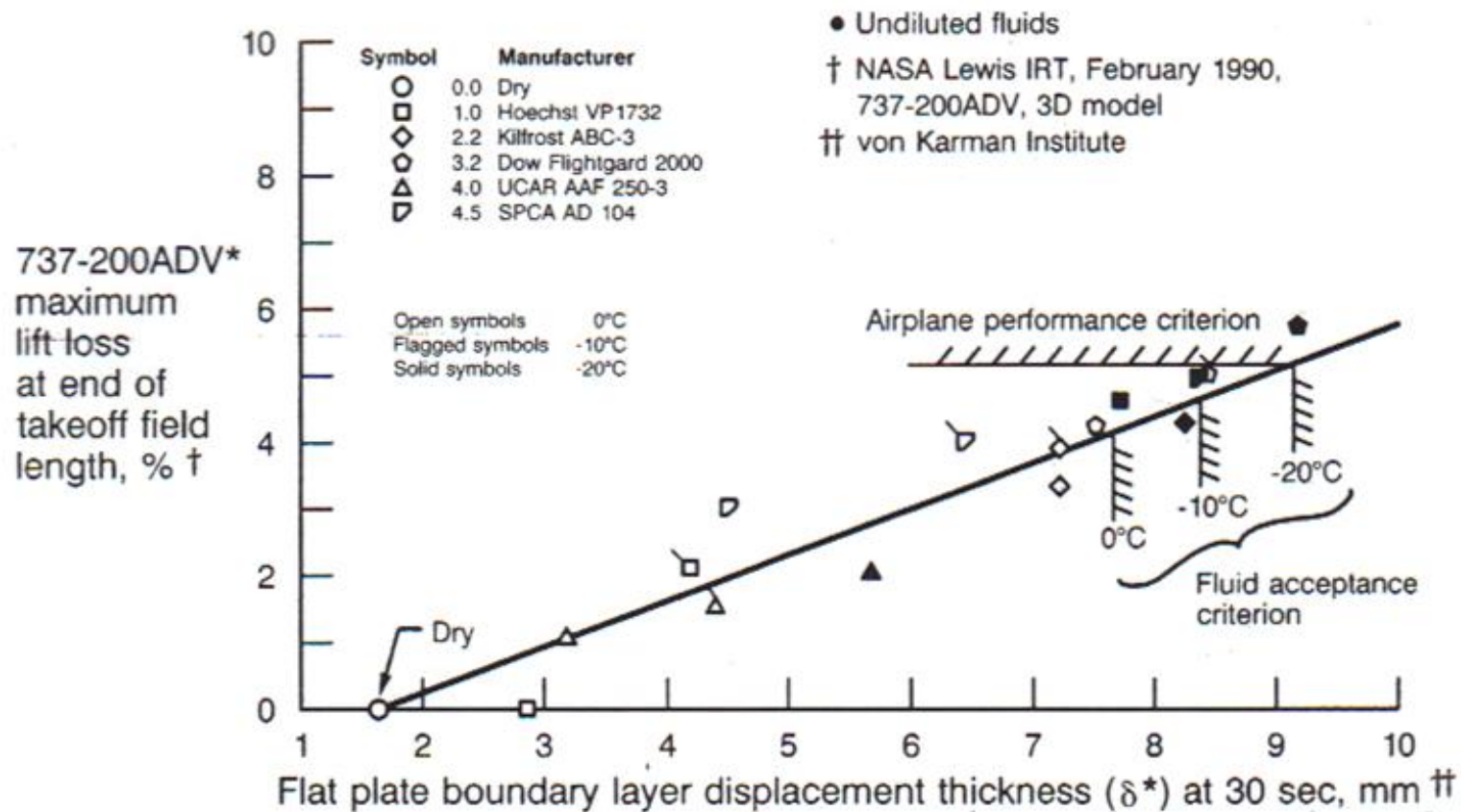
- *Flight test (B737) lift loss*
- *3 D wind tunnel test lift loss*
- *2D wind tunnel test lift loss*
- *2D wind tunnel wing model BLDT at trailing edge at  $\alpha = 8^\circ$*
- *BLDT on a flat plate*

*BLDT = Boundary Layer Displacement Thickness =  $\delta^*$*

$$\delta^* = \int_0^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{u(y)}{u_0} \right) dy$$



# Correlation between lift loss and FPET BLDT





# Flat Plate Elimination Test (FPET) arrangement

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