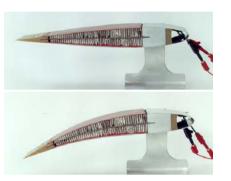
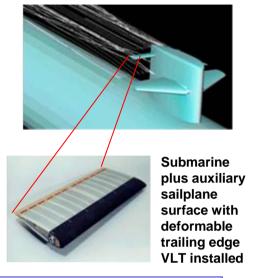
Shape Memory Alloy (SMA) Devices for Vortex Wake Control

SMA-actuated Vortex Leveraging Tabs (VLTs) are the heart of a novel scheme for accelerating submarine vortex wake breakup.

Model VLT showing large static deflection capability: undeflected (top) and deflected (bottom)

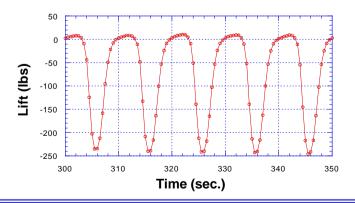




A 27" prototype foil was fabricated by Lockheed Martin for testing at full scale dynamic pressure in the NSWC Carderock 36" water tunnel.



Testing at up to 17 fps (300 psf dynamic pressure) yielded robust, repeatable, high-force cyclic deflection.



This proven SMA actuation technology is readily adaptable to a wide range of marine, fixed-wing, and rotary-wing applications in control surface shape control and flow tailoring.