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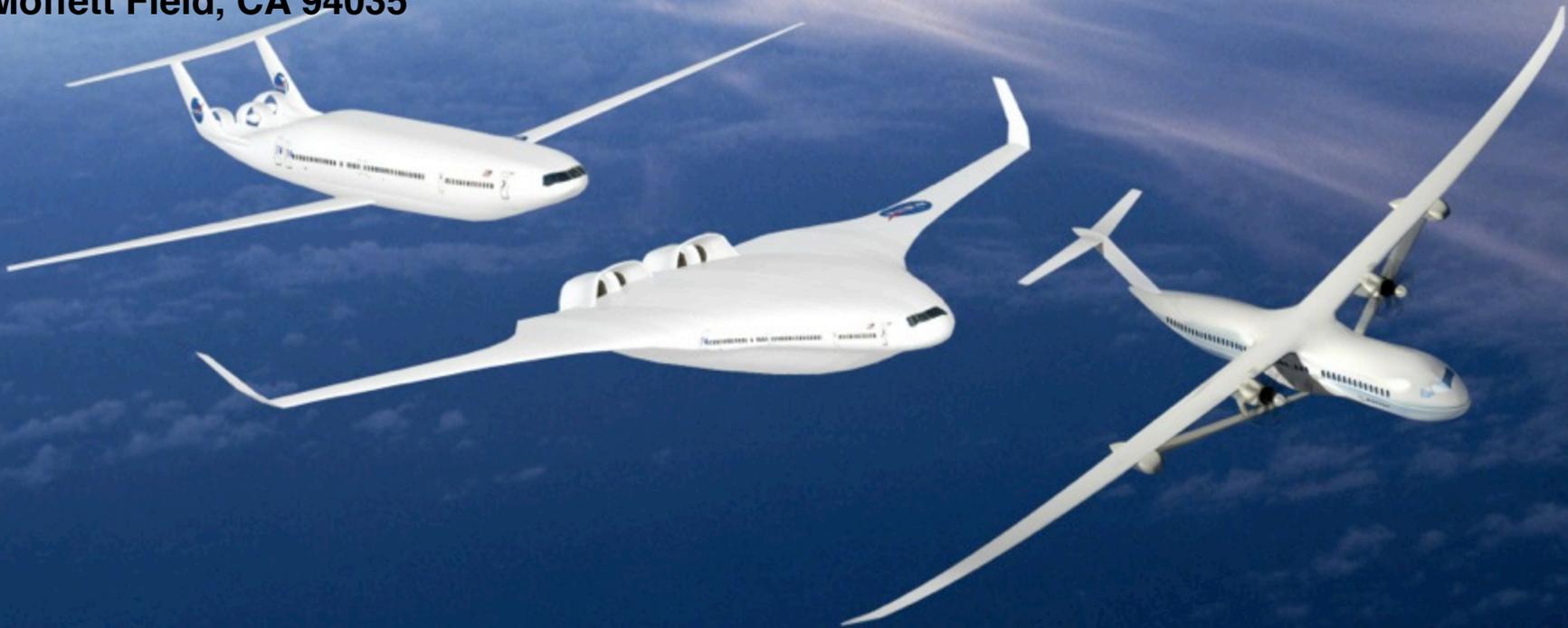


A Framework for Adaptive Aeroelastic Wing Shaping Control

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Adaptive Aeroelastic Shape Control

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- **Introduction**
- **Adaptive Aeroelastic Shape Control (AASC) Framework**
- **Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap (VCCTEF) Concept**
- **Overview of Aeroelasticity**
- **Summary**

The Need for Flexible Wing Shaping Control Technology



- **Current and future-generation aircraft wing technology is moving toward lightweight, flexible, high aspect ratio wing design**



- **Wing flexibility can adversely impact aircraft performance, structural integrity, stability and control**
 - Increased drag penalty at off-design
 - Increased gust and maneuver loads and reduced flutter margins
 - Ride and handling quality issues
- **Adaptive aeroelastic wing shaping control can potentially address these issues**

Adaptive Aeroelastic Wing Shaping Control – a Bio-Inspired Concept



- **Nature inspires**

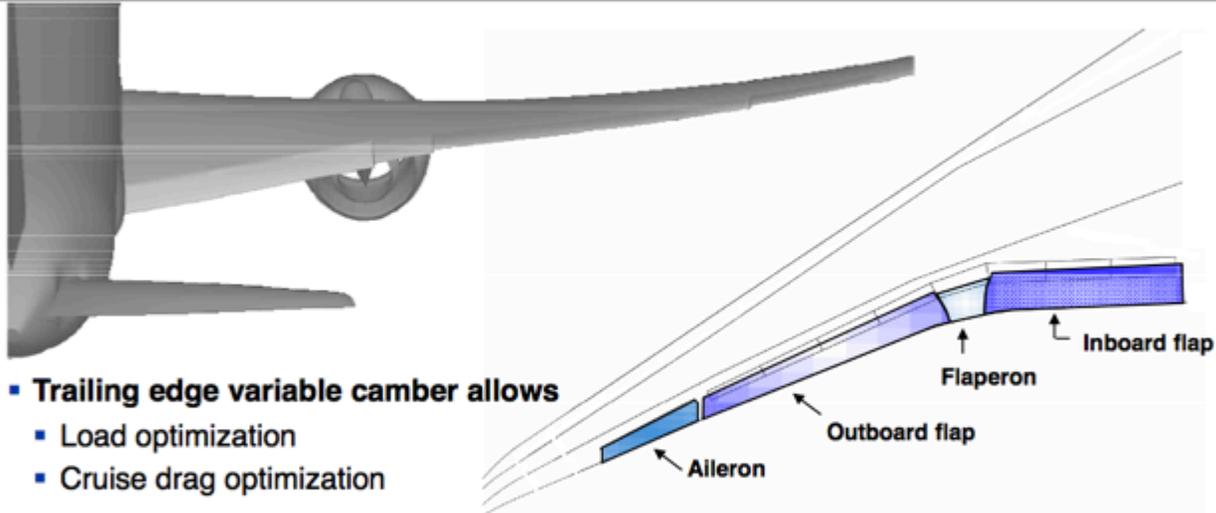
- **Man devises**

Wing Shaping Control in Modern Transports

- **Trailing Edge Variable Camber (TEVC) in Boeing 787**

Boeing trailing edge variable camber Committed to 787 in 2005

The next decade in commercial airplane aerodynamics – a Boeing perspective



- **Trailing edge variable camber allows**

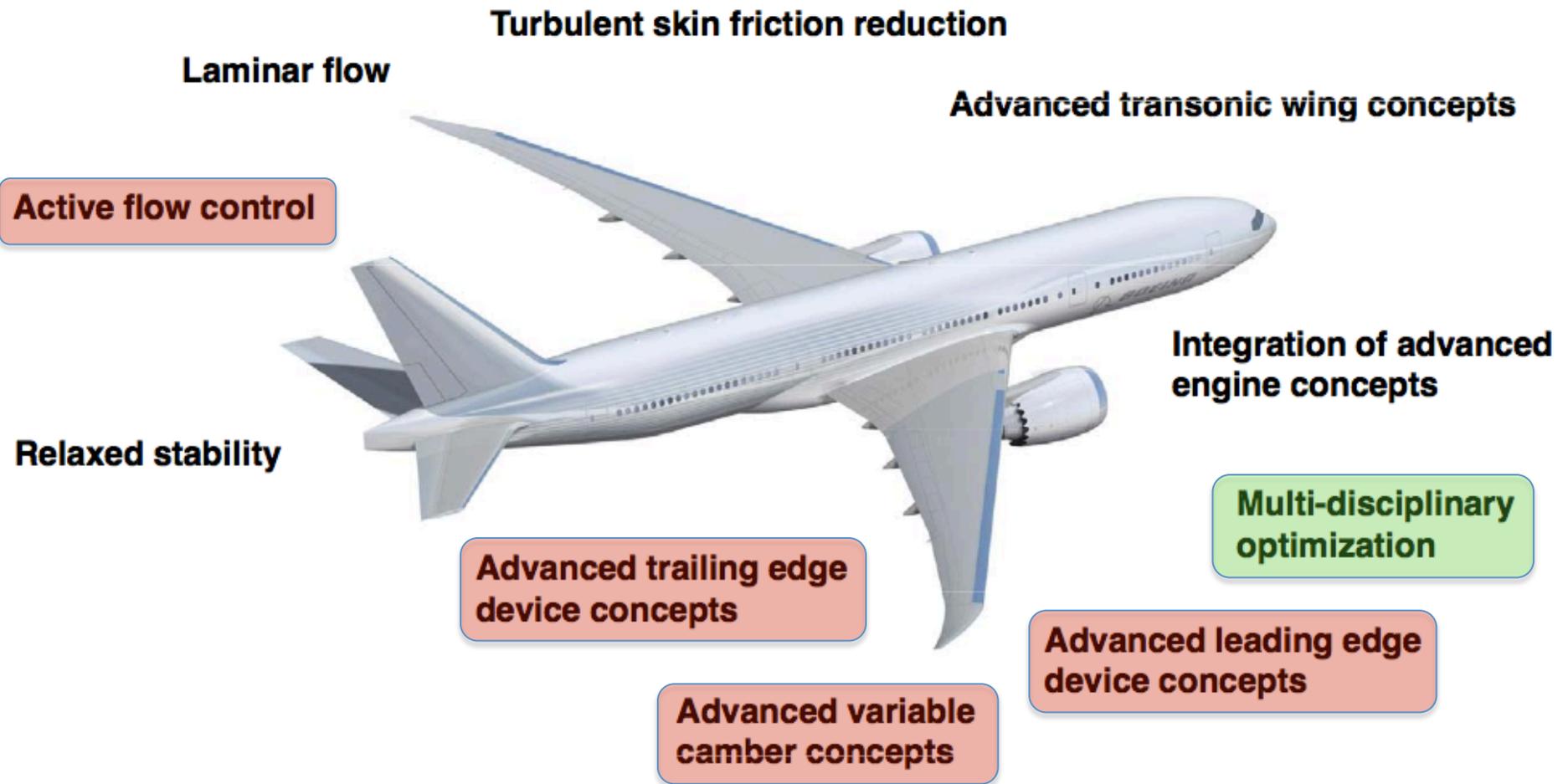
- Load optimization
- Cruise drag optimization

- **In cruise, trailing edge elements are adjusted at regular intervals to minimize drag**

- Simplified actuation system
- Small angle variations
- Up and down movements

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Future Wing Shaping Control Technologies

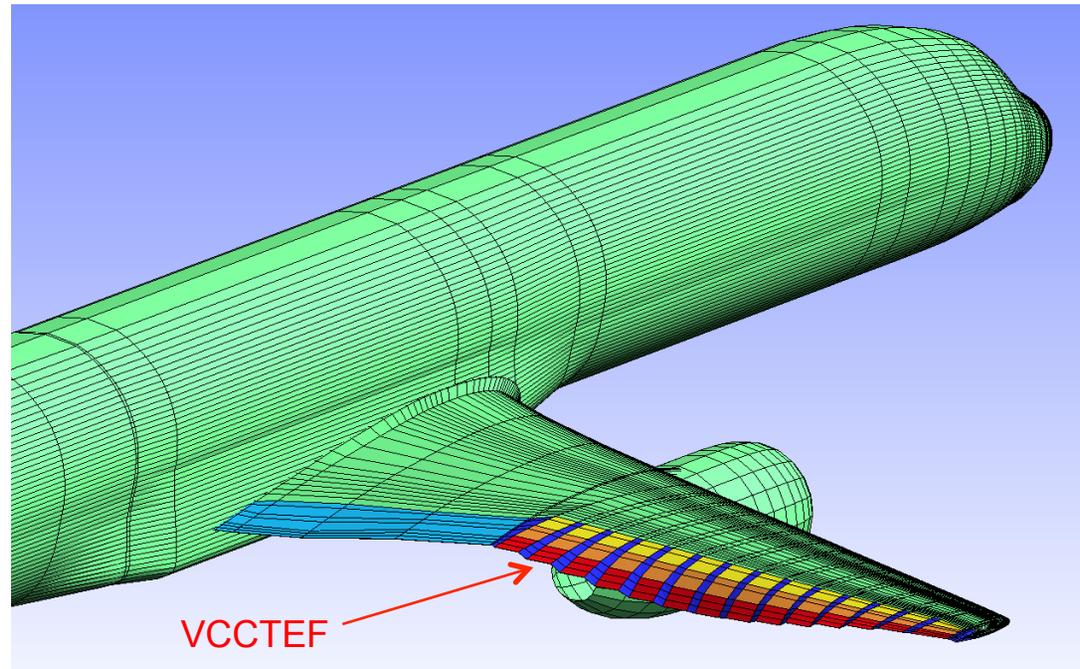


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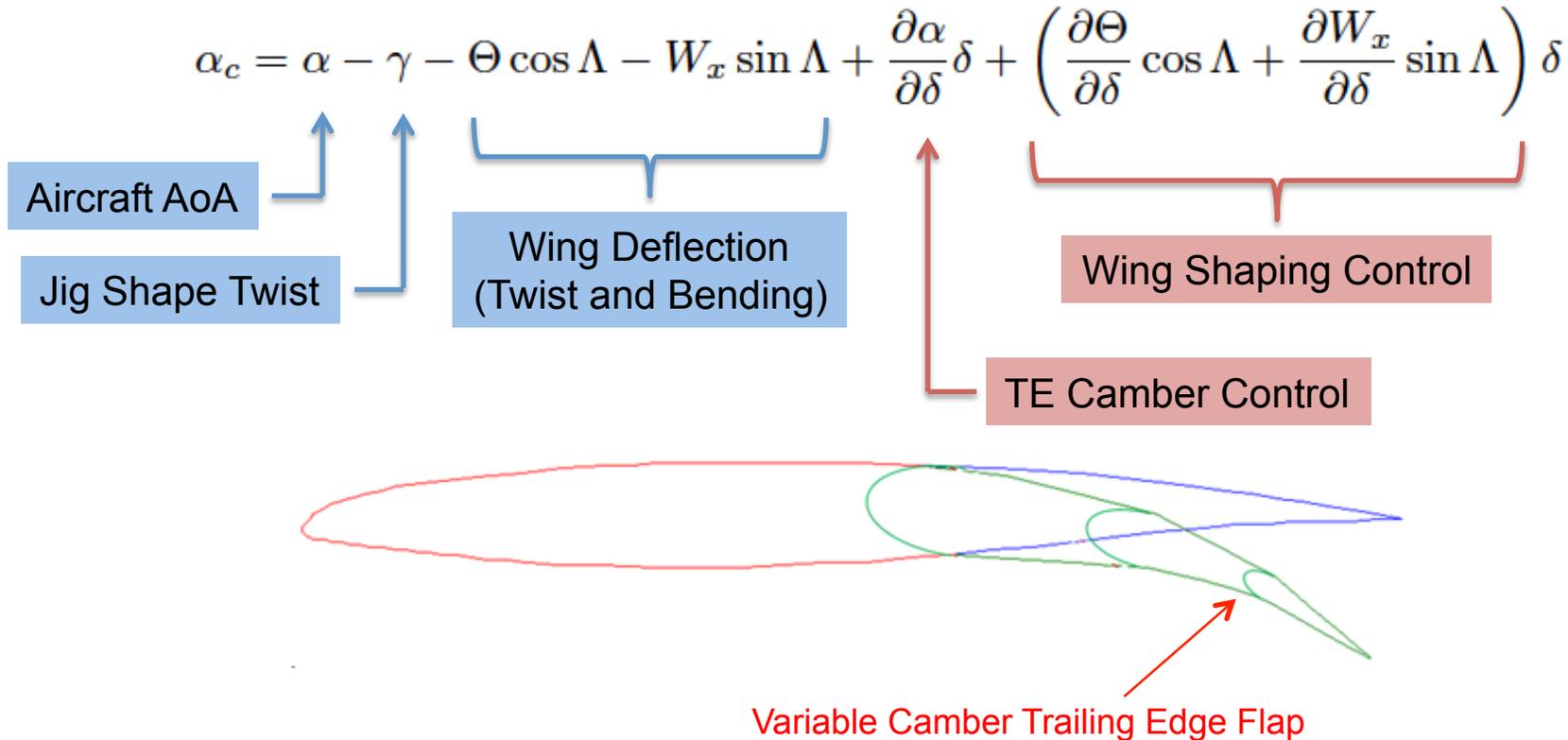
Adaptive Aeroelastic Shape Control

- **Adaptive Aeroelastic Shape Control (AASC)** is a research area under **Aerodynamic Efficiency** sub-project of **NASA ARMD Fixed Wing** project
- **Research objective** – Develop wing shaping control technology for flexible wing N+3 transport aircraft for improved aerodynamic efficiency
- **Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap (VCCTEF)**



Wing Shaping Control

- Section angle of attack



- Span load can be optimized throughout flight envelope by combined camber control and wing shaping control – mission adaptive wing
 - Camber control – wing morphing applicable to stiff and flexible wings
 - Aeroelastic wing shaping control – leveraging wing flexibility to change wash-out twist

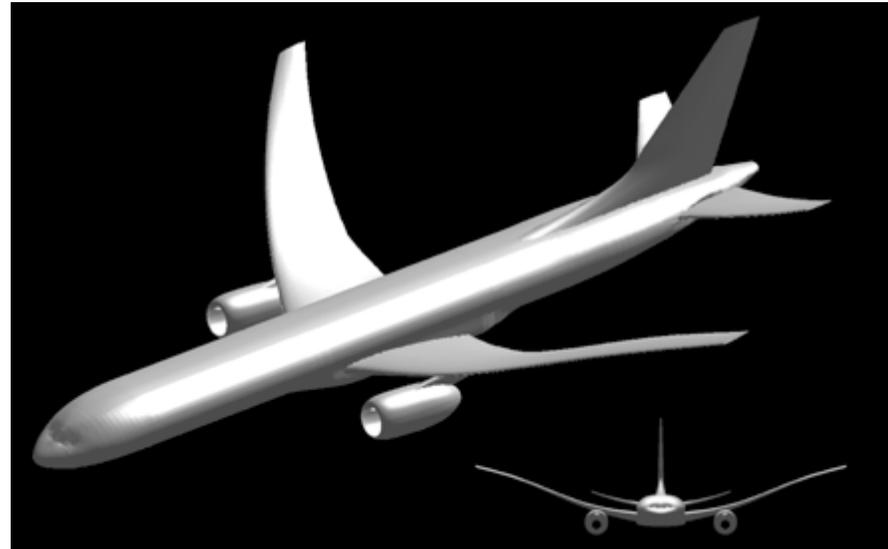
Adaptive Aeroelastic Shape Control Framework



- **MDAO framework for evaluation of future advanced adaptive wing technology concepts**

Multi-Fidelity Modeling

- Multi-fidelity aero modeling (Cart3D, OVERFLOW, Panair, Vorview)
- Aeroelastic FEM (in-house FEM, NASTRAN)
- Capabilities to couple aeroelastic FEM with aero codes (Cart3D, Panair, Vorview)
- Flutter analysis



Multi-Disciplinary Optimization

- Aerodynamic optimization for drag reduction (Cart3D, OVERFLOW, Panair, Vorview)
- Multidisciplinary optimization with coupled aeroelasticity (Cart3D, OVERFLOW, Panair, Vorview)

Flight Dynamics

- Dynamics of control actuation
- Dynamic aeroelastic FEM coupled with 6-dof rigid-body flight dynamics

Aeroservoelastic Control

- Aeroservoelastic control (flutter suppression, load alleviation)
- Multi-objective flight dynamics to take advantage of multiple distributed flap system

Control Actuation

- VCCTEF
- Distributed propulsion
- Others (distributed control, active flow control, etc...)

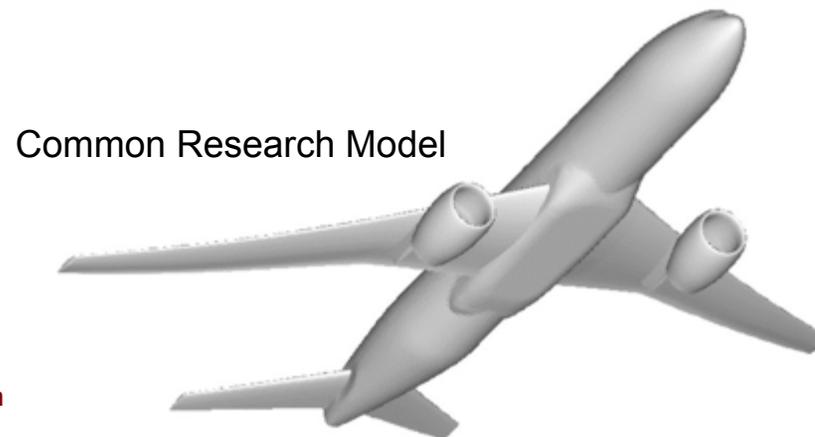
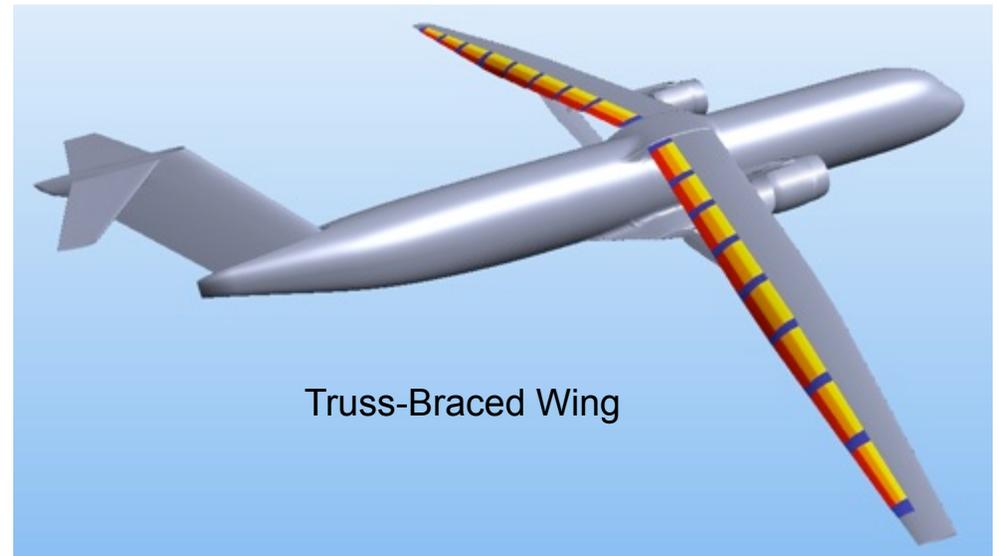
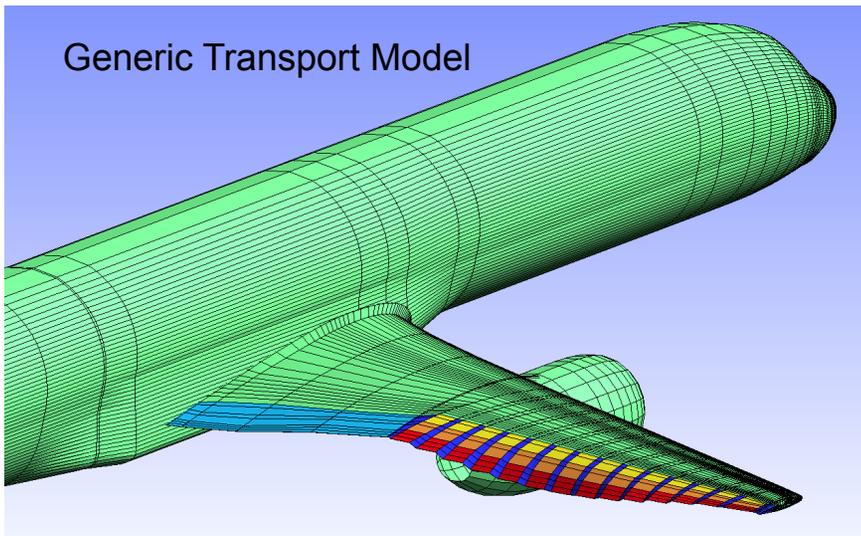
Performance Analysis

- Trajectory optimization to minimize fuel burn
- Mission analysis to quantify fuel efficiency

Platforms



- Older-generation transport, Generic Transport Model (GTM), 2012 – 2015
- N+3 transport, Truss-Braced Wing (TBW), 2014 – 2017 (notional)
- Modern transport, Common Research Model (CRM), TBD



VCCTEF Development



- **Development of VCCTEF system concept by NASA and Boeing Research & Technology**

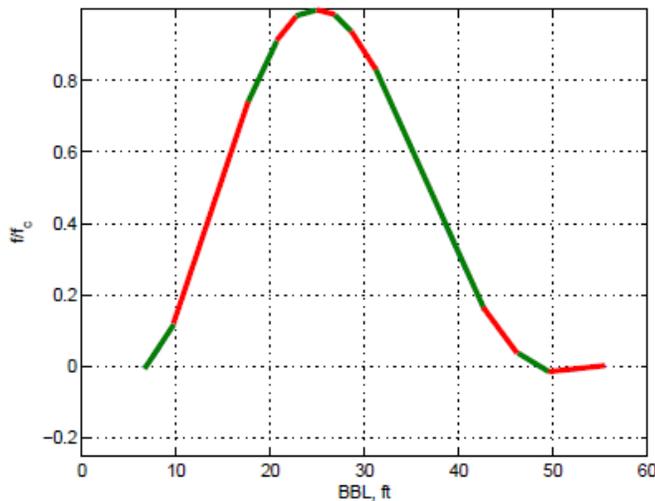
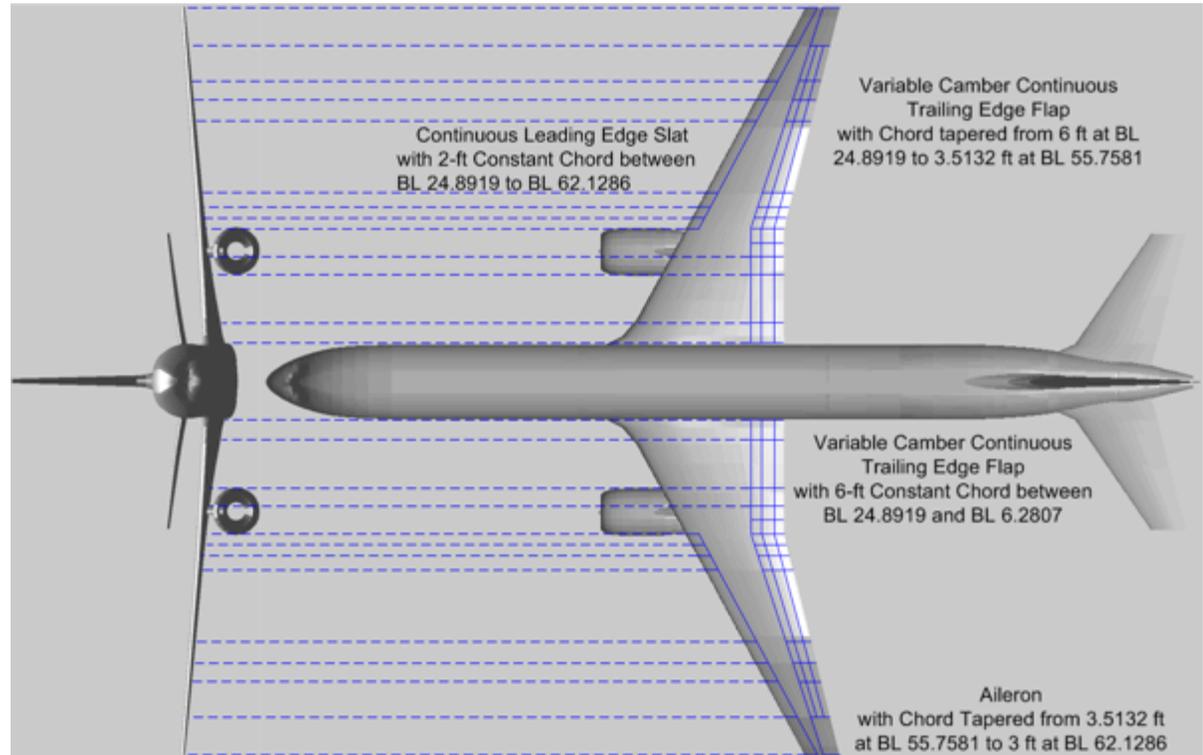
FY 2010	Initial concept funded by NASA Innovative Partnership Program (IPP)
FY 2011	NASA in-house investigation
FY 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BR&T VCCTEF installation layout and SMA / EMA actuation• NASA and BR&T aeroelastic analysis of stiff wing Generic Transport Model (GTM)• Flight control requirements
FY 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA and BR&T aeroelastic analysis of flexible wing GTM• NASA and BR&T aeroservoelastic state-space modeling• Wind tunnel test of cruise configuration at University of Washington Aeronautical Laboratory (UWAL)
FY 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA and BR&T aeroelastic flutter suppression• NASA and BR&T design trade study of VCCTEF• UWAL wind tunnel test of high-lift configuration

NASA VCCTEF Development



- Initial NASA concept developed in 2010

- Elastic wing shapes
- Wing shaping control
- VCCTEF
- Continuous LE slat



Continuous Flap Deflection



Boeing VCCTEF Development

- Boeing Research & Technology concept developed in 2012

FINAL 54 INCH EQUAL CHORD FLAP SECTIONS:

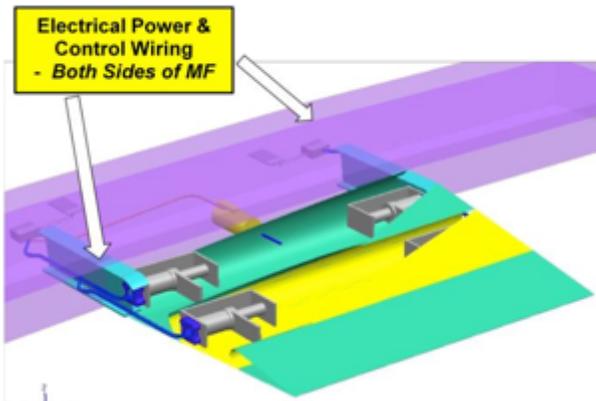
- TWIST SECTIONS WITH 8" SKIN SEPARATOR SECTIONS
- MAIN FLAP - 3 SECTIONS 75" WIDTH – NO TWIST

75 Inch Main Flap Actuation Panel Includes –

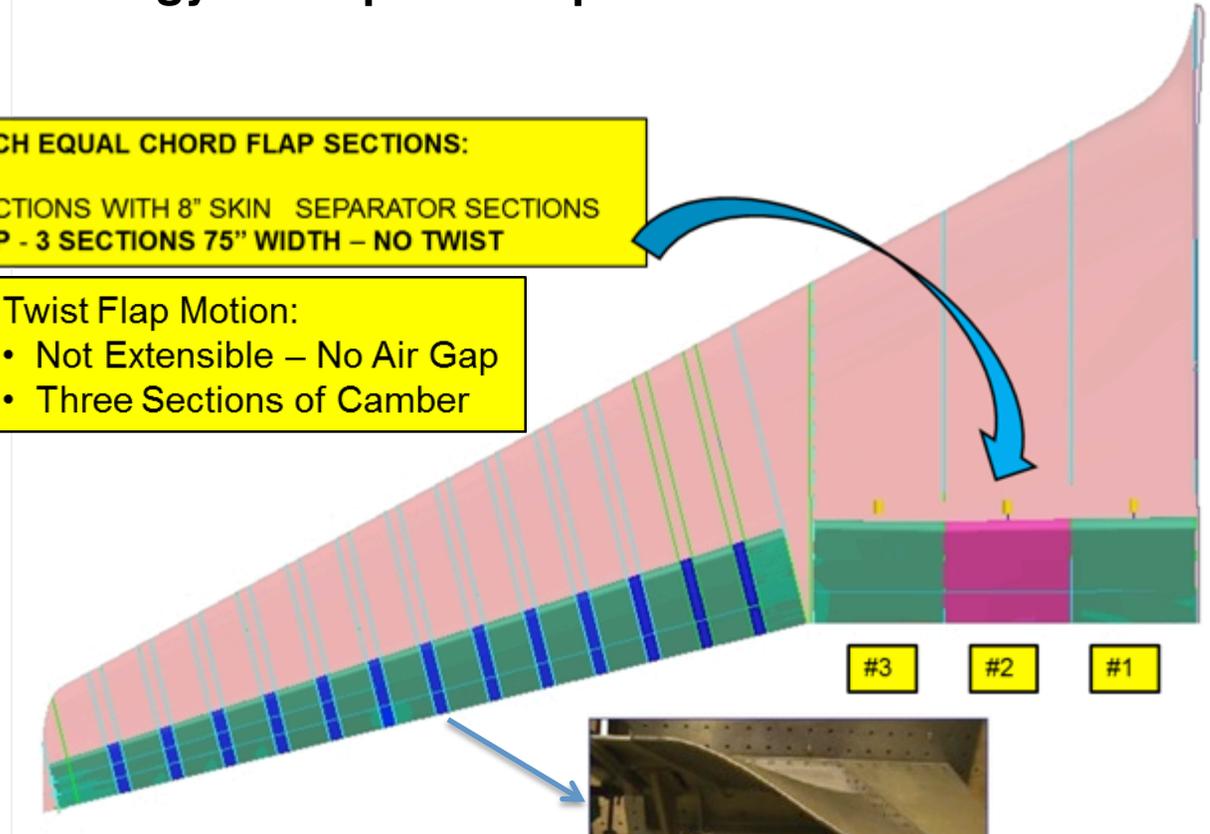
- *Linear Extend Actuator* (1-2)
- *Shaped Memory Alloy Actuators* (4)
- *Elector-Mechanical Actuators* (2)

Twist Flap Motion:

- Not Extensible – No Air Gap
- Three Sections of Camber

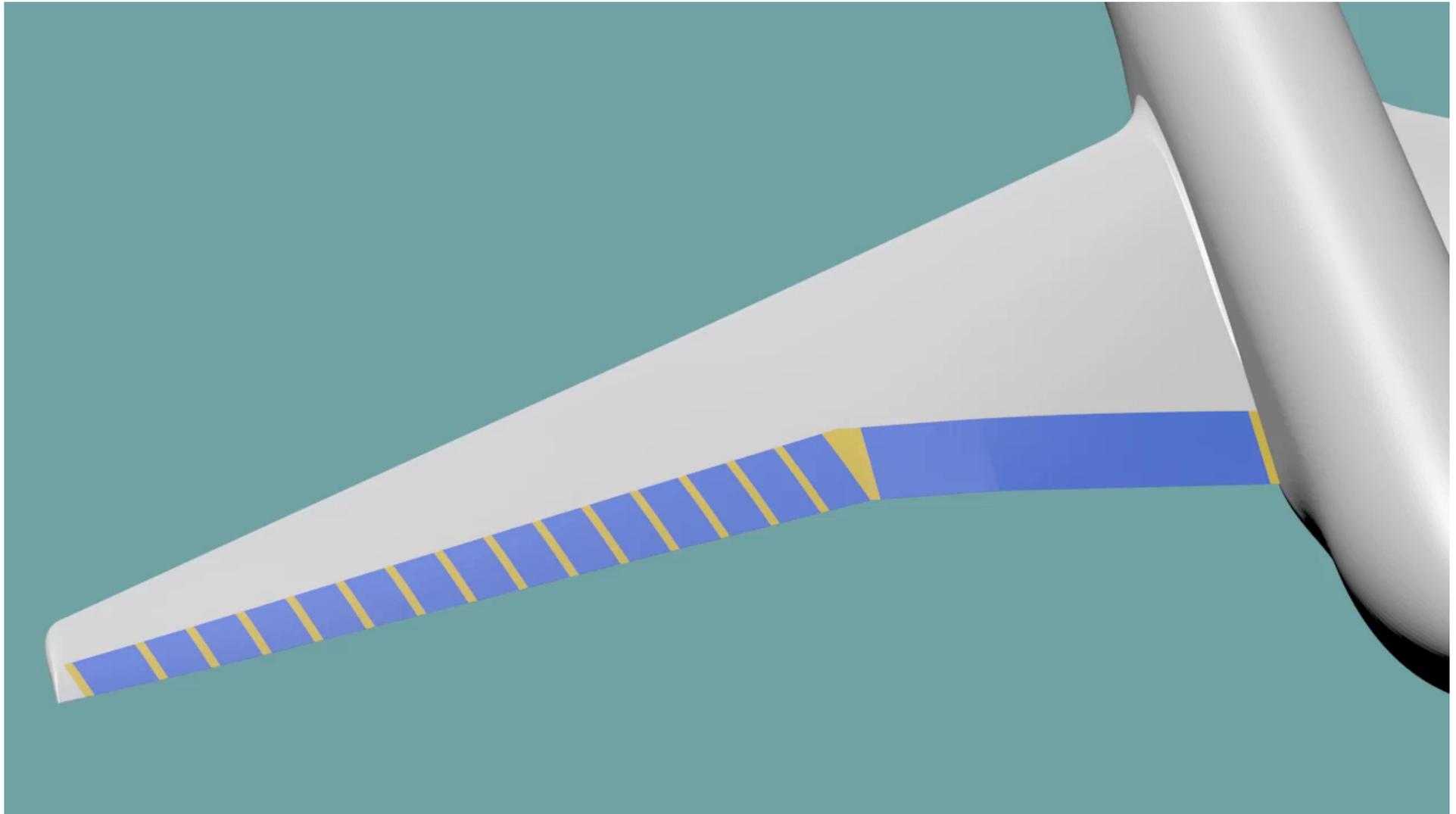


SMA and EMA Hinge Line Actuation



Conformal Mold Line Material

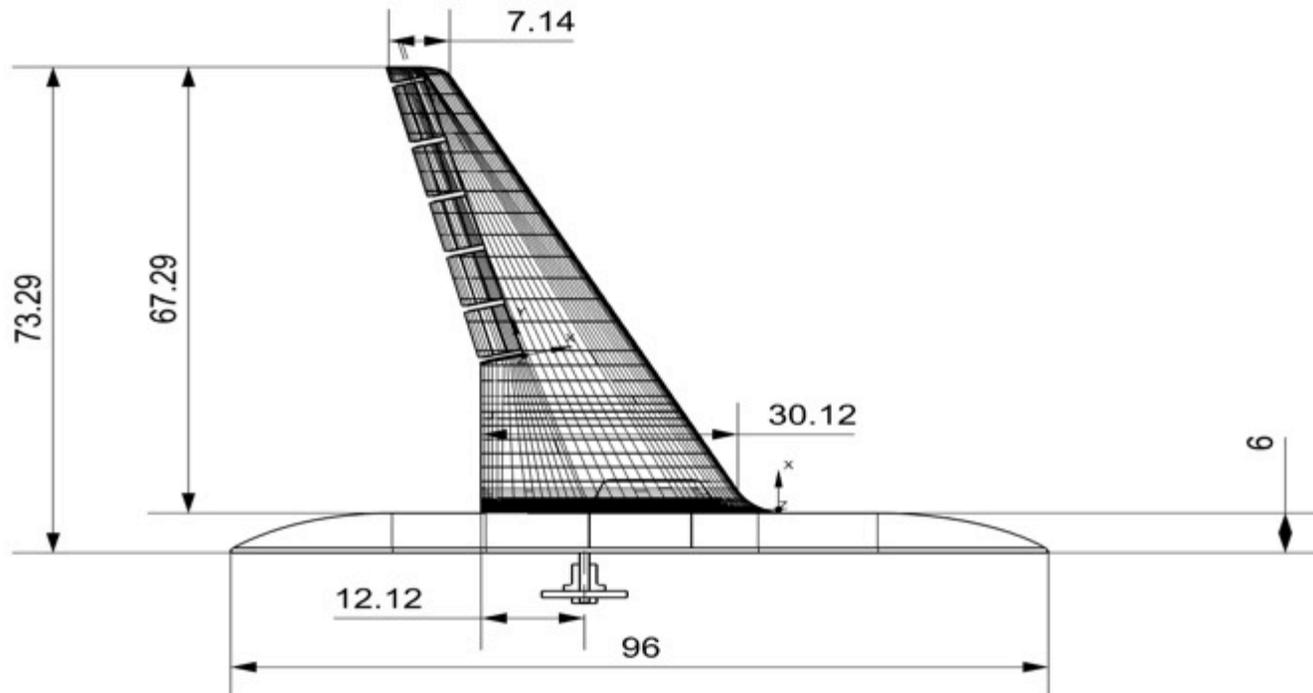
VCCTEF Development





Wind Tunnel Test

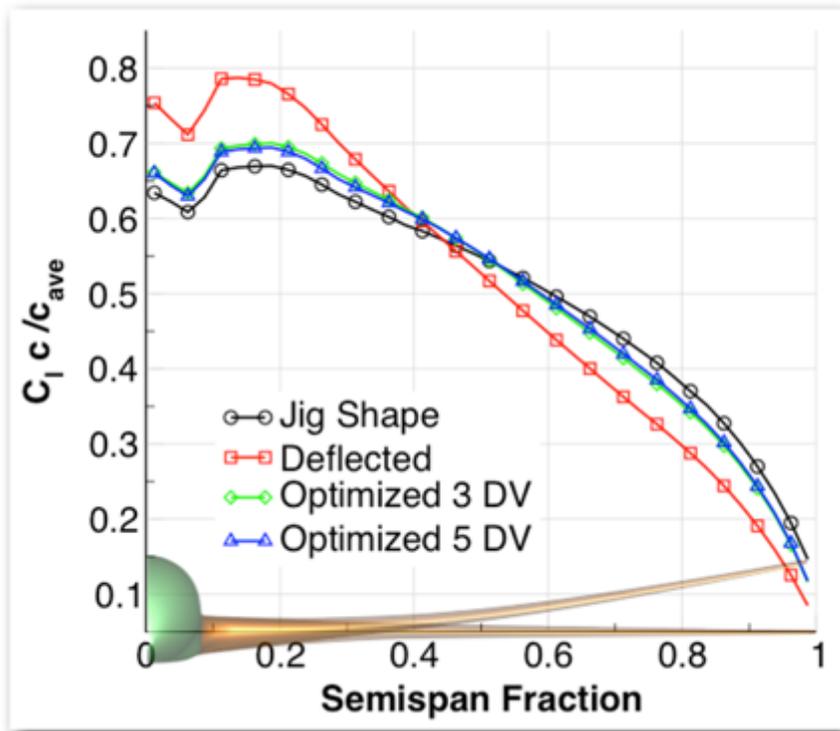
- Wind tunnel test was conducted in University of Washington Aeronautical Laboratory (UWAL) in August 2013
- Flexible wing model of 10% scale of full-scale B757 wing with 5 spanwise VCCTEF flap segments
- Wing stiffness tailored to achieve 10% wing tip deflection (similar to B787)





Jig Shape Twist Optimization

- Wind tunnel model has original B757 jig shape twist which is non-optimal for two-fold increase in flexibility
- Twist optimization conducted by Cart3D, but optimized twist was not incorporated in final construction



Configuration	C_D (counts)	Angle of Attack
Jig-Shape	112.2	2.844
Deflected	126.5	4.585
Optimized - 3 DV	116.1	2.887
Optimized - 5 DV	115.5	2.918

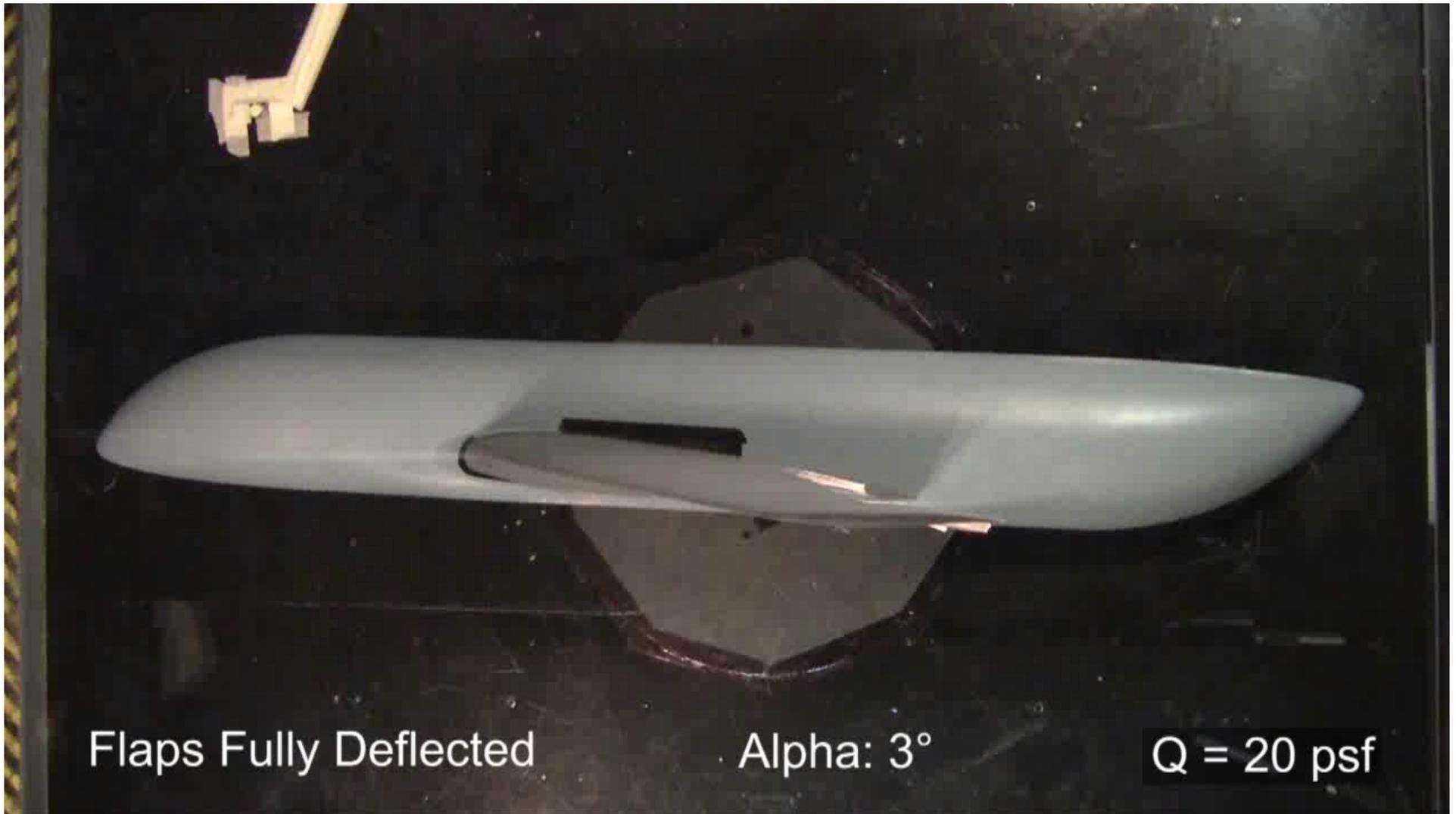
Optimized twist recovers 11 drag counts vs. 14 drag counts for non-optimal twist

UWAL Test of Cruise Configuration

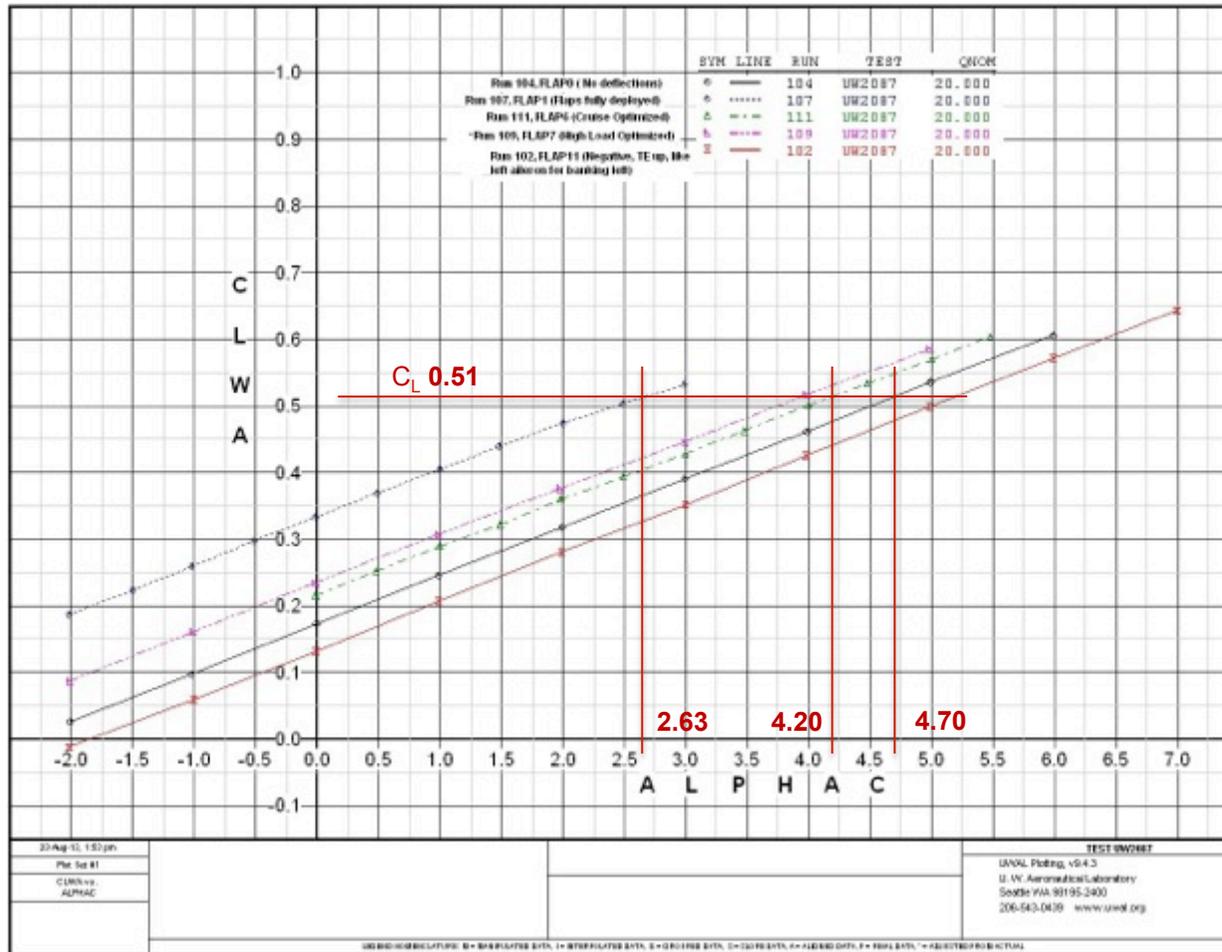


Figure 5: VCCTEF wind tunnel model installed in UWAL test section

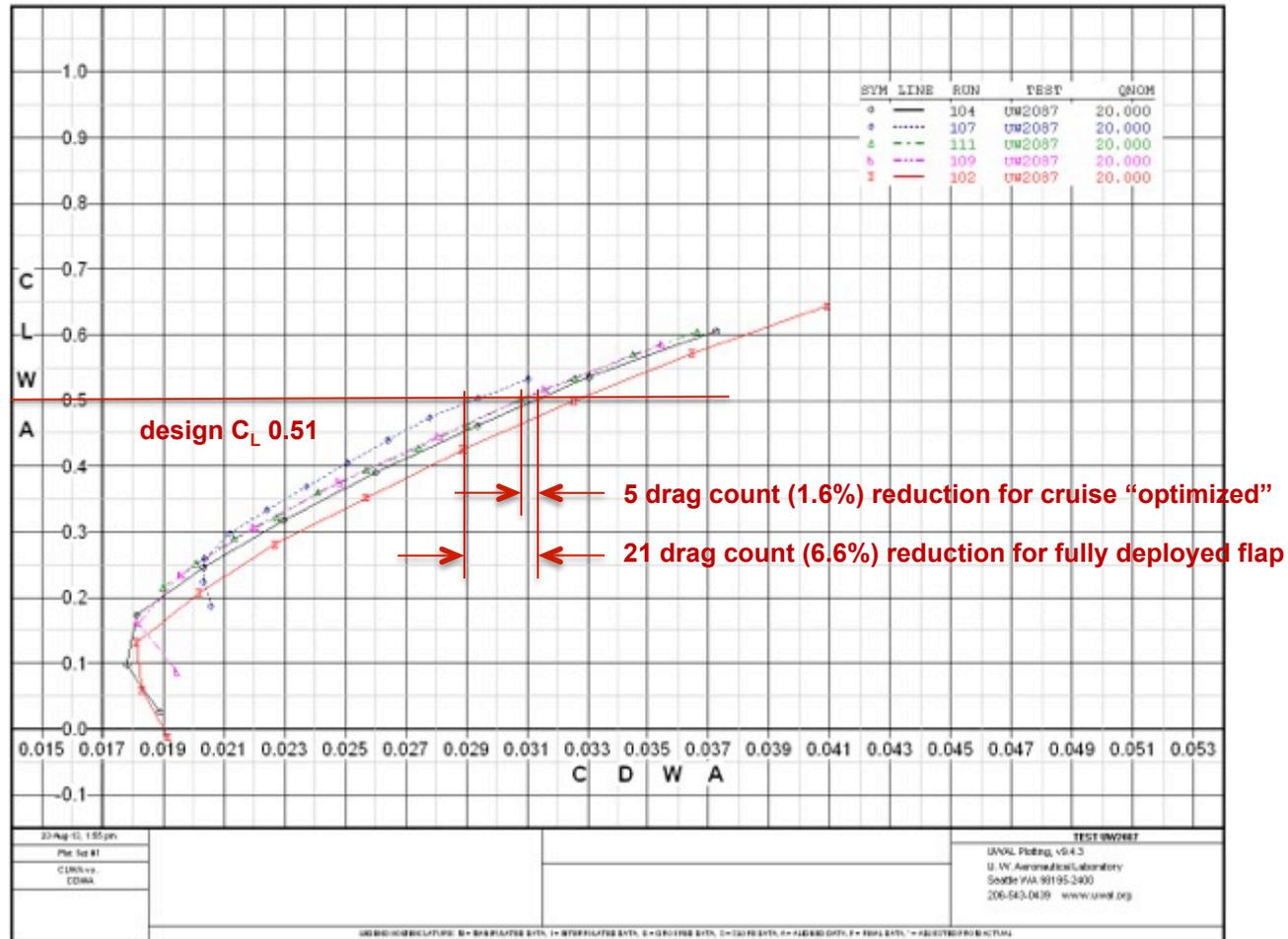
UWAL Test of Cruise Configuration



UWAL Wind Tunnel Test – Lift Curve



UWAL Wind Tunnel Test – Drag Polar

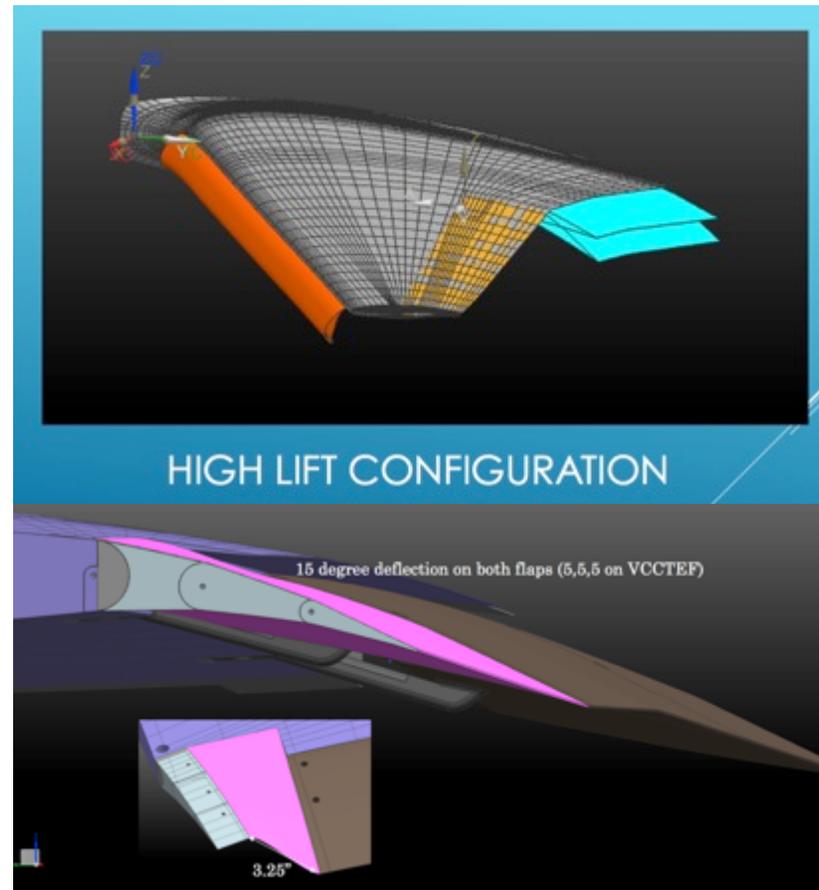


- The fully deployed configuration effectively re-optimizes span load to correct for non-optimal jig shape twist



High-Lift Wind Tunnel Test Plan

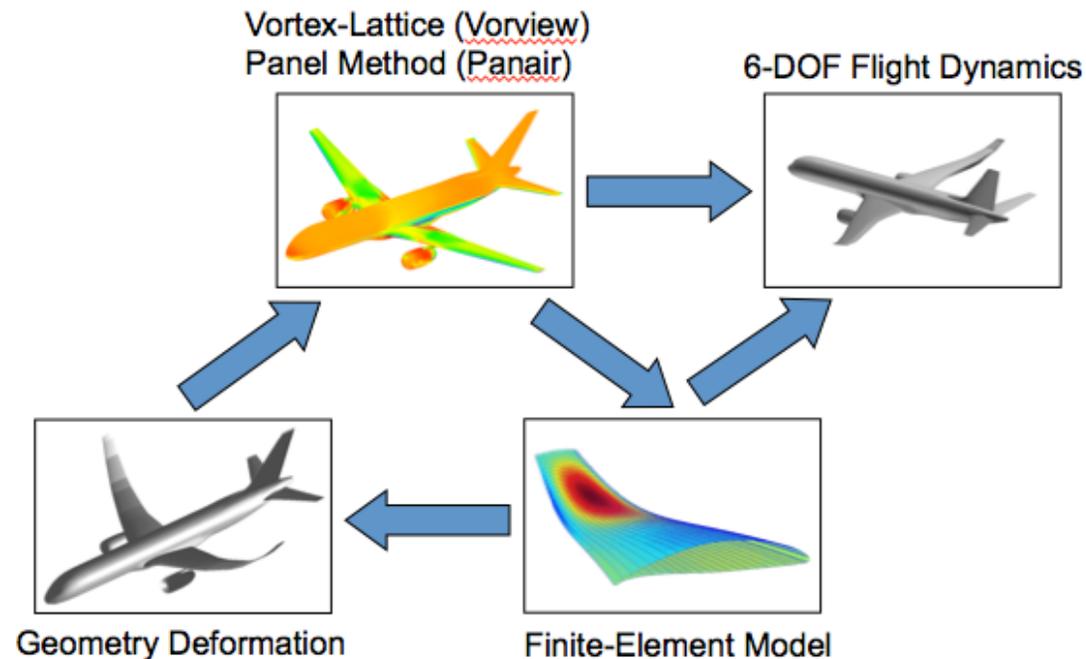
- Inboard slotted flap with fowler motion and variable camber Krueger (VCK) leading edge device
- Test scheduled to take place in June 2014



Aeroelasticity



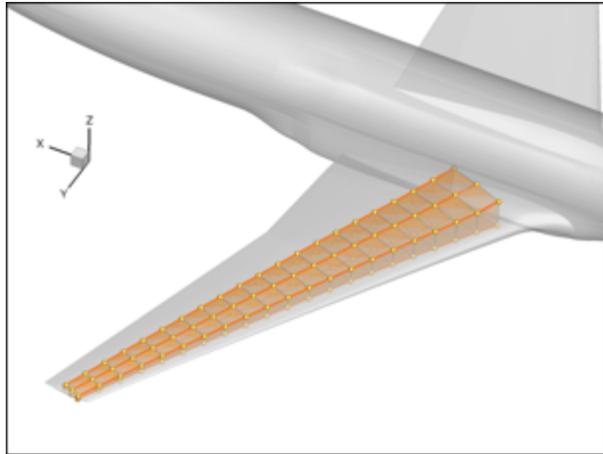
- **Multi-fidelity aeroelastic modeling capabilities enable aerodynamic performance prediction and stability and control of flexible wing transports**
- **Coupled FEM with potential flow solvers**
 - Static aeroelasticity
 - Dynamic aeroelasticity and flutter analysis
 - Coupled 6-dof flight dynamics



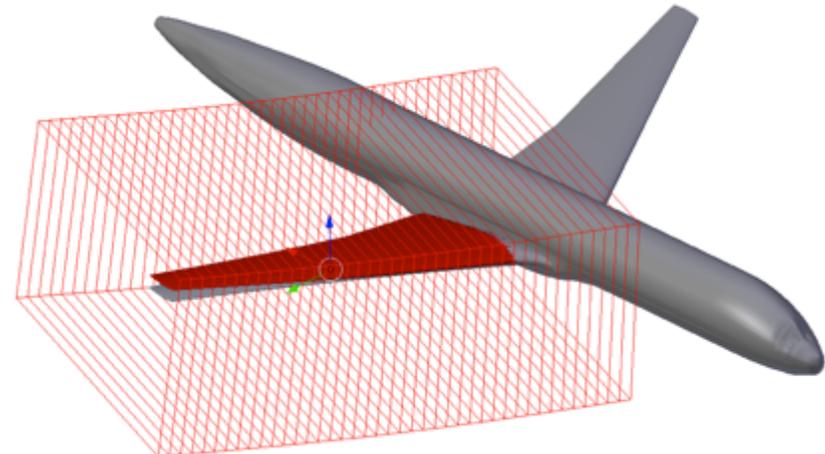
Static Aeroelasticity



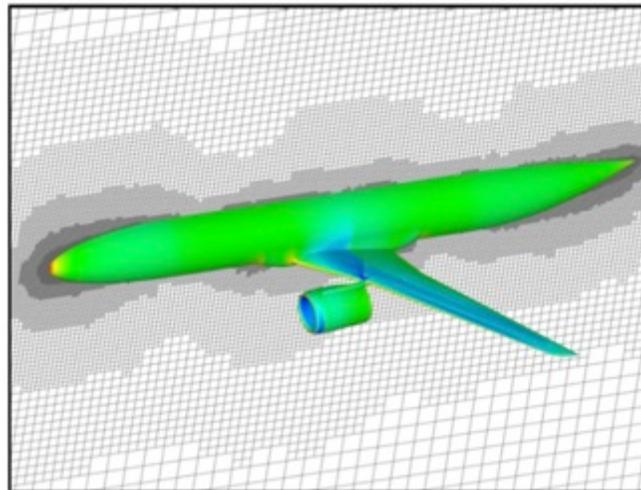
- **Static aeroelasticity by Cart3D CFD coupled with structural analysis code using Blender**



Structural Analysis Model



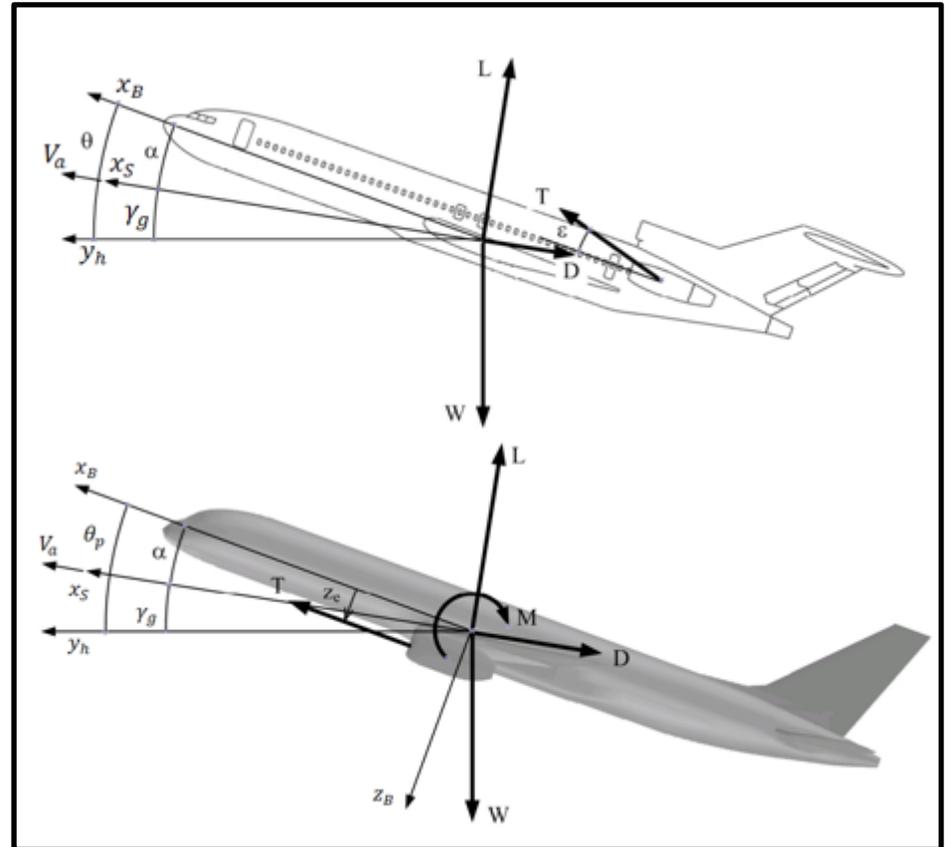
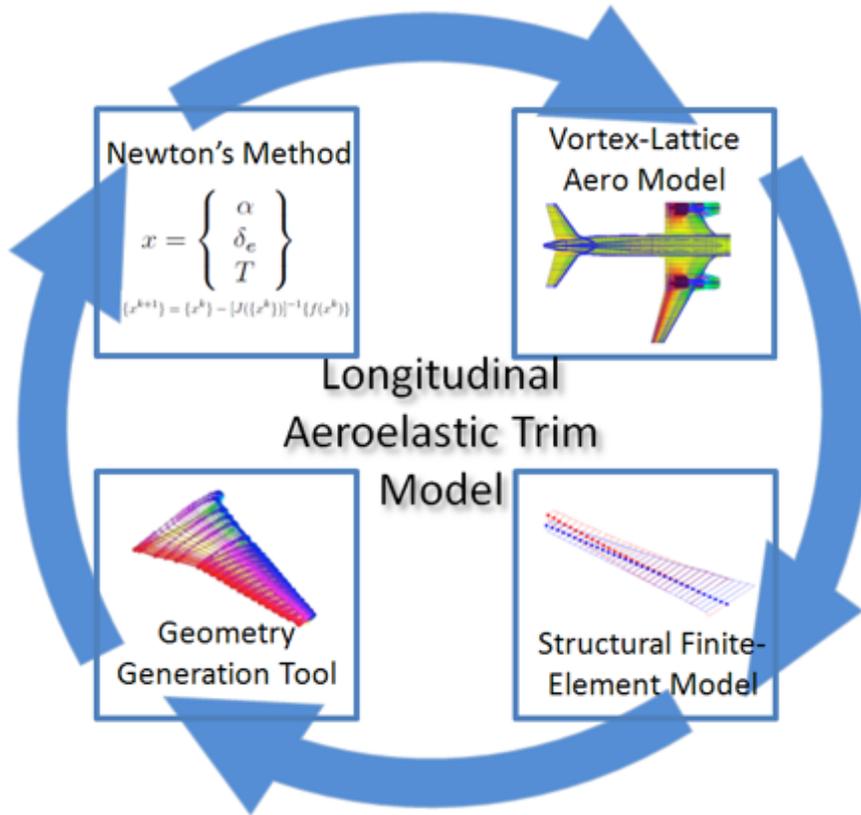
Blender Deformation Tool



Cart3D

Aeroelastic Trim Solution

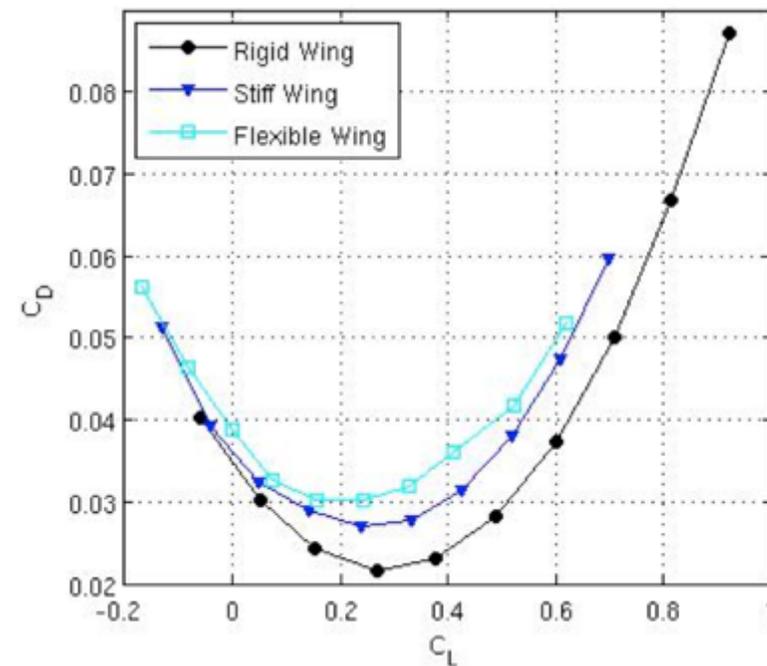
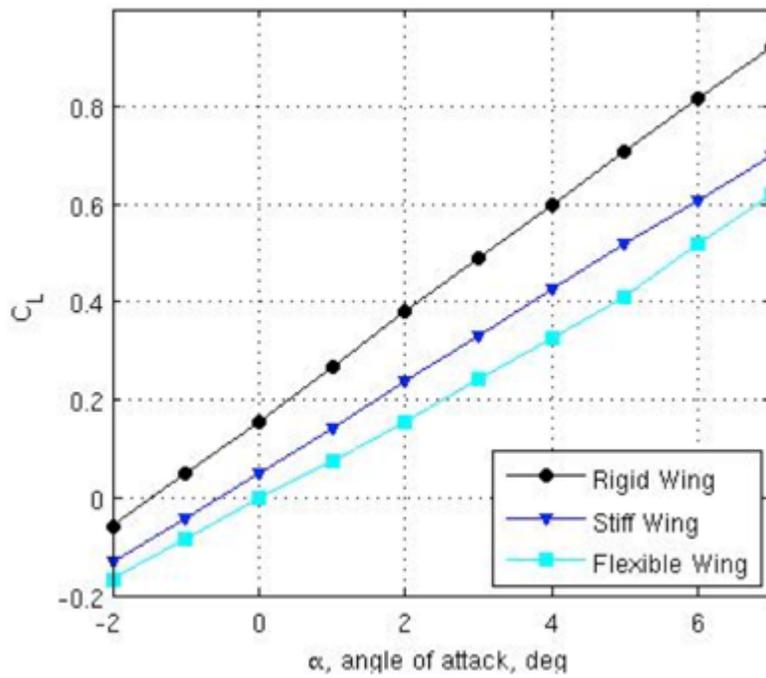
- Vortex-lattice trim solution method



Outputs:

$\bar{\alpha}$, trim angle of attack	$\bar{\Theta}$, wing aeroelastic twist, about elastic axis
$\bar{\delta}_e$, trim elevator deflection	\bar{W} , wing aeroelastic flapwise bending
\bar{T} , trim engine thrust	\bar{V} , wing aeroelastic chordwise bending

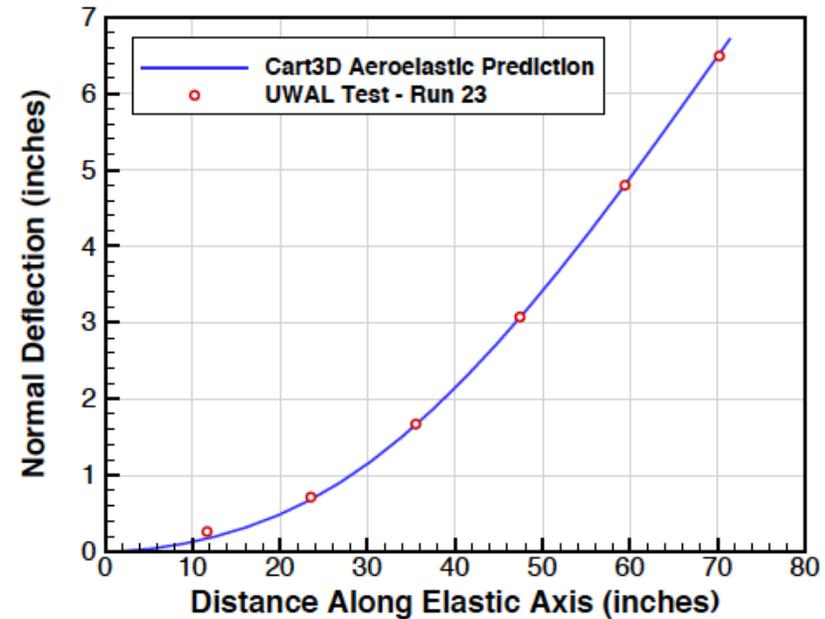
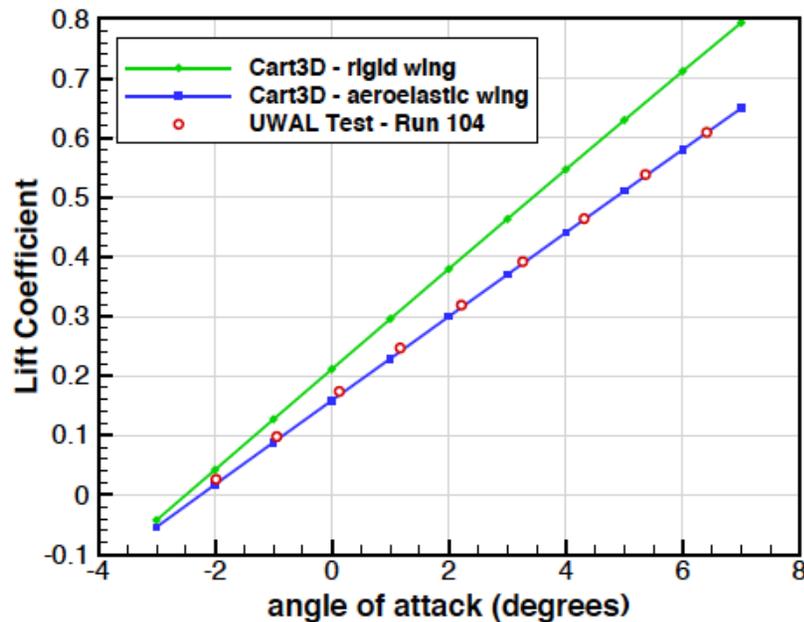
Aeroelastic Trim Solution



Aerodynamic Performance Prediction

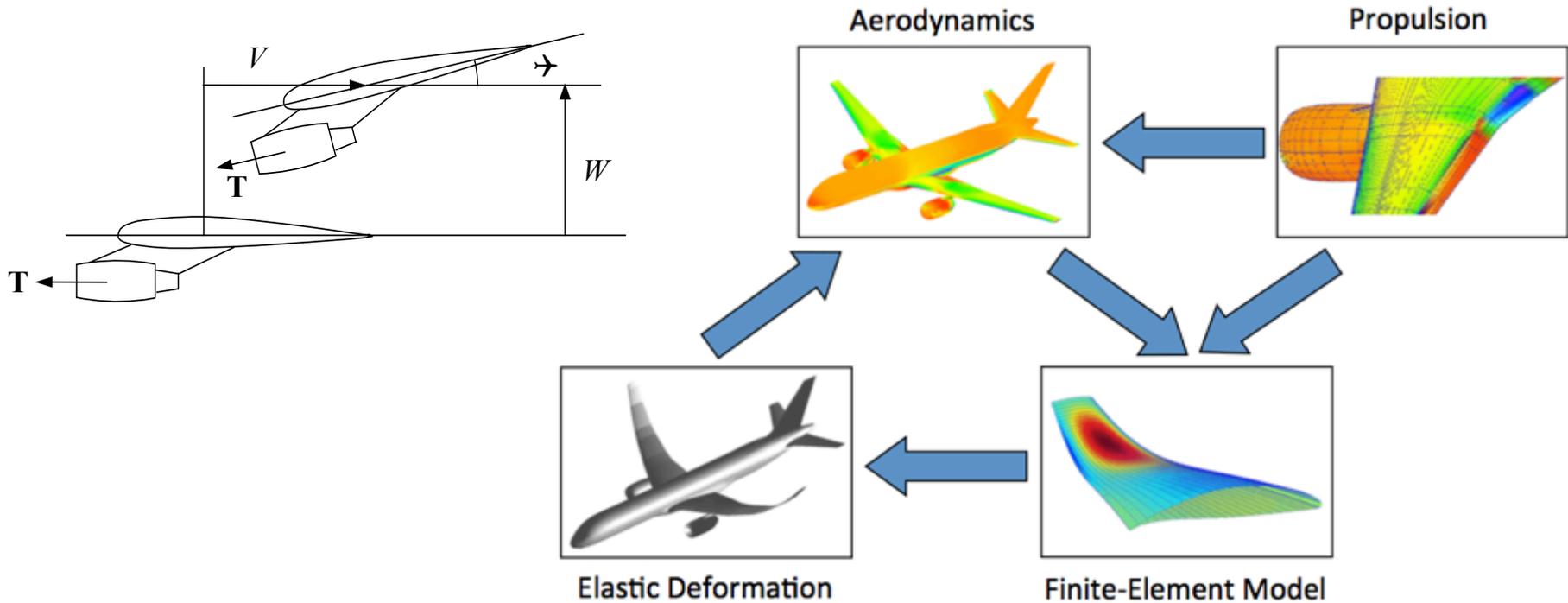


- Cart3D prediction of UWAL wind tunnel model lift coefficient is in excellent agreement with wind tunnel test data



Thrust-Induced Aeroelasticity

- FEM includes capability for thrust-induced aeroelasticity

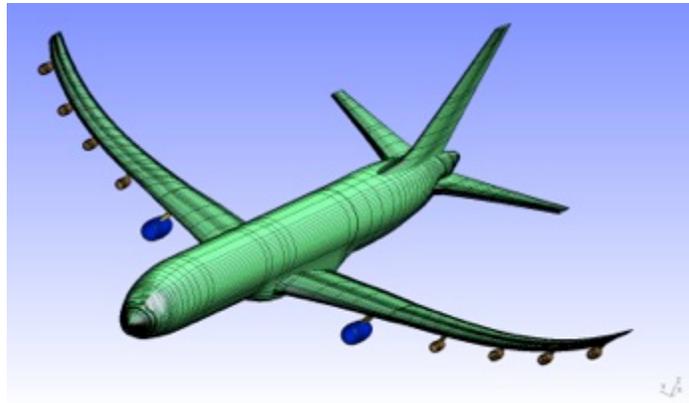


$$f_z^e = \delta(x - x_e) [(T \sin \Lambda + m_e g \Gamma) W_x + T \cos \Lambda (\Theta + \gamma) + T \sin \Lambda \Gamma - m_e g]$$

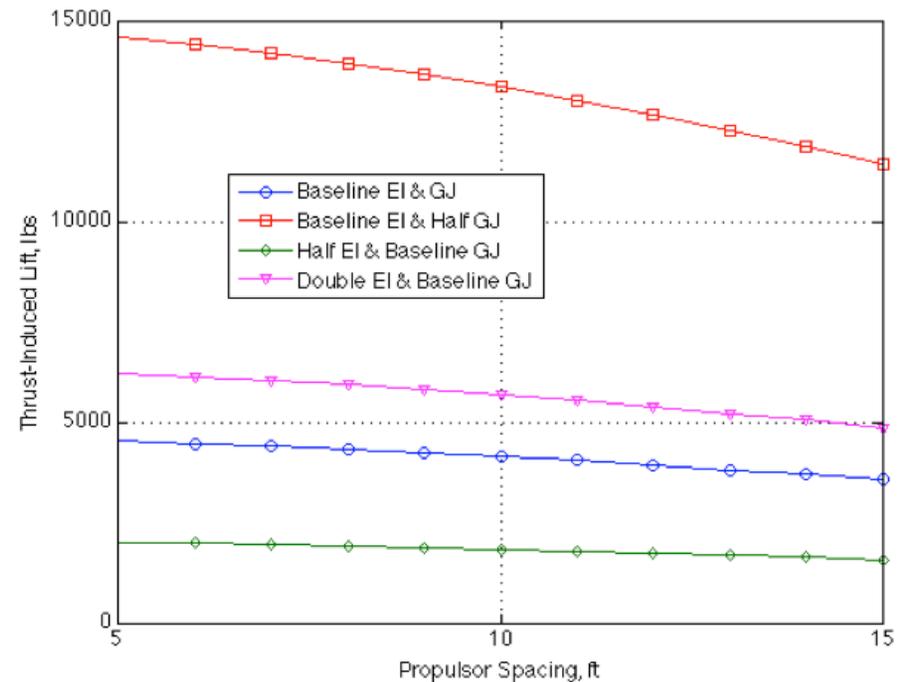
$$m_x^e = \delta(x - x_e) [-T y_e \sin \Lambda \Gamma - T z_e \cos \Lambda + m_e g y_e + (-T x_e \sin \Lambda \Gamma + m_e g x_e + T z_e \sin \Lambda + m_e g z_e \Gamma) V_x - (T x_e \cos \Lambda + T y_e \sin \Lambda + m_e g y_e \Gamma) W_x]$$

Thrust-Induced Lift

- Wing flexibility causes lift changes resulting from wing twist due to thrust forces produced by wing-mounted engines



Distributed Propulsion Aircraft



Dynamic Aeroelasticity

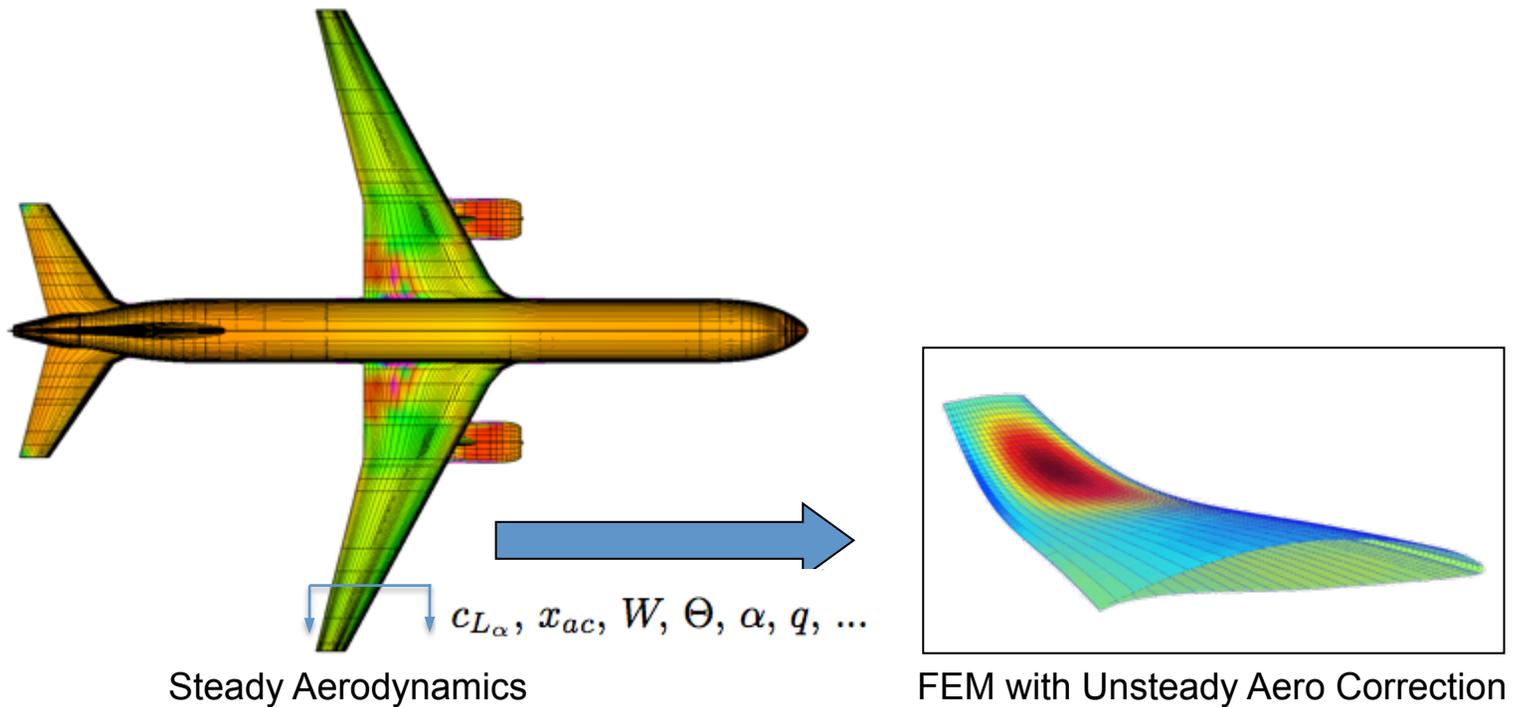


- **Dynamic aeroelasticity deals with interactions of structural dynamics with unsteady aerodynamics and rigid-body aircraft flight dynamics**
- **NASTRAN doublet-lattice method is widely used in aircraft industry**
 - Theory developed by Albano and Rodden (1969)
 - FEM coupled with doublet potential flow solution
- **CFD methods provide high-fidelity aeroelastic prediction that can handle viscous-dominated flow fields, transonic flow with shock-induced separation, and separated flow**
 - CFD unsteady aerodynamic analysis computes generalized aerodynamic forces from structural dynamic mode shapes (e.g., FUN3D, Bartels and Silva, NASA LaRC)
 - Aerodynamic mass, damping, and stiffness matrices are obtained for flutter and forced response analysis

Dynamic Aeroelasticity

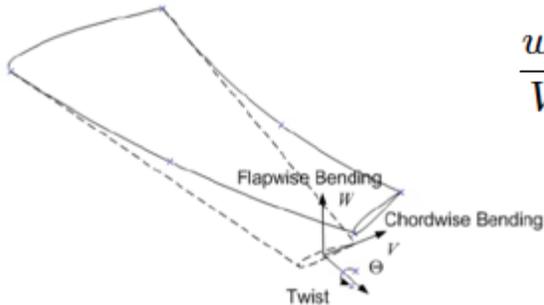


- **Current approach is based on coupling potential flow solvers to FEM**
 - Steady aerodynamic analysis using vortex-lattice and panel methods (CFD can be added later on)
 - Unsteady aerodynamic corrections are implemented directly in FEM using Theodorsen function for 2-D unsteady doublet potential flow
 - Coupling to FEM provides capabilities for future nonlinear aeroelasticity



Downwash Analysis

- **Unsteady downwash due to deflections**



$$\frac{w(x, y, z)}{V_\infty \cos \Lambda} = \alpha_c(x, y, z) = \alpha_r(x) + \alpha_e(x, y, z)$$

Rigid-Body AoA

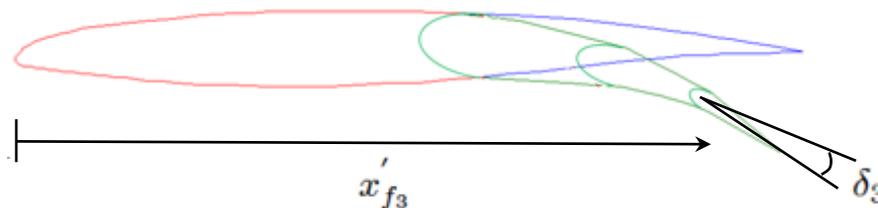
Elastic AoA

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_e(x, y, z) = & \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial W_x} W_x + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial V_x} V_x + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial \Theta} \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial W_x \Theta} W_x \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial V_x \Theta} V_x \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial W_t} W_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial V_t} V_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial \Theta_t} \Theta_t \\ & + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial W_x \Theta} W_x \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial V_x \Theta} V_x \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial \Theta W_t} \Theta W_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial \Theta V_t} \Theta V_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial W \Theta_t} W \Theta_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial V \Theta_t} V \Theta_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_c}{\partial \Theta \Theta_t} \Theta \Theta_t + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Sensitivities are functions of deflections and aircraft states

- **Camber change from unsteady downwash due to control surface deflections**

$$\frac{dz}{dx'} = -\frac{w_i}{V_\infty \cos \lambda} = -\sum_{j=1}^i \delta_j - \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(x' - x'_{f_j}) \dot{\delta}_j}{V_\infty \cos \lambda}$$





Unsteady Lift

- **Circulatory lift from potential flow theory**

$$c_{L_{ac}} = c_{L_{\alpha}} \alpha_c(x, -e, 0) \cos \Lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta c_{L_i} \cos \lambda$$

$$\Delta c_{L_i} = \frac{c_{L_{\alpha}}}{\pi} \int_{\theta_{f_i}}^{\theta_{f_{i+1}}} \frac{dz}{dx'} f(\theta) d\theta = \frac{c_{L_{\alpha}}}{\pi} \int_{\theta_{f_i}}^{\theta_{f_{i+1}}} \left[-\sum_{j=1}^i \delta_j - \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(x' - x'_{f_j}) \dot{\delta}_j}{V_{\infty} \cos \lambda} \right] (\cos \theta - 1) d\theta$$

- **Non-circulatory lift due to apparent mass**

$$c_{L_{c/2}} = \frac{\pi \dot{\alpha}_c(x, e_{c/2}, 0) \cos \Lambda c}{2V_{\infty}} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta c_{L_i}^* \cos \lambda$$

$$\Delta c_{L_i}^* = -\frac{c'}{V_{\infty} \cos \lambda} \int_{\theta_{f_i}}^{\theta_{f_{i+1}}} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dz}{dy} \right) g(\theta) d\theta = \frac{c'}{V_{\infty} \cos \lambda} \int_{\theta_{f_i}}^{\theta_{f_{i+1}}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^i \dot{\delta}_j + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(x' - x'_{f_j}) \ddot{\delta}_j}{V_{\infty} \cos \lambda} \right] \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

- **Total unsteady lift with Theodorsen unsteady aerodynamic corrections**

$$c_L(k) = C(k) c_{L_{ac}} + c_{L_{c/2}}$$

$$C(k) = F(k) + iG(k) \quad k = \frac{\omega c}{2V_{\infty}}$$

- **Corrections to potential flow theory can be made using CFD for viscous flow**



Finite-Element Method

- **Structural dynamic FEM includes aerodynamic mass, damping, and stiffness matrices**

$$\left[M_i + C_i^k \frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \frac{G(k)}{k} \right] \ddot{x}_i + \left[C_i + C_i^k F(k) + K_i^k \frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \frac{G(k)}{k} \right] \dot{x}_i + [K_i + K_i^k F(k)] x_i = F_i(\dot{x}_r, x_r, \delta, \dot{\delta}, \ddot{\delta})$$

Aerodynamic Mass

Aerodynamic Damping

Aerodynamic Stiffness

- **Unsteady aerodynamic approximation by R. T. Jones method**

- Reduced-frequency dependent form is valid only at the frequency of oscillation – not useful for flight dynamics and control over a frequency range
- Unsteady aerodynamics approximated by adding unsteady aerodynamic states
- R. T. Jones method is alternative to Roger Rational Fraction Approximation method

$$C(k) \approx \bar{C}(\bar{s}) = \frac{0.5\bar{s}^2 + a_1\bar{s} + a_2}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2}$$

$$M_i \ddot{x}_i + \left(C_i + 0.5C_i^k \right) \dot{x}_i + \left(K_i + 0.5K_i^k + \frac{2V_\infty a_4}{c} C_i^k \right) x_i + C_i^k y_i + K_i^k z_i = F_i(x_r, \dot{x}_r, \delta)$$

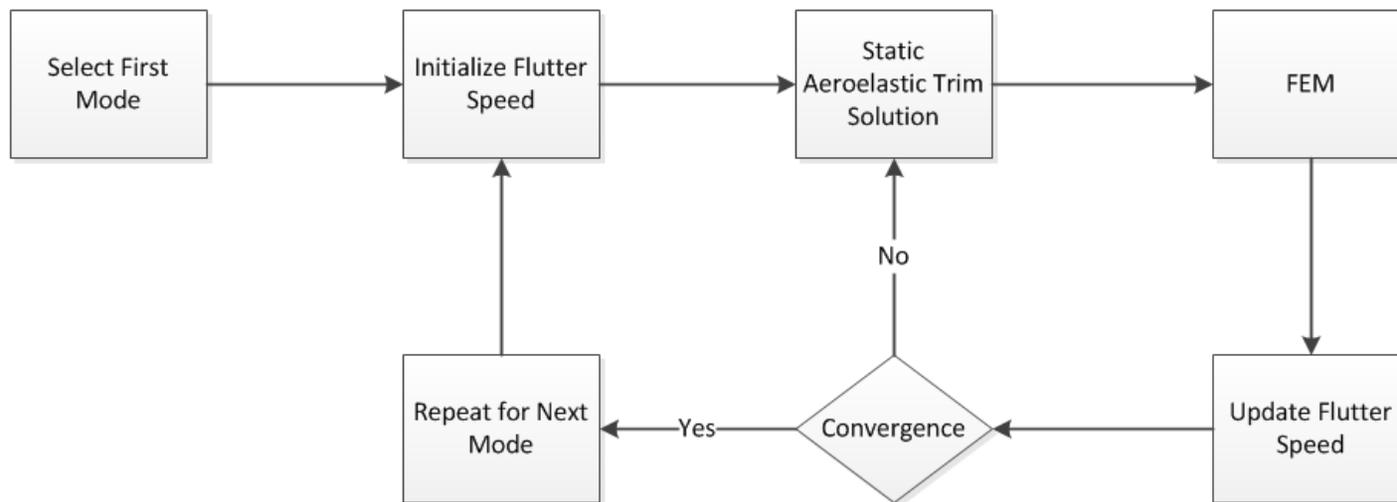
$$\left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right)^2 \ddot{y}_i + a_3 \left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right) \dot{y}_i + a_2 y_i = a_5 \left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right) \dot{x}_i + a_6 x_i$$

$$\left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right)^2 \ddot{z}_i + a_3 \left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right) \dot{z}_i + a_2 z_i = a_4 \left(\frac{\bar{c}_i}{2V_\infty} \right) \dot{x}_i + 0.5a_2 x_i$$



Flutter Analysis

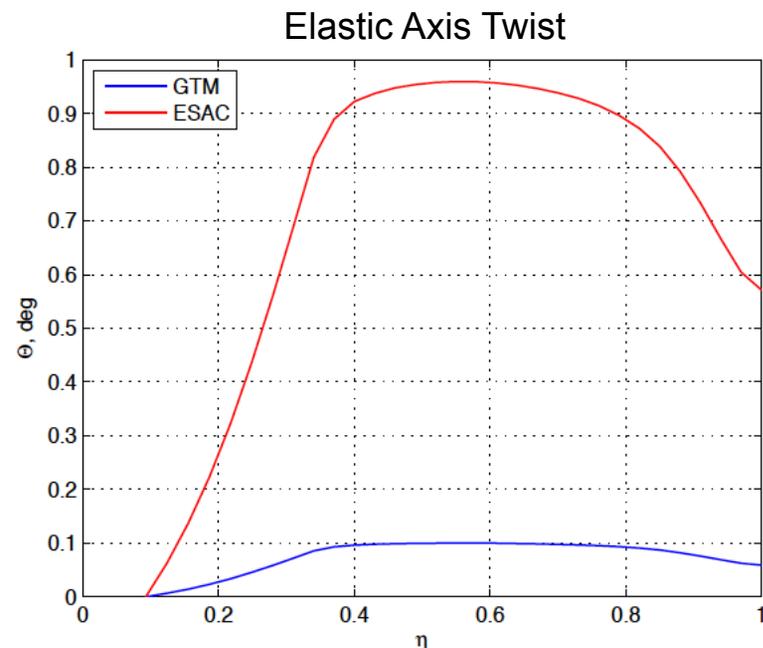
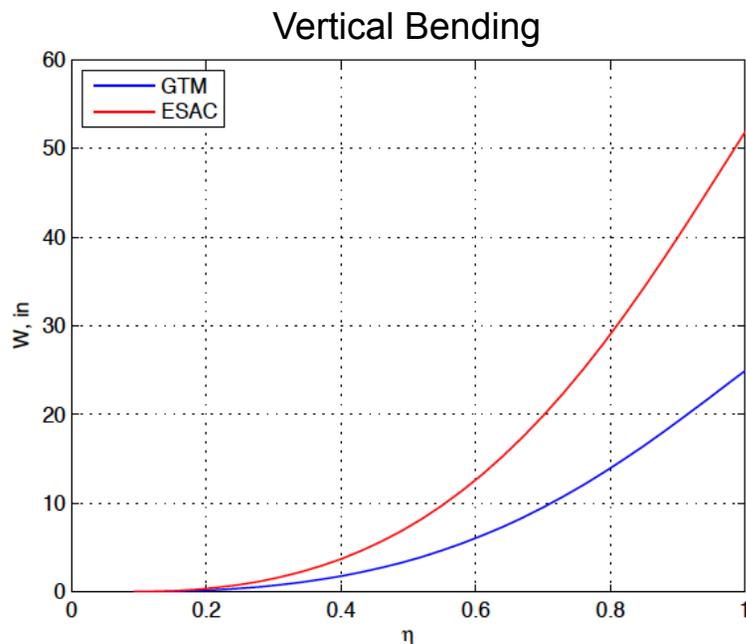
- Flutter analysis computes flutter speed at the onset of aeroelastic instability (i.e., total damping becomes zero)
- Iterative process with aeroelastic trim solution in between iterations



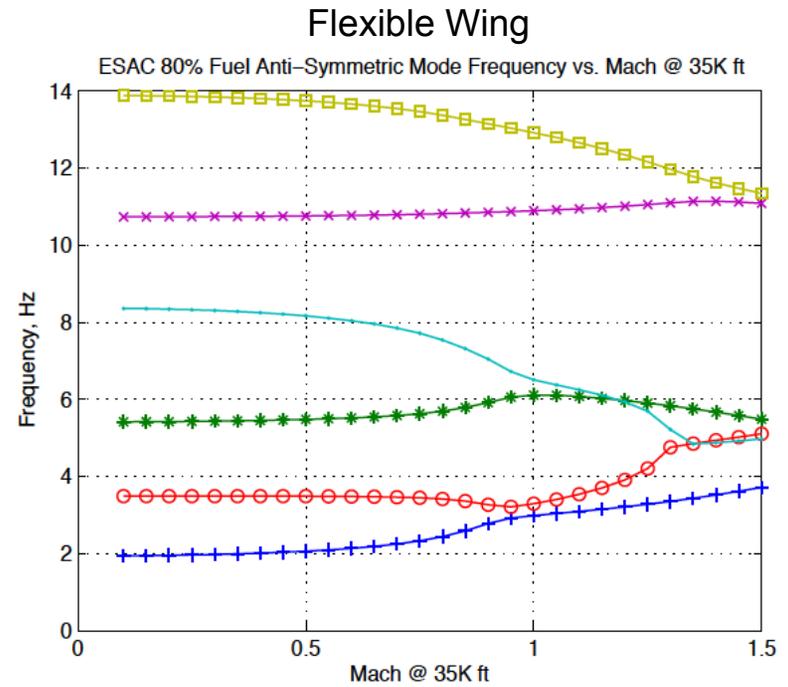
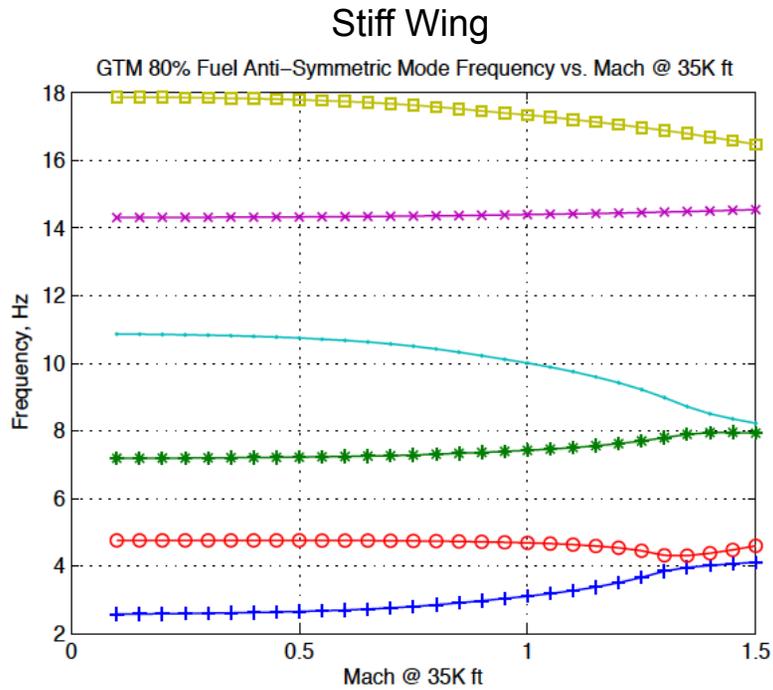
Flexible Wing GTM



- GTM wing is relatively stiff with about 5% wing tip deflection, similar to B757 wing deflection
- To enable effective aeroelastic wing shaping control, a flexible wing GTM with 50% reduced stiffness and 20% wing mass reduction is proposed
- Wing tip deflection for flexible wing GTM is about 10%, similar to B787



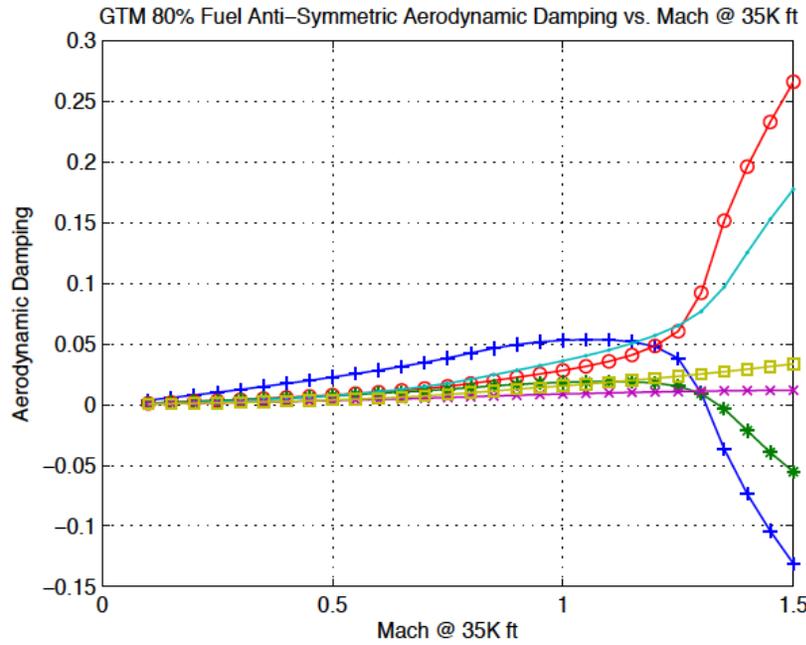
Frequency Prediction



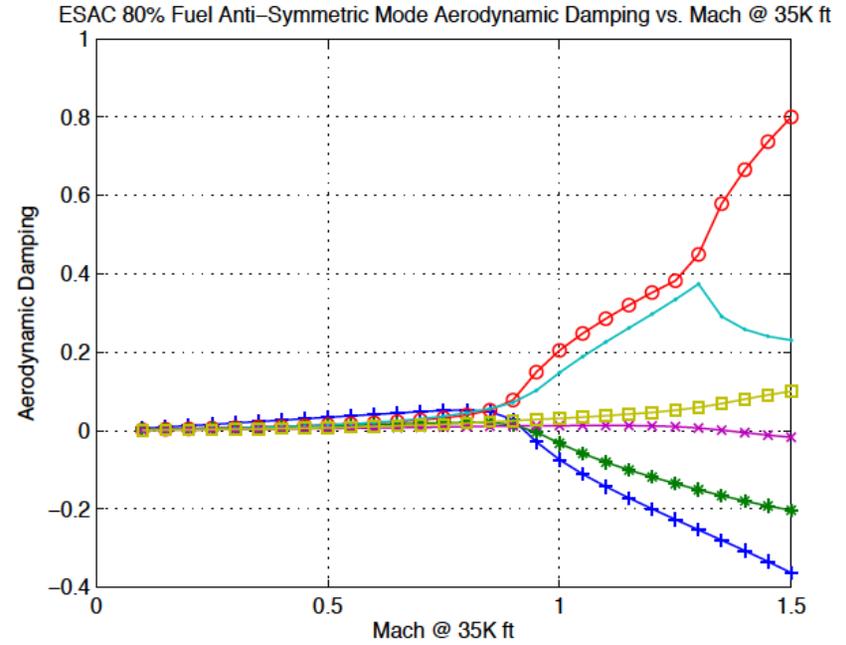
Aerodynamic Damping Prediction



Stiff Wing



Flexible Wing



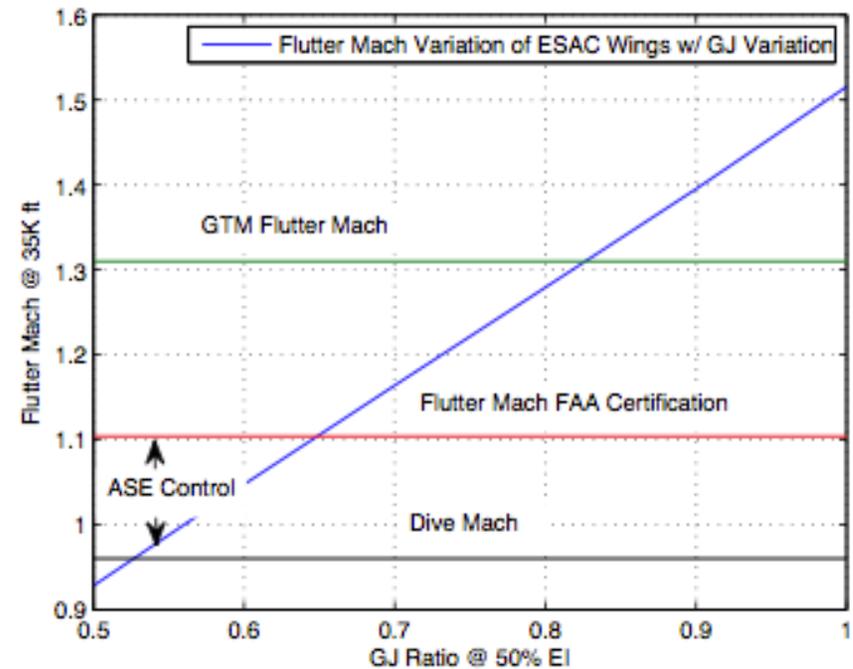
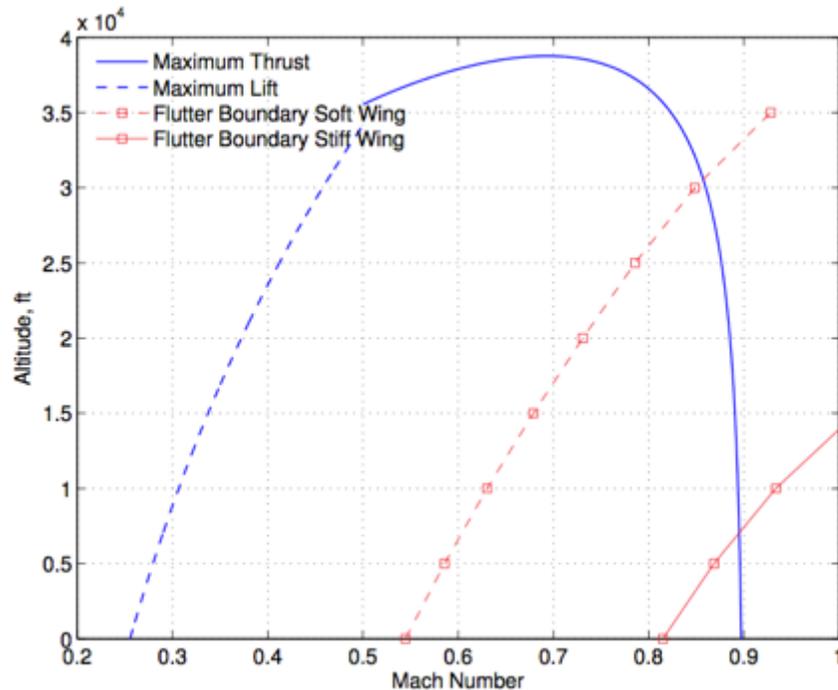
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NASTRAN predicts anti-symmetric flutter mode at Mach 0.954, a 3% difference



Flutter Boundary

- FAA flutter clearance requires 15% - 20% over dive speed
- Flutter boundary is sensitive to torsional stiffness

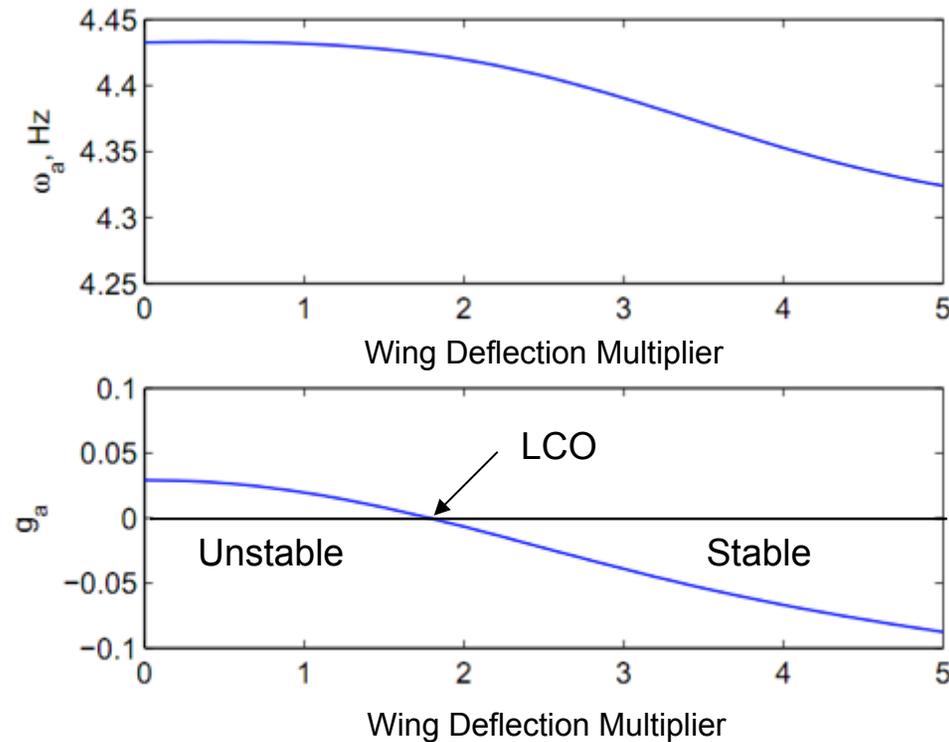


- Multi-disciplinary optimization can be used to determine optimal wing design that can achieve a balance between weight, drag, and stiffness

A Note on Nonlinear Aeroelasticity



- **Nonlinear aeroelasticity is due to deflection and aircraft state dependency**
- **Aerodynamic damping can increase with deflection amplitude, which results in a higher flutter speed than linear analysis**

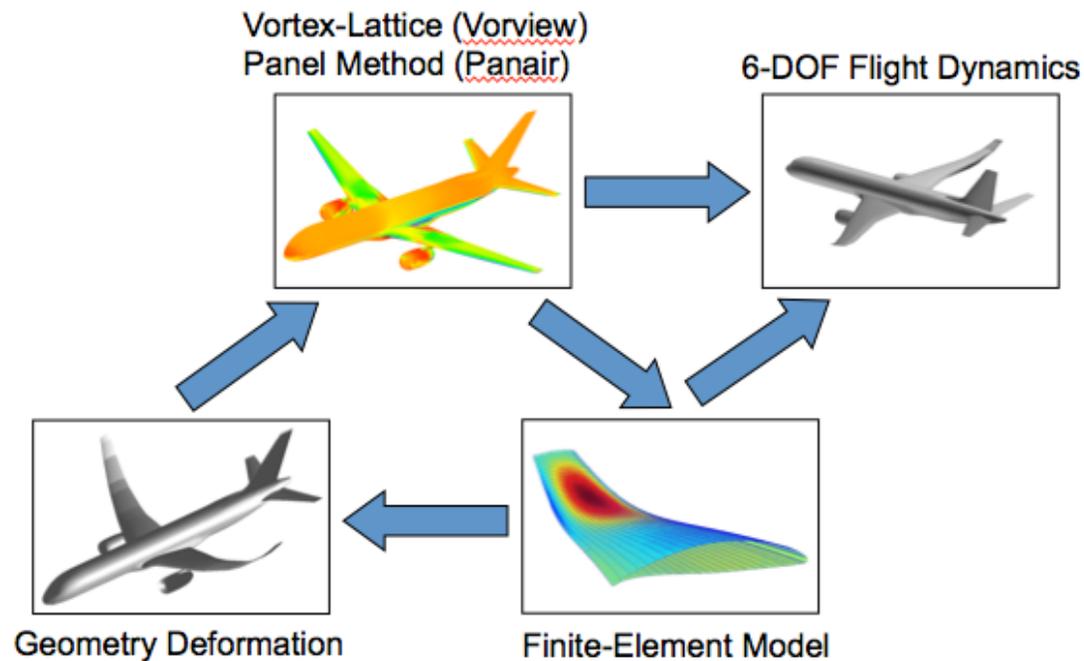


- **Limit cycle oscillation (LCO) occurs when neutral stability is reached**

Loads and Flight Dynamics



- Gust and maneuver load responses are important design considerations for flexible wing transports
- Active gust load alleviation control system, called “smoother ride technology”, is implemented in B787
- Coupling with rigid-body flight dynamics provides combined vehicle dynamic and maneuver load response characteristics





Coupling with Flight Dynamics

- **Aeroelastic deflections contribute to unsteady aerodynamic coefficients**
 - Symmetric modes coupled to longitudinal motion

$$C_m(k) = C_{m_0} + C_{m_{x_r}} x_r + C_{m_{\dot{x}_r}} \dot{x}_r + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(C_{m_{\ddot{x}_i^s}} \ddot{x}_i^s + C_{m_{\dot{x}_i^s}} \dot{x}_i^s + C_{m_{x_i^s}}^k C(k) \dot{x}_i^s + C_{m_{x_i^s}}^k C(k) x_i^s \right) + C_{m_\delta} \delta + C_{m_{\dot{\delta}}} \dot{\delta} + C_{m_{\ddot{\delta}}} \ddot{\delta} + C_{m_{\delta_e}} \delta_e$$

- Anti-symmetric modes coupled to lateral-directional motion

$$C_l(k) = C_{l_{x_r}} x_r + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(C_{l_{\ddot{x}_i^a}} \ddot{x}_i^a + C_{l_{\dot{x}_i^a}} \dot{x}_i^a + C_{l_{x_i^a}}^k C(k) \dot{x}_i^a + C_{l_{x_i^a}}^k C(k) x_i^a \right) + C_{l_\delta} \delta + C_{l_{\dot{\delta}}} \dot{\delta} + C_{l_{\ddot{\delta}}} \ddot{\delta} + C_{m_{\delta_r}} \delta_r$$

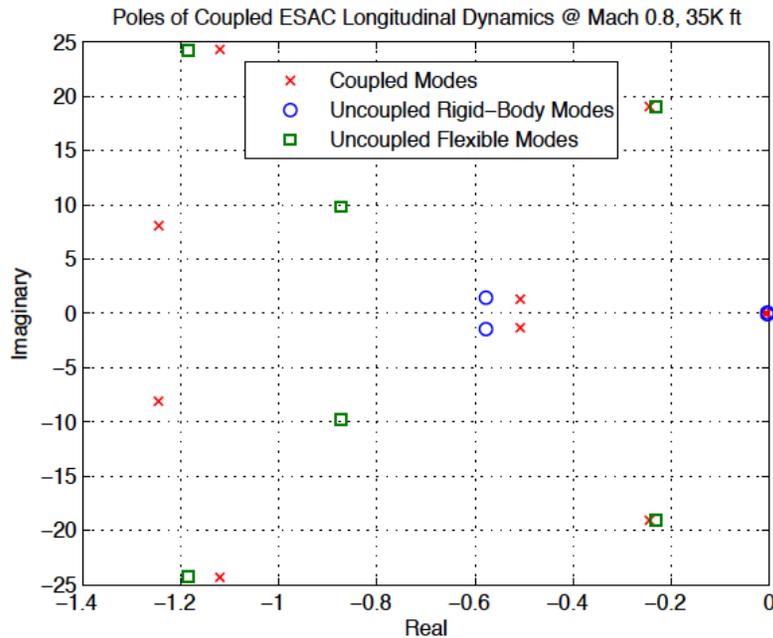
- **Generalized elastic forces are due to aerodynamics as well as aircraft rates and accelerations**

$$\Phi^T M(k) \Phi \ddot{\eta} + \Phi^T C_a(k) \Phi \dot{\eta} + \Phi^T K(k) \Phi \eta = \Phi^T F(\dot{x}_r, x_r, \delta, \dot{\delta}, \ddot{\delta})$$

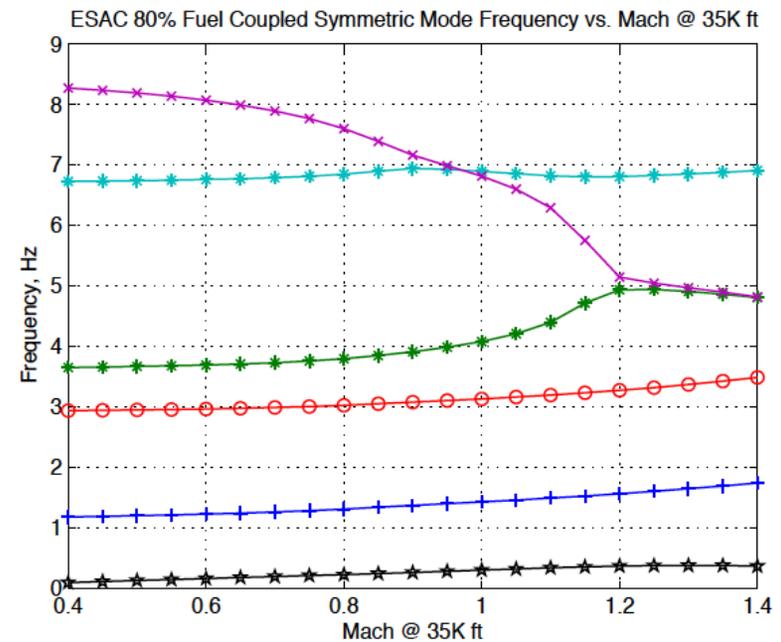
Coupled Aircraft Flutter Analysis



Eigenvalues



Flutter Analysis of Coupled Aircraft

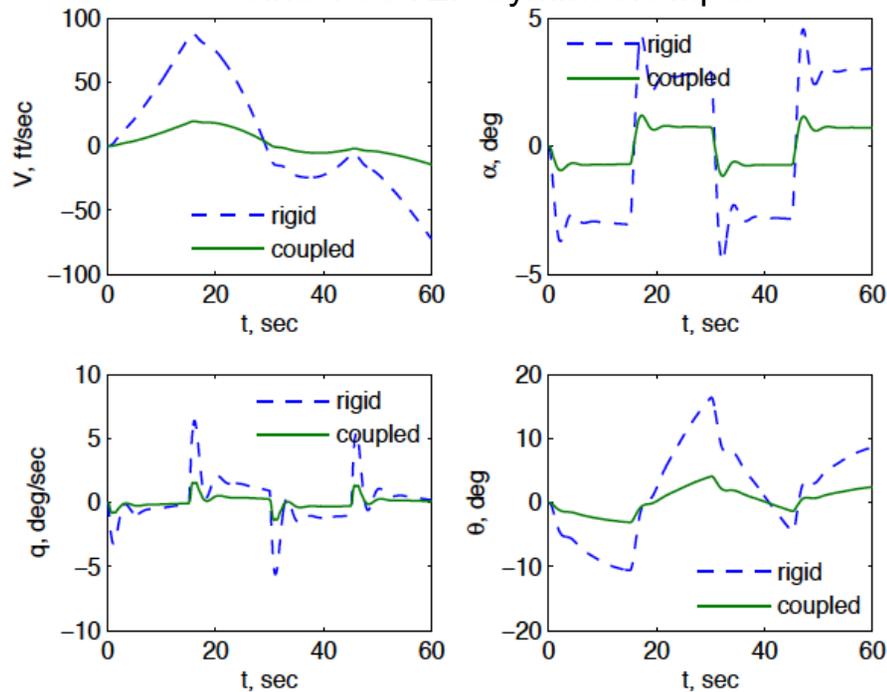


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Coupled ESAC Flutter Mach @ 35K ft	0.940	0.938
Coupled ESAC Flutter Frequency @ 35K ft, Hz	6.93	2.89

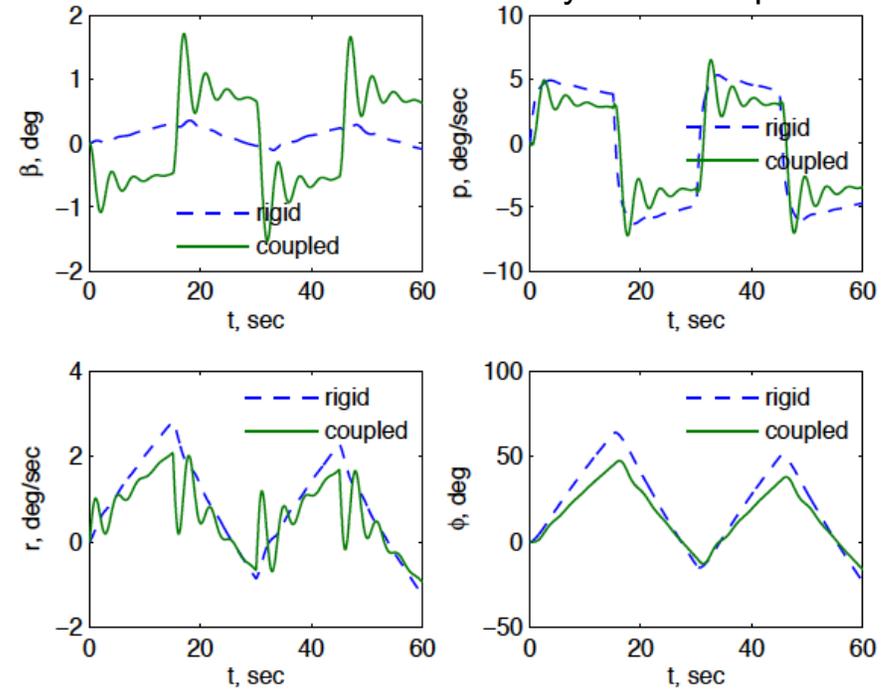
Coupled Aircraft Rigid Body Responses



Longitudinal Response due to Half-Sine VCCTEF Symmetric Input



Lateral-Directional Response due to Half-Sine VCCTEF Anti-Symmetric Input



Next Steps



- **Conduct multi-disciplinary optimization of VCCTEF using aerodynamic codes Cart3D, Vorview, Panair**
- **Transition AASC work to TBW configuration**
- **Continue development of AASC frame work to incorporate additional capabilities**
 - Coupling Panair and Cart3D to FEM
 - High-lift aeroelastic analysis
 - Gust and maneuver load response models
 - Integrated coupled aircraft flight dynamics
 - Nonlinear aeroelasticity
- **Develop aeroservoelastic control methods and multi-objective flight control to leverage multiple control surfaces of VCCTEF**
 - ASE gust load alleviation and flutter suppression
 - Drag minimization flight control for cruise and maneuvers

Summary

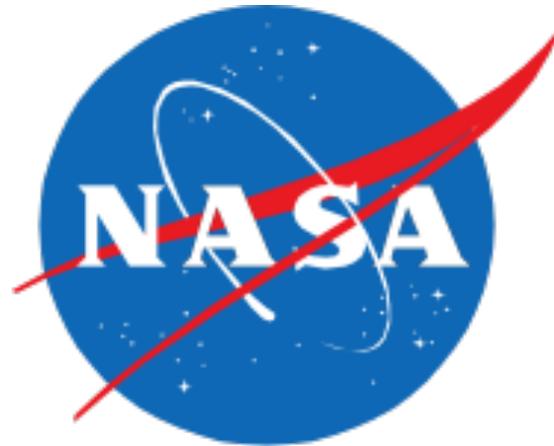


- **A framework for adaptive aeroelastic wing shaping control has been presented**
- **Multi-disciplinary methods and tools are being developed to enable evaluation of future advanced adaptive wing technology**
- **Validation of these methods will be important and will require experimental capabilities**
- **The variable camber continuous trailing edge is a concept being developed as an embodiment of adaptive aeroelastic wing shaping control**
- **Future research will investigate wing shaping control concepts for N+3 aircraft configurations using the current framework**

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