Development of High-Fidelity Structural Finite Element Analysis and Optimization Capability for Aeroelastic Applications

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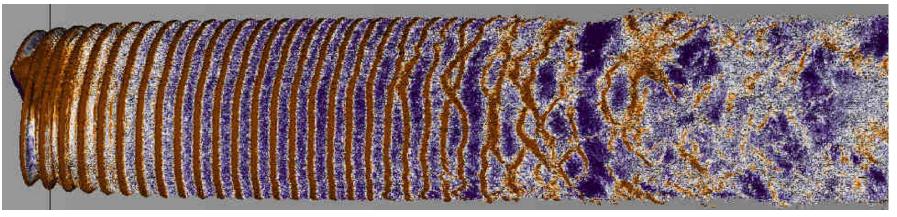
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High-Fidelity Simulations

In computational aerodynamics, high fidelity simulations are generally required for meaningful results

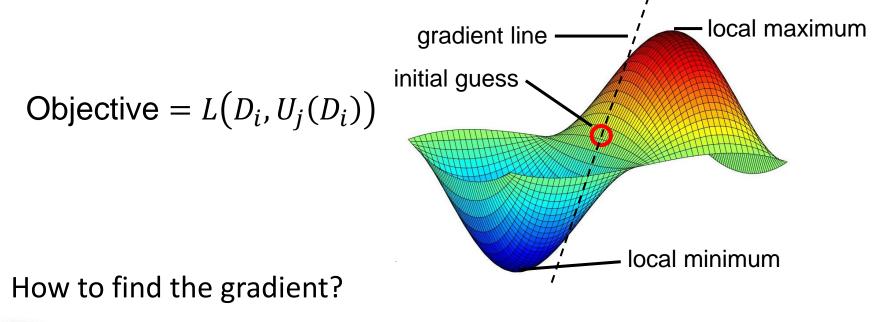


*Kirby et al. (2018)

Optimization methods with minimal flow solutions are desirable

^{*}Kirby, A., Yang, Z., and Mavriplis, D., "Visualization and Data Analytics Challenges of Large-Scale High-Fidelity Numerical Simulations of Wind Energy Applications," *2018 AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting*, CP18-1171, 2018.

Gradient optimization is generally suitable for aerodynamic/aero-structural applications, where the objective is a smooth function of many design variables



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Objective gradient can be approximated with finite difference:

- 1. Solve for the flow/system response and find the objective
- 2. Perturb a design variable by a small increment
- 3. Re-solve and find the new objective, approximate derivative from the difference of two states

Drawbacks: does not give exact gradients, requires solution for every design variable





Objective gradient can be obtained by solving the *tangent problem*:

$$\frac{dL}{dD_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial U_j} \left[\frac{\partial R_j}{\partial U_k}\right]^{-1} \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial D_i}$$

For every design variable D_i , solve

$$\left[\frac{\partial R_k}{\partial U_j}\right] \left\{\frac{\partial U_j}{\partial D_i}\right\} = \left\{\frac{\partial R_k}{\partial D_i}\right\}$$



Objective gradient can be obtained by solving the *tangent problem*:

Then evaluate the objective sensitivity as

$$\frac{dL}{dD_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial U_j} \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial D_i}$$

Gives exact gradients, requires solution for every design variable



Alternatively, objective gradient can be obtained using the *adjoint*:

$$\frac{dL}{dD_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial U_j} \left[\frac{\partial R_j}{\partial U_k}\right]^{-1} \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial D_i}$$

First compute the adjoint, as

$$\left[\frac{\partial R_k}{\partial U_j}\right] \{\Lambda_k\} = \left\{\frac{\partial L}{\partial U_j}\right\}$$



Alternatively, objective gradient can be obtained using the *adjoint*:

Then calculate the objective sensitivity for each design variable as

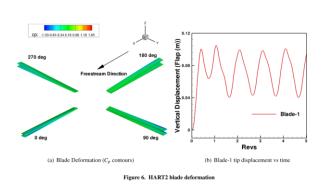
$$\frac{dL}{dD_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_i} + \Lambda_k \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial D_i}$$

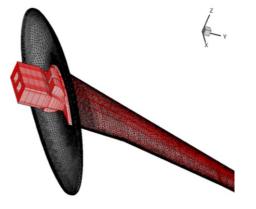
Gives exact gradients, requires only one solution for all design variables

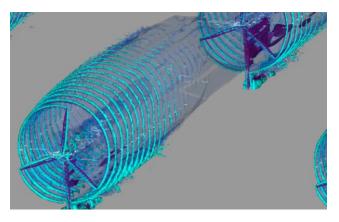


UW CFD Lab

At the University of Wyoming, the CFD lab has done years of work in general CFD applications







Aeroelastic response of helicopter rotor in forward flight^{*}

High-fidelity aero-structural model of HIRENASD wind tunnel section^{*}

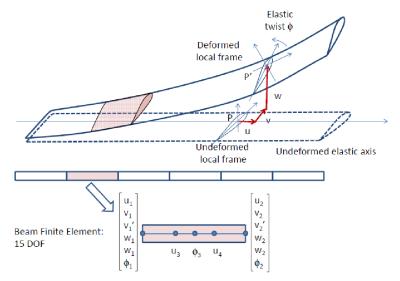
High-fidelity modeling and visualization of wind turbine wakes using high-order discontinuous Galerkin methods^{**}

*Marviplis, D., Fabiano, E., and Anderson, E., "Recent Advances in High-Fidelity Multidisciplinary Adjoint-Based Optimization with the NSU3D Flow Solver Framework," *55th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting*, CP17-1669, 2017.

^{**}Kirby, A., Yang, Z., and Mavriplis, D., "Visualization and Data Analytics Challenges of Large-Scale High-Fidelity Numerical Simulations of Wind Energy Applications," *2018 AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting,* CP18-1171,¹⁰ 2018.

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For design and optimization of flexible aeroelastic structures, it is important to account for the coupled fluid-structural response



In the past many simulations have employed low-fidelity structural models. For true response and structural objectives, high fidelity structural modeling is needed.

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AStrO: Adjoint-Based Structural Optimizer

AStrO has been developed as an open source FORTRAN package for high-fidelity 3D structural finite element modeling and sensitivity analysis

- Static and dynamic elastic and thermal modeling
- Linear and nonlinear geometry
- Processing input files for mesh and geometry generated by Abaqus
- Defining structural design variables (material properties, nodal coordinates, section properties)
- Obtaining exact sensitivities of user-defined objectives using the adjoint

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Formulation of governing equations for thermal heat conduction and elasticity:

$$\frac{\partial q_i}{\partial x_i} + \rho C_p \dot{T} - Q = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \xi \dot{u}_i - \rho \ddot{u}_i + f_i = 0$$
(PDEs)





Formulation of governing equations for thermal heat conduction and elasticity:

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Discretized governing equations assuming finite element solution:

 $T = N_k \phi_k$ $u_i = N_{ik} U_k$

$$R_{j}^{\phi} = \int_{\Omega} -q_{i} \frac{\partial N_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho C_{p} \dot{T} N_{j} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} Q N_{j} d\Omega + \int_{S} q_{i} n_{i} N_{j} dS = 0$$
$$R_{j}^{u} = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{i} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{i}}{\partial U_{j}} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \xi \dot{u}_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \ddot{u}_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} f_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega - \int_{S} t_{i} N_{ij} dS = 0$$

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Discretized governing equations assuming finite element solution:

Thermoelastic coupling:

$$\sigma_{i} = C_{ik} \epsilon_{k}^{stress} = C_{ik} \left(\epsilon_{k}^{total} - \epsilon_{k}^{therm} \right) = C_{ik} \left(\epsilon_{k}^{total} - \Delta T \alpha_{k}^{TE} \right)$$
$$R_{j}^{u} = \int_{\Omega} C_{ik} \epsilon_{k} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{i}}{\partial U_{j}} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \xi \dot{u}_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \ddot{u}_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} f_{i} N_{ij} d\Omega - \int_{S} t_{i} N_{ij} dS - \int_{\Omega} \Delta T C_{ik} \alpha_{k}^{TE} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{i}}{\partial U_{j}} d\Omega = 0$$





Discretized governing equations assuming finite element solution:

Implicit dynamic time integration, Newmark Beta expansion:

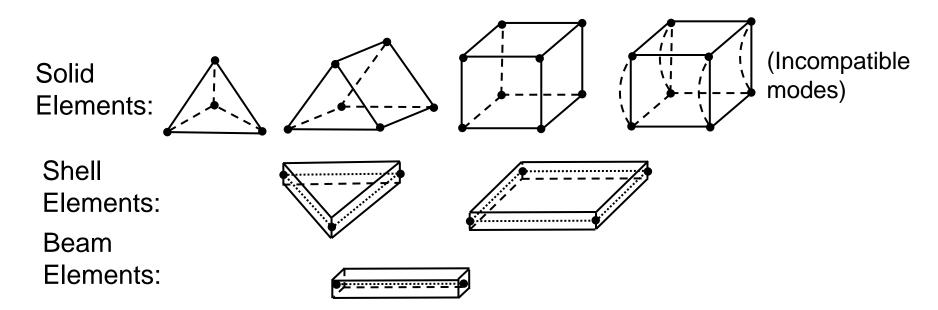
$$T(t + \Delta t) = T(t) + \Delta t \left((1 - \gamma) \dot{T}(t) + \gamma \dot{T}(t + \Delta t) \right)$$
$$u_i(t + \Delta t) = u_i(t) + \Delta t \dot{u}_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \left((1 - 2\beta) \ddot{u}_i(t) + 2\beta \ddot{u}_i(t + \Delta t) \right)$$
$$\dot{u}_i(t + \Delta t) = \dot{u}_i(t) + \Delta t \left((1 - \gamma) \ddot{u}_i(t) + \gamma \ddot{u}_i(t + \Delta t) \right)$$

$$0 < \gamma \le 1$$
$$0 < \beta \le \frac{1}{2}$$





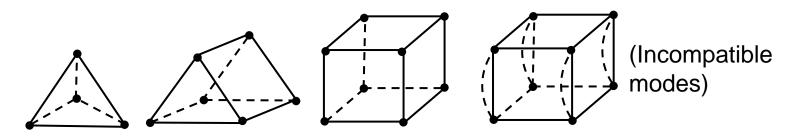
Element library supports solid continuum, shell, and beam elements







Solid continuum elements:



Elastic solution completely defined by nodal displacements:

 $u_i = N_{ik}U_k$

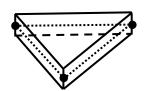
Green-Lagrange strain definition:

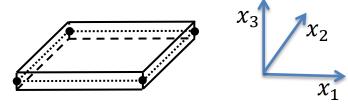
$$\epsilon_{ip} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_p} + \frac{\partial u_p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_q}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_q}{\partial x_p} \right)$$

Nonlinear term



Shell elements, derived from Kirchhoff plate theory:





Nodal displacements *and* rotations defined at midplane:

 $u_i^m = U_{ij}N_j$ $\theta_i = \theta_{ij}N_j$

3D displacement field:

 $u_1 = u_1^m + x_3\theta_2$ $u_2 = u_2^m - x_3\theta_1$ $u_3 = u_3^m$

Strain definition:

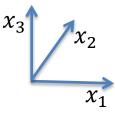
$$\epsilon_{ip} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_p} + \frac{\partial u_p}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

(Coordinate transformation for nonlinear geometry)



Beam elements, Bernoulli beam theory:

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Nodal displacements *and* rotations defined at midplane:

$$u_i^m = U_{ij}N_j$$
$$\theta_i = \theta_{ij}N_j$$

3D displacement field:

$$u_1 = u_1^m + x_3\theta_2 - x_2\theta_3$$
$$u_2 = u_2^m$$
$$u_3 = u_3^m$$

(Principle of virtual work formulated in terms of normal strain, curvature twist using A, E, I, G, J)



Recall the general procedure for adjoint-based sensitivities:

(1) solve
$$\left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{R}}{\partial \boldsymbol{U}}\right]^T \{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\} = \left\{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{U}}\right\}$$

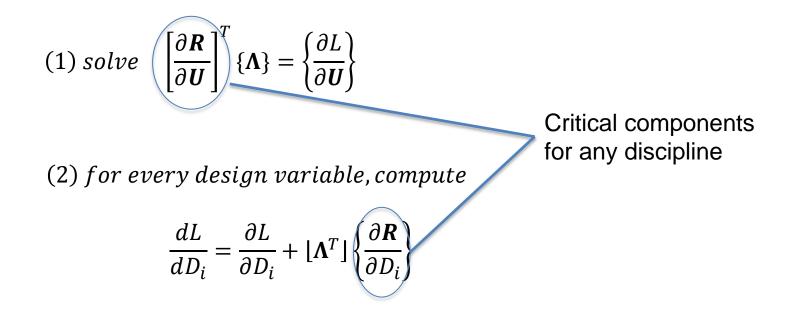
(2) for every design variable, compute

$$\frac{dL}{dD_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_i} + \lfloor \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \rfloor \left\{ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial D_i} \right\}$$





Recall the general procedure for adjoint-based sensitivities:







Categories of design variables supported by AStrO:

- 1) Elastic properties (Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio, etc.)
- 2) Mass density
- 3) Thermal conductivity
- 4) Coefficient of thermal expansion
- 5) Specific heat capacity
- 6) Local material orientation
- 7) Cross-sectional properties (for shells and beams only)
- 8) Nodal coordinates
- 9) Applied mechanical load (body force and tractions)
- 10) Applied thermal load (internal heat generation and surface flux)

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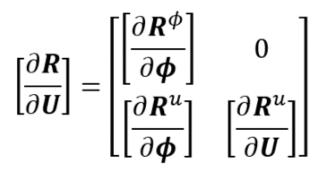
(May be defined in separate input file)



Summary of thermoelastic governing equations:

$$\begin{split} \text{Heat Conduction, Poisson Equation:} \\ R_{j}^{\phi,n+1} &= R_{j}^{\phi,k,n+1} + R_{j}^{\phi,m,n+1} + R_{j}^{\phi,hg,n+1} = 0 \\ R_{j}^{\phi,n+1} &= \phi_{j}^{n+1} - \phi_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \dot{\phi}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \dot{\phi}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ \hline 0 &< \gamma \leq 1 \\ \hline \text{Elasticity, Principle of Virtual Work:} \\ \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= (1+\alpha) \left(R_{j}^{u,k,n+1} + R_{j}^{u,c,n+1} - R_{j}^{u,app,n+1} - R_{j}^{u,th,n+1} \right) \\ -\alpha \left(R_{j}^{u,k,n} + R_{j}^{u,c,n} - R_{j}^{u,app,n} - R_{j}^{u,th,n} \right) + R_{j}^{u,m,n+1} = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= U_{j}^{n+1} - U_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^{2} \left((1-2\beta) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + 2\beta \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= \dot{U}_{j}^{n+1} - \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= \dot{U}_{j}^{n+1} - \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= \dot{U}_{j}^{n+1} - \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= \dot{U}_{j}^{n+1} - \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ R_{j}^{u,n+1} &= \dot{U}_{j}^{n+1} - \dot{U}_{j}^{n} - \Delta t \left((1-\gamma) \ddot{U}_{j}^{n} + \gamma \ddot{U}_{j}^{n+1} \right) = 0 \\ 0 &< \beta \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 &< \gamma \leq 1 \\ -1 < \alpha \leq 0 \end{array}$$

For static analysis:



(Adjoint has components for both displacement U and temperature ϕ . Either discipline can be omitted for single-disciplinary analysis.)

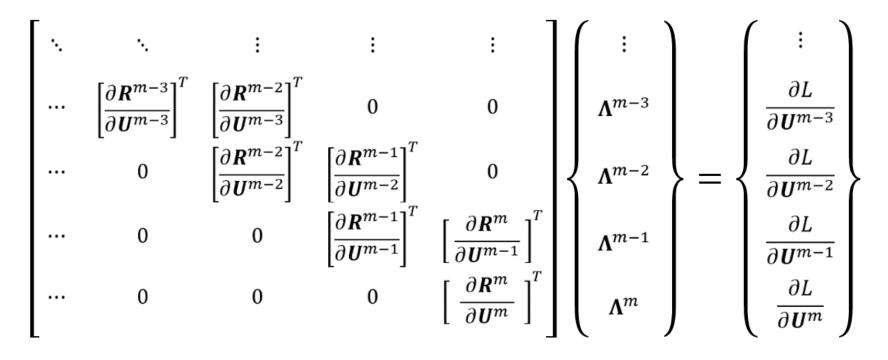




For dynamic analysis: $U = \begin{cases} U^{0} \\ U^{1} \\ U^{2} \\ U^{3} \\ \vdots \end{cases} \quad R = \begin{cases} R^{0}(U^{0}) \\ R^{1}(U^{0}, U^{1}) \\ R^{2}(U^{1}, U^{2}) \\ R^{3}(U^{2}, U^{3}) \\ \vdots \end{cases}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R}{\partial U^0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left[\frac{\partial R^0}{\partial U^0} \right] & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial U^0} \right] & \left[\frac{\partial R^1}{\partial U^1} \right] & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \left[\frac{\partial R^2}{\partial U^1} \right] & \left[\frac{\partial R^2}{\partial U^2} \right] & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \left[\frac{\partial R^3}{\partial U^2} \right] & \left[\frac{\partial R^3}{\partial U^3} \right] & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$

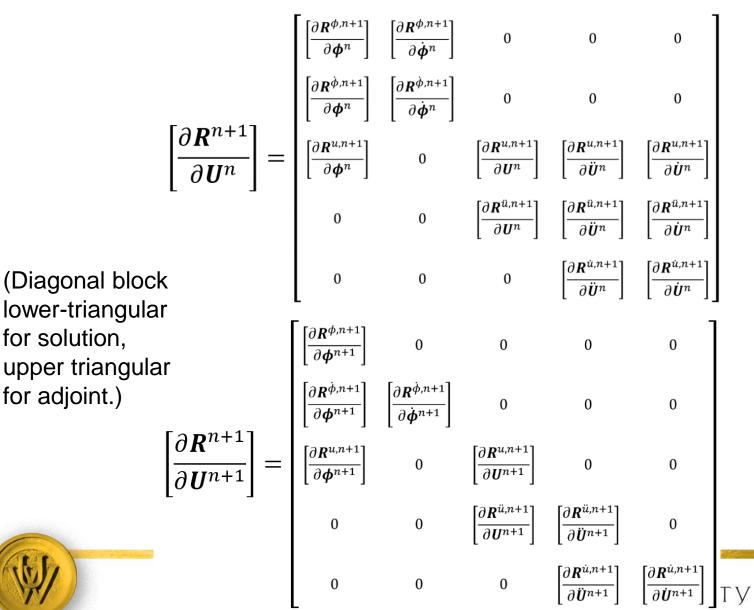
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For dynamic analysis:

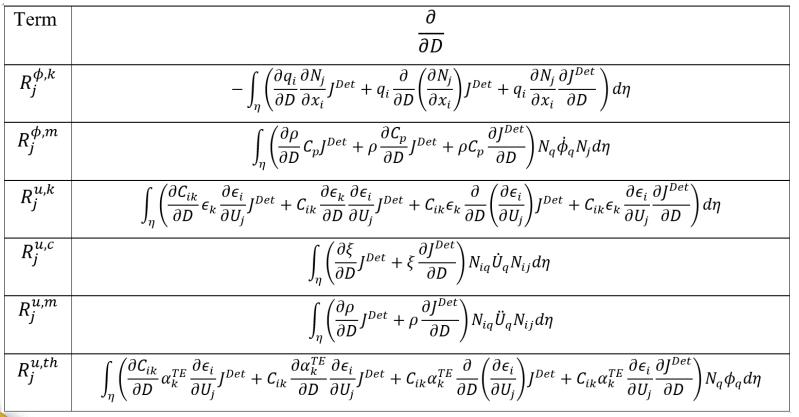








Sensitivities of governing equations obtained through linearization of the original analysis code:



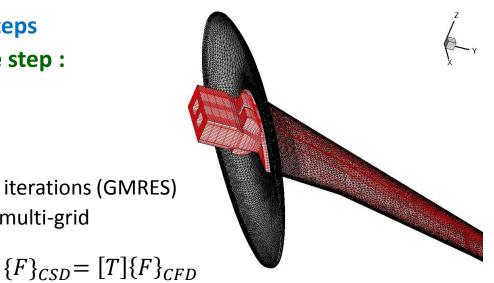
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Fluid-Structure Interface

AStrO couples with NSU3D CFD code through fluid-structure interface

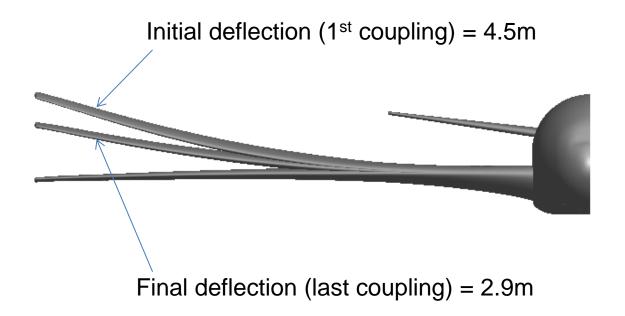
- Outer loop over physical time steps
 - Coupling iterations per time step :
 - Fluid Mesh:
 - Line implicit multigrid
 - Flow:
 - Implicit BDF2 Newton iterations (GMRES)
 - Linear agglomeration multi-grid
 - FSI (Fluid to structure)
 - Explicit assignment
 - Structure:
 - Solve via designated method (direct, iterative, MUMPS, etc.)
 - FSI (Structure to fluid)
 - Explicit assignment
- $\{U\}_{CFD} = [T]^T \{U\}_{CSD}$





Fluid-Structure Interface

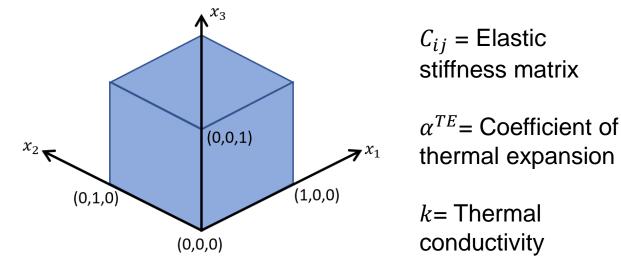
FSI coupling iteration process continues until the solution converges







Static thermoelastic response of solid cube:



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Internal heat generation: $Q = \frac{\partial q_i}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{2k}{\alpha^{TE}} \left(\frac{C_{11}}{(C_{11} + C_{12} + C_{13})} + \frac{C_{22}}{(C_{21} + C_{22} + C_{23})} + \frac{C_{33}}{(C_{31} + C_{32} + C_{33})} \right) 10^{-3}$

Surface flux: $q_i = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{2k}{\alpha^{TE}} \left[\frac{(C_{11}x_1 + C_{44} + C_{55})}{(C_{11} + C_{12} + C_{13})}, \frac{(C_{22}x_2 + C_{44} + C_{66})}{(C_{21} + C_{22} + C_{23})}, \frac{(C_{33}x_3 + C_{55} + C_{66})}{(C_{31} + C_{32} + C_{33})} \right] 10^{-3}$



Static thermoelastic response of solid cube:

Temperature solution:

$$T = \frac{2}{\alpha^{TE}} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}C_{11}x_1 + C_{44} + C_{55}\right)x_1}{(C_{11} + C_{12} + C_{13})} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}C_{22}x_2 + C_{44} + C_{66}\right)x_2}{(C_{21} + C_{22} + C_{23})} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}C_{33}x_3 + C_{55} + C_{66}\right)x_3}{(C_{31} + C_{32} + C_{33})} \right) 10^{-3}$$

Displacement solution:

$$u_{1} = \left(\frac{1}{3}x_{1}^{3} + x_{2}^{2} + x_{3}^{2}\right)10^{-3}$$
$$u_{2} = \left(x_{1}^{2} + \frac{1}{3}x_{2}^{3} + x_{3}^{2}\right)10^{-3}$$
$$u_{3} = \left(x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + \frac{1}{3}x_{3}^{3}\right)10^{-3}$$

Strain solution:

$$\epsilon_{1} = \frac{\partial u_{1}}{\partial x_{1}} = x_{1}^{2} 10^{-3} \qquad \gamma_{12} = \frac{\partial u_{1}}{\partial x_{2}} + \frac{\partial u_{2}}{\partial x_{1}} = 2(x_{1} + x_{2})10^{-3}$$

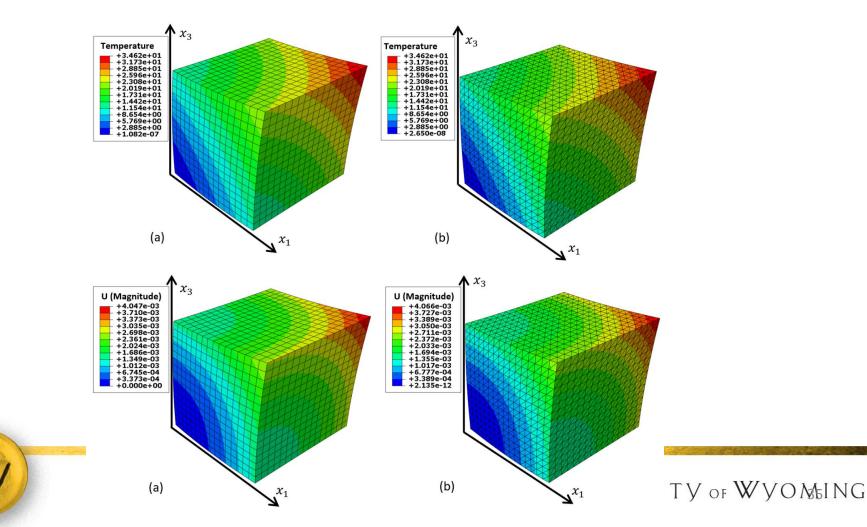
$$\epsilon_{2} = \frac{\partial u_{2}}{\partial x_{2}} = x_{2}^{2} 10^{-3} \qquad \gamma_{13} = \frac{\partial u_{1}}{\partial x_{3}} + \frac{\partial u_{3}}{\partial x_{1}} = 2(x_{1} + x_{3})10^{-3}$$

$$\epsilon_{3} = \frac{\partial u_{3}}{\partial x_{3}} = x_{3}^{2} 10^{-3} \qquad \gamma_{23} = \frac{\partial u_{2}}{\partial x_{3}} + \frac{\partial u_{3}}{\partial x_{2}} = 2(x_{2} + x_{3})10^{-3}$$

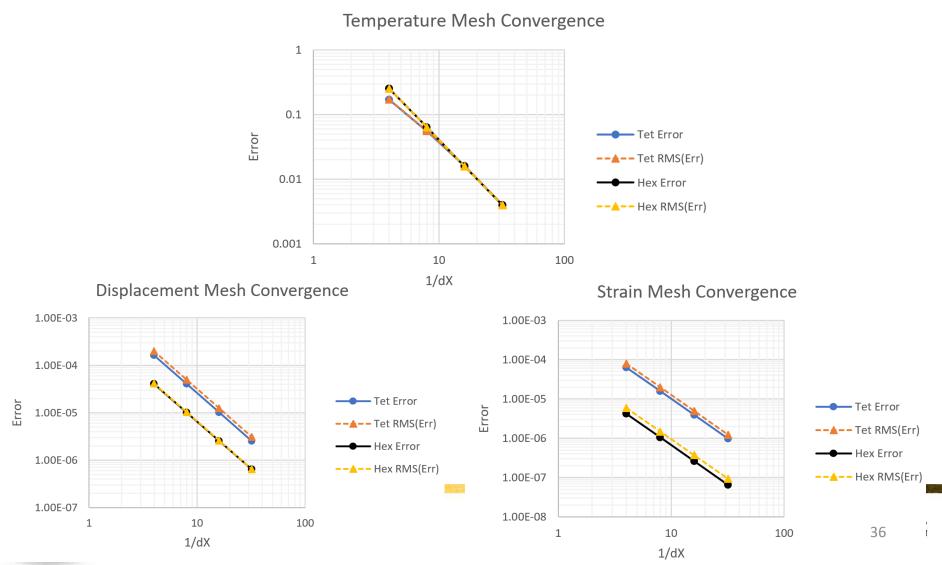
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Temperature and displacement response for (a) eight-node hexahedral elements (b) four-node tetrahedral elements:



Mesh convergence of thermoelastic solution of solid cube:



Sensitivities of normal strain at center of cube:

Hex elements:

	Adjoint	Tangent	Complex
Ε	1.016231638217 54 E+02	1.016231638217 40 E+02	1.016231638217 49 E+02
k	-3.19733746691863E+01	-3.19733746691863E+01	-3.19733746691863E+01
α^{TE}	4.591523458546 06 E+01	4.591523458546 10 E+01	4.591523458546 07 E+01

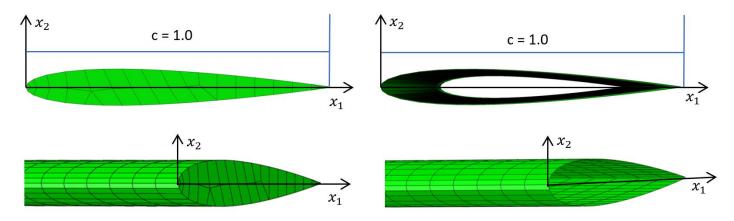
Hex elements with incompatible modes:

	Adjoint	Tangent	Complex
Ε	1.020040590717 04 E+02	1.020040590717 15 E+02	1.020040590717 40 E+02
k	-3.23030013695860E+01	-3.23030013695860E+01	-3.23030013695860E+01
α^{TE}	4.396485644427 60 E+01	4.396485644427 94 E+01	4.396485644427 69 E+01

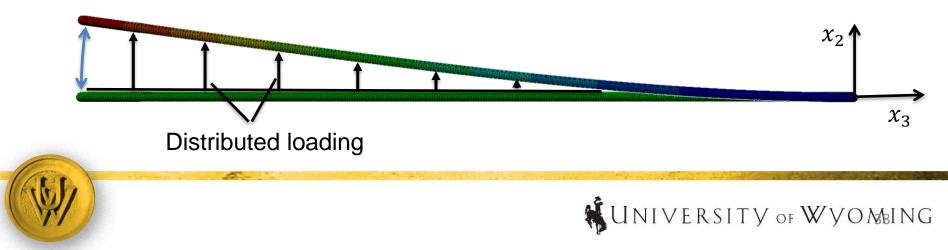
Tet elements:

		Adjoint	Tangent	Complex]
	Ε	4.421185706005 18 E+02	4.421185706005 08 E+02	4.421185706005 73 E+02	
	k	-4.0243937862772 8 E+01	-4.0243937862772 7 E+01	-4.024393786277 40 E+01	
/	α^{TE}	2.6201358577098 4 E+02	2.6201358577098 7 E+02	2.6201358577098 8 E+02) MAINC

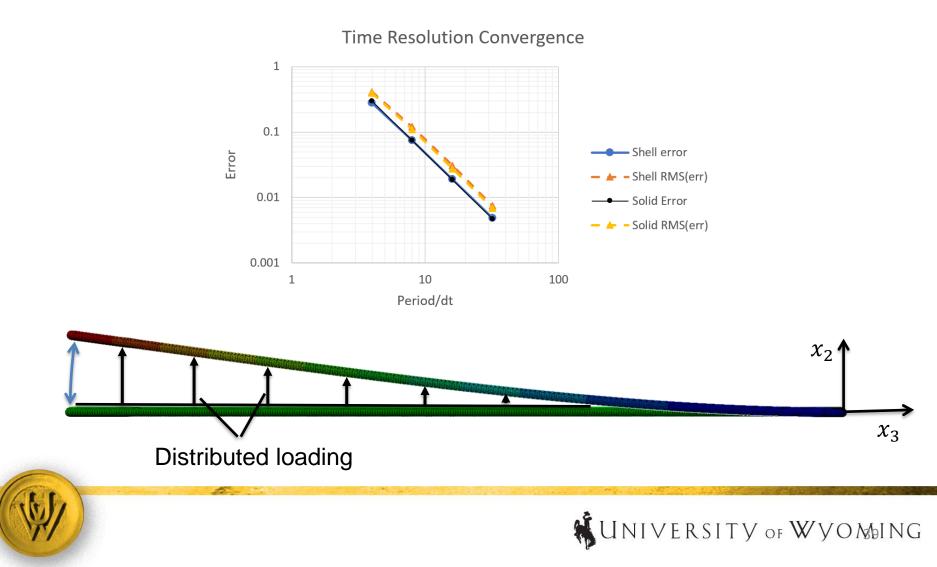
NACA 0012 section in free vibration:



 $u_2 = \left(\cosh(\beta x_3) - \cos(\beta x_3) - \alpha(\sinh(\beta x_3) - \sin(\beta x_3))\right)(1 - \cos(\omega t))$



Demonstrations and Validations NACA 0012 section in free vibration:



Sensitivities of cumulative tip deflection of NACA 0012 section:

Shell model:

	Adjoint	Tangent	Complex
Modulus	-2.2866254751117 4 E+01	-2.2866254751117 6 E+01	-2.2866254751117 2 E+01
Density	6.8090933737965 2 E+00	6.8090933737965 6 E+00	6.8090933737965 9 E+00
Thickness	-6.879384994999 07 E-02	-6.879384994999 19 E-02	-6.879384994999 10 E-02
X3	7.1120189584 2075 E+01	7.1120189584 3516 E+01	7.1120189584 7536 E+01

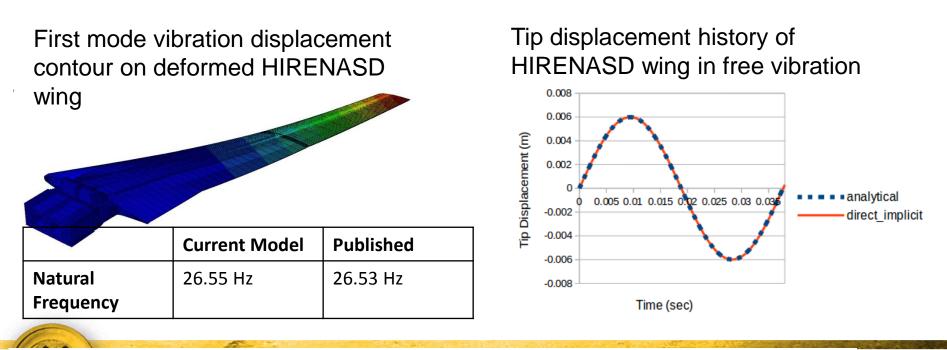
Solid model:

Adjoint		Tangent	Complex
Modulus	-2.343167976856 26 E+01	-2.343167976856 09 E+01	-2.343167976856 65 E+01
Density	6.93622330325 826 E+00	6.93622330325 728 E+00	6.93622330325 849 E+00
X3	7.69163259198 577 E+01	7.69163259198 956 E+01	7.69163259198 118 E+01



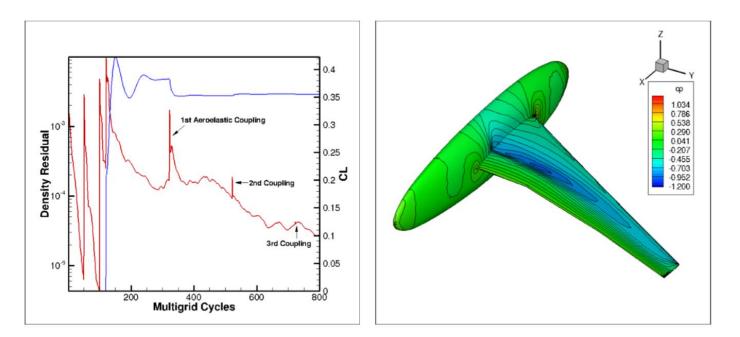


Demonstration: 1st mode free vibration test of HIRENASD* wing, clamped at root. Response computed with Newmark Beta-HHT alpha implicit time integration.



*Reimer, L., Boucke, A., Ballmann, J., and Behr, M. "Computational Analysis of High-Reynolds Number Aero-Structural Dynamics HIRENASD," *International Forum of Aeroelasticity and Structural* 2MING *Dynamics* CP2009-130, 2009

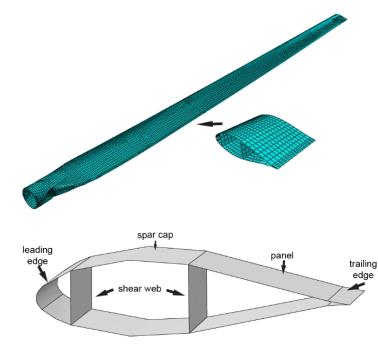
Demonstration: Coupled aero-structural simulation of HIRENASD wing model computed lift coefficient of 0.3304 compares well with published value







- Longevity of wind turbines is critical for economic viability.
- Fatigue damage is a major contributor to failure in turbines.
- Extension of work by Bhuiyan *et al.** was performed to minimize fatigue-driving stress under simulated loading.



SWiFT wind blade model**

*Bhuiyan, Faisal Hasan, Mavriplis, Dimitri and Fertig, Ray S., "Predicting Composite Fatigue Life of Wind Turbine Blades Using Constituent-Level Physics and Realistic Aerodynamic Load," *57th AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference,* CP988, 2016. **Resor, B. R. and LeBlanc, B., "An Aeroelastic Reference Model for the SWiFT Turbines," Sandia National³ Laboratories, Rept. SAND2014-19136, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 2014.

Fatigue damage in polymers has been shown to be wellmodeled using the kinetic theory of fracture:

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = (n_0 - n)^{\lambda} \frac{kT}{h} \exp\left(\frac{\gamma \sigma^{eff} - U}{kT}\right)$$

n = damage parameter between 0 and 1.

- λ, γ, U = material dependent constants.
- h = Planck's constant
- k = Boltzmann's constant
- T = Absolute temperature

In fiber-reinforced composites, the challenge lies in the identification of the effective scalar stress criterion σ^{eff} .



Effective off-axis matrix stress in fiber-reinforced composites developed by Fertig *et al*.*:

$$\sigma^{eff} = \sqrt{A^t \{I^{m,t}\}^2 + I^{m,s_1} + A^s I^{m,s_2}}$$

 $(A^t \text{ and } A^s \text{ derived})$ from static failure tests)

$$I^{m,t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sigma_{22}^m + \sigma_{33}^m + \sqrt{(\sigma_{22}^m + \sigma_{33}^m)^2 - 4(\sigma_{22}^m \sigma_{33}^m - \sigma_{23}^m)} \right]$$
$$I^{m,s1} = (\sigma_{12}^m)^2 + (\sigma_{13}^m)^2$$
$$I^{m,s2} = \left(\frac{1}{4} (\sigma_{22}^m - \sigma_{33}^m)^2 + (\sigma_{23}^m)^2 \right)$$
$$\sigma_{ij}^m = \frac{1}{(1 - v^f)} \left[\delta_{ir} \delta_{js} - C_{ijpq}^f S_{pqrs}^m \right]^{-1} \left[\delta_{rk} \delta_{sl} - C_{rspq}^f S_{pqkl}^c \right] \sigma_{kl}^c$$



*Jensen, E. M. and Fertig, R. S., "Physics-Based Multiscale Creep Strain and Creep Rupture Modeling for Composite Materials," *AIAA Journal,* Vol. 54, No. 2, 2015, pp. 703-711

The goal was set to minimize the effective off-axis matrix stress derived by Fertig in the SWiFT wind blade model under five loading conditions:

- 1) Centrifugal loading (static, assuming angular velocity 43 rpm)
- 2) Gravitational loading (dynamic)
- 3) Aerodynamic (static, loads generated by NSU3D, inflow = 12 m/s)
- 4) Combined loading (static, with blade in horizontal position)
- 5) Combined loading (dynamic, through 3 revolutions)





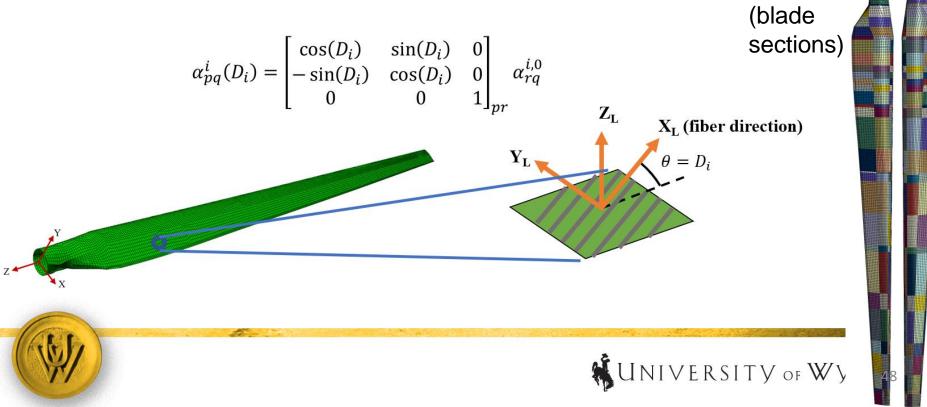
Objective function defined as fourth-power p-norm of effective off-axis matrix stress:

$$L = \int_0^t \int_\Omega \left(\sigma^{eff}\right)^4 d\Omega dt$$

A power of four has been observed to target areas of maximum stress, while keeping objective smooth and reasonably well behaved*.



Design variables: in-plane fiber angle with respect to blade's longitudinal axis assuming single-ply panels. One set with a variable defining angle for each section, and one set with a variable for each individual element of the structure.



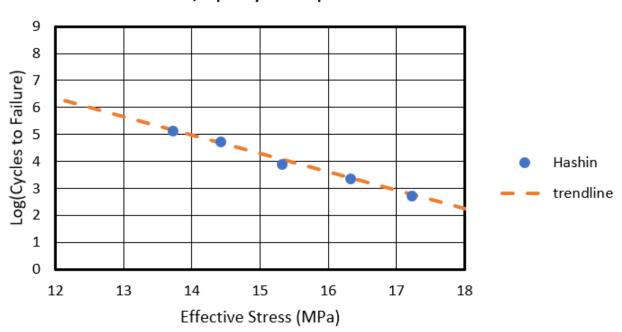
Chang in max stress and deflection for all 5 load cases:

	Section De	esign Variables	Element Design Variables	
Load Case	Change in	Change in	Change in	Change in
	Max Stress	Max Deflection	Max Stress	Max Deflection
Centrifugal	-37.67%	-0.64%	-59.41%	-7.43%
Gravitational	-45.69%	-0.50%	-55.49%	0.12%
Aerodynamic	-18.63%	-0.40%	-42.30%	-2.82%
Combined, Static	-19.24%	0.24%	-54.08%	-6.71%
Combined, Dynamic	-21.72%	0.13%	-51.11%	-9.05%





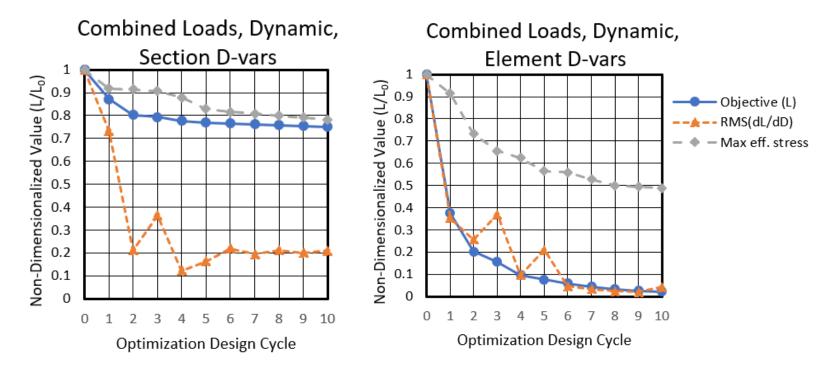
Experimental correlation* between effective off-axis matrix stress amplitude and fatigue life:



Glass/Epoxy Composite S-N Data



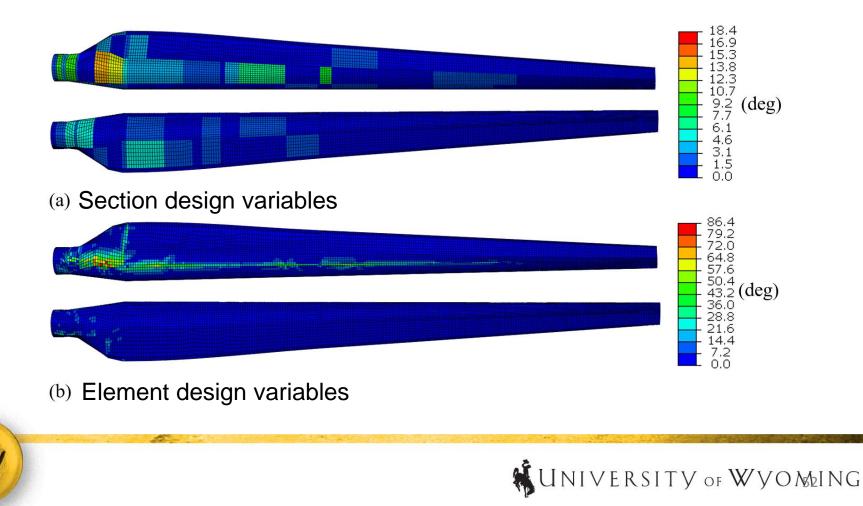
Optimization history for combined dynamic loading:



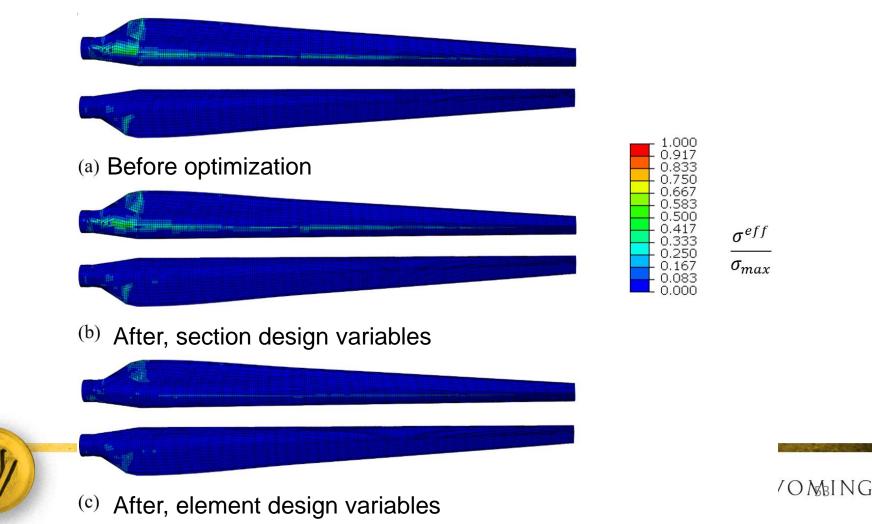
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Fiber angle change for combined dynamic loading:



Stress reduction for combined dynamic loading:





- Current push in aviation toward fuel efficiency through highaspect ratio wing designs.
- Increased importance to consider buckling in design analysis.





Two main common approaches to structural buckling analysis:

- 1) Approximate structures as collection of simplified members such as beams or flat plates and apply analytical solutions. Computationally inexpensive but generally inaccurate, and can be cumbersome to implement.
- Generalized eigenmode analysis on nonlinear structural stiffness matrix. Expensive, can be problematic with duplicate eigenvalues, appropriate number of eigenpairs not always intuitive.

A generally applicable and affordable approach suitable for gradient-based optimization would be valuable.





Elastic structures subject to conservative forces behave in such a way to minimize total potential energy:

$$\Pi = \int_{\Omega} V d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} f_i u_i d\Omega - \int_{S} t_i u_i dS \qquad \begin{array}{l} V = \text{strain} \\ \text{energy density} \end{array}$$

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If displacement is a function of a set of discrete parameters, $u_i = N_{ii}U_i$, then state of equilibrium defined by

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial U_j} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \epsilon_k} \frac{\partial \epsilon_k}{\partial U_j} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} f_i N_{ij} d\Omega - \int_{S} t_i N_{ij} dS = 0$$



If there exists a mode of displacement δU in which continued deformation from equilibrium results in accelerated decrease of total potential energy, the system is in unstable equilibrium. The second-order Taylor series expansion of total potential energy is

$$\delta \Pi = \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial U_i} \delta U_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} \delta U_i \delta U_j$$



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zero at equilibrium

$$\delta \Pi = \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial V_i} \delta U_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} \delta U_i \delta U_j$$





The matrix of second-order derivatives of potential energy is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \epsilon_p \partial \epsilon_k} \frac{\partial \epsilon_p}{\partial U_j} \frac{\partial \epsilon_k}{\partial U_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \epsilon_k} \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_k}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} \right) d\Omega$$

Or, with the partial derivatives of strain energy density represented as stress and stiffness,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Pi}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} = \int_{\Omega} \left(C_{pk} \frac{\partial \epsilon_p}{\partial U_j} \frac{\partial \epsilon_k}{\partial U_i} + \sigma_k \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_k}{\partial U_i \partial U_j} \right) d\Omega \qquad \text{Nonlinear stiffness matrix}$$

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Conclusion: A structure is in a stable, buckling-safe state if the nonlinear stiffness matrix is positive definite.

Proposed approach:

- 1) Perform $[L][d][L^T]$ factorization on the nonlinear structural stiffness matrix at a given state.
- 2) Find a perturbation vector δU with back-substitution such that

$$L_{ji}\delta U_{j} = \begin{cases} d_{ii} \text{ in rows where } d_{ii} < 0\\\\0 \text{ in rows where } d_{ii} \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

3) Let the constraint for structural stability be defined by

 $[\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}^T][K]\{\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}\}=0$



Drawback: No cost-effective way of computing the sensitivity of the matrix factorization. Sensitivity of the scalar buckling criterion must be approximated

$$\frac{d}{dD}([\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}^T][K]\{\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}\}) \approx [\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}^T]\left[\frac{dK}{dD}\right]\{\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{U}\}$$

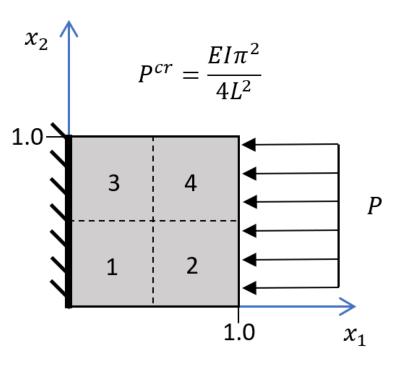
Advantage: Only one matrix factorization and a differentiation of *K* is required at each design state. Eigenvalue-based approach requires similar operation for *each* eigenpair at each design state.

Goal: Investigate the proposed method, compared to standard eigenvaluebased analysis and assess its feasibility.





- Buckling analysis was performed on a flat plate using both LDL buckling criterion and eigenvalue-based criterion.
- Thickness of each of four square sections defined as design variables
- The load P and material properties chosen so that critical buckling thickness = 0.05





Objective set to minimize total volume of the flat plate while ensuring structural stability:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{els}} Vol_i - \lfloor \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{U}^T \rfloor [K] \{ \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{U} \} \qquad \text{(LDL criterion)}$$

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{els}} Vol_i + c \sum_{j=1}^{n_{vals}} e^{-2\kappa\lambda_j}$$

(Eigenvalue-based criterion)



Sensitivities for LDL criterion at thicknesses below critical:

	Sensitivities		Unit Direction		
Section	Adjoint Complex		Adjoint	Complex	
1	-4.97325E+06	-1.49197E+07	-7.173427412188 40 E-01	-7.173427412188 84 E-01	
2	-1.11251E+06	-3.33753E+06	-1.604687353993 71 E-01	-1.604687353993 92 E-01	
3	-4.54578E+06	-1.36374E+07	-6.55685295716 613 E-01	-6.55685295716 418 E-01	
4	-1.19571E+06	-3.58714E+06	-1.724701990518 47 E-01	-1.724701990518 52 E-01	

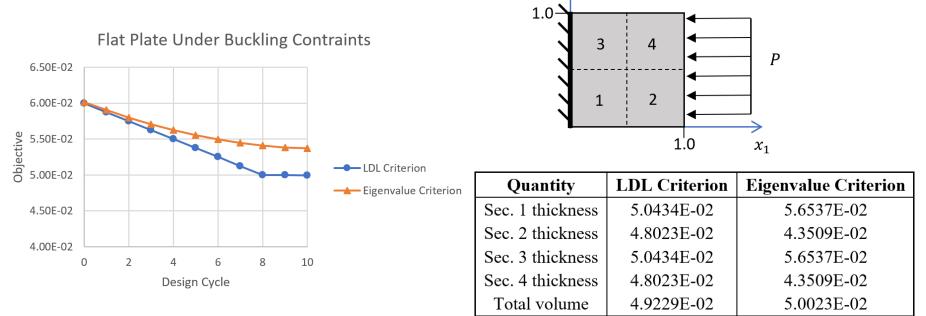
In this case sensitivity direction is correct, but magnitude off by factor of three (not generally true).





 x_2

Optimization results:

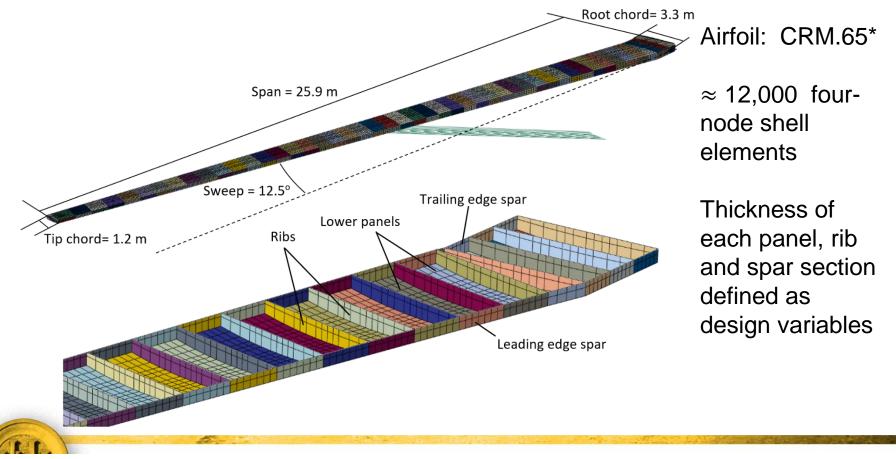


LDL criterion tends to cause abrupt behavior at point of instability.



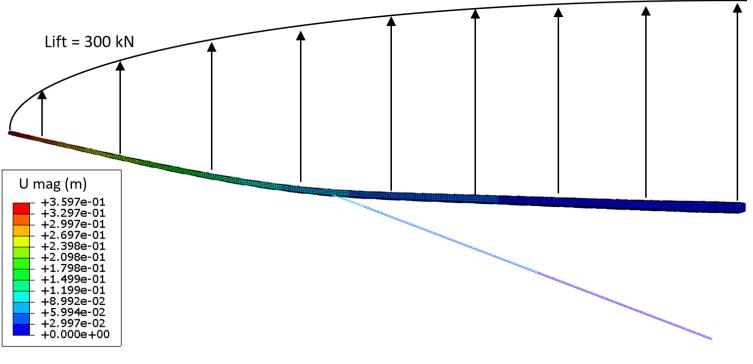


Truss-Braced wing model:



*Vassberg, J.C., DeHaan, M.A., Rivers, S.M., and Wahls, R.A., "Development of a Common Research Model for Applied CFD Validation Studies," *26th AIAA Applied Aerodynamics Conference,* CP2008-6919, 2008.

Spanwise elliptic load distribution:



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Objective set to minimize mass subject to structural stability and mises stress below yield strength for aluminum (using Kreisselmeier–Steinhauser aggregation*):

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{els}} Vol_i - [\delta U^T][K] \{\delta U\} + h \frac{1}{(Total \, Vol)} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{els}} e^{2\left(\frac{\sigma_k^{\nu}}{\sigma^m}\right)} Vol_k \quad \text{(LDL criterion)}$$

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{els}} Vol_i + c \sum_{j=1}^{n_{vals}} e^{-2\kappa\lambda_j} + h \frac{1}{(Total \, Vol)} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{els}} e^{2\left(\frac{\sigma_k^{\nu}}{\sigma^m}\right)} Vol_k \quad \text{(Eigenvalue criterion)}$$

*Kreisselmeier G., Steinhauser R., "Systematic Control Design by Optimizing a Vector Performance Indicator," *Symposium on Computer-Aided Design of Control Systems*, IFAC, Zurich, Switzerland, 1979 pp. 113–117.

Sensitivities for LDL criterion:

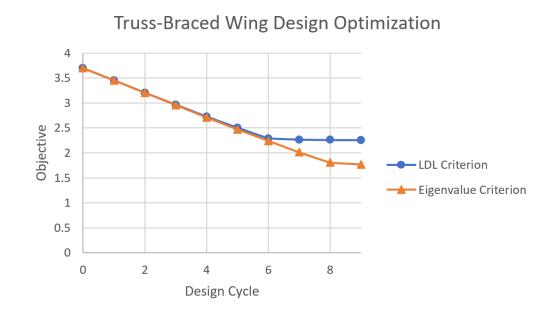
	Sensit	ivities	Unit Direction	
Section	Adjoint Complex		Adjoint	Complex
1	5.8177E+24	3.6156E+26	8.3054E-01	7.6316E-01
2	3.3838E+24	2.3923E+26	4.8308E-01	5.0496E-01
3	1.7267E+24	1.5660E+26	2.4650E-01	3.3055E-01
4	5.5874E+23	6.6266E+25	7.9766E-02	1.3987E-01
5	6.9036E+23	8.7057E+25	9.8557E-02	1.8376E-01

Angle of difference = 8.68°





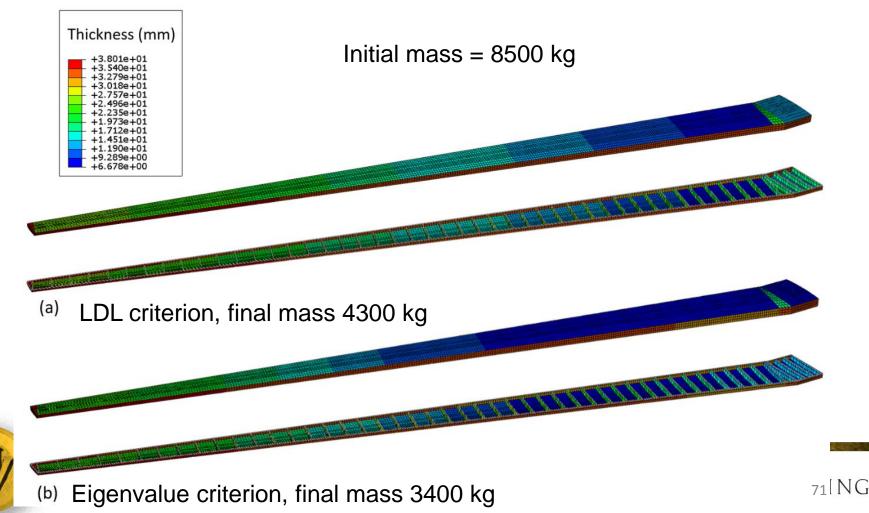
Optimization results:



Again abrupt convergence is seen at the point of constraint violation, especially for LDL criterion.



Final panel thickness distribution:



Conclusions

- AStrO has been developed and validated as a reliable tool for structural thermoelastic modeling and sensitivity analysis.
- Highly specialized and novel investigations have been made possible by the open-source nature of the package.
- There may be great potential to improve fatigue life in composite structures through fiber angle optimization, but results are highly dependent on loading and fully coupled aeroelastic optimization should yield the best results.
- The proposed LDL criterion for buckling constraints is an effective and computationally efficient metric for enforcing structural stability. Further investigations required to understand limitations and the best implementation.

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Future Work

- Completion of all tools for fully coupled aeroelastic optimization would make it possible to conduct further meaningful studies to enrich what has been done.
- Parallelization of AStrO would enable more in-depth studies of generalized buckling analysis and other topics.
- Continue studies with more sophisticated optimizers.
- Extension of AStrO's tools to account for nonlinearity in thermal material properties for investigations in hypersonic applications.
- Possible applications in high-speed ballistic dynamics may require alternative time-integration schemes.

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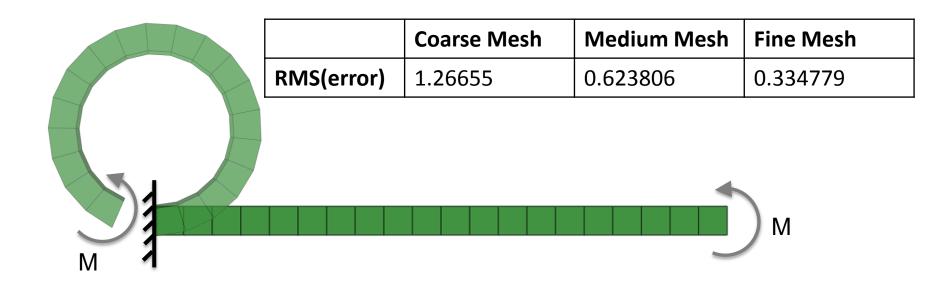


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Questions?

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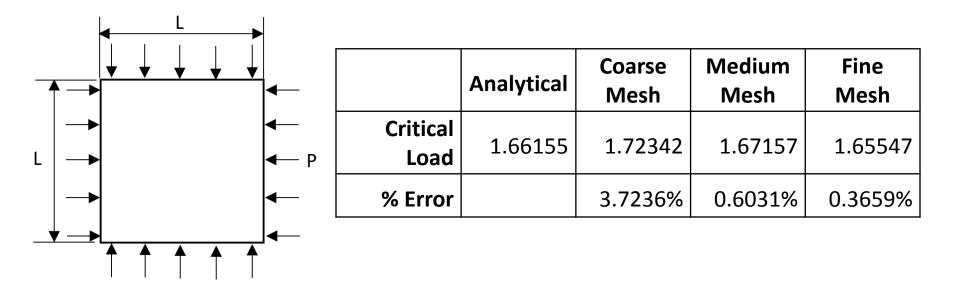
Demonstration: Nonlinear deflection of clamped bar subject to constant moment, forming a circular ring.





AStrO: Adjoint-Based Structural Optimizer

Demonstration: Critical buckling load of square flat plate subject to uniform bi-axial loading





Eigenpair-based objectives

$$[K]\boldsymbol{v}_i = \lambda_i \boldsymbol{v}_i$$

$$L = L(\boldsymbol{v}_i, \lambda_i) \qquad \qquad \frac{d[K]}{dD_j} \boldsymbol{v}_i + [K] \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dD_j} = \frac{d\lambda_i}{dD_j} \boldsymbol{v}_i + \lambda_i \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dD_j}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dD_j} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_i} \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dD_j} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_i} \frac{d\lambda_i}{dD_j}$$

$$\boldsymbol{v}_i^T \boldsymbol{v}_i = 1$$

 $\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{v}_i^T \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dD_j} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} [K] - \lambda_i [I] & -\boldsymbol{v}_i \\ -\boldsymbol{v}_i^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dD_j} \\ \frac{d\lambda_i}{dD_j} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} -\frac{d[K]}{dD_j} \boldsymbol{v}_i \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

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Eigenpair-based objectives

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$$\frac{d[K]}{dD_j} = \frac{\partial[K]}{\partial D_j} + \frac{\partial[K]}{\partial U_k} \frac{\partial U_k}{\partial R_m} \frac{\partial R_m}{\partial D_j} = \frac{\partial[K]}{\partial D_j} + \frac{\partial[K]}{\partial U_k} \Big[\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}\Big]_{km}^{-1} \frac{\partial R_m}{\partial D_j}$$





Eigenpair-based objectives

(1) find the necessary eigenpairs of $[K]: \lambda_i, \boldsymbol{v}_i$

(2) for every eigenpair:

(a) solve
$$\begin{bmatrix} [K] - \lambda_{i}[I] & -\boldsymbol{v}_{i} \\ -\boldsymbol{v}_{i}^{T} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{\boldsymbol{v}} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_{i}^{T}} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_{i}} \end{cases}$$

(b) evaluate $y_{k} = (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{\boldsymbol{v}})^{T} \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial U_{k}} \boldsymbol{v}_{i}$
(c) solve $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{R}}{\partial \boldsymbol{U}} \end{bmatrix}_{km}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{m} = y_{k}$
(d) for every D_{j} update $\frac{dL}{dD_{j}} = \frac{dL}{dD_{j}} - (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{\boldsymbol{v}})^{T} \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial D_{j}} \boldsymbol{v}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{T} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{R}}{\partial D_{j}}$

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