Development of a High-Fidelity Aero-Thermo-Elastic Analysis and Design Capability

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Why use numerical analysis?

- ✓ Relatively low cost
- ✓ Speed

Why use multi-disciplinary computation?

- ✓ Allows complimentary information
- ✓ Adds to accuracy of results
- X Adds to the complexity







- One of the major applications of aero-thermo-elastic simulations is in Hypersonic vehicles:
 - Leading edges of hypersonic vehicles
 - Heated panels on hypersonic vehicles



- > Accurate aero-thermo-elastic analysis and design requires:
 - ✓ Aerodynamic loads (aerodynamic pressure and viscous forces)
 - ✓ Aero-thermal effects (surface heating rate and inner temperature distributions)
 - ✓ Structural loads (structural deformation and stresses)



- > Two main ways to approach multi-disciplinary simulations:
- Strong coupling
 - ✓ More stable approach

X Cannot use already available and well-tested solvers

Weak coupling

Able to use existing well-developed and tested codes
X Less stable

INTRODUCTION Challenges

- Main challenges in coupled aero-thermo-elastic simulations:
 - X Difference in space scale
 - X Difference in time scale
 - X Dealing with the boundary conditions
 - X Coupling the sensitivities



Non-matching Fluid/Structure interface*

*Farhat et al, Load and Motion Transfer Algorithm for Fluid/Structure Interaction Problems with Non-Matching Discrete Interfaces (1998).

Develop/Validate a **coupled aero-thermo-elastic** analysis and design capability which:

- ✓ Uses weak coupling in order to take advantage of the already available and well tested in-house codes.
- ✓ Uses **high-fidelity** models for each discipline.
- Performs transient analysis in 3D.
- ✓ Performs Tangent and Adjoint sensitivity analysis.

INTRODUCTION Outline of Project

- Analysis
 - \checkmark Validate the **thermal analysis** capability .
 - ✓ Validate the **thermo-elastic analysis** capability.
 - ✓ Develop/Validate aero-thermo-elastic analysis capability.
- Design Optimization
 - ✓ Verify the thermo-elastic adjoint sensitivities.
 - ✓ Demonstrate standalone thermo-elastic optimization.
 - ✓ Develop/Verify aero-thermo-elastic adjoint sensitivities.
 - ✓ Demonstrate aero-thermo-elastic Optimization.

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- Flow Solver: Navier-Stokes Unstructured 3D (NSU3D)
 - ✓ Based on the conservative form of the Navier-Stokes:
- $\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} + \nabla . F(u) = 0$

- ✓ 3D unstructured finite-volume RANS solver
- ✓ Vertex-centered
- \checkmark 2nd order accurate in space and time
- ✓ Uses a line-implicit solver with agglomeration multigrid
- $\checkmark\,$ Fluxes are calculated using the Roe Scheme
- $\checkmark\,$ Mesh deformation capability based on the linear elasticity model
- ✓ Numerous simulations and participations: **DPW**, **HiLiftPW**, **AePW**

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC COUPLING Structural Solver

- Structural Solver: Adjoint-based Structural Optimizer (AStrO)
 - ✓ High-fidelity, open-source, developed in-house
 - ✓ Finite-element modeling of 3D structures
 - ✓ Compatible with Abaqus input and output files
 - ✓ Static and dynamic analysis:

- ✓ Elasticity problem: $\nabla \cdot \sigma \xi \frac{du}{dt} \rho \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} + f = 0 \Rightarrow [K]U + [C]\dot{U} + [M]\ddot{U} = F$
- ✓ Heat transfer problem: $\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) Q = 0 \Rightarrow [K_{therm}]T + [M_{therm}]\dot{T} = F_{therm}$
- ✓ Thermo-elastic problem
- \checkmark Time stepping with Newmark- β expansion

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC COUPLING Structural Solver

- > Assumptions made for **thermo-elastic** coupling in **AStrO**:
 - ✓ Thermal material properties have no significant dependence on strain.
 - \checkmark The heat generated by deformation is assumed to be negligible.
 - Deformation has a one-way dependence on the temperature distribution.
- The effect of thermal expansion shows up as part of the load in the elasticity equation.

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC COUPLING Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI) Module

- > Weak coupling requires :
 - ✓ convergence of the following at the boundary:
 - ✓ Temperature
 - ✓ Heat flux
 - ✓ Aerodynamic loads
 - Displacements
 - FFTB method or Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions for stability and convergence.







AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC COUPLING Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI) Module

- The transfer of data between meshes can be summarized as:
 - $\begin{cases} Q_{CTSD} = [P]Q_{CFD} \\ T_{CFD} = [P]^{T}T_{CTSD} \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} F_{CTSD} = [P]F_{CFD} \\ U_{CFD} = [P]^{T}U_{CTSD} \end{cases}$

Search algorithm locates nearest/perpendicular projected point from CFD grid point to structure mesh surface.



Fluid/structure data transfer*

 can handle non-matching fluid and structure meshes with different element types and mesh resolution.

The in-house FSI:

✓ can handle **non-matching** fluid and structure **OML** geometries

*Li et al, 3D common-refinement method for non-matching meshes in partitioned variational fluid-structure analysis (2017)

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC COUPLING



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STRUCTURAL SOLVER VALIDATION Thermal Analysis Validation

- Followed cases demonstrated in AIAA 2019-1892 (Verification of a conjugate heat transfer tool with US3D, J.D. Reinert, A. Dwivedi, and G.V. Candler):
 - ✓ Transient 1D heat conduction in a cube.
 - ✓ with Dirichlet boundary conditions and constant thermal properties.
 - with Neumann boundary conditions and constant thermal properties
 - ✓ with Neumann boundary conditions and variable thermal properties.
 - ✓ Transient 2D heat conduction on a quarter cylinder.
 - ✓ Numerical solutions were compared against analytical solutio



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STRUCTURAL SOLVER VALIDATION Thermo-Elastic Analysis Validation

- Thermo-elastic validation:
 - Thermo-elastic study of a heated panel case. Based on the 1988 paper by Thornton et al, titled "Flow, Thermal, and Structural Analysis of Aerodynamically Heated Panels"
 - ✓ Numerical solutions were compared against analytical solutions.



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Based on the experiments conducted by Allan Wieting in the NASA Langley 8-foot High Temperature Tunnel in 1987*

Free-stream conditions	Value
Free-stream Mach number (Ma_{∞})	6.47 (dimensionless)
Initial wall temperature (T _w)	294.4 K
Free-stream Reynolds number (Re_{∞})	1.312×10 ⁶ 1/m
Free-stream temperature (T_{∞})	241.5 K
Free-stream velocity (U_{∞})	2015.43 m/s
Free-stream pressure (P_{∞})	648.1 Pa



Overview of the wind tunnel experiment*

- Description of the cylinder:
 - Material properties: stainless steel 321 at 400K
 - Dimensions: Length = 0.1143m, Diameter= 0.0762m, Thickness = 0.0127m

*Dechaumphai et al, Fluid-Thermal-structural Study of Aerodynamically Heated Leading Edges (1988).

Summary of the applied numerical boundary conditions



(1) Inlet
(2) Outlet
(3) Fluid/structure Interface
(4) Isothermal (294.4 K)
(5) Insulated

> Description of the grids used for the numerical simulation

Fluid Mesh	Numb	er of nodes	Numbe	r of elements	Type of	elements	Wall spa	acing
Fluid coarse mesh	2,462	,400	4,814,7	740	Prism		10-6	
Fluid fine mesh	19,76	3,866	39,084	,360	Prism		6×10 ⁻⁷	
Structure Mesh		Number of r	nodes	Number of ele	ments	Type of ele	ements	
Structure coarse	mesh	20,706		17,100		Hexahedra	al	
Structure fine me	sh	133,055		120,384		Hexahedra	al	
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> Validation of the **CFD solver** for high speed flows



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- Validation of the coupled analysis capability (structural solver time step is 0.1s)
 - Evolution of temperature and heat flux with time



Validation of the coupled analysis capability

Temperature(K) solution at t =2 s

Circumferential thermal stress(pa) solutions at t = 2s





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Overview of the proposed wind tunnel experiment Based on the 1988 paper by Thornton et al, titled "Flow, Thermal, and Structural Analysis of Aerodynamically Heated Panels

Free-stream conditions	Value
Free-stream Mach number (Ma_{∞})	6.57 (dimensionless)
Wall temperature (T _w)	530 K
Free-stream Reynolds number (Re_{∞})	0.37 ×10 ⁶ 1/ft
Free-stream temperature (T_{∞})	530 K
Free-stream velocity (U_{∞})	6612.3 ft/s
Free-stream pressure (P_{∞})	0.0971 psi



*Thornton et al, Coupled Flow, Thermal, and Structural Analysis of Aerodynamically Heated Panels (1988).

> Summary of the applied numerical boundary conditions



(1) Inflow
(2) Outflow
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(4) Insulated
(5) Fluid/Structure Interface

Panel structural boundary conditions

- Description of the panel:
 - Material properties: stainless steel AM-350
 - Dimensions: Length = 4 in, Width= 0.1 in, Thickness = 0.5 in

> Description of the grids used for the numerical simulation

Mesh	Number of nodes	Number of elements	Type of elements	Wall spacing
Fluid mesh	2,474,940	4,725,000	Prism	6×10 ⁻⁶
Structure mesh	3,216	1,995	Hexahedral	

- Numerical results for the coupled simulation of an Aerodynamically heated panel with convex deformation (structural solver time step 5s)
 - Flow density distribution from t = 0s to t = 30s (6 coupling cycles)



- Numerical results for the coupled simulation of an Aerodynamically heated panel with convex deformation
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:	8	Time(s)	Coupled computational solution	Analytical solution	Computational solutions from previous work*
ature (R)	7	10	0.0126	0.0127	0.0133
Tempera	6	20	0.0252	0.0234	0.0239
:	5	30	0.0369	0.0336	0.0327
:	50	0 0.5	1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 X (in)	0 5 10 Ti	15 20 25 30 me (s)

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SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION Gradient Based Methods

- Gradient based sensitivity derivative Analysis for optimization:
 - Finite-difference $f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \dots \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) f(x)}{h}$
 - Complex-step $f(x+ih) = f(x) + ihf'(x) \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \dots \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{Im[f(x+ih)]}{h}$
 - Analytical (Tangent and Adjoint)
 - ✓ High Accuracy
 - Less Computationally expensive



Conceptual depiction of the gradient*

*Anderson, E., Development of an Open-Source Capability for High-Fidelity Thermoelastic Modeling and Adjoint-Based Sensitivity Analysis of Structures, PhD thesis, August 2019.

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THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY FORMULATION Steady-State Tangent Formulation

Objective function: $L = L(D, u_T(D), u_s(D))$ **Sensitivities:** $\frac{dL}{dD} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_T} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_T}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_S}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix}$ **Subject to:** $R_T(D, u_T, u_S) = 0$ and $R_S(D, u_T, u_S) = 0$ **Constraint sensitivity eqn:** $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial u_T} & \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial u_S} \\ \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_S} & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_T}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_S}{\partial u_S} \\ \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial R_T}{\partial D} \\ -\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial D} \\ -\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial D} \end{bmatrix}$ Final Form: $\frac{dL}{dD} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_T} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial u_T} & 0\\ \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_T} & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_T} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial R_T}{\partial D}\\ -\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial D} \end{bmatrix}$



X For multiple D, multiple linear solutions required

THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY FORMULATION Steady-State Adjoint Formulation

Adjoint sensitivities:
$$\frac{dL}{dD}^{T} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D}^{T} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_{T}}{\partial D}^{T} & \frac{\partial u_{S}^{T}}{\partial D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{T}}^{T} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{S}}^{T} \end{bmatrix}$$
Disciplinary adjoints:
$$\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{T} \\ \Lambda_{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{T}^{T}}{\partial u_{T}} & \frac{\partial R_{S}^{T}}{\partial u_{S}} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{T}}^{T} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{S}}^{T} \end{bmatrix}$$
Linear Adjoint System:
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{T}^{T}}{\partial u_{T}} & \frac{\partial R_{S}^{T}}{\partial u_{S}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{T} \\ \Lambda_{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{T}}^{T} \\ \frac{\partial R_{S}^{T}}{\partial u_{S}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{T} \\ \Lambda_{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{T}}^{T} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{S}} \end{bmatrix}$$
Final Form:
$$\frac{dL}{dD} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D} + \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{T}^{T} & \Lambda_{S}^{T} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial R_{T}}{\partial D} \\ -\frac{\partial R_{S}}{\partial D} \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$
No dependence on D during linear solution
 \checkmark
Effect of D confined to final matrix-vector product

THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY FORMULATION Transient Tangent Formulation



Temporal domain with two time-steps n and n-1:

$\int \partial R_T$	∂R_T	[∂u _T]		∂R_T
∂u_T	∂u_S	∂D	_	∂D
∂R_S	∂R_S	∂u_S		$-\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial R_S}$
∂u_T	∂u_S	I∂D		∂D



THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY FORMULATION Transient Adjoint Analysis Formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-3}}{\partial u^{n-3}} \right]^T & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-2}}{\partial u^{n-3}} \right]^T & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-2}}{\partial u^{n-2}} \right]^T & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-1}}{\partial u^{n-2}} \right]^T & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-1}}{\partial u^{n-1}} \right]^T & \left[\frac{\partial R^n}{\partial u^{n-1}} \right]^T \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \left[\frac{\partial R^{n-1}}{\partial u^{n-1}} \right]^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Temporal domain with two time-steps n and n-1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial u_T}^T & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_T}^T \\ \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial u_S}^T & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial u_S}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_T \\ \Lambda_S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_T}^T \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_S}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

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AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION



AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION Tangent Formulation

Objective function: $L = L(D, u_x(D), u_F(D), u_T(D), u_S(D))$

Variable definitions:

- u_x : CFD grid point coordinates
- *u_F*: CFD flow values
- u_T : Structural temperature values
- u_S : Structural displacements
- D : Design variables

$$\frac{dL}{dD} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial D} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_x} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_F} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_T} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_F}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_F}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_T}{\partial D} \\ \frac{\partial u_S}{\partial D} \end{bmatrix}$$

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION Tangent Formulation

Constraints (Residual) Equations:

CFD Mesh Deformation Equations:

Flow Equations:

FSI transfer of forces:

FSI transfer of heat fluxes:

Structural displacement equations:

Structural temperature equations:

FSI transfer of displacements:

FSI transfer of temperatures:

 $R_x(u_x(D), x_{surf}(D), D) = 0$ $R_F(u_F(D), T_{surf}(D), u_x(D), D) = 0$ $G_{\mathcal{S}}(F_{\mathcal{B}}(u_{\mathcal{F}}(D), u_{\mathcal{X}}(D))) = 0$ $G_T(H_B(u_F(D), u_r(D))) = 0$ $R_{\rm s}(u_{\rm s}, F_{\rm R}(u_{\rm F}(D), u_{\rm r}(D)), D) = 0$ $R_T(u_T, H_B(u_F(D), u_r(D)), D) = 0$ $G'_{S}(x_{surf}(D), u_{S}(D)) = 0$ $G'_T(T_{surf}(D), u_T(D)) = 0$

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION Tangent Formulation

Linearized constraints gives tangent sensitivities:



AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION Adjoint Formulation

Transpose gives adjoint equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_x}{\partial u_x}^T & \frac{\partial R_F}{\partial u_x}^T & -\frac{\partial F_B}{\partial u_x}^T & -\frac{\partial H_B}{\partial u_x}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial R_F}{\partial u_F}^T & -\frac{\partial F_B}{\partial u_F}^T & -\frac{\partial H_B}{\partial u_F}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 & \frac{\partial G_S}{\partial F_B}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I & 0 & \frac{\partial G_T}{\partial H_B}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I & 0 & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial G_T}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I & 0 & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial G_T}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I & 0 & \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial G_T}^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial R_S}{\partial G_T}^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial U_T}^T & 0 & \frac{\partial G' S}{\partial U_S}^T & 0 \\ \frac{\partial R_x}{\partial x_{surf}}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial R_T}{\partial T_{surf}}^T & 0 & \frac{\partial G' T}{\partial T_{surf}}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_x} \\ A_{u_x} \\ A_{u_F} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_F} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial$$

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION Adjoint Formulation



AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION



AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

- Objectives (and constraints) may be formulated based on:
 - ✓ Functional of flow quantities (C_D , C_L , C_m , etc.)
 - ✓ Functional of structural quantities (Modulus E, thickness, density,...)
 - ✓ Functional of thermal quantities (conductivity k, thermal expansion, ...)
 - Combinations of above in weighted penalty formulation
- Design Variable types
 - ✓ Based on material (structural) properties
 - ✓ Based on OML shape parameters
 - ✓ Based on flow parameters (Mach, angle of attack, etc.)

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THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS

- Steady-state thermal optimization for a Multi-Material panel with applied heat flux.
- ✓ Steady-state thermo-elastic optimization for a Rectangular bar with applied force.
- ✓ Steady-state thermo-elastic optimization with large number of design variables.
- Transient thermo-elastic optimization on a Panel with applied heat flux and aerodynamic forces



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AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS Aero-Thermo-Elastic Sensitivity Verification

• Computational set-up:



- (1) Inflow
- (2) Outflow
- (3) Isothermal (530 R)
 - (4) Insulated
 - (5) Fluid/Structure Interface

- Description of the panel:
 - Material properties: stainless steel AM-350
 - Dimensions: Length = 4 in, Width= 0.1 in, Thickness = 0.5 in

Mesh	Number of nodes	Number of elements	Type of elements	Wall spacing
Fluid mesh	2,474,940	4,725,000	Prism	6×10 ⁻⁶
Structure mesh	3,216	1,995	Hexahedral	

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS Aero-Thermo-Elastic Sensitivity Verification

Objective function: $L = (C_x)^2$

$$k = k_0 + 10^{-4} D_1$$

Design variables: $\begin{cases} \\ Thickness = Thickness_{intial} \times D_2 \end{cases}$

Sensitivity verification: D₁

Time step	Adjoint	Tangent	Finite-Difference
1	-	-6.96927382827 098 ×10 ⁻⁶	-7.3292648685×10 ⁻⁶
	6.96927382827 343 ×10 ⁻⁶		
2	-	-2.0973354748 6444 ×10 ⁻⁵	-2.2907747595×10 ⁻⁵
	2.0973354748 5967 ×10 ⁻⁵		
3	-	-4.1942103020 9051 ×10 ⁻⁵	$-4.6948589964 \times 10^{-5}$

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS Aero-Thermo-Elastic Optimization

Objective function: $L(t) = (C_x(t_{final}))^2 + \omega_1(k - k_0)^2 + \omega_2(Mass - Mass_0)^2$

$$k = k_0 + 10^{-4} D_1$$

Design variables: $\begin{cases} \kappa = \kappa_0 + 10 \quad \nu_1 \\ Thickness = Thickness_{intial} \times D_2 \end{cases}$

Initial and optimized material properties

(using $\Delta t = 1$ sec)

Material Properties Initial		Optimized	Optimized	
		1 coupled time step	5 coupled time steps	
Thermal Conductivity (k)	0.00012864 BTU/(s.in.R)	0.0002059 BTU/(s.in.R)	0.000214203 BTU/(s.in.R)	
Thickness	1 in	2.504113 in	2.5134456 in	

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS Aero-Thermo-Elastic Optimization

Convergence of the aero-thermo-elastic optimization process



5 coupled time steps

AERO-THERMO-ELASTIC SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS & OPTIMIZATION RESULTS Aero-Thermo-Elastic Optimization

• Flow density distribution at t = 30s



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CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Validated the structural solver's thermal and thermo-elastic analysis capability.
- Developed/Validated a 3D transient aero-thermo-elastic analysis platform with a weak coupling approach using:
 - ✓ flow solver **NSU3D** with Mesh Deformation Capability
 - thermo-elastic capability from AStrO
 - ✓ FSI module
- ✓ Verified the thermo-elastic adjoint and tangent sensitivities.
- ✓ Demonstrated standalone thermo-elastic optimization.
- ✓ Developed/Verified the aero-thermo-elastic adjoint and tangent sensitivities.
- Demonstrated preliminary aero-thermo-elastic optimization.

CONCLUSIONS Main Contributions

- Researched, developed, and validated the aero-thermo-elastic analysis coupling.
- Formulated, implemented, and tested the coupled aero-thermo-elastic sensitivities.
- Applied the verified sensitivities to preliminary aero-thermo-elastic optimization problems.
- Results from this work has been published in the following:
 - ✓ AIAA 2020-1449 , SciTech 2020, January 2020
 - ✓ AIAA 2020-3138, Aviation 2020, June 2020.
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FUTURE WORKS

- Further investigate aero-thermo-elastic panel optimization problems.
 - Combined material/flow design variables
 - Multi-layered panel constructions



- Further development of the coupled aero-thermo-elastic sensitivities.
- Further development of the fluid solver.
- Further development of the structural solver.
- Further development of the FSI module.
- Adaptive coupling time step size.
- Uncertainty quantification and reduced order modeling.

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