Unsteady Aerodynamic Force Sensing from Measured Strain

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What the technology does



- To improve **fuel efficiency** for an aircraft
 - Reducing weight or drag
 - Similar effect on fuel savings
 - Multidisciplinary design optimization (design phase) or active control (during flight)
- Real-time measurement of structural responses and loads during flight are critical data.
 a(t) -
 - Active flexible motion control
 - ✤ Active induced drag control



- Compute unsteady aerodynamic loads from unsteady strain measurements
- Structural responses (complete degrees of freedom) are essential quantities for load computations during flight.
 - Loads can be computed from the following governing equations of motion.
 [M]{\vec{q}(t)} + [G]{\vec{q}(t)} + [K]{\vec{q}(t)} = {\vec{Q}_a(Mach, {\vec{q}(t)}, {\vec{q}(t)}, {\vec{q}(t)})}
 - Internal Loads: using finite element structure model
 [M]{\vec{q}(t)}, [G]{\vec{q}(t)}; [K]{q(t)}: Inertia, damping, and elastic loads
 - External Load: using unsteady aerodynamic model

 {Q_a(Mach, {q(t)}, {\u03c4q(t)}, {\u03c4q(t)})}: Aerodynamic load

<u>Issue</u>

- Traditionally, lift load over the wing are measured using a pressure gauge.
 - This conventional pressure gauge with associated piping and cabling would create weight and space limitation issues and pressure data will be available only at discrete gauge location. Therefore, a new innovation is needed.
- Structural Dynamics Group optic strain sensor (FOSS) is an ideal choice for aerospace applications.



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Previous technologies

- Liu, T., Barrows, D. A., Burner, A. W., and Rhew, R. D., "Determining Aerodynamic Loads Based on Optical Deformation Measurements," *AIAA Journal*, Vol.40, No.6, June 2002, pp.1105-1112
 - ✤ NASA LRC; Application is limited for <u>"beam"; static deflection</u> & aerodynamic loads
- Igawa, H. et al., "Measurement of Distributed Strain and Load Identification Using 1500 mm Gauge Length FBG and Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry," 20th International Conference on Optical Fibre Sensors, 2009

***** JAXA; using inverse analysis. "Beam" application only; static deflection & loads

- Richards, L. and Ko, W., "Process for using surface strain measurements to obtain operational loads for complex structures," US Patent #7715994, May 11, 2010
 - * NASA AFRC; "sectional" bending moment, torsional moment, and shear force along the "beam".
- Carpenter, T.J. and Albertani, R., "Aerodynamic Load Estimation from Virtual Strain Sensors for a Pliant Membrane Wing," AIAA Journal, Vol.53, No.8, August 2015, pp.2069-2079
 - **Oregon State University**; Aerodynamic loads are estimated from measured strain using virtual strain sensor technique.

Steps used to compute aerodynamic load from measured strain



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Z deflection, velocity, & acceleration along each fiber are model independent quantities



Technical features of two-step approach : Deflection Computation

- □ First Step of two-step approach
 - Use piecewise least-squares method to minimize noise in the measured strain data (strain/offset): re-generate strain data
 - Obtain cubic spline (Akima spline) function using re-generated strain data points (assume small motion):

$$\frac{d^2\delta_k}{ds^2} = -\epsilon_k(s)/c(s)$$

Integrate fitted spline function to get slope data:

$$\frac{d\delta_k}{ds} = \theta_k \ (s)$$

- Obtain cubic spline (Akima spline) function using computed slope data
- **Integrate fitted spline function** to get deflection data: $\delta_k(s)$





Technical features of new technology: Velocity & Acceleration Computation



Use low pass filter, ARMA model, on-line parameter estimator, and least-squares curve fitting method to obtain velocity and acceleration.

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Technical features of expanding procedure

- Second step of two step approach: Based on General Transformation
 - ↔ Definition of the generalized coordinates vector $\{q\}_k$ and the othonormalized coordinates vector $\{\eta\}_k$ at discrete time k

$$\{q\}_k = \left\{\begin{matrix} q_M \\ q_S \end{matrix}\right\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \end{bmatrix} \{\eta\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_M \\ \Phi_S \end{bmatrix} \{\eta\}_k$$

- ★ For all model reduction/expansion techniques, there is a relationship between the master (measured or tested) degrees of freedom and the slave (deleted or omitted) degrees of freedom which can be written in general terms as {q_M}_k = [Φ_M]{η}_k {q_S}_k = [Φ_S]{η}_k
- ✤ Changing master DOF at discrete time $k \{q_M\}_k$ to the corresponding measured values $\{q_{Me}\}_k$

 $\{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}\}_{k} = [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]\{\boldsymbol{\eta}\}_{k}$ $[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T}\{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}\}_{k} = [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T}[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]\{\boldsymbol{\eta}\}_{k}$ $\{\boldsymbol{\eta}\}_{k} = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T}[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]\right)^{-1}[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T}\{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}\}_{k}$

- Expansion of displacement using SEREP: kinds of least-squares surface fitting; most accurate reduction-expansion technique
 - ✤ {q_{Me}}_k: master DOF at discrete time k; deflection along the fiber "computed from the first step"

 $\{\boldsymbol{\eta}\}_{\boldsymbol{k}} = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\boldsymbol{M}}]^{T}[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\boldsymbol{M}}]\right)^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\boldsymbol{M}}]^{T} \{\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{e}}\}_{\boldsymbol{k}}$ $\{\dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_{k} = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}] \right)^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T} \{\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\}_{k}$ $\{\ddot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_{k} = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T}[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]\right)^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{M}]^{T} \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\}_{k}$ $\{q\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_M \\ \Phi_S \end{bmatrix} \{\eta\}_k$ $\{\dot{q}\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_M \\ \Phi_S \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{\eta}\}_k$ Z motion along the fiber $\{\ddot{q}\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_M \\ \Phi_S \end{bmatrix} \{\ddot{\eta}\}_k$ $\{q_M\}_k \{q_S\}_k$ $\{q_{Me}\}_k$ Least-squares "surface" fitting #3 using basis functions

Technical features of New Technology: Unsteady Aerodynamic Loads

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta)_{k} &= \left([\Phi_{M}]^{T}[\Phi_{M}]\right)^{-1}[\Phi_{M}]^{T}[q_{Me}\right)_{k} \\ (\eta)_{k} &= \left([\Phi_{M}]^{T}[\Phi_{M}]\right)^{-1}[\Phi_{M}]^{T}[q_{Me}\right)_{k} \\ (\eta)_{k} &= \left([\Phi_{M}]^{T}[\Phi_{M}]\right)^{-1}[\Phi_{M}]^{T}[q_{Me}\right)_{k} \\ (\eta)_{k} &= \left([\Phi_{M}]^{T}[\Phi_{M}]\right)^{-1}[\Phi_{M}]^{T}[q_{Me}\right)_{k} \\ s^{2} \left[\Phi\right]^{T}[M][q(s)] + s[G][\Phi][\eta(s)] + [K][\Phi][\eta(s)] = [Q_{a}(s)] \\ s^{2} \left[\Phi\right]^{T}[M][q(s)] + s[G][\Phi][\eta(s)] + [K][\Phi][\eta(s)] = [Q_{a}(s)] \\ s^{2} \left[\Phi\right]^{T}[M][q(s)] + s[G][\Phi][\eta(s)] + [K][\Phi][\eta(s)] = [Q_{a}(s)] \\ s^{2} \left[\Phi\right]^{T}[M][q(s)] + s[\Phi]^{T}[G][\Phi][\eta(s)] + [\Phi]^{T}[K][\Phi][\eta(s)] \\ s^{2} \left[\Phi\right]^{T}[Q_{a}(s)] = \left[\Phi_{M}\right]^{T}[q_{a}(s)] = [D_{0}] + s[\Phi]^{T}[G][\Phi][\eta(s)] + [\Phi]^{T}[K][\Phi][\eta(s)] \\ = \left[\Phi\right]^{T}\{Q_{a}(s)] = \left[\Phi_{0}\right] + s[\Phi_{1}\right] + s^{2}[D_{2}] + \sum_{j=1}^{LT} \frac{s[C_{j}]}{s + \Omega_{j}} \\ \hline \text{Time marching algorithm:} \\ \{N\}_{k} = q_{D}([D_{0}]\{\eta\}_{k} + [D_{1}][\eta]_{k} + [D_{2}][\eta]_{k} + [C][x]_{k}) \\ (x)_{k} = [E]\{x\}_{k-1} + [\Theta][B] \frac{(\eta)_{k}}{2} + \frac{(\eta)_{k-1}}{2} \\ \hline \text{A rectangular matrix}[\Phi]^{T} can be inverted using a singular value decomposition technique.} \\ \{Q_{a}\}_{k} = ([\Phi]^{T})^{-1} \{N\}_{k} \\ \hline \text{[E]} = e^{[A|T_{a}]} \quad [\Theta] = \int_{0}^{T_{a}} e^{[A|(T_{a}-\tau)]}d\tau \quad [C] = [C_{1} C_{2} \dots C_{LT}] \quad [A] = \begin{bmatrix} -\Omega_{1}1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\Omega_{2}1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -\Omega_{2}T \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \text{[B]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_{k} \\$$

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Computational Validation



Cantilevered rectangular wing model

Structural Model & Results from Modal Analysis

- Configuration of a wind tunnel test article
 - Has aluminum insert (thickness = 0.065 in) covered with 6% circular arc cross-sectional shape (plastic foam)
 - lumped mass weight are computed based on 6% circular-arc cross sectional shape.
 - > Use structural dynamic model tuning technique
 - Chan-gi Pak and Samson Truong, "Creating a Test-Validated Finite-Element Model of the X-56A Aircraft Structure," *Journal of Aircraft*, Vol. 52, No. 5, pp. 1644-1667, 2015. doi: <u>http://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/1.C033043</u>
 - ✤ 300 beam elements for fictitious FOSS (50 per each fiber). Zero stiffness and zero weight.
- Modal analysis
 - NASTRAN sol. 103



Measured and computed natural frequencies

Mode	Measured (Hz)	Computed (Hz)	% Error
1	14.29	14.29	0.0
2	80.41	80.17	-0.3
3	89.80	89.04	-0.8

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CFL3D Model & Aeroelastic Analysis using CFL3D/NASTRAN

- **CFL3D code** is used to generate unsteady aerodynamic loads.
 - **Compute aerodynamic load vector** at structural grid points.
 - The CFD grid is a multi-block ($97 \times 73 \times 57$) grid with H-H topology.
 - M=0.714 selected. Delta t = 0.000060515 sec. 10240 time steps *
 - The first three flexible modes are used. *
 - Computes **deflections** and **velocities**. (compare with NASTRAN results)
- MSC/NASTRAN sol 112: to compute unsteady strain
 - Modal transient response analysis with 1024 time steps, Delta t = 0.00060515 sec.
 - Force cards are obtained from CFL3D code. Available @ CFD center points.
 - **Computes strain** (assume measured value), deflection, velocity, & **acceleration** (target)

Splines between CFL3D and NASTRAN

- **Develop new approach.**
- Use interpolation element, RBE3, between FE grids and CFD grids & center points.
 - > CFD grids: pressure
 - CFD center points: aerodynamic load vector



Flow direction







q_d = **1.455**



q_{df} = 1.4561: Dynamic pressure for wing flutter condition

Time Histories of Strain under Different Levels of Random White Noise



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Time Histories of Z Deflection: SNR = 0 dB



Time Histories of Z Velocity: SNR = 0 dB



- □ Z velocity is computed at the leading-edge of wing tip section (upper surface).
- \Box Time interval: 0 0.2414 sec
 - Learning period for on-line parameter estimator.
 - Velocities are not computed during this period.
- □ Time interval: 0.2141 sec 0.6 sec
 - ✤ Least-squares curve fitting method is on.
 - ✤ Working even with "SNR = 0 dB"

 $\begin{aligned} &\{\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}(t)\} = \frac{d}{dt} \{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}(t)\} \\ &\{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}(t)\} = \{\widetilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\} + \sum_{i=1}^{nm} e^{-\sigma_i t} \{A_i \cos(\omega_{di} t) + B_i \sin(\omega_{di} t)\} \\ &\{\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_M \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_S \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_k \qquad \{\dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_k = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M]^T [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M] \right)^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M]^T \{\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\}_k \end{aligned}$

Time Histories of Z Acceleration: SNR = 0 dB



- □ Z acceleration is computed at the leading-edge of wing tip section (upper surface).
- \Box Time interval: 0 0.2414 sec
 - Learning period for on-line parameter estimator.
 - ✤ Accelerations are not computed during this period.
- \Box Time interval: 0.2141 sec 0.6 sec
 - ✤ Least-squares curve fitting method is on.
 - ↔ Working even with **"SNR = 0 dB"**

$$\begin{aligned} \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}(t)\} &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}(t)\} \\ \{\boldsymbol{q}_{Me}(t)\} &= \{\widetilde{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\} + \sum_{i=1}^{nm} e^{-\sigma_i t} \{A_i \cos(\omega_{di} t) + B_i \sin(\omega_{di} t)\} \\ \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}\}_k &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_M \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_S \end{bmatrix} \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_k \qquad \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}\}_k = \left([\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M]^T [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M] \right)^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_M]^T \{\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_{Me}\}_k \end{aligned}$$

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Time Histories of Total Induced Drag Load under Different Levels of Random White Noise



- \Box Time interval: 0 0.2414 sec
 - Learning period for on-line parameter estimator.
 - Load computations are based on wing deflection only.
- \Box Time interval: 0.2141 sec 0.6 sec
 - Least-squares curve fitting method is on.
 - Big difference before and after the proposed method is on.
 - Working even with "SNR = 0 dB"
- □ CFL3D calculation
 - Subtracted 0.0353 (thickness effect)

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Time Histories of Total Spanwise Load under Different Levels of Random White Noise



- \Box Time interval: 0 0.2414 sec
 - Learning period for on-line parameter estimator.
 - Load computations are based on wing deflection only.
- \Box Time interval: 0.2141 sec 0.6 sec
 - Least-squares curve fitting method is on.
 - Big difference before and after the proposed method is on.
 - ✤ Working even with "SNR = 0 dB"
- □ CFL3D calculation
 - Subtracted 0.0961 (thickness effect)

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Time Histories of Total Lift Load under Different Levels of Random White Noise



- \Box Time interval: 0 0.2414 sec
 - Learning period for on-line parameter estimator.
 - Load computations are based on wing deflection only.
- □ Time interval: 0.2141 sec 0.6 sec
 - Least-squares curve fitting method is on.
 - Big difference before and after the proposed method is on.
 - Working even with "SNR = 0 dB"

W Updating aerodynamic forces using scaling factor





- $\Box \quad \text{Scaling factor} = 1.2649$
 - Pak, C.-g., "Unsteady Aerodynamic Model Tuning for Precise Flutter Prediction," *AIAA Journal of Aircraft*, Vol. 48, No. 6, 2011, pp. 2178 – 2184.
 - Scaling factors for the ATW2 wing were 1.2579 and 1.2719.
 - Scaling between flight test and ZAERO code based linear panel theory.
 - Use average of 1.2579 & 1.2719 for updating the unsteady aerodynamic forces.
 - Scaling between CFL3D code based Euler theory and ZAERO code based linear panel theory.

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Conclusions

- Unsteady aerodynamic loads are computed using simulated measured strain data.
 - Unsteady structural deflections are computed using the **two-step approach**.
 - Unsteady velocities and accelerations are computed using the ARMA model, on-line parameter estimator, low pass filter, and a least-squares curve fitting method together with an analytical derivatives with respect to time.
 - The deflections, velocities, and accelerations at each sensor location is independent of structural and aerodynamic models.
 - The distributed strain data together with the current proposed approaches can be used as a distributed deflection, velocity, and acceleration sensors.
- □ Induced drag loads, spanwise loads, and lift loads are obtained from the orthonormalized deflection, velocity, and acceleration together with the following approaches.
 - ***** The modal AIC matrices are fitted in Laplace-domain using **Roger's approximation**.
 - Laplace-domain aerodynamics are converted to the time-domain using **time-marching algorithm**.
 - Orthonormalized aerodynamic load vectors are transformed to the general coordinates using pseudo matrix inversion based on singular value decomposition.
 - Normal vectors to the oscillating wing surface are used to compute drag and spanwise loads.
 - An active induced drag control system can be designed using these two computed aerodynamic loads, induced drag and lift, to improve the fuel efficiency of an aircraft.
- □ Interpolation elements (RBE3 in MSC/NASTRAN terminology) between structural FE grids and the CFD grids are successfully incorporated with the unsteady aeroelastic computation scheme.
 - The numerical issues often associated with the Harder and Desmarais surface splines technique are bypassed through the use of the current technique with RBE3 elements.
- The deflection, velocity, and acceleration computation based on the proposed least-squares curve fitting method are validated with respect to the **unsteady strain with SNR of 10dB, 6dB, & 0dB (LSNR of <u>8.7dB to -9.8dB</u>)**.
- The most critical technology for the success of the proposed approach is the robust on-line parameter estimator since the least-squares curve fitting method depends heavily on aeroelastic system frequencies and damping factors.



W Time Histories of Z Deflection







W Time Histories of Z Acceleration









Time Histories of Total Induced Drag Load under 0 dB Random White Noise



□ CFL3D calculation

Subtracted 0.0353 (thickness effect)

Aeroelastic System Frequencies





Roger's Approximation



On-line parameter estimation with and without noise



On-line parameter estimator is applied to the unsteady strain data