

Development of an Integrated Nonlinear Aeroservoelastic Flight Dynamic Model of the NASA Generic Transport Model

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This paper describes a recent development of an integrated fully coupled aeroservoelastic flight dynamic model of the NASA Generic Transport Model (GTM). The integrated model couples nonlinear flight dynamics to a nonlinear aeroelastic model of the GTM. The nonlinearity includes the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the partial derivatives of the aeroelastic angle of attack. Aeroservoelastic modeling of the control surfaces which are modeled by the Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap is also conducted. The R. T. Jones' method is implemented to approximate unsteady aerodynamics. Simulations of the GTM are conducted with simulated continuous and discrete gust loads.

I. Introduction

The aircraft industry has been responding to the need for energy-efficient aircraft by employing light-weight materials for aircraft structures and incorporating more energy-efficient aircraft engines. Reducing airframe operational empty weight (OEW) using advanced composite materials is one of the major considerations for improving energy efficiency. Modern light-weight materials can provide less structural rigidity while maintaining sufficient load-carrying capacity. As structural flexibility increases, aeroelastic interactions with aerodynamic forces and moments can alter aircraft aerodynamics and flight dynamics significantly, thereby potentially degrading aerodynamic efficiency, stability and control.

The general motion of a rigid-body aircraft is unconstrained in three-dimensional space as the aircraft possesses all six degrees of freedom in translation and rotation. This motion is highly influenced by all the aerodynamic forces and moments as well as the propulsive and gravity forces. The motion can exhibit stability which enables the aircraft to return to its equilibrium or trim state, or instability if the motion diverges when it is subjected to a disturbance. The general equations of motion are nonlinear, even though the aerodynamic characteristics of the aircraft are modeled as linear. It is important to recognize that a flight dynamic model is only a mathematical representation of approximate dynamics of an aircraft in flight. Many factors can cause a flight dynamic model to deviate from an observed model of an aircraft. Some of these factors are:

- Nonlinear aerodynamics - Many assumptions are usually built in the derivation of aerodynamic force and moment parameters such as coefficients and derivatives. A linear approximation is usually employed in most aerodynamic models of an aircraft. In reality, aerodynamic coefficients are not always linear and can exhibit nonlinearity at high angle of attack and sideslip angle. The linear aerodynamic approximation can provide a reasonable prediction of aircraft flight dynamics. However, in certain flight regimes, such an approximation may no longer be valid.
- Aeroelasticity - Aircraft is an elastic body which experiences stresses and strains under applied aerodynamic, propulsive, and gravity forces and moments. Elastic deformation of an aircraft results in changes in aerodynamic characteristics. Therefore, aeroelasticity is a significant effect that contributes to aircraft flight dynamics.

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A rigid-body flight dynamic model is usually an initial aircraft model that an analyst develops to provide a preliminary understanding of aircraft dynamics. When a structural design is carried out, the effect of aeroelasticity must be incorporated into the rigid-body flight dynamic model in order to properly predict applied loads.

- Atmospheric disturbances - Atmospheric turbulence, wind gust, and localized weather phenomena can significantly affect aircraft dynamics. The angle of attack depends not only on the aircraft velocity vector but also the wind velocity vector. Changes in the wind velocity vector can also affect aircraft acceleration and applied loading which can cause aeroelastic responses.

The notion of a rigid-body aircraft is idealized. When aircraft structures are designed to maintain their intended aerodynamic shapes in-flight without significant deformation under aerodynamic loading, aircraft is thought of as being a rigid body and its flight characteristics are described by a six degrees of freedom flight dynamic model. As aircraft structures become increasingly more flexible, the influence of aeroelasticity becomes more pronounced. Flight control under aeroservoelastic interactions can be challenging. The mishap of the NASA Helios aircraft illustrates the complex aeroservoelasticity of flexible flight vehicles. Flight dynamics of flexible flight vehicles are intimately coupled with structural dynamics of the aircraft.

This paper describes the development of an aeroservoelastic (ASE) flight dynamic model of the NASA Generic Transport Model (GTM).¹ The GTM represents a notional single-aisle, mid-size, 200-passenger transport aircraft generically approximating a Boeing 757, as shown in Fig. 1. The GTM had been extensively tested in the 14-foot-by-22-foot wind tunnel at NASA Langley Research Center. Thus, wind tunnel test data are available that can be used to validate computational models. The GTM model also has been used extensive in flight control research.

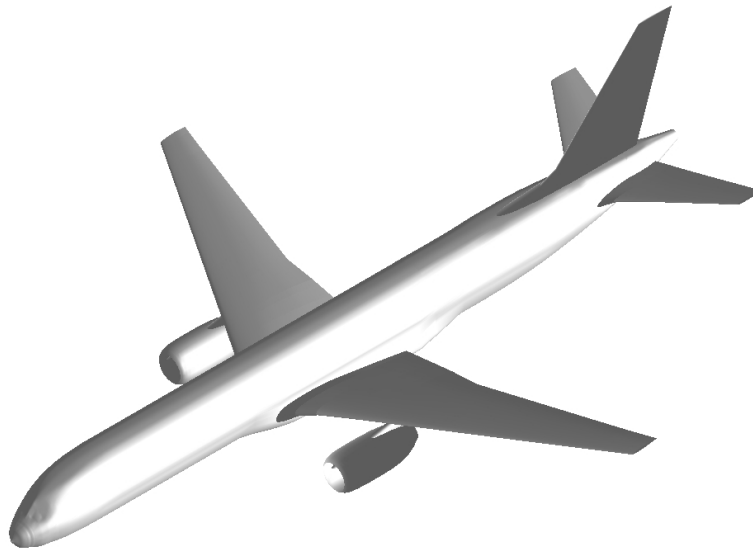


Figure 1. NASA Generic Transport Model

The aircraft has a mid-cruise weight of 210,000 lbs for a typical operating load (gear up, flap up) that includes cargo, fuel, and passengers. Fuel weighs about 50,000 lbs for a range of about 3,000 nautical miles. At the design cruise condition of Mach 0.797 at 36,000 ft, the design lift coefficient is 0.51.

Under the Advanced Air Vehicles Program of the NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, the Advanced Air Transport Technology (AATT) Project is conducting multidisciplinary research to investigate advanced concepts and technologies for future aircraft systems. A NASA study entitled “Elastically Shaped Future Air Vehicle Concept” was conducted in 2010^{2,3} to examine new concepts that can enable active control of wing aeroelasticity to achieve drag reduction. This study showed that highly flexible wing aerodynamic surfaces can be elastically shaped in-flight by active control of wing twist and bending deflection in order to optimize the local angles of attack of wing sections to improve aerodynamic efficiency through drag reduction during cruise and enhance lift performance during take-off

and landing. One concept resulting from this study is the Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap (VCCTEF) developed initially by NASA.² Initial study results indicate that the VCCTEF system may offer a potential pay-off in drag reduction that could provide fuel savings.

NASA and Boeing have jointly developed the VCCTEF further under a research program from 2012 to 2014.^{5,6,16} This research program was built upon the initial development of the VCCTEF system for the NASA GTM in 2010. The resulting VCCTEF system developed under this program employs light-weight Shape Memory Alloy (SMA) technology for actuation and three separate chordwise segments shaped to provide a variable camber to the flap. This cambered flap has greater potential for drag reduction as compared to a conventional straight, plain flap. The flap is also made up of individual 2-foot spanwise sections, which enable different flap settings at each flap spanwise position. This results in the ability to actively control the wing twist shape as a function of span, resulting in a change to the wing twist to establish the best lift-to-drag ratio L/D at any aircraft gross weight or mission segment. Wing twist on traditional commercial transport designs is dictated by the aeroelastic deflection of a fixed “jig twist” shape applied at manufacture. The design of this jig twist is set for one cruise configuration, usually for a 50% fuel loading or mid-point on the gross weight schedule. The VCCTEF offers different wing twist settings, hence different spanwise loadings, for each gross weight condition and also different settings for climb, cruise and descent, a major factor in obtaining best L/D conditions. The second feature of VCCTEF is a continuous trailing edge flap. The individual 2-foot spanwise flap sections are connected with an elastomer transition material, so as to produce no gaps in between the spanwise sections. This continuous trailing edge flap can potentially help reduce viscous drag and airframe noise. Two wind tunnel experiments were conducted for the flexible GTM wing at the University of Washington Aeronautical Laboratory in 2013 and 2014.^{7,8} The experimental results confirm the aerodynamic benefits of the VCCTEF.

The VCCTEF is a multi-functional flap system envisioned to be:

- A wing shaping control device to twist the flexible wing and change the span-load distribution to reduce cruise drag throughout the flight envelope,
- A high-lift device for take-off, climb-out, let-down and final approach by using the full span cambered flap,
- A full span roll control effector in lieu of traditional ailerons using the aft section of the cambered flap, and
- An aeroservoelastic (ASE) control device to compensate for reduced flutter margins of flexible wings and provide load alleviation control.

The VCCTEF is divided into 14 sections attached to the outer wing and 3 sections attached to the inner wing, as shown in Fig. 2.⁵ Each 24-inch section has three chordwise cambered flap segments that can be individually commanded. These cambered flaps are joined to the next section by a flexible and supported material (shown in blue) installed with the same shape as the camber and thus providing continuous trailing edge flaps throughout the wing span with no drag producing gaps.

A major goal of the program is to develop a light-weight flap control system that has a significant weight advantage as compared to current flap screw-jack actuators. Hydraulic, electric and Shape Memory Alloy (SMA) torque rod actuation were evaluated with the result that the SMA actuation has the best weight advantage. Moreover, the use of hinge line actuation eliminates the large and heavy externally mounted actuators, and permits all actuators to be interior to the wing and flap mold lines, thus contributing to the overall drag reduction goal.

Figure 3 shows a schematic representation of an outboard wing flap section having three cambered flap segments.⁵ SMA actuators drive the first and second cambered flap segments and a faster acting electric actuator drives the third cambered flap segment. SMA actuators can deliver large hinge moments, but generally move at a slow rate. The outboard wing flap uses the full-span third cambered segment as a roll command effector and as a control device for suppressing aeroelastic wing structural dynamic modes, both requiring high rates which can be met by electric actuators.

Using the camber positioning, a full-span, high-lift configuration can be activated that has no drag producing gaps and a low flap noise signature. This is shown in Fig. 4. To further augment lift, a slotted Fowler flap configuration is formed by an air passage between the wing and the inner flap that serves to improve airflow over the flap and keep the flow attached. This air passage appears only when the flaps are extended in the high lift configuration.

In the high-lift configuration, the outer wing flap uses the third cambered segment for roll control, as shown in Fig. 5. This provides rolling moment that is equivalent to aileron control. It is somewhat similar to deflecting the ailerons in a droop position to act as flaps, a common procedure used on tactical aircraft and on some transport aircraft. The high-lift configuration distributes the required flap hinge moment throughout the span of the wing while using actuation

components that are all located interior to the wing and flap. This can be achieved by the use of SMA hinge line torque rods, sized to meet the hinge moment requirements at each spanwise location on the wing.

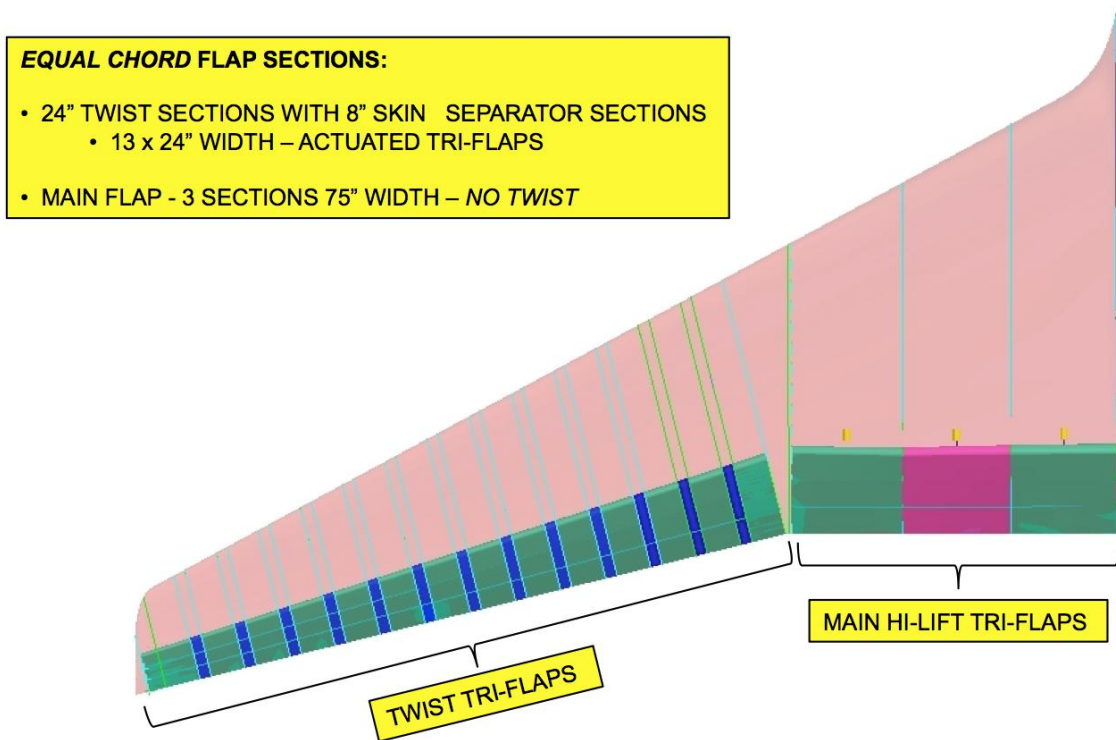


Figure 2. Wing Configured with the Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap

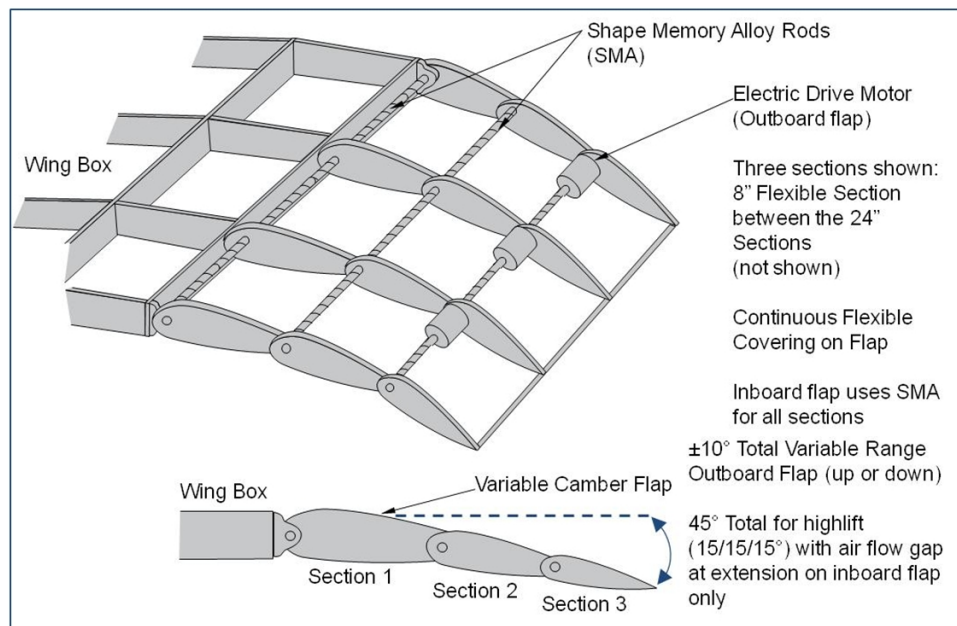


Figure 3. Variable Camber Flap Control Uses Shape Memory Alloy Torque Rod and Electric Drive Actuation

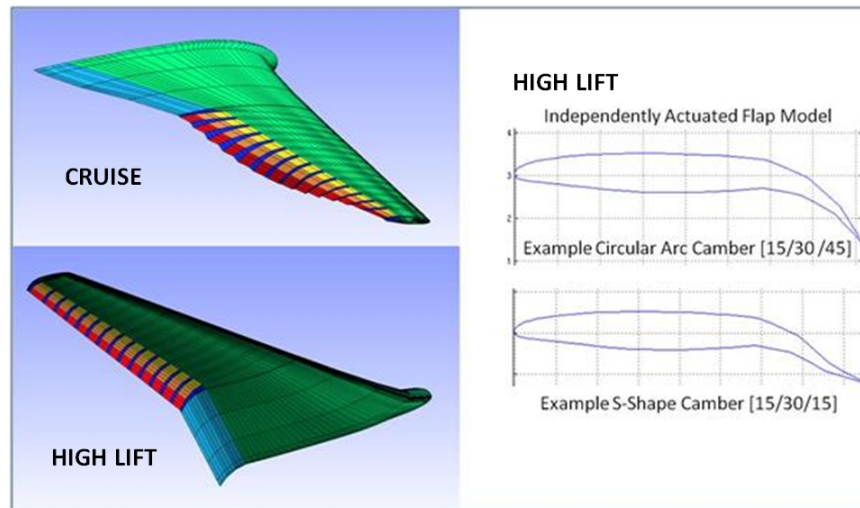


Figure 4. Cruise and High Lift VCCTEF Configurations

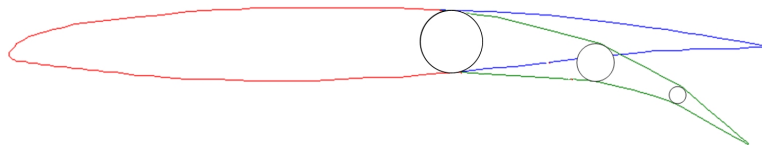


Figure 5. Three-Segment Variable Camber Flap

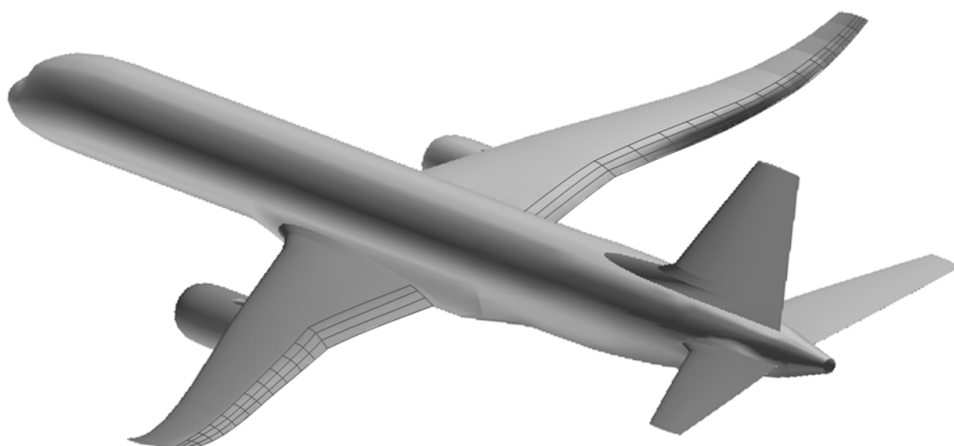


Figure 6. GTM with with Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap

Figure 6 illustrates the GTM equipped with the VCCTEF for wing shaping control. By actively shaping the wing aerodynamic surface using the VCCTEF, optimal aerodynamic performance could potentially be realized at any point in the flight envelope, thereby enabling a mission adaptive capability. It is a key enabling feature of the research area Performance Adaptive Aeroelastic Wing (PAAW) in the AATT project. The term “performance adaptive aeroelastic” distinguishes itself from the familiar term “mission adaptive” in that the effect of aeroelasticity on aerodynamic performance must be fully accounted for as is the case for modern transport design. The VCCTEF relies on two mechanisms to improve aerodynamic performance: 1) wing twist optimization for flexible wing design, and 2) variable camber and continuous trailing edge for improved aerodynamics. This technology could enable modern high-aspect ratio flexible wing aircraft with significant flexibility to adaptively change wing shapes in-flight to achieve cruise drag optimization, while at the same time satisfying operational constraints such as structural load limitations, flutter margins, gust and maneuver load responses, and others by active aeroservoelastic controls.

To assess the effectiveness of wing shaping control for modern transport aircraft, the GTM wing is modeled with a high degree of flexibility, similar to estimated flexibility distributions on state-of-the-art passenger aircraft wings. The wing bending stiffness is tailored to achieve a 10% wing tip deflection at 1-g flight conditions, which results in a bending stiffness about half that of older-generation transport wings, while the torsional stiffness is about the same. This 10% wing tip deflection is about the same as that of a modern composite high-aspect-ratio wing design in modern transport aircraft such as the Boeing 787.

II. Flight Dynamics of Rigid Aircraft

The development of a flight dynamic model of the GTM requires mass and inertia properties, and stability and control (S&C) derivatives. The mass and inertia properties of the GTM are based on a Boeing’s report and are modified to account for the reduced weight of the flexible wings. The S&C derivatives are estimated using three different conceptual aerodynamic vortex-lattice codes along with analytical calculation. The three aerodynamic codes are VORLAX, AVL, and VSPAERO. The results show reasonable agreement among the four sets of estimates. Because VORLAX has the aeroelastic capability as well as transonic and boundary layer corrections,¹⁷ VORLAX results are selected for the flight dynamic model.

A static aeroelastic trim for the flexible wing GTM is developed. The trim solution calculates the angle of attack, engine thrust, and elevator deflections for various deformed GTM configurations at different fuel weight, altitude, and airspeed. The fuel weight is modeled as an added weight to the wing weight which affects the static deflection shape of the wings at 1-g cruise conditions. A finite-element model is developed to compute the static wing deflections. Once the wing deflection shape is computed, the S&C derivatives are evaluated for the deformed aircraft.

The nonlinear 6-degree-of-freedom flight dynamic equations of motion in the aircraft body-fixed reference frame are given by

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{V} \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{\Phi} = \mathbf{T}\omega \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d(m\mathbf{V})}{dt} + \tilde{\omega}m\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{F} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d(\mathbf{I}\omega)}{dt} + \tilde{\omega}\mathbf{I}\omega = \mathbf{M} \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & h \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the position vector, $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} u & v & w \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the velocity vector, $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi & \theta & \psi \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the Euler angle vector, and $\omega = \begin{bmatrix} p & q & r \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the angular rate vector.

The angular rate matrix $\tilde{\omega}$ is given by

$$\tilde{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r & q \\ r & 0 & -p \\ -q & p & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The inertia matrix of the aircraft about the aircraft roll axis X , pitch axis Y , and yaw axis Z is given by

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{I}_{XX} & -\bar{I}_{XY} & -\bar{I}_{XZ} \\ -\bar{I}_{XY} & \bar{I}_{YY} & -\bar{I}_{YZ} \\ -\bar{I}_{XZ} & -\bar{I}_{YZ} & \bar{I}_{ZZ} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

\mathbf{R} and \mathbf{T} are the rotation matrices given by

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \psi & -\cos \phi \sin \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi & \sin \phi \sin \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi \\ \cos \theta \sin \psi & \cos \phi \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi & -\sin \phi \cos \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi \\ \sin \theta & -\sin \phi \cos \theta & -\cos \phi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The force vector is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} X + T - mg \sin \theta \\ Y + mg \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ Z + mg \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} 1 \quad (9)$$

where $X = C_X q_\infty S$ is the axial force, $Y = C_Y q_\infty S$ is the side force, $Z = C_Z q_\infty S$ is the normal force, and T is the engine thrust. The force coefficients C_X and C_Z are related to the lift and drag coefficients as

$$C_X = C_L \sin \alpha - C_D \cos \alpha \quad (10)$$

$$C_Z = -C_L \cos \alpha - C_D \sin \alpha \quad (11)$$

The moment vector is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} l \\ m + T z_e \\ n \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where l is the rolling moment, m is the pitching moment about the aircraft center of gravity (CG), n is the yawing moment about the aircraft CG, and z_e as the engine thrust offset from the aircraft CG.

III. Inertial and Aeroelastic Forces and Moments of Flexible Wings

Consider an airfoil section on the left wing as shown in Fig. 7 undergoing bending and torsional deflections. Let (x, y, z) be the undeformed coordinates of point Q on a wing airfoil section in the reference frame D defined by unit vectors $(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \mathbf{d}_3)$. Let $\mathbf{p}_0 = x\mathbf{d}_1$ be a position vector along the elastic axis. Then, point Q is defined by a position vector $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_0 + \mathbf{q}$ where $\mathbf{q} = y\mathbf{d}_2 + z\mathbf{d}_3$ defines point Q in the $y-z$ plane from the elastic axis.

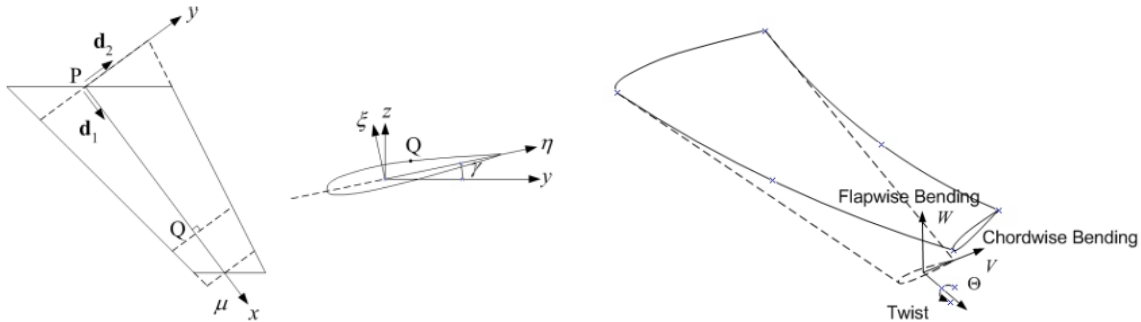


Figure 7. Left Wing Reference Frame of Wing in Combined Bending-Torsion

Let Θ be a torsional twist angle about the x -axis, positive nose-down. Let W and V be flapwise and chordwise bending deflections of point Q, respectively. Let U be the axial displacement of point Q. Then, the displacement and rotation vectors due to the elastic deformation can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{r} = U\mathbf{d}_1 + V\mathbf{d}_2 + W\mathbf{d}_3 \quad (13)$$

$$\phi = \Theta\mathbf{d}_1 - W_x\mathbf{d}_2 + V_x\mathbf{d}_3 \quad (14)$$

where the subscripts x and t denote the partial derivatives of Θ , W , and V .

Let (x_1, y_1, z_1) be the deformed coordinates of point Q on the airfoil in the left wing reference frame D and $\mathbf{p}_1 = x_1\mathbf{d}_1 + y_1\mathbf{d}_2 + z_1\mathbf{d}_3$ be its position vector. Then, the coordinates (x_1, y_1, z_1) are computed as¹⁰

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r} + \phi \times \mathbf{q} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + U - yV_x - zW_x \\ y + V - z\Theta \\ z + W + y\Theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

A. Inertial Forces and Moment

Let $\mathbf{V} = u\mathbf{b}_1 + v\mathbf{b}_2 + w\mathbf{b}_3$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega} = p\mathbf{b}_1 + q\mathbf{b}_2 + r\mathbf{b}_3$ be the aircraft translational and rotational velocity vectors at the aircraft center of gravity (CG) where $(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3)$ are the unit vectors in the aircraft body-fixed reference frame B. Let $\mathbf{r}_a = -x_a\mathbf{b}_1 - y_a\mathbf{b}_2 - z_a\mathbf{b}_3$ be the position vector of point Q in the aircraft body-fixed reference frame B relative to the aircraft CG such that x_a is positive when point Q is aft of the aircraft CG, y_a is positive when point Q is toward the left wing from the aircraft CG, and z_a is positive when point Q is above the aircraft CG. The velocity at point Q due to the aircraft velocity and angular velocity in the reference frame D is then computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_Q = \mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_a &= (u\mathbf{b}_1 + v\mathbf{b}_2 + w\mathbf{b}_3) + (p\mathbf{b}_1 + q\mathbf{b}_2 + r\mathbf{b}_3) \times (-x_a\mathbf{b}_1 - y_a\mathbf{b}_2 - z_a\mathbf{b}_3) \\ &= (u + ry_a - qz_a)\mathbf{b}_1 + (v - rx_a + pz_a)\mathbf{b}_2 + (w + qx_a - py_a)\mathbf{b}_3 = x_t\mathbf{d}_1 + y_t\mathbf{d}_2 + z_t\mathbf{d}_3 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(u + ry_a - qz_a) \sin \Lambda \cos \Gamma - (v - rx_a + pz_a) \cos \Lambda \cos \Gamma - (w + qx_a - py_a) \sin \Gamma \\ -(u + ry_a - qz_a) \cos \Lambda + (v - rx_a + pz_a) \sin \Lambda \\ (u + ry_a - qz_a) \sin \Lambda \sin \Gamma + (v - rx_a + pz_a) \cos \Lambda \sin \Gamma - (w + qx_a - py_a) \cos \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

The transformation between $(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3)$ and $(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \mathbf{d}_3)$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \Lambda \cos \Gamma & -\cos \Lambda & \sin \Lambda \sin \Gamma \\ -\cos \Lambda \cos \Gamma & \sin \Lambda & \cos \Lambda \sin \Gamma \\ -\sin \Gamma & 0 & -\cos \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_1 \\ \mathbf{d}_2 \\ \mathbf{d}_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_1 \\ \mathbf{d}_2 \\ \mathbf{d}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \Lambda \cos \Gamma & -\cos \Lambda \cos \Gamma & -\sin \Gamma \\ -\cos \Lambda & \sin \Lambda & 0 \\ \sin \Lambda \sin \Gamma & \cos \Lambda \sin \Gamma & -\cos \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

The local velocity at point Q due to aircraft rigid-body dynamics and aeroelastic deflections in the left wing reference frame D is obtained as^{11,12}

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_Q + \frac{\partial \Delta \mathbf{p}}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \Delta \mathbf{p} = v_x\mathbf{d}_1 + v_y\mathbf{d}_2 + v_z\mathbf{d}_3 \quad (21)$$

where $\Delta \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_t + U_t - yV_{xt} - zW_{xt} - \omega_z(V - z\Theta) + \omega_y(W + y\Theta) \\ y_t + V_t - z\Theta_t + \omega_z(U - yV_x - zW_x) - \omega_x(W + y\Theta) \\ z_t + W_t + y\Theta_t - \omega_y(U - yV_x - zW_x) + \omega_x(V - z\Theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -p \sin \Lambda \cos \Gamma - q \cos \Lambda \cos \Gamma - r \sin \Gamma \\ -p \cos \Lambda + q \sin \Lambda \\ p \sin \Lambda \sin \Gamma + q \cos \Lambda \sin \Gamma - r \cos \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

The kinetic energy is formed by

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} dA = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho (v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2) dA \quad (24)$$

We use the method of separation of variables to express the displacements as $U(x, t) = \Phi_u(x) q_u(t)$, $V(x, t) = \Phi_v(x) q_v(t)$, $W(x, t) = \Phi_w(x) q_w(t)$, $\Theta(x, t) = \Phi_\theta(x) q_\theta(t)$. Then, the virtual work quantities due to the generalized coordinates $q_u(t)$, $q_v(t)$, $q_w(t)$, and $q_\theta(t)$ are computed in terms of the virtual displacements as¹²

$$-f_x^i \delta U = \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_u} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_u} \right] \delta q_u = \int \rho \left[\frac{dv_x}{dt} - v_y(\omega_z + V_{xt}) + v_z(\omega_y - W_{xt}) \right] \delta U dA \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -f_y^i \delta V &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_v} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_v} \right] \delta q_v = \int \rho \left[\frac{dv_y}{dt} + v_x(\omega_z + V_{xt}) - v_z(\omega_x + \Theta_t) \right] \delta V dA \\ &+ \int \rho \left\{ \frac{d[v_x(-y - V + z\Theta) + v_y(U - yV_x - zW_x)]}{dt} + v_y(y\omega_z + yV_{xt}) - v_z(y\omega_y - yW_{xt}) \right\} \delta V_x dA \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -f_z \delta W &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_w} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_w} \right] \delta q_w = \int \rho \left[\frac{dv_z}{dt} - v_x(\omega_y - W_{xt}) + v_y(\omega_x + \Theta_t) \right] \delta W dA \\ &+ \int \rho \left\{ \frac{d[v_x(-z - W - y\Theta) + v_z(U - yV_x - zW_x)]}{dt} + v_y(z\omega_z + zV_{xt}) - v_z(z\omega_y - zW_{xt}) \right\} \delta W_x dA \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -m_x \delta \Theta &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\theta} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\theta} \right] \delta q_\theta = \int \rho \left\{ \frac{d[v_y(-z - W - y\Theta)]}{dt} + \frac{d[v_z(y + V - z\Theta)]}{dt} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - v_x(y\omega_y + z\omega_z + zV_{xt} - yW_{xt}) + v_y(y\omega_x + y\Theta_t) + v_z(z\omega_x + z\Theta_t) \right\} \delta \Theta dA \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Let $\int y dA = Ae_{cg}$ where $A = \int dA$ is the mass area and e_{cg} is the offset of the CG of a wing section from the elastic axis, positive if the CG is aft of the elastic axis. We define $I_{xx} = \int (y^2 + z^2) dA$, $I_{yy} = \int z^2 dA$, and $I_{zz} = \int y^2 dA$. Furthermore, We assume $\int z dA \approx 0$ and $I_{yz} = -\int yz dA \approx 0$. Integrating the integrals that contain δV_x and δW_x by parts, we obtain the linear contributions of the aeroelastic deflections to the inertial forces and moment as¹²

$$\begin{aligned} f_x^i &= \rho A [-x_{tt} + y_t \omega_z - z_t \omega_y + (\omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2) U + (\dot{\omega}_z - \omega_x \omega_y) V - (\dot{\omega}_y + \omega_x \omega_z) W + 2\omega_z V_t - 2\omega_y W_t + y_t V_{xt} \\ &\quad + z_t W_{xt} - U_{tt}] + \rho A e_{cg} [-(\dot{\omega}_y + \omega_x \omega_z) \Theta - (\omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2) V_x - 2\omega_y \Theta_t + V_{xtt}] \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y^i &= \rho A [-y_{tt} - x_t \omega_z + z_t \omega_x - (\dot{\omega}_z + \omega_x \omega_y) U + (\omega_x^2 + \omega_z^2) V + (\dot{\omega}_x - \omega_y \omega_z) W - 2\omega_z U_t + 2\omega_x W_t + z_t \Theta_t - x_t V_{xt} \\ &\quad - V_{tt}] + \rho A e_{cg} [(\dot{\omega}_x - \omega_y \omega_z) \Theta + (\dot{\omega}_z + \omega_x \omega_y) V_x + 2\omega_x \Theta_t + 2\omega_z V_{xt}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\rho A (y_{tt} U - x_{tt} V + y_t U_t - x_t V_t)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ \rho A e_{cg} [-x_{tt} + y_t \omega_z - z_t \omega_y + (\omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2) U + (\dot{\omega}_z - \omega_x \omega_y) V - (\dot{\omega}_y + \omega_x \omega_z) W - y_t V_x + 2\omega_z V_t \\ &\quad - 2\omega_y W_t + z_t W_{xt} - U_{tt}] \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ \rho I_{zz} [-(\dot{\omega}_y + \omega_x \omega_z) \Theta - (\omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2) V_x - 2\omega_y \Theta_t + V_{xtt}] \} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_z^i = & \rho A [-z_{tt} + x_t \omega_y - y_t \omega_x + (\dot{\omega}_y - \omega_x \omega_z) U - (\dot{\omega}_x + \omega_y \omega_z) V + (\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2) W + 2\omega_y U_t - 2\omega_x V_t - y_t \Theta_t - x_t W_{xt} \\
& - W_{tt}] + \rho A e_{cg} [(\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2) \Theta - (\dot{\omega}_y - \omega_x \omega_z) V_x - 2\omega_y V_{xt} - \Theta_{tt}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\rho A (z_{tt} U - x_{tt} W + z_t U_t - x_t W_t)] \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\rho A e_{cg} (-x_{tt} \Theta - z_{tt} V_x - x_t \Theta_t - z_t V_{xt})] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ \rho I_{yy} [-(\dot{\omega}_z - \omega_x \omega_y) \Theta - (\omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2) W_x - 2\omega_z \Theta_t + W_{xt}] \} \quad (31)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m_x^i = & \rho A (-z_{tt} V + y_{tt} W - z_t V_t + y_t W_t) + \rho A e_{cg} [-z_{tt} + x_t \omega_y - y_t \omega_x + (\dot{\omega}_y - \omega_x \omega_z) U - (\dot{\omega}_x + \omega_y \omega_z) V \\
& + (\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2) W + y_{tt} \Theta + 2\omega_y U_t - 2\omega_x V_t - x_t W_{xt} - W_{tt}] - \rho I_{xx} \Theta_{tt} \\
& + \rho I_{yy} [(\omega_x^2 + \omega_z^2) \Theta - (\dot{\omega}_z + \omega_x \omega_y) W_x - 2\omega_z W_{xt}] + \rho I_{zz} [(\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2) \Theta - (\dot{\omega}_y - \omega_x \omega_z) V_x - 2\omega_y V_{xt}] \quad (32)
\end{aligned}$$

In addition to the inertial forces and pitching moment acting on a wing section, the contributions of half of the fuselage mass and inertias and the engine mass to the inertial forces and pitching moment without the rigid-body aircraft inertial force coupling are given by

$$\Delta f_x^i = \delta(x) \left(-\frac{1}{2} m_f U_{tt} \right) + \delta(x - x_e) (-m_e U_{tt}) \quad (33)$$

$$\Delta f_y^i = \delta(x) \left[-\frac{1}{2} m_f V_{tt} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} I_{f,zz} V_{xtt} \right) \right] + \delta(x - x_e) [-m_e V_{tt} - m_e z_e \Theta_{tt}] \quad (34)$$

$$\Delta f_z^f = \delta(x) \left[-\frac{1}{2} m_f W_{tt} + \frac{1}{2} m_f y_f \Theta_{tt} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} I_{f,yy} W_{xtt} \right) \right] + \delta(x - x_e) (-m_e W_{tt} + m_e y_e \Theta_{tt}) \quad (35)$$

$$\Delta m_x^i = \delta(x) \left(\frac{1}{2} m_f y_f W_{tt} - \frac{1}{2} I_{f,xx} \Theta_{tt} \right) + \delta(x - x_e) [m_e y_e W_{tt} - m_e z_e V_{tt} - m_e (y_e^2 + z_e^2) \Theta_{tt}] \quad (36)$$

where m_f , $I_{f,xx}$, $I_{f,yy}$, and $I_{f,zz}$ are the mass and inertias of the fuselage; m_e is the mass of the engine; y_f is the offset of the fuselage CG from the elastic axis, positive if the fuselage CG is forward of the elastic axis; (x_e, y_e, z_e) is the coordinate of the engine CG in the left wing reference frame D, positive if the engine CG is below and forward of the elastic axis; and $\delta(x - a)$ is the Dirac delta function which is defined as

$$\int \delta(x - a) f(x) dx = f(a) \quad (37)$$

B. Aeroelastic Forces and Moment

In order to compute the aeroelastic forces and moments, the velocity must be transformed from the left wing reference frame D to the airfoil local coordinate reference frame defined by (μ, η, ξ) as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_\mu \\ v_\eta \\ v_\xi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \Theta \\ 0 & -\Theta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & V_x & 0 \\ -V_x & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & W_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -W_x & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} v_x + v_y V_x + v_z W_x \\ -v_x V_x + v_y + v_z \Theta \\ -v_x W_x - v_y \Theta + v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (38)$$

The local aeroelastic angle of attack on the airfoil section due to the velocity components v_η and v_ξ in the left wing reference frame D, as shown in Fig. 7, is computed as¹²

$$\alpha_c = \frac{v_\xi}{v_\eta} = \frac{\bar{v}_\xi + \Delta v_\xi}{\bar{v}_\eta + \Delta v_\eta} = \frac{v_\xi}{\bar{v}_\eta} - \frac{\bar{v}_\xi \Delta v_\eta}{\bar{v}_\eta^2} \quad (39)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_t + U_t - y V_{xt} - z W_{xt} - \omega_z (V - z \Theta) + \omega_y (W + y \Theta) \\ y_t + V_t - z \Theta_t + \omega_z (U - y V_x - z W_x) - \omega_x (W + y \Theta) \\ z_t + W_t + y \Theta_t - \omega_y (U - y V_x - z W_x) + \omega_x (V - z \Theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (40)$$

$$\bar{v}_\xi = z_t \quad (41)$$

$$\Delta v_{\xi} = -x_t W_x - y_t \Theta + W_t + y \Theta_t - \omega_y (U - y V_x - z W_x) + \omega_x (V - z \Theta) \quad (42)$$

$$\bar{v}_{\eta} = -u \cos \Lambda \quad (43)$$

$$\Delta v_{\eta} = y_t - \bar{v}_{\eta} - x_t V_x + V_t - z \Theta_t + \omega_z (U - y V_x - z W_x) - \omega_x (W + y \Theta) + z_t \Theta \quad (44)$$

The rigid-body angle of attack is computed as

$$\alpha_r(x) = -\frac{z_t}{u \cos \Lambda} \left(2 + \frac{y_t}{u \cos \Lambda} \right) \quad (45)$$

The elastic angle of attack is evaluated with $z = 0$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_e(x, y) = & \left(\frac{\omega_y}{u \cos \Lambda} - \frac{\omega_z z_t}{u^2 \cos^2 \Lambda} \right) U - \frac{\omega_x}{u \cos \Lambda} V + \frac{\omega_x z_t}{u^2 \cos^2 \Lambda} W + \left(\frac{y_t}{u \cos \Lambda} + \frac{y \omega_x z_t - z_t^2}{u^2 \cos^2 \Lambda} \right) \Theta \\ & - \left(\frac{y \omega_y}{u \cos \Lambda} - \frac{y \omega_z z_t + x_t z_t}{u^2 \cos^2 \Lambda} \right) V_x + \frac{x_t}{u \cos \Lambda} W_x - \frac{z_t}{u^2 \cos^2 \Lambda} V_t - \frac{1}{u \cos \Lambda} W_t - \frac{y}{u \cos \Lambda} \Theta_t \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Let $y = \bar{y} \cos \Lambda$ where \bar{y} is the airfoil coordinate in the streamwise direction. For circulatory lift, the elastic angle of attack is evaluated by setting $\bar{y} = e_c$ where e_c is the offset of the three-quarter point from the elastic center in the streamwise direction. The circulatory lift and pitching moment coefficients are given by

$$c_{L_c} = c_{L_{\alpha}} [\alpha_r + C(k) \alpha_e(x, e_c \cos \Lambda)] \cos \Lambda \quad (47)$$

$$c_{m_c} = c_{m_{ac}} + \frac{e}{c} c_{L_{\alpha}} [\alpha_r + C(k) \alpha_e(x, e_c \cos \Lambda)] \cos \Lambda \quad (48)$$

where $C(k)$ is the Theodorsen's function,¹³ $k = \frac{\omega c}{2u}$ is the reduced frequency, $c_{L_{\alpha}}$ is the lift curve slope, $c_{m_{ac}}$ is the pitching moment coefficient about the aerodynamic center, c is the chord length in the streamwise direction, e is the offset of the aerodynamic center from the elastic axis in the streamwise direction. Note that the lift curve slope $c_{L_{\alpha}}$ also accounts for the transonic flow and viscosity in the model using a transonic small disturbance and integral boundary layer correction method.¹⁴

The non-circulatory lift and pitching moment coefficients evaluated as¹²

$$c_{L_{nc}} = \frac{\pi c \cos \Lambda}{2V} \frac{\partial \alpha_e(x, e_m \cos \Lambda)}{\partial t} \quad (49)$$

$$c_{m_{nc}} = -2\pi \cos \Lambda \left[\frac{c}{16} \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial \bar{y}} + \frac{c^2}{128V} \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_e}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} + \frac{e_m}{4V} \frac{\partial \alpha_e(x, e_m \cos \Lambda)}{\partial t} \right] \quad (50)$$

where e_m is the offset of the mid-chord point from the elastic center in the streamwise direction.

The total lift and pitching moment coefficients are

$$c_L = c_{L_c} + c_{L_{nc}} \quad (51)$$

$$c_m = c_{m_c} + c_{m_{nc}} \quad (52)$$

The linear aeroelastic contributions to the total drag coefficient are given by

$$c_D = c_{D_c} + c_{D_{nc}} \quad (53)$$

$$c_{D_c} = c_{D_0} + k c_{L_r}^2 + 2k c_{L_r} (c_{L_c} - c_{L_r}) \quad (54)$$

$$c_{D_{nc}} = 2k c_{L_r} c_{L_{nc}} \quad (55)$$

where $c_{L_r} = c_{L_{\alpha}} \alpha_r \cos \Lambda$, and c_{D_0} and k are drag polar parameters for a quadratic drag polar relationship. Note that the quadratic contributions of the circulatory and non-circulatory unsteady lift coefficients are assumed to be small and therefore are neglected.

The incremental aerodynamic coefficients for the aircraft are computed as

$$\Delta C_L = \frac{2}{S} \int_0^L (c_L - c_{L_r}) c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (56)$$

$$\Delta C_D = \frac{2}{S} \int_0^L (c_D - c_{D_r}) c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (57)$$

$$\Delta C_Y \approx 0 \quad (58)$$

$$\Delta C_l = \frac{2}{Sb} \int_0^L [(c_{L_c} - c_{L_r}) y_{ac} + c_{L_{nc}} y_m] c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (59)$$

$$\Delta C_m = \frac{2}{S\bar{c}} \int_0^L [c_{m_{nc}} c - (c_{L_c} - c_{L_r}) x_{ac} - c_{L_{nc}} x_m + (c_{D_c} - c_{D_r}) z_{ac} + c_{D_{nc}} z_m] c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (60)$$

$$\Delta C_n = \frac{2}{Sb} \int_0^L [-(c_{D_c} - c_{D_r}) y_{ac} - c_{D_{nc}} y_m] c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (61)$$

where $c_{D_r} = c_{D_0} + kc_{L_r}^2$ is the drag coefficient due to the rigid aircraft, (x_{ac}, y_{ac}, z_{ac}) is the location of the aerodynamic center from the aircraft CG in the aircraft body-fixed reference frame B, and (x_m, y_m, z_m) is the location of the mid-chord point from the aircraft CG in the aircraft body-fixed reference frame B.

The incremental aerodynamic coefficients for the aircraft can be expressed in terms of the partial derivatives as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n} = & \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial U} U + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial V} V + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial W} W + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial \Theta} \Theta + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial V_x} V_x \\ & + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial W_x} W_x + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial U_t} U_t + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial V_t} V_t + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial W_t} W_t + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial \Theta_t} \Theta_t \\ & + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial V_{xt}} V_{xt} + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial W_{xt}} W_{xt} + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial V_{tt}} V_{tt} + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial W_{tt}} W_{tt} + \frac{\partial \Delta C_{L,D,Y,l,m,n}}{\partial \Theta_{tt}} \Theta_{tt} \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Note that ΔC_L , ΔC_D , and ΔC_m are non-zero for the symmetric motion while ΔC_l and ΔC_n are non-zero for the anti-symmetric motion of the flexible wings.

The total aerodynamic forces and moments due to both circulatory lift and non-circulatory lift are

$$f_x^a = c_D q_\infty c \sin \Lambda \cos \Lambda \quad (63)$$

$$f_y^a = c_D q_\infty c \cos^2 \Lambda \quad (64)$$

$$f_z^a = c_L q_\infty c \cos \Lambda \cos \Gamma \quad (65)$$

$$m_x^a = -c_m q_\infty c^2 \cos^2 \Lambda \cos \Gamma \quad (66)$$

$$m_y^a = c_m q_\infty c^2 \sin \Lambda \cos \Lambda \quad (67)$$

$$m_z^a = c_m q_\infty c^2 \cos^2 \Lambda \sin \Gamma \quad (68)$$

The aeroelastic equations of the wing structure are governed by

$$(EAU_x)_x = -f_x^i - f_x^a \quad (69)$$

$$(GJ\Theta_x)_x = -m_x^i - m_x^a - \rho A e_{cg} g \quad (70)$$

$$(EI_{yy}W_{xx})_{xx} = f_z^i + f_z^a + \frac{\partial m_y^a}{\partial x} - \rho A g \quad (71)$$

$$(EI_{zz}V_{xx})_{xx} = f_y^i + f_y^a - \frac{\partial m_z^a}{\partial x} \quad (72)$$

IV. Aerodynamic Forces and Moments due to Control Surfaces

The motion of a control surface will influence the overall motion of a flexible aircraft. The control surface generates unsteady aerodynamic forces, pitching moment, and hinge moment as functions of the rigid-body aircraft states and the wing elastic states. The unsteady aerodynamics of a control surface can be analyzed based on the Theodorsen's theory.¹³ A modification to the standard Theodorsen's theory is developed for the non-circulatory hinge moment.

Consider a wing with a control surface as shown in Fig. 8. The control surface has a chord length of c_f normal to the hinge axis. The control surface deflection δ is measured about the hinge axis. Along the streamwise direction, the control surface deflection is reduced to $\delta \cos \Lambda_f$. This control surface deflection and its velocity generate a downwash in the streamwise direction

$$\Delta w = u \delta \cos \Lambda_f + (y - y_f) \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f \quad (73)$$

where Λ_f is the sweep angle of the control surface hinge axis.

This downwash effectively changes the mean camber line in the streamwise direction which results in an incremental section angle of attack as

$$\Delta \alpha = \frac{\Delta w}{u} = \delta \cos \Lambda_f + \frac{(y - y_f) \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{u} \quad (74)$$

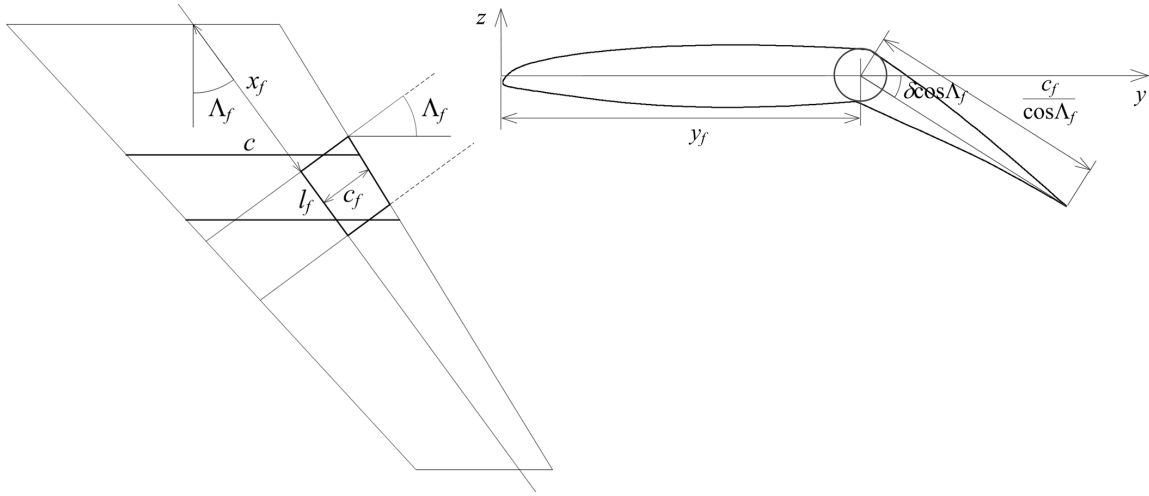


Figure 8. Wing Section with Control Surface

Let ξ be the shifted normalized airfoil coordinate with the origin at the mid-chord such that $-1 \leq \xi \leq 1$ corresponding to $0 \leq y \leq c$. Then

$$y = \frac{c}{2} (1 + \xi) \quad (75)$$

$$y_f = c - \frac{c_f}{\cos \Lambda_f} = \frac{c}{2} (1 + c^*) \quad (76)$$

where $\xi = c^*$ is at the control surface hinge location

$$c^* = 1 - \frac{2c_f}{c \cos \Lambda_f} \quad (77)$$

Then

$$\Delta \alpha = \delta \cos \Lambda_f + \frac{(\xi - c^*) c \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{2u} \quad (78)$$

A. Lift and Drag

Based on the thin airfoil theory, we can compute the incremental section circulatory lift coefficient for incompressible flow due to the control surface deflection as

$$\Delta c_{L_c} = \frac{C(k) c_{L_\alpha}}{\pi} \int_{c^*}^1 \Delta \alpha \frac{(1+\xi) d\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} = \frac{C(k) c_{L_\alpha} \delta \cos \Lambda_f}{\pi} \int_{c^*}^1 \frac{(1+\xi) d\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} + \frac{C(k) c_{L_\alpha} c \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi V_\infty} \int_{c^*}^1 \frac{(1+\xi)(\xi - c^*) d\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \quad (79)$$

Let $\xi = \cos \theta$. Then the incremental section circulatory lift coefficient is obtained as

$$\Delta c_{L_c} = C(k) \left(c_{L_\delta} \delta + c_{L_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} \right) \quad (80)$$

where c_{L_δ} and $c_{L_{\dot{\delta}}}$ are the section circulatory lift control derivatives evaluated as

$$c_{L_\delta} = \frac{c_{L_\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{\pi} T_{10} \quad (81)$$

$$c_{L_{\dot{\delta}}} = \frac{c_{L_\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi} T_{11} = c_{L_\delta} \frac{T_{11}}{2T_{10}} \quad (82)$$

with

$$T_{10} = \cos^{-1} c^* + \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \quad (83)$$

$$T_{11} = (1 - 2c^*) \cos^{-1} c^* + (2 - c^*) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \quad (84)$$

Let

$$y = \bar{y} + \frac{c}{4} + e \quad (85)$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{c}{2} \xi + e_m$ is the shifted airfoil coordinate with the origin at the elastic axis, e is the offset of the quarter-chord and e_m is the offset of the mid-chord from the elastic axis. Then,

$$\Delta \alpha = \delta \cos \Lambda_f + \left(\frac{\bar{y} + \frac{c}{4} + e - y_f}{u} \right) \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f = \Delta \bar{\alpha} + \bar{y} \frac{\partial \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \quad (86)$$

where

$$\Delta \bar{\alpha} = \delta \cos \Lambda_f + \left(\frac{\frac{c}{4} + e - y_f}{u} \right) \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f = \delta \cos \Lambda_f + \frac{(-c + 4e - 2c^* c) \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{4u} \quad (87)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} = \frac{\dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{u} \quad (88)$$

The velocity potential is given by

$$\phi = \frac{V_\infty c}{2} \left(\Delta \bar{\alpha} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \quad (89)$$

The incremental section non-circulatory lift due to the control surface is computed as

$$\Delta l_{nc} = \rho_\infty c \int_{c^*}^1 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} d\xi = \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^2}{2} \int_{c^*}^1 \left(\frac{\partial \Delta \bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} d\xi \quad (90)$$

The incremental section non-circulatory lift is evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta l_{nc} &= \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^2 \cos \Lambda_f}{4} \left[\dot{\delta} + \frac{(-c + 4e - 2c^* c) \ddot{\delta}}{4u} \right] \left(\cos^{-1} c^* - c^* \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^3 \ddot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{8u} \frac{(1 - c^{*2}) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}}}{3} + \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^2 e_m \ddot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{4u} \left(\cos^{-1} c^* - c^* \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^2 \dot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{4} \left(-\cos^{-1} c^* + c^* \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \right) - \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^3 \ddot{\delta} \cos \Lambda_f}{8u} \left[c^* \cos^{-1} c^* - \frac{(1 + 2c^{*2}) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}}}{3} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

The incremental section non-circulatory lift coefficient is then obtained as

$$\Delta c_{L_{nc}} = \frac{\Delta l_{nc}}{q_\infty c} = \bar{c}_{L_\delta} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{L_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (92)$$

where

$$\bar{c}_{L_\delta} = -\cos \Lambda_f T_4 \quad (93)$$

$$\bar{c}_{L_{\dot{\delta}}} = -\cos \Lambda_f T_1 \quad (94)$$

with

$$T_1 = c^* \cos^{-1} c^* - \frac{(2 + c^{*2}) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}}}{3} \quad (95)$$

$$T_4 = -\cos^{-1} c^* + c^* \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \quad (96)$$

The linear contributions to the incremental section drag coefficients are expressed as

$$\Delta c_{D_c} = 2k c_{L_r} \Delta c_{L_c} = C(k) \left(c_{D_\delta} \delta + c_{D_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} \right) \quad (97)$$

$$\Delta c_{D_{nc}} = 2k c_{L_r} \Delta c_{L_{nc}} = \bar{c}_{D_\delta} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{D_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (98)$$

B. Pitching Moment about Elastic Axis

The incremental section circulatory pitching moment coefficient about the elastic axis has two components according to the Theodorsen's theory.¹³ The first component is not dependent on the reduced frequency k and therefore could be added to the non-circulatory pitching moment. The second component is dependent on the reduced frequency k and is given by

$$\Delta c_{m_c} = \frac{e}{c} \Delta c_L = C(k) \left(c_{m_\delta} \delta + c_{m_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} \right) \quad (99)$$

where

$$c_{m_\delta} = \frac{c_{L_\alpha} e \cos \Lambda_f}{\pi c} T_{10} \quad (100)$$

$$c_{m_{\dot{\delta}}} = \frac{c_{L_\alpha} e \cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi c} T_{11} = c_{m_\delta} \frac{T_{11}}{2T_{10}} \quad (101)$$

The incremental section non-circulatory pitching moment and the reduced frequency independent section circulatory pitching moment are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{nc} = & -\frac{q_\infty c^2 \Delta c_L}{4} + \rho_\infty V_\infty c \int_{c^*}^1 \phi d\xi - \rho_\infty c \int_{c^*}^1 \bar{y} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} d\xi = -\frac{q_\infty c^2 \Delta c_L}{4} \\ & + \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty^2 c^2}{2} \int_{c^*}^1 \left(\Delta \bar{\alpha} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} d\xi - \frac{\rho_\infty V_\infty c^2}{2} \int_{c^*}^1 \bar{y} \left(\frac{\partial \Delta \bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta \alpha}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (102)$$

The first term is the reduced frequency independent section circulatory pitching moment. Then, the incremental section pitching moment coefficient due to the non-circulatory and reduced frequency independent section circulatory pitching moments is obtained as

$$\Delta c_{m_{nc}} = \frac{\Delta m_{nc}}{q_\infty c^2} = \bar{c}_{m_\delta} \delta + \bar{c}_{m_{\dot{\delta}}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{m_{\ddot{\delta}}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (103)$$

where

$$\bar{c}_{m_\delta} = -\frac{c_{L_\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{4\pi} T_{10} - \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_4 = -\frac{c_{L_\delta}}{4} + \frac{\bar{c}_{L_{\dot{\delta}}}}{2} \quad (104)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{c}_{m_\delta} &= -\frac{c_{L\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{8\pi} T_{11} - \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_1 + \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} \left(c^* + \frac{2e_m}{c} \right) T_4 + \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_8 \\ &= -\frac{c_{L\delta}}{4} + \frac{\bar{c}_{L\delta}}{2} - \left(\frac{c^*}{2} + \frac{e_m}{c} \right) \bar{c}_{L\delta} + \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_8\end{aligned}\quad (105)$$

$$\bar{c}_{m_\delta} = \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} \left(c^* + \frac{2e_m}{c} \right) T_1 + \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_7 = -\left(\frac{c^*}{2} + \frac{e_m}{c} \right) \bar{c}_{L\delta} + \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2} T_7 \quad (106)$$

with

$$T_7 = -\frac{(1+8c^{*2}) \cos^{-1} c^*}{8} + \frac{c^* (7+2c^{*2}) \sqrt{1-c^{*2}}}{8} \quad (107)$$

$$T_8 = c^* \cos^{-1} c^* - \frac{(1+2c^{*2}) \sqrt{1-c^{*2}}}{3} \quad (108)$$

C. Hinge Moment

The section circulatory hinge moment coefficient about the elastic axis has two components according to the Theodorsen's theory.¹³ The first component is not dependent on the reduced frequency k and therefore could be added to the non-circulatory hinge moment. The second component is dependent on the reduced frequency k and is given by Theodorsen¹³ as

$$h = -\frac{q_\infty c^2 c_{L\alpha} [\alpha(x, e_c) + \Delta\alpha]}{4\pi} C(k) T_{12} \quad (109)$$

$$T_{12} = (2+c^*) \sqrt{1-c^{*2}} - (1+2c^*) \cos^{-1} c^* \quad (110)$$

The reduced frequency dependent section circulatory hinge moment coefficient is then obtained as

$$c_{h_c} = C(k) \left[c_{h_\alpha} \alpha(x, e_c) + c_{h_\delta} \delta + c_{h_\delta} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2V_\infty} \right] \quad (111)$$

where

$$c_{h_\alpha} = -\frac{c_{L\alpha}}{4\pi} T_{12} \quad (112)$$

$$c_{h_\delta} = -\frac{c_{L\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{4\pi^2} T_{10} T_{12} = -\frac{c_{L\delta}}{4\pi} T_{12} \quad (113)$$

$$c_{h_\delta} = -\frac{c_{L\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{8\pi^2} T_{11} T_{12} = -\frac{c_{L\delta}}{4\pi} T_{12} = c_{h_\delta} \frac{T_{11}}{2T_{10}} \quad (114)$$

The elastic angle of attack in the streamwise direction is given by

$$\Delta\alpha(x, \bar{y}) = \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial U} U + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial V} V + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial W} W + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial \Theta} \Theta + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial V_x} V_x + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial W_x} W_x + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial V_t} V_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial W_t} W_t + \frac{\partial \alpha_e}{\partial \Theta_t} \Theta_t \right) \cos \Lambda \quad (115)$$

where α_e is the elastic angle of attack in the normal direction to the elastic axis. Note that the contributions of the rigid-body aircraft states such as aircraft angular rates p, q, r are implicitly included in the elastic angle of attack α_e . This allows the influences of the aircraft rigid-body motion to enter into the hinge moment expression. The elastic angle of attack can be expressed as

$$\Delta\alpha = \Delta\bar{\alpha} + \bar{y} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \quad (116)$$

The velocity potential is expressed as

$$\phi = \frac{V_\infty c}{2} \left(\Delta\bar{\alpha} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) \sqrt{1-\xi^2} \quad (117)$$

The section non-circulatory hinge moment and the reduced frequency independent section circulatory hinge moment are evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{nc} &= \frac{q_{\infty} c^2 c_{L\alpha} \Delta\alpha(x, e_c)}{4\pi} T_4 + \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} c \int_{-1}^1 \phi d\xi - \rho_{\infty} c \int_{-1}^1 \left(\bar{y} - e_m - \frac{cc^*}{2} \right) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} d\xi + \Delta h_{nc} \\
 &= \frac{q_{\infty} c^2 c_{L\alpha} \Delta\alpha(x, e_c)}{4\pi} T_4 + \frac{\rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 c^2}{2} \int_{c^*}^1 \left(\Delta\bar{\alpha} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} d\xi \\
 &\quad - \frac{\rho_{\infty} V_{\infty} c^3}{4} \int_{c^*}^1 (\xi - c^*) \left(\frac{\partial \Delta\bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \frac{\bar{y} + e_m}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} \right) \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} d\xi + \Delta h_{nc} \quad (118)
 \end{aligned}$$

Without derivation, the contribution to the section non-circulatory hinge moment coefficient by the control surface is given by Theodorsen as

$$c_{h_{nc}} = \frac{h_{nc}}{q_{\infty} c^2} = \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \delta + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (119)$$

$$\bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} = \frac{c_{L\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{4\pi^2} T_4 T_{10} - \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi} T_5 = \frac{c_{L\delta}}{4\pi} T_4 - \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi} T_5 = -c_{h_{\delta}} \frac{T_4}{T_{12}} - \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi} T_5 \quad (120)$$

$$\bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} = \frac{c_{L\alpha} \cos \Lambda_f}{8\pi^2} T_4 T_{11} = \frac{c_{L\delta}}{4\pi} T_4 = -c_{h_{\delta}} \frac{T_4 T_{11}}{2T_{10} T_{12}} \quad (121)$$

$$\bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} = \frac{\cos \Lambda_f}{2\pi} T_3 \quad (122)$$

where

$$T_3 = -\frac{(1 + 8c^{*2}) (\cos^{-1} c^*)^2}{8} + \frac{c^* (7 + 2c^*) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \cos^{-1} c^*}{4} - \frac{(4 + 5c^{*2}) (1 - c^{*2})}{8} \quad (123)$$

$$T_5 = -(\cos^{-1} c^*)^2 + 2c^* \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}} \cos^{-1} c^* - (1 - c^{*2}) \quad (124)$$

The total reduced frequency independent section hinge moment coefficient due to the section non-circulatory hinge moment and the reduced frequency independent section circulatory hinge moment is then obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_{h_{nc}} &= \frac{c_{L\alpha} \Delta\alpha(x, e_c)}{4\pi} T_4 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\bar{\alpha} T_4 + \frac{c}{2} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} T_9 + \frac{c}{4u} \frac{\partial \Delta\bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} T_1 - \frac{c^2}{4u} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} T_{13} \\
 &= \frac{T_4 c_{L\alpha} \Delta\alpha(x, e_c)}{4\pi} - \frac{T_4}{2} \left(\Delta\bar{\alpha} - \frac{c T_9}{T_4} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) + \frac{T_1 c}{4u} \left(\frac{\partial \Delta\bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} - \frac{c T_{13}}{T_1} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y} \partial t} \right) \\
 &= \frac{T_4 c_{L\alpha}}{4\pi} \Delta\alpha(x, e_c) - \frac{T_4}{2} \Delta\alpha \left(x, -\frac{c T_9}{T_4} \right) + \frac{T_1 c}{4u} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial t} \left(x, -\frac{c T_{13}}{T_1} \right) + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \delta + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (125)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$p = -\frac{(1 - c^{*2}) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}}}{3} \quad (126)$$

$$T_9 = \frac{1}{2} \left(-p - \frac{2e_m}{c} T_4 \right) \quad (127)$$

$$T_{13} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(1 + 8c^{*2}) \cos^{-1} c^*}{8} - \frac{c^* (7 + 2c^{*2}) \sqrt{1 - c^{*2}}}{8} - \left(c^* + \frac{2e_m}{c} \right) T_1 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[-T_7 - \left(c^* + \frac{2e_m}{c} \right) T_1 \right] \quad (128)$$

For theoretical $c_{L\alpha} = 2\pi$, then

$$c_{h_{nc}} = \frac{1}{2} (T_9 c + T_4 e_c) \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial \bar{y}} + \frac{T_1 c}{4u} \frac{\partial \Delta\alpha}{\partial t} \left(x, -\frac{c T_{13}}{T_1} \right) + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \delta + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} c}{2u} + \bar{c}_{h_{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} c^2}{4u^2} \quad (129)$$

Finally, the hinge moment about the hinge axis is evaluated as

$$h_f = (h_c + h_{nc}) \cos \Lambda_f \quad (130)$$

The equation of motion of the control surface is described by

$$i_f \ddot{\delta} - i_f \Theta_{tt} - m_f e_f W_{tt} + c_f \dot{\delta} + k_f \delta = h_f \quad (131)$$

where m_f , i_f , c_f , and k_f are the mass inertia, damping, and stiffness per unit length of the control surface about the hinge line, and e_f is the offset of the control surface CG from the wing section CG, positive if the control surface CG is aft of the wing section CG.

The contributions of the control surface to the inertial force and moment acting on a wing section are given by

$$\Delta f_z^i = m_f e_f \ddot{\delta} \quad (132)$$

$$\Delta m_x^i = i_f \ddot{\delta} \quad (133)$$

D. Aircraft Aerodynamic Coefficients due to Control Surfaces

The aircraft incremental lift and drag coefficients are evaluated as

$$\Delta C_{L,D} = C(k) \left(C_{L,D\delta} + C_{L,D\dot{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} \bar{c}}{2u} \right) + \bar{C}_{L,D\delta} \frac{\dot{\delta} \bar{c}}{2u} + \bar{C}_{L,D\ddot{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} \bar{c}^2}{4u^2} \quad (134)$$

where

$$C_{L,D\delta} = \frac{1}{S} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{L,D\delta} c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (135)$$

$$C_{L,D\dot{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S \bar{c}} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{L,D\dot{\delta}} c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (136)$$

$$\bar{C}_{L,D\delta} = \frac{1}{S \bar{c}} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{L,D\delta} c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (137)$$

$$\bar{C}_{L,D\ddot{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S \bar{c}^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{L,D\ddot{\delta}} c^3 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (138)$$

where x_f is the coordinate of the inboard flap edge station and l_f is the flap length.

The aircraft incremental rolling moment coefficient is evaluated as

$$\Delta C_l = C(k) \left(C_{l\delta} + C_{l\dot{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} b}{2u} \right) + \bar{C}_{l\delta} \frac{\dot{\delta} b}{2u} + \bar{C}_{l\ddot{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} b^2}{4u^2} \quad (139)$$

where

$$C_{l\delta} = \frac{1}{Sb} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{L\delta} y_{ac} c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (140)$$

$$C_{l\dot{\delta}} = \frac{1}{Sb^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{L\dot{\delta}} y_{ac} c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (141)$$

$$\bar{C}_{l\delta} = \frac{1}{Sb^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{L\delta} y_m c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (142)$$

$$\bar{C}_{l\ddot{\delta}} = \frac{1}{Sb^3} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{L\ddot{\delta}} y_m c^3 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (143)$$

The aircraft incremental pitching moment coefficient is evaluated as

$$\Delta C_m = C(k) \left(C_{m\delta} \delta + C_{m\dot{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} \bar{c}}{2u} \right) + \bar{C}_{m\delta} \delta + \bar{C}_{m\dot{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} \bar{c}}{2u} + \bar{C}_{m\ddot{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} \bar{c}^2}{4u^2} \quad (144)$$

where

$$C_{m\delta} = \frac{1}{S \bar{c}} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} (-c_{L\delta} x_{ac} + c_{D\delta} z_{ac}) c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (145)$$

$$C_{m_{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S\bar{c}^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \left(-c_{L_{\delta}} x_{ac} + c_{D_{\delta}} z_m \right) c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (146)$$

$$\bar{C}_{m_{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S\bar{c}} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \left(-\bar{c}_{L_{\delta}} x_m + \bar{c}_{D_{\delta}} z_m \right) c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (147)$$

$$\bar{C}_{m_{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S\bar{c}^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \left(-\bar{c}_{L_{\delta}} x_m + \bar{c}_{D_{\delta}} z_m \right) c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (148)$$

$$\bar{C}_{m_{\delta}} = \frac{1}{S\bar{c}^3} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \left(-\bar{c}_{L_{\delta}} x_m + \bar{c}_{D_{\delta}} z_m \right) c^3 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (149)$$

The aircraft incremental yawing moment coefficient is evaluated as

$$\Delta C_n = C(k) \left(C_{n_{\delta}} + C_{n_{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} b}{2u} \right) + \bar{C}_{n_{\delta}} \frac{\dot{\delta} b}{2u} + \bar{C}_{n_{\delta}} \frac{\ddot{\delta} b^2}{4u^2} \quad (150)$$

where

$$C_{n_{\delta}} = -\frac{1}{Sb} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{D_{\delta}} y_{ac} c \cos \Lambda dx \quad (151)$$

$$C_{n_{\delta}} = -\frac{1}{Sb^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} c_{D_{\delta}} y_{ac} c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (152)$$

$$\bar{C}_{n_{\delta}} = -\frac{1}{Sb^2} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{D_{\delta}} y_m c^2 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (153)$$

$$\bar{C}_{n_{\delta}} = -\frac{1}{Sb^3} \int_{x_f}^{x_f+l_f} \bar{c}_{D_{\delta}} y_m c^3 \cos \Lambda dx \quad (154)$$

V. Gust Models

Atmospheric gust disturbances are an important structural design consideration for flexible wing aircraft. Gust load responses can result in structural loading issues as well as ride qualities issues relating to passenger comfort. Gust load alleviation control can reduce the gust load responses in modern transport aircraft such as Boeing 787. Two types of gust models are normally considered: discrete gust and continuous gust.

The unsteady lift due to a vertical gust velocity can be computed by the convolution integral as

$$l_g = q_{\infty} c_{L_{\alpha}} c \left[\alpha_g(0) \psi(\tau) + \int_0^{\tau} \frac{d\alpha_g(\sigma)}{d\sigma} \psi(\tau - \sigma) d\sigma \right] \quad (155)$$

where $\tau = \frac{2V_{\infty} t}{c}$ is the distance in semi-chords traveled by the airfoil, α_g is the effective instantaneous angle of attack due to the vertical gust velocity, and $\psi(\tau)$ is the Küssner's function.

The instantaneous angle of attack is computed from the thin airfoil theory as

$$\alpha_g(t) = \int_0^{\pi} w_g \left(t - \frac{x}{V_{\infty}} \right) (1 - \cos \theta) d\theta \quad (156)$$

where $x = \frac{c}{2} (1 - \cos \phi)$ is the chord distance with $x = 0$ at the leading edge and $w_g \left(t - \frac{x}{V_{\infty}} \right)$ is a gust profile.

A more practical approach to implement a gust model is to use a differential equation instead of the convolution integral. Let $\bar{s} = \frac{sc}{2V_{\infty}}$, then the Küssner's function can be approximated in the frequency domain using the R. T. Jones' method as¹⁵

$$\psi(\bar{s}) = 1 - \frac{0.500\bar{s}}{\bar{s} + 0.130} - \frac{0.500\bar{s}}{\bar{s} + 1} \quad (157)$$

This can also be expressed as

$$\psi(\bar{s}) = \frac{a_1 \bar{s} + a_2}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3 \bar{s} + a_2} \quad (158)$$

where $a_1 = 0.565$, $a_2 = 0.130$, and $a_3 = 1.130$.

The asymptotic values of the Küssner's function are $\psi(\tau = 0) = \psi(\bar{s} \rightarrow \infty) = 0$ and $\psi(\tau \rightarrow \infty) = \psi(\bar{s} = 0) = 1$. Then, the unsteady lift due to a vertical gust velocity is computed as

$$l_g = q_\infty c_{L\alpha} c \alpha_g(t) \psi(\bar{s}) \quad (159)$$

Let $y(t) = \alpha_g(t) \psi(\bar{s})$. Then, $y(t)$ is computed from the following differential equation

$$\ddot{y} + a_3 \left(\frac{2V_\infty}{c} \right) \dot{y} + a_2 \left(\frac{2V_\infty}{c} \right)^2 y = a_1 \left(\frac{2V_\infty}{c} \right) \dot{\alpha}_g + a_2 \left(\frac{2V_\infty}{c} \right)^2 \alpha_g \quad (160)$$

A. Discrete Gust Model

For a one-minus cosine gust model, the gust vertical velocity profile is given by

$$w_g \left(t - \frac{x}{V_\infty} \right) = \begin{cases} w_0 \left[1 - \cos \frac{2\pi}{t_g} \left(t - \frac{x}{V_\infty} \right) \right] & 0 \leq t < t_g, t - \frac{x}{V_\infty} \geq 0 \\ 0 & t \geq t_g, t - \frac{x}{V_\infty} < 0 \end{cases} \quad (161)$$

The instantaneously angle of attack can be approximated as

$$\alpha_g(\tau) = \int_0^\pi w_g \left(t - \frac{x}{V_\infty} \right) (1 - \cos \theta) d\theta \approx \begin{cases} \frac{w_0}{V_\infty} \left(1 - \cos \frac{2\pi c \tau}{2V_\infty t_g} \right) & 0 \leq \tau < \frac{2V_\infty t_g}{c}, \tau \geq 0 \\ 0 & \tau \geq \frac{2V_\infty t_g}{c}, \tau < 0 \end{cases} \quad (162)$$

The incompressible Küssner's function is also given by the following R. T. Jones' approximation formula in the time domain:

$$\psi(\tau) \approx 1 - 0.500e^{-0.130\tau} - 0.500e^{-\tau} \quad (163)$$

The unsteady lift is then evaluated as

$$l_g = q_\infty c_{L\alpha} c \int_0^\tau \frac{w_0}{V_\infty} \left(1 - \cos \frac{2\pi c \sigma}{2V_\infty t_g} \right) \left[0.065e^{-0.130(\tau-\sigma)} + 0.500e^{-(\tau-\sigma)} \right] d\sigma \quad (164)$$

The analytical expression for the unsteady lift due to the one-minus cosine gust is obtained as

$$l_g = q_\infty c_{L\alpha} c \frac{w_0}{V_\infty} \left[1 - 0.500e^{-0.130 \frac{2V_\infty t}{c}} - 0.500e^{-\frac{2V_\infty t}{c}} - \frac{0.065 \left(0.130 \cos \frac{2\pi t}{t_g} + \frac{2\pi c}{2V_\infty t_g} \sin \frac{2\pi t}{t_g} - 0.130e^{-0.130 \frac{2V_\infty t}{c}} \right)}{0.130^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi c}{2V_\infty t_g} \right)^2} - \frac{0.500 \left(\cos \frac{2\pi t}{t_g} + \frac{2\pi c}{2V_\infty t_g} \sin \frac{2\pi t}{t_g} - e^{-\frac{2V_\infty t}{c}} \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{2\pi c}{2V_\infty t_g} \right)^2} \right] \quad (165)$$

for $t < t_g$.

B. Continuous Gust Model

Two types of continuous gust models are considered: Dryden turbulence model and von Karman turbulence model.

1. Dryden Turbulence

The Dryden turbulence continuous gust model for the vertical velocity component is given by the power spectrum density function according to MIL-F-8785C¹⁶

$$\Phi(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 = \sigma^2 \frac{L}{V} \frac{1 + 3 \left(\frac{L\omega}{V} \right)^2}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{L\omega}{V} \right)^2 \right]^2} \quad (166)$$

where σ is the turbulence intensity, L is the characteristic length, V is the airspeed, and ω is the frequency of the spectrum.

The turbulence intensity is given by

$$\sigma = 0.1w_{20} \quad (167)$$

where w_{20} is the wind speed at an altitude of 20 ft and is equal to 15 knots or 25.3 ft/sec for light turbulence, 30 knots or 50.6 ft/sec for moderate turbulence, and 45 knots or 76.0 ft/sec for severe turbulence. The characteristic length above 2000 ft is equal to $L = 1750$ ft based on MIL-F-8785C.¹⁶

The response of the vertical gust velocity to a random input is computed from the transfer function $H(\omega)$ as follows¹⁷

$$\frac{w_g}{w_{in}} = H(\omega) = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{3} \frac{L}{V} i\omega}{(1 + \frac{L}{V} i\omega)^2} \quad (168)$$

Let $s = i\omega$. Then,

$$\frac{w_g}{w_{in}} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{3} \frac{L}{V} s}{(1 + \frac{L}{V} s)^2} \quad (169)$$

The differential equation for the Dryden turbulence model is then given by

$$\ddot{w}_g + 2\frac{V}{L}\dot{w}_g + \frac{V^2}{L^2}w_g = \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} + \sigma \sqrt{\frac{3V}{L}} \dot{w}_{in} \quad (170)$$

Let

$$w_a = \dot{w}_g - \sigma \sqrt{\frac{3V}{L}} w_{in} \quad (171)$$

Then,

$$\dot{w}_a = \ddot{w}_g - \sigma \sqrt{\frac{3V}{L}} \dot{w}_{in} = -2\frac{V}{L}\dot{w}_g - \frac{V^2}{L^2}w_g + \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} = -2\frac{V}{L}w_a - \frac{V^2}{L^2}w_g + \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} (1 - 2\sqrt{3}) w_{in} \quad (172)$$

The state state form of the Dryden turbulence model is then expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}_g \\ \dot{w}_a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{V^2}{L^2} & -2\frac{V}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_g \\ w_a \end{bmatrix} + \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ \frac{V}{L} (1 - 2\sqrt{3}) \end{bmatrix} w_{in} \quad (173)$$

The input forcing function w_{in} is a white noise signal which can be scaled to give a desired amplitude for the severe gust case.

2. von Karman Turbulence

The von Karman turbulence model is described by the following transfer function for the vertical gust velocity:¹⁷

$$H(s) = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} \frac{1 + 2.7478 \frac{L}{V} s + 0.3398 \frac{L^2}{V^2} s^2}{1 + 2.9958 \frac{L}{V} s + 1.9754 \frac{L^2}{V^2} s^2 + 0.1539 \frac{L^3}{V^3} s^3} \quad (174)$$

The differential equation for the Von Karman turbulence is

$$0.1539 \frac{L^3}{V^3} \ddot{w}_g + 1.9754 \frac{L^2}{V^2} \ddot{w}_g + 2.9958 \frac{L}{V} \dot{w}_g + w_g = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} w_{in} + 2.7478 \sigma \frac{L}{V} \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} \dot{w}_{in} + 0.3398 \sigma \frac{L^2}{V^2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{V}} \ddot{w}_{in} \quad (175)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{w}_g + 12.8356 \frac{V}{L} \ddot{w}_g + 19.4659 \frac{V^2}{L^2} \dot{w}_g + 6.4977 \frac{V^3}{L^3} w_g &= 6.4977 \sigma \frac{V^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} + 17.85445 \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \dot{w}_{in} \\ &+ 2.2079 \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \ddot{w}_{in} \end{aligned} \quad (176)$$

Let

$$\dot{w}_g = -12.8356 \frac{V}{L} w_g + w_a + 2.2079 \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} \quad (177)$$

$$\dot{w}_a = -19.4659 \frac{V^2}{L^2} w_g + w_b + 17.85445 \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} \quad (178)$$

$$\dot{w}_b = -6.4977 \frac{V^3}{L^3} w_g + 6.4977 \sigma \frac{V^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} \quad (179)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{w}_g = -12.8356 \frac{V}{L} \ddot{w}_g + \ddot{w}_a + 2.2079 \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \ddot{w}_{in} = -12.8356 \frac{V}{L} \ddot{w}_g - 19.4659 \frac{V^2}{L^2} \dot{w}_g - 6.4977 \frac{V^3}{L^3} w_g \\ + 6.4977 \sigma \frac{V^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} w_{in} + 17.85445 \sigma \frac{V}{L} \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \dot{w}_{in} + 2.2079 \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \ddot{w}_{in} \end{aligned} \quad (180)$$

The state space form of the von Karman turbulence is then expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}_g \\ \dot{w}_a \\ \dot{w}_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12.8356 \frac{V}{L} & 1 & 0 \\ -19.4659 \frac{V^2}{L^2} & 0 & 1 \\ -6.4977 \frac{V^3}{L^3} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_g \\ w_a \\ w_b \end{bmatrix} + \sigma \sqrt{\frac{V}{L}} \begin{bmatrix} 2.2079 \\ 17.85445 \frac{V}{L} \\ 6.4977 \frac{V^2}{L^2} \end{bmatrix} w_{in} \quad (181)$$

C. Integrated Gust Loads

The gust model is implemented using a strip theory approach for each airfoil section of the wings and the horizontal tails. The different arrival time of the gust front at the wings and horizontal tails are accounted in the gust model based on the wing and horizontal tail leading edge sweep angles and the distance between the quarter-chord points of the wings and the horizontal tails.

For a wing section, the incremental aerodynamic force and pitching moment coefficients are computed by

$$\Delta c_L = c_{L_g} = \frac{l_g}{q_\infty c} \quad (182)$$

$$\Delta c_D = c_{D_g} = k c_{L_g}^2 \quad (183)$$

$$\Delta c_m = c_{m_g} = \frac{e}{c} c_{L_g} \quad (184)$$

The integrated gust loads on the aircraft are computed as

$$L_g = q_\infty \int_{-L}^L c_{L_g} c \cos \Lambda dx + q_\infty \int_{-L_h}^{-L_h} c_{L_{g,h}} c_h \cos \Lambda_h dx \quad (185)$$

$$D_g = q_\infty \int_{-L}^L c_{D_g} c \cos \Lambda dx + q_\infty \int_{-L_h}^{-L_h} c_{D_{g,h}} c_h \cos \Lambda_h dx \quad (186)$$

$$l_g = q_\infty \int_{-L}^L c_{L_g} y_{ac} c \cos \Lambda dx + q_\infty \int_{-L_h}^{-L_h} c_{L_{g,h}} y_{ac,h} c_h \cos \Lambda_h dx \quad (187)$$

$$m_g = q_\infty \int_{-L}^L (-c_{L_g} x_{ac} + c_{D_g} z_{ac}) c \cos \Lambda dx + q_\infty \int_{-L_h}^{-L_h} (-c_{L_{g,h}} x_{ac,h} + c_{D_g} z_{ac,h}) c_h \cos \Lambda_h dx \quad (188)$$

$$n_g = -q_\infty \int_{-L}^L c_{D_g} y_{ac} c \cos \Lambda dx - q_\infty \int_{-L_h}^{-L_h} c_{D_{g,h}} y_{ac,h} c_h \cos \Lambda_h dx \quad (189)$$

The incremental aerodynamic coefficients are given by

$$\Delta C_L = \frac{L_g}{q_\infty S} \quad (190)$$

$$\Delta C_D = \frac{D_g}{q_\infty S} \quad (191)$$

$$\Delta C_l = \frac{l_g}{q_\infty S b} \quad (192)$$

$$\Delta C_m = \frac{m_g}{q_\infty S \bar{c}} \quad (193)$$

$$\Delta C_n = \frac{n_g}{q_\infty S b} \quad (194)$$

VI. Integrated Aeroservoelastic Flight Dynamic Model

The aeroelastic equations can be discretized using the finite-element method (FEM). The FEM formulation results in the following global matrix equation upon assembly

$$(\mathbf{M}_s + \mathbf{M}_{an}) \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{M}_e \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + [\mathbf{C}_s + C(k) \mathbf{C}_{ac} + \mathbf{C}_{an}] \dot{\mathbf{q}} + [\mathbf{K}_s + C(k) \mathbf{K}_{ac}] \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Q}_e \dot{\mathbf{x}}_r + \mathbf{P}_e \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{F}_{en} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + [\mathbf{E}_{en} + C(k) \mathbf{E}_{ec}] \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + [\mathbf{D}_{en} + C(k) \mathbf{D}_{ec}] \mathbf{u}_e + \mathbf{f}_{eg} \quad (195)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_r = [x \ y \ h \ \phi \ \theta \ \psi \ u \ v \ w \ p \ q \ r]^\top$ is the rigid-body aircraft state vector, \mathbf{q} is the generalized coordinate vector, $\mathbf{u}_e = [\delta_1 \ \delta_2 \ \dots \ \delta_N]^\top$ is a vector of the VCCTEF deflections of the trailing edge cambered segments along each of the wings, the subscript s denotes a structural matrix, the subscript an denotes a reduced frequency independent non-circulatory aerodynamic matrix, the subscript ac denotes a reduced frequency dependent circulatory aerodynamic matrix, the subscript en denotes a reduced frequency independent non-circulatory matrix associated with the control surface motion, and the subscript ec denotes a reduced frequency dependent circulatory matrix associated with the control surface motion. Note that the aerodynamic mass matrix \mathbf{M}_{an} , damping matrices \mathbf{C}_{ac} and \mathbf{C}_{an} , and stiffness matrix \mathbf{K}_{ac} are functions of the rigid-body state vector \mathbf{x}_r and its derivative $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r$ due to the inertial coupling to the aeroelastic deflections. The aeroelastic equations also include the generalized force due to the gust \mathbf{f}_{eg} . Thus, the equation is nonlinear with respect to the rigid-body states even though the aeroelastic equation is linear in terms of structural deflections.

The circulatory matrices are functions of the reduced frequency parameter k . This form of equations is useful for flutter analyses since k is usually computed from a flutter solution. For flight dynamic modeling, when a wing is excited by multiple frequencies such as gust loads, the reduced frequency dependent equations is generally inconvenient since the Theodorsen's function can only handle a single value of the reduced frequency. Therefore, the R. T. Jones method of unsteady aerodynamic approximation can be used to convert the reduced frequency dependent matrix equation into a reduced frequency independent form. The R. T. Jones method is a second-order rational fraction approximation of the Theodorsen's function according to¹⁸

$$C(k) \approx \bar{C}(\bar{s}) = \frac{0.5\bar{s}^2 + a_1\bar{s} + a_2}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2} \quad (196)$$

where $\bar{C}(s)$ is an approximate Theodorsen's function $C(k)$ which is equal to unity at $s = 0$ and 0.5 as $s \rightarrow \infty$, $a_1 = 0.2808$, $a_2 = 0.01365$, $a_3 = 0.3455$, and $\bar{s} = \frac{s\bar{c}}{2u}$ is a dimensionless Laplace transform variable.

Then,

$$C(k) \mathbf{q} = \frac{0.5\bar{s}^2 + a_1\bar{s} + a_2}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2} \mathbf{q} = 0.5\mathbf{q} + \frac{a_4\bar{s} + 0.5a_2}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2} \mathbf{q} \quad (197)$$

$$C(k) \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{0.5\bar{s}^3 + a_1\bar{s}^2 + a_2\bar{s}}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2} \frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \mathbf{q} = 0.5\dot{\mathbf{q}} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{q} + \frac{a_5\bar{s} + a_6}{\bar{s}^2 + a_3\bar{s} + a_2} \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{q} \quad (198)$$

where

$$a_4 = a_1 - 0.5a_3 \quad (199)$$

$$a_5 = 0.5a_2 - a_1a_3 + 0.5a_3^2 \quad (200)$$

$$a_6 = -a_1a_2 + 0.5a_2a_3 \quad (201)$$

The R. T. Jones' unsteady aerodynamic approximation results in the following global matrix equation

$$(\mathbf{M}_s + \mathbf{M}_{an})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{M}_e\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + (\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_{an} + 0.5\mathbf{Q}_{ac})\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \left[\mathbf{K}_s + 0.5\mathbf{K}_{ac} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{C}_{ac} \right] \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{K}_{ac}\mathbf{y} + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{C}_{ac}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Q}_e\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r \\ + \mathbf{P}_e\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r + \mathbf{F}_{en}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + (\mathbf{E}_{en} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{ec})\dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + \left[\mathbf{D}_{en} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{ec} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{ec} \right] \mathbf{u}_e + \mathbf{D}_{ec}\mathbf{v} + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{ec}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{f}_{eg} \quad (202)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{y}} + a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{y}} + a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{y} = a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + 0.5a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{q} \quad (203)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{z}} + a_3 \left(\frac{2V}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{z}} + a_2 \left(\frac{2V}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{z} = a_5 \left(\frac{2V}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + a_6 \left(\frac{2V}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{q} \quad (204)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{v}} + a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{v}} + a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{v} = a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + 0.5a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{u}_e \quad (205)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{w}} + a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{w}} + a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{w} = a_5 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + a_6 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right)^2 \mathbf{u}_e \quad (206)$$

where \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} are the unsteady aerodynamic lag state vectors, and \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are the unsteady aerodynamic lag state vectors for the control surfaces.

The nonlinear flight dynamic equations can be cast in a vector form as

$$\mathbf{M}_{rr}\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_r, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_r, \mathbf{u}_r) + \mathbf{V}_{rn}\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + [\mathbf{T}_{rn} + C(k)\mathbf{T}_{rc}]\dot{\mathbf{q}} + [\mathbf{S}_{rn} + C(k)\mathbf{S}_{rc}]\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{F}_{rn}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + [\mathbf{E}_{rn} + C(k)\mathbf{E}_{rc}]\dot{\mathbf{u}}_e \\ + [\mathbf{D}_{rn} + C(k)\mathbf{D}_{rc}]\mathbf{u}_e + \mathbf{f}_{rg} \quad (207)$$

where $\mathbf{u}_r = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_e & \delta_r \end{bmatrix}^\top$ is the rigid-body aircraft control vector with δ_e as the elevator deflection and δ_r as the rudder deflection, and \mathbf{f}_{rg} is the vector of the aerodynamic forces and moments due to the gust.

The nonlinear flight dynamic equations can be linearized and separated into longitudinal dynamics and lateral-directional dynamics. The equations for the aircraft position x and y are uncoupled to the other equations. The longitudinal dynamics include the rigid-body aircraft state vector $\mathbf{x}_r = \begin{bmatrix} h & u & w & q & \theta \end{bmatrix}^\top$ and the lateral-directional dynamics include the rigid-body aircraft state vector $\mathbf{x}_r = \begin{bmatrix} v & p & r & \phi & \psi \end{bmatrix}^\top$. The linearized equations of motion can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{M}_r\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r = \mathbf{Q}_r\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r + \mathbf{P}_r\mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{D}_r\mathbf{u}_r + \mathbf{V}_{rn}\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + (\mathbf{T}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{T}_{rc})\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \left[\mathbf{S}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{S}_{rc} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{T}_{rc} \right] \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{S}_{rc}\mathbf{y} + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{T}_{rc}\mathbf{z} \\ + \mathbf{F}_{rn}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + (\mathbf{E}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{rc})\dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + \left[\mathbf{D}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{rc} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{rc} \right] \mathbf{u}_e + \mathbf{D}_{rc}\mathbf{v} + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{rc}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{f}_{rg} \quad (208)$$

The actuator dynamic equation of the rigid-body aircraft control is assumed to be a first-order model

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}_r = -\Lambda(\mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_{rc}) \quad (209)$$

where $\Lambda = \Lambda^\top > 0$ is the actuator rate vector and \mathbf{u}_{rc} is the command vector of the rigid-body aircraft control.

The control surfaces contribute to both the rigid-body aircraft flight dynamics and wing aeroelasticity. The dynamics of the control surfaces are governed by the mass, damping, and stiffness of the control surfaces and their backup structures and the unsteady aerodynamic hinge moment. The contributions to the unsteady aerodynamic hinge moment of a control surface come from the control surface deflection and its velocity and acceleration, rigid-body aircraft states, and the wing elastic states.

The general equation of motion of the control surfaces can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_\delta \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + \mathbf{M}_e \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C}_\delta \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + \mathbf{K}_\delta \mathbf{u}_e = & \mathbf{Q}_\delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_r + \mathbf{P}_\delta \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{V}_{\delta n} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + (\mathbf{T}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{T}_{\delta c}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \left[\mathbf{S}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{S}_{\delta c} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{T}_{\delta c} \right] \mathbf{q} \\ & + \mathbf{S}_{\delta c} \mathbf{y} + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{T}_{\delta c} \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{F}_{\delta n} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_e + (\mathbf{E}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{\delta c}) \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e + \left[\mathbf{D}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{\delta c} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{\delta c} \right] \mathbf{u}_e + \mathbf{D}_{\delta c} \mathbf{v} \\ & + \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}} \right) \mathbf{E}_{\delta c} \mathbf{w} + \boldsymbol{\tau}_\delta \quad (210) \end{aligned}$$

where τ_δ is the control torque vector.

The servo-dynamic equation for the control surfaces is based on a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) feedback control law as follows:

$$\dot{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{u}_e - \mathbf{u}_{ec} \quad (211)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_\delta = \mathbf{k}_p(\mathbf{u}_e - \mathbf{u}_{ec}) + \mathbf{k}_i \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{k}_d \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e \quad (212)$$

where \mathbf{e} is the integral error of the aeroelastic control command \mathbf{u}_{ec} .

Let $\mathbf{x}_e = [\mathbf{q}^\top \ \mathbf{y}^\top \ \mathbf{z}^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{q}}^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{y}}^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{z}}^\top]^\top$, $\mathbf{x}_\delta = [\mathbf{u}_e^\top \ \mathbf{v}^\top \ \mathbf{w}^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{u}}_e^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{v}}^\top \ \dot{\mathbf{w}}^\top]^\top$, $\mathbf{x}_s = [\mathbf{u}_r^\top \ \mathbf{e}^\top]^\top$, and $\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{u}_{rc}^\top \ \mathbf{u}_{ec}^\top]^\top$. Then, the integrated ASE flight dynamic equation can be expressed in the state space form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu} + \mathbf{w}_g \quad (213)$$

where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_r^\top & \mathbf{x}_e^\top & \mathbf{x}_\delta^\top & \mathbf{x}_s^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top$, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{S}$, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{T}$, and $\mathbf{w}_g = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{F}$.

The mass, stiffness, and control force matrices \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{S} , and \mathbf{T} are given by

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$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{S} = & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_r & \mathbf{S}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{S}_{rc} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{T}_{rc} & \mathbf{S}_{rc} & \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{T}_{rc} & \mathbf{T}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{T}_{rc} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{P}_e & -[\mathbf{K}_s + 0.5\mathbf{K}_{ac} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{C}_{ac}] & -\mathbf{K}_{ac} & -\left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{C}_{ac} & -(\mathbf{C}_s + \mathbf{C}_{an} + 0.5\mathbf{C}_{ac}) \\ \mathbf{0} & 0.5a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & -a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} & a_6 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & -a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & a_5 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{P}_\delta & \mathbf{S}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{S}_{\delta c} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{T}_{\delta c} & \mathbf{S}_{\delta c} & \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{T}_{\delta c} & \mathbf{T}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{T}_{\delta c} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \\
& \begin{array}{cc|cc} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{rc} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{rc} & \mathbf{D}_{rc} & \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{rc} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}_{en} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{ec} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{ec} & \mathbf{D}_{ec} & \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{ec} \\ -a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{K}_\delta + \mathbf{D}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{D}_{\delta c} + a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{\delta c} + \mathbf{k}_p & \mathbf{D}_{\delta c} & \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{E}_{\delta c} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & 0.5a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & -a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & a_6 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & -a_2 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right)^2 \mathbf{I} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \\
& \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} \mathbf{E}_{rn} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{rc} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{E}_{en} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{ec} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C}_\delta + \mathbf{E}_{\delta n} + 0.5\mathbf{E}_{\delta c} + \mathbf{k}_d & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{k}_i \\ a_4 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & -a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ a_5 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & -a_3 \left(\frac{2u}{\bar{c}}\right) \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\Lambda & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{215}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{k}_p \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Lambda & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \quad (216)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{rg} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{f}_{eg} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (217)$$

The output is assumed to be an acceleration measurement at a given location (x_c, y_c, z_c) on the wing which is computed as

$$\ddot{z}_a = W_{tt} + y_c \Theta_{tt} = \Phi \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \quad (218)$$

where Φ is a modal transformation vector.

Then,

$$\ddot{z}_a = \Phi \mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \Phi \mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}_g) \quad (219)$$

where $\mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$ such that $\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} \ddot{\mathbf{x}}$.

Let $y = \ddot{z}_a$ be the output, then

$$y = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{w}_g \quad (220)$$

where $\mathbf{C} = \Phi \mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{D} = \Phi \mathbf{I}_{\ddot{q}} \mathbf{B}$.

VII. Simulations

A finite-element model (FEM) of the flexible wing is constructed using 33 elements. The FEM computes the mode shapes and displacements of the wing. The generalized coordinates are constructed from the FEM and are coupled to the aircraft nonlinear flight dynamics.

The flexible wing GTM simulations are conducted at Mach 0.797 and 36,000 ft with 80% fuel loading. Figures 9 and 10 show the aeroservoelastic (ASE) pole locations of the first 198 symmetric and anti-symmetric modes of the flexible wing GTM. All the ASE poles are stable at this flight condition.

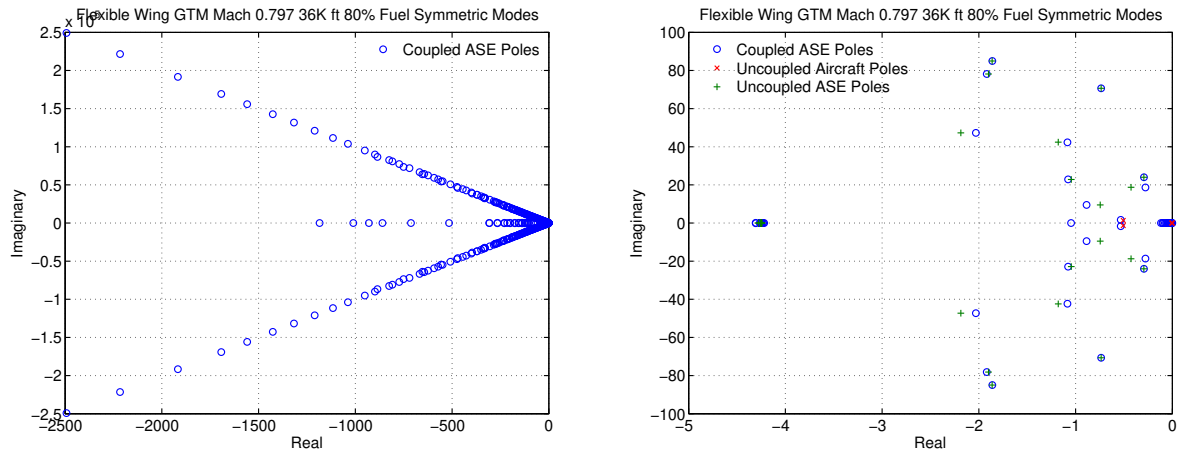


Figure 9. Pole Locations of Symmetric Modes of Flexible Wing GTM

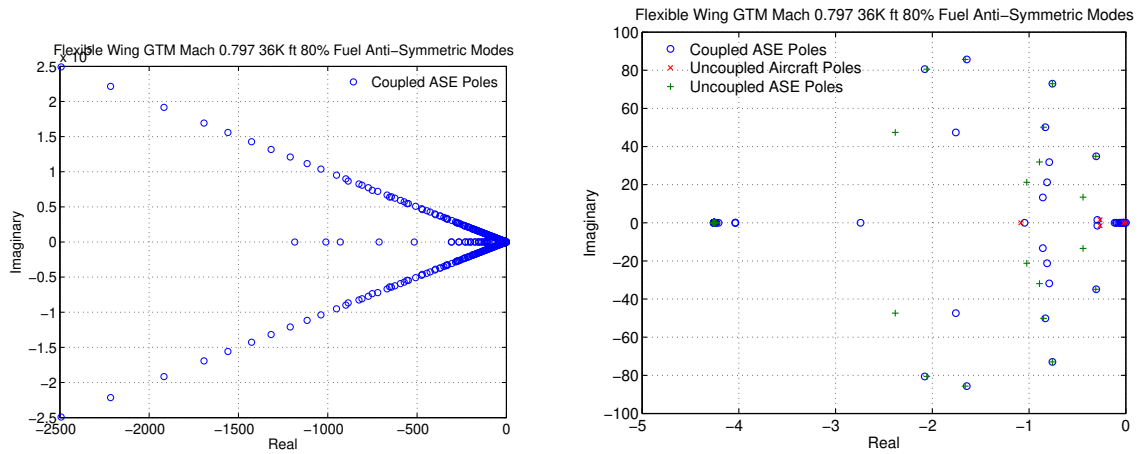


Figure 10. Pole Locations of Anti-Symmetric Modes of Flexible Wing GTM

Table 1 shows the eigenvalues of the ASE coupled and uncoupled rigid-body aircraft modes of the GTM. The ASE coupling does not seem to significantly alter the rigid-body aircraft modes.

Table 2 shows the eigenvalues of the symmetric and anti-symmetric ASE modes of the flexible GTM wing. The fundamental frequency of the first bending symmetric ASE mode is 9.4109 rad/sec or 1.4978 Hz. The fundamental frequency of the first bending anti-symmetric ASE mode is 13.2072 rad/sec or 2.1020 Hz. A flutter analysis is conducted and shows that the first flutter mode is associated with the second bending symmetric ASE mode which occurs at Mach 0.958 corresponding to a flutter frequency of 17.8167 rad/sec or 2.8356 Hz.

Rigid-Body Mode	ASE Coupled Eigenvalues	Uncoupled Eigenvalues
Phugoid	$-0.0064 \pm 0.0837i$	$-0.0047 \pm 0.0828i$
Short Period	$-0.5328 \pm 1.6576i$	$-0.5071 \pm 1.3590i$
Dutch-Roll	$-0.2939 \pm 1.5059i$	$-0.2663 \pm 1.5492i$
Roll	-1.0472	-1.0845
Spiral	-0.0202	-0.0219

Table 1. Eigenvalues of ASE Coupled and Uncoupled Rigid-Body Modes of the Flexible Wing GTM

ASE Mode	Symmetric ASE Mode Eigenvalues	Symmetric Structural Dynamic Mode Eigenvalues	Anti-Symmetric ASE Mode Eigenvalues	Anti-Symmetric Structural Dynamic Mode Eigenvalues
1	$-0.8426 \pm 9.3731i$	$-0.0729 \pm 7.2936i$	$-0.8009 \pm 13.1829i$	$-0.1116 \pm 11.1569i$
2	$-0.2818 \pm 18.6759i$	$-0.1907 \pm 19.0694i$	$-0.7932 \pm 21.2460i$	$-0.2107 \pm 21.0691i$
3	$-1.0351 \pm 22.8182i$	$-0.2153 \pm 21.5297i$	$-0.7716 \pm 31.7682i$	$-0.3117 \pm 31.1694i$
4	$-0.2903 \pm 24.0005i$	$-0.2401 \pm 24.0042i$	$-0.3090 \pm 34.8691i$	$-0.3485 \pm 34.8473i$
5	$-1.0543 \pm 42.3144i$	$-0.4192 \pm 41.9200i$	$-1.7224 \pm 47.5924i$	$-0.4991 \pm 49.9050i$
6	$-1.9655 \pm 47.5078i$	$-0.5160 \pm 51.5980i$	$-0.8172 \pm 50.1101i$	$-0.5174 \pm 51.7423i$
7	$-0.7339 \pm 70.6620i$	$-0.7065 \pm 70.6513i$	$-0.7575 \pm 72.9492i$	$-0.7294 \pm 72.9370i$
8	$-1.8622 \pm 78.2028i$	$-0.7900 \pm 78.9950i$	$-2.0143 \pm 80.6593i$	$-0.8188 \pm 81.8763i$
9	$-1.8256 \pm 85.0657i$	$-0.8735 \pm 87.3478i$	$-1.6216 \pm 85.7461i$	$-0.8760 \pm 87.5923i$
10	$-2.3754 \pm 122.32i$	$-1.2318 \pm 123.17i$	$-2.3030 \pm 128.34i$	$-1.2332 \pm 123.31i$

Table 2. Eigenvalues of ASE and Structural Dynamic Modes of the GTM Flexible Wing

Three types of gust models are incorporated in the ASE flight dynamic simulations of the GTM: a discrete one-minus-cosine gust model, and two continuous gust models based on the Dryden turbulence model and the von Karman turbulence model. Three types of simulations are performed: linear flight dynamics with linear ASE by neglecting the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the aeroelastic partial derivatives, nonlinear flight dynamics with linear ASE, and nonlinear flight dynamics with nonlinear ASE due to the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the aeroelastic partial derivatives. These simulations do not include the coupling of the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the inertial forces and moment.

Figure 11 shows the longitudinal response of the flexible wing GTM due to a doublet elevator input with an amplitude of 1° under a discrete gust load with a gust amplitude of 10 ft/sec which represents a moderate gust. The aircraft angle of attack and pitch angle are shown in Figure 11. Both the nonlinear and linear flight dynamics with linear ASE produce aircraft responses that are in very good agreement with each other. However, the nonlinear flight dynamics with nonlinear ASE shows a significant discrepancy in the aircraft response particularly in wing tip bending deflection. This discrepancy illustrates the influence of nonlinear ASE on flexible aircraft flight dynamics due to the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states with aeroelasticity.

Figure 12 shows the longitudinal response of the flexible wing GTM due to a doublet elevator input under a continuous Dryden gust load with a moderate gust amplitude. The aircraft response with the nonlinear flight dynamics and nonlinear ASE also exhibit differences from the responses with the other two simulation models as seen with the discrete gust simulations.

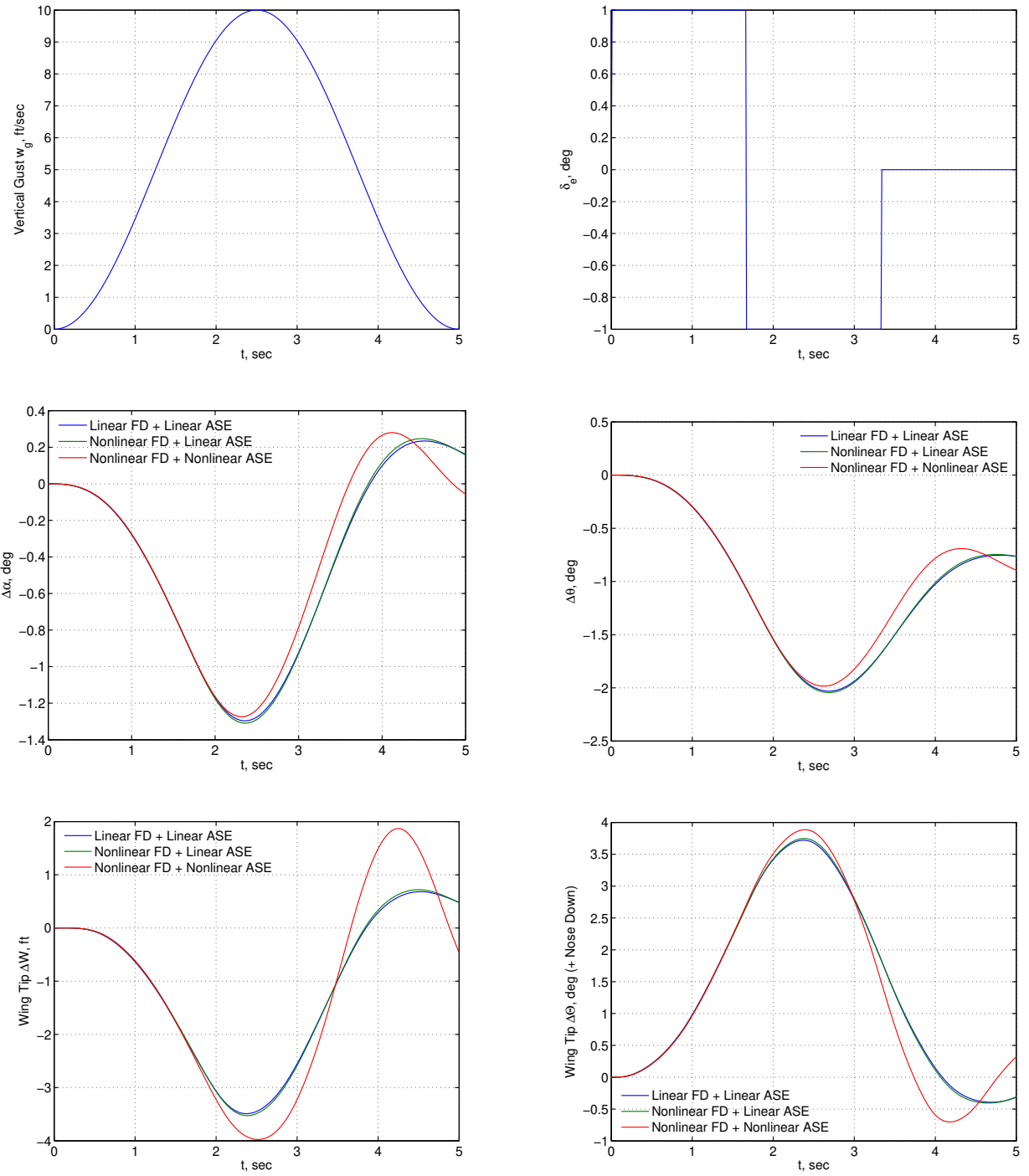


Figure 11. Longitudinal Response of Flexible Wing GTM with 1-Cosine Discrete Gust

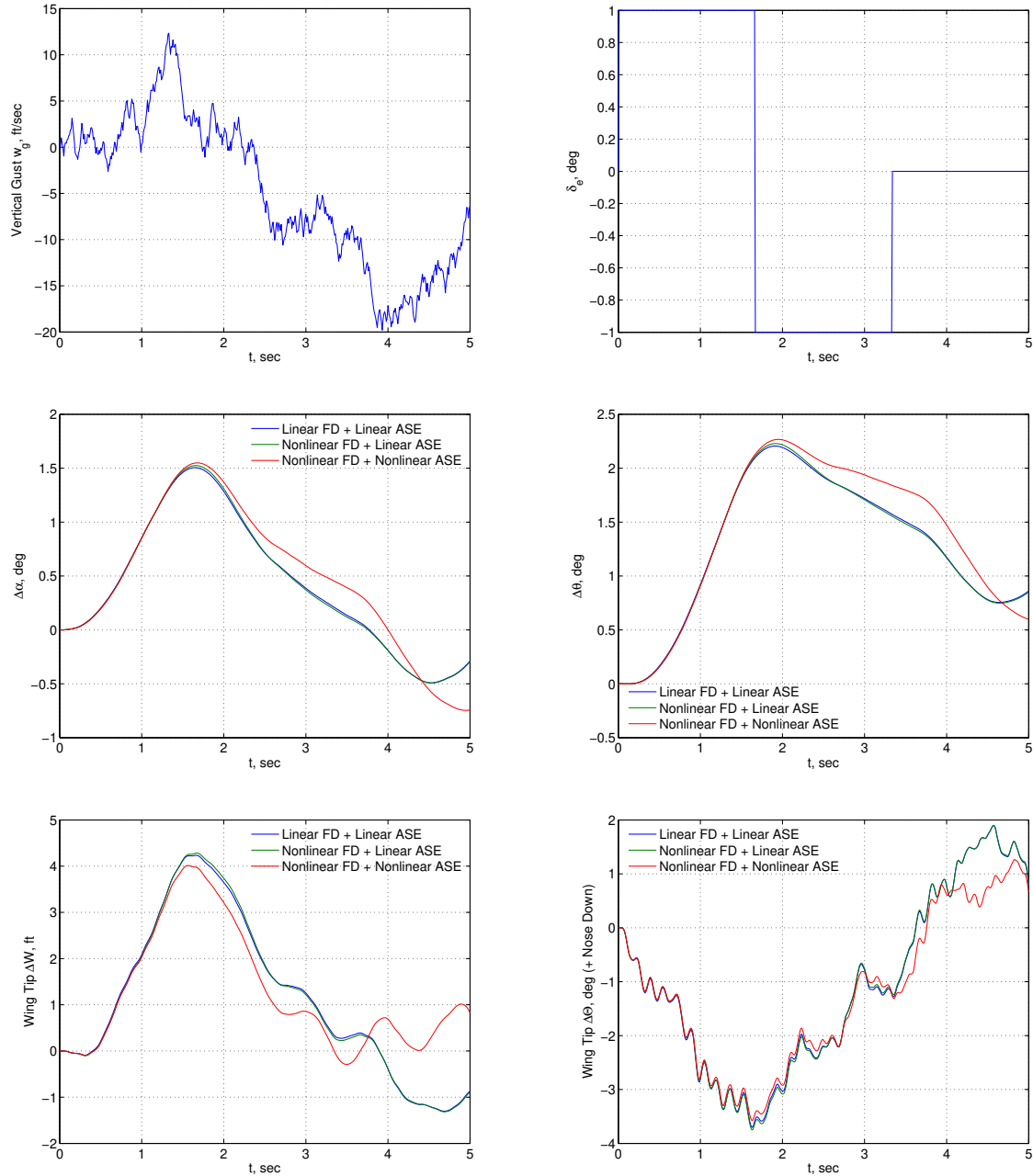


Figure 12. Longitudinal Response of Flexible Wing GTM with Dryden Gust

VIII. Conclusions

This paper describes the development of an integrated nonlinear aeroservoelastic flight dynamic model of the NASA Generic Transport Model (GTM) equipped with flexible wings. The integrated ASE model provides the capability for flight control development and simulations of a highly flexible wing transport aircraft equipped with a new type of distributed flight control surfaces called the Variable Camber Continuous Trailing Edge Flap (VCCTEF). The flexible wing is modeled to be half as stiff as a conventional wing to achieve a wing tip deflection of about 10% of the

wing semi-span. The nonlinear aeroservoelasticity in the modeling approach is due to the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the inertial forces and moment as well as in the aeroelastic angle of attack. The unsteady aerodynamics is modeled using the Theodorsen's theory and is corrected for the transonic flow and viscous effect using a transonic small disturbance and integral boundary layer correction method. To construct the aeroservoelastic model, the R. T. Jones method is used to approximate the Theodorsen's function. A proportional-integral-derivative control law is implemented for the flight control surfaces in the integrated aeroservoelastic model. Gust models include the discrete one-minus cosine gust model and the continuous Dryden and von Karman turbulence models.

Simulations of the flexible wing GTM at Mach 0.797 and 36,000 ft with 80% fuel loading are conducted. The simulations show that the rigid-body aircraft modes are not significantly influenced by the aeroservoelastic coupling. Three types of simulations are performed: linear flight dynamics with linear aeroelasticity by neglecting the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the aeroelastic partial derivatives, nonlinear flight dynamics with linear aeroservoelasticity, and nonlinear flight dynamics with nonlinear aeroservoelasticity due to the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the aeroelastic partial derivatives. The aircraft responses to the one-minus cosine gust and the continuous Dryden gust show that the nonlinear aeroservoelastic model produces significantly different responses than both linear aeroservoelastic models. Future work will further include the nonlinear aeroelasticity due to the coupling of the rigid-body aircraft states in the inertial forces and moment acting on the wing.

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