



NDARC

NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft

User Training

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Training Objectives



Purpose:

- Provide overview of how NDARC conducts design and analysis tasks
- Introduce NDARC input/output construct and syntax
- Explain steps necessary to accomplish common design / analysis tasks
- Illuminate common pitfalls and methods for debugging input

Assumptions:

- Familiar with the preliminary design process
- Understand classic helicopter and fixed wing theory that underpins NDARC analysis (see Theory manual for details)
- Familiar with FORTRAN namelist input

Outcomes:

- User can execute and parse input/output of NDARC examples
- User can create a new design by modifying an example
- User can use Theory manual and Input manual to set up more complex cases



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- **Tasks**
- **Aircraft**

NDARC Job

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- **Debugging**

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Rotorcraft System Design and Analysis



Rotorcraft design work in government laboratory supports research and acquisition

NASA Rotary Wing Project requires system analysis tool

- For technology impact assessments, and to support research investments
- To define context for research and development, and support design efforts

Department of Defense acquisition phases require rotorcraft design work

- For concept exploration, decision, and refinement, and for technology development
- Perform quantitative evaluation and independent synthesis of wide array of aircraft configurations and concepts
- Provide foundation for specification and requirement development

Tools previously available to government have out-of-date software and limited capabilities

Proprietary tools of helicopter industry not available to government

Rotorcraft system analysis developed by NASA and US Army AFDD

- [NDARC — NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft](#)





NDARC

NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft



Principal Tasks:

- **Facilitate design of new rotorcraft concepts**
 - Synthesis: Create new concepts from library of components
 - Size: Parametrically vary components to meet specified requirements
- **Analyze rotorcraft air vehicle systems**
 - Point Performance: Calculate performance at specified flight conditions
 - Mission Performance: Fuel burn and time to accomplish variety of missions

Critical Attributes:

- **Rapid Turnaround** – Execute case on order of minutes
- **Flexible Sizing Constraints** – Sized based on multiple missions and performance points
- **Configuration Generality** – Government activities require ability to model broad array of rotorcraft concepts
- **Capture Technology Impact** – Must be able to consider new technology at a system and component level
- **Extensible** – Analysis capability and code architecture should not inhibit creativity, easy modification for individual projects
- **Documentation** – Complete and thorough documentation of theory and code



Software



Design and development of NDARC started in January 2007

- **Release 1.0 in May 2009, coding effort about 1.5 man-years**
- **Release 1.8 in February 2014**

Distribution controlled by the Software Release Authority at Ames Research Center

- **Source code and documentation available to users, subject to Software Usage Agreement**

Input: namelist-based text format

Output: text files formatted for printing and for spreadsheets, and special files (e.g. for preparation of layout drawings)

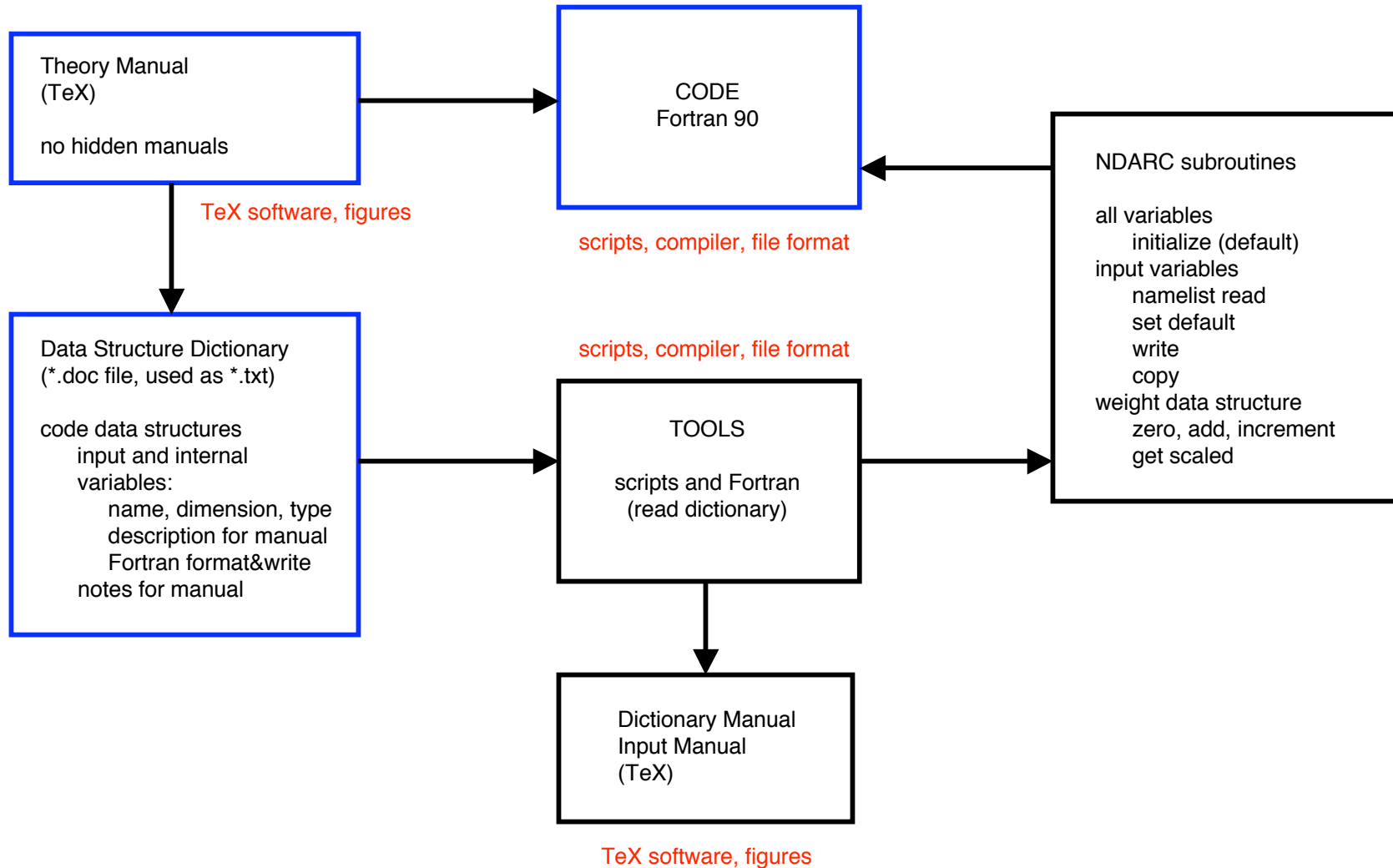
Execution times: seconds for job with just few analysis tasks; minutes for job that sizes aircraft based on multiple flight conditions and missions

NDARC written in Fortran 95

- **Using special-purpose software tool**
 - **Tool is Fortran code utilizing character string manipulation**
 - **Manage data structures (in module), generate input manual, generate code to read and print input**
- **Compiled on several platforms and operating systems**



NDARC Development Process





Validation and Demonstration



Validation: exercise ANALYSIS tasks

- Develop NDARC models by using geometry and weight information, airframe wind tunnel test data, engine decks, rotor tests, and comprehensive analysis results
 - Correlate performance calculations from comprehensive analysis with wind tunnel or flight test data
 - Develop parameters of NDARC rotor performance model based on calculated induced power factor κ and mean drag coefficient $C_{d\text{mean}}$
- Compare NDARC results for aircraft and component performance with flight test data

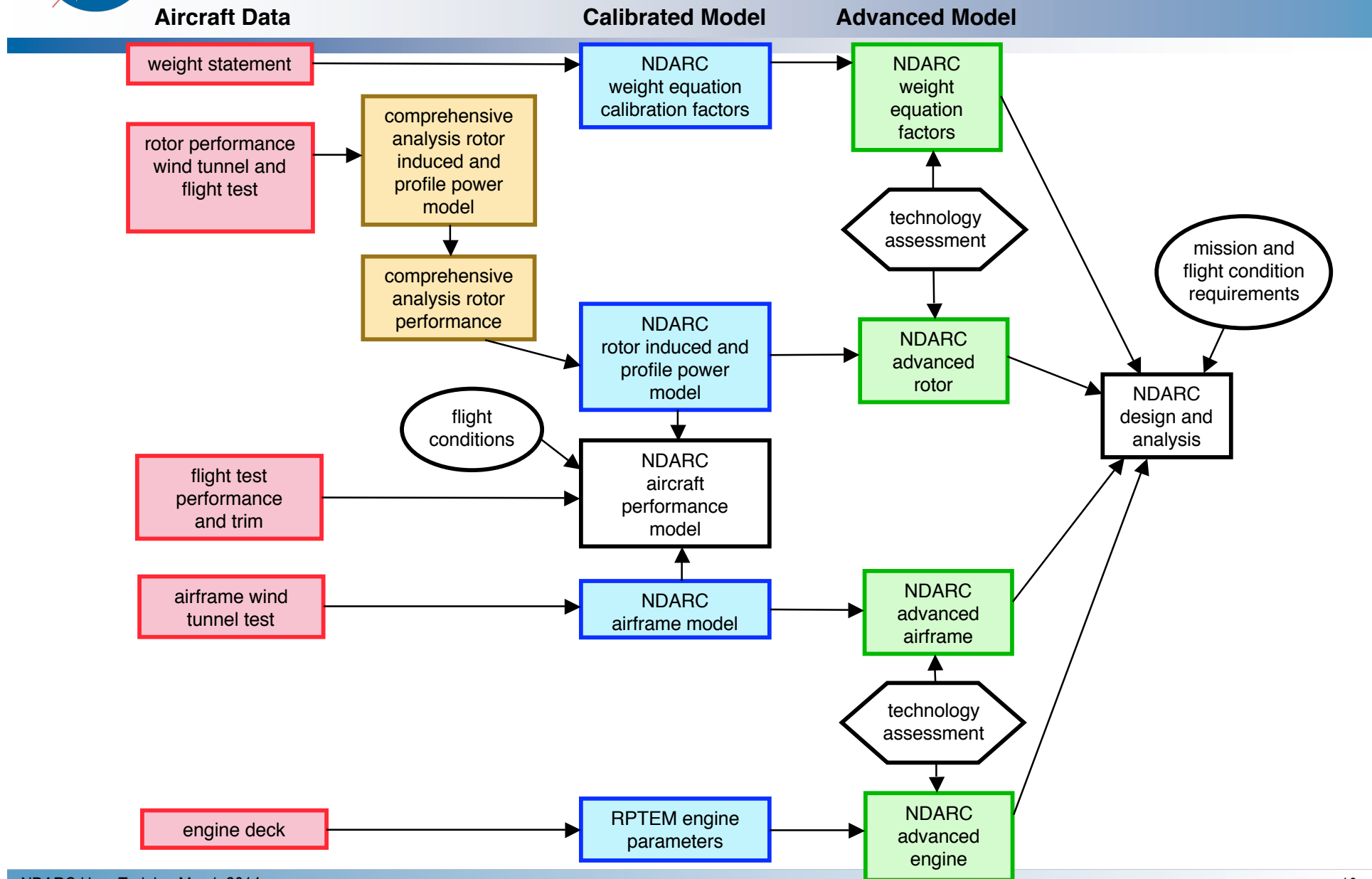
Rotorcraft comprehensive analysis used: CAMRAD II

Demonstration: exercise DESIGN task

- Based on the calibrated models, capability to size rotorcraft explored
- Part of code development, not design project



Validation Process





Development Test Cases



Aircraft

- UH-60A (single main-rotor and tail-rotor helicopter)
- CH-47D (tandem helicopter)
- XH-59A (coaxial lift-offset helicopter)
- XV-15 (tiltrotor)



Selected because for each aircraft have:

- Flight performance data
- Weight statement
- Detailed geometry
- Correlated comprehensive analysis model

"NDARC — NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft. Validation and Demonstration." American Helicopter Society Specialists' Conference on Aeromechanics, San Francisco, CA, January 2010



NDARC Configurations



Turboshaft Engine



Other Propulsion Systems





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Documentation



Complete and thorough documentation of theory and code

- **Theory manual** documents NDARC component methods and solution procedures
 - NASA TP 2009-215402 (release 1.0 theory)
 - "NDARC – NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft. Theoretical Basis and Architecture." American Helicopter Society Specialists' Conference on Aeromechanics, San Francisco, CA, January 2010
 - "Propulsion System Models for Rotorcraft Conceptual Design." Fifth Decennial AHS Aeromechanics Specialists' Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 2014
- **Input manual** documents input syntax and variable names, provides guidance on the selection of component and solution methods
- **Dictionary** documents all data structures (including input parameters)

Documentation available in NDARC distribution package

Sample cases

- **Provide examples of common rotorcraft configurations**
- **Serve as point of departure for creating new models**

NDARC Wiki available for collaboration and community use

<https://wiki.nasa.gov/ndarc-nasa-design-and-analysis-of-rotorcraft>



Sample Cases in Distribution Package



aircraft	description	engine	jobs	size	notes
helicopter	helicopter.list	gen2000.list	helicopter.run	no	
			size_eng.run	engine	payload-range
			size_rotor.run	rotor	
			takeoff_hel.run	no	takeoff performance
tandem	tandem.list	gen4000.list	tandem.run	no	
coaxial	coaxial.list	gen2000.list	coaxial.run	no	
tiltrotor	tiltrotor.list	gen2000.list	tiltrotor.run	yes	
			tiltrotor_ext.run	no	wing extensions
			takeoff_tr.run	no	takeoff performance
compound	compound.list	gen4000.list	compound.run	yes	based on helicopter model
autogyro	autogyro.list	turbojet	autogyro.run	yes	



Data Dictionary (Input Manual) Layout



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Chapter 4

Common: Job

← Structure name

Variable	Type	Description	Default
		NDARC	
		Version (set by main program)	
version	c*6	number n.n	
modification	c*32	modification	
versionout	c*64	string for headers (Version n.n, modification "xxx")	
		+ Initialization	
INIT_input	int	input parameters (0 default, 1 last case input, 2 last case solution)	1
INIT_data	int	other parameters (0 default, 1 start of last case, 2 end of last case)	0
		+ Errors	
ACT_error	int	action on error (0 none, 1 exit)	1
ACT_version	int	action on version mismatch in input (0 none, 1 exit)	0
		+ File open	
OPEN_status	int	status keyword for write (0 unknown, 1 replace, 2 new, 3 old)	2

Valid flag values

+ identifies input value

Clarifying comments on input usage

INIT_input:
 if default, all input variables set to default values
 if last-case-input, then case inherits input at beginning of previous case
 if last-case-solution, then case inherits input at end of previous case
 use INIT_input=2 to analyze case #1 design in subsequent cases
 INIT_data: if always start-last-case, then case starts from default
 if default, all other variables set to default values

default value



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NDARC Tasks



Job consists of one or more cases, each case optionally performing design and analysis tasks

- **Design** task: Size rotorcraft to satisfy specified design conditions and missions
- **Analysis** tasks: Off-design mission performance, flight performance for point operating conditions
- **Source of aircraft description for analysis task:**
 - From sizing task
 - From previous case or previous NDARC job
 - Or independently generated (such as description of existing aircraft)
- **Maps:** Generate performance maps for airframe aerodynamics or engine

Description and analysis of conventional rotorcraft configurations facilitated

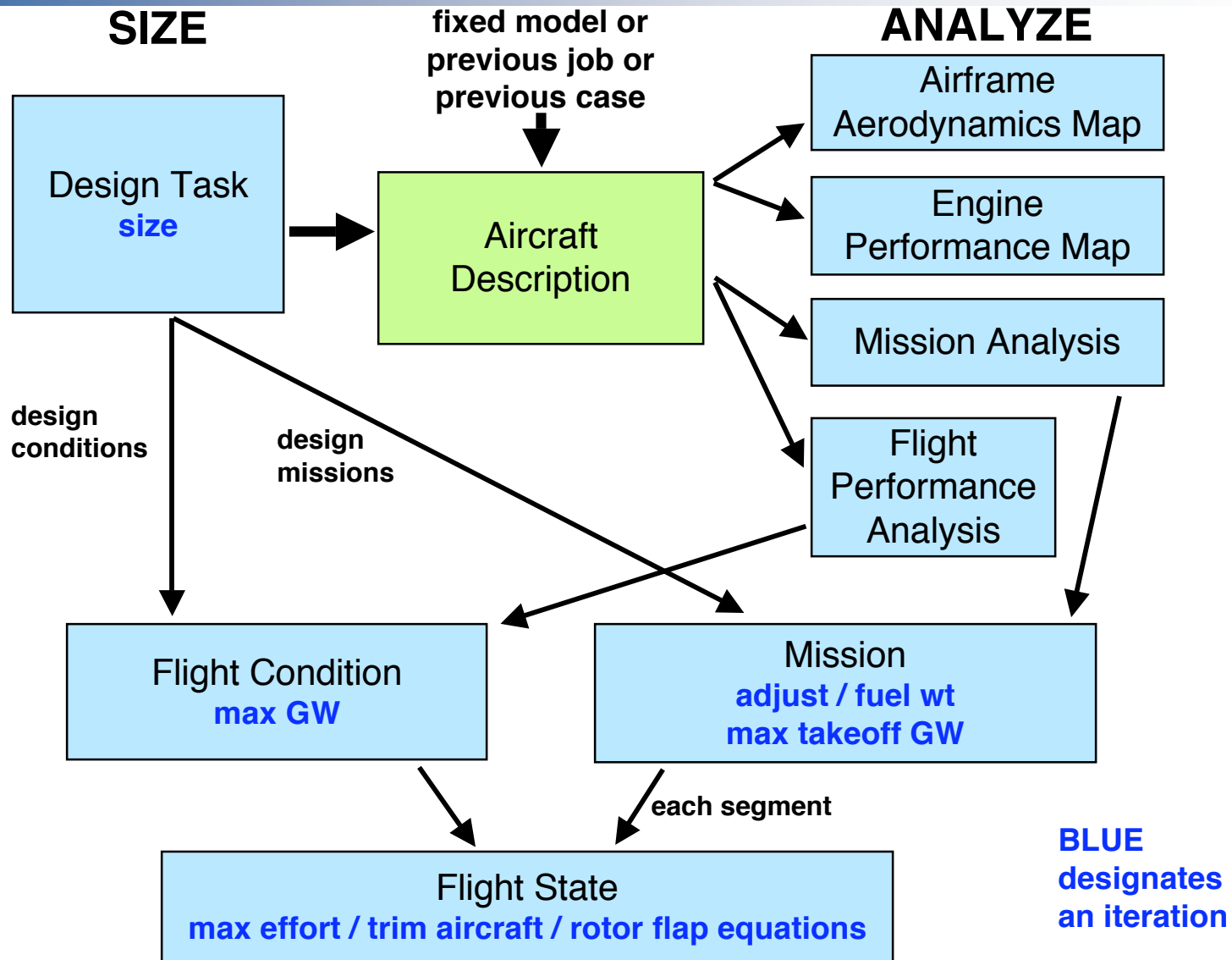
- single main rotor and tail rotor helicopter
- tandem helicopter
- coaxial helicopter
- tiltrotor

Retaining capability to model novel and advanced concepts

- For example, compound rotorcraft: add wings and propellers to aircraft



NDARC Tasks





NDARC Terminology



Job: An execution instance of NDARC, composed of one or more cases.

Case: A collection of tasks that form a cohesive process. The type and number of tasks executed in a case are completely flexible, no one type of task is required in a given case. Typically a case consists of one sizing task and a collection of mission and performance analysis tasks on the aircraft resulting from the sizing task.

Task: A specific procedure NDARC can perform. Valid tasks are: sizing, mission analysis, performance analysis, engine mapping, aerodynamic mapping.

Flight State: Defined for each flight condition or mission segment. The collection of variables that describe speed, motion, atmospheric condition, configuration state (rotor speed, control positions, engine rating, etc) and trim approach.

Flight Condition: A single event for which aircraft performance is calculated.

Sizing Flight Condition: A flight condition event for which the aircraft configuration is parametrically altered (sized) until the aircraft can meet the input performance requested.

Mission: An ordered collection of mission segments (flight states) over which fuel burn and flight time/distance is integrated. Gross weight is adjusted based on fuel burn throughout the mission, and the resulting breakdown of takeoff gross weight into fuel, payload, fixed useful load and operating weight empty can be determined.

Design Mission: A mission analyzed as part of the sizing task, the aircraft configuration is parametrically adjusted (sized) until it can meet the input mission requirements.

Off-Design Mission: A mission analyzed on a fixed aircraft configuration, mission parameters (range and/or payload) must be adjusted until the fuel available at takeoff is converged with the fuel required for the mission.

Component: A discrete element of an aircraft which performs functions and has intrinsic properties (dimensions, weight, aerodynamics loads, etc.).

Size: The process of parametrically adjusting key aircraft design variables (rotor radius, engine size, takeoff gross weight, etc) until all design mission and sizing flight conditions are met.

Synthesis: The process of assembling components to meet a specified set of requirements. In the context of NDARC this process is performed prior to execution in the construction of the aircraft input file.



Solution Procedure



Sizing Task

Size Iteration

method: successive substitution

Missions

Flight Conditions



Mission Analysis

Missions



Flight Perf Analysis

Flight Conditions

Flight Condition

Maximum GW

method: secant or false position

Flight State

Mission

Mission Iteration

adjust, fuel weight

method: successive substitution

Segments

Maximum GW

method: secant or false position

Flight State

Flight State

Maximum Effort

method: golden section for maximum endurance, range, or climb; otherwise secant or false position

Trim

method: Newton-Raphson

Component Performance Evaluation

Blade Flapping

method: Newton-Raphson



Sizing Task



“Size the aircraft” means develop consistent description of system

- **Sizing task determines dimensions, power, and weight of rotorcraft**
 - **That can perform specified set of design conditions and missions**
- **Relations between dimensions, power, and weight generally require iterative solution**

From design flight conditions and missions, can determine

- **Total engine power or rotor radius**
 - **Or both power and radius can be fixed**
- **Design gross weight**
- **Maximum takeoff weight**
- **Drive system torque limit**
- **Fuel tank capacity**
- **Antitorque or auxiliary-thrust design thrust**

Component sizing options

- **Choices for independent/dependent design parameters of all components**
- **Code facilitates parameter variation by automating dependencies**



Component Sizing Options



Available choices for independent/dependent design parameters

- Parameters not fixed are dependent (fallout)
- Facilitates parameter variation by automating dependencies

Rotor: fix subset of

- Radius or disk loading, thrust-weighted σ , hover tip speed, blade loading C_W/σ
- Tail rotor radius can be scaled from main rotor radius
- Rotor radius can also be fallout of sizing task

Wing: fix subset of

- Area or wing loading, span, chord, aspect ratio
- Or span obtained from aircraft or rotor geometry, or span of another wing

Tail: fix subset of

- Area or tail volume, span, chord, aspect ratio

From designated sizing conditions and/or missions (or fixed input)

- Fuel tank (missions)
- Maximum takeoff weight (conditions)
- Drive system rating (conditions and missions)

Engine size: power rating scaled (or fixed input)



Missions and Flight Conditions



Missions defined for sizing task, and for mission analysis

- Mission consists of number of mission segments
 - For each segment the time, distance, and fuel burn are evaluated
- Mission parameters include mission **takeoff gross weight** and **useful load**
 - Takeoff gross weight can be input, fallout, or **maximized** (for power required = power available, at designated segment)
- With specified takeoff fuel weight:
 - Mission **time or distance adjusted** so fuel required for mission (burned plus reserve) = takeoff fuel weight
- Mission iteration is on time/distance (if adjustable), or on fuel weight

Flight conditions specified for sizing task, and for flight performance analysis

- Flight condition parameters include **gross weight** and **useful load**
- Gross weight can be input, fallout, or **maximized** (for power required = power available)



Flight State



Flight state is defined for each mission segment and each flight condition

- Aircraft performance analyzed for specified state, or for **maximum effort** performance
- Maximum effort can be
 - speed, rate of climb, altitude (etc.) for
 - best endurance or best range, or power required = power available (etc.)

Aircraft must be **trimmed** in specified operating condition

- Solving for controls and motion that produce aircraft force and moment equilibrium (and/or designated quantities \Rightarrow target value)
- Various flight states can require different trim strategies

Solution of **blade flap equations** of motion may be required

- To evaluate rotor inplane forces or blade pitch angles



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Rotorcraft Configuration

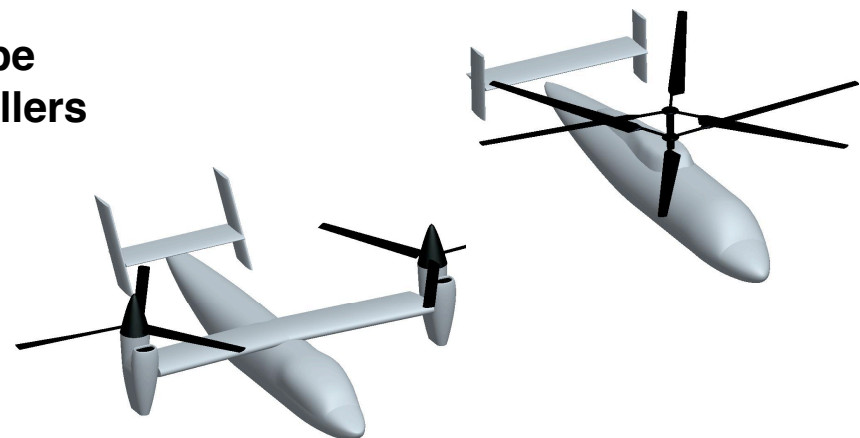
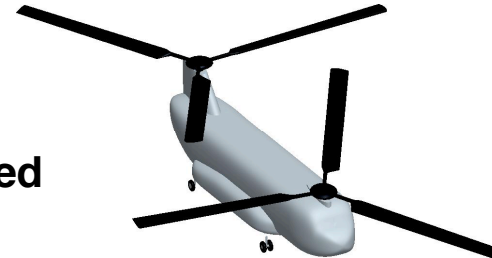
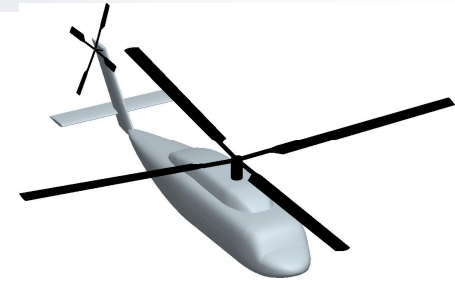


Description and analysis of conventional rotorcraft configurations are facilitated

- Single main rotor and tail rotor helicopter
- Tandem helicopter
- Coaxial helicopter
- Tiltrotor

Novel and advanced concepts typically modeled by starting with one of these conventional configurations

For example, compound rotorcraft can be constructed by adding wings and propellers





Aircraft Description



Critical to achieving capability to model wide array of rotorcraft concepts is decomposition of aircraft into set of fundamental components

Aircraft consists of set of components

- **Fuselage, Landing Gear, Systems**
- **Rotors**
 - main rotor, tail rotor, propeller
 - tilting, ducted, antitorque, auxiliary-thrust, variable diameter, reaction drive
 - twin rotors
- **Wings**
- **Tails**
 - horizontal or vertical
- **Fuel tanks**
 - fuel quantity measured as either weight or energy
- **Propulsion groups**
 - set of rotors and engine groups, connected by drive system
 - components define power required, engine groups define power available
- **Engine Groups (turbohaft, compressor, electric motor, generator)**
 - transfers power by shaft torque
 - one or more engines of same type
- **Jet Groups (turbojet, turbofan)**
 - produces force on aircraft
- **Charge Groups (fuel cell, solar cell)**
 - Generates energy for the aircraft



Aircraft Component



Control

- **Control definition key feature for configuration generality**
- **Aircraft controls (including pilot's controls) connected to component controls**
 - **Aircraft controls used for trim**
 - **Aircraft and component controls: zero, constant, or function of flight speed**
 - **Tilt control: nacelle tilt or conversion control**
- **One or more control states**
 - **Different connections (matrix T), with defaults for each configuration**
 - **For example: tiltrotor in helicopter mode and airplane mode flight**
- **Optional conversion schedule (based on flight speed)**
 - **Defines nacelle tilt, tip speed, control state, drive system state**



Aircraft Controls



Control definition key feature for configuration generality

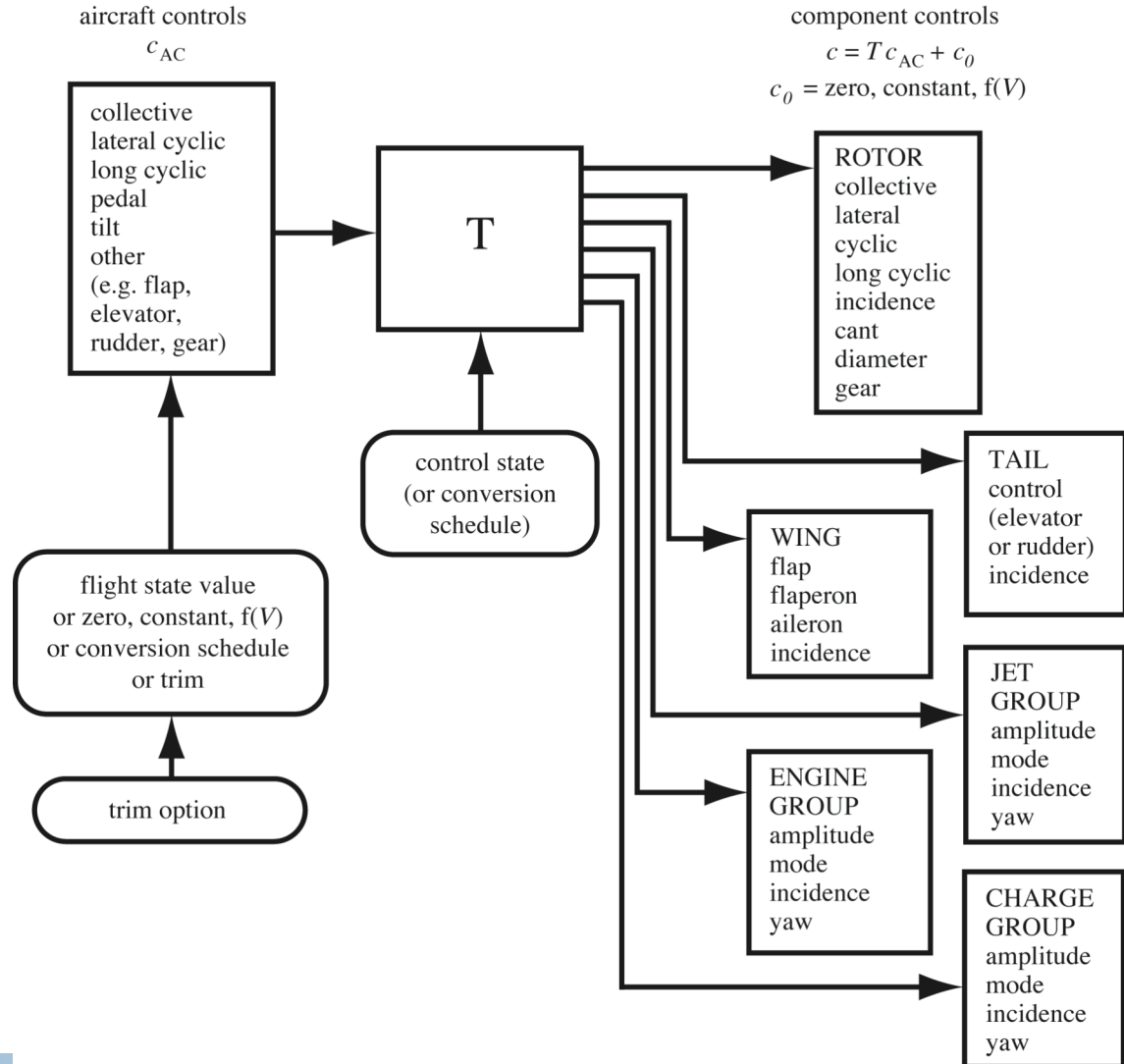
Aircraft controls connected to component controls

Aircraft controls include:

- Pilot's controls
- Configuration variables (e.g. tilt of nacelle/pylon, engine, rotor shaft)
- Connections to component controls

Only pilot's controls set / adjusted for flight condition or mission segment

- Access to component controls only through matrix T





Aircraft Controls



Specification of flight state (including trim) uses aircraft controls

Controls defined in *Aircraft* structure

			+ Aircraft Controls	
ncontrol	int	+	number of aircraft controls (maximum ncontrolmax)	4
IDENT_control(ncontrolmax)	c*16	+	labels of aircraft controls	
nstate_control	int	+	number of control states (maximum nstatemax)	1

Connected to component controls

aircraft controls connected to individual controls of component, $c = T c_{AC} + c_0$
 for each component control, define matrix T (for each control state) and value c_0
 flight state specifies control state, or that control state obtained from conversion schedule
 c_0 can be zero, constant, or function of flight speed (CAS or TAS, piecewise linear input)
 by connecting aircraft control to component control, flight state can specify component control value
 initial values if control is connected to trim variable; otherwise fixed for flight state

For example, tail aerodynamic control:

			+ Controls	
		+	elevator δ_e or rudder δ_r	
INPUT_cont	int	+	connection to aircraft controls (0 none, 1 input T matrix)	1
T_cont(ncontrolmax,nstatemax)	real	+	control matrix	
nVcont	int	+	number of speeds (0 zero value; 1 constant; ≥ 2 piecewise linear, maximum nvelmax)	0
cont(nvelmax)	real	+	values	
Vcont(nvelmax)	real	+	speeds (CAS or TAS)	



Aircraft Controls Example

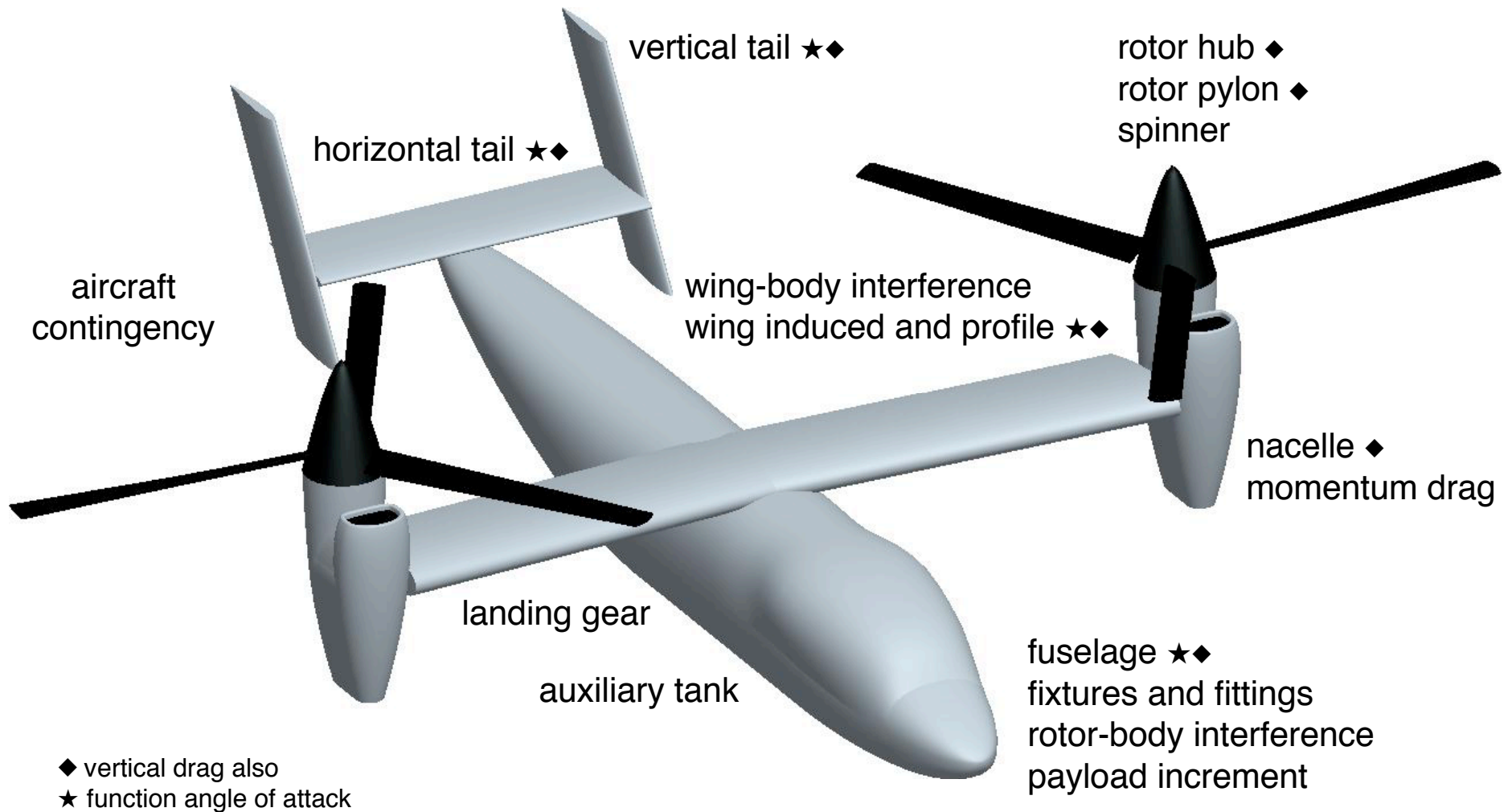


Control Matrix (State 1)			Rotor 1 (RH)				Rotor 2 (LH)				Wing		Tail	
Component			T_coll	T_lngcyc	T_latcyc	T_incid	T_coll	T_lngcyc	T_latcyc	T_incid	T_flap	T_flaperon	T_aileron	T_cont
Pilot Controls	Component Ctrl													
	idx	IDENT_control												
Pilot Controls	1	coll	1.0				1.0							
	2	latcyc	-1.0				1.0							
	3	lngcyc		-1.0				-1.0						
	4	pedal		1.0				-1.0						
	5	tilt				1.0			1.0					
	6	flap									1.0			
	7	flaperon										1.0		
	8	elevator											1.0	
	9	aileron											1.0	
	10	rudder												

Control Matrix (State 2)			Rotor 1 (RH)				Rotor 2 (LH)				Wing		Tail	
Component			T_coll	T_lngcyc	T_latcyc	T_incid	T_coll	T_lngcyc	T_latcyc	T_incid	T_flap	T_flaperon	T_aileron	T_cont
Pilot Controls	Component Ctrl													
	idx	IDENT_control												
Pilot Controls	1	coll	1.0				1.0							
	2	latcyc										-1.0		
	3	lngcyc											1.0	
	4	pedal	0.1				-0.1							
	5	tilt				1.0			1.0					
	6	flap									1.0			
	7	flaperon										1.0		
	8	elevator												
	9	aileron											1.0	
	10	rudder												



Drag





Aerodynamics and Drag



Aerodynamic models define loads either fixed or scaled

- **Fixed:** D/q , L/q , etc.
- **Scaled:** C_D , C_L , etc.

Scaled coefficients based on appropriate area S (and length for moments)

- $C_D = D/qS$, $C_L = L/qS$
- **Reference area can be input or scaled with size**

Aerodynamic loads vary with angle of attack

- **Stall models for large angle**
- **Vertical drag**

Some components (including fuselage and wing) see aerodynamic interference velocities from rotors



Geometry



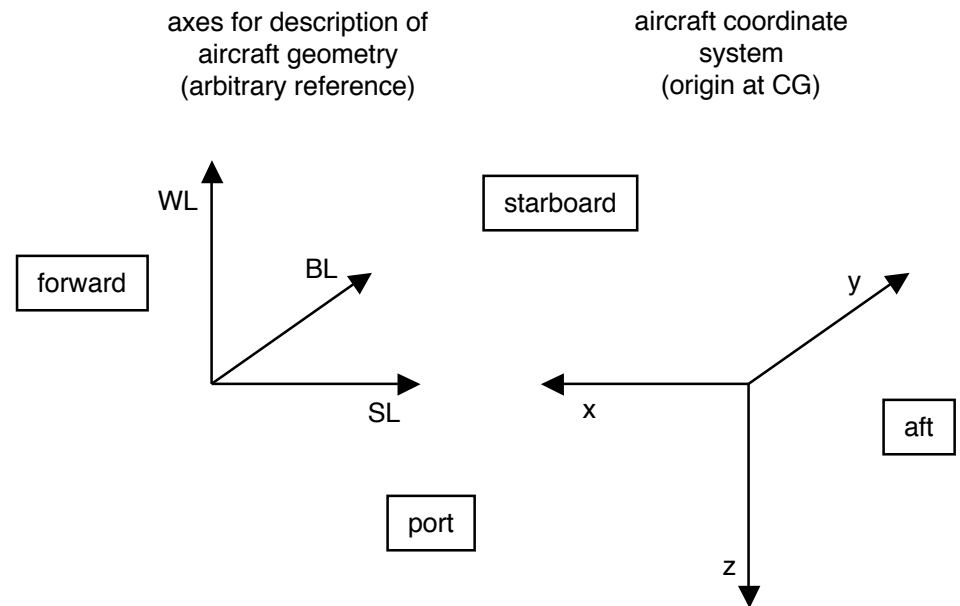
Component position input: fixed or scaled

Fixed:

- Station line, butt line, water line (SL, BL, WL)

Scaled

- x/L , y/L , z/L
- reference length L = rotor radius, wing span, or fuselage length
- relative reference point = input, rotor, wing, fuselage, or center of gravity





Rotor



One or more rotors (or none)

- Designated main, tail, or propeller: weight model, where in weight statement
- Designated antitorque or auxiliary-thrust: special sizing options
- Other configuration features: tilting, ducted, variable diameter, reaction drive

Connected to propulsion group (drive train)

- Set tip speed, drive losses (even if no shaft power source)

Energy method for power: induced + profile + parasite

- In terms of induced power factor and mean drag coefficient
- Including induced power for twin rotors

Inplane forces relative TPP: calculate with blade element theory, or neglect

Profile inplane forces: calculate with blade element theory, or simplified

Rotor interference at other components: fuselage, wings, tails

- Wake-induced velocity at component estimated based on inflow at rotor

Rotor drag (hub, pylon, spinner)



Rotor Control



Rotor Controls: collective, lateral cyclic, longitudinal cyclic

- Shaft incidence angle (tilt) and cant angle can be controls

Collective control:

- Direct command of rotor **thrust** or C_T/σ (shaft axes)
 - simpler solution of rotor equations (inflow determined by thrust)
 - calculate collective pitch angle from thrust (BE theory)
 - › May encounter flight states where commanded thrust can not be produced by rotor, so solution for collective not possible
- Command blade collective pitch $\theta_{.75}$
 - calculate thrust from collective pitch angle (BE theory)

Cyclic control: tip-path plane command or no-feathering plane command

- **Tip-path plane (TPP) command**
 - Cyclic control tilts TPP (command cyclic flapping β_c, β_s) hence tilts thrust vector
 - › appropriate for main rotors
 - › solve for blade cyclic pitch angles from flapping (BE theory)
 - › flap angles or hub moment or lift offset
- **No-feathering plane (NFP) command**
 - Cyclic control tilts swashplate (command blade cyclic pitch θ_c, θ_s)
 - › required for rotors without swashplate (commanded cyclic is zero)
 - › solve for flapping from blade cyclic pitch angle (BE theory)



Rotor Forces



Rotor hub loads

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ Y \\ T \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -f_B T \end{pmatrix}$$

shaft axis thrust
 T = control
(f_B for blockage)

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ -Q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} K_{\text{hub}} \beta_s \\ -K_{\text{hub}} \beta_c \\ -P_{\text{shaft}} / \Omega \end{pmatrix}$$

hub moment
proportional to
TPP tilt (control)

torque from rotor
shaft power

Inplane forces (H and Y) = tilt T with TPP + profile + force relative TPP

profile force:
$$C_{Ho} = \frac{\sigma}{8} c_{d \text{ mean}} F_H(\mu, \mu_z)$$

Inplane forces relative TPP calculated with blade element theory

- No stall, inflow and drag from power model, only flap degree of freedom
- With TPP command and neglect inplane forces relative TPP, collective and cyclic pitch angles not required
- But rotor force not perpendicular to TPP in general



Rotor Power



Power required: induced + profile + parasite

$$P = P_i + P_o + P_p$$

Parasite power = propulsive force x flight speed ($P_p = -XV$)

Induced power factor κ and mean drag coefficient $C_{d\text{mean}}$

$$P_i = \kappa P_{\text{ideal}} = \kappa T v_{\text{ideal}}$$

$$P_o = \rho A (\Omega R)^3 C_{P_o} = \rho A (\Omega R)^3 (\sigma / 8) C_{d\text{mean}} F_P (\mu, \mu_z)$$

Models account for influence of speed, thrust, compressibility, stall, lift offset, and induced interference between twin rotors

Spreadsheet for development of model from higher-fidelity calculations

- rotor_perf_template.xls

Calibration of model reflects level of technology



Rotor Induced Power



hover and propeller:

$$\kappa_h = \kappa_{\text{hover}} + \text{quadratic}(C_T/\sigma)$$

$$\kappa_p = \kappa_{\text{prop}} + \text{quadratic}(C_T/\sigma) + f(\mu)$$

axial flight: scaled so

$$\kappa = \kappa_h \text{ at } \mu_z = 0, \kappa = \kappa_p \text{ at } \mu_z = \mu_{z \text{ prop}}$$

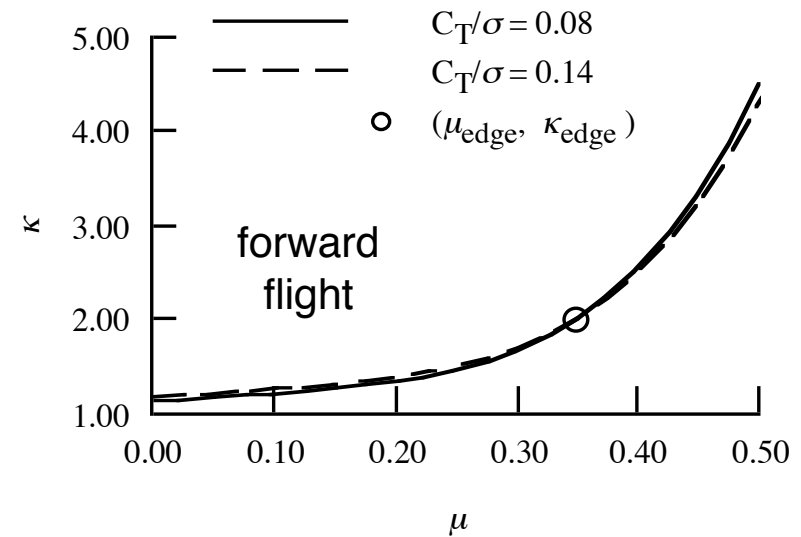
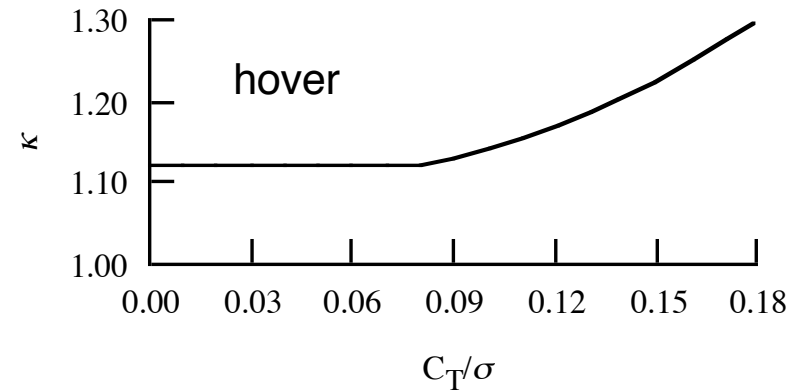
$$\kappa_{\text{axial}} = \kappa_h + \text{polynomial}(\mu_z)$$

edgewise flight: scaled so

$$\kappa = \kappa_{\text{axial}} \text{ at } \mu = 0, \kappa = f_{\text{off}} \kappa_{\text{edge}} \text{ at } \mu = \mu_{\text{edge}}$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_{\text{axial}} + \text{polynomial}(\mu)$$

f_{off} = influence of lift offset





Rotor Induced Power



hover and axial flight

thrust variation through $\Delta = C_T / \sigma - (C_T / \sigma)_{\text{ind}}$

$$\kappa_h = \kappa_{\text{hover}} + k_{h1}\Delta_h + k_{h2}|\Delta_h|^{X_{h2}}$$

$$\kappa_p = \kappa_{\text{prop}} + k_{p1}\Delta_p + k_{p2}|\Delta_p|^{X_{p2}} + k_{p\alpha}|\mu|^{X_{p\alpha}}$$

polynomial for variation with axial velocity

scaled so $\kappa = \kappa_h$ at $\mu_z = 0$ and $\kappa = \kappa_p$ at $\mu_z = \mu_{z\text{prop}}$

$$\kappa_{\text{axial}} = \kappa_h + k_{a1}\mu_z + S_a(k_{a2}\mu_z^2 + k_{a3}\mu_z^{X_a})$$

polynomial for variation with edgewise velocity

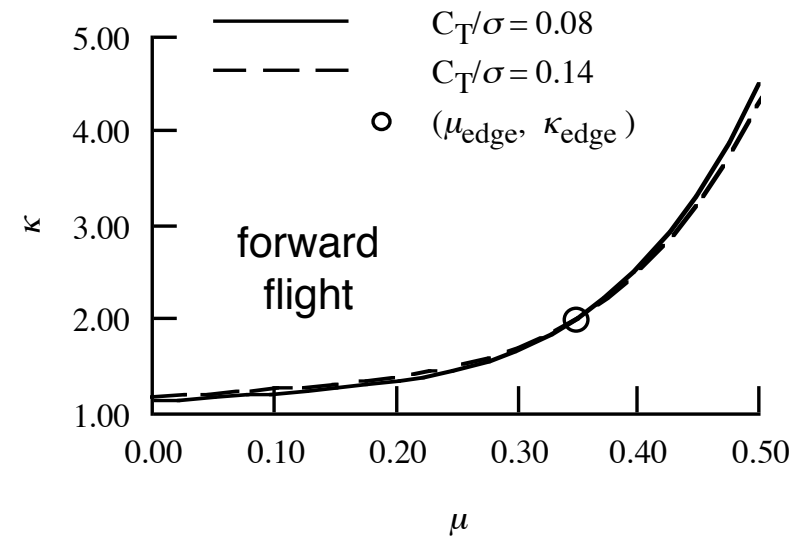
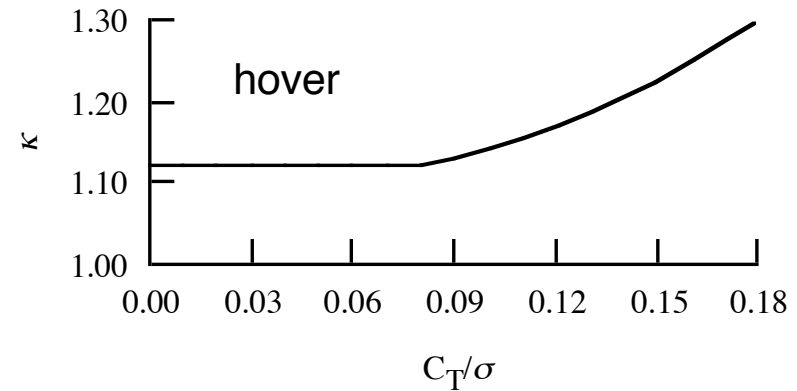
scaled so $\kappa = f_{\text{off}}\kappa_{\text{edge}}$ at $\mu = \mu_{\text{edge}}$

$$\kappa = \kappa_{\text{axial}} + k_{e1}\mu + S_e(k_{e2}\mu^2 + k_{e3}\mu^{X_e})$$

influence of lift offset:

$$f_{\text{off}} = 1 - k_{o1}(1 - e^{-k_{o2}o_x})$$

$$o_x = rM_x / TR = (K_{\text{hub}} / TR)\beta_s$$





Rotor Profile Power



drag = basic + stall + compressibility

$$c_{d \text{ mean}} = \chi S (c_{d \text{ basic}} + c_{d \text{ stall}} + c_{d \text{ comp}})$$

χ = technology factor

S accounts for Reynolds number

basic drag $c_{d \text{ basic}}$:

quadratic function C_T/σ plus faster growth at high (sub-stall) loading

hover and propeller:

$$c_{dh} = d_{0\text{hel}} + q(C_T/\sigma) + \text{separation}$$

$$c_{dp} = d_{0\text{prop}} + q(C_T/\sigma) + \text{separation} + f(\mu)$$

interpolated with μ_z :

$$c_{d \text{ basic}} = c_{dh} + (c_{dp} - c_{dh}) \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(|\mu_z| / \lambda_h)$$

stall drag $c_{d \text{ stall}}$:

occurrence of significant stall

$$\Delta_s = |C_T/\sigma| - (f_s / f_{\text{off}})(C_T/\sigma)_s$$

$$c_{d \text{ stall}} = d_{s1} \Delta_s^{X_{s1}} + d_{s2} \Delta_s^{X_{s2}}$$

stall loading $(C_T/\sigma)_s$ function of

$$V = (\mu^2 + \mu_z^2)^{1/2}$$

f_{off} = influence of lift offset

compressibility drag $c_{d \text{ comp}}$:

from advancing tip Mach number and drag divergence Mach number

$$\Delta M = M_{at} - M_{dd}$$

$$c_{d \text{ comp}} = d_{m1} \Delta M + d_{m2} \Delta M^{X_m}$$



Rotor Profile Power



drag = basic + stall + compressibility

$$c_{d \text{ mean}} = \chi S (c_{d \text{ basic}} + c_{d \text{ stall}} + c_{d \text{ comp}})$$

χ is technology factor

$S = (Re_{\text{ref}} / Re)^{0.2}$ accounts for Reynolds number effects

basic drag $c_{d \text{ basic}}$ = quadratic function of C_T / σ
plus faster growth at high (sub-stall) loading

$$\Delta = |C_T / \sigma - (C_T / \sigma)_{D \text{ min}}|$$

$$\Delta_{\text{sep}} = |C_T / \sigma - (C_T / \sigma)_{\text{sep}}|$$

for helicopter and propeller operation

$$c_{dh} = d_{0 \text{ hel}} + d_{1 \text{ hel}} \Delta + d_{2 \text{ hel}} \Delta^2 + d_{\text{sep}} \Delta_{\text{sep}}^{X_{\text{sep}}}$$

$$c_{dp} = d_{0 \text{ prop}} + d_{1 \text{ prop}} \Delta + d_{2 \text{ prop}} \Delta^2 + d_{\text{sep}} \Delta_{\text{sep}}^{X_{\text{sep}}} + d_{p\alpha} |\mu|^{X_{p\alpha}}$$

interpolated with axial velocity μ_z

$$c_{d \text{ basic}} = c_{dh} + (c_{dp} - c_{dh}) \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(|\mu_z| / \lambda_h)$$

stall drag $c_{d \text{ stall}}$ from occurrence of significant stall

$$\Delta_s = |C_T / \sigma - (f_s / f_{\text{off}})(C_T / \sigma)_s|$$

$$c_{d \text{ stall}} = d_{s1} \Delta_s^{X_{s1}} + d_{s2} \Delta_s^{X_{s2}}$$

f_s is input factor

stall loading $(C_T / \sigma)_s$ is function of $V = (\mu^2 + \mu_z^2)^{1/2}$

influence of lift offset:

$$f_{\text{off}} = 1 - d_{o1} (1 - e^{-d_{o2} o_x})$$

$$o_x = r M_x / TR = (K_{\text{hub}} / TR) \beta_s$$

compressibility drag $c_{d \text{ comp}}$ depends on advancing tip
Mach number and drag divergence Mach number

$$\Delta M = M_{at} - M_{dd}$$

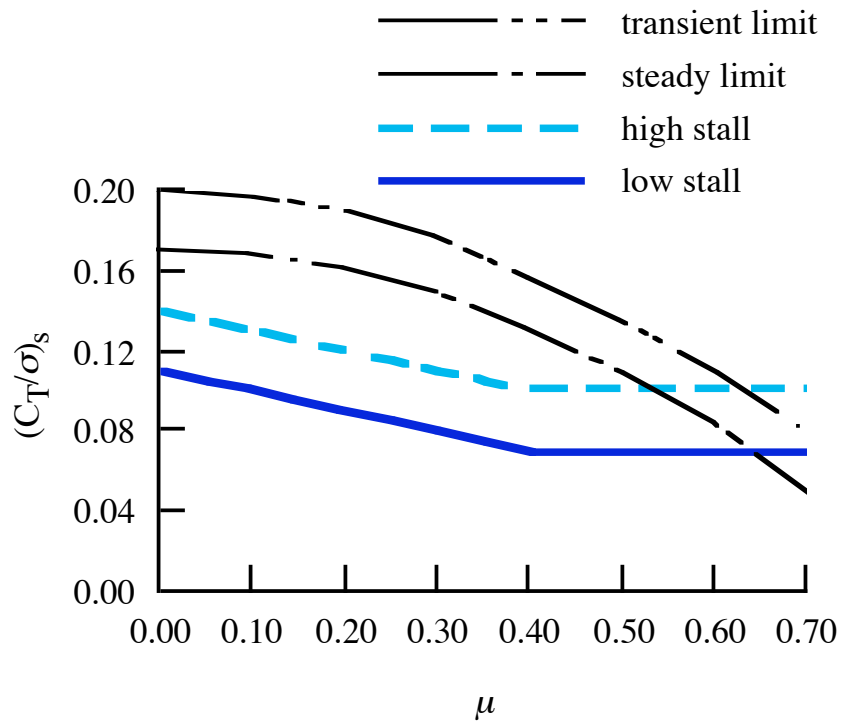
$$c_{d \text{ comp}} = d_{m1} \Delta M + d_{m2} \Delta M^{X_m}$$



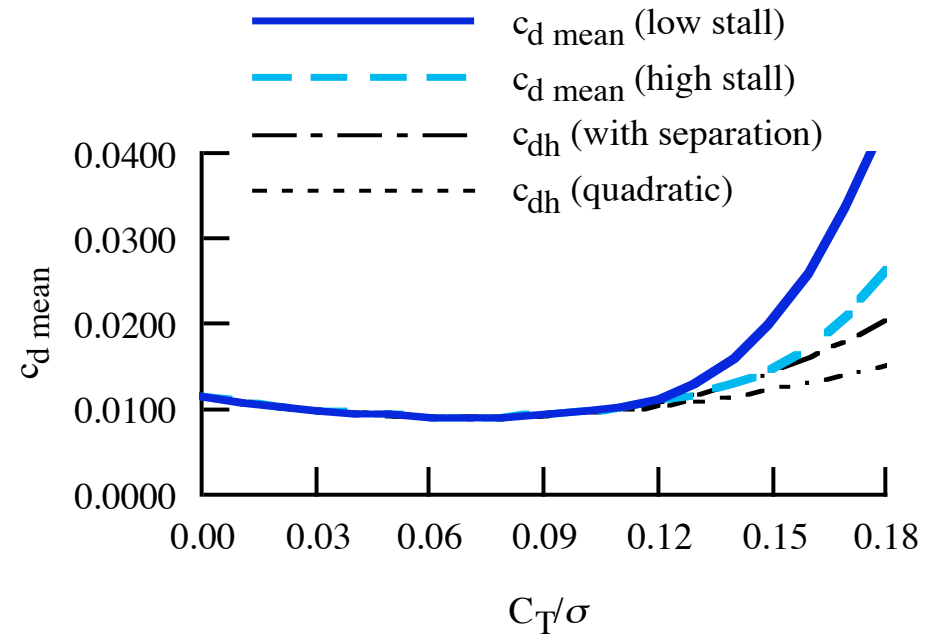
Rotor Profile Power



stall loading function



hover

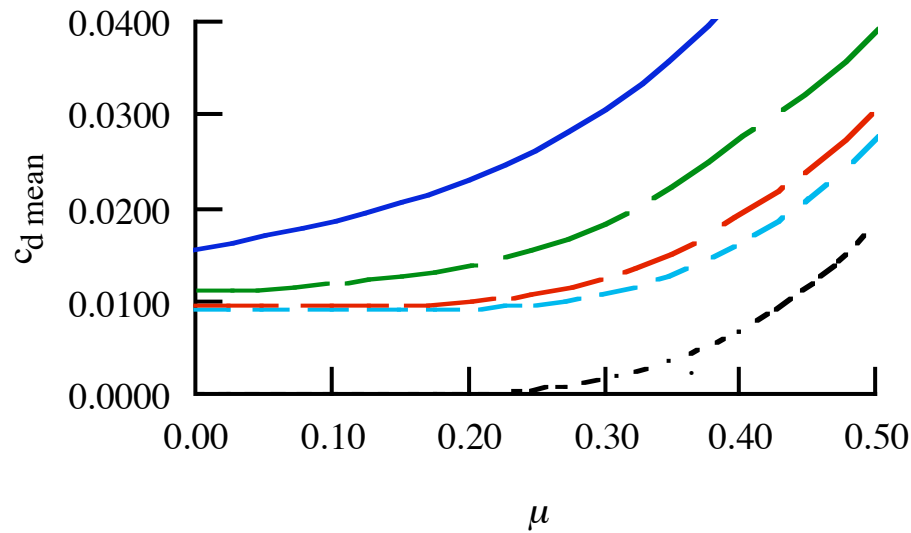




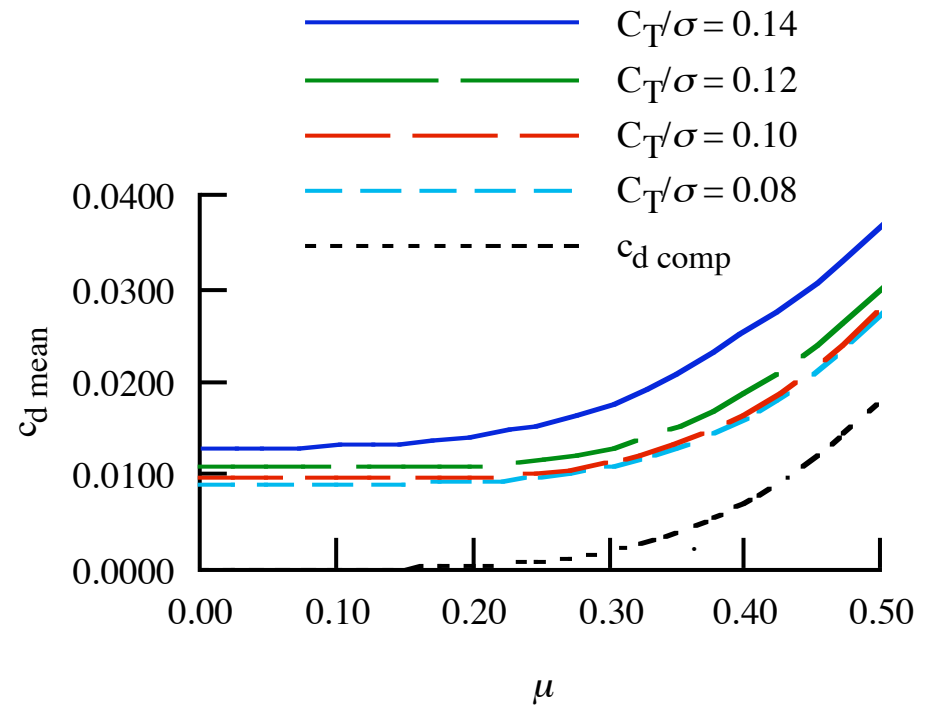
Rotor Profile Power



low stall function



high stall function





Rotor Interference



Rotor aerodynamic interference at other components: fuselage, wings, tails

Wake-induced velocity at component estimated based on inflow at rotor

- Induced velocity at the rotor disk known, acting in direction opposite thrust
- Interference velocity proportional to induced velocity, in the same direction

$$v_{\text{int}}^F = K_{\text{int}} f_W f_z f_r f_t v_{\text{ind}}^F$$

$f_W f_z$ accounts for axial development of wake velocity

–step function, or nominal rate of change, or input rate of change

f_r accounts for immersion in wake

–contracted or uncontracted wake radius

–step function, or always immersed, or input transition distance

f_t accounts for twin rotors

K_{int} is input empirical factor

–can be reduced to zero at high speed



Rotor Interference



To account for extent of wing or tail area immersed in wake, interference velocity calculated at several points along span and averaged

Need rotor interference on fuselage and wing for hover download

May need rotor-wing and wing-rotor interference for cruise performance

Often turn off rotor interference above 10-20 knots



Wing



Geometry defined in terms of wing panels

- Symmetric
- Each panel has straight aerodynamic center and linear taper
 - Sweep, dihedral, offsets of aerodynamic center
- Set of outboard panels can be considered wing extension

Controls: flap, flaperon, aileron, incidence

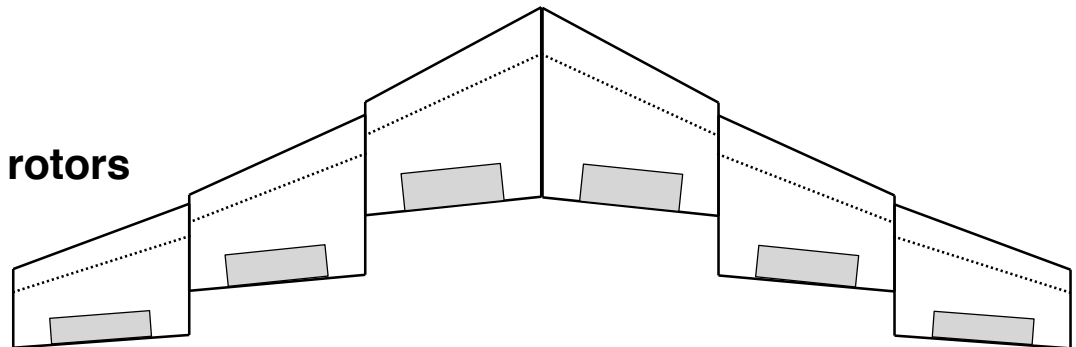
- Controls for each panel
- Flaperon and aileron are same surface

Wing interference on other wings (biplane or tandem)

Wing interference on tail

Wing interference on rotors

Induced-drag interference from rotors





Propulsion



Propulsion Group

- Set of **rotors** and **engine groups**, connected by **drive system**
 - One or more **drive states**, with different gear ratios
 - Tip speed: input, reference, function speed or conversion schedule, or various defaults
- Power required = component power + transmission losses + accessory losses
- Drive system limit (torque), rotor and engine shaft limits
- Drive system weight

Engine Group

- Each engine group has one or more **engines** of same type
- Performance at required power: mass flow, fuel flow, jet thrust, momentum drag
- Controls: yaw, incidence
- Drag, weight

Referred Parameter Turboshaft Engine Model

- Enables aircraft performance analysis to cover entire spectrum of operation
 - Curve fits of referred performance from engine deck, including effect of turbine speed
- Effects of **size** (scaling model, based on mass flow) and **technology** (specific power and specific fuel consumption)



Propulsion



Propulsion Groups

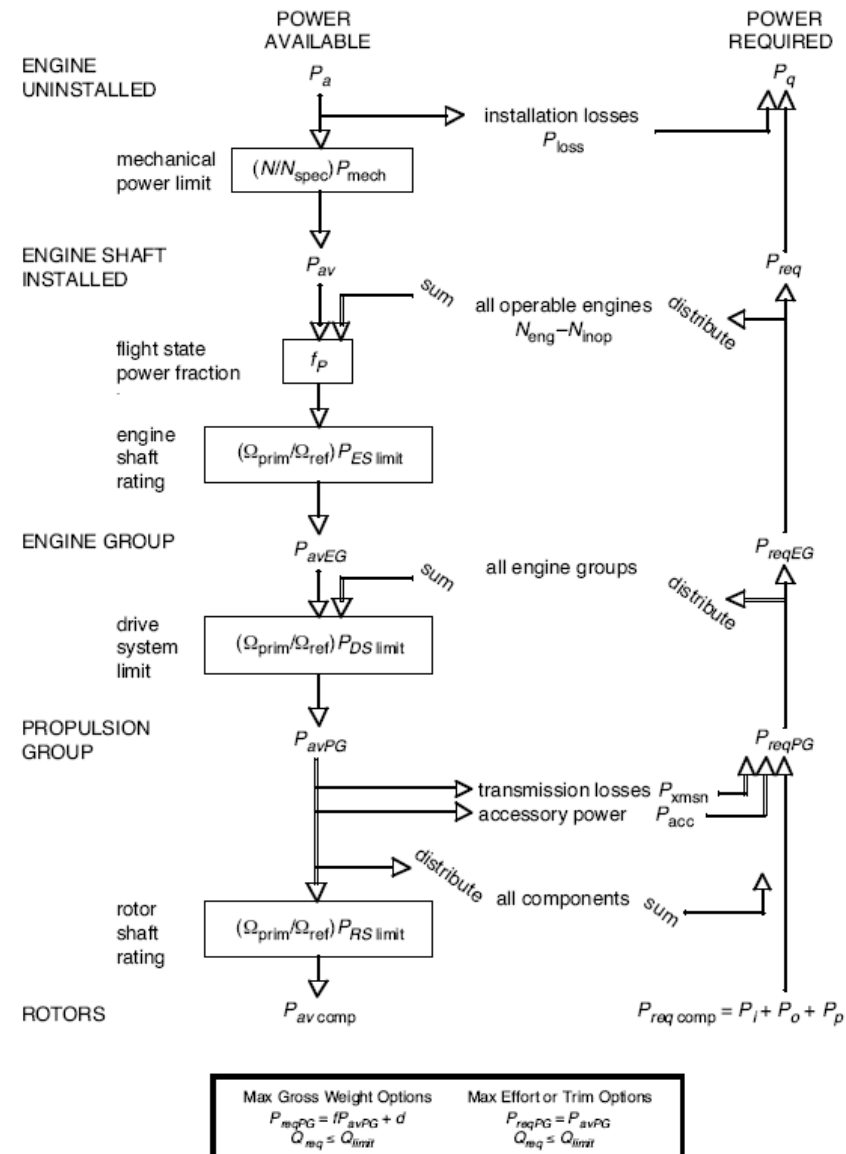
- Set of rotors and engine groups, connected by drive system
 - One or more **drive states**, with different gear ratios
- Power required = $P_{comp} + P_{xmsn} + P_{acc}$
- Drive system limit (torque), rotor and engine shaft limits

Engine Group

- Each engine group has one or more engines of same type
- Performance: mass flow, fuel flow, jet thrust, momentum drag
- Controls: yaw, incidence

Referred Parameter Turbohaft Engine Model

- Enables aircraft performance analysis to cover entire spectrum of operation
 - Curve fits of referred performance from engine deck, including effect of turbine speed
- Effects of size (scaling model) and technology (specific power and sfc)





Original Propulsion Representation



Mechanical drive train, connecting engine groups and rotors

Engine group, consisting of one or more turboshaft engines

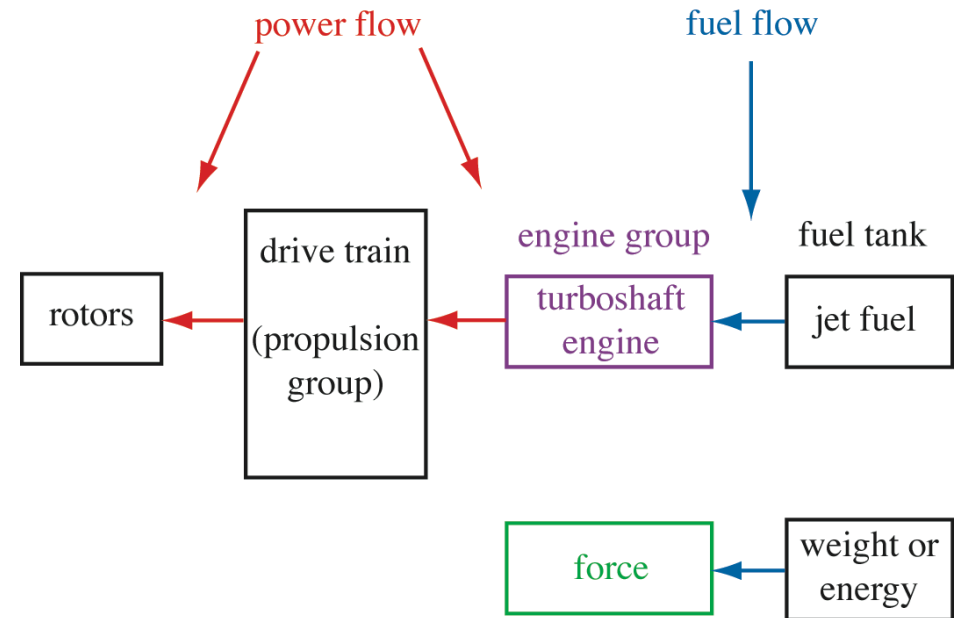
- Referred Parameter Turboshaft Engine Model

Fuel tank system (main and aux tanks)

- Weight changes as fuel used, fuel is measured in weight

Force generation by simple model

- Fuel used is measured as weight or energy





Extended Propulsion Representation



Engine Group

Turboshaft engine
Reciprocating engine
Compressor
Motor
Generator
Generator-Motor

Transfers power by
shaft torque

Connected to drive
train

Propulsion group
includes rotors

Jet Group

Turbojet / turbofan
Reaction drive
Simple force

Produces force on
aircraft

Charge Group

Fuel cell
Solar cell

Generates energy
for aircraft

Fuel Tank

Weight
jet fuel
gasoline
diesel
hydrogen
Energy
battery
flywheel
capacitor

Associated with
components
that use fuel



Extended Propulsion Representation



Engine Group

Turboshaft engine
 convertible — jet
 convertible — reaction
 Reciprocating engine
 Compressor
 Compressor-reaction
 Motor
 Motor + fuel cell
 Generator
 Generator-Motor

Transfers power by shaft torque

Connected to drive train

Propulsion group includes rotors

Jet Group

Turbojet / turbofan
 convertible — reaction
 Reaction drive
 Simple force

Produces force on aircraft

Charge Group

Fuel cell
 Solar cell

Generates energy for aircraft

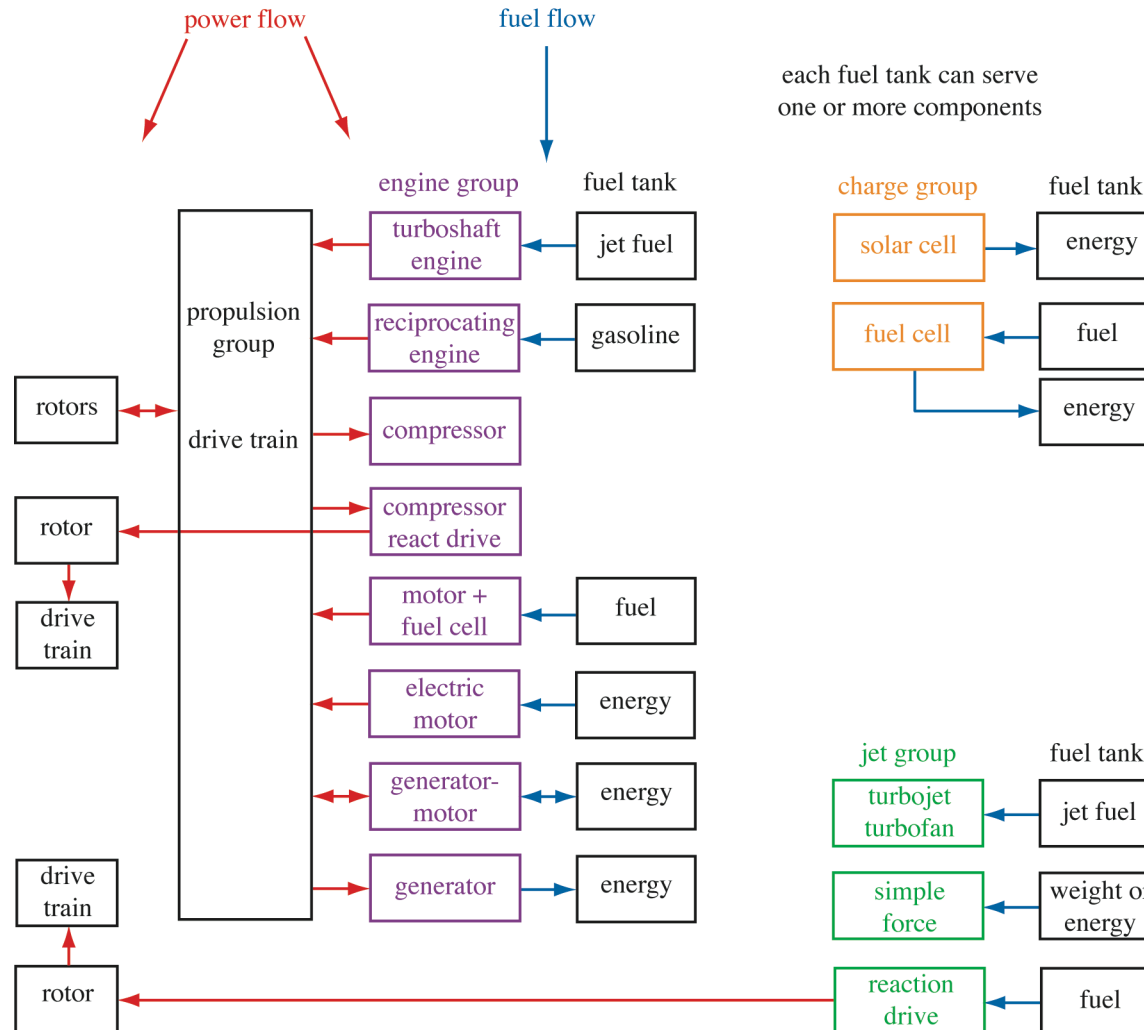
Fuel Tank

Weight
 jet fuel
 gasoline
 diesel
 hydrogen
 Energy
 battery
 flywheel
 capacitor

Associated with components that use fuel



Extended Propulsion Representation





Propulsion Component Models



Engine group, jet group, and charge group provide general framework for theory and code

Performance and weight evaluated using engine, jet, or charger model

- **Typically need power or thrust available, mass flow, fuel flow, jet force**
- **Functions of independent parameters (power or thrust, atmosphere, speed, etc.)**

Need parameterized, surrogate representation of component performance and weight

- **Applicable to wide range of operating conditions and component size**



Component Models Implemented



Engine group models

- Referred Parameter Turboshaft Engine Model (RPTEM)
- compressor
- motor/generator

Jet group models

- Referred Parameter Jet Engine Model (RPJEM)
- simple force

Charge group models

- fuel cell
- solar cell

Battery model for fuel tanks



Power available

$$\text{power} \quad \frac{P_a}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = P_{0C} g_p (\theta, M, n)$$

Performance at power required

$$\text{mass flow} \quad \frac{\dot{m}_{req}}{\delta / \sqrt{\theta}} = \dot{m}_{0C} g_m (q, \theta, M, n)$$

$$\text{fuel flow} \quad \frac{\dot{w}_{req}}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \dot{w}_{0C} g_w (q, \theta, M, n)$$

$$\text{gross thrust} \quad \frac{F_g}{\delta} = F_{g0C} g_f (q, \theta, M, n)$$

Scale with pressure ($\delta = p/p_0$) and temperature ($\theta = T/T_0$)

Functions of power required ($q = P_q / (P_{0C} \delta \sqrt{\theta})$), temperature ratio, Mach number, turbine speed ($n = N / \sqrt{\theta}$)



Referred Parameter Turbo shaft Engine Model



Power available

$$\text{power} \quad \frac{P_a}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = P_0 g_p (\theta, M, n)$$

g_p from constants
that are piecewise
linear functions of θ

Performance at power required

$$\text{mass flow} \quad \frac{\dot{m}_{req}}{\delta / \sqrt{\theta}} = \dot{m}_{0C} g_m (q, \theta, M, n)$$

g_m, g_w, g_f proportional to
cubic polynomials in q

$$\text{fuel flow} \quad \frac{\dot{w}_{req}}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \dot{w}_{0C} g_w (q, \theta, M, n)$$

$$\text{gross thrust} \quad \frac{F_g}{\delta} = F_{g0C} g_f (q, \theta, M, n)$$

**Good representation
for design code NDARC**

Scale with pressure ($\delta = p/p_0$) and temperature ($\theta = T/T_0$)

**Functions of power required ($q = P_q / (P_0 C \delta \sqrt{\theta})$), temperature ratio, Mach number,
turbine speed ($n = N / \sqrt{\theta}$)**



Fuel Tank Systems



Each system consists of main tank(s) and auxiliary tank(s)

- Engines, jets, chargers associated with a fuel tank system
- Fuel container has weight
- Fuel quantity stored and burned is measured in **weight** or **energy**

Weight changes as fuel used

- Jet fuel, gasoline, diesel, hydrogen
- Characteristics: density (lb/gal or kg/liter), specific energy (MJ/kg), tank weight

Energy changes as fuel used, weight does not change

- Battery, flywheel, capacitor
- Characteristics: tank density (MJ/liter), tank specific energy (MJ/kg)

Battery model

- Characteristics: efficiency (varies with power, state-of-charge), power density (kW/kg)



Fuel Properties



fuel	specification	density		specific energy			energy density
		lb/gal	kg/L	MJ/kg	BTU/lb	lb/hp-hr	MJ/L
gasoline	MIL-STD-3013A	6.0*	0.719	43.50	18700*	0.136	31.3
diesel	nominal	7.0	0.839	43.03	18500	0.138	36.1
	range	6.84–7.05	0.820–0.845	43.0	18487	0.138	35.8
JetA/A-1	MIL-STD-3013A	6.7*	0.803	42.80	18400*	0.138	34.4
	range	6.84/6.71	0.820/0.804	42.8	18401	0.138	34.8
JP-4	nominal	6.5	0.779	42.80	18400	0.138	33.3
	MIL-DTL-5624U	6.23–6.69	0.751*–0.802*	42.8*	18401	0.138	32.2
JP-5	MIL-STD-3013A	6.6*	0.791	42.57	18300*	0.139	33.7
	alternate design	6.8*	0.815	42.91	18450*	0.138	35.0
	MIL-DTL-5624U	6.58–7.05	0.788*–0.845*	42.6*	18315	0.139	34.8
JP-8	MIL-STD-3013A	6.5*	0.779	42.80	18400*	0.138	33.3
	alternate design	6.8*	0.815	43.19	18570*	0.137	35.2
	MIL-DTL-83133H	6.45–7.01	0.775*–0.840*	42.8*	18401	0.138	34.6
hydrogen (700 bar)		0.328	0.03930	120.	51591	0.0493	4.72
hydrogen (liquid)		0.592	0.07099	120.	51591	0.0493	8.52

*specification value



Energy Storage Properties



	tank specific energy		tank energy density		efficiency	power kW/kg
	MJ/kg	kW-hr/kg	MJ/L	kW-hr/m ³		
lead-acid battery	0.11–0.14	0.03–0.04	0.22–0.27	60–75	70–90%	0.18
nickel-cadmium battery	0.14–0.20	0.04–0.06	0.18–0.54	50–150	70–90%	0.15
lithium-ion state-of-art	0.54–0.90	0.15–0.25	0.90–1.30	250–360	~99%	1.80
+5 years	1.26	0.35	1.80	500		
+10 years	2.34	0.65	2.25	625		
ultracapacitor	0.01–0.11	0.004-0.03	0.02–0.16	6–45		1.00
flywheel steel	0.11	0.03			~90%	
graphite	0.90	0.25				



Cost



CTM (Harris and Scully) Rotorcraft Cost Model

- **Aircraft purchase price**
- **Maintenance cost**
- **Direct operating cost**

Inflation factors

- **DoD: deflators for Total Obligational Authority and Procurement**
- **Consumer price index: all urban consumers, U.S city average, all items**



Weights



Parametric equations based on weight of existing turbine powered helicopters and tiltrotors (and some fixed wing aircraft component weights)

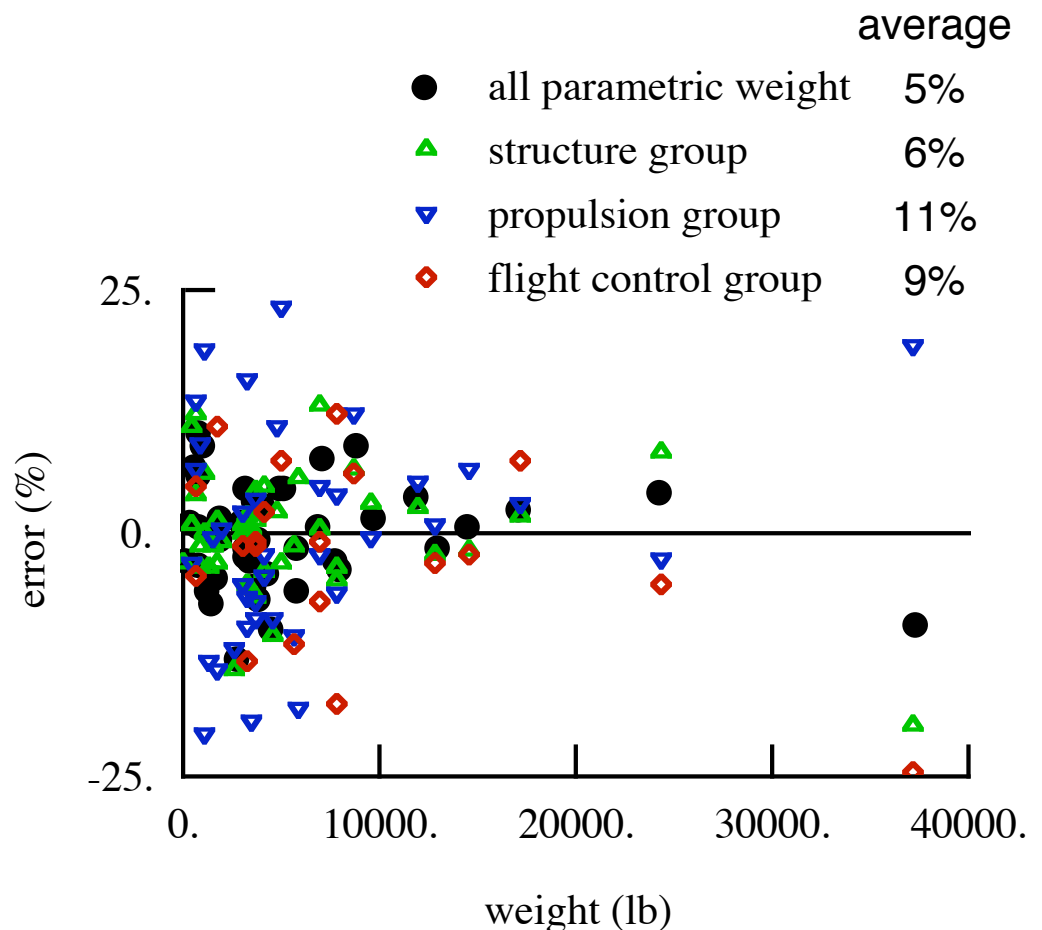
- Parametric equation average error:

- rotor blades and hub 9%
- fuselage 7%
- wing 3%, tail 23%
- drive system 8%
- flight controls 9%

Include weight increments and calibration/technology factors

Weight breakdown based on extended SAWE RP8A weight statement

accuracy of sum of all parametric weights (42 aircraft, 15-75% of empty weight)





Weights



Component weights:

parametric weight model, with technology factor χ
plus input increment

$$W = \chi W_{\text{model}} + dW$$

or fixed (input) value (dW)

typical options: $WEIGHT_zzzz = 0$ input, 1 AFDD, 2 custom

Technology factor $TECH_zzzz = (\text{calibration}) * (\text{technology})$

Baseline technology factor values from calibration to existing aircraft

- Match parametric equation (for variation with size) to weight of most-similar design
- Spreadsheets to develop factors (weight_eq_helicopter.xls, weight_eq_tiltrotor.xls)



Weight Definitions



Design gross weight (typically from sizing task)

Structural design gross weight, maximum takeoff weight (influence weight estimates)

gross weight $W_G = W_E + W_{UL} = W_O + W_{\text{pay}} + W_{\text{fuel}}$

operating weight $W_O = W_E + W_{FUL}$

useful load $W_{UL} = W_{FUL} + W_{\text{pay}} + W_{\text{fuel}}$

$W_E, W_{FUL}, W_{\text{pay}}, W_{\text{fuel}} =$ weight empty, fixed useful load, payload, fuel

Payload, operating weight, empty weight definitions from SAWE RP7D

For NDARC, weight empty is a parameter of aircraft (not of flight state)

- **Operating weight variations with flight state (flight condition or mission segment) accounted for in fixed useful load**

Weight information follows SAWE RP8A Group Weight Statement format

- **With extensions that reflect parametric weight estimation**



Weight Definitions from SAWE RP7D



Payload

- Payload is any item which is being transported and is directly related to the purpose of the flight as opposed to items that are necessary for the flight operation. Payload can include, but is not limited to, passengers, cargo, passenger baggage, ammo, internal and external stores, and fuel which is to be delivered to another aircraft or site. Payload may or may not be expended in flight.

Operating Weight

- Operating weight is the sum of aircraft weight empty and operating items. Operating weight is equivalent to takeoff gross weight less usable fuel, payload, and any item to be expended in flight.

Weight Empty

- Weight empty is an engineering term which is defined as the weight of the complete aircraft as defined in the aircraft specifications, dry, clean, and empty except for fluids in closed systems such as a hydraulic system.



Weight Statement



WEIGHT EMPTY
STRUCTURE
wing group
 basic structure
 secondary structure
 fairings (*), fittings (*), fold/tilt (*)
 control surfaces
rotor group
 blade assembly
 hub & hinge
 basic (*), fairing/spinner (*), blade fold (*), shaft (*)
 rotor support structure (*), duct (*)
empennage group
 horizontal tail (*)
 basic (*), fold (*)
 vertical tail (*)
 basic (*), fold (*)
 tail rotor (*)
 blades, hub & hinge, rotor supports, rotor/fan duct
fuselage group
 basic (*)
 wing & rotor fold/retraction (*)
 tail fold/tilt (*)
 marinization (*)
 pressurization (*)
 crashworthiness (*)
alighting gear group
 basic (*), retraction (*), crashworthiness (*)
engine section or nacelle group
 engine support (*), engine cowling (*), pylon support (*)
air induction group
PROPULSION GROUP
engine system
 engine
 exhaust system
 accessories (*)
propeller/fan installation
 blades (*), hub & hinge (*), rotor supports (*), rotor/fan duct (*)
fuel system
 tanks and support
 plumbing
drive system
 gear boxes
 transmission drive
 rotor shaft
 rotor brake (*)
 clutch (*)
 gas drive

* = RP8A extension,
to accommodate
weight equations



Weight Statement



SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

- flight controls group
 - cockpit controls
 - automatic flight control system
 - system controls
 - fixed wing systems
 - non-boosted (*), boost mechanisms (*)
 - rotary wing systems
 - non-boosted (*), boost mechanisms (*), booster
 - conversion systems
 - non-boosted (*), boost mechanisms (*)
- auxiliary power group
- instruments group
- hydraulic group
 - fixed wing (*), rotary wing (*), conversion (*)
- equipment (*)
- pneumatic group
- electrical group
 - aircraft (*), anti-icing (*)
- avionics group (mission equipment)
- armament group
 - armament provisions (*), armor (*)
- furnishings & equipment group
- environmental control group
- anti-icing group
- load & handling group

VIBRATION (*)

CONTINGENCY

FIXED USEFUL LOAD

- crew
- fluids (oil, unusable fuel) (*)
- auxiliary fuel tanks
- other fixed useful load (*)
- equipment increment (*)
- folding kit (*)
- wing extension kit (*)
- wing kit (*)
- other kit (*)

PAYLOAD

USABLE FUEL

- standard tanks (*)
- auxiliary tanks (*)

OPERATING WEIGHT = weight empty + fixed useful load

USEFUL LOAD = fixed useful load + payload + usable fuel

GROSS WEIGHT = weight empty + useful load

GROSS WEIGHT = operating weight + payload + usable fuel

* = RP8A extension,
to accommodate
weight equations



Military Load (AFDD Definitions)



Aircraft operating weight can be divided into core vehicle weight and military load

- **Core vehicle weight:** weight in minimum airworthy state, with aircraft capable of normal flight throughout envelope, but not mission capable
- **Military load:** sum of fixed useful load and military features in weight empty

Thus

weight empty = core vehicle weight + military features

military load = fixed useful load + military features in weight empty

operating weight = $W_E + W_{FUL}$ = core vehicle weight + military load

In terms of NDARC weight breakdown, military features in weight empty includes:

- **folding weight (wing, rotor, tail, fuselage terms)**
- **crashworthiness weight (fuselage, landing gear terms)**
- **marinization weight (fuselage)**
- **rotor brake (drive system)**
- **avionics group (mission equipment)**
- **armament group**
- **furnishings and equipment group**
- **anti-icing group (including electrical group term)**
- **load and handling group**



Systems Component



Weight information

- **Vibration**
 - Input, or fraction of weight empty
- **Contingency**
 - Input, or fraction of weight empty
- **Systems and equipment group**
 - By group, or details
- **Fixed useful load**



Details of Weight Description (RP8A)



WEIGHT EMPTY
SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT
electrical group
aircraft
power supply
power conversion
power distribution and controls
lights and signal devices
equipment supports
anti-icing
avionics group (mission equipment)
equipment
installation
armament group
armament provisions
armor
furnishings & equipment group
accommodation for personnel
seats
miscellaneous accommodation
oxygen system
miscellaneous equipment
furnishings
emergency equipment
fire detection and extinguishing
other emergency equipment
load & handling group
aircraft handling
load handling
USEFUL LOAD
FIXED USEFUL LOAD
crew
other fixed useful load
various categories
equipment increment
PAYLOAD
passengers/troops
cargo
ammunition
weapons



Outline



Introduction

Documentation

Overview

- **Tasks**
- **Aircraft**

NDARC Job

- **Input**
- **Organization**
- **Output**

Solution Procedures

- **Debugging**

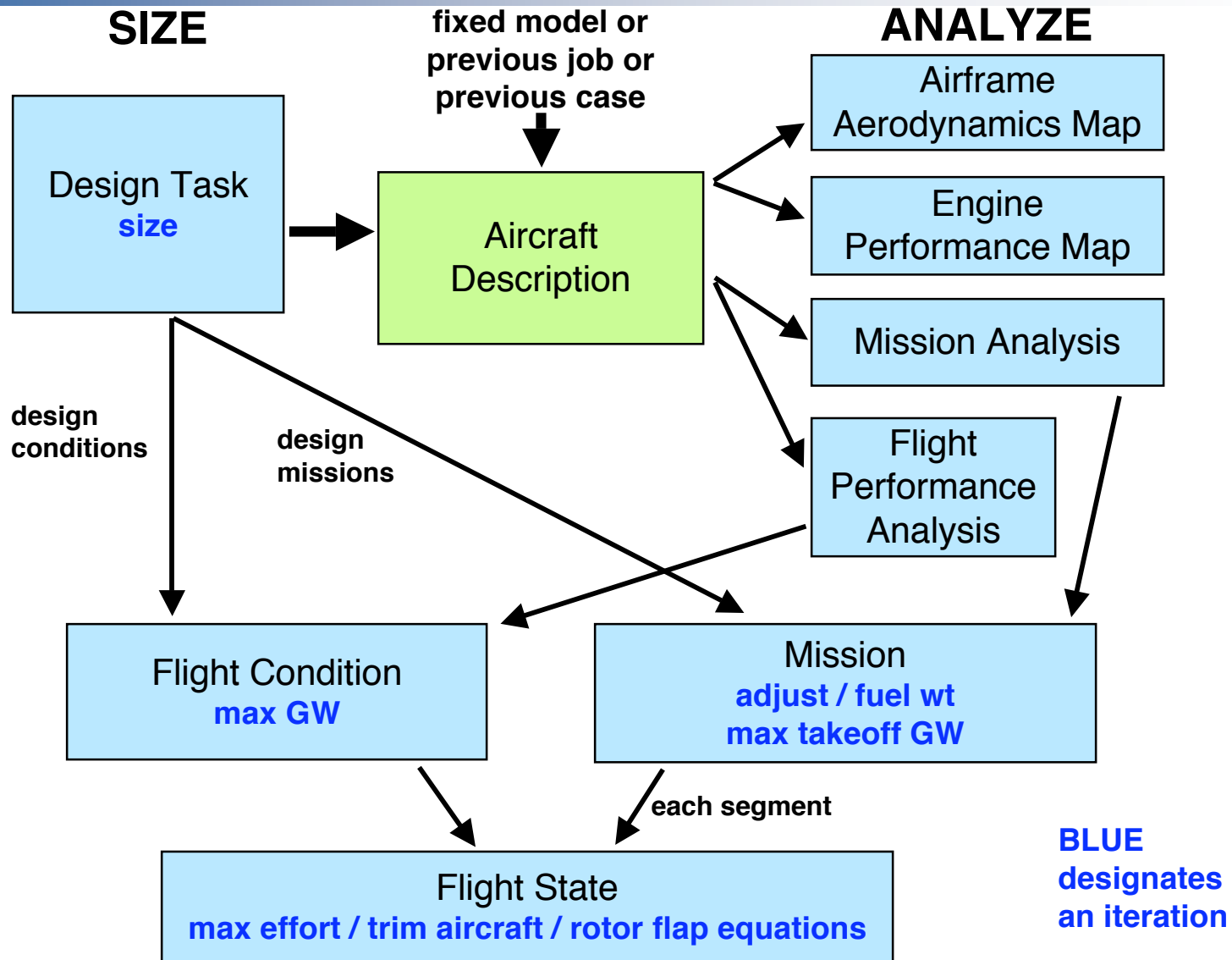
Input Manual

- **Aircraft**
- **Tasks**

Tutorial



NDARC Tasks





Solution Procedure



Sizing Task

Size Iteration

method: successive substitution

Missions

Flight Conditions



Mission Analysis

Missions



Flight Perf Analysis

Flight Conditions

Flight Condition

Maximum GW

method: secant or false position

Flight State

Mission

Mission Iteration

adjust, fuel weight

method: successive substitution

Segments

Maximum GW

method: secant or false position

Flight State

Flight State

Maximum Effort

method: golden section for maximum endurance, range, or climb; otherwise secant or false position

Trim

method: Newton-Raphson

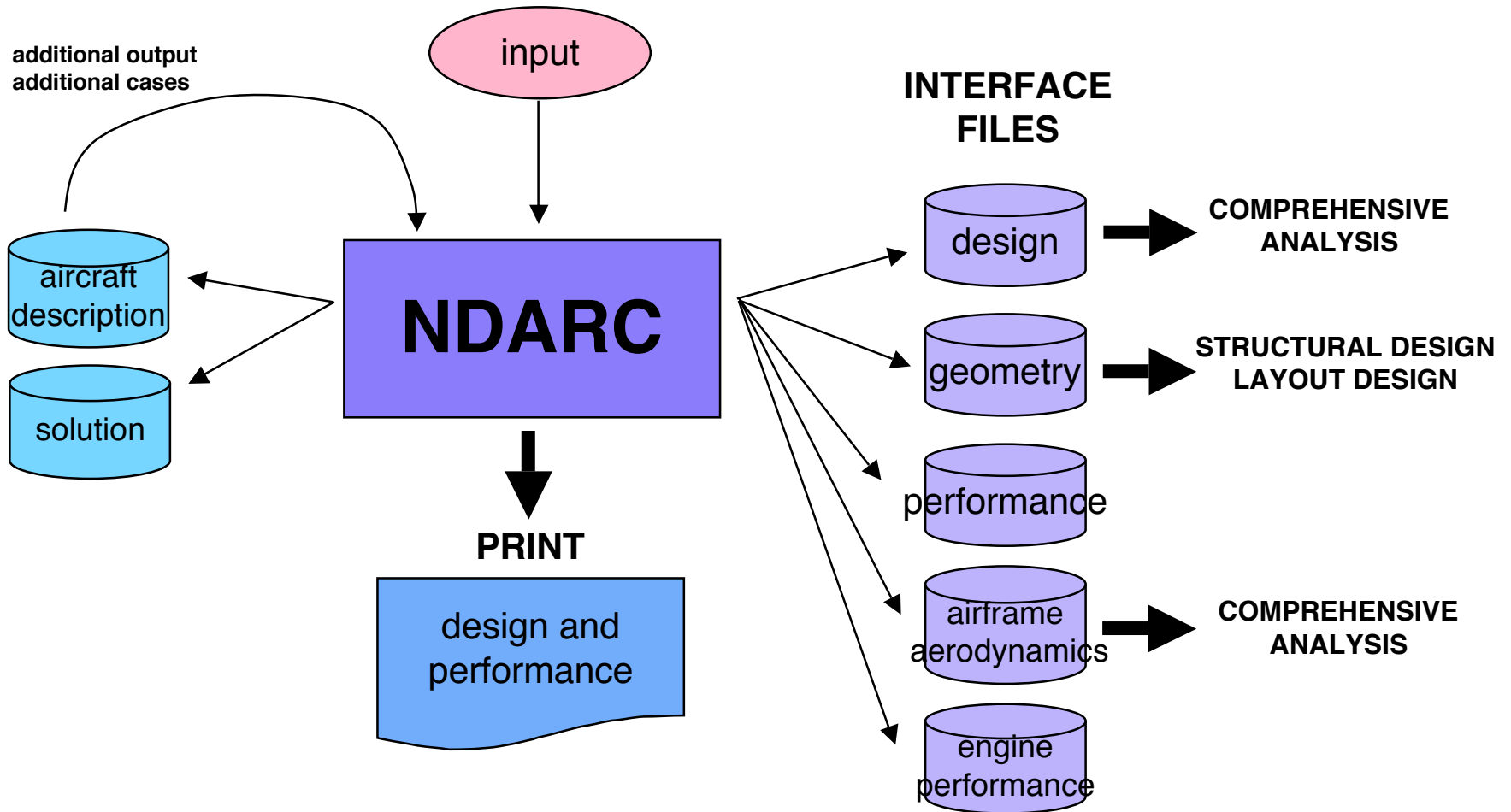
Component Performance Evaluation

Blade Flapping

method: Newton-Raphson



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Sample Input and Output



Helicopter (fixed)

- **Shell script:** *helicopter.bat*
- **Primary input:** *helicopter.njob*
- **Secondary input:** aircraft description *helicopter.airc*, engine model *gen2000.ts*

Helicopter, size engine

- **Shell script:** *size_eng.bat*
- **Primary input:** *size_eng.njob*

Output

- **Standard output:** *size_eng.out* (**text**); *size_eng.pdf*
– *Size_eng_dsgn.doc* (**cut from *size_eng.out*, formatted**); *size_eng_dsgn.pdf*
- **Geometry for CAD:** *size_eng.geom*
- **Design and performance:** *size_eng.dsgn* and *size_eng.perf* => *size_eng.xls*

Tutorial: execute *helicopter* and *size_eng* jobs



Line Endings



NDARC files in distribution package generally have mix of line endings

- **Unix: LF**
- **Mac: CR**
- **Windows: CR-LF**

Often source of problems on PCs, when try to compile or run without checking line endings

- **Change to Windows line endings with editor such as Notepad++**



NDARC Input Format



file "helicopter.bat" — shell script — run NDARC, redirect input and output

```
..\..\bin\ndarc.exe < helicopter.njob > Output\helicopter.out
```

file "helicopter.njob" — primary input — case control, load additional input

```

&JOB &END
&DEFN action='ident',created='today',title='standard input',&END
!#####
&DEFN action='read file',file='gen2000.ts',&END
&DEFN action='read file',file='helicopter.airc',&END
!=====
&DEFN quant='Cases',&END
&VALUE
  title='Helicopter',
  TASK_size=0,TASK_mission=1,TASK_perf=1,
&END
&DEFN quant='Size',&END
&VALUE
  param=value,    ! comments
&END
!=====
&DEFN action='read file',file='helicopter.miss',&END
&DEFN action='read file',file='helicopter.cond',&END
!=====
&DEFN action='endofcase',&END
&DEFN action='endofjob',&END

```

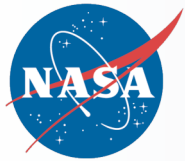
start with JOB namelist
identify file/data

read engine description
read aircraft description

case control
(organized as appropriate)

read mission definition
read flight condition definition

input finished, run case
job finished, exit code



NDARC Input Format



file "helicopter.airc" — secondary input — aircraft description

```

! Single Main Rotor and Tail Rotor Helicopter
&DEFN action='ident',created='date',title='Helicopter',&END
!#####
! default helicopter
&DEFN quant='Aircraft',&END
&VALUE config='helicopter',&END
&DEFN quant='Rotor 1',&END
&VALUE rotate=1,&END
&DEFN action='configuration',&END
!=====
&DEFN quant='Cases',&END
&VALUE param=value, &END ! comments
&DEFN quant='Size',&END
&VALUE param=value, &END ! comments
!=====
&DEFN quant='Aircraft',&END
&VALUE param=value, &END ! comments
&DEFN quant='Rotor 1',&END
&VALUE param=value, &END ! comments
!=====
&DEFN quant='Geometry',&END
&VALUE
    loc_rotor(1)%XoL=0.00,loc_rotor(1)%YoL=0.00,loc_rotor(1)%ZoL=0.00,
    . . .
&END
!=====
&DEFN quant='TechFactors',&END
&VALUE TECH_xxxx=value,. . .,&END
!#####
&DEFN action='endoffile',&END

```

identify file/data

configuration defaults

aircraft data

(organized as appropriate)

input for all geometry

input for all technology factors

secondary input finished, exit to primary file



Input



Job reads input from files

- **Primary from standard input (perhaps redirected)**
 - Primary can direct to read other files (by name or logical name)
- **Namelist format**

Primary input starts with JOB namelist, then DEFN namelists to define action and contents

- **Can read secondary input files**
- **Can read aircraft description file: complete description from previous job (but not solution)**
- **Can read solution file (text or binary): restores solution to state when file created**

Secondary input file has DEFN namelists to define action and contents

Input organized as appropriate

- **Within files and within namelists**



NDARC Input Overview



Input is through namelists

- Primary input is via STDIN, typically redirected to a primary input file
- Primary input file can open and read secondary input files
- Files identified by filename (or logical name, if supported by OS; not supported by Windows)

Input read via *DEFN* / *VALUE* namelist pair

- *DEFN* defines an action for NDARC to take
- *VALUE* defines input parameters, when input read is commanded
- Read one structure type and instance at a time (e.g cases, rotor, engine, wing, etc)

DEFN namelist may contain the following parameters:

- *ACTION*: character string which defines an action for the code to take (case independent)
- *QUANT*: character string of name of data structure to be input
 - can include numeric character which indexes the data structure when multiple structures of the same type are present. (case independent)
- *SOURCE*: integer for *ACTION*='copy'; identifies index number of data structure of the same type to copy
- *PARENT*: integer which identifies associated parent structure (used for *EngineParam*)
- *FILE*: file name or logical name

When DEFN contains ACTION = 'ident', then the following parameters may be specified:

- *CREATED*: character string of creation time and date (length = 20)
- *TITLE*: character string of title identifying input file (length = 80)
- *VERSION*: code version that input file is intended to be used with (length = 6)
- *MODIFICATION*: character string of code modification identifier (length = 32)



NDARC Input Overview



Options for *ACTION* parameter, NDARC searches string for keyword

<i>ACTION</i>	keyword	<i>QUANT</i>	function
PRIMARY INPUT ONLY			
blank	—	blank	open and read secondary input file, NAME = FILE
'open file'	<i>file, open</i>		open and read secondary input file, NAME = FILE
'load aircraft'	<i>aircraft, desc</i>		load aircraft description file, NAME = FILE
'read solution'	<i>solution</i>	'text'	read complete solution file, NAME = FILE
'read solution'	<i>solution</i>	not 'text'	read complete solution file, NAME = FILE
'end'	<i>end</i> (or EOF)		Same as ACTION = 'endofjob'
'end of case'	<i>end+case</i>		stop case input, execute case
'end of job'	<i>end+job, quit</i>		stop job input, execute case, exit code
PRIMARY OR SECONDARY INPUT			
blank	—	'structure'	read VALUE namelist of type structure
'read namelist'	<i>list</i>	'structure'	read VALUE namelist of type structure
'copy input'	<i>copy</i>	'structure'	Copy input from source (same structure), SOURCE = SRCnumber
'initialize'	<i>init</i>	'structure'	set structure variables to default values
'delete all'	<i>del+all</i>	'structure'	delete all conditions or missions
'delete one'	<i>del+one</i>	'structure'	delete one condition or mission
'delete last'	<i>del+last</i>	'structure'	delete last conditions or missions
'configuration'	<i>config</i>		setup defaults based on aircraft configuration
'identification'	<i>ident</i>		identify file
'end'	<i>end</i> (or EOF)		close file, return to primary file



NDARC Input Overview



Options for *QUANT* parameter related to case execution and sizing

<i>QUANT</i>	data structures read	Maximum n	Purpose
' <i>Job</i> '	Job		modify job parameters for next case
' <i>Cases</i> '	Cases		controls case execution and input/output
' <i>Size</i> '	SizeParam		controls sizing process
' <i>SizeCondition n</i> '	one FltCond+FltState	nFltCond	input one of n point sizing conditions, number of conditions set with Size%nFltCond
' <i>SizeMission n</i> '	one MissParam, MissSeg+FltState as array	nMission	input one of n sizing missions; number of missions set with Size%nMission
' <i>OffDesign</i> '	OffParam		controls off-design analysis
' <i>OffMission n</i> '	one MissParam, MissSeg+FltState as array	nMission	input one of n off-design missions; number of mission set with OffDesign%nMission
' <i>Performance</i> '	PerfParam		controls point performance analysis
' <i>PerfCondition n</i> '	one FltCond+FltState	nFltCond	input one of n point performance conditions; number of conditions set with PerfParam%nFltCond
' <i>MapEngine</i> '	MapEngine		controls generation of engine maps as function of altitude, flight speed, turbine speed, and power factor
' <i>MapAero</i> '	MapAero		controls generation of aerodynamic performance maps as function of alpha, beta and aircraft controls
' <i>Solution</i> '	Solution		Solution procedure parameters



NDARC Input Overview



Options for *QUANT* parameter related to aircraft synthesis/description

<i>QUANT</i>	Data structures read	Maximum n	PARENT
'Cost'	Cost, CostCTM		
'Aircraft'	Aircraft		
'Systems'	Systems, WFitCont, WDelce		
'Fuselage'	Fuselage, AFuse, WFuse		
'LandingGear'	LandingGear, AGear, WGear		
'Rotor <i>n</i> '	Rotor, PRotorInd, PRotorPro, PRotorTab, IRotor, DRotor, WRotor	nRotor	
'Wing <i>n</i> '	Wing, Awing, WWing, WWingTR	nWing	
'Tail <i>n</i> '	Tail, ATail, WTail	nTail	
'FuelTank'	FuelTank, WTank		
'Propulsion <i>n</i> '	Propulsion, WDrive	nPropulsion	
'EngineGroup <i>n</i> '	EngineGroup, DEngSys, WEngSys	nEngineGroup	
'JetGroup <i>n</i> '	JetGroup, DJetSys, WJetSys	nJetGroup	
'ChargeGroup <i>n</i> '	ChargeGroup, DChrgSys, WChrgSys	nChargeGroup	
'TechFactors'	All variables of form TECH_XXXX		
'Geometry'	All derived-type Location variables		



NDARC Input Overview



Options for *QUANT* parameter related to aircraft synthesis/description

<i>QUANT</i>	Data structures read	Maximum n	PARENT
' <i>EngineModel n</i> '	EngineModel, EngineParam	nEngineGroup	
' <i>EngineParamN n</i> '	EngineParam	nspeed	EngineModel number
' <i>EngineTable n</i> '	EngineTable	nEngineTable	
' <i>CompressorModel n</i> '	CompressorModel	nCompressorModel	
' <i>MotorModel n</i> '	MotorModel	nMotorModel	
' <i>JetModel n</i> '	JetModel	nJetModel	
' <i>FuelCellModel n</i> '	FuelCellModel	nFuelCellModel	
' <i>SolarCellModel n</i> '	SolarCellModel	nSolarCellModel	
' <i>BatteryModel n</i> '	BatteryModel	nBatteryModel	



NDARC Data Structures



Internal Location	QUANT	Internal Location	QUANT	Internal Location	QUANT
Design	<i>No Inputs</i>	Fuselage	Fuselage	FuelTank(nTank)	FuelTank n
Cases	Cases	[Location]loc_fuselage	Geometry	[Location]loc_auxtank	Geometry
Size	Size	AFuse	Fuselage	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>
SizeParam	Size	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	WTank	FuelTank n
FltCond(nFltCond)	SizeCondition n	WFuse	Fuselage	Propulsion(nPropulsion)	Propulsion n
FltState(nFltCond)	SizeCondition n	LandingGear	LandingGear	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>
Mission(nMission)	SizeMission n	[Location]loc_gear	Geometry	WDrive	Propulsion n
MissParam	SizeMission n	AGear	Landing Gear	EngineGroup(nEngineGroup)	EngineGroup n
MissSeg(nSeg)	SizeMission n	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	[Location]loc_engine	Geometry
FltState(nSeg)	SizeMission n	WGear	Landing Gear	DEngSys	EngineGroup n
OffDesign	OffDesign	Rotor(nRotor)	Rotor n	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>
OffParam	OffDesign	[Location]loc_rotor	Geometry	WEngSys	EngineGroup n
Mission(nMission)	OffMission n	[Location]loc_pylon	Geometry	JetGroup(nJetGroup)	JetGroup n
MissParam	OffMission n	[Location]loc_pivot	Geometry	[Location]loc_jet	Geometry
MissSeg(nSeg)	OffMission n	[Location]loc_nac	Geometry	DJetSys	JetGroup n
FltState(nSeg)	OffMission n	PRotorInd	Geometry	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>
Performance	Performance	PRotorPro	Geometry	WJetSys	JetGroup n
PerfParam	Performance	PRotorTab	Rotor n	ChargeGroup(nChargeGroup)	ChargeGroup n
FltCond(nFltCond)	PerfCondition n	IRotor	Rotor n	[Location]loc_charge	Geometry
FltState(nFltCond)	PerfCondition n	DRotor	Rotor n	DChrgSys	ChargeGroup n
MapEngine	MapEngine	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>
MapAero	MapAero	WRotor	Rotor n	WChrgSys	ChargeGroup n
Solution	Solution	Wing(nWing)	Wing n	EngineModel(nEngineModel)	EngineModel n
Cost	Cost	[Location]loc_wing	Geometry	[EngineParam]Param	EngineModel n
CostCTM	Cost	Awing	Wing n	[EngineParam]ParamN(nspped)	EngineParamN n
Aircraft	Aircraft	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	EngineTable(nEngineTable)	EngineTable n
[Location]loc_cg	Geometry	WWing	Wing n	CompressorModel(nCompressorModel)	CompressorModel n
Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	WWingTR	Wing n	MotorModel(nMotorModel)	MotorModel n
XAircraft	<i>No Inputs</i>	Tail(nTail)	Tail n	JetModel(nJetModel)	JetModel n
Systems	Systems	[Location]loc_tail	Geometry	FuelCellModel(nFuelCellModel)	FuelCellModel n
Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	ATail	Tail n	SolarCellModel(nSolarCellModel)	SolarCellModel n
WFltCont	Systems	Weight	<i>No Inputs</i>	BatteryModel(nBatteryModel)	BatteryModel n
WDelce	Systems	WTail	Tail n		



Conventions



Case not important in character string input

- Character string input consists of keywords
- Code searches for keywords in string

Default values specified in dictionary

- Blank implies a default of zero
- All elements of arrays have the same default value

Tasks, aircraft, and components have title variables

- And notes variables (long character string)



Conventions



QUANT string includes structure number

- **If absent for component, number = 1**

QUANT='rotor' same as *QUANT='rotor 1'*

- **Or next condition or next mission**

QUANT='SizeMission' same as *QUANT='SizeMission n+1'*

where *n* is last mission already defined

Case inherits input for flight conditions and missions from previous case (default *INIT_input*)

- **May need to delete flight conditions or missions**

ACTION='delete one',QUANT='structure n'

delete n-th

ACTION='delete all',QUANT='structure'

delete all

ACTION='delete last',QUANT='structure n'

delete n-th to last



Conventions



Each flight condition (*FltCond* and *FltState* variables) input in separate *SizeCondition* or *PerfCondition* namelist

Each mission (*MissParam*, *MissSeg*, and *FltState* variables) input in separate *SizeMission* or *OffMission* namelist

- **All mission segments are defined in this namelist, so *MissSeg* and *FltState* variables are arrays**
- **Each variable gets one more dimension, with first array index always segment number**
 - **So columns of input correspond to mission segments**

param = segment1, segment2, segment3, . . .

param(1,k) = segment1, segment2, segment3, . . .

Geometry input includes *Location* variables, which are read as elements of the data structure (for example, *loc_rotor%SL*)

Separate namelists for all technology factors (all *TECH_xxx* variables), and all geometry (all *Location* variables)

- **Scalar in the *Rotor*, *Wing*, *Tail*, *Propulsion*, *EngineGroup*, *JetGroup*, or *ChargeGroup* input becomes array in *TechFactors* or *Geometry* input**
- **Note *Location* variable is the array (for example, *loc_rotor(1)%SL*)**



JOB Namelist



Start of NDARC input, only read once

Default values always used to start first case (before input read)

Set initialization of parameters from previous case

- Inherit only input (default)

INIT_input=1,INIT_data=0

- Inherit design and solution: all parameters (input, input-modified, derived)

INIT_input=2,INIT_data=2

File write behavior

- **Default:** *Open_status=2*,
 - **STATUS='NEW'** behavior in FORTRAN
 - On some platforms will cause NDARC to exit with error if file already exists
- For Windows machines use *Open_status=1*
 - **STATUS='REPLACE'** behavior
 - Automatically overwrites existing file



JOB Namelist



Chapter 4

Common: Job

Variable	Type	Description	Default
		+ Initialization	
INIT_input	int	+ input parameters (0 default, 1 last case input, 2 last case solution)	1
INIT_data	int	+ other parameters (0 default, 1 start of last case, 2 end of last case)	0
<hr/>			
INIT_input:			
if default, all input variables set to default values			
if last-case-input, then case inherits input at beginning of previous case			
if last-case-solution, then case inherits input at end of previous case			
use INIT_input=2 to analyze case #1 design in subsequent cases			
INIT_data: if always start-last-case, then case starts from default			
if default, all other variables set to default values			
<hr/>			
		+ Errors	
ACT_error	int	+ action on error (0 none, 1 exit)	1
ACT_version	int	+ action on version mismatch in input (0 none, 1 exit)	0
		+ File open	
OPEN_status	int	+ status keyword for write (0 unknown, 1 replace, 2 new, 3 old)	2



Cases Structure



Chapter 5

Structure: Cases

Variable	Type	Description	Default
		+ Case Description	
title	c*100	+ title	
subtitle1	c*100	+ subtitle	
subtitle2	c*100	+ subtitle	
subtitle3	c*100	+ subtitle	
notes	c*1000	+ notes	
ident	c*32	+ identification	
		+ Case Tasks (0 for none)	
TASK_Size	int	+ size aircraft for design conditions	
TASK_Mission	int	+ mission analysis	
TASK_Perf	int	+ flight performance analysis	
TASK_Map_engine	int	+ map of engine performance	
TASK_Map_aero	int	+ map of airframe aerodynamics	

case documentation

tasks: 0 none, 1 execute



Data Structure Sizes



Parameters in NDARC_structures module
Revise and re-compile code if encounter limit

Chapter 3

Parameters

Parameters	Value					
ncasemax	10	nmissmax	20	mrmx	40	
nfilemax	40	nsegmax	20	mpsimax	36	
nrotormax	8	nfltmx	21	npanelmax	5	
npropmax	4	ndesignmax	41	nauxtankmax	4	
nengmax	8	ncontmax	20	ngearmax	8	
njetmax	4	nsweepmax	200	nratemax	20	
nchrmax	4	ntrimstatemax	20	nengtmax	10	
nstatemax	10	mtrimmax	16	nengkmax	6	
nwingmax	8	nvelmax	20	nspeedmax	5	
ntailmax	6	ntablemax	20	nrowmax	4000	
ntankmax	4	nrmx	51	naeromax	100	



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Job Setup

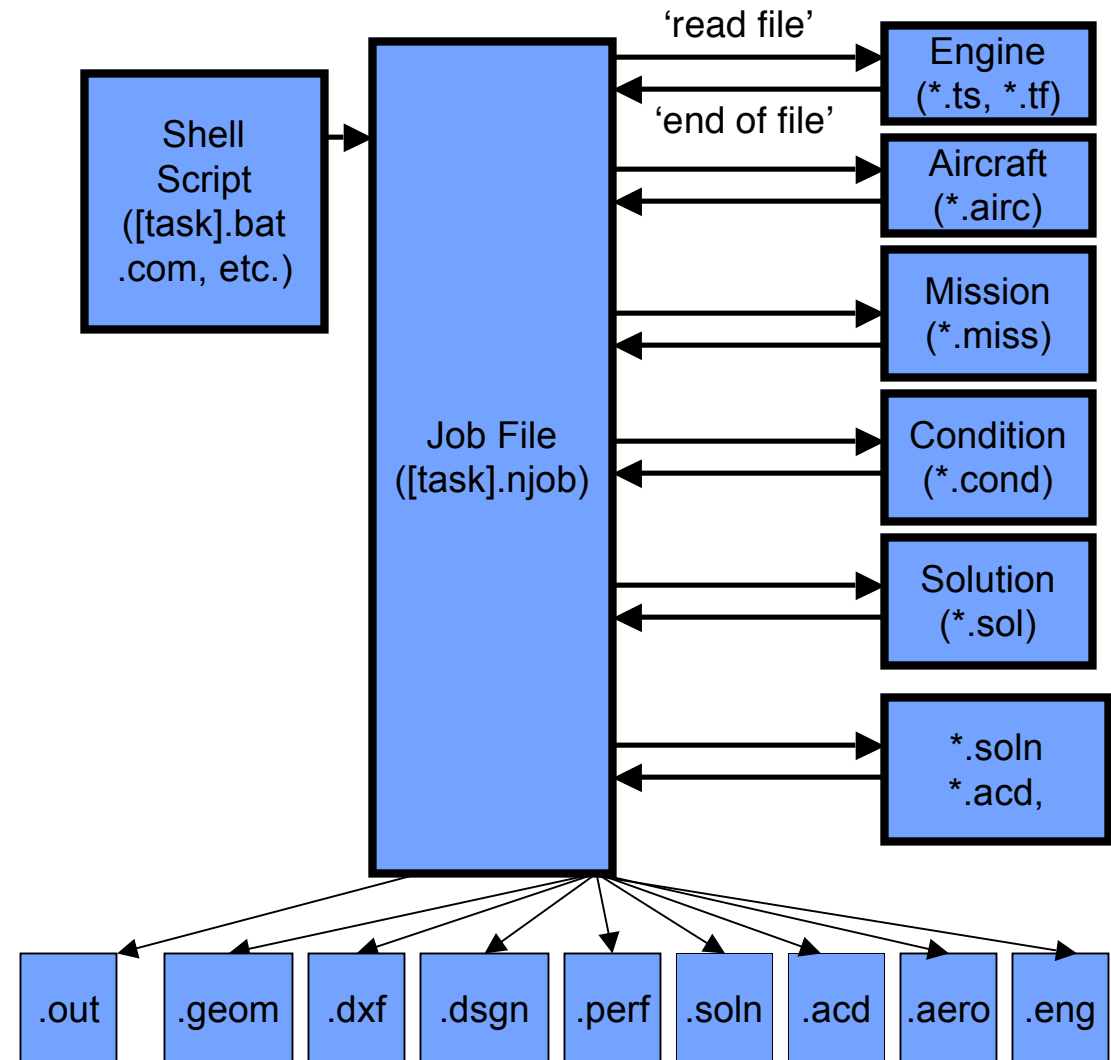


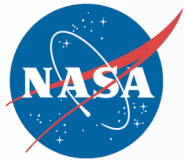
Inputs

- Shell script ([task].bat, [task].com, etc.)
 - Operating System-dependent
- Job file ([task].njob)
 - Controls Execution
 - Defines solution and output options
 - Loads other files
- Engine file (*.ts, *.tf)
 - Engine properties and scaling parameters
- Aircraft file ([run].airc)
 - Aircraft configuration, geometry, trim strategies
 - Tech factors
- Mission file (*.miss)
 - Sizing or off-design missions
- Condition file (*.cond)
 - Sizing or off-design point analysis
- Aero/Engine maps (*.maero, *.meng)

Outputs

- OUT file ([task].out)
- Geometry files
 - Pro/E compatible format ([task].geom)
 - AutoCad 3D format ([task].dxf)
- Design summary ([task].dsgn)
- Cond/Miss performance summary ([task].perf)
- Solution dump ([task].soln)
- Aircraft dump ([task].acd)
- Aerodynamic map ([task].aero)
- Engine map ([task].eng)





Input: *.njob file



Proxy for command prompt input

- Files may only be loaded at this level

Structures in the Case Control section of the NDARC file

- Size
- (Solution)
- (Performance)
- (OffDesign)

.njob file

Job Namelist
Identify

Case Control

Cases
Load Files
(Solution Control)
Sizing
Adjust namelists as necessary

Cases
Load Files
(Solution Control)
Sizing
Adjust namelists as necessary

Namelists	Actions	Quants
&JOB &DEFN &VALUE	'ident', 'read file', 'end of case', 'end of job'	Cases, Size, (Solution), (Performance), (OffDesign)



Input: *.ts file

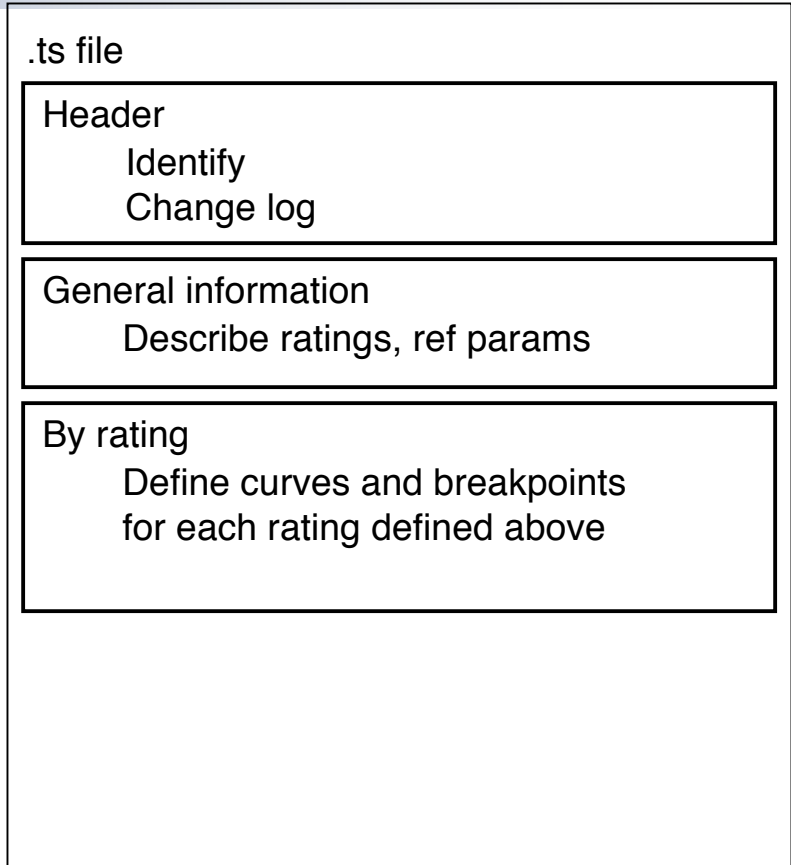


Engine inputs

- Mapping from engine deck (beyond scope of tutorial)
- Referred Parameter Turbohaft Engine Model

Structures

- EngineModel
- EngineParam



Namelists	Actions	Quants
&DEFN &VALUE	'ident'	EngineModel



Input: *.airc file

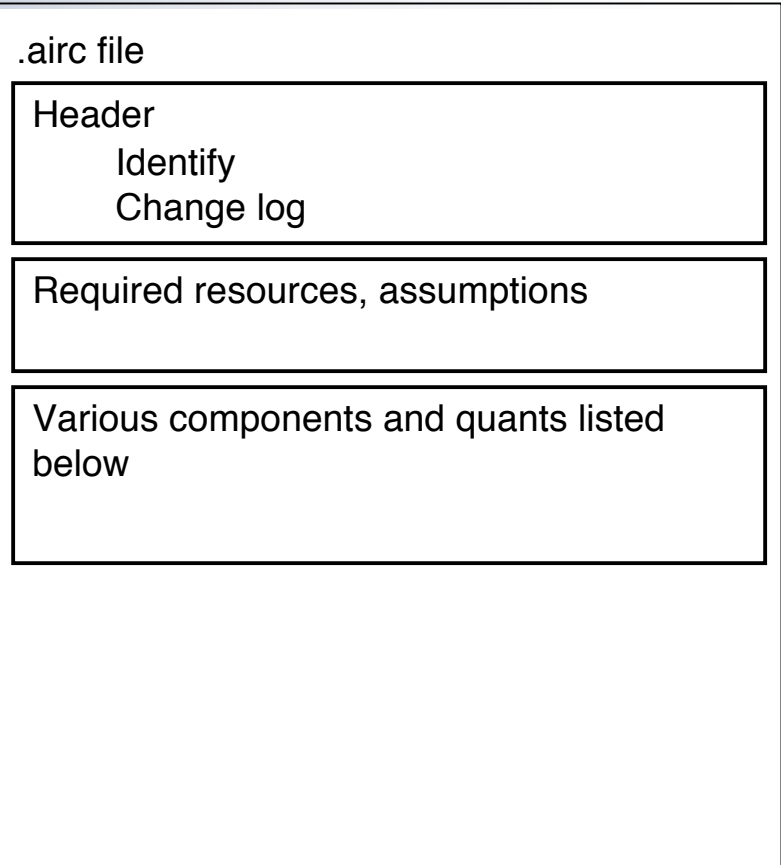


Aircraft Definition

- Design parameters
 - Disk Loading, Wing loading
- Components
- Trim controls and mapping

Structures

- Aircraft



Namelists	Actions	Quants
&DEFN &VALUE	'ident'	Aircraft, Cost, Systems, Fuselage, LandingGear, Rotor, Force, Wing, Tail, FuelTank, Propulsion, EngineGroup, TechFactors, Geometry

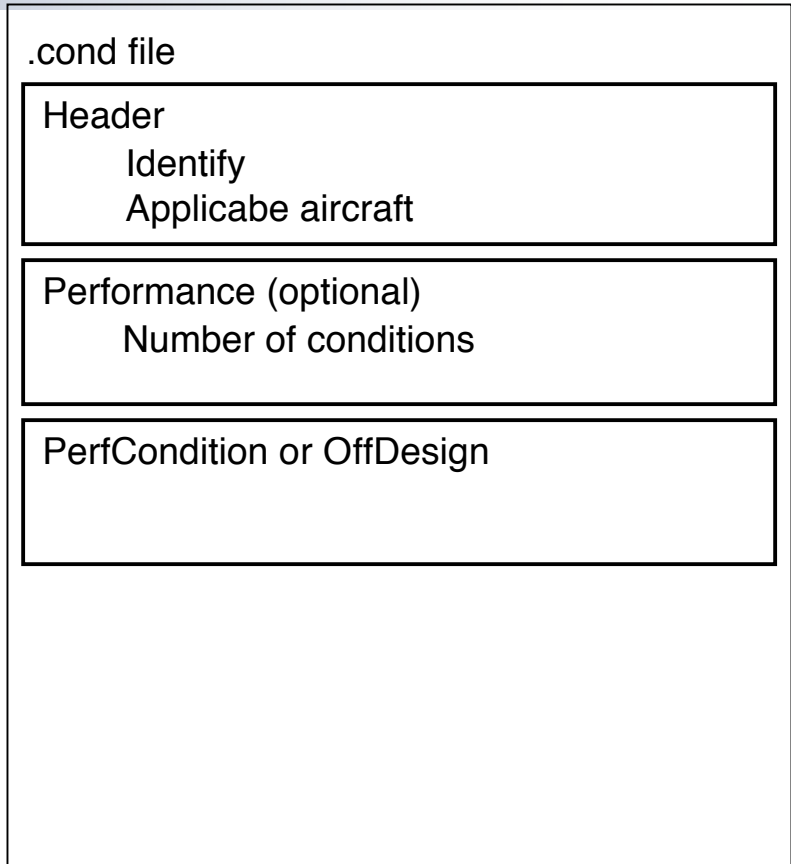


Inputs: *.cond file



Point design condition(s)
Point/sweep off-design condition(s)

Structures



Namelists	Actions	Quants
&DEFN &VALUE	'ident'	(Performance), SizeCondition or OffDesign



Inputs: *.miss file



May be the location of nMission

Sizing mission(s)

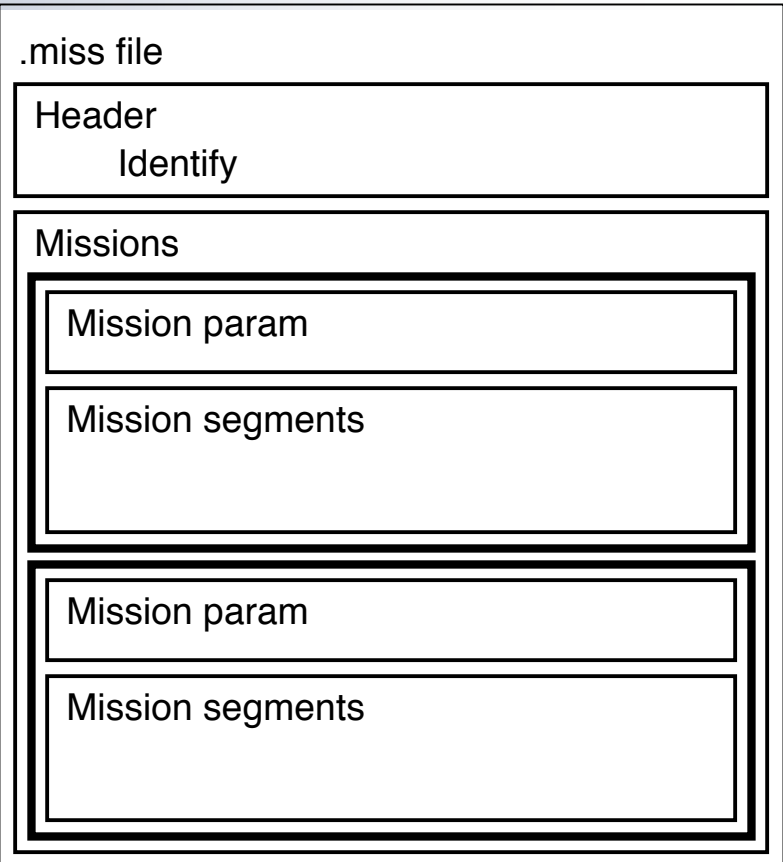
- Segments may be referenced

Off-design mission(s)

- Each point on a PL vs. R curve

Structures

- OffParam
- MissParam
- MissSeg **as array**
- FltState **as array**



Namelists	Actions	Quants
&DEFN &VALUE	'ident'	(OffDesign), SizeMission or OffMission



Input: *.sol file



Solution methodology control

- Optionally located in [task].njob

```
&DEFN quant='Solution', &END  
&VALUE  
  trace_xxx = #,  
  niter_xxx = #,  
  relax_xxx = #,  
  perturb_trim = 0.01,  
&END
```

.sol file

Header
Identify

Solution parameters

Namelists	Actions	Quants
&DEFN &VALUE	'ident'	Solution



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STDOUT Overview



```
#####
NDARC -- NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft
Version 1.8
#####
Report reading inputs
#####
Print out input values (controlled by Cases%WRITE_input variable)
#####
Execution messages (including debug info, set debug level with Solution%trace_xxxx variables)
#####
Case number 1, Time-Date = hh:mm:ss dd-mmm-yyyy, Identification = aaaaaaaa
Case Convergence
Convergence information
#####
Design summary (also optionally output to FILE_design)
#####
Design weight information (also optionally output to FILE_design)
#####
Performance information (also optionally output to FILE_perf)
    Point Performance Summary (Design / Off-Design)
    Mission Summary (Design / Off-Design)
    Point Performance Flight State Summary (Design / Off-Design)
    Mission Segments Flight State Summary (Design / Off-Design)
    Point Performance Flight State Loads & Aero (Design / Off-Design)
    Mission Segment Flight State Loads & Aero (Design / Off-Design)
#####
NDARC end of case number 1 (CPU time =  n.nnn min, elapsed time =  n.nnn min)
#####
Read input parameters, case number 2
End of job
#####
NDARC end of job (CPU time =  n.nnn min, elapsed time =  n.nnn min)
#####
```



NDARC Output Overview



Primary output stream to **STDOUT**, typically redirected to file

Additional files can be written to aid in post-processing / data transfer

- Output set in *Cases* structure
 - *OUT_design*: controls writing of tab delimited file summarizing design (name = *FILE_design*)
 - *OUT_perf*: controls writing of tab delimited file of mission and performance output (name = *FILE_perf*)
 - › Same information as in **STDOUT**; for spreadsheets, full-precision numbers
 - *OUT_geometry*: controls writing of separate file of geometry parameters for use with CAD software (name = *FILE_geometry*)

Output formatting controlled with *Cases%WRITE_xxxx* variables

Structure: Cases

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		+	Output	
		+	selection (0 for none)	
OUT_design	int	+	design file	0
OUT_perf	int	+	performance file	0
OUT_geometry	int	+	geometry file	0
OUT_aircraft	int	+	aircraft description file	0
OUT_solution	int	+	solution file (1 text, 2 binary)	0
OUT_sketch	int	+	sketch file	0
		+	file name or logical name (blank for default logical name)	
FILE_design	c*256	+	design file (DESIGNn)	''
FILE_perf	c*256	+	performance file (PERFn)	''
FILE_geometry	c*256	+	geometry file (GEOMETRYn)	''
FILE_aircraft	c*256	+	aircraft description file (AIRCRAFTn)	''
FILE_solution	c*256	+	solution file (SOLUTIONn)	''
FILE_sketch	c*256	+	sketch file (SKETCHn)	''
FILE_engine	c*256	+	engine performance file (ENGINEn)	''
FILE_aero	c*256	+	airframe aerodynamics file (AEROn)	''



Output: *.out file



File is a redirection of STDOUT

- This would all go to the console otherwise

Making use of [task].out

- Simple pagination
 - Page break character
- Segments wrap

[task].out file

Responses to [task.njob] (page 1)

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Size
Param
Off Design
Param

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Param

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Performance Summaries

Performance Details (multiple)

Aero (multiple, last in sweep only)



Output: *.dsgn file

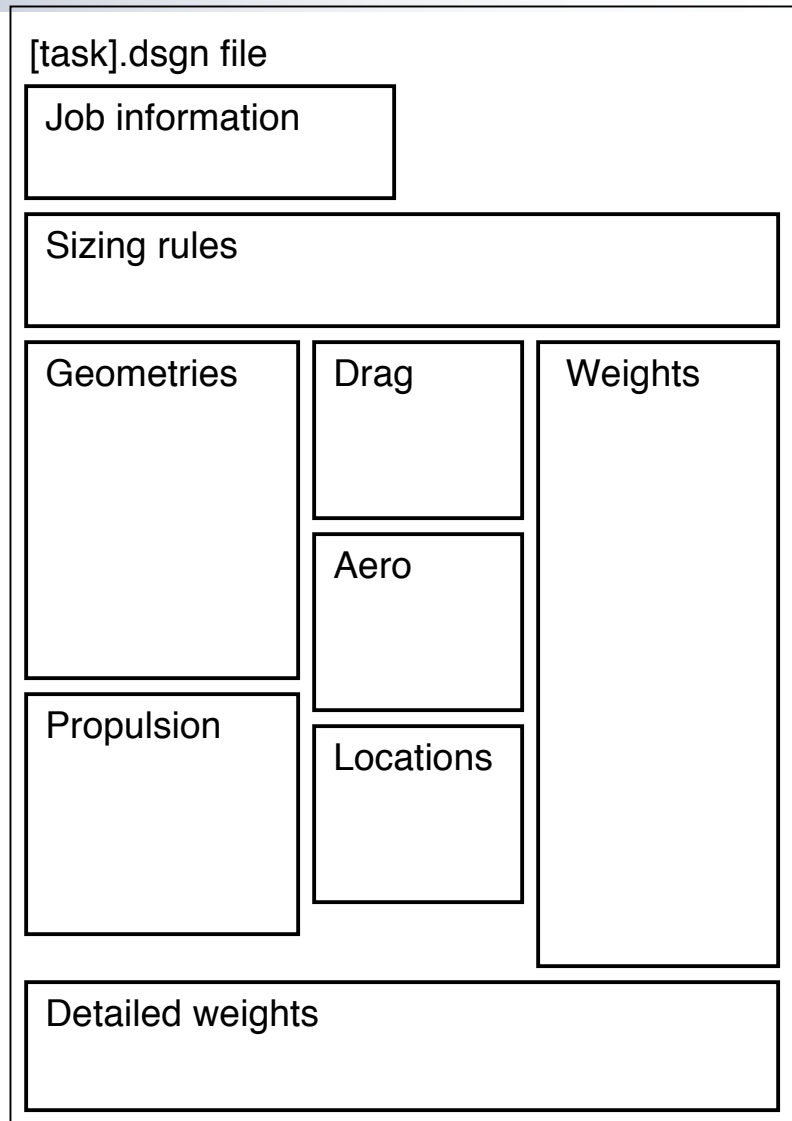


Flags in [job].njob quant='Cases'

```
OUT_design=1,  
FILE_design=' [task].dsgn',
```

Contents of [task].dsgn

- Tab-delimited, blocks of data
- Aircraft descriptive summary
 - Weights & tech factors
 - Sizing rules
 - Dimensions, power, drag
 - Some reference conditions





Output: *.perf file



Flags in [job].njob quant='Cases'

```
OUT_perf=1,  
FILE_perf=' [task].perf',
```

Contents of [task].perf

- **Tab-delimited, columnar data**
- **Summaries**
- **Detailed breakdowns**
- **Component Loads and Aerodynamics**
 - For each segment
 - Only last segment in a sweep

[task].perf file

Summary

Performance Summary

Mission Summary

Performance Details

Mission Details

Component Loads and Aerodynamics



Output: *.geom file



Flags in [job].njob quant='Cases'

```
OUT_geom=1,  
FILE_geom=' [task].geom',
```

Contents of [task].geom

- **Variable = value list**
- **Can drive Pro/Engineer models**

[task].geom file

Aircraft top-level info

Fuselage

Landing Gear

Fuel Tank

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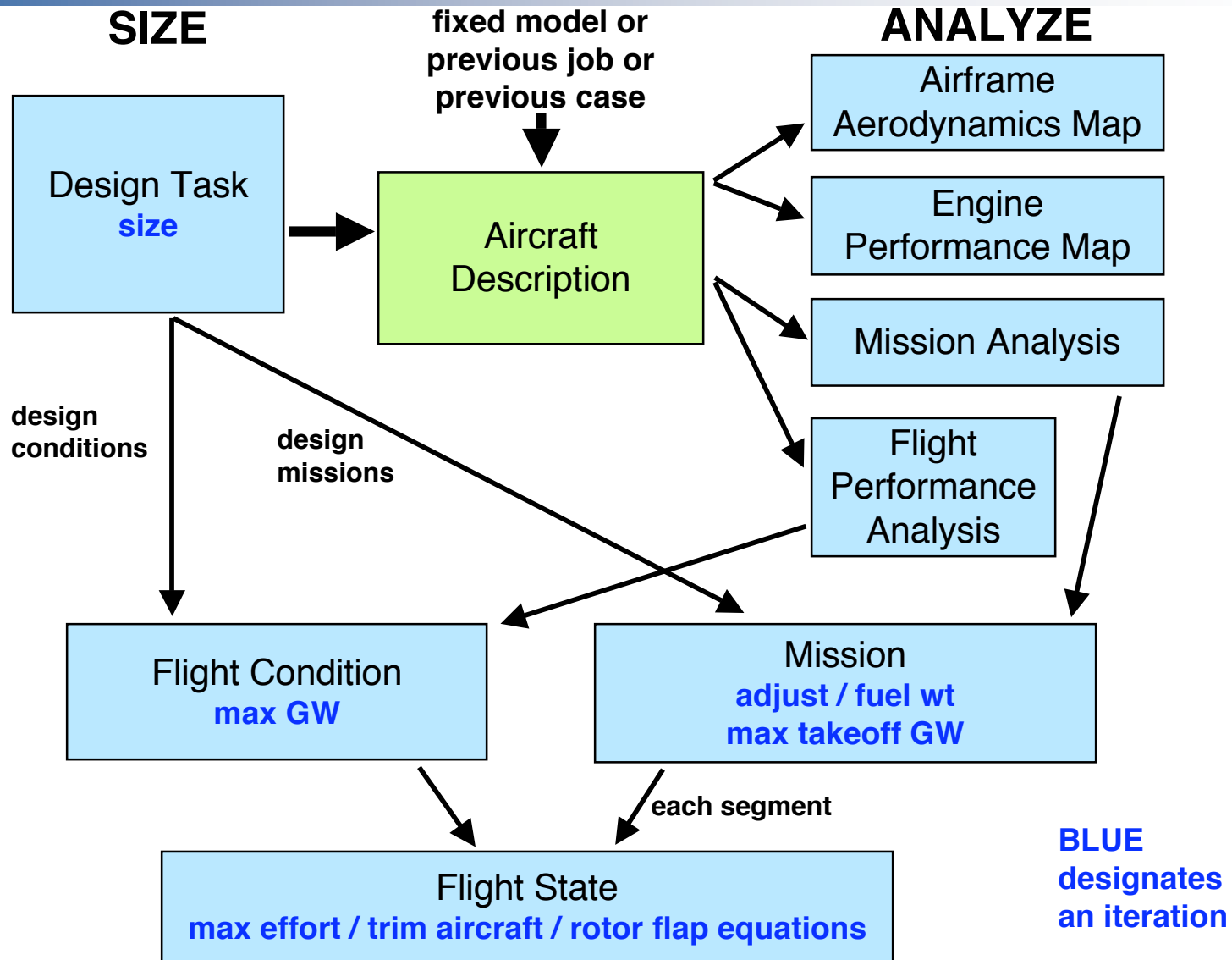
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adjust, fuel weight

method: successive substitution

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Maximum GW

method: secant or false position

Flight State

Flight State

Maximum Effort

method: golden section for maximum endurance, range, or climb; otherwise secant or false position

Trim

method: Newton-Raphson

Component Performance Evaluation

Blade Flapping

method: Newton-Raphson



NDARC Solution Procedure



Details in Theory Manual

Namelist *Solution* controls solution procedure globally

- Key parameters controlling solution can be over-ridden for each flight condition and mission segment

Procedure	Objective(s)	Method(s)	Notes
Sizing	Size A/C: Rotor, Wing, DGW, WMTO, Peng, XMSN, Fuel Capacity	Successive Substitution	Setup using <i>SizeParam</i> variables
Mission	TOGW, Wfuel, Wpay, Range/Time	Successive Substitution	
Max GW	Max GW for P available	Secant False Position	
Max Effort	Set for flight state using <i>max_quant</i> & <i>max_var</i>	Secant False Position Golden-Section Curve-Fit	Selected by <i>method_fly</i> & <i>method_flymax</i>
Trim	A/C controls & motion	Newton-Raphson	<i>STATE_trim</i> controls trim type



NDARC Solution Procedure



Nested solution iterations: rotor, trim, max effort (fly), max GW, mission, size

Parameters for each iteration:

***toler_*zzzz: solution tolerance**

- **Small enough for accuracy (smaller wastes computation time)**
- **Accuracy required of inner loop may be driven by convergence of outer loops**

***relax_*zzzz: relaxation factor**

- **Reduce to achieve convergence; *relax=1.0* works for many loops**

***niter_*zzzz: maximum number of iterations**

***trace_*zzzz: produce trace of iteration in output**

- **Needed to diagnose run failure**



Rotor Flapping



Solves the rotor flapping equations with Newton-Raphson technique

- **Blade element method implemented for collective & cyclic pitch angles (or flap angles) and inplane hub forces, not rotor performance**

***Rotor%KIND_control* determines control mode**

- **Feathering plane or tip path plane command**
- **Collective commands thrust or blade pitch**
- **Rotor solution procedure solves for unknowns**

Solution control: *niter_rotor, toler_rotor, relax_rotor, deriv_rotor, maxinc_rotor*

- **Set for each rotor**
- ***relax_rotor* & *toler_rotor* can be adjusted for each flight state**

Tighter than default *toler_trim* may improve solution stability

Linear flap equations with no stall in aerodynamics — usually converges

- **Divergence of iteration usually caused by problems with an outer loop**



Trim



Solves pilot controls and motion that are required to reach equilibrium

- Process of trimming is part of solution procedure, trim schemes are part of aircraft specification
 - Up to *mtrimmax* (16) degrees of freedom can be trimmed at each state
 - Up to *ntrimstatemax* (20) trim schemes can be defined
- *Aircraft%IDENT_trim*: list of labels of each scheme
 - When initial input is setup with *action='config'*, 9 default schemes created:

	IDENT_trim	mtrim	trim_quant	trim_var
6-variable	'free'	6	'force x','force y','force z','moment x','moment y','moment z'	'coll','latcyc','lngcyc','pedal','pitch','roll'
longitudinal	'long'	4	'force x','force z','moment y','moment z'	'coll','lngcyc','pitch','pedal'
symmetric 3-variable	'symm'	3	'force x','force z','moment y'	'coll','lngcyc','pitch'
hover thrust and torque	'hover'	2	'force z','moment z'	'coll','pedal'
hover thrust	'thrust'	1	'force z'	'coll'
hover rotor C_T/σ	'rotor'	1	'CTs rotor 1'	'coll'
wind tunnel	'windtunnel'	3	'CTs rotor 1','betac 1','betas 1'	'coll','latcyc','lngcyc'
full power	'power'	1	'P margin 1'	'coll'
ground run	'ground'	1	'force x'	'coll'

- Schemes can be altered or created using inputs in *Aircraft* structure
 - › Typical to modify *trim_var* to reflect control effectors of aircraft configuration
- Independent variables set with *trim_var*, some basic parameters+aircraft controls
- Dependent variables set with *trim_quant*, see input manual for complete listing
- Trim matrix must be square, number of trim quantities = number of trim variables
- *Solution%init_trim*: When set to 1 forces controls to globally reinitialize to flight state input for each iteration
 - *FltAircraft%init_trim*: can force reinitialize for specific flight state



Newton-Raphson Trim Iteration



Successive values of trim variables solving $f(x)=0$ calculated using:

$$\bar{x}_{n+1} = \bar{x}_n - \lambda D^{-1} \vec{f}(\bar{x}_n)$$

where D is the derivative matrix (Jacobian)

- Default is calculation of D once at start, control with *Solution%mpid_trim* for periodic recalc (expensive)
- 1st or 2nd order difference for estimates of derivatives, *Solution%deriv_trim*
 - *deriv_trim=2* often helps convergence
- Derivative step size set with *Solution%perturb_trim*

Convergence good if initial guess for variables is close to final solution

- Improving guess often more important than adjusting solution parameters
- Relaxation factor (λ) to improve convergence robustness set with *relax_trim*
- Convergence checked by testing if function evaluation within specified tolerance (*toler_trim*)
- Number of iterations also limited with *niter_trim*

relax_trim, toler_trim, init_trim, perturb_trim can be adjusted for each flight state



Maximum Effort



Solution loop which adjusts variable (*max_var*) to maximize quantity (*max_quant*)

- Two loop levels may be specified
- Typical *max_quant*: range, end, Pmargin, climb, alt

Solution procedures:

- *method_fly*: 1: secant, 2: false position
 - Used to find specified power margin or thrust margin
- *method_flymax*: 1: secant, 2: false position, 3: golden section, 4: curve fit
 - Search for absolute maximum range, endurance, climb

Parameters:

- *maxderiv_fly*: limits the derivative value for better convergence (default is no limit)
- *maxinc_fly*: limits the incremental change in variable size between iterations
- *relax_fly*: relaxation factor
- *perturb_fly*: perturbation increment (fraction of ref. value) for derivative calc
- initial value of adjusted variable can be important for convergence

relax_fly, *toler_fly*, *init_fly*, *perturb_fly*, *maxderiv_fly*, *maxinc_fly*, *method_flymax* **can be adjusted for each flight state**



Maximum Effort



Secant & False Position:

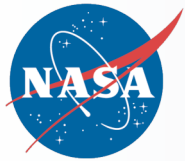
- Based on Newton-Raphson method, updates derivative info each step
- Secant derivative based on current and previous aircraft trim evaluations
- False Position derivative based on trim evaluations which bracket solution

Golden Section:

- Assumes unimodal function in region of interest
- Selection of new interior search point based on the golden ratio
- Subsequent interior search points selected to continuously bracket minimum
- Search ends when search region < tolerance
- Secant method to find 99% max specific range using G-S velocity from max SR

Curve Fit:

- Useful for flat maximums where tight trim tolerances are required to get G-S behavior
- Least-squares curve fit to region of interest selected to bracket maximum
- Domain of curve fit selected such that function is *rfit_fly**max at boundaries
 - Default value: *rfit_fly=0.98*
- *nfit_fly* sets order of polynomial (2: quadratic, 3: cubic)
- Both max and 99% of max can be found (best range)



Example Flight State Input



Best Range Example:

```
&DEFN quant='PerfCondition', &END      ! off-design performance condition
&VALUE
  title = 'Example Vbr Calculation'
  . . .
  SET_max=1,
  max_quant='range',
  max_var='speed',
  Vkts=200.,                          ! speed will be adjusted, just an initial guess
  . . .
&END
```

Best Climb Example:

```
&DEFN quant='PerfCondition', &END      ! off-design performance condition
&VALUE
  title = 'Example Best Climb Calculation'
  . . .
  SET_max=2,
  max_quant='Pmarg','climb',
  max_var='ROC','speed',
  Vkts=120.,ROC=500.,                  ! speed and ROC adjusted, initial guesses
  . . .
&END
```



Maximum Gross Weight



Adjusts gross weight such that power required = power available from propulsion group

- Use $fPav$ and $dPav$ to set power available

$$P_{req} = fPav P_{av} + dPav$$

- Allows for calculation of gross weight at arbitrary power ($fPav=0$, $dPav=power$)

Solved using secant or false position method (*method_maxGW*)

- Solution control with *niter_maxgw*, *toler_maxgw*, *relax_maxgw*, *perturb_maxgw*, *maxderiv_maxgw*, *maxinc_maxgw* as with max effort solution procedure.
- Convergence based on magnitude of gross weight increment, with initial weight used as the scaling term for tolerance

For missions, *MissSeg%MaxGW* identifies segments where max gross weight is evaluated

***relax_maxgw*, *toler_maxgw*, *perturb_maxgw*, *maxderiv_fly*, *maxinc_fly* can be adjusted for each flight state**



Example Flight State Input



Max Gross Weight Case that sizes the transmission:

```
&DEFN quant='SizeCondition', &END ! sizing performance condition
&VALUE
  DESIGN_xmsn=1,DESIGN_wmto=1,      ! set what parameters can be designed
  . . .
  SET_GW='max',                    ! maximize Gross Weight (default fPav=1.,dPav=0.)
  rating='MRP',fPower=0.95,        ! define power available
  SET_Plimit=0,                    ! calculating drive limits, so turn off limit
  . . .
&END
```



Mission Iteration



Collection of segments (sequential flight states)

Successive Substitution method used to solve mission performance

- Iteration performed on take-off fuel weight (*toler_miss*)
- Segments with range credit require an inner iteration
- For fixed take-off weight missions delta fuel is used to adjust segments
- Relaxation factor used in parameter update
 - *relax_miss*: fuel weight relaxation factor
 - *relax_range*: range credit relaxation factor
 - *relax_gw*: max take-off gross weight relaxation factor
- Maximum number of iterations set with *niter_miss*

Adjustment of *relax_miss*, *relax_range*, *toler_miss* for each mission can be required



Sizing Solution Procedure



Iteration to find engine power or rotor size, weight and dimensions of aircraft

- **Two nested sizing loops**

- Inner loop on parameters: *DGW*, *WMTO*, *Plimit_ds*, *Wfuel_cap*
 - *niter_param*: sets number of inner parameter loops
 - *niter_param=1*: parameters updated as part of performance loop
- Outer loop on performance: engine size or rotor diameter
 - *niter_size*: sets number of outer performance loops

- **Method of successive substitution used**

- Convergence based on sizing parameters and weight empty
- *toler_size*: sets tolerance for convergence; smaller than default typically required to get repeatable results when running multiple cases.
- *relax_size*: relaxation factor for parameter update; may need to adjust with tolerance
- Should adjust mission and max effort tolerances along with sizing tolerance

Take care to avoid defining unsolvable design problem

- For sizing of a new concept, should start with simple set of missions/parameters
- Convergence best when aircraft variables initialized with reasonable values



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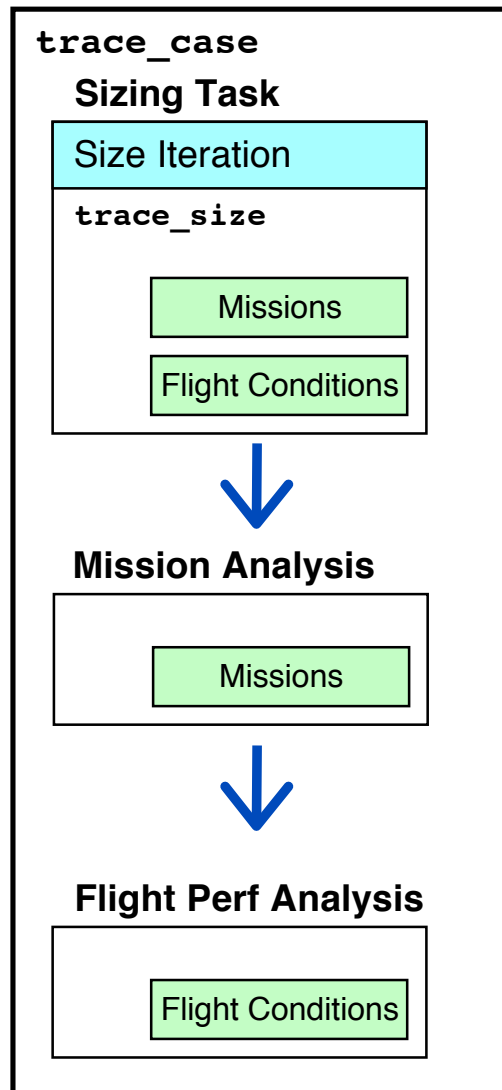
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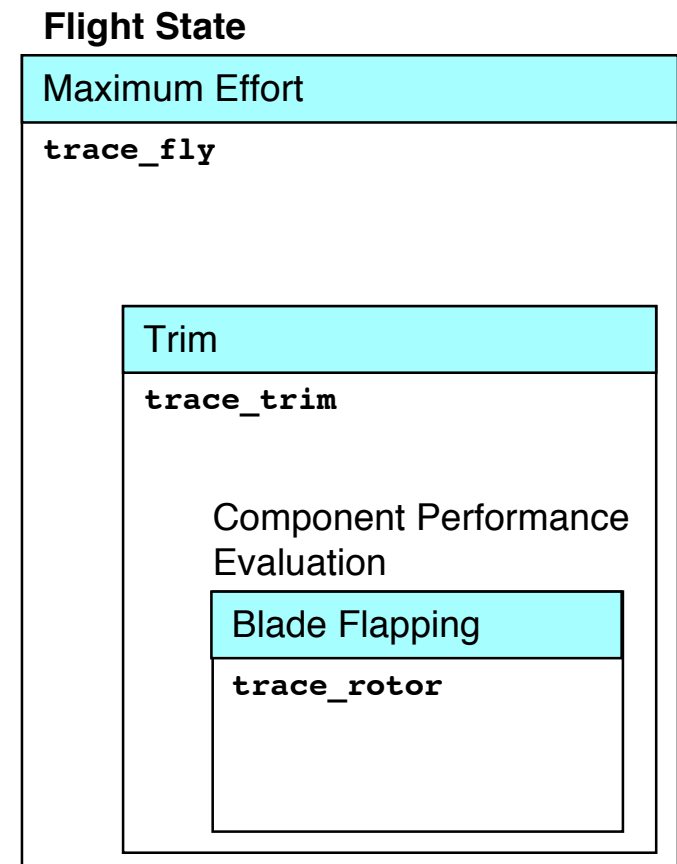
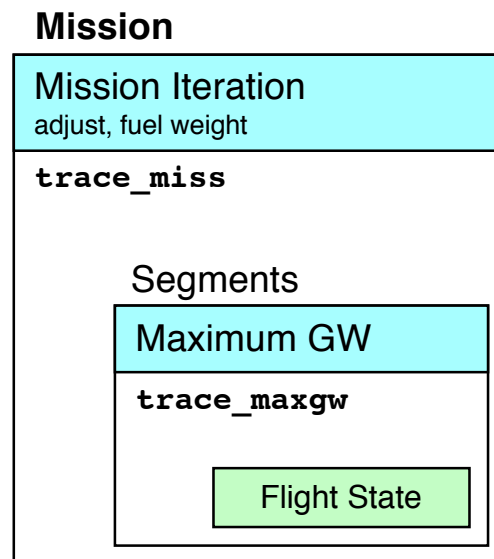
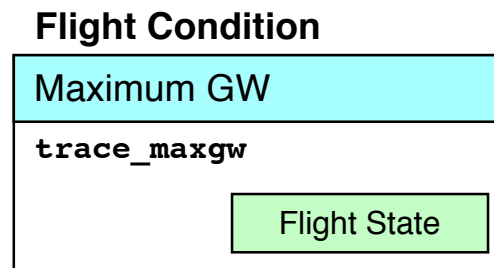
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Solution Tracing (Debug) Overview



Trace variables can be set in the *Solution* quant to report details of the solution procedure to the STDOUT stream





Debugging



Fatal NDARC errors

- Depending on compiler, verbose output only seen at shell, so use the “pause” command in cases where NDARC crashes without much useful information in the output file

Input Errors

- Turn off *ACT_error* at your own peril!
 - NDARC provides warnings for input errors, at end of output file

Logic Errors

- NDARC catches many, but not all

Convergence

- Using the various trace options provides insight to what is failing

Solution parameters

- Relaxation factors
- Perturbation
- Tolerance
- Maximum step size
- Solution methodology (golden section, ...)

Importance of initial guesses

- Sometimes, convergence improved if guess is close, high, or low
 - Can run off-design (non-sizing) case to find starting guesses



Check Convergence



Search for “case convergence” in output file:

```
#####
Case number 1, Time-Date = 8:44:37 10-Feb-2014, Identification =
Case Convergence

Iteration      Status (entire case)  MaxIter  Tolerance  Perturb  Relaxation      Method
-----
Size performance: converged          100      0.01000          0.500
Size parameters: converged           1        0.01000          1.000 DGW 1.000 xmsn 1.000 wmt0/sdgw 1.000 tank 1.000 thrust
Mission:       converged             40        0.01000          1.000 fuel 1.000 range 1.000 maxTOGW
Maximum GW:   converged             40        0.00200  0.0200  0.500          maxderiv 0.000 method = secant
Maximum effort: converged           80        0.00200  0.0500  0.500          maxderiv 0.000 method = secant
Trim:         converged             40        0.00100  0.0020  0.400          deriv = first order  mpid = 0
Rotor 1:      converged             40        0.01000          0.500          deriv = first order
Rotor 2:      converged             40        0.01000          0.500          deriv = first order
Check Preq, Qlimit, Wfuel: tolerance = 0.00500
-----
```

followed by convergence details for size iteration, each mission, and each flight condition and mission segment

If any iteration not converged, results are not reliable

Serious convergence problems can produce floating-point overflow

- **Solution behavior depends on compiler and operating condition**
- **Best if job exits on overflow**



Solution Tracing



If job fails, use convergence information or trace of solution (*trace_case=2*) to identify solution/iteration that did not converge

The use *trace_size*, *trace_miss*, *trace_maxgw*, *trace_fly*, *trace_trim*, *trace_rotor* to view details of appropriate solution procedure

- **Typically run jobs with *trace_size=2* (or *trace_miss=1* if no sizing task)**
 - Routinely running jobs with other trace variables set generates lot of output and slows execution
- **Turn trace variables on one at a time**
 - Trace output for nested iterations is difficult to interpret
- **Focus trace on iteration that is problem**
 - Can turn on trace globally, or for individual missions or mission segments or flight conditions
 - Use *trace_start* to delay start of detailed output



Solution Tracing



Solution iterations are uniquely identified internally with a running counter

- *trace_case*: flag to show counter information in STDOUT (0 – none ,1 – top level (outer loop) tracing, 2 – debug level of tracing)
- *trace_start*: suppress trace information in STDOUT until internal counter is greater than *trace_start*
- Output format: Fly(TYPE)(n) * counter
 - (TYPE): The name of the subroutine for the procedure being executed
 - › Aircraft – a maximum effort solution procedure
 - › Mission – mission loop solution procedure
 - › MissionSol, segment n – mission flight state procedure or the nth segment
 - › Mission_MaxGW – max gross weight solution procedure in a mission
 - › Condition_MaxGW – max gross weight solution procedure
 - › Condition – fight state for both sizing and off-design analysis
 - (n): nth input condition, separate number for sizing and off-design analysis

```
FlyMission 1 *          700
  FlyMissionSol, segment 1 *      705
  FlyMissionSol, segment 2 *      710
  FlyMissionSol, segment 3 *      713
FlyCondition 1 *        715
  FlyCondition_MaxGW *          718
FlyCondition 2 *        725
  FlyCondition_MaxGW *          730
...
Flight performance analysis (point operating conditions)
FlyCondition 1 *        1507
FlyCondition 1 *        1510
```

Sizing task with 1 mission and
2 performance conditions

Trace output suppressed with
trace_start=699

trace_case=2 in red



trace_size



Provides information on how aircraft sizing is progressing

- Sizing trace output denoted with S on right side
- First line identifies solution parameter values
- Power data (red) shown only when trace_size=2
- Asterisk (*) denotes aircraft parameters that are being considered in sizing
- When *Solution%niter_param=1* design parameters all updated simultaneously (no inner sizing loop for *DGW, WMTO, Plimit_ds, Wfuel_cap* and *Tdesign*)
- Unless trace_case=2, solution counter output is suppressed

Solution%toler_size

Solution%relax_size

Solution%niter_size

Solution%niter_param

Size (tolerance = 0.01000, relaxation = 1.000, maximum iterations = 40 performance 1 parameter)										S
start										S
aircraft weight	design GW	=	142881.0*			max TO weight	=	190031.7		S
aircraft weight	fuel tank cap	=	34280.0			weight empty	=	87620.9*		S
prop 1 engine group 1	engine power	=	20000.0*			Plimit_es	=	20000.0		S
prop 1 engine group 2	engine power	=	20000.0*			Plimit_es	=	20000.0		S
propulsion 1						Plimit_ds	=	30096.0		S
rotor 1	radius	=	37.500			Plimit_rs	=	40000.0*		S
rotor 2	radius	=	37.500			Plimit_rs	=	40000.0*		S
performance iteration 1 (quantity and error ratio)										S
aircraft weight	design GW	=	147731.4*	339.47		max TO weight	=	196482.8	0.0000	S
aircraft weight	fuel tank cap	=	34280.0	0.0000		weight empty	=	87620.9*	0.0000	S
prop 1 engine group 1	engine power	=	19168.7*	20.782		Plimit_es	=	20000.0	927.20	S
prop 1 engine group 2	engine power	=	19168.7*	20.782		Plimit_es	=	20000.0	927.20	S
propulsion 1	Pratio	=	0.9584			Plimit_ds	=	30096.0	927.20	S
rotor 1	radius	=	37.500	0.0000		Plimit_rs	=	13774.8*	927.20	S
rotor 2	radius	=	37.500	0.0000		Plimit_rs	=	13774.8*	0.0000	S
design conditions:	Preq	=	28868.4	25058.6						
mission 1, segments:	Preq	=	24347.6	24009.4	11777.1	11706.4	22645.9	11633.8		
			11566.6	11501.2						
design conditions:	Preq/Pav	=	1.0002	1.0003						
mission 1, segments:	Preq/Pav	=	0.9991	0.9584*	0.8161*	0.8112*	0.9040*	0.8062*		
			0.8015*	0.7970*						



trace_miss



Provides information on how mission solution is progressing

- Mission trace output denoted with M on right side
- Often used in conjunction with *trace_size*
- Counter label provides information on which mission is being calculated
- Use `trace_case=2` to see segment identification; *trace_fly*, *trace_trim*, *trace_maxgw* to view details of segment solution
- Global values/tracing set in *Solution* quant
- Local values/tracing for a particular mission set in *SizeMission* or *OffMission* input

Solution%toler_miss

Solution%relax_miss

Solution%relax_range

Solution%relax_gw

Solution%niter_miss

FlyMission 1 *	658									
Mission (tolerance =	0.01000	relaxation =	1.000 (fuel)	1.000 (range)	1.000 (max TO GW)	, maximum	iterations =	40		M
iteration 1										M
mission fuel =	14454.4*	takeoff GW =	164590.9							M
iteration 2										M
mission fuel =	13765.0*	takeoff GW =	144765.3	error ratio =	48.251	0.0000	0.0000			M
iteration 3										M
mission fuel =	13742.2*	takeoff GW =	144075.8	error ratio =	1.5924	0.0000	0.0000			M
iteration 4										M
mission fuel =	13741.6*	takeoff GW =	144053.1	error ratio =	0.42786E-01	0.0000	0.0000			M



trace_maxgw



Provides information on how an solution to maximize gross weight proceeds

- Can be set globally with *Solution%trace_maxgw* or for specific instance using *FltAircraft%trace_maxgw*
- Max Gross Weight trace output denoted with W on right side
- Counter label (*trace_case*) provides info on where in execution a solution attempt is occurring
- Use *trace_case=2* to see detailed location when gross weight maximum occurs inside a mission segment or is part of a flight condition solution.

toler_maxgw relax_maxgw Solution%niter_maxgw (Global Only) maxderiv_maxgw

```

FlyCondition 1 *          98
FlyCondition_MaxGW *    101

Maximum Gross Weight (tolerance = 0.00200, relaxation = 0.500, maximum iterations = 40, maximum derivative = 0.00) W
quantity = power margin (min(Pav-Preq)=0); variable = gross weight W
      gross weight      power margin      derivative      gain      error ratio
start      0.14288E+06      7397.3      0.0000      0.0000      0.0000
perturb 1  0.14574E+06      6782.2     -0.21525     -2.3229     1000.0
iteration 1 0.16149E+06      3242.3     -0.22469     -2.2252     5513.0
iteration 2 0.16871E+06      1528.0     -0.23761     -2.1043     2524.8
...
iteration 11 0.17488E+06     -4.7715      1.8849     -1.2629      0.62333
Maximum Gross Weight (tolerance = 0.00200, relaxation = 0.500, maximum iterations = 40, maximum derivative = 0.00) W
quantity = power margin (min(Pav-Preq)=0); variable = gross weight W
      gross weight      power margin      derivative      gain      error ratio
start      0.14288E+06      7397.3      0.0000      0.0000      0.0000
perturb 1  0.14574E+06      6782.2     -0.21525     -2.3229     1000.0
perturb 2  0.14860E+06      6158.6     -0.21822     -2.2913     1000.0
iteration 1 0.16271E+06      2954.9     -0.22703     -2.2023     4938.1
iteration 2 0.16922E+06      1402.9     -0.23850     -2.0965     2277.4
...
iteration 11 0.17488E+06     -4.3906     -1.9080     -1.2633      0.57412
  
```

method_maxgw=1
secant solution
method

method_maxgw=2
false position
solution method



trace_fly



Provides information on how a solution of maximum effort flight state proceeds

- Maximum effort trace output denoted with E (inner loop) E2 (outer loop) on right side
- Set for global trace with *Solution%trace_fly*
- Specific condition trace using *FltAircraft%trace_fly*= Inner, Outer
 - *FltAircraft%trace_fly* is 2 element vector; inner and outer loop printout individually controlled
 - Different than *Solution%trace_fly*!
- Counter label (*trace_case*) provides info on where in execution a solution attempt is occurring
- Use *trace_case*=2 to see detailed location of where occurs in solution procedure
 - Typically set *trace_start* to suppress conditions prior to occurrence of interest when using *Solution%trace_fly*
- Two line title provides information on solution procedure parameters & targets of maximum effort

```

Maximum Effort (tolerance = 0.00200, relaxation = 0.500, maximum iterations = 80, maximum derivative = 0.00 ) E
quantity = range (99% maximum V/fuelflow); variable = speed *fVel = 1.0000) E
  
```

toler_fly points to 0.00200
relax_fly points to 0.500
Solution%niter_fly points to 80
maxderiv_fly(1) points to 0.00
max_quant(1) points to range
max_var(1) points to speed

- Secant & False Position solution procedure trace:

	speed	V/wdot	slope	derivative	gain	error ratio	
start			0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	E
perturb 1	104.00	0.14676	0.60401E-03	0.30201E-03	1655.6	0.0000	E
perturb 2	106.00	0.14772	0.47693E-03	-0.63542E-04	-7868.8	0.0000	E
iteration 1	109.75	0.14914	0.37977E-03	-0.25888E-04	-19314.	46.910	E

- Golden Section Search trace:

	speed	V/wdot	error ratio	x1-x0	x1	x2-x1	f1-f0	f1	f2-f1	
start			0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	E
perturb 1	104.00	0.14676	0.0000	2.00	104.	-2.00	0.121E-02	0.147	-0.147	E
perturb 2	106.00	0.14772	0.0000	2.00	104.	2.00	0.121E-02	0.147	0.954E-03	E
search 1	108.00	0.14855	0.0000	2.00	106.	2.00	0.954E-03	0.148	0.833E-03	E
...										
iteration 1	124.76	0.15134	15.451	2.00	124.	0.764	0.325E-04	0.151	-0.375E-04	E



trace_trim



Provides information on how an solution of trim proceeds

- Trim trace output denoted with T on right side
- Title block shows type of trim attempted (*IDENT_trim*) and solution procedure parameters

STATE_trim *mtrim* *toler_trim* *relax_trim* *Solution%niter_trim*

```
Trim (state free, 6 variables; tolerance = 0.00100; relaxation = 0.500; maximum iterations = 40) T
```

- Next two lines show independent variables (*trim_quant*) and dependant quantities (*trim_var*) of trim matrix

```
variables = coll                      latcyc                      lngcyc                      pedal                      pitch                      roll                      T
quantities = force x                      force y                      force z                      moment x                      moment y                      moment z                      T
```

- Two levels of tracing available:
 - 1: Trim variable values and targets displayed along with derivative matrix
 - 2: Show all control positions for each component at every perturbation/iteration

“Pilot” control values [independent variables] (e.g. *coll*, *pedal*)

Trim quantities [dependent variables]

Component Controls Trace_trim=2

```
start                      5.00 0.00 2.00 0.00 0.00 0.00                      -801.                      -651.                      0.279E+04 -0.523E+04 0.431E+05 0.303E+05 T
controls: rotor 1                      coll = 0.8333E-01 lngcyc = 2.00 latcyc = 0.00 incid = 0.00 cant = 0.00 T
controls: rotor 2                      coll = 0.000                      lngcyc = 0.00 latcyc = 0.00 incid = 0.00 cant = 0.00 T
controls: tail 1                      cont = 0.00                      incid = -2.50 T
controls: tail 2                      cont = 0.00                      incid = 0.00 T
controls: prop 1 engn 1                      incid = 0.00 yaw = 0.00 T
perturb 1                      6.00 0.00 2.00 0.00 0.00 0.00                      -323.                      -949.                      -306.                      -0.740E+04 0.514E+05 0.395E+05 T
...
derivative matrix                      “Pilot” Controls                      T
row 1 =                      478.                      10.3                      366.                      -2.33                      -506.                      0.251                      T
row 2 =                      -298.                      277.                      -17.6                      -286.                      0.166                      314.                      T
row 3 =                      -0.310E+04 0.558                      19.3                      101.                      -0.101E+04 -2.59                      T
row 4 =                      -0.217E+04 0.382E+04 -251.                      -0.136E+04 167.                      -1.74                      T
row 5 =                      0.831E+04 -58.6                      -0.416E+04 0.300E+04 -0.234E+05 -1.69                      T
row 6 =                      0.929E+04 867.                      0.289E+04 0.856E+04 -0.283E+04 1.04                      T
iteration 1                      5.24 0.05 3.40 -2.35 0.45 -1.35                      -353.                      -486.                      0.173E+04 -0.267E+04 0.310E+05 0.153E+05 T
...
Trim quantities
```

“Pilot” control values [independent variables]

Trim quantities [dependent variables]



trace_rotor



Provides information on how an individual rotor flap solution proceeds

- Rotor trace output denoted with R on right side
- Rotor flapping solved for each rotor, each trim perturbation/iteration step

```
Rotor 1 equations (tolerance = 0.01000, relaxation = 0.500, maximum iterations = 40) CT/s = 0.10000 R
perturb 0 t75,tc,ts = 11.56 3.56 -9.66 b0,bc,bs = 3.66 2.00 0.00 Eqt,Eqc,Eqs = 1.438 0.349 0.194 R
perturb 1 t75,tc,ts = 12.56 3.56 -9.66 b0,bc,bs = 3.66 2.00 0.00 Eqt,Eqc,Eqs = 0.301 0.344 -0.723 R
perturb 2 t75,tc,ts = 11.56 4.56 -9.66 b0,bc,bs = 3.66 2.00 0.00 Eqt,Eqc,Eqs = 1.435 -0.667 0.194 R
perturb 3 t75,tc,ts = 11.56 3.56 -8.66 b0,bc,bs = 3.66 2.00 0.00 Eqt,Eqc,Eqs = 0.910 0.350 -0.941 R
derivative matrix columns = ( 1.14 0.01 0.92) / ( 0.00 1.02 0.00) / ( 0.53 0.00 1.13) R
gain matrix columns = ( 0.70 0.00 -0.57) / ( 0.00 0.49 0.00) / ( -0.33 0.00 0.71) R
iteration 1 t75,tc,ts = 12.51 3.72 -10.34 b0,bc,bs = 4.56 2.00 0.00 Eqt,Eqc,Eqs = 1.438 0.349 0.194 R
...
rotor 1 *** not converged ***
```

Rotor convergence failure message (printed regardless of *trace_rotor* value)



Solution Tracing Best Practices



Effective solution debugging requires methodical approach

- **Work from outer loop to inner loop**
 - Selectively turn on tracing
 - Problem is often result of conditions set in loop at higher level than where failure occurs
 - Warning printed of inner loop failures at each step
- **Use *trace_start* to keep output file size manageable**
 - *trace_case=2* is useful in zeroing in on specific condition in mission
 - Alternatively can set trace variables locally in input namelist
- **Modify solution procedure locally**
 - Improve first “guess” as contained in input (pilot controls; speeds, etc)
 - › Avoid 0 values for pilot controls unless expected final trim value
 - › Use smallest trim DOF as practical for condition (i.e. 3 DOF in Fwd Flt)
 - Modification of relaxation factor often fixes trim for otherwise well formulated conditions; *deriv_trim=2* often helps
 - If inputs other than solution procedure parameters modified to get successful solution, reset parameters to defaults and determine if trim is well behaved



Solution Tracing Best Practices



Running simplified conditions can be helpful

- Power sweep to bracket V_{max} or V_{br} calculation
- Mission profiles with input speeds
- Fewer performance point sizing conditions & design missions in sizing procedure
- Single loop maximum effort instead of double loop
- Ignore some mission segments

If size or mission loop diverges, reduce number of iterations

- Set *niter_size* / *niter_param* or *niter_miss* to last iteration that worked
 - So can examine full output for conditions and mission segments

Often try several solution parameter changes in search for converged solution

- When convergence achieved, re-consider whether need all these changes



Tutorial – Trace and Convergence



hel-db0: comment out solution parameters in *helicopter.njob*, run with just defaults

- Solution: *perturb_trim=.01,deriv_trim=2*
- PerfCondition 2: *relax_fly=.2*
- **overflow at FlyCondition 2** (*trace_case=1*)

hel-db1: trace solution

- Solution: *trace_case=2*
- **mission 1 converges, condition 1 converges; condition 2 (hover ceiling) diverges**

hel-db2: trace max effort iteration

- Solution: *trace_fly=1*
- **max effort stops after perturbation**

hel-db3: trace trim iteration

- Solution: *trace_trim=1* — lot of output
- PerfCondition 2: *trace_trim=1*
- **trim diverges in first max effort step after perturbation**

hel-db4: max effort relaxation factor

- PerfCondition 2: *relax_fly=.2* (default *.5*)
- **case executes without overflow**
- **"Case Convergence"** indicates trim not converged for condition 4 (Vbr)

hel-db5: trim derivative

- Solution: *deriv_trim=2*
- **condition 4 still diverge**

hel-db6: trim derivative

- Solution: *perturb_trim=.01* (default *.002*)
- **case converged ("Case Convergence")**

helicopter.njob:

- **remove** *trace_fly, trace_trim; trace_case=0* or *1*
- **keep** *trace_size* (size job) or *trace_miss* (no sizing) to observe convergence of outermost loop



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Aircraft Synthesis



Aircraft consists of set of components

- **Aircraft, Fuselage, Landing Gear, Systems, Cost**
- **Rotors**
 - main rotor, tail rotor, propeller
 - tilting, ducted, antitorque, auxiliary-thrust, variable diameter, reaction drive
 - twin rotors
- **Wings**
- **Tails**
 - horizontal or vertical
- **Fuel tanks**
 - fuel quantity measured as either weight or energy
- **Propulsion groups**
 - set of rotors and engine groups, connected by drive system
 - components define power required, engine groups define power available
- **Engine Groups (turboshaft, compressor, electric motor, generator)**
 - transfers power by shaft torque
 - one or more engines of same type
- **Jet Groups (turbojet, turbofan)**
 - produces force on aircraft
- **Charge Groups (fuel cell, solar cell)**
 - Generates energy for the aircraft

Input Manual describes parameters that define each of these components



Aircraft – Configuration



Conventional configurations can be rapidly modeled in NDARC

- *Aircraft%config = 'helicopter', 'tandem', 'coaxial', 'tiltrotor'*
- Code can automatically configure input parameters to have expected behavior
 - Default set of components
 - Default controls and trim approach
- Typically synthesize new designs by modification to relevant default configuration

Configuration-dependent initialization (ch.2 of manual)

```
!=====  
! default helicopter  
&DEFN quant='Aircraft',&END  
&VALUE config='helicopter',&END  
&DEFN quant='Rotor 1',&END  
&VALUE rotate=1,&END  
&DEFN action='configuration',&END  
!=====
```

twin main rotors: set *rotate* for each
tandem rotors: set *overlap_tandem*

first rotor = main, front, lower, right rotor



Default Configurations



Documented in Input Manual (ch.2)

Number of default components:

- $nRotor=2$, $nWing=0$, $nTail=2$, $nPropulsion=1$, $nEngineGroup=1$, $nEngineModel=1$,

Seven default aircraft controls (except tiltrotor):

- $IDENT_control='coll', 'latcyc', 'lngcyc', 'pedal', 'tailinc', 'elevator', 'rudder'$
- Connected to rotor and tail controls as appropriate for configuration
- Tiltrotor: add *'tilt', 'flap', 'flaperon', 'aileron'* controls
–2 control states (helicopter and airplane)

Nine trim states (trim schemes):

	IDENT_trim	mtrim	trim_quant	trim_var
6-variable longitudinal	'free'	6	'force x', 'force y', 'force z', 'moment x', 'moment y', 'moment z'	'coll', 'latcyc', 'lngcyc', 'pedal', 'pitch', 'roll'
symmetric 3-variable	'long'	4	'force x', 'force z', 'moment y', 'moment z'	'coll', 'lngcyc', 'pitch', 'pedal'
hover thrust and torque	'symm'	3	'force x', 'force z', 'moment y'	'coll', 'lngcyc', 'pitch'
hover thrust	'hover'	2	'force z', 'moment z'	'coll', 'pedal'
hover rotor C_T/σ	'thrust'	1	'force z'	'coll'
wind tunnel	'rotor'	1	'CTs rotor 1'	'coll'
full power	'windtunnel'	3	'CTs rotor 1', 'betac 1', 'betas 1'	'coll', 'latcyc', 'lngcyc'
ground run	'power'	1	'P margin 1'	'coll'
	'ground'	1	'force x'	'coll'



Aircraft – Controls



Aircraft controls: $ncontrol$, $IDENT_control(ncontrol)$

Number of control states: $nstate_control$

Control values as function of speed: $nVcont$, $cont(nVcont)$, $Vcont(nVcont)$

• **Select use for each condition and segment:**

– $FltState\%SET_control(ncontrol) = 0$ use $Aircraft\%cont$

– $FltState\%SET_control(ncontrol) = 1$ use $FltState\%control$ (default)

control system: set of aircraft controls c_{AC} defined

aircraft controls connected to individual controls of each component, $c = Tc_{AC} + c_0$

for each component control, define matrix T (for each control state) and value c_0

flight state specifies control state, or that control state obtained from conversion schedule

c_0 can be zero, constant, or function of flight speed (CAS or TAS, piecewise linear input)

use of component control c_0 can be suppressed for flight state using $SET_comp_control$

aircraft controls: identified by $IDENT_control$

typical aircraft controls are pilot's controls; default $IDENT_control = 'coll', 'latcyc', 'lngcyc', 'pedal', 'tilt'$

available for trim (flight state specifies trim option)

initial values specified if control is trim variable; otherwise fixed for flight state

each aircraft control can be zero, constant, or function of flight speed (CAS or TAS, piecewise linear input)

$coll/latcyc/lngcyc/pedal/tilt$ input put in appropriate $nVcont-cont-Vcont$, based on $IDENT_control$

flight state input can override

by connecting aircraft control to component control, flight state can specify component control value



Aircraft Controls



Control definition key feature for configuration generality

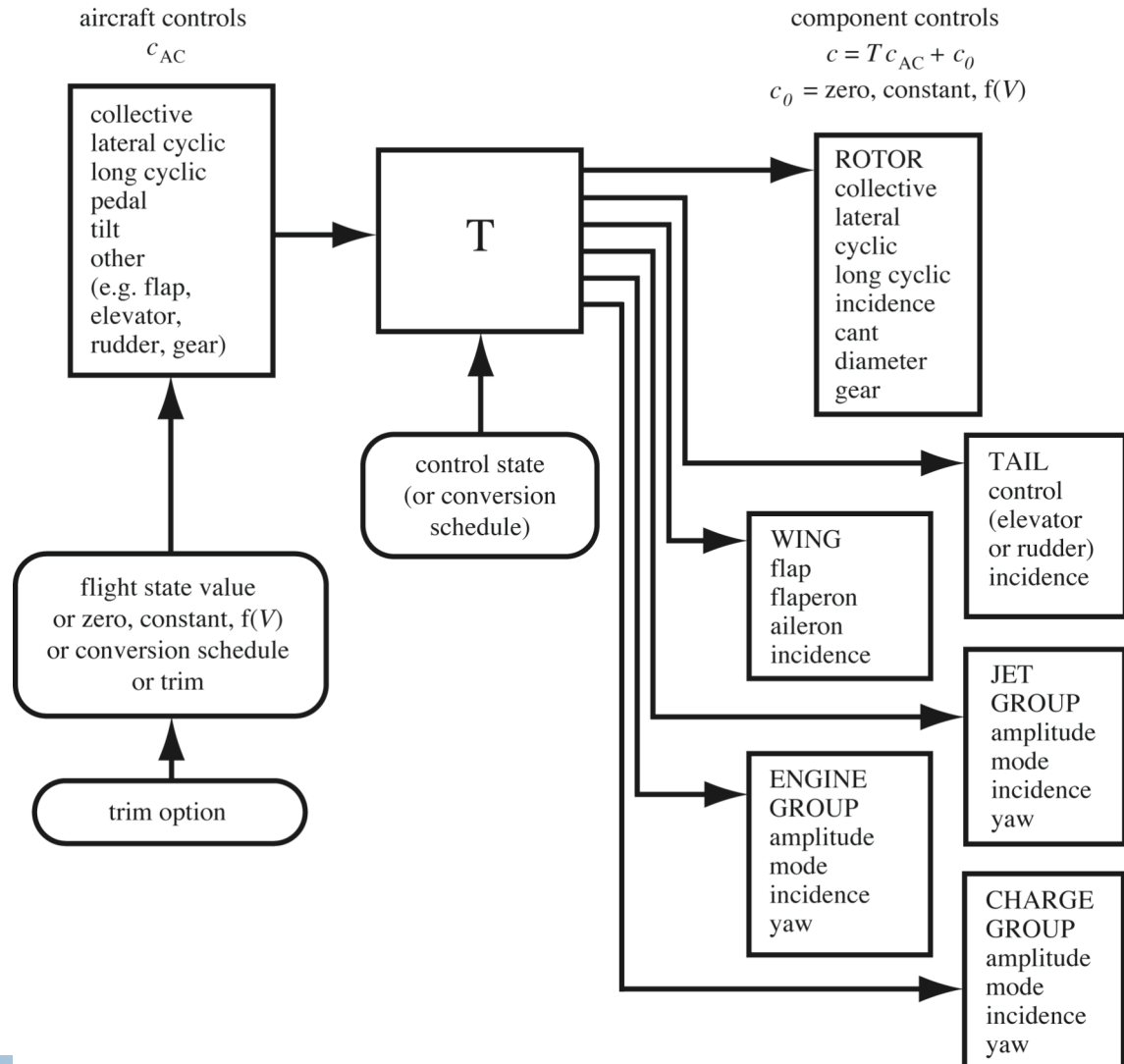
Aircraft controls connected to component controls

Aircraft controls include:

- **Pilot's controls**
- **Configuration variables (e.g. tilt of nacelle/pylon, engine, rotor shaft)**
- **Connections to component controls**

Only pilot's controls set / adjusted for flight condition or mission segment

- **Access to component controls only through matrix T**





Aircraft



Aircraft motion

- Pitch and roll motion as function of speed
- Select use for each condition and segment: *Aircraft* or *FltState*
 - *FltState%SET_pitch, FltState%SET_roll*

Conversion: schedule as function of speed

- Tilt, control state, drive system state, tip speed
- Select use for each condition and segment: *Aircraft* or *FltState*
 - *FltState%SET_tilt, FltState%STATE_control, FltState%STATE_gear, FltState%SET_Vtip*

Velocity schedules: *SET_Vschedule = 1 CAS, 2 TAS*



Aircraft – Trim



Number of trim states: *nstate_trim*

Trim state definition:

- **Label:** *IDENT_trim(nstate_trim)*
 - › *FltState%STATE_trim* identifies trim method by label
- **Number of trim variables:** *mtrim(nstate_trim)*
- **Trim quantities:** *trim_quant(mtrim,nstate_trim)*
- **Trim variables:** *trim_var(mtrim,nstate_trim)*
- **Target source:** *trim_target(mtrim,nstate_trim) = FltState* or component



Aircraft – Geometry



Fixed or scaled input

- *INPUT_geom=1*: fixed, SL / BL / WL
- *INPUT_geom=2*: scaled, x/L / y/L / z/L

Reference length for scaled geometry: *KIND_scale*, *kScale*

Reference point: *KIND_Ref*, *kRef*, *SL_Ref*, *BL_Ref*, *WL_Ref*



Geometry



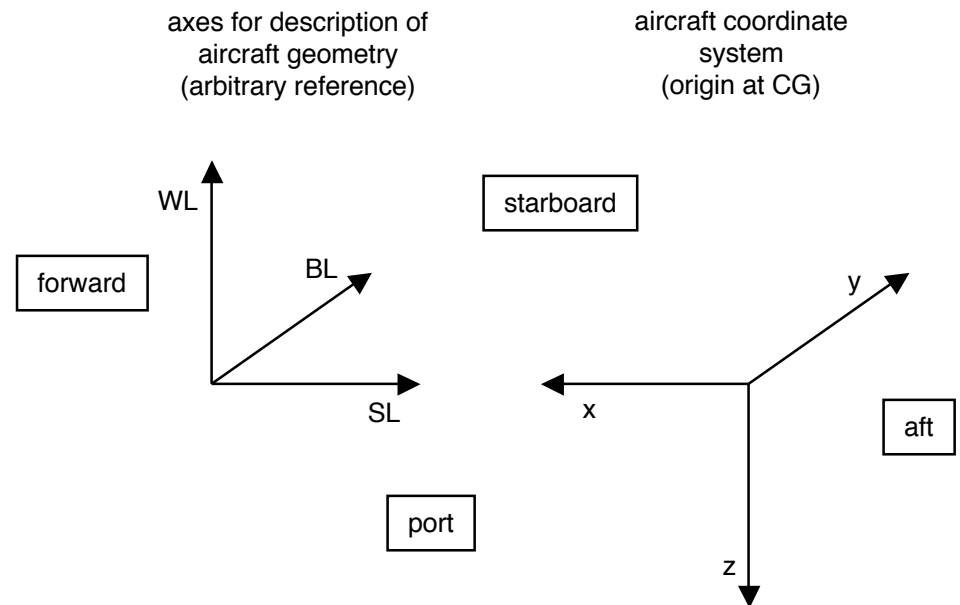
Component position input: fixed or scaled

Fixed:

- Station line, butt line, water line (SL, BL, WL)

Scaled

- x/L , y/L , z/L
- reference length L = rotor radius, wing span, or fuselage length
- relative reference point = input, rotor, wing, fuselage, or center of gravity





Location



Aircraft: define how geometry is input

- *INPUT_geom*: **Fixed** (*SL*, *BL*, *WL*) or **scaled** (*XoL*, *YoL*, *ZoL*)
- *KIND_scale*: **Global reference length for scaled geometry**
 - rotor radius (*kScale*), wing span (*kScale*), or fuselage length
- *KIND_Ref*: **Location reference point set**
 - input *SL/WL/BL*, rotor center, wing, fuselage, or center-of-gravity

Component or *Geometry*:

- **Input either**

loc_zzz%SL, loc_zzz%BL, loc_zzz%WL

- **or**

loc_zzz%XoL, loc_zzz%YoL, loc_zzz%ZoL

- **Option to fix some geometry** (*loc_zzz%FIX_geom* override *INPUT_geom*)
- **Option to specify reference length** (*loc_zzz%KIND_scale* override *KIND_scale*)



Aircraft



Takeoff flight condition: *SET_Atmos*

- *Temp, dtemp, density, csound, viscosity, altitude*

Weight

- Design gross weight, structural design gross weight, maximum takeoff weight
- Weight empty
- Moments of inertia

Drag

- **Total aircraft drag:** *FIX_drag*
- **Total aircraft download:** *FIX_DL*

Number of components: set for default configuration

- *nRotor, nWing, nTail*
- *nTank, nPropulsion, nEngineGroup, nJetGroup, nChargeGroup*
- *nEngineModel, nEngineTable, nCompressorModel, nMotorModel*
- *nJetModel*
- *nFuelCellModel, nSolarCellModel*
- *nBatteryModel*



Cost



Inflation factors: *MODEL_inf*, *year_infl*, *inflation*, *EXTRAP_inf*

- **Input inflation always used**
 - Default *inflation*=100.%, with **CPI** or **DoD** for *year_infl*
- **DoD: deflators for Total Obligational Authority and Procurement**
- **Consumer price index: all urban consumers, U.S city average, all items**

CTM (Harris and Scully) Rotorcraft Cost Model

- **Aircraft purchase price**
- **Maintenance cost**
- **Direct operating cost**



Systems



Weight information

- **Payload, fixed useful load**
- **Folding**
 - Optionally fraction of fold weights in kit, which can be removed when not required
- **Vibration treatment**
- **Contingency**

Systems and equipment

Weight models

- **Flight control group**
 - non-boosted controls: do not see aerodynamic surface or rotor loads
 - boost mechanisms: actuators
 - boosted controls: affected by aerodynamic surface or rotor loads
- **Anti-icing group**



Fuselage



Geometry

- **Location** (*loc_fuselage*)
- **Length, width, wetted area, cabin area, reference length**
- **Geometry for graphics**

Aerodynamics

- **Model, contingency drag**

Weight

Aerodynamics and drag model

Weight models



LandingGear



Geometry

- Location (*loc_gear*)
- Height rotor above ground
- Retraction

Aerodynamics

Weight

Drag model

Weight models



Rotor



One or more rotors (or none)

- Designated main, tail, or propeller: weight model, where in weight statement
- Designated antitorque or auxiliary-thrust: special sizing options
- Other configuration features: tilting, ducted, variable diameter, reaction drive

Connected to propulsion group (drive train)

- Set tip speed, drive losses (even if no shaft power source)

Energy method for power: induced + profile + parasite

- In terms of induced power factor and mean drag coefficient
- Including induced power for twin rotors

Inplane forces relative TPP: calculate with blade element theory, or neglect

Profile inplane forces: calculate with blade element theory, or simplified

Rotor interference at other components: fuselage, wings, tails

- Wake-induced velocity at component estimated based on inflow at rotor

Rotor drag (hub, pylon, spinner)



Rotor



Configuration

- Principal designation (main, tail, prop): rotor weight in weight statement
- Antitorque, auxiliary thrust: special options for sizing
- Twin rotors (coaxial, tandem, tiltrotor): special options for geometry and performance
- Variable diameter, ducted fan
- Reaction drive

Propulsion group: identified by *kPropulsion* (which can have several drive states)

- Drive system branch: *KIND_xmsn=1* primary, *0* dependent
- Primary: specify reference tip speed *Vtip_ref*, and default tip speeds
- Dependent: specify gear ratios, or calculate from *Vtip_ref* of this and primary rotor

Reaction drive

Default rotor tip speeds: only for primary rotor; select by *FltState%SET_Vtip*

Drive system torque limit

Parameters: use depends on *Size%SET_rotor*

- Rotor disk loading T/A (*diskload*), from $fDGW \cdot DGW$ or $fThrust \cdot Tdesign$
- Aircraft disk loading from *fArea*
- Radius, $CWs = C_W/\sigma$, $\sigma = \sigma$
- *Tdesign*, *Pdesign*, *Ndesign* for antitorque or aux thrust rotor



Rotor



Geometry

- Position *SET_geom*, twin rotor parameters, tail rotor, variable geometry
- Direction of rotation (*rotate=1* CCW, *-1* CW), number of blades
- Planform and twist
- Flap dynamics
- Aerodynamics
- Blockage factor

Geometry for graphics

Blade element theory solution

Geometry

- Locations: *loc_rotor*, *loc_pylon*; *loc_pivot*, *loc_naccg* with shaft tilt
- Nominal orientation: $\pm x$, $\pm y$, $\pm z$, main (-z), tail (ry), prop (x)
- Shaft control (*KIND_tilt*): fixed shaft, or incidence and/or cant control
- Orientation of rotor shaft
- Orientation of pivot axis

Controls

- Rotor control mode: *KIND_control*, *KIND_cyclic*, *KIND_coll*
- Collective, longitudinal cyclic, lateral cyclic, incidence, cant, diameter, gear ratio
 - Parameters *INPUT_zzz*, *T_zzz*, *nVzzz*, *zzz*, *Vzzz*

Trim targets

Rotor thrust capability



Rotor



Performance

- Power model: *MODEL_perf=1* standard, 2 table
- Inplane forces: *MODEL_Ftp*, *MODEL_Fpro*

Interference

- Model, transition

Geometry

- Hub/pylon aerodynamic axes
- Pylon wetted area, duct area, spinner area

Drag

Weight

- Model, increments
- Blade moment of inertia
- Technology factors

Rotor induced and profile power models, table model

Drag model

Interference model

Weight models



Wing



Geometry defined in terms of wing panels

- Symmetric
- Each panel has straight aerodynamic center and linear taper
 - Sweep, dihedral, offsets of aerodynamic center
- Set of outboard panels can be considered wing extension

Controls: flap, flaperon, aileron, incidence

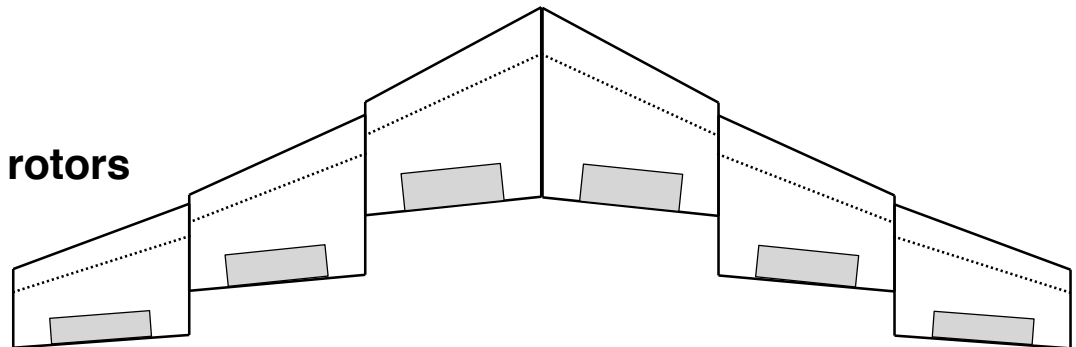
- Controls for each panel
- Flaperon and aileron are same surface

Wing interference on other wings (biplane or tandem)

Wing interference on tail

Wing interference on rotors

Induced-drag interference from rotors





Wing



Geometry: Use depends on *Size%SET_wing*

- Wing loading *W/S (wingload)*, from *fDGW*DGW*
- Area, span, chord, aspect ratio

Geometry

- Rotors, span calculation, thickness, torque box

Geometry for graphics

Geometry

- Location (*loc_wing*)
- Number of panels

Wing panels

Wing extensions

Wing kit

Controls (each panel)

- Kind: *KIND_flap, KIND_aileron, KIND_incid, KIND_flaperon*
- Flap, flaperon, aileron, incidence
 - Parameters *INPUT_zzz, T_zzz, nVzzz, zzz, Vzzz*



Wing



Trim targets

Aerodynamics

Weight

Aerodynamics and drag model

Weight models

Tiltrotor wing weight model



Tail



Kind: *KIND_tail=1* horizontal, 2 vertical

Geometry: use depends on *SET_tail*

- Area, span, chord, aspect ratio, tail volume

Geometry for graphics

Geometry

- location (*loc_tail*)
- Cant angle, control surface

Controls

- Elevator or rudder, incidence
 - Parameters *INPUT_zzz*, *T_zzz*, *nVzzz*, *zzz*, *Vzzz*

Aerodynamics

Weight

Aerodynamics and drag model

Weight models



FuelTank



Each system consists of main tank(s) and auxiliary tank(s)

- Engines, jets, chargers associated with a fuel tank system
- Fuel container has weight
- Fuel quantity stored and burned is measured in **weight** or **energy**

Weight changes as fuel used

- Jet fuel, gasoline, diesel, hydrogen
- Characteristics: density (lb/gal or kg/liter), specific energy (MJ/kg), tank weight

Energy changes as fuel used, weight does not change

- Battery, flywheel, capacitor
- Characteristics: tank density (MJ/liter), tank specific energy (MJ/kg)

Battery model

- Characteristics: efficiency (varies with power, state-of-charge), power density (kW/kg)



FuelTank



Configuration

- **Fuel quantity stored and used:** *SET_burn=1* weight, *2* energy
- **Weight properties:** *fuel_density*, *specific_energy*
- **Sizing:** fuel capacity (*Wfuel_cap* or *Efuel_cap*), *fFuel_cap*
- **Battery identification:** *IDENT_battery* points to **BatteryModel**

Geometry for graphics

Auxiliary fuel tank

- Number tank sizes
- Capacity, tank weight, drag
- Location (*loc_auxtank*)

Weight

Weight models

- **Weight storage:** tank, plumbing
- **Energy storage:** tank weight and volume density



Propulsion



Propulsion Group

- Set of **rotors** and **engine groups**, connected by **drive system**
 - One or more **drive states**, with different gear ratios
 - Tip speed: input, reference, function speed or conversion schedule, or various defaults
- Power required = component power + transmission losses + accessory losses
- Drive system limit (torque), rotor and engine shaft limits
- Drive system weight

Engine Group

- Each engine group has one or more **engines** of same type
- Performance at required power: mass flow, fuel flow, jet thrust, momentum drag
- Controls: yaw, incidence
- Drag, weight

Referred Parameter Turboshaft Engine Model

- Enables aircraft performance analysis to cover entire spectrum of operation
 - Curve fits of referred performance from engine deck, including effect of turbine speed
- Effects of **size** (scaling model, based on mass flow) and **technology** (specific power and specific fuel consumption)



Propulsion



Propulsion Groups

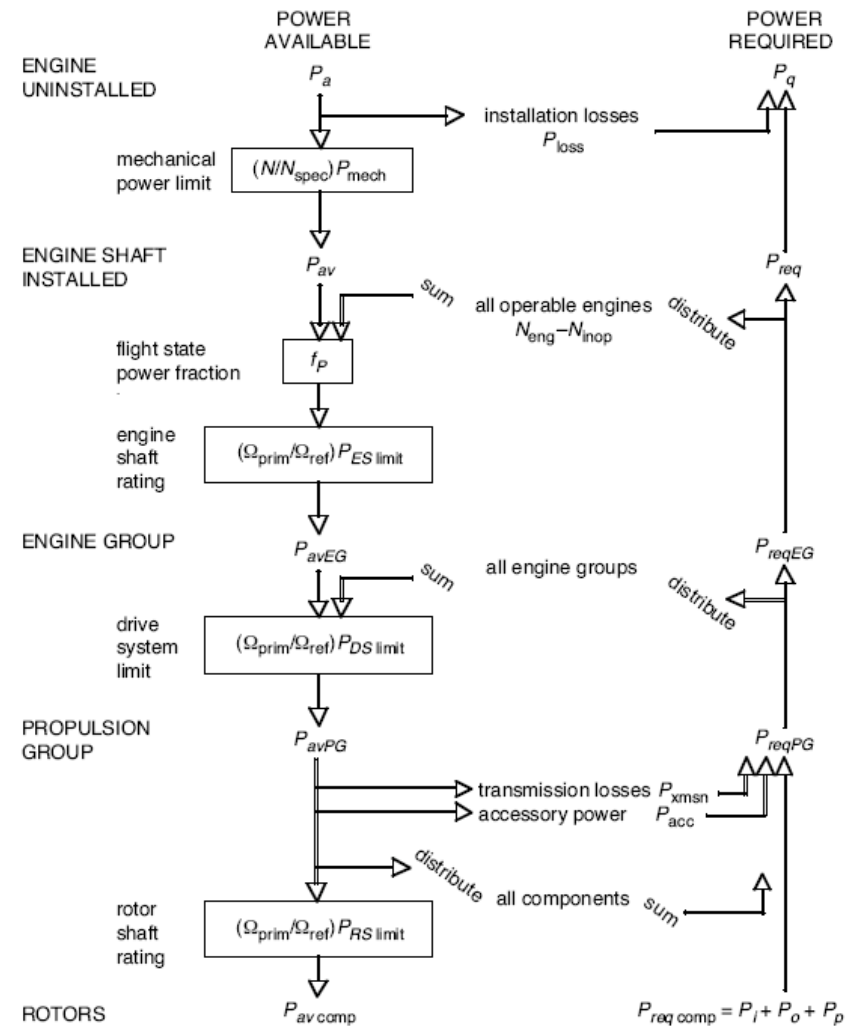
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 - One or more **drive states**, with different gear ratios
- Power required = $P_{comp} + P_{xmsn} + P_{acc}$
- Drive system limit (torque), rotor and engine shaft limits

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Max Gross Weight Options	Max Effort or Trim Options
$P_{reqPG} = fP_{avPG} + d$	$P_{reqPG} = P_{avPG}$
$Q_{req} \leq Q_{limit}$	$Q_{req} \leq Q_{limit}$



Original Propulsion Representation



Mechanical drive train, connecting engine groups and rotors

Engine group, consisting of one or more turboshaft engines

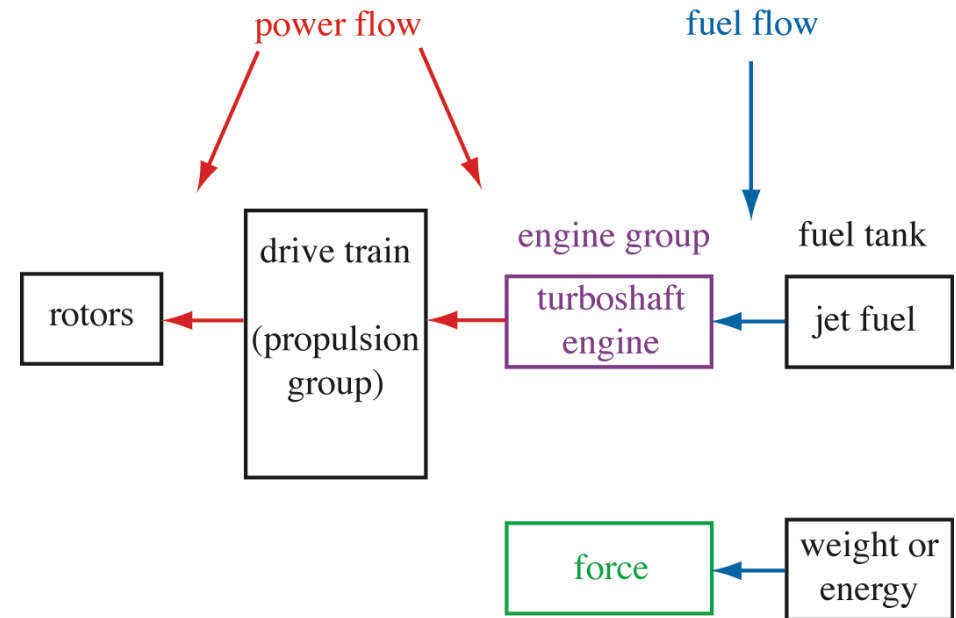
- Referred Parameter Turboshaft Engine Model

Fuel tank system (main and aux tanks)

- Weight changes as fuel used, fuel is measured in weight

Force generation by simple model

- Fuel used is measured as weight or energy





Propulsion



Connecting components of propulsion system

rotor-drive-turboshaft-fuel

```

=====
&DEFN quant='Aircraft',&END
&VALUE nTank=1,nPropulsion=1,nEngineGroup=1,nEngineModel=1,&END ! defaults
!-----
&DEFN quant='Rotor 1',&END
&VALUE kPropulsion=1,&END ! default
!-----
&DEFN quant='FuelTank',&END
&VALUE &END
!-----
&DEFN quant='Propulsion',&END
&VALUE &END
!-----
&DEFN quant='EngineGroup',&END
&VALUE
    MODEL_engine='RPTEM', ! default
    IDENT_engine='enginemodel',
    kPropulsion=1,kFuelTank=1, ! default
&END
!-----
&DEFN quant='EngineModel',&END
&VALUE ident='enginemodel',&END
=====

```

connect to drive

turboshaft engine
identify model
connect to drive and fuel tank

rotor-drive-motor-battery (using defaults)

```

=====
&DEFN quant='Aircraft',&END
&VALUE nEngineModel=0,nMotorModel=1,nBatteryModel=1,&END
!-----
&DEFN quant='FuelTank',&END
&VALUE SET_burn=2,IDENT_battery='battmodel',&END
!-----
&DEFN quant='EngineGroup',&END
&VALUE
    MODEL_engine='motor',
    IDENT_engine='motormodel',
&END
!-----
&DEFN quant='MotorModel',&END
&VALUE ident='motormodel',&END
!-----
&DEFN quant='BatteryModel',&END
&VALUE ident='battmodel',&END
=====

```

number of components

burn energy, connect to battery model

electric model
identify model



Propulsion



Drive system

- Number of states

Transmission losses

Accessory losses

Geometry: drive shaft length

Drive system torque limit

Drive system ratings

Weight

Weight models



EngineGroup



Description

- *MODEL_engine*
- *IDENT_engine, IDENT_system2*: point to **EngineModel, EngineTable, CompressorModel, or MotorModel**
- **Number of engines:** *nEngine*
- **Power:** *Peng, rating_to*
- *kFueltank, kRotor_react*

Propulsion group

- *kPropulsion*: point to propulsion group
- **Drive system branch (no rotors):** *KIND_xmsn=1* primary, 0 dependent
- **Gear ratio**

Sizing: distribute power required among engine groups (*Size%SIZE_perf*)

Drive system torque limit



EngineGroup



Installation

- Deterioration factor on fuel flow or performance: K_{ffd}
- Aerodynamic: efficiency and losses, auxiliary air momentum drag
- Electric: efficiency

IR suppressor

Convertible

Geometry

- Location (loc_engine)
- Nominal orientation, position
- Nacelle/cowling wetted area

Controls

- Amplitude, mode; incidence, yaw; gear ratio
 - Parameters $INPUT_zzz$, T_zzz , $nVzzz$, zzz , $Vzzz$

Nacelle drag

Weight

Drag model

Weight models

- Engine section or nacelle group, air induction group
- Engine system, exhaust and accessories



EngineModel



Identification

- *ident*: match *IDENT_engine* of EngineGroup

Weight

Engine ratings

Reference

- Power, specific power, mechanical limit
- Specific fuel consumption, specific jet thrust
- Turbine speed

Technology

Scaling

Optimum power turbine speed

Power available and power required parameters



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NDARC Job



Job consists of tasks and requirements

- **Job, Cases, Solution input**

Tasks

- **Size** aircraft for design conditions and missions
- **OffDesign**: mission analysis
- **Performance**: flight performance analysis

Requirements

- **FltCond**: flight condition (size and performance)
- **Mission**: mission analysis (size and off-design)
 - **MissSeg**: mission segment
- **FltState** (or FltAircraft): for each flight condition and mission segment

Input Manual describes parameters for each of these input blocks



Job Input



Start of NDARC input, only read once

Default values always used to start first case (before input read)

Set initialization of parameters from previous case

- Inherit only input (default)

INIT_input=1,INIT_data=0

- Inherit design and solution: all parameters (input, input-modified, derived)

INIT_input=2,INIT_data=2

File write behavior

- Default: *Open_status=2*,

- STATUS='NEW' behavior in FORTRAN

- On some platforms will cause NDARC to exit with error if file already exists

- For Windows machines use *Open_status=1*

- STATUS='REPLACE' behavior

- Automatically overwrites existing file



Cases Input



Description

- Title, subtitles, notes, identification
- Analysis generates time-date identification string

Tasks

- **Size aircraft for design condition:** *TASK_Size*
 - Sizing task not required if aircraft or solution file read-in
 - Variables set in *Size* input structure — required even for fixed design
- **Mission analysis:** *TASK_Mission*
 - Number of missions in *OffDesign* input structure
- **Flight performance analysis:** *TASK_perf*
 - Number of flight conditions in *Performance* input structure
- **Map of engine performance or airframe aerodynamics**



Cases Input



Write input parameters

- **Default: only first case; including tech factors and geometry**

Output

- **Select files: *OUT_zzzz* (0 for none), file name *FILE_zzzz***
 - **Design and performance files: same information as standard output**
 - › Tab delimited, full precision numbers
 - **Geometry file: for graphics**
 - **Sketch file: to check geometry and solution (DXF format)**
 - **Aircraft and solution files: read by subsequent job**
- **Formats: *WRITE_zzzz***
 - *WRITE_wt_long=0* omit zero lines in weight statement

Gravity: standard or input

Units

- **Analysis units: *Units=1* English, *2* SI**



Solution



All iterations: *niter_zzzz*, *toler_zzzz*, *relax_zzzz*

Rotor

Trim

- **Derivative:** *deriv_trim=1* first order (default), 2 second order

Maximum effort

- **Method:** *method_fly* (default secant)
- **Method for maximization:** *method_flymax* (default golden section)
 - Can use curve fit for difficult V-best-range convergence
- **Maximum derivative amplitude:** *maxderiv_fly*
- **Maximum increment fraction:** *maxinc_fly*

Maximum gross weight (flight condition or mission takeoff)

Mission

- **Relaxation:** *relax_miss*, *relax_range* (range credit), *relax_gw* (max GW)

Size aircraft

- **Number of iterations:** *niter_size*, *niter_param*
- **Relaxation:** size (power or radius), DGW, drive system, WMTO and SDGW, fuel tank, design rotor thrust

Trace: *trace_rotor*, *trace_trim*, *trace_fly*, *trace_maxgw*, *trace_miss*, *trace_size*

Case trace: *trace_case*, *trace_start*



Size



Sizing method

- **Performance:** *SIZE_perf*
 - **Engine power** (*SIZE_perf*='engine') or **rotor radius** (*SIZE_perf*='rotor') from **flight conditions and mission segments** (if *DESIGN_engine*=1, *SIZE_engine*=1)
 - › Ignore conditions and segments with zero power margin (max GW, max effort, or trim)
 - › *SIZE_param*=1 to force parameter iteration when power not sized
- **Rotor:** *SET_rotor*
- **Wing:** *SET_wing*
- **Weight:** *FIX_DGW*, *FIX_WE*, *SET_SDGW*, *SET_WMTO*
- **Fuel tank capacity:** *SET_tank*
- **Drive system torque limit:** *SET_limit_ds*

Number of sizing flight conditions: *nFltCond* (maximum *nfltmax* = 21)

- **Input one condition** (*FltCond* and *FltState* variables) in *SizeCondition* namelist

Number of design missions: *nMission* (maximum *nmissmax* = 20)

- **Input one mission** (*MissParam*, *MissSeg*, and *FltState* variables) in *SizeMission* namelist



Size



Fixed aircraft: input aircraft description, perhaps as aircraft file from previous job

- **turn off sizing:** *Cases%TASK_size=0*
- **fix aircraft:**
 - *SIZE_perf='none', SET_rotor=2*'radius+Vtip+sigma'*
 - *FIX_DGW=1, SET_SDGW='input', SET_WMTO='input'*
 - *SET_tank='input', SET_limit_ds='input'*
- **perhaps** *Rotor%SET_limit_rs=0, EngineGroup%SET_limit_es=0*
- **with wing panels:** *SET_wing='WL+panel',
Wing%SET_panel='width+taper', 'span+taper'*



Flight State (FltState)



Fundamental operating state description

- Defined for each mission segment and performance condition
- Input with *SizeMission*, *SizeCondition*, *OffMission*, *PerfCondition*
- Input values part of *FltAircraft* structure

Maximum effort: one or two parameters maximized; on fixed operating state

- One parameter: *SET_max=1,max_quant='zzz',max_var='zzz'*
- Two parameters: *SET_max=2,max_quant='zz1','zz2',max_var='zz1','zz2'*
(first is inner loop)

Examples

- maximum speed: *SET_max=1,max_quant='Pmarg',max_var='speed'*
- best range speed (high): *SET_max=1,max_quant='range',max_var='speed'*
- best endurance speed: *SET_max=1,max_quant='end',max_var='speed'*
- max climb rate: *SET_max=1,max_quant='Pmarg',max_var='ROC'*
- best climb: *SET_max=2,max_quant='Pmarg','climb',max_var='ROC','speed'*
- ceiling: *SET_max=1,max_quant='Pmarg',max_var='alt'* (ROC=100 for service ceiling)
- ceiling: *SET_max=2,max_quant='Pmarg','alt',max_var='alt','speed'*



Flight State (FltState)



Flight speed: *SET_vel*

- horizontal velocity (*Vkts* or *Mach*), ROC, climb angle, sideslip angle

Aircraft motion: pitch and roll; pullup, linear acceleration

Altitude

Atmosphere: *SET_atmos*; *temp*, *dtemp*, *density*, *csound*, *viscosity*

- **Standard:** *SET_atmos*='std',*altitude*=zzz.
- **4k/95:** *SET_atmos*='temp',*altitude*=4000.,*temp*=95.

Ground effect: *SET_GE*, *HAGL*

- Height rotor = $HAGL + (WL_{hub} - WL_{gear} + d_{gear})$

Landing gear state: *STATE_LG*

Aircraft control: *STATE_control* (0 use conversion schedule)

- **Specification:** *SET_control*=0 Aircraft or 1 FltState
- **Control value:** *control*



Flight State (FltState)



Center of gravity

Each propulsion group

- Rotor tip speed: *SET_Vtip*
- Drive system state: *STATE_gear* (select gear ratios)
- Drive system rating and limits: *rating_ds*, *SET_plimit*, *SET_Qlimit*
- Deice system state: *STATE_deice*
- Accessory power increment: *dPacc*

Each engine group

- Engine rating: *rating*
 - Match *EngineModel%rating*, typically MCP, IRP, MRP
- Fraction of rated power available: *fPower*
- Number inoperative engines: *nEnglnop*
- Power required: *SET_Preq* (distributed or fixed)
- IR suppressor state: *STATE_IRS*



Flight State (FltState)



Performance

- Payload drag increments

Rotor (supersede rotor model)

- Induced power factor (K_i), profile power mean drag (c_{d0})
- Inplane forces calculation
- Control mode

Trim: *STATE_trim*, match *Aircraft%IDENT_trim*, 'none' for no trim

- Configuration default defines trim states: *IDENT_trim*='free', 'symm', 'hover', 'thrust', 'rotor', 'windtunnel', 'power', 'ground'
- Requirement for *trim_target* depends on *Aircraft%trim_quant*

Iterations: supersede *Solution* input



Performance



Number of flight conditions: *nFltCond*

- **Maximum number** *nfltmax = 21*
- **Input one condition** (*FltCond* and *FltState* variables) in *PerfCondition* namelist



Flight Condition (FltCond)



Label: short description for column of output

Gross weight: *SET_GW*

- Input (*GW*)
- **DGW, SDGW, WMTO**
- **Maximize for $P_{req} = fPavP_{av} + dPav$**
- **Input payload and fuel weight, gross weight fallout**

Altitude: *SET_alt*

Source for gross weight and altitude: for *SET_GW*='source'

- ***KIND_source* = size mission, size condition, off design mission, performance condition**



Flight Condition (FltCond)



Useful load: *SET_UL*

- Payload: input, fuel weight fallout
- Fuel tank: input, payload fallout
 - Auxiliary fuel tanks: *SET_auxtank* = adjust, only increase, fixed number
- Fixed useful load
 - Weight increments (baseline in *Systems*)
 - Kits on aircraft

Design condition: *DESIGN_zzzz* (0 not)

- Power, DGW, transmission, SDGW, WMTO, rotor thrust



Flight Condition (FltCond)



Parameter sweep: only for performance flight conditions, not for sizing

- **Simplifies input of performance conditions**
- **Input as one flight condition (*PerfCondition*), with sweep variable(s)**
- **Single data structure, so full information saved only for last value**
- **Maximum total number of values for all conditions is *nsweepmax=200***

Control: *SET_sweep = 0* none, *1* from list, *2* from range

Sweep variables: *nquant_sweep* (maximum 3), *quant_sweep*

- **For example: *Vkts*, *altitude*, *GW* (complete list in input manual)**

Range: *sweep_first*, *sweep_last*, *sweep_inc*

- **Sweeps executed from *sweep_last* to *sweep_first***
- **Sign of *sweep_inc* ignored**

List: *nsweep*, *sweep*, *sweep2*, *sweep3*



OffDesign



Number of missions: $nMission$

- **Maximum number** $nmissmax = 20$
- **Maximum number of segments** $nsegmax = 20$ for each mission
- **Input one mission** (*MissParam*, *MissSeg*, and *FltState* variables) in *OffMission* namelist
 - All mission segments are defined there, so *MissSeg* and *FltState* variables are arrays
 - Each variable gets one more dimension, first array index is always segment number
 - › so row in namelist covers all segments



Mission



Label: short description for column of output

Gross weight: *SET_GW*

- Input (*GW*)
- **DGW, SDGW, WMT0**
- **Maximize for $P_{req} = fP_{av}P_{av} + dP_{av}$ for designated segments (*MaxGW*)**
- **Input payload and fuel weight, gross weight fallout**
- **Input payload, fuel weight from mission, gross weight fallout**

Useful load: *SET_UL*

- **Payload: input, fuel weight fallout**
 - **Payload changes: *SET_pay***
- **Fuel tank: input, initial payload fallout**
 - **Auxiliary fuel tanks: *SET_auxtank* = adjust, only increase, fixed number**
- **Mission fuel: fuel weight from mission, initial payload fallout**
- **Fixed useful load**
 - **Folding kit on aircraft**

Reserve: *SET_reserve, fReserve*



Mission



Split segments: increments

- Distance, time, altitude, takeoff velocity, takeoff height

Design mission: *DESIGN_zzzz* (0 not)

- Power, DGW, transmission, fuel tank, rotor thrust

Segment integration: *KIND_SegInt* = start, midpoint (default), trapezoidal

Mission iteration: supersede *Solution* input

Number of mission segments: *nSeg* (maximum *nsegmax* = 20)



Mission Segment (MissSeg)



All *MissSeg* and *FltState* variables in arrays of length *nSeg*

Segment definition: *kind*, *dist* (nm), *time* (min)

- *'taxi'*, *'idle'*: taxi/warm-up (use *time*)
- *'dist'*: fly specified distance (use *dist*)
- *'time'*: fly specified time (use *time*)
- *'hold'*, *'loiter'*: fly specified time (use *time*), fuel burned but no distance added to range
- *'climb'*: climb/descend from present altitude to next segment altitude
- *'spiral'*: climb/descend from present altitude to next segment altitude, fuel burned but no distance added to range
- *'takeoff'*, *'TO'*: takeoff distance calculation



Mission Segment (MissSeg)



Segment definition:

- **Reserve**
 - Time and distance not included in block time and range
- **Adjustable**
 - Adjust time or distance segments, if *SET_UL* not mission fuel
- **Range credit**
 - Range added to specified segment, to facilitate specification of range
- **Ignore**
 - Removed from mission description, for flexible input
- **Copy**
 - Duplicate specified segment
- **Split**
 - Specify number, or calculate from increments

Segment can be only one of reserve, adjustable, or range credit

Refuel: *SET_fuel*



Mission Segment (MissSeg)



Gross weight: *MaxGW*

- $SET_GW = \text{maximize for } P_{req} = fPavP_{av} + dPav$

Useful load

- Payload weight change
- Fixed useful load
 - Weight increments (baseline in *Systems*)
 - Kits on aircraft

Altitude: *SET_alt*

Wind: *SET_wind*

- CA-HI, 85th Percentile, Winter Quartile: $9.59 + 0.00149 * \text{altitude}(\text{ft})$

Design mission: *SizeZzzz* (0 not)

- Power, DGW, transmission, rotor thrust

Takeoff distance calculation



Example Mission Profile



```

&DEFN quant='SizeMission', &END
&VALUE
  title = 'Example Payload-Range Mission'
  label = 'Ex-Miss',
  SET_GW = 'max', SET_UL = 'miss', SET_pay = 'none',
  DESIGN_GW = 1, DESIGN_xmsn = 1, DESIGN_tank = 0, !Mission sets DGW, XMSN Size
  Wpay = 4000.
  SET_reserve = 1, fReserve = 0.1, !Limit Fuel Reserve to 10% of Fuel Burned
  nSeg = 6,
  kind      = 'taxi',  'time',  'climb',  'dist',  'time',  'time',
  dist      = 0.,     0.,     0.,     250.,   0.,     0.,
  time      = 5.,     2.,     0.,     0.,     1.,     30.,
  reserve   = 0,      0,      0,      0,      0,      1,
  adjust    = 0,      0,      0,      0,      0,      0,
  range_credit = 0,   0,      4,      0,      0,      0,
  split     = 0,      0,      0,      1,      0,      0,
  MaxGW     = 0,      0,      0,      0,      0,      0,
  Vkts      = 0.,     0.,     250.,   275.,   0.,     275.,
  ROC       = 0.,     0.,     0.,     0.,     0.,     0.,
  SET_atmos = 'temp',  'temp',  'std',  'std',  'temp',  'temp',
  altitude  = 0.,     0.,     4000.,  12000., 4000.,  4000.,
  temp      = 102.92, 102.92, 59.0,  95.0,  95.0,  95.0,
  rating    = 'IRP',  'MRP',  'IRP',  'MCP',  'MRP',  'MCP',
  fPower    = 1.0,   0.95,  1.0,   1.0,   0.95,  1.0,
  SET_max   = 0,     0,     2,     1,     0,     1,
  max_quant = ' ',   ' ',   'Pmarg', 'range', ' ',   'range',
  max_var   = ' ',   ' ',   'ROC',  'speed', ' ',   'speed',
  max_quant(1,2) = ' ', ' ', 'climb', ' ',   ' ',   ' ',
  max_var(1,2) = ' ', ' ', 'speed', ' ',   ' ',   ' ',
  STATE_control = 1,  1,  2,  2,  1,  2,
  coll        = 1.,  5.,  3.,  2.,  5.,  2.,
  lngcyc      = 0.,  0.,  2.,  4.,  0.,  4.,
  pitch       = 0.,  0.,  5.,  2.,  0.,  2.,
  pedal       = 0.,  4.,  0.,  0.,  4.,  0.,
  STATE_trim  = 'power', 'hover', 'free', 'free', 'hover', 'free',
&END

```

Using defaults for many parameters

climb seg #3 distance credited to seg #4

seg #4 to be split into multiple segments

Either hover segment may limit TOGW

Best range speed segment

Best rate of climb speed segment



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Train01e: Size with changed technology

Train02a: add fuel tank sizing mission

- Design flight profile

Train02b/c/d: Off-design conditions

Train02e/f: Off-design missions

Exercises for student



Organization of Tutorial Files



Folders

- **Aircraft:** aircraft input
- **Engine:** engine model
- **Size:** *size* and *no_size*
- **Solution:** solution files
- **Condition:** point conditions and sweeps
- **Mission:** design and off-design missions
- **Output:** files generated by NDARC

Command files

- *file.bat*: execute NDARC, redirect input (to *file.njob*) and output
- *file.njob*: *Cases* and *Size* input, read secondary files



Command File



File *train01a.bat*:

```
..\..\bin\ndarc.exe < train01a.njob > Output\train01a.out
```

Change path as required for location of NDARC executable

Change format as appropriate for operating system

Double-click to run



Line Endings



NDARC files in distribution package generally have mix of line endings

- **Unix: LF**
- **Mac: CR**
- **Windows: CR-LF**

Often source of problems on PCs, when try to compile or run without checking line endings

- **Change to Windows line endings with editor such as Notepad++**



Train01a: Size Helicopter



Existing helicopter model

- Size weight and power, 1 design mission and 5 design flight conditions

Command: *train01a.bat* => *train01a.njob*

- **Reads** *train01.airc*, *gen2000.ts*, *solution.sol*, *design01.cond*, *design01.miss*
- **Produces** *train01a.out*, *train01a.dsgn*, *train01a.perf*, *train01a.geom*, *train01a.dxf*, *train01a.acd*, *train01a.soln*

Input files

- Examine aircraft model
- Examine design mission and flight conditions

Output file *train01a.out*

- Check convergence (search for “case conv”)
- Examine design solution
- Examine performance results



Organization



Order in *.njob file:

- Read aircraft, engine, conditions, missions first
 - so can change later in file
- When change condition or mission in *.njob, must identify by number
 - otherwise creating input for new condition/mission

Input files

- Organize the data
 - Many variables per line (shorter file)
 - › Perhaps in columns
 - Or one variable per line (comments easier)
- Note default values
 - Make extensive use of defaults
 - Define even if has default value
 - › Perhaps with comment describing variable options

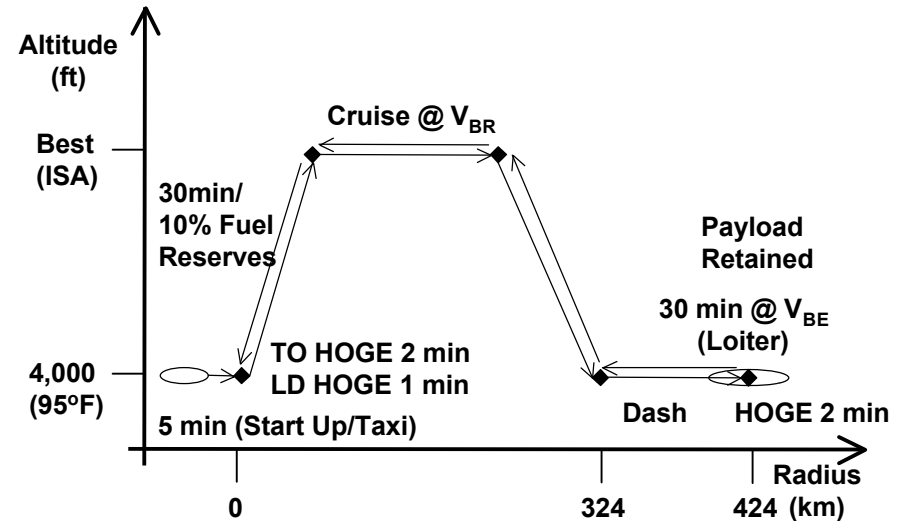


Design Flight Profile 1 – Vehicle Sizing



Utility Mission Flight Profile

Segment	Atm.	Time (min)	Dist. (km)	Speed (KTAS)	VROC Cap. (fpm)	Engine Rating		
1	Taxi	4k	95°F	5	-	-	=100% MCP	
2	Hover	4k	95°F	2	-	HOGE	500	≤95% MRP
3	Climb	-	ISA	-	Credit	~Vy	Fallout	≤100% IRP
4	Cruise	Best	ISA	-	324	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP
5	Dash	4k	95°F	-	100	V _{DASH}	-	=90% MCP
6	Loiter	4k	95°F	30	-	V _{BE}	-	≤100% MCP
7	Hover	4k	95°F	2	-	HOGE	500	≤95% MRP
8	Dash	4k	95°F	-	100	V _{DASH}	-	=90% MCP
9	Climb	-	ISA	-	Credit	~Vy	Fallout	≤100% IRP
10	Cruise	Best	ISA	-	324	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP
11	Hover	4k	95°F	1	-	HOGE	500	≤95% MRP
12	30min/ 10% Res.	Best	ISA	-	-	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP



Notes:

Sizes aircraft design gross weight and power

2500lb internal payload

HOGE: Hover out of ground effect; aircraft has capability for 500fpm VROC

VROC: Vertical rate of climb (purely vertical flight, no horizontal component to velocity)

Best: Selected for configuration's best performance

V_{BE}: Best endurance speed; minimum fuel flow

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Exercises for Student



Add design flight condition to specify maximum speed (DGW, 100%MCP)

- **Define speed (V_{kts}), omit max effort ($SET_{max}=0$), size power ($DESIGN_{engine}=1$)**

Vary cruise altitude in mission

Vary take-off conditions

- *altitude, SET_{atmos} , temp*

Ignore climb segments in mission

- **Set $ignore=1$**

Activate best-altitude calculation in mission segments 4 and 10

Activate speed for best climb calculation in mission segments 3 and 9

- **Use $SET_{max}=2$**
- **If does not converge, debug with trace and revise solution parameters or initial conditions**



Train01b: Disk Loading Sweep



Vary disk loading in multiple-case job

```
&DEFN quant='Rotor 1',&END  
&VALUE diskload=x.,&END  
&DEFN action='endofcase',&END
```

Input for each case terminated by *action='endofcase'*

Exercises for student

- Add disk loading values
 - If does not converge, debug with trace and revise solution parameters or initial conditions



Multiple-Case Jobs



Set initialization of parameters from previous case in *Job* namelist

- Inherit only input (default)

&JOB INIT_input=1,INIT_data=0,&END

- Inherit design and solution: all parameters (input, input-modified, derived)

&JOB INIT_input=2,INIT_data=2,&END

Input for each case terminated by *action='endofcase'*

Separate design and performance files produced for each case (*write_files=0*)

- Define file names for each case

&DEFN quant='Cases',&END

&VALUE FILE_design='zzzz.dsgn',FILE_perf='zzzz.perf',&END

May be necessary to delete missions and conditions (*quant='delete'*)

Can sometimes solve difficult problems using multiple-case job with all input inherited from previous case

- Sweep from easy-convergence to hard-convergence (for example, tech factors)
- Produce output files only for last case



Train01c: Analyze Saved Design



Start with Train01a

Load aircraft description file (instead of engine and aircraft input)

```
&DEFN action='load aircraft',file='Output\train01a.acd',&END
```

Off-design mission and performance analysis:

```
&DEFN quant='Cases',&END
```

```
&VALUE TASK_size=0,TASK_mission=1,TASK_perf=1,&END
```

Change flight condition and mission definition from design to off-design

- *Mission* => *OffMission*, *SizeCondition* => *PerfCondition*
 - Flight condition *KIND_source=1* => 3
- *DESIGN_zzzz* not used

Change Size parameters to no-sizing

```
&DEFN quant='Size',&END
```

```
&VALUE
```

```
title='No Sizing',SIZE_perf='none',SET_rotor=2*'Radius+Vtip+sigma',
```

```
FIX_DGW=1,FIX_WE=0,SET_SDGW='input',SET_WMTO='input',
```

```
SET_tank='input',SET_limit_ds='input',
```

```
&END
```



Train01d: Change Technology



Start with Train01c

Revised technology in file *helicopter_tech.airc*

- **Induced power $Ki_{hover}=1.125 \Rightarrow 1.09$**
- **Profile power $cd_{hel}=0.0080 \Rightarrow 0.0070$**
- **Blade weight tech factor $TECH_{blade}=1.0 \Rightarrow 0.85$**

Tech factors can be input in component structure, or in *quant='TechFactors'*

Read *helicopter_tech.airc* after load *training01a.acd*

Convergence requires $relax_{maxgw}=0.3$ (was 0.5)



Train01e: Size with Changed Technology



Start with Train01a

Revised technology in file *helicopter_tech.airc*

- **Induced power** $Ki_{hover}=1.125 \Rightarrow 1.09$
- **Profile power** $cd_{hel}=0.0080 \Rightarrow 0.0070$
- **Blade weight tech factor** $TECH_{blade}=1.0 \Rightarrow 0.85$

Tech factors can be input in component structure, or in *quant='TechFactors'*

Read *helicopter_tech.airc* after read *helicopter.airc*

Convergence requires

```
&DEFN quant='SizeMission 1',&END
```

```
&VALUE init_trim(8)=1,&END
```



Train02a: Add Fuel Tank Sizing Mission



Add second mission for fuel tank sizing

Start with Mission 1

Midpoint loiter (segment 6): 120 min

Payload: 0 passenger, 1000 lb (and 5 ft² drag) dropped at segment 7

Mission equipment: additional 400 lb

Mission 1: *DESIGN_tank=0*

Mission 2: only *DESIGN_tank=1*

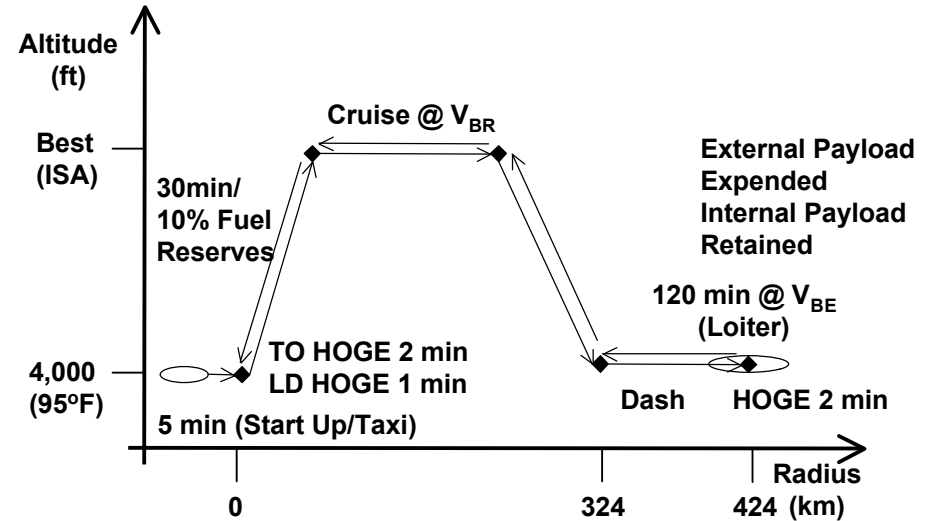
Convergence requires *init_trim=1*



Design Flight Profile 2 – Fuel Tank Sizing



Segment	Atm.		Time (min)	Dist. (km)	Speed (KTAS)	VROC Cap. (fpm)	Engine Rating
1	Taxi	4k 95°F	5	-	-	-	=100% MCP
2	Hover	4k 95°F	2	-	HOGE	500	≤95% MRP
3	Climb	- ISA	-	Credit	~V _y	Fallout	≤100% IRP
4	Cruise	Best ISA	-	324	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP
5	Dash	4k 95°F	-	100	V _{DASH}	-	=90% MCP
6	Loiter	4k 95°F	120	-	V _{BE}	-	≤100% MCP
7	Hover	4k 95°F	2	-	HOGE	500	≤95% MRP
8	Dash	4k 95°F	-	100	V _{DASH}	-	=90% MCP
9	Climb	- ISA	-	Credit	~V _y	Fallout	≤100% MCP
10	Cruise	Best ISA	-	324	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP
11	Hover	4k 95°F	1	-	HOGE	-	≤95% MRP
12	30min/10% Res.	Best ISA	-	-	V _{BR}	-	≤100% MCP



Notes:

Sizes aircraft's fuel tank capacity

1400lb payload (1000lb expendable and 400lb MEP delta)

HOGE: Hover out of ground effect; aircraft has capability for 500fpm VROC

VROC: Vertical rate of climb (purely vertical flight, no horizontal component to velocity)

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V_{DASH}: Dash or penetration speed.

V_y: Best rate of climb speed

Reserve fuel is that required for either 30 minutes at V_{BR} or 10% of mission fuel, whichever is greater

5 ft² external stores drag area



Train02b/c/d: Off-Design Conditions



Start with Train02a

Analyze saved design, aircraft description *train02a.acd* (as for Train01c)

Power vs speed (Train02b)

- **Sweep: speed = 0 to 180 knots**
- **Fix: DGW, altitude**
- **Atmosphere: SLS, 4k/95, 12k/ISA**

Best effort speeds vs altitude (Train02c)

- **Sweep: altitude = 0 to 20000 ft**
- **Fix: DGW, SLS**
- **Maximum effort: Vbe, Vbr, VMCP**

HOGCE Ceiling vs GW (Train02d)

- **Sweep: altitude = 0 to 20000 ft**
- **Atmosphere: ISA, 95, 95 + 500fpm VROC**
- **Maximum GW**



Train02e/f: Off-Design Missions



Start with Train02a

Analyze saved design, aircraft description *train02a.acd* (as for Train01c)

Self-deploy (Train02e)

- Takeoff weight: WMTO; payload = 0; aux tanks as required
 - Aux tank defined in *helicopter.airc*: *Waux_cap=2000.,fWauxtank=0.11,*
- Headwinds
- Adjust distance for available fuel
- Convergence requires *relax_miss=0.5*

Payload-Range (Train02f)

- Mission 1: Design mission, 4k/95 takeoff/midpoint/landing
 - subsequent missions copy mission 1
 - revise *SET_GW, SET_UL, adjust, range_credit, ignore, Max_GW*
- Mission 2: go nowhere
 - max TOGW, fallout payload; ignore climb and cruise segments
- Mission 3: dash only
 - max TOGW, fallout payload; ignore climb and long-range cruise
- Mission 4: payload corner (max internal fuel)
 - max TOGW, fallout payload; adjust distance for available fuel
- Mission 5: zero payload (max internal fuel)
 - zero payload, fallout gross weight; adjust distance for available fuel



Excercises for Student



Change configuration

- **Tandem helicopter**
- **Coaxial helicopter**
- **Tiltrotor**

Autogyro

- **Add propeller and drive train (or simple jet)**
- **Disconnect rotor from engine**
- **Define controls, trim strategies**

Compound helicopter

- **Add wing**
- **Add propeller, connect to drive train**
- **Define controls, trim strategies**

