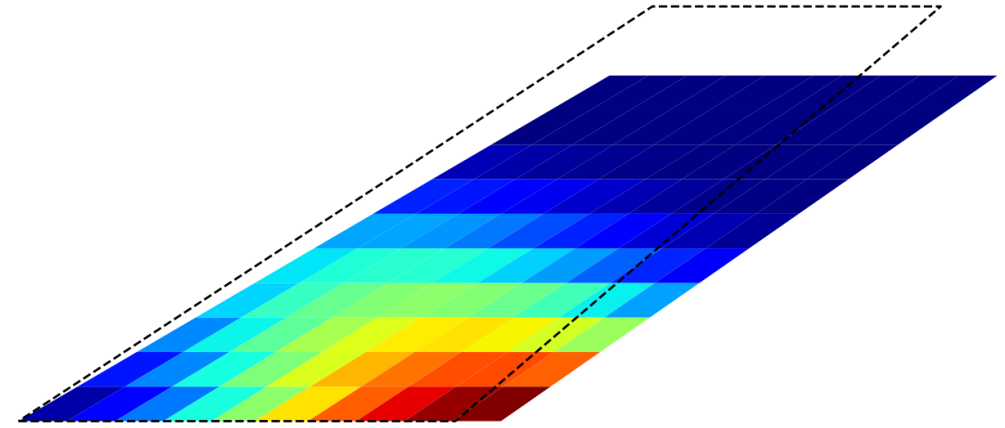
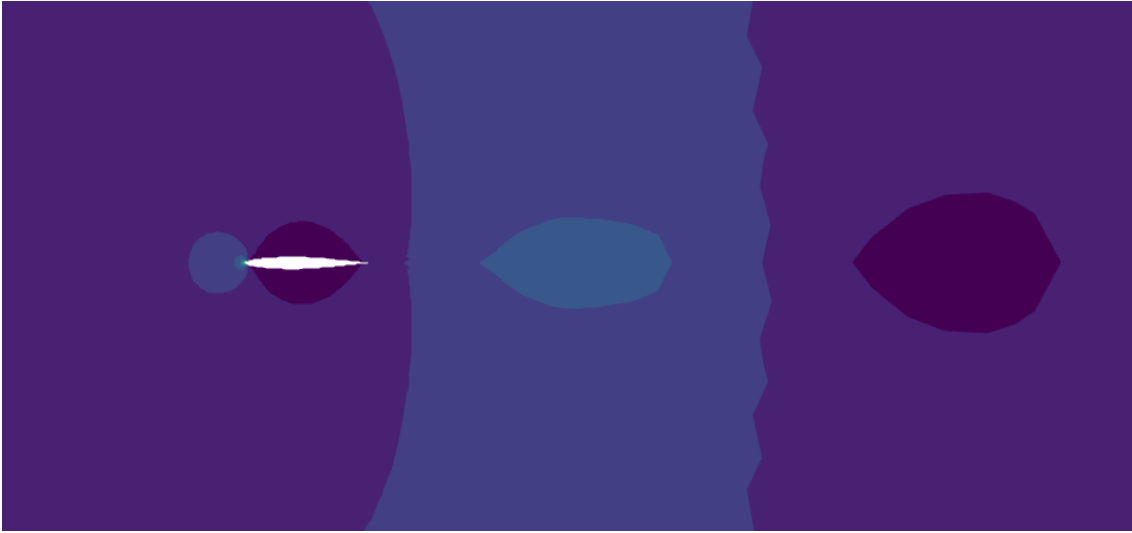




Linearized Frequency-Domain Gust Analysis and Adjoint-Based Sensitivities

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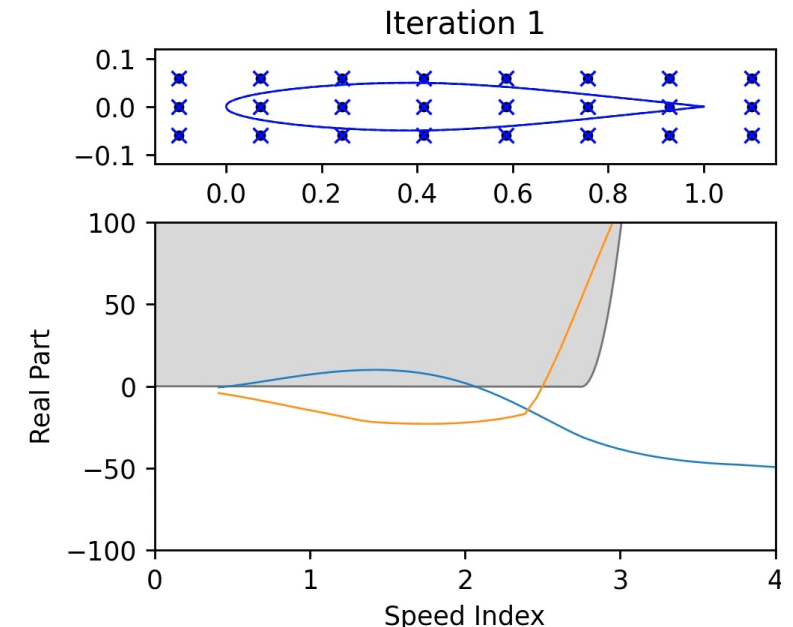
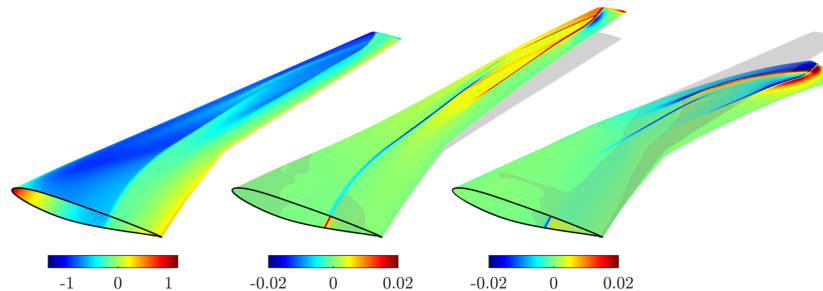
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Aeroelasticity in Aircraft Design

Dynamic aeroelastic constraints in the transonic regime are critical for modern aircraft

- Linearized Frequency-Domain (LFD) analysis allows efficient CFD-based analysis
 - Appropriate for small perturbations about a nonlinear equilibrium
 - Computes Generalized Aerodynamic Forces (GAFs) that fit into typical industry processes
- Previously implemented LFD for flutter analysis and optimization
 - Adjoint-based sensitivities of flutter cost functions with respect to structural, aerodynamic, and geometry design variables
- Goal: extend LFD analysis and sensitivities to gust problems
 - Demonstrate with stochastic gust constraints



Analysis Toolset

Flow solver - FUN3D's Stabilized Finite Element solver

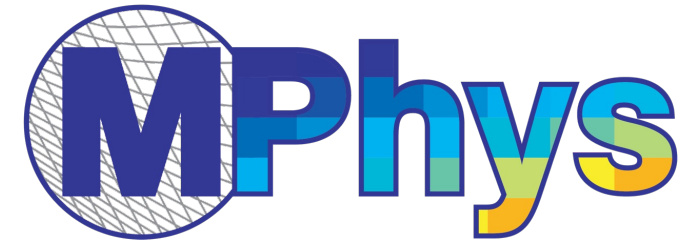
- Streamlined Upwind Petrov-Galerkin (SUPG)

Structural solver – in-house finite-element solver

- Linear shell elements + modal decomposition

Coupling and Optimization Framework – OpenMDAO+MPhys

- OpenMDAO: Automated coupling + adjoint-based sensitivities
- MPhys: standardized coupling for multiphysics → modularity
 - High-fidelity tools (CFD+FEM)
 - Mid-fidelity tools (Doublet Lattice Method+FEM)



Stochastic Gust Modeling

1. Modal structural dynamics:

- Solve over the frequency range of interest

$$\left[-\omega^2 \bar{\mathbf{M}} + i\omega \bar{\mathbf{C}} + \bar{\mathbf{K}} - q_\infty \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_{ss}(i\omega) \right] \boldsymbol{\eta}(i\omega) = q_\infty \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_{gs}(i\omega)$$

Modal mass, damping, stiffness

Gust-on-structure GAFs

Structural-on-structure GAFs

Generalized displacements

2. Power Spectral Density (PSD) and Root Mean Square (RMS)

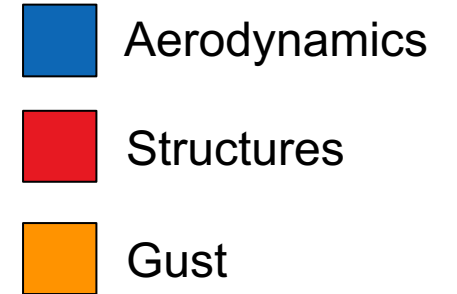
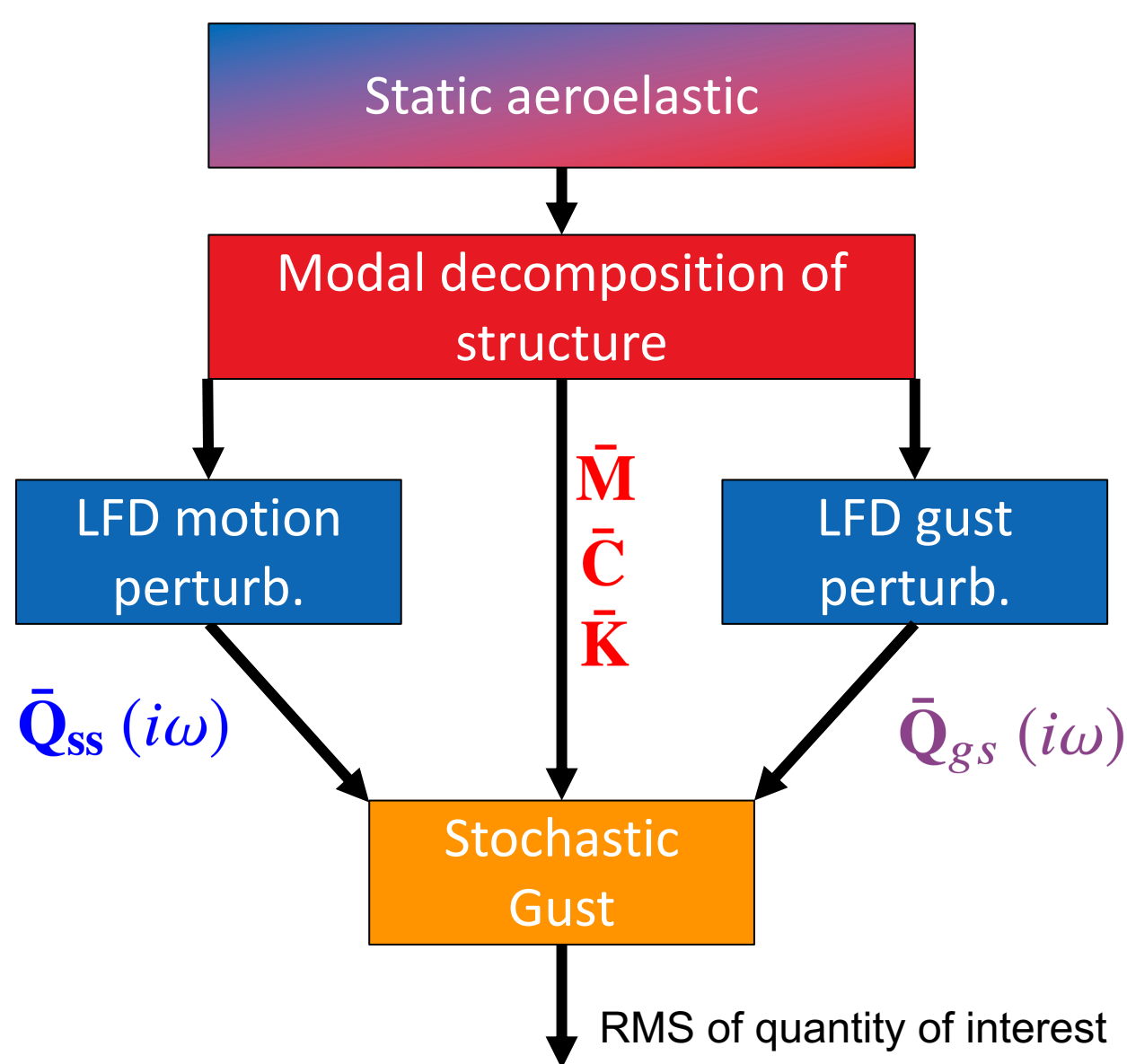
$$PSD(i\omega) := \left| \mathbf{S}^T \boldsymbol{\eta}(i\omega) \right|^2 f_{atm}(i\omega)$$

Dryden atmospheric turbulence model

Map from modal displacement to function of interest

$$RMS := \sqrt{\int_0^{\omega_{max}} PSD(i\omega) d\omega}$$

LFD-based Stochastic Gust Process



LFD – Modal Motion Perturbations

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}_G, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_G) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}_G, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_G) = 0$$

Exact linearization of governing residual about the equilibrium state with harmonic mode shapes perturbations

$$\left(i\omega \mathbf{M}|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \right) \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_G} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{G,j} - i\omega \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}_G} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{G,j}$$

Inputs:

$\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0$ - static equilibrium volume mesh and flow state

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{G,j}$ - the volume mesh motion due to structural mode j

ω - the frequency at which the structural mode is oscillated

Output:

$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j$ - the frequency-domain state of the flow (Fourier coefficient)

LFD – Gust Perturbations

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}_G, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_G, \mathbf{u}_G) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}_G, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_G, \mathbf{u}_G) = 0$$

Gust applied with Field Velocity Method

Exact linearization of governing residual about the equilibrium state with gust perturbations

$$\left(i\omega \mathbf{M}|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \right) \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_G} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_G$$

Inputs:

$\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0$ - static equilibrium volume mesh and flow state

$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_G$ - harmonic gust perturbation field

ω - the gust frequency

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_G = e^{-j\omega x / M_\infty}$$

Output:

Sinusoidal gust convecting with freestream

$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j$ - the frequency-domain state of the flow (Fourier coefficient)

Verification of LFD Gust Implementation

- **NACA64A010 airfoil**
 - Mach 0.4, reduced frequency 0.5
 - Time-domain gust magnitude = 1e-5, then Fourier Transform (FT)

Variable	Value
LFD $\hat{\rho}$	$-\mathbf{0.754815161228179932} + \mathbf{0.545927464962005615j}$
FT $\hat{\rho}$	$-\mathbf{0.754808783531188965} + \mathbf{0.545866072177886963j}$
LFD $\hat{u}$	$\mathbf{1.77797138690948486} - \mathbf{1.54039525985717773j}$
FT $\hat{u}$	$\mathbf{1.77793002128601074} - \mathbf{1.54033589363098145j}$
LFD $\hat{w}$	$-\mathbf{0.396869659423828125} - \mathbf{0.404474884271621704j}$
FT $\hat{w}$	$-\mathbf{0.396885335445404053} - \mathbf{0.404446154832839966j}$
LFD $\hat{T}$	$-\mathbf{0.345817238092422485} + \mathbf{0.251349925994873047j}$
FT $\hat{T}$	$-\mathbf{0.345805108547210693} + \mathbf{0.251341730356216431j}$

LFD Adjoint Terms

- Linearized forward problem $\rightarrow$ 2nd derivatives of the flow governing equations for adjoint

$$\left(i\omega \mathbf{M}|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \right) \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = - \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_G} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_G}$$

- Sensitivity of LFD gust with respect to steady flow state:

- 1st derivative: analytical, Automatic Differentiation (AD)
- 2nd derivative: complex-step directional derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}_0} \left(\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_G} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{u}_G=0} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{G,k}} \right)^T \psi_{A_{gust},k} = \frac{\text{imag} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}=\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{u}_G=i h}^T \text{real}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{G,k}) \text{real}(\psi_{A_{gust},k}) \right)}{h} - \frac{\text{imag} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_{G0}, \mathbf{q}=\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{u}_G=i h}^T \text{imag}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{G,k}) \text{imag}(\psi_{A_{gust},k}) \right)}{h}$$

Adjoint Verification

AGARD 445.6 wing with RMS of the tip displacement as the cost function

Method	Structural Thickness	Sweep
Analytical - Reverse	-3.487636565298064	-0.028985445010219
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-2}$)	-3.441091464667863	-0.028951549078215
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-3}$)	-3.483042198356543	-0.02898206800478
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-4}$)	-3.487177661110763	-0.028985128032218
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-5}$)	-3.487590761040337	-0.028985785116674
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-6}$)	-3.487631555646658	-0.02898800582625
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-7}$)	-3.487625617533922	-0.028989844024181
Finite Difference ($h = 10^{-8}$)	-3.487759321928024	-0.029095768928528

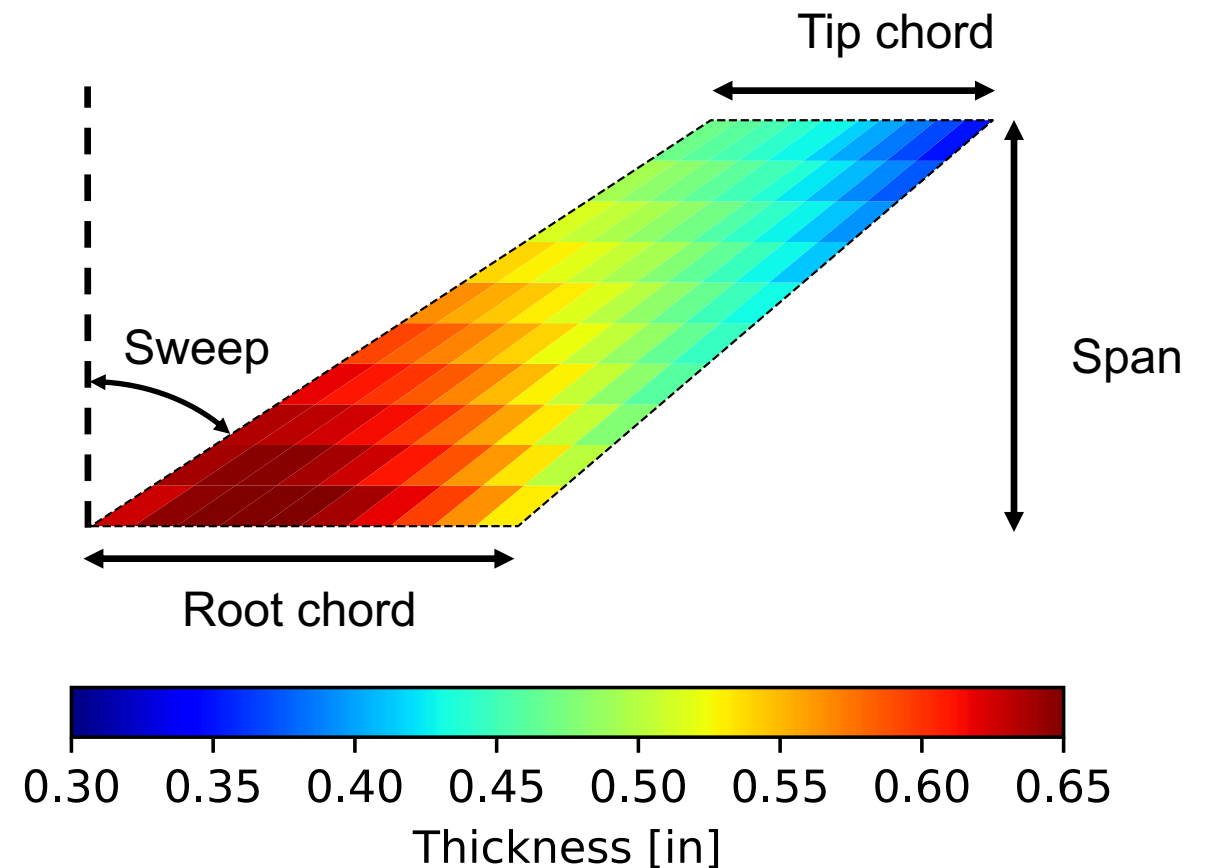
Stochastic Gust Constraint

- **AGARD 445.6 wing at Mach 0.5**
 - Performed with LFD and DLM gust analysis
 - » LFD – inviscid analysis with 219,555 nodes in the mesh
- **Minimize the mass subject to a gust constraint**

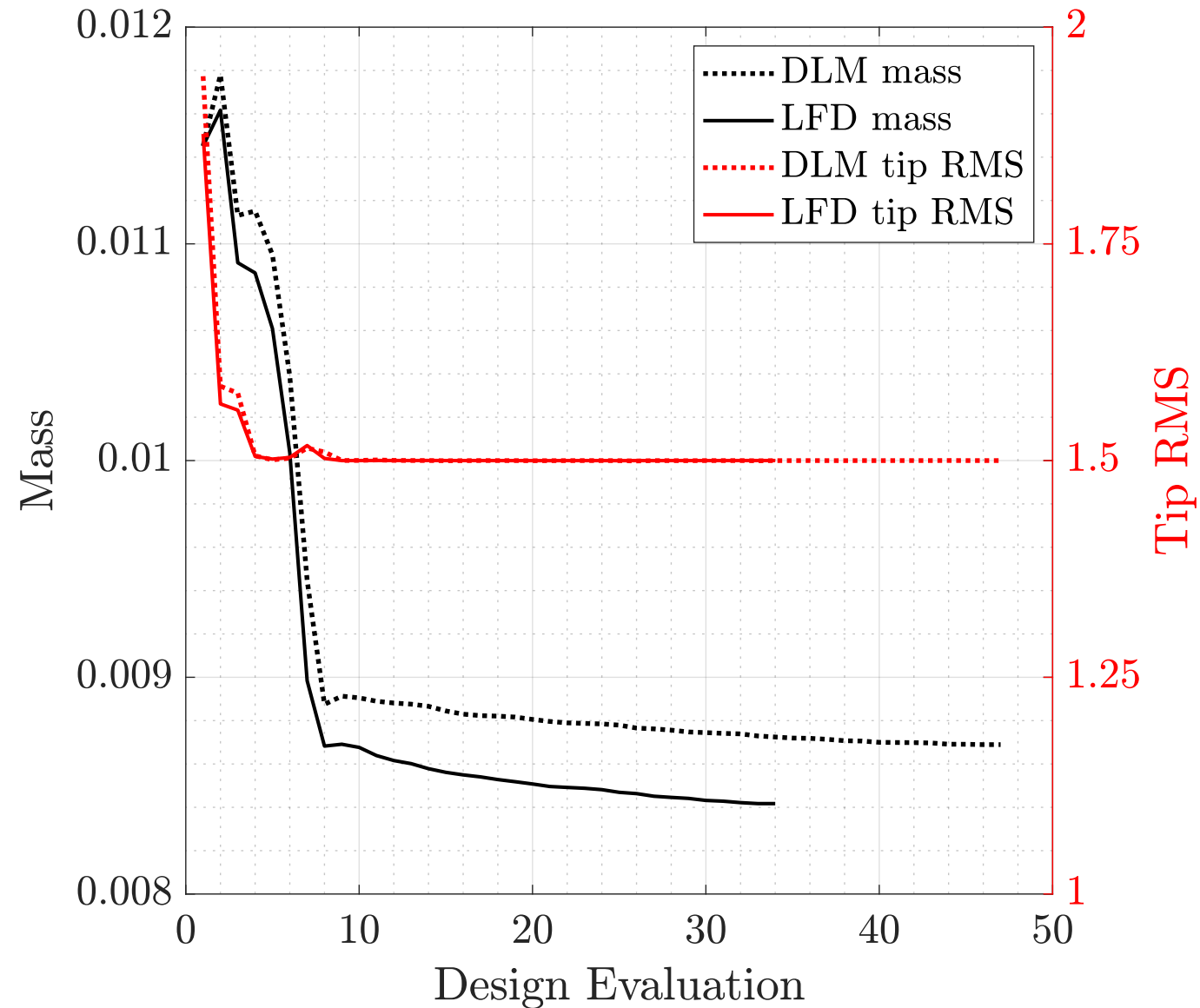
$$\min \quad mass$$

subject to: $RMS_{tip} \leq 1.5$

$$A = A_0$$
- **104 design variables**
 - 100 structural thicknesses
 - 4 geometric (affect aero. and struct. meshes)

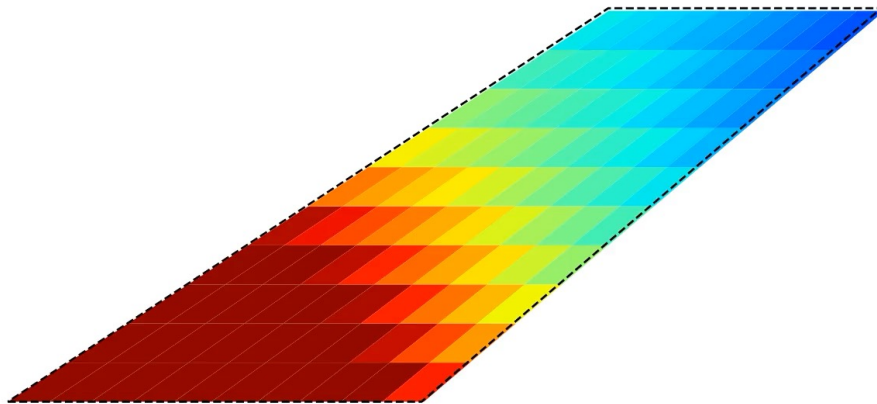


Optimization History

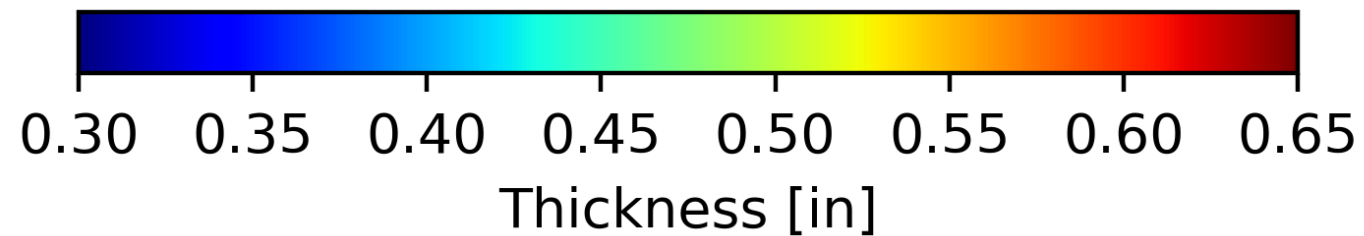
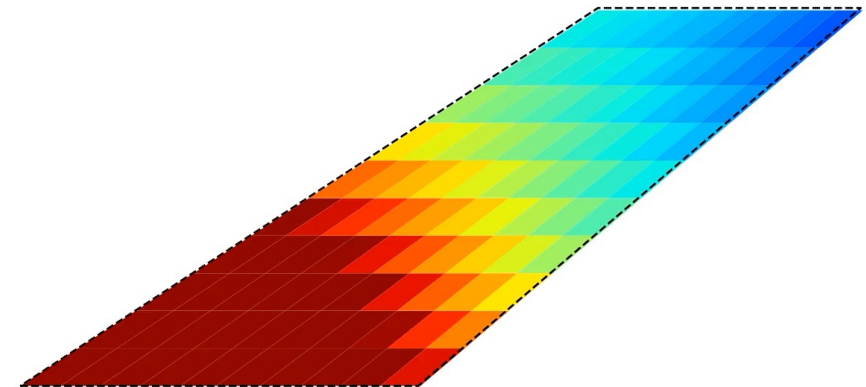


Design History

Iteration 1 - LFD

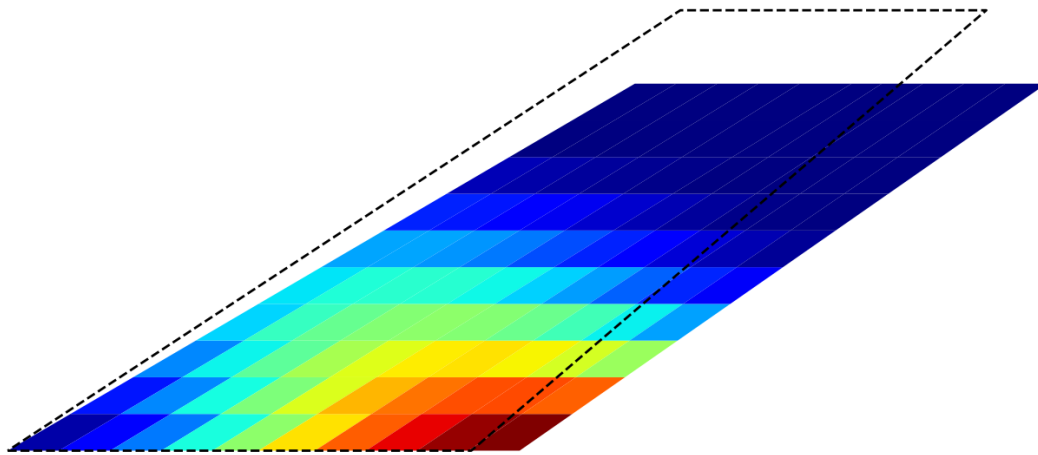


Iteration 1 - DLM

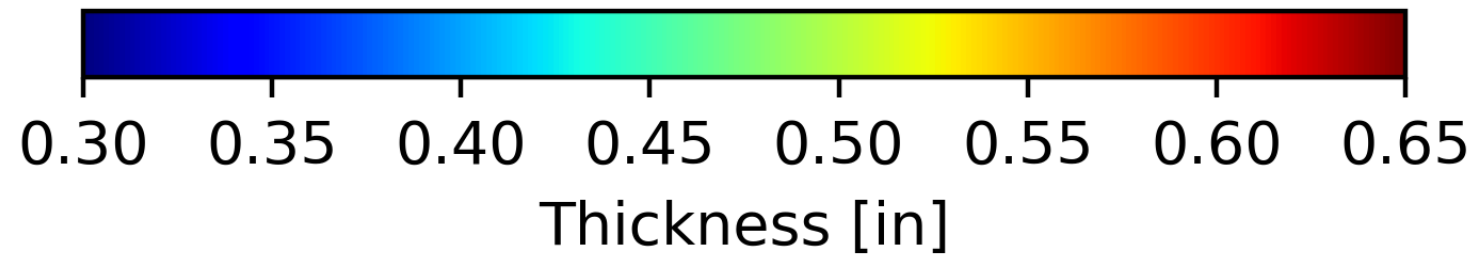
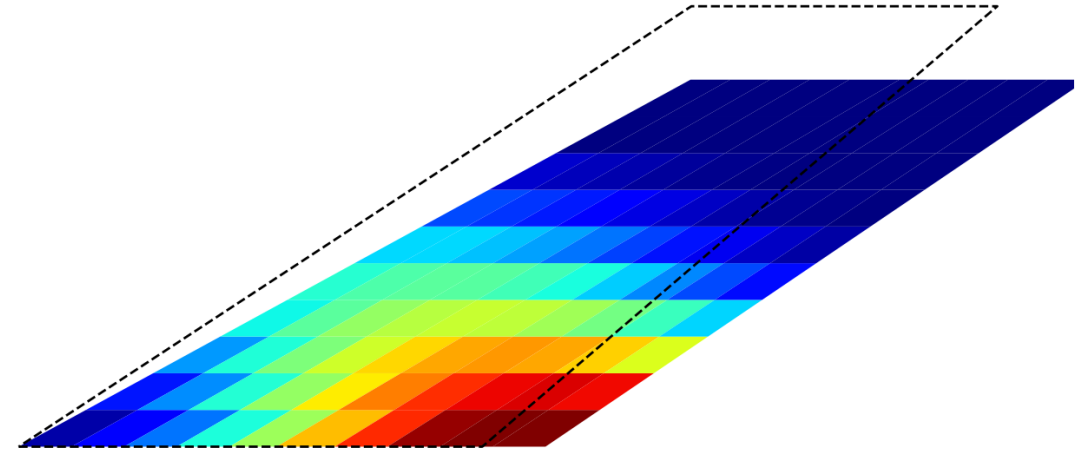


Final Designs

Iteration 33 - LFD



Iteration 46 - DLM



Conclusions

- **Added LFD gust modeling and sensitivities to FUN3D's stabilized finite-element solver**
 - Linearized and harmonic assumptions in LFD reduce cost of CFD-based aeroelastic analysis
 - Verified analysis and adjoint-based sensitivities
 - Demonstrated a stochastic gust constraint on the AGARD 445.6 wing
- **Future work:**
 - Apply to NASA Common Research Model (CRM) at transonic conditions
 - See Thelen et al. "Flutter and Stochastic Gust Constraint Studies of the Undelected CRM using MPhys"
 - » Today 1:20-1:40pm in Barrel Springs II

Iteration 1 - LFD

