

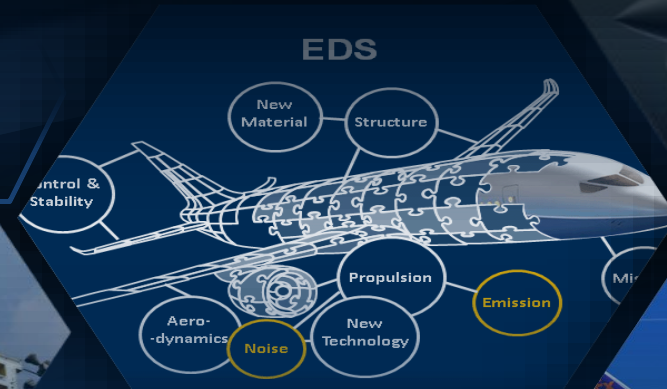
Overview of Georgia Tech ASDL Research with HyperSizer

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BACKGROUND & MOTIVATION

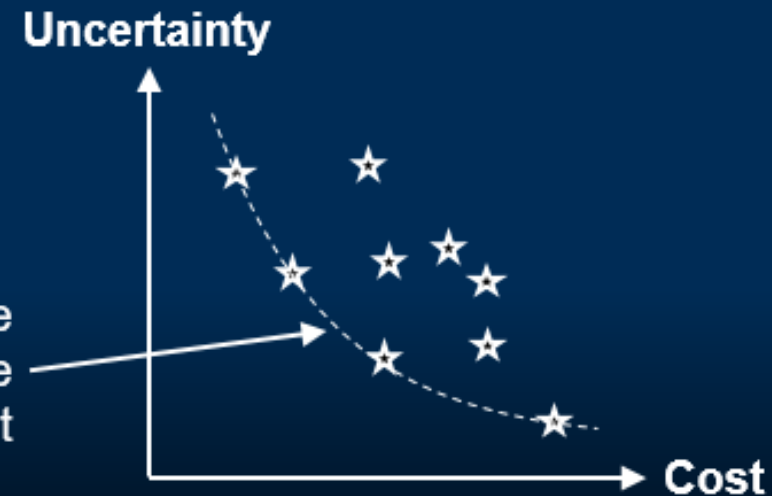
- Conceptual Design of Aerospace Vehicles
 - **Design space exploration** for performance trends → converge toward an optimal or robust feasible design region
 - Translate requirements into a physical description of a vehicle
 - Traditionally executed with empirical models of historical design data
- Advanced Configurations in the Conceptual Design Phase



Overall Vehicle Design Without Historical Data

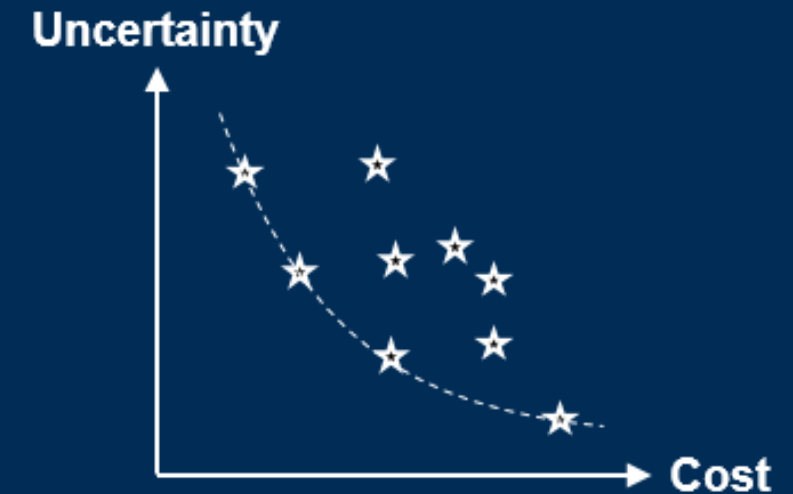
- Potential options for overcoming a lack of historical data in traditional conceptual design
 - Technology and configuration dials for empirical models
 - First principles
 - Physics-based computational modeling
- Important tradeoff
 - Accuracy/uncertainty vs. **cost**

At different stages in design, the *appropriate* point could be anywhere along this Pareto front



Design Challenges for Advanced Configurations

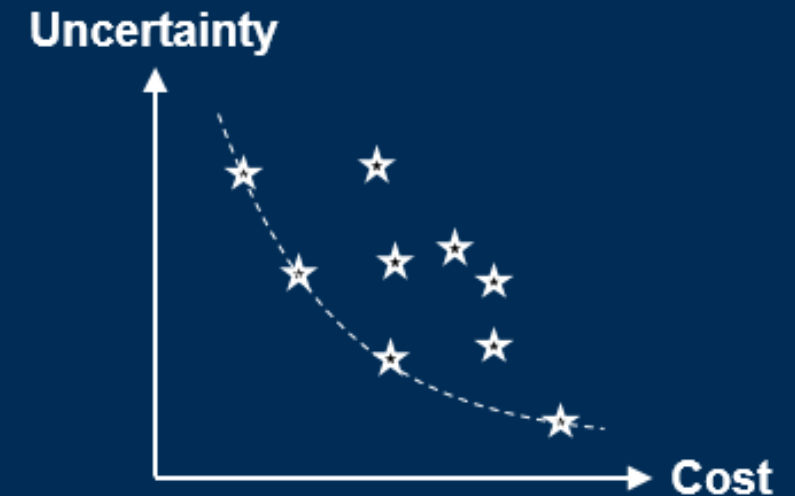
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 - Dimensionality of the overall design space



Multiple levels of the design space

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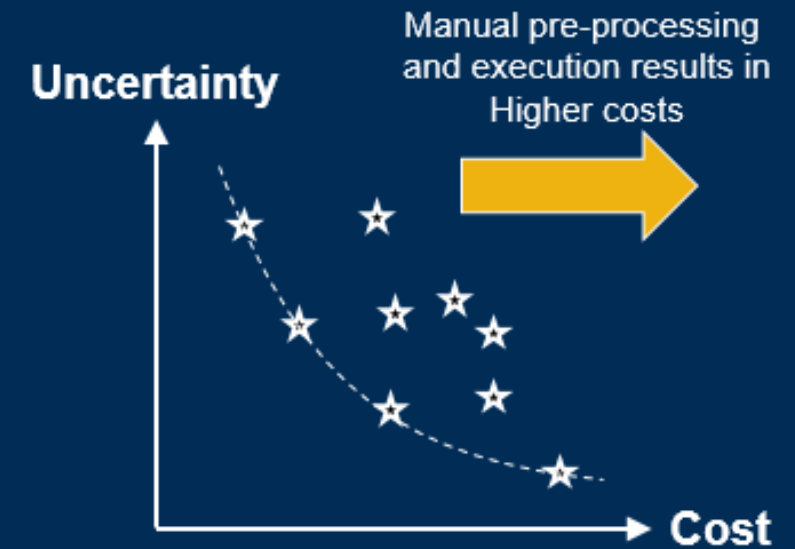
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Multiple levels of fidelity

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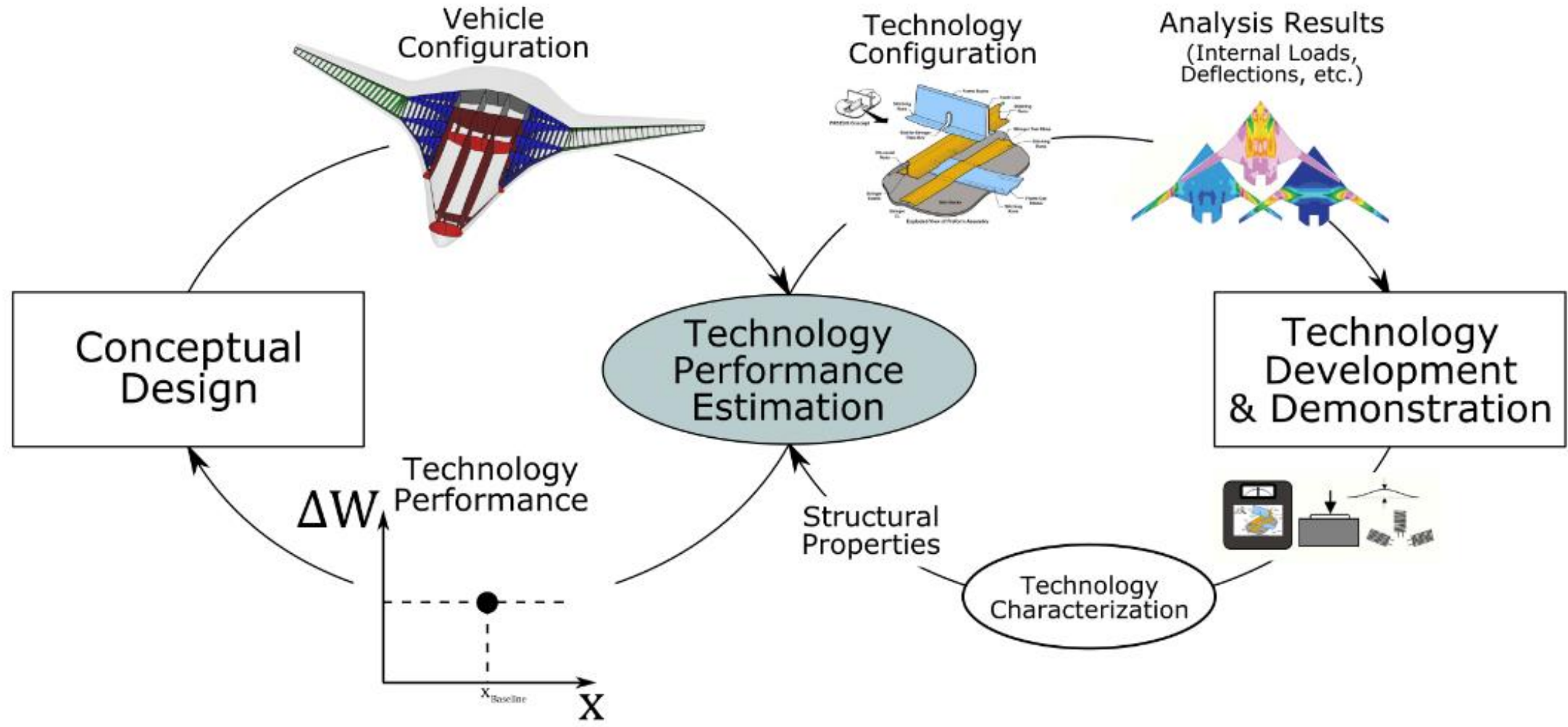
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Large degree of automation

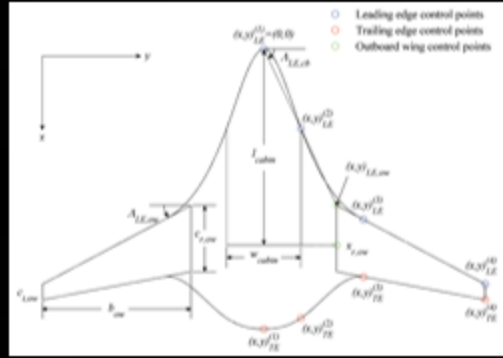
STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGY PERFORMANCE ESTIMATION

Benchmark Technology Performance Estimation Process



Structural Design Space

Outer Mold Line (Conceptual Design)



Wing

- Area
- AR
- TR
- Sweep

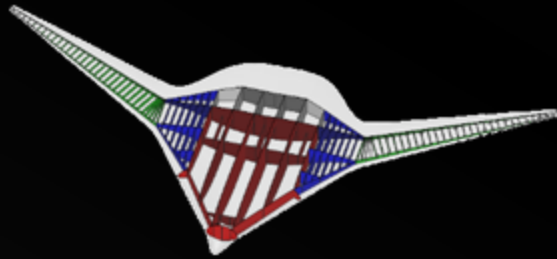
Center Section

- Cabin Length
- Cabin Width
- RCB % Chord
- Sweep

GAP 1

Structural Model

Structural Layout (Conceptual/Prelim Design)



Outboard Wing

- FS % Chord
- RS % Chord
- Rib Pitch

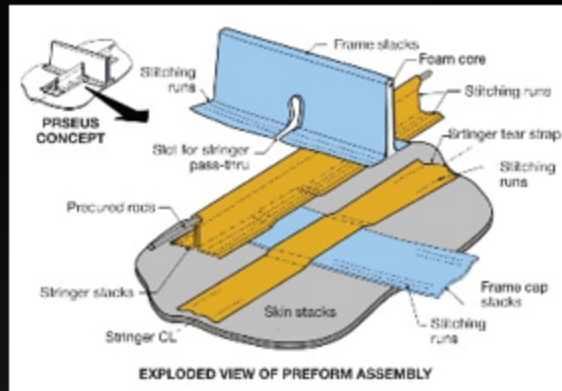
Centerbody

- # Bays
- RS % Chord
- FS % Chord

GAP 2

Structural Model

Technology (Prelim/Detail Design)



Skin

- Thickness
- Material

Stringer

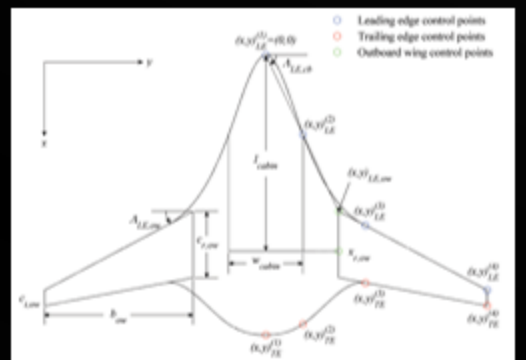

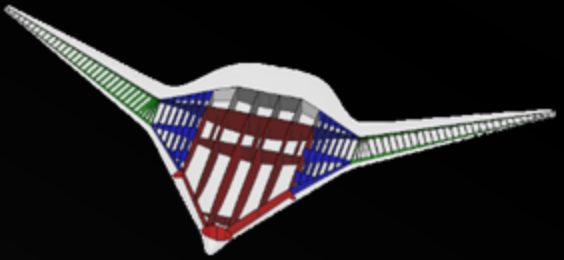
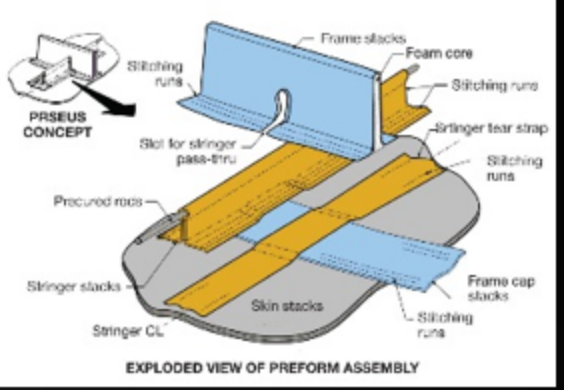
- Height
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Structural Sizing

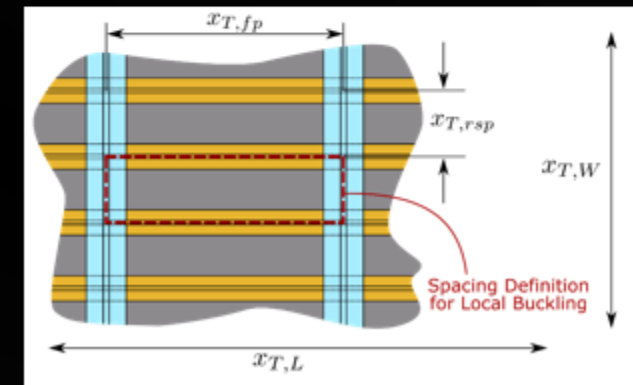
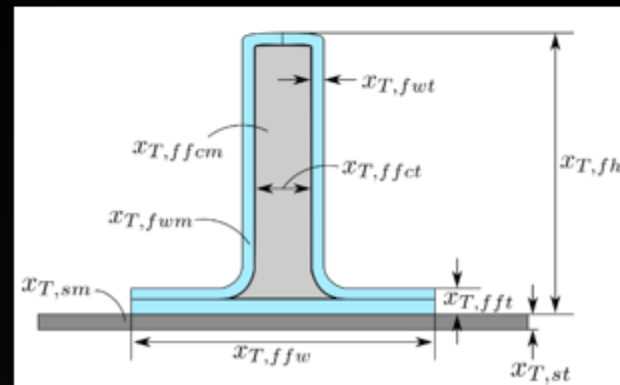
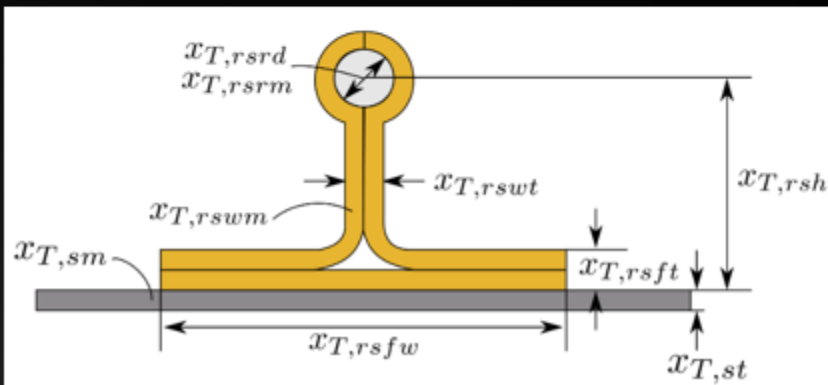
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Technology Design Space

- Technology Level (PRSEUS)
 - 18 design variables
 - Bounds and # of permutations defined for grid search optimization in Hypersizer

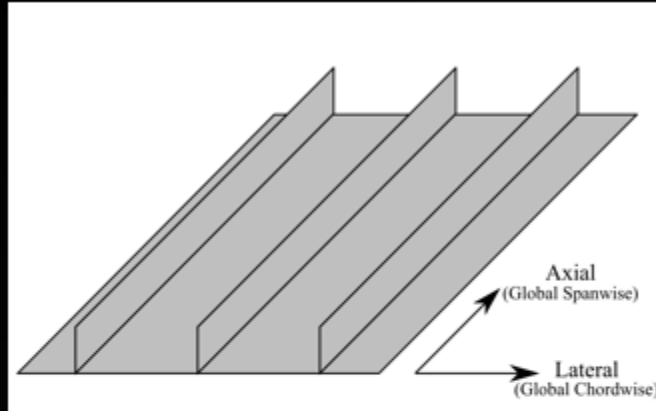
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$x_{T,sm}$	AS-4 EL	AS-4 EL (r)	-	AS-4 EL	-	
$x_{T,rsh}$	1.25	[1.25, 3.75]	4	[0.75, 3.25]	6	
$x_{T,rsp}$	6.0	[6.0, 6.0]	1	[6.0, 6.0]	1	
$x_{T,rswt}$	0.104	[0.104, 0.208]	3	[0.104, 0.208]	3	
$x_{T,rsum}$	AS-4 EL	AS-4 EL	-	AS-4 EL	-	
$x_{T,rsft}$	0.104	[0.104, 0.208]	2	[0.104, 0.208]	2	
$x_{T,rsfw}$	3.37	[3.37, 3.37]	1	[3.37, 3.37]	1	
$x_{T,rsrd}$	0.375	[0.375, 1.0]	3	[0.375, 1.0]	3	
$x_{T,rrsm}$	AS-4 EL (0)	AS-4 EL (0)	-	AS-4 EL (0)	-	
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$x_{T,fp}$	20.0	[24.0, 24.0]	1	[36.0, 36.0]	1	
$x_{T,fwt}$	0.104	[0.104, 0.312]	4	[0.104, 0.312]	4	
$x_{T,fwm}$	AS-4 EL	AS4 EL	-	AS-4 EL	-	
$x_{T,fft}$	0.156	[0.156, 0.312]	3	[0.156, 0.312]	3	
$x_{T,ffw}$	3.93	[3.93, 3.93]	1	[3.93, 3.93]	1	
$x_{T,ffd}$	0.5	[0.5, 0.5]	1	[0.001, 0.001]	1	
$x_{T,ffcm}$	R 110 WF	110 WF	-	R 110 WF	-	



Technology Design Space

Baseline Structure Concept (Wing)

Blade Stiffened Composites (Same material as PRSEUS – different knockdowns, etc.)

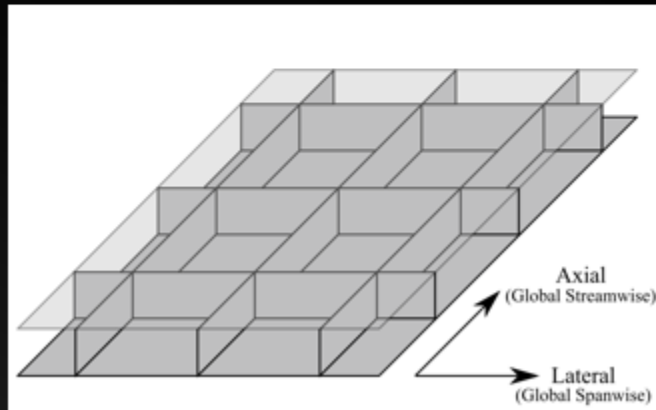


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$x_{B,w,ash}$	1	6	8
$x_{B,w,asp}$	6.0	8.0	2
$x_{B,w,aswt}$	0.05	0.80	10
$x_{B,w,aswm}$		- AS-4 EL -	

Confirmed baselines
with Boeing technology
development team

Baseline Structure Concept (Centerbody)

Orthogrid Stiffened Sandwich Composites (Same material as PRSEUS – different knockdowns, etc.)



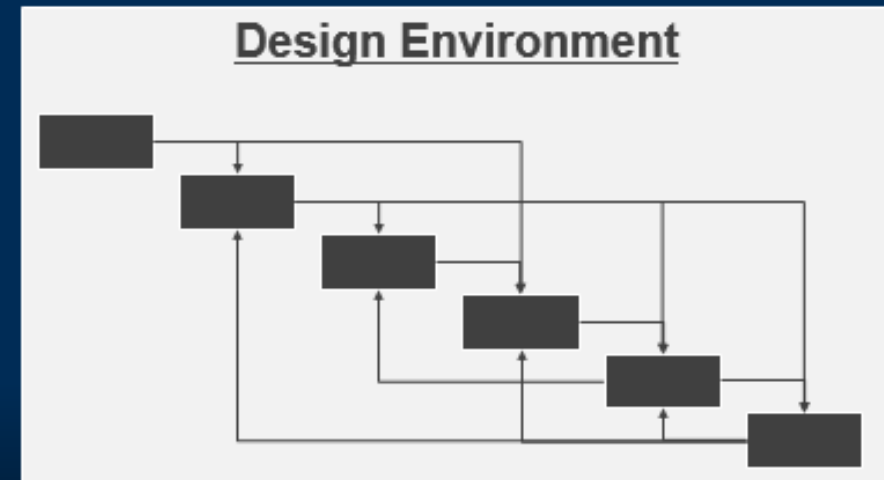
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$x_{B,cb,asp}$	6.0	12.0	4
$x_{B,cb,aswt}$	0.10	0.50	6
$x_{B,cb,aswm}$		- AS-4 EL -	
$x_{B,cb,lsa}$	30°	30°	1
$x_{B,cb,lsb}$	2	8	4
$x_{B,cb,lswt}$	0.10	0.65	6
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DEVELOPMENT OF RAPID AIRFRAME DESIGN ENVIRONMENT

NASA Transformational Tools & Technologies Program

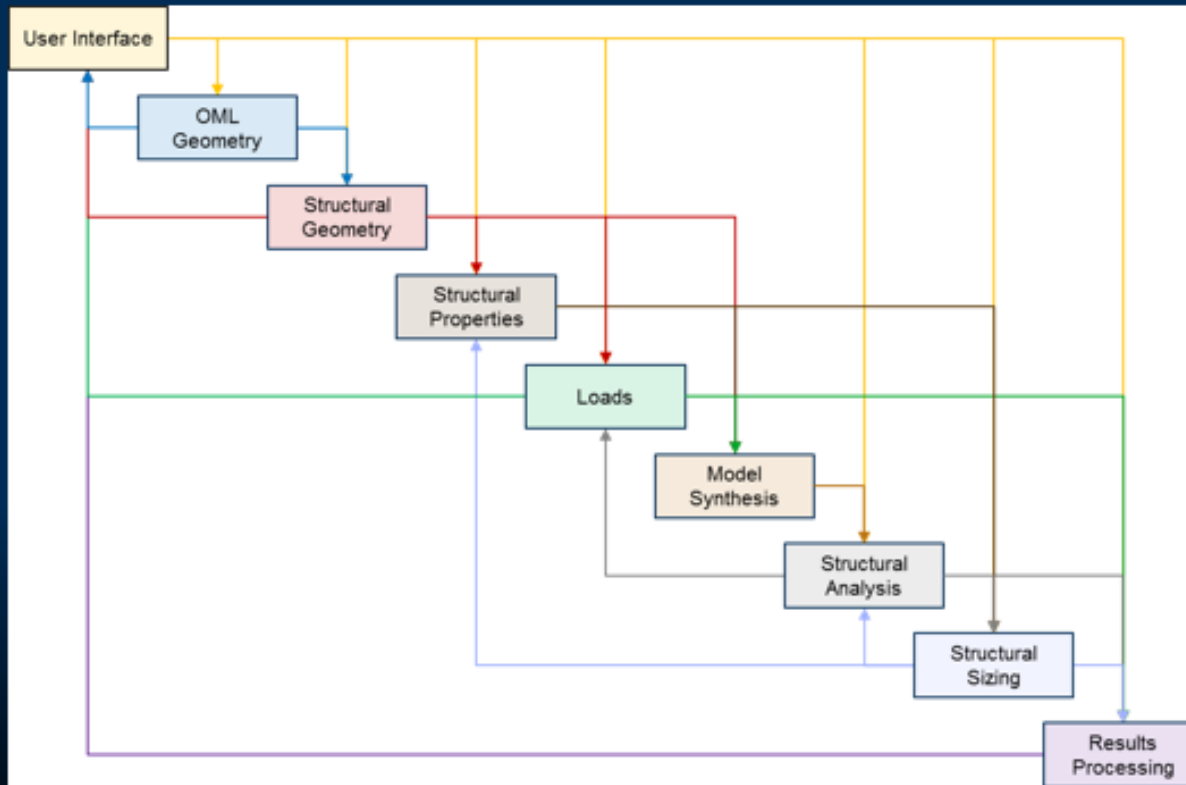
What is a "Design Environment"

- A representative description and implementation of design events
 - Results in a testbed to generate data to examine trades in design metrics, explore design spaces, optimize configurations, etc.
- Graphical vs. scripting implementation
- Enabling integration software:
 - Phoenix Integration ModelCenter
 - OpenMDAO
 - Siemens PLM/NX
 - Dassault Systemes 3DEXPERIENCE
 - GEMS
 - Many more...



Evolution of Toolkit Implementation

- Project with NASA Transformational Tools & Technologies (T³)
 - **Objective:** Bring higher fidelity structural modeling earlier in the design process
 - Resulted in development of the Rapid Airframe Design Environment (RADE)
 - Initial development focused on enabling a monolithic workflow similar to FEM pre-processing



Most Important Characteristics For Successful Implementation

Robust Parametric Execution

Robust Automation

Flexibility

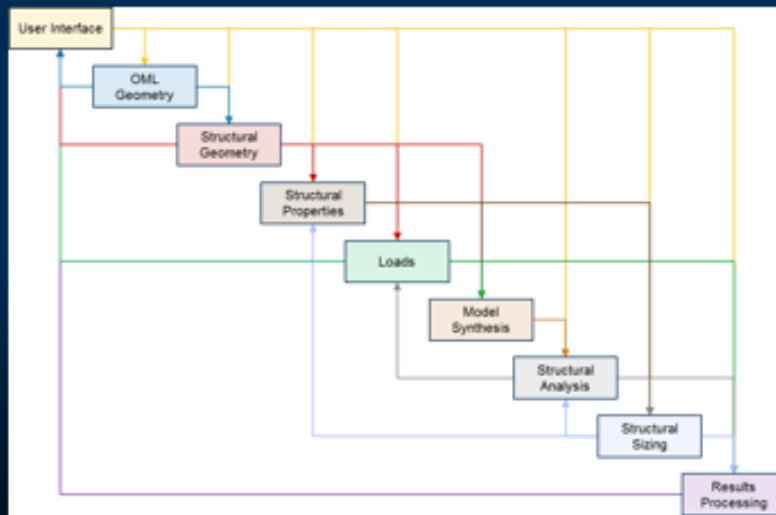
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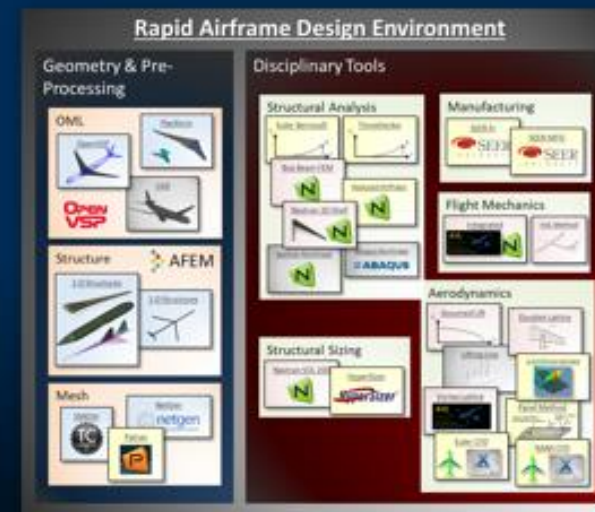
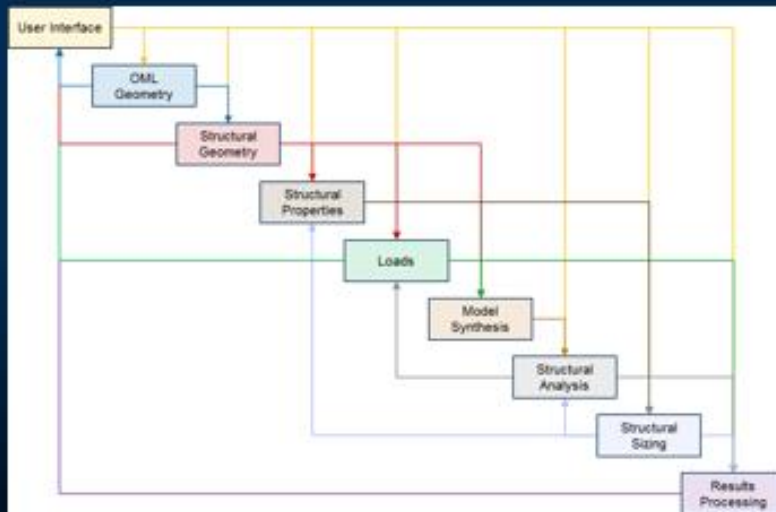
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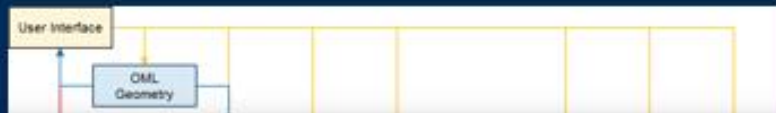
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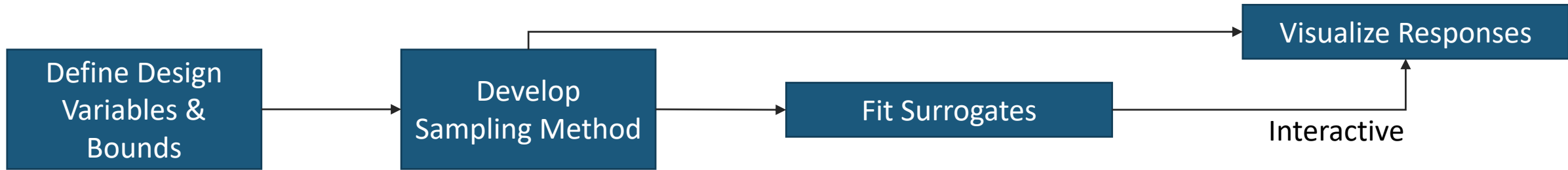
“Design Environment” became a misnomer in RADE as the software transitioned toward an MDAO toolkit



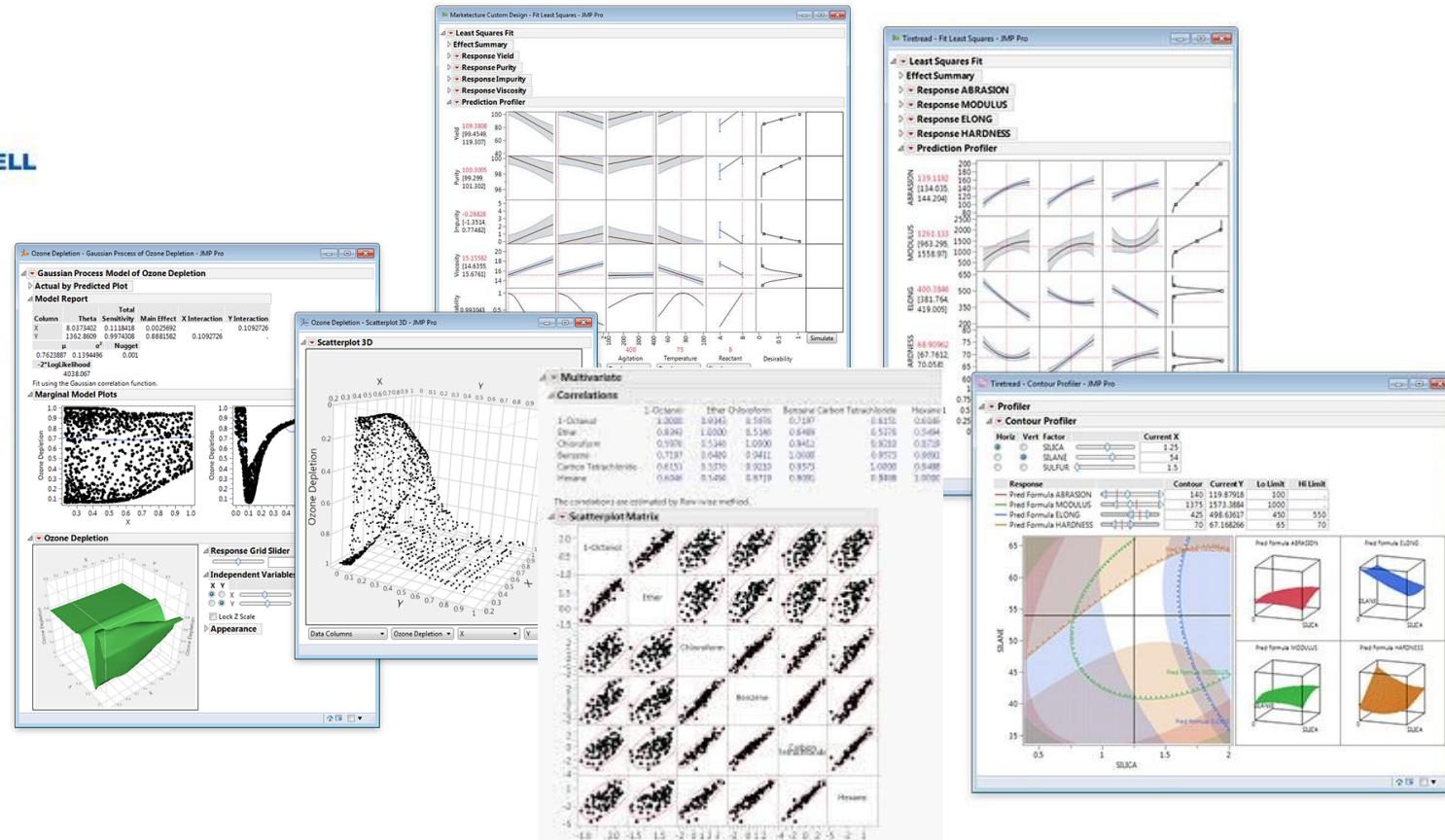
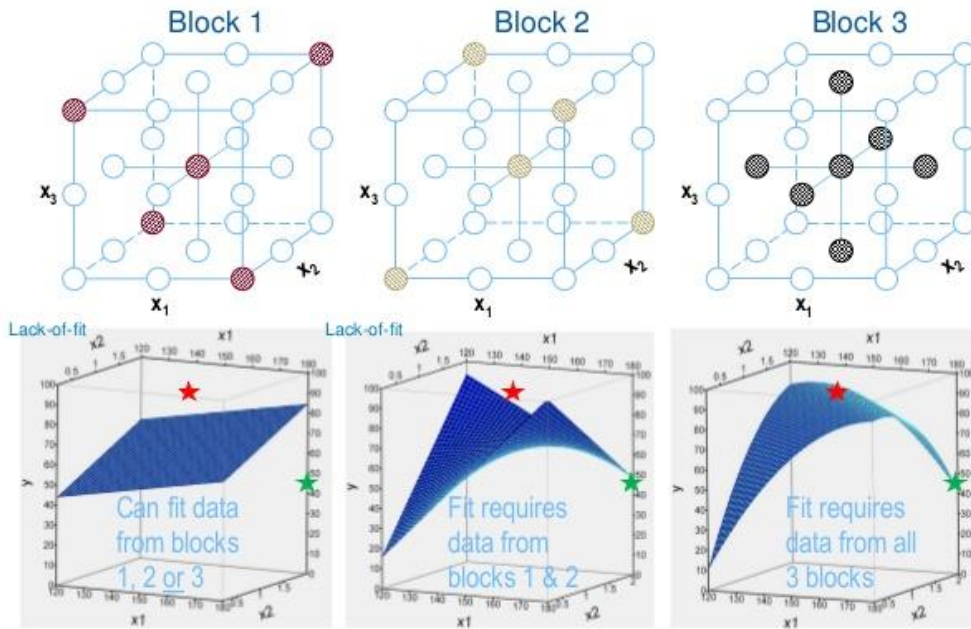
AEROELASTIC DESIGN SPACE EXPLORATION

Wingtip Propulsion Configuration

Design Space Exploration



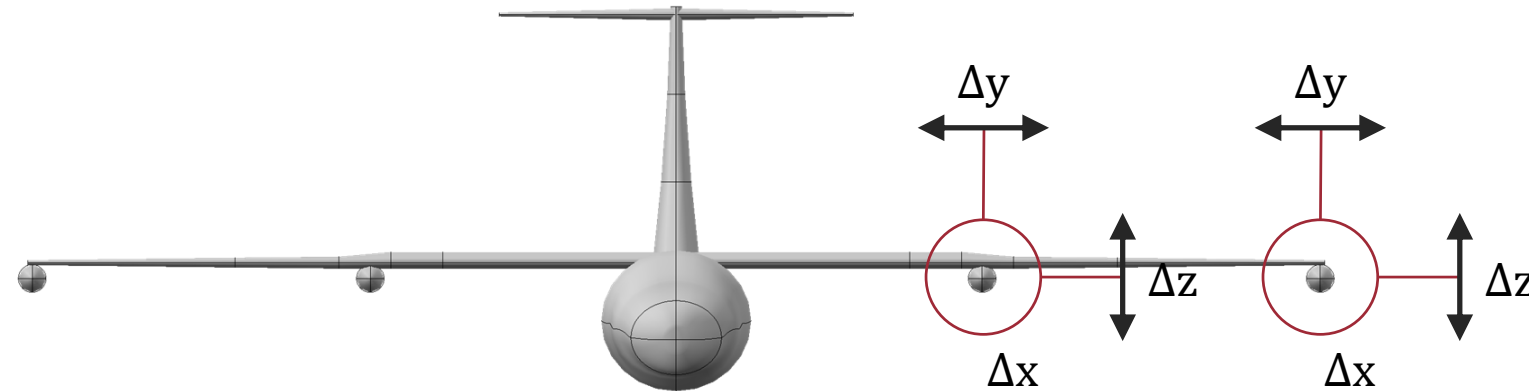
CLASSIC RESPONSE-SURFACE DOE IN A NUTSHELL



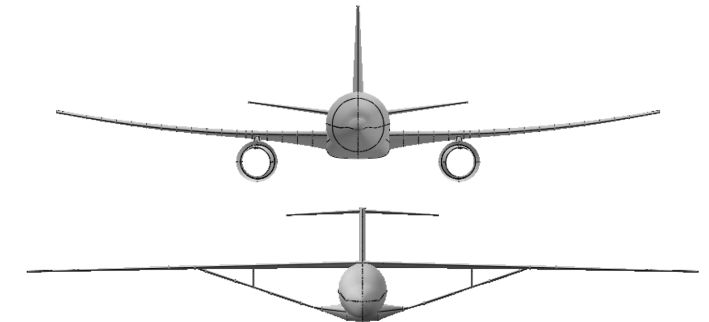
JMP Tutorials: https://www.jmp.com/en_us/applications/design-of-experiments.html

Overall Objective:

Explore the design space of a wing with engines located in the outboard region

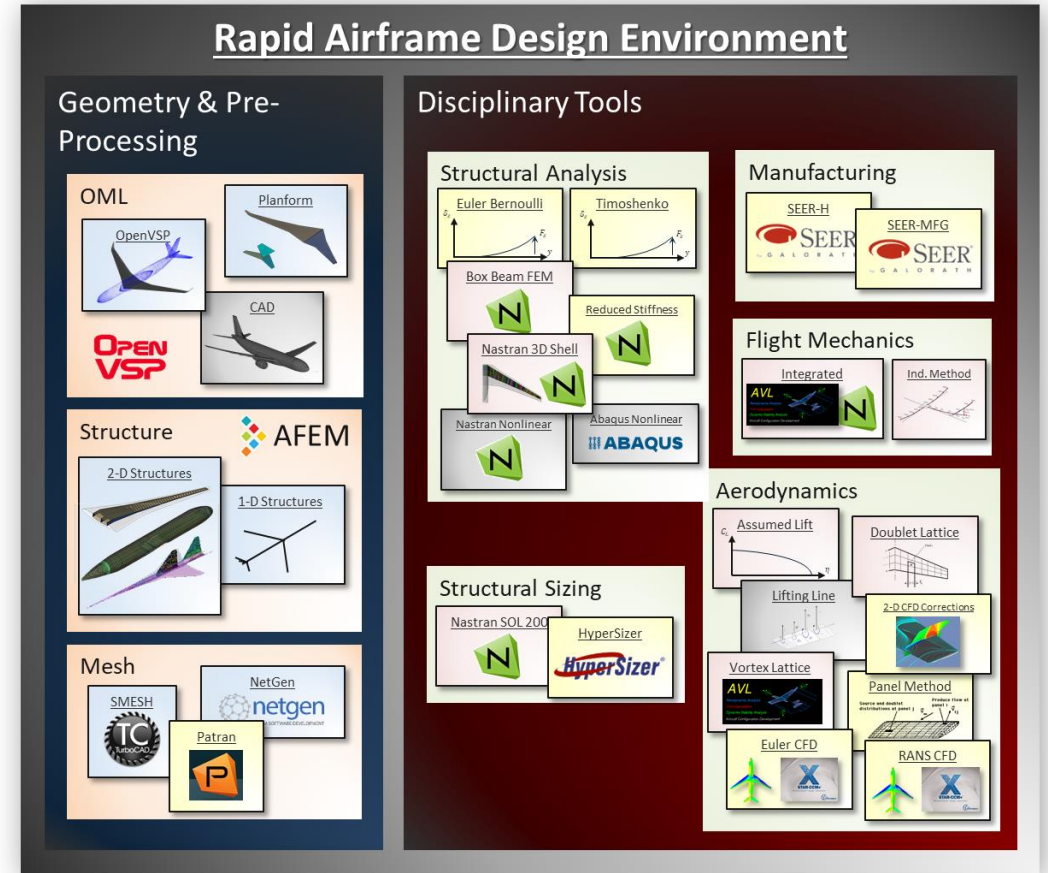


- Important Considerations:
 - Time Frame – 6 to 7 months for completion of work
 - Aeroelasticity considered for responses, constraints, and objectives
- Assumptions
 - Iteratively converged and developed through project timeline

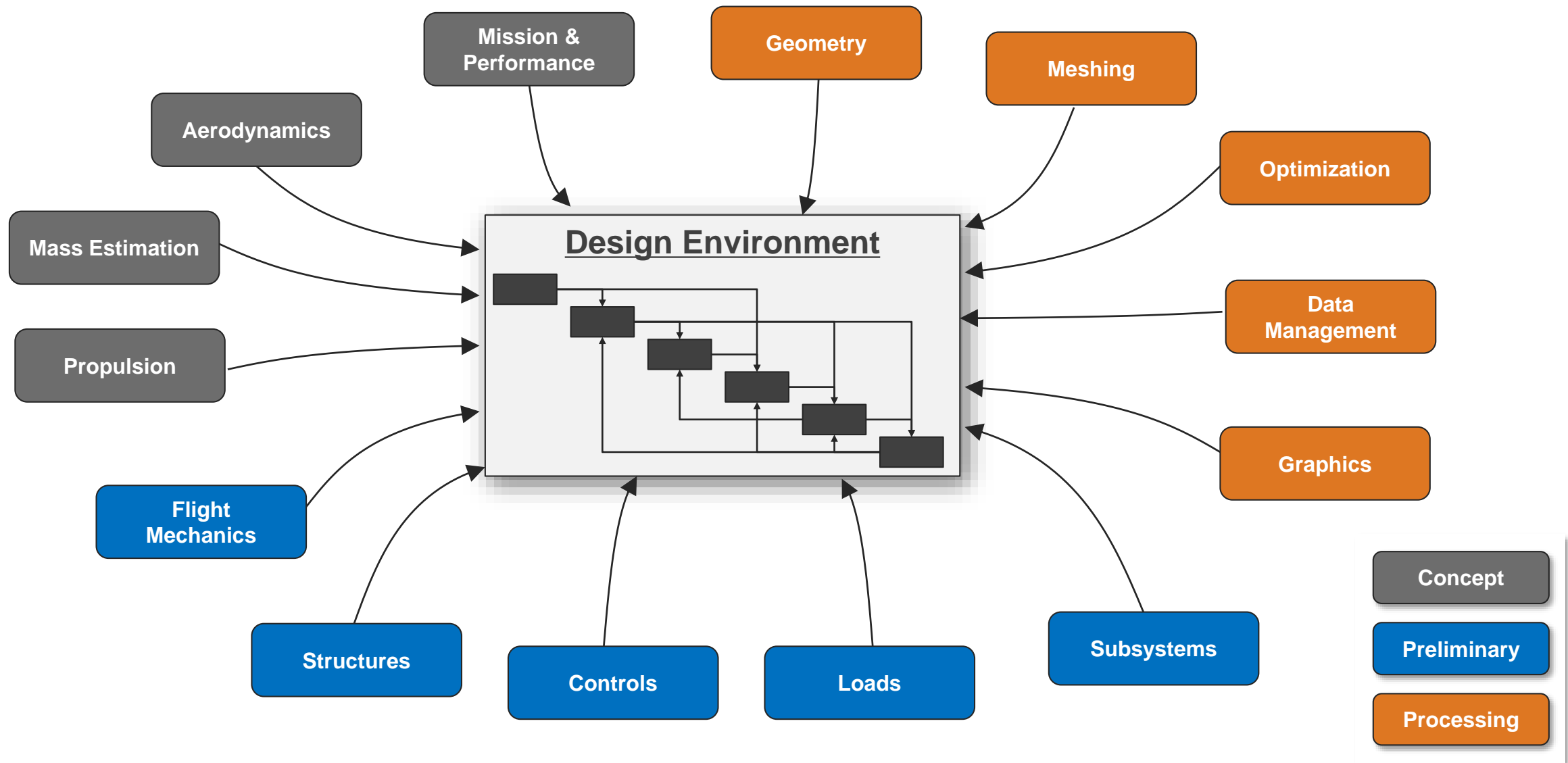


Enabling Capabilities

- Rapid Airframe Design Environment (RADE)
 - Early phase multidisciplinary design toolkit
 - Developed through NASA TTT Program under contract
 - NASA Tech Lead: Erik Olson
- Environmental Design Space (EDS)
 - Vehicle level performance modeling with environmental response focus
- NASA AATT Dashboard



Creating a Environment for Wingtip Propulsion Aeroelastic Design



Modeling in RADE

Robust Parametric Execution

Robust Automation

Flexibility

Base (Abstract) Layer

Elementary Base Classes

Forces/Moments
Nodes/Elements
Point Mass
Geometry/Shape
Rigid Connections
Design Variable

Feature Base Classes

Load Case
Flight Condition
Assembly
Mesh
Rigid Connections
Control System

Model Base Classes

2-D Aero Model
Panel Aero Model
Beam Model
Shell Model
Propulsion Model

Result Base Classes

Cp Distribution
Structural Weight
Drag Polar
Load Distribution

Implementation Layer

API Translation

Third Party Software

Nastran linear static analysis
AVL trimmed aero analysis

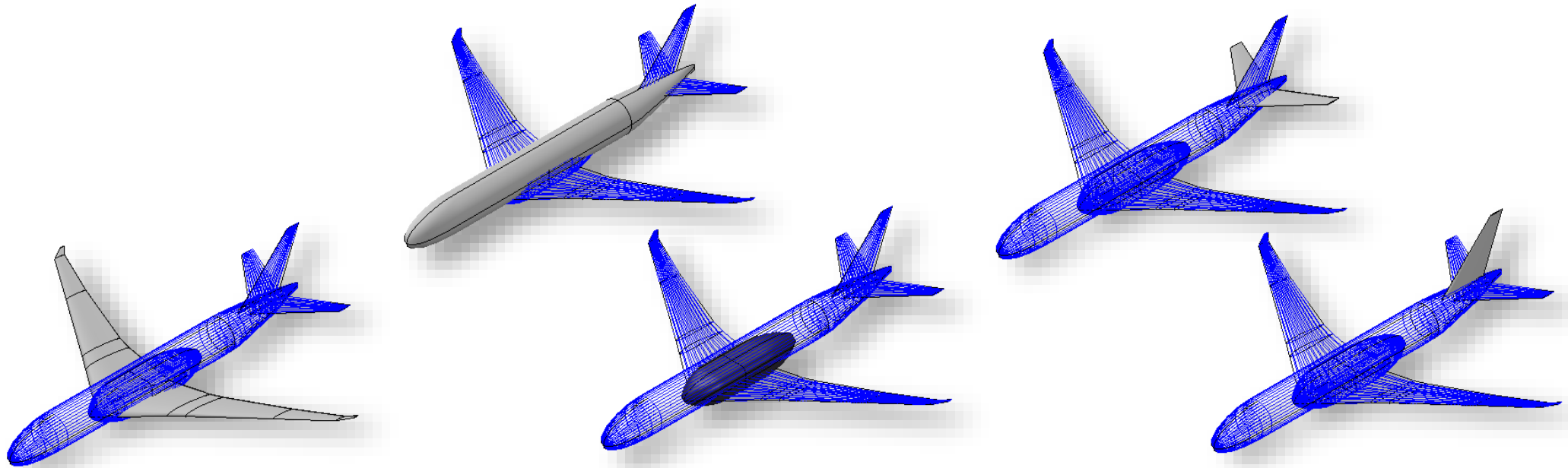
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Raw Output

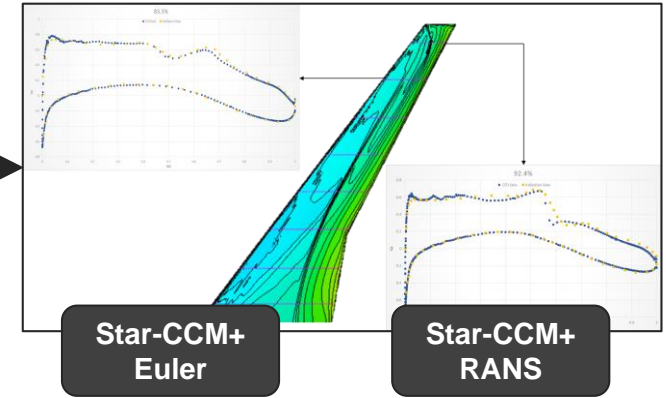
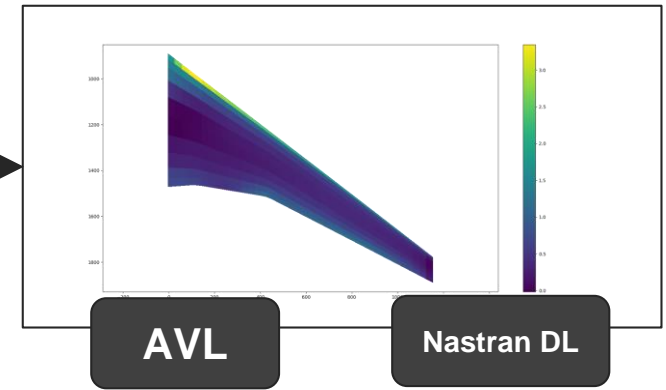
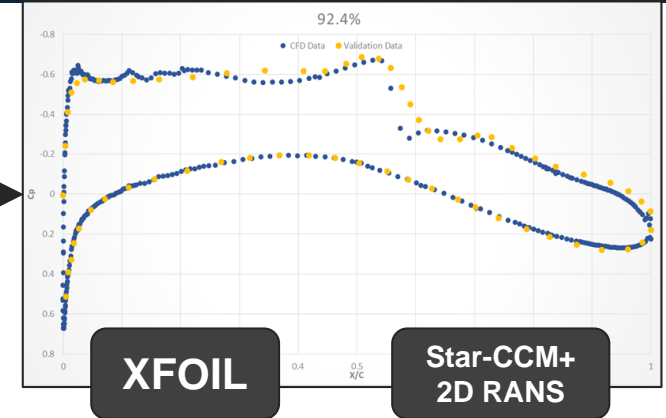
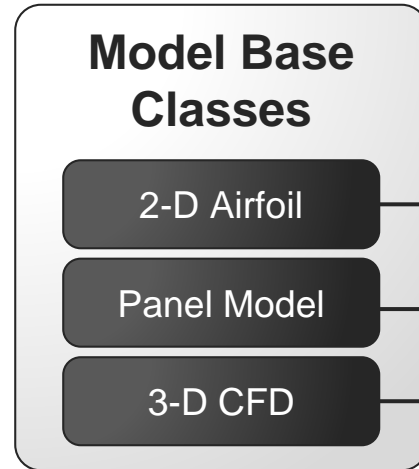
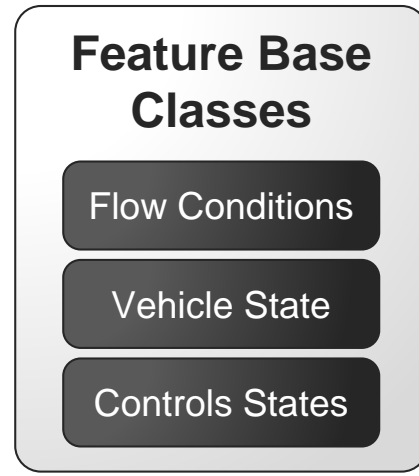
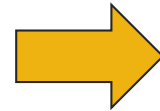
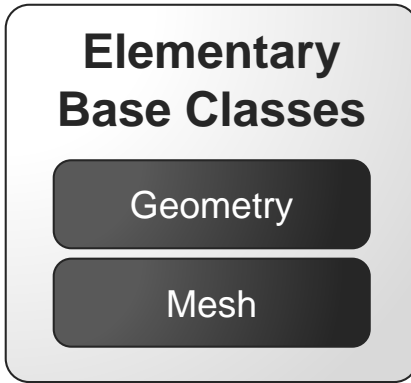
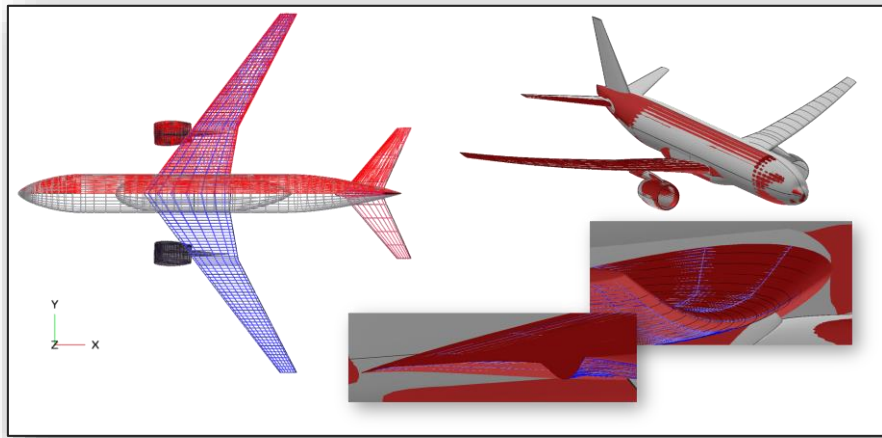
Text Files

Modeling in RADE: Outer Mold Line

- All vehicle designs start with representation of OML
- Baseline models are created with OpenVSP with fundamental regions:
 - Wing
 - Fuselage
- Parametric changes enabled through OpenVSP python API
- OuterMoldLine object is a container of named regions with reference geometries

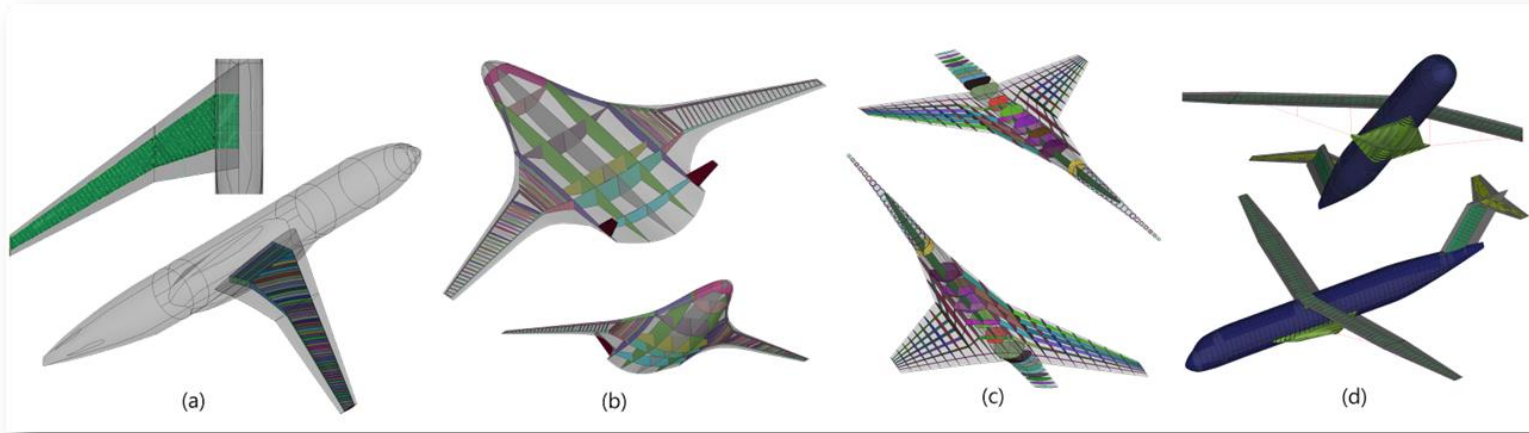


Modeling in RADE: Aerodynamics

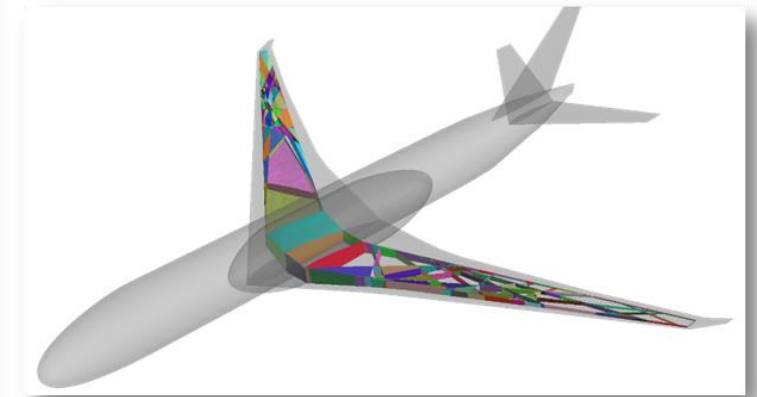


Modeling in RADE: Structural Geometry & Meshing

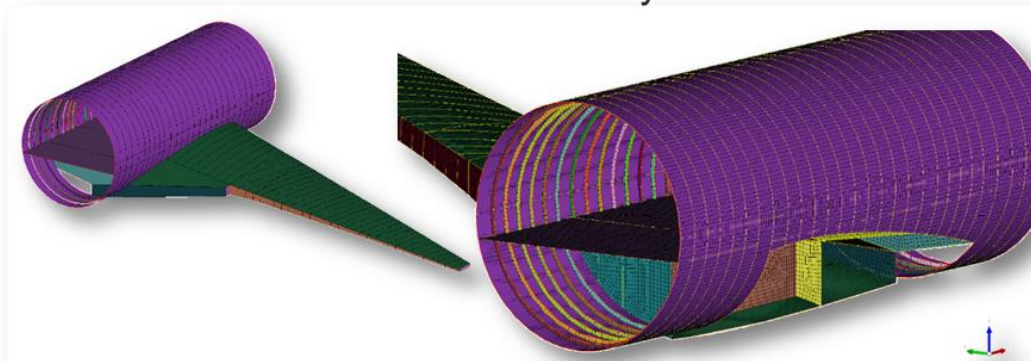
Flexible definition of OML (OpenVSP) and Structural Geometry (AFEM)



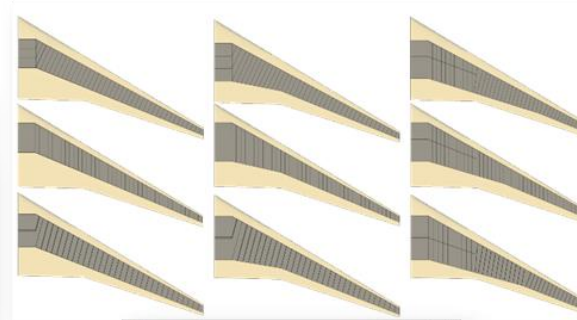
Robust skin panel identification



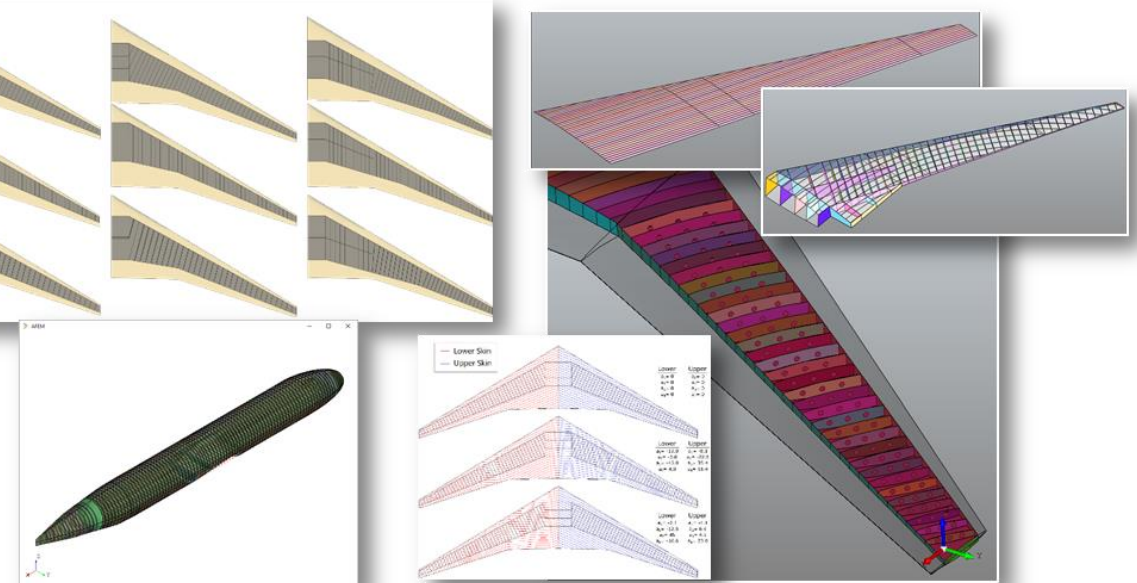
Robust join methods for congruency and mesh continuity



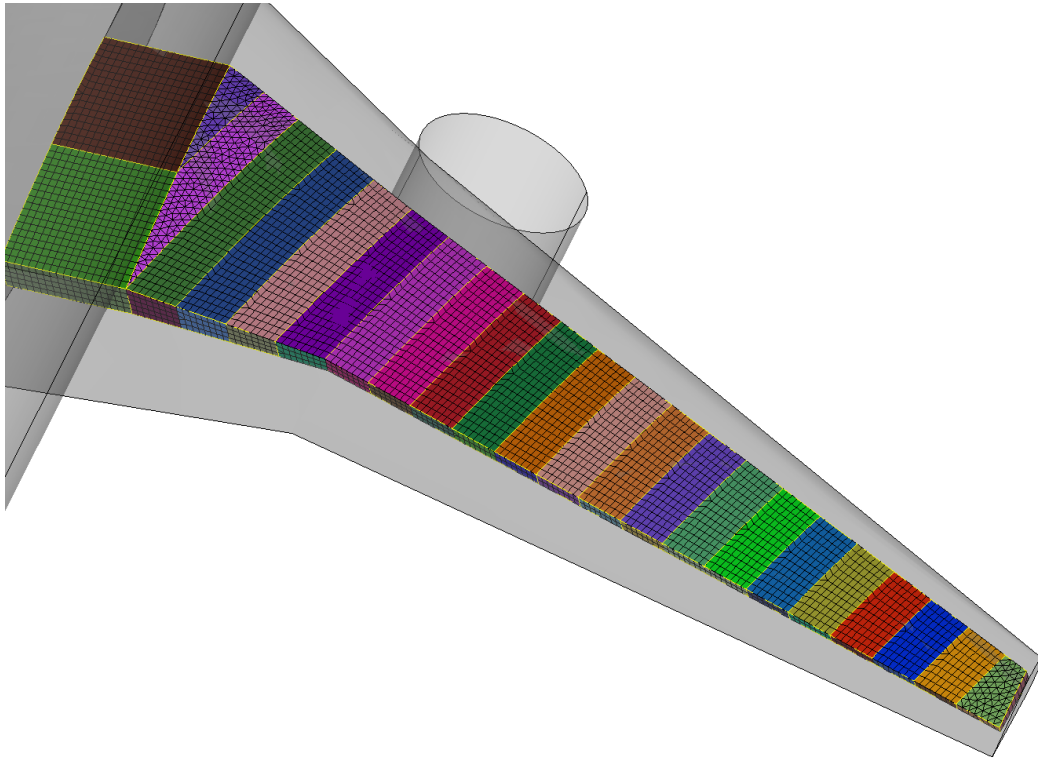
Default topologies for ease of use



Detailed feature definitions



Modeling in RADE: Representation of "Fidelity"



Increasing Fidelity

Model Representation Options

Complexity, Order, & Dimensionality (Fidelity)

Shell of spanwise variant sectional parameters

Shell of constant spanwise variant thickness

Shell of constant component thickness

Guyan Reduced Stiffness Matrix

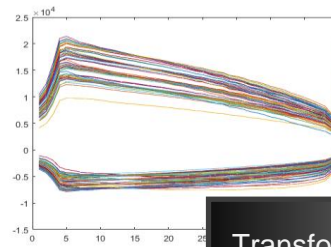
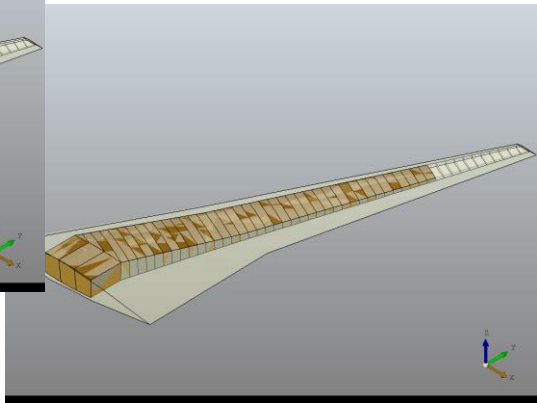
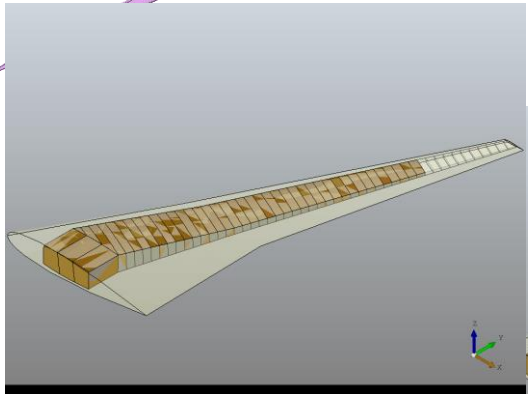
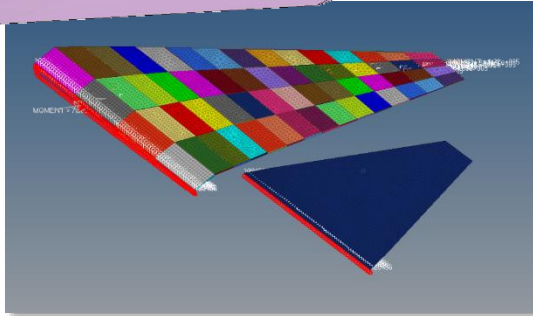
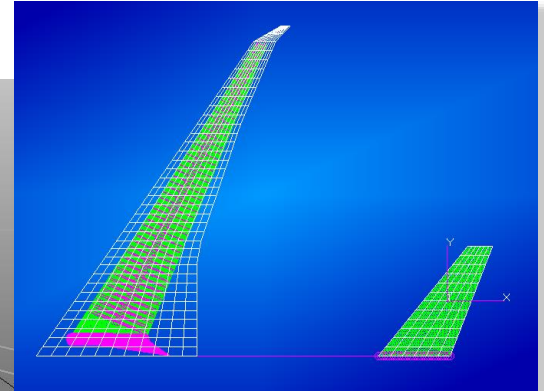
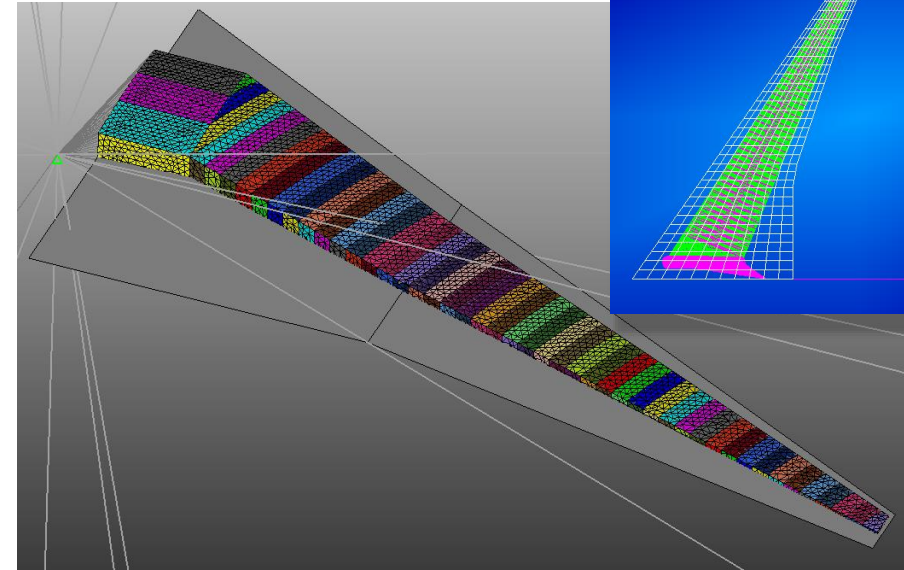
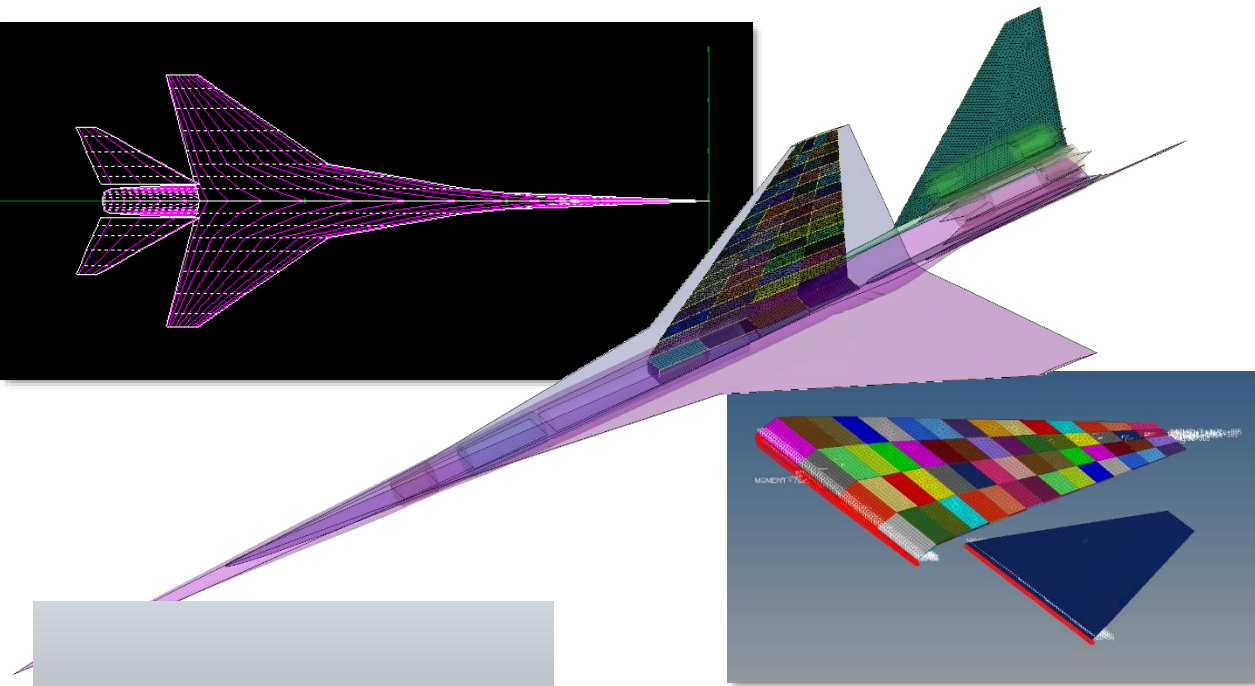
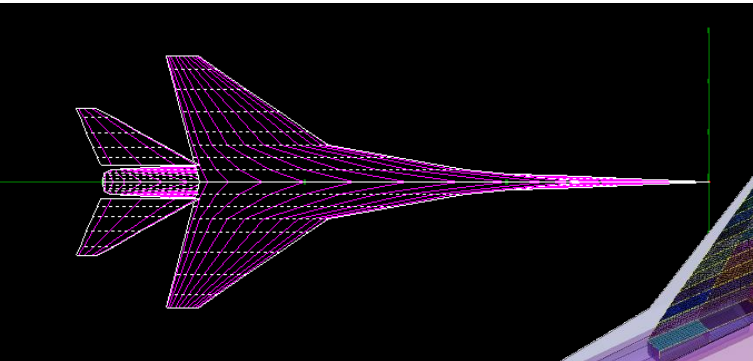
Beam of spanwise variant EI , GJ

Beam of constant EI , GJ

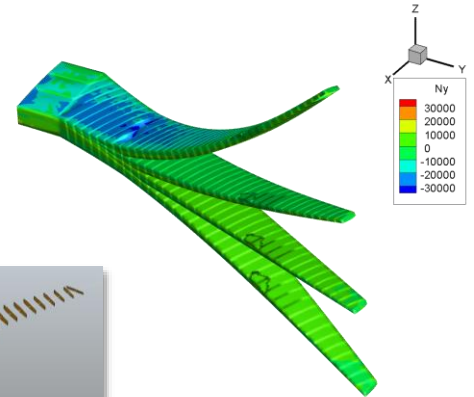
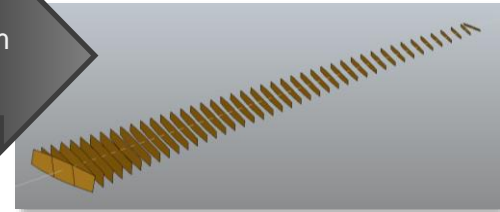
Discretizations

Modeling in RADE: Mass & Loads

Seamless, geometry-centric integration of disciplinary toolsets



Transform Loads



- Some of the latest work in RADE (and most relevant to this project) is with dynamic loads and their effect on structural sizing
- A paper was published for AIAA SciTech 2020
- Goal:
 - Quantify the increment of structural mass added to the wing by considering dynamic gust cases in addition to typical early-phase static maneuver loads

Structural Sizing of Unconventional Aircraft under Static and Dynamic Aeroelastic Loading

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A framework was created to size an airframe structure of interest with both static and dynamic loading conditions, allowing the designer to take into account dynamics early in the design process. For that, two important tools, the Rapid Airframe Design Environment (RADE), and NASRAN are used. The framework allows the sizing of conventional aircraft, like the NASA Common Research Model Aircraft, and unconventional, such as a truss-braced wing, put forward by Boeing and NASA. In the paper, static aeroelastic loads such as 2.5 and -1 G maneuvers and dynamic aeroelastic loads, such as sharp or One-Minus cosine gust are tested and contrasted. Finally, sizing of the wing is performed using HyperSizer.

I. Introduction

A. Next generation aircraft targets

Modern and future aircraft are continuously becoming lighter and more efficient. Metrics such as decreased fuel burn, noise, NOx emissions, and takeoff field length are priority for the aircraft of the future. Thus, to push the envelope, aircraft designers are attempting new designs, such as the new N+3 concepts NASA is creating, which involve blended wing body configurations and double-bubble configurations [1]. Other designs include the Boeing's Transonic Truss-Braced Wing (TBW) [2], composite very high aspect ratio wings, box wings, and other innovative designs that will be possible thanks to advances in material technologies. On the lower speed side, designs such as the sailplane SB 13 from Akaflieg Braunschweig [3] and the AK-X prototype from Akaflieg Karlsruhe [4] are also plausible design alternatives. These new designs, however, experience dynamic loading conditions that are large enough to be relevant during sizing, and tools are needed to correctly assess such loads. These tools, however, are normally used at later stages of the design process, and by then critical decisions in terms of configuration and size may have been made, which translates in correcting efforts that are costly and time-consuming. On the other hand, through the use of the appropriate structural model, it is possible for the engineer to make detailed load and aerodynamic analysis such as the ones encountered during maneuvers, gusts, and flutter [5].

B. Structural Airworthiness

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sets Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) to place requirements on aircraft design, including structural design, to achieve a desired level of safety and reliability for all certified aircraft. These regulations are intended to account for the worst-case loads to occur in flight [6, 7].

Dynamic load conditions, in particular, often result in the most critical or constraining loads being developed on the structure, and may lead to catastrophic structural failures if unforeseen. A case in point is the loss of American Airlines Flight 587 (an Airbus A300B4 aircraft) due to structural failure of the vertical tail, when the first officer's rapid, and aggressive rudder inputs in response to a wake turbulence encounter resulted in dynamic loads that exceeded the ultimate loads that the tail had been designed for. Thus dynamic load conditions must be thoroughly accounted for during structural design and tested for during the certification process [8–10]. Given the monetary cost and time requirements associated with certification programs, a capability that allows dynamic loads arising from constraining maneuver scenarios to be better predicted earlier in the design process is a definite advantage for the aircraft manufacturer. Such a simulation framework would provide a tool for determining the loads that develop during these maneuvers for a given design, thus enabling better decisions in the design of safe and reliable structures in the aircraft design process.

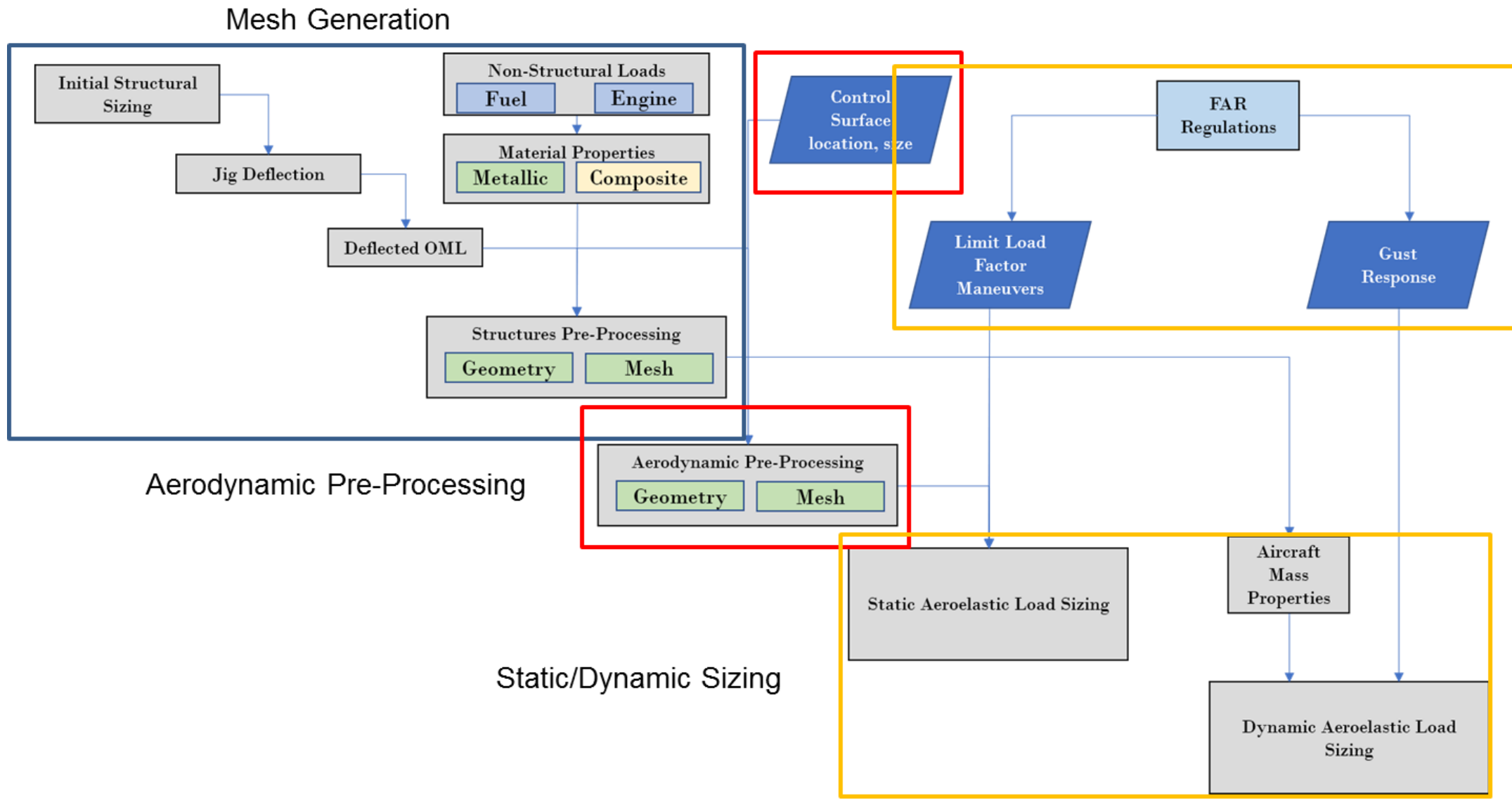
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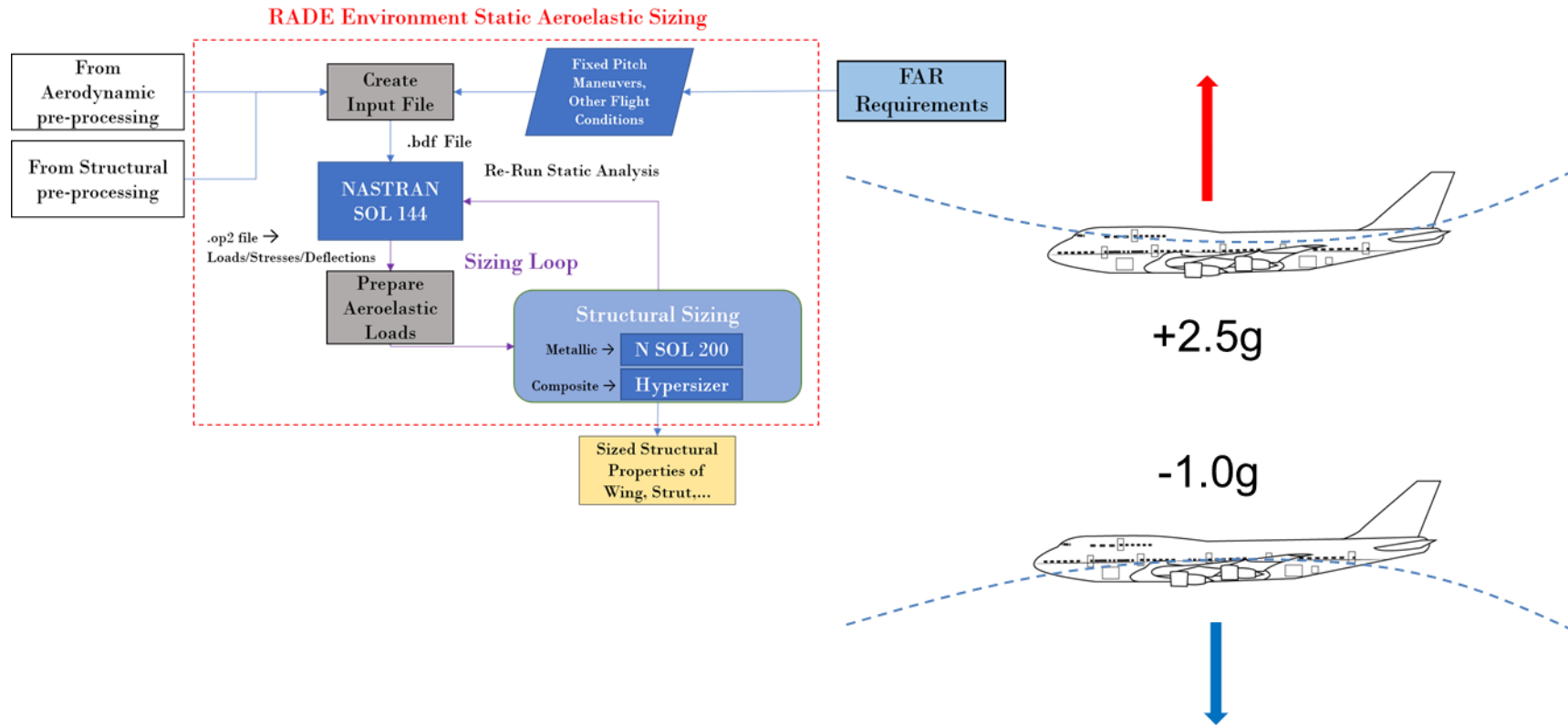
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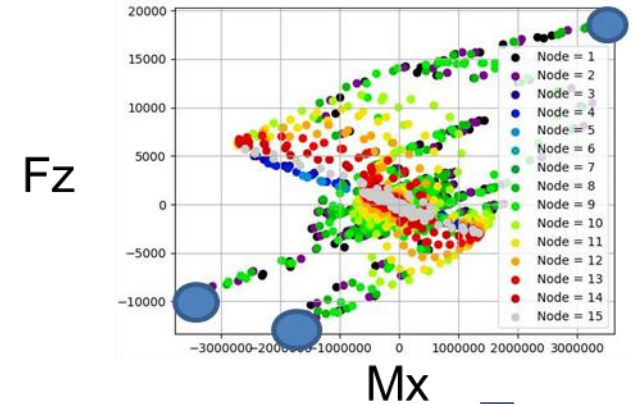
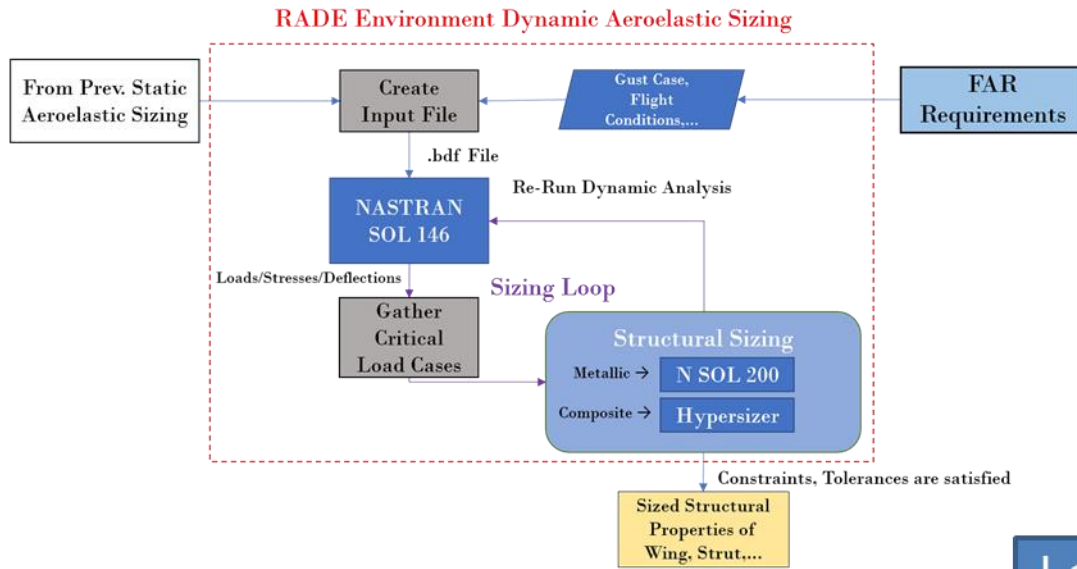
Modeling in RADE: Mass & Loads



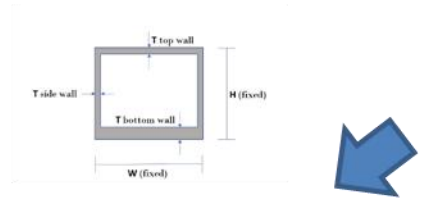
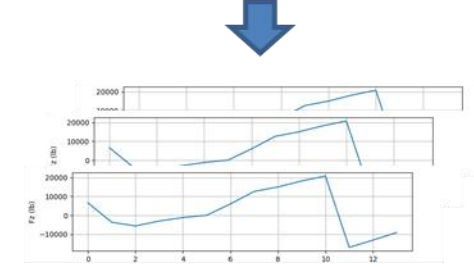
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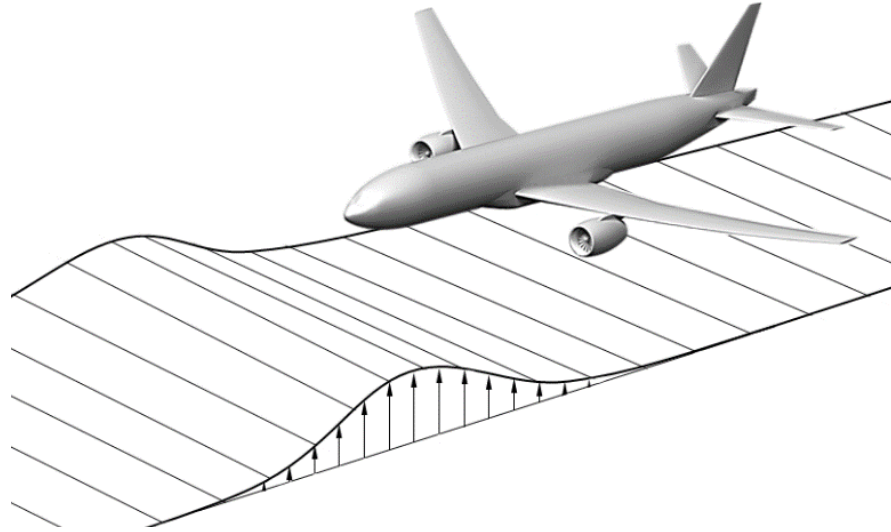
Modeling in RADE: Mass & Loads



Load Case 1
Load Case 2
Load Case 3

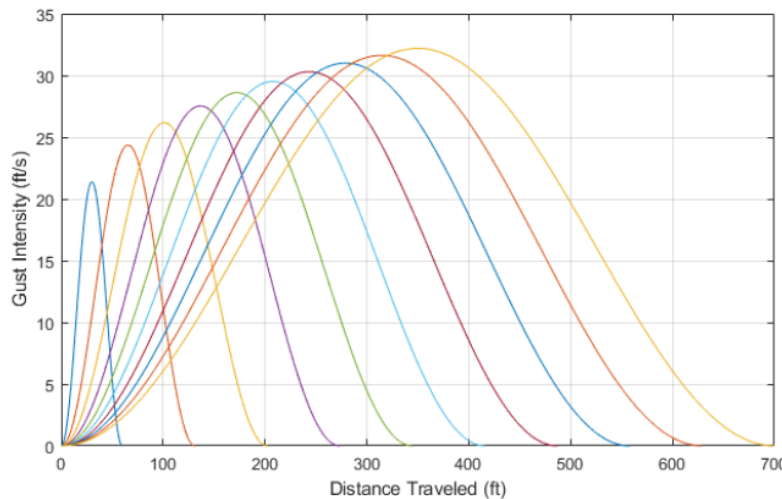


Modeling in RADE: Mass & Loads



- Total Simulation Time: 5s
- Method for Modal Analysis: Modified Givens
- Gust delay: 1s
- Modes: 10

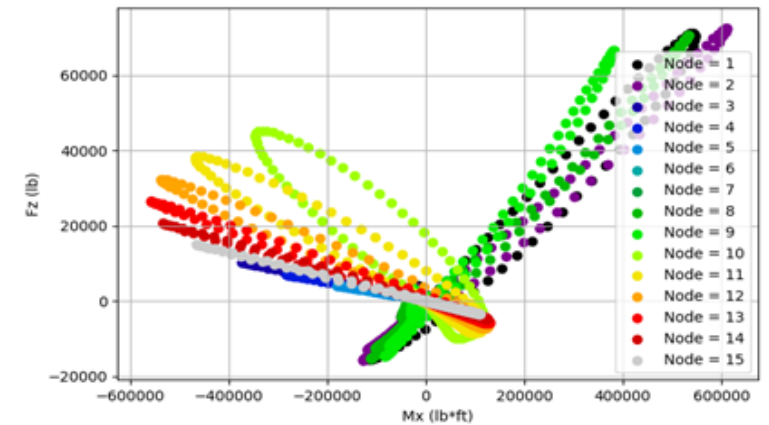
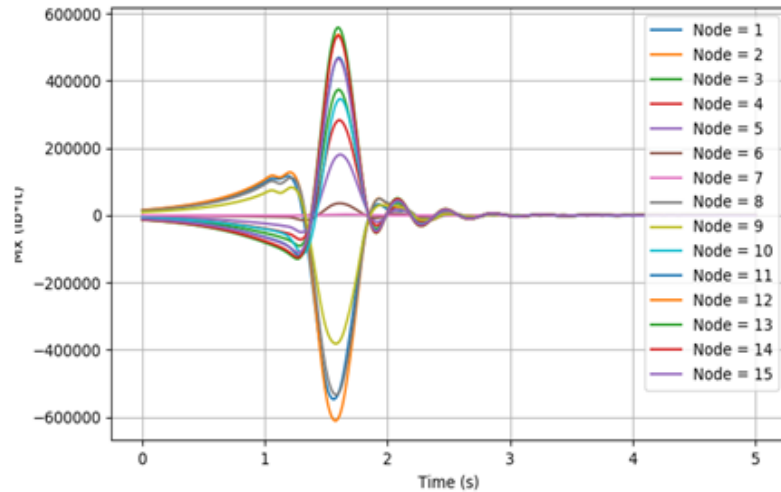
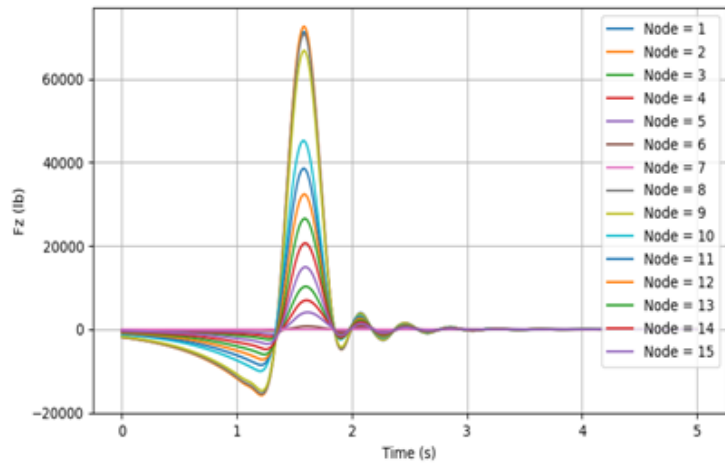
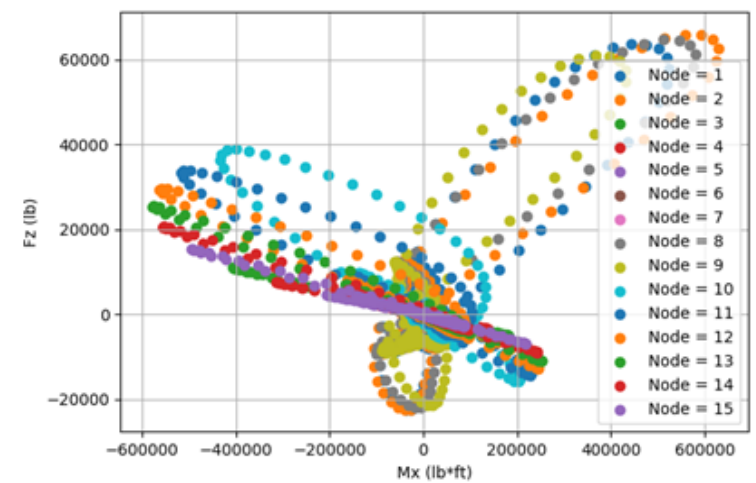
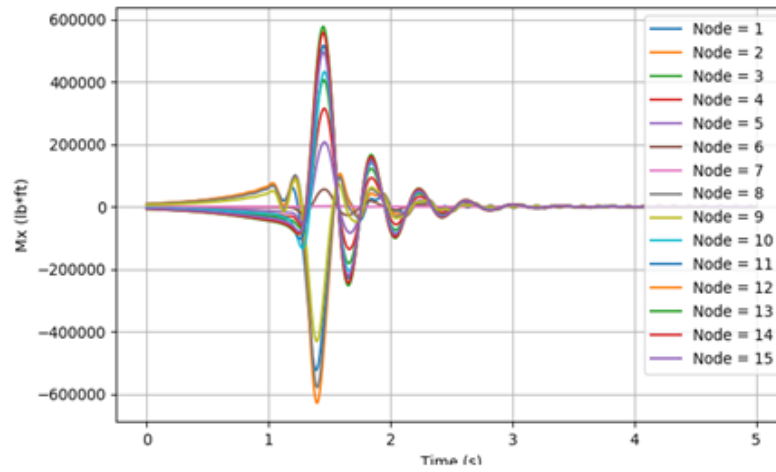
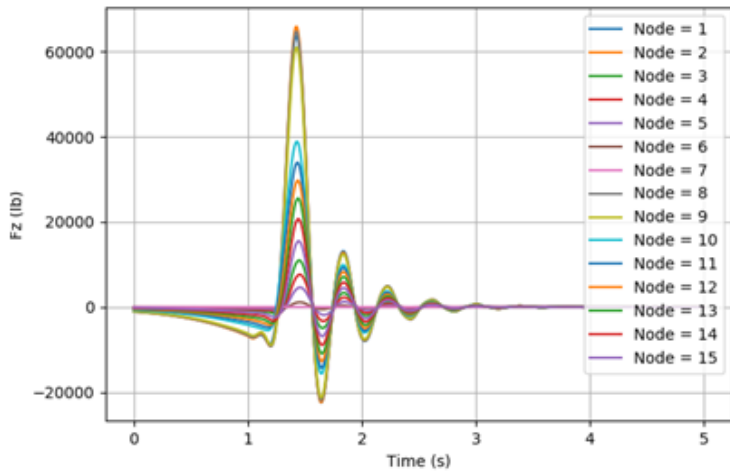
Characteristic	Name
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$$U_{ds} = U_{ref} \cdot F_g \cdot \left(\frac{H}{350}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$
$$w_G = \frac{\bar{w}_G}{2} \cdot (1 - \cos(2\pi \cdot ft))$$

Modeling in RADE: Mass & Loads

136 ft peak distance, peak speed 27.7 ft/s



278 ft peak distance, peak speed 31.2 ft/s

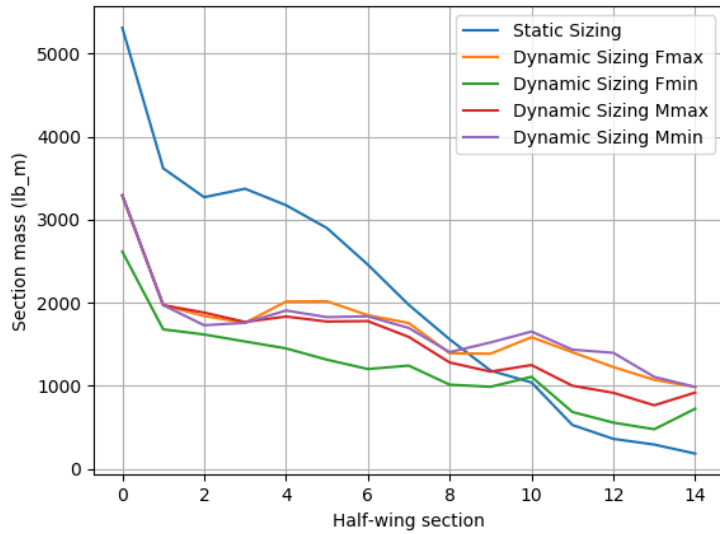
- Materials: Isotropic, Orthotropic, Anisotropic, Composite
- Properties: Beam, Shell, Smearred Stiffness, Guyan Reduction
- Structural Sizing:
 - Nastran
 - Gradient-based optimization of isotropic materials
 - “Fully stressed” sizing
 - Limited number of built-in failure modes
 - *Offline gradient-based optimization currently under development*
 - HyperSizer
 - Grid search approach with custom bounding convergence
 - Optimization for all material types and granularity for skin & stiffener dimensions/materials
 - 30+ failure modes can be used for every type of beam and panel concept

Modeling in RADE: Structural Sizing with Dynamic Loads

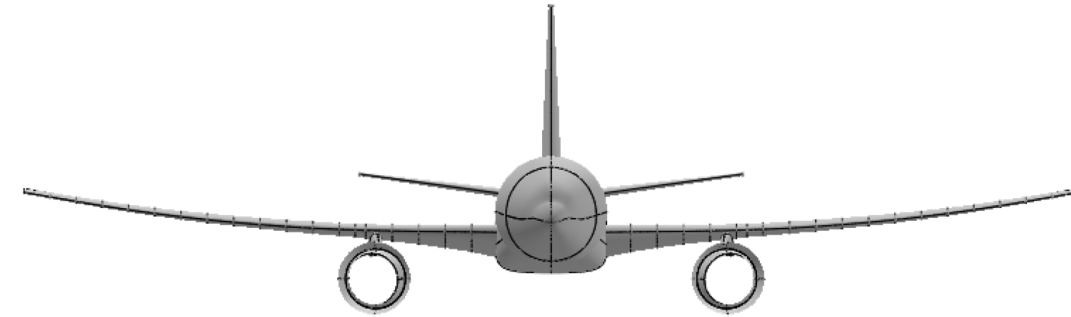
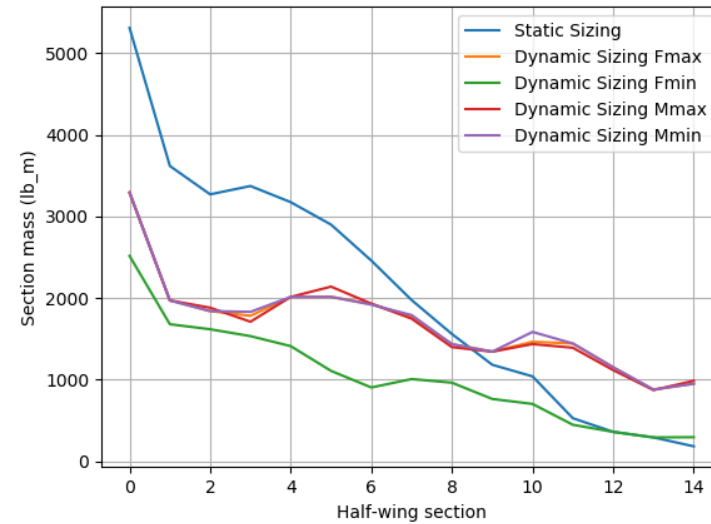
Structural Sizing Responses

Optimizing the structure independently for each load case & time step selection criteria

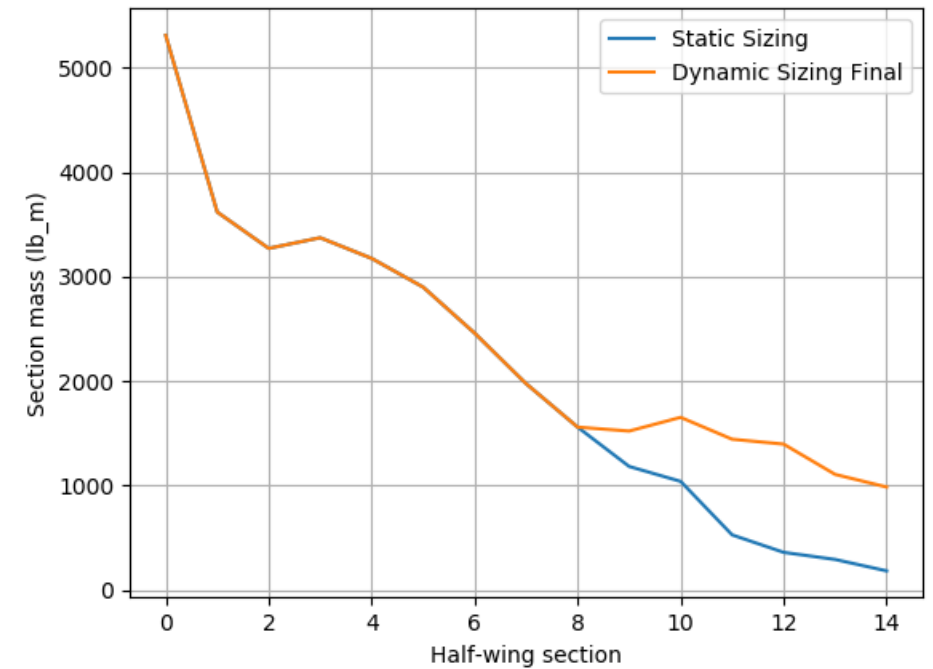
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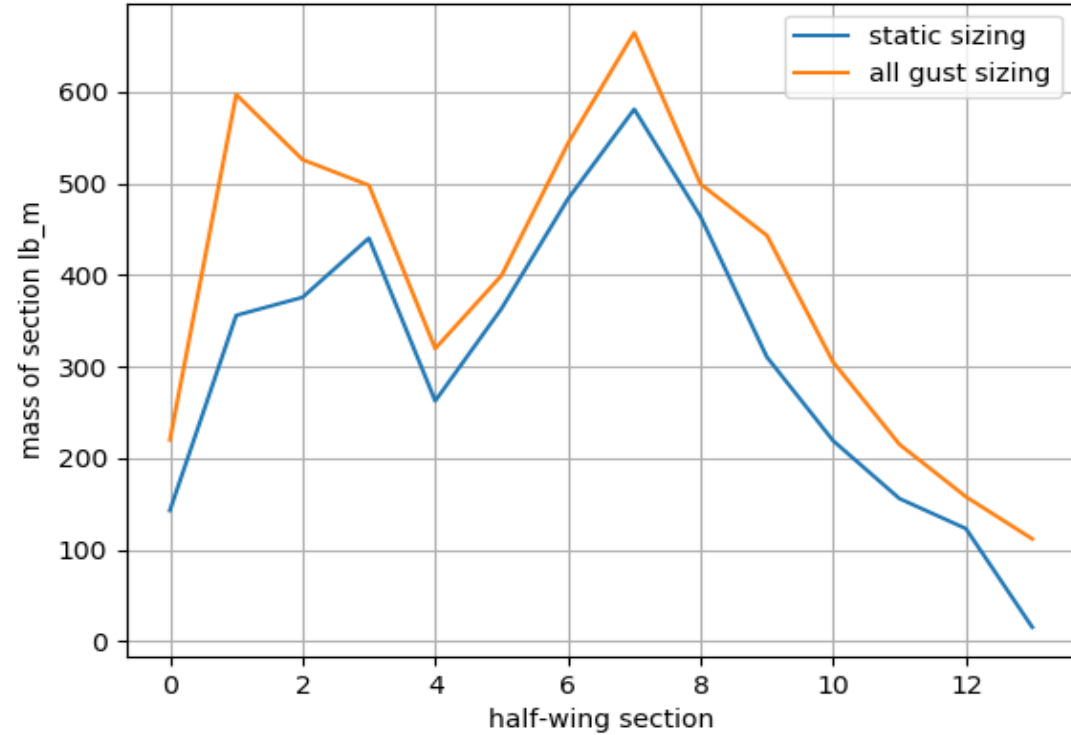
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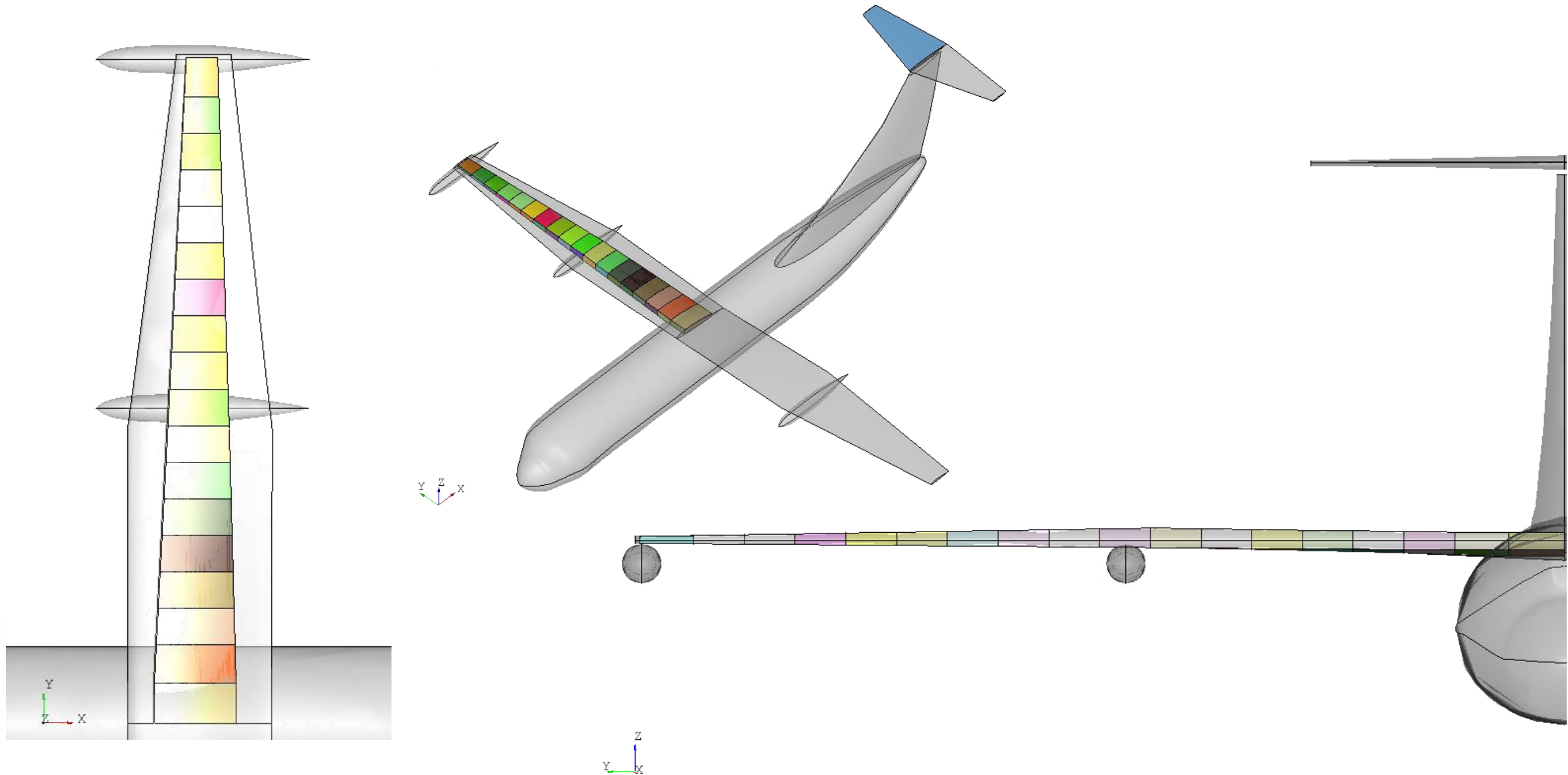
Considering All Load Cases in Constraints



Modeling in RADE: Structural Sizing with Dynamic Loads

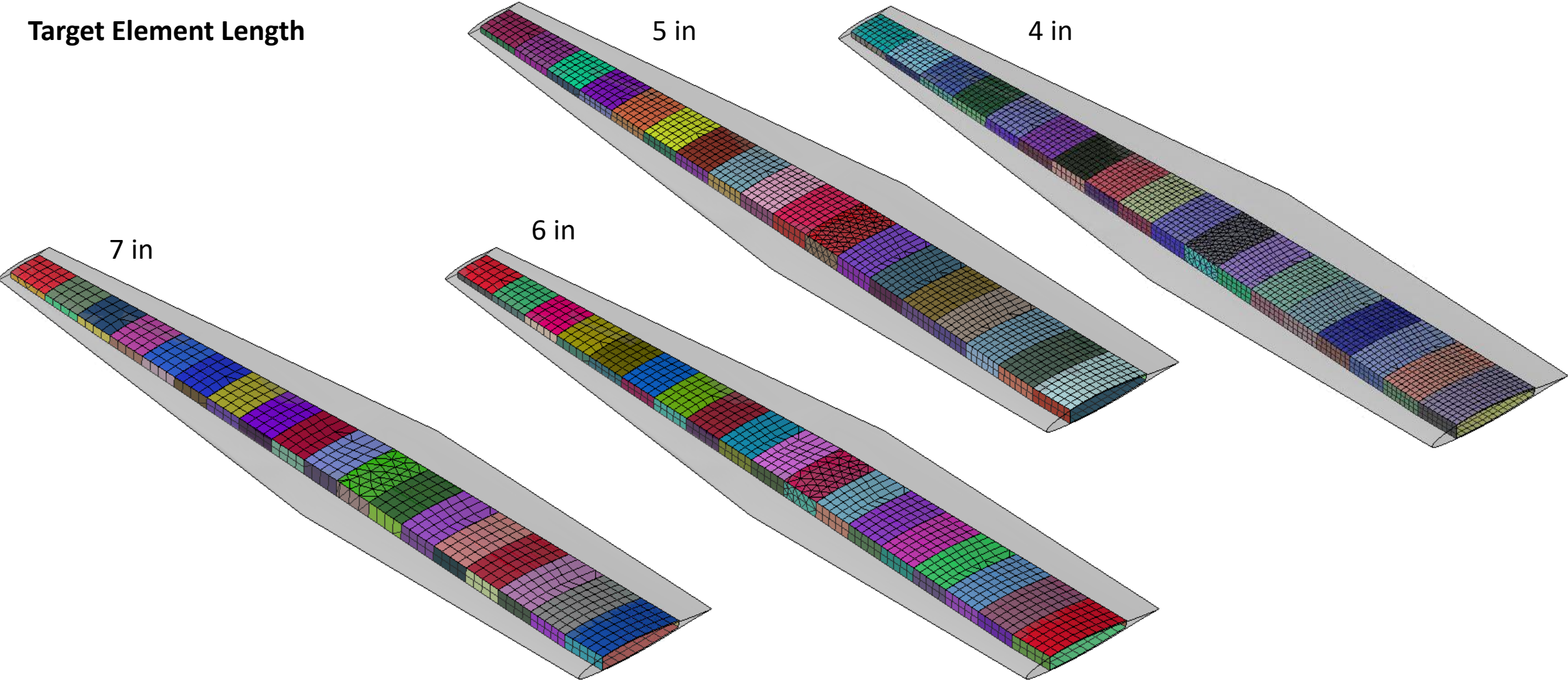


GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: Structural Geometry

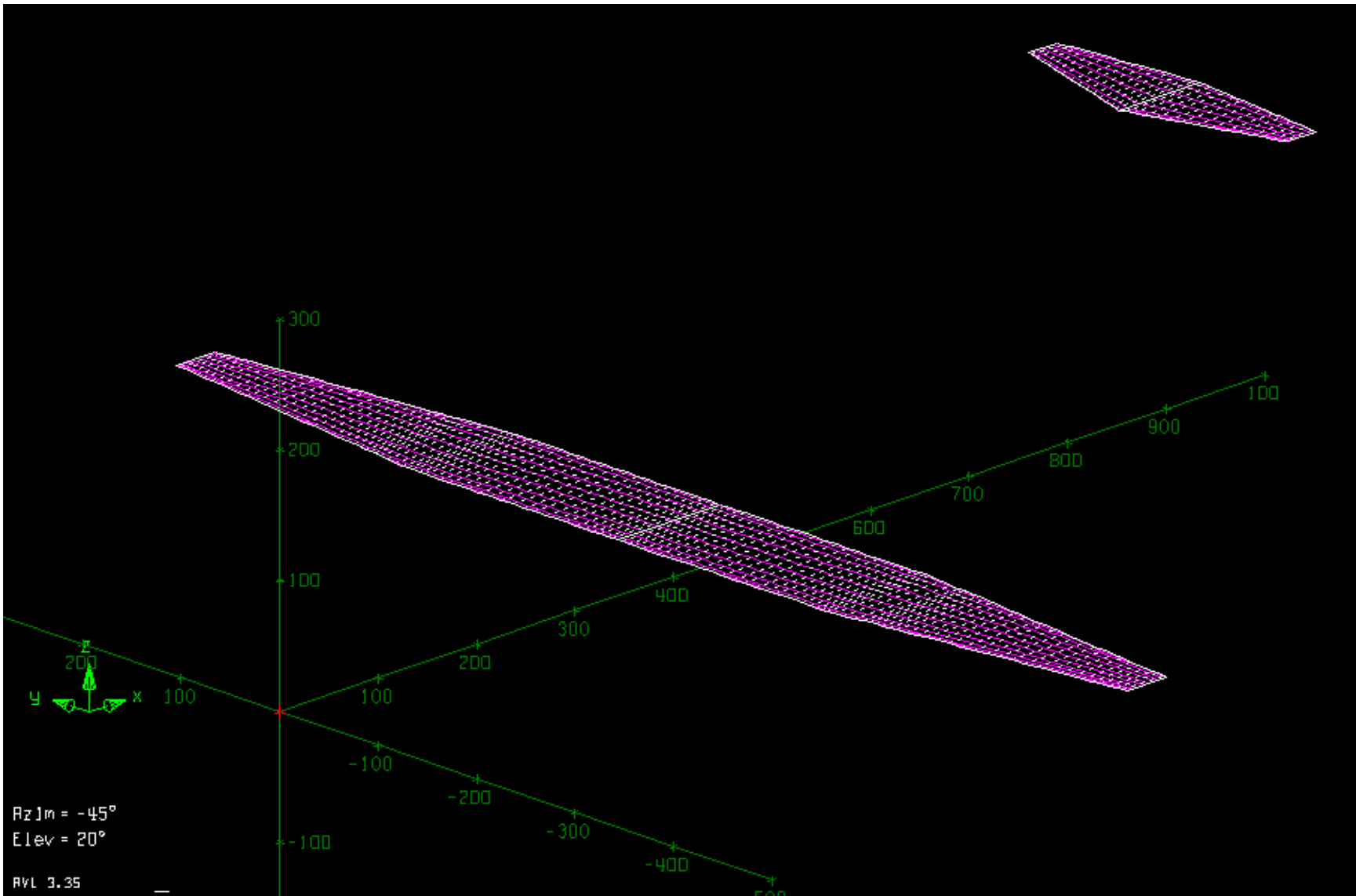


GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: Structural Mesh

Target Element Length



GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: AVL



Wing Elements:

Main Wing
Horizontal Tail

Control Surfaces:

Elevator
 $\eta = [0: 1]$
 $c = [0.6: 1]$

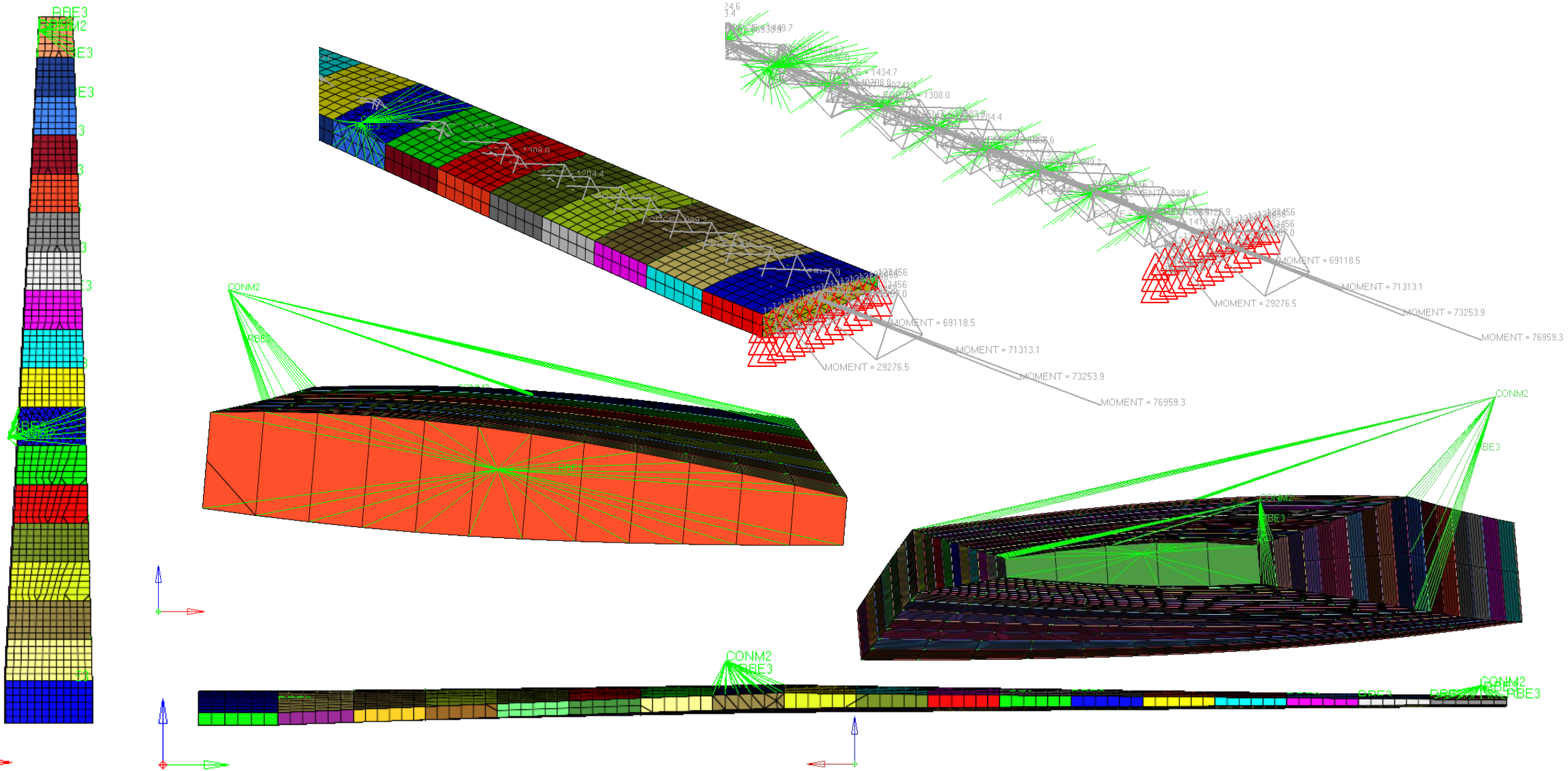
Load Cases (Default):

Mach = 0.5
Altitude = 20,000 ft

Constraints:

Load Factors = [-1.0, 2.5]
Pitch Moment = 0

GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: Nastran



GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: HyperSizer Setup

Assembly: 1 Upper Skin
 Component: 57 WingWingSkinUpper00
 Concept: Integral Blade (Optimum)

Req. Designs: 1 # Candidates: 81 All Designs

Dimension: Min Max Steps Step Size Freeze Result Material

Run Time: 00:00:17 Weight Total: 1360.489

Assemblies

- Assembly #1 (678.6573 lbm) "Upper Skin"
- Assembly #2 (509.4594 lbm) "Lower Skin"
- Assembly #3 (87.13067 lbm) "Spars"
- Assembly #4 (85.2412 lbm) "Ribs"
- Display Sets
- Components

Component Result

Weight (lbm): 79.445
 Unit Wt. (lb / ft²): 6.9838

Available Failure Analyses

Location	Analysis Description	Lim./Ult.	MS	Load Case
Component	Crippling - Buckling Interaction, Johnson-Euler	Ultimate	0.009934	1
Web, unsupported	Isotropic Strength, Yield, Von Mises-Hill Criterion	Limit	0.08258	1
Web, unsupported	Isotropic Strength, Yield, Longitudinal Direction	Limit	0.0844	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, Niu, Formed and Extruded Sections	Ultimate	0.1162	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections	Ultimate	0.1162	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Von Mises-Hill Criterion	Ultimate	0.1839	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Longitudinal Direction	Ultimate	0.1864	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Longitudinal Direction	Ultimate	0.2404	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Von Mises-Hill Criterion	Ultimate	0.2924	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Axial w/ Shear Interaction	Limit	0.5808	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Axial	Limit	0.5809	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield, Longitudinal Direction	Limit	0.6698	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield, Von Mises-Hill Criterion	Limit	0.7402	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Column, with Transverse Shear Flexibility	Ultimate	1.932	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Axial	Limit	1.962	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Axial w/ Shear Interaction	Limit	1.962	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Energy Solution, All BC	Ultimate	2.037	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Shear Direction	Ultimate	4.919	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield, Shear Direction	Limit	6.956	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Transverse Direction	Ultimate	12.33	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Ultimate, Shear Direction	Ultimate	15.01	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield, Shear Direction	Limit	15.36	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield, Transverse Direction	Limit	17.42	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield	Limit	20.3	1
Component	Crippling, Isotropic, LTV, Formed and Extruded Sections, Yield	Limit	514.8	1
Component	Panel Buckling, Analytical, Simple BC, Uniaxial or Biaxial	Ultimate	N/A	

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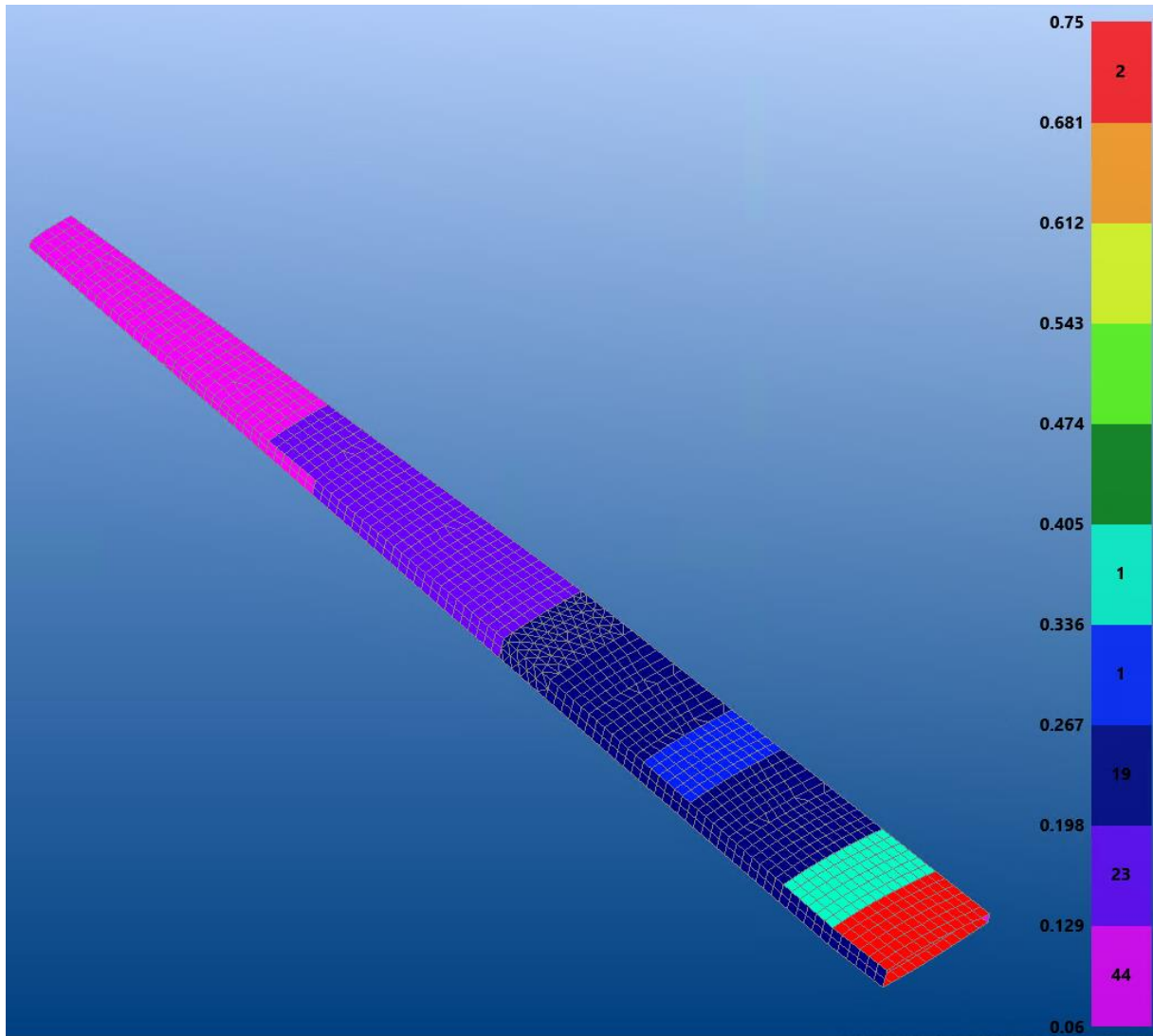
Summary information is for the most recent sizing only. For example, if the last sizing was for a single component, then this information applies to that component only. The summary tree contains weight information for the entire model.

Beam Weights	Panel Weights
Unit Weight: 0	Unit Weight: 3.740101
Total Length: 0	Total Area: 363.7572
Total Weight: 0	Total Weight: 1360.489

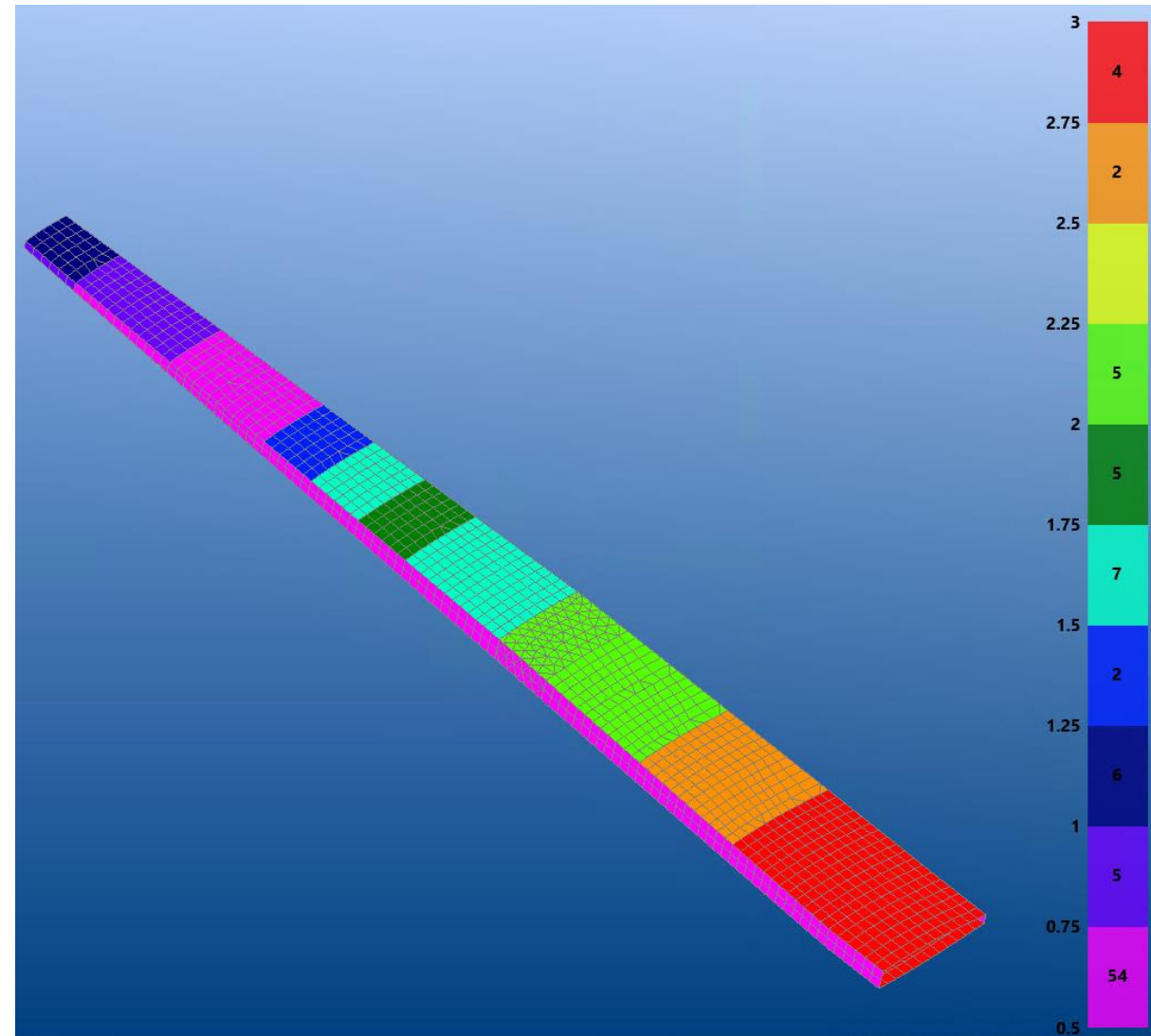
Failure Mode Weights	Opt Bounds
Strength: 59.99481	Min Opt Bound: 20.32681
Buckling: 373.1807	Max Opt Bound: 0
Local Buckling: 906.9863	

GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: HyperSizer Results

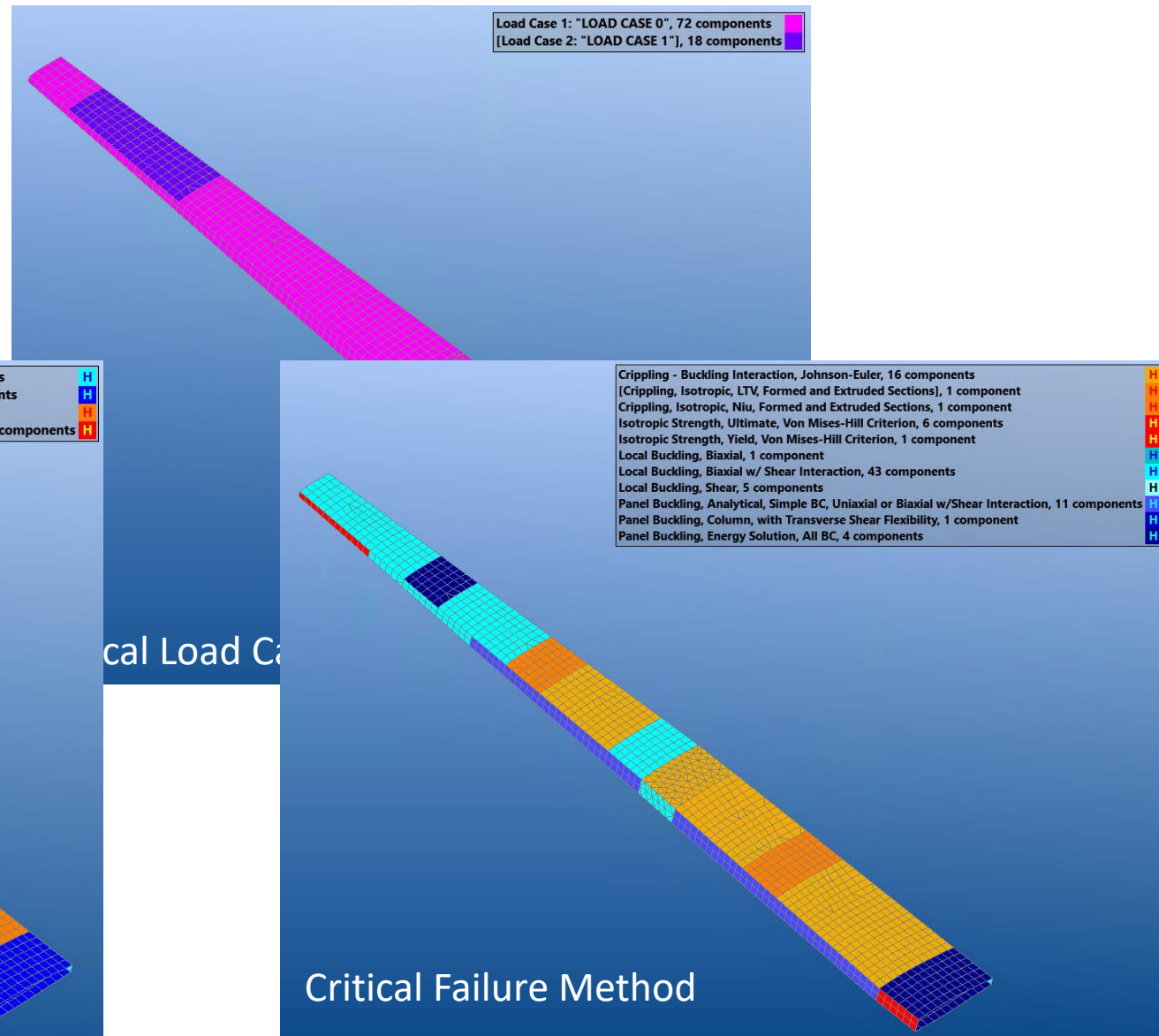
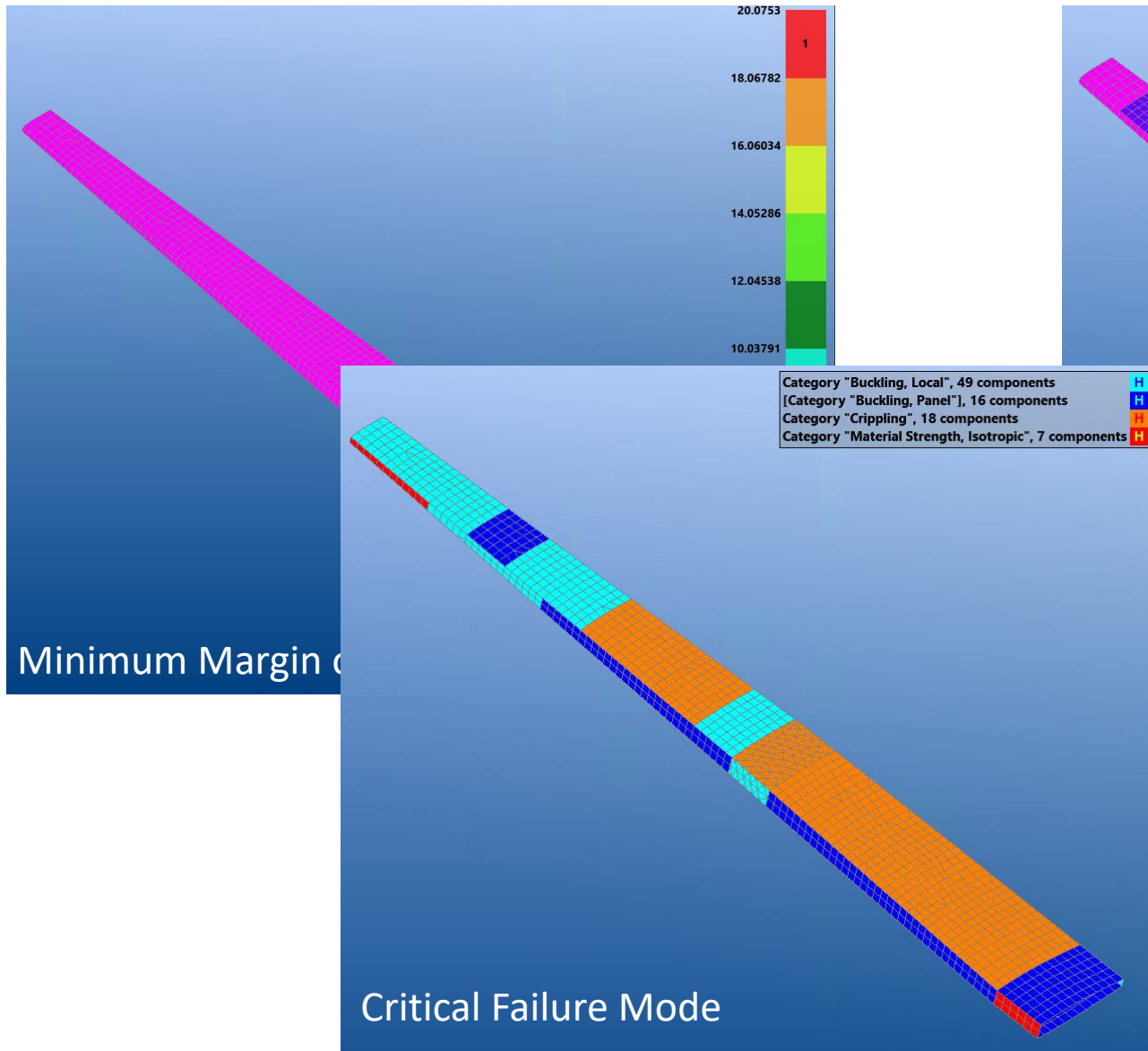
Skin Thickness



Stringer Web Height



GT-ASDL PEGASUS Model in RADE: HyperSizer Results



TOW-STEERED COMPOSITES

Overview

Structural Weight Estimation

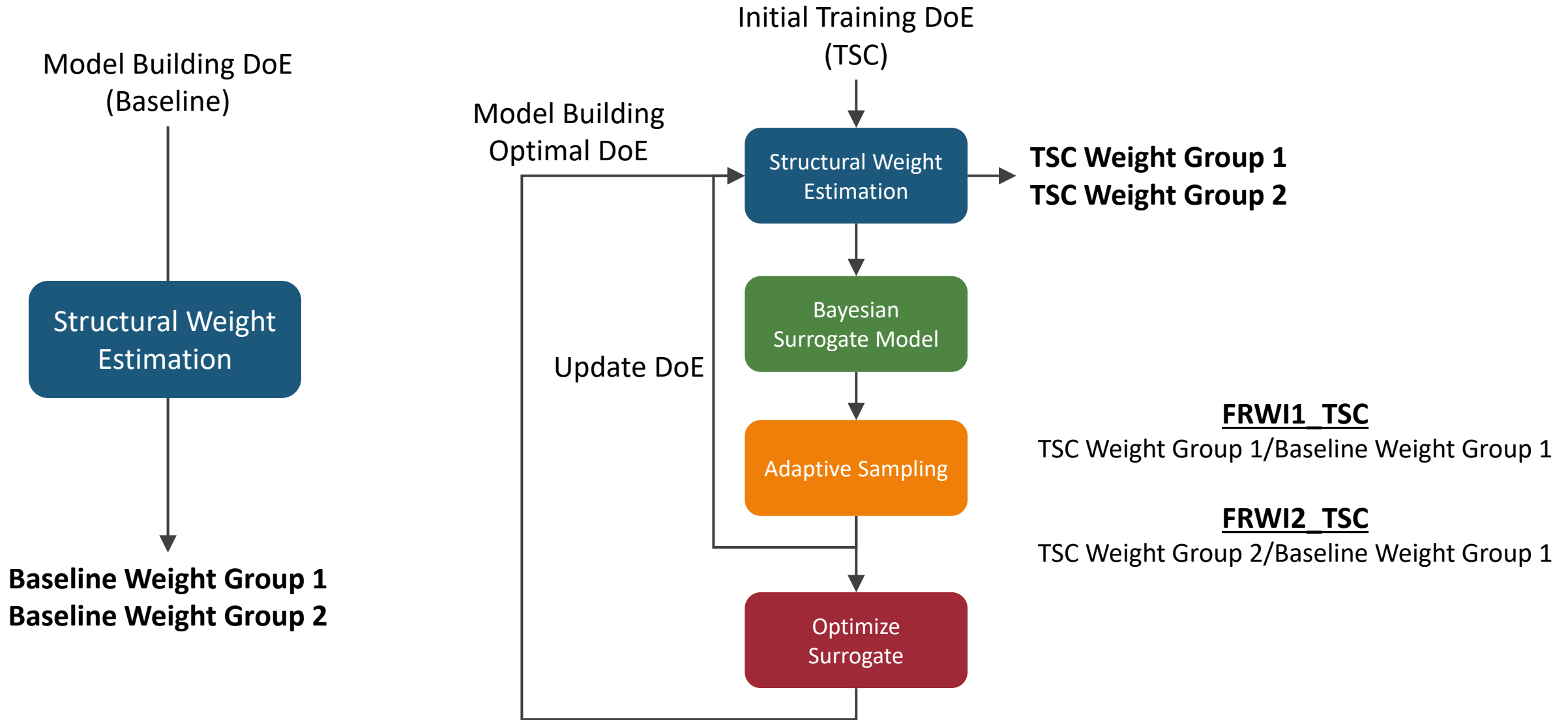
TSC Performance Estimation

Value Assessment

Objectives for TSC Technology Performance Estimation

- Obtain TSC weight reduction performance as a function of Area (Wing Loading), Aspect Ratio design space to perform systems level trades: 150PAX TBW & 300PAX T&W
 - Structural Weight Estimation
 - Baseline & Technology Vehicles
 - Optimization of Tow-Steering w/in Area/AR Design Space
- Formulate breakdown of sources of uncertainty associated with implementation of TSC on production-phase aircraft
 - Enumeration of Sources of Uncertainty
 - Mapping to Technology Performance Estimation Process

Approach for Performance Estimation in Planform Design Space



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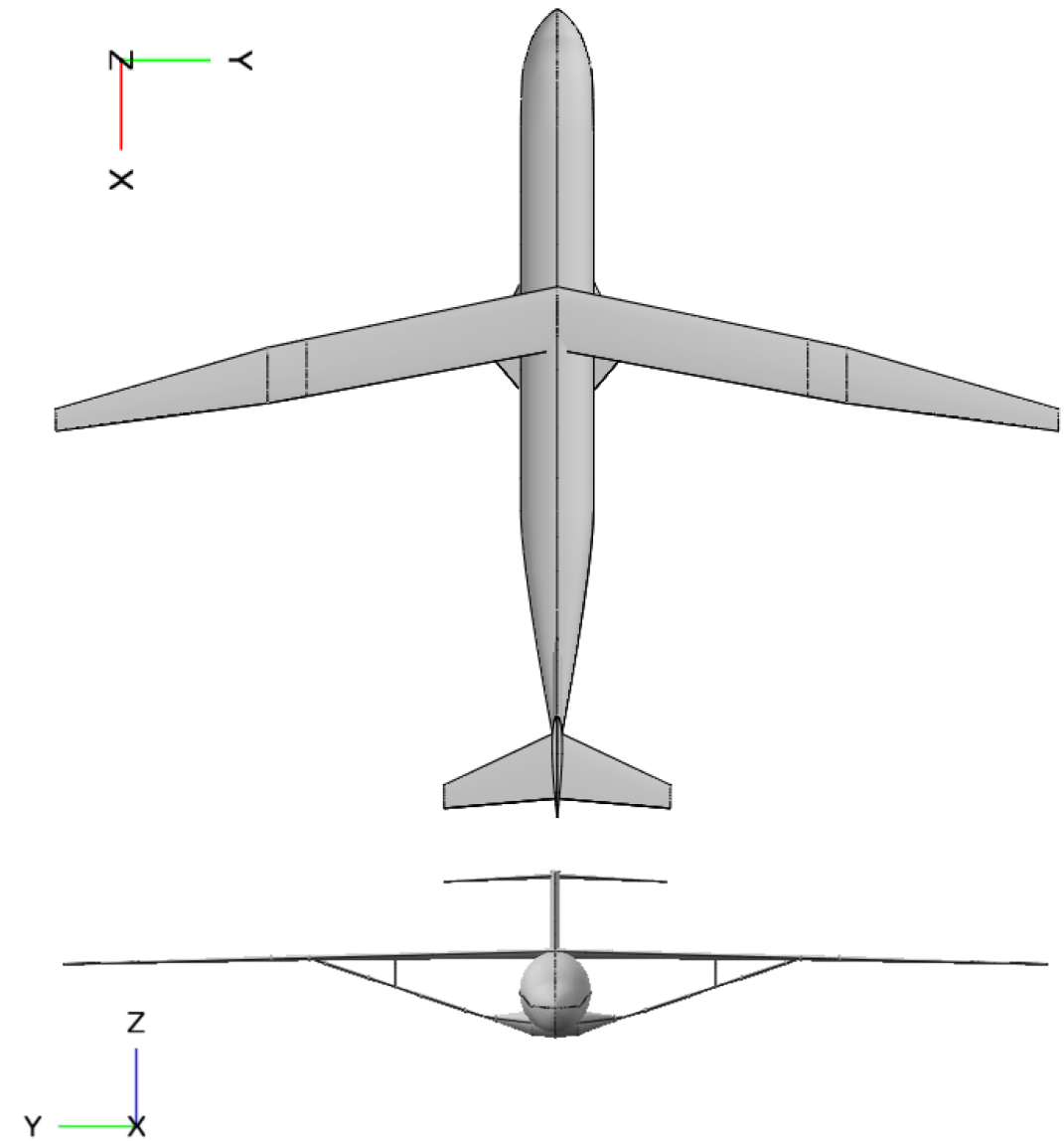
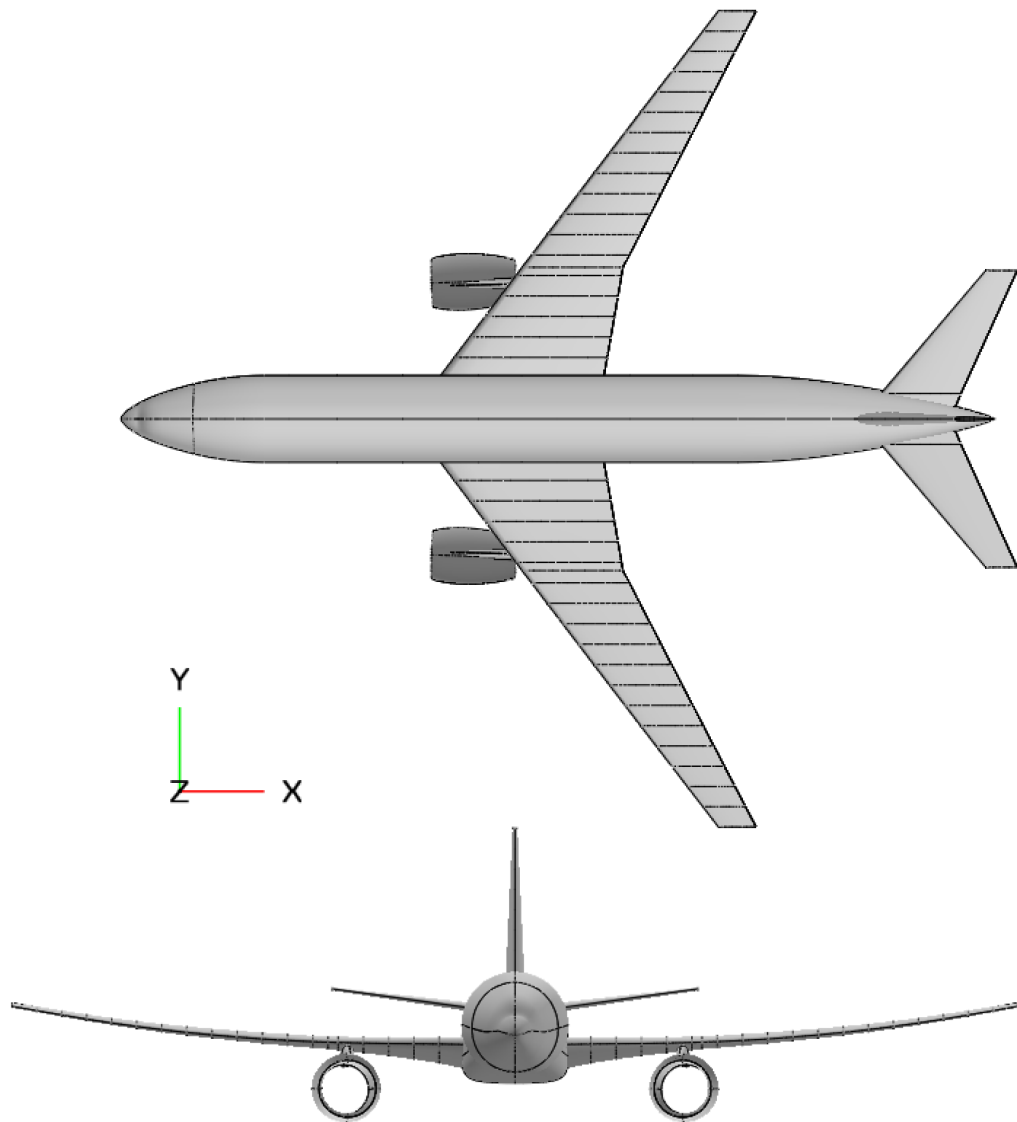
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Structural Weight Estimation

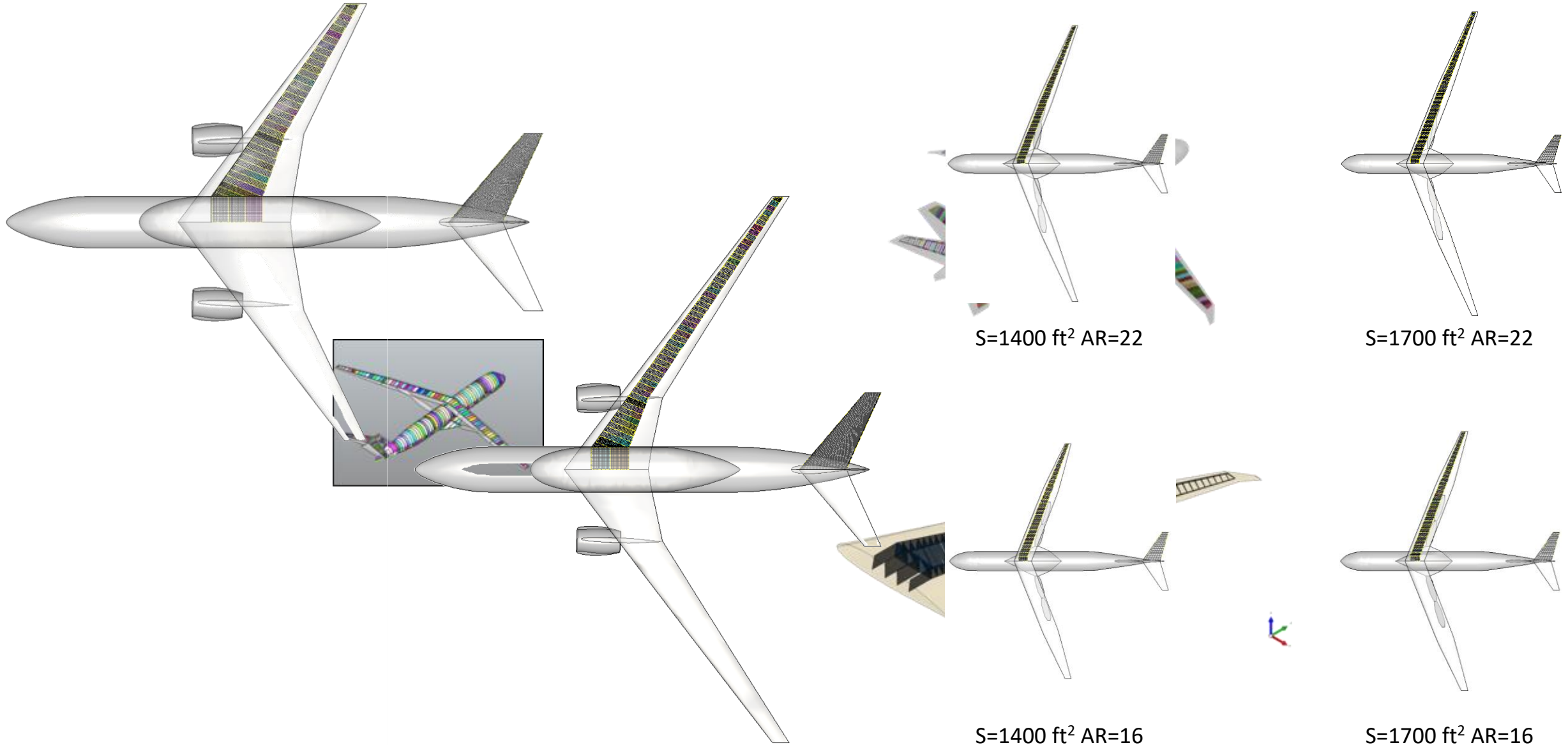
TSC Performance Estimation

Value Assessment

Structural Weight Estimation: OML Parameterization



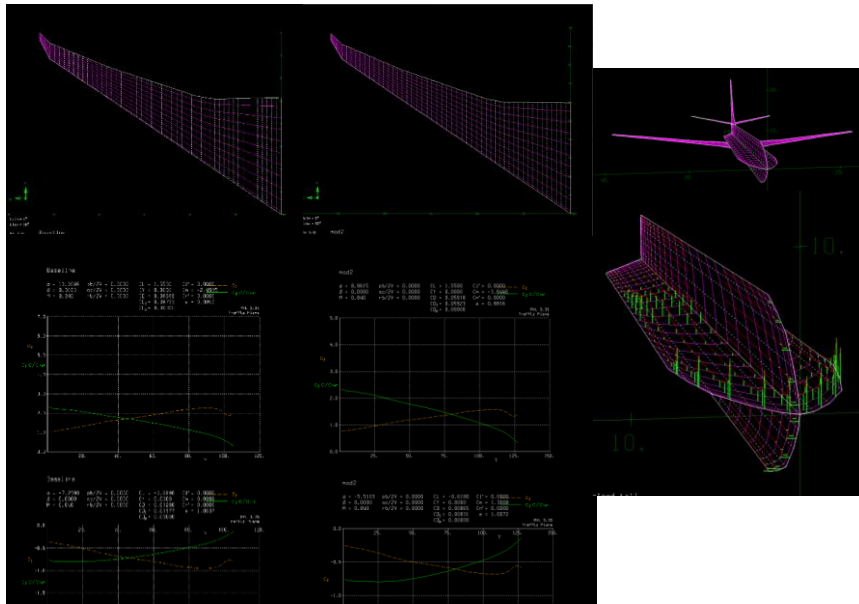
Structural Weight Estimation: Structural Configuration



Structural Weight Estimation: Aeroelastic Loads

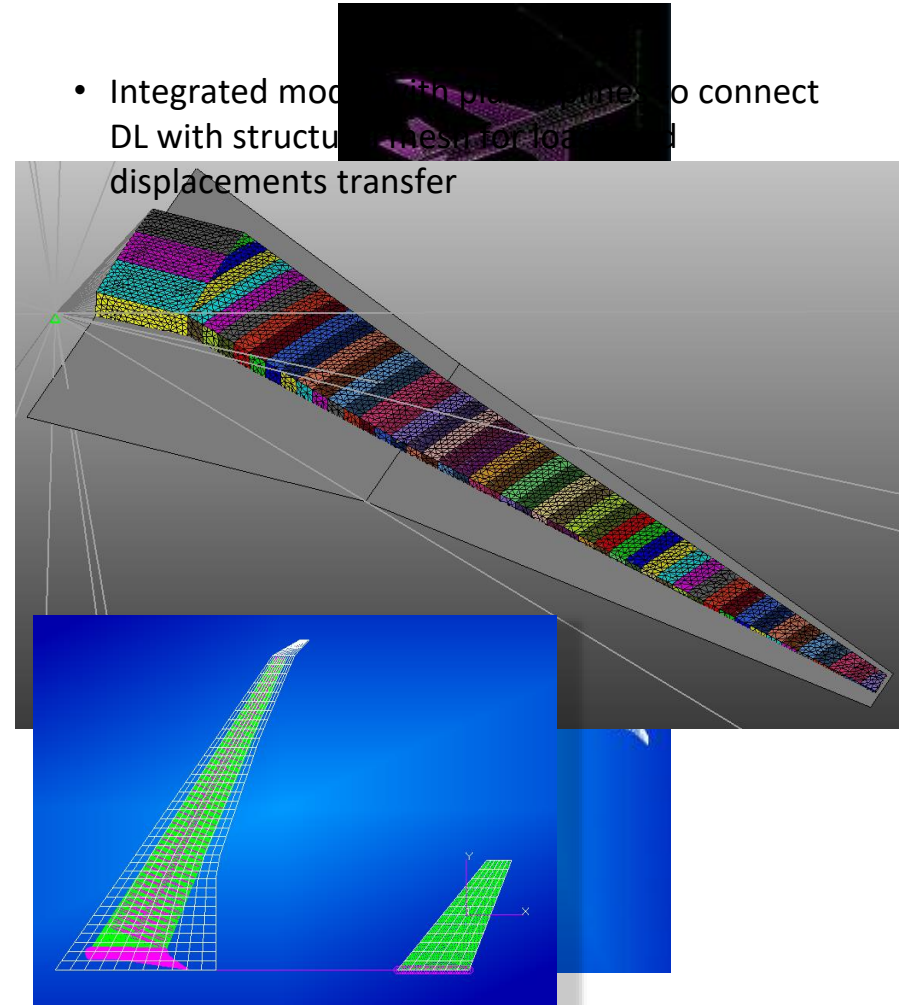
Static Loads (Vortex Lattice)

- Standalone aerodynamics analysis for low order C_L , C_M distributions and loads generation
- Used as a camber correction for Nastran doublet lattice model



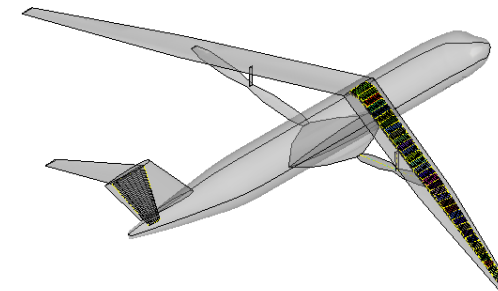
Nastran Doublet Lattice Aeroelastic

- Integrated model to connect DL with structural mesh for loads and displacements transfer

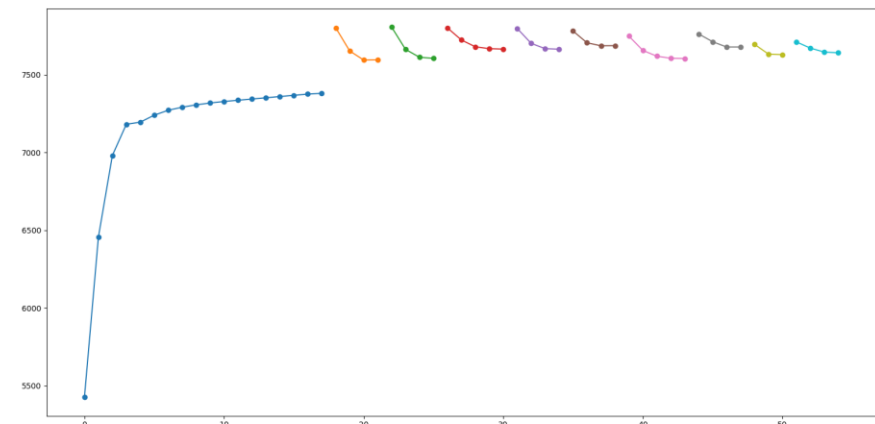


Structural Sizing in HyperSizer

- Currently updating a transonic truss-braced wing (TTBW) wingbox structural sizing program to have parametric laminate orientations
 - Aeroelastic load analysis with Athena Vortex Lattice and Nastran
 - Solid mechanic analysis with Nastran
 - Structural property and failure analysis with HyperSizer
- Original program used effective laminates, but in HyperSizer these laminates are restricted to only use the ply angles 0° , $\pm 45^\circ$, and 90°
 - Skin panels now use discrete laminates that add an offset to these ply angles
- Original program had weight convergence issues due to bad iteration logic between material properties and aeroelastic loads
 - Alternate iteration strategy has been implemented and resolves problem

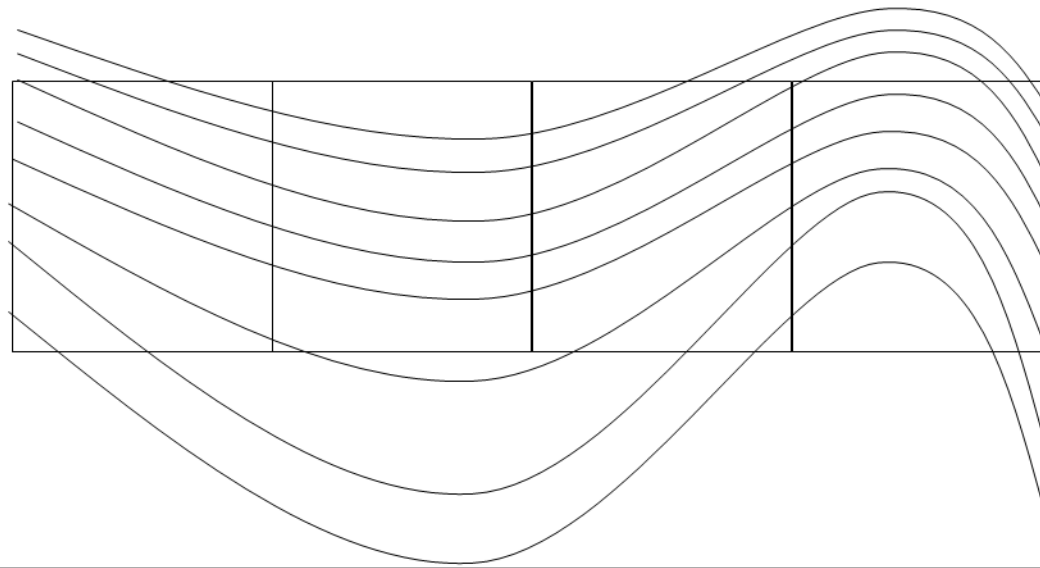


TTBW OML and structure

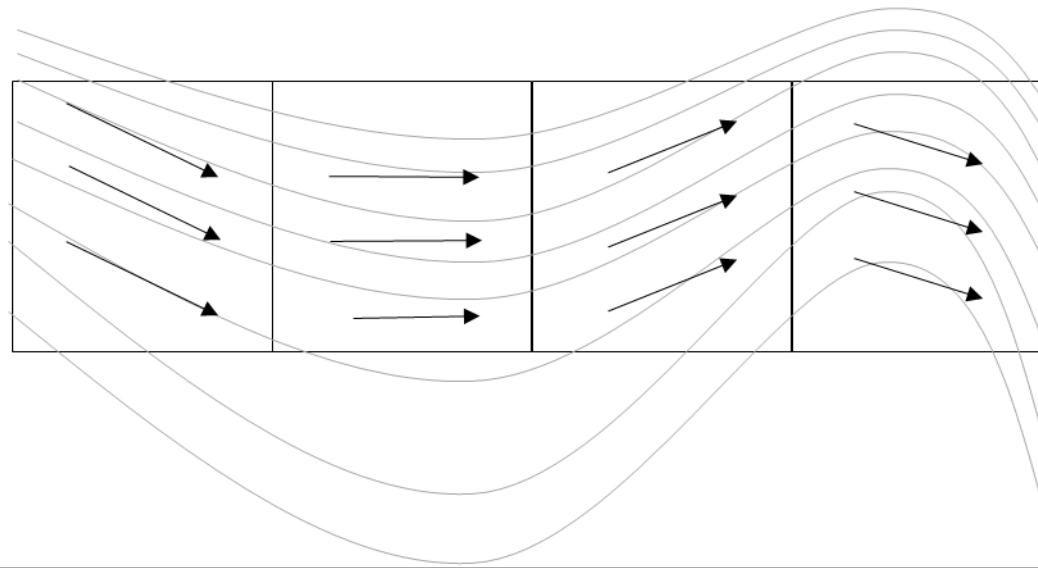


HyperFEA iteration weights

Tow Steering Discretization



Tow Steering Discretization



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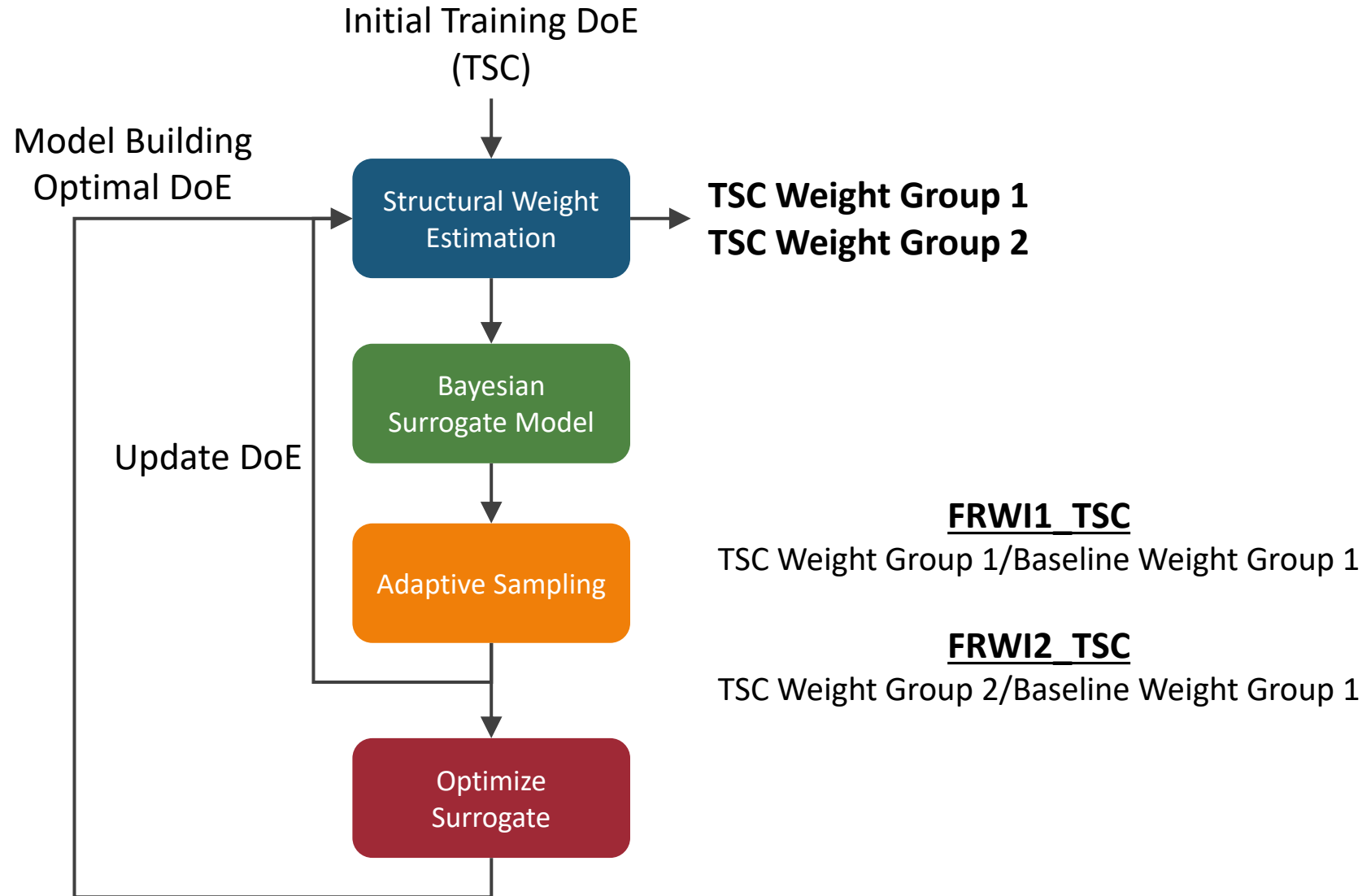
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Structural Weight Estimation

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TSC Performance Estimation: Tow-Steering Optimization



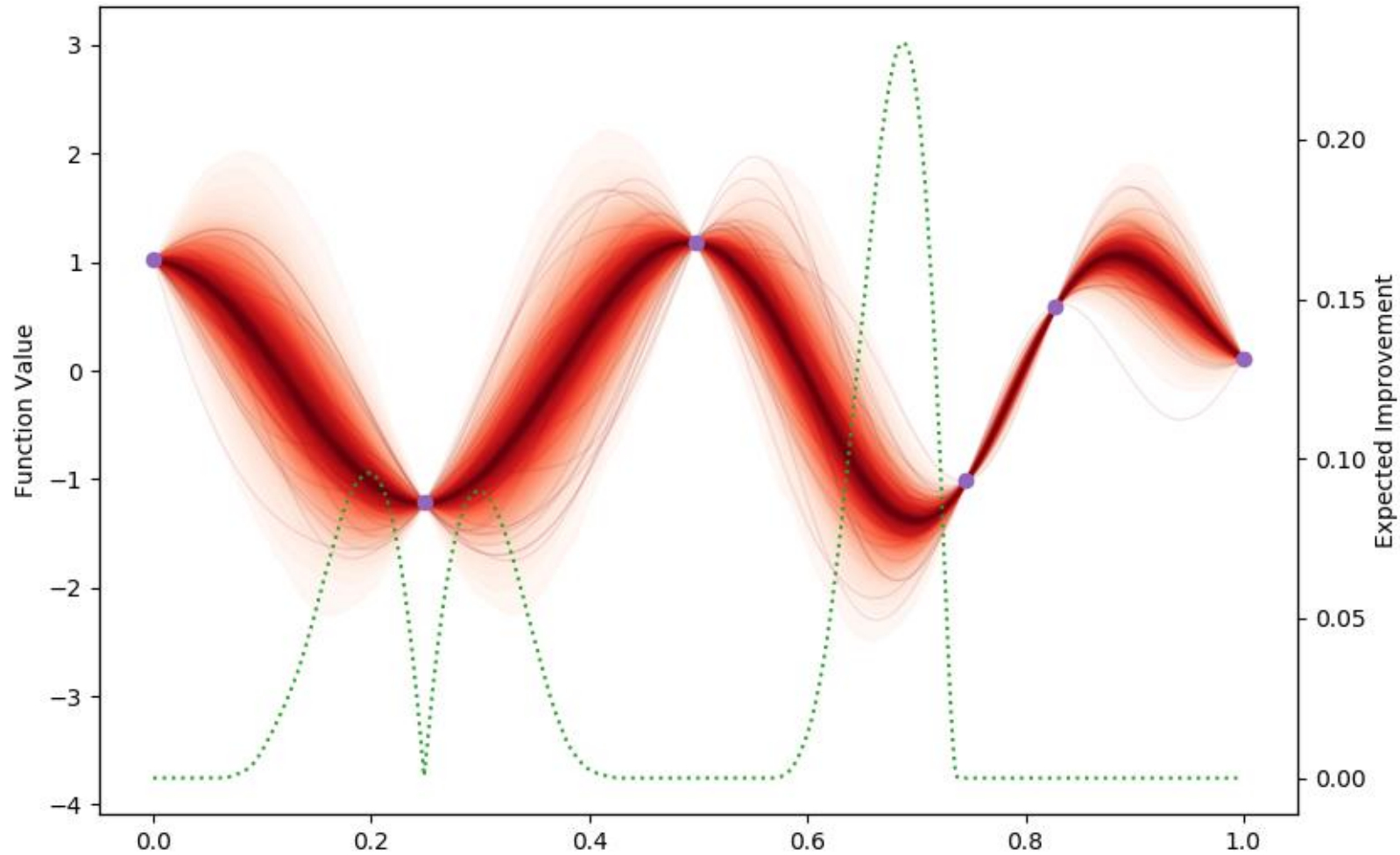
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TSC Weight Group 1/Baseline Weight Group 1

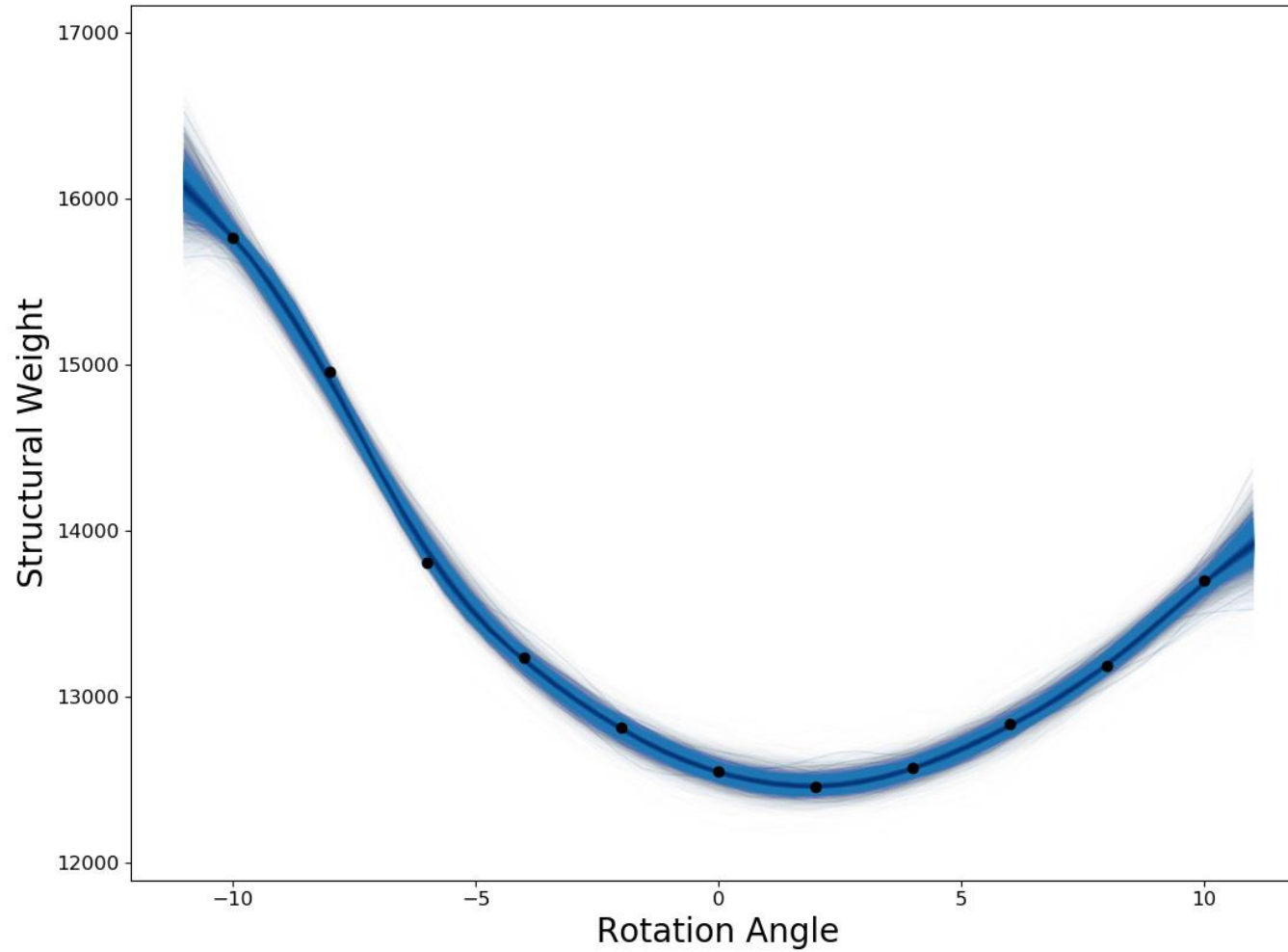
FRWI2 TSC

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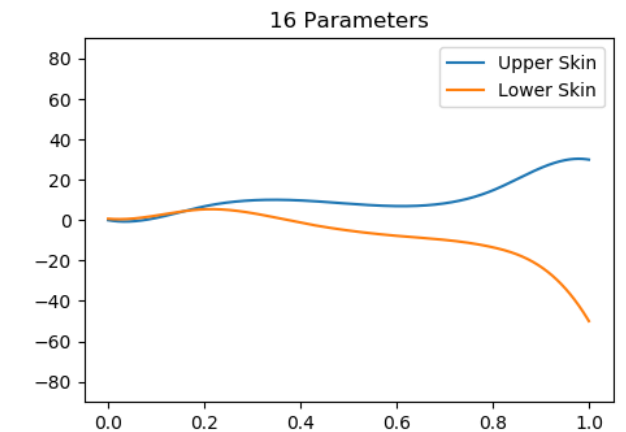
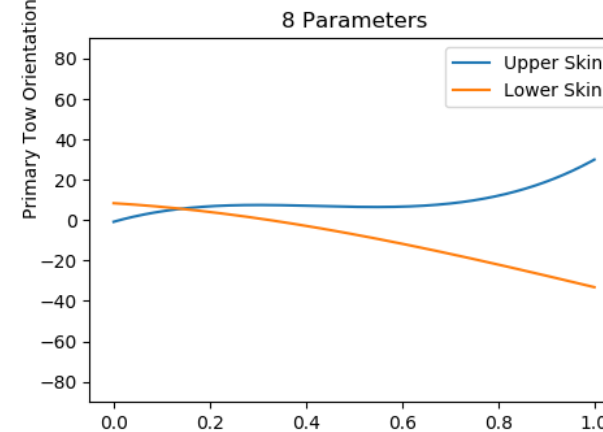
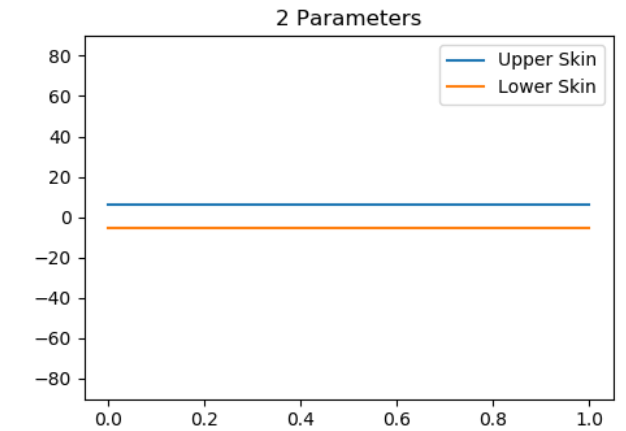
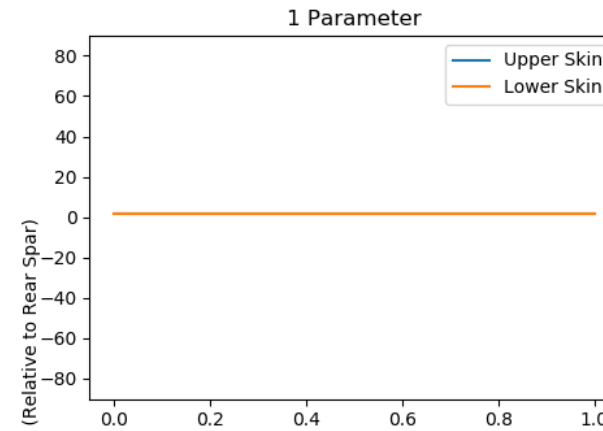
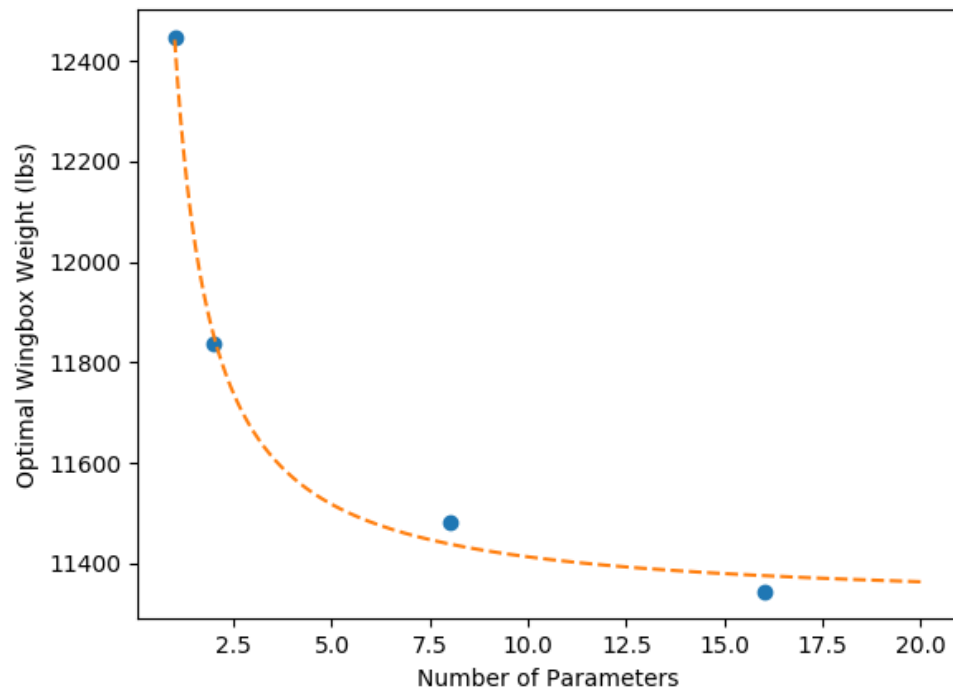
TSC Performance Estimation: Tow-Steering Optimization



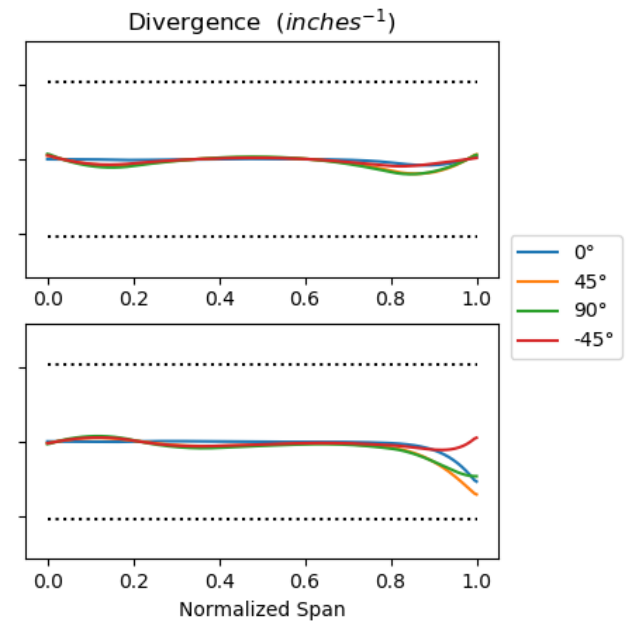
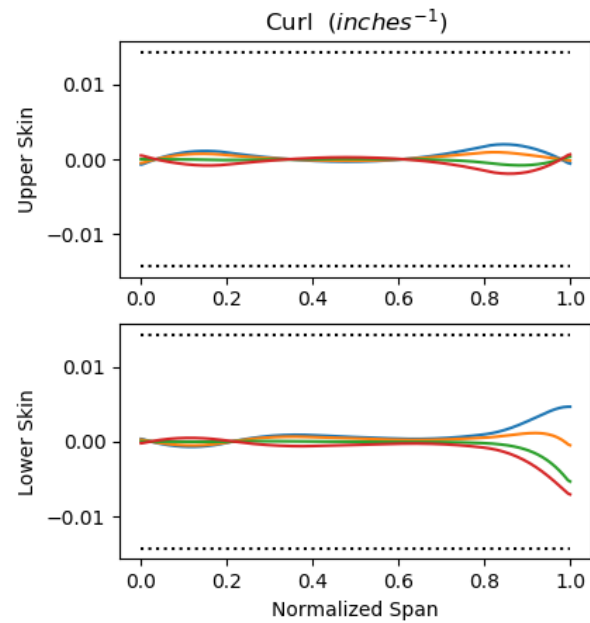
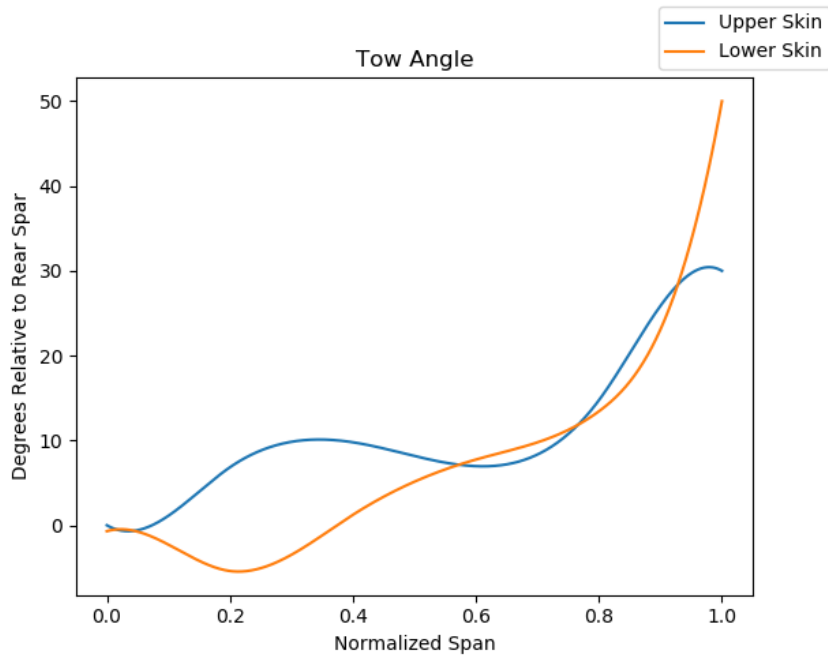
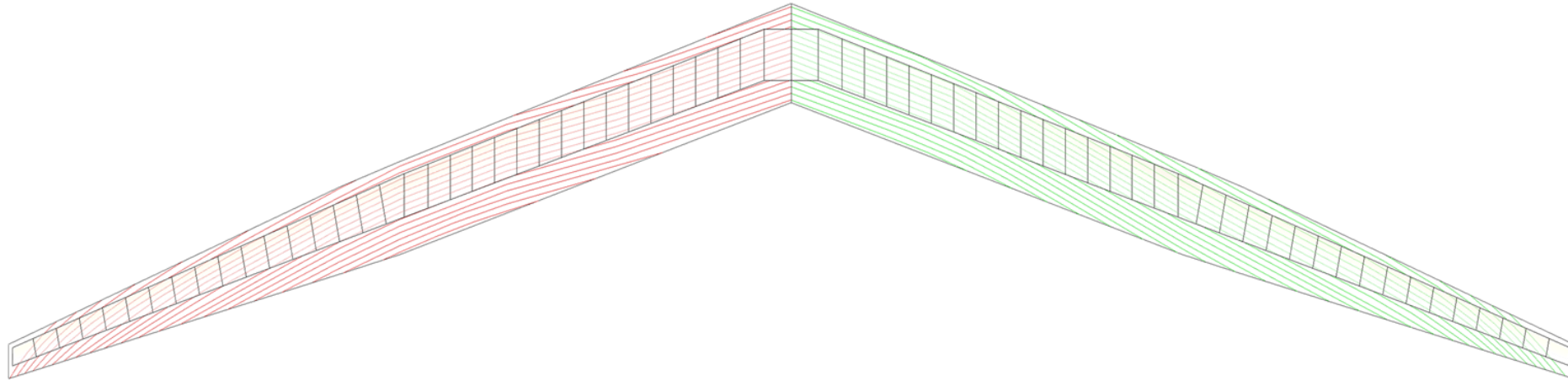
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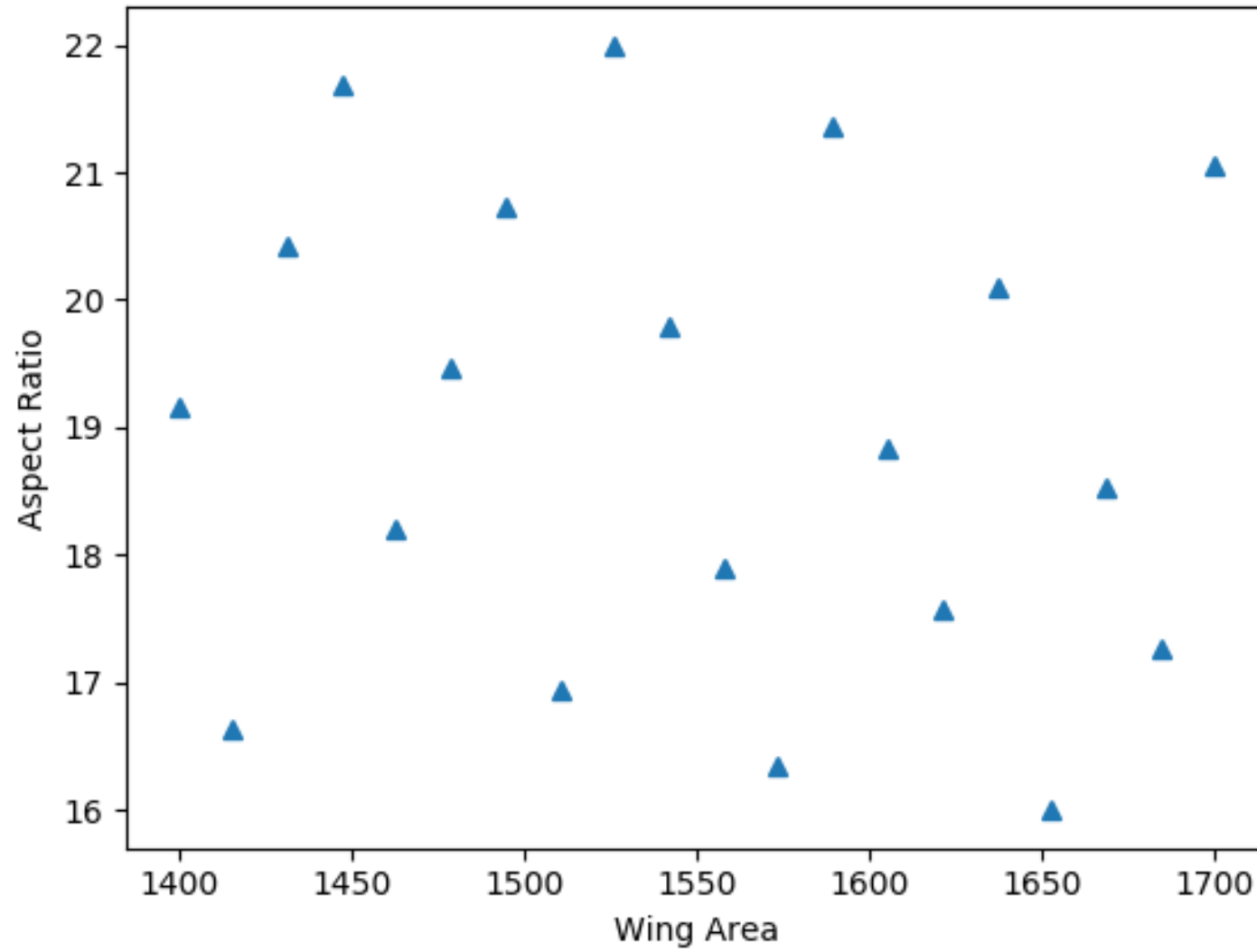
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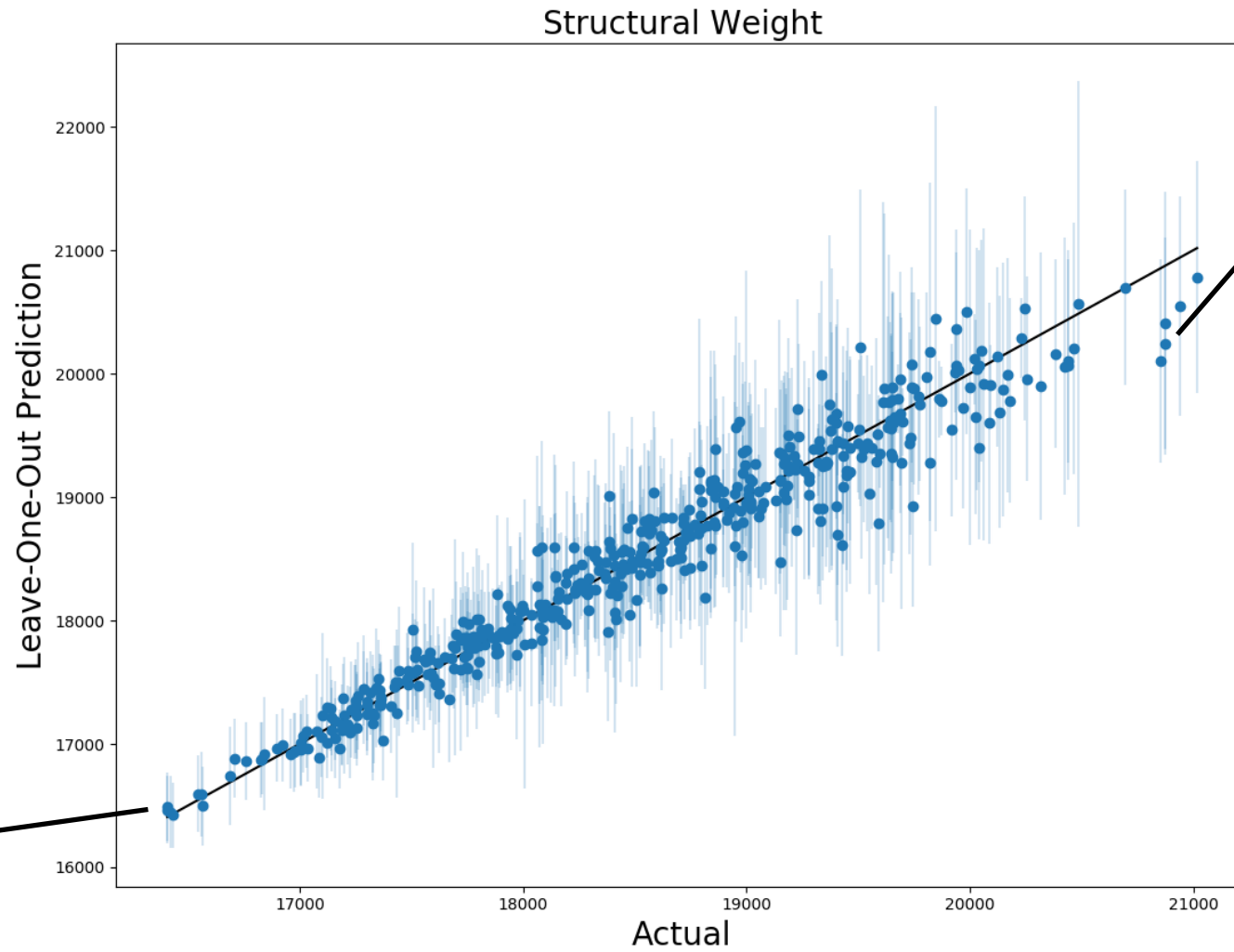
Optimized TSC for Truss Braced Wing



TBW Model Building DoE for FLOPS Implementation



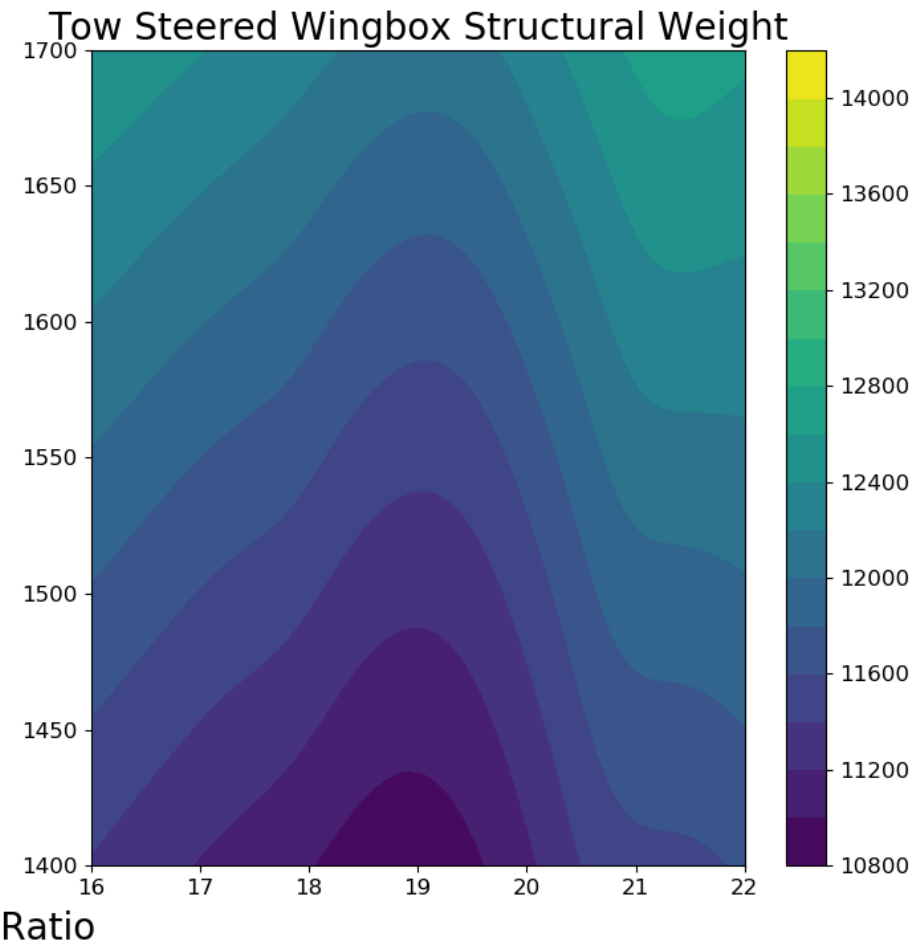
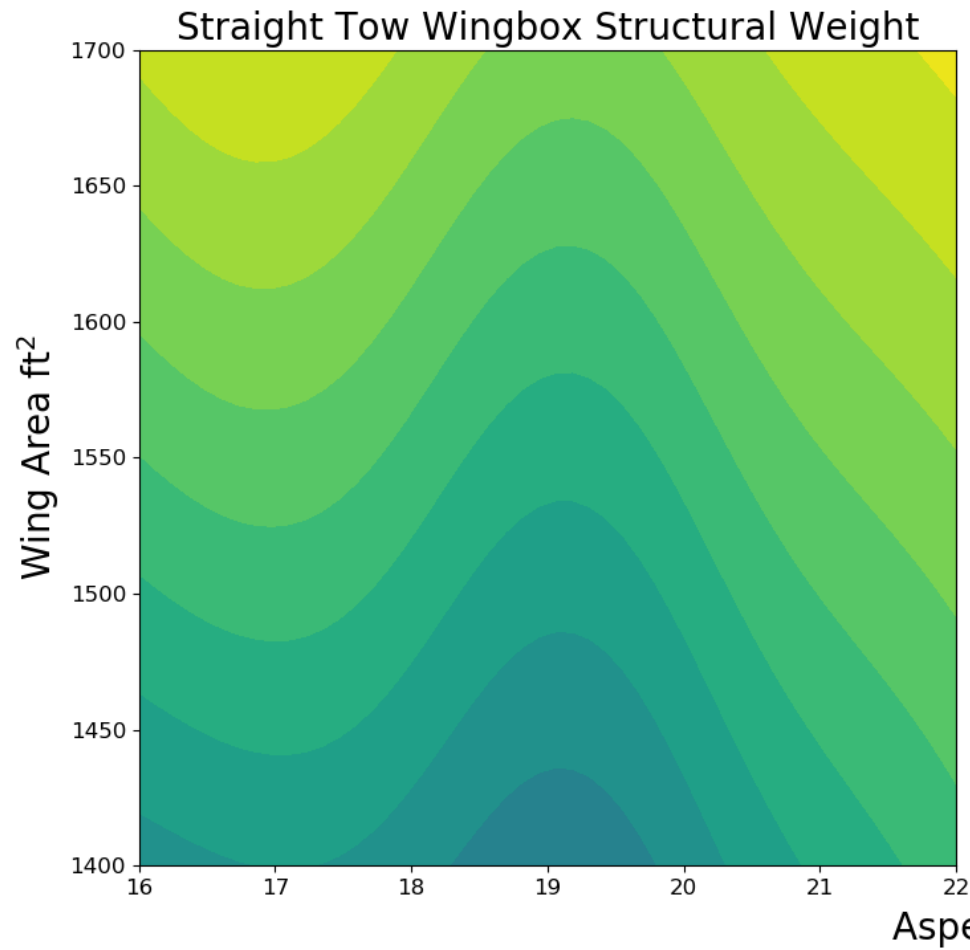
Visualization of Surrogate Model Fit: TBW



Better performing points have less uncertainty due to increased density of samples in favorable regions

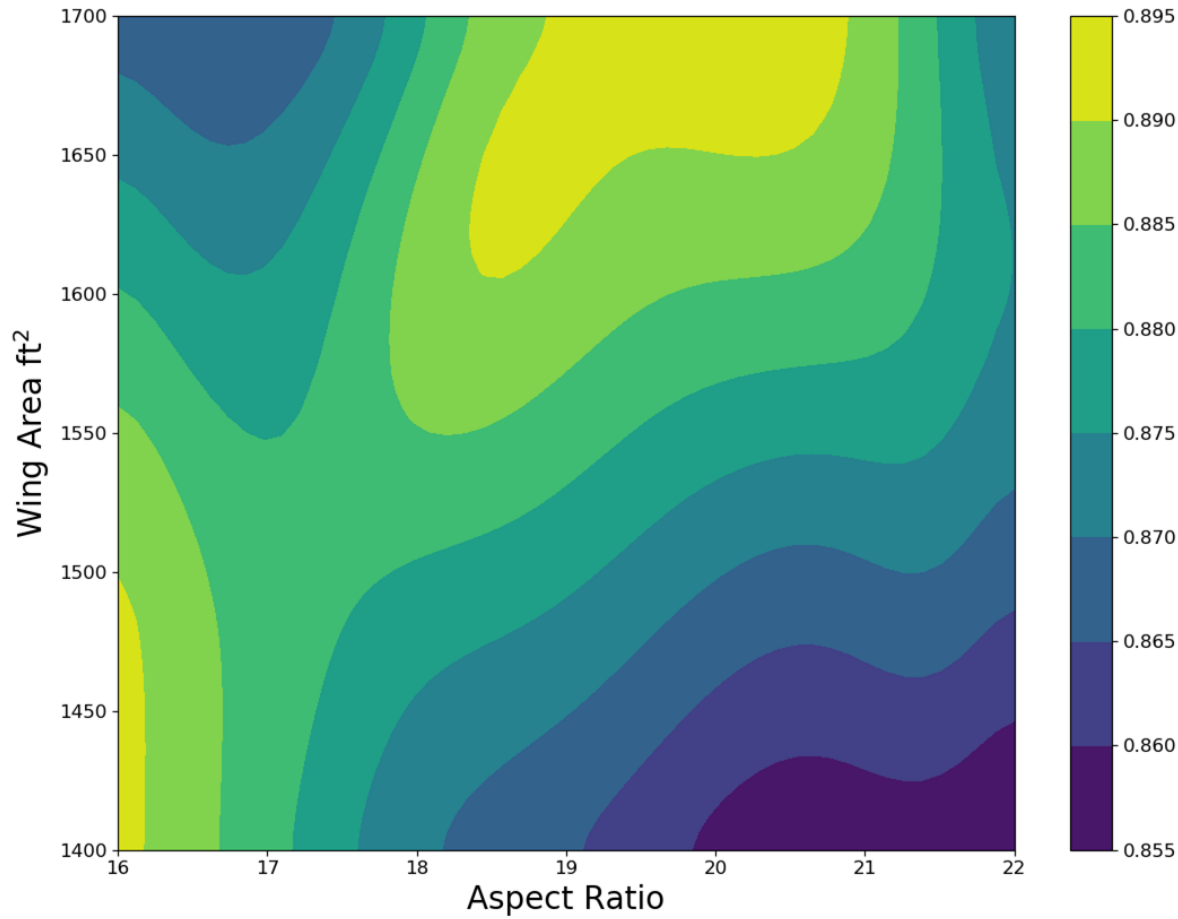
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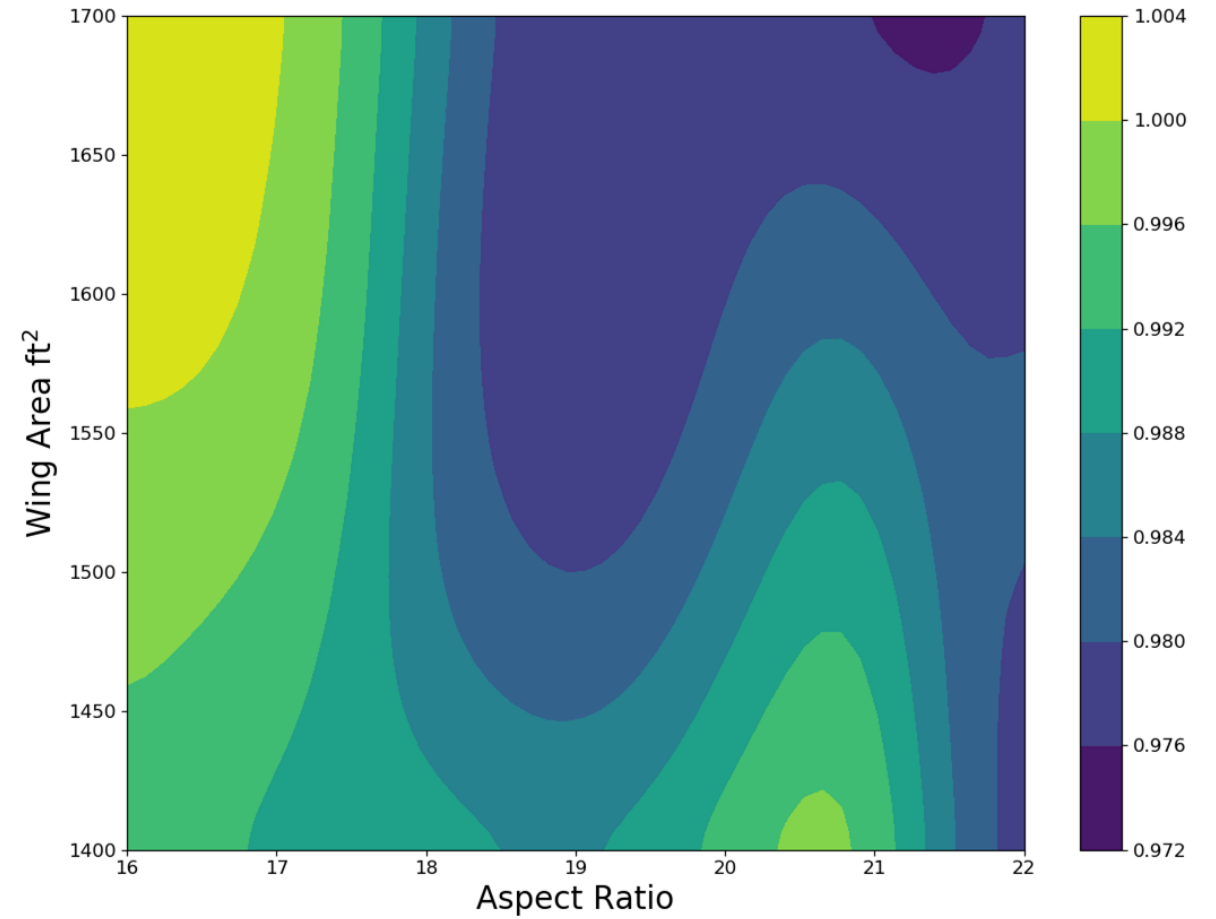


TTBW TSC-to-Baseline Ratio

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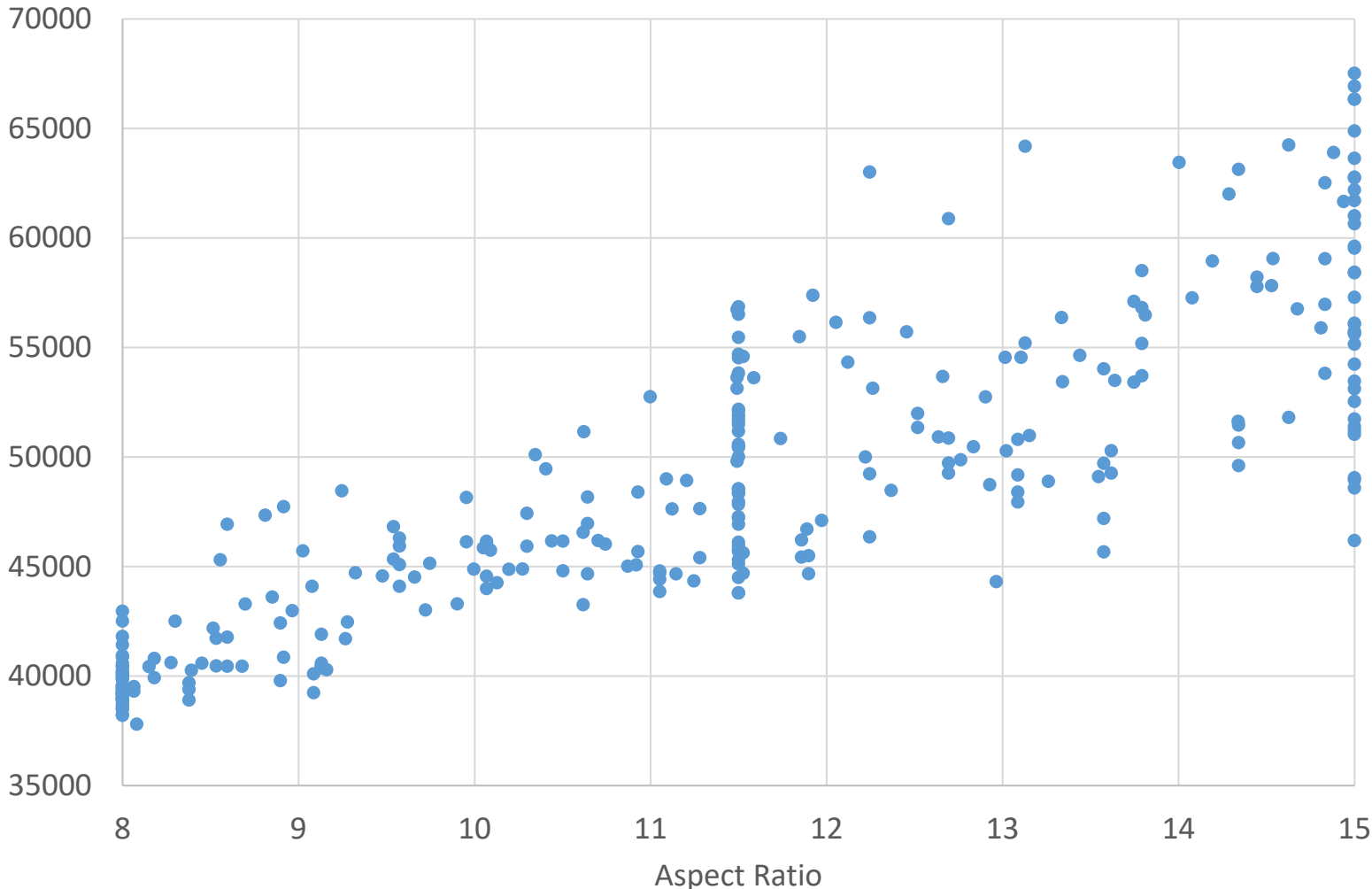


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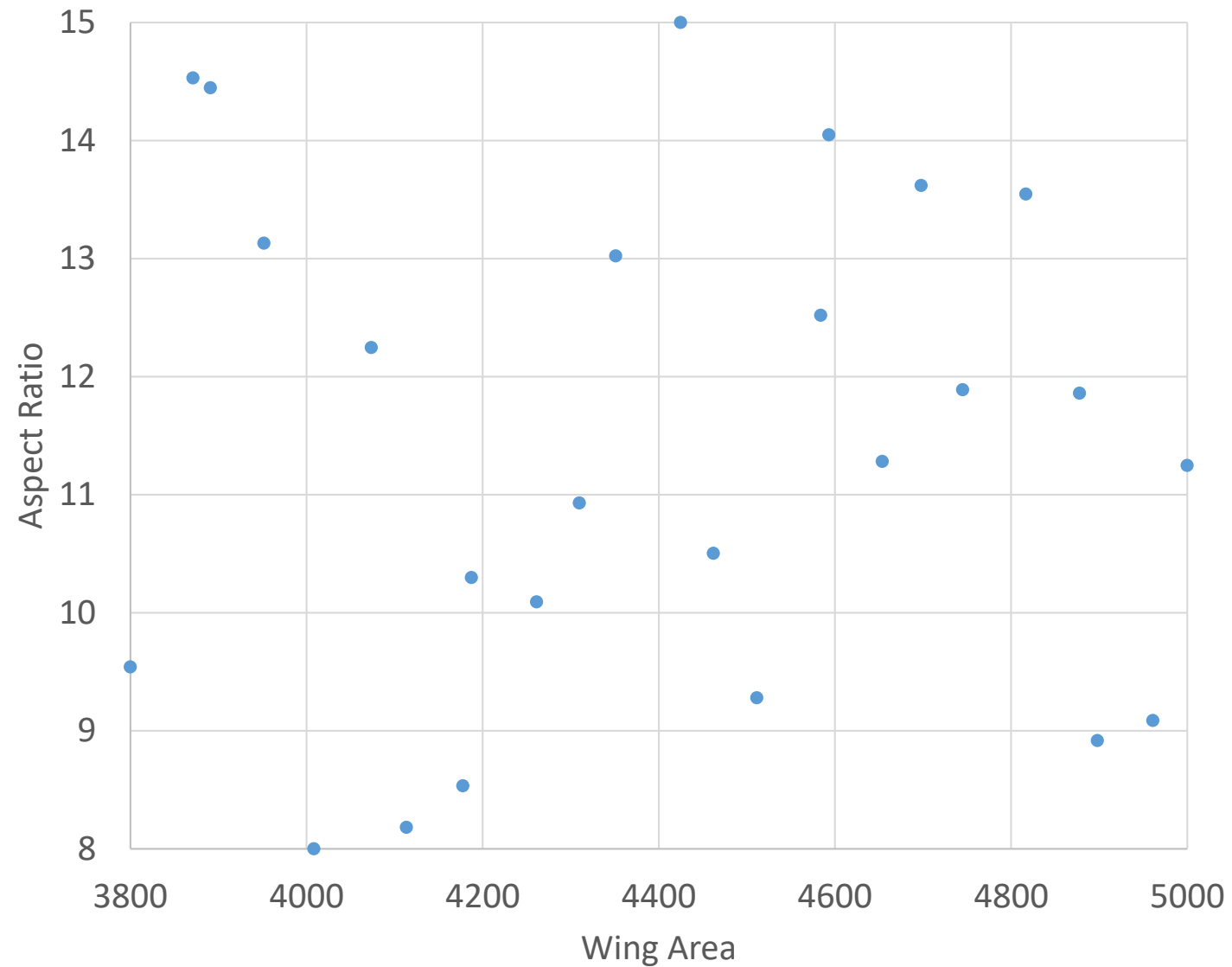


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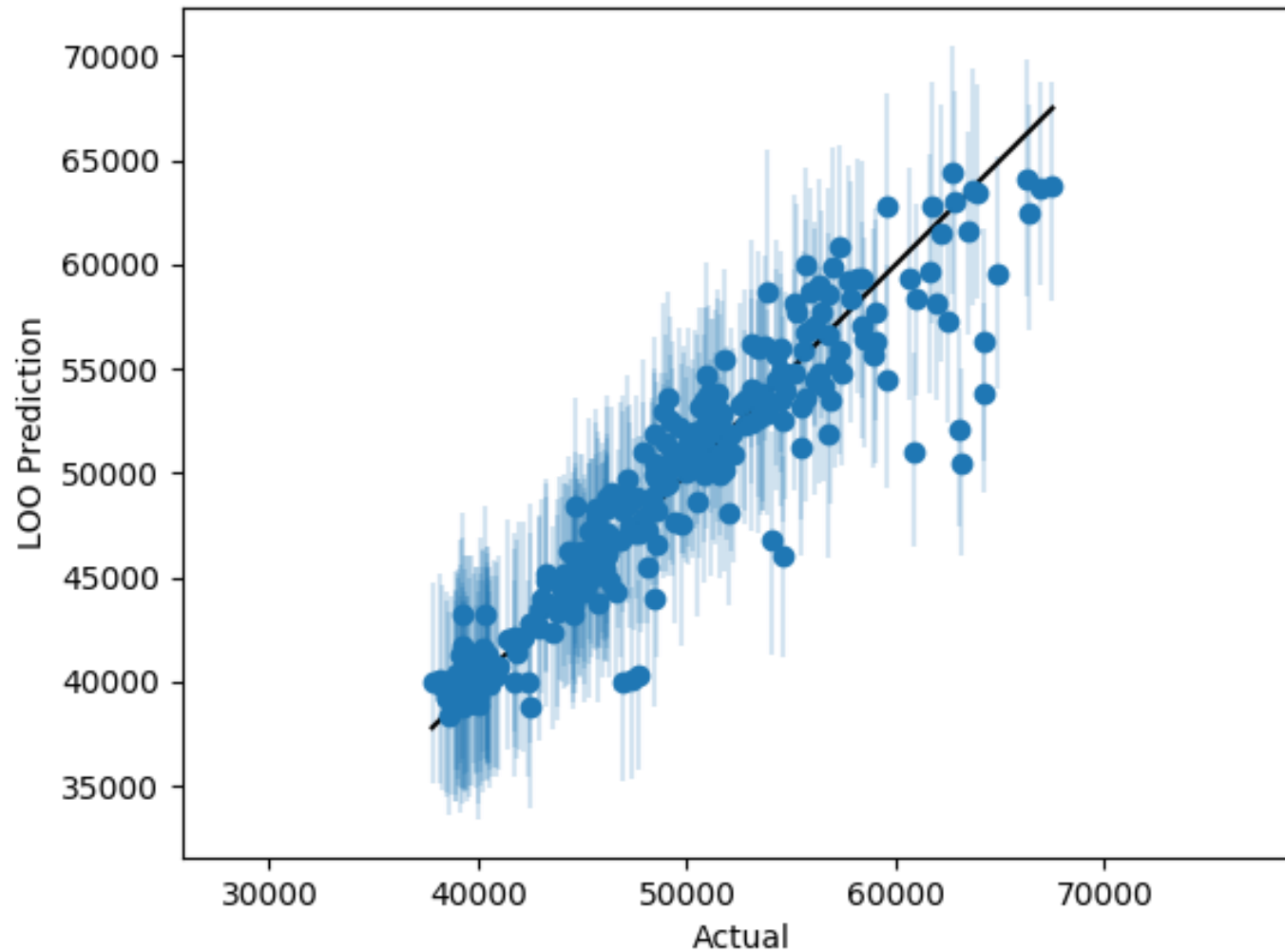
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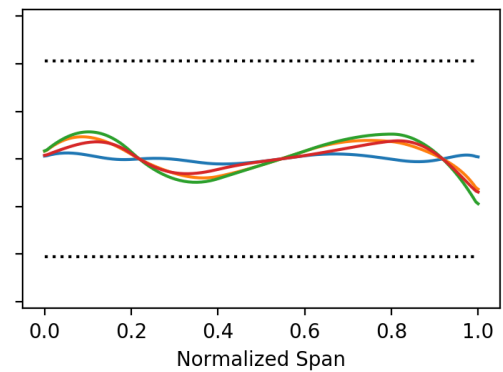
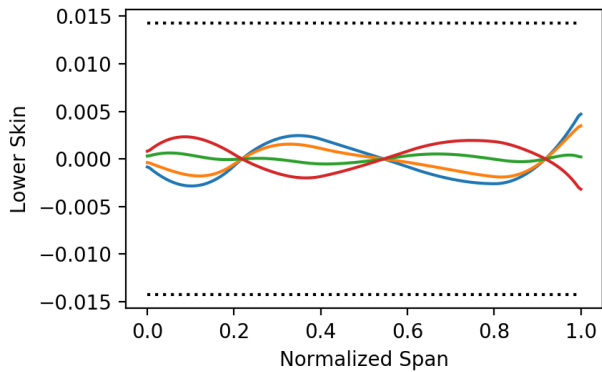
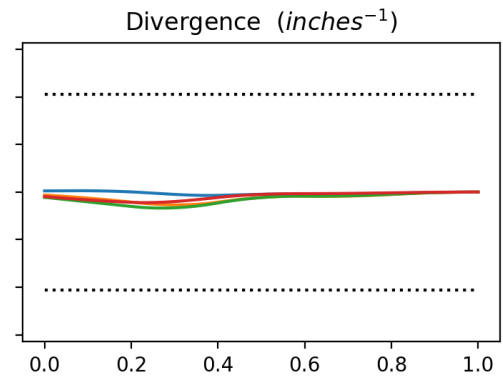
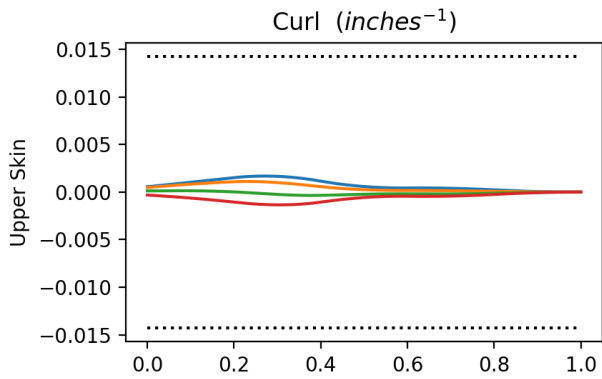
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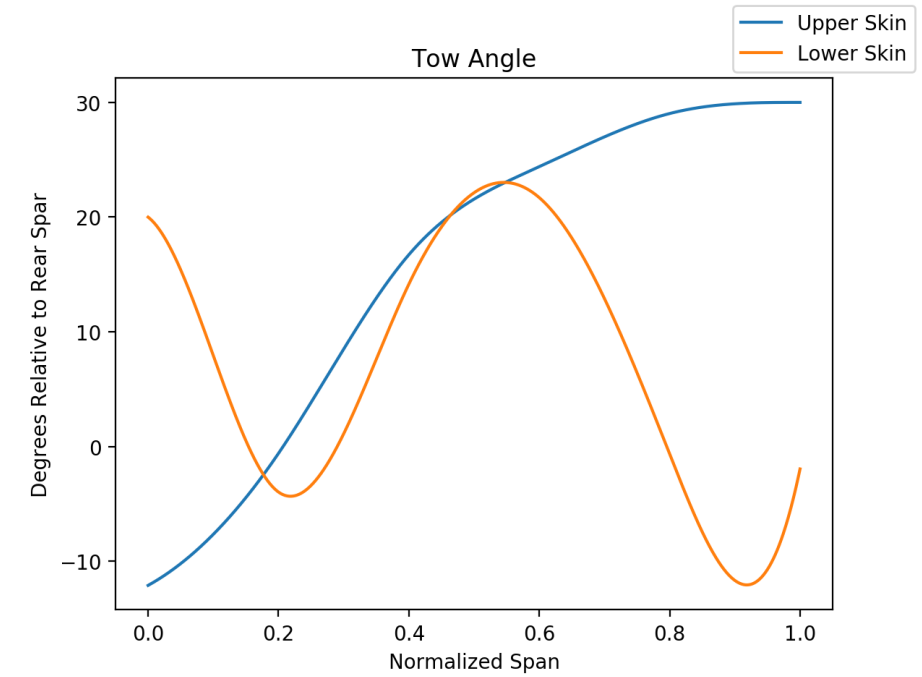
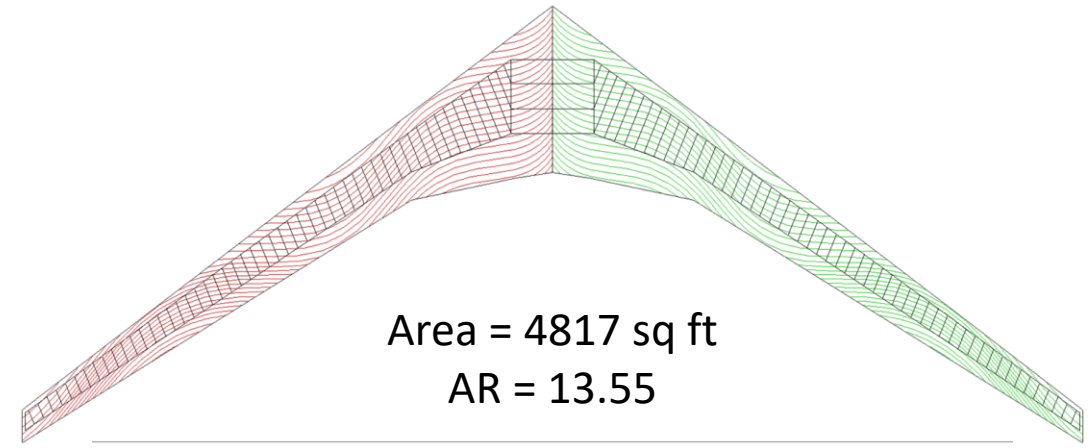
Visualization of Surrogate Model Fit: CRM



CRM Optimal Tow-Steering



- 0°
- 45°
- 90°
- -45°



- Upper Skin
- Lower Skin

Weight Reduction Compared to Baseline: CRM

