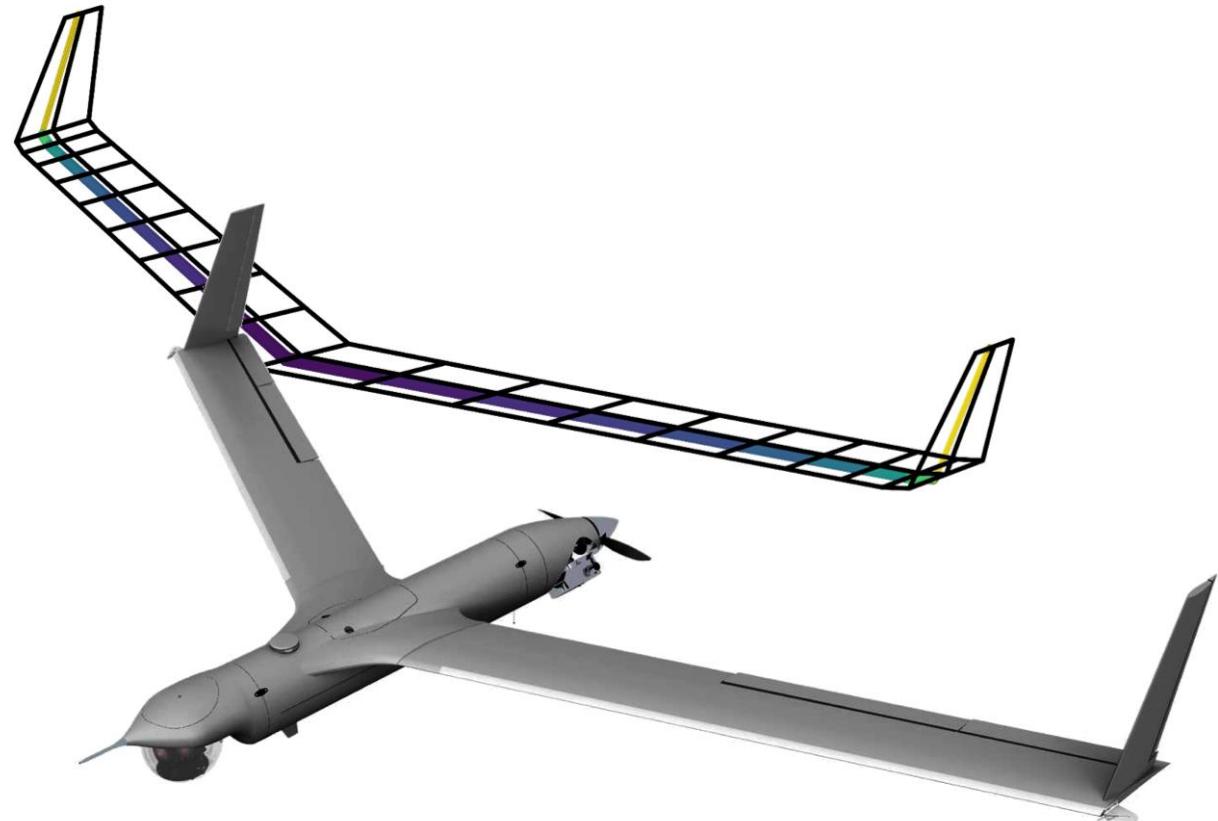
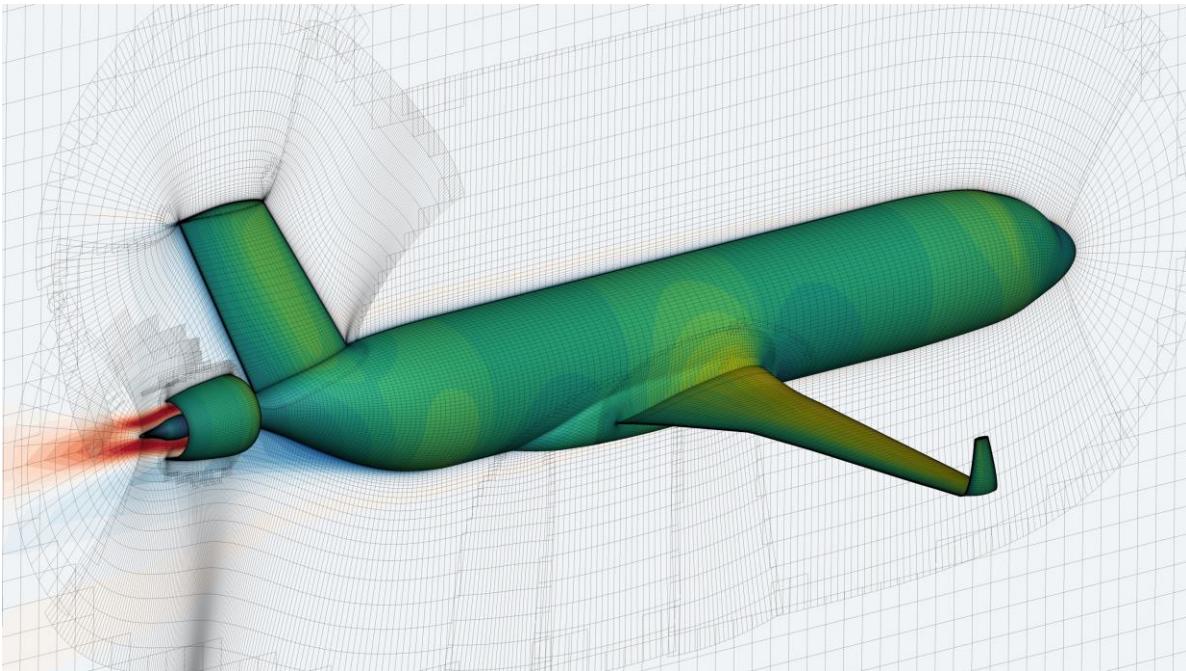


# Getting started with

open **M.D.A.O.**



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**Download these slides and tutorial  
scripts from GitHub**

[https://github.com/johnjasa/openmdao\\_training](https://github.com/johnjasa/openmdao_training)

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Novice

Python

Optimization and  
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Model physics

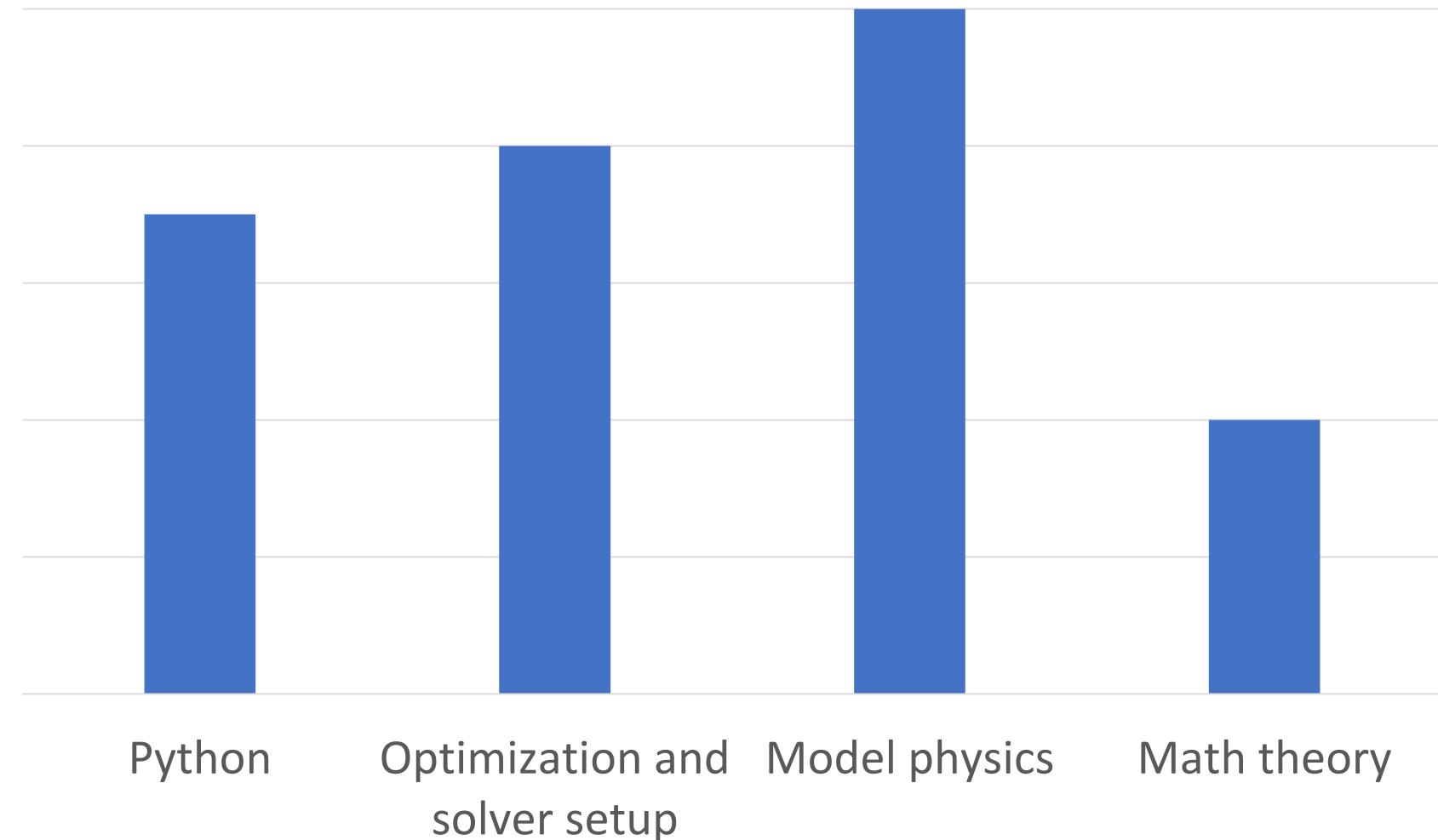
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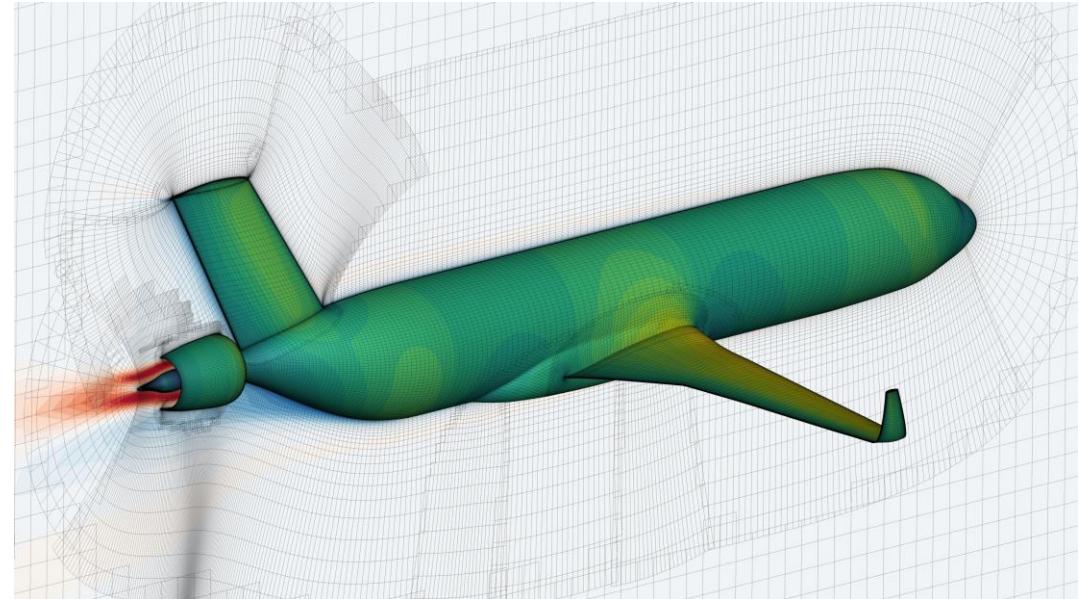


# OpenMDAO is an open-source framework for efficient MDAO

- Developed and supported a team at NASA Glenn since 2008
- Apache 2.0 license is very permissive (no “copyleft”)
- Fast enough for high-fidelity, expensive problems but easy enough for cheap conceptual models
- Can be used as a framework, or a low level library for building stand alone codes

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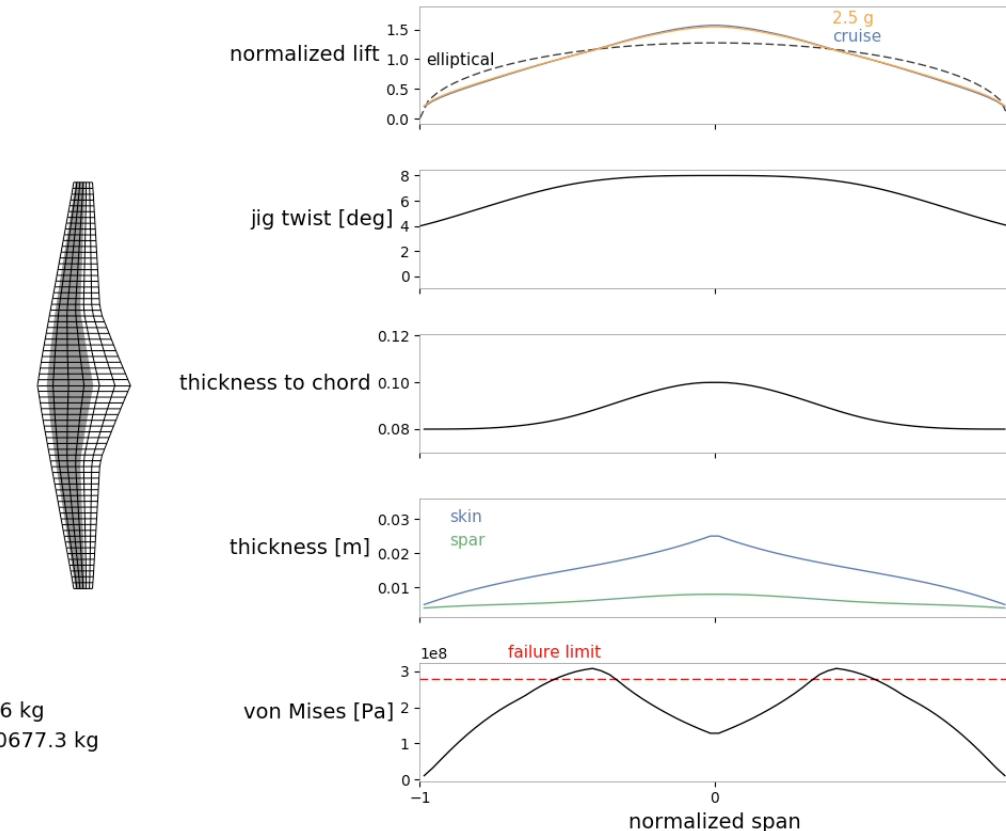
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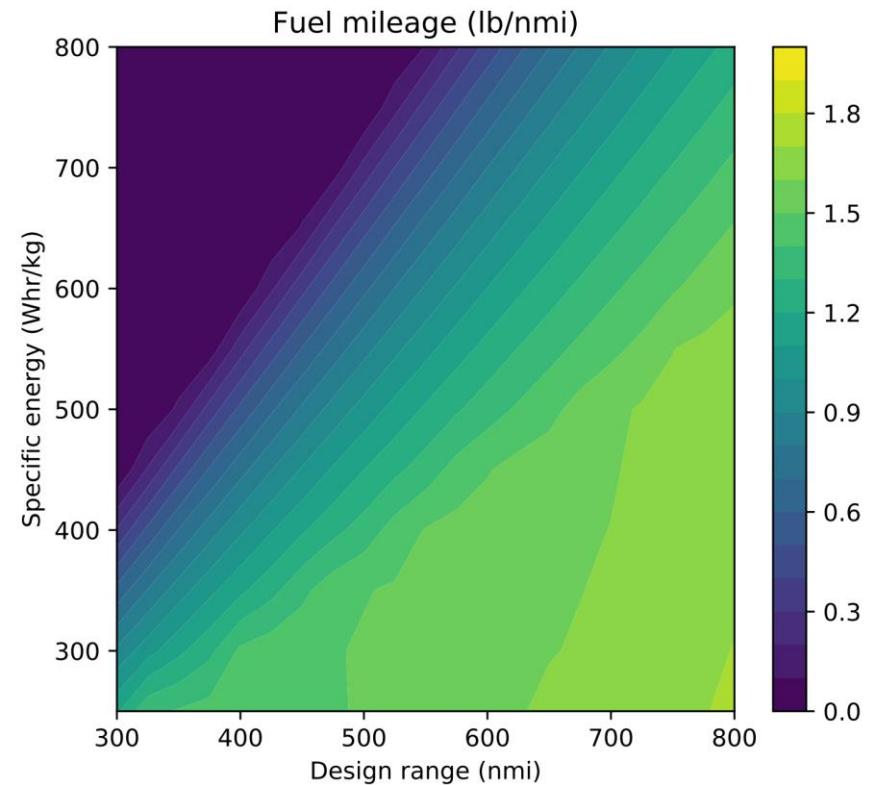


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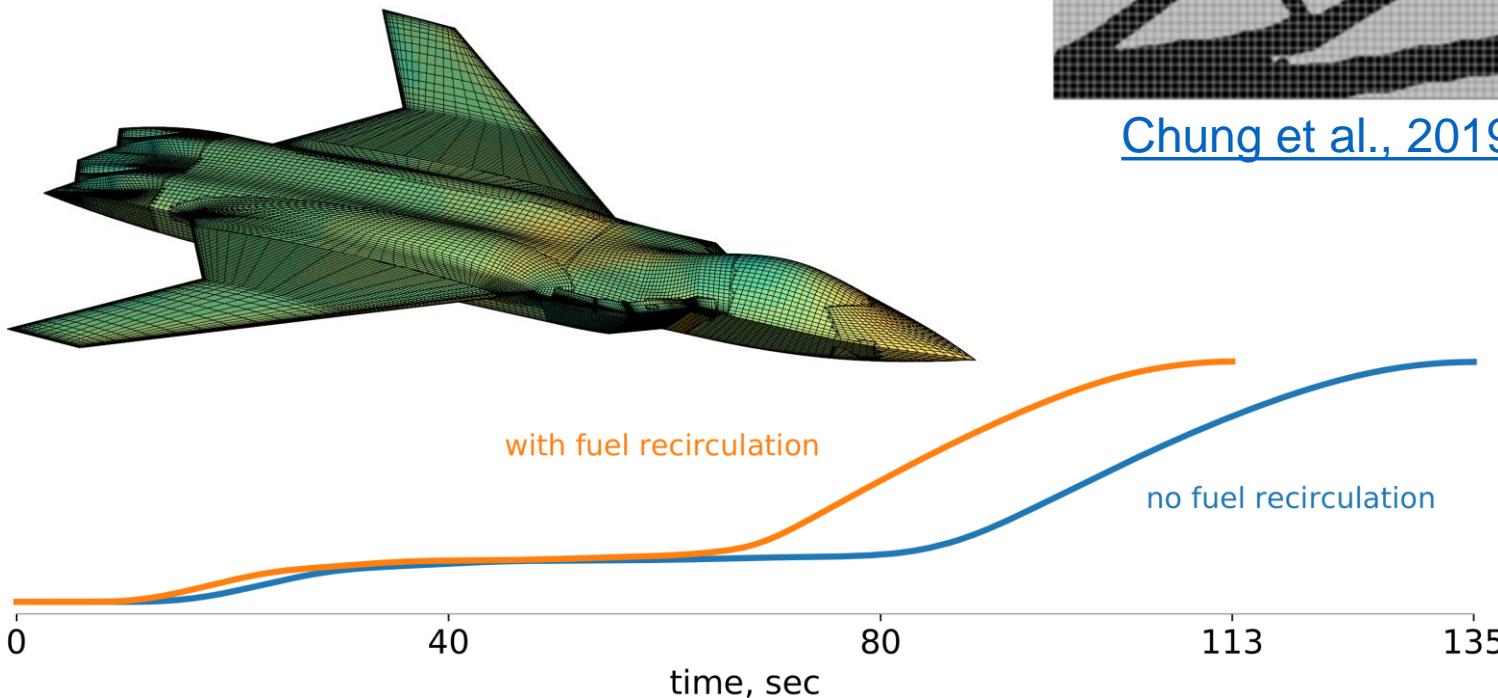
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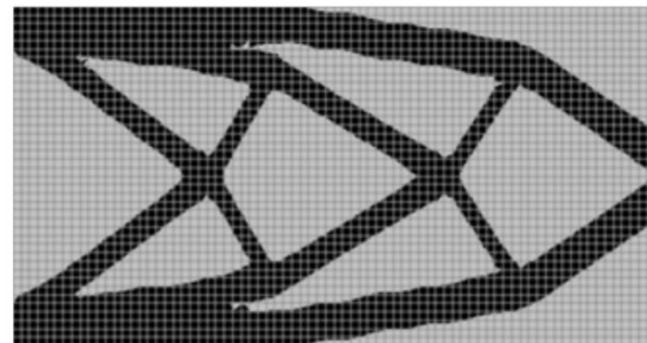


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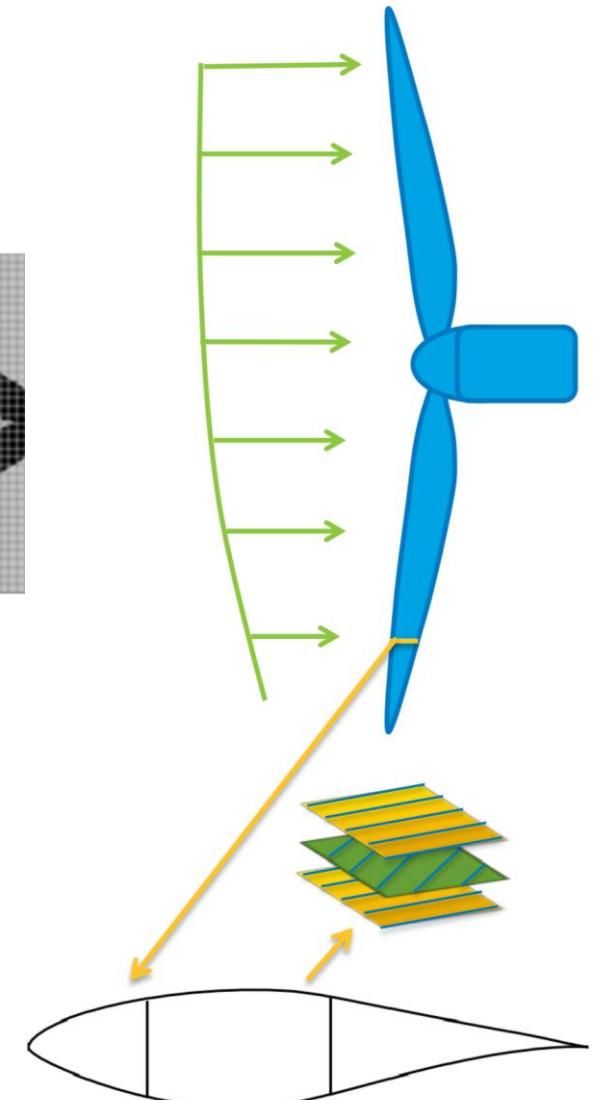
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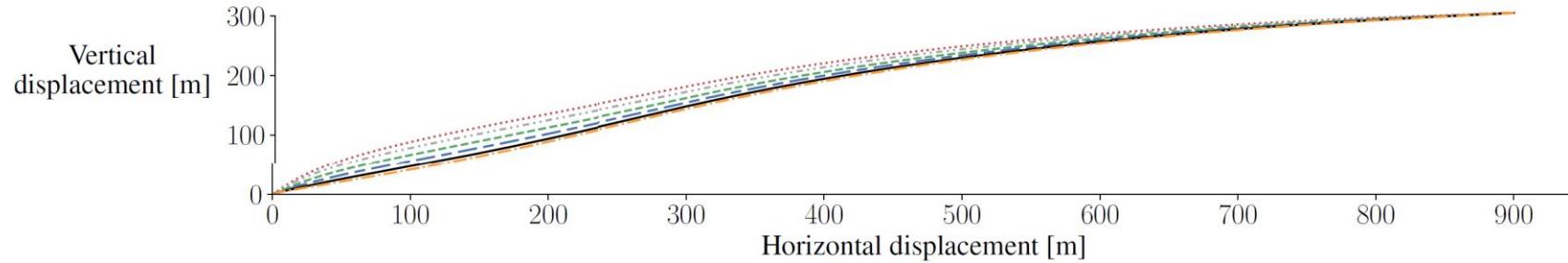
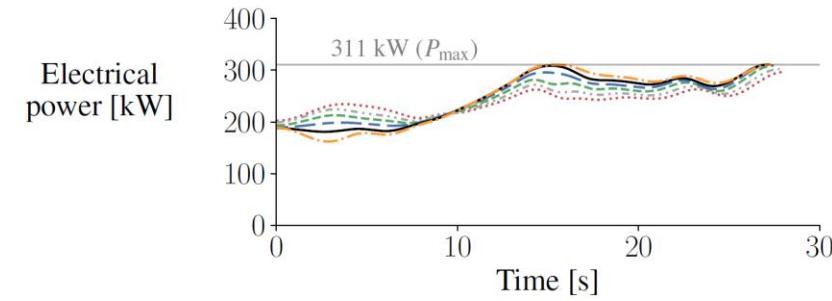
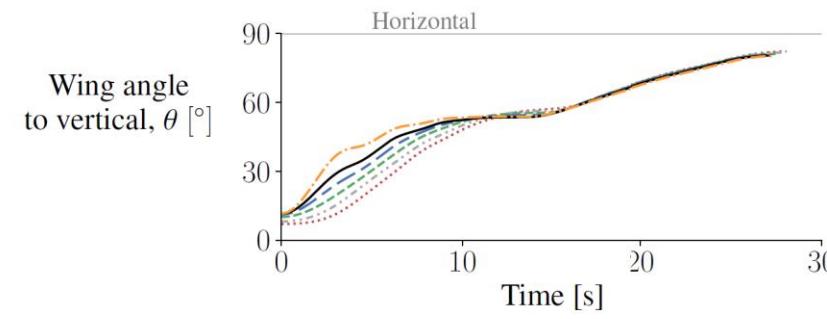


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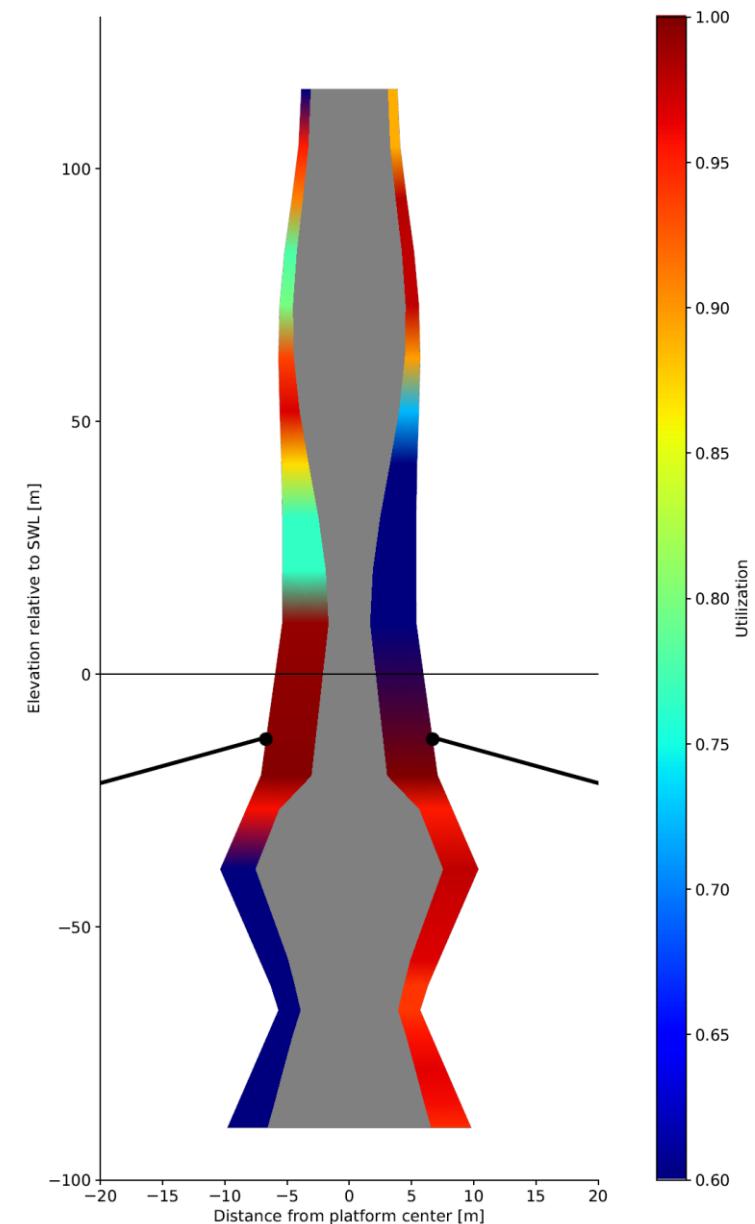


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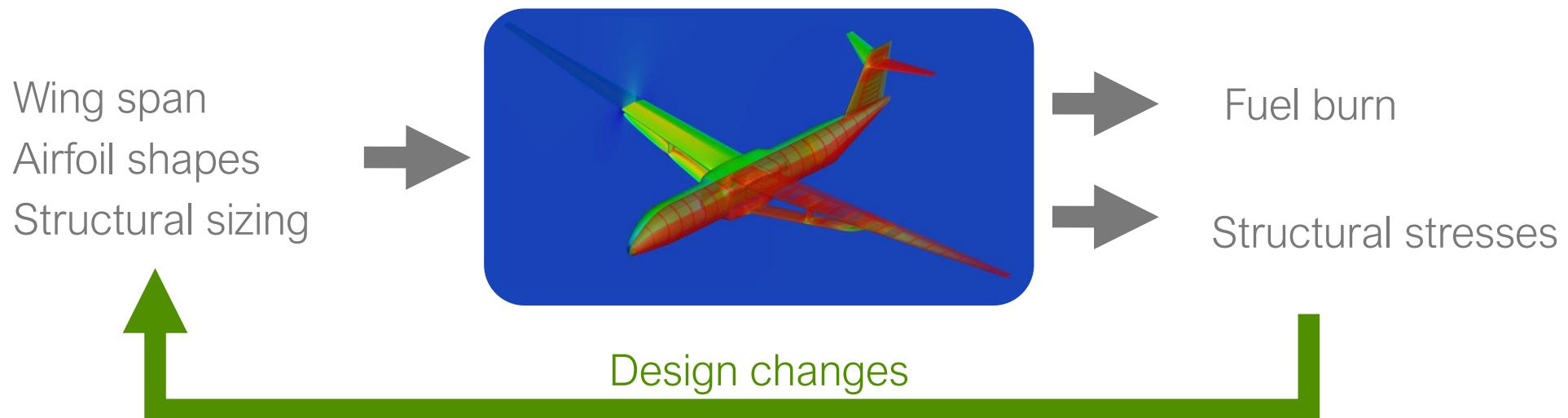
# Goals for today

- Learn enough to run a useful OpenMDAO model
- Gain some intuition about the operating theory
- Get excited about using analytic derivatives for optimization

# Brief introduction to optimization terms

- What is an optimization problem?
- Gradient-free vs gradient-based optimizers
- How to get derivatives

# Numerical optimization provides a way to fully automate the design process

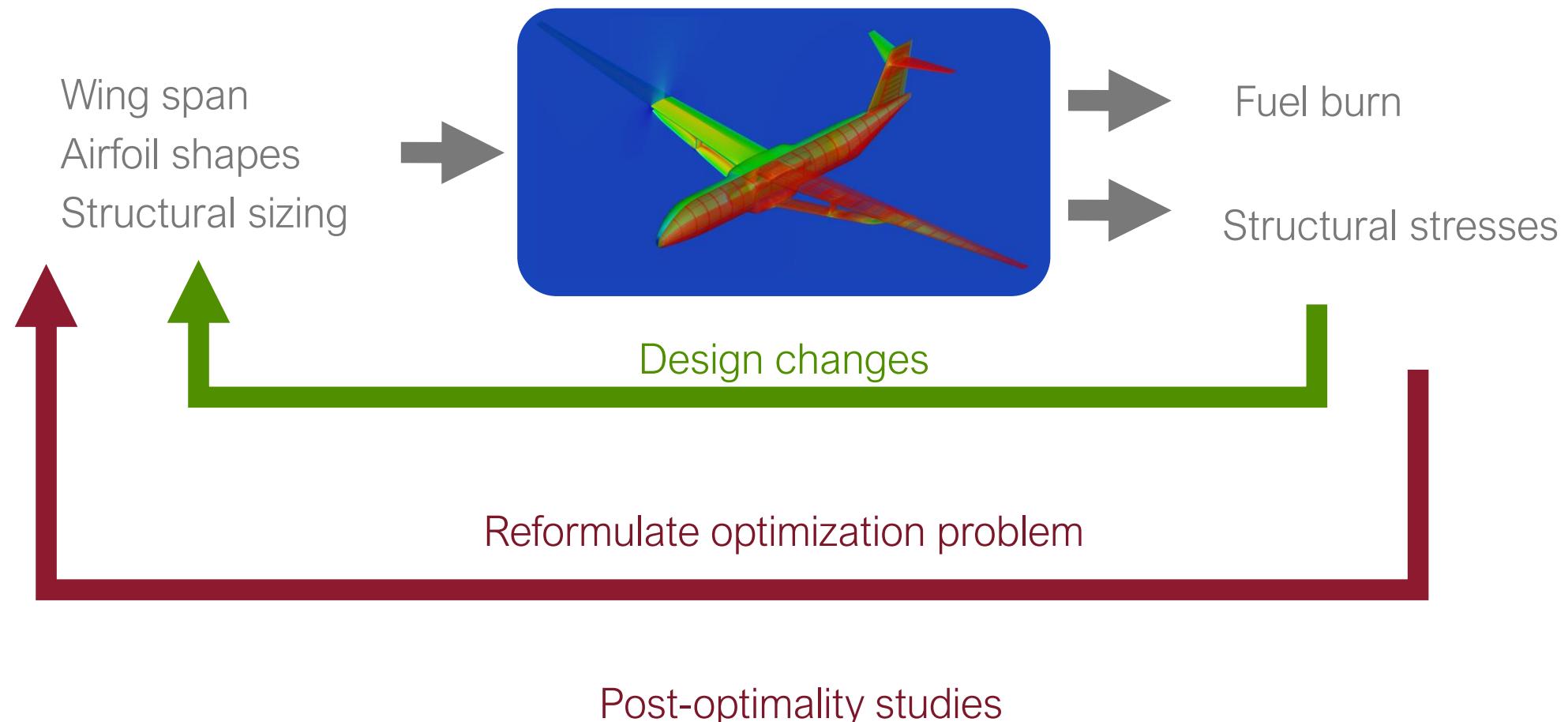


Design  
optimization  
problem:

minimize  $f(x)$   
with respect to  $x$   
subject to  $c(x) \leq 0$

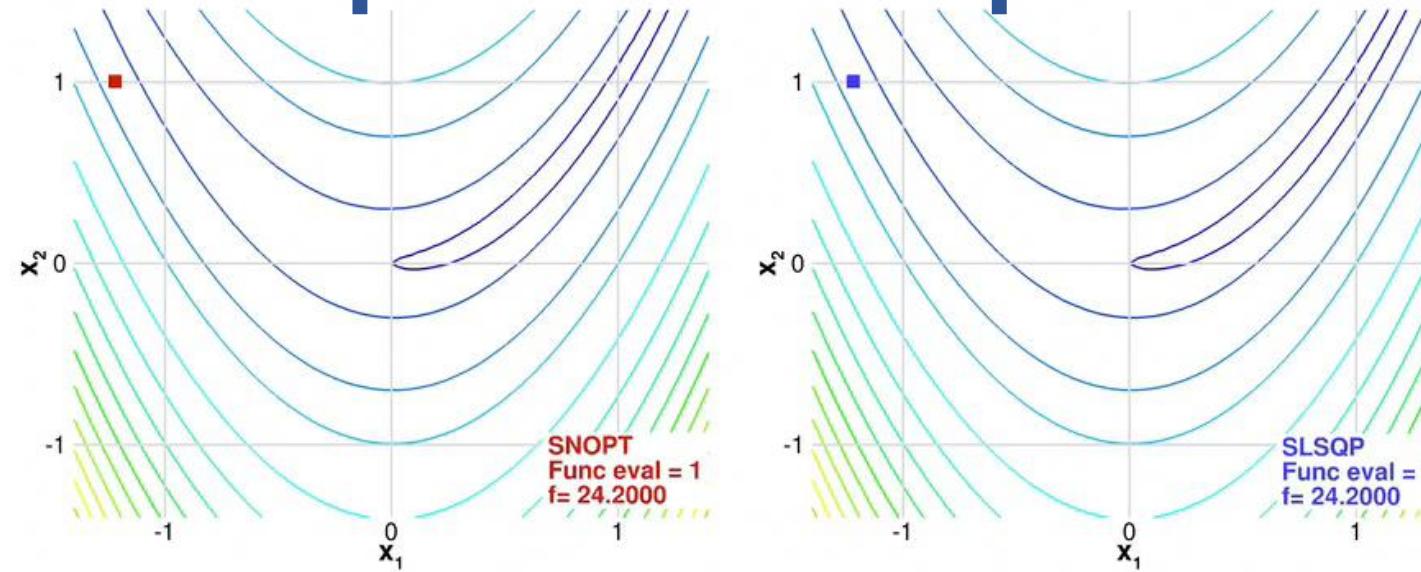
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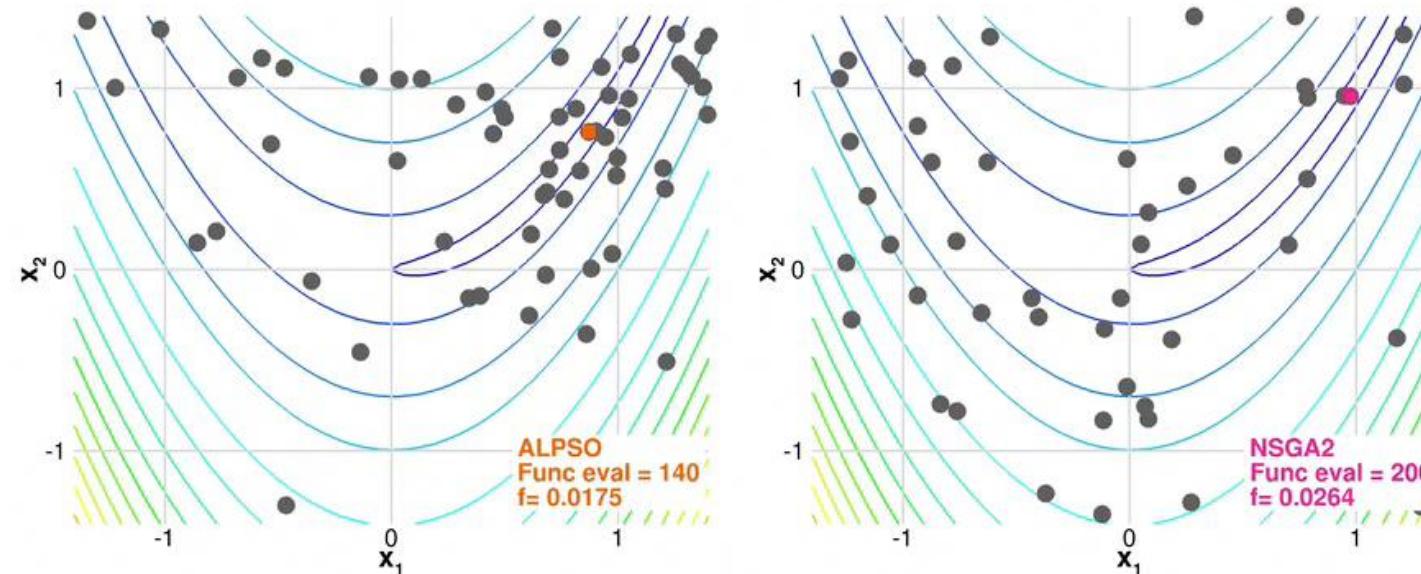


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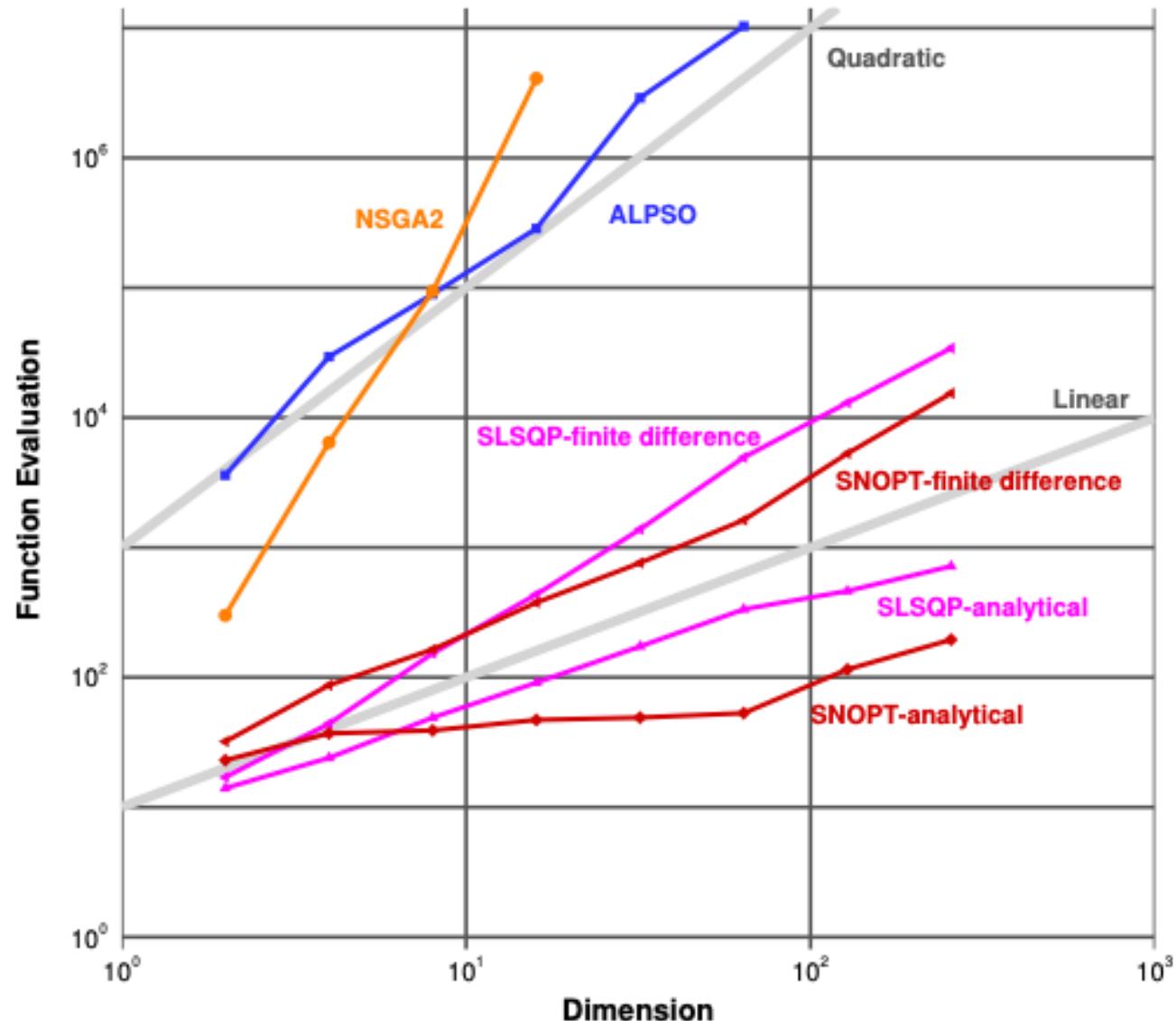
Gradient-based



Gradient-free



# Gradient-based optimization is the only hope for large numbers of design variables



# Methods for computing derivatives

Monolithic  
**Black boxes**  
**input and outputs**

Finite-differences

$$\frac{df}{dx_j} = \frac{f(x_j + h) - f(x)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

Complex-step

$$\frac{df}{dx_j} = \frac{\text{Im}[f(x_j + ih)]}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

[Martins et al., ACM TOMS, 2003]

Analytic  
**Governing eqns**  
**state variables**

Direct

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}}_{\psi}$$

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Adjoint

Algorithmic  
differentiation  
**Lines of code**  
**code variables**

Forward

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Reverse

# Overview of today's activities

- OpenMDAO intro and basics
  - Lab 0: Explicit components and connections
- Using solvers with implicit models
  - Lab 1: Comparing gradient-free and gradient-based solvers
- Optimization with and without analytic derivatives
  - Lab 2: Optimizing the thickness distribution of a simple beam
- Wrapping external codes
  - Lab 3: Wrapping external codes as explicit and implicit components

# OpenMDAO intro and Basics

- Intro and terminology
- Building explicit components and connecting them together
- Lab 0: Implementing a simple explicit calculation  
(Breguet Range)

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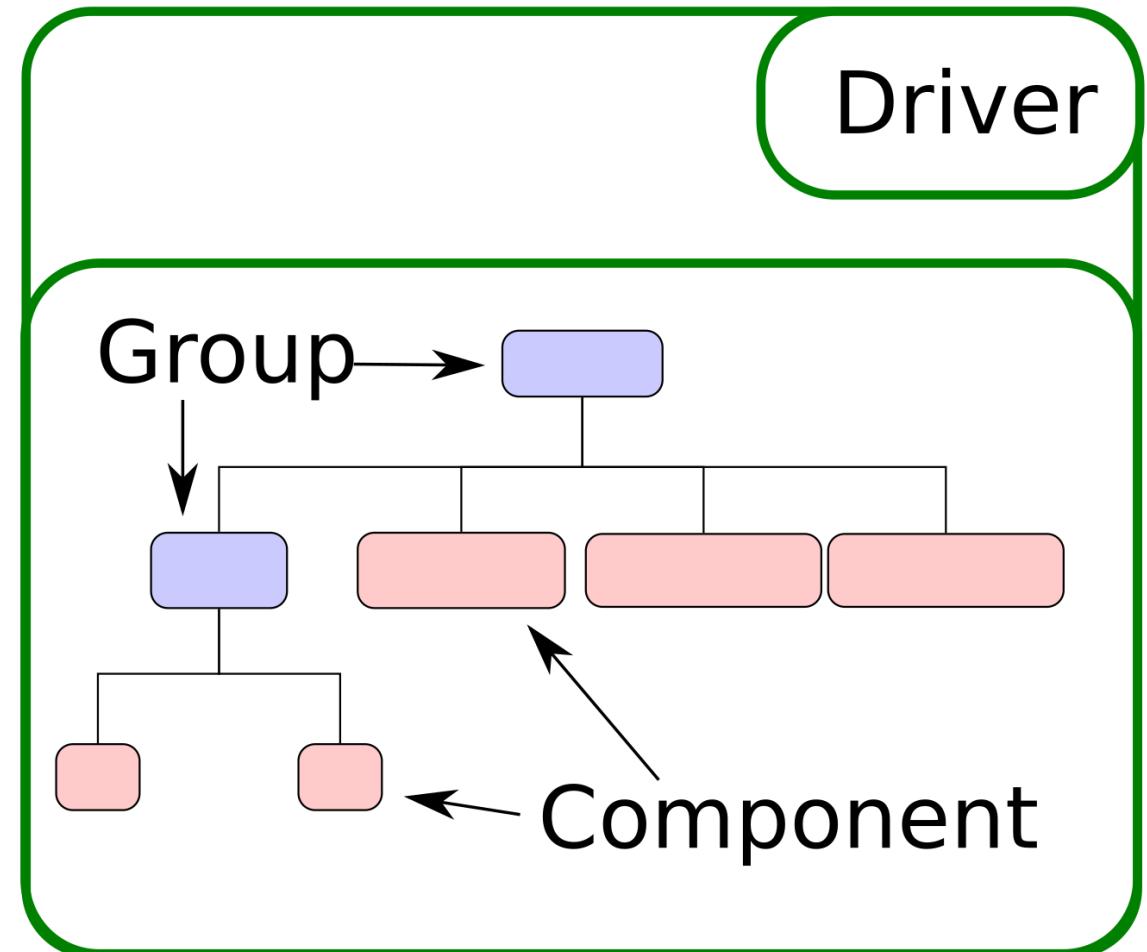
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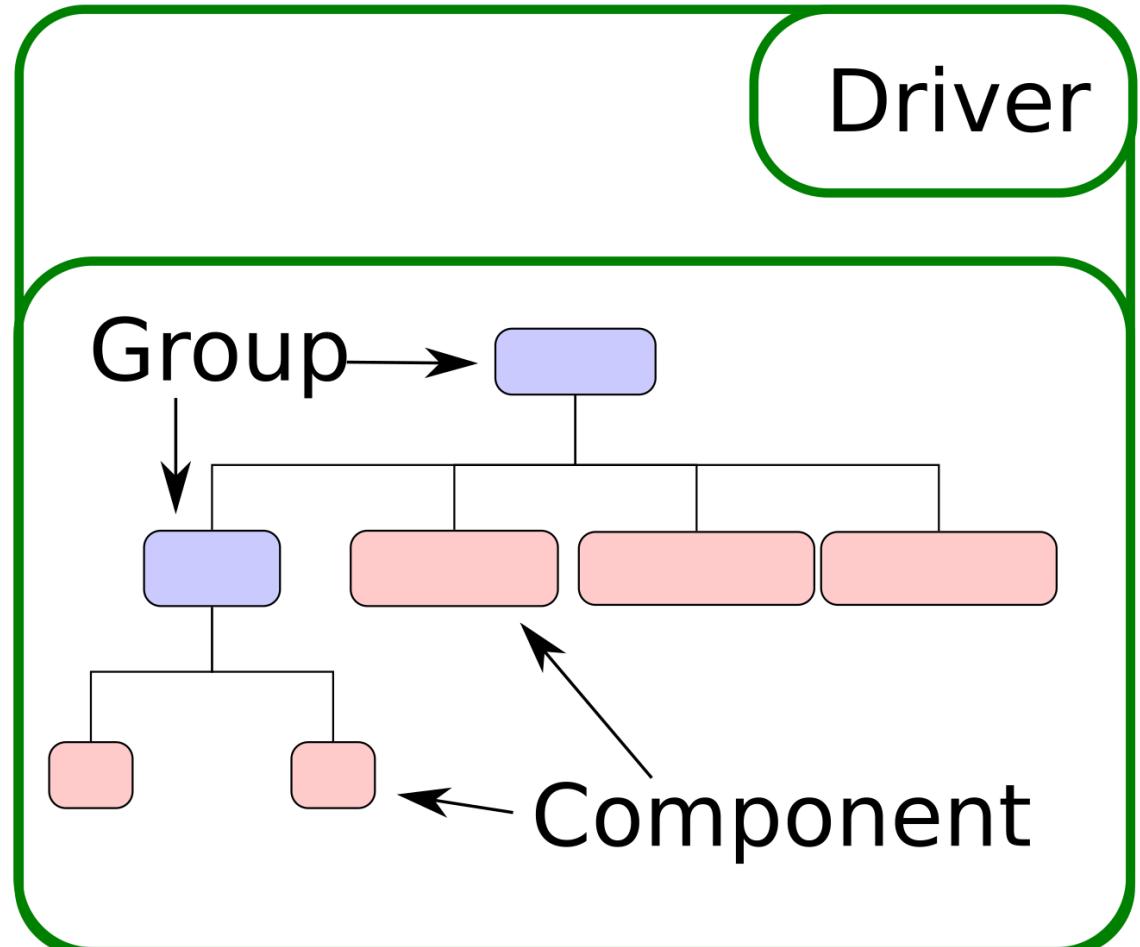
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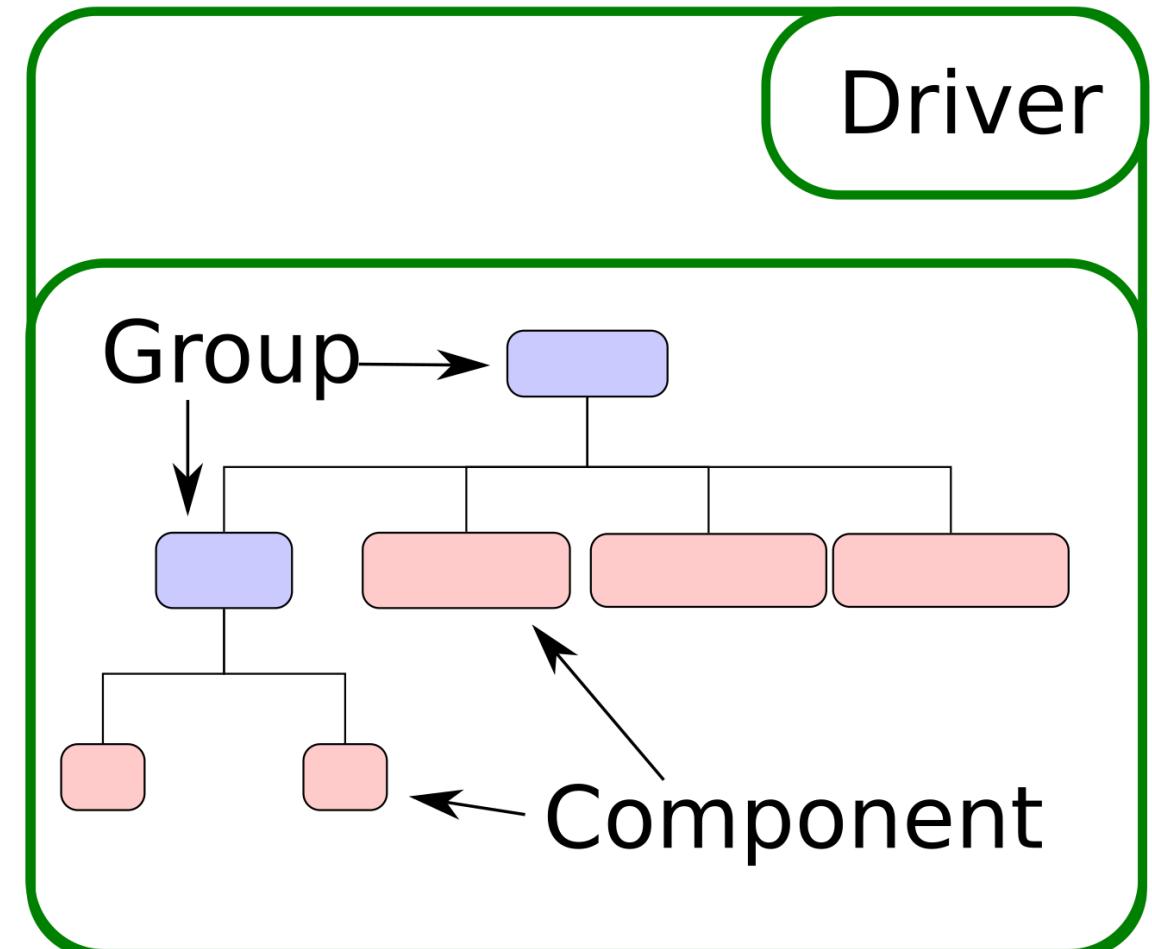
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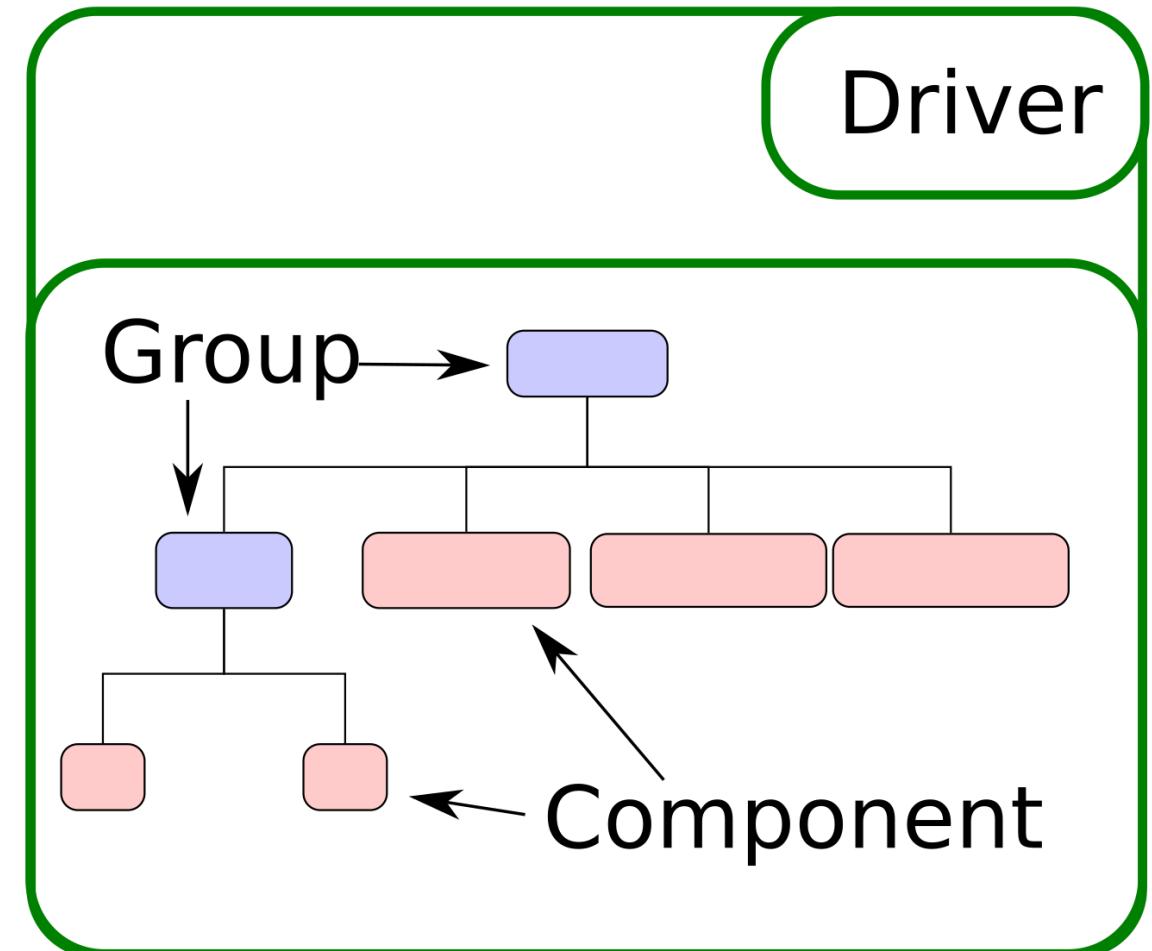
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- **Problem** is the top-level container

Problem



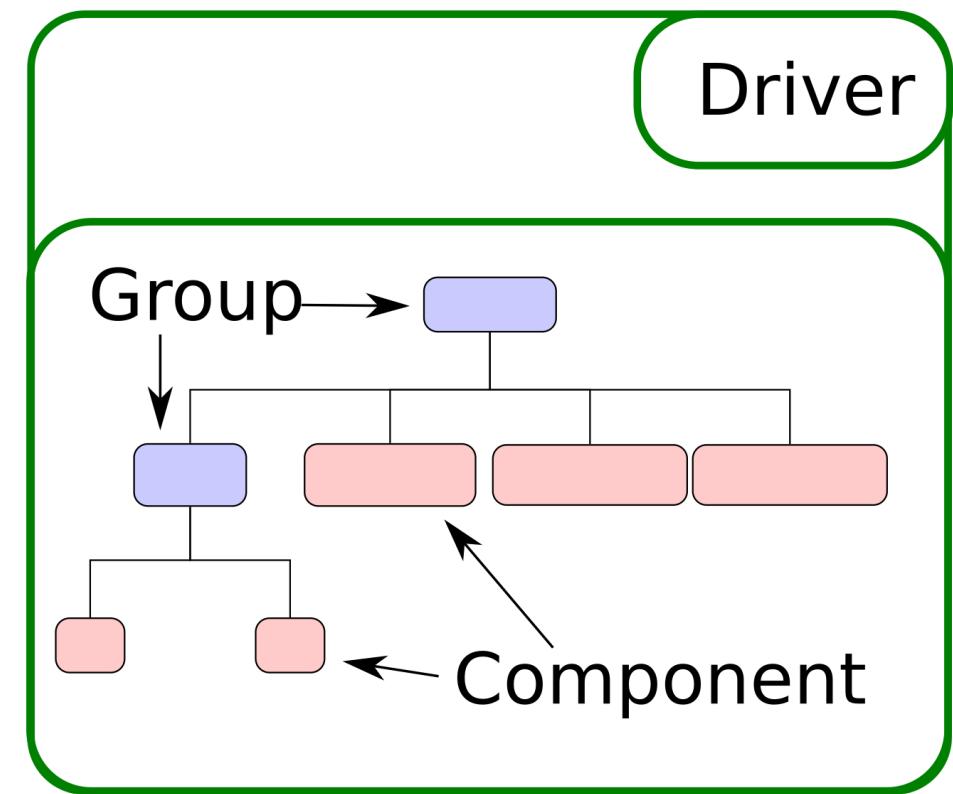
# Why use classes in object-oriented programming?

- Convenient containers of data and methods
- It allows inheritance of features
- Can reuse component and group templates easily

# ExplicitComponent class

- Used for doing explicit calculations
- Inputs → Outputs
- Can be as simple as a one-line calculation, or as complex as an adjoint CFD solver

Problem



# ExplicitComponent example

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Variable name  
Default value (before model runs)  
Units (need not match upstream)  
Human-readable description (optional)  
Variable dimension (in this case, a  $n \times 1$  vector)  
Will default to expecting user provided analytic derivatives, but we can specify `fd` later...

# IndepVarComp example

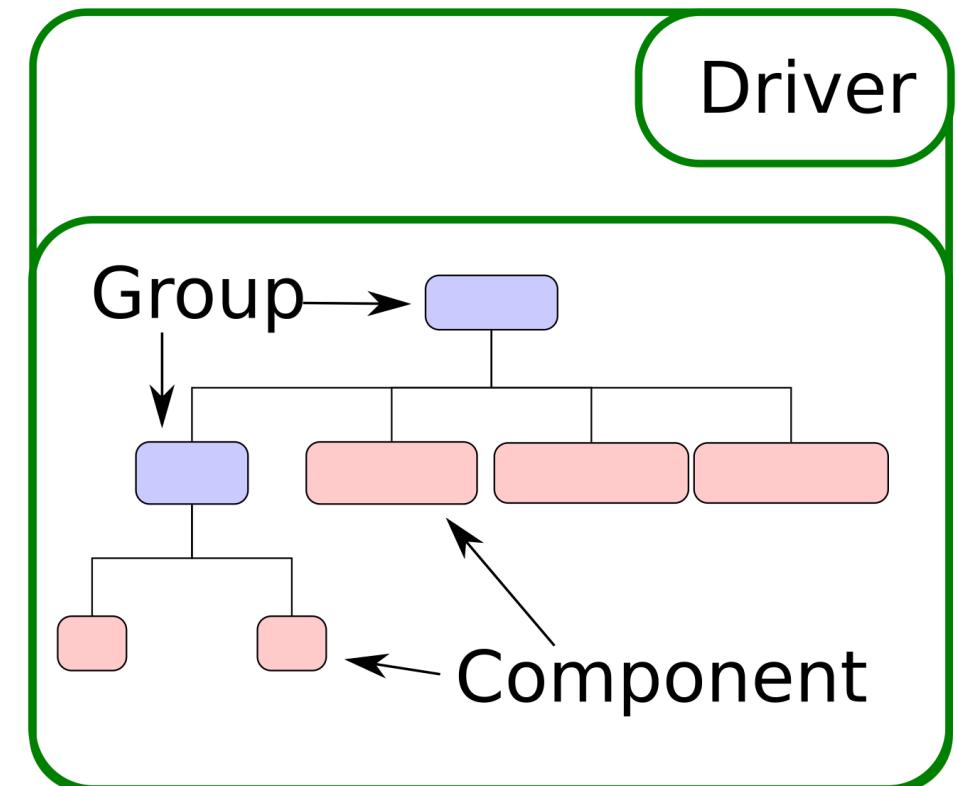
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indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', om.IndepVarComp())
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- IndepVarComps only have only outputs; they do not take in any input variables
- IVCs are used in an optimization context to allow the optimizer to control design variables

# Groups: organizing components

- Combine components into a Group to build organized models
- Groups can hold other Groups, which allows hierachal solution strategies
- Groups can used to create portable chunks of analysis chains

Problem



# Grouping components

```
class ConnectExample(Group): Define a model by subclassing Group
```

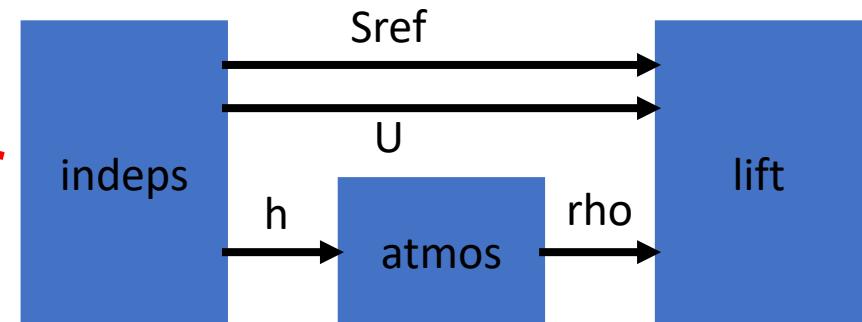
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    self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())
    self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

    # connect variables together
    self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    prob = Problem()
    prob.model = ConnectExample()
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This is the model structure that is being connected



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Include components using the  
add\_subsystem(<name>, <component>)  
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Python note:  
These are *instances* of a component class

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Your custom components can be defined in the same .py file, or imported from a package for modularity

Specify flags/options now

# Grouping components

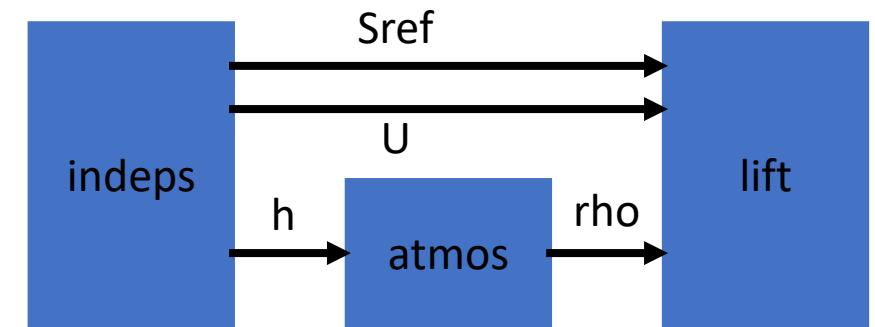
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class ConnectExample(Group):

    def setup(self):
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp())
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        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

        # connect variables together
        self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
        self.connect('atmos.rho', 'lift.rho')
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U')

    if __name__ == "__main__":
        prob = Problem()
        prob.model = ConnectExample()
        prob.setup()
        prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
        prob.run_model()
        print(prob['lift.L'])
```



Connect parameters using the  
connect(<from>, <to>) method

# Grouping components

```
class ConnectExample(Group):

    def setup(self):
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables
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        # add your disciplinary models to the group
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        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

        # connect variables together
        self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
        self.connect('atmos.rho', 'lift.rho')
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U')

    if __name__ == "__main__":
        prob = Problem()
        prob.model = ConnectExample()
        prob.setup()
        prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
        prob.run_model()
        print(prob['lift.L'])
```

Note the namespace / address string:  
*component\_name.variable*

# Grouping components

```
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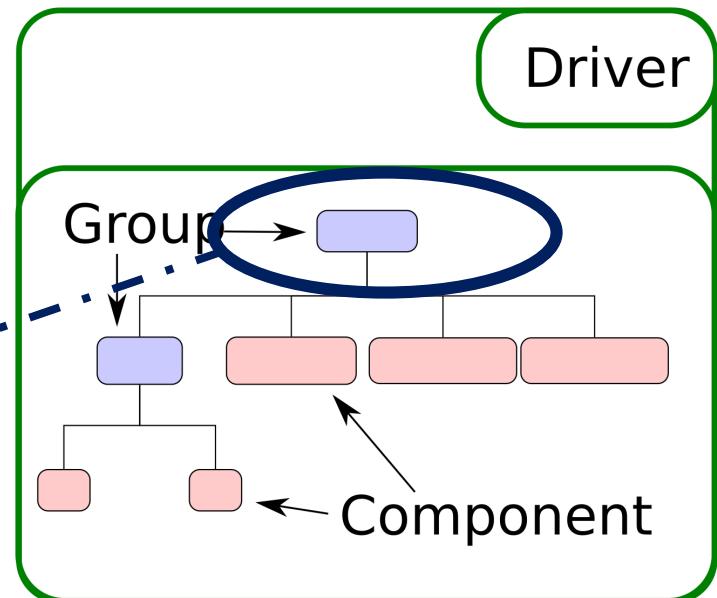
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        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

        # connect variables together
        self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
        self.connect('atmos.rho', 'lift.rho')
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U')

    if __name__ == "main__":
        prob = Problem()
        prob.model = ConnectExample()
        prob.setup()
        prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
        prob.run_model()
        print(prob['lift.L'])
```

## Problem



When you run an MDA/MDO problem, you will add one top-level Group instance to the problem

# Grouping components

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    def setup(self):
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        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

        # connect variables together
        self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
        self.connect('atmos.rho', 'lift.rho')
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U')

    if __name__ == "__main__":
        prob = Problem()
        prob.model = ConnectExample()
        prob.setup()
        prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
        prob.run_model()
        print(prob['lift.L'])
```

The subgroups and components are executed in the order that they're added to the system

# Another way to connect...

- If parameters are widely used among many components, writing many connect() statements can be tedious
- Variable *promotion* is another way to make connections

```
class PromoteExample(Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables  
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h','U','Sref'])  
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")  
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")  
  
        # add your disciplinary models to the group  
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho']))  
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts - 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])
```

# What does variable promotion do?

- Creates an alias for the variable one level up in the namespace
  - (*atmos.h* → *h*)
  - (*lift.rho* → *rho*)
- Automatically connects any matching I/O variable names
- Promote variables with wildcard (e.g. *\*\_in* or just *\**)

```
class PromoteExample(Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables  
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h', 'U', 'Sref'])  
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")  
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")  
  
        # add your disciplinary models to the group  
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho'])  
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])
```

# What does variable promotion do?

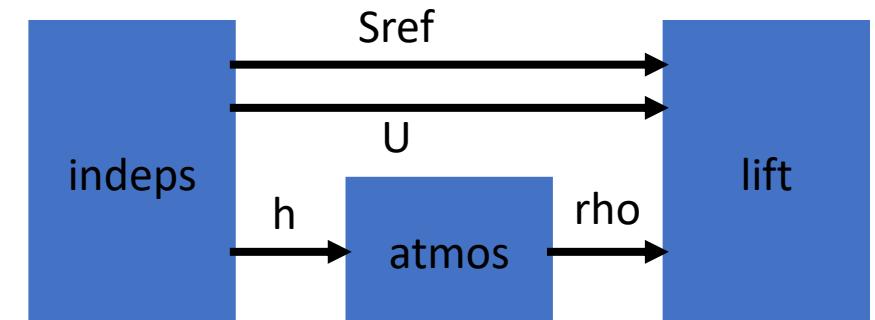
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    def setup(self):
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h', 'U', 'Sref'])
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho'])
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])

    if __name__ == "__main__":
        prob = Problem()
        prob.model = PromoteExample()
        prob.setup()
        # both of these are correct
        prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
        prob['U'] = 150.
        prob.run_model()
        print(prob['lift.L'])
```

Input/output connection established automatically



# What does variable promotion do?

```
class PromoteExample(Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables  
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h', 'U', 'Sref'])  
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")  
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")  
        indeps2 = self.add_subsystem('indeps2', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['U'])  
        indeps2.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")  
  
        # add your disciplinary models to the group  
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho'])  
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])  
        self.add_subsystem('lift2', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])
```

Multiple promoted outputs with same name: *not allowed* (will raise an exception)

# What does variable promotion do?

```
class PromoteExample(Group):

    def setup(self):
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h', 'U', 'Sref'])
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")
        indeps2 = self.add_subsystem('indeps2', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['U'])
        indeps2.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['Tref'])
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])
        self.add_subsystem('lift2', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'Sref', 'U'])
```

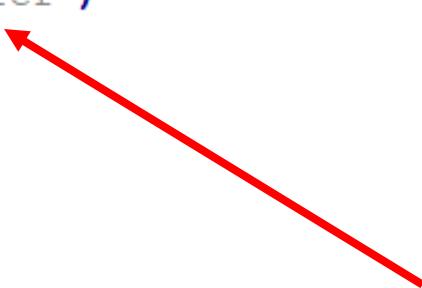
Multiple promoted inputs with identical name: *OK* and *encouraged*  
(all connections automatically made)

# What does variable promotion do?

```
class PromoteExample(Group):

    def setup(self):
        # set some input values - optimizers act on independent variables
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h','U'])
        indeps.add_output('h', 10000, units="ft")
        indeps.add_output('U', 200, units="kn")
        indeps.add_output('Sref', 200, units="ft**2")

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho'])
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1), promotes_inputs=['rho','U'])
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
```



Mixing promotion with connect statements:  
allowed / appropriate

# Lab 0: Implementing simple explicit calculations (Breguet Range)

Step 1: Install OpenMDAO

Step 2: Write your first component

Step 3: World domination!

# Lab 0.a: Install

- Open cmd prompt
- Internet install: `pip install openmdao`
- Local Install:
  - cd to wherever OpenMDAO is downloaded:  
``pip install .`` (note the period)
  - This installs from local source files, not PyPI
- `cd ../../openmdao_training`
- `python paraboloid.py`
  - If this works without error, your installation should be good

# Lab 0.b: Aircraft Range

- Open *lab\_0\_template.py* in a text editor or IDE and rename it to *lab\_0.py*
- The **BreguetRange** component implements the electric Breguet equation:

$$R_b = \frac{L}{D} \eta_e \eta_{int} \eta_p \frac{e_b}{g} \frac{m_b}{m_{TO}} \quad m_{TO} = m_{empty} + m_{payload} + m_{battery}$$

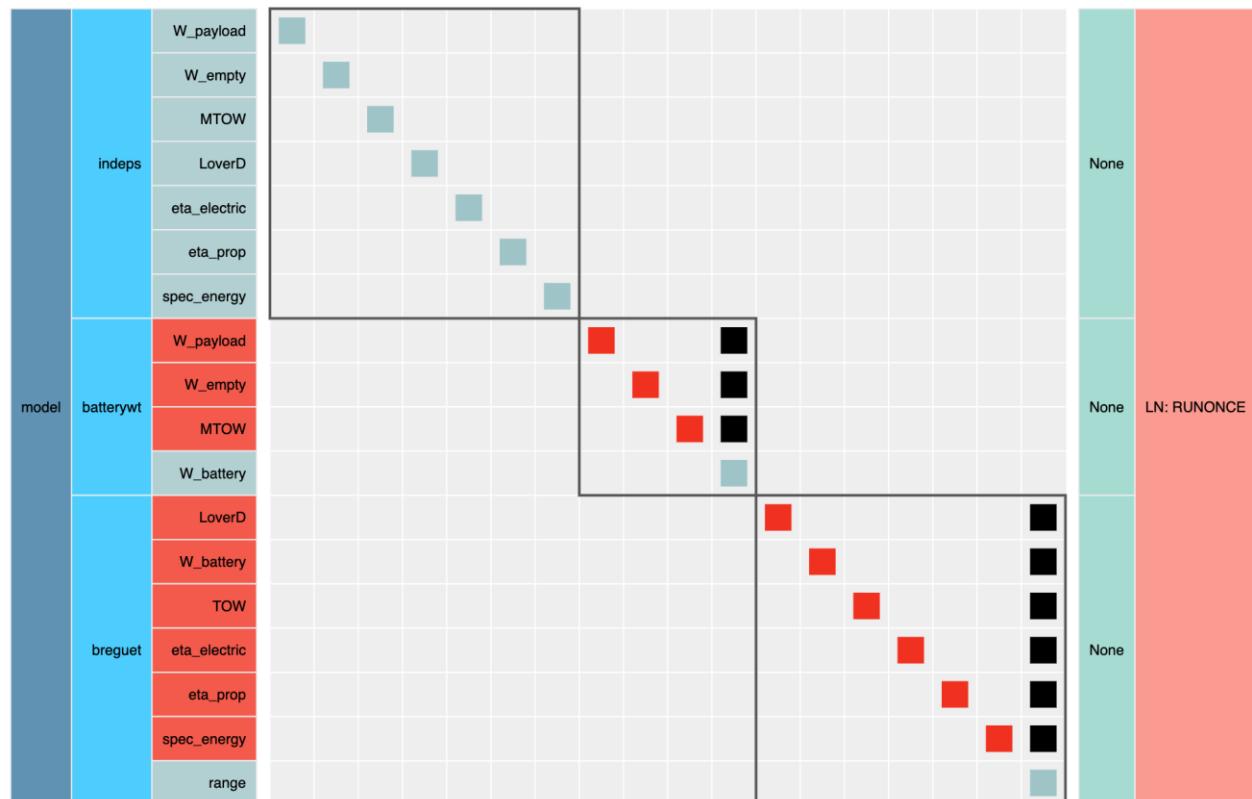
- Your goal is to compute the maximum range of an airplane given a certain payload

# Lab 0.b: Aircraft Range

- Complete the TODOs in the `BatteryWeight` component
- Complete the TODOs in the `ElecRangeGroup` definition by connecting the two components
- `cd` into project folder to check and run the model :
  - `openmdao view_model lab_0.py` (creates model diagram)
  - `python lab_0.py` (runs the model)
- Answer key in the `lab_0_solution.py` file (don't cheat!)

# Lab 0.b: Aircraft Range

- openmdao view\_model lab\_0.py
- If you forgot any connections, you'll see some red

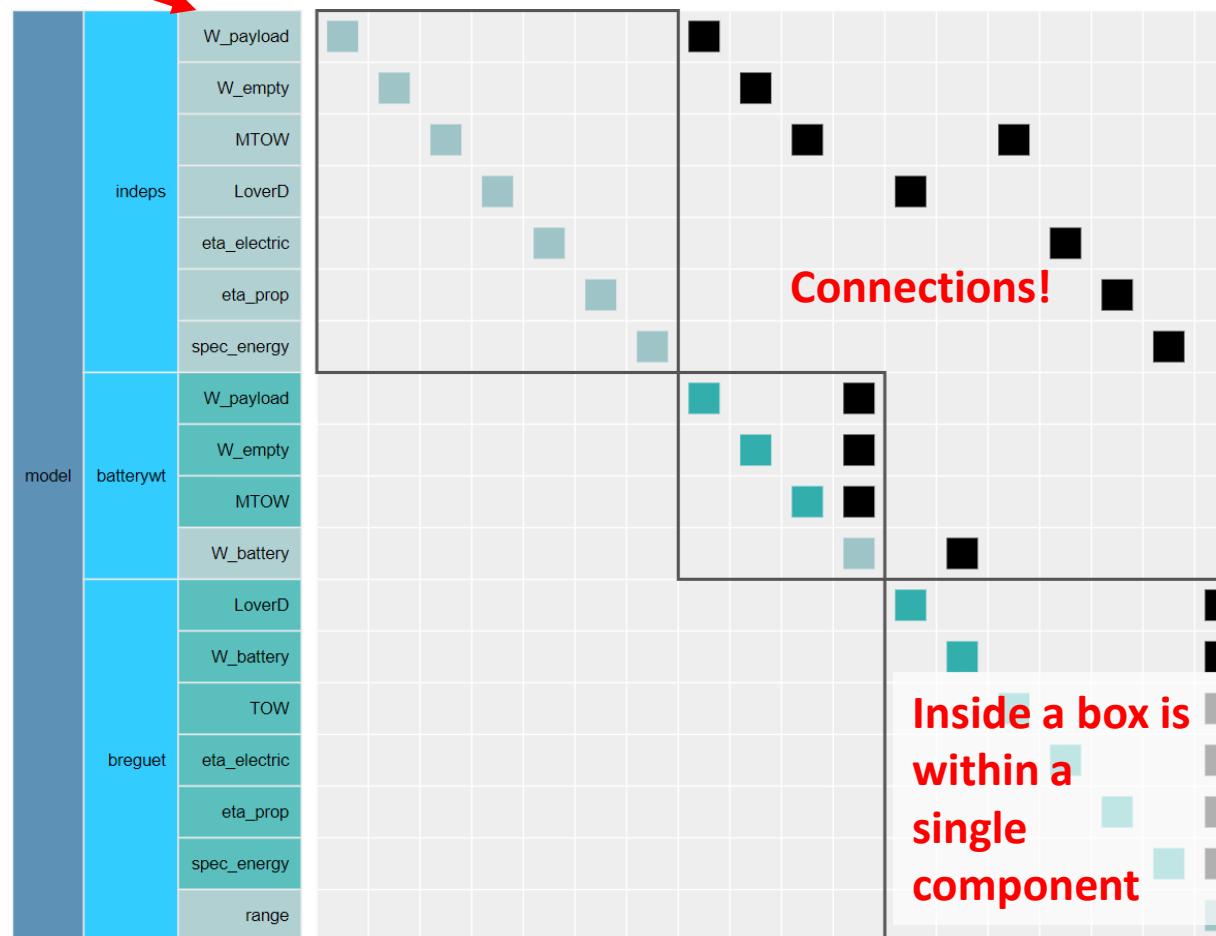


All the red boxes represent unconnected inputs to components.

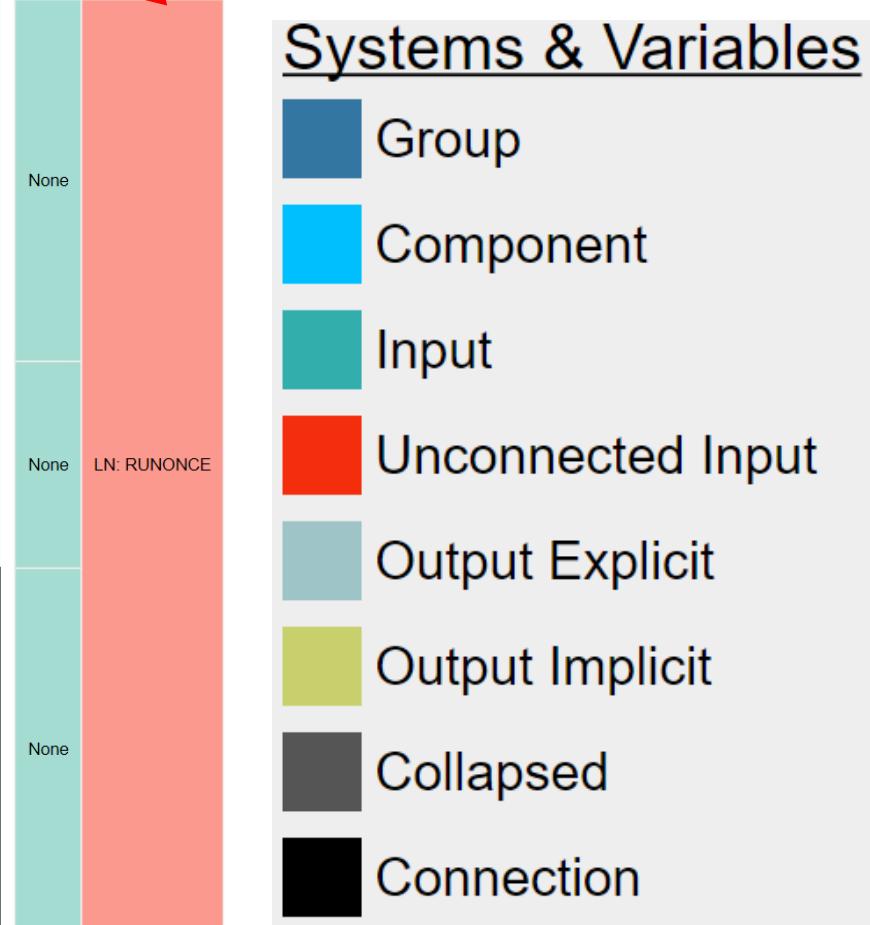
Use explicit connection or variable promotion to get rid of all the red

# Lab 0.b: The n2 is your best friend!

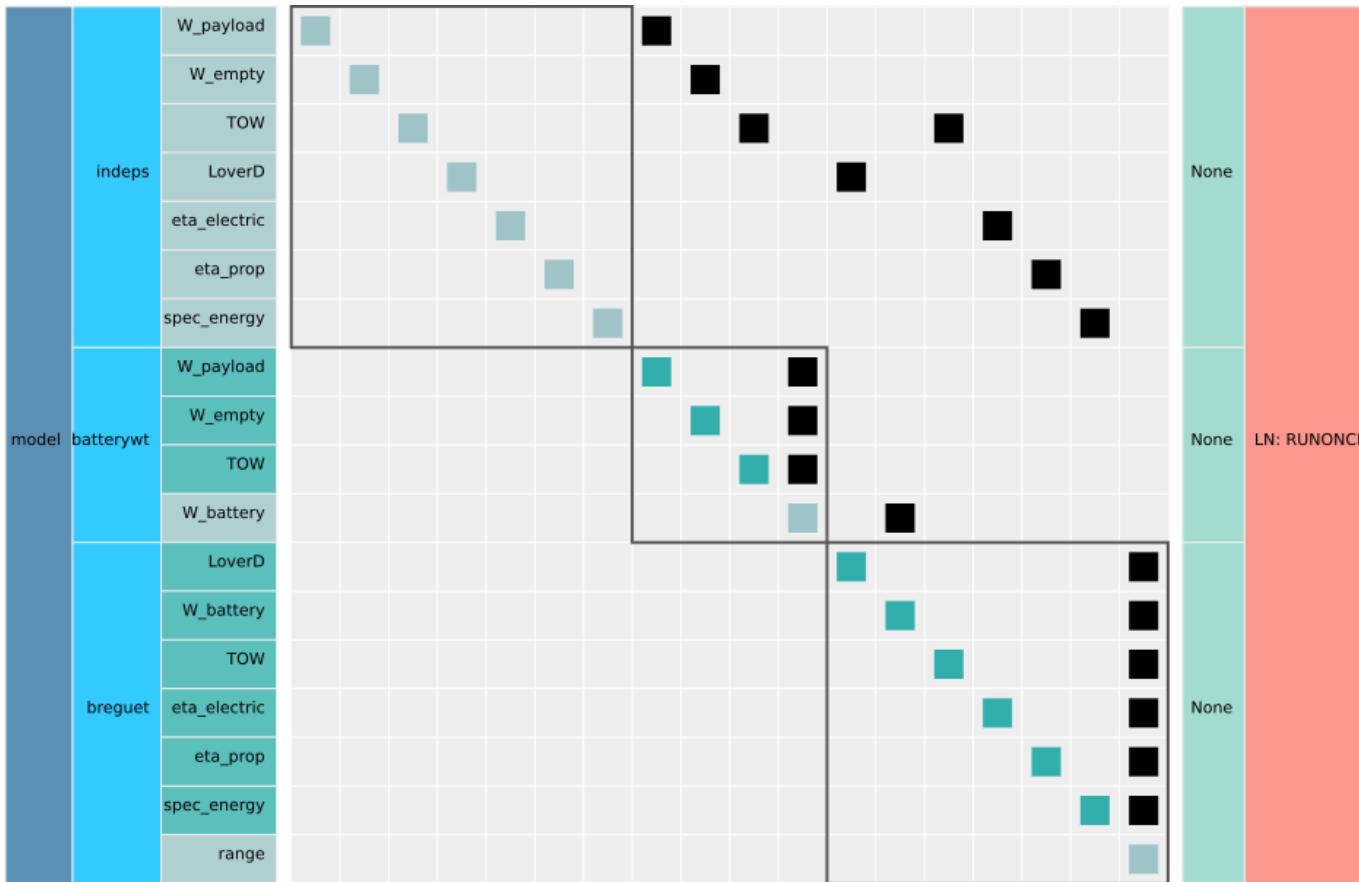
Model hierarchy (groups, components, variables)



Linear and nonlinear solver hierarchy  
(more on this later...)



# Lab 0.b: Aircraft Range



It should look like this!

**This diagram is interactive:**

Right click on the components/groups to collapse and expand them

Click on any black colored square to trace connections between components

N2 diagram is upper-triangular:  
Pure explicit computation (feed-forward)

# Lab 0 summary:

*Everything we just did we can do faster in Excel.*

This is a tutorial so the models are extremely simple and cheap, but ...

- Real-world models have hierarchies of dozens or hundreds of logical components
- Real-world models often lack a closed form solution and require some kind of *solver* or iteration strategy

# Using solvers with implicit models

- Gradient-free solver: Nonlinear Block Gauss-Seidel  
(i.e. Fixed point iteration)
- Gradient-based solver: Newton's Method
- Lab 1: Simple aircraft sizing and experimenting with different solver algorithms

# OpenMDAO Nonlinear Solvers

When a circular dependency is detected, OpenMDAO needs a solver to converge the problem:

- Choice #1: `NonlinearBlockGS()`
- Choice #2: `NewtonSolver()`
- Choice #3: `BroydenSolver()`
- Choice #4: `NonlinearBlockJac()`

# Check out the docs for more info!

Look at the docs for  
OpenMDAO's standard library:

Lots of details on all the  
different solvers!

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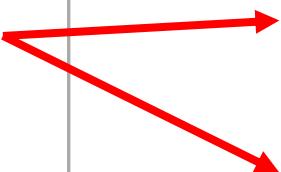
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surrogates and helpful general  
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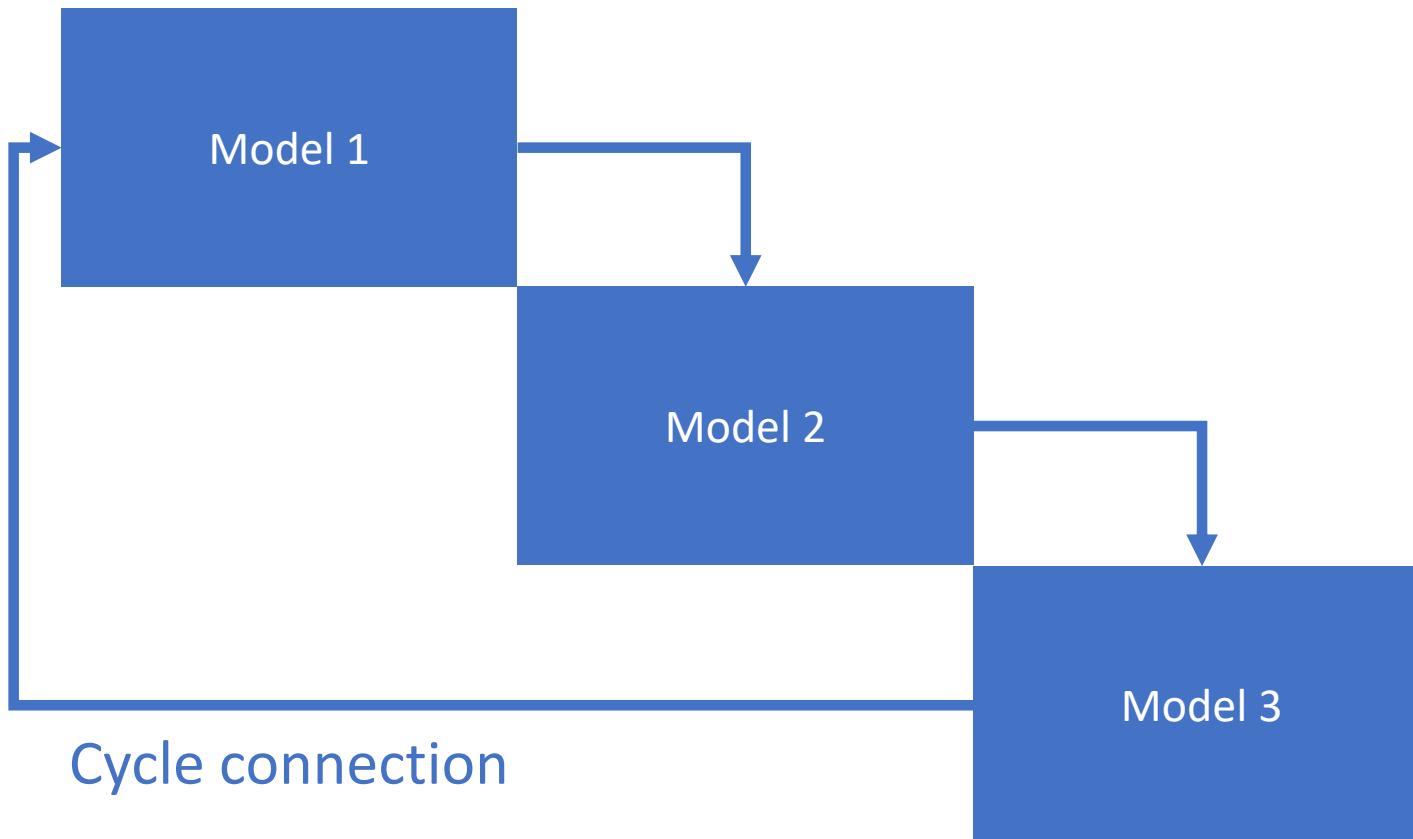
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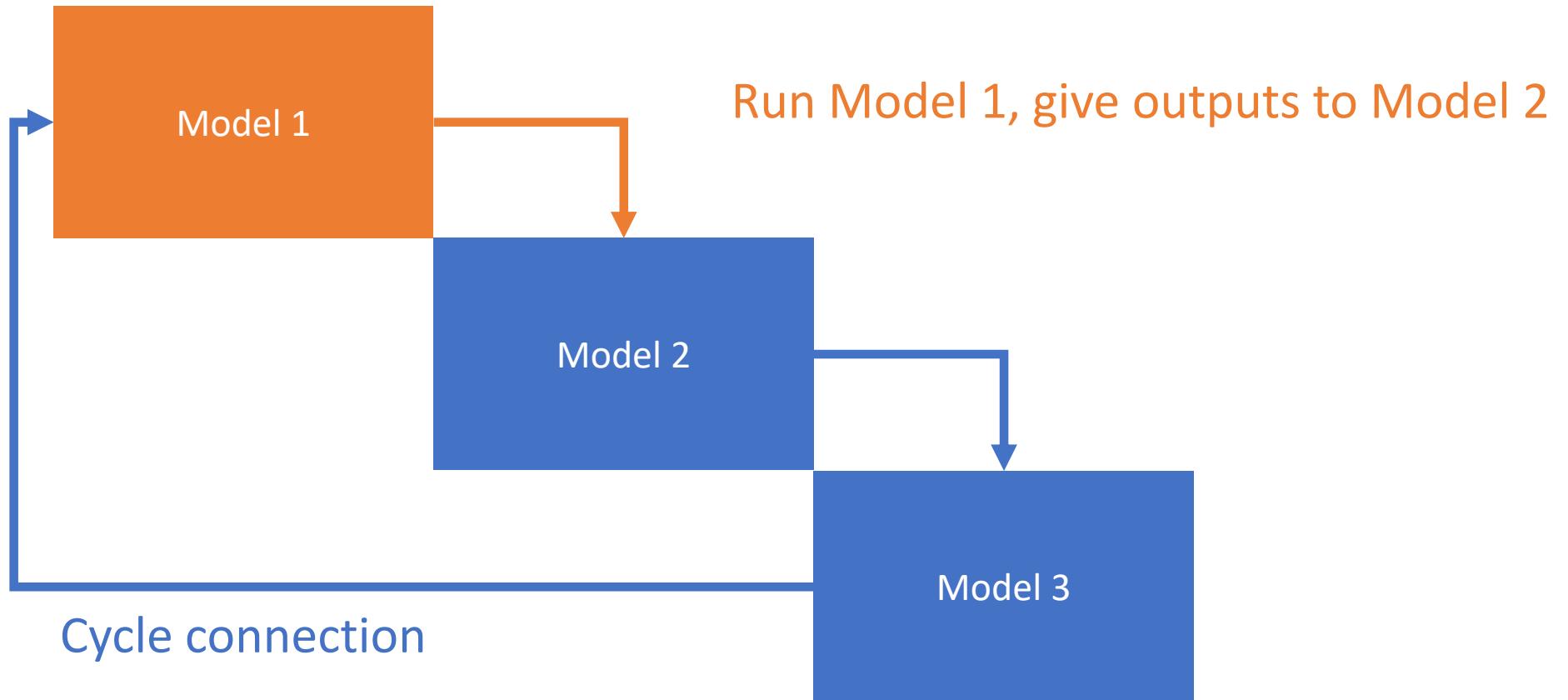
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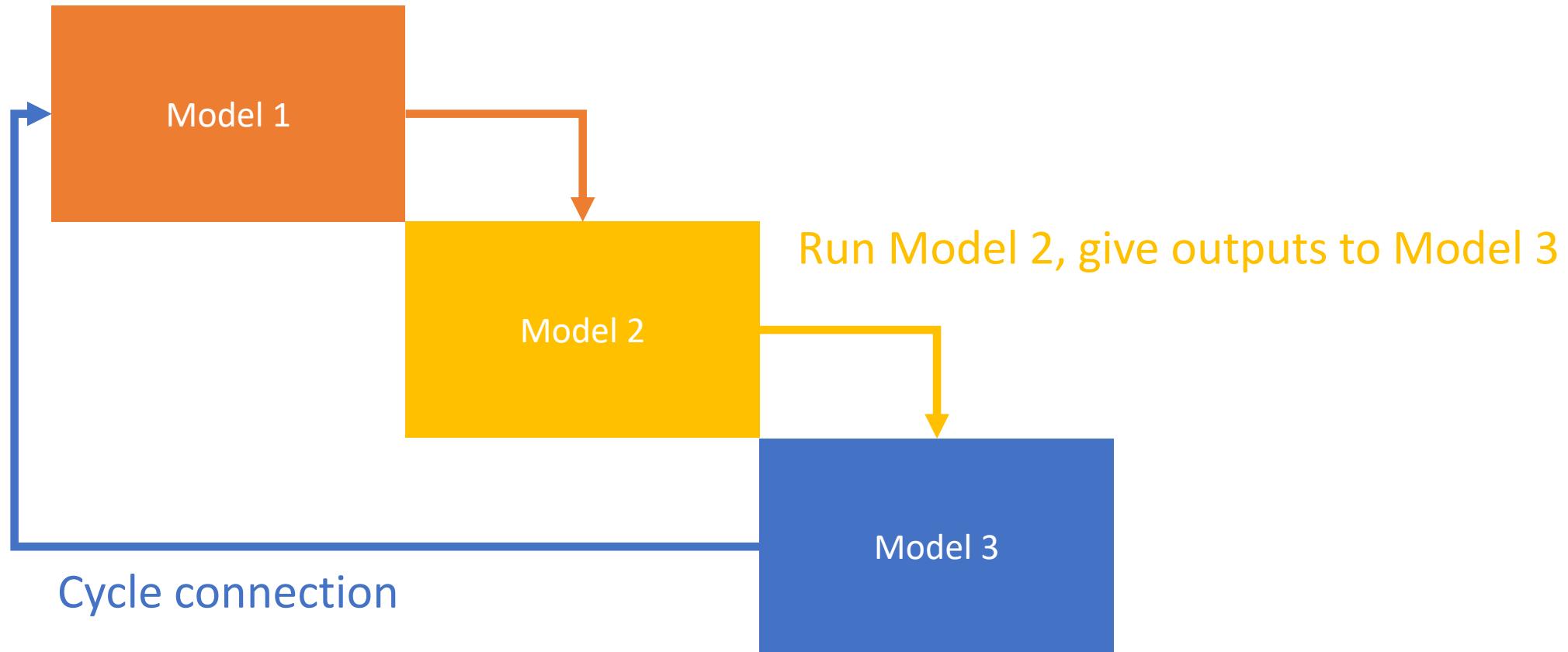
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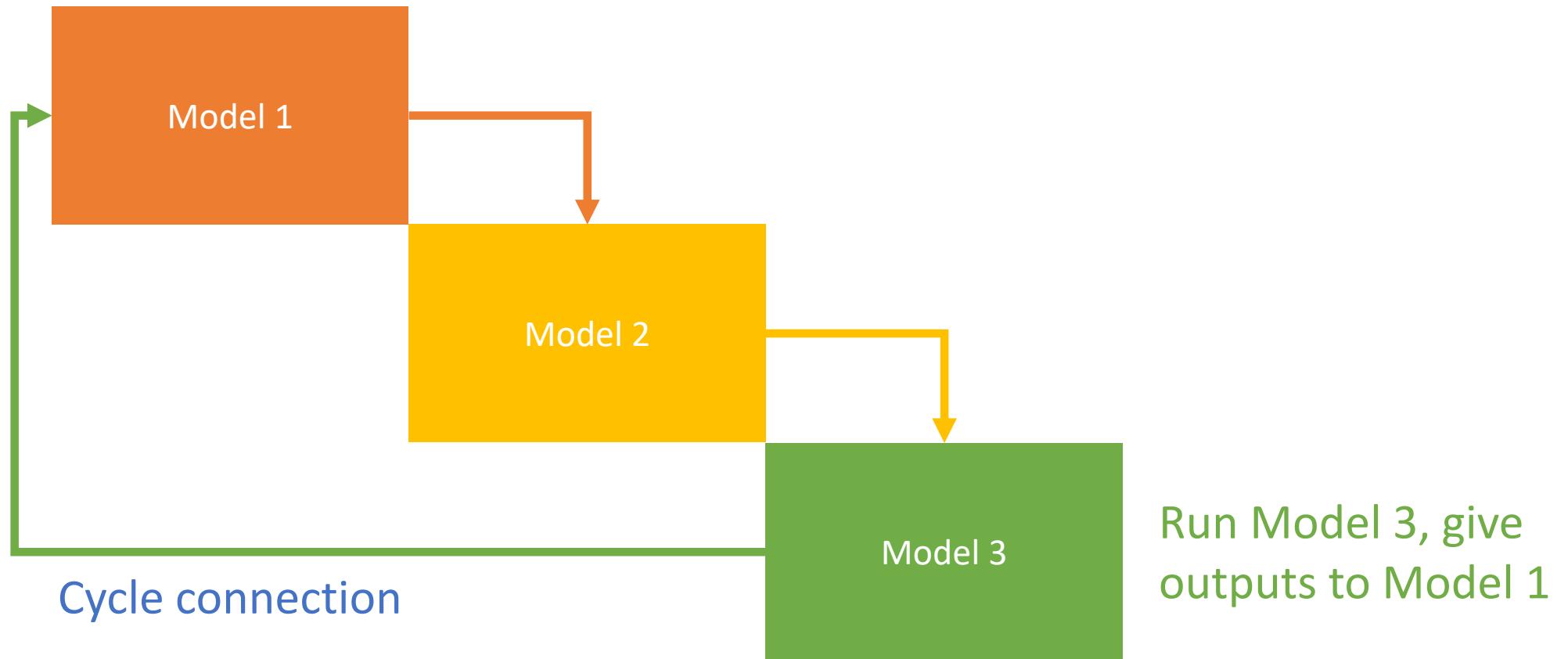
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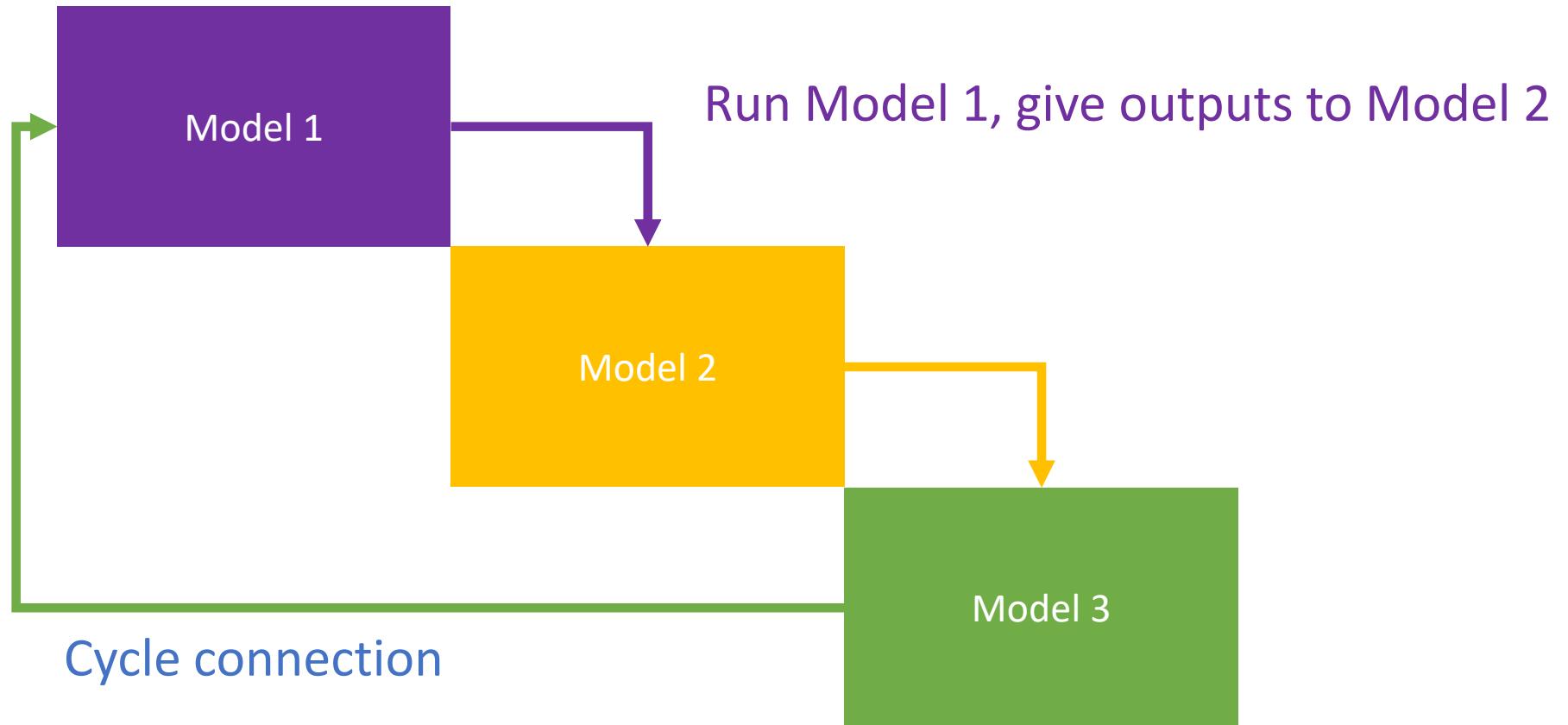
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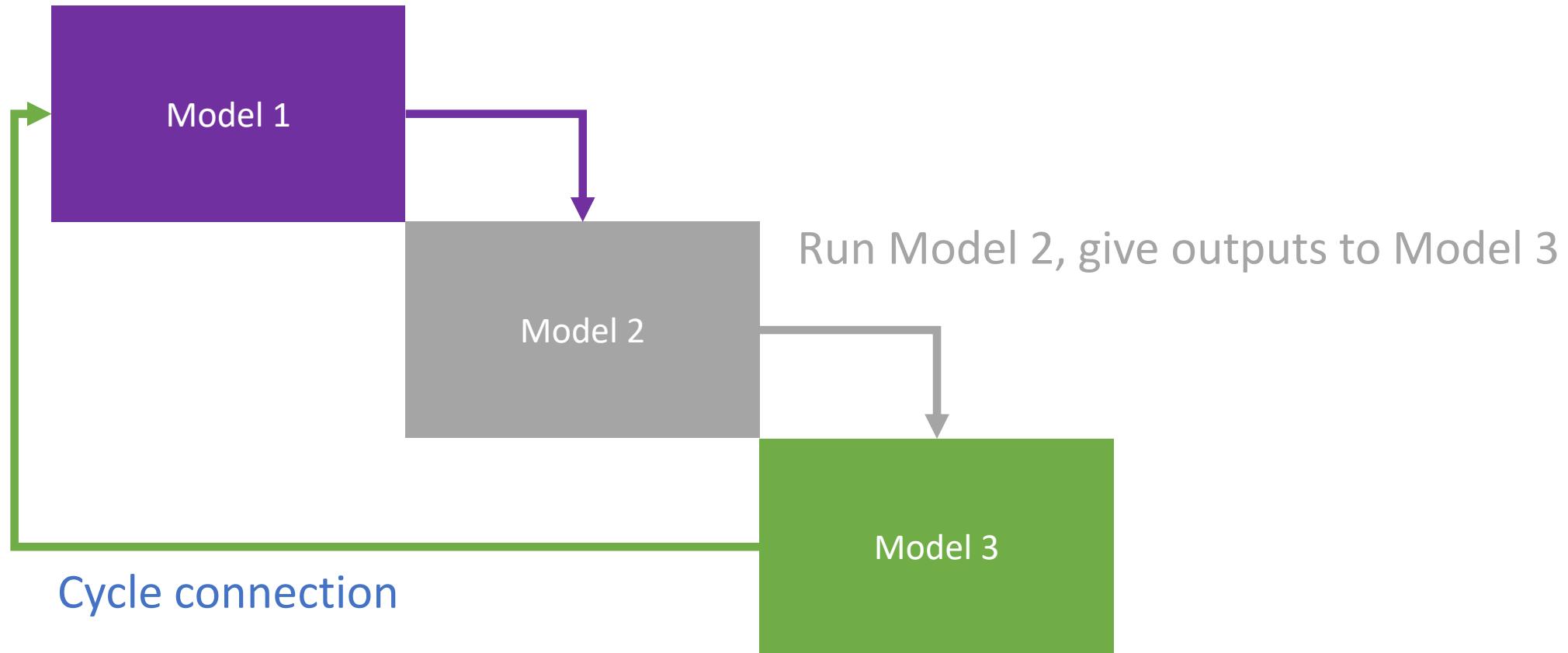
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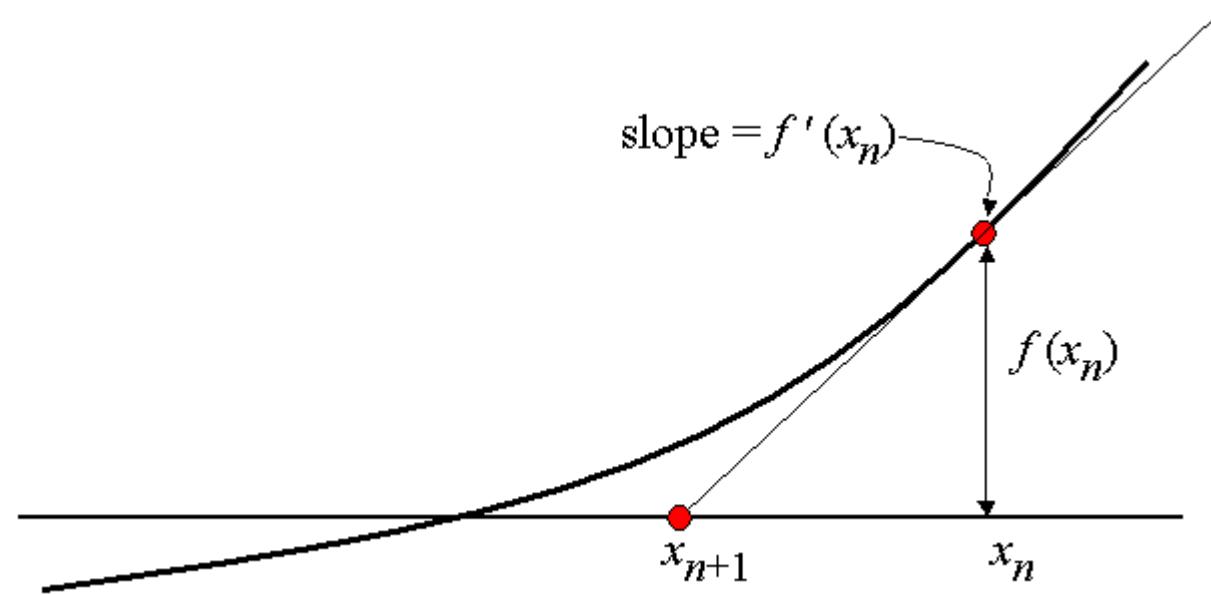


# Nonlinear Block Gauss-Seidel



# Newton's Method is simple in one dimension (Requires derivs)

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$



# Newton Solver for multiple dimensions is a bit more complex

$$R(x, y) = 0$$

We want to drive residuals to 0  
x: design variables  
y: implicit state variables

$$\begin{matrix} n_y & & 1 & & 1 \\ \text{---} & & \text{---} & & \text{---} \\ n_y & & & & n_y \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{---} & & \text{---} & & \text{---} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \delta y = -R(x, y)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \delta y$$

Solve this linear system

Then take a step. Repeat until converged

# Newton Solver needs some partial derivatives!

$$\begin{matrix} & n_y & & 1 & & 1 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ n_y & \text{---} & \text{---} & = & \text{---} & n_y \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ & \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \delta y & = -R(x, y) & & & \end{matrix}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \delta y$$

# Partial Derivatives in OpenMDAO

```
class WeightBuild(ExplicitComponent):
    """Compute TOW from component weights"""

    def setup(self):
        # define the following inputs: W_payload, W_empty, TOW
        self.add_input('W_payload', 800, units='lbm')
        self.add_input('W_empty', 5800, units='lbm')
        self.add_input('W_battery', 1500, units='lbm')

        # define the following outputs: W_battery
        self.add_output('TOW', val=6000, units='lbm')

        # declare generic finite difference partials
        self.declare_partials('TOW', ['*'])

    def compute(self, inputs, outputs):
        # implement the calculation W_battery = TOW - W_payload - W_empty
        outputs['TOW'] = inputs['W_battery'] + inputs['W_payload'] + inputs['W_empty']

    def compute_partials(self, inputs, partials):
        partials['TOW', 'W_battery'] = 1
        partials['TOW', 'W_payload'] = 1
        partials['TOW', 'W_empty'] = 1

Define analytic derivatives:
partials(<of>, <with respect to>)
```

This tells OpenMDAO which partials exist

This tells OpenMDAO the actual values of the partials

OpenMDAO assembles the Jacobian for you, from provided component partials

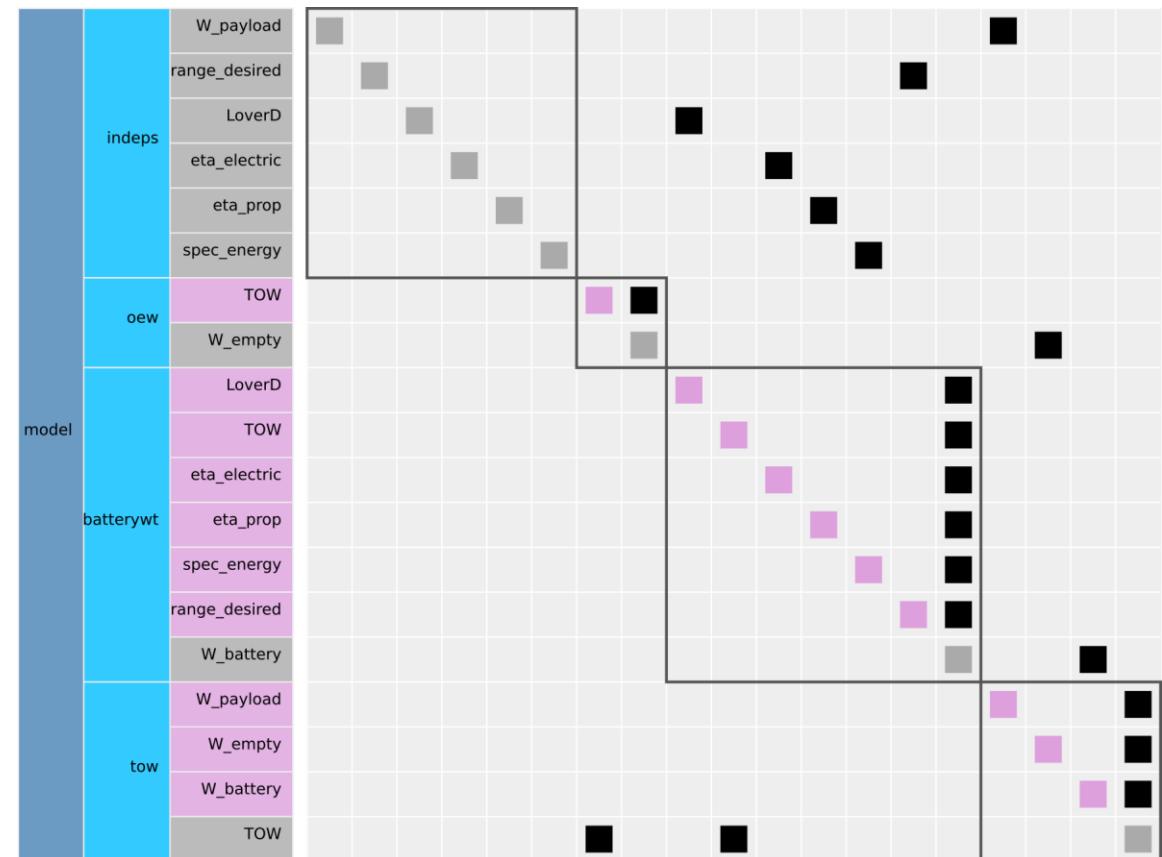
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \delta y = -R(x, y)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \delta y$$

# Lab # 1 : Aircraft Sizing

Next, we will “size” an electric aircraft for desired range

- Open *lab\_1\_template.py* in a text editor or IDE and rename *lab\_1.py*
- Check the model by building an N2 diagram
- This system is implicit (because it has a cycle) but has no implicit components



# Lab # 1 : Aircraft Sizing

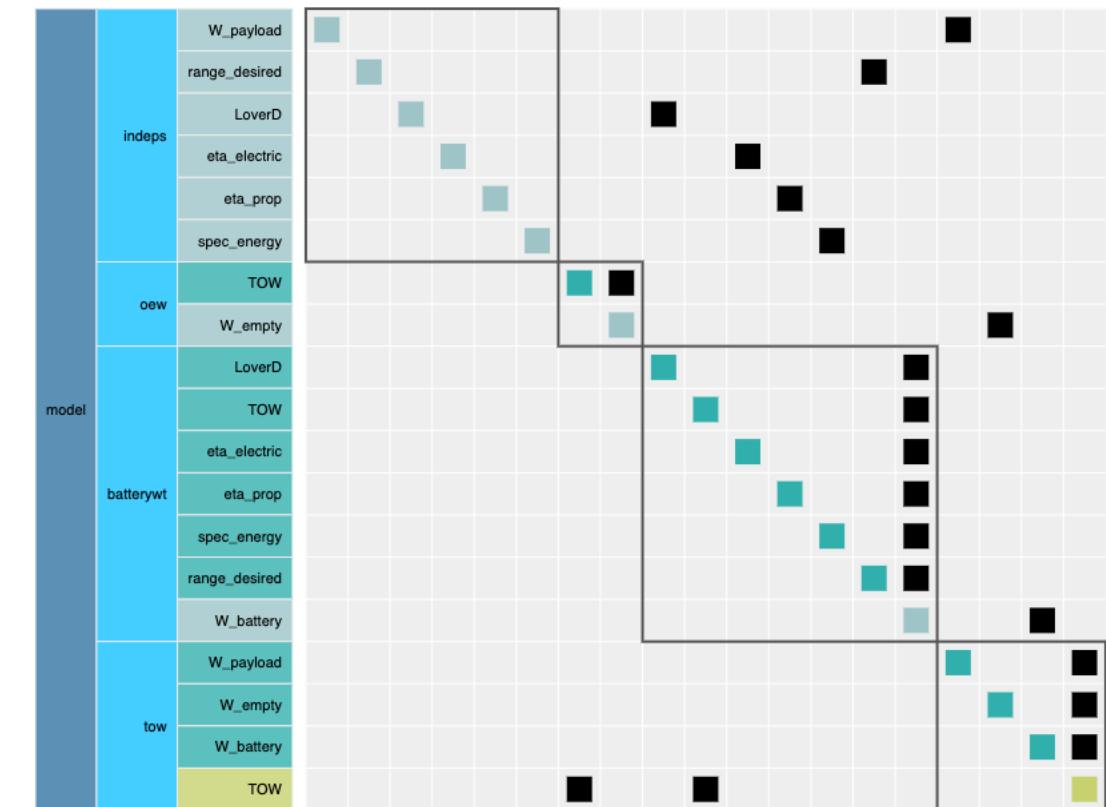
- Run the model as-is using NLBGS (*python lab\_1.py*)
  - The numbers that print out are the absolute and relative residuals
- Change the empty weight fraction to 0.55
  - check out the ExecComp
- Try using the Newton solver (~ Line 124). What happens?
  - Check your partial derivatives (~ Line 173)
  - Fix the partial derivatives of the incorrect components
  - Which solver uses fewer iterations?
- Print all the inputs and outputs (~ Line 178, 179)

# check\_partials output

```
-----  
Component: ExecComp 'oew'  
-----  
'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | fwd mag. | check mag. | a(fwd-chk) | r(fwd-chk)  
-----  
'w_empty' wrt 'TOW' | 6.0000e-01 | 6.0000e-01 | 2.3842e-08 | 3.9736e-08  
-----  
Component: Batteryweight 'batterywt'  
-----  
'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | fwd mag. | check mag. | a(fwd-chk) | r(fwd-chk)  
-----  
'w_battery' wrt 'LoverD' | 0.0000e+00 | 9.6353e+01 | 9.6353e+01 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'w_battery' wrt 'TOW' | 0.0000e+00 | 3.2118e-01 | 3.2118e-01 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'w_battery' wrt 'eta_electric' | 0.0000e+00 | 2.0946e+03 | 2.0946e+03 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'w_battery' wrt 'eta_prop' | 0.0000e+00 | 2.3218e+03 | 2.3218e+03 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'w_battery' wrt 'range_desired' | 0.0000e+00 | 1.2847e+01 | 1.2847e+01 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'w_battery' wrt 'spec_energy' | 0.0000e+00 | 6.4235e+00 | 6.4235e+00 | 1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
-----  
Component: weightBuild 'tow'  
-----  
'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | fwd mag. | check mag. | a(fwd-chk) | r(fwd-chk)  
-----  
'TOW' wrt 'w_battery' | 7.5000e+01 | 1.0000e+00 | 7.6000e+01 | 7.6000e+01 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'TOW' wrt 'w_empty' | 7.5000e+01 | 1.0000e+00 | 7.6000e+01 | 7.6000e+01 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
'TOW' wrt 'w_payload' | 7.5000e+01 | 1.0000e+00 | 7.6000e+01 | 7.6000e+01 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL  
#####  
Sub Jacobian with Largest Relative Error: weightBuild 'tow'  
#####  
'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | fwd mag. | check mag. | a(fwd-chk) | r(fwd-chk)  
-----  
'TOW' wrt 'w_battery' | 7.5000e+01 | 1.0000e+00 | 7.6000e+01 | 7.6000e+01
```

# Lab # 1 : Aircraft Sizing continued

- Switch back to the Gauss-Seidel solver
- Switch to the WeightBuildImplicit component
  - solves for TOW by forcing design range equal to analyzed range
  - What happens when you run the model? Why?
  - Try the Newton solver



# Optimization with and without analytic derivatives

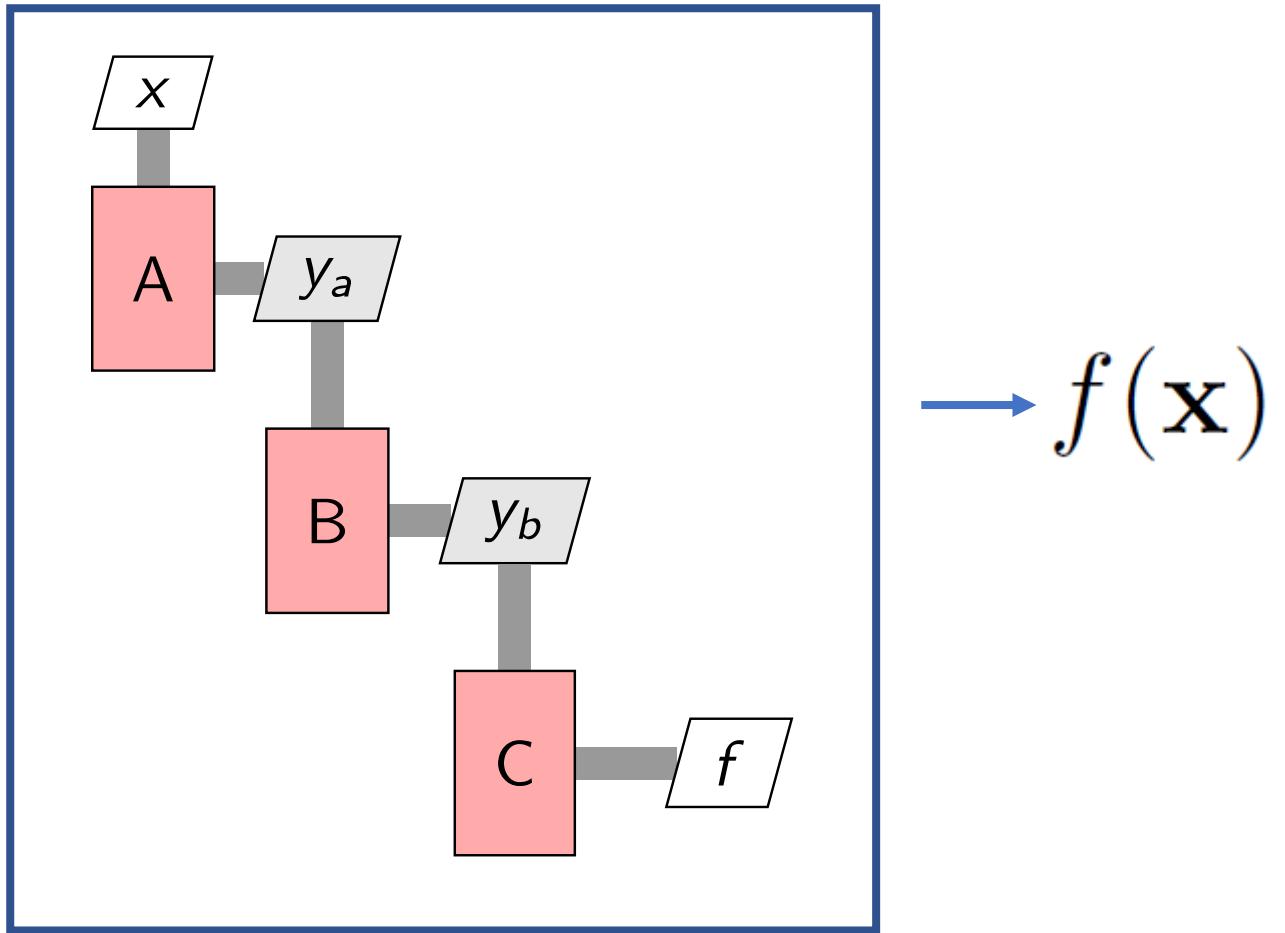
- High level introduction to different methods of computing derivatives
- Lab 2: Optimization of a FEM for a cantilever beam

# Optimization

OpenMDAO is capable of evaluating DOEs just like ModelCenter, but...

Gradient based optimization is A LOT faster!

So we need **total derivatives** across the whole model:

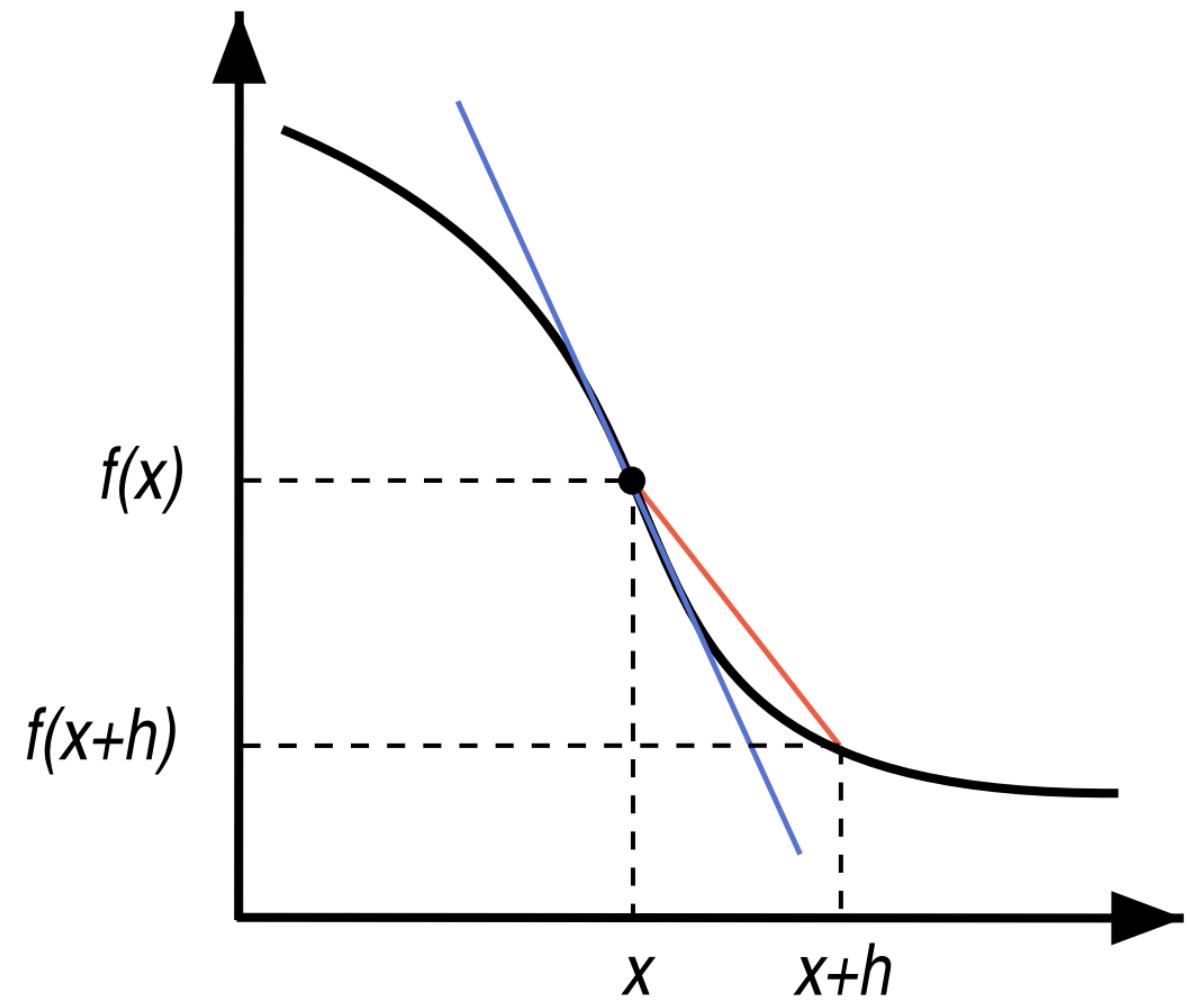


$$\frac{df(\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} ??$$

# Finite difference is easy

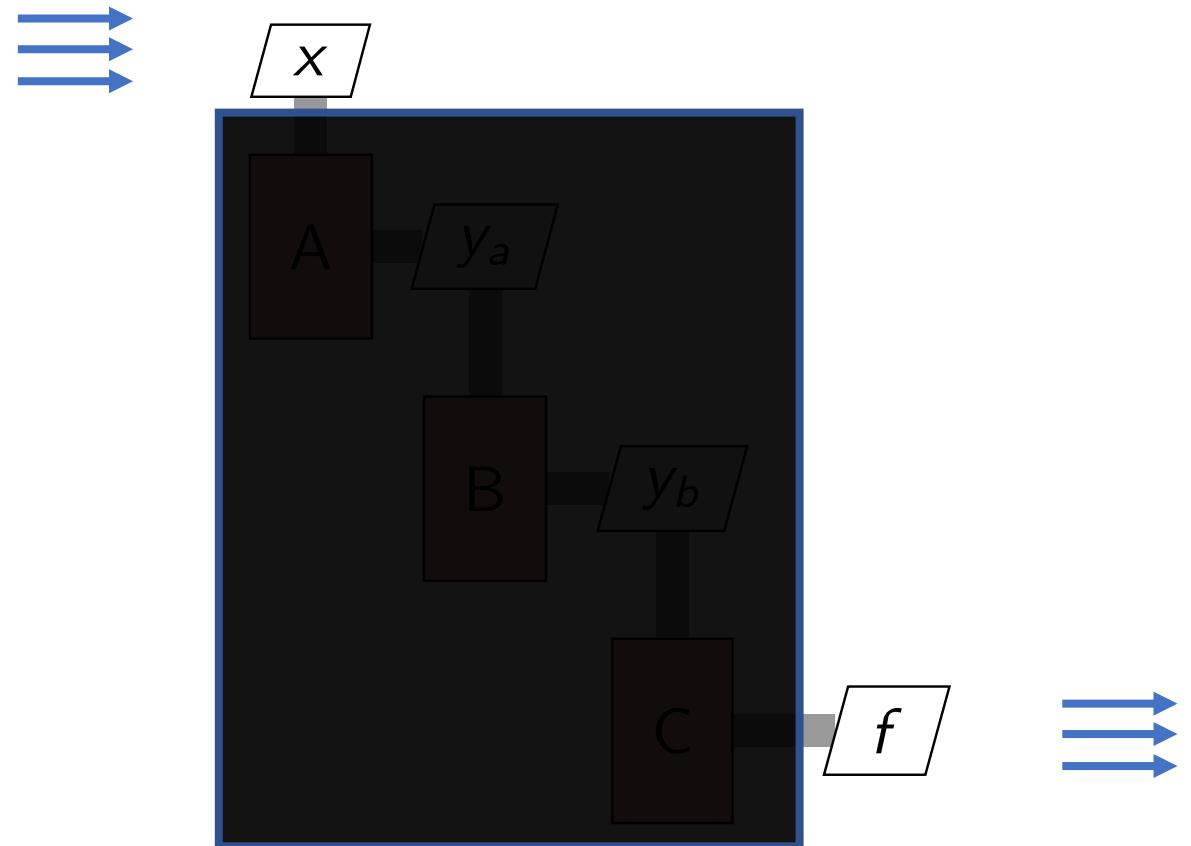
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_j} = \frac{F(x + e_j h) - F(x)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

$f(x + h)$	+1.234567890123431
$f(x)$	+1.234567890123456
$\Delta f$	-0.000000000000025



# Finite difference is easy, but...

- Treats your model as a black-box
- Expensive
- Accuracy can be bad, especially close to the optimal point



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + e_j h) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

# It's not a good idea to finite difference across solvers

**Seriously... don't do this unless you really have to.**

- It's expensive (make your solver tolerances really tight)
- It's inaccurate
- It will probably make your optimization converge slowly!

Lots of papers on this topic:

E. S. Hendricks and J. S. Gray, “Pycycle: a tool for efficient optimization of gas turbine engine cycles,” *Aerospace*, vol. 6, iss. 87, 2019.

E. S. Hendricks, “A multi-level multi-design point approach for gas turbine cycle and turbine conceptual design,” PhD Thesis, 2017.

J. S. Gray, T. A. Hearn, K. T. Moore, J. Hwang, J. Martins, and A. Ning, “Automatic Evaluation of Multidisciplinary Derivatives Using a Graph-Based Problem Formulation in OpenMDAO,” in *15th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization Conference*, 2014.

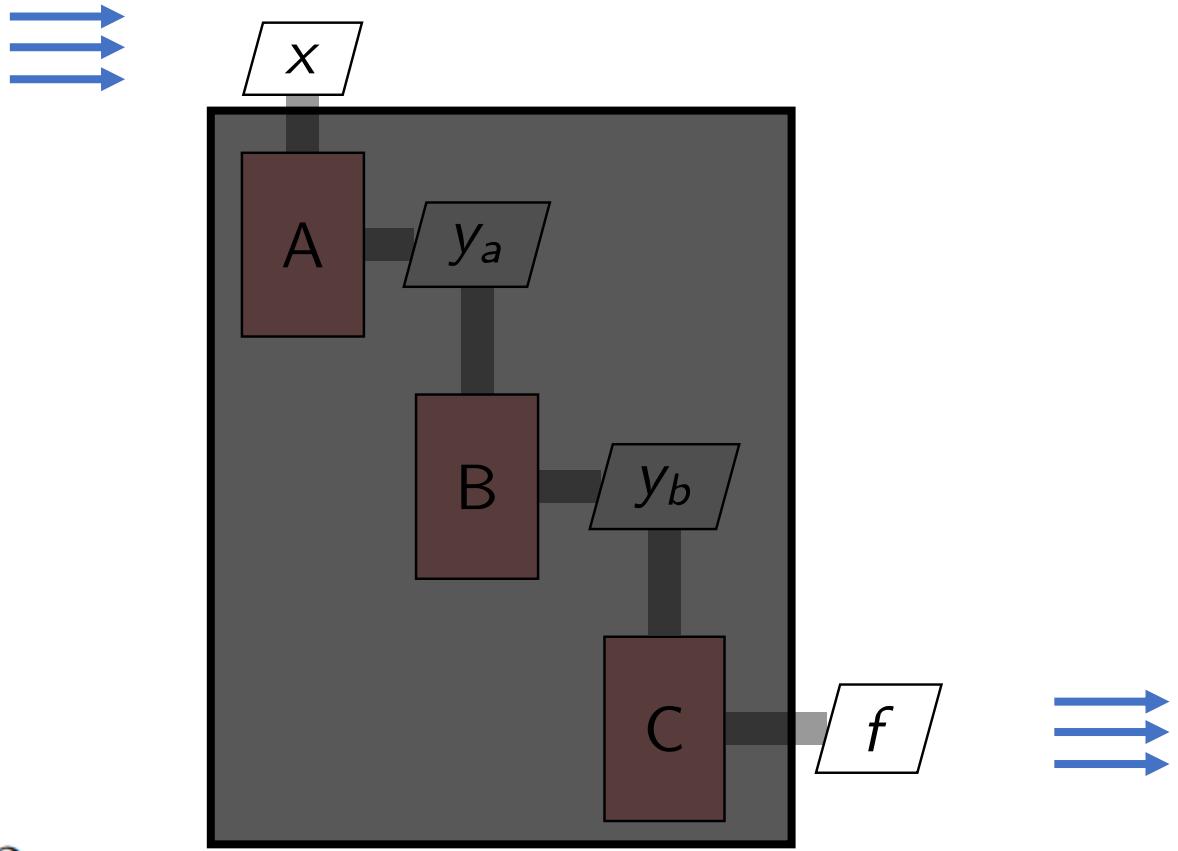
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C. Marriage and Martins, J. R. R. A. “Reconfigurable Semi-Analytic Sensitivity Methods and MDO Architectures Within the πMDO Framework”, in *Proceedings of the 12th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization Conference*, Victoria, BC, 2008.

# Complex step is more accurate than FD, but...

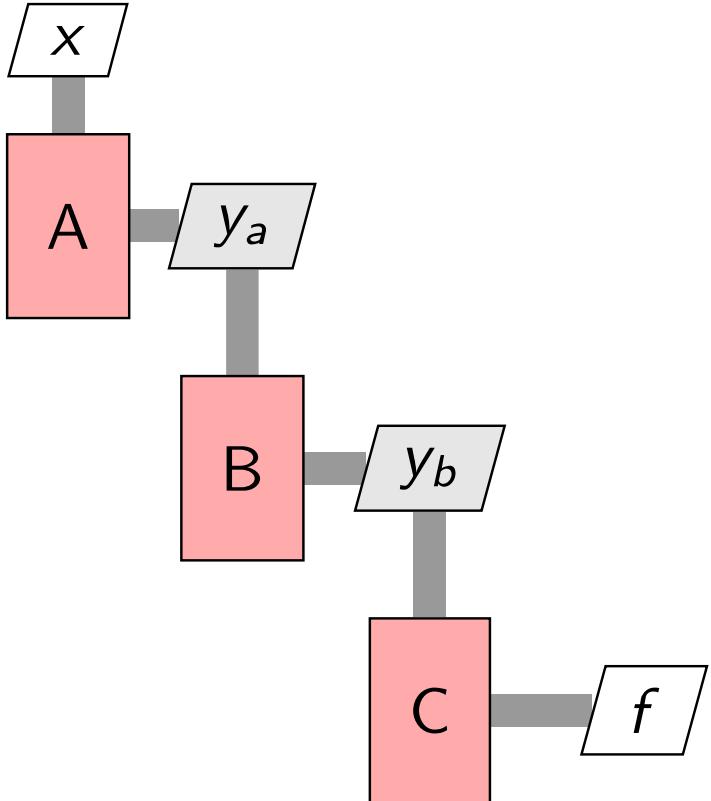
- Treats your models as a gray-box (might require code modification)
- Even more expensive
- Some functions are tricky...
  - `min()`, `max()`, `abs()` can cause issues

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\text{Im} [\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + i h \mathbf{e}_j)]}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$



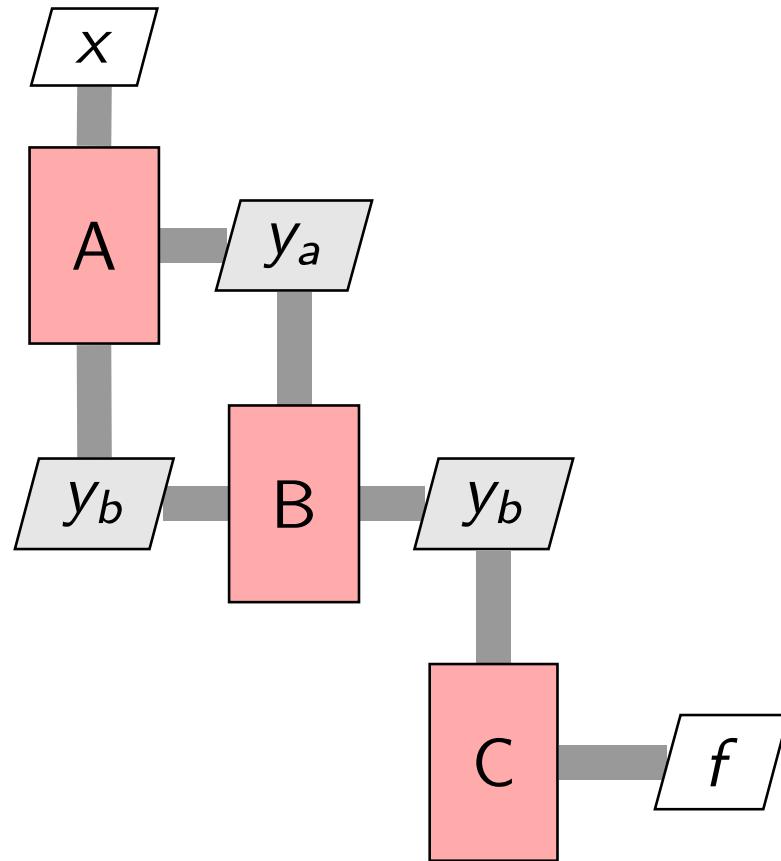
[Martins et al., ACM TOMS, 2003]

# Analytic derivatives are both fast and accurate!

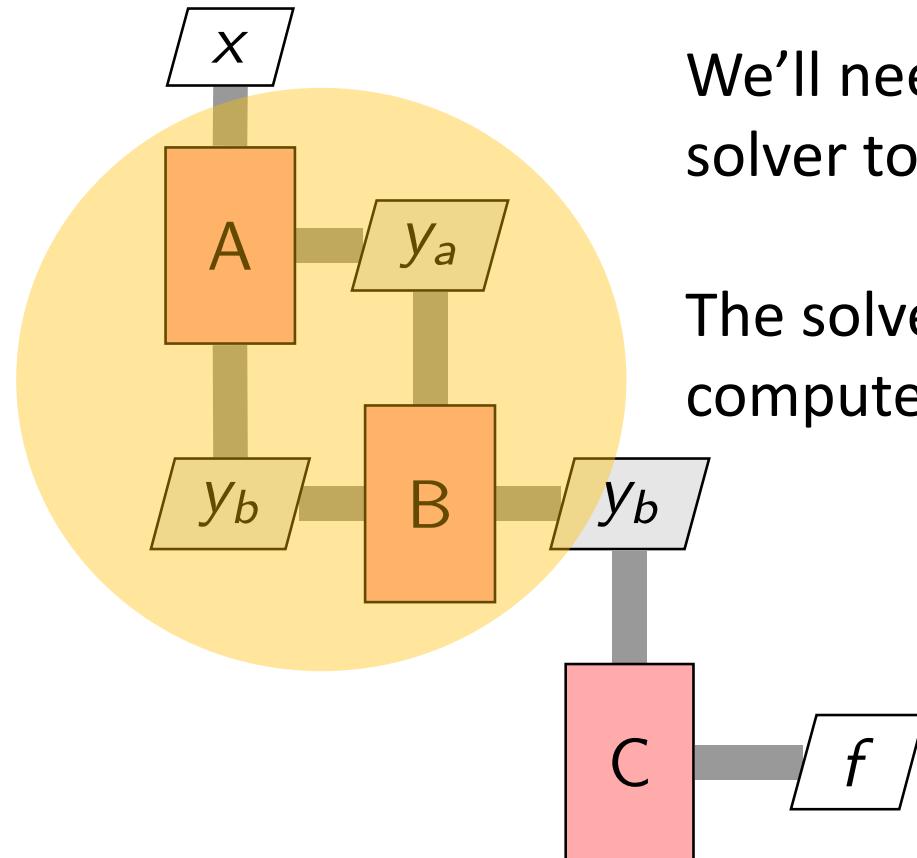


$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{\partial y_b}{\partial y_a} \frac{\partial y_a}{\partial x}$$

# What about models with coupling?



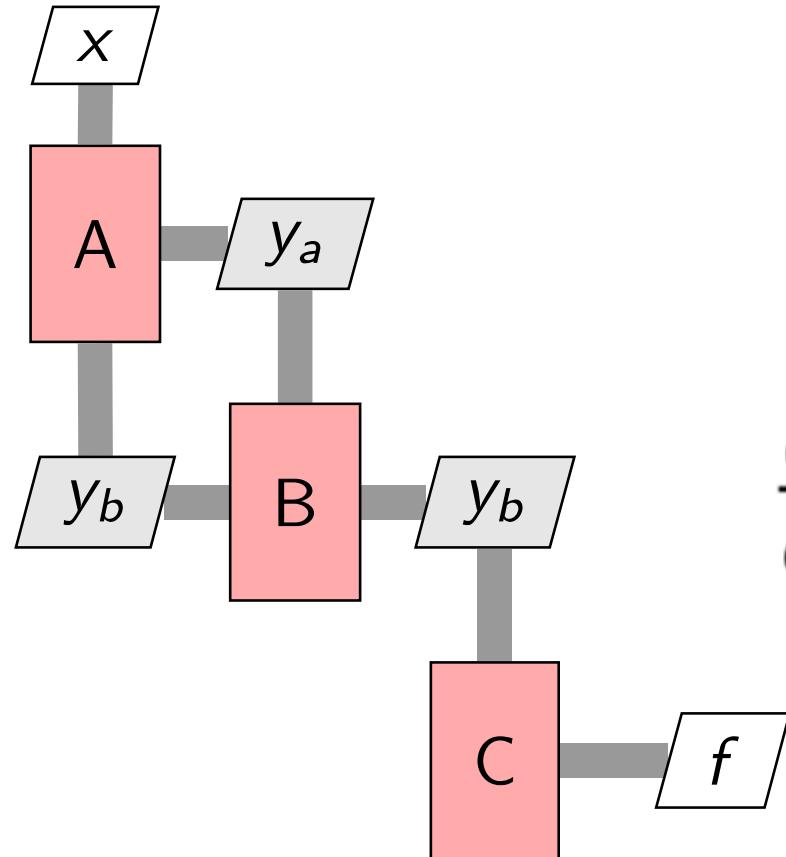
# How do you differentiate through this convergence loop?



We'll need a nonlinear solver to converge this coupling.

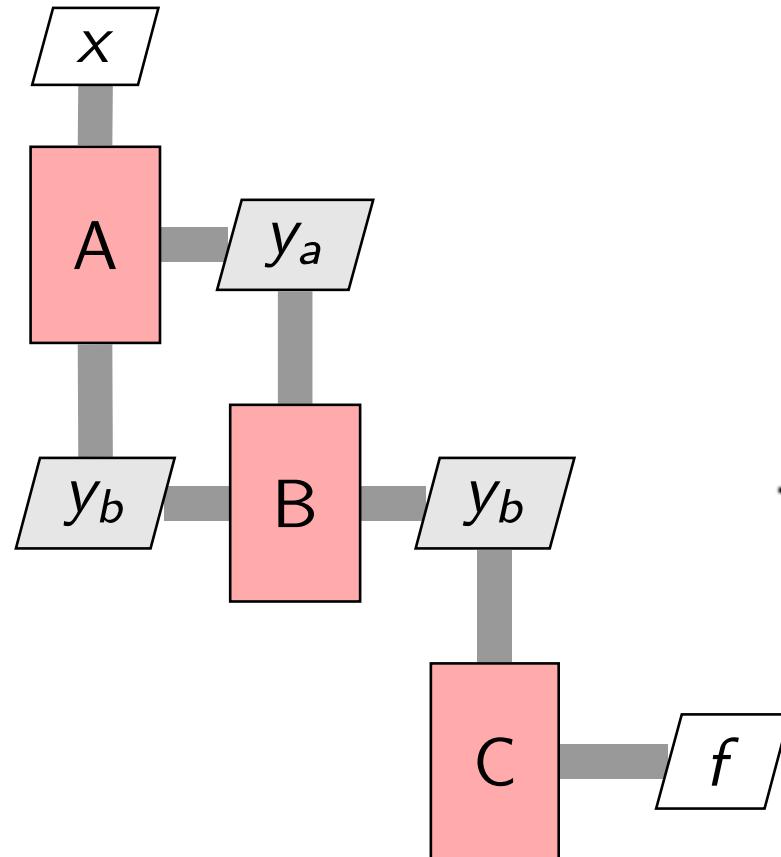
The solver loop changes the way you compute analytic derivatives

# Manually computing analytic derivatives for coupled models takes a lot of work



$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{\partial y_b}{\partial y_a} \frac{\partial y_a}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{dy_b}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_a} \frac{dy_a}{dx}$$

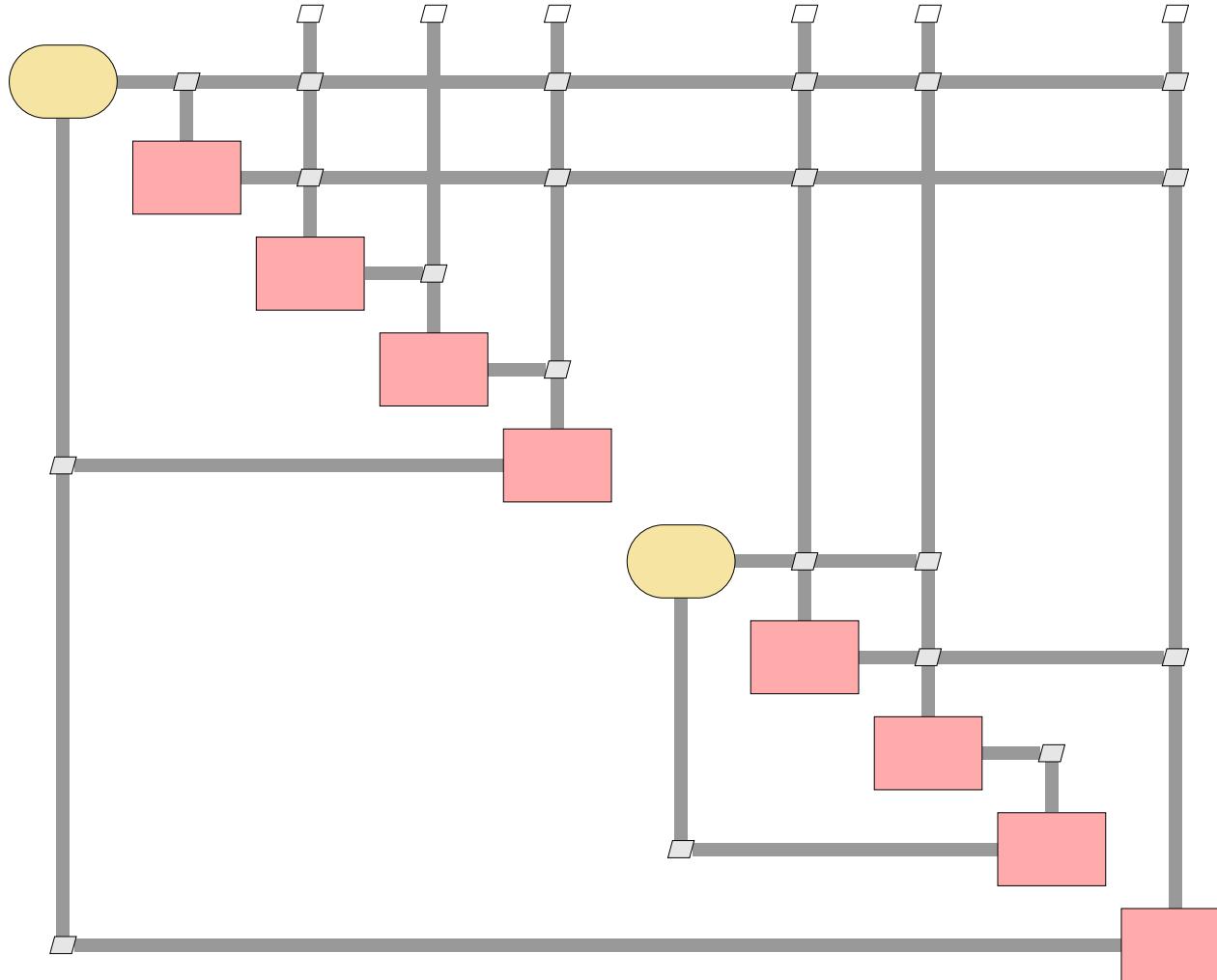
# How do we compute these extra terms?



$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{\partial y_b}{\partial y_a} \frac{\partial y_a}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{dy_b}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_a} \frac{dy_a}{dx}$$

These terms will be  
computed using adjoints!

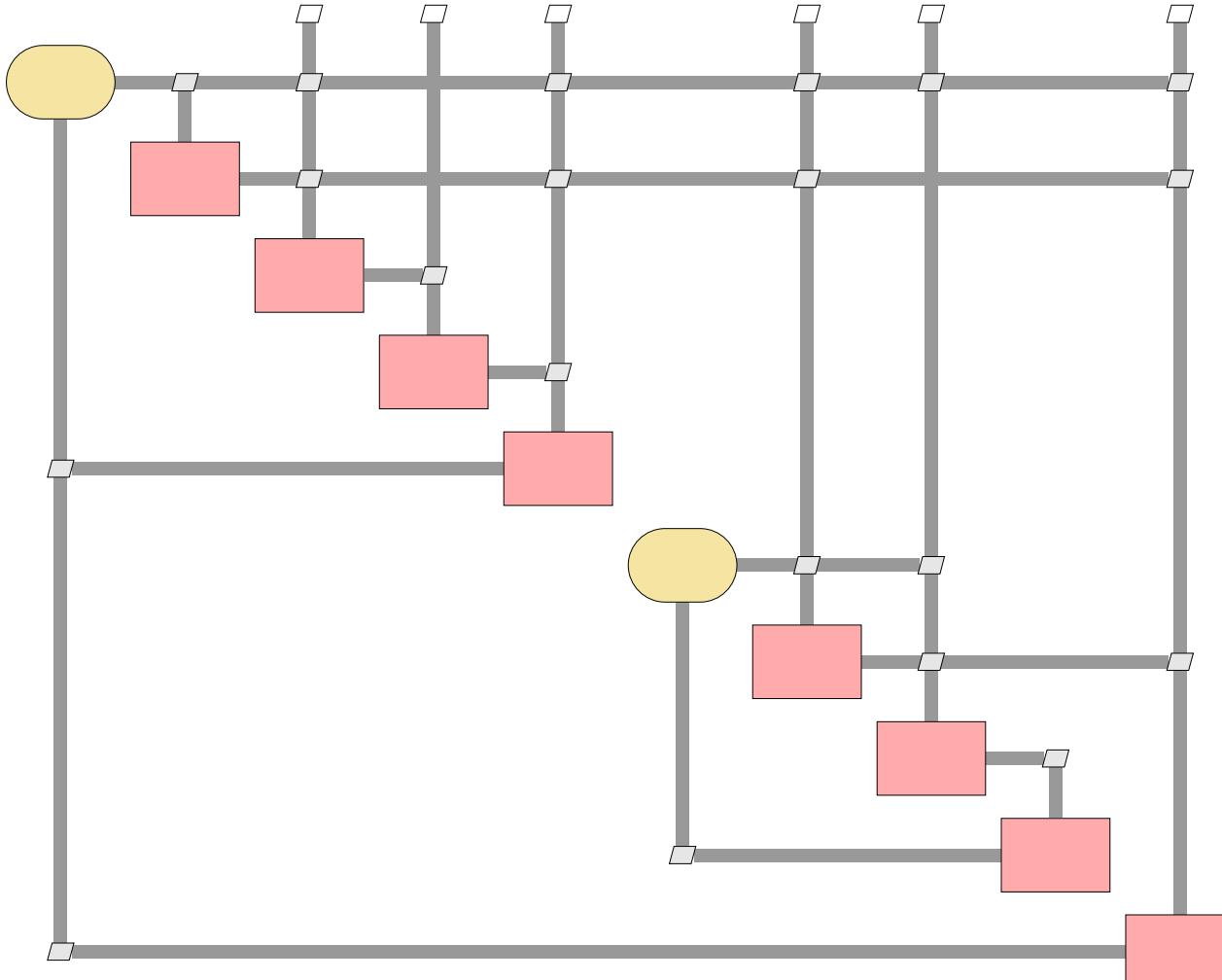
# When models get really big ... have fun!



$$\frac{df}{dx} = ???$$

Lets be honest, this just  
isn't going to happen!

# OpenMDAO can compute these total derivatives for you, automatically!

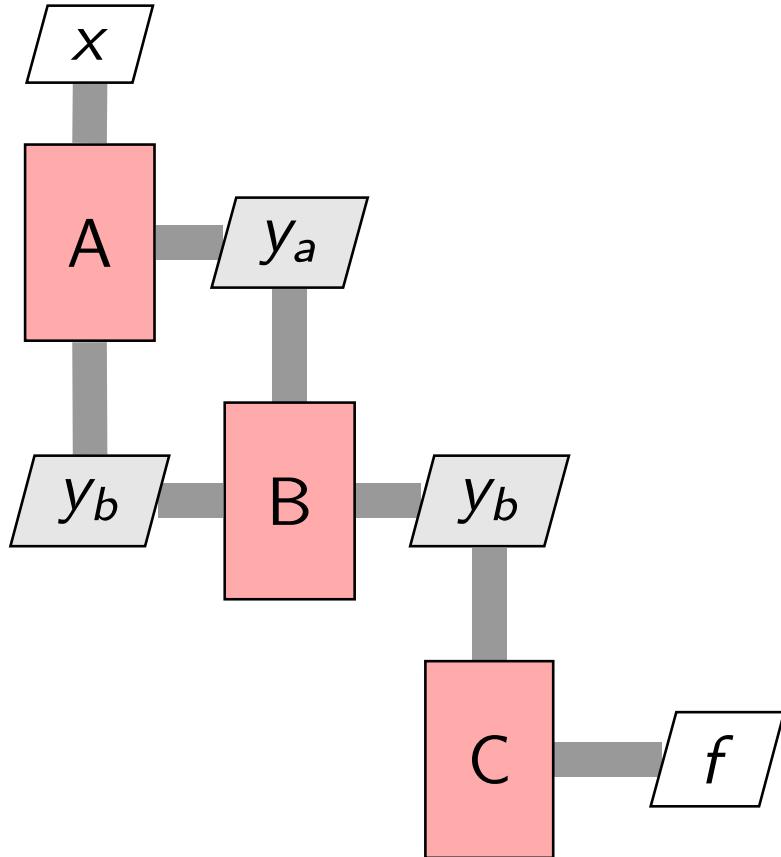


$$\frac{df}{dx} = [\text{ask OpenMDAO}]$$

For a deep dive on the math:

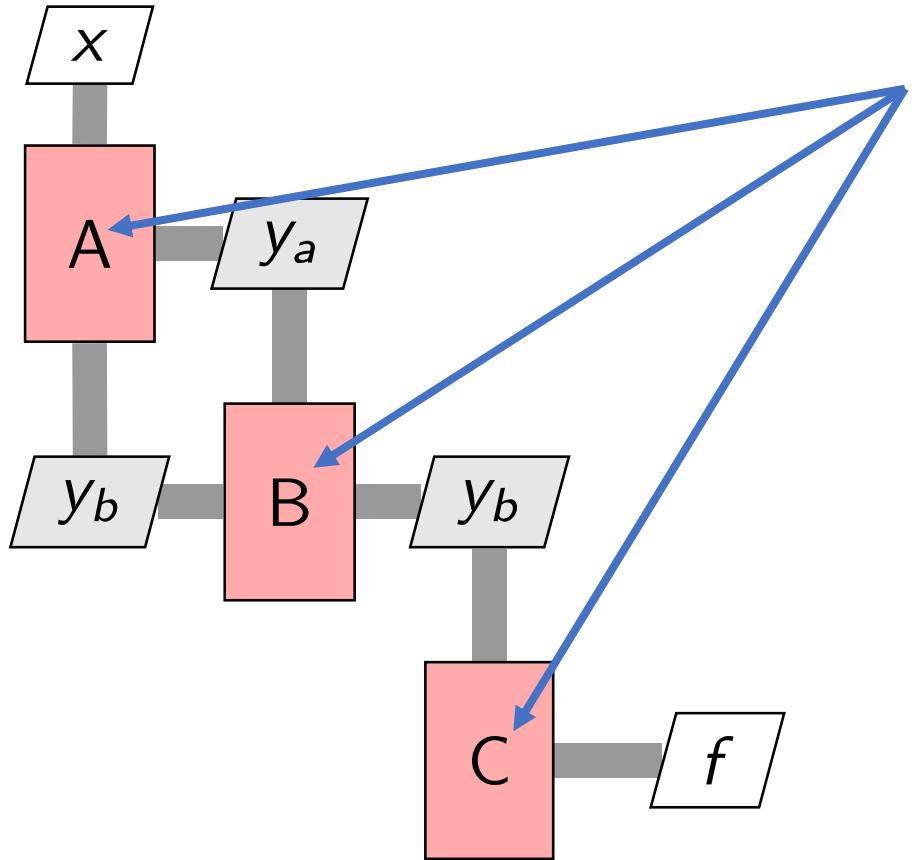
[Martins and Hwang 2013]  
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- 1) Computing the partial derivatives for each component
- 2) Solving a linear system for total derivatives

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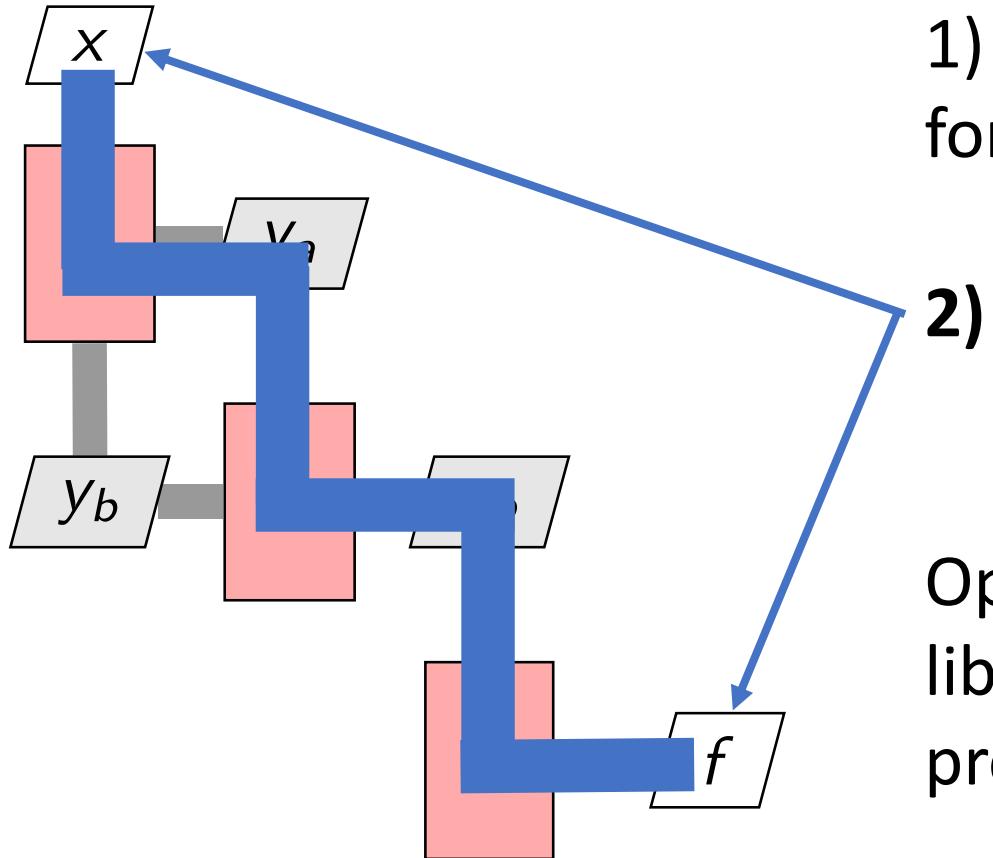


## 1) Computing the partial derivatives for each component

- Numerical approach: FD/CS
- Analytic approach:  
hand derivation or algorithmic differentiation
- Mix and match numerical and analytic

You are responsible for this step,  
but OpenMDAO can help you a bit

# OpenMDAO splits total derivative computation into two steps



1) Computing the partial derivatives  
for each component

2) Solving a linear system for  
total derivatives

OpenMDAO does this automatically using a library of different linear solvers for different problems

# By using OpenMDAO's analytic derivative functionality you can

- Efficiently solve optimization problems with 1000's of design variables or thousands of constraints
- Get total derivatives across a complicated model, by providing only partial derivatives of each component
- Mix and match different techniques for computing partial derivatives

# Rules of thumb for computing partials

- Fine to start out with FD partials while getting your model set up!
- For cheap black-box codes:
  - FD *might* be ok for production runs
  - CS is better if you can do it!
- For “expensive” codes (anything with an internal solver):
  - Implement as `ImplicitComponent` (expose the states/residuals to OpenMDAO)
  - Can still FD the residual if you need to
  - Analytic derivatives typically cost a lot for these components

# Optimization

Optimization is handled by a Driver

```
# build the model
prob = Problem()
indeps = prob.model.add_subsystem('indeps', IndepVarComp(), promotes=['*'])
indeps.add_output('a', .5)
indeps.add_output('Area', 10.0, units='m**2')
indeps.add_output('rho', 1.225, units='kg/m**3')
indeps.add_output('Vu', 10.0, units='m/s')

prob.model.add_subsystem('a_disk', ActuatorDisc(),
                        promotes_inputs=['a', 'Area', 'rho', 'Vu'])

# setup the optimization
prob.driver = ScipyOptimizeDriver()
prob.driver.options['optimizer'] = 'SLSQP'

prob.model.add_design_var('a', lower=0., upper=1.)
prob.model.add_design_var('Area', lower=0., upper=1.)
prob.model.add_constraint('a_disk.Ct', lower=0., upper=0.8)
# negative one so we maximize the objective
prob.model.add_objective('a_disk.Cp', scaler=-1)
prob.model.approx_totals(method='fd')
prob.setup(mode='fwd')
prob.run_driver()

ScipyOptimizeDriver is what most
people will use on Windows

add_design_var(<var_name>,
               lower=..., upper=...)

add_constraint(<var_name>,
               lower=..., upper=...)

add_objective(<var_name>)

run_driver instead of run_model
```

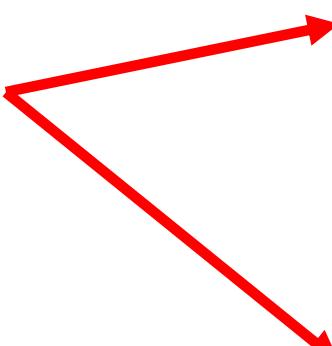
# Optimization

Available drivers:

- `ScipyOptimizeDriver` will work in Anaconda
  - Works on Windows machines
  - SLSQP method is the standard constrained opt in OpenMDAO
- `PyoptSparseDriver` is much better (SNOPT algorithm) but really only builds on Linux/MacOSX  
(hard to build on windows, but technically is possible)

# Recording the optimization history

- Often you will want to record variable values changing over the course of an optimization.
- This is achieved using a “recorder” object
- This will record all the objective, all constraints, and all DVs for each optimizer iteration (but no “intermediate variables”)
- Can then read in the data to postprocess



```
import openmdao.api as om
from openmdao.test_suite.components.sellar import SellarDerivatives

import numpy as np

prob = om.Problem(model=SellarDerivatives())

model = prob.model
model.add_design_var('z', lower=np.array([-10.0, 0.0]),
upper=np.array([10.0, 10.0]))
model.add_design_var('x', lower=0.0, upper=10.0)
model.add_objective('obj')
model.add_constraint('con1', upper=0.0)
model.add_constraint('con2', upper=0.0)

prob.driver = om.ScipyOptimizeDriver(optimizer='SLSQP', tol=1e-9)

recorder = om.SqliteRecorder("cases.sql")

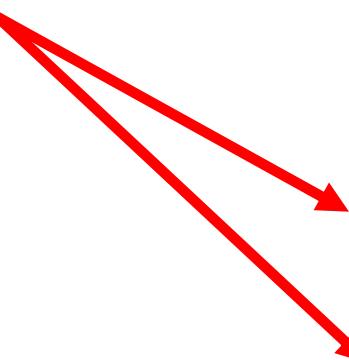
prob.driver.add_recorder(recorder)
prob.driver.recording_options['includes'] = []
prob.driver.recording_options['record_objectives'] = True
prob.driver.recording_options['record_constraints'] = True
prob.driver.recording_options['record_desvars'] = True

prob.add_recorder(recorder)
prob.recording_options['includes'] = ['*']

prob.setup()
prob.run_driver()
prob.record_iteration('final')
```

# Saving all the variables for the final optimized point

- We don't normally save all the variables for every iteration to avoid making huge database files
- This configures a secondary case type to record specific runs with all the variables



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# Lab #2: Optimization of a cantilever beam

- Find the thickness distribution for a cantilever beam that minimizes compliance subject to a volume constraint

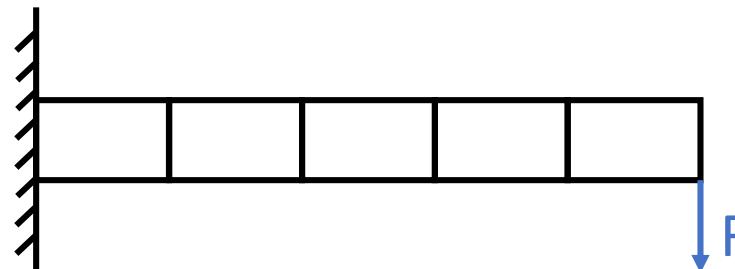
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## Examples

This document is intended to show run files that provide techniques for using certain features in combination, or examples of solving canonical problems in OpenMDAO. If you need to learn the basics of how things work, please see the [User Guide](#).

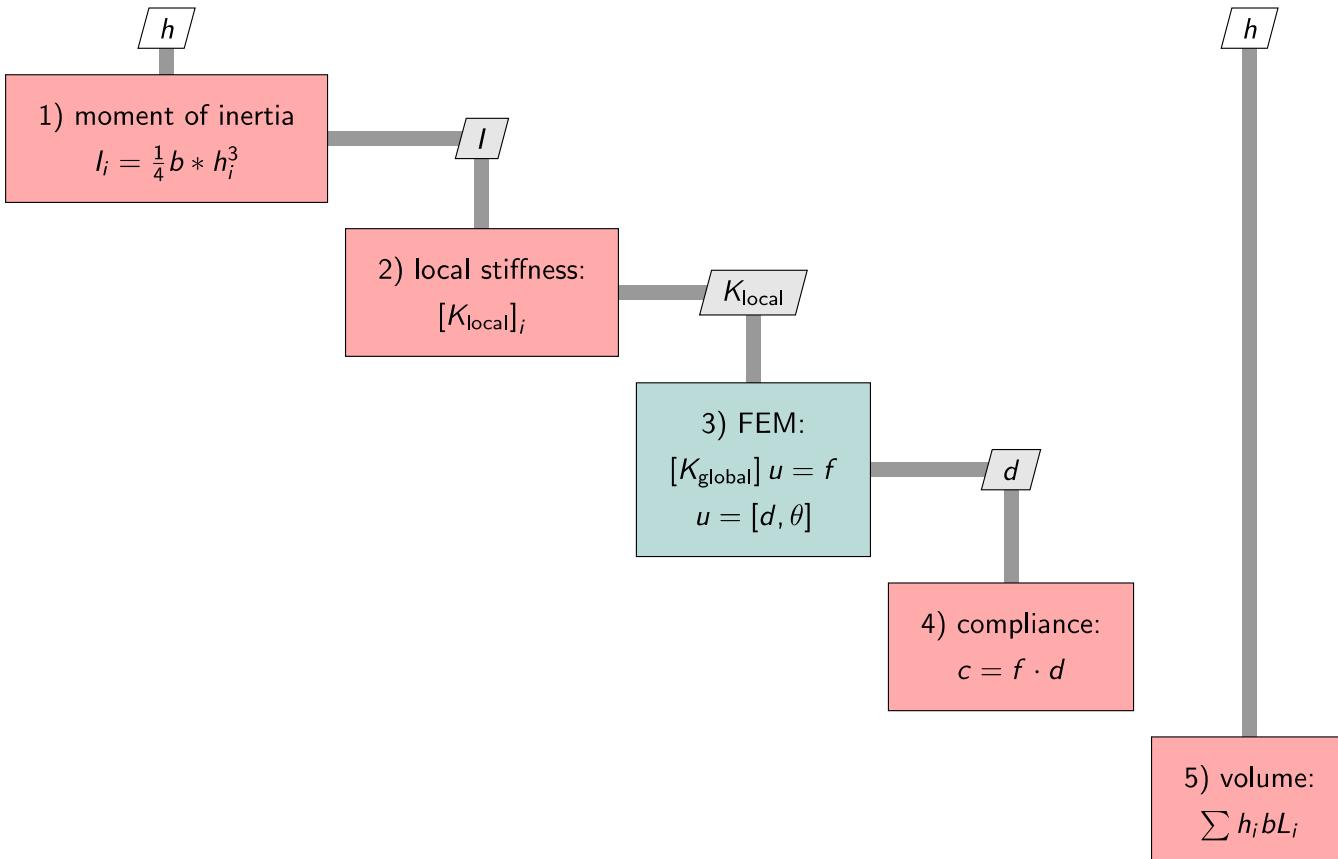
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- [Converging an Implicit Model: Nonlinear circuit analysis](#)
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- Check out the other examples on your own!



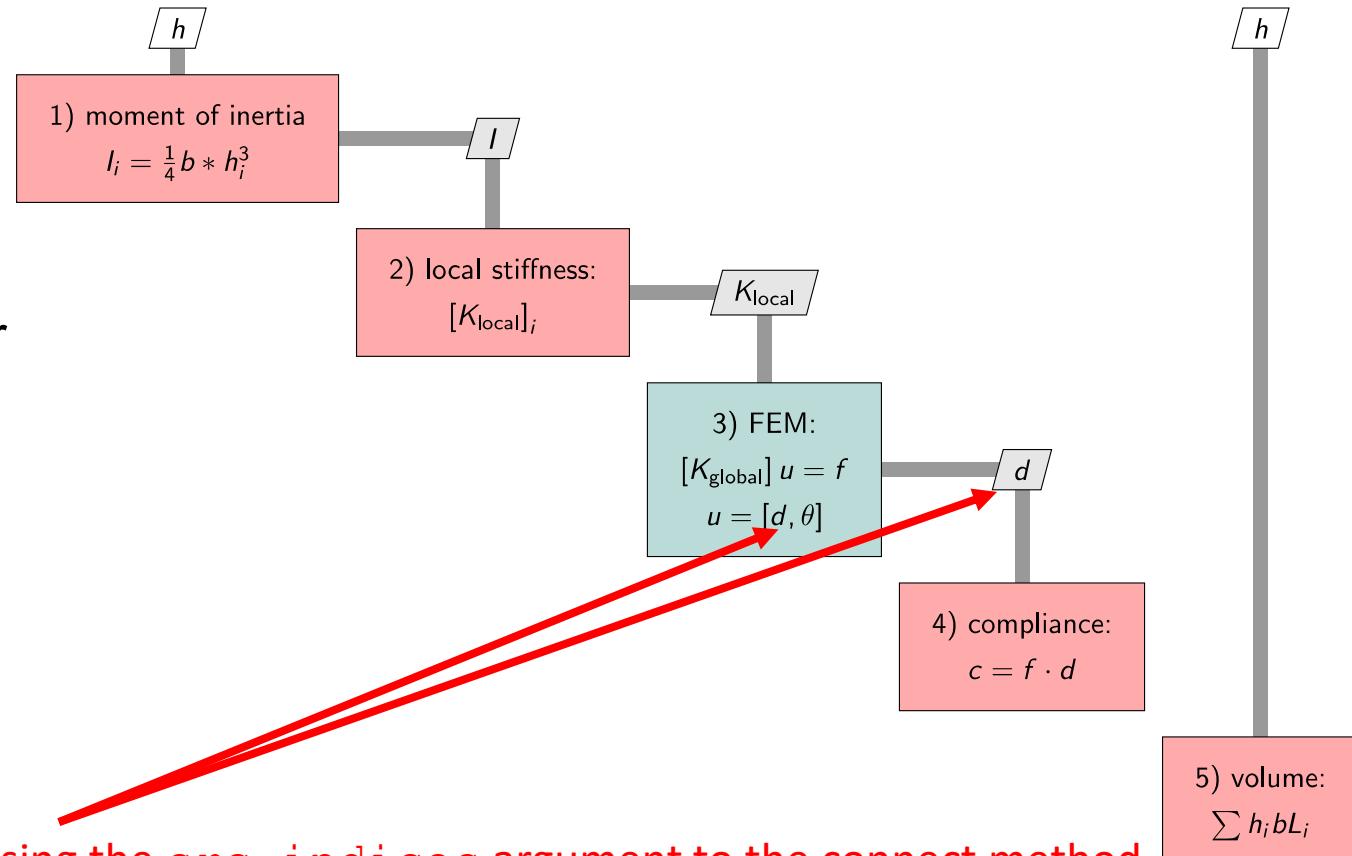
# Lab #2: Simple FEM in 5 steps!

- 0) Break the beam into segments  
(0 doesn't count as a real step!)
- 1) Compute the moment of inertia for each segment
- 2) Compute the local stiffness matrix for each segment
- 3) Combine all the local stiffness matrices into a global K matrix and solve the FEM
- 4) Pull displacements from the state vector and compute compliance
- 5) Compute beam volume



# Lab #2: Pay close attention to step 4!

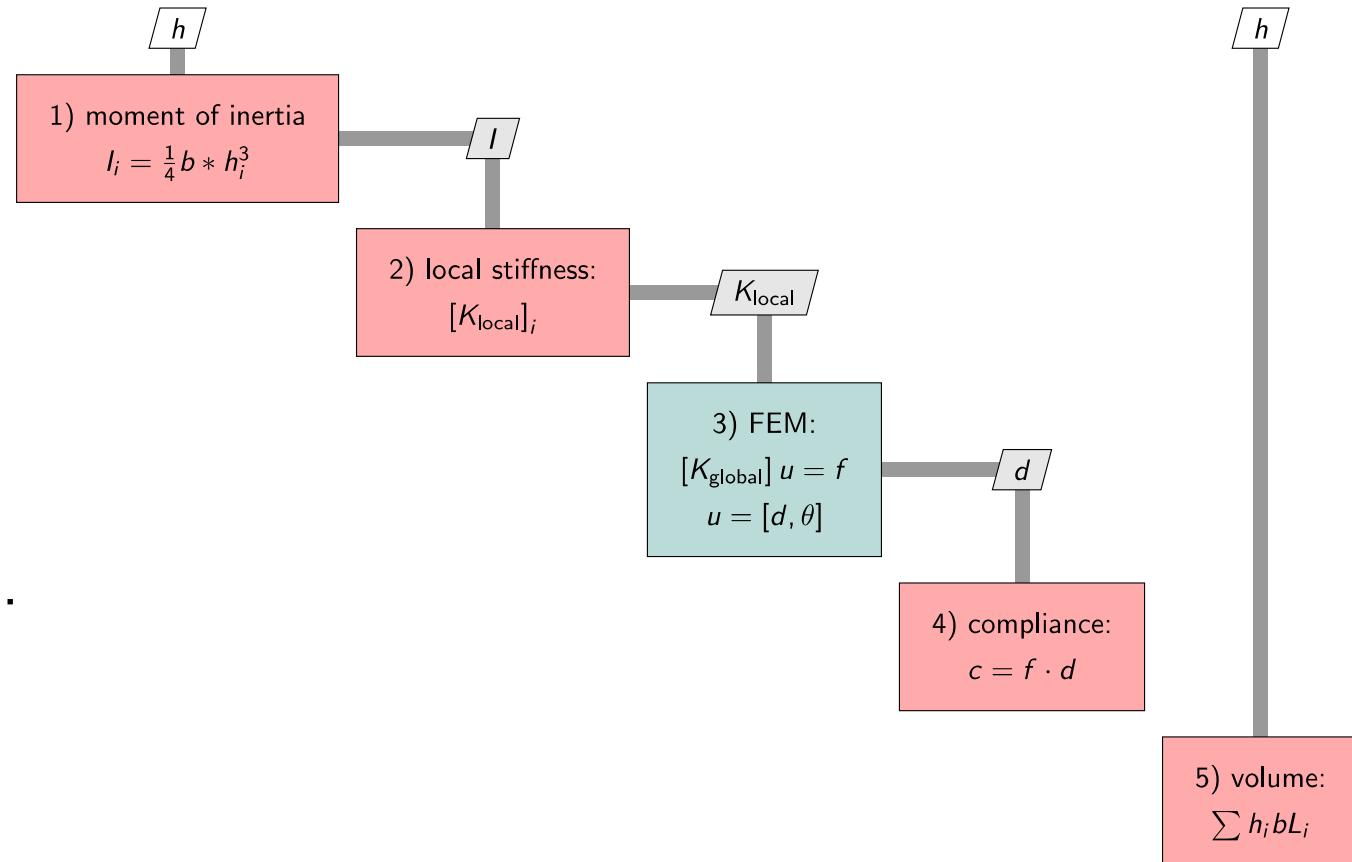
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using the `src_indices` argument to the `connect` method,  
you can extract just the relevant portion of the state vector for the  
compliance calculation

# Lab #2: Get to it!

- Copy the “lab\_2\_template.py” file to a new file called “lab\_2.py”
- Add components in the correct order (~ line 40)
- Connect the components together (~line 48)
- Use the N2 diagram to make sure you have everything connected (no red inputs!)
- What happens if you switch to full model FD? Does it work? Try changing the FD step size...
- What about complex step?
- How does compute cost scale with `num_elements` for different methods of computing derivatives?
- What happens if you add the components in the incorrect order?



# Wrapping external codes

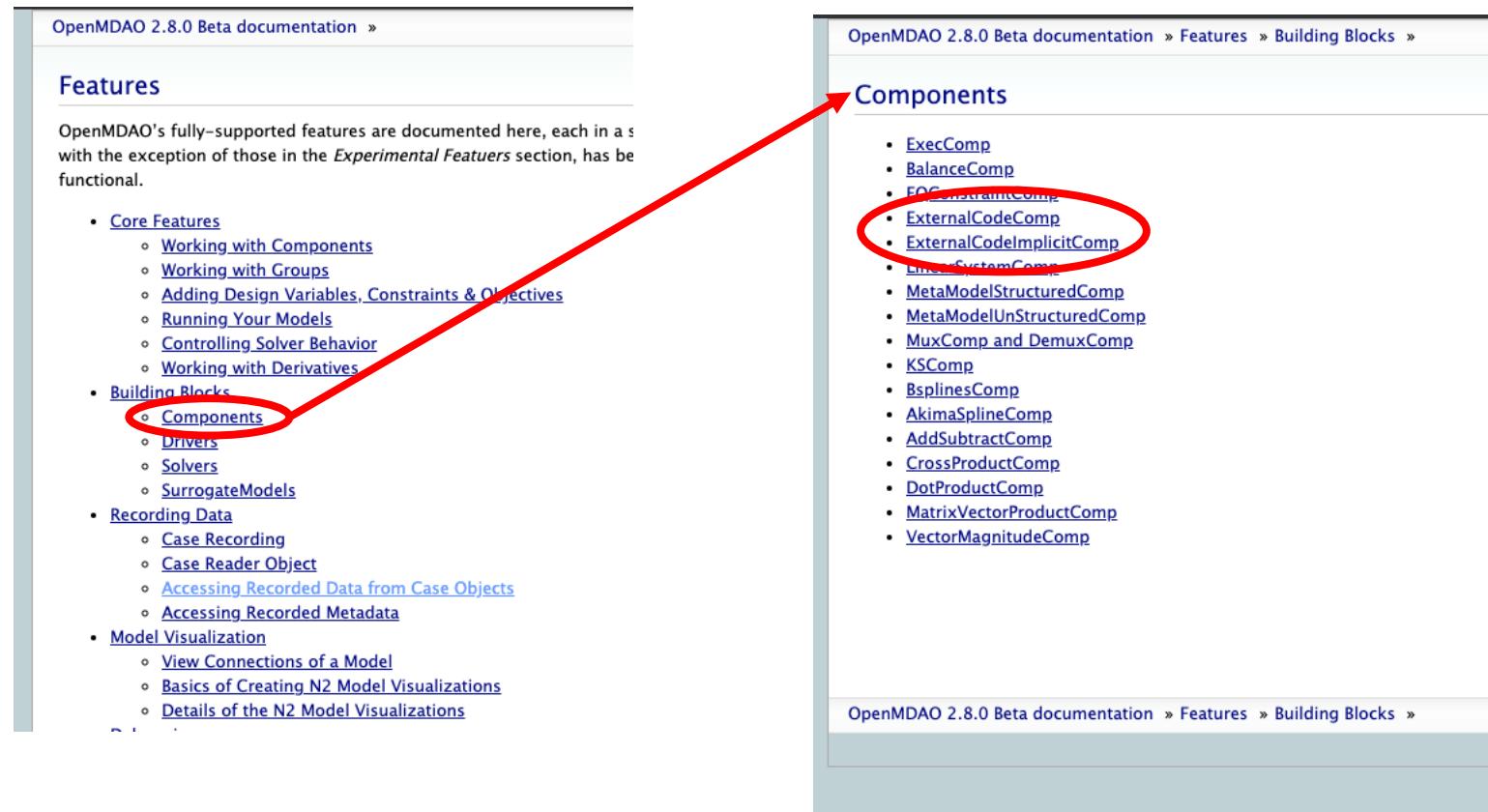
- How to handle file wrappers with OpenMDAO's built in helper components
- Lab 3: Explicit and Implicit file wrappers

# OpenMDAO has two file wrapper components in the standard library

There are lots of useful components  
In the standard library!

spines, constraint aggregation,  
**file wrappers**,  $Ax=b$ ,  $Ax$ , etc...

Have a look through these comps,  
So you know what's there



The image shows two screenshots of the OpenMDAO 2.8.0 Beta documentation. The left screenshot shows the 'Features' page, which lists various functional areas like Core Features, Building Blocks, Recording Data, and Model Visualization. The 'Components' link under Building Blocks is highlighted with a red oval. The right screenshot shows the 'Components' page, which lists numerous component classes. The entire list is circled in red, and a red arrow points from the circled area in the 'Components' section of the 'Features' page to the circled area in the 'Components' page.

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## Features

OpenMDAO's fully-supported features are documented here, each in a section with the exception of those in the *Experimental Features* section, has been functional.

- [Core Features](#)
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  - [Adding Design Variables, Constraints & Objectives](#)
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# ExternalCodeComp

```
class ParaboloidExternalCodeComp(om.ExternalCodeComp):
    def setup(self):
        self.add_input('x', val=0.0)
        self.add_input('y', val=0.0)

        self.add_output('f_xy', val=0.0)

        self.input_file = 'paraboloid_input.dat'
        self.output_file = 'paraboloid_output.dat'

        # providing these is optional; the component will verify that any input
        # files exist before execution and that the output files exist after.
        self.options['external_input_files'] = [self.input_file]
        self.options['external_output_files'] = [self.output_file]

        self.options['command'] = [
            'python', 'extcode_paraboloid.py', self.input_file, self.output_file
        ]

    def compute(self, inputs, outputs):
        x = inputs['x']
        y = inputs['y']

        # generate the input file for the paraboloid external code
        with open(self.input_file, 'w') as input_file:
            input_file.write('%16f\n%16f\n' % (x, y)) → Write the input file

        # the parent compute function actually runs the external code
        super(ParaboloidExternalCodeComp, self).compute(inputs, outputs) → Create a sub-process to run the code

        # parse the output file from the external code and set the value of f_xy
        with open(self.output_file, 'r') as output_file:
            f_xy = float(output_file.read()) → Parse the output file

    outputs['f_xy'] = f_xy
```

Inherit from OpenMDAO provided class

Define the I/O like normal

Wrapper specific options

Push the values back into OpenMDAO's output vector

# ExternalCodeImplicitComp

```
class MachExternalCodeComp(om.ExternalCodeImplicitComp):  
    def initialize(self):  
        self.options.declare('super_sonic', types=bool)  
  
    def setup(self):  
        self.add_input('area_ratio', val=1.0, units=None)  
        self.add_output('mach', val=1., units=None)  
        self.declare_partials(of='mach', wrt='area_ratio', method='fd')  
  
        self.input_file = 'mach_input.dat'  
        self.output_file = 'mach_output.dat'  
  
        # providing these are optional; the component will verify that any input  
        # files exist before execution and that the output files exist after.  
        self.options['external_input_files'] = [self.input_file]  
        self.options['external_output_files'] = [self.output_file]  
  
        self.options['command_apply'] = [  
            'python', 'extcode_mach.py', self.input_file, self.output_file,  
        ]  
        self.options['command_solve'] = [  
            'python', 'extcode_mach.py', self.input_file, self.output_file,  
        ]  
  
    def apply_nonlinear(self, inputs, outputs, residuals):  
        with open(self.input_file, 'w') as input_file:  
            input_file.write('residuals\n')  
            input_file.write('{}\n'.format(inputs['area_ratio'][0]))  
            input_file.write('{}\n'.format(outputs['mach'][0]))  
  
        # the parent apply_nonlinear function actually runs the external code  
        super(MachExternalCodeComp, self).apply_nonlinear(inputs, outputs, residuals)  
  
        # parse the output file from the external code and set the value of mach  
        with open(self.output_file, 'r') as output_file:  
            mach = float(output_file.read())  
        residuals['mach'] = mach  
  
    def solve_nonlinear(self, inputs, outputs):  
        with open(self.input_file, 'w') as input_file:  
            input_file.write('outputs\n')  
            input_file.write('{}\n'.format(inputs['area_ratio'][0]))  
            input_file.write('{}\n'.format(self.options['super_sonic']))  
        # the parent apply_nonlinear function actually runs the external code  
        super(MachExternalCodeComp, self).solve_nonlinear(inputs, outputs)  
  
        # parse the output file from the external code and set the value of mach  
        with open(self.output_file, 'r') as output_file:  
            mach = float(output_file.read())  
        outputs['mach'] = mach
```

Inherit from OpenMDAO provided class  
(different base class then for the explicit case!)

Define the I/O like normal

Wrapper specific options

apply\_nonlinear is the Residual evaluation

solve\_nonlinear asks the code to converge itself using its own internal solvers

Write the input file

Create a sub-process to run the code

Parse the output file

# Lab #3: Beam optimization with file wrapped external codes

1. cd into the `lab\_3` folder
2. Have a quick look at `standalone_beam.py`  
this is a pure python version of the same FEM you built in OpenMDAO for Lab #2 (but without derivatives)
3. Call ``python standalone_beam.py opt`` from the command line
4. Call ``python lab_3_explicit_wrapper.py``
5. Call ``python lab_3_implicit_wrapper.py``
6. Why does the implicit wrapper call both `solve_nonlinear` and `apply_nonlinear`? (hint: it has to do with derivatives)
7. Compare the compute cost of running the optimization using pure OpenMDAO, the standalone optimization, and the file wrapped version.

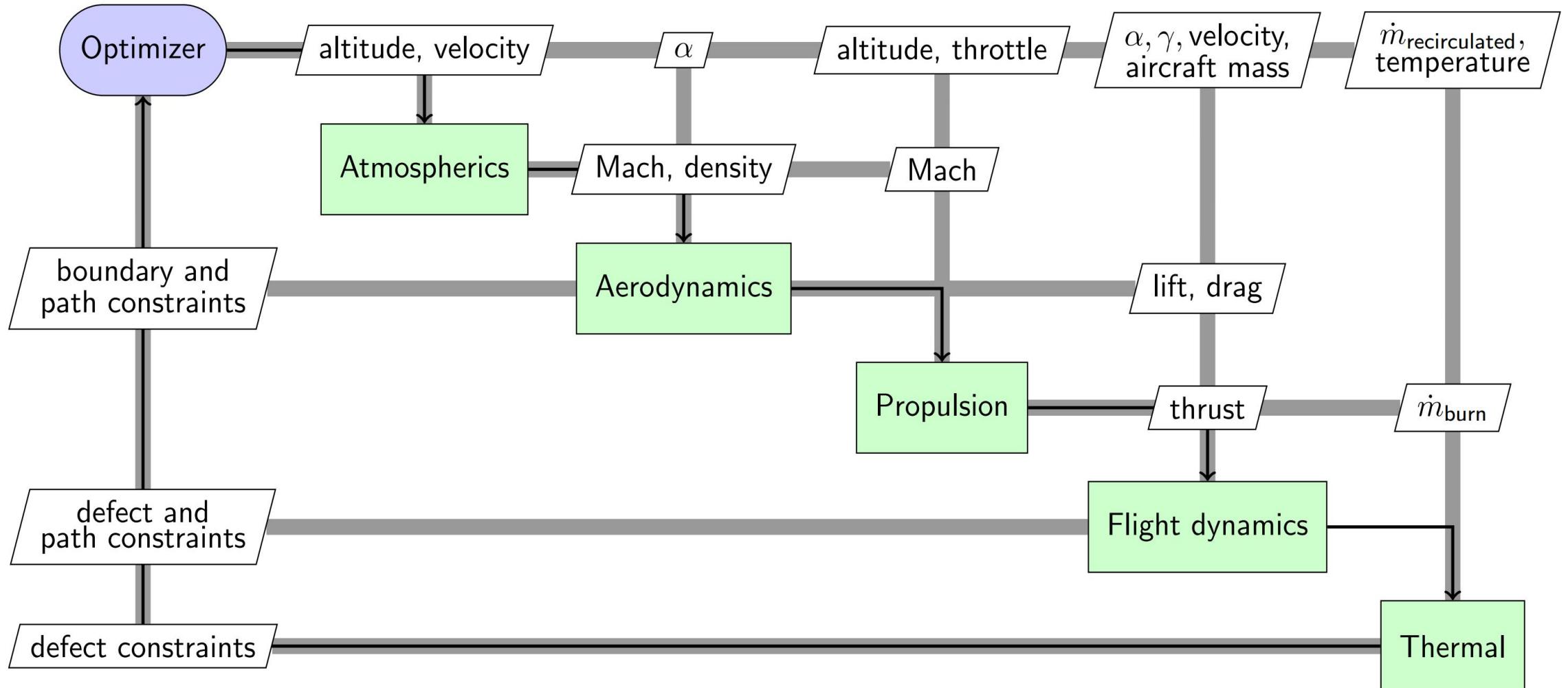
# Advanced Topics

- Model architecting
- Vectorization
- Implicit components
- Getting system derivatives efficiently
- High-fidelity and expensive tools
- Debugging tools and processes
- Surrogate modeling
- Trajectory optimization
- Propulsion analysis

# Model architecting

- Developing good OpenMDAO models is like object-oriented software engineering: **you need to pick the right level to draw the component boundary**
- In my opinion, a good component has:
  - on the order of 5 – 20 inputs
  - 1 – 20 outputs
  - a few computations that are logically related
- Python's package import system makes this easy
- Real-world examples:
  - <https://github.com/mdolab/OpenConcept>
  - <https://github.com/mdolab/OpenAeroStruct>

# Model architecting example



# Vectorization

- Where possible, avoid instantiating models over and over for multi-point analyses (e.g. trajectory optimization)
- Instead, do vectorized computations using numpy
- OpenMDAO needs to know the dimension of all component inputs / outputs *at setup() time*
  - Best practice: pass in vector length as a `self.option['vec_size']`
  - If you mess this up you'll get dimension mismatch errors at run time

# Vectorization

User sets vector dims when instantiating the model

```
def initialize(self):
    self.options.declare('num_nodes', default=1, desc="Number of nodes to compute")

def setup(self):
    nn = self.options['num_nodes']
    arange = np.arange(0, nn)
    self.add_input('fltcond|CL', shape=(nn,))
    self.add_input('fltcond|q', units='N * m**-2', shape=(nn,))
    self.add_input('ac|geom|wing|S_ref', units='m **2')
    self.add_input('CD0')
    self.add_input('e')
    self.add_input('ac|geom|wing|AR')
    self.add_output('drag', units='N', shape=(nn,))

    self.declare_partials(['drag'], ['fltcond|CL', 'fltcond|q'], rows=arange, cols=arange)
    self.declare_partials(['drag'],
                         ['ac|geom|wing|S_ref', 'ac|geom|wing|AR', 'CD0', 'e'],
                         rows=arange, cols=np.zeros(nn))
```

shape=(dim1, dim2,...)

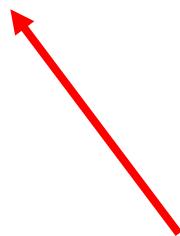
Sparse Jacobian indices for vector input and vector output

Sparse Jacobian indices for scalar input and vector output

# Vectorization

```
self.declare_partials(['drag'], ['fltcond|CL', 'fltcond|q'], rows=arange, cols=arange)
self.declare_partials(['drag'],
                     ['ac|geom|wing|S_ref', 'ac|geom|wing|AR', 'CD0', 'e'],
                     rows=arange, cols=np.zeros(nn))

def compute(self, inputs, outputs):
    outputs['drag'] = (inputs['fltcond|q'] * inputs['ac|geom|wing|S_ref'] *
                       (inputs['CD0'] + inputs['fltcond|CL']**2 / np.pi / inputs['e'] /
                        inputs['ac|geom|wing|AR']))
```



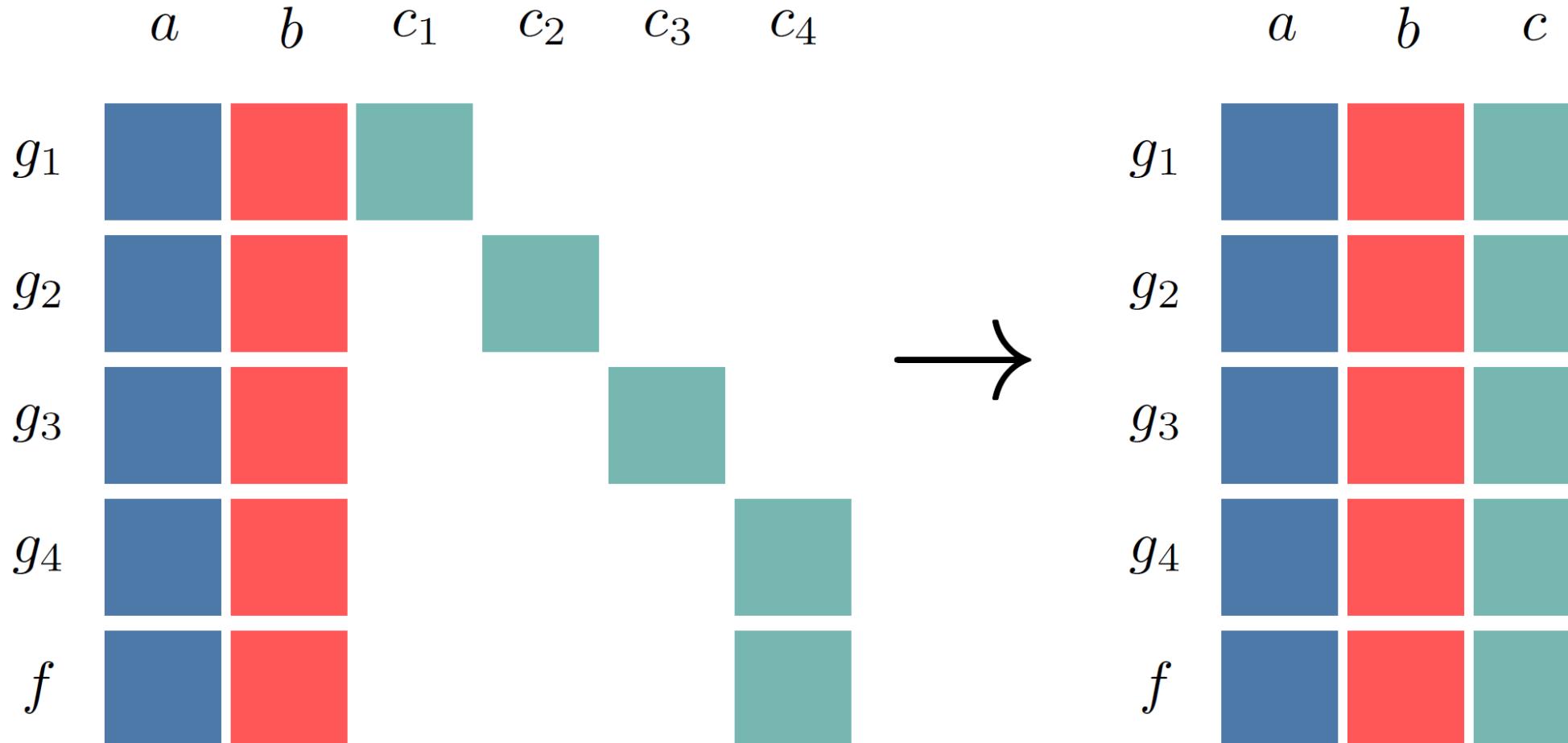
Many flight conditions computed at once using vectorized computation

# Implicit Components

- Useful for computations where there isn't an easily written explicit expression
  - $\cos(x \cdot y) - z \cdot y = 0$    y is a state and x,z are inputs
  - CFD or FEA analyses
- You compute the residuals for the states instead of the outputs directly
- Implicit components always require a solver

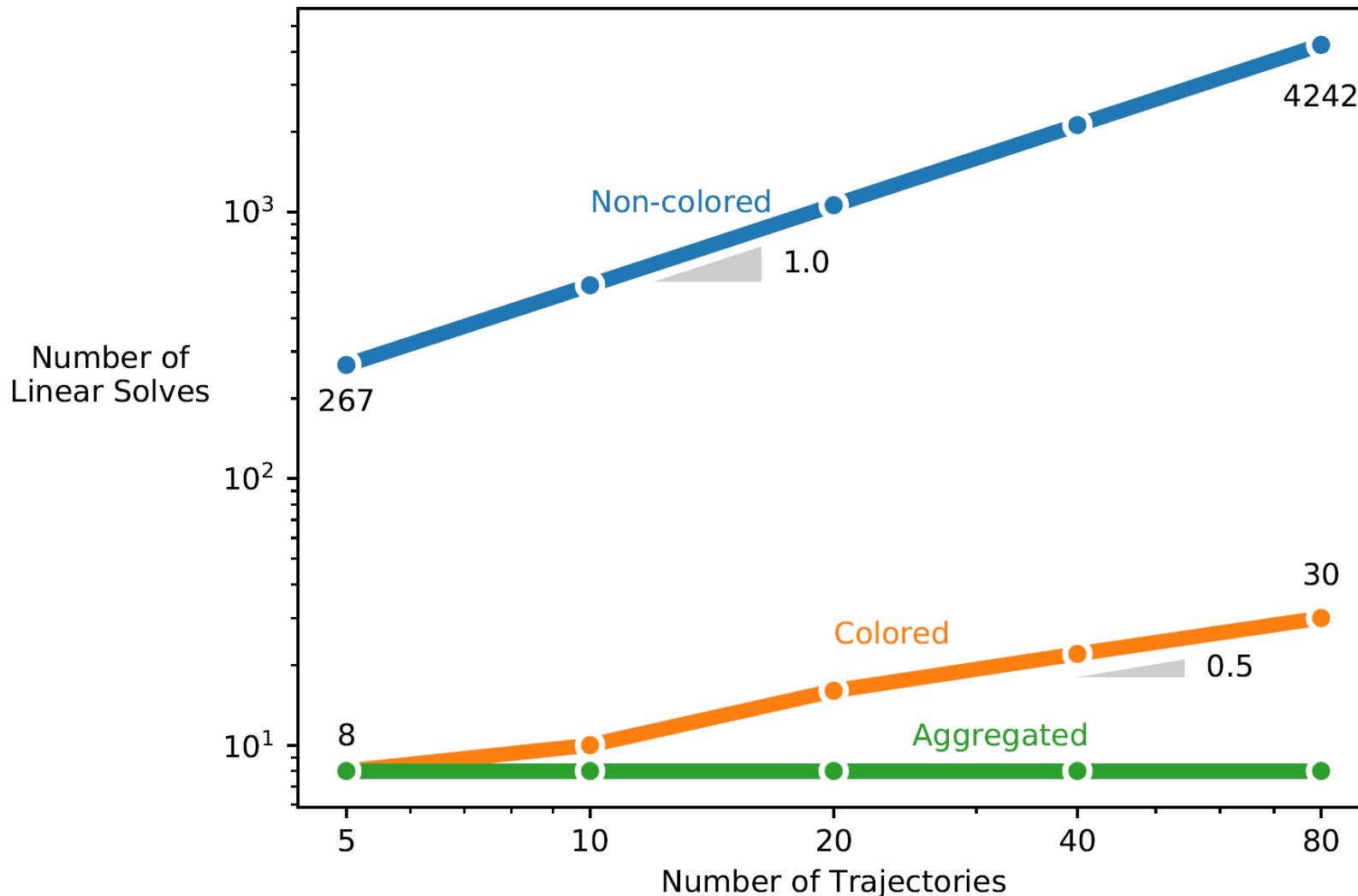
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# Getting system derivatives efficiently: automatic Jacobian coloring



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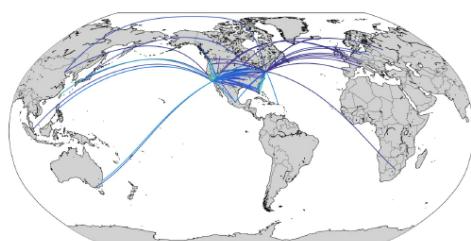
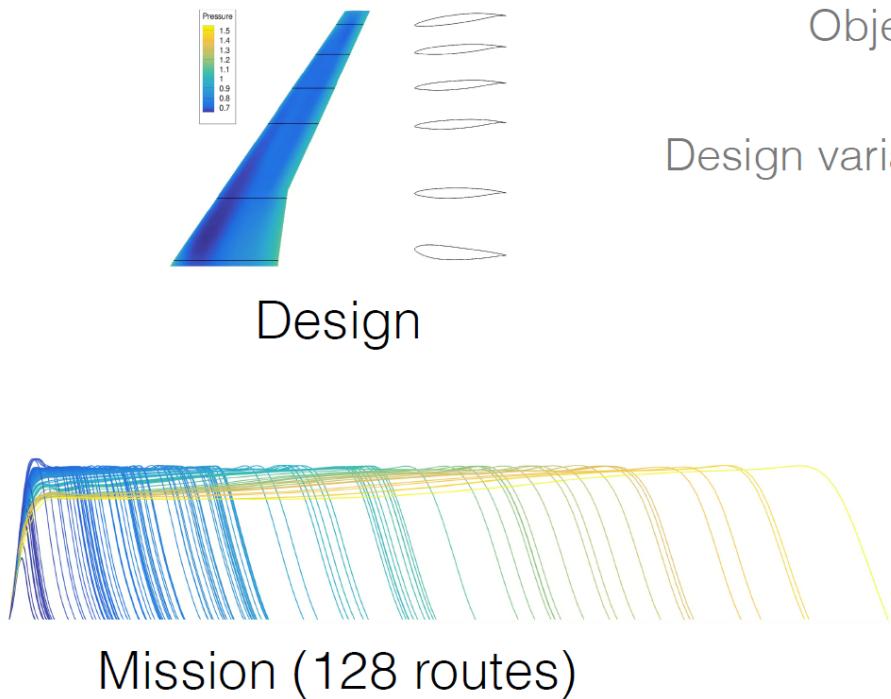
# Getting system derivatives efficiently: automatic Jacobian coloring



# High-fidelity and expensive tools

- OpenMDAO can handle a mix of fidelity levels easily
- Can parallelize at the group or subgroup level
- Only requiring the partial derivatives becomes quite important here

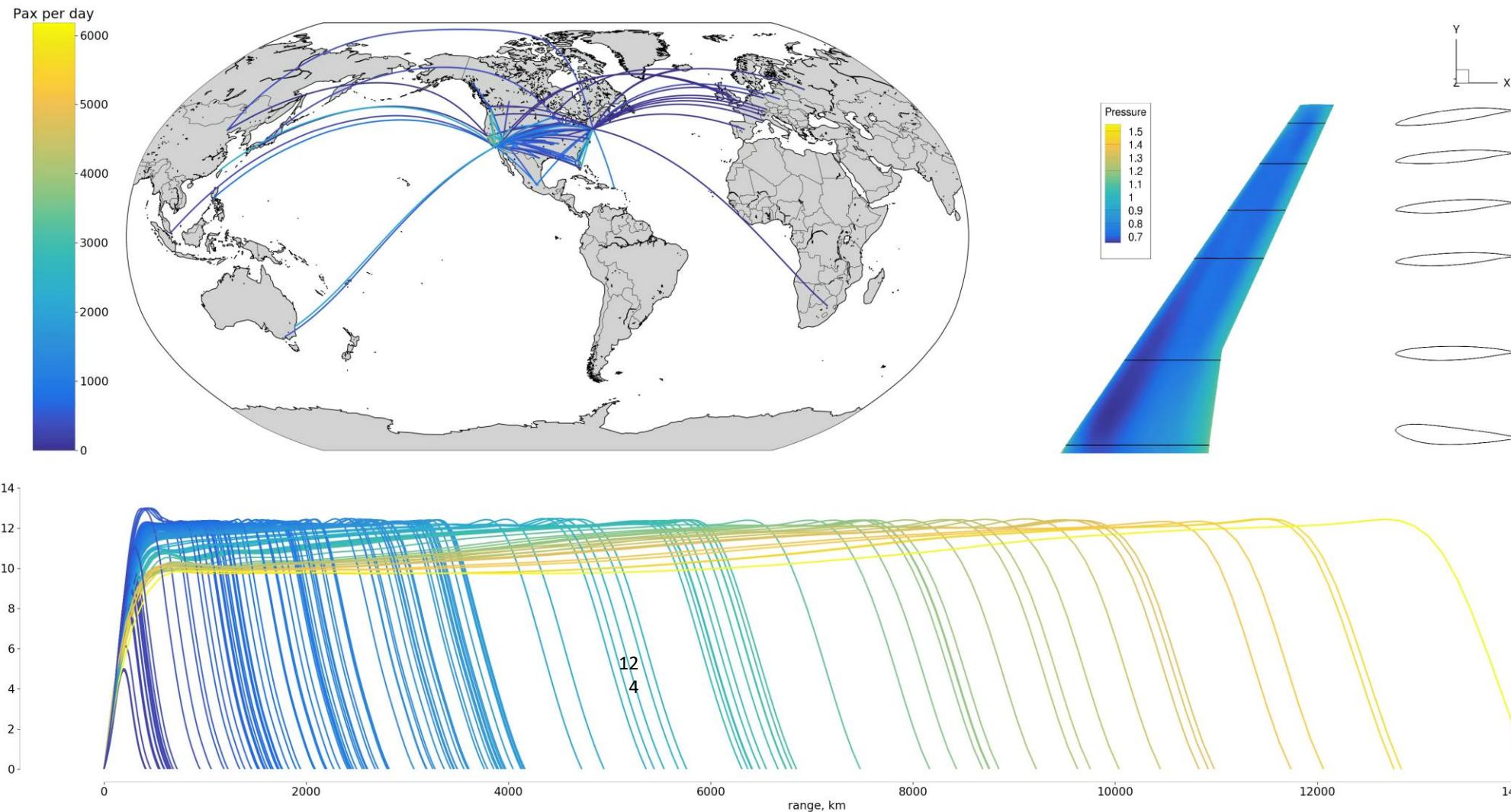
# High-fidelity and expensive tools



Allocation

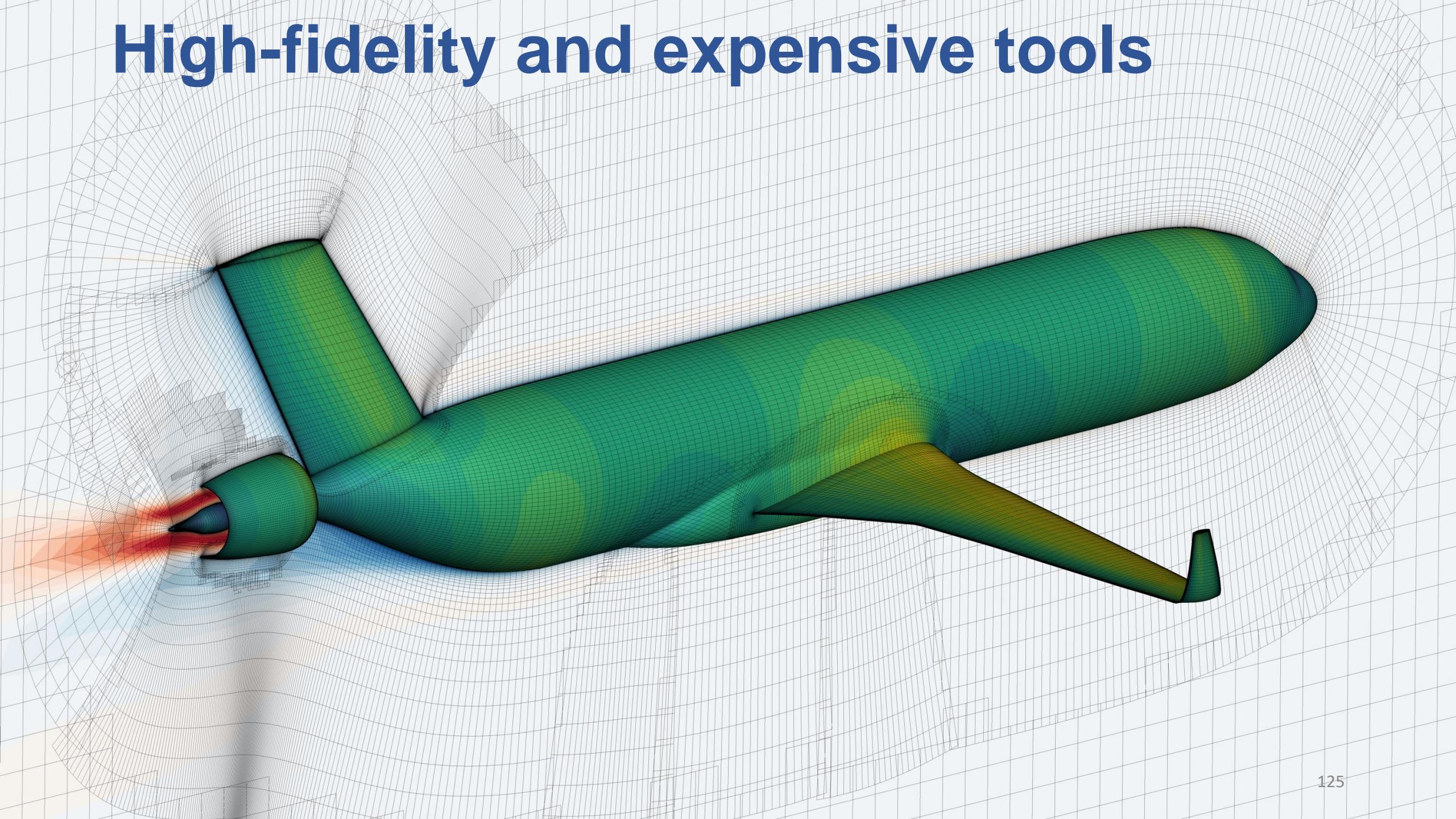
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	Twist	7
	Area	1
	Sweep	1
(mission)	Altitude	2560
	Cruise Mach	128
(allocation)	Pax / flight	640
	Flight / day	640
		4169 design variables
Constraints		
(design)	LE / TE	16
	Thickness	750
	Volume	1
(mission)	Climb angle	12800
	Thrust limits	256
(allocation)	Demand	128
	Aircraft fleet	5
		13956 constraints

# High-fidelity and expensive tools



[Hwang et al., AIAA 2019-1.C035082]

# High-fidelity and expensive tools



# Debugging tools

- Many tools come pre-packaged in OpenMDAO to help you develop, debug, and run your models
  - N2
  - Connection viewer
  - Speed and memory profiling
  - Call tracing

[http://openmdao.org/twodocs/versions/latest/other/om\\_command.html](http://openmdao.org/twodocs/versions/latest/other/om_command.html)

# Connection viewer: openmdao view\_connections <file.py>

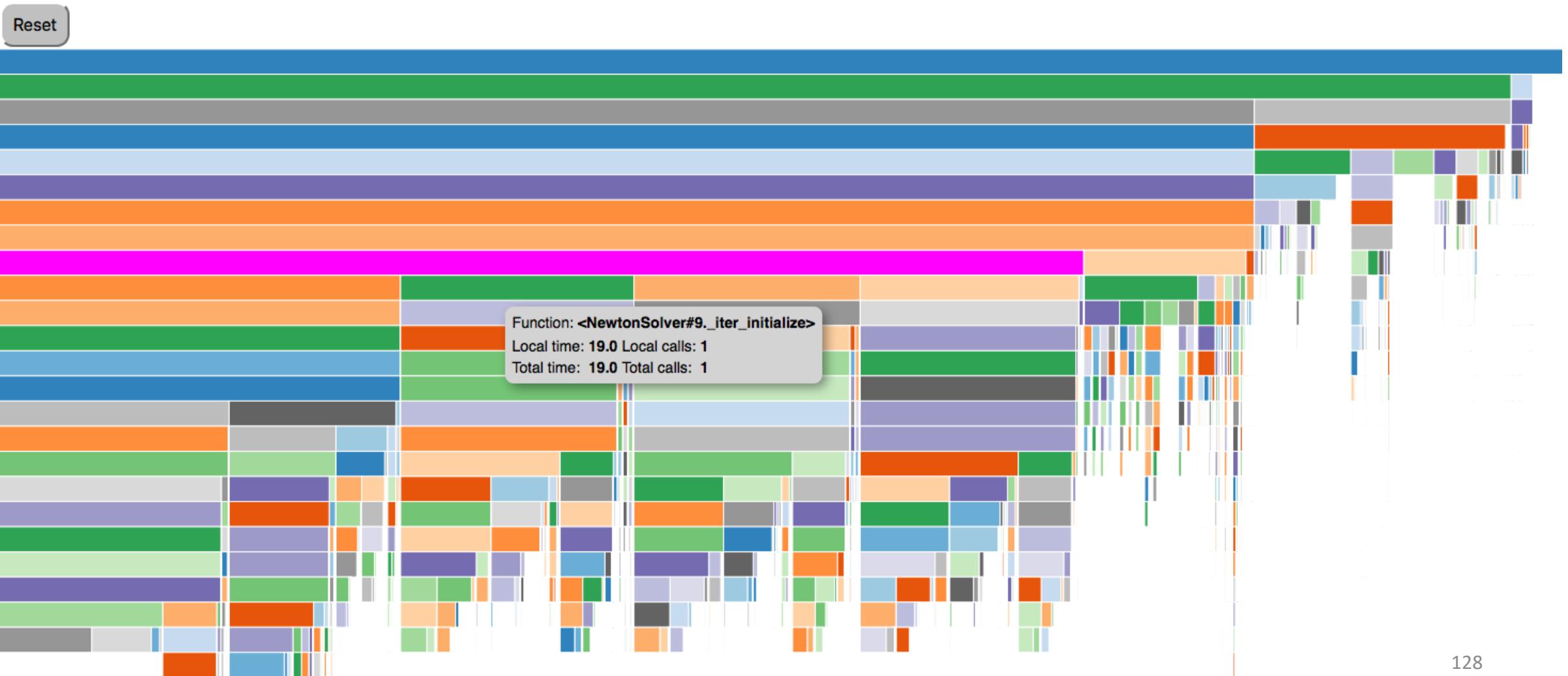
Filter by Source System

Filter by Target System

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# Speed and memory profiling: openmdao iprof <file.py>

## Instance Profile for propulsor.py



# Call tracing: openmdao call\_tree <method>

```
openmdao call_tree openmdao.api.LinearBlockGS.solve
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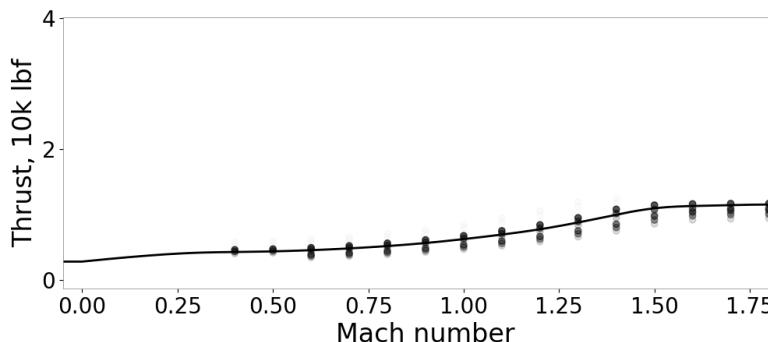
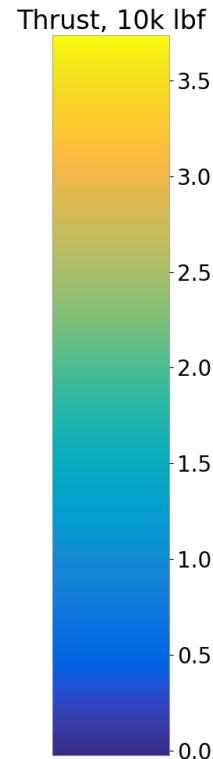
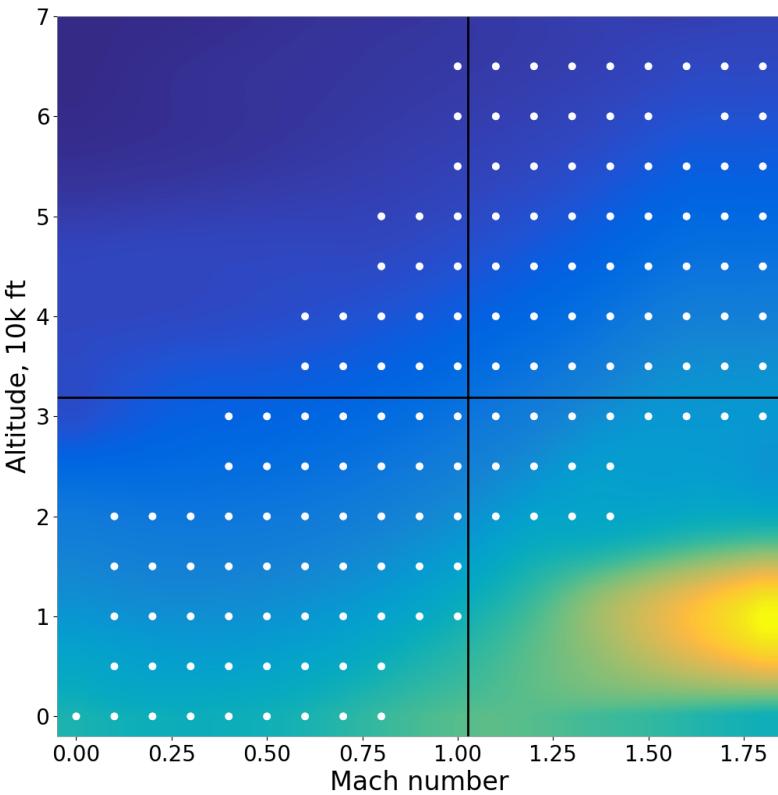
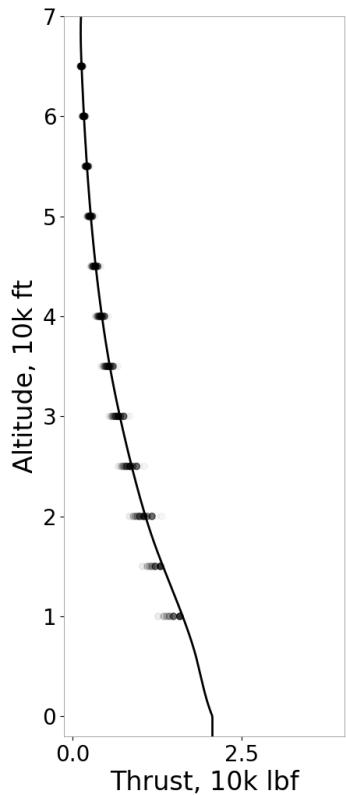
```
BlockLinearSolver.solve
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        Solver._mpi_print_header
    BlockLinearSolver._iter_initialize
        BlockLinearSolver._update_rhs_vecs
        LinearSolver._run_apply
        BlockLinearSolver._iter_get_norm
    Solver._mpi_print
    LinearBlockGS._single_iteration
        LinearSolver._run_apply
        BlockLinearSolver._iter_get_norm
```

# Surrogate modeling

- Built-in methods for structured and unstructured data interpolation
  - Kriging surrogate
  - Nearest neighbor
  - Response surface

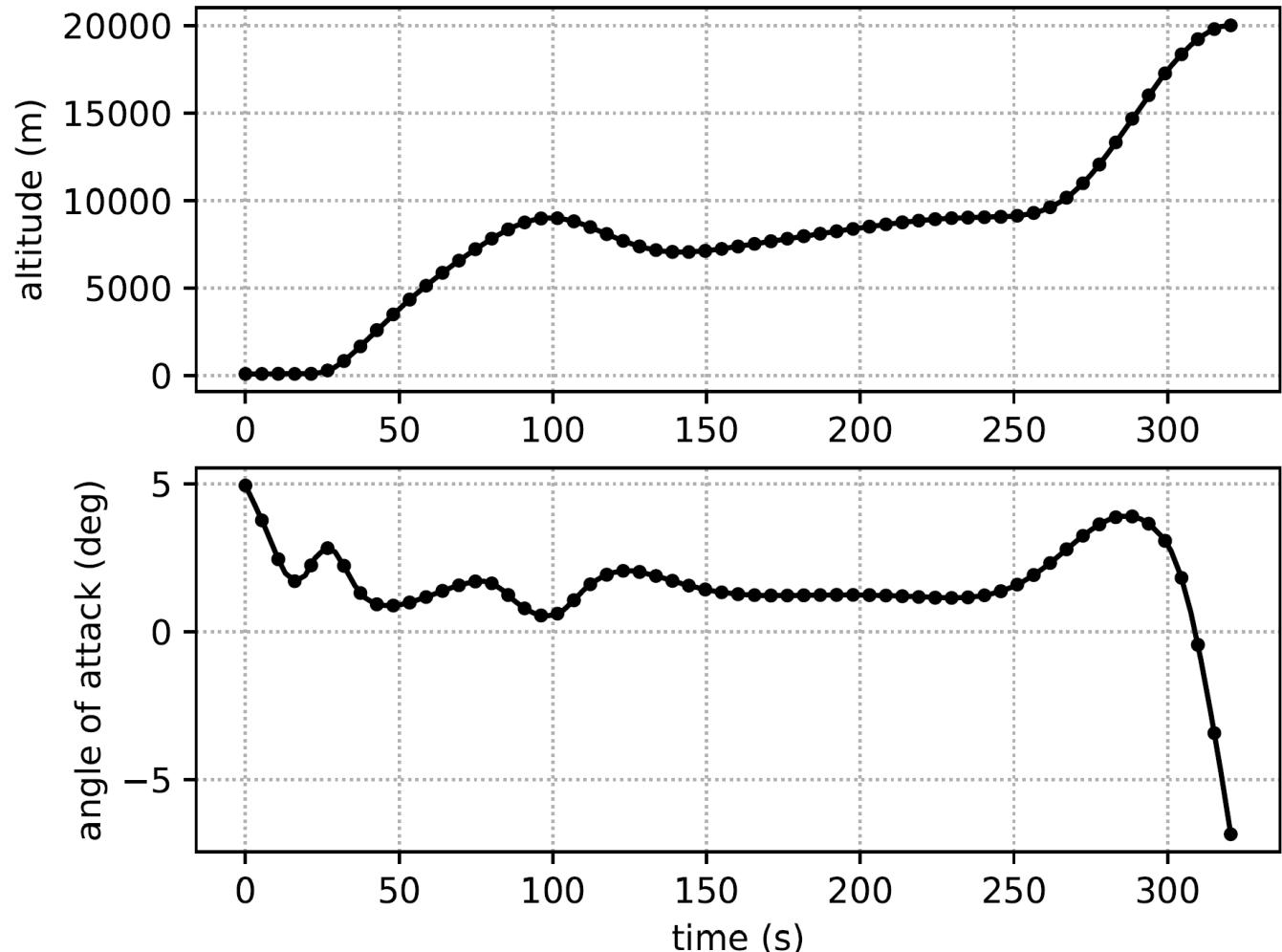
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# Surrogate modeling



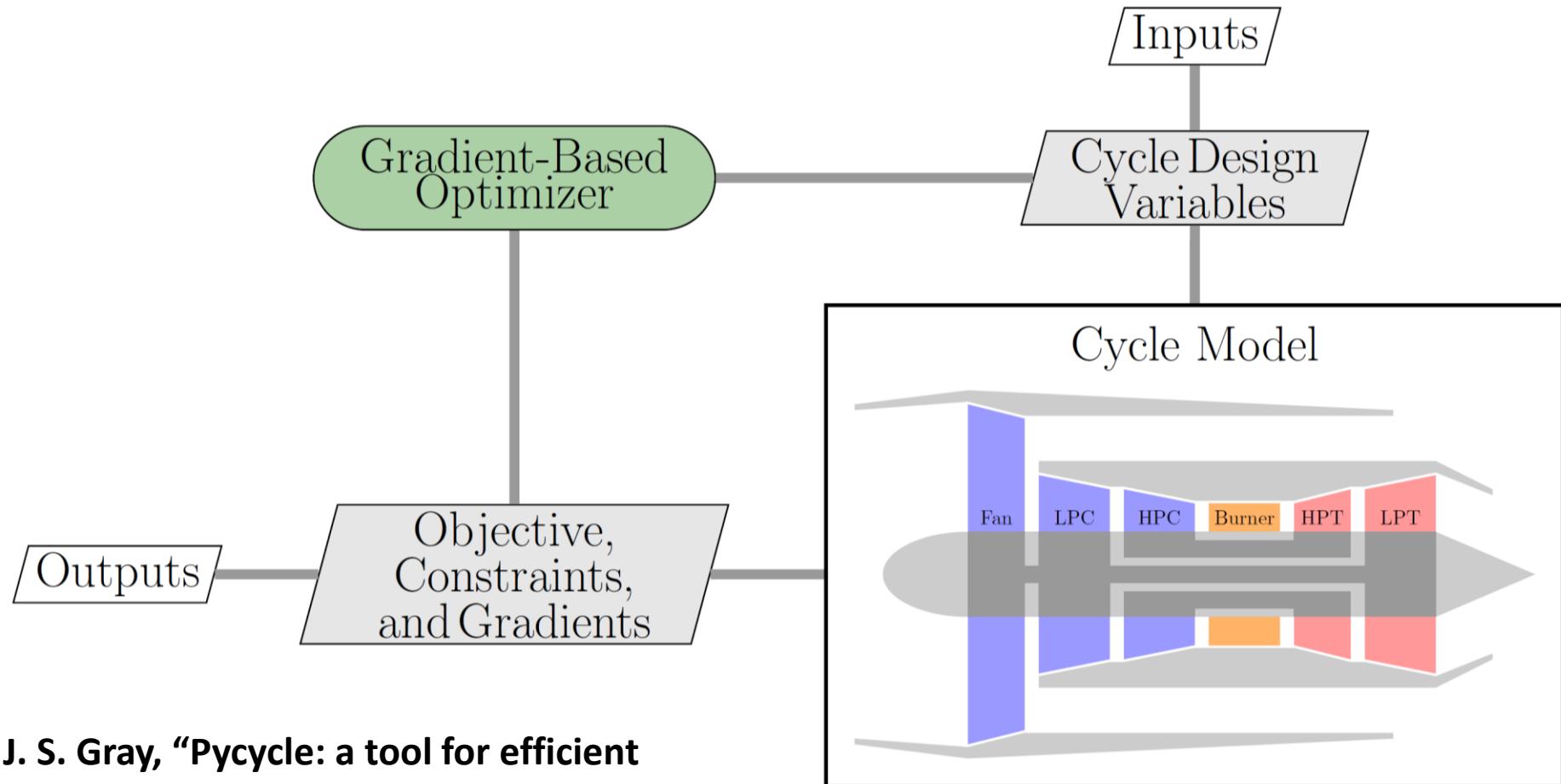
# Trajectory optimization: Dymos

- *Dymos* is a tool built using OpenMDAO that solves optimal control problems involving multidisciplinary system
- Example optimal trajectory for an aircraft climb shown on right



<http://github.com/openmdao/dymos>

# Propulsion optimization: PyCycle



E. S. Hendricks and J. S. Gray, "Pycycle: a tool for efficient optimization of gas turbine engine cycles," *Aerospace*, vol. 6, iss. 87, 2019.

# Recap of today's activities

- OpenMDAO intro and basics
  - Lab 0: Explicit components and connections
- Using solvers with implicit models
  - Lab 1: Comparing gradient-free and gradient-based solvers
- Optimization with and without analytic derivatives
  - Lab 2: Optimizing the thickness distribution of a simple beam
- Wrapping external codes
  - Lab 3: Wrapping external codes as explicit and implicit components
- Advanced topics

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