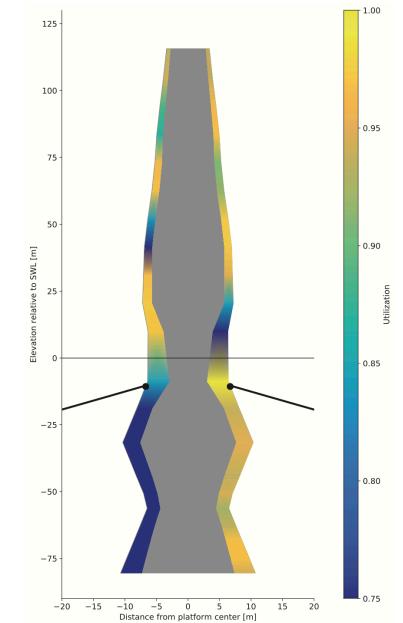
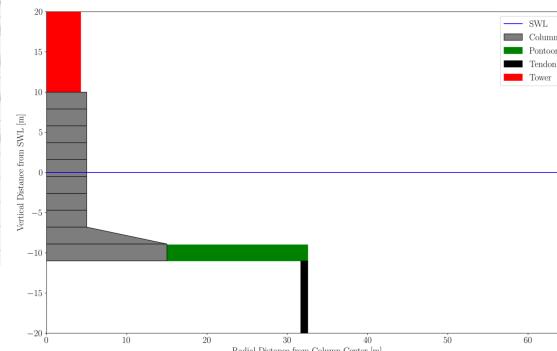
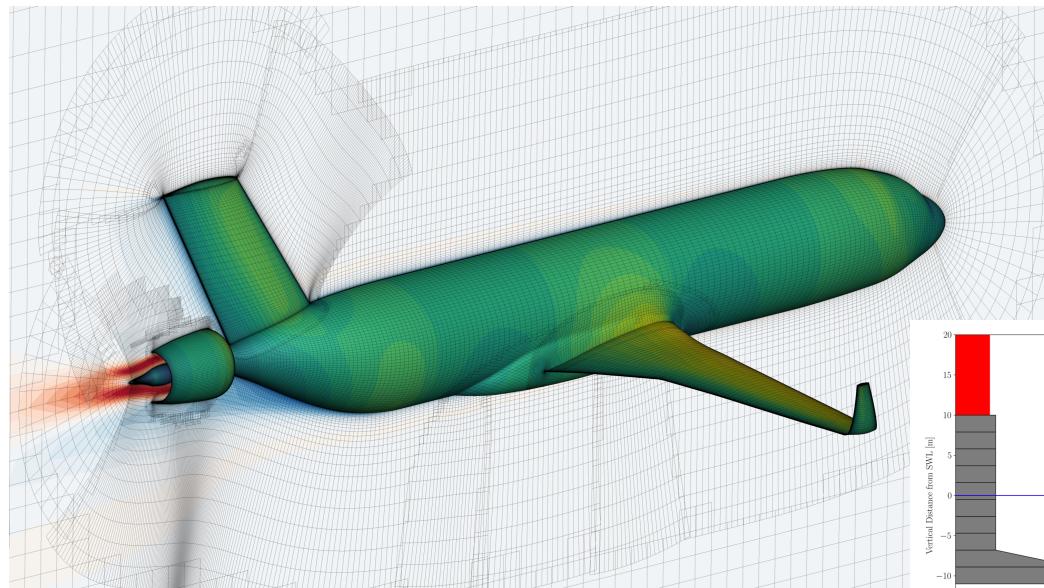


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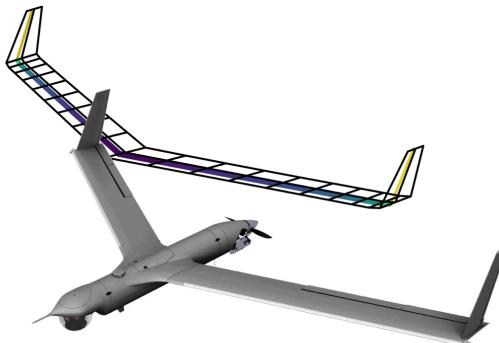
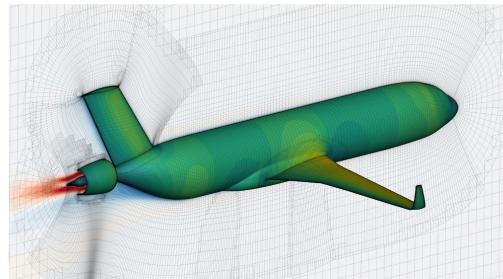
Schedule for the Day

Start	End	Title	Responsible
09:00	09:30	Optimization Basics: Terminology and motivations	Peter Rohrer (NTNU)
09:30	10:40	OpenMDAO Introduction (Demonstration Lab 0)	Peter Rohrer (NTNU) John Marius Hegseth (Olav Olsen)
10:40	10:50	<i>Break</i>	
10:50	12:00	Modeling and Solvers in OpenMDAO (Demonstration Lab 1)	Peter Rohrer (NTNU) John Marius Hegseth (Olav Olsen)
12:00	13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00	13:50	Optimization in OpenMDAO (Demonstration Lab 2)	Peter Rohrer (NTNU) John Marius Hegseth (Olav Olsen)
13:50	14:00	<i>Break</i>	
14:00	14:50	Optimization in SIMA	Marit Kvittem (SINTEF Ocean)
14:50	15:00	<i>Break</i>	
15:00	16:00	Multidisciplinary Design Optimization for Engineering Systems	Joaquim Martins (U. of Michigan)

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Why is Optimization in SFI BLUES?

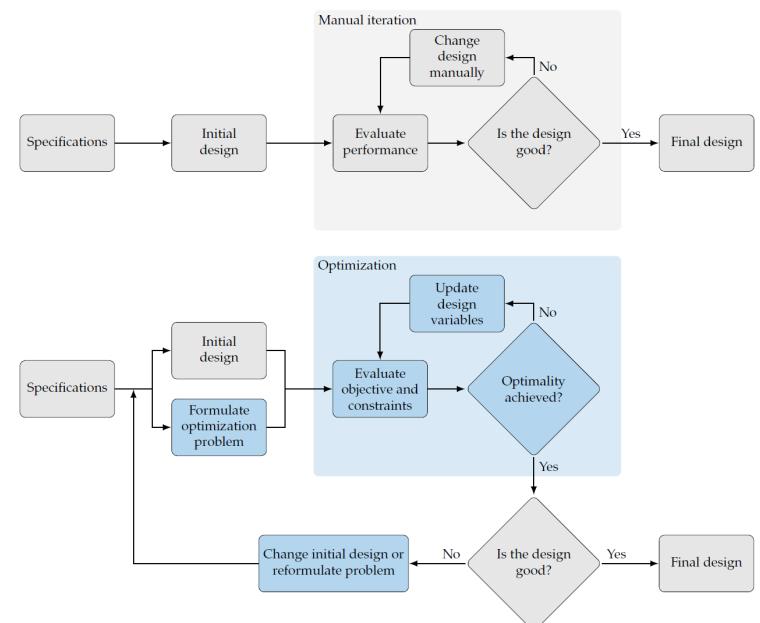
- How do we define the objectives and constraints for novel structures?
- What level of modelling detail is needed for multidisciplinary design optimization of floating structures?
- How do the optima identified in this manner compare to existing designs? What insights can we gain from numerical optimization?
- What new methodology is needed for optimization of floating structures?

Brief introduction to optimization terms

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

What is Design Optimization?

- Design Optimization is a mathematical approach to finding the **best possible** design
 - Describe design as a set of coupled equations
 - Vary specific **design variables**
 - Incorporate **constraint** and **objective functions**



Optimization versus manual iteration, from Martins and Ning 2021

Numerical optimization provides a way to fully automate the design process

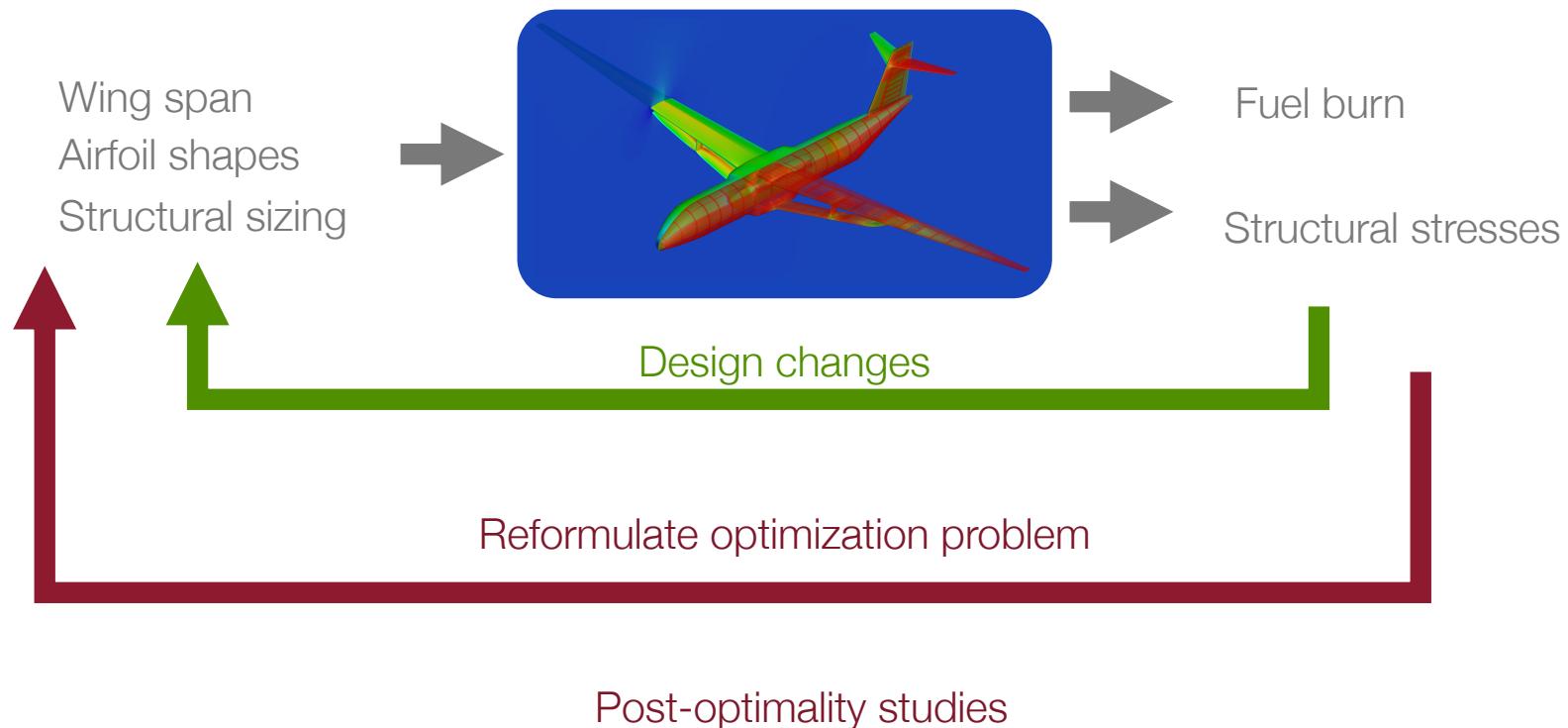


Design
optimization
problem:

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

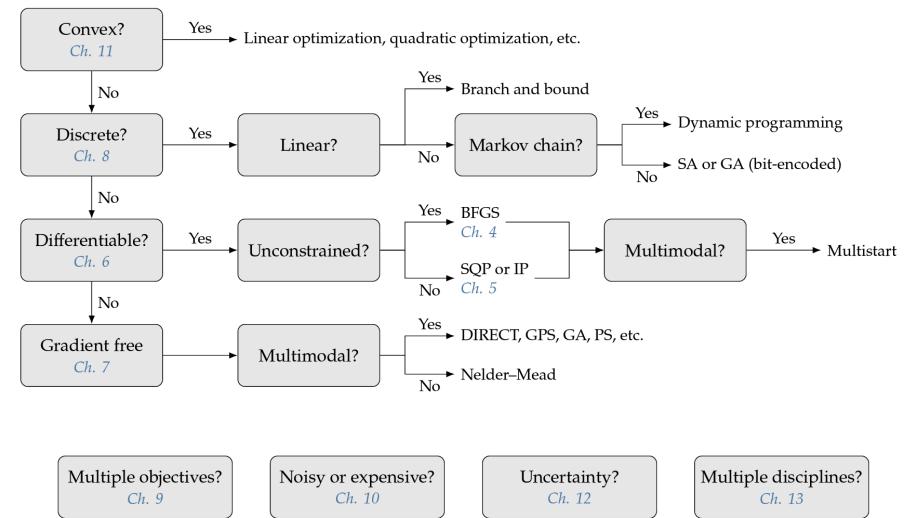
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Optimization Methods

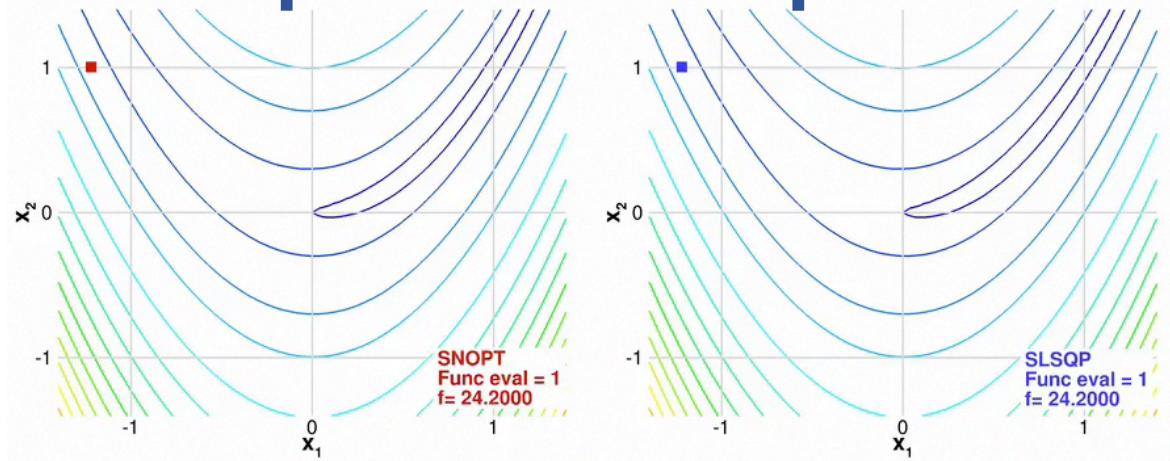
- A wide range of optimization methods exist
 - Many are familiar from other contexts
- Design optimization often separates to **gradient-based** and **gradient-free** methods
 - Wide range of options within each



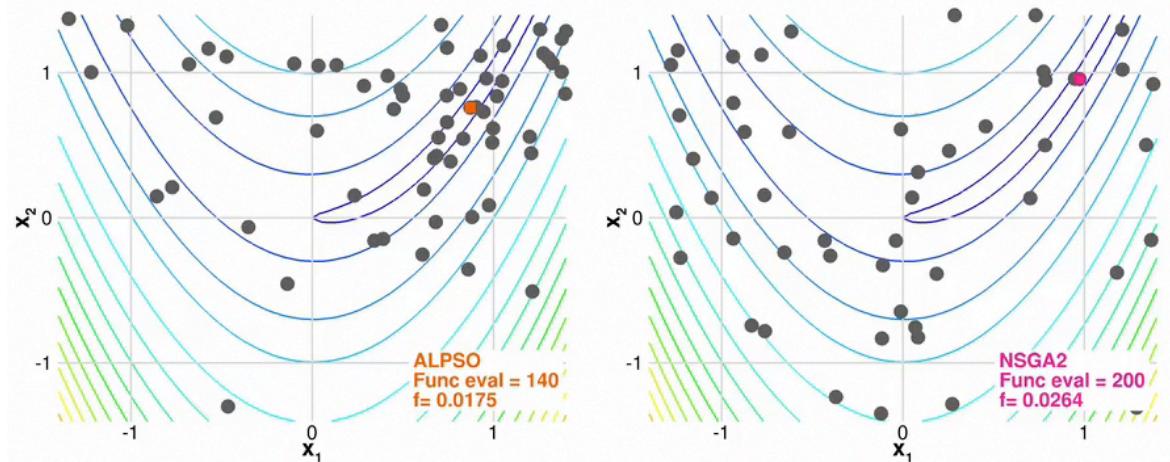
Optimization methods, from Martins and Ning 2021

Gradient-based methods take a more direct path to the optimum

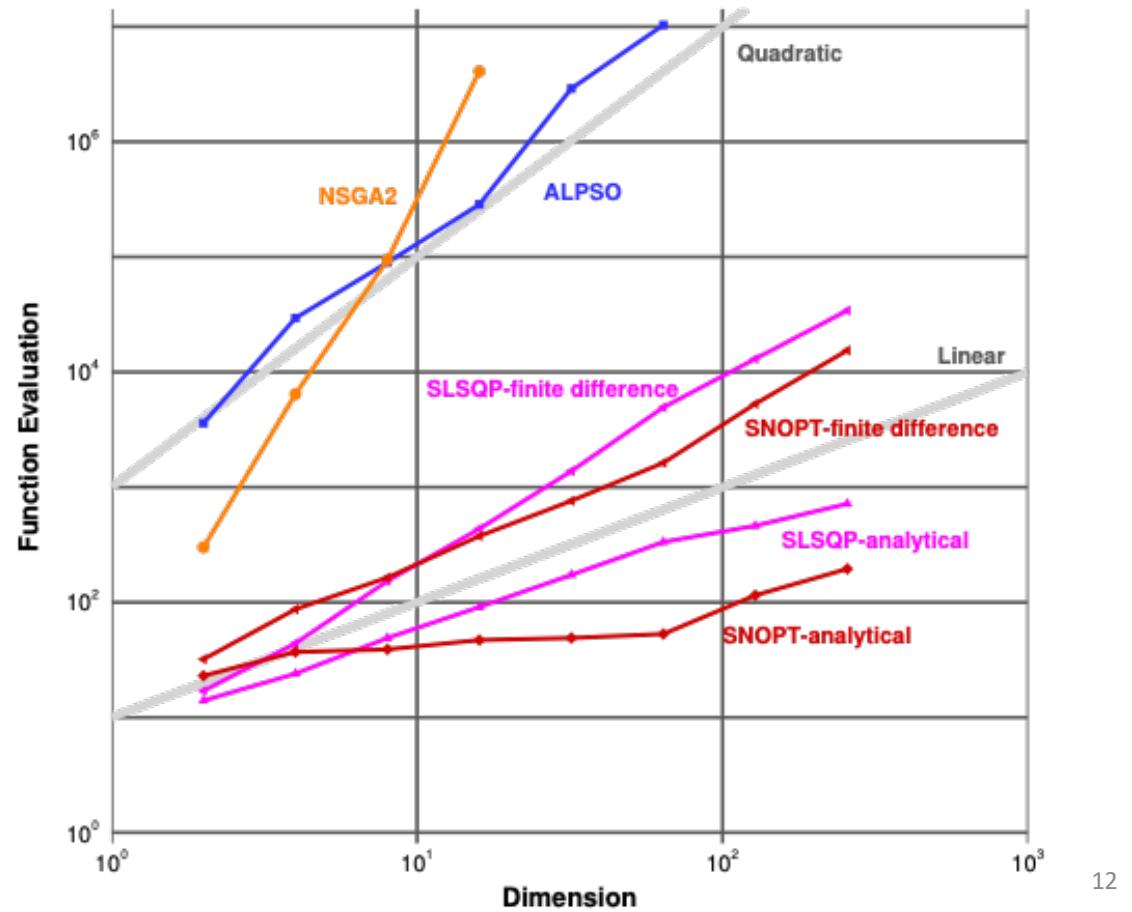
Gradient-based



Gradient-free



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



[Lyu et al. ICCFD8-2014-0203]

Methods for computing derivatives

Monolithic <i>Black boxes</i> <i>input and outputs</i>	Finite-differences	$\frac{df}{dx_j} = \frac{f(x_j + h) - f(x)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$
	Complex-step	$\frac{df}{dx_j} = \frac{\text{Im} [f(x_j + ih)]}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$
Analytic <i>Governing eqns</i> <i>state variables</i>	Direct	$\frac{df}{dx} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}}_{\psi} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}}_{-\frac{dy}{dx}}$
	Adjoint	
Algorithmic differentiation <i>Lines of code</i> <i>code variables</i>	Forward	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{\partial T_2}{\partial t_1} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ -\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t_1} & \dots & -\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t_{n-1}} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{dt_2}{dt_1} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \frac{dt_n}{dt_1} & \dots & \frac{dt_n}{dt_{n-1}} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial t_1} & \dots & -\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t_1} \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & -\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t_{n-1}} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dt_2}{dt_1} & \dots & \frac{dt_n}{dt_1} \\ 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & 1 & \frac{dt_n}{dt_{n-1}} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
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[Martins et al., ACM TOMS, 2003]

[Martins and Hwang, AIAA Journal, 2013]

Questions on Optimization?

Next we will move on to OpenMDAO!

Download these slides and tutorial scripts from GitHub

https://github.com/BachynskiLabNTNU/openmdao_training

The OpenMDAO and MAUD papers are worthwhile references

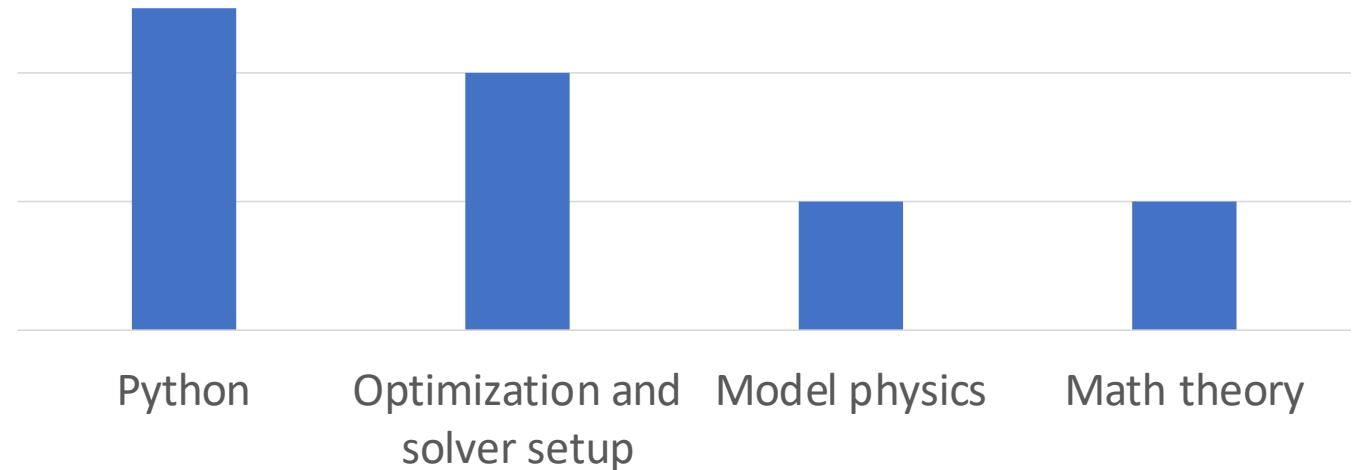
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OpenMDAO Introduction

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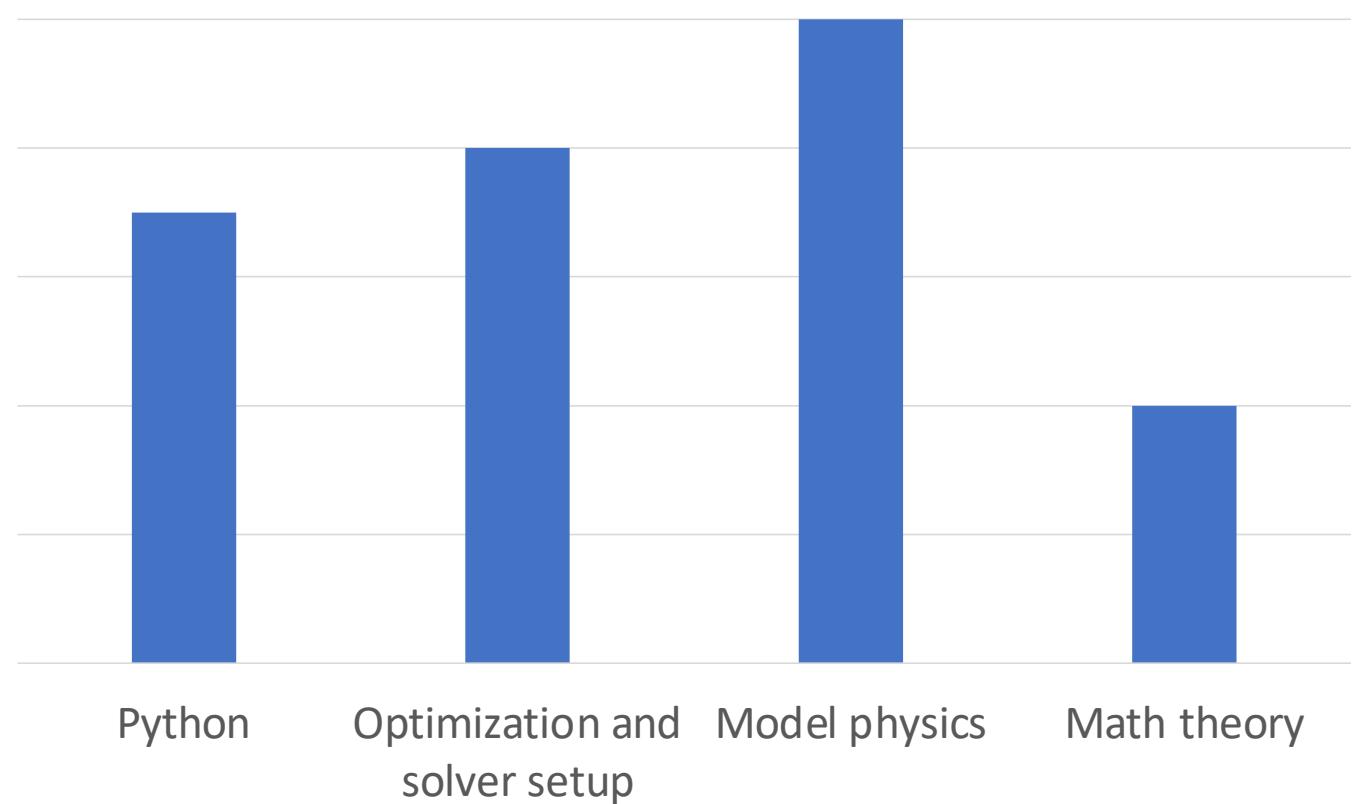


Levels of expertise suggested to use OpenMDAO like a pro

Roald Amundsen
at exploring

Intermediate

Novice

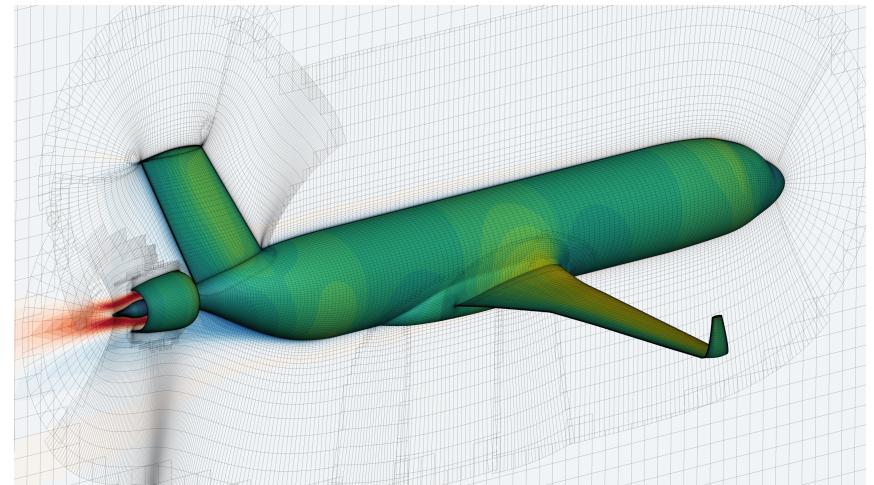


OpenMDAO is an open-source framework for efficient MDAO

- 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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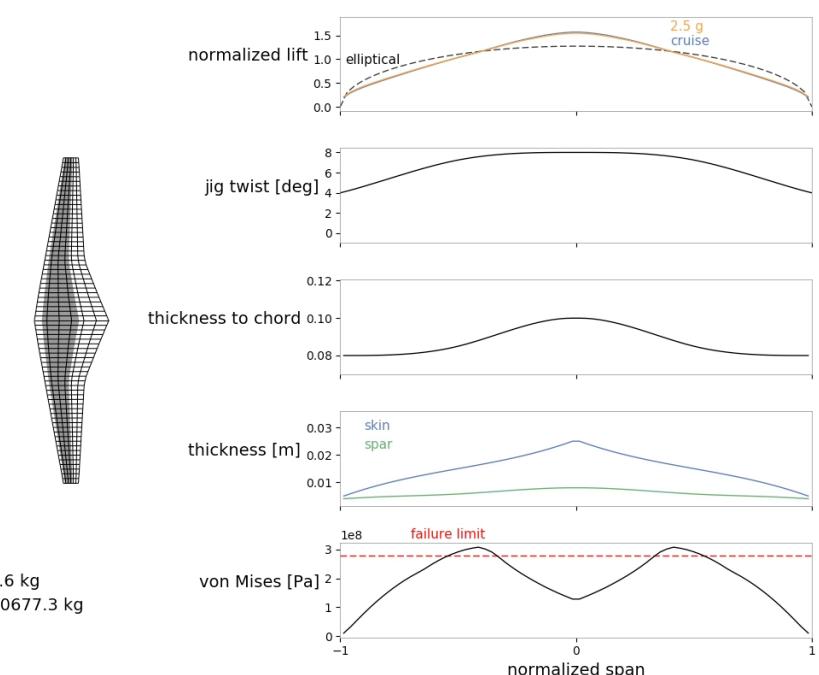
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[Gray et al., 2018, AIAA Aviation](#)

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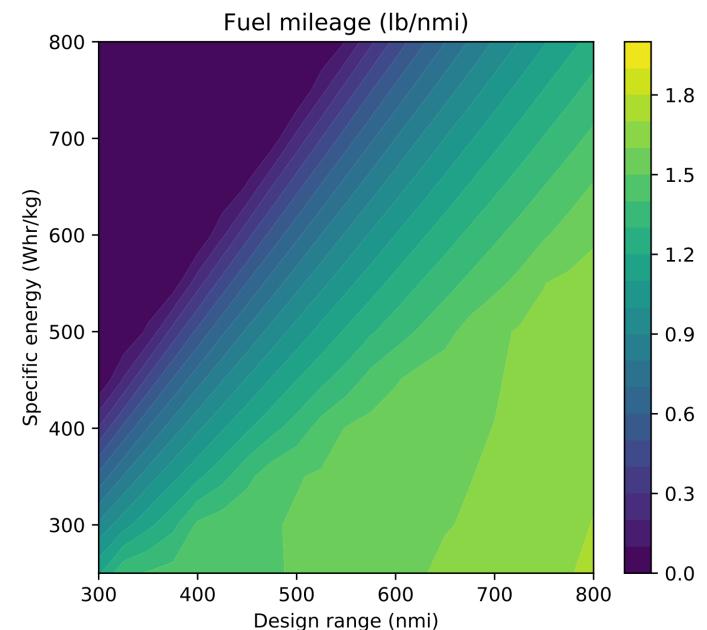


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structural mass: 20677.3 kg
span: 58.85 m

[Chauhan and Martins, SMO 2019](#)

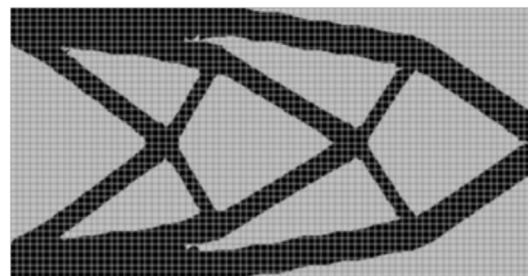
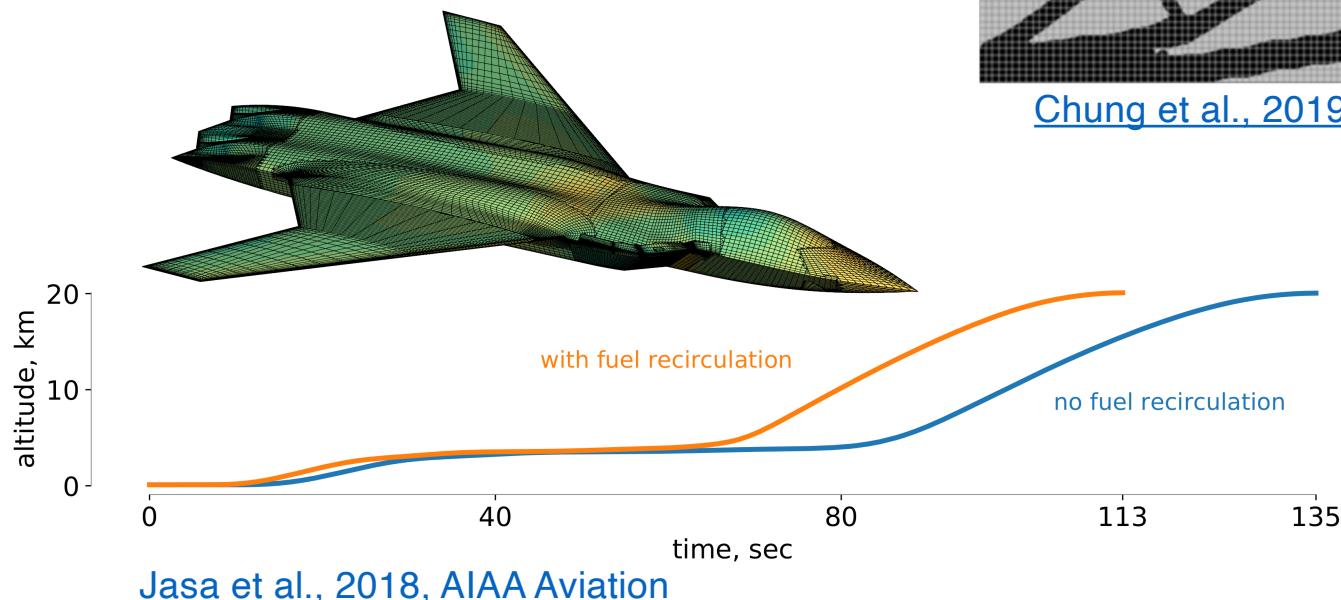
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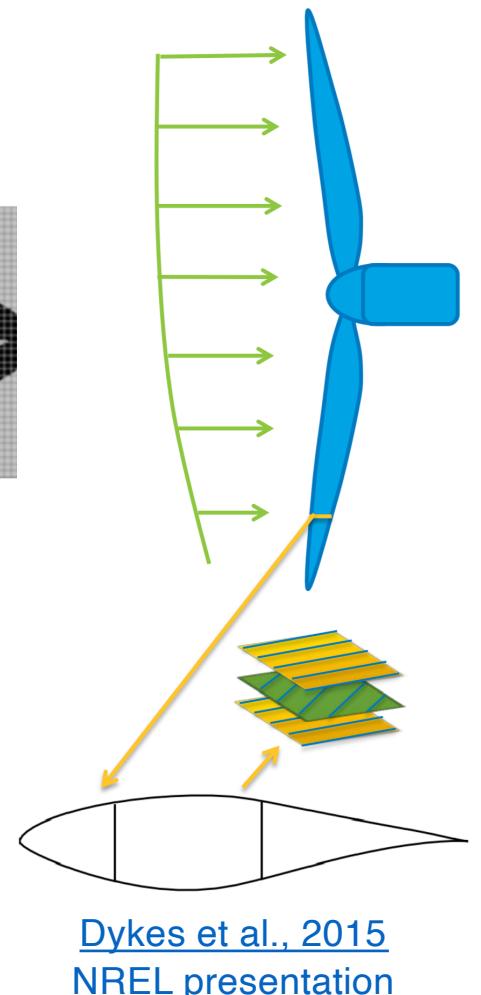


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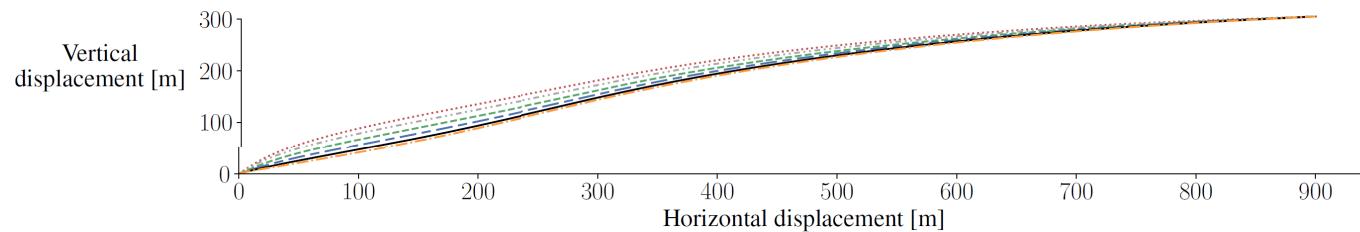
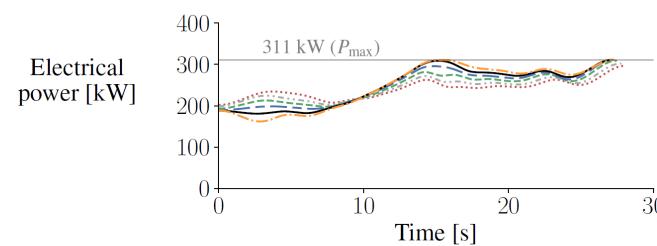
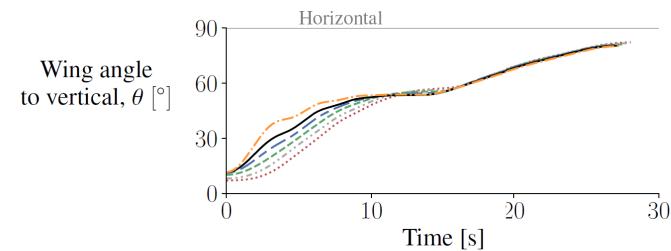
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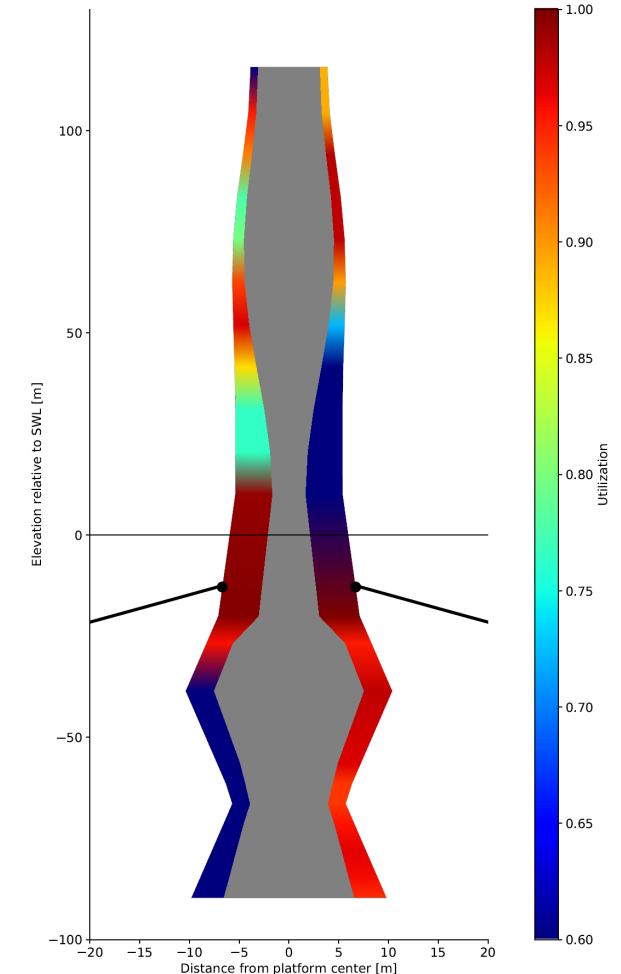
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Chauhan and Martins, Journal of Aircraft 2019



Hegseth and Bachynski, 2019

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

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

OpenMDAO intro and Basics

- Intro and terminology
- Building explicit components and connecting them together
- Lab 0: Implementing a simple explicit calculation
(Spar FWT Static Pitch Angle)

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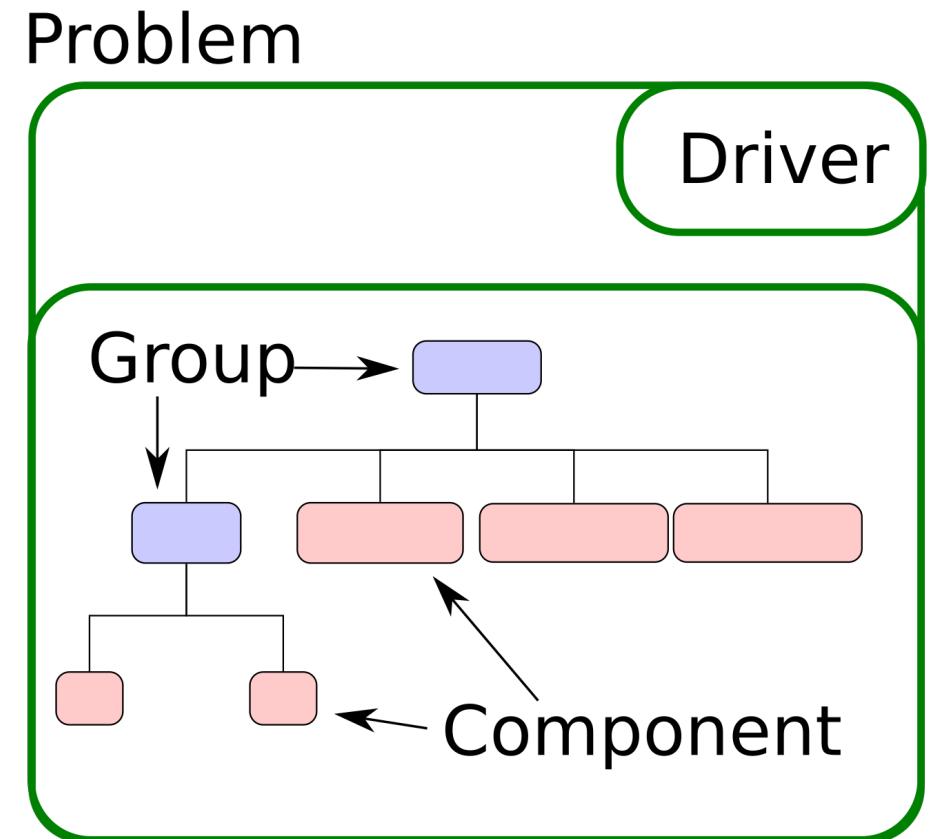
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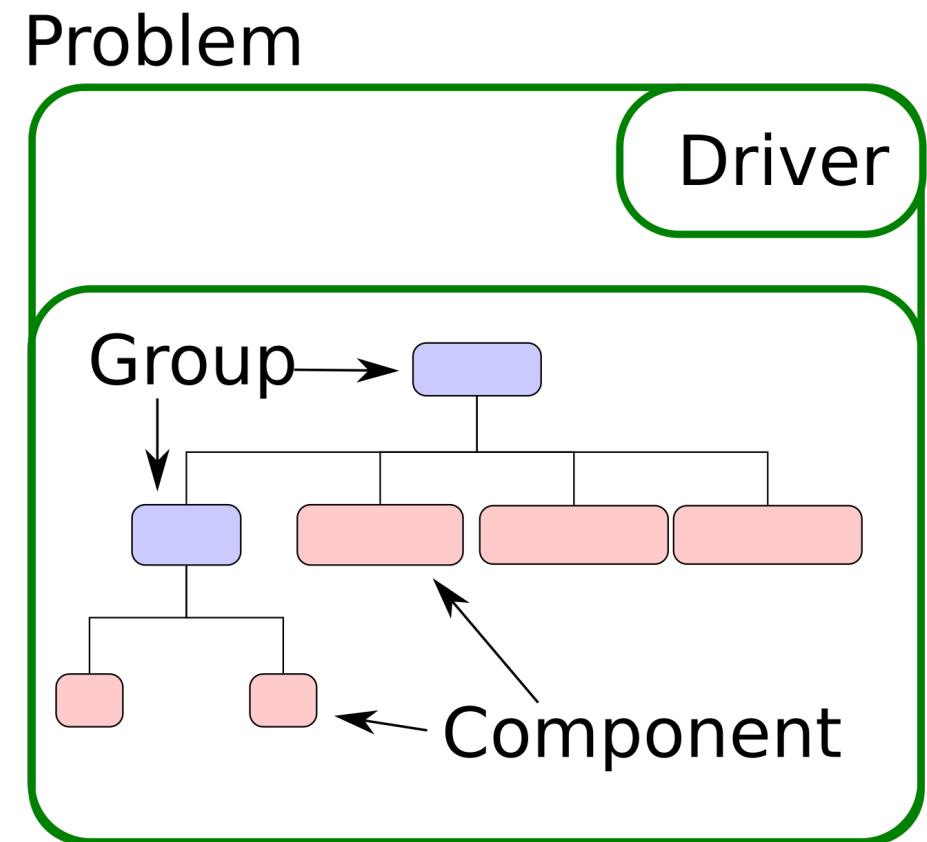
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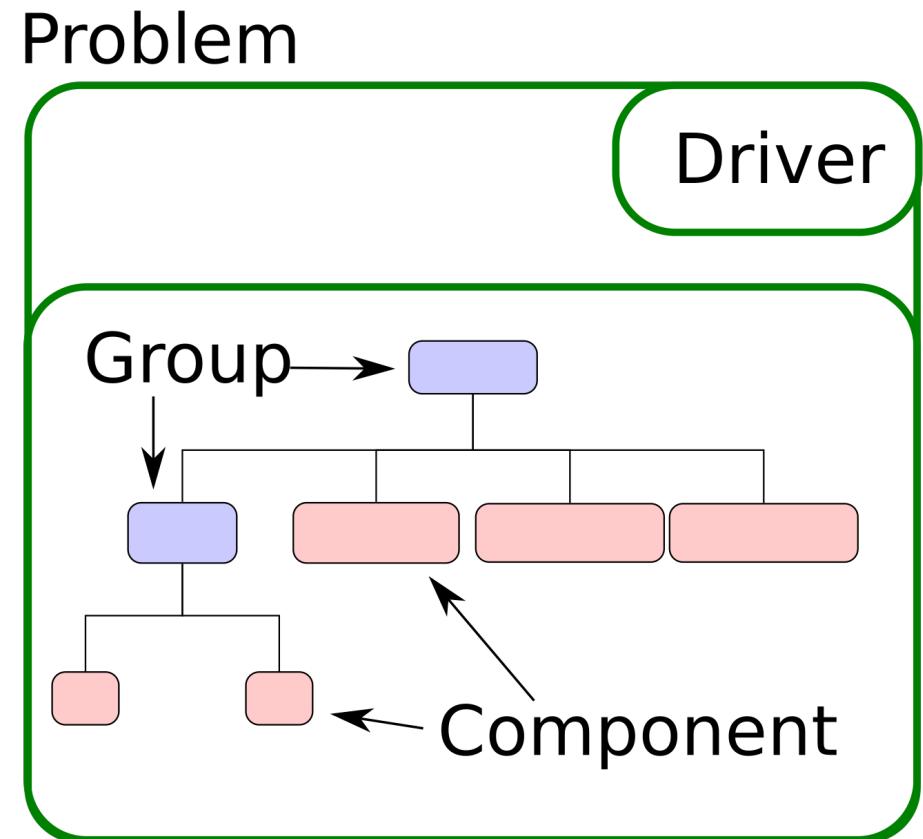
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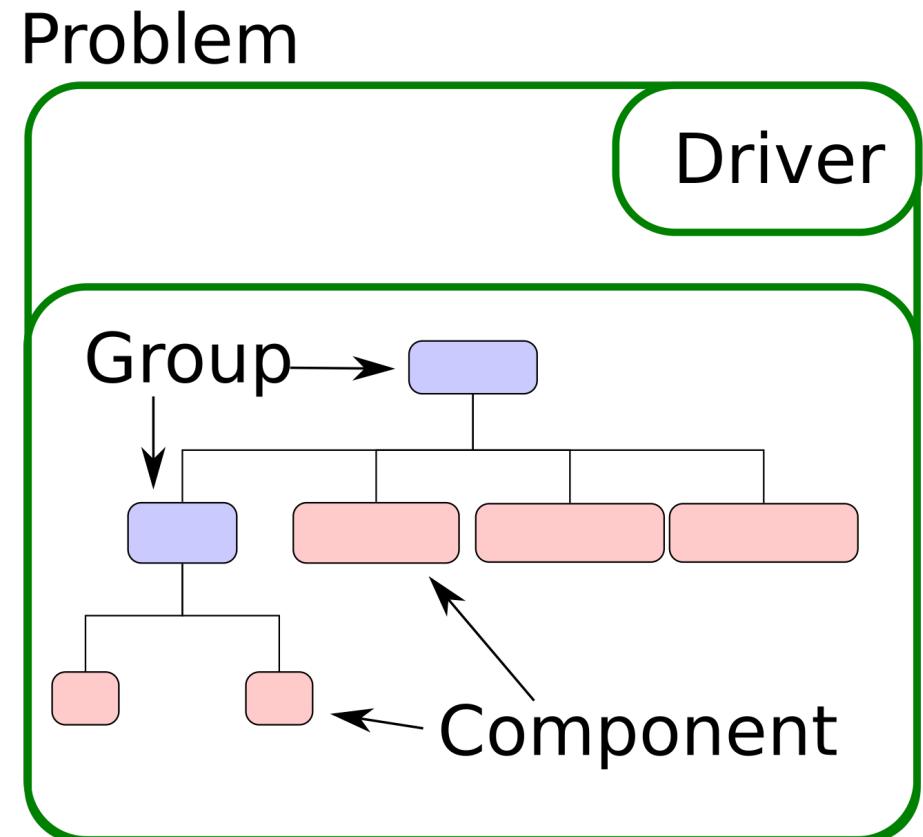
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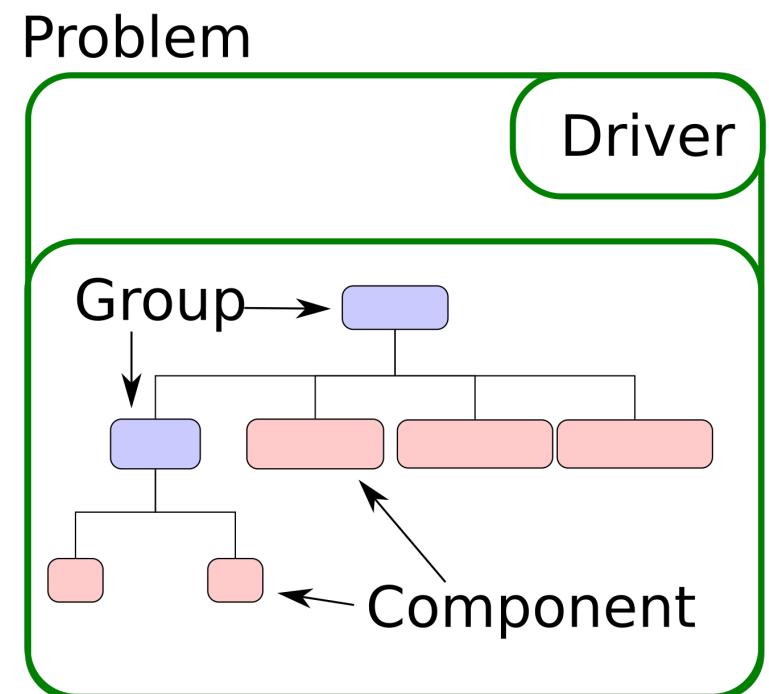


Why use classes in object-oriented programming?

- 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



ExplicitComponent example

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    subclass OpenMDAO base classes

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Define model inputs, output, and (optionally) partial derivs using the `setup()` method. Called once before solve / optimization



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Do the actual computation using `compute()`. Need to fill in values for all your declared outputs by the end of this method. Called every time the model is evaluated

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Variable name

Default value (before model runs)

Units (need not match upstream)

Human-readable description (optional)

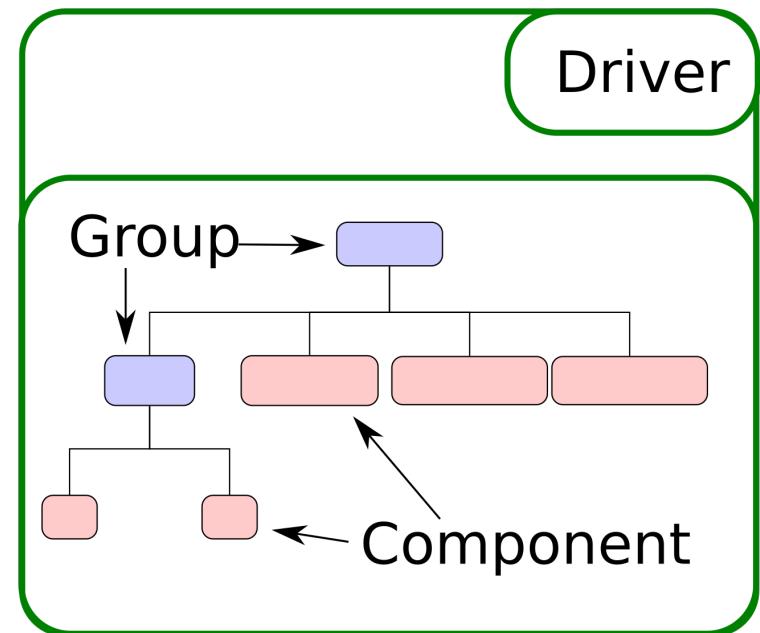
Variable dimension (in this case, a $n \times 1$ vector)

Will default to expecting user provided analytic derivatives, but we can specify `fd` later...

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(om.Group): Define a model by subclassing Group

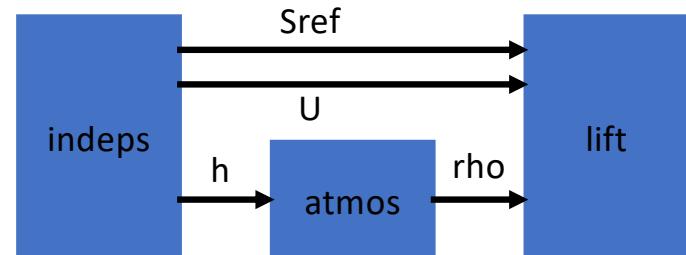
    def setup(self):
        # set some inputs values - optimizers act on independent variables
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', om.IndepVarComp())
        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')
        indeps.add_output('U', val=200, units='kn')
        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200,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

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

        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 = om.Problem()
    prob.model = ConnectExample()
    prob.setup()
    prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
    prob.run_model()
    print(prob['lift.L'])
```

This is the model structure that is being connected



Grouping components

```
class ConnectExample(om.Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # set some inputs values - optimizers act on independent variables  
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', om.IndepVarComp())  
        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')  
        indeps.add_output('U', val=200, units='kn')  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200, units='ft**2')  
  
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())  
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))  
  
        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 = om.Problem()  
    prob.model = ConnectExample()  
    prob.setup()  
    prob['indeps.U'] = 150.  
    prob.run_model()  
    print(prob['lift.L'])
```

Include components using the `add_subsystem(<name>, <component>)` method

Python note:
These are *instances* of a component class

`StdAtmComp()`
`ComputeLift(num_pts = 1)`

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        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200, units='ft**2')

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

        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 = om.Problem()
    prob.model = ConnectExample()
    prob.setup()
    prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
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    print(prob['lift.L'])
```

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

Specify flags/options now

Grouping components

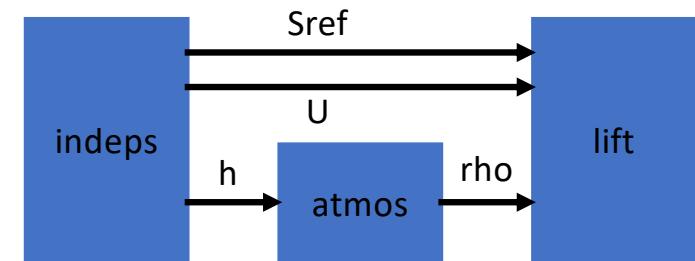
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        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

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```



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

Grouping components

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

        self.connect('indeps.h', 'atmos.h')
        self.connect('atmos.rho', 'lift.rho')
        self.connect('indeps.Sref', 'lift.Sref')
        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U') ← Note the namespace / address string:
                                         component_name.variable

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

Grouping components

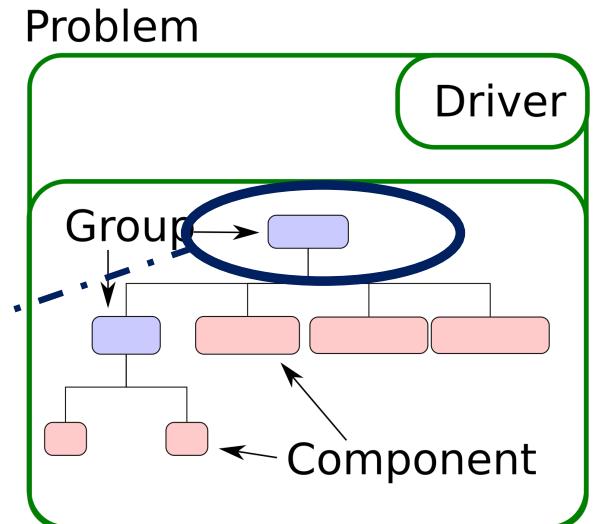
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        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp())
        self.add_subsystem('lift', ComputeLift(num_pts = 1))

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```



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

Grouping components

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

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        self.connect('indeps.U', 'lift.U')

if __name__ == "__main__":
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    prob.model = ConnectExample()
    prob.setup()
    prob['indeps.U'] = 150.
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    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(om.Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # set some inputs values - optimizers act on independent variables  
        indeps = self.add_subsystem('indeps', om.IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['h', 'U', 'Sref'])  
        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')  
        indeps.add_output('U', val=200, units='kn')  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=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', 'Sref'])
```

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(om.Group):  
  
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        # set some inputs values - optimizers act on independent variables  
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        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')  
        indeps.add_output('U', val=200, units='kn')  
        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=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(...), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'U', 'Sref'])
```

What does variable promotion do?

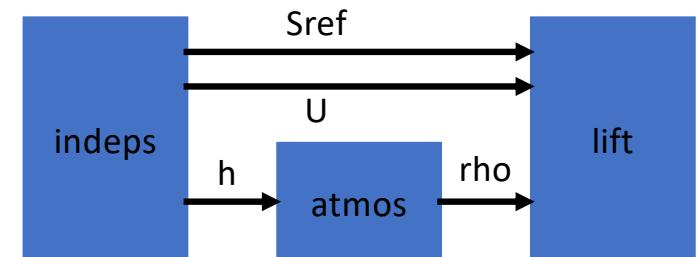
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        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')
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        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200, units='ft**2')

        # add your disciplinary models to the group
        self.add_subsystem('atmos', StdAtmComp(), promotes_inputs=['h'], promotes_outputs=['rho'])
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    if __name__ == "__main__":
        prob = om.Problem()
        prob.model = ConnectExample()
        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



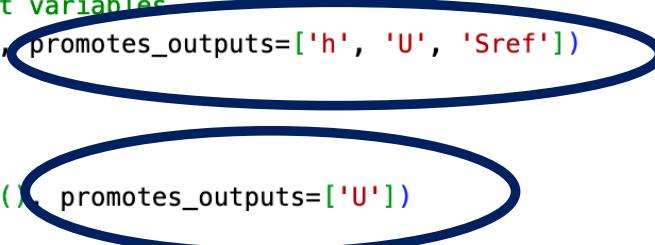
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        indeps.add_output('h', val=10000, units='ft')
        indeps.add_output('U', val=200, units='kn')
        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200, units='ft**2')
        indeps2 = self.add_subsystem('indeps2', om.IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['U'])
        indeps2.add_output('U', val=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', 'U', 'Sref'])
        self.add_subsystem('lift2', ComputeLift(num_pts=1), promotes_inputs=['rho', 'U', 'Sref'])

    def run(self):
        pass
```

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



What does variable promotion do?

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        indeps.add_output('Sref', val=200, units='ft**2')
        indeps2 = self.add_subsystem('indeps2', om.IndepVarComp(), promotes_outputs=['U'])
        indeps2.add_output('U', val=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', 'U', 'Sref'])
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```

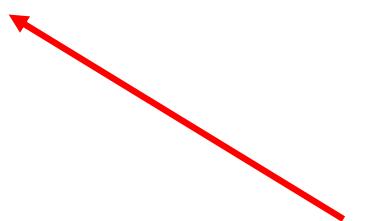
Multiple promoted inputs with identical name: *OK* and *encouraged*
(all connections automatically made)

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        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

A note on IndepVarComp()

- IndepVarComp() is a component that defines the **model inputs** as the **outputs** of the component
 - Confusing, right?
- Was essential in earlier versions
 - No longer needed!

```
class PromoteExample(om.Group):  
  
    def setup(self):  
        # No longer need IndepVarComp()  
  
        # 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','Sref'], promotes_outputs=['L'])
```



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Say goodbye to IndepVarComp... POEM_015

March 14, 2020 by Justin Gray

TL;DR — Check out the proposed [POEM_015](#) for details on how we think we can get rid of the need to manually specify an IndepVarComp in your models.

Lab 0: Implementing simple explicit calculations (Static Pitch Angle)

Step 1: Install OpenMDAO

Step 2: Write your first component

Step 3: Test it out!

Lab 0.a: Install

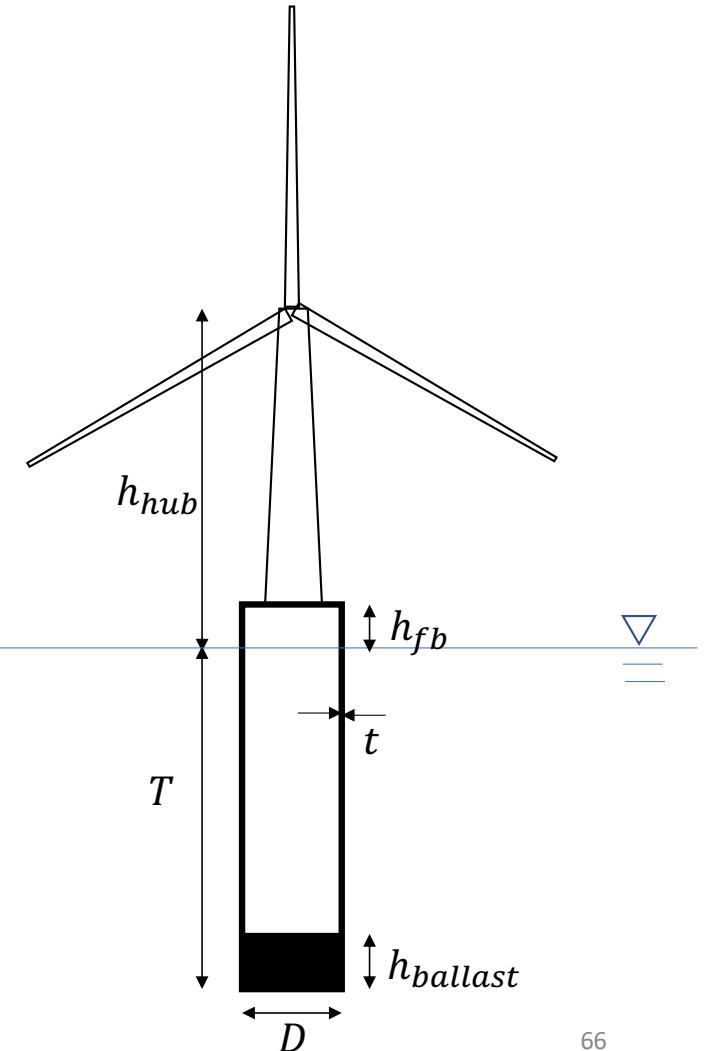
- Open cmd prompt
- Internet install: pip install openmdao
- Local Install:
 - cd to wherever OpenMDAO is downloaded:
`pip install .` (note the period)
 - This installs from local source files, not PyPI
- cd ../openmdao_training
- **python paraboloid.py**
 - If this works without error, your installation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

Lab 0.b: Spar-FWT Static Pitch

- Open *lab_0_template.py* in a text editor or IDE and rename it to `lab_0.py`
- The `computeMball` component calculates required ballast mass for given dimensions of spar-type platform
- The `computeTheta` component calculates static pitch angle of a spar-type floating wind turbine
- Your goal is to compute the static pitch angle of the FWT given the spar diameter and draft

A very simple spar

- Tower and turbine are fixed, freeboard 10 m
- Spar consists of a steel shell with uniform thickness
 - Thickness assumed to be dominated by hydrostatic pressure requirements
 - Thickness in m: $t = 0.03 + T/3000$
- Concrete ballast filled from bottom until equilibrium in heave is reached



Static pitch angle approximation

Linear restoring coefficient estimated from waterplane moment of inertia, center of buoyancy, and center of gravity

$$C_{55} = \rho g \left(\frac{\pi D^4}{64} - \frac{\pi D^2 T^2}{8} - \frac{\pi D^2 T z_G}{4} \right)$$

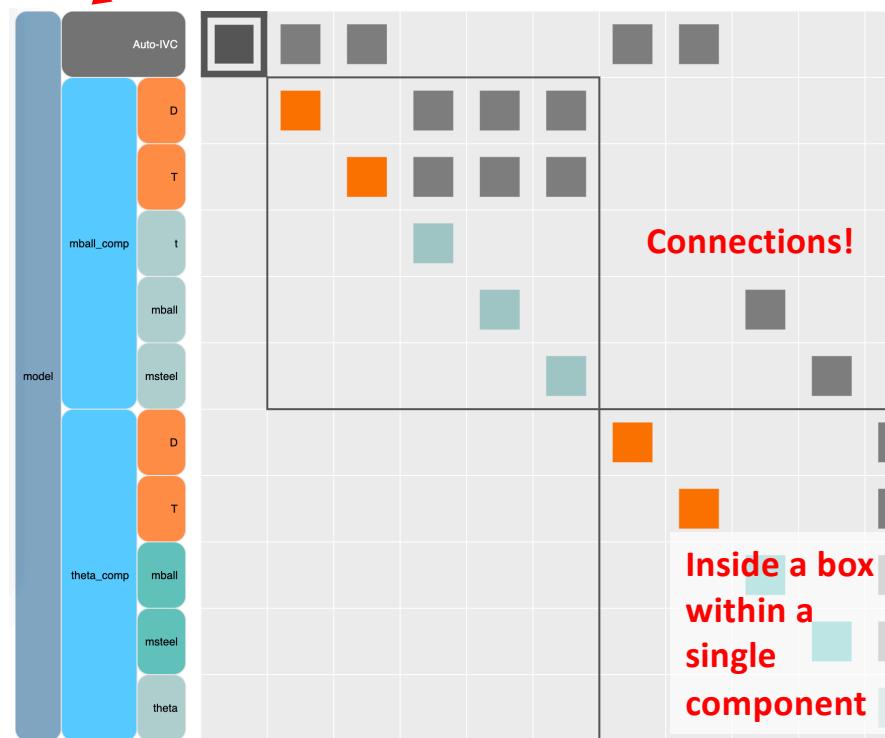
$$\theta = \frac{F_T h_{hub}}{C_{55}}$$

Lab 0.b: Spar-FWT Static Pitch

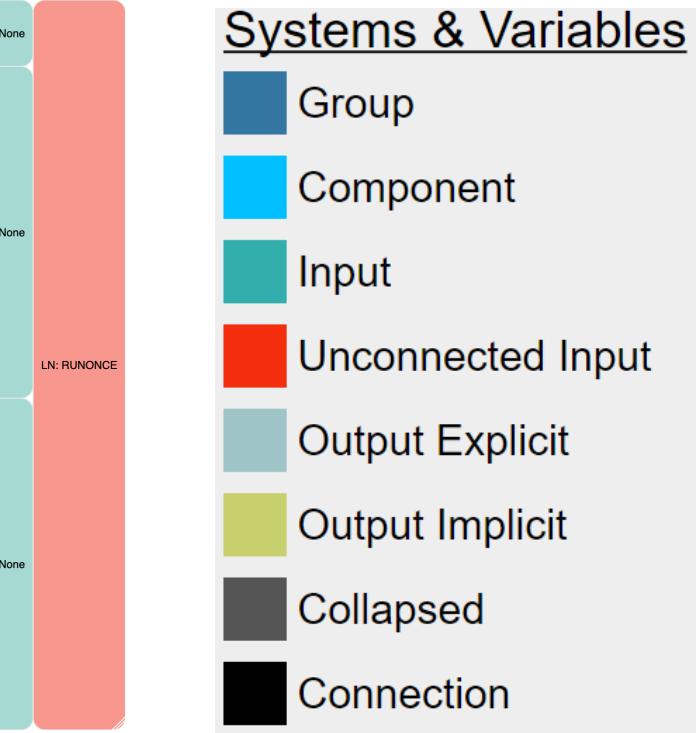
- Complete the TODOs in the `computeMball` component
- Complete the TODOs in the `computeTheta` component
- Complete the TODOs in the run-space to connect the components
- `cd` into project folder to check and run the model:
 - `python lab_0.py` (runs the model)
- Look at generated N2 diagram
- Answer key in the `lab_0_solution.py` file (don't cheat!)

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

Model hierarchy (groups, components, variables)



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



Connections!

Inside a box is
within a
single
component

Lab 0.b: Spar-FWT Static Pitch



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

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

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

Break

10:40 – 10:50

Modeling and Solvers in OpenMDAO

Starting at 10:50

Using solvers with implicit or cyclical models

- Gradient-free solver: Nonlinear Block Gauss-Seidel (i.e. Fixed point iteration)
- Gradient-based solver: Newton's Method
- Lab 1: LCOE for the spar FWT, and a more complex thrust formulation + 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!

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Lots of details on all the
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Features

OpenMDAO's fully-supported features are documented here, each in a section documented here, with the exception of those in the Experimental Feature tested, and should be considered fully functional.

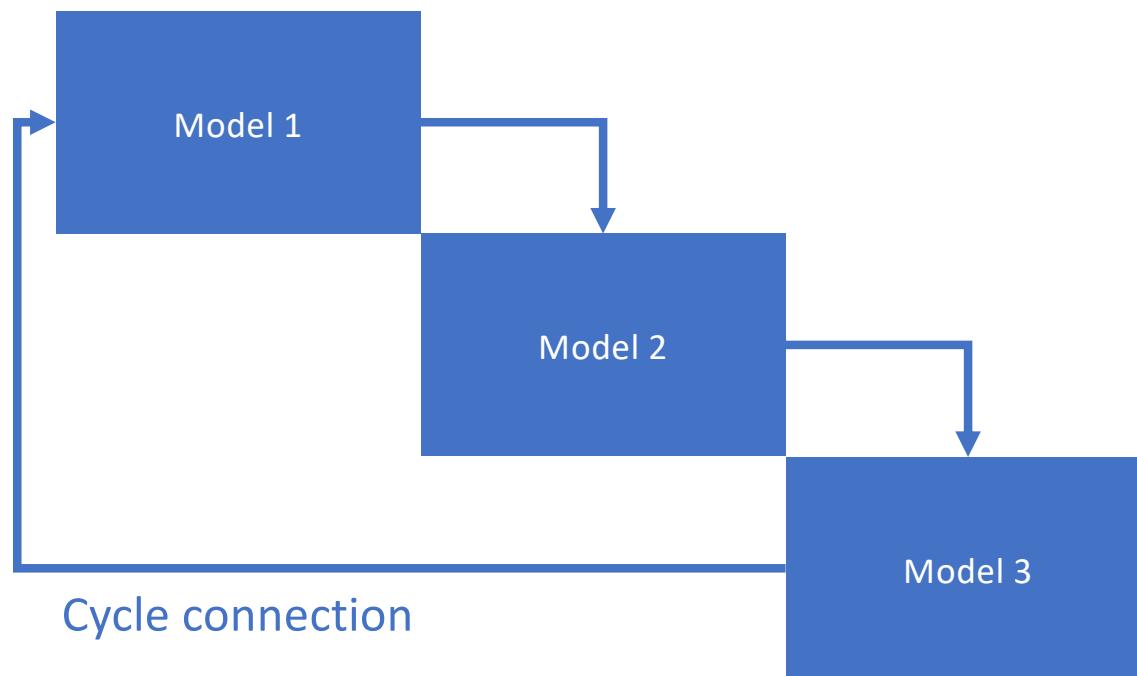
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- Controlling Solver Behavior

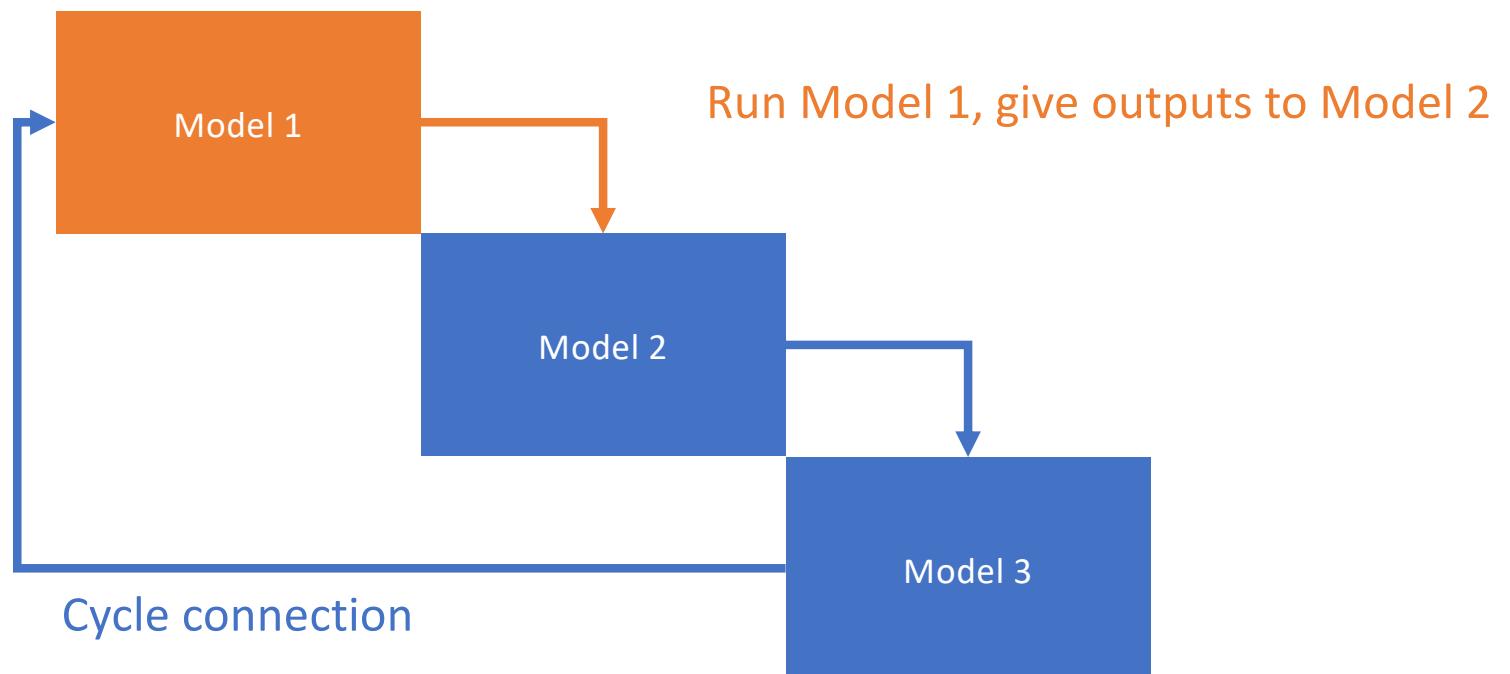
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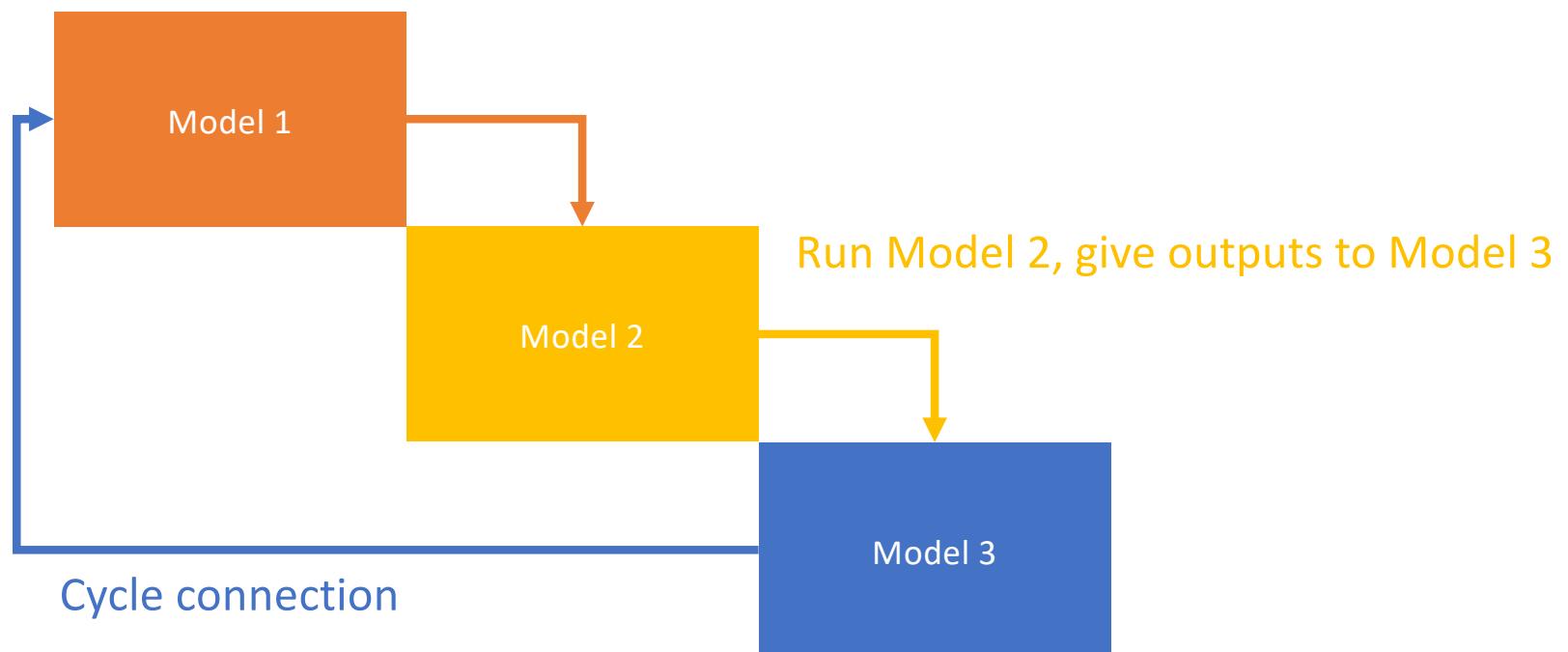
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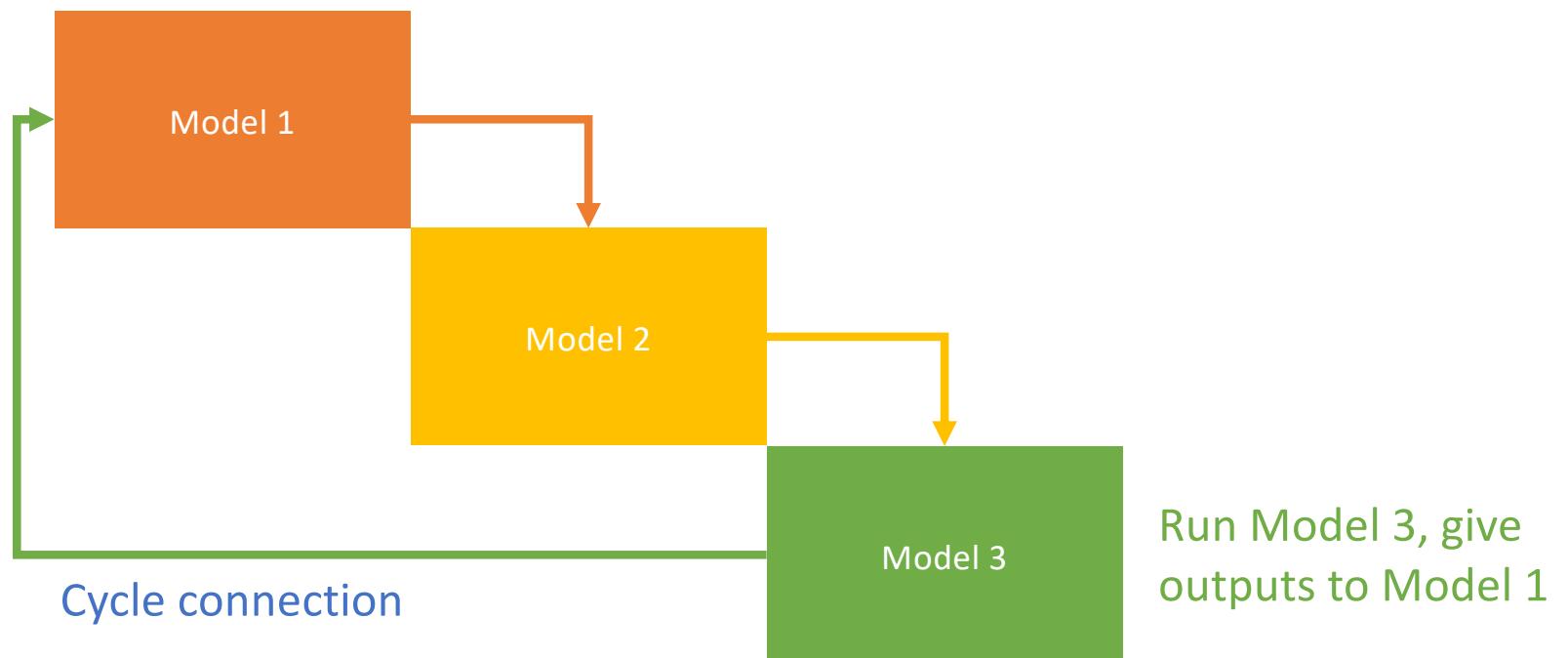
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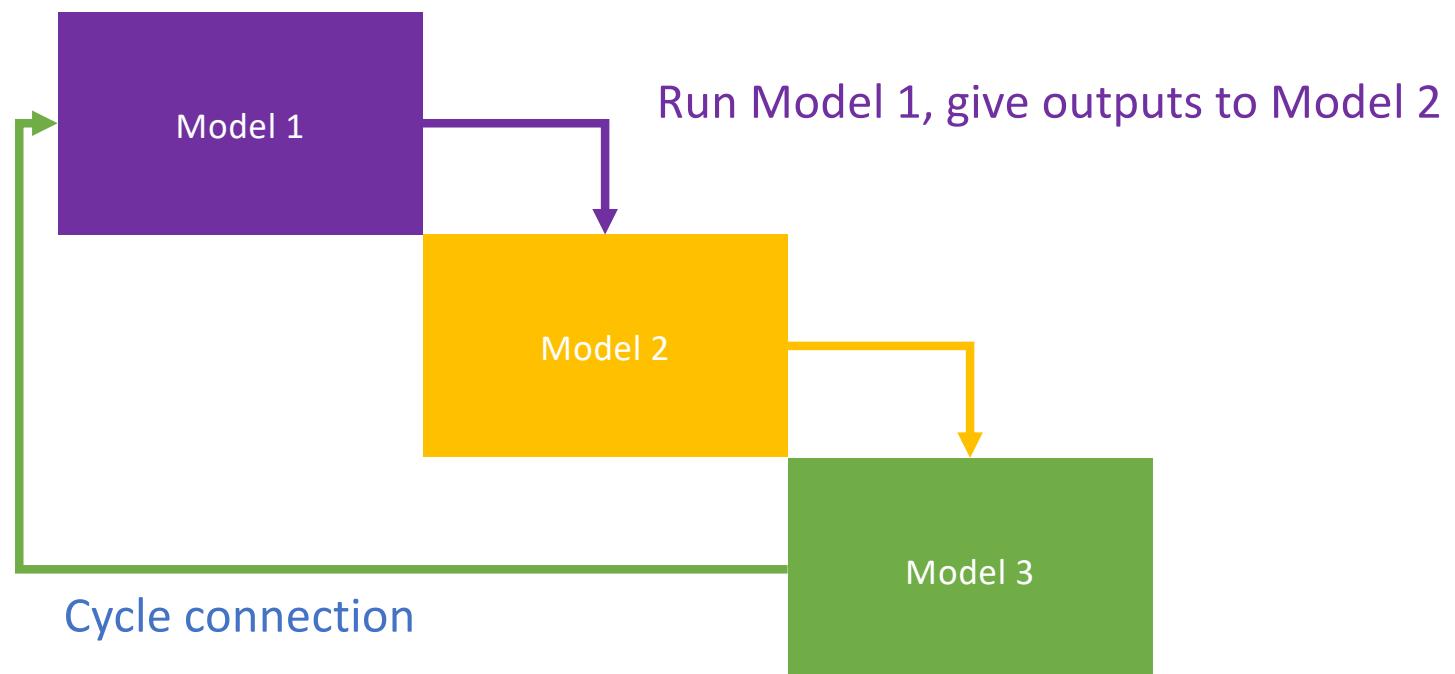
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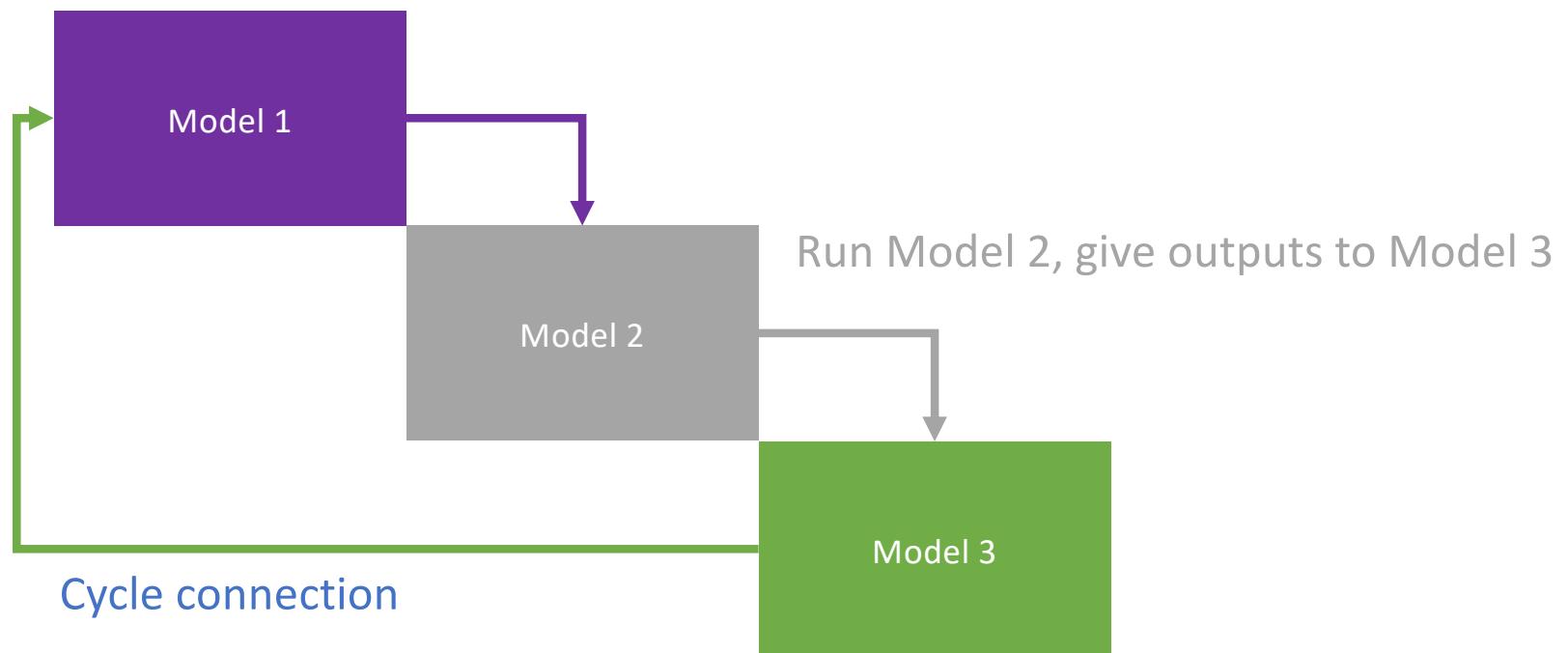
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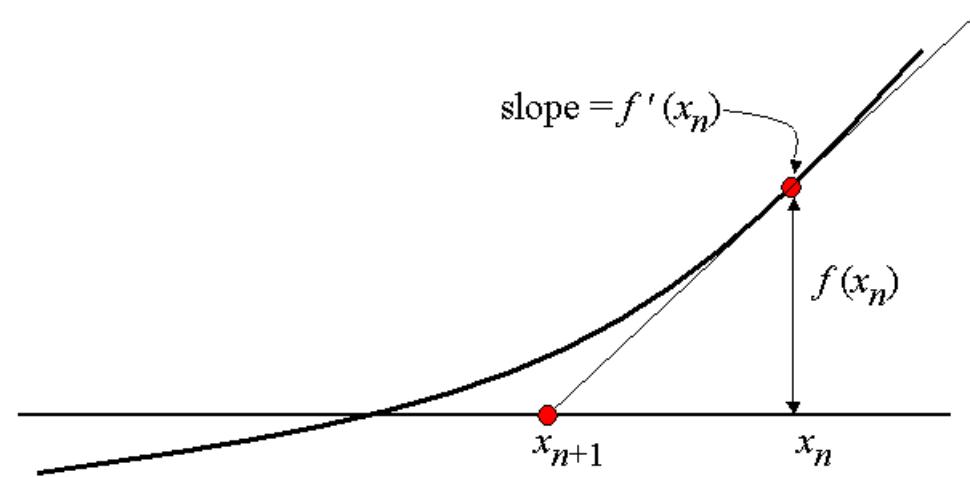


Nonlinear Block Gauss-Seidel



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

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

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

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

Solve this linear system

Then take a step. Repeat until converged

Newton Solver needs some partial derivatives!

$$\begin{matrix} & n_y & & 1 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \begin{matrix} & n_y \\ & \downarrow \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} R(x, y) \\ \delta y \end{matrix} & = & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ n_y \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the Newton-Raphson iteration. It shows a vector equation $\begin{pmatrix} R(x, y) \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n_y \end{pmatrix}$. A red box highlights the term $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \delta y$, which is part of the Jacobian matrix multiplied by the update vector δy .

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

Partial Derivatives in OpenMDAO

```
class WeightBuild(om.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='lbf')
        self.add_input('W_empty', 5800, units='lbf')
        self.add_input('W_battery', 1500, units='lbf')

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

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

    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>)
```

OpenMDAO assembles
the Jacobian for you,
from provided
component partials

This tells OpenMDAO
which partials exist



This tells OpenMDAO
the actual values of the
partials



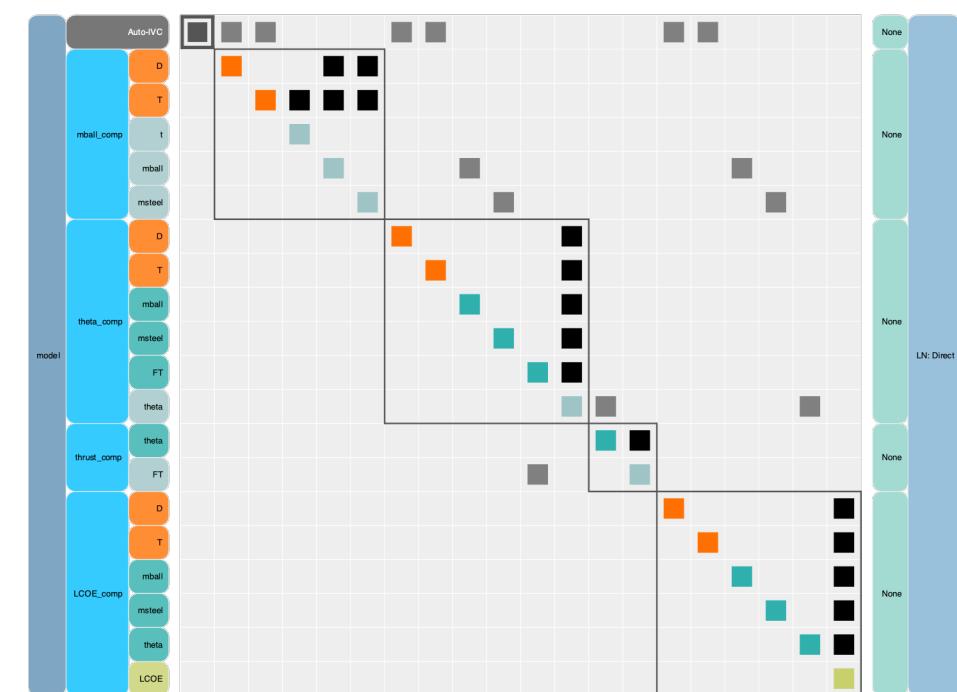
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \delta y = -R(x, y)$$

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

Lab # 1 : Spar LCOE

Next, we will consider the LCOE of the same spar, with a modification to the static pitch calculation

- Thrust depends on pitch angle
- LCOE depends on steel mass, concrete mass, static pitch angle, and waterplane area - with fictitious factors!
- 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
 - LCOE computation is fictively “made implicit”
 - Can easily undo this!



Lab # 1 : Spar LCOE

- Fill in the blanks in the code as needed!
- Run the model using Newton solver (*python lab_1.py*)
 - The numbers that print out are the absolute and relative residuals
 - Check your partial derivatives (see *the solution or Docs*)
 - Try the Broyden solver – adjust the options
 - Which solver uses fewer iterations?
 - Can you improve the speed?

check_partials output

Component: computeMball 'mball_comp'

'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | calc mag. | check mag. | a(cal-chk) | r(cal-chk)

'mball'	wrt 'D'	3.5838e+06	3.5838e+06	2.6831e-03	7.4867e-10 >ABS_TOL
'mball'	wrt 'T'	2.5970e+05	2.5970e+05	1.4439e-03	5.5596e-09 >ABS_TOL
'msteel'	wrt 'D'	2.8039e+05	2.8039e+05	1.9836e-04	7.0745e-10 >ABS_TOL
'msteel'	wrt 'T'	6.2308e+04	6.2308e+04	9.8334e-05	1.5782e-09 >ABS_TOL
't'	wrt 'D'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan
't'	wrt 'T'	3.3333e-04	0.0000e+00	3.3333e-04	1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL

Component: computeTheta 'theta_comp'

'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | calc mag. | check mag. | a(cal-chk) | r(cal-chk)

'theta'	wrt 'D'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan
'theta'	wrt 'FT'	5.0432e-09	5.0432e-09	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00
'theta'	wrt 'T'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan
'theta'	wrt 'mball'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan
'theta'	wrt 'msteel'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan

Component: computeThrust 'thrust_comp'

'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | calc mag. | check mag. | a(cal-chk) | r(cal-chk)

'FT'	wrt 'theta'	0.0000e+00	7.5000e+11	7.5000e+11	1.0000e+00 >ABS_TOL >REL_TOL
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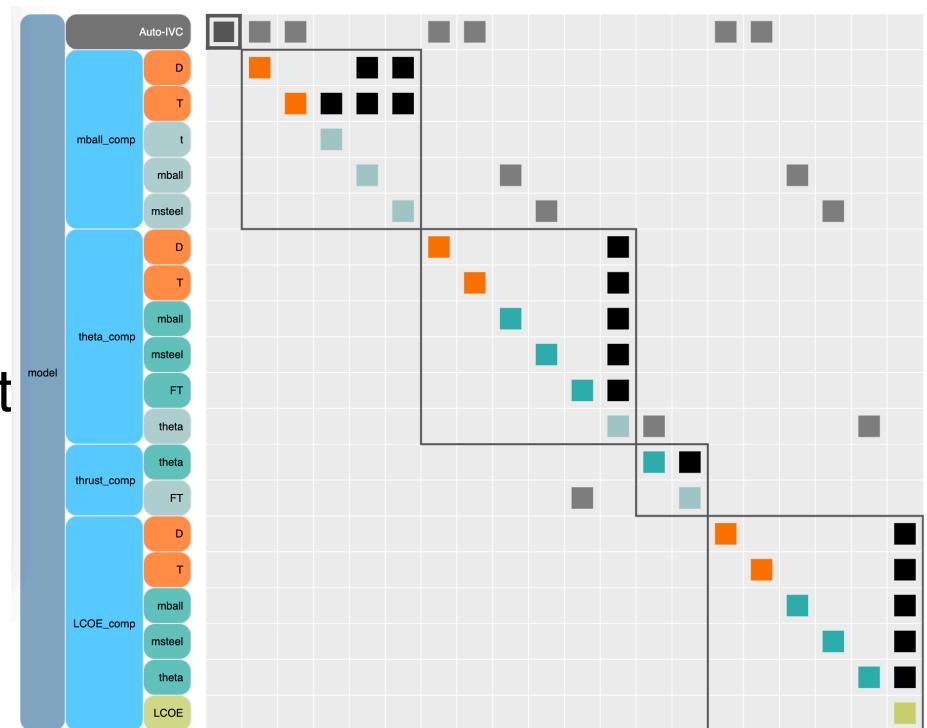
Component: computeLCOE 'LCOE_comp'

'<output>' wrt '<variable>' | calc mag. | check mag. | a(cal-chk) | r(cal-chk)

'LCOE'	wrt 'D'	2.5000e-02	2.5000e-02	2.3283e-11	9.3132e-10
'LCOE'	wrt 'LCOE'	1.0000e+00	1.0000e+00	2.9104e-11	2.9104e-11
'LCOE'	wrt 'T'	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	0.0000e+00	nan
'LCOE'	wrt 'mball'	1.0000e-07	1.0000e-07	7.6145e-13	7.6144e-06 >REL_TOL
'LCOE'	wrt 'msteel'	2.0000e-06	2.0000e-06	1.5229e-11	7.6144e-06 >REL_TOL
'LCOE'	wrt 'theta'	1.4928e+01	1.4928e+01	2.9219e-11	1.9573e-12

Lab # 1 : Spar LCOE continued

- Switch to the Gauss-Seidel or Jacobi solver
 - What happens when you run the model?
Why?
- Try writing an explicit LCOE component
 - Trivial here, but this isn't always true
 - Try the block solvers again
 - Look at the new N2 diagram



Lunch

12:00 – 13:00

Optimization in OpenMDAO

Starting at 13:00

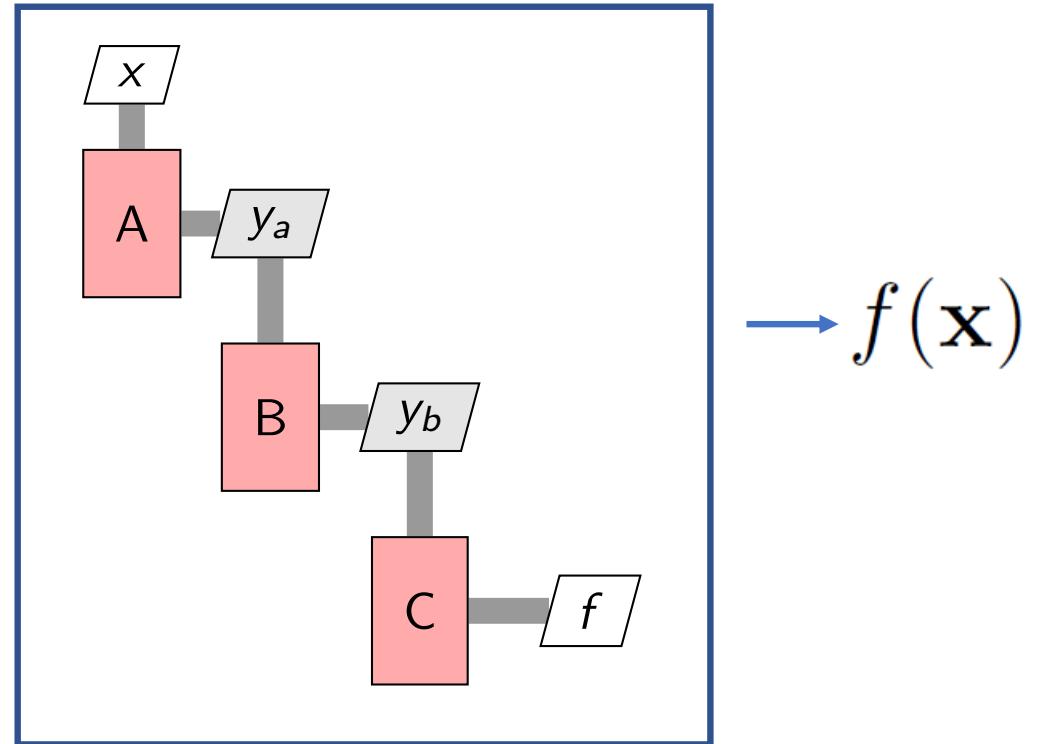
Optimization with and without analytic derivatives

- 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:

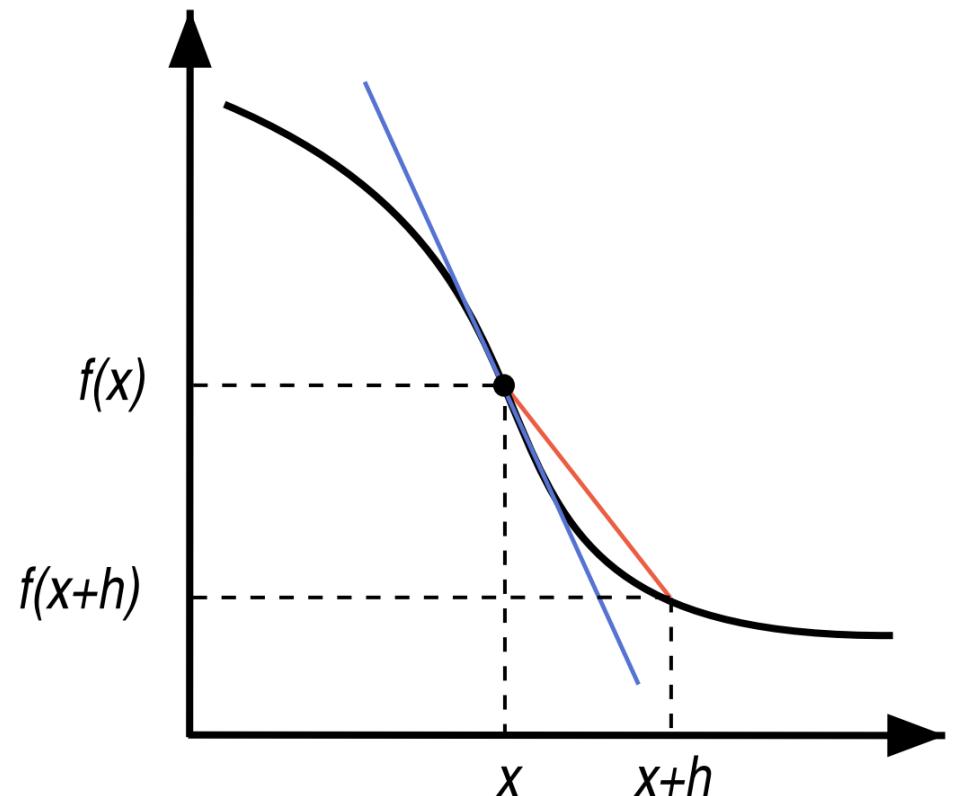
$$\frac{df(\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}}$$

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Finite difference is easy

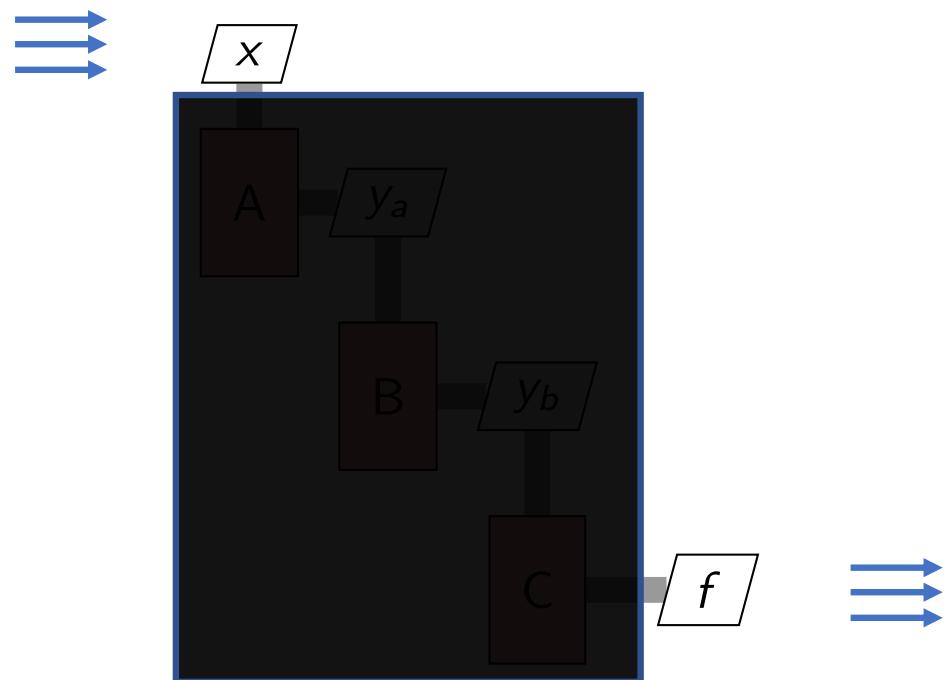
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\mathbf{F}(x + e_j h) - \mathbf{F}(x)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

$f(x + h)$	+1.234567890123431
$f(x)$	+1.234567890123456
Δf	-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



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

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.

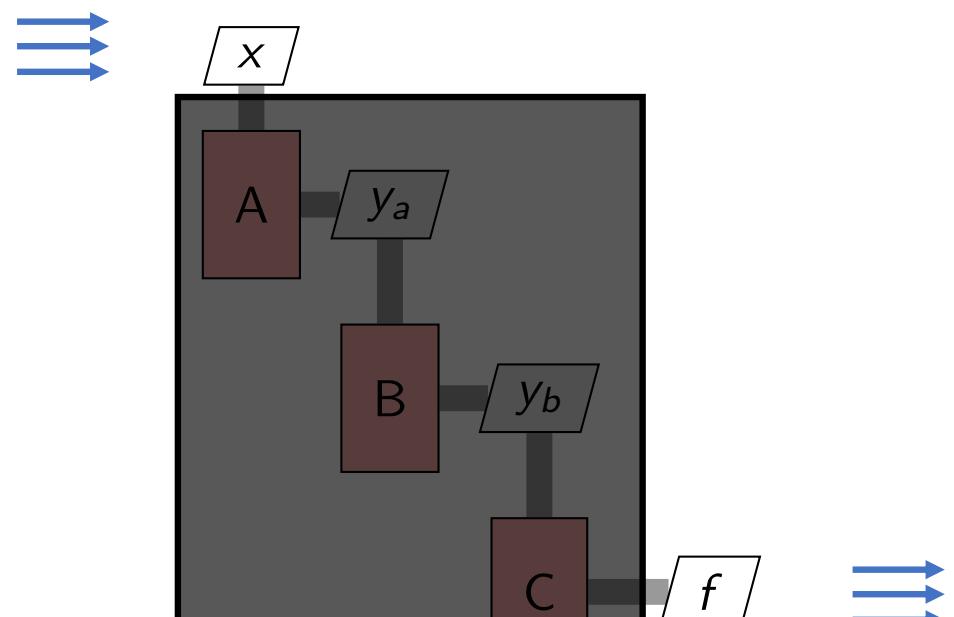
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C. Marriage and Martins, J. R. R. A. “Reconfigurable Semi-Analytic Sensitivity Methods and MDO Architectures Within the πMDO Framework”, in *Proceedings of the 12th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization Conference*, Victoria, BC, 2008.

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

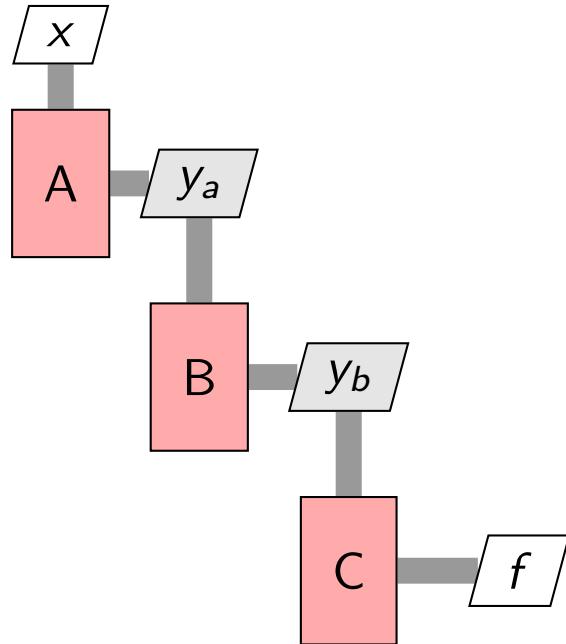
- Treats your models as a gray-box (might require code modification)
- Even more expensive
- Some functions are tricky...
 - `min()`, `max()`, `abs()` can cause issues

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



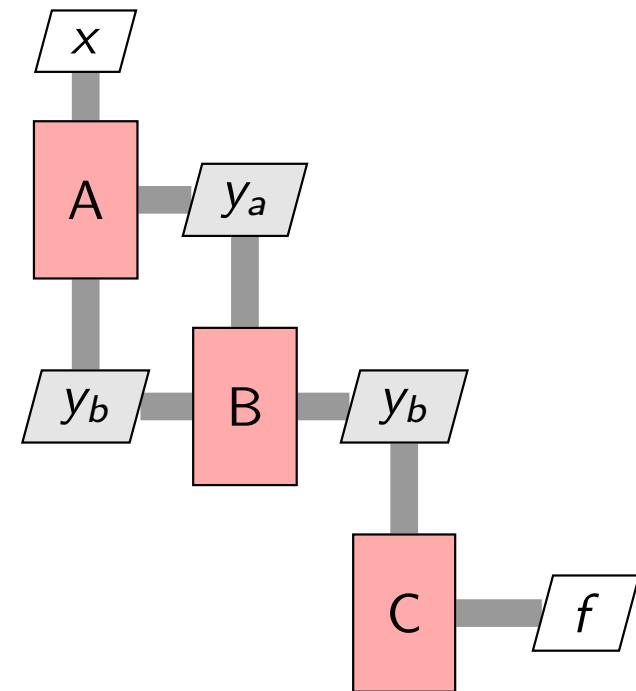
[Martins et al., ACM TOMS, 2003]

Analytic derivatives are both fast and accurate!

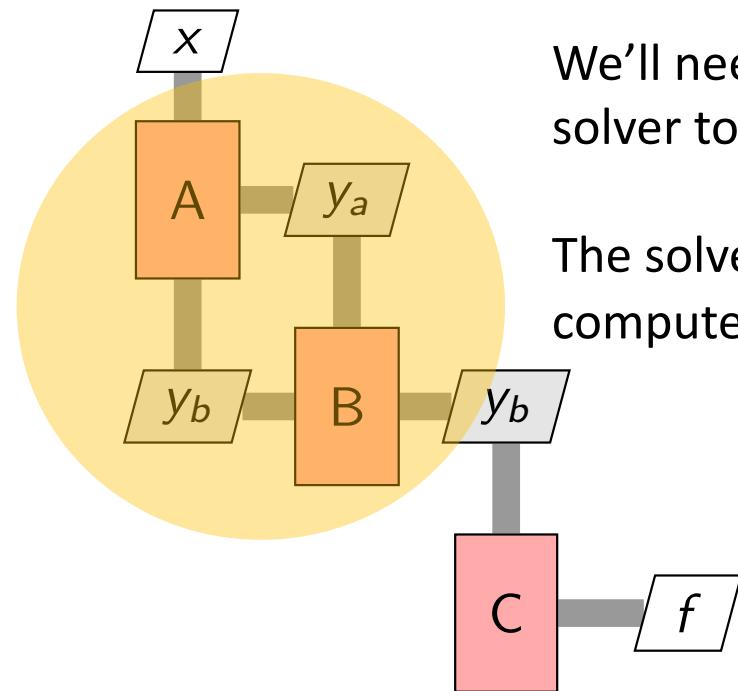


$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_b} \frac{\partial y_b}{\partial y_a} \frac{\partial y_a}{\partial x}$$

What about models with coupling?



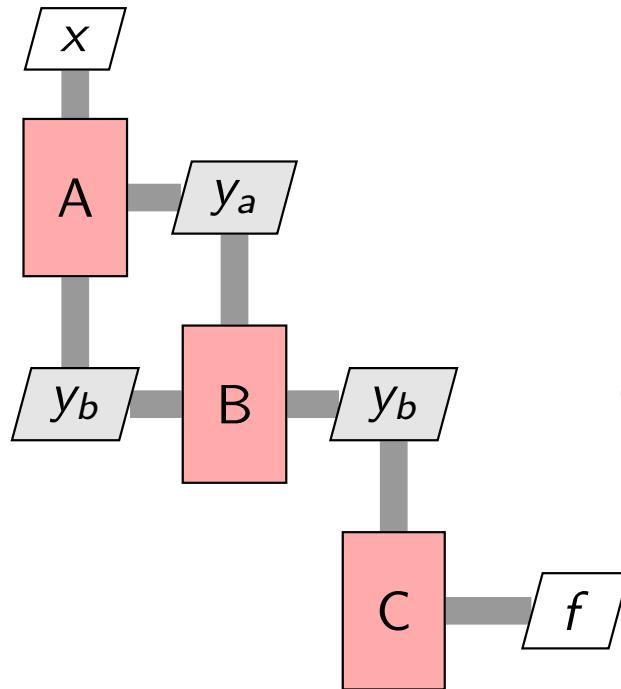
How do you differentiate through this convergence loop?



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

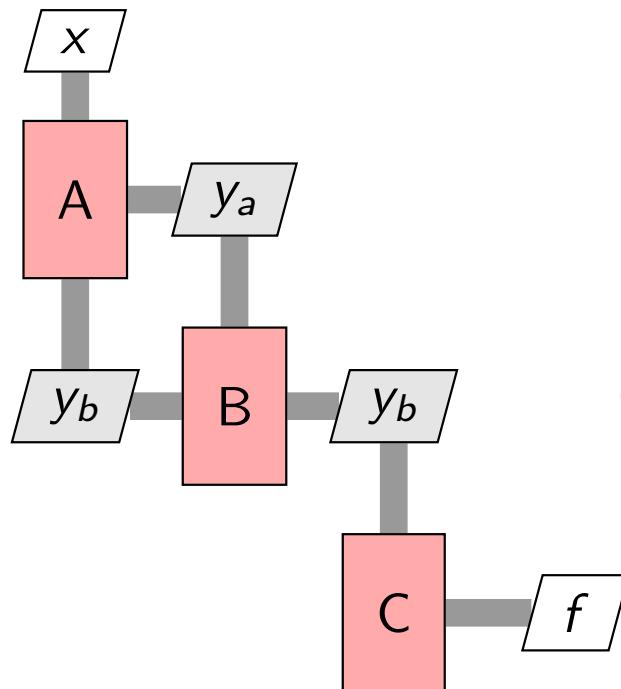
The solver loop changes the way you compute analytic derivatives

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



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

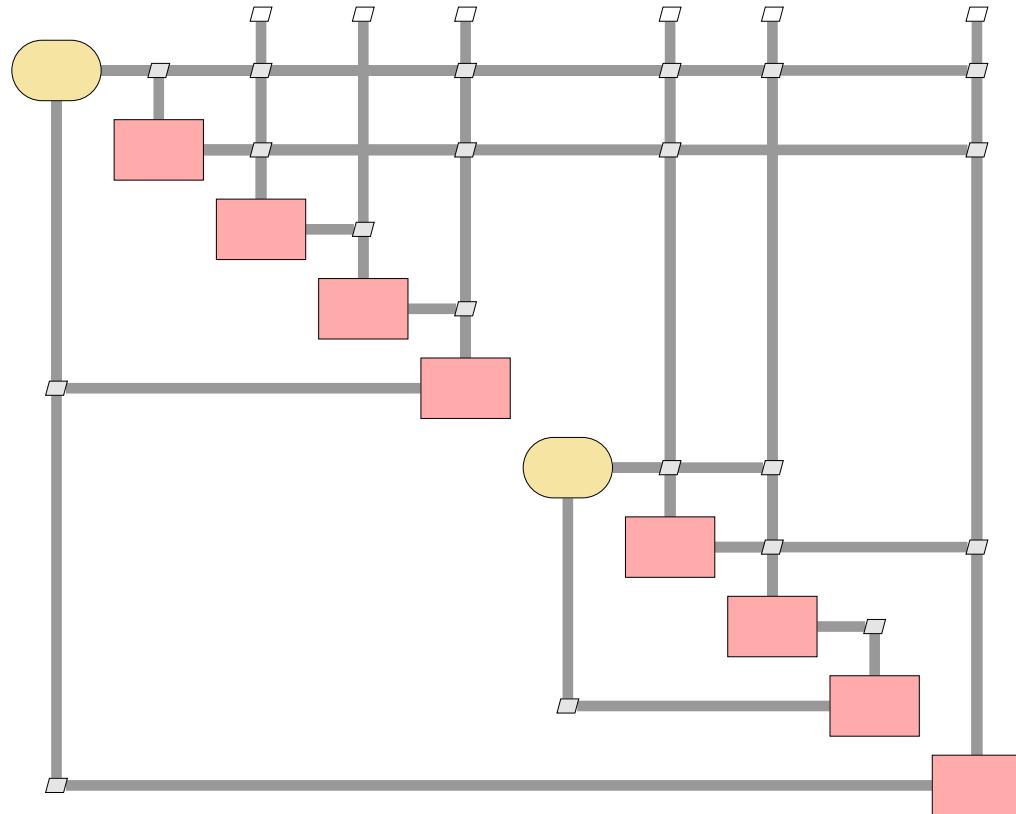
How do compute these extra terms?



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

These terms will be
computed using adjoints!

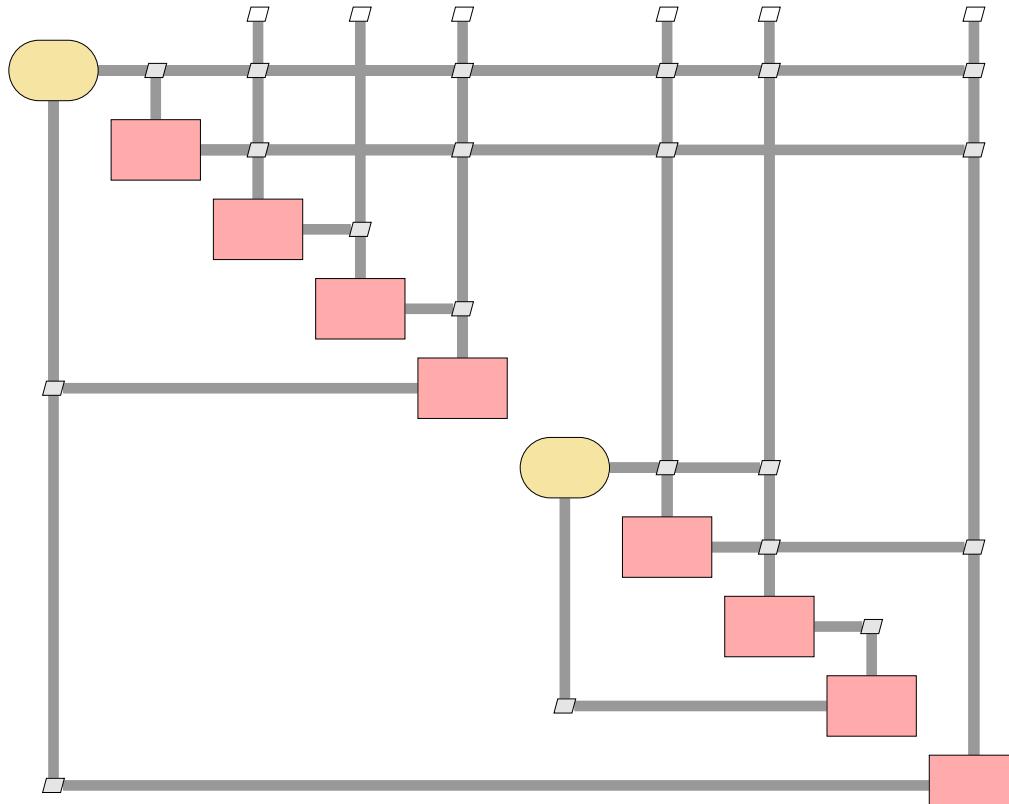
When models get really big ... have fun!



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

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

OpenMDAO can compute these total derivatives for you, automatically!

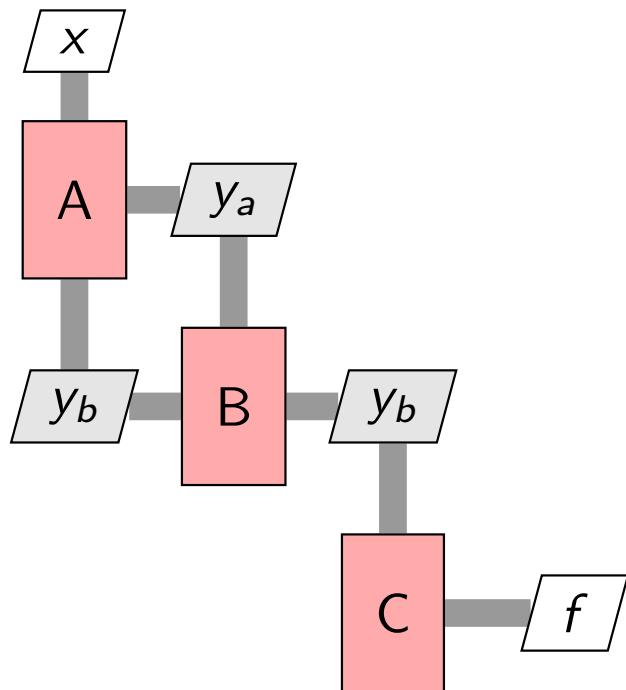


$\frac{df}{dx} = [\text{ask OpenMDAO}]$

For a deep dive on the math:

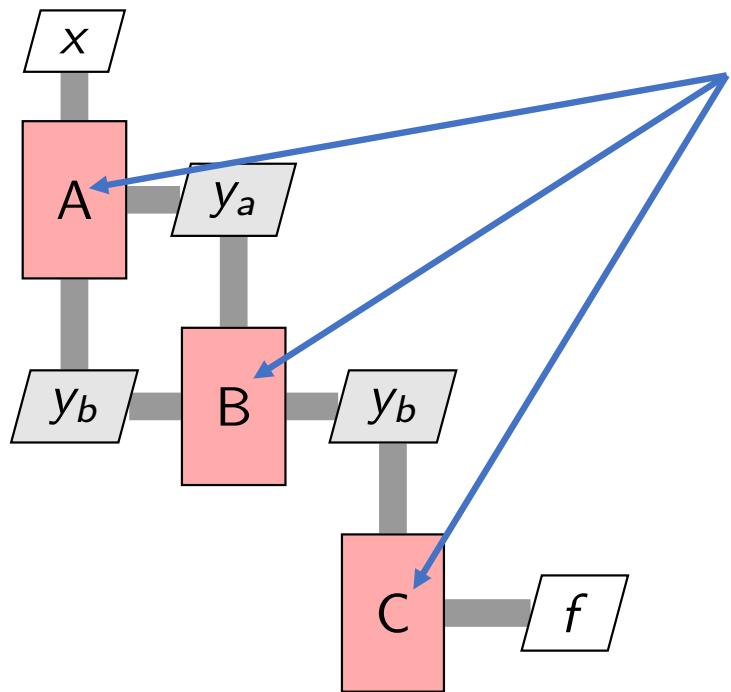
[Martins and Hwang 2013]
[Hwang and Martins 2018]

OpenMDAO splits total derivative computation into two steps



- 1) Computing the partial derivatives for each component
- 2) Solving a linear system for total derivatives

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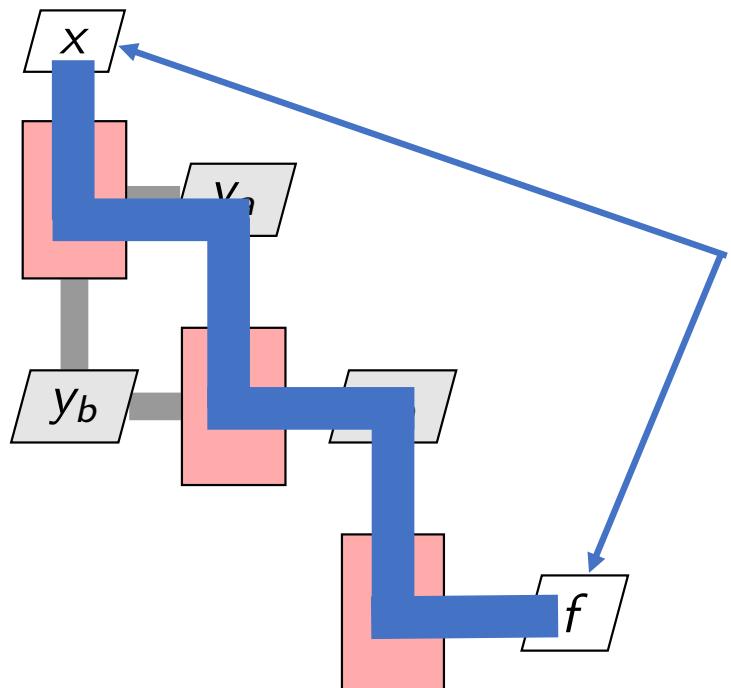


1) Computing the partial derivatives for each component

- 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

```
prob = om.Problem()
indeps = prob.model.add_subsystem('indeps', om.IndepVarComp(), promotes=['*'])
indeps.add_output('a', val=0.5)
indeps.add_output('Area', val=10.0, units='m**2')
indeps.add_output('rho', val=1.225, units='kg/m**3')
indeps.add_output('Vu', val=10.0, units='m/s')

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

# setup the optimization
prob.driver = om.ScipyOptimizeDriver()
prob.driver.options['optimizer'] = 'SLSQP' ← ScipyOptimizeDriver is what most people will use on Windows

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

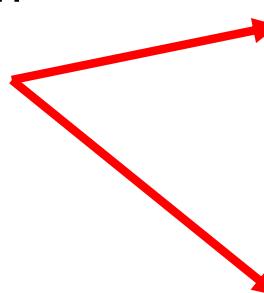
Optimization

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")

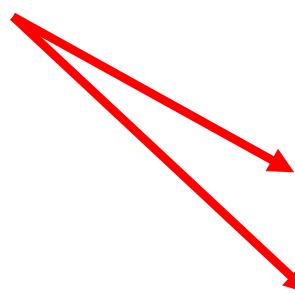
prob.driver.add_recorder(recorder)
prob.driver.recording_options['includes'] = []
prob.driver.recording_options['record_objectives'] = True
prob.driver.recording_options['record_constraints'] = True
prob.driver.recording_options['record_desvars'] = True

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

- Check out the other examples on your own!

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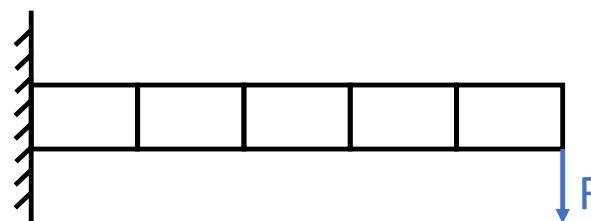
Examples

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 :ref:[User Guide <UserGuide>](#).

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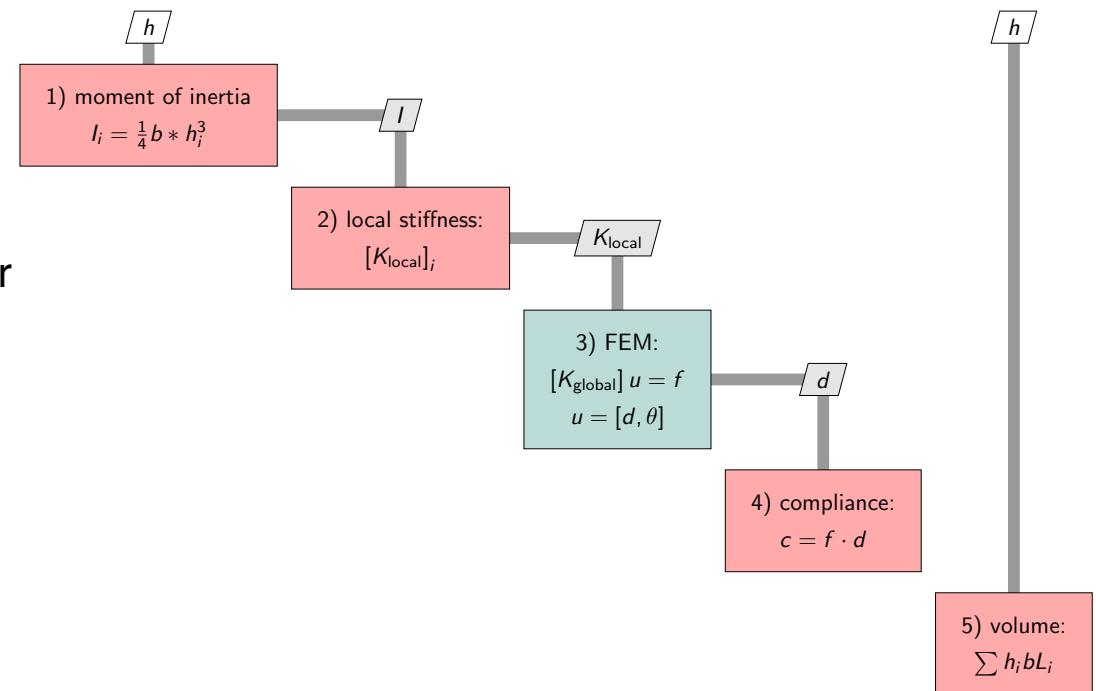
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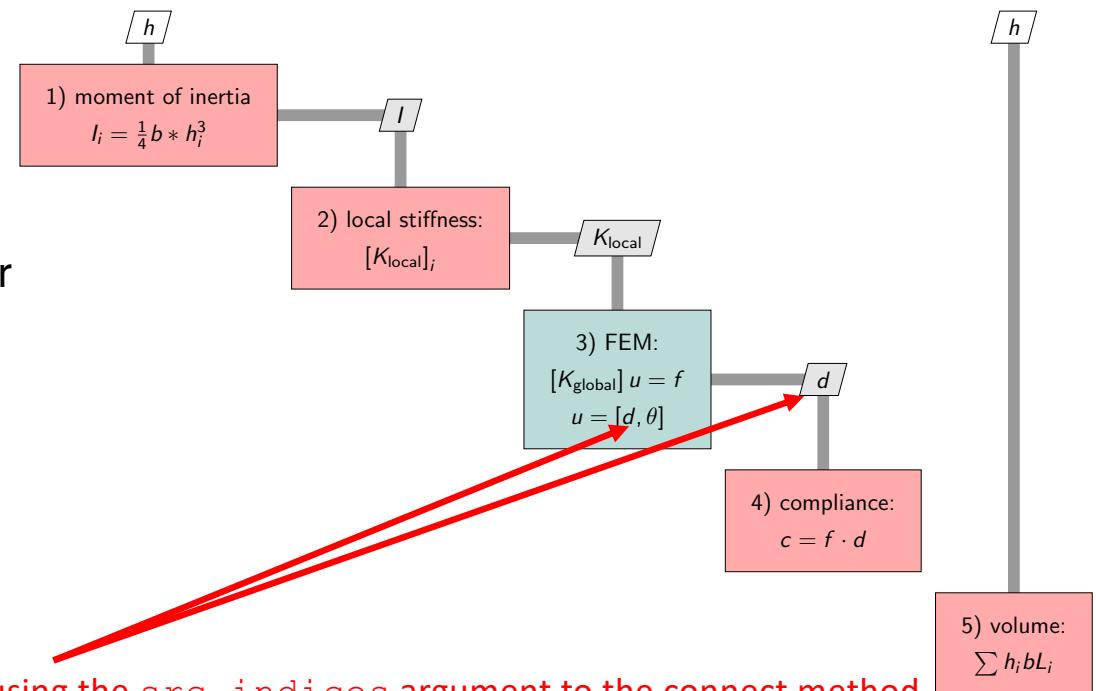
Lab #2: Simple FEM in 5 steps!

- 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!

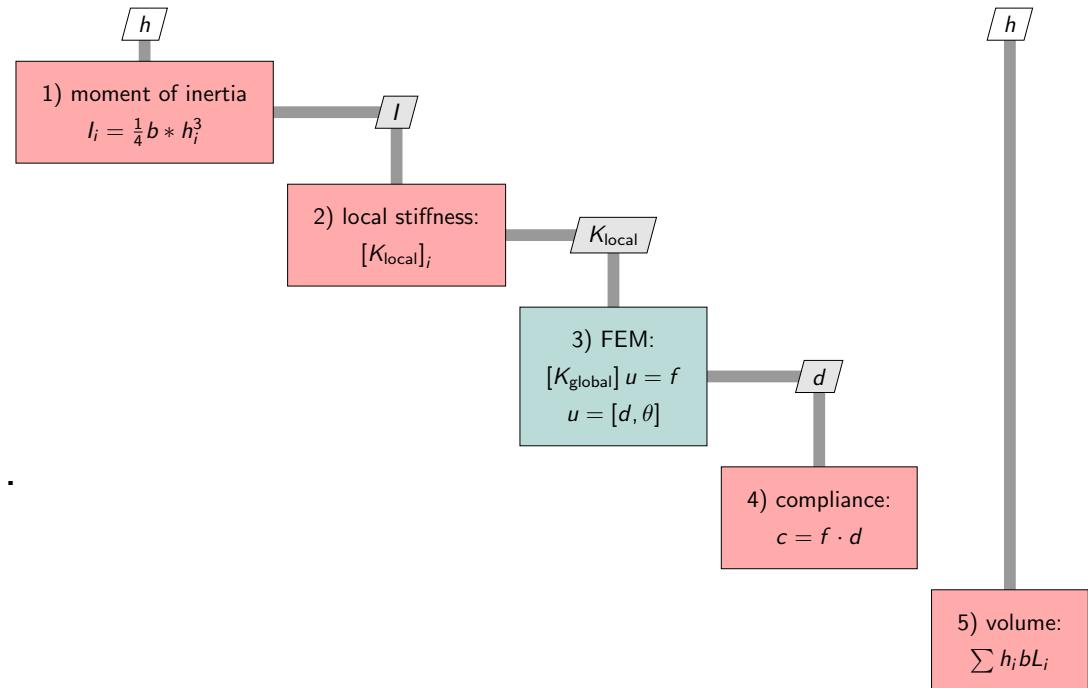
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using the `src_indices` argument to the `connect` method,
you can extract just the relevant portion of the state vector for the
compliance calculation

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?



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

Questions?

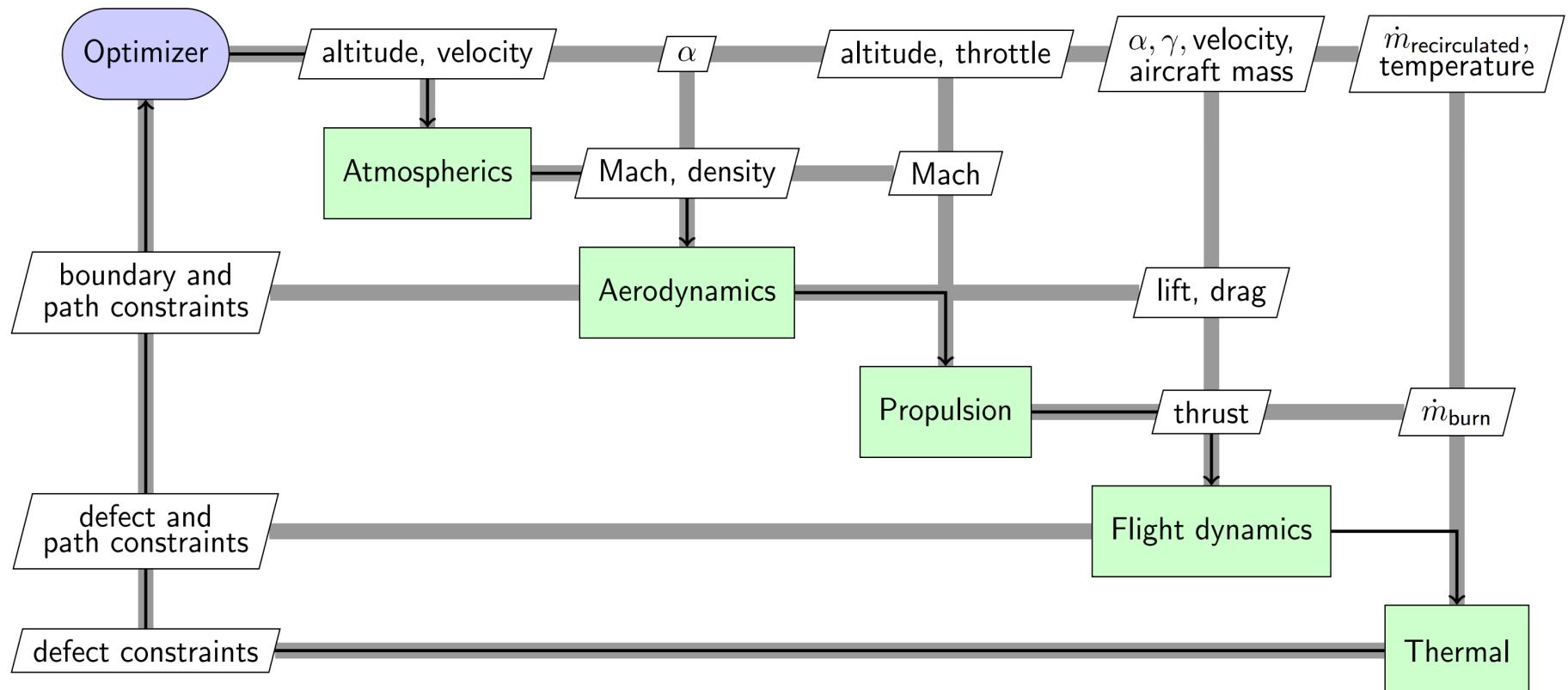
Advanced Topics

- 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,...)

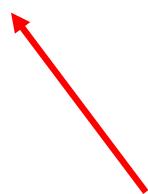
Sparse Jacobian indices for vector input and vector output

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']))
```



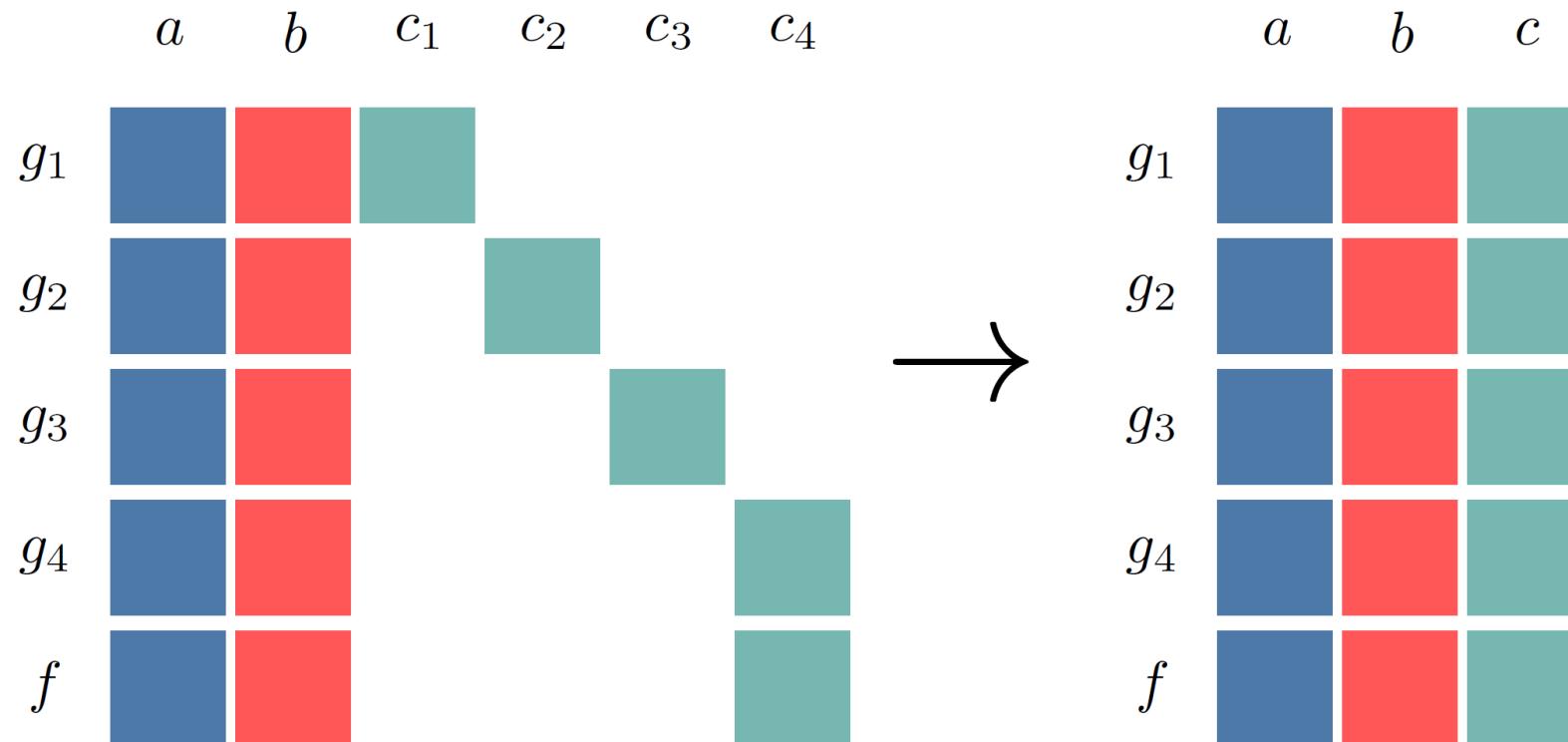
Many flight conditions computed at once using vectorized computation

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

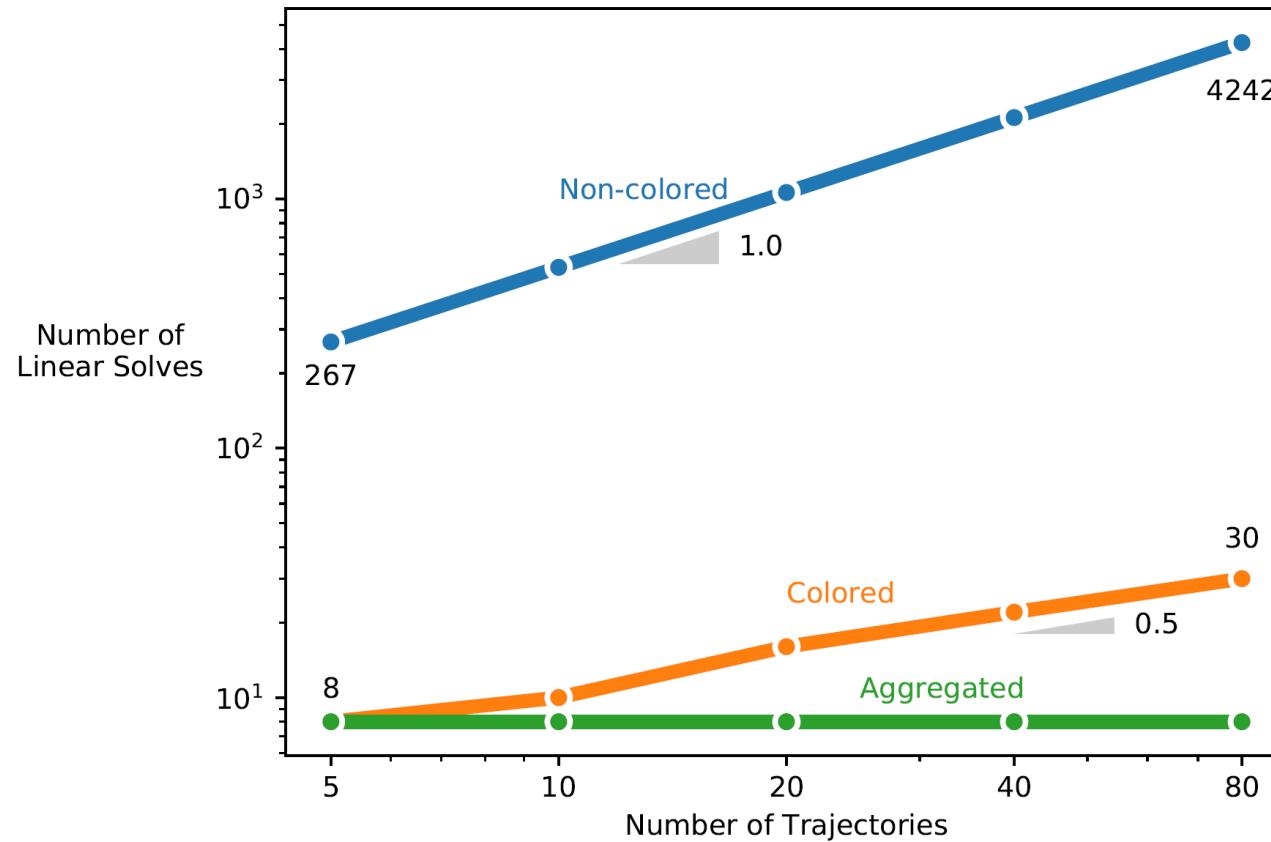
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Getting system derivatives efficiently: automatic Jacobian coloring



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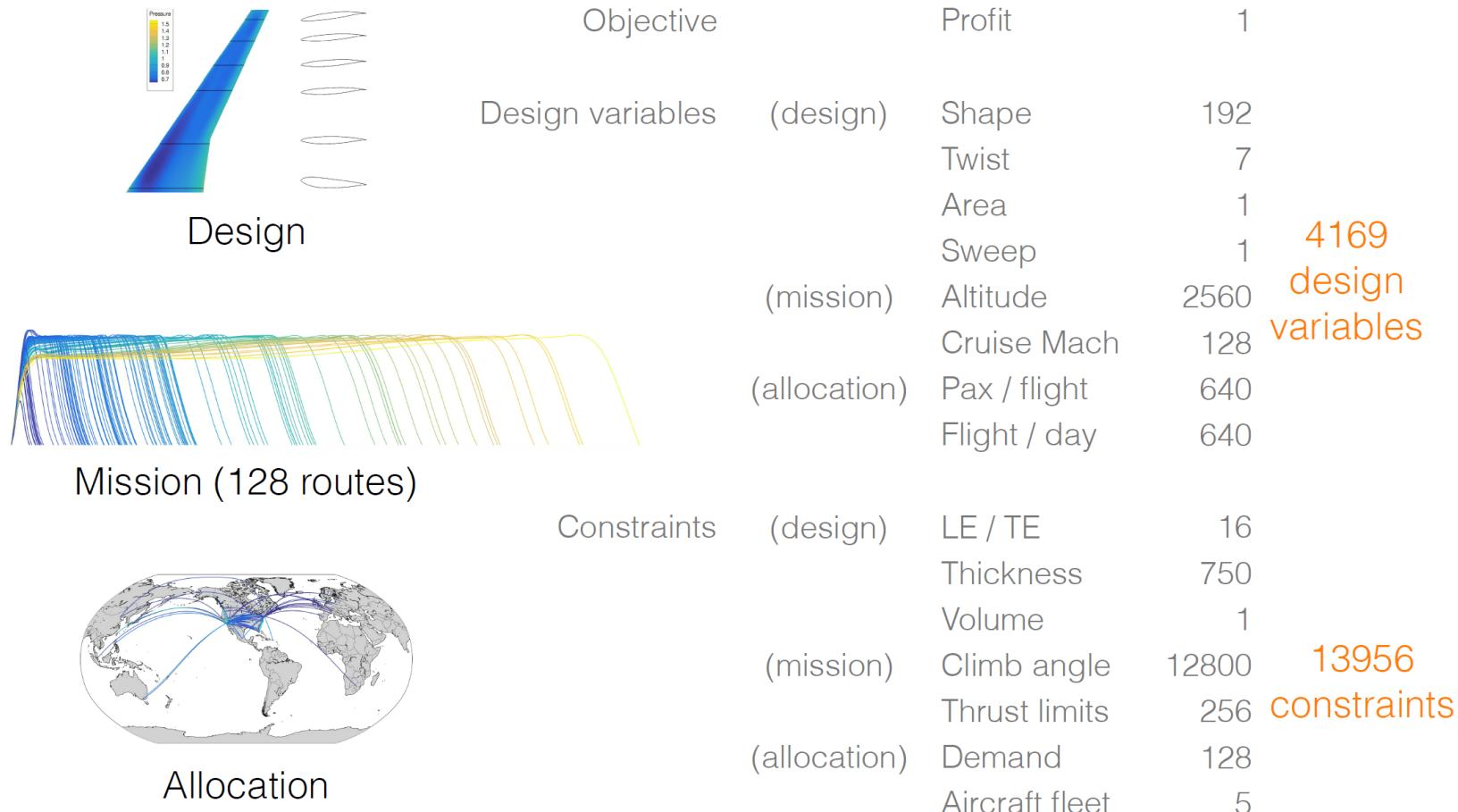
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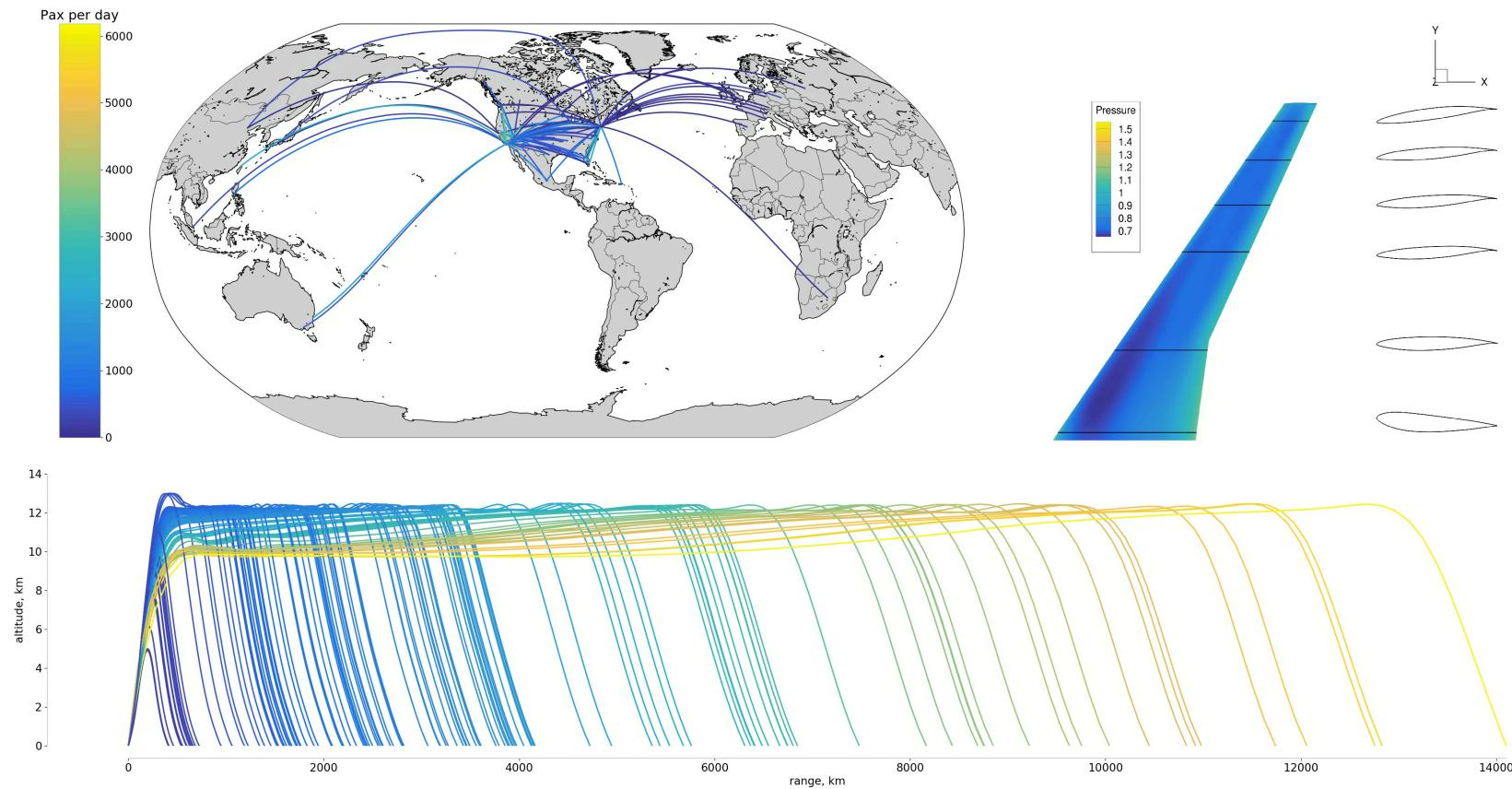
High-fidelity and expensive tools

- 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

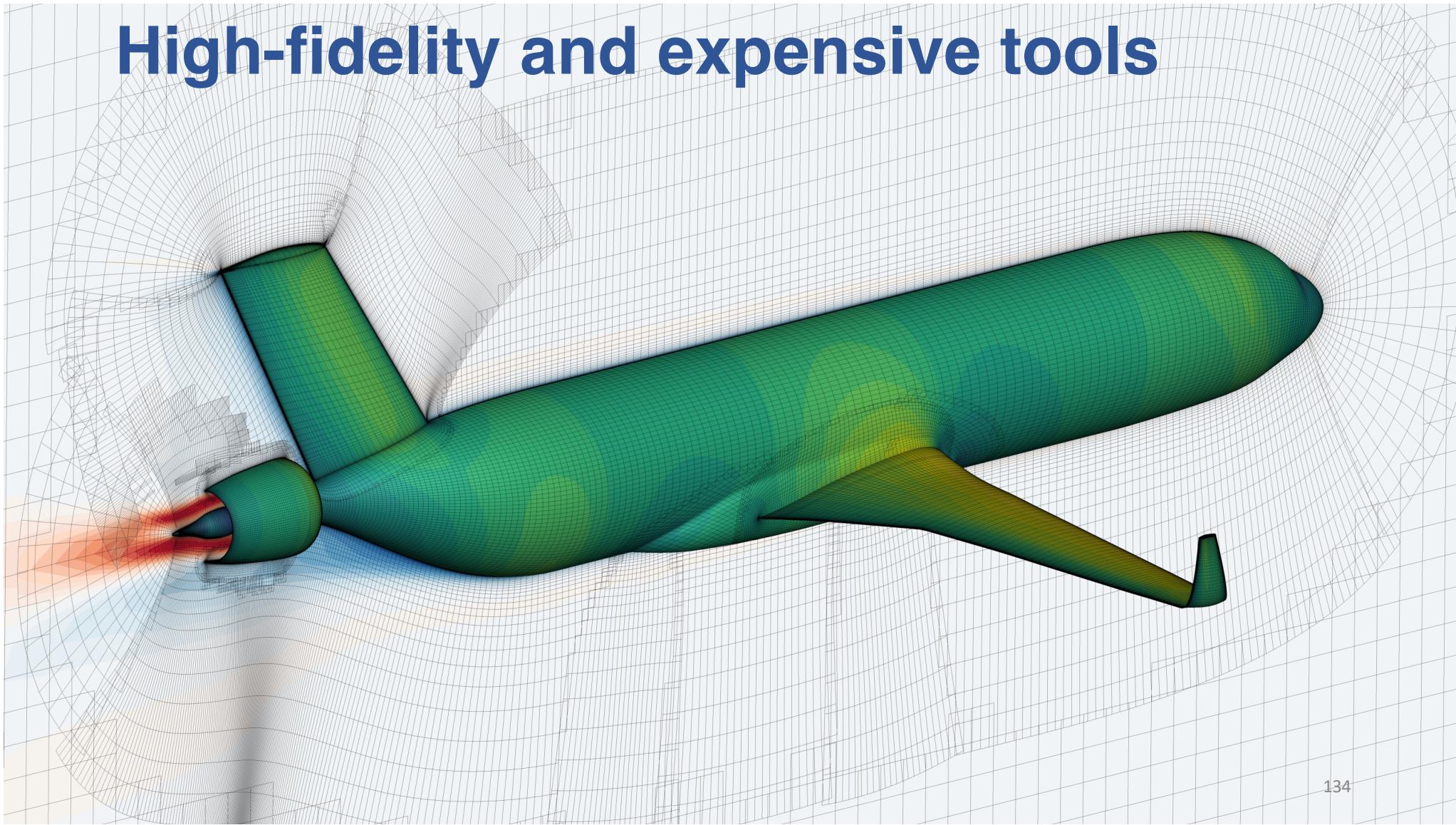


High-fidelity and expensive tools



[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

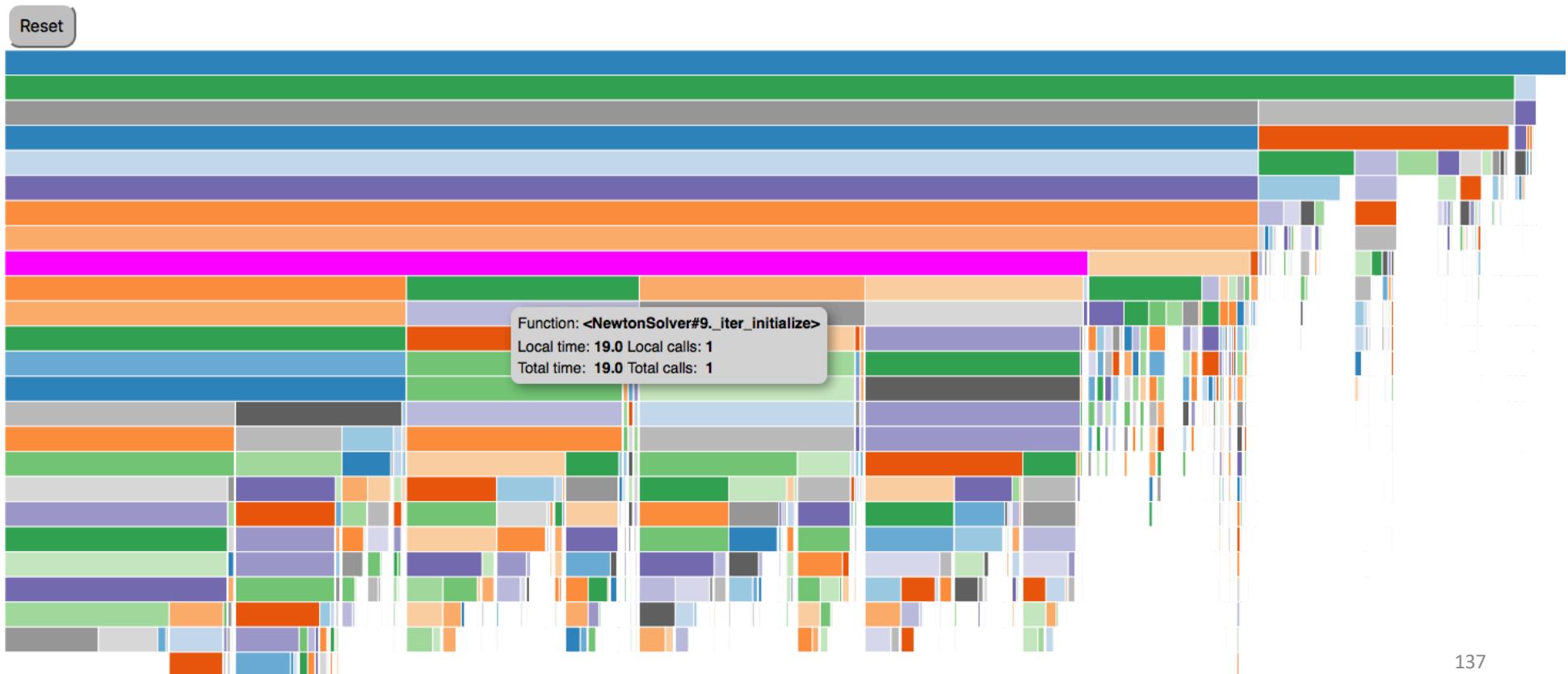
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Connection viewer: openmdao view_connections <file.py>

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

Instance Profile for propulsor.py



Call tracing: openmdao call_tree <method>

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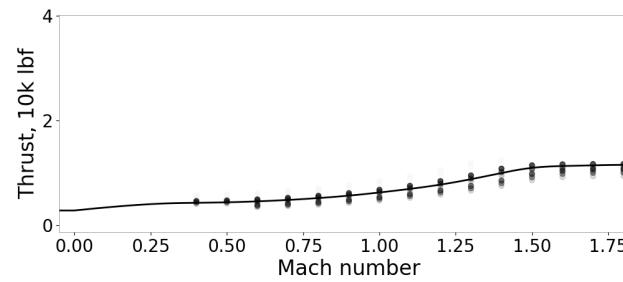
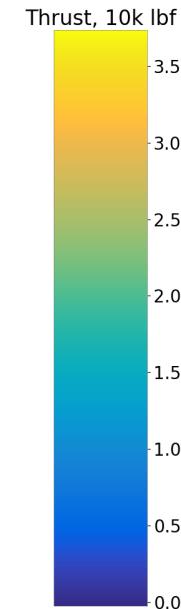
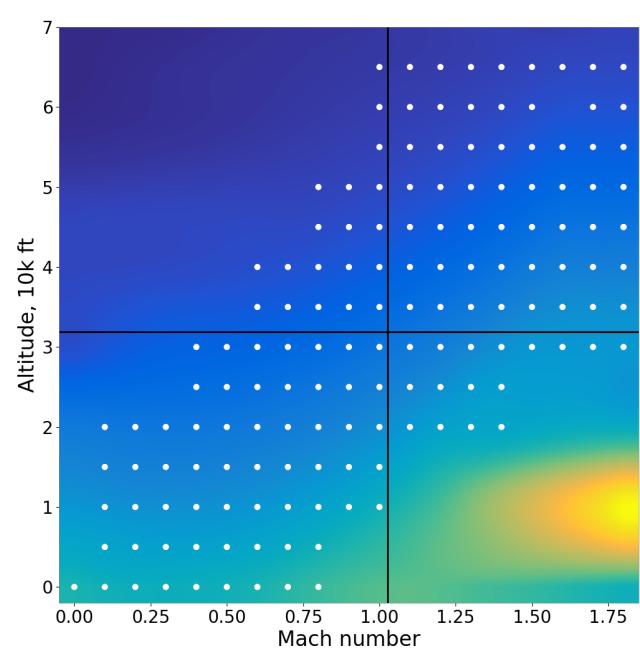
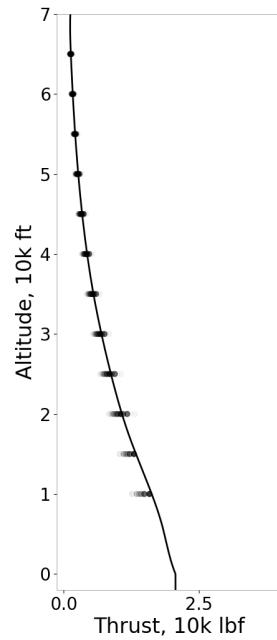
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        BlockLinearSolver._iter_get_norm
    Solver._mpi_print
    LinearBlockGS._single_iteration
    LinearSolver._run_apply
    BlockLinearSolver._iter_get_norm
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Surrogate modeling

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

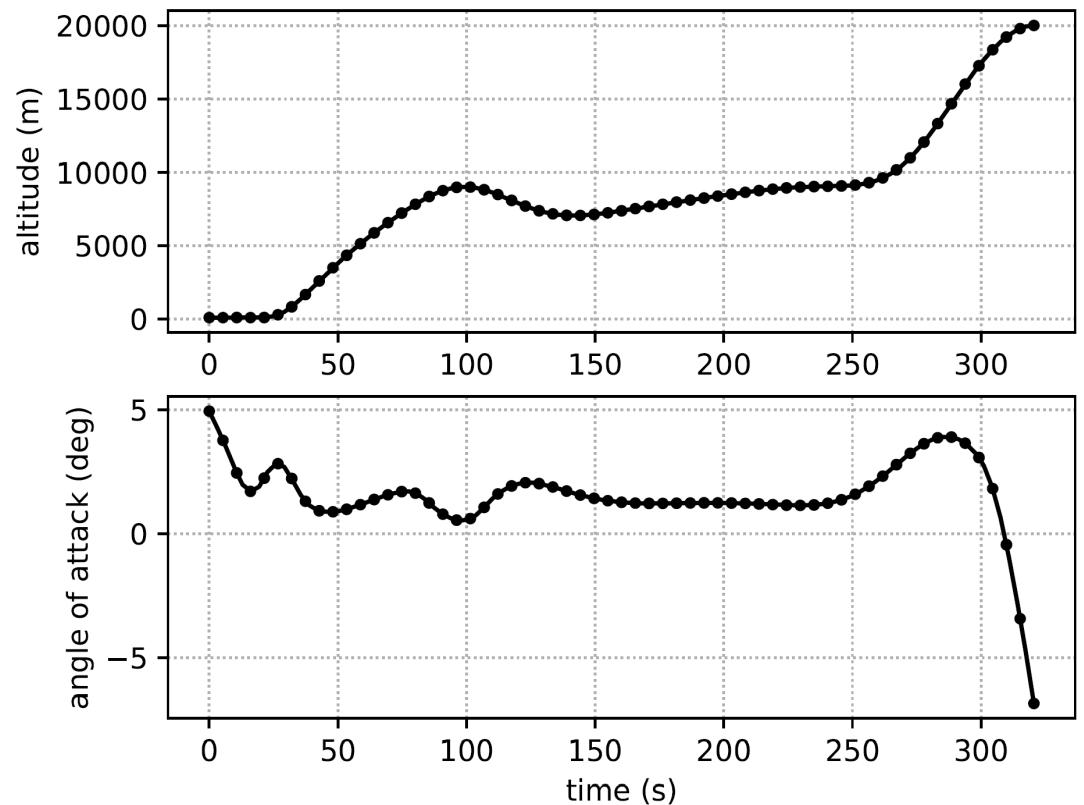
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Surrogate modeling



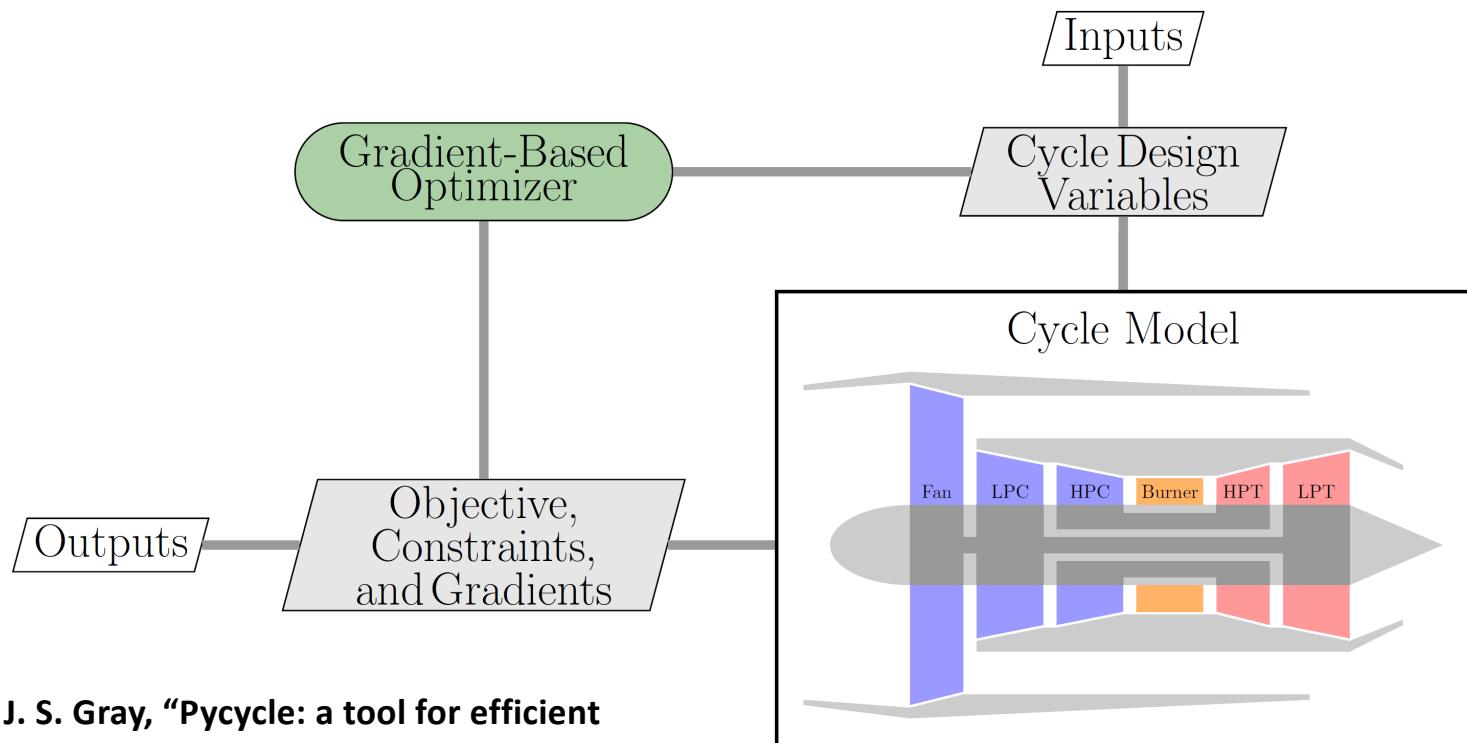
Trajectory optimization: Dymos

- *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.

<https://github.com/openmdao/pycycle>

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