

Master of Aerospace Engineering - Research Project

# HALE AEROECODESIGN

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## OUTLINE

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- RESULTS
- CONCLUSION

# GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- Refine a modified version of OpenAeroStruct presented in [1]
- MDO of a HALE to minimize the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint
  - MDO ➤ Multidisciplinary Design Optimization
  - HALE ➤ High-Altitude Long Endurance Drone
- Compromise solution between:
  - Convergence of the optimization ➤ Efficiency
  - Complexity of the model ➤ Realistic



Fig. 1: PHASA-35 HALE

[1] E. Duriez and J. Morlier, "Hale multidisciplinary design optimization with a focus on eco-material selection," ISAE Supaero, 2020.

## MILESTONES OF THE PROJECT

- Task 1: Add a constraint on the wing surface ✓
- Task 2: Fix some design variables ✓
- Task 3: Turn material function into OpenMDAO component ✓
- Task 4: Set different materials for different parts of the wing
- Task 5: Introduce a more complex buckling model
- Task 6: Add engines as point masses ✓
- Task 7: Model a two dimensional discrete gust

## ADD A CONSTRAINT ON THE WING SURFACE

- Reduce snowball effect ➤ Prevent the optimization from diverging
- Maximum wing surface threshold ➤ 200 m<sup>2</sup>

## FIX SOME DESIGN VARIABLES

- Make the problem more computationally efficient
  - Fix some optimization variables ➤ taper ratio, root chord...
  - Finally not used to compare the results in a better way

## TURN MATERIAL FUNCTION INTO OPENMDAO COMPONENT

- Component ➤ More efficient for gradient-based optimization
- Replace the existing function by the component
- Access to material properties database and interpolate:
  - Young's modulus (E)
  - Failure strength
  - Shear modulus (G)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Get to know the OpenMDAO methodology

## ADD ENGINES AS POINT MASSES

- Two symmetrical engines ➤ Two symmetrical point masses
- New design variable ➤ Engines location
- Same mass as FB single-boom HALE [2]
- Reduce the bending moment on the wing due to lift

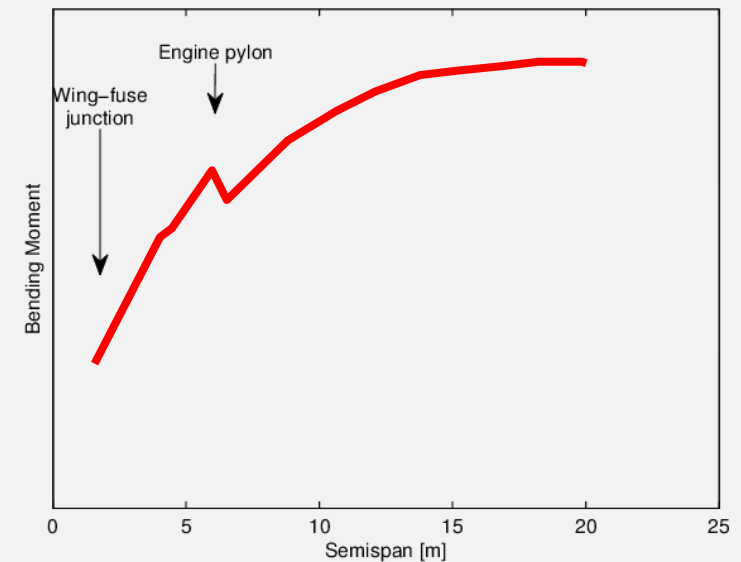


Fig. 2: Bending moment distribution along wing span

[2] D. Colas, N. H. Roberts, and V. S. Suryakumar, "Hale multidisciplinary design optimization part i: Solar-powered single and multiple-boom aircraft," in 2018 AviationTechnology, Integration, and Operations Conference, p. 3028, 2018.

# RESULTS

Table 1: Design variable values for validation case

Variable	Units	HALE of [1]	FB HALE [2]	Results w/o engines	Results w/ engines
Span	m	97.5	-	93.5	73.7
Root chord	m	1.4	-	1.4	1.4
Taper ratio	-	0.32	-	0.33	0.30
Total mass	kg	378	320	435	392
Wing surface	m <sup>2</sup>	86.6	71.8	83.4	64.3
Aspect ratio	-	94	29	105	84
$C_{L \text{ cruise}}$	-	1.31	1.33	1.56	1.83
$(C_L^{3/2}/C_D)_{\text{cruise}}$	-	44.1	40.1	57.8	75.3

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## RESULTS

Table 2: Performance values of the optimization for validation

Performance	Units	HALE of [1]	Results w/o engines	Results w/ engines
Cases	-	24	24	24
Convergences	-	7	12	9
Time	h	2	3	2

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## CONCLUSIONS

- Without engines ➤ Better convergence and better results than in [1]
- With engines ➤ Worse convergence than without engines but better results
- Same differences with respect to [2] as in [1] ➤ Very high aspect ratio
- Need for 1-cosine gust and more complex buckling model

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