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Progettazione di veicoli
aerospaziali (AA-LZ)

E2. Conceptual Design of hybrid-
electric aircraft

14. **Weights update, TLARs & AVL**

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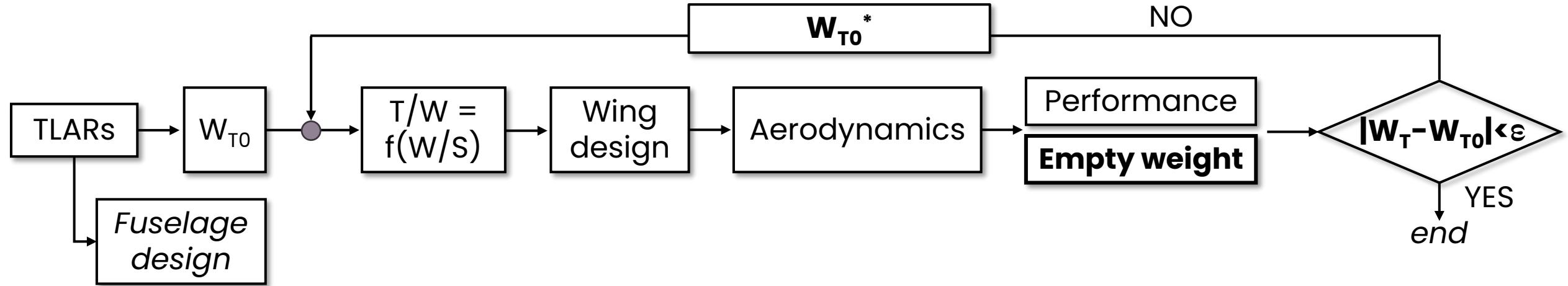
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Part I: Weights update



Operating empty weight



The **operating empty weight** is the weight of the airplane in a condition **ready to fly**, but with **no fuel or payload** yet taken on board.



Operating empty weight

Aircraft operating empty weight

Structural mass

Wing
Tail
Fuselage
Landing gear

Propulsion

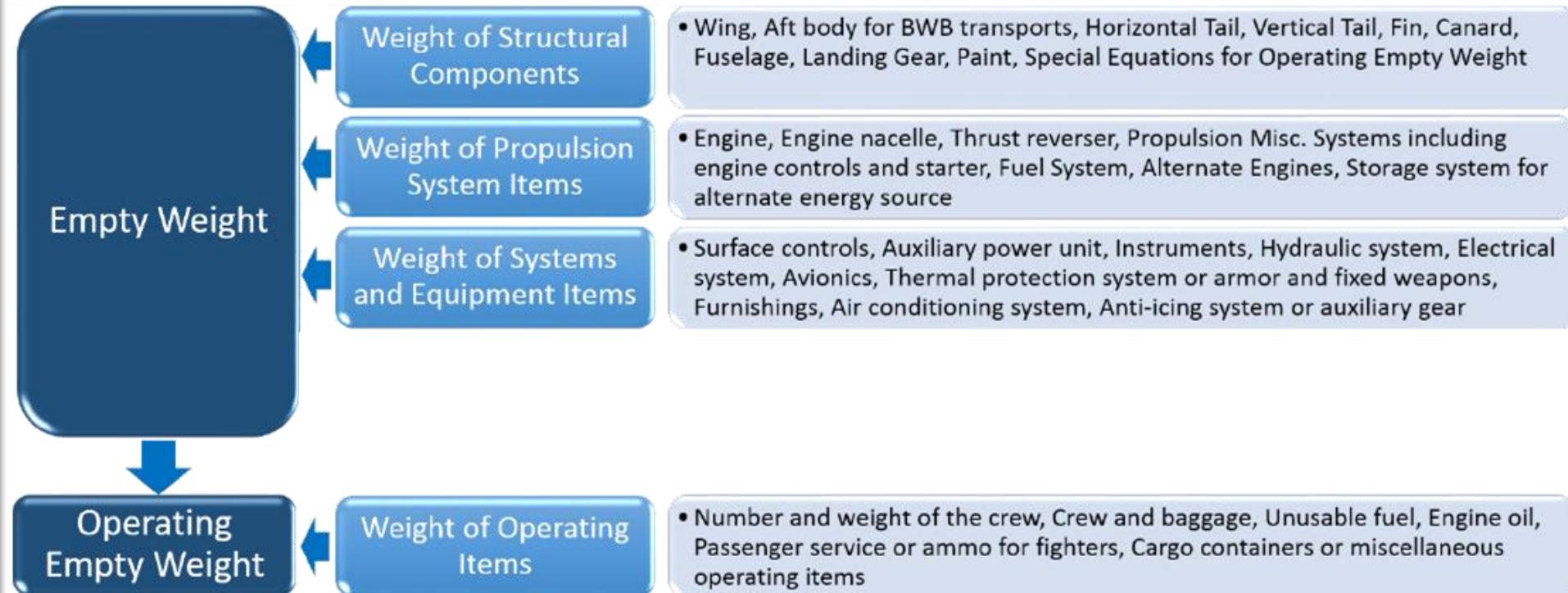
Engine and Nacelle

Systems

Fuel, Hydraulic,
Electric, Pneumatic,
Anti-icing, Instruments,
Avionics, Engine

Operating

Furnishing, Services
Crew and attendants





Operating empty weight - Powertrain

Aircraft operating empty weight

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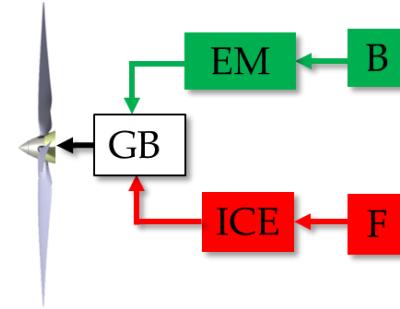
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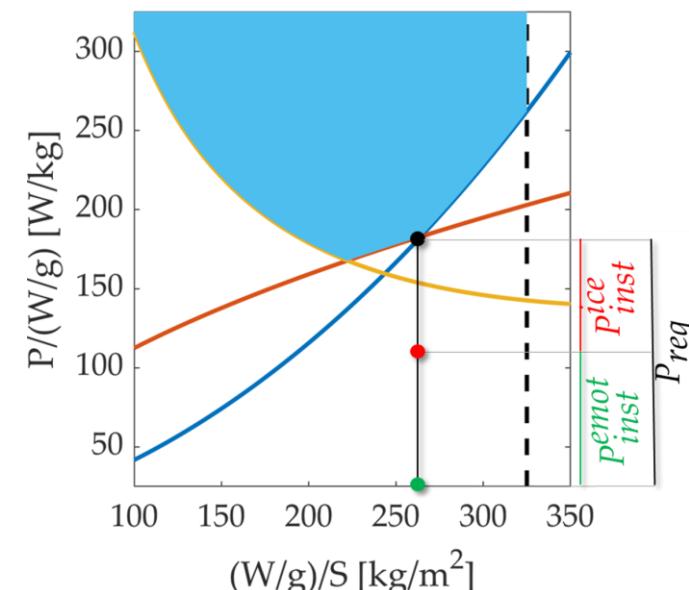
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- Take-off
- Climb
- Cruise
- - - Landing
- Design space area



$$H_P = \frac{P_{inst}^{emot}}{P_{inst}^{ice} + P_{inst}^{emot}}$$



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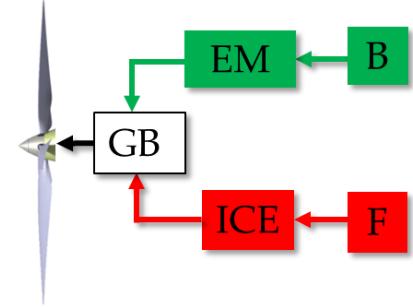
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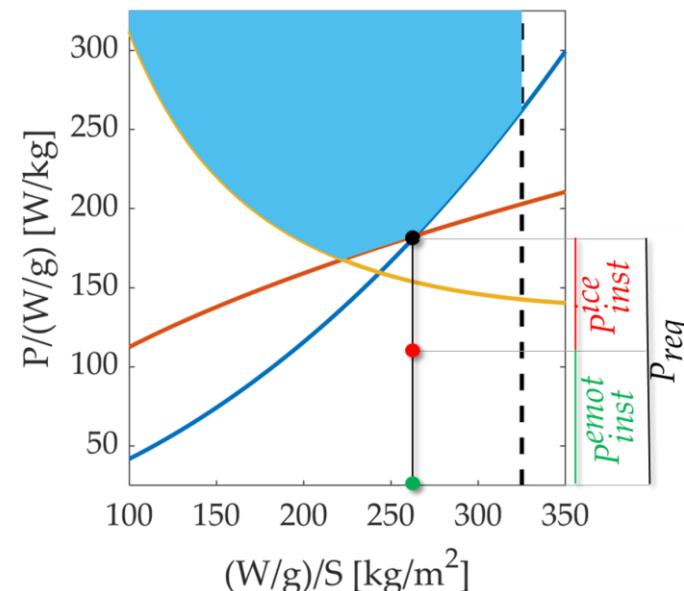
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Thermal Engine Update

$$W_{ice} = N_{prop} \frac{\frac{P_{inst}^{ice}}{N_{prop}} - 12970}{3878}$$

W_{ice} = mass of thermal engines [kg]

P_{inst}^{ice} = installed power of t. es. [W]



Operating empty weight - Engine

Aircraft operating empty weight

Structural mass

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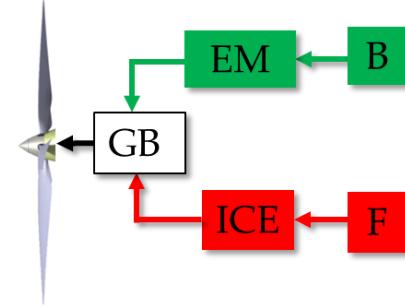
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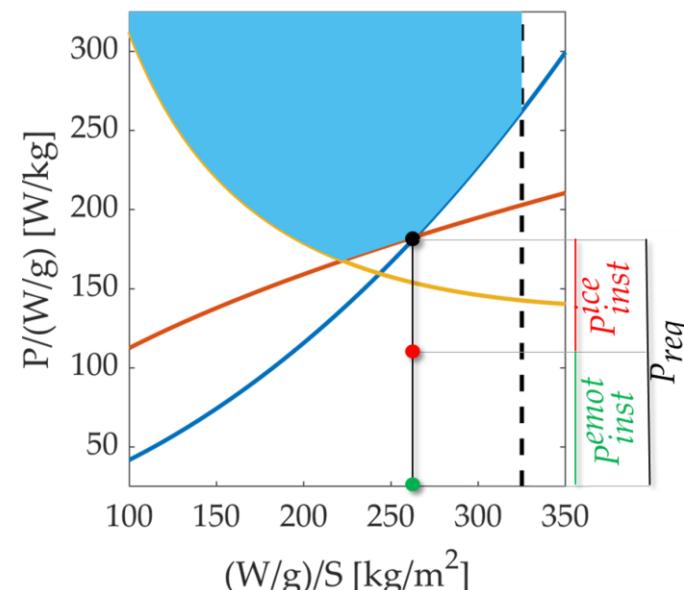
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Electric Motor (NEW!!)

$$W_{emot} = \frac{P_{inst}^{emot}}{EMPD}$$

W_{emot} = mass of electric motors [kg]

P_{inst}^{emot} = installed power of e.ms. [W]

$EMPD$ = electric motor power density [W/kg]

$EMPD = 16 \text{ kW/kg}$



Operating empty weight - Nacelle

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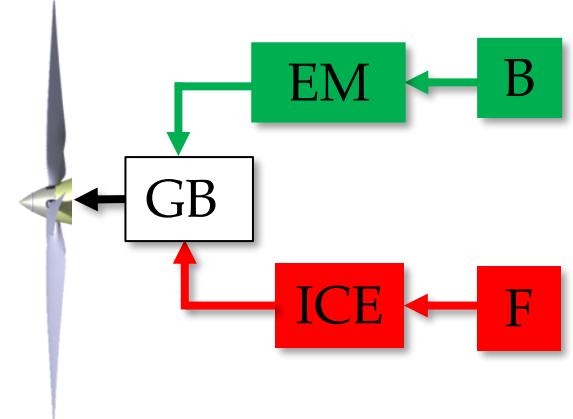
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Crew and attendants

$$W_{nac} = K \times (P_{inst}^{ice} + P_{inst}^{emot})$$

$$K = 0.14 \frac{lb}{hp}$$





Operating empty weight - Propeller

**Aircraft operating
empty weight**

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$$W_{prop} = 0.1256N_{prop} \left(12.0546 \frac{P_{inst}^{ice} + P_{inst}^{emot}}{N_{prop}} \right)^{0.782}$$

P_{inst}^{ice} = installed power of thermal engines [hp]

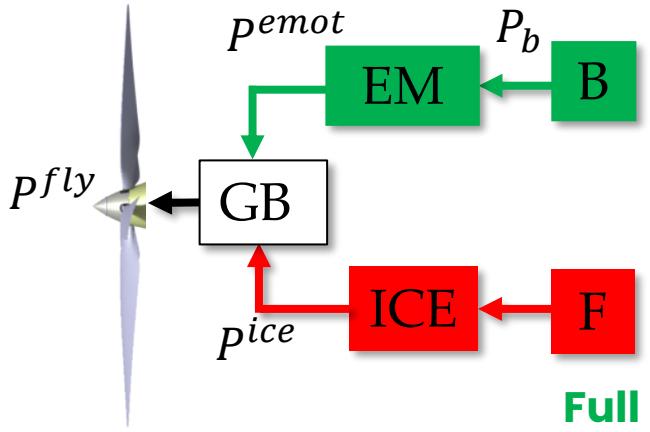
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W_{prop} = weight of propellers [lb]





Battery mass



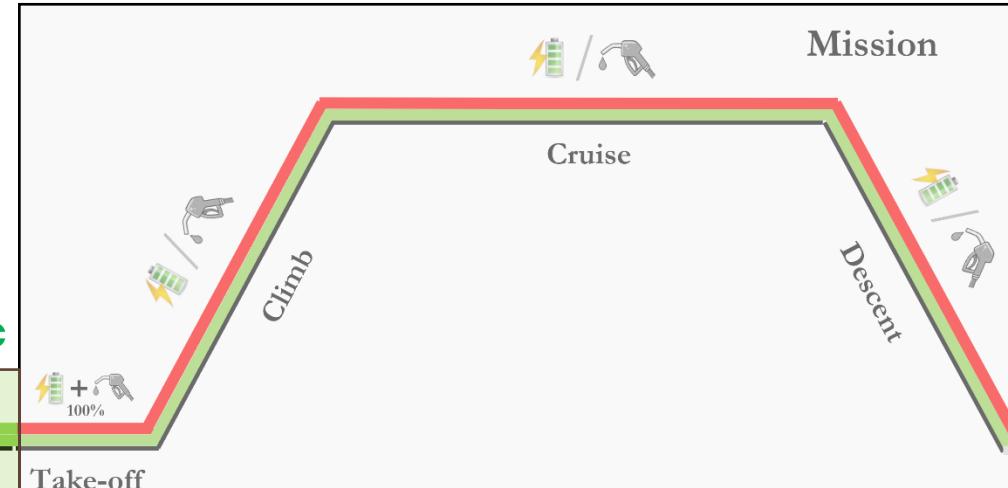
Full Electric



Taxi-out

Take-off

Hybrid power supply



Mission

Descent

Full Thermal

Full Electric

Landing

Landing

Taxi-in

$$\dot{W}(t_k) = -k_c \textcolor{red}{P_{ice}}(t_k)$$

$$\textcolor{red}{P_{ice}} = f(\Phi^{\text{ice}})$$

$$P_b = P_{emot} / (\eta_{em})$$

$$\dot{E}_b(t_k) = P_b(t_k)$$

Battery mass [kg]

$$W_b = \frac{\int_0^t P_b dt}{(SOC_{in} - SOC_{fin})BED}$$

100 %

20 %

Battery energy density [J/kg]



Part II: TLARs and DVs update



Group A TLARs

- **Number of seats:** 30
- **Mission range:** 500 nm
- **BFL:** 1100 m
- **Cruise Mach:** 0.40
- **Cruise altitude:** 20000 ft
- **Maximum wingspan:** 36 m
- **BED:** 500 Wh/kg (~2035)

Group B TLARs

- **Number of seats:** 25
- **Mission range:** 550 nm
- **BFL:** 1100 m
- **Cruise Mach:** 0.40
- **Cruise altitude:** 20000 ft
- **Maximum wingspan:** 36 m
- **BED:** 500 Wh/kg (~2035)

Group C TLARs

- **Number of seats:** 40
- **Mission range:** 600 nm
- **BFL:** 1100 m
- **Cruise Mach:** 0.40
- **Cruise altitude:** 20000 ft
- **Maximum wingspan:** 36 m
- **BED:** 650 Wh/kg (~2045)

Group D TLARs

- **Number of seats:** 50
- **Mission range:** 450 nm
- **BFL:** 1100 m
- **Cruise Mach:** 0.40
- **Cruise altitude:** 20000 ft
- **Maximum wingspan:** 36 m
- **BED:** 650 Wh/kg (~2045)



Other data

Group A other data

- **Cruise range:** 356 nm
- **fuel fraction:** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
- **Climb RoC:** 900 ft/min
- **Climb IAS:** 170 kt
- **Descent RoD:** -1110 ft/min
- **Descent IAS:** 220 kt

Group B other data

- **Cruise range:** 406 nm
- **fuel fraction :** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
- **Climb RoC:** 900 ft/min
- **Climb IAS:** 170 kt
- **Descent RoD:** -1110 ft/min
- **Descent IAS:** 220 kt

Group C other data

- **Cruise range:** 456 nm
- **fuel fraction :** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
- **Climb RoC:** 900 ft/min
- **Climb IAS:** 170 kt
- **Descent RoD:** -1110 ft/min
- **Descent IAS:** 220 kt

Group D other data

- **Cruise range:** 306 nm
- **fuel fraction :** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
- **Climb RoC:** 900 ft/min
- **Climb IAS:** 170 kt
- **Descent RoD:** -1110 ft/min
- **Descent IAS:** 220 kt



Other data

Group A other data

- **Cruise range:** 356 nm
- **fuel fraction :** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
- **Climb Roc:** 900 ft/min
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fuel fraction = $m_{fd}/MTOW$
 $a = 0.01221/t$
 $b = 15.6357$
 $20 \text{ t} < MTOW < 55 \text{ t}$

Group C other data

- **Cruise range:** 456 nm
- **fuel fraction :** $a \cdot MTOW + b$
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Group B other data

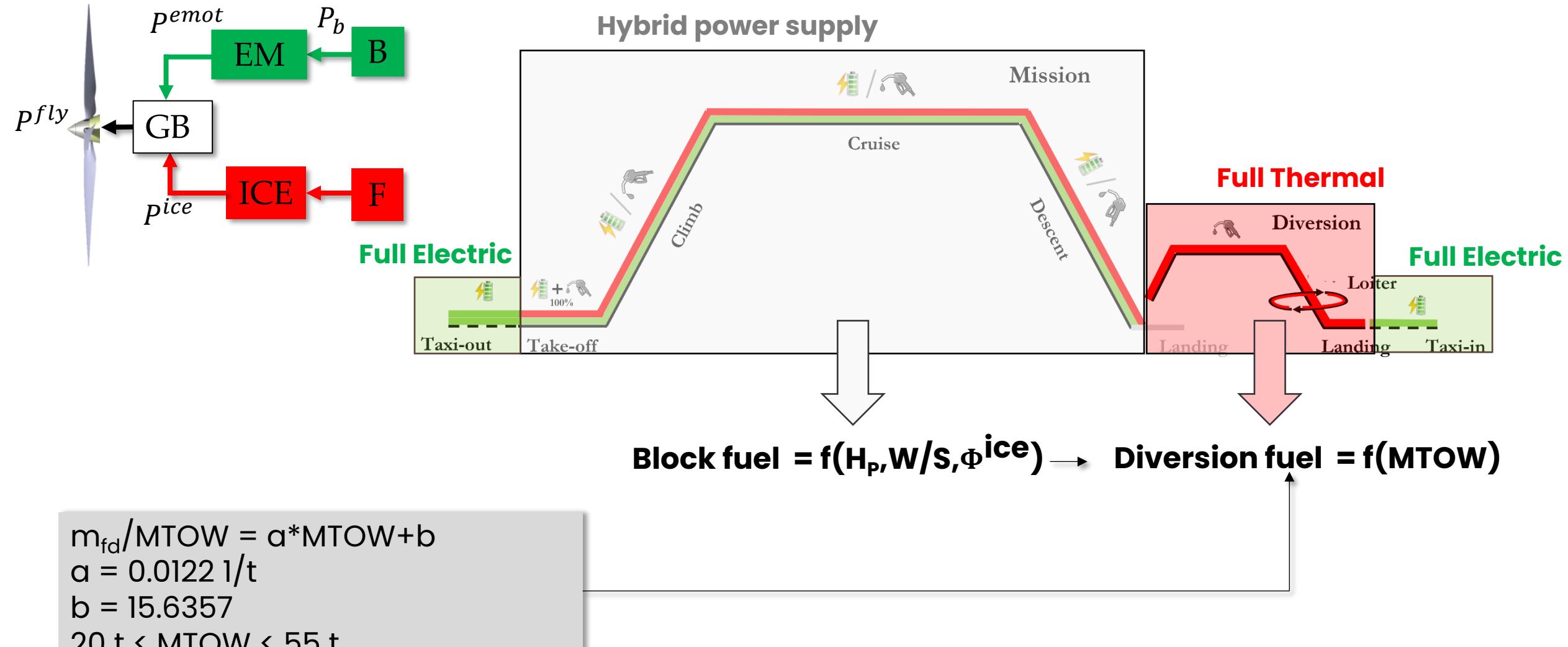
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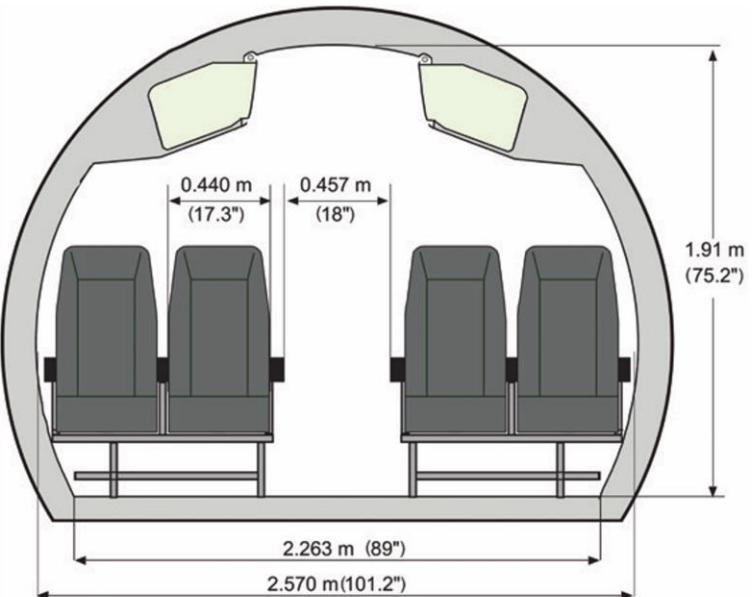
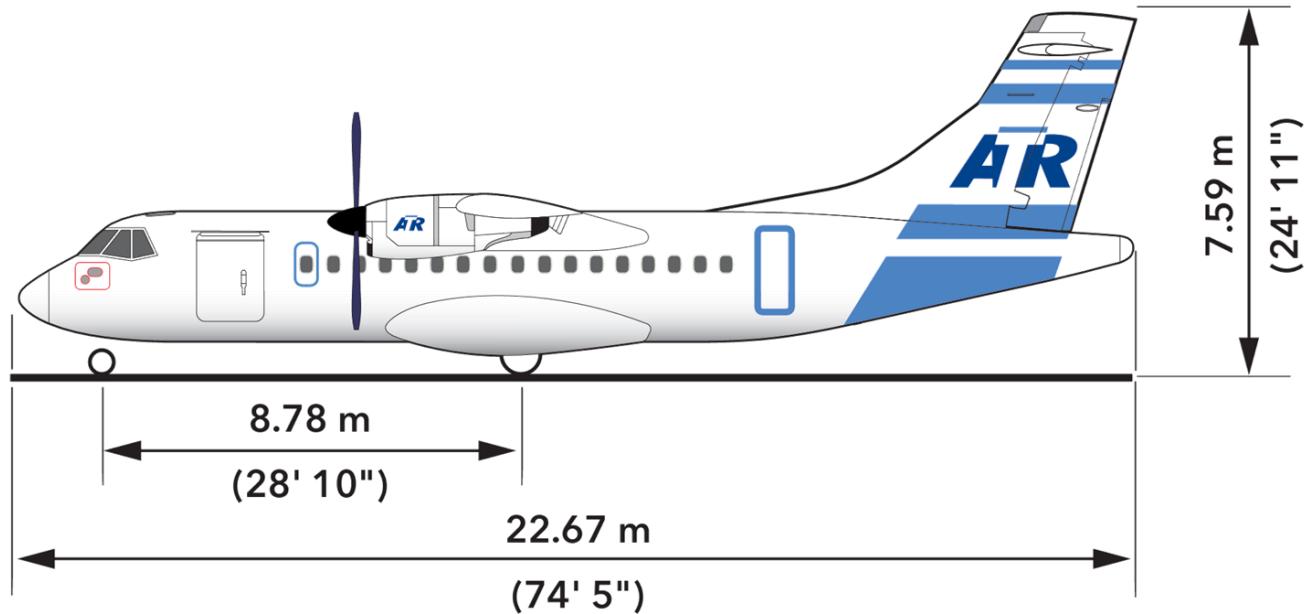
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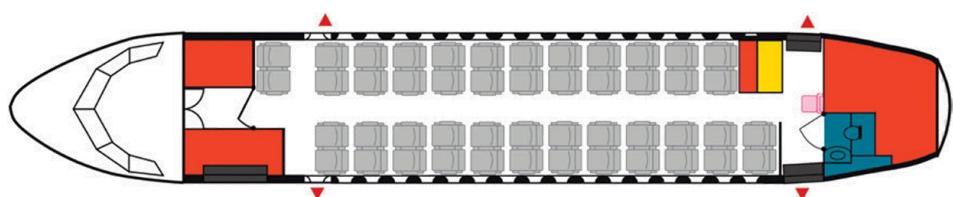
Other data



TLARs: fuselage update



48 pax at 30" pitch



■ Attendant seat ■ Galley ■ Toilet ■ Baggage ▲ Emergency Exits



Parametric HE design

Design Variables Medium-Range Conventional Aircraft:

$$(\mathbf{w/s})_{\mathbf{vect}} = [500 \dots 700] \text{ kg/m}^2$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{vect}} = [0.76 \dots 0.82]$$

$$(\mathbf{t/c})_{\mathbf{vect}} = [0.10 \dots 0.14]$$

$$\mathbf{AR}_{\mathbf{vect}} = [7 \dots 11]$$

$$\lambda_{\mathbf{vect}} = [0.25 \dots 0.35]$$

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{vect}} = [20 \dots 35] \text{ deg}$$



Parametric HE design

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X

New set of DVs!



Parametric HE design

Design Variables Regional Hybrid-Electric Aircraft:

$$(w/s)_{vect} = [250 \ 300 \ 350] \text{ kg/m}^2$$

$$H_{P\ vect} = [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.4]$$

$$\Phi_{cl\ vect}^{ice} = [0.10 \ 0.30 \ 0.50]$$

$$\Phi_{cr\ vect}^{ice} = [0.10 \ 0.20 \ 0.30 \ 0.40 \ 0.50]$$

$$\Phi_{de\ vect}^{ice} = [0.10 \ 0.30]$$

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Parametric HE design



Summary of the set of configurations designed

Geometry						Weights						Performance						FoMs							
x₁	x₂	x₃	x_n	w₁	w₂	w₃	w_n	y₁	y₂	y₃	y_n	f₁	f₂	f₃	f_n		
x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	x.xx	
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Configuration selected!!
How to read results..?



Part III: AVL (live demo)



Upgrade aerodynamic evaluations

A focus on potential aerodynamic solvers

Live demo: An example of utilization of Vortex Lattice Method AVL

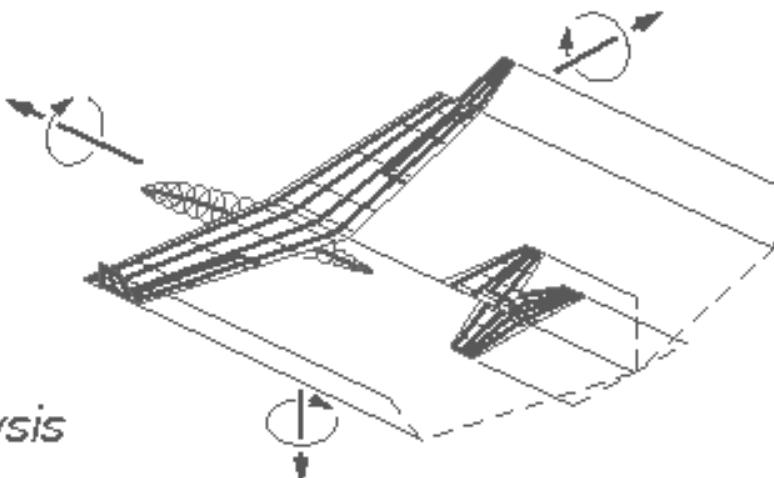
AVL

Aerodynamic Analysis

Trim Calculation

Dynamic Stability Analysis

Aircraft Configuration Development



<https://web.mit.edu/drela/Public/web/avl/>



Input file

General parameters and settings

```
!*****
!* AVL dataset for NOME FILE
!*****
velivolo.avl      ! Titolo
!-----
!-----  
0          ! Mach    {n° di mach del flusso imperturbato}
!-----  
0 0 0      ! IYsym   IZsym   Zsym  {simmetria}
!-----  
7.20e+01 3.50e+00 2.80e+01    ! Sref     Cref     Bref
#
11.50  0 2.35 ! Xref     Yref     Zref  {Polo momenti}
```





Input file

General lifting surface definition

```
#*****  
#*****  
#      DEFINIZIONE ALA [1]  
#*****  
#*****  
SURFACE      ! comando di creazione nuova superficie  
ala          ! nome univoco della surface  
8 2          ! n° pannelli in corda    tipo di distribuzione  
YDUPLICATE   ! comando 'specchio' rispetto ad y  
0            ! coordinata y per YDUPLICATE  
#  
ANGLE        ! comando angolo di calettamento SURFACE  
0            ! valore del calettamento
```



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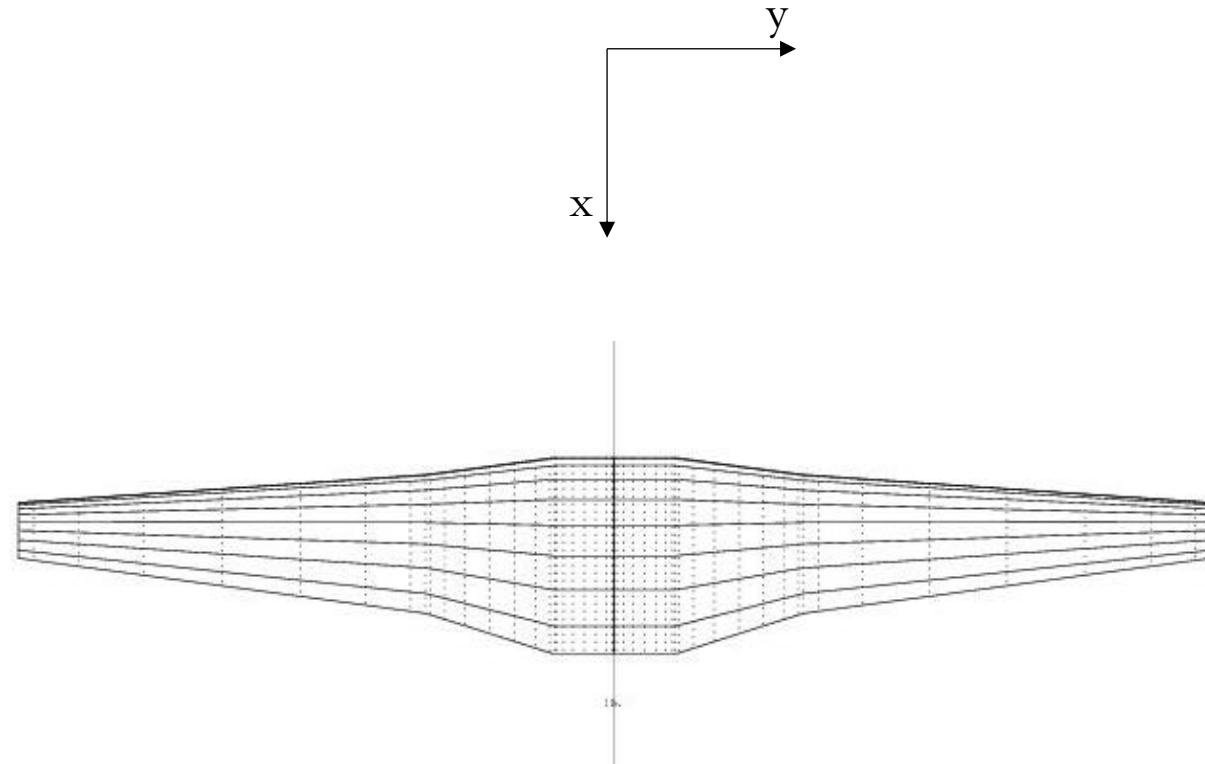
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2.0	sine		
1.0	cosine		
0.0	equal		
-2.0	-sine		



Input file

Definition of the sections of the lifting surfaces

```
!-----  
SECTION      ! comando di creazione nuova sezione  
# Xle       Yle       Zle       Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
  .12e+00    0         3.125    4.71e+00    0     8      1  
AFILE        ! comando di assegnazione coordinate profilo  
43018.dat   ! nome file dat coordinate profilo  
!-----  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle       Yle       Zle       Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
  9.12e+00  1.44e+00  3.125e+00  4.71e+00  3.90    8      1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle       Yle       Zle       Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
  9.53e+00  4.53e+00  3.125e+00  3.32e+00  3.9     8      1  
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SECTION  
# Xle       Yle       Zle       Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
  1.02e+01  1.43e+01  3.125e+00  1.33e+00  9e-01    8      |1  
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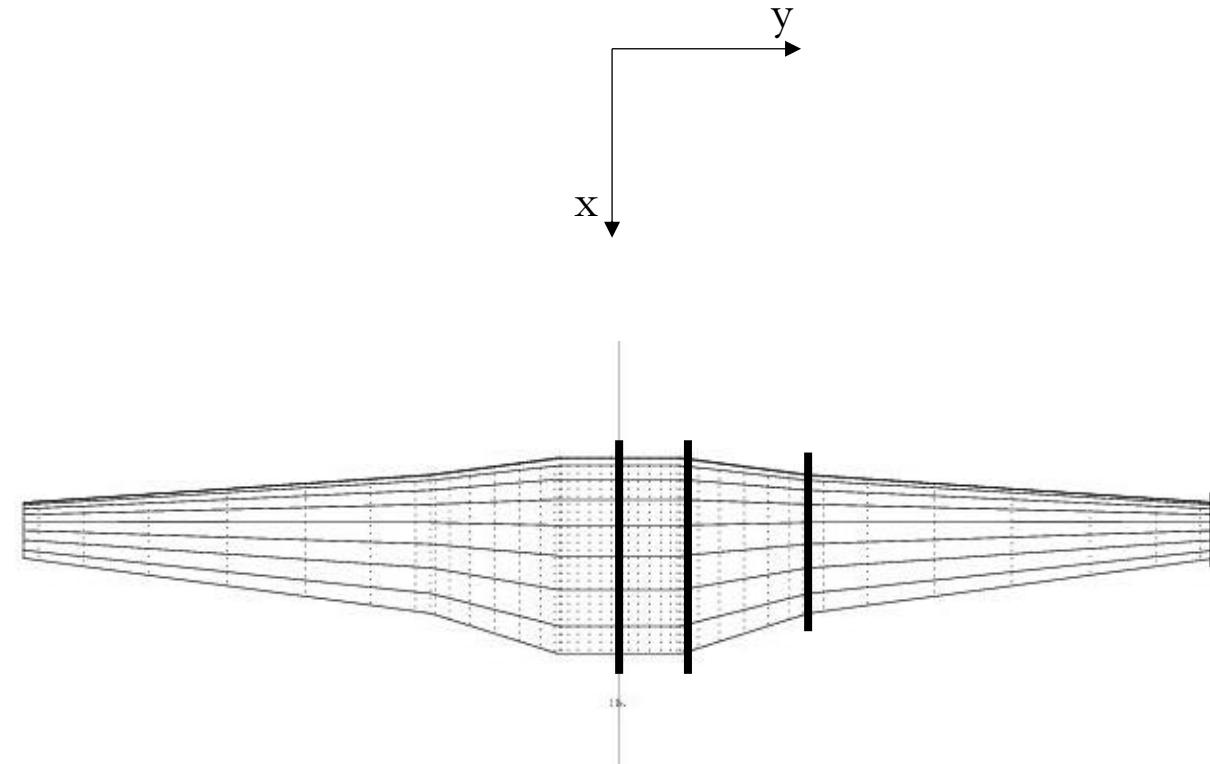




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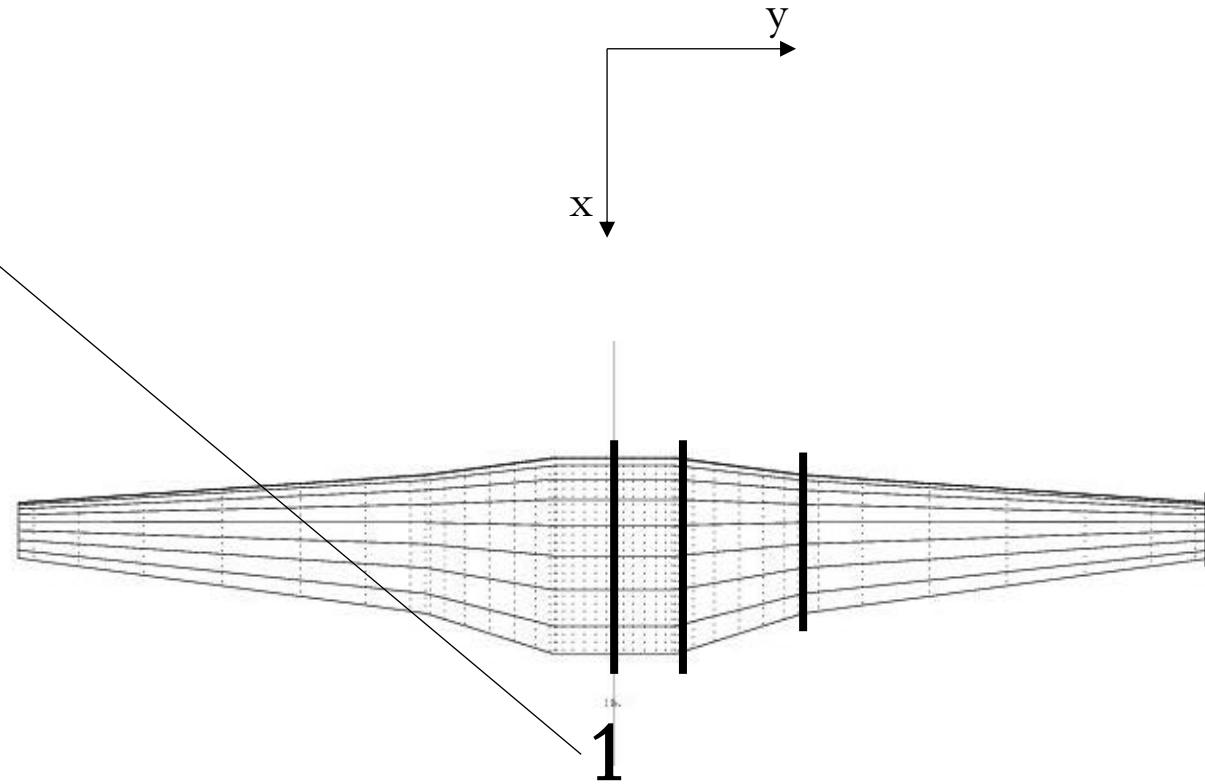




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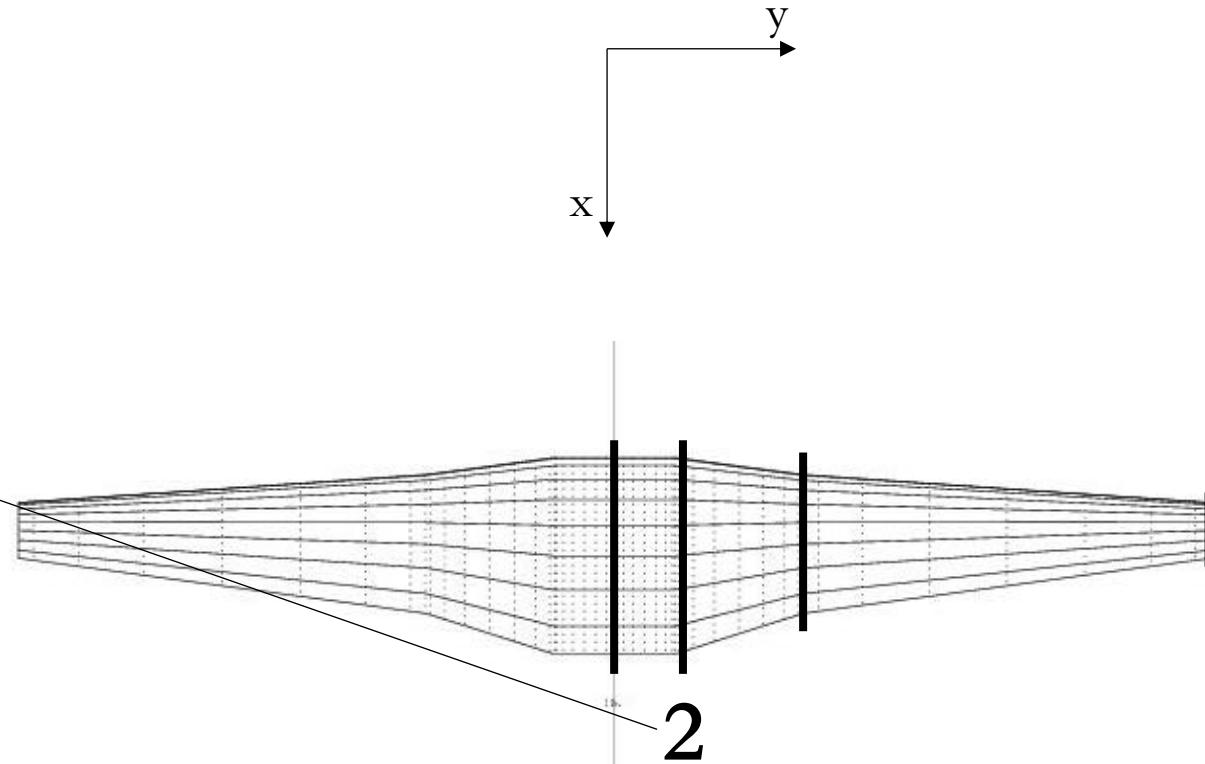




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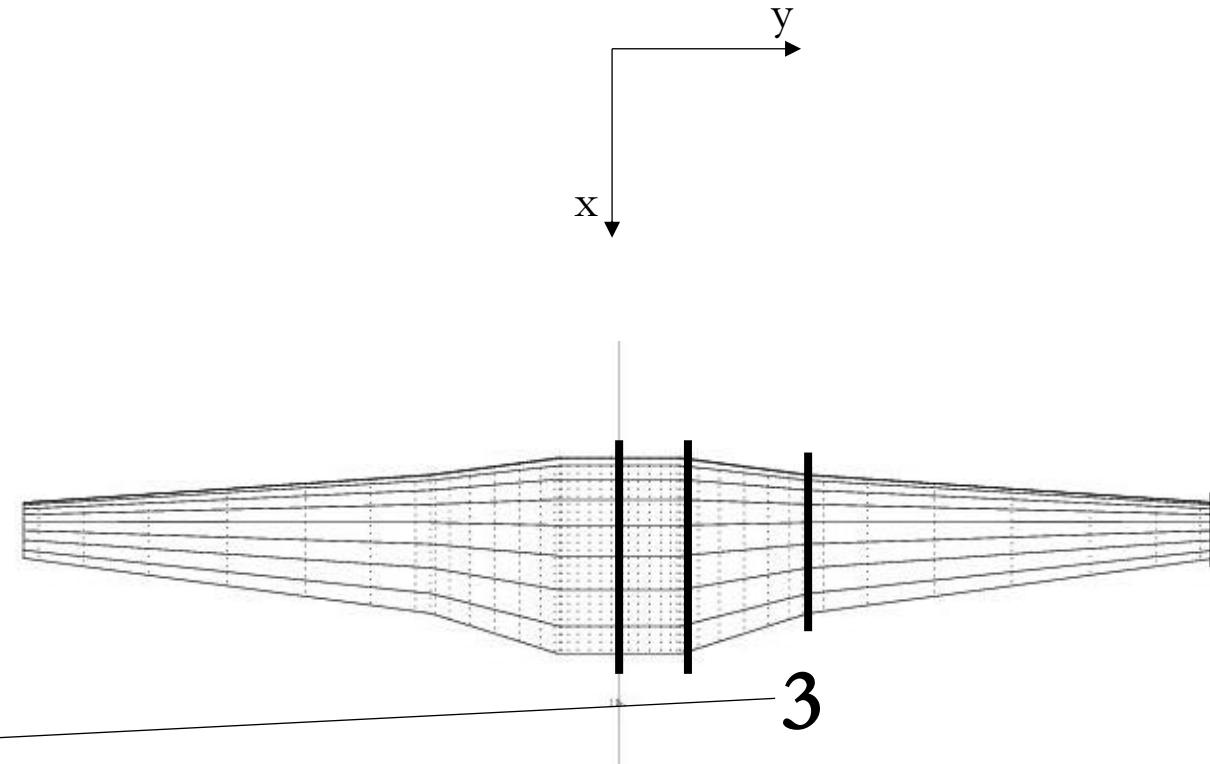




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!  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
9.53e+00  4.53e+00 3.125e+00 3.32e+00  3.9     8       1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
1.02e+01  1.43e+01 3.125e+00 1.33e+00  9e-01    8       |1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----
```

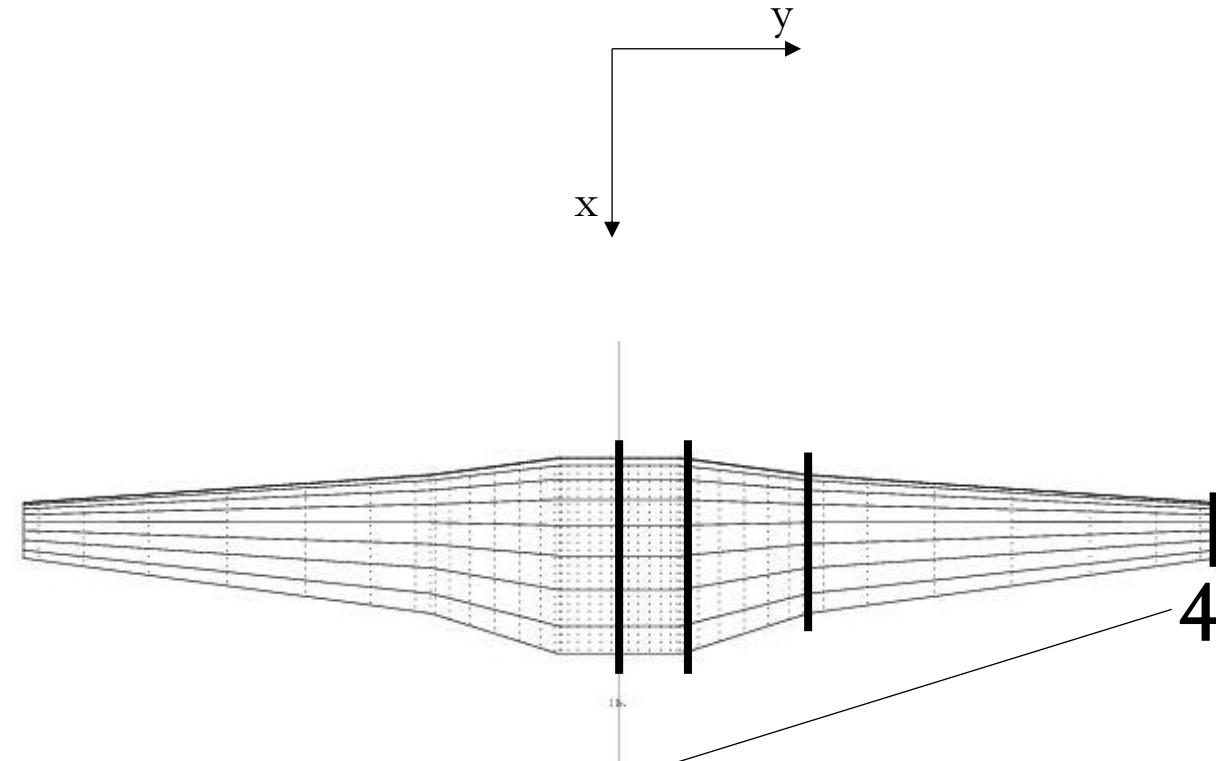




Input file

Definition of the sections of the lifting surfaces

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!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
9.12e+00    0       3.125    4.71e+00    0       8       1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----  
!  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
9.12e+00  1.44e+00 3.125e+00 4.71e+00  3.90    8       1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----  
!  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
9.53e+00  4.53e+00 3.125e+00 3.32e+00  3.9     8       1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----  
!  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord     Ainc Nspanwise Space  
1.02e+01  1.43e+01 3.125e+00 1.33e+00  9e-01    8       |1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----
```



A callout arrow points from the last section definition in the input file to the trailing edge of the 3D model.



Basic controls

Load: loads input file

Oper: set operating case

G: plot geometry

A: set alpha

D_n: set n-deflection

X: execute operating case

post-processing

O: options

ST: stability derivatives

T: plot Trefftz plane



End