

Progettazione di veicoli
aerospaziali (AA-LZ)

E2. Conceptual Design of hybrid-
electric aircraft

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

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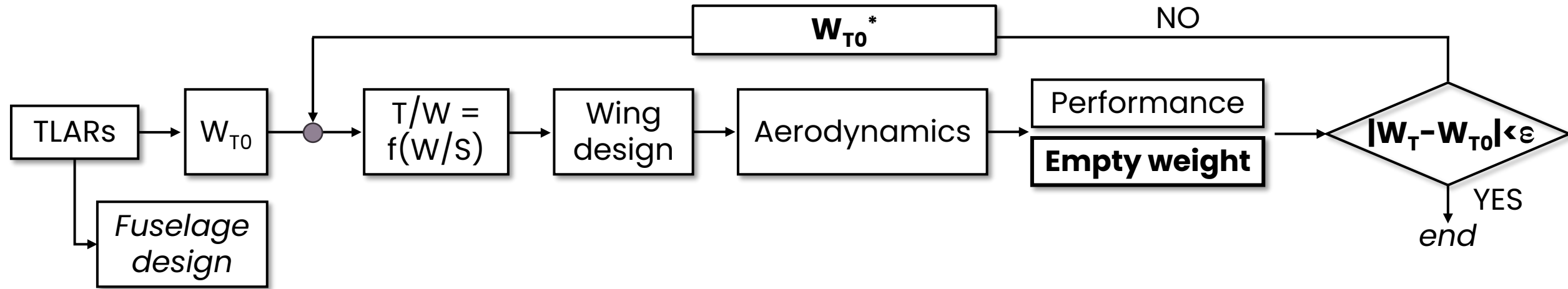
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Part I: Weights update

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

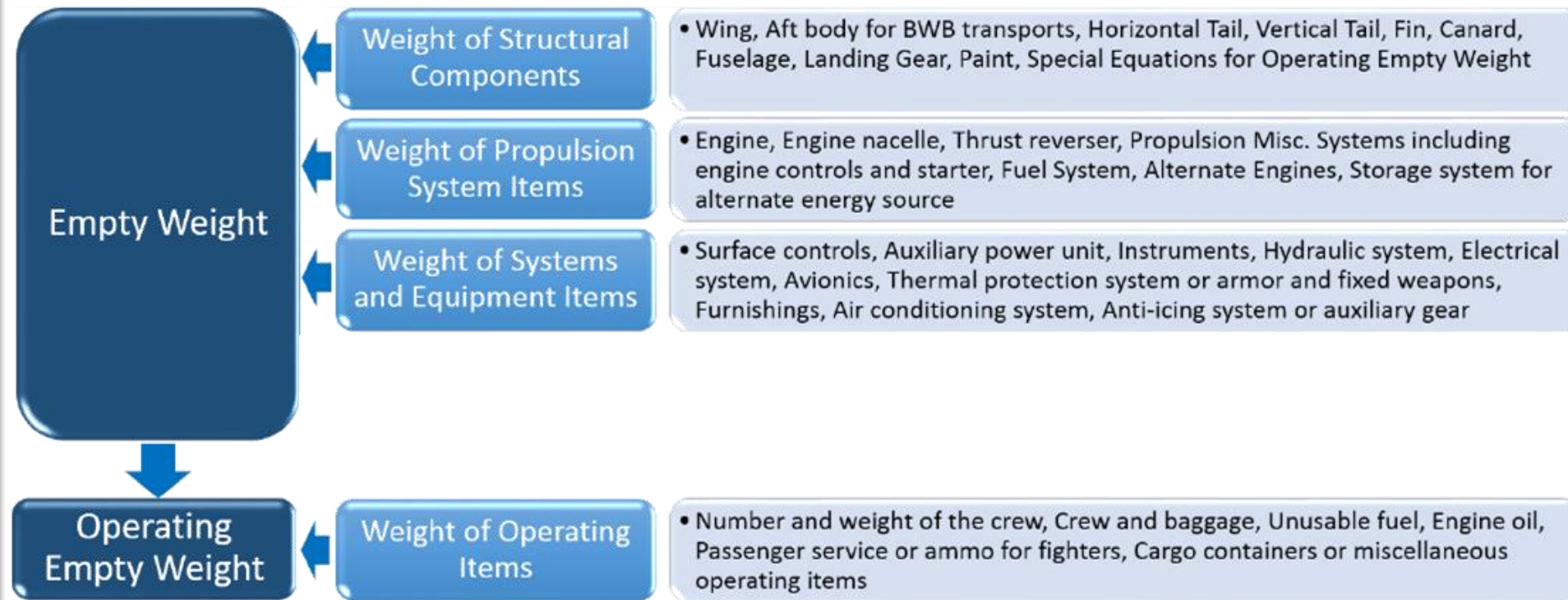
Engine and Nacelle

Systems

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

Operating

Furnishing, Services
Crew and attendants



Operating empty weight – Powertrain



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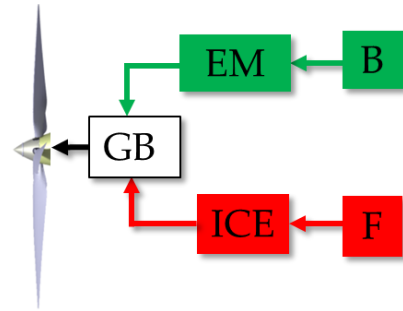
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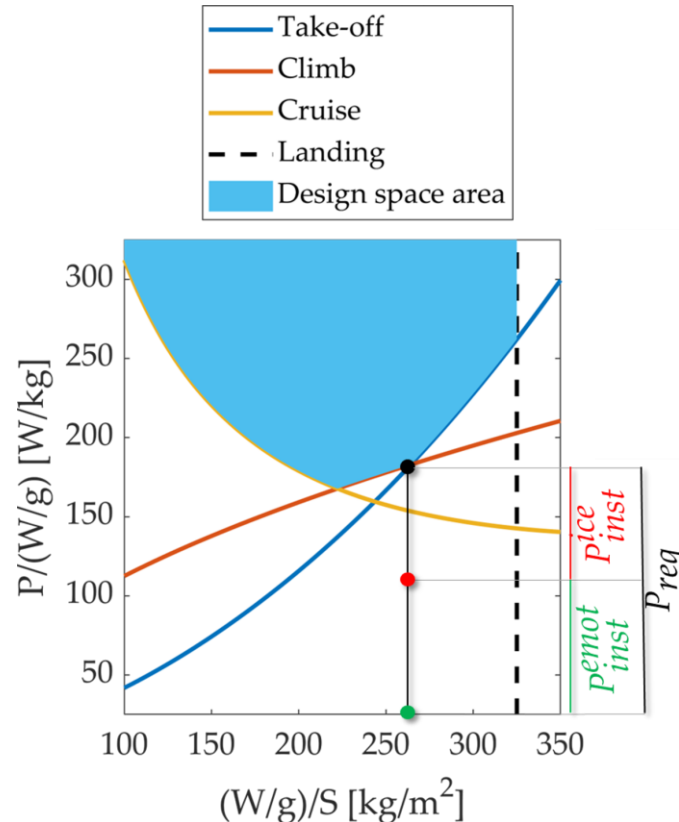
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$$H_P = \frac{P_{inst}^{emot}}{P_{inst}^{ice} + P_{inst}^{emot}}$$



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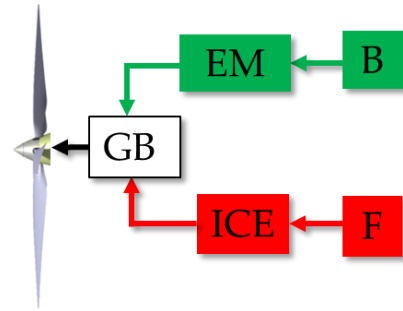
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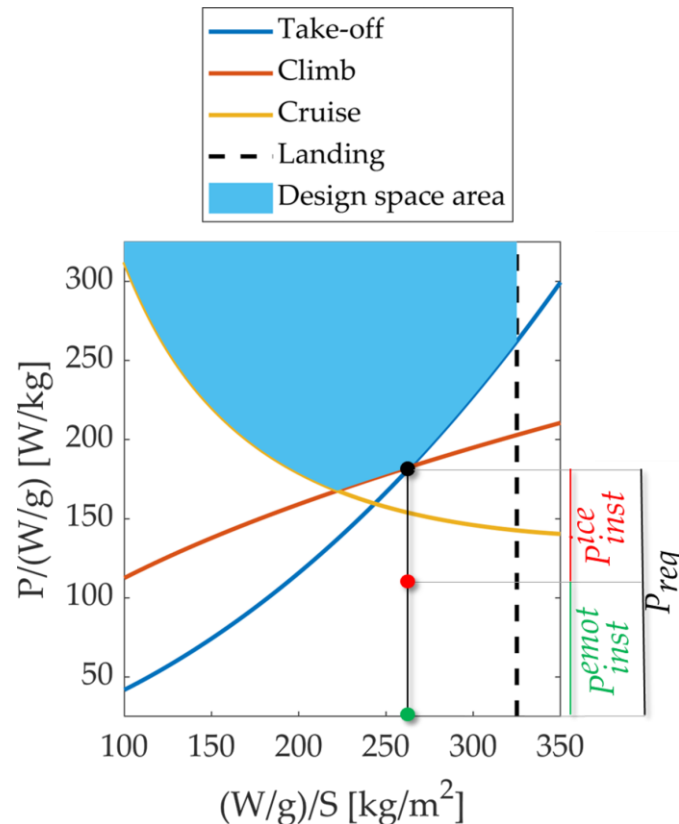
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Thermal Engine Update

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

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

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



Operating empty weight – Engine



Aircraft operating empty weight

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Propulsion

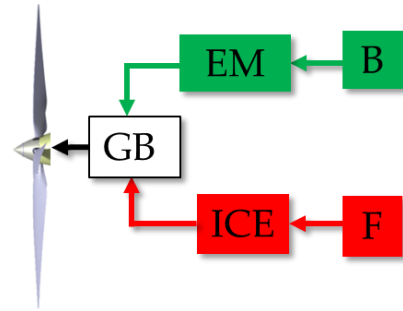
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Electric Motor (NEW!!)

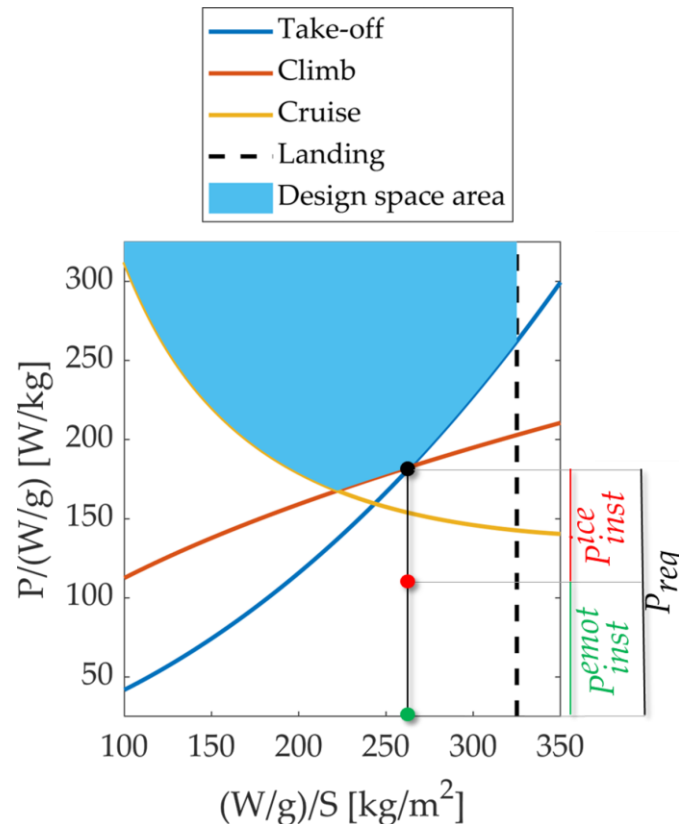
$$W_{emot} = \frac{P_{inst}^{emot}}{EMPD}$$

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



Aircraft operating empty weight

Structural mass

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Propulsion

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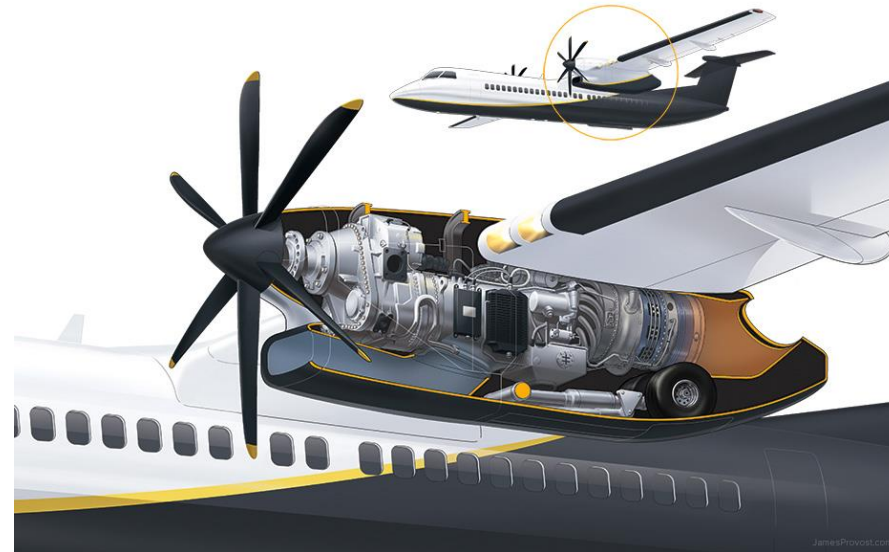
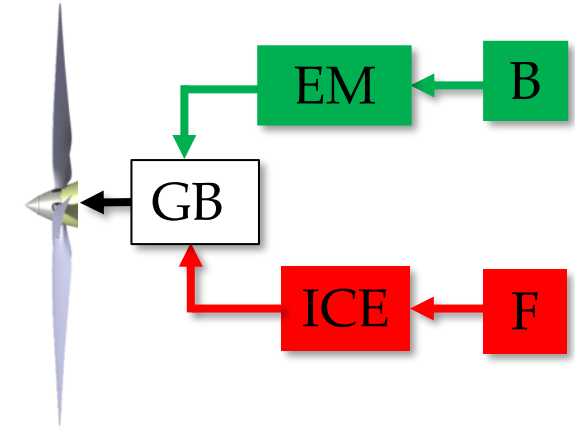
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$$W_{nac} = K \times (P_{inst}^{ice} + P_{inst}^{emot})$$
$$K = 0.14 \frac{lb}{hp}$$



Operating empty weight – Propeller



Aircraft operating empty weight

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

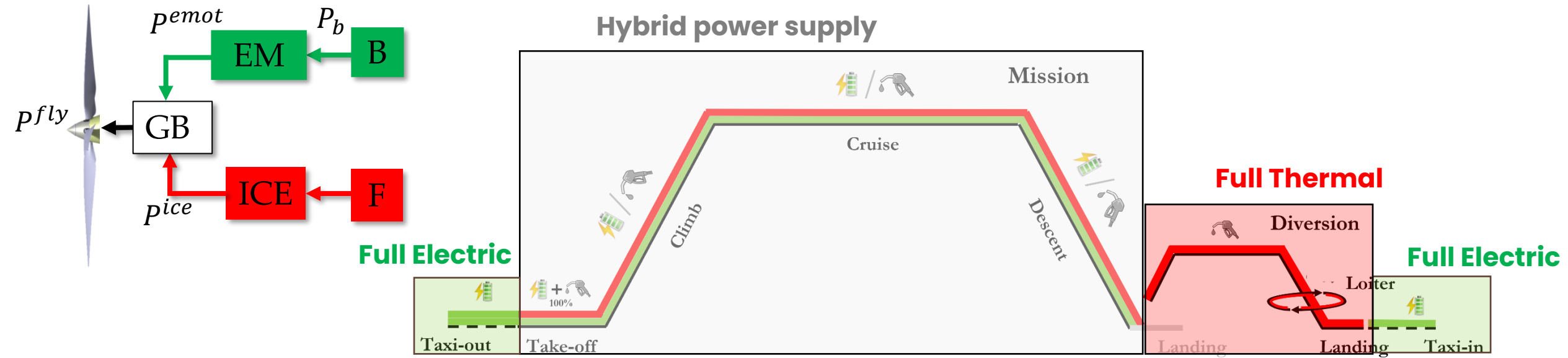
P_{inst}^{ice} = installed power of thermal engines[hp]

P_{inst}^{emot} = installed power of electric motors[hp]

W_{prop} = weight of propellers [lb]



Battery mass



$$\dot{W}(t_k) = -k_c \mathbf{p}^{ice}(t_k)$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{ice} = f(\Phi^{ice})$$

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

$$\dot{E}_b(t_k) = \mathbf{P}_b(t_k)$$

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

Battery mass [kg]

100 %

20 %

Battery energy density [J/kg]



Part II: TLARs and DVs update

TLARs



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 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 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 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:** $a \cdot \text{MTOW} + b$
- **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 :** $a \cdot \text{MTOW} + b$
- **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 :** $a \cdot \text{MTOW} + b$
- **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 :** $a \cdot \text{MTOW} + b$
- **Climb RoC:** 900 ft/min
- **Climb IAS:** 170 kt
- **Descent RoD:** -1110 ft/min
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Other data



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fuel fraction = m_{fd} / MTOW
 $a = 0.0122 \text{ 1/t}$
 $b = 15.6357$
 $20 \text{ t} < \text{MTOW} < 55 \text{ t}$

Group C other data

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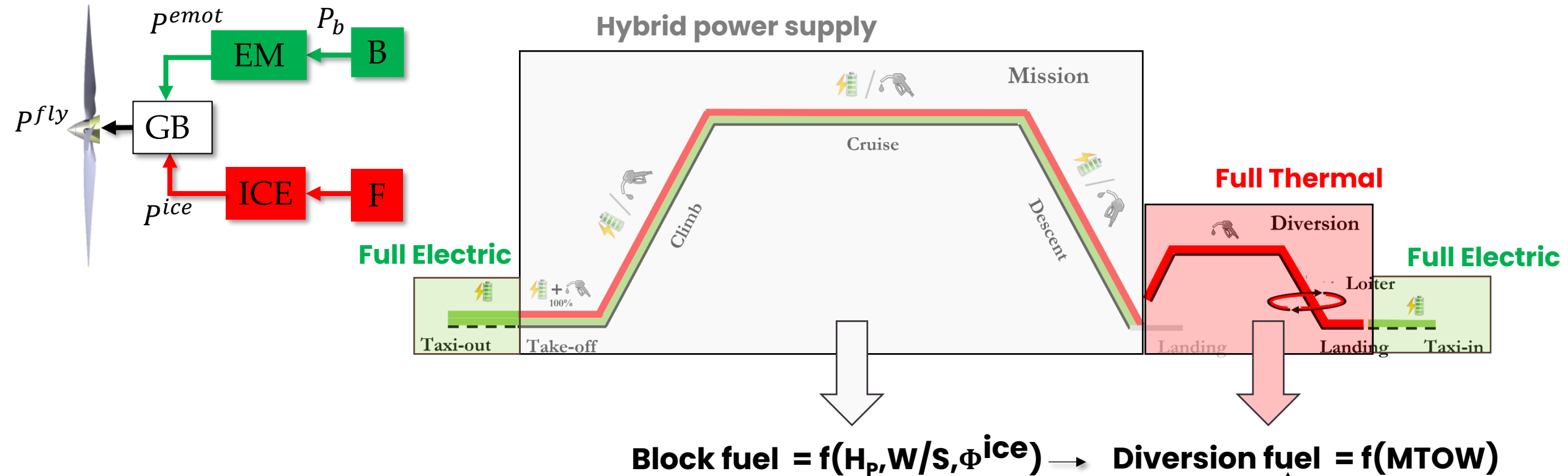
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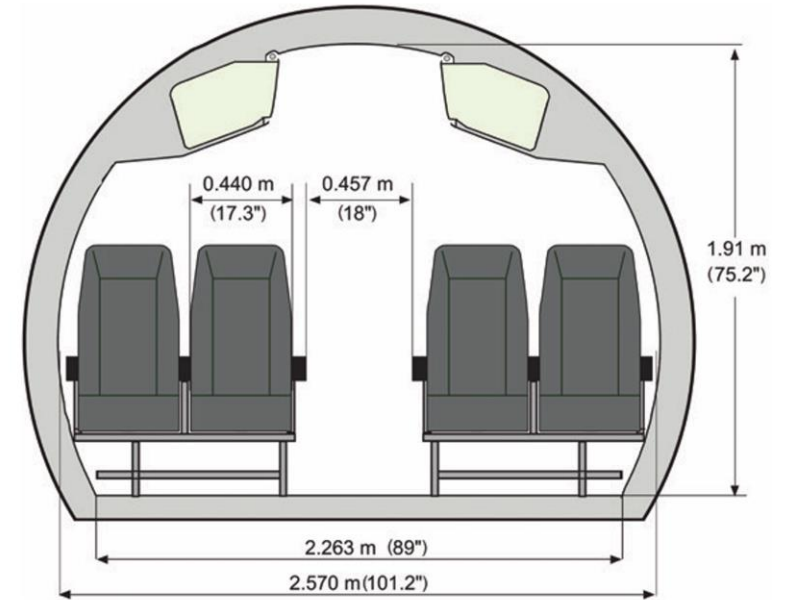
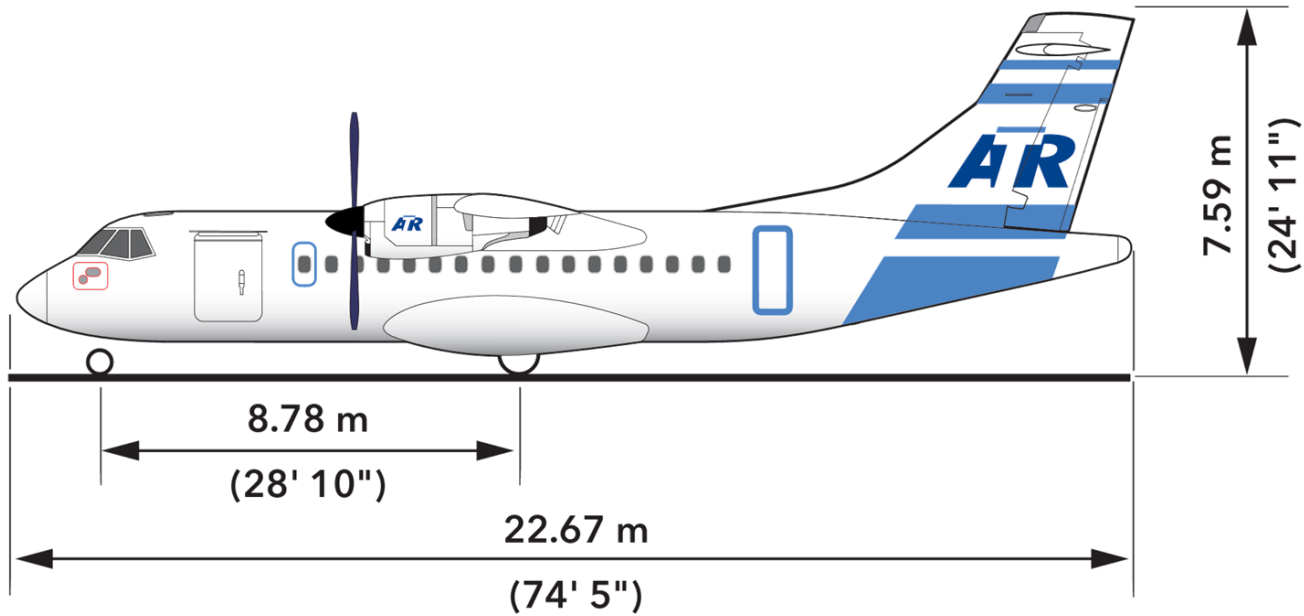
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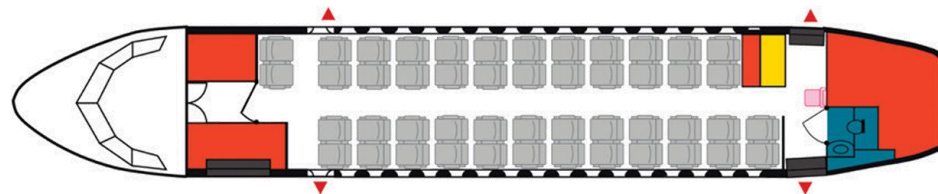
$$b = 15.6357$$

$$20 \text{ t} < MTOW < 55 \text{ t}$$

TLARs: fuselage update



48 pax at 30" pitch



Attendant seat Galley Toilet Baggage ▲ Emergency Exits

Parametric HE design



Design Variables Medium-Range Conventional Aircraft:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parametric HE design



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X

New set of DVs!

Parametric HE design



Design Variables Regional Hybrid-Electric Aircraft:

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

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{P vect}} = [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.4]$$

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

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

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New set of DVs!



Parametric HE design



Summary of the set of configurations designed

Geometry						Weights						Performance						FoMs					
X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X _n	W ₁	W ₂	W ₃	W _n	y ₁	y ₂	y ₃	y _n	f ₁	f ₂	f ₃	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
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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

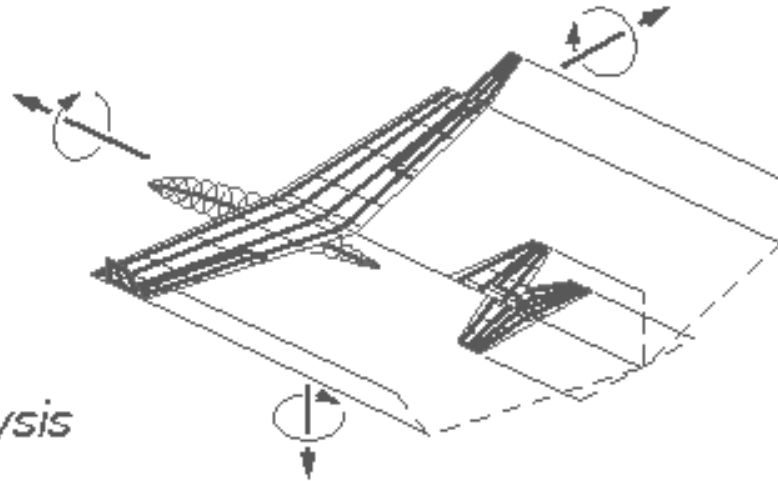
AVL

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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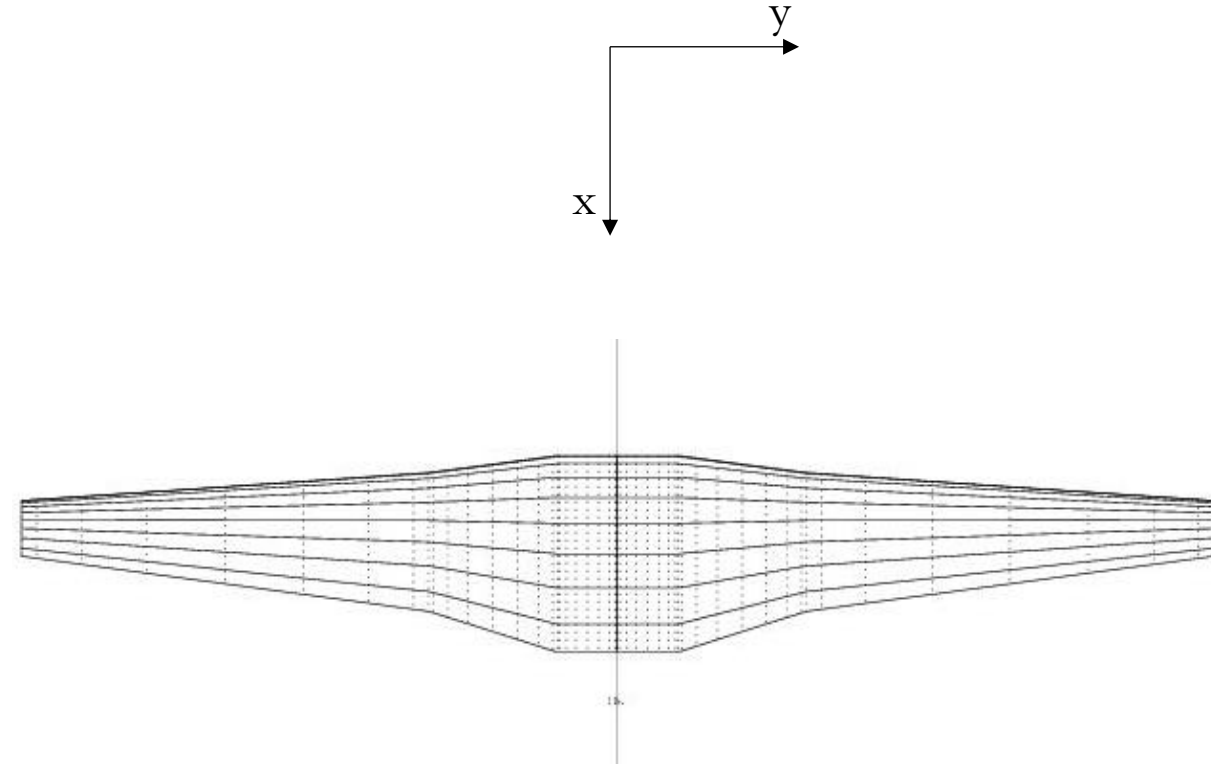
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0.0	equal										
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Input file



Definition of the sections of the lifting surfaces

```
!-----  
SECTION      ! comando di creazione nuova sezione  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord      Ainc Nspanwise Space  
9.12e+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  
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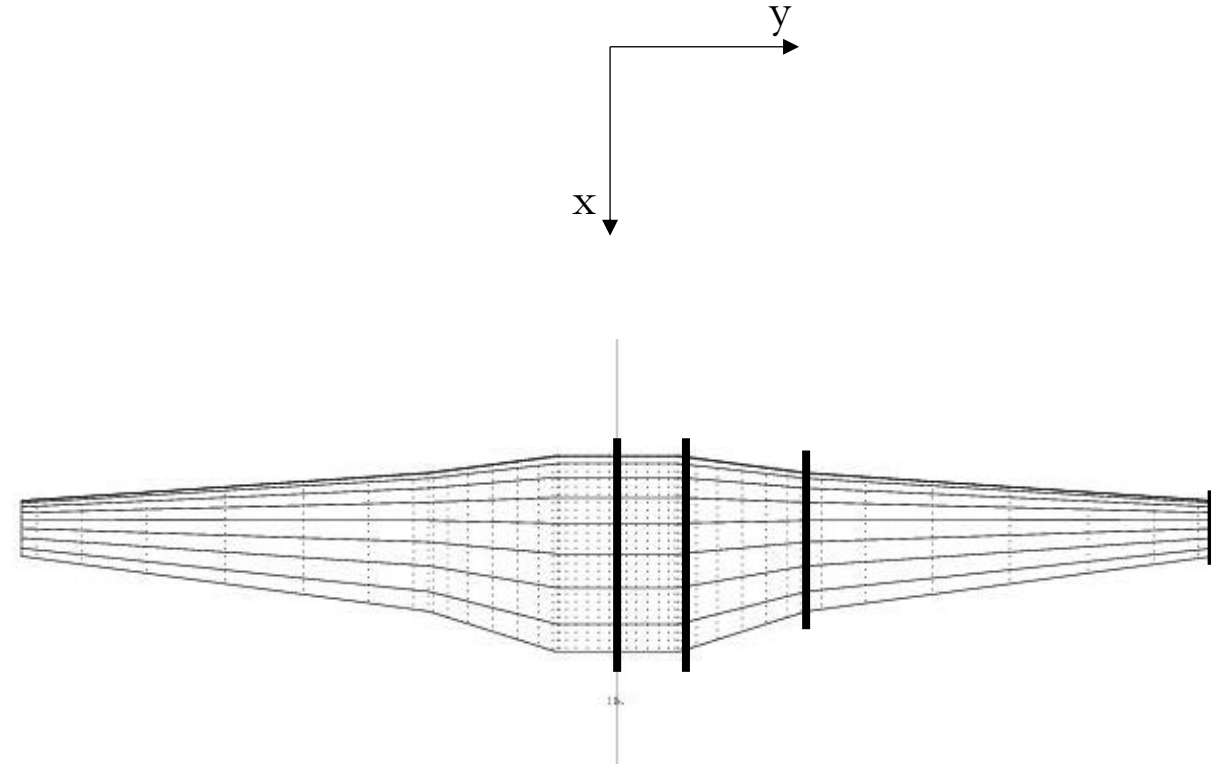


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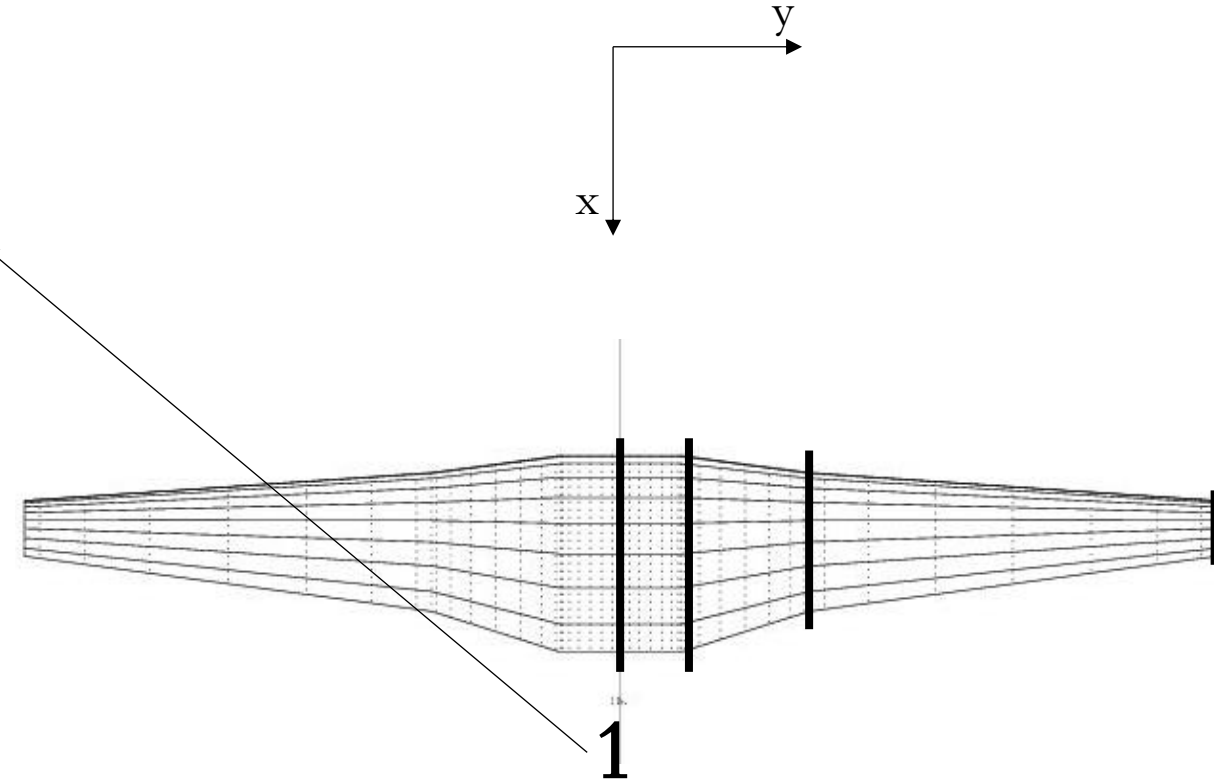


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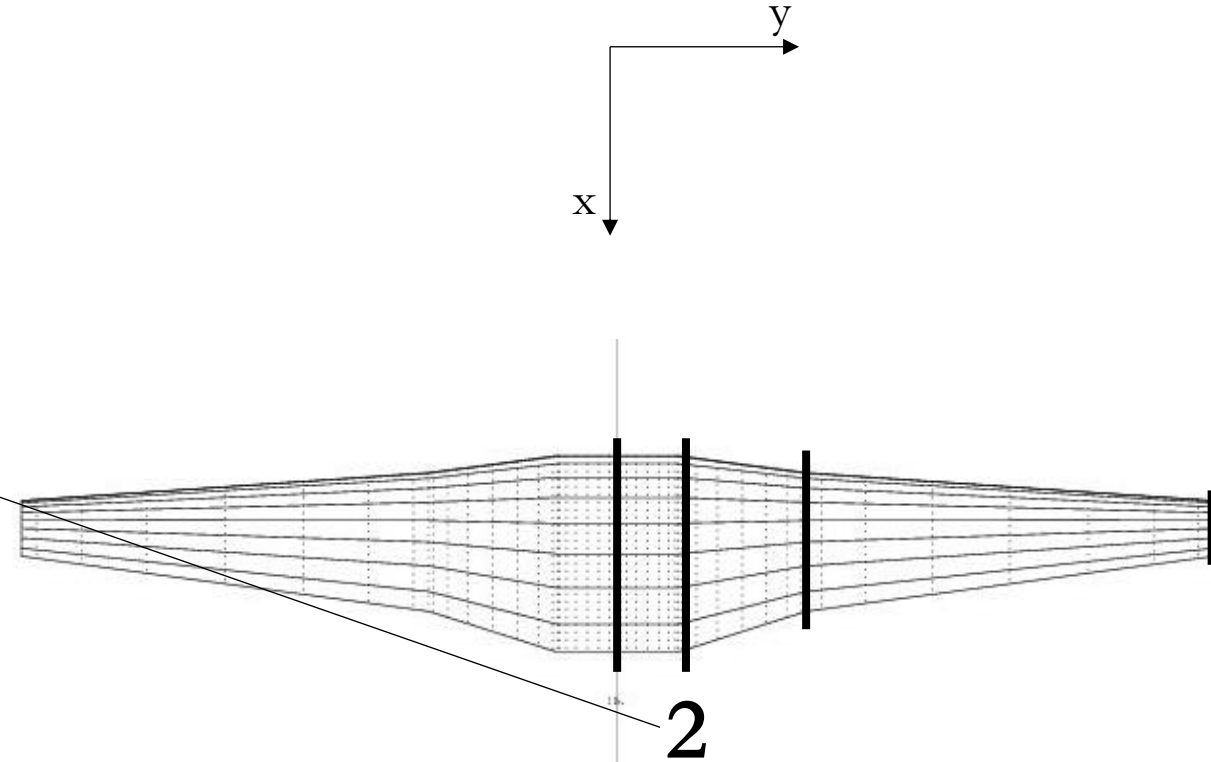


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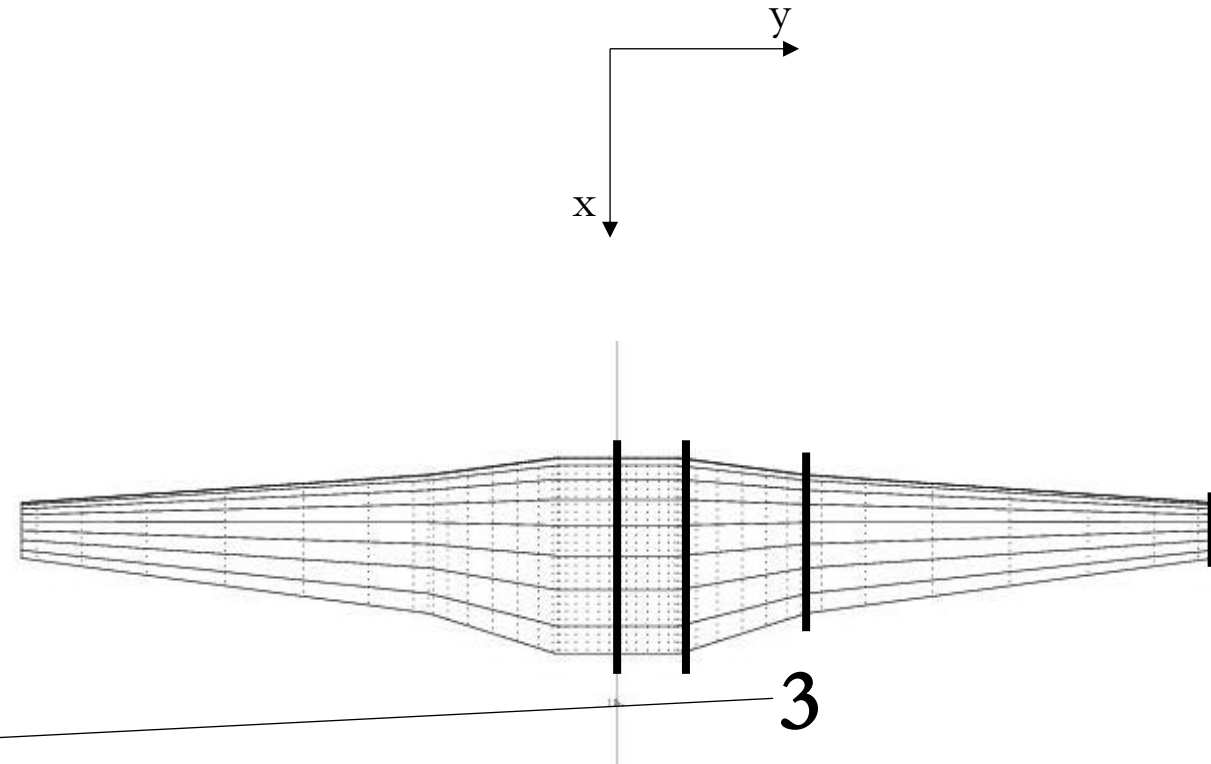


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9.53e+00 4.53e+00 3.125e+00 3.32e+00 3.9     8      1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----  
!-----  
SECTION  
# Xle      Yle      Zle      Chord    Ainc Nspanwise Space  
1.02e+01 1.43e+01 3.125e+00 1.33e+00 9e-01    8      1  
AFILE  
43018.dat  
!-----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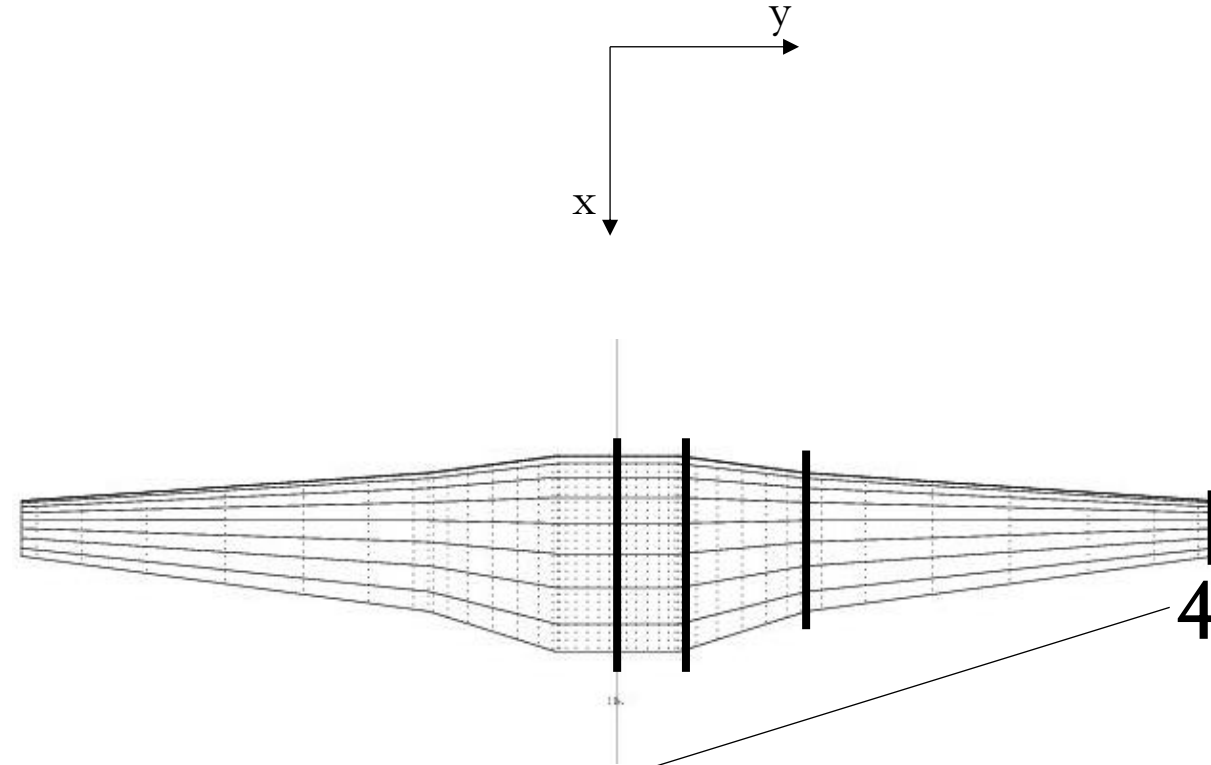


Input file



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  
!-----
```



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