

A ^{tiny} introduction to MDO

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$$\min w(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c})$$

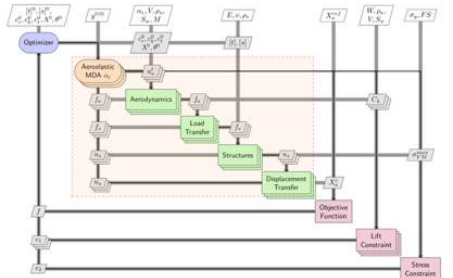
$$\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \in \Gamma^{10}$$

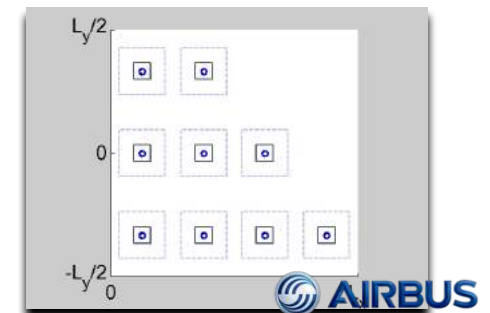
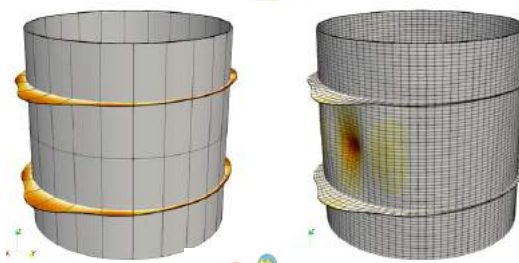
$$\text{s.t. } s(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}) \leq 0$$

$$d(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}) \leq 0$$

$$\underline{a} \leq \mathbf{a} \leq \bar{a}$$

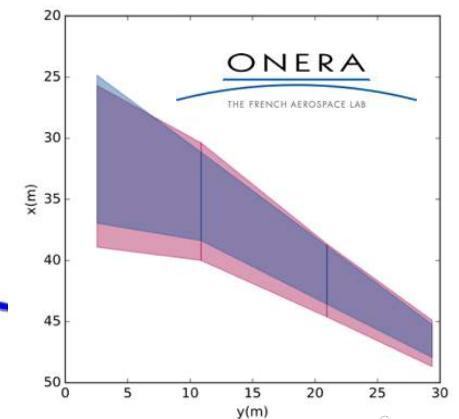
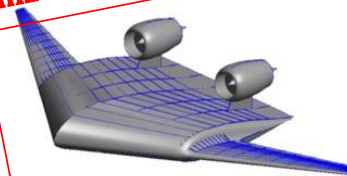
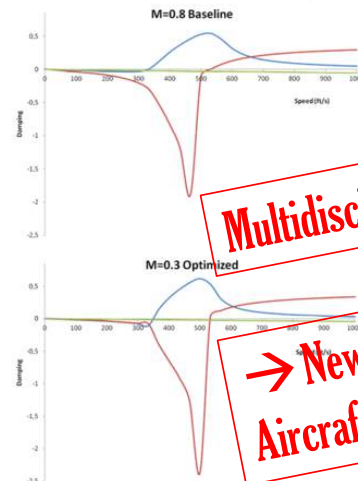


Structural Optimization



Multidisciplinary Design Optimization

**→ New Aerostructures/
Aircraft Concept**



Optimized planform (red) and baseline (blue).

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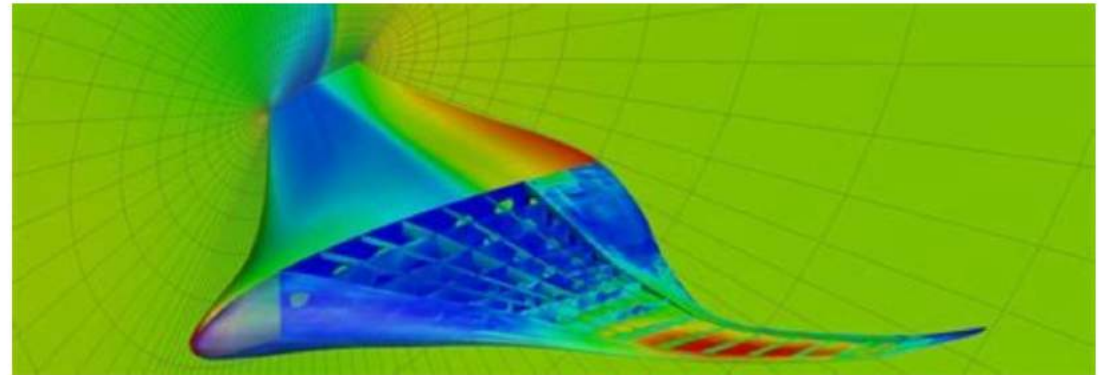
multidisciplinary **Design** optimization

multidisciplinary optimization

1. MDA
2. MDO
3. Codesign

Popularization

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/optimisation-multidisciplinaire-pour-connecter-les-humains-morlier/>



<http://mdolab.engin.umich.edu>

Optimization [MDO] for connecting people?

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Professor in Structural and Multidisciplinary
Design Optimization, ... any idea?

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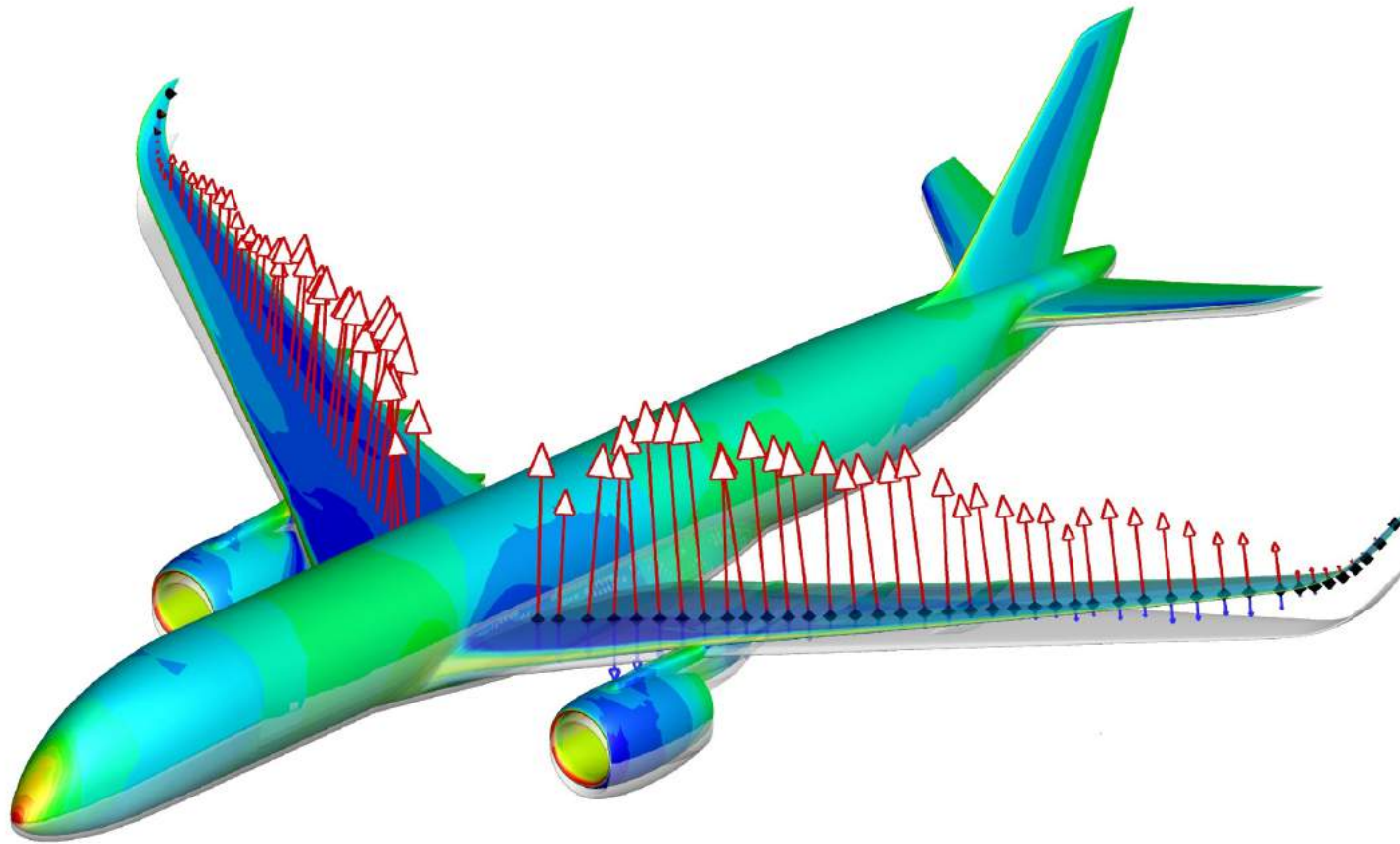
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1. MDA

2. MDO

3. Codesign is MDO?

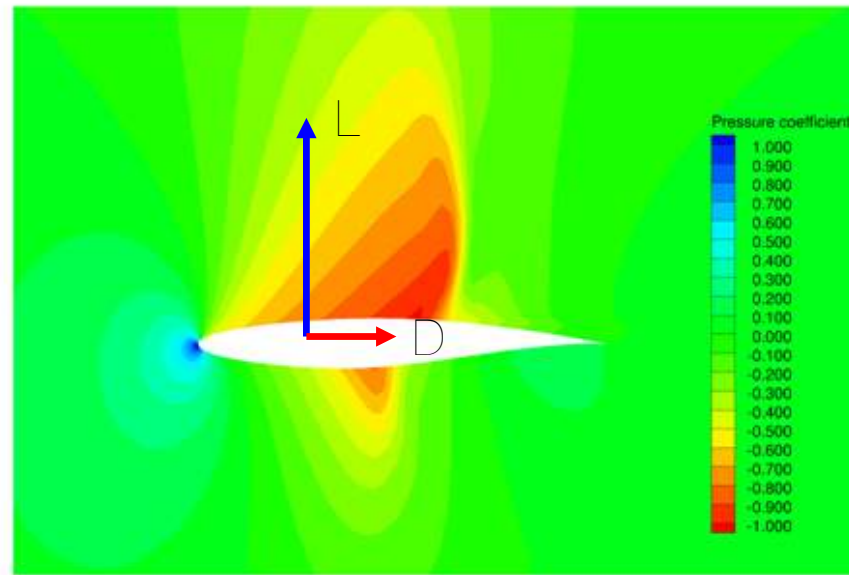
What is an MDA ? Static Aeroelasticity for example?



Source: DLR

But first, what is Disciplinary Optimization?

Example: Aerodynamics

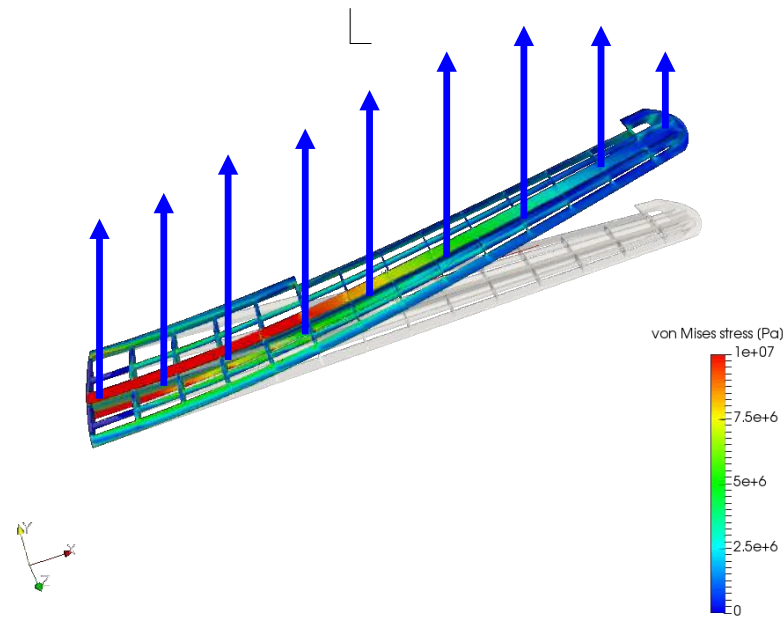


Source: NLR

Minimize D
w.r.t. shape, α
Subject to $L = W$

What is Disciplinary Optimization (2)?

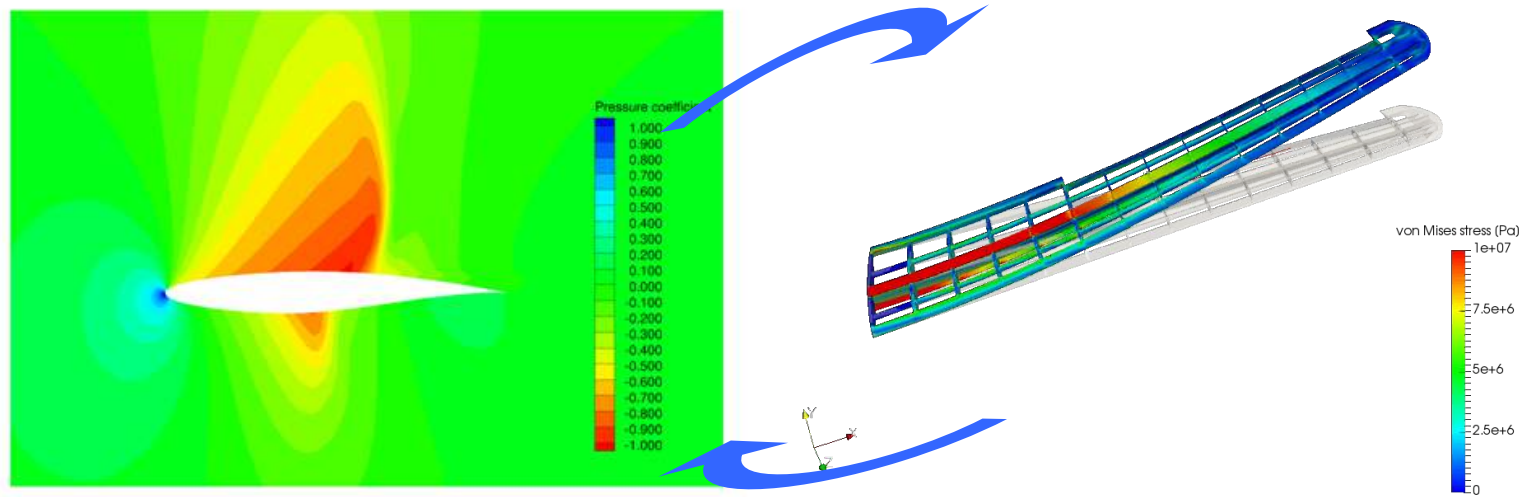
Another example: Structures



Source: [simscale.com](https://www.simscale.com)

Minimize Mass
w.r.t. thicknesses
Subject to $\sigma \leq \sigma_y$

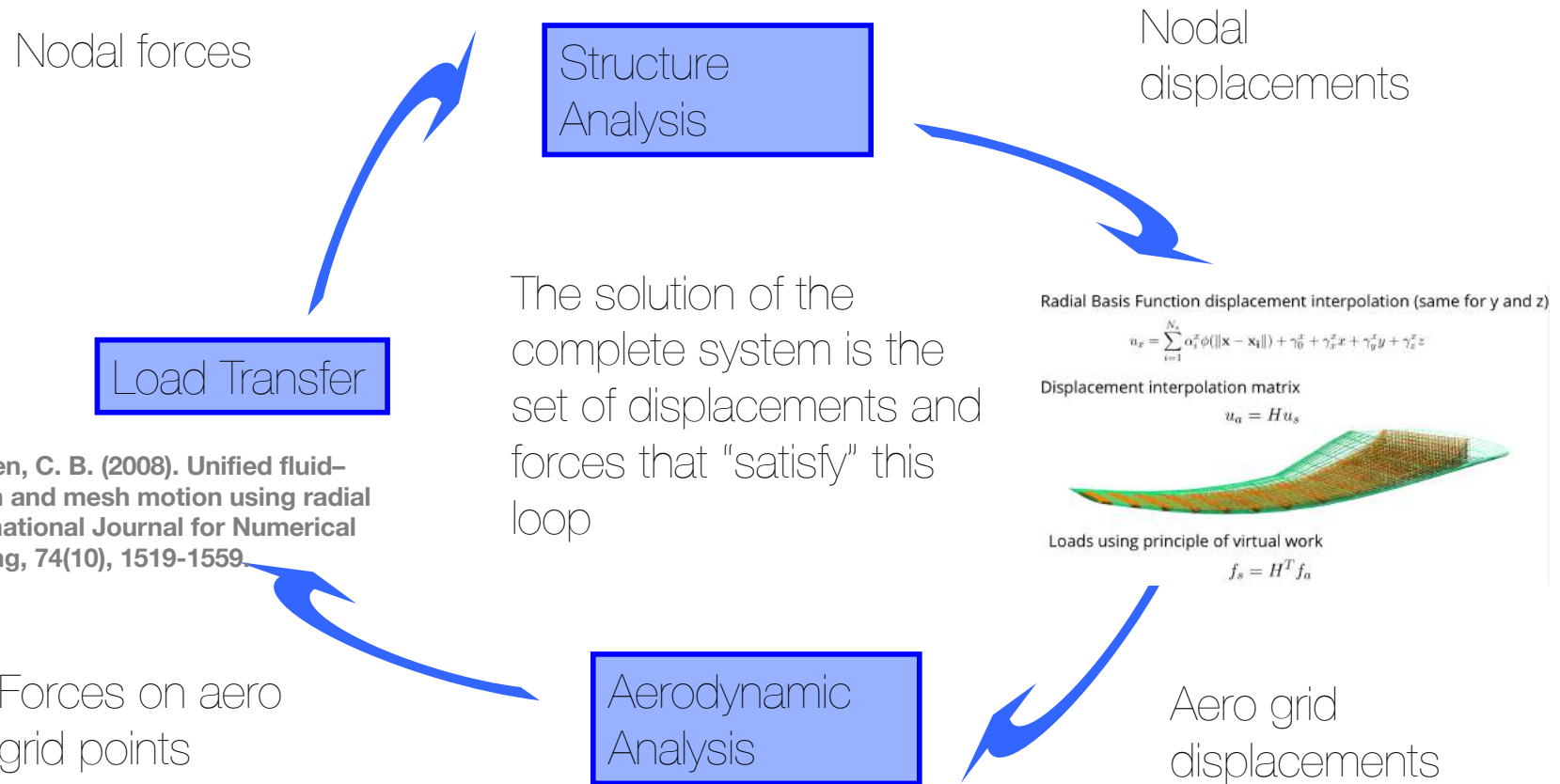
However... Disciplines are not isolated:



Structural deformation of wing →
changes in the shape exposed to
airflow

Changes in the shape exposed
to airflow → changes in the
aerodynamic loads

Then, how do we solve the complete system?



Rendall, T. C. S., & Allen, C. B. (2008). Unified fluid–structure interpolation and mesh motion using radial basis functions. *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*, 74(10), 1519-1559.

Multi-Disciplinary Analysis

- Computation of the state variables at equilibrium for given x and z
 - Generally computed using a fixed-point algorithm (Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel)
 - Or a root-finding method (Newton-Raphson)

Input: Design variables x

Output: Coupling variables, y

0: Initiate MDA iteration loop

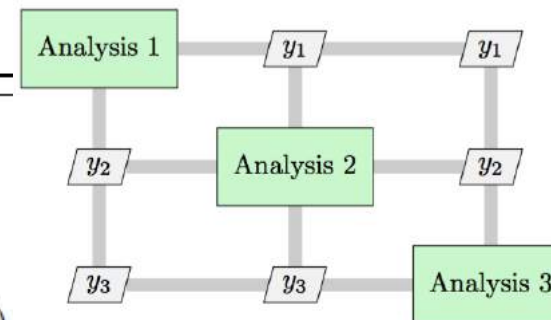
repeat

1: Evaluate Analysis 1 and update $y_1(y_2, y_3)$

2: Evaluate Analysis 2 and update $y_2(y_1, y_3)$

3: Evaluate Analysis 3 and update $y_3(y_1, y_2)$

until 4 → 1: MDA has converged

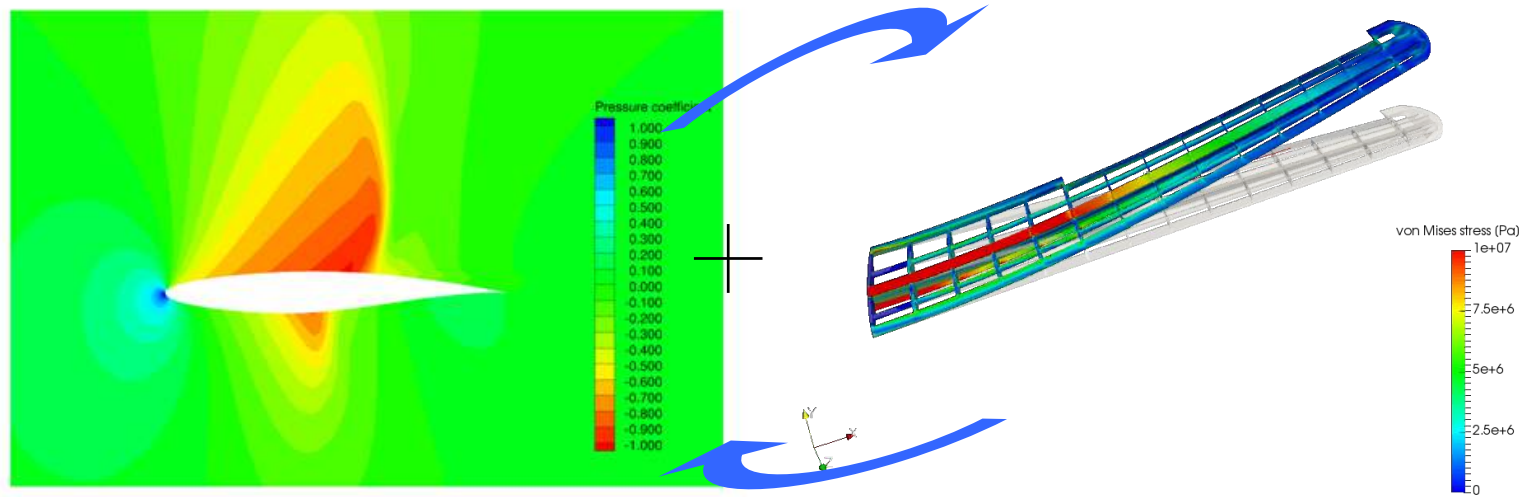


Check the default tolerance

Examples of MDA

- file:///Recherche/Cours/optimstructures3A/SMO_Newcourse/coursJO/Day3/MDA_Intro/TutorialFPI/PROF/tutorialFPI.html
- <https://github.com/nasa/NASTRAN-95>
- <https://github.com/mid2SUPAERO/aerostructures>

In consequence, we need to analyze BOTH disciplines at the SAME TIME (MDAO)



Minimize D, or Mass, or a combination of D and Mass
w.r.t. shape, α , thicknesses

Subject to:

$$L = W$$

$$\sigma \leq \sigma_y$$

In practice, how do we solve that problem?

One possible approach: MultiDisciplinary Feasible (MDF, probably the most intuitive one...)

Steps:

1. Start from a set of particular design variables: shape, α , thicknesses
2. Solve the complete system (with all the interactions) for these values
3. Evaluate objective function and constraints
4. From these values, the optimizer proposes a new set of design variables.

These steps are repeated until the optimum is reached.

Next: MDO ... The big picture

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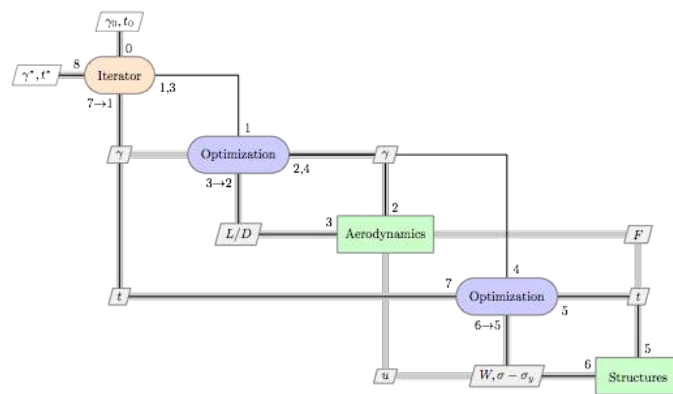
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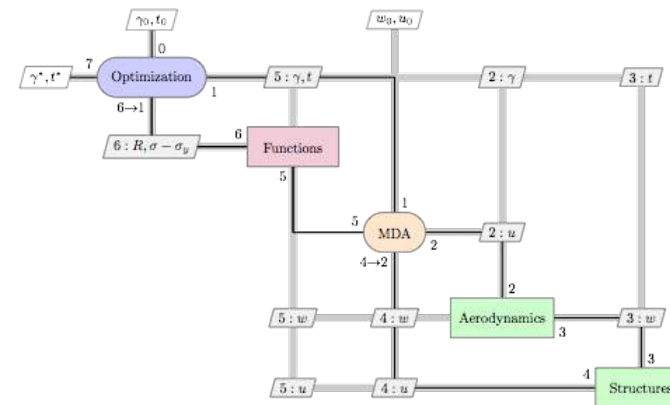
3. Codesign is MDO?

MDO optimizes all variables simultaneously, accounting for all the couplings

Sequential optimization



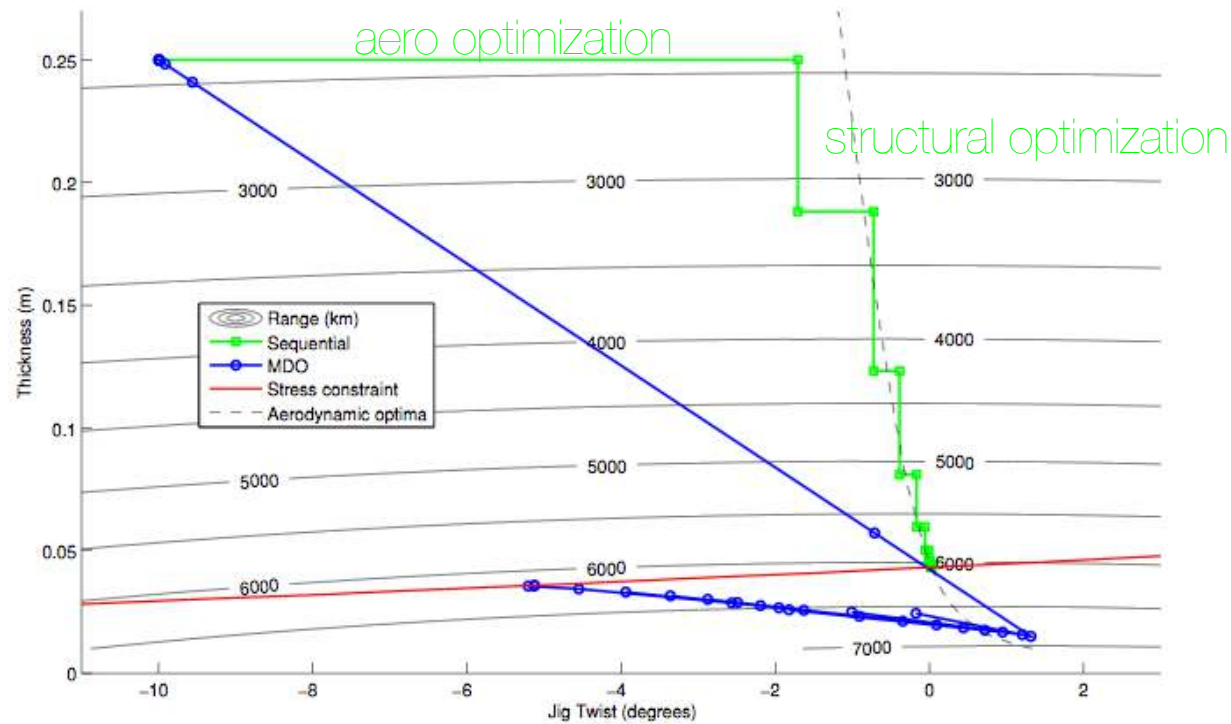
MDO



I. R. Chittick and J. R. R. A. Martins. An asymmetric suboptimization approach to aerostructural optimization. *Optimization and Engineering*, 10(1):133–152, Mar. 2009. doi:10.1007/s11081-008-9046-2.

Sequential optimization fails to find the multidisciplinary optimum

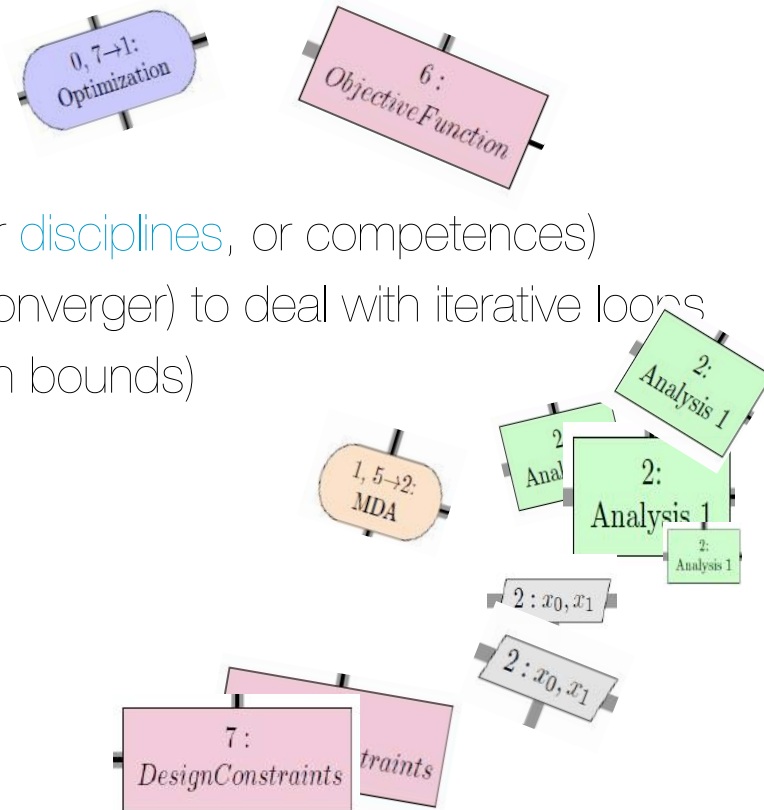
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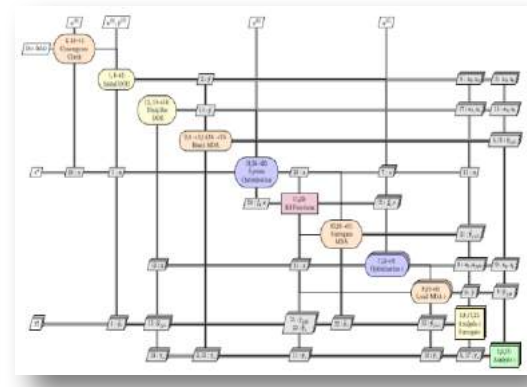
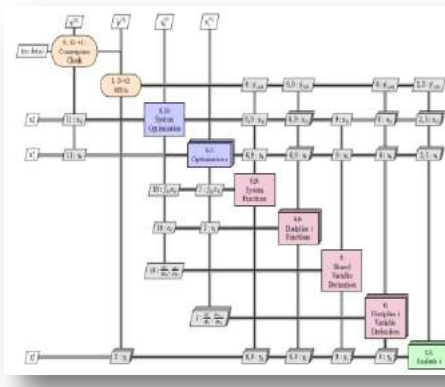
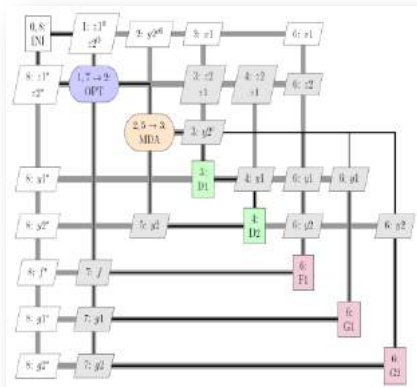
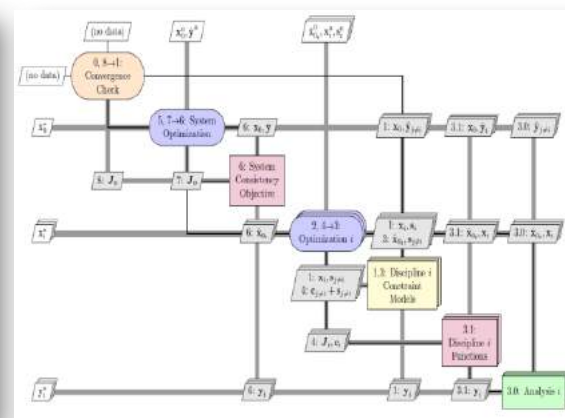
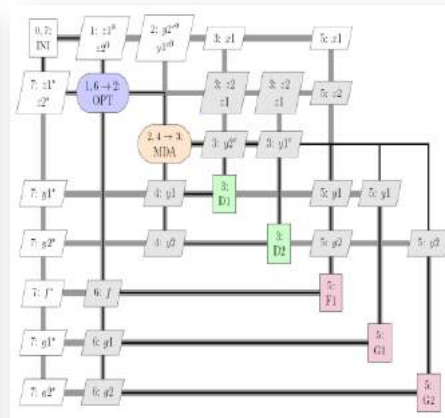
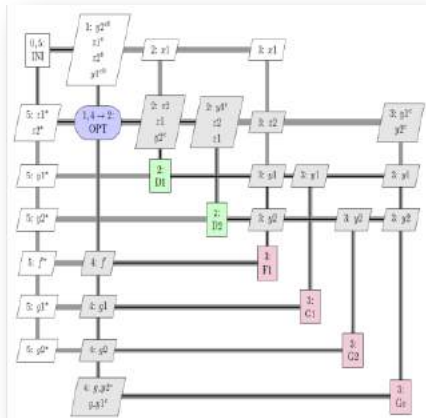
Assembling MDO systems

In order to assemble an MDO “architecture” we need a number of components:

- One (or more) optimizers
- One (or more) objectives
- A number of disciplinary tools (or disciplines, or competences)
- Possibly some coordinator (or converger) to deal with iterative loops
- A bunch of design variables (with bounds)
- Some constraint specification



Assembling MDO systems



- MDF Multidisciplinary Feasible approach—a complete analysis is performed at every optimization iteration. Also known as the All-in-One approach.
- IDF Individual Disciplinary Feasible approach—system analysis is performed simultaneously with system optimization.
- AAO All-at-Once approach—system analysis, optimization, and determination of state variables performed simultaneously. Useful for systems involving differential equations.
- ATC Analytical Target Cascading—each system element has its own optimizer. 'Parent' design problems coordinate the design of 'child' design problems. Useful for systems with a hierarchical structure.

Illustrative example: the Sellar problem

2 disciplines involved

Variables: x_1, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2

We'll see later what are the differences between these variables ...

minimize $x_1^2 + z_2 + y_1 + \exp(-y_2)$
with respect to z, x or (z_1, z_2, x_1)

subject to :

$$3.16 - y_1 \leq 0$$

$$y_2 - 24 \leq 0$$

$$-10 \leq z_1 \leq 10$$

$$0 \leq z_2 \leq 10$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 10$$

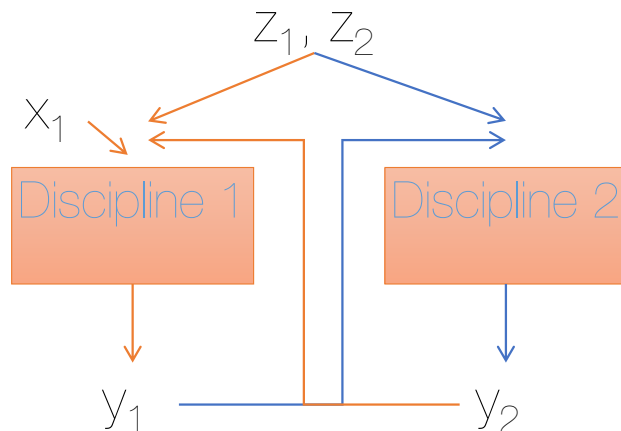
$$\text{Discipline 1 : } y_1(z_1, z_2, x_1, y_2) = z_1^2 + x_1 + z_2 - 0.2y_2$$

$$\text{Discipline 2 : } y_2(z_1, z_2, y_1) = \sqrt{y_1} + z_1 + z_2$$

Sellar, R. S., Batill, S. M., and Renaud, J. E., "Response Surface Based, Concurrent Subspace Optimization for Multidisciplinary System Design", 34th Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Aerospace Sciences Meetings, 1996.

Illustrative example: the Sellar problem

- Design variables: z_1, z_2, x_1 to minimize the objective
- Shared (or global) variables: z_1, z_2
- Local variable: x_1
- Coupling variables: y_1, y_2



$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } x_1^2 + z_2 + y_1 + e^{-y_2} \\ &\text{with respect to } z_1, z_2, x_1 \end{aligned}$$

subject to:

$$\frac{y_1}{3.16} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$1 - \frac{y_2}{24} \geq 0$$

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Multidisciplinary analysis (MDA) consists

in solution of the following equations

$$R_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad y_1 \text{ and } y_2 \text{ solutions}$$

$$R_2 = 0$$



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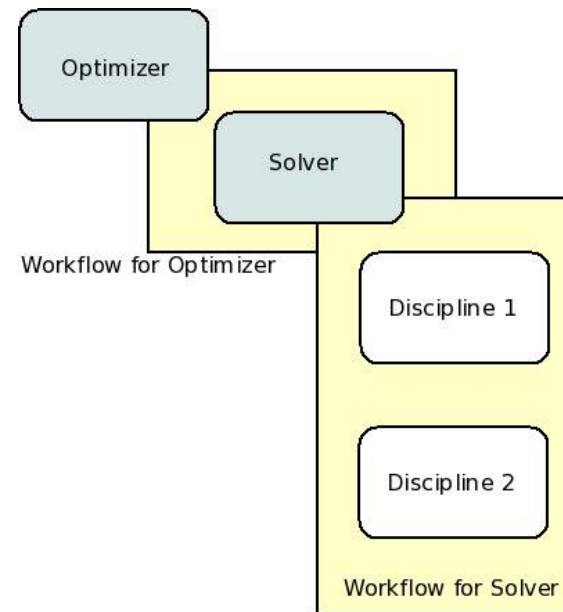
- ▶ Originally developed by team at NASA Glenn
- ▶ Python-based, open source framework for coupling multiple models and optimization
- ▶ Facilitates collaboration between industry, academia, and government
- ▶ Provides a common platform for the development of new multidisciplinary analysis and design methods

System is the base class in OpenMDAO

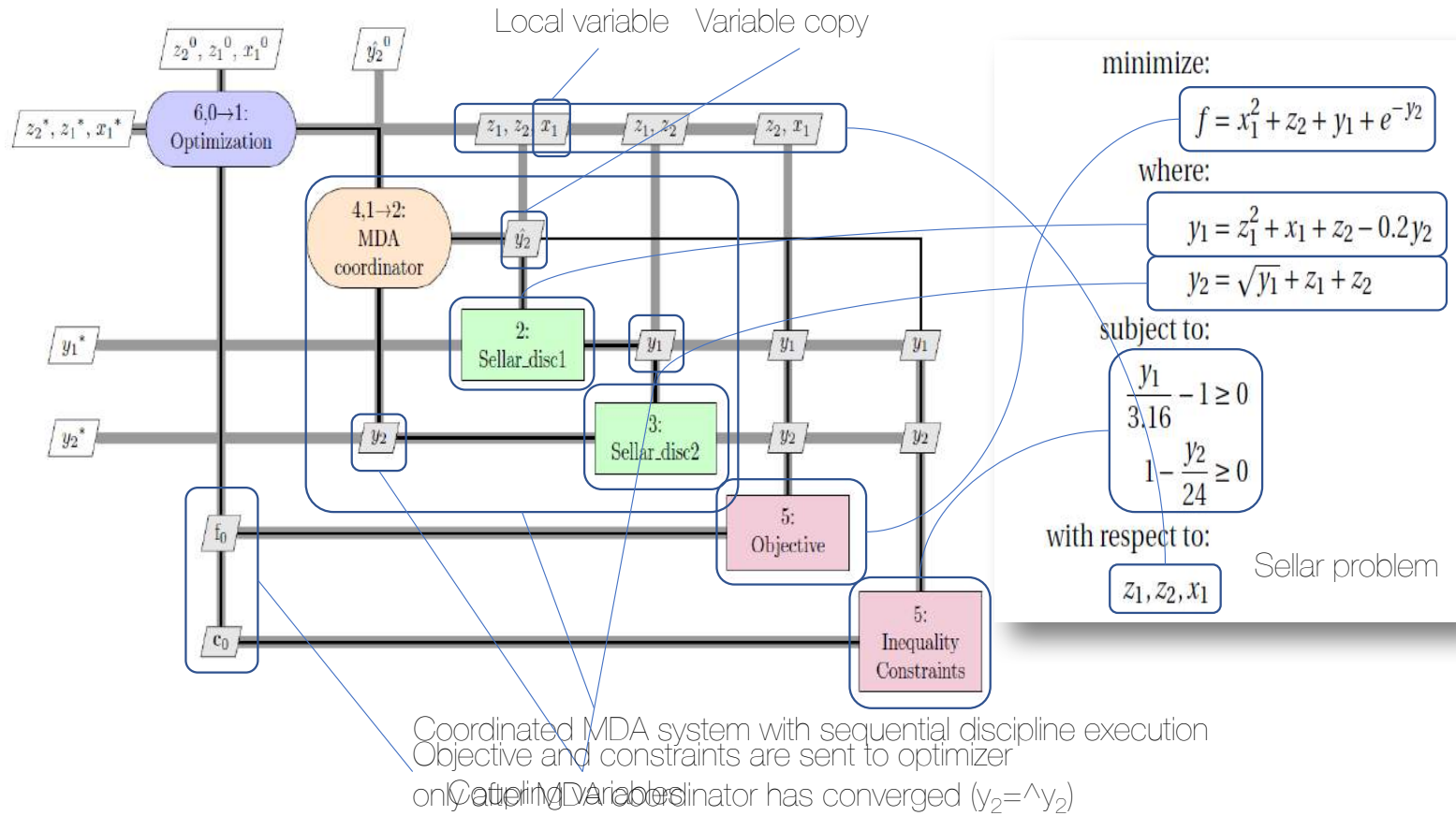
- ▶ **System**: base class for Component and Group classes. Represents a system of equations with variables:
 - ▶ **params**: input variables
 - ▶ **unknowns**: variables that are solved for. Can be explicitly defined (**outputs**) or implicitly defined (**states**)
 - ▶ **resids**: define the states implicitly
- ▶ The main System member functions are
 - ▶ **solve_nonlinear**: computes the unknowns for a give set of params.
 - ▶ **apply_nonlinear**: computes the residual values for a given state value

Multidisciplinary Feasible (MDF)

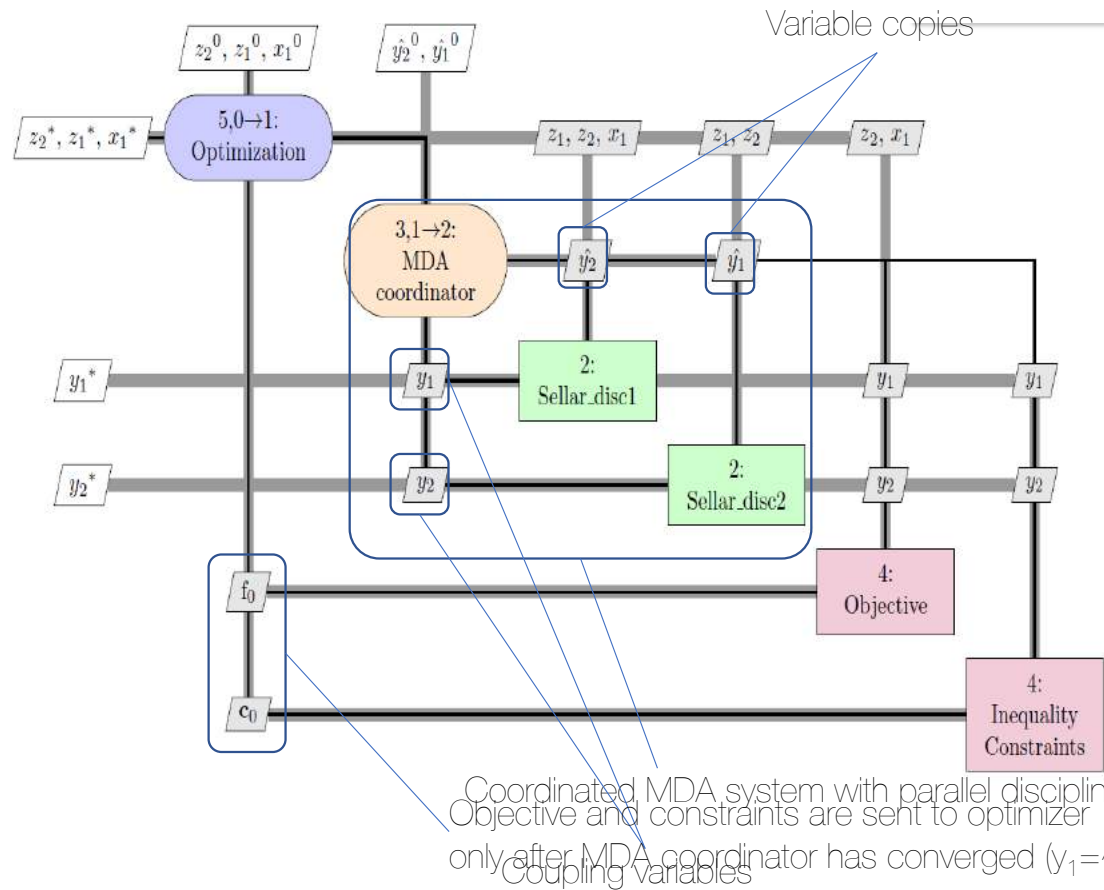
- The MDF architecture is **the most intuitive** for engineers
- The optimization problem formulation is identical to the single discipline case, except the disciplinary analysis is replaced by **an MDA**



MDF illustration on the Sellar problem:
MDF – Gauss-Seidel variant



MDF illustration on the Sellar problem:
MDF - Jacobi variant



minimize:

$$f = x_1^2 + z_2 + y_1 + e^{-y_2}$$

where:

$$y_1 = z_1^2 + x_1 + z_2 - 0.2y_2$$

$$y_2 = \sqrt{y_1} + z_1 + z_2$$

subject to:

$$\frac{y_1}{3.16} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$1 - \frac{y_2}{24} \geq 0$$

with respect to:

$$z_1, z_2, x_1$$

Sellar problem

Multidisciplinary Feasible (MDF)

■ Advantages:

- Intuitive procedure/no specialized knowledge required → Easy to incorporate existing models
- Always return **a system design that satisfies the consistency constraints**, even if the optimization process is terminated early – good from a practical engineering point of view
- Optimization problem with the minimum number of design variables and constraints to handle

■ Disadvantages:

- Intermediate results do not necessarily satisfy the optimization constraints
- Cannot be parallelized
- Developing **the MDA procedure might be time consuming**, if not already available

Gradients of the coupled system more challenging to compute

Optimizer solver

- Requirements

- Problem to solve $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{wrt } x \in R^d \\ \text{st } g_i(x) \leq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m \end{array} \right.$

- Derivative free Optimizer

- Evolutionary Algorithm,

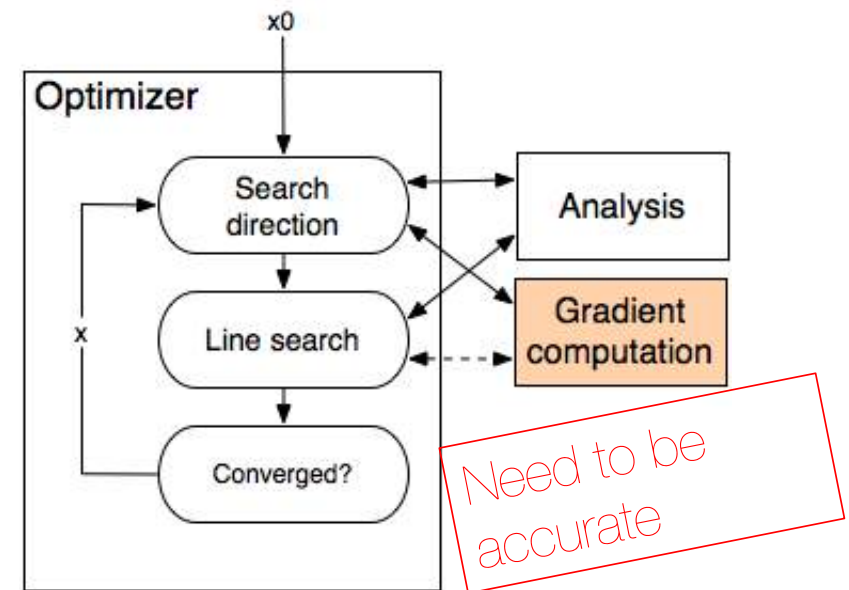
- Surrogate based Optimizer**

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- Gradient based Optimizer

- Computation of the derivatives of $f(x)$ and $g_i(x)$ to iterate and satisfy the KKT optimality conditions

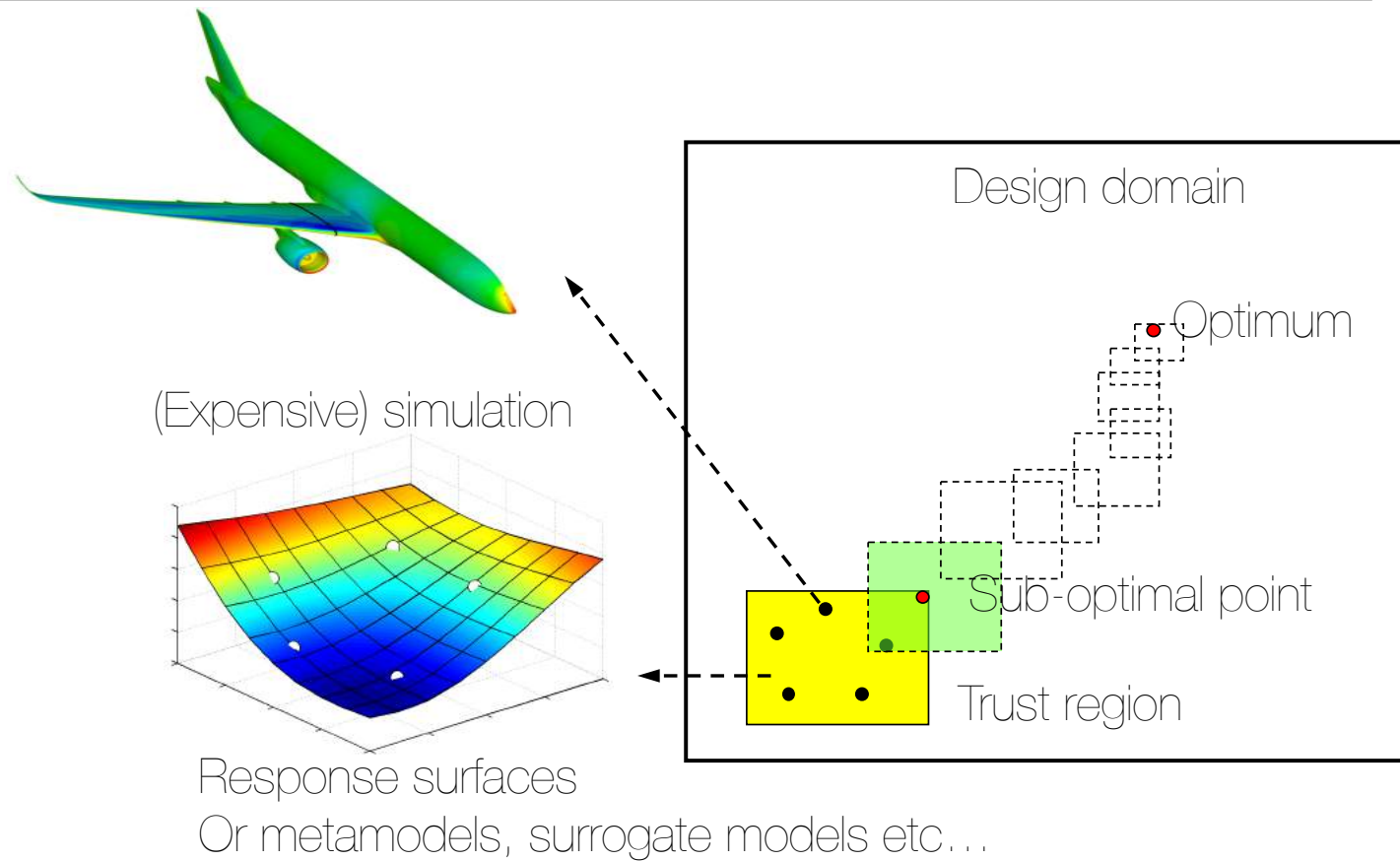
➔ Focus : computation of sensitivities (adjoint vs direct)



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i}$$

SURROGATE MODELING (learning for Optimizing)

Jacobs, J. H., Etman, L. F. P., Van Keulen, F., & Rooda, J. E. (2004). Framework for sequential approximate optimization. *Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization*, 27(5), 384-400.



**But
Why?**

SBO

Baseline

Problem definition

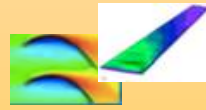
$$\begin{cases} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ c_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \\ \vdots \\ c_m(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Baseline

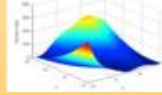
Bartoli, N., Bouhlef, M. A., Kurek, I., Lafage, R., Lefebvre, T., Morlier, J., & Regis, R. (2016). Improvement of efficient global optimization with application to aircraft wing design. In 17th AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization Conference (p. 4001).

Enrichment criteria

Codes



Surrogate models

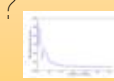


Adaptive

Optimization

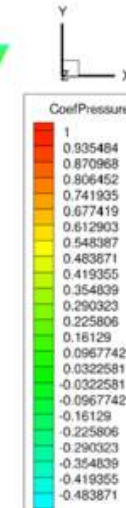
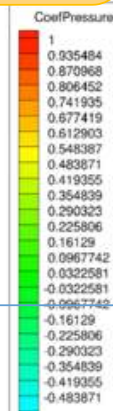


Convergence?



Optimized
SNOPT

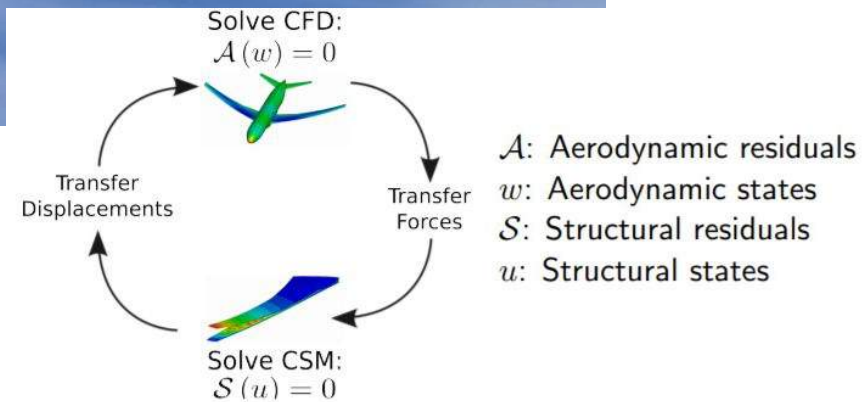
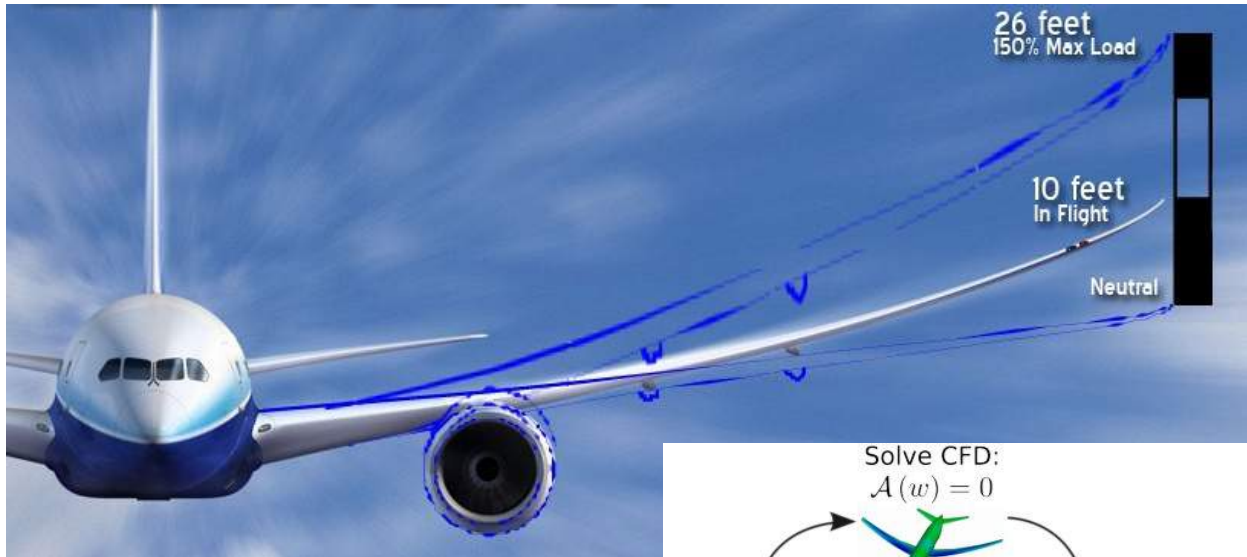
Use SMT for
surrogate
modeling!



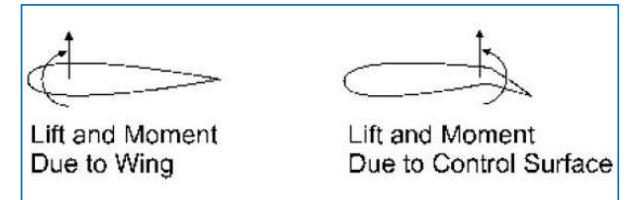
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The importance of aerostructural coupling



+ control law*:

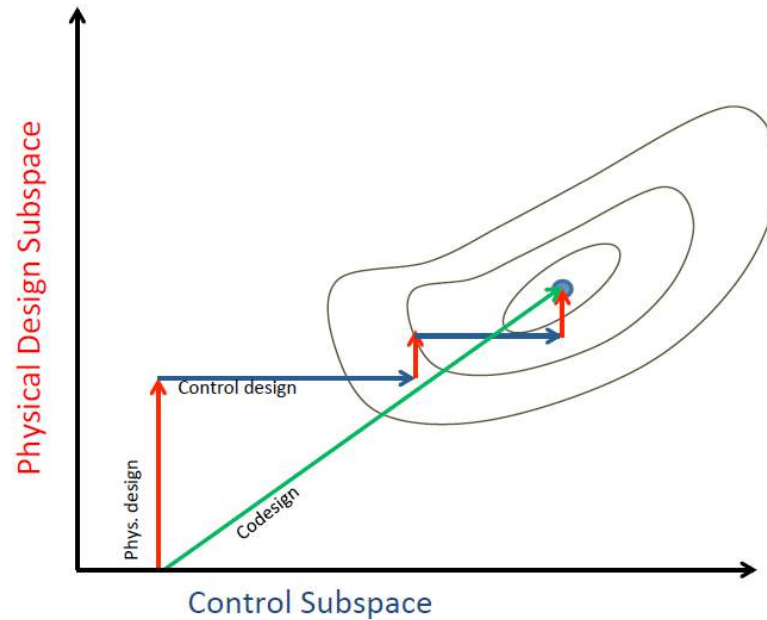


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Co-Design: Integrated Physical and Control System Design *

Navigate in physical and control design subspaces simultaneously.

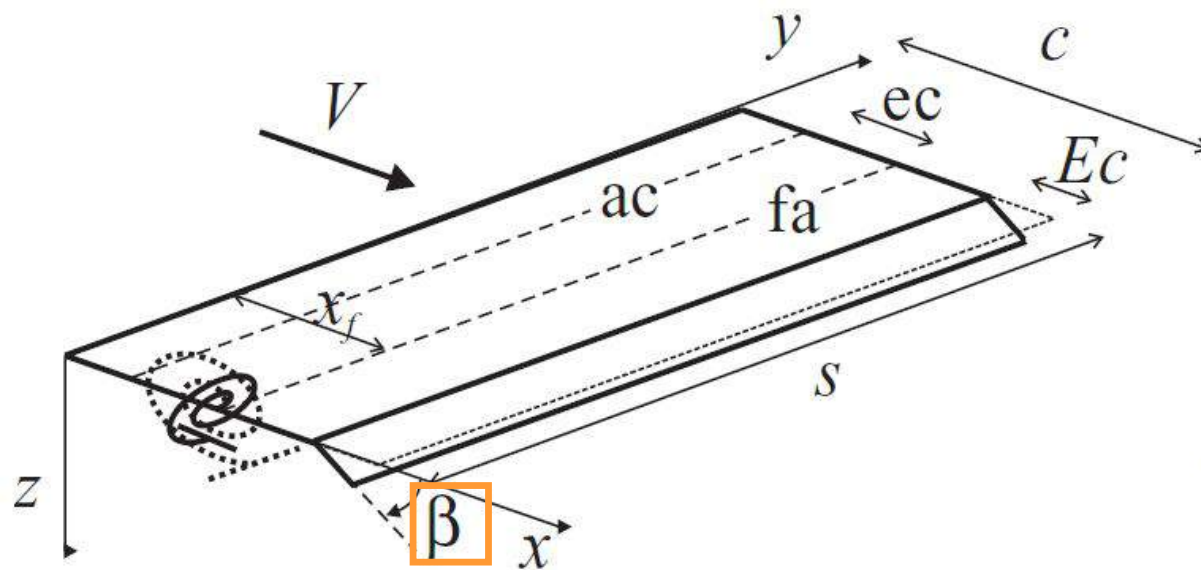
➔ Tailor structural/mechanical/control system designs: system optimality



Deshmukh, A. P., & Allison, J. T. (2016). Multidisciplinary dynamic optimization of horizontal axis wind turbine design. *Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization*, 53(1), 15-27.

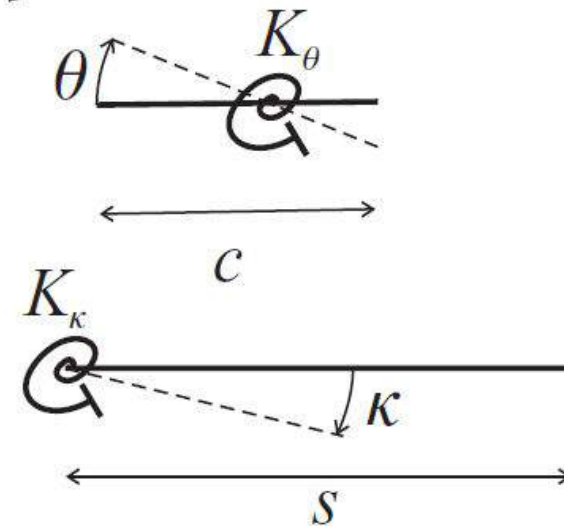
A toy model*

(G. Fillipi MsC)



control
surface
angle

Degrees of freedom:
pitch θ and flap κ



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State space modelling

solved with Direct Transcription Method

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_k & I_{k\theta} \\ I_{k\theta} & I_\theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{structural inertia}} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{k} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \rho V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{cs^3 a_w}{6} & 0 \\ -\frac{c^2 s^2 e a_w}{4} & -\frac{c^3 s}{8} M_\theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{aerodynamic damping}} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{k} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \left(\rho V^2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{cs^2 a_w}{4} \\ 0 & -\frac{c^2 s e a_w}{2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{aerodynamic stiffness}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} K_k & 0 \\ 0 & K_\theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{structural stiffness}} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} k \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \rho V^2 cs \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{sa_c}{4} \\ \frac{cb_c}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \underbrace{\beta}_{\text{control surface angle}} + \rho V cs \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{s}{4} \\ \frac{c}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \underbrace{w_g}_{\text{gust term}}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \rho V \mathbf{B} \dot{\mathbf{q}} + (\rho V^2 \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{q} = g \boldsymbol{\beta} + h \mathbf{w}_g$$

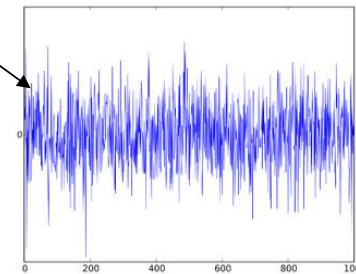
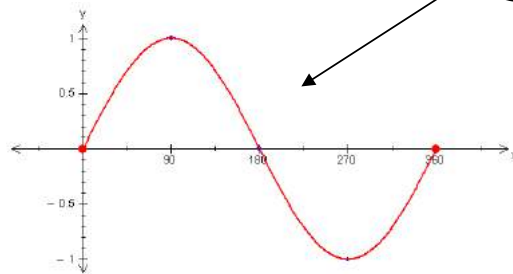
Objective function (multiObj \rightarrow monoObj)

r_i

handling + comfort + control cost

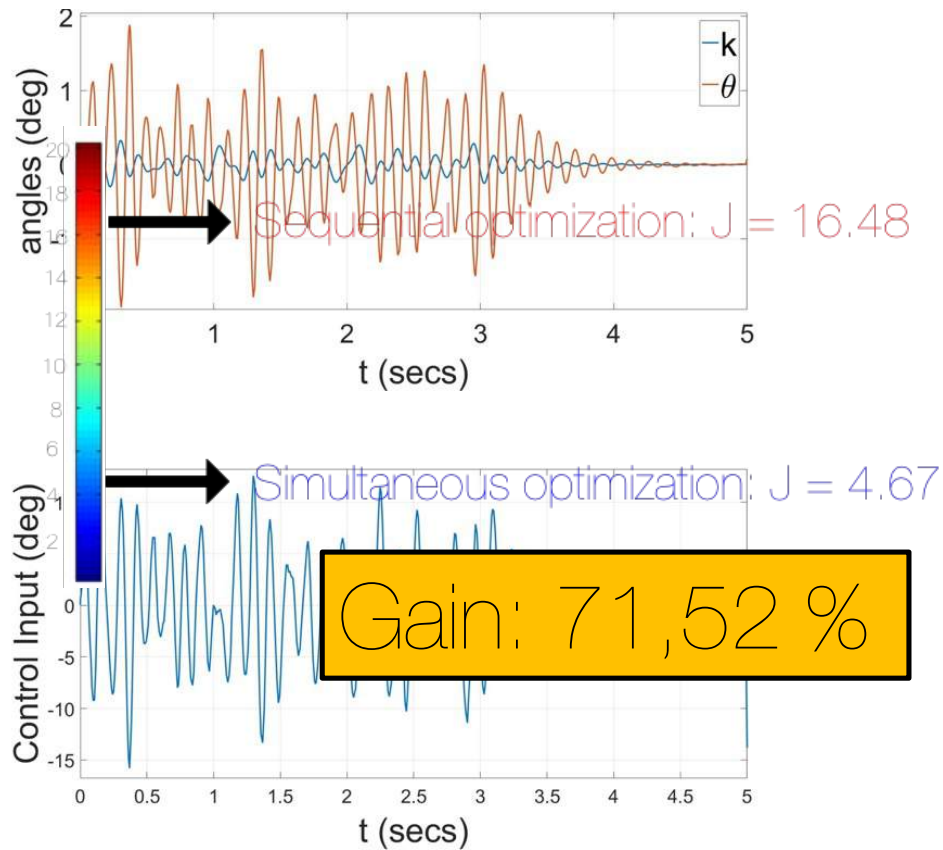
$$J = \int_0^{t_F} (r_1 \mathbf{z}^2 + r_2 \ddot{\mathbf{z}}^2 + r_3 \mathbf{u}^2) dt$$

$$J_{\text{tot}} = J_{\text{gust}} + J_{\text{turb}}$$



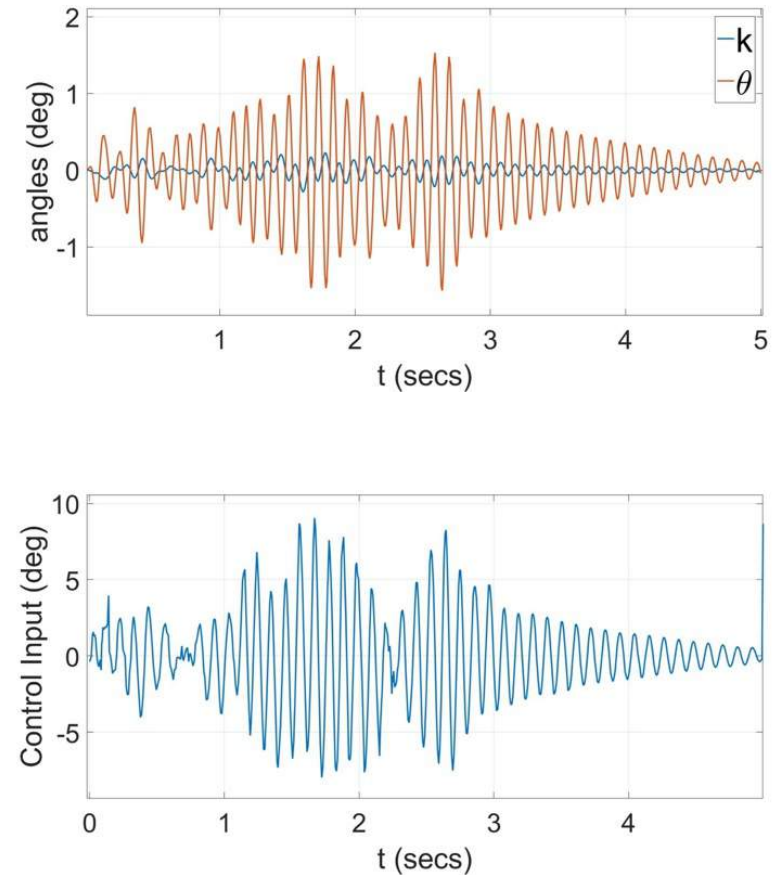
System response (Gust+Random)

Response to Random turbulence



sequential

Response to Random turbulence



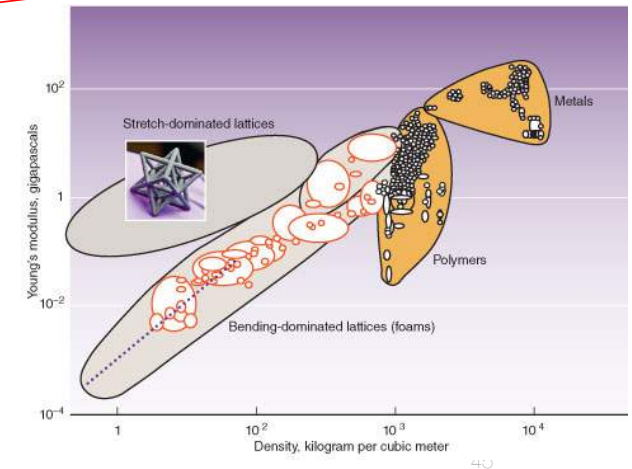
vs simultaneous optimization

Conclusion

- In general, disciplines are not isolated in real world applications → **coupled systems**
- Optimizing each discipline **separately** can lead to **underperforming results**, as we are missing the interactions that will take place in the « real » operating conditions
- We can use the MultiDisciplinary Feasible approach to optimize the complete problem **simply using openMDAO** for example
- In the MDF, we solve the complete system for every set of variables proposed by the optimizer → **One problem, One optimizer (to be tuned)**

Next we move on Material Design Optimization with Edouard & Miguel

"By controlling the architecture of a microstructure, we can create materials with previously unobtainable properties in the bulk form."



OpenSource tools

KADMOS => <https://bitbucket.org/imcovangent/kadmos>



=> <http://cmdows-repo.agile-project.eu>

=> <http://cmdows.agile-project.eu>



=> <http://rcenvironment.de/>



=> <http://openmdao.org/>



=> https://www.agile-project.eu/files/VISTOMS_SellarProblem

=> https://www.agile-project.eu/files/VISTOMS_TUDWingDesign

<http://www.agile-project.eu/>



THE 2 LAST SLIDES are linked with my next talk

MDO course



<https://github.com/mid2SUPAERO>

Prof J. Morlier's group

- NB: Since 2013 new course at SUPAERO : MDO [Structural&Multidisciplinary Design Optimization, 2*30H] (MsC level) with ONERA/AIRBUS
- Since 2017 we offer some fund to students to do research with us in order to be « PhD ready ». Part of this presentation has been made by SUPAERO MsC Students:
Mostafa Meliani (KTH), Mahfoud Herraz (ICA) already started a PhD

Please Visit :

<https://github.com/SMTorg/SMT>

<https://github.com/mid2SUPAERO> for student's project

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Surrogate
modeling in HD,
focus on
derivatives



SMT: Surrogate Modeling Toolbox

The surrogate model toolbox (SMT) is an open-source Python package consisting of libraries of surrogate modeling methods (e.g., radial basis functions, kriging), sampling methods, and benchmarking problems. SMT is designed to make it easy for developers to implement new surrogate models in a well-tested and well-document platform, and for users to have a library of surrogate modeling methods with which to use and compare methods.

The code is available open-source on [GitHub](#).

Focus on derivatives

SMT is meant to be a general library for surrogate modeling (also known as metamodeling, interpolation, and regression), but its distinguishing characteristic is its focus on derivatives, e.g., to be used for gradient-based optimization. A surrogate model can be represented mathematically as

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t),$$

where $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\text{Dox}}}$ contains the training inputs, $\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ contains the training outputs, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ contains the prediction inputs, and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}$ contains the prediction outputs. There are three types of derivatives of interest in SMT:

1. Derivatives (dy/dx): derivatives of predicted outputs with respect to the inputs at which the model is evaluated.
2. Training derivatives (dy_t/dx_t): derivatives of training outputs, given as part of the training data set, e.g., for gradient-enhanced kriging.
3. Output derivatives (dy/dy_t): derivatives of predicted outputs with respect to training outputs, representing how the prediction changes if the training outputs change and the surrogate model is re-trained.

Not all surrogate modeling methods support or are required to support all three types of derivatives; all are optional.

Thanks