



Implementing a Partitioned Algorithm for Fluid-Structure Interaction of Flexible Flapping Wings within *Overture*

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Outline

→ Overture Framework

→ Definition of various problems

→ Computational Framework

➤ Overlapping grids

➤ Fluid dynamics

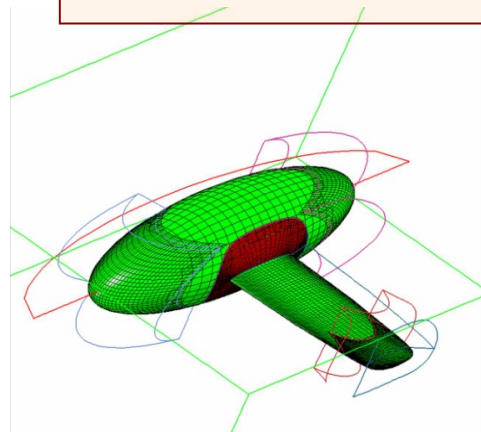
➤ Structural dynamics

➤ Rigid body dynamics

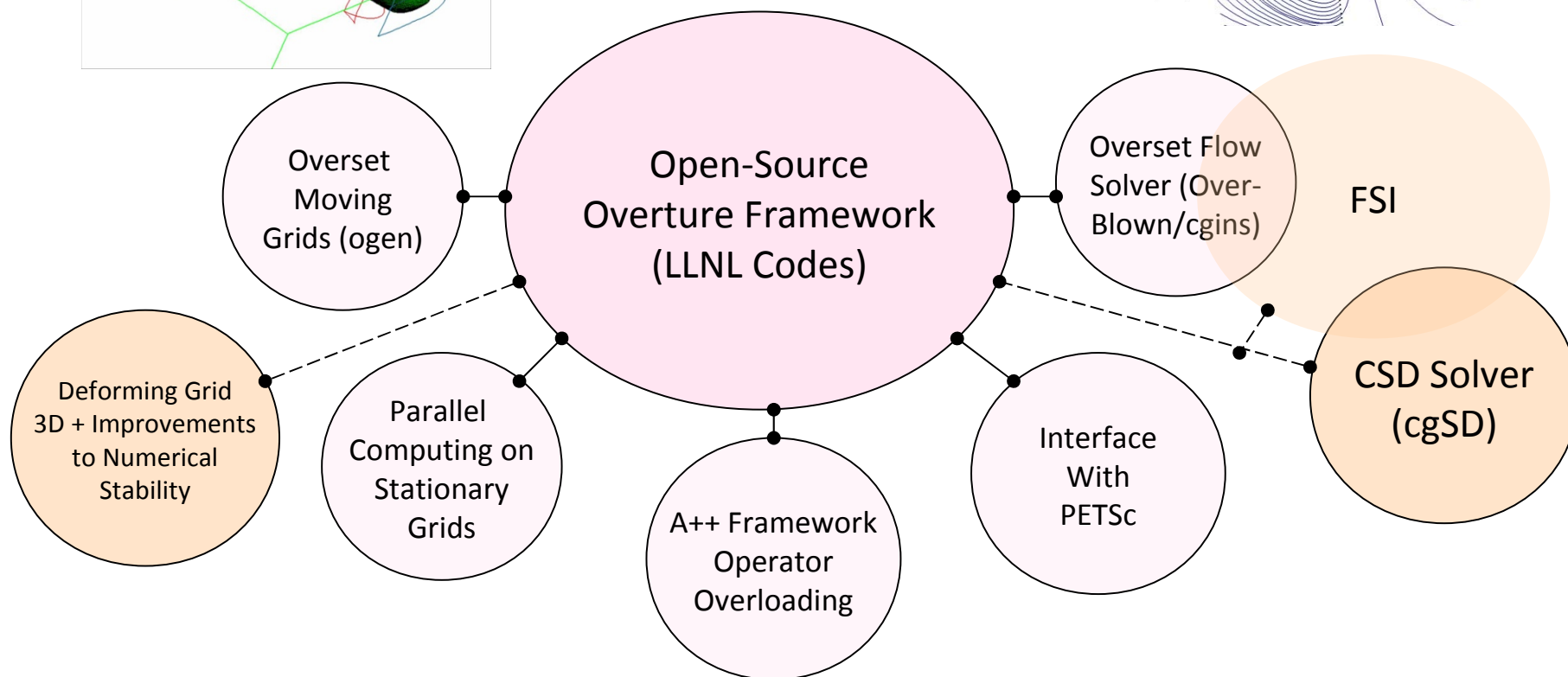
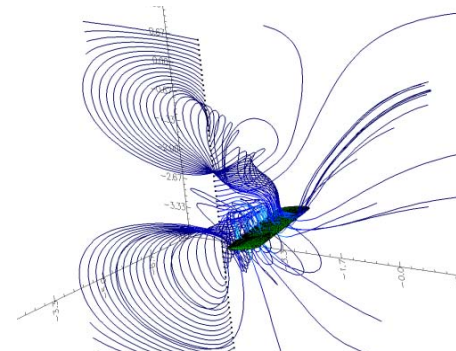
→ Key results and discussions

→ Concluding remarks

Overture Framework



Overture / OverBlown (CGINS) Codes



Summary of Work Undertaken using Overture

Rigid and flexible flapping airfoils and wings

Wing deformation &
Fluid Structure Interaction

Effect of flexure on
Aerodynamic characteristics

Passive Flight

Accelerating motion of
a flapping wing due to
Aerodynamic forces

Vortex dynamics &
Thrust Generation

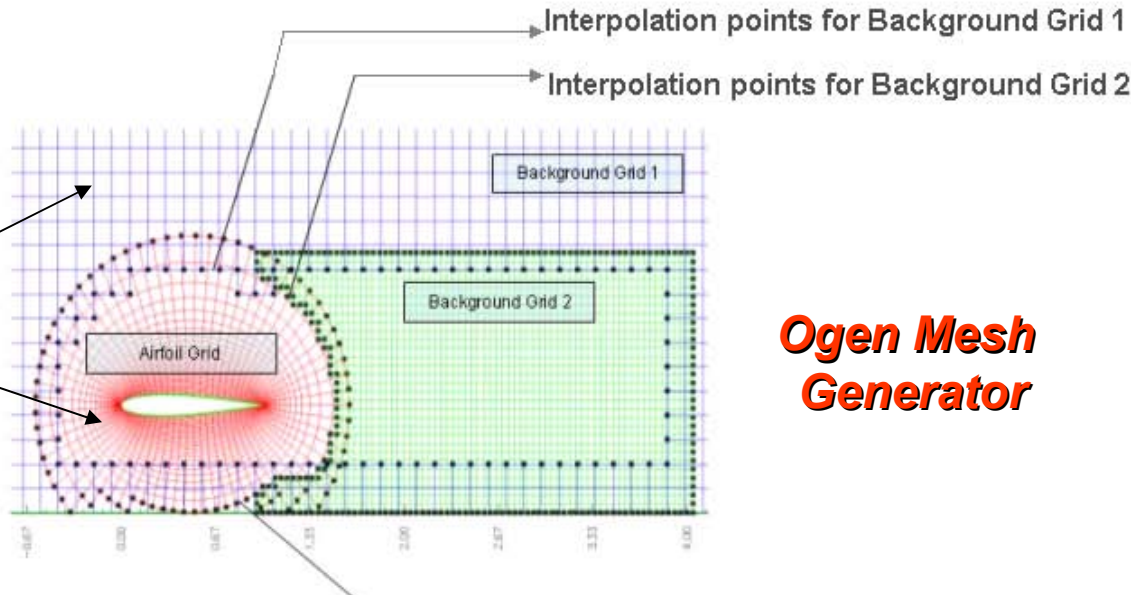
How surrounding vorticity field
Influences thrust

Dynamic Stall &
Lift Hysteresis

Lift Decreases with increase in
angle of attack

Overlapping / Composite / Overset / Chimera Grids

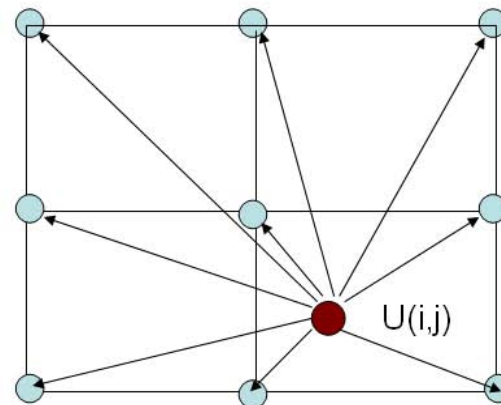
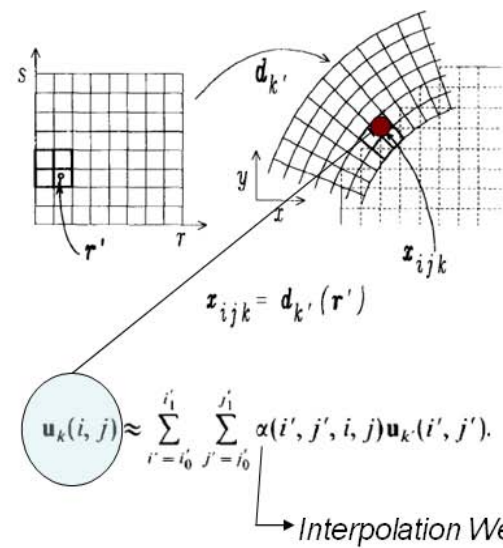
**Individual grids can be
Generated independently**



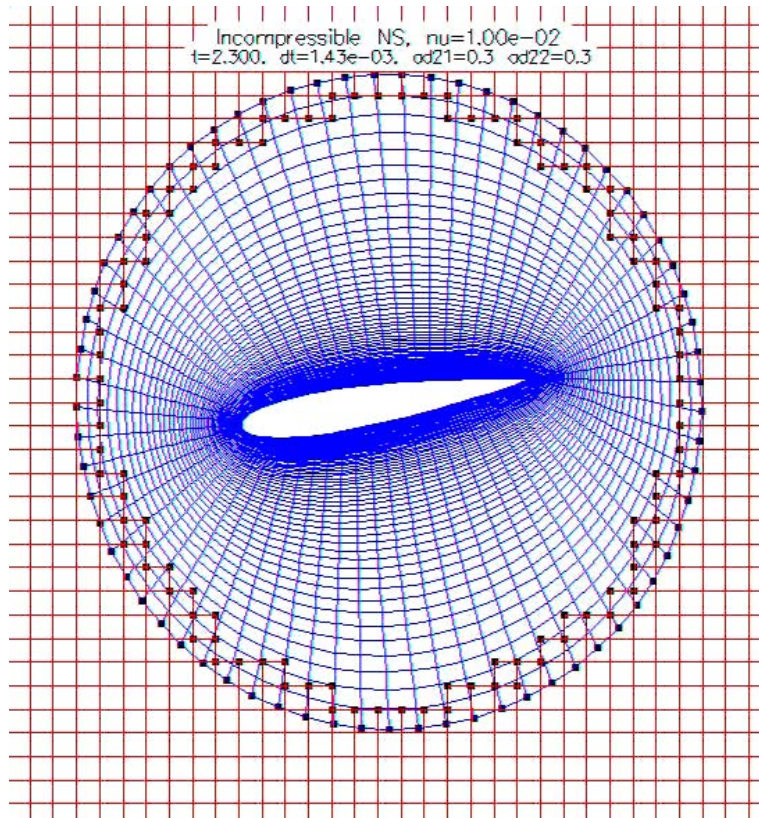
For 2nd order Scheme : Width of
Interpolation = 3 (Quadratic)

Interpolation points for airfoil grid

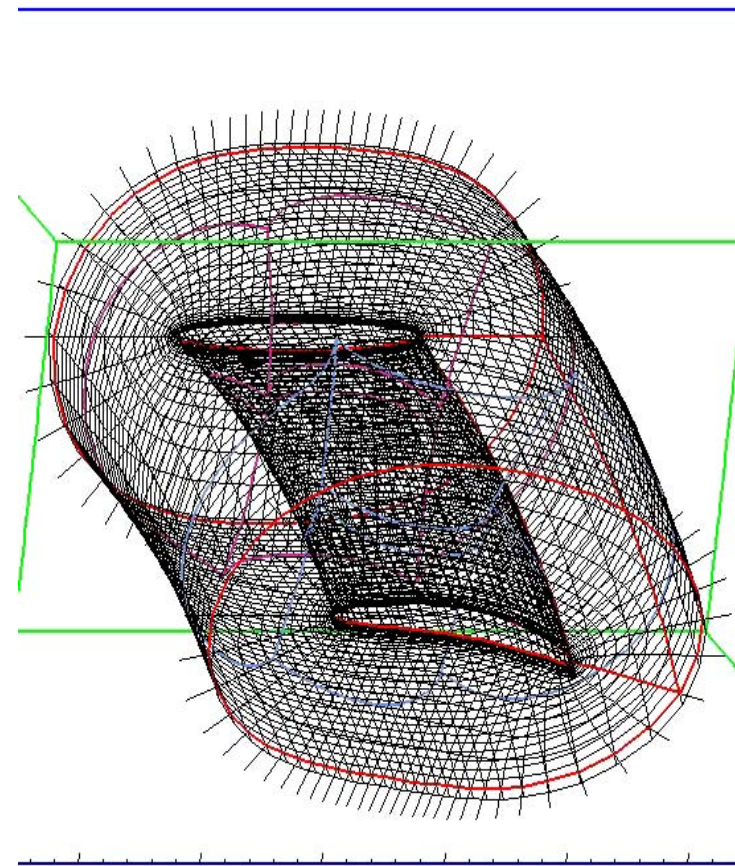
Interpolation



Moving Overlapping Grids



Two-Dimensional Moving Grid (Rigid)



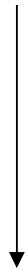
Three-Dimensional Deforming Grid

Computational Flow Modeling

(A) Fluid Dynamics – Incompressible Navier Stokes Equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$



$\mathbf{u} \rightarrow$ Velocity Vector

$p \rightarrow$ Static pressure

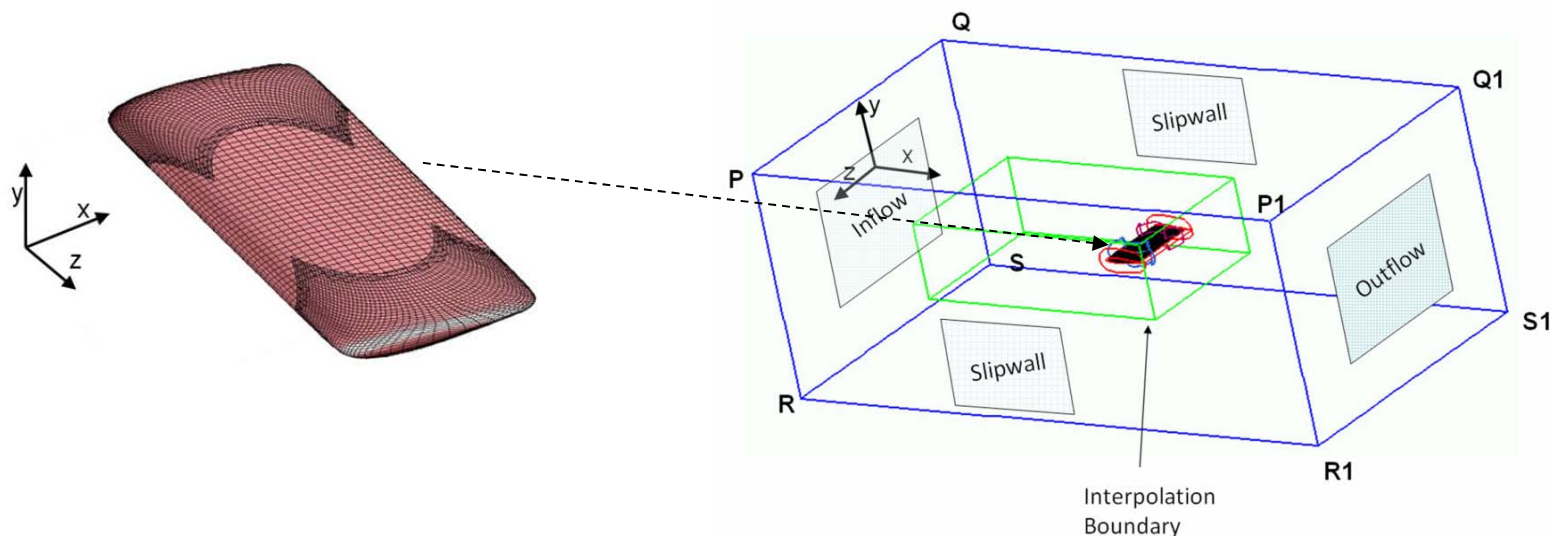
$\rho \rightarrow$ Fluid density

Pressure Poisson Equation

$$\Delta p - (\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{u}_x + \nabla v \cdot \mathbf{u}_y + \nabla w \cdot \mathbf{u}_z) = 0$$

- ✓ 2nd Order spatial differences
- ✓ 2nd Order Crank Nicolson Implicit (For Viscous terms)
- ✓ 2nd Order Adams Predictor-Corrector (Explicit)

Computational Flow Modeling



Boundary condition type	Region	Boundary condition
Wall (No slip)	Wing surface	$u = 0, \nabla \cdot u = 0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = n \cdot (-\vec{G}_t - \nu \nabla \times \nabla \times u)$
Far field	P-R-R1-P1-P Q-S-S1-Q1-Q Q-P-P1-Q1-Q S-R-R1-S1-S	$n \cdot u = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (t_m u) = 0, \nabla \cdot u = 0$ (Slip wall conditions)
Inflow	P-Q-S-R-P	$u = u_s$ (velocity specified), $\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = 0$
Outflow	P1-Q1-S1-R1-P1	Extrapolate u , $\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = 0$

Computational Modeling

(B) 6 DOF Rigid Body Dynamics

F_A = Net Aerodynamic Force

T = Net Aerodynamic Torque / Moment about Centre of mass (x_{cms})

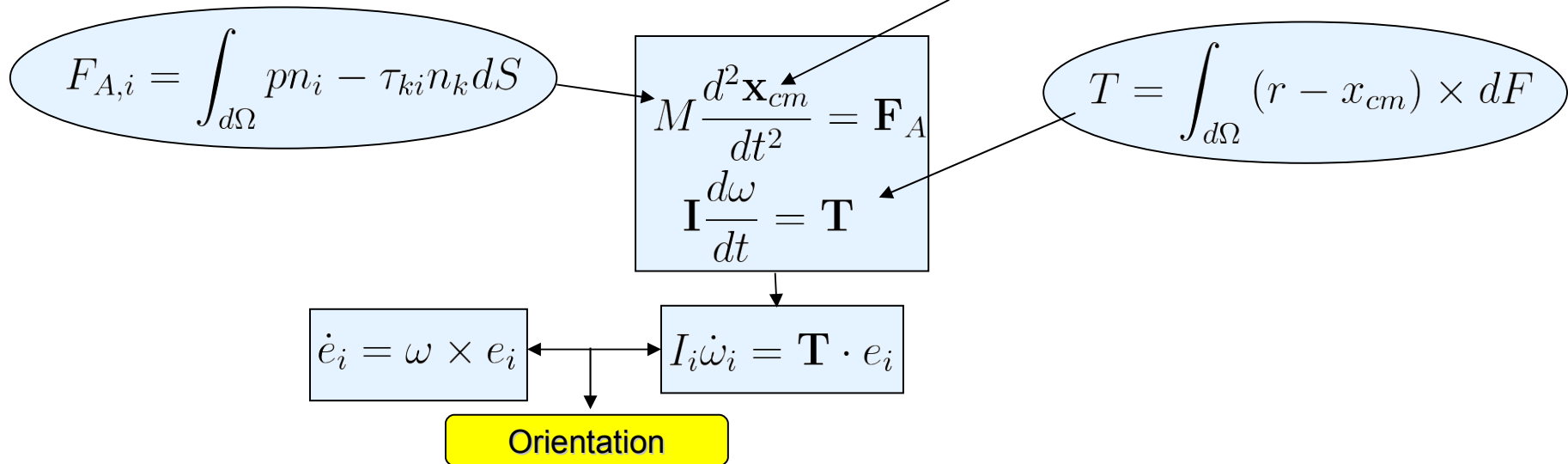
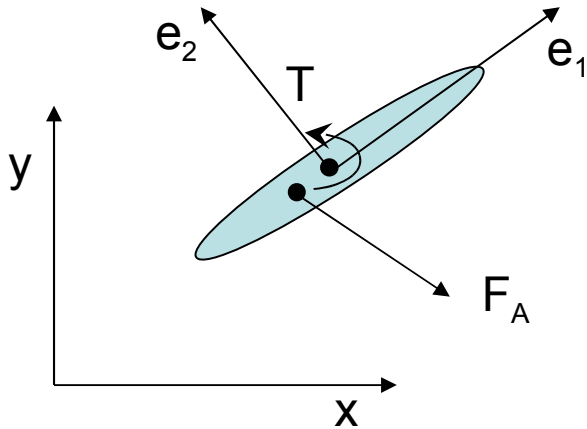
M = Mass of the body

I = Components of Principal moments of Inertia

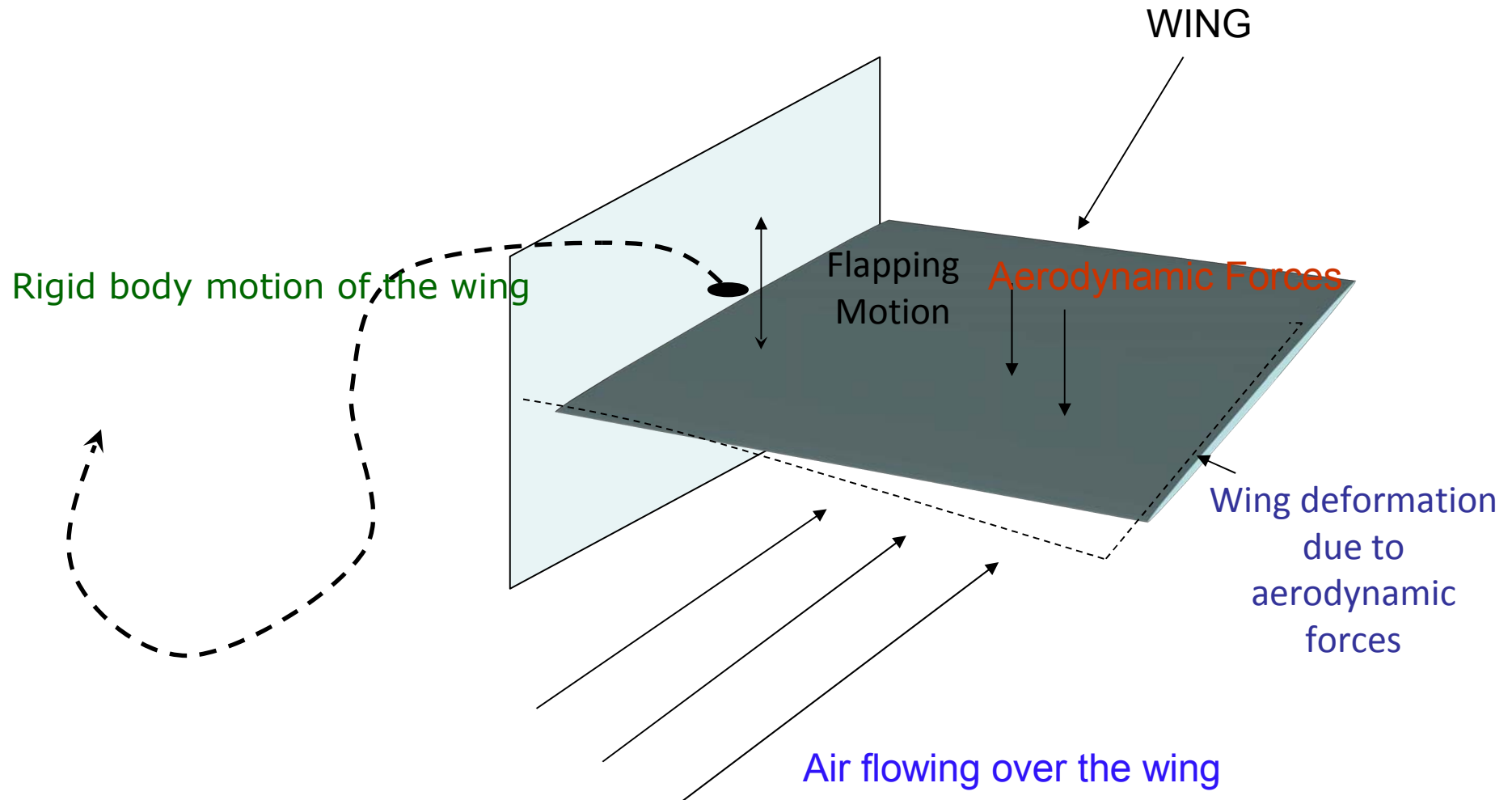
ω = Angular velocity vector

e_i = Principal axes.

τ = Stress Tensor



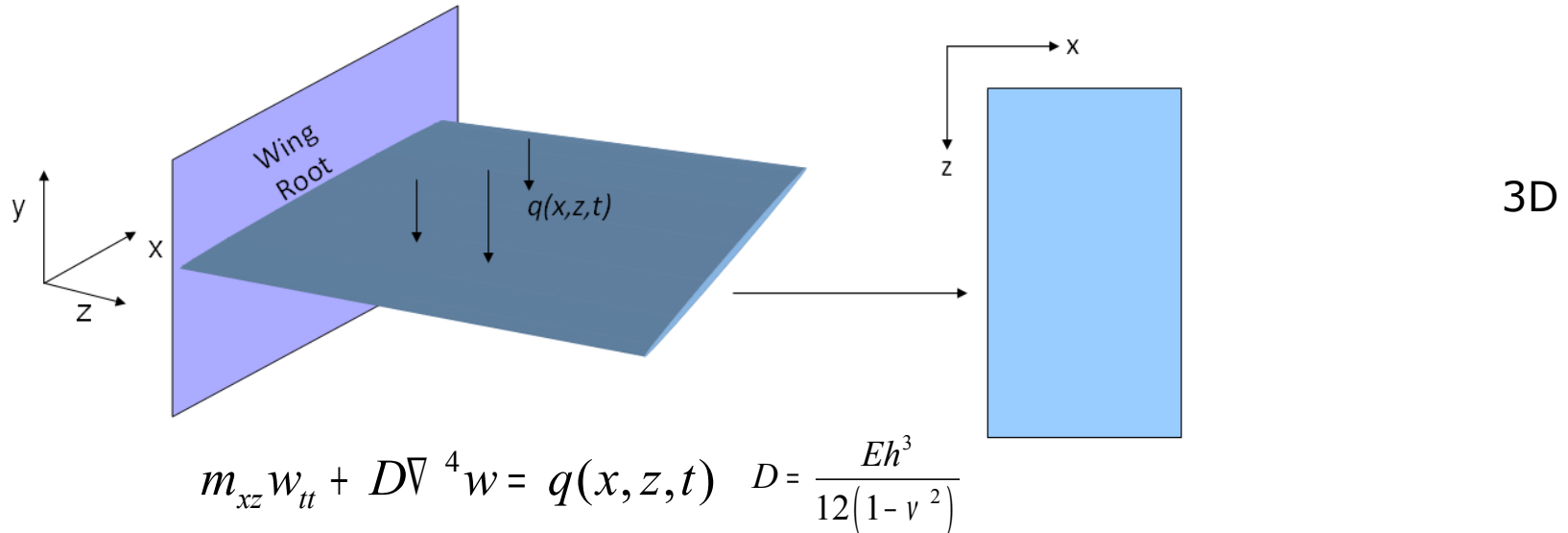
Computational Fluid-Structure Interaction and Coupling Issues



Computational Structural Dynamics Modeling

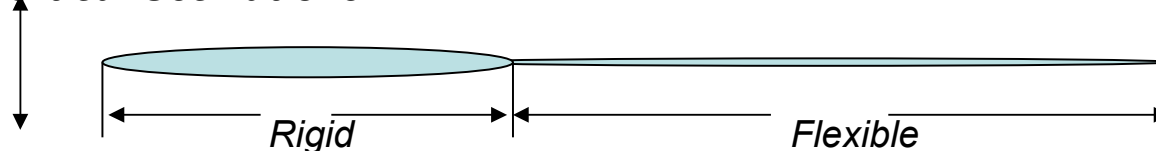
Structural Dynamics

Kirchhoff's Plate Equation



Euler-Bernoulli Beam Equation

Vertical Oscillations



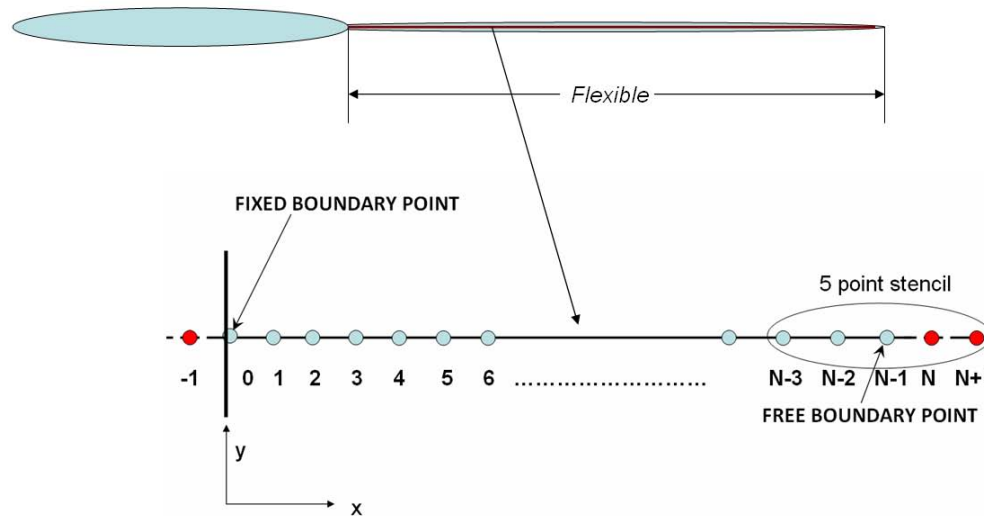
E : Modulus of Elasticity , h : Plate Thickness, ν : Poissons Ratio, m_{xz} : Mass per unit area,
 q : Load Acting, I : Moment of Inertia

$$\left(I + \frac{\Delta t^2 D}{m_{xz}} [Q] \right) w^{n+1} = \frac{\Delta t^2 q(x, z, t)^{n+1}}{m_{xz}} + 2w^n - w^{n-1}$$

Computational Structural Dynamics Modeling

Discretization of the Euler-Bernoulli Beam Equation :

Airfoil with Flexible Tail



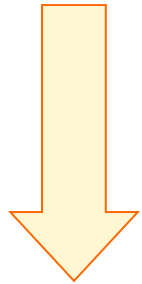
$$m_x \frac{w_i^{n+1} - 2w_i^n + w_i^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} + EI \frac{w_{i+2}^{n+1} - 4w_{i+1}^{n+1} + 6w_i^{n+1} - 4w_{i-1}^{n+1} + w_{i-2}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^4} = q(x, t)^{n+1}$$

Solution $\rightarrow [A]y^{n+1} = f(y^n, q^{n+1}) \quad O(\Delta t, \Delta x^2)$

Fluid – Structure Coupling

Partitioned Approach (*Dirichlet – Neumann Approach*) With Inner Iterations :

Time = T^n



$$\frac{u^p - u^n}{\Delta t} = f(u^{n-1}, u^n, u^p, p^{n-1}, p^n)$$

$$\Delta p^p = f(u^p)$$

$$[A]w^p = f(w^n, q^{n+1})$$

Transfer stresses
through interpolation

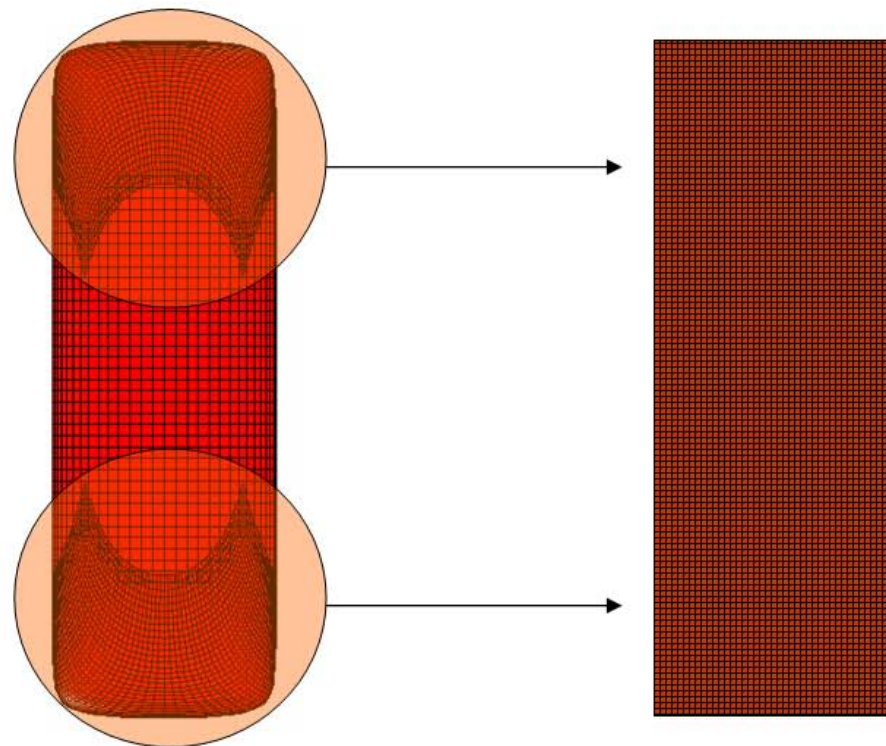
Time = T^{n+1}

Fluid – Structure Coupling

Load Transfer from Fluid to Solid:

Interpolate Wing Caps on to Wing

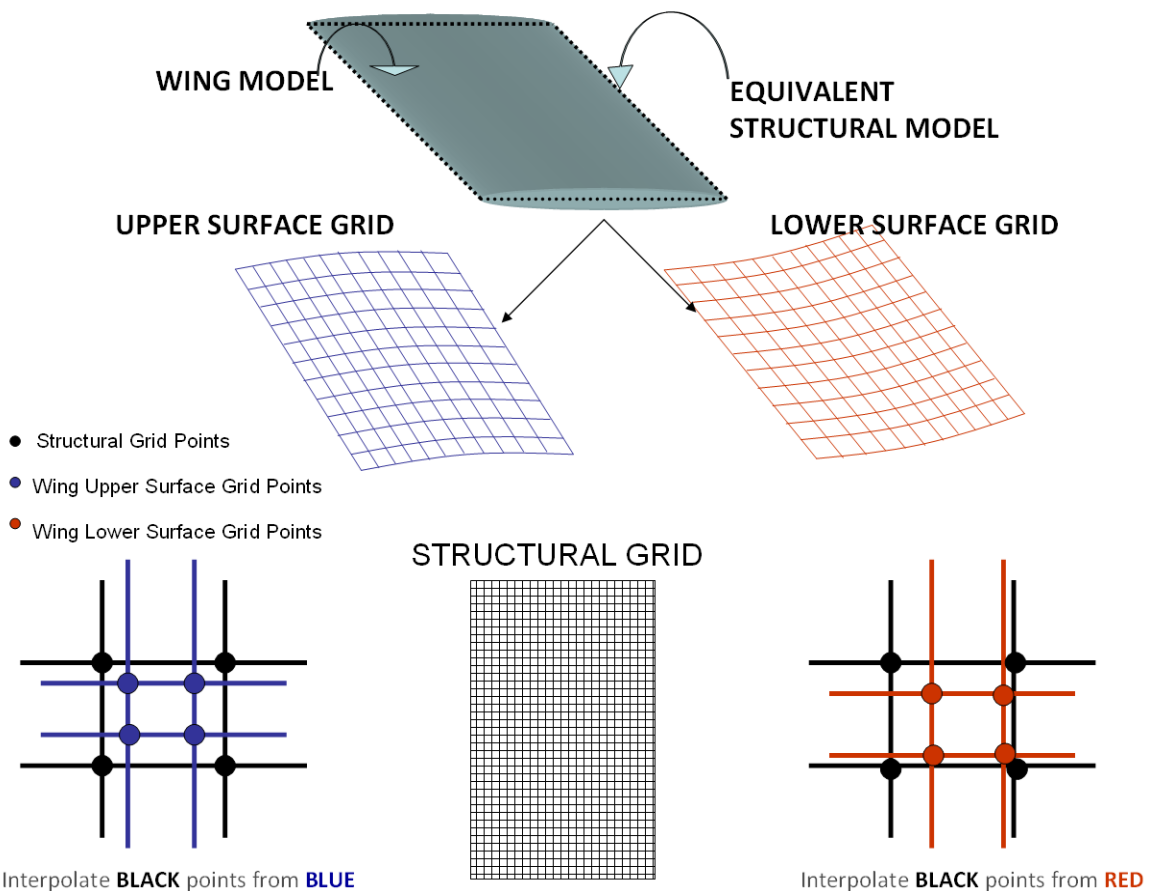
STEP 1



Fluid – Structure Coupling

Stress Transfer from Fluid to Solid:

Interpolate CSD Grid from CFD



$$q(x, z, t) = \overset{\text{(Upper)}}{\Pi_u} n_u + \overset{\text{(Lower)}}{\Pi_l} n_l$$

$$\Pi = p\delta_{ij} - \tau_{ij}$$

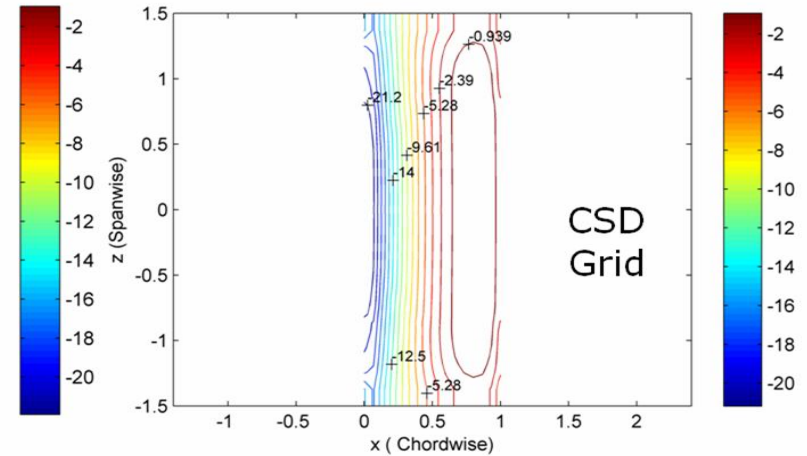
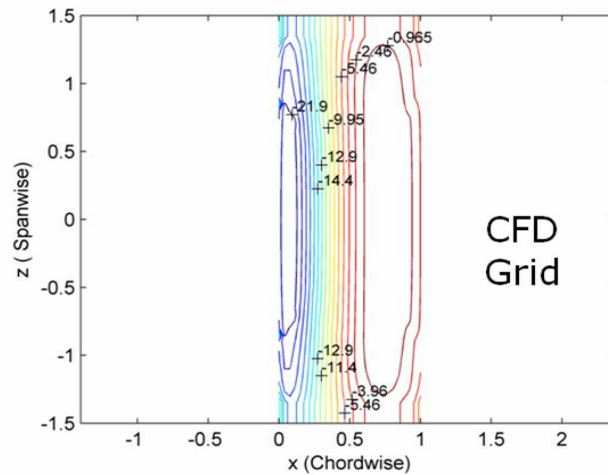
Fluid – Structure Coupling

Comparison of Actual and Interpolated Stress

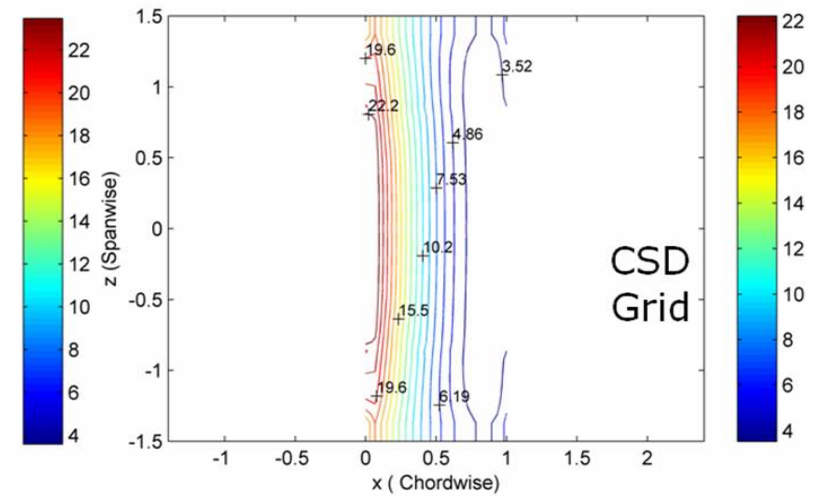
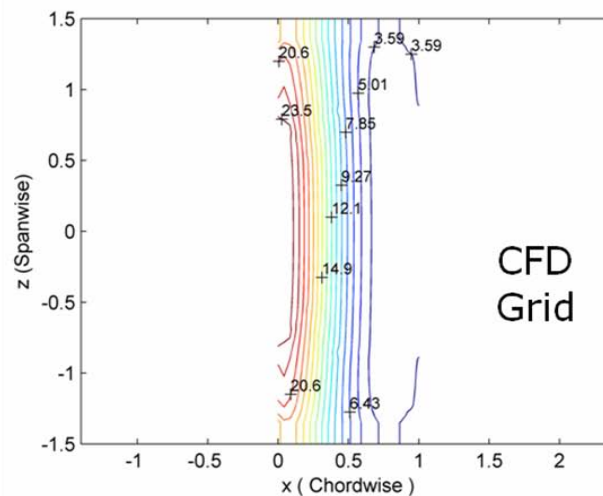
Actual (CFD)

Interpolated (CSD)

Upper Surface

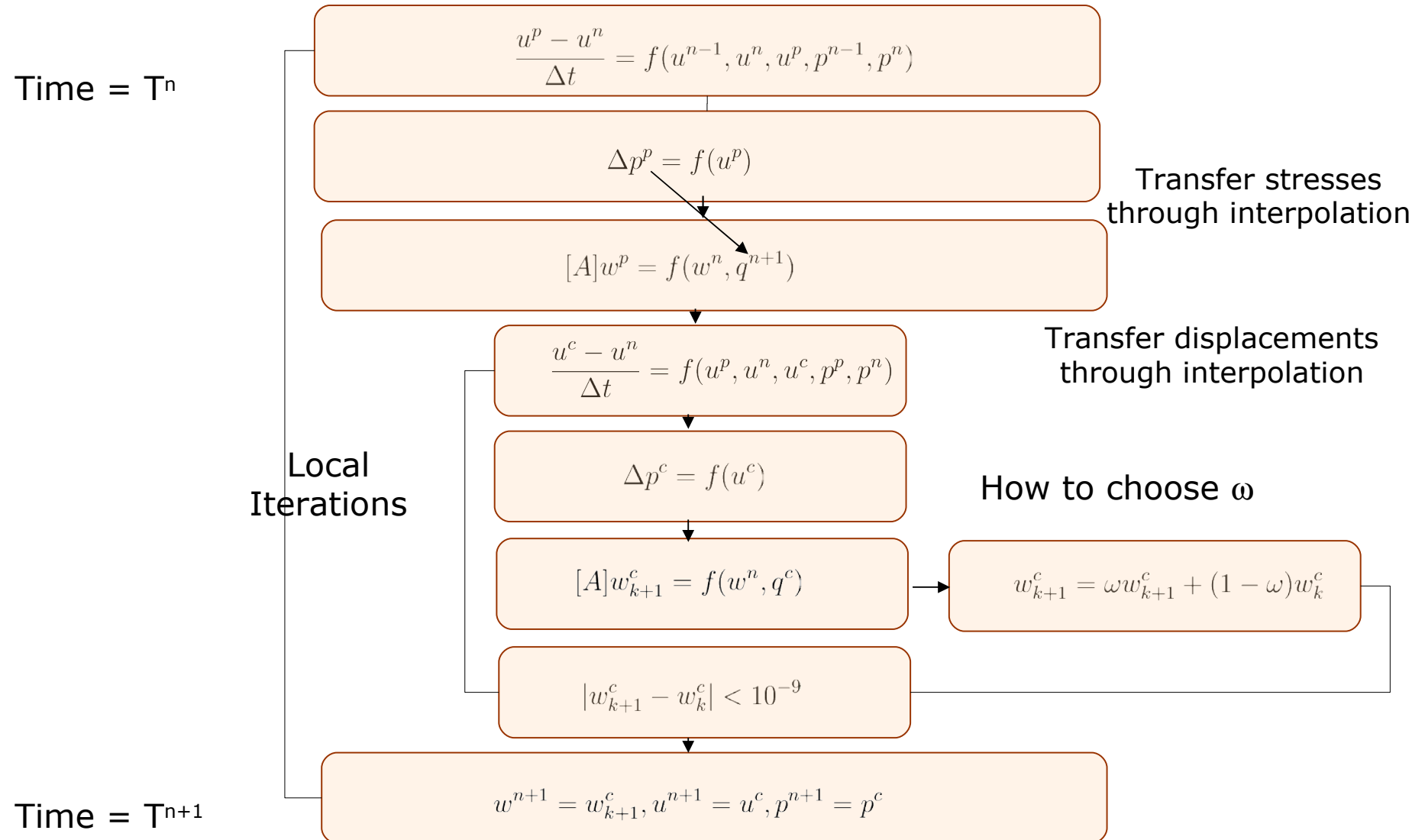


Lower Surface



Fluid – Structure Coupling

Partitioned Approach (*Dirichlet – Neumann Approach*) With Inner Iterations :



Computational Cases Investigated

Rigid Plunging Wing

Plunging and (active) deforming airfoil

Plunging and (passive) deforming airfoil

Deformation of a beam in a fluid

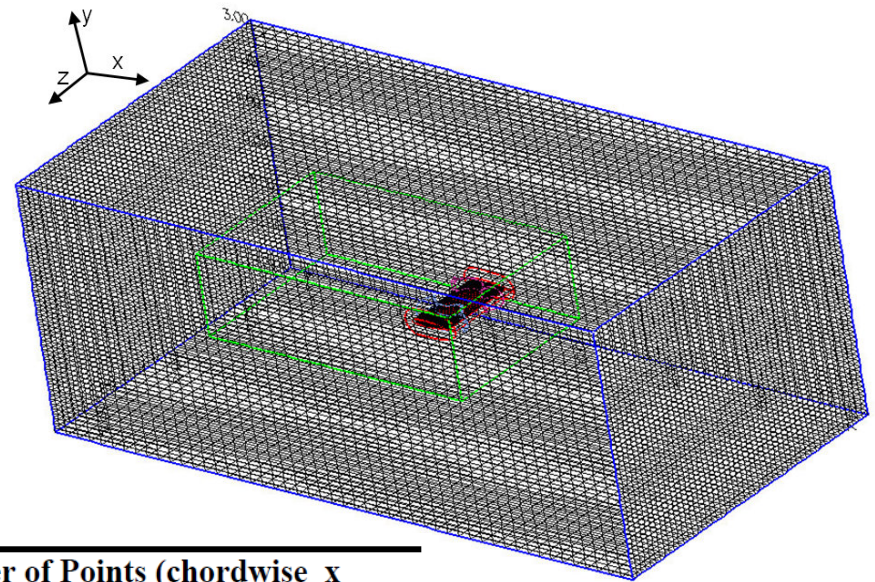
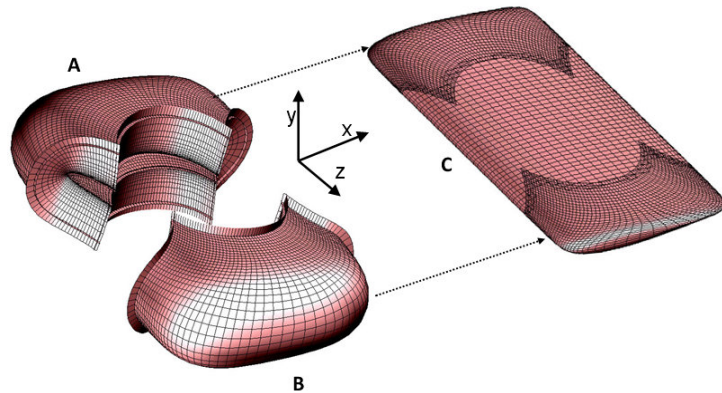
FSI Coupling Issues

Plunging and passively deforming wing

Rigid Plunging Wing

Comparison of Aerodynamic forces and moments

Experiment *Heathcote et al. (2008)*
 Navier-Stokes *Young (2005)*
 Panel Method *Young (2005)*
 Linear Theory *Garrick (1936)*



Grid	Number of Points (chordwise x spanwise x normal)
Outer cube	51 x 51 x 51
Inner cube	180 x 80 x 90
Wing (C)	172x91x43
Wing Tip (A)	172x61x43
Wing Tip (B)	172x61x43

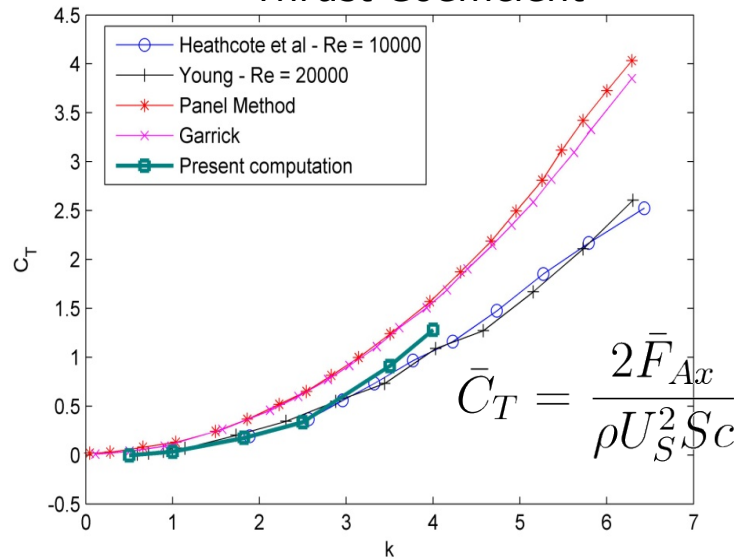
Motion along Y-axis is given by : $h = -h_0(1 - \cos 2\pi ft)$ with $h_0 = 0.175c$

Reduced frequency, $k = 0.5, 1.0, 1.82, 2.5, 3.5$ and 4.0

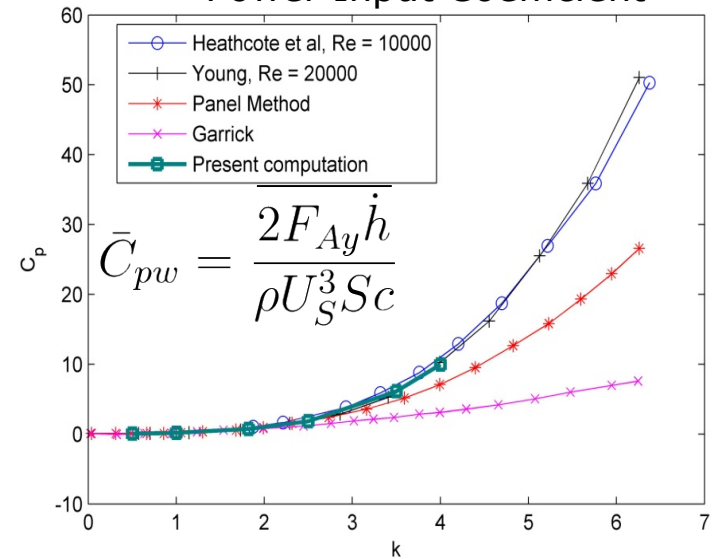
Reynolds number, $Re = 10^4$

Rigid Plunging Wing

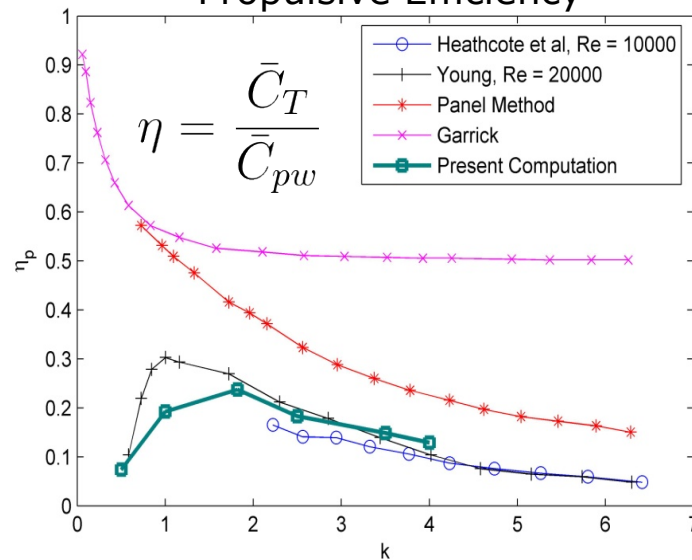
Thrust Coefficient



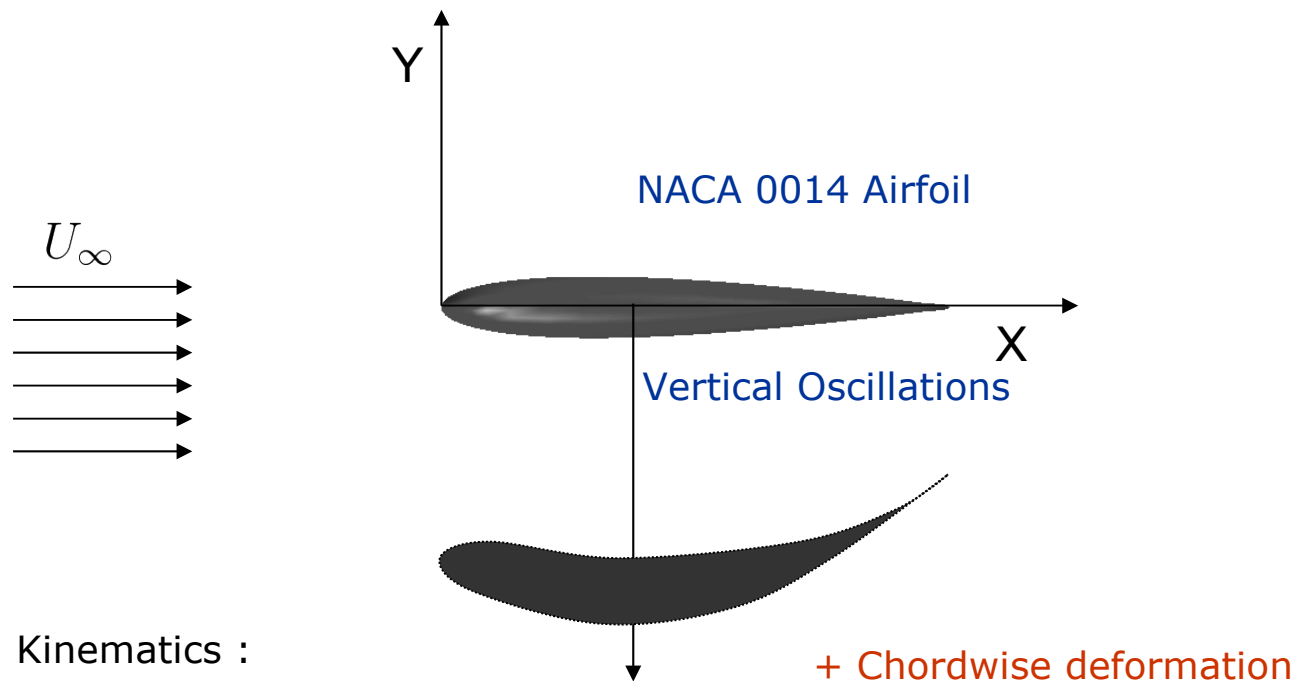
Power Input Coefficient



Propulsive Efficiency



Plunging and Deforming (Active) Airfoil



Kinematics :

STATIC: $y(x, t) = y_0(x)$

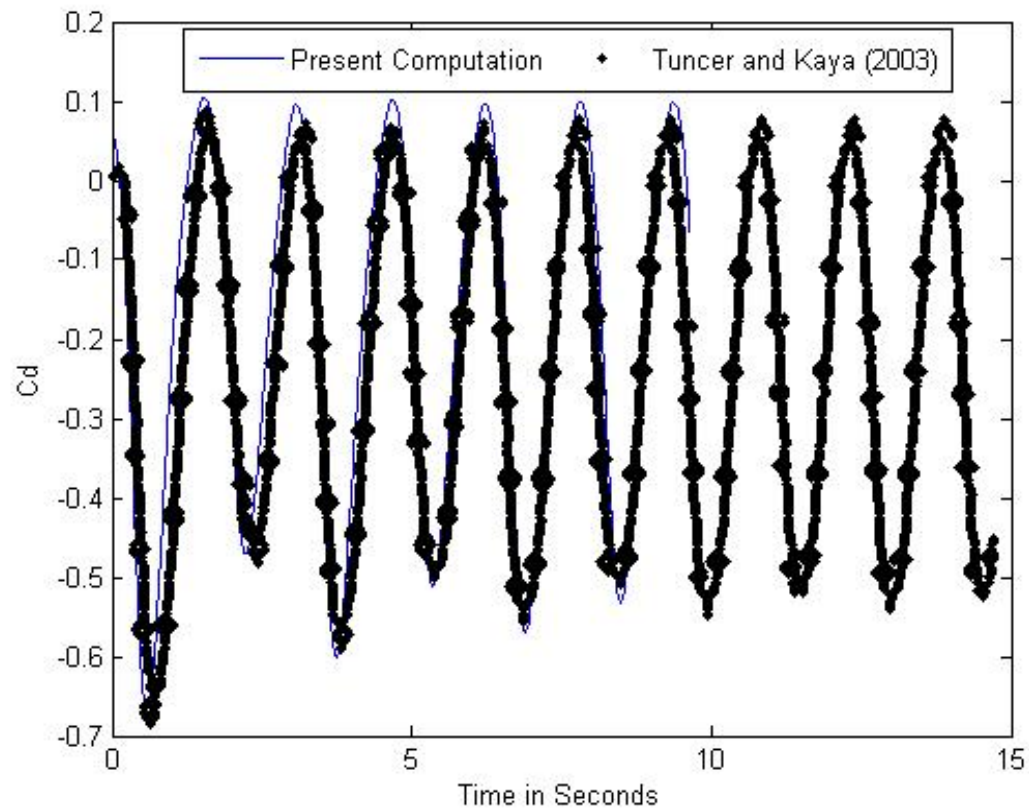
RIGID BODY MOTION: $y(x, t) = y_0(x) + B(1 - \cos(\omega t))$

RIGID BODY + DEFORMATION: $y(x, t) = y_0(x) + B(1 - \cos(\omega t)) + A(x - x_c)^p \cos(\omega t + Qx + \phi)$

1 . Rigid Plunging : $B = 0.4, k=2, \text{Re}=10^4, A = 0$ - Tuncer and Kaya (2003)

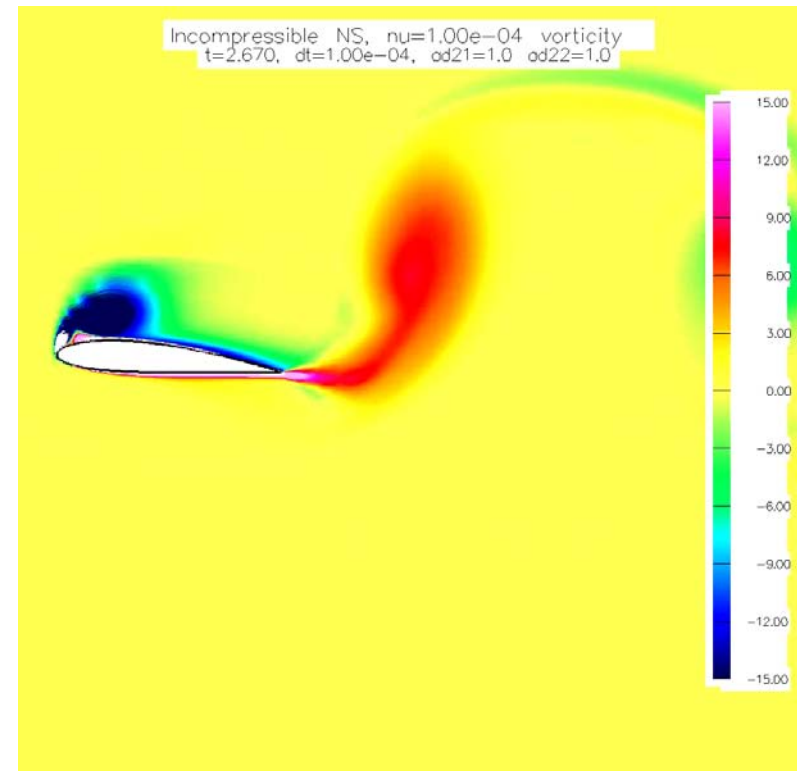
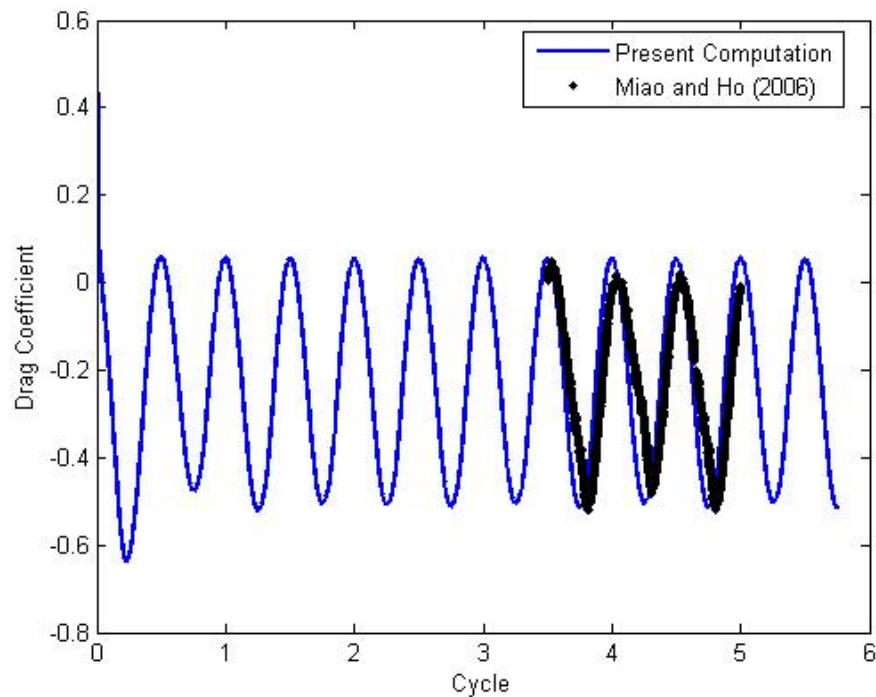
2. Plunging with Deformation : $A = 0.3, p = 2, x_c=0, Q=0, \phi=0$, Miao and Ho (2006)

Plunging and Deforming (Active) Airfoil



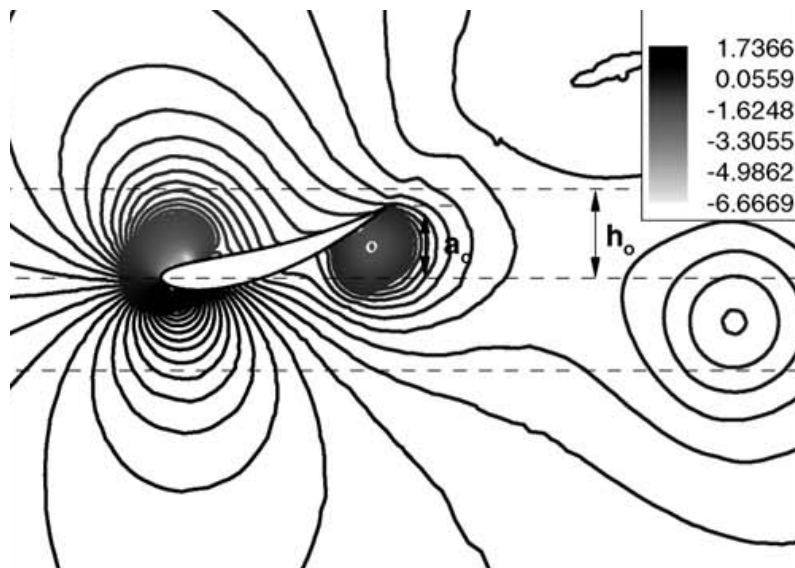
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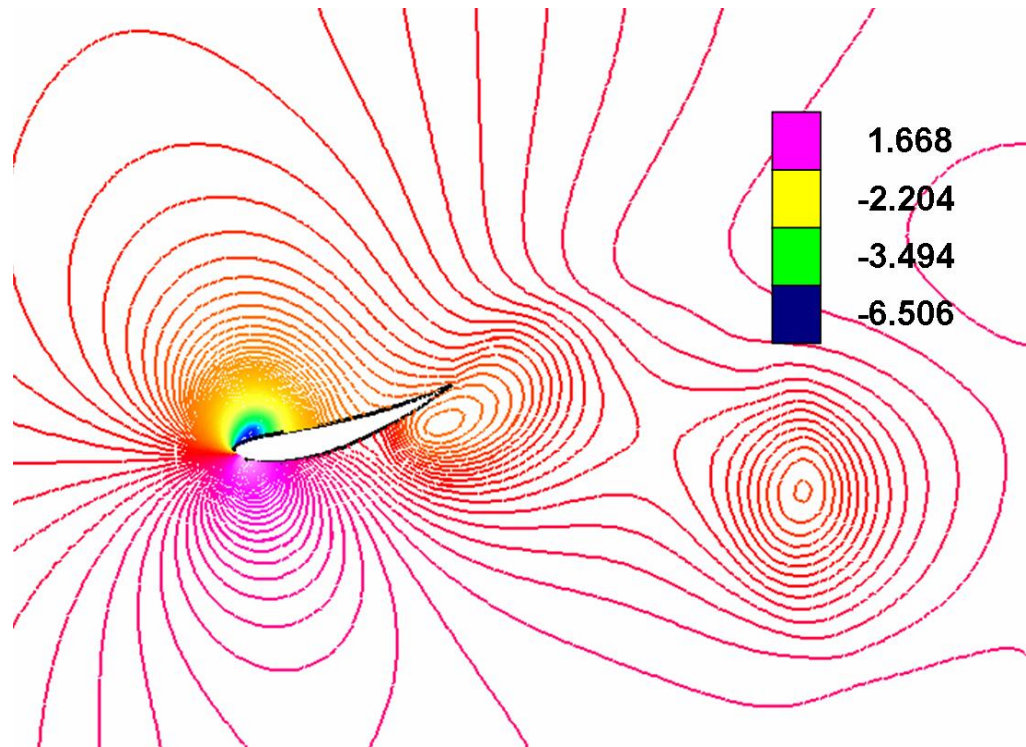


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Plunging and Deforming (Active) Airfoil



Miao & Ho (2006)



Present computation

C_p Contours at the mean position

Plunging and Deforming (Passive) Airfoil

Heathcote et al. (2004)

Tang et al. (2007)

Rigid : Length $0.4c$, Thickness $0.11c$

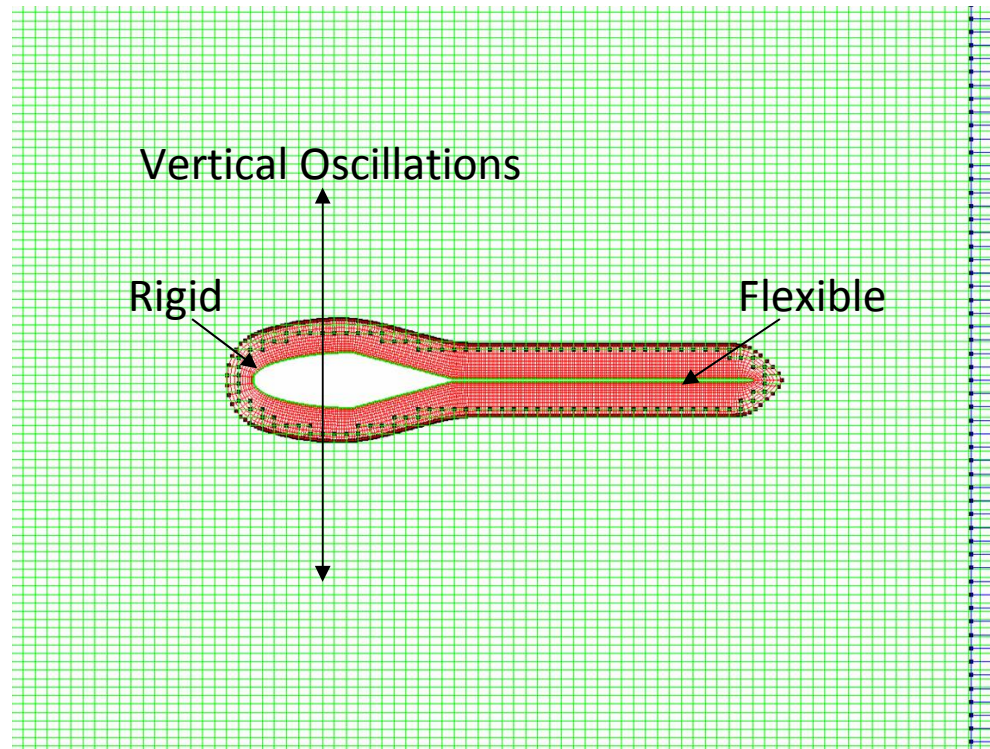
Flex : Length $0.6c$, Thickness $0.005c$

$Re = 9000$

$E = 2.05 \times 10^{10} \rho U^2$

$k = fc/U = 1.4$

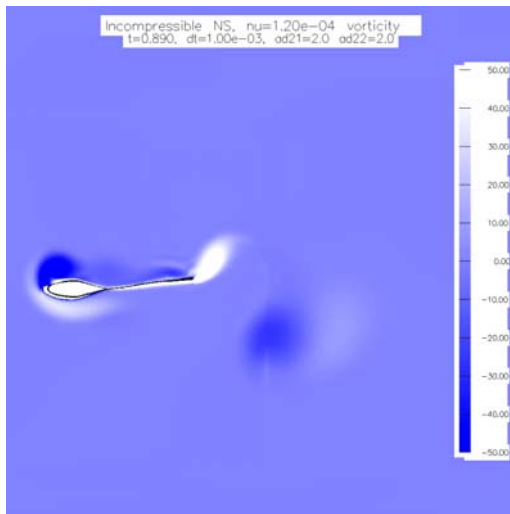
$\rho_b = 7.85 \rho$



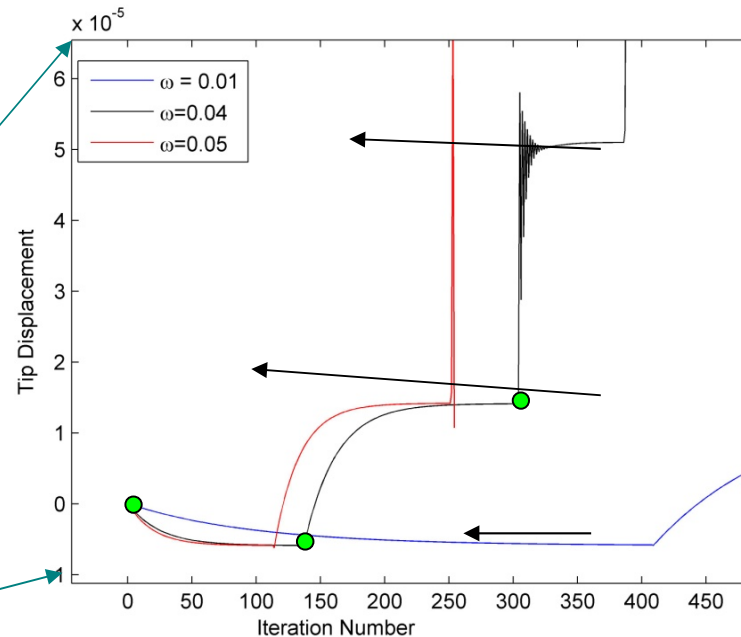
Mesh Size : $500 \times 11, 200 \times 150$

k = reduced frequency , f = frequency, c = beam chord, ρ_b = beam density, ρ = Fluid Density, U = Free-Stream Velocity, E = Modulus of Elasticity

Effect of Time Step, Relaxation and Damping



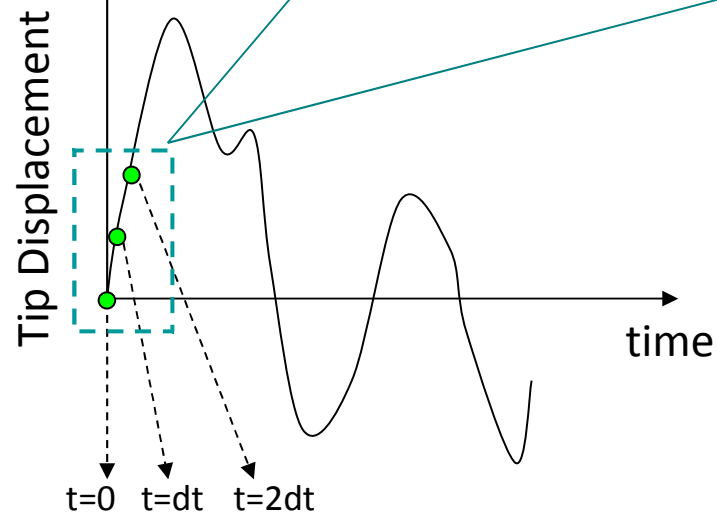
Tip Displacement With Net Iteration Index for $\Delta t = 1e-3$



STABLE

UNSTABLE

STABLE



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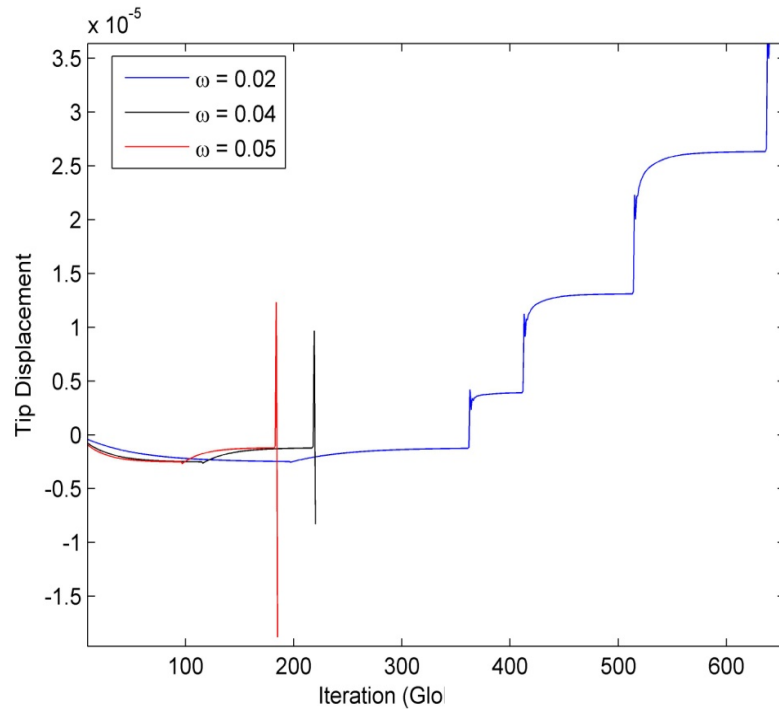
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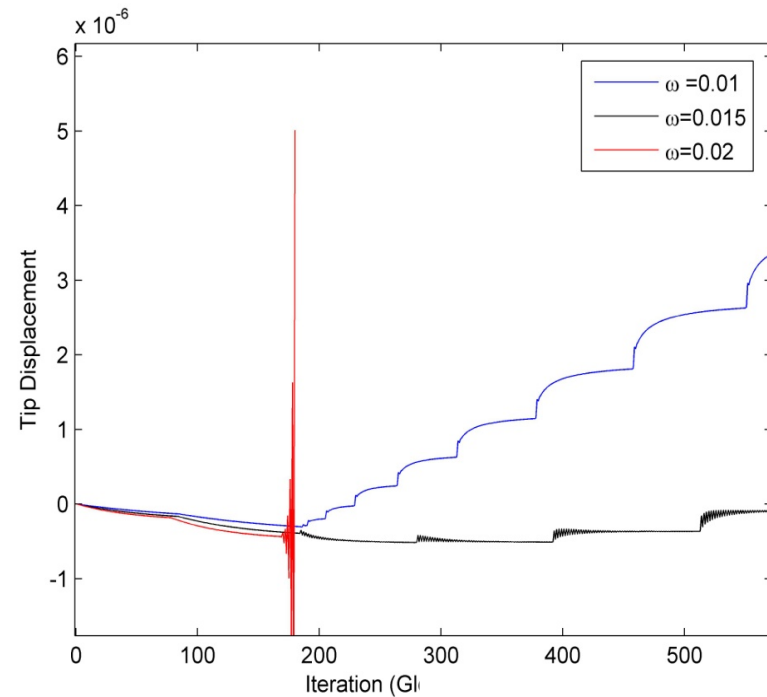
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Effect of Time Step, Relaxation and Damping

$\Delta t = 5e-4$



$\Delta t = 1e-4$



Tip Displacement With Net Iteration Index

Effect of Time Step, Relaxation and Damping

$\omega \backslash \kappa$	0.01	0.015	0.0165	0.0169	0.017	0.018	0.0185	0.019	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.075
10.0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	U	U	U
15.0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	U
20.0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S/U

Table 1. Stability of the fluid-structure interaction problem with a time step of $\Delta t=10^{-3}$ for various relaxation and numerical damping coefficients

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20.0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	U	U	U

Table 2. Stability of the fluid-structure interaction problem with a time step of $\Delta t=5 \times 10^{-4}$ for various relaxation and numerical damping coefficients

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15.0	S	S	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
20.0	S	S	S	S	S	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U

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Flow Induced Deformation of a Beam

Shin et al. (2007)

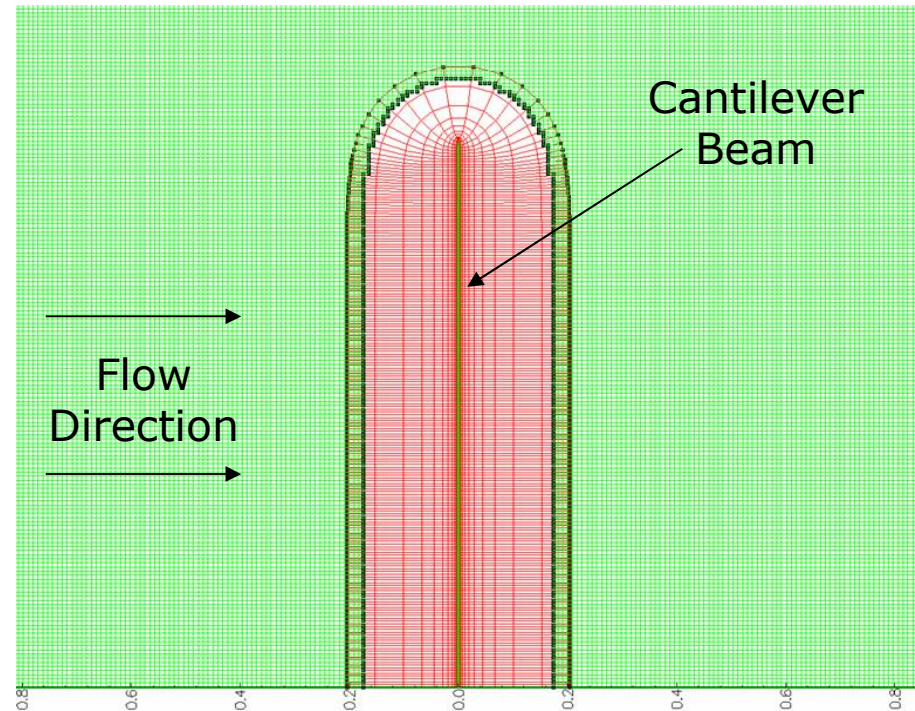
$$b/c = 0.003$$

$$\rho_b/\rho = 6667$$

$$\Gamma = El/\rho_b U^2 bc^2 = 2$$

$$Re = 500$$

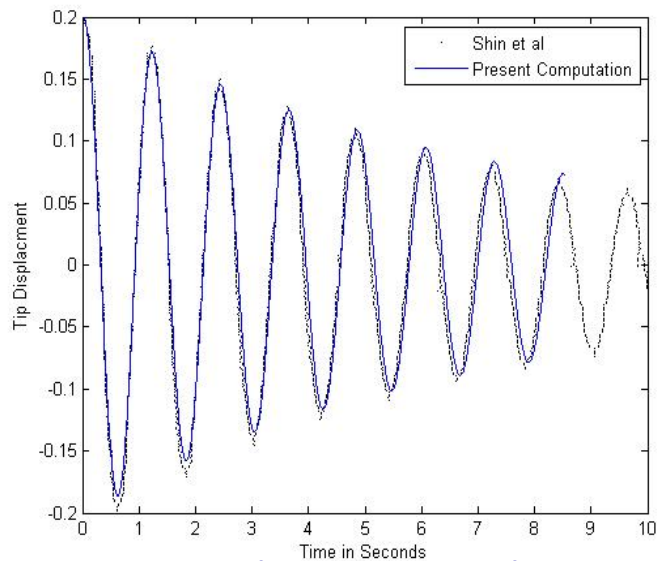
Plate is initially deflected in its first mode for $\frac{1}{4}$ cycle



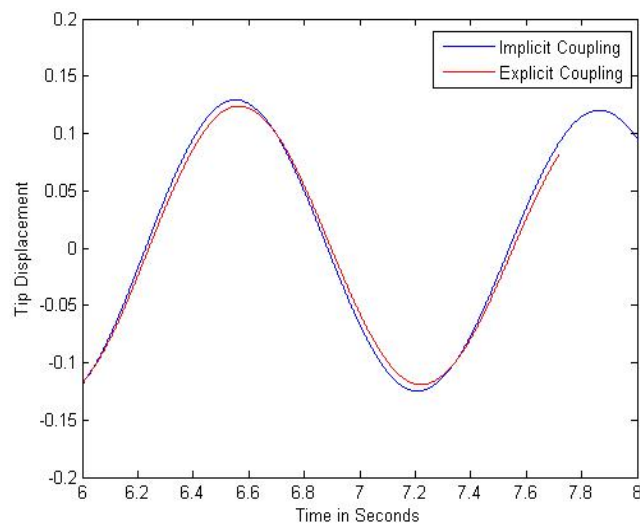
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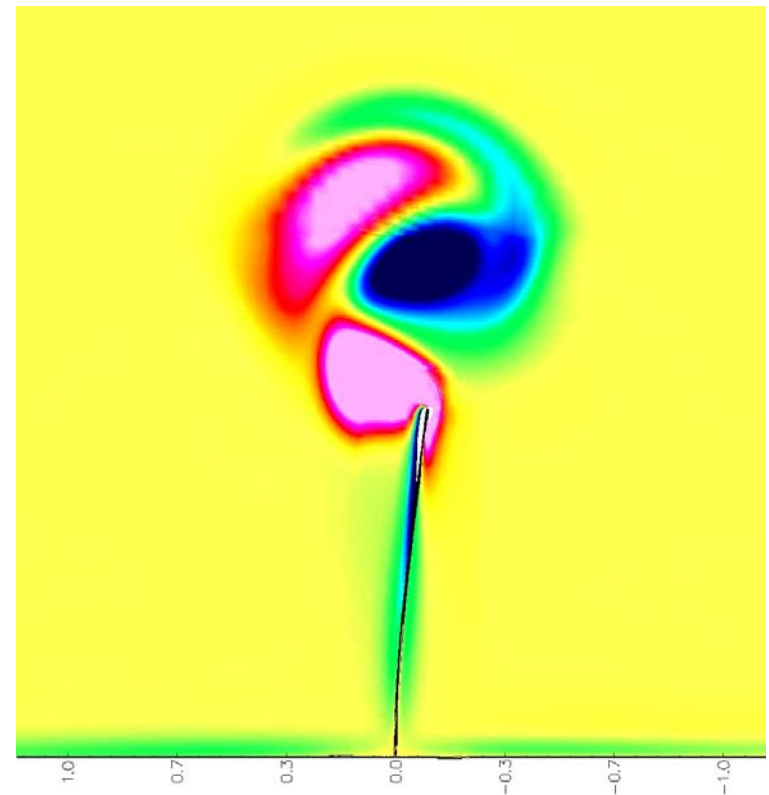
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Tip Displacement with Time



Explicit vs Implicit coupling



Vorticity Contours

Plunging and Deforming Wing

Heathcote et al. (2008) - Experiments

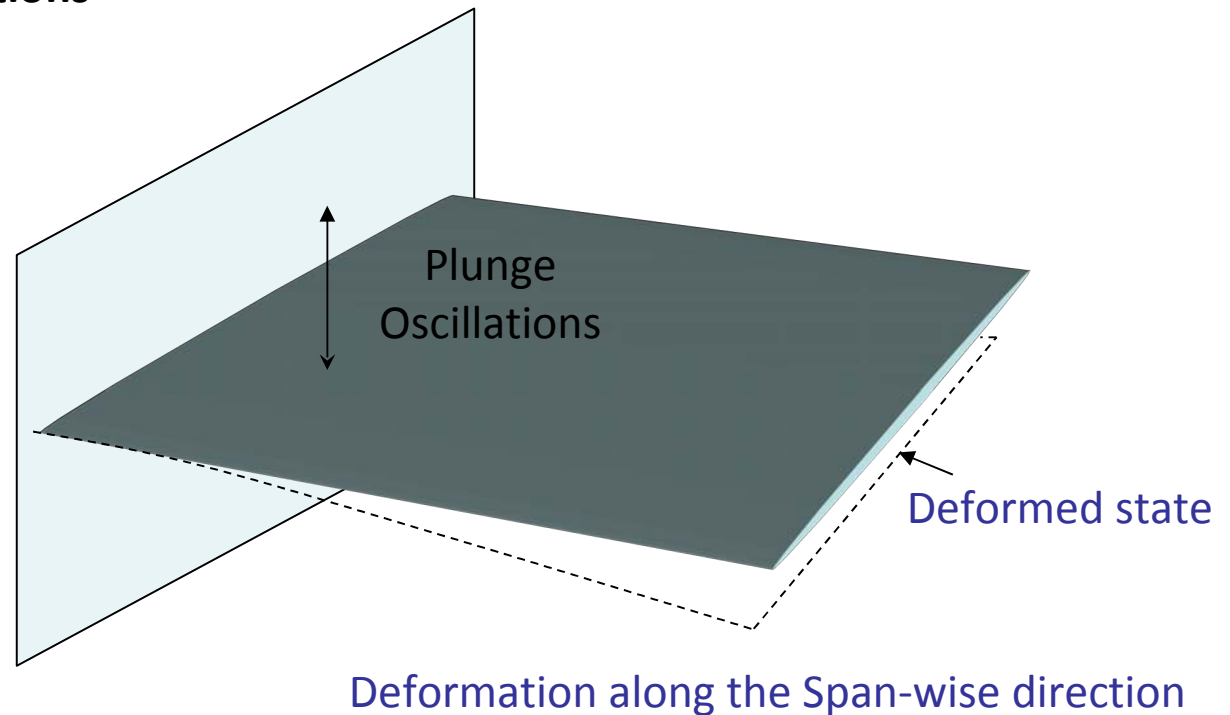
Aono et al. (2009) - Computations

$$Re = 10000$$

$$E = 200 \text{ GPa}$$

$$k = f_c/U = 1.82$$

$$\rho_b = 7.85 \rho \text{ (Steel Plate)}$$



Typically 20 Inner Iterations (Correction Steps) with a $\Delta t = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$

Plunging and Deforming Wing

Incompressible NS, $\nu=1.00e-02$
 $t=0.890$, $dt=2.50e-03$, $\alpha d1=0.5$ $\alpha d2=0.5$



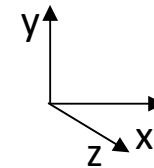
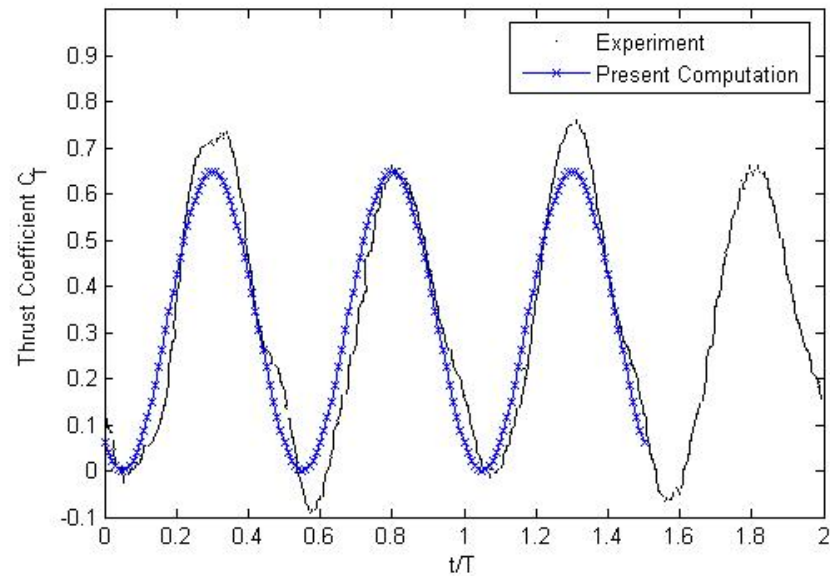
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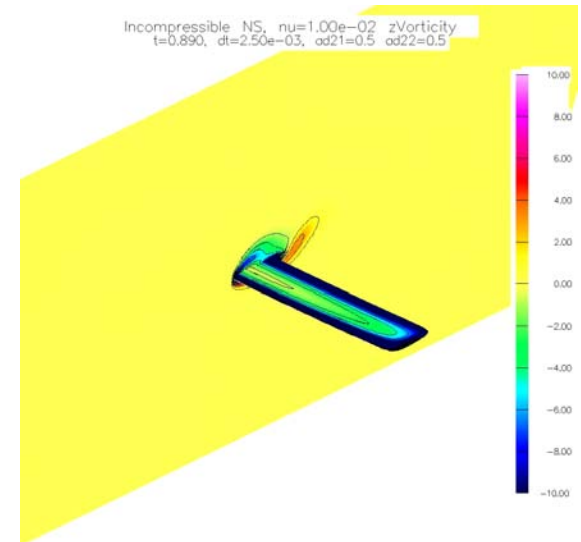
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Thrust Coefficient



Incompressible NS, $\nu=1.00e-02$ zVorticity
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Concluding Remarks

A computational framework has been developed to couple fluid dynamics, rigid body dynamics, and structural dynamics

- Developed a partitioned coupling approach for fluid-structure interaction problems
- Importance of relaxation for partitioned coupling approaches
- Coupling an external structural solver with cgins - under progress

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