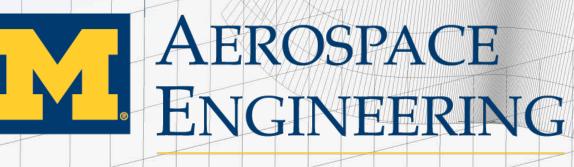
MDO with Coupled Adjoints: From the Unified Derivatives Equation to OpenMDAO



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LET'S DO SOME ADJOINTS!



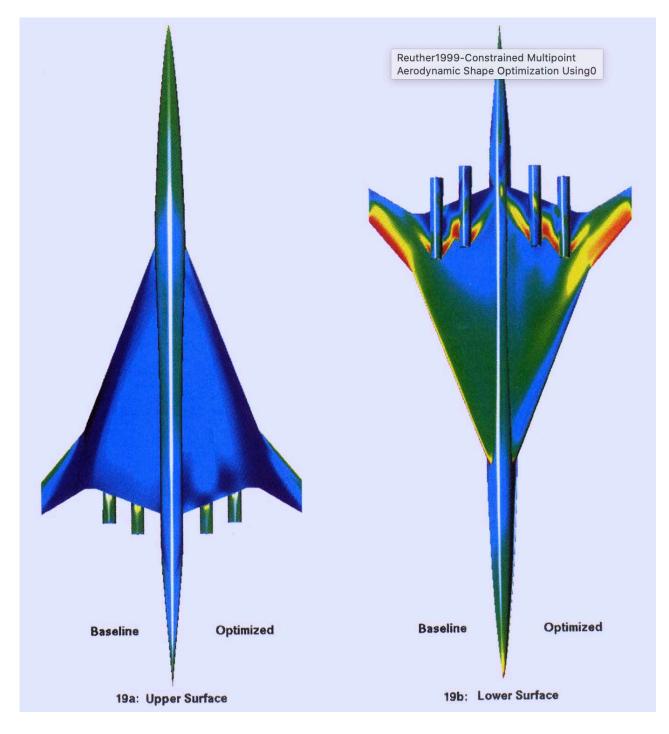


WHEN YOU **GET ADJOINT** SUPER POWERS



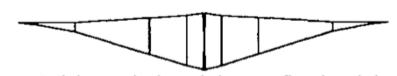
For my PhD thesis, I decided to combine ideas from two research streams

Adjoint-based aerodynamic shape optimization

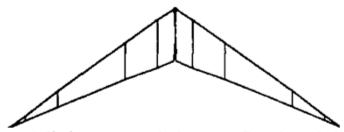


Reuther, Jameson, Alonso, Rimlinger, and Saunders. **Constrained multipoint aerodynamic shape optimization using an adjoint formulation and parallel computers,** (parts 1 and 2). *Journal of Aircraft*,1999.

MDO of aircraft configurations



a) Minimum induced drag at fixed weight.



b) Minimum total drag at fixed weight.

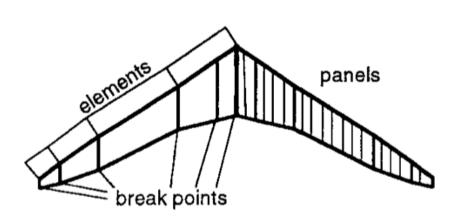


Fig. 1 Wing element and panel geometry.

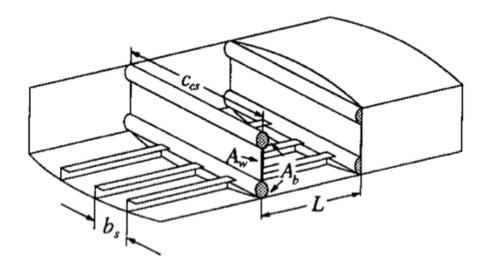
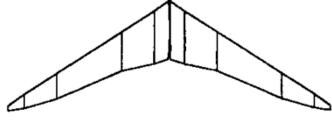
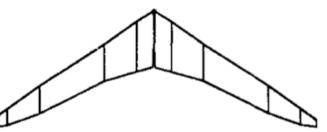


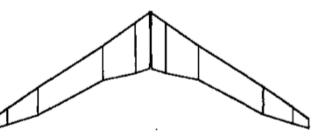
Fig. 2 Structural geometry.



Minimum total drag at fixed weight with low speed lift constraints.



Minimum total drag, fixed weight, low speed lift constraints, and fuel inertia relief.



Minimum total drag, fixed weight, low speed lift constraints, fuel inertiae) relief, and static aeroelasticity.

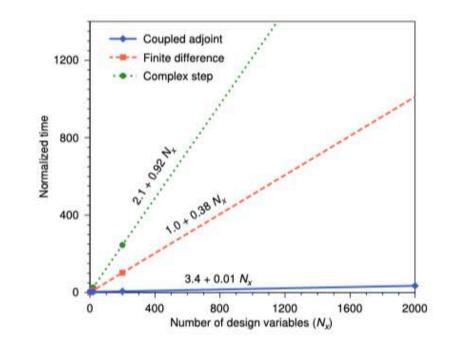
Wakayama and Kroo. Subsonic wing planform design using multidisciplinary optimization. Journal of Aircraft, 1995.

C)

d)

The first CFD-based aerostructural design optimization

- multidisciplinary systems.
- Applied this method to a high-fidelity aero-structural solver.
- adjoint is extremely accurate and efficient.
- supersonic business jet configuration.



Ph.D. Oral Examination, Stanford University, September 2002

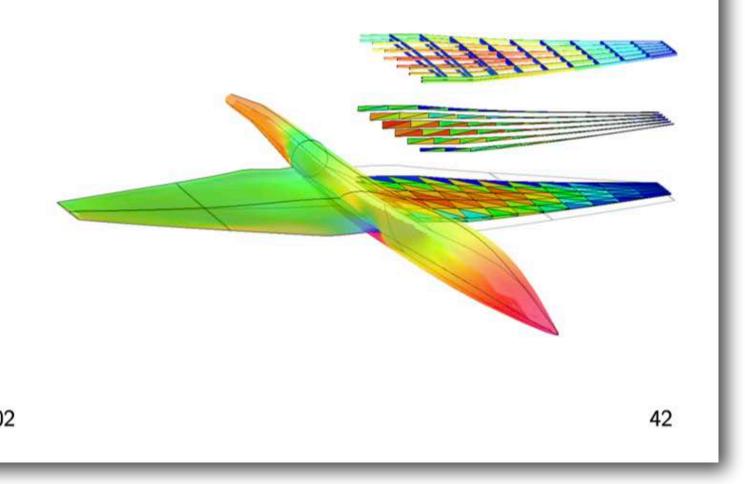
Martins, Alonso, and Reuther. High-fidelity aerostructural design optimization of a supersonic business jet. Journal of Aircraft, 2004

Conclusions

• Developed the general formulation for a coupled-adjoint method for

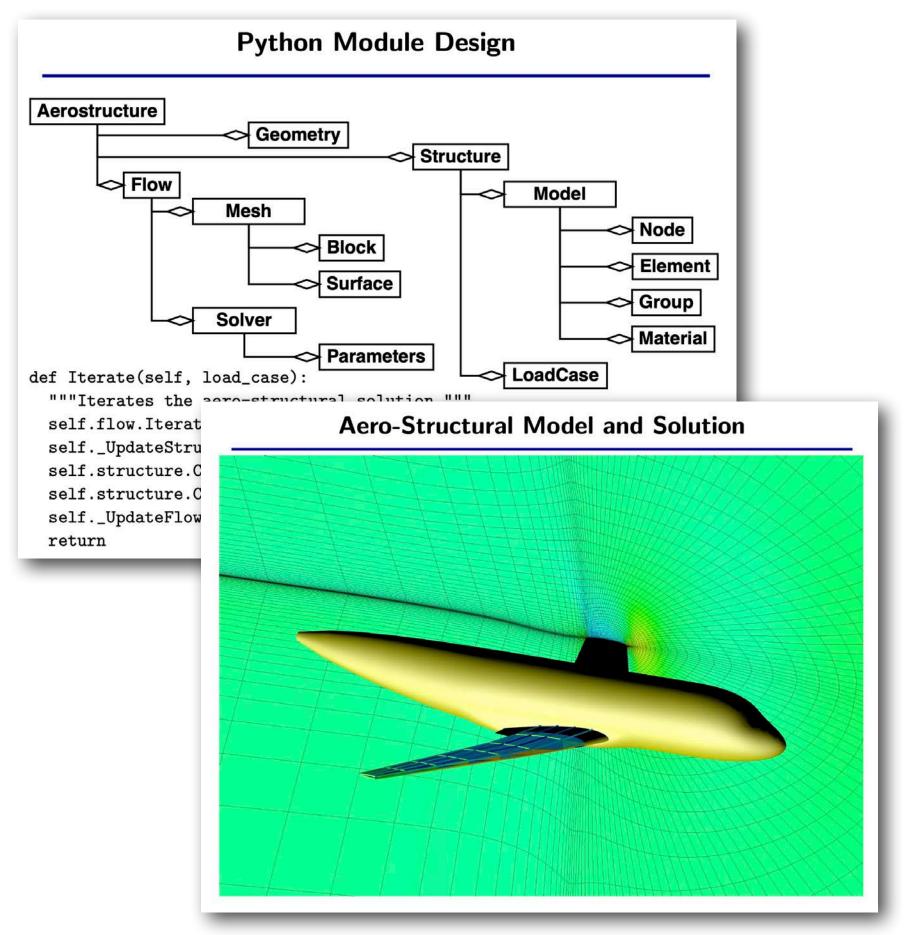
Showed that the computation of sensitivities using the aero-structural

• Demonstrated the usefulness of the coupled adjoint by optimizing a



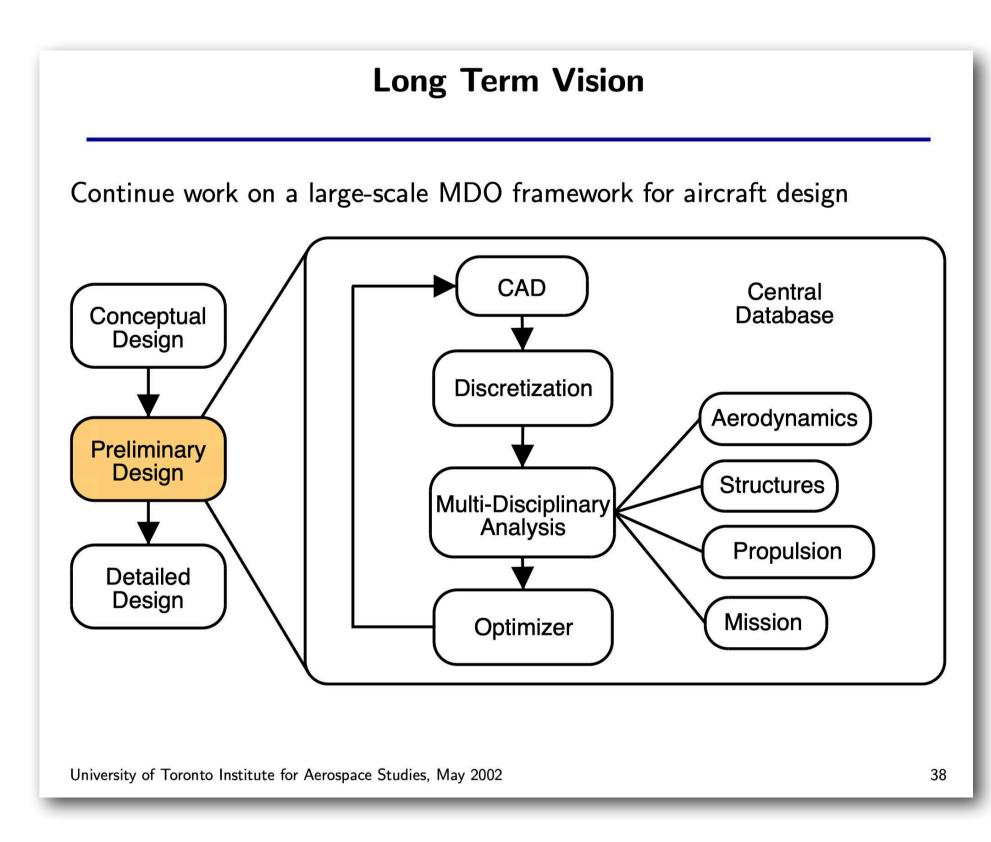
I selected Python to implement a second version of the aerostructural optimization framework

Discovered f2py



Peterson, Martins, and Alonso. Fortran to Python interface generator with an application to aerospace engineering. *Proceedings of the 9th International Python Conference*, 2001.

Planned Python-based framework



PhD defense and UTIAS interview, 2002



I also worked on the complex-step method, for which Python was really useful

Complex-step derivative approximation

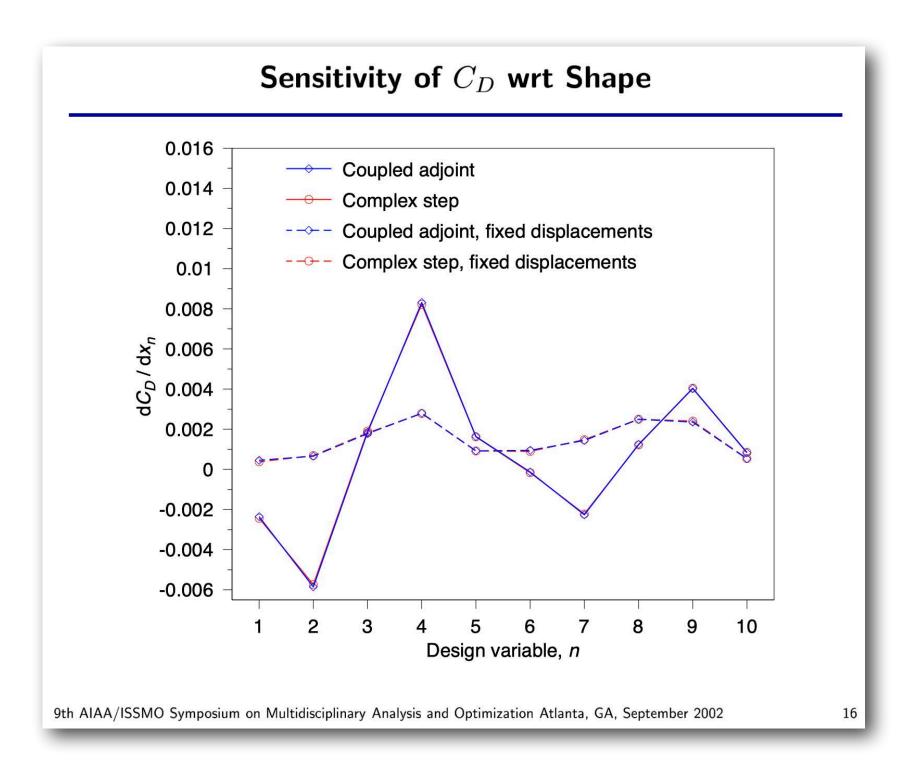
#! /usr/local/bin/python

header_string = """

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         f'(x) \sim Im [f(x+ih)] / h
    Notes:
     1) Make sure you compile with -r8 flag
     2) Does not handle f90 free format or f77 tab-format files yet
      3) Make sure the main routine begins with 'PROGRAM'
      4) Use 132 column option in compiler
      4) Command line options:
         -lucky_logic -- don't need fixing of .eq. and .ne.
         -MIPS_logic -- bug in MIPS pro V7.3 requires .ge. fixed too
         -fudge format -- dumb fix for format statements
.....
def main():
    global fix_relationals, fudge_format_statement
    bad = 0
   print header_string
    if not sys.argv[1:]: # No arguments
        err('usage: \n\t' + sys.argv[0]
           + ' [-lucky_logic|-MIPS_logic|-fudge_format] file-pattern \t\n' +
            '\tpython ' + sys.argv[0]
           + ' [-lucky_logic|-MIPS_logic|-fudge_format] file-pattern \n\n' )
      sys.exit(2)
    for arg in sys.argv[1:]:
        if arg == "-lucky_logic":
            # don't attempt to fix .eq. and .ne. (works on PGF90)
            fix_relationals = 0
            continue
        if arg == "-MIPS_logic":
            # cheap fix for MIPS Pro
            fix_relationals = 2
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Martins, Sturdza, and Alonso. The complex-step derivative approximation. ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, 2003

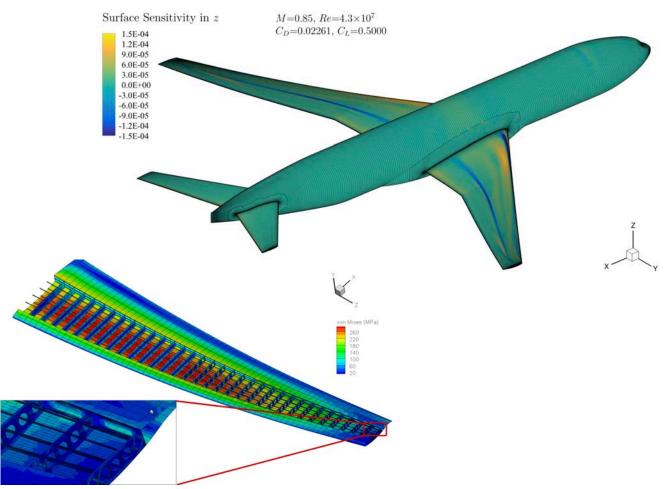
Verification of the coupled adjoint



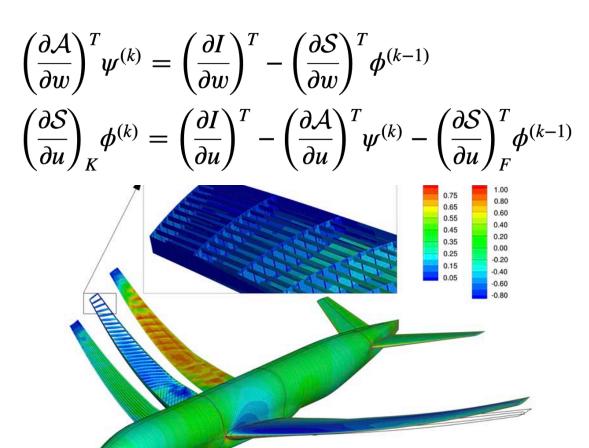
The MDO Lab developed MACH, a framework for aerostructural design optimization

Aerodynamics

Structures



Coupled adjoint



First application

Kenway, Mader, He, and Martins. Effective adjoint approaches for computational fluid dynamics. *Progress in Aerospace Sciences*, 2019

Kennedy and Martins. A parallel finite-element framework for large-scale gradient-based design optimization of high-performance structures. *Finite Elements in Analysis and Design*, 2014

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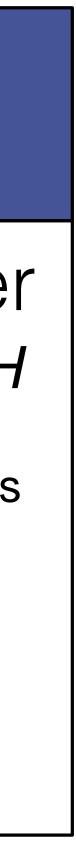
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MACH took years of development and many students

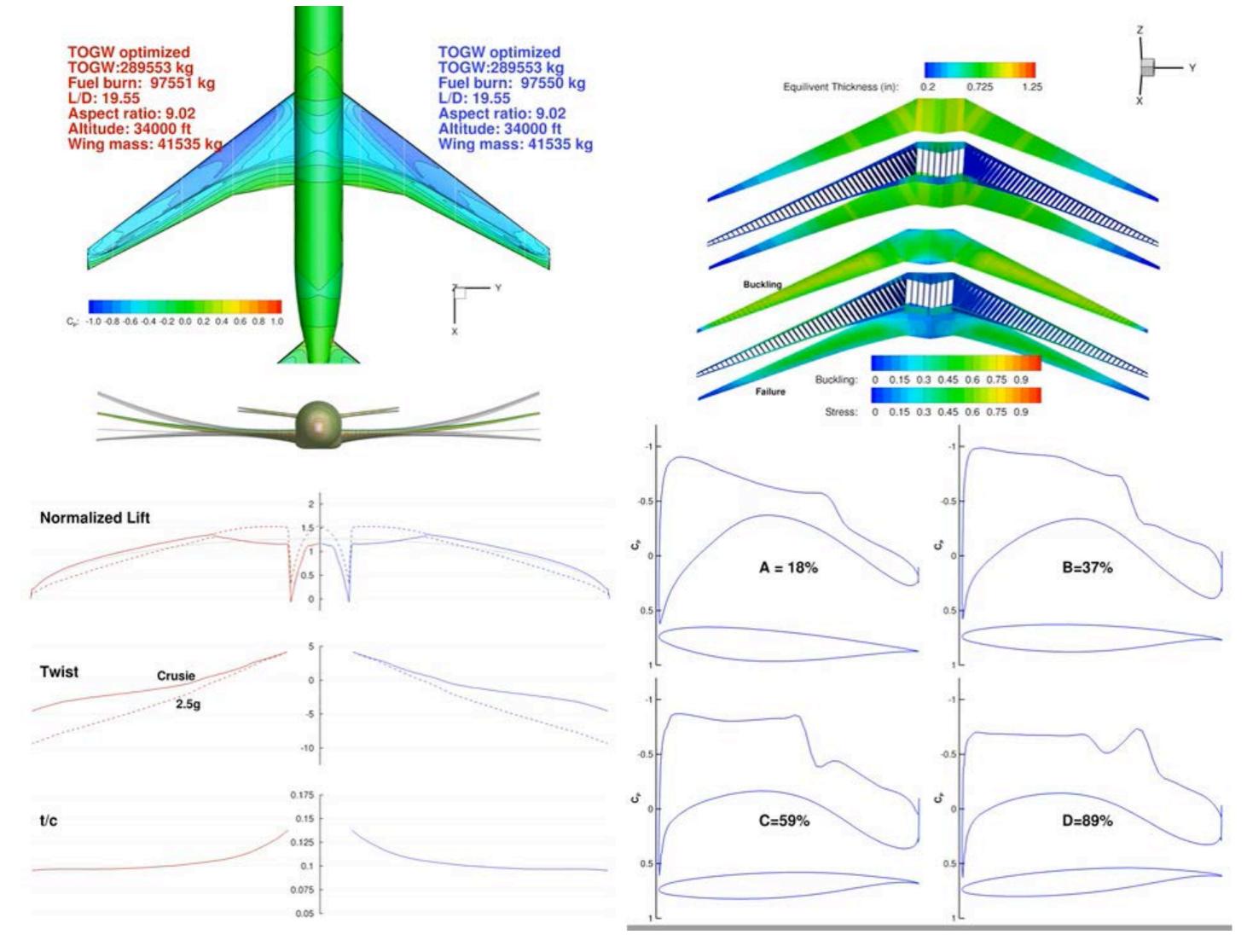
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Optimizer interface <i>pyOptSparse</i> Common interface to various optimization software		Aerostructural solver <i>AeroStruct</i> Coupled solution methods and coupled derivative evaluation		Geometry modeler <i>DVGeometry/GeoMACH</i> Defines and manipulates geometry, evaluates derivatives
SNOPT	Other optimizers	Flow solver <i>ADflow</i> Governing and adjoint equations	Structural solver <i>TACS</i> Governing and adjoint equations	

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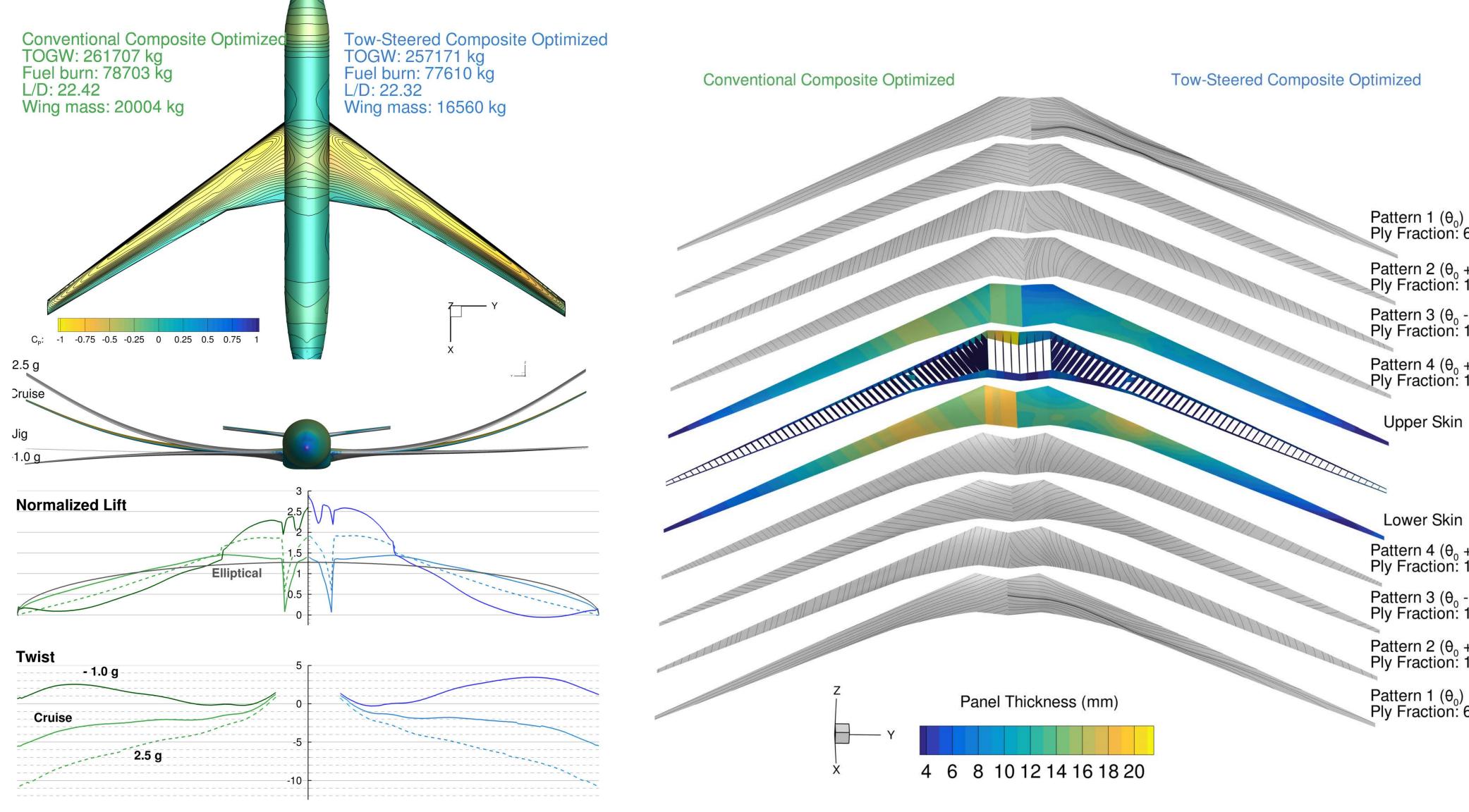


The coupled adjoint enabled us to perform high-fidelity aerostructural optimization (again)



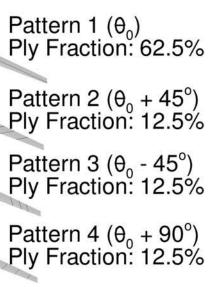
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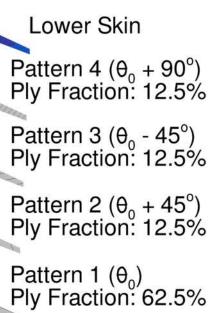
Tow-steered composite high AR wing





Brooks, Martins, and Kennedy. High-fidelity aerostructural optimization of tow-steered composite wings. Journal of Fluids and Structures, 2019



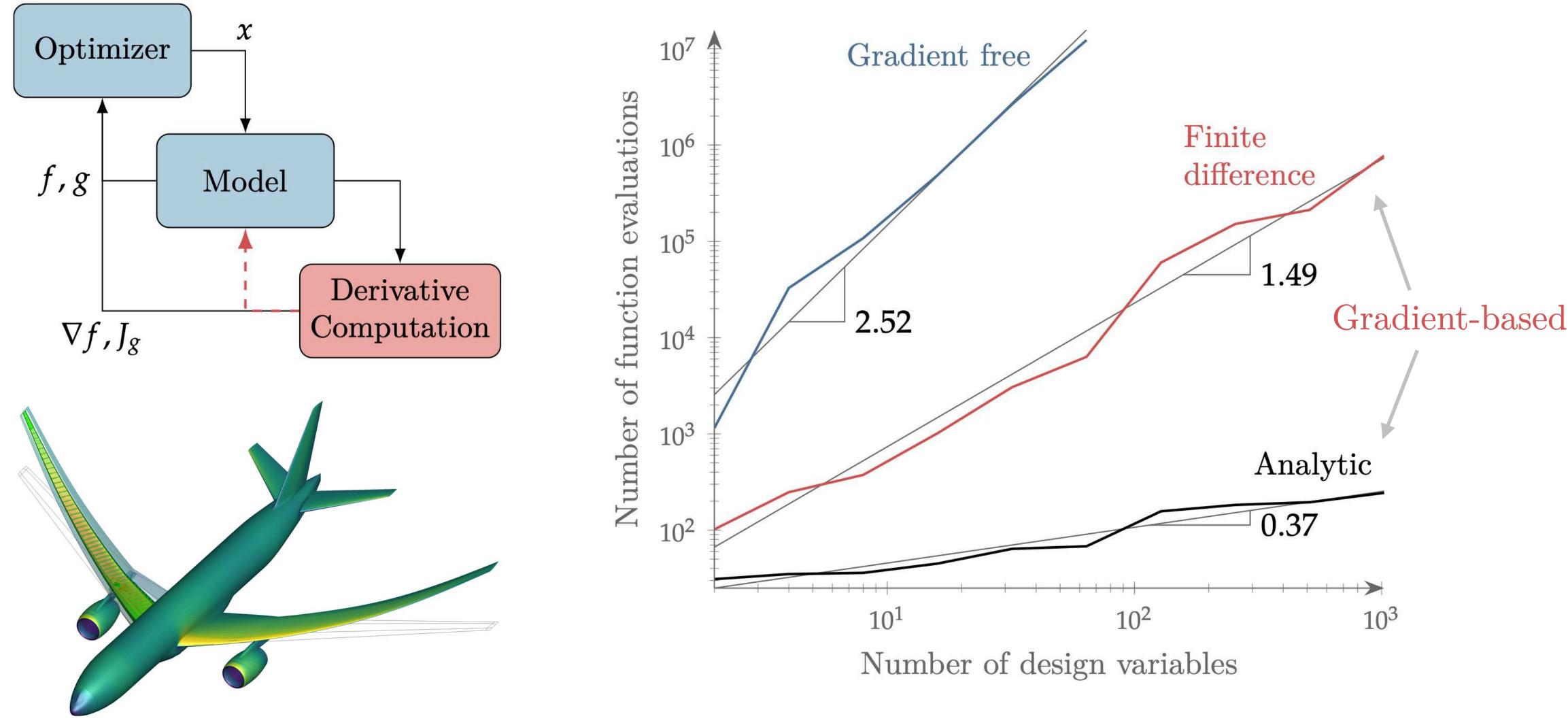




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Gradient-based optimization is the only hope for large numbers of design variables

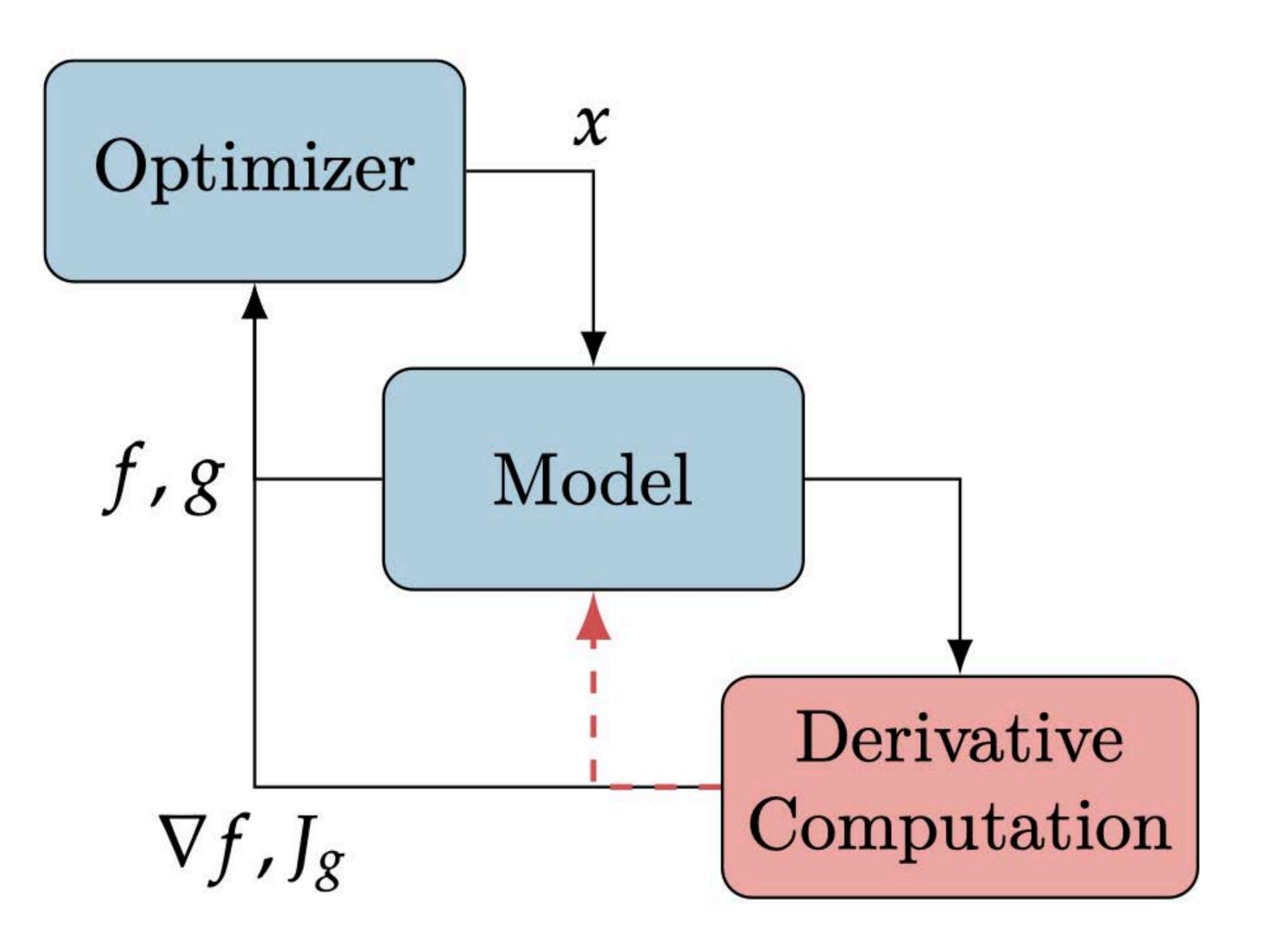


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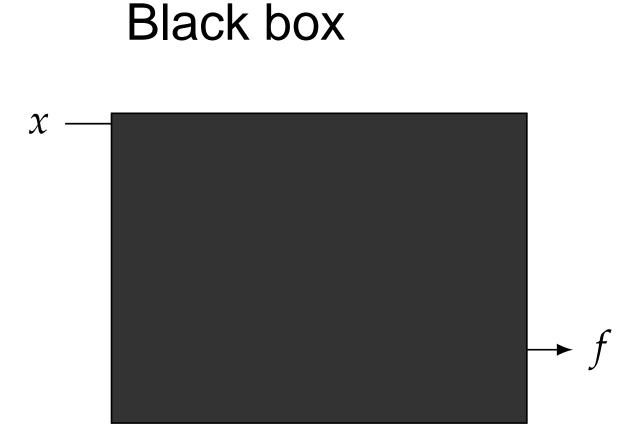


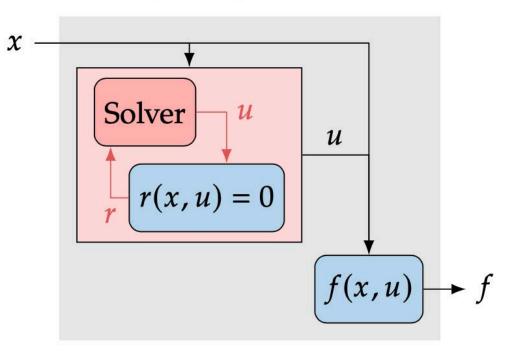


Efficient and robust derivative computation is crucial for successful gradient-based optimization



Methods for computing derivatives





Inputs and outputs

Finite differences

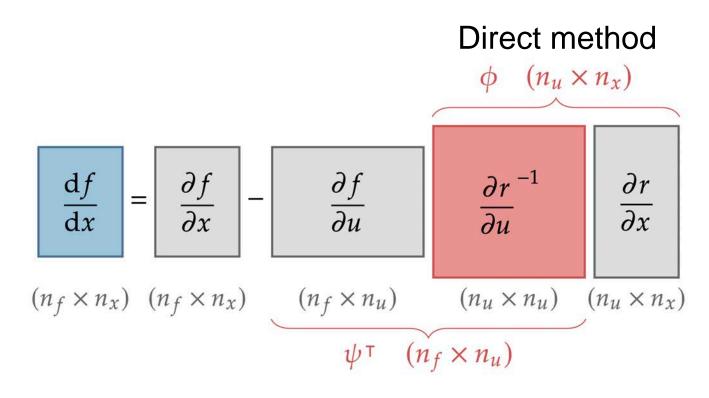
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \frac{f(x) - f(x - h\hat{e}_j)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

Complex-step method

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\mathrm{Im}\left[f(x+ih\hat{e}_j)\right]}{h} + \mathfrak{O}(h^2)$$

Governing equation residuals and states

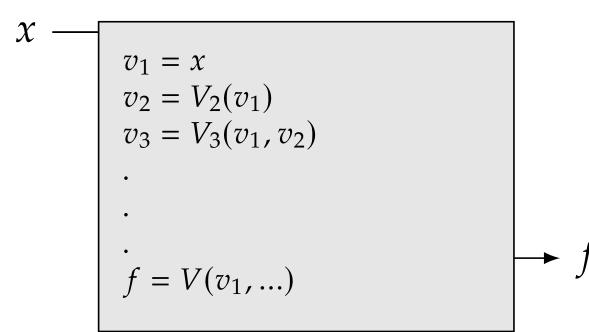
Analytic



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Adjoint method



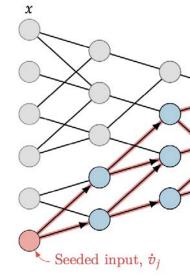
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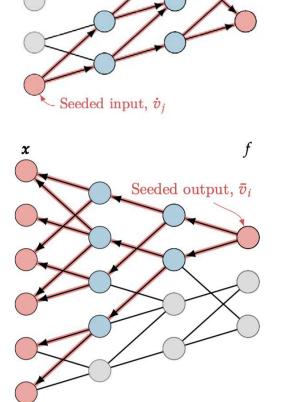
Forward mode

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v_i}{\mathrm{d}v_j} = \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial v_k} \frac{\mathrm{d}v_k}{\mathrm{d}v_j}$$

Reverse mode

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v_i}{\mathrm{d}v_j} = \sum_{k=j+1}^i \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial v_j} \frac{\mathrm{d}v_i}{\mathrm{d}v_k}$$





Martins and Hwang. Review and unification of methods for computing derivatives of multidisciplinary computational models. AIAA Journal, 2013.



For more details, see Chapter 6 of my new book (the PDF if free at https://mdobook.github.io)

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Computing Derivatives

Derivatives play a central role in many numerical algorithms. For example, the Newton-based methods introduced in Section 3.7 require the derivatives of the residuals.

The gradient-based optimization methods introduced in Chapters 4 and 5 require the derivatives of the objective and constraints with respect to the design variables, as illustrated in Fig. 6.1. The accuracy and computational cost of the derivatives are critical for the success of these methods. Gradient-based methods are only efficient when the derivative computation is also efficient. The computation of derivatives can be the bottleneck in the whole procedure, especially when the model solver needs to be called repeatedly.

This chapter introduces the various methods for computing derivatives and discusses the relative advantages of each method.

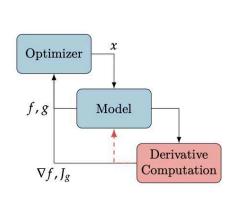
By the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- 1. List the various methods used to compute derivatives.
- 2. Describe the pros and cons of these methods.
- 3. Use the methods in computational analyses.

Derivatives, Gradients, and Jacobians 6.1

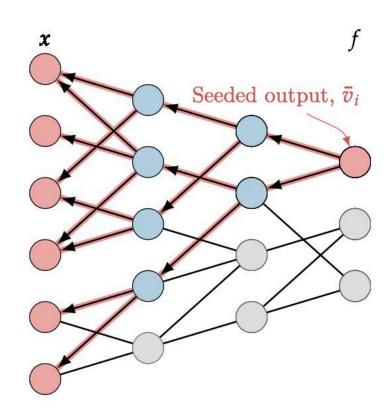
The derivatives we focus on are *first-order* derivatives of one or more functions of interest (f) with respect to a vector of variables (x). In the engineering optimization literature, the term *sensitivity analysis* is often used to refer to the computation of derivatives, and derivatives are sometimes referred to as sensitivity derivatives or design sensitivities. Although these terms are not incorrect, we prefer to use the more specific and concise term *derivative*.

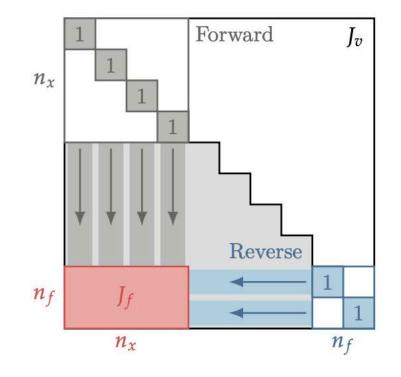
For the sake of generality, we do not specify which functions we want to differentiate in this chapter (which could be an objective, constraints, residuals, or any other function). Instead, we refer to the functions



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Fig. 6.1 Efficient derivative computation is crucial for the overall efficiency of gradient-based optimization.





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The unified derivatives equation (UDE) is the core of OpenMDAO

- The UDE was motivated by the desire to unify all methods for computing derivatives (implicit analytic methods and AD)
- The UDE concept was expanded to the modular analysis and unified derivatives (MAUD) architecture
- OpenMDAO was refactored to incorporate MAUD
- Now let's derive the UDE! (Sec. 6.9 of the book)

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$\frac{\partial r}{\partial u} \frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}r} = I = \frac{\partial r}{\partial u} \frac{\mathsf{d}u}{\mathsf{d}r}$

Hwang and Martins. A computational architecture for coupling heterogeneous numerical models and computing coupled derivatives. ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, 2018

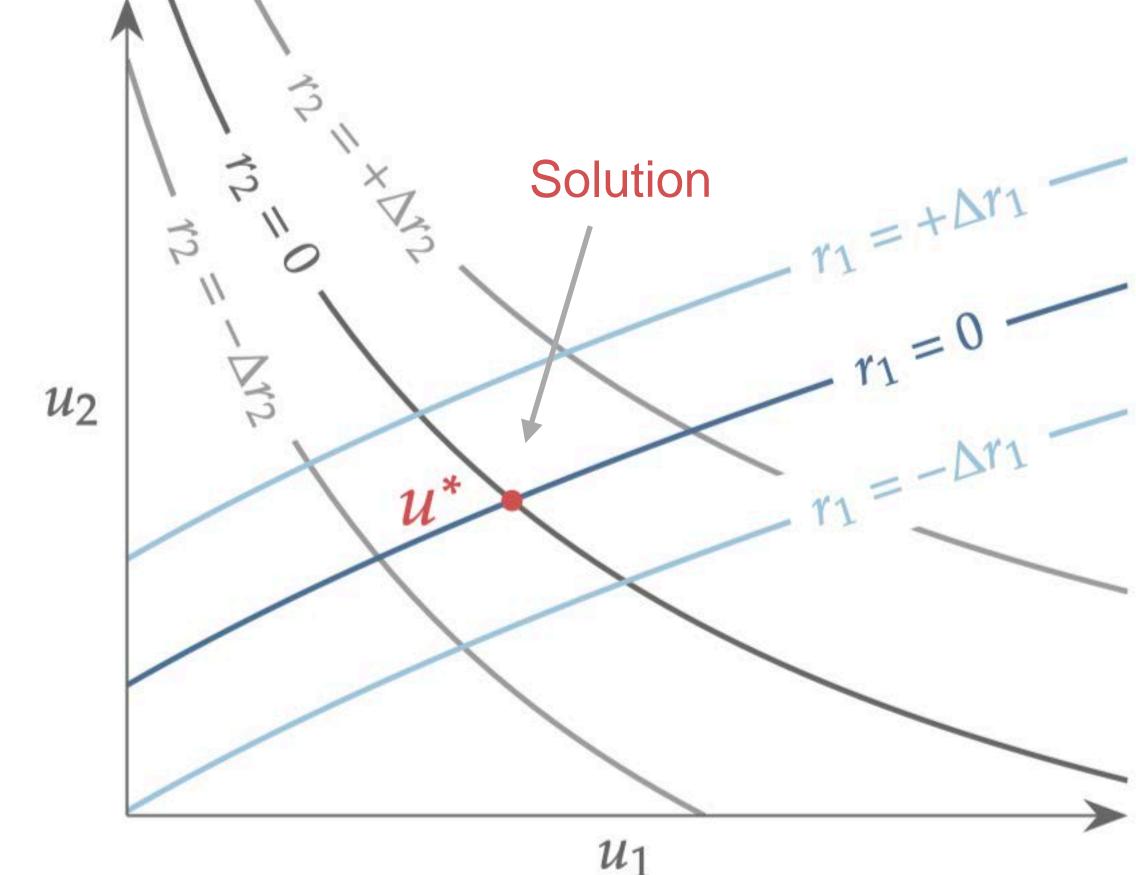


Governing equations can always be expressed as residuals

$$r_i(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n) = 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots$$

- Each residual is a scalar function of n state variables, u₁, ..., u_n
- There are n residual equations and n unknowns
- We assume that there is at least one solution
- In the n = 2 example, the each residual function corresponds to a contour plot
- Here we visualize a variation in the residual about zero $(\pm \Delta r)$

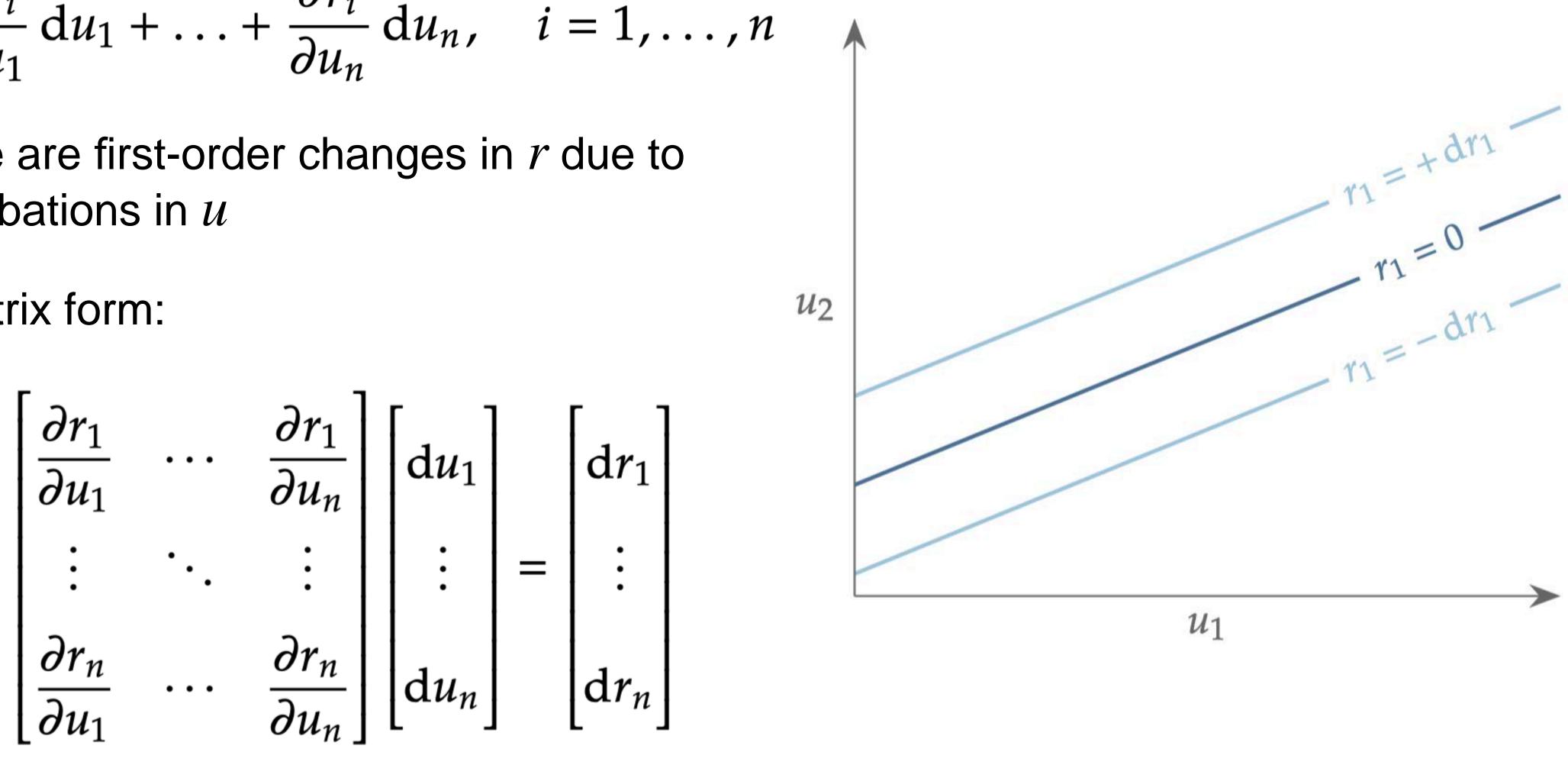
, *n* Example for n = 2



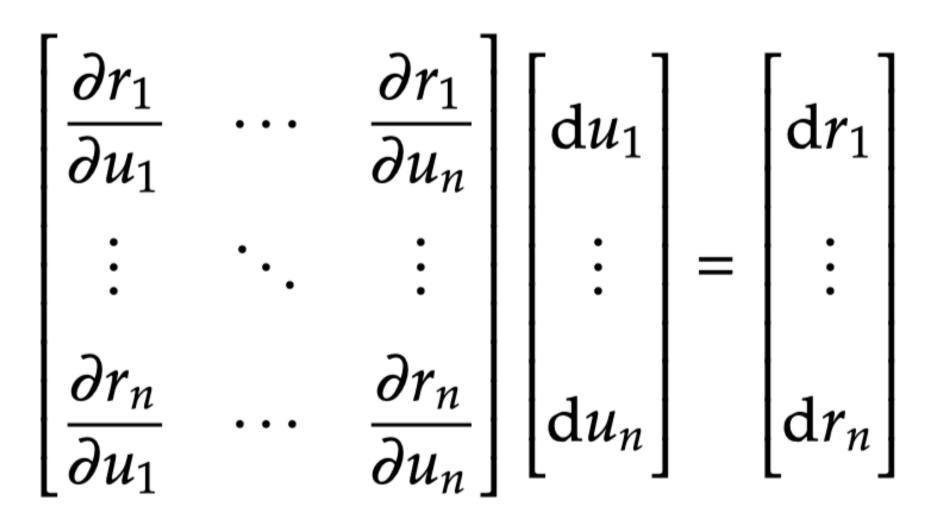
Let's consider the total differential of the residual (Why? We will see later...)

$$\mathrm{d}r_i = \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial u_1} \mathrm{d}u_1 + \ldots + \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial u_n} \mathrm{d}u_n, \quad i = 1,$$

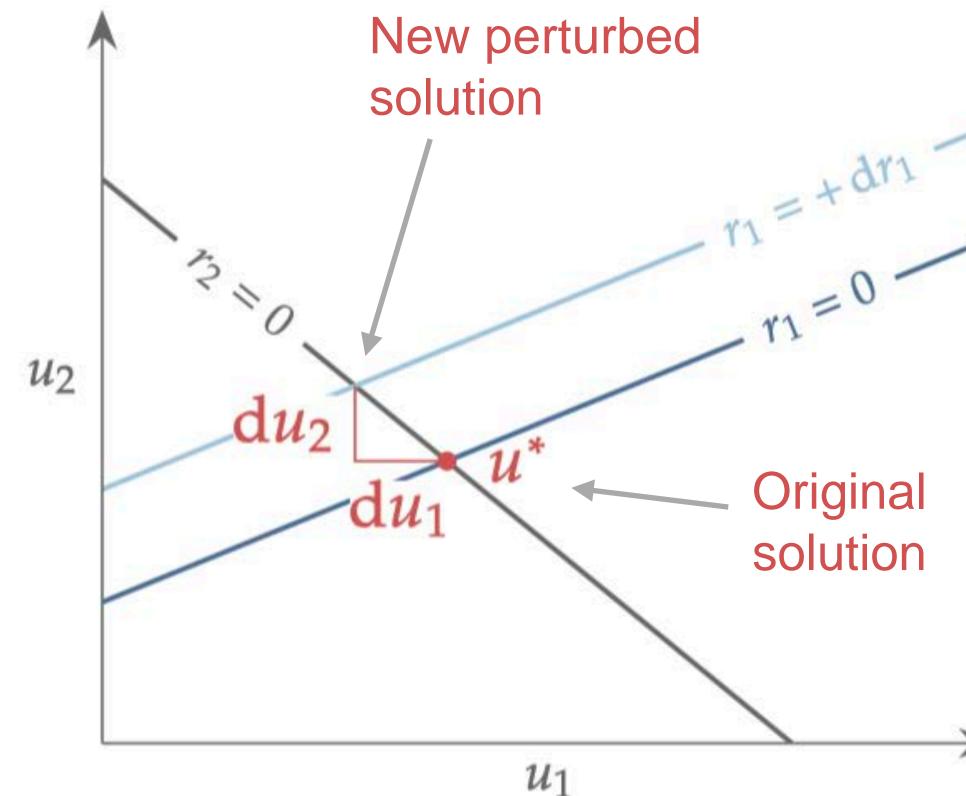
- These are first-order changes in r due to perturbations in *u*
- In matrix form:



This linear system relates changes in the residuals to changes in the state variables



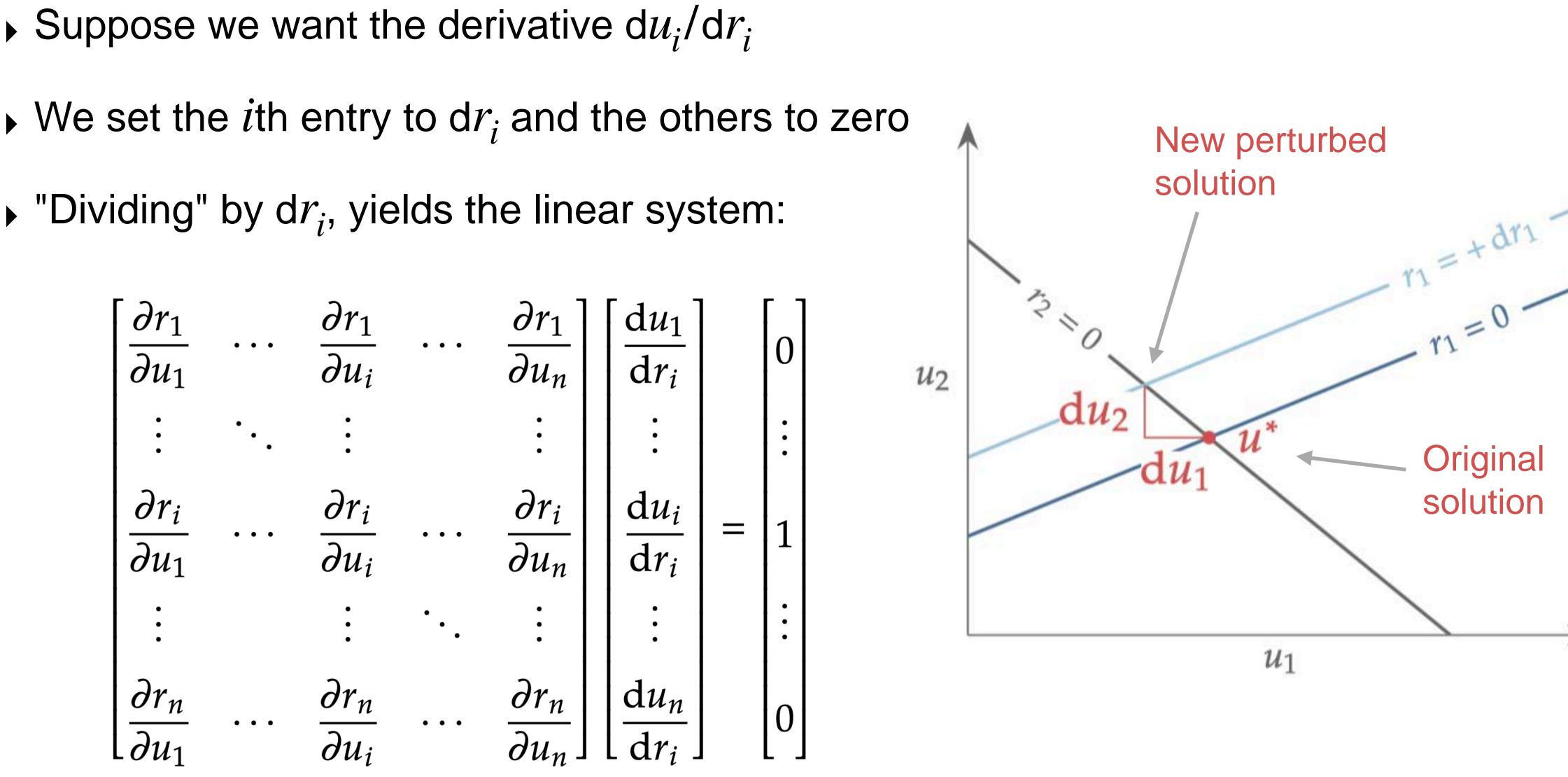
- Suppose we change one residual from zero to $r_1 = dr_1$, while keeping all other residuals equal to zero.
- Solving for this RHS yields the corresponding changes in *u* that would satisfy this change



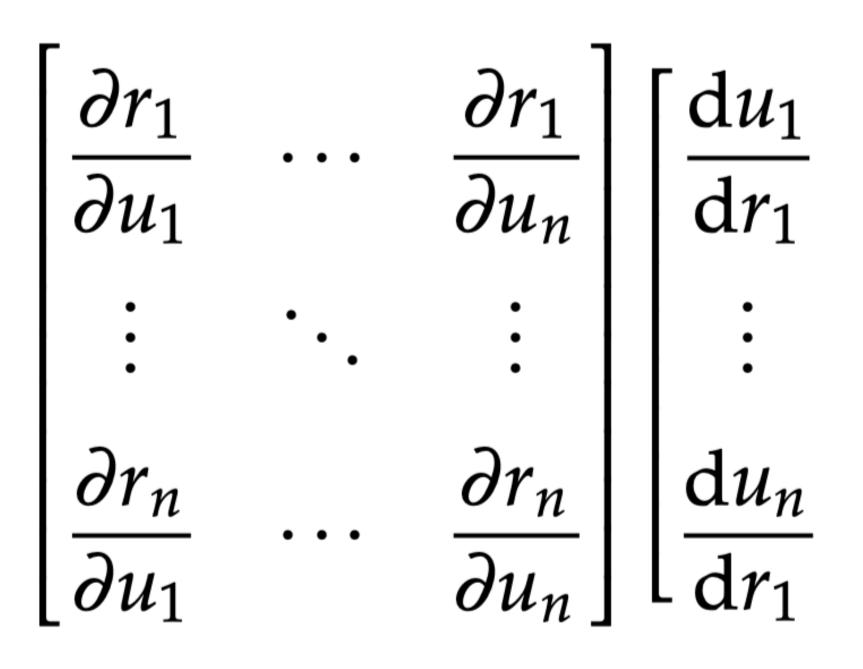
This gives the change in states for a prescribed change in residuals

By setting the appropriate RHS, we can find any total derivative

- Suppose we want the derivative du_i/dr_i
- "Dividing" by dr_i , yields the linear system:



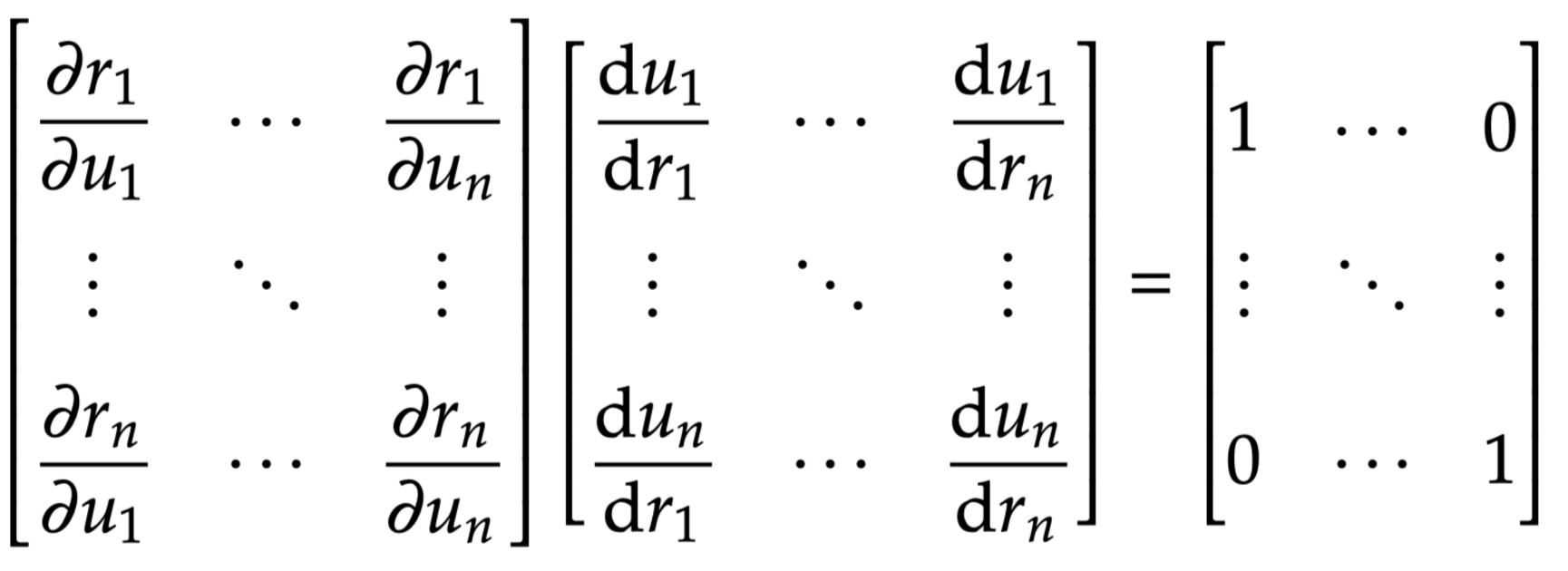
Do this for all entries to get whole Jacobian matrix du/dr



This is the forward form of the UDE. In matrix form:

ou

How is this useful?



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}r} = I$$

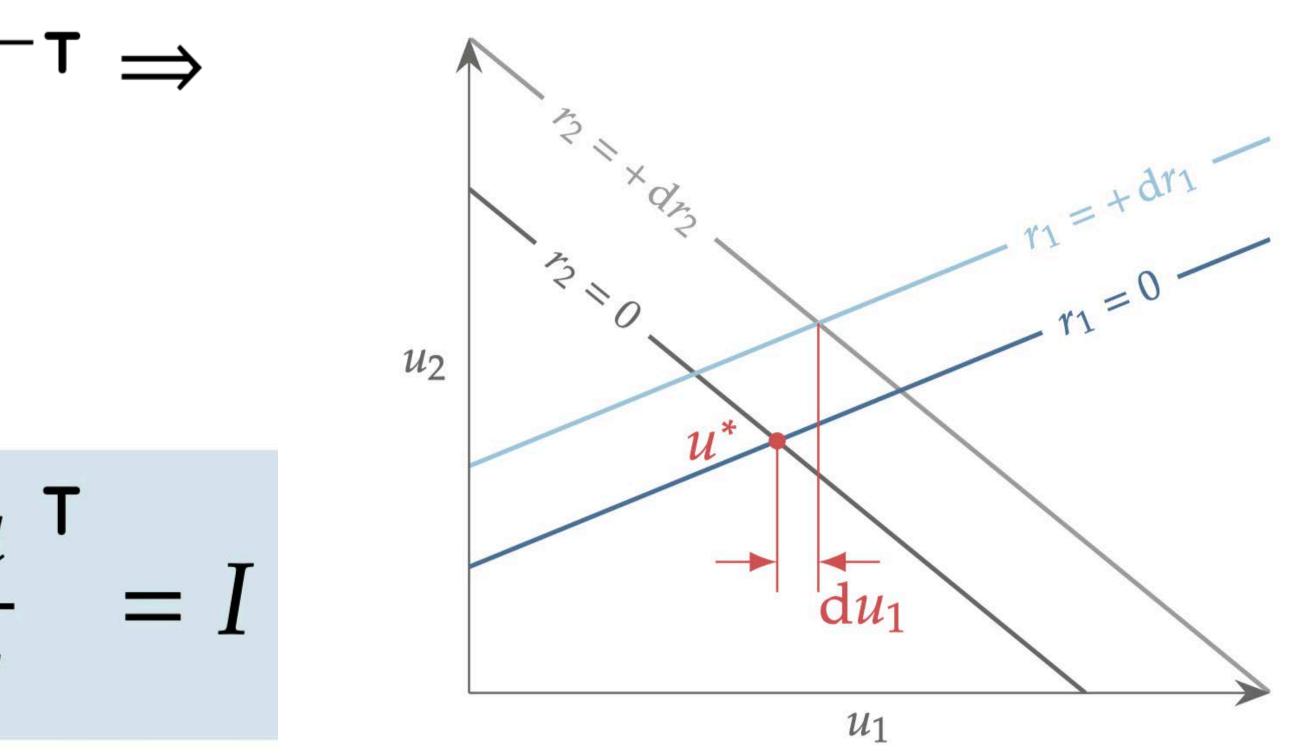
Reverse form of the UDE

$$AB = I \Longrightarrow B = A^{-1} \Longrightarrow B^{\intercal} = A$$
$$A^{\intercal}B^{\intercal} = I.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial u} \frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}r} = I \implies \frac{\partial r}{\partial u} \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mathrm{d}r} \frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}r}$$

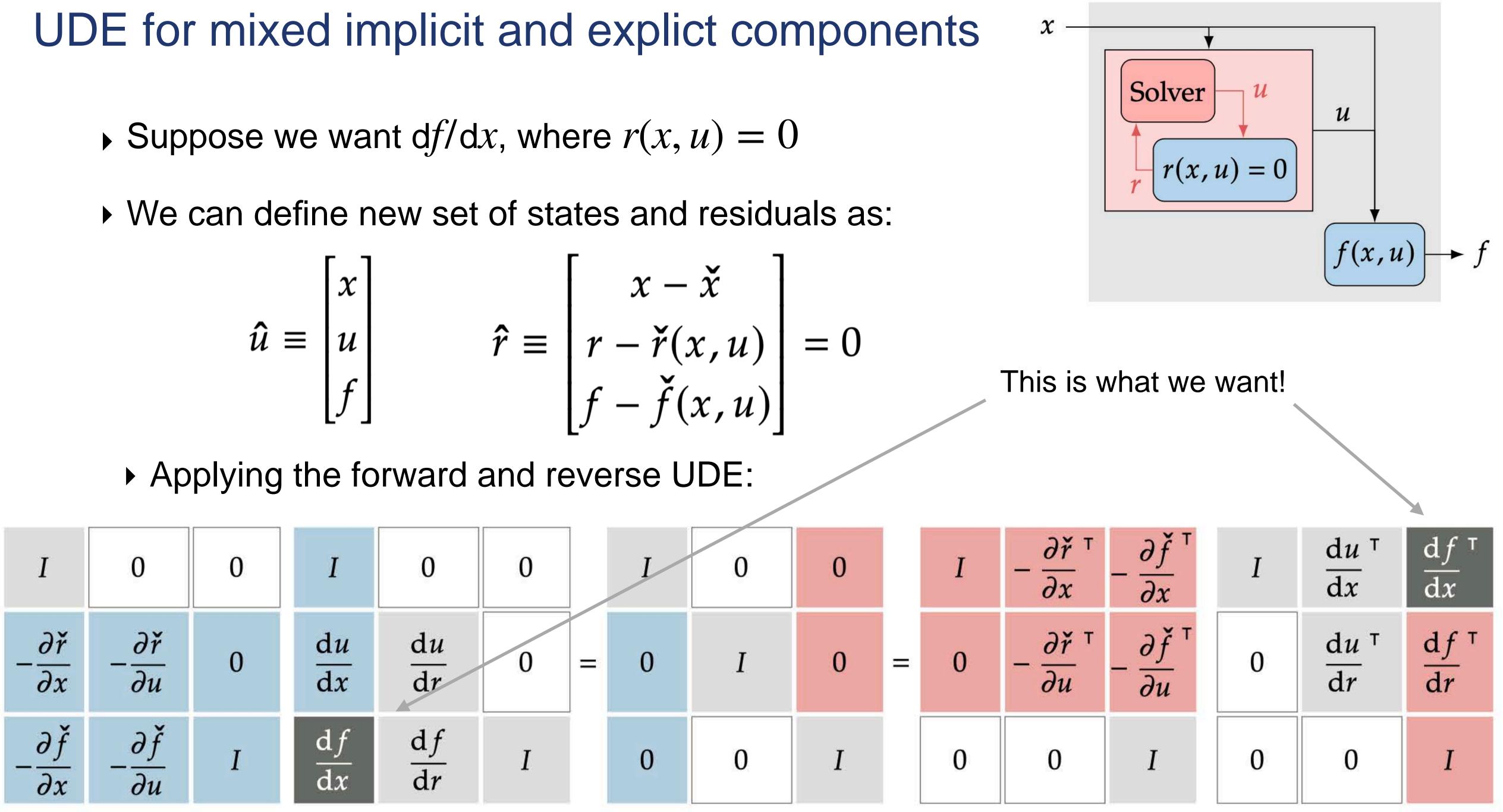
Again, how is this useful?

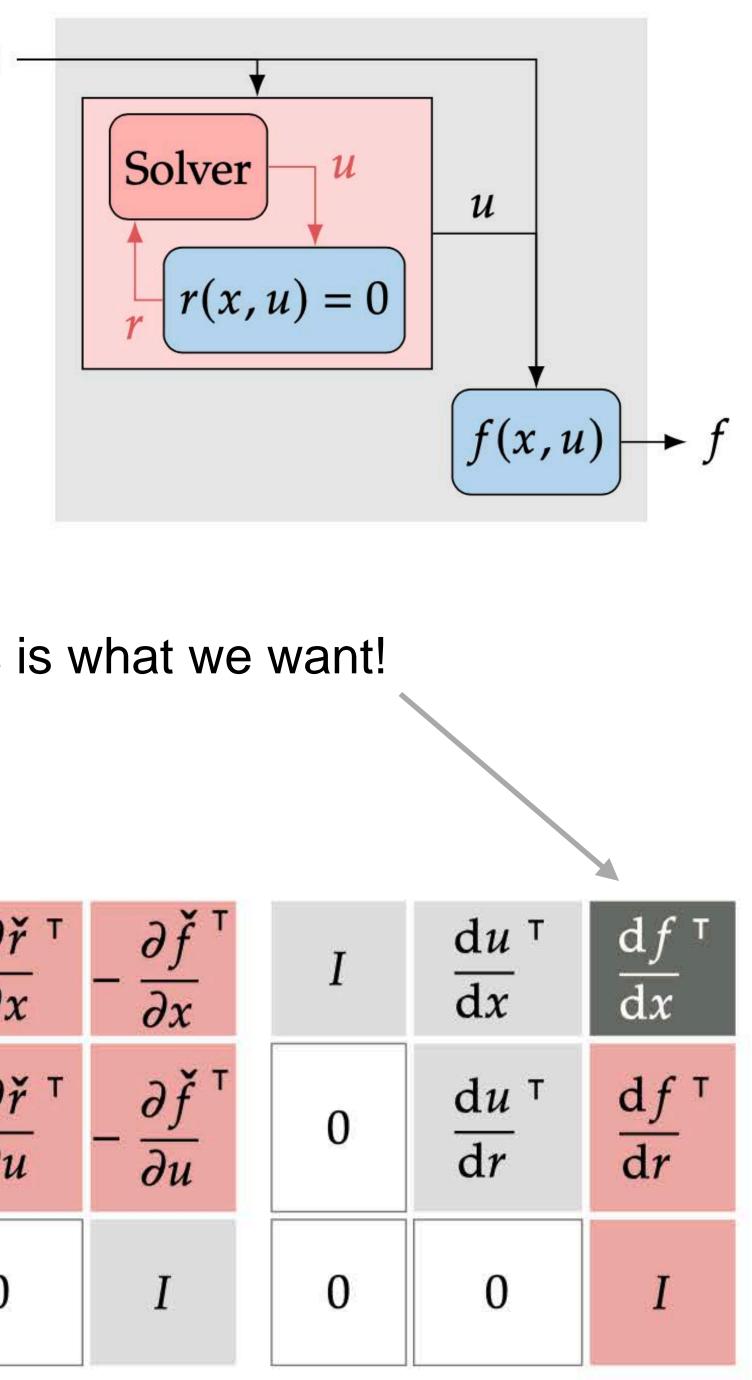


The reverse form gives the change in residuals for a prescribed change in states

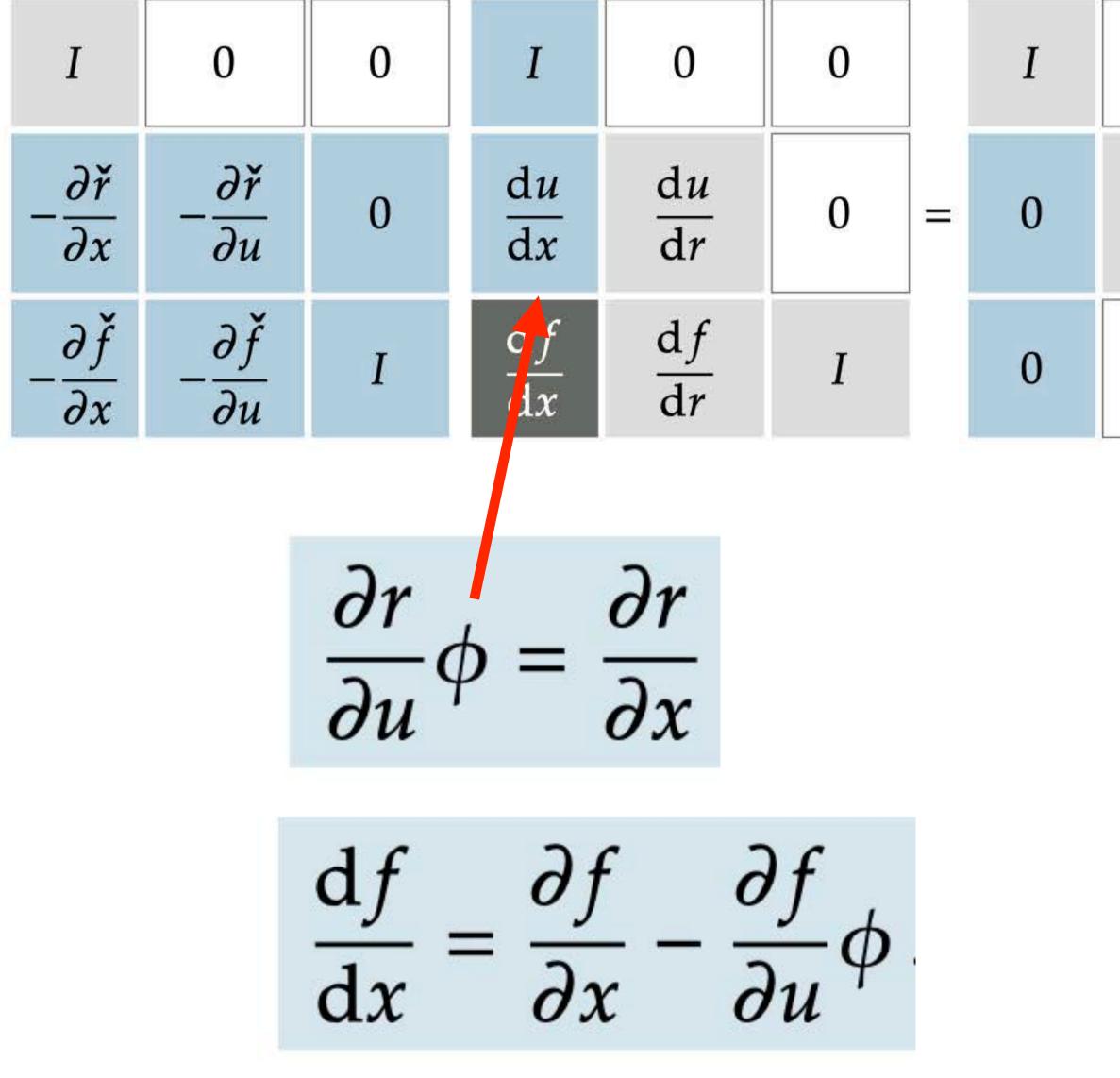


$$\hat{u} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \\ f \end{bmatrix} \qquad \hat{r} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x - f \\ r - \check{r}(x) \\ f - \check{f}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$





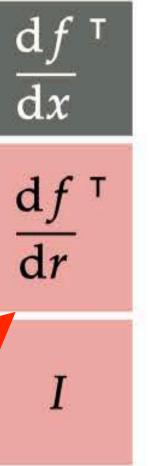
UDE yields the implicit analytic methods: direct and adjoint



0	0		Ι	$-\frac{\partial \check{r}}{\partial x}^{T}$	$-\frac{\partial \check{f}}{\partial x}^{T}$	Ι	$\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}x}^{T}$
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$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial u}^{\mathsf{T}} \psi = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - \psi^{\mathsf{T}} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$





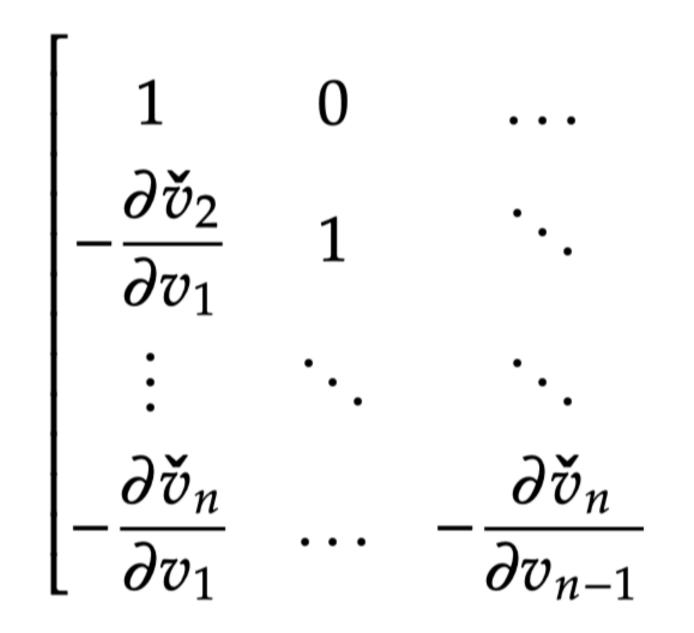
The UDE also yields algorithmic differentiation (AD)

Define states and residuals as

$$v_i = \check{v}_i(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}), \quad i = 1$$

 $r_i = v_i - \check{v}_i(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1})$

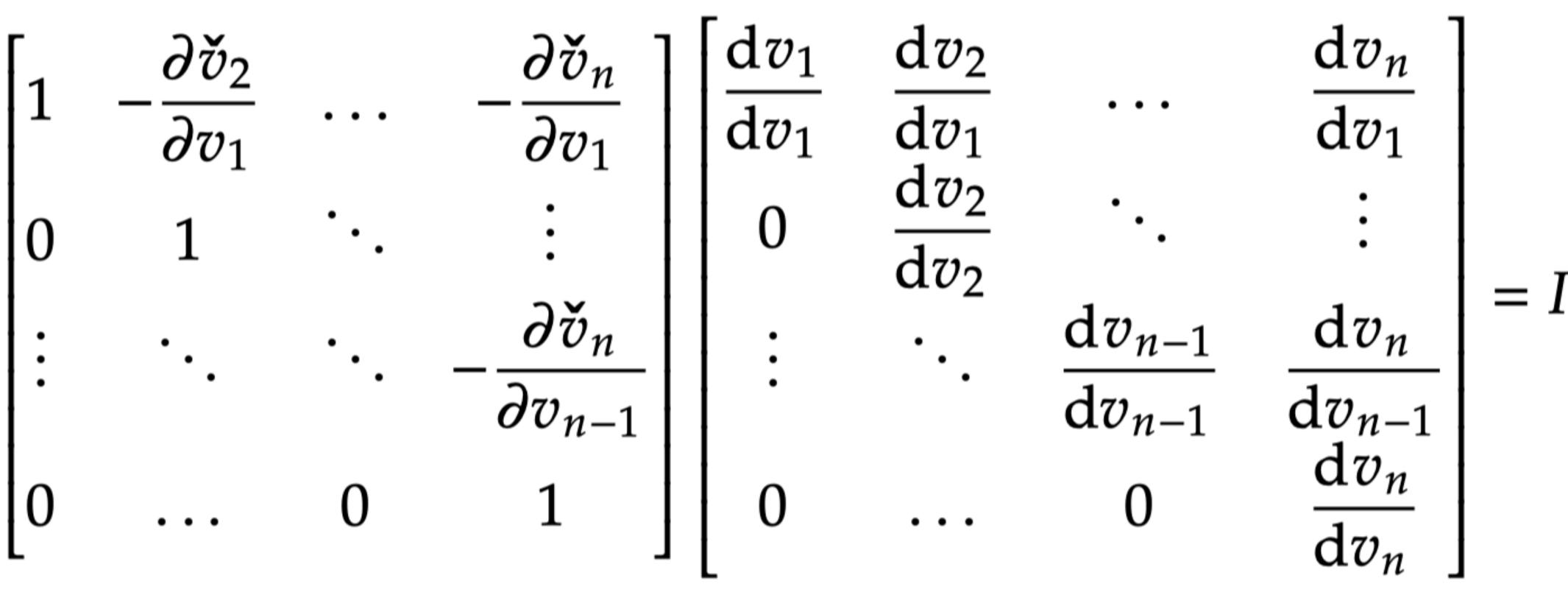
Then, the forward UDE becomes



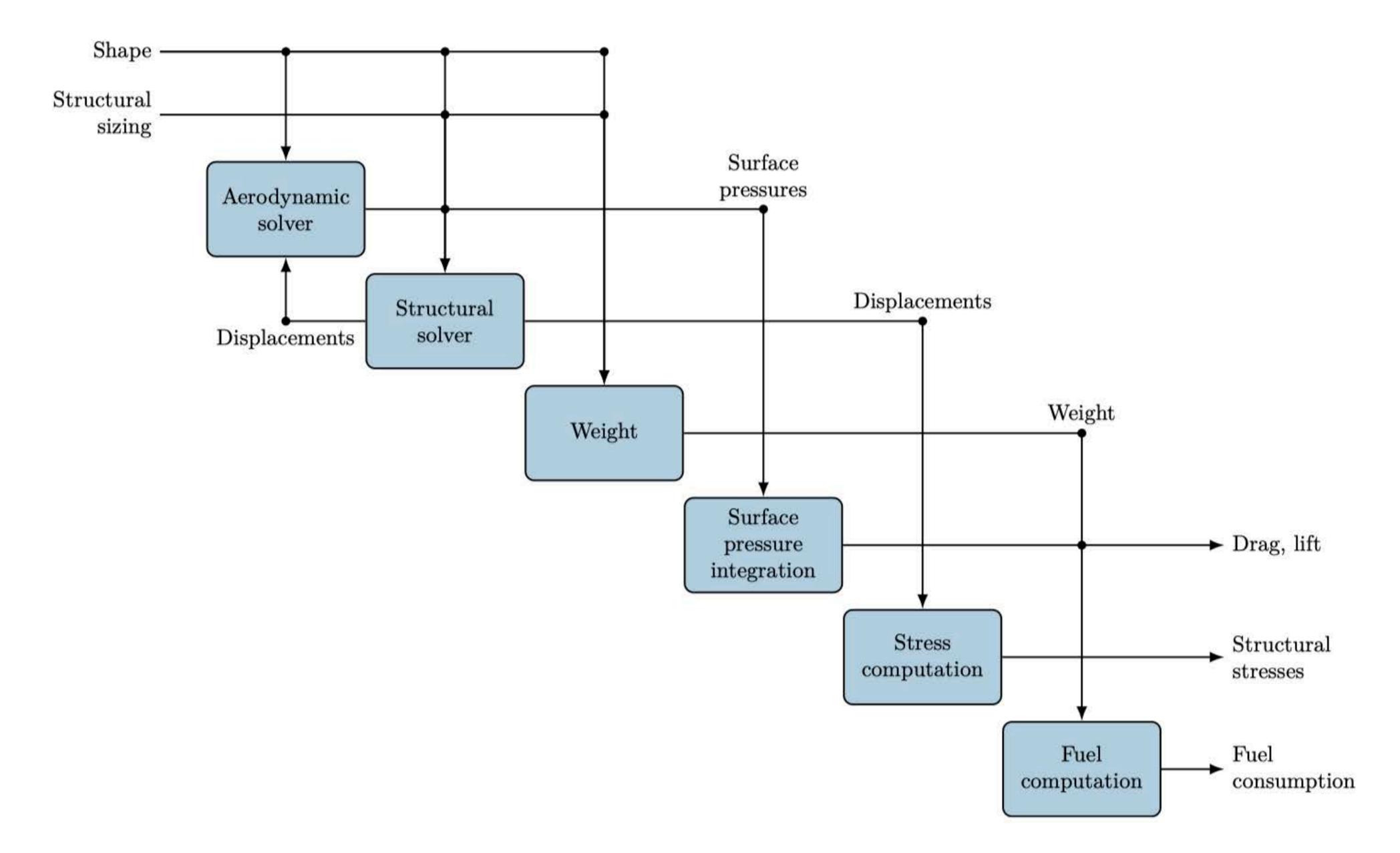
$$i = 1, \ldots, n$$
$$v_{i-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ \vdots\\ 0\\ 1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathrm{d}v_1}{\mathrm{d}v_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}v_2}{\mathrm{d}v_2} & \frac{\mathrm{d}v_2}{\mathrm{d}v_2} & \ddots & \vdots\\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}v_n}{\mathrm{d}v_1} & \cdots & \frac{\mathrm{d}v_n}{\mathrm{d}v_{n-1}} & \frac{\mathrm{d}v_n}{\mathrm{d}v_n} \end{bmatrix} = I$$

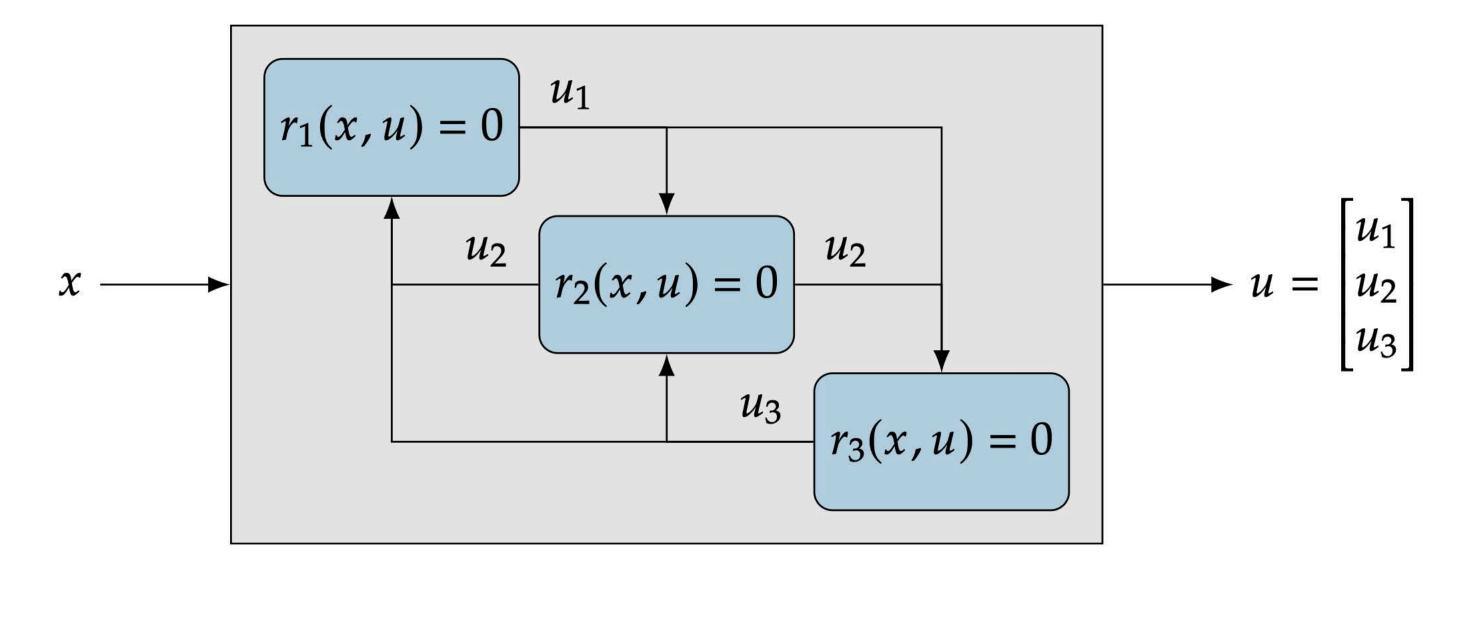
The reverse form of UDE yields reverse AD



Now let us consider multiple components of disciplines



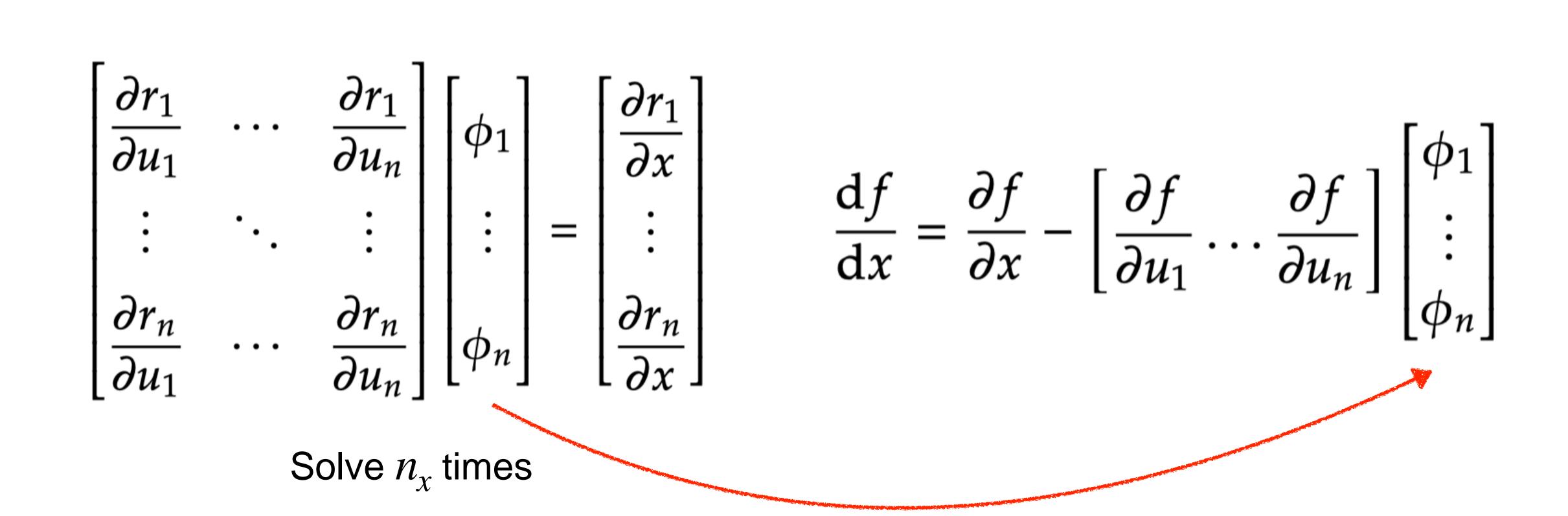
A coupled model has multiple residual and state subvectors



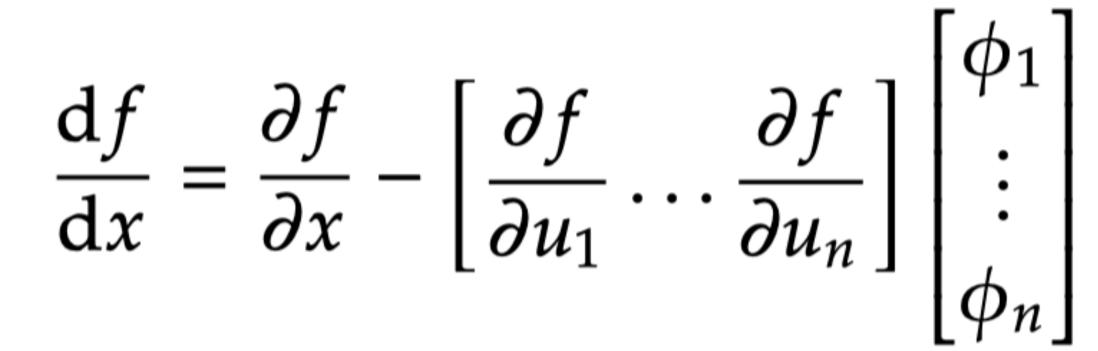
$$r(u) = 0 \equiv \begin{cases} r_1(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ r_i(u_i; u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ r_n(u_n; u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_{n-1}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The forward UDE yields the coupled direct method

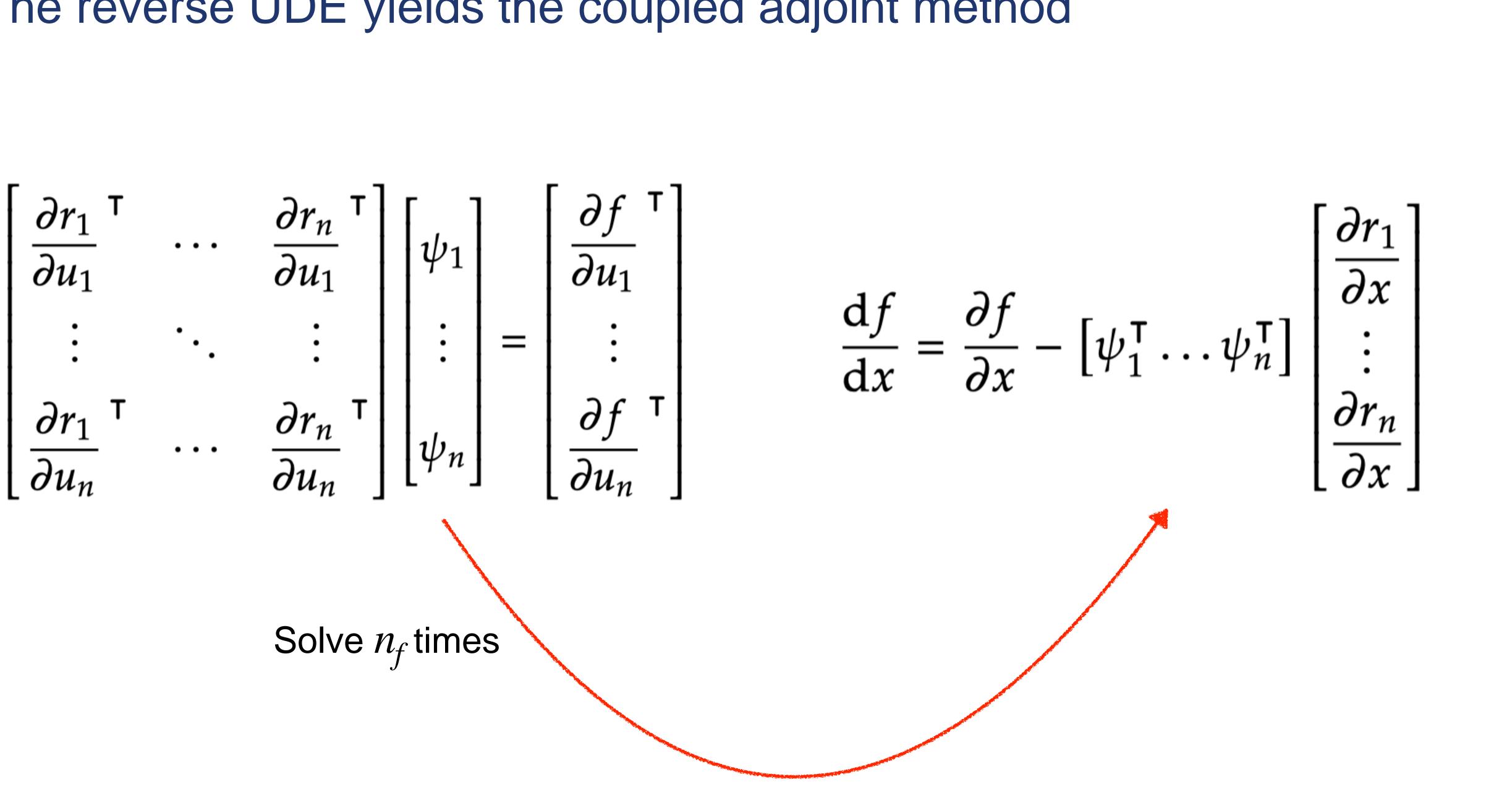
$$r(u) \equiv \begin{bmatrix} r_1(u) \\ \vdots \\ r_n(u) \end{bmatrix}, \quad u \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u \\ u \end{bmatrix}$$

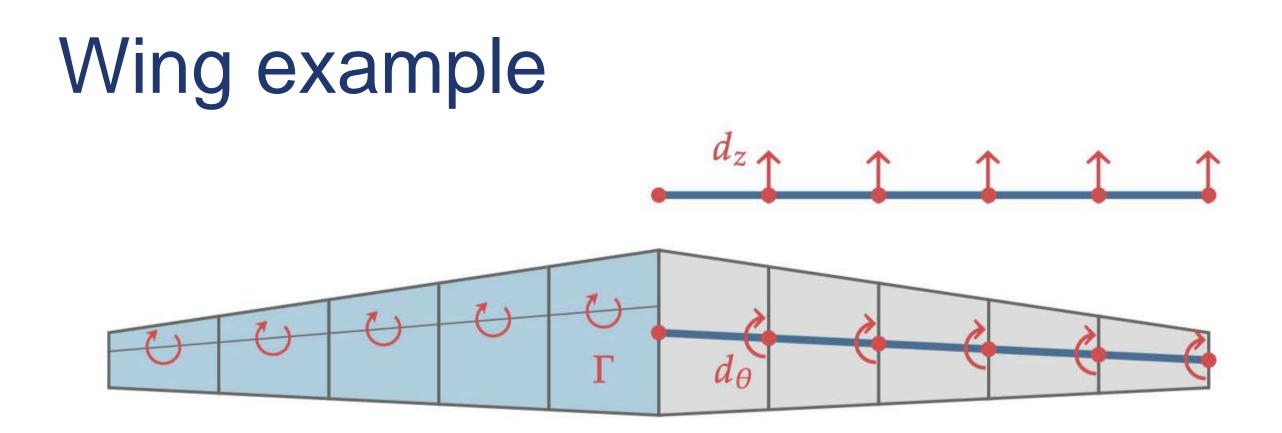






The reverse UDE yields the coupled adjoint method



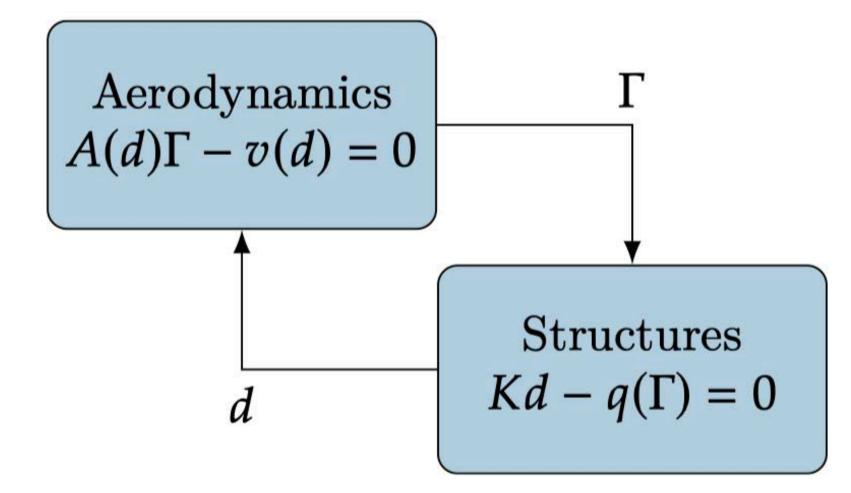


The states are the circulations and displacements

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

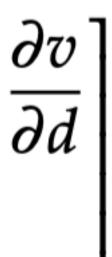
There are two corresponding sets of residual equations

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A(d)\Gamma - v(d) \\ Kd - q(\Gamma) \end{bmatrix}$$

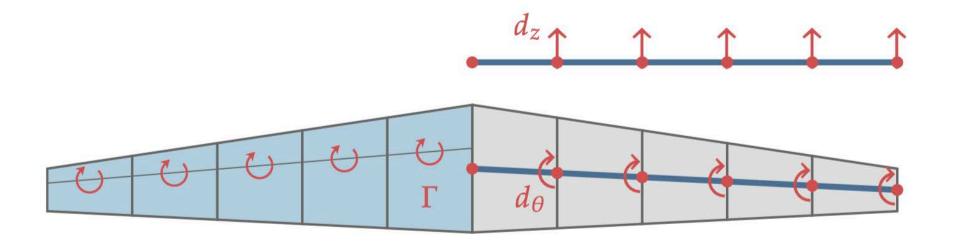


The Jacobian is

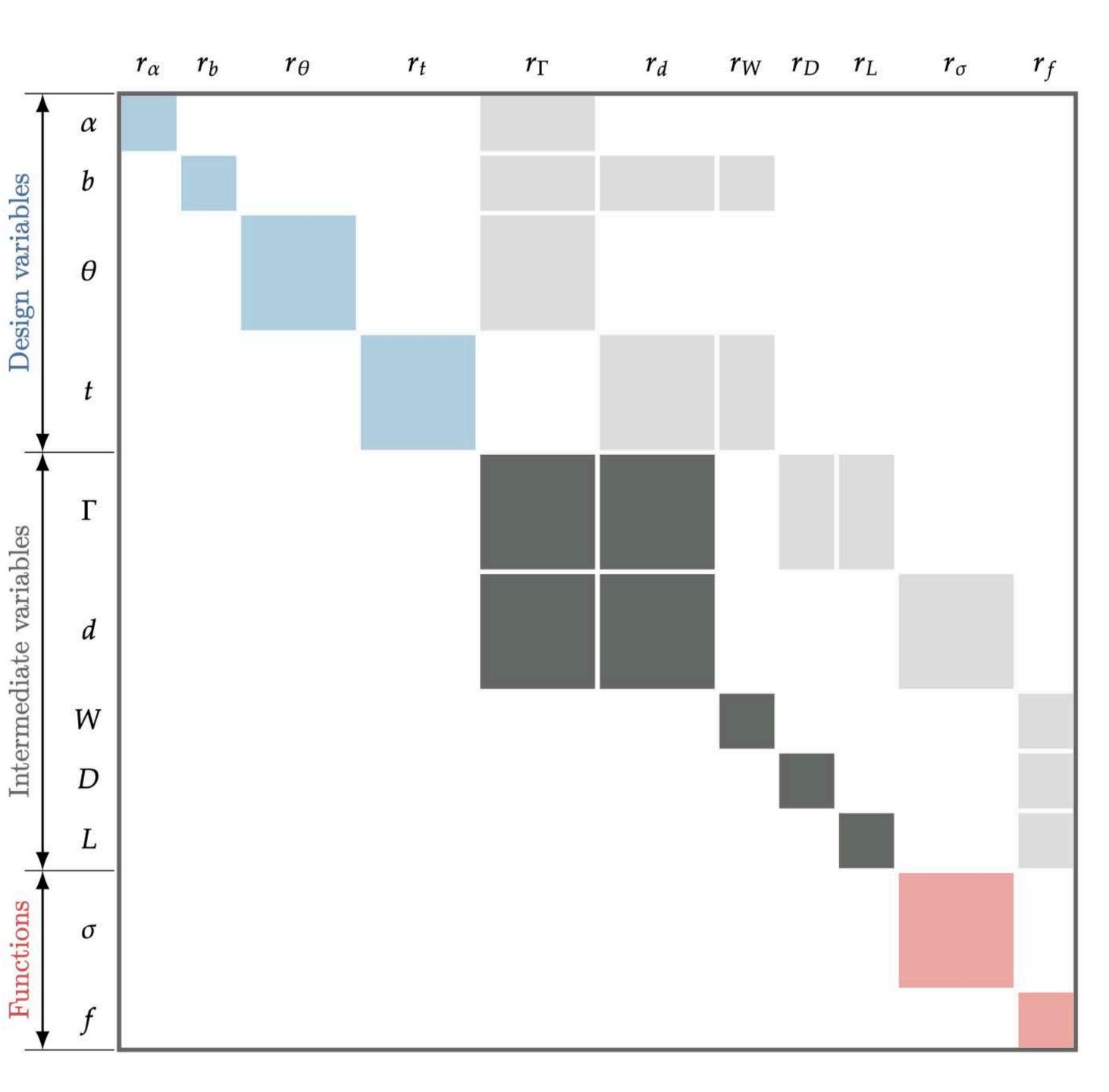
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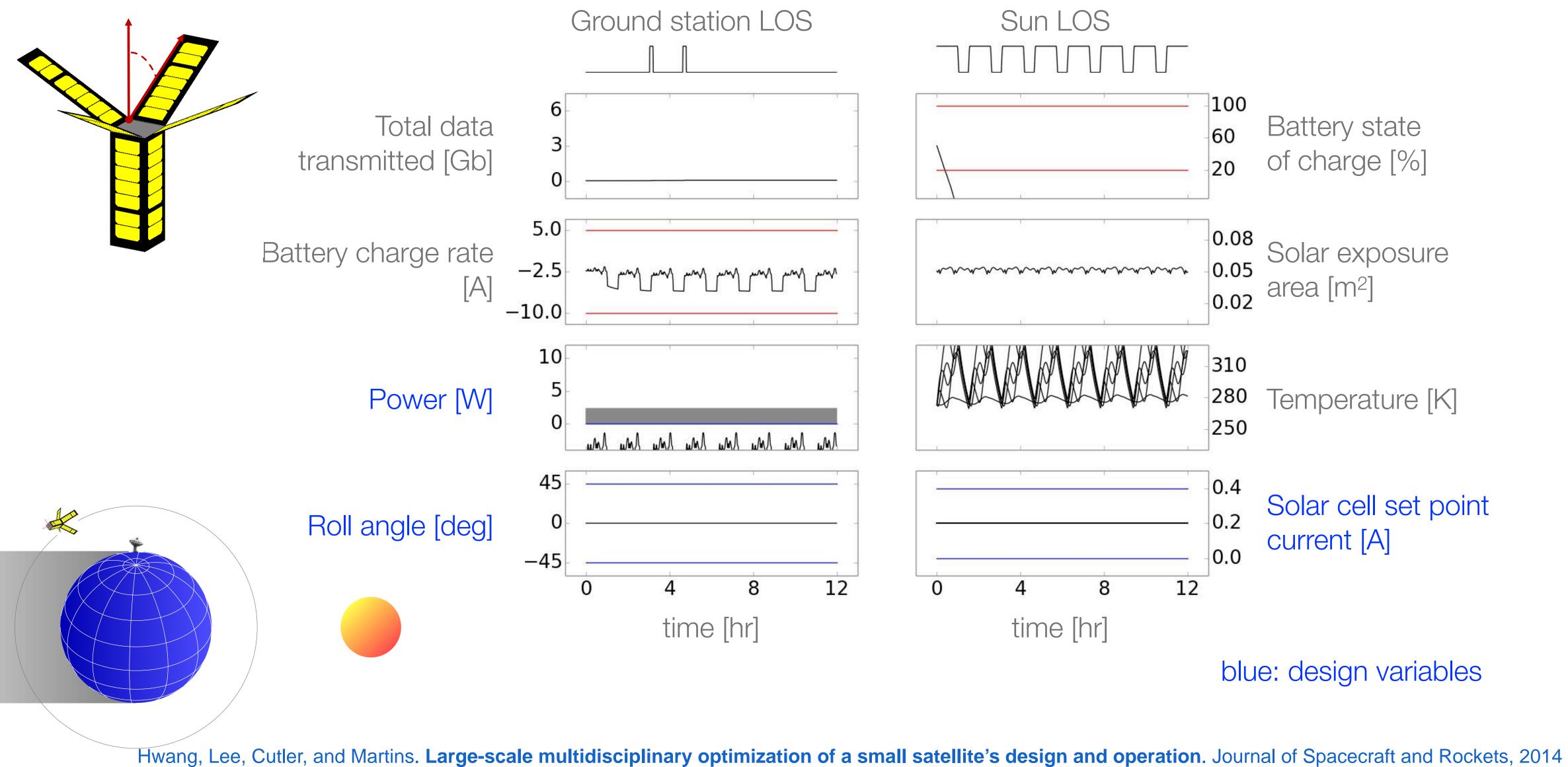
Wing example



- α : angle of attack
- ▶ b : wing span
- θ : twist distribution (vector)
- t : thickness distribution (vector)
- σ : stress distribution (vector)
- f : fuel burn

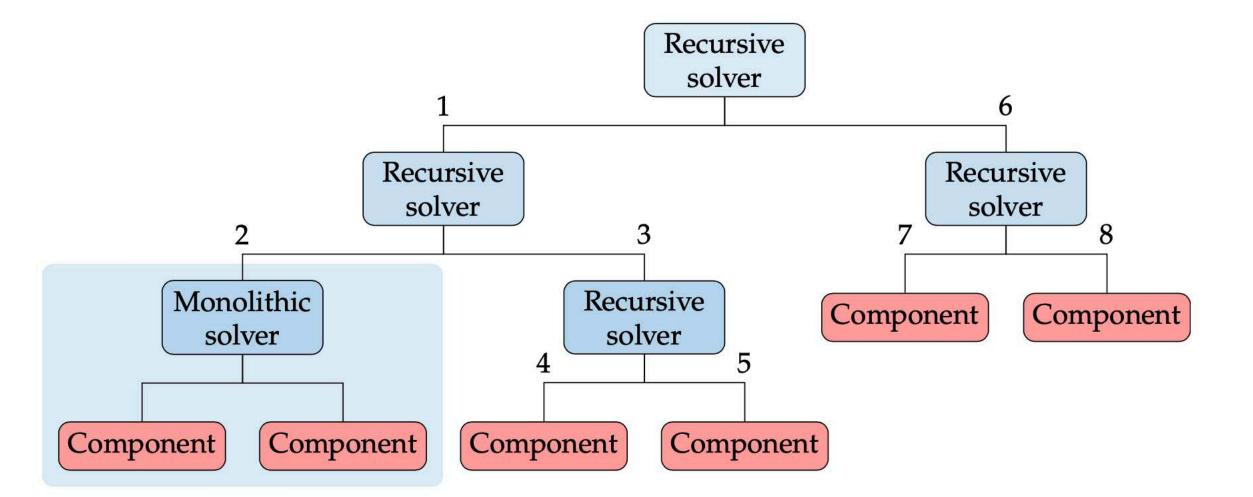


MAUD was first implemented in a satellite MDO problem



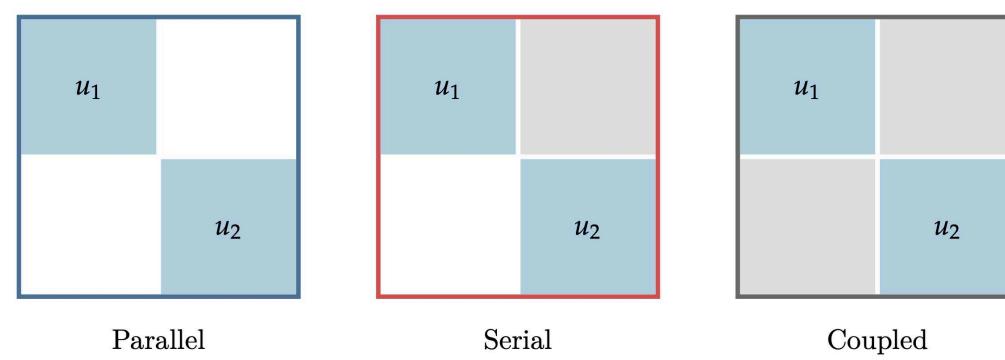


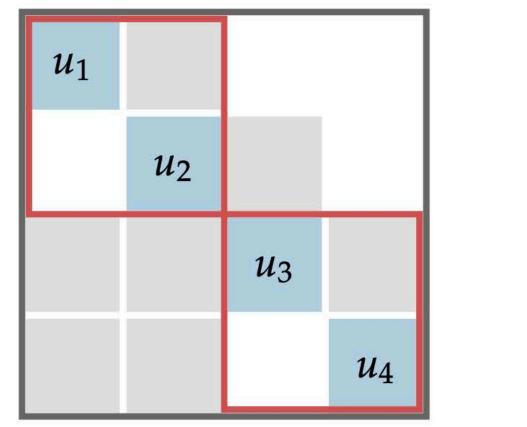
MAUD includes hierarchical solvers and coupled derivatives for complex systems

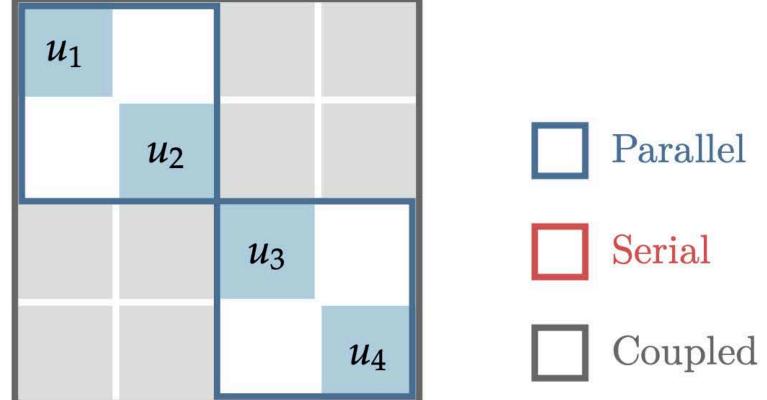


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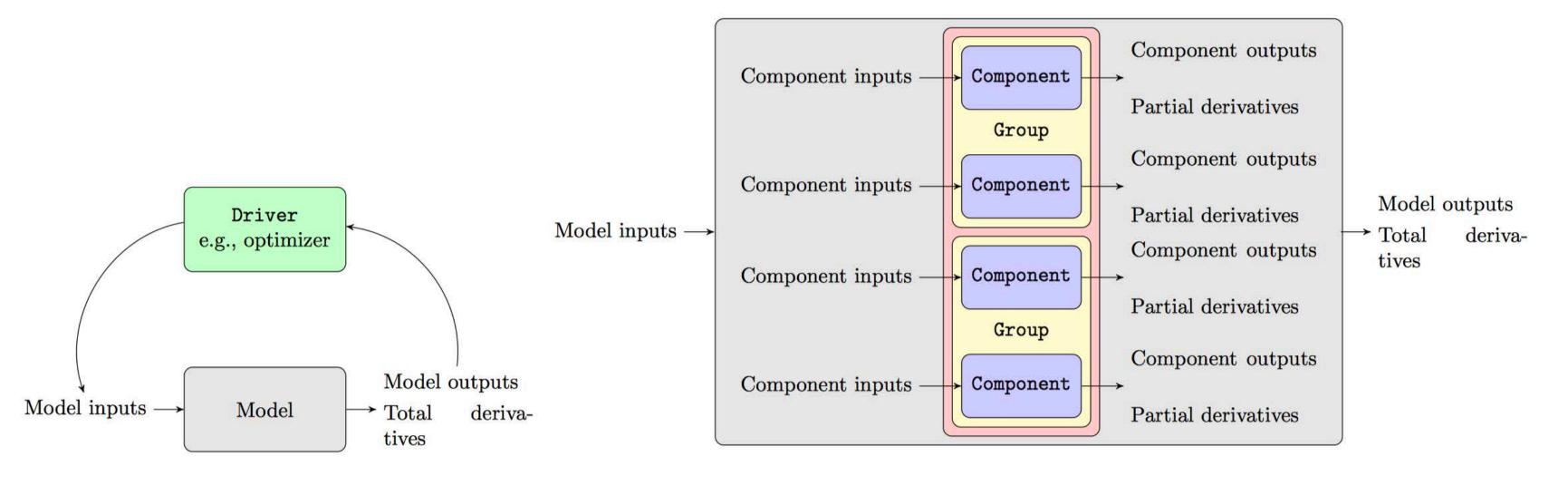




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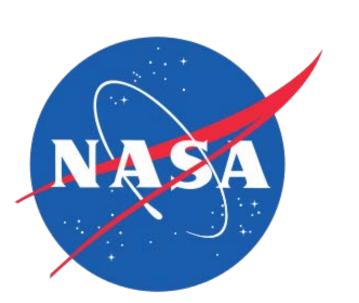






- Developed at NASA Glenn
- Python-based
- **Open-source framework**
- Facilitates the coupling multiple models and optimization
- Efficient coupled solution via Newton-type methods
- Efficient coupled adjoint derivative computation

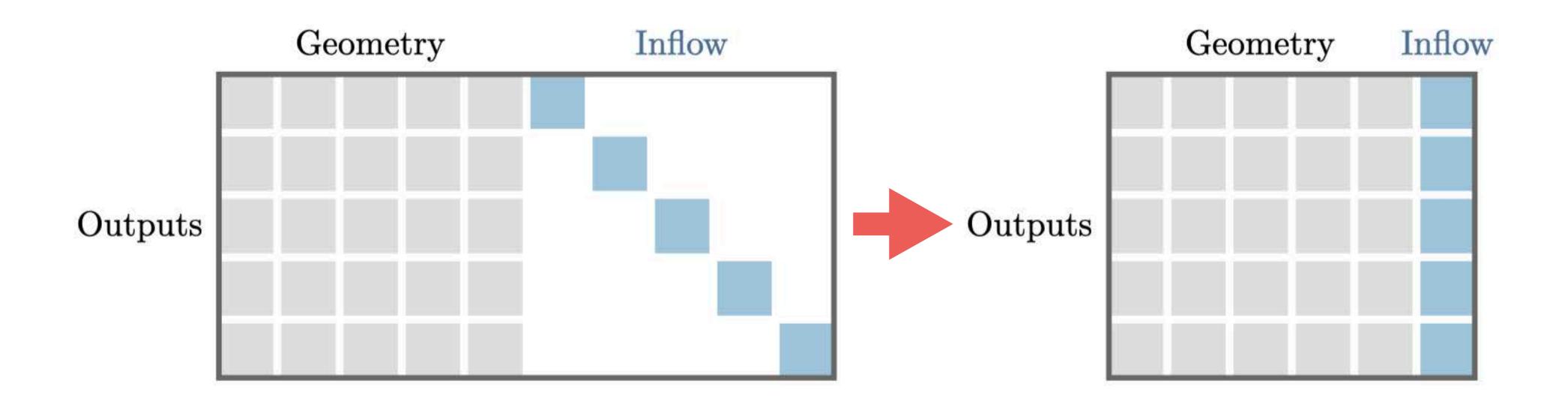
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OpenMDAO performs Jacobian coloring automatically

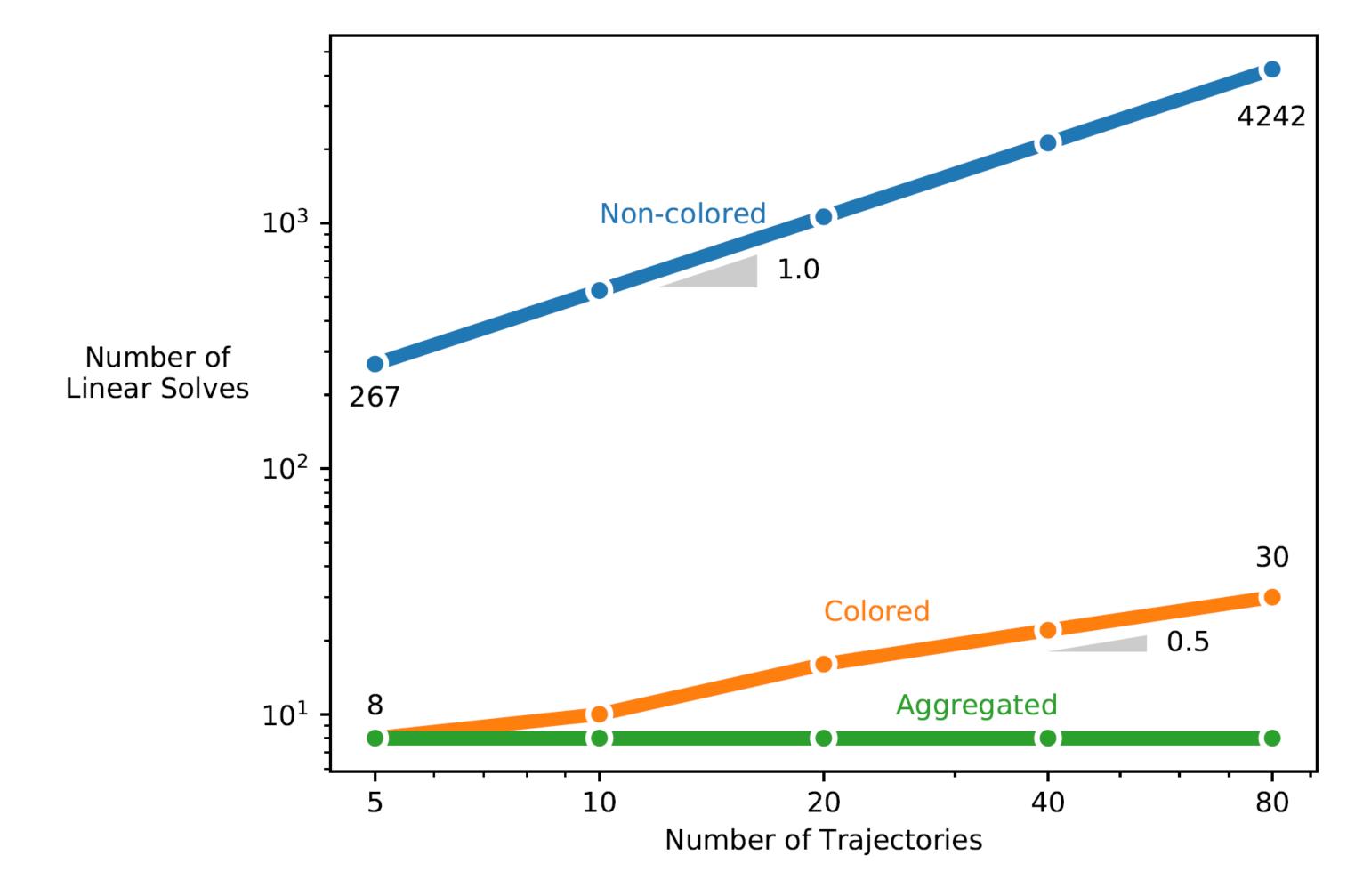
- Consider a wind turbine optimization problem with geometry design variables and multiple inflow conditions
- The geometry variables affect the performance at all inflow conditions



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But each inflow condition only affects the performance for that condition

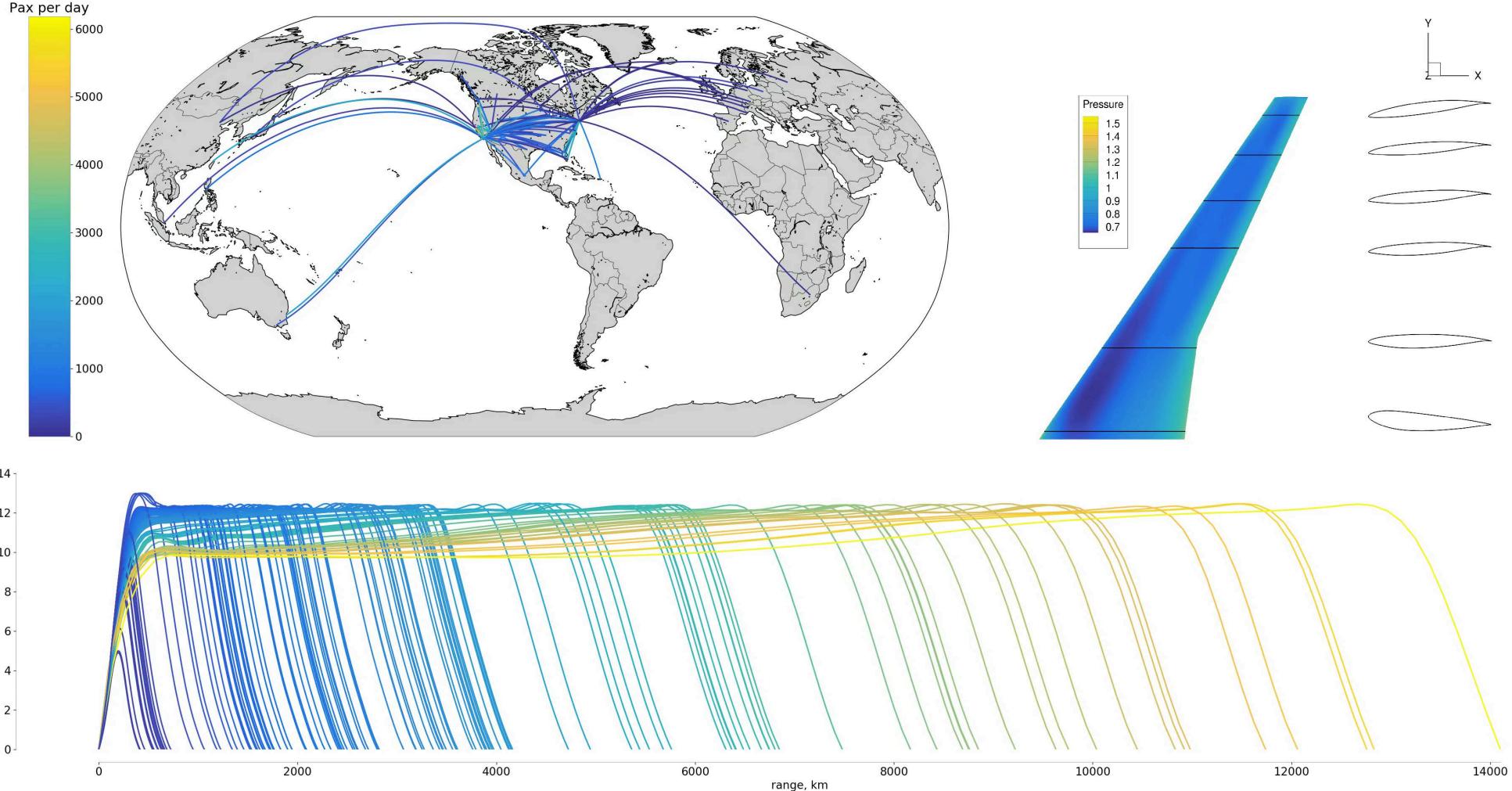
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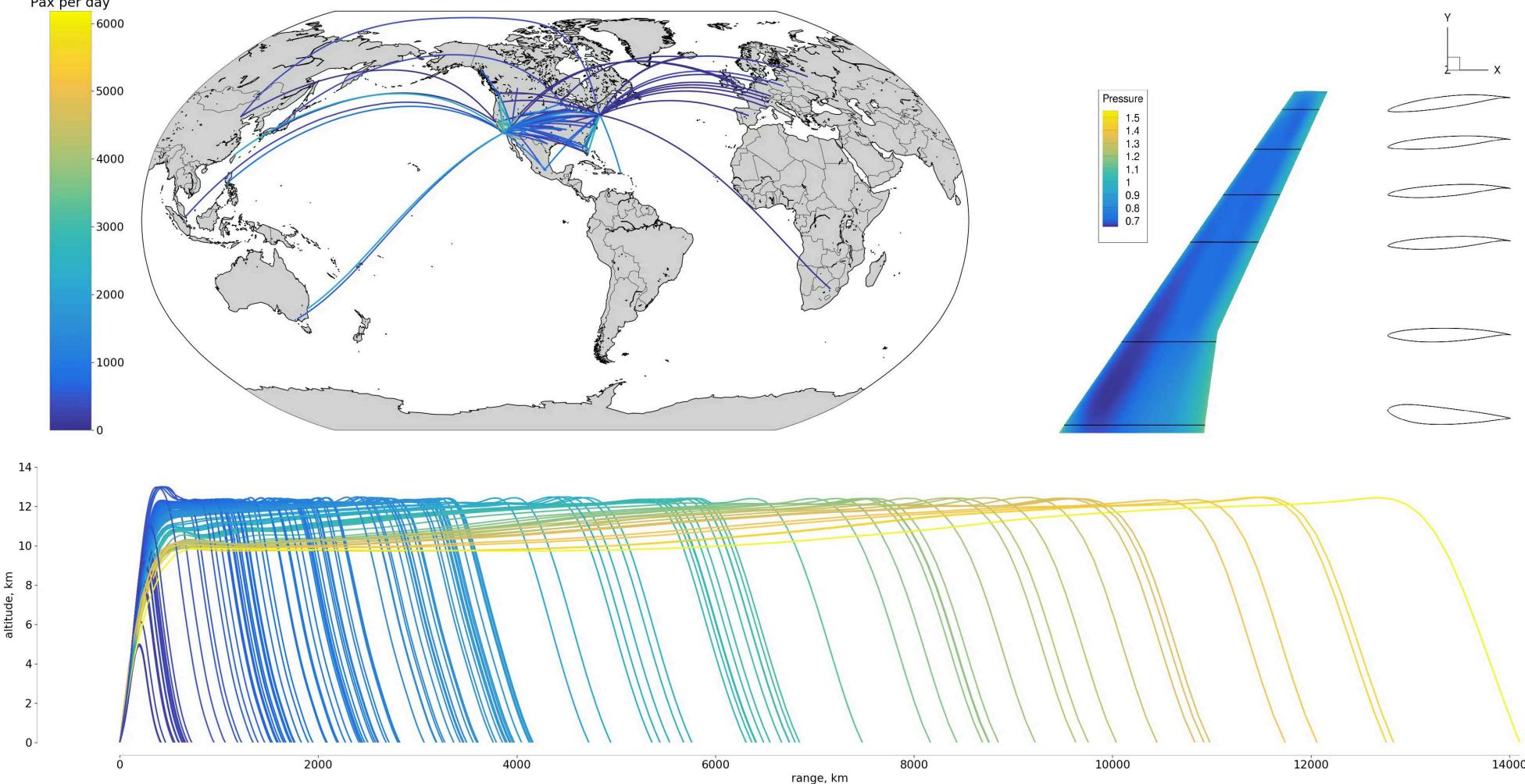


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It is possible to optimize wing, trajectory, and allocation together thanks to OpenMDAO



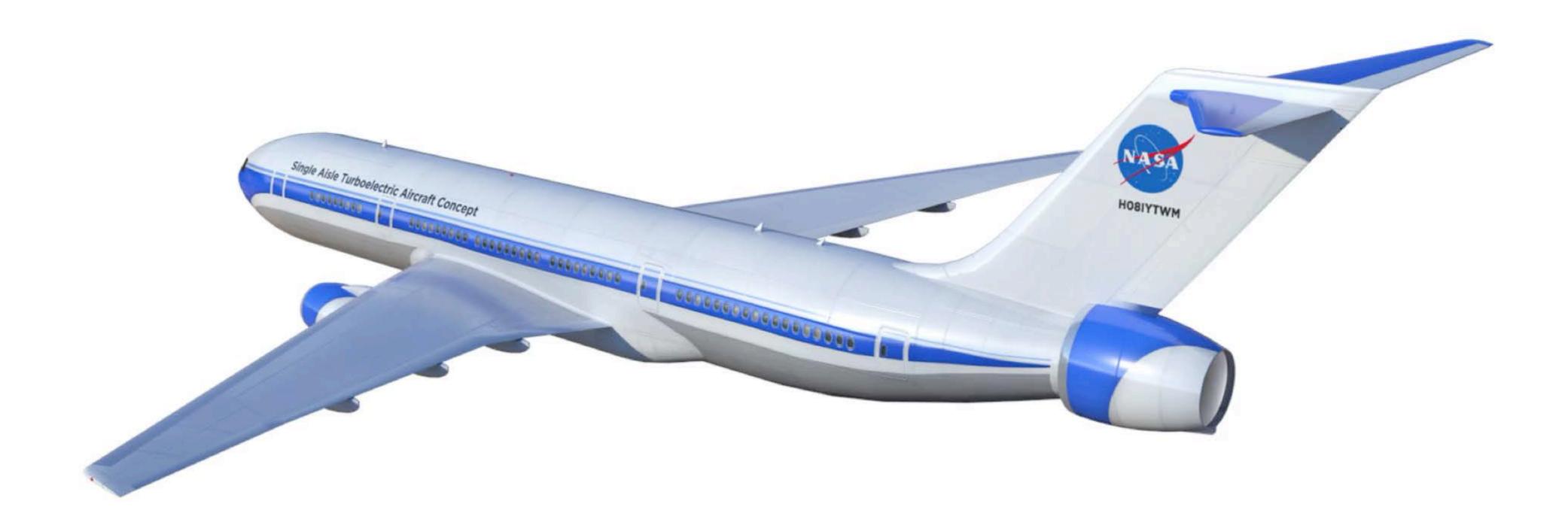




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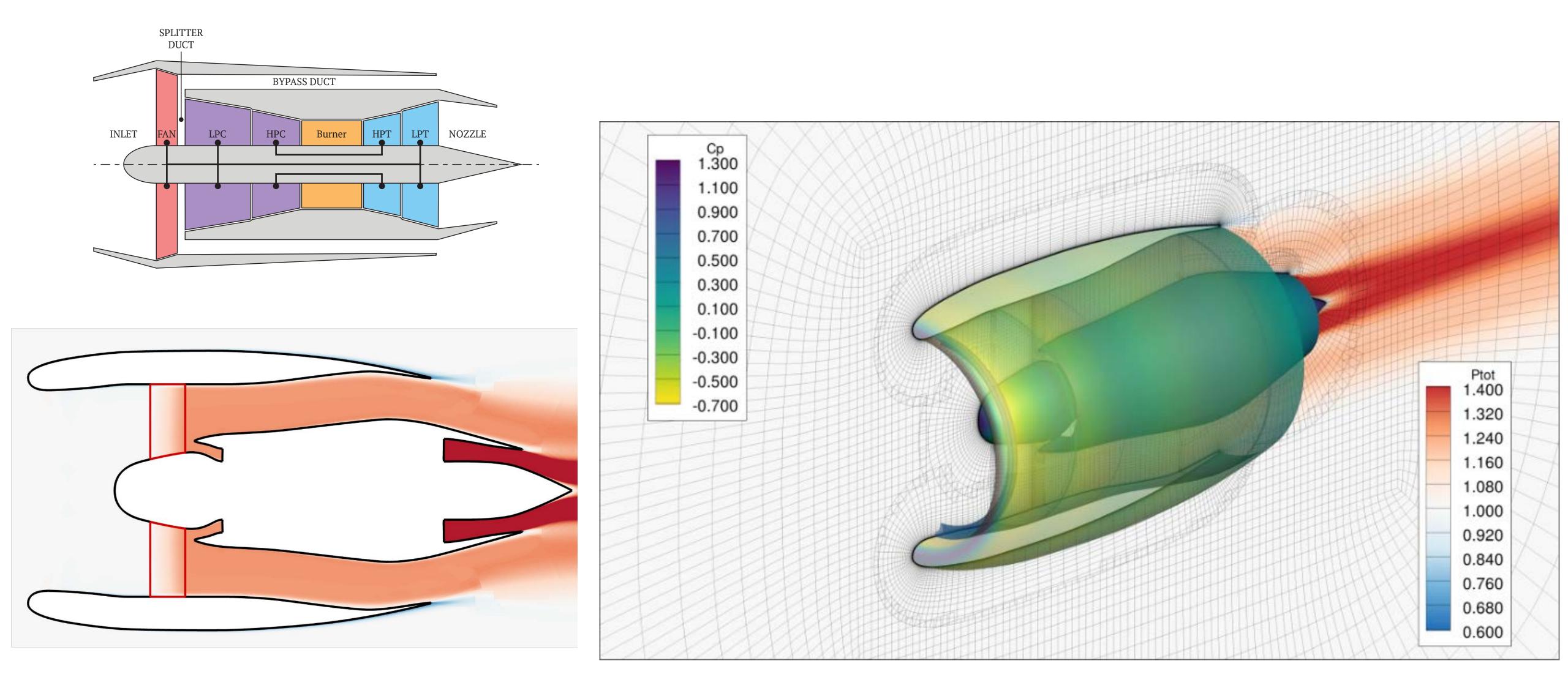
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This is the STARC-ABL concept

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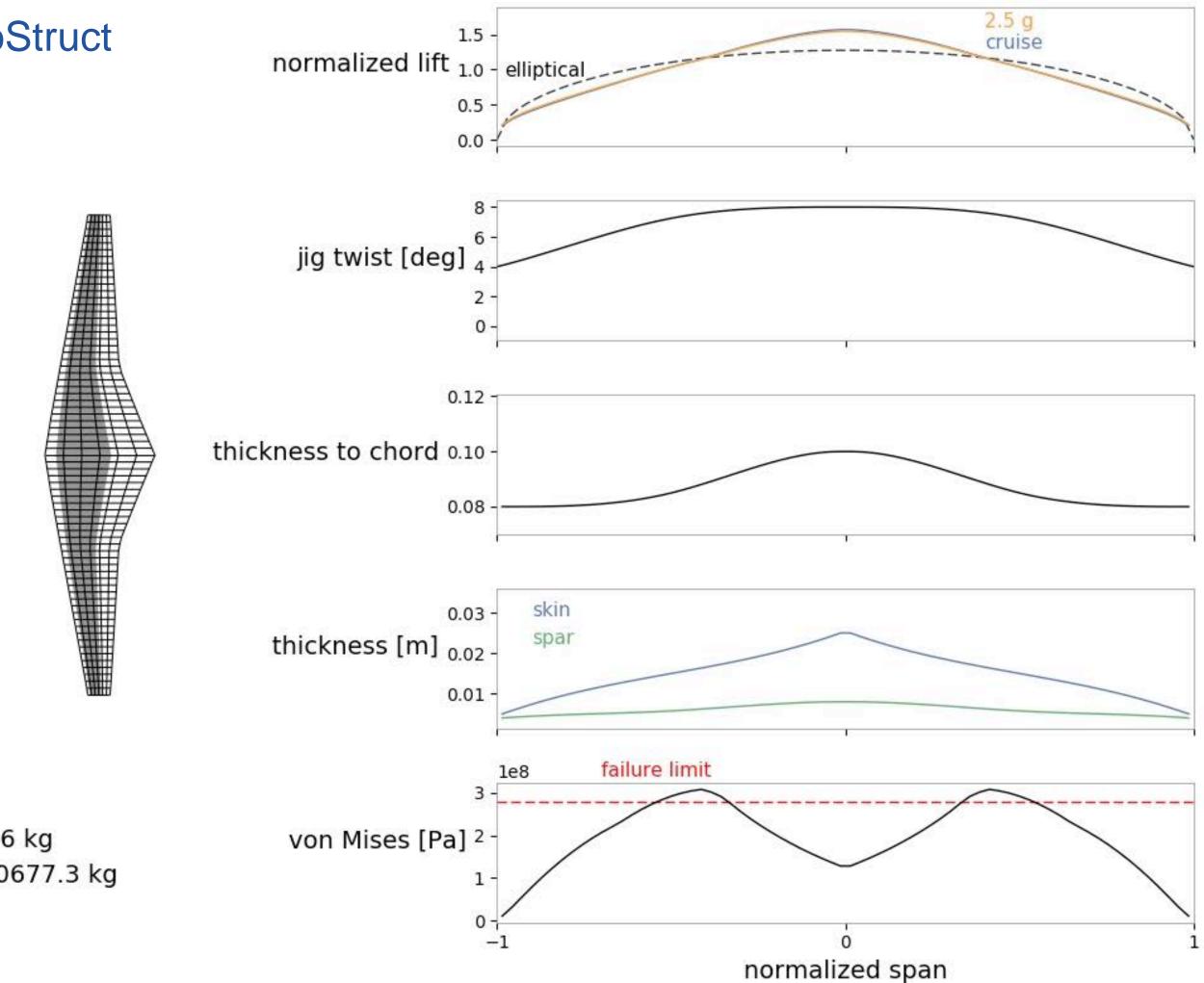
Coupled CFD-based optimization with pyCycle turbofan model



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OpenAeroStruct is a low-fidelity **OpenMDAO-based** version of MACH

https://github.com/mdolab/OpenAeroStruct

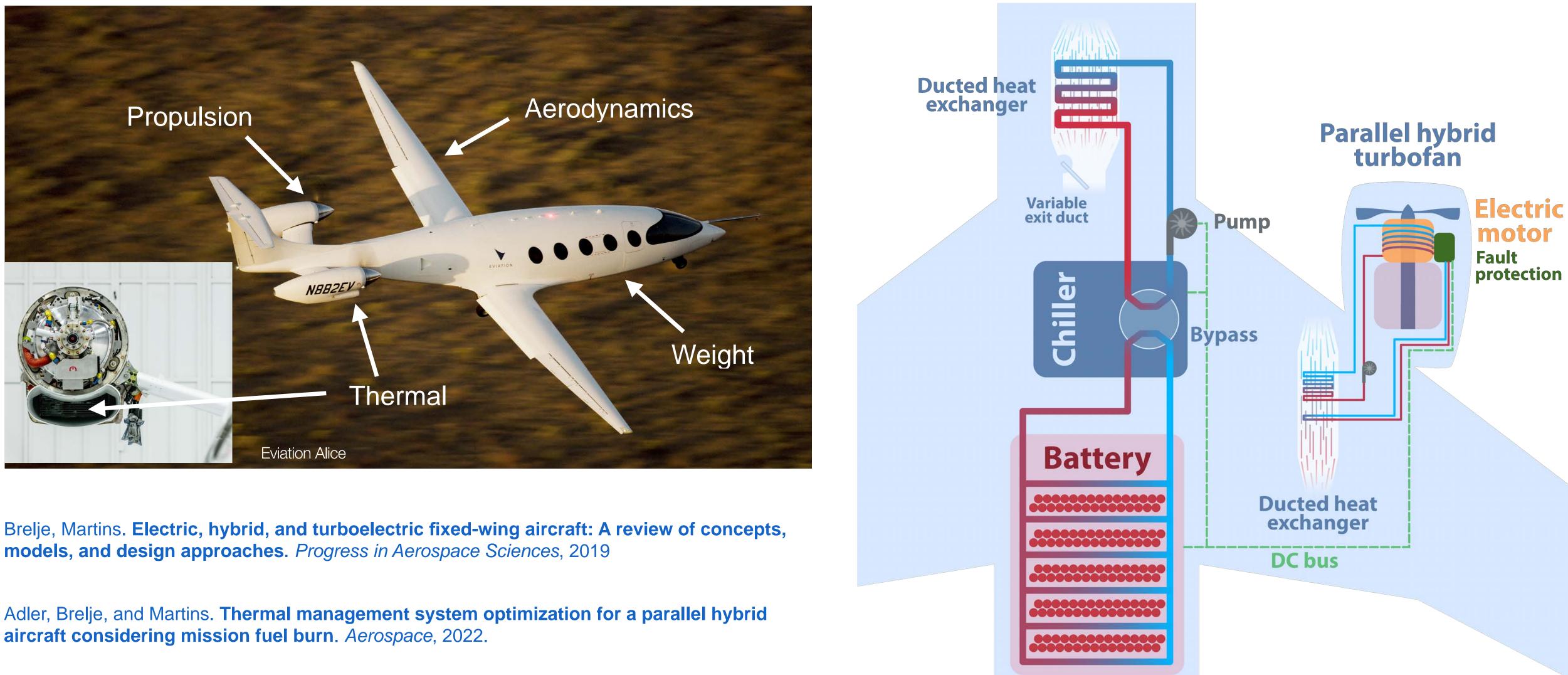


fuel burn: 205172.6 kg structural mass: 20677.3 kg span: 58.85 m

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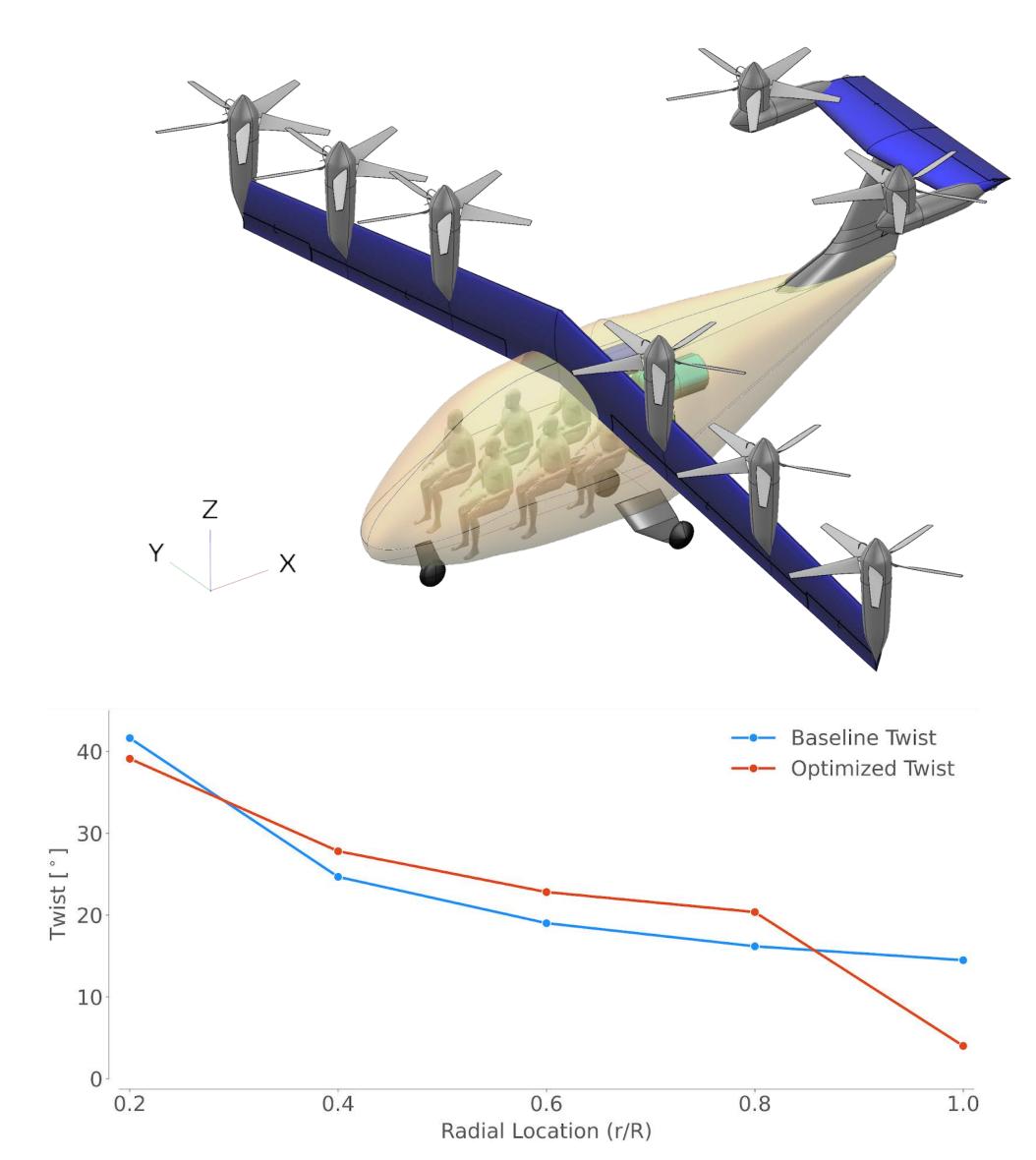


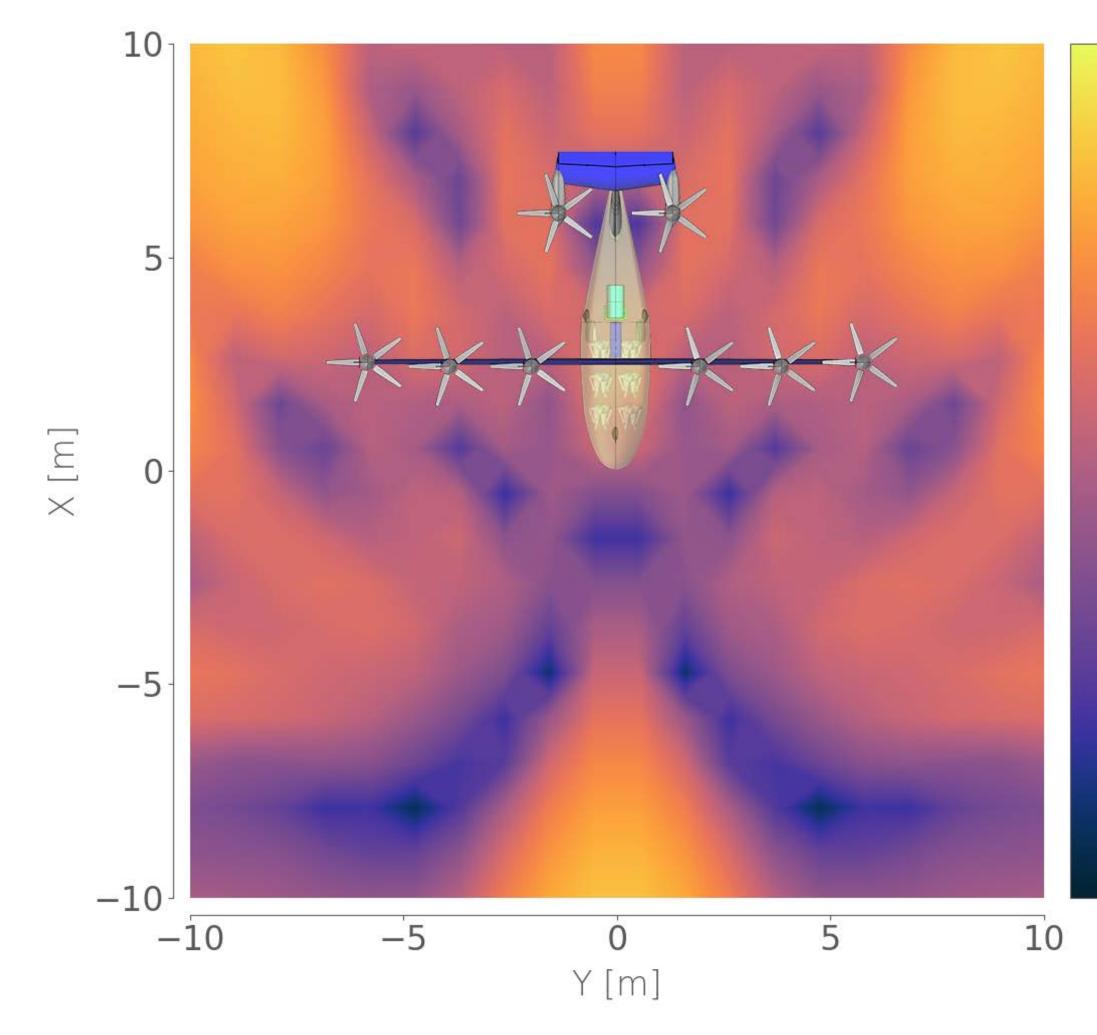
OpenConcept developed for electric aircraft systems





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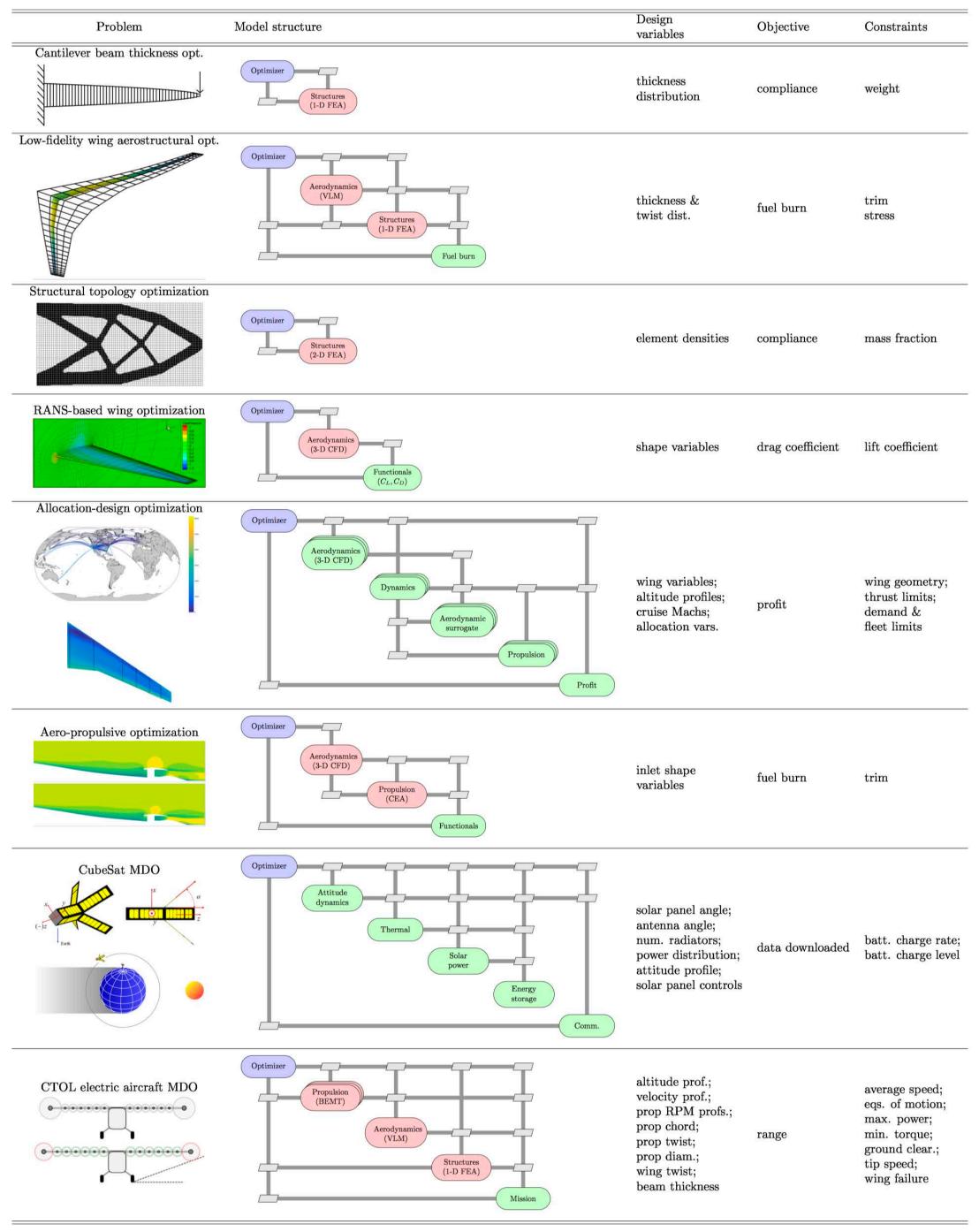




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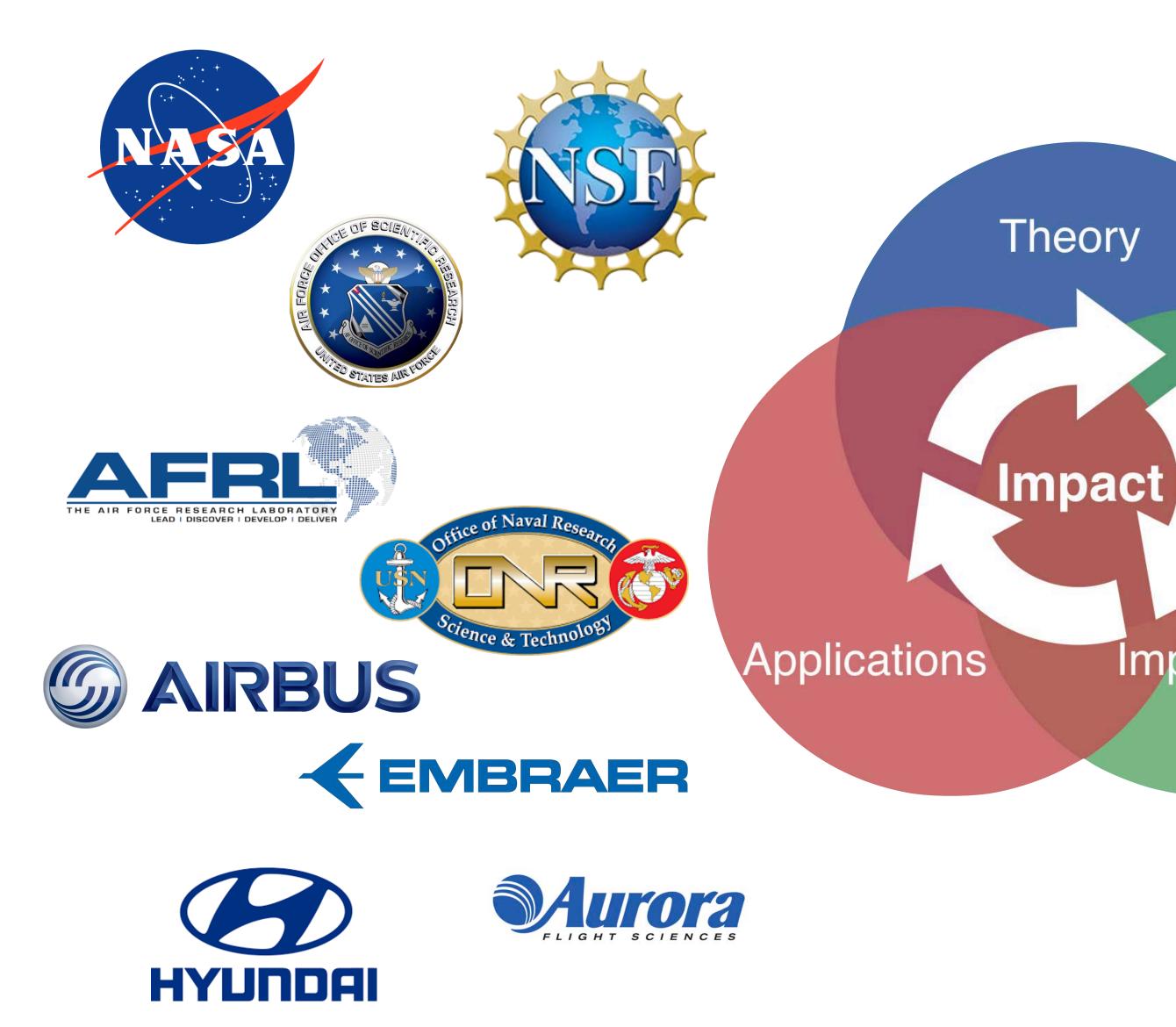


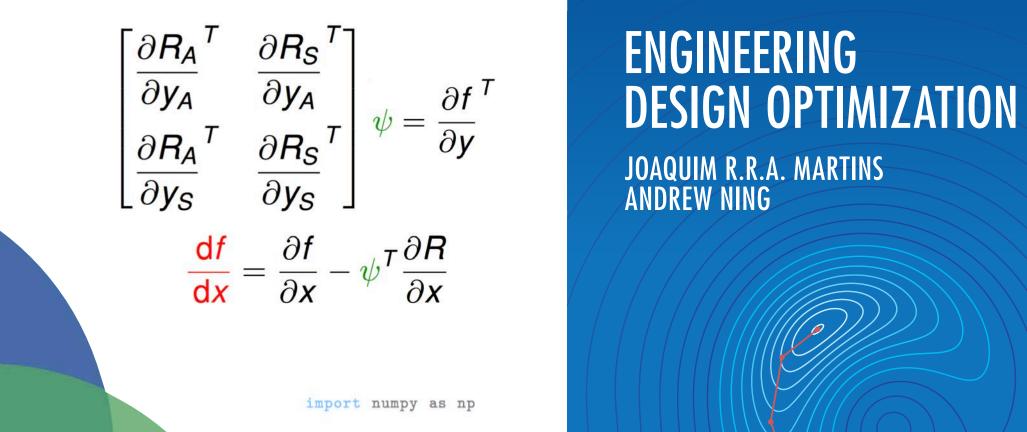
Other OpenMDAO applications



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Many of the implemented theoretical developments are now available as open-source software





Implementation

from openmdao.api import Exp

class Discipline1(ExplicitCo

```
def setup(self):
    self.add_input('y2')
    self.add_output('y1'
    self.declare_partial
```

```
def compute(self, inputs, outputs):
    outputs['y1'] = inputs['y2'] ** 2
```

```
def compute_partials(self, inputs, partials):
    partials['y1', 'y2'] = 2 * inputs['y2']
```

class Discipline2(ImplicitComponent):

def setup(self):
 self.add_input('x')
 self.add_input('y1')
 self.add_output('y2')
 self.declare_partials('y2', 'x')
 self.declare_partials('y2', 'y1')
 self.declare_partials('y2', 'y2')

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Useful sections for OpenMDAO users

- Sec. 1.2: Problem formulation
- Sec. 1.4.1-1.4.3: Gradient-based vs gradient-free optimization algorithms (see Fig. 1.23 for cost comparison), local vs global search, mathematical vs heuristic approaches
- Sec. 1.5: How to select an optimization algorithm
- Sec. 3.3: Introduction to residuals of governing equations and explicit/implicit functions
- Sec. 3.6: Overview of governing equation solvers
- Chapter 4 header and Sec. 4.1-4.2: Basic idea of gradient-based optimization
- Example 4.18 and Sec. 4.6: Comparison of gradient-based algorithms, summary
- Chapter 5 header and Sec. 5.1: Basic idea of constrained optimization
- Sec. 5.8: Summary of constrained optimization
- Chapter 6: Derivatives. Whole chapter recommended, but especially: Sec. 6.7 (implicit analytic methods including adjoint), Sec. 6.8 (sparse Jacobians), Sec. 6.9 (UDE), and Sec. 6.10 (summary)
- Sec. 7.1: When to use gradient-free algorithms
- Chapter 13 header and 13.1: Introduction to MDO
- Sec. 13.2: Coupled models and solvers (includes MAUD in Sec. 13.2.6)
- Sec. 13.3.3: Implicit analytic coupled derivatives
- Tip 13.4: OpenMDAO
- Sec. 13.6: MDO summary

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