

Discrete Adjoint Optimization Framework for Unsteady Fluid-Structure Interaction Problems

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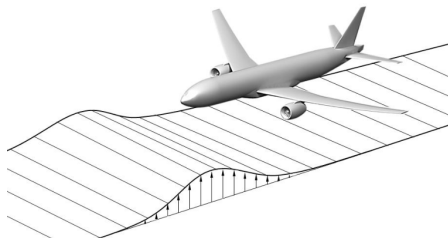
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Why consider dynamic FSI optimization?

- Increased flexibility next generation aircraft necessitates FSI
- Static simulations inform baseline aerodynamic features, but dynamic events often size the structure
- Time-domain captures inherent instabilities and responses to external input (flutter, LCOs, gust loads, etc)



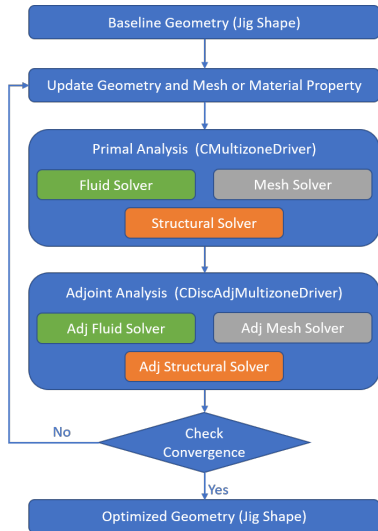
(a) Zephyr (Image Credit: Airbus)



(b) Gust-Load Alleviation (Image Credit: Lancelot @ ICAST 2016)

Optimization Framework

- Built on native FSI solver in SU2
- Gradient based optimization for shape or material properties
- Leverages existing AD-based discrete adjoint solver for static problems
- CDiscAdjMultizoneDriver extended for unsteady problems
 - Supports multizone unsteady adjoint sensitivities not exclusive to FSI



Primal Coupled FSI Solver

- Fluid Solver - RANS in ALE formulation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_{\text{ALE}}^c - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}^v - \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \{\rho, \rho \mathbf{v}, \rho e\}^T$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ALE}}^c = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \rho(\mathbf{v} - \dot{\mathbf{z}}) \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \otimes (\mathbf{v} - \dot{\mathbf{z}}) + \bar{\bar{p}} \\ \rho e(\mathbf{v} - \dot{\mathbf{z}}) + p \mathbf{v} \end{array} \right\}, \quad \mathbf{F}^v = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{0} \\ \bar{\bar{\tau}} \\ \bar{\bar{\tau}} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mu C_p \nabla T \end{array} \right\}$$

- Structural Solver - Non-Linear Solid Mechanics

$$\underbrace{\int_v \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \delta \mathbf{d} \, dv}_{\text{Internal}} - \underbrace{\left(\int_v \mathbf{f} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u} \, dv + \int_{\partial v} \mathbf{t} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u} \, da \right)}_{\text{External}} + \underbrace{\int_v \rho \delta \ddot{\mathbf{u}} \, dv}_{\text{Inertial}} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Mesh Solver - Linear Elasticity

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_m \mathbf{z} - \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- Continuity of tractions and displacements at interface

Unsteady FSI Discrete Adjoint Solver

- To derive the adjoint equations, the optimization problem is written in fixed-point iterators

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{a}} \quad & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N J^n(\mathbf{u}^n, \mathbf{w}^n, \mathbf{z}^n, \mathbf{a}) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{u}^n, \mathbf{u}^{n-1}, \mathbf{w}^n, \mathbf{z}^n, \mathbf{a}) - \mathbf{u}^n = \mathbf{0}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N, \\ & \mathbf{G}^n(\mathbf{w}^n, \mathbf{w}^{n-1}, \mathbf{w}^{n-2}, \mathbf{z}^n, \mathbf{z}^{n-1}, \mathbf{z}^{n-2}, \mathbf{a}) - \mathbf{w}^n = \mathbf{0}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N, \\ & \mathbf{M}^n(\mathbf{u}^n, \mathbf{a}) - \mathbf{z}^n = \mathbf{0}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

Unsteady FSI Discrete Adjoint Equations

- Taking the Lagrangian and differentiating with respect to the design variables

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL}{da} = & \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial a} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial a} + (\bar{\mathbf{w}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^n}{\partial a} + (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}^n}{\partial a} \right] \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+1} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{u}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^i}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n} \right] - (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top + (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}^n}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n} \right] \frac{d\mathbf{u}^n}{da} \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+2} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^i}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} \right] - (\bar{\mathbf{w}}^n)^\top \right] \frac{d\mathbf{w}^n}{da} \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+2} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^i}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} \right] - (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top \right] \frac{d\mathbf{z}^n}{da} \end{aligned}$$

Unsteady Fluid Discrete Adjoint Equations

- Expression for the gradient of J

$$\frac{dJ}{d\mathbf{a}} = \frac{dL}{d\mathbf{a}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{a}} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial \mathbf{a}} + (\bar{\mathbf{w}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^n}{\partial \mathbf{a}} + (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}^n}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \right].$$

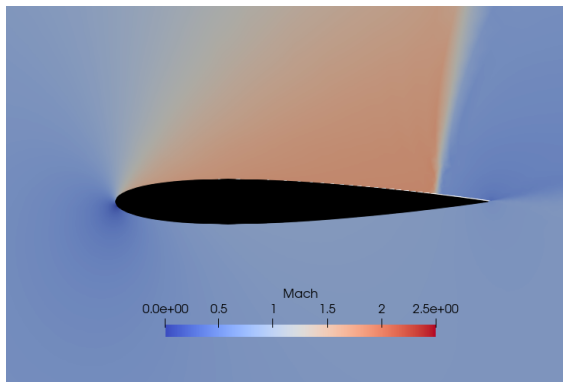
- Adjoint equations defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+1} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{u}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^i}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n} \right] + (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}^n}{\partial \mathbf{u}^n}, \quad n = N, \dots, 1, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{w}}^n)^\top &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+2} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^i}{\partial \mathbf{w}^n} \right], \quad n = N, \dots, 1, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{z}}^n)^\top &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial J^n}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} + (\bar{\mathbf{u}}^n)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^n}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} + \sum_{i=n}^{n+2} \left[(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^i)^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^i}{\partial \mathbf{z}^n} \right], \quad n = N, \dots, 1. \end{aligned}$$

- CoDiPack [Sagebaum, 2017] for Algorithmic Differentiation

Numerical Results: FSI NACA 0012 Airfoil

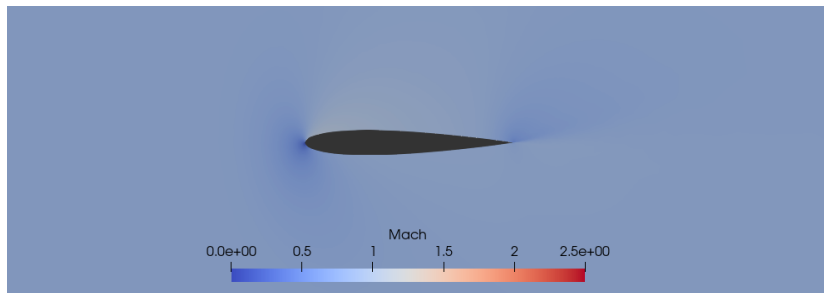
- NACA 0012 airfoil at Mach 0.8 with angle of attack of 8° , inviscid flow
- Clamp at 20% chord, flexible airfoil with $E = 70\text{MPa}$
- Hyper elastic Neo-Hookean material model



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A dynamic process:

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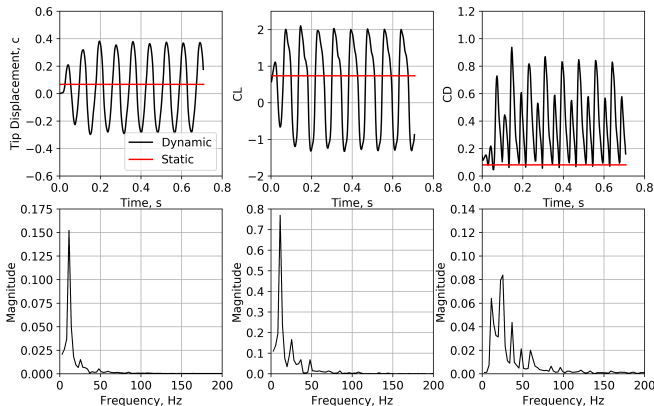
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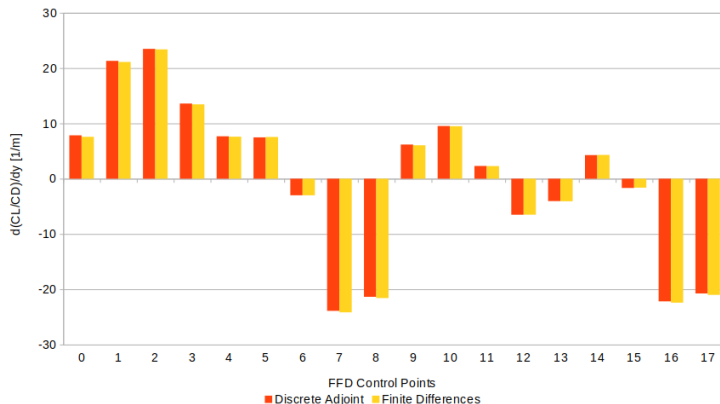
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- Undamped limit oscillations
- Tip displacements up to 38% chord
- Oscillating frequencies: tip displacement and lift at 11.3Hz



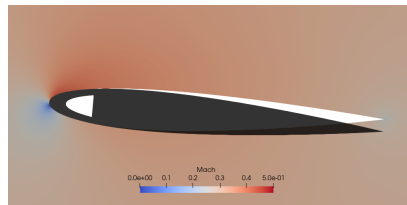
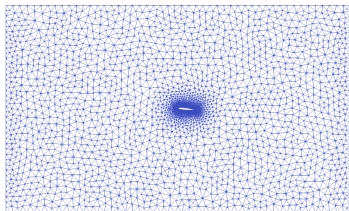
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- Gradient of average efficiency: $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{C_L}{C_D} dt$
- Design variables of FFD control points
- Sensitivities for the initial response up to 1% tip displacement
- Good agreement against finite differences using step size of 1mm/c



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