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Transonic Flutter Predictions for a Generic Fighter Configuration

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MOTIVATION



F-16 LCO



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Mach Number

Transonic Flutter Boundary

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Shifted Inverse Power Method

- -System becomes ill-conditioned
- -Solving in Parallel Difficult

$$z_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{ff} - \lambda_{0}I & A_{fs} \\ A_{sf} & A_{ss} - \lambda_{0}I \end{bmatrix}^{-1} x_{k-1}$$

Badcock et al, AIAA J, 45(6), 1370-1381,2007



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New formulation for Non-linear Eigenvalue Problem

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Delta \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{F}$$



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Badcock and Woodgate, AIAA paper 2008-1820, 2008

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- Two test cases are used to demostrate the method presented here:
 - Goland Wing
 - Generic Fighter Configuration







• Aerodynamic updating





 Wing aerodynamic configuration was matched to publicly available data



C. Denegri and J. Dubben, IFASD, Munich, 2005

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Mode	Initial FE model (Hz)	Denegri data (Hz)	Updated FE model (Hz)	Mode shape
1	7.329		3.920	symmetric
2	11.983	9.191	9.191	antisymmetric
3	17.165	9.964	9.964	antisymmetric
4	21.396		22.452	antisymmetric
5	31.019		22.608	symmetric
6	34.380		24.020	antisymmetric
7	41.109		26.772	symmetric
8	41.217		31.292	antisymmetric
9	44.905		40.040	symmetric
10	45.504		41.695	antisymmetric

C. Denegri, AIAA J. of Aircraft, 37(5), 2000



• Updated model mode shapes





GOLAND WING























GOLAND WING



Mach 0.5



• Tracking 4 modes

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- 1 Workstation < 12 minutes;
 - •Steady State 1 min

•
$$A_{sf} A_{ff}^{-1} A_{fs}$$
 and $A_{sf} A_{ff}^{-2} A_{fs}$ - 10 min

•Envelope Sweep < 1min; 5 Full Evaluations- 25 min



GOLAND WING

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9.191 Hz



9.964 Hz



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Mach 0.85; AoA 0°

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- A realistic test case has been constructed and evaluated
 - Initial FE model improved considerably, to match experimental data
 - Detailed information about mode shapes and interactions obtained



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 - − 7 Parameters ►1000 cases







Thank you for your attention. Any Questions?

