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# FLIGHT PHYSICS & CONTROL



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## RESEARCH LINES

### Dynamics and Control of Flexible Aircraft

- ▶ coupled flight and aeroelastic dynamics
- ▶ control of flexible aircraft and aeroservoelasticity
- ▶ ground and flight testing of aeroservoelastic systems
- ▶ flying qualities and PIO due to elastic effects

### Flow Control

- ▶ time-domain transfer functions
- ▶ LQR with output feedback applied to ROM's

### Intelligent Materials and Aeroelastic Control

- ▶ application of piezoelectric materials for active flutter control and gust load alleviation
- ▶ fusion of sensors and actuators for monitoring and controlling aeroelastic systems
- ▶ application of shape memory alloys (SMA) in passive aeroelastic control

# DYNAMICS AND CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE AIRCRAFT

## MOTIVATION

Aviation of the near future: **green aircraft**

- ▶ increase of efficiency and performance
- ▶ lighter structures: alternative materials
- ▶ reduction of induced drag: wings of higher AR



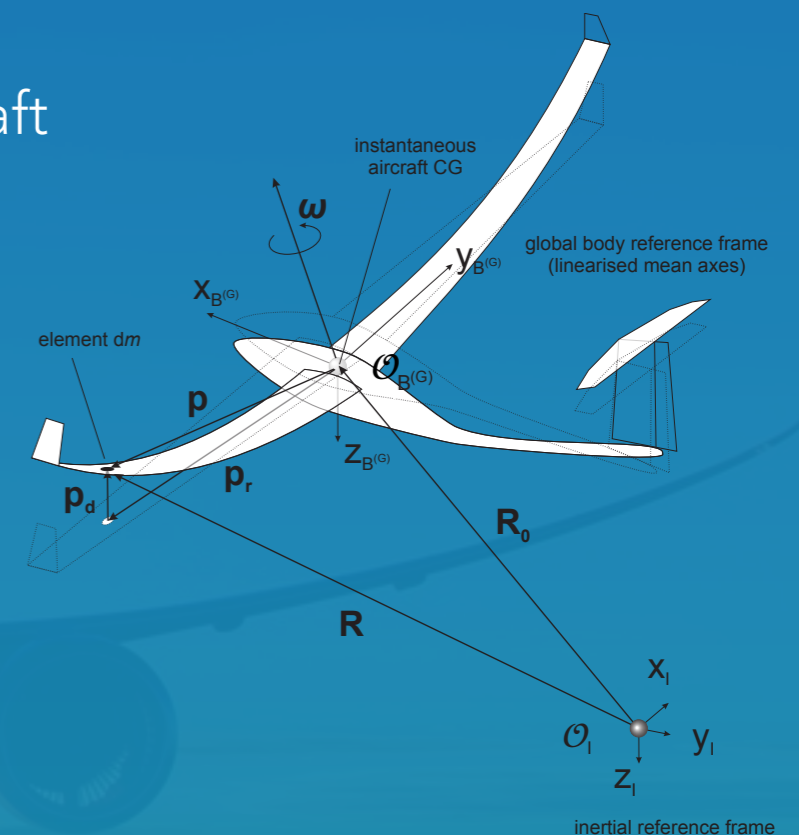
increase of  
airframe  
flexibility

## Demands

- ▶ coupling AE + FM: need of integrated models for flexible aircraft
- ▶ aeroservoelastic stability
- ▶ aeroelastic control, load alleviation, comfort augmentation

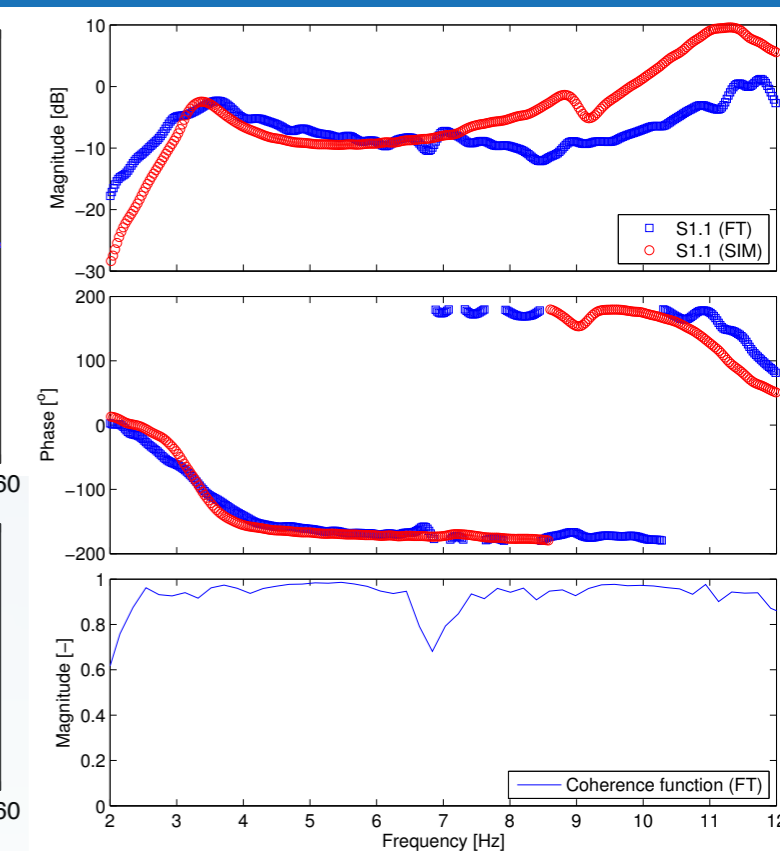
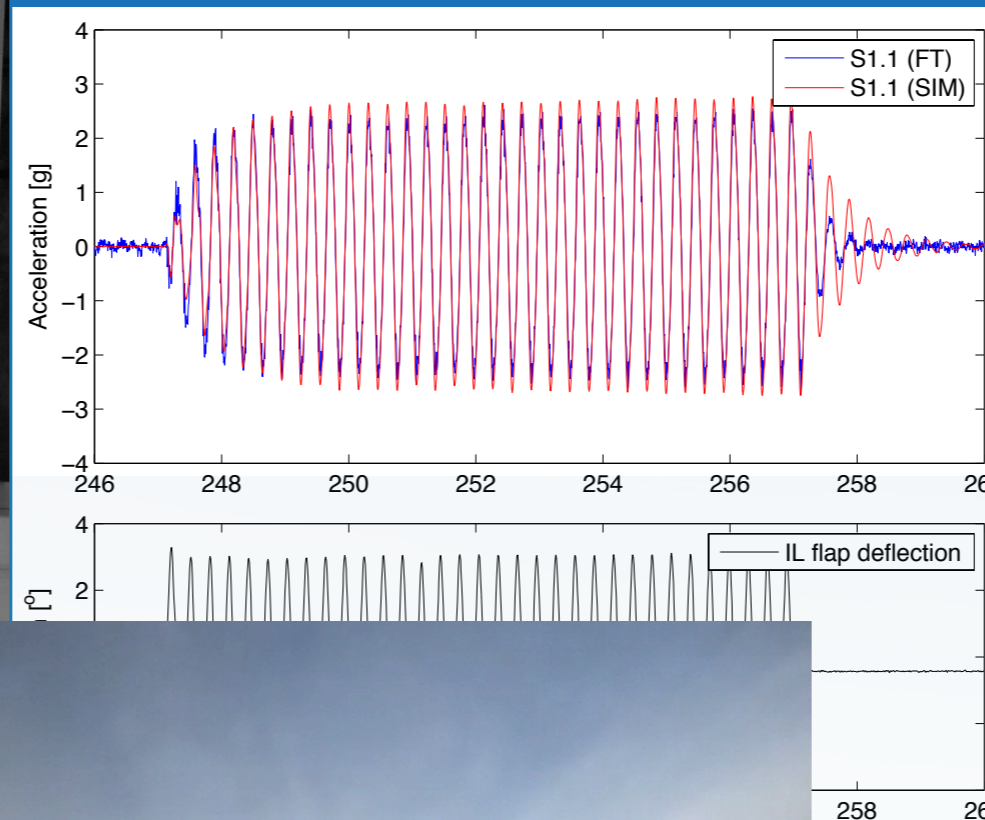
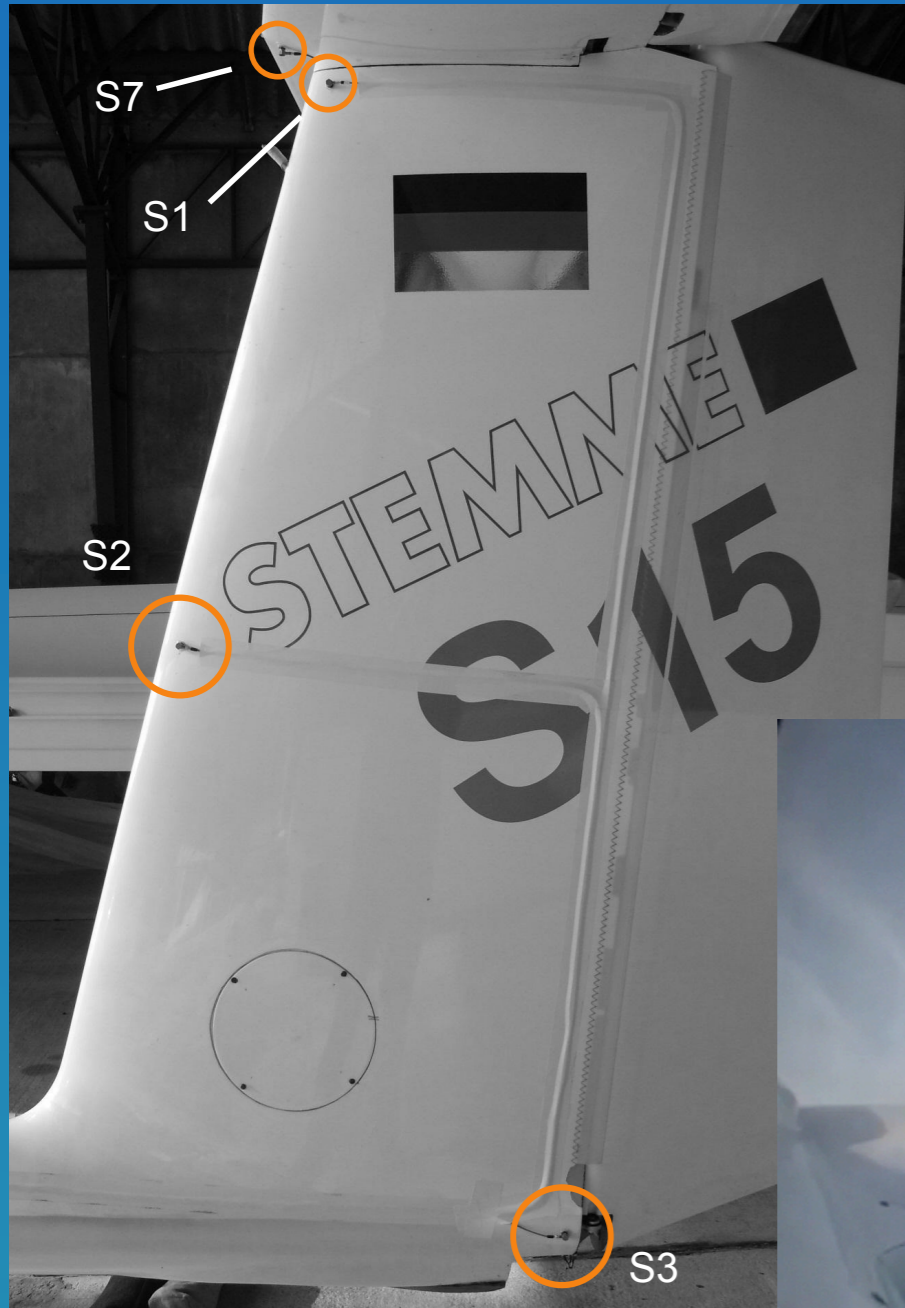
## Challenges

- ▶ model complexity
- ▶ computational capacity
- ▶ lack of experimental validation



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## DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION OF AE + FM INTEGRATED MODELS



Silvestre & Luckner, AIAA Journal, 2015

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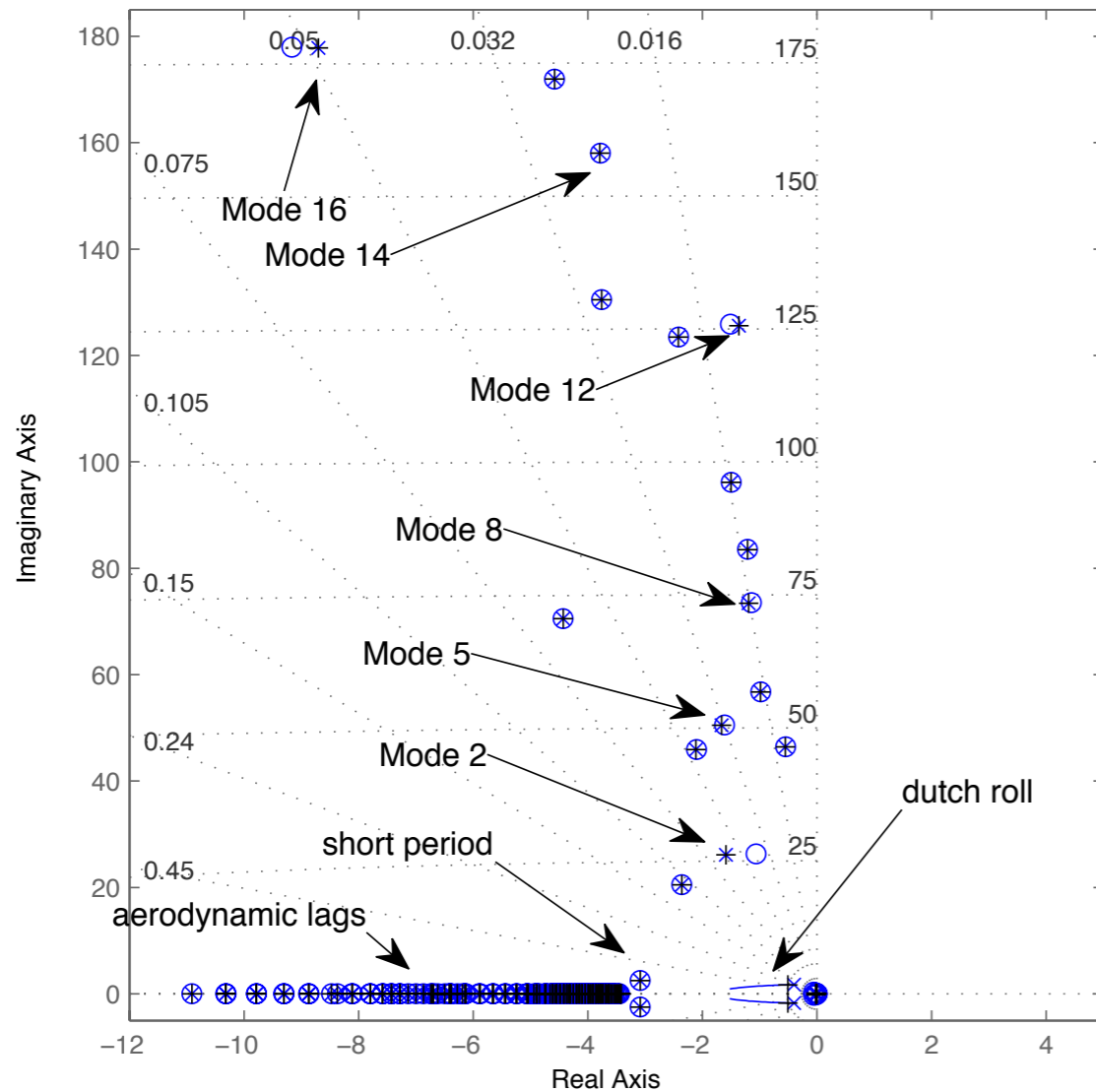


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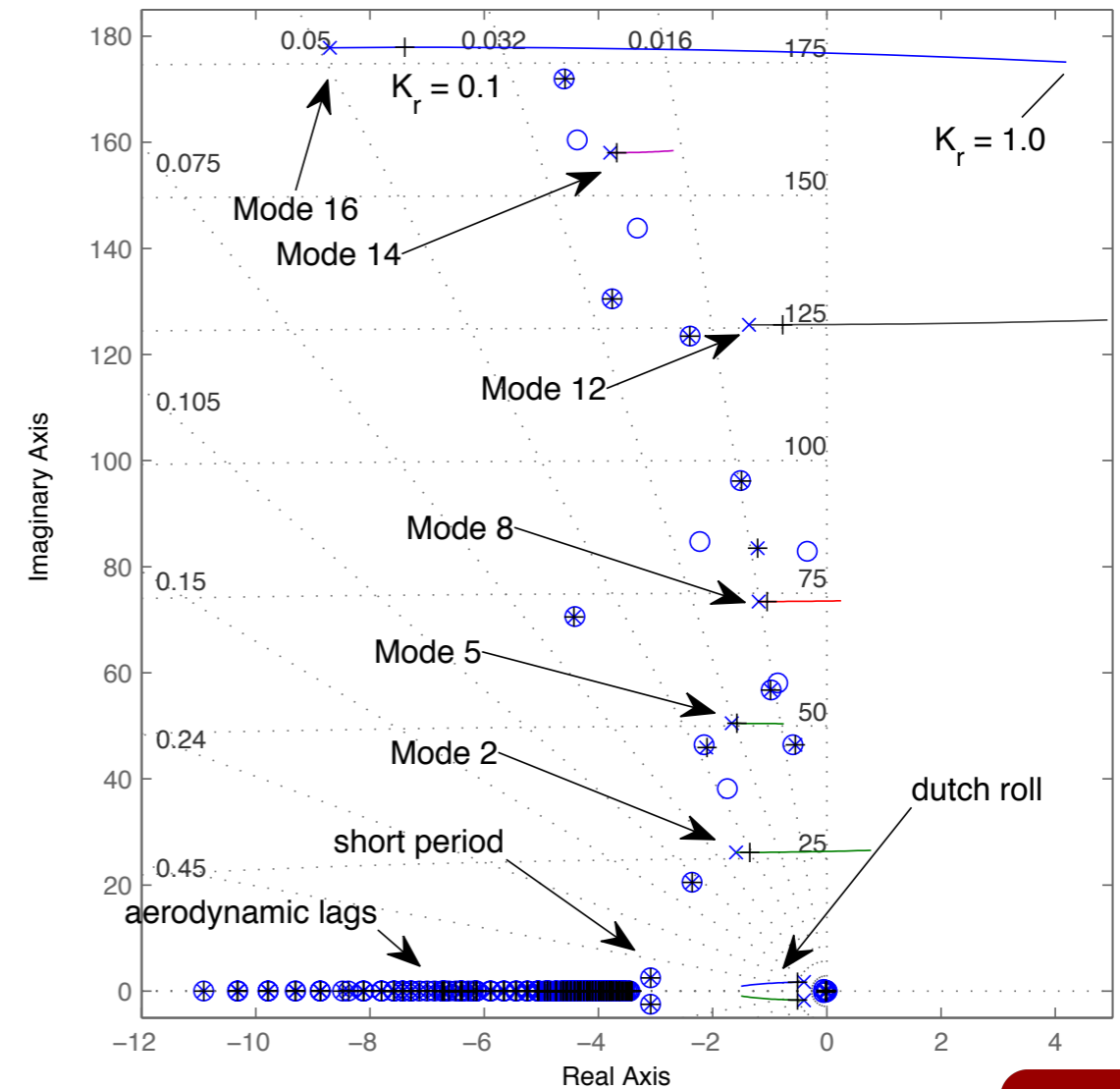
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## AEROSERVOELASTIC STABILITY

Root Locus (sensor at P1)



Root Locus (sensor at P2)



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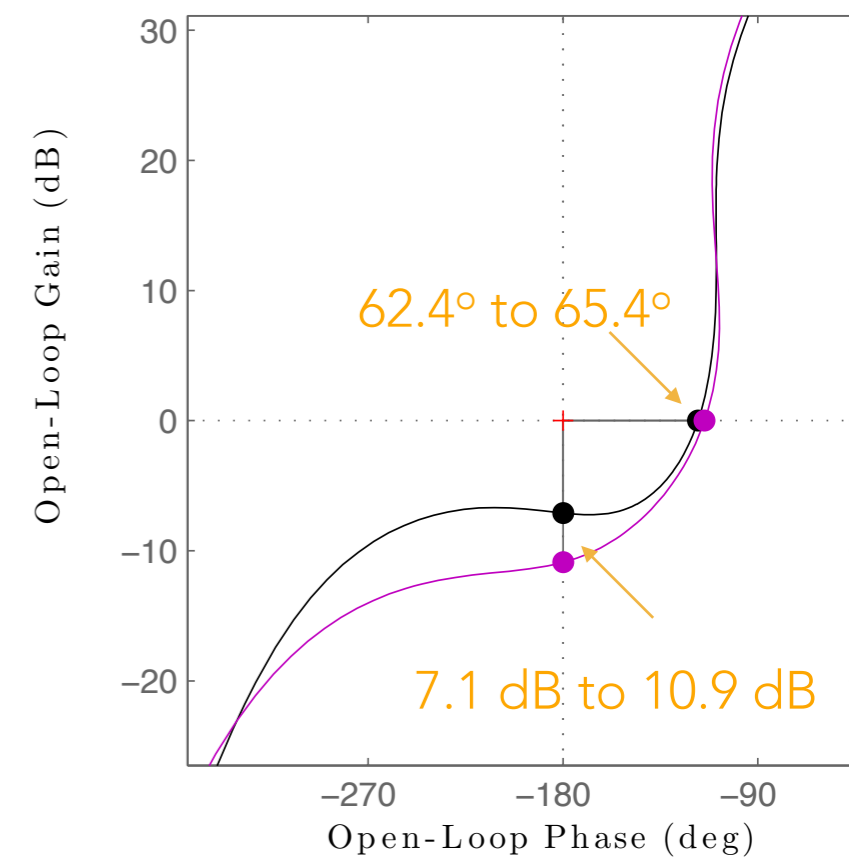
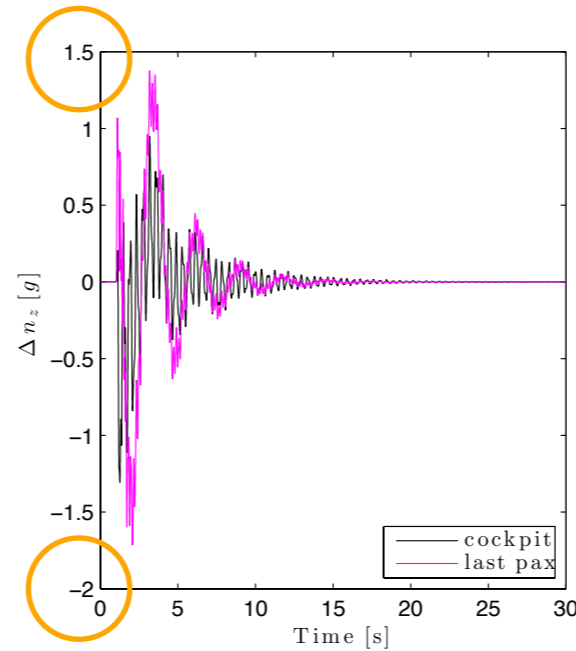
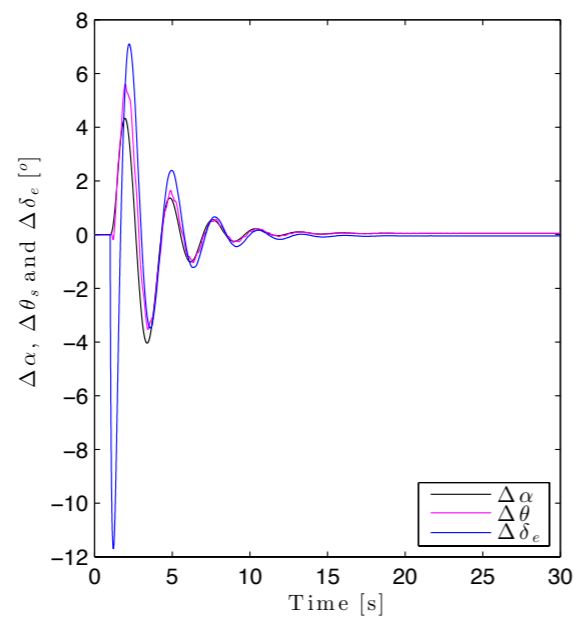
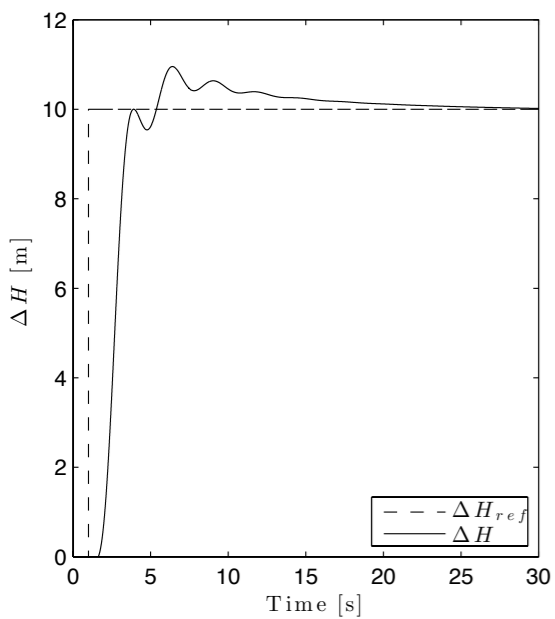


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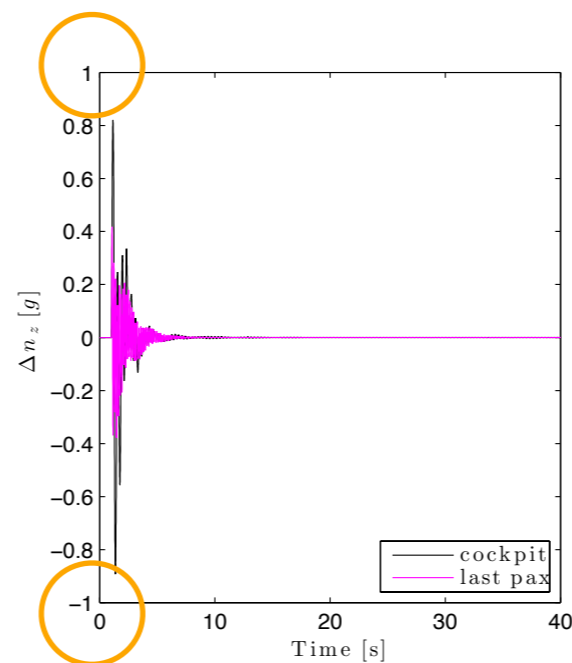
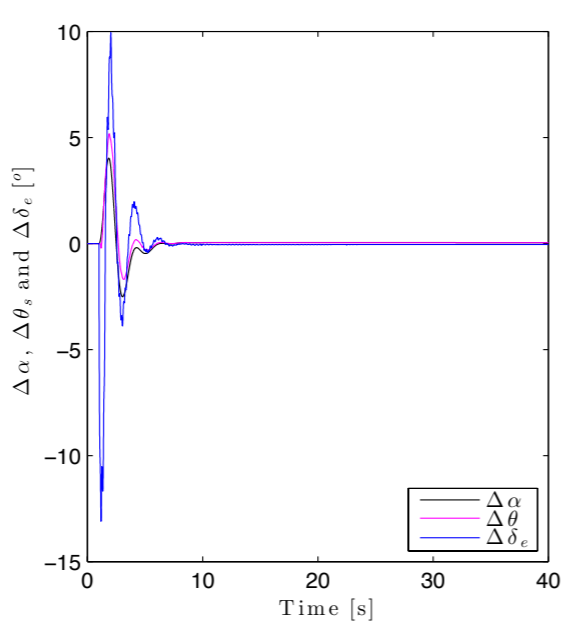
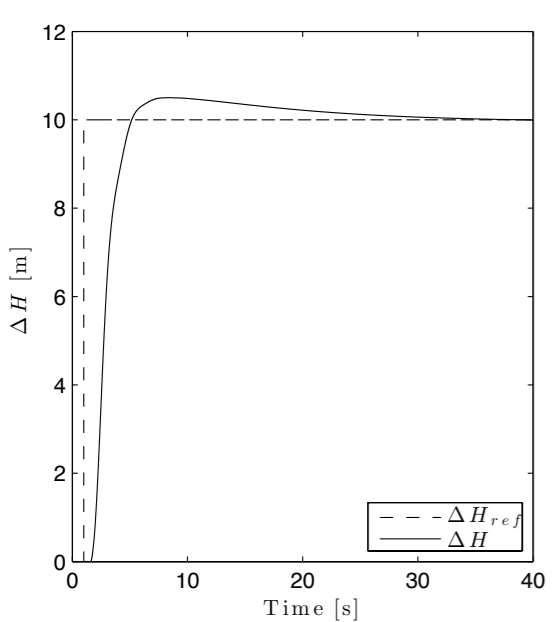
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### FLEX MODEL + FILTERS



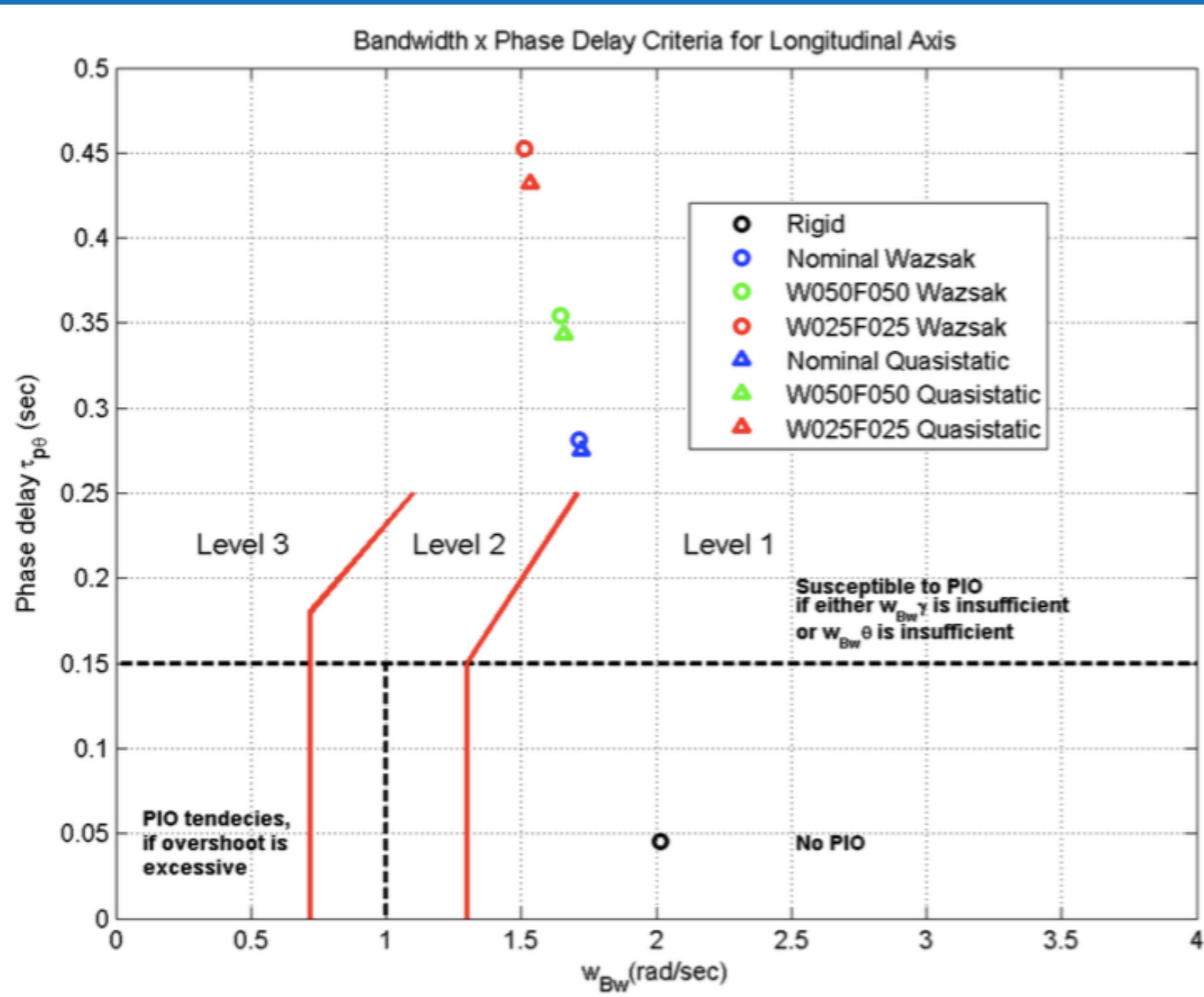
### FLEX MODEL + AE SAS



Silvestre et al, AIAA  
Aviation 2015

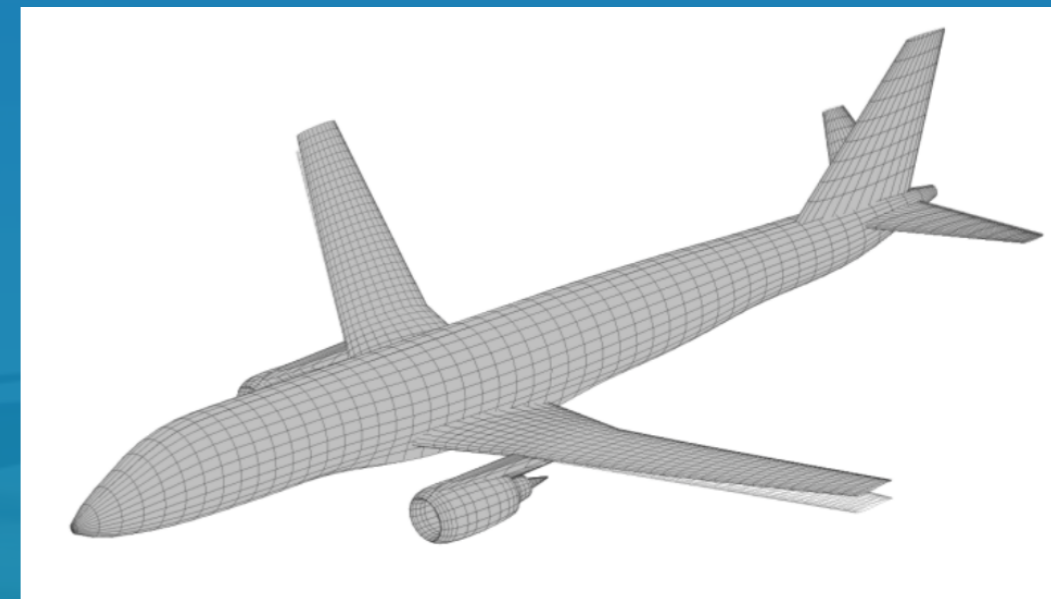
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## FLYING QUALITIES AND PIO DUE TO AIRFRAME FLEXIBILITY



Drewiacki, Silvestre, Guimarães Neto & Silva, AIAA Journal 2016\* (to be submitted)

Neto, PhD Thesis, 2014





# DYNAMICS AND CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE AIRCRAFT

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- ▶ validation of integrated models with different levels of complexity (moderately and highly flexible AC)
- ▶ coupling of AE and FM modes
- ▶ new techniques for control without notch filters —|| AE in the loop



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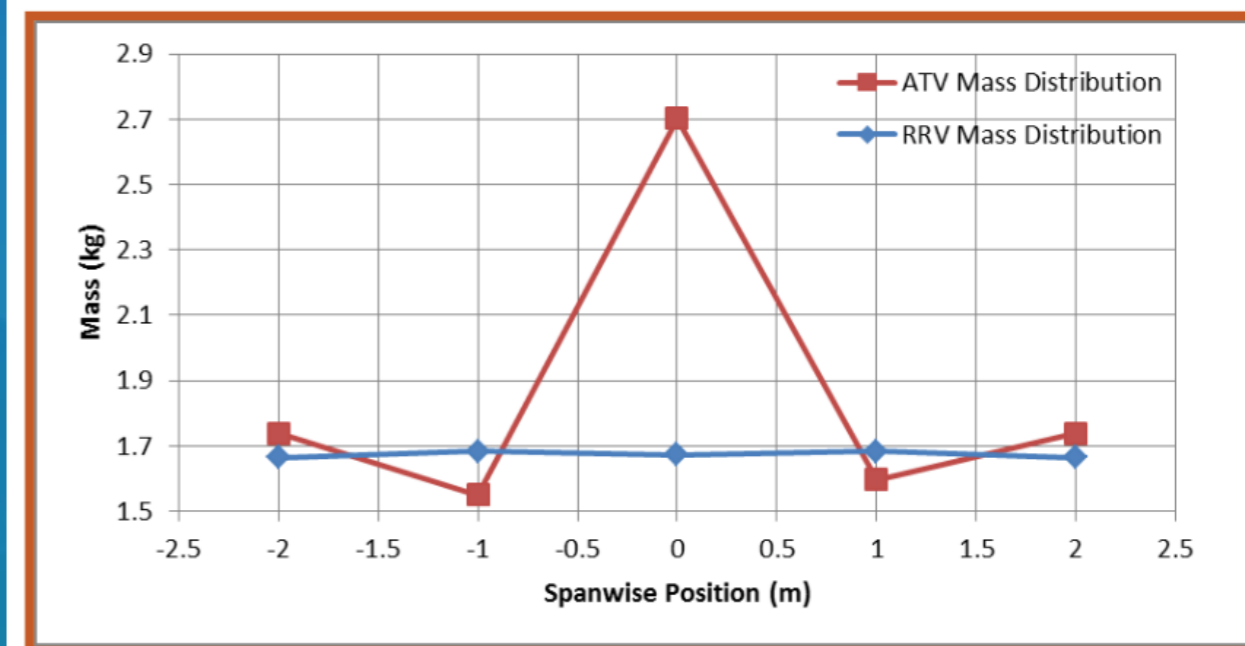
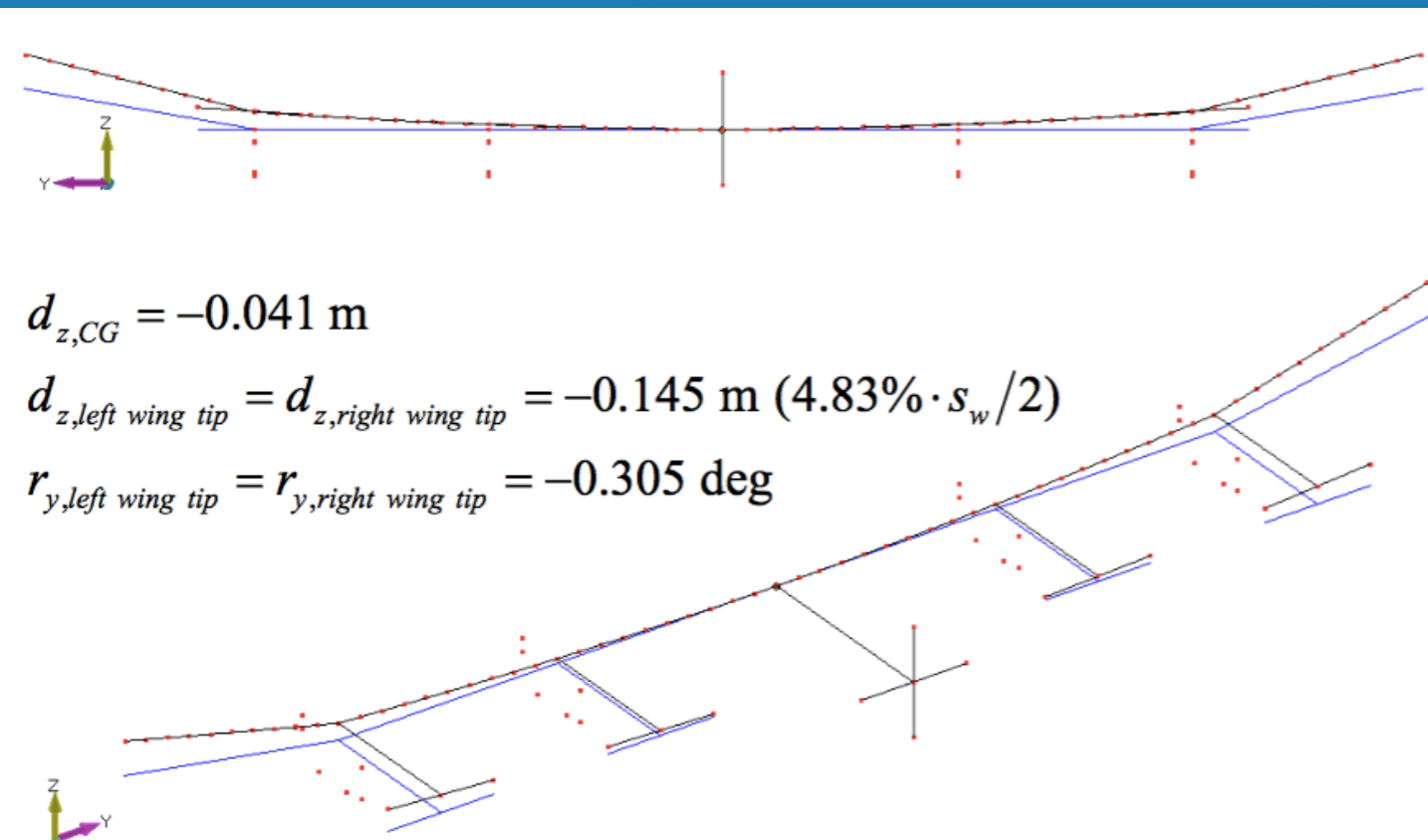
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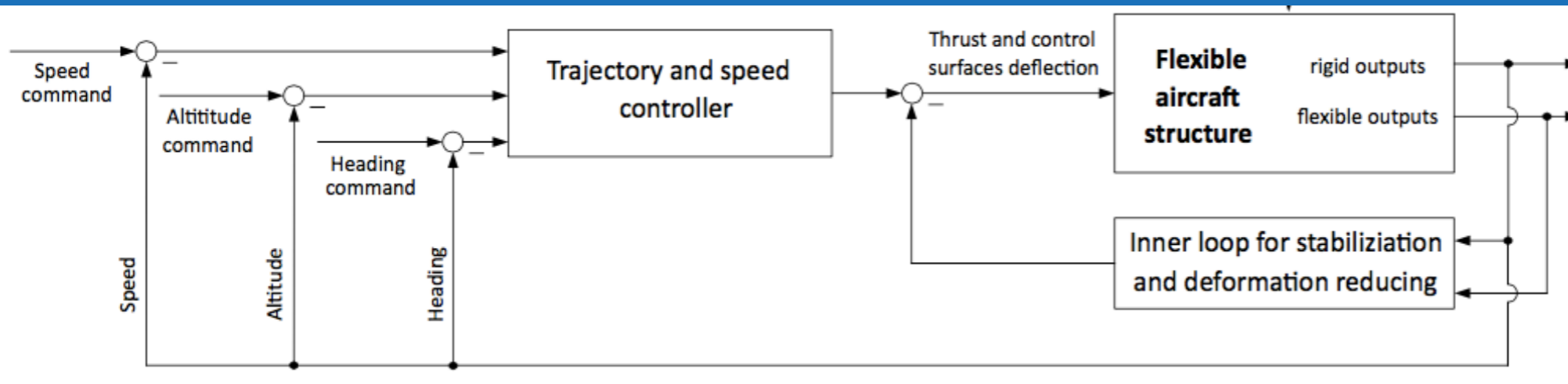
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- ▶ project has started in 2015
- ▶ X-HALE is currently in construction
- ▶ Instrumentation & test pilot
- ▶ Ongoing studies on modelling, trimming and control

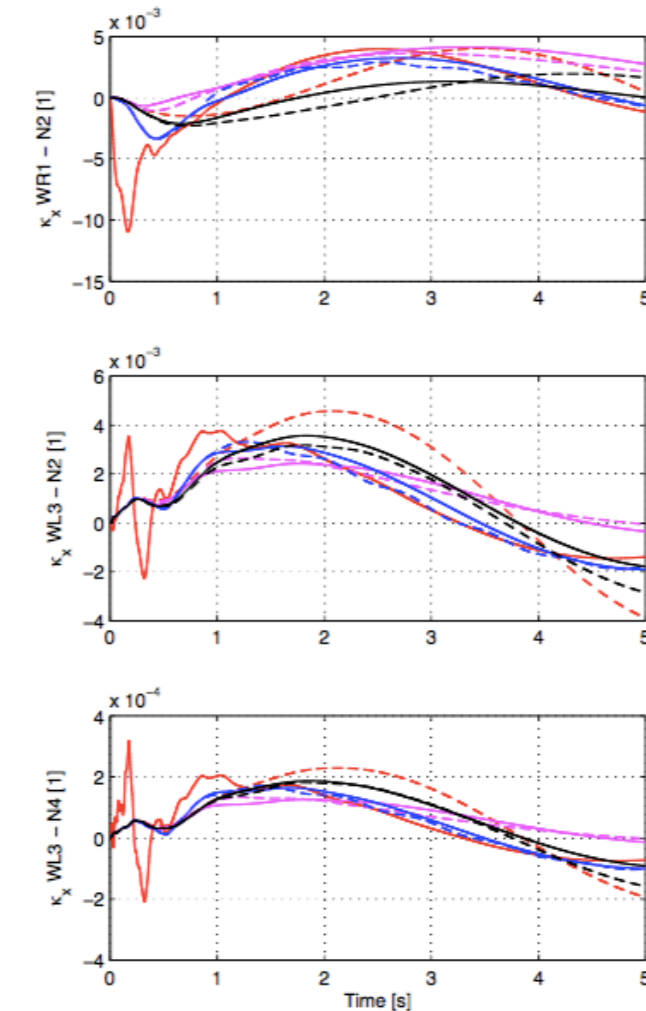
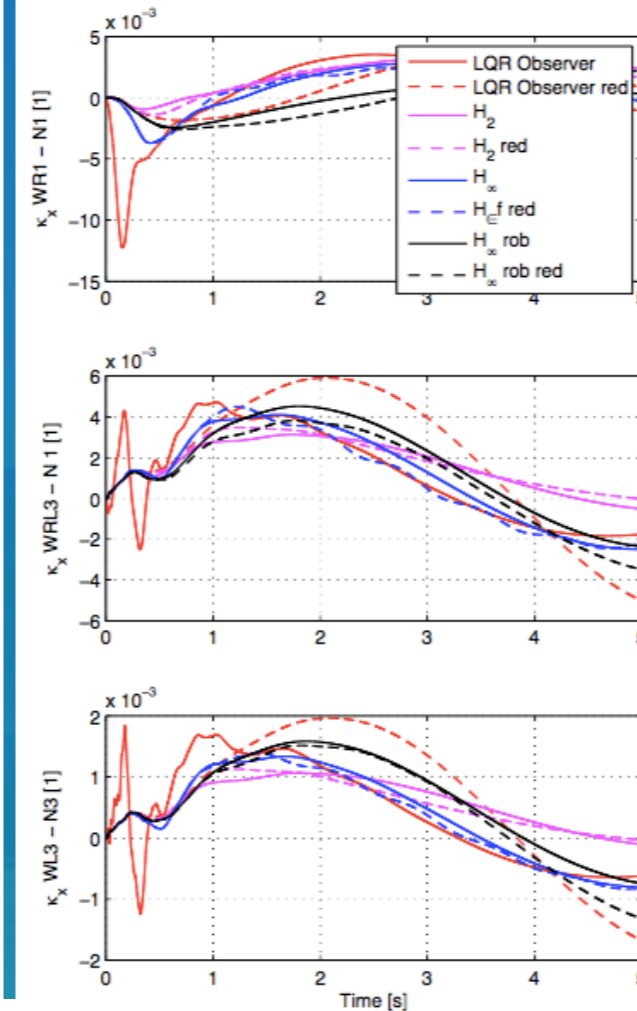
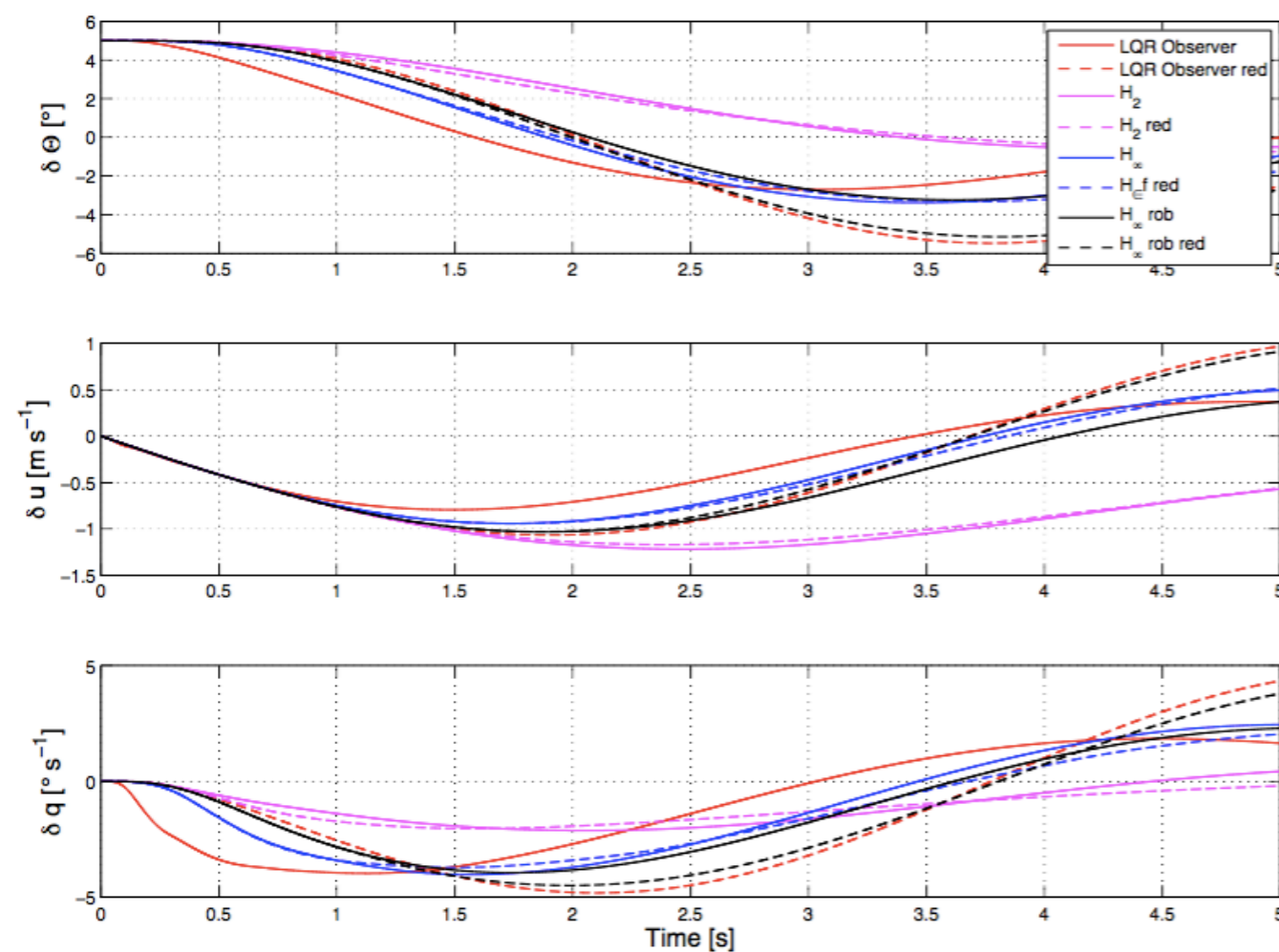


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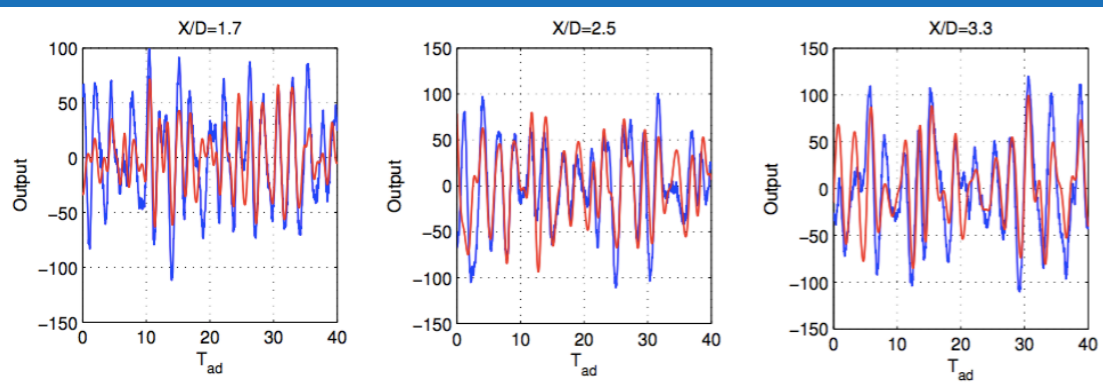
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POSSIBLE PHD THEMES:

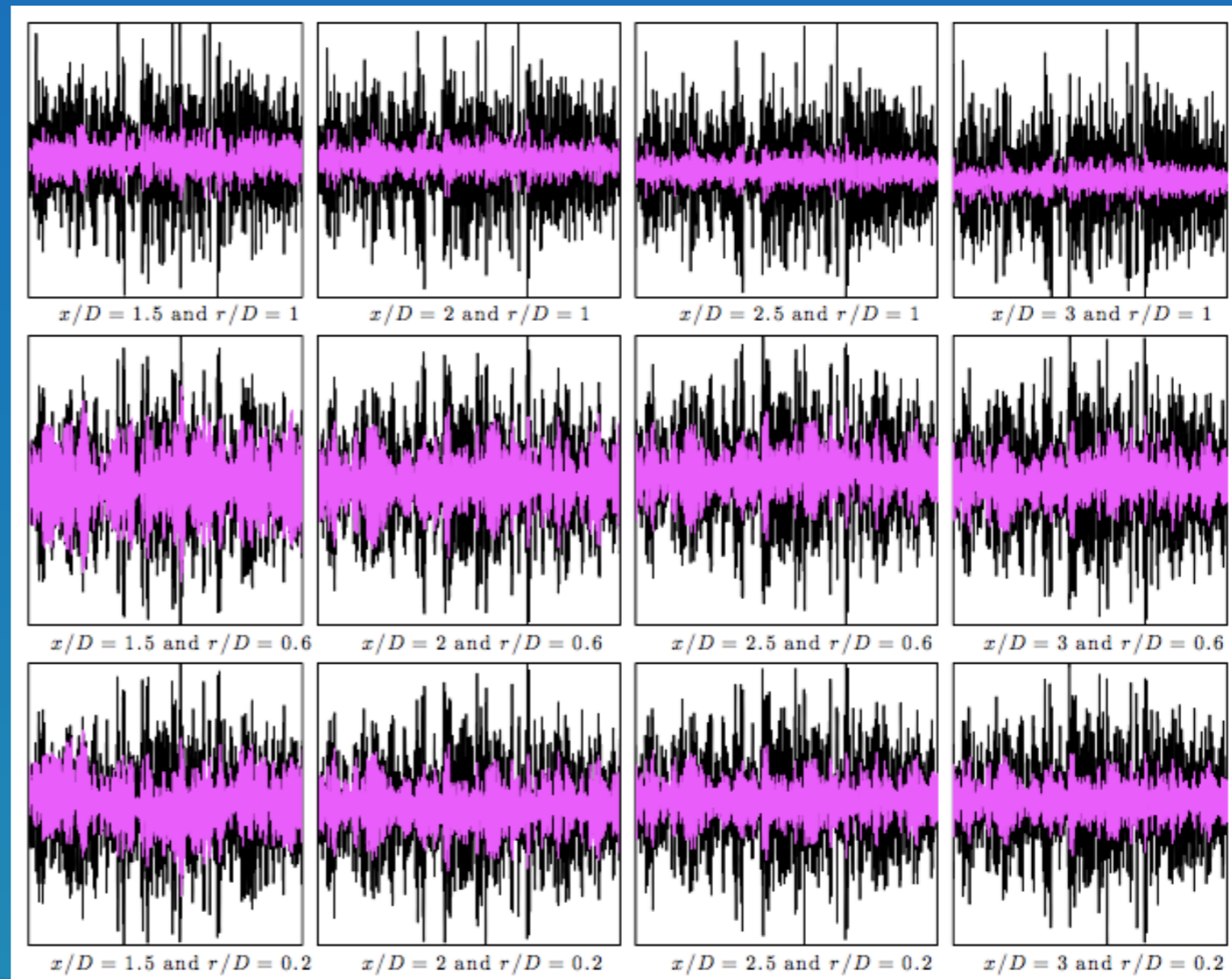
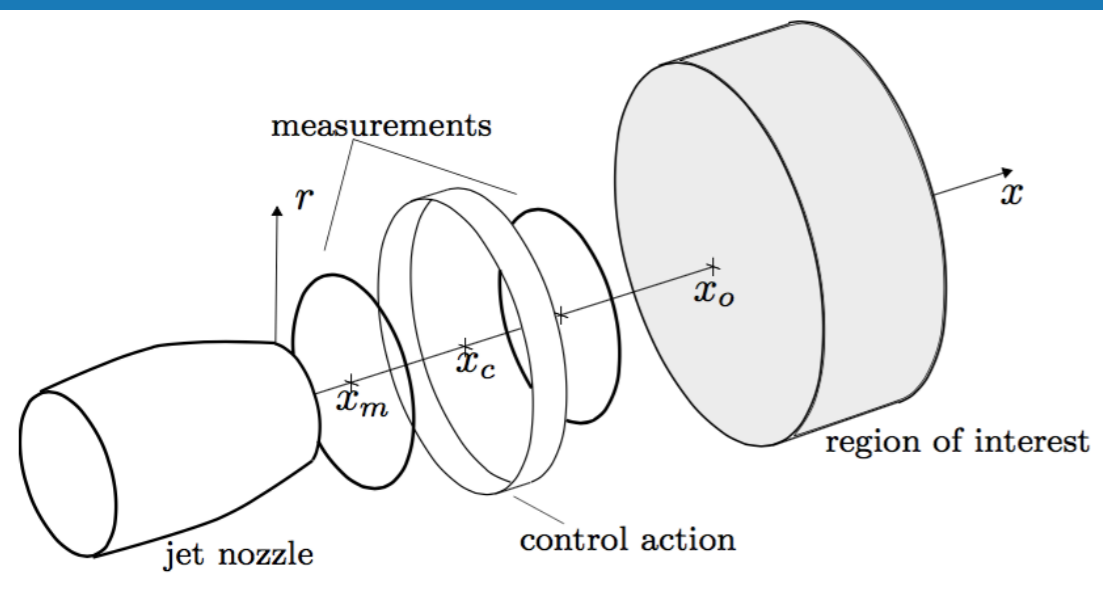
- ▶ Unsteady, Non-linear Aerodynamic Formulation for Aircraft Undergoing Large Airframe Deformations
- ▶ Non-linear Trajectory Control for Highly Flexible Aircraft
- ▶ Load Alleviation Control Law Design for Highly Flexible Aircraft
- ▶ Application of Intelligent Materials for Shape Control of Highly Flexible Aircraft

# FLOW CONTROL

## TURBULENT JETS USING TIME-DOMAIN TF'S



Kenzo et. al., AIAA Aviation 2015



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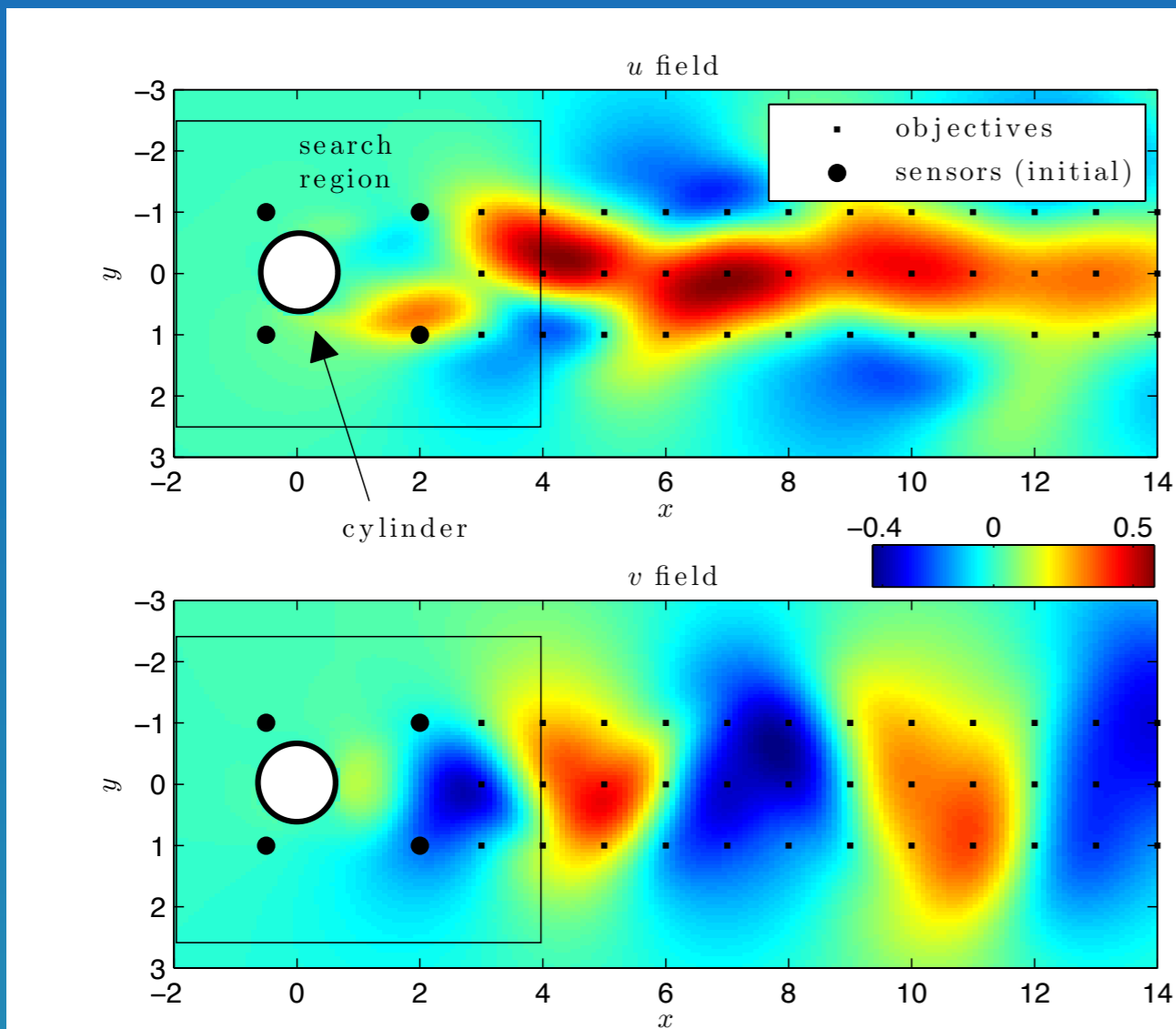
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## OUTPUT FEEDBACK BASED ON ROM & OPTIMAL SENSOR POSITIONING

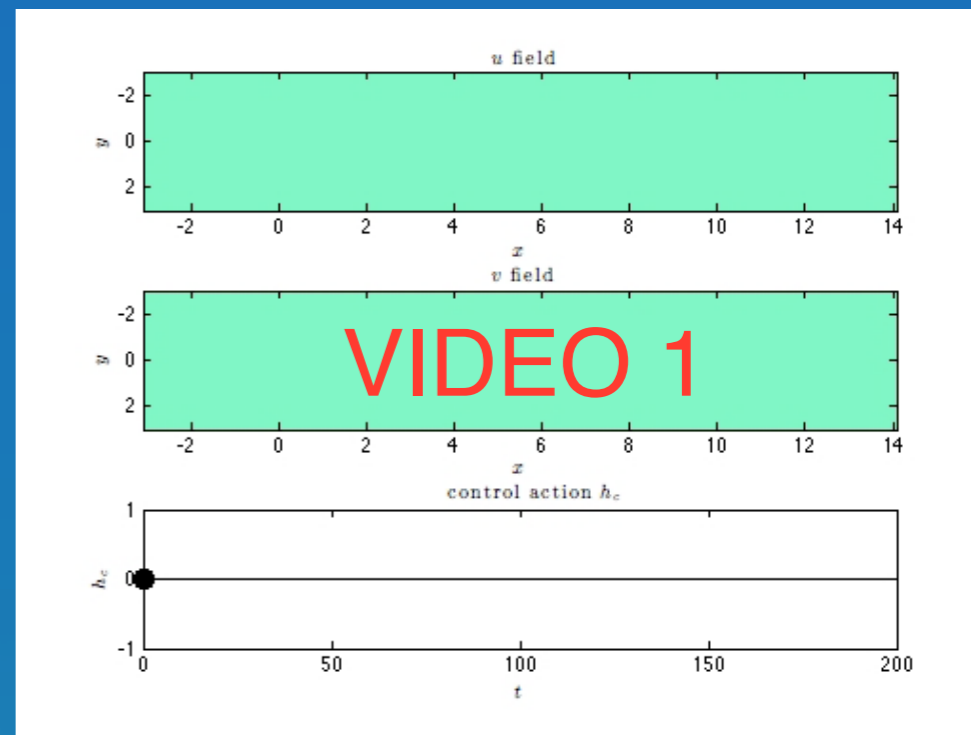


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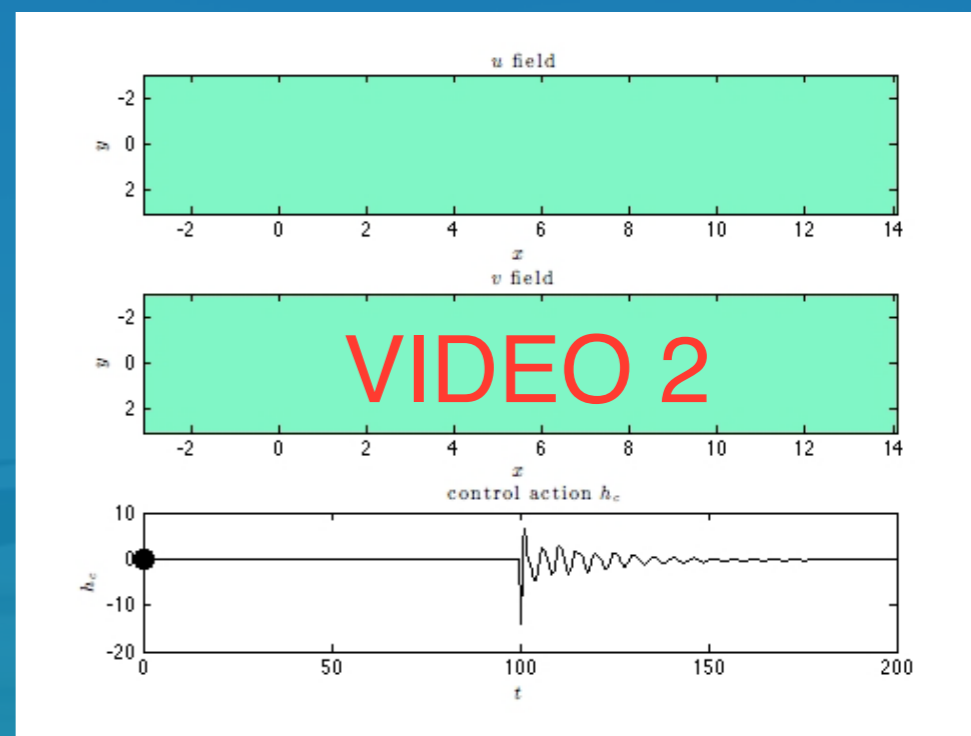
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## POSSIBLE PHD THEMES:

- ▶ Output-feedback, fixed-order flow control based on ROM representation
- ▶ Jet noise reduction using active control based on time-domain transfer functions



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