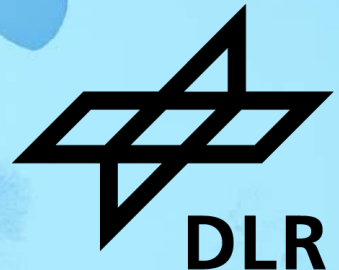


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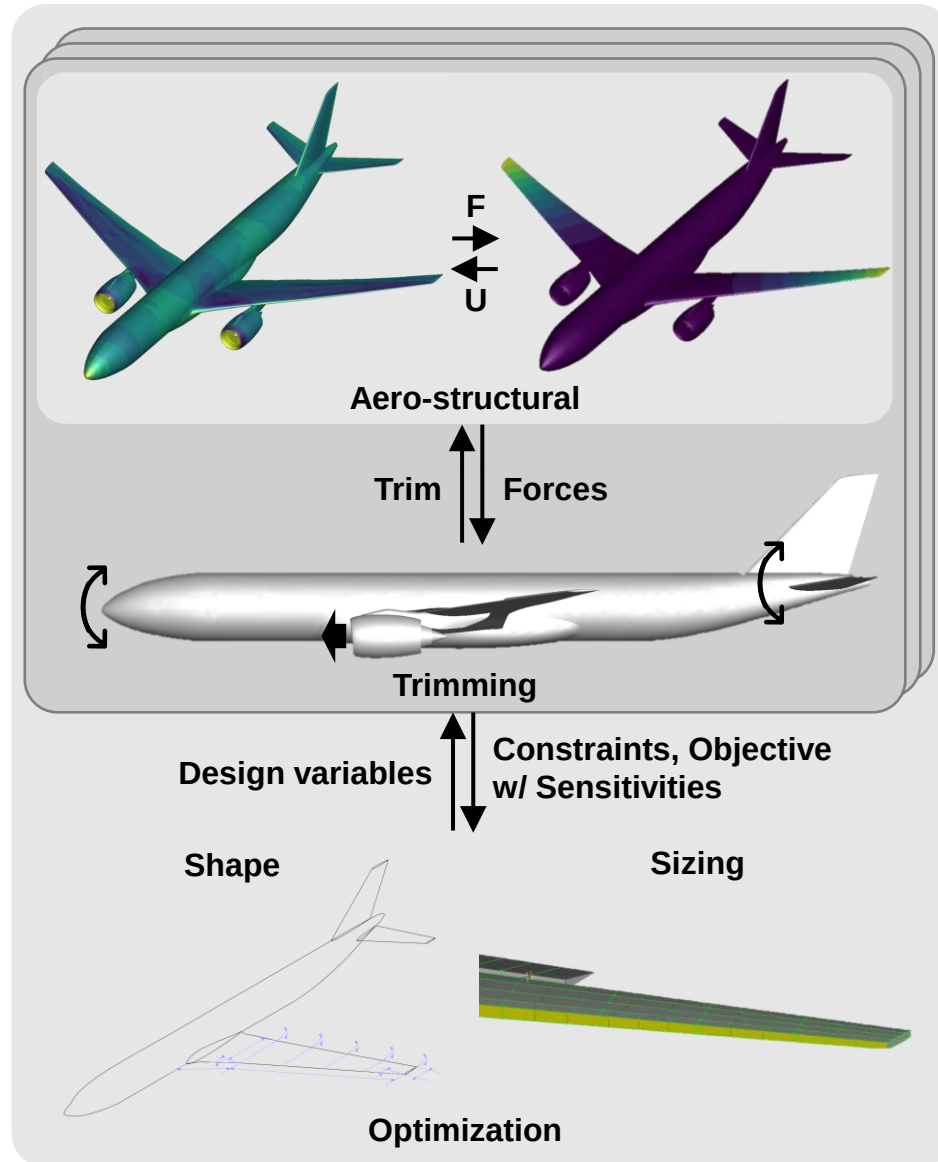
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DLR-AS-CASE, DLR-SP-SUM

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Motivation



Assess technological potential by
fully coupled Aero-Structural design

Long way to go

Importance

Efficiency

Accuracy

Gradient-based MDO

Main goal: Gradually introduce
CODA beside DLR-TAU into existing
MDO stream

Both RANS solver suites

Tools

CFD CODA



ONERA, DLR, Airbus

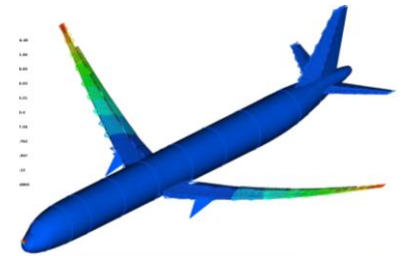
- FV + DG in one framework
- Hybrid parallelization (MPI + GASPI)
- Advanced turbulence modeling (e.g. RSM)
- Cell centred, Roe upwind
- **Adjoint capability**
 - **Automatic (Algorithmic) differentiation (AD)**

CFD TAU



- Hybrid RANS/LES for unstructured hybrid grids
- Validated & actively used in European aerospace industry & academia
- Advanced turbulence modeling (e.g. RSM)
- Cell vertex, Central+matrixD
- **Adjoint capability**
 - **Analytic differentiation**

Structural solver Lagrange



AIRBUS

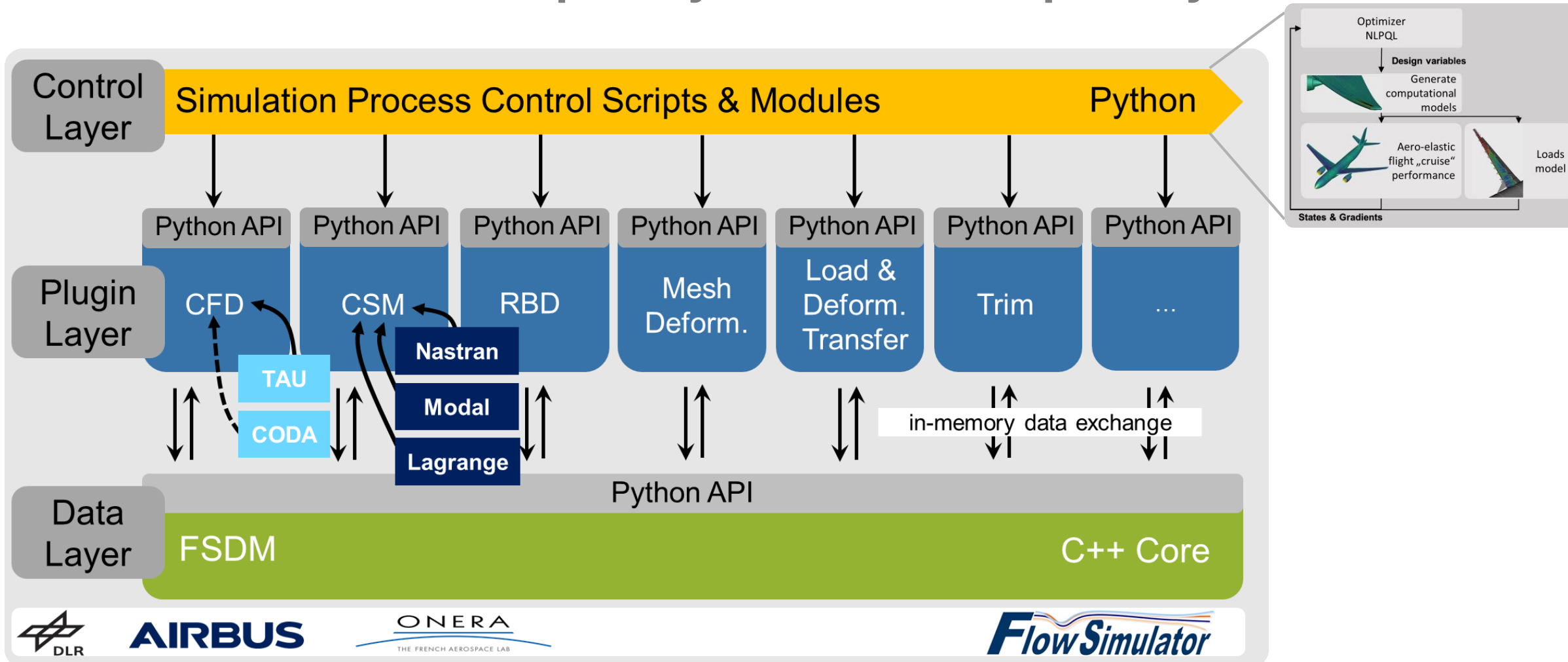


- Structural analysis and optimization software by Airbus Defence & Space
- Structural sizing methods specifically for aerospace application
- Full spectrum of element types
- Nastran syntax input file

Tools

FlowSimulator

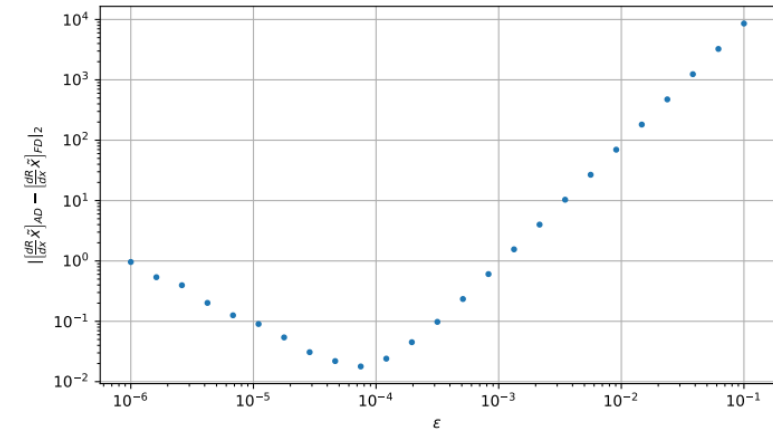
HPC-enabled multidisciplinary simulation capability



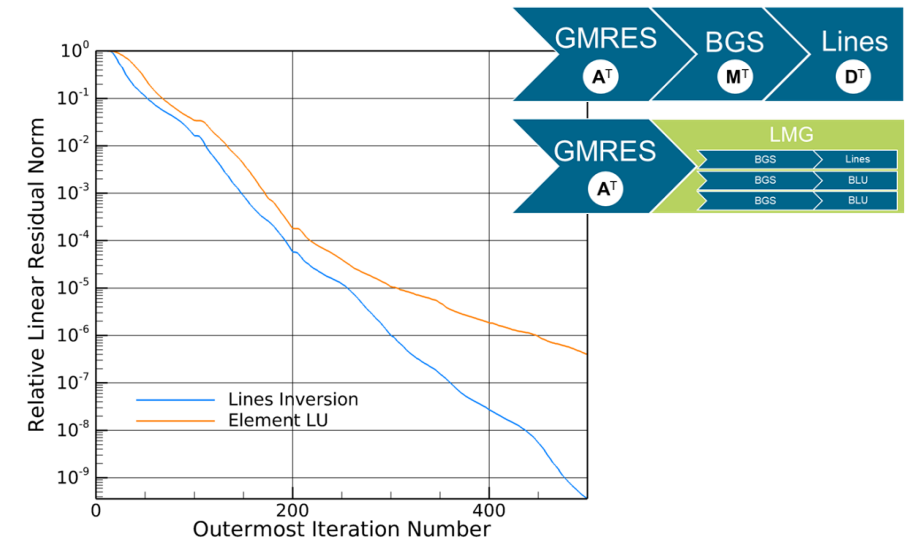
Algorithmic Differentiation (AD) of CODA



- Scalable forward and reverse AD of full residual and integral quantities in CODA with near-optimal run time ($\sim 2x$) and memory ($< 2x$) requirements
- Advanced linear solver capabilities supporting nested matrix-free and matrix-based solver stacks for robust convergence of stiff linear systems
- Hybrid-parallel capabilities of HPC-optimized primal CFD solver retained, supporting overlapping communication and computation

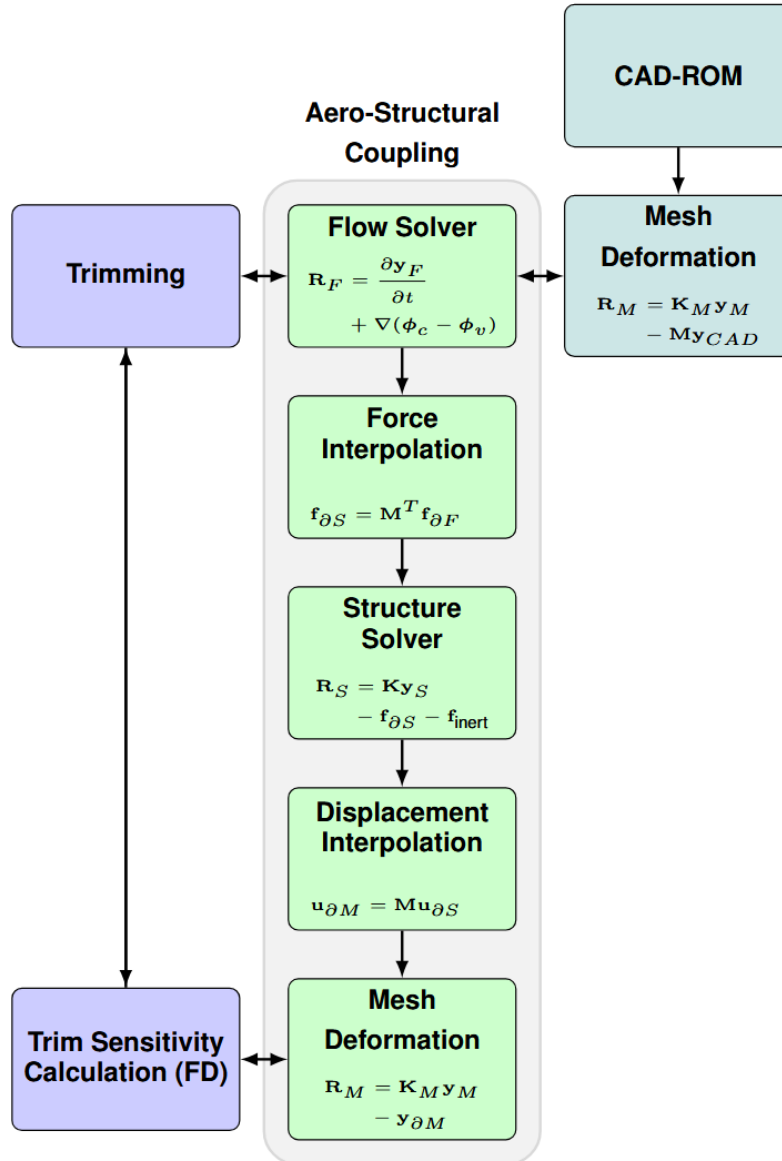


(a) $\frac{\partial R}{\partial X} \delta X$: AD vs. FD over step size



(b) Linear solver convergence

Lagrange MDO



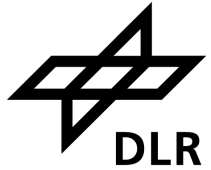
$$\mathbf{y}_F^{(i+1)} = CFD(\mathbf{y}_M^{(i)})$$

$$\mathbf{y}_S^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{f}_{inert} + \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{F}_F \mathbf{y}_F^{(i+1)} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_M^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{K}_M^{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{y}_S^{(i+1)}.$$

- Mesh Deformation, aerodynamic and structural solver
- $\mathbf{y}_F$, the fluid state in the volume CFD mesh,
- $\mathbf{y}_M$, the CFD mesh coordinates and
- $\mathbf{y}_S$, the structural displacements.
- The stiffness matrix is $\mathbf{K}$
- $\mathbf{F}_F$, aerodynamic state variables
- $\mathbf{M}$, multi-component moving least squares (MLS)
- Surface Parameterization: CAD-ROM
- Mesh Deformation: Elastic Analogy (linear)

Gradient Verification



Wing Twist CODA	section1	section2	section3
CL – FD 0.1	0.025303675648	0.032950708471	0.017177927138
CL – FD 0.01	0.025303768387	0.032950725378	0.017177891019
CL – FD 0.001	0.025303768387	0.032950725378	0.017177891019
CL – Sensitivity	0.02529 9826929	0.03294 8466372	0.01717 5410327
CD – FD 0.1	0.000798513222	0.000964471261	0.000629095281
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CD – Sensitivity	0.000798 714810	0.000964 599265	0.000629 255590

Cost Function Sensitivities

$$\mathbf{y}_F^{(i+1)} = CFD(\mathbf{y}_M^{(i)})$$

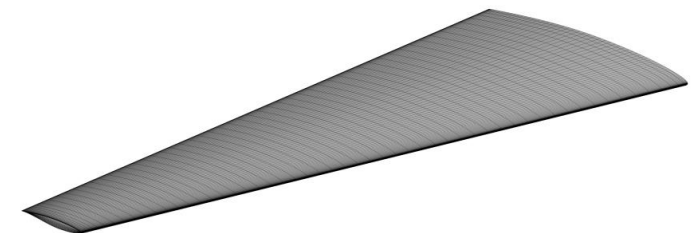
$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial X}\right)^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} = -\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial X}\right)^T - \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial X}\right)^T \mathbf{A}$$

Right-hand side:

CODA Adjoint AD +
CODA Forward AD

Testcase:

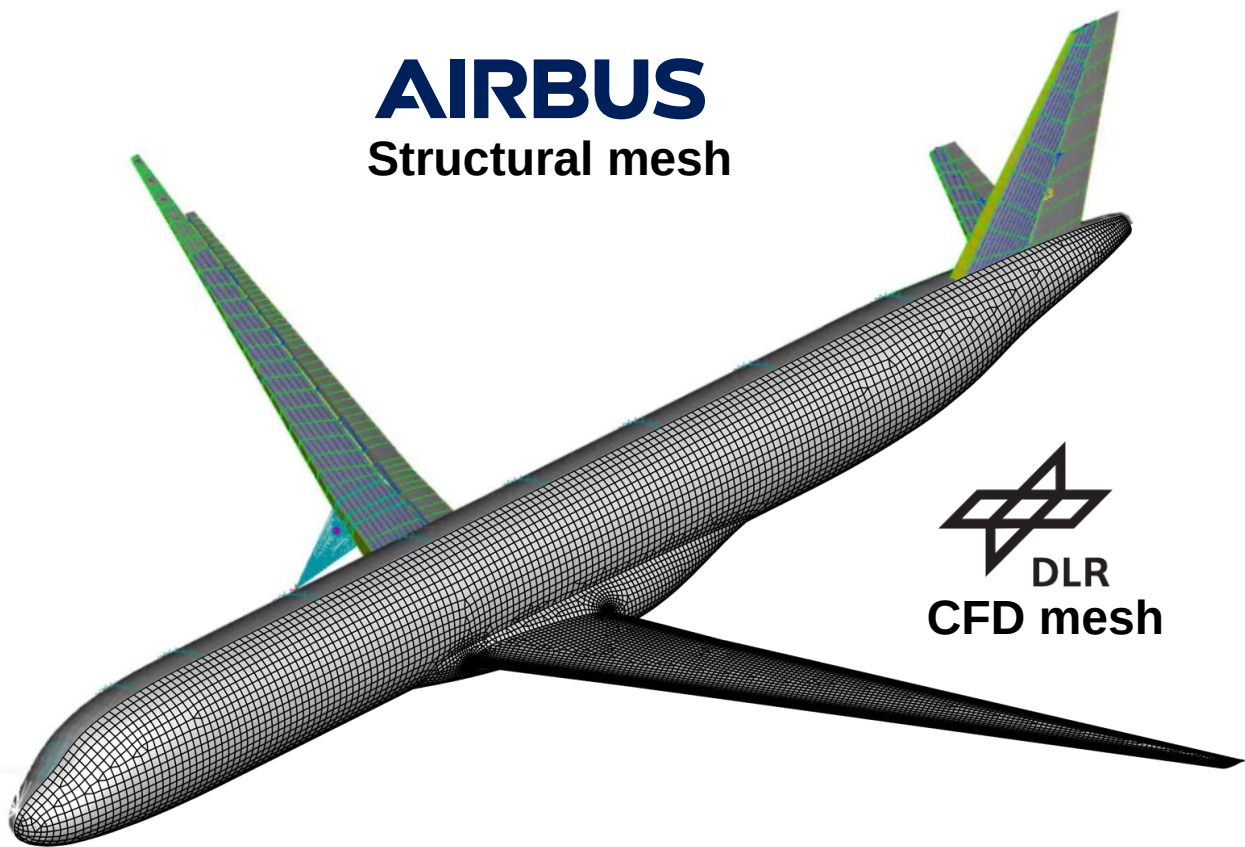
Simple Transonic Wing



OPTIMIZATION - DLR-F25

Design Task | DLR-F25

Optimisation of L/D



AIRBUS
Structural mesh

DLR
CFD mesh

Ma	0.78	[m]
Re	22 M	[-]
Flight level	10,363	[m]
F_z, M_y	0.	[N;Nm]
Span	45.0	[m]
Aspect ratio	15.5	[-]
Structure	CFRP	
# Nodes CFD	1,030,000	[-]
# DOF structure	75,000	[-]

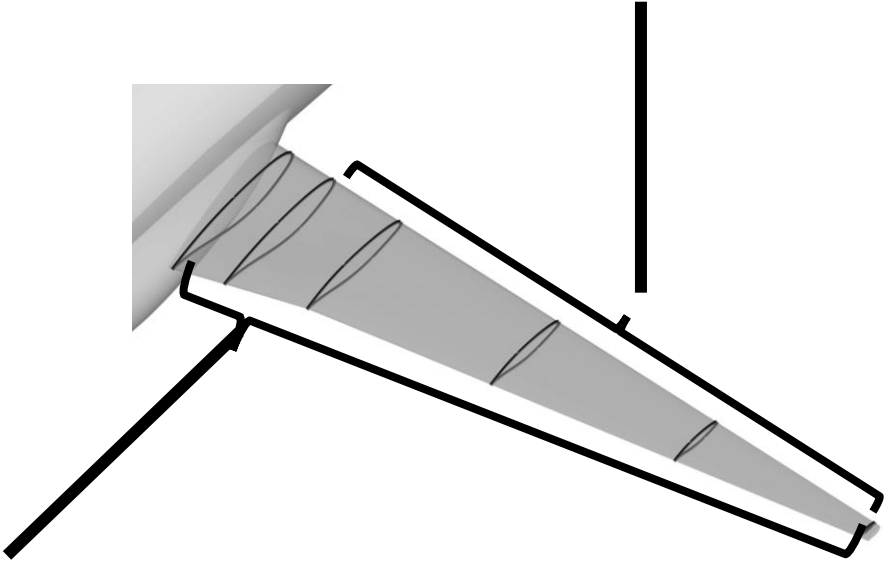
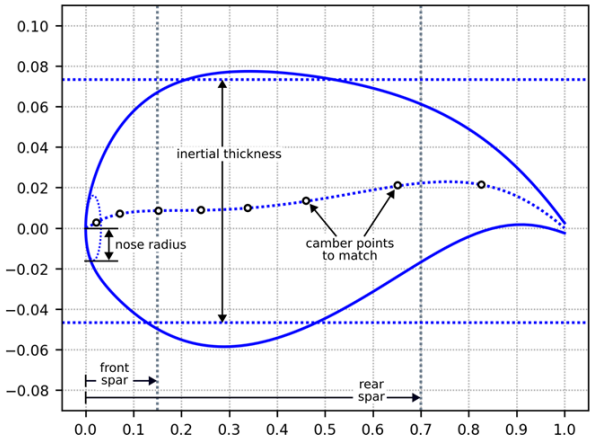
Structural and CFD meshes

DLR-F25 is a conceptual design of an advanced short-to-medium range airliner. Development of DLR-F25 was funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action. Thanks to Sebastian Deinert (Airbus D&S) for the structure model & Achyuth Attravanam for the CFD mesh.

Design Task | Design variables

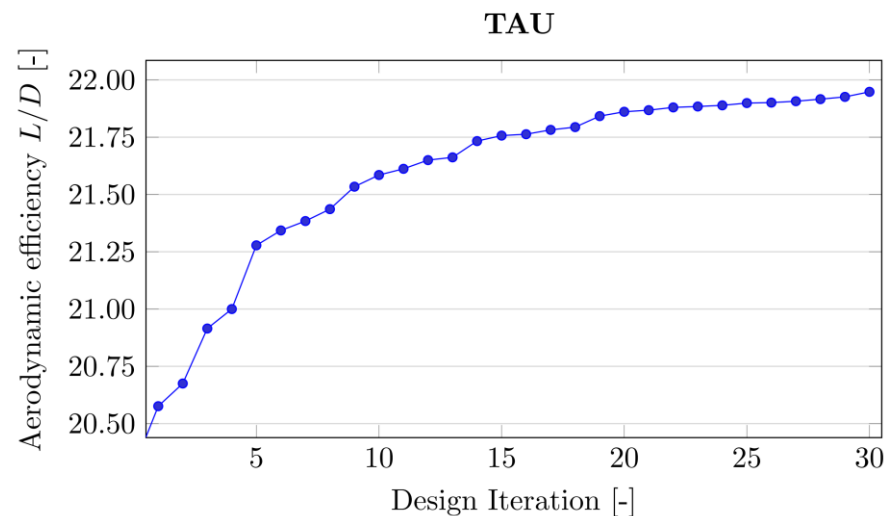
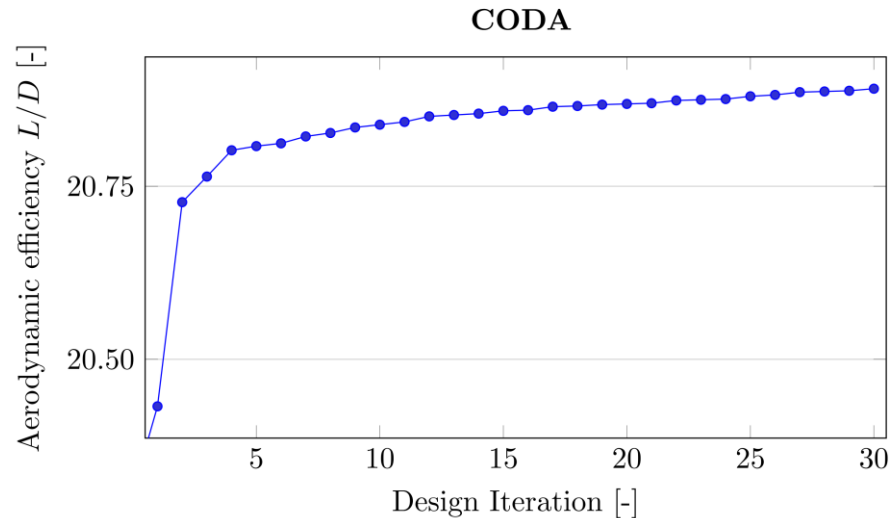


Shape	Camber	Twist
	8 Positions @ 6 Sections	5 Sections



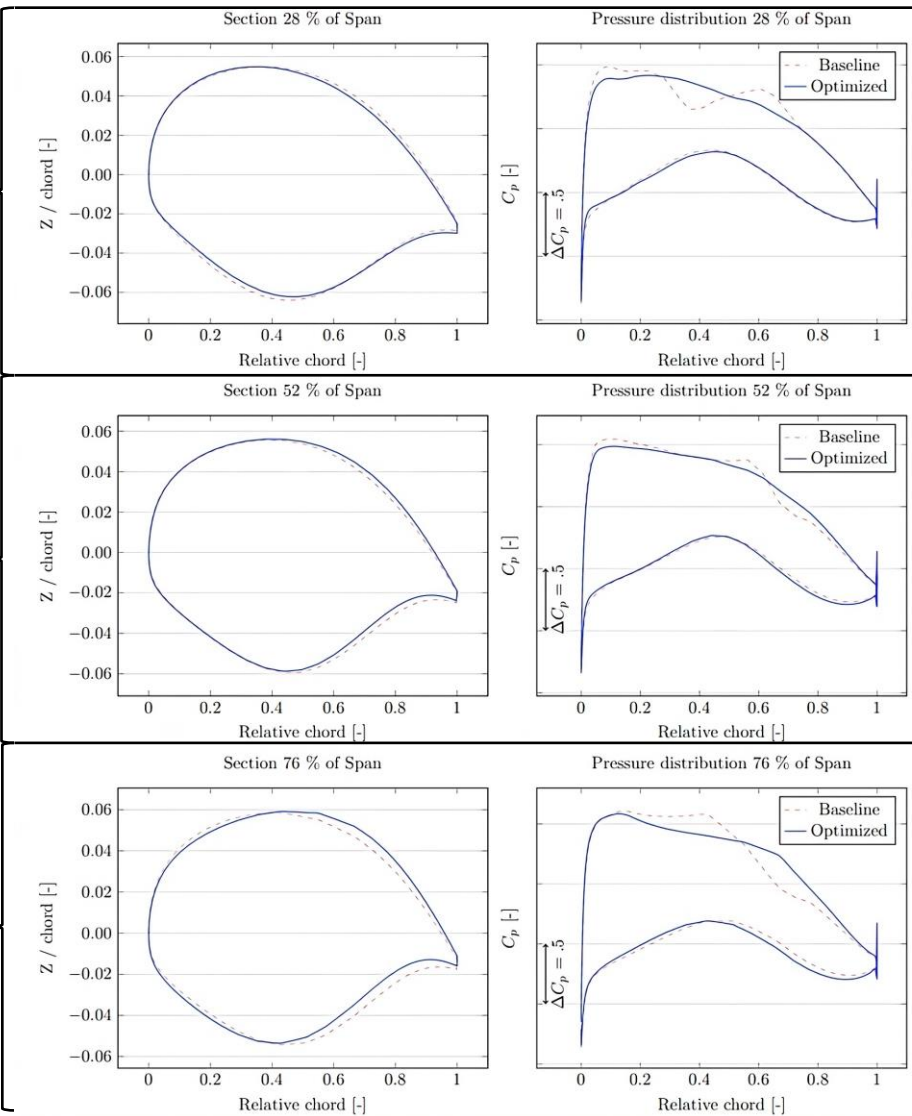
→ 53 Shape design variables

Design Task | Convergence

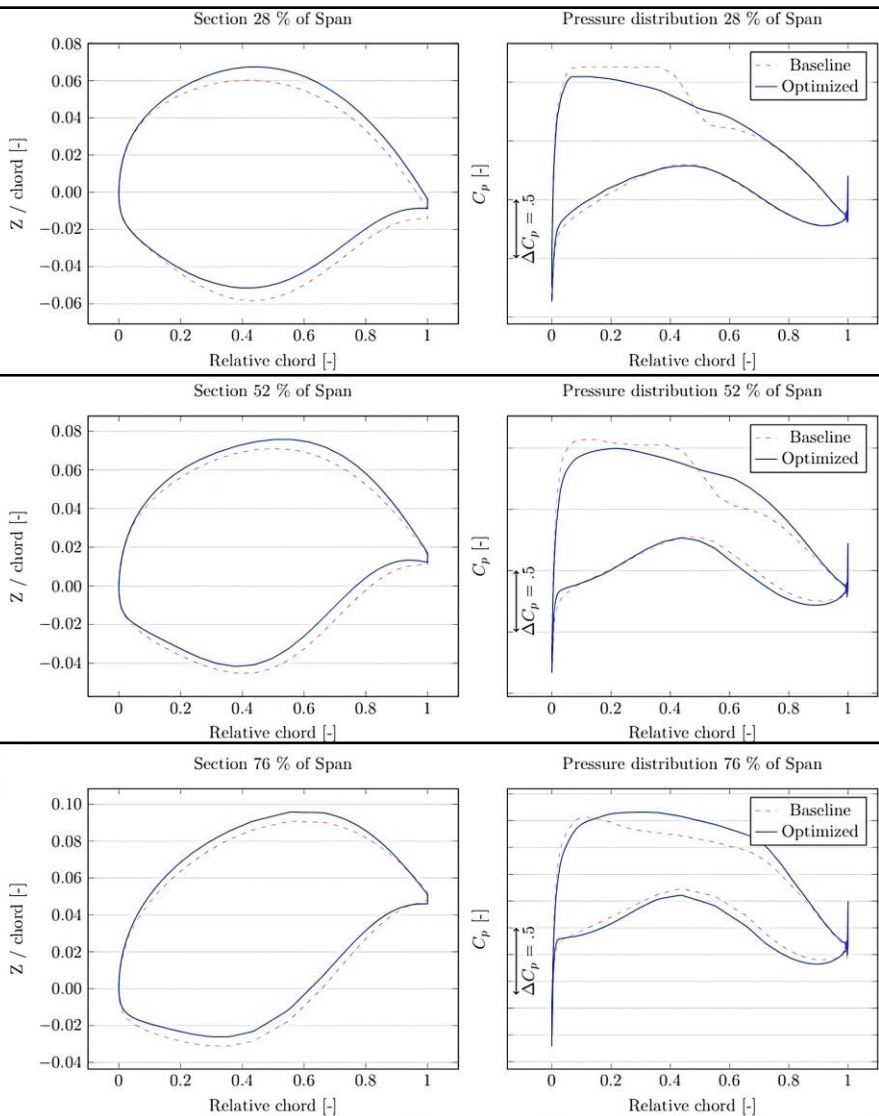


- L/D optimisation
 - Constant lift = 0.59
- Very different behaviour!
- Note! CODA and TAU use different numerical strategies

CODA

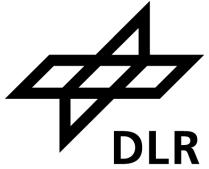


TAU



Benchmark Data

DLR-F25



Simulation	CODA (128)	TAU (128)
Flow simulation	14 min (R=1e-10)	13 min (R=1e-10)
Flow adjoint	2 x 7.6 min (GMRes)	2 x 11.5 min (MG)
Forward AD (53), dC/dD	4.3 min	-
Memory Access	40 GB	20 GB
Total time (30 cycles)	16 hours	20 hours

CODA Adjoint AD: Efficient performance

CODA Forward AD: 53 design variables

CODA

Flow Adjoint convergences excellent – AD technique, thanks to compact approach

No issues with robustness – can be further enhanced with *GCRO–dynamic* for linear solver

Effort for Forward AD linearisation for one design parameter is negligible

Replacement with full adjoint chain (flow + mesh) is currently under development

Future Steps

In-depth investigation of CODA vs TAU behaviour regarding optimization task

Follow on to complete Aero-Structure coupled optimization

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