

The Effect of Laminar Compared to Turbulent Airfoils on the Aeroelastic Assessment of a Long-Range Transport Aircraft Configuration

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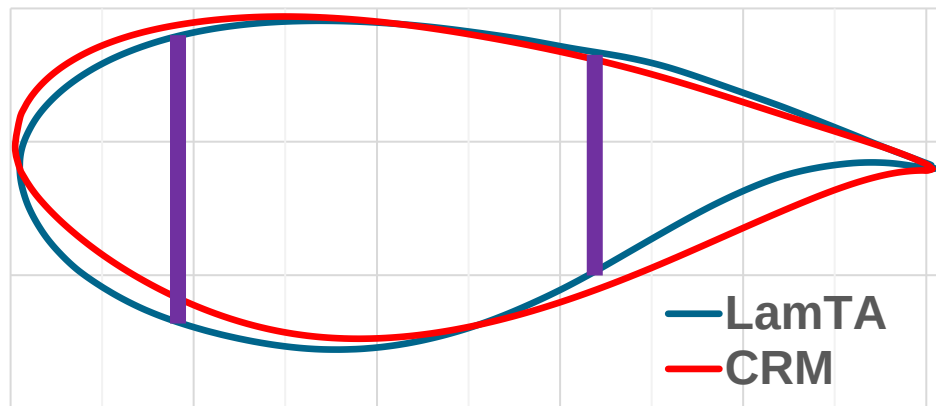
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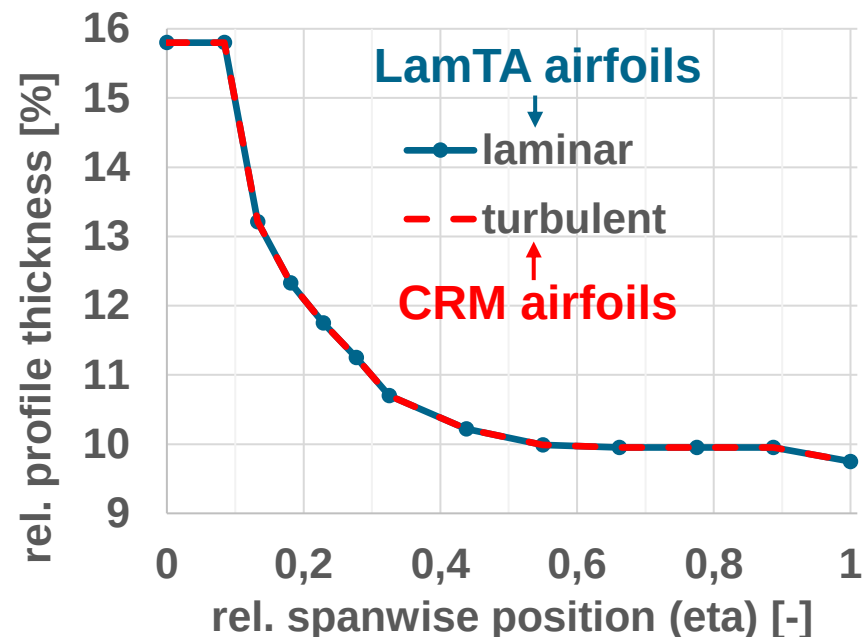


DLR project LamTA (Laminar Tailored Aircraft)

→ Goal: „Quantify the potential of laminar flow in energy savings during flight”

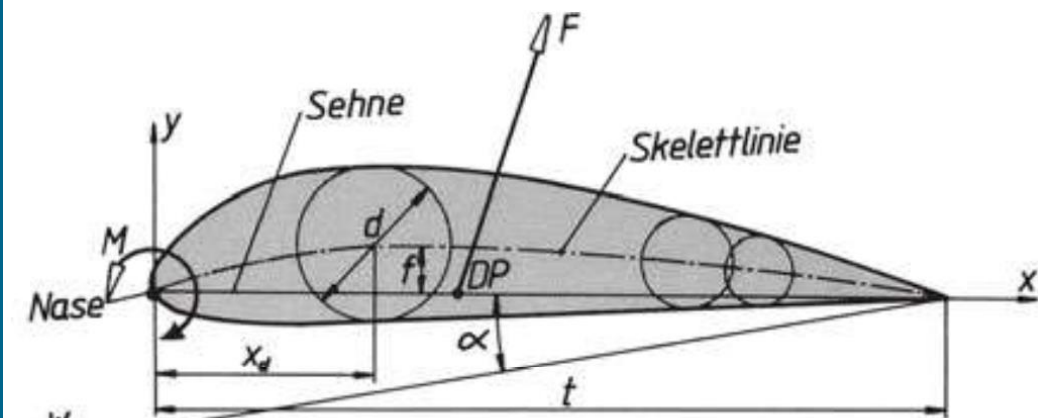


rel. profile thickness = d/t

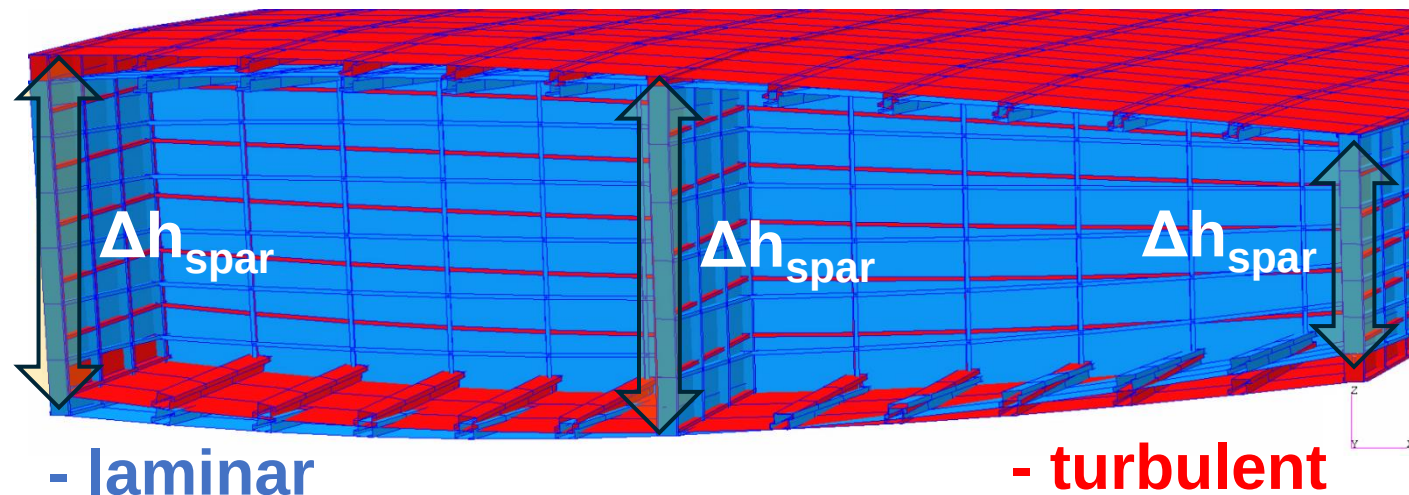


Two A/C with the same:

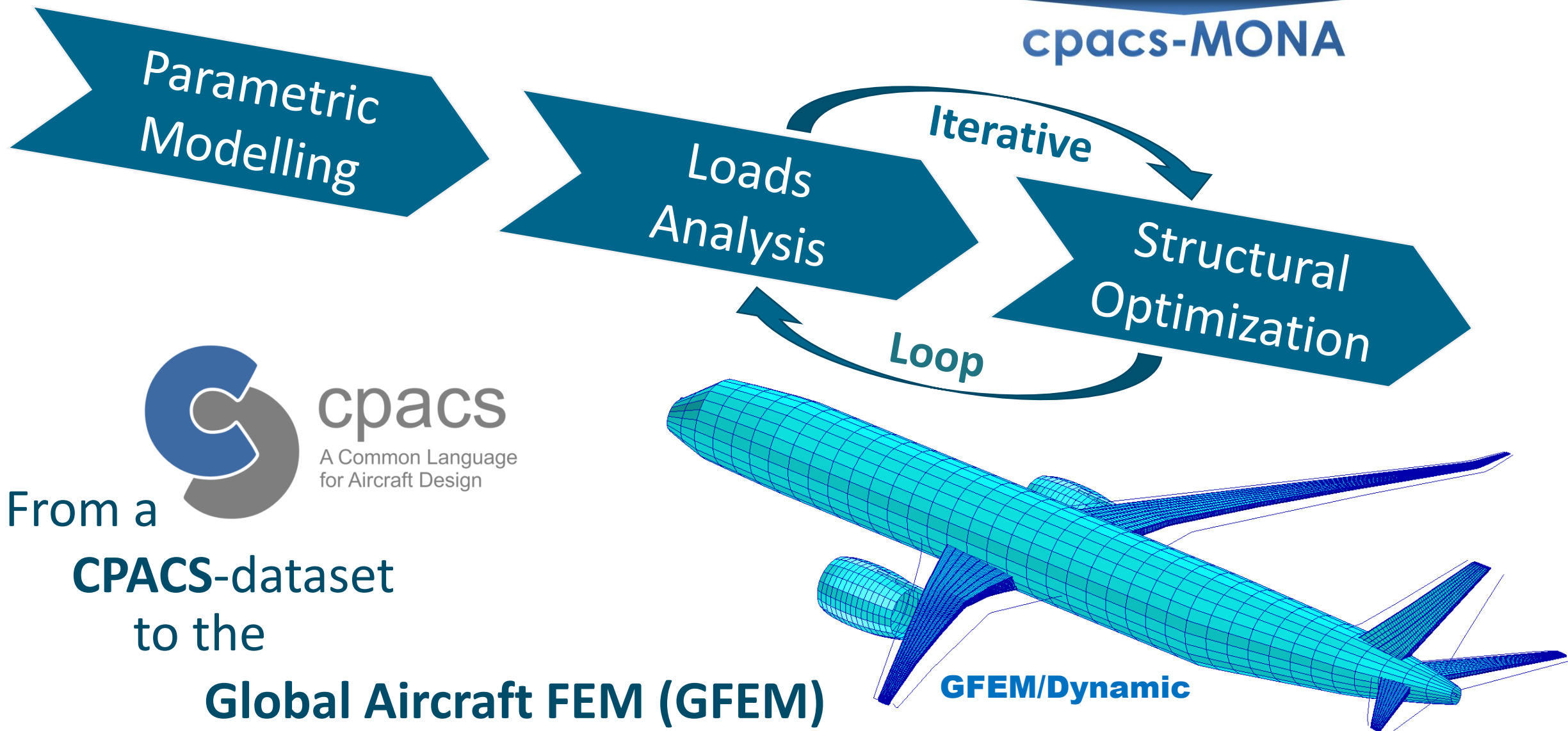
- TLARS
- Planform
- Rel. profile thickness distribution
- Flight-Twist

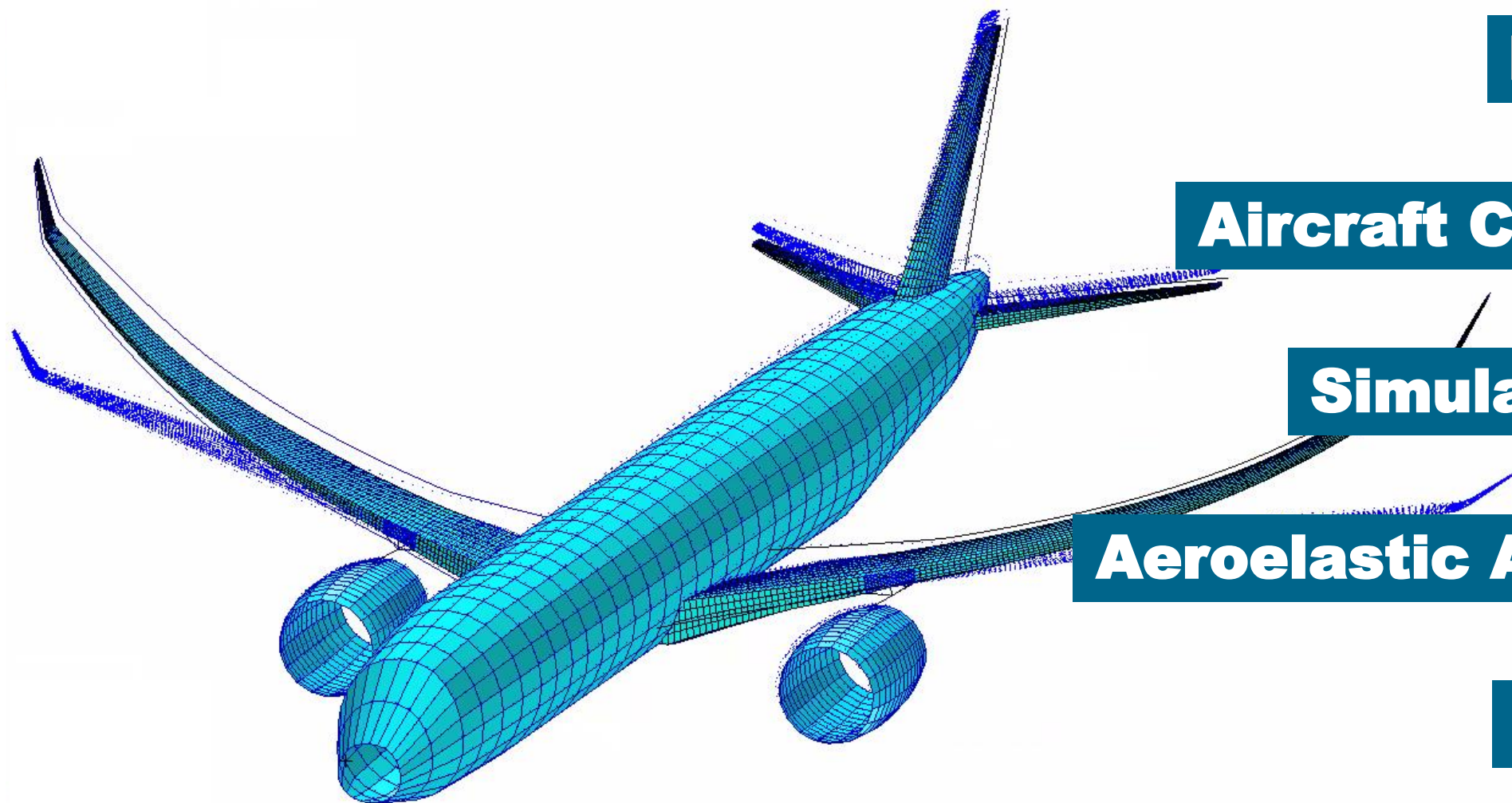


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„Technische Strömungslehre“



Aeroelastic Structural Design Tool





Introduction

Aircraft Configuration

Simulation Models

Aeroelastic Assessment

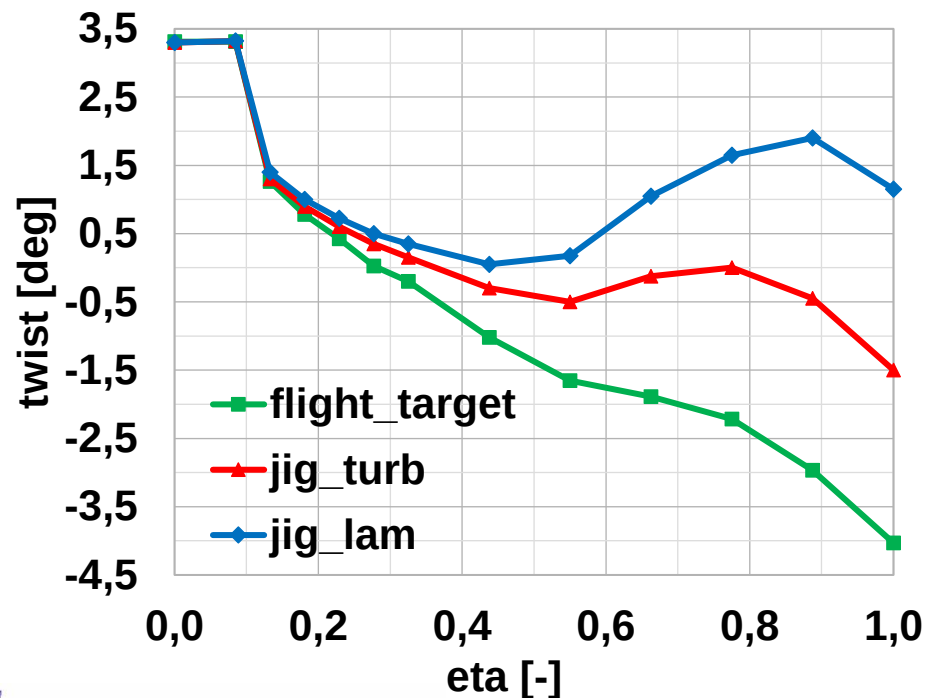
Conclusions

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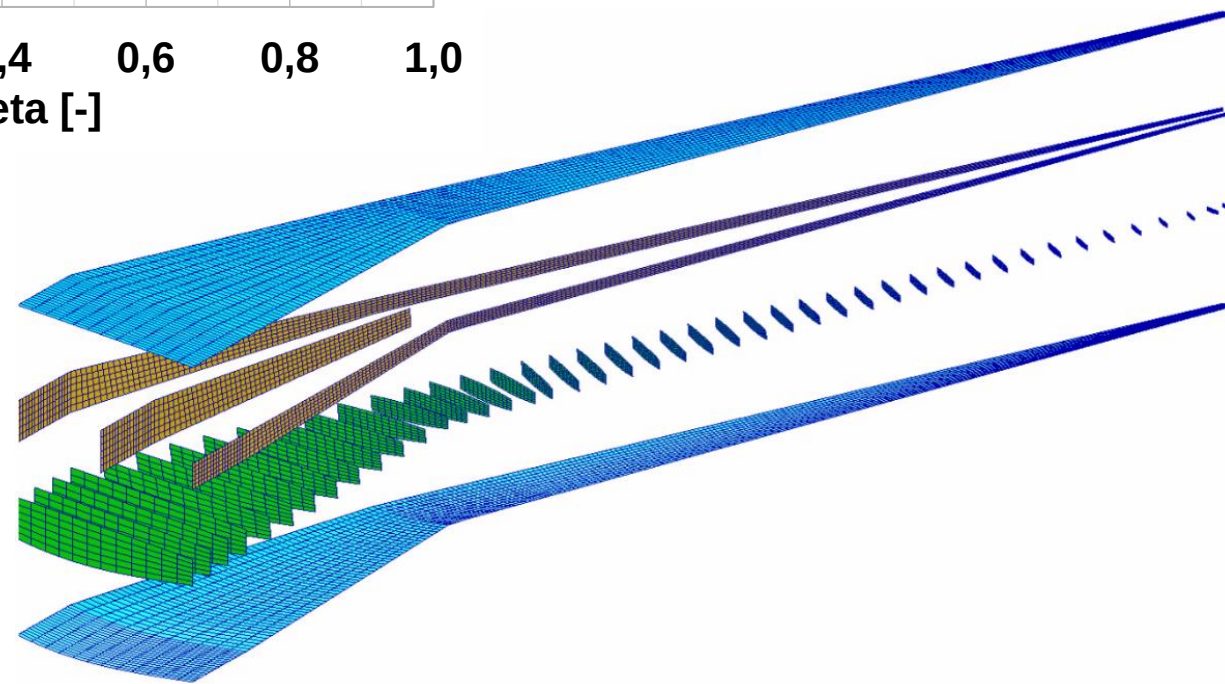
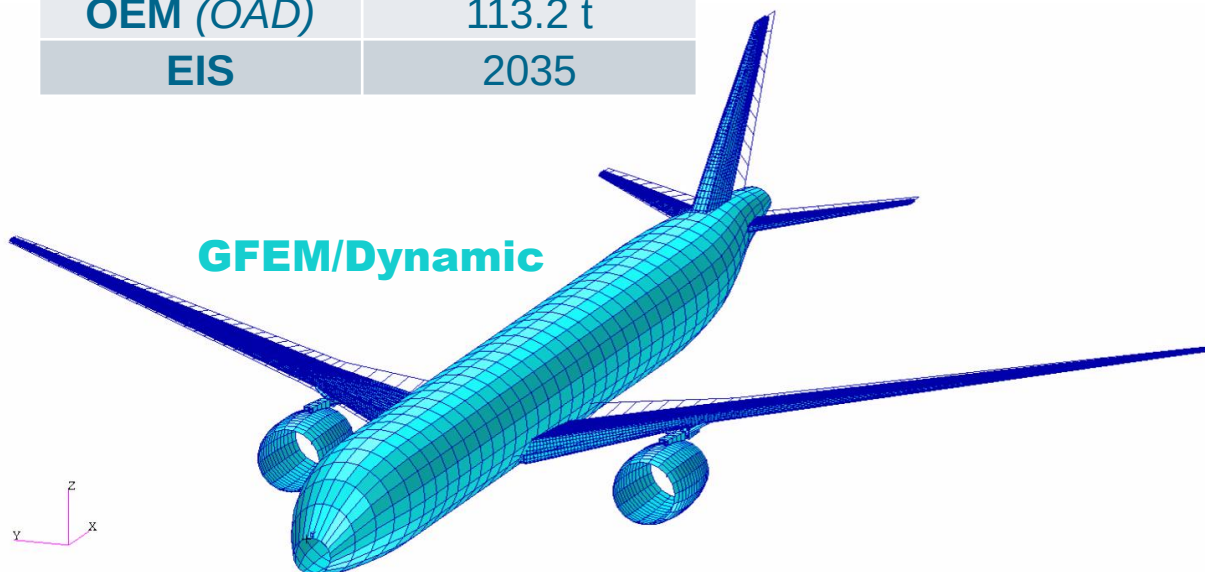
The LamTA Reference Aircraft Configuration



A/C Parameter	D315_lam_s5
Span	62.9 m
Wing area	324.2 m ²
Aspect ratio	12.6
MAC	6.32 m
Taper Ratio	0.125
PAX	315
V_{MO}	170 m/s
M_{MO}	0.86
MTOM	219.8 t
OEM (OAD)	113.2 t
EIS	2035



Structural Parameters	D315_lam_s5
Number of ribs	44
Number of spars	3
Material	CFRP
Engine diameter	3.8 m
Engine mass	7.9 t



Load Case Setup

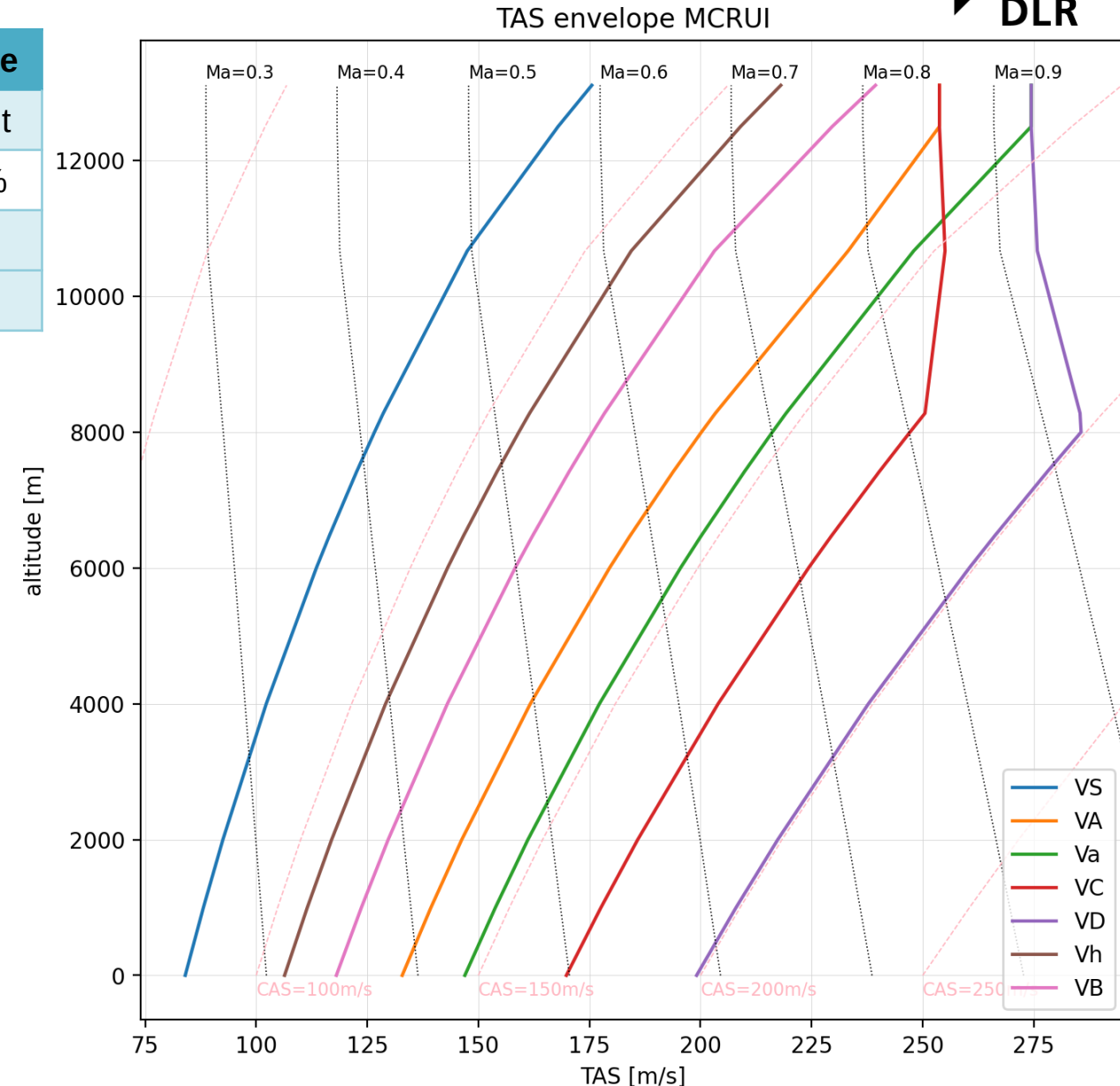
Loads Analysis MSC Nastran SOL144 and SOL146



laminar	MCRUI	MFOeF	MOOee	MTOAa	MTOfF	MZOAe
Mass	176.4 t	189.2 t	118.1 t	199.8 t	199.8 t	172.1 t
Payload	75 %	0 %	0 %	100 %	40 %	100 %
Fuel	25 %	100 %	0 %	20 %	100 %	0 %
%MAC CG	30 %	35 %	20 %	15 %	35 %	15 %

- 6 different **mass cases**
- Various **flight points** (altitude and airspeed)
- Static **Maneuvers**
 - 2.5g pull-up
 - -1g push-down
 - 1g flight
 - Yaw
 - Roll
- Dynamic **1-cos gust** encounters
- Conceptual **landing/ground** cases

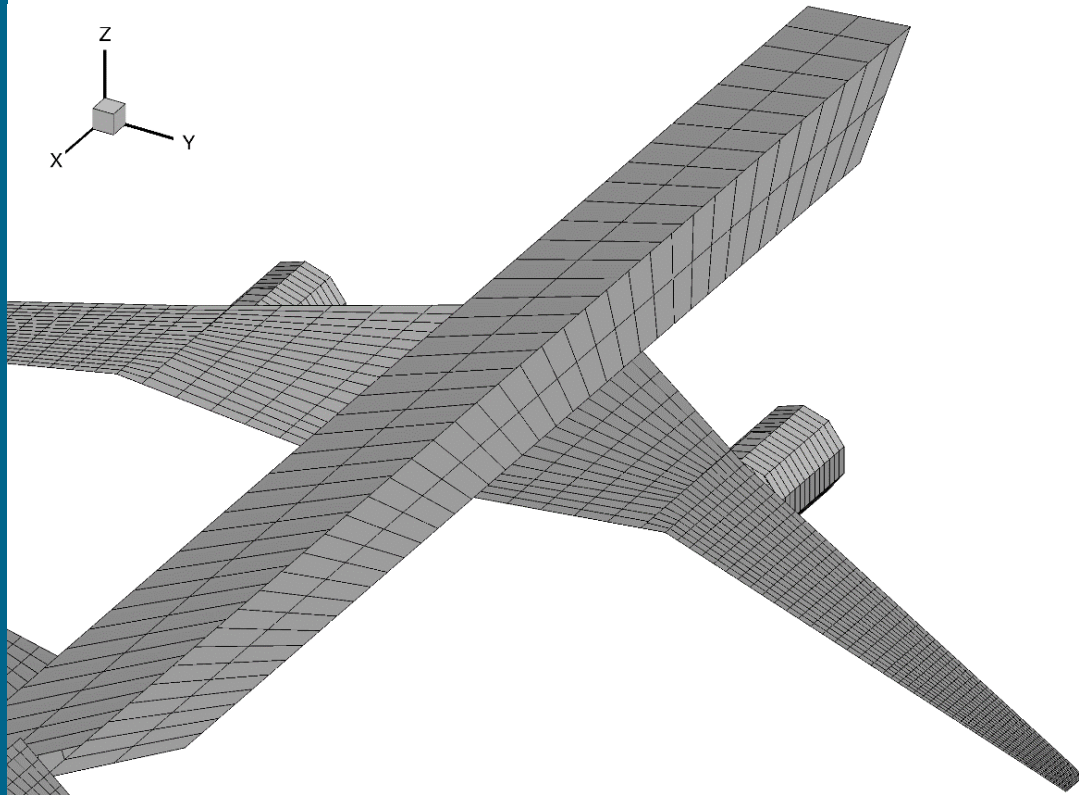
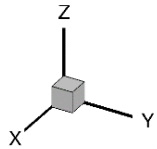
over 1.000 load cases per A/C



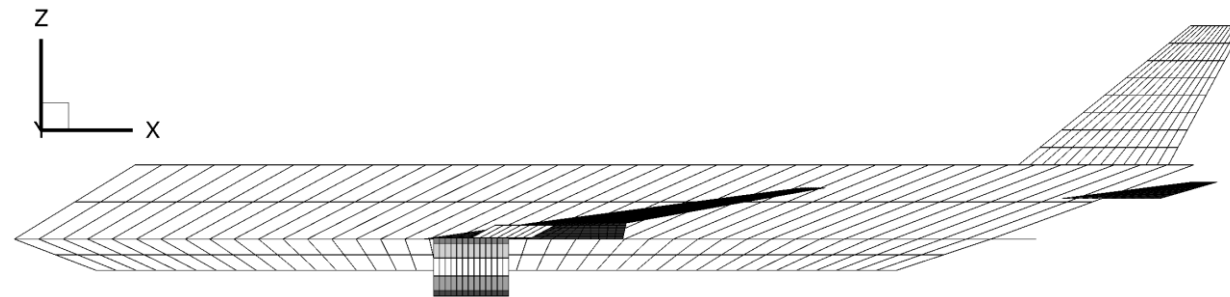
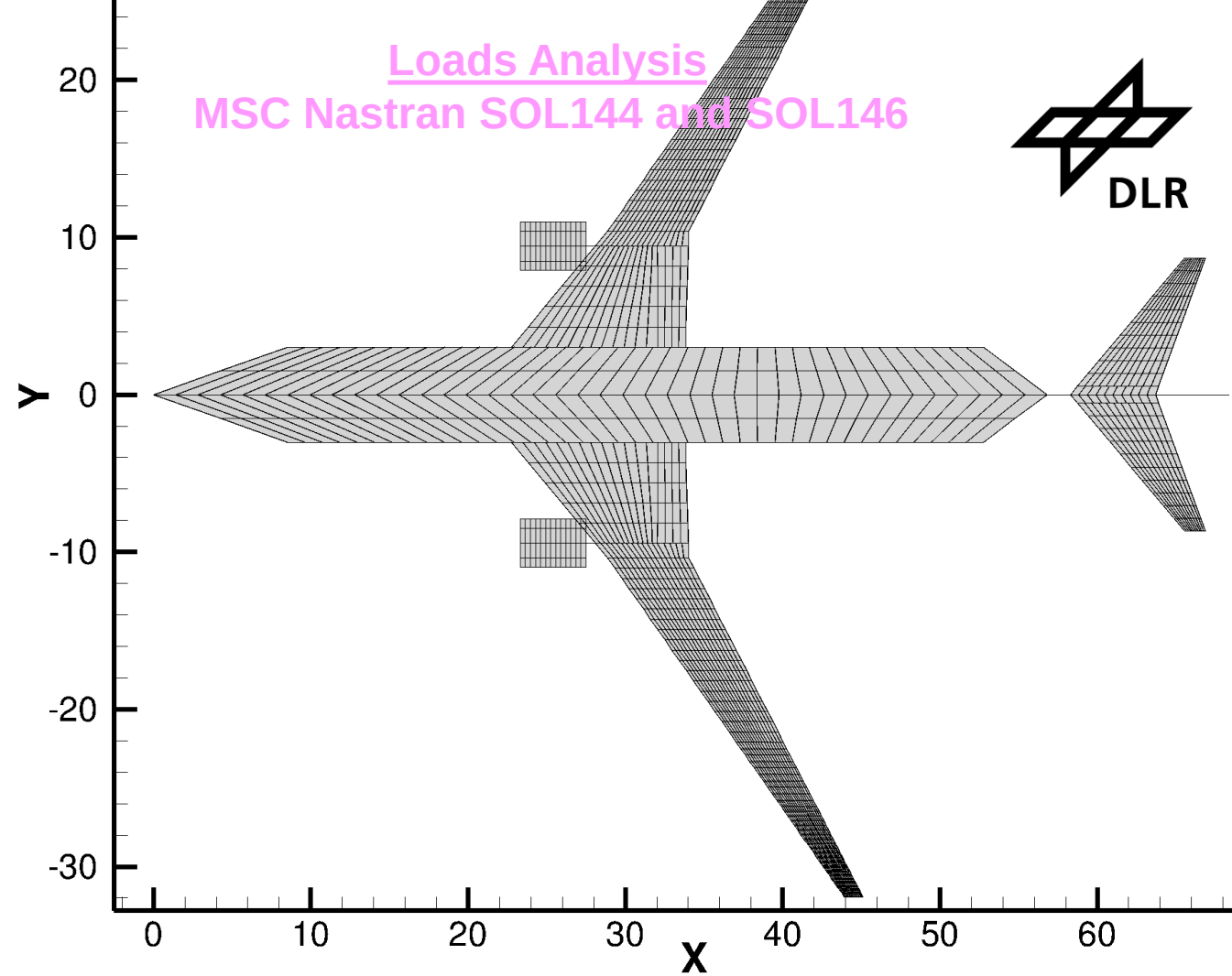
Aerodynamic Model

Nastran VLM/DLM Modell:

- Cross-Fuselage
- Nastran CAERO1 panels
- Aerodynamic corrections for camber and twist (W2GJ), no CFD corrections
- Various control surfaces
- Maneuver load alleviation (MLA) @ 2.5g



Loads Analysis
MSC Nastran SOL144 and SOL146



Structural Model and Optimization Model

Structural Optimization
MSC Nastran SOL200

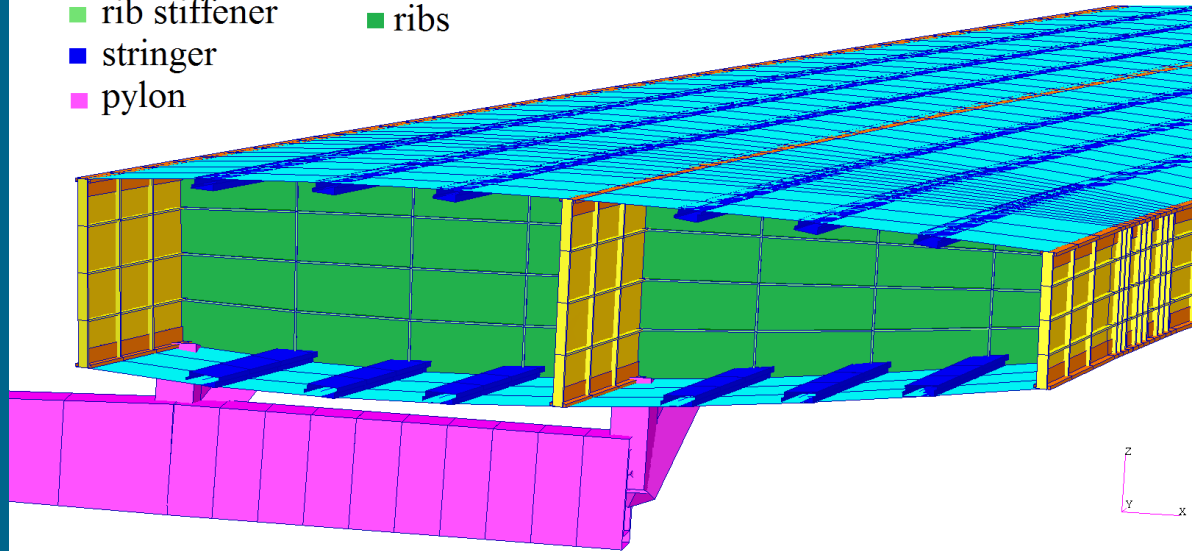


BAR-Elements

- spar caps
- spar stiffener
- rib stiffener
- stringer
- pylon

SHELL-Elements

- skin
- spar webs
- ribs

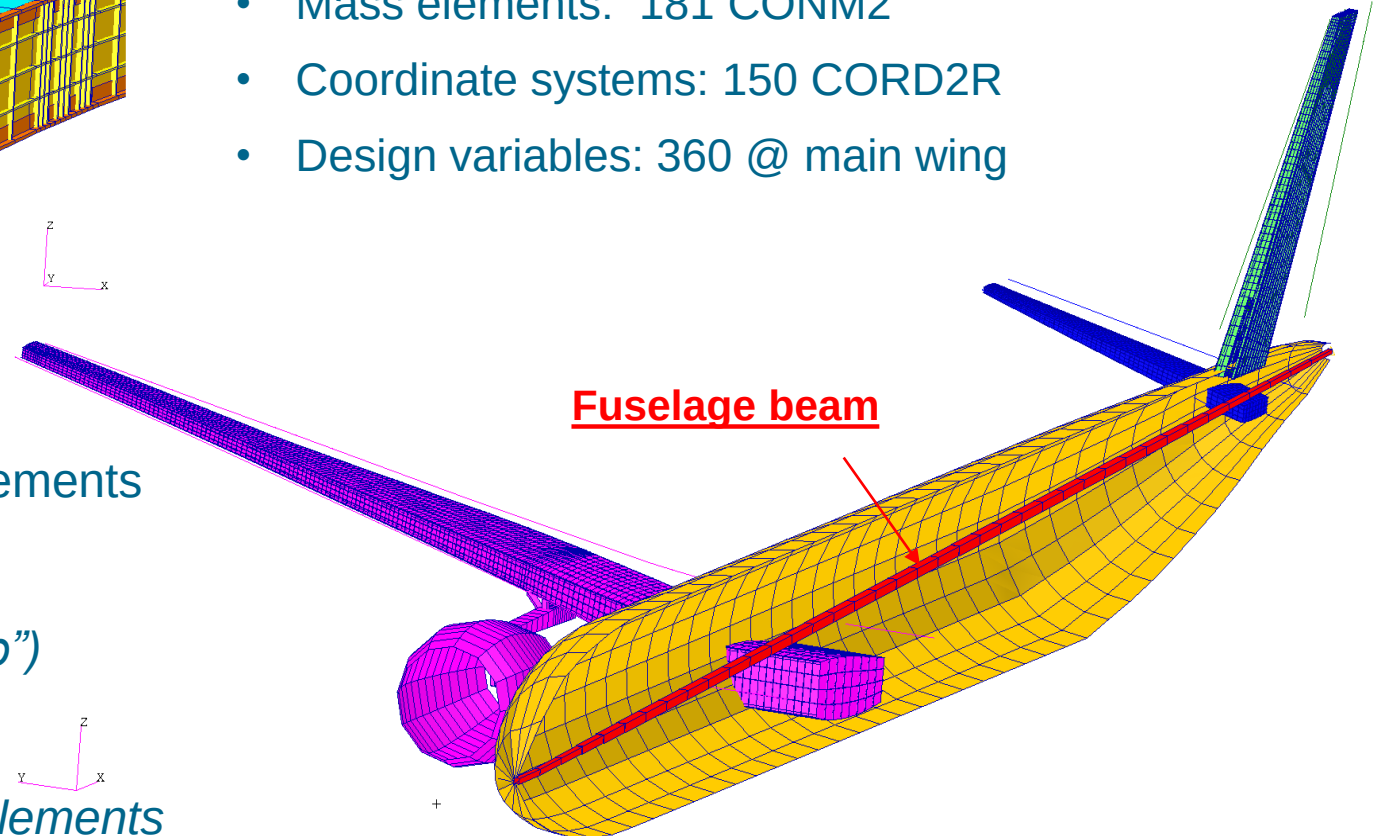


Structural Model

- Nodes: ~ 31.000 GRID
- Shell elements: ~ 34.000 CQUAD4
- Beam elements: ~ 45.000 CBAR
- Mass elements: 181 CONM2
- Coordinate systems: 150 CORD2R
- Design variables: 360 @ main wing

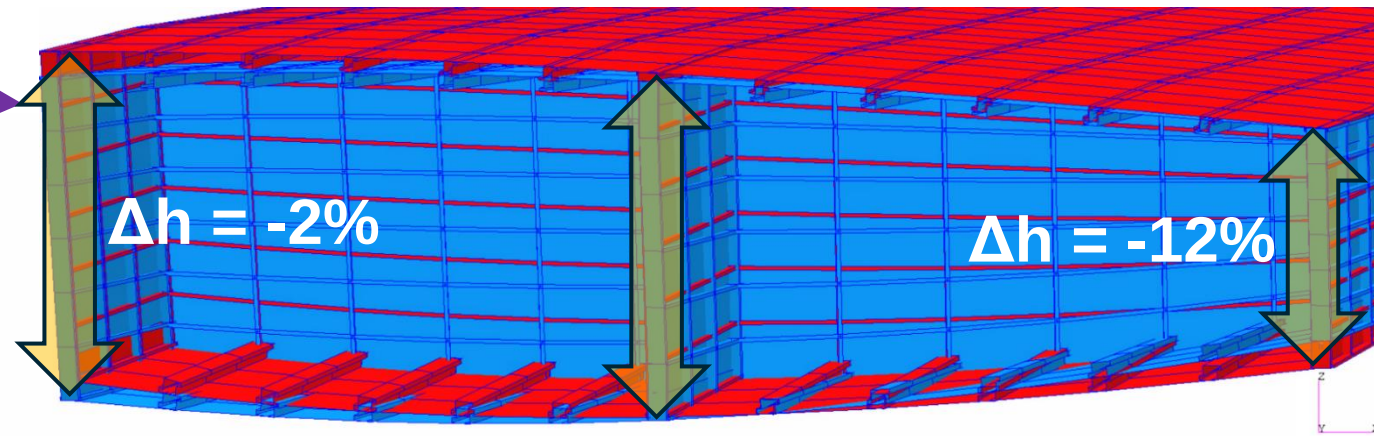
Optimization Model

- Design variables: Thickness of the SHELL-elements
- Constraints: Strains (max./min./shear)
- Controlsurface efficiency optimization (“on top”)
- Objective: Minimum weight of the wingbox
- Preliminary cross-section sizing of the BAR-elements

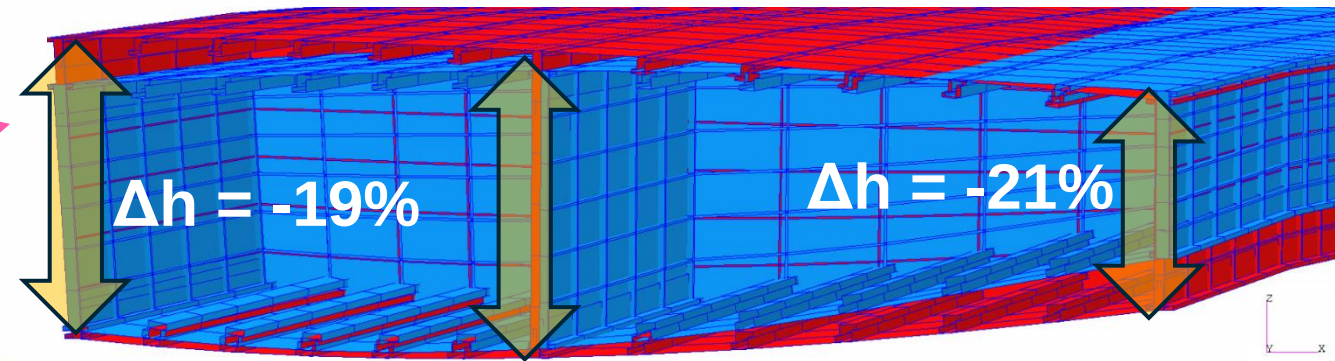


Wingbox Comparison

@Landing gear attachment



@Engine attachment



Max. fuel OAD: 69,7 t

Max. fuel laminar: 71,0 t

Max. fuel turbulent: 75,3 t

$$\Delta h = \frac{h_{laminar} - h_{turbulent}}{h_{turbulent}}$$

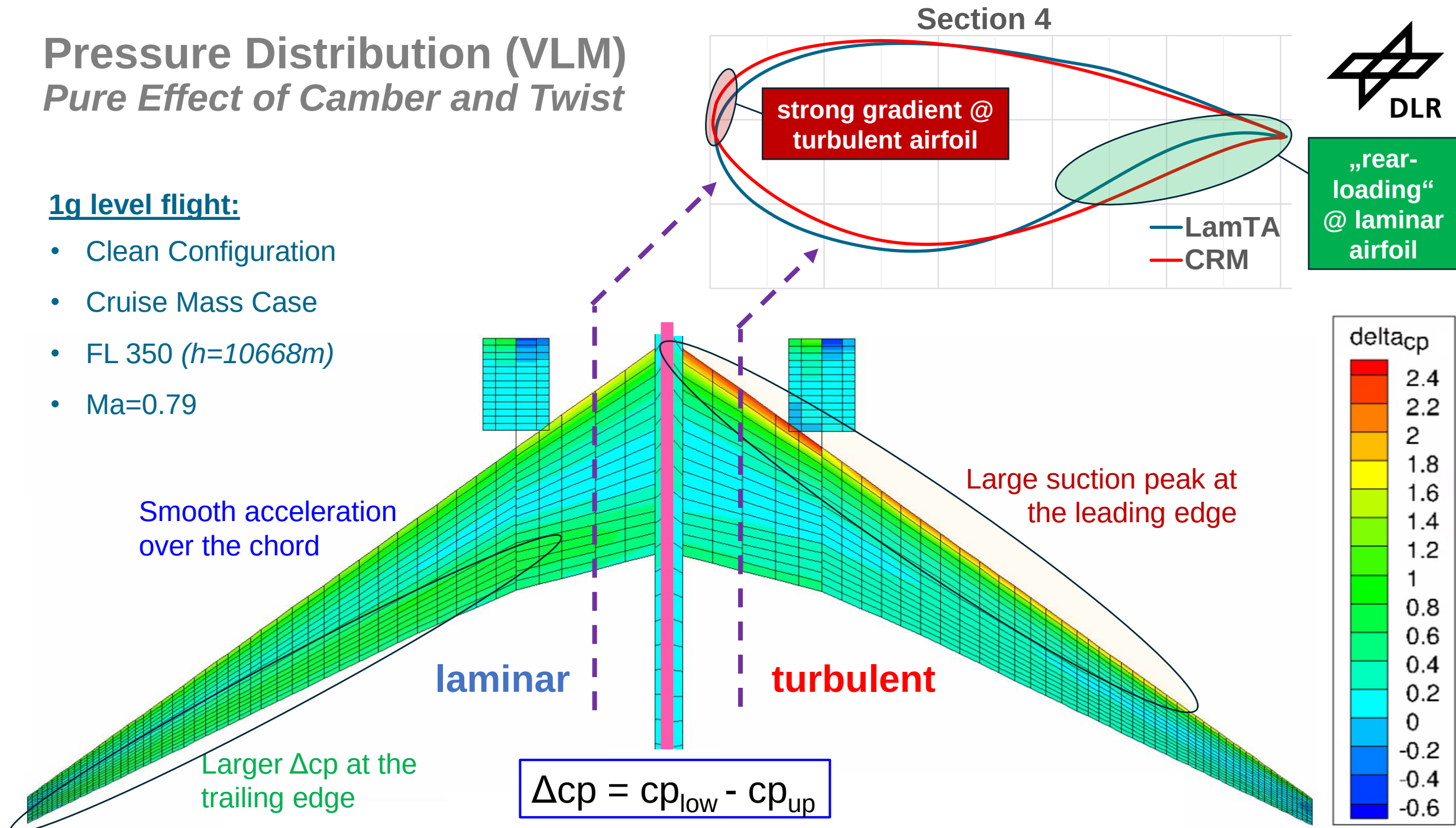
- turbulent
- laminar

Pressure Distribution (VLM)

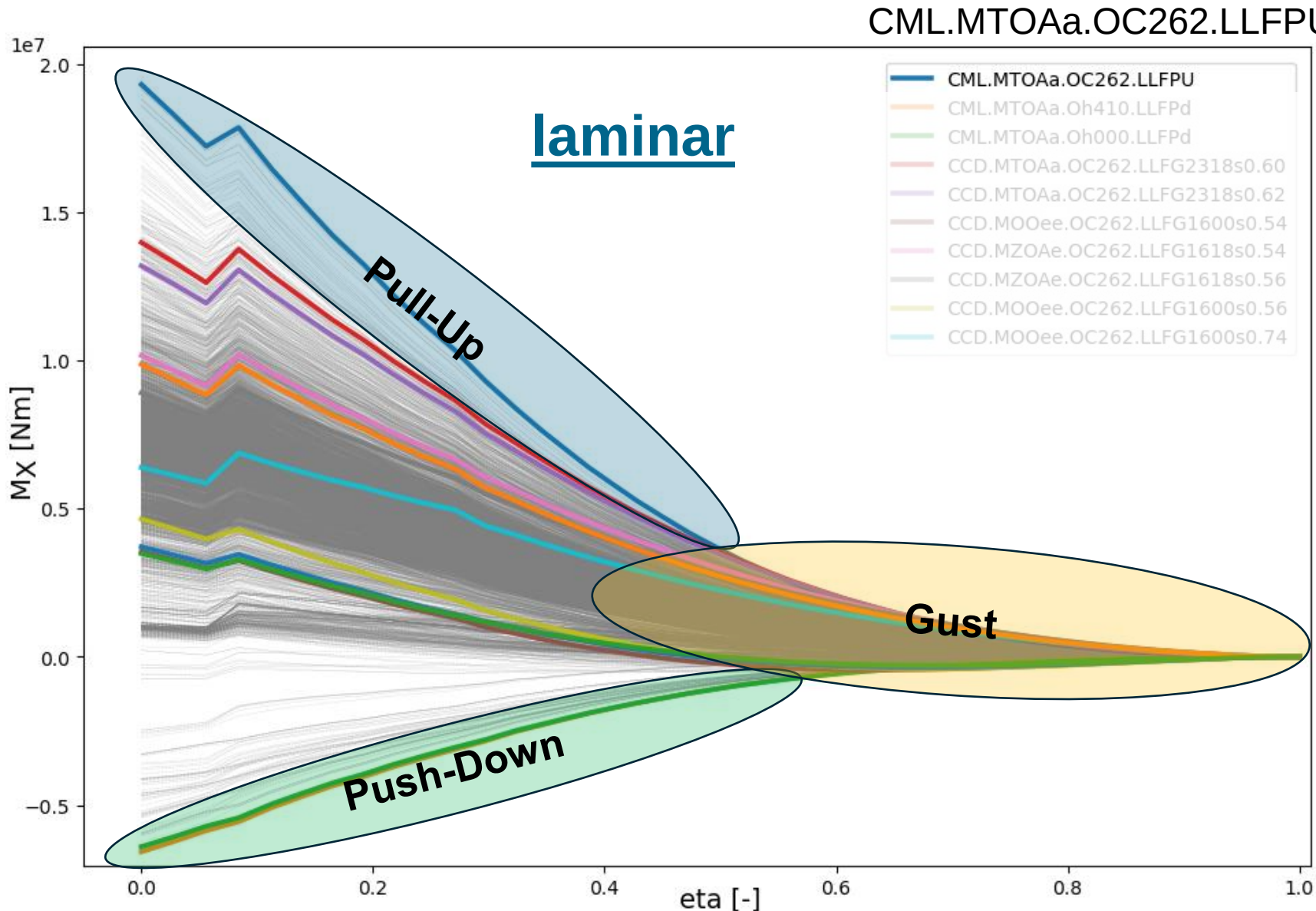
Pure Effect of Camber and Twist

1g level flight:

- Clean Configuration
- Cruise Mass Case
- FL 350 ($h=10668m$)
- $Ma=0.79$



Wing Bending Cutting Moment (M_x)



Max. wing root bending moment:

- 2.5g pull-up maneuver
- MTOM (*forward CG*)
- FL 262 ($h=8000m$)
- V_c ($Ma=0.84$)
- *MLA*

Maximum

- Pull-up from root to 50%
- Gust from 50% to the tip

Minimum (max. negative)

- Push-down from root to 60%
- Gust from 60% to the tip

Maximum Cutting Moments – Bending (M_x) and Torsion (M_y)

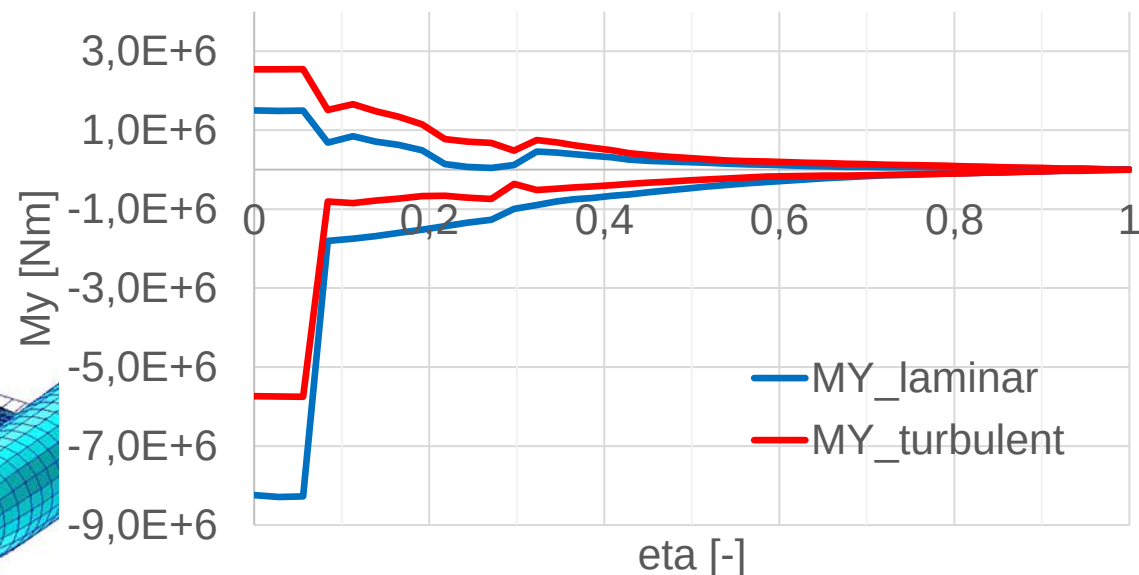
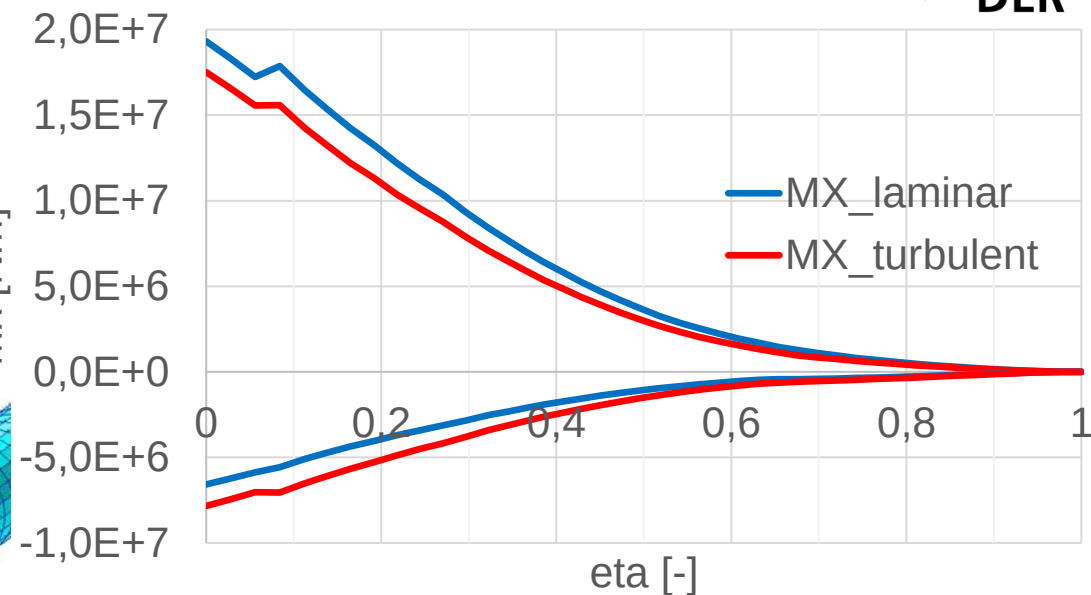
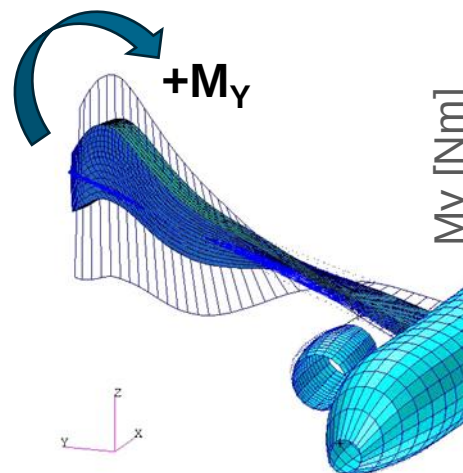
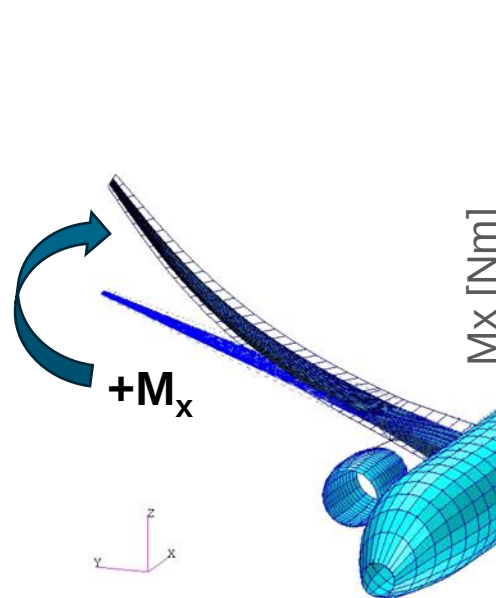
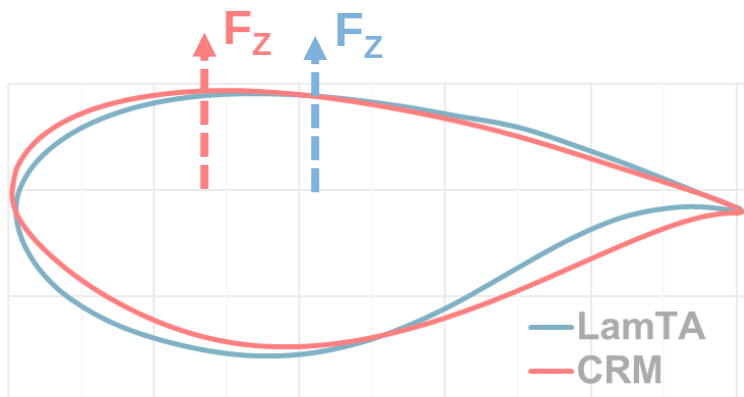


Bending Moment (M_x):

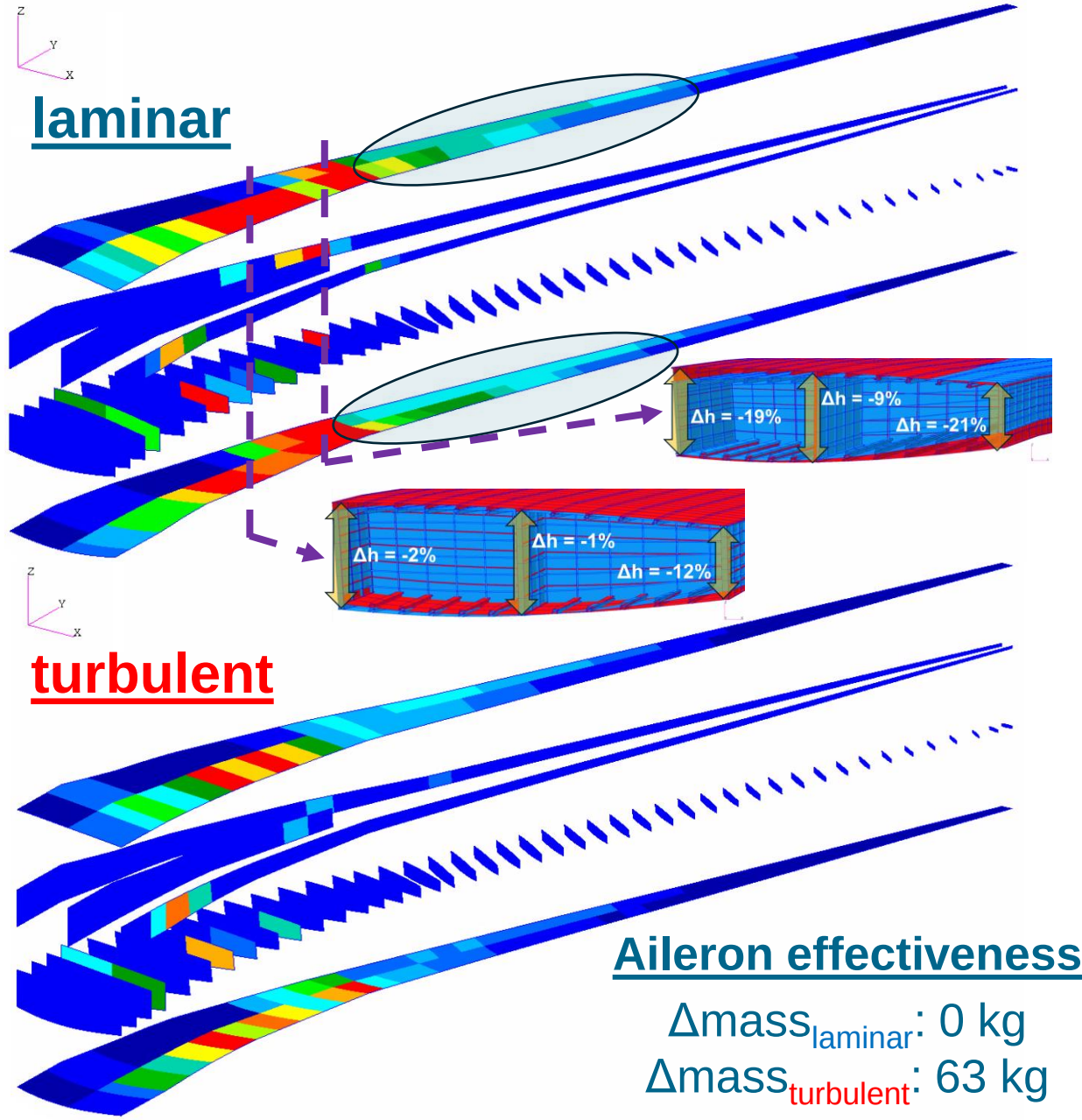
- **Laminar** wing:
higher max. moment
- **Turbulent** wing:
higher negative moment

Torsional Moment (M_y):

- **Laminar** wing:
higher negative (nose down) moment (rear-loading)
- **Turbulent** wing:
higher max. (nose up) moment (suction peak at the nose)



Influence on the Wing Primary Mass



Laminar Wing

More material at the **landing gear** and **pylon attachment** region

Higher skin thickness at **mid section**

Component	laminar	turbulent	delta
Skin (lower)	1.781 kg	1.228 kg	-31 %
Skin (upper)	1.746 kg	1.213 kg	-31 %
Stringer	1.250 kg	1.155 kg	-8 %
Ribs	803 kg	735 kg	-8 %
Rib stiff.	169 kg	149 kg	-12 %
Spar webs	609 kg	613 kg	+1 %
Spar caps	372 kg	345 kg	-7 %
Spar stiff.	253 kg	216 kg	-15 %
Titanium	278 kg	309 kg	-11 %
Overall	<u>7.261 kg</u>	<u>5.963 kg</u>	<u>-18 %</u>

intermediate

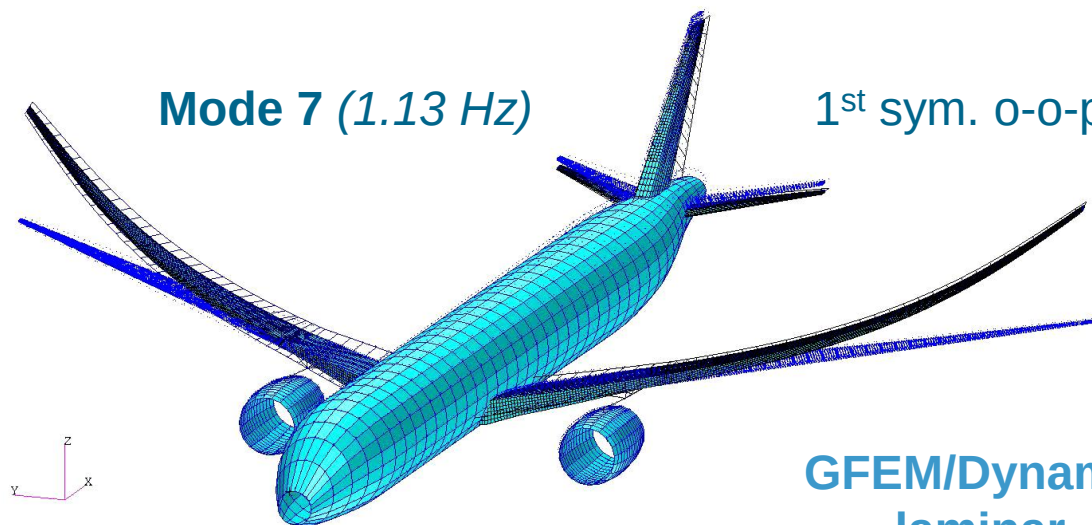
Eigenmodes Analysis

Eigenmodes Analysis
MSC Nastran SOL103



Mode Nr.	MCRUI	MFOeF	MOOee	MTOAa	MTOfF	MZOAe
7	1.06 Hz	0.94 Hz	1.13 Hz	1.03 Hz	0.94 Hz	1.11 Hz

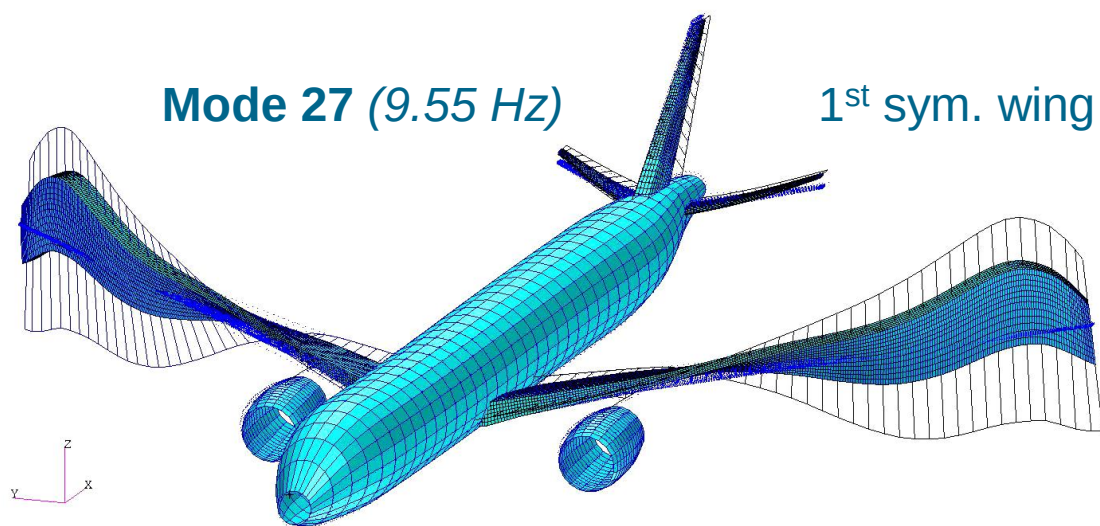
MCRUI	MFOeF	MOOee	MTOAa	MTOfF	MZOAe
0.94 Hz	0.81 Hz	1.02 Hz	0.90 Hz	0.81 Hz	1.00 Hz



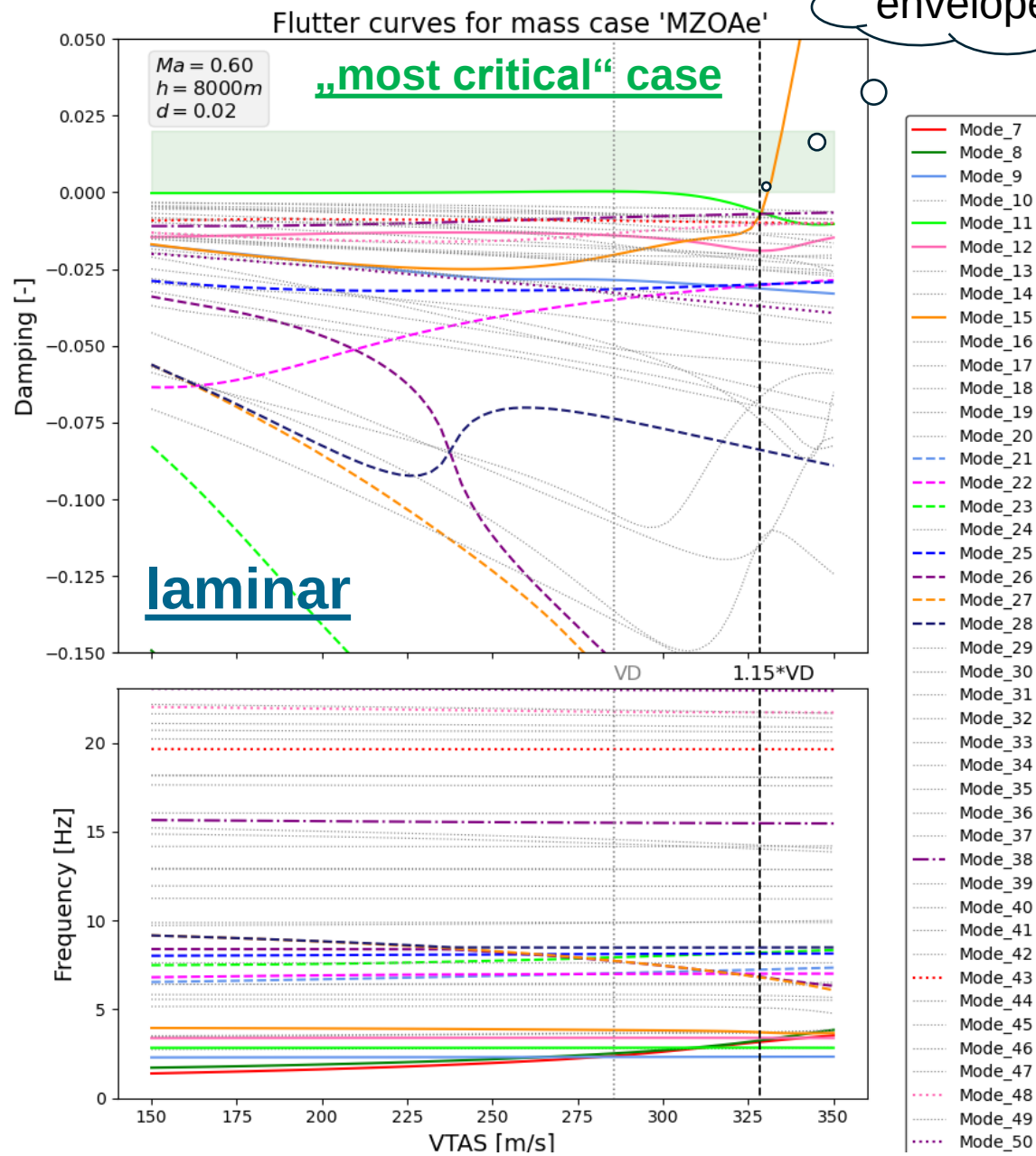
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laminar



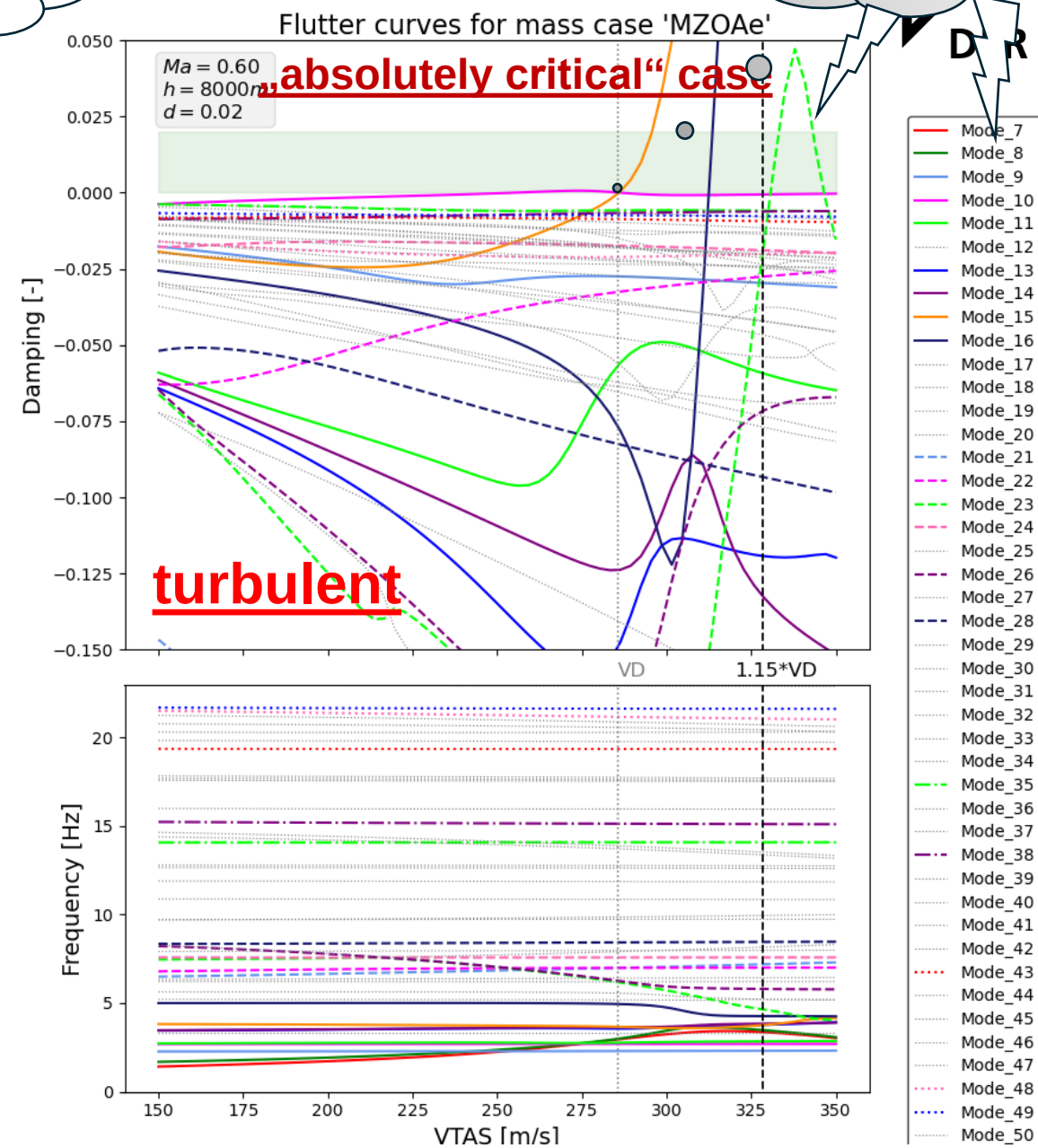
GFEM/Dynamic
turbulent



Subsonic Flutter-Check



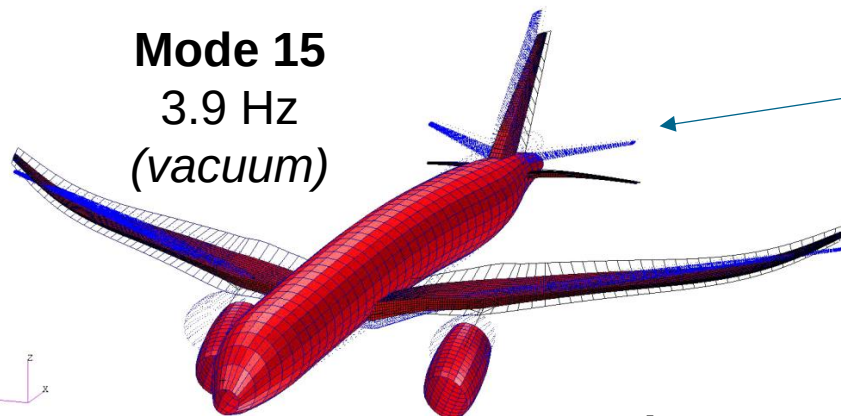
Flutter Analysis MSC Nastran SOL145



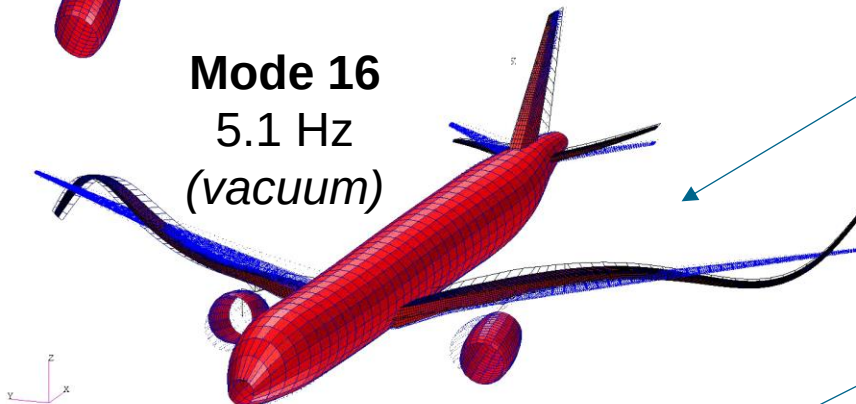
Critical Eigenmodes Turbulent



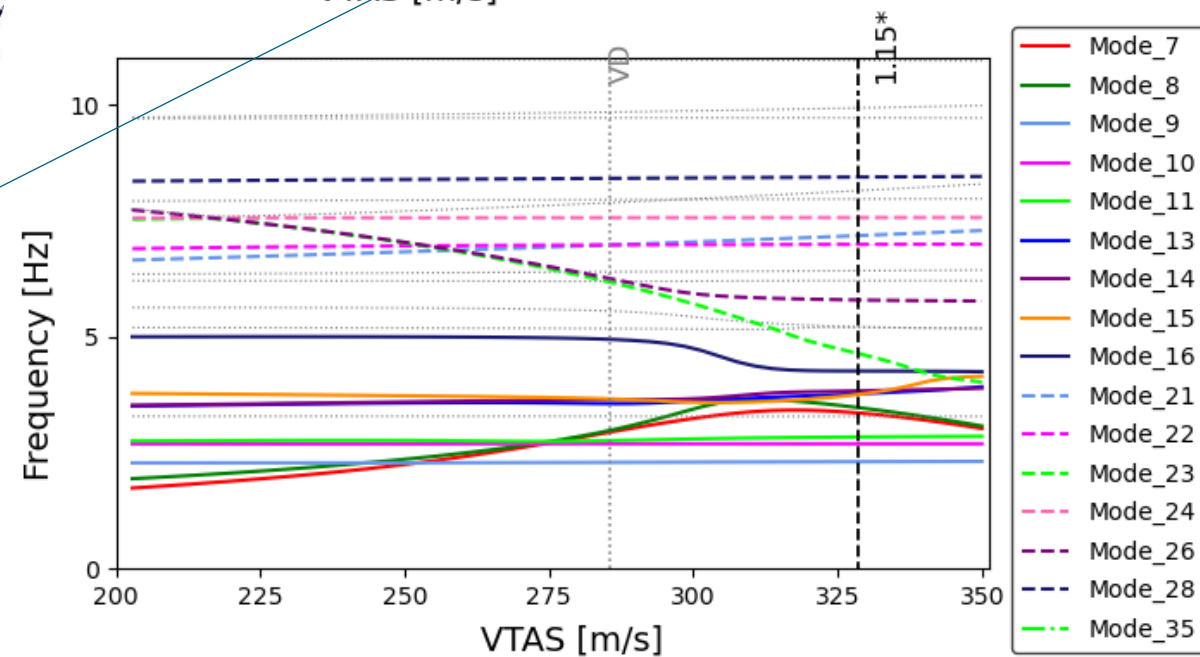
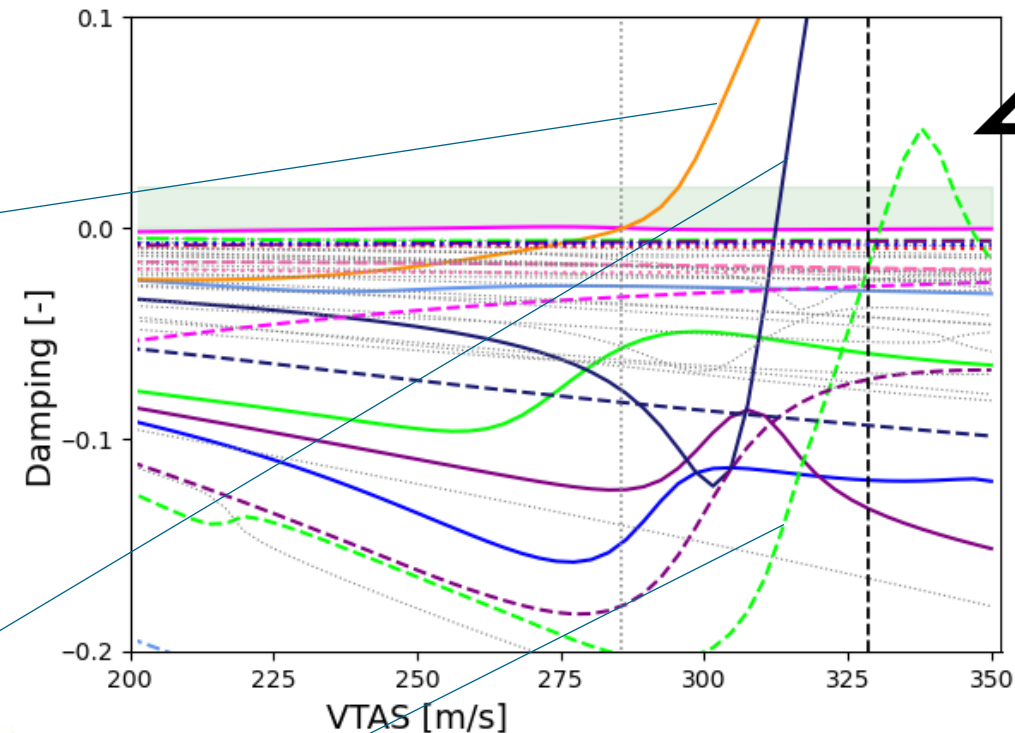
Mode 15
3.9 Hz
(vacuum)



Mode 16
5.1 Hz
(vacuum)



Mode 23
7.4 Hz
(vacuum)

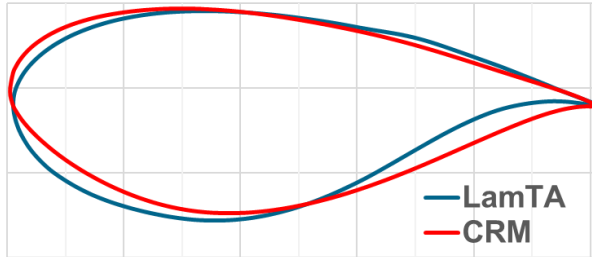


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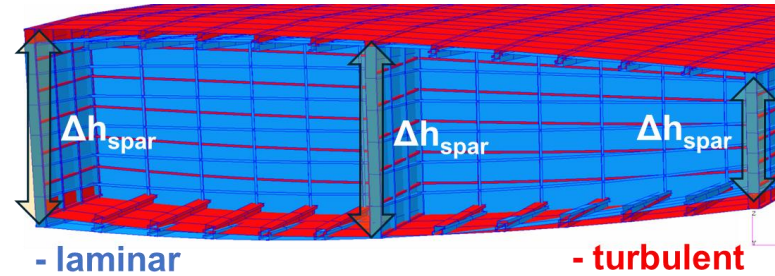
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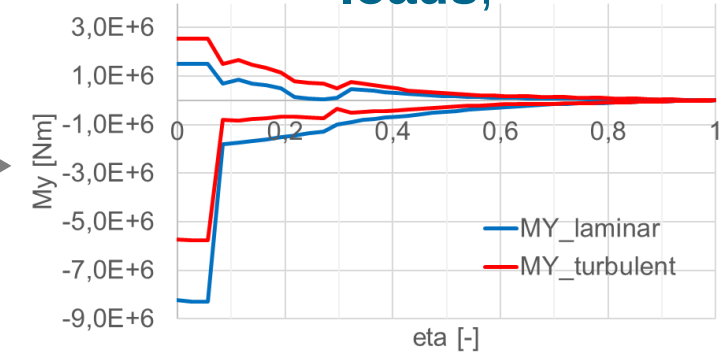
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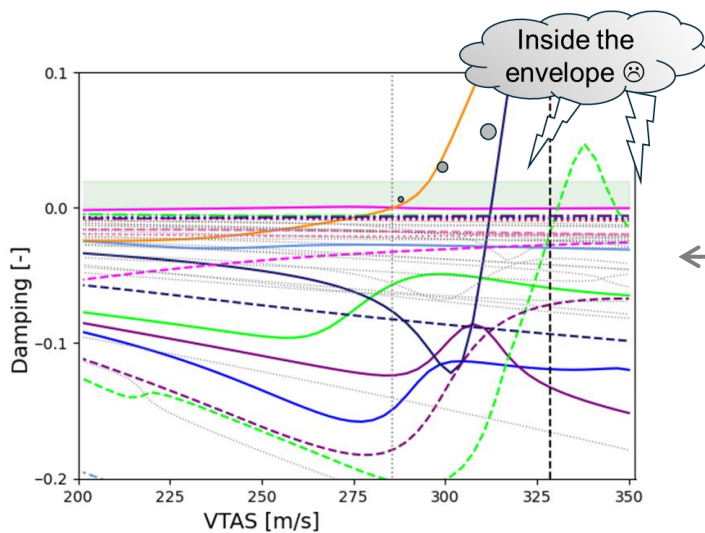
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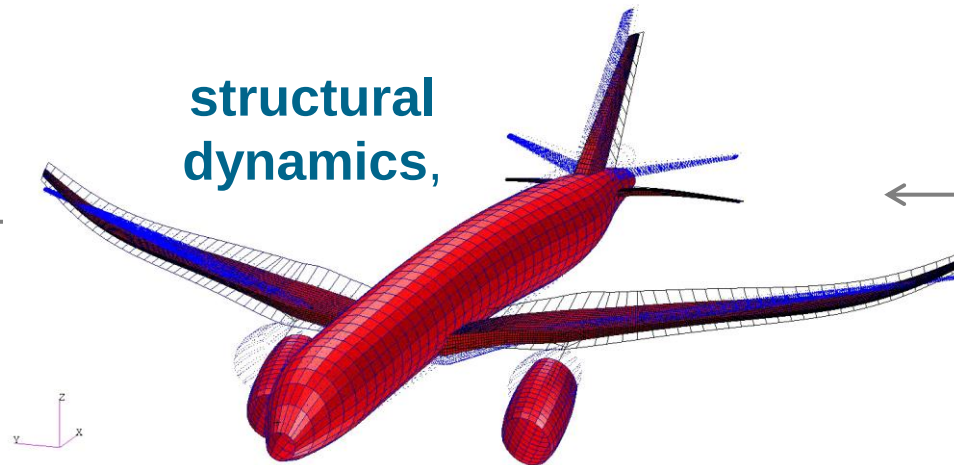
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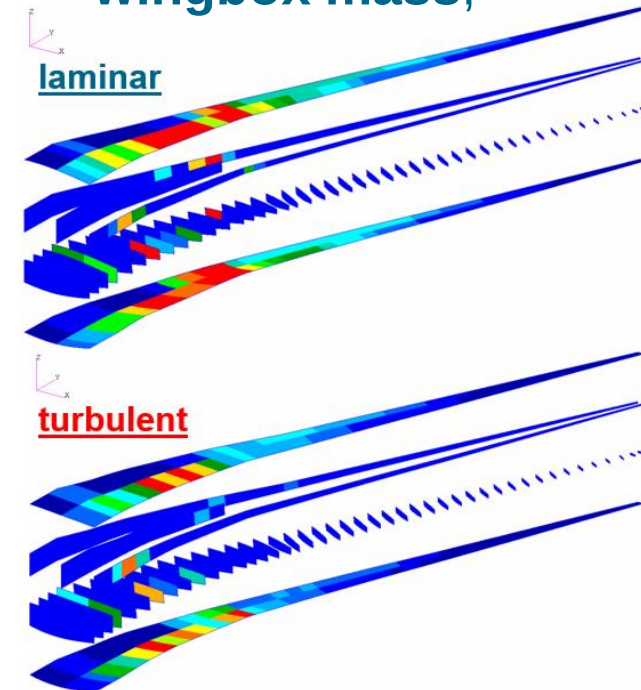
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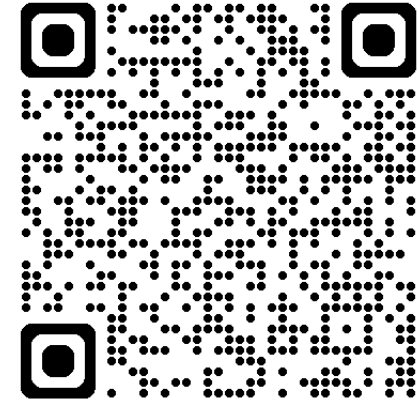


wingbox mass,



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