## Influence of Shape Parameterization on Aerodynamic Shape Optimization

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### • AIRFOIL DEFINITION

- PLANAR NOT 3D SPACE CURVES
- MLL CHORD
- UPPER & LOWER SURFACE CONTOURS
- LEADING- & TRAILING-EDGE PTS \*  $TE_{Base} \ge 0$ ,  $TE = \frac{1}{2}(TE_U + TE_L)$
- AIRFOIL STACK
  - MINIMAL SET OF DEFINING STATIONS
  - ASSEMBLED & SURFACED IN WRP
  - TRANSFORMED TO FRP

#### • ESTIMATING TRUE LEADING EDGE

- IDENTIFY DISCRETE LE
- 3-POINT CIRCLE FIT
- CONSTRUCT TRUE MLL CHORD
- AIRFOIL PROPERTIES
  - LEADING-EDGE RADIUS
  - THICKNESS & CAMBER
  - INFLECTION POINTS



RAE 2822 Airfoil Coordinates

#### RAE2822 Airfoil Discrete Coordinates.

http://aerospace.illinois.edu/m-selig/ads/coord/rae2822.dat





## DESIGN-SPACE PARAMETERIZATION

#### • AERODYNAMIC CONSIDERATIONS

- STREAMWISE CURVATURE CONTINUITY
- SPANWISE CONTINUITY
- DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
  - LOCAL CONTROL
- CUBIC CURVES OPTIMUM BALANCE
  - SERIES OF CUBIC BEZIER CURVES
  - CUBIC B-SPLINES

## DESIGN-SPACE PARAMETERIZATION

- BEZIER FAMILY
  - NACA0012-ADO EQN.
  - LEAST-SQUARES FIT
  - DEGREE ELEVATION
- FREE SURFACE
- CUBIC B-SPLINES
  - RAE2822 LEAST-SQUARES FIT
  - THICKNESS & CAMBER
  - LEADING-EDGE RADIUS
  - OSCULATING CIRCLE

#### DESIGN-SPACE PARAMETERIZATION

Abbott and von Doenhoff give the NACA0012 equation as:

$$y_N(x) = \pm \frac{0.12}{0.2} \left( 0.2969 \sqrt{x} - 0.1260 x - 0.3516 x^2 + 0.2843 x^3 - 0.1015 x^4 \right)$$
  
Note: Blunt Trailing Edge.

Nadarajah suggests changing the coefficient of the  $x^4$  term such that a sharp trailing-edge is recovered at x = 1. The resulting analytic equation defining the NACA0012-ADO airfoil shape is:

$$y_A(x) = \pm \frac{0.12}{0.2} \left( 0.2969 \sqrt{x} - 0.1260 x - 0.3516 x^2 + 0.2843 x^3 - 0.1036 x^4 \right)$$
  
Note: Sharp Trailing Edge.

## NACA0012-ADO BEZIER

Table I:		
Bez4-0012-ADO Control Points.		
n	$xcpt_n - FIT$	$ycpt_n$ -Fit
0	0.0000000	0.0000000
1	0.0000000	0.0256211
2	0.0308069	0.0438166
3	0.1795085	0.1135797
4	1.000000	0.000000

$$I = \int_0^1 [y_F(u) - y_A(x(u))]^2 \, du$$
$$I_{min} \doteq 0.9497 * 10^{-8}.$$

## NACA0012-ADO BEZIER



Bez4-0012-ADO Airfoil & 4<sup>th</sup>-Order Bezier Control Points.

0.4

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0.6

0.8

1.0

Vassberg & Jameson, VKI Lecture-III, Brussels, 9 April, 2014

0.2

0.0

#### NACA0012-ADO BEZIER



# BEZIER DEGREE ELEVATION

Elevating a  $K^{th}$ -order Bezier curve to  $(K+1)^{st}$ -order has control points given by the following recursive formula.

$$\mathcal{B}_k^{(K+1)} = \left(\frac{k}{K+1}\right) \mathcal{B}_{k-1}^{(K)} + \left(\frac{K+1-k}{K+1}\right) \mathcal{B}_k^{(K)};$$

where  $0 \le k \le K + 1$ .

 $\mathcal{B}^{(K)}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^{(K+1)}$  represent control points of the  $K^{th}$ -order and  $(K+1)^{st}$ -order Bezier curves, respectively.

While  $\mathcal{B}_{-1}^{(K)}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{K+1}^{(K)}$  do not exist, their factors are zero.

## BEZIER DEGREE ELEVATION



Degree Elevation of Bez4-0012-ADO from  $4^{th}$  to  $5^{th}$  Order.

Bez4-0012-ADO Airfoil Degree Elevation

## CUBIC B-SPLINES

Third-order B-Splines of 33 control points define each surface. The xcpt coordinates are preset by a cosine distribution.

$$xcpt_0 = 0,$$
  
 $xcpt_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - cos\left(\frac{n-1}{31}\pi\right) \right], \quad 1 \le n \le 32.$ 

Since the leading- and trailing-edge points are pinned, the first and last control points have  $ycpt_0 = 0$ , and  $ycpt_{32} = \pm \frac{1}{2}TE_{Base}$ .

Curvature continuity at the LE requires  $ycpt_1^u = -ycpt_1^l$ .

The remaining ycpt coordinates of each B-Spline are defined with a least-squares fit of their corresponding grid points.

### **B-SPLINE DERIVATIVES**

FUNCTIONS

$$x(t) , y(t) , t(x) ,$$
$$T(t) = [y_u(t) - y_l(t)] , C(t) = \frac{1}{2} [y_u(t) + y_l(t)]$$

DERIVATIVES

 $\dot{x}(t)$ ,  $\dot{y}(t)$ ,  $\ddot{x}(t)$ ,  $\ddot{y}(t)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx}(t) = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}$ ,  $\dot{T}(t)$ ,  $\dot{C}(t)$ 

CURVATURE

$$\mathcal{K}(t) = \frac{[\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \ddot{x}\dot{y}]}{\left[\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2\right]^{3/2}}, \quad \rho(t) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}(t)}$$



RAE 2822 Airfoil Coordinates & B-Splines

RAE2822 Coordinates with Least-Squares-Fit B-Splines.



RAE 2822 Airfoil Control Points

#### RAE2822 Airfoil Control Points.



RAE 2822 Airfoil Curve Segments

#### RAE2822 B-Spline Curve Segments.



RAE2822 Coordinates, B-Splines & Leading-Edge Radius.



RAE2822 Coordinates, B-Splines, Thickness & Camber near TE.



RAE2822 Coordinates & Curve-Segment Grid near TE.

## **OPTIMIZATION & CFD METHODS**

- MDOPT & CMA-ES
  - BEZIER
  - NON-GRADIENT OPTIMIZATIONS
  - OVERFLOW
- SYN83 & SYN107
  - FREE SURFACE & B-SPLINES
  - GRADIENT-BASED OPTIMIZATIONS
- FLO82 CROSS ANALYSIS
  - RIGOROUS GRID-CONVERGED PROCESS
  - RICHARDSON EXTRAPOLATION

# SYN83 GRID



Close-up view SYN83 C-mesh about NACA0012-ADO.

#### MDOPT, CMA-ES & FLO82 GRID



#### **FLO82 CONVERGENCE**



FLO82 Convergence Histories, M = 0.85,  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ .

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## NACA0012-ADO OUTLINE

- MODEL PROBLEM
- PREVIOUS 3-PHASE STUDY
  - Vassberg, et.al., 2011
- CMA-ES RESULTS
- SYN83 RESULTS
- FLO82 CROSS ANALYSIS
- RELATED NACA0012-ADO STUDIES
  - Bisson & Nadarajah, 2014
  - Carrier, et.al., 2014

## NACA0012-ADO MODEL PROBLEM

The objective of this optimization is to mimimize the drag of a symmetric airfoil, for an inviscid transonic flow at the condition of M = 0.85, and  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ , subject to the geometric constraint:

$$y_{Optimum}(x) \ge y_{Baseline}(x)$$
;  $0 \le x \le 1$ .

Note that the flow physics of this model problem is such that the only true source of drag is that associated with any shocks that may arise.

Vassberg crafted this with anticipation that a shock-free design at these flow conditions and under these geometric constraints is unachievable.

# MDOPT RESULTS - PHASE-I





MDOPT Response-Surface Build-Time Trendline.



# MDOPT RESULTS - PHASE-III



MDOPT Drag Reduction Histories, Phase-III.



Optimum Realized Drags, NDV = [0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 36], Phase-III.

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# MDOPT RESULTS - PHASE-III



**Bez4-0012 and Optimum Airfoils** 

Bez4-0012, MDOPT Optimums & BJ5XE Airfoils.

# MDOPT RESULTS - PHASE-III



**Comparison of Pressure Distributions** 

Bez4-0012, MDOPT Optimums & BJ5XE Pressures.

# NACA0012-ADO BASELINE





Table IV: CMA-ES/OVERFLOW Results ( $C_d$  in counts).

N	Iterations	Population	Total Runs	$C_{Dopt}$	$\Delta C_d$
0	-	-	1	483.70	-
3	161	7	1,127	319.17	-164.53
6	378	9	3,600	212.27	-271.43
9	400	10	4,000	135.74	-347.96



Table V:<br/>CMA-ES Optimum Design<br/>Perturbation Vectors in Bezier SpaceN $ycpt_{147}$  $ycpt_{258}$  $ycpt_{369}$ 30.054596-0.0502480.02600960.0000000.111226-0.168611

6	0.000000 0.182871	-0.152965	-0.168611 0.085558
a		0 094056	-0 084422
9	0.000000	0.094030	-0.004422
	0.049105	0.085296	-0.237675
	0.295685	-0.239163	0.123469

Optimum Drag Levels, Bezier Design-Space Family.







# SYN83 RESULTS





FLO82 Solution, SYN83-NADOV01 Airfoil, M = 0.85,  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ .



FLO82 Solution, SYN83-NADOV02 Airfoil, M = 0.85,  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ .

## FLO82 CROSS ANALYSIS

Table VII:		
FLO82 Drag Assessment ( $C_d$	in	counts).

Airfoil	N256	N512	N1024	N2048	Continuum	$\Delta C_d$
NACA0012-ADO	470.19	470.09	471.13	471.23	471.27	-
NADOT101	487.50	488.20	488.48	488.58	488.62	+17.35
CMAES03	296.90	294.30	294.66	294.79	294.88	-176.39
CMAES06	194.24	189.00	189.48	189.68	189.82	-281.45
CMAES09	116.85	103.95	101.78	101.77	101.77	-369.50
SYN-NADOV01	153.78	123.24	119.03	118.34	118.21	-353.06
SYN-NADOV02	109.25	86.87	84.68	84.50	84.48	-386.79
SYNT101	122.22	99.20	96.75	96.64	96.63	-374.64
SIVAFOIL	118.60	72.95	51.56	46.56	45.03	-426.24

# **BISSON-NADARAJAH RESULTS**



FLO82 Solution, Bisson-Nadarajah Airfoil, M = 0.85,  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ .

## CARRIER, ET.AL. RESULTS



Carrier, et.al.: Bezier & B-Spline Comparisons.



Carrier, et.al.: Systematic Study, Drag-Convergence.

# CARRIER, ET.AL. RESULTS



Carrier, et.al.: Geometry & Pressure Comparisons

# NACA0012-ADO SUMMARY

- CHALLENGING PROBLEM
  - OPTIMUMS EXHIBIT SINGULAR BEHAVIOR
- DIMENSION MATTERS
  - DESIGNS IMPROVE (TO A POINT)
  - OPTIMIZATION COSTS CAN SCALE
  - OPTIMIZATIONS CAN HANG
- LOCAL VS. GLOBAL CONTROL
  - BETTER DESIGNS WITH LOCAL CONTROL
  - CODER VS. CARRIER
- DISTRIBUTION OF DVs MATTER

# ONERA-M6 OUTLINE

- PROBLEM STATEMENT - THREE VARIATIONS
- SYN107 RESULTS
  - DRAG CONVERGENCE HISTORIES
  - COMPARISON OF PRESSURES
  - COMPARISON OF GEOMETRIES
- DISCUSSIONS
  - DRAG LOOPS
  - DESIGN SPACE
  - AREA RULING

# ONERA-M6 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The second example case we present is based on the benchmark ONERA-M6 wing at flow conditions:

$$M = 0.923, \ \alpha = 0^{\circ}, \ Ren = 20x10^{6}.$$

We conduct 3 optimizations with varying thickness constraints. The objective is to minimize total drag, subject to the following geometric constraints on each airfoil section.

> $Tmax_{opt} \geq Tmax_{M6},$  $Tdist_{opt} \geq [0.95, 0.90, 0.50] * Tdist_{M6}.$

SYN107 is run with its B-Spline design space and is arbitrarily terminated after 50 design cycles.

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ONERA-M6 Baseline & Optimized Wings Surface Pressures.

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![](_page_58_Figure_0.jpeg)

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![](_page_60_Figure_0.jpeg)

ONERA-M6 Baseline & Optimized Wings Isobars.

![](_page_61_Figure_0.jpeg)

Surface  $\Delta Z$  of ONERA-M6 Wing (Optimized - Baseline).

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![](_page_64_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Figure_2.jpeg)

ONERA-M6 Baseline & Optimums Thickness Distributions.

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![](_page_65_Figure_2.jpeg)

ONERA-M6 Baseline & Optimums  $R_{LE}$  Distributions.

# ONERA-M6 SUMMARY

- OPTIMIZATIONS HOLDING TMAX
   LARGE DRAG REDUCTIONS OBTAINED
- DRAG LOOPS EXPLAINED
- DISTRIBUTION OF SHAPE CHANGES
  - MODERATE  $\Delta Z$ s ALIGNED WITH SHOCK
  - LARGEST  $\Delta Z$ s IN UNEXPECTED REGIONS
  - IN RETROSPECT AREA RULING
- USER DEFINED DESIGN SPACE, N << 100
  - LIKELY INADEQUATE PLACEMENT OF DVs
  - LIKELY NOT RECOGNIZED AS SUCH

# ADO-CRM-WING OUTLINE

## • PROBLEM STATEMENT

- NASA COMMON RESEARCH MODEL
- WING EXTRACTED & TRANSFORMED
- SYN107 RESULTS
  - SINGLE- & MULTI-POINT DESIGNS
  - PRESSURE DISTRIBUTIONS
  - DRAG CONVERGENCE HISTORIES
  - DRAG POLARS, LIFT & PITCH CURVES

## DISCUSSIONS

- VOLUME & PITCH CONSTRAINTS

## ADO-CRM-WING MODEL PROBLEM

The model problem for our third test case is based on the NASA Common Research Model (CRM) developed by Vassberg. Wing extracted and transformed by Osusky.

The objective is to minimize the drag of the ADO-CRM-Wing at the flow condition of M = 0.85 and  $Re = 5 \times 10^6$ , considering a fully-turbulent flow, and subject to the following constraints.

$$C_L = 0.50 + [0.55, 0.45]$$
  
 $C_M \geq -0.17$   
 $Volume \geq Volume_{initial}$ 

where, *Volume* refers to the internal volume of the wing.

# ADO-CRM-WING MODEL PROBLEM

Reference Quantities:

$$Cref = 1.0,$$
  
 $Sref/2 = 3.407014,$   
 $b/2 = 3.75820,$   
 $AR = 8.29117,$   
 $[X, Y, Z)_{ref} = (1.2077, 0.0, 0.007669).$ 

Note:

These reference quantities are different than those of the CRM configuration, in that they have been scaled down by Cref. Also, the wing has been shifted inward to place the side-of-body station at the symmetry plane. Hence, Sref is further reduced.

## ADO-CRM WING CASE

Table VIII: SYN107 Optimizations  $C_L = 0.5, M = 0.85, Re = 5 \times 10^6$  $\overline{C}_L$  $\overline{C}_M$ WING  $C_D$ BASELINE -0.1843 0.5005 0.02188 CRMADOV09 0.4989 0.02074 -0.1696 CRMADOV10 0.02089 -0.1702 0.4993

WING	$C_L$	$dC_D/dC_L$	$dC_M/dC_L$
BASELINE	0.5005	0.05355	-0.34786
CRMADOV09	0.4989	0.04375	-0.33373
CRMADOV10	0.4993	0.04364	-0.30294

WING	$C_L cor$	$C_D cor$	$C_M cor$
BASELINE	0.5	0.02185	-0.18416
CRMADOV09	0.5	0.02079	-0.16993
CRMADOV10	0.5	0.02092	-0.17043

Note: OVERFLOW Cross-Analysis of CRMADOV09 shows a 10.0-count Improvement.

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Baseline ADO-CRM-Wing Solution.


CRMADOV09 Wing, M = 0.85,  $C_L = 0.50$ ,  $Re = 5 \times 10^6$ .



CRMADOV10 Wing, M = 0.85,  $C_L = 0.50$ ,  $Re = 5 \times 10^6$ .



CRMADOV10 Wing, M = 0.85,  $C_L = 0.55$ ,  $Re = 5 \times 10^6$ .



CRMADOV10 Wing, M = 0.85,  $C_L = 0.45$ ,  $Re = 5 \times 10^6$ .







ADO-CRM Drag Convergence

M = 0.85, CL = 0.5, Re = 5 million, SYN107 Results



ADO-CRM Drag Polars



### ADO-CRM Lift Curves



#### ADO-CRM Pitch Polars

M = 0.85, Re = 5 million, SYN107 Results

## ADO-CRM-WING SUMMARY

## • SYN107 OPTIMIZATIONS

- $C_L$  = 0.5,  $C_M \leq$  –0.17 & WING VOLUME
- CRMADOV09:  $\Delta C_D = 10.6 \ counts$
- CRMADOV10:  $\Delta C_D = 9.3 \ counts$
- CRMADOV09  $\simeq$  THEORETICAL LIMIT
  - ESSENTIALLY NO SHOCK DRAG
  - CLOSE TO ELLIPTIC SPANLOAD
- OVERFLOW CROSS-ANALYSIS

- CRMADOV09:  $\Delta C_D = 10.0 \ counts$ 

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# QUESTIONS

