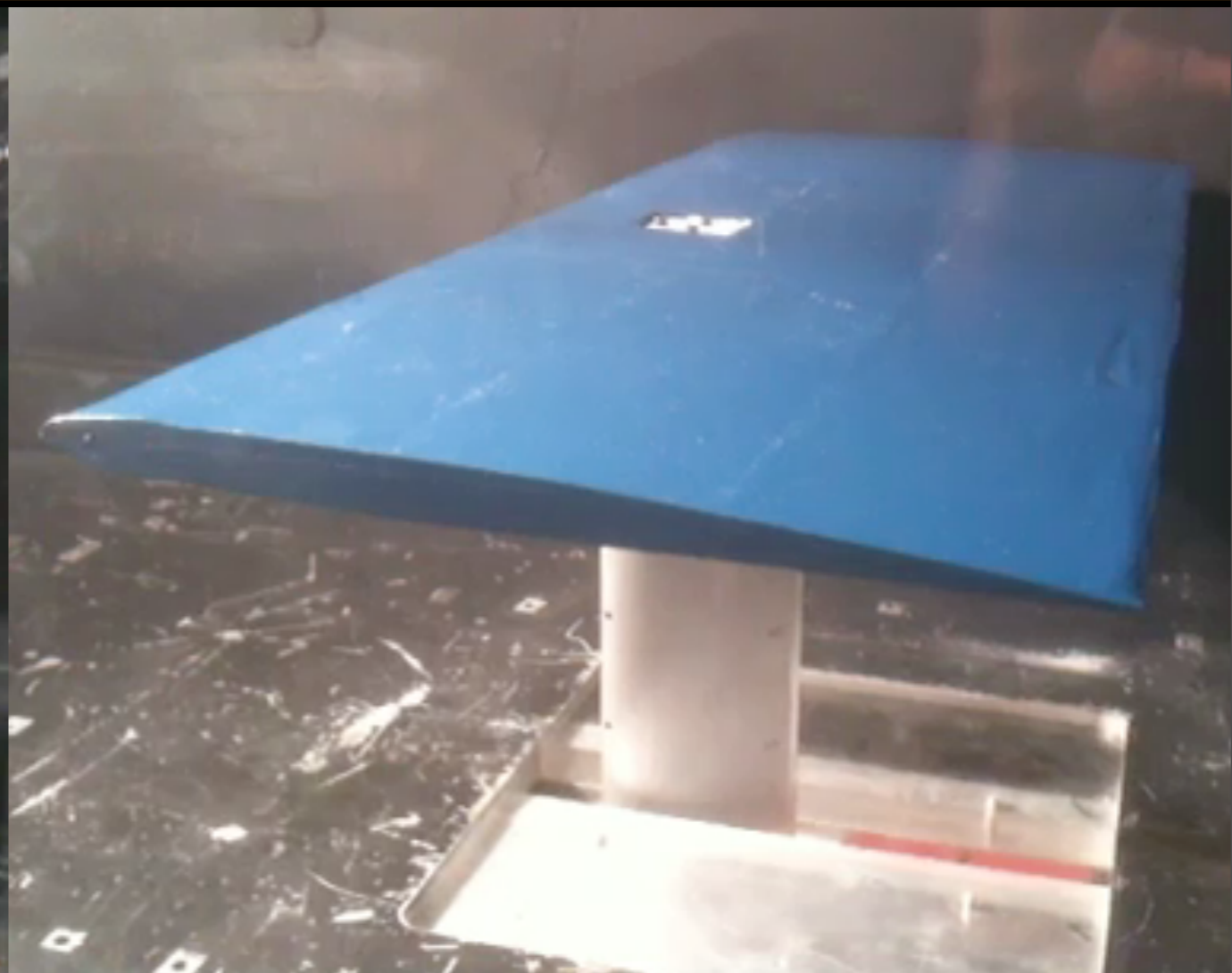


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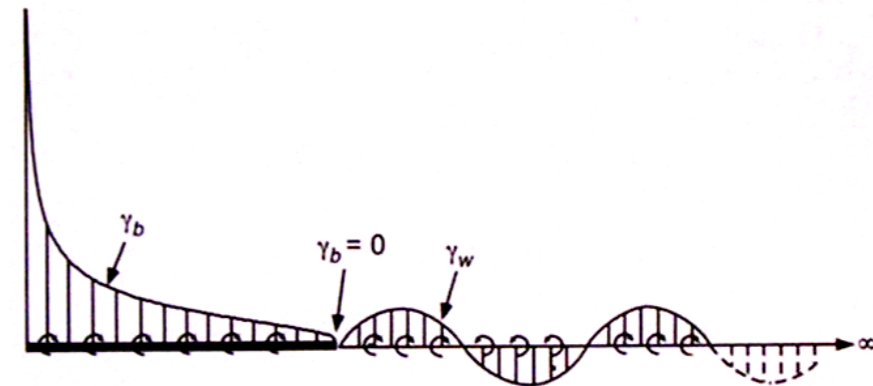
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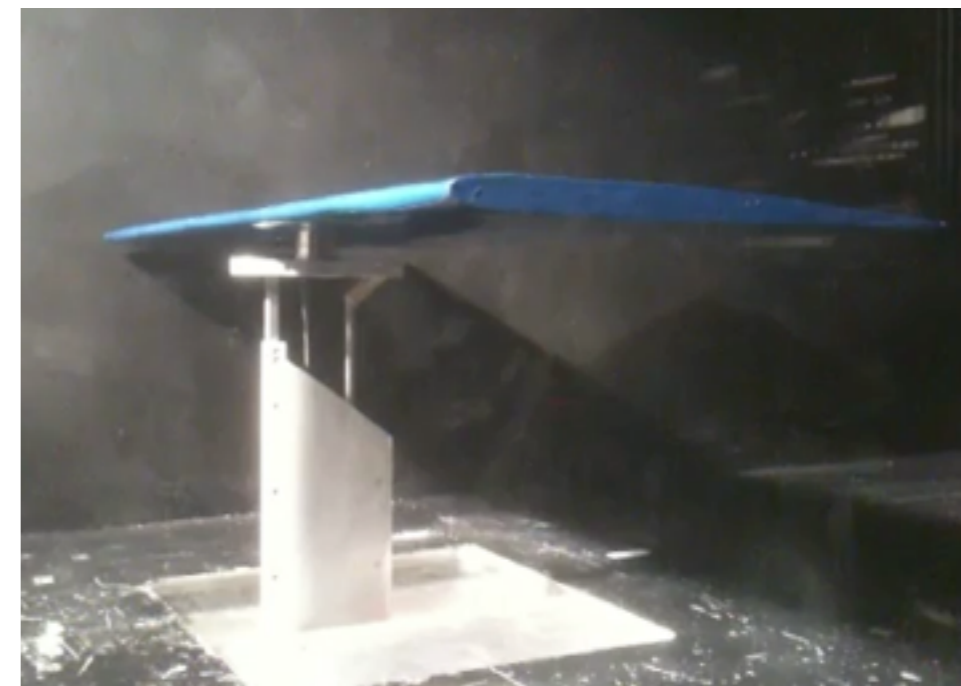
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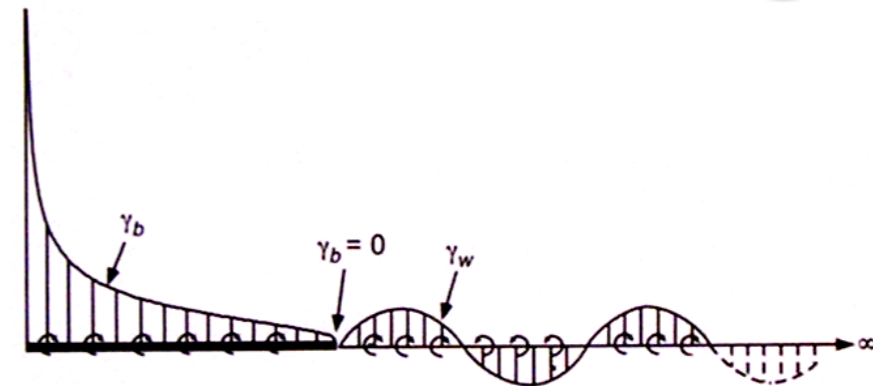
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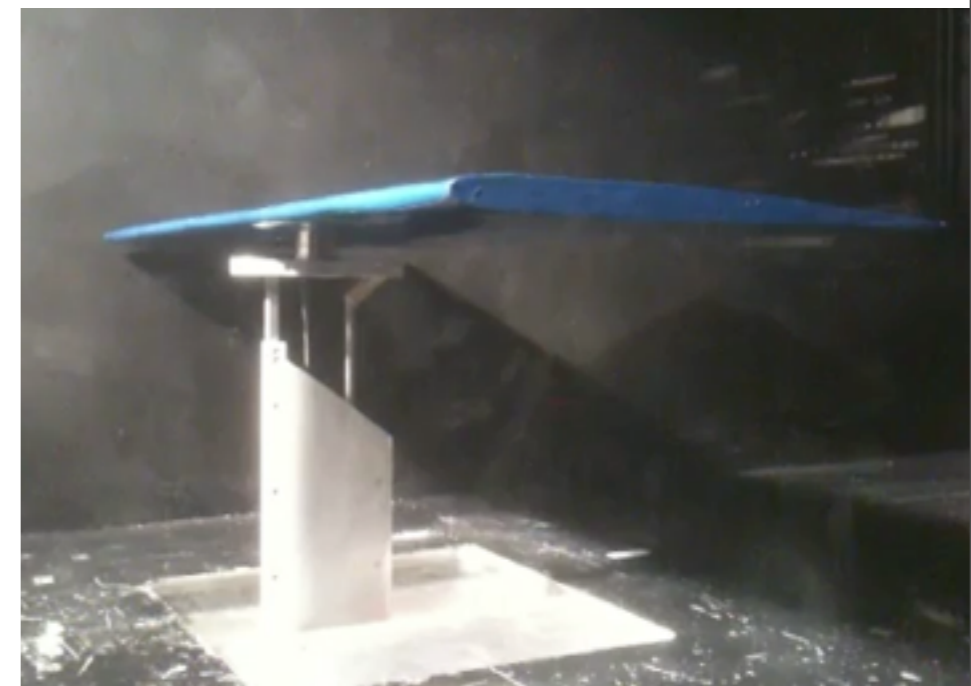
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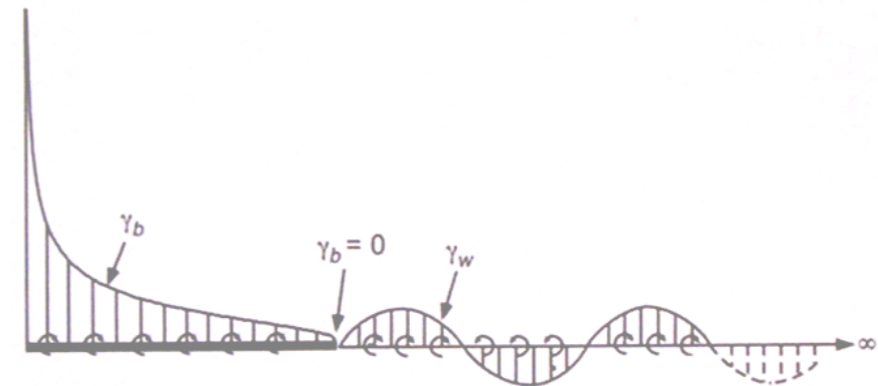
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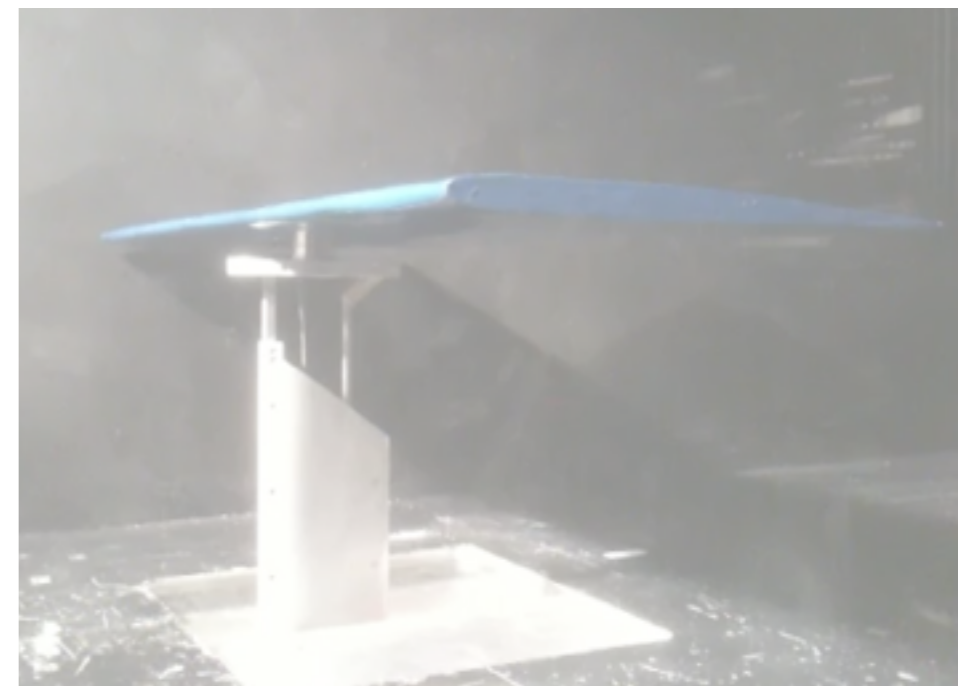
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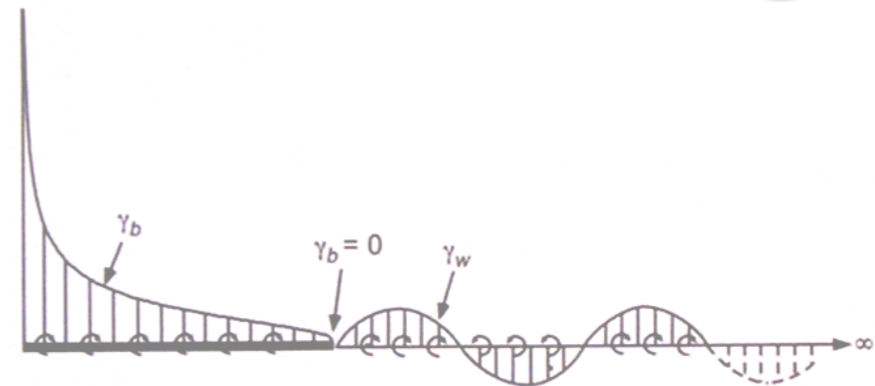
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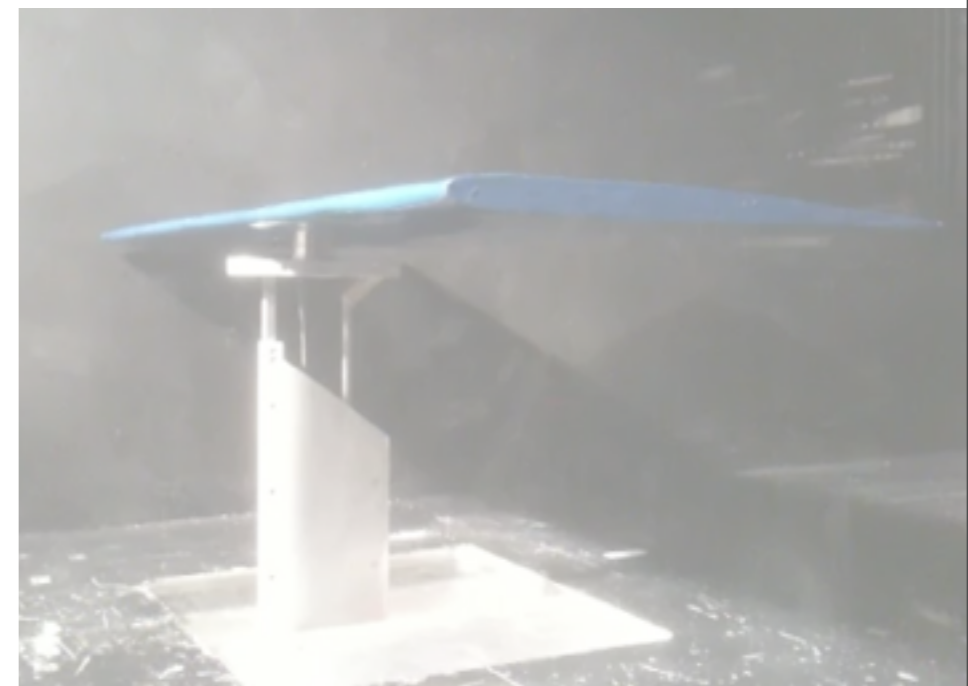
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# Motivation



## Applications of Unsteady Models

**Conventional UAVs (performance/robustness)**

**Micro air vehicles (MAVs)**

**Flow control, flight dynamic control**

**Autopilots / Flight simulators**

**Gust disturbance mitigation**

**Understand bird/insect flight**

## Need for State-Space Models

**Need models suitable for control**

**Combining with flight models**



**Predator (General Atomics)**



**Bio-locomotion**

**FLYIT Simulators, Inc.**



**Flexible Wing  
(University of Florida)**

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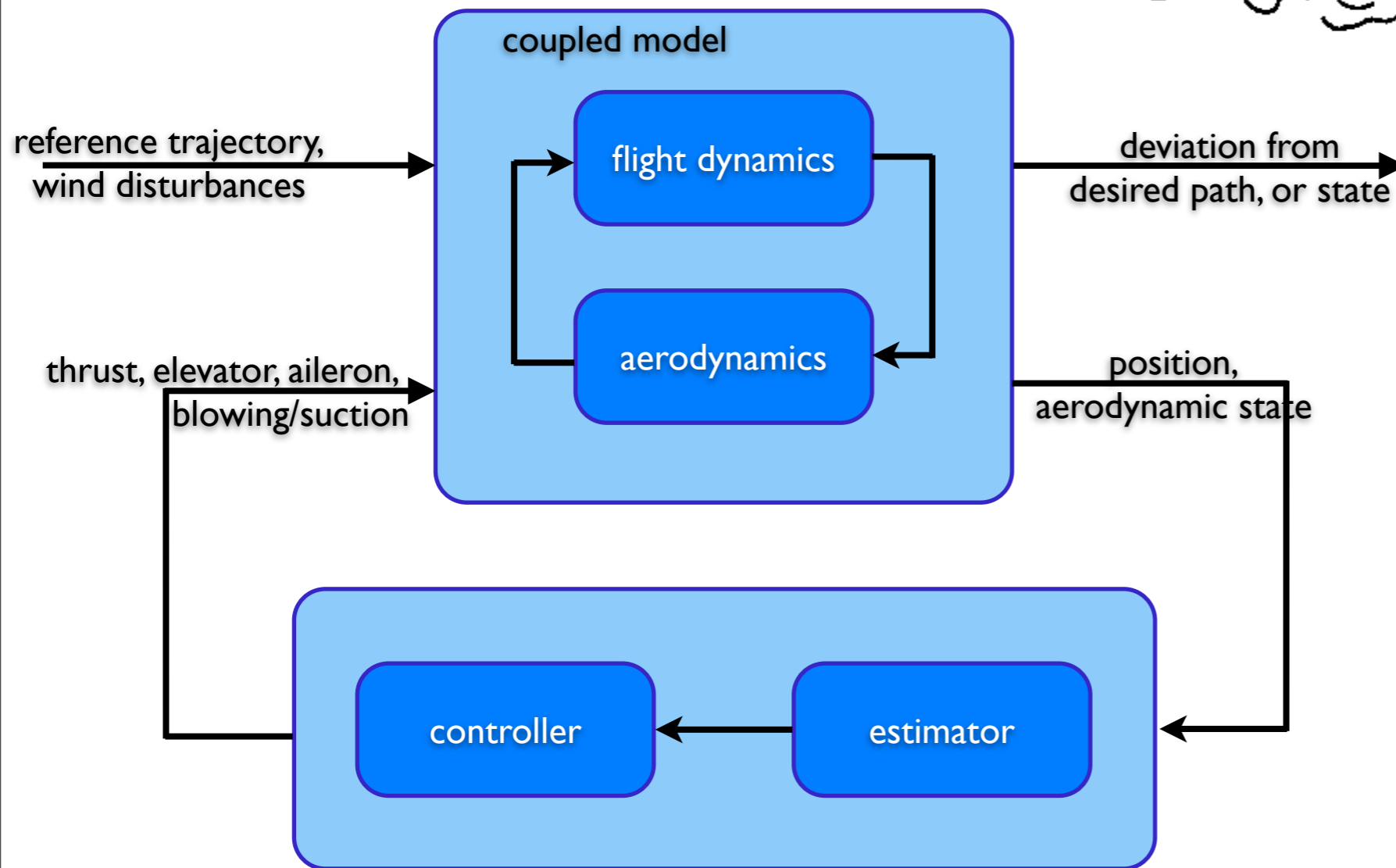
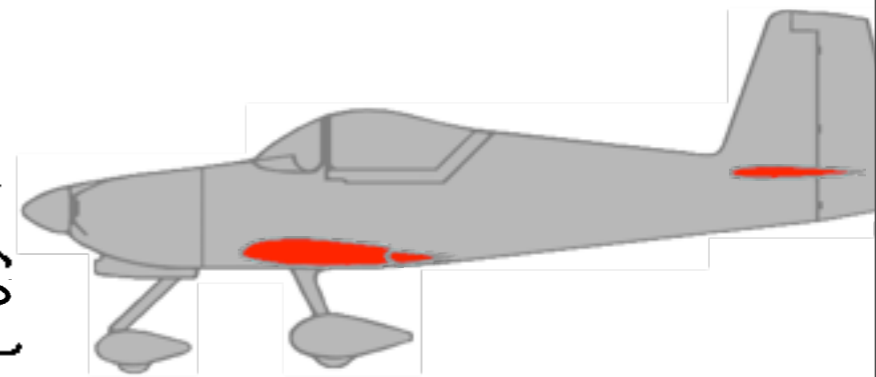


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# Flight Dynamic Control



$\mathcal{H}_2$  – optimal control framework



# Stall velocity and size



Smaller, lower stall velocity



**RQ-1 Predator  
(27 m/s stall)**



**Daedalus Dakota  
(18m/s stall)**



**Puma AE  
(10 m/s stall)**

$$V_{\text{stall}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} (C_{L_{\text{max}}} S)^{-1} W}$$

$S$	Wing surface area
$W$	Aircraft weight
$L$	Lift force
$C_L$	Lift coefficient
$V$	Velocity of aircraft

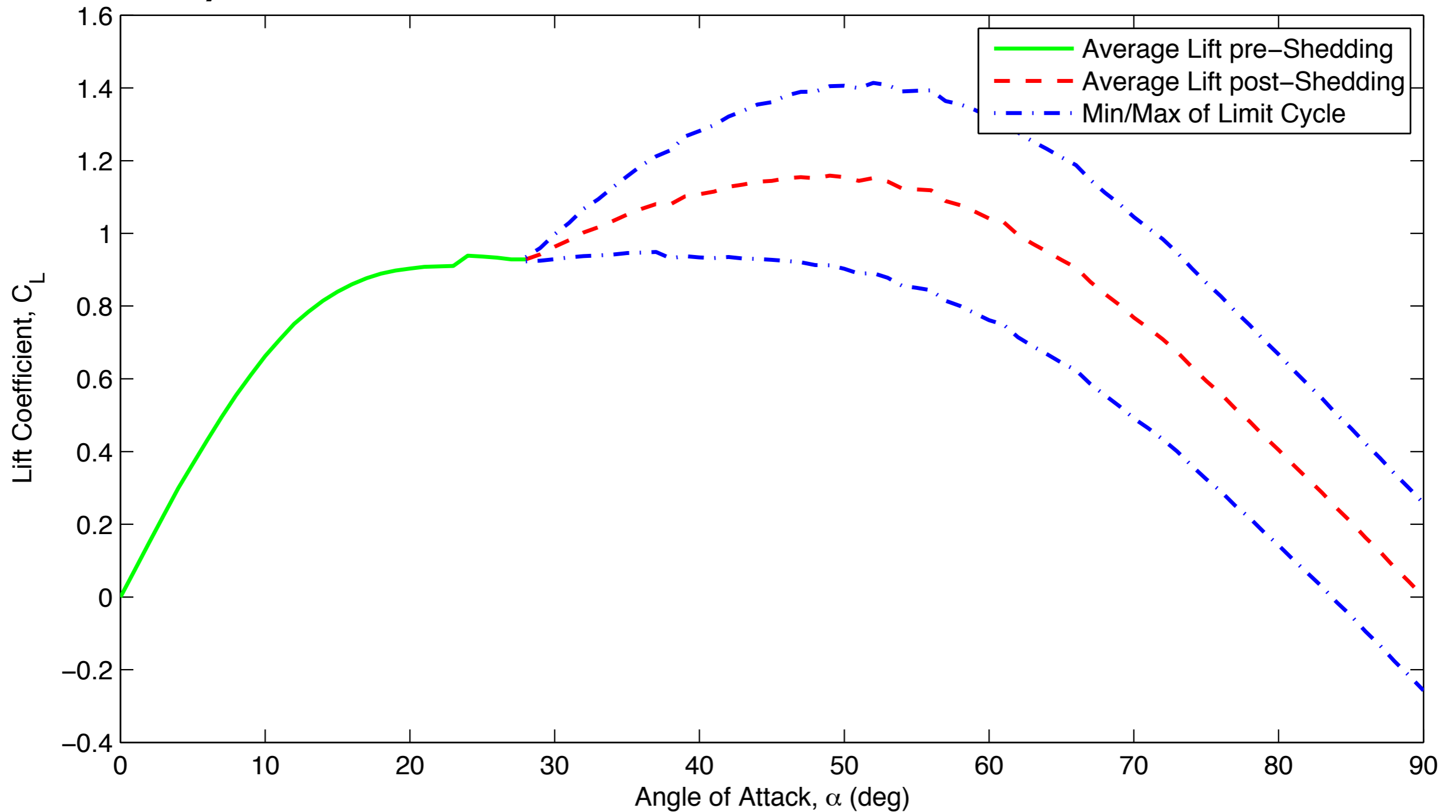
**Unsteady phenomena become more significant,  
easier to excite for smaller vehicles**



# Lift vs. Angle of Attack



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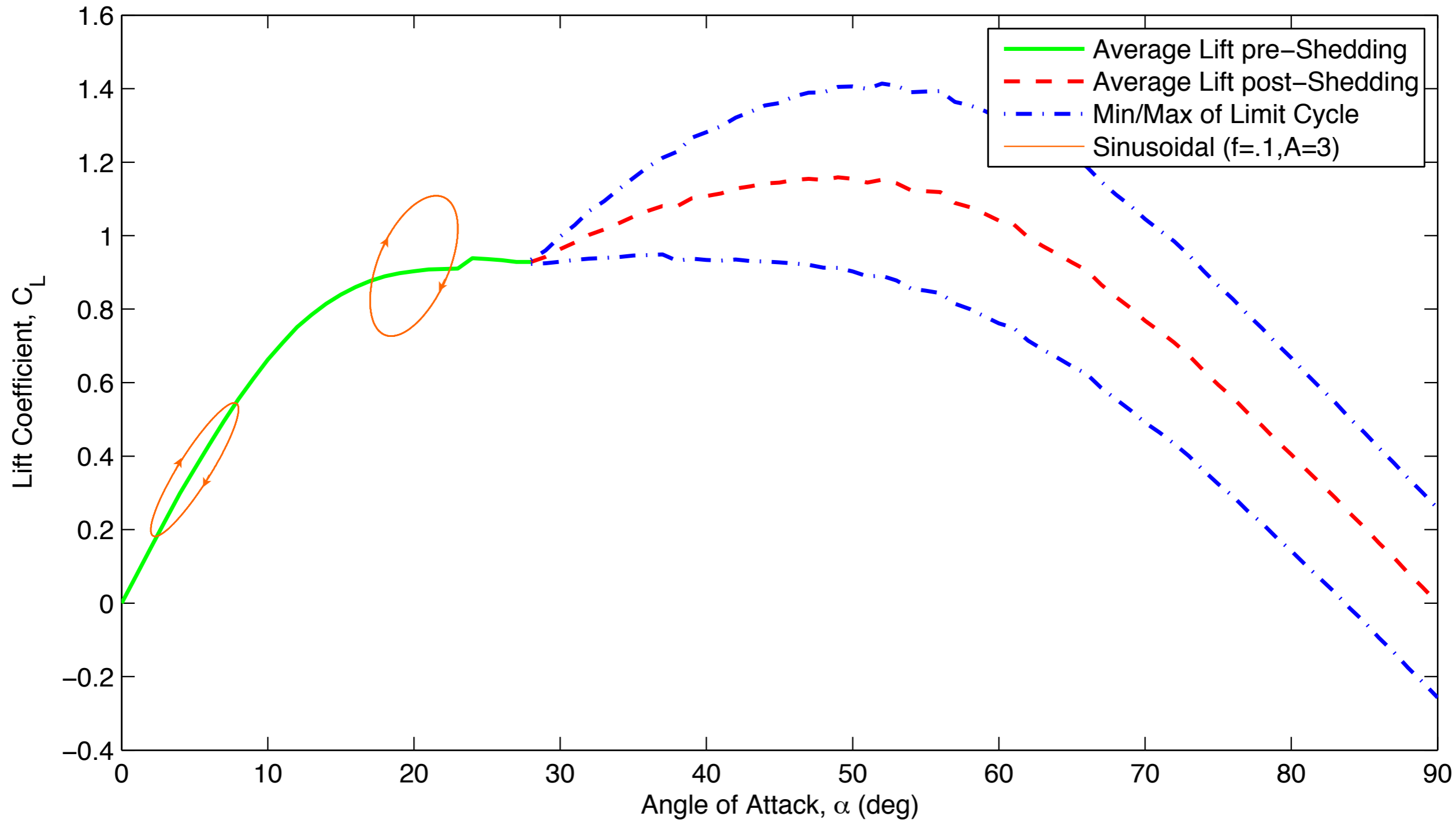
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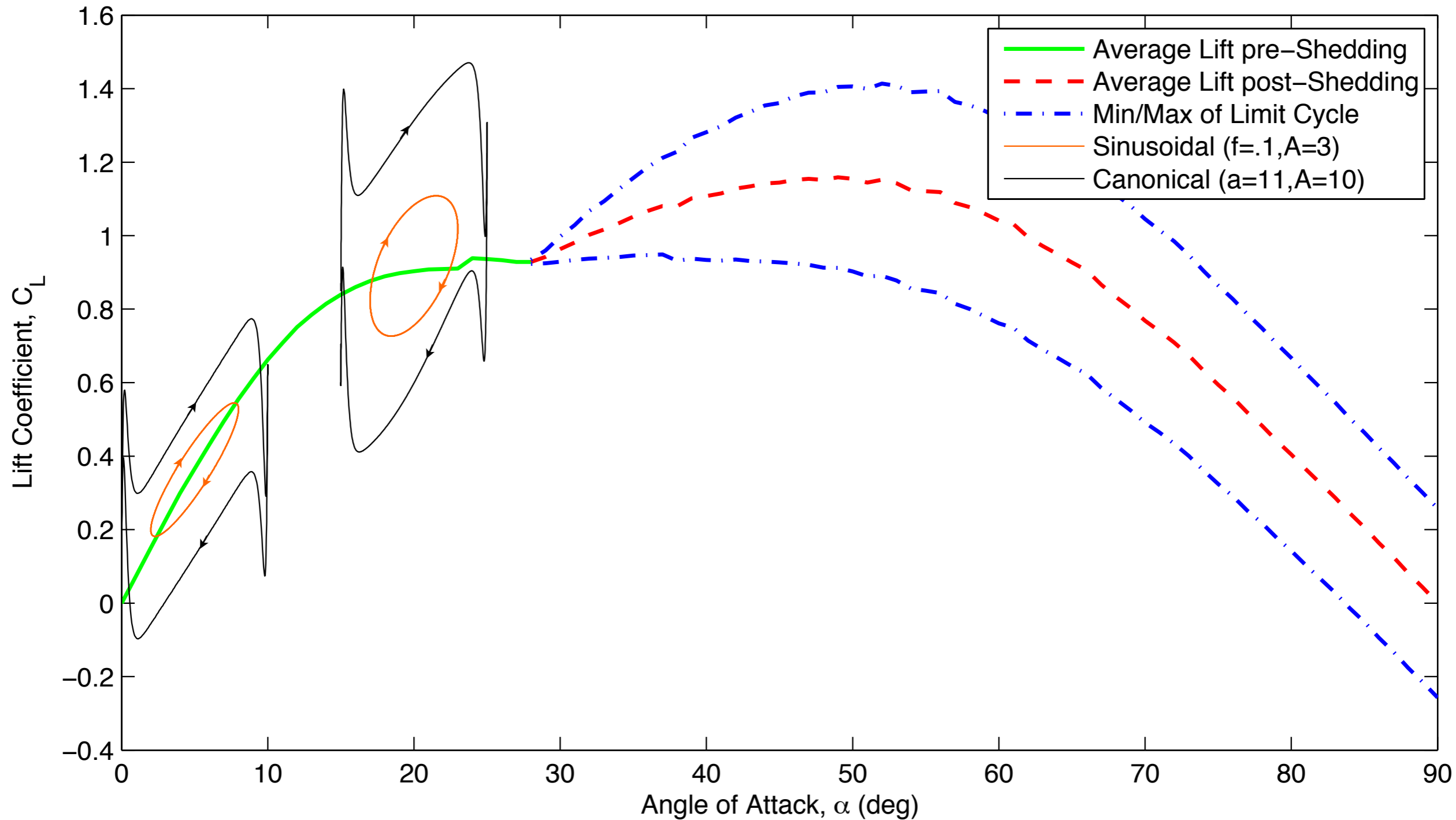
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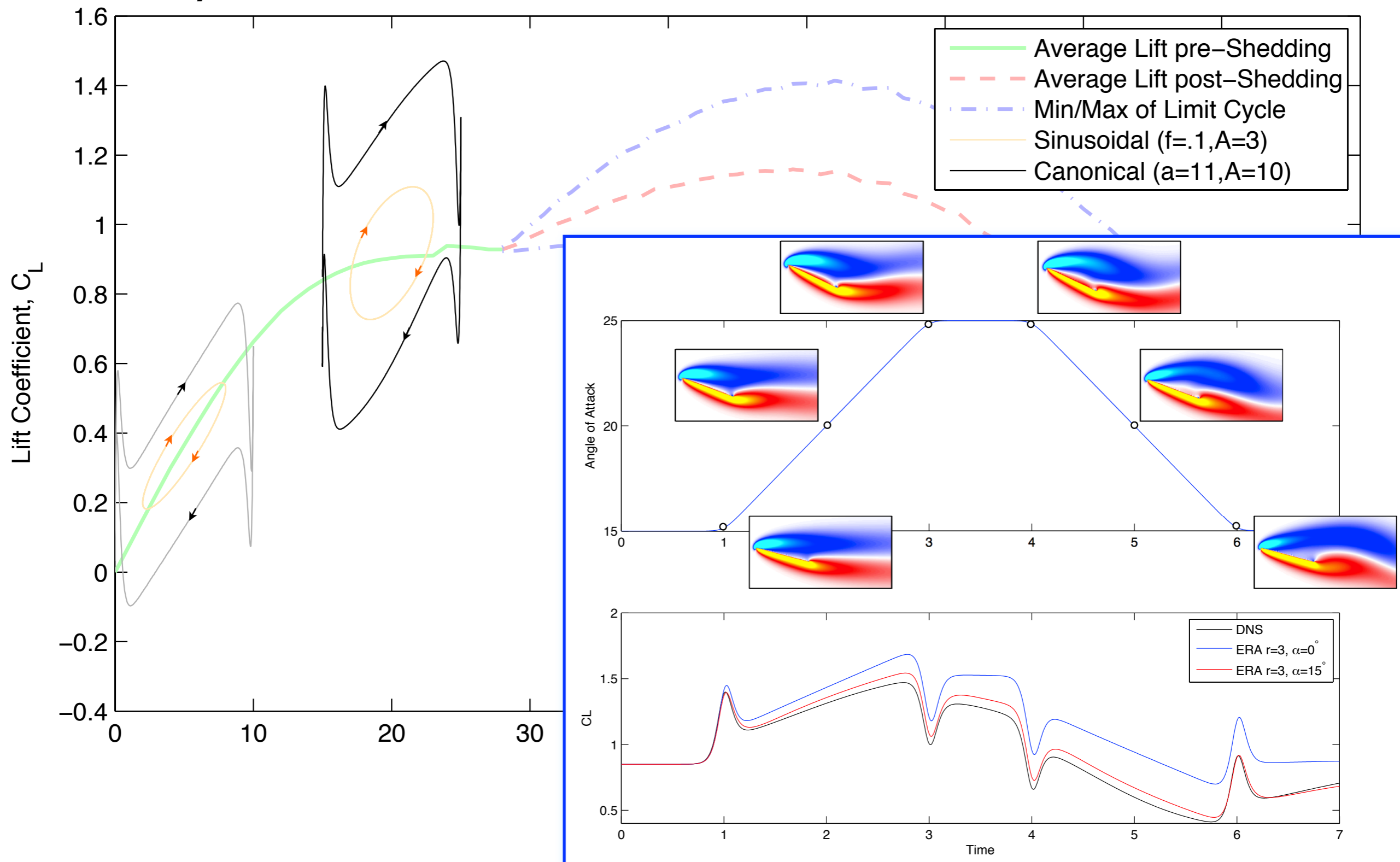
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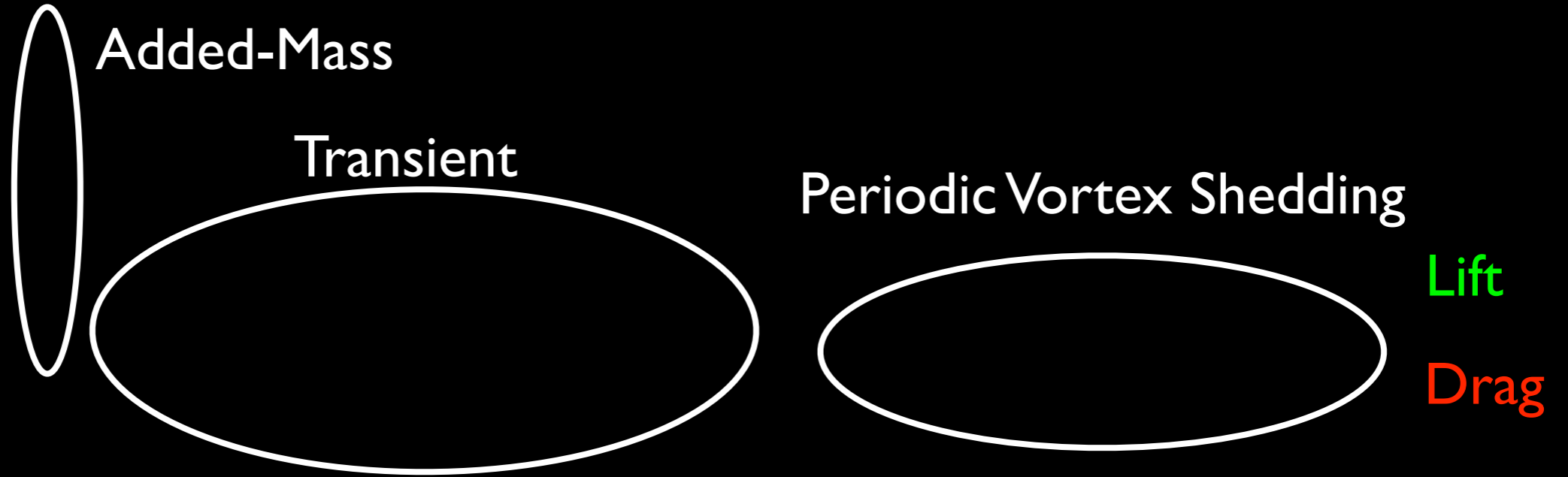
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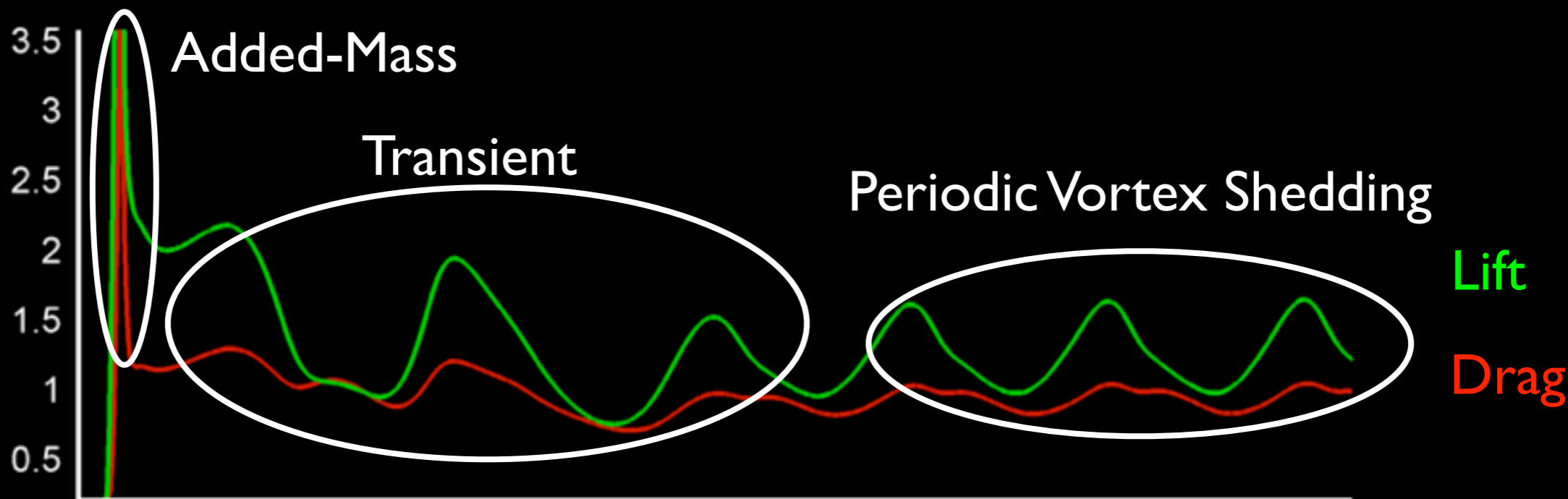
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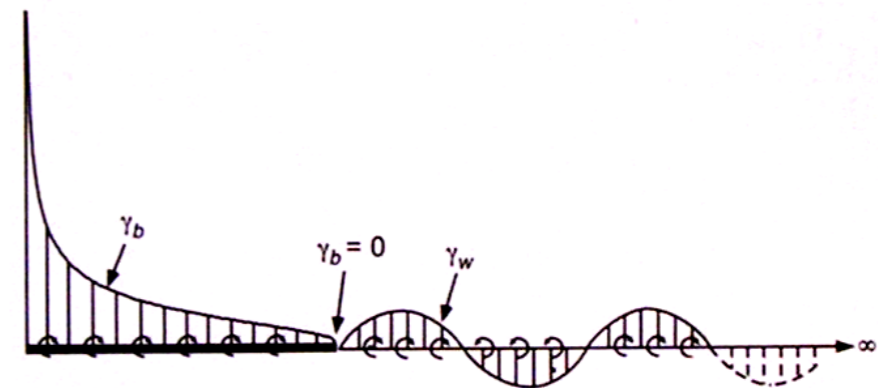
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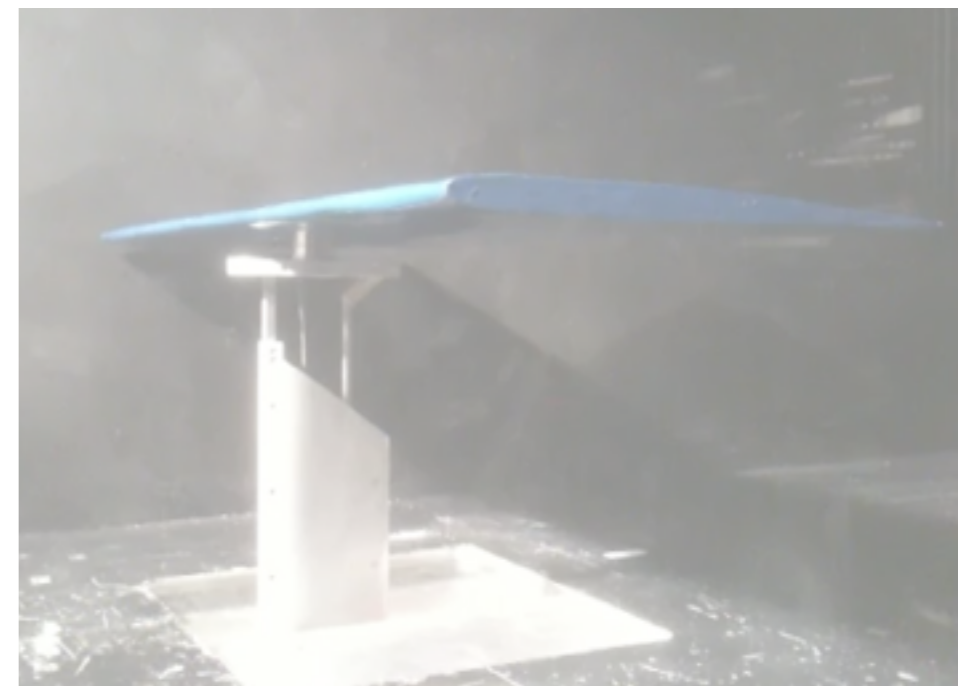
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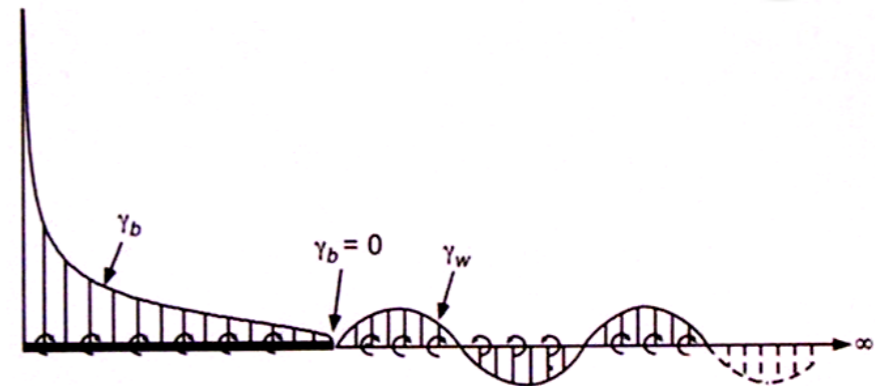
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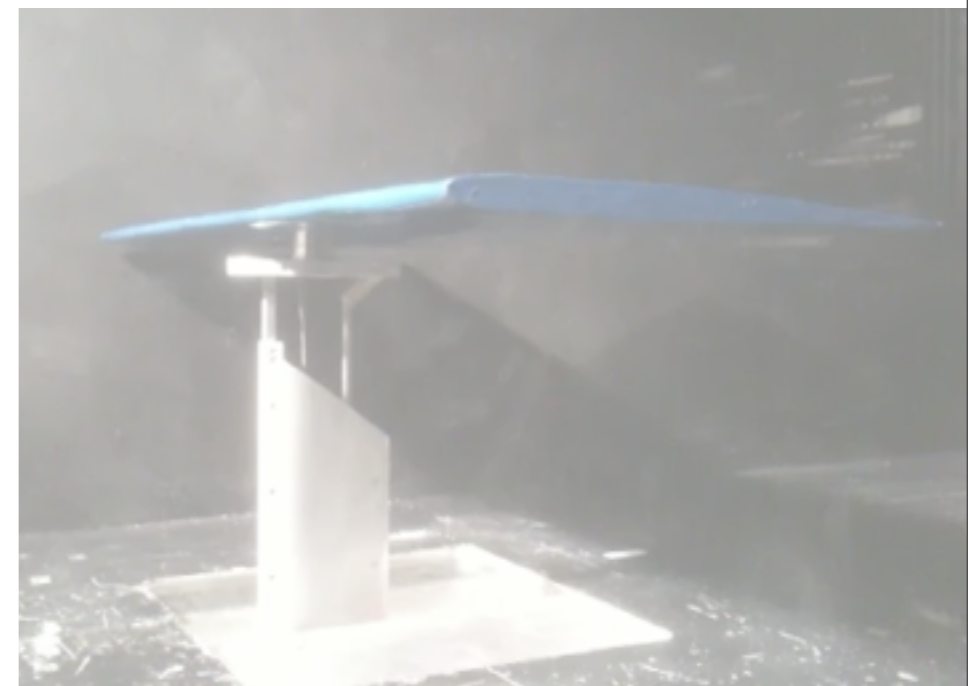
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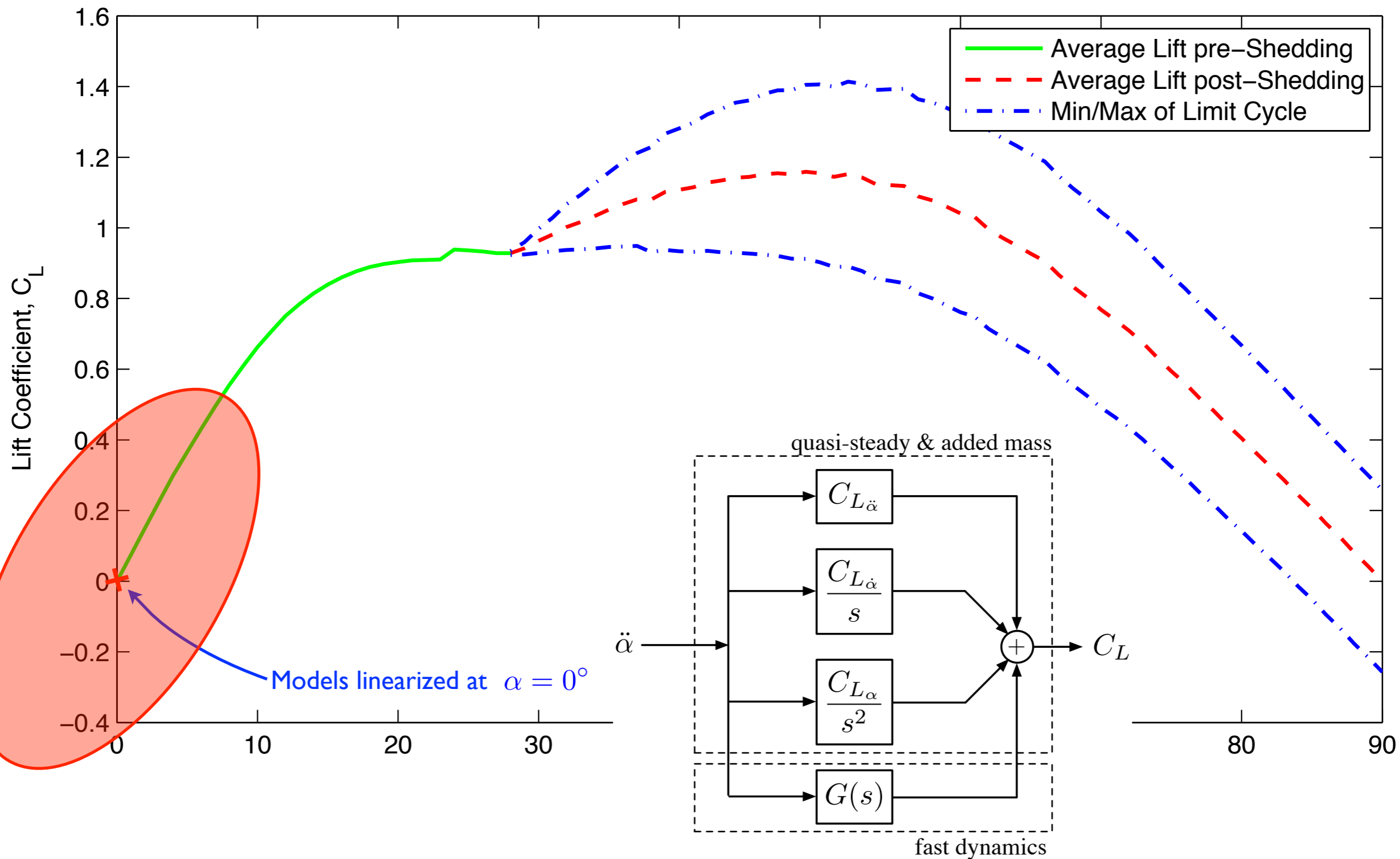
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# Lift vs. Angle of Attack





# State-Space Indicial Response



## Indicial Response

Tuned to specific geometry, Re #

$$C_L(t) = C_L^\delta(t)\alpha(0) + \int_0^t C_L^\delta(t - \tau)\dot{\alpha}(\tau)d\tau$$

## Theodorsen's Model

Physically motivated components

Parametrized by pitch point

Frequency domain, idealized assumptions

$$C_L = \underbrace{\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \ddot{h} + \dot{\alpha} - \frac{a}{2}\ddot{\alpha} \right]}_{\text{Added-Mass}} + 2\pi \underbrace{\left[ \alpha + \dot{h} + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{2} - a \right) \right]}_{\text{Circulatory}} C(k)$$

## State-Space Model

Captures input output dynamics accurately

Computationally tractable

**fits into control framework**

fast dynamics

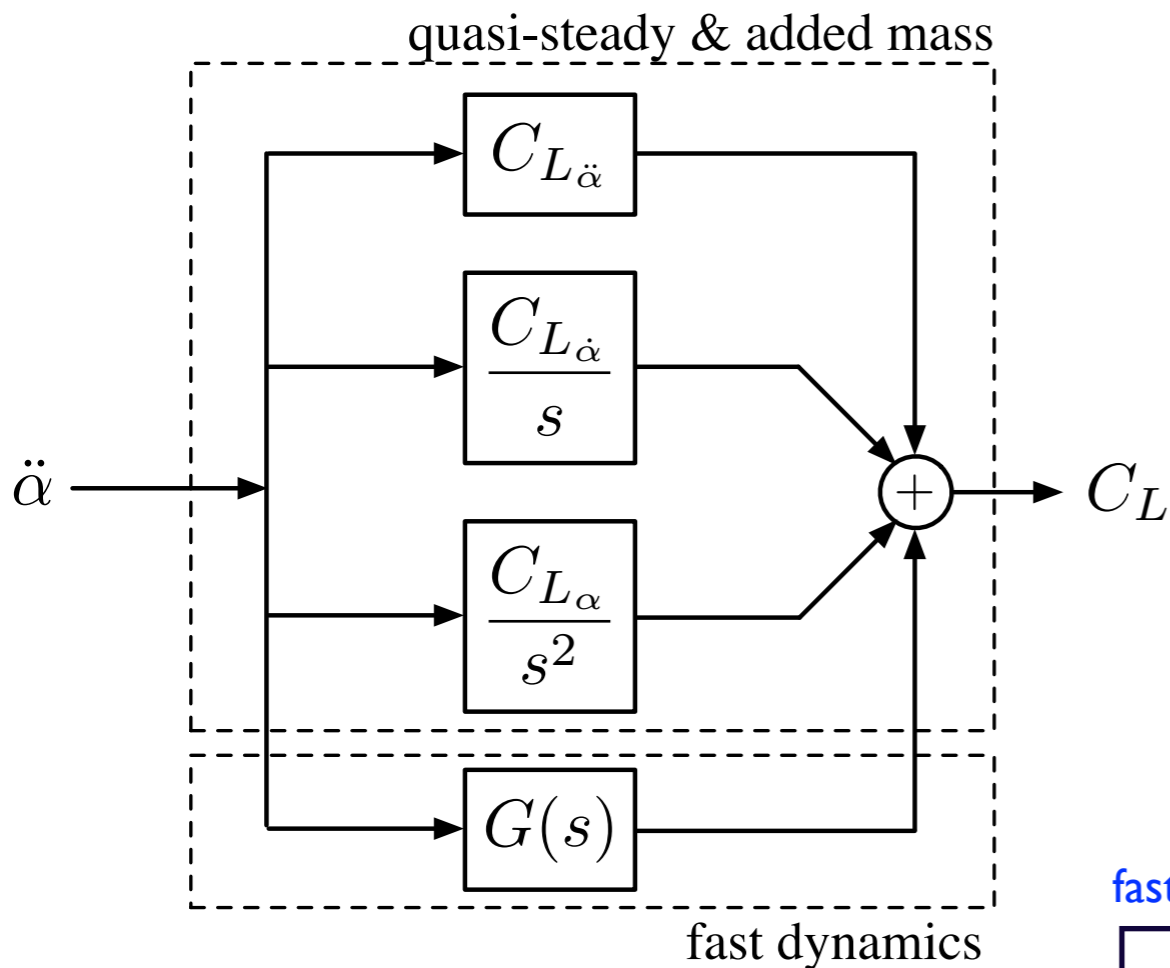
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quasi-steady and added-mass



# State-Space Indicial Response



## Model Summary

Linearized about  $\alpha = 0$

Based on experiment, simulation or theory

Recovers stability derivatives  $C_{L\alpha}$ ,  $C_{L\dot{\alpha}}$ ,  $C_{L\ddot{\alpha}}$  associated with quasi-steady and added-mass

**ODE model ideal for control design**

fast dynamics

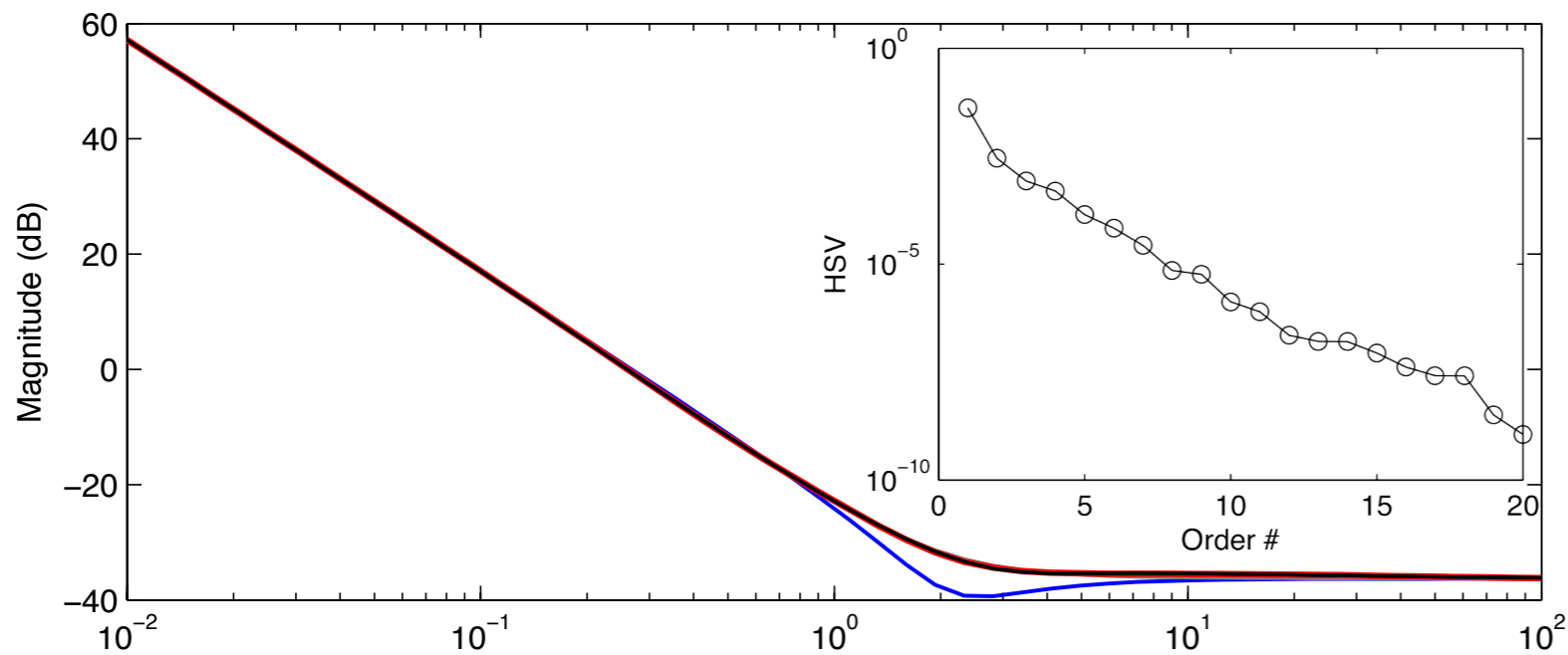
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# Bode Plot - Pitch (LE)



## Frequency response

input is  $\ddot{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha$  is angle of attack)

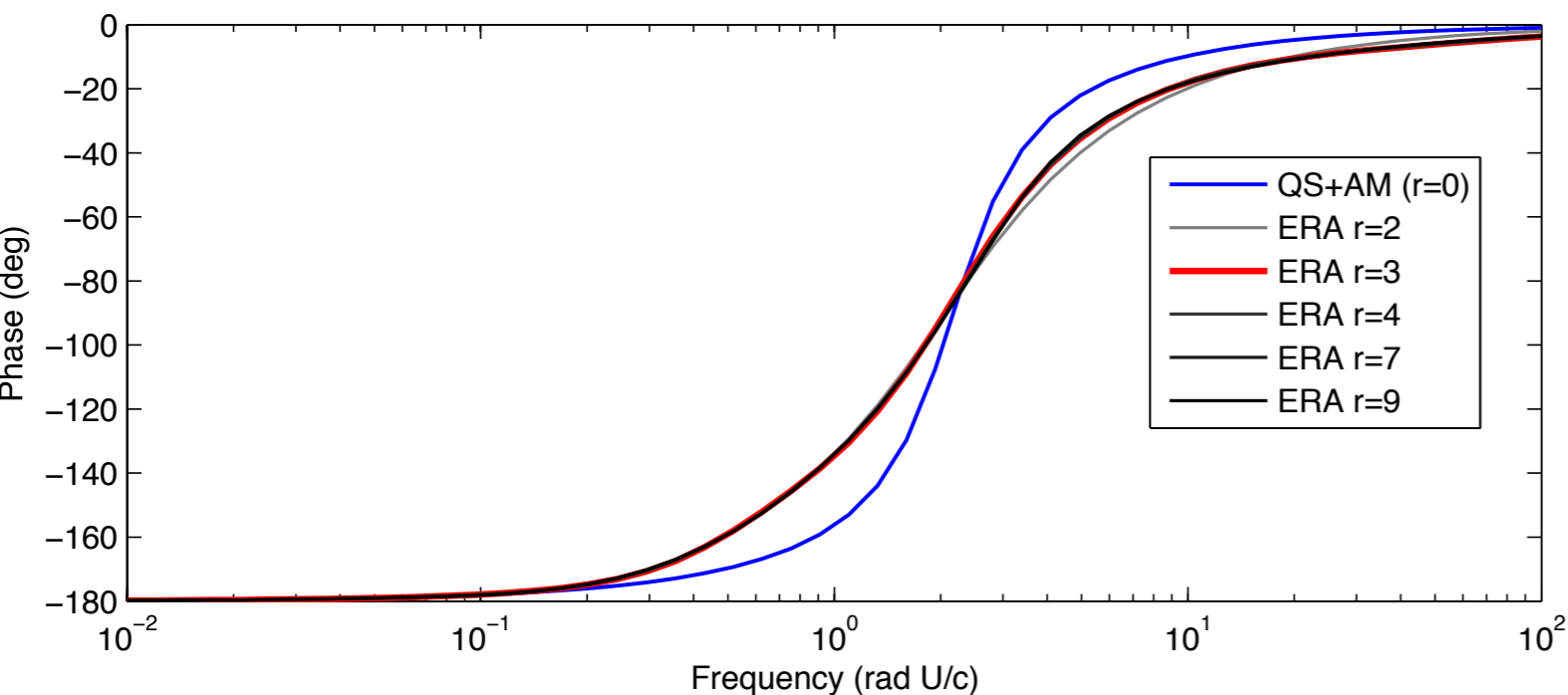
output is lift coefficient  $C_L$

Pitching at leading edge

**Model without additional fast dynamics [QS+AM (r=0)] is inaccurate in crossover region**

**Models with fast dynamics of ERA model order >3 are converged**

**Punchline: additional fast dynamics (ERA model) are essential**



**Brunton and Rowley, in preparation.**



# Bode Plot - Pitch (QC)



## Frequency response

input is  $\ddot{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha$  is angle of attack)

output is lift coefficient  $C_L$

Pitching at quarter chord

**Reduced order model with ERA  $r=3$   
accurately reproduces Indicial Response**

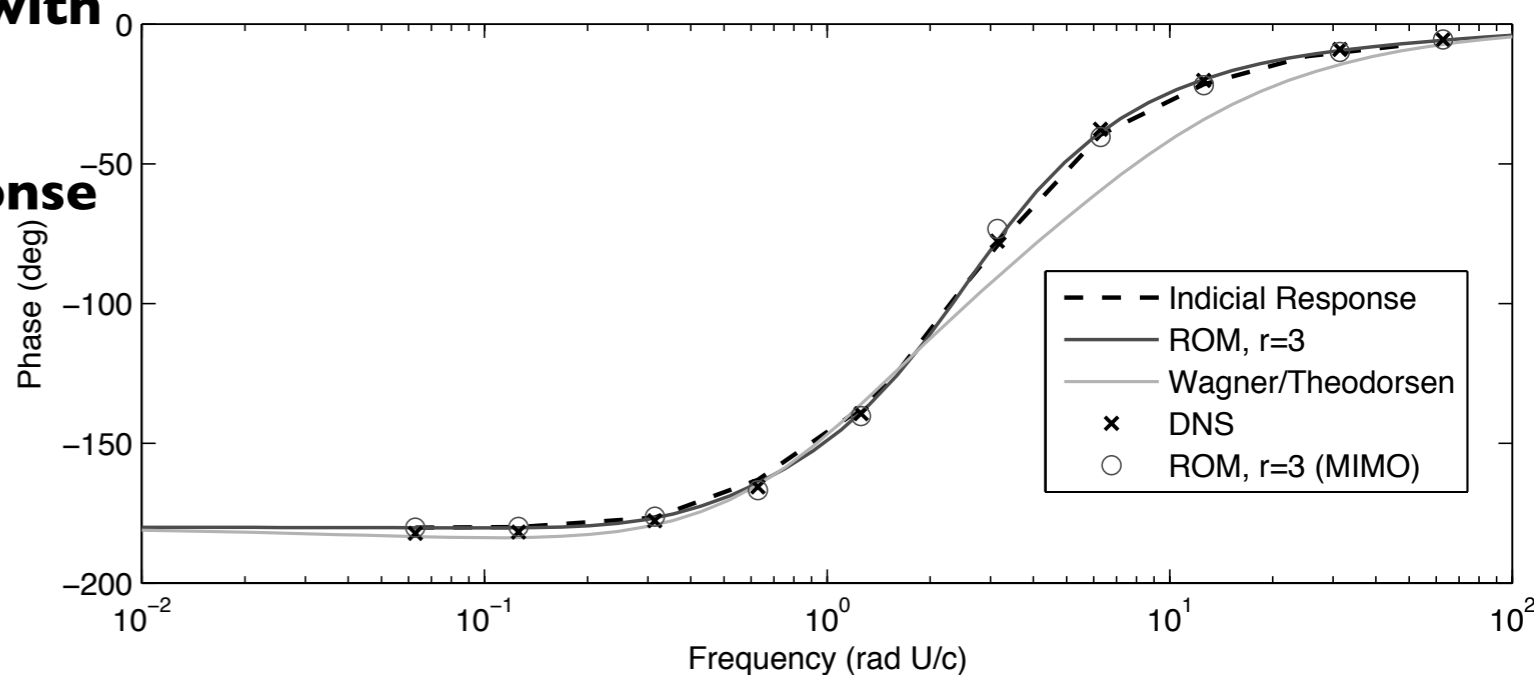
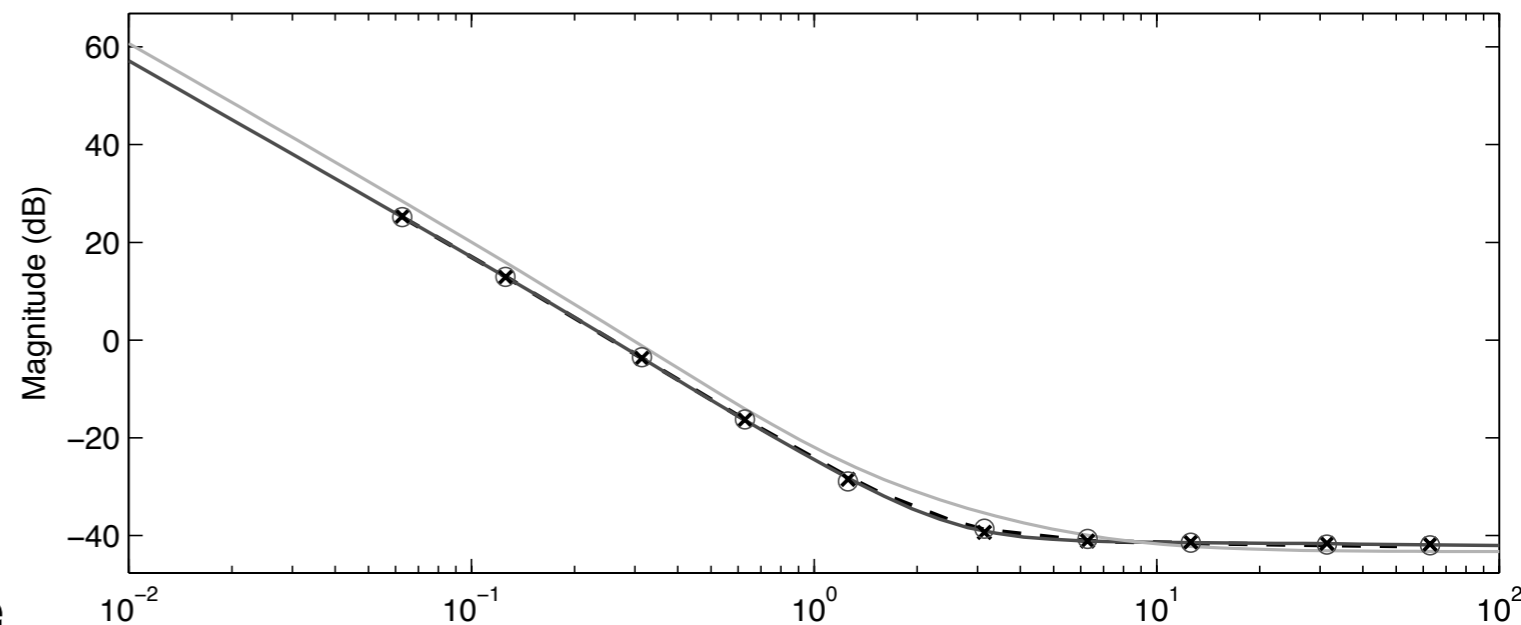
**Indicial Response and ROM agree better with  
DNS than Theodorsen's model.**

**Asymptotes are correct for Indicial Response  
because it is based on experiment**

**Model for pitch/plunge dynamics  
[ERA,  $r=3$  (MIMO)] works as well,  
for the same order model**

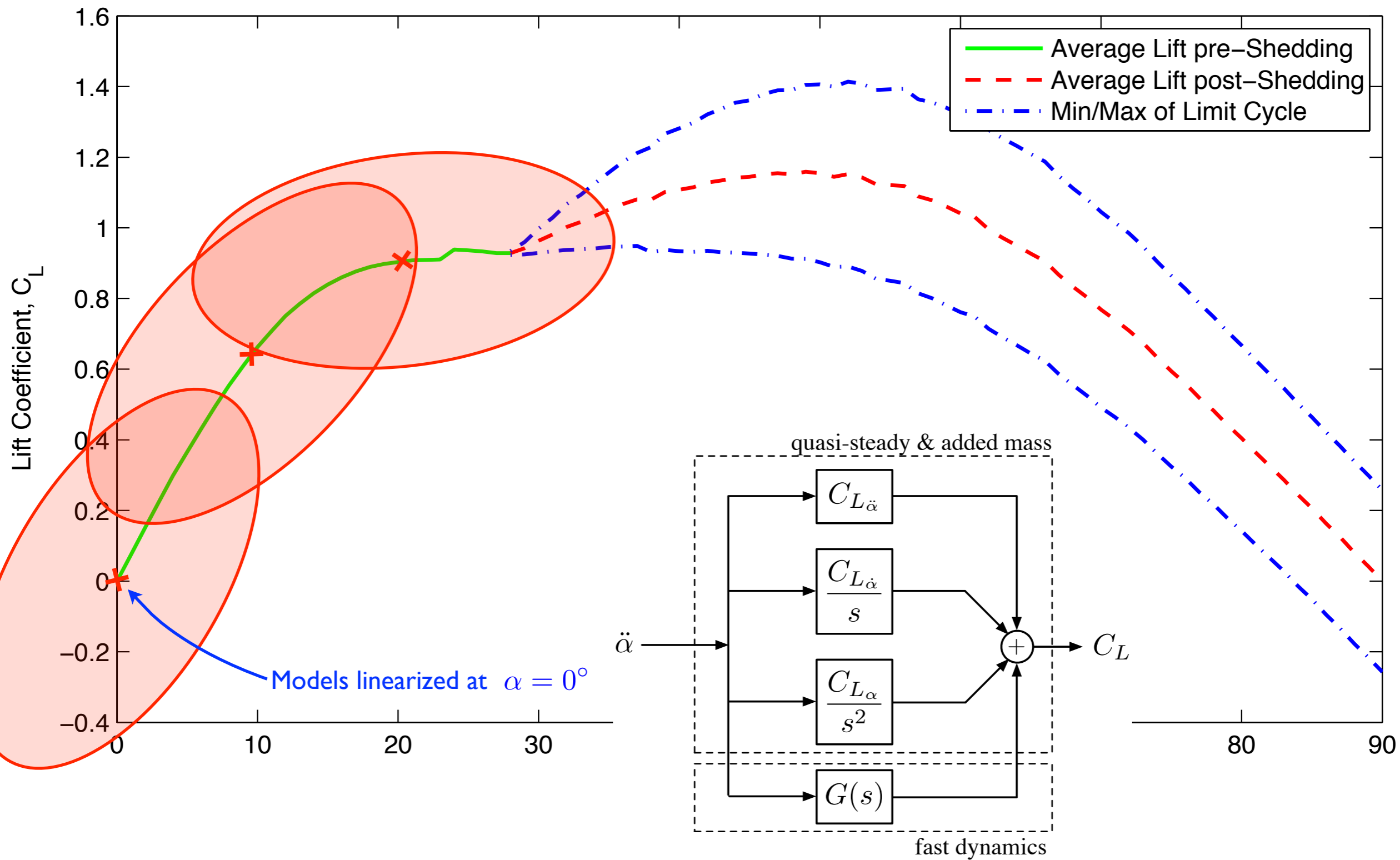
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## Quarter-Chord Pitching





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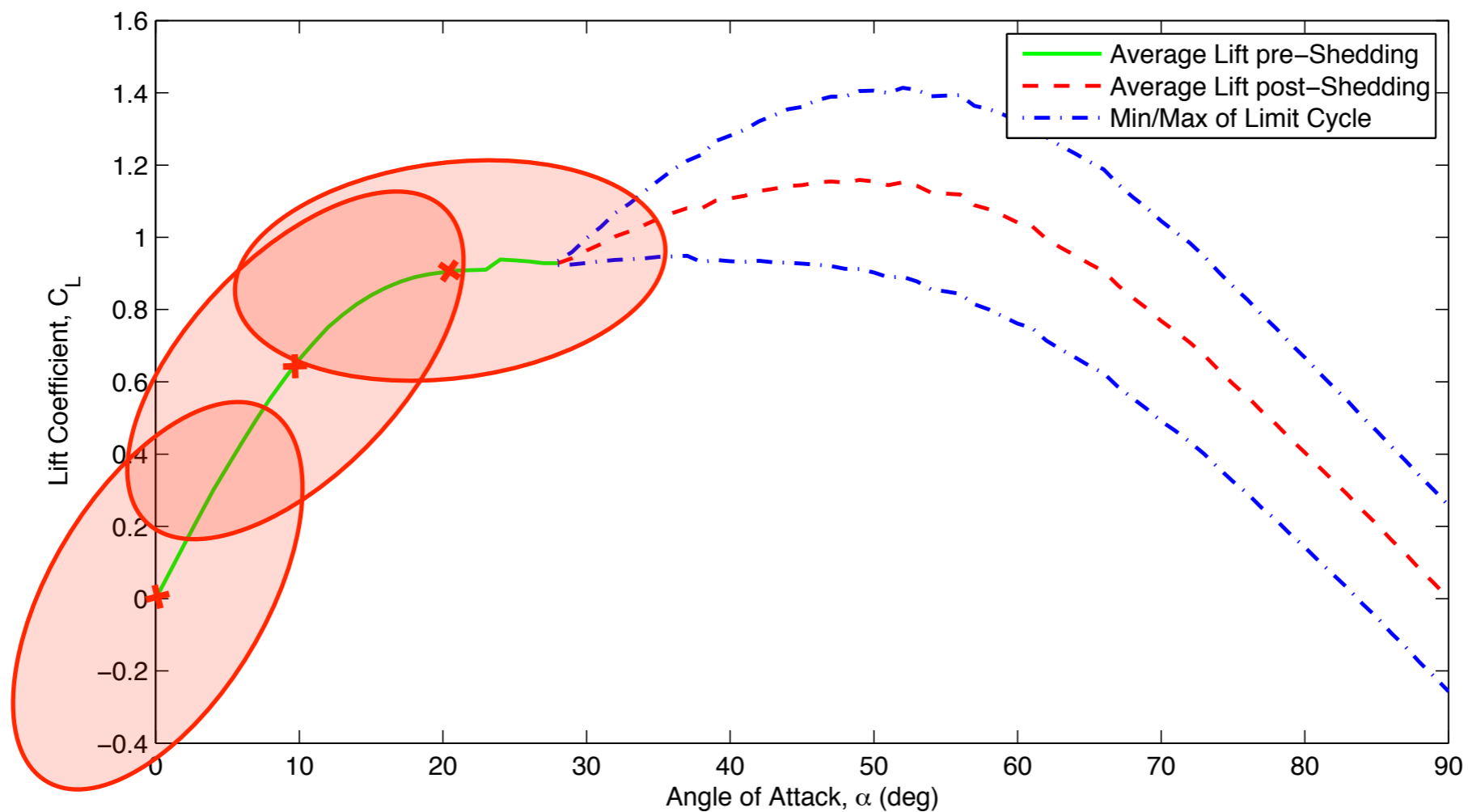
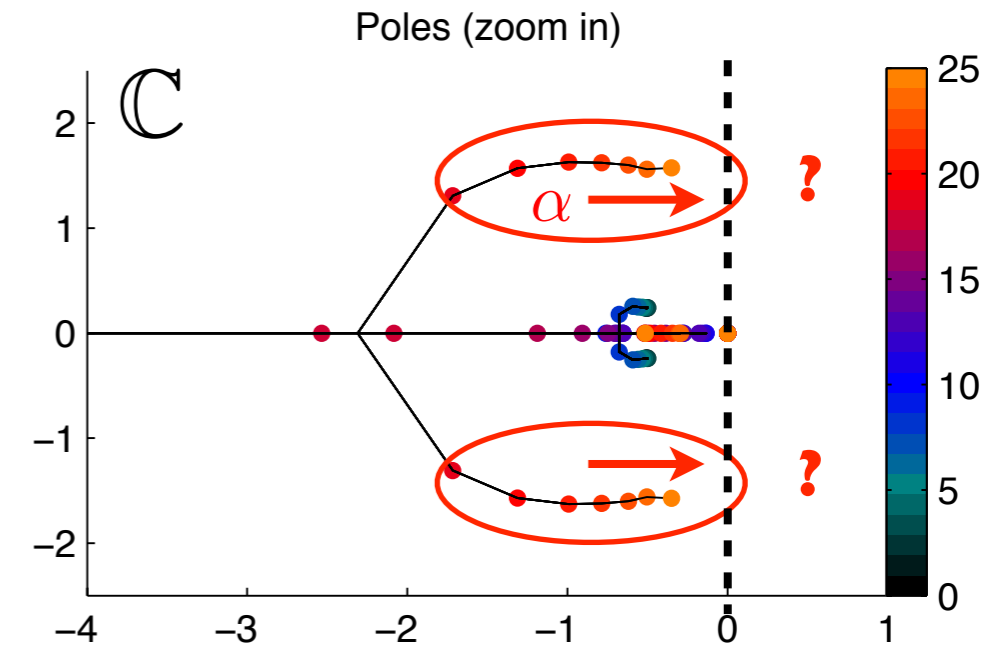
# Nonlinear Unsteady Models



## What we know

1. Hopf bifurcation at  $\alpha = 28^\circ$
2. Linear models capture conjugate pair
3. Linear models based on overarching nonlinear model (Navier-Stokes)

**Is it possible to obtain nonlinear reduced order model?**





# Nonlinear Unsteady Models



$$\dot{x} = f(x, u; \alpha)$$

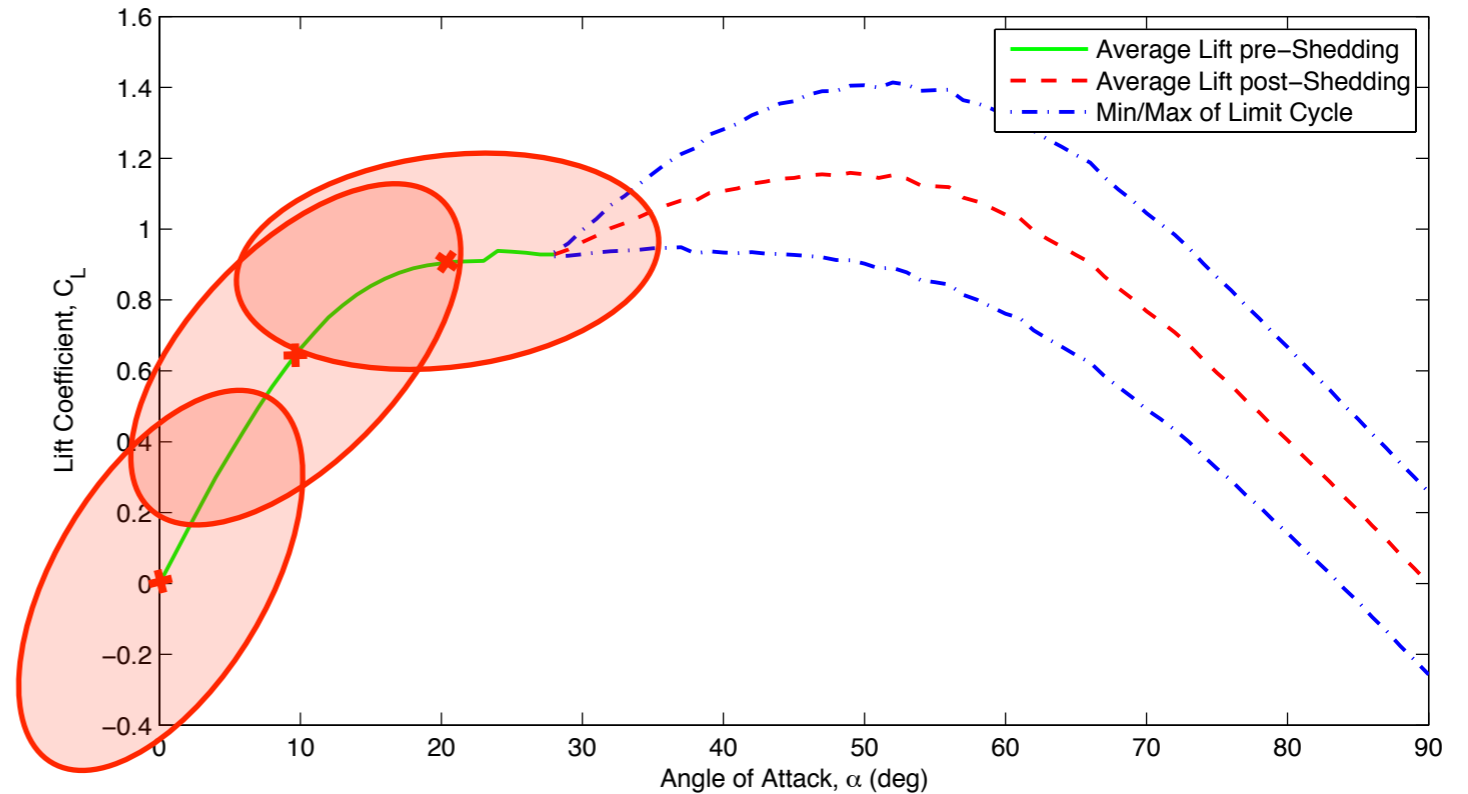
$$y = g(x, u; \alpha)$$

u - input

y - output

x - state vector

$\alpha$  - bifurcation parameter



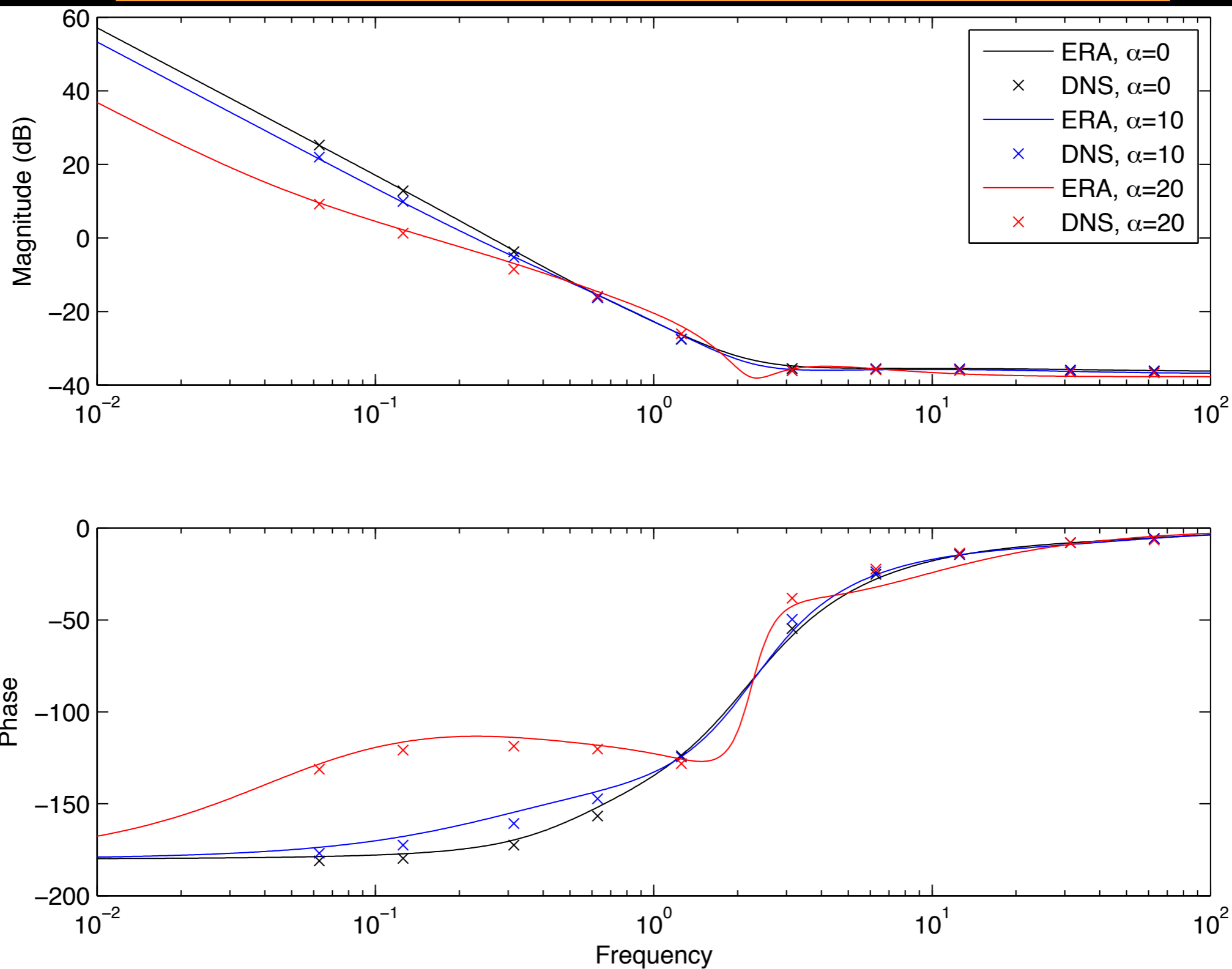
For  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_{crit}$ , equilibrium  $x=0$  is stable, with linear dynamics given by:

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{D_x f(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{A(\alpha_0)} \cdot x + \underbrace{D_u(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{B(\alpha_0)} \cdot u + \underbrace{D_\alpha(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{=0} \cdot (\alpha - \alpha_0)$$

$$y = \underbrace{g(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{C_L(\alpha_0)} + \underbrace{D_x g(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{C(\alpha_0)} \cdot x + \underbrace{D_u g(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{D(\alpha_0)} \cdot u + \underbrace{D_\alpha g(0, 0; \alpha_0)}_{C_{L\alpha}} \cdot (\alpha - \alpha_0)$$



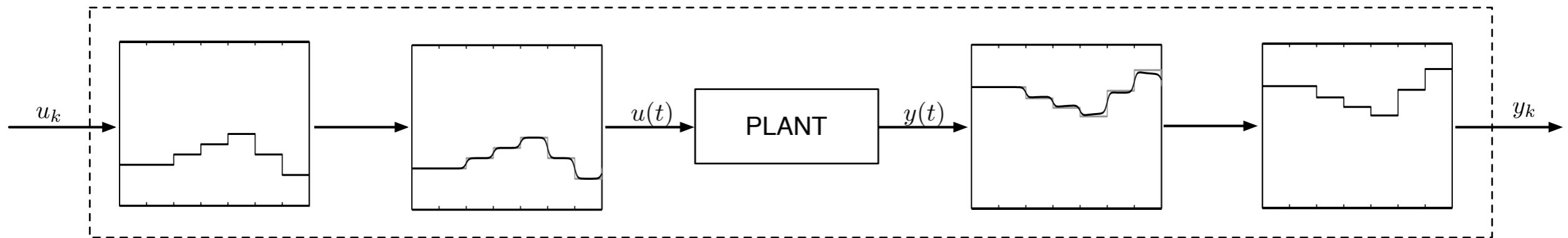
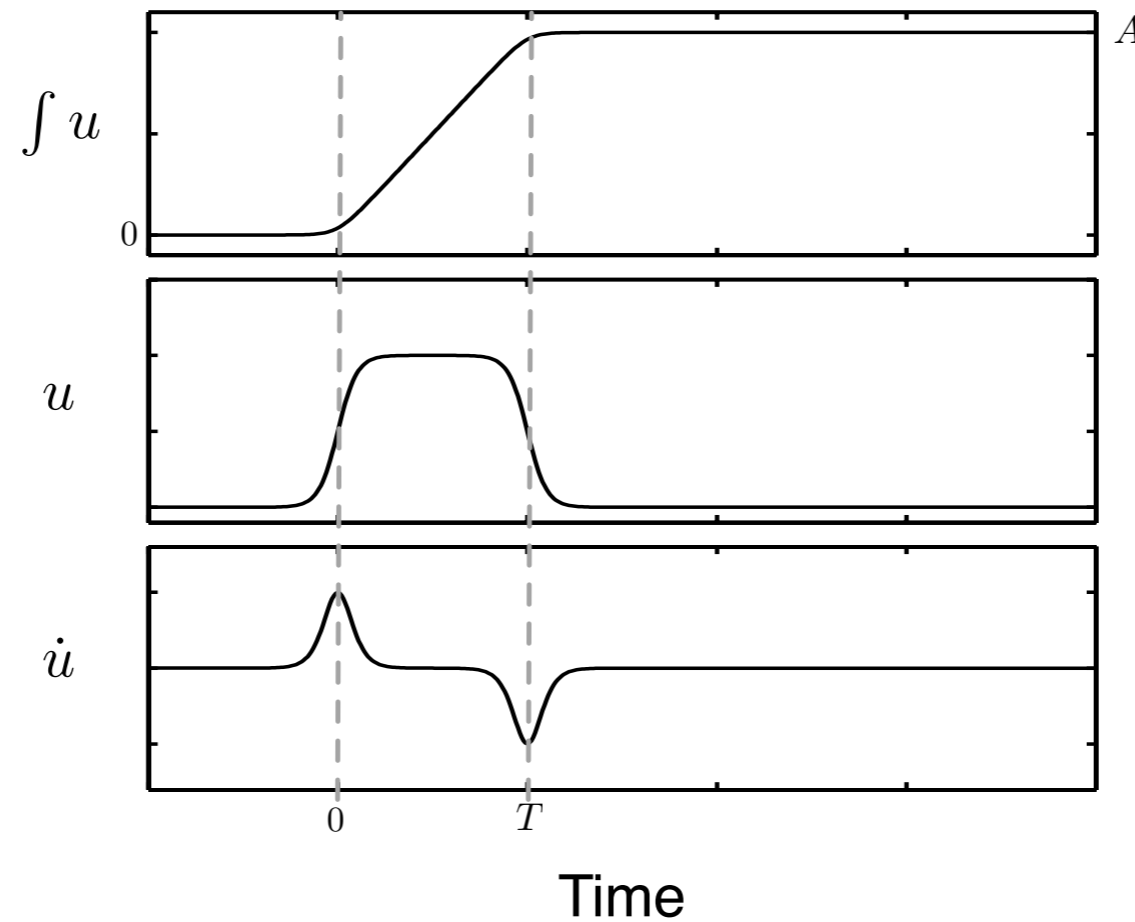
# Bode Plot of Model (-) vs Data (x)



**Direct numerical simulation confirms that local linearized models are accurate for small amplitude sinusoidal maneuvers**



# (Indicial) Step Response

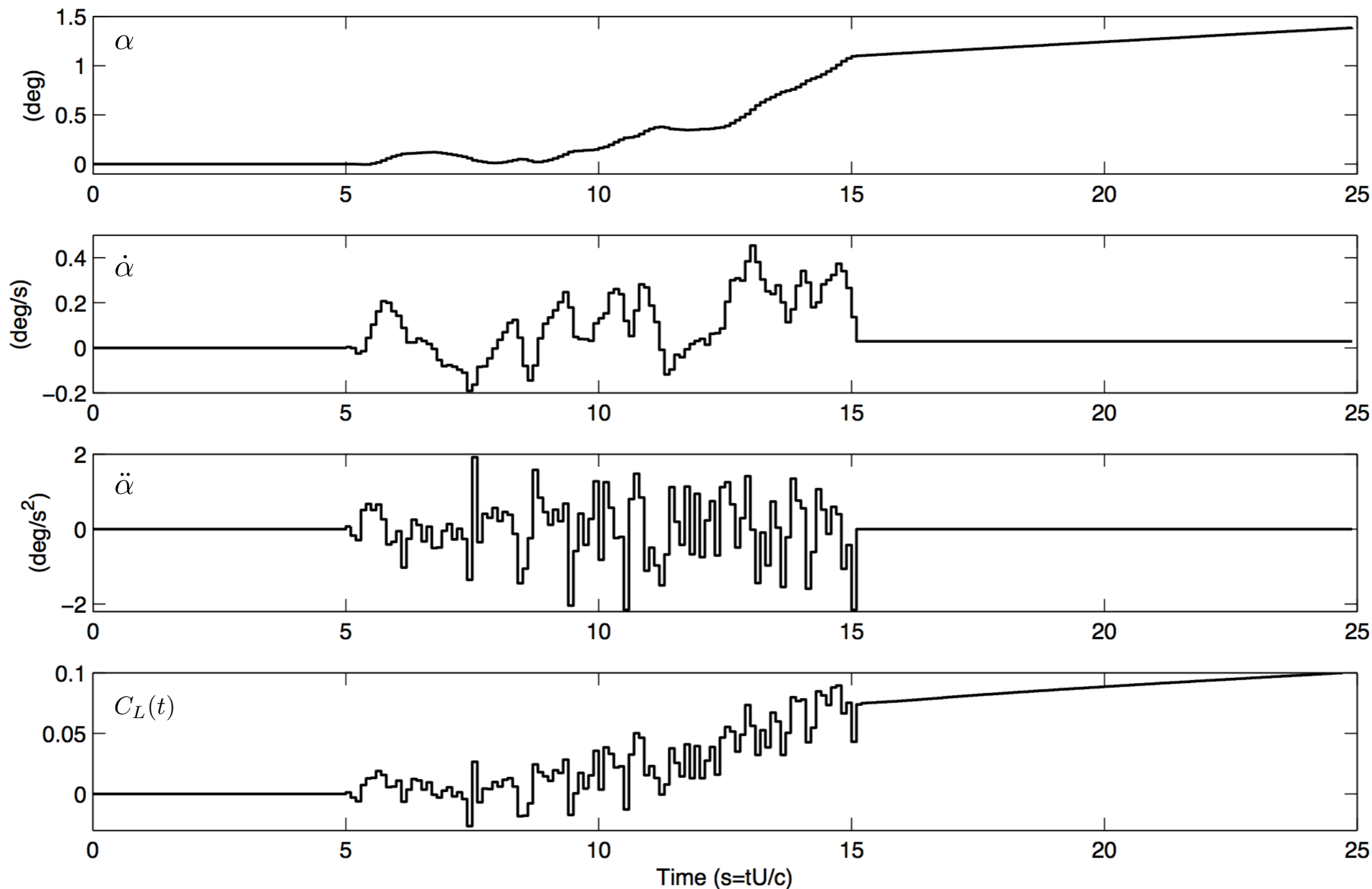


Previously, models are based on aerodynamic step response

**Idea: Maneuver aircraft for 5-10 minutes, back out the Markov parameters, and construct ERA model.**



# Random Input Maneuver



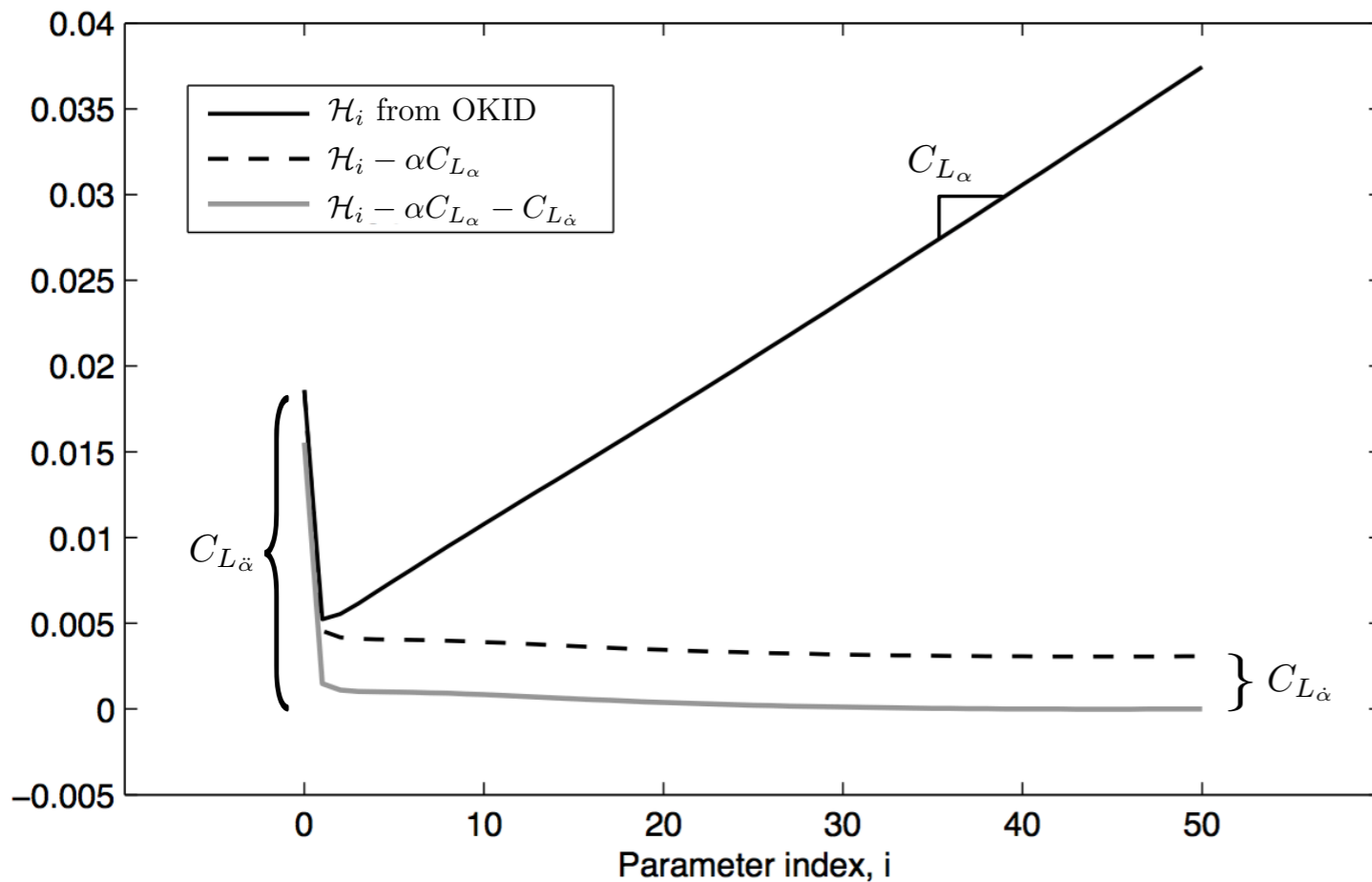
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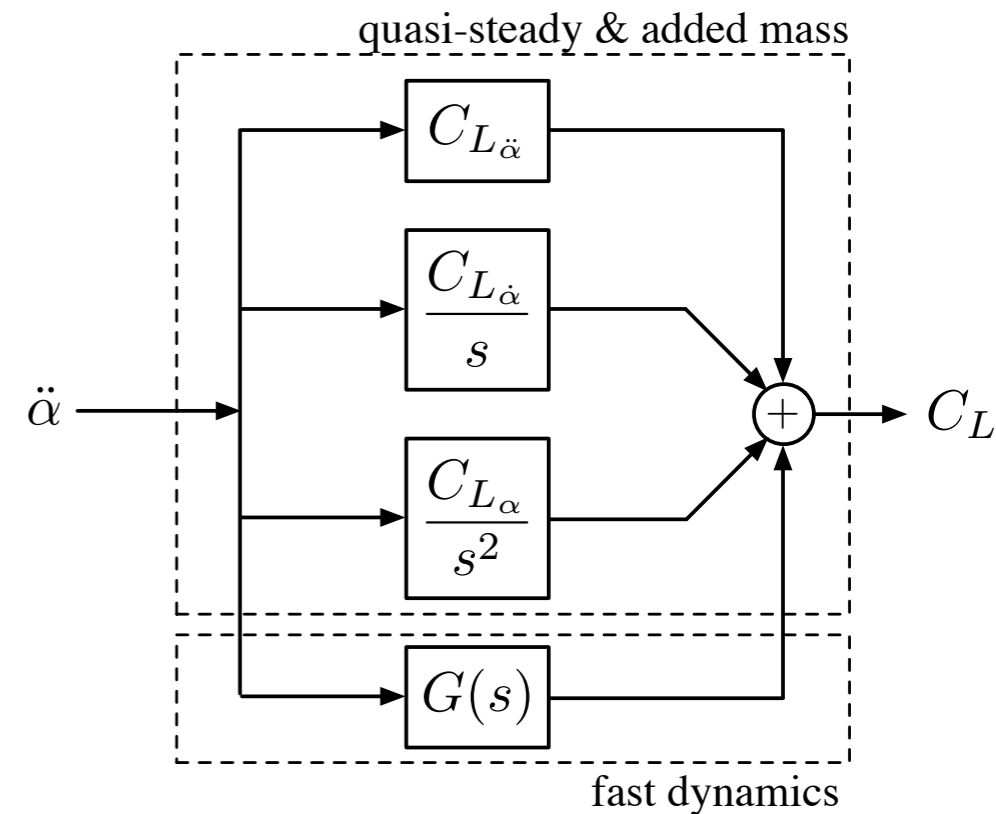
# OKID Markov Parameters



Impulse response in  $\ddot{\alpha}$



**Absolutely need to use the correct form of the model!**



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**Observer/Kalman Filter Identification (OKID)**

**Juang, Phan, Horta, Longman, 1991.**

**Brunton and Rowley, submitted.**

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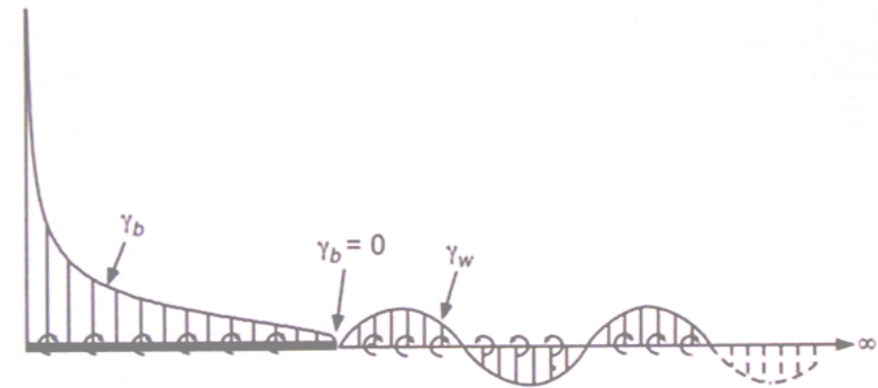
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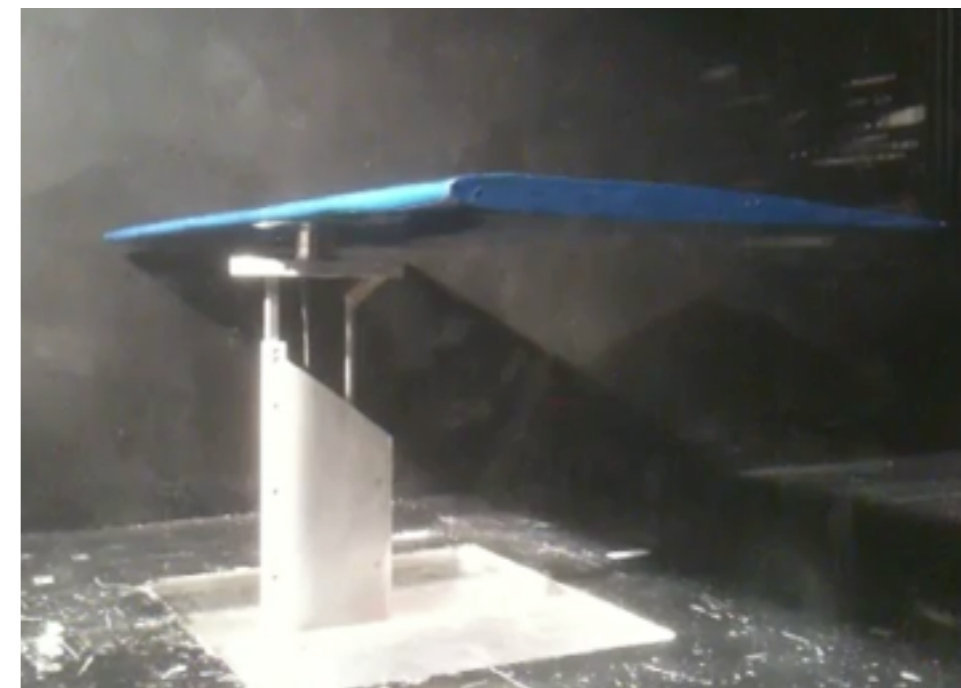
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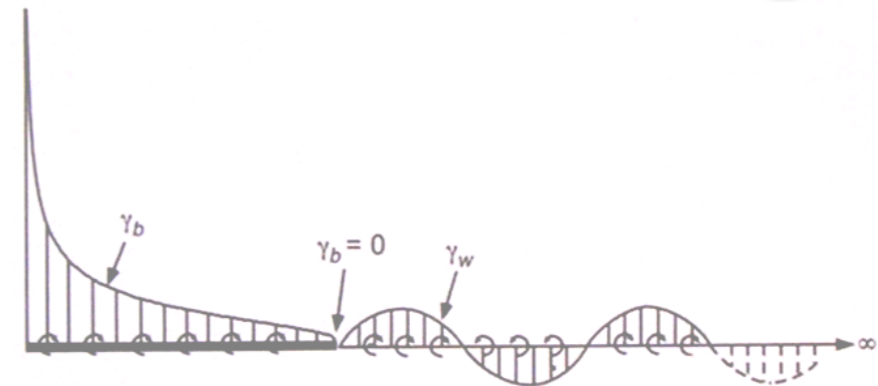
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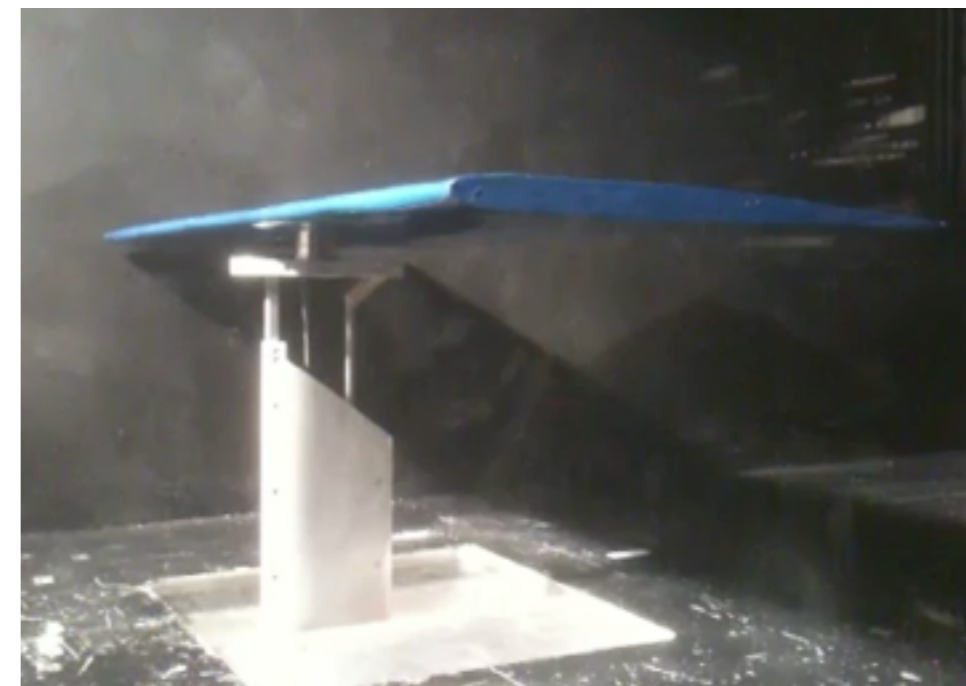
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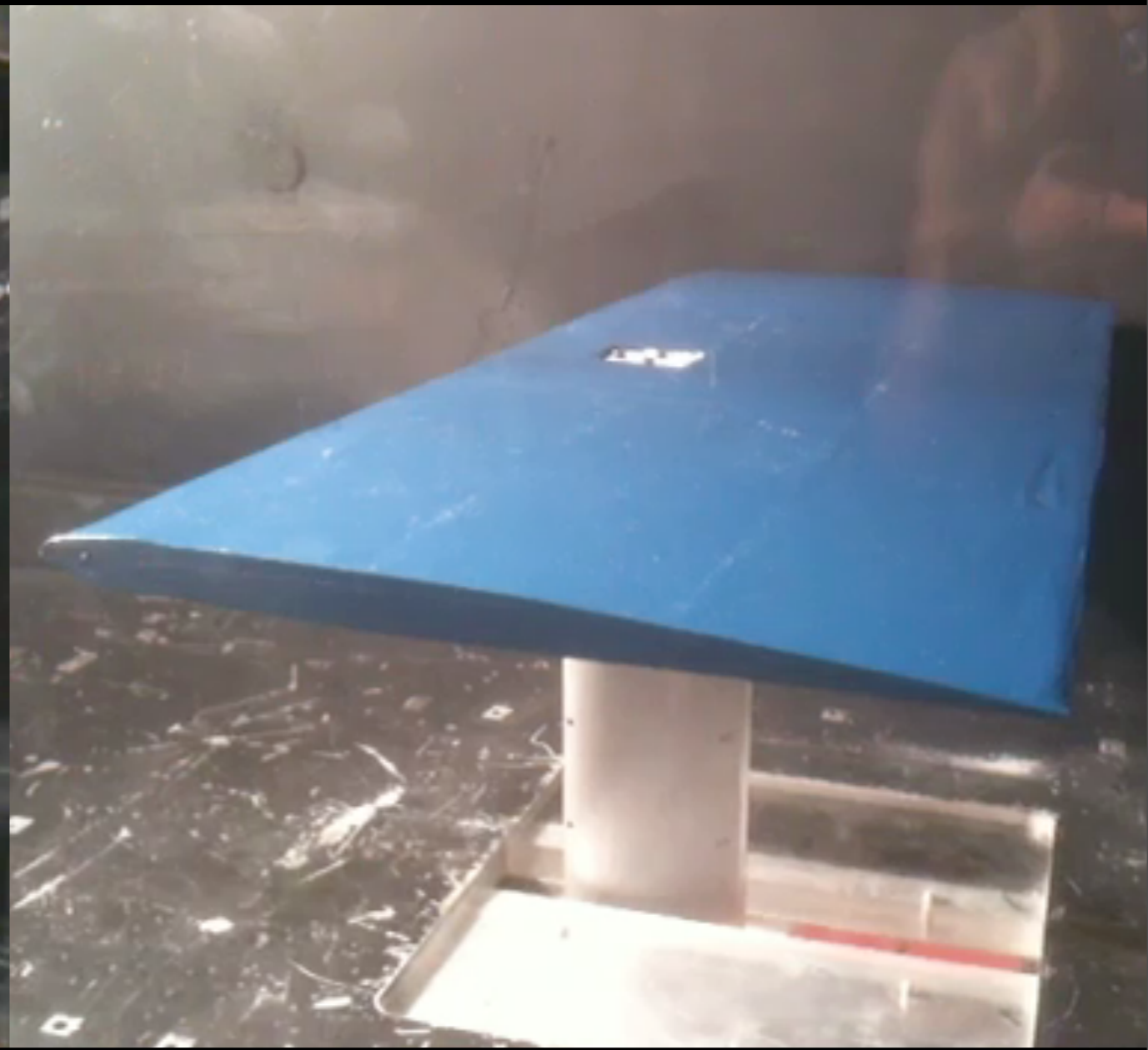
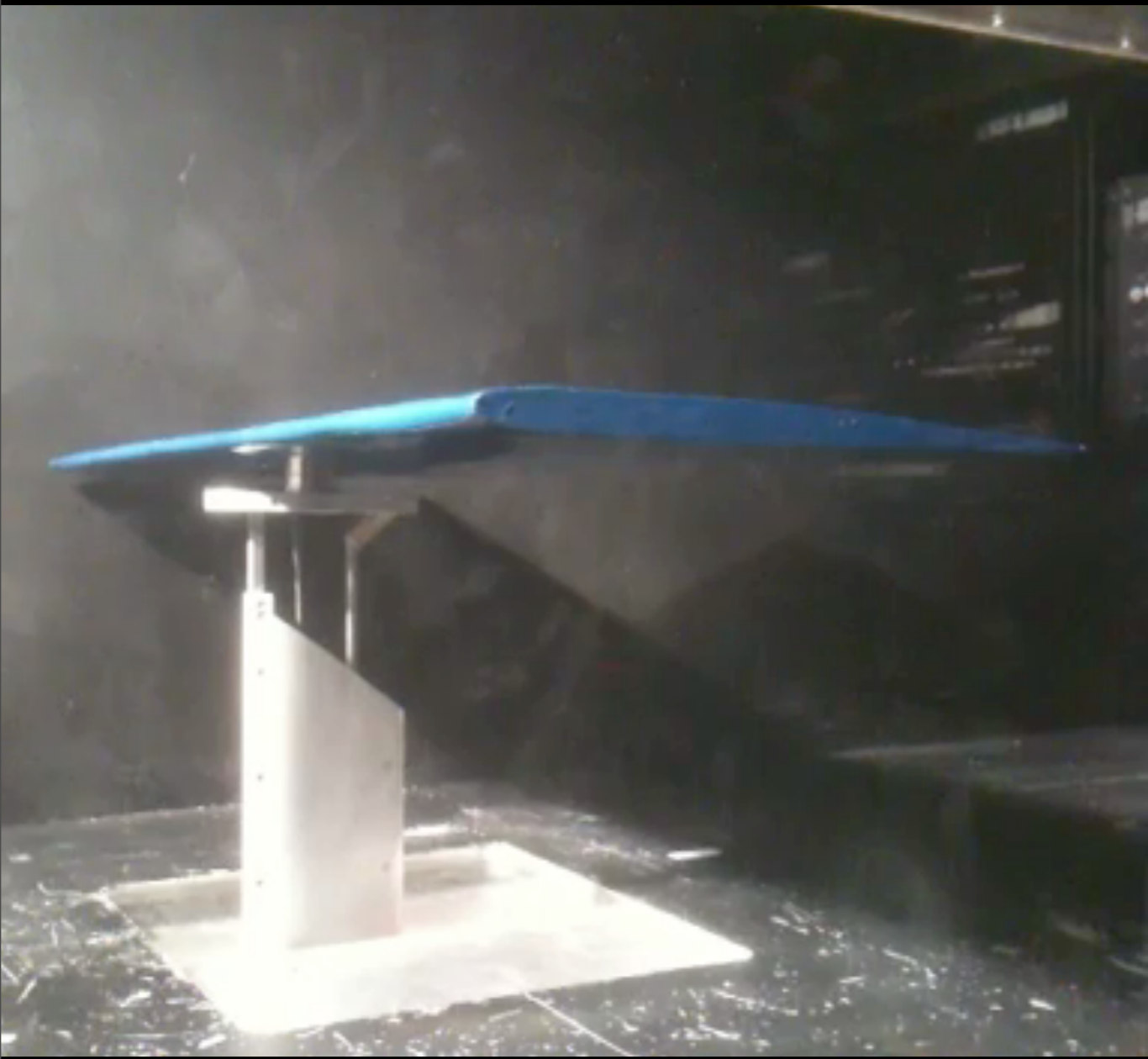
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# Andrew Fejer Unsteady Flow Wind Tunnel Principle Investigator - Dave Williams





# Experimental Information



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(.6m x .6m x 3.5m test section)

NACA 0006 Airfoil

Chord Length: 0.246 m

Free Stream Velocity: 4.00 m/s

1.0 Convection time = .06 seconds

Reynolds Number: 65,000

Pitch point  $x/c = .11$  (11% chord)

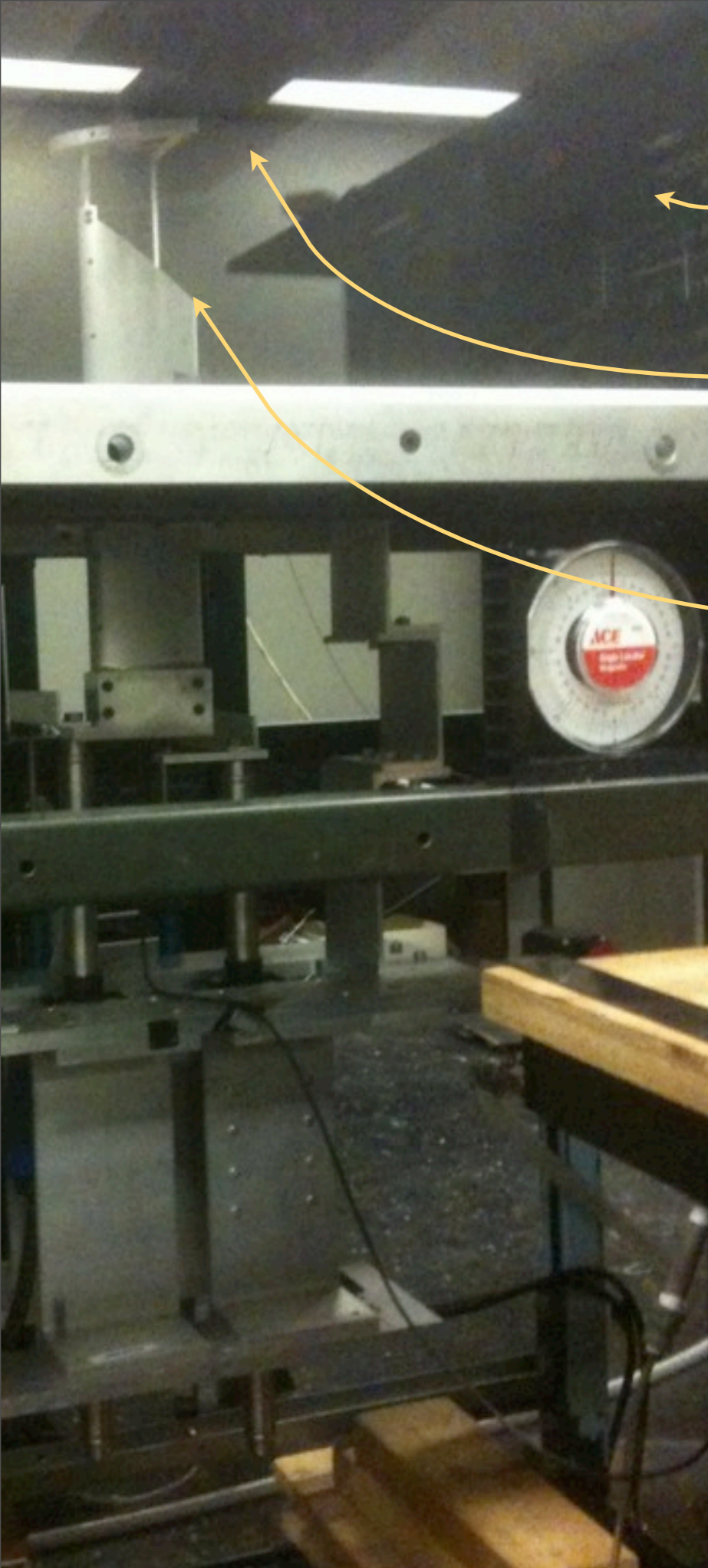
Velocity measurement: Pitot tube,  
Validyne DP-103 pressure transducer

Force measurement: ATI Nano25 force transducer

Pushrod position measurement: linear potentiometer

Pushrod actuation: Copley servo tubes



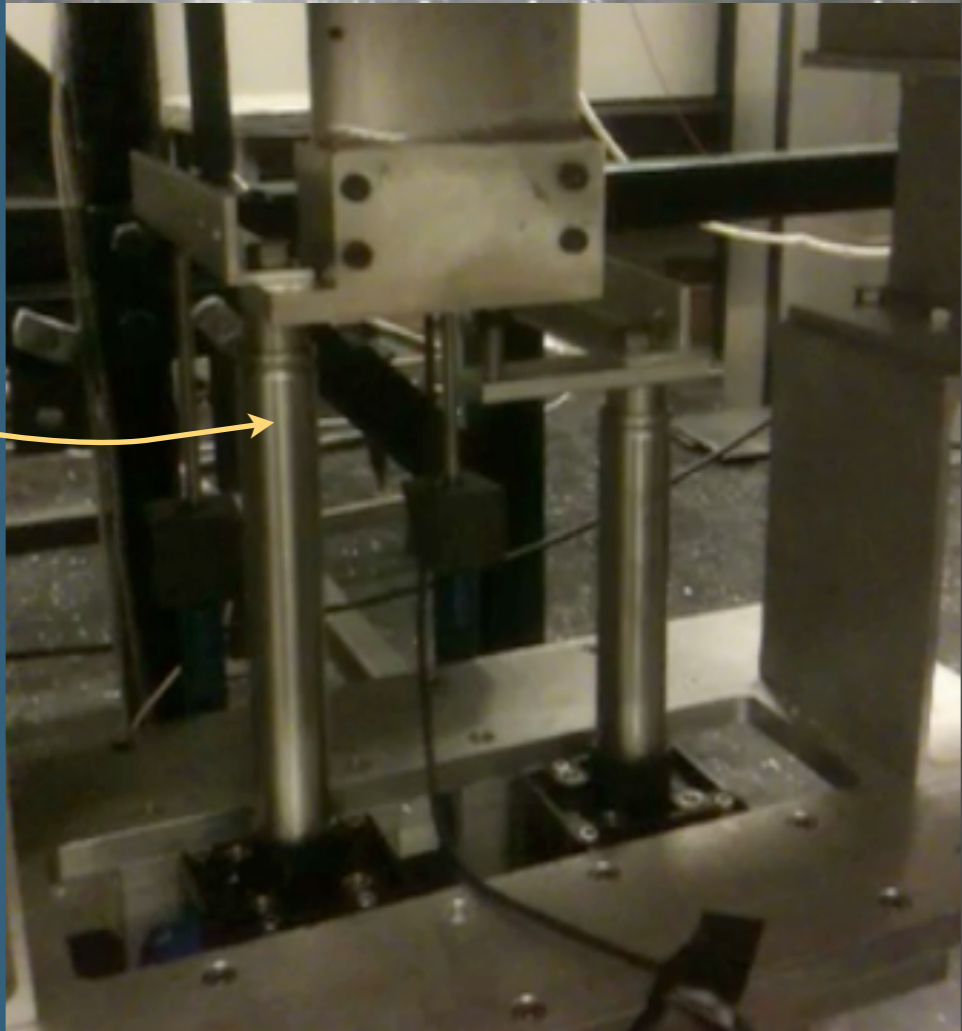
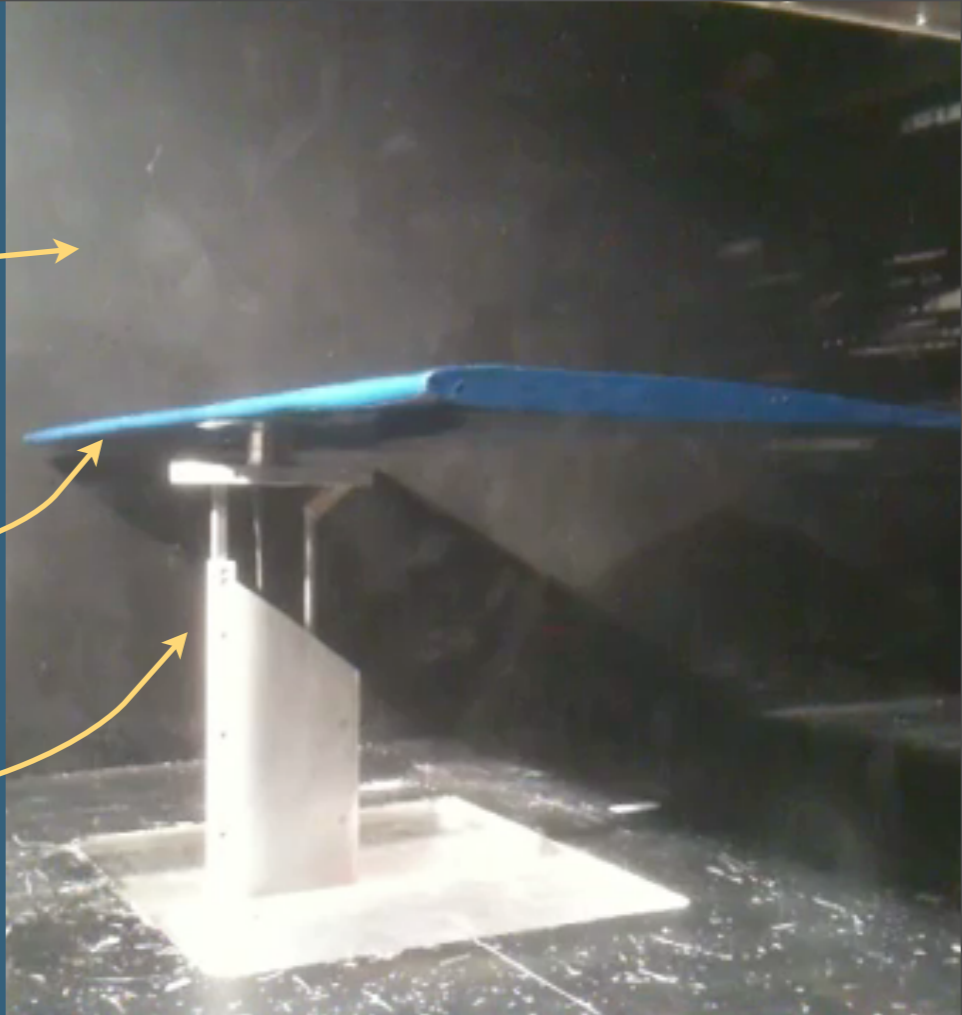


Test section

NACA 0006 Airfoil  
(24.6 cm chord)

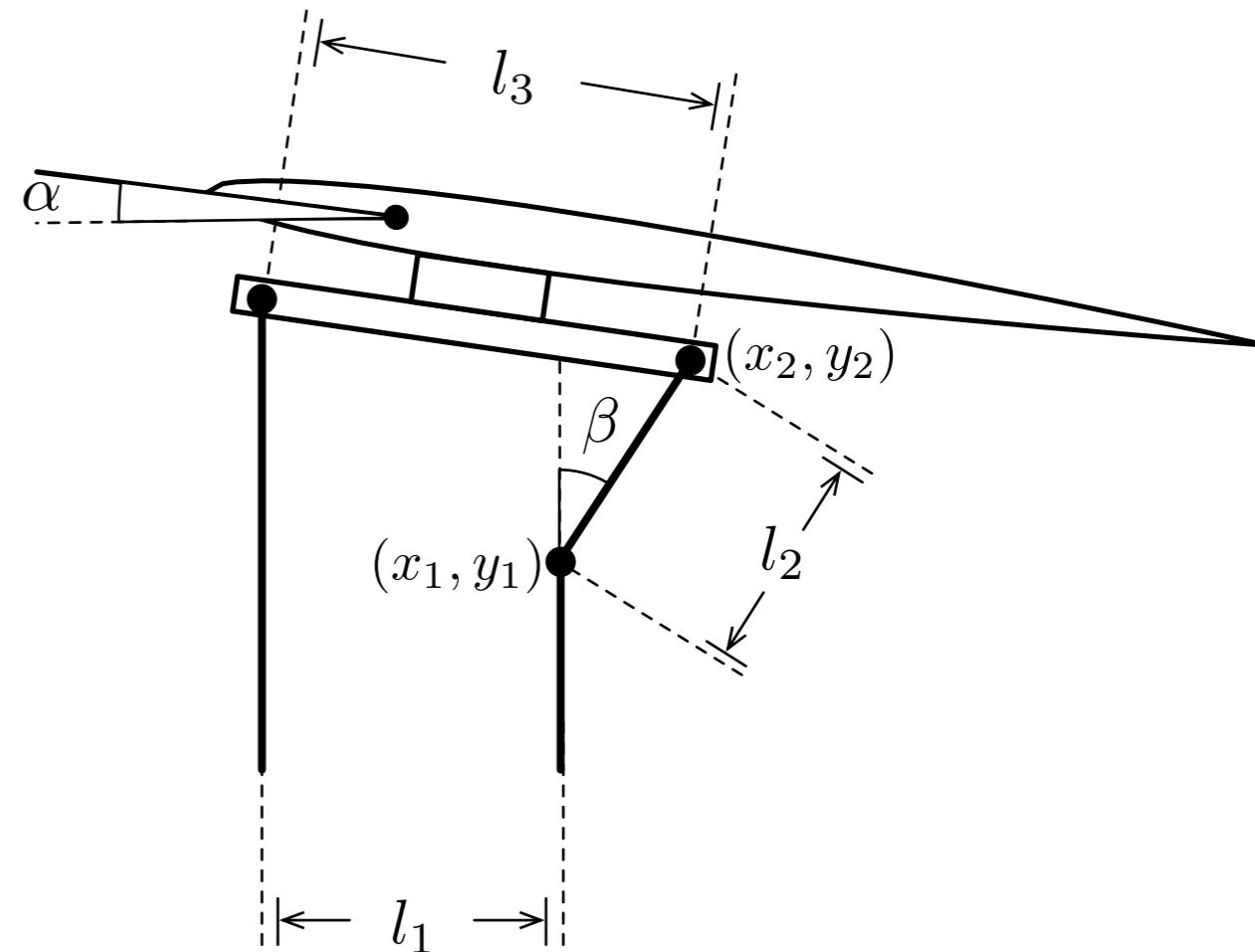
Push rods and sting

Servo tubes





# NACA 0006 Model



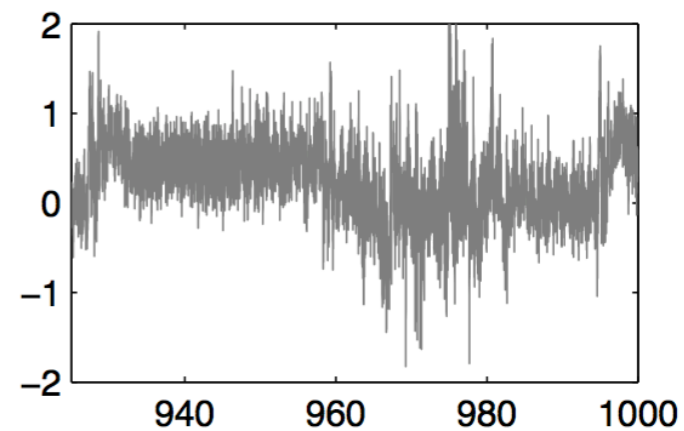
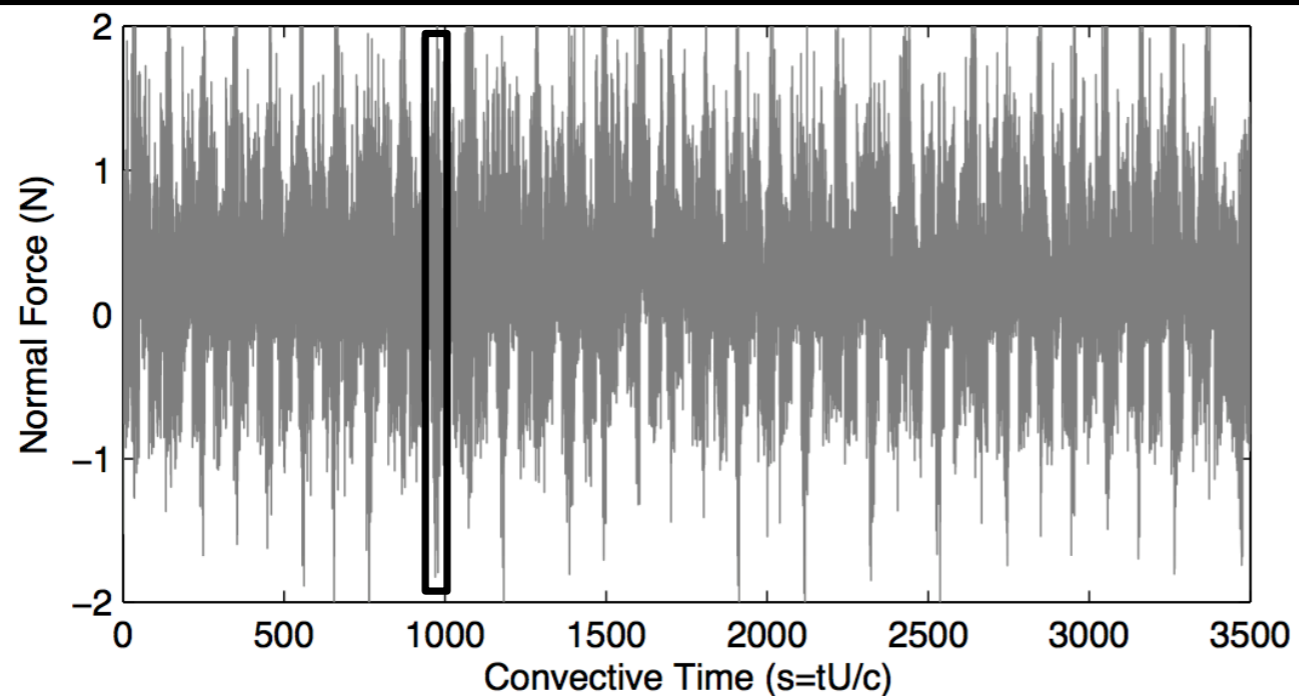
## Summary

1. Account for hinge constraint nonlinearity
2. Rotate force vectors to obtain lift force
3. Subtract out point mass effects (mechanical)

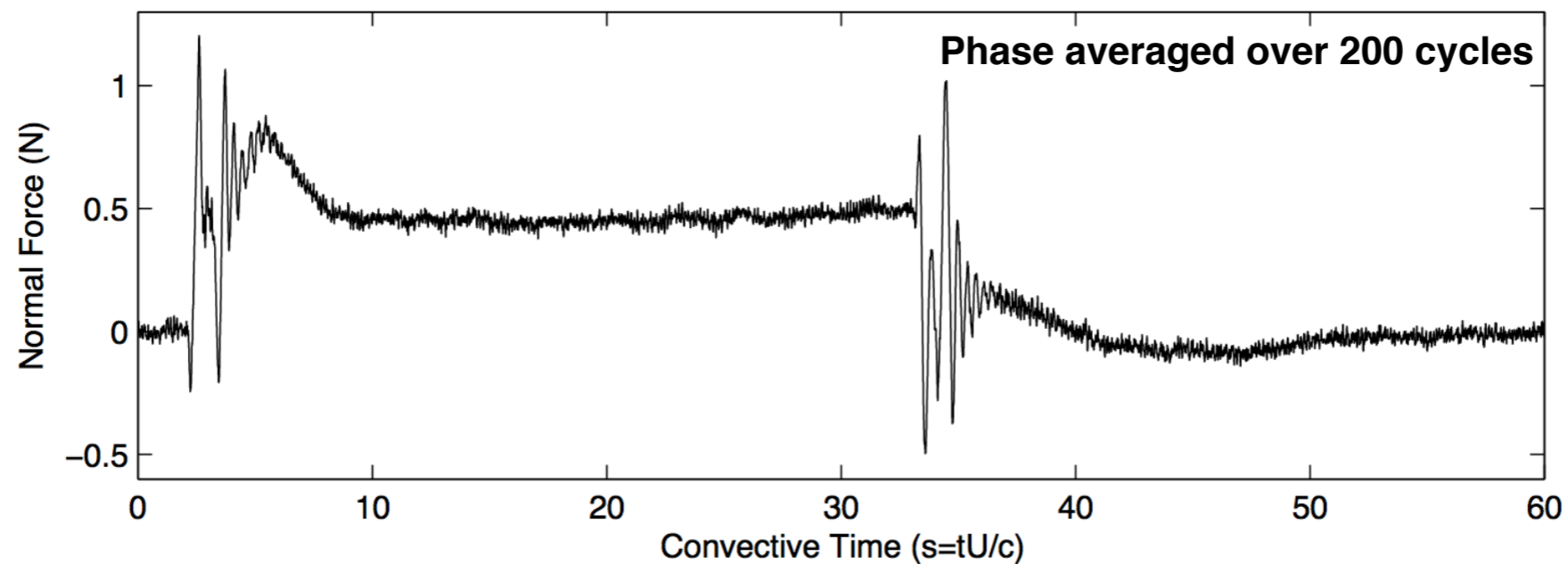
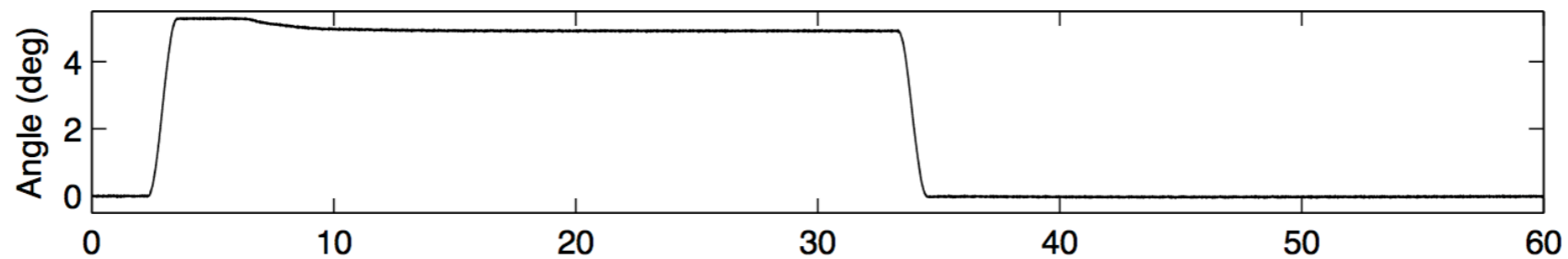
$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}}_{R_\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} N \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$



# Phase Averaged Data

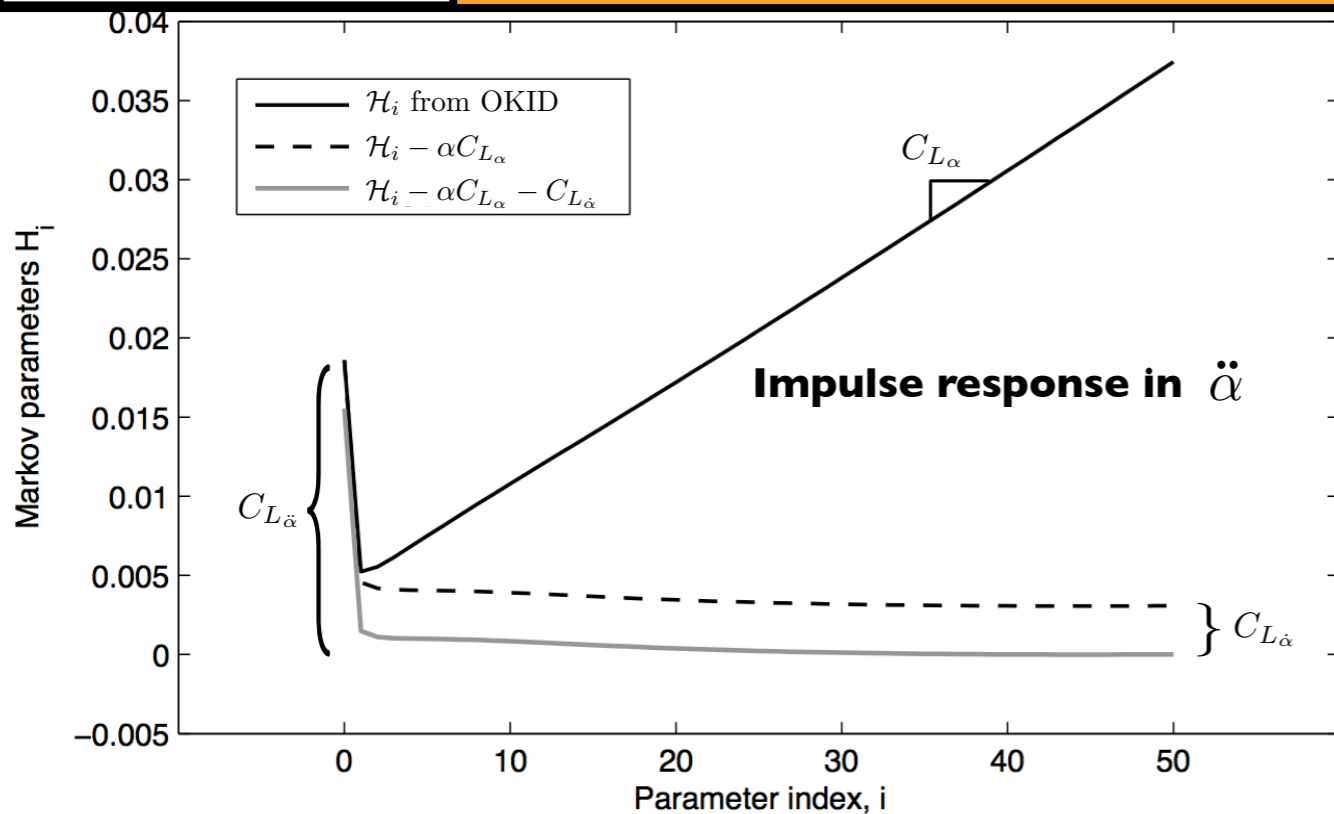


**5 degree step-up, step-down maneuver**





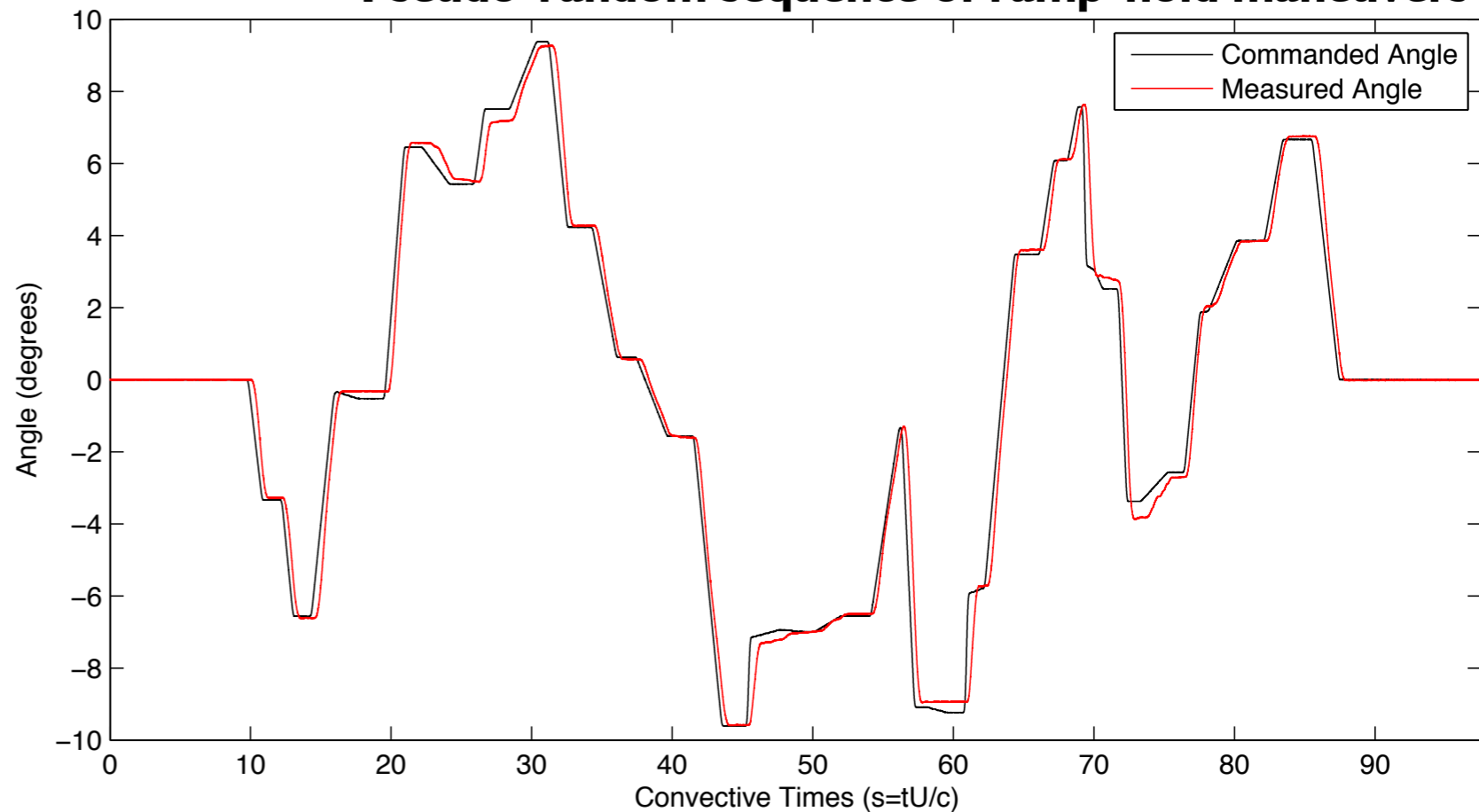
# Wing Maneuver



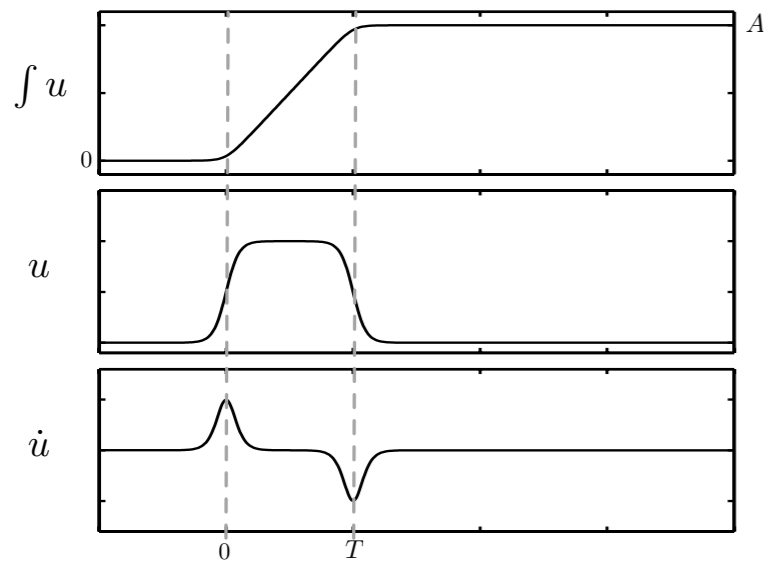
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_r \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha}$$

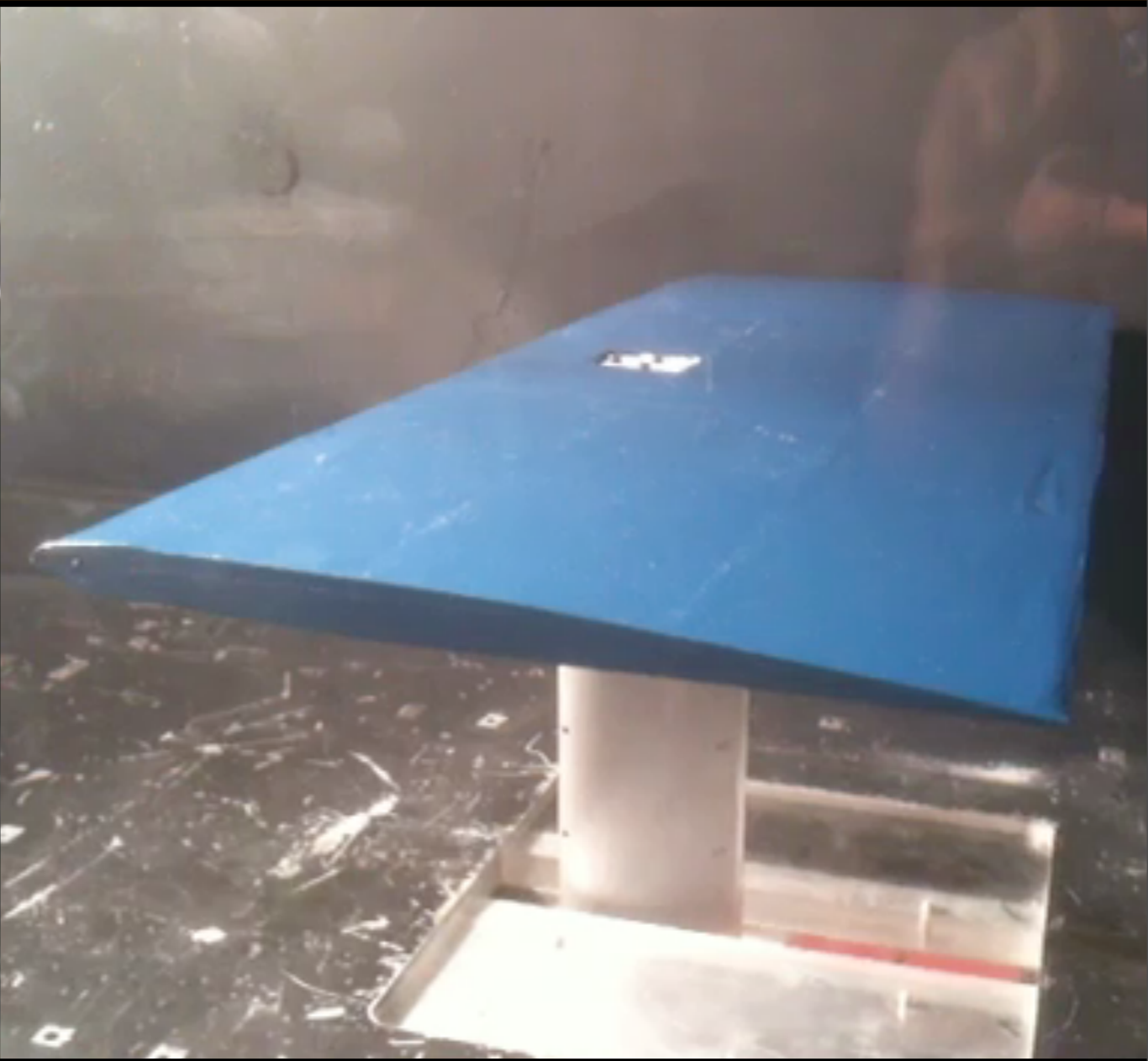
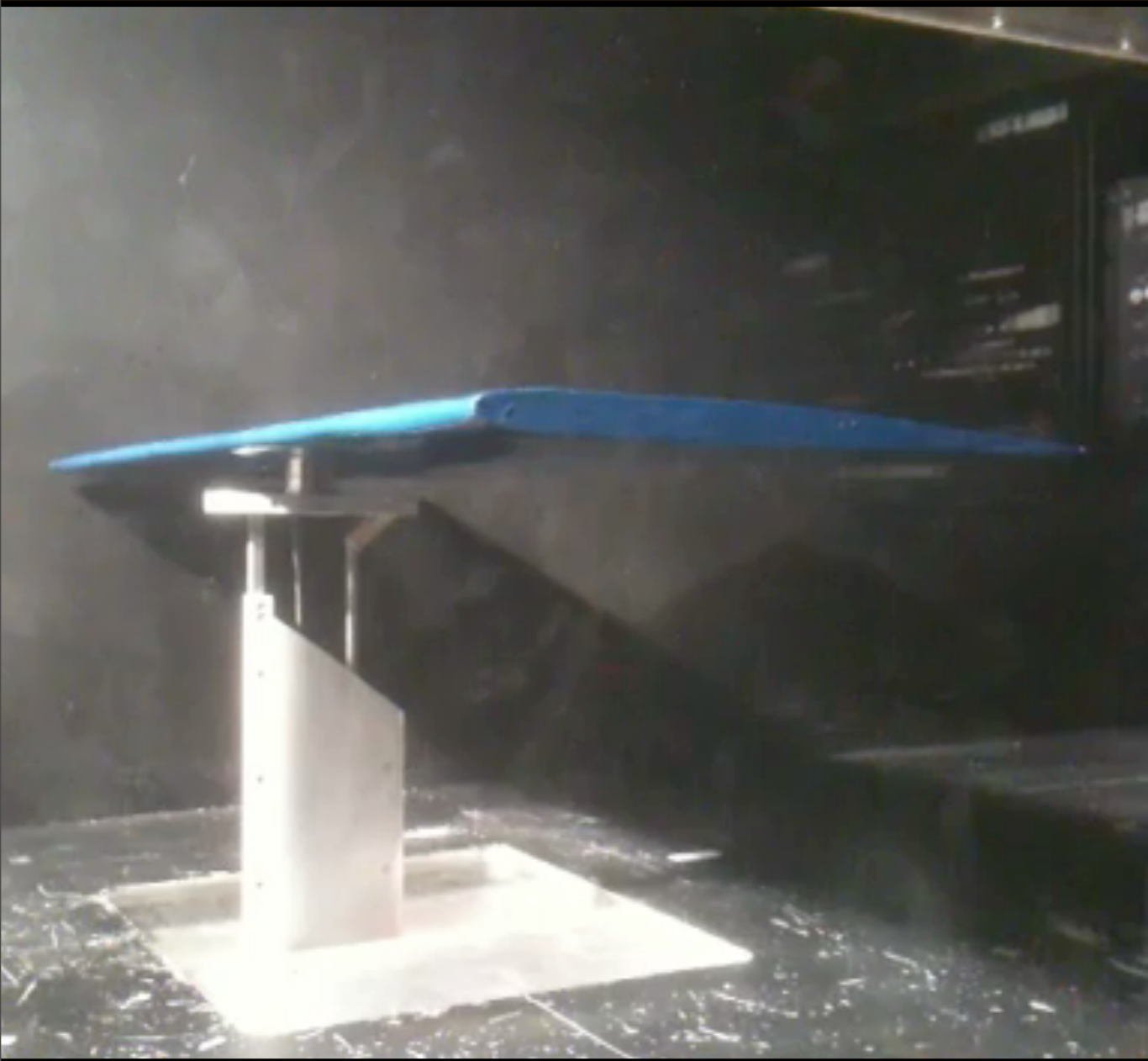
$$C_L = \begin{bmatrix} C_r & C_{L_{\alpha}} & C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + C_{L_{\ddot{\alpha}}} \ddot{\alpha}$$

## Pseudo-random sequence of ramp-hold maneuvers



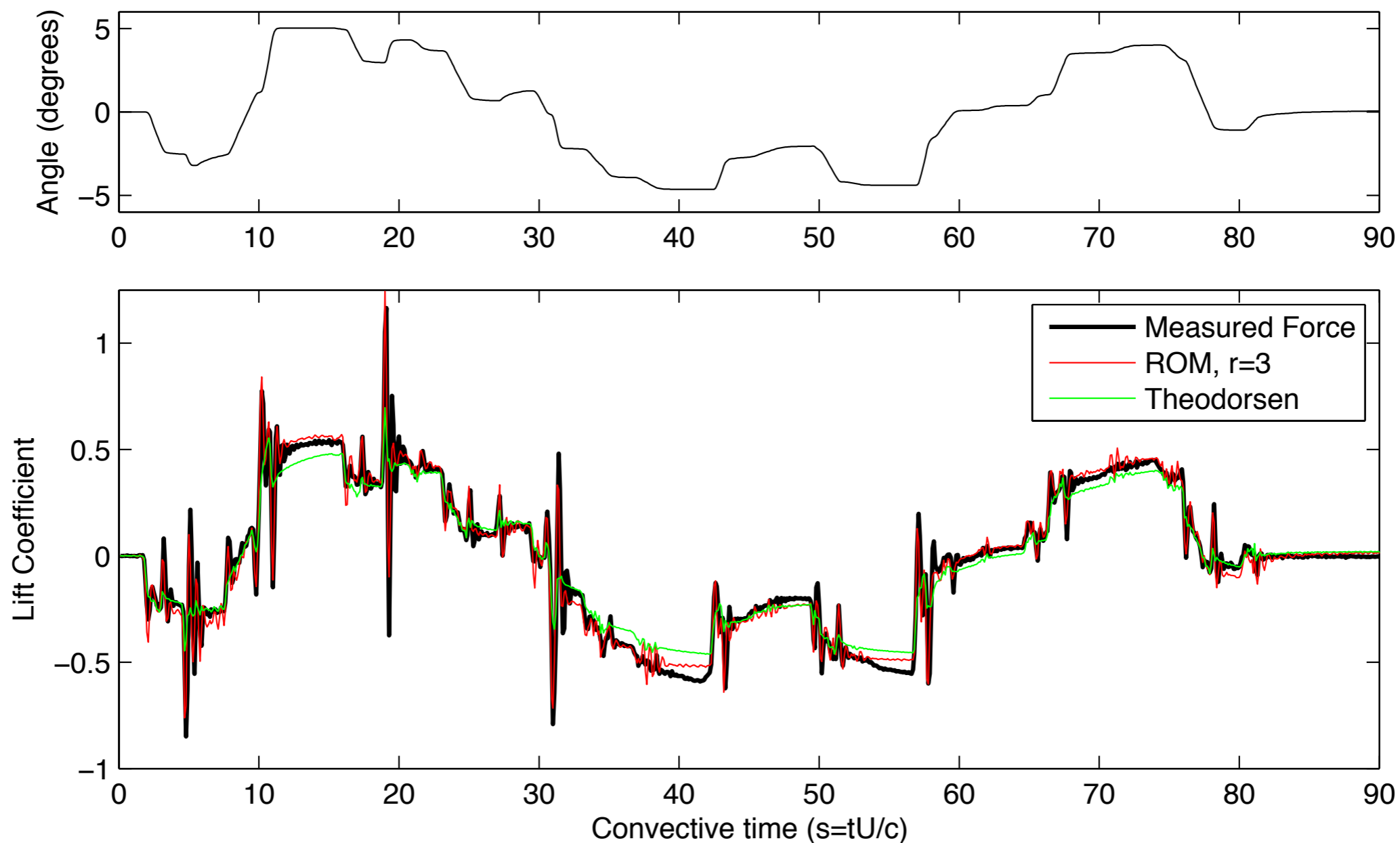
## Single ramp-hold maneuver







# System ID maneuver



**+/- 5 degree maneuver, excites large range of frequencies**

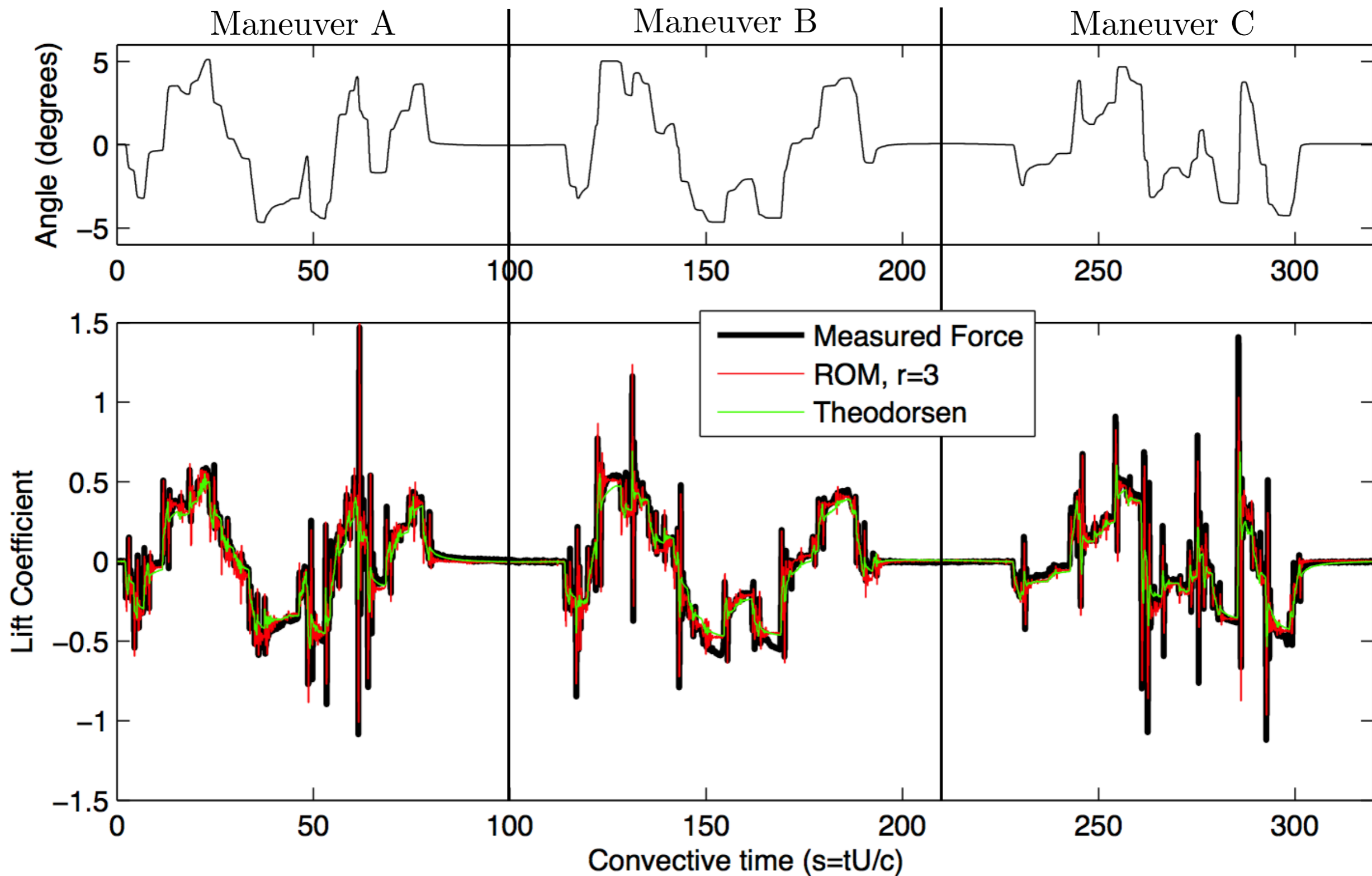
**Reduced order model outperforms Theodorsen at low and high frequencies**

**AOA = 0 degrees**





# Three system ID maneuvers

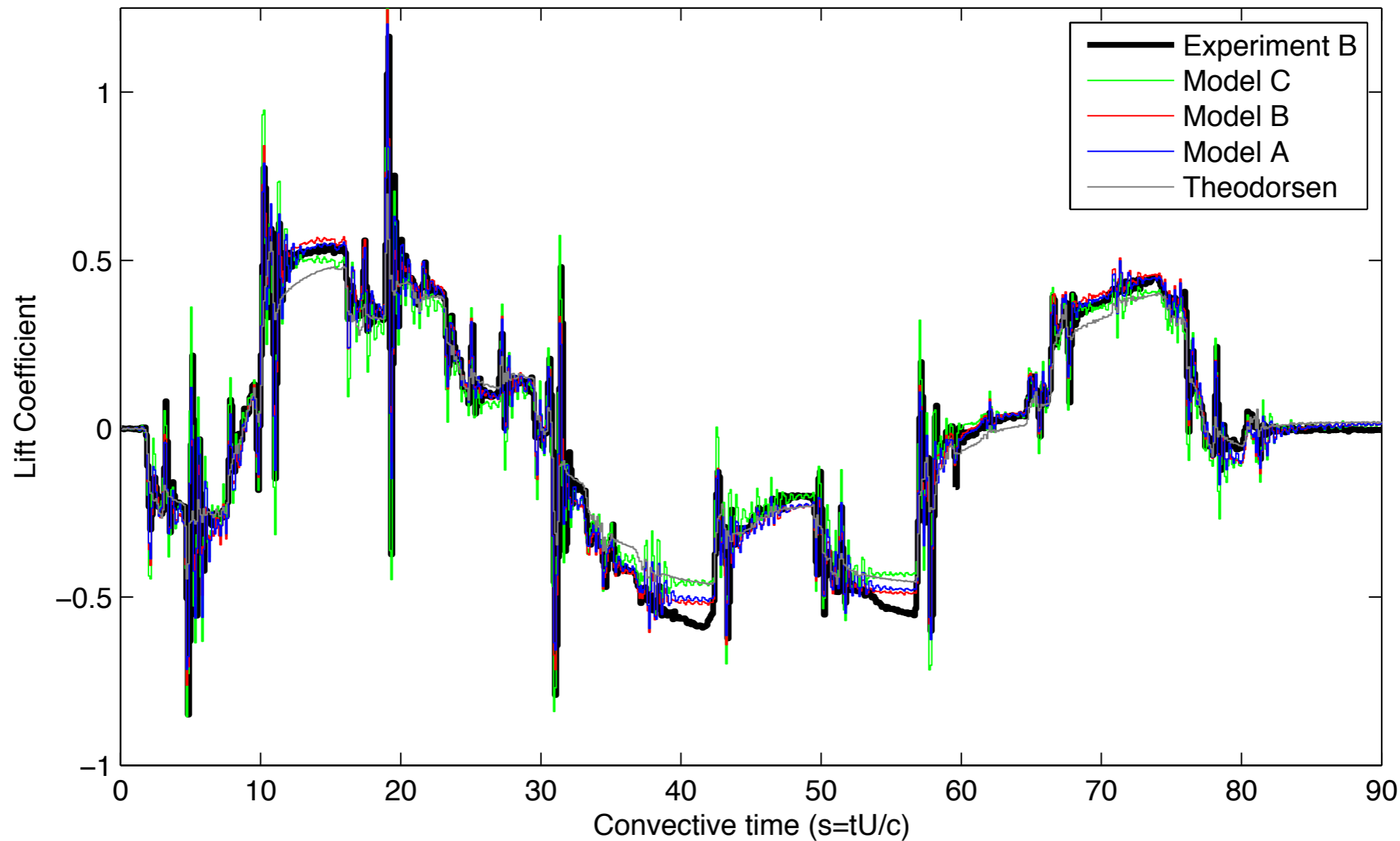


**AOA = 0 degrees**

**We tried three system ID maneuvers: A, B and C.**



# System ID maneuver



**AOA = 0 degrees**

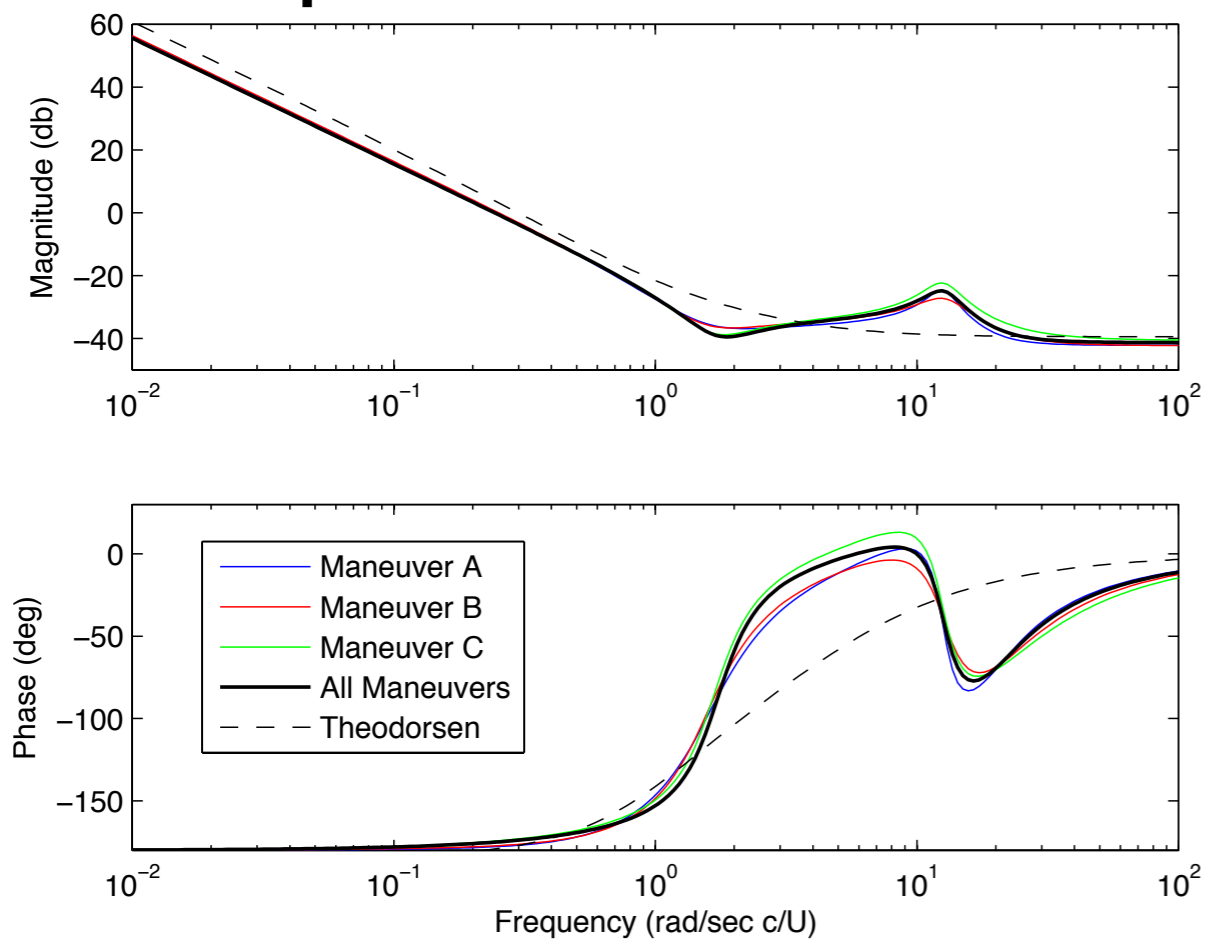
**Bootstrap: It is important that models obtained from each ID maneuver accurately reproduce every other maneuver**



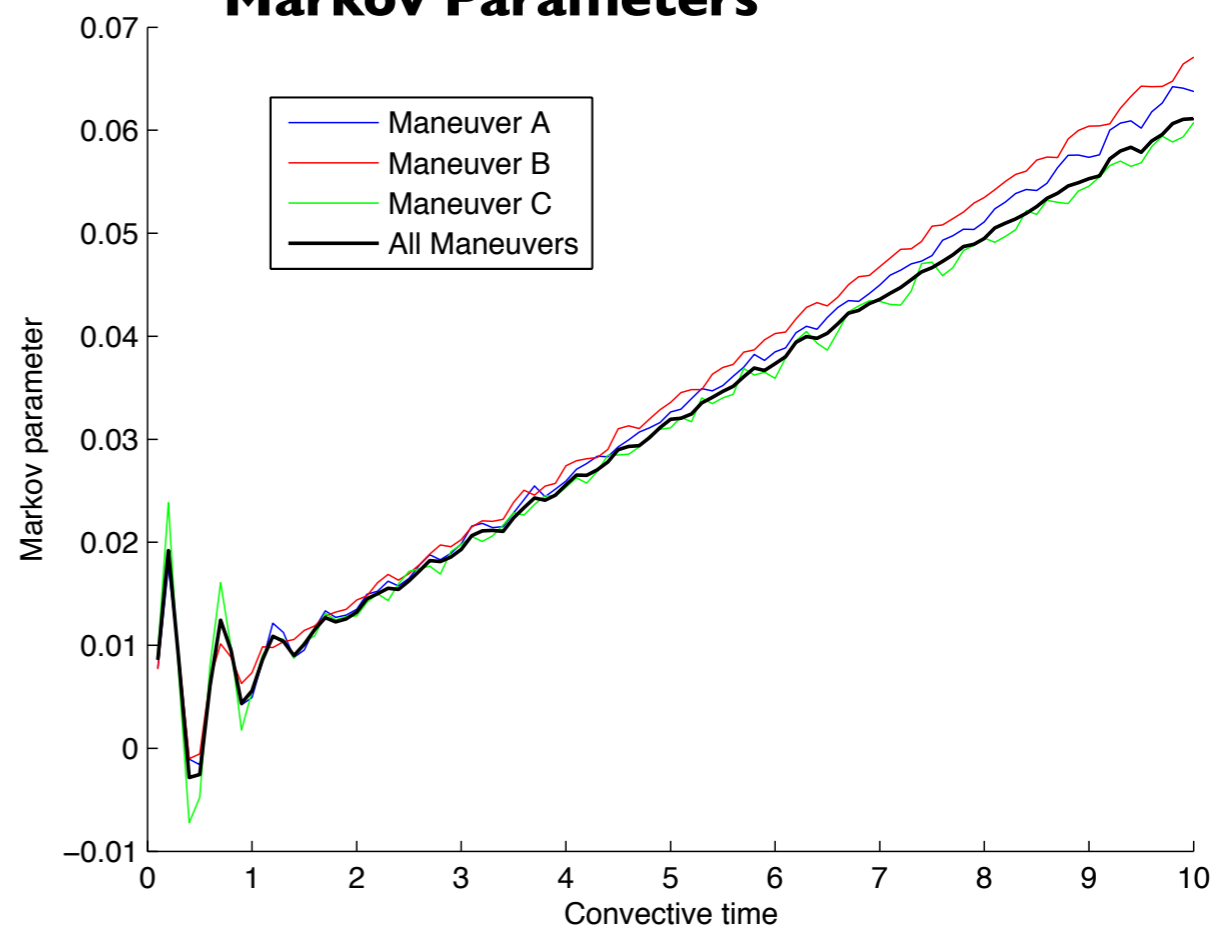
# Bode plot and Markov parameters



### Bode plot



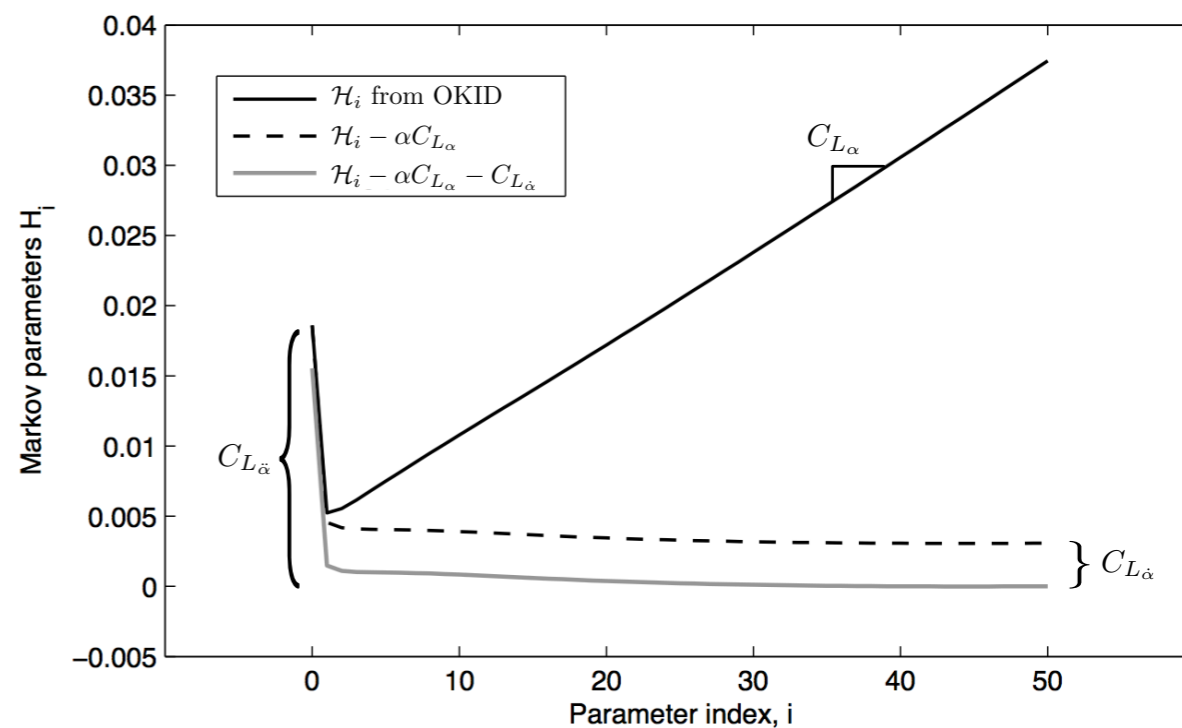
### Markov Parameters



**Combined maneuver effectively blends each of the three individual maneuvers**

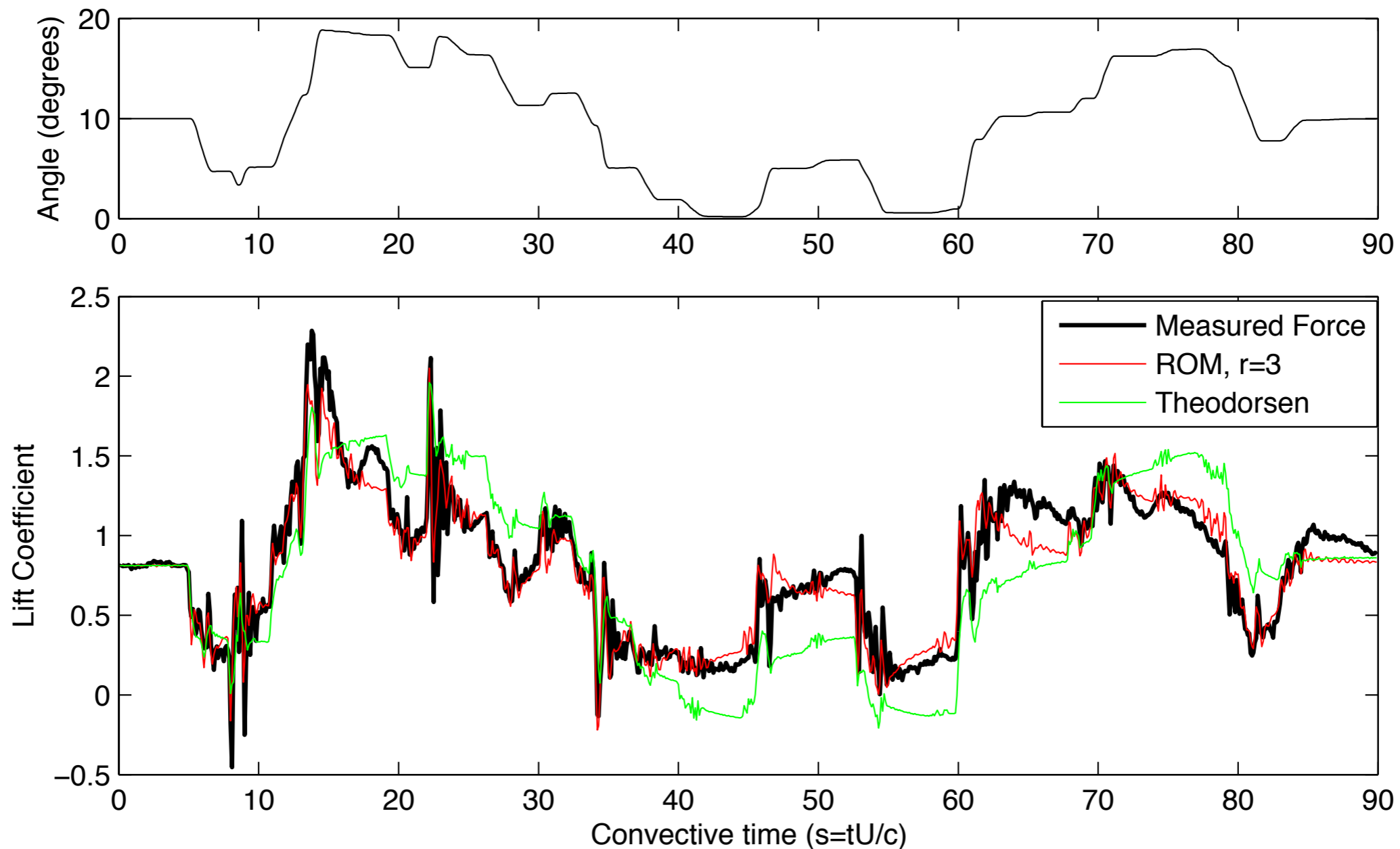
**Added-mass is not exclusively in first Markov parameter, but is instead distributed in the first few, contributing to the added-mass “bump”**

**AOA = 0 degrees**





# System ID maneuver



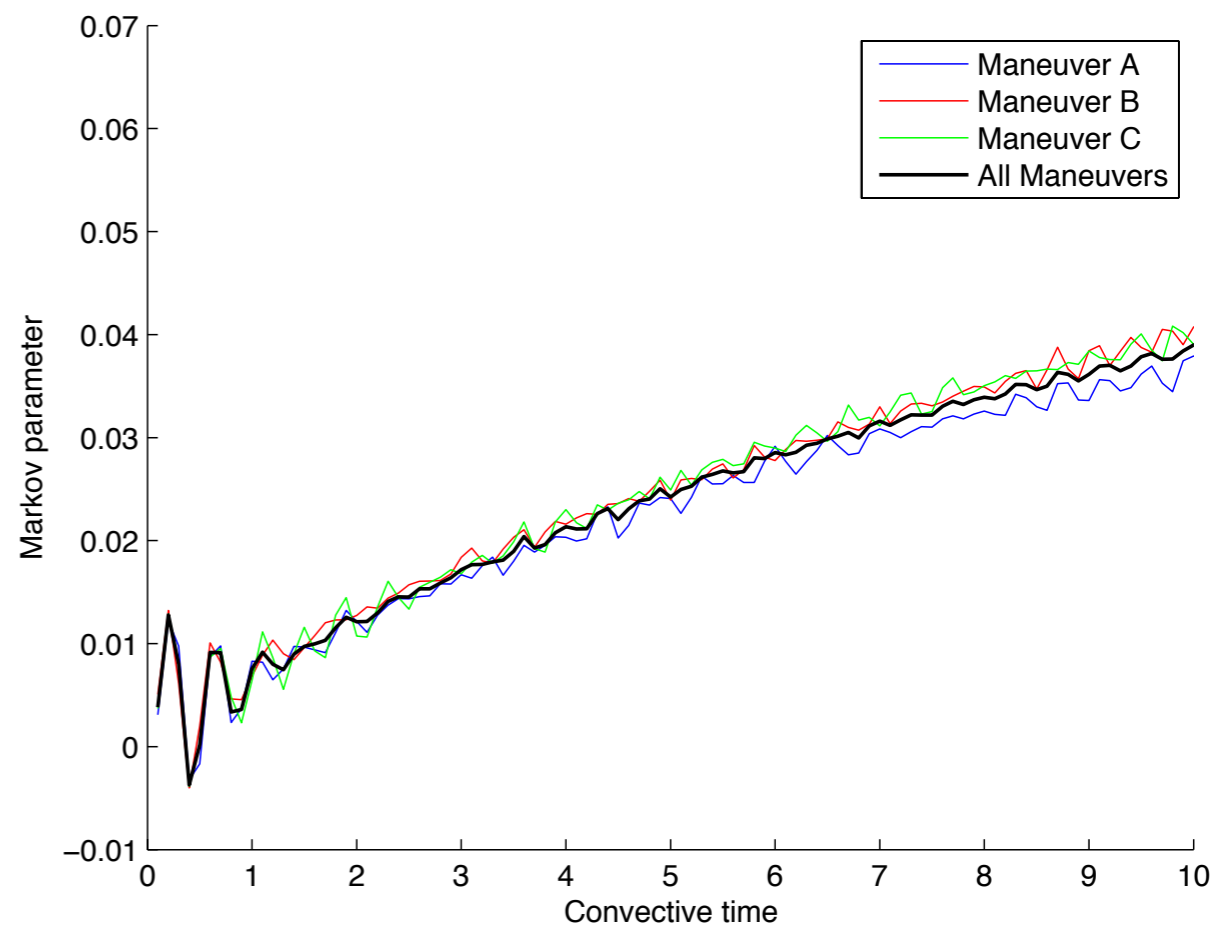
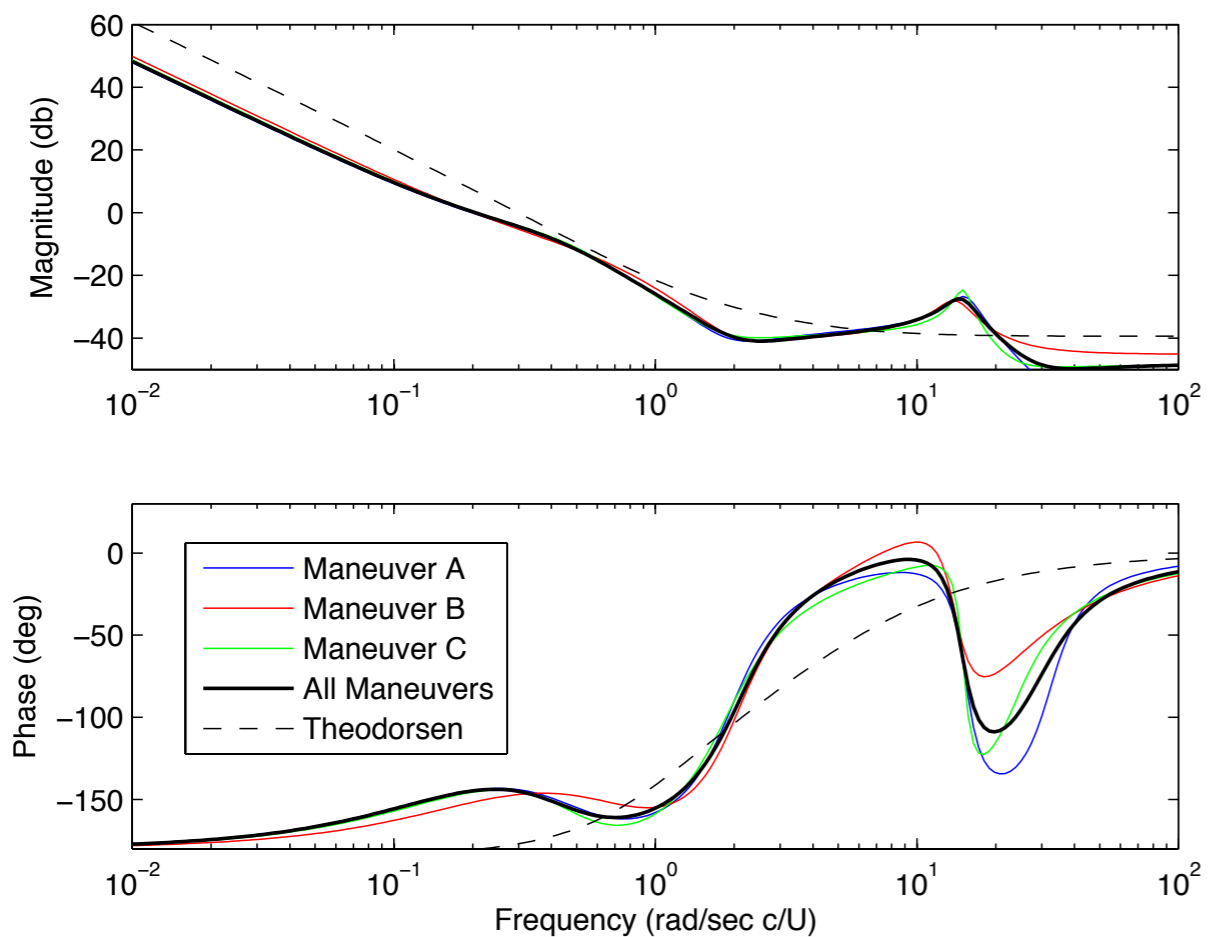
**+/- 10 degree maneuver**

**AOA = 10 degrees**

**Theodorsen is significantly worse, due to large base angle of attack and flow separation effects.**



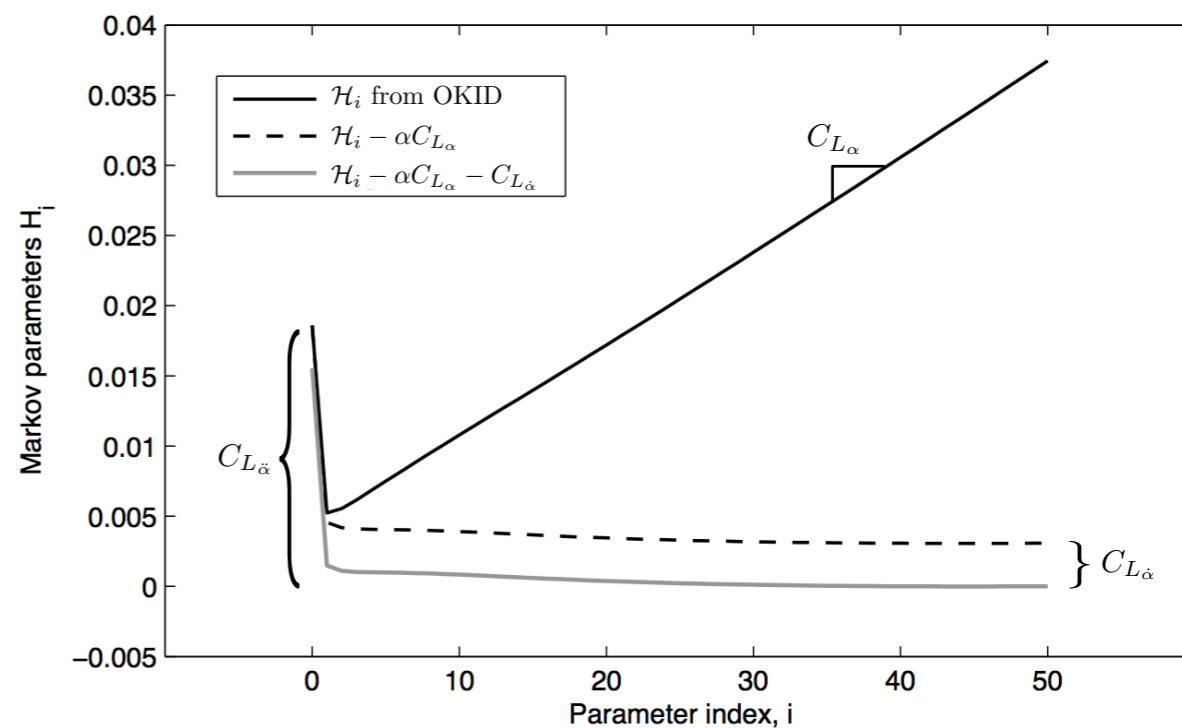
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**Flatter Markov parameters indicate smaller lift coefficient slope**

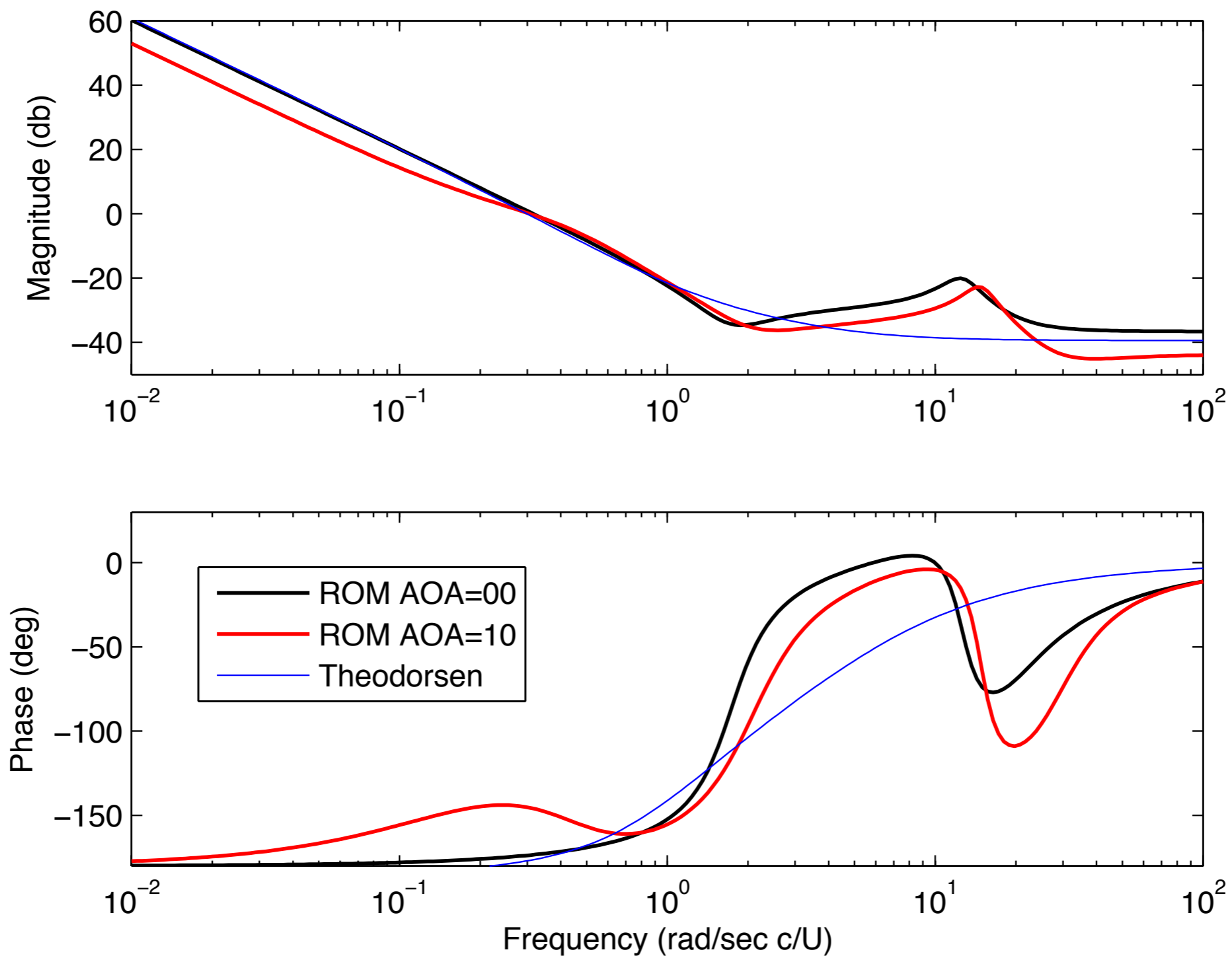
**Convergence to asymptote at lower frequency indicate longer transient decay to steady state (more separated flow)**

**AOA = 10 degrees**





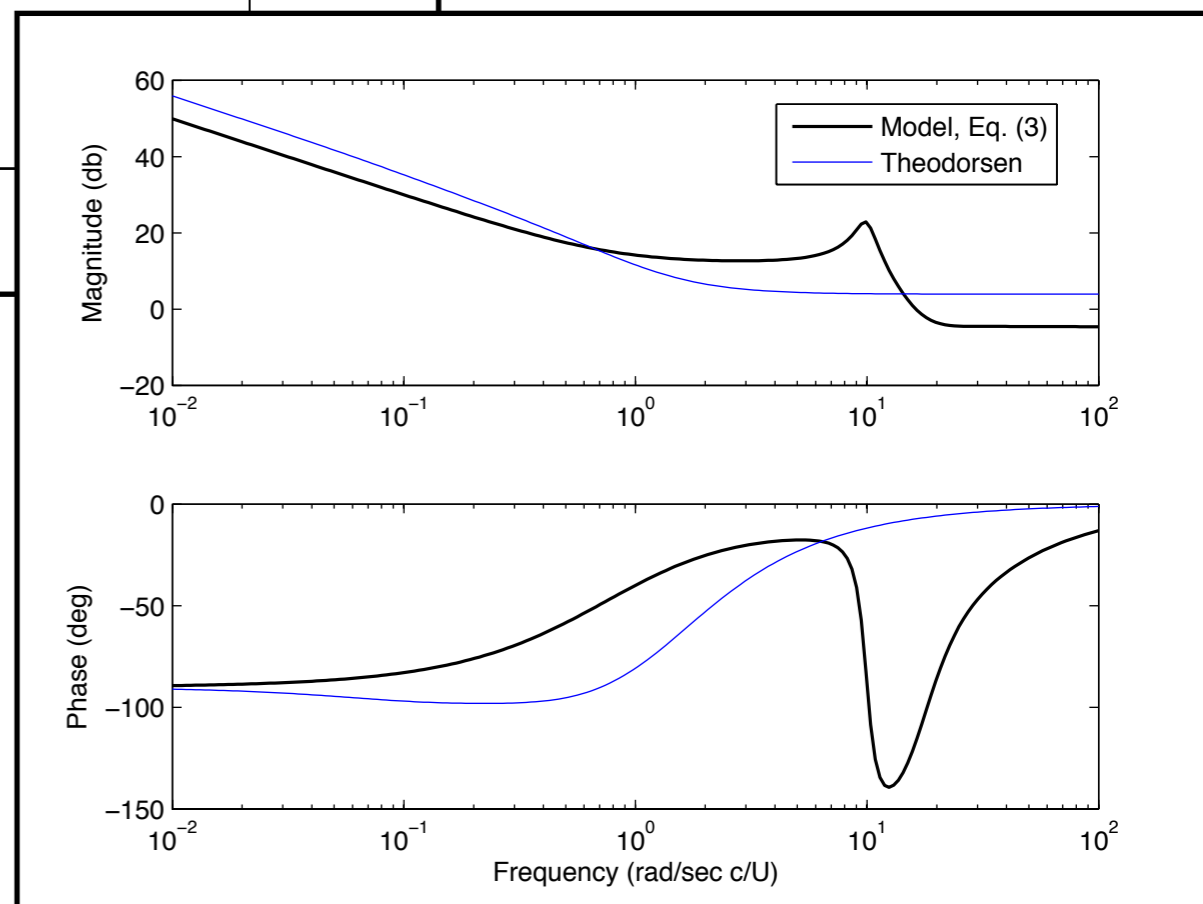
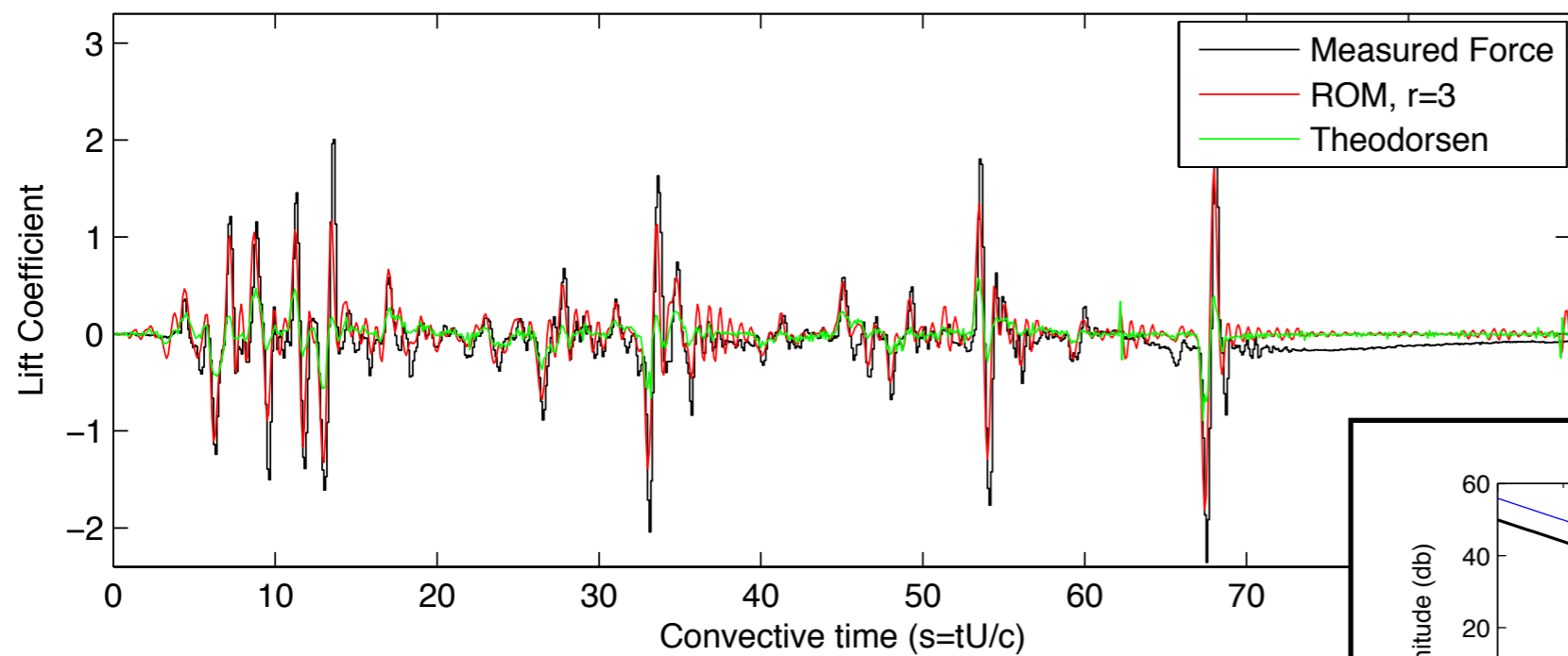
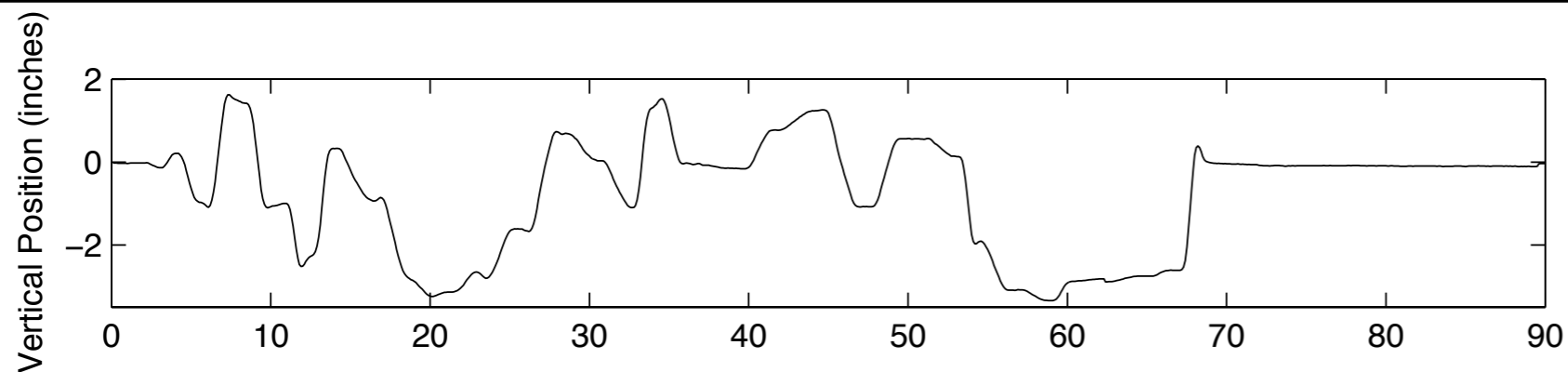
# AoA=00 vs. AoA=10



**Trend is similar to DNS, where low frequency asymptote converges at lower frequency, for larger angle of attack.**



# Pure Plunge





# Outline



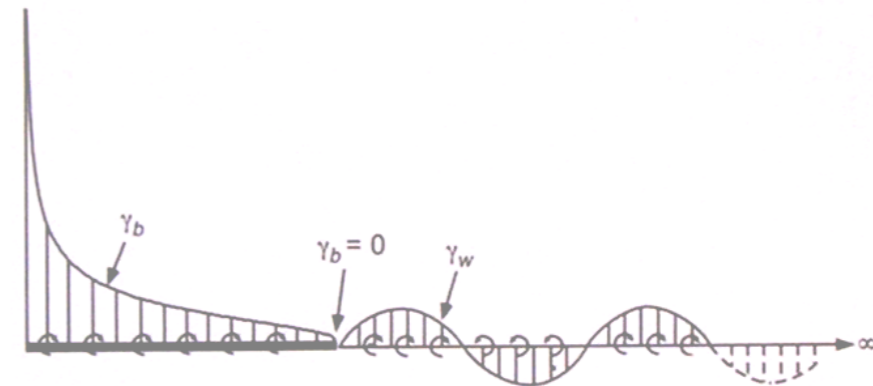
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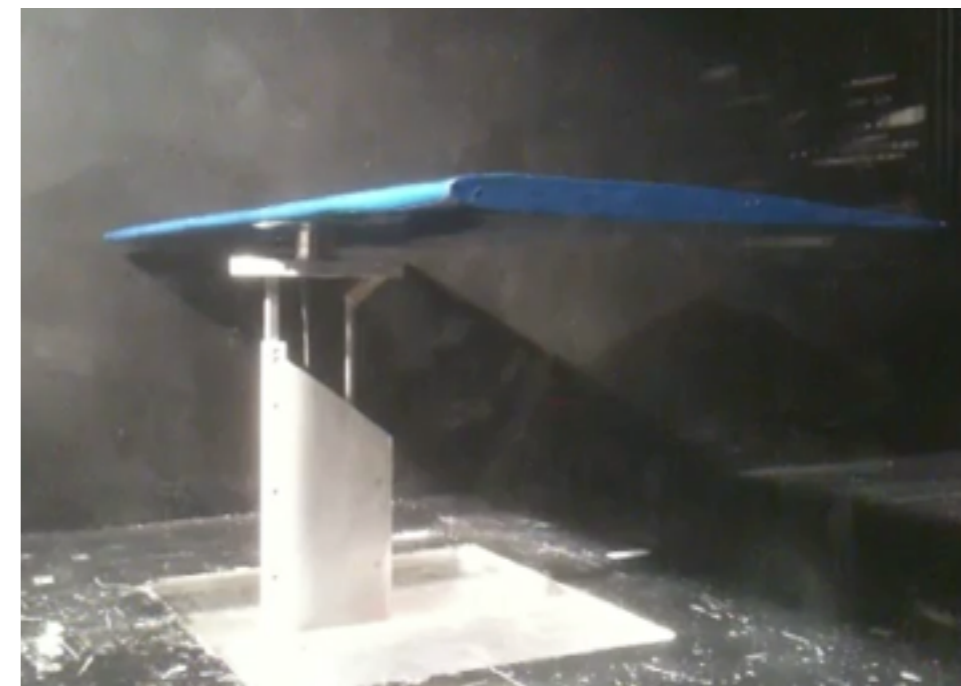
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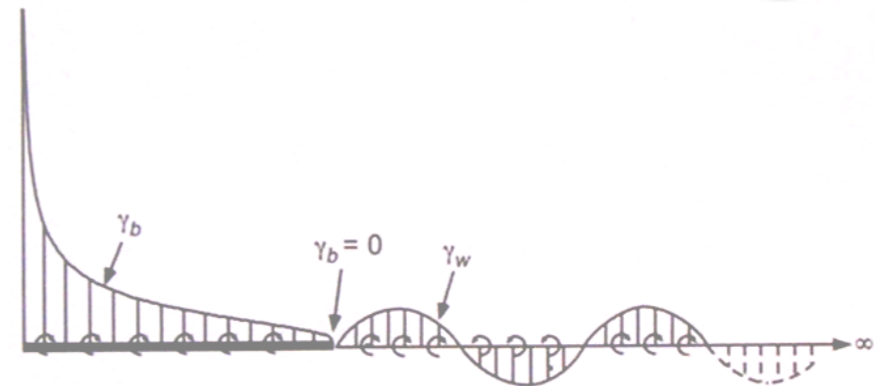
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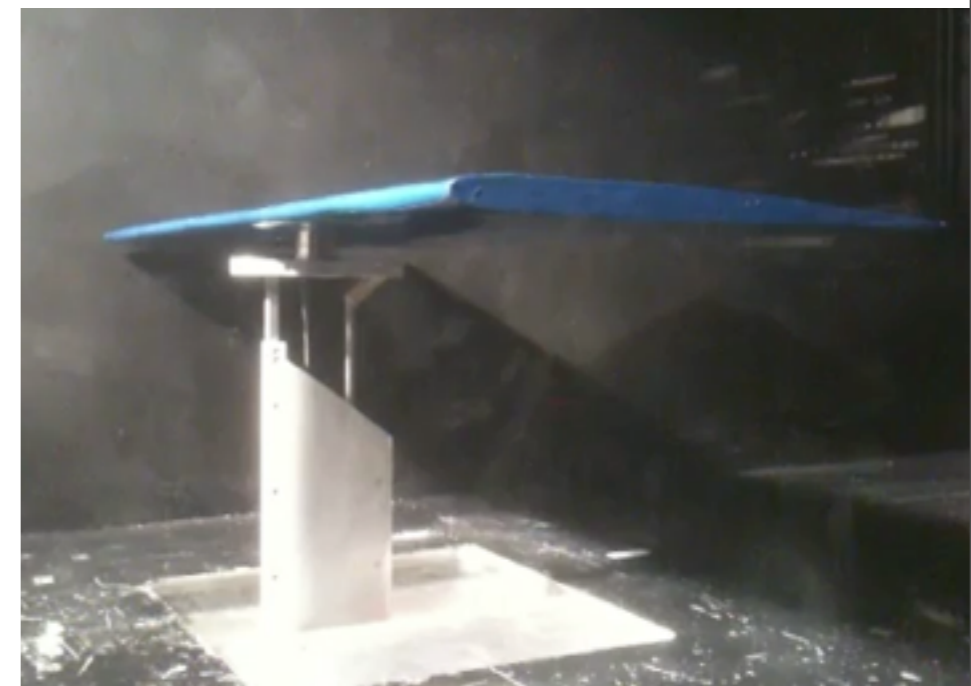
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# Conclusions



Accurate, efficient linear reduced order models

- Models are linearization of full nonlinear model
- Constructed for specific geometry, Reynolds number
- Based on various input maneuvers

Modeling techniques applied to wind tunnel experiment at IIT

- Aggressive system ID maneuver developed, based on canonical maneuver
- Pitch and plunge dynamics investigated
- Reduced order model outperforms Theodorsen's model for all cases, especially at large angle of attack

Future Work:

- Use pitch/plunge models for optimal control (maneuver, lift stabilization)
- Combine linearized models into nonlinear model

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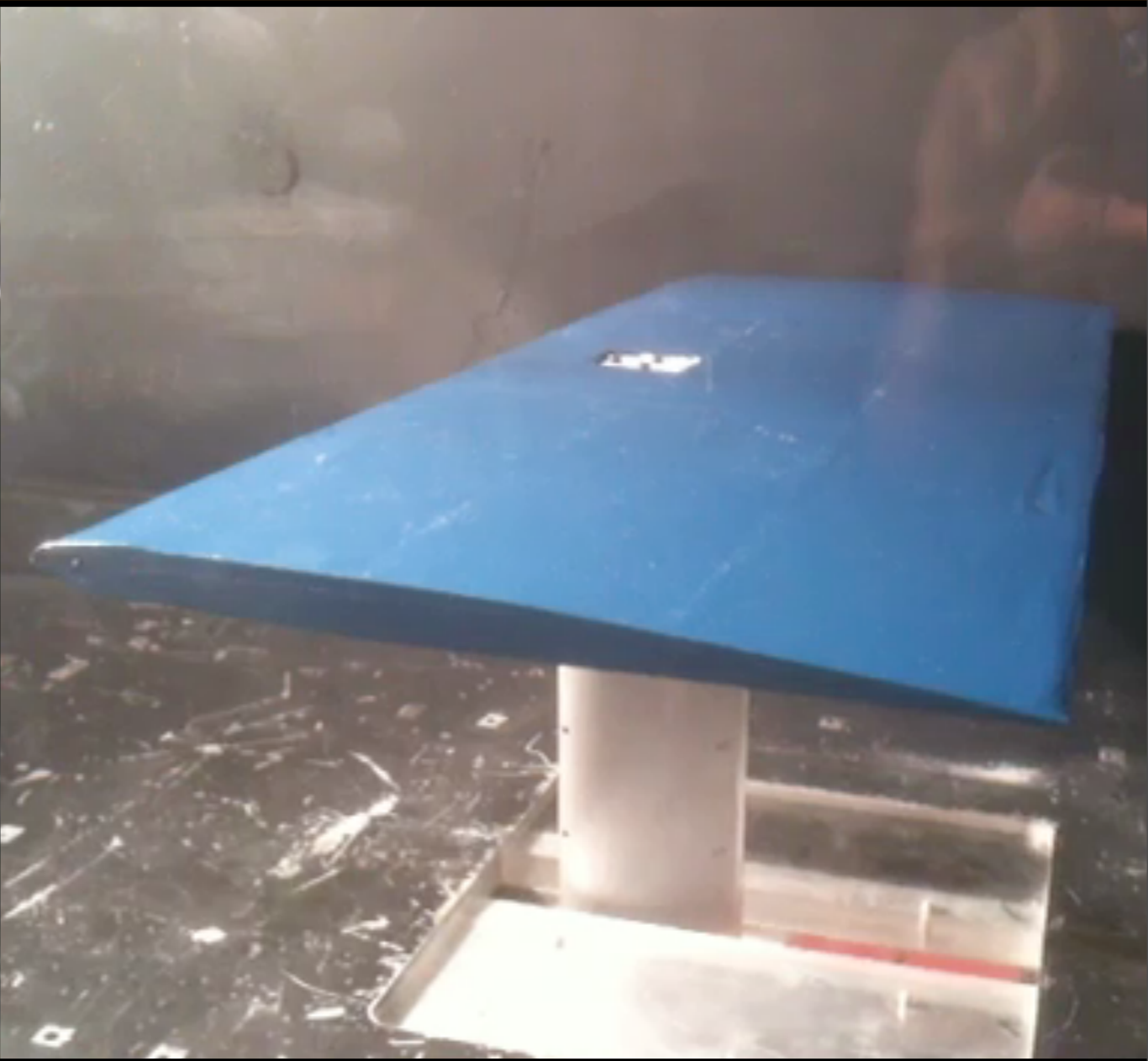
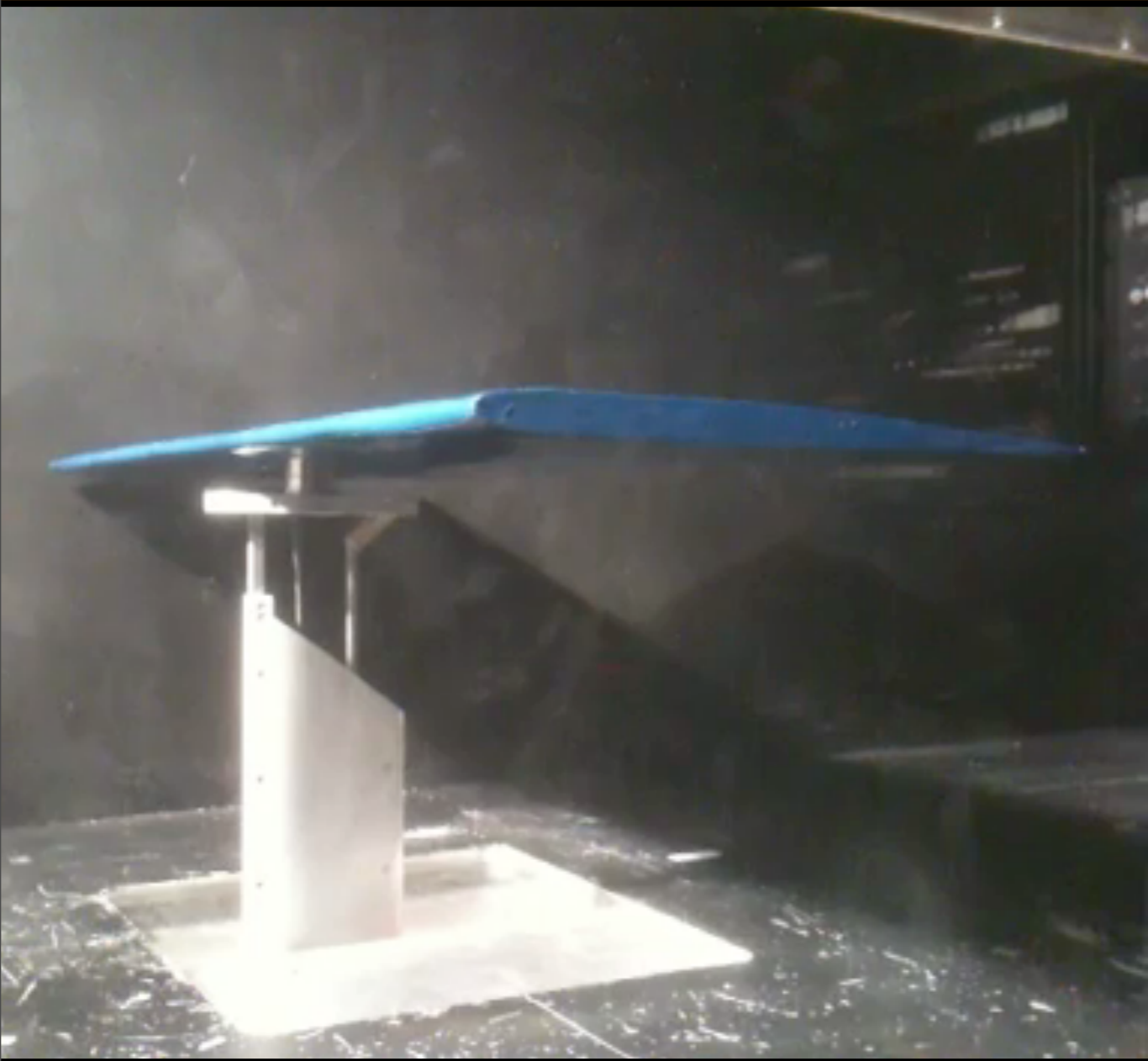
**Wagner, 1925.**

**Brunton and Rowley, AIAA ASM 2009-2011**

**Theodorsen, 1935.**

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# Questions?

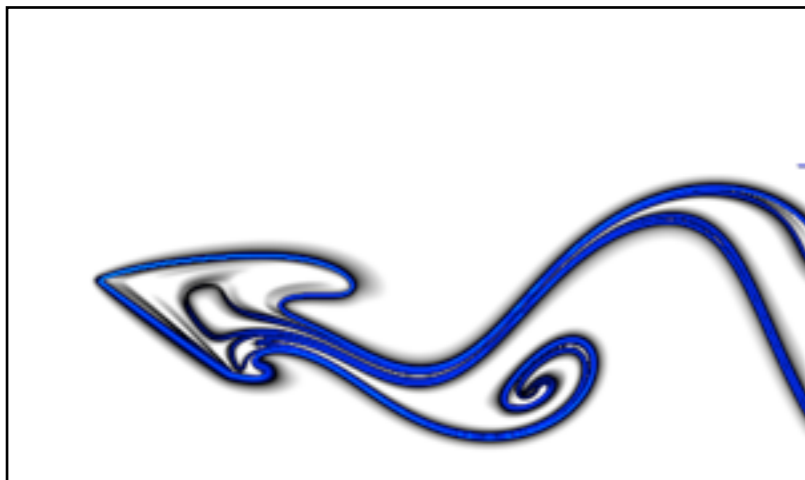




# 3 Types of Unsteadiness



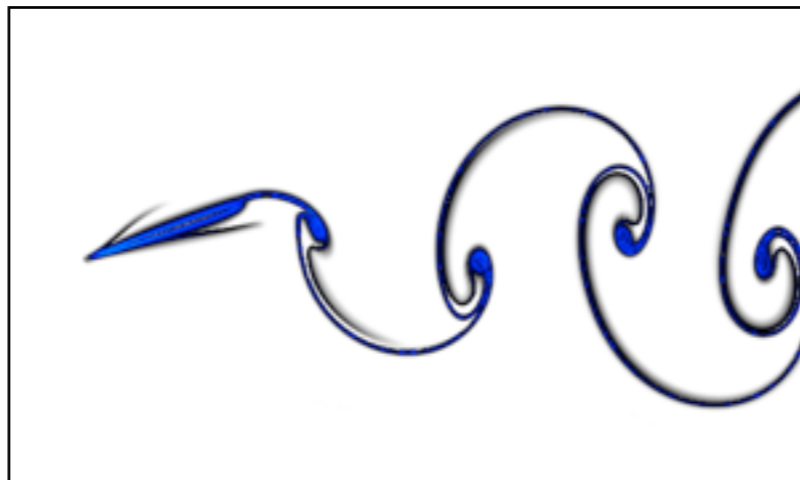
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$$\alpha > \alpha_{\text{stall}}$$

**Large amplitude, slow**

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$$St = \frac{Af}{U_\infty}$$

**Moderate amplitude, fast**

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$$k = \frac{\pi fc}{U_\infty}$$

**Small amplitude, very fast**

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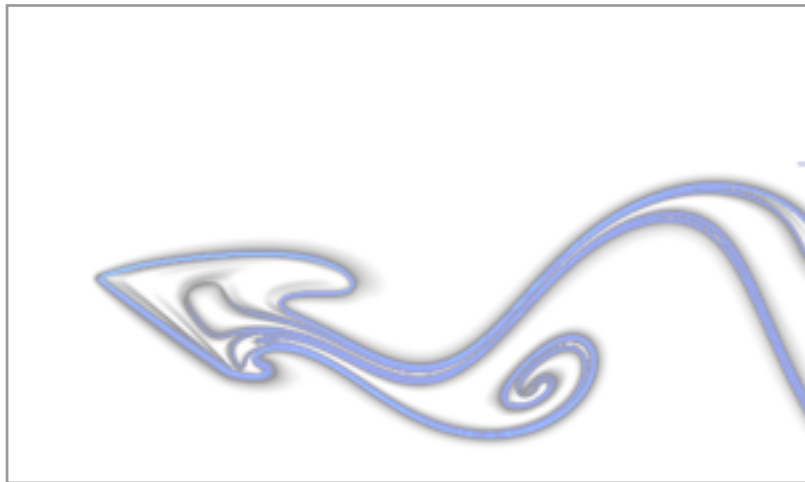
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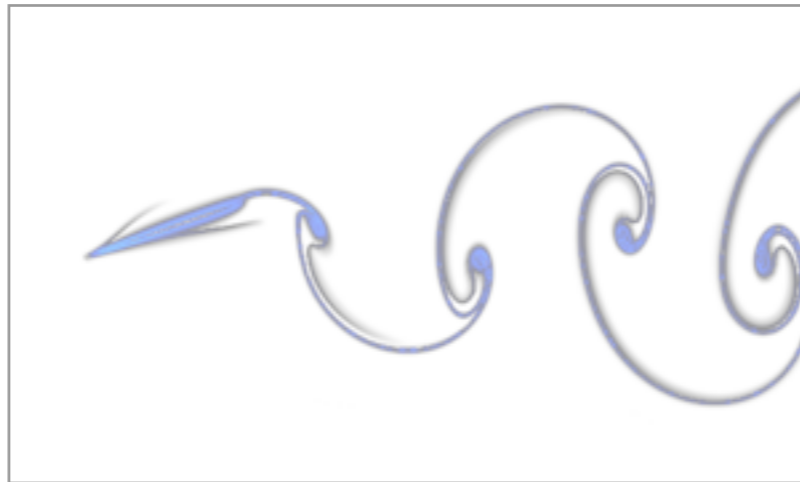
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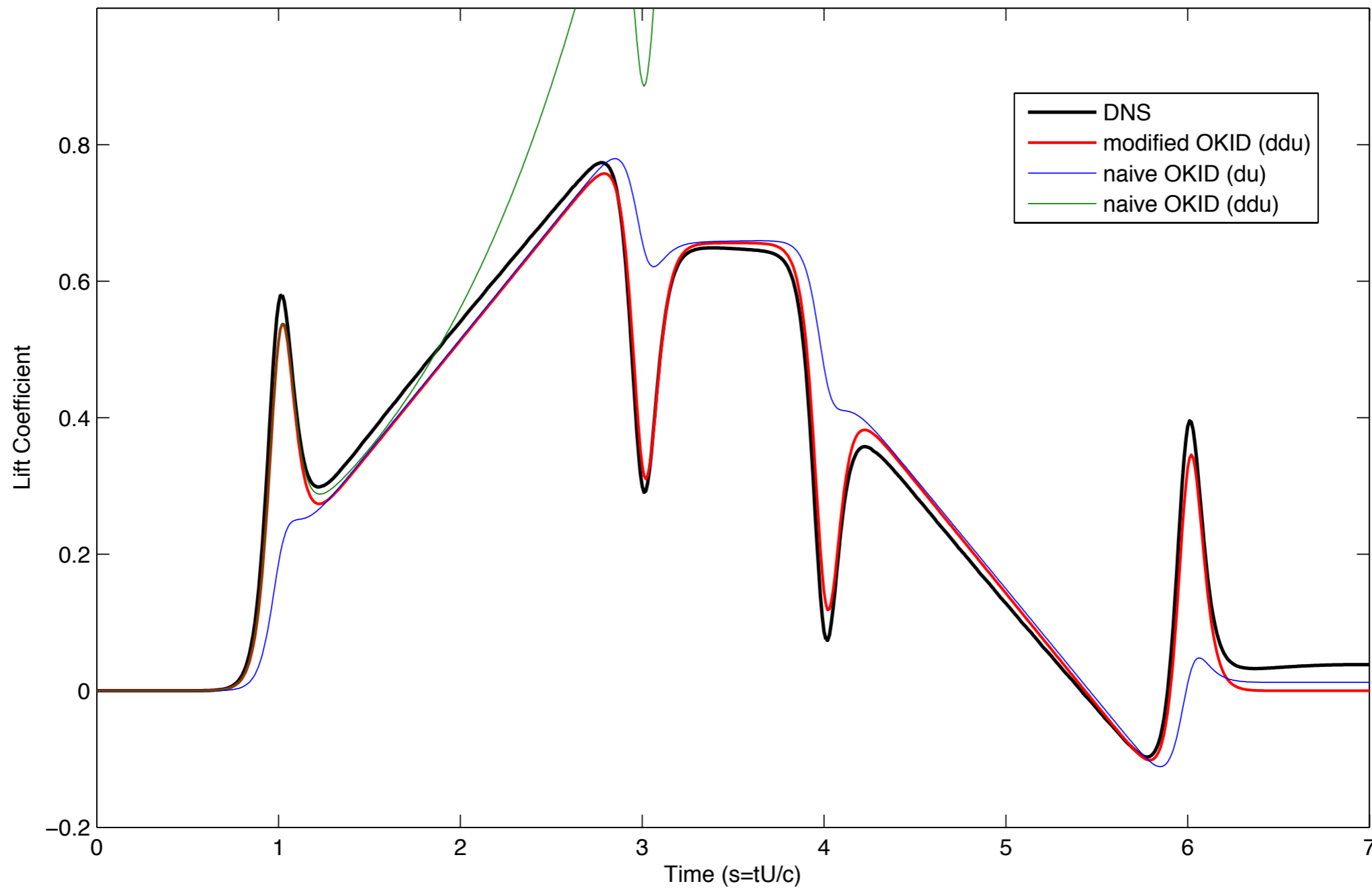
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# Caution Against Naive OKID



black - correct model

blue - using step response as input to OKID without modification

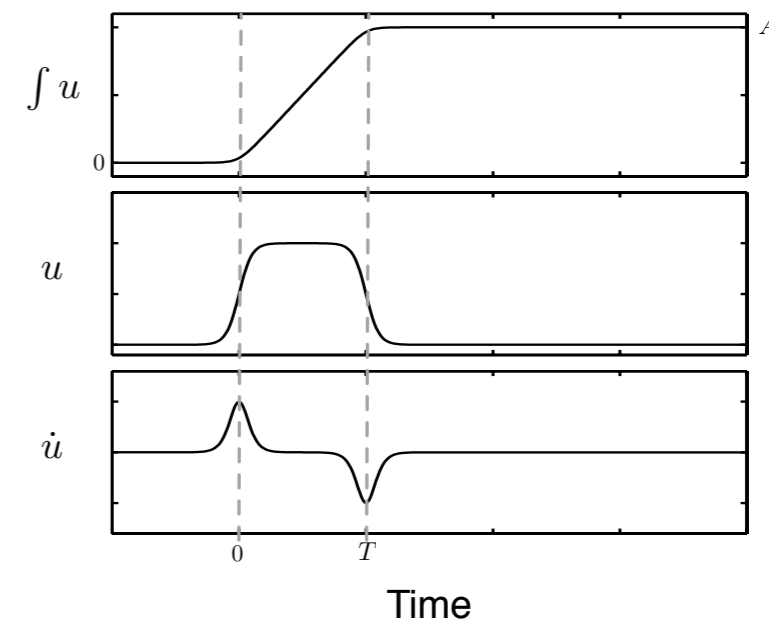
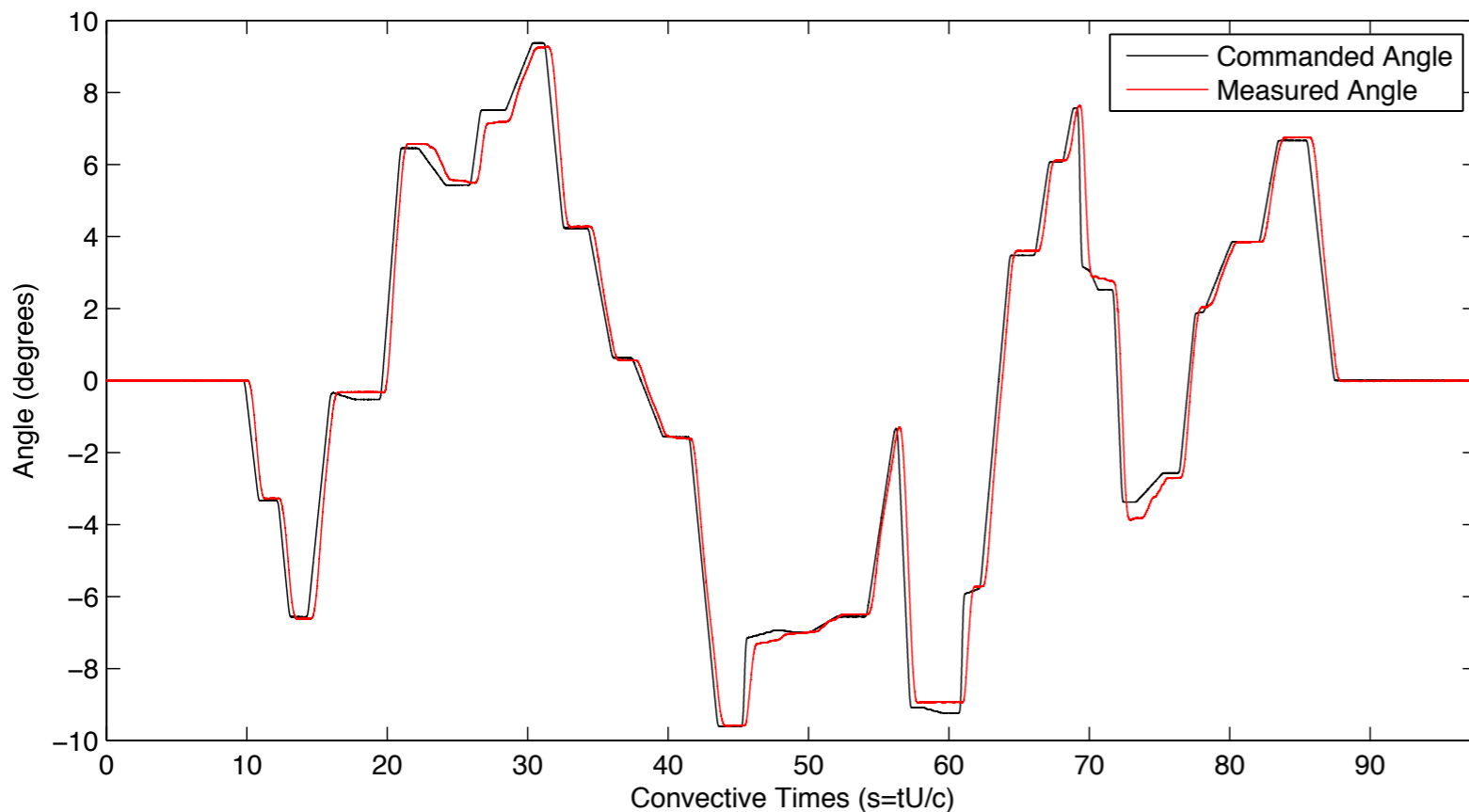
green - using step in pitch rate as input to OKID without modification

red - applying our model structure to OKID output

**Brunton and Rowley, submitted.**



# Wing Maneuver



**Pseudo-random sequence of ramp-hold maneuvers**

**Amplitude is constrained to be in +/- 10 degrees (or +/- 5)**

