

Reduced order models for unsteady aerodynamic forces at low Reynolds number



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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

FLYIT Simulators, Inc.



Predator (General Atomics)



Bio-locomotion



**Flexible Wing
(University of Florida)**



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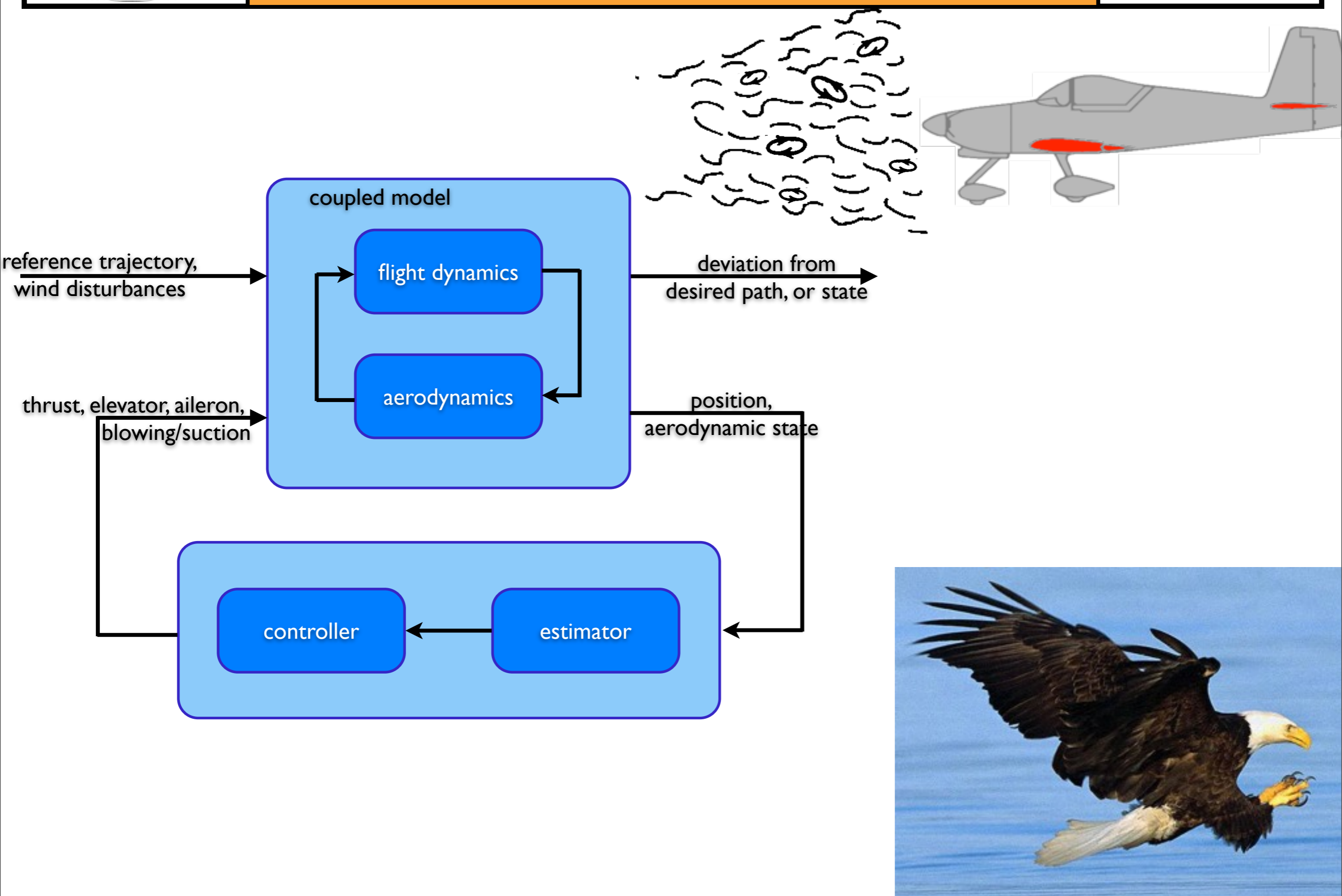


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2D Incompressible Flow, (Re=100)



Stationary, AoA = 25



Pitch



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Plunge

Immersed boundary method

Multi-domain approach

Boundary forces computed as Lagrange-multipliers to enforce no slip

Colonius & Taira, 2008.

2D Incompressible Navier-Stokes:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \int_s \mathbf{f}(\xi(s, t)) \delta(\xi - \mathbf{x}) ds$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\xi(s, t)) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \xi) d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}_B(\xi(s, t))$$



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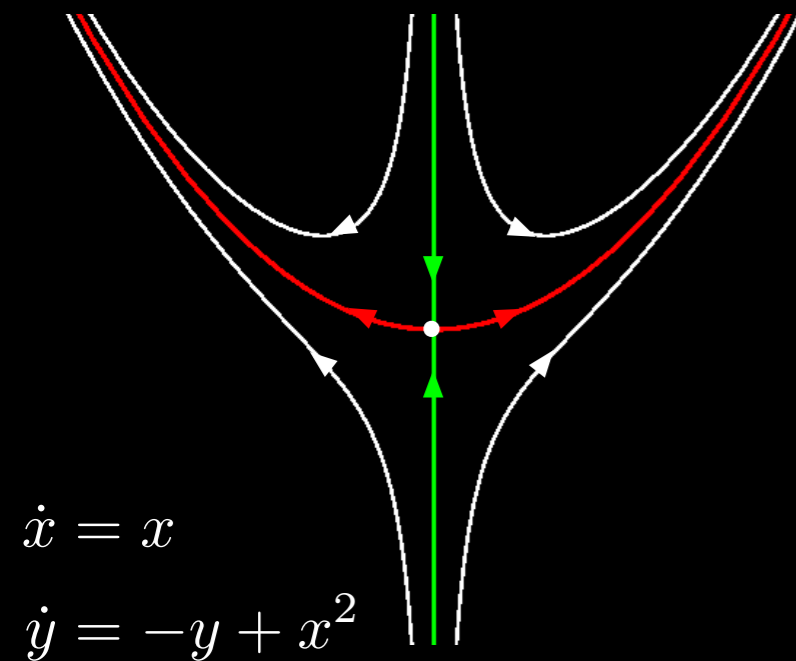
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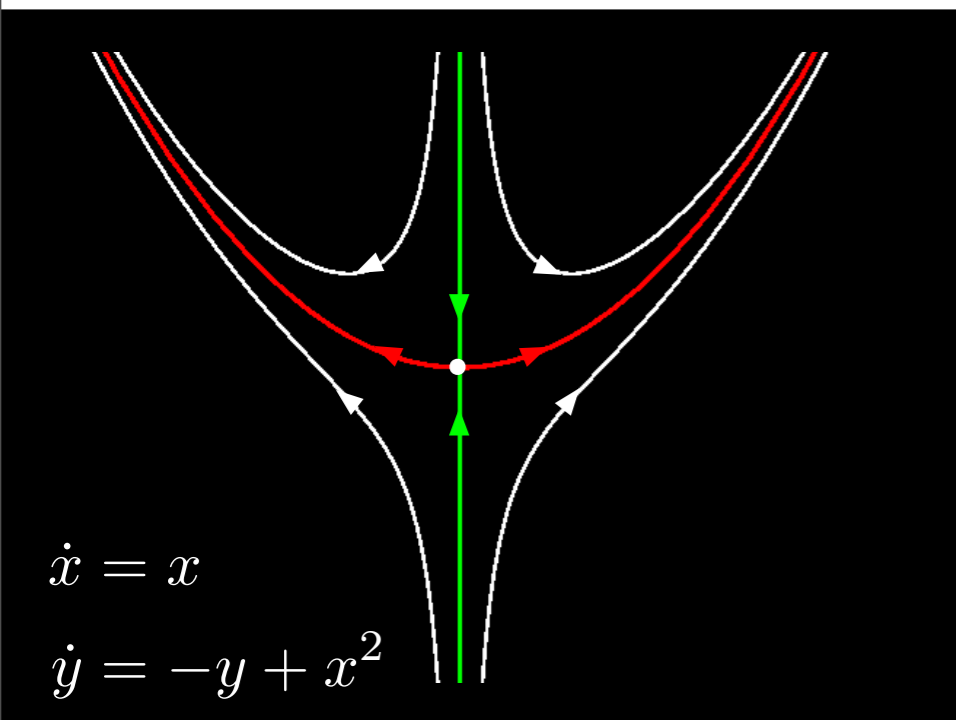
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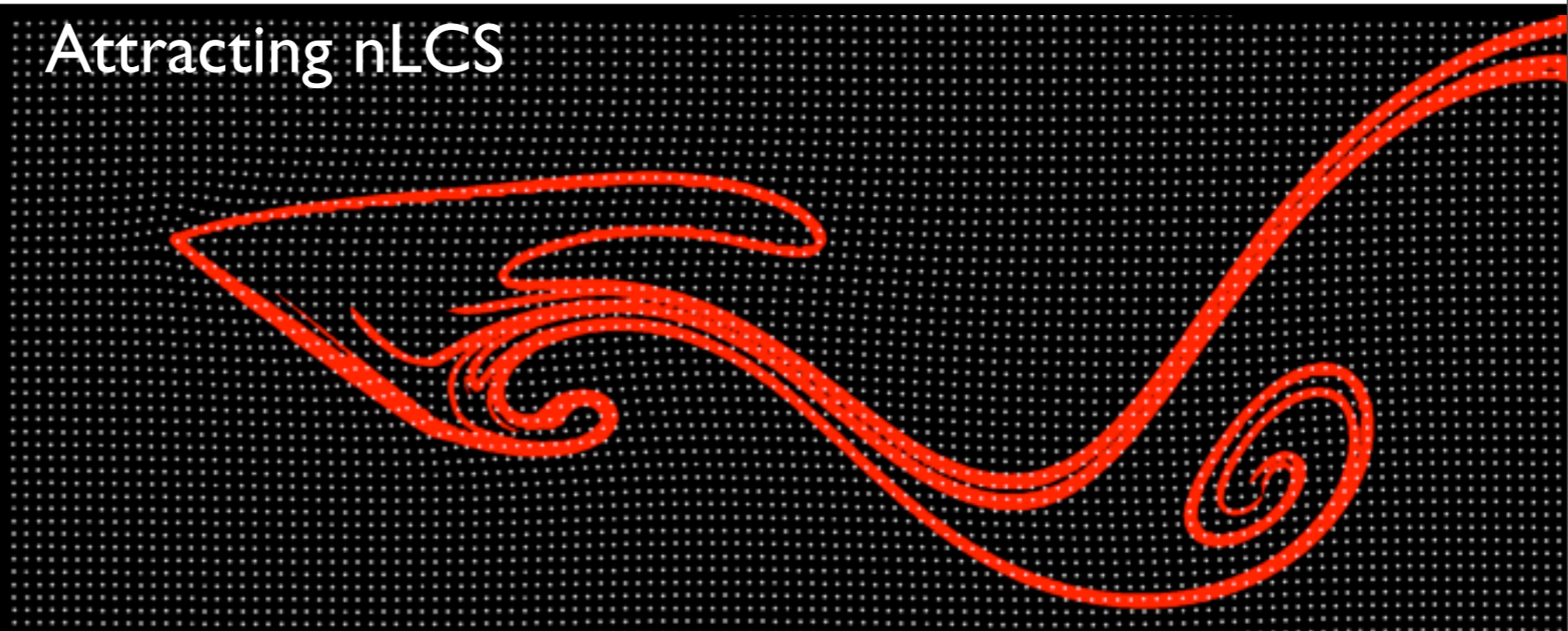
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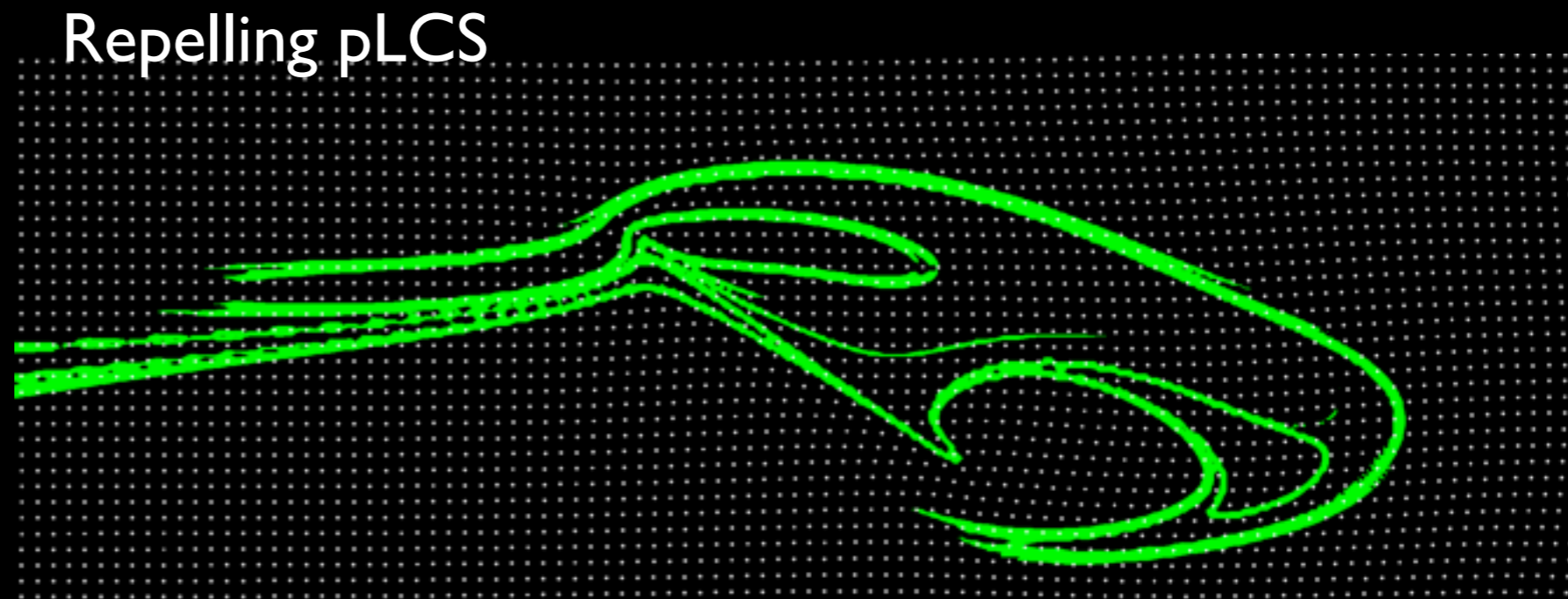
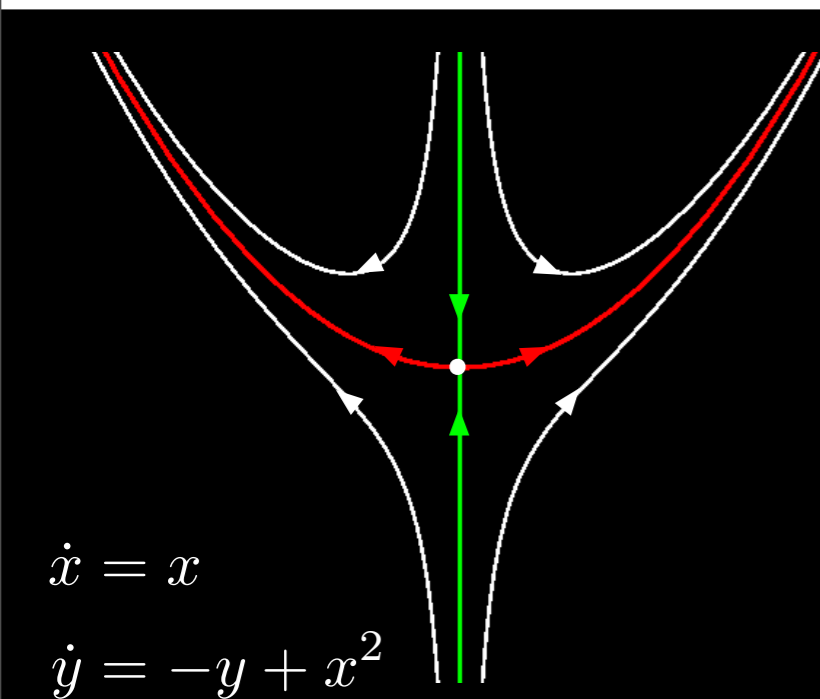
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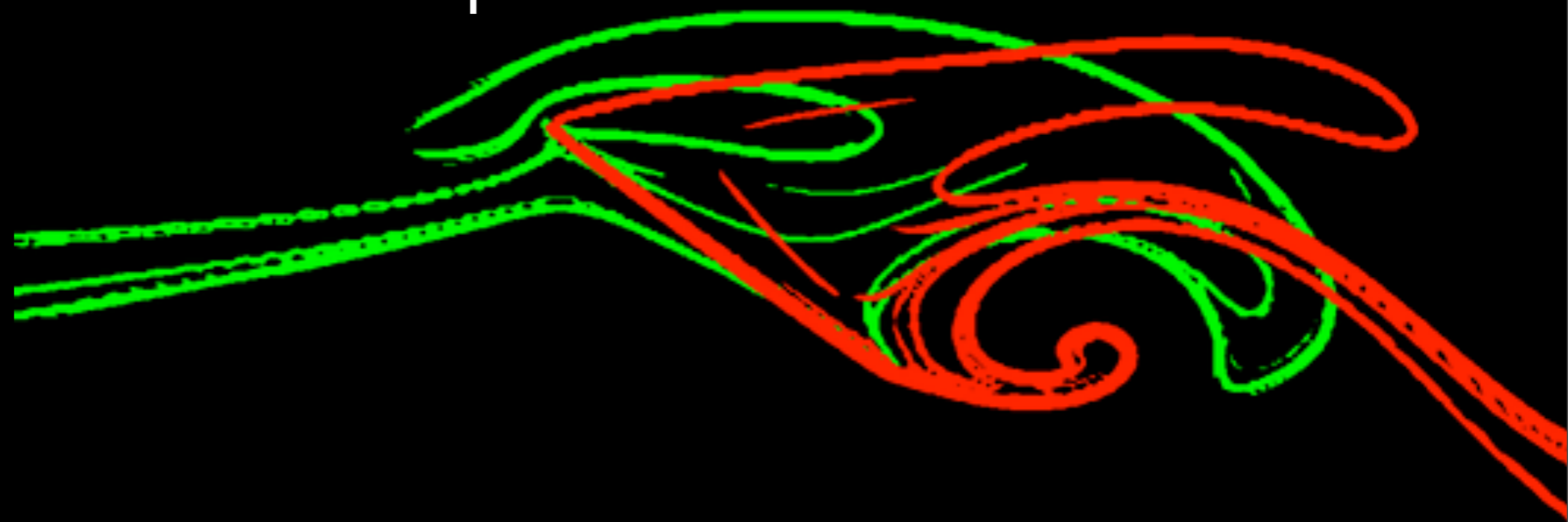
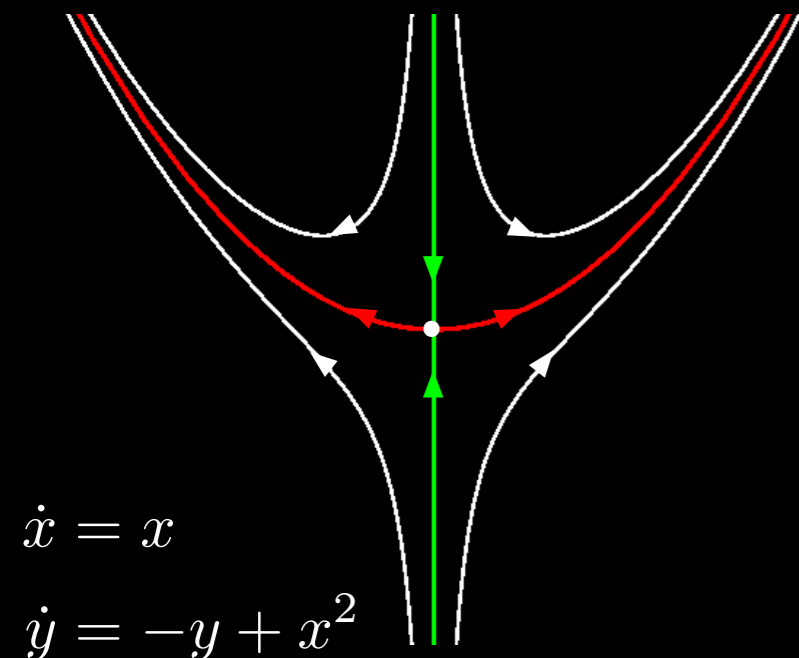
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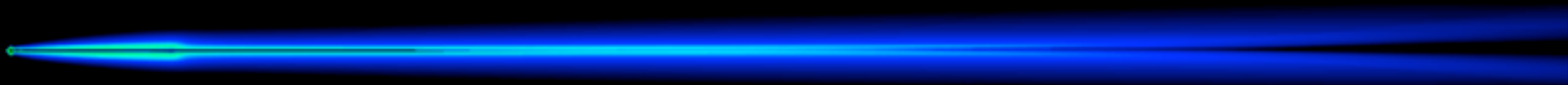
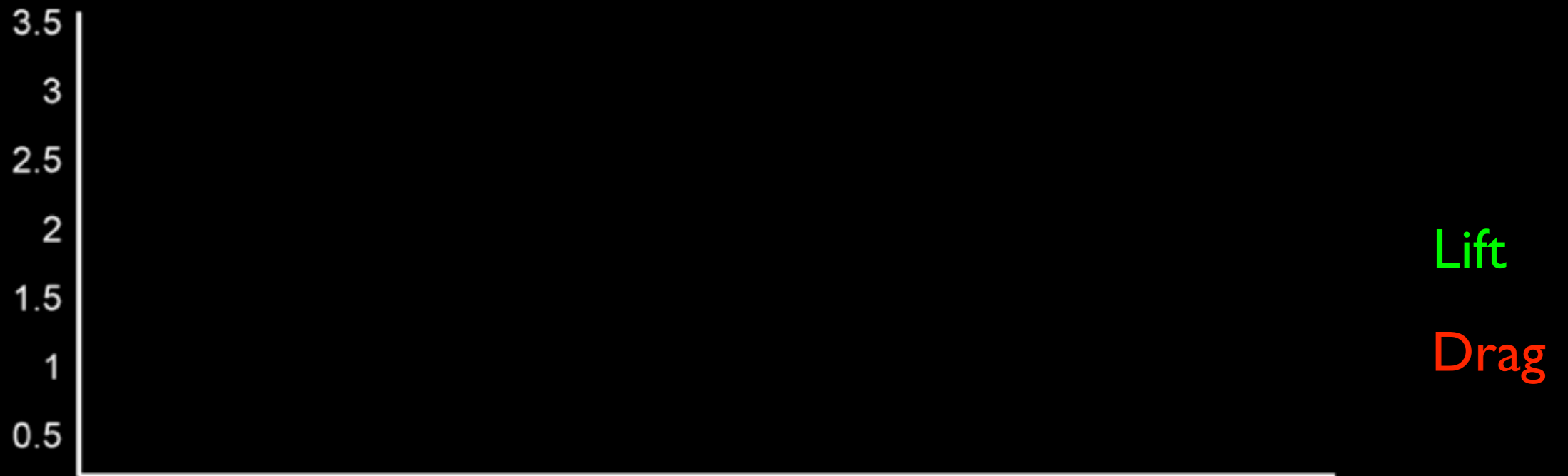
Both nLCS & pLCS



$$\dot{x} = x$$
$$\dot{y} = -y + x^2$$



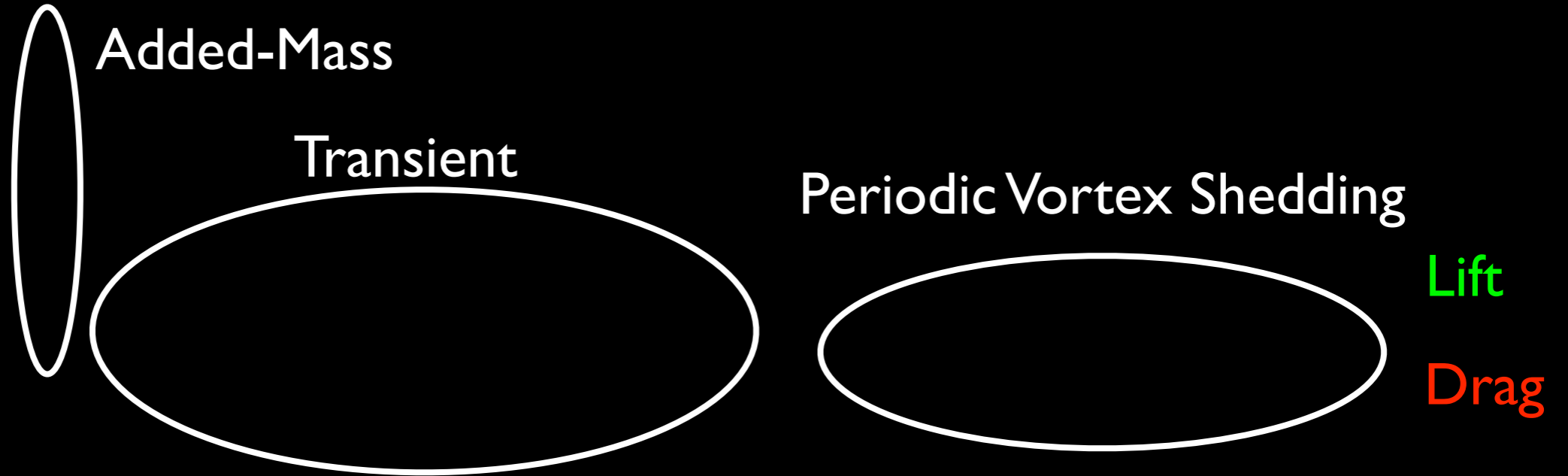
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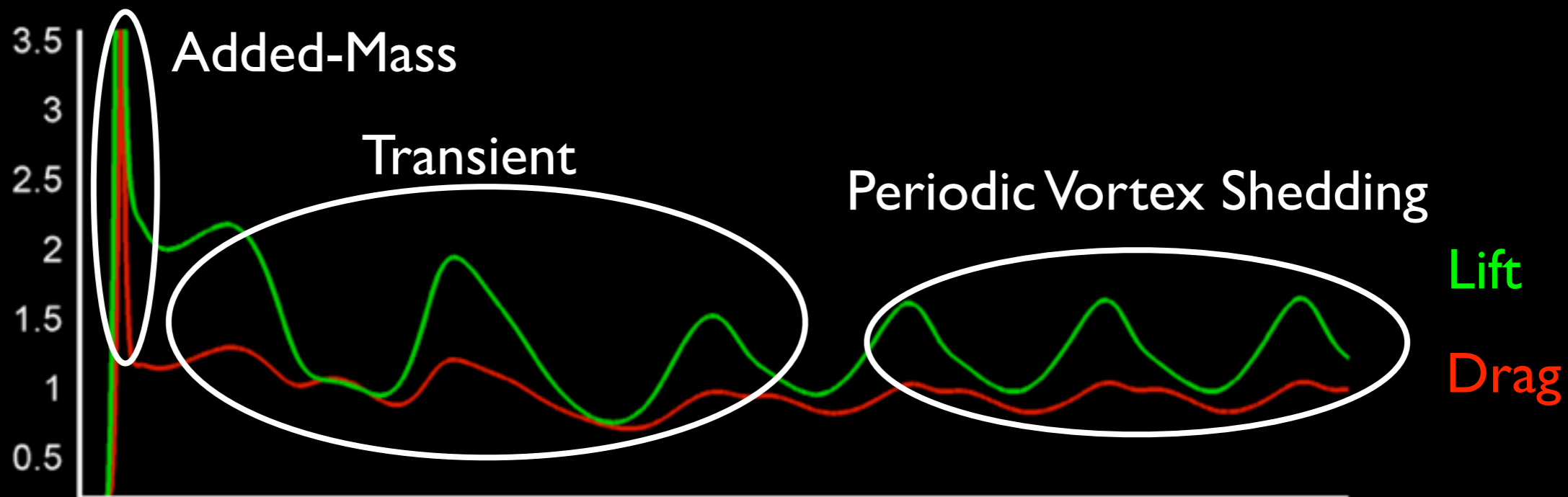
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The mass of the body and surrounding fluid are being accelerated, to different extents.

Kinetic energy T will be in some manner proportional to U (for potential and Stokes flows)

$$T = \rho \frac{I}{2} U^2 \quad \text{where} \quad I = \int_V \frac{u_i}{U} \cdot \frac{u_i}{U} dV$$

If body accelerates, T probably increases, and energy must be supplied:

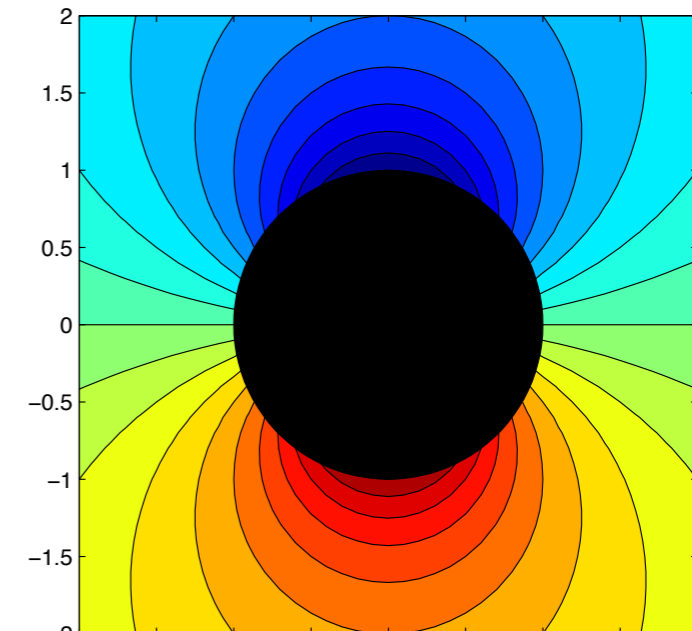
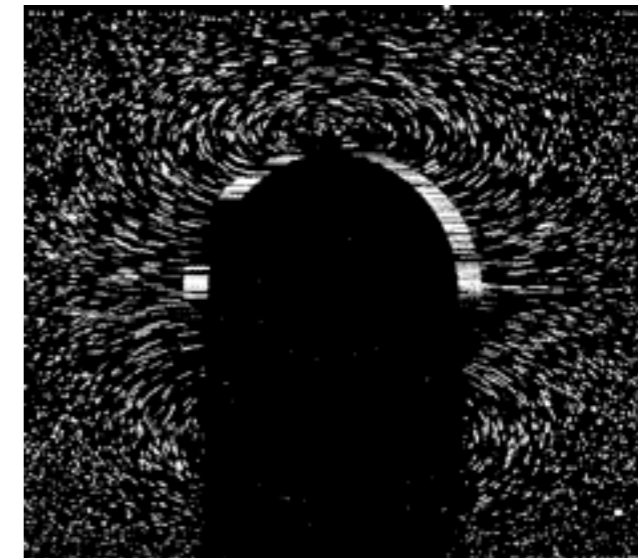
$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -FU \quad \implies \quad F_i = - \underbrace{\rho I_{ij}}_{\text{AM}} \dot{U}_j$$

Lamb, 1945.

Milne-Thompson, 1962

Newman, 1977.

cylinder moving in Lab frame





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Boundary layer

Laminar separation bubble

Leading edge vortex

Periodic Vortex Shedding



Milne-Thompson, 1973.

Stengel, 2004.



Theodorsen's Model - 1935



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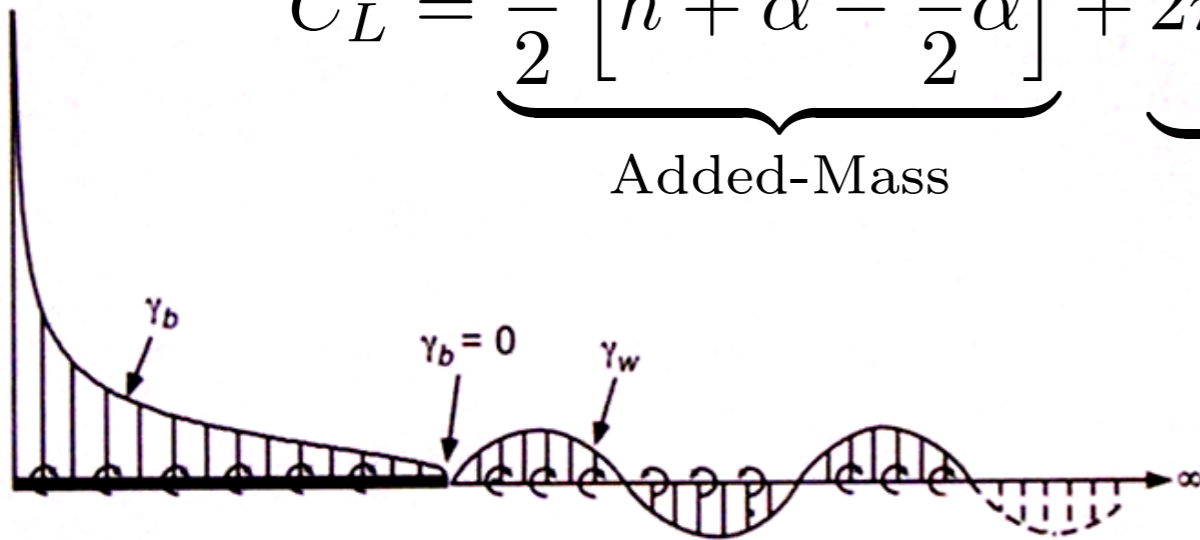
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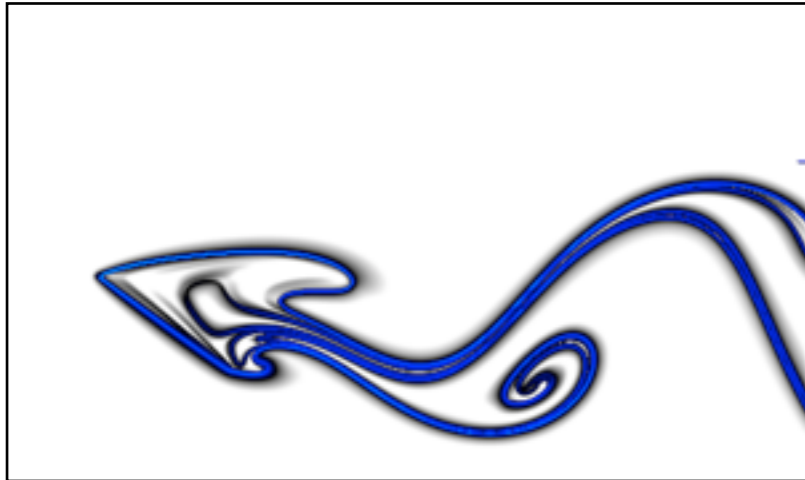
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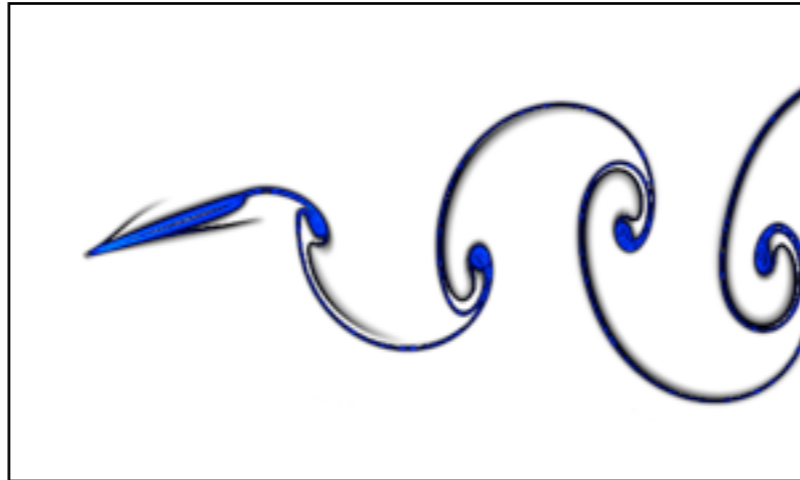
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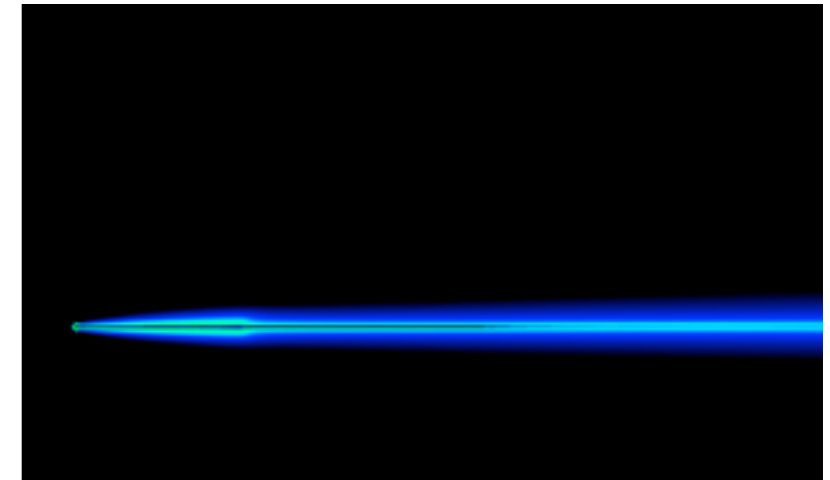
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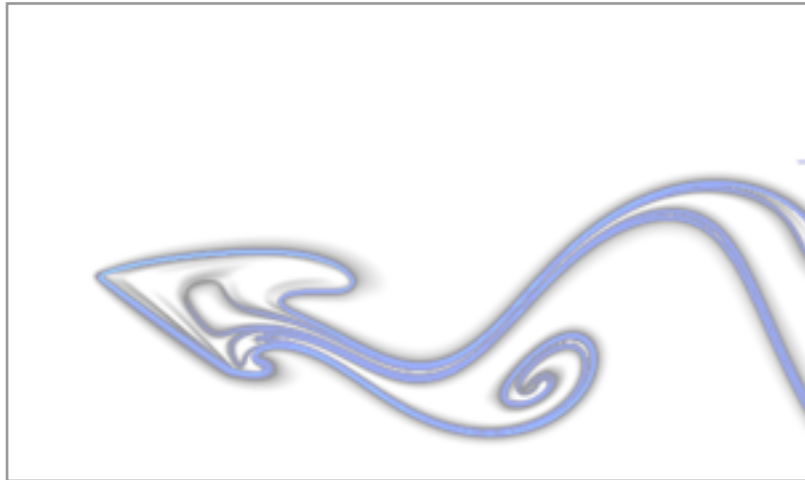
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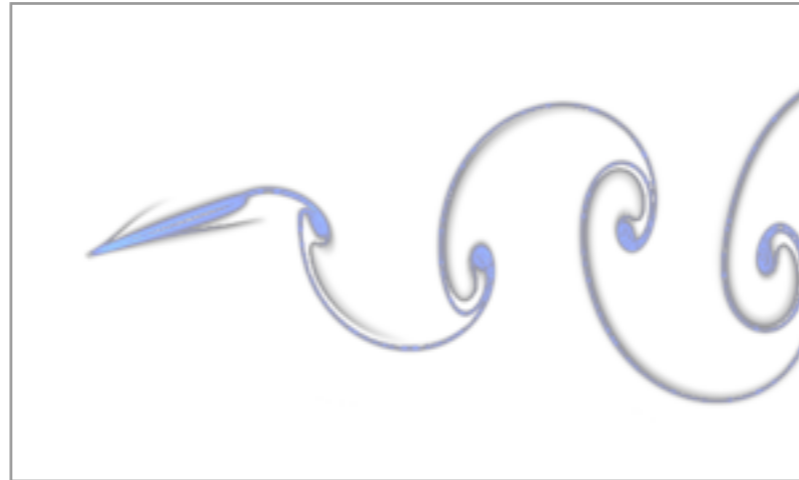
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Candidate Lift Models

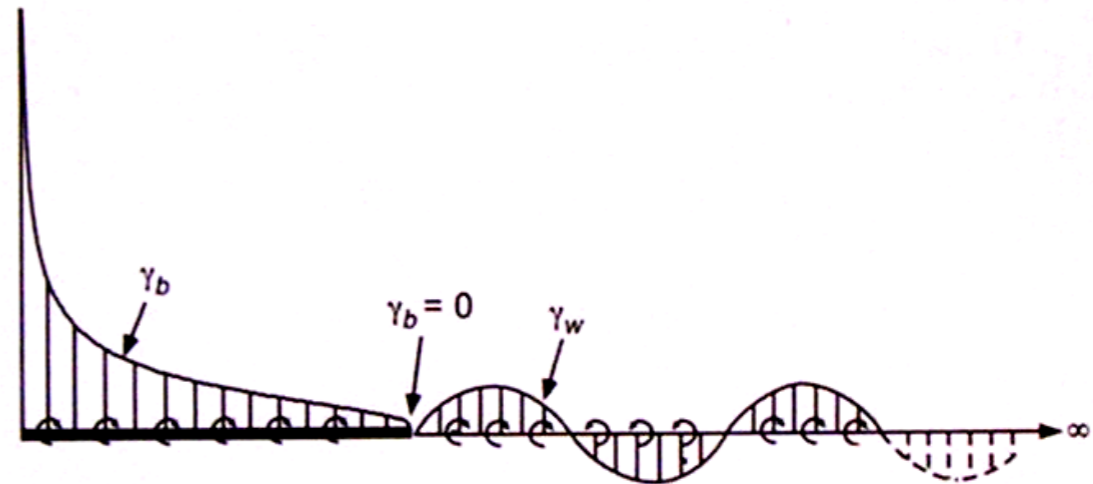


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Indicial Response (Wagner)

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Motivation for State-Space Models

Captures input output dynamics accurately

Computationally tractable

fits into control framework

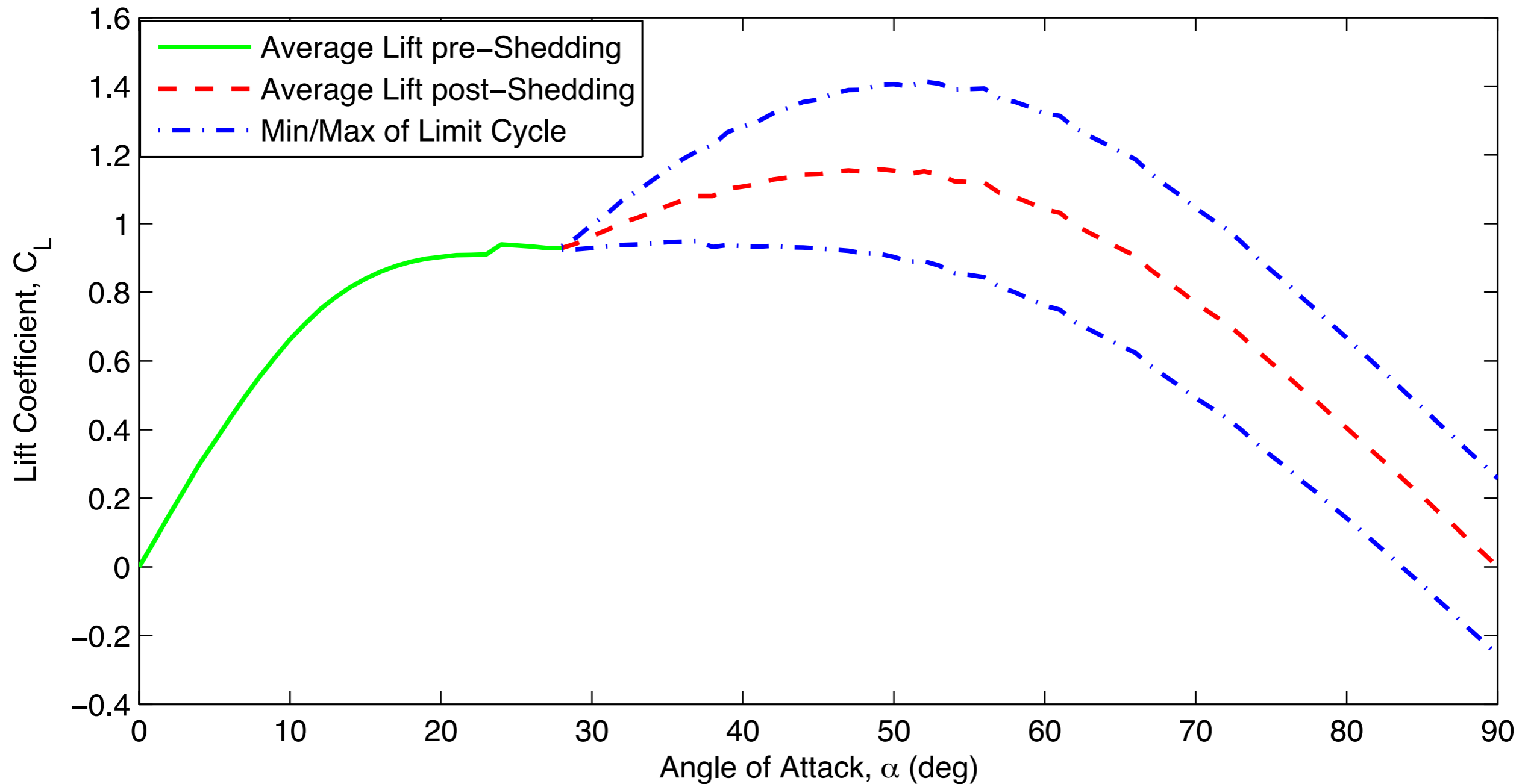
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Lift vs Angle of Attack



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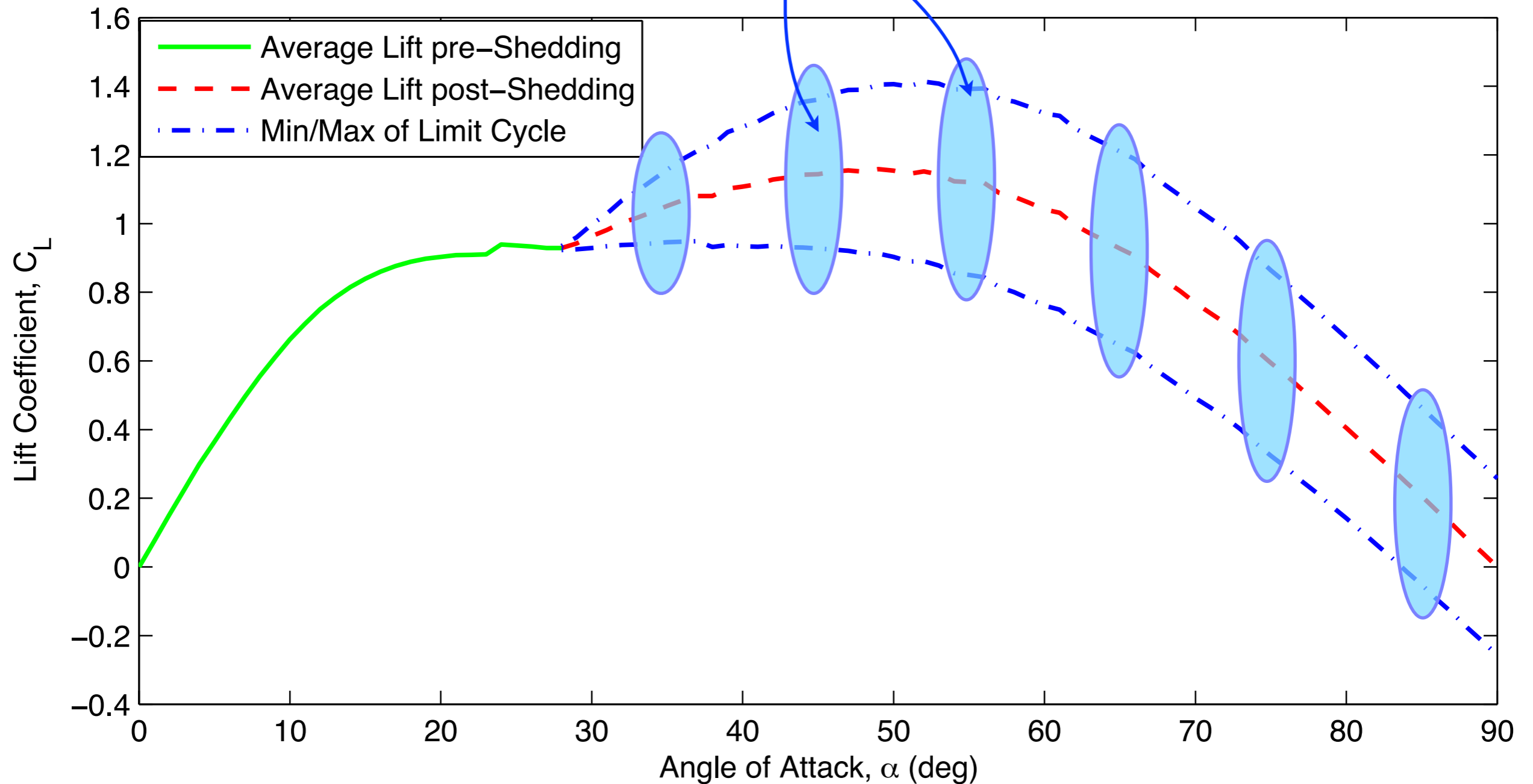
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Models based on Hopf normal form capture vortex shedding



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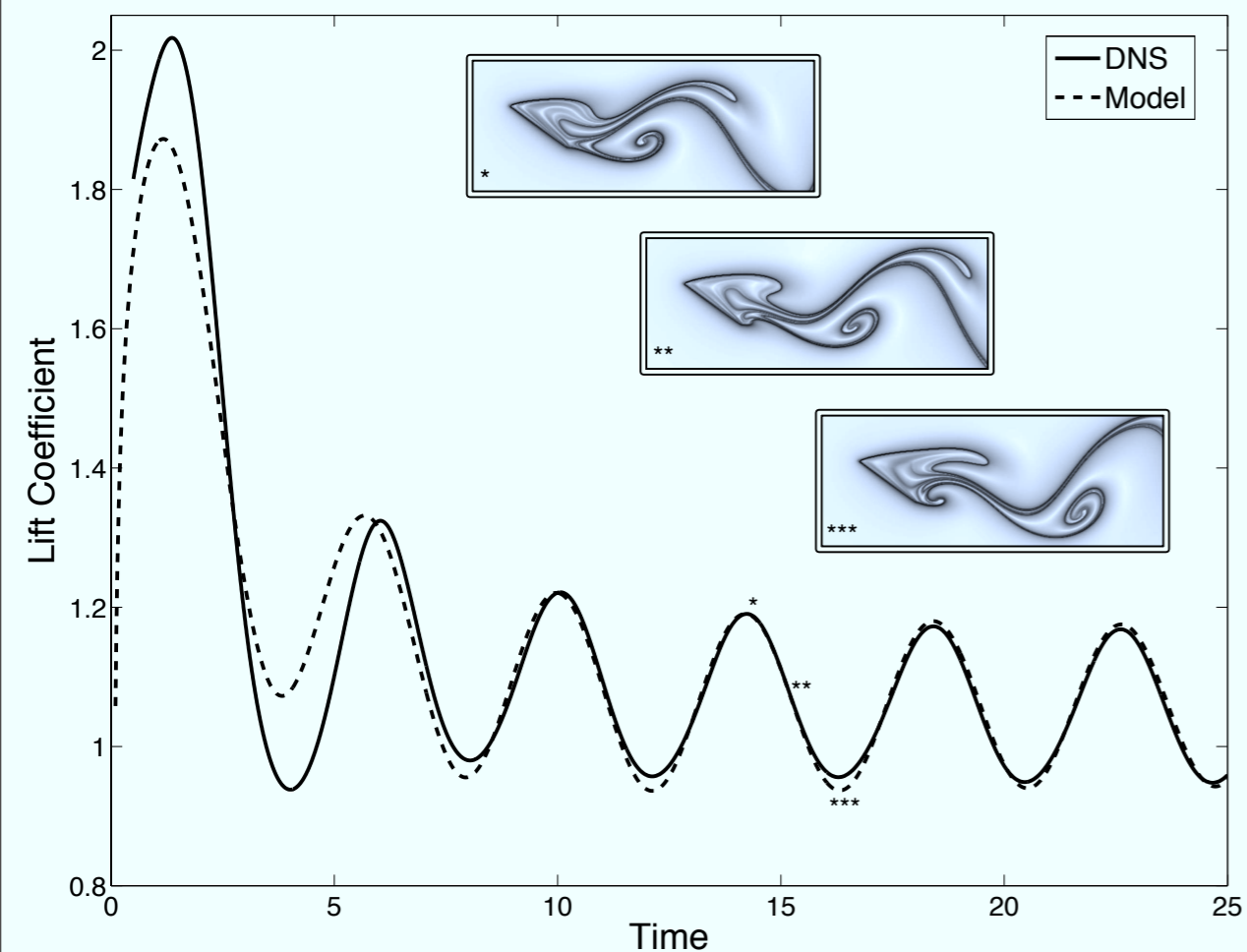
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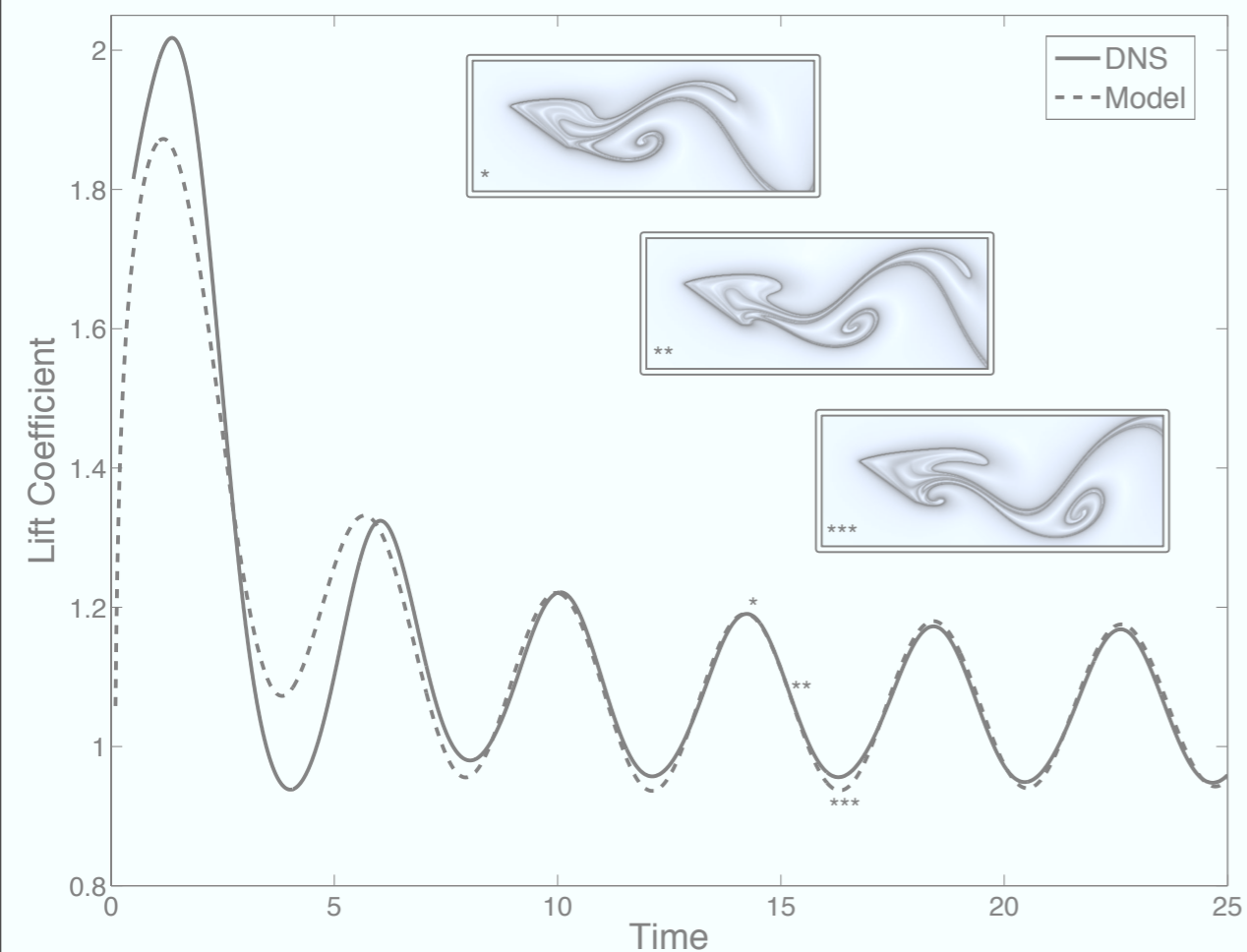
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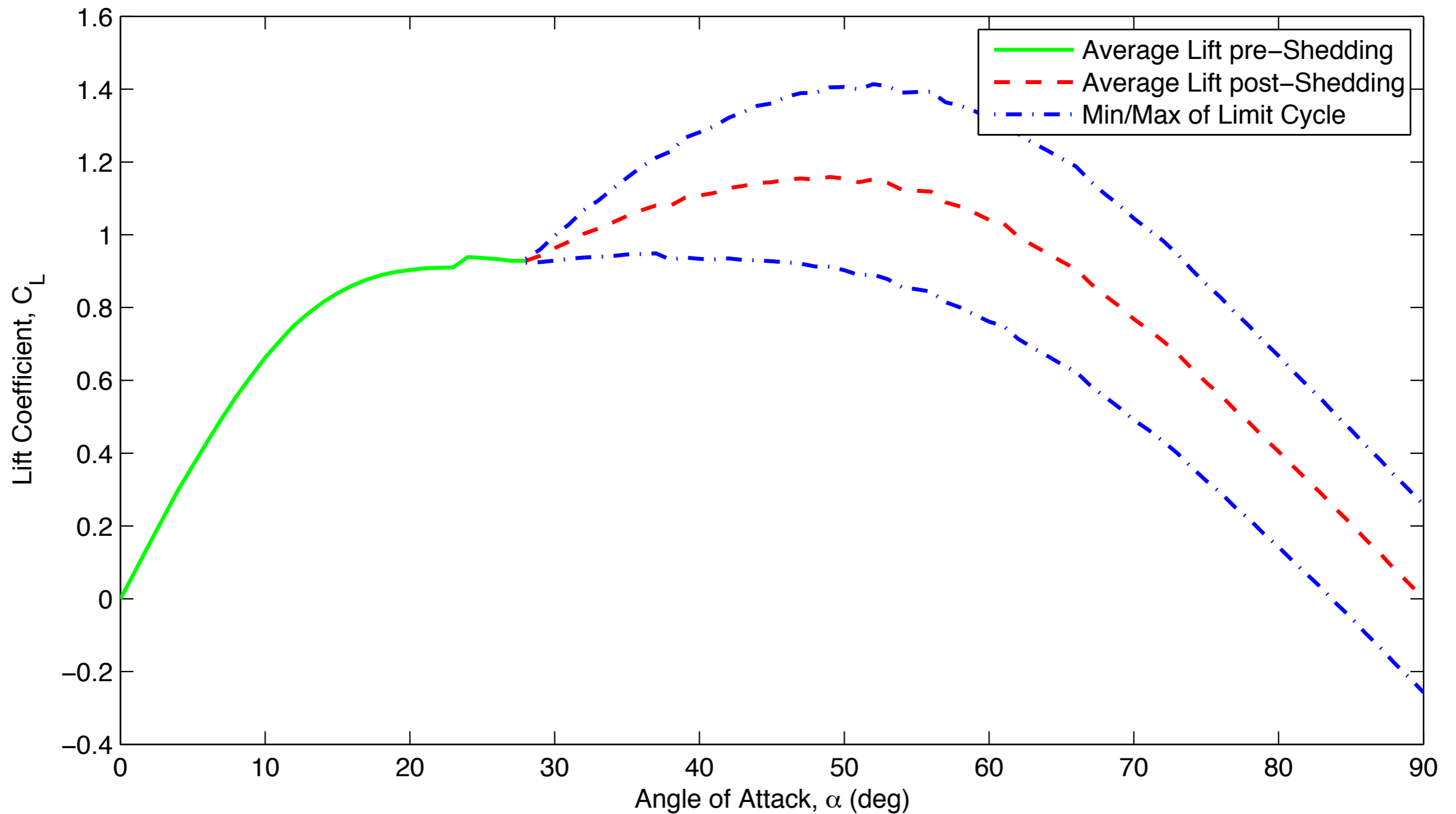


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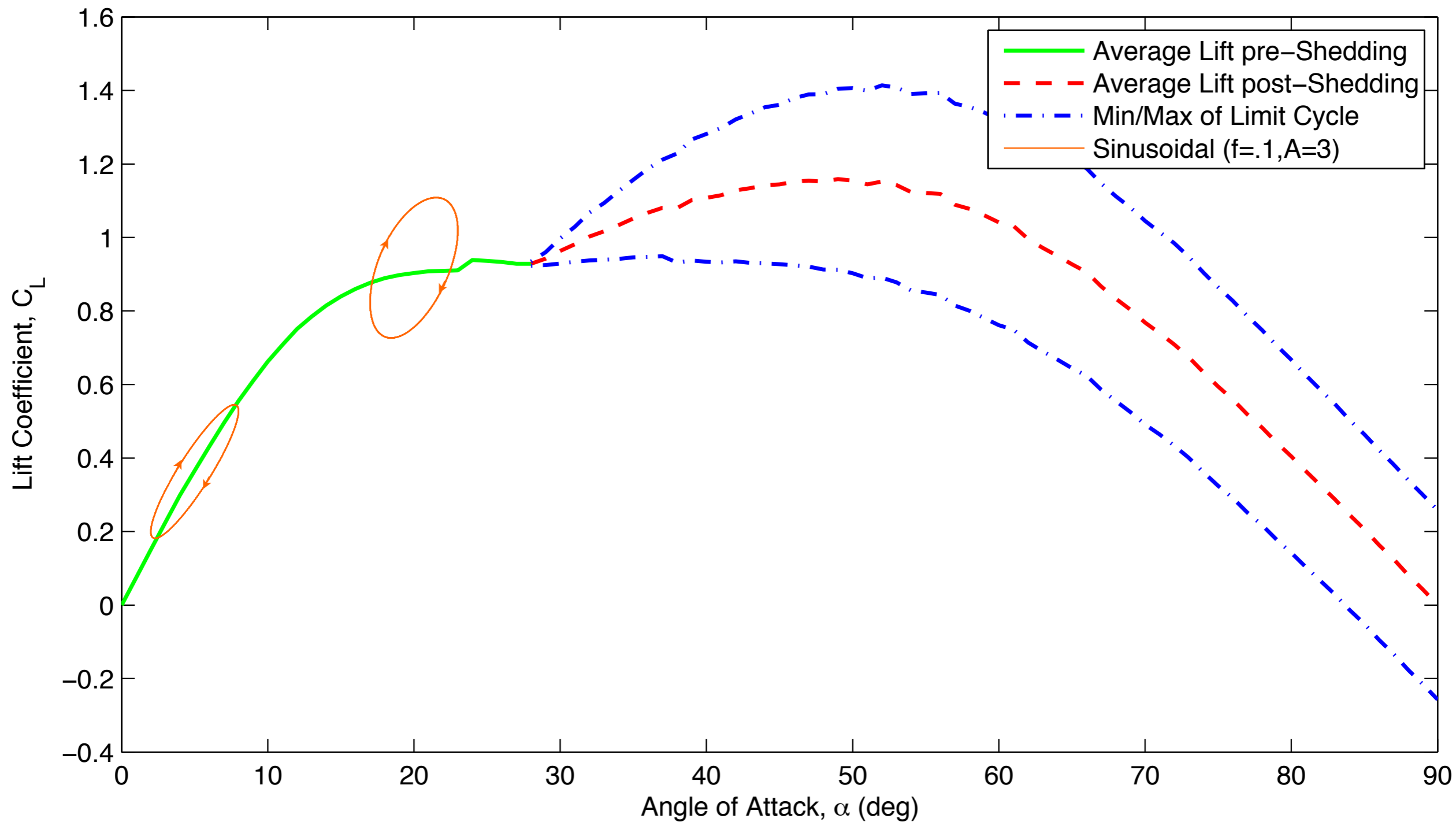
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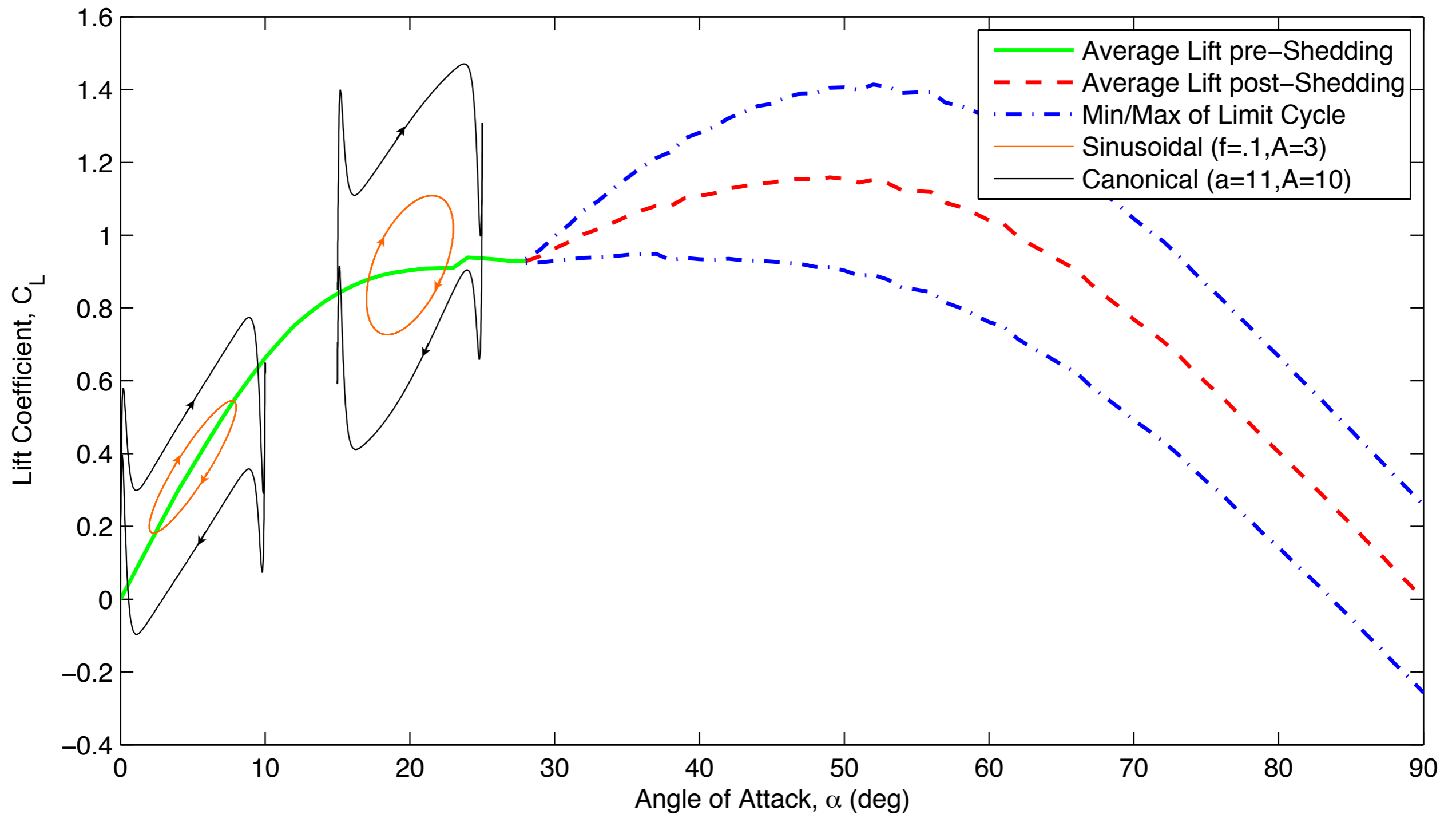
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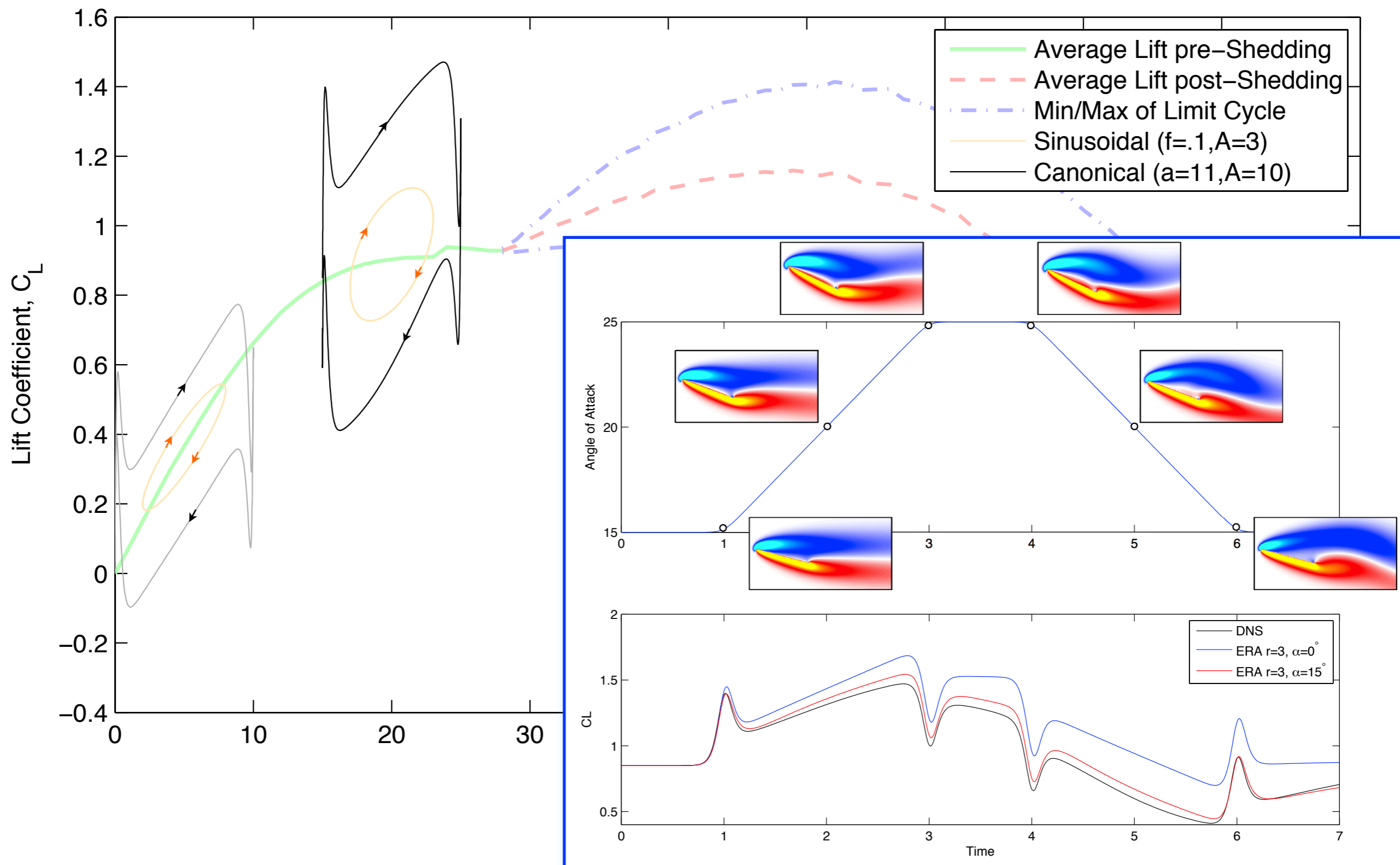
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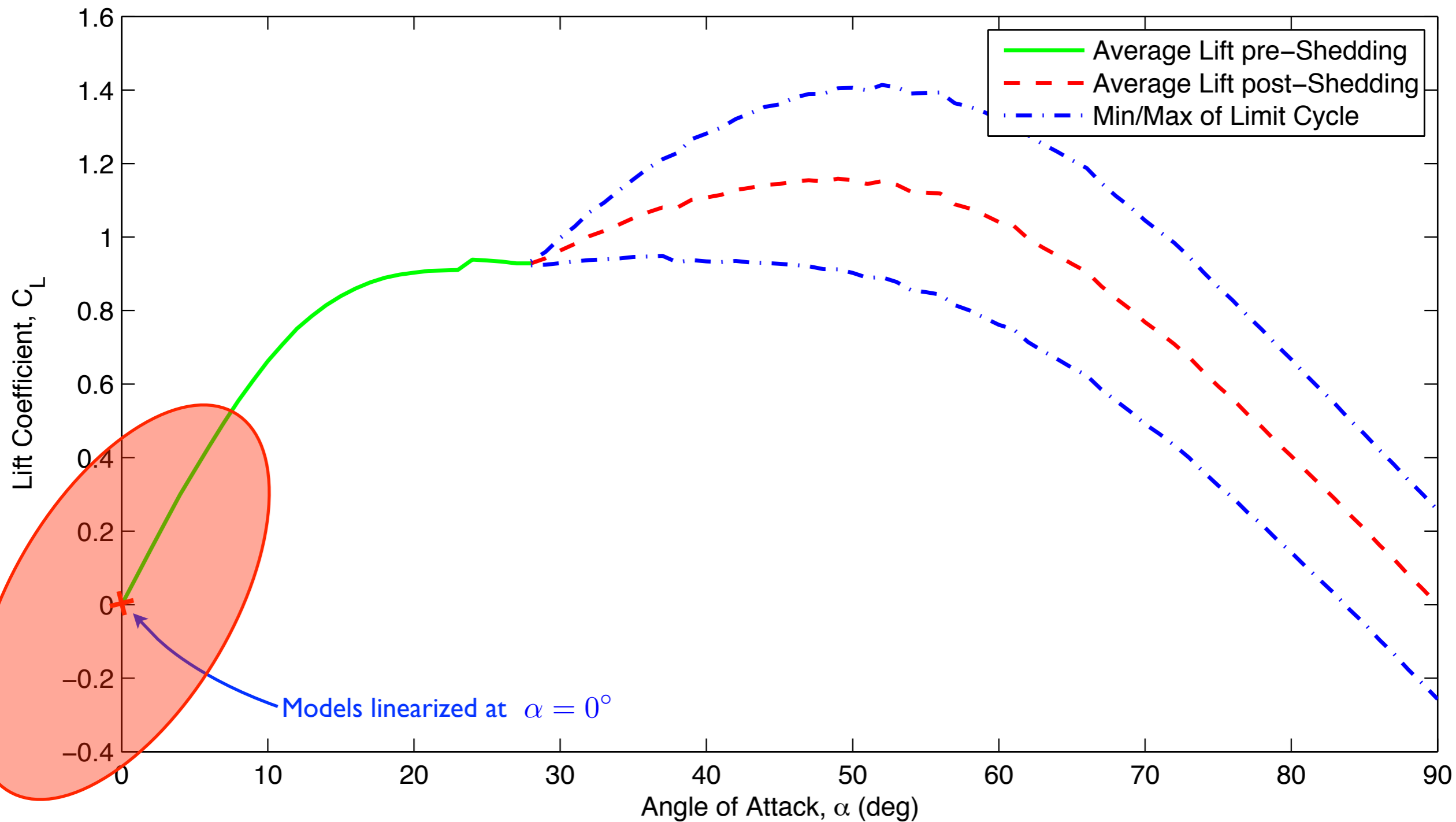
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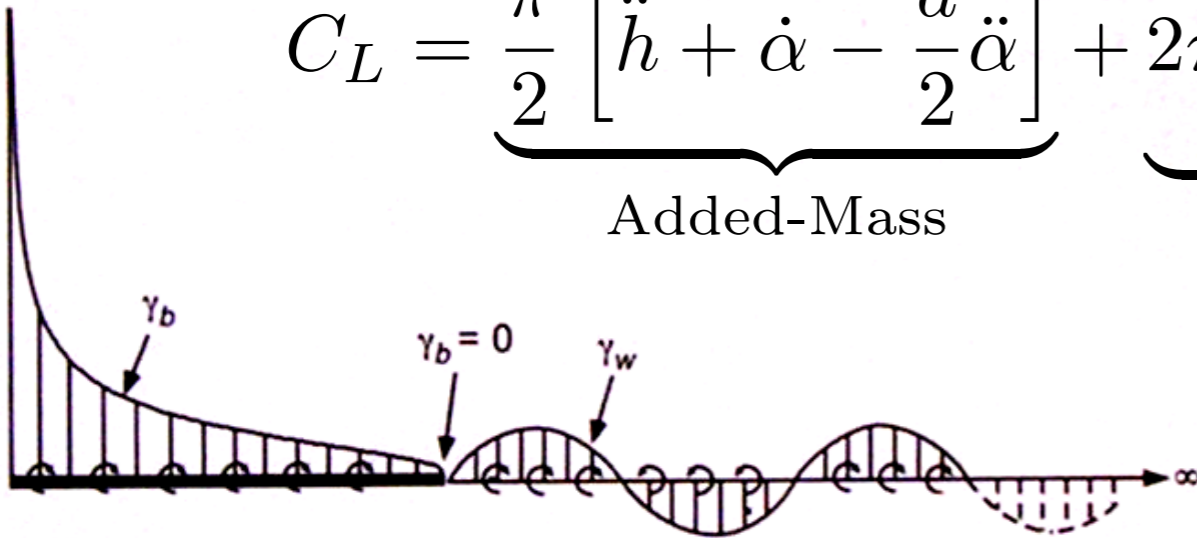




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Bode Plot of Theodorsen



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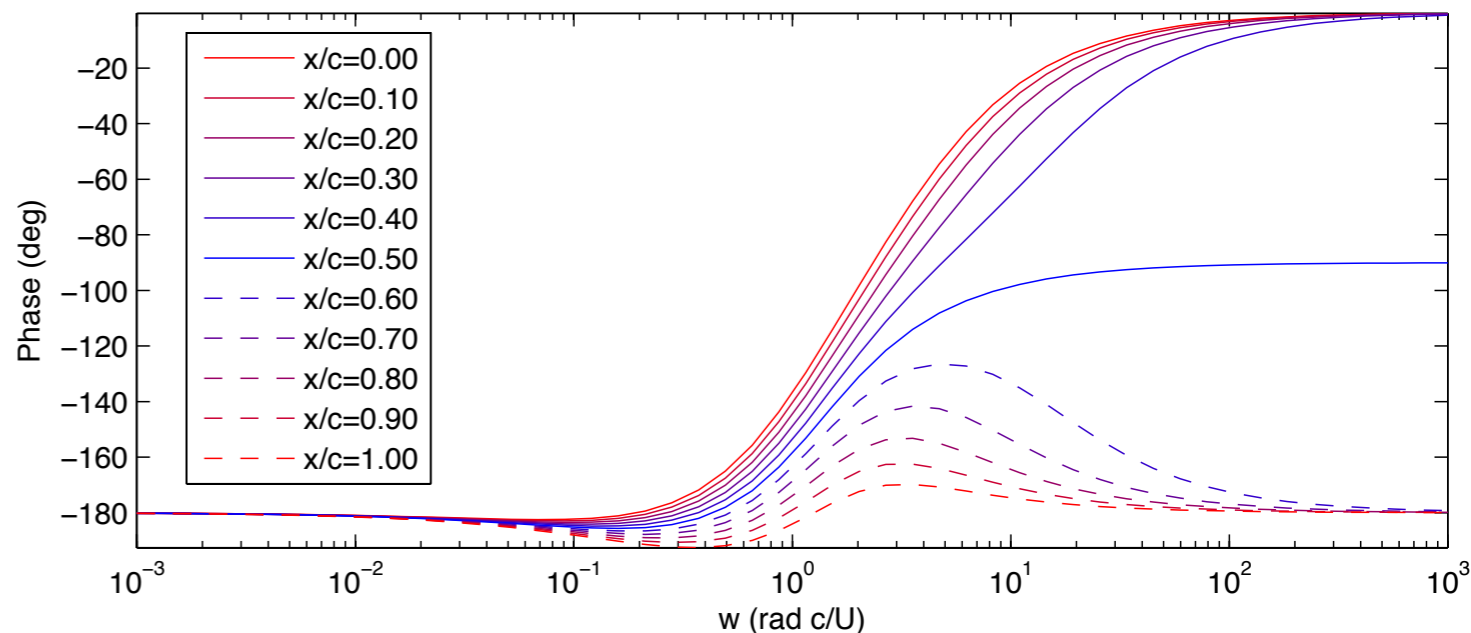
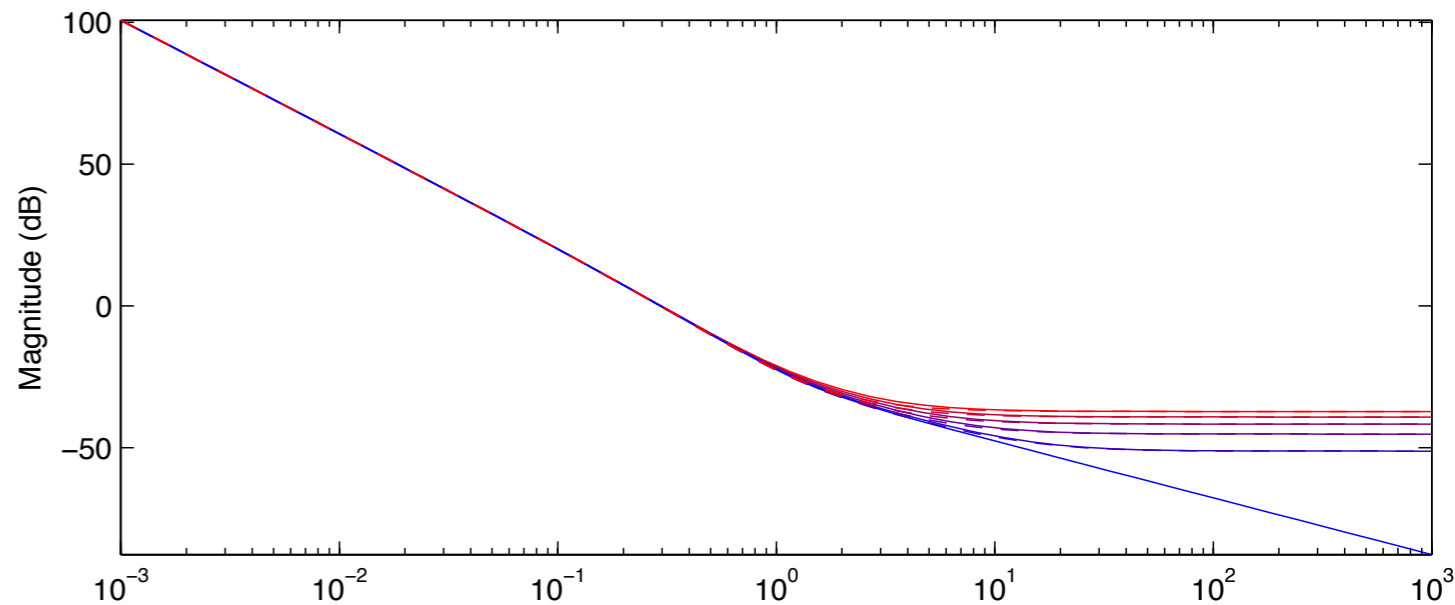
input is $\ddot{\alpha}$ (α is angle of attack)

output is lift coefficient C_L

Low frequencies dominated by quasi-steady forces

High frequencies dominated by added-mass forces

Crossover region determined by Theodorsen's function $C(k)$

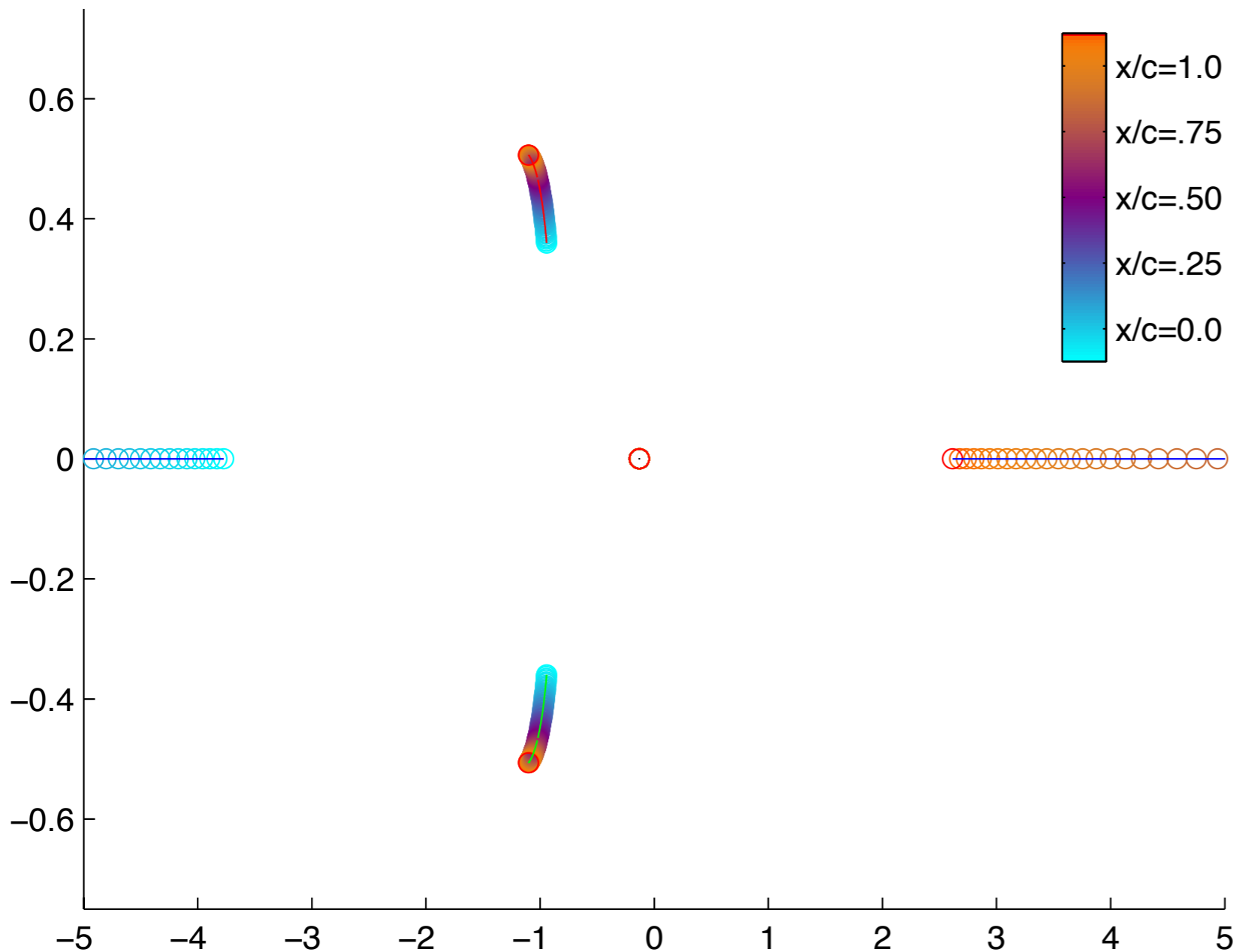




Zeros of Theodorsen's Model



Zeros of Theodorsen Model, Varying Pitch Point



As pitch point moves aft of center, zero enters RHP at +infinity.

non-minimum phase response:

Given a step in angle of attack, lift initially moves in opposite direction (because of negative added-mass forces), before the circulatory lift forces have a change to catch up and system relaxes to a positive lift steady state.



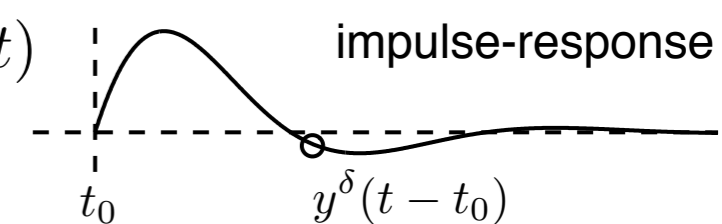
Indicial Response Models



Given an impulse in angle of attack, $\alpha = \delta(t)$, the time history of Lift is $C_L^\delta(t)$

The response to an arbitrary input $\alpha(t)$ is given by linear superposition:

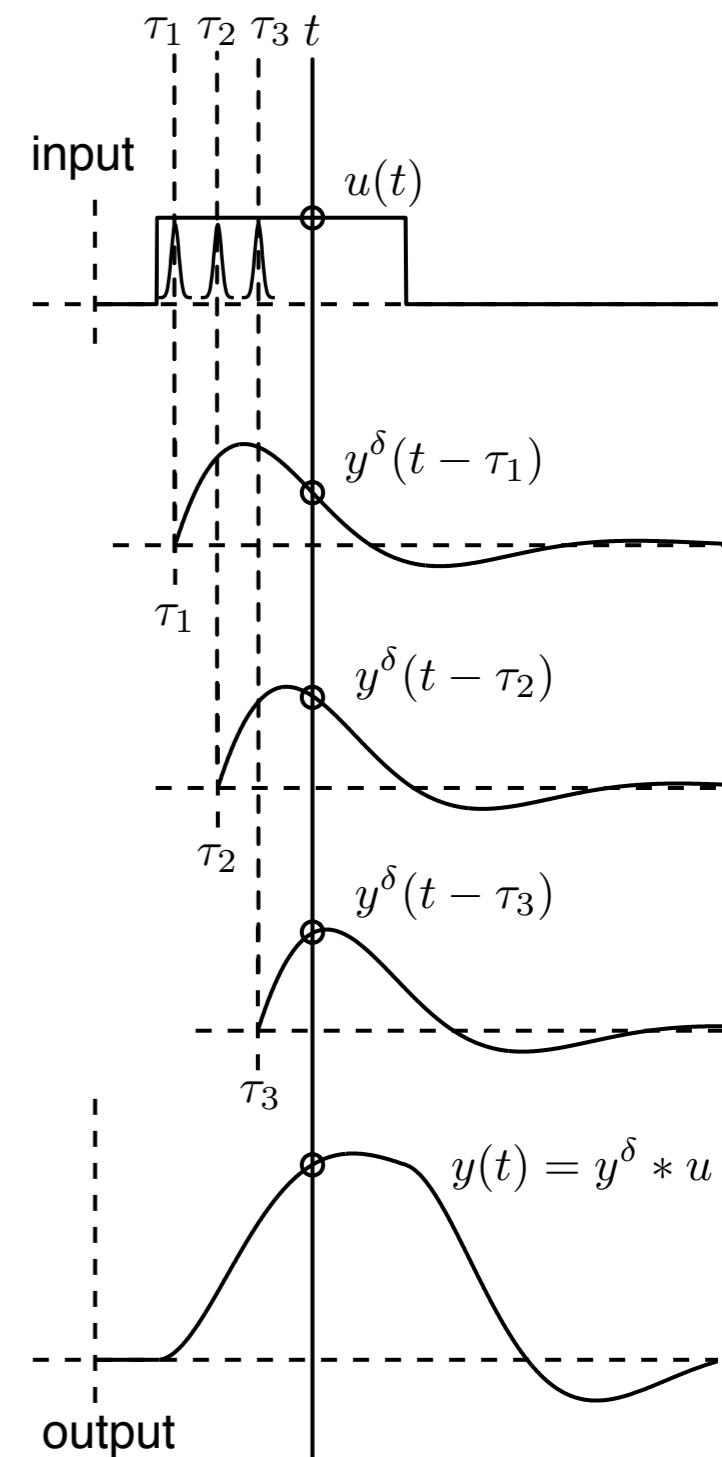
$$C_L(t) = \int_0^t C_L^\delta(t - \tau)\alpha(\tau)d\tau = (C_L^\delta * \alpha)(t)$$



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Model Summary

Reconstructs Lift for arbitrary input

Linear time-invariant (LTI) models

Based on experiment, simulation or theory

Wagner developed indicial response analytically using same approximations as Theodorsen

convolution integral inconvenient for feedback control design

Wagner, 1925.

Reisenthel, 1996.

Leishman, 2006.



Reduced Order Indicial Response



**Stability derivatives
plus fast dynamics**

$$C_L(\alpha, \dot{\alpha}, \ddot{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}) = C_{L_\alpha} \alpha + C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}} \dot{\alpha} + C_{L_{\ddot{\alpha}}} \ddot{\alpha} + C \mathbf{x}$$

Quasi-steady and added-mass

Fast
dynamics

Transfer Function

$$Y(s) = \left[\frac{C_{L_\alpha}}{s^2} + \frac{C_{L_{\dot{\alpha}}}}{s} + C_{L_{\ddot{\alpha}}} + G(s) \right] s^2 U(s)$$

State-Space Form

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

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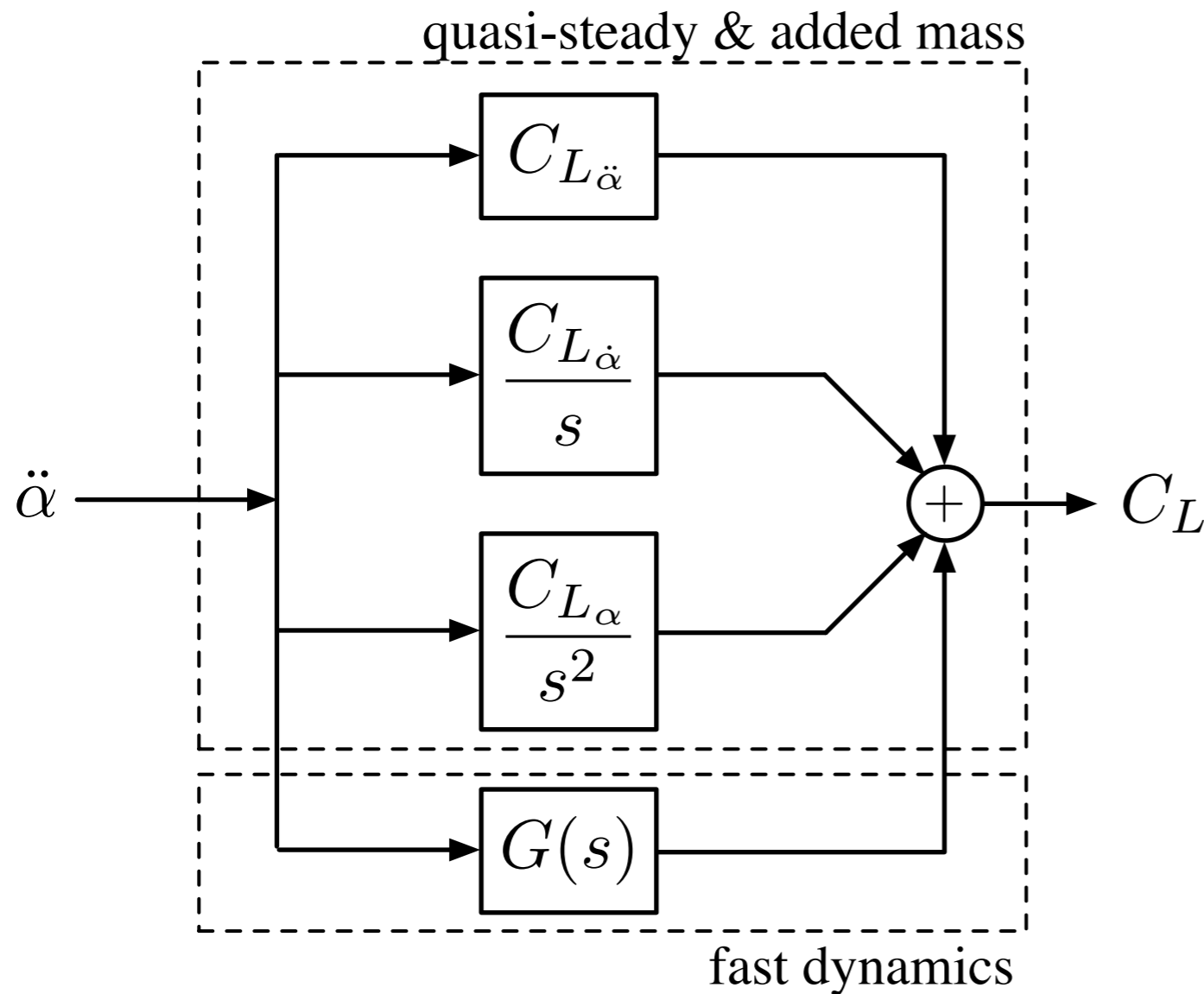
Brunton and Rowley, in preparation.



Reduced Order Indicial Response



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fast dynamics

Reduced-order model

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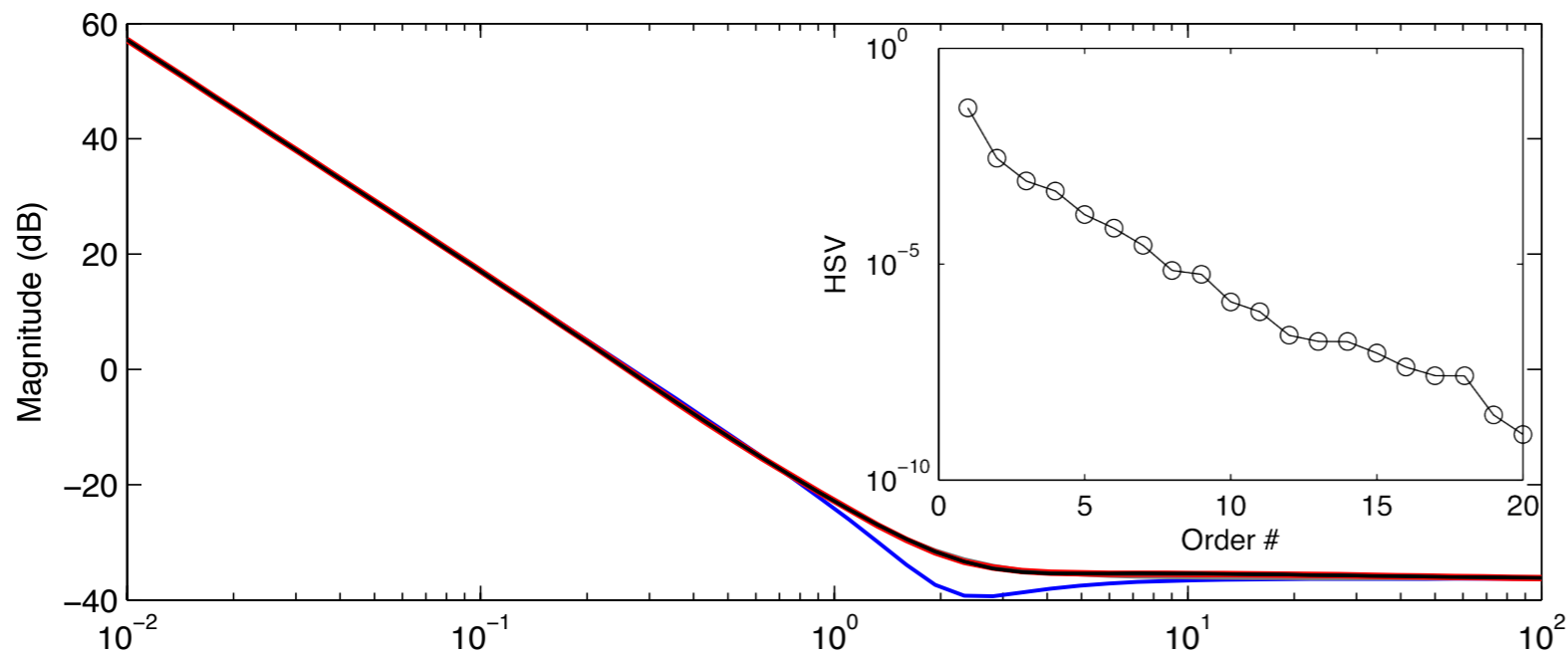
Based on experiment, simulation or theory

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



Bode Plot - Pitch (LE)



Frequency response

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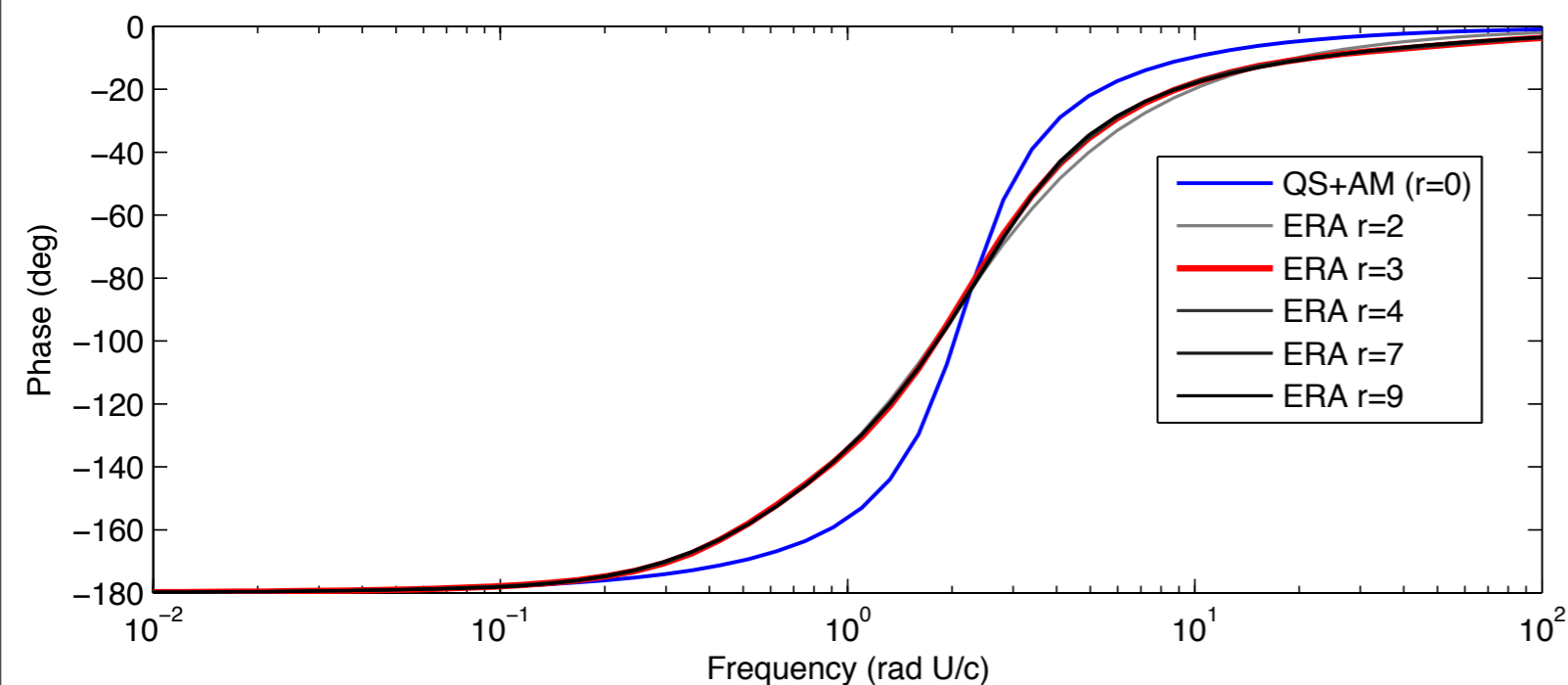
output is lift coefficient C_L

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 $\ddot{\alpha}$ (α 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

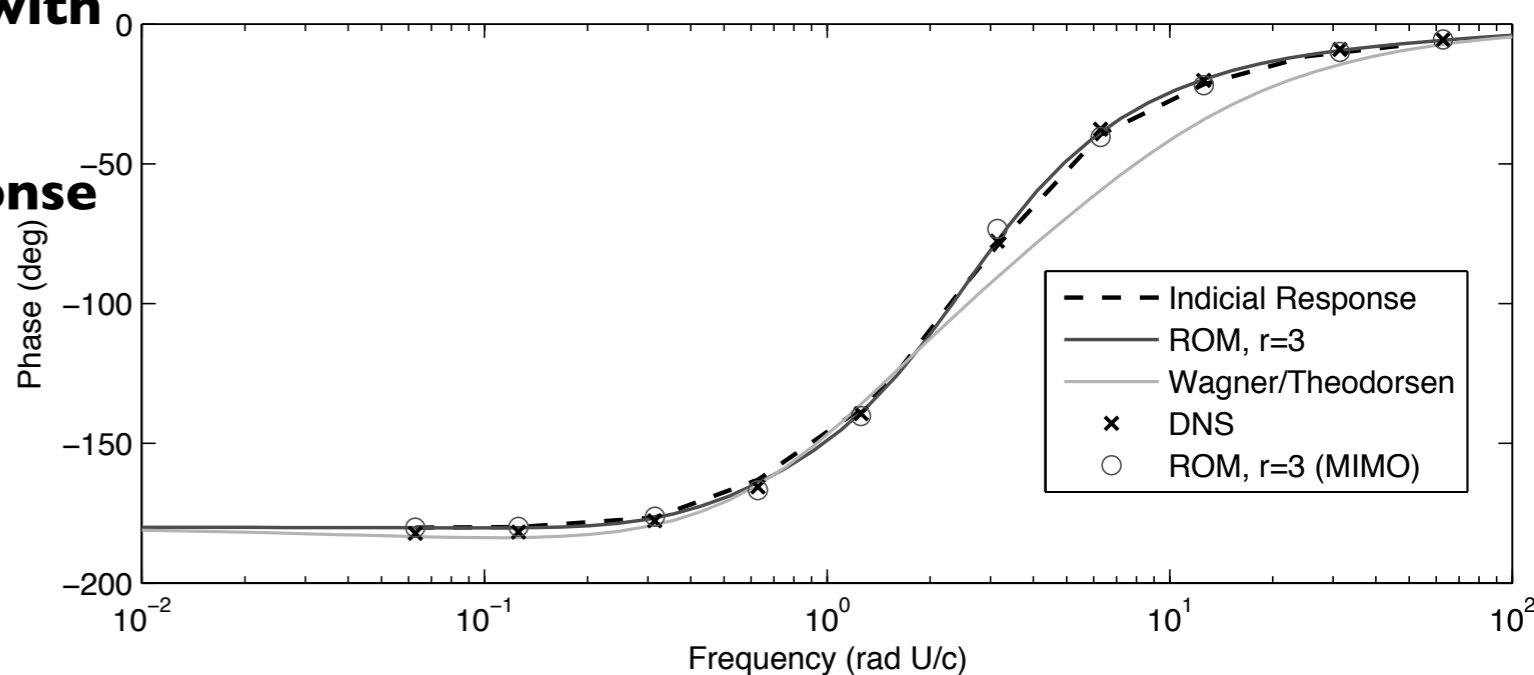
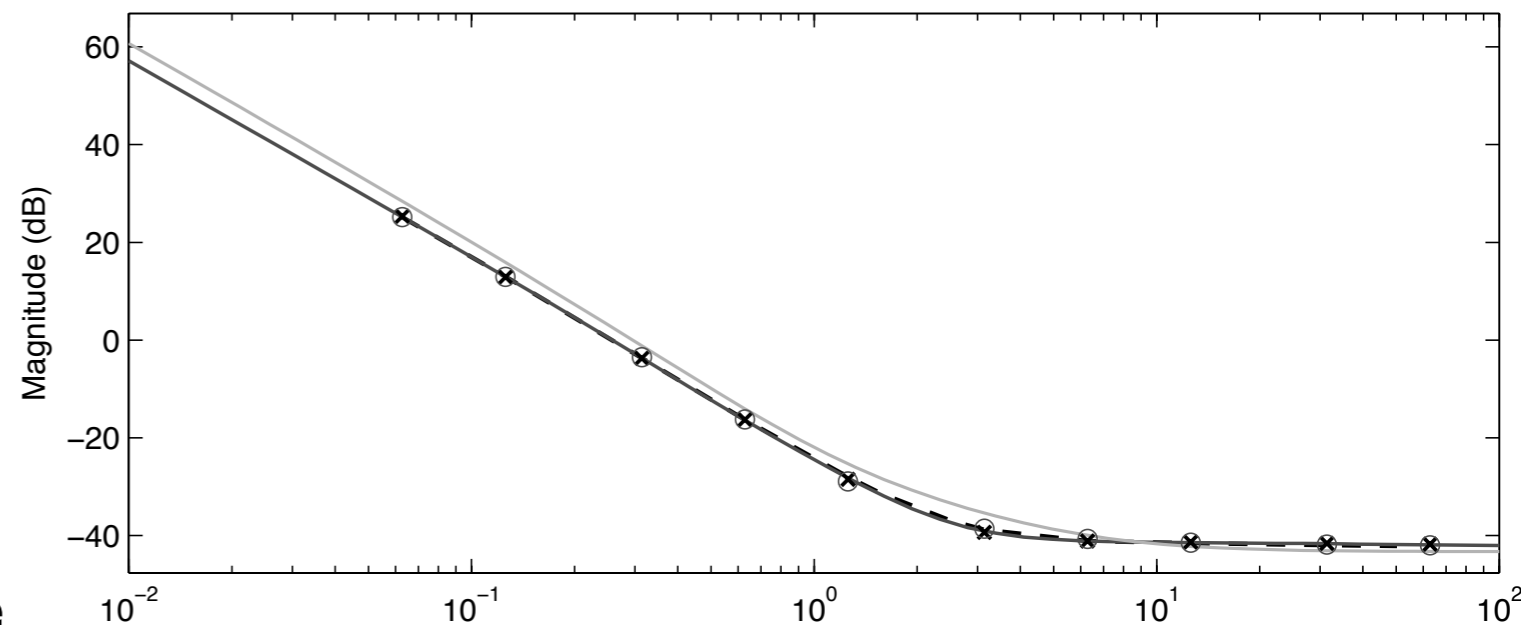
Indicial Response and ROM agree better with
DNS than Theodorsen's model.

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

Brunton and Rowley, *in preparation*.

Quarter-Chord Pitching

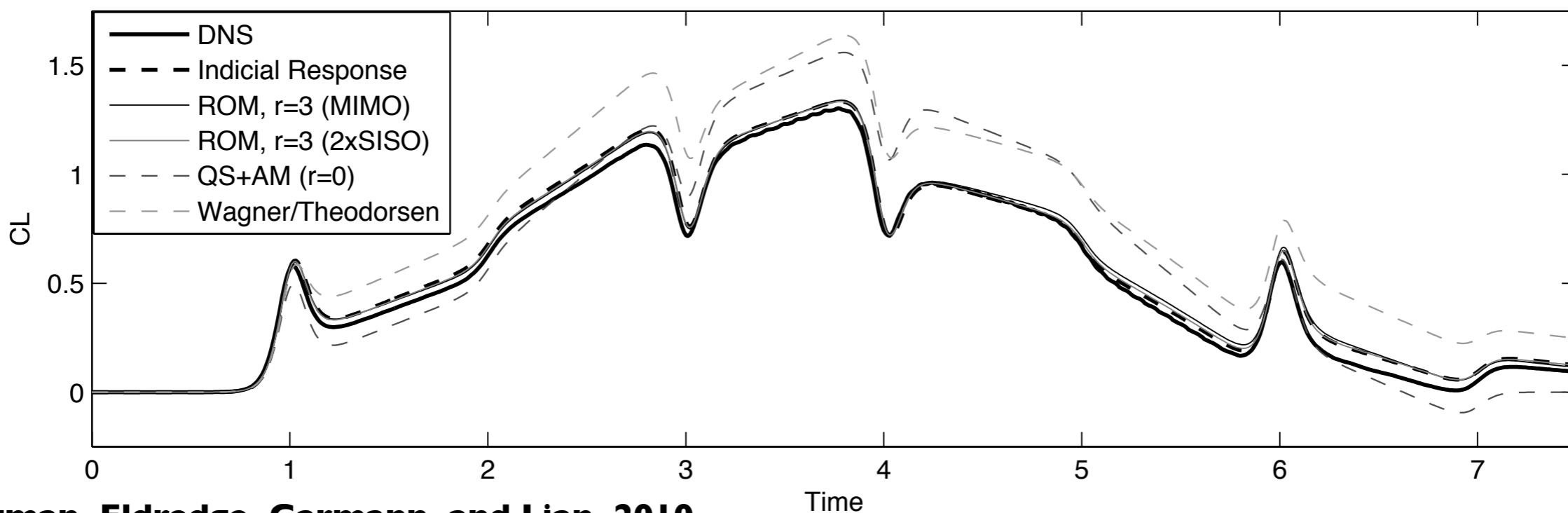
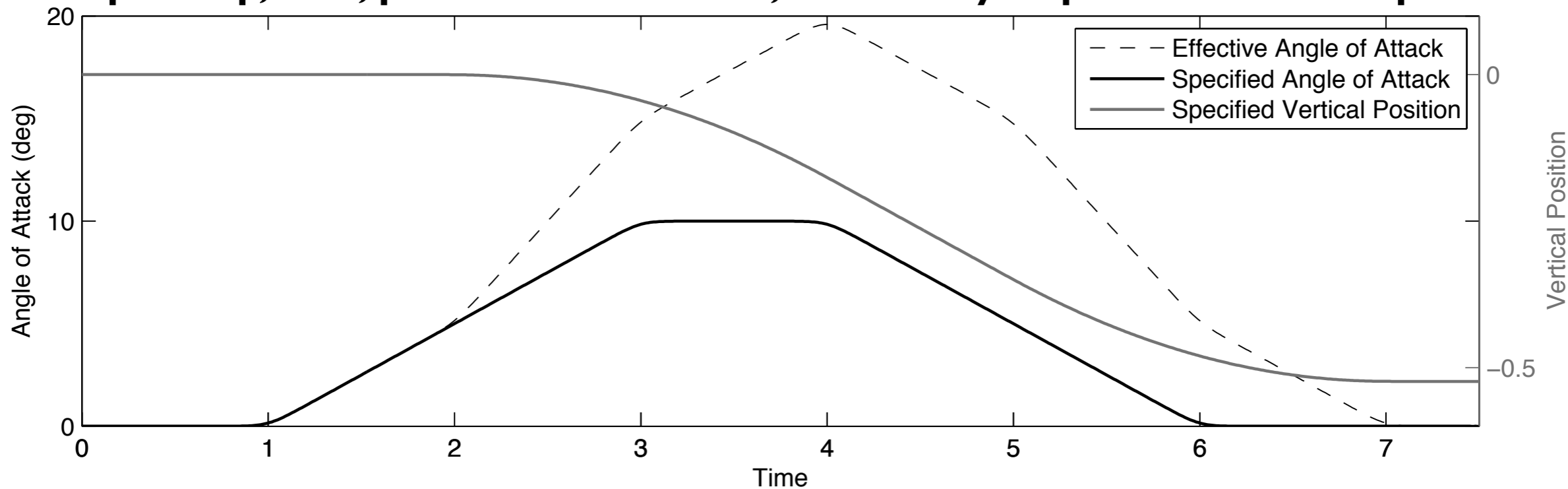




Pitch/Plunge Maneuver



Canonical pitch-up, hold, pitch-down maneuver, followed by step-down in vertical position

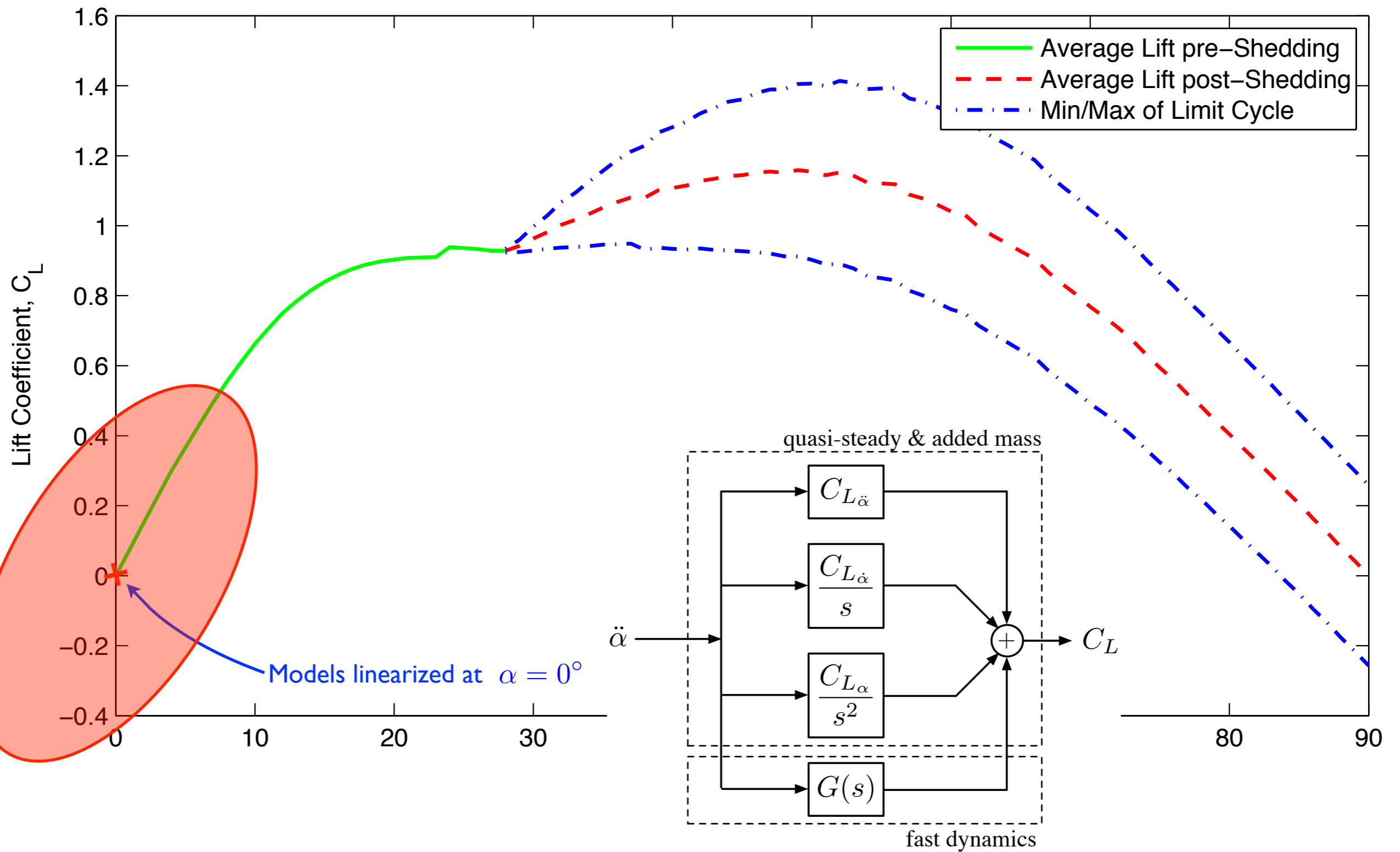


OL, Altman, Eldredge, Garmann, and Lian, 2010
Brunton and Rowley, in preparation.

Reduced order model for indicial response accurately captures lift coefficient history from DNS

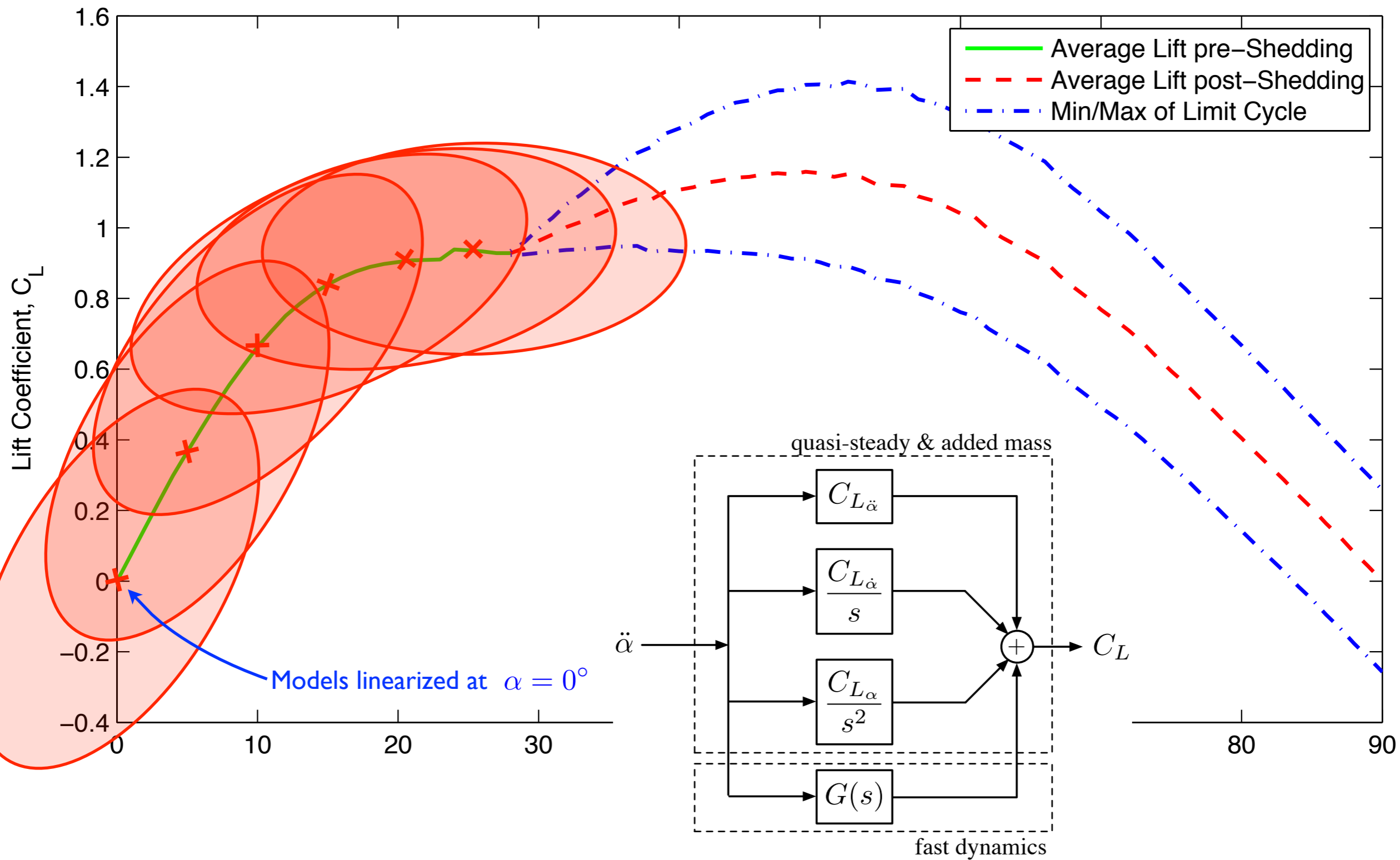


Lift vs. Angle of Attack





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Bode Plot of ERA Models

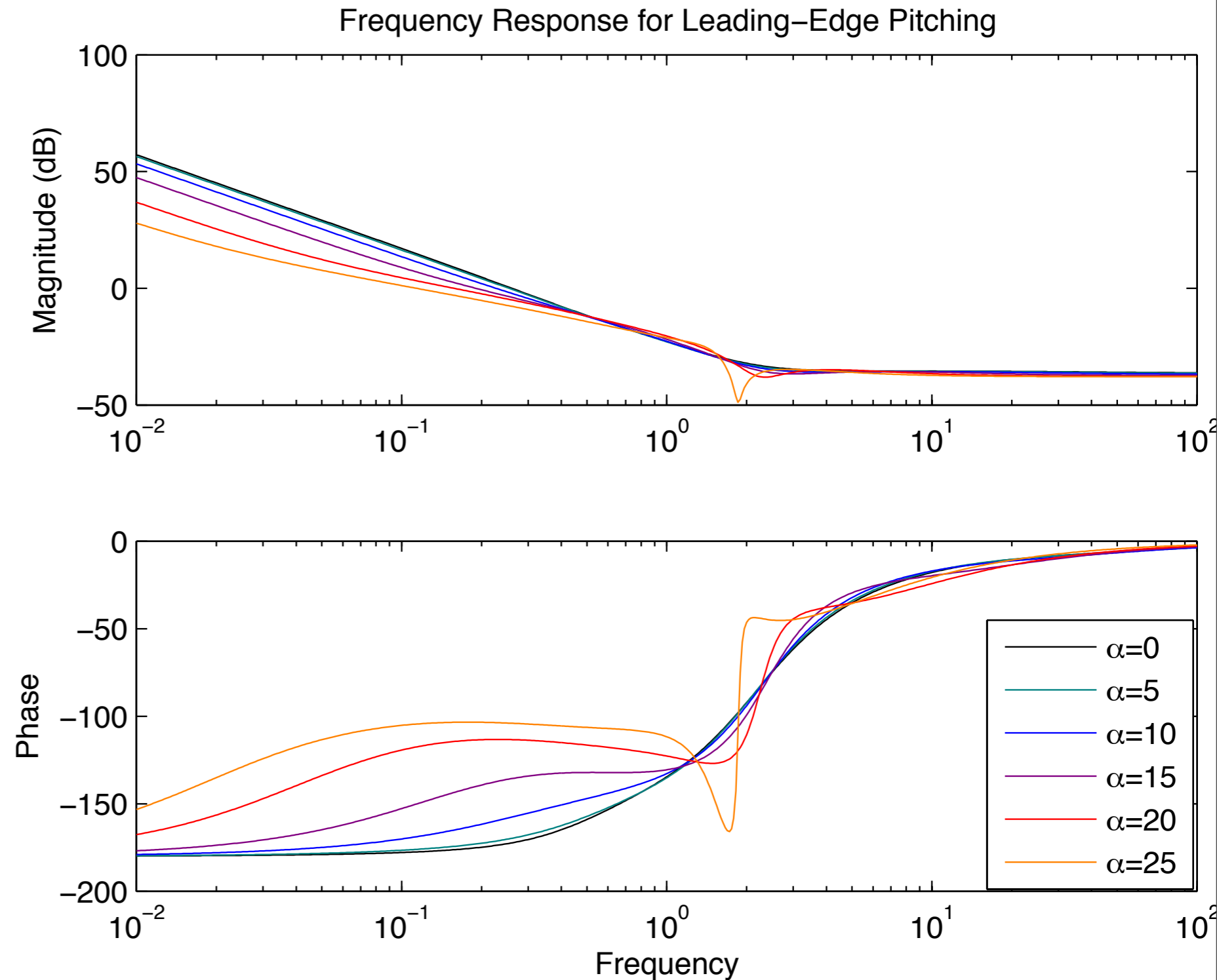


Results

Lift slope decreases for increasing angle of attack, so magnitude of low frequency motions decreases for increasing angle of attack.

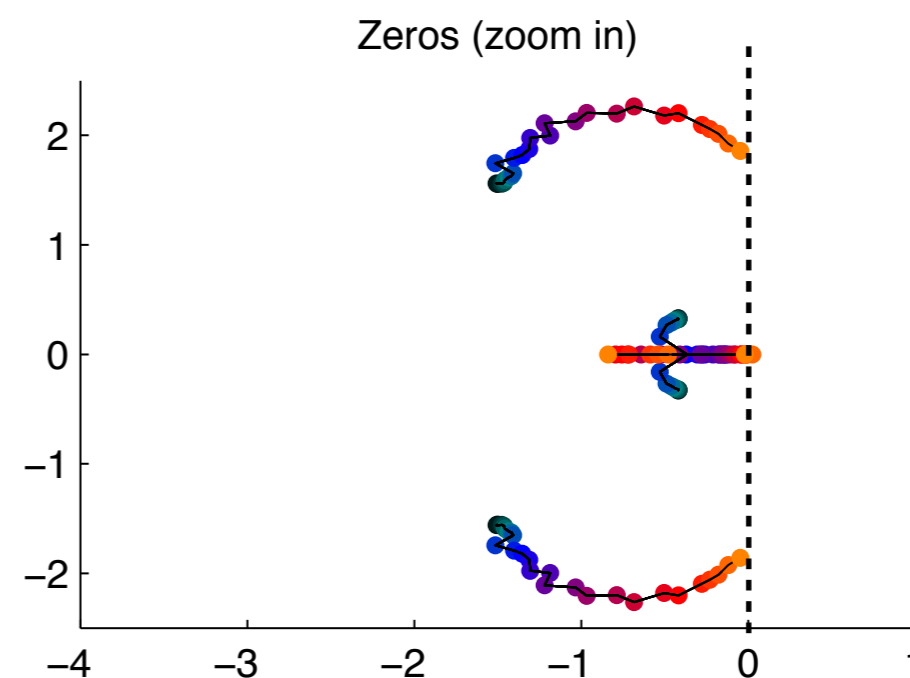
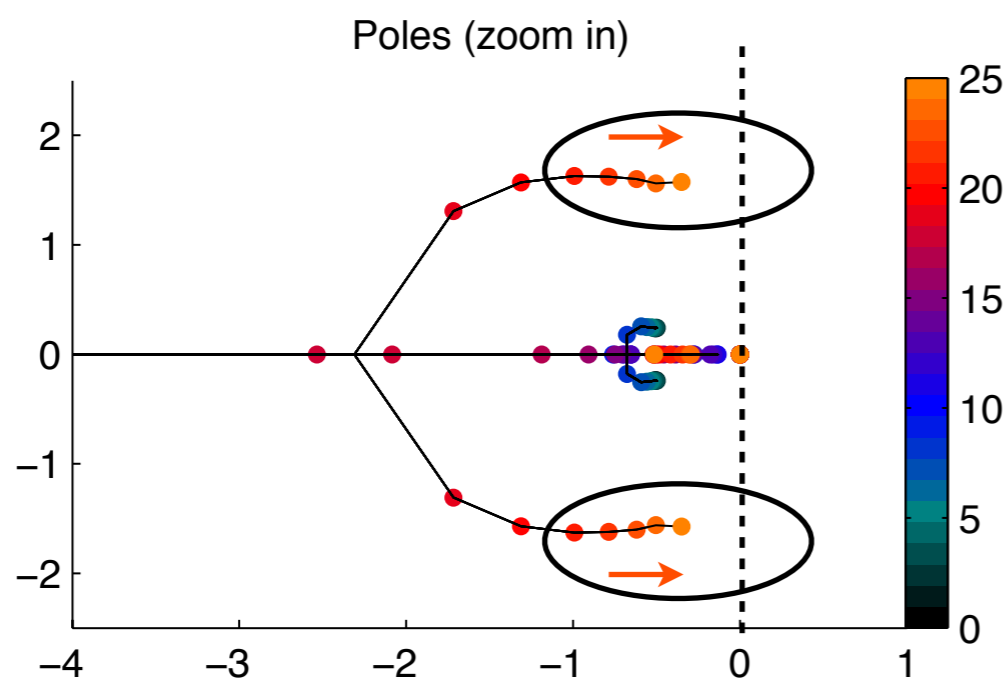
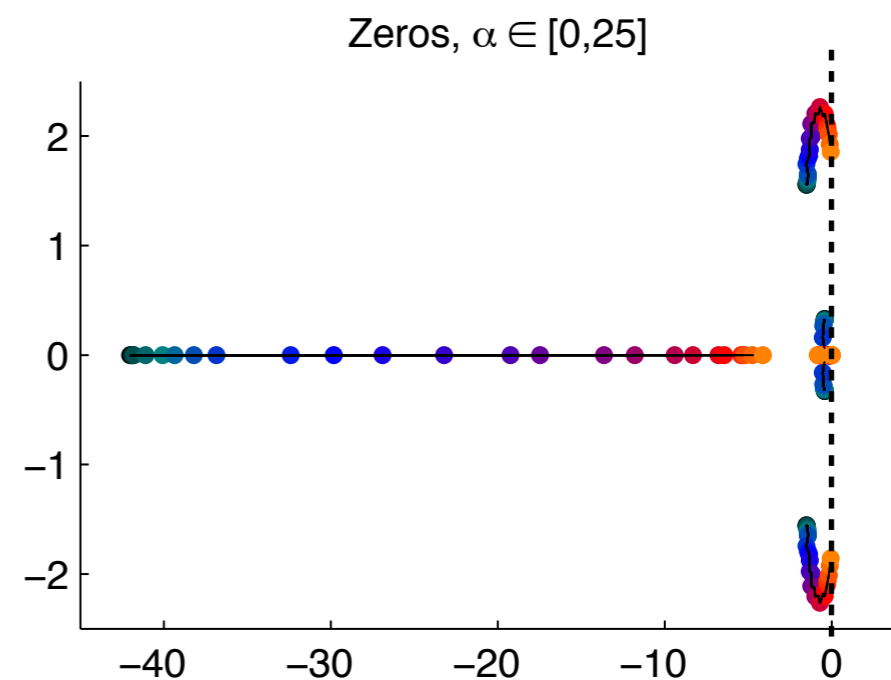
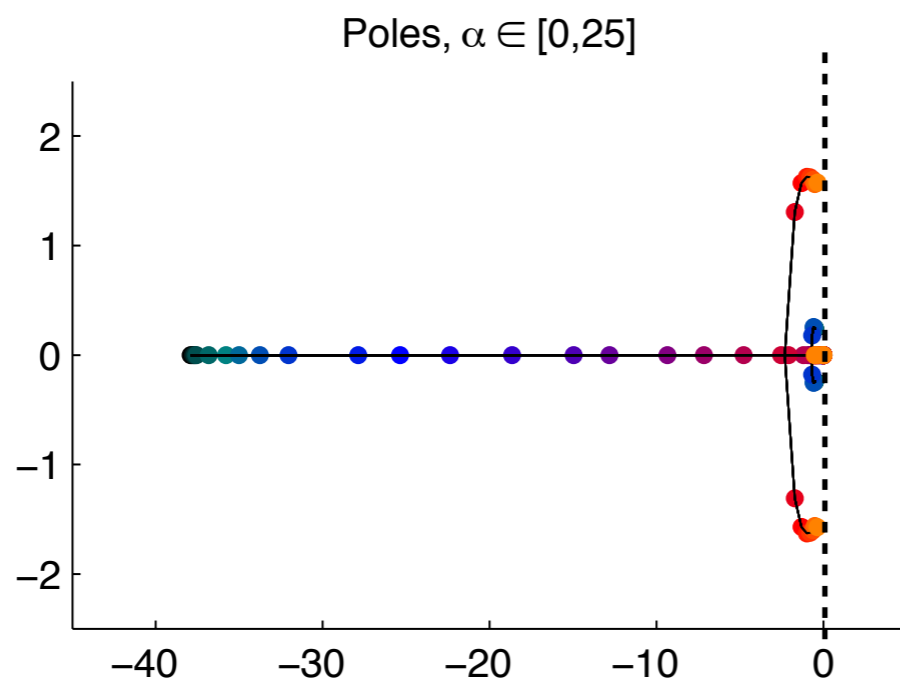
At larger angle of attack, phase converges to -180 at much lower frequencies. I.e., solutions take longer to reach equilibrium in time domain.

Consistent with fact that for large angle of attack, system is closer to Hopf instability, and a pair of eigenvalues are moving closer to imaginary axis.





Poles and Zeros of ERA Models

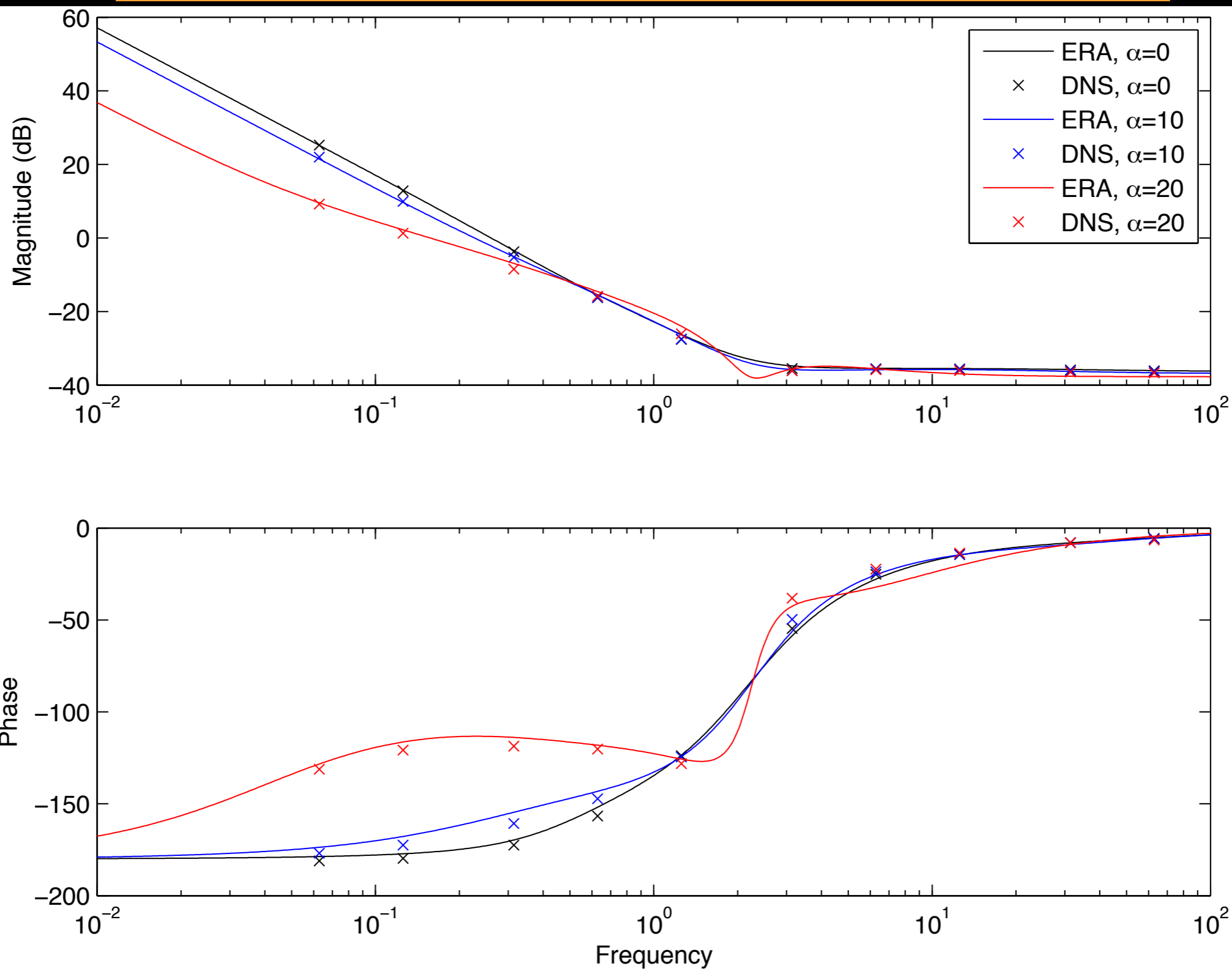


As angle of attack increases, pair of poles (and pair of zeros) march towards imaginary axis.

This is a good thing, because a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\alpha_{\text{crit}} \approx 28^\circ$



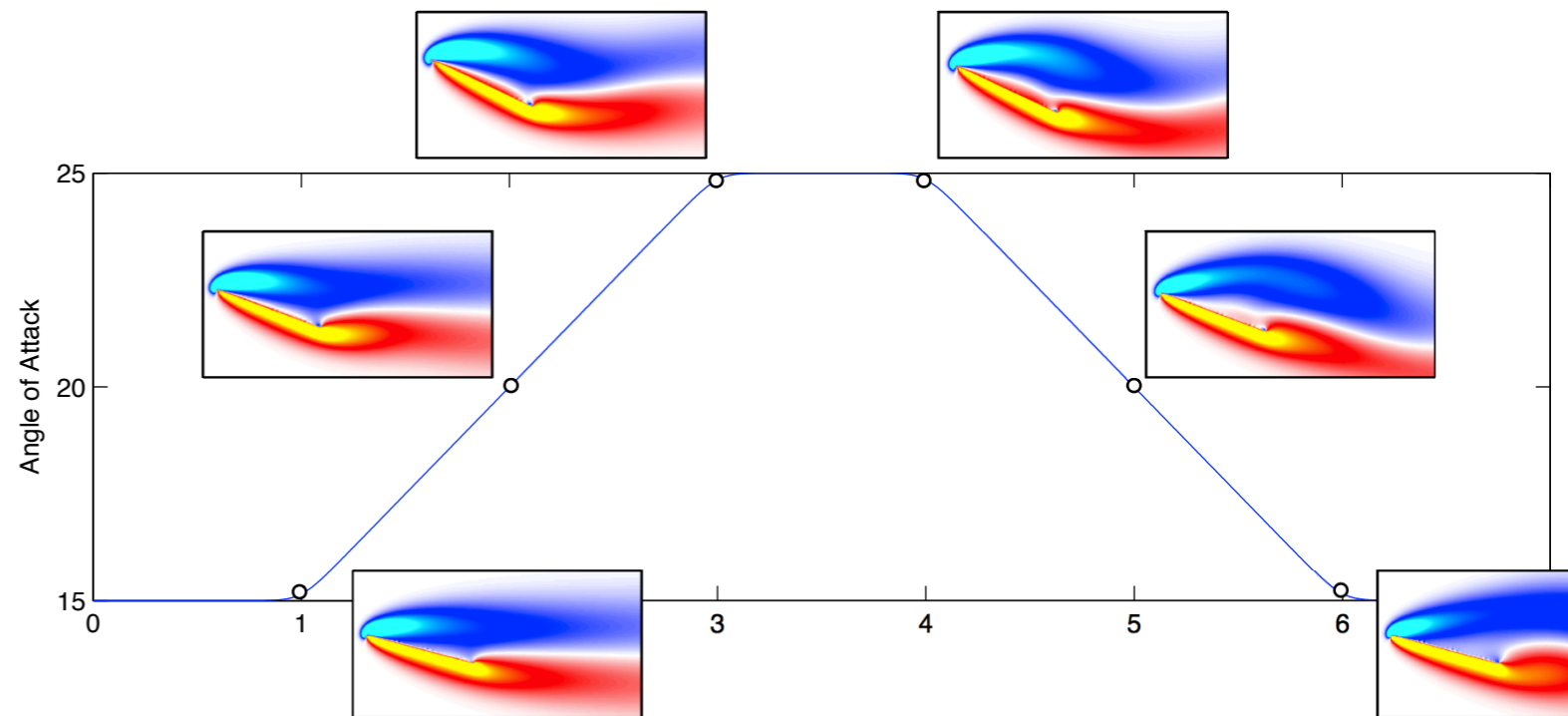
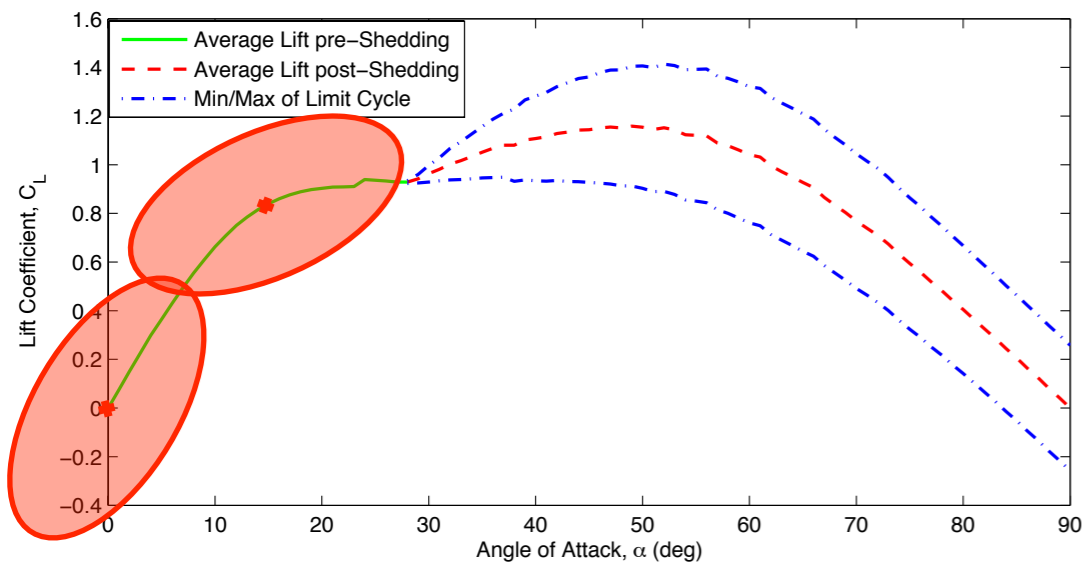
Bode Plot of Model (-) vs Data (x)



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



Large Amplitude Maneuver



Compare models linearized at

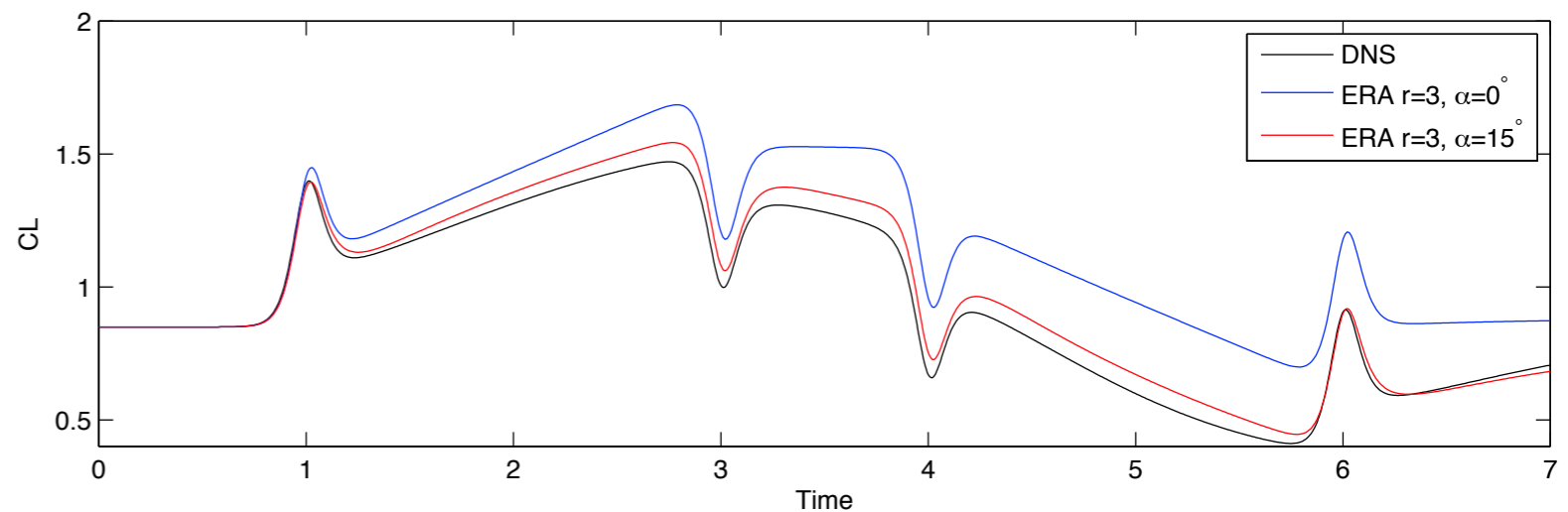
$$\alpha = 0^\circ \text{ and } \alpha = 15^\circ$$

For pitching maneuver with

$$\alpha \in [15^\circ, 25^\circ]$$

Model linearized at $\alpha = 15^\circ$

captures lift response more accurately

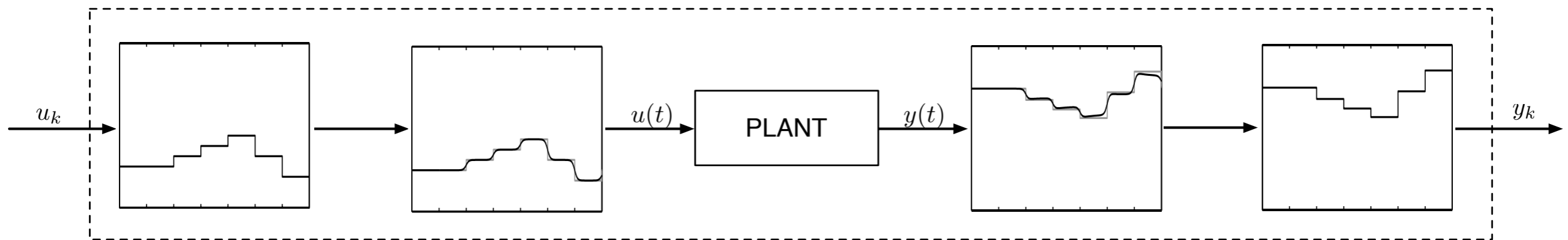
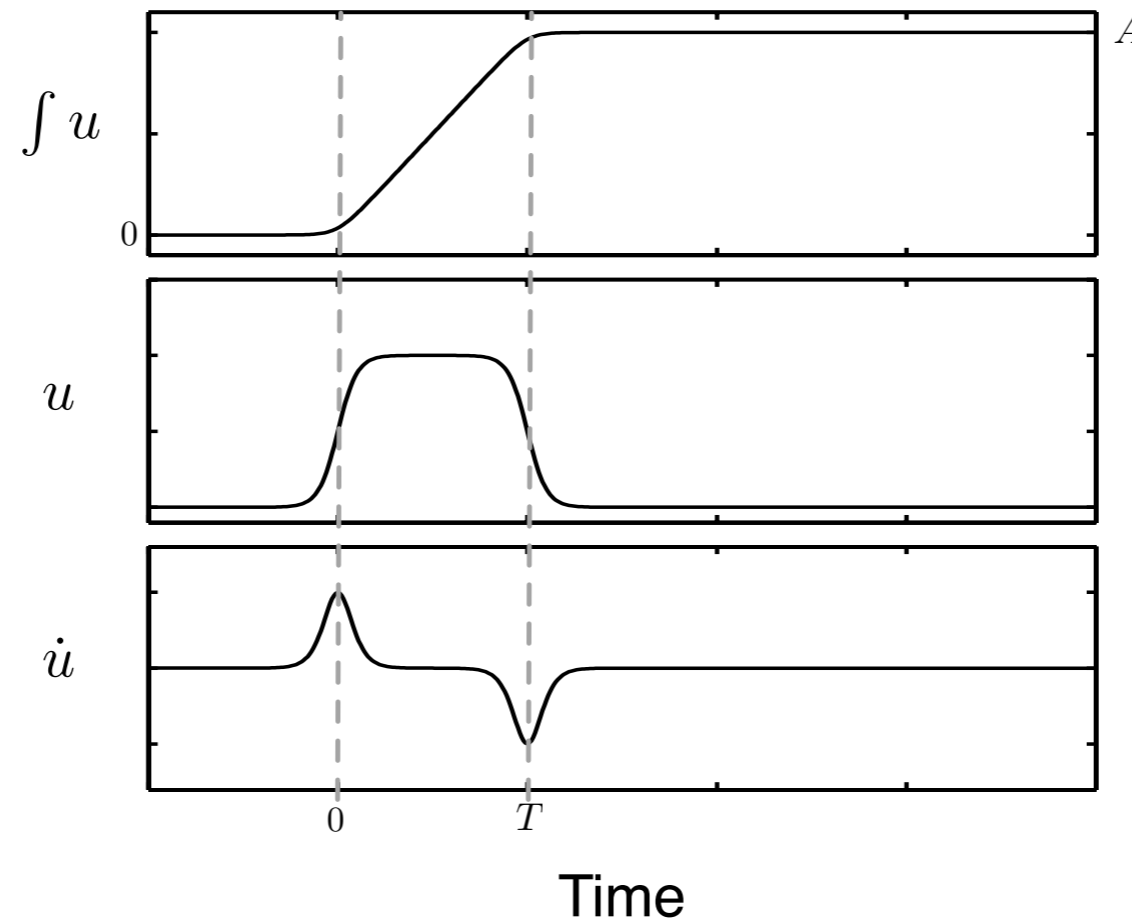


$$G(t) = \log \left[\frac{\cosh(a(t - t_1)) \cosh(a(t - t_4))}{\cosh(a(t - t_2)) \cosh(a(t - t_3))} \right]$$

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{\max} \frac{G(t)}{\max(G(t))}$$



(Indicial) Step Response

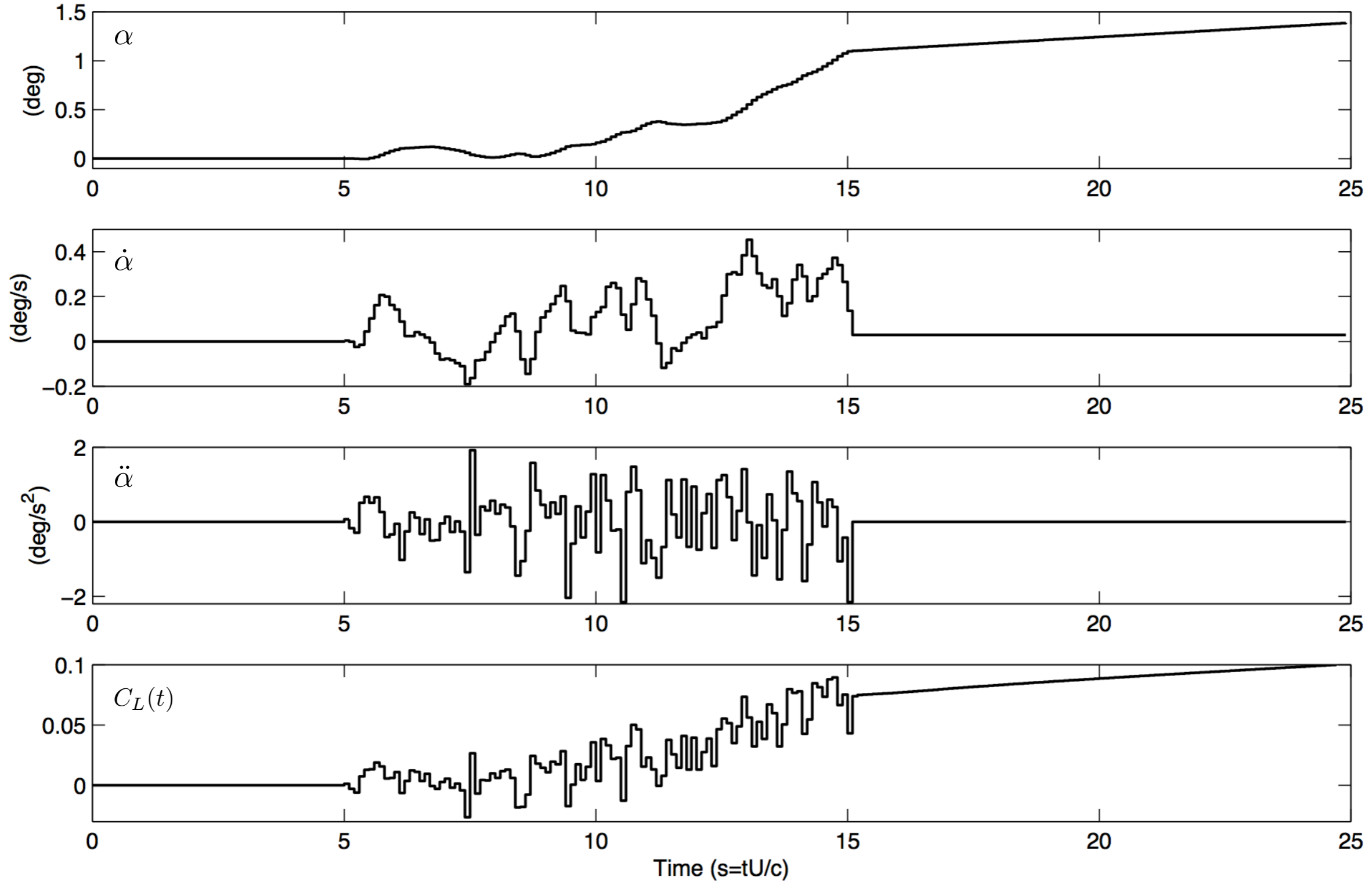


Previously, models are based on aerodynamic step response

Idea: Have pilot fly aircraft around for 5-10 minutes, back out the Markov parameters, and construct ERA model.



Random Input Maneuver



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Moving Base Flow



Base flow velocity:

$$u(x, y, t) = \|\mathbf{V}\| \cos(\alpha) - \dot{\theta}(y - y_C)$$

$$v(x, y, t) = \|\mathbf{V}\| \sin(\alpha) + \dot{\theta}(x - x_C)$$

Vorticity:

$$\nabla \times (u, v) = v_x - u_y = \dot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} = 2\dot{\theta}$$

where (x_C, y_C) is the center of mass.

Moving Base Flow

Faster simulations (Cholesky decomposition)
allows more aggressive maneuvers and gusts
subject of current research

Immersed Boundary Method

T. Colonius and K. Taira, 2008
A fast immersed boundary method using a
nullspace approach and multi-domain far-field
boundary conditions.



Conclusions



Reduced order model based on indicial response at non-zero angle of attack

- Based on eigensystem realization algorithm (ERA)
- Models appear to capture dynamics near Hopf bifurcation
- Locally linearized models outperform models linearized at $\alpha = 0^\circ$

Observer/Kalman Filter Identification for more realistic input/output data

- Efficient computation of reduced-order models
- Ideal for simulation or experimental data

Future Work:

- Combine models linearized at different angles of attack
- Add large amplitude effects such as LEV and vortex shedding
- Test modeling procedure in Prof. Williams' wind tunnel experiment

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