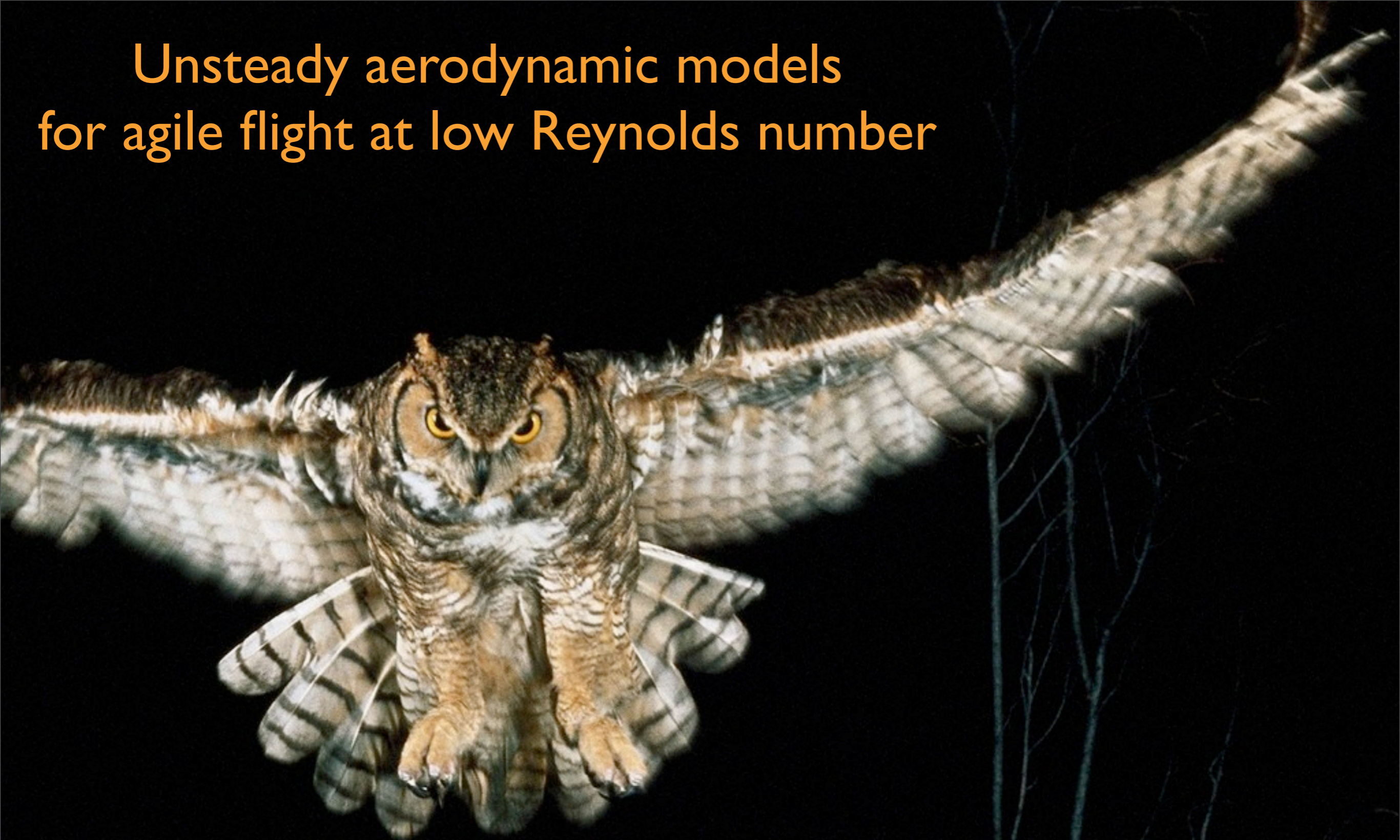


# Unsteady aerodynamic models for agile flight at low Reynolds number



$$\text{Re} = \frac{LV}{\nu}$$

$L$  = Length

$V$  = Velocity

$\nu$  = Viscosity

Steve Brunton

Princeton University



# 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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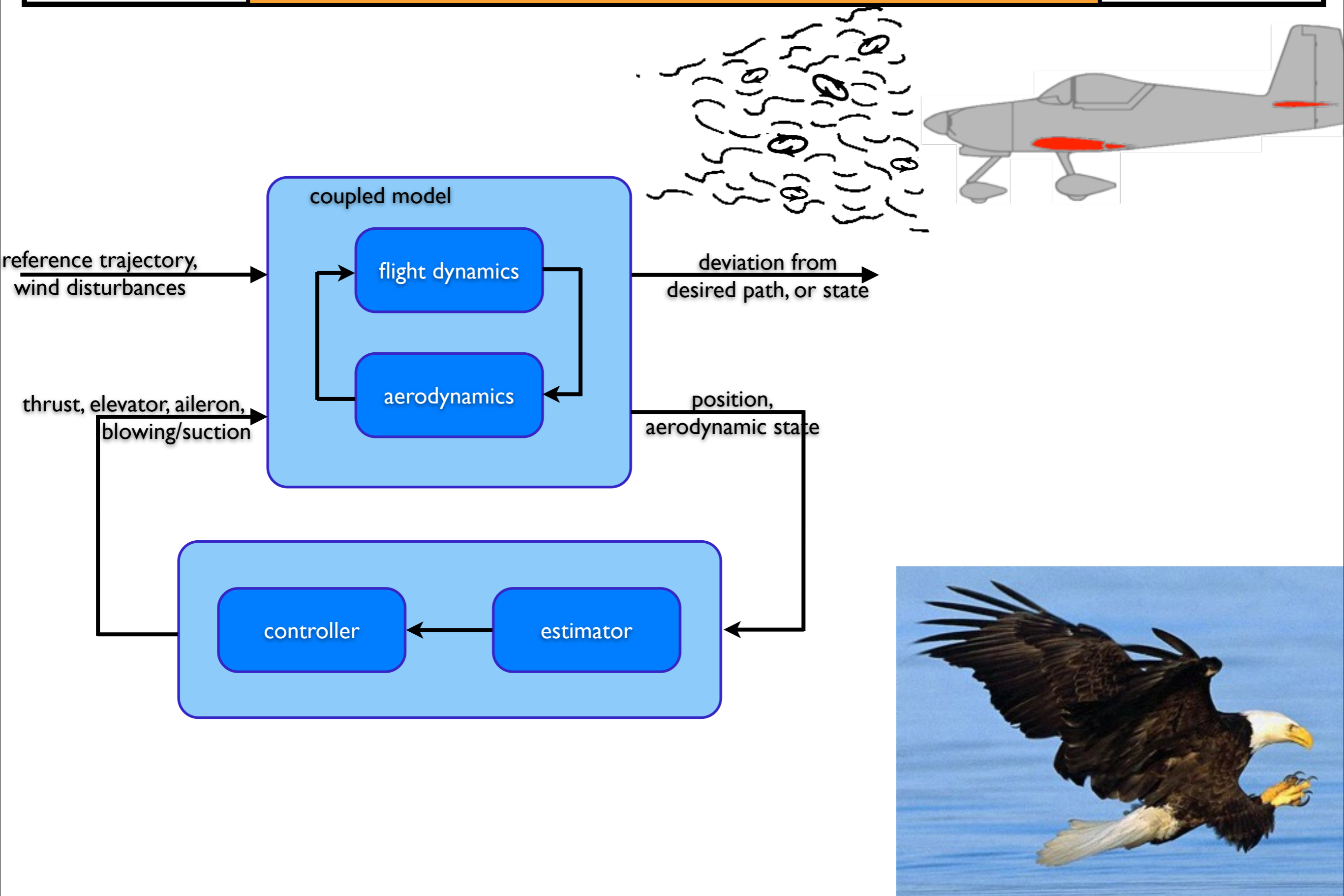


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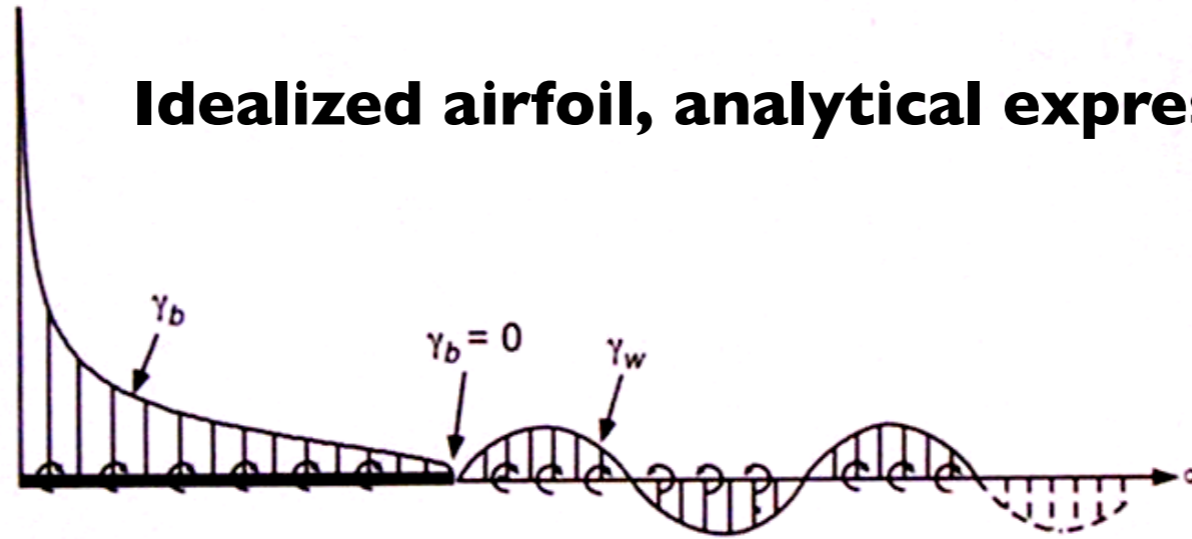




# Three Aerodynamic Models



## Idealized airfoil, analytical expression



## Direct numerical simulations, $Re=100$

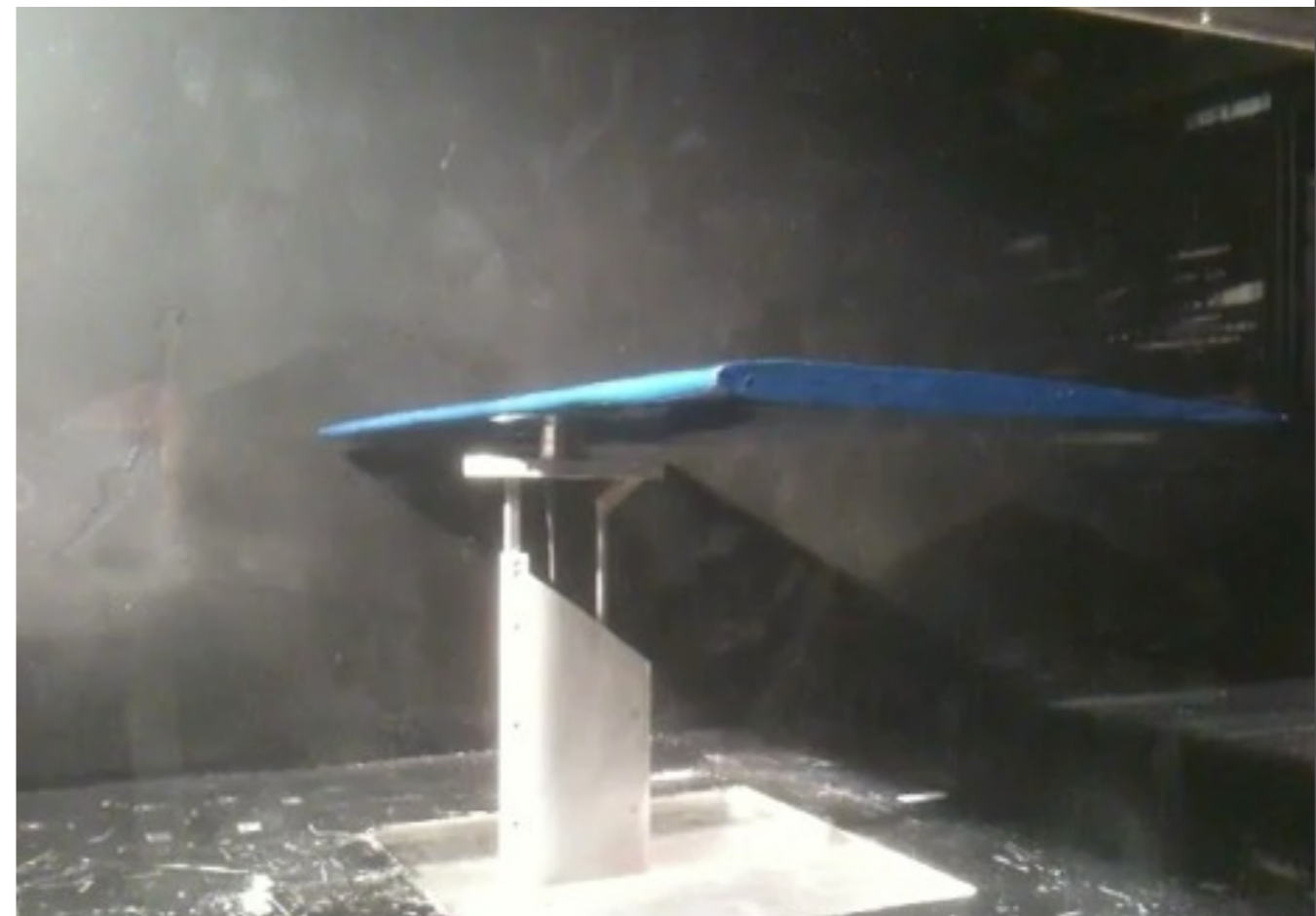


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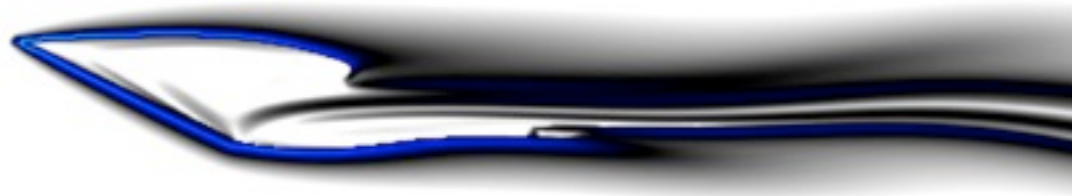
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## Wind tunnel experiment, $Re=65,000$





# 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

**Colonus & Taira, 2008.**

## 2D Incompressible Navier-Stokes:

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

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

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# Unsteady Base Flow



**Idea: Instead of moving body, move 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.

## Unsteady Base Flow

Faster simulations (Cholesky decomposition)  
allows more aggressive maneuvers and gusts

**24X faster, more accurate**

## 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.





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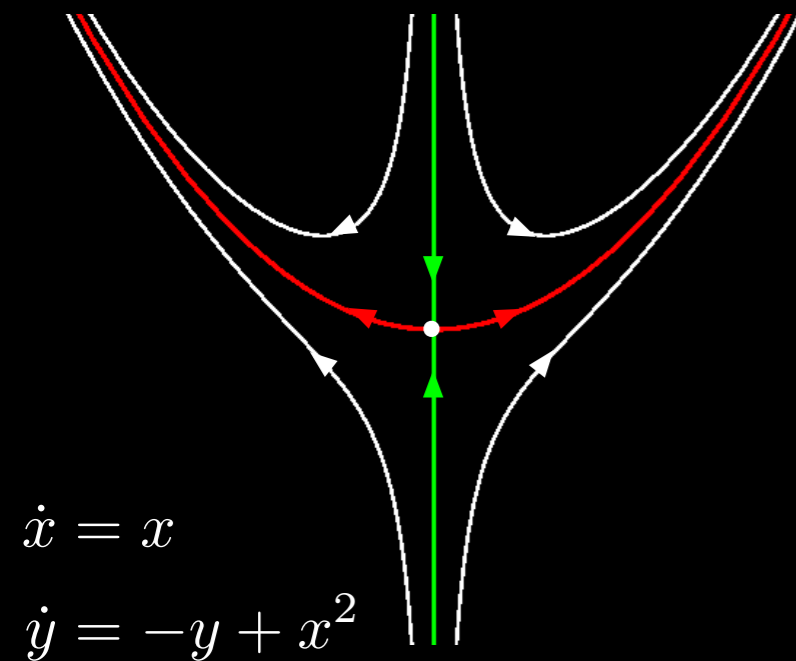
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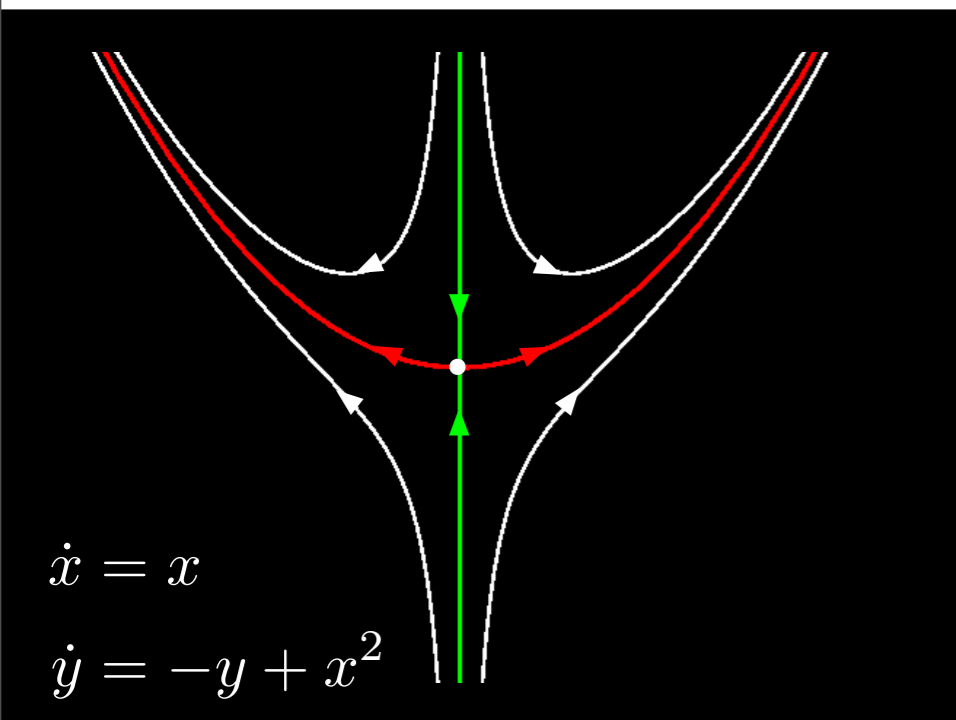
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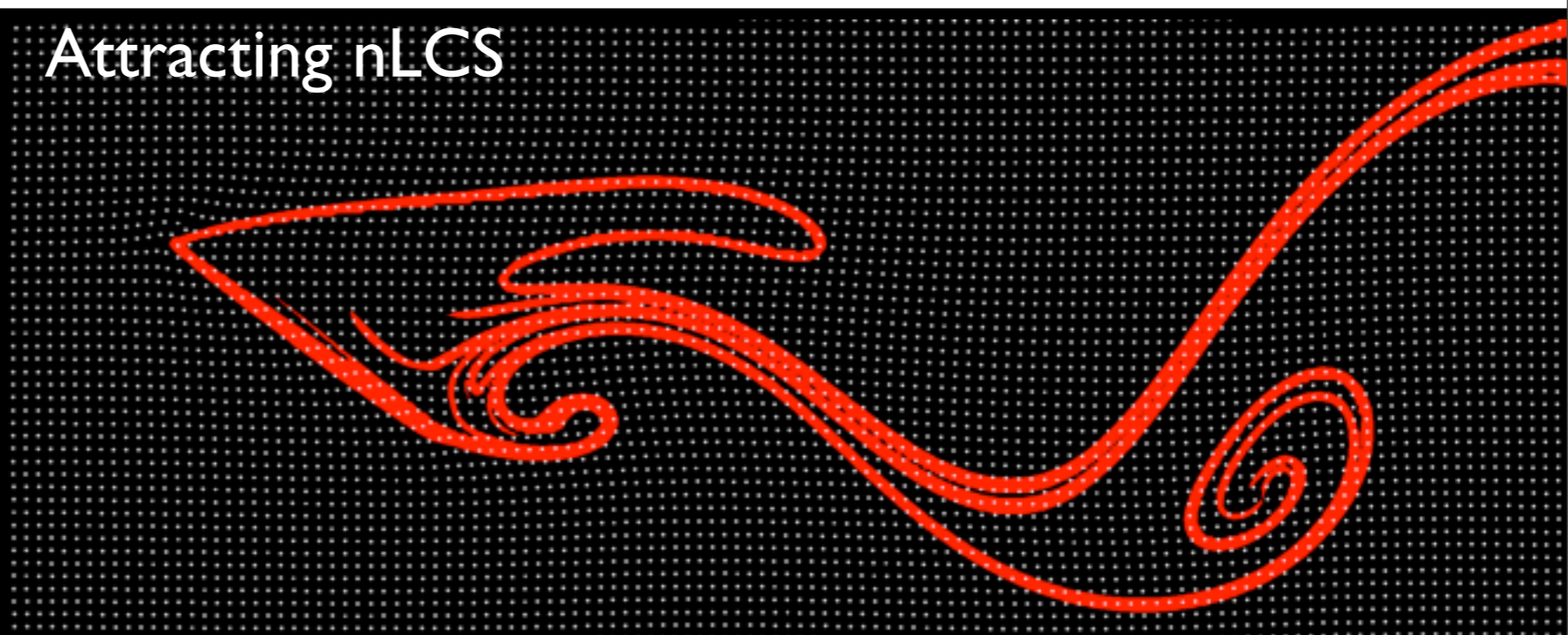
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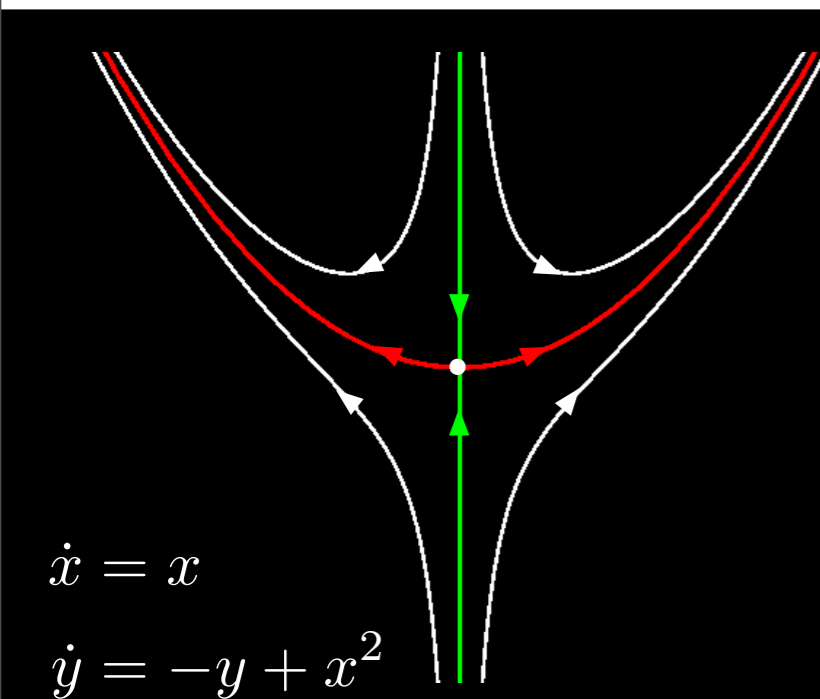
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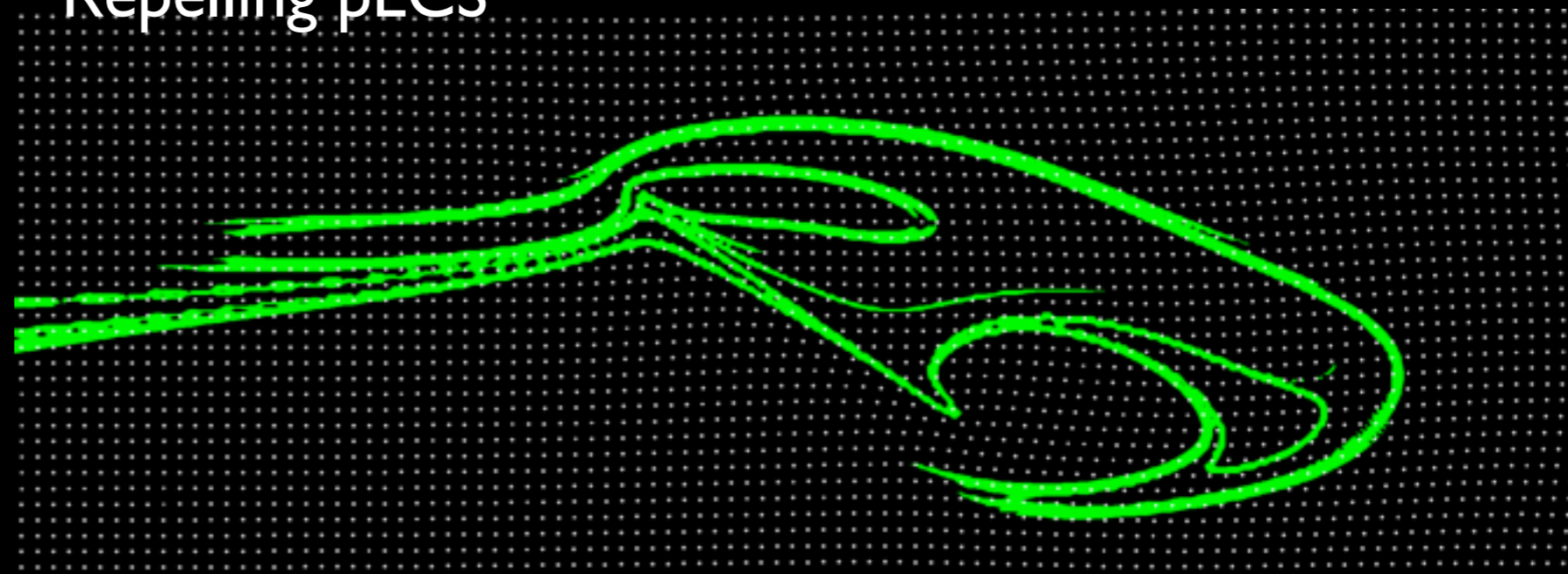
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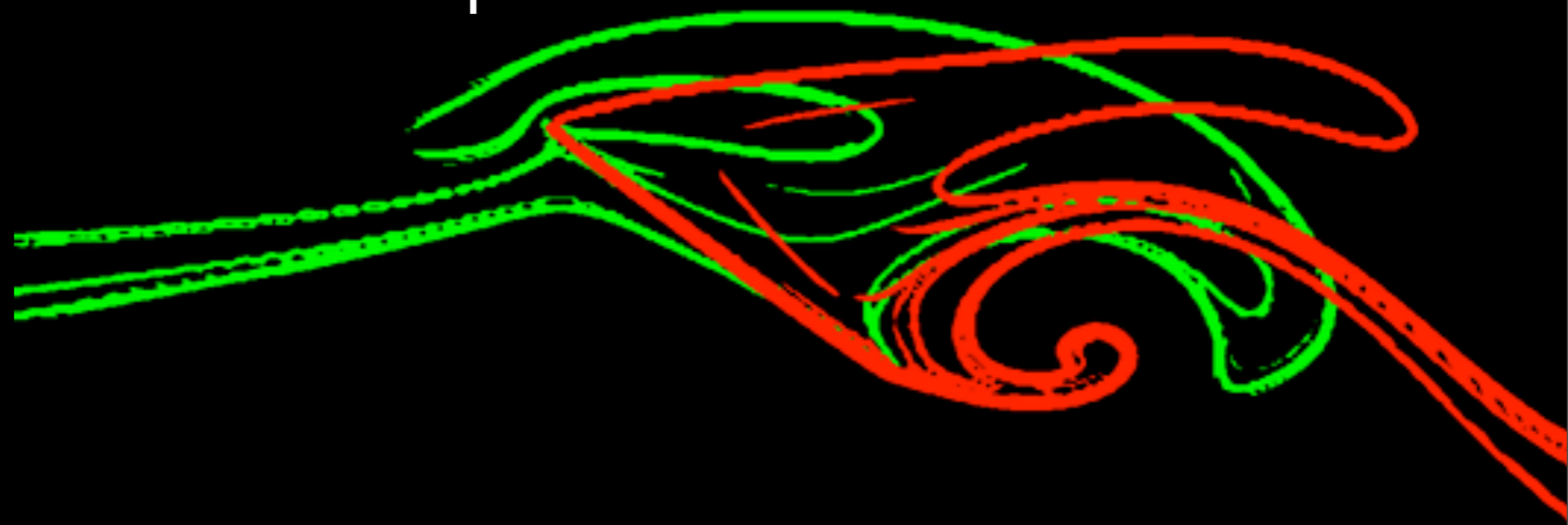
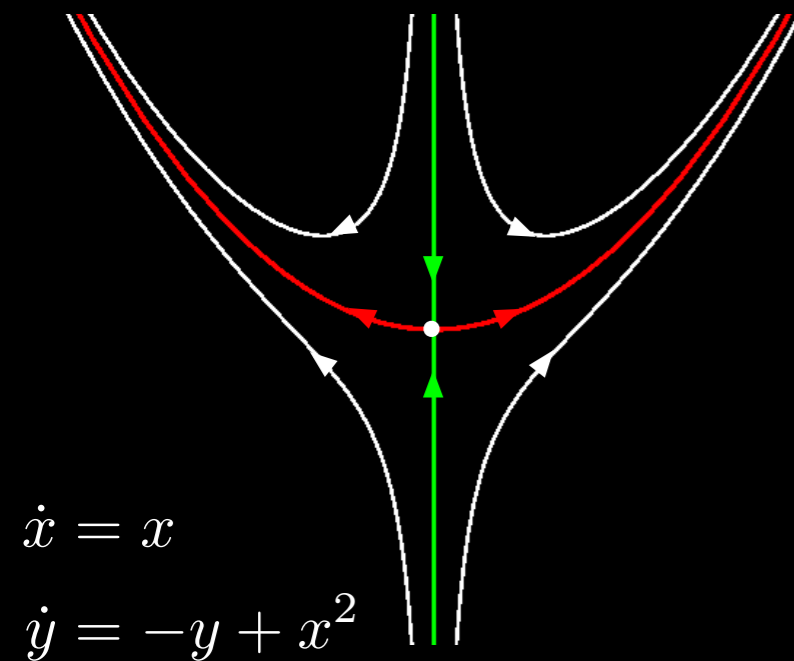
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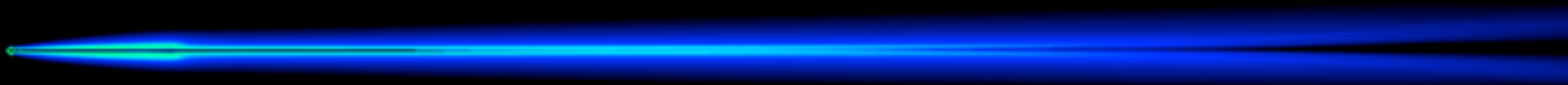
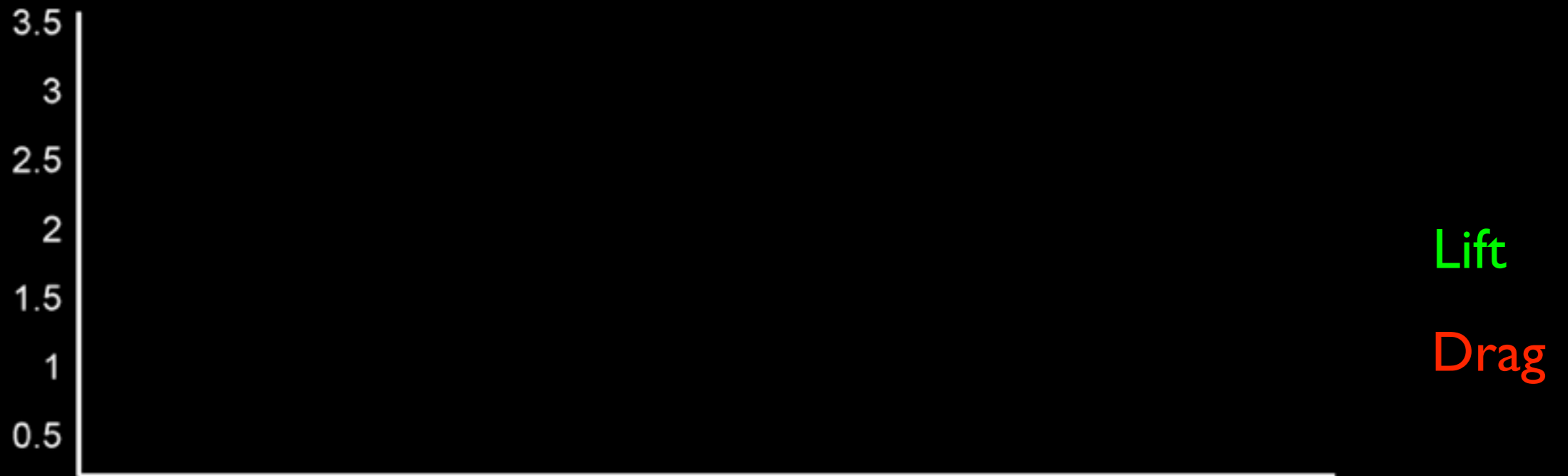
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Both nLCS & pLCS





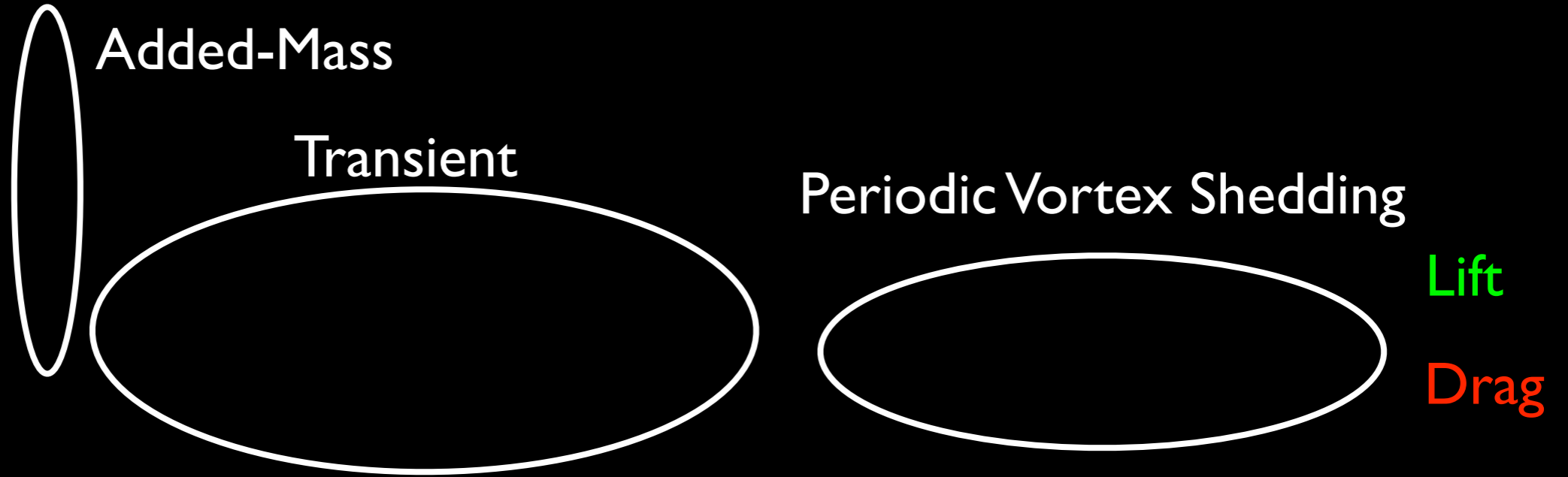
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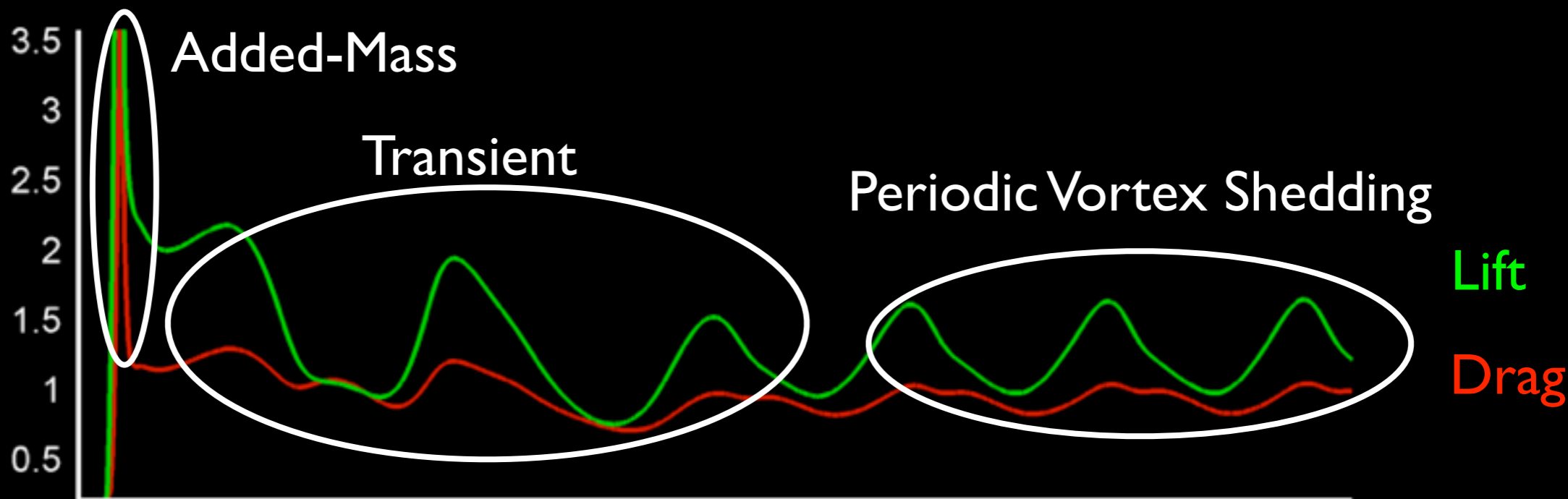
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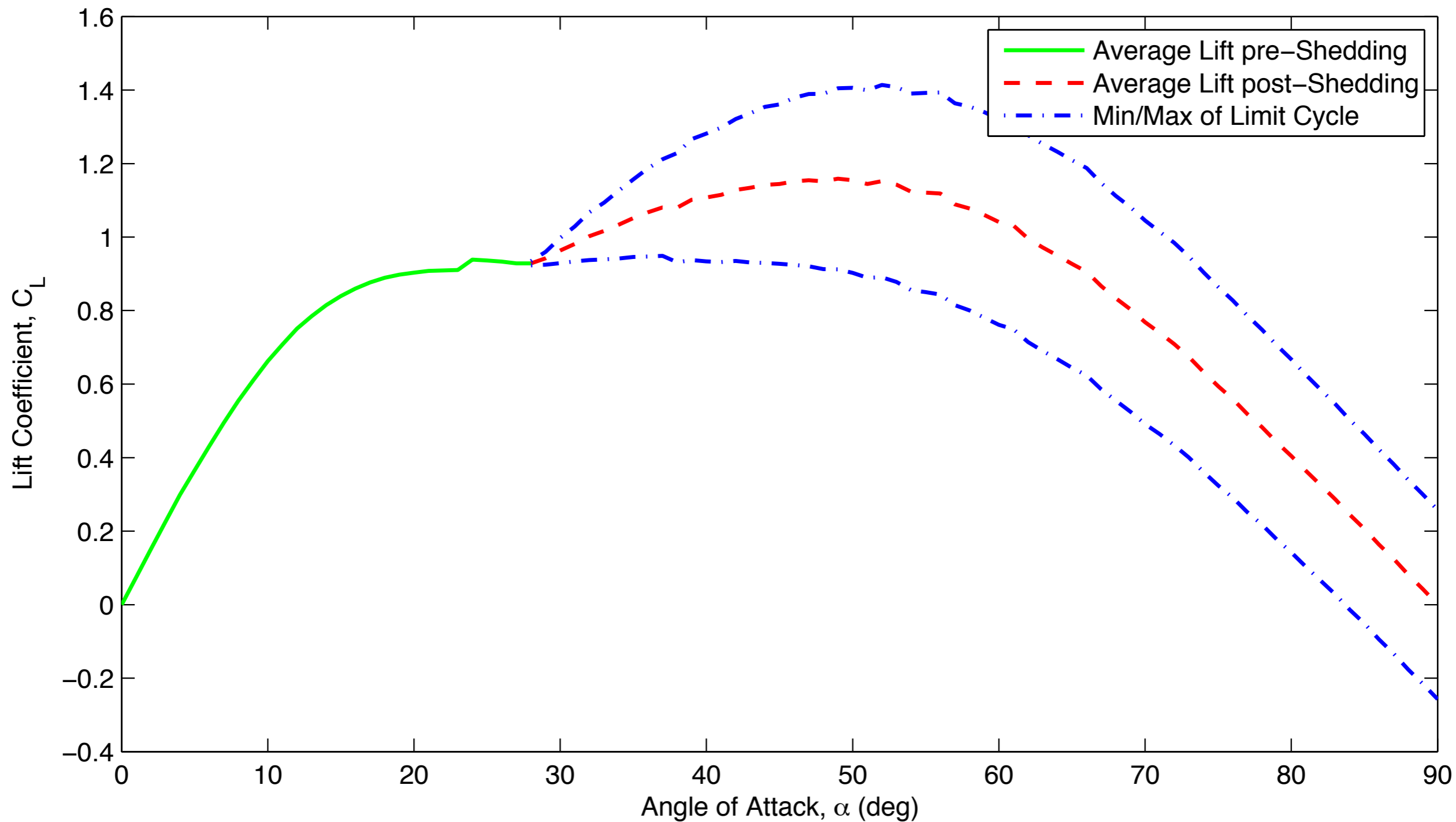
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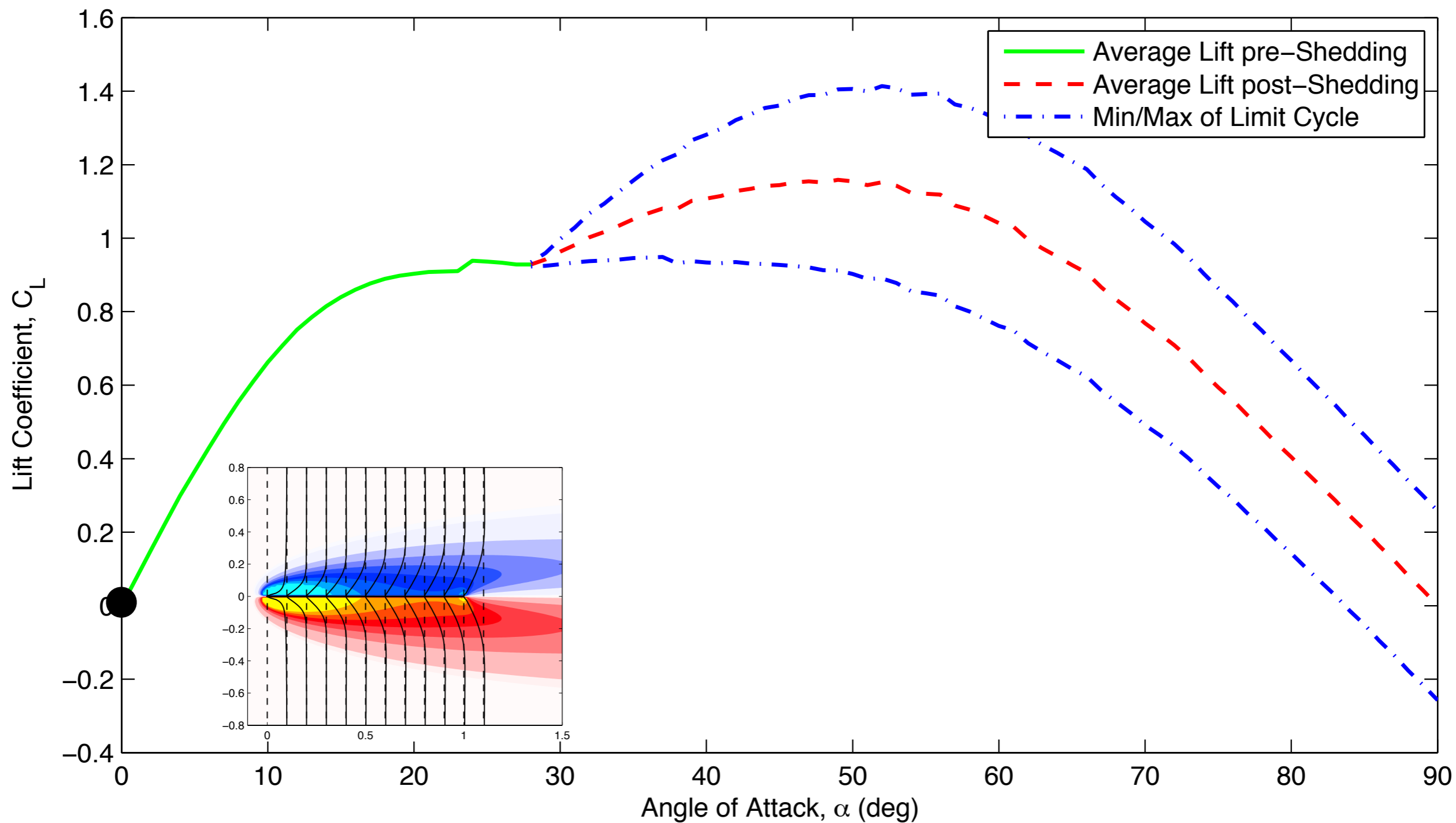
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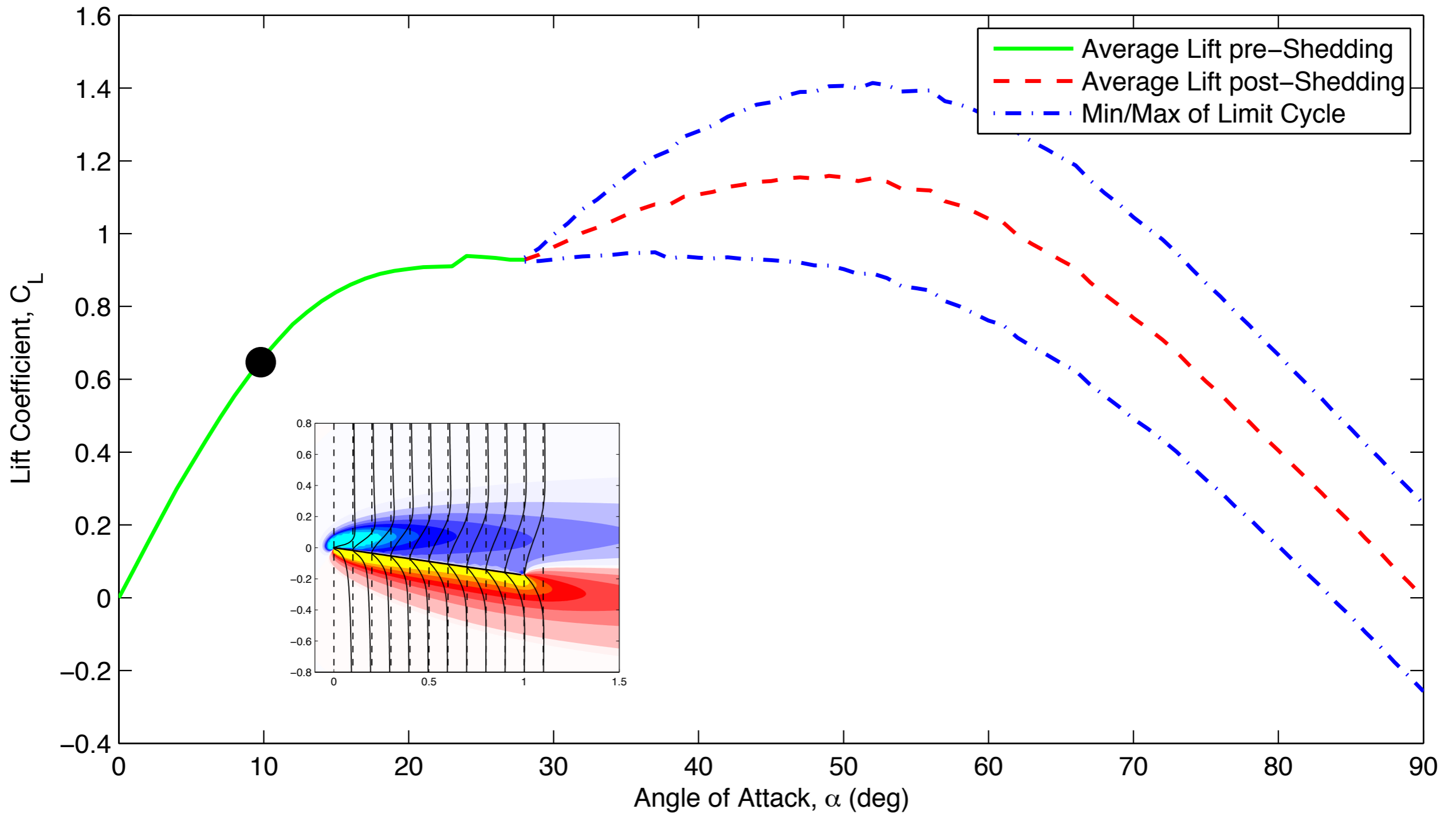


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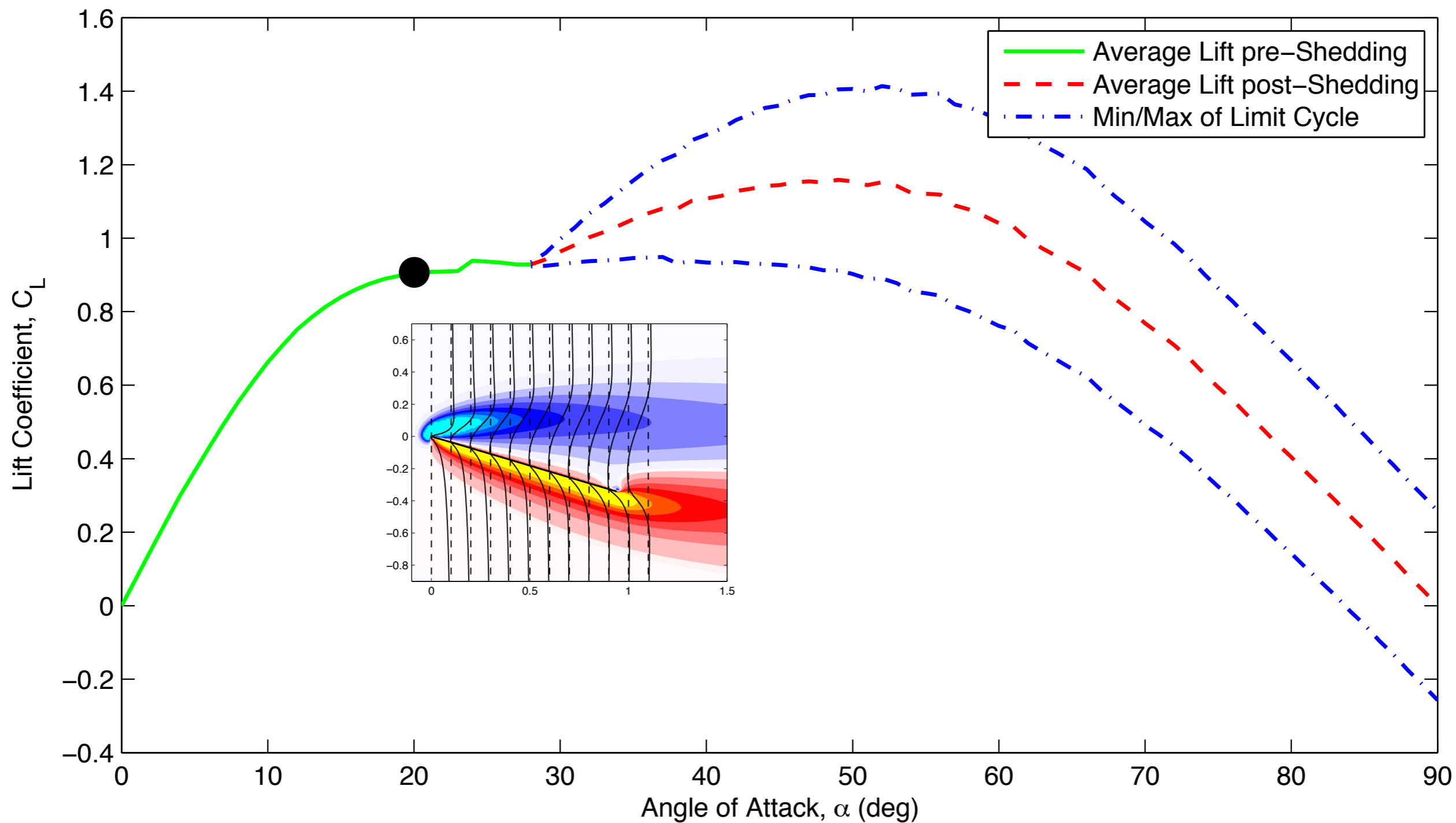


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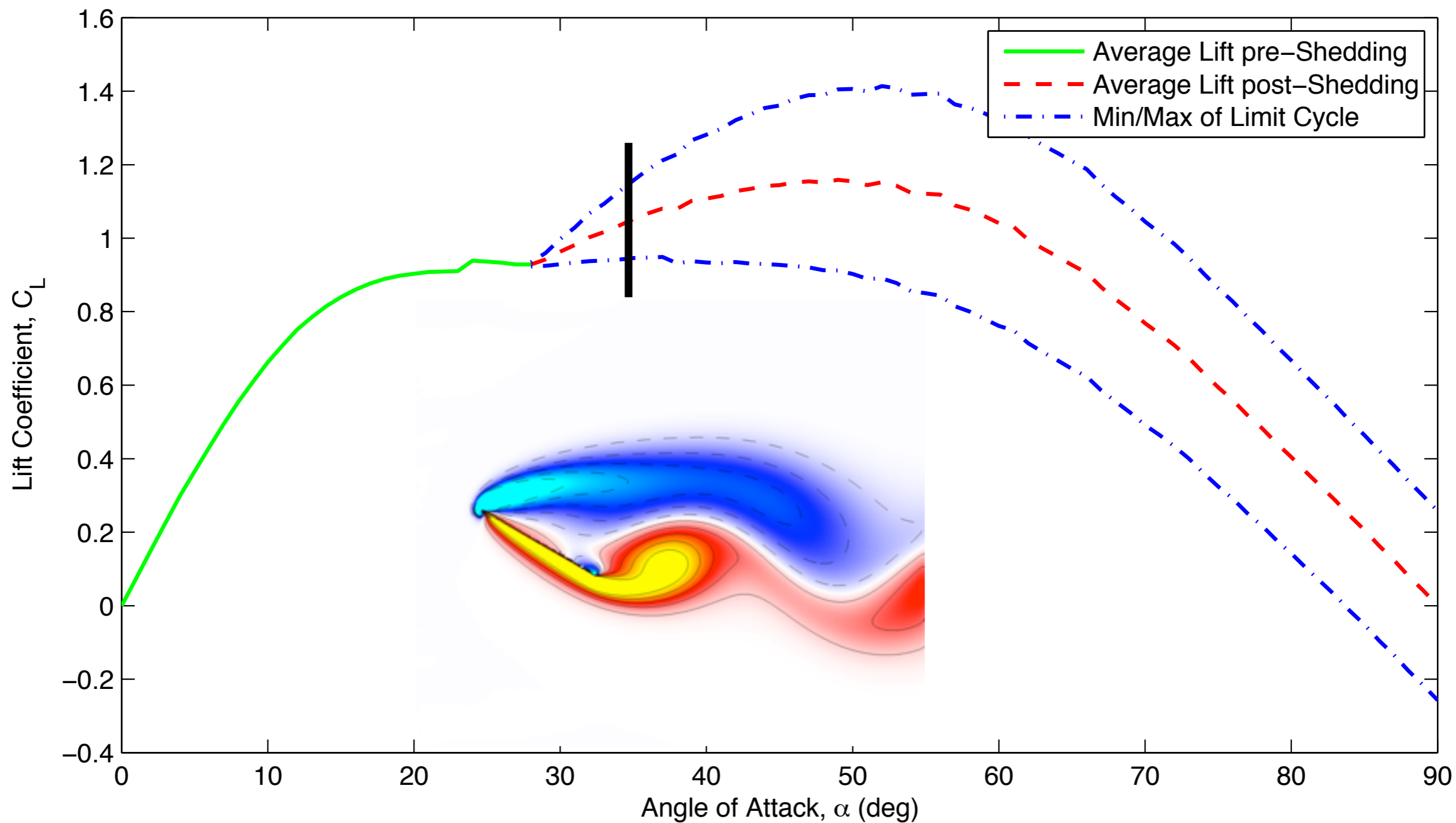


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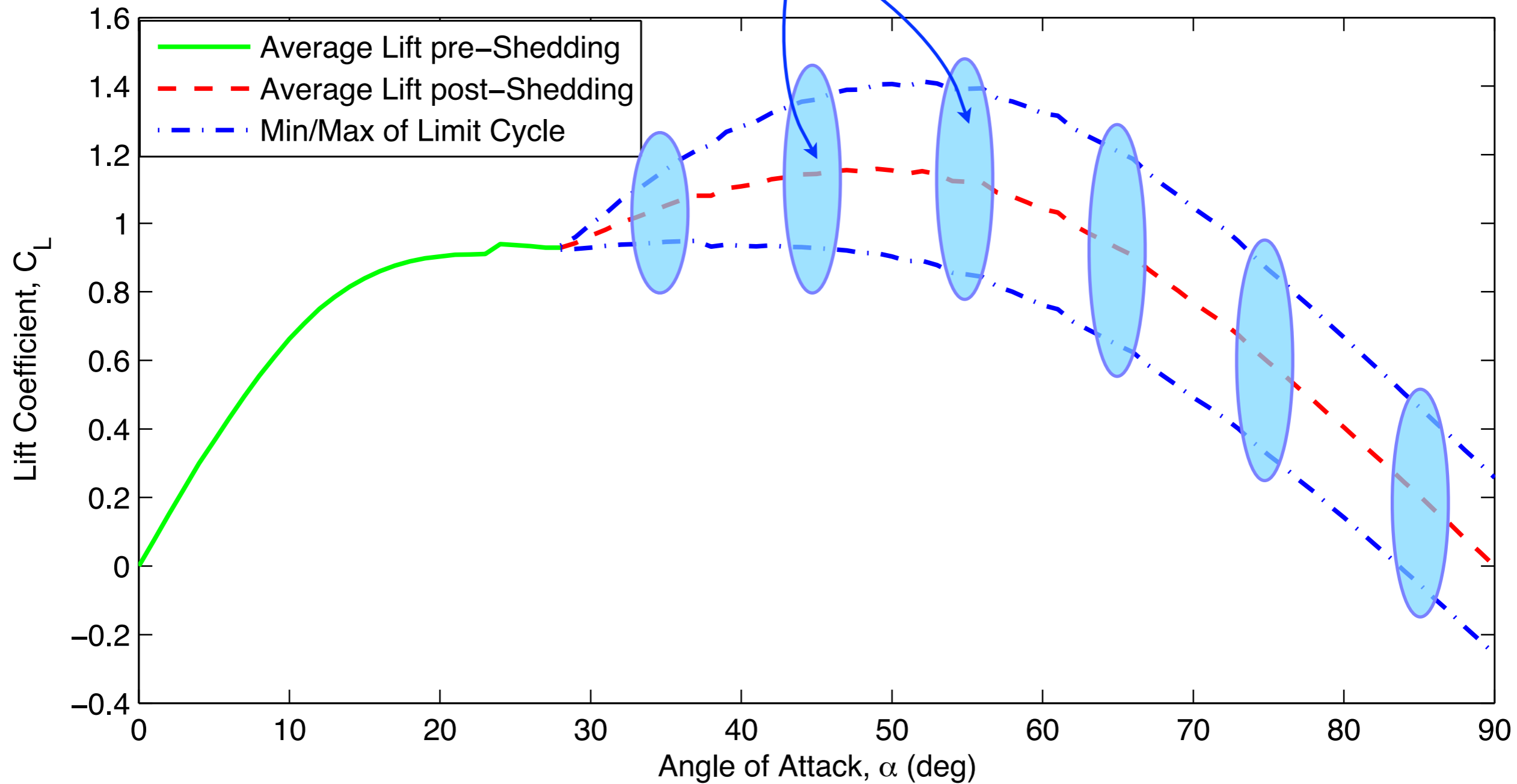
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Models based on Hopf normal form capture vortex shedding



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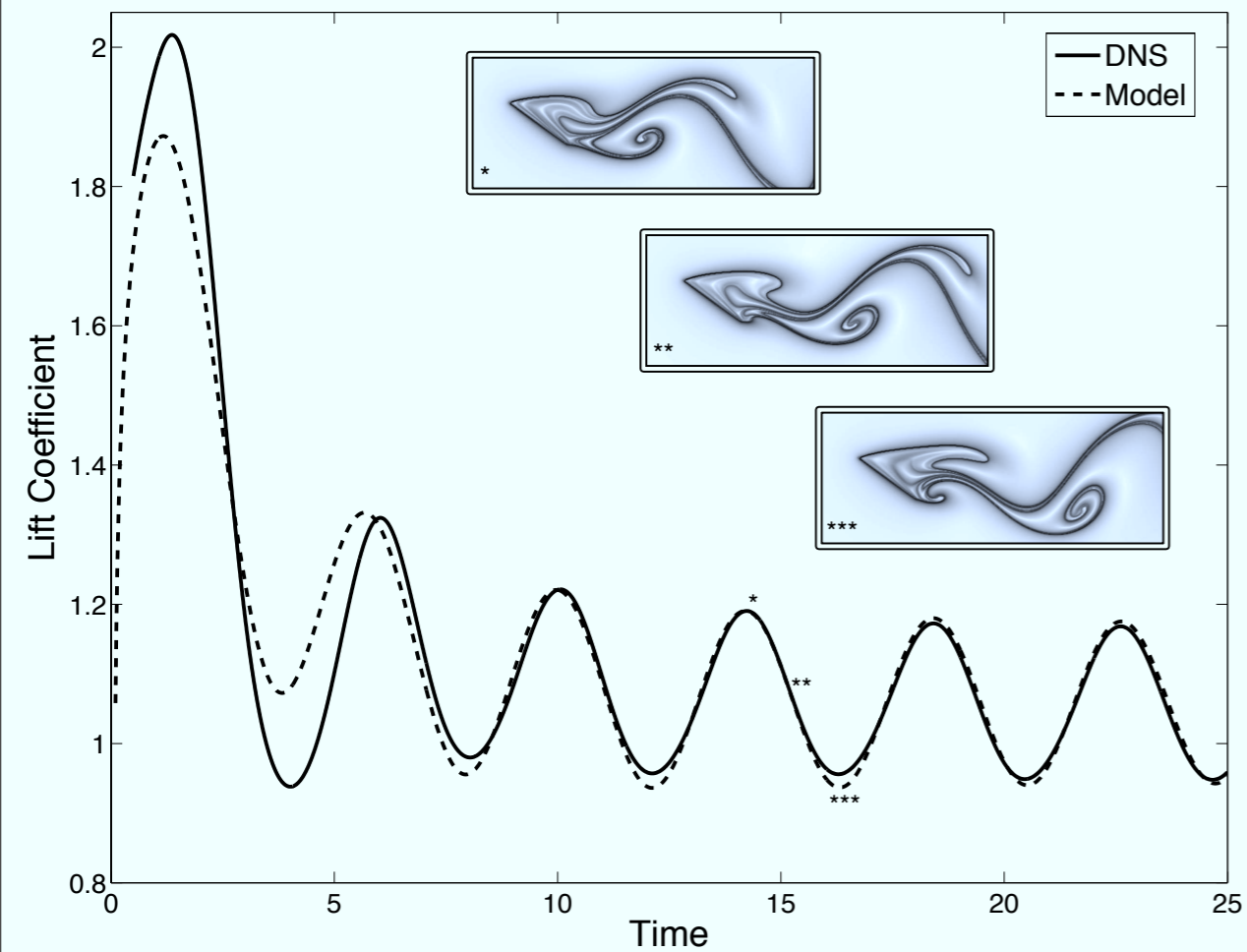
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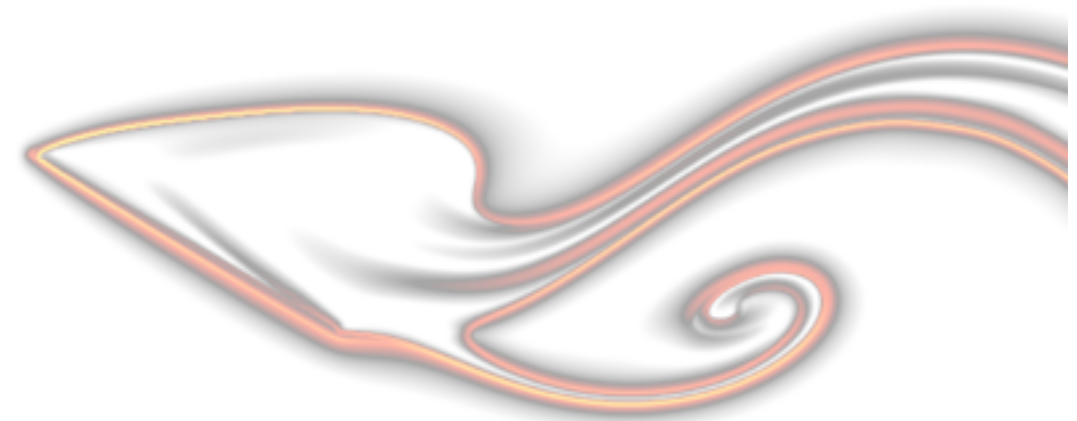
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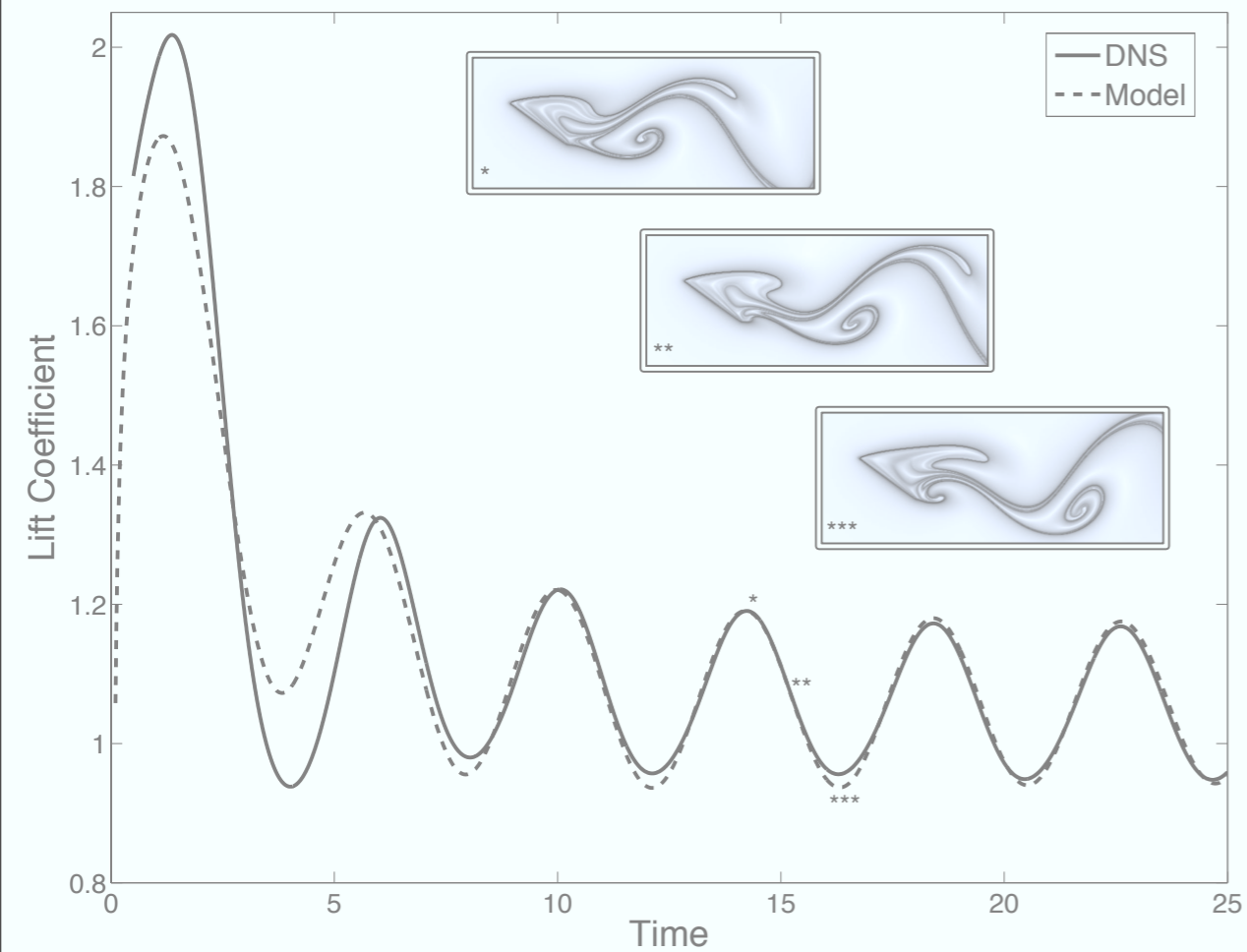
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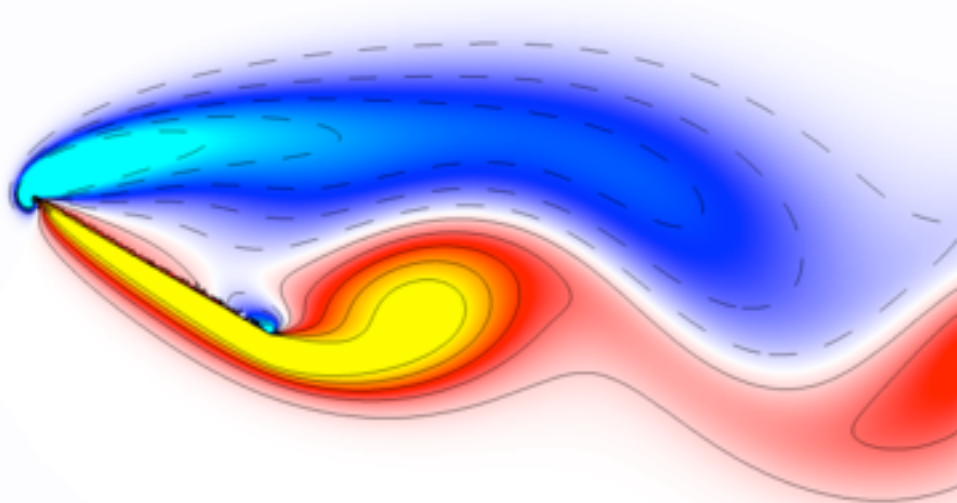
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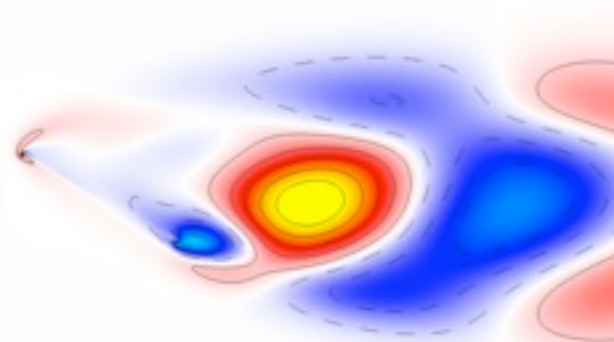
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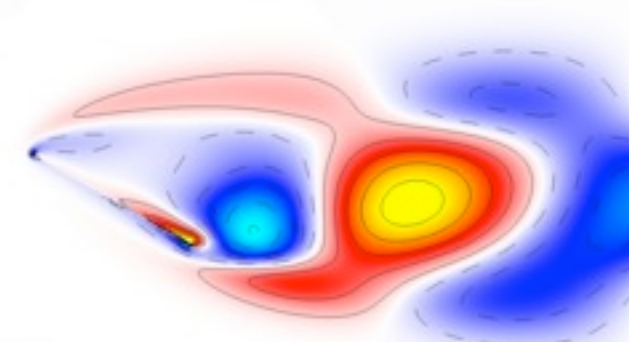
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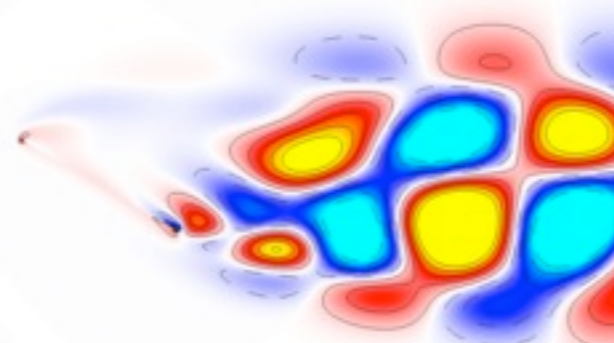
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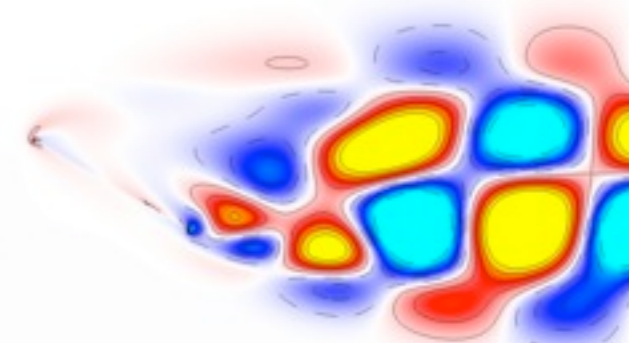
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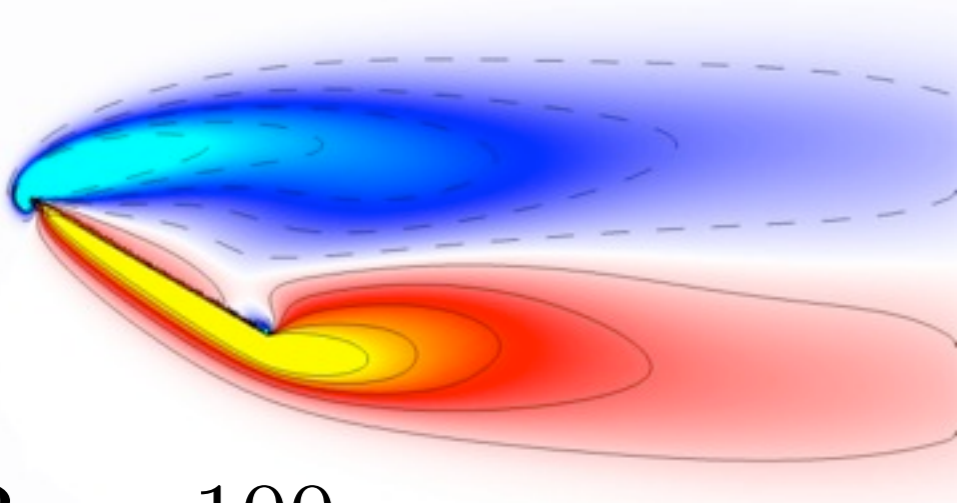
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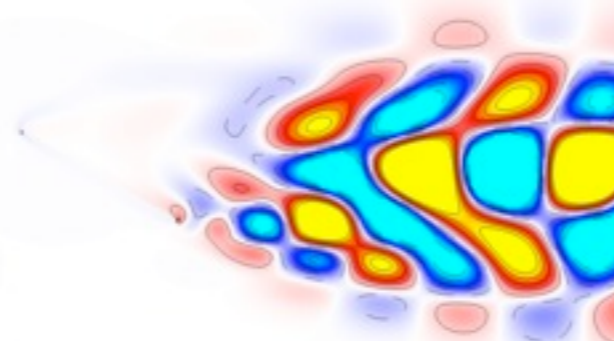
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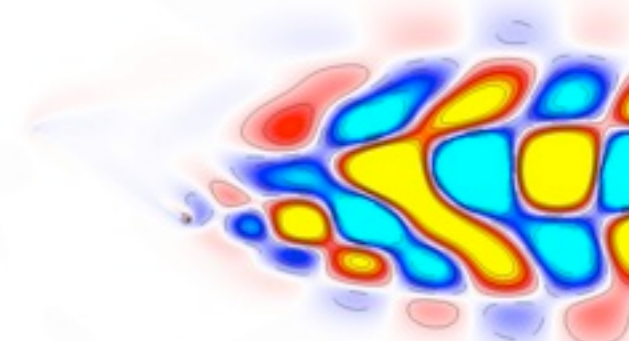
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Mode 5



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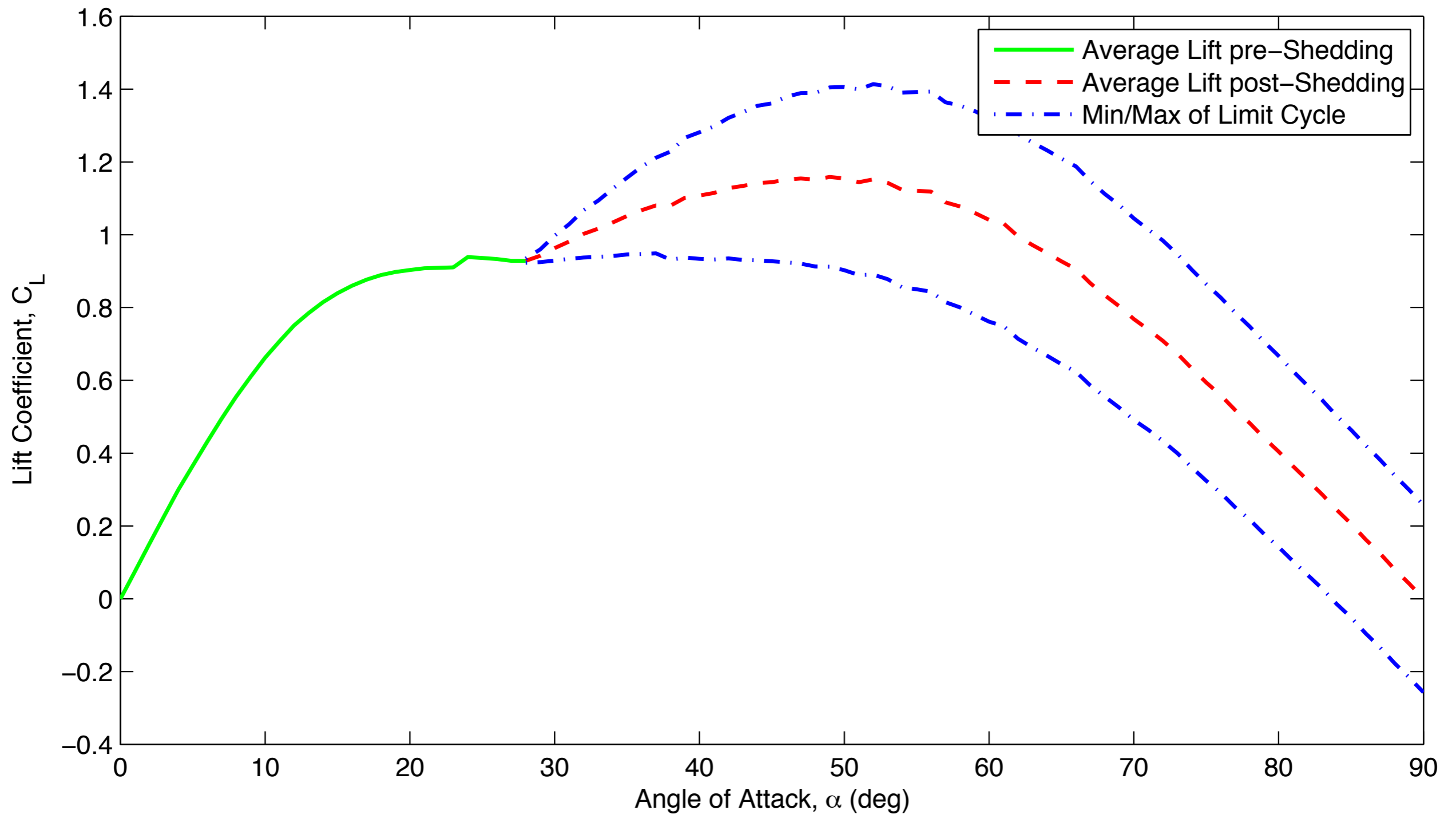


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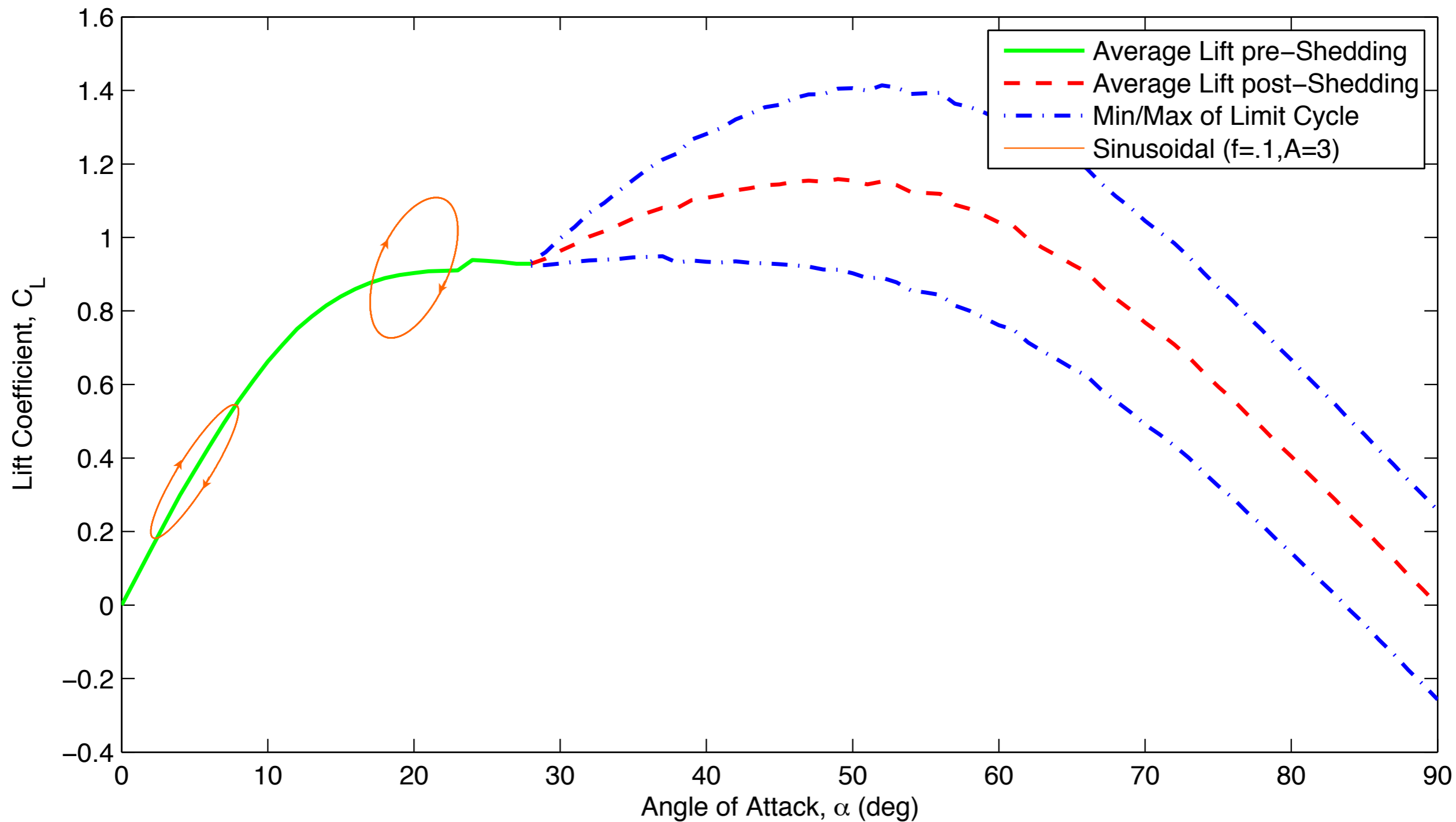
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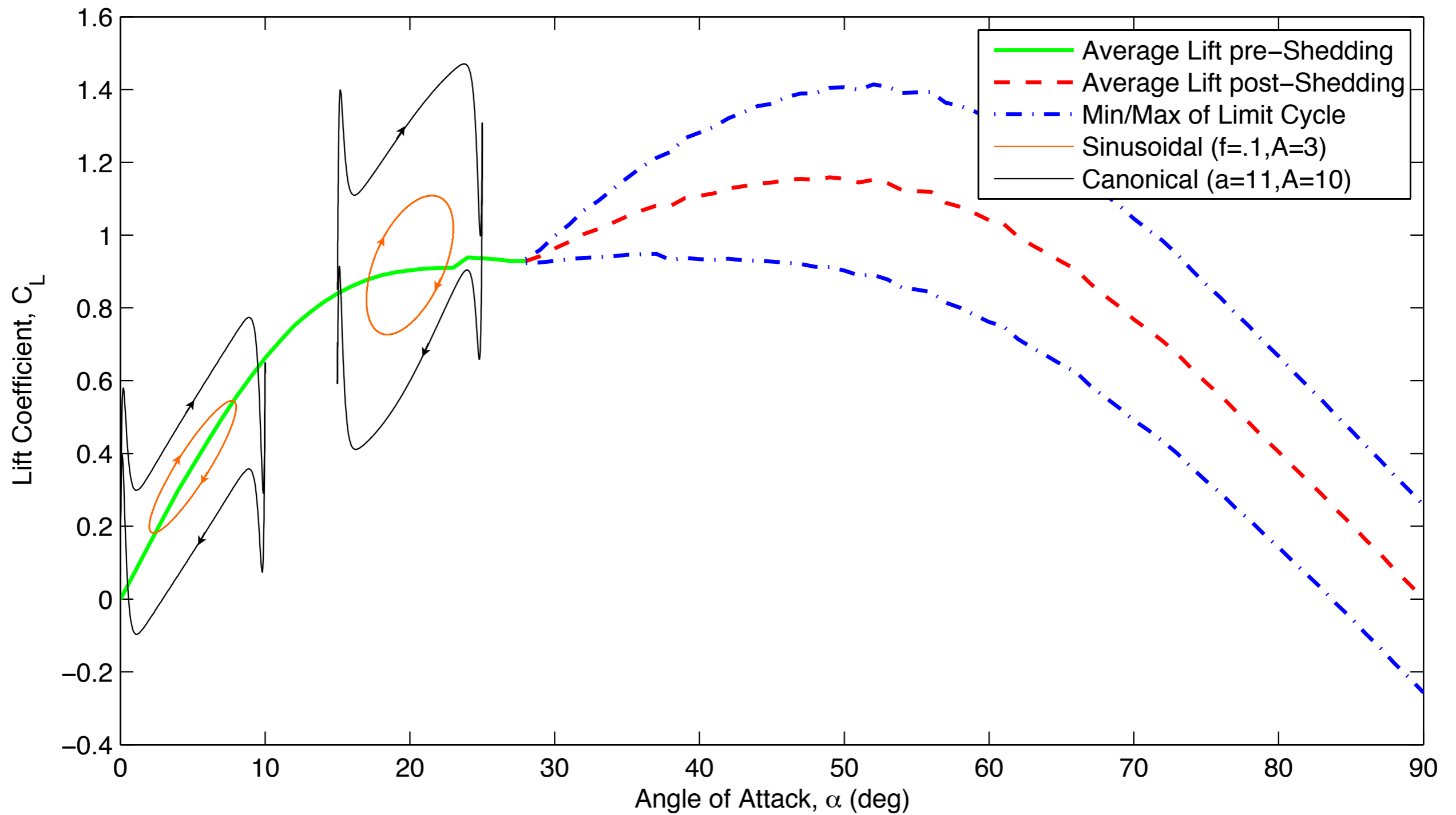
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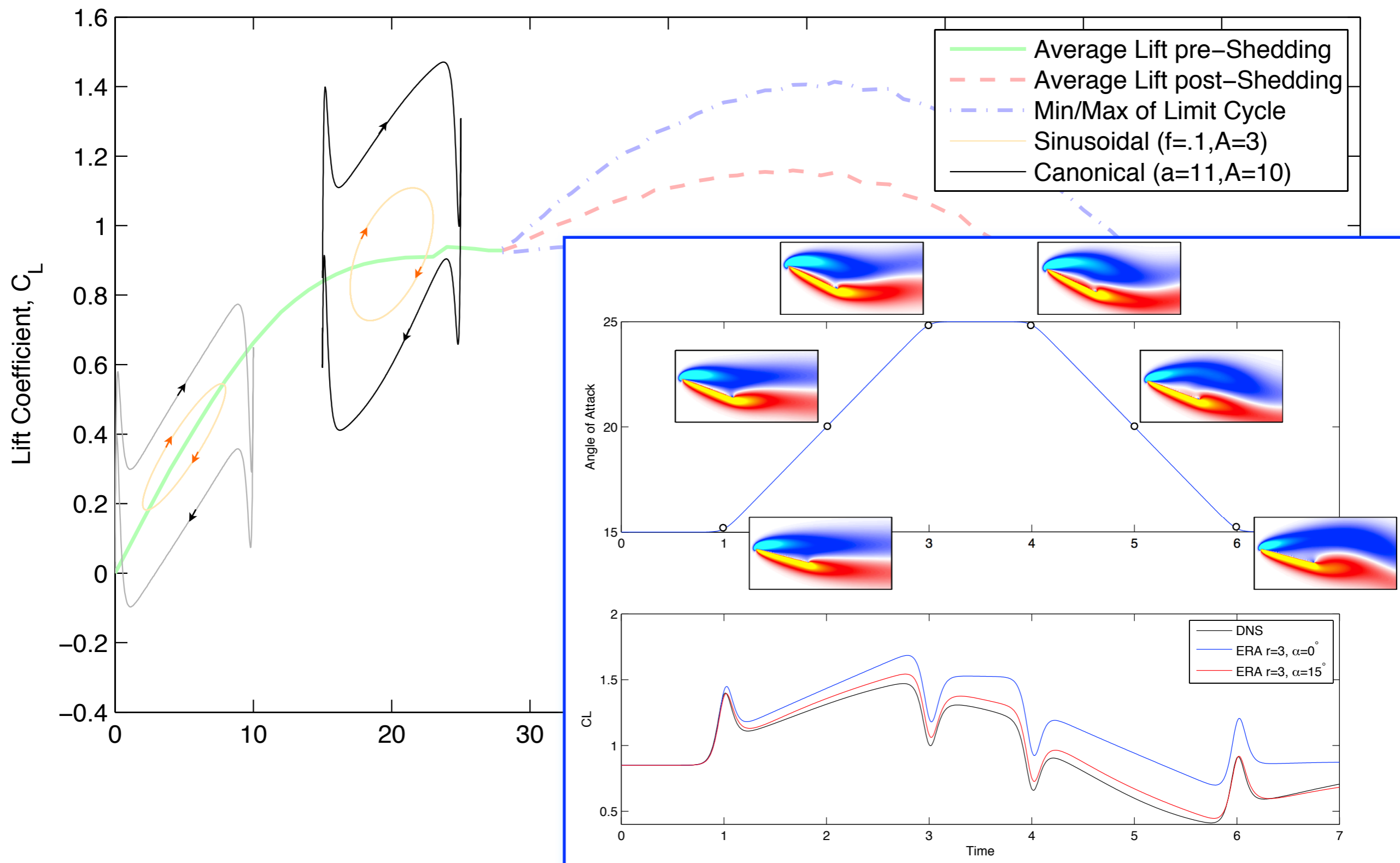
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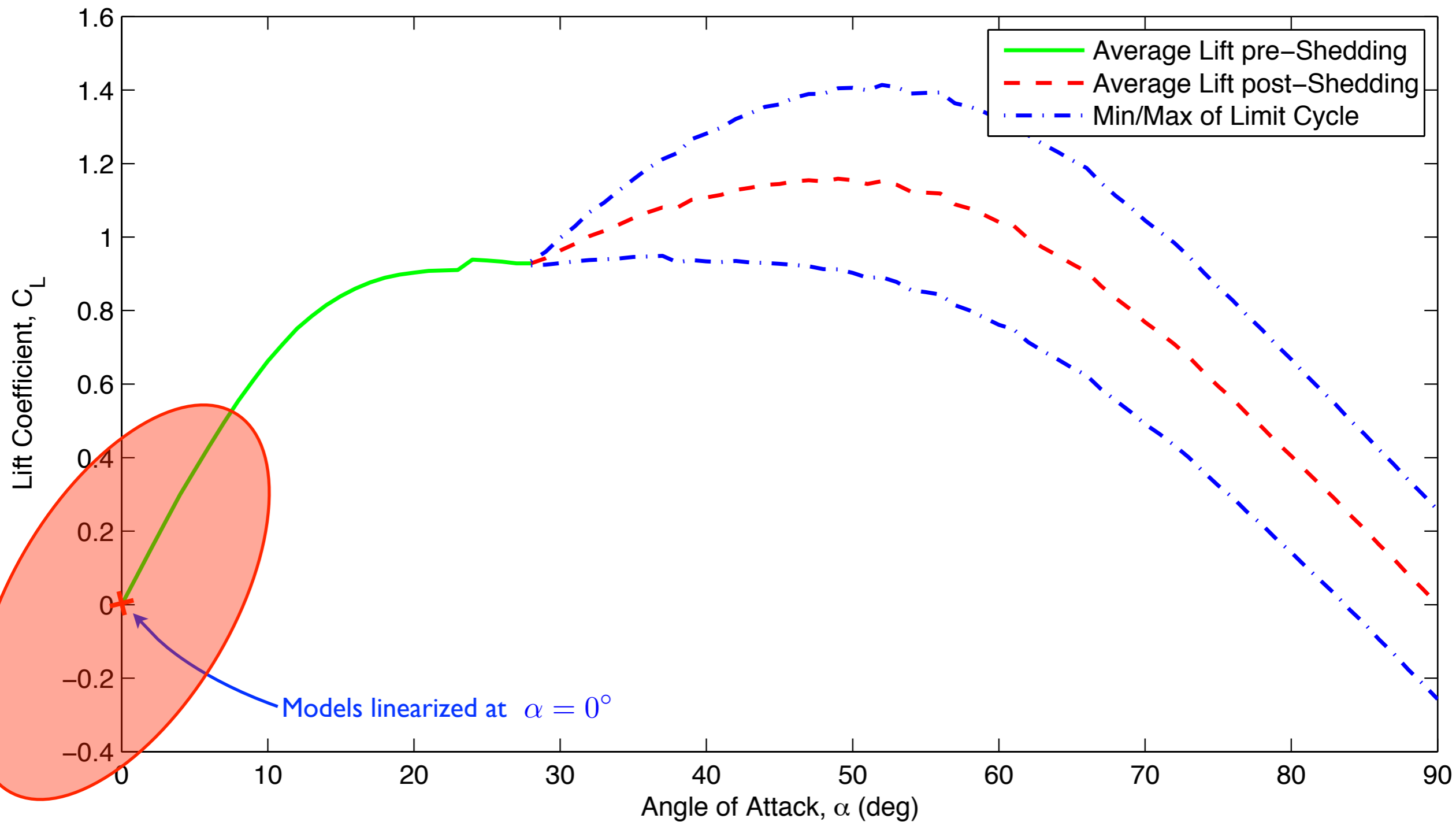
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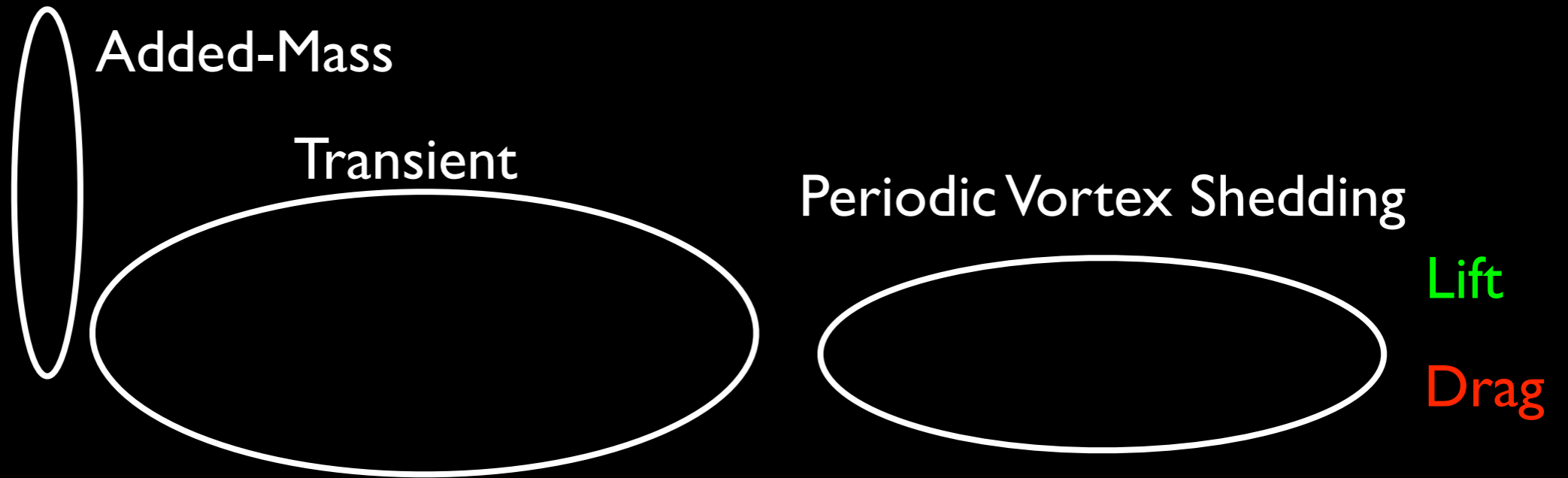


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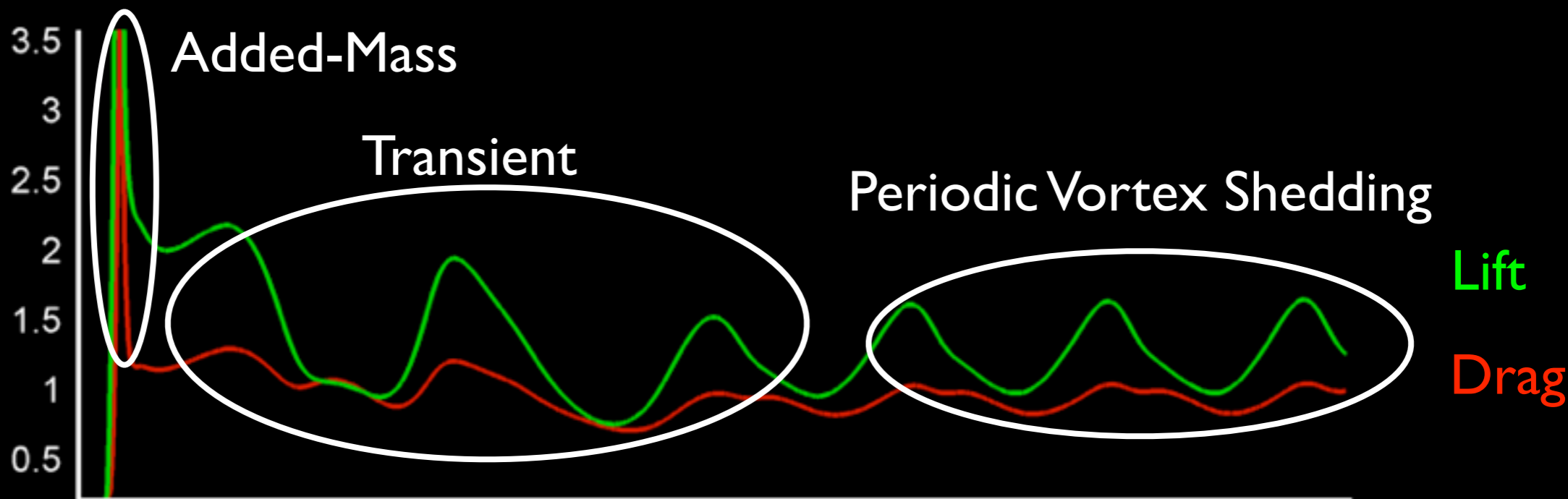
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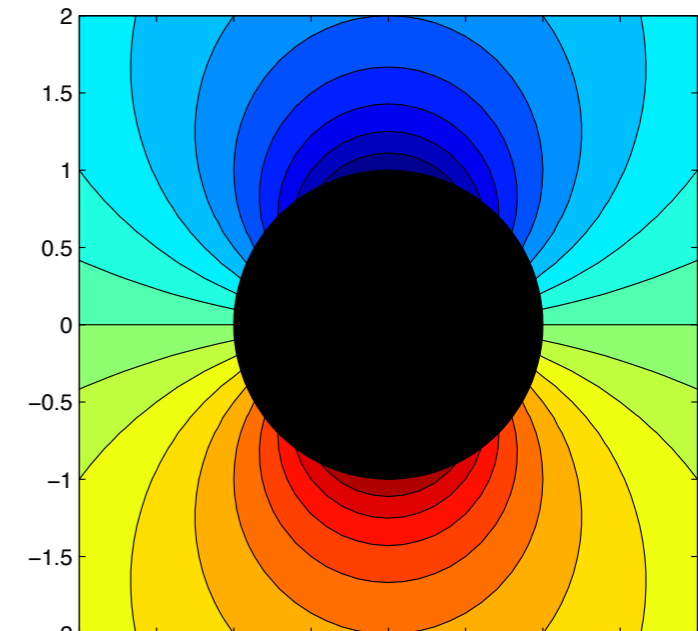
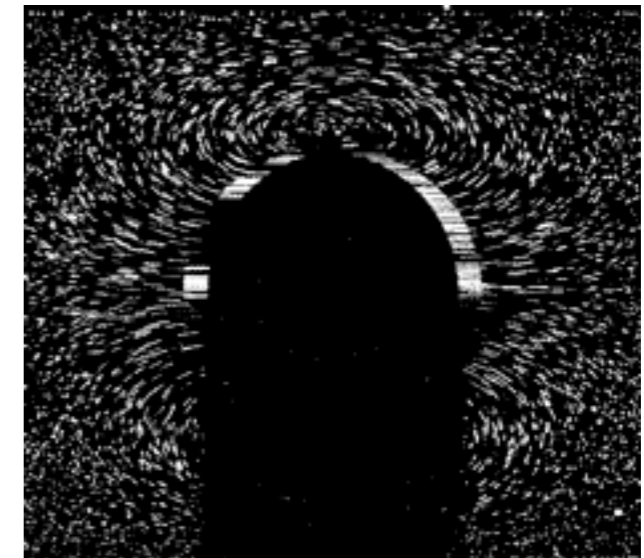
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**cylinder moving in Lab frame**





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**Boundary layer**

**Laminar separation bubble**

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**Periodic Vortex Shedding**



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# Theodorsen's Model - 1935



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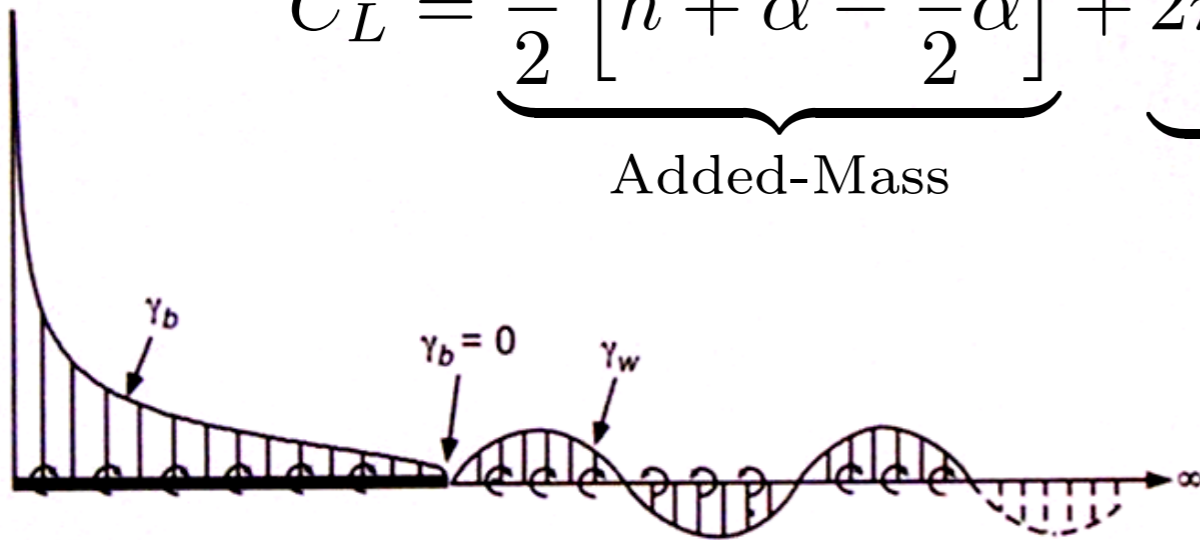
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$$C(k) = \frac{H_1^{(2)}(k)}{H_1^{(2)}(k) + iH_0^{(2)}(k)}$$

**2D Incompressible, inviscid model**

**Unsteady potential flow (w/ Kutta condition)**

**Linearized about zero angle of attack**

$$k = \frac{\pi f c}{U_\infty}$$

**Theodorsen, 1935.**

**Leishman, 2006.**



# Bode Plot of Theodorsen



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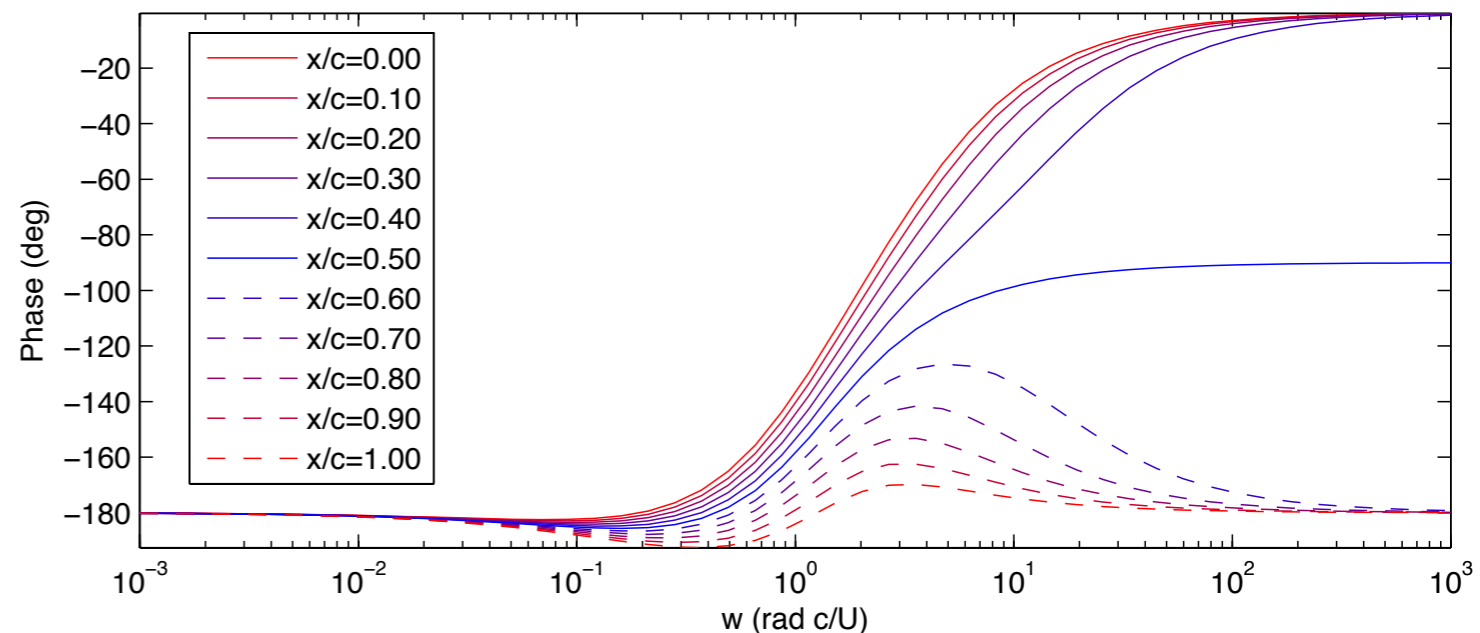
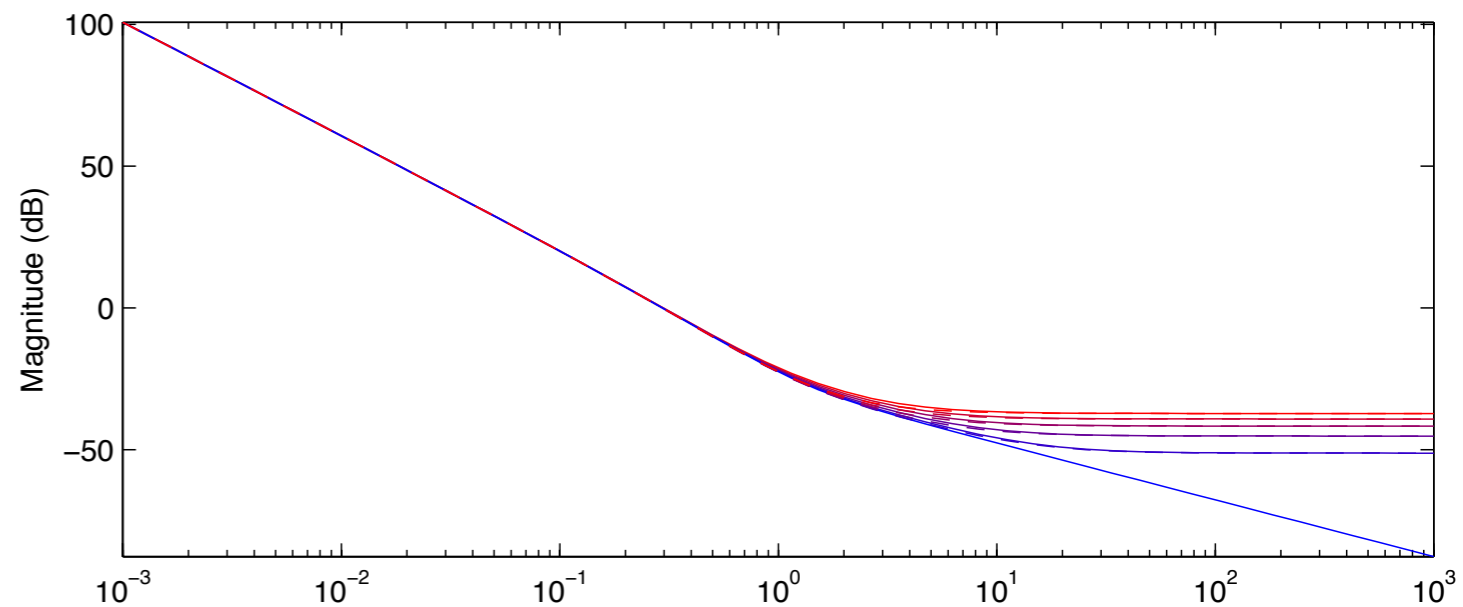
input is  $\ddot{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha$  is angle of attack)

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  $C(k)$**

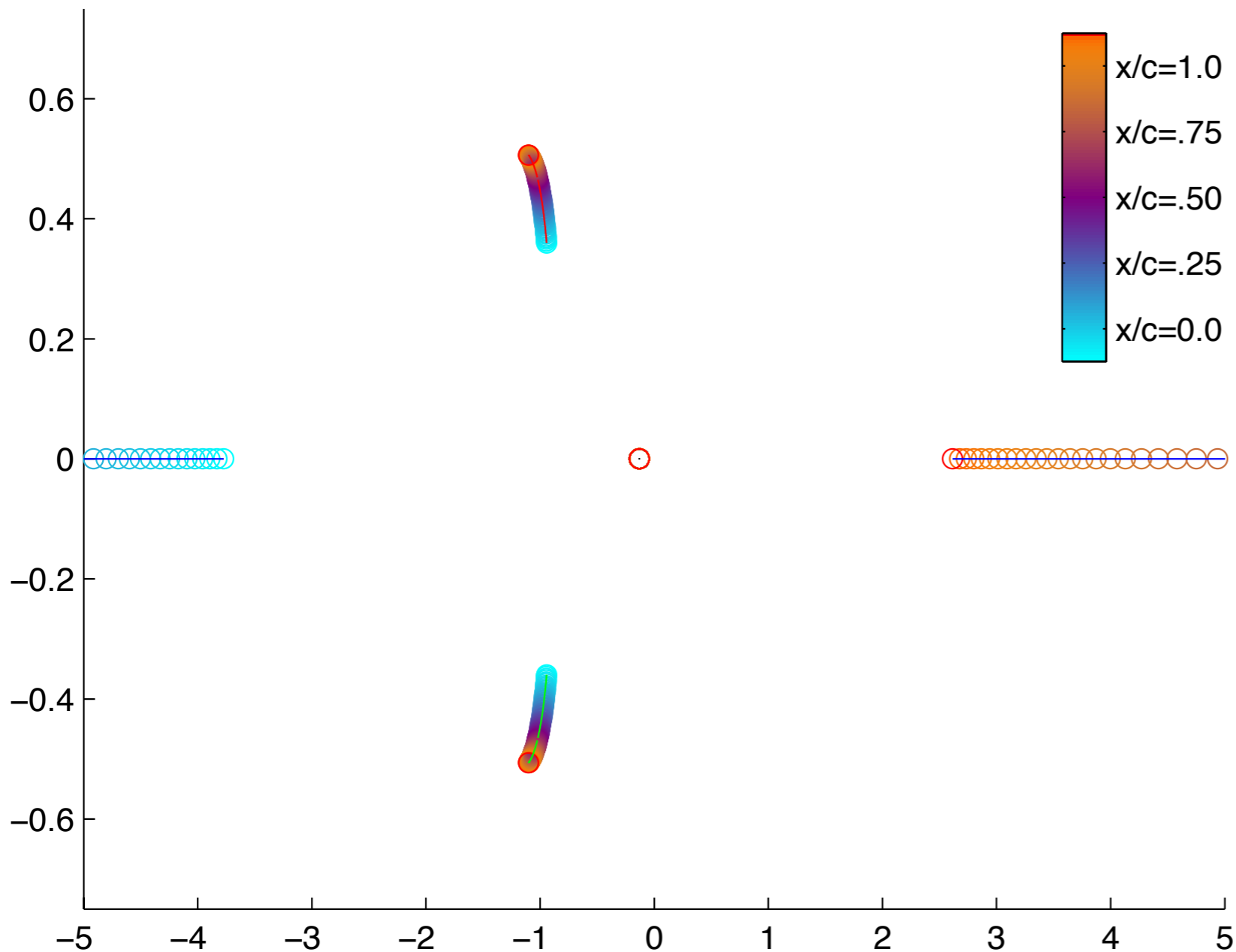




# Zeros of Theodorsen's Model



Zeros of Theodorsen Model, Varying Pitch Point



**All Theodorsen pitch models have same poles, different zeros**

**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:

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

## Model Summary

**Reconstructs Lift for arbitrary input**

**Linear time-invariant (LTI) models**

**Based on experiment, simulation or theory**

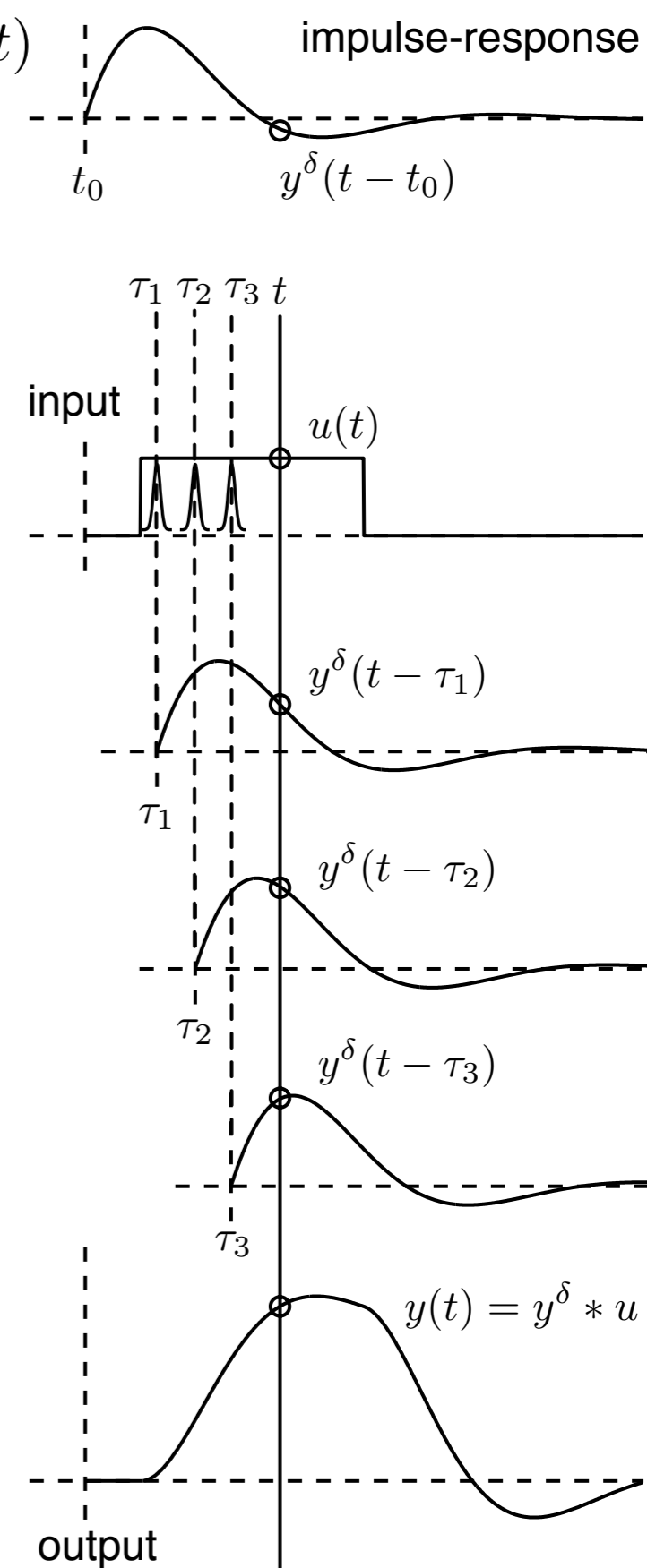
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# Indicial Response Models



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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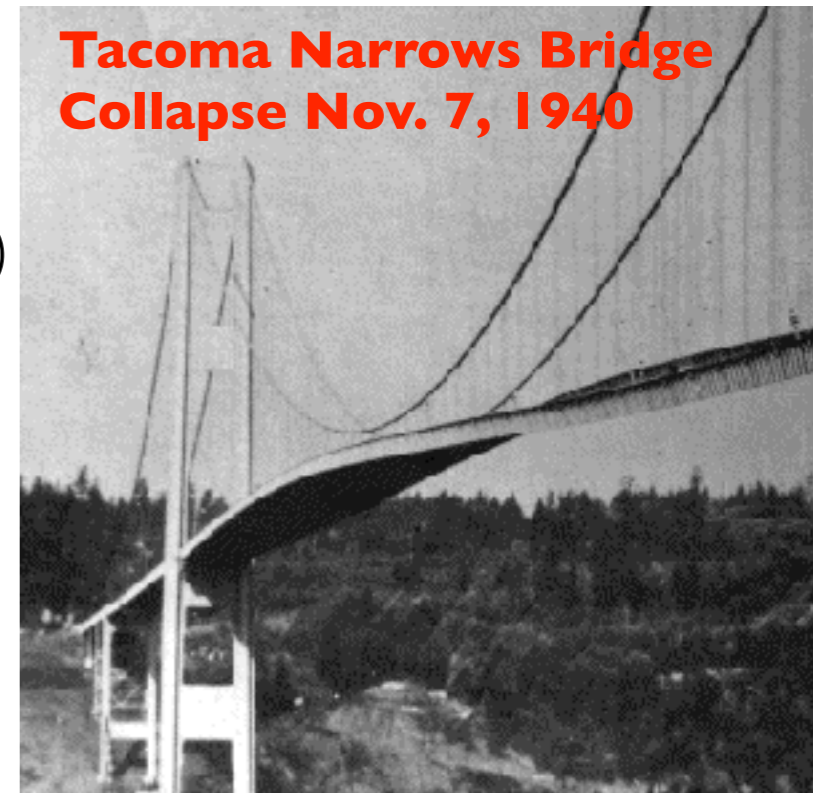
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**Tacoma Narrows Bridge  
Collapse Nov. 7, 1940**







# 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**

transient dynamics

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

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

quasi-steady and added-mass



# State-Space 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

Transient  
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 Model**

Captures input output dynamics accurately

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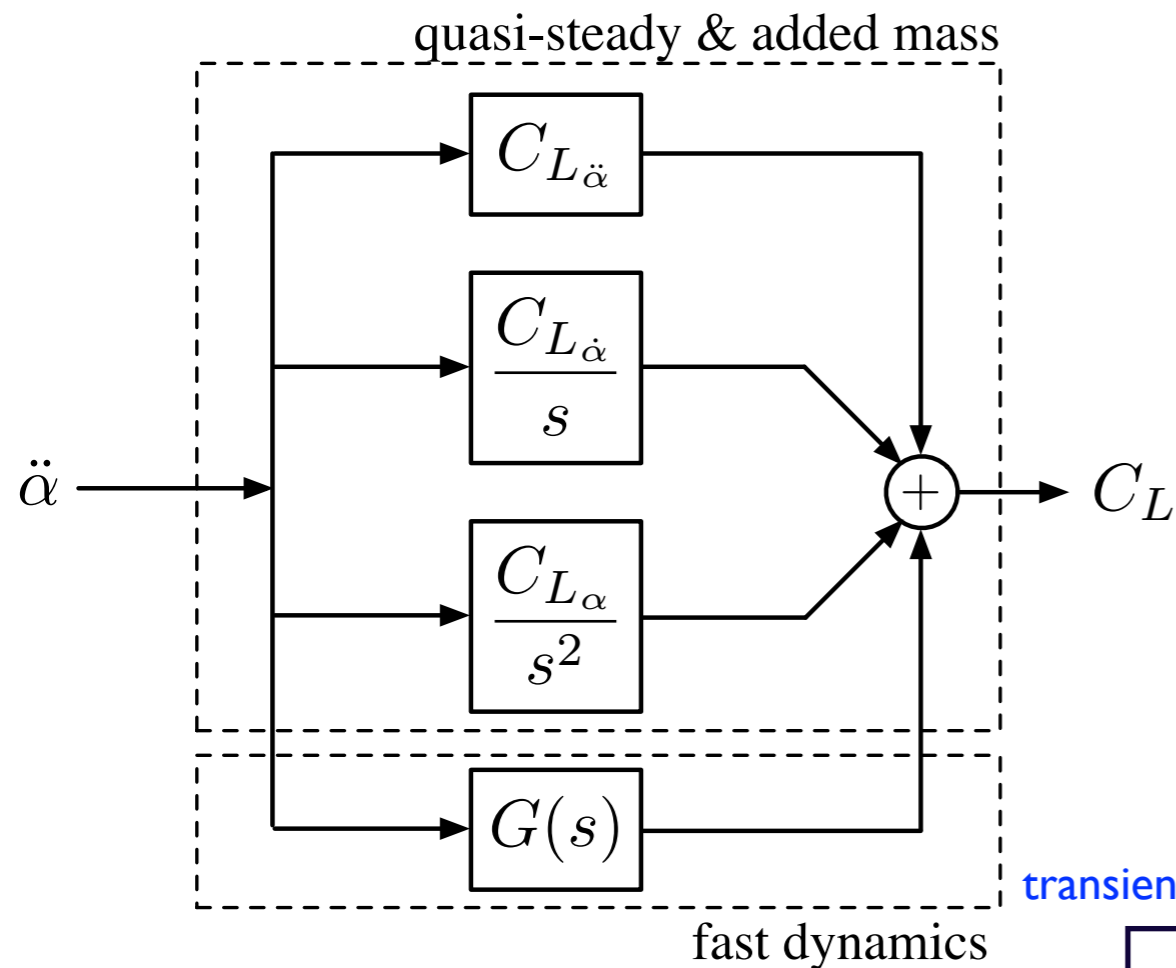
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quasi-steady and added-mass



# 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**

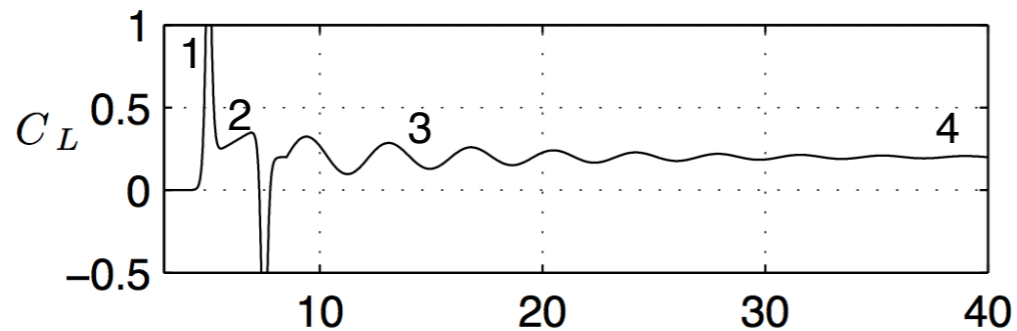
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quasi-steady and added-mass



# Identifying Model from Simulations

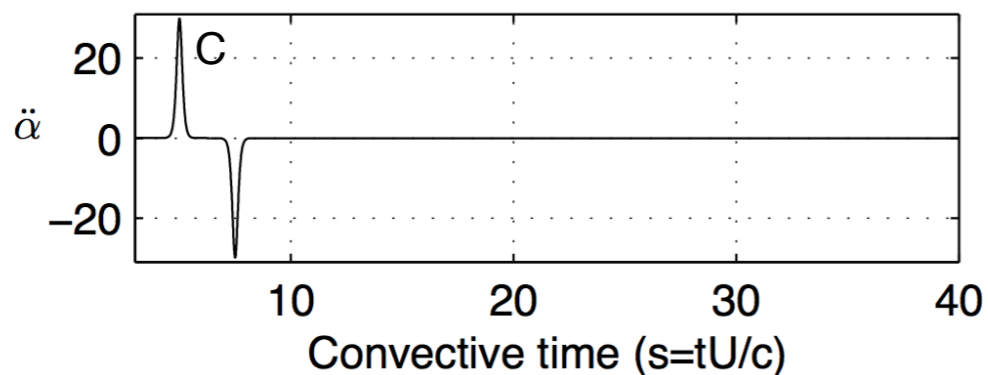
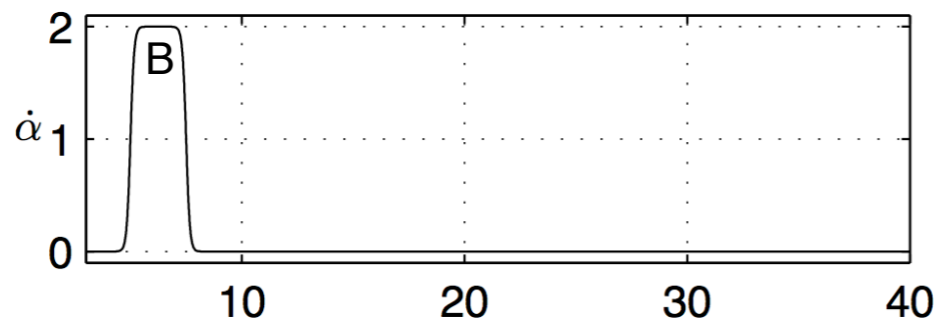
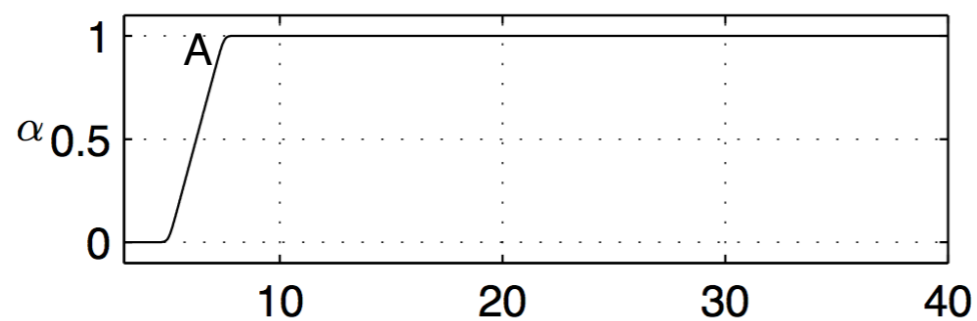


1 - added-mass from  $\ddot{\alpha}$  (C)

2 - added-mass from  $\dot{\alpha}$  (B)  
and quasi-steady  $\alpha$  (A)

3 - fast dynamics (G)  
and quasi-steady from  $\alpha$  (A)

4 - quasi-steady from  $\alpha$  (A)



**Cartoon illustration of  
aerodynamic step response**

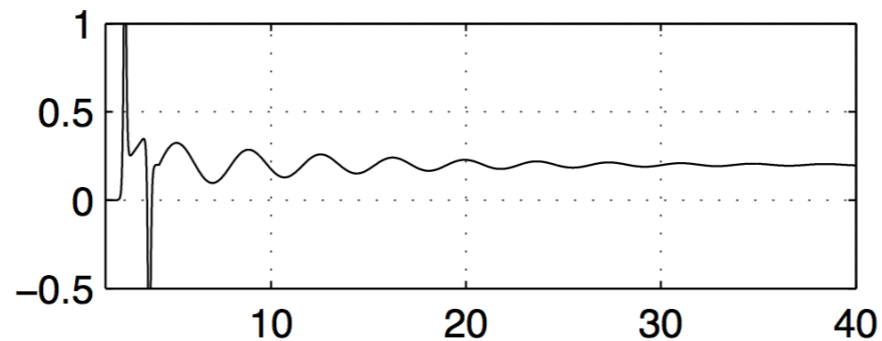
**4-6 orders of magnitude  
frequency and scale  
separation in response**



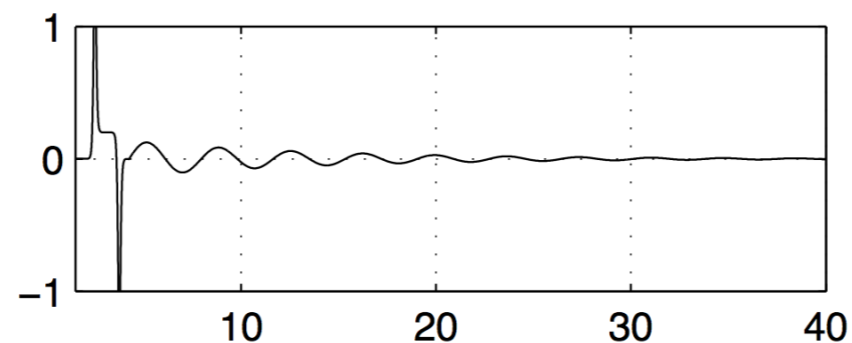
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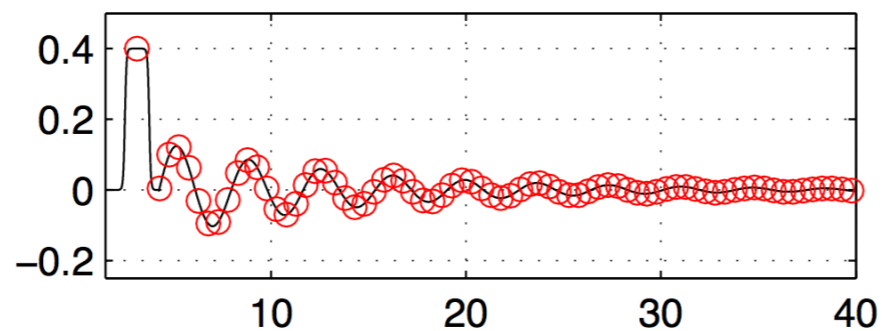
step maneuver in  $\alpha$   
 $\dot{\alpha} = \delta$  (resolved in time)



subtract off  $\alpha \cdot C_{L\alpha}$   
(low frequency asymptote)



subtract off  $\ddot{\alpha} \cdot C_{\ddot{\alpha}}$   
(high frequency asymptote)



$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & B \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha}$$

$$y = [C \quad C_{\alpha} \quad C_{\dot{\alpha}}] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + D\ddot{\alpha}$$

**Transient dynamics modeled  
using ERA model**

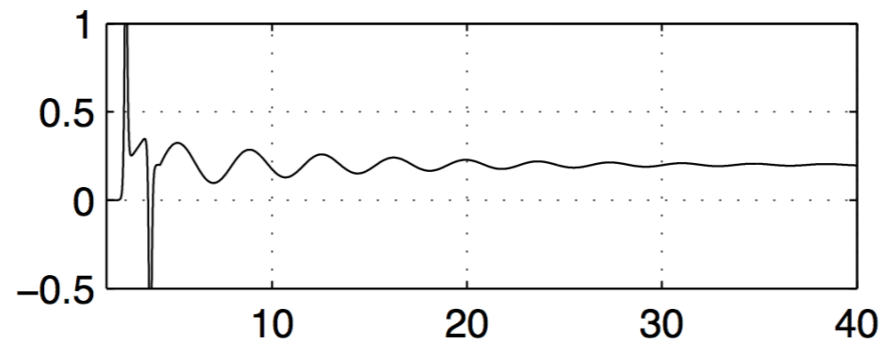
$$\dot{\alpha} \rightarrow (A, B, C, C_{\dot{\alpha}}) \rightarrow C_L$$



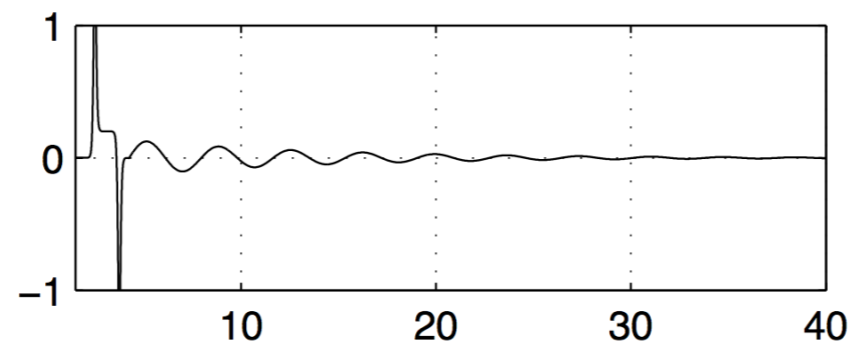
# Method II



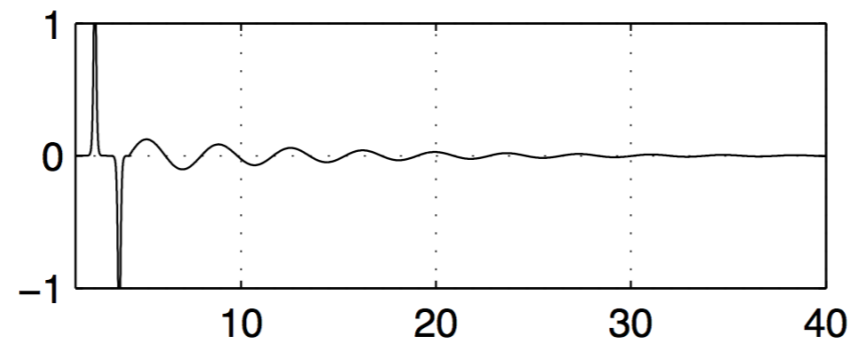
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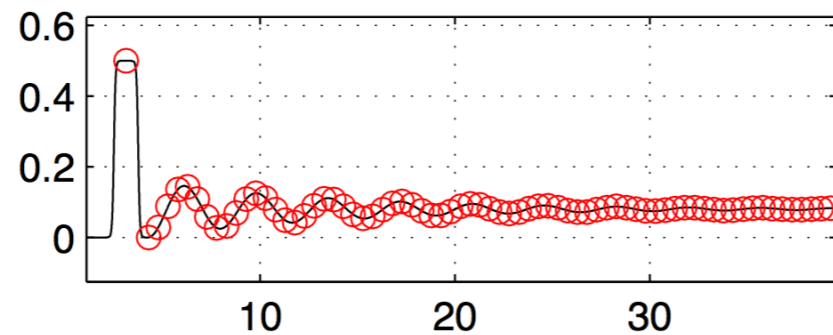
subtract off  $\alpha \cdot C_{L\alpha}$   
(low frequency asymptote)



subtract off  $\dot{\alpha} \cdot C_{\dot{\alpha}}$



integrate to obtain  $\ddot{\alpha} = \delta$   
(less  $C_{L\alpha}$  and  $C_{\dot{\alpha}}$  terms)



$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha}$$

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**Transient dynamics modeled using ERA model**

$$\dot{\alpha} \rightarrow (A, B, C, D) \rightarrow C_L$$



# Summary of Methods



## Method I

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & B \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha}$$

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## General procedure

1. Obtain time-resolved step response in pitch angle
2. Identify some or all of the quasi-steady and added mass parameters  $C_{L_\alpha}, C_{\dot{\alpha}}, C_{\ddot{\alpha}}$
3. Model remaining transient dynamic with Eigensystem realization algorithm (ERA)

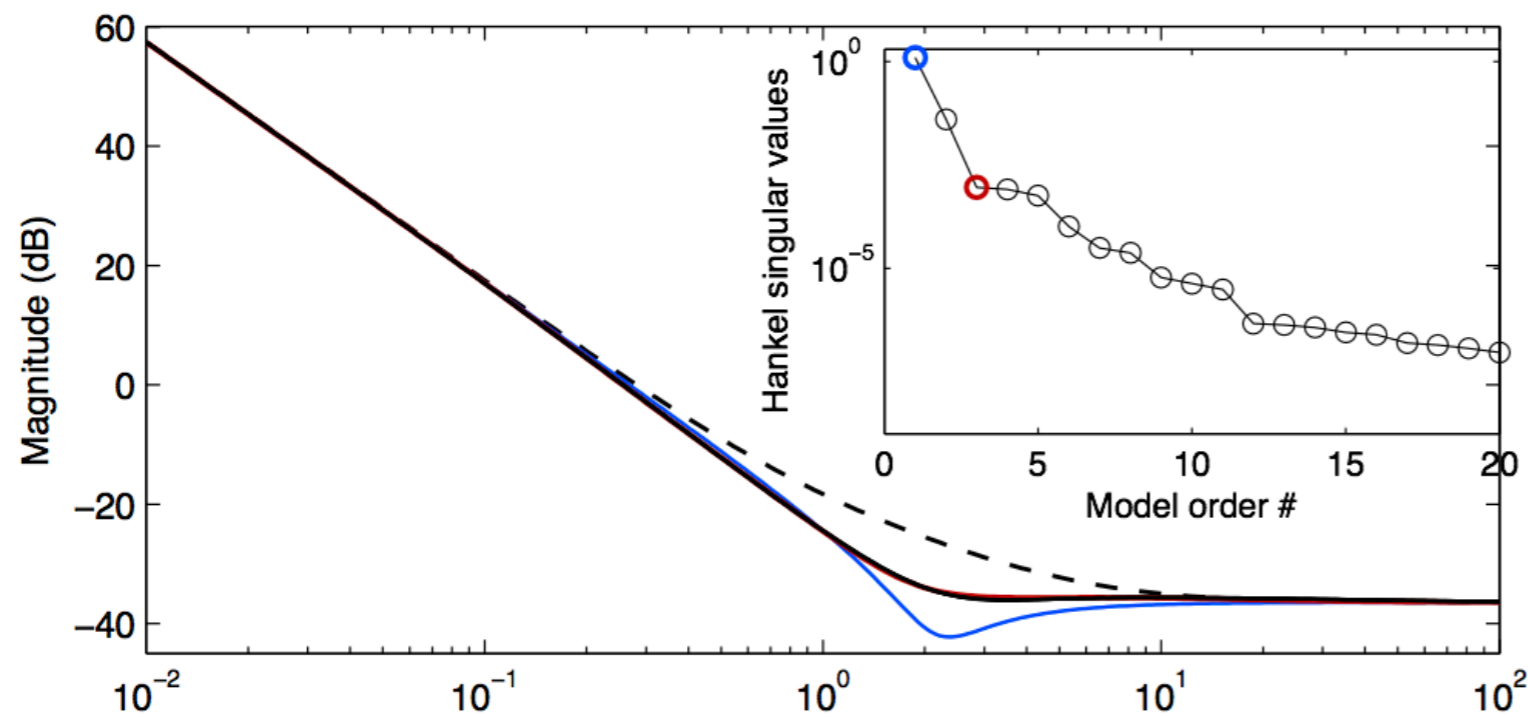
recently shown to be equivalent to  
balanced proper orthogonal decomposition (BPOD)

## Highly flexible

1. Extensions for pitch, plunge, and surge motions
2. Multiple input, multiple output models possible with ERA



# Bode Plot - Pitch (LE)

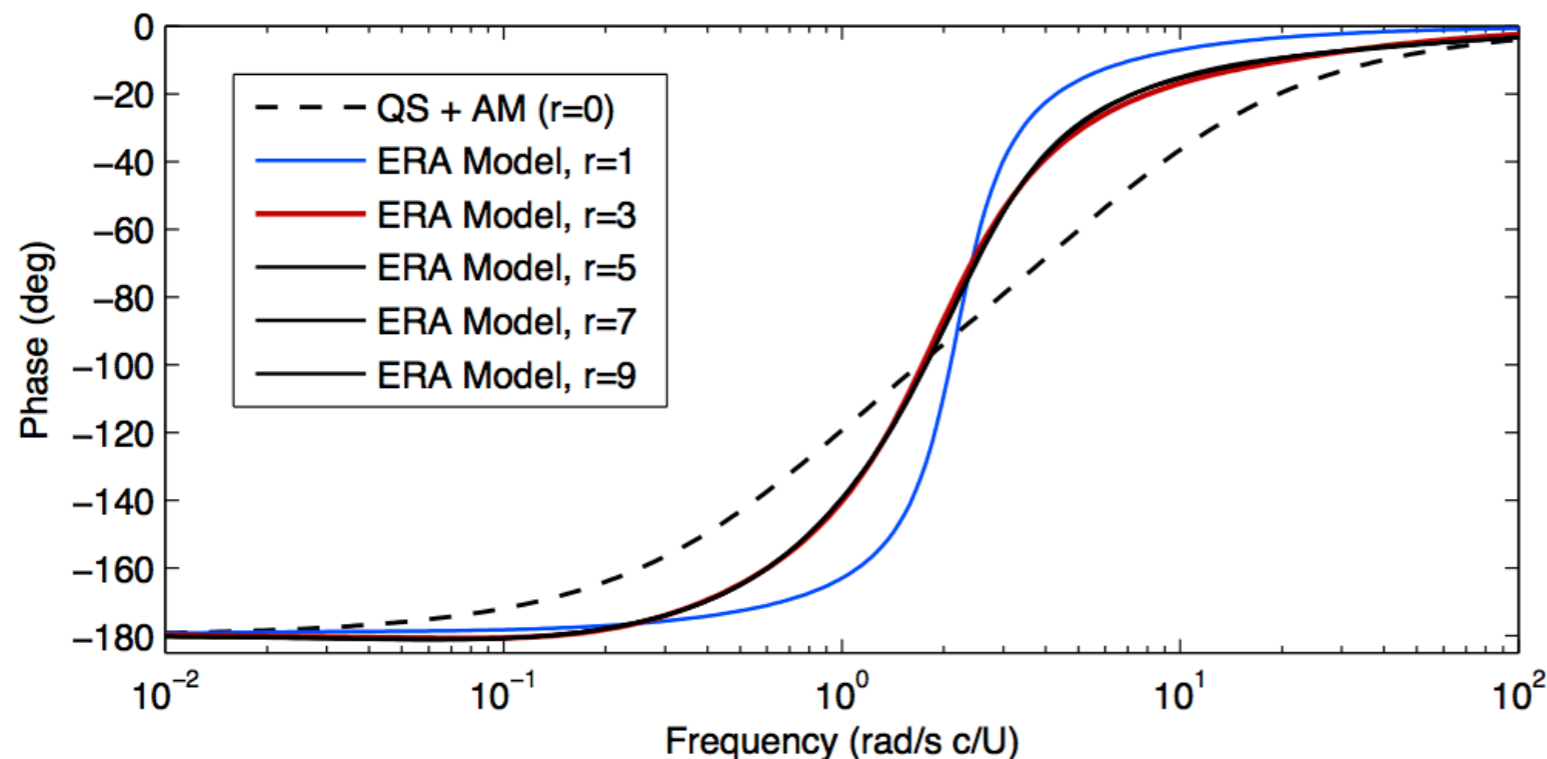


## Frequency response

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

output is lift coefficient  $C_L$

Pitching at leading edge



**Model without additional 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  $r=7$   
accurately reproduces Indicial Response

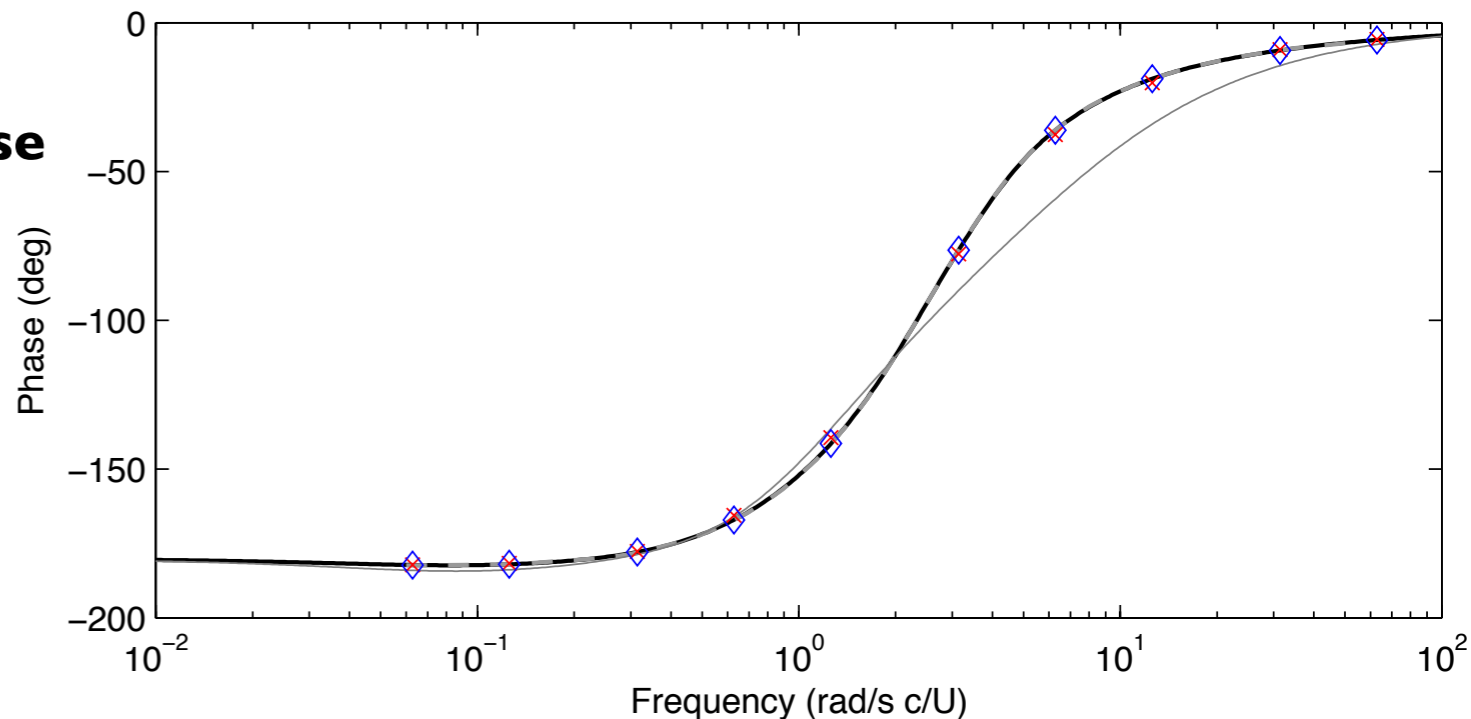
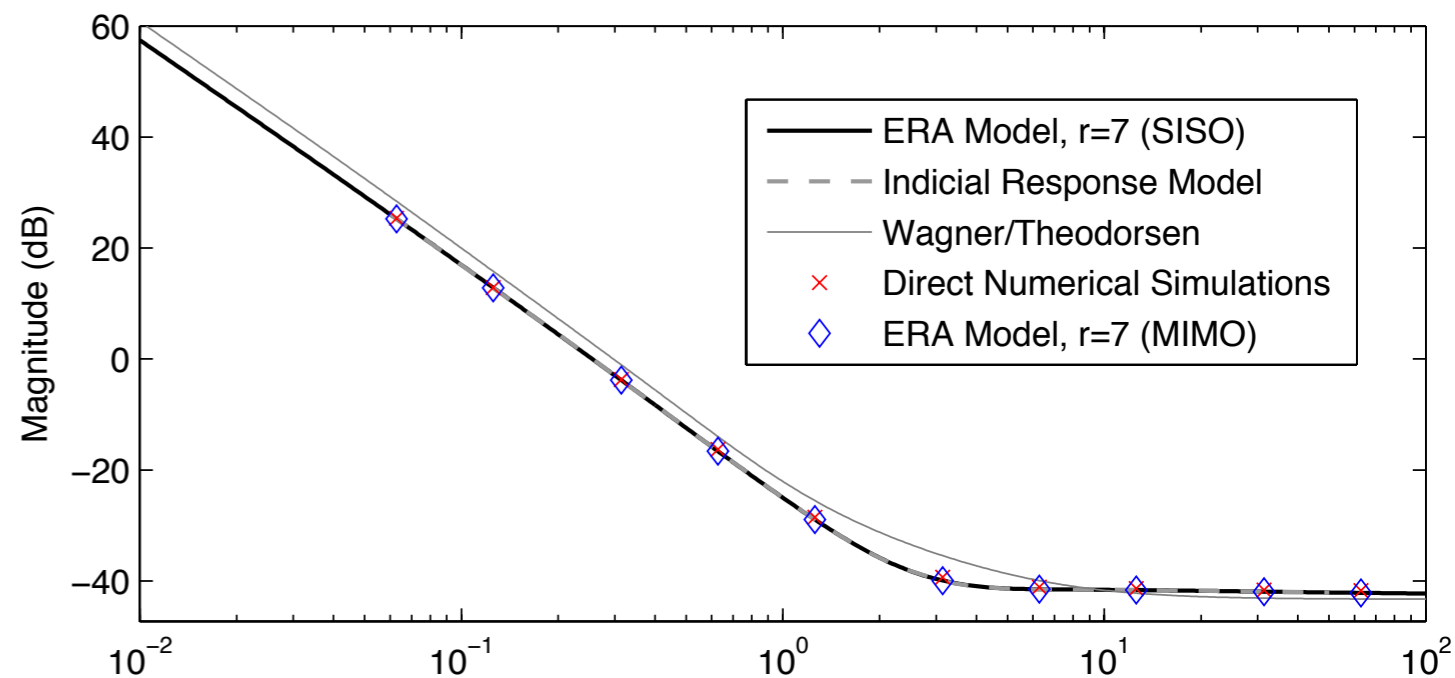
Indicial Response and model agree better with  
DNS than Theodorsen's model.

Asymptotes are correct for Indicial Response  
because it is based on simulations

Model for pitch/plunge dynamics  
[ERA,  $r=7$  (MIMO)] works as well,  
for the same order model

Brunton and Rowley, *in preparation*.

## Quarter-Chord Pitching

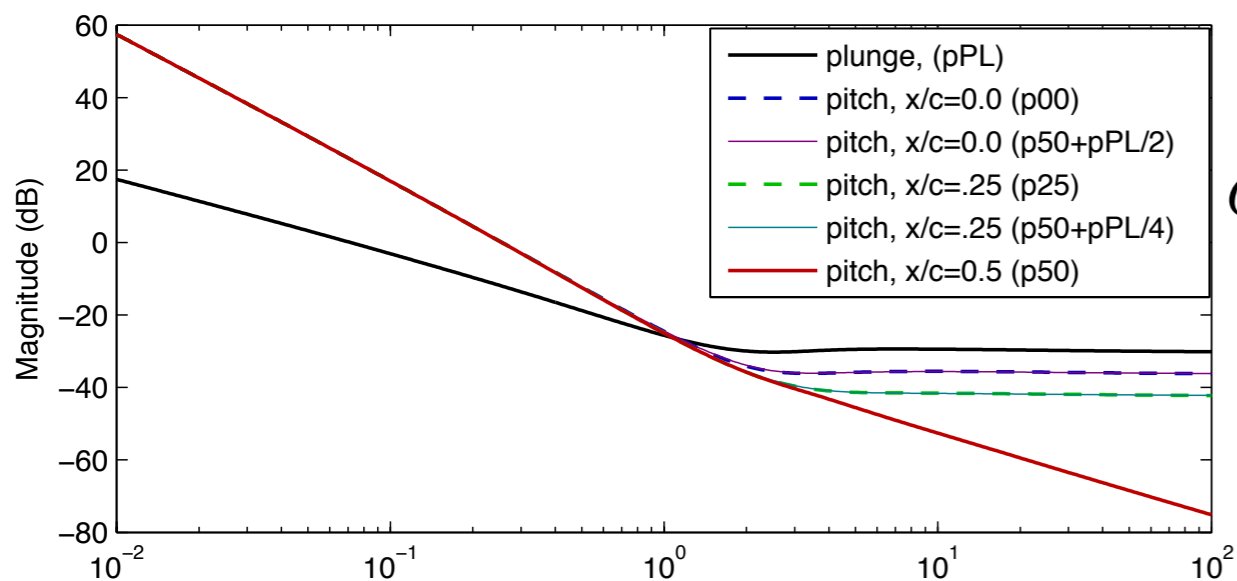




# Parametrized by Pitch Point



$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & -\frac{a}{2}B_2 & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{a}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha} \\ \ddot{h} \end{bmatrix}$$



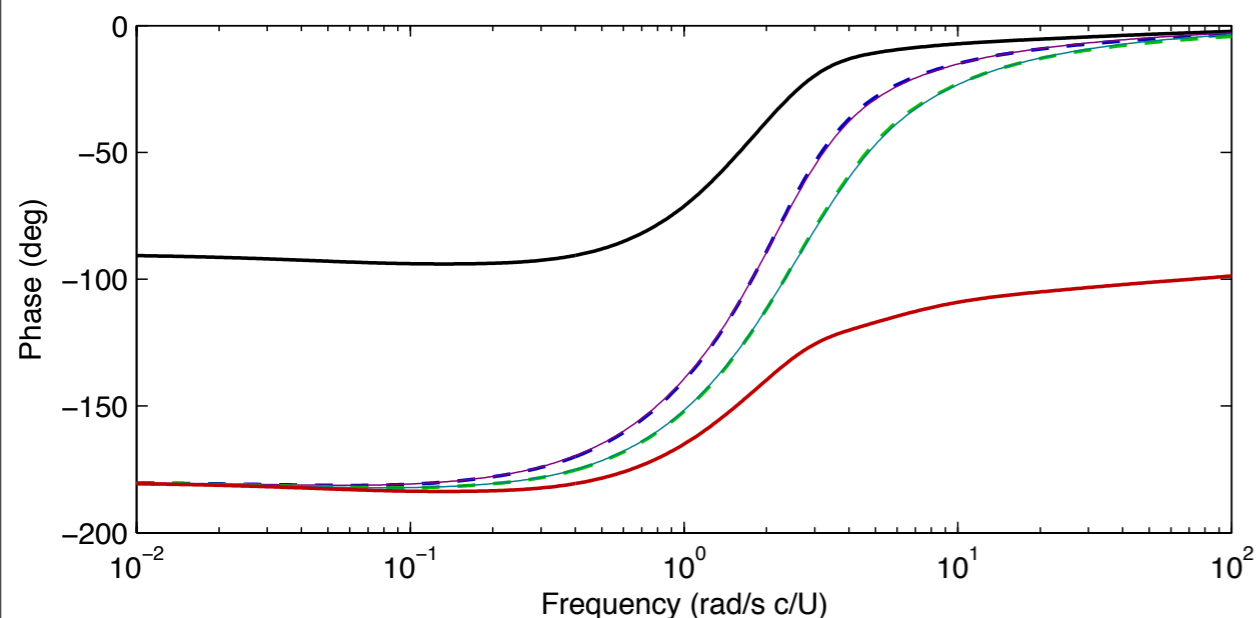
$$C_L = \begin{bmatrix} C & C_\alpha & C_{\dot{\alpha}} & C_{\dot{h}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_{\ddot{\alpha}} & -\frac{a}{2}C_{\ddot{h}} & C_{\ddot{h}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha} \\ \ddot{h} \end{bmatrix}$$

$(A, B_1, C)$  **model for pitch at mid-chord**

$(A, B_2, C)$  **model for plunge**

**Pitch about any point is linear combination of pitch at mid-chord and plunge motion**

**Models all have same poles, different zeros (similar to Theodorsen's model)**

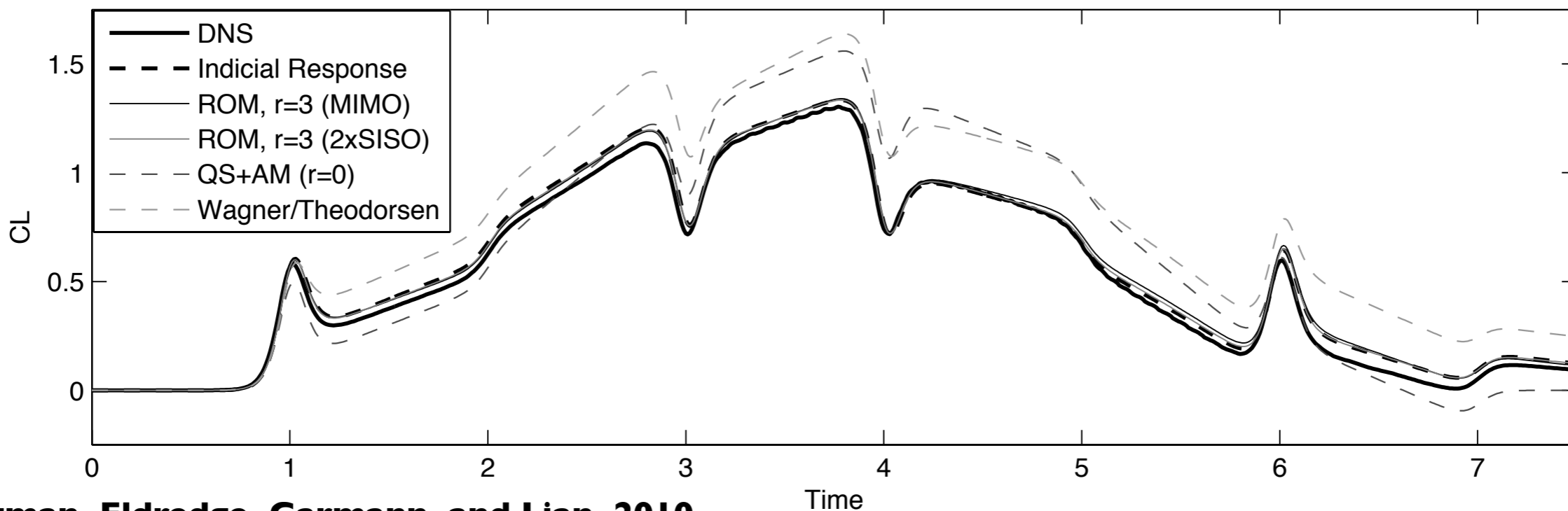
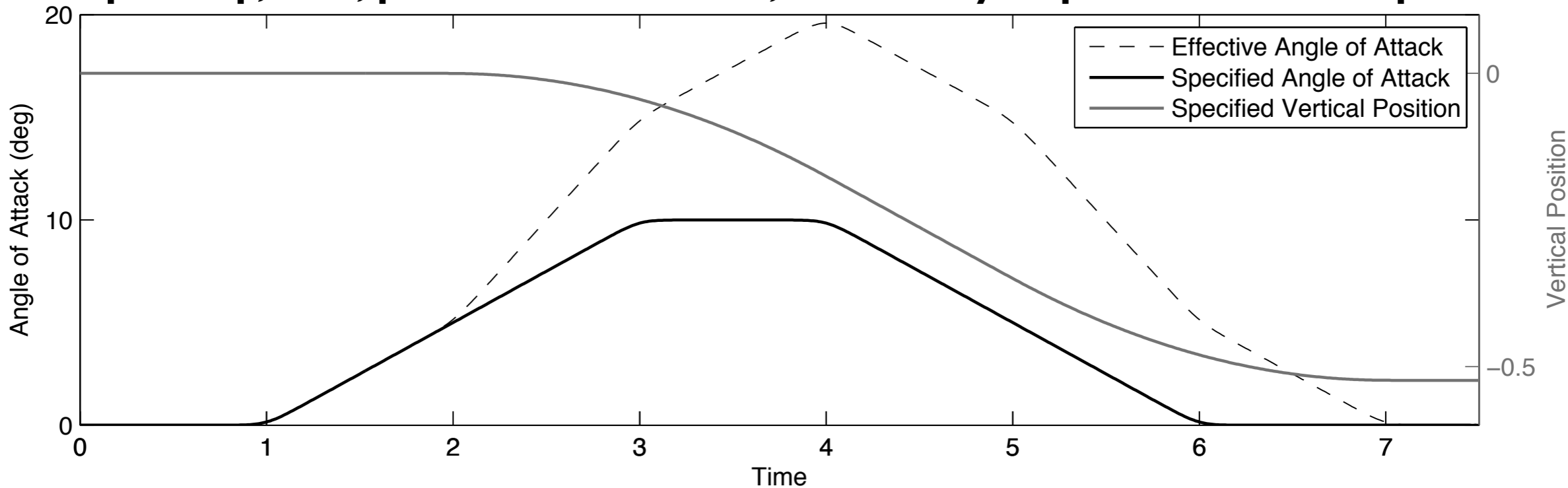




# Pitch/Plunge Maneuver



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

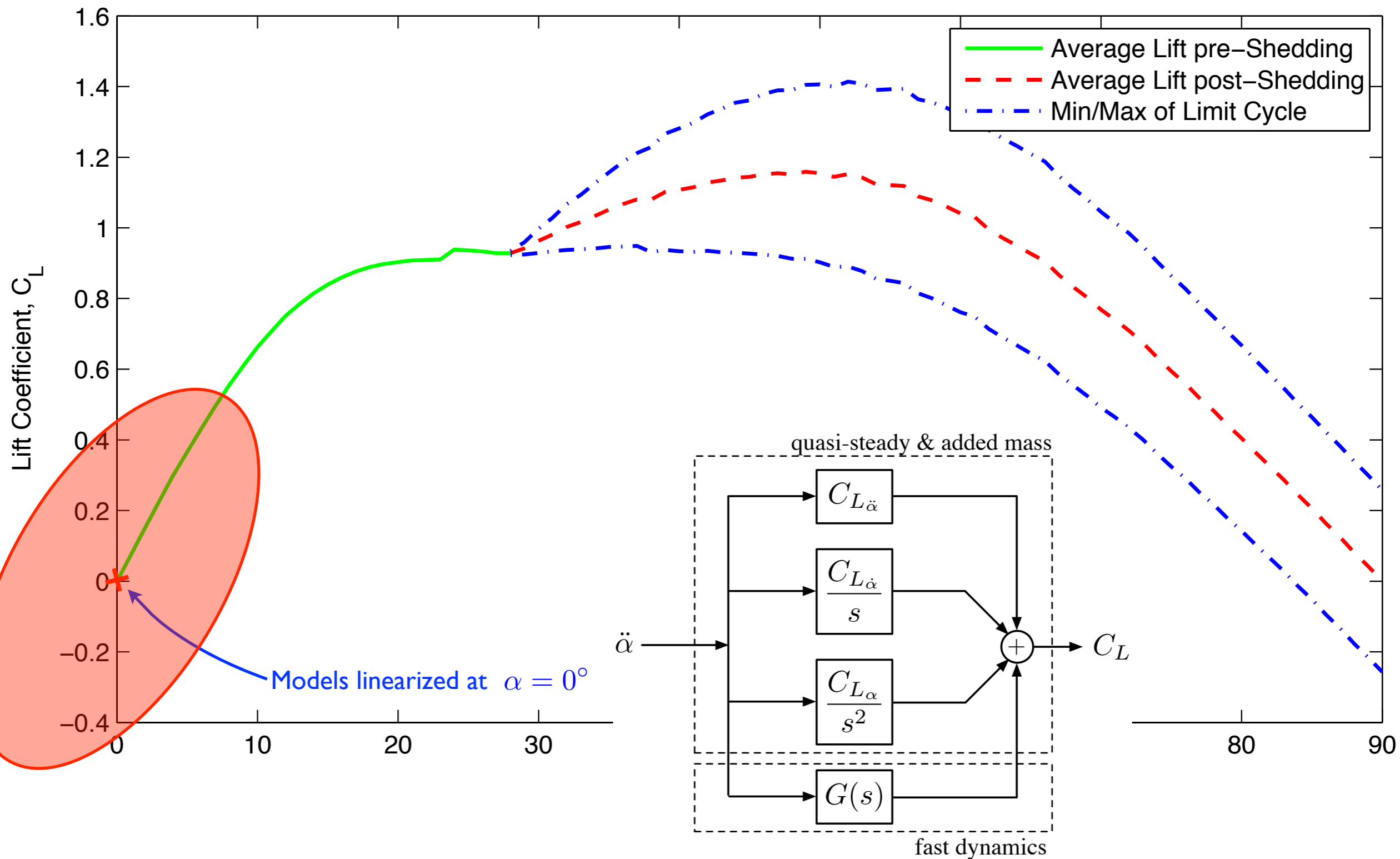


**OL, Altman, Eldredge, Garmann, and Lian, 2010**  
**Brunton and Rowley, in preparation.**

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

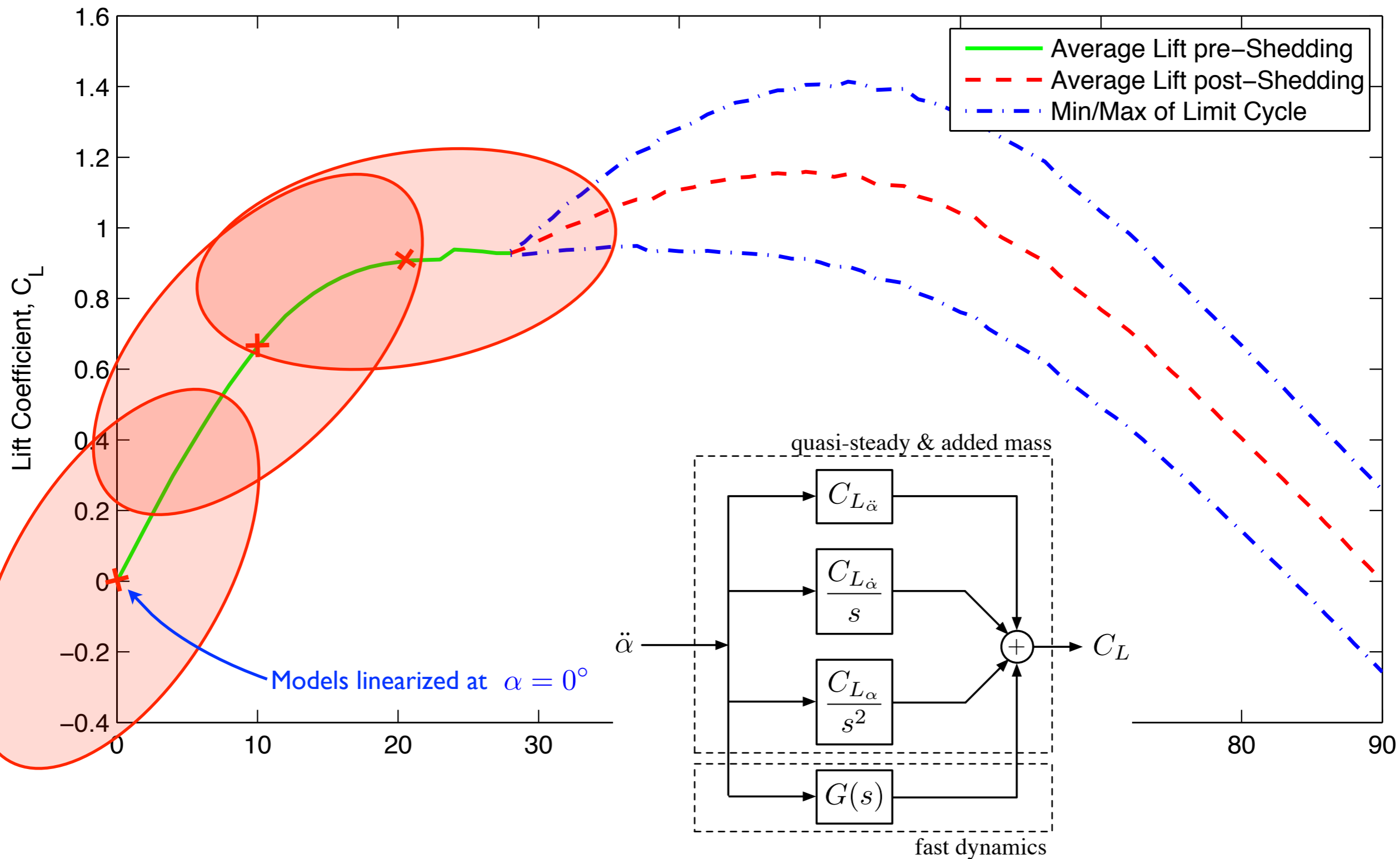


# Lift vs. Angle of Attack





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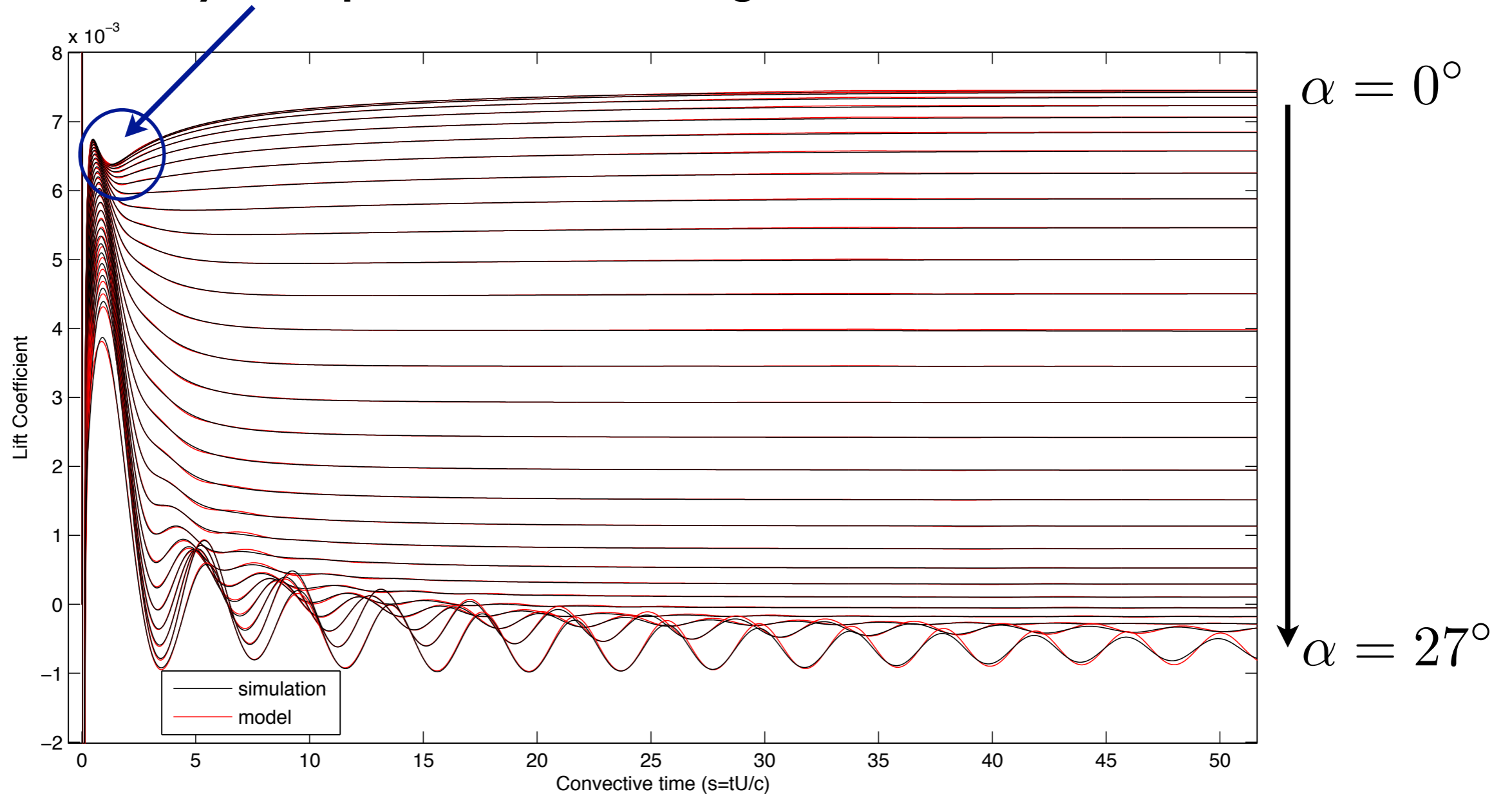
# Models at various angle of attack



**Impulse response simulations after rapid step-up**  $\alpha \in [0^\circ, 27^\circ]$

**Initial lift**  $C_L(\alpha_0)$  **subtracted off**

**Model with order  $r=7$  required to capture this flow feature, eventually develops into vortex shedding mode**





# Bode Plot of ERA Models



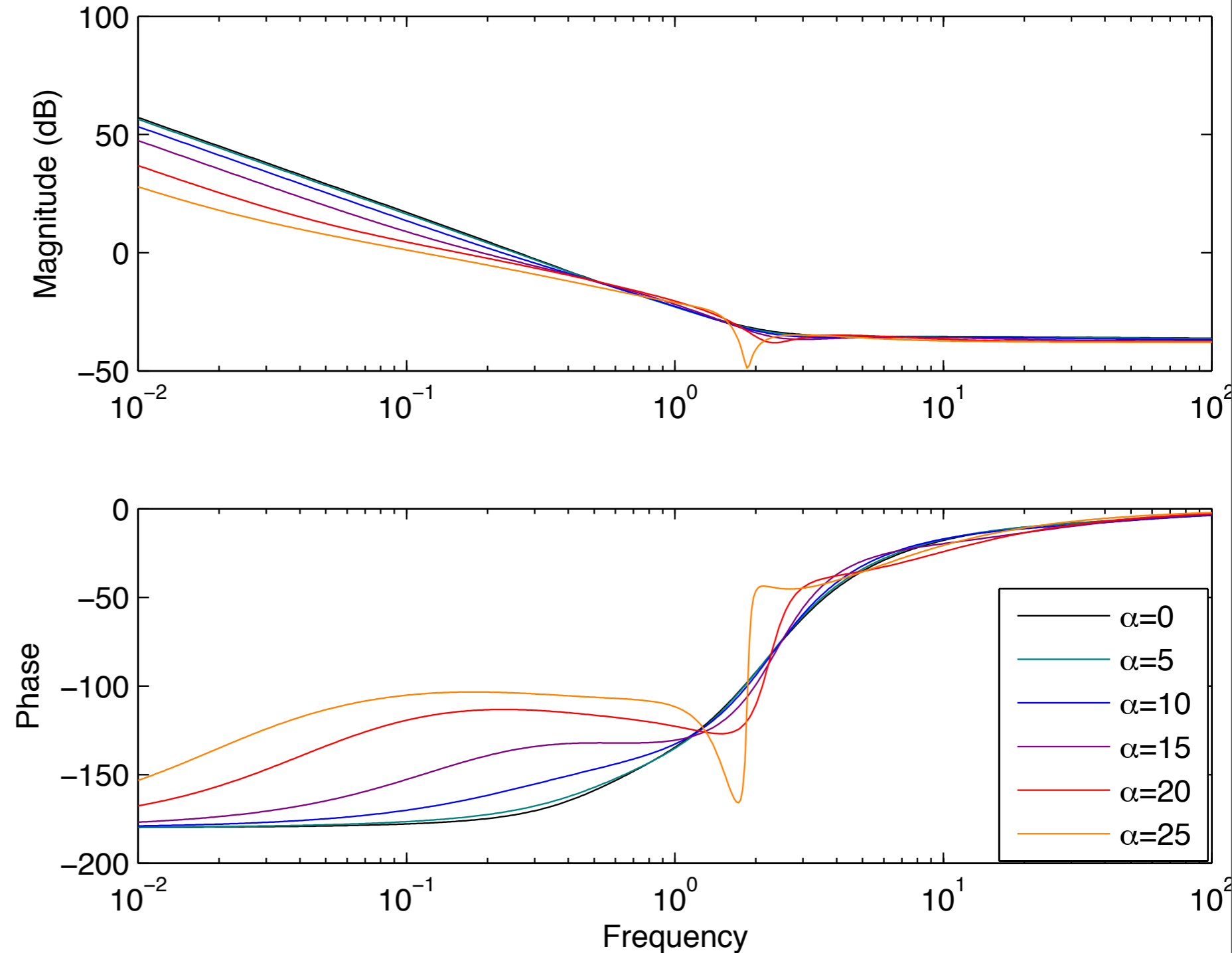
## Results

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.

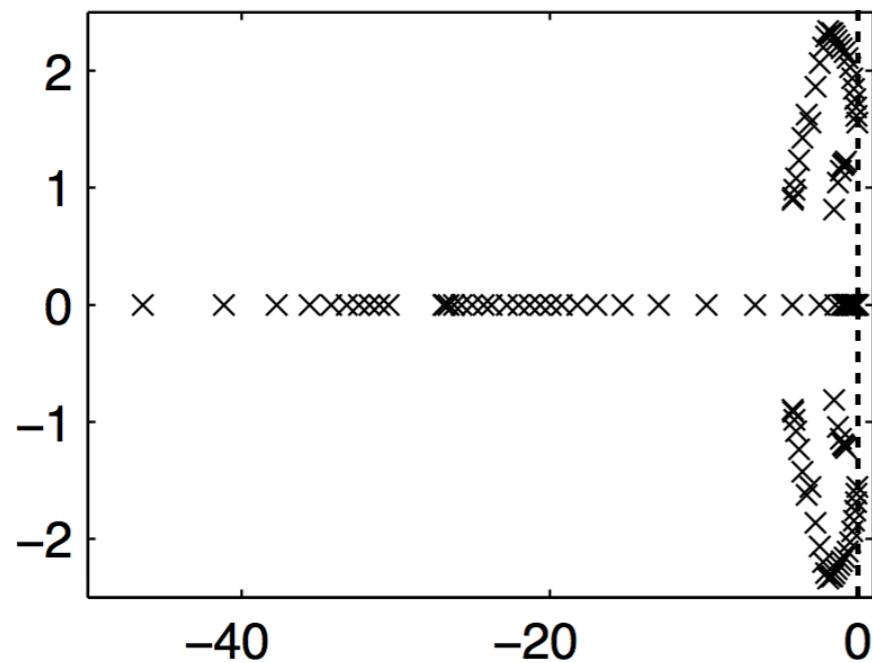
Consistent with fact that for large angle of attack, system is closer to Hopf instability, and a pair of eigenvalues are moving closer to imaginary axis.

### Frequency Response for Leading-Edge Pitching

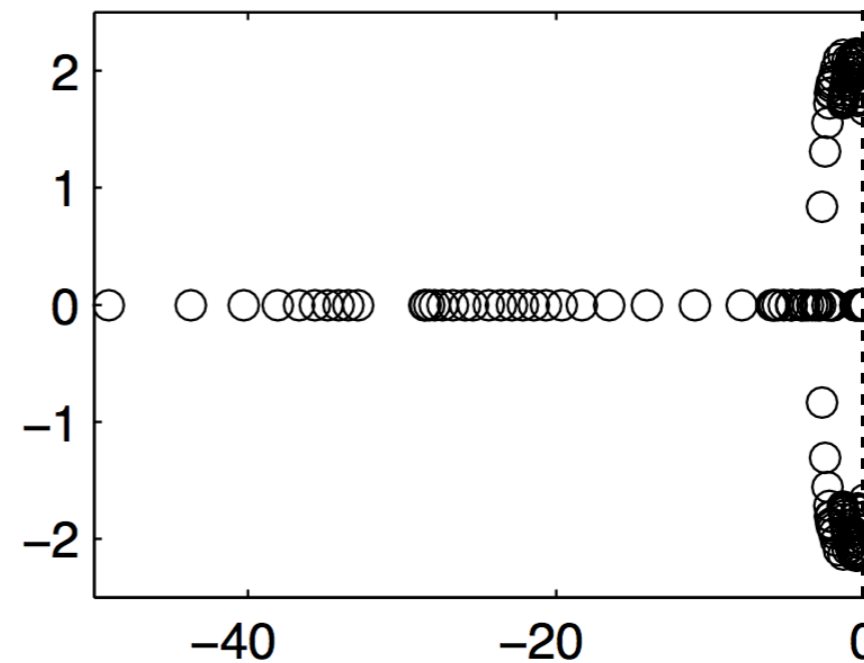




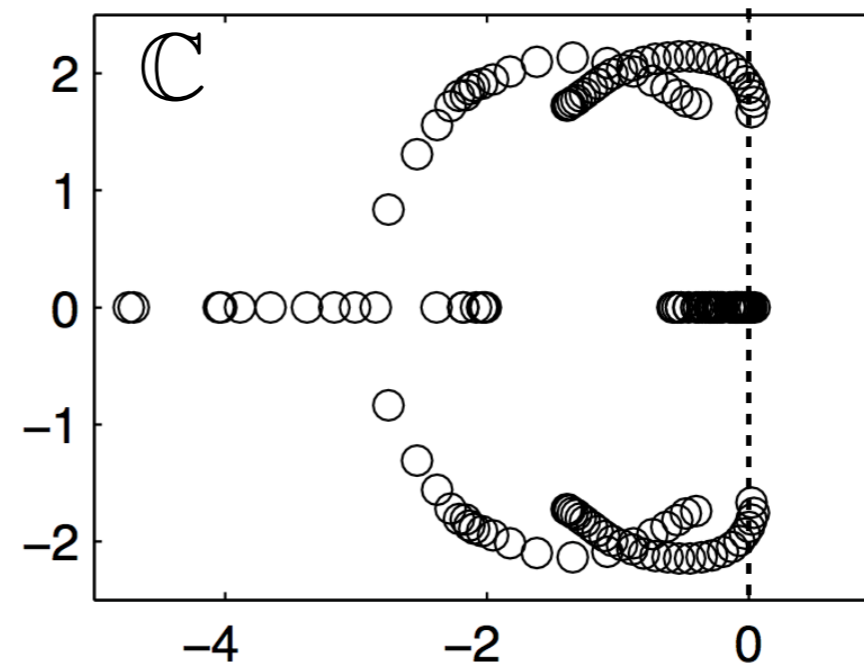
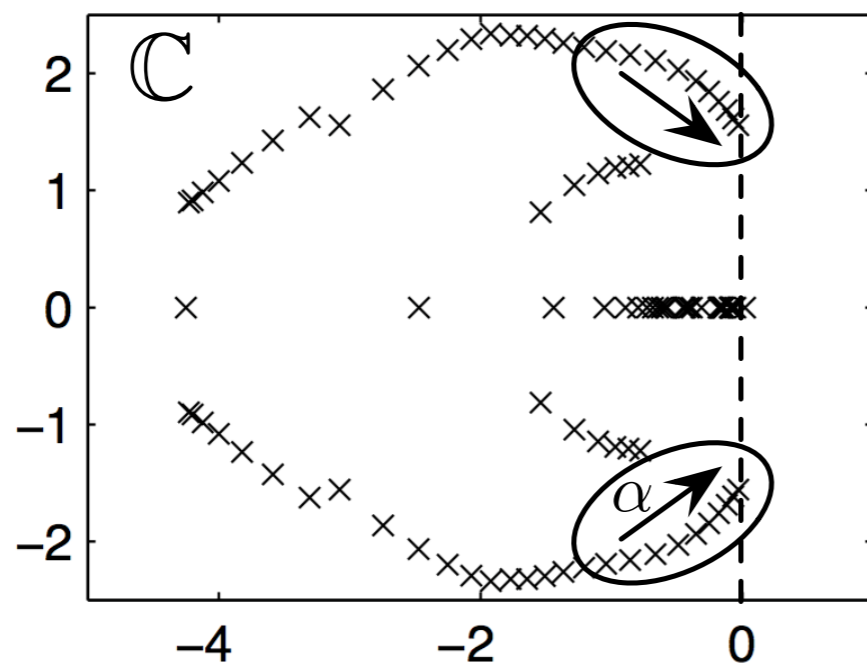
# Poles and Zeros of ERA Models



**Poles**



**Zeros**



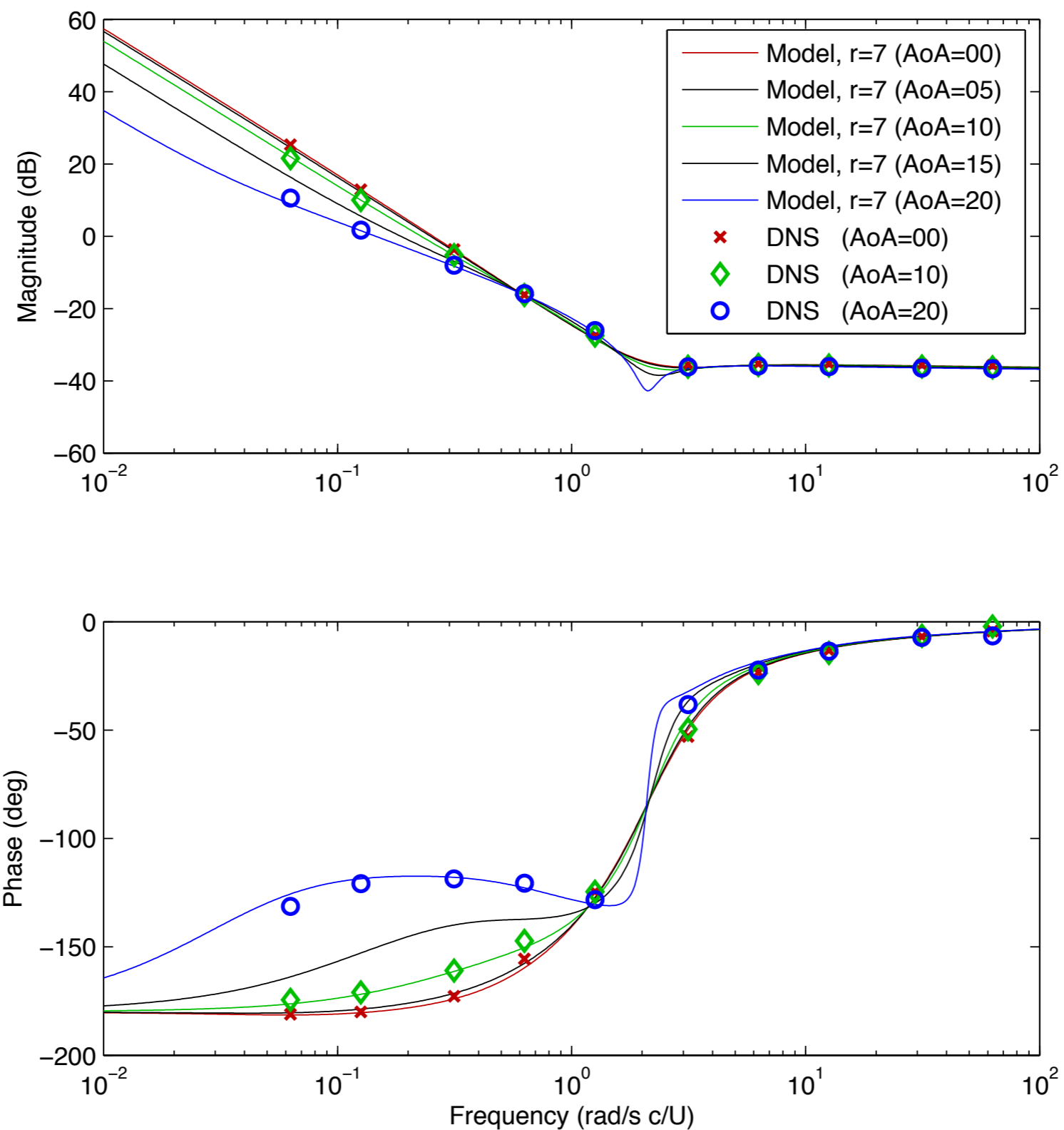
**As angle of attack increases, pair of poles (and pair of zeros) march towards imaginary axis.**

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





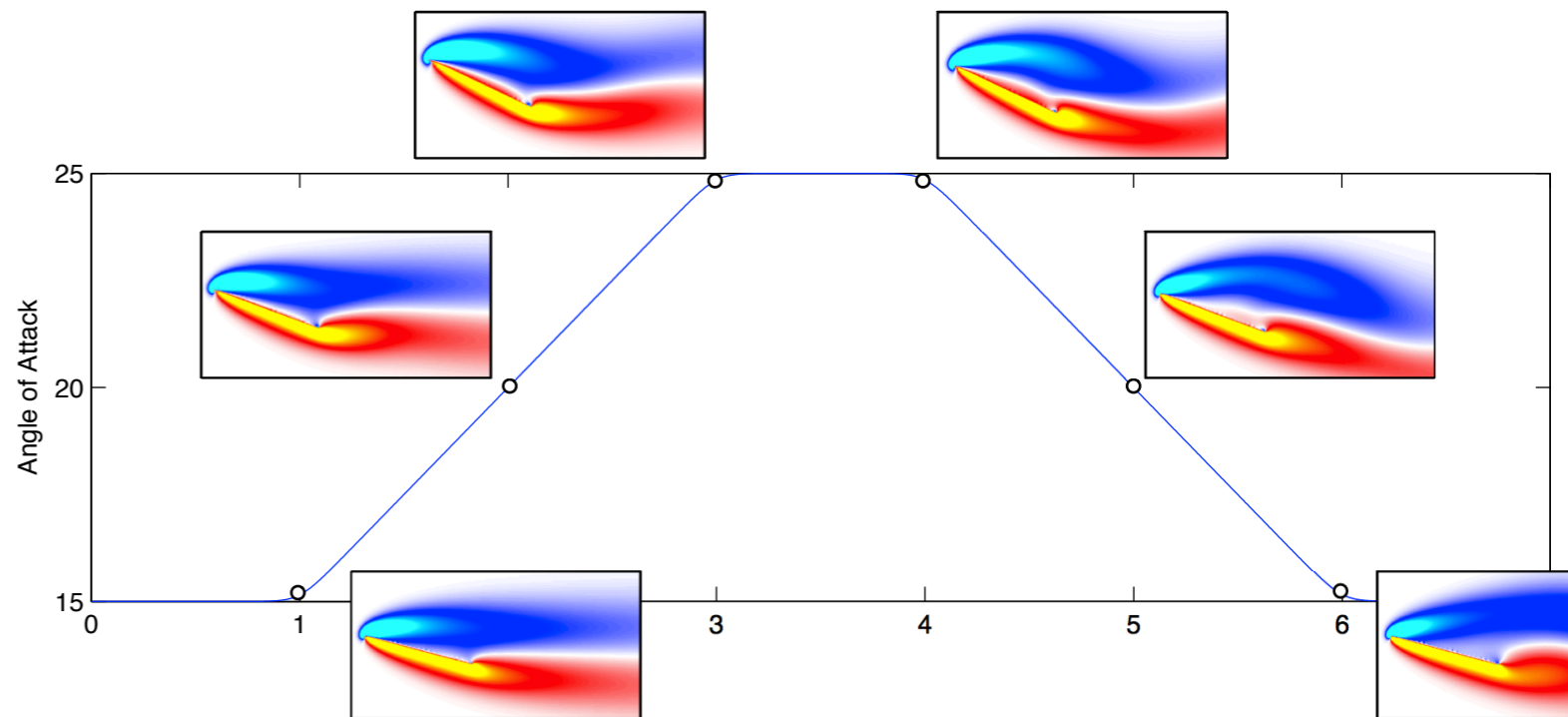
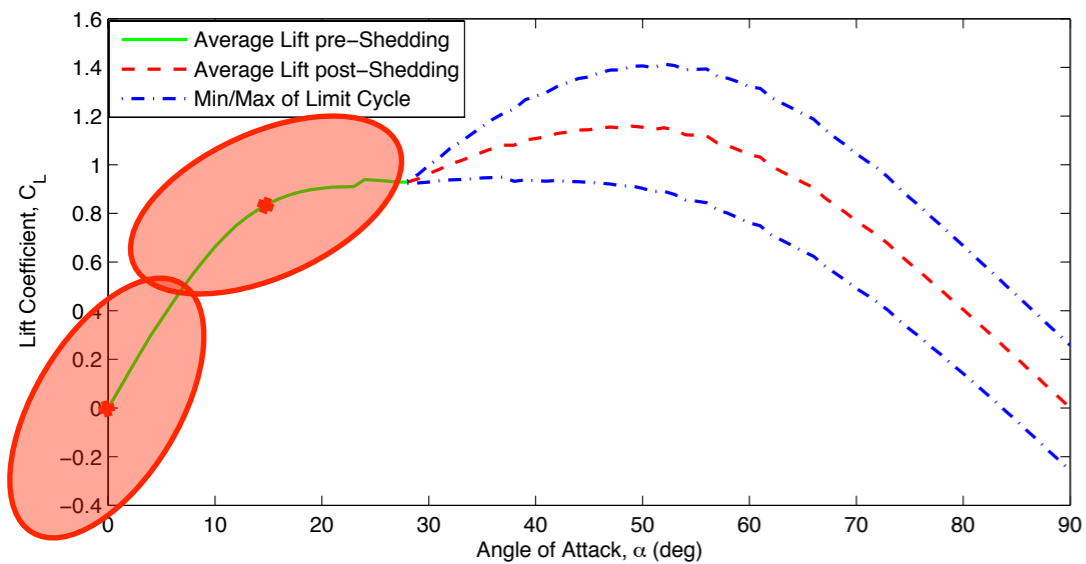
# Bode Plot of Model (-) vs Data (x)



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



# Large Amplitude Maneuver



**Compare models linearized at**

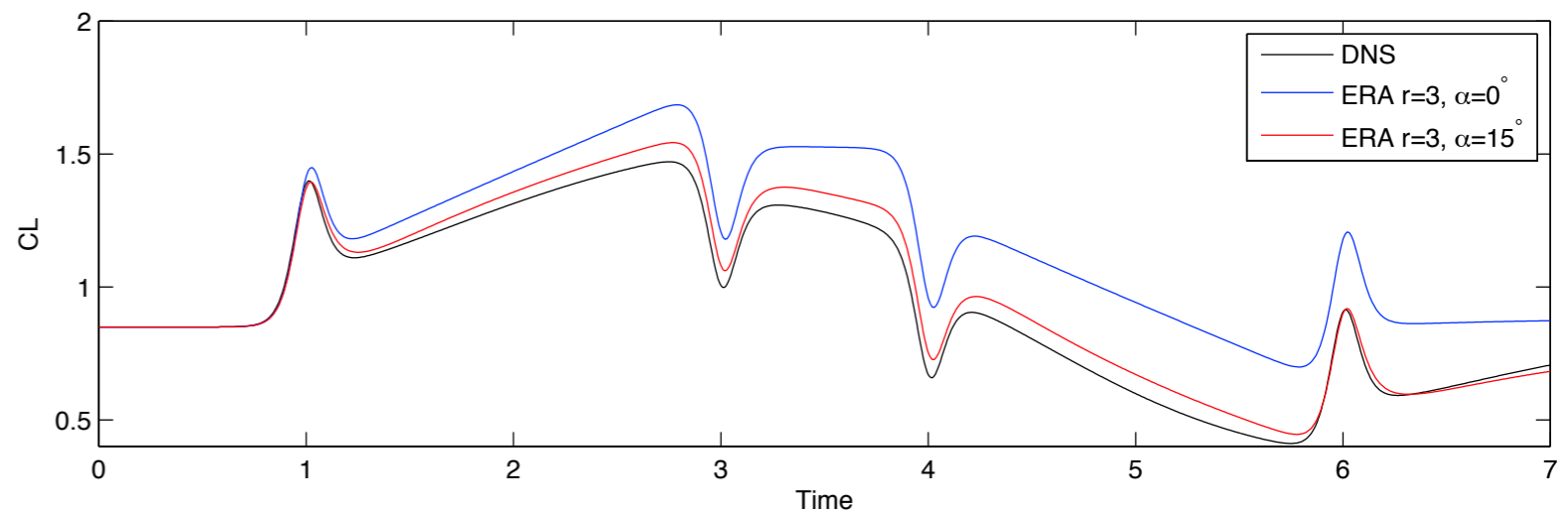
$$\alpha = 0^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 15^\circ$$

**For pitching maneuver with**

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

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

**captures lift response more accurately**

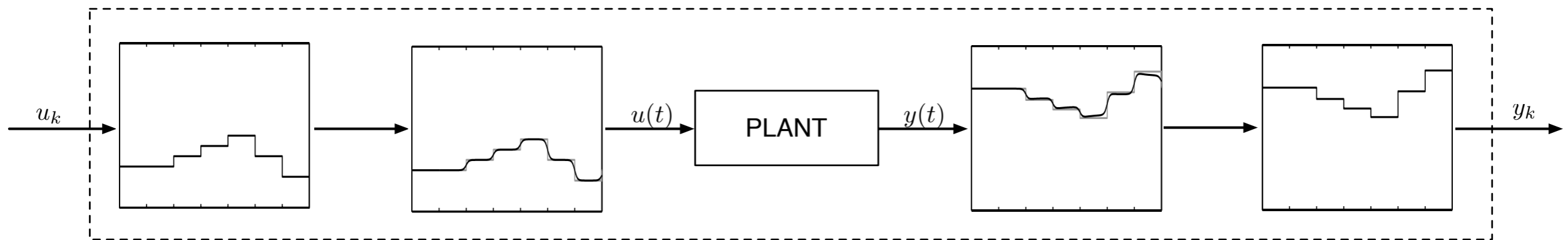
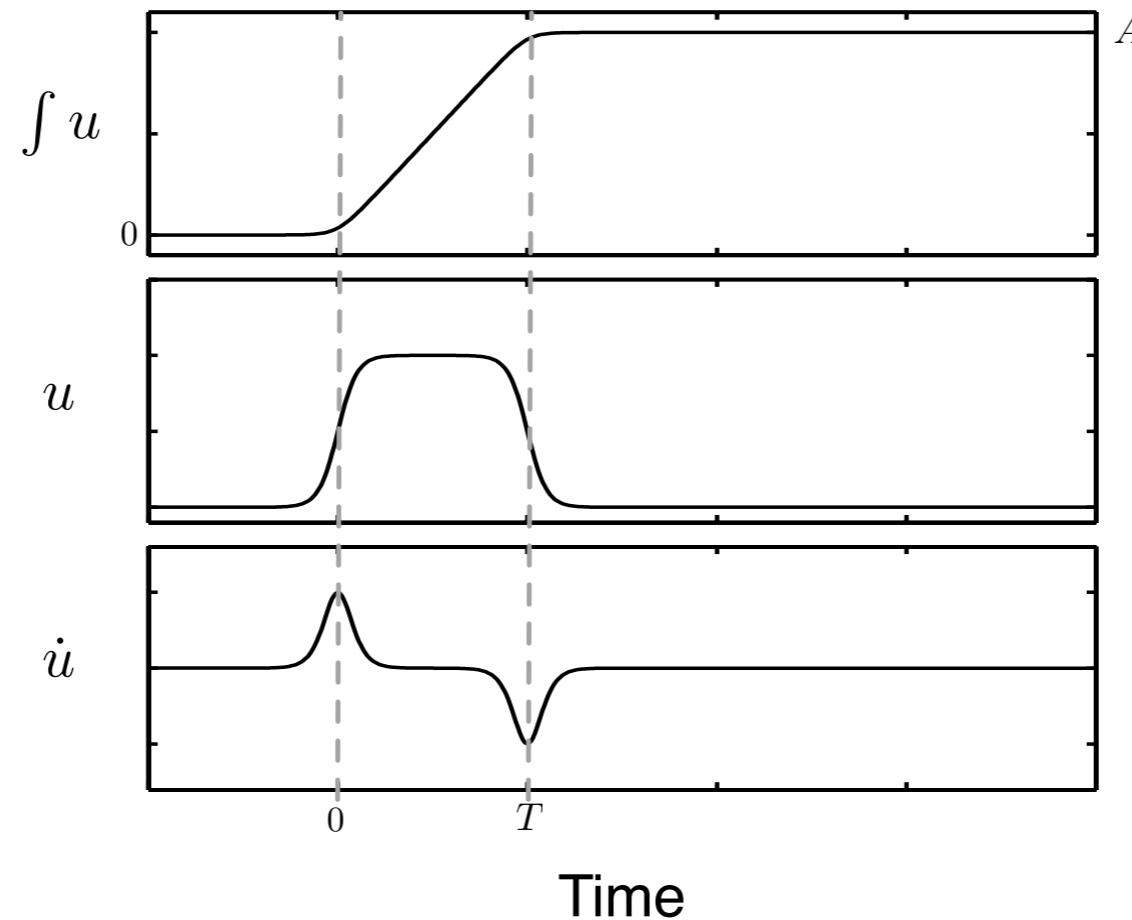


$$G(t) = \log \left[ \frac{\cosh(a(t - t_1)) \cosh(a(t - t_4))}{\cosh(a(t - t_2)) \cosh(a(t - t_3))} \right]$$

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



# (Indicial) Step Response

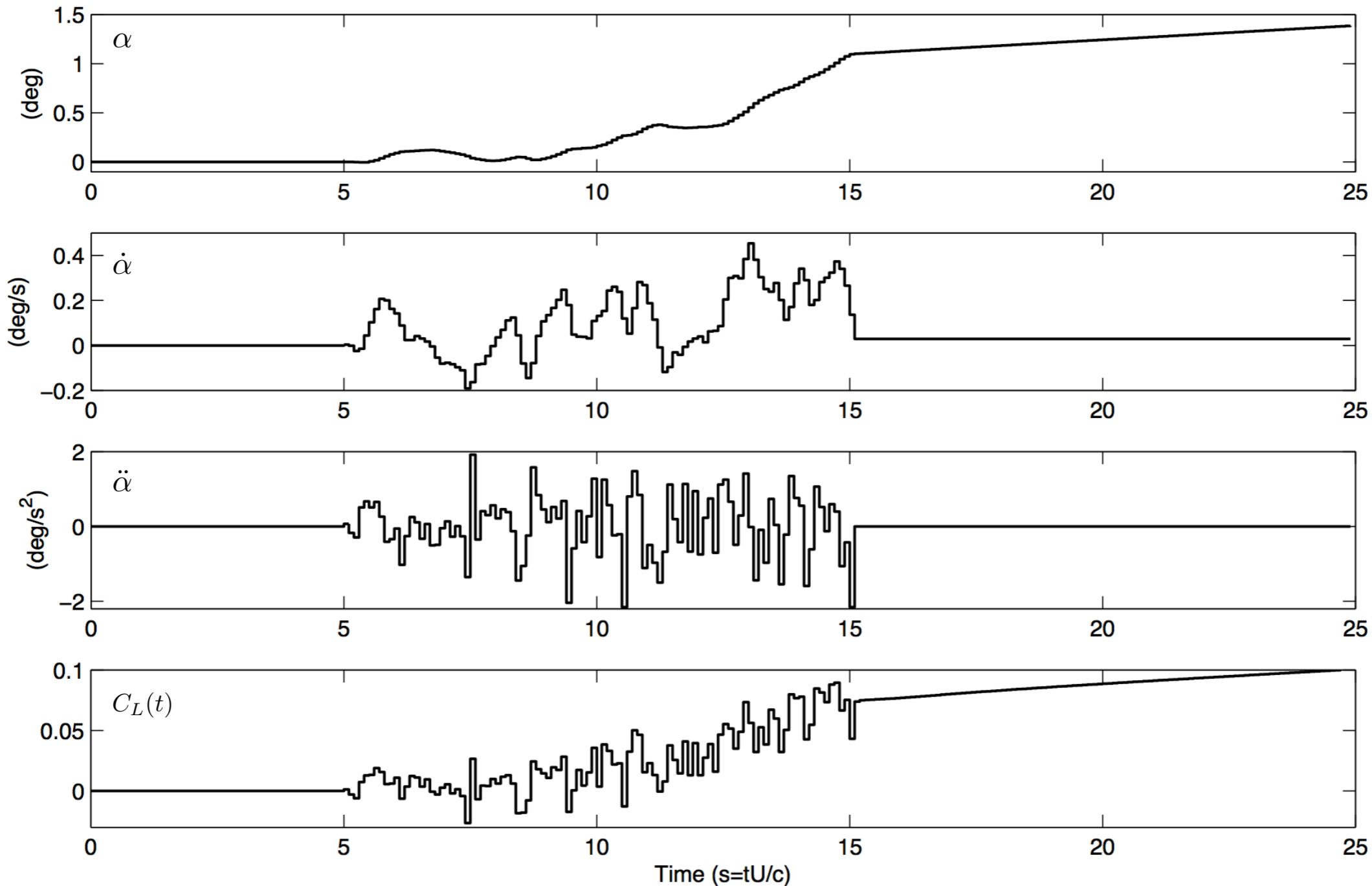


Previously, models are based on aerodynamic step response

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



# Random Input Maneuver

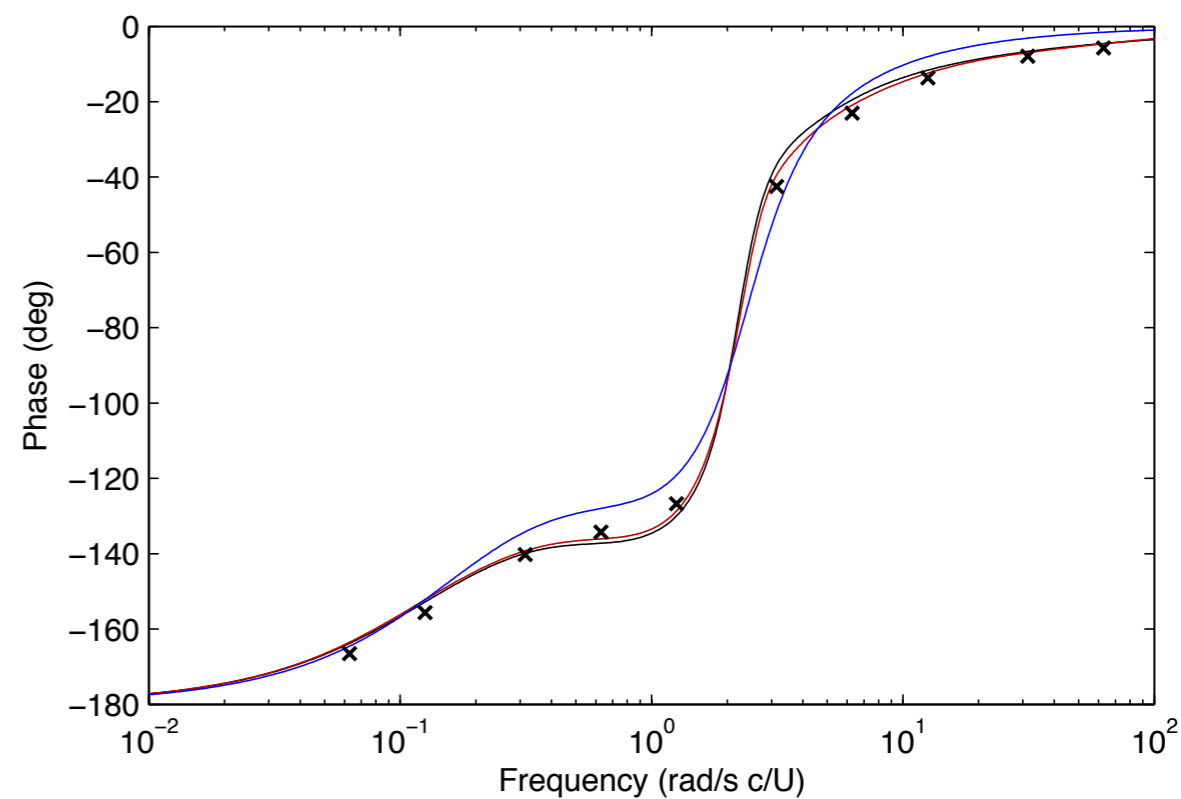
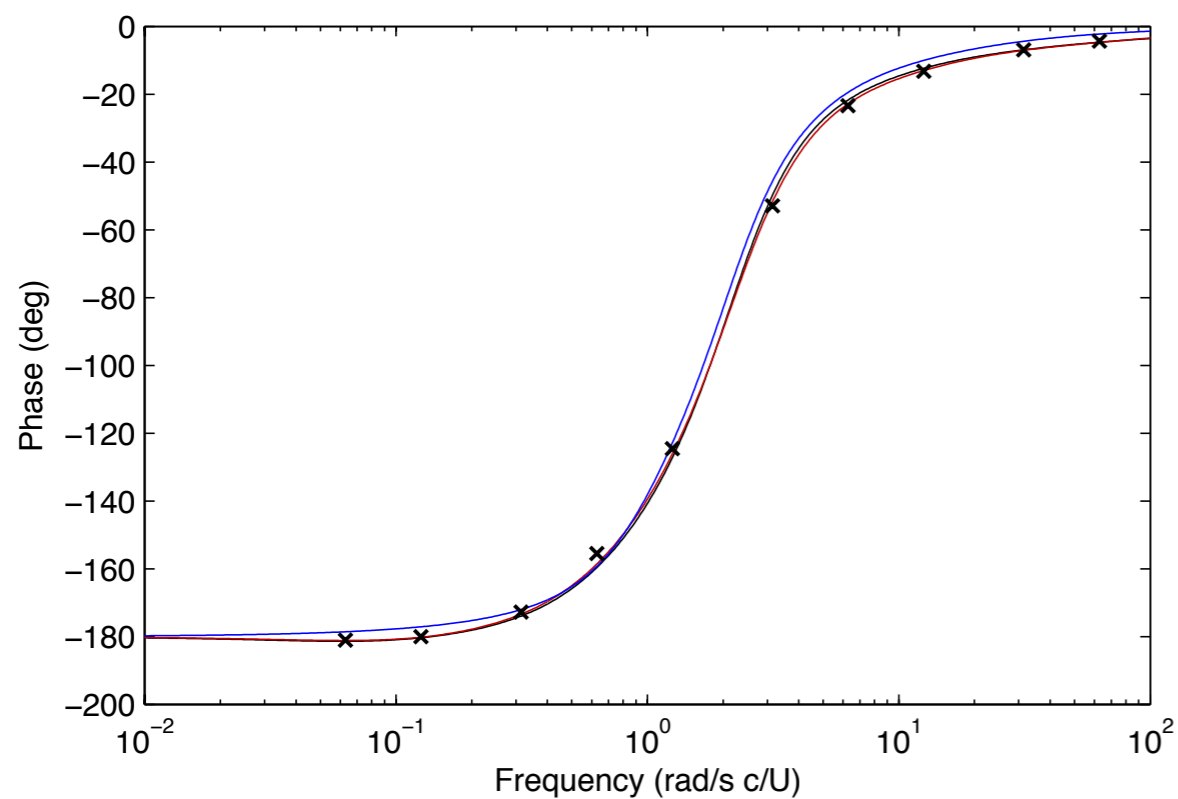
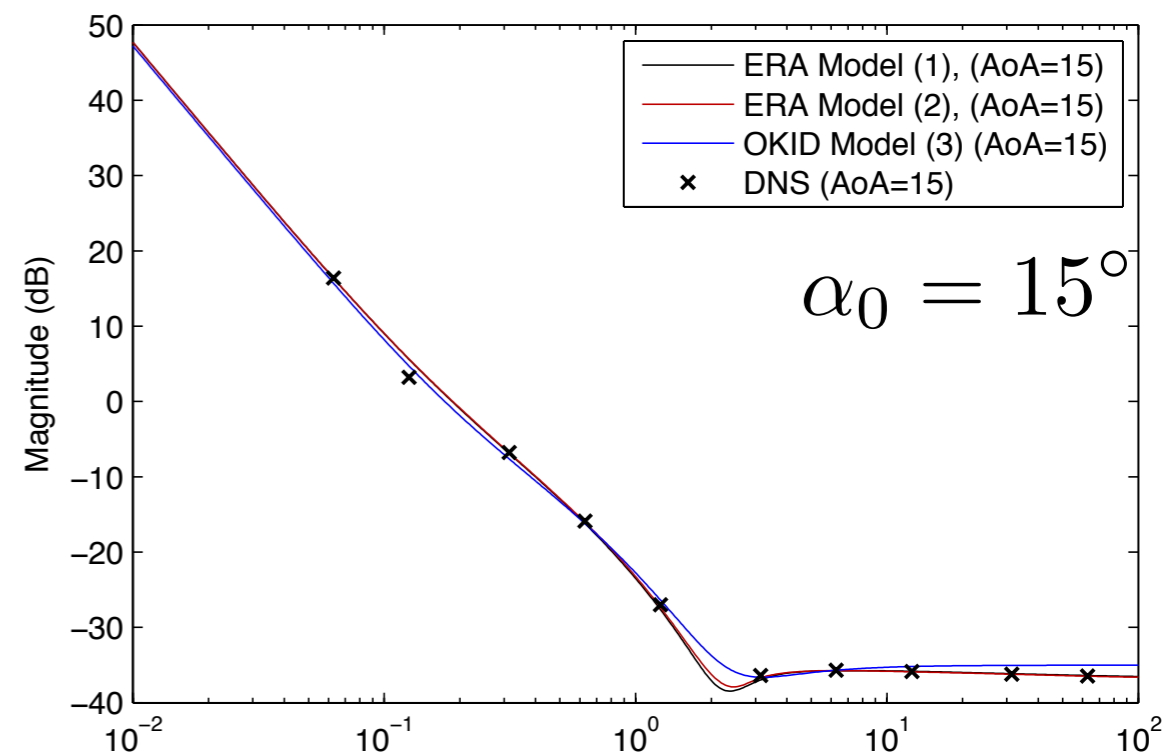
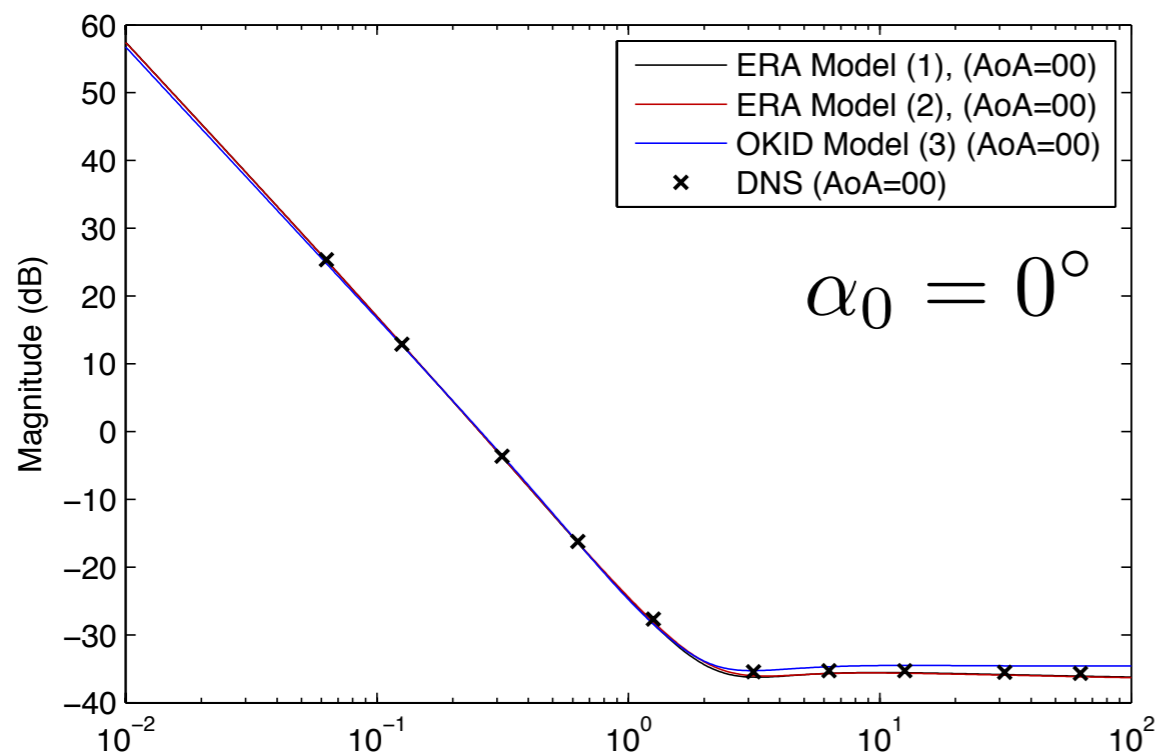


**Observer/Kalman filter identification (OKID) works best, so far.**

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

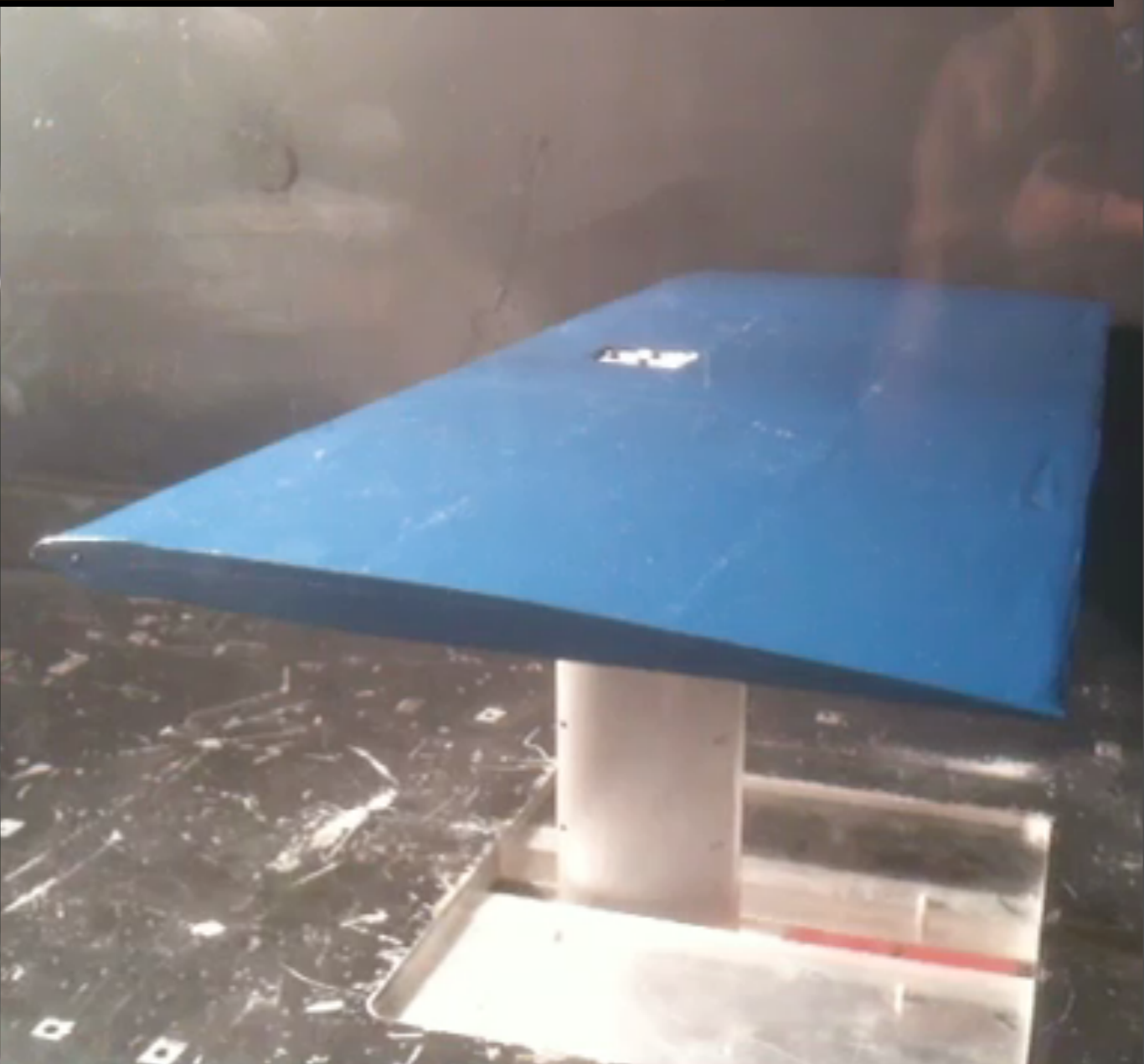


# Comparison of Methods





# Wind Tunnel Experiments



Andrew Fejer Unsteady Flow Wind Tunnel  
Principle Investigator - Dave Williams

NACA 0006 Airfoil

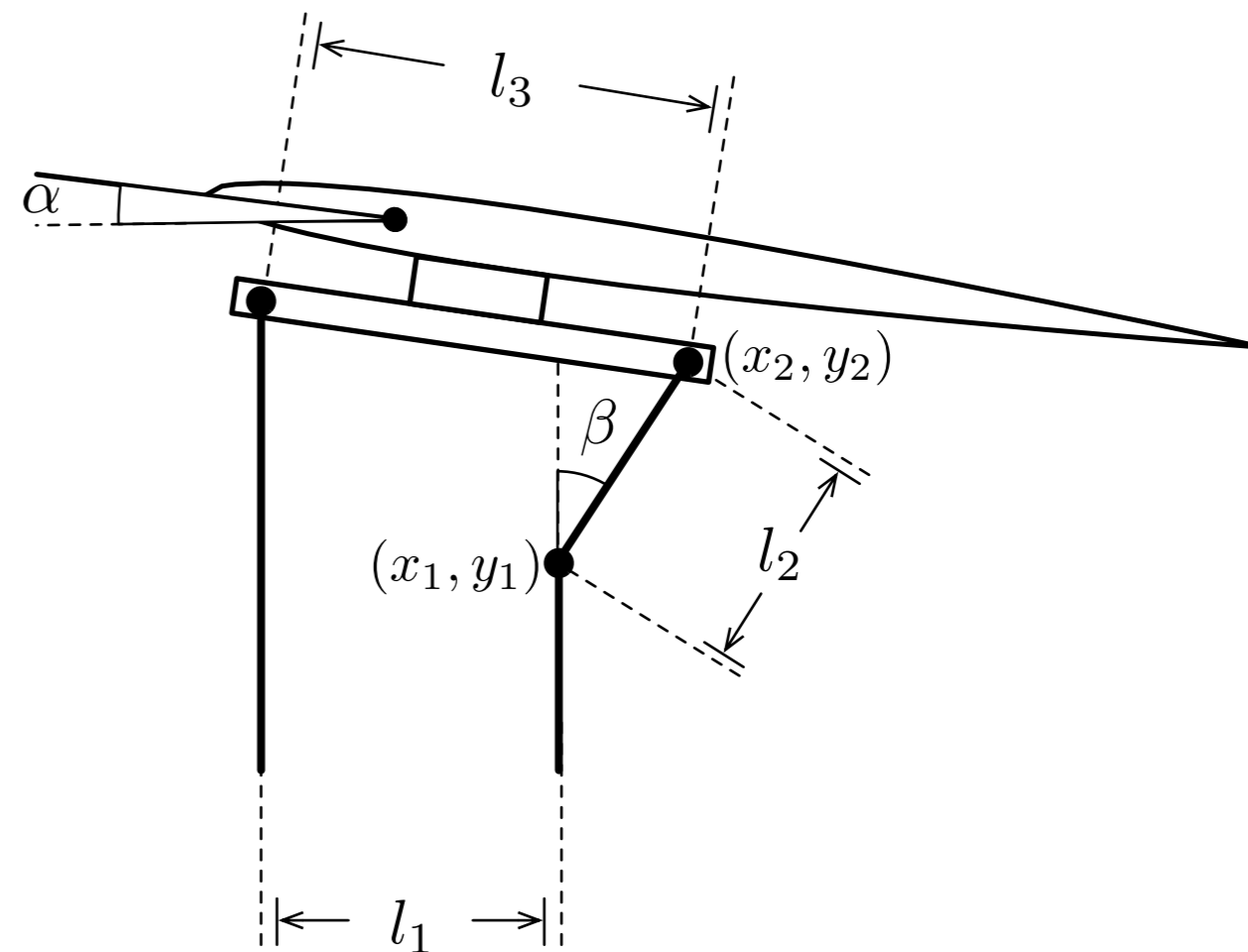
Chord Length: 0.246 m

Free Stream Velocity: 4.00 m/s

Reynolds Number: 65,000



# NACA 0006 Model



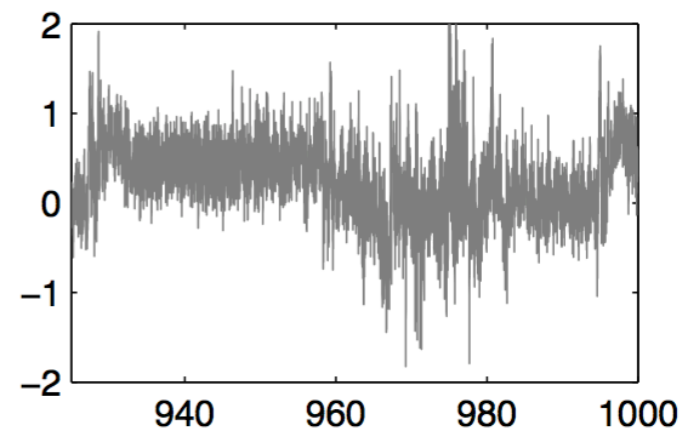
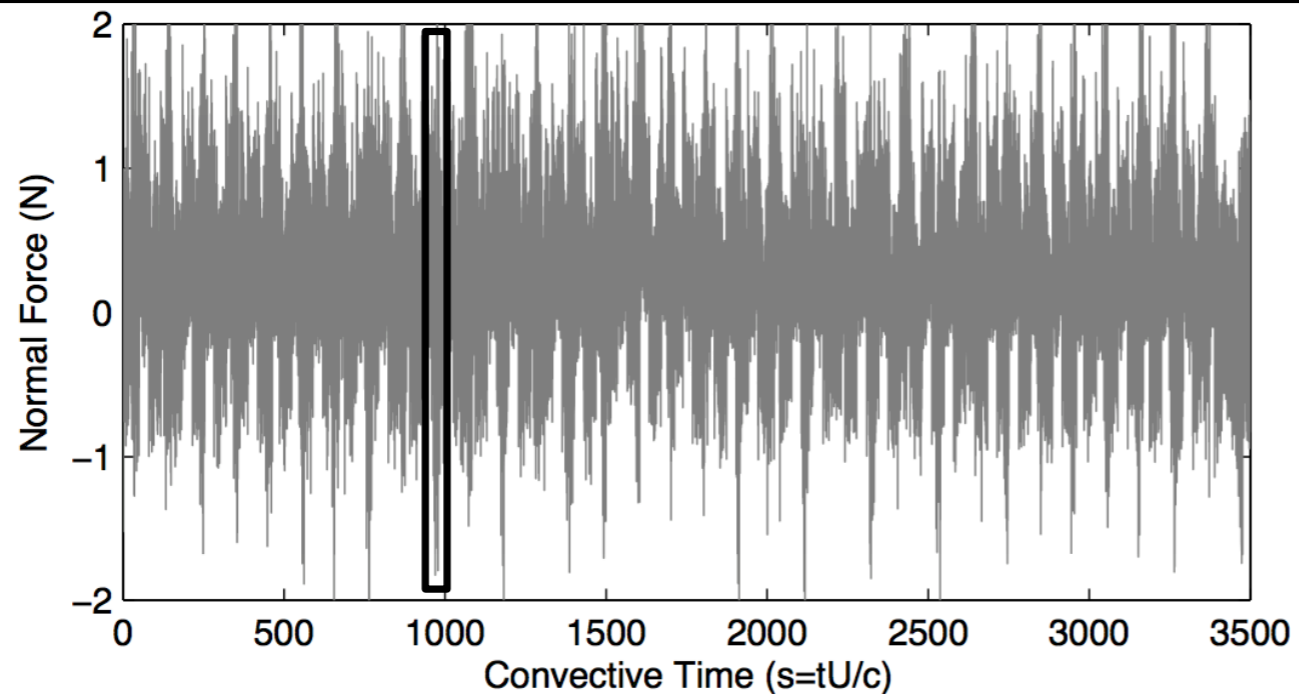
## Summary

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

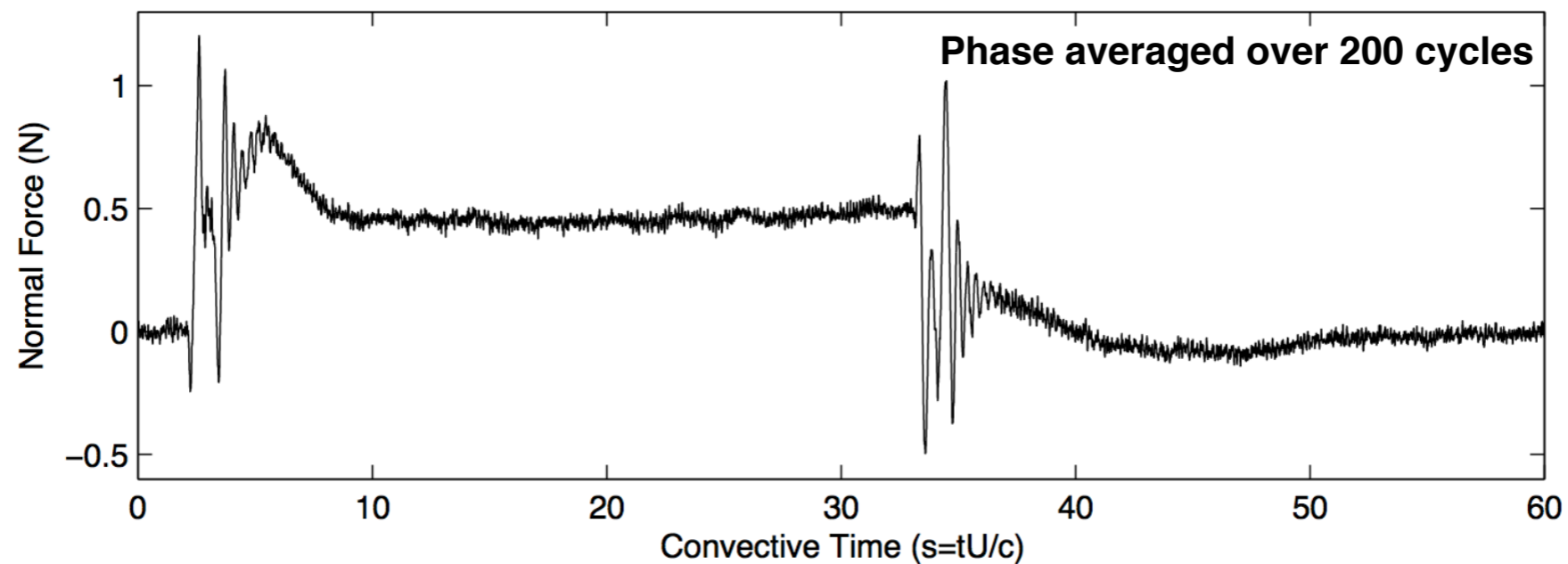
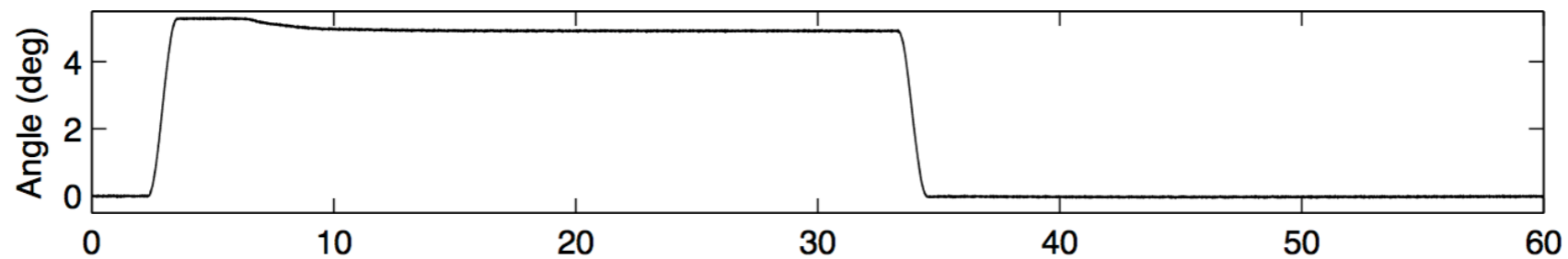
$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}}_{R_\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} N \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$



# Phase Averaged Data



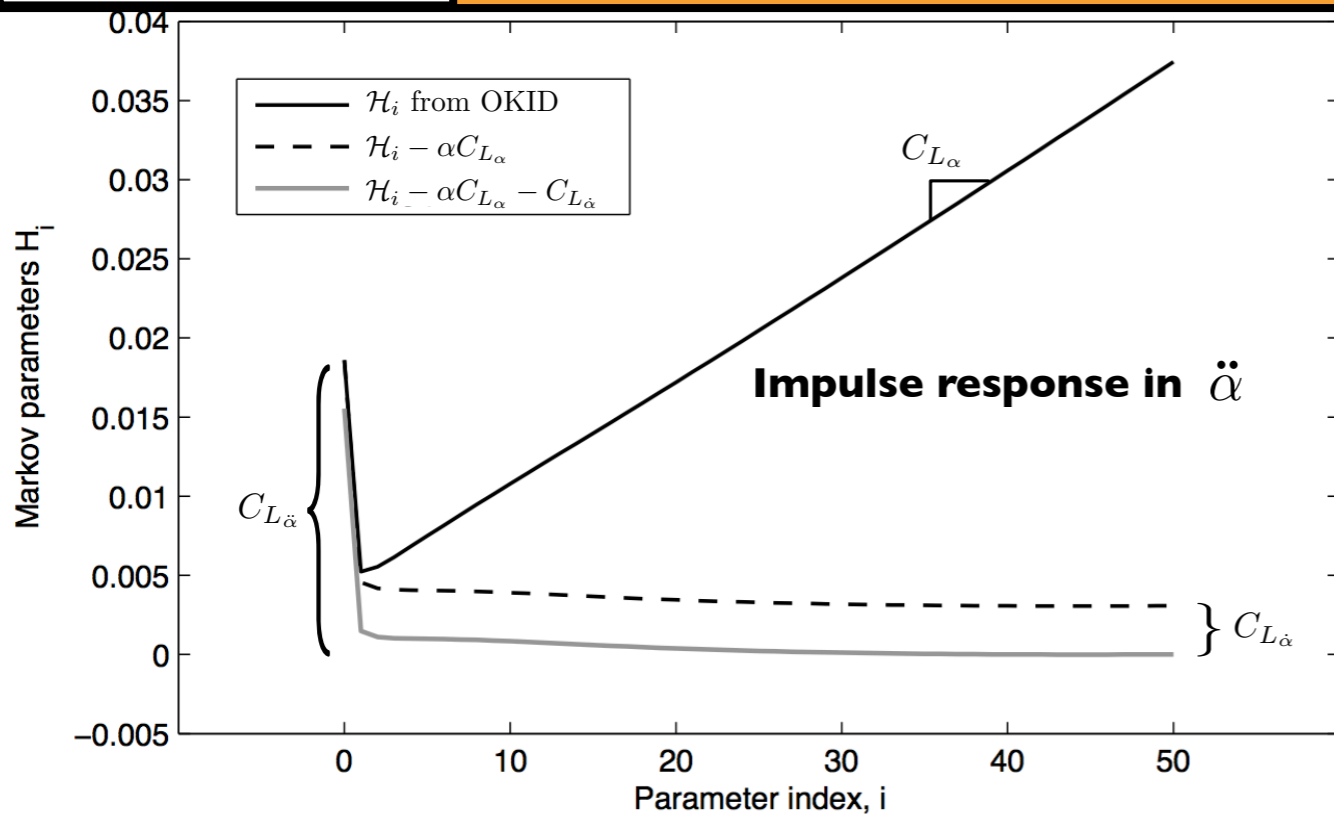
**5 degree step-up, step-down maneuver**







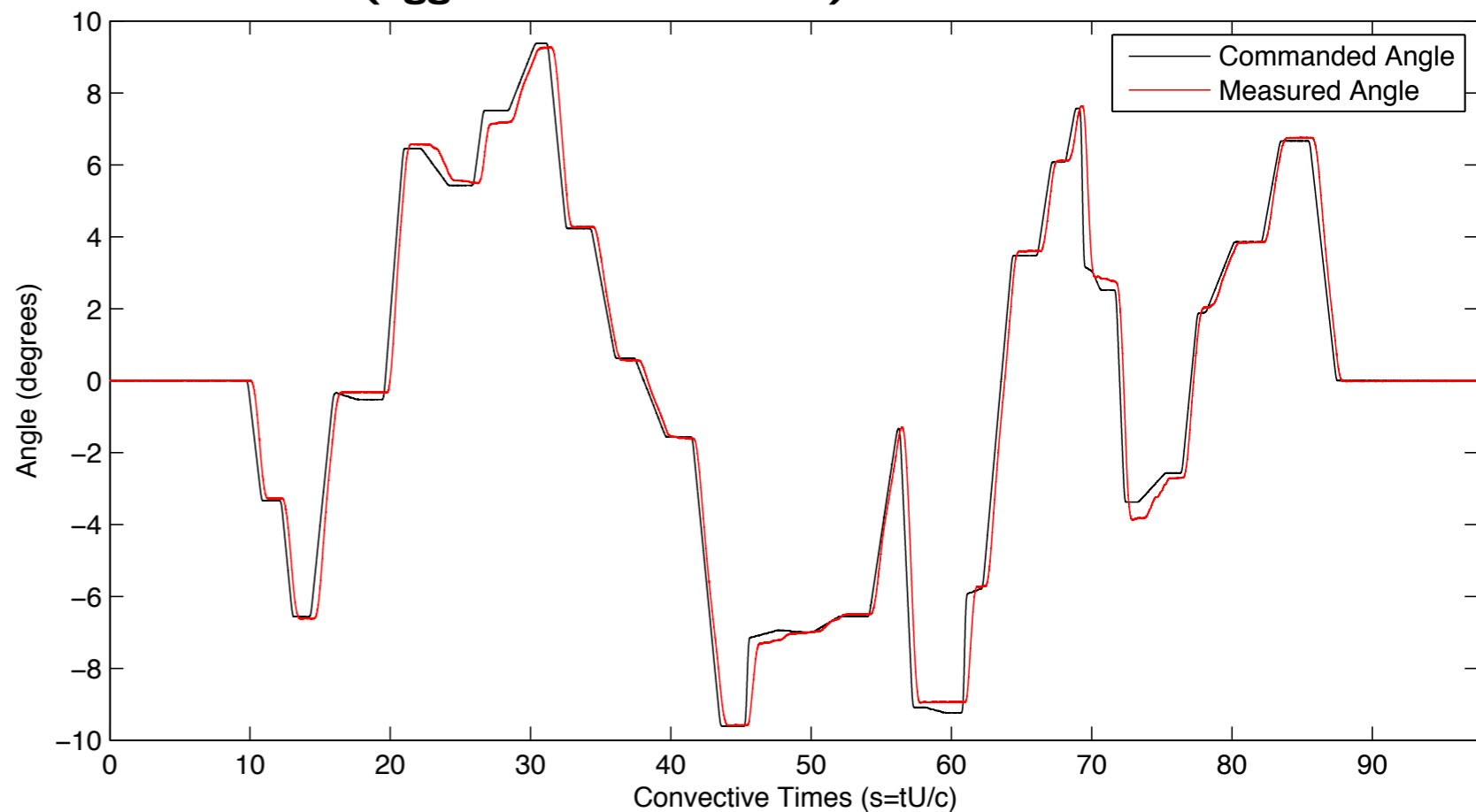
# Wing Maneuver



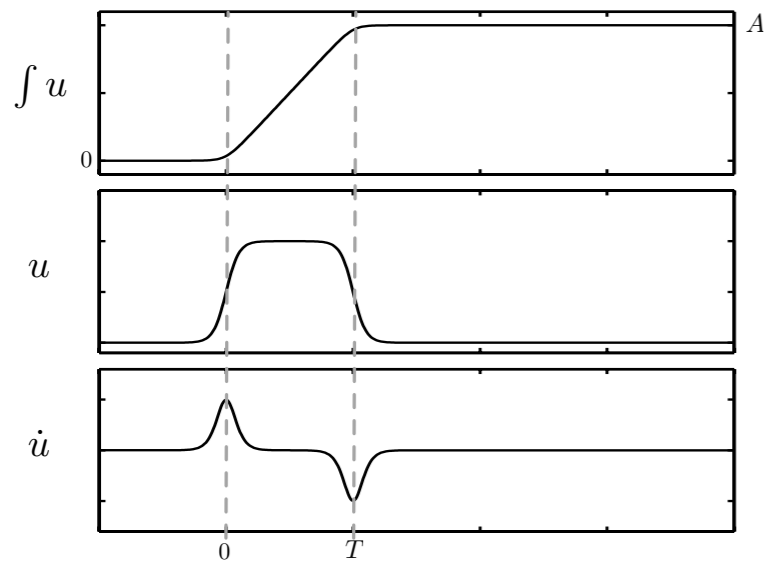
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_r \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha}$$

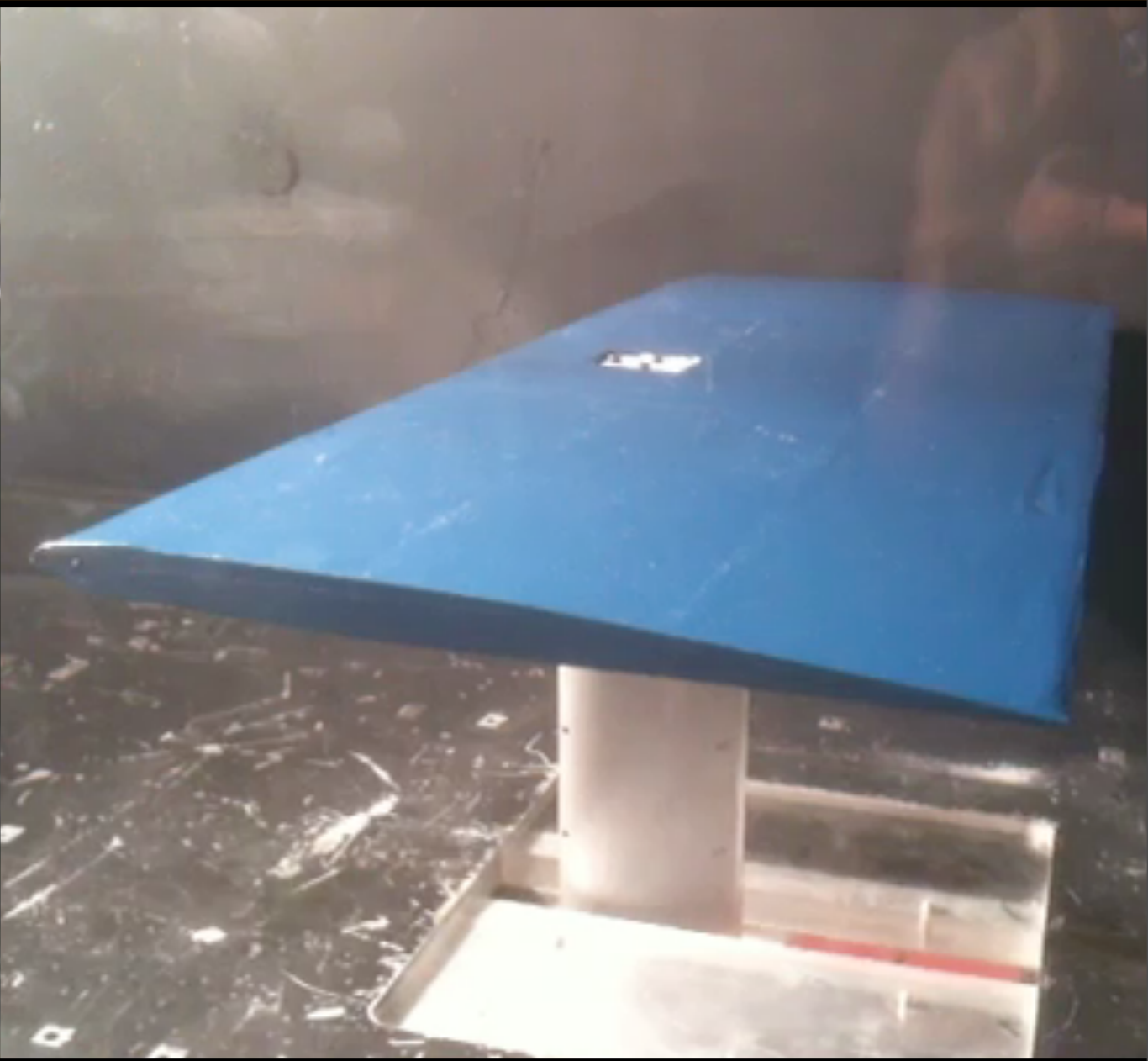
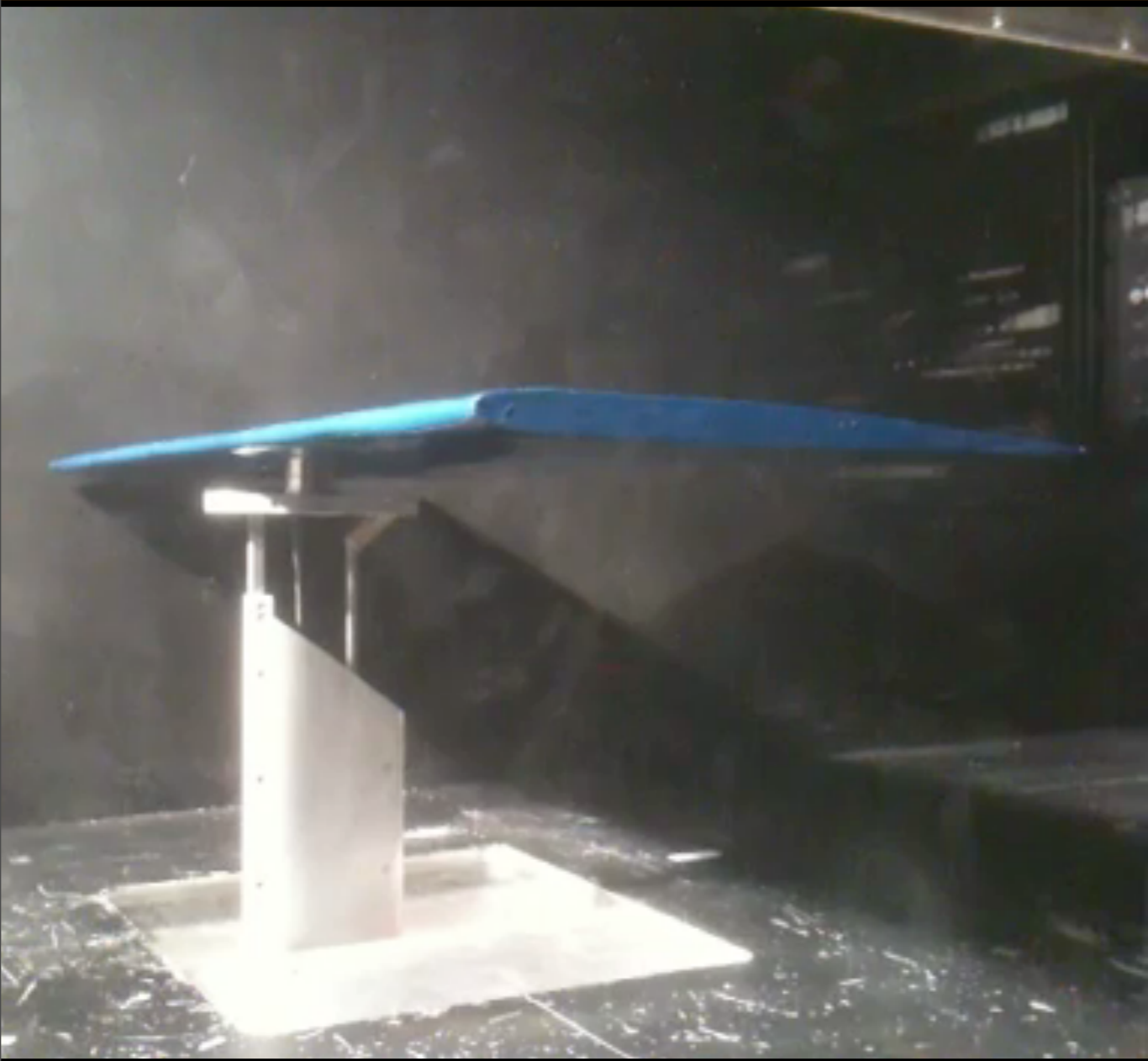
$$C_L = \begin{bmatrix} C_r & C_{L\alpha} & C_{L\dot{\alpha}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \alpha \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + C_{L\ddot{\alpha}} \ddot{\alpha}$$

## Pseudo-random sequence of ramp-hold maneuvers (aggressive maneuver)



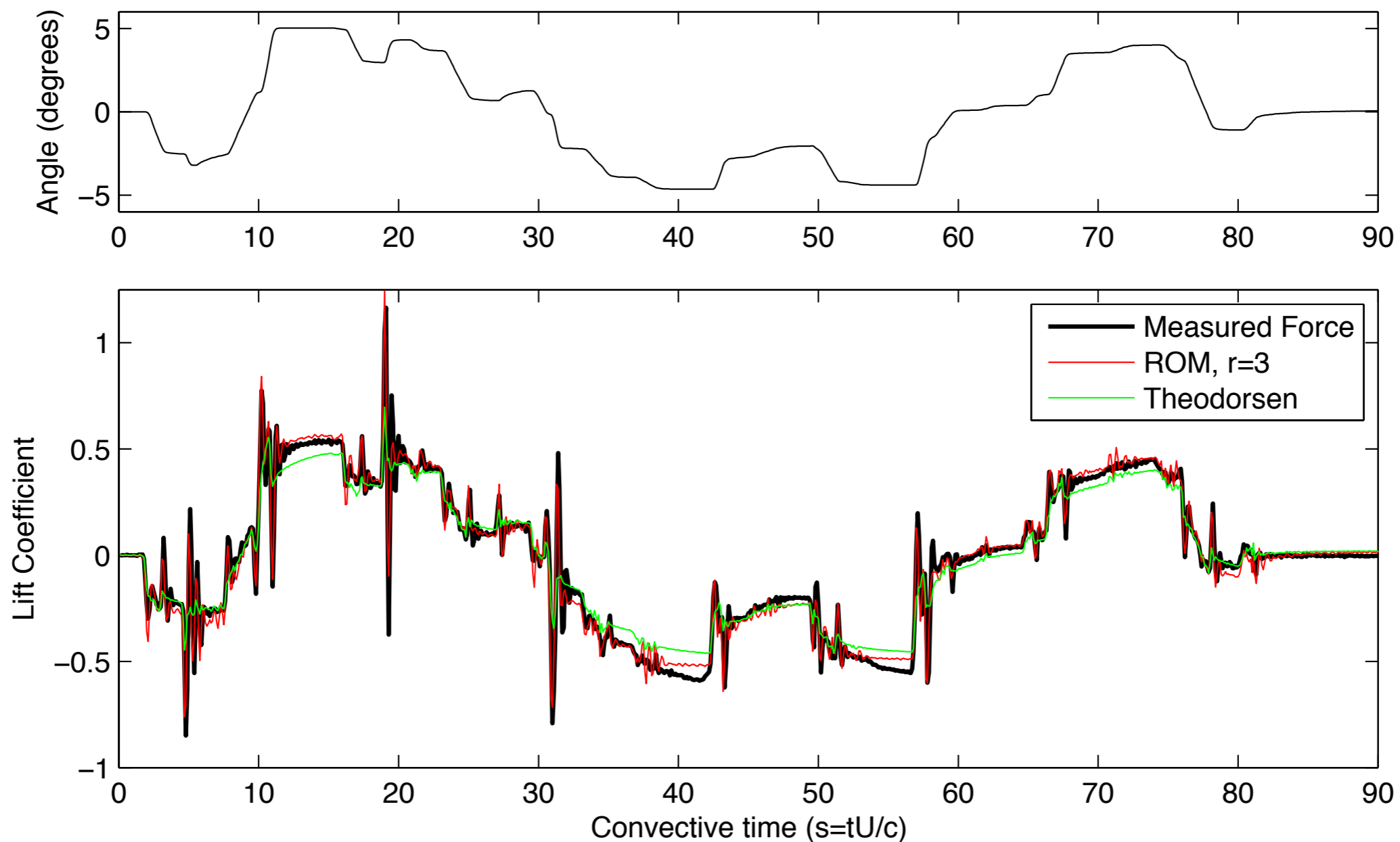
## Single ramp-hold maneuver







# System ID maneuver



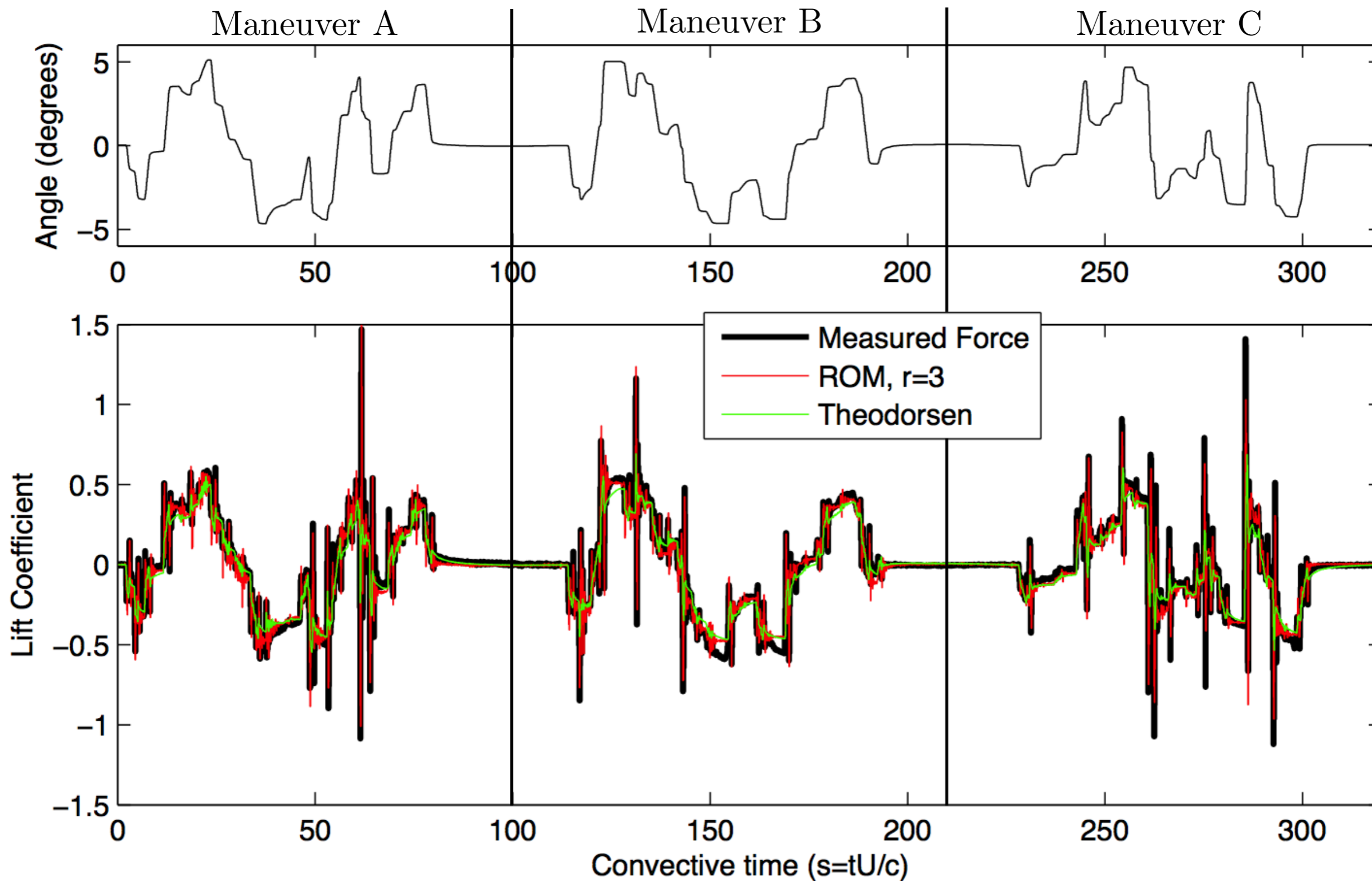
**+/- 5 degree maneuver, excites large range of frequencies**

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

**AOA = 0 degrees**



# Three system ID maneuvers

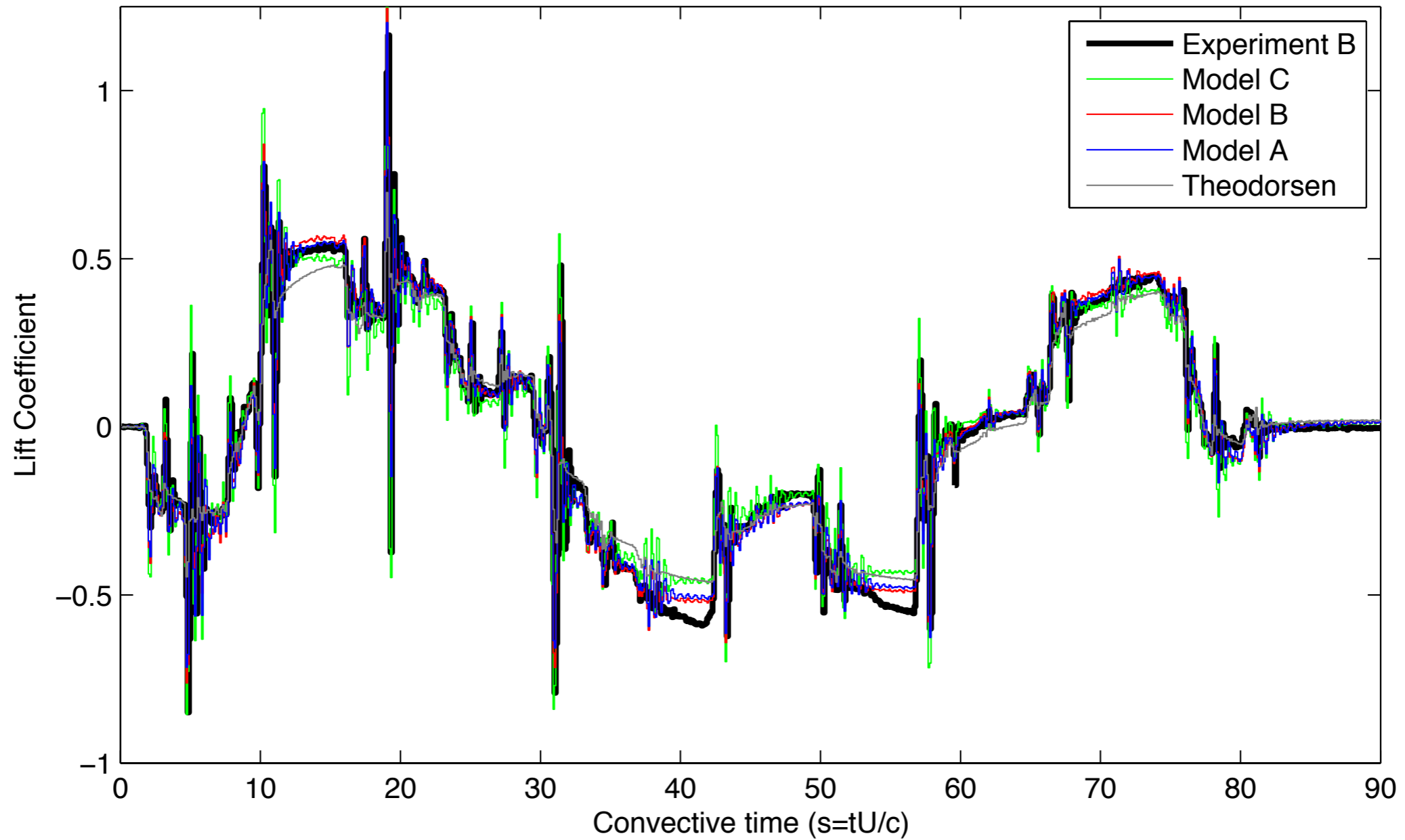


**AOA = 0 degrees**

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



# System ID maneuver



**AOA = 0 degrees**

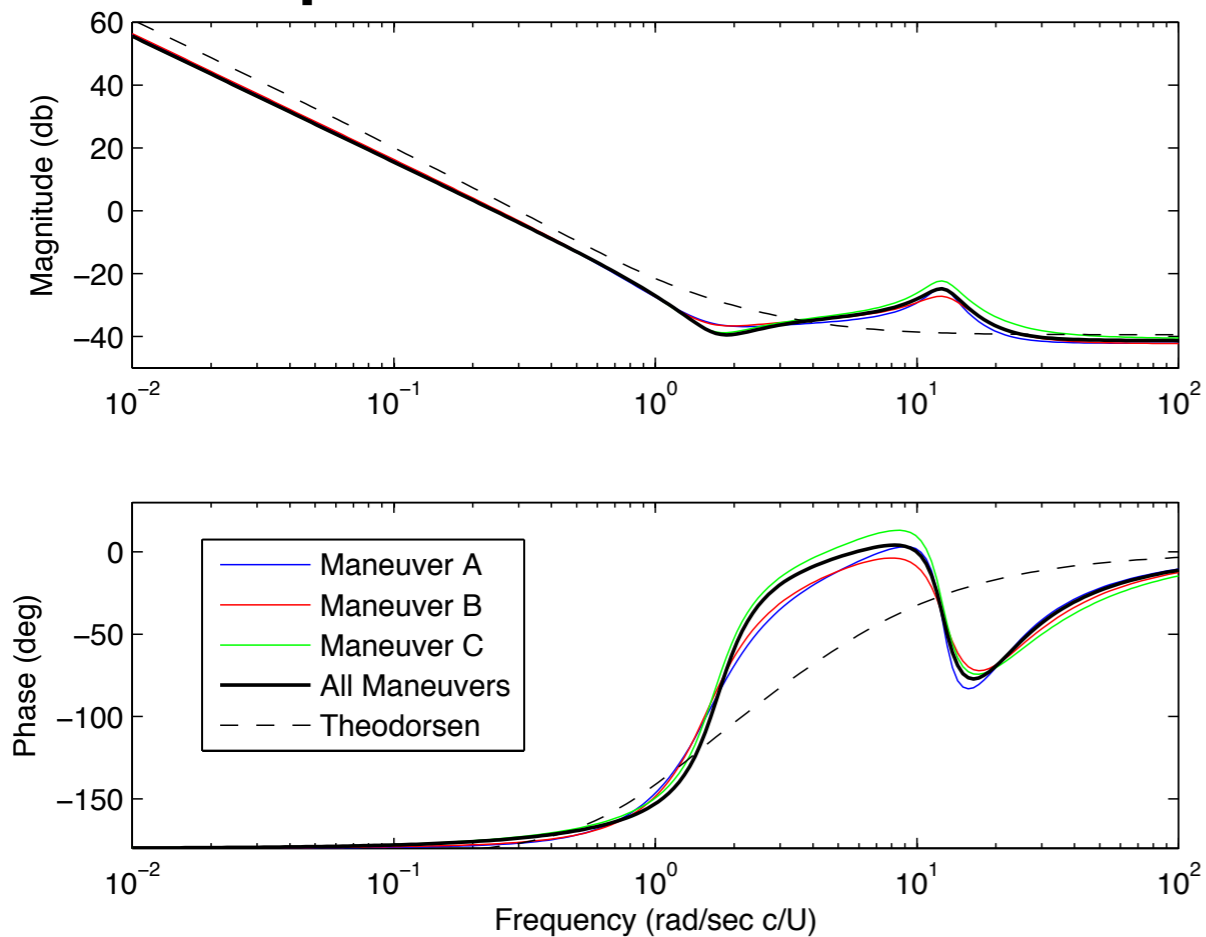
**Bootstrap: It is important that models obtained from each ID maneuver accurately reproduce every other maneuver**



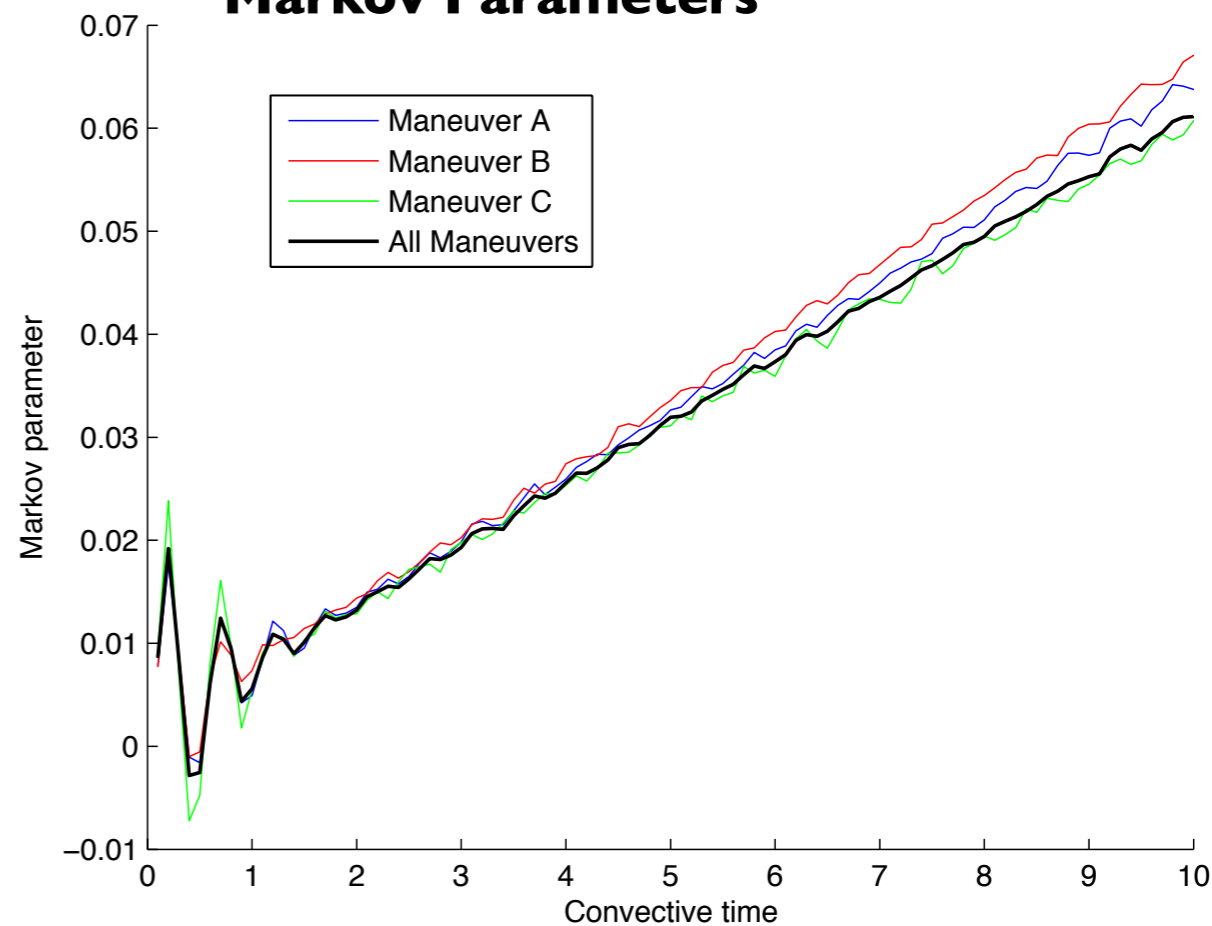
# Bode plot and Markov parameters



### Bode plot



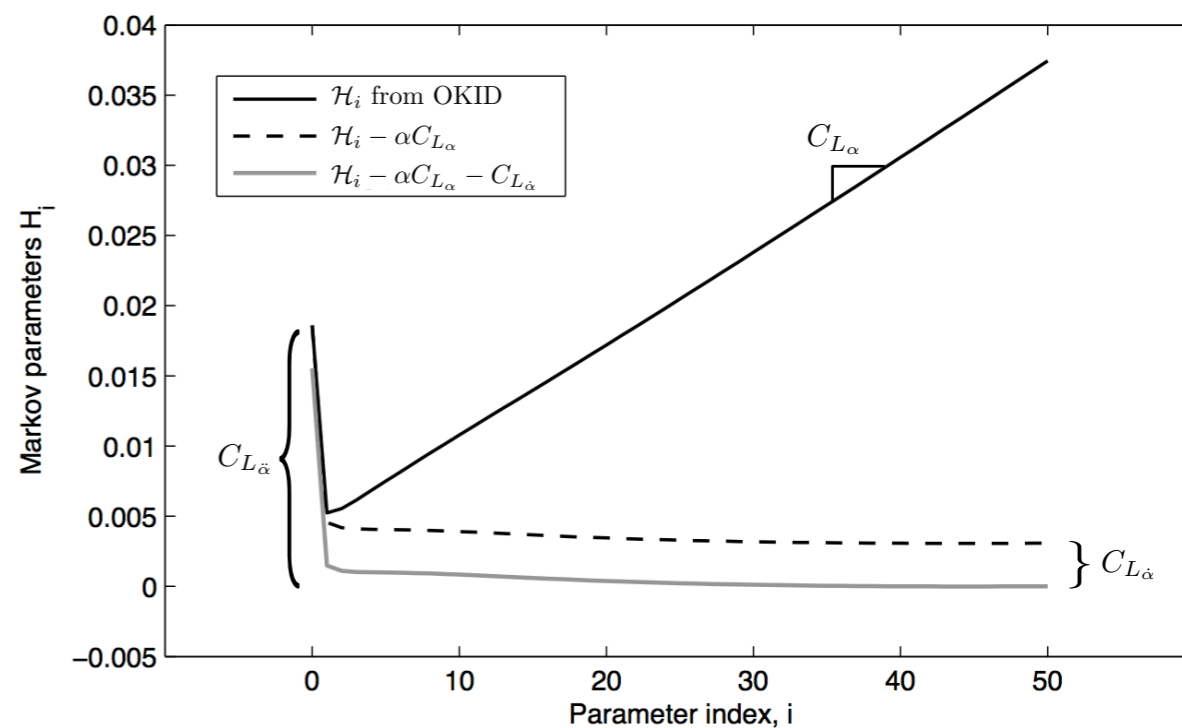
### Markov Parameters



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

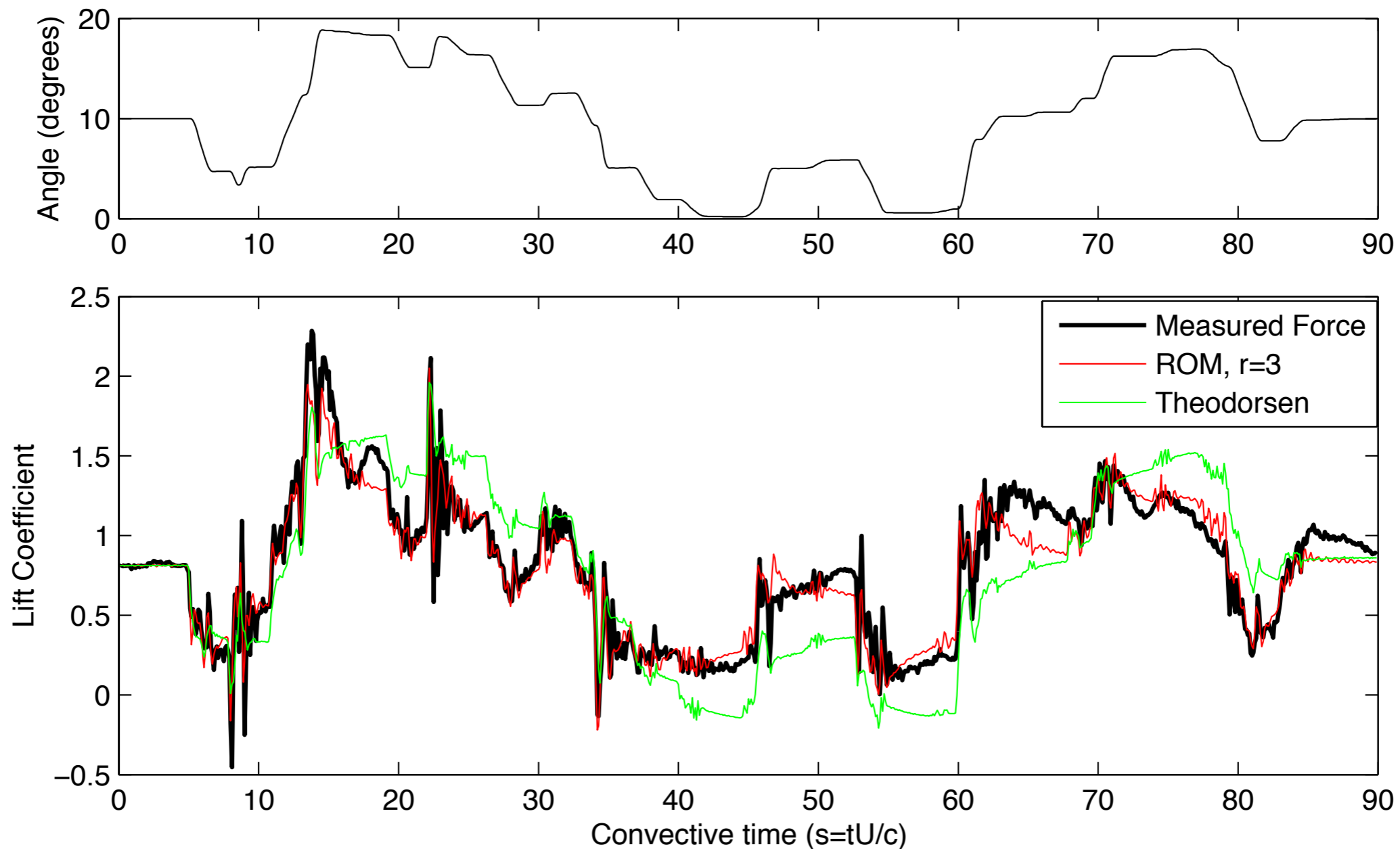
**Added-mass is not exclusively in first Markov parameter, but is instead distributed in the first few, contributing to the added-mass “bump”**

**AOA = 0 degrees**





# System ID maneuver



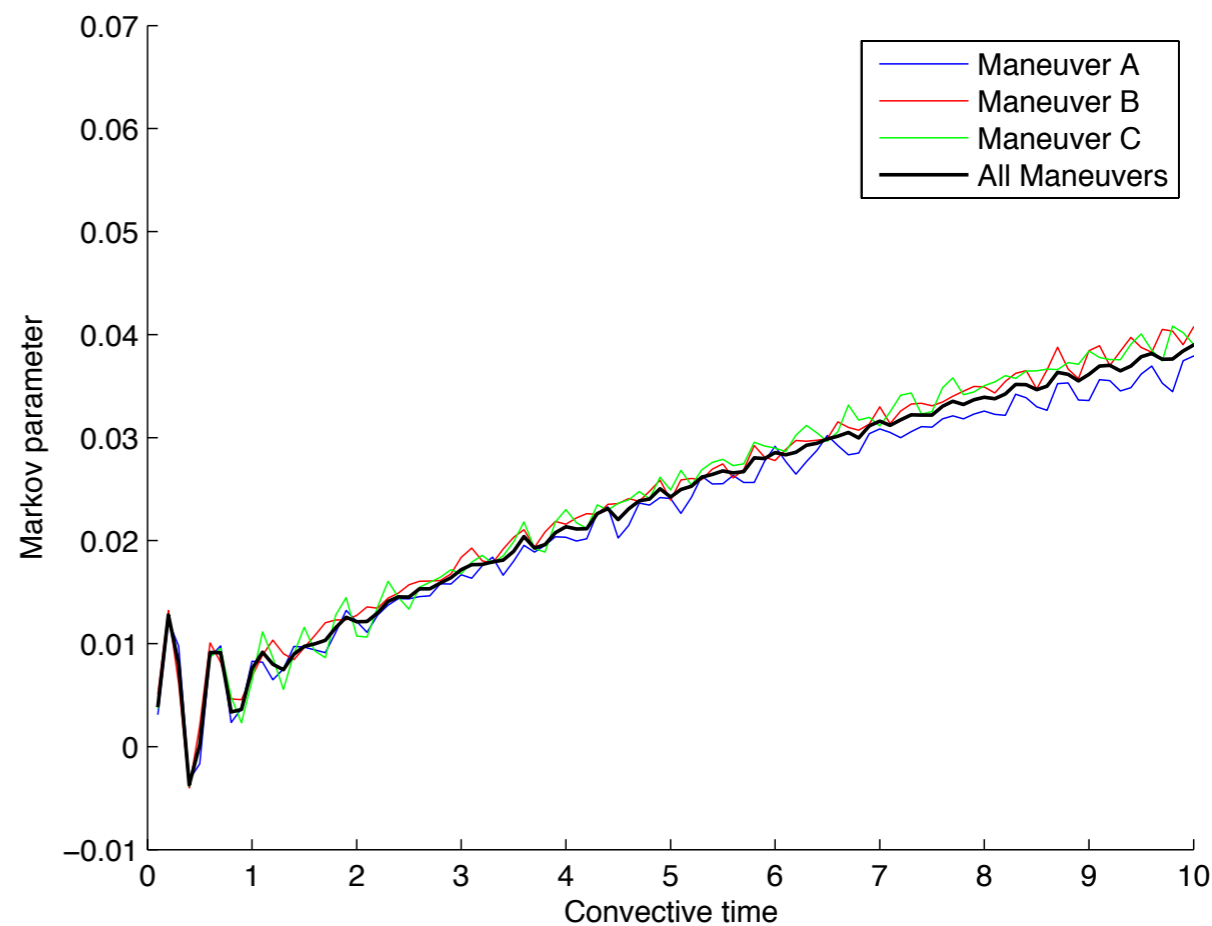
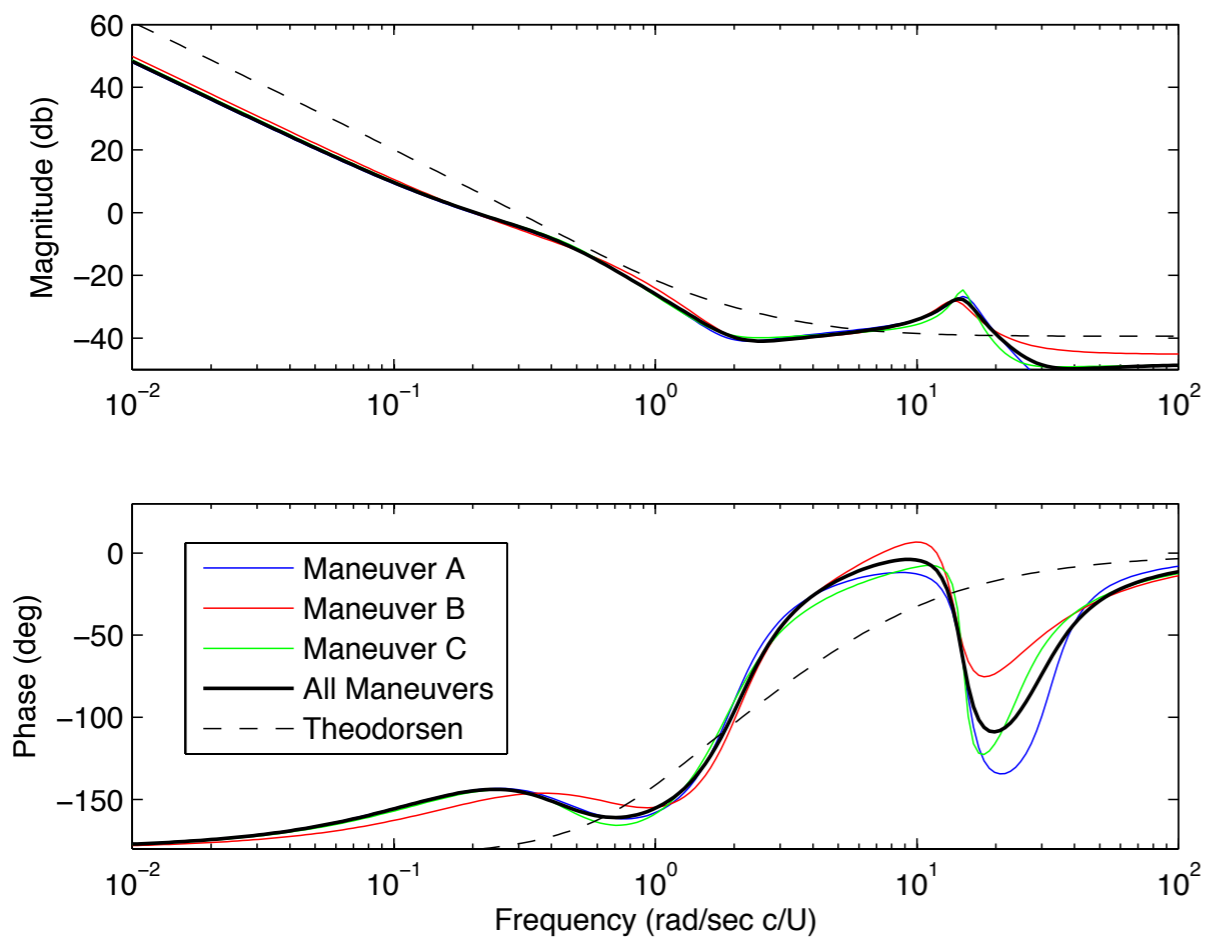
**+/- 10 degree maneuver**

**AOA = 10 degrees**

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



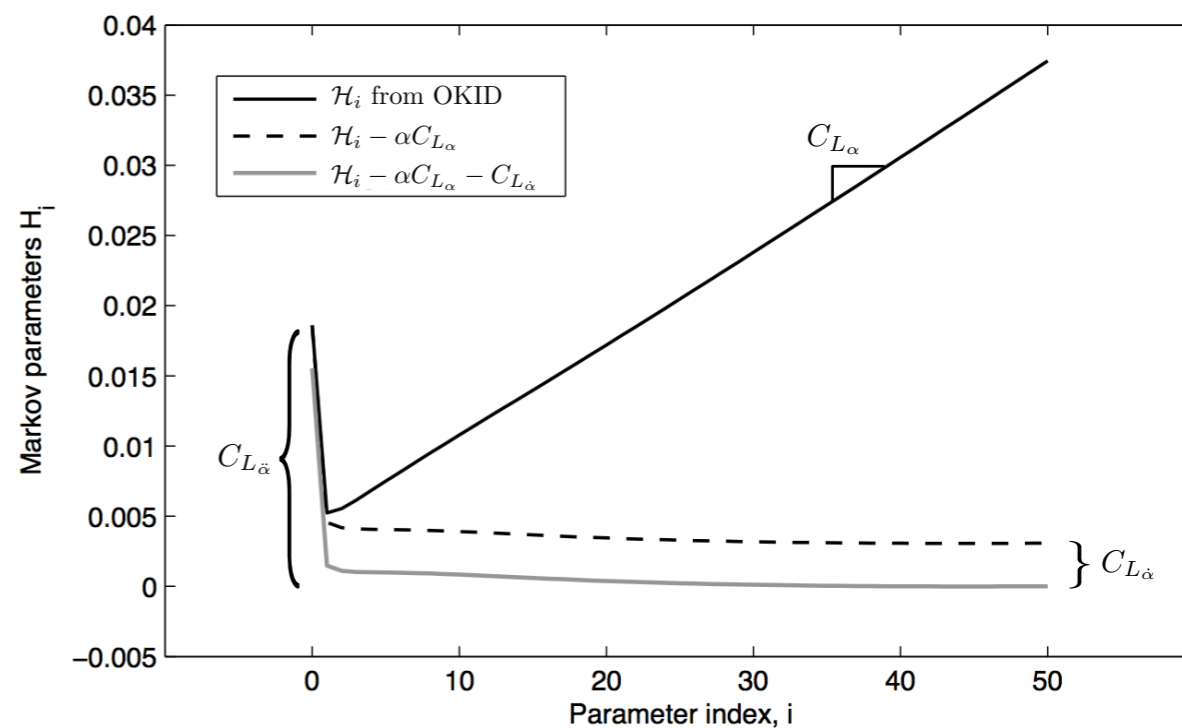
# Bode plot and Markov parameters



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

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

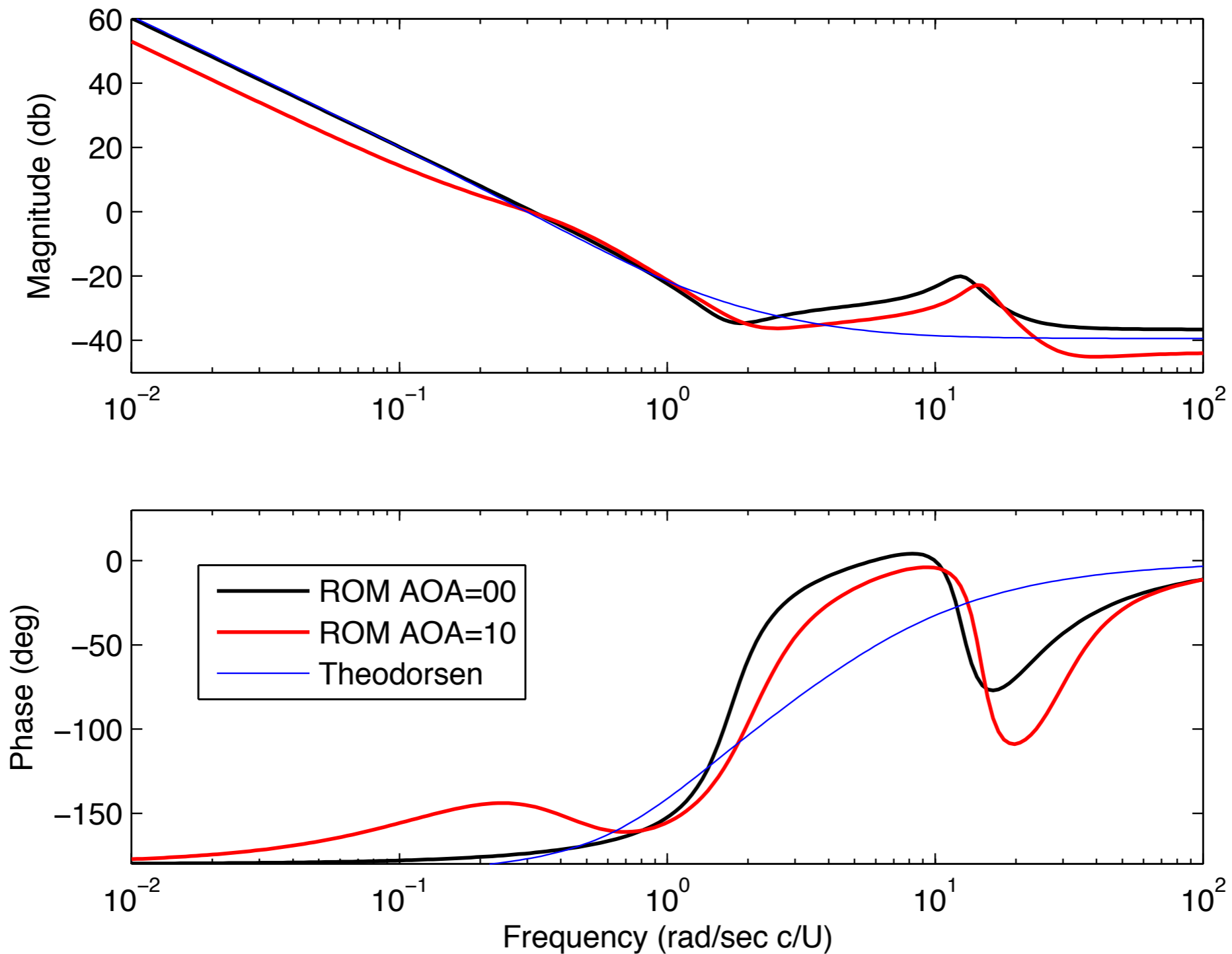
**AOA = 10 degrees**







# AoA=00 vs. AoA=10



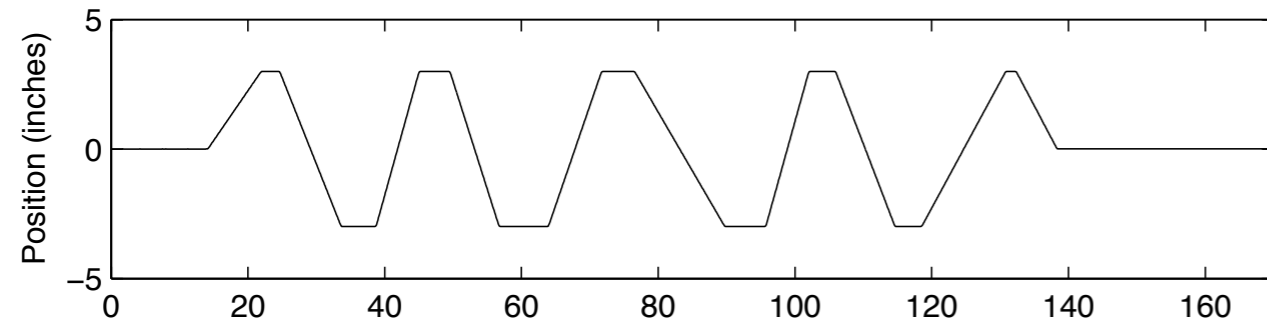
**Trend is similar to DNS, where low frequency asymptote converges at lower frequency, for larger angle of attack.**



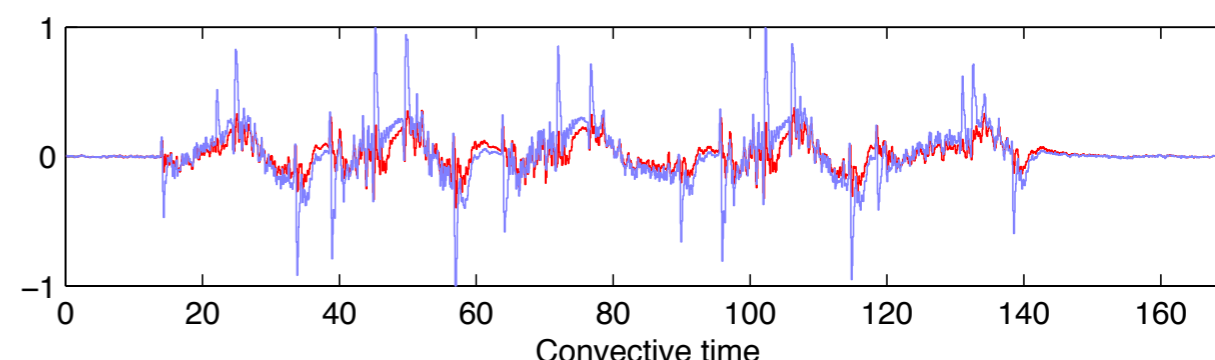
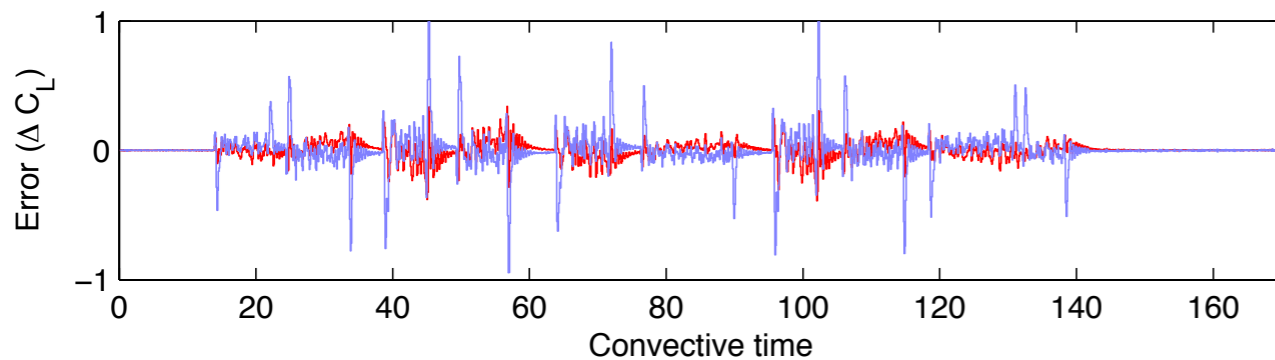
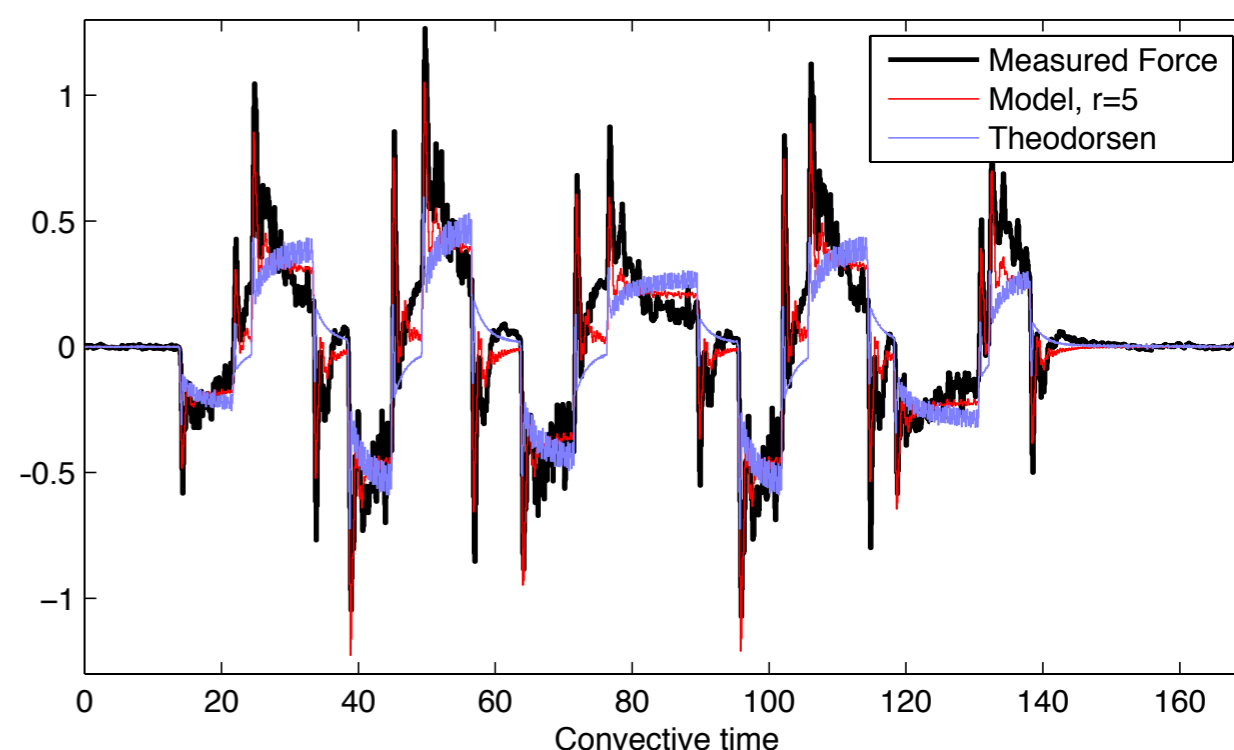
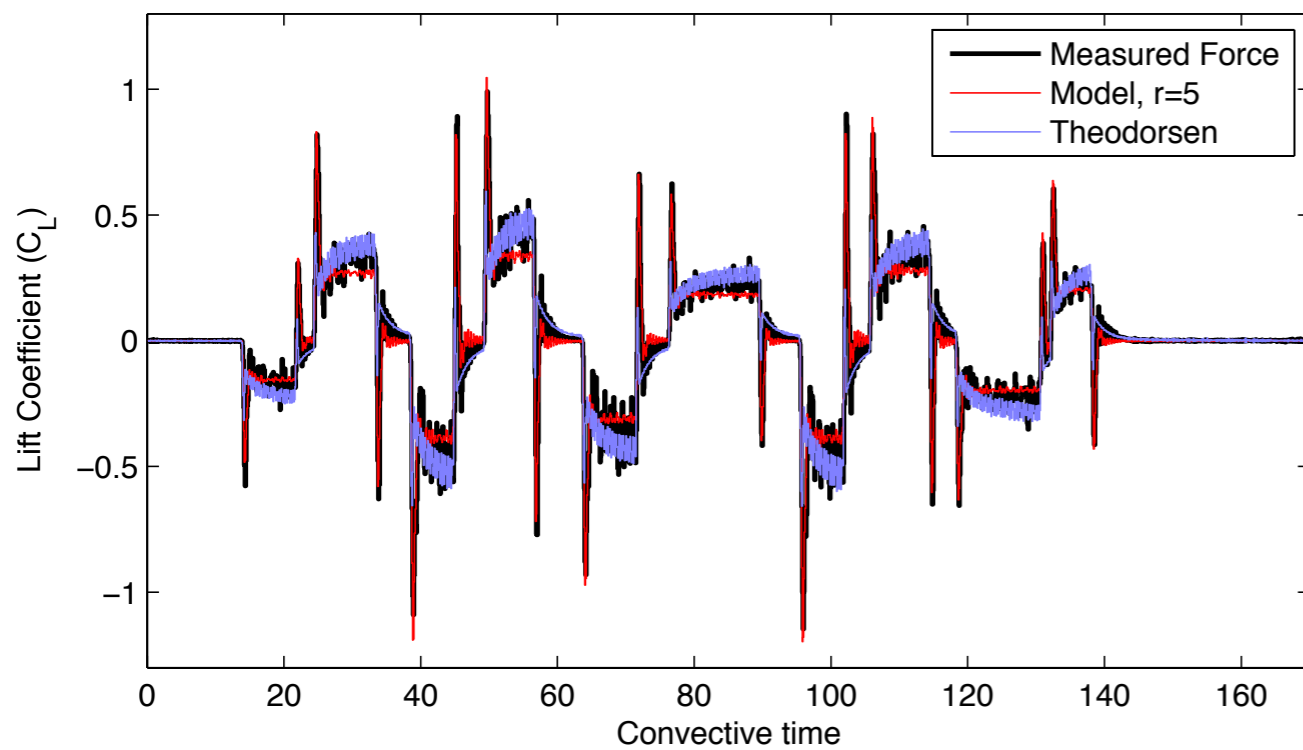
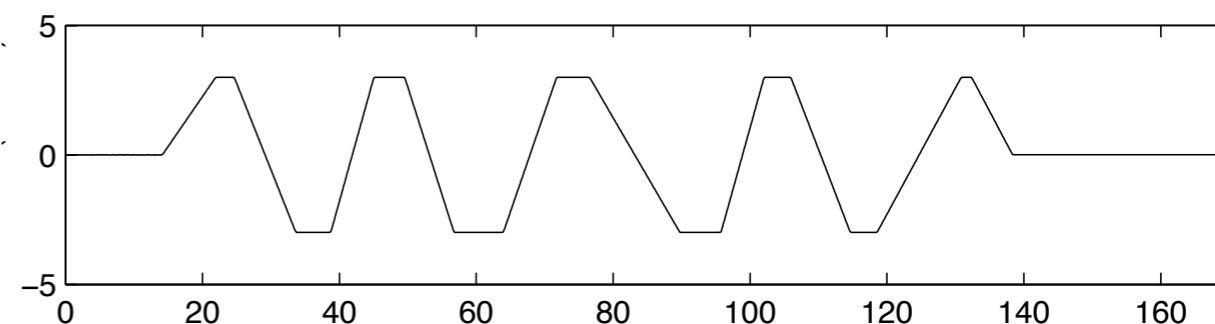
# Pure Plunge



## AOA = 0 degrees



## AOA = 10 degrees





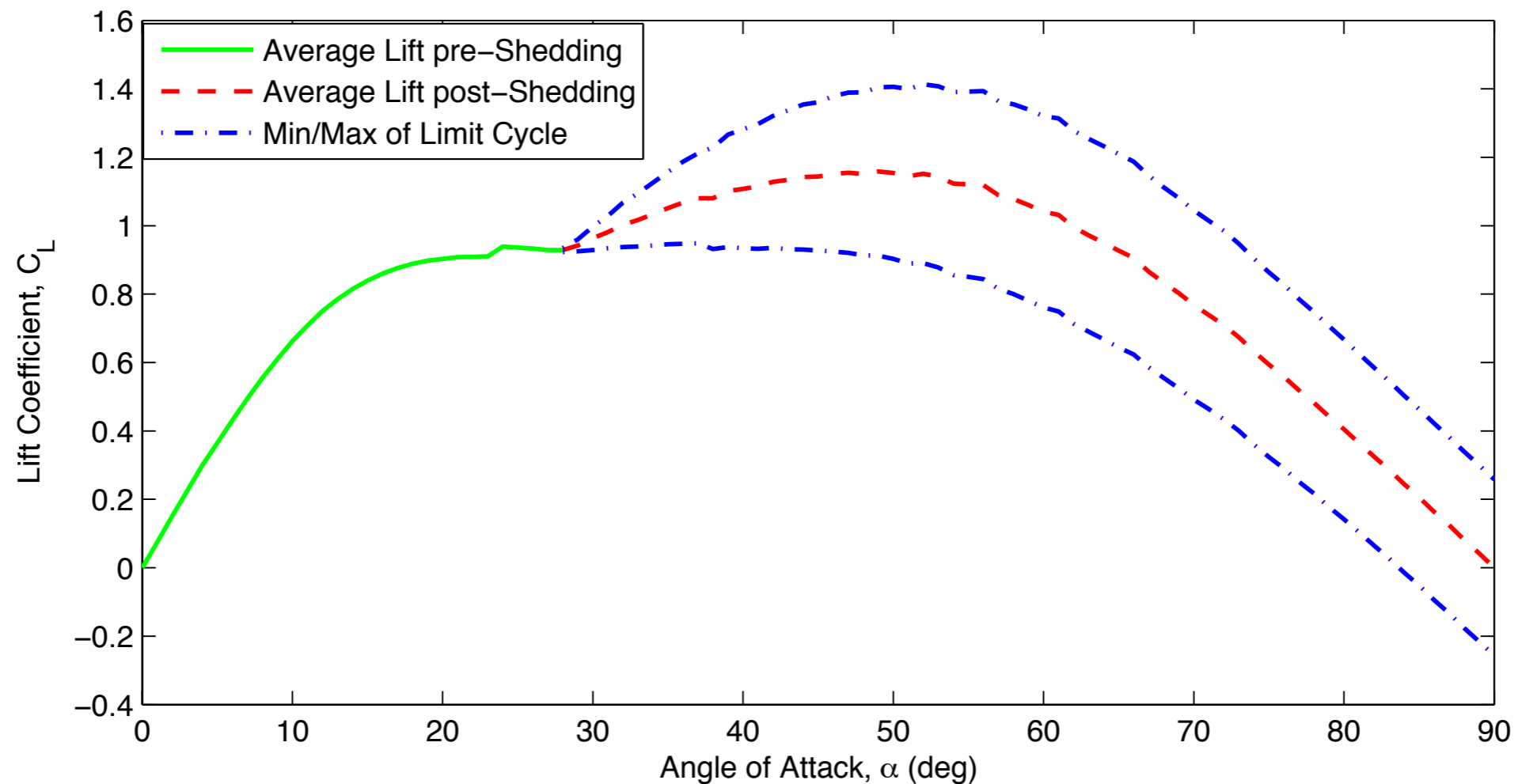
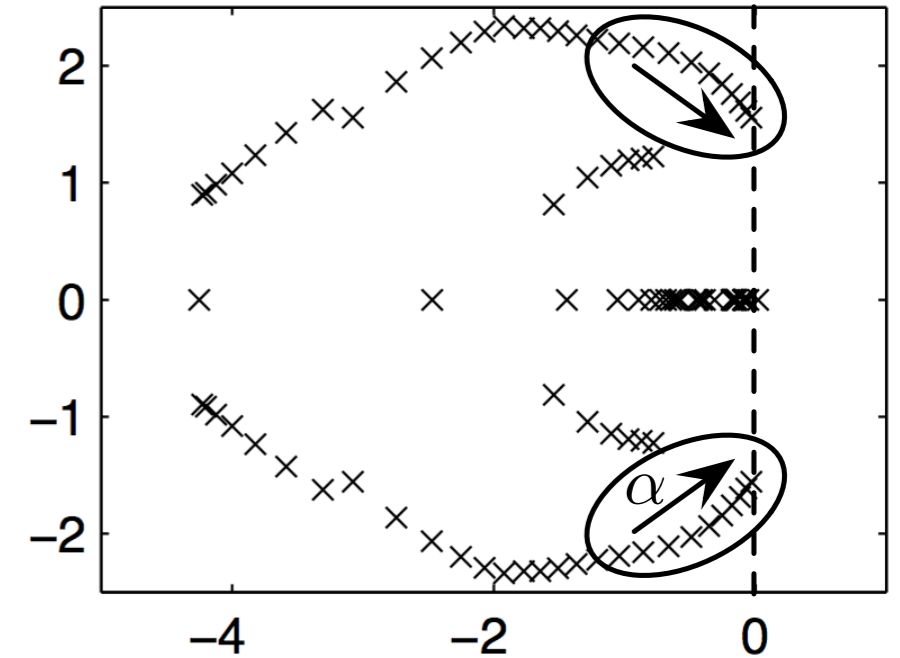
# Nonlinear Unsteady Models



## 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?**

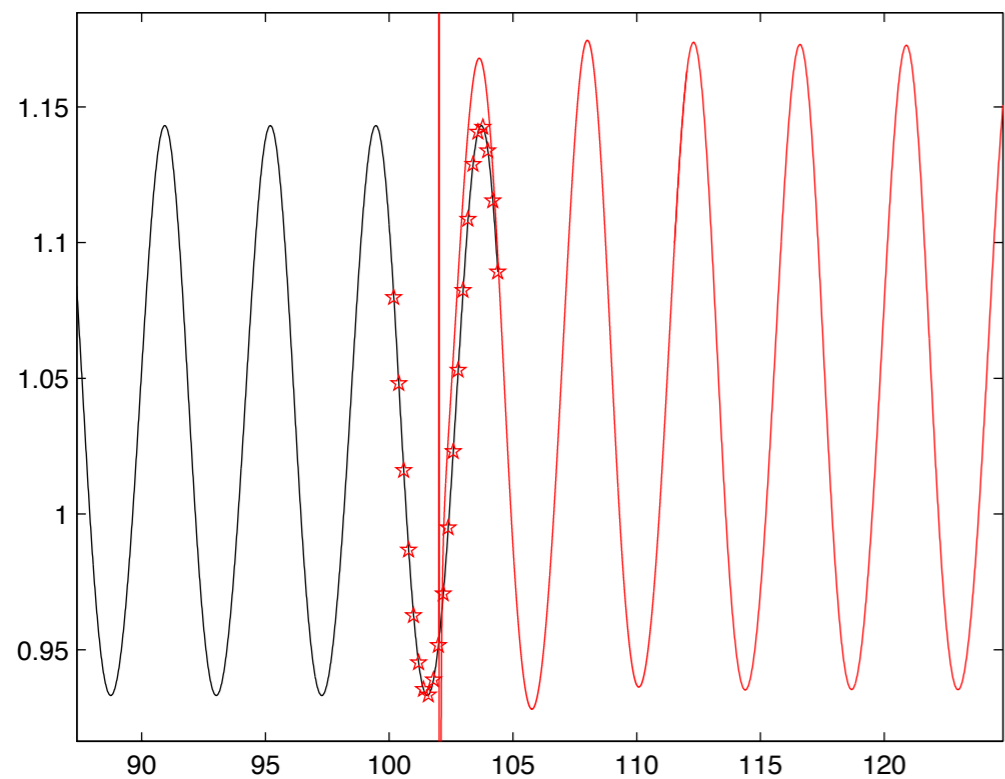




# Linearize about Periodic Orbit



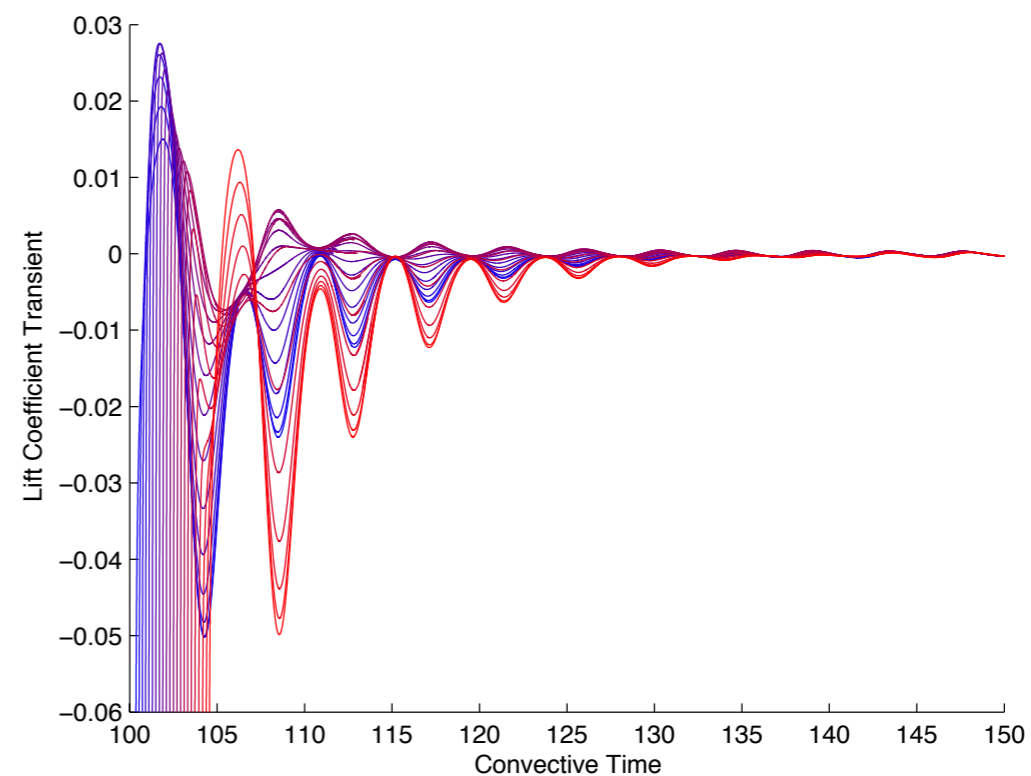
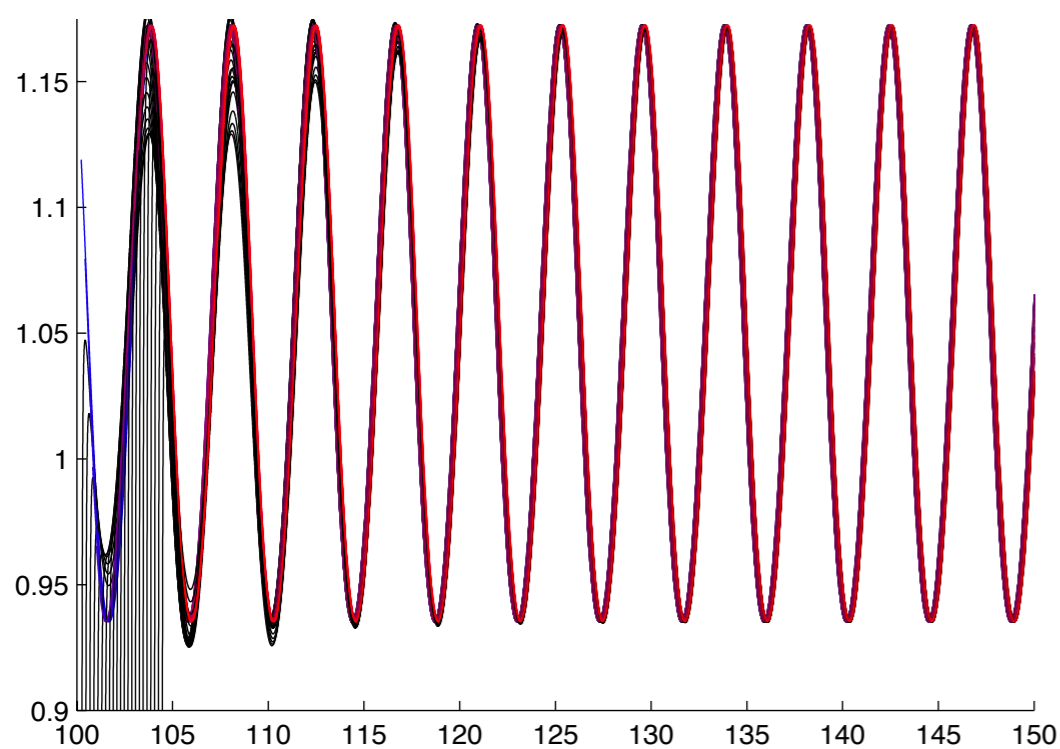
## Impulse at each phase



## Modeling Approaches

1. Lifted/Periodic ERA
2. Nonlinear indicial response (convolution)
3. Other???

## Transient dynamics





# Conclusions



## **Accurate, efficient 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 two test problems**

- **Simulated flat plate airfoil,  $Re=100$**
- **Wind tunnel experiment,  $Re=65,000$**
- **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 into nonlinear model with limit cycle dynamics**

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# QUESTIONS?

