

Unsteady aerodynamic models for separated flows past a flat plate at $Re=100$



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Motivation



Need for State-Space Models

Need models suitable for control

Compatible with flight models

Bio Propulsion

High propulsive efficiency, maximum lift coefficient

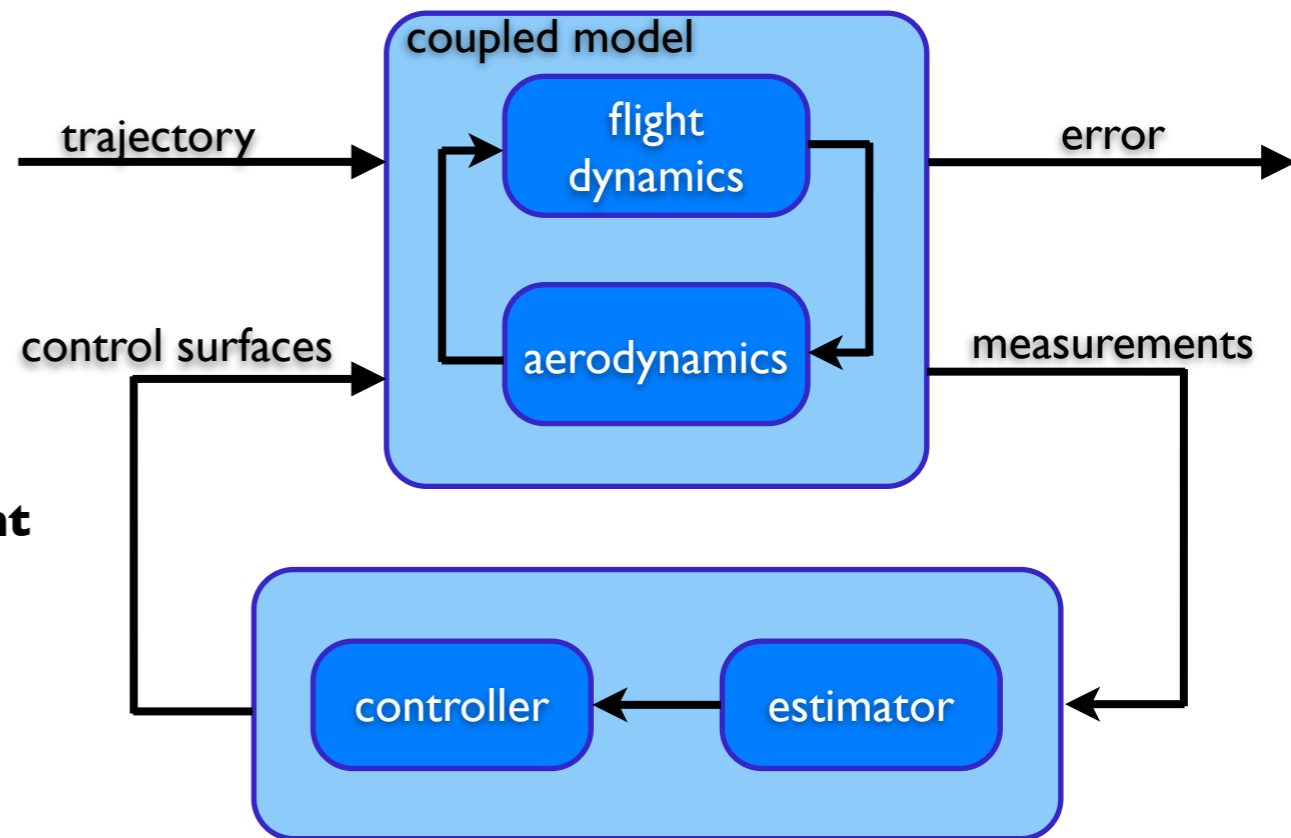
Efficient utilization of gusts and wake vorticity

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Flow control, flight dynamic control

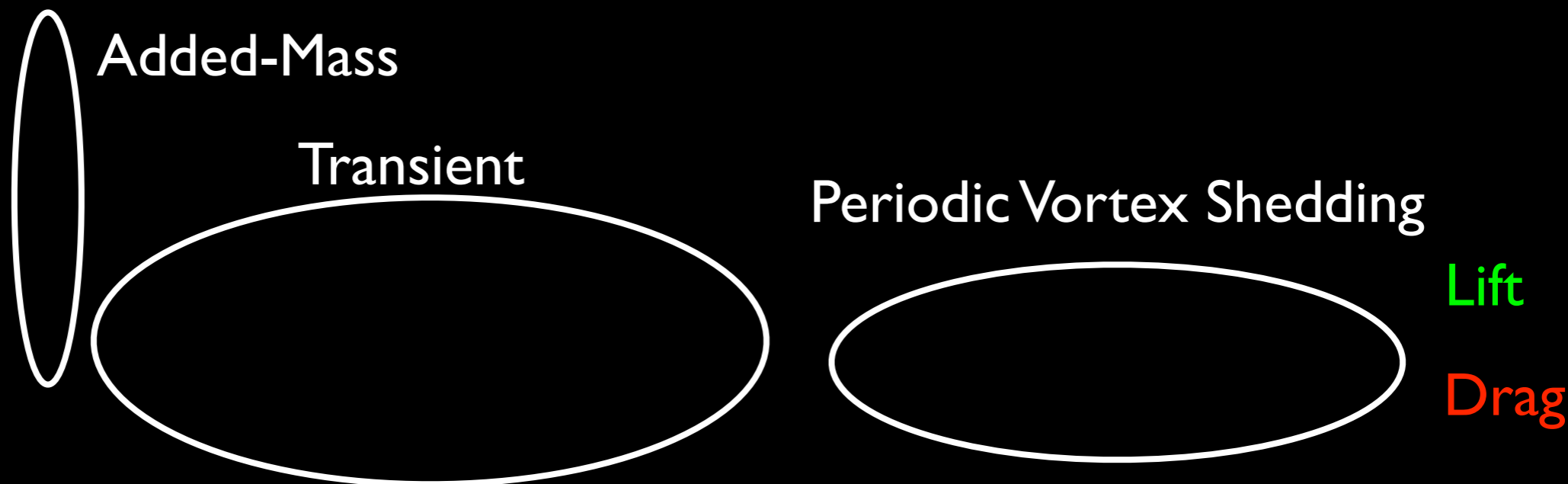
Autopilots / Flight simulators

Gust disturbance mitigation





2D Model Problem



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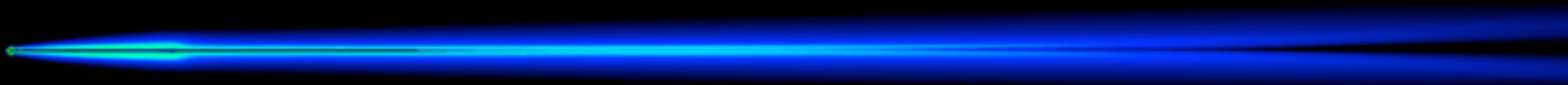
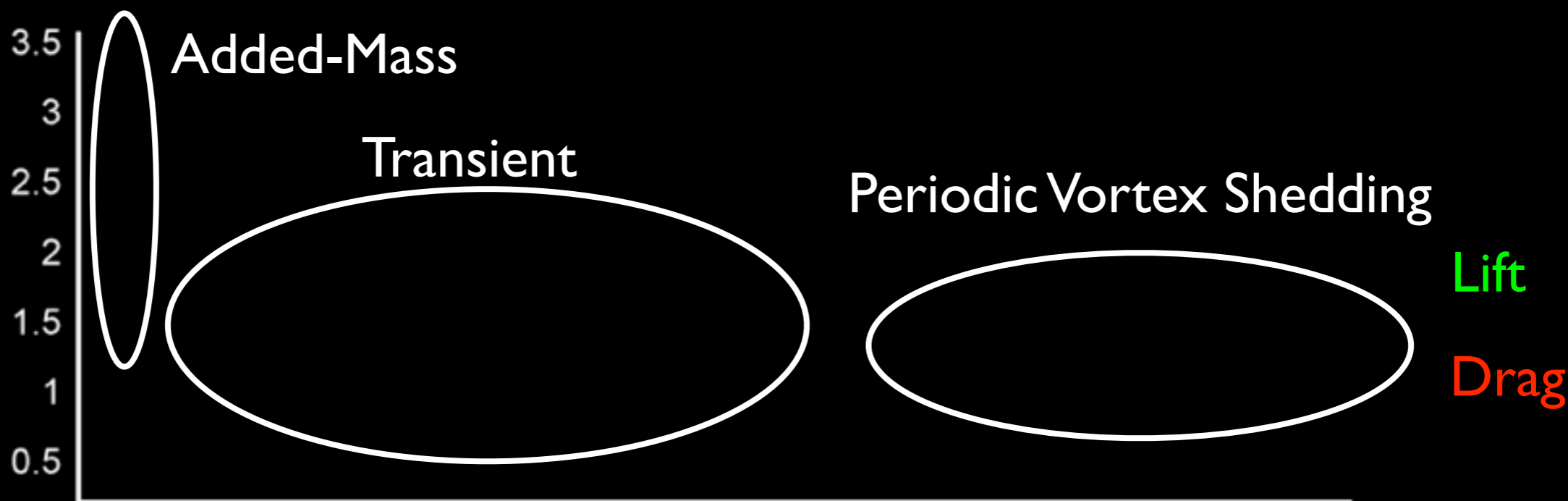
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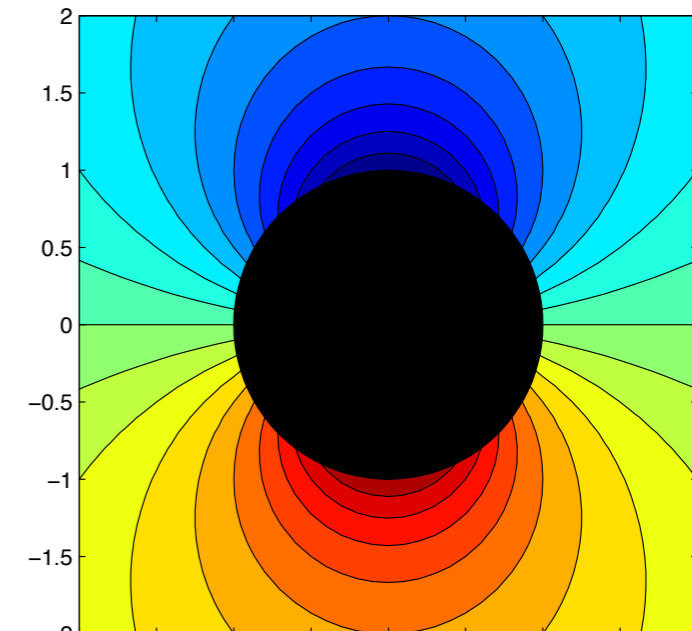
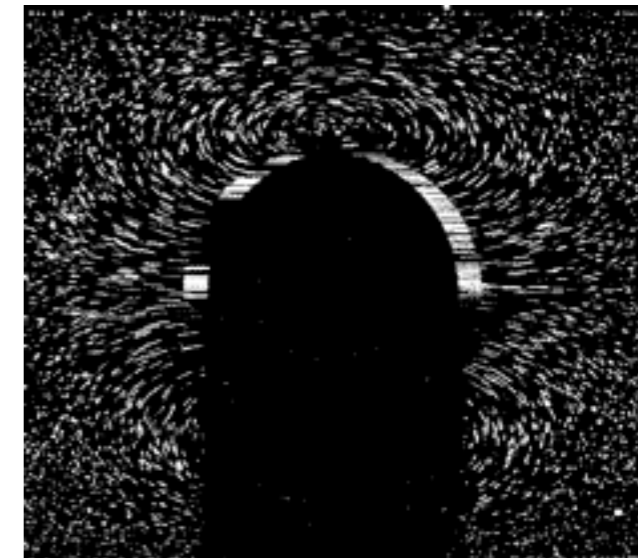
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Boundary layer

Laminar separation bubble

Leading edge vortex

Periodic Vortex Shedding



Milne-Thompson, 1973.

Stengel, 2004.



Theodorsen's Model - 1935



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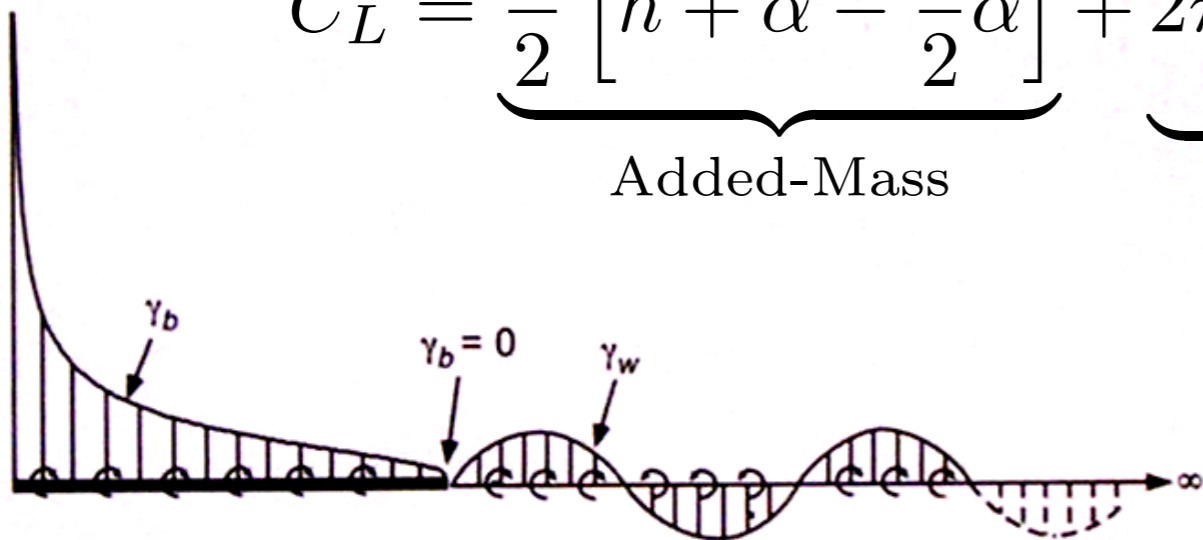
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$$C_L = \underbrace{\frac{\pi}{2} \left[\ddot{h} + \dot{\alpha} - \frac{a}{2} \ddot{\alpha} \right]}_{\text{Added-Mass}} + \underbrace{2\pi \left[\alpha + \dot{h} + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} - a \right) \right]}_{\text{Circulatory}}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



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

2D Incompressible, inviscid model

Unsteady potential flow (w/ Kutta condition)

Linearized about zero angle of attack

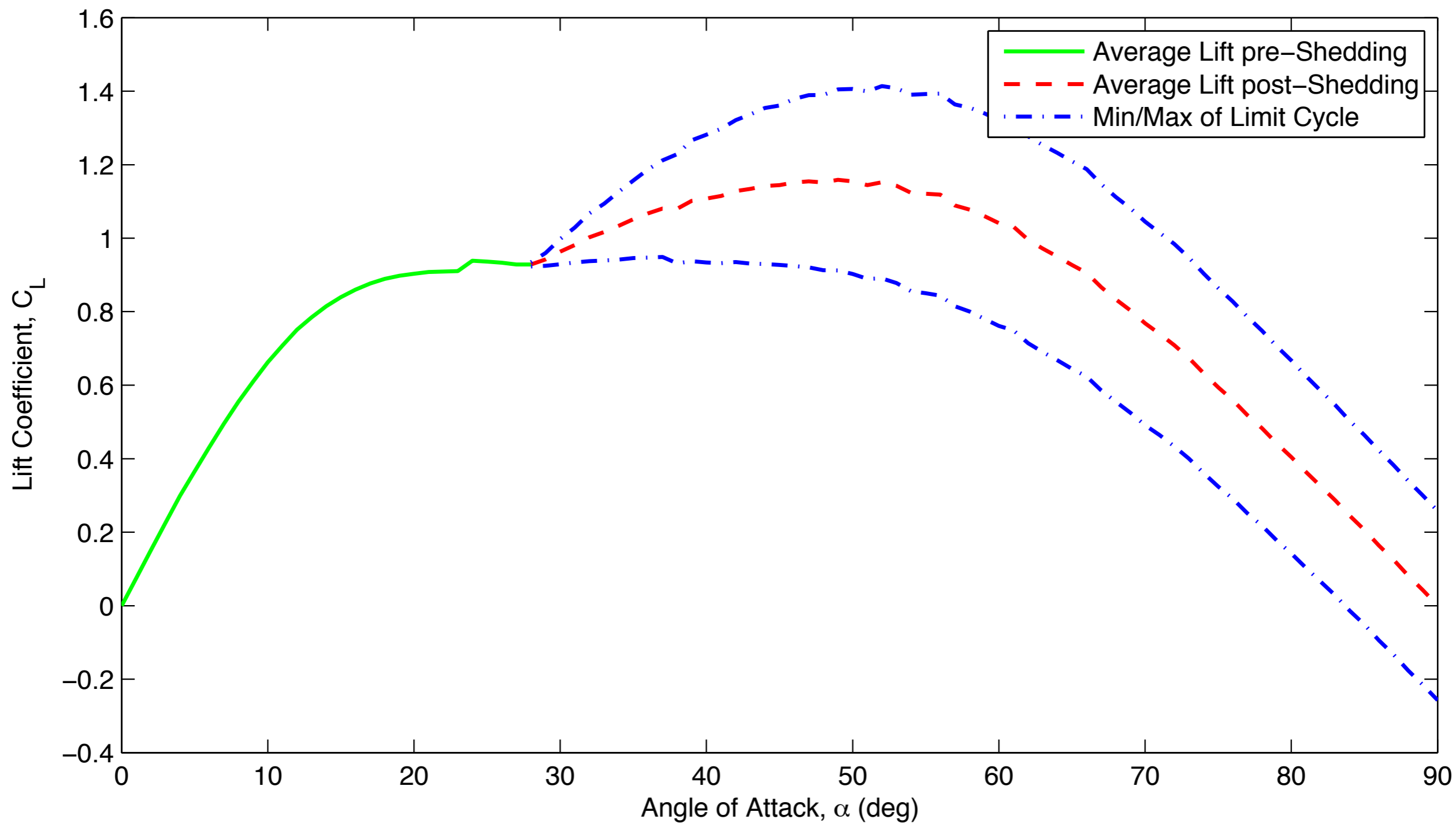
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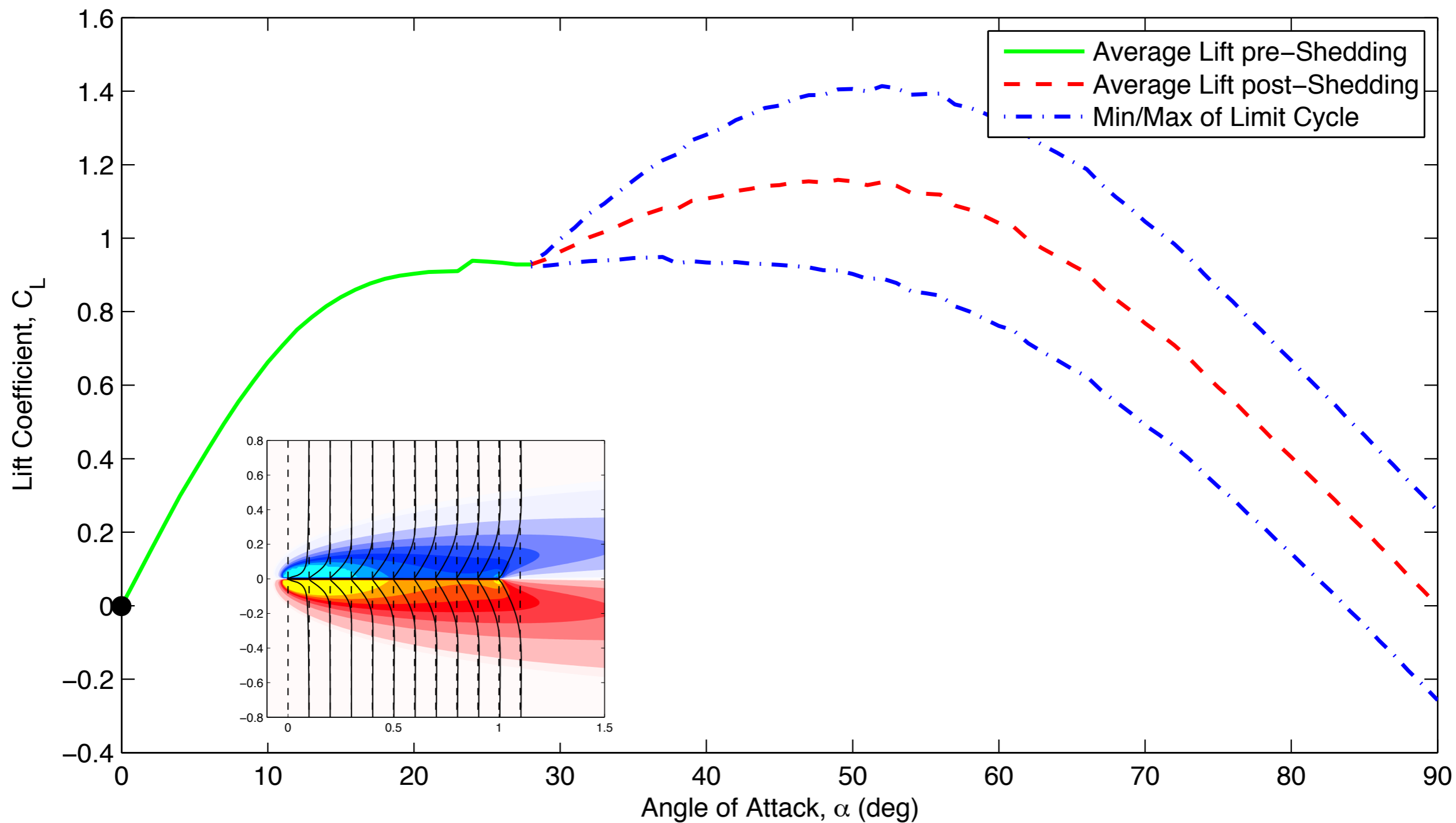


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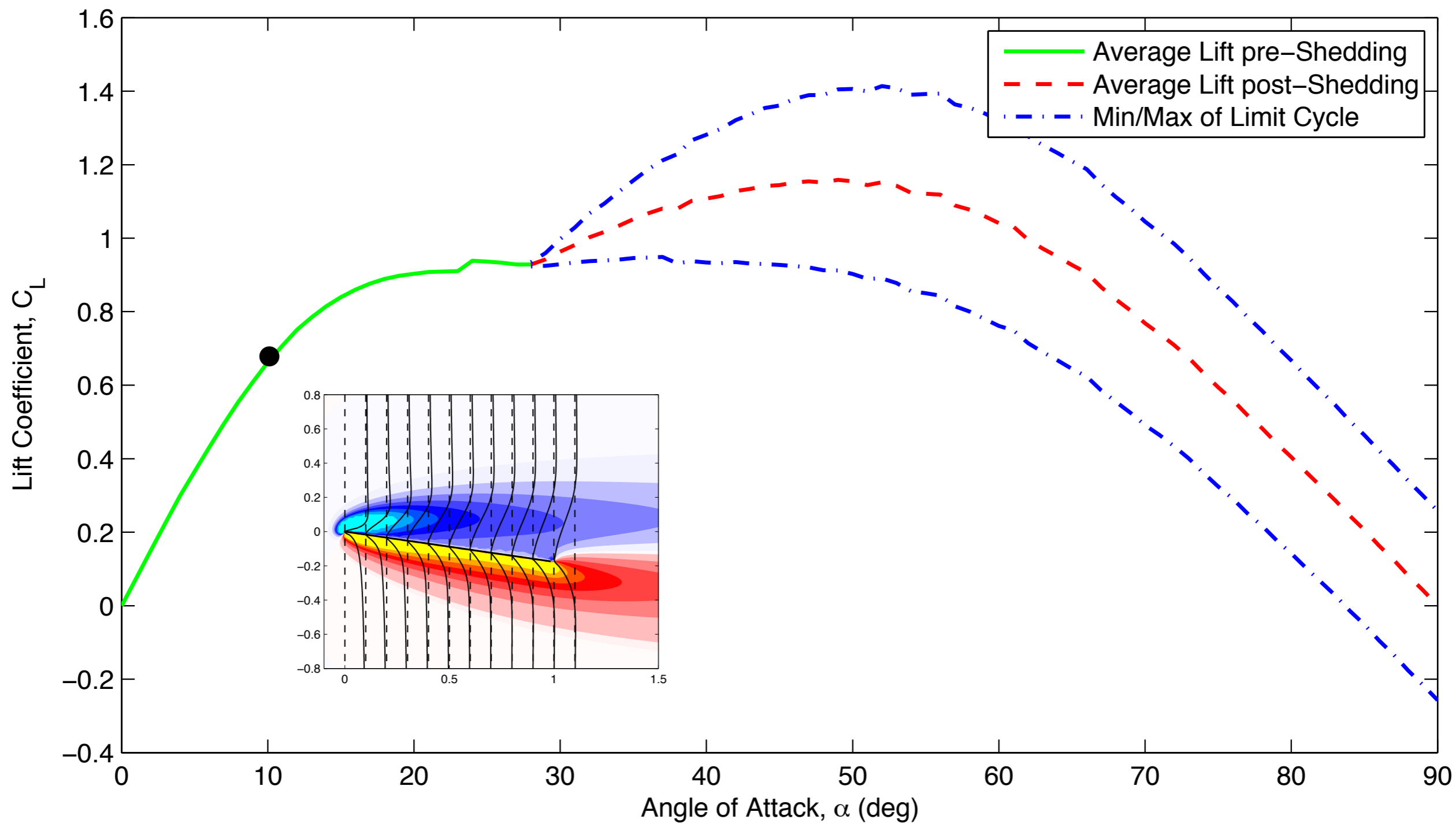


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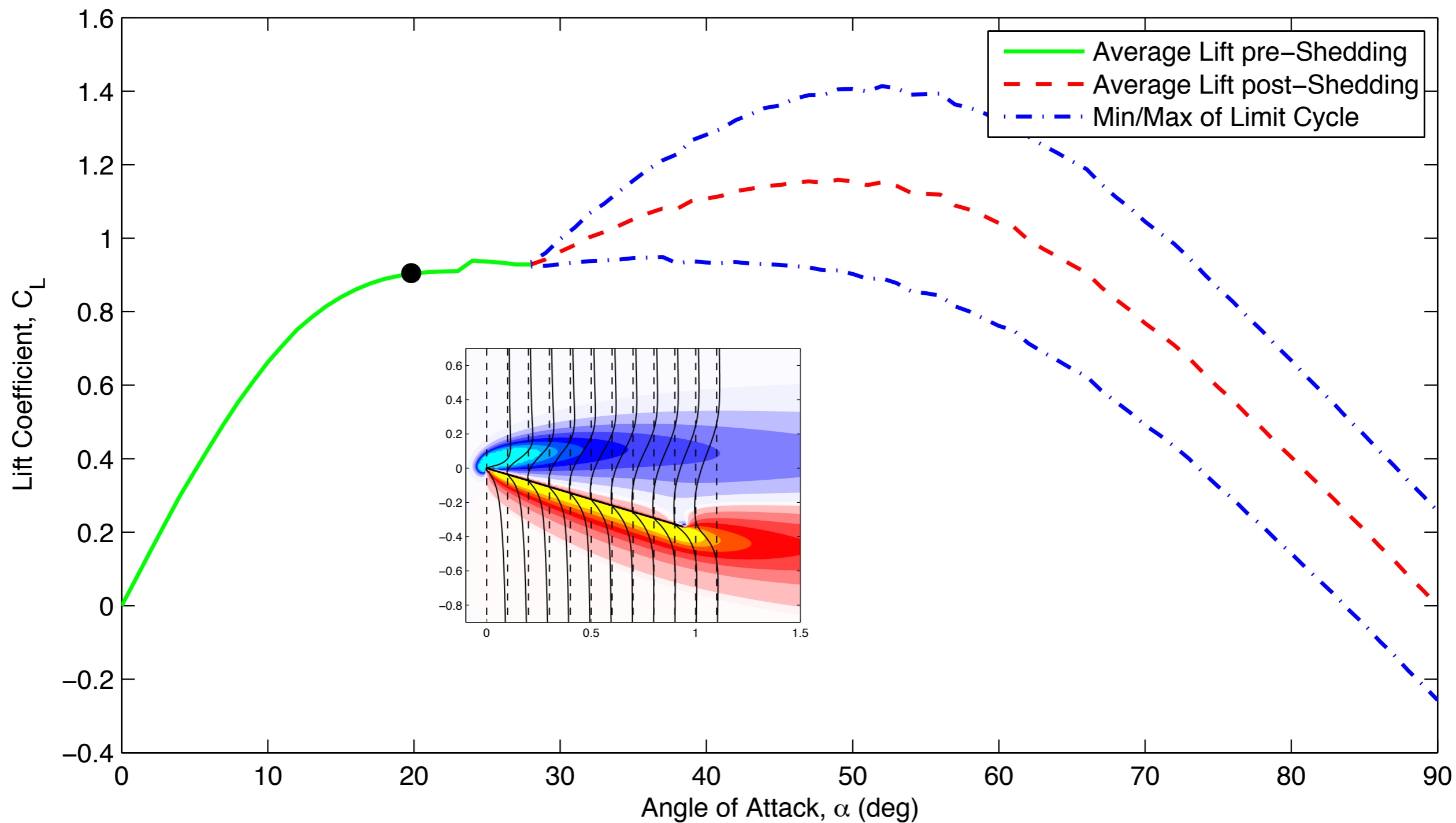


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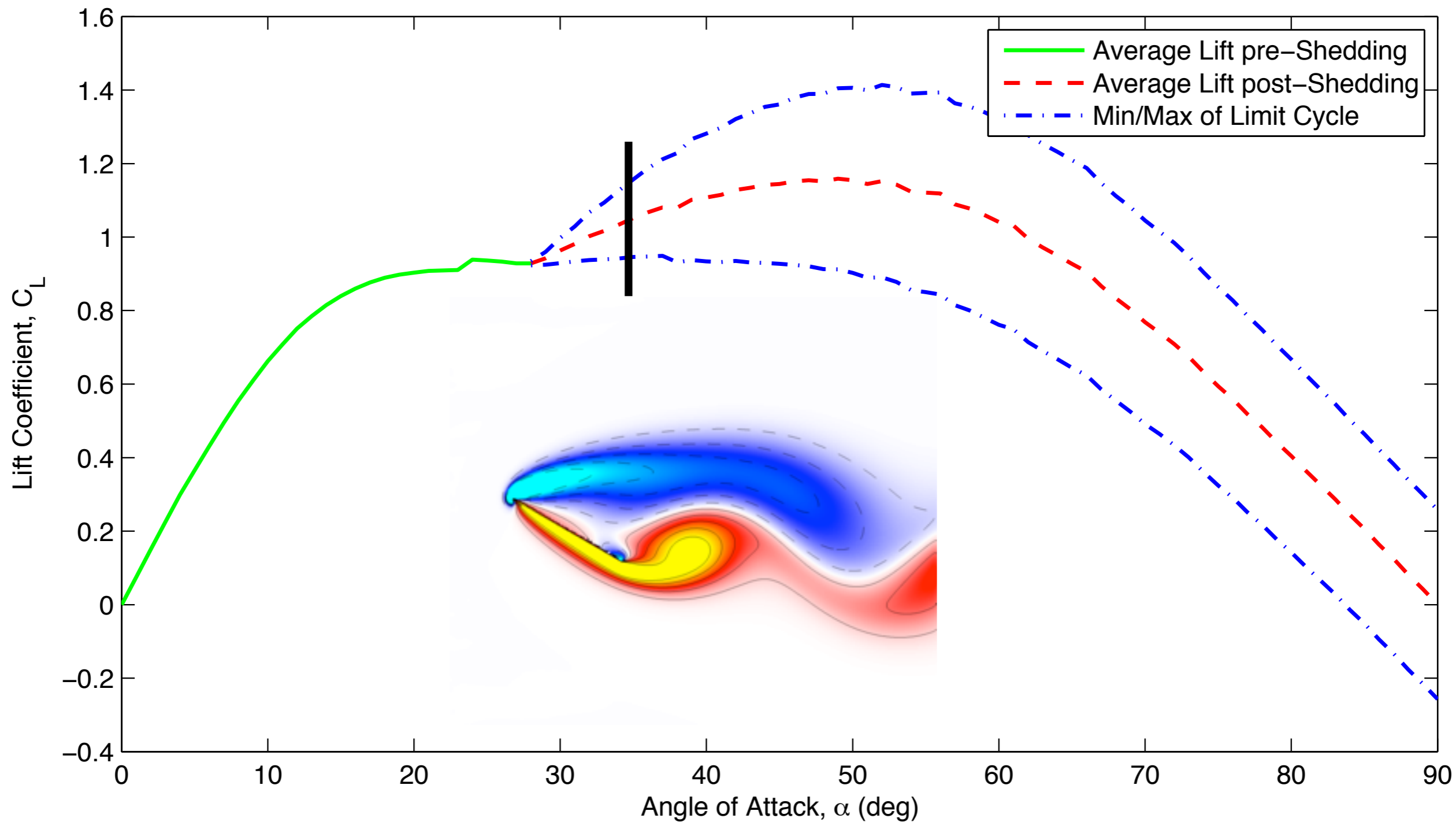


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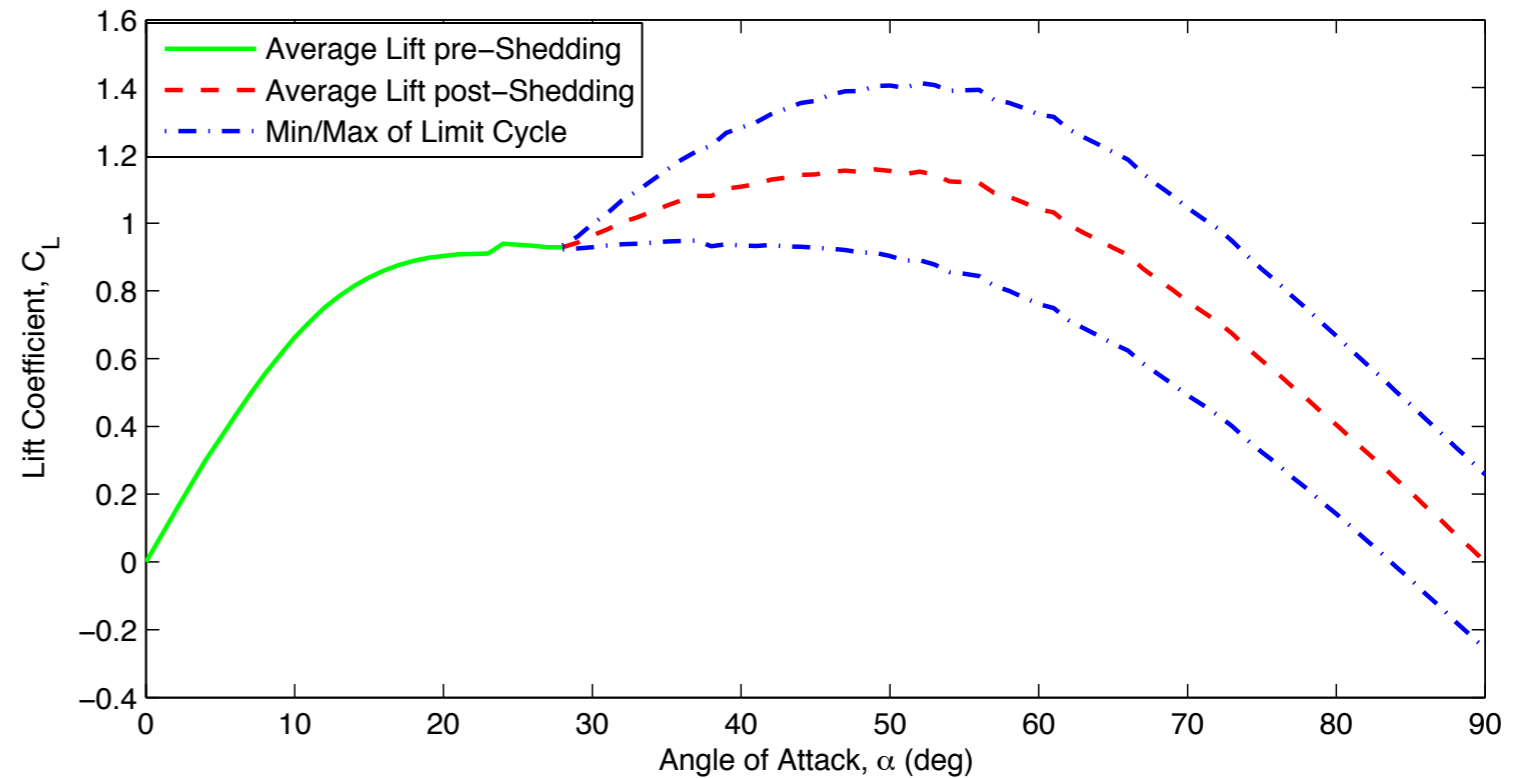
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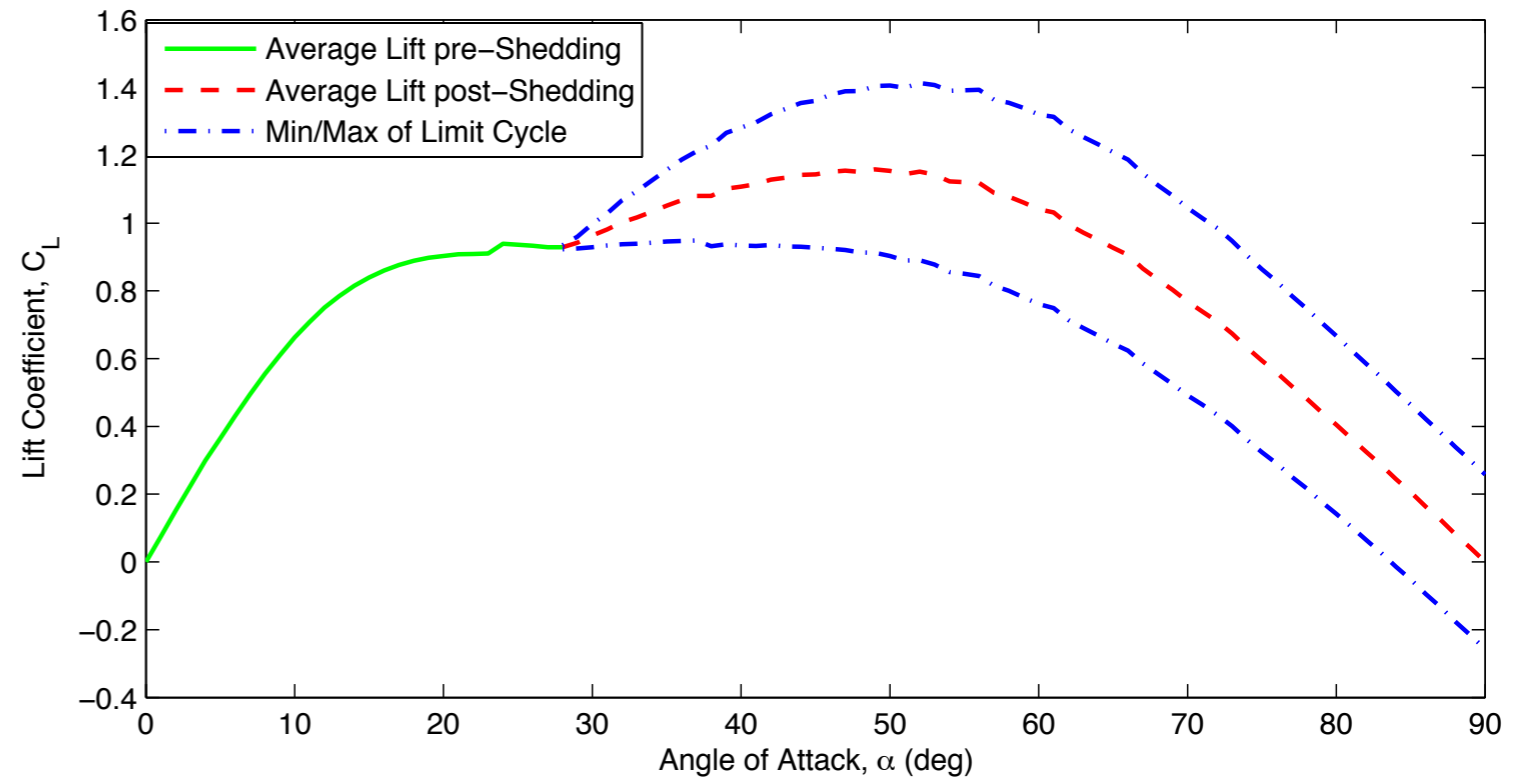
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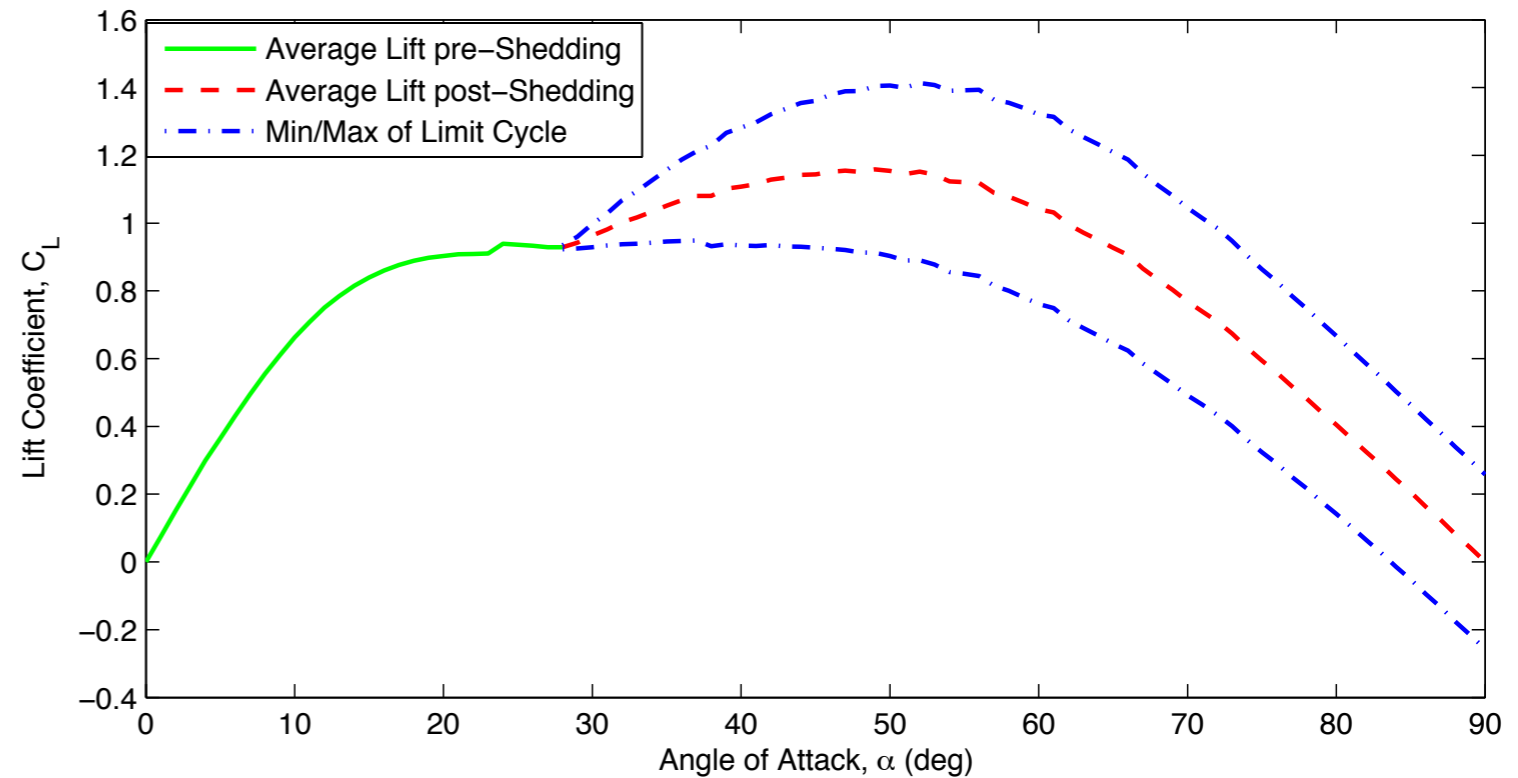
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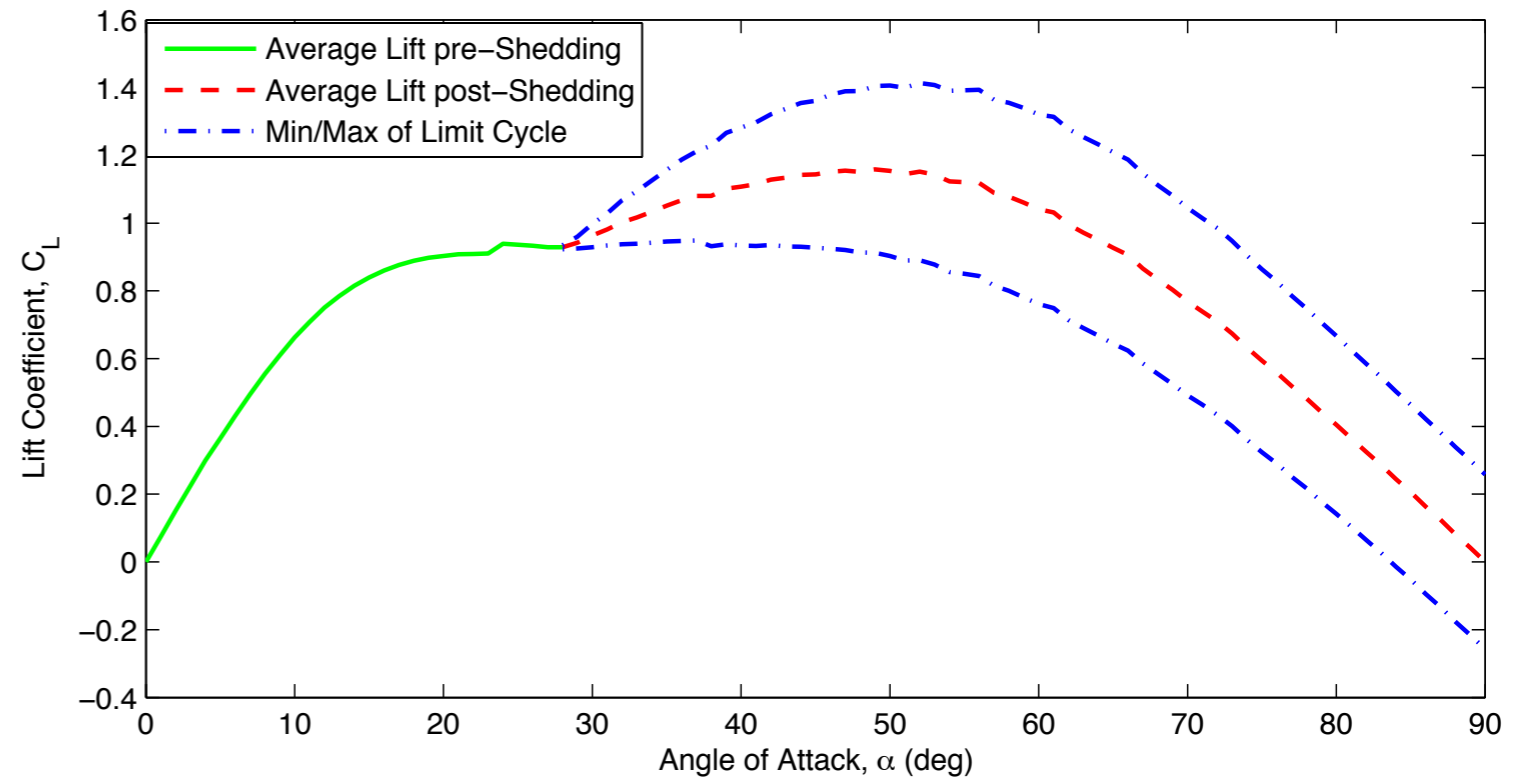
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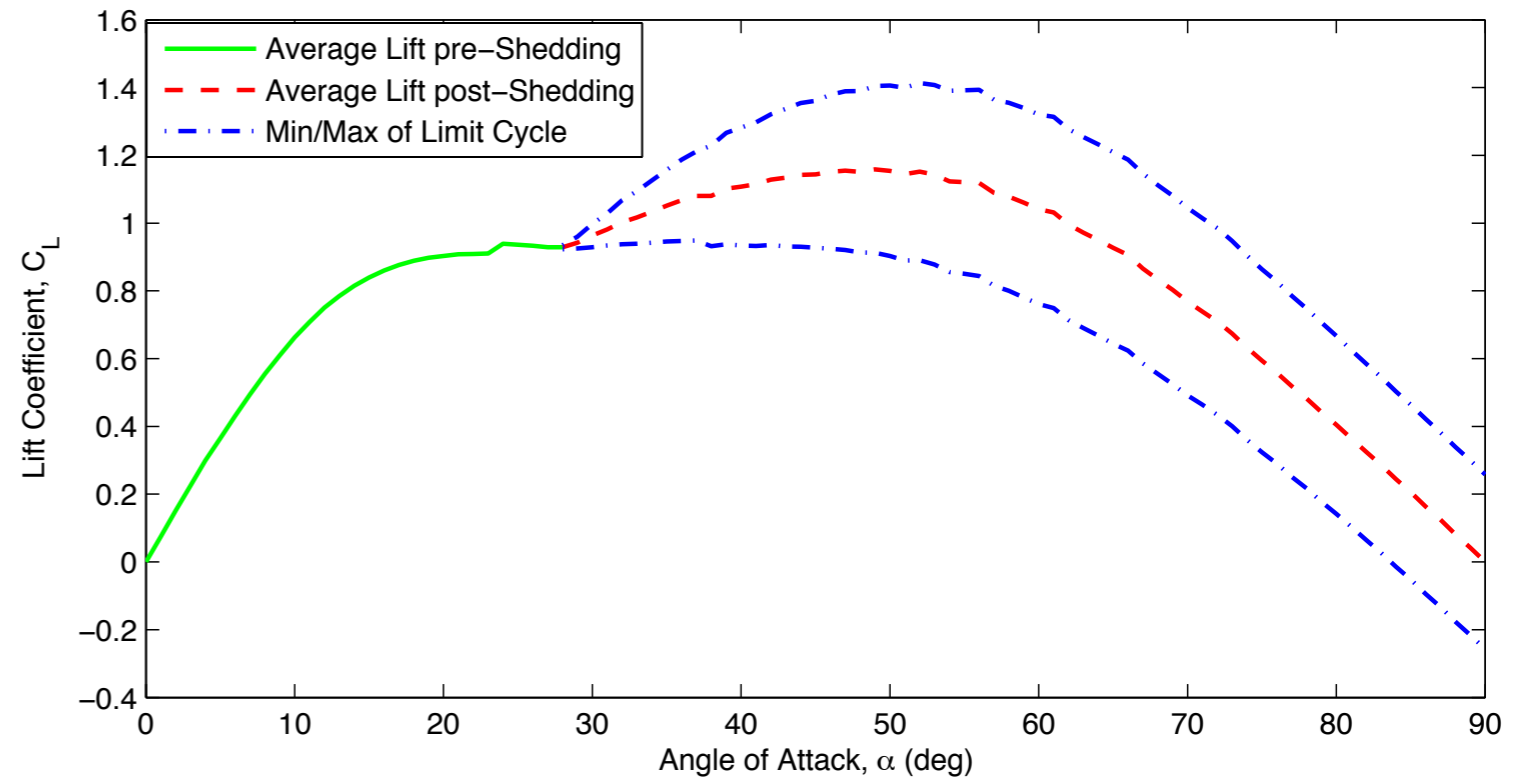
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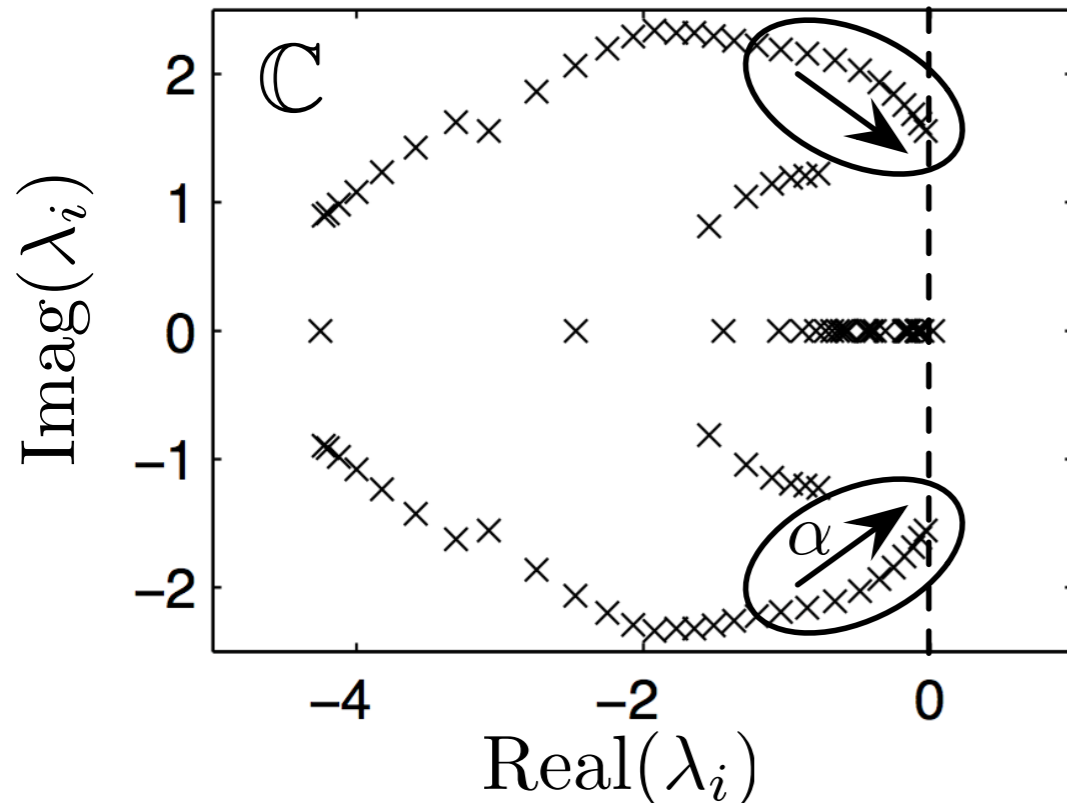
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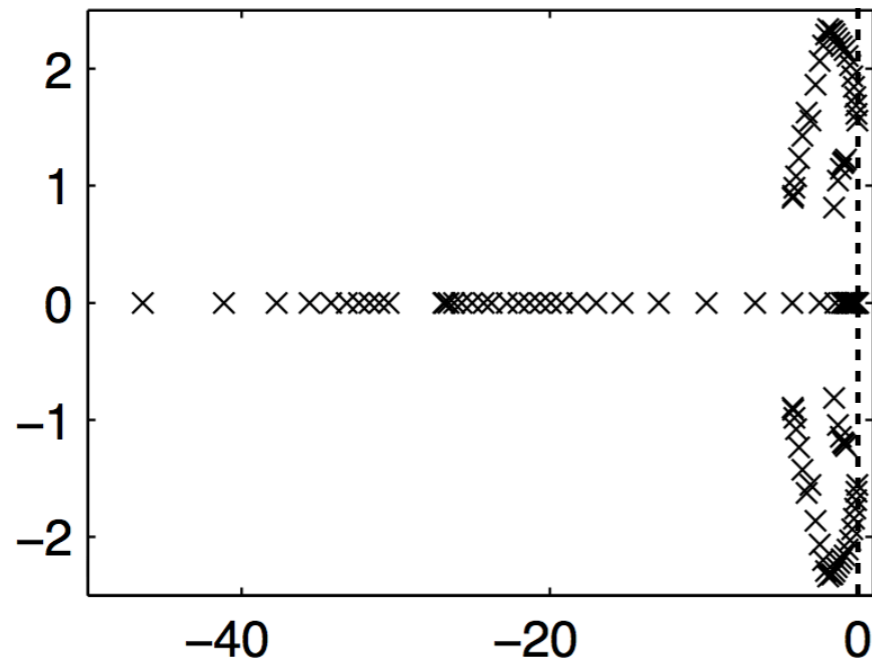
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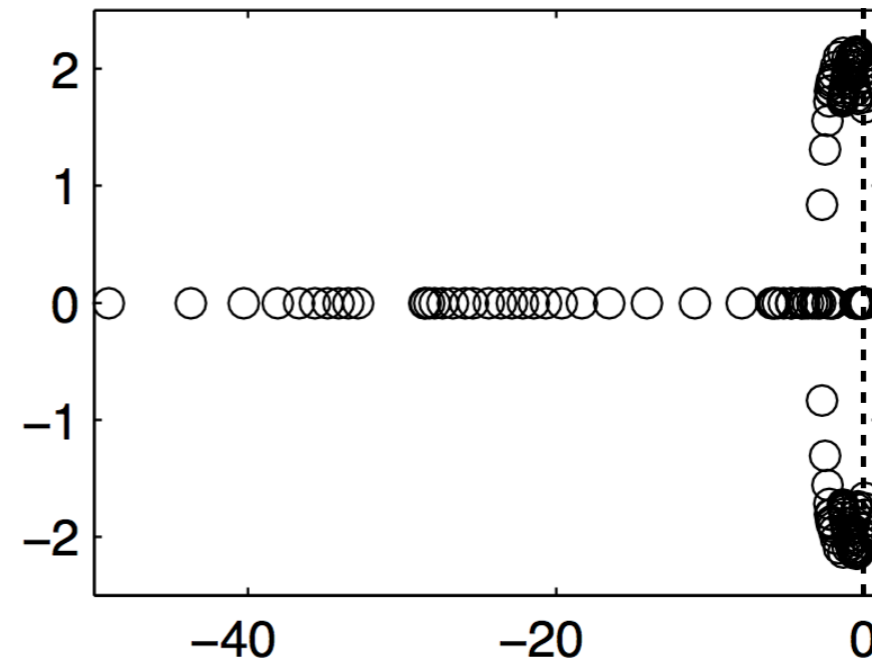
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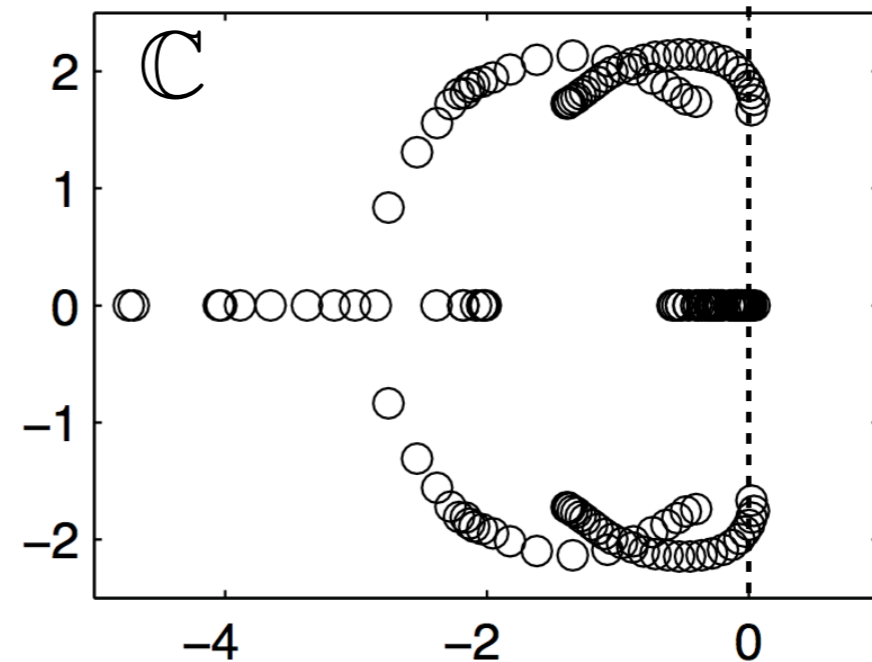
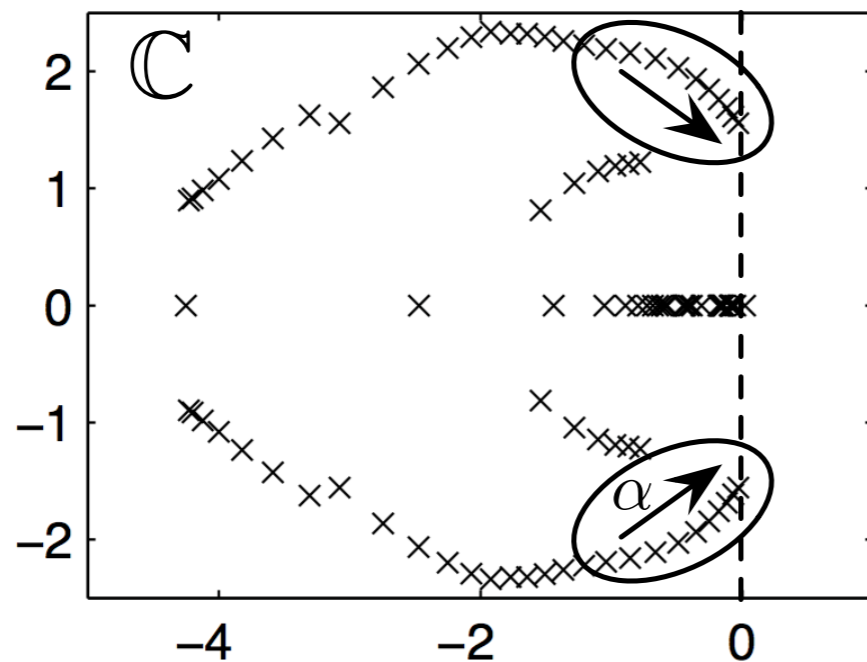
Poles and Zeros of ERA Models



Poles



Zeros



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

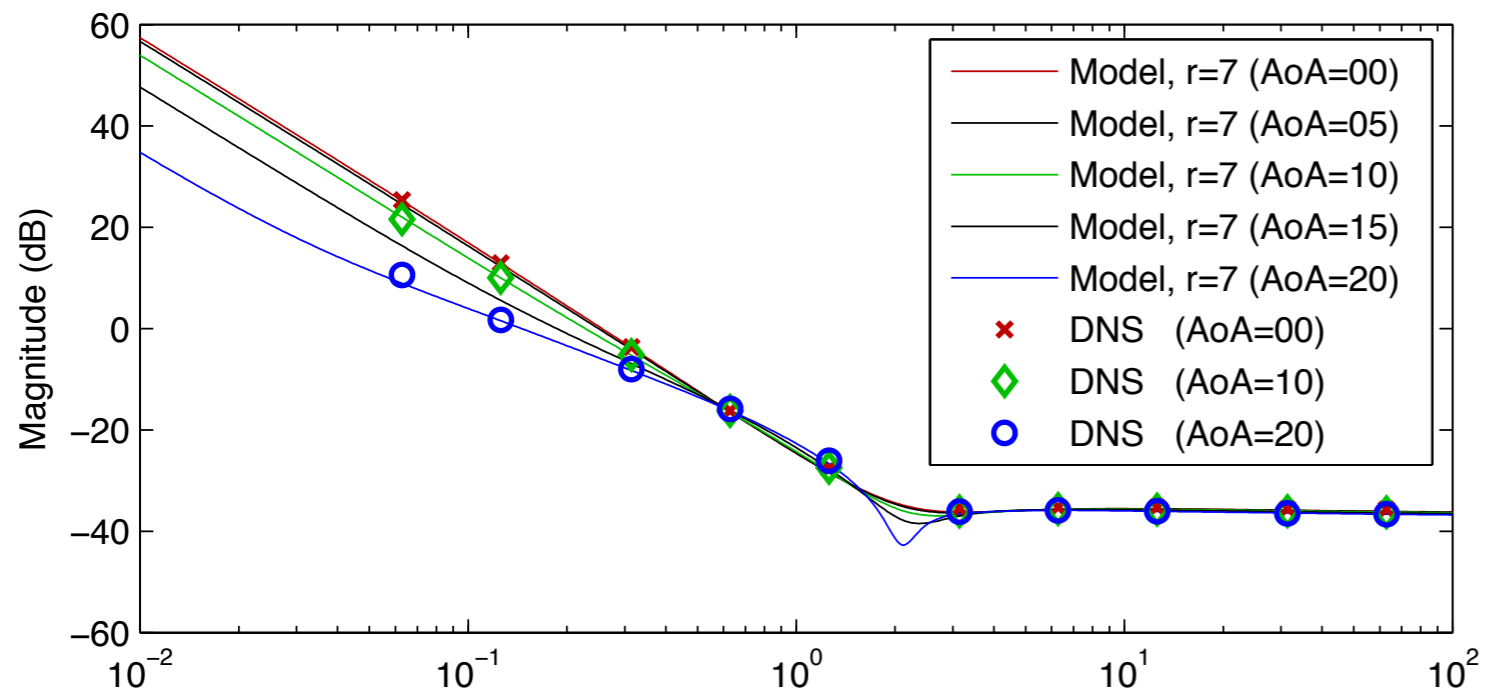
This is a good thing, because a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\alpha_{crit} \approx 28^\circ$



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



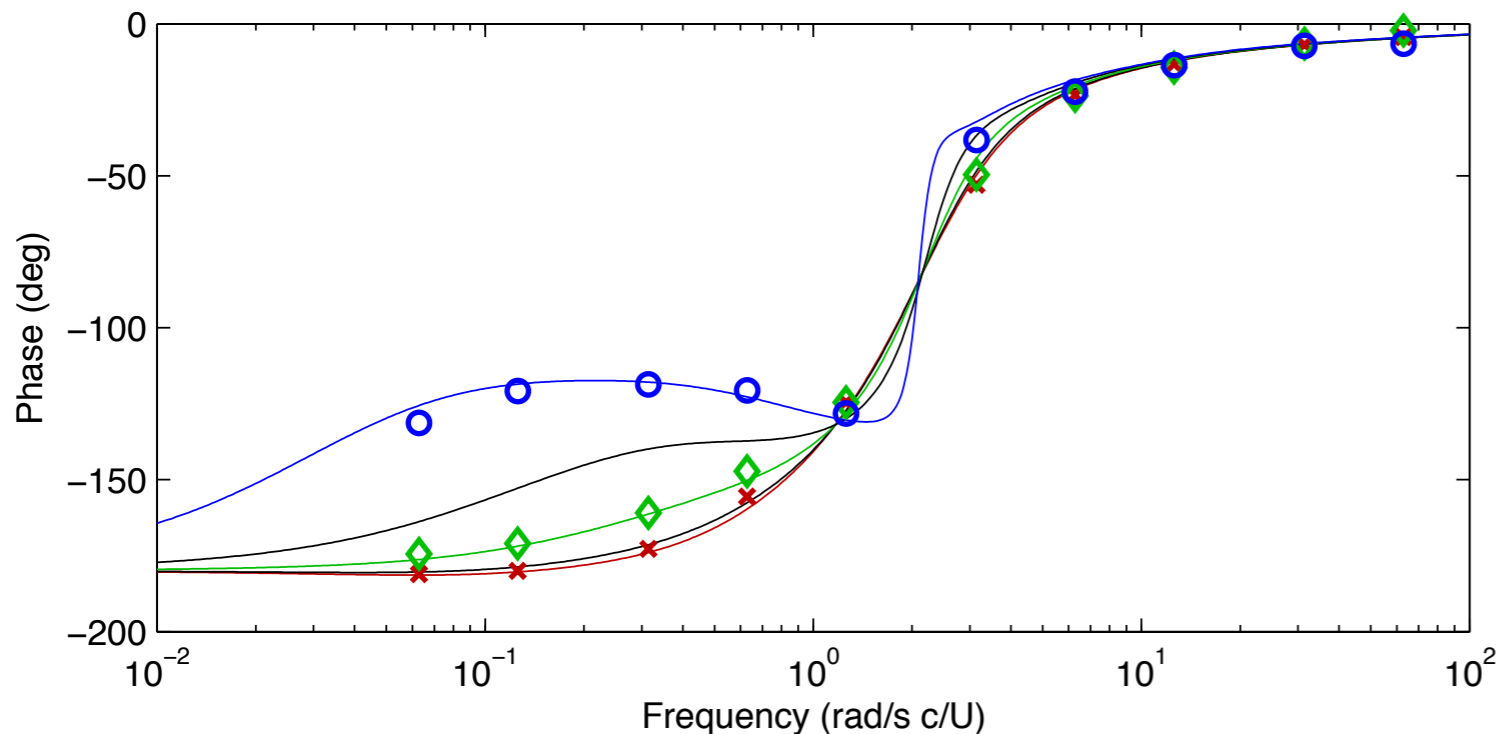
Frequency response for pitching about the leading edge



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.

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

Brunton and Rowley, AIAA ASM 2011



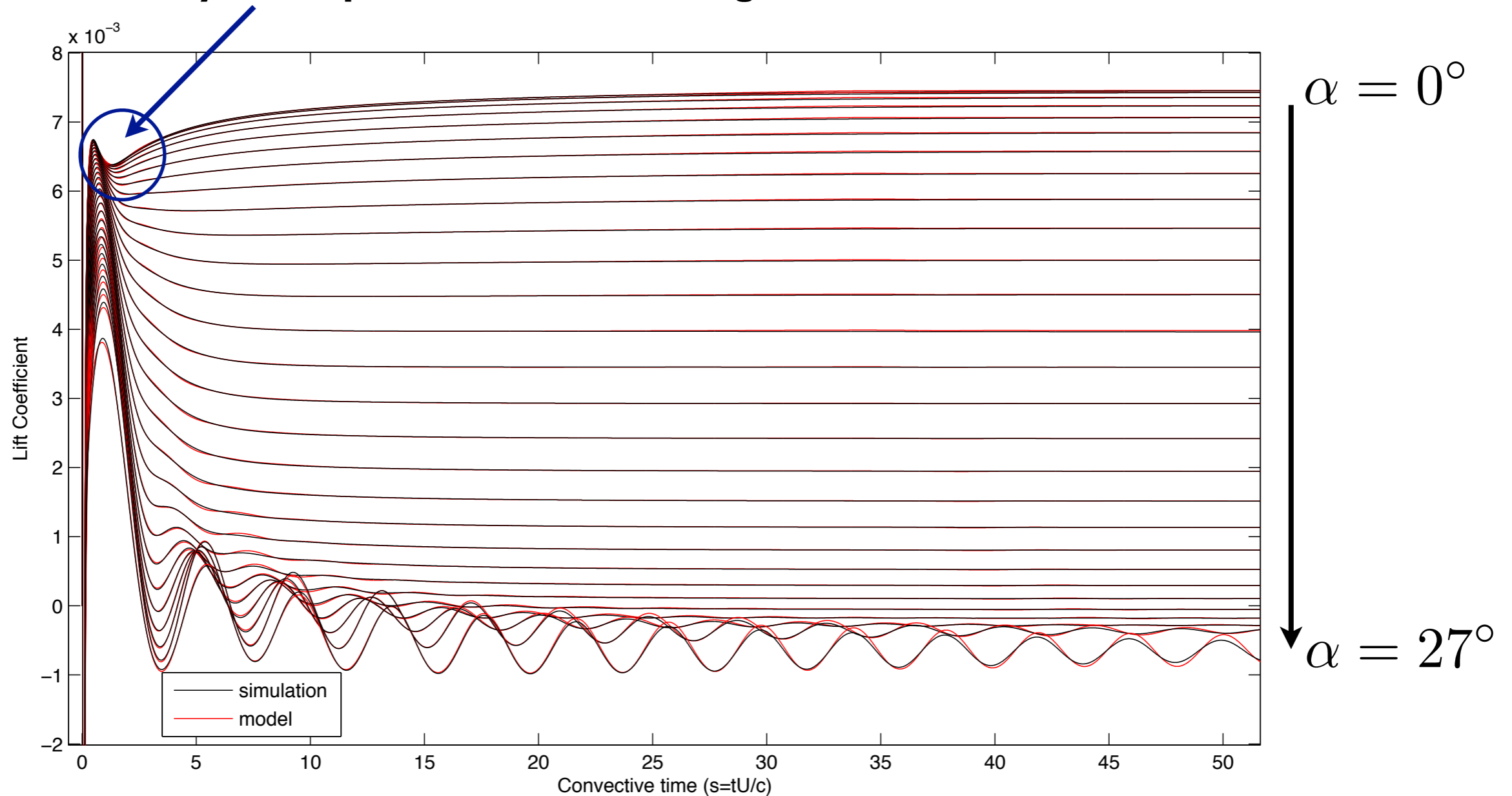
Models at various angle of attack



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

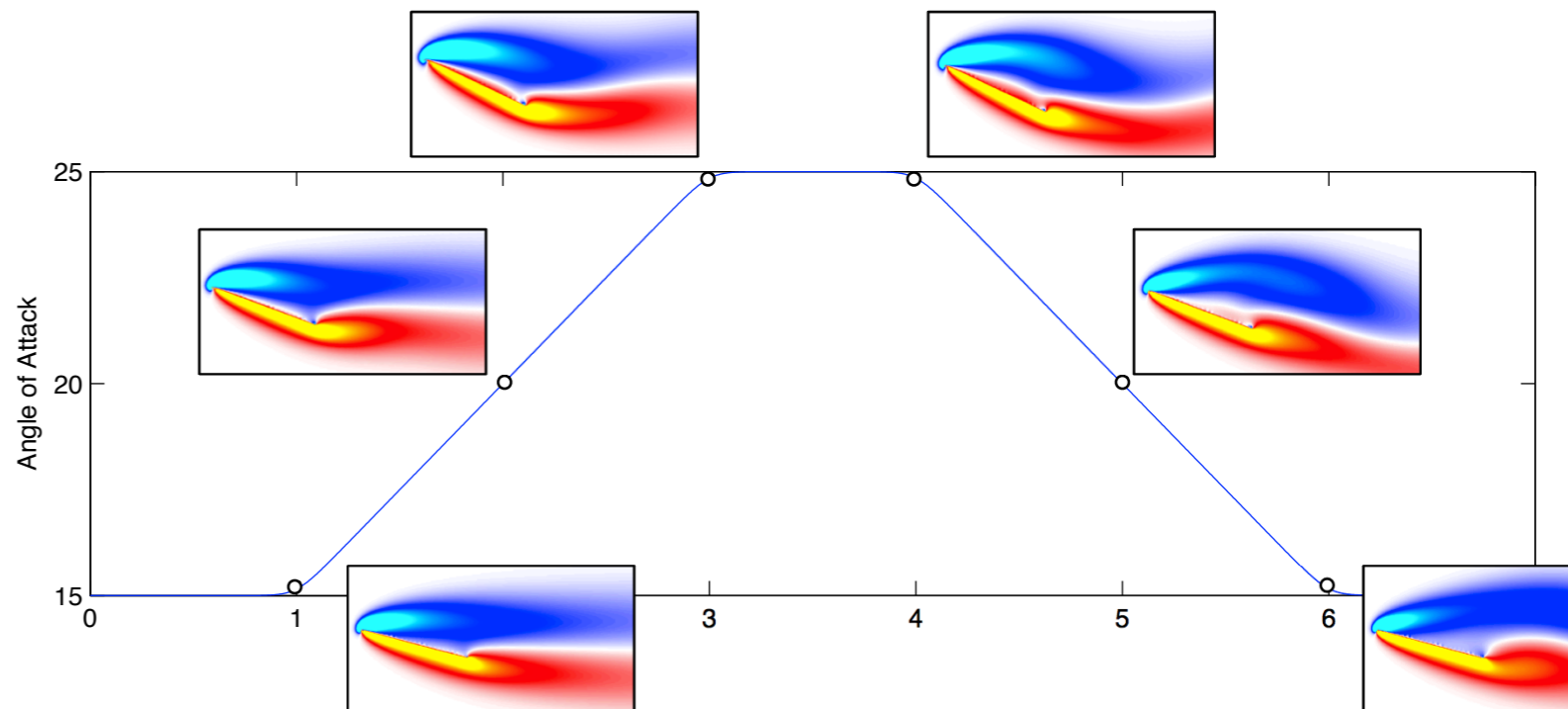
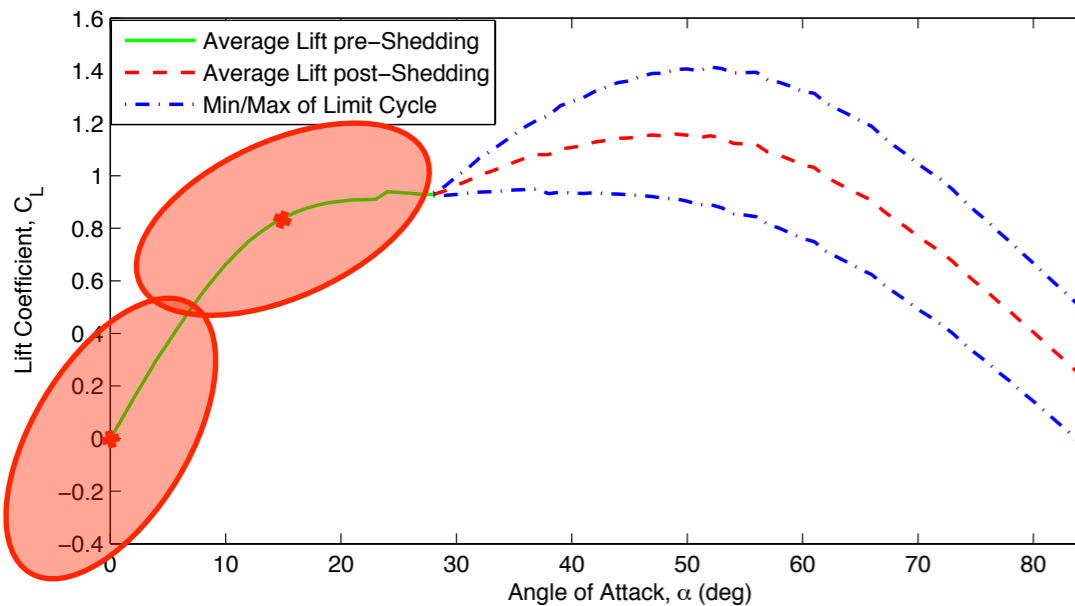
Initial lift $C_L(\alpha_0)$ **subtracted off**

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





Large Amplitude Maneuver



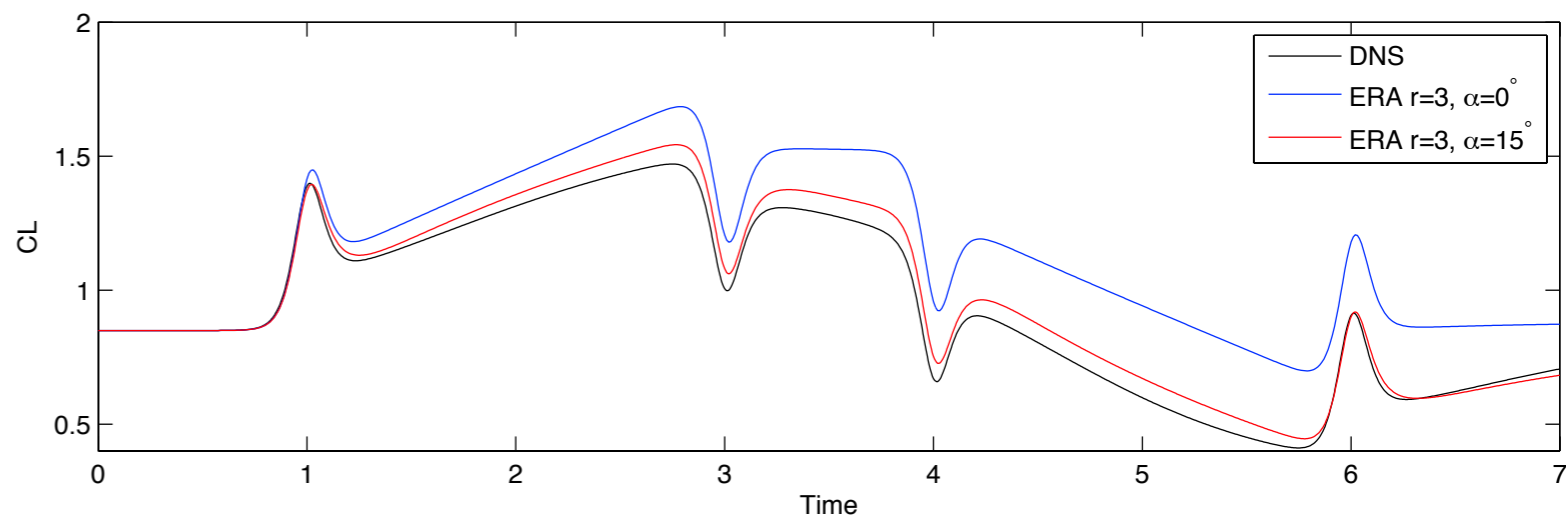
For pitching maneuver with

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

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

captures lift response more accurately

than model linearized at $\alpha = 0^\circ$



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

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



Summary



Aerodynamic models linearized from unsteady Navier-Stokes

- **Separate terms for added-mass, quasi-steady, and fluid transients**
 - **Transient dynamics modeled with the eigensystem realization algorithm**
 - **Accurate for separated flows up to the Hopf bifurcation**
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Future Directions

Interpolate between models linearized at different angle of attack

- **Low-order model states are different at each angle of attack**

Include nonlinear terms based on Hopf normal form

Develop H2 optimal controller for partially stalled wings

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