# BSCW High-Angle of Attack Computations Using KESTREL and AEROM

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# Outline

- Benchmark SuperCritical Wing (BSCW), Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop (AePW)
- Background
- AEROM
- Results
  - Alpha=0, 1, 3, and 5 degs (skip alpha=1 deg; similar to alpha=0 deg)
  - Amplitudes = 0.04, 0.01, 0.08, and 0.001 (modal)
  - Comparison of full solution GAFs vs ROM GAFs (error quantification)
  - Root locus
  - Comparison of full solution transients vs ROM transients (at a specified Q)

#### Benchmark Supercritical Wing (BSCW)

- Chosen as a challenging test case, flow-wise, but simple geometry
  - Strong shock with suspected shockinduced separated flow
- Some preliminary assessments from AePW
  - Computational methods had difficulty producing converged solutions due to flow field complexity
  - Complex flow field also observed in experimental data; Largest magnitude of dynamic behavior appears to represent shock oscillations
  - CFD solutions vary widely, even for static solution;



M=0.85, Re<sub>c</sub>=4.49 million, test medium: R-134a,  $\alpha = 5^{\circ}, \theta = 1^{\circ}, \text{ freq } 1 \& 10 \text{ Hz}$ 

#### Likely plan of action:

- Form technical working group of BSCW analysts
- Extensive study of available experimental data; characterize different flow phenomena
- Benchmark against more benign cases- lower Mach number, lower angle of attack
- Analyze the static (unforced) problem using time-accurate evaluation methods
- Study of time convergence criteria





#### From AePW-1 Debrief

# AePW-2 Summary of Results

- At Mach 0.74,  $\alpha$  = 0°
  - Small variation in computational results
  - Match the experimental results well
  - Match the linear results well
- At Mach 0.85,  $\alpha$  = 5°
  - Significant variation in predictions
  - No experimental data for comparison



# Background

- Application of KESTREL and KESTREL/AEROM to BSCW wing
- At M=0.74, alpha=0 deg, KESTREL, KESTREL/AEROM, FUN3D, and FUN3D/AEROM <u>all compare nearly exactly with data</u>
- At M=0.85, alpha=5 deg, large flow separation/unsteadiness; very challenging problem
- Large variance from one code to another at this condition; differences between KESTREL and FUN3D
- Goal of this analysis: evaluate application of AEROM using KESTREL at M=0.80 and alpha=0, 1, 3, and 5 deg (similar unsteadiness to M=0.85) <u>using multiple amplitude excitations</u> (Walsh functions)
- Follow-up with investigation of code-to-code comparisons





- Fixed-wing product in CREATE-Air Vehicles
- High-fidelity simulation tool
  - Full spectrum of flight conditions and missions
    - Incompressible to hypersonic
    - Cruise, maneuvering, take-off/landing, refueling, store carriage and release, precision air-drop, test facility modeling, and more...
  - Full spectrum of aircraft/weapons types
    - Fighter, bomber, tanker, cargo/transport, UAV/UAS, munitions
  - Coupled physics: aerodynamics, thermochemistry, structural dynamics, propulsion, flight controls, separation/contact/collision, 6-DoF motion w/ generalized constraints, aero-heating
  - Easy for users to learn, use, customize, and extend
    - "Simple things are easy, complex things are possible."
- Thanks to Dr. Steven Lamberson for this slide



#### **Unsteady Aerodynamic State-Space ROM**



# BSCW Application (KESTREL), Two modes

\*.fmh file

\*.modes file



- Intentional accounting for nonlinearity:
  - Input amplitude variation (<u>amplitude-dependent nonlinearity</u>)
  - Simultaneous inputs (capture nonlinear cross-terms missed by one-at-a-time inputs )

#### **Error Minimization (Unsteady Aerodynamics)**



#### Aeroelastic Simulation ROM (Simulink Model)



- Includes Unsteady Aero ROM and Structural Dynamic ROM
- A MATLAB-based replica of the CFD aeroelastic solution process
- Used to compare ROM responses at <u>any</u> dynamic pressure with full KESTREL or FUN3D solutions
- Computes generalized coordinates and GAFs
- Can be used for static and dynamic AE solutions

#### Aeroelastic Root Locus Plot Using Aeroelastic Simulation ROM



#### System Identification for MIMO Stability & Control Systems

"Characterizing Aerodynamic Damping of a Supersonic Missile with CFD", Shelton (AF), Martin (AF), Silva (NASA), SciTech 2018



#### Pitch Moment Damping

Walsh Functions vs Harmonic Motion and Reference



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#### Walsh Function Amplitudes and Alphas Coarse Mesh

| Modal Amp/Alpha (deg) | 0 (K) | 1     | 3 (K) | 5 (K) |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.04                  | M8A0a | M8A1a | M8A3a | M8A5a |
| 0.01                  | M8A0b | M8A1b | M8A3b | M8A5b |
| 0.08                  | M8A0c | M8A1c | M8A3c | M8A5c |
| 0.001                 | M8A0d | M8A1d | M8A3d | M8A5d |

K = comparison with full KESTREL solution available or underway; using 'Venkat' limiter

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KESTREL Solutions: Alpha = 0 deg, Q = 100 psf, Initial Modal Velocity = 5
Alpha = 3 deg, Q = 100 psf, Initial Modal Velocity = 5
Alpha = 5 deg, Q = 50 psf, 130 psf, Initial Modal Velocity = 5
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NAS CPU Cost

**Single ROM solution**: 10K steps, 240 cores, <u>9hrs 45min (set up for high alpha case; shorter duration for benign cases)</u> Full Solution <u>per Q</u>: 15K steps, 240 cores, <u>53 hrs 04min (~5.5 cycles)</u>

# Alpha = 0 deg

### M8A0a – ROM/KESTREL GAFs





# M8A0a – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus





### M8A0a – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



Qf = 178.8 psf

### M8A0a – ROM Responses (SIMULINK)

Q = 129.6 psf



Q = 187.2 psf



#### M8A0a – ROM/KESTREL Responses, Q=100 psf

Mode 1

Mode 2





#### M8A0a – ROM/KESTREL Responses, Q=100 psf

Mode 1

Mode 2







#### M8A0b – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus





## M8A0c – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus





### M8A0d – ROM/KESTREL GAFs

a .04
b .01
c .08
d .001

#### M8A0d – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



# Alpha = 3 deg



.04

а



## M8A3a – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus







# M8A3b – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus







# M8A3c – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



### M8A3c – ROM Responses

Q = 172.8 psf

Q = 187.2 psf







#### M8A3d – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



#### M8A3d – ROM Responses

Q = 216 psf



# Alpha = 5 deg



#### M8A5a – ROM/KESTREL GAFs

a .04
b .01
c .08
d .001

#### M8A5a – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



Q = 50 psf, Mode 1

Frequency



Time



Q = 50 psf, Mode 2

Frequency





Q = 130 psf, Mode 1

Frequency

Time



Q = 130 psf, Mode 2

Frequency

Time





### M8A5b – ROM/KESTREL GAFs







# M8A5b – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus





#### M8A5c – ROM/KESTREL GAFs



## M8A5c – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus





### M8A5d – ROM/KESTREL GAFs



#### M8A5d – ROM/KESTREL Root Locus



# ROM/KESTREL Root Locus Plot Comparison M=0.80, alpha=0, 5 deg

Alpha=0 deg

#### Alpha=5 deg





# Conclusions (Thus Far)

- At benign conditions (alpha=0 deg), all ROMs provide same result; gratifying, as it indicates linearized flow dynamics
- As alpha is increased, variations between the different ROMs (amplitudes) start to become obvious
- At alpha=5 deg, there are noticeable differences between the ROMs, indicating that the higher-amplitude ROMs do a better job (at this condition) of predicting the aeroelastic responses at multiple dynamic pressures
- So far, ROM Flutter Q=179 psf; KESTREL Flutter Q=168 psf (~6.5%)
- Will continue analyses at AePW-4 recommended conditions.