



Robust Analysis and Synthesis for Linear Parameter Varying Systems

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Gary Balas (1960-2014)





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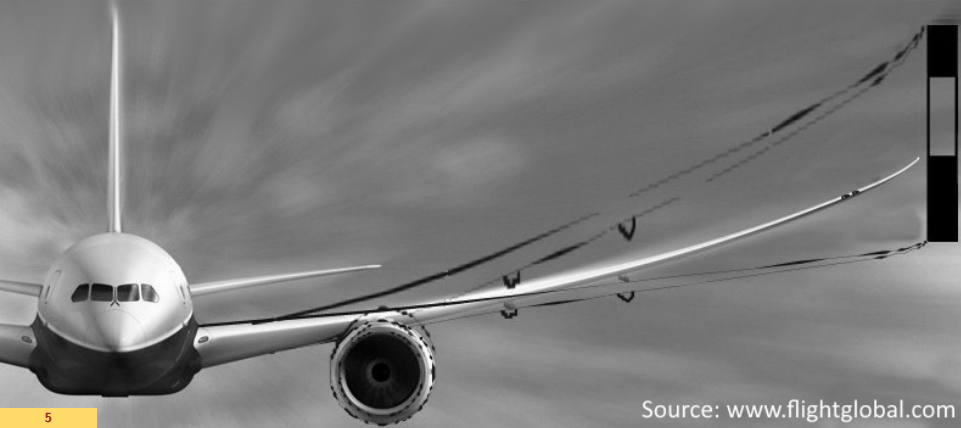
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Aeroelasticity

Efficient aircraft design

- lightweight structures
- high aspect ratios





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Light weight, high aspect ratio, flexible wings



Classical Approach



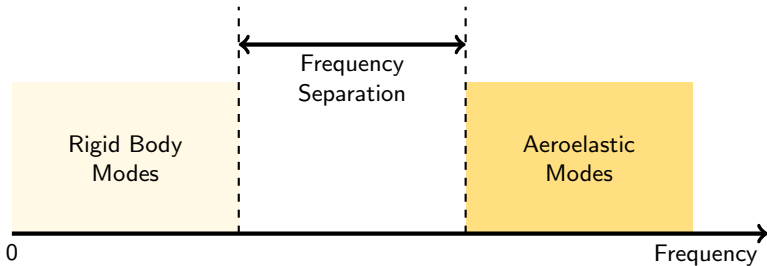


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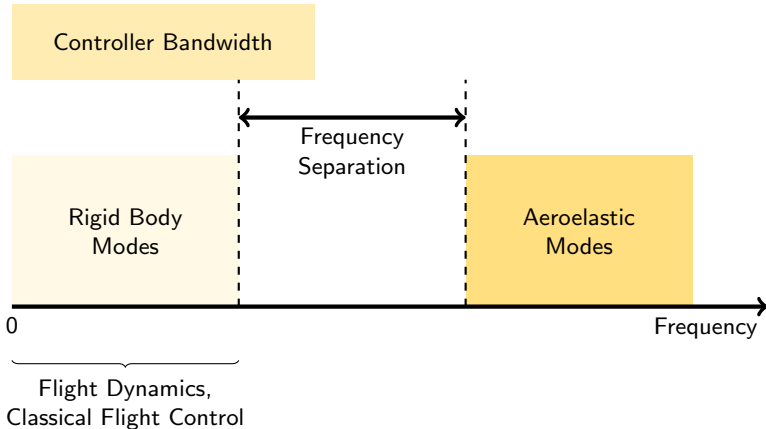


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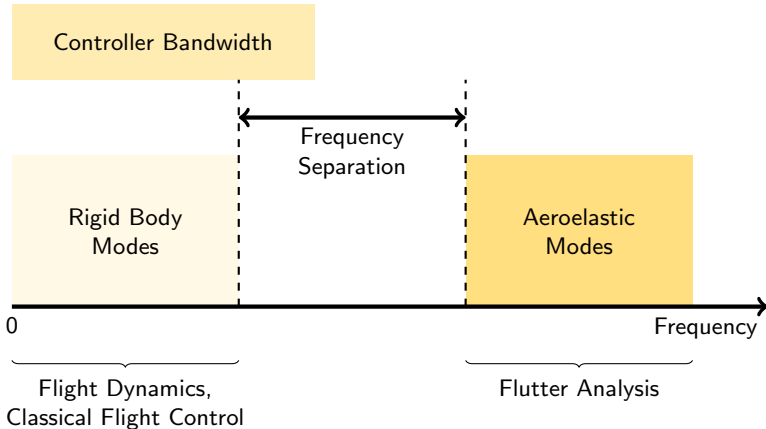


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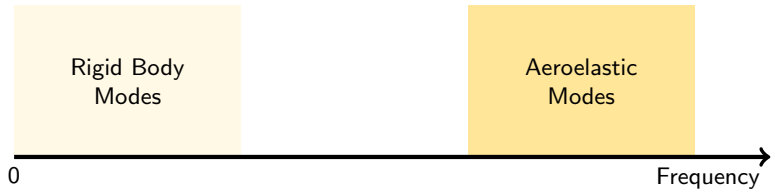




Flutter



Flexible Aircraft Challenges



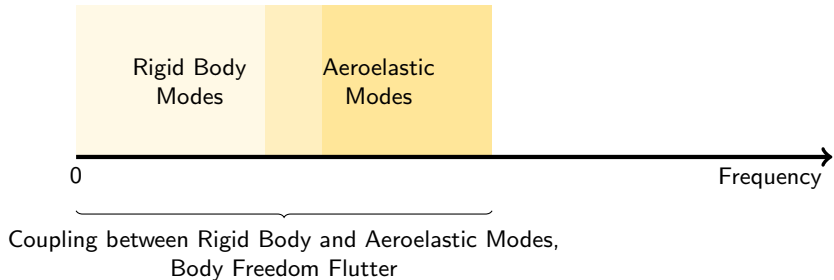


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Flexible Aircraft Challenges

Integrated Control Design

Rigid Body
Modes

Aeroelastic
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Frequency

Coupling between Rigid Body and Aeroelastic Modes,
Body Freedom Flutter



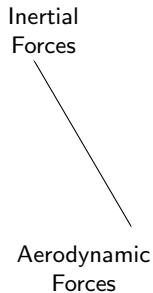
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Lockheed Martin BFF



Aeroservoelastic Model

Flight Dynamics



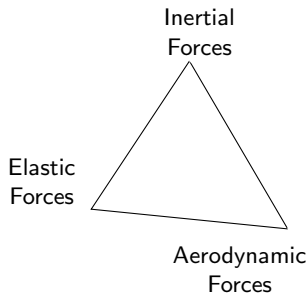
Rigid Body Dynamics

- Classical 6 degree of freedom equations of motion
- Steady aerodynamics



Aeroservoelastic Model

Aeroelasticity



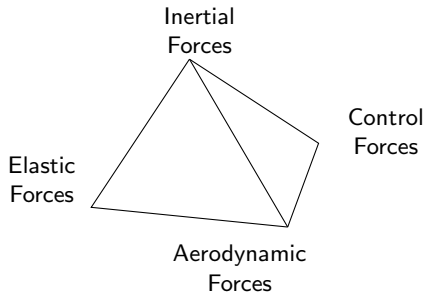
Flexible Aircraft

- Rigid body dynamics (6 DoF)
- Structural dynamics (typically 6-8 modes)
- Unsteady aerodynamics (typically 2 lag states per mode)



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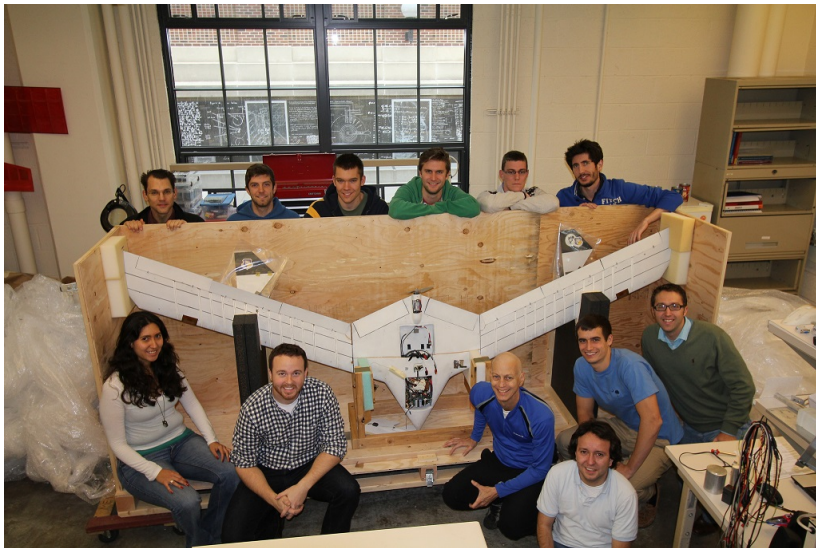


High dimensional, strongly coupled models

- Rigid body dynamics (from flight dynamics)
- Structural dynamics (from finite element method)
- Unsteady aerodynamics (from potential theory)



Body Freedom Flutter Vehicle





mini-MUTT Aircraft at UMN



UMN mini-MUTT

Key Features:

- Low-cost, modular flight research infrastructure
- Design based on the Lockheed Martin BFF vehicle
- Parallels X-56 Flight test program at NASA
- Fabricated completely in-house
- Detachable wings of various flexibility



Flight Test of Rigid Wing mini-MUTT



Current Status of the Flexible Wing



Next Steps:

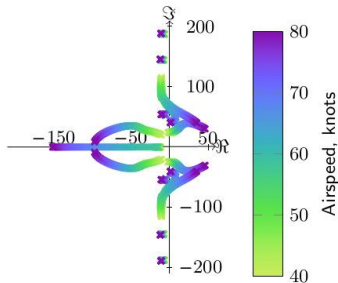
- Finish building flexible wings
- Flight test campaign this summer



Limitation of Classical Approaches

Classical approaches are not suitable for control of flexible aircraft

Parameter Dependent Dynamics



Model Uncertainty

Aerodynamics:

- Simple potential theory based model
- Rational approximation of unsteady effects

Structural Dynamics:

- Simple beam model
- Estimates of mass and inertia properties



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Aeroservoelastic Models

Nonlinear equation of motion:

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$$y(t) = h(x(t), u(t), \rho(t)),$$

where ρ is a vector of measurable, exogenous signals, in this case airspeed.



BFF Vehicle

Parameterized Trim Points: Assume there are trim points $(\bar{x}(\rho), \bar{u}(\rho), \bar{y}(\rho))$ parameterized by ρ :

$$0 = f(\bar{x}(\rho), \bar{u}(\rho), \rho)$$

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Time-Varying Linearization: Linearize around $(\bar{x}(\rho(t)), \bar{u}(\rho(t)), \bar{y}(\rho(t)), \rho(t))$

$$\dot{\delta}_x = A(\rho)\delta_x + B(\rho)\delta_u + \Delta_f(\delta_x, \delta_u, \rho) - \dot{\bar{x}}(\rho)$$

$$\dot{\delta}_y = C(\rho)\delta_x + D(\rho)\delta_u + \Delta_h(\delta_x, \delta_u, \rho)$$

where $A(\rho) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\bar{x}(\rho), \bar{u}(\rho), \rho)$, etc.



LPV Systems

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Comments:

- LPV theory is an extension of classical gain-scheduling used in industry, e.g. flight controls.
- Large body of literature in 90s: Shamma, Packard, Gahinet, Scherer, and many others.
- LPVTools: Toolbox developed by Balas, Packard, Seiler, and Hjartarson.



LPV Systems

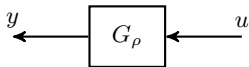
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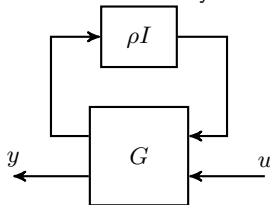
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Grid based LPV systems



LFT based LPV systems



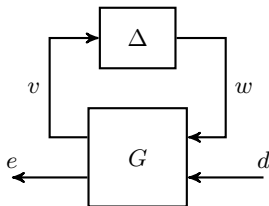


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Integral Quadratic Constraints (IQCs)

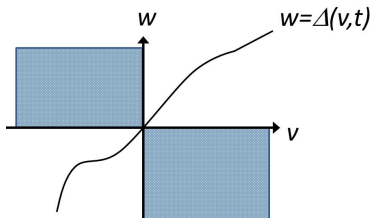
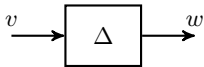
IQCs provide a general framework for analysis of a known **LTI** system G under perturbations Δ (Megretski & Rantzer, '97 TAC).



Goal: Extend framework to cases where known system is **LPV**, e.g. robustness margins for flexible aircraft.



Example: Passive System



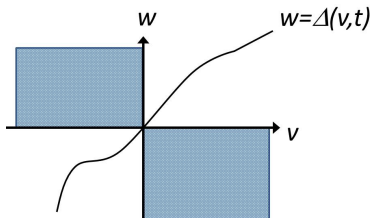
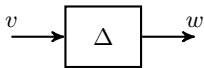
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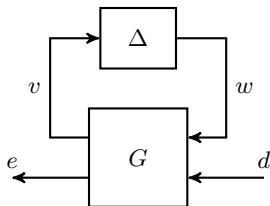


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Pointwise quadratic constraint



Analysis: Circle Criterion



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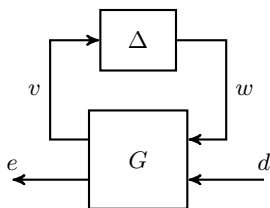
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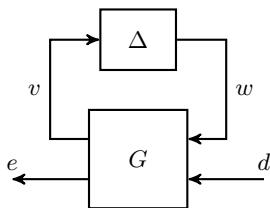
Proof: Let $d \in L[0, \infty)$ be any input signal and $x(0) = 0$. Integrate:

$$V(x(T)) + \int_0^T \begin{bmatrix} v(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} dt < \int_0^T d(t)^T d(t) dt - e(t)^T e(t) dt$$

Left side is ≥ 0 by $V \geq 0$ and passivity.



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Comments:

1. The proof relied on $V \geq 0$ and the passivity constraint. More general integral quadratic constraints (IQCs) can be incorporated, e.g. Zames-Falb.
2. Eq (1) is a matrix inequality when G is LTI and V is quadratic. Convex optimization can be used to efficiently search over combinations of IQCs.



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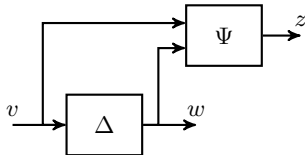
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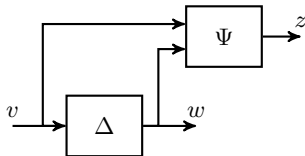
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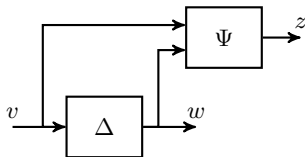
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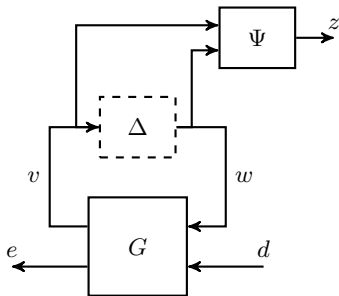
IQC Analysis (Megretski/Rantzer, '97 TAC)

Summary:

- 1 Analysis involves frequency domain conditions on G and IQC multiplier(s) Π .
- 2 Proof uses a homotopy method.
- 3 **Any** stable factorization $\Pi = \Psi^* M \Psi$ and KYP lemma leads to an LMI.
- 4 LMI condition can be written as:

$$\dot{V} + z^T M z < d^T d - e^T e$$

Neither $V \geq 0$ nor $\int_0^T z(t)^T M z(t) dt \geq 0$ holds, in general.



Question:

Is there an equivalent dissipation inequality proof?



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Thm.: Partition $\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{21}^* \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} \end{bmatrix}$. Π has a J-spectral factorization if $\Pi_{11}(j\omega) > 0$ and $\Pi_{22}(j\omega) < 0 \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$.

Proof: Use equalizing vectors thm. of Meinsma (SCL, 1995) ■.



Utility of Time-Domain Approach

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Under some technical conditions, the frequency-domain conditions in (M/R, '97 TAC) are equivalent to the time-domain dissipation inequality conditions.

Consequences:

The time-domain dissipation inequality conditions can be extended for:

- 1 LPV robustness analysis (Pfifer & Seiler, '14 IJRNC); (Pfifer & Seiler, in prep.)
- 2 LPV robust synthesis for general case (Wang, Pfifer, & Seiler, submitted to Aut) and robust filter/feedforward synthesis (Venkataraman & Seiler, in prep.)
- 3 Optimization analysis with ρ -hard IQCs (Lessard, Recht, & Packard)
- 4 Nonlinear analysis using SOS techniques

Item 1 has been implemented in `LPVTools`. Item 2 parallels results by (Scherer, Kose, and Veenman) for LFT-type LPV systems.



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Upcoming Flight Test Plans

NASA X-56a:

- A. Hjartarson (Musyn) used LPVTools to synthesis (nominal) LPV controllers and assess robustness.
- NASA designed their own gain-scheduled control law.

UMN mini-MUTT:

- Finish flex wing and begin flight tests.
- Validate control-oriented aeroelastic models incorporating data from flight tests and high fidelity CFD/CSD models.
- New approaches for model order reduction required to obtain LPV models suitable for control design.
- Other team members (D. Schmidt, STI, Va. Tech, CMSOft, Aurora) will play key roles in modeling, design and analysis.



Lockheed Martin X-56a



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Summary

Conclusions:

- More efficient, flexible aircraft require integrated flight control systems.
- IQCs can be used in time-domain dissipation-inequalities without loss of conservatism.

Additional Details:

- ① <http://www.aem.umn.edu/~SeilerControl/>
- ② <http://paaw.net/>



Brief Summary of LPV Lower Bound Algorithm

There are many exact results and computational algorithms for LTV and periodic systems (Colaneri, Varga, Cantoni/Sandberg, many others)

The basic idea for computing a lower bound on $\|G_\rho\|$ is to search over periodic parameter trajectories and apply known results for periodic systems.

$$\|G_\rho\| := \sup_{\rho \in \mathcal{A}} \sup_{u \neq 0, u \in \mathcal{L}_2} \frac{\|G_\rho u\|}{\|u\|} \geq \sup_{\rho \in \mathcal{A}_h} \sup_{u \neq 0, u \in \mathcal{L}_2} \frac{\|G_\rho u\|}{\|u\|}$$

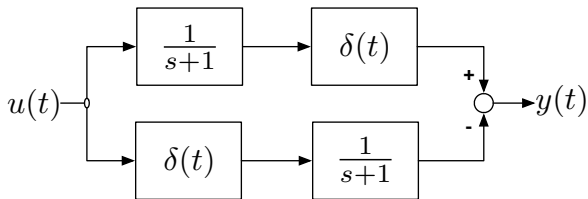
where $\mathcal{A}_h \subset \mathcal{A}$ denotes the set of admissible *periodic* trajectories.

Ref: T. Peni and P. Seiler, Computation of lower bounds for the induced \mathcal{L}_2 norm of LPV systems, submitted to the 2015 CDC.



Numerical example

Simple, 1-parameter LPV system:

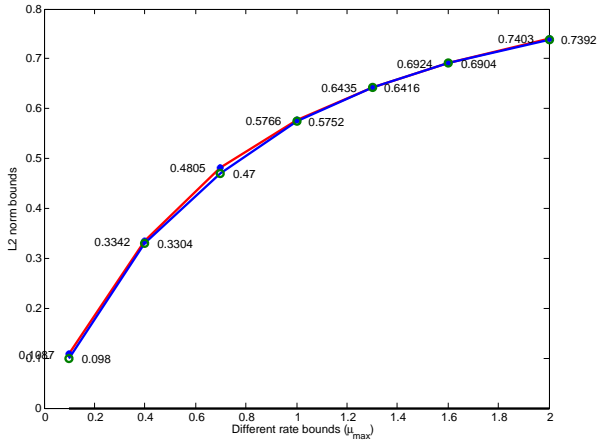


with $-1 \leq \delta(t) \leq 1$, and $-\bar{\mu} \leq \dot{\delta}(t) \leq \bar{\mu}$

The upper bound was computed by searching for a polynomial storage function.



Upper and Lower Bounds



Question: Can this approach be extended to compute lower bounds for uncertain LPV systems?