

First Flight of the Inverted Joined-wing Demonstrator and Beyond

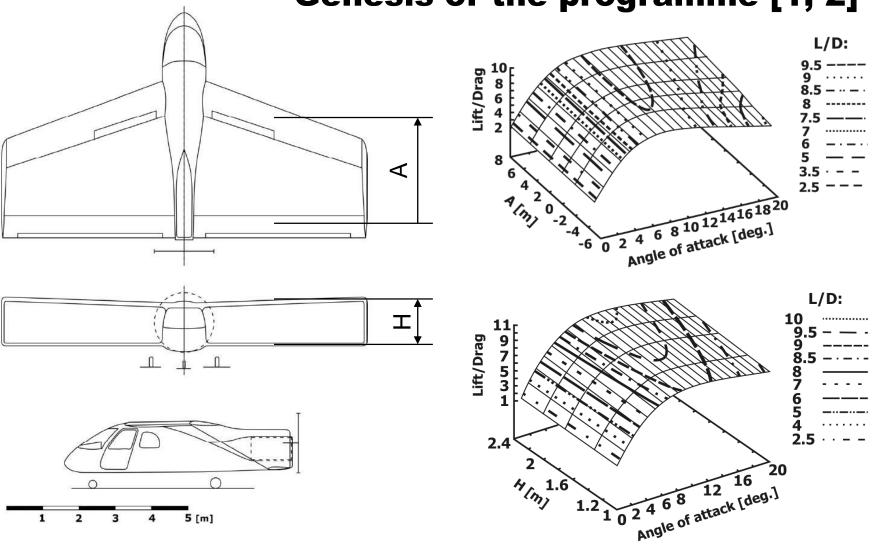


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Genesis of the programme [1, 2]









The goal of the programme

- 1. To learn as much as possible about inverted joined wing configuration
- 2. To develop tools for multidysciplinary optimization of radical airplane configurations

3. To built flying demonstrator which could be converted into UAV





Structure of the programme [3]

Multidysciplinary optimization software development

and optimization CFD analysis

Wind tunnel testing

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Flight testing

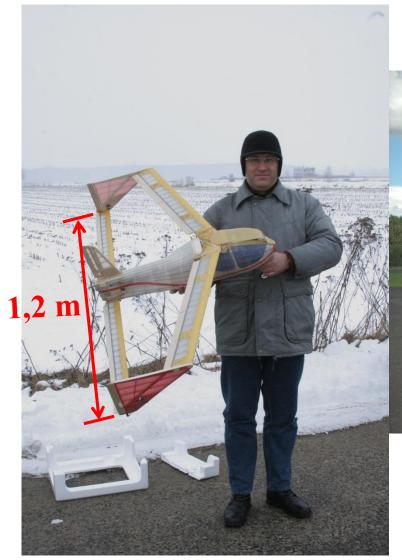
The goal of the flying demonstrator experiment

1.To learn as much as possible about inverted joined wing handling qualities

2.To built flying demonstrator which could be converted into UAV



Tested UAVs

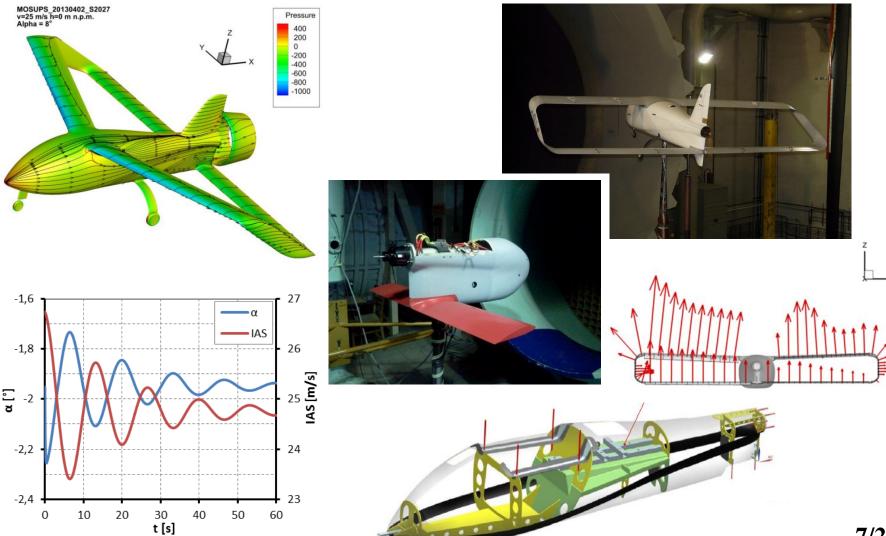








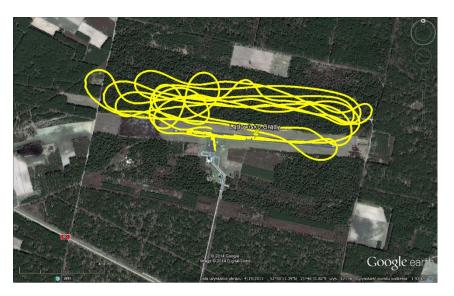
Analyses and laboratory measurements [4, 5, 6, 7]

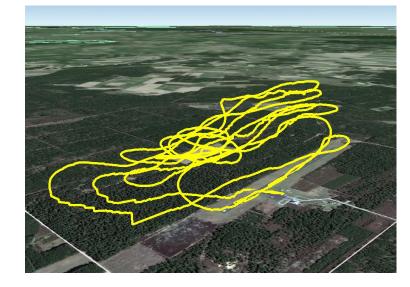


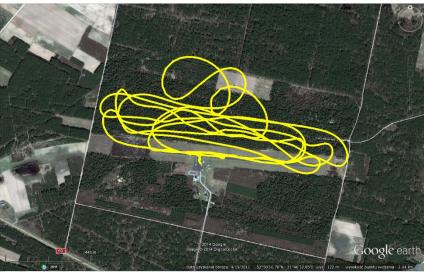




First and second flights







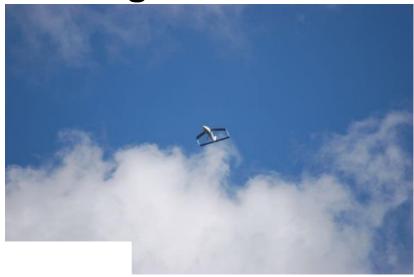






First and second flights





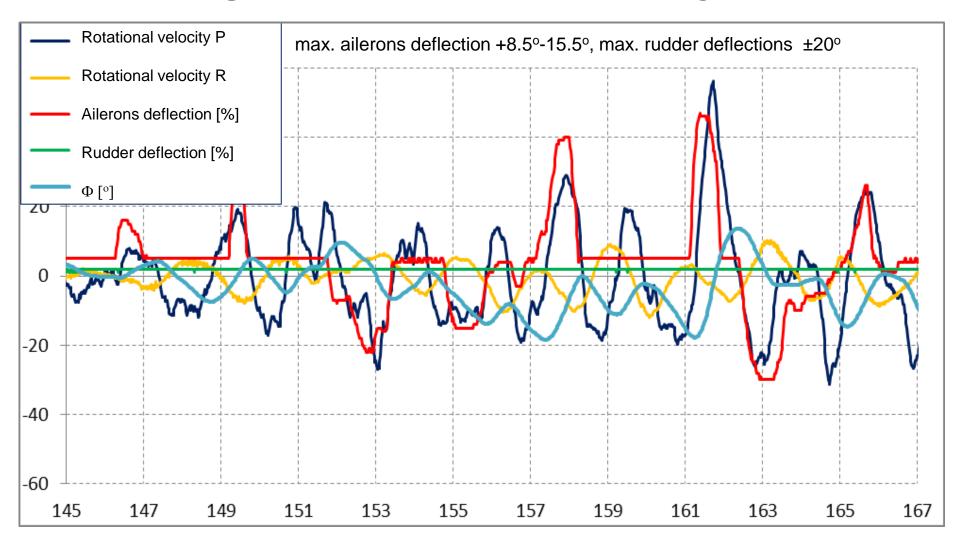
http://youtu.be/EIXQzPhTayo







First flight with aft CG and in windy weather





Structure of the programme

Multidysciplinary optimization software development

Preparatory experiment

Wind tunnel testing

and optimization

CFD analysis

Flight testing



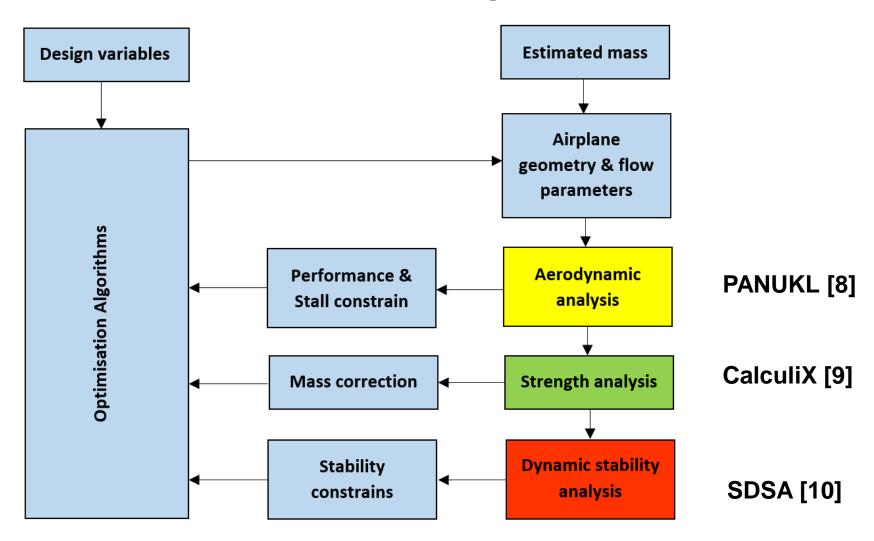
The goal

- 1. To develop tools for multidisciplinary optimization of radical airplane configurations
- 2. To check how much airplane performance can be improved in comparison to the current configuration

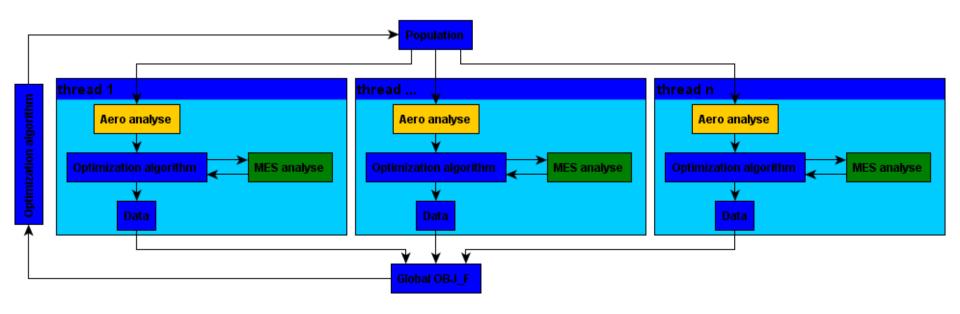




Multidisciplinary optimization



Paralel processing







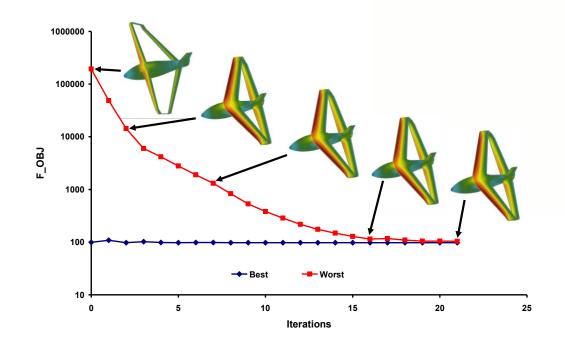
Aerodynamic optimisation

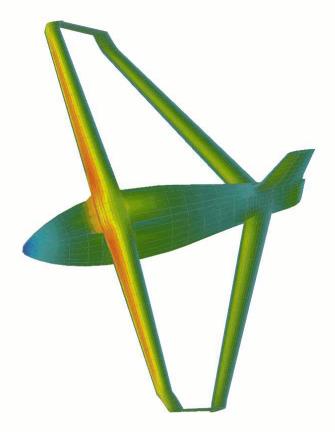
$$F_{obj} = 1000 \cdot C_D / C_L$$

constraints:

$$mg = L$$

$$\sum M_{CG} = 0$$





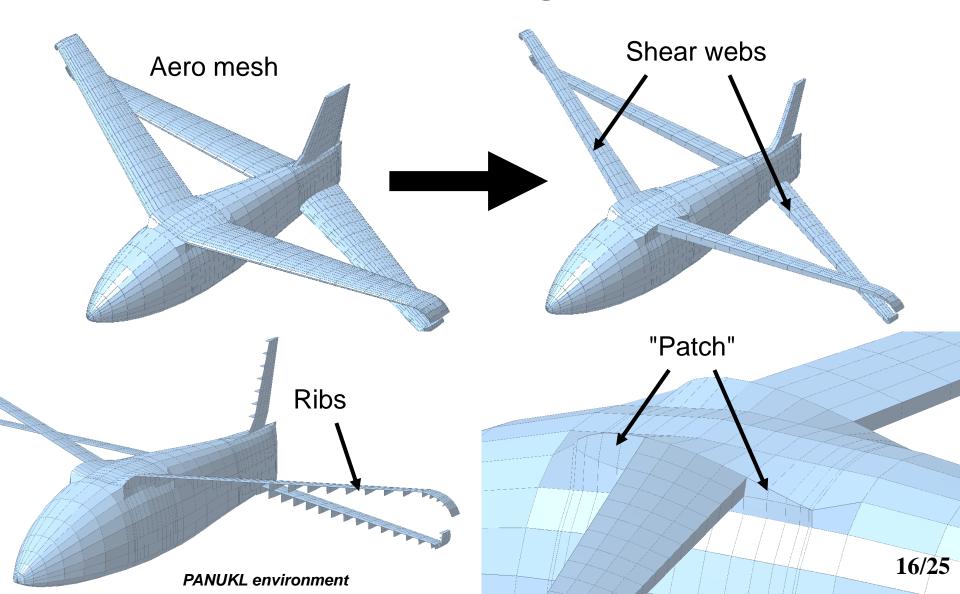
variables: 15 (50)

algorithm: Swarming





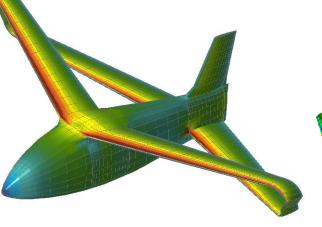
Structural mesh generation



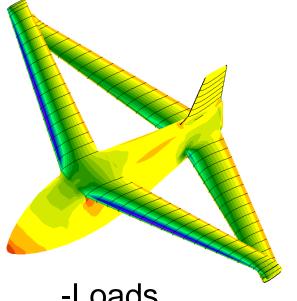




Pressure distribution maping



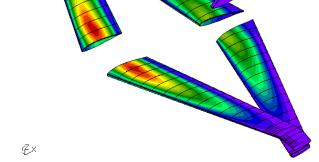
- Geometry
- Pressure distribution



- -Loads
- -Nodes
- -Material
- -Others



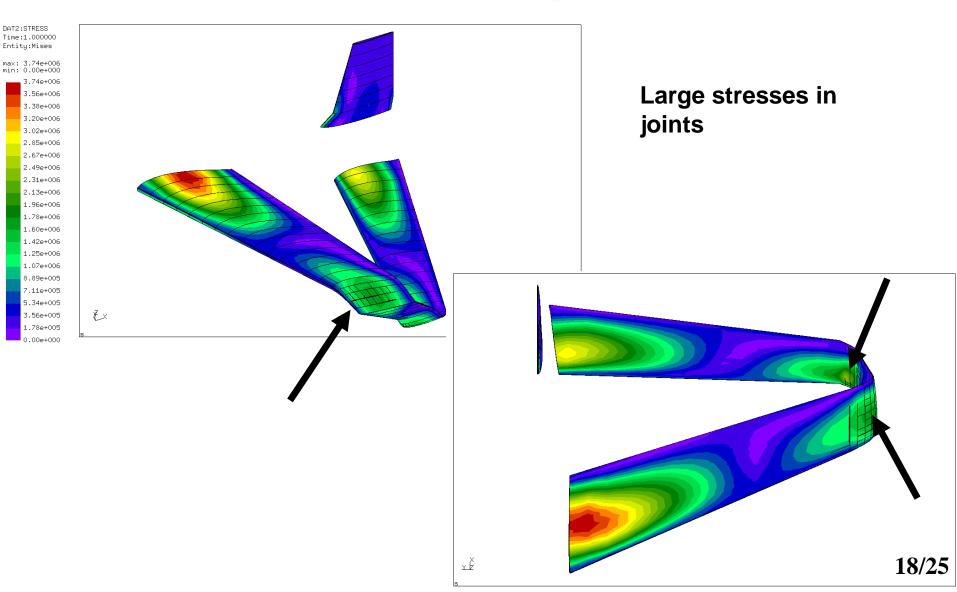
- Strain
- **Others**







Before structural optimisation



Structural optimisation assumptions

- Algorithms: Monte Carlo, Nelder-Mead

$$\min_{x} V(x)$$

- 183 variables – panel thicknesses

$$\mathcal{E} < \mathcal{E}_{\max}$$

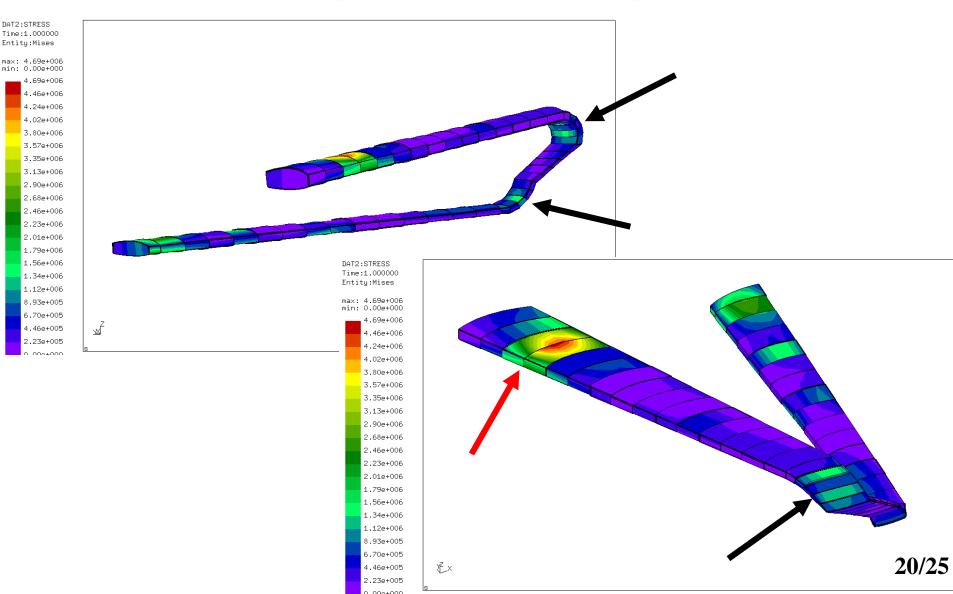
- Material: aluminum alloy

$$\sigma < \sigma_{\text{max}}$$





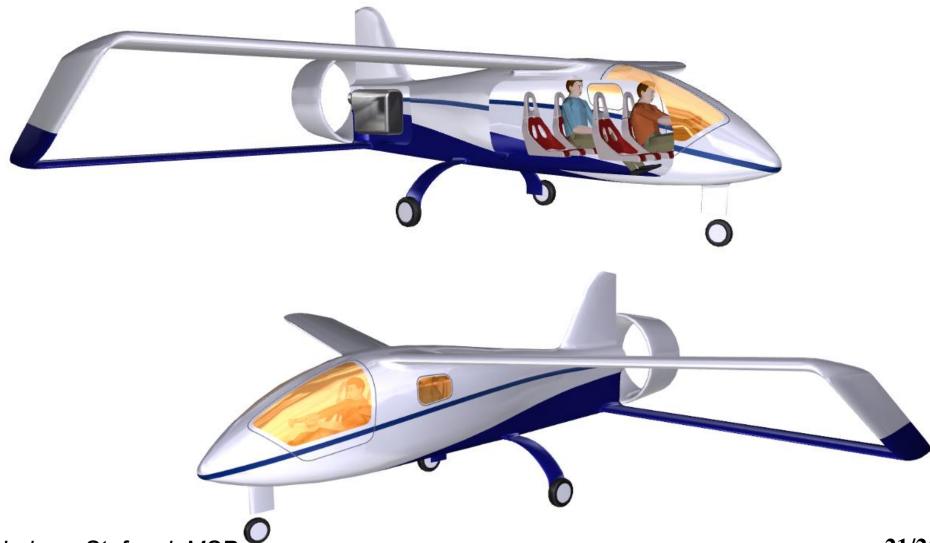
First attempt to structural optimization







The extension of the programme?





Summary

Airplane is airworthy and suitable for the following flight tests

- With aft CG position airplane stability is low but acceptable
- Development of the optimisation software is still ongoing



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