

Unsteady Aerodynamics in Large-Disturbance Flows: Maneuvering Wings and Gust Encounters

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Wings experiencing large flow disturbances often experience massive flow separation resulting in shear layers and the formation of strong vortices. These vortices typically lead to large force and moment transients and thus it is of interest to understand how changes in vorticity within a flow give rise to unsteady forces. Using a combination of experimental, numerical, and theoretical approaches, three examples of these flows are given: surging wings, dynamic stall, and gust encounters. In each of these examples, data analysis focuses on vortex formation and how the transport of vorticity gives rise to unsteady loading on lifting surfaces. As a general rule, two-dimensional and linear models are found to capture the essential physics of these types of flows and provide reasonable predictions of unsteady lift for short times after large flow disturbances.

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