

# Structural Analysis of Basic and Advanced Airframe Wing Structures

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**Abstract:** *This study presents a comparative overview of basic, advanced, and specialized aircraft wing structures used in aerospace engineering. Various wing configurations, including high-, mid-, low-wing, rectangular, swept, delta, elliptical, and experimental designs, are discussed with respect to aerodynamic behavior, structural characteristics, and operational suitability. Major wing components such as slats, spoilers, ailerons, flaps, and winglets are also reviewed. Comparative aircraft examples are used to illustrate design trade-offs among stability, maneuverability, drag reduction, and performance. The study highlights that wing selection depends strongly on mission requirements, including commercial transport, military operations, and experimental applications.*

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## 1. Introduction

An airframe is the primary structural framework of an aircraft that supports all major components. It consists of Fuselage, Wings, Empennage, and other systems. These airframe structures are essential and play crucial role in maintaining structural integrity and stabilize the structure according to the aerodynamic efficiency.

Among all the various airframe components, Wings are the most significant part of the aircraft, which is responsible for generating lift and having an influence on the aircraft's maneuverability.

The Wing structures have a primary function of generating lift, while supporting the aircraft's operational loads. Over the years, different wing configurations and planform designs have been developed, in order to meet specific engineering requirement-for example: defense and etc. Basic wing structures like straight (rectangular) and tapered (swept backward) wings provide structural stability and simplicity. In contrast, advanced wing configurations like delta, forward-swept and etc. are designed to improve aerodynamic efficiency and maneuverability. Moreover, factors such as wing position also play a vital role in the structural stability and aerodynamic efficiency of the aircraft.

The selection of an appropriate wing configuration depends on the intended role of the aircraft, including commercial, military operations, cargo transport, or supersonic flights. Therefore, the study on wing configurations and their aerodynamic behavior is an essential aspect of aerospace engineering and aircraft design.

In addition to that, Modern aircraft wings also incorporate various aerodynamic and structural components such as spoilers, slats, flaps, ailerons, and winglets each serving specific operations and functions. Furthermore, several advanced and special aircraft configurations demonstrate unique wing design, which is developed for specialized

applications like: stealth technology, variable geometry, and experimental aerodynamic research.

This paper aims to provide a structured overview and comparative understanding of various airframe wing structures and their engineering significance in aircraft design.

## 2. Overview and Comparative Analysis of Basic Airframe Wing Structures

The basic wing configuration comprises of both planform variations like straight (rectangular) and tapered (swept backward), and positional variations like: high wing, mid wing, and low wing. The positional wing variations are alone divided into 3 angular forms (Anhedral wing, dihedral wing, and normal wing). Anhedral wings are the type, whose wings are angled to the bottom, whereas the dihedral wings are the type, whose wings are angled upwards. These basic configurations are found helpful to create low speed, high stability aircrafts. They are also standardized footprints for upcoming discoveries on airframe wing configurations.

## 3. Research Methodology

The research was conducted using secondary aerospace references including textbooks, technical resources, aircraft data archives, educational aerodynamic studies, and publicly available aviation references.

Aircraft configurations were comparatively evaluated based on aerodynamic behavior, structural characteristics, stability, and operational applications. Numerical values presented in the study are illustrative comparative estimations intended for conceptual educational interpretation and graphical comparison, rather than results obtained from direct computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulation software or experimental wind tunnel testing.

Graphical analysis, comparative tables, and conceptual aerodynamic interpretations were used to study differences between conventional, advanced, and specialized airframe configurations.

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3.1 High-Wing Variation

High wing aircrafts are primarily found as light-general aviation aircrafts- for example: trainer’s aircraft or in heavy military or cargo aircrafts. The widespread use of this configuration in specific aircrafts suggests that the configuration provides certain advantages. I will cover the advantages by analyzing 3 different types of high wing variation: normal high wing, Anhedral-high wing, dihedral-high wing. The following comparison analyses these variations using selected aircraft examples:

High wing Anhedral	Antonov AN-225
High wing Dihedral	Cessna 208 caravan
High wing Normal	Britten-Norman BN-2 Islander

(NOTE: All CFD values, graphical comparisons, and aerodynamic observations presented in this study are based on comparative research purposes. TERMINOLOGY: Cd-coefficient of drag, L/D- lift over drag ratio, and stress is measured in MPa)

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
An-225	0.036	17.2	31	Very high
Cessna 208	0.029	14.8	180	High
BN-2 islander	0.031	13.9	165	Moderate

From this data, we can infer that AN-225 demonstrated the highest drag to lift ratio and structural stress values due to its large wingspan. The anhedral wing geometry appears to be reducing the excessive lateral stability, and improves maneuverability for large aircraft planform. In the case of Cessna 208 aircraft with dihedral geometry, we can infer that comparatively lower drag coefficient and high stability characteristics contributes to improved lateral stability and smoother handling during utility and short-field operations. Finally, the near-neutral configuration of BN-2 Islander having balanced aerodynamic characteristics and moderate structural loading contributes to the operational reliability and predictable handling.

The comparison gives information that high wing configurations can be used for different requirements through angle variations. Dihedral variation improves lateral stability. Anhedral variation improves maneuverability in large aircrafts. Neutral configurations provide neutral nature with structural simplicity and balanced aerodynamic efficiency.

3.2 Mid-Wing Variation

Mid-wing configurations are profoundly used in defense/fighter aircraft, which is specially made for high performance. In this configuration, the wings are mounted in the center part of the fuselage, providing really efficient lift distribution and improved impact on roll performances. Depending on engineering requirements, mid-wing aircraft may incorporate Anhedral, Dihedral, or neutral wing-angle variation. Examples in consideration:

Mid-wing Anhedral	Sukhoi Su-27
Mid-wing Dihedral	Lockheed P-38 Lightning
Mid-wing Neutral	SAAB 35 Draken

CFD analysis results:

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
Su-27	0.030	16.8	285	Moderate-high
P-38	0.034	14.9	240	High
Saab 35	0.032	15.6	260	Moderate

From the CFD data we can form an inference of Su-27 that is shows strong aerodynamic efficiency (lift to drag ratio) and maneuverability. The reduced lateral stability provides improved roll response, which makes the configuration highly suitable for high-performance operations. The Lockheed P-38 lightning’s configuration contributed to improved lateral stability and balanced flight behavior. Its data conveys effective load distribution and structural strength during high G-forces. SAAB 35 Draken with neutral mid-wing configuration creates a balanced aerodynamic behavior, making the wing to stay stable during high speed aerodynamic performance.

The analysis indicates that Mid-wing variations provide balanced aerodynamic characteristics, which suits perfectly to high speed and super-maneuverable aircrafts. Dihedral variation improves stability, whereas the anhedral enhances the maneuverability. The neutral variation provides balanced aerodynamic performance.

3.3 Low-Wing Variation

It is a type of configurations that is widely recognized and used in commercial aircraft and modern transport jets. In this configuration the wings are usually mounted below the fuselage. This can also make way for easy landing gear integrations. Low-wing configurations maybe incorporated with anhedral, dihedral, or neutral angle variations. Examples in consideration:

Low-wing anhedral	Dussault Falcon 900
Low-wing Dihedral	Boeing 777
Low-wing Neutral	Learjet 45

CFD-analysis Results:

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
Falcon 900	0.028	16.1	210	Moderate
B777	0.026	19.4	340	Very high
Learjet 75	0.029	15.3	195	Moderate to high

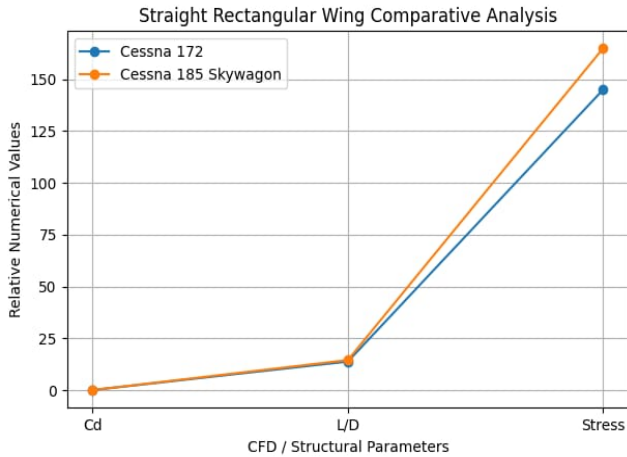
From the CFD analysis we can infer that, Falcon 900 has efficient aerodynamic performance with relatively low drag, which is suitable for high speed business operations, but seems to have sensitive control due to subtle instability and high maneuverability. The dihedral Low-wing configuration of the B777 shows high aerodynamic efficiency (The reason is also the planform- which will be discussed later in the chapter). The wing geometry contributes excellent lift-to-drag performance and efficient flight range. Learjet 45 with neutral low-wing configuration normally shows balanced aerodynamic characteristics.

Overall, the Low-wing Configurations provide efficient aerodynamic performance and structural stability for commercial and transport aircrafts. Dihedral configurations improved lateral stability, whereas anhedral give maneuverability but subtle change in stability. The neutral

low-wing configuration normally shows balanced aerodynamic characteristics.

### 3.4 Rectangular (Straight) Configuration

Straight-rectangular wings are the simplest and earliest wing planform structures used in aircraft manufacturing. They are basically used for low-speed trainers, and utility aircrafts. The best examples are *Cessna 172*, and *Cessna 185 skywagon*. These wings are special because their handling characteristics and aerodynamic behavior are predictable. The following analysis for this segment is done through a LINE GRAPH as follows, with the examples that are mentioned earlier:

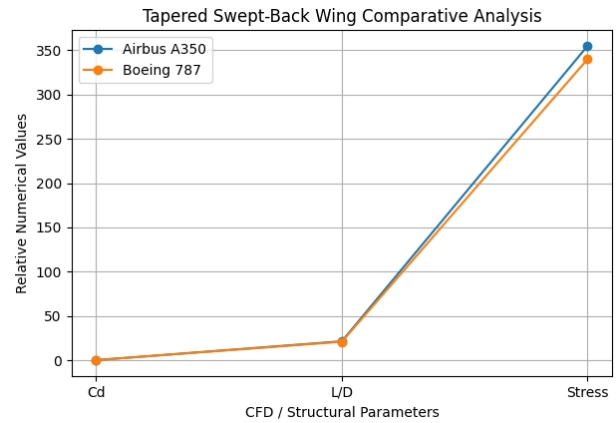


As seen in the comparison, Cessna 172 has stable aerodynamic behavior when compared to 185 skywagon. Its structural stress values are also comparatively low. This creates a predictable handling characteristics and efficient low-speed performance. The 185 skywagon was found to have slightly higher lift/drag ratio and structural stress due to the utility-oriented role

Overall, the comparison shows that rectangular wing configurations provide stable behavior, simplicity and effective low speed flight range. These characteristics will be helpful, when the wings are used in purposes are utility and training oriented.

### 3.5 Tapered (Swept Backward) Configuration

Tapered-swept-back wings are widely used in modern commercial jetliners. The tapered wing structure reduces the induced drag and improves lift distribution across the wingspan. The swept back geometry delays the shockwave formation. It also reduces the transonic drag during cruise flight. These important properties make the swept-back tapered wing suitable for long ranges and especially for fuel efficient aircrafts. The best and well known examples for this configuration are the *Airbus A350*, and the *Boeing B787 Dreamliner*. CFD analysis results are as follows, which are accountable to the above mentioned examples:



Both the compared aircrafts are great examples for wide body and long range aircrafts. The Airbus A350 showed excellent aerodynamic efficiency with lowest drag coefficient and highest lift/drag ratio. Whereas in the case of Boeing B787, the structure has comparatively lower structural stress values. Both the aircrafts have flexible composite wing structure, with swept back geometry that contributes to fuel efficiency and cruise performance.

## 4. Overview and Comparative Analysis of Advanced Airframe Wing Structure

Advanced airframe wing structures are specialized wing configurations developed to particularly improve on aerodynamic efficiency, maneuverability, structural stability and tensile strength for specific engineering requirements. Unlike conventional wing designs, the advanced configurations are specially made for high speed, heavy transport or even super maneuverability.

Advanced wing structures can be categorized based on wing position and wing planform. The wing position includes: shoulder, parasol and bi-wing arrangements (found in biplane). Whereas advanced planform configurations includes: elliptical, delta and experimental concepts like forward swept. Every configuration mentioned in this introduction will be analyzed comparatively with help of examples.

### 4.1 Shoulder Wing Configurations

The shoulder wing configuration has its wings mounted near the upper portion of the fuselage, in between the configurations of mid and high wing. This special property provides the advantages of both high wing and mid wing. Overall, this configuration improves structural integration due to close proximity with the main fuselage. These wings are profoundly seen in trainer aircraft and early jet aircraft designs. Examples are as follows:

AIRCRAFT	AIRCRAFT TYPE
Aermacchi M-345	Military trainer aircraft
Bell P-59 Airacomet	Early jet fighter

CFD results:

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
Aermacchi	0.031	15.4	210	High
Aircomet	0.037	13.2	265	Moderate

According to the CFD analysis Aermacchi M-345 has found to have balanced aerodynamic efficiency, with comparatively lower drag and lower structural stress values. In this case, the shoulder wing is an advantage to stable handling of the aircraft. Whereas in the case of Bell P-59 Airacomet, the aircraft is demonstrated with higher drag and structural stress probably because of its early design and experimental configurations. But in this case the shoulder wing is an advantage to give stable structural integration only during early high speed flights.

Overall, the shoulder wings basically provide balanced aerodynamic behavior. This will be an advantage in the case of trainer aircraft and early jet applications.

**4.2 Parasol Wing Configurations**

Parasol wing configuration is where the wing is mounted totally above the fuselage, which is connected through external struts or other structures. This configuration allows the airflow distribution around the fuselage, also plays a vital role in downward visibility. These parasol wings are commonly used in early aviation, and in reconnaissance aircraft. Example aircraft selections for analyzing are as below:

AIRCRAFT	AIRCRAFT TYPE
Morane saulnier type L	Reconnaissance aircraft
Fairchild model 22	Utility aircraft

CFD results are as follows:

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
Morane Saulnier	0.042	11.8	145	High
Fairchild	0.038	13.1	175	Moderate

The CFD results reveal that Morane Saulnier Type L has comparatively higher drag characteristics due to the support structure (struts). In the case of Fairchild Model 22, the aircraft demonstrated higher aerodynamic efficiency and structural stability when compared to other parasol wing aircraft designs.

In overall, this wing configuration provides and suits the best for good visibility, stable low-speed aerodynamic character; though external support structures increase the aerodynamic drag.

**4.3 Bi-Wing Configuration (Bi-Plane Configuration)**

Bi-wing configuration usually utilizes two vertically stacked wings. There are many possible combinations of arrangements, but the 2 main types of arrangements are (low wing + high wing) or (low wing + parasol wing). This configuration was widely used in the early aviation period due to structural simplicity, but later the presence of multiple wings increased the drag when compared to modern monoplane configurations. Examples for such biplanes are as follows:

AIRCRAFT	AIRCRAFT TYPE
Antonov An-2	(high wing + low wing), utility aircraft
Boeing -Stearman Model 75	(low wing + parasol wing), military aircraft

CFD results are as follows:

Aircraft	Cd	L/D	Stress	Stability
An-2	0.045	11.2	235	Very high
Stearman	0.048	10.5	185	High

From the CFD results, we can infer that the Antonov An-2 has strong low speed lift generation and high stability characteristics, the large biplane wing area contributed a lot to the low- speed aerodynamic behaviors. In the case of Boeing Stearman, the results showed stable and predictable flight characteristics, likewise, this biplane configuration also contributed in low speed aerodynamic behavior. Both the aircrafts remained to have going through high drag values due to the wing arrangement and external support structures.

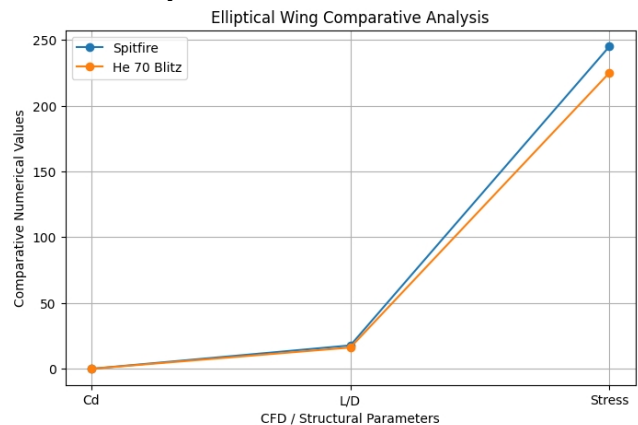
In overall comparison, the Bi-wing configuration is perfect for low-speed lift generation, making them suitable for training and Utility, rather than commercial.

**4.4 Elliptical Configurations**

These configurations are specially designed to achieve efficient lift distribution across the wingspan and minimize induced drag. These configurations provide excellent aerodynamic efficiency and super maneuverability, making it really effective for high performance aircrafts. However, the complex wing planform increases manufacturing difficulty and structural complexity when compared to manufacturing of conventional wing designs

Let us use two popular aircrafts, made with elliptical configurations as an example: *Supermarine Spitfire* and *Heinkel He 70 Blitz*

The following line graph illustrates the information derived from CFD analysis:



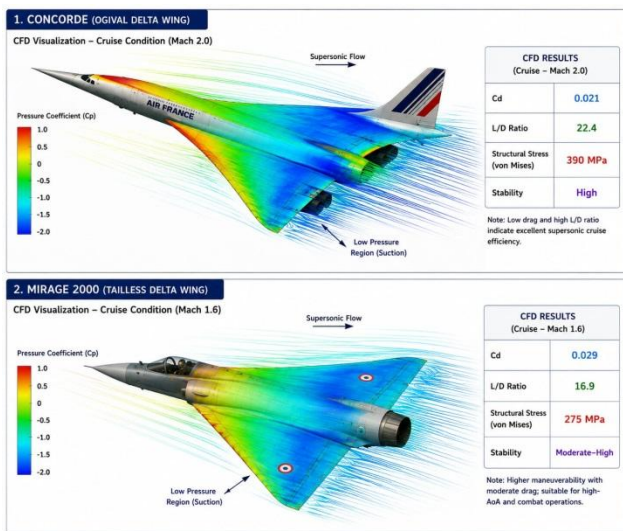
We can infer that the Supermarine Spitfire had the most superior aerodynamic efficiency with a higher lift to drag ratio and lower drag. In this case, the wings contributed to create smooth airflow distribution and improved maneuverability during high performance flights.

Moreover, inferring on Heinkel He 70 Blitz, it demonstrated good aerodynamic efficiency and has a balanced structural characteristics. Likewise, the elliptical wing had the similar effect on the airflow distribution.

Overall, the elliptical configuration provide excellent aerodynamic efficiency, and reduced induced drag causing the air to distribute smoothly, but has the problem of manufacturing complexity.

4.5 Delta Wing Configurations

Delta wing configurations utilize a triangular wing planform, which is specially designed for high speed- supersonic flight operations. These wing has various types: tailless, tailed, compound, ogvial and etc. But we will only analyze the most fundamental variation of this wing configurations, they are Ogival delta and Tailless delta. The ogvial delta wing has S-shaped curved leading edge, whereas the Tailless delta has no traditional tail assembly. The following picture illustrestes the CFD simulation and results of 2 example aircrafts, which are *Concorde (ogvial delta wing)* and *Dussault mirage 2000 (tailless delta wing)*:



In overall comparison, both the delta wing planform contributed to smoother airflow distribution, which eventually improved high speed stability. In Concorde, we can find that it has excellent aerodynamic efficiency, and very low drag generation during simulated supersonic cruise conditions. In Mirage 2000, we can infer that the wing and thrust position contributed huge amount to the maneuverability.

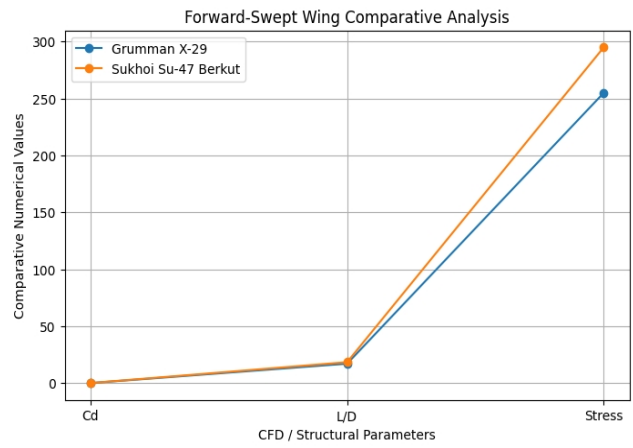
These results prove that these type of wings improves supersonic cruise efficiency, meaning that it suits perfectly for high speed military or commercial aircraft.

4.6 Forward Swept Wing Configurations

Forward-swept wings are one of the advanced-experimental wing configuration that is designed to have improved maneuverability. It would give high airflow even at large angle of attacks. We compare 2 experimental aircrafts:

AIRCRAFT	AIRCRAFT TYPE
Sukhoi Su-47 Berkut	Experimental
Grumman X-29	Experimental

The CFD results are given in form of line graph as follows:

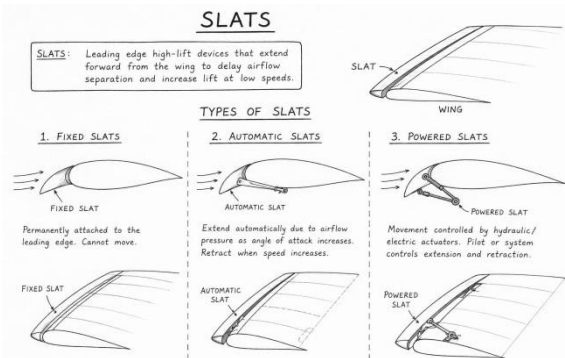


From the analysis, we can infer that X-29 had balanced aerodynamic efficiency with moderate structural holding capacity. It has comparatively higher drag coefficient, which suggests it to have increased aerodynamic complexity during maneuvering. In case of Su-47 Berkut, the comparison indicated higher lift to drag ratio when compared to the X-29. However in the both aircrafts the wing possess high aerodynamic complexity during maneuvering conditions causing the wings to go through high pressure. Only highly reinforced materials can withstand this force, which eventually has an effect on the manufacturing ability and economic feasibility. But in overall comparison, this wing possesses super-maneuverability conditions, only when the material is made as per the requirement.

5. Overview on Wing Components and its Types

An aircraft derives a substantial portion of its flight characteristics by wings, but the other major part is given by the components of wing. Without these components, flight is totally impossible. So, the aircraft wing incorporates several aerodynamic components that are designed to control and improve lift generation, drag control, maneuverability, stability and overall efficiency of flight. Components like such are: Slats, spoilers, ailerons, flaperons, and winglets. There are different variations of same part, which are made for specific requirements for a plane.

5.1 Slats



The slats are found in the leading edge of aerofoil design found in the wings. It is designed to improve aerodynamic performance during low speed flight conditions. So, when deployed, the slats extend forward from the edge to create a slot between the slat and main surface of the wing. This slot

allows high airflow to pass over the upper wing surface, which eventually reduced the possibility of stall at greater angle of attack. As a final result, it increases the stability and aircraft controllability.

There are different variation with slats, they are: fixed slats, automatic slats, and powered slats. Fixed slats are permanently attached to wings, which are commonly used in low-speed aircraft designs. The automatic slats deploy and retract automatically based on airflow pressure. Whereas the powered slats are operated mechanically or hydraulically, commonly used in modern aircrafts.

## 5.2 Spoilers

These are movable aerodynamic surfaces located on the upper surface of an aircraft wing, primarily used to reduce lift and increase drag during flight operations. Spoilers help to control descent rate, speed, roll motion, and landing performance. Let us discuss 4 main spoilers

Ground spoilers: they are deployed immediately after landing to reduce lift and transfer the weight of aircraft to the landing gear, which improves friction, eventually resulting in greater braking efficiency. These systems are found in almost every modern aircrafts.

Flight spoilers: they are used during flight operations to increase drag to attain stability, and assist for achieving controlled descent. Aircraft such as *Boeing 737 MAX* use flight spoilers.

Roll spoilers: they assist the aircraft's roll control by deploying symmetrically on the wings to reduce lift on single side of the aircraft, especially during turning maneuvers. But these common structures are usually integrated with Ailerons (discussed in next variation). These are found in almost every modern aircrafts.

Gust alleviation spoilers: are used to reduce structural stress caused by turbulence, and on sudden gust loads. These systems automatically adjust wing lift distribution to improve flight stability in aircrafts like *Boeing 787 Dreamliner*.

## 5.3 Ailerons

Ailerons are hinged control surfaces, which are located near the trailing edge of the aircraft wings. They primarily used to control the roll motion during the flight. They can create differential lift, which can be used to have turning maneuvers. There are many types of ailerons, we will consider 5 main types of it:

- 1) **Conventional ailerons** are the most basic type and operate symmetrically to control aircraft roll during normal flight operations, used in aircrafts like *Cessna 172*.
- 2) **Differential ailerons** are designed so that the upward-moving ailerons deflect more than the downward moving ailerons. These helps to reduce adverse yaw during turns. Piper PA-28 Cherokee uses this aileron system
- 3) **Frise ailerons** makes the leading edge to protrude below the wing surface during upward deflection, which

increases drags on the descending wing and helps to undermine yaw effects

- 4) **Flaperons** combine the function of both flaps (discussed in next variation) and ailerons, allowing the same control surface to assist both roll and lift enhancement. Aircrafts like F-16 fighting falcon uses this flaperon system for design simplicity.
- 5) **Spoilerons** combines both ailerons and spoiler's properties assist roll and controlling lift reduction on single wing. These systems are largely equipped on large commercial aircrafts like *Boeing 747*.

## 5.4 Flaps

Flaps heavily contribute to the enhancement of lift. It has an ability to modify the wing camber and surface area. They improve low speed controllability and reduce stall speeds. There are 4 main types of flaps:

- 1) **Plain flaps** are simple surfaces that deflect downward from the trailing edge of the wing to increase camber and lift generation. These are primarily used in trainers aircraft like *Cessna 172*.
- 2) **Split flaps** consist of lower wing panel that deflects downwards and upper wing surface that remains fixed. This configuration increases both lift and drag as widely used in old military aircrafts like *Douglas SBD Dauntless*.
- 3) **Slotted flaps** create a gap between the flap and the wing surface, allowing high energy airflow to pass through and delay airflow separation. This improves lift performance and low speed stability during landing. These systems are commonly used in most commercial aircrafts like *Airbus A350*.
- 4) **Fowler flaps** moves backward and downward during deployment, which eventually increases both wing camber and effective wing area. These flaps provide significant lift enhancement and are widely used in large commercial aircrafts.

## 5.5 Winglets

Winglets are aerodynamic extensions installed near the wingtip region of an aircraft to reduce vortices and induced drag. Unlike primary wing components like flaps or ailerons, there are not necessary at all for basic operations. But it is mainly incorporated to improve aerodynamic efficiency, fuel economy and overall flight range. There are many different winglet configurations; we will discuss 6 main variations:

- 1) **Blended winglets** are designed as a smooth curved transition between wing and winglet. This winglet variation is predominantly used by the company Airbus, and naming it as "SHARKLET". This improves fuel efficiency and found mostly in aircrafts by Airbus.
- 2) **Raked winglets** are extended outward with increased wingspan and sweep angle to improve high speed aerodynamic efficiency. These configurations are commonly used in long range air crafts like Boeing 787 Dreamliner.
- 3) **Vortex diffusers** are designed to weaken and redistribute wingtip vortices for improved aerodynamic performance and reduce drag.

- 4) **Canted winglets** are angled outwards or inwards relative to the wingtip to balance the wing flow distribution and aerodynamic efficiency.
- 5) **Tip fence winglets** uses vertical aerodynamic surfaces extending both upward and downward from the wingtip region to reduce wingtip vortex formation and especially for induced drag. This is used in *Airbus A320*.
- 6) **Whitcomb winglets** are one of the earliest modern winglet concepts developed to reduce induced drag and improve aircraft's aerodynamic efficiency. This type of winglet is used more in commercial aircraft companies because of its high fuel efficiency in aviation industry today.

## 6. Overview on Special and Advanced Airframe Wing Structures

This final section comprises the overview of 5 major and well-known super advanced and special aircraft wing designs. This section will be useful to understand what's actually making the special plane fly with that special wing, and what advantages or disadvantages it provide. Mostly these wings are generally designed specifically for military purposes, but some of those are for research and experiments. Most of the manufacturers are *Lockheed martin*, *NASA*, and *Northrop Grumman*.

The first aircraft we are going to look at is the *Lockheed martin SR-71*, termed as the blackbird. It is widely recognized for its speed and wing planform, it used "double delta" wing configuration, unlike all other type of delta we saw. CFD results are as follows:

Parameter	SR-71
CRUISE MACH	3.2
Cd	0.018
L/D ratio	24.1
Stress (MPa)	465
stability	High
Thermal loading	Very high

We can infer really fascinating things from the really high lift to drag ratio itself, it suggests efficient supersonic performance aerodynamically as it is supported by its highly swept wing geometry and streamlined fuselage integration. The stress and thermal loading were also high, but it is not a big surprise, as the wing and fuselage undergoes high velocity. The aerodynamic shape helps to reduce shockwave formation during supersonic flight.

The next aircraft is the well-known *Grumman F-14 TOMCAT*. The wing configuration of this flight is a lot different than conventional aircraft. This is because, the wings are fixed in other aircrafts, but the wing can change its angle during flight, calling it Variable Sweep wing configuration. There are more than 1 results for CFD analysis for this particular aircraft as the angle sweep can be anywhere between 20 to 68 degree. The evaluation showed good stability under high speed conditions. The structural stress values indicated increased loading near the pivotal area caused by the movable wing mechanism and varying forces during sweep transition. In overall, the wing-sweep

wing structure allows the aircraft to maintain efficient aerodynamic performance.

The third aircraft is the *Northrop B-2 Spirit*, with the Flying wing configuration that when integrated with suitable material, would be helpful for stealth by minimizing the radar cross-section. This plane doesn't have a tail, but the thing that is more fascinating is that, the fuselage of the plane is also the wing. The CFD analysis reveals that this design reduces aerodynamic drag, improving fuel efficiency. But the plane with this wing configuration is specially made for stealth. CFD results:

Parameter	B-2 SPIRIT
Maximum Mach	0.95
Cd	0.020
L/D ratio	23.2
Stress (MPa)	34
Stability	Moderate to high
Radar signature	Very low

The structural loading appears more evenly distributed across the surface of the B-2 spirit, which results in support of long range flight efficiency.

The next aircraft is the *NASA AD-1*, an experimental aircraft developed to investigate the feasibility of oblique wing. Unlike conventional symmetrical wing and body design, the AD-1 uses a single pivotal joint with the fuselage capable of rotating obliquely during flight. This was designed to reduce drag during high-speed cruise, while maintaining low speed characteristics. CFD analysis results:

Parameter	NASA AD-1
Maximum Mach Number	0.8
Cd	0.031
L/D ratio	16.4
Stress (MPa)	285
stability	Moderate
Maximum wing sweep angle	60 degree

These results show that the aim was achieved successfully. Moreover, stress indicator shows additional torsional loading near the wing's pivot mechanism, which is caused by asymmetric aerodynamic forces.

The final aircraft of this series is the *Blohm & Voss BV 141*, it is also has one of the most unconventional aircraft wing designs in aviation history. It takes up asymmetric airframe configuration, but this unusual configuration is helpful for visibility during reconnaissance missions while maintaining operational capability rather than exemplary capability. CFD results are as follows:

Parameter	BV-141
Maximum Mach	0.39
Cd	0.038
L/D ratio	13.7
Stress	245
stability	moderate

Its lift to drag ratio and moderate drag coefficient suggests that the aircraft maintained acceptable aerodynamic efficiency for flight operations. The evaluation also suggests

uneven airflow distribution around the offset cockpit and fuselage regions. However, the wing the tail arrangements appear to compensate effectively for these imbalances, allowing stable flight behavior during normal operating conditions. The stress values indicate increased loading near the wing root and fuselage attachment regions due to uneven force distribution.

The analysis demonstrates how unconventional airframe geometry can still achieve aerodynamic stability through careful structural balancing and compensation techniques.

## 7. Conclusions

This study provided an overview and comparative analysis of various basic, advanced, and special airframe wing structures used in engineering. Different wing position and wing planform structures were analyzed based on aerodynamic performance, structural behavior and stability, all using CFD-style evaluation.

The analysis demonstrated that no single wing configuration is ranked superior, as each design is perfectly adapted to different types of aircraft. Basic wing configurations like high, mid, and low wing provides different advantage in terms of stability and maneuverability. In contrast, advanced wing like delta, elliptical, and forward swept wings demonstrated specialized aerodynamic behavior suited for high speed flight, maneuverability, and drag reduction.

The study also highlighted the importance of specialized wing components including tis types, they are: Slats, Spoilers, Ailerons, Flaps, and Winglets, used for improving various efficiency and control.

The advanced and experimental configurations demonstrated how unconventional aerodynamic concepts can improve performance and other capabilities thorough innovative structural design.

Overall, the study emphasizes that aircraft wing design is a balance between aerodynamic efficiency, structural stability and behavior. Continuous advances in materials, computational analysis, and aerodynamic research are expected to have further influence in the future airframe wing structures.

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