

Introduction to Structural Dynamics

MEASUREMENTS AND ANALYSIS

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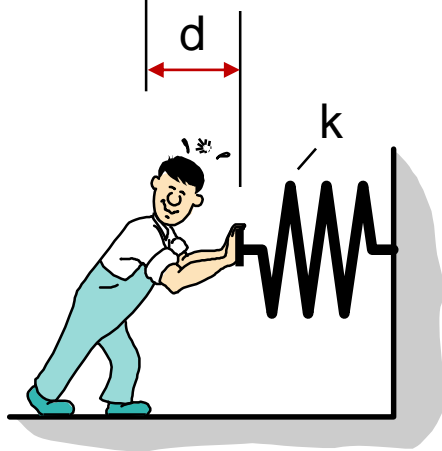
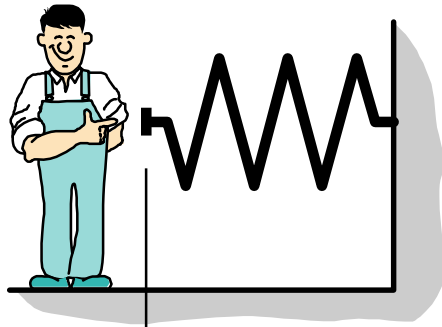


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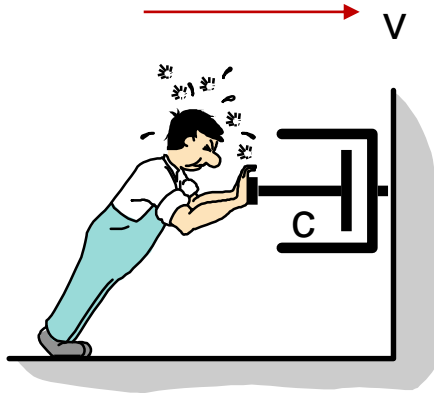
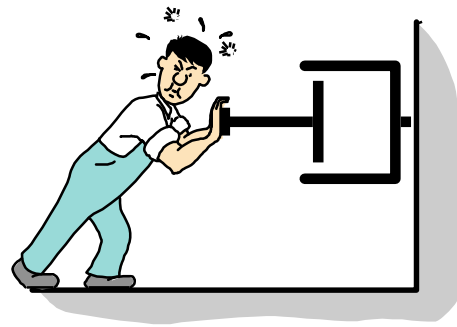
Mechanical systems: Components and parameters

Displacement



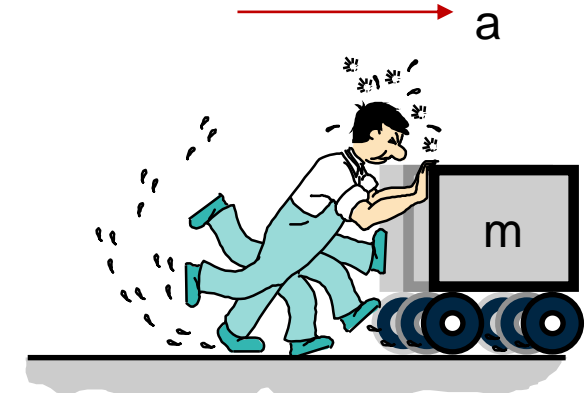
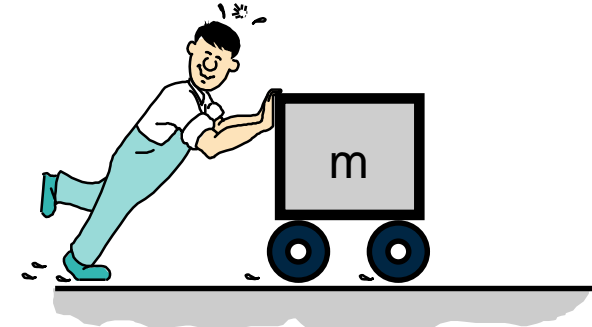
$$F = k \times d$$

Velocity



$$F = c \times v$$

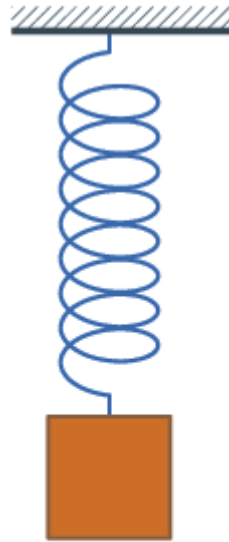
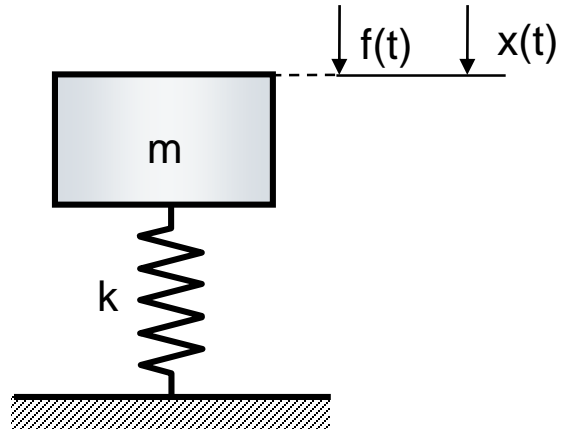
Acceleration



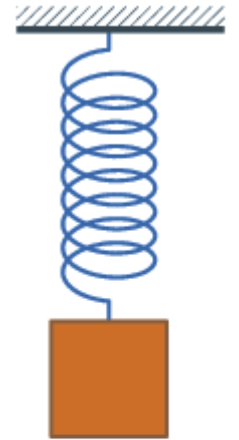
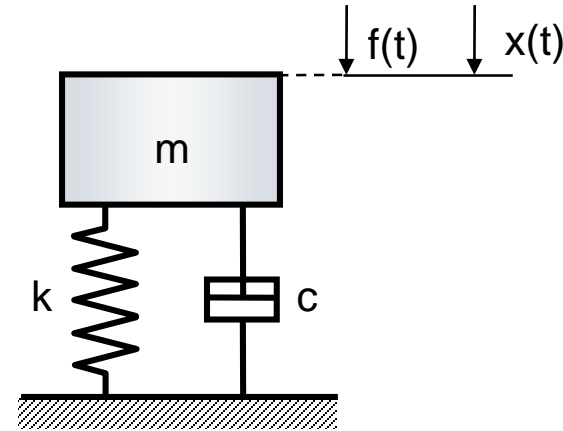
$$F = m \times a$$

Single Degree of Freedom (SDOF) model

SDOF Model
Without Damping



SDOF Model
With Damping



Undamped natural (resonance) frequency:

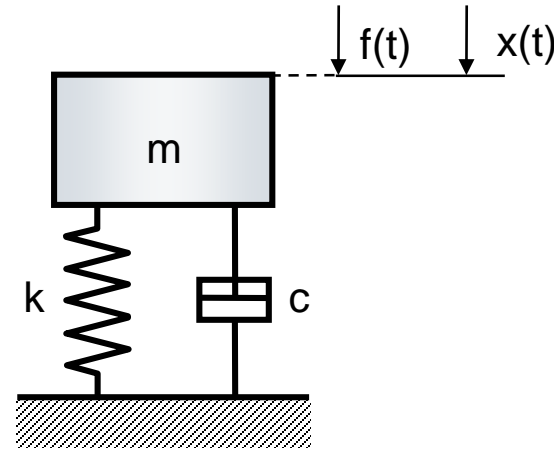
$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Damped natural (resonance) frequency:

$$f_d = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}}$$

Equation of motion – Time domain

Single Degree Of Freedom (SDOF) Model



\ddot{x} = Acceleration

\dot{x} = Velocity

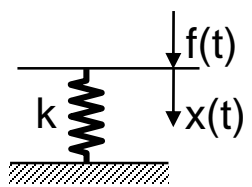
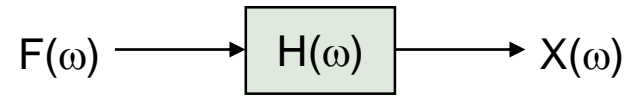
x = Displacement

$$f(t) = m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t)$$

Force Balance:

External = Inertial + Dissipative + Restoring

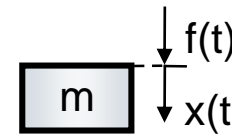
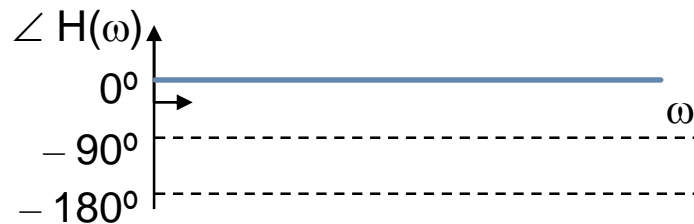
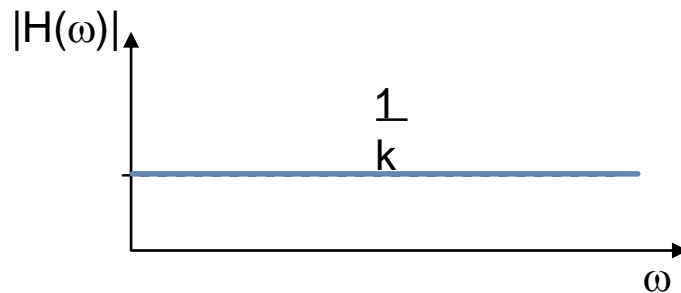
SDOF model – Transfer function



$$f(t) = k x(t)$$

$$F(\omega) = k X(\omega)$$

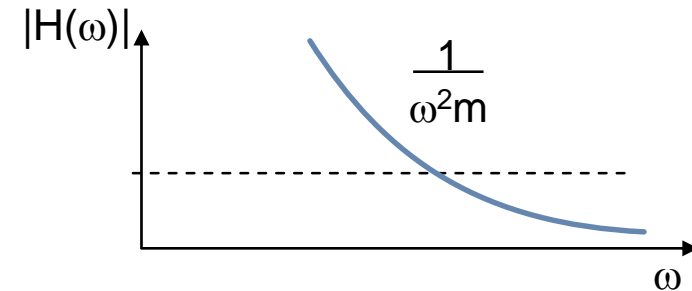
$$H(\omega) = \frac{X(\omega)}{F(\omega)} = \frac{1}{k}$$



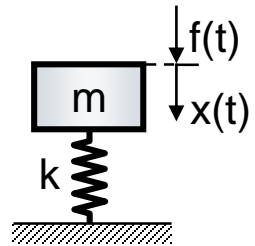
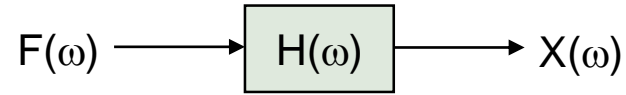
$$f(t) = m \ddot{x}(t)$$

$$F(\omega) = -\omega^2 m X(\omega)$$

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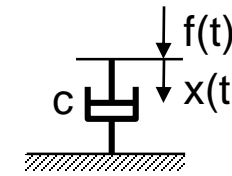
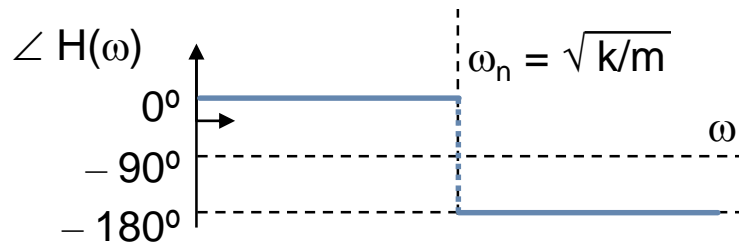
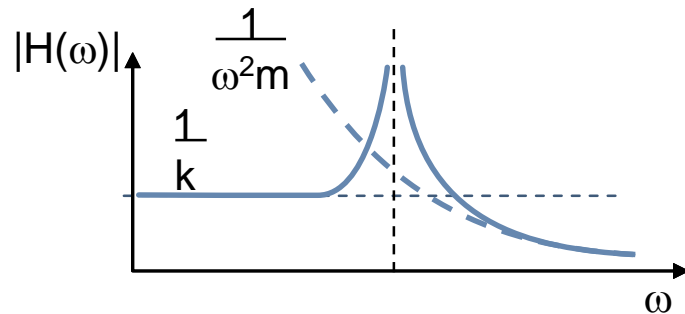
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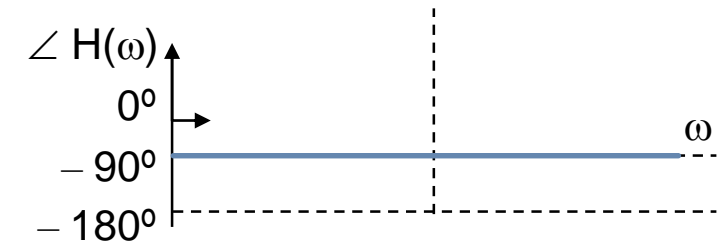
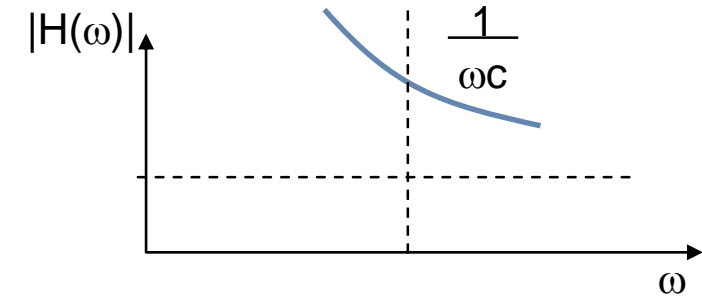
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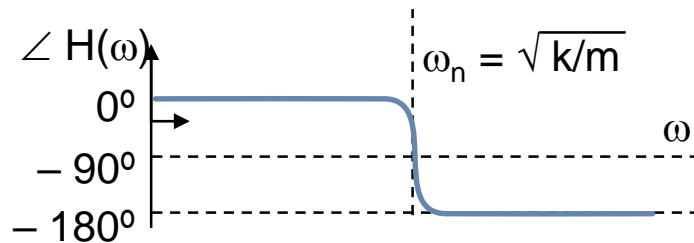
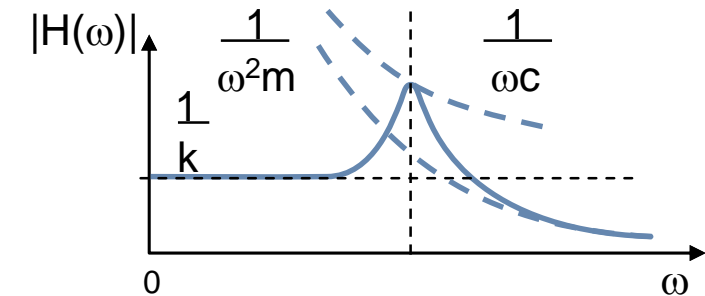
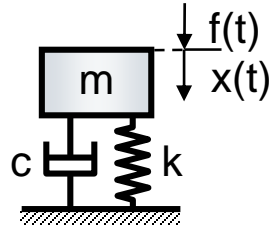
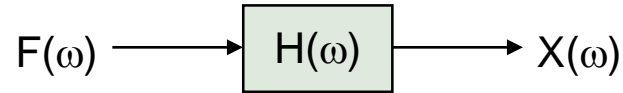
$$f(t) = c\dot{x}$$

$$F(\omega) = j\omega c X(\omega)$$

$$\frac{X(\omega)}{F(\omega)} = \frac{1}{j\omega c}$$



SDOF model – Transfer function



Newton's 2nd law:

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Undamped natural frequency:

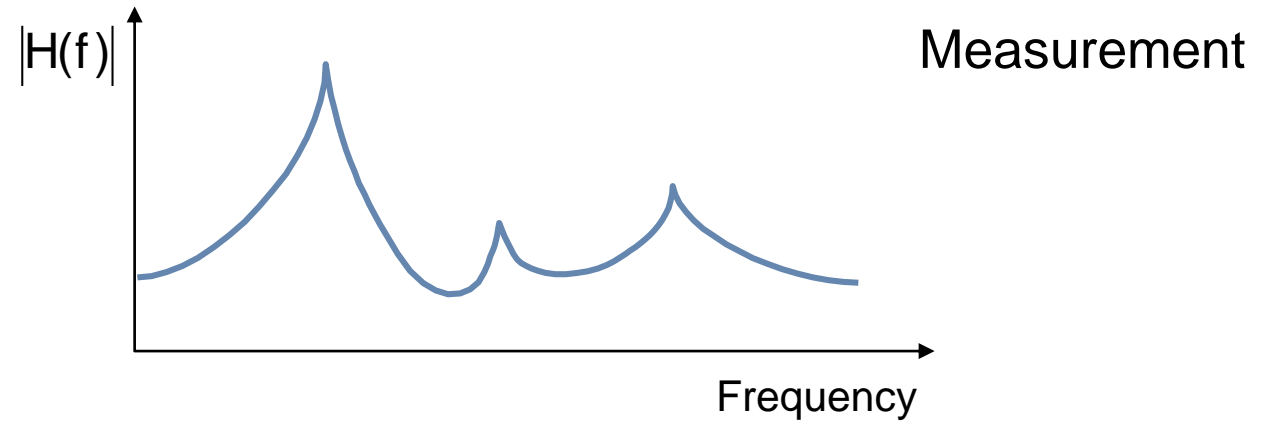
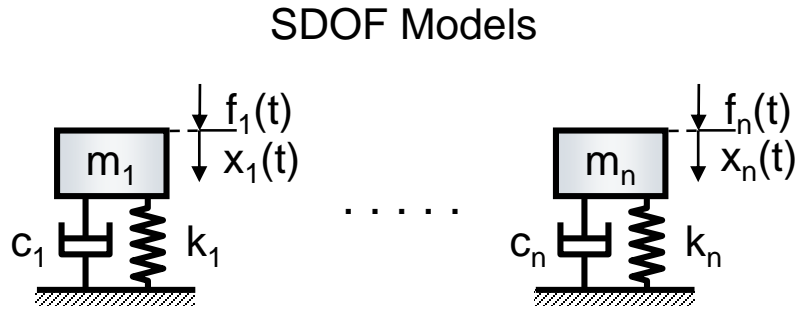
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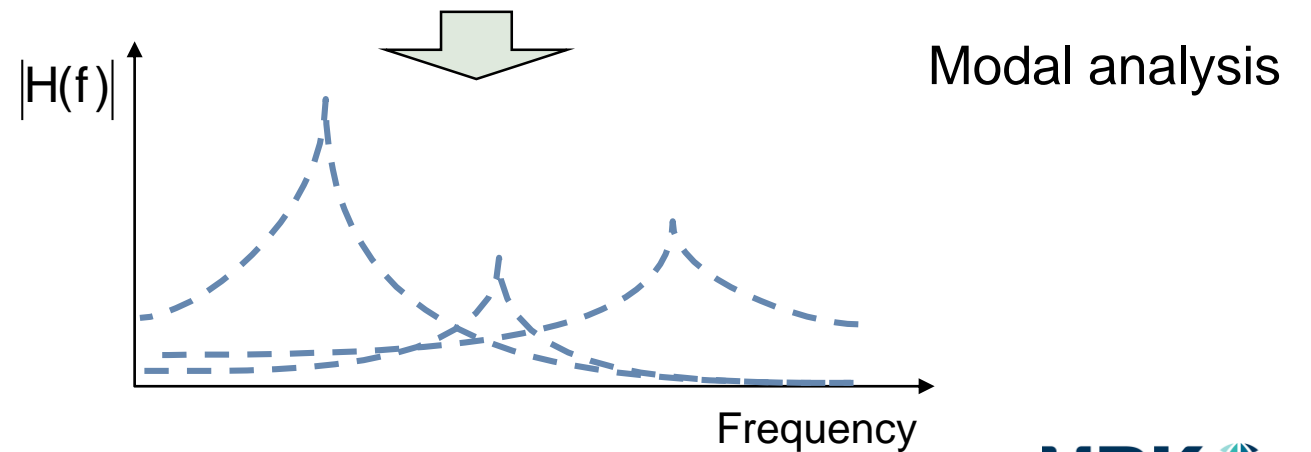
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Multiple Degrees of Freedom (MDOF) model

MDOF model = Σ (SDOF models)



Curve-fitting
(pattern recognition)



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What is structural dynamics measurements and analysis?

- ▲ **Observation of the actual dynamic behaviour** of a structure under certain **operating conditions**
 - **Deflection patterns** as a function of **time** or at specific **frequencies or orders (ODS analysis)**
- ▲ Creation of a mathematical model describing the **inherent dynamic properties** of a structure, so its **behaviour** can be **predicted** in various situations
 - The **modal parameters**: Natural frequency, damping ratio and mode shape (**Modal analysis**)

Mode shapes - Theory:

- ▲ A mode shape is real and all points and directions (DOFs) move either in-phase or out-of-phase
- ▲ The mode shapes are orthogonal, i.e. 100% independent

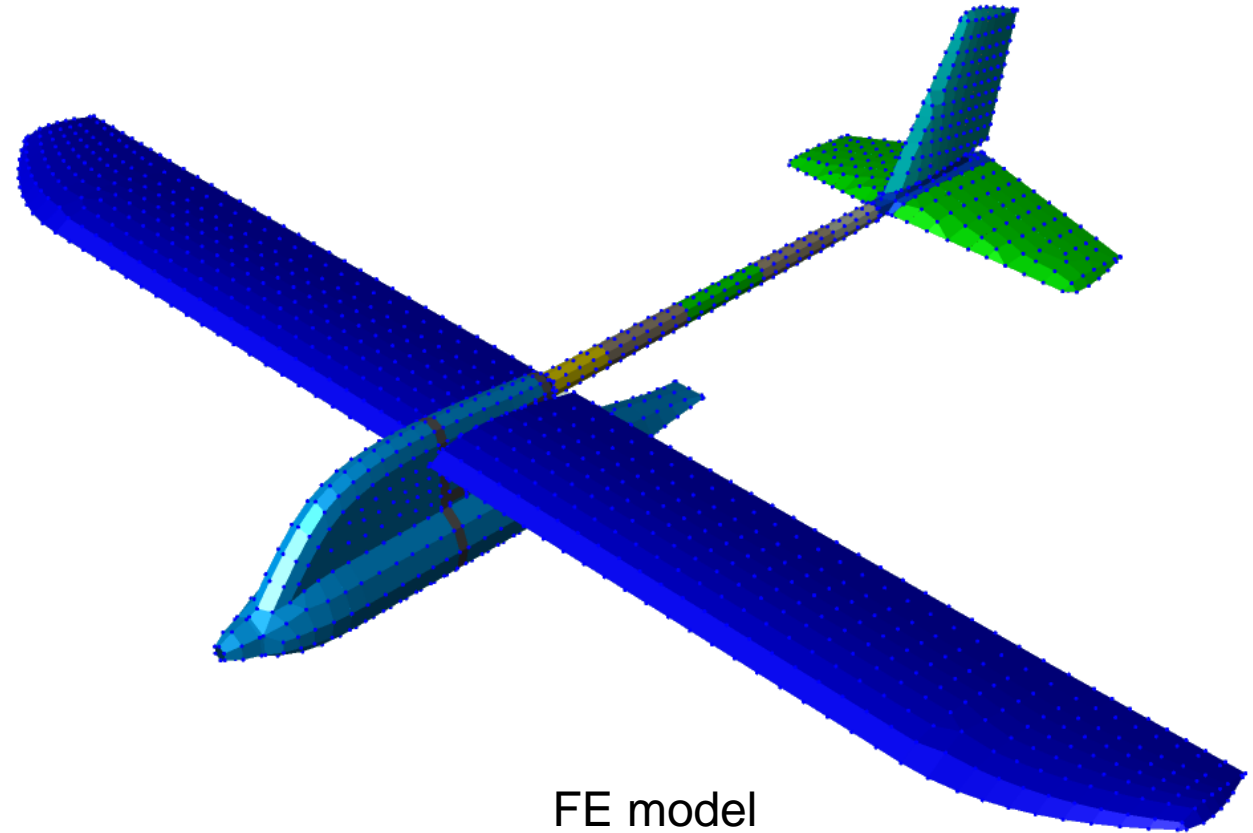
Mode Shapes - Practice:

- ▲ Mode shapes are complex due to, for example, non-optimal measurements and analysis and non-proportional damping in the structure
- ▲ Measurement and analysis techniques exist to obtain real mode shapes (Normal Mode Tuning)

Examples of mode shapes – Finite Element Analysis (FEA) of a small aircraft



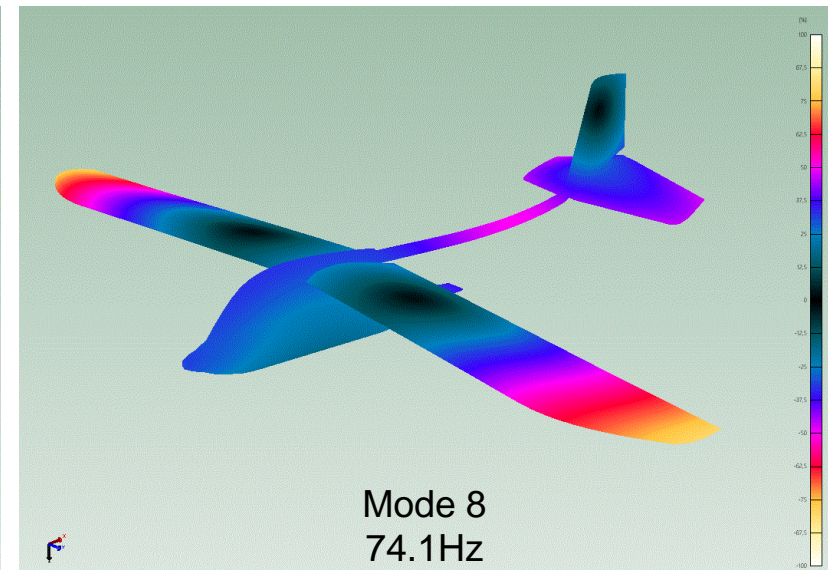
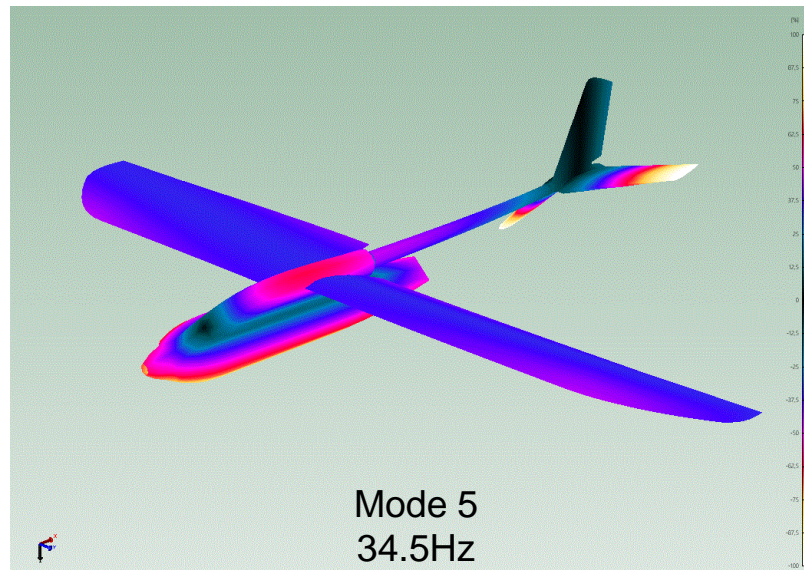
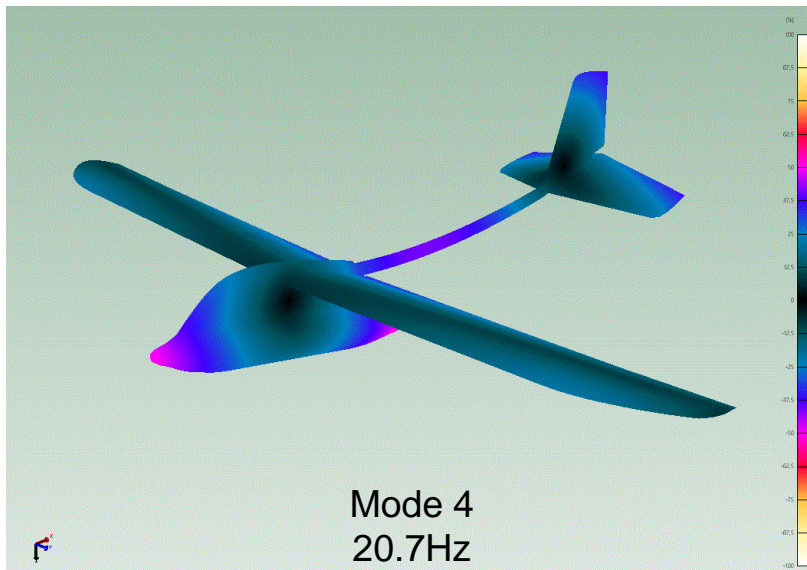
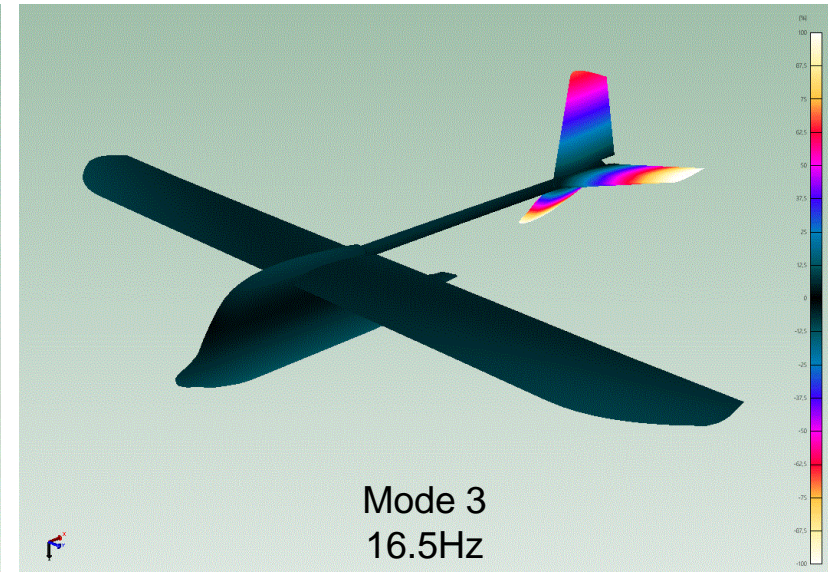
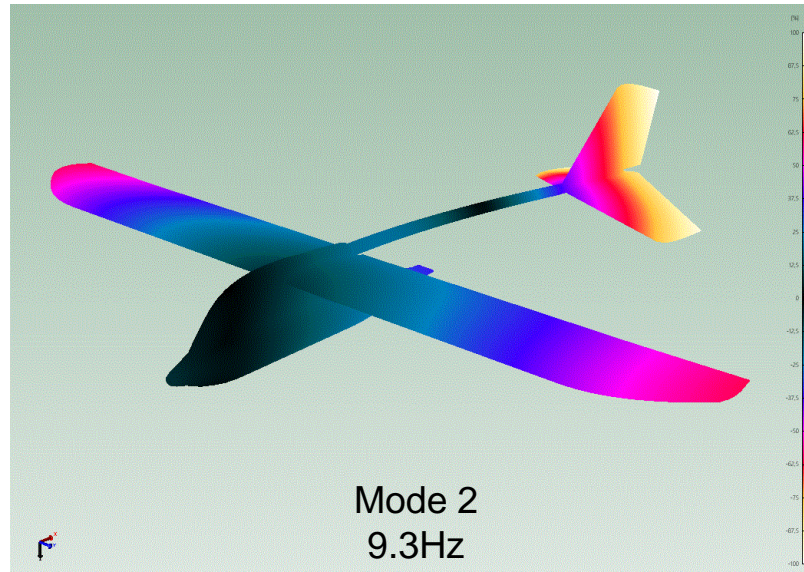
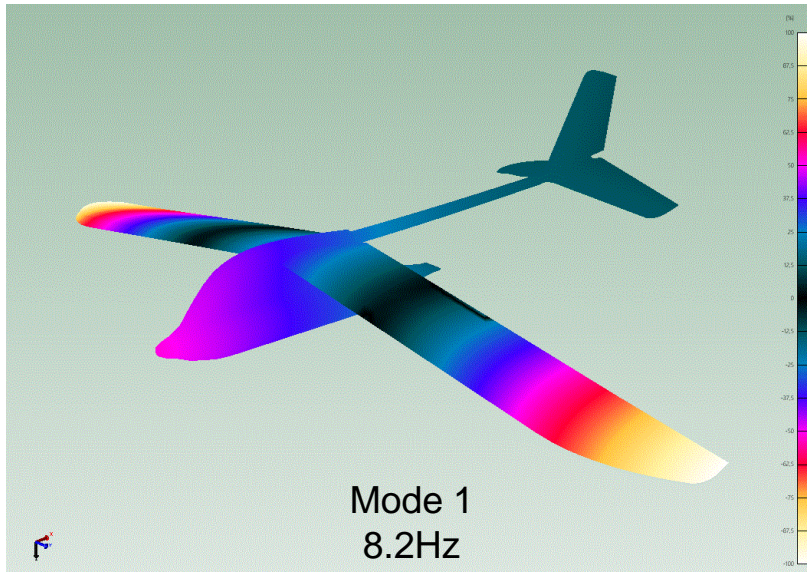
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Length: 2m
Weight: 17kg



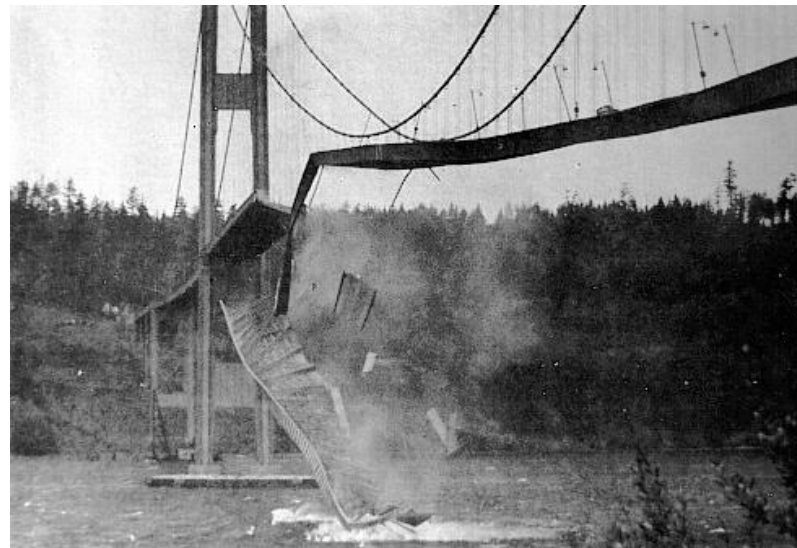
FE model



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Flutter - Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Nov. 7th, 1940



Aircraft Flutter



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Why is structural dynamics so important?

To understand in order to **improve** safety, reliability, performance, consumption and comfort

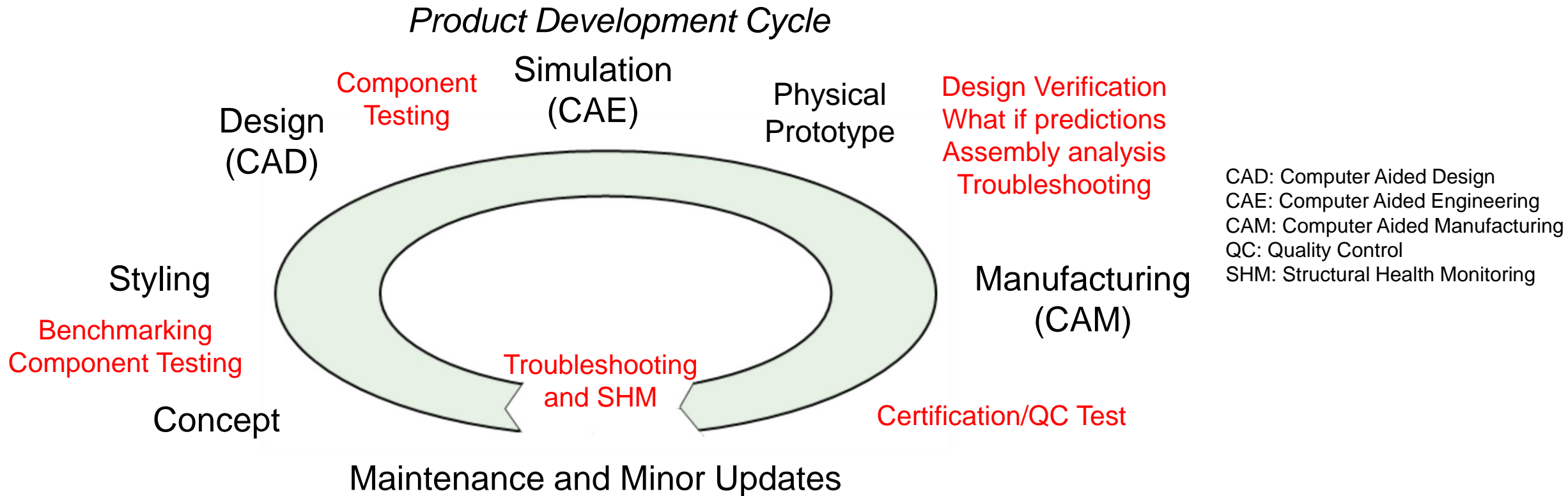
Structural dynamics is a key discipline within sound & vibration

- ▲ Aerospace & Defence
- ▲ Automotive & Trains
- ▲ Shipbuilding
- ▲ Power Generation
- ▲ Civil Engineering
- ▲ Heavy Industry / Rotating Machinery
- ▲ Consumer Products
- ▲ Research & Education
- ▲ And many more ...



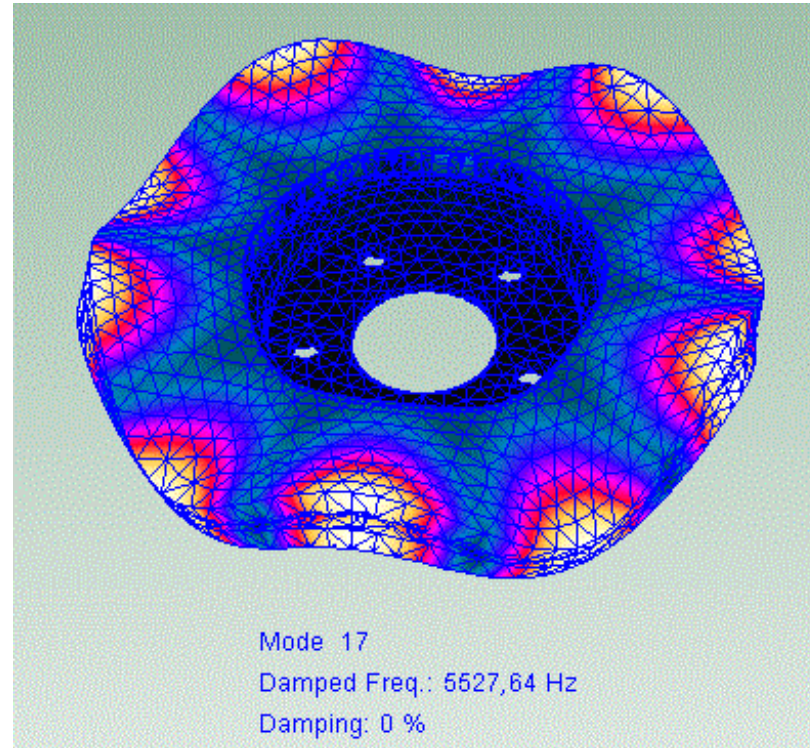
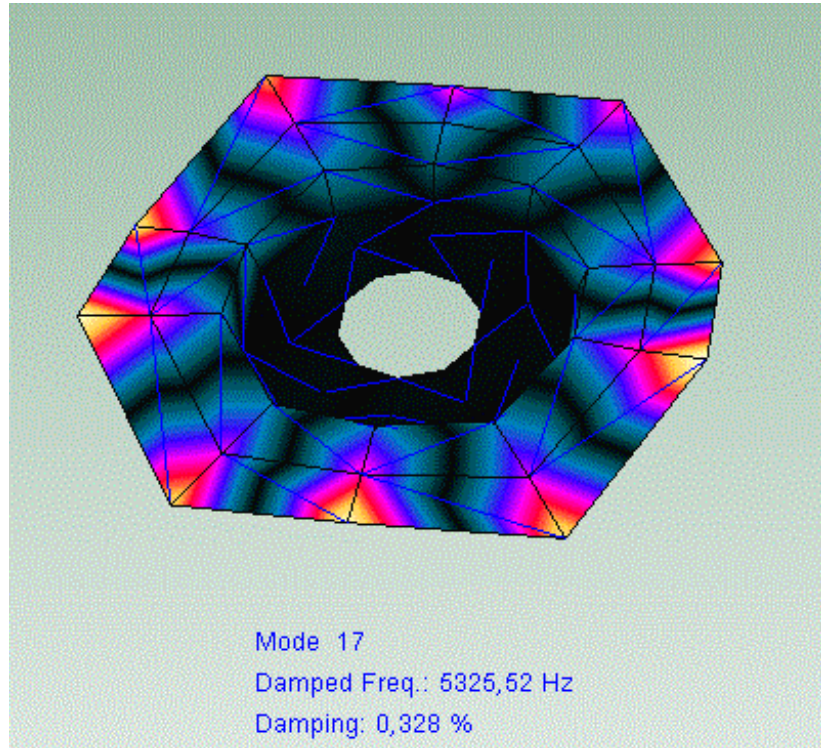
When do we perform analysis of structural dynamics?

- ▲ Design verification, certification testing, QC testing, troubleshooting, prediction of “what if” scenarios, assembly analysis, benchmarking, structural health monitoring and much more



How do we perform analysis of structural dynamics?

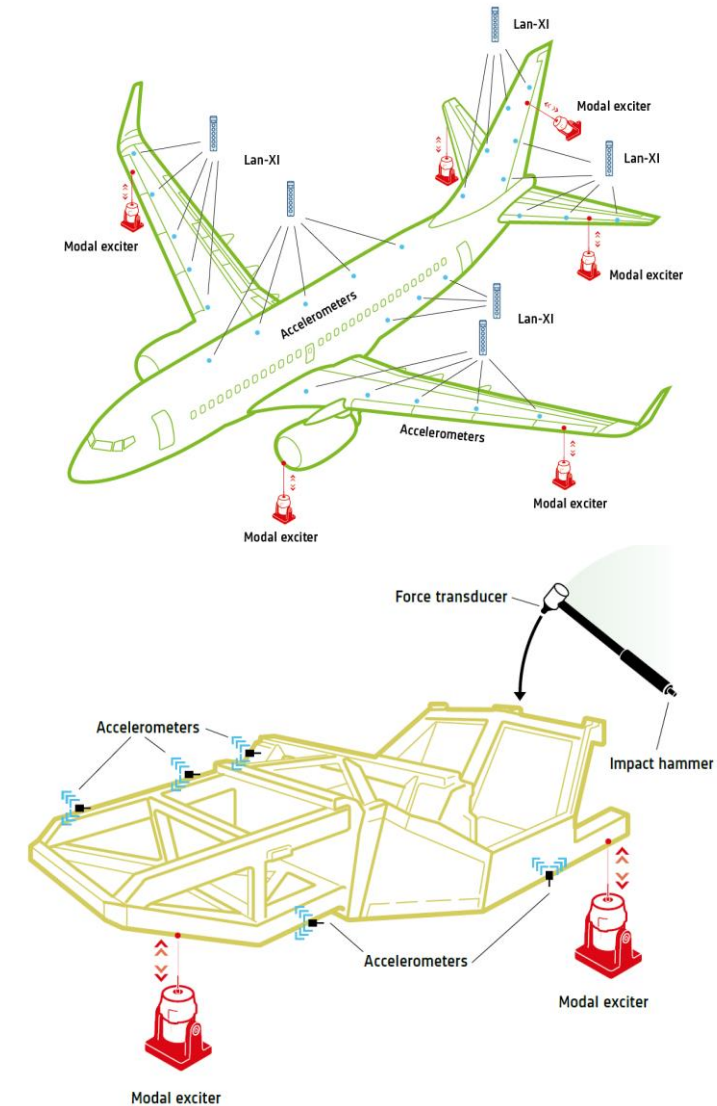
- Based on **measurements** also known as **experimental testing** or based on computer **simulation** models also known as **analytical simulation**
- The simulation results are typically correlated with the test results using **model correlation** to update and refine the simulation models to provide better predictions



- Results animation of a brake disc (mode 17)
- Left: Testing based on reduced test model
 - Right: Simulation based on large Finite Element Model (FEM)

How to perform structural dynamics measurements

- ▲ The structure is excited by **unmeasured natural forces** (ODS¹, OMA²) or **measured applied forces** (classical modal analysis) in one or more points and directions (Degrees-of-Freedoms: **DOFs**)
- ▲ Forces are either applied using a dedicated **impact hammer** that also measures the applied force, or by using one or more **modal exciters (shakers)** and measuring the applied forces using force transducers
- ▲ The result is measured in a number of response DOFs, typically using uniaxial or triaxial **accelerometers**
- ▲ Tests are performed from **2-channel impact testing** using, for example, one hammer and one accelerometer, to large modal surveys with more than **10 modal exciters** and **1000 response DOFs**



1) Operating Deflection Shapes
2) Operational Modal Analysis

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Testing

Characterization of the *structural properties* and/or *behaviour* of structures obtained by *experimental means (testing)*

Methods

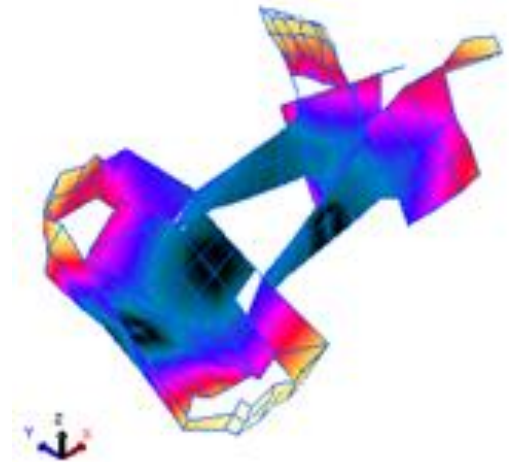
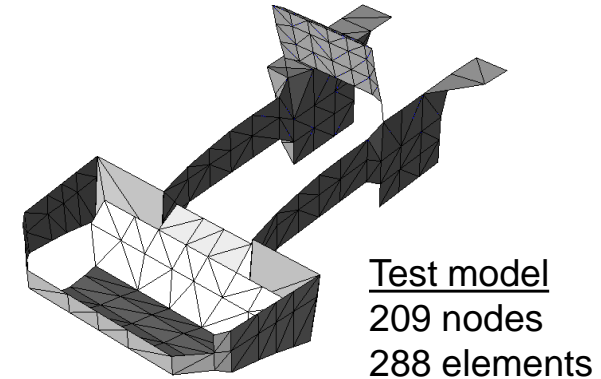
- ▲ In-operation measurements (in situ) during (approximated) real-life excitation and actual boundary conditions (for example, ODS and OMA)
- ▲ Controlled measurements (laboratory) with controlled excitation and controlled boundary conditions (for example, Classical Modal Analysis)

Advantages

- ▲ Characterization of actual physical structure – Good confidence in results
- ▲ Easy and fast to perform measurements and do post-analysis
- ▲ Relative inexpensive instrumentation – in particular for smaller setups

Disadvantages

- ▲ Requires available physical test objects
- ▲ Becomes time-consuming and expensive if many modifications are required



Simulation (Finite Element Analysis) – *The Digital Twin*

Characterization of the *structural properties* and/or *behaviour* of structures using *simulation models*

Methods

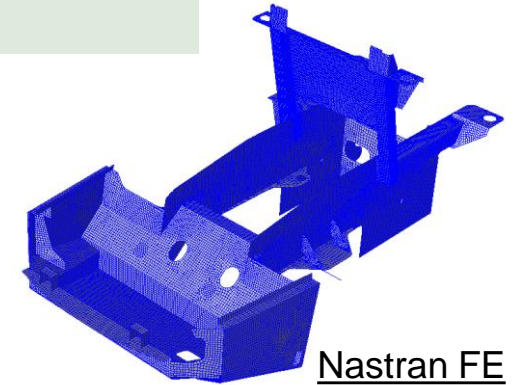
- Analysis of numerical models based on disjoint components with material properties called Finite Elements (FEs) using Finite Element Analysis (FEA) programs (for example, Nastran®, Ansys®, Abaqus® and I-deas)

Advantages

- Shortens time from concept to production
- Reduces the number of required prototypes in product development

Disadvantages

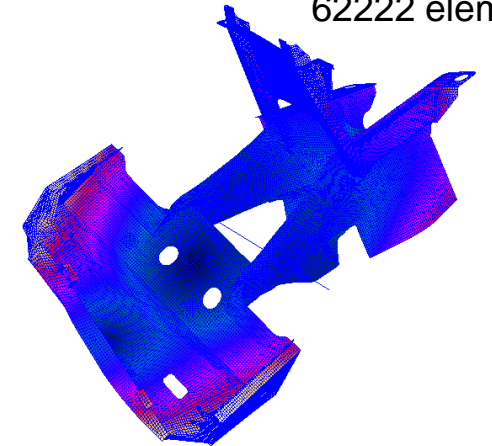
- Expensive systems requiring high degree of expert knowledge
- Does often not include (accurate) damping information
- Accuracy of initial models often insufficient
- Simulations can be quite time-consuming



Nastran FE model

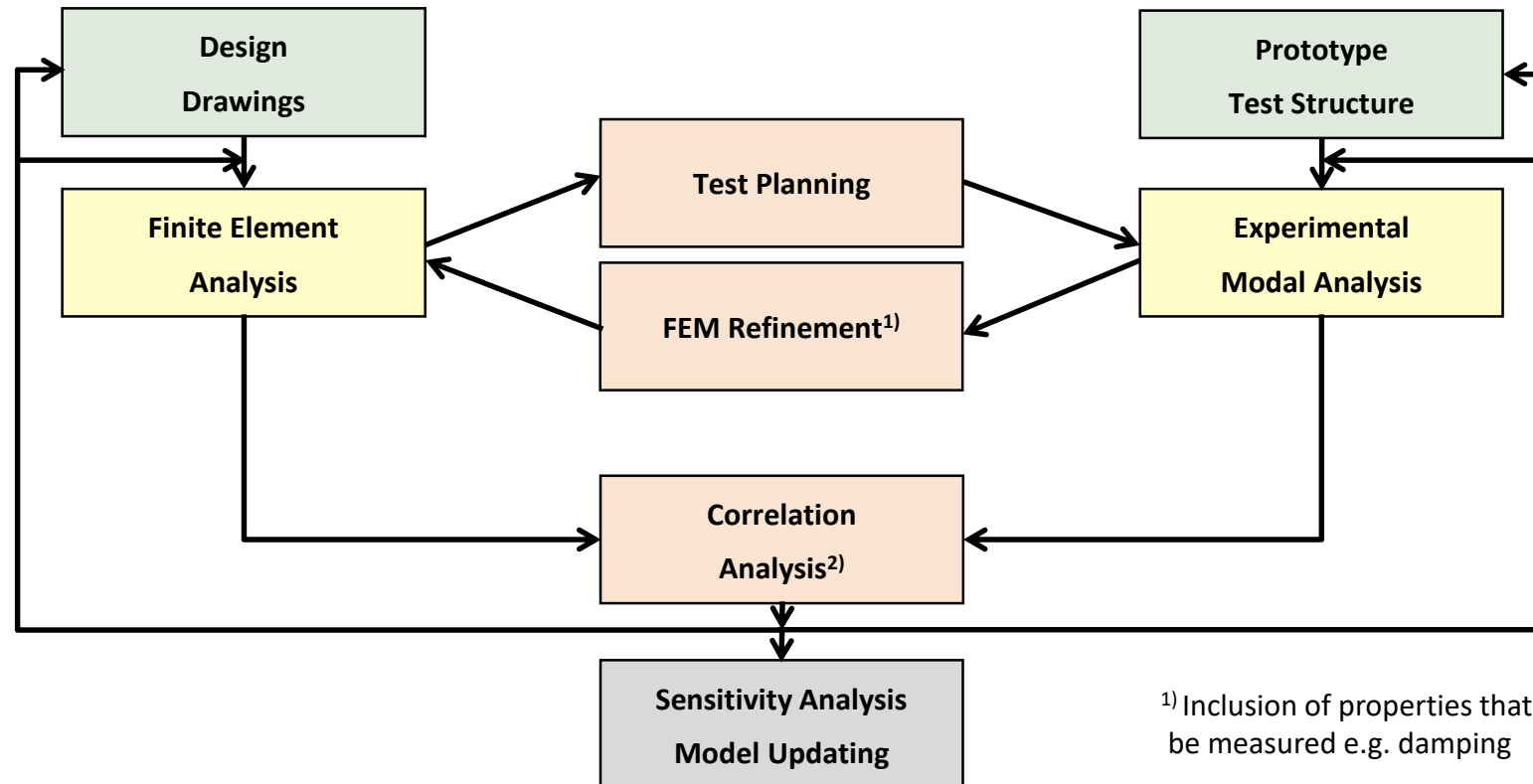
62276 nodes

62222 elements



Test-FEA Integration – Schematic Overview

Shorten time from concept to production by *optimizing strategies* for *testing models* and *improving* the development of *FE models*



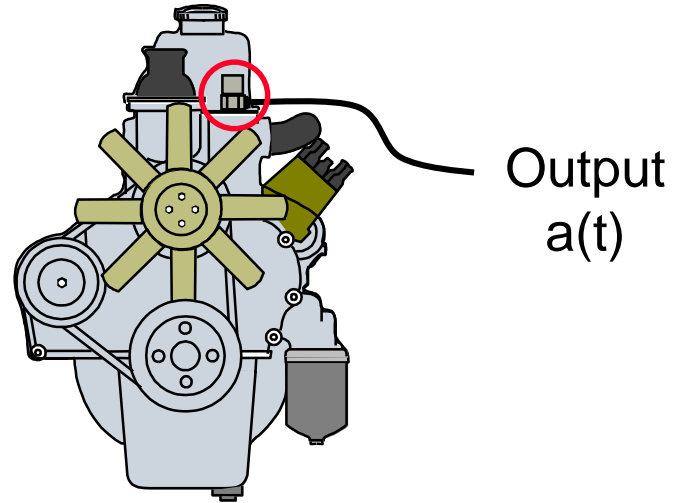
¹⁾ Inclusion of properties that can only be measured e.g. damping

²⁾ Natural frequencies, FRFs, Mode shapes (MAC and Orthogonality)

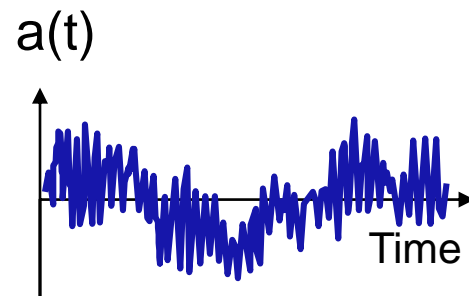
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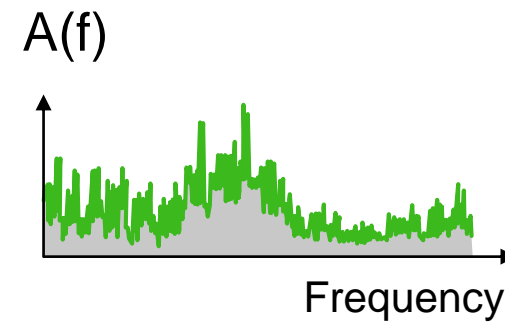
Signal Analysis - Definition



Time signal



Frequency spectrum



No model created – Only observation of the output !

Example of Signal Analysis – ODS Analysis

Determination and visualization of the vibration pattern of structures under operating conditions

Operating conditions

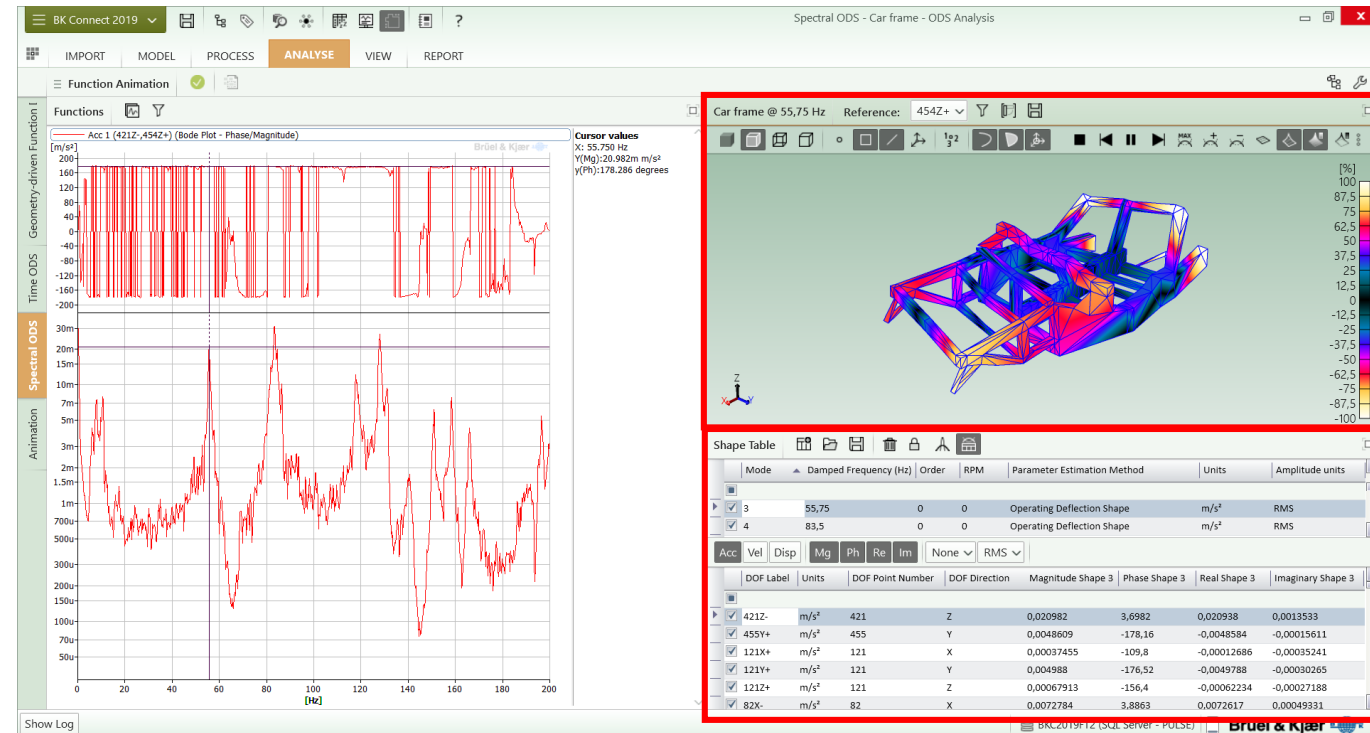
- Speed, Load, Temp., Pressure, Flow, ...

Vibration signals

- Stationary
- Quasi-stationary
 - » Slightly varying speed or excitation level
 - » Run-up/down tests
- Transient

Results

- Geometry animated in different DOFs
- Table of Shapes for different frequencies/orders
 - Acceleration, Velocity and Displacement for each shape
- Table of deflection pattern at different time instances



ODS analysis answers the questions:

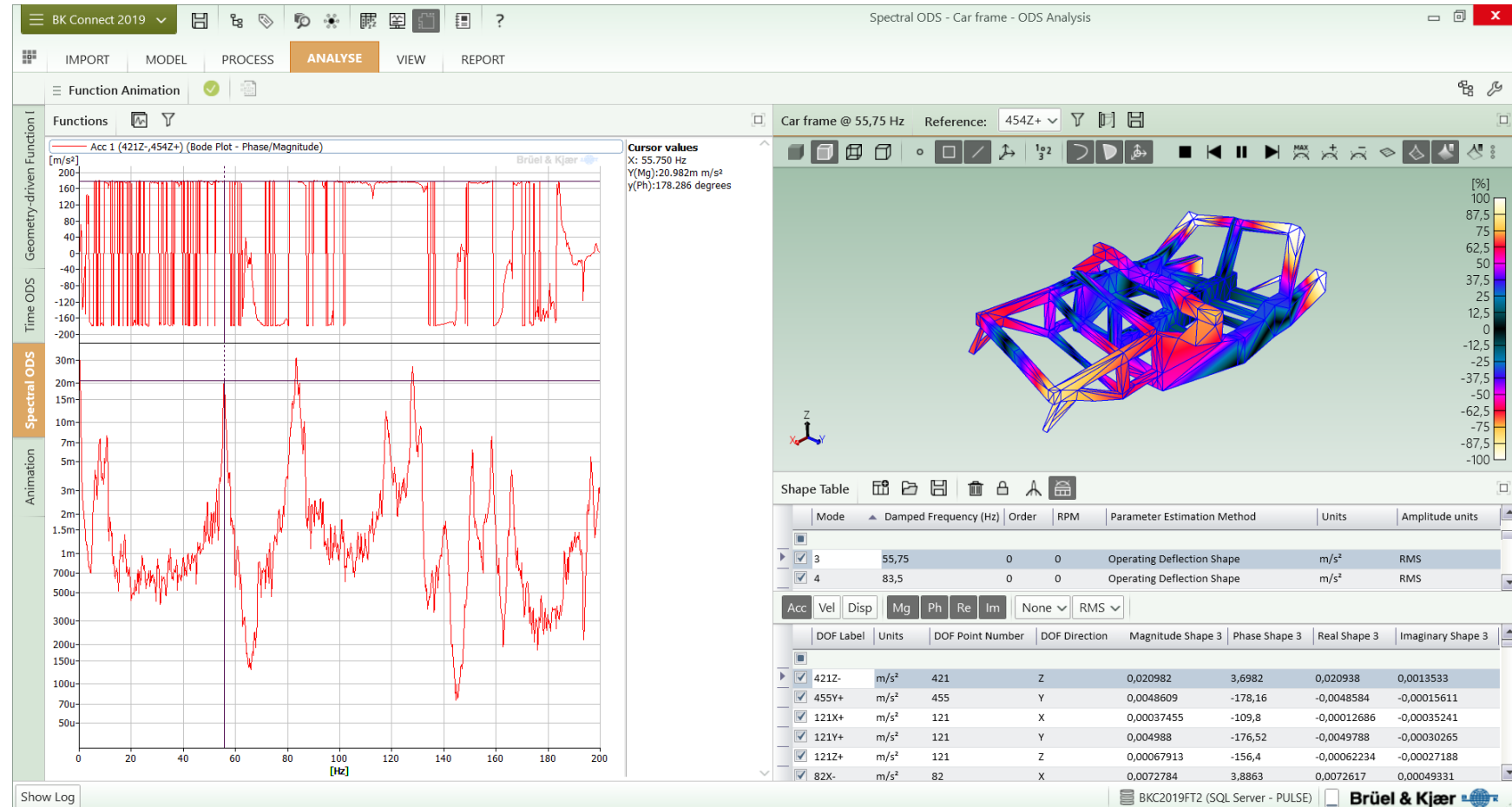
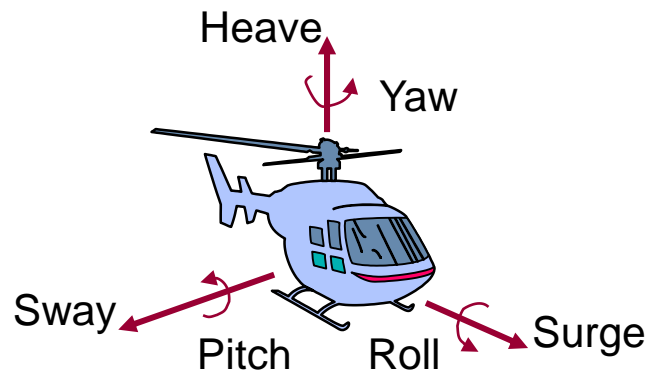
How does the structure actually vibrate?

What is the actual absolute motion of one DOF vs. another?

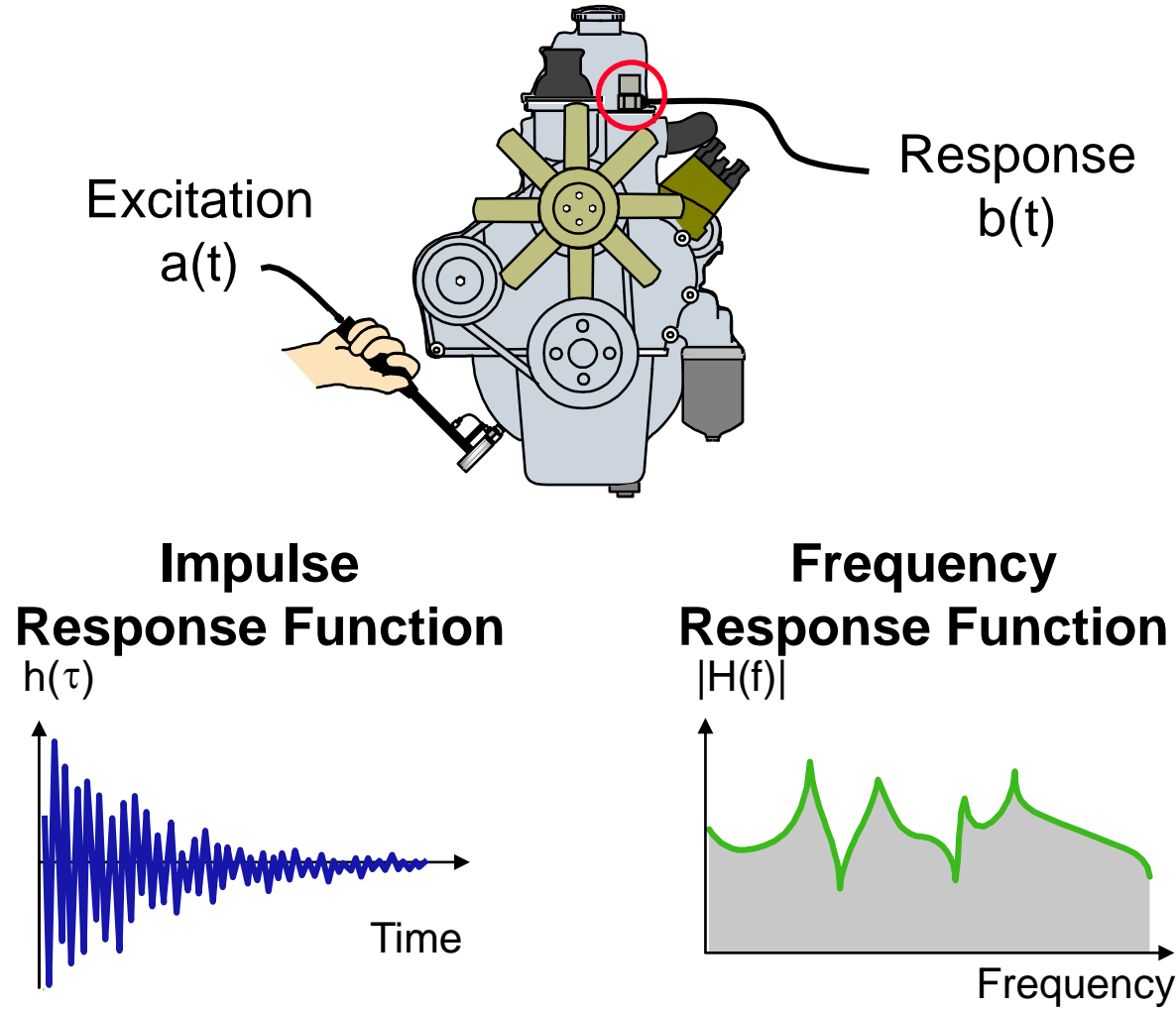
Brief Demo – Spectral ODS (Frequency ODS) of a Car Frame

- Sports car frame excited by finger tapping etc.
- Measurement made using 20 triaxial accelerometers
- Triax reference in left front corner
- Interpolation in 475 nodes
- Frequency range: 200Hz

Rigid Body Modes (RBM)



System Analysis - Definition



A model is created – Determination of the system's inherent properties !

Example of System Analysis – Classical Modal Analysis (Modal Testing)

To obtain a **mathematical model** of the **dynamic** properties of a structure by **experimental** means using **hammer** or **shaker** excitation (*modal testing*)

Controlled measurements

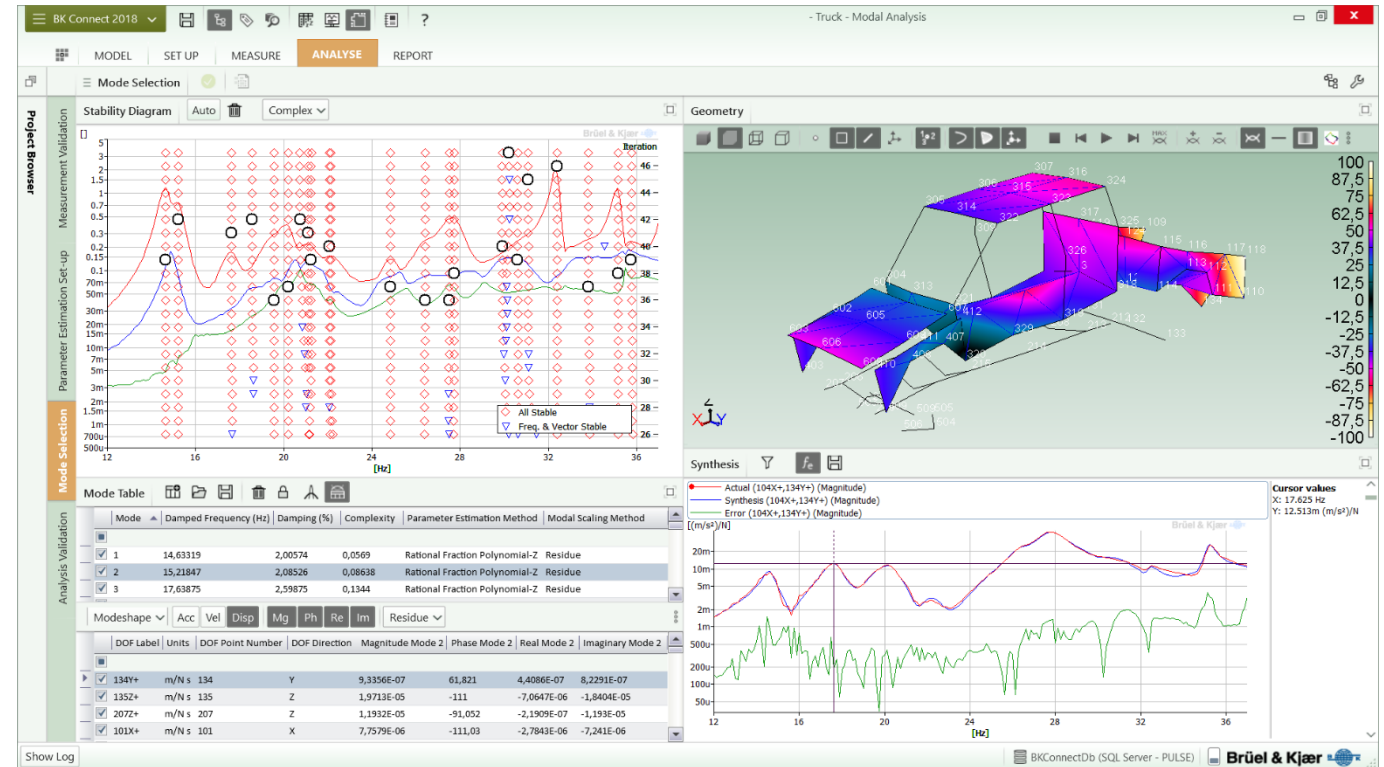
- Boundary conditions
- Excitation signals
- Environmental conditions

Excitation signals

- Sinusoidal (fixed, sweep, step)
- Random (normal, burst, pseudo ...)
- Transient (impact)
- ...

Results – Modal Parameters

- Natural Frequencies
- Modal Damping
- Mode Shapes



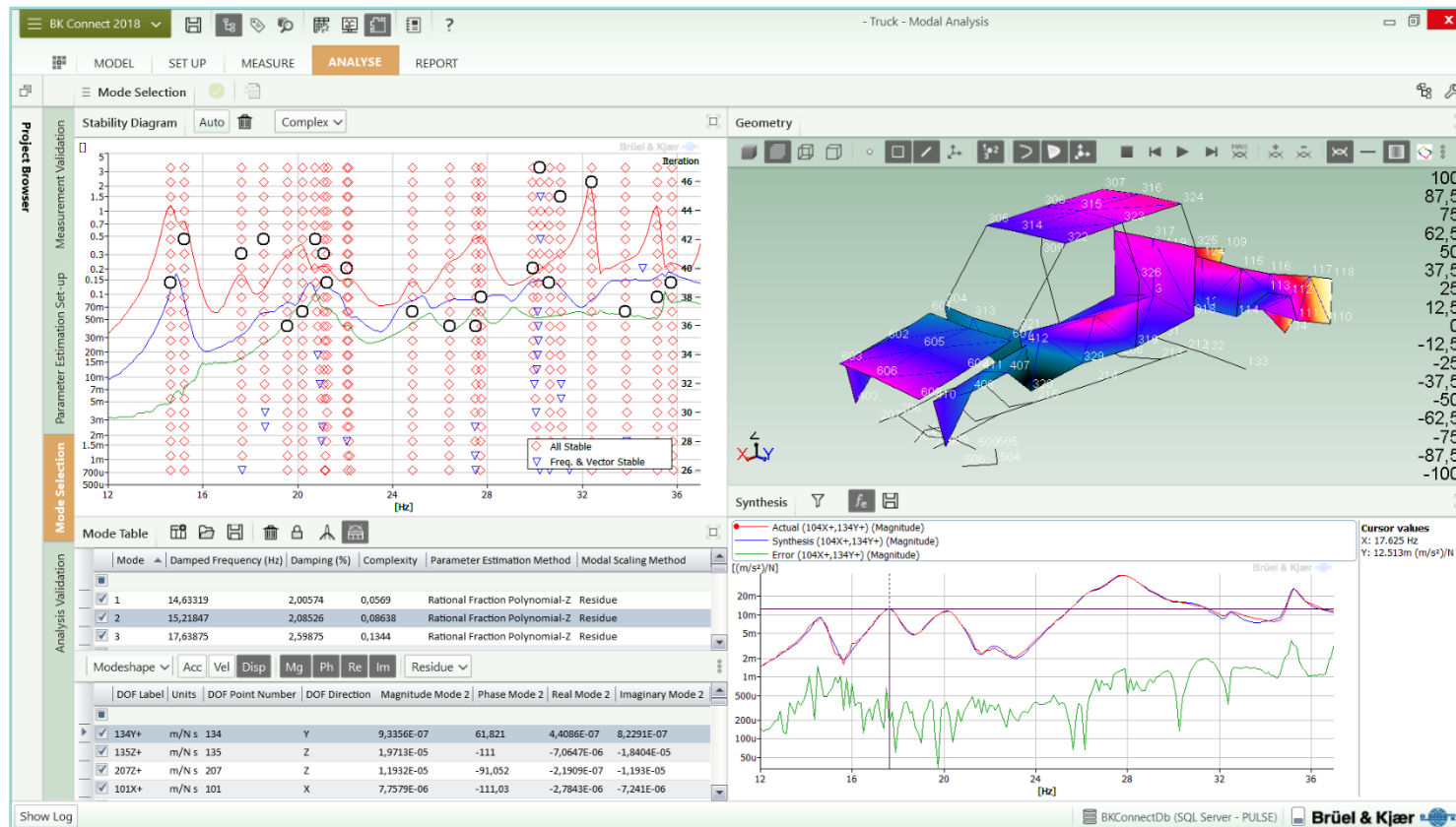
Classical Modal Analysis answers the question:

What is the structure's inherent dynamic properties?

Brief Demo – Classical Modal Analysis of a Partly Trimmed Truck

Configuration

- Partly trimmed truck (heavily damped modes, non-linear behaviour)
- 3 shakers and 330 response DOFs (110 triax (4524-B)) => 990 FRFs



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Key applications in Structural Dynamics

- 1) Finite Element (simulation)
- 2) Finite Element Analysis (simulation)
- 3) Frequency Response Functions

▲ Test Planning

- Decimation of large FE¹ geometry models down to smaller test geometry models
- Selection of the optimum number and locations for excitation and response DOFs based on FEA² results

▲ Operating Deflection Shapes analysis

- Determination of the vibration patterns of a structure under given operating conditions. Results are shown in tables and as animated geometries

▲ Linearity studies and control

- Determination of the degree and type of non-linearity and how to control/handle it during (modal) measurements. Performed using swept or stepped sine testing

▲ Classical Modal Analysis

- Determination and validation of a structure's modal parameters (natural frequencies, damping estimates and mode shapes) from measured FRFs³ using hammer or shaker testing

▲ Structural Dynamics Modification

- Prediction of what the modal parameters will be of a modified structure before physically modifying it

Key applications in Structural Dynamics

▲ Normal Mode Tuning

- Modal parameters found from multiple shaker testing by forcing the structure to respond in its normal (real) modes – one at a time. Used in Ground Vibration Testing (GVT) of aircraft for flutter predictions

▲ Operational Modal Analysis

- Modal parameter extraction and validation under operating conditions – and often in-situ – by only measuring the responses of the structure

▲ Structural Health Monitoring

- Damage detection, assessment and localization. To optimize maintenance services and improve expected lifetime predictions of civil engineering and mechanical structures

▲ Model Correlation

- A visual and numerical correlation analysis of two modal models. Typically test versus FEA, but can also be test versus test, or FEA versus FEA

▲ Model Updating

- Updating of FE models based on test results, so the FE models provide better predictions

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Trends in Structural Dynamics

- ▲ Much closer link between test and simulation. **Design verification** is becoming one of the main reasons for structural testing in an increasing number of market segments.
- ▲ More accurate, larger and complex tests are required to update continuously improved FE models. Total **test time is increasing**.
- ▲ Testing of simple structures is becoming a low-level task performed by technicians. Increased requirements for **ease-of-use, automation, efficiency and reliability**.
- ▲ **Development processes** are becoming shorter, more integrated, more automated and performed in parallel. Consequently, testing is performed at more stages - and levels - during the development process.
- ▲ **Statistical uncertainty analysis** to assess the quality and robustness of tests.
- ▲ Increasing focus on **in-operation structural measurements (ODS and OMA)** to perform/simulate “real-life” conditions and to perform tests previously impossible to do.
- ▲ Increasing focus on **Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)** for damage detection, condition-based maintenance and lifetime prediction. From being mainly a civil engineering discipline it is now increasingly used in aerospace, space, wind energy and for large machinery. Strong interest in automotive and other markets.
- ▲ Increasing focus and research in **non-linear system analysis** due to increasing use of, for example, composite and active materials. Techniques have significantly improved in recent years, but are, for general purposes, still not robust enough.

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Previous and upcoming 1h webinars on structural dynamics

Nov. 20, 2019

- ▲ Operational Modal Analysis – Modal Parameter Identification under Operating Conditions
 - Recording available on: <https://www.hbm.com/en/8507/webinar-operational-modal-analysis-modal-parameter-identification-under-operating-conditions/>

Feb. 20, 2020

- ▲ Operating Deflection Shapes Analysis – Determination of Vibration Patterns under Operating Conditions
 - Sign up on: <https://www.hbm.com/en/8740/ods-vibration-patterns-under-operating-conditions/>

May 15, 2020

- ▲ Classical Modal Analysis using Hammer and Shaker Excitation
 - To be published soon!



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 - Applications & solutions: (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJiMDKQQaTpBFsa2kJ2KIMbgRzd_s7GYF)
 - Tutorials: (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJiMDKQQaTpAxJ-II200XRvV8RUmJHx3I>)
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