

# Space Engineering E-32 "Structures"

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To provide the attendants with a full insight of the spacecraft structural design, analysis and verification process related to the ECSS Standards, Handbooks and other literature

1. Definition of Space Structures
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7. Design of Structures (*material, processes, assemblies, joints, allowable stress/load,*
8. Mechanical Analysis (*models, validation, static dynamic, acoustic, stability, thermo-elastic, micro-vibrations, sloshing, system, subsystem*)
9. Damage Tolerance (*hardware inspection, analytical verification, specific testing, ...*)
10. Testing (*static, modal, sine, acoustic, random, thermal, micro-vibrations, pressures, ...*)
11. Structural requirements flow down
12. Mechanical Interfaces (Handbooks)

# Definition of Structures



- ❖ Set of mechanical components or assemblies designed to sustain loads or pressures, provide stiffness or stability or provide support or containment.
- ❖ Structures support spacecraft key components in desirable locations.
- ❖ Structures protect the spacecraft's components from dynamic environments during ground operations, launch, deployment and mission's operations.
- ❖ Structures vibrations must not interfere with launch vehicle's vibrations
- ❖ The materials must survive ground, launch, on-orbit environments.

# Function of a Spacecraft Structure

## 1. Structural integrity

Strength

Stability (buckling)

Stiffness

Damping

## 2. Support equipment

## 3. Alignment and Stability

Manufacturing and assembly tolerances

Thermo-elastic/moisture release deformations

Micro-vibration disturbances

## 4. I/F to launcher



## Structural integrity



- Strength
- Stability
- Stiffness
- Damping

# Function of a Spacecraft Structure

## Structural integrity

Two objectives:

- Mission success
- Safety

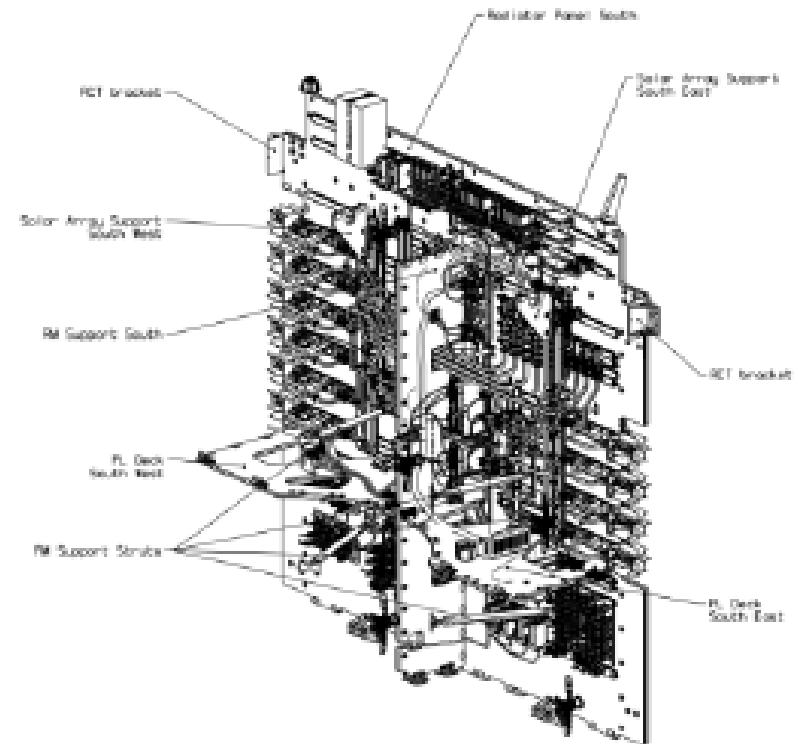
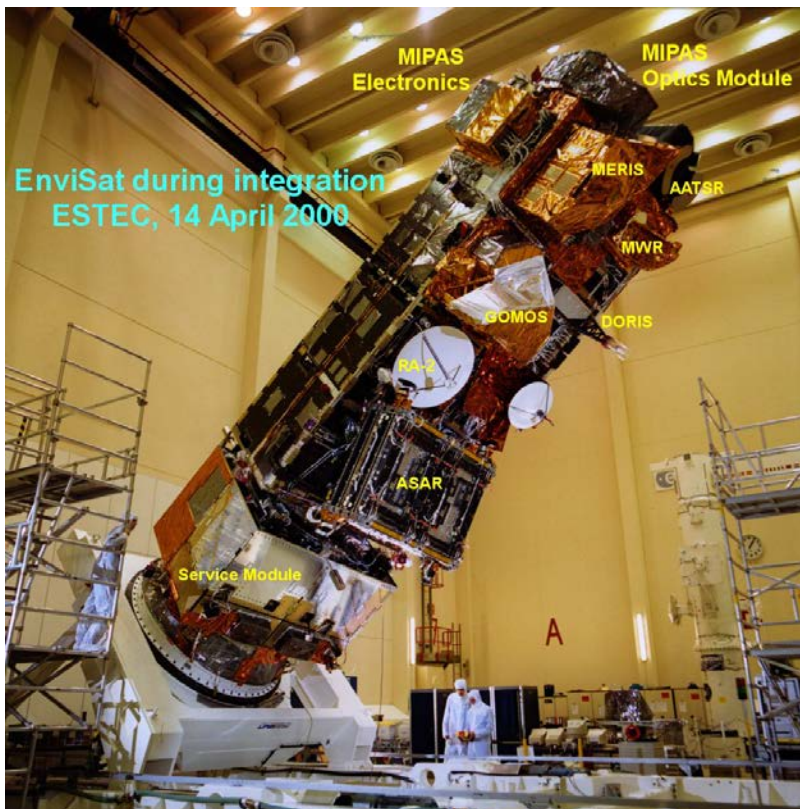
We want the S/C to work

It's our responsibility

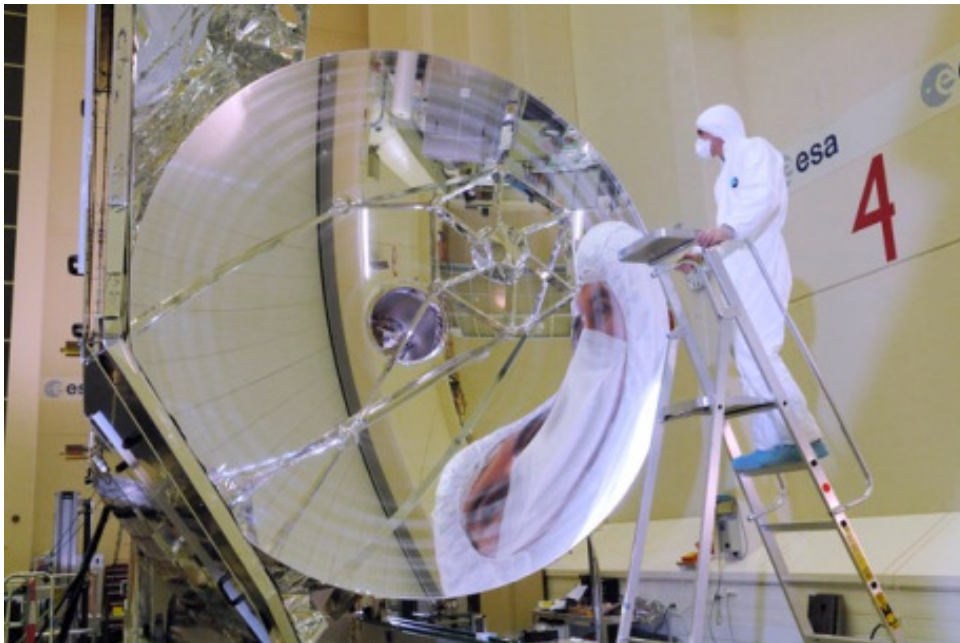
- We do not harm people on ground
- We do not damage ground equipment
- We do not damage other S/C or the launch vehicle
- We do not create debris (new)



## Support equipment



Maintain alignment and stability



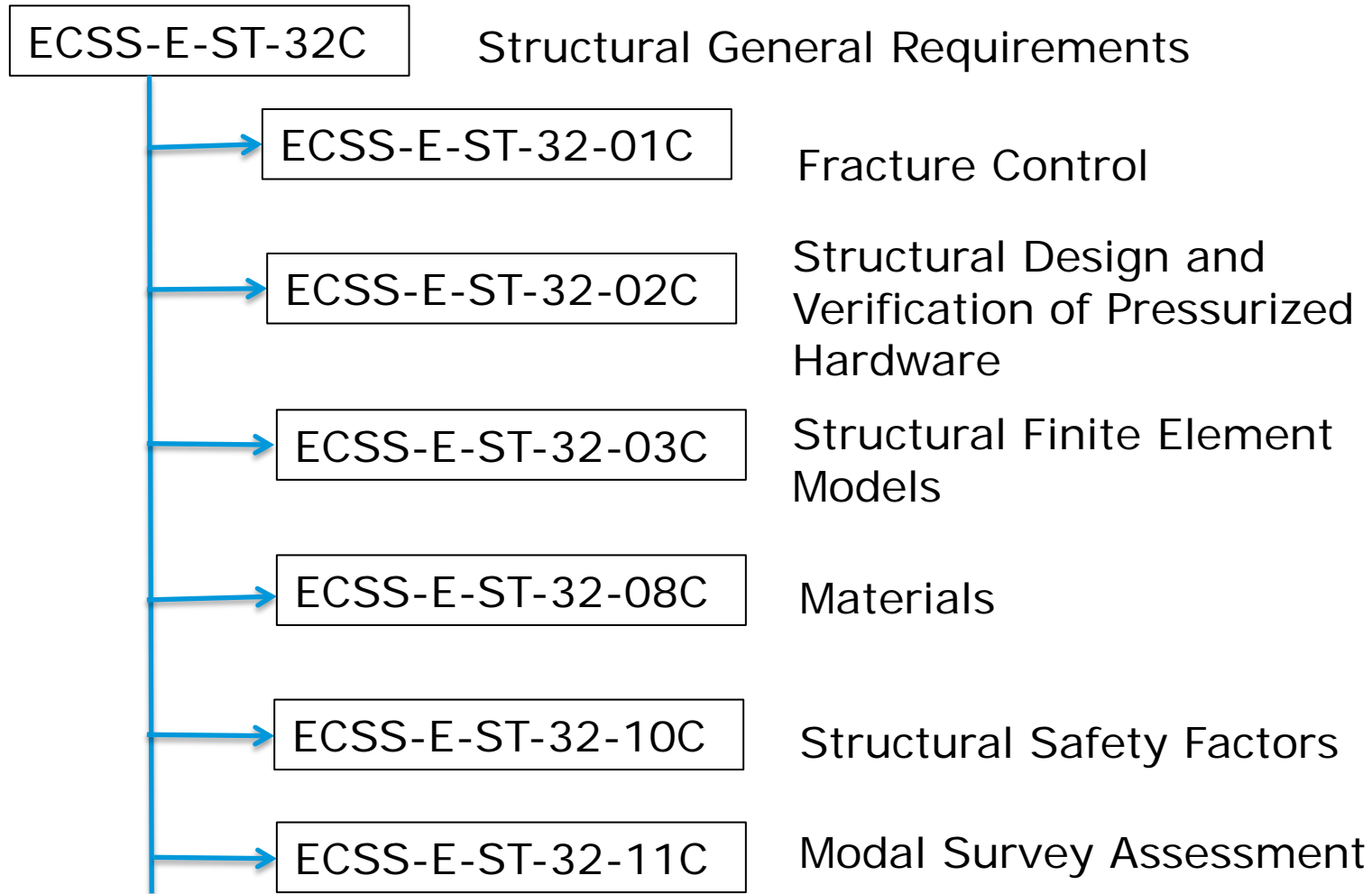
- Manufacturing and assembly tolerances
- Settlements
- Thermo-elastic/moisture release deformations
- Micro-vibration disturbances

# Function of a Spacecraft Structure

I/F to the launcher



# Hierarchy ECSS E-32 Standards



# Structural General Requirements

- ❖ ECSS-E-ST-32C (Space engineering – Structural) defines the mechanical engineering requirements for structural engineering.
- ❖ This Standard specifies the requirements to be considered in all engineering aspects of structures: requirement definition and specification, design, development, verification, production, in service and eventual disposal.
- ❖ The Standard applies to all general structural subsystem aspects of space products including: launch vehicles, transfer vehicles, re-entry vehicles, spacecraft, landing probes and rovers, sounding rockets, payloads and instruments, and structural parts of all subsystems.
- ❖ This Standard may be tailored for the specific characteristics and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

- ❖ Terms, definition abbreviations
- ❖ Requirements

- ❖ Mission
- ❖ Functionality
- ❖ Interface
- ❖ Design
- ❖ Verification
- ❖ Production and manufacturing
- ❖ In-service
- ❖ Data-exchange
- ❖ Deliverables

## **Space engineering**

### **Structural general requirements**



## Mission

- ❖ Lifetime
- ❖ Natural and Induced Environment
- ❖ Mechanical environment
- ❖ Microgravity, audible noise and human induced vibration
- ❖ Load events
- ❖ Combined loads
- ❖ Limit Loads (Prob. 99%, CL 90%)
- ❖ Design Limit loads

## Space engineering

### Structural general requirements

## Environment

Manufacturing

Assembly

Storage

Handling / Transportation

Ground Test

Launch

Orbit (Earth, Sun,...)

De-orbiting

Demise

Re-entry

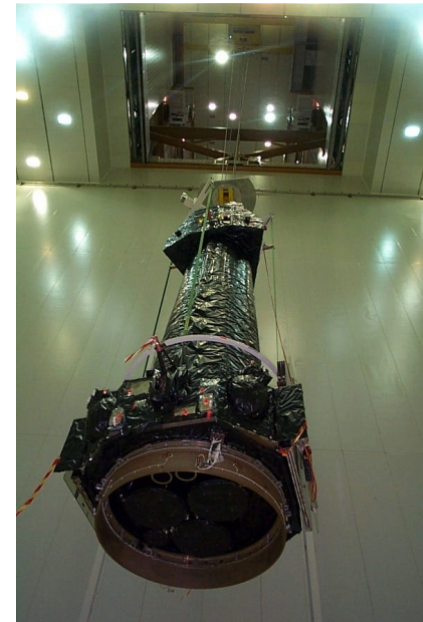
## Environment

### Ground environment

- ❑ Atmospheric conditions (contamination)
- ❑ Humidity (corrosion, deformations)
- ❑ Manufacturing processes (high temperatures, rapid cooling,...)

#### Loads

- ❑ Manufacturing/assembly (may induce also permanent stresses/deformations)
- ❑ Handling / Transportation
- ❑ Gravity



## Environment

Ground environment: test

- Non destructive inspections
- Mass, CoG, MoI measurement
- Functional
- Environmental tests
- Proof tests (static, pressure)

Tests may be the design condition  
for certain structural items



## Environment

### Launch environment

- Rocket Motor Ignition Overpressure
- Lift-off Loads
- Engine/Motor Generated Acoustic Loads
- Engine/Motor Generated Structure-borne Vibration Loads
- Engine/Motor Thrust Transients
- Pogo Instability, Solid Motor Pressure Oscillations
- Wind and Turbulence, Aerodynamic Sources
- Liquid Sloshing in Tanks
- Stage and Fairing Separation Loads
- Pyrotechnic Induced Loads
- Depressurisation

## Environment

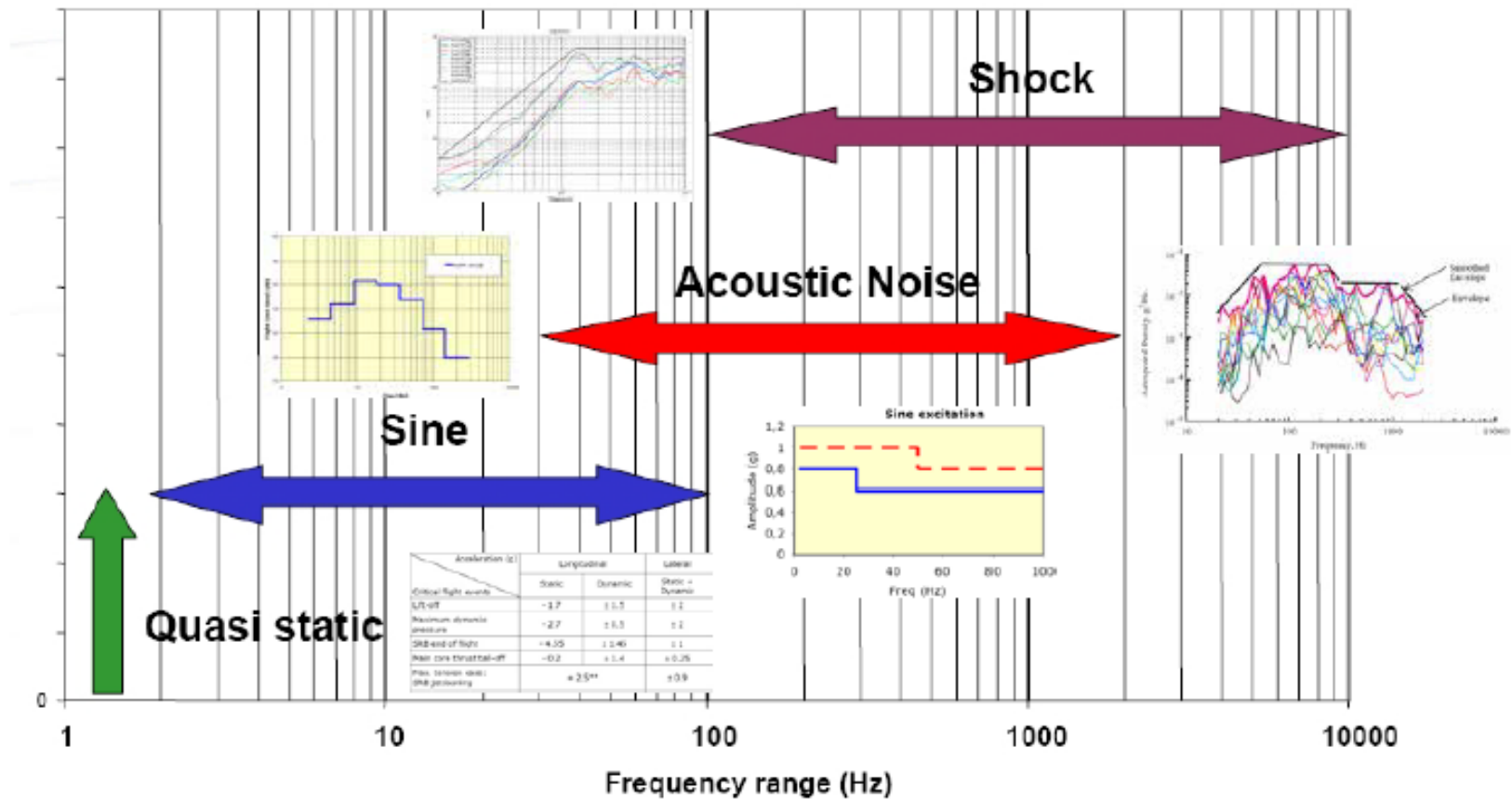
### Launch environment

Usually inertial launch loads are classified according to their frequency content in:

- Steady state accelerations
- Low frequency vibrations
- Broad band vibrations “Random vibrations”
- Acoustic loads
- Shocks

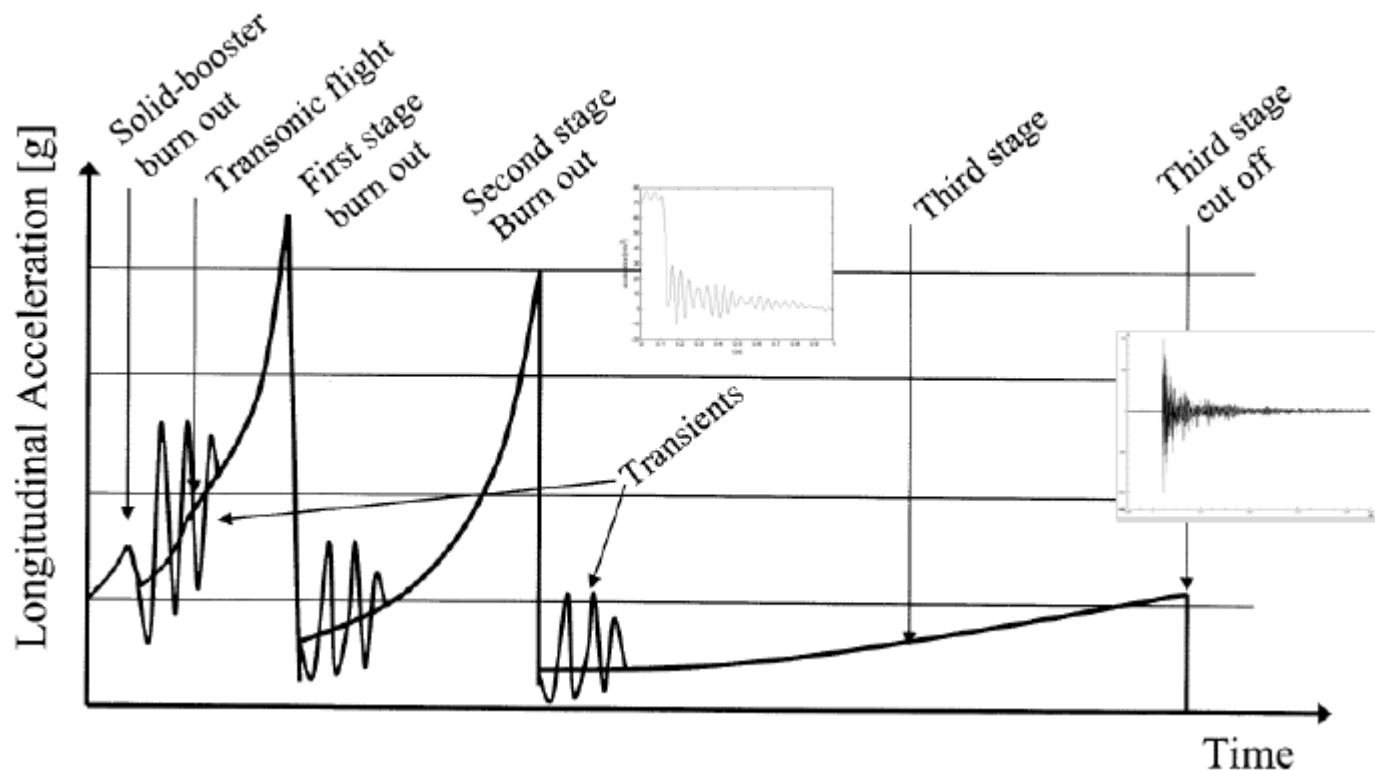


## Environment



## Environment

Launch loads: steady state and low frequency



## Environment

Launch loads: acoustic

The principal sources of noise are:

- ❑ Engine functioning
- ❑ Aerodynamic turbulence

Acoustic noise impinging on  
light weight panel-like structures  
produce high response

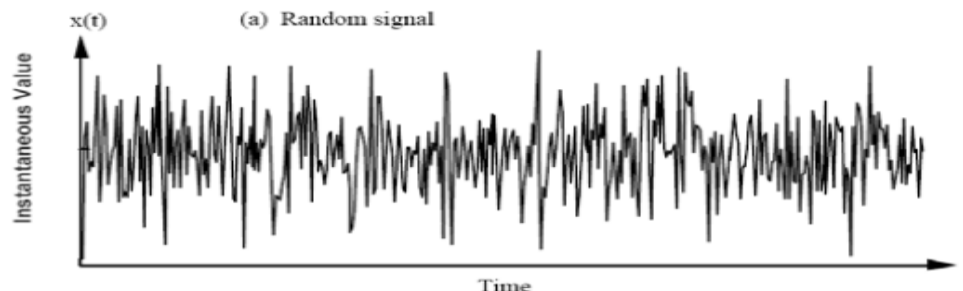


## Environment

### Launch loads: random vibration

The principal sources of random vibrations are:

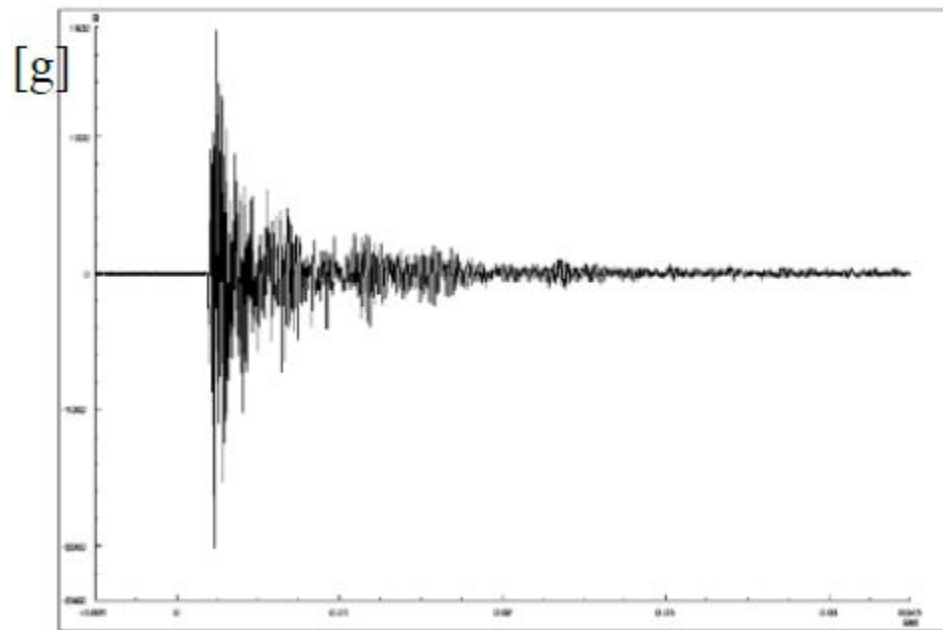
- Engines functioning
- Structural response to broad-band acoustic loads
- Aerodynamic turbulent boundary layer



## Environment

Launch loads: shocks

Caused by release mechanisms for stage and satellite separation



## Environment

### On-orbit environment

- (Almost) vacuum
- Residual oxygen
- Radiation
- Solar flux (including albedo)
- Micrometeorites and debris



## Environment

### On-orbit loads:

- Thermo-elastic
- Manoeuvres
- Plume impingement
- Micro-vibrations
- Shocks
- Human induced loads



## Functionality

- ❖ Strength
- ❖ Local yielding
- ❖ Buckling
- ❖ Stiffness
- ❖ Dynamic behavior
- ❖ Thermal
- ❖ Damage tolerance
- ❖ Tolerances and Alignments
- ❖ Electrical conductivity
- ❖ Lightning protection
- ❖ Electro Magnetic Compatibility
- ❖ Dimensional Stability

## **Space engineering**

### **Structural general requirements**

## ❖ Internal interfaces

- ❖ Thermal control
- ❖ Mechanisms
- ❖ ECLS
- ❖ Propulsion
- ❖ Pyrotechnics
- ❖ Mechanical parts
- ❖ Materials

## ❖ External interfaces

- ❖ Spacecraft-Launcher interface
- ❖ Human factors and ergonomics
- ❖ Interface with equipment, optics and avionics
- ❖ Rendezvous and docking
- ❖ Ground support equipment for pre-flight and post flight operations
- ❖ Support equipment for in-orbit operations

## Interfaces

# **Space engineering**

## **Structural general requirements**

## Design

- ❖ Inspectability
- ❖ Interchangeability
- ❖ Maintainability
- ❖ Dismountability
- ❖ Mass & Inertia properties
- ❖ Material selection
- ❖ Mechanical part selection
- ❖ Material design allowables
- ❖ Metals
- ❖ Non-metallic materials (Ceramics & Glass)
- ❖ Composite materials
- ❖ Adhesive materials in bonded joints
- ❖ Ablation and pyrolysis
- ❖ Micrometeoroid and debris collision
- ❖ Space Debris
- ❖ Venting
- ❖ Margins of Safety
- ❖ Factors of Safety
- ❖ Scatter factors

## Space engineering

### Structural general requirements

## Design

### Design principles

Structure subsystem shall:

- Fulfill the mission objectives
- Ensure that no loss of alignment can jeopardize or degrade the mission objectives
- Be compatible with internal and external interfaces
- Withstand applied loads during the whole life of the structure
- Be compatible with the natural and induced environments
- Be fault tolerant or damage tolerant or both

## Design

### Design principles

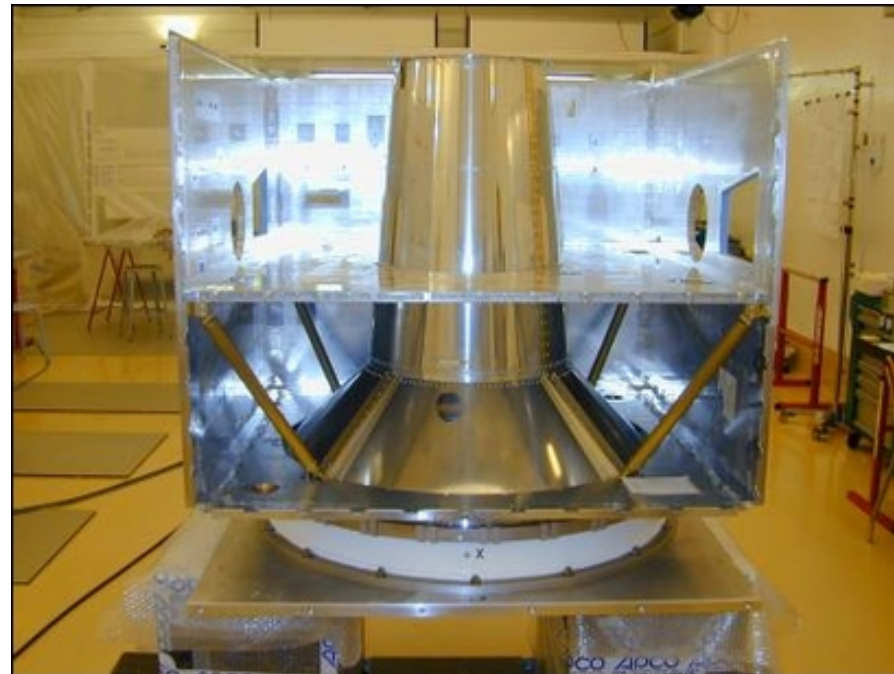
The structure of a spacecraft shall:

- Aim for simple load paths
- Maximise the use of conventional materials
- Minimise mass
- Simplify interfaces
- Providing easy integration
- Allow inspections
- Allow easy assembly, integration and repair
- Be verifiable

## Design

Classification: Primary structure

Part of the structure that carries the main flight loads and drives the overall stiffness.



## Design

Classification: Secondary structure

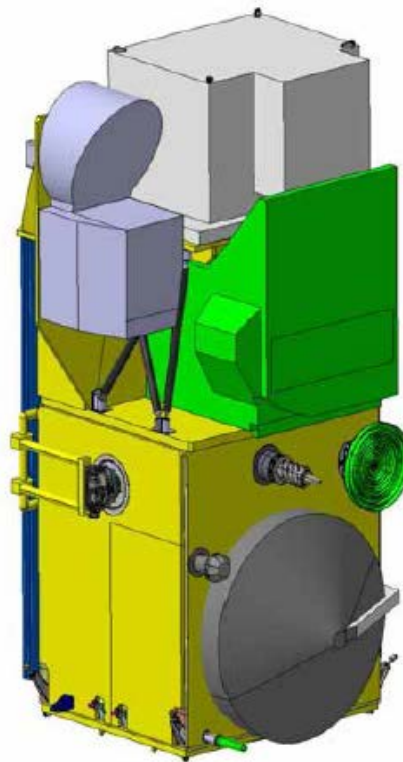
Structure attached to the primary structure with negligible participation in the main load transfer and overall stiffness



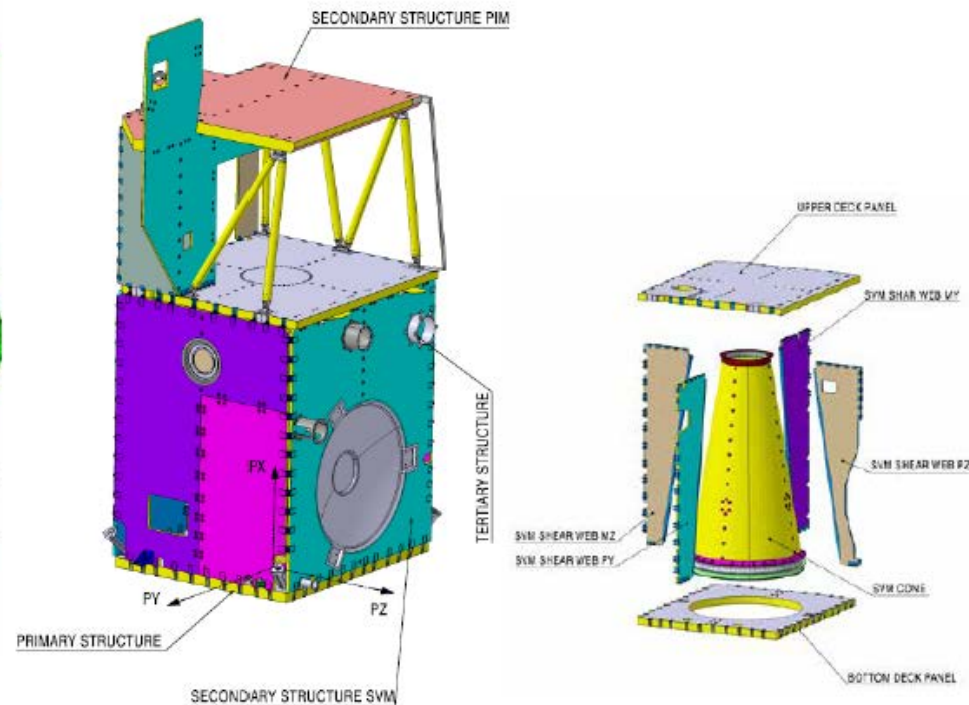


## Design

### Classification



Example of satellite structural design concept



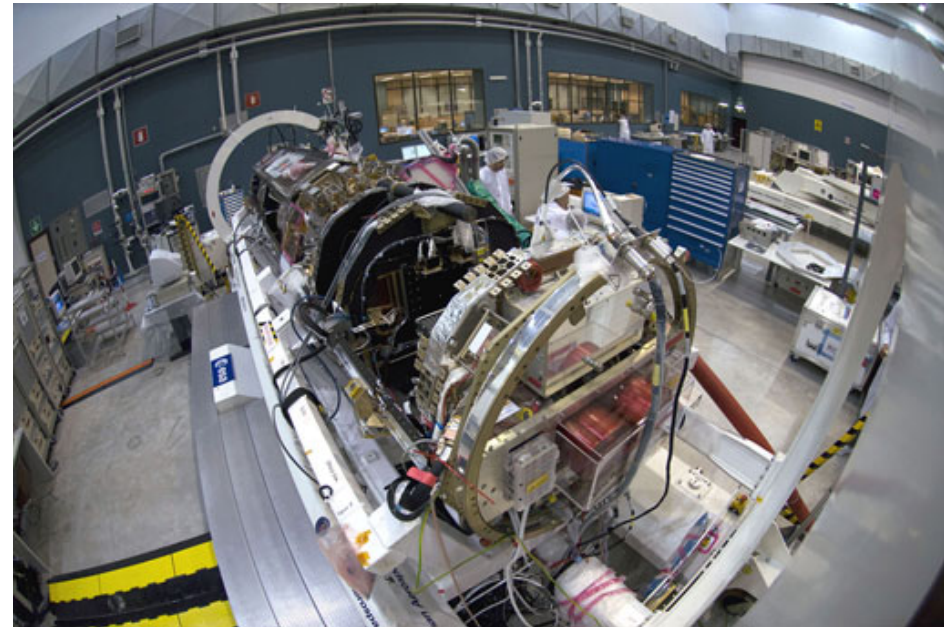
## Design

### Typical architecture



## Design

### Typical architecture



## Design

### Materials

- Materials shall be compatible with all the encountered environmental conditions.
- Material properties shall be well known (statistically derived).
- Metallic materials shall show high resistance to stress corrosion cracking.
- Materials shall be selected and procured according to space standards.

## Design

### Materials

Metallic alloys: aluminium, steel, inconel, invar and titanium

Easy to design metallic structures

Well known properties / isotropic

Easy to manufacture and assembly

Good strength properties

Cheap

Used for primary and secondary structures



## Design

### Materials

Fibre reinforced materials: CFRP, GFRP

Good strength/stiffness properties

High strength to mass ratio

High stiffness to mass ratio

Good stability (low coefficient of thermal expansion)

Used for primary and sometimes secondary structures



## Design

### Materials

Glass and ceramics

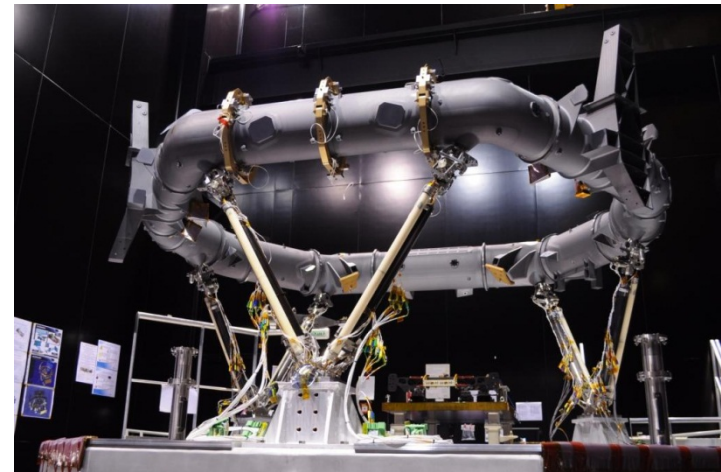
Good stiffness properties

Good stability (low coefficient of thermal expansion)

Low strength

Brittle

Used for optical benches



## Verification

- ❖ Verification by Analysis
- ❖ Verification by Test
- ❖ Verification by commonality

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## Verification

### Model philosophy:

#### Prototype

- ❖ Qualification model tested to levels higher than expected
- ❖ Flight model tested for acceptance (quality screening).

#### Proto-flight

- ❖ The model tested at levels higher than expected (with some exception) is flown.

- STM (Structural-Thermal Model) used at the early phase of development to ease the verification.

## Verification

Verifiable low level requirements shall be flow down from high level requirements

the structure shall support the payload and spacecraft subsystems with enough strength and stiffness to preclude any failure (rupture, collapse, or detrimental deformation) that may keep them from working successfully

Margins of safety shall be higher than 0.0

Inserts strength properties shall be determined by test

## Production and Manufacturing

- ❖ Manufacturing process
- ❖ Manufacturing drawings
- ❖ Tooling
- ❖ Assembly
- ❖ Storage
- ❖ Cleanliness
- ❖ Health and Safety

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### Structural general requirements

## In-Service

- ❖ Ground inspection
- ❖ In-orbit inspection
- ❖ Evaluation of damages
- ❖ Maintenance
- ❖ Repair

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### Structural general requirements

## Data Exchange

- ❖ System configuration data
- ❖ Data exchange between design and structural analysis
- ❖ Data exchange between structural design and manufacturing
- ❖ Data exchange with other subsystems
- ❖ Tests and structural analysis
- ❖ Structural mathematical models
- ❖ Data traceability

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## Deliverables (Normative)

- ❖ Computer aided design model description and delivery (CADMDD)-DRD
- ❖ Design Loads (DL)-DRD
- ❖ Dimensional Stability Analysis (DSA)s-DRD
- ❖ Fatigue Analysis (FA)-DRD
- ❖ Fracture Control Analysis (FSA)-DRD
- ❖ Fracture Control Plan-DRD
- ❖ Fracture Control Items Lists (PFCIL, FCIL, FLLIL)-DRD
- ❖ Materials and Mechanical Part Allowables (MMPA)-DRD
- ❖ Mathematical Model Description and Delivery (MMDD)-DRD
- ❖ Modal and Dynamic Response Analysis (MDRA)-DRD
- ❖ Stress and Strength Analysis (SSA)-DRD
- ❖ Structural Alignment Budget (SAB)
- ❖ Structure Buckling (SB)-DRD
- ❖ Structure Mass Summary (SMS)-DRD
- ❖ Test-Analysis Correlation (TAC)-DRD
- ❖ Test Evaluation (TE)-DRD
- ❖ Test Predictions (TP)-DRD

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## Structural general requirements

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	MDR	PRR	SRR	PDR	CDR	QR	AR	ORR	FRR	LRR	CRR	ELR	
Computer aided design model description and delivery				X	X								ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex A
Design loads			X	X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex B
Dimensional stability analysis				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex C
Fatigue analysis					X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex D
Fracture control analysis					X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex E
Fracture control plan				X	X								ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex F
Fracture control items lists				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex G

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Material and mechanical part allowables				X	X								ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex H
Mathematical model description and delivery				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex I
Modal and dynamic response analysis				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex J
Stress and strength analysis				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex K
Structure alignment budget				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex L
Structure buckling				X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex M
Structure mass summary			X	X	X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex N
Test-analysis correlation						X	X						ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex O
Test evaluation						X	X						ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex P
Test prediction					X	X							ECSS-E-ST-32, Annex Q

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# General Introduction Structural Verification Cycle

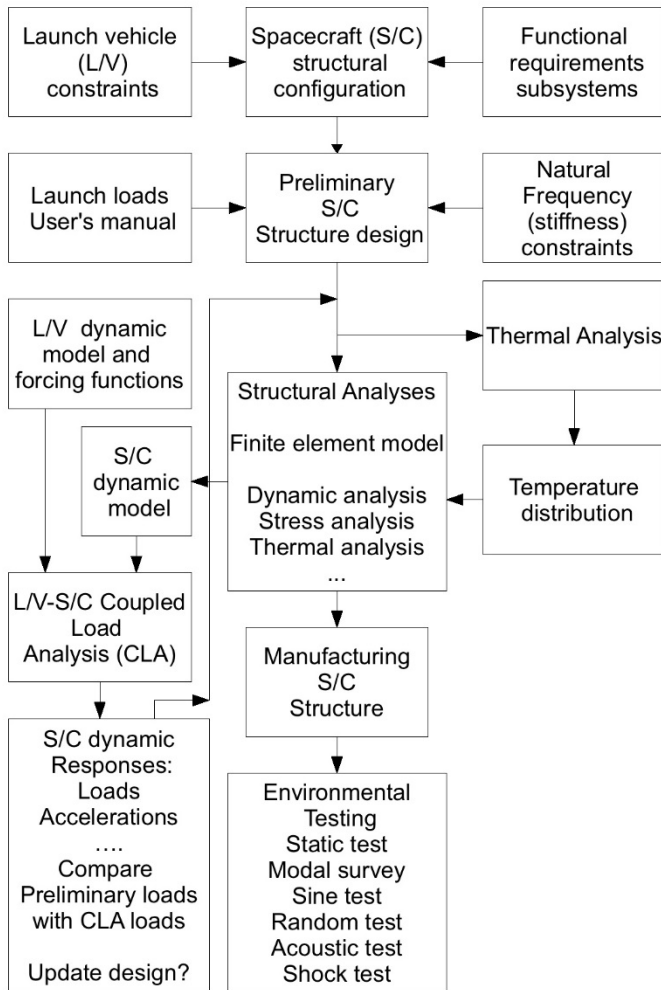
- ❖ Design
- ❖ Manufacturing
- ❖ Test

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## General introduction to Structural Design Verification cycle



Agrawal, B.N. (1986) Design of Geosynchronous Spacecraft, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-200114-4

## Remarks:

- ❖ CLA performed at least three times
  - ❖ Preliminary design (PCLA). Phase B
  - ❖ Design cycle (DCLA). Phase C
  - ❖ Verification cycle (VCLA). Mathematical model test/analysis correlated. Phase D
  
- ❖ Shock test preferably performed on STM
- ❖ Fragmentation Analysis (if relevant)

# Overview of Course E-32 Structures

General introduction to Structural Verification Cycle

**Load types and derivation** (*steady state, low frequency dynamics, high frequency acoustics and structure born vibrations, shock, thermal, constraints, micro-vibrations, ...*)

Development Approach (*prototype, proto-flight, STM, ...*)

Design of Structures (*material, processes, assemblies, joints, allowable stress/load, ...*)

Mechanical Analysis (*models, validation, static dynamic, acoustic, stability, thermo-elastic, micro-vibrations, sloshing, system, subsystem*)

Damage Tolerance (*hardware inspection, analytical verification, specific testing, ...*)

Testing (*static, modal, sine, acoustic, random, thermal, micro-vibrations, pressures, ...*)

Structural requirements flow down



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## Structural general requirements

### Loads

Ground, Launch, on Orbit and Descent (re-entry & landing)

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# Load Events



- ❖ Relevant mechanical and thermal loads expected through the service life of the structure is to be identified
- ❖ Loads are to be defined according to their nature (i.e. static or dynamic) and their level, occurrence time and duration
- ❖ ECSS-E-ST-32C
  - ❖ Ground loads
  - ❖ Test Loads
  - ❖ Launch Loads
  - ❖ In-Orbit Loads
  - ❖ Re-entry, descent and Landing

## Ground Loads

- ❖ Handling Loads
- ❖ Transportation Loads
- ❖ Storage Loads
- ❖ Assembly & Integration Loads

## Ground Test Loads

- ❖ Static
- ❖ Shaker test
- ❖ Acoustic Test
- ❖ Shock Test

## Launch Loads

- ❖ Launch preparation
- ❖ Operational pressures
- ❖ Engines ignition
- ❖ Thrust built-up
- ❖ Aborted Launch
- ❖ Lift-off
- ❖ Thrust
- ❖ Aerodynamic Loads
- ❖ Heat flux
- ❖ Wind & gust
- ❖ Dynamic interaction L/V and Engines (POGO)
- ❖ Thrust decay
- ❖ Maneuvers
- ❖ Pyrotechnics
- ❖ Depressurization

## In-orbit loads

- ❖ Operational pressures
- ❖ Static and dynamic loads induced by thrusters
- ❖ Shocks (pyrotechnics, deployment)
- ❖ Thermo-elastic loads
- ❖ Hygroscopic-induced loads
- ❖ Micro-vibrations
- ❖ Micrometeoroids & Debris
- ❖ Docking
- ❖ Berthing
- ❖ Crew induced loads
- ❖ Re-Boost loads

## Re-entry, descent and Landing

- ❖ Aerodynamic Loads
- ❖ Thermal fluxes
- ❖ Parachute ejection and deployment shocks
- ❖ Operation pressures
- ❖ Land loads
- ❖ Impact Loads
- ❖ Demise (fragmentation) loads



# Spacecraft Environmental Load Conditions

## Mechanical Environment



❖ Probability loads will be exceeded is 1% (90% CL)

❖ Overall Loads

❖ Static Acceleration (steady-state)

❖ Launch direction  $\leq 4.55g$

❖ Lateral direction  $\leq 0.25g$

❖ Static pressure under the fairing (on ground, in flight (depressurization))

❖ Sine-equivalent dynamics (derived from SRS)

❖ Random vibration (covered by sine and acoustics at system level)

❖ Acoustic vibration (lift-off, aerodynamics)

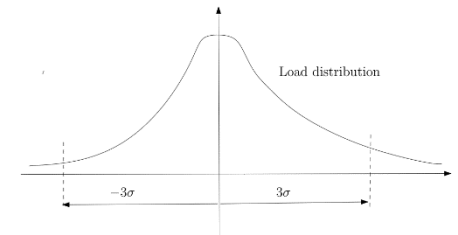
❖ Shocks

❖ Spacecraft separation

❖ Fairing jettison

❖ Upper stage separation (cryogenic stage)

❖ Thermal environment



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# Stiffness Requirements

Dynamic decoupling of the spacecraft from the launch vehicle

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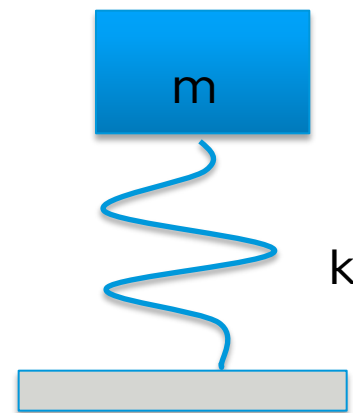
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## Lateral frequencies

The fundamental (primary) frequency in the lateral axis of a spacecraft cantilevered at the interface must be as follows (provided that an off-the-self adapter will be used for flight):

S/C mass (kg)	Launcher interface diameter (mm)	1 <sup>st</sup> fundamental lateral frequency (Hz)	Transverse inertia wrt separation plane (kg.m <sup>2</sup> )
< 4500	< Ø2624	≥ 10	≤ 50,000
	Ø2624	≥ 9	
4500 ≤ M M ≤ 6500	≤ Ø2624	≥ 8	≤ 90,000
M > 6500	Ø2624	≥ 7.5	≤ 535,000
	< Ø2624	TBD	TBD



No secondary mode should be lower than the first primary mode.

## Longitudinal frequencies

The fundamental frequency in the longitudinal axis of a spacecraft cantilevered at the interface must be as follows (provided that an off-the-self adapter will be used for flight):

- ≥ 31 Hz for S/C mass < 4500 kg
- ≥ 27 Hz for S/C mass ≥ 4500 kg

No secondary mode should be lower than the first primary mode.

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ (Hz)}$$



# Quasi-Static Loads

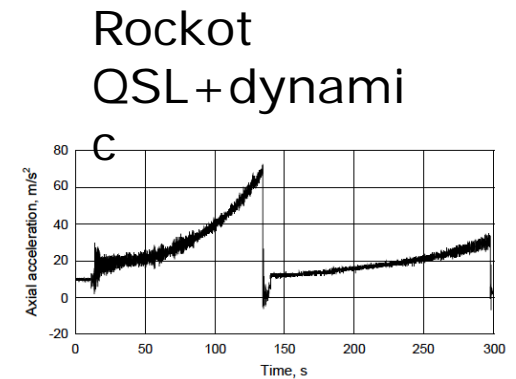
- ❖ Loads independent of time or which vary slowly, so that the dynamic response of the structure is not significant (Definition ECSS-E-ST-32C)
- ❖ Combination of static and dynamic loads into an equivalent static load specified for design purposes
  - ❖ Note 1: quasi static loads are equivalent to (or interpreted by the designer as) static loads, typically expressed as equivalent accelerations at the C.o.G
  - ❖ Note 2: In some contexts the quasi static loads are understood as “Loads associated to a quasi static event” (LV/SC CLA terminology)
- ❖ Quasi Static Event: Event generated by external forces which change slowly with time so that the dynamic response of the structure is not significant (Definitions ECSS-32-HDB-26)
- ❖ Typical definition: Combination of steady-state-acceleration plus low frequency dynamic (transient or pressure oscillations) response

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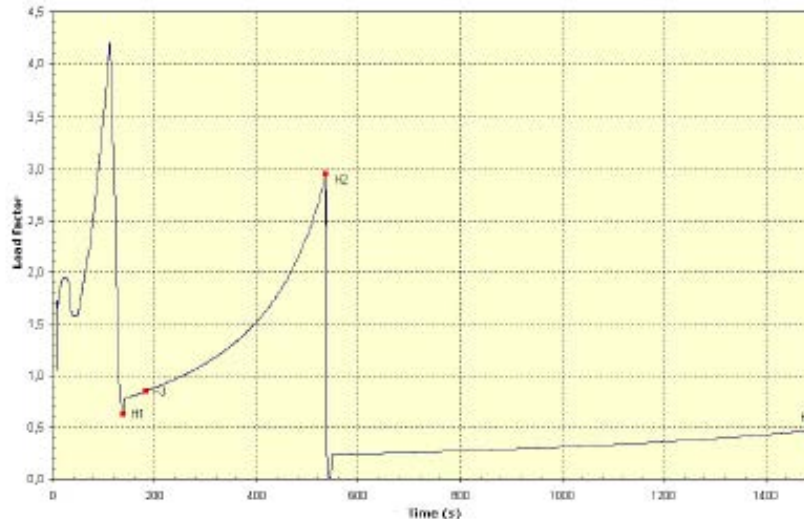
# Quasi-Static Loads (A5 User's manual)

Acceleration (g)	Longitudinal		Lateral	Additional line load (N/mm)
	Static	Dynamic	Static + Dynamic	
<b>Critical flight events</b>				
Lift-off	- 1.8	± 1.5	± 2	26
Aerodynamic phase	- 2.7	± 0.5	± 2	23
Pressure oscillations / SRB end of flight	- 4.40	± 1.6	± 1	37
SRB jettisoning *	-0.7	± 3.2	± 0.9	0



\* This flight phase leads to a 2.5 g tension case, except for a spacecraft with first longitudinal frequency above 40 Hz where the tension value is the following:

## Flight Limit Loads



## A5 Longitudinal



# High Frequency Transients, Shocks

- ❖ Staging
- ❖ Jettison of fairing
- ❖ Separation spacecraft from Launch vehicle
  - ❖ Clamp band
  - ❖ Bolted connection
- ❖ Release appendices (Solar array wing, antenna dishes, ...)

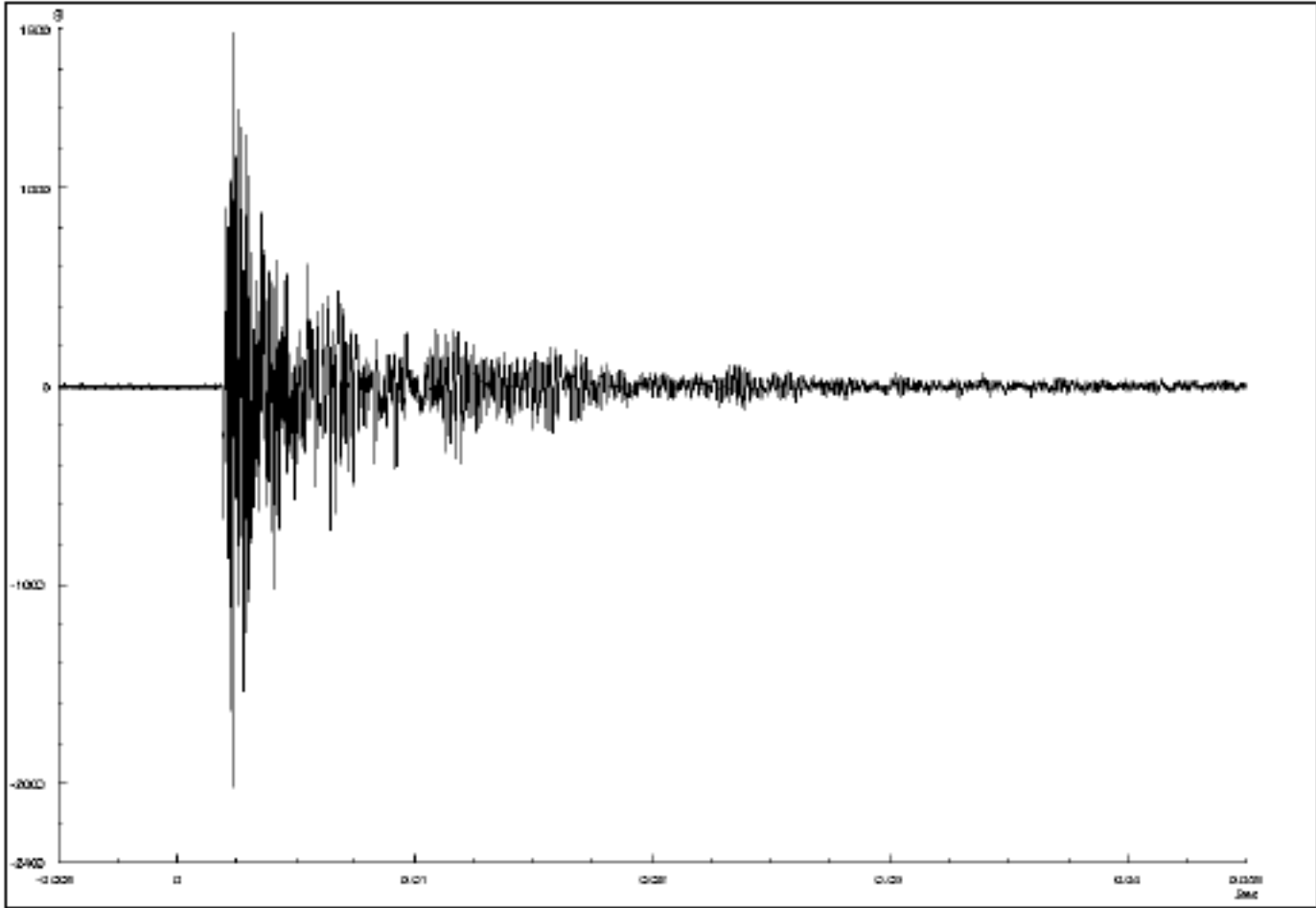
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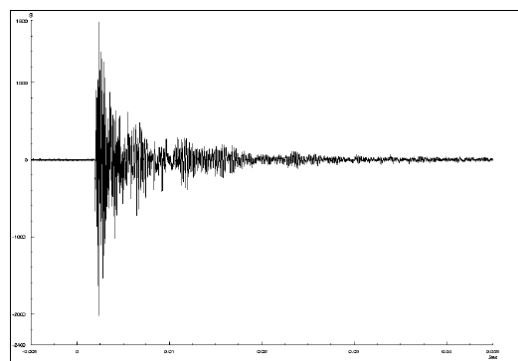
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# High Frequency Transients



# Shock Response Spectrum (SRS)

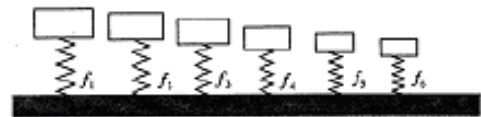


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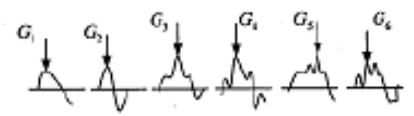
SRS Calculation principle



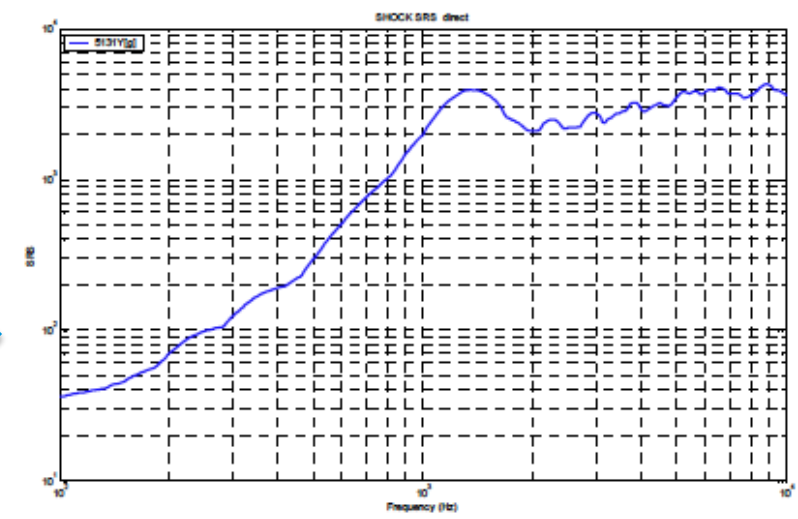
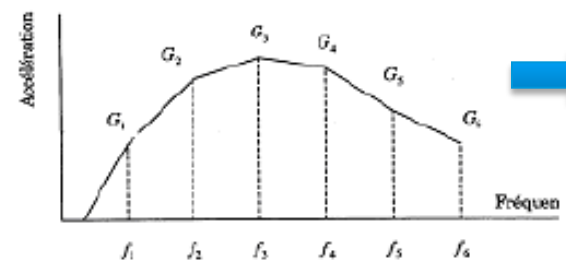
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Time responses



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# Sine Vibration Loads

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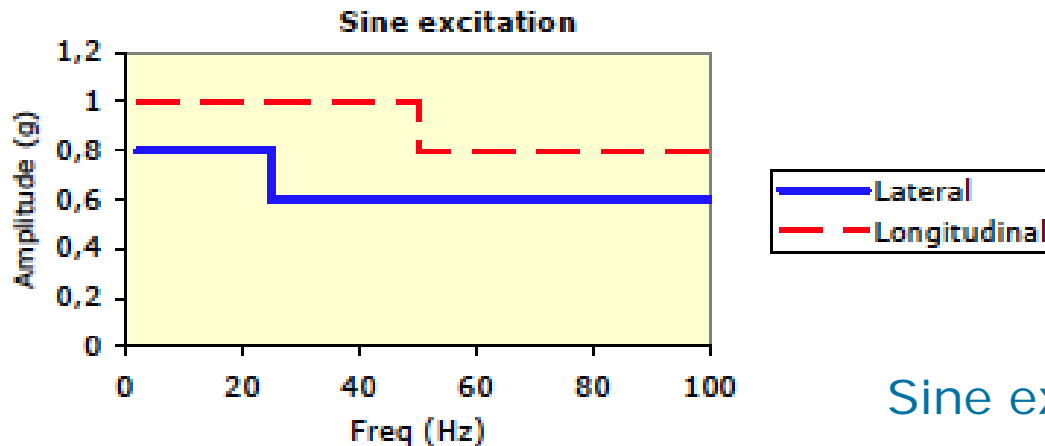
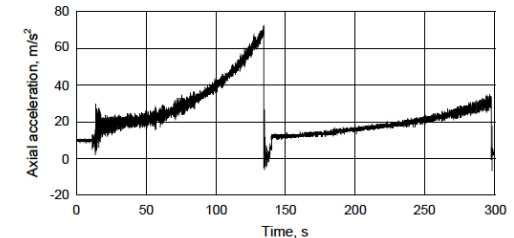


# Sine Equivalent Dynamics (A5 User's manual)



Direction	Frequency band (Hz)	Sine amplitude (g)
Longitudinal	2 - 50	1.0
	50 - 100	0.8
Lateral	2 - 25	0.8
	25 - 100	0.6

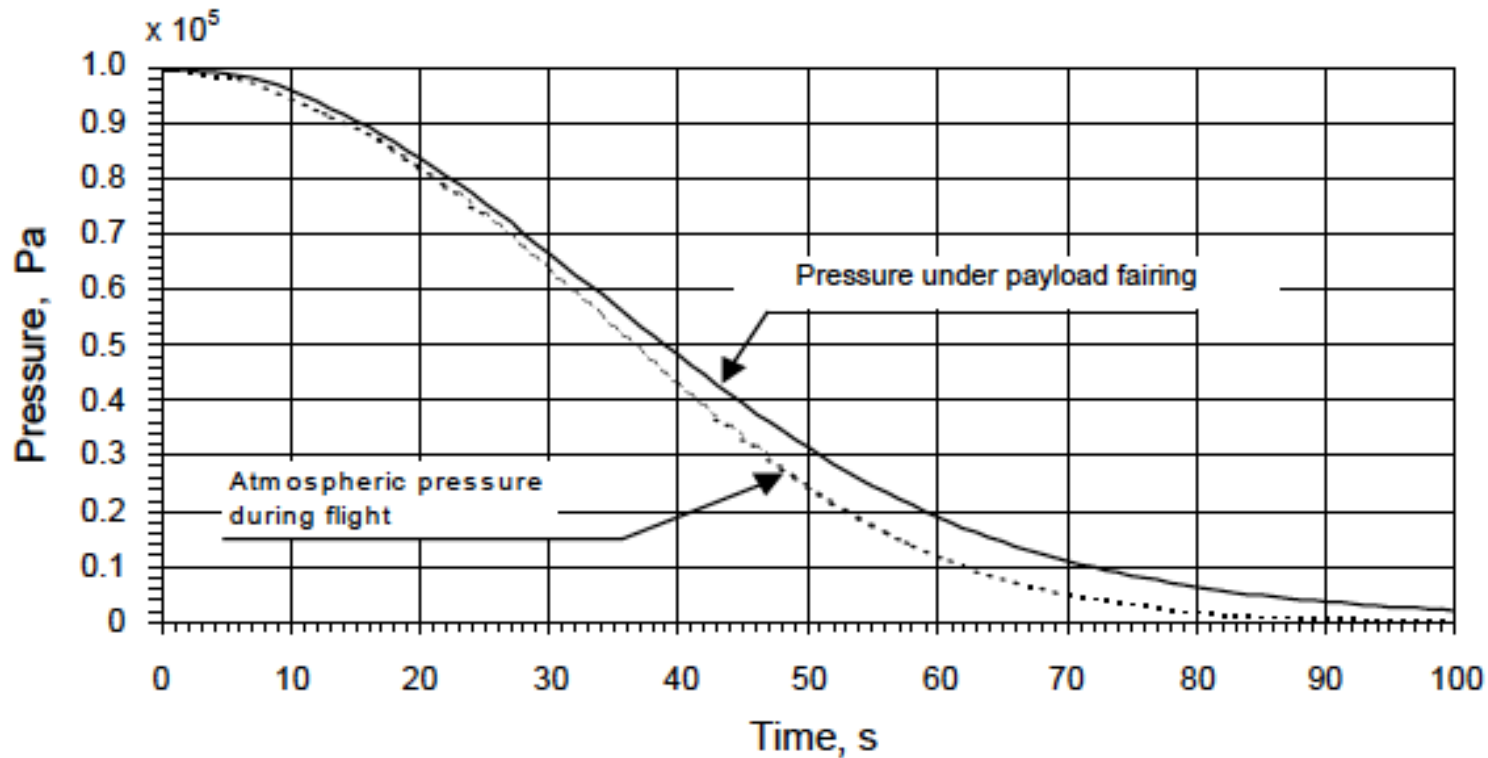
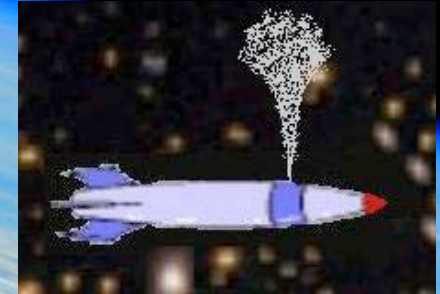
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Sine excitation at  
spacecraft base (Limit  
Loads)



# Depressurization under the fairing (Venting)



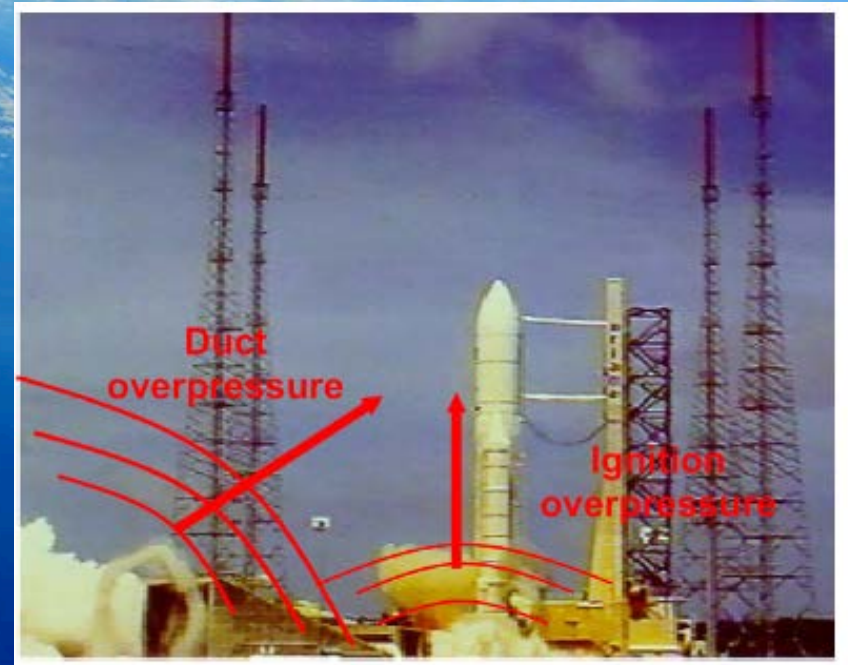


# Venting

- ❖ Provision shall be made in the design of the structure for venting in order to prevent a build-up of excess pressure and to reduce the time to evacuate the structure, a minimum ratio of venting-area to enclosed-volume is usually needed for venting.
- ❖ In case that provision is not made, the structure shall withstand buildup pressure (including safety factors).
- ❖ The openings for venting shall be compatible with the purging system gas supply pressure and flow rate.
- ❖ Examples
  - ❖ Create Venting holes in closed structures
  - ❖ Perforated honeycomb in sandwich structures

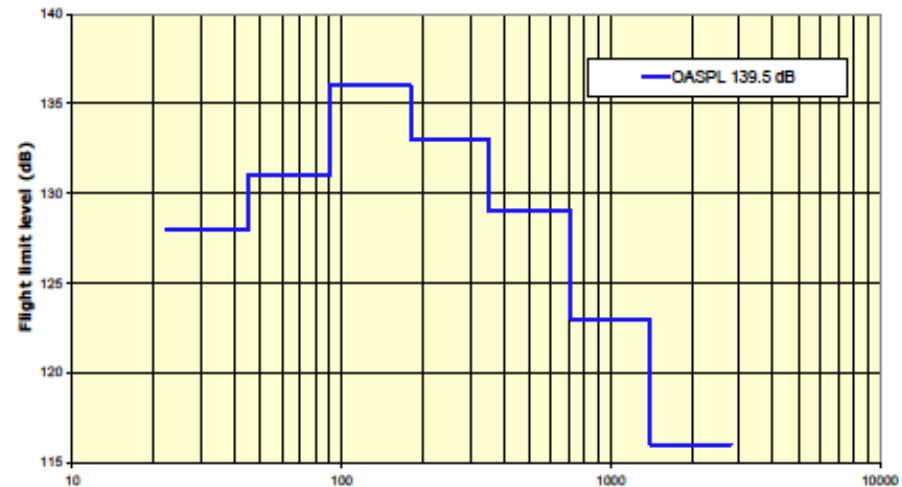
# Acoustic Loads (Noise)

- ❖ Lift-Off, Atmospheric Flight
- ❖ One-third, Octave bands
- ❖ Sound Pressure Levels
  - ❖ dB
  - ❖ OASPL



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Spacecraft loads analysis

Octave center frequency (Hz)	Flight limit level (dB) (reference: 0 dB = 2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> Pa)
31.5	128
63	131
125	136
250	133
500	129
1000	123
2000	116
OASPL (20 - 2828 Hz)	139.5



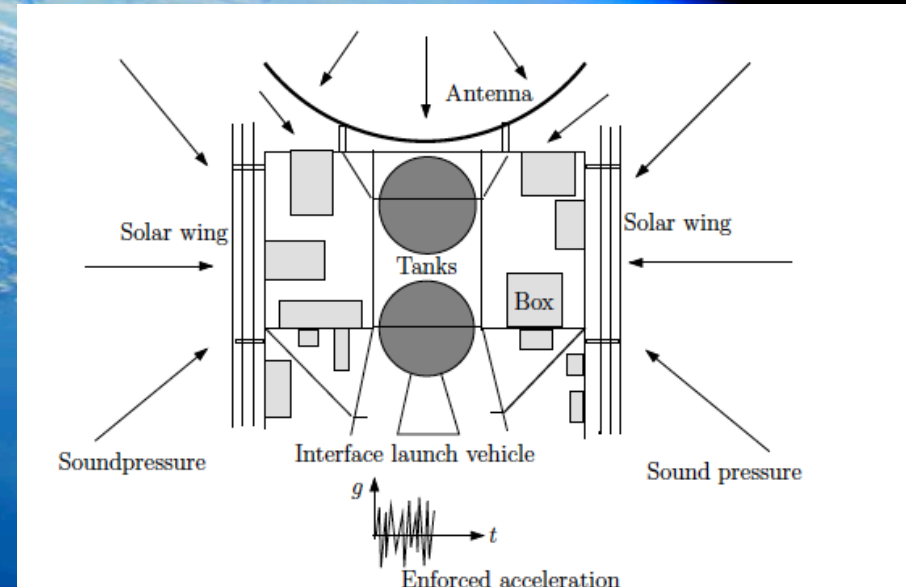
Acoustic noise spectrum(SPL) under the fairing (A5 User's manual)

$$\text{SPL}(f) = 10 \log \left( \frac{p_{\text{rms}}^2(f)}{p_{\text{ref}}^2} \right) (\text{dB}) \quad p_{\text{rms}}^2(f) = p_{\text{ref}}^2 10^{\frac{\text{SPL}(f)}{10}} (\text{Pa}^2)$$

$$W_p(f) = \frac{p_{\text{rms}}^2(f)}{\Delta f} \left( \frac{\text{Pa}^2}{\text{Hz}} \right)$$



# Random Vibration



- ❖ Structure born
- ❖ Via interface spacecraft/Launch Vehicle

Definition: vibration load whose instantaneous magnitudes are specified only by probability distribution functions giving the probable fraction of the total time that the instantaneous magnitude lies within a specified range.

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# Random Vibration via interface Spacecraft/Launch Vehicle (Soyuz)

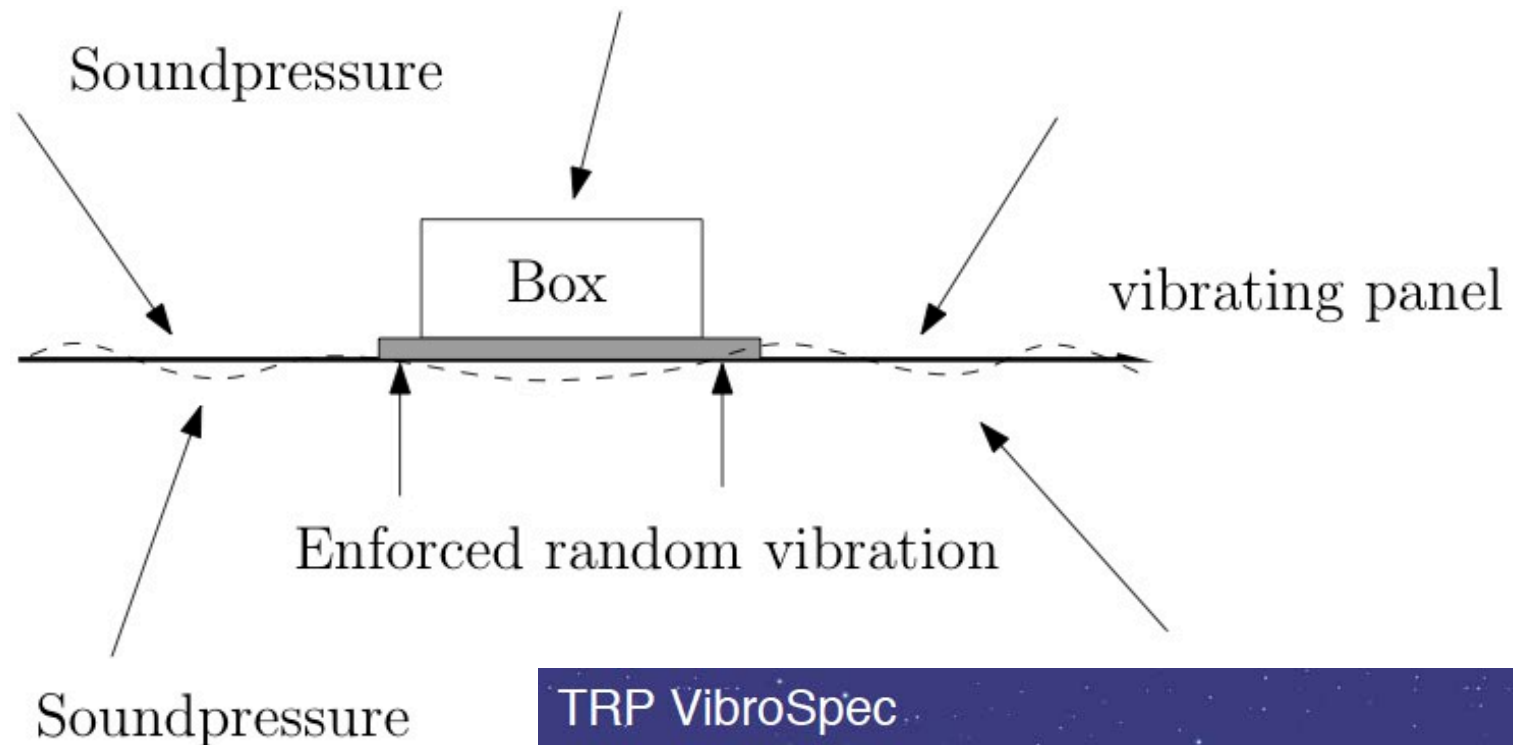


Event	Frequency Band (Hz)						G <sub>RMS</sub> (g)	Duration of application (s)
	20 - 50	50-100	100-200	200-500	500-1000	1000-2000		
	PSD, Power Spectral Density(1) (g <sup>2</sup> /Hz)							
1 <sup>st</sup> stage flight	0.0050	0.0050 0.0100	0.0100 0.0250	0.0250	0.0250 0.0100	0.0100 0.0050	4.94	120
2 <sup>nd</sup> stage and 3 <sup>rd</sup> stage flight	0.0025	0.0025 0.0050	0.0050 0.0100	0.0100	0.0100 0.0050	0.0050 0.0025	3.31	480
FREGAT flight	0,0020	0,0020	0,0020	0,0020	0,0020 0,0010	0,0010	1,63	875

Maximum flight levels of random vibration at spacecraft base

$$\ddot{X}_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\int_0^{f_{\text{max}}} W_{\ddot{x}}(f) df}$$

# Structure Born Random Vibration esa



TRP VibroSpec

Derivation of Satellite Equipment Design and Test Specifications from Random Vibration Environments

# Structure Born Random Vibrations (Cont'd)



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### Testing

Location	Duration	Levels	
Equipment located on “external panel” <sup>a</sup> or with unknown location	Vertical <sup>b</sup> 2,5 min/axis	(20 - 100) Hz	+3 dB/octave
		(100 - 300) Hz	PSD(M) <sup>c</sup> = $0,12 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz} \times (M + 20 \text{ kg})/(M + 1 \text{ kg})$
	Lateral <sup>b</sup> 2,5 min/axis	(20 - 100) Hz	+3 dB/octave
		(100 - 300) Hz	PSD(M) <sup>c</sup> = $0,05 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz} \times (M + 20 \text{ kg})/(M + 1 \text{ kg})$
Equipment not located on “external” panel <sup>a</sup>	All axes 2,5 min/axis	(20 - 100) Hz	+3 dB/octave
		(100 - 300) Hz	PSD(M) <sup>c</sup> = $0,05 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz} \times (M + 20 \text{ kg})/(M + 1 \text{ kg})$
		(300 - 2 000) Hz	-5 dB/octave

<sup>a</sup> Panel directly excited by payload acoustic environment.

<sup>b</sup> Equipment vertical axis = perpendicular to fixation plane.  
Equipment lateral axis = parallel to fixation plane.

<sup>c</sup> M = equipment mass in kg, PSD = Power Spectral Density in g<sup>2</sup>/Hz.

Example random vibration specification

# Micro-Vibrations

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### Spacecraft loads analysis

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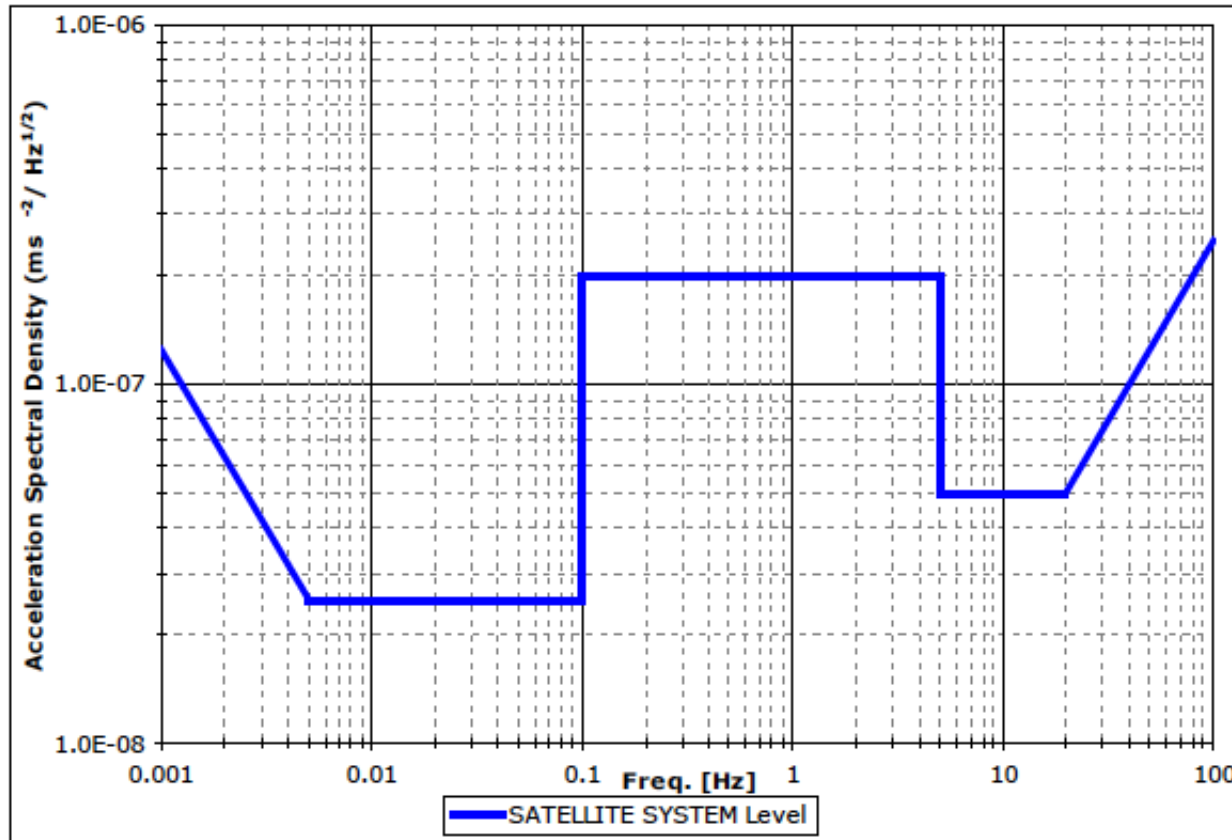
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- ❖ GOCE

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# GOCE Micro-Vibration Requirement

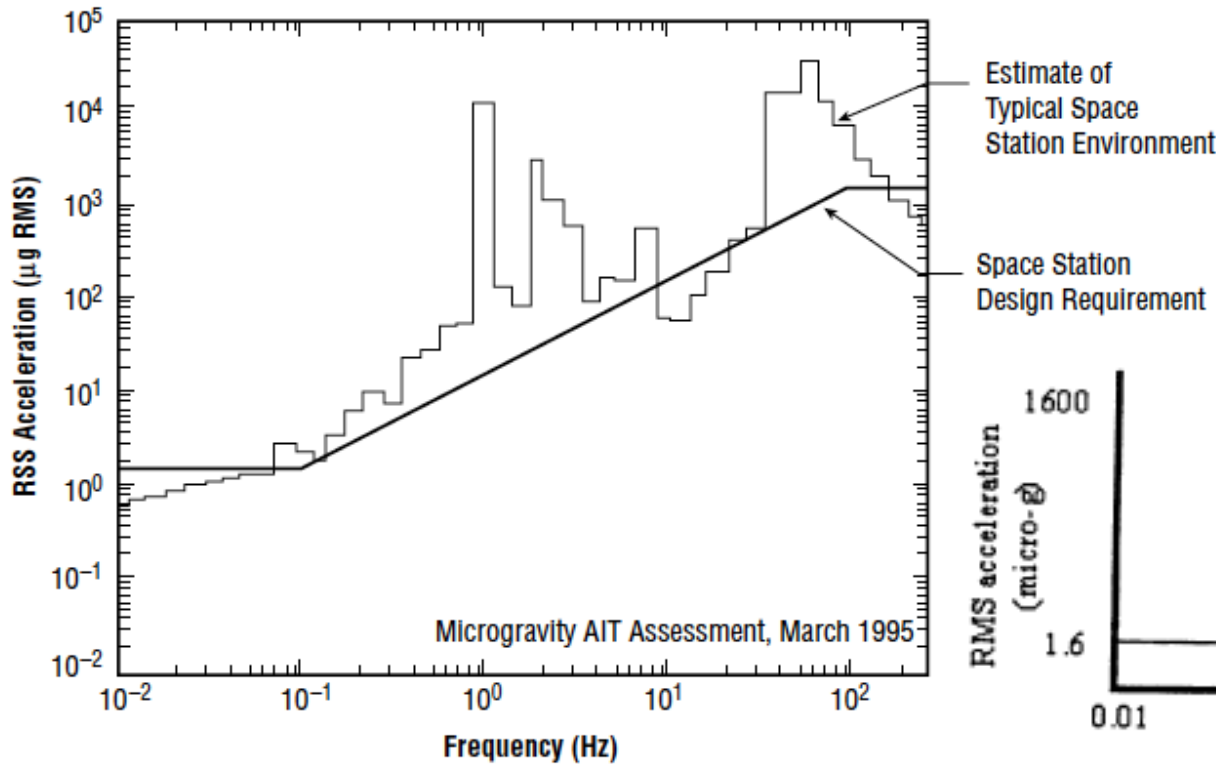


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## GOCE Satellite Micro-Vibration requirement during measurement mode – Linear Acceleration Spectral Density Profile

# Micro-Vibration Environment (ISS)

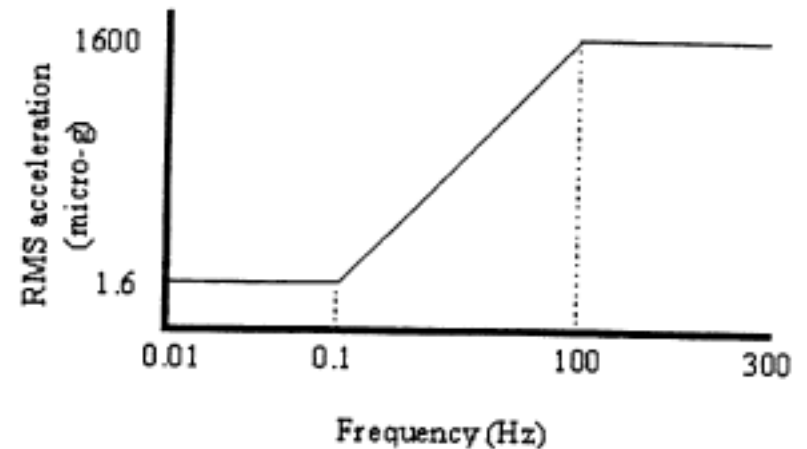


**Pressurized Payloads  
Interface Requirements Document  
International Space Station Program**

SSP 57000, Revision E

November 1, 2000

Revision E



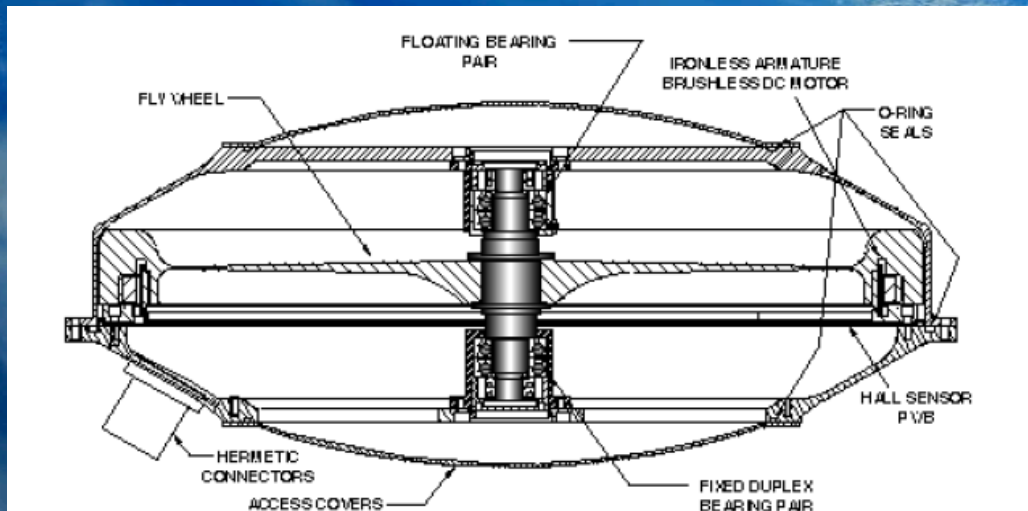
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# Micro-Vibrations Disturbances

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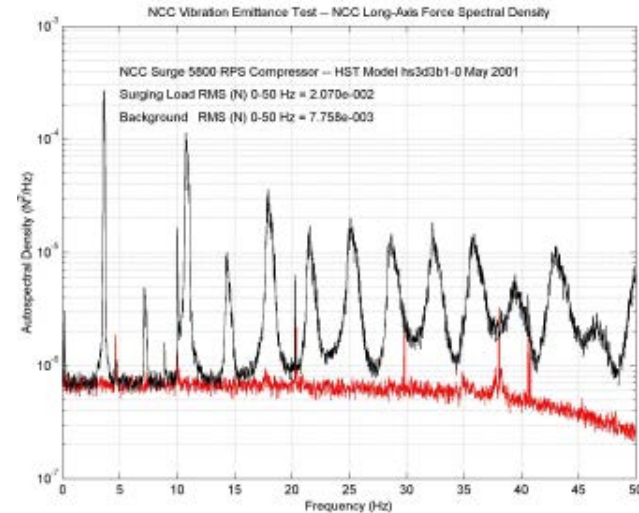
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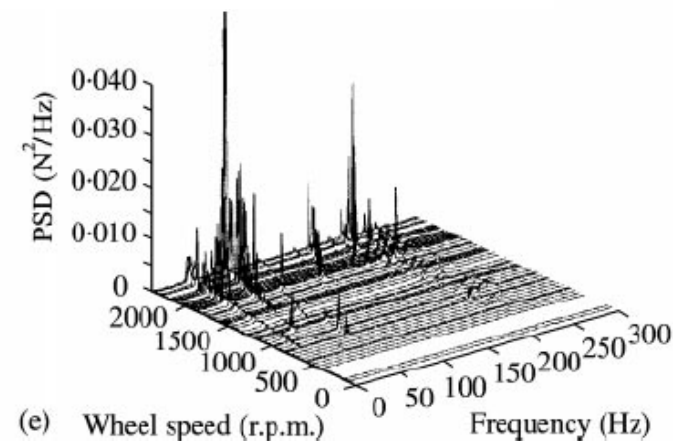


# Dynamic Disturbance Sources Some Examples

- ❖ Cryo-cooler
- ❖ Reaction wheel assemble
- ❖ Audible Noise
- ❖ Human induced vibration



Rack Noise Limits Measured At 0.6 Meters Distance From The Test Article	
Frequency Band Hz	Integrated Rack Sound Pressure Level (SPL)
63	64
125	56
250	50
500	45
1000	41
2000	39
4000	38
8000	37



# Design of Instruments/Equipment

- ❖ Mass Acceleration Curve (MAC)
- ❖ Preliminary design instruments, Units, ..

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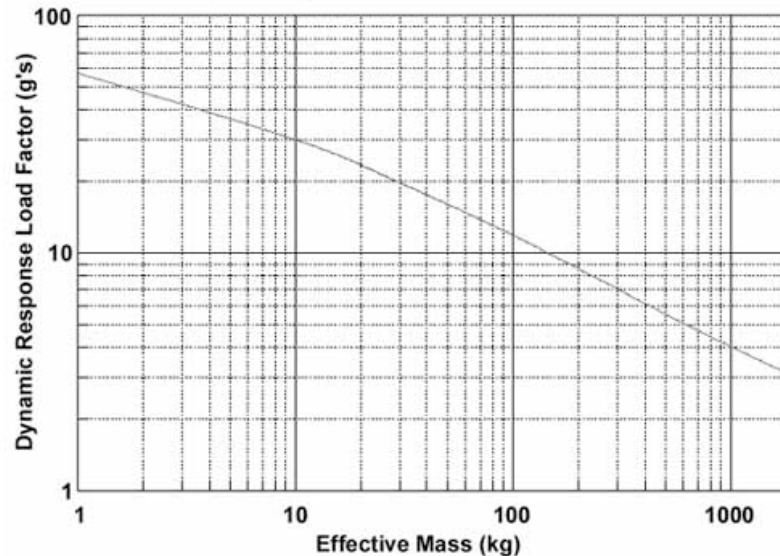
# Mass Acceleration Curve

❖ The MAC is an upper bound acceleration level for all components of a given mass, regardless of location, orientation, or frequency. Applicability is limited to appendage masses up to 500 kg, with frequencies up to approximately 100 Hz. Such a curve can be derived based on analytical and flight data, and includes the effects of both transient and mechanically transmitted random vibration. That is, the load predicted by the curve is already a combination of transient and random vibration.

**Not mentioned in ECSS-E-ST-32C**

NASA PD-ED 1211  
Combination methods  
for Deriving Structural  
Design Loads ...

Figure 1. Typical Mass Acceleration Curve





# Statically Indeterminate Structures

The structure is called statically indeterminate when the number of reaction forces is more than the number of available 6 equations of equilibrium (3 translations and 3 rotations)

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# Statically Indeterminate Structures

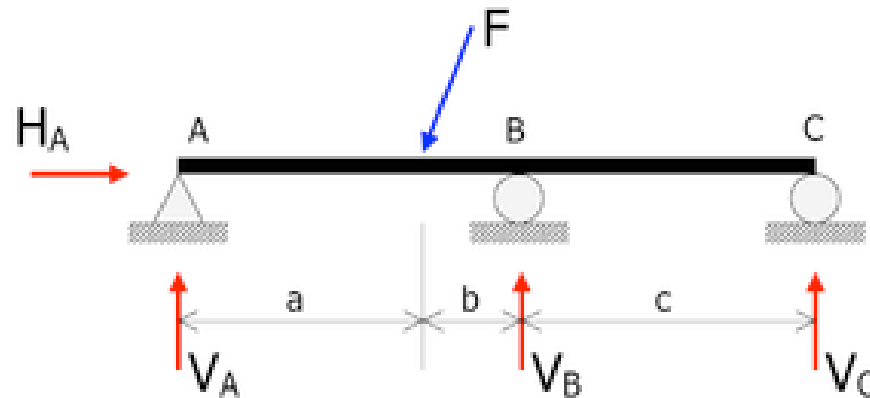
## Definition:

The structure is called statically indeterminate when the number of reaction forces is more than the number of available 6 equations of equilibrium (3 translations and 3 rotations)

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 F_k = 0,$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^3 M_k = 0,$$

## Example

- 2 equations of equilibrium
- 4 reaction forces
- 1 Degree of statically indeterminacy
- 1 equation of compliancy needed



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0\\_piF4-eNc&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0_piF4-eNc&feature=related)

# Statically Indeterminate Structures

## (Cont'd)

### ❖ Indeterminate Structures

#### ❖ Advantages

- ❖ Smaller stress
- ❖ Greater stiffness
- ❖ Redundancies

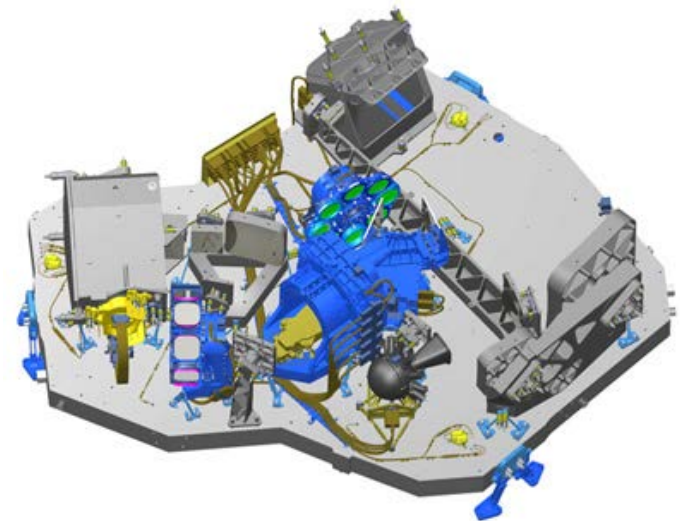
#### ❖ Disadvantages

- ❖ Stress due to support settlements
- ❖ Stresses due to temperature changes and fabrication errors

# Statically Indeterminate Structures (Cont'd)



- ❖ Determinate Structures (Stress free thermal expansion)
  - ❖ Optical benches
  - ❖ Suspension system of instruments (Kinematic mounts)
  - ❖ Simple interfaces
  - ❖ Not fail-safe
- ❖ Indeterminate Structures
  - ❖ Load carrying structures
  - ❖ Complex interfaces





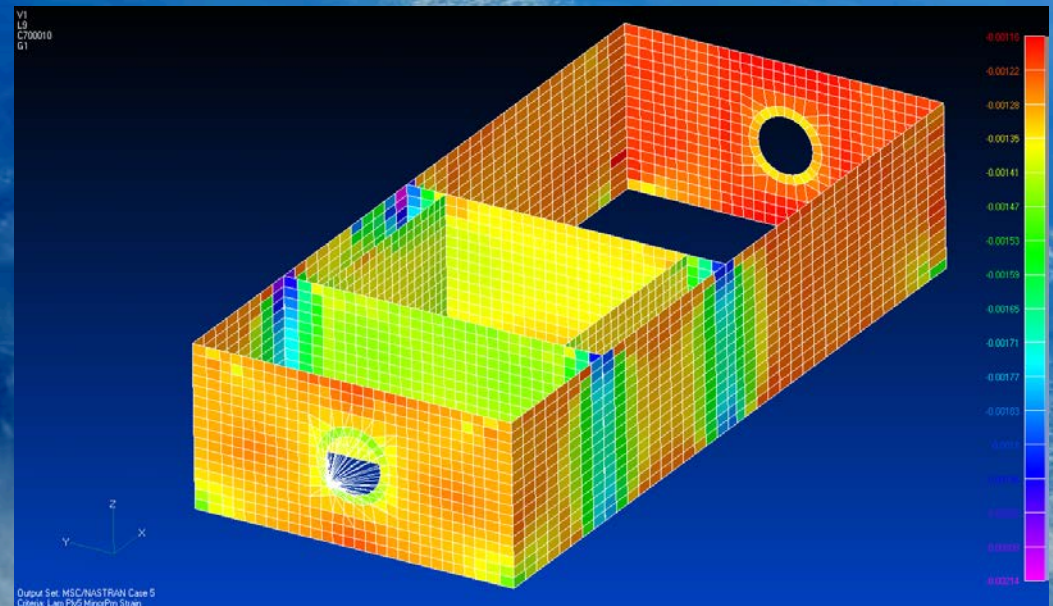
# Statically Indeterminate Structures (Cont'd)

## Flexure Hinges (Kinematic mounts)



# Thermal Distortion/Stress

- ❖ Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
- ❖ Temperature Gradient
- ❖ Reference temperature



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# Thermal Effects

❖ Temperature difference

$$\Delta T = T - T_{\text{ref}} \text{ (}^\circ\text{C)}$$

❖ Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE)

$$\alpha \text{ (m/}^\circ\text{C)}$$

❖ Characteristic Length/Cross section

$$L \text{ (m)}, A \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$$

❖ Thermal strain

$$\alpha \Delta T \text{ (-)}$$

❖ Thermal distortion

$$\alpha \Delta TL \text{ (m)}$$

❖ Thermal stress

$$E\alpha \Delta T \text{ (Pa)}$$

❖ Thermal Load (virtual)

$$EA\alpha \Delta T \text{ (N)}$$

# Overview of Sub-Course E-32 Structures



General introduction to Structural Verification Cycle

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**Development Approach (*prototype, proto-flight, STM, ...*)**

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Damage Tolerance (*hardware inspection, analytical verification, specific testing, ...*)

Testing (*static, modal, sine, acoustic, random, thermal, micro-vibrations, pressures, ...*)

Structural requirements flow down

Mechanical Interfaces (Handbooks)



# Development Approach

## Space engineering

### Structural general requirements

- ❖ Prototype Approach
- ❖ Proto-flight Approach
- ❖ Hybrid Approach

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## ❖ Prototype Approach

- ❖ The qualification testing can be conducted on one or more qualification model (QM), according to the project requirements and objectives, always with qualification levels and duration.
- ❖ For tests on more than one QM, the tests shall be performed on the different models according to their representativeness (e.g. functional qualification is performed on EQM) and the test sequences for each model shall be adapted accordingly.
- ❖ The FM shall be subjected to complete acceptance testing.
- ❖ Qualification of systems

## ❖ Proto-flight Approach

- ❖ All the qualification tests shall be performed on the same model to be flown, normally with qualification levels and reduced duration.
- ❖ The proto-flight model (PFM) should be subjected to a test program defined on a case-by-case basis.
- ❖ The test program combines both qualification and acceptance tests to satisfy the qualification and the acceptance objectives

## ❖ Hybrid Approach

- ❖ A combination of the prototype and proto-flight rules shall be applied.
  - ❖ Specific qualification testing in the critical areas can be conducted on dedicated models (e.g. STM, QM, EQM or others).
  - ❖ In critical areas acceptance testing shall be performed only on the PFM.
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- ❖ STM = Structural Thermal Model
  - ❖ QM = Qualification Model
  - ❖ EQM = Electric(Engineering?) Qualification Model
  - ❖ FM = Flight Model
  - ❖ PFM = Proto-flight model

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# Design of Structures

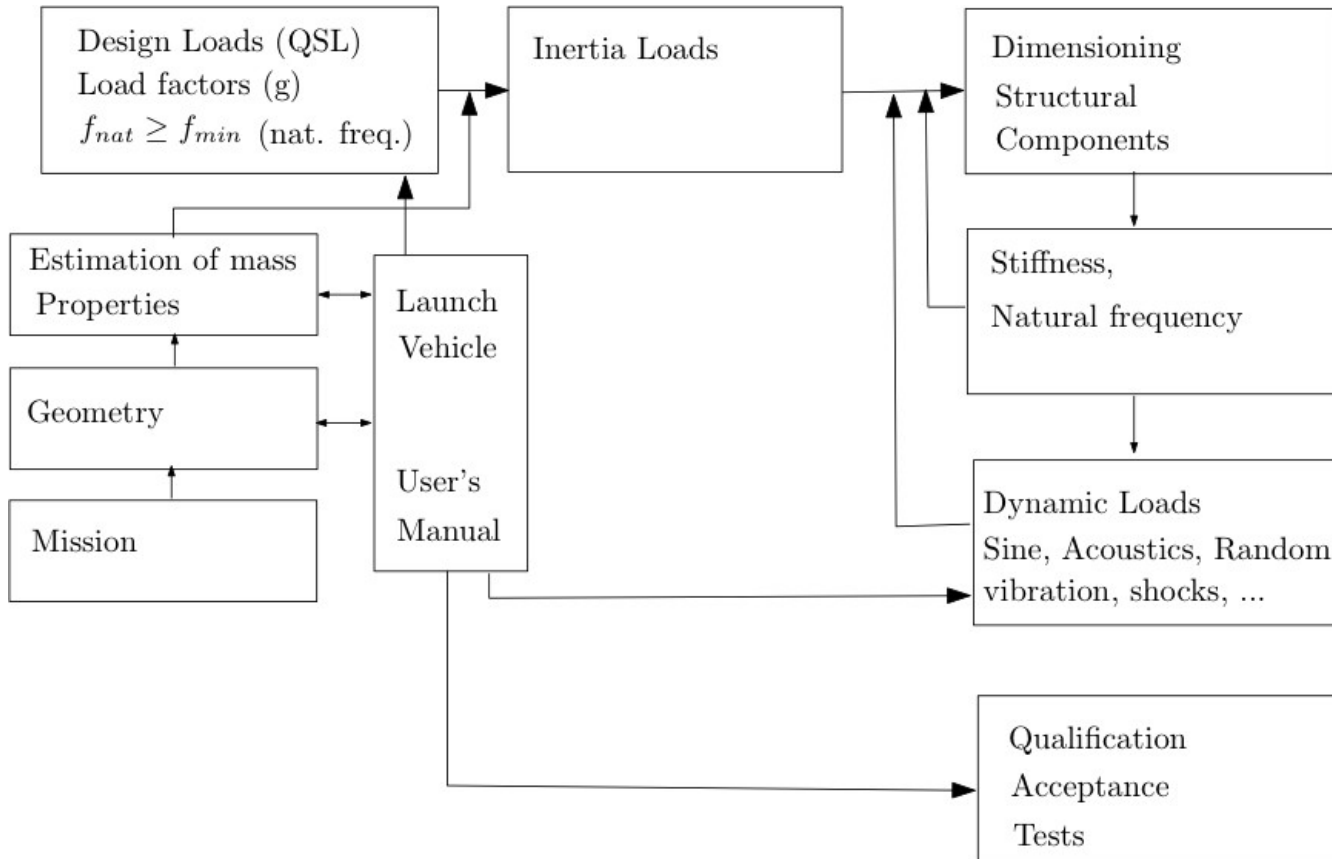
- ❖ Preliminary Design
- ❖ Factors of Safety / Margin of Safety
- ❖ Allowable Stress/Load

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# Preliminary Design of Spacecraft Structure



Reference, J.J. Wijker  
Spacecraft Structures, Springer, ISBN 978-3-540-75552-4, 2008



# Structural Factors of Safety

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Structural factors of safety for  
spaceflight hardware

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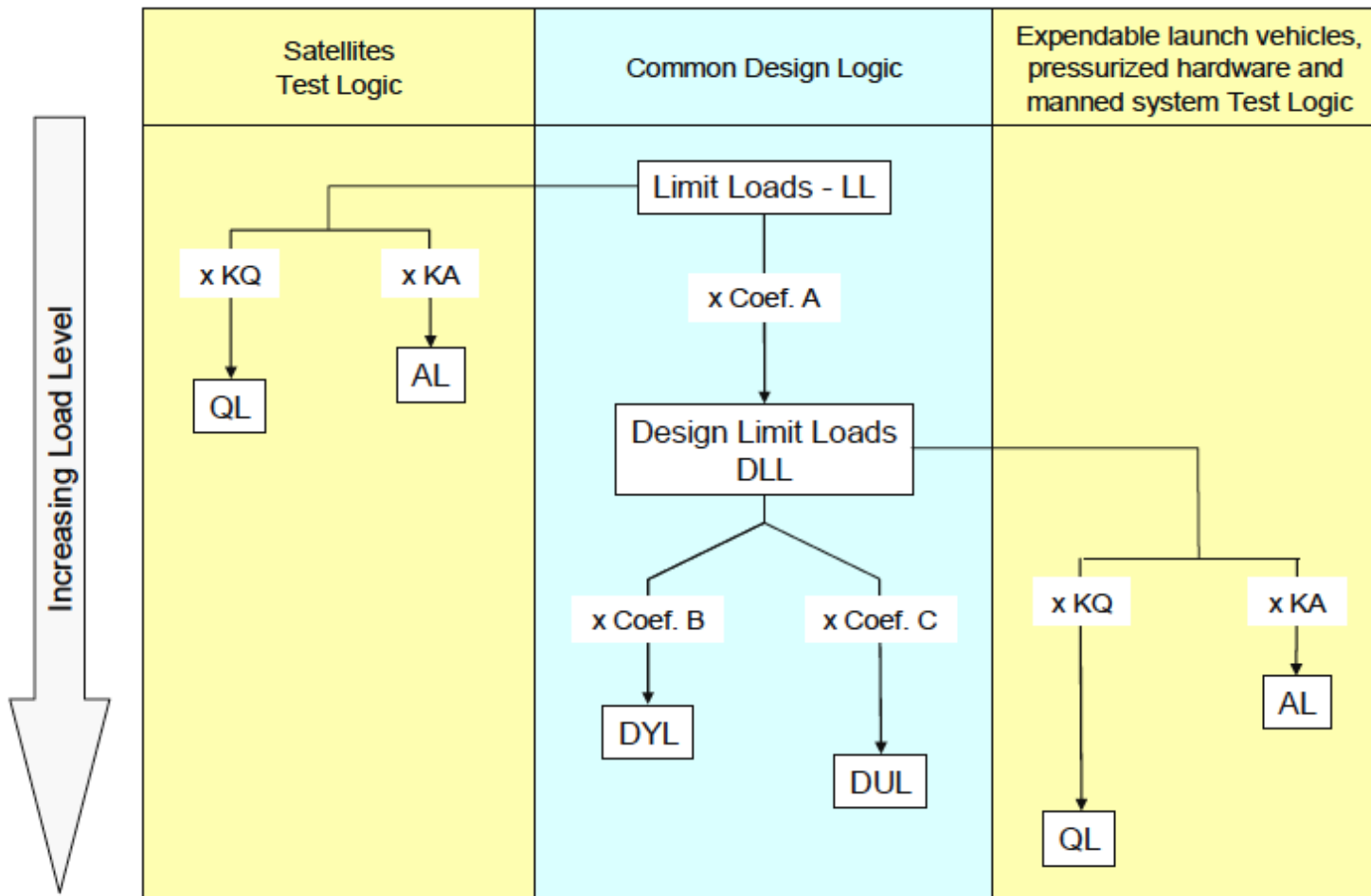
- ❖ Spacecraft
- ❖ Launch vehicles
- ❖ Pressurized hardware
- ❖ Man-rated spacecraft
- ❖ Design Load Factors for Loads
- ❖ Additional factors for design
- ❖ Test factors

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# Test Factors/Factors of Safety

## Logic of Factor of Safety Application



# Test Factors/Factors of Safety (Cont'd)



Relationship among structural factors of safety, design factors and additional factors

<b>Coefficient</b>	<b>Satellite</b>	<b>Launch vehicles and pressurised hardware</b>	<b>Man-rated systems</b>
Coef A or Design factor	$K_Q \times K_P \times K_M$	$K_P \times K_M$	$K_P \times K_M$
Coef B	$FOSY \times K_{LD}$	$FOSY \times K_{MP} \times K_{LD}$	$FOSY \times K_{LD}$
Coef C	$FOSU \times K_{LD}$	$FOSU \times K_{MP} \times K_{LD}$	$FOSU \times K_{LD}$



# Test Factors

KQ and KA provided by ECSS-E-ST-32-10C

- ❖ Spacecraft
- ❖ Launch Vehicle
- ❖ Man-rated Spacecraft

Type of Load

- ❖ Internal pressure
- ❖ Dynamic Loads
- ❖ Hoisting Loads
- ❖ Storage and Transportation Loads
- ❖ Thermal Loads

FoSY and FoSU provided for ECSS-E-ST-32-10C

- ❖ Spacecraft
- ❖ Launch Vehicle
- ❖ Man-rated Spacecraft

Type of structural material, failure mode, ..

- ❖ Metallic Structures
- ❖ FRP structure; undisturbed, disturbed (hole, joints, ....)
- ❖ Sandwich structures
- ❖ Glass & Ceramic structures
- ❖ Joints (gapping, sliding) inserts,
- ❖ Buckling (global, local)
- ❖ Pressurized hardware



# Margin of Safety (MoS)

- ❖ Margins of Safety (MoS) are to be calculated by the following formula

$$\text{MoS} = \frac{\text{Design Allowable Load}}{\text{Design Limit Load} \times \text{FoS}} - 1 > 0$$

- ❖ Factors of Safety (ECSS-E-ST-32-10C)
- ❖ Load may be replaced by stress
- ❖ Significance MoS values (not mentioned in ECSS-E-ST-32C)
  - MoS < 0 Failure
  - 0 < MoS ≤ 0.5 Optimal design
  - 0.5 < MoS ≤ 1.5 Good design
  - MoS > 1.5 Design can be easily improved

# Allowable Loads or Stresses

## Space engineering

### Materials

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- ❖ Metals
- ❖ Non-metallic materials
  - ❖ Glass & ceramics
  - ❖ Non Metallic materials other than Glass & Ceramics
- ❖ Composite Materials
- ❖ Adhesive materials in bonded joints

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# Design Allowable



- ❖ For structural material, design allowable shall be statistically derived covering all operational environments
- ❖ The scatter bands of the data shall be derived and design allowable defined in terms of fractions of their statistical distribution with A- basis or B- basis specified levels of reliability and confidence
- ❖ For each type of test the minimum number of test specimens shall be:
  - ten (10) to establish A- values, and
  - five (5) to establish B- values.
- ❖ If the material is delivered in several batches, the design allowable test program shall evaluate the variations from batch to batch by performing sample tests at regular intervals during the production sequence.

- ❖ A-basis design allowable (A-value)

- ❖ mechanical property value above which at least 99 % of the population of values is expected to fall, with a confidence level of 95 %

- ❖ B-basis design allowable (B-value)

- ❖ mechanical property value above which at least 90 % of the population of values is expected to fall, with a confidence level of 95 %

# Metals

- ❖ All design allowable for metals shall be defined by their A- values.
- ❖ For unpressurized metal structures, B- values may be used in redundant structure in which the failure of a component can result in a safe redistribution of applied loads to other load-carrying structures.
- ❖ All other metal material properties shall be defined by average values.



# Glass, Ceramics & other non-metallic



- ❖ Design allowable for glass and ceramics shall be derived through a probabilistic approach, covering all size effects

## Non-Metallics other than Glass & Ceramics

- ❖ Design allowable for other non- metals, (stress or strain) shall be defined by their A- values.
- ❖ For unpressurized non- metallic structures, B- values may be used in redundant structure in which the failure of a component can result in a safe redistribution of applied loads to other load-carrying structures
- ❖ The material properties other than those specified shall be defined by average values.

# Composite Materials



- ❖ All design allowable for composite materials (stress or strain) shall be defined by their A- values.
- ❖ For unpressurized structures in composite materials, B- values may be used in redundant structure in which the failure of a component can result in a safe redistribution of applied loads to other load-carrying structures.
- ❖ All the material properties other than those specified shall be defined by their average values.



# Adhesive Materials in Bonded Joints

- ❖ All design allowable for adhesive materials in bonded joints (stress or strain) shall be defined according to standards agreed with the customer. They shall consider the temperature range during the mission.
- ❖ Also, EOL properties shall be used in the design.

# Design of Structures (2)

- ❖ Structural General Requirements ECSS-E-ST-32C Rev. 1, 15/11/2008
- ❖ Materials (see ECSS-E-ST-32-08C)
- ❖ Processes (see ECSS-E-ST-32C )
- ❖ Assembles (see ECSS-E-ST-32C )
- ❖ Joints (bolts, bonding, welding, soldering, brazing)

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## Materials, ECSS-E-ST-32-08C Rev. 1, 15/10/2014

- ❖ ECSS-E-ST-32-08 defines the mechanical engineering requirements for materials. This Standard also encompasses the mechanical effects of the natural and induced environments to which materials used for space applications can be subjected.
- ❖ This Standard defines requirements for the establishment of the mechanical and physical properties of the materials to be used for space applications, and the verification of these requirements.
- ❖ Verification includes destructive and non-destructive test methods. Quality assurance requirements for materials (e.g. procurement and control) are covered by ECSS-Q-ST-70.
- ❖ This standard may be tailored for the specific characteristics and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.



# Structural Material Selection



Material	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	E (GPa)	F <sub>ty</sub> (MPa)	E/ $\rho$	F <sub>ty</sub> / $\rho$	$\alpha$ ( $\mu\text{m}/\text{m K}^\circ$ )	$\kappa$ (W/m K <sup>°</sup> )
<b>Aluminum</b>							
6061-T6	2800	68	276	24	98.6	23.6	167
7075-T651	2700	71	503	26	186.3	23.4	130
<b>Magnesium</b>							
AZ31B	1700	45	220	26	129.4	26	79
<b>Titanium</b>							
6Al-4V	4400	110	825	25	187.5	9	7.5
<b>Beryllium</b>							
S 65 A	2000	304	207	151	103.5	11.5	170
S R 200E	-	-	345	-	-	-	-
<b>Ferrous</b>							
INVAR 36	8082	150	620	18.5	76.7	1.66	14
AM 350	7700	200	1034	26	134.3	11.9	40-60
304L annealed	7800	193	170	25	21.8	17.2	16
4130 steel	7833	200	1123	25	143	12.5	48
<b>Heat resistant Non-magnetic</b>							
A286	7944	200	585	25	73.6	16.4	12
Inconel 600	8414	206	206	24	24.5	-	-
Inconel 718	8220	203	1034	25	125.7	23.0	12



# Overview of Sub-Course E-32 Structures



General introduction to Structural Verification Cycle

Load types and derivation (*steady state, low frequency dynamics, high frequency acoustics and structure born vibrations, shock, thermal, constraints, micro-vibrations, ...*)

Development Approach (*prototype, proto-flight, STM, ...*)

Design of Structures (*material, processes, assemblies, joints, allowable stress/load, ...*)

**Mechanical Analysis (*models, validation, static dynamic, acoustic, stability, thermo-elastic, micro-vibrations, sloshing, system, subsystem*)**

Damage Tolerance (*hardware inspection, analytical verification, specific testing, ...*)

Testing (*static, modal, sine, acoustic, random, thermal, micro-vibrations, pressures, ...*)

Structural requirements flow down

Mechanical Interfaces (Handbooks)

# Verification by Analyses

- ❖ Mathematical Models
- ❖ Numerical Analysis (FEA, BEA, SEA)

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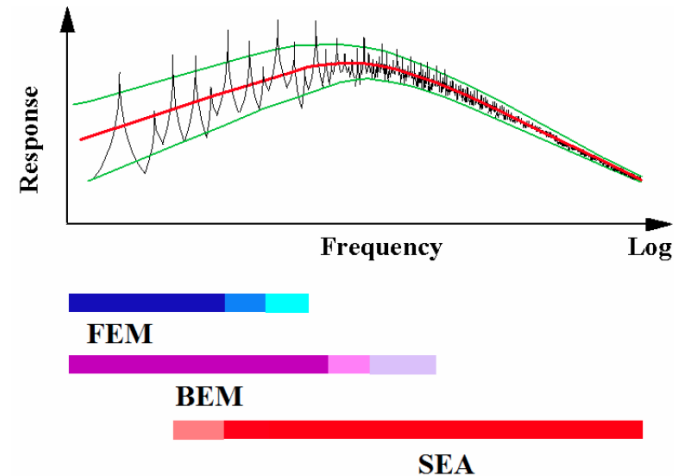
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# Analysis Methods

## Analysis Methods to calculate Structural Response of Spacecraft Structures loaded by static, dynamic and acoustic loads

- ❖ Analytical methods “Hand calculation”
  - ❖ Closed form solutions
- ❖ Finite Element Analysis (FEA)
  - ❖ Analysis of complex structures
  - ❖ Multi-Body dynamics
- ❖ Boundary Element Analysis (BEA)
  - ❖ Fluid structure interaction
- ❖ Statistical Energy Analysis (SEA)
  - ❖ High modal density
- ❖ Hybrid Analysis (FEA/SEA)
  - ❖ Coupling FEA/SEA



Solution strategy as a function of the modal response

Courtesy University Madrid (UPM)



# Hand Calculations

- ❖ Why? To get a feeling for more detailed analysis
- ❖ Strength Stiffness Basic Structural Elements
- ❖ Approximate Natural Frequency
- ❖ Approximate Dynamic Response Analysis

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# Hand Calculations (Cont'd)



## ❖ Strength & Stiffness Analysis Basic Structural Elements

- ❖ Truss frames
- ❖ Rod/Bar/Beam/Rings
- ❖ Plate (Shear panel, Sandwich, ...)
- ❖ Shells of Revolution (cylinder, cone, sphere, ...)
- ❖ Joints (bolted, bonded, ..)

- ❖ Books about Strength of Materials
- ❖ NASA SP-8019 Buckling of Thin-Walled Truncated Cones
- ❖ NASA SP-8007 Buckling of Thin-Walled Circular Cylinders

## ❖ Failure modes

- ❖ Yield stress
- ❖ Ultimate stress
- ❖ Local global buckling
- ❖ Fracture mechanics
- ❖ Fatigue
- ❖ ...



- ❖ Approximation Natural Frequencies

  - ❖ Static Displacement

  - ❖ Rayleigh Quotient

  - ❖ Dunkerley's equation

- ❖ Rayleigh's Principle and Its Applications to Engineering, Temple, G, Bickley, W.G., Dover, 2004, ISBN 048643902x

- ❖ Formulas for Natural Frequencies and Mode Shape, Blevins, R.D. Krieger Publishing, 1995, ISBN 0-89464-894-2

## ❖ Approximation Dynamic Response Analysis

### ❖ Sine/transient

#### ❖ Assumed mode approach

### ❖ Random

#### ❖ Assumed mode approach, Miles equation

### ❖ Acoustic

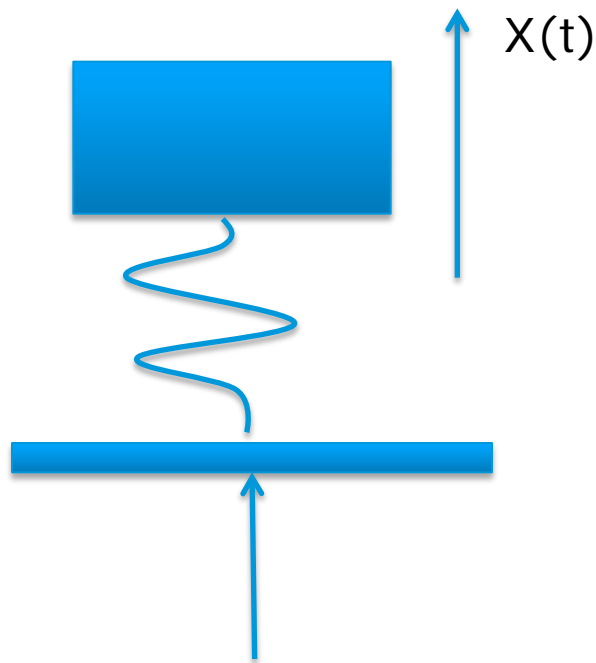
#### ❖ Assumed mode approach, Miles equation, Blevins approach

❖ Miles, J.W. (1954) On Structural Fatigue Under Random Loading, Journal of the Aeronautical Science, November, pages 753-762

❖ Cunningham, P.R. Langley, R.S., P.R., White, R.G. (2003), Dynamic Response of Double Curved Honeycomb Sandwich Panels to Random Acoustic Excitation. Part 2 Theoretical Study, Journal of Sound and Vibration, Vol. 264, pages 605-637

❖ Blevins, R.D. (1989) An Approximate Methods for Sonic Fatigue Analysis of Plates and Shells, Journal of Sound and Vibration, **129** (1), pages 51-71

# Hand Calculations (Cont'd) Miles' Equation (One Mode Representation)

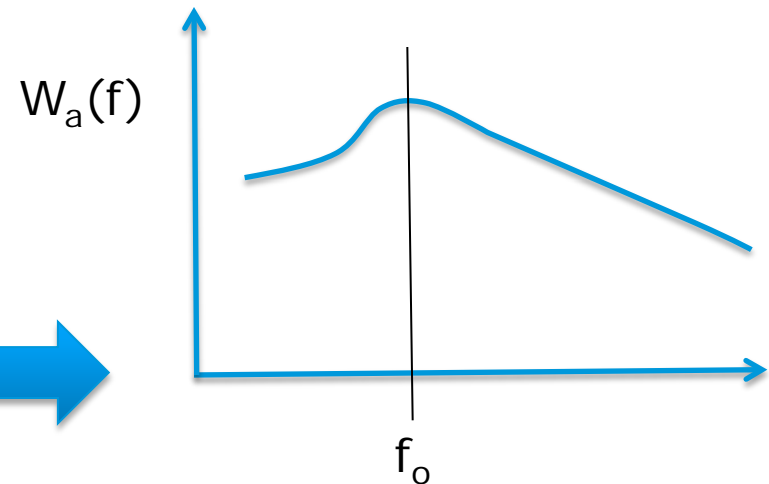


Random Enforced acceleration  
 $W_a(f)$  ( $g^2/Hz$ )

$$\ddot{X}_{rms} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2} f_o Q W_a(f_o)}$$

$$Q = 1/2\zeta \quad Q \text{ not to low}$$

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



# Hand Calculations (Cont'd)

## ❖ Example

$$\phi(x) = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^3$$

$$w(x, t) = \phi(x)\eta(t)$$

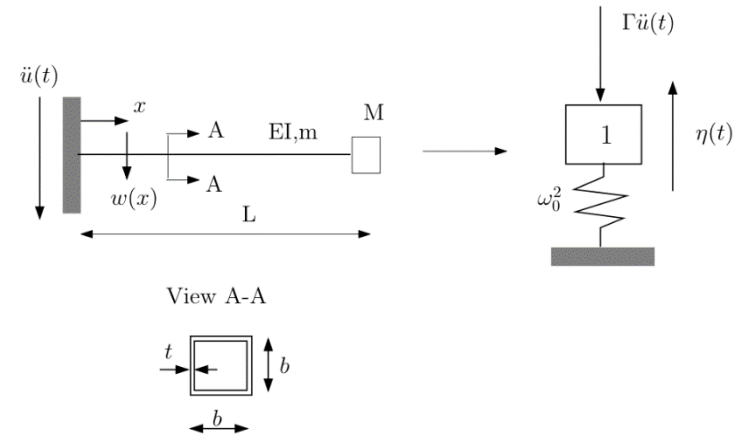
$$U = \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\partial^2 w(x, t)}{\partial x^2}\right)^2 dx,$$

$$T = \frac{m}{2} \int_0^L [\dot{w}(x, t) + \dot{u}(t)]^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} M [\dot{w}(L, t) + \dot{u}(t)]^2.$$

$$\ddot{\eta}(t) + \omega_1^2 \eta(t) = -\Gamma \ddot{u}(t)$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{420EI}{L^3(33mL + 140M)},$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{35(3mL + 8M)}{2(33mL + 140M)}.$$

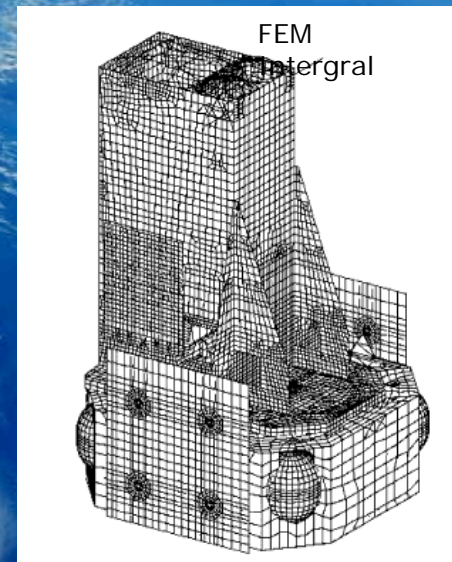


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# Finite Element Analysis

- Structural Finite Element Models, ECSS-E-ST-32-03C
- Structural General Requirements ECSS-E-ST-32C Rev. 1
  - DRD's
    - Modal and dynamic response analysis
    - Stress and strength analysis
    - Structure buckling analysis
    - Test- analysis correlation
    - Mathematical model description and delivery
    - ...



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# Finite Element Analysis (Cont'd)

- ❖ The elastic-dynamic behavior of structural elements (rod, beam, plate, cylinder, ) can be described with the aid of partial differential equations (PDE). PDE are difficult to solve.
- ❖ The PDE's can be converted into sets of linear equations applying variational methods in combination of assumed functions (shapes); Theorem of minimum potential and complementary energy, Rayleigh-Ritz method, Galerkin method, ... The finite element method is based on variational techniques and is the major numerical analysis method.
- ❖ The finite element method requires division of the problem into many subdomains and each domain is called a finite element. The problem domain consists of many elements.
- ❖ The set of many linear equations is solved by numerical schemes on very high performance computers (Gauss elimination, Cholesky decomposition, ...)
- ❖ The Finite Element method Using MATLAB, Kwon, Y.W., Bang, H. CRC Press, 2000, ISBN 0-8493-0096-7

# Finite Element Analysis (Con'd)

❖ The finite element analysis (FEA) method one the most applied numerical tools to solve mechanical static and dynamic problems in launch vehicle and spacecraft structural engineering

## ❖ Static analysis

- ❖ Inertia and pressure loads
- ❖ Thermal-elastic analysis (deformation & stress)
- ❖ Buckling Analysis (bifurcation and limit load)
- ❖ Non-linear (Geometrical, material, ..)

## ❖ Dynamic analysis

- ❖ Modal analysis
- ❖ Frequency response analysis
  - ❖ Sine and random vibrations
  - ❖ Acoustic response analysis
- ❖ Transient Analysis (CLA, shocks)
  - ❖ CLA, Shocks
  - ❖ Non-linear analysis
- ❖ Micro-vibrations



# Finite Element Analysis (Cont'd)

## Finite Element Analysis flow chart

- Number of nodes
- Boundary Conditions
- Material properties
- Forcing functions
- Selection finite element type
- Damping

- Static analysis
- Modal analysis
- Dynamic analysis
- Buckling analysis
- ...

**CAD**



Geometry

**FEA Pre-processor**

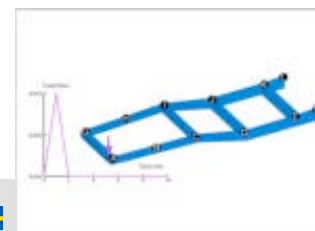
- Finite element model (FEM)
- Mass matrix (6x6)

**FEA Solver**

- Nodal displacements
- Element stresses/forces

**FEA Post-processor**

- Plots
- Fatigue life
- ...



- ❖ Finite Element Model (FEM) validation,
  - ❖ Structural Finite Element Models, ECSS-E-ST-32-03C (Focus on MSC.Nastran)
- ❖ Use SI system: m, N, kg, s
- ❖ Modeling requirements
  - ❖ Permitted type of element and aspect ratio's
  - ❖ Numbering schemes
  - ❖ Guidelines (Do, Don't)
- ❖ Model checks
  - ❖ Model geometry check
  - ❖ Element topology check
  - ❖ Rigid body mass matrix check
  - ❖ Rigid body strain energy check
  - ❖ Stress-free thermo-elastic deformation check
  - ❖ Free-free modal analysis check



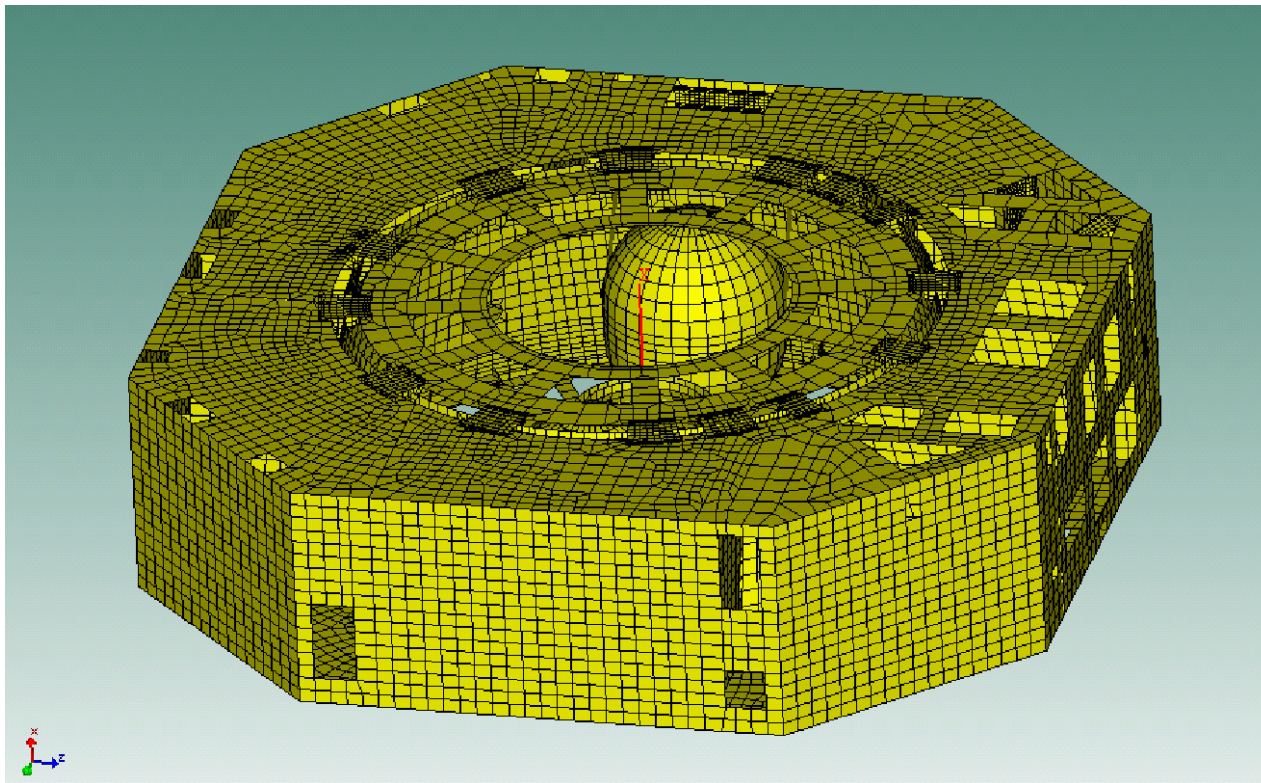
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Structural finite element models



# Finite Element Analysis (Con't)



## Finite Element Model Service Module Herschel



# FEA Static Analysis

- ❖ Inertia and pressure loads
- ❖ Thermal-elastic analysis (deformation & stress)
- ❖ Buckling Analysis (bifurcation and limit load)
- ❖ Non-linear analysis (implicit or explicit)
  - ❖ Geometric
  - ❖ Material

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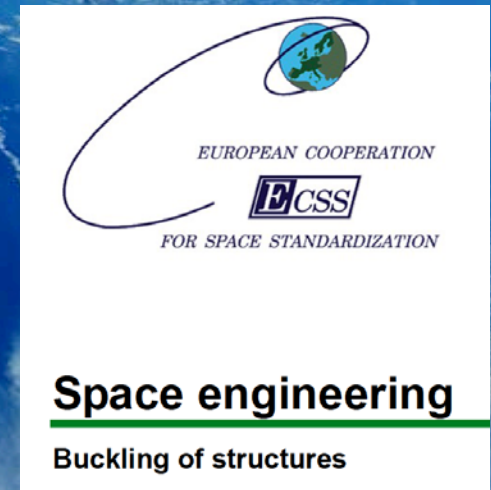
# FEA Buckling Analysis

Buckling of Structures, ECSS-E-HB-32-24A

- ❖ Not stable equilibrium of a structure under loads applied statically or dynamically
- ❖ Linearized Pre-buckling/Bifurcation analysis
- ❖ Nonlinear Pre-buckling/Bifurcation Analysis

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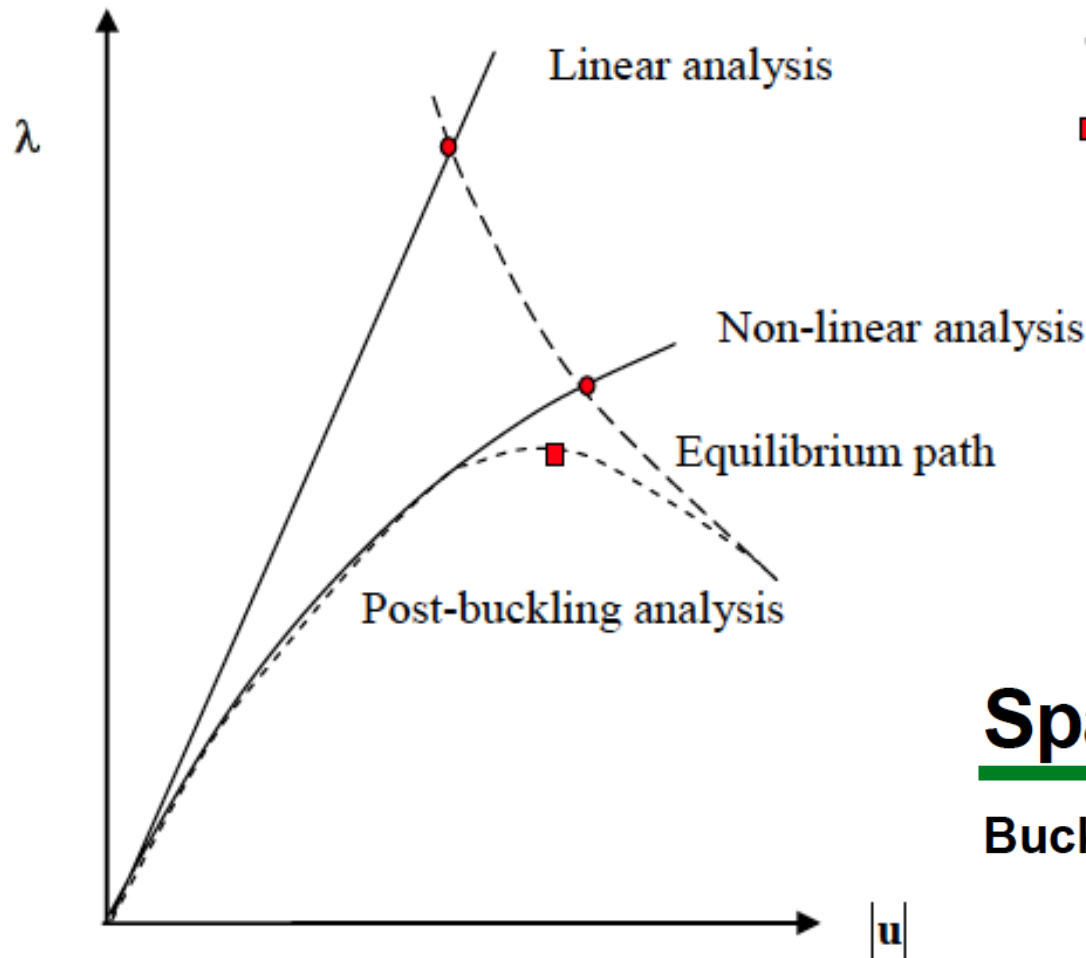
# Buckling

- ❖ The stability (i.e. no buckling) of the structure shall be verified for the design loads.
- ❖ Local buckling shall be prevented unless:
  - ❖ the buckling is reversible, and
  - ❖ the resulting stiffness and deformations still conform to the structural and functional requirements, and
  - ❖ a post- buckling investigation (by analysis or test) demonstrates positive margins against failure.

- ❖ Buckling analysis shall be used to predict the loads at which the onset of structural instability occurs.
- ❖ For cases where elastic fully reversible buckling is accepted, post-buckling behavior shall be analyzed.
- ❖ Effects on stability of boundary conditions, defects and geometrical imperfections in the structure shall be included in the buckling analysis.
- ❖ NOTE: Geometrical imperfections refer to any deviation from the nominal shape including effect due to assembly tolerances.



# Post-Buckling Analysis



- Bifurcation point
- Limit point

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## Space engineering

### Buckling of structures

# Thermal Load Analysis

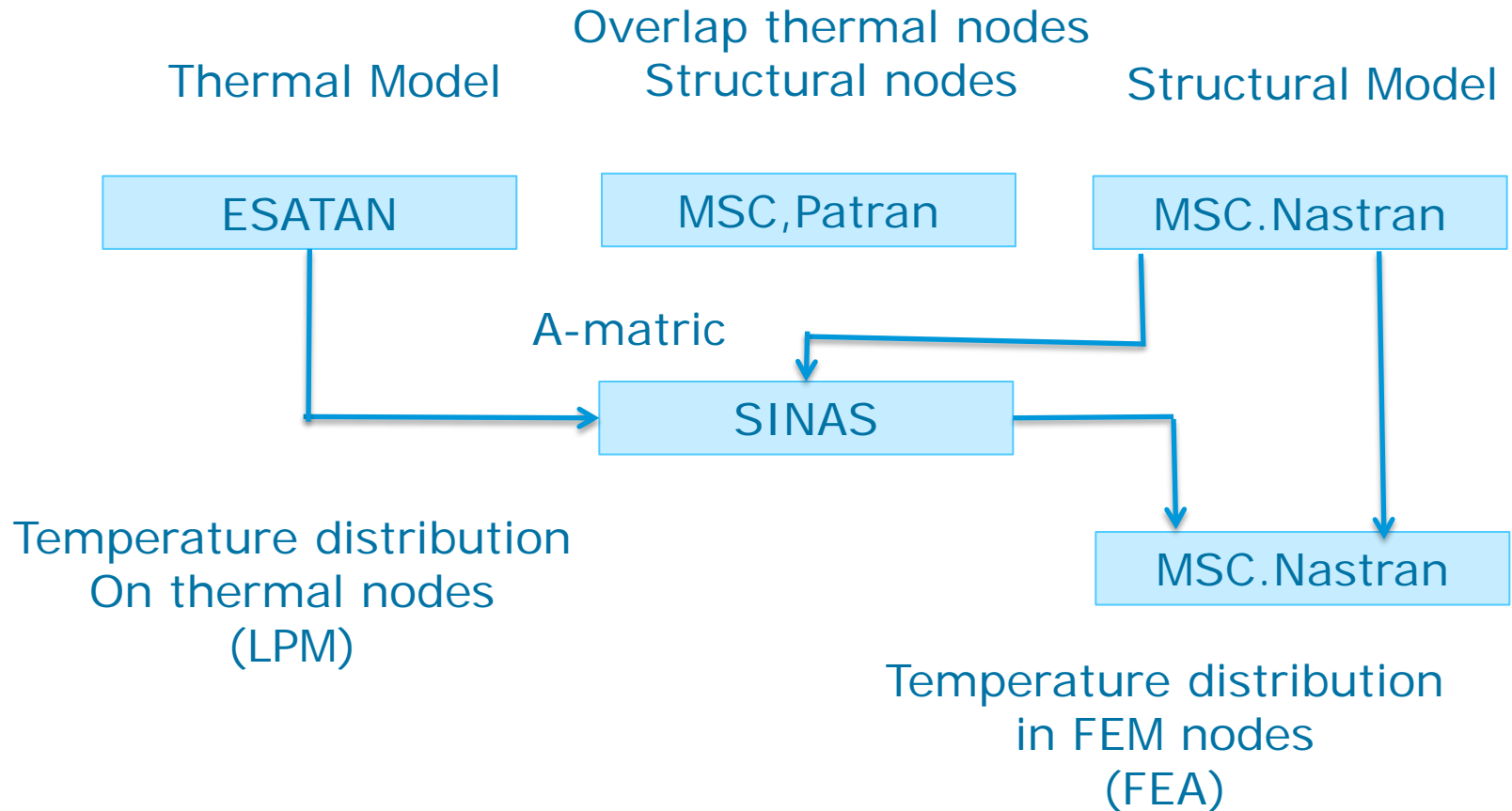

- ❖ Thermal Analyzer (ESATAN, ESARAD, ...)
- ❖ Temperature interpolation (PAT)
- ❖ Thermal Distortions/stress (FEA) (Thermal distortions on-orbit)
- ❖ Constraints imposed by the thermal design and impacting the structure shall be identified.
- ❖ The temperatures and temperature variations and gradients during all phases of a mission, including manufacturing and storage, shall be used, both in the material selection and in the design in order to achieve the specified functional and structural performance.

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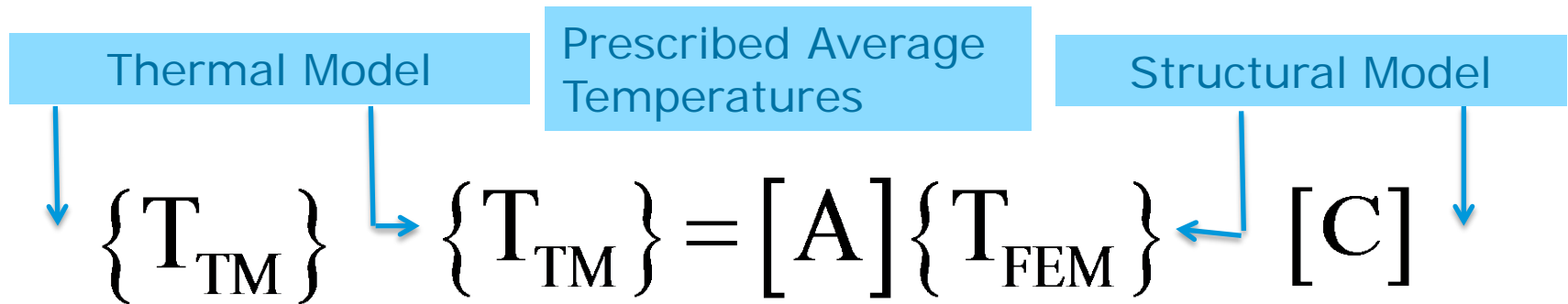
# Prescribed Average Temperatures

## Temperature interpolation



# Prescribed Average Temperatures

## Temperature interpolation (Cont'd)

Temperature interpolation

$$\begin{bmatrix} C & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_{FEM} \\ q_{LM} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ T_{TM} \end{Bmatrix}$$



# FEA Dynamic Analysis

- ❖ Modal analysis
- ❖ Frequency Response Analysis
  - ❖ Sine and random vibrations
  - ❖ Acoustic response analysis
- ❖ Transient Analysis
  - ❖ CLA, shocks, Acoustics, non-linear (implicit & explicit)
- ❖ Micro-vibrations

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# FEA Modal Analysis

- ❖ Natural frequency
- ❖ Real vibration modes
- ❖ Stress/force modes
- ❖ Rigid body modes
- ❖ Generalized mass and Stiffness
- ❖ Modal Participation factor, Effective Mass
- ❖ Residual Flexibility/Mode acceleration
- ❖ Damped vibration modes
- ❖ ...

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Eigenvalue problem (elastic problem)

$$(-\omega_i^2 [\mathbf{M}] + [\mathbf{K}])\{\Phi_i\} = \{0\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Generalized mass and stiffness

$$\{\Phi_i\} [\mathbf{M}] \{\Phi_j\} = \delta_{ij} m_i, \{\Phi_i\} [\mathbf{K}] \{\Phi_j\} = \delta_{ij} \omega_i^2 m_i, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Rigid body mode (Determinate boundary conditions)

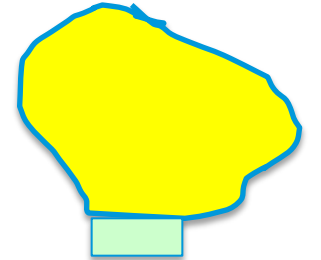
$$[\mathbf{K}]\{\Phi_{R,j}\} = \{0\}, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

Modal participation

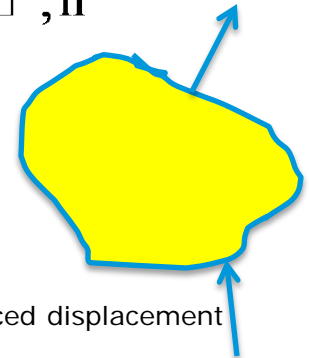
$$\{\Phi_i\}^T [\mathbf{M}] \{\Phi_{R,j}\} = \{L_{ij}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

Modal effective mass

$$[M_{em,ij}] = \frac{\{L_{ij}\}^T \{L_{ij}\}}{m_1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$



Fixation



Enforced displacement



# FEA Sine and Random Response Analysis (Frequency Domain)

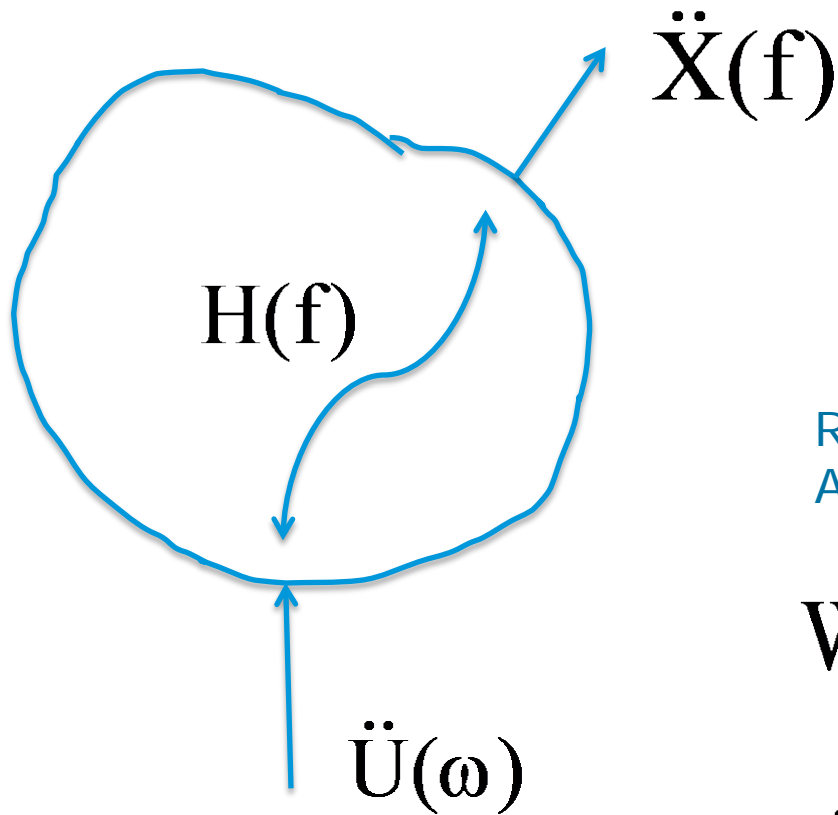
- ❖ Enforced Accelerations
- ❖ Damping properties very important



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# FEA Sine and Random Response Analysis



Sinusoidal  
Response Analysis

$$\ddot{X}(f) = H(f) \ddot{U}(f)$$

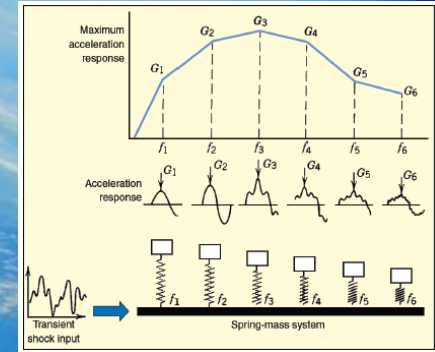
Random Response  
Analysis

$$W_{\ddot{X}}(f) = |H(f)|^2 W_{\ddot{U}}(f)$$

$$\ddot{X}_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} W_{\ddot{X}}(f) df}$$



# FEA Shock (SRS)



- ❖ Shock Response Spectrum (SRS)
- ❖ Mechanical Shock Design and verification Handbook, ECSS-E-HB-32-25A
- ❖ NASA STD-7003 Pyro shock Test Criteria, 1999

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# Transient Response Analysis (Time domain)

- ❖ Shocks (High frequency transients)
- ❖ Non-linear Analysis
- ❖ Fluid Structure Interaction

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## ❖ FEA Software Applied by ESTEC TEC-MSS Structures Section (non-exhaustive)

- ❖ MSC.Nastran (Nastran=**N**ASA **S**tructural **A**nalysis)

  - ❖ MSC.Software

- ❖ Abaqus/CAE

  - ❖ Simulia

- ❖ VA-ONE

  - ❖ ESI Group

- ❖ SAMCEF

  - ❖ SAMTECH

- ❖ SINAS Interface between ESATAN and MSC.Nastran



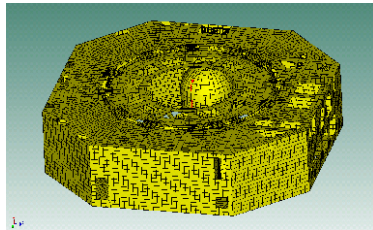
# Boundary Element Analysis

- ❖ Low frequency domain
- ❖ Combined FEA/BEA approach
- ❖ Modal description of Structure by finite element analysis (FEA)
- ❖ Fluid Structure Interaction by boundary element analysis (BEA)

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# FEA/BEA Analysis Flow



CAD

Finite Element Model (FEM)

- Modal Properties
- Natural frequencies
  - Vibration Modes
  - Generalized Mass/Stiffness
  - Modal damping

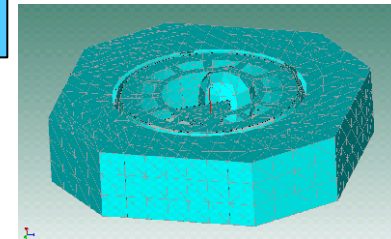
Boundary Element Model (BEM)

Reverberant sound field (set of plane waves)

- Frequency range (1-1/3 octave band)
- SPL (dB)  $0\text{dB} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa}$

Coupled FEA/BEA Solver

- Modal properties
- Added mass
  - Radiation loss
- Pressure fields
- Blocked pressure
  - Radiated pressure
  - Absolute pressure



Structural/field Responses

- PSD/rms Accelerations
- PSD/rms Stress/Loads
- PSD/rms Pressure Field/Jump
- .....

# FEA/BEA Analysis Software In ESTEC

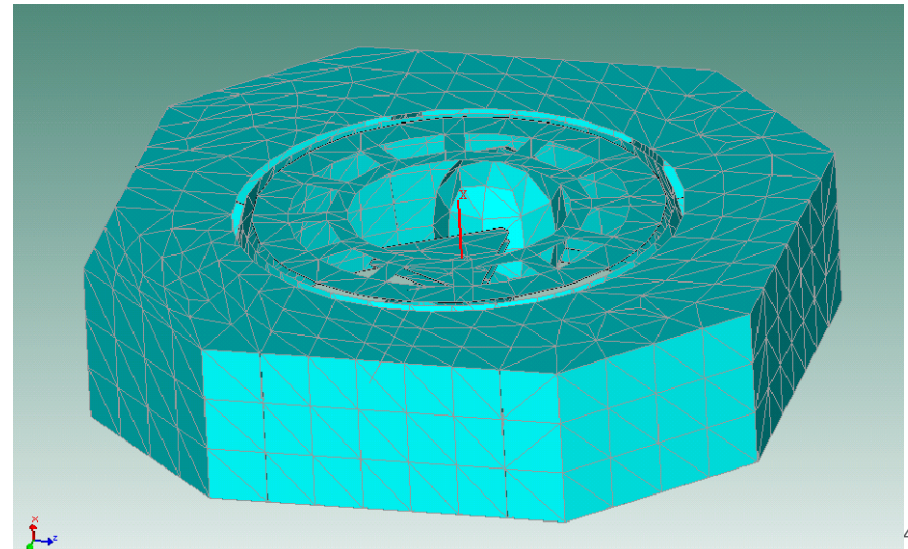
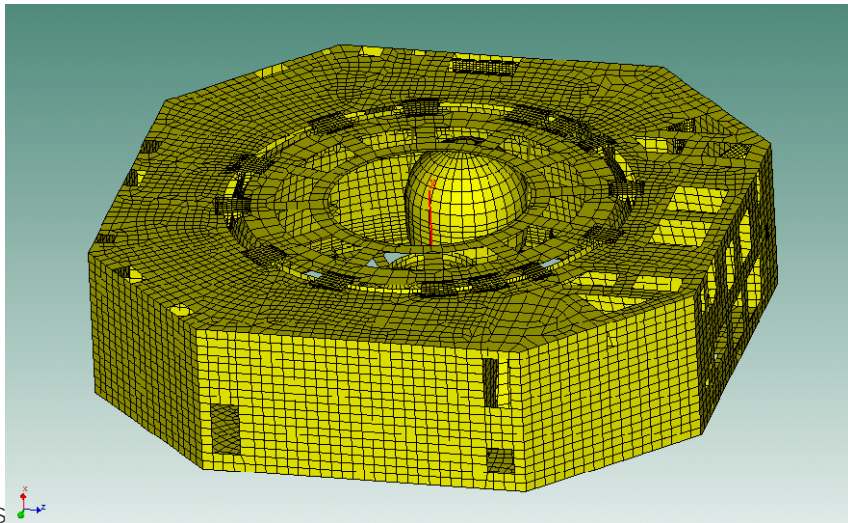


- ❖ FEA MSC. Nastran
  - ❖ Modal Properties
- ❖ BEA Rayon (VA-One)

## ❖ Fluid Structure Interaction

Finite Element Model  
SVM Herschel

Boundary Element  
Model SVM Herschel





# Mid & High Frequency Structural Response Analysis

- ❖ Hybrid method (FEA/SEA)
- ❖ Statistical Energy Analysis (SEA)
- ❖ Approximate methods

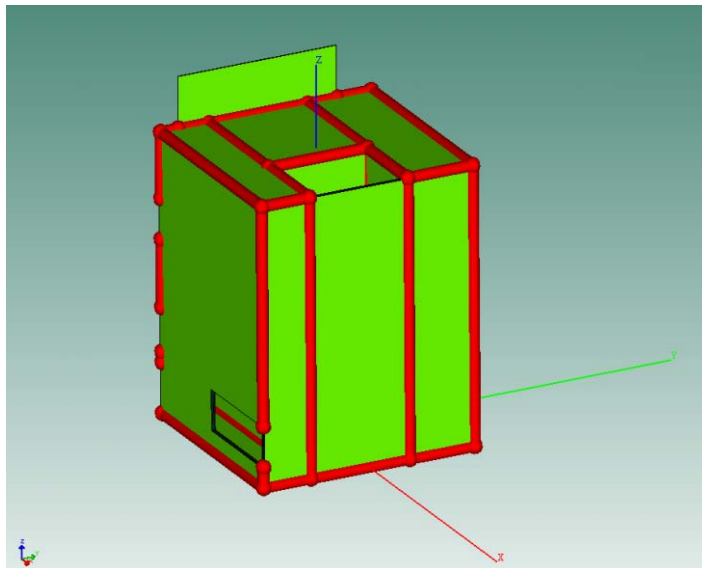
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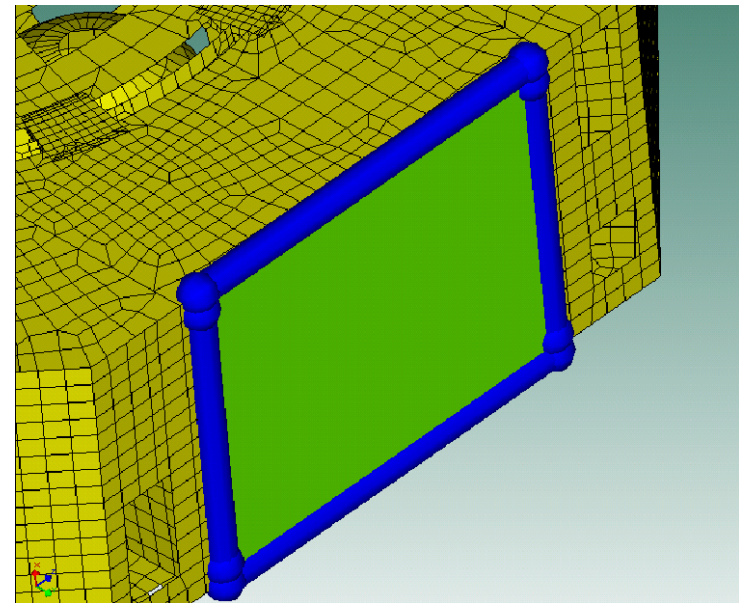


# Finite Element Analysis (Con't)

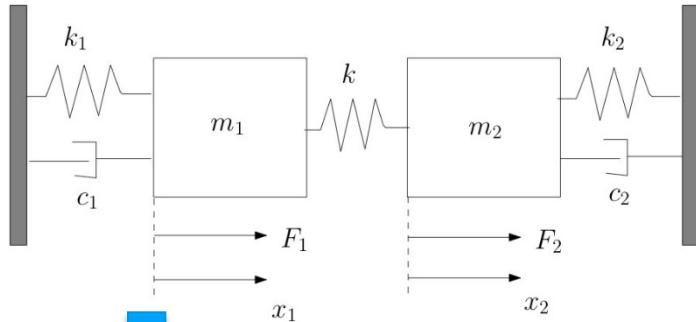
Statistical Energy  
Analysis Model Proba-2



Hybrid FEA/SEA Model  
SVM Herschel

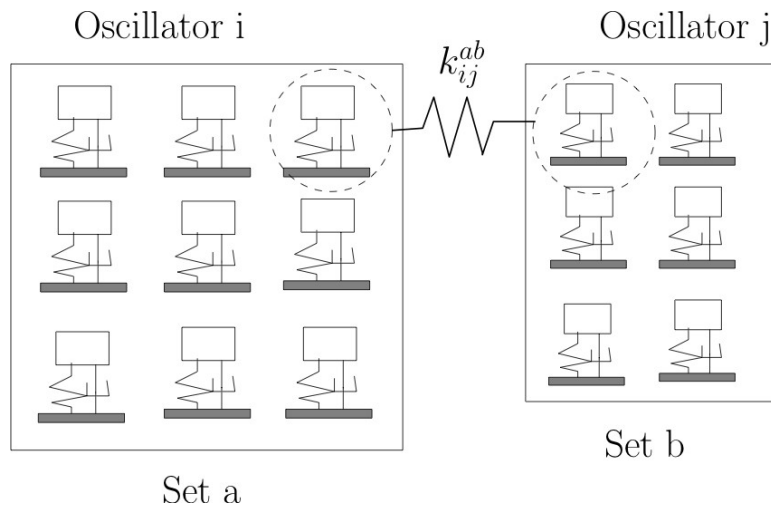


# Statistical Energy Analysis (Cont'd)

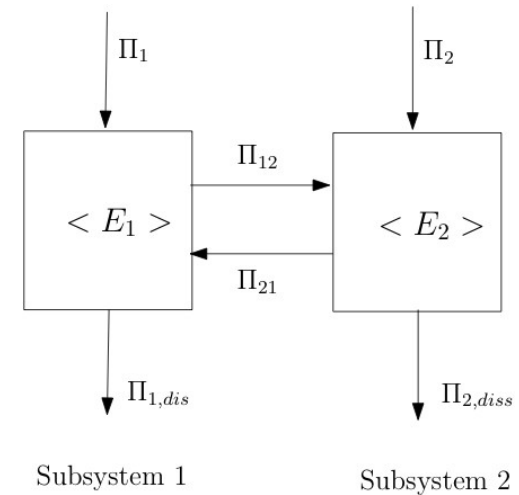


Two spring-coupled oscillators

Fundamental SEA model built up by two subsystems

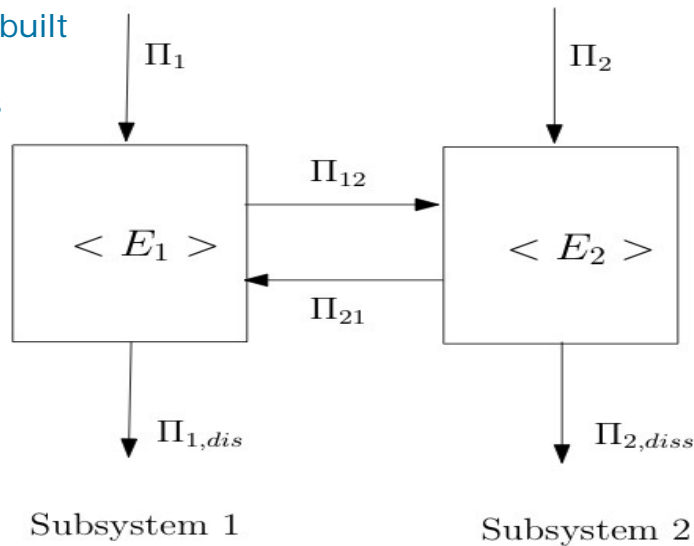


Two sets of spring-coupled oscillators



# Statistical Energy Analysis (Cont'd)

Fundamental  
SEA model built  
up by two  
subsystems



- $\omega$  Radian frequency
- $n_i$  Modal density subsystem  $i$
- $\eta_i$  Loss factor (LF) subsystem  $i$
- $\eta_{ij}$  Coupling loss factor (CLF) subsystem  $i$  to subsystem  $j$

Energy balance  
equations

$$\Pi_1 = \omega \eta_1 \langle E_1 \rangle + \omega \eta_{12} n_1 \left( \frac{\langle E_1 \rangle}{n_1} - \frac{\langle E_2 \rangle}{n_2} \right)$$

$$\Pi_2 = \omega \eta_2 \langle E_2 \rangle + \omega \eta_{21} n_2 \left( \frac{\langle E_2 \rangle}{n_2} - \frac{\langle E_1 \rangle}{n_1} \right)$$



# Statistical Energy Analysis (Cont'd)

## Approximate method (References)



### **VibroSpec**

**Derivation of Satellite Equipment Design and Test Specifications from Random Vibration Environments**

Based on  
measurements  
No SEA

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# Sloshing Effects

- ❖ The structure shall be verified against the effects of the interaction with fluids (e.g. sloshing, POGO, cavitation effects and pressure fields).

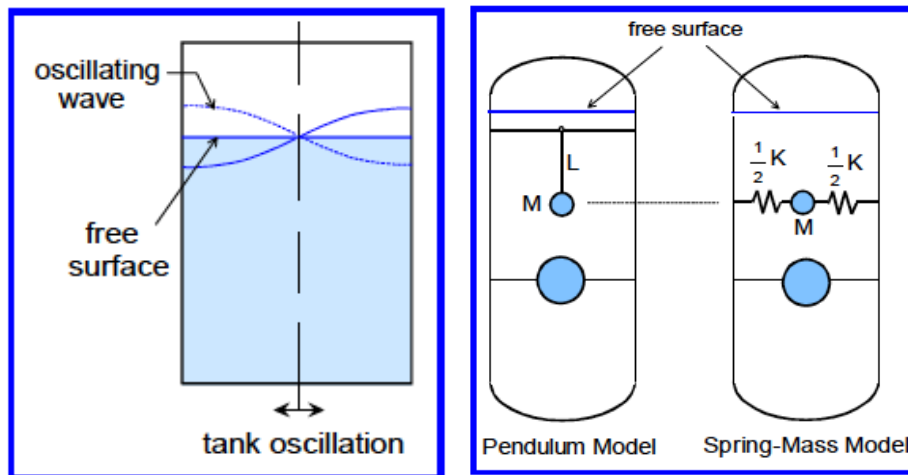
Fluid Structure Interaction (FSI) In fluid dynamics, **slosh** refers to the movement of liquid inside another object (which is, typically, also undergoing motion). Strictly speaking, the liquid must have a free surface to constitute a **slosh dynamics** problem, where the dynamics of the liquid can interact with the container to alter the system dynamics significantly. Important examples include propellant slosh in spacecraft tanks and rockets (especially upper stages), and cargo slosh in ships and trucks transporting liquids (for example oil and gasoline). However, it has become common to refer to liquid motion in a completely

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filled tank, i.e. without a free surface, as "fuel slosh"

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Finite Element Analysis  
Boundary Element Analysis

[snap.lbl.gov/pub/bscw.cgi/S48bd154b/.../SWRI\\_SLOSH\\_Update.pdf](http://snap.lbl.gov/pub/bscw.cgi/S48bd154b/.../SWRI_SLOSH_Update.pdf)

Pendulum model concept

**THE NEW "DYNAMIC  
BEHAVIOR OF LIQUIDS  
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# Fatigue & Fracture Control

Fracture control and fatigue life verification of spacecraft, launchers and their payloads and experiments is of paramount importance for the safety and reliability of manned and unmanned space operations.

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# Damage Tolerance

- ❖ Damage tolerance capability of a structure to resist failure due to the presence of flaws, cracks, or other damage for a specified period of usage without inspection or repair.
- ❖ Characteristic of a structure for which the amount of general degradation or the size and distribution of local defects expected during operation, or both, do not lead to structural degradation below specified performance

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# Fatigue Analysis

- ❖ Fatigue analysis shall be performed to verify that fatigue defect (crack or delamination) initiation or propagation resulting in structural failure or functional degradation cannot occur throughout the service life of the structure.
- ❖ Effects of stress concentrations shall be included in the analysis.
- ❖ The life of the structure shall be verified for the specified service life multiplied by the specified scatter factor considering the most unfavorable load sequence within each event.
- ❖ Design limit loads (multiplied by factors of safety specified by the customer for fatigue) shall be used for fatigue analysis.
- ❖ Alternate, permanent, and acoustic loads and their combination and sequence shall be used to perform the fatigue analysis.

# Fracture Control



❖ For fracture control analysis requirements, see standard Fracture Control ECSS-E-ST-32-01C Rev. 1, 6/3/2009.

## ❖ Available Software

❖ ESALOAD

❖ ESACRACK

❖ NASGRO

**ESALOAD**

**User's Manual**

**Version 4.2.1a**

**ESACRACK**

**User's Manual**

**Version 4.3.0**

**NASGRO 6.x**

**User's Manual**

**Introduction to version distributed  
with ESACRACK**



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# Verification by Test

## Space engineering

### Testing

- ❖ Qualification and Acceptance Testing
- ❖ Static test
  - ❖ Thermal-Stress test (Difficult to perform)
  - ❖ Pressure test
- ❖ Dynamic test
  - ❖ Modal survey test
  - ❖ Sine and Random tests on shaker
    - ❖ Notching (Primary & Secondary) to prevent over-testing
  - ❖ Acoustic in reverberant chamber
  - ❖ Shock test
  - ❖ Micro-vibration test

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## ❖ Qualification

- ❖ Qualification tests shall be performed to verify that the structure design and manufacturing technique fulfill specification requirements.
- ❖ Qualification test shall account for the worst hardware characteristics which can be present in a flight unit but are not present in the test unit (e.g. by means of dedicated correction factors).

## ❖ Acceptance

- ❖ Acceptance tests shall be performed on the flight hardware.

# Test Factors, Rate and Duration

## (e.g. Soyuz)

S/C tests	Qualification*		Protoflight		Acceptance	
	Factors	Duration/Rate	Factors	Duration/Rate	Factors	Duration/Rate
Static (QSL)	1,25	N/A	1,25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sine vibrations	1,25	2 oct/min	1,25	4 oct/min	1.0	4 oct/min
Acoustics	+3 dB (or 2)	120 s	+3 dB (or 2)	60 s	1.0	60 s
Shock	+3 dB (or 1.41)	N/A	+3 dB (or 1.41)	N/A	N/A	N/A

- Spacecraft qualification and Acceptance test levels are determined by increasing the flight limit loads. The spacecraft must have positive margins of safety for yield and ultimate loads
- Qualification by analysis factor of safety of 2.0 and MoS > 1





# Modal Survey (Modal Analysis) Test

## **Space engineering**

### **Modal survey assessment**

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- ❖ General objectives and requirements
- ❖ Modal Survey test procedures
- ❖ Pre-test Analysis
- ❖ Annex A Excitation signals
- ❖ Annex C Estimation methods for modal parameters

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## ❖ Annex C Modal Test-Mathematical Model

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# Dynamic Tests: Sine, Random, Shock

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### Structural general requirements

- ❖ Dynamic tests (sine, random, shock) shall be performed to verify:
  - ❖ the dynamic behavior, in terms of accelerations and interface forces (including units and appendages)
  - ❖ the compliance to the stiffness requirements, and
  - ❖ the strength and alignment stability under dynamic loads.

Sine	Frequency range (Hz)	Qualification levels (0-peak)	Protoflight levels (0-peak)	Acceptance levels (0-peak)
Longitudinal	2-5* 5-50 50-100	12.4 mm 1.25 g 1 g	12.4 mm 1.25 g 1 g	9.9 mm 1 g 0.8 g
Lateral	2-5 5-25 25-100	9.9 mm 1 g 0.8 g	9.9 mm 1 g 0.8 g	8.0 mm 0.8 g 0.6 g
Sweep rate		2 oct./min	4 oct./min	4 oct./min

\* Pending on the potential limitations of the manufacturer's test bench, the fulfillment of the requirement in that particular frequency range can be subject to negotiation in the field of a request for waiver process, and providing that the S/C does not present internal modes in that range.

Test duration (s)

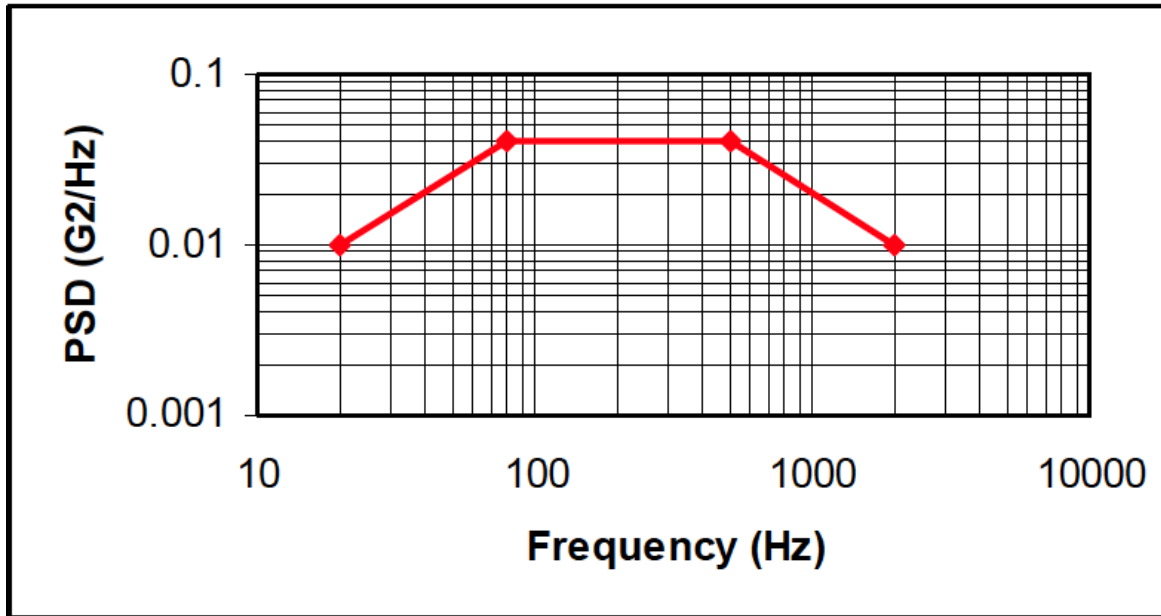
$$T = \frac{86.6}{n} \ln \left( \frac{f_{\max}}{f_{\min}} \right)$$

n is sweep rate (Oct/min)

$f_{\max}$  maximum frequency (Hz)

$f_{\min}$  minimum frequency (Hz)

# Random Vibration Test (Example of levels, NASA-ST-7001)



Frequency (Hz)	PSD (G <sup>2</sup> /Hz)
20	0.01
80	0.04
500	0.04
2000	0.01
<b>Composite</b>	<b>6.8 Grms</b>

Slope between 20-80 Hz 3dB/oct  
 Slope between 500-2000 Hz -3dB/oct  
 Time duration e.g. Qualification 120 s



# Notching

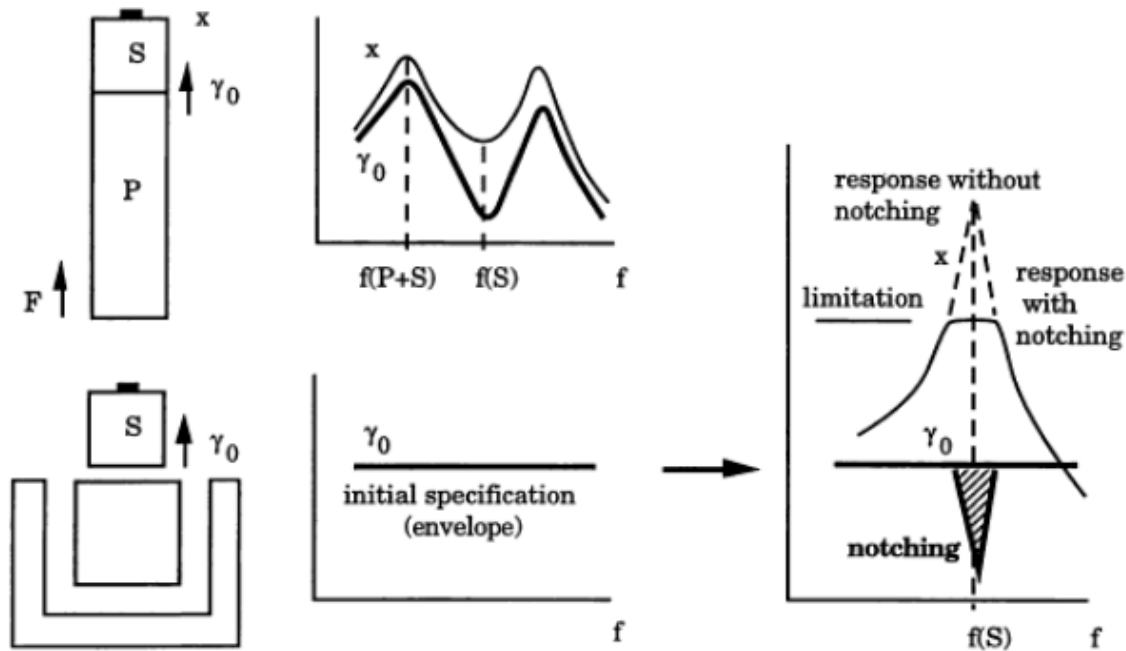
- ❖ Notching based on QSL
- ❖ Force limiting
- ❖ Modification of sine or random vibration test spectrum

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- ❖ Based on QSL
  - ❖ The primary notching applies to the primary structure compared with the quasi static loads.
  - ❖ The secondary notching applies to the equipment when we consider a satellite or structural elements when we perform a test on an instrument or an equipment.
- ❖ Force Limited
  - ❖ Semi-Empirical
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# Notching



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# FLVT, Semi-Empirical Method (SEM)



$$W_{FF}(f) = C^2 M_o^2 W_{aa}(f) \quad f \leq f_o$$

$$W_{FF}(f) = C^2 M_o^2 W_{aa}(f) \left( \frac{f_o}{f} \right)^2 \quad f > f_o$$

$M_o$	Component mass
$C^2, 1 \leq C^2 \leq 5$	Empirical factor
$W_{aa}(f)$	Enforced acceleration PSD
$W_{FF}(f)$	Interface force PSD
$f$	Frequency
$f_o$	Natural frequency (first significant mode)



# Acoustic Noise Test

## Space engineering

### Structural general requirements

- ❖ Acoustic tests shall be performed to verify:
  - ❖ The ability of the structure and its equipment to withstand the vibrations induced by the specified acoustic field.
  - ❖ The random dynamic design environment for subsystems and equipment.

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# Acoustic Noise Test

## Acoustic vibration test levels (A5 User's manual)

Octave band centre frequency (Hz)	Qualification Level (dB)	Protoflight Level (dB)	Acceptance level (flight) (dB)
	ref: 0 dB = $2 \times 10^{-5}$ Pascal		
31.5	131	131	128
63	134	134	131
125	139	139	136
250	136	136	133
500	132	132	129
1000	126	126	123
2000	119	119	116
Overall level	142.5	142.5	139.5
Test duration	2 minutes	1 minute	1 minute

### Fill factor

Special consideration shall be given to spacecraft which fill factor, calculated as the ratio of the maximum horizontal cross area of spacecraft including its appendages solar panels and antennae over the fairing is greater than 60 %.

Fill factor	0 to 60 %	60% to 85%	85%
Fill factor correction	0 %	Linear interpolation	100 %

100 % of fill factor correction corresponds to +4 dB at 31.5 Hz and + 2 dB at 63 Hz.

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-2, +4 dB for 31.5 Hz band

-1, +3 dB for following bands



Herschel Spacecraft in LEAF



# Shock Test

Verification against shock loads

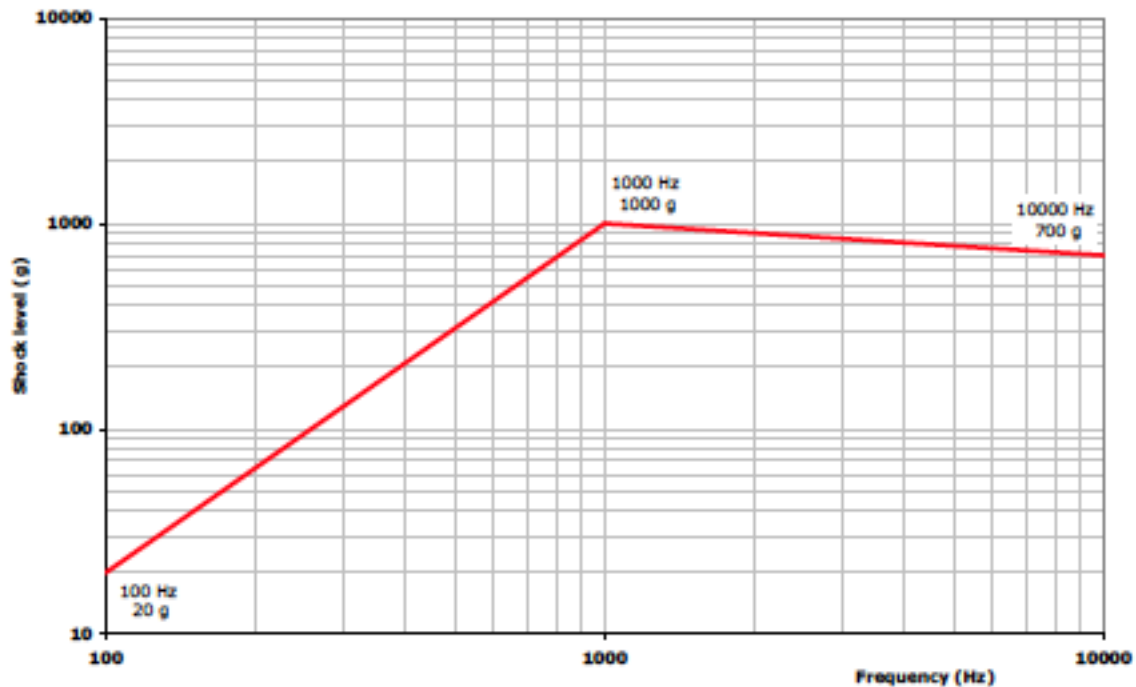
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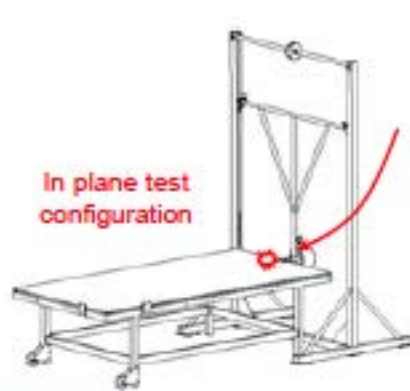


## PAS 1194 – Shock spectrum of clamp band release

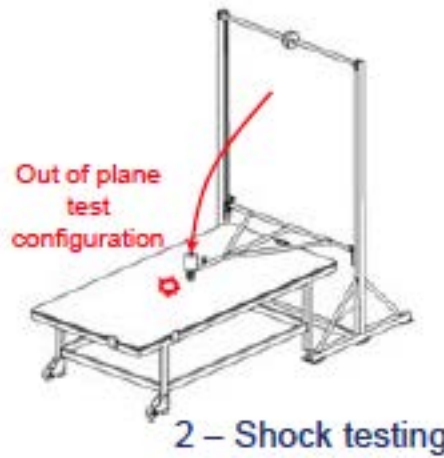
Shock can be performed using SHOCK Generating UNIT (SHOGUN)



# SRS Ringing Table



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# Structural Requirements Flow Down

- ❖ Requirements specified in Launch Vehicle Manual on Spacecraft
- ❖ Requirements flow down from system to subsystems
  - ❖ Stiffness
  - ❖ Loads
  - ❖ Interfaces
  - ❖ ...

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- ❖ Subsystem regarding system

  - ❖ Fixed interface

  - ❖ The lowest natural frequency requirement of the subsystem is  $f_{\text{subsystem}} \geq f_{\text{system}} \sqrt{2}$  with associated significant modal effective mass to prevent vibration absorber effect

## Examples

- ❖ System is spacecraft, subsystem is solar wing

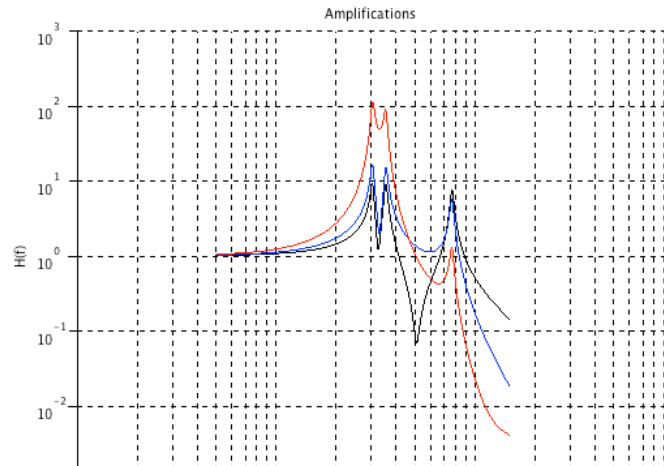
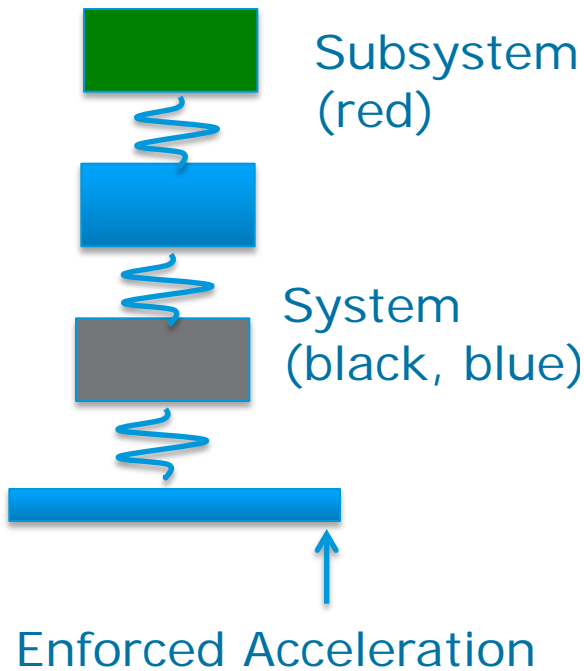
- ❖ System is spacecraft, subsystem is instrument

- ❖ System is instrument, subsystem electronics box mounted to instrument

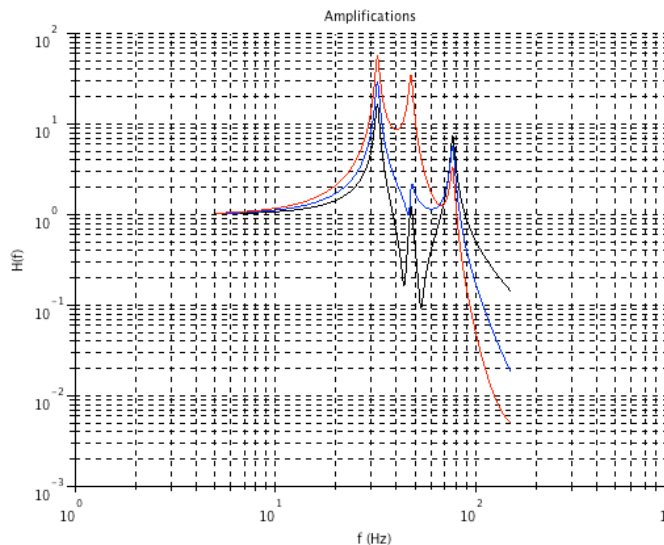
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# Stiffness (Cont'd)



$$f_{\text{subsystem}} = f_{\text{system}}$$



$$f_{\text{subsystem}} = f_{\text{system}} \sqrt{2}$$

# Flow Downs of Loads

- ❖ Flow down of mechanical loads from system to subsystem

- ❖ Static Loads

  - ❖ Limit loads (e.g. Mass Acceleration curve)

- ❖ Dynamic Loads

  - ❖ Enveloping sine vibration specification (potential over-testing)

  - ❖ Enveloping random vibration specification (potential over-testing)

  - ❖ Acoustic environment (System requirements)

  - ❖ Shocks (system requirements)

  - ❖ ....

$$\frac{A}{m} \geq 0.215 \left( \frac{m^2}{kg} \right)$$

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- ❖ Adhesive Bonding Handbook, ECSS-E-HB-32-21A, 20/3/2011
- ❖ Insert Design Handbook, ECSS-E-HB-32-22A, 20/3/2011
- ❖ Threaded Fasteners Handbook, ECSS-E-HB-32-23A, 10/4/2010

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# Joining methods for space structures

- ❖ Welding (alloys or thermoplastics), Soldering, Brazing
- ❖ Mechanical fastening
- ❖ Adhesive bonding
- ❖ A combination of both bonding and mechanical fastening.

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# Adhesive handbook

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### **Adhesive bonding handbook**

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# Adhesive Bonding Aspects



Successful joining by adhesive bonding needs consideration of a large number of factors which influence the:

- ❖ design of the whole structure,
- ❖ design of the component parts of the structure,
- ❖ design of the joints between components of the structure,
- ❖ material selection,
- ❖ manufacturing, and
- ❖ inspection and maintenance.

It is therefore necessary to adopt a fully- integrated design and materials selection process. This point is emphasized throughout this handbook. Nonetheless, adhesive bonding is a tried and proven technique within aerospace industries, resulting from many years of research, development and analytical activities leading to practical implementation

# Types and Geometry Adhesive Bonded Joints



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### Adhesive bonding handbook

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	JOINT TYPE	COMMENTS	JOINT TYPE	COMMENTS
Single Lap Joints	Simple 	Simplest bonded joint, but suffers from offset load path with associated stress concentration and peel.	Single 	Similar principle to single lap joint. Bending and peel experienced due to stiffness mismatch and central discontinuity in adherends.
	Taper or Bevelled (external scarf) 	Tapers reduce stress concentration.	Double 	Similar principle to double lap joint. Reduces bending and peel seen with single strap. Central discontinuity in adherends.
	Radiused 	Radii reduce stress concentration.	Bevelled 	Bevels reduce stress concentration.
	Double Step 	Minimises joint weight but lowers joint strength due to discontinuity in laminate.	Radiused 	Radii reduce stress concentration.
	Rebated or Joggle 	Alignment of adherends to avoid offset load path, but 'kink' may compromise strength.	Recessed Double 	Discontinuity between strap and adherends, plus central discontinuity between adherends. Thinning of adherends to accept recessed straps reduces strength.
	Stepped 	Discontinuity in laminate (see Double Step).	Simple 	Increased bond area. Discontinuity at external edges plus at ends of internal steps.
Double Lap Joints	Simple 	Eliminates majority of bending and peel stresses found with single simple overlap.	Recessed 	As above, but recessing creates smooth external surface.
	Bevelled 	Bevels reduce stress concentration.	Single Taper (ideal scarf) 	Increased bond area. Avoids discontinuities in stepped lap geometry.
	Radiused 	Radii reduce stress concentration.	Double Taper 	Increased bond area compared to single taper.
Bonded Doublers	Single Sided 	Provides localised thickening and stiffening. Similar transfer in bond to simple single lap.	Increased Thickness Scarf 	Increased bond area. Thicker adherends in bond area increase strength of joint zone.
	Double Sided 	Provides localised thickening and stiffening. Similar transfer in bond to simple double lap.	Landed Scarf 	Increased bond area, but discontinuity at lands.
			Strapped Joints	
			Stepped Lap	
			Scarf	





# Insert Design handbook

## **Space engineering**

### **Insert design handbook**

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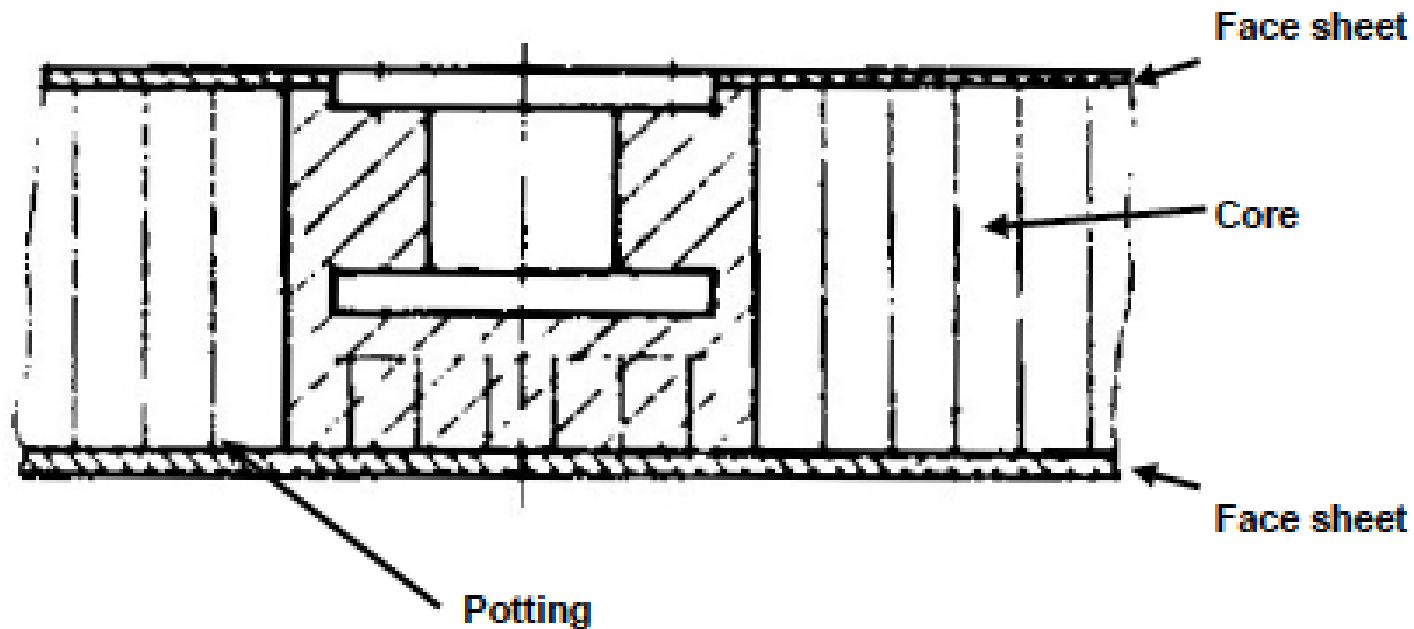
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- ❖ Inserts
- ❖ Sandwich panels
- ❖ Very detailed discussion about design, strength, stiffness and fatigue of inserts and sandwich construction, 488 pages of information

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# Honeycomb Panels & Insert





# Threaded Fasteners Handbook

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### Threaded fasteners handbook

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- ❖ The aim of the handbook is to assist the structural design engineers by presenting them in a single document with all the information relevant to the use of threaded fasteners in jointed spacecraft components

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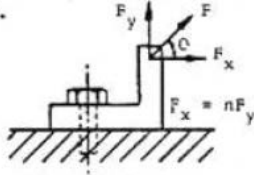
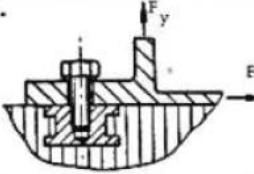

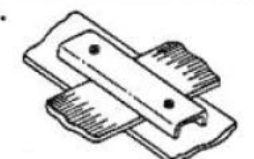
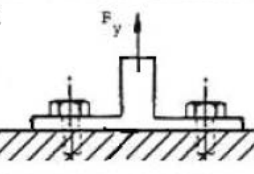
# Main Joint Categories

GEOMETRY	NOTES	JOINT CATEGORY
1.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED	CONCENTRIC AXIAL
2.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED	CONCENTRIC AXIAL
3.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED	CONCENTRIC AXIAL
4.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED 2. BEARING LOAD TRANSFER 3. FRICTION GRIP LOAD TRANSFER	SYMMETRIC SHEAR
5.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED 2. BEARING LOAD TRANSFER 3. FRICTION GRIP LOAD TRANSFER	SYMMETRIC SHEAR
6.	1. BEARING LOAD TRANSFER 2. FRICTION GRIP LOAD TRANSFER	ECCENTRIC SHEAR

GEOMETRY	NOTES	JOINT CATEGORY
7.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED 2. BEARING LOAD TRANSFER 3. FRICTION GRIP LOAD TRANSFER	SHEAR PLATE
8.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED	ECCENTRIC
9.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED	ECCENTRIC
10.	1. PLAIN FLANGE	ECCENTRIC
11.	1. WELDNECK FLANGE	ECCENTRIC
12.	1. SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED 2. LOAD RATIOS	a) CONCENTRIC AXIAL b) UNSYMMETRIC SHEAR c) COMBINED LOADING



# Main Joint Categories (Cont'd)

GEOMETRY	NOTES	JOINT CATEGORY
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED</li> <li>LOAD RATIOS IF:-                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>0 &lt; n &lt; 0.1</math></li> <li><math>9 &lt; n &lt; \infty</math></li> <li><math>0.1 &lt; n &lt; 9</math></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECCENTRIC</li> <li>SHEAR PLATE</li> <li>COMBINED LOADING</li> </ol> <p>MAY BE LOW DUTY</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SINGLE OR MULTIBOLTED</li> <li>MOUNT TO SANDWICH PANEL WITH POTTED INSERT</li> <li>MAY BE PART OF HEAT CONDUCTION PATH</li> </ol>	<p>LOW DUTY</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NORMALLY SINGLE BOLTED</li> </ol>	<p>LOW DUTY</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NORMALLY MULTIBOLTED</li> </ol>	<p>LOW DUTY</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THIN FLANGES CAN DEFORM INDEPENDENTLY</li> <li>PRYING MUST BE CONSIDERED</li> </ol>	<p>ANALYSE AS INDEPENDENT ECCENTRIC JOINTS</p>

The slides presented provide a quick summary of the design and verification of space structures and the interrelation of the two activities with the related ECSS standards and handbooks.

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