

# Technical Division Benchmark Structure for Dynamic Substructuring



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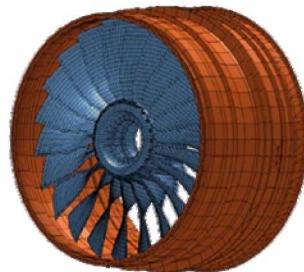
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# Motivation

- Often we are tasked with analyzing systems where one or more components are difficult to model analytically
  - Unknown material properties
  - Complicated geometry
  - Difficult to model
  - Produced and designed by an outside vendor
- The dynamics of these parts can have profound impact on the system level performance
- Experimental models are often the optimal choice for characterizing the impact of non-modeled hardware it's the system level response
- Experimental-analytical substructuring is a tool that can be used to combine the dynamics of an understood analytical system with the dynamics of a difficult to model experimental component



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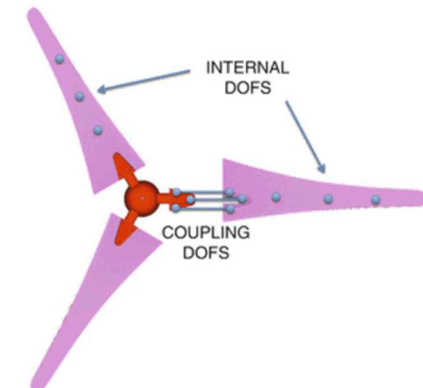
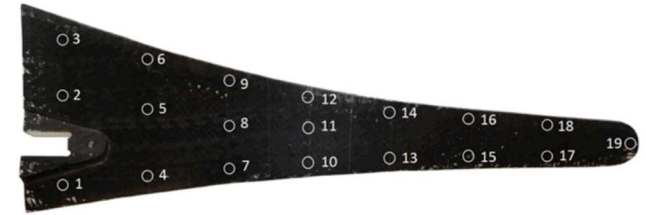


**Experimental Model of Casing**

**Traditionally, these methods use linear models of each subcomponent. This work expands this using nonlinear models to describe subcomponent motion!**

# Background

- The substructuring community has a rich history which shares its roots with model reduction and structural modification
- Each year we see 4-5 sessions on substructuring at IMAC with various topics ranging including:
  - Component Mode Synthesis
  - Frequency Based Substructuring
  - Transfer Path Analysis
  - Model Reduction
  - Applications of Substructuring
  - Real-time Hybrid Substructuring and many more
- In 2012 the AmpAir 600 Wind Turbine was selected as a round-robin substructuring example that many universities and research groups have studied
- The Dynamic Substructuring focus group continued organizing IMAC sessions and in 2018 they officially became a technical division.





# Round-Robin Challenge

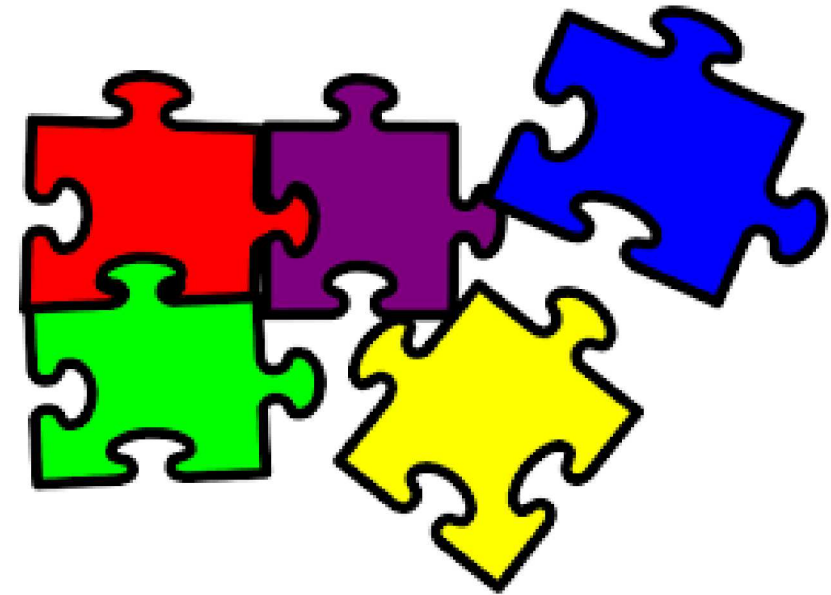
- The Dynamic Substructuring – Technical Division has formed a team to begin creating a new round-robin challenge for researchers to utilize
- Sandia plans to manufacture the hardware and facilitate the delivery of hardware to interested universities/research groups. The goal is to have the hardware available for universities in the late-spring or early-summer of 2020
- Brainstorming the process and a challenge began in 2018 and continued in 2019
- The team refining the design and challenge includes:
  - Dan Roettgen – Sandia National Labs
  - Andrea Linderholt – Linnæus University
  - Pete Avitabile – University of Massachusetts Lowell
  - Julie Harvie – VIBES.technology
  - Steven Klassen - Technical University of Munich
  - Garret Lopp – Sandia National Labs
  - Jim DeClerck – Michigan Technical University



Updated Schedule	
Down Select Design	2019
Manufacture Hardware	November 2019 - March 2020
Webinar of SNL Testing Results on Round-Robin Challenge	April 13 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Hardware Available for Checkout	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020

# Desired Structure Qualities

- To develop a structure that suits everyone's needs the team assembled a list of desired qualities that the round-robin challenge structure should have:
  - Interfaces challenging and suited for both FBS and CMS techniques
  - Simpler system than the Ampair with more similar dynamics between substructures
  - Potential for future circular transfer paths
  - Repeatability designed into the interfaces
  - Nonlinear dynamics due to joints in the structure should be minimized
  - Something that is easy to manufacture and transport
  - Structure that is simple to test

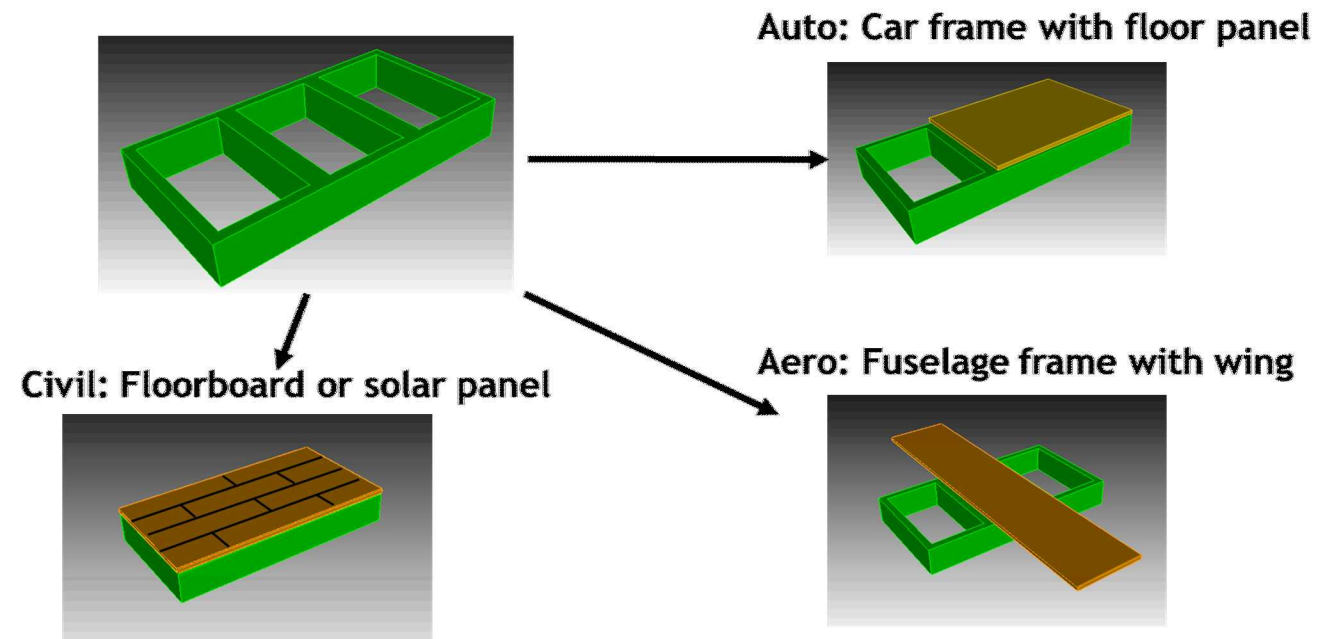
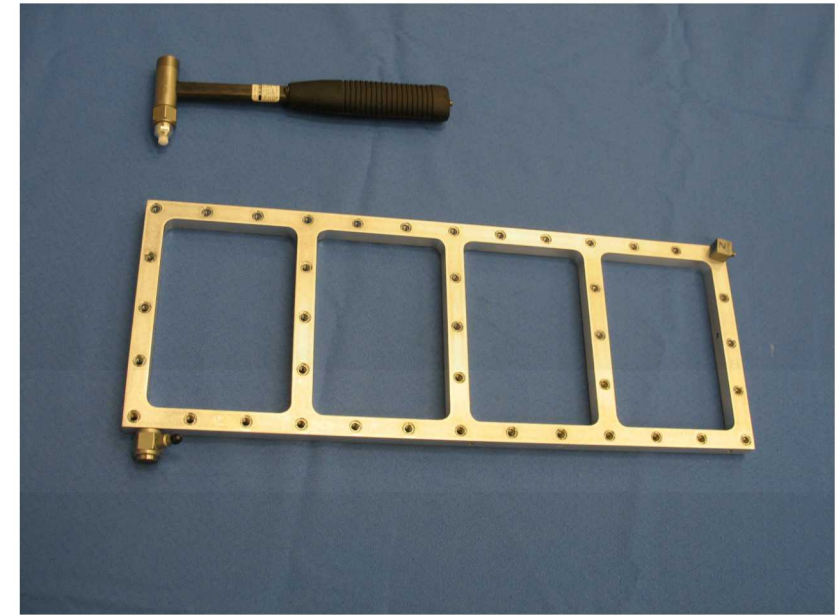


# Experimental Substructure (Four-unit frame)

- Team developed design for a “four-unit” frame

## Key features

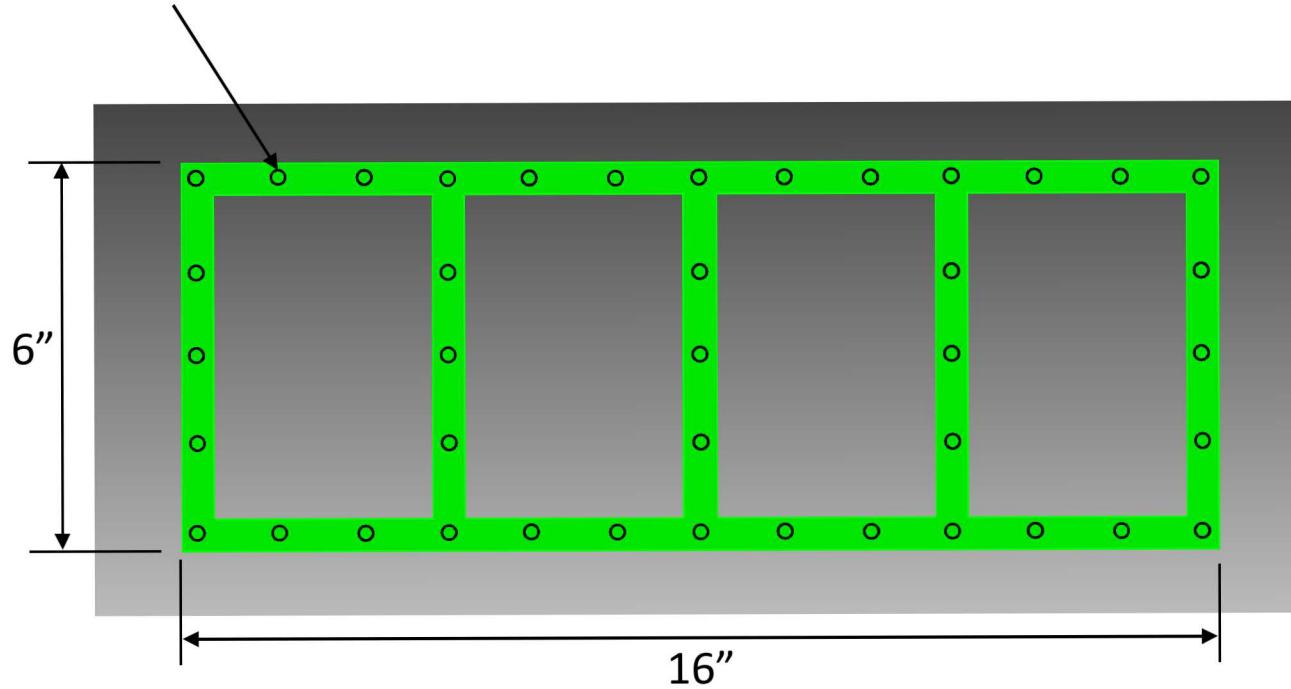
- Manufactured from one piece of metal of stock
- Subcomponent and shaker attachment points machined into frame
- Adaptable to many types of studies
- Possible circular/recursive transfer path
- Large enough to minimize error due to mass loading



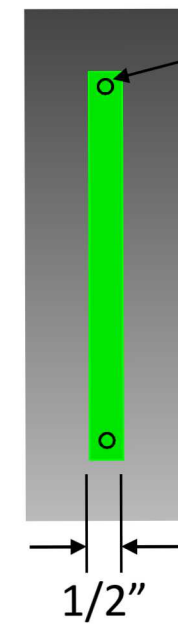
Shown is 3-unit frame (final design has 4 units)

# Frame Design (Four-unit frame)

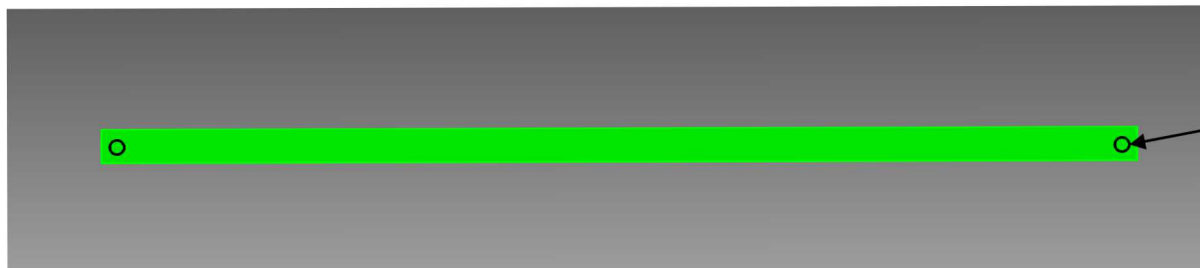
41x 10-32 tapped holes



2x 10-32 tapped holes



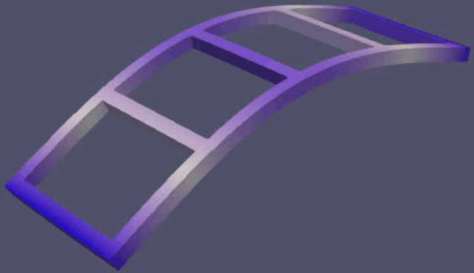
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## Four-Unit Frame dimensions:

$L \times W \times H = 16 \text{ in} \times 6 \text{ in} \times 0.5 \text{ in}$  with 0.5 in wall thickness

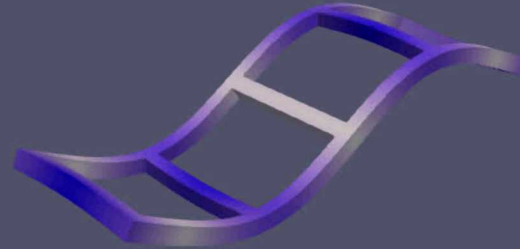
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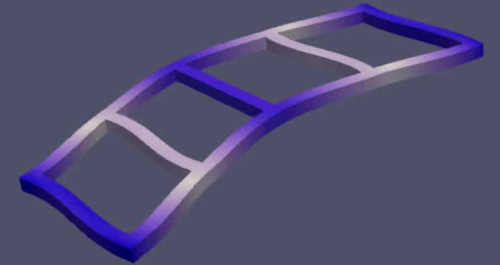
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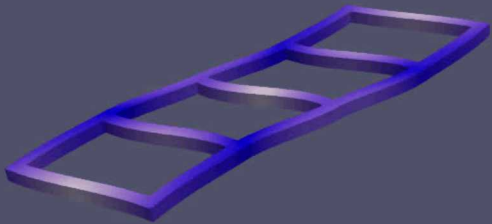
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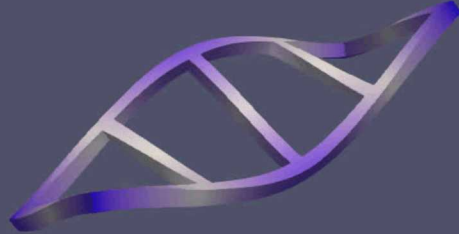
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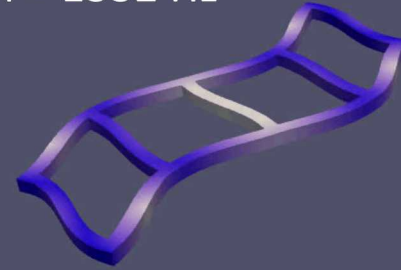
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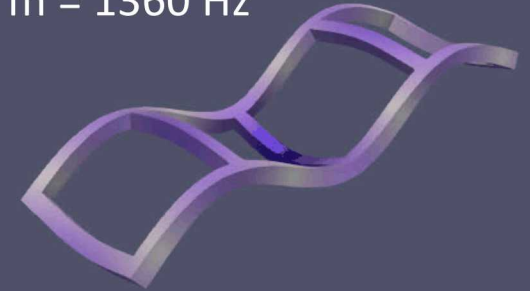
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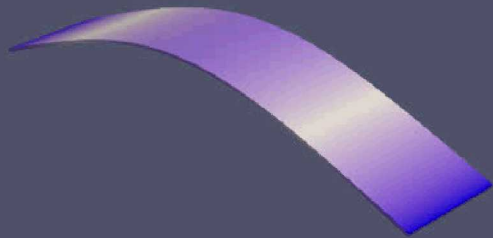




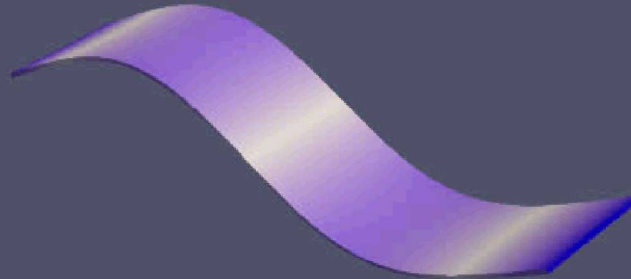
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L x W x H = 22 in x 4.375 in x 0.125 in

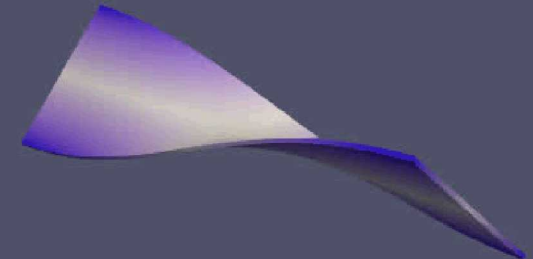
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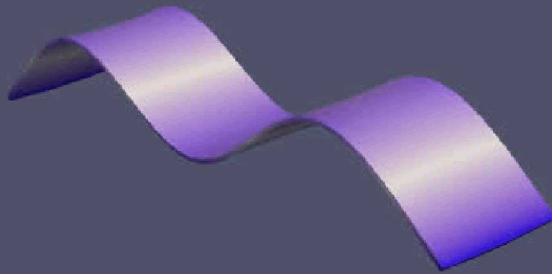
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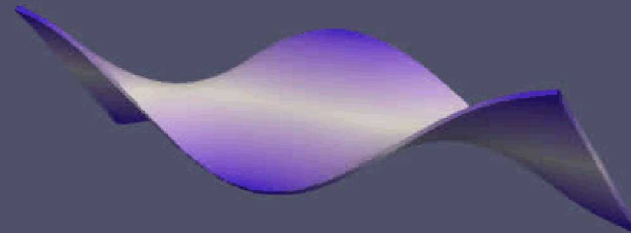
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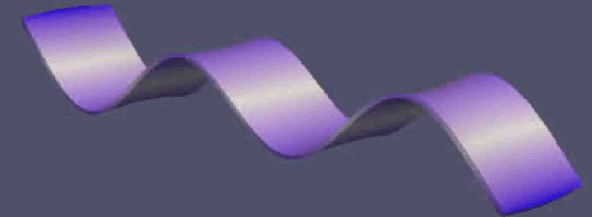
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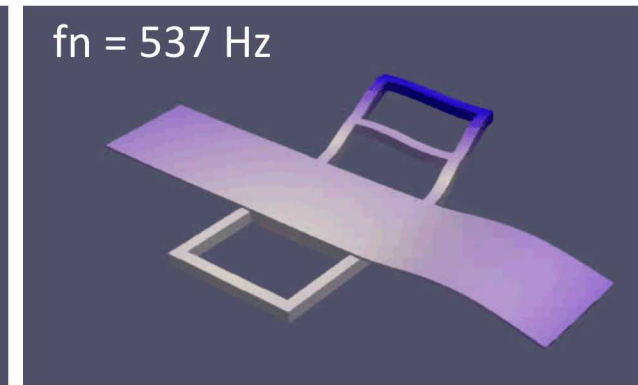
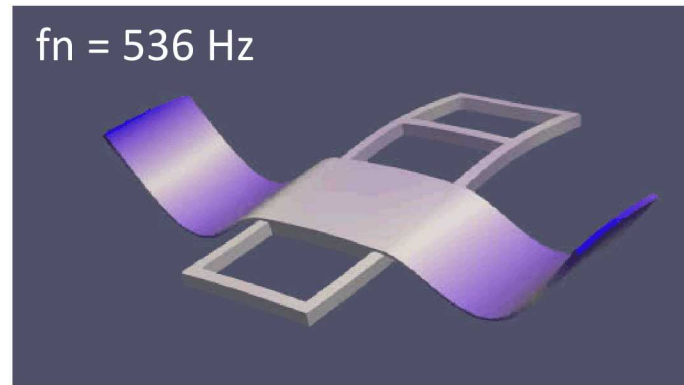
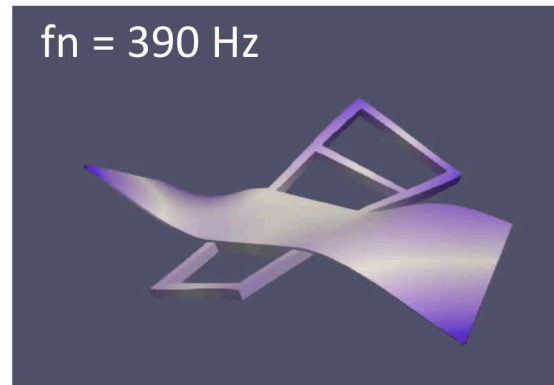
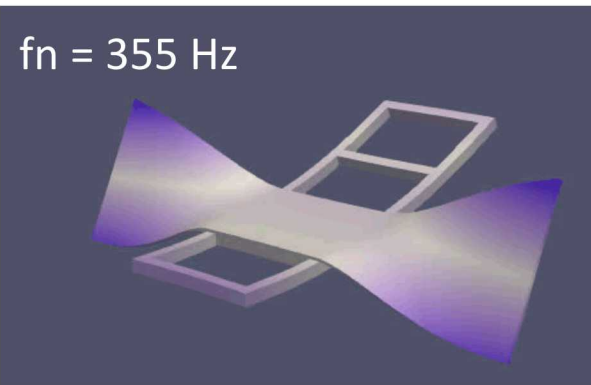
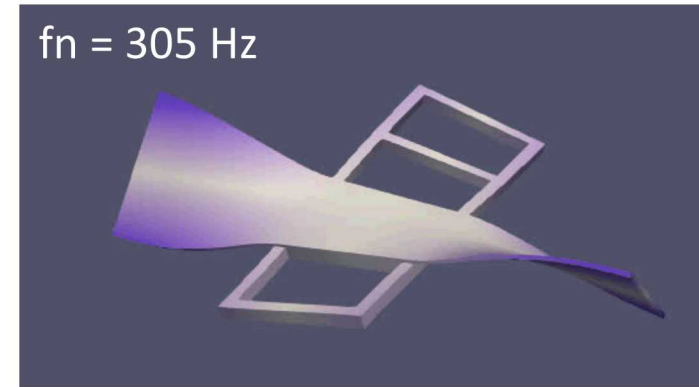
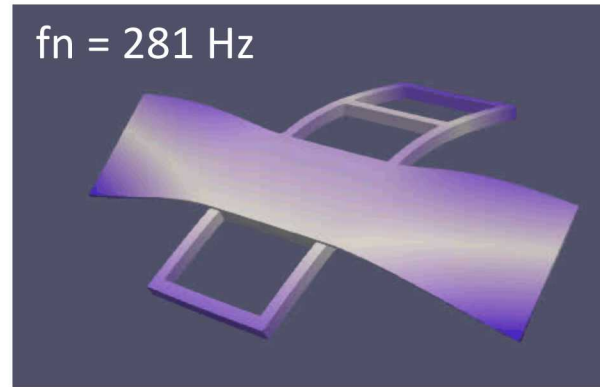
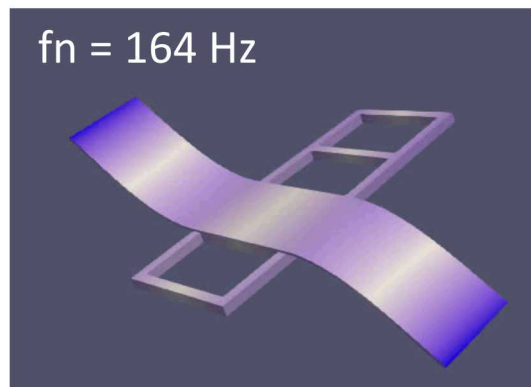
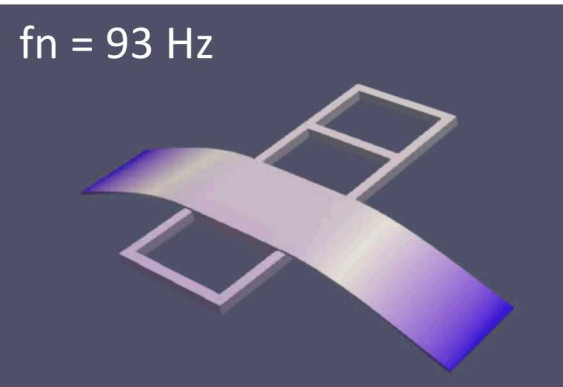
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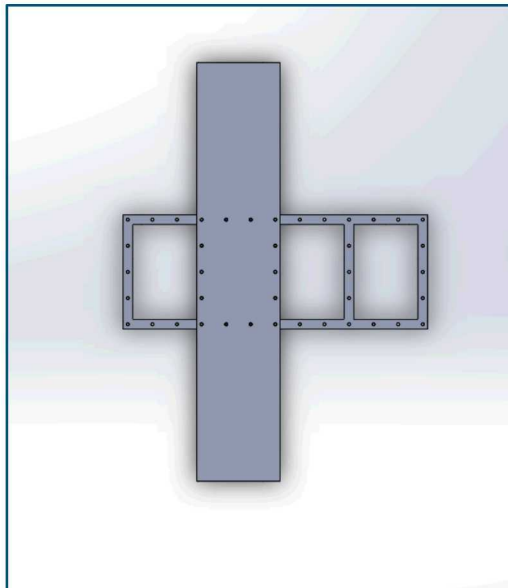


# Assembly Modes

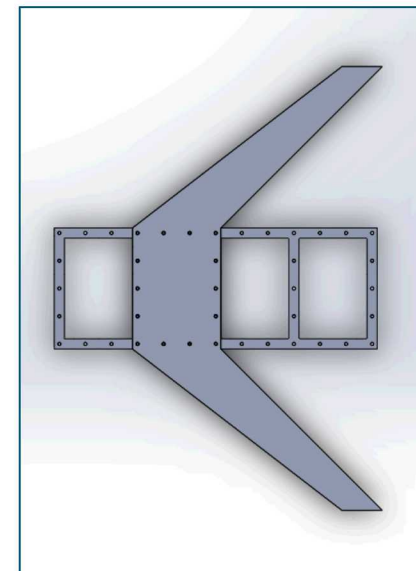


# Substructuring Round-Robin Procedure

- Participants will be provided:
  - Hardware of the frame, rectangular wing, and necessary fasteners
  - Assembly Procedure
  - FEM Models of the Rectangular Wing and Swept Wing
- Researchers can demonstrate their substructuring techniques using the rectangular wing hardware then use the FEM model of the Swept Wing to estimate the system response of the modified system
- System can be tested with connection at just corner holes, or all 14 holes



(1) Original Design (Frame and Rectangular Wing)



(2) Modified Design (Frame and Swept Wing)

# What is the “truth” answer?

- Truth depends on a lot of factors:
  - Assembly procedure
  - Frequency range of interest
  - Linearity of joints
  - And other factors...
- The goal of this round-robin isn't to see which method is the closest to truth
- Instead... Round-Robin goals include:
  - Fostering collaboration between universities and industrial researchers
  - Helping researchers focus on how to best approach a substructuring problem when truth is unknown
  - Discuss different approaches taken and why some methods are more suited for specific connection interfaces
  - See range of blind predictions to understand the range of answer found using substructuring practices

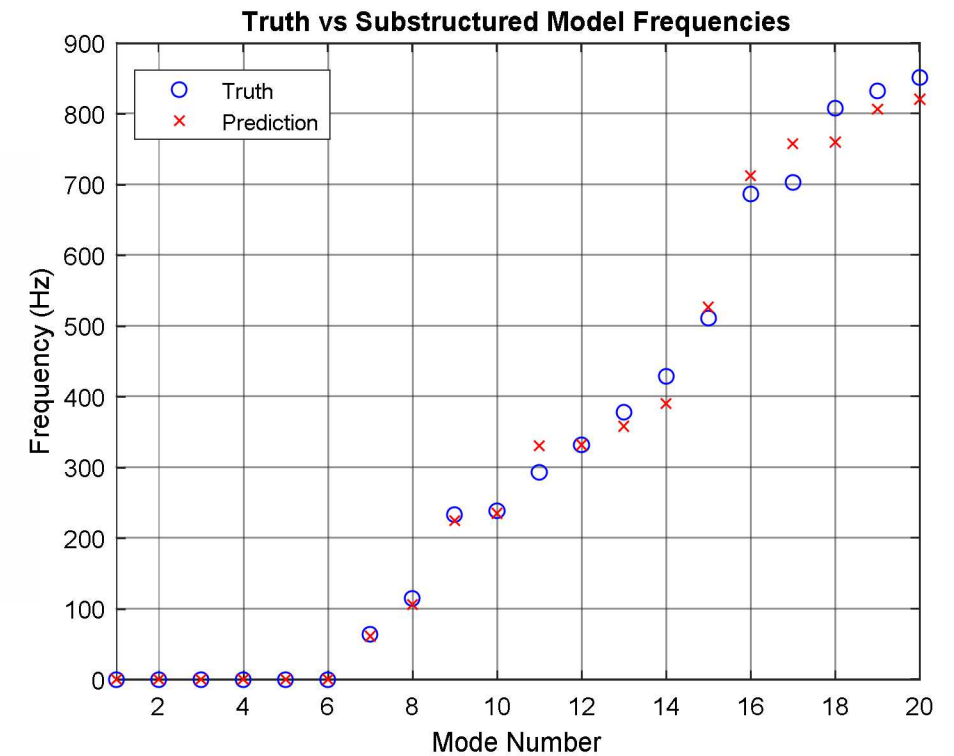
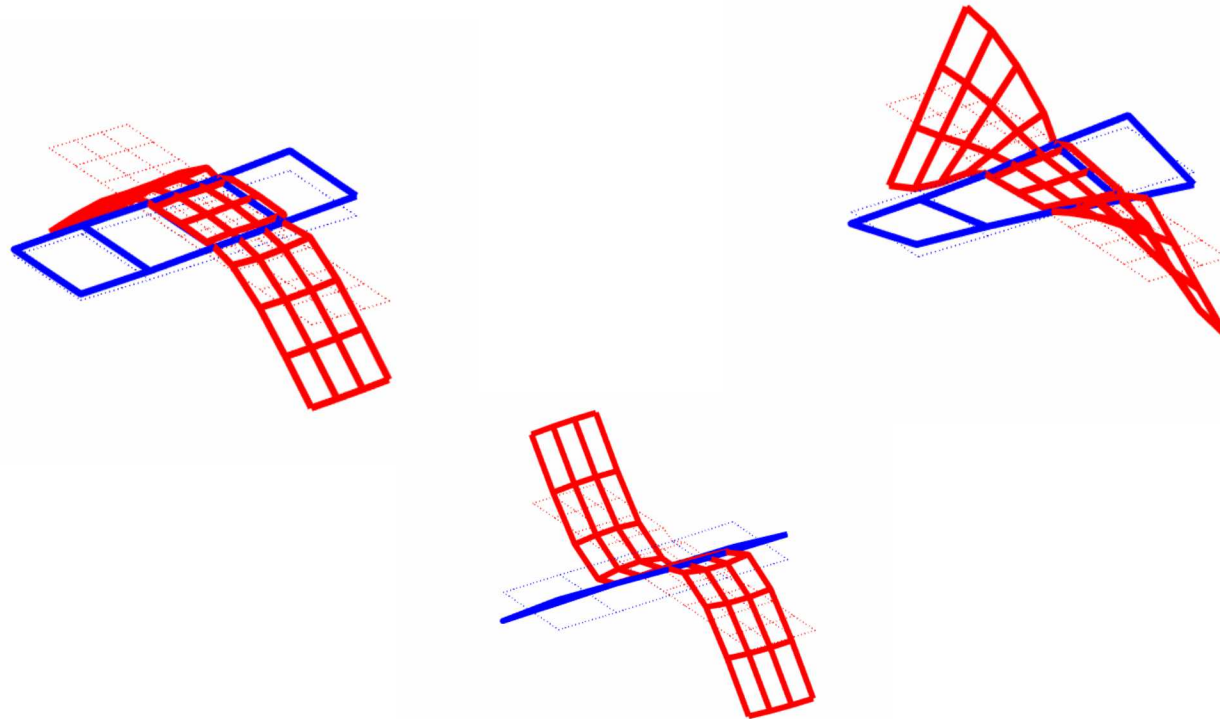


**It depends... but we can learn a lot by comparing and collaborating on methods**



# Example Substructuring Results

- While waiting for hardware we did a cursory look at substructuring models of the frame and rectangular wing together
- **Method used:** Component Mode Synthesis
- **Connections used:** 4 corner bolt holes
- **Modes retained in the “experimental” frame model: 12**
- **Modes retained in the numerical wing model: 100**



## Closing Remarks

- The Dynamic Substructuring – Technical Division round robin challenge is rapidly approaching!
- Talk to your graduate colleagues and students now to see if they are interesting in participating
- Talk to me after the session to be added to the Dynamic Substructuring e-mail list and to receive the WebEx invite for the Webinar on April 13<sup>th</sup>
- We can't wait to see some amazing results on this new benchmark structure in the future!

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