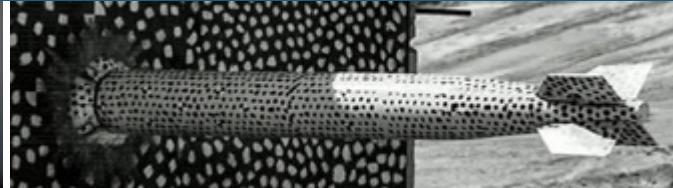
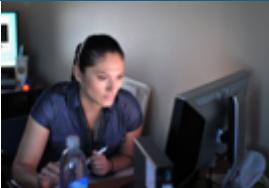




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# Optical Techniques for Modal Analysis: Introduction



*IMAC XL Short Course: Optical Techniques for Experimental Modal Analysis*

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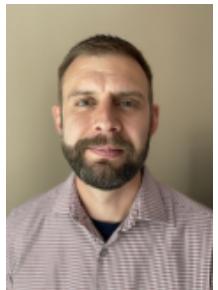
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# Introductions



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## Who is this course for?

Experimentalists...

With limited  
familiarity of  
cameras and basic  
imaging...

Seeking end-to-  
end guidance on  
applying DIC to  
structural  
dynamics testing...

And who are  
curious about  
advanced  
techniques to  
explore further.



## Course Structure

### Informal

Please ask questions (we'll try to moderate for time).

### Evolving

Photogrammetry is growing; methods and applications will grow with it.

### Developing

1<sup>st</sup> time offered! Trying to convey hands-on testing in a classroom (during COVID)

### Practical

Basic idea is to get you running with enough information to be dangerous!



# About this course

## Imaging Basics

- Provide a basic understanding of imaging hardware terminology
- Discuss the basics of modern photography
- Introduction to camera models and projective geometry

## Digital Image Correlation

- High-level overview of DIC
- Introduce important test parameters
- Discussions on proper lighting and patterning
- 2D vs. 3D (stereo) DIC

## Practical Application

- How to plan for a successful test and select equipment
- Setting up a test and preparing the test object
- Strategies for noise reduction
- Combining and synchronizing cameras with other data acquisition systems
- Image processing, data post-processing, extracting modal parameters

## Advanced Topics

- Primer on motion magnification
- Generating synthetic images
- Using a phase-stepping technique with low-speed cameras
- High-speed stereo radiographic DIC

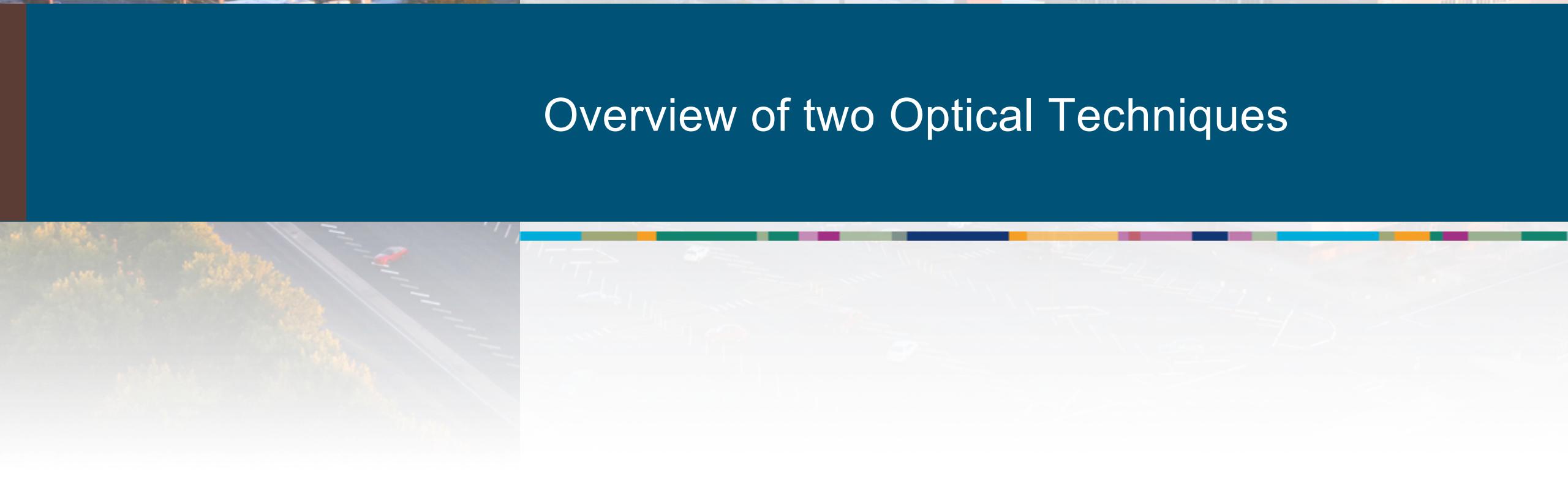


# Schedule

Time	Section
0800	Introduction
0830	Imaging Basics
1015	Morning Break
1030	Digital Image Correlation
1200	Lunch Break
1300	Practical Aspects of Optical Testing for Modal Analysis
1445	Afternoon Break
1500	Advanced Techniques
1630	Wrap-up
1700	Dismissal



# Overview of two Optical Techniques

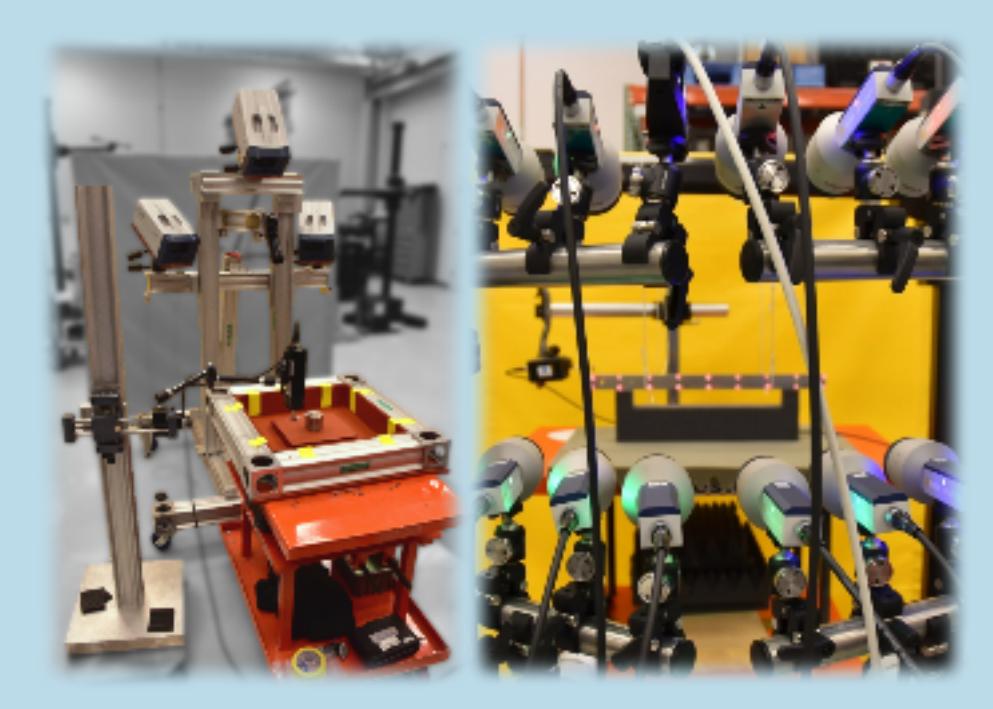


# Optical Techniques



- Two of the major technologies for optical modal methods:

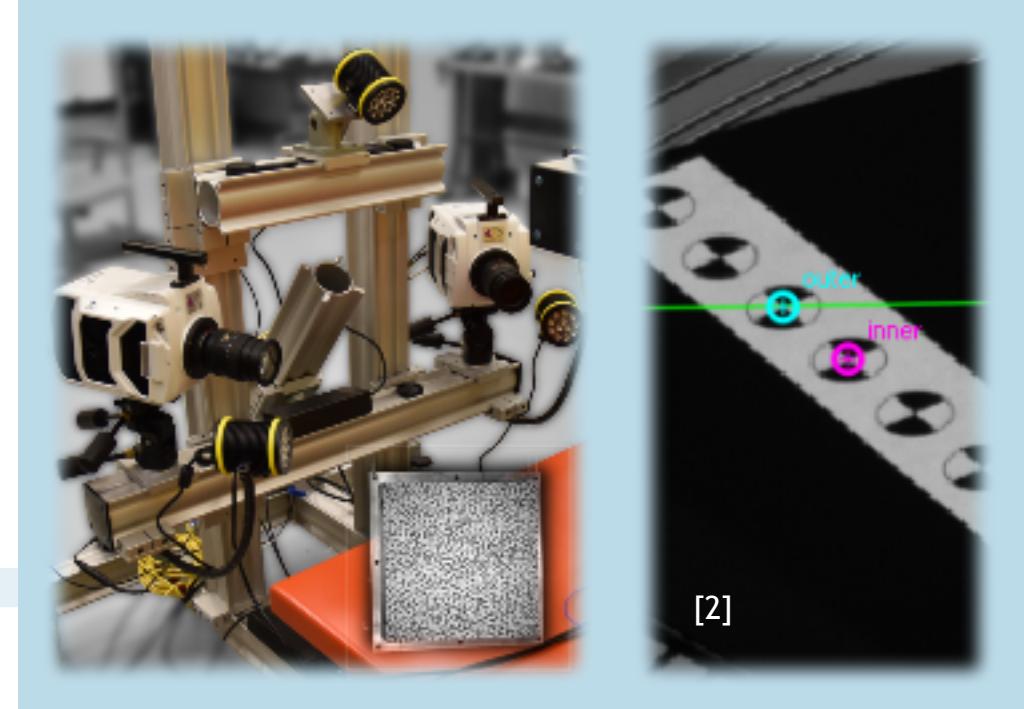
## Laser Doppler Vibrometry



Scanning (SLDV)

Multi-Point (MPV)

## Photogrammetry



Digital Image  
Correlation (DIC)

Discrete Point  
Tracking

# Optical Modal Methods: 3D Scanning Laser Doppler Vibrometry

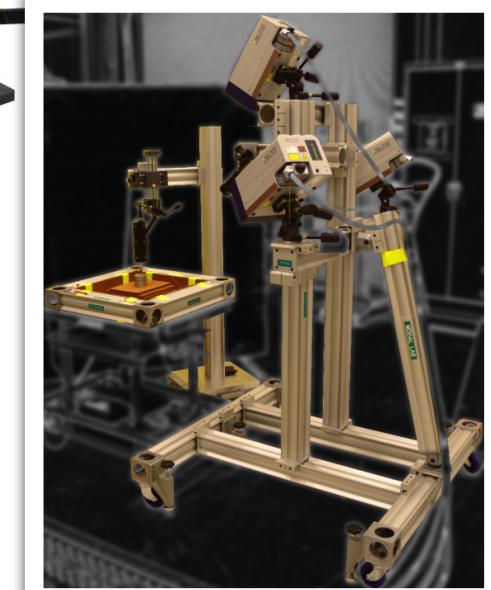
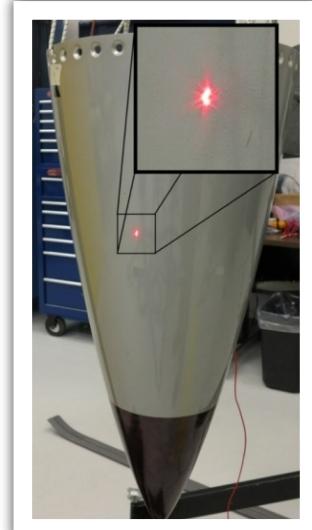


## Benefits

- Non-contact
- Very small sensor footprint
- Approaching full-field measurements
- Precision pointing
- 3D test geometry automatically generated
- Fast fielding time
- Measure response frequencies in the kHz and MHz

## Drawbacks

- Line-of-sight only
- Input must be repeatable, system can't change
- Small motions only
- LDV marginally noisier than most accelerometers



# Optical Modal Methods: Digital Image Correlation (DIC)

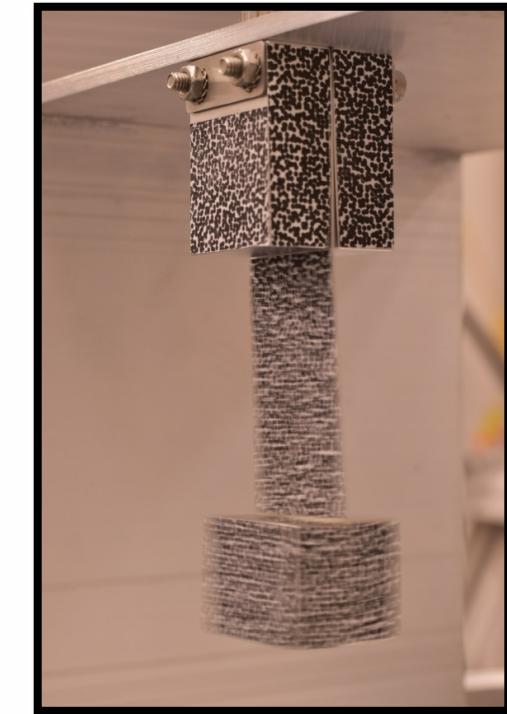
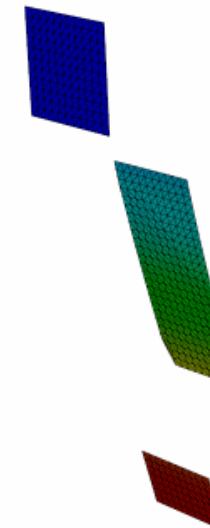
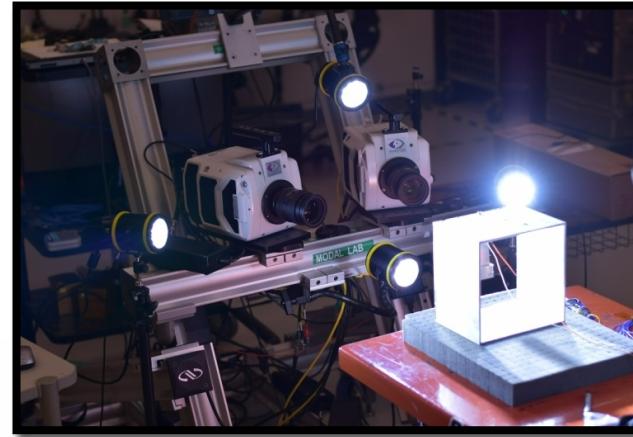


## Benefits

- Non-contact
- Small “sensor” footprint
- Full-field concurrent measurements
- Large deformations are permissible
- Precision triangulation (with stereo)
- Test geometry automatically generated (2D or 3D)
- Generally fast fielding time
- Flexibility in camera setup

## Drawbacks

- Long data processing times and larger storage space
- Measurement resolution dependent of field of view
- Line-of-sight only
- Noisy measurements relative to other methods
- Currently no real-time test setup evaluations





# When to use Optical Techniques

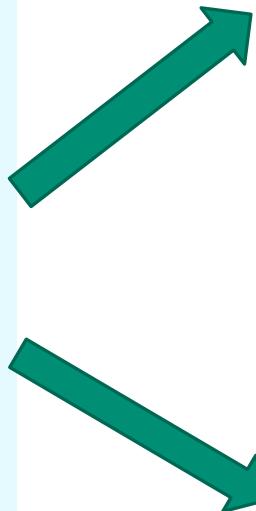


# When are optical methods best utilized?



## When to use an optical method:

- ✓ Full-field data needed
- ✓ Part too small to attach accelerometers
- ✓ Extreme temperatures
- ✓ No time to perform normal test setup
- ✓ Test object standoff distance
- ✓ Accelerometer cable effects/routing
- ✓ When you're just done with channel tables, labeling cables, super glue, dead accelerometers, calibration sheets...



## When to pick LDV over DIC:

- ✓ Small motions
- ✓ Repeatable excitations
- ✓ High frequency range of interest
- ✓ Need low-noise measurements

## When to pick DIC over LDV:

- ✓ Large rigid body motion/deflection
- ✓ Need concurrent measurements (e.g. time varying system)
- ✓ Non-repeatable excitation
- ✓ Require high spatial density