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Lecture 11

Introduction to Nano-Satellite Structures

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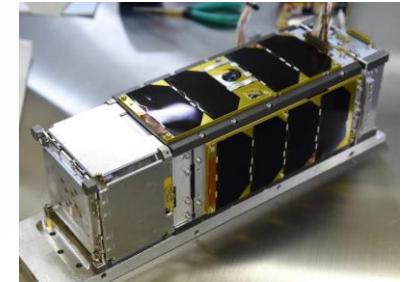
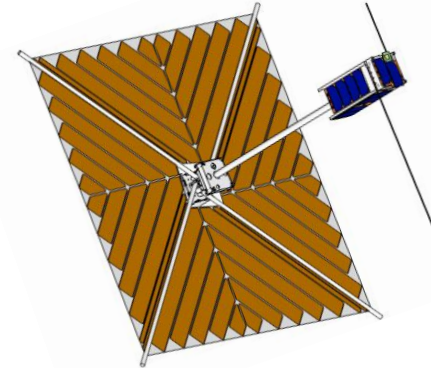
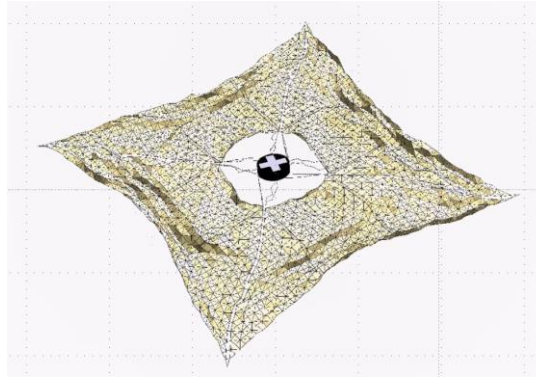
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Research Topics:

Space deployable structures, Systems engineering for small spacecraft development and utilization

1. Introduction
2. Important Aspects of Nano-satellite Structures
3. Theories for Structure Design
4. Vibration and Shock Test
5. Conclusion



1. Introduction

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1.1 Introduction to nano-satellite structures

Structure Engineers' mind

Systems Engineering

Magnetization
Grounding for avionics

Thermal balance
Thermal deformation
Alignment stability

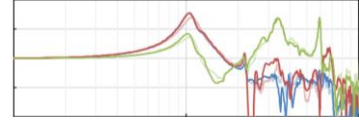
Rocket interface
- Mechanical
- Electrical

Debris protection
Radiation protection

Buckling
$$F = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$



Dynamic stiffness
- Resonance

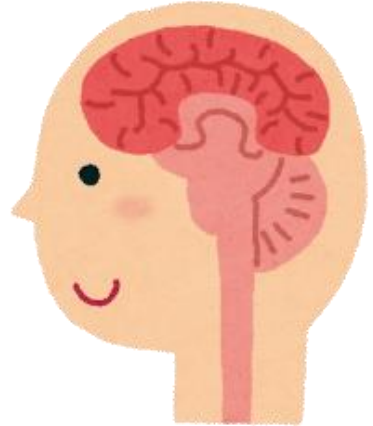


System integration and test

Bending deformation
$$M = -EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$$

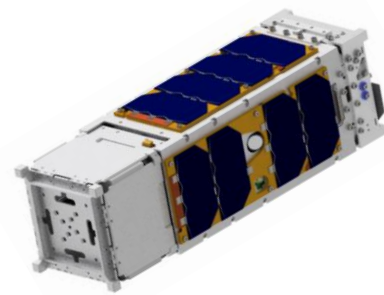
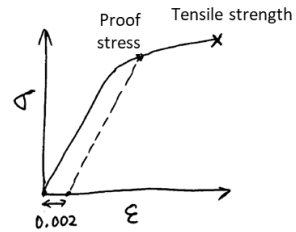


Mass vs Strength/Stiffness



Component assembly
- Accessibility

Yield strength
$$\sigma = E\epsilon$$



Design verification

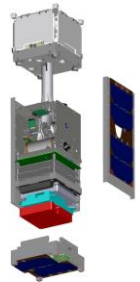
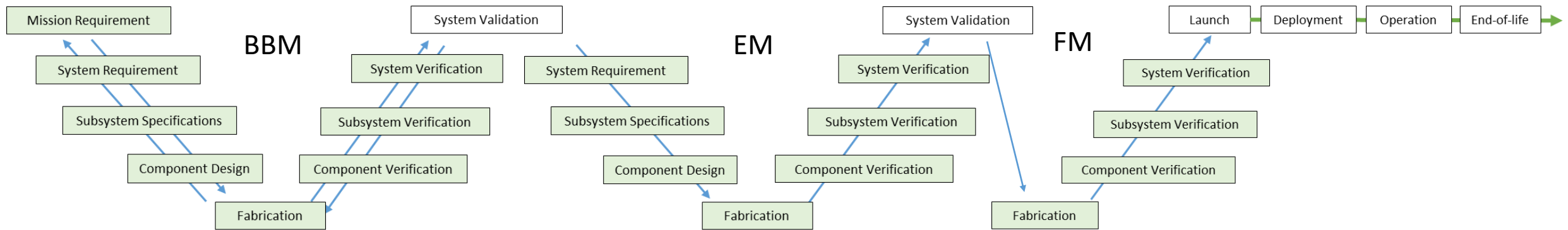
Material
- Ease of **manufacture**
- Erosion by atomic oxygen

- Analysis (FEM)
- Test

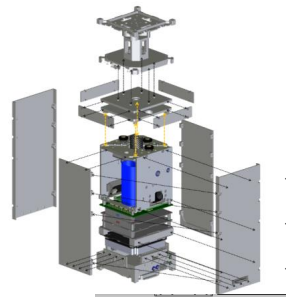
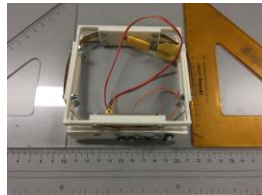
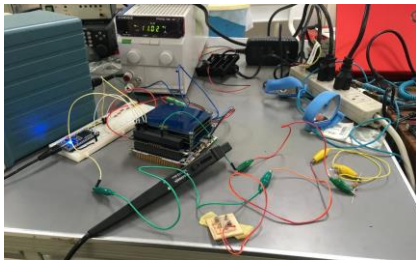
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1.2 Structures in spacecraft's lifecycle (1/2)

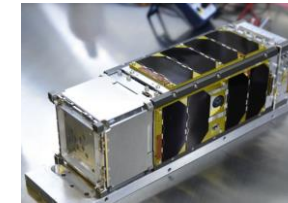
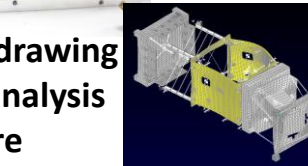
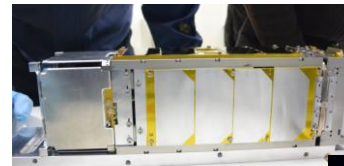
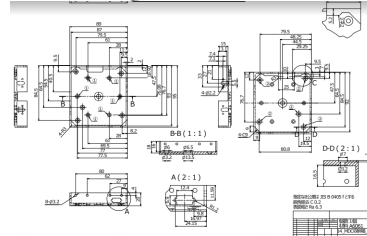
Typical mission lifecycle



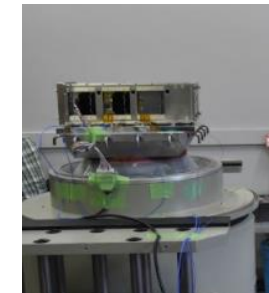
- ✓ CAD drawing
- ✓ Mock-up



- ✓ Machining drawing
- ✓ Structural analysis
- ✓ EM structure



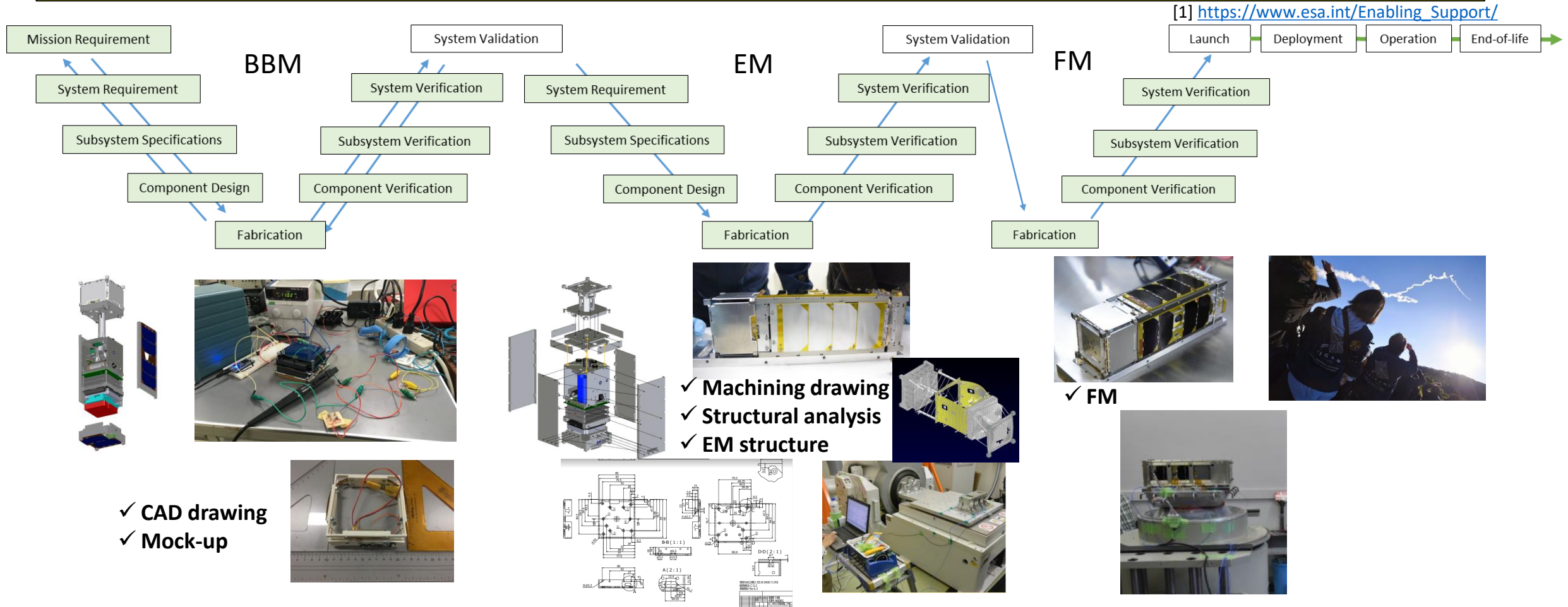
- ✓ FM



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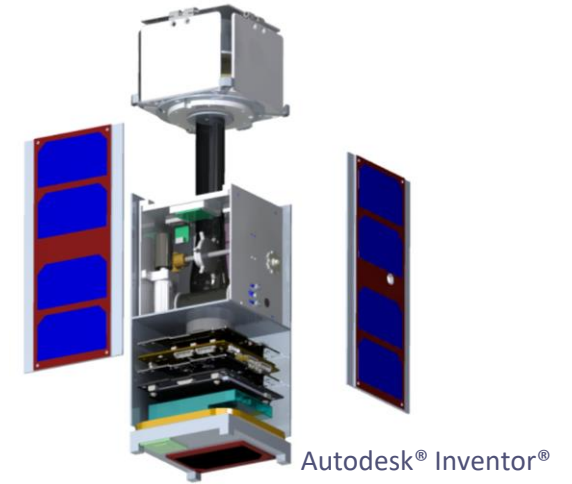
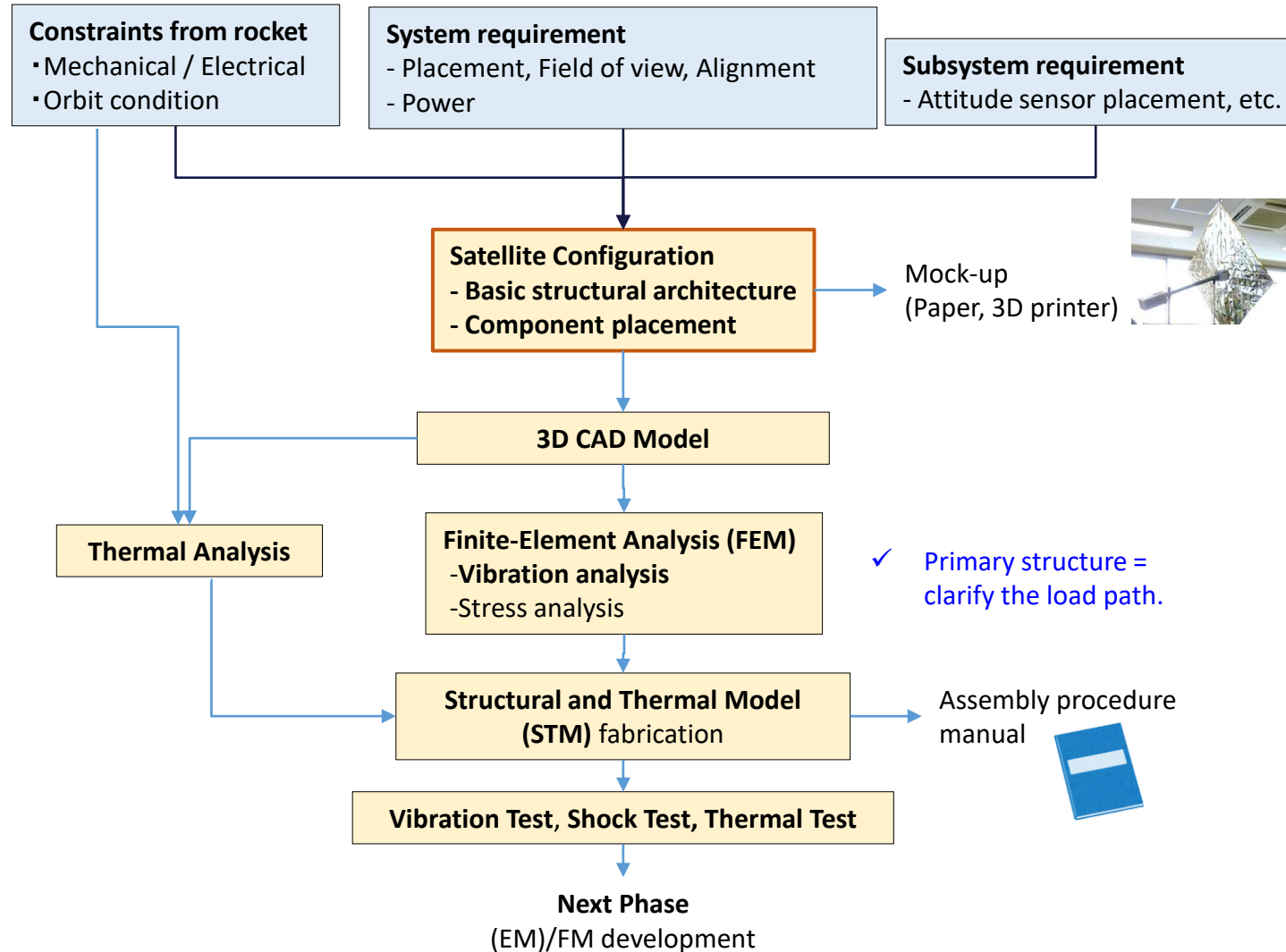
1.2 Structures in spacecraft's lifecycle (2/2)

A spacecraft's structure is its underlying body, tasked with keeping the spacecraft **suitably rigid** to support its instruments and subsystems. (ESA, *Enabling & Support* [1])

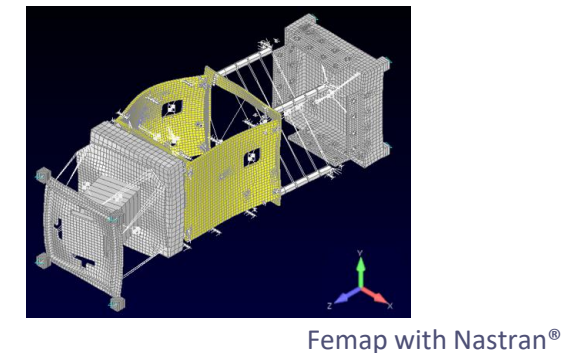


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1.3 Design process for nano-satellite structures

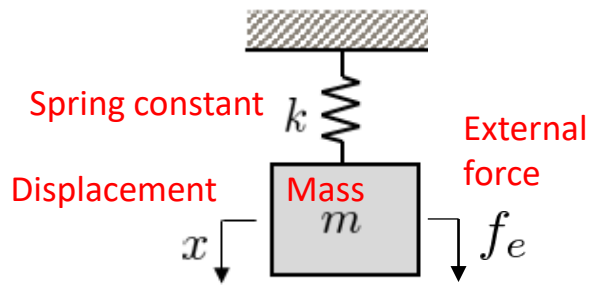


✓ Primary structure = clarify the load path.



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1.4 Concept of natural frequencies (1/2)



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Equation of motion (Newton's 2nd law) $m\ddot{x} + kx = f_e$
Inertial force Spring force (Hook's law)

Assume **harmonic force & response** External force $f_e = Fe^{j\omega t}$ Displacement $x = Xe^{j\omega t}$
 ω : excitation angular frequency F, X : constant t : time
 j : imaginary number

Note: $e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t)$ Euler's formula

Substitute into equation of motion $-\omega^2 m X e^{j\omega t} + k X e^{j\omega t} = F e^{j\omega t}$

$$\boxed{\frac{X}{F} = \frac{1}{k - \omega^2 m}}$$

Compliance Frequency Response Function (FRF)

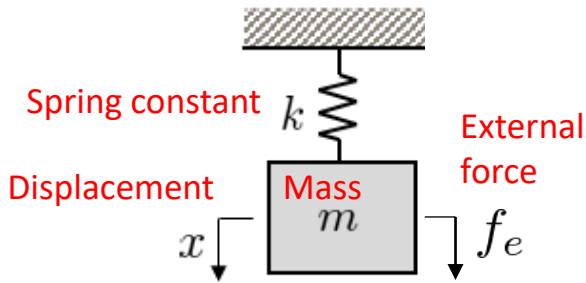
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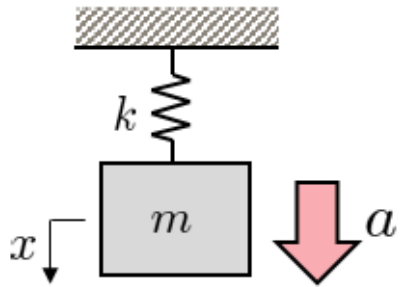
Angular frequency
 ω, Ω [rad/s]

Frequency
 $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ [Hz]

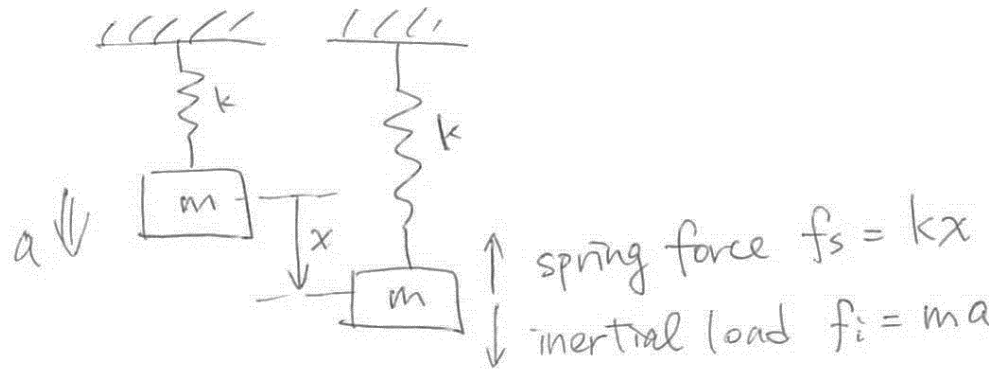
How many periods in 1 second?

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1.4 Concept of natural frequencies (2/2)



Why natural frequencies of structures are so important for spacecraft design?



Force balance: $f_s = f_i$ **d'Alembert's principle**

$$kx = ma$$

Thus, **Displacement** $x = \frac{m}{k}a = \frac{a}{\Omega^2}$

Natural (angular) frequency

$$\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ [rad/s]}$$

When disturbance is acceleration, system's stiffness is represented by **“natural frequency squared”**.

∴ **Generally spacecraft's stiffness is evaluated by natural frequencies.**
(e.g. Axial direction requirement:
large satellite 30Hz, small satellite 100Hz)



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2.1 Mass properties and dimensions

Mass:

- Mass should be properly managed in tables, and gradually shifted from a "**rough estimate**" to a "**highly accurate actual measurement**" during the development process.
 - The latest mass should be carefully traced.
- Initially, **a large mass margin** of about 10% should be kept.
 - If the mass exceeds the margin, there is a risk of **significant design change** such as reducing the stiffness and strength of **primary structure**.

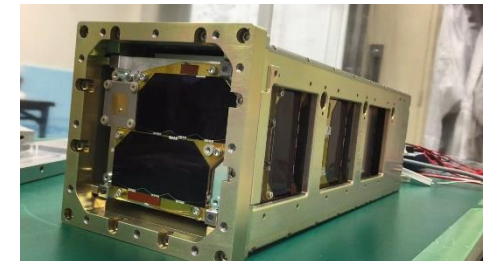
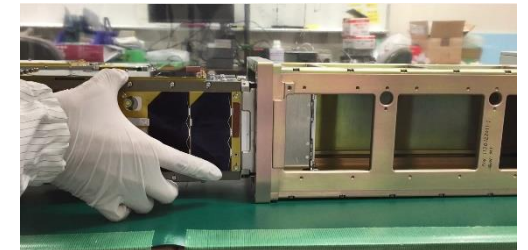


Inertial property:

- Center-of-mass location, Moment of inertia, and Products of inertia
 - Managed by 3D CAD. Actual measurements may be required.

Dimension (size):

- Structure should be simple to enable high repeatability of assembly accuracy.
 - Spacecraft are often disassembled and reassembled frequently during development process.



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2.2 Rocket interfaces

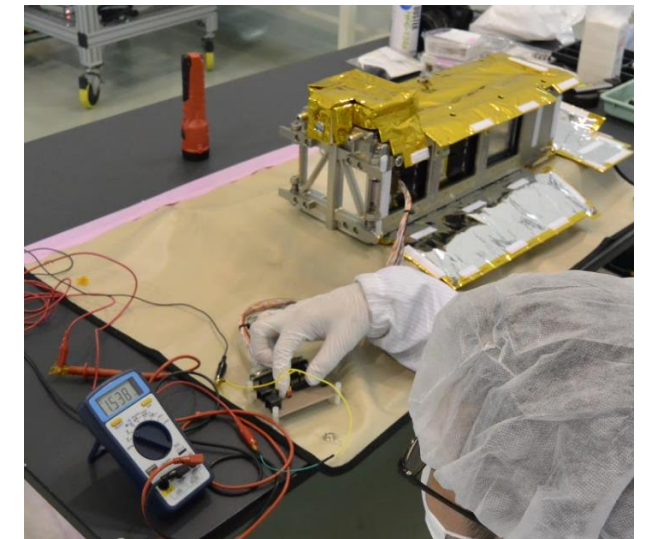
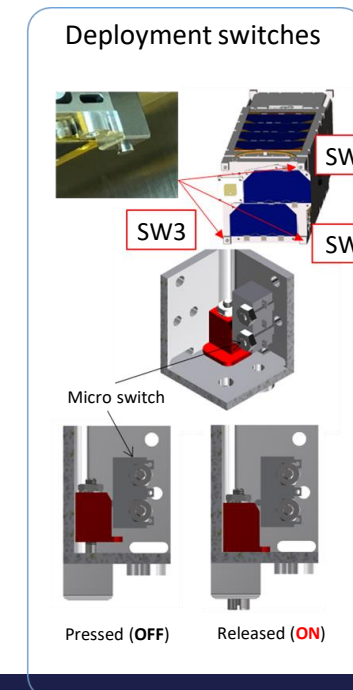
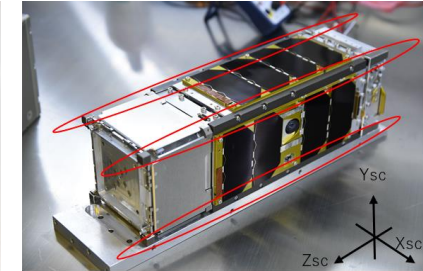
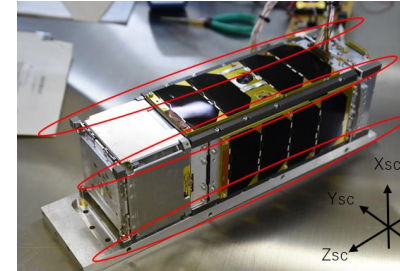
Check the interface control documents (ICDs) with your launch vehicle carefully.

Mechanical Interface:

- Surface roughness, strength, coating
 - CubeSat's rails are normally **hard-anodized**.
(Epsilon rocket requires MIL-A-8625 "Anodic Coatings for Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys" Type3, thickness over 10 μ m)
- Deployment switch
- Separation mechanisms
- Venting
 - During launch, the internal volume of air should safely evacuate through enough venting holes. **(Avoid a closed container!)**

Electrical Interface:

- Umbilical connector



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2.3 Applied loads (1/2)

Launch loads: often categorized into four types with different frequency domain.

(1) Quasi-static acceleration load:

- The acceleration in the direction of flight caused by the engine's thrust (about 10G).

(2) Sine vibration load:

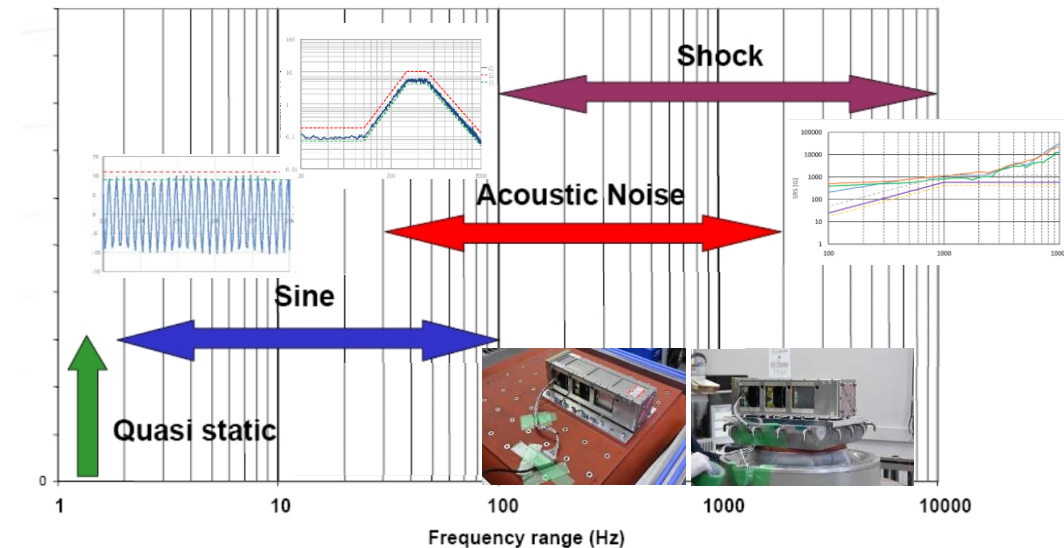
- Caused by rocket vibration, with a large peak at 10 to 30 Hz, under 100Hz.

(3) Random vibration load = acoustic load:

- The acoustic vibrations from the engine jets are propagated from the mechanical interface.
- Additionally, in the atmosphere, acoustic loads are applied directly through the fairing.

(4) Shock load:

- Shock caused by explosions of pyrotechnics and separation of the spacecraft.



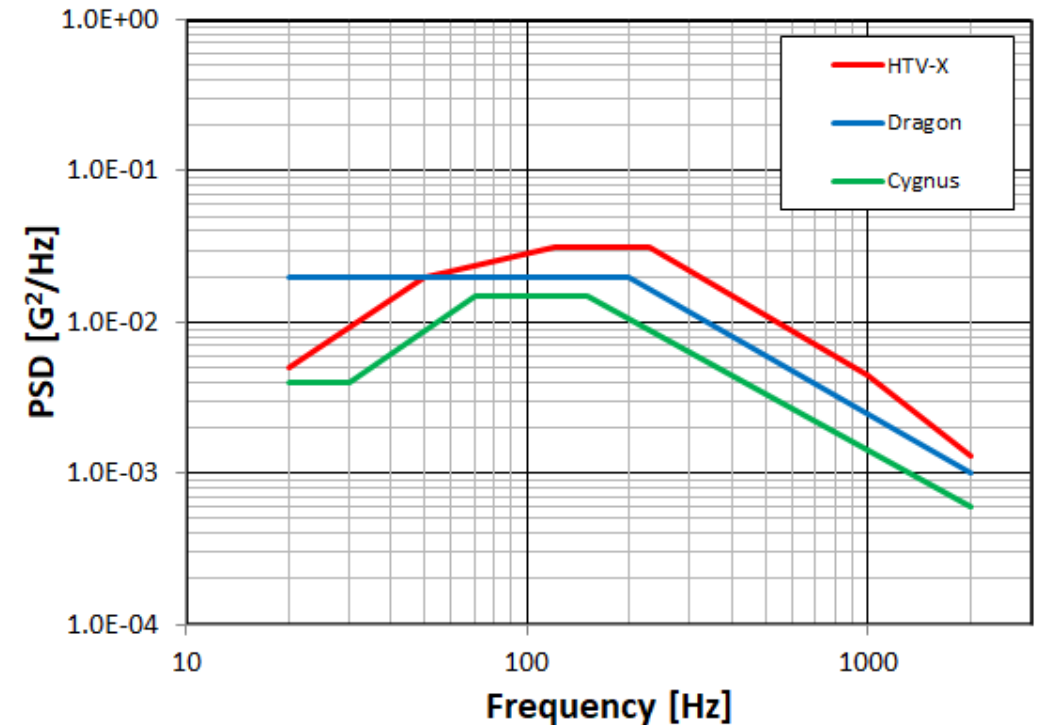
Appendix: Slide from Prof. Kuwahara's lecture

Launch Conditions of KiboCUBE's Launch Vehicles

• Random vibration condition

Random vibration conditions of launch vehicles

HTV-X		Dragon		Cygnus	
Freq. (Hz)	PSD (g^2/Hz)	Freq. (Hz)	PSD (g^2/Hz)	Freq. (Hz)	PSD (g^2/Hz)
20	0.005	20	0.02	20	0.004
50	0.02	200	0.02	30	0.004
120	0.031	2000	0.001	70	0.015
230	0.031			150	0.015
1000	0.0045			2000	0.0006
2000	0.0013				
Overall (grms)	4.05	Overall (grms)	3.2	Overall (grms)	2.44
Duration (sec)	60	Duration (sec)	60	Duration (sec)	60



• Quasi-static acceleration condition

- HTV-X: 6.0 [g]
- SpaceX Dragon: 9.0 [g]
- Orbital Cygnus: 9.0 [g]

• Shock condition

- N/A

Reference: JEM Payload Accommodation Handbook Vol. 8 D (Japanese)
https://iss.jaxa.jp/kibouser/library/item/jx-espac_8d.pdf

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2.3 Applied loads (2/2)

Load applied during handling on ground: Watch out for stress concentration!

Handles for ground transportation

- Inevitably causes concentrated loading. Check the **safety factor**.
- Would a CubeSat be hand-held? How?

Support jig for various testing

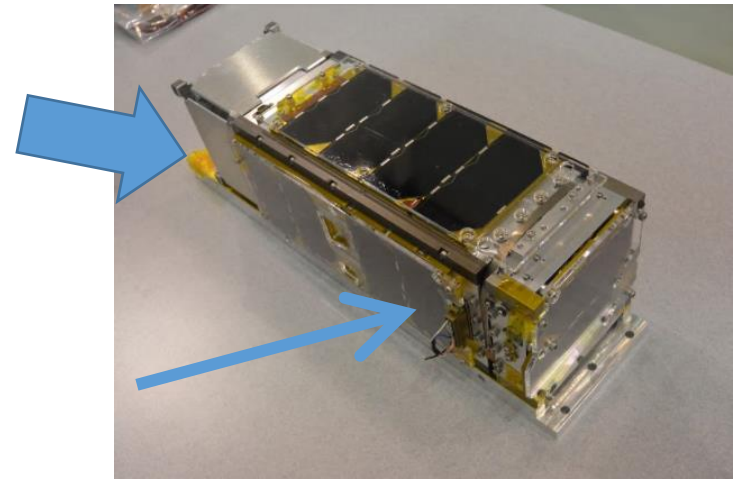
- Assume rotating to various orientations

Protective cover for solar cells

- Need holes on satellites for attachment

Container for transportation

- Can safe transportation be achieved?



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2.4 Thermal requirements

Keeping within an allowable temperature range

- **Conduction:** Thermal contact resistance → Use [heat-conducting gap filler](#) at fasteners to reduce uncertainty.
- **Radiation:** Adjust surface absorptivity α and emissivity ϵ
 - [Surface treatment, MLI attachment](#), etc.
- **Addition of heaters**, etc.



Thermal deformation

- **Strength:** Thermal stress should be within the structural strength.
 - Watch for fatigue due to [thermal cycling](#)
- **Alignment** should be satisfied even with thermal deformation

Thermal test using Structural and Thermal Model (STM) (or Engineering Model (EM))

- **Thermal balance test:** Main purpose is to [correlate the thermal mathematical model](#).
- **Thermal vacuum test:** Verify satellite functions with highest and lowest satellite temperatures.

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2.5 Materials

Physical and mechanical properties of materials (Young's modulus, allowable stress, etc.) are defined by reliable documents such as

- MMPSD (Metallic Materials Properties Development and Standardization)
- MIL-HDBK-5J, MIL-HDBK-17

Use materials with good workability, high specific stiffness (E/ρ), and high specific strength (σ_{\max}/ρ)

- **Aluminum alloys** are most commonly used.
 - The 6061-T6 alloy is slightly lower in strength, but easier to fabricate.
 - 7075-T6 material is desirable in terms of strength, stiffness, workability, and availability, but has stress corrosion problems.
- **Carbon composite materials** have high specific stiffness and strength.
- **Titanium, tungsten**, etc. are not recommended because they are difficult to melt during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere (JERG-0-002-HB002).
- **Polymer materials** are susceptible to Atomic Oxygen (AO) in low earth orbit (easy to degrade)

Be careful of contamination by outgassing.

- Due to the high vacuum and high temperature, gas is generated by some materials. This gas agglomerates on the surface of instrument. = **Contamination**
 - Causing degradation of optical devices, lowering of the power generated by solar cells
- **JAXA Material Database**: Search for outgas data https://matdb.jaxa.jp/Outgas/OG_search_e.html

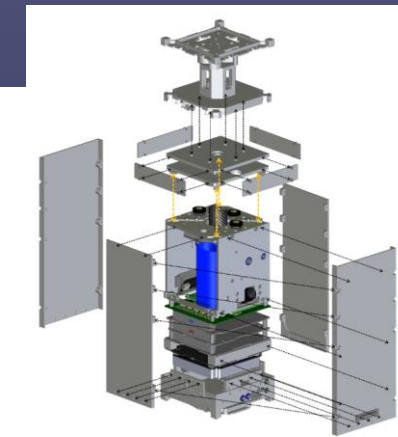
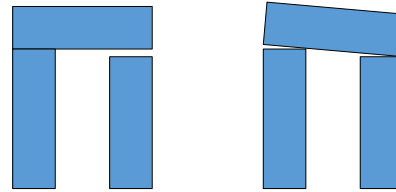
 **Bake-out** before using high-spec Thermal Vacuum chamber

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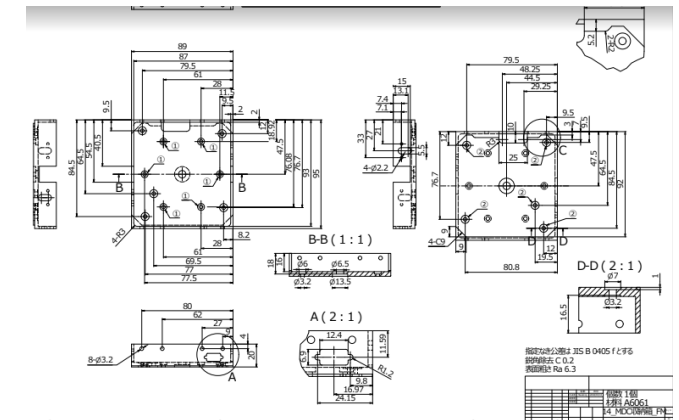
2.6 Fabrication and assembly (1/2)

Use as simple structure as possible.

- Very important!!!
- Specify the following in the drawing:
 - Dimensional tolerance
 - Surface roughness
- Clean machining oil, etc. **to avoid contamination.**
- Consider **storage of your parts** to prevent scratches after machining.
- Common **surface treatments**
 - **Hard anodizing treatment:** Forms a hard, wear-resistant oxide layer on aluminum surfaces. Non-conductive (insulating) property.
 - **Alodine treatment:** Increases corrosion resistance of aluminum alloys. Conductive.
 - **Molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂) coating:** Used for sliding parts as **solid lubrication.**



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2.6 Fabrication and assembly (2/2)

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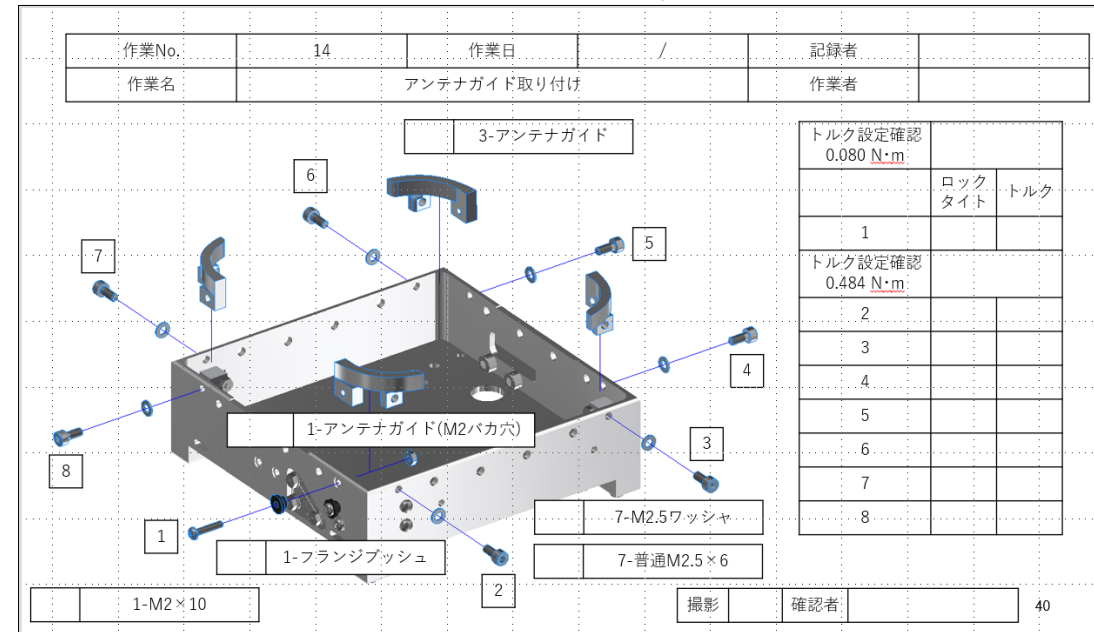
- Does the design accommodate assembly tools?
- Design and manufacture jigs to support assembly.
- Create and update **assembly procedure document** to improve reproducibility.

Simple assembly is desirable.

- As many subsystems as possible should be accessible after assembly.
- Subsystem replacement should be possible with minimal disassembly.

Fasteners (bolts, nuts, washers, etc.)

- Based on standards such as JIS, MIL.
- Tightening torque shall be controlled by using a torque wrench/torque driver.
 - Improper tightening torque increases risk of loosening or breakage.
- Use anti-loosening measures.
 - Spring washers
 - Thread lock adhesive (low outgas)
 - Double nut
 - Fixing with wires, pins, etc.



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2.7 Analysis methods

1) Back-of-envelope calculation

- Refer to theories in [Section 3.1-3.3](#).

2) Finite Element Method (FEM)

- Various commercial software available
- Refer to [Section 3.4](#).



Good structural design facilitates analysis:

- Use simple-shaped members.
- Each structural element should be designed to carry a single load path as much as possible (e.g. [axial load member](#), [shear-only member](#), etc.).
- Load path should be unique
 - Uncertainty significantly **reduces accuracy of analysis**
- Separate **primary structure** from secondary structure.
- Structural analysis with gaps is difficult. .". Analysis is easy if structure is rigidly fastened.

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2.8 Test methods (More details are in Ch. 4.)

Design development test

The purpose is to obtain technical data for designing.
Often conducted for components and subsystems alone.

1. Evaluation of design feasibility
2. Validation of analysis methods
3. Establishment of test methods
4. Clarification of failure modes, etc.



Qualification/Acceptance test

In the case of EM/FM development, the following are conducted:

- **Qualification Test (QT):** Test under more severe conditions than flight to demonstrate that the satellite meets the requirement specification **with an appropriate margin**.
(e.g. $\sqrt{2}$ times the load for vibration test, or 2 times the number of shocks for shock test, etc.)
- **Acceptance Test (AT):** The design has already been validated by QT, **but fabrication of the flight model has not been validated**; thus, the test is conducted under the conditions as expected in flight to screen **workmanship error**.



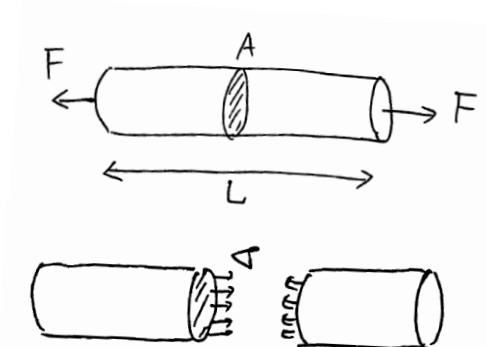
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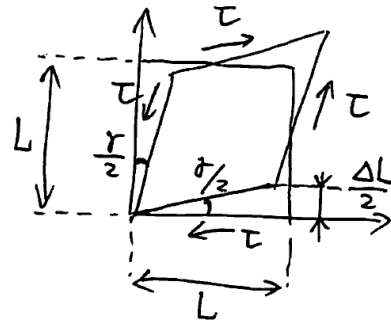
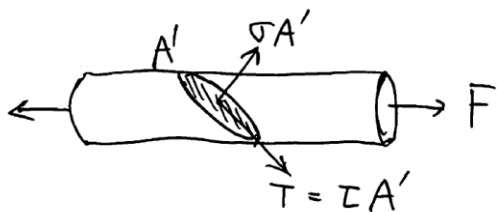
3.1 Mechanics of materials (1/2)

Elastic modulus, bending deformation

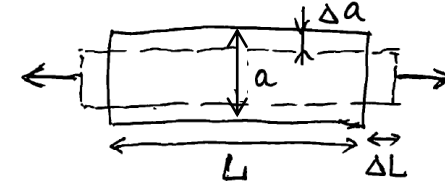
- Stress $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$
- Strain $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$
- Hook's law $\sigma = E\epsilon$
- Young's modulus E



- Shear stress $\tau = \frac{T}{A'}$
- Shear strain $\gamma = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$
- Hook's law in shear direction $\tau = G\gamma$
- Shear modulus of elasticity G



- Poisson's ratio ν



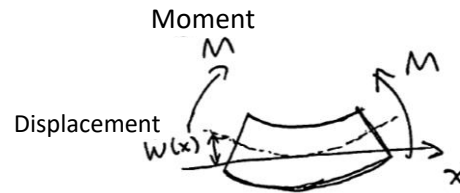
$$\frac{\Delta a}{a} = -\nu \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

3 parameters (E, ν, G) are called **Elastic Moduli**

- For isotropic material, $G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$

Bending deformation of Beam

Long and slender, but bending stiffness is not negligible

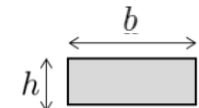


$$M = -EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$$

$EI = \text{"bending stiffness"}$

For rectangular cross-section

- 2nd moment of area $I = \frac{bh^3}{12}$



I depends on cross-sectional shape

Important



3. Theories for Structure Design

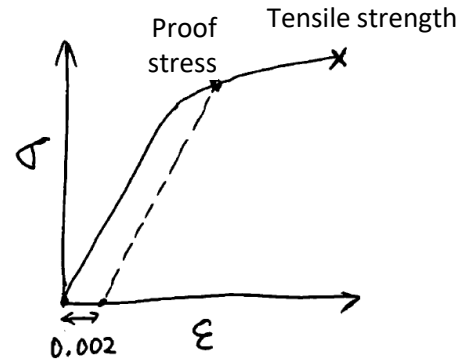
3.1 Mechanics of materials (2/2)

Failure mode (strength), safety factor

Yielding, Fracture

For metallic materials

- ✓ Permanent strain of 0.2% remains = "yield". Stress at this time = "proof stress".
- ✓ When the stress exceeds the tensile strength, the material fractures.



von Mises stress (= yielding index)

- ✓ In a 3D coordinate, there 6 stress parameters (complicated!).
- ✓ Therefore, one value is used as an index to evaluate risk of yielding.

$$\sigma_M = \sqrt{3J_2}$$

von Mises stress

(Always non-negative either in tension/compression)

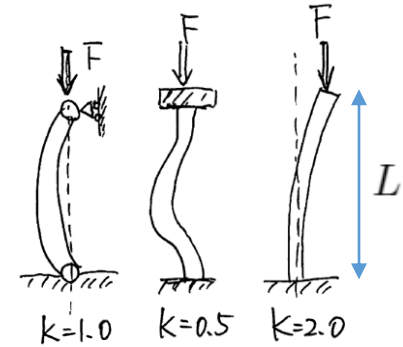
$$J_2 = \frac{1}{6} [(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)^2 + (\sigma_y - \sigma_z)^2 + (\sigma_z - \sigma_x)^2] + \tau_{xy}^2 + \tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{zx}^2$$

Buckling

For column structures,

- ✓ In axial compression, a certain load (**buckling load**) causes deformation to jump to "bending".

$$F = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$



Failure mode: yielding, fracture, buckling, etc.

Factor of Safety (FS), Margin of Safety (MS)

Proof stress = (FS) x design stress

Tensile strength (ultimate stress) = (FS) x design stress

Often use a safety factor of 1.25 to 1.5 to calculate MS.

Margin of Safety: MS

$$\text{MS for yielding} = \frac{\text{Yielding stress}}{\text{FS x Expected stress}} - 1$$

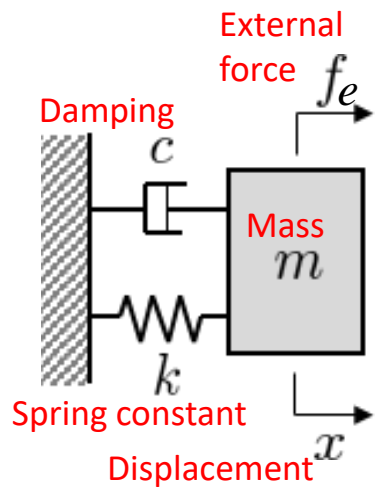
✓ positive

$$\text{MS for fracture} = \frac{\text{Ultimate stress}}{\text{FS x Expected stress}} - 1$$

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3.2 Mechanics of vibrations (1/4)

The vibration amplitude at resonance varies significantly depending on the “**damping ratio**”.



1 degree-of-freedom (DOF) vibration system
with viscous damping

$$m\ddot{x} + \underbrace{c\dot{x}}_{\text{Damping force}} + kx = f_e$$

Assume **harmonic force & response**
 ω : excitation angular frequency

External force $f_e = Fe^{j\omega t}$ Displacement $x = Xe^{j\omega t}$
 F, X : constant

Substitution gives

$$(-m\omega^2 + jc\omega + k) X = F \quad \longrightarrow \quad (-\omega^2 + 2j\zeta\Omega\omega + \Omega^2) X = \frac{F}{m}$$

Damping ratio

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{mk}}$$

Natural (angular) frequency $\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

Therefore,

$$\frac{X}{F} = \frac{1/m}{-\omega^2 + 2j\zeta\Omega\omega + \Omega^2}$$

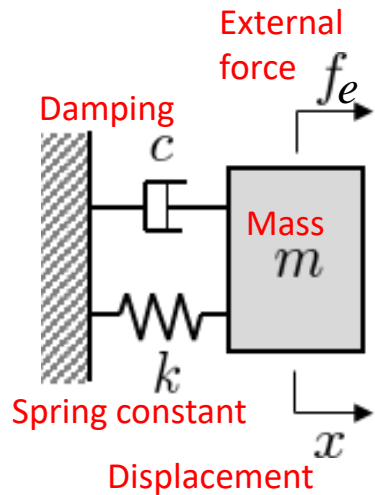
Compliance Frequency Response Function (FRF)
(with damping effect)

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3.2 Mechanics of vibrations (2/4)

Understand “[Bode plot](#)” that visualizes vibrational amplitudes and phases

Compliance Frequency Response Function (FRF) in the previous page is **complex number (=2D information)**.



Gain (amplitude ratio):

$$\left| \frac{X}{F} \right| = \frac{1/m}{\sqrt{(\Omega^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega\omega)^2}}$$

Phase:

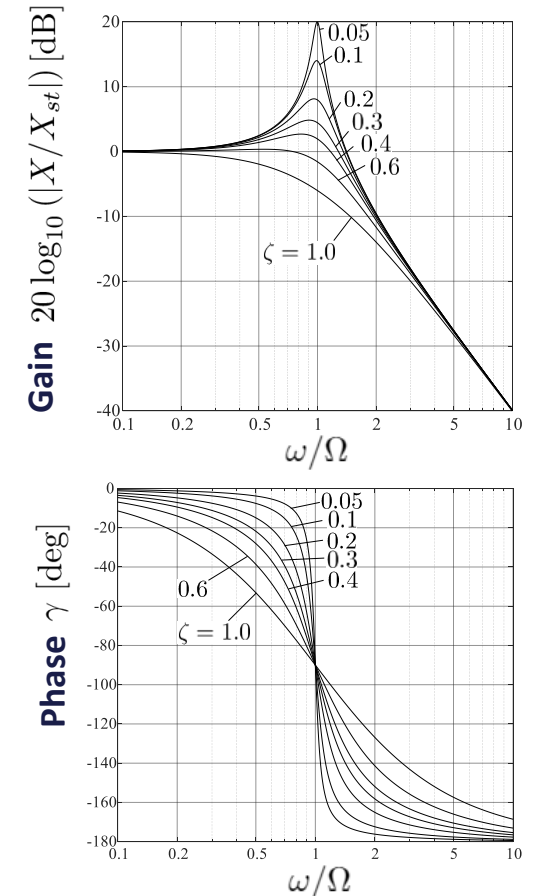
Difference of timing between input and output

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-2\zeta\Omega\omega}{\Omega^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

In the Bode plot on the right, the horizontal axis is ω/Ω .
i.e. The **excitation frequency** is normalized by the **natural frequency**.
(The horizontal axis shows the ratio of the excitation frequency to the natural frequency.)

In addition, the vertical axis of the gain is normalized by $X_{st} = \frac{F}{k}$ and displayed in decibels [dB].

Bode plot (visualization of frequency response)



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3.2 Mechanics of vibrations (3/4)

Multi-DOF system is represented by superposition of a single-DOF system.

How many natural frequencies for 2DOF system? = 2.

If there is no damping ($c_a = c_b = 0$)
the equation of motion (EOM) is written as

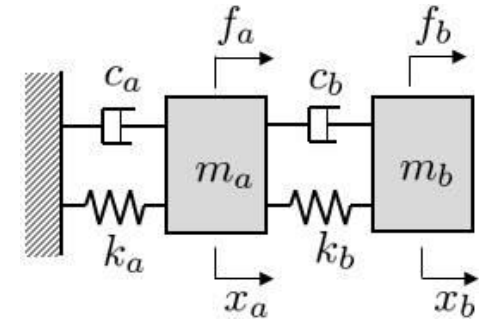
$$\begin{bmatrix} m_a & 0 \\ 0 & m_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_a \\ \ddot{x}_b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_a + k_b & -k_b \\ -k_b & k_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_a \\ f_b \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's obtain natural frequencies of this 2DOF system.
When the external forces are zero, matrix representation of EOM is

$$M\ddot{x} + Kx = 0$$

For harmonic solution, assume

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_a(t) \\ x_b(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_a \\ X_b \end{bmatrix} e^{j\omega t} = X e^{j\omega t}$$



Substitution yields

$$(-\omega^2 M + K) X = 0$$

The condition to have a non-zero displacement solution is, from the knowledge of linear algebra,

$$\det(-\omega^2 M + K) = 0$$

This is actually an **eigen-value problem of a 2x2 matrix.**

$$(M^{-1}K) X = \omega^2 X$$

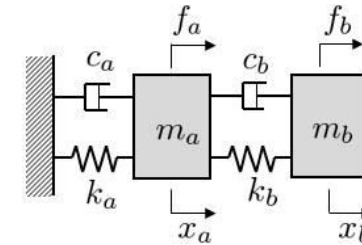
Thus, there are usually two eigen values. Two eigen values corresponds to two natural frequencies: Ω_1^2, Ω_2^2

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3.2 Mechanics of vibrations (4/4)

Multi-DOF system is represented by the **superposition of single-DOF system**.

Each **vibration mode** in a multi-DOF system can be considered as a 1DOF system.



Two eigen vectors: ϕ_1, ϕ_2
are called vibration “**mode shapes**” herein.

Matrix form: $\Phi = [\phi_1 \ \phi_2]$

Diagonalization of EOM

$$\Phi^T M \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^T K \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scaling of mode shape vector: $\Psi = [\psi_1 \ \psi_2] = \left[\frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{m_1}} \ \frac{\phi_2}{\sqrt{m_2}} \right]$

Then,

$$\Psi^T M \Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi^T K \Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate transformation: $\begin{bmatrix} x_a(t) \\ x_b(t) \end{bmatrix} = [\psi_1 \ \psi_2] \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1(t) \\ \xi_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \Psi \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1(t) \\ \xi_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$

Modal coordinate

EOM is completely decoupled.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\xi}_1 + \Omega_1^2 \xi_1 \\ \ddot{\xi}_2 + \Omega_2^2 \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \Psi^T \begin{bmatrix} f_a \\ f_b \end{bmatrix}$$

The same is true for general **n DOF system**.

Compliance **Frequency Response Function (FRF)** for **n DOF system is:**

$$G_{qr}(\omega) = \frac{X_q}{F_r} = \sum_{\gamma=1}^n \frac{\psi_{\gamma q} \psi_{\gamma r}}{-\omega^2 + 2j\zeta_{\gamma} \Omega_{\gamma} \omega + \Omega_{\gamma}^2}$$

where $q, r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ $\psi_{\gamma} = [\psi_{\gamma 1} \ \psi_{\gamma 2} \ \dots \ \psi_{\gamma n}]^T$
DOF number Mode shape vectors

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3.3 Dynamics of solid structures

Equation of motion for a beam (continuum) is a partial differential equation.

Similarly as before, **natural frequencies** and **mode shapes** represent vibrational characteristics.

EOM for beam in bending:

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

There are (theoretically) an infinite number of vibration modes.

Assume mode shape to be:

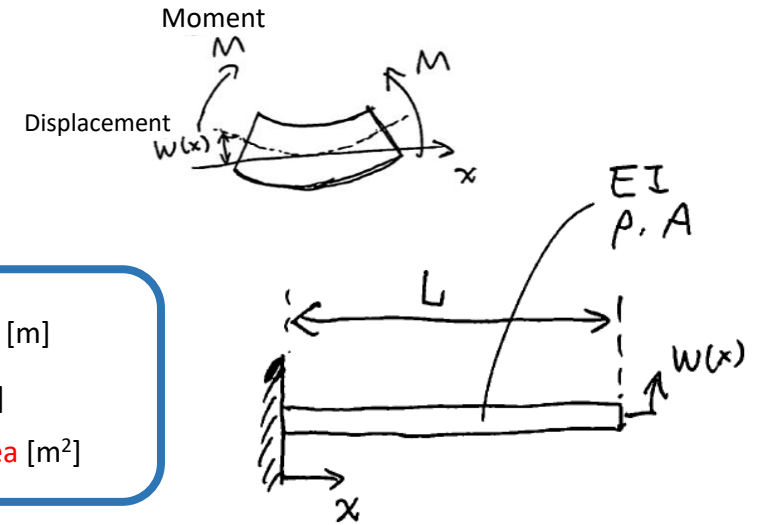
$$W(x) = C_1 \cosh \frac{\lambda x}{L} + C_2 \sinh \frac{\lambda x}{L} + C_3 \cos \frac{\lambda x}{L} + C_4 \sin \frac{\lambda x}{L}$$

with $\lambda^4 = \omega^2 L^4 \frac{\rho A}{EI}$

Natural frequencies are obtained by applying boundary conditions in EOM.

For a cantilevered beam with uniform cross-sectional area, **natural frequencies** and vibration **mode shapes** are as shown (right).

$w(x, t)$ Displacement [m]
 ρ Density [kg/m³]
 A Cross-sectional area [m²]

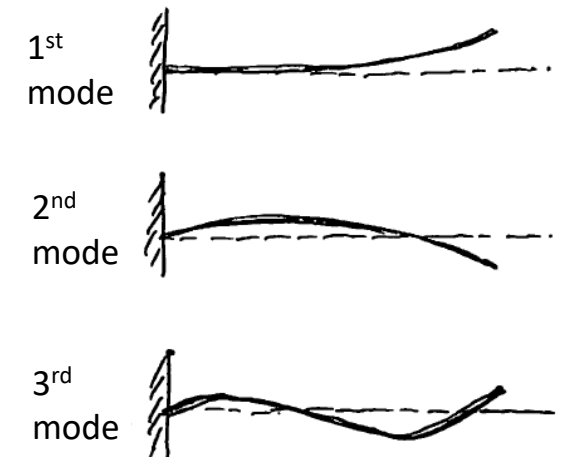


$$f_1 = \frac{\Omega_1}{2\pi} = \frac{(1.875)^2}{2\pi L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}}$$

$$f_2 = \frac{\Omega_2}{2\pi} = \frac{(4.694)^2}{2\pi L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}}$$

$$f_3 = \frac{\Omega_3}{2\pi} = \frac{(7.855)^2}{2\pi L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}}$$

⋮



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3.4 Finite element analysis (1/5)

[2] K. Komatsu, *Mechanical Structural Vibration*, Morikita Publishing, 2009. (in Japanese)

Consideration of an “infinite number of mode” is **usually not necessary** for satellite design. -> **Solid mechanics can be approximated by Finite-Element Method (FEM)**. (Ref. [2])

FEM gives approximate solution for **partial differential equation**. Displacements are interpolated by shape functions.

Beam example (this derivation is only to show FEM concept)

Static equation of beam (no inertial force): $EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} = 0$

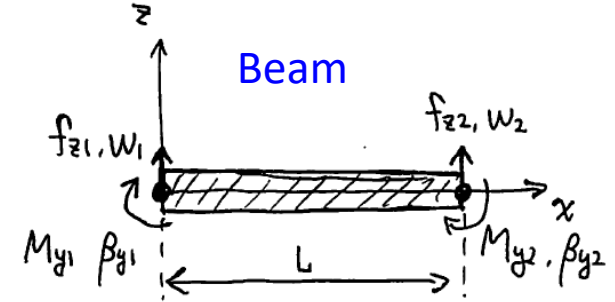
General solution of displacement is

$$w(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3$$

Let's consider the displacements and rotation angles at $x = 0, L$.

Displacement : $w(0), w(L)$

Rotation angle : $\beta_y(0), \beta_y(L)$ and $\beta_y = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$



From now on, the 2nd subscript shows **node number** (see figure above).

Displacement solution can be expressed by nodal displacements and rotation angles as

$$w(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3\xi^2 + 2\xi^3 & L(-\xi + 2\xi^2 - \xi^3) & 3\xi^2 - 2\xi^3 & L(\xi^2 - \xi^3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{z1} \\ \beta_{y1} \\ w_{z2} \\ \beta_{y2} \end{bmatrix}$$

with $\xi = x/L$

This is expressed as $w(x) = \mathbf{N}(x) \boldsymbol{\delta}$
Shape function

i.e. Displacement at an arbitral location is expressed by displacement vector at two **nodes**.

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3.4 Finite element analysis (2/5)

This simple beam example shows the concept of Finite-Element Method (FEM). (Ref. [2])

Substituting $w(x) = N(x) \delta$ into static force equation,

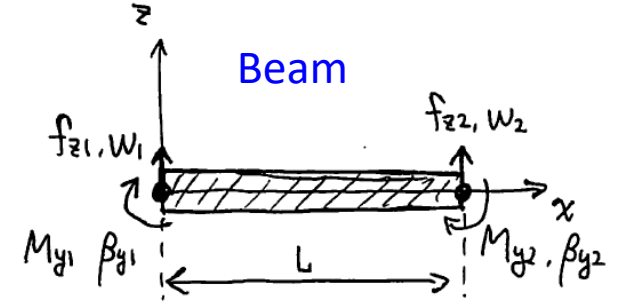
$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{z1} \\ M_{y1} \\ f_{z2} \\ M_{y2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -6L & -12 & -6L \\ -6L & 4L^2 & 6L & 2L^2 \\ 12 & -6L & 12 & 6L \\ -6L & 2L^2 & 6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{z1} \\ \beta_{y1} \\ w_{z2} \\ \beta_{y2} \end{bmatrix}$$

or $f = \underline{K} \delta$
Stiffness matrix

Thus, if **external forces and moments** are given, displacements are solved.

Similarly, the **mass matrix** and **damping matrix** are obtained using the shape function.

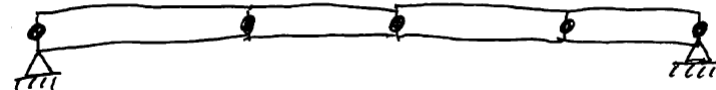
$$M\ddot{\delta} + C\dot{\delta} + K\delta = f \quad \rightarrow \text{Dynamic responses are also calculated.}$$



There are **2 modeling approaches** for rotational deformation.

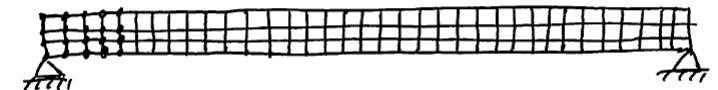
Using an **element with rotational DOF**, like a beam element.

✓ For 3D analysis, 1 node has 6 DOF.



Using an **element without rotational DOF** (like plane stress element, solid element), and discretize in thickness direction as well.

✓ 1 node has 3 DOF.

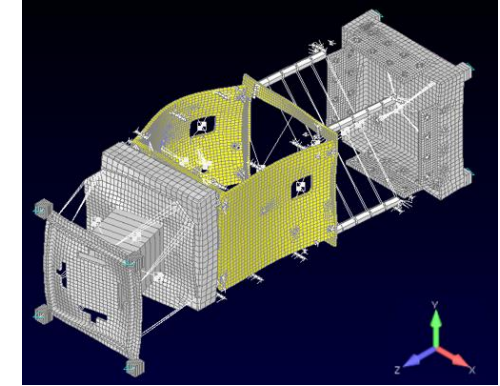


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3.4 Finite element analysis (3/5)

General analysis procedure of FEM (with commercial software)

1. Import the **shape data** of structure from 3D CAD.
2. Create **nodes** to divide into **elements** (= mesh generation)
3. Adjust shape, **elements**, and mesh according to analysis purpose.
 - Maintain **aspect ratio** of elements as low as possible.
 - Minimize number of DOF to reduce computational time (e.g. change to a simpler shape).
 - Use finer mesh where **stress concentration** occurs.
4. Input **material properties** (E , G , ν , I , A , etc.)
5. Set **boundary conditions** for displacement.
6. Set **external forces** (force boundary conditions).
7. Stiffness, mass, and damping **matrices are generated** for each element.
8. The matrices are **assembled** at shared nodes.
9. Boundary conditions are applied to the matrices.
10. The matrix equations are **solved**.
11. **Stresses** in each element are obtained from the obtained displacements.
12. Visualization

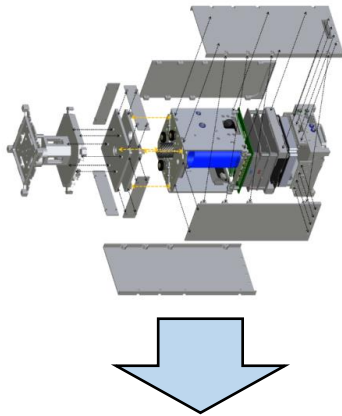


Automatic

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3.4 Finite element analysis (4/5)

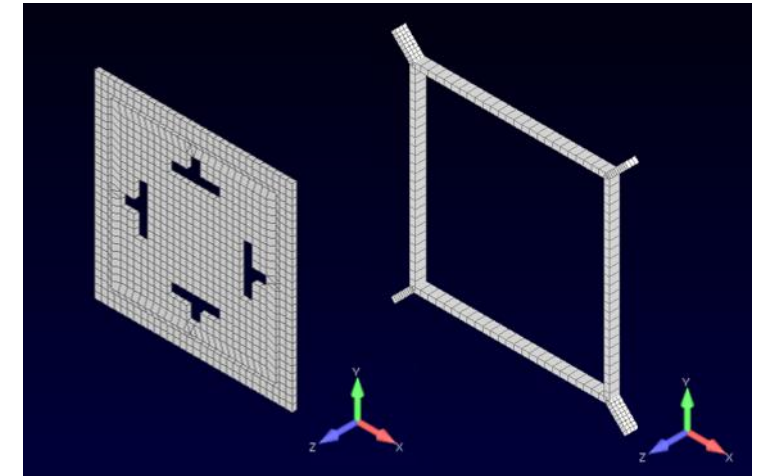
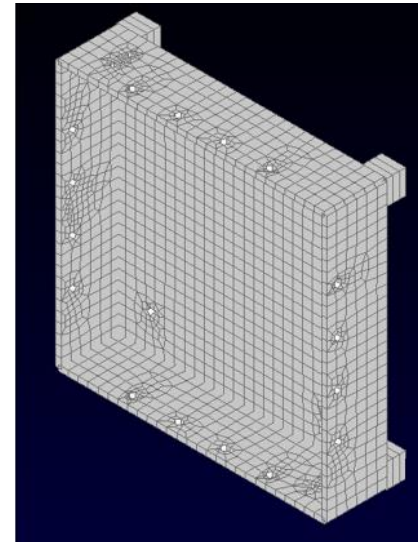
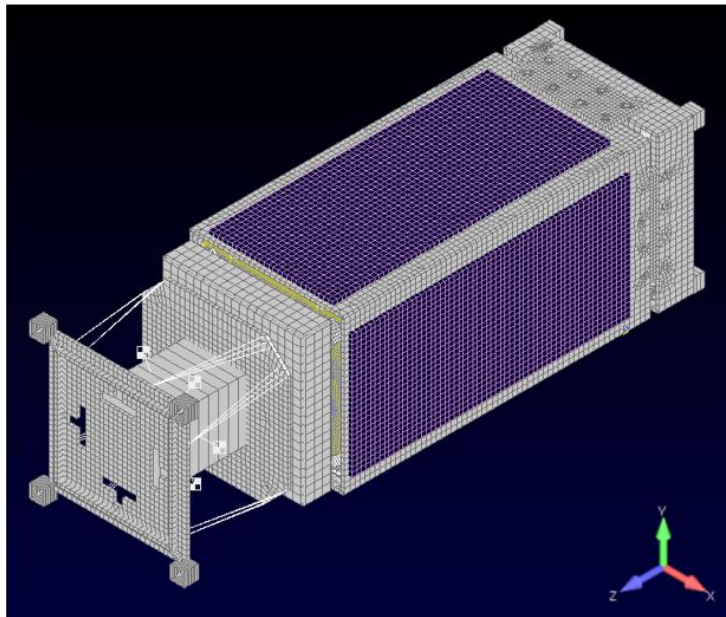
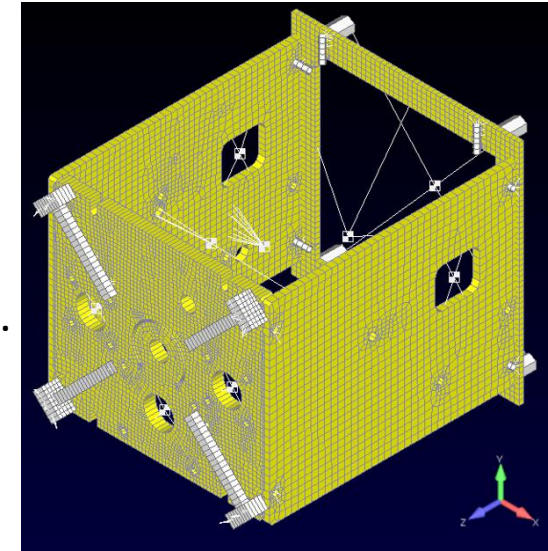
Example:
3U CubeSat
OrigamiSat-1
(2019 TokyoTech)



FEM analysis by Femap with FX Nastran 11.2.2.

Models are simplified as follows.

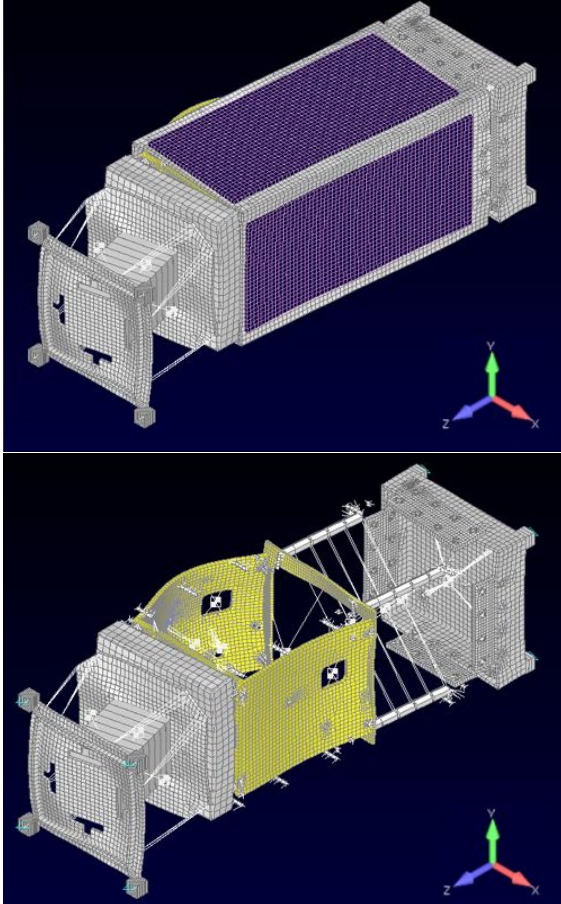
- Basically, plate elements (with rotational DOF) are used instead of solid elements.
- **Rigid-body elements** are used for large components, and **point-mass elements** are used for small components.
- For bolts, **beam elements** are used.
→ Calculation is fast, but model generation is difficult.



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3.4 Finite element analysis (4/5)

Analysis results of
OrigamiSat-1
(2019 TokyoTech)



Structure design was verified by **two kinds of analysis**.

1. Modal vibration analysis

- 1st **natural frequency** is sufficiently high.
- Vibration **mode shapes** are reasonable.
- **After EM (STM) vibration test, Model Correlation** was conducted to match 1st natural frequency.

2. Stress analysis under constant acceleration

- First, calculated **von Mises stress** by applying acceleration with load factor (QT). (The sum of quasi-static acceleration + acceleration by sine vibration from rocket interface document.)
 - ⇒ Verify that the **Margin of Safety** is positive. (see Section 3.1)
 - ✓ **Factor of safety: 1.25** for yield stress and **1.5** for ultimate stress
- **Next, "random vibration" is converted to static acceleration** by **Miles equation** (see SSP-52005) and stress analysis is conducted.
 - ⇒ Margin of Safety in all the members were confirmed to be positive.

Table: Predicted stresses and MS for yielding in bolts

Bolt number	Maximum stress by external load [MPa]	Pre-stress [MPa]	Yielding stress of material [MPa]	Margin of Safety for yielding
#1 (M2.5, SUS304)	40.3	269	450	0.455 > 0
#2 (M3, SUS304)	54.2	272	450	0.39 > 0

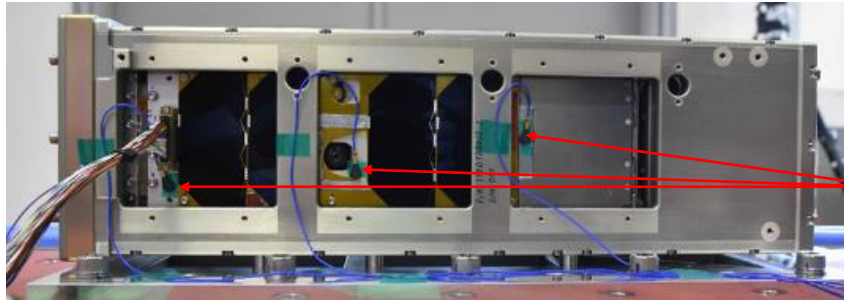


4. Vibration and Shock Tests

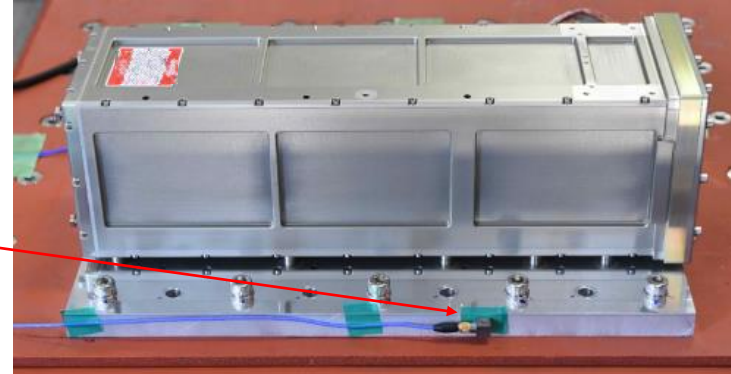
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4.1 Vibration test (1/4)

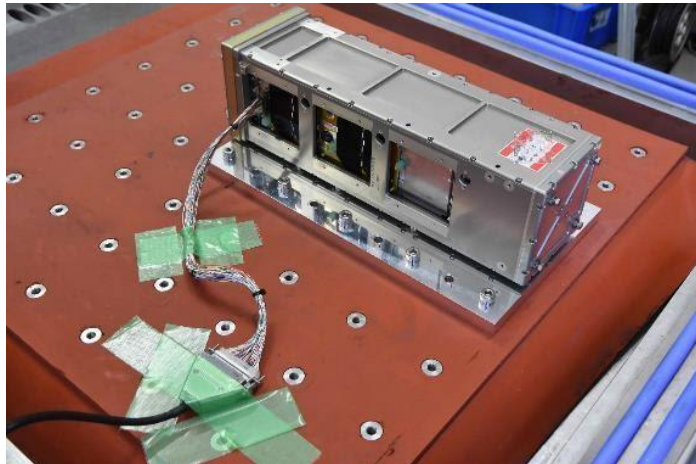
Example: Acceptance Test using FM of OrigamiSat-1



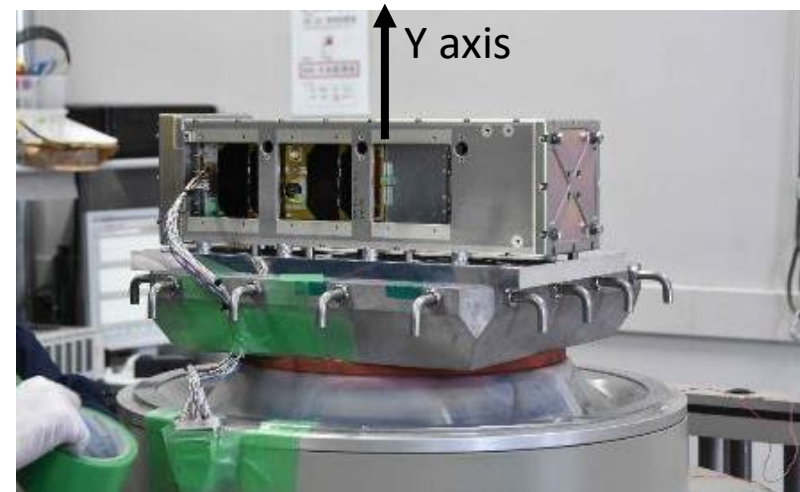
Accelerometers



Horizontal
direction
(X, Z)



Vertical
direction
(Y)



4. Vibration and Shock Tests

4.1 Vibration test (2/4)

Test sequence: **4 kinds** of tests.

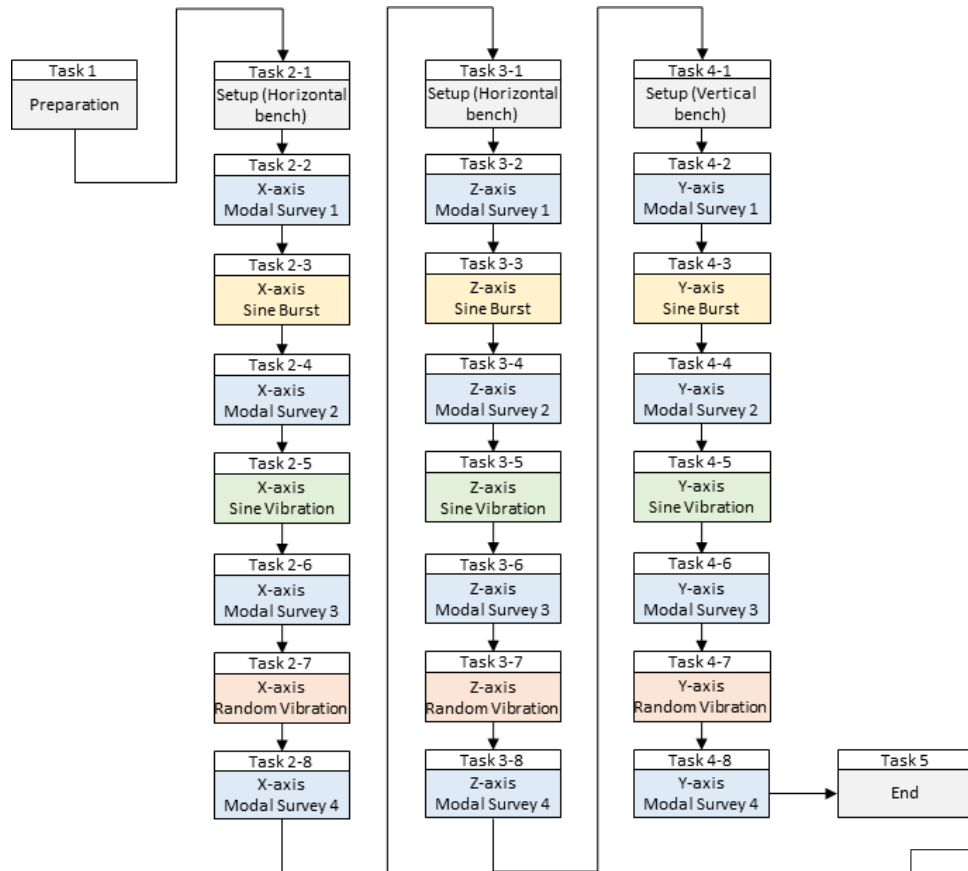


Table Vibration condition for modal survey (low-level random excitation)

	Frequency [Hz]	Acceleration density [G^2/Hz]	RMS [Grms]	Duration [s]
X, Y, Z axis	20~2000	0.000127	0.5	60

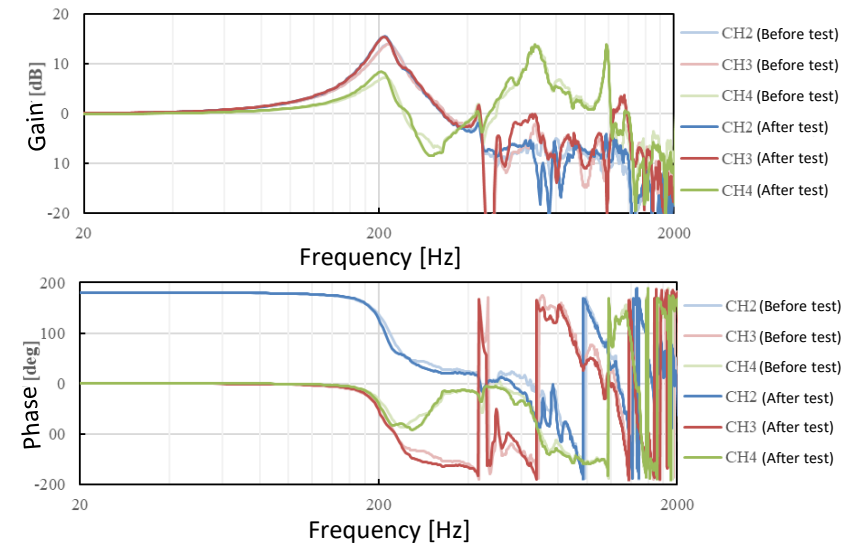
(A) Modal Survey

Conducted before and after each test.

Evaluate the following using **low-level** random excitation (or sine sweep)

- ✓ Natural frequency
- ✓ Mode shape
- ✓ Mode damping

Notice any changes in natural frequency. → Indicates failure



4. Vibration and Shock Tests

4.1 Vibration test (3/4)

(B) Sine Burst

Quasi-static acceleration is simulated by a sine wave excitation with a constant low frequency.

Modal survey before and after the test to see any changes.

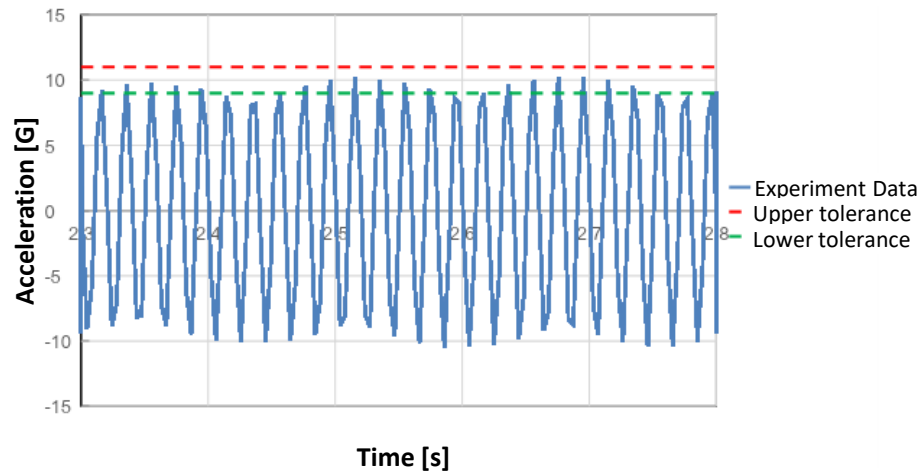


Figure Acceleration at monitor sensor in Y-axis sine burst test (AT)

(C) Sine Vibration

Sweep sine wave (gradually change excitation frequency) to simulate the excitation by rocket's vibration.

Modal survey before and after the test to see any changes.

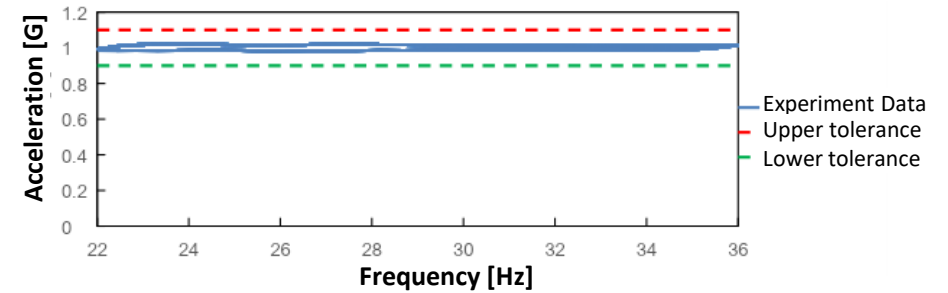


Figure Acceleration at monitor sensor in Y axis for sine sweep in 22-36Hz with 4 Oct/min

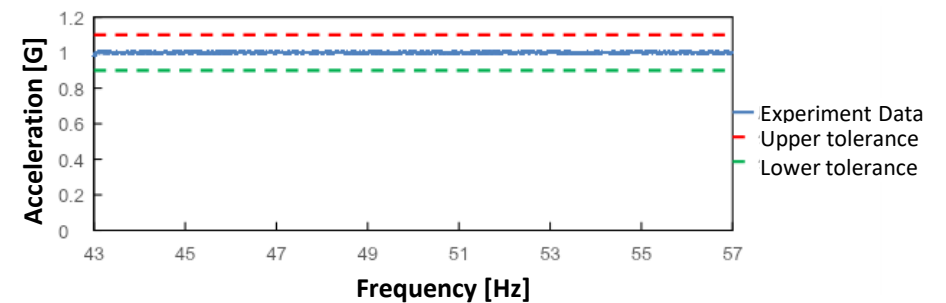


Figure Acceleration at monitor sensor in Y axis for sine sweep in 43-57Hz with 0.2 Oct/min

4. Vibration and Shock Tests

4.1 Vibration test (4/4)

(D) Random Vibration

Acoustic load is simulated by random vibration.

Modal survey before and after the test to see any changes.

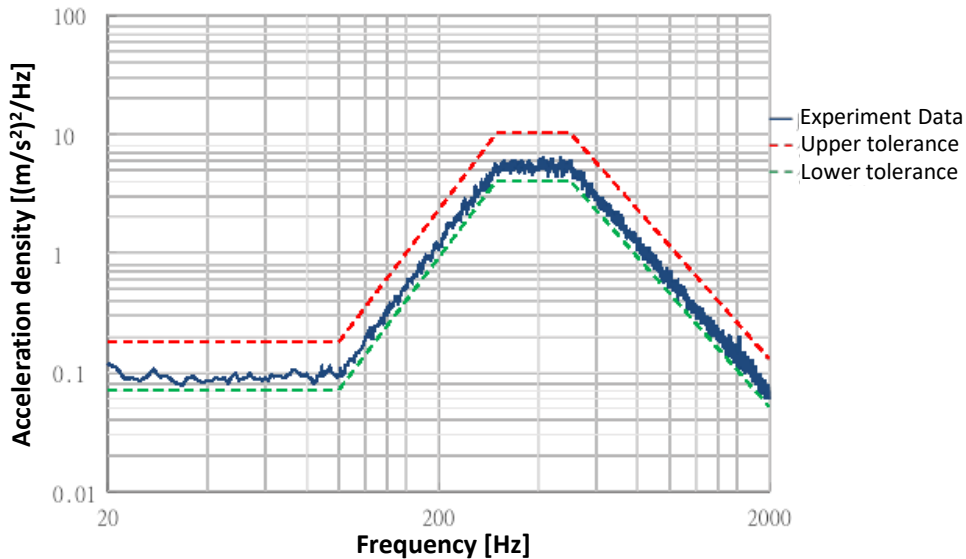
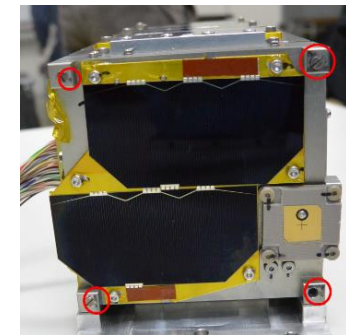


Figure Acceleration at monitor sensor in Y-axis random vibration test (AT)

Check list

No.	実施事項	確認項目	✓	担当者
1	持ち物チェック (目視)	チェックリストの物品を確認	✓	山崎
2	試験前条件を記録する	温度・相対湿度を測定 $16.0 \text{ } 52\% \text{ } 19.0 \text{ } 40\%$	✓	山崎
3	チャタリング後出装置動作確認	放出後スイッチ ON/OFF により反転状態が表示されること	✓	山崎
4	バッテリーの電圧を記録する	バッテリーの電圧を計測する 7.98 V	✓	山崎
5	目視による外観検査を行う	変形、傷、汚れ等のないこと 風扇周囲の保持解放機構に分離がないこと 腕の保持解放機構のテグスの締まり、緩み等のないこと 腕の保持解放機構のテグスの結び目にほつれがないこと 胴体アンテナのアダプタに緩み、ゆるみ等のないこと 胴体アンテナのテグスの結び目にほつれがないこと 単眼カメラ HBM のマークにずれがないこと ネジ、ナット、アダプタ基座 (ボビンファンジ) にトルクマークがあること、緩み、トルクマークのズレがないこと 太陽電池セルに損傷・はがれがないこと	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	山崎
6	総重量	POD の +Z 向き取り外し 総重量 (M5: 4.01Nm, M6: 6.85Nm)	✓	山崎

Inspection from outside



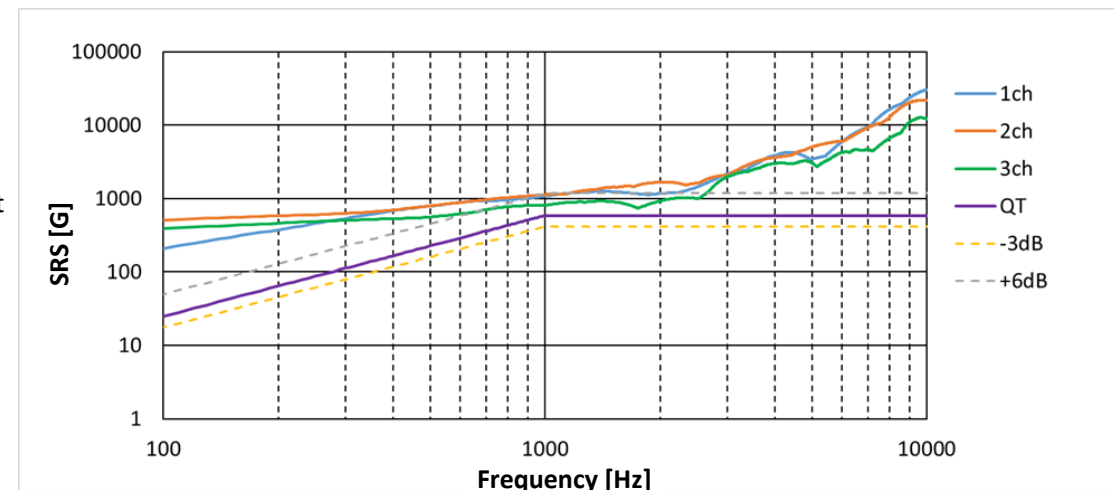
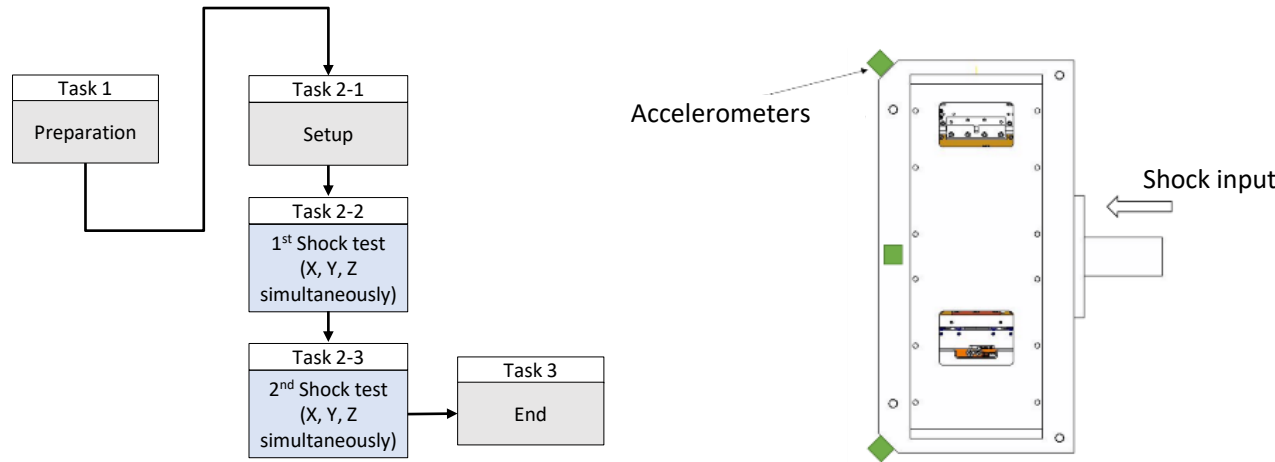
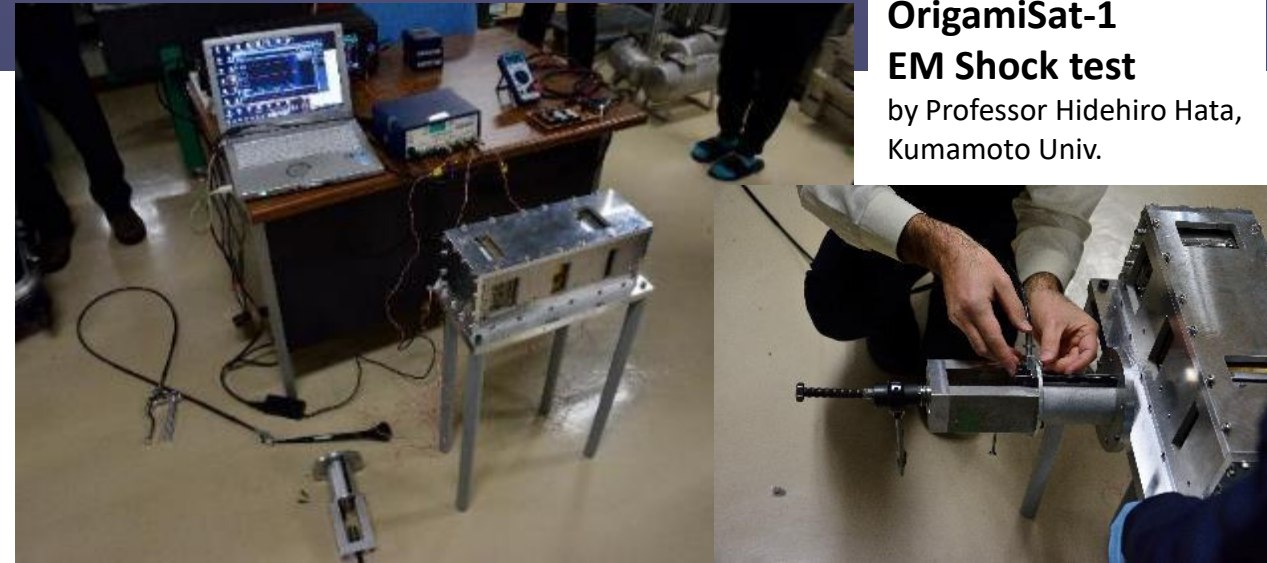
4. Vibration and Shock Tests

4.2 Shock test

Example: Qualification Test using EM of OrigamiSat-1

Shock condition is generally evaluated using **Shock Response Spectrum (SRS)**.

**OrigamiSat-1
EM Shock test**
by Professor Hidehiro Hata,
Kumamoto Univ.



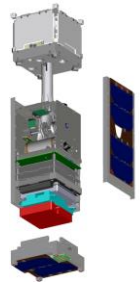
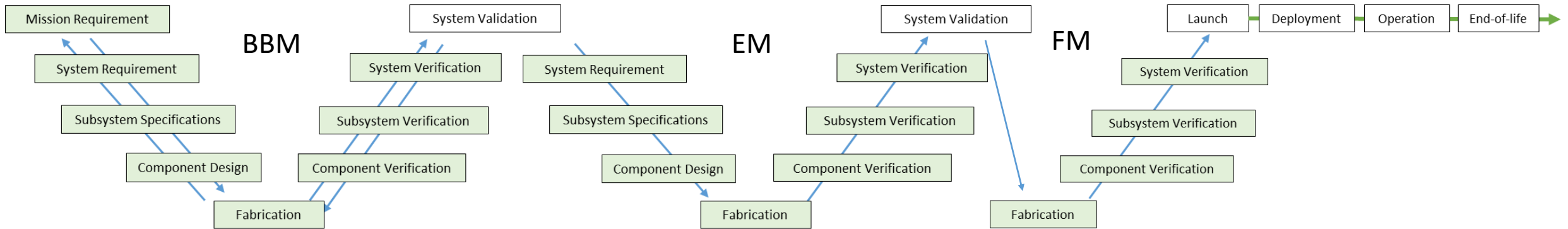
➤ QT-level shocks are applied more than 2 times.



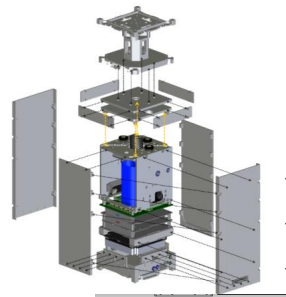
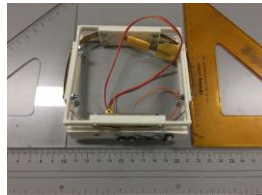
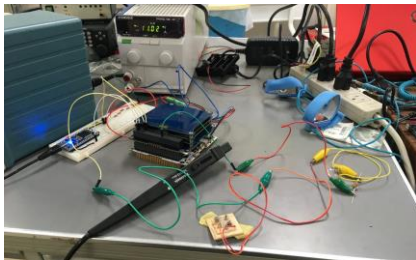
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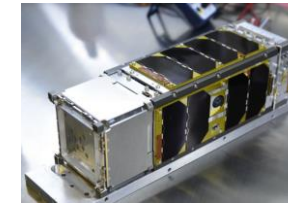
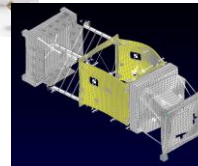
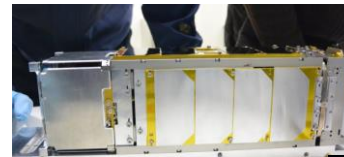
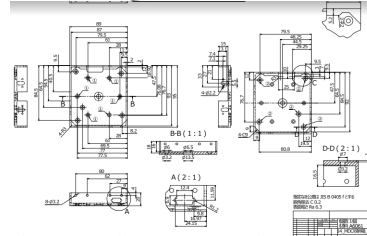
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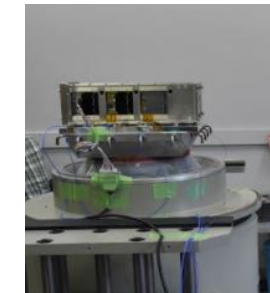
- ✓ CAD drawing
- ✓ Mock-up



- ✓ Machining drawing
- ✓ Structural analysis
- ✓ EM structure



- ✓ FM





Thank you very much.

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