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**Abstract:**

The theory of steady-state disturbance rejection for large space structures is developed and tested analytically on a complex optical larynx configuration (CSDL Model #2). It is shown that active control is potentially feasible for micro-vibration stabilization of precision large structures. A number of brassboard experiments have been carried out to illustrate the theory and to address implementation and mechanization of active control systems.
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Deployment of large space structures for communications, space defense, power generation, manufacturing, and research has become a major objective of space mission planners for the mid-1980s and beyond. These systems typically combine large size with extremely rigorous pointing and surface figure performance requirements. There is a clear need to achieve diffraction-limited performance with large apertures exemplified by antennas operating above 10 GHz and by large precision optical systems. Boresight jitter stabilization well below 1 rad and dynamic surface figure error near one twentieth of a wavelength are necessary to realize the performance capability of these large systems.

Coupled to these ultrahigh performance requirements are the obvious needs to minimize spacecraft mass and construction and launch costs. High system mass may entail multiple launches and on-orbit assembly, greatly increasing system cost. In addition, structural design and materials limitations may in many cases make high performance unreachable with any mass in a passive system. In general, such constraints result in highly flexible spacecraft which exhibit poor dimensional precision. Our current ability to conceptualize space systems, to select structural materials, and to build mechanisms for on-orbit construction and deployment has now far outstripped our demonstrated ability to control the resulting structures. This observation has in recent years given impetus to the idea of building control-configured spacecraft using active stability-augmentation systems, integrated with the spacecraft structure in the design process, to achieve what passive methods alone cannot accomplish.

Integration of structural and control design is, of course, a well-established discipline for high-performance aircraft, but its extension to flexible spacecraft is by no means straightforward. Not only are the control requirements quite different, but spacecraft structural dynamics also give rise to a dense spectrum of nearly undamped, partly identified modes, some of which must be significantly controlled without destabilizing the closed-loop system. Control requirements for large structures may be broadly divided into three categories: (1) attitude control in the presence of structural bending; (2) transient vibration suppression (usually required during maneuvering); and (3) suppression of steady-state vibration propagation due to onboard disturbance sources. Stability augmentation and flight control system configurations are dictated by mission-dependent mixes of these objectives. Passive structural damping can in some cases provide the desired performance or enhance active system performance. Such passive methods, however, have unpredictable performance characteristics, address only a small subset of the main control objectives, and in some cases can degrade system performance (see Section 4). Control requirements are an essential ingredient in proper modeling, synthesis, and evaluation activities, and, indeed, the form which the control systems take is highly dependent on the performance requirements.

The purpose of the DARPA/ACOSS program is to investigate the feasibility of control-configured spacecraft by developing and testing control synthesis procedures and performance evaluation techniques and by assessing hardware requirements (through brassboard demonstrations) for flight experiment programs. Specific requirements for Phase IA are detailed below. During Phase 1, and subsequently in Phase IA, the Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, Inc. (LMSC) team developed a basic synthesis methodology, described in detail in Section 4 of this report, which incorporated a two-level control synthesis approach. At one level, specific structural mode shapes and modal dampings were significantly modified by plant-dependent estimator/controller forms referred to as high-authority controllers. At the other level, small amounts of damping were introduced by colocated actuator/sensor pairs using rate-feedback (output feedback) control laws synthesized with very little dependence on knowledge of plant parameters. These low-authority control mechanisms provided the basis for reducing spillover instability created by high-authority controls.

1.2 OBJECTIVES FOR PHASE IA

The extension of Phase 1 activities into Phase 1A (ACOSS FIVE) at LMSC sought to advance the basic synthesis procedures to more complex examples and to provide an experimental basis on which to assess the validity of the synthesis and performance evaluation techniques. Toward this end, the Phase 1A objectives naturally divide into analytical and brassboard demonstration activities. The analytical objectives include:
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1. The formalization of the controls synthesis procedure
2. Application to a complex structure
3. Demonstration of the integration of low- and high-authority control techniques
4. Assessment of robustness
5. Investigation of performance limits

These activities were centered on the analysis of a test structure, CSDL No. 2, representative of a precision optical space system. The brassboard activities included three experiments to address fundamental analytical concepts, viz:

1. Verification of low-authority control synthesis on a two-axis vertical beam
2. Digital mechanization of high-authority control on a test structure using twin flexible beams
3. Verification of transient suppression using integrated low- and high-authority techniques on a highly resonant circular plate

1.3 SCOPE

This report summarizes the work of Phase 1A by collecting the significant experimental data and interpretations in light of the theoretical developments begun in Phase 1 and continued into Phase 1A. Sufficient detail is provided to assess the depth of the experimental investigation and to motivate the findings, but not to replicate the experiments. Analytical studies are developed in detail and control gains and plant dynamics are provided so that interested researchers may reproduce the analytical results.

1.4 REPORT FORMAT

The report begins in Section 2 with an overview of program achievements with several comments on the role of existing technology. A summary of technical activities follows in Section 3 with a review of the methodology and an explanation of the experimental results. The report concludes with an extensive technology primer which gathers together analytical work on the CSDL No. 2 model and explains the details of the controls approach.
2. TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENTS

2.1 MAJOR FINDINGS AND RESULTS

Basic substantiation of the LAC/HAC control synthesis procedures was achieved in Phase 1A. In particular, analytical work on the complex CSDL No. 2 model showed that LAC and HAC mechanisms, synthesized using different models, could be combined by including LAC control outputs in the HAC estimator equations. This allowed both systems to be synthesized independently without the controllers "working against each other." Independent synthesis of the LAC output feedback mechanization is particularly advantageous. It means that:

1. HAC control synthesis need not consider LAC closed-loop evaluation models.

2. Spillover suppression using LAC can be assured by basing LAC synthesis on a model of much higher order than is convenient or appropriate for HAC synthesis.

Furthermore, this technique allows extremely high-performance steady-state vibration suppression while retaining robustness vis-à-vis spacecraft parameter changes. A fundamental theorem for LAC stability is established which sets limits to maximum LAC performance vis-à-vis structural or actuator passive damping.

Experimental evidence now provides a basis for LAC robustness claims. Cross-coupling errors in multiple degree-of-freedom systems appear to cause no problems for LAC performance. Conversely, noncolocation or nonconsistency errors in the output feedback mechanization can cause significant instability, usually at high frequency. Good sensor/actuator selection and design can eliminate these problems, however. A major performance improvement was achieved in Phase 1A with the development of the pivoted proof-mass actuator (PPM) using high-bandwidth electrodynamic motors. This design is inherently flight-qualifiable.

2.2 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING TECHNOLOGY

Methodologies closest to ACOSS involve stability augmentation of control-configured aircraft, ride control, and load alleviation. The LAC output feedback approach (identically located acceleration and force (ILAF) technique) has been used successfully on numerous aircraft. Modal control techniques there can be much simpler than those for space structures, since fewer modes participate in performance degradation or HAC spillover. Also, transient vibration suppression is the only case of interest there. In general, evaluation models for spacecraft are not nearly as well-defined, the control objectives are more complex, and the performance requirements are more difficult to achieve, from both sensor/actuator and algorithm points of view.

2.3 IMPACT ON FUTURE SYSTEMS

Achievement of goals for space-based advanced communication, military surveillance, and weapons systems will necessarily depend on control-configured spacecraft. After feasibility is demonstrated by actual flight experiments, a synergistic approach using combined controls and structural methods will be adopted to effect new systems. Spacecraft missions, now impractical, may become reality in the 1990 time frame.

Methodologies currently being explored for LSS are still developmental and will continue to be that way until flight experiments can confirm the validity of the engineering approach. Engineering proof-of-concept experiments will reduce flight experiment risks, but there is inherently no way to completely verify performance of a system which cannot be ground-tested; and the test would be meaningless in any event. This is currently the major difficulty in achieving acceptance of this technology to the same extent as it has been accepted in the aviation community.
3. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH

The ACOSS effort encompassed both analytical and experimental activities, which are described in this section. The objectives that motivated these activities were described in Section 1 and are repeated here. Since analytical details are contained in Section 4, only a very brief summary of the procedures will be included here. Experimental results, however, will be fully detailed in Sections 3.4 and 3.5 below.

The project objectives divide into analytical and experimental goals. Analytical objectives include:

1. Development of a procedural organization for the synthesis and evaluation techniques
2. Demonstration of the viability of integrated low- and high-authority control (LAC/HAC)
3. Limited evaluation of LAC/HAC robustness
4. Evaluation of Stability Augmentation Systems (SAS) and disturbance rejection performance limits for control-configured spacecraft

These objectives are addressed in detail in Section 4.

Experimental objectives are based on requirements for verification of fundamental concepts using realizable sensors and actuators on simple test structures. Following the theoretical development, these objectives are:

1. Verification of LAC synthesis and performance prediction formulas on simple structures
2. Investigation of digital HAC mechanization characteristics
3. Practical integration of LAC and HAC techniques for transient vibration suppression

The approach to these objectives consists of treating a few control problems in considerable detail by limiting both the number of system models to be investigated and the performance requirements of interest. For the analytical objectives, a single structure, CSDL No. 2, was selected by DARPA for study of synthesis procedures, modeling difficulties, and performance assessments. For the experimental work, three test structures were used: (1) a vertical tubular beam (Slim Beam) to verify multi-axis LAC mechanization using proof-mass inertial force actuators; (2) a multiple beam (Toysat) to assess digital control problems using noncolocated actuators and sensors; and (3) a vertically suspended highly resonant circular plate using inertial actuators, optical sensing, and combinations of analog LAC and digital HAC.

These mechanisms were selected to verify fundamental ideas while demonstrating brassboard-mounted actuator/sensor concepts which could be employed on actual spacecraft. Thus, actuation methods which rely on reactions against the laboratory reference frame were mostly avoided.

3.2 TASKS RELATED TO SOW

The original ACOSS Phase 1A SOW was substantially modified over the course of the contract to reflect changes in experimental objectives. The main SOW objectives for analytical and experimental development are listed below, using the original task numbering.

Task 4.1 Development and Demonstration of Control Strategies

The analytical work, including control law synthesis for brassboards, was included in this task. Although not performed in serial order, the individual tasks included, as required by the Task 4.1 SOW:

- Modeling
- System identification
- Model reduction
- Control law synthesis methodology development
- LAC/HAC synthesis

Task 4.2 Fabrication

All test articles, including actuators, were fabricated in this task. They included:

- Pivoted-proof-mass actuator construction
- Slim Beam fabrication and assembly
- Toysat fabrication, suspension, and assembly
- Circular Plate fabrication, suspension, and assembly

Task 4.3 Experiments and Testing

All brassboard testing was accomplished under this task, including:

- Actuator/sensor testing
- Slim Beam data generation and reduction
- Toysat testing
- Circular Plate testing.
During these tests system identification methods were given limited evaluation tests.

3.3 CONTROL THEORY AND METHODOLOGY SUMMARY

In Section 4 a detailed account is given of the theory and methodology subsequently applied to a large complex optical structure (CSDL No. 2) to illustrate the procedures developed in the ACOSS program. In summary form, these steps are (see Fig. 4-2 in Section 4.1.4):

1. Definition of the structural model, the disturbances, and the control objectives. For nontrivial applications finite-element structural modeling is used, providing a specially formatted output tape containing modal frequencies and mode shape values at nodal stations on the structure.

2. Creation of the state-space model to prepare the structure for control systems. This requires a preliminary selection of sensors and actuators based on engineering judgment arising from examining the physics of the problem and refined by the use of controllability, observability, and various modal cost criteria. This initial model is taken to be the "truth-model" or evaluation model, and is generally of large dimension. All control laws subsequently designed are tested against this model for stability and performance.

3. Reduction of the previous model to a workable size for control synthesis. This reduction process also involves controllability, observability, and modal cost criteria. In general, the first reduction is used for LAC synthesis and a further reduction for HAC synthesis.

4. Control synthesis is carried out for HAC and the spillover, evaluated in the evaluation model, is used to synthesize the LAC gains.

5. The LAC control law is then incorporated into the HAC state estimator, and the combined HAC/LAC control laws are evaluated for stability (spillover correction) and performance on the evaluation model. For robustness tests, the same controller is evaluated on perturbed evaluation models.

3.4 IMPLEMENTATION

Control methodologies developed for the ACOSS program have been implemented and tested on both computer models and real hardware brassboard experiments. This section briefly summarizes these implementations, which are discussed in detail in subsequent sections. The components used for the brassboard experiments are described in this section, and accompanying numerical data are presented. The matrix of experiments constituting the test plan is examined, and achievements and problems are discussed.

3.4.1 Analytical Examples and Experiment Descriptions

Two computer models have been used to demonstrate the LMSC ACOSS technology. First, a "simple" example consisting of a two-mode model was created for the purpose of demonstrating in its simplest form the theory that had been developed and described. Since one of the most important aspects of LSS control is the handling of unmodeled modes, this example had to be at least a two-mode model, one mode being controlled and the other one uncontrolled, so that the HAC/LAC two-level approach could be demonstrated.

The HAC controller in the simple example involves a state estimator which is of second order if only one mode is to be estimated. The evaluation model of the total system is thus of sixth order - two for the controller plus four for the original two-mode model. Consequently, pure analytical solutions are impossible, since eigenvalues and eigenvectors for a sixth order system are required. Some computing is necessary to determine optimal gains and the stability of the total system even in that simple case. Inclusion of frequency shaping methods, which involve a state augmentation procedure, inflates the size of the example even more. Therefore, this example should not be construed as being representative of the actual control methodology, since the controller order ends up being much higher than that of the original model. This does not happen with a real structure, where the number of modes far exceeds the size of the control system. However, the example will help the reader to follow the various procedures of the control synthesis.

The second example, generated by Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, is more representative of a real spacecraft with high performance optical capabilities. This model, referred to as CSDL No. 2, is a wide-angle, three-mirror optical space system, together with a line-of-sight (LOS) model giving the law of displacement of the image in the focal plane when the structure deforms. The control problem is to reduce the LOS error in the presence of structural vibrations induced by two independent onboard simu-
sinusoidal disturbances acting simultaneously. The evaluation (truth) model contains 44 modes (or 88 states), and the controller is of order 32, leading to a total system order of 120. The size and complexity of this example is representative of the actual problems encountered for LSS control.

The dynamic analysis, control synthesis, and performance evaluation of such a model requires the use of large-scale computer programs without which the LSS control problem cannot even be addressed. Indeed, the simplest model which is of sufficient size to illustrate fundamental generic approaches (e.g., model reduction, in-band and out-of-band spillover, disturbance rejection, etc.) would be about 20th order for only a five mode system with no actuator or sensor dynamics. In effect then, for the LSS control methodology the difference between models of order 10, 20, or 120 is purely academic except for the additional numerical accuracy problems which result from large-scale computation.

Experimental verifications of the control strategies demonstrated on these computer models have been undertaken using three different test structures. These experiments are referred to as the Slim Beam, Toysat, and Circular Plate experiments.

The Slim Beam is a vertically suspended flexible beam. Actuators and sensors are mounted with no connection (other than electrical) to the laboratory. This experiment adequately represents a free structure in space and is mainly devoted to testing the LAC approach.

Toysat is a horizontal flexible beam with a massive rigid body in its center. The beam is suspended to allow only rotations (or bending) in the horizontal plane. Actuators mounted on the ground impart forces and torque to the central body, and the sensors are linear variable displacement transducers and accelerometers. This experiment demonstrates the capabilities of a digital HAC system for imparting a significant amount of damping in the first few bending modes.

Finally, the Circular Plate is a vertically suspended thin aluminum plate in nearly free-free conditions. The actuators are of two types: 1) proof-mass, and 2) contactless (they have a ground-based part but provide no extra-neous friction or damping). The sensors are 1) optical, with ground reference, and 2) inertial (accelerometers). This experiment is the closest of the three to a real LSS because of its high modal density, low natural damping, and three-dimensional characteristics. It is controlled by a high-speed digital optimal controller capable of handling a large number of states (16 in this current phase). Control operates on pointing as well as vibration. Hardware failure prevented the full testing of this controller, but successful tests were conducted with a purely analog rigid body controller.

3.4.2 Components

Proof-mass actuators. These actuators produce a force on the structure by inertial reaction on a small mass (proof-mass), as shown in Fig. 3-1. Although an exact linear momentum counterpart of the angular momentum storage devices does not exist, the "proof-mass" actuator comes closest to the linear analog of a gyro.

An important feature is that the force \( f \) applied to the structure is the opposite of the force acting on the mass \( m \) of the actuator. Thus, this mass will accelerate with the acceleration \( -f/m \), and, unless the force is reversed, the mass will continue to travel. This seems an obvious point, but it is an important distinction from the CMG case, where the gimbal angle stays constant when no torque is generated. This means that proof-mass actuators cannot be used for rigid-body control; their main purpose is to control vibrations, since in this case they will produce a force with no DC content. In fact, in practical implementations these actuators will always be AC coupled to remove any possible bias, and the mass will have to be physically restrained by a weak spring so it will not drift.
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3.4.2 COMPONENTS: PROOF-MASS ACTUATORS

Existing linear actuators (i.e., those which provide a translational motion, such as the Ling Shaker) are plagued by three main disadvantages: considerable weight, stiff guiding/suspension systems with inherent friction, and weakness of the suspension system in transverse loadings. To remedy these difficulties a new actuator was recently developed, the so-called pivoted proof-mass (PPM) actuator. In this actuator the linear motion of the proof-mass is approximated by a small circle of arc about a pivot point realized by a flexure. This type of flex-pivot has three advantages: 1) it is very strong in transverse loadings; 2) it has no stiction; and 3) it is extremely accurate mechanically. The actuation is obtained by a light electrodynamic motor. Figure 3-2 shows a picture of an actual PPM prototype, and Fig. 3-3 shows a schematic of the device.

Despite its much improved performances, the PPM actuator still has some residual undesirable dynamics characteristics, mostly due to non-linearities and the flexure spring constant. In order to eliminate these characteristics, the velocity of the proof-mass is controlled by the servo-loop shown in Fig. 3-4. The behavior of this velocity-controlled actuator is described in the following discussion.

Let \( m \) be the mass of the proof-mass, \( k \) the stiffness of the suspension system, and \( x \) the relative displacement of the proof-mass. The actuator is attached to some structure where displacement is denoted by \( y \). Thus, the transformed equations of the system in the s-plane are

\[
ms^2(x + y) + kx = -f + G(v_c - v) \\
v = sx \\
y = z(s)f
\]

where \( z(s) \) is a transfer function characteristic of the structure and may be very small in the frequency range of interest if the structure is very rigid (e.g., the actuator mounted on a test bench). Solving Eq. (3.1) for \( v \) gives the transfer function

\[
v/v_c = \left[ 1 + \frac{k + ms^2}{Gs(1 + ms^2 z(s))} \right]^{-1} \tag{3.2}
\]

Thus, for \( G \) large enough, the influence of \( m \), \( k \), and \( z \) are washed out, and \( v \) basically follows the commanded velocity \( v_c \). The bandwidth of such systems is given approximately by

\[
\omega_0 = \frac{G}{m}, \tag{3.3}
\]

and the minimum achievable velocity is

\[
v_{\text{min}} = \frac{f_0}{G} \tag{3.4}
\]
where \( f_n \) is the friction force in the actuator system. Thus, linearity in both frequency response and amplitude is greatly improved by the velocity feedback. Figure 3-5 shows a typical example of open- and closed-loop transfer functions of this actuator.

Integrating once leads to

\[
\dot{v} = \frac{n}{m} v + \text{constant}.
\]  

(3.8)

This shows that the velocity of the actuator must be proportional to the structural displacement. Therefore, when using a VC actuator, one should feed back position and not rate as for force actuators. This is an unusual but very important point to be noted. For example, consider the electronic compensator shown in Fig. 3-6. The commanded force \( f_c \) goes through a gain \(-1/m\) and is integrated before going to the VC actuator. The velocity of the proof-mass is then \( v = f_c/m \) and the force output is \( f = -m\dot{v} - f_c \). Thus, the integrating circuit has transformed the VC actuator into a force actuator. In practical applications, however, it is important to remember that proof-mass actuators must be AC coupled, and thus the integration in Fig. 3-6 must be replaced by a compensation of the type \( s/(s + a)(s + b) \) where \( a \) and \( b \) are small compared to the frequency of the lowest mode to be controlled.

Fig. 3-5 Velocity Response of PPM Actuator

Velocity-controlled (VC) actuators are quite different from force actuators and therefore must be used differently. For LAC implementation, the usual control law in its simplest form is

\[
f = -D\dot{y}.
\]  

(3.5)

If the structural displacement \( y \) is relatively small compared to the displacement of the proof-mass\(^*\), then

\[
f = -m\ddot{x},
\]  

(3.6)

and Eqs. (3.5) and (3.6) can be combined to give

\[
\ddot{x} = \frac{D}{m} y.
\]  

(3.7)

\(^*\)This is normally the case because the structure's local apparent mass is usually larger than the mass of the proof-mass.

**Fig. 3-6 Electronic Compensation for Velocity-Controlled (VC) Actuators**

The dynamics of the PPM actuator are not as straightforward as those of the linear type. A dynamic model of the actuator is shown in Fig. 3-7.
Because of pivoting, both reaction force and torque are produced on the structure. Application of D'Alembert's principle shows that

\[
\begin{align*}
 f &= -mb \left( \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \sin \theta \right) \\
 f &= mb \left( \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - \theta^2 \sin \theta \right) \\
 T &= (I + mb^2) \ddot{\theta} - mbd \left( \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - \theta^2 \sin \theta \right) \\
\end{align*}
\]

(3.9)

Since the angular displacement \( \theta \) is usually limited to a few degrees, the above equations may be conveniently linearized. The longitudinal force \( f_L \) may be ignored, so that the force and torque applied to the structure by the actuator are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
 f &= mb \ddot{\theta} \\
 T &= (I + mb^2) \ddot{\theta} - mbd \left( \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - \theta^2 \sin \theta \right) \\
\end{align*}
\]

(3.10) and (3.11)

where

\[
\ddot{\theta} = \frac{r f_e}{I + mb^2} .
\]

(3.12)

Equation (3.11) shows that it is possible to have no torque transmitted to the structure by choosing the attachment point at the distance

\[
d_0 = (I + mb^2)/mb .
\]

(3.13)

Varying \( d \) above or below this value will change the sign of the output torque as well as its magnitude. The mass of the PPM actuator and its CM may be adjusted by changing the position and mass of a lead piece situated at a distance \( r \) from the pivot point.

Let \( b_0 \), \( m_0 \), and \( l_0 \) be, respectively, the position of the CM, the mass, and the moment of inertia with respect to the pivot of the "unloaded" actuator, and let \( m_1 \) be the mass of the lead piece with which it is loaded. Then

\[
\begin{align*}
 m &= m_0 + m_1 \\
 b &= \frac{m_0 b_0 + m_1 l}{m} \\
 I &= m_0 b_0^2 + m_1 l_0^2. \\
\end{align*}
\]

(3.14)

Using Eqs. (3.10) and (3.12) the ratio of the output force to the electrodynamic force can be expressed as

\[
\frac{f}{f_e} = \left( \frac{1 + m_0 b_0 / m_1 l}{1 + l_0 / m_1 l_0^2} \right) \frac{r}{L}.
\]

(3.15)

In addition to the mass/inertia properties mentioned previously, two important parameters must be considered in the design and use of PPM actuators:

(1) \( f_{em} \) = maximum electrodynamic force
(2) \( \theta_{em} \) = maximum angular displacement.

Since the angular displacement \( \theta \) depends upon the frequency, optimal choices for the design parameters will depend upon the frequency range of application. From the two conditions

\[
\begin{align*}
|f| &\leq f_{em} \\
|\theta| &\leq \theta_{em}
\end{align*}
\]

(3.16) and (3.17)

and Eqs. (3.10), (3.14) and (3.15), two more conditions, namely

\[
\begin{align*}
|f| &\leq \left( \frac{1 + m_0 b_0 / m_1 l}{1 + l_0 / m_1 l_0^2} \right) \frac{r}{L} \frac{f_{em}}{f_e} \\
|f| &\leq (1 + m_0 b_0 / m_1 l) m_1 l_0^2 \theta_{em}
\end{align*}
\]

(3.18) and (3.19)

are found when \( \omega/2\pi \) is the frequency of the output force.
Design regions may be derived from these conditions. The quantities $\ell/r$ and $w$ may be chosen as main parameters, and regions of possible values of $f$ may be plotted as functions of them. Typical plots were obtained for the prototype PPM actuator, whose characteristic parameters are shown in Table 3-1.

![Image of Table 3-1]

Table 3-1

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<th>CHARACTERISTIC PARAMETERS OF PROTOTYPE PPM ACTUATOR</th>
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<td>Mass</td>
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<td>$I_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ kgm$^2$</td>
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<td>$m_0 = 0.088$ kg</td>
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<td>$e_m = 0.067$ rad</td>
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The actuator used in the experiments has a proof-mass $m_i = 0.08$ kg. Figure 3-8 shows the output force $f$ as a function of $\ell/r$. Depending on the lever arm, more or less force can be obtained. The zero point (obtained for a negative value of $\ell$) corresponds to locating the composite center of mass at the pivot point.

![Image of Figure 3-8]

The fact that the curve in Fig. 3-8 does not go to infinity for $\ell/r = 0$ but has a maximum is due to the inertia of the unloaded actuator, which absorbs part of the energy going to the proof-mass $m_i$. The straight lines represent the limits, at various frequencies, due to the angular travel limitation. It is thus seen that at a given frequency there is an optimum value for $\ell/r$ corresponding to the intersection of the curve and the straight line. If this value of $\ell/r$ is chosen for a given frequency, then the actuator will perform properly at all higher frequencies. For instance, if this actuator has to control vibrations at or above 5 Hz, a value close to 3 is optimal for $\ell/r$, leading to the corresponding values:

$$\begin{align*}
\ell &= 0.062 \text{ m} \\
b &= 0.038 \text{ m} \\
m &= 0.168 \text{ kg} \\
i &= 8.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg m}^2
\end{align*}$$

The effect of increasing the mass $m_i$ is to increase the angular travel limit, thus allowing the actuator to work at lower frequencies with basically the same force output. Obviously the increase in mass can be traded off against an increase of $\ell/r$, but at the expense of the force level.

Contactless Actuators. This type of actuator was designed to provide small but continuous forces for rigid body control purposes in the laboratory. Attitude control in ground experiments usually presents a special problem because the PPM actuators saturate almost immediately at any DC level needed to compensate for external disturbances (air currents, suspension stiffness, or unbalance).

For small specimens, gyros are not feasible because they would have to be miniaturized or because they too will tend to saturate after a while.

Electrodynamic actuators connected to the ground usually introduce too much friction and damping and interfere with the six-degrees-of-freedom suspension system. One simple way to produce forces without mechanical contact is by the interaction of a small permanent magnet with a fixed-base magnetic field created by a coil as shown in Fig. 3-9. Passive stabilization of the specimen may be obtained by a purely magnetic system as shown in Fig. 3-10, where the magnet attached to the structure has a neutral equilibrium position. (This is not a stable equilibrium along the magnet axis, but the structure's motion along this axis is usually stabilized by the mechanical suspension itself.)
The contactless stabilizer used in the plate experiment is a combination of the devices in Figs. 3-9 and 3-10 and is depicted in Fig. 3-11.

**Electroseis Actuators.** These actuators are made by Acoustic Power Systems, and their primary function is to provide excitation for testing structures. They are of the linear type, i.e., the force is transmitted through a rod which is moving along its own axis. The force is produced by a coil/permanent magnet system. The constrained translation of the moving part is provided by rollers.

The use of electroseis actuators in a control system is made difficult by their friction characteristics, their nonlinear behavior at high force level or frequency, their large weight (80 lb), and the fact that they must have their base mounted on the ground. The output stroke is ± 6 in., and they can provide a maximum of 30 lb output. Their frequency range is between 1.0 Hz and 30.0 Hz. Since the moving part weighs about 5 lb, it affects the characteristics of the structure to which it is attached and has to be taken into account in the analytical model of the structure. This type of actuator was used for the Toysat experiment and worked reasonably well, given its pathologies.
Actuator Calibration. Calibration of a PPM actuator is performed with the actuator tightly mounted on an optical bench. Angular motions are detected optically (by a laser beam, mirror, and linear detector), inertially (by an accelerometer), and electromagnetically (by the velocity sensor coil) as shown in Fig. 3-12. The primary measurement is the optical one because of its accuracy and sensitivity. The accelerometer provides a way to cross-check the data in the high frequency range. These measurements, along with those of voltages and currents in the servo-loop, allow for the calibration of the velocity sensor, the output force of the actuator (versus input current), and the various gains in the servo-loop. The principal results are shown in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2

<table>
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<th>PPM ACTUATOR BENCH TEST RESULTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>$f/I$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\delta_v$</td>
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<td>$\delta_v$</td>
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Note that the force calibration is indirect, obtained from the measurement of the angular amplitude $\phi_m$ and the relation

$$f = mb \omega^2 \phi_m$$

where $\omega/2\pi$ is the excitation frequency, and $m$ and $b$ are the quantities defined in Eqs. (3.14) and computed from the (measured) values given in Table 3-1.

The contactless actuators were calibrated directly on the circular plate from observations of the rigid-body response under low-frequency sinusoidal excitation. The force was obtained from the relation

$$f = \frac{M}{4} \omega^2 \phi_m$$

where $M$ is the mass of the plate, and $\phi_m$ is the rigid-body rotation angle. For these actuators the force/current relation was found to be:

$$f/I = 0.1 N/amp$$

Fig. 3-12 PPM Actuator Calibration
Finally, the electroseis actuators were calibrated on the bench by means of load cells.

Sensors. Two types of sensors were used in all the brassboard experiments - accelerometers and optical angular sensors. However, a new optical sensor, the "microphase optic" sensor, was developed and tested during this phase of the contract. The accelerometers are Umholtz-Dikie piezoelectric accelerometers with an output of 1 V/g. Their sensitivity above 3 Hz is about 1 mg.

The optical angular sensor uses three elements:
1. A low-power He-Ne laser producing a beam used as a reference for angle measurements
2. A small mirror mounted on the structure, reflecting the laser beam
3. A linear photodetector measuring the displacement of the reflected beam.

Such a device was used to calibrate the PPM actuators shown in Fig. 3-12.

For long optical paths (10 to 40 ft or more) it is customary to add a beam expander to the laser to ensure good convergence of the spot on the detector. The detectors used in the experiments were United Detector Technology two-axis photodetectors. Their active area is 0.74 x 0.74 (in.²), and their sensitivity is 0.0001 in. per mil. Special low-noise amplifiers are used in conjunction with them. With a 1 mw laser the output at maximum deflection is about ± 12 V.

The principle of the microphase optics sensing system was described previously in the ACOSS THREE Phase 1 final report (Ref. 1). This system is capable of simultaneously measuring the position of several points on a structure by sending laser beams to corner mirrors and measuring the phase of the return beams. A ten-channel package was built, and preliminary tests were made. Figure 3-13 shows a picture of the optical package. Its external dimensions are 24-3/4 x 14-1/4 x 5 (in.).

Because of the sensor's extreme sensitivity (0.05 μm), dynamic range (2 cm), and wide bandwidth (5 kHz), it appears very promising for complex structures (e.g., dynamic figure control of large optical systems).

3.4.3 Test Plan

The experimental objectives of this study are summarized in Table 3-3 below.

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<tr>
<th>CONTROL TYPE</th>
<th>BRASSBOARD</th>
<th>OBJECTIVE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low-Authority (LAC)</td>
<td>Slim Vertical Beam</td>
<td>• Robustness Demonstration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High-Authority (HAC)</td>
<td>Two-Stage Structure</td>
<td>• Robustness Demonstration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HAC with LAC</td>
<td>Circular Plate</td>
<td>• Multi-Mode/Multi-Actuator Control</td>
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In order to reach these objectives, a test plan was established for each of the experiments. These test plans are described in Tables 3-4 to 3-7.

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<tr>
<th>Table 3-4</th>
<th>SLIM BEAM TEST MATRIX</th>
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<tr>
<td>TEST NO.</td>
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<td>ACTUATOR CHARACTERISTICS</td>
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<td>PERFORMANCE</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>GAIN VARIATION</td>
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<td>WITH LOW PASS FILTER</td>
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<th>Table 3-5</th>
<th>TOYSAT: HAC ESTIMATOR DESIGN</th>
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<td>SAMPLE RATE (Hz)</td>
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<td>IN-TRAIN UNMODELED MODES TESTS</td>
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Fig. 3-13 Microphase Optics Ten-Channel Package
The Slim Beam test matrix is shown in Table 3-4. The most important tests were Nos. 1 to 10. The effects of noncolocation and nonconsistency of the sensor/actuator system were also shown in the tests. These effects precluded the observation of the fundamental LAC theorem, which presupposes colocation and consistency. Digital state estimator studies conducted on the Toysat experiments are shown in Table 3-5, and the digital optimal controller (HAC) experiments are listed in Table 3-6.

The circular plate experiment test matrices are shown in Table 3-7. Because of hardware problems, digital controller tests could not be performed. However, successful tests were obtained with an analog two-axis rigid body controller using two contactless actuators.

### Table 3-6 TOYSAT: HAC CONTROLLER EXPERIMENTS

<table>
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<tr>
<th>TEST</th>
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<th>PLANT</th>
<th>CONTROLLER</th>
<th>SAMPLE RATE (Hz)</th>
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### Table 3-7 CIRCULAR PLATE TEST MATRIX

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<td>UNSTABLE CASE STABILIZED</td>
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### Notes
- Type 1 disturbances are actually two tests. The first test is with broad-band disturbances within the controller bandwidth. The second type is broad-band past the controller bandwidth.
- Plant 1 is baseline plate, Plant 2 is small variation, Plant 3 is a large variation.
demonstrating the fundamental spillover problem and its stabilization by an LAC system.

3.5 VERIFICATION

3.5.1 Toysat Experiment

Phase 1A Objectives. In Phase 1, the Toysat experiment was used to demonstrate optimal slewing, Low Authority Control, and High Authority Control.

For Phase 1A, the Toysat objective was to delve into the mechanics of the digital High Authority Control. Areas of concern were: 1) agreement between analytical prediction and experimental results; 2) spillover; 3) low sample rate systems; and 4) sensitivity to parameter errors. These were all investigated experimentally, and the results are presented here.

Hardware Setup. A drawing of the Toysat experimental setup is shown in Fig. 3-14. The test setup consists of a 12-ft flexible beam fastened to the side of a 1.3-ft square block of aluminum. To accentuate bending, a 2-lb weight is attached to each end of the beam. The beam is suspended from the ceiling in such a way as to allow free motion in the horizontal plane.

Control of the motion of the specimen is provided by two linear actuators. When the actuators act together, translational motion results, and when equal but opposite commands are given, pure rotational motion results. Sensing is provided by accelerometers mounted at the ends of the flexible beam and by linear position sensors mounted in tandem with the linear actuators. The average of the two accelerometer measurements indicates the translational motion, and their difference measures the rotational motion. The same holds true for the position sensors. The separation of rotation and translation in both controller and sensor, as well as in the physical behavior of the Toysat, allows independent and separate design of translational and rotational control laws.

Figure 3-15 shows how the Toysat is connected by way of A/D and D/A converters to a computer where the digital control law is implemented. The large number of computations necessary to carry out the control law is handled by an array processor which allows a sampling rate of 80 Hz.

The frequencies, dampings, and mode shapes for the assembled system are shown in Table 3-8. These data result from a judicious combination of analysis and testing. The rigid body modes and the first two bending modes in both translation and rotation are used in controls synthesis and implementation. The remaining modes are used to evaluate the effect of spillover. The frequencies and dampings (\(\omega_1, \psi_1\)) are assembled in the usual block diagonal form to give the \(\Phi\) matrix, the \(\eta_j\) give the \(G\) matrix, and the \(\psi_j (0)\) and \(\psi_j (\infty)\) give the \(H_1\) and \(H_2\) matrix components corresponding to the linear sensors and accelerometers respectively. (For definitions of these matrices, see Section 4.2.1.)

Controls Synthesis. The controller implemented in the hardware has the form:

\[
\dot{x}_{n+1} = \phi \dot{x}_n + \Gamma u_n + Kz_n
\]

\[
U_n = Cx_n
\]

where \(\phi\) denotes the transition matrix, and \(\Gamma, K, C\) are constant matrices to be determined. This deceptively simple form conceals a
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The problem is defined in the continuous domain by Eqs. (3.22) below. (The state covariance is specified in the continuous domain.)

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x} &= Fx + Gu + w_c \\
\dot{z} &= H_1x + H_2x + v_c
\end{align*}
\]  

(3.22)

\(w_c\) is white noise, zero mean, covariance \(Q_c\); 
\(v_c\) is white noise, zero mean, covariance \(R_c\).

The extra term \(H_2\) is necessary because the standard form does not allow for acceleration measurements. The specific entries in the matrices for the separate translation and rotation plants are given in Table 3-8.

### Table 3-8
TOYSAT MODAL FREQUENCIES, DAMPINGS, MODE SHAPES, AND INFLUENCE COEFFICIENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(\omega_i) (Hz)</th>
<th>(\zeta_i) (%)</th>
<th>(\phi_i) (deg)</th>
<th>(\psi_i) (deg)</th>
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Total Mass = 3.708 slugs 
Total Inertia = 140.47 lb-in.-lb s\(^2\)

*An approximation for a phenomenon that cannot be accounted for by modal damping.

The first step in the synthesis process is to convert the continuous system given in Eqs. (3.22) to a discrete system,

\[
\begin{align*}
x_{n+1} &= \Phi x_n + L u_n + w_d \\
\end{align*}
\]

(3.23)

\[
\begin{align*}
z_n &= H_1x_n + H_2x_n + v
\end{align*}
\]

The extra term \(H_2\) is necessary because the standard form does not allow for acceleration measurements. The state covariance is specified in the continuous domain. (The domain.)

To account for this separation we will present first the estimator synthesis and then the control gains synthesis.

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The result is

\[
\begin{align*}
x_n &= \Phi x_{n-1} + \Phi H_1 H_1^T x_{n-1} + \Phi H_1 H_2 v_n + \Phi H_1 u_n + H_1 y_{n-1} + H_2 y_n + w_d
\end{align*}
\]

(3.27)

where \(L\) is to be determined later. The result is

\[
\begin{align*}
x_{n+1} &= [\Phi - LH_1 - LH_2 F] x_n \\
&\quad + [\Gamma - LH_2 G] u_n + L z_n + w_d - LH_2 w_c - Lv
\end{align*}
\]

(3.26)

Equations (3.25) and (3.27) together constitute the usual Kalman filter problem if \(L\) is chosen so that the measurement noise \((H_2w_c + v)\) and the state noise \((w_d - LH_2 w_c - Lv)\) are uncorrelated. Equation (3.28) shows the choice of \(L\) that accomplishes this.

\[
\begin{align*}
L &= \Phi(T) Q_c H_2^T [H_2 Q_c H_2^T + R_f]^{-1}
\end{align*}
\]

(3.28)
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Standard optimal techniques may now be used to obtain the filter gains \( K \). The resulting filter has the form

\[
\hat{x}_{n+1} = [\Phi - (L + K)(H_1 + H_2 F)] \hat{x}_n + [I' - (L + K) H_2 G] u_n + (L + K) z_n.
\]  

\( \Phi' \) and \( \Gamma' \) shown in Eq. (3.21) are just the appropriate coefficients of \( x_n \) and \( u_n \) from Eq. (3.29).

Control Gains. The control segment of the problem is specified by

\[
x = Fx + Gu
\]  

with the cost functional

\[
J = \int_0^\infty (x^T A x + u^T B u) \, dt.
\]

Again, as with the filter, this problem is converted to a discrete problem

\[
\hat{x}_{n+1} = \Phi \hat{x}_n + \Gamma u_n,
\]  

but now the cost function is specified by

\[
J = \sum_{n=1}^\infty (\hat{x}_n^T \bar{Q} \hat{x}_n + u_n^T \bar{S} u_n + 2 u_n^T \bar{R} \hat{x}_n),
\]  

where the weights \( \bar{Q}, \bar{S}, \bar{R} \) of the discrete problem are given by

\[
\bar{Q} = \int_0^\infty \Phi(t) A \Phi(t) \, dt,
\]  

\[
\bar{S} = \int_0^\infty I^T (t) A \Phi(t) \, dt,
\]  

\[
\bar{R} = \int_0^\infty \{ B + I^T (t) A \Gamma (t) \} \, dt.
\]

Equations (3.31) and (3.32) specify a standard discrete optimal control problem that is easily solved by standard methods. The resulting gains \( C \) are those implemented in the controller specified by Eq. (3.21).

Evaluation of controller. When the six-state controller for either translation or rotation is completed, it is tested on an augmented fourteen-state evaluation model. The eigenvalues of the six-state controller operating on the fourteen-state plant are investigated for signs of spillover. These eigenvalues are those of the matrix shown in Fig. 3-16. The subscripts 14 in this figure refer to the fourteen-state evaluation model.

Specific Controls Design. The actual gain selection procedure, like the theory, divides into separate estimator and control gains selections. First a filter was designed and tested on the open-loop system. When that seemed to be working, the loop was closed with an appropriate set of control gains.

To obtain filter gains, the parameters to be selected were the continuous state noise covariance matrix \( Q_c \) (defined in Eq. (3.22)) a six-by-six matrix for either translation or rotation, and the state noise covariance matrix \( R \) (defined in Eq. (3.23)), a two-by-two matrix assumed to be diagonal.

The approach to choosing \( Q_c \) and \( R \) was to pick \( Q_c \) so as to maximize the separation of the estimator poles. When done correctly this assures that the separate states in the Kalman filter contain just the intended modal amplitude
and very little of the others. That is, $Q_c$ is picked to minimize cross-talk between modes in the Kalman filter.

Figure 3-17 shows the time history of the estimates of the state vector for a good choice of $Q_c$. The specimen had been excited by a four-second chirp (a fast sine sweep varying linearly in frequency), and the outputs of the estimator were recorded. The rigid-body channels contain all the low-frequency movement, while the modal channels separate the remaining frequencies nicely.

The measurement covariance matrix $R$ was chosen to force good convergence of a modal reconstruction of the measurements with the actual measurements. That is, individual components of $R$ are increased until corresponding components of $Hx$ converge with the actual measurements fairly quickly. Figures 3-18 and 3-19 show that the modal reconstruction of the rotational displacement and tip acceleration converge quite quickly with the actual measurements. Again, in this case the specimen had been perturbed by a four-second chirp and then allowed to settle.

Once a filter design has been established, the selection of control gains is straightforward. Since there was no obvious physical quantity such as a line of sight on the Toysat, the control weights were picked to give fast and roughly equal settling times for all modes. The values for the covariance matrices and control weighting matrices which generated the nominal controller are shown in Table 3-9 for the translation controller and in Table 3-10 for the rotation controller. Also shown are the resulting filter and control pole locations.

**Toysat Experimental Results.** The hardware tests of the control system described in the previous section are slight variations of standard modal identification tests. A four-second chirp containing frequencies from 0 to 40 Hz is applied simultaneously in rotation and translation through the Electroseis shakers. This open-loop command is superimposed upon any feedback commands which may be generated by the control law given in Eq. (3.21). The open-loop chirp command is also communicated to the estimator.

Data are taken for twelve seconds. Since the chirp begins sometime in the first second, this allows for roughly eight seconds of data after the chirp has expired. Data saved during
the test run include the open- and closed-loop control commands, all four measurements, and the twelve Kalman filter states during the run. Post-experiment processing allows analysis of the data in the frequency domain as well as in the time domain.

Figures 3-20 through 3-25 illustrate various forms of results from the control system test described in Tables 3-9 and 3-10. Figures 3-20 and 3-21 show comparisons of the four measurements taken during two separate test runs; one without controls, and one with the control.
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3.5.1 TOYSAT EXPERIMENT: EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Table 3-9
80-Hz CONTROLLER DESIGN PARAMETERS

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<td>0 0 0</td>
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<td>symmetric 833 0</td>
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</table>

**TRANSLATION**

B = 3 x 10^{-3}

\[ Q_c = \text{Diag.} (0.5 \times 10^{-3}, 0, 0.02, 3 \times 10^{-6}) \]

\[ R = \text{Diag.} (8 \times 10^{-5}, 8 \times 10^{-1}) \]

**CONTROL POLES**

-4.2 ± i 0.808
-5.1 ± i 9.1
-6.7 ± i 56.7

**FILTER POLES**

5.2 ± i 5.3
-9.8 ± i 5.8
-28.7 ± i 50.2

Table 3-10
80-Hz CONTROLLER DESIGN PARAMETERS

**ROTATION**

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} 718 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.22 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ B = 1 \times 10^{-5} \]

\[ Q_c = \text{Diag.} (0, 1.0 \times 10^{-3}, 0, 1.0, 0, 3 \times 10^{-3}) \]

\[ R = \text{Diag.} (5 \times 10^{-4}, 5 \times 10^{-4}) \]

**CONTROL POLES**

-9.5 ± i 4.9
-6.4 ± i 17.1
-5.7 ± i 60.1

**FILTER POLES**

-2.4 ± i 2.5
-12.3 ± i 10.4
-33.8 ± i 54.9

Fig. 3-20 Open- and Closed-Loop Central Body Measurements
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Fig. 3-21 Open- and Closed-Loop Tip Acceleration Measurements

Fig. 3-22 Closed-Loop Kalman Filter Output (Response to 4-s Chirp)
system loop closed. The closed-loop data show much faster settling time than do the data from the open-loop test. Also, peak excursions during the chirp excitation are considerably smaller. Figure 3-22 shows the Kalman filter states during the closed-loop test. This may be compared with Fig. 3-17 which describes the same states during the open-loop test.

Figures 3-23 and 3-24 present frequency domain comparisons of open- and closed-loop transfer functions for tip accelerations to inputs through the central shakers. Figure 3-23 shows that the translation controller reduces the response of the first two bending modes (at 1 and 9 Hz) to below the level of the third unmodeled bending mode (28 Hz). The first mode amplitude is reduced by a factor of eight, a number which is proportional to the increase in damping. The damping was measured by fitting second order models to the transfer function. The closed-loop was roughly 4 percent for the first mode (versus 0.29 percent open-loop) and 11 percent for the second mode (versus 0.54 percent open-loop). For the rotation controller, the first and second modes (2.6 and 9.8 Hz) were also reduced below the level of the third mode (28 Hz). Again, the ratio of the reduced amplitude was proportional to the increase in damping. The first mode closed-loop damping was roughly 6 percent (versus 0.33 percent open-loop), and the second mode was 12 percent (versus 0.3 percent open-loop).

The damping measured from test data does not exactly agree with the analytically predicted pole locations shown in Tables 3-9 and 3-10. The predictions for the second mode behavior were reasonably close, but the first mode predictions were quite inaccurate. These differences are dramatically illustrated by the charts in Fig. 3-25. The failure of the first mode to behave as expected may almost certainly be attributed to poor low-frequency response of the Electroseis actuators.

![Fig. 3-23 Open- and Closed-Loop Transfer Functions; Translational Tip Acceleration/Input Chirp](image-url)
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**Fig. 3-24** Open- and Closed-Loop Transfer Functions; Rotational Tip Acceleration/Input Chirp

**Fig. 3-25** Closed-Loop Pole Location; Predicted vs. Test
Figure 3-26 shows the result of a deliberate attempt to provoke the phenomena commonly known as spillover. A new control system was generated by reducing the weight on the translation control by a factor of one hundred from that given in Table 3-9. The analysis predicted that this controller would cause the first unmodeled mode (at 29 Hz) to go unstable. Test results given in Fig. 3-26 demonstrate that indeed something did go unstable. The frequency domain transfer function in Fig. 3-27 confirms that it was the 29-Hz mode which dominated the instability.

![Fig. 3-26 Measurements for Case With Provoked Spillover](image)

![Fig. 3-27 Transfer Function; Spillover Case Rotational Tip Acceleration/Input Chirp](image)
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Fig. 3-28 Measured and Predicted Open-Loop Central Body Rotation for a 20-Hz Sample Rate Kalman Filter

Fig. 3-29 Measured Tip Acceleration for Two Closed-Loop Tests, One With Nominal Configuration, One With One 2-lb Tip Mass Removed
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3.5.2 Slim Beam Experiment

Objectives. The main objective of the Slim Beam experiment is the verification of Low Authority Control (LAC) theory using a simple three-dimensional structure. The main features of interest are: 1) comparison between predicted and actual damping; 2) effects of cross-axis coupling, noncolocation, and nonconsistency of sensors and actuators; and 3) robustness of the LAC controller under significant parameter variations. A secondary (but nonetheless important) objective of this experiment is the demonstration of the use of proof-mass actuators for vibration control. Thus, correct modeling and calibration of these actuators is an important part of this experiment and a determinant factor in its success. A third objective of the Slim Beam experiment is to verify the LAC stability theorem, i.e., the relationship between the internal passive damping of the actuator and the maximum achievable active damping in the structure. The first two objectives of this experiment have been achieved. However, as will be shown later, it was not possible to accomplish the third objective due to certain characteristics of the experimental setup and the particular nature of the actuators.

Hardware Mechanizations. The structure to be controlled is a 5.3-ft long thin-wall stainless steel tube (3/8 in. OD, 10 mil thick) suspended vertically by string and spring (Fig. 3-30). Rigid mounting pieces are attached on both ends of the beam: at the upper end an aluminum cylinder, at the lower end, a square aluminum plate. The suspension string is attached directly to the cylinder.

The sensing system consists of a laser attached to the cylinder with a linear photodetector on its side. The laser beam is reflected by a small mirror mounted on top of the square plate. The beam hits the detector, which measures the beam's displacements along the 1- and 2- axes. Thus, this sensor measures the difference between the rotations of the plate and the laser about the 1- and 2-axes. However, because the laser assembly is very massive (lead weights were added to balance the laser and increase the rotational inertia), the major contribution comes from the plate rotations.

In addition, two Unholz-Dikie accelerometers are mounted on the square plate. These measure acceleration along the 1- and 2-axes (Fig. 3-31).

![Slim Beam Hardware Setup](image)

![Slim Beam Sensors/Actuators](image)

Fig. 3-30 Slim Beam Hardware Setup

Fig. 3-31 Slim Beam Sensors/Actuators
This sensing system is, to the first order, insensitive to torsion modes, i.e., rotation of the beam about its own axis (vertical 3-axis).

Actuation is provided by two PPM actuators mounted on the square plate. These exert reaction forces along the 1- and 2-axes respectively. In addition, a third PPM actuator is mounted on the cylinder. It provides excitation forces in both the 1- and 2-axes directions.

The control (LAC) system uses analog compensators connected to the optical (laser) sensor and the two bottom actuators. The testing system is based on the Vibration Analysis and Measurement Program (VAMP) and uses the top actuator as an exciter and both optical and inertial sensors. In this way the beam can be tested independently of the control system, both in open- and closed-loop configurations. The system's overall configuration is shown in Fig. 3-32. Figure 3-33 depicts the compensation circuits of the LAC system.

Control Synthesis/Simulation Results. In order to formulate the control problem, a finite element model of the slim beam/suspension system was created as shown in Fig. 3-34. Base plate and laser assembly were treated as lumped mass/inertias, but massless nodal points were added to the model (e.g., points 13, 16, 17, 18), so that actuator and sensor influence coefficients could be obtained.

\[
G_1 = \frac{F}{\theta_i} = G_1 \times \frac{K_i}{K_{opt} K_v} m^* 
\]

- \( m^* = 0.086 \) (kg)
- \( K_1 = 2.65 \)
- \( K_2 = 2.24 \)
- \( K_{opt} = 682 \) (V/RAD)
- \( K_v = 0.124 \) (V/ms\(^{-1}\))
- \( G_v = 1200 \)

\[
\begin{align*}
C_1 &= 1.04 G_1 \text{ (AXIS 1)} \\
C_2 &= 0.88 G_2 \text{ (AXIS 2)}
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 3-33 LAC Control Loop Parameters
Computation of the $H$ matrix involves the angular sensor. In the analog mechanization of measurement vector $y$ represents the time rate of change of the angular sensor. Thus, $x$ is a 30-dimensional vector here. The vector $u$ contains the inputs to the two PPM actuators, while $u_e$ is the input to the exciter. The measurement vector $y$ represents the time rate of change of the two angular sensors' outputs.

The term $x$ is the vector of modal amplitudes (and their time derivatives). Fifteen modes were generated by the finite element program. Thus, $x$ is a 30-dimensional vector here. The first six modes are suspension and pendulum type modes and of little interest for the experiment. The next three modes are bending and torsion modes and have been studied in detail in this experiment. Figure 3-35 shows the corresponding mode shapes. The vector $u$ contains the inputs to the two PPM actuators, while $u_e$ is the input to the exciter. The measurement vector $y$ represents the time rate of change of the two angular sensors' outputs.

Computation of the $H$ matrix involves the construction of the difference between the rotation angles of the base and of the laser for the angular sensor. In the analog mechanization of

Equations are:

$$ x = Fx + Gu + Du_e $$  \hspace{1cm} (3.33)

$$ y = Hx $$

The eigenvalues of $(F+GCH)$ are the closed-loop poles computed for later comparison with the experimental values.

LAC for the slim beam experiment, the angular sensor truly measures angles and the implemented control law has the form $v = Ce$, where $v$ is the velocity of the proof-mass of the PPM actuator. However, this form of control is difficult to represent in the state-space formulation. Therefore, in the off-line digital computational model, the control law is given by the equivalent form $f = -C$ (see Section 3.4.2), where $f$ is the force applied by the PPM actuator. This forms the basis for the LAC gain synthesis computations. Thus, $y_1$ and $y_2$ are defined as angular rates rather than angles. Finally, the computation of the $G$ matrix includes both force and torque effects of the PPM actuators, using the model described in Section 3.4.2.

The LAC control law has the form

$$ u = Cy $$  \hspace{1cm} (3.34)

where $C$ is diagonal. The relationship between the gains $C_i$ and the electronic compensator gains is described in Fig. 3-33.

Forming the closed-loop equations from Eqs. (3.33) and (3.34) leads to

$$ x = (F + GCH)x + Du_e $$

The eigenvalues of $(F+GCH)$ are the closed-loop poles of the LAC system. A set of values for the $C$ matrix was chosen and the corresponding poles computed for later comparison with the experimental values.
Experimental Performance. The open- and closed-loop eigenvalues of the slim beam were determined experimentally using the full set of sensors and the VAMP program. The VAMP program provides a curve fit between the measured transfer functions $y/u$ and modal analytical expressions of the form

$$
\sum \frac{A_i + B_i\omega}{\omega_i^2 + 2j\xi_i\omega \omega - \omega^2}
$$

where $A_i$ and $B_i$ are complex coefficients, $\omega_i$ is the frequency of $i$th mode, and $\xi_i$ is the mode's damping ratio ($\xi_i = 2\sigma_i \sqrt{-1}$).

Table 3-12 shows a comparison between computed and measured open-loop characteristics. This comparison shows that the analytical (finite element) model was quite accurate in predicting the modal frequencies. However, the damping ratios were unknown and were assumed to be 0.4 percent. Although the measurement shows some significant departures from this value, the order of magnitude is in the expected range.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MODE NO.</th>
<th>FREQUENCIES</th>
<th>DAMPING RATIOS</th>
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<td></td>
<td>COMPUTED</td>
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<tr>
<td>RIGID</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>BODY</td>
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<td>MODES</td>
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<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>0.64</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>X BEND</td>
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</tr>
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<tr>
<td>X BEND</td>
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For the closed-loop tests, various combinations of the adjustable gains $G_1$ and $G_2$ were used (see Fig. 3-35), corresponding to various feedback gains $C_1$ and $C_2$:

$$
C_1 = 1.04 \ G_1 \\
C_2 = 0.88 \ G_2
$$

The combinations tested are given in Table 3-13 below.

<table>
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Figure 3-36 shows the comparison between predicted and measured frequencies, and Fig. 3-37 compares predicted and measured damping ratios. The vertical arrows in these two figures indicate the effect of changes in the plant parameters which will be discussed later. Mode No. 9, which is almost a pure torsion, is poorly controlled as expected. The last data point (No.10) was obtained by increasing $G_1$ and $G_2$ until the system became unstable, then backing off just enough to recover stability. Thus, the values of $G_1$ and $G_2$ shown in Table 3-13 for this data point are the maximum achievable gains in the LAC system. To these gains correspond maximum achievable damping ratios in the modes studied.
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The term \( y_j \), though much smaller than \( \phi_j \) because of the large inertia associated with the laser system, introduces a colocation error. Moreover, instead of a displacement \( x_i \), an angle is measured, violating the consistency requirement (displacement/force, rotation/torque). Although \( \phi_i \) and \( x_i \) are proportional and of the same sign for the low-frequency modes, at some higher frequencies they become of opposite sign, thus leading to instability. However, such instability is predictable by the LAC theory using the fundamental LAC formula (see Section 4.3.1)

\[
2\pi \omega_n = \sum_{ar} C_{ar} \rho_{an} \rho_{rn}
\]

The following expressions for the damping ratios of modes 7 and 8 (i.e., the first two bending modes studied) and modes 12 and 13 (higher frequency bending modes which went unstable) were obtained:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Mode No.</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>( 2\pi \omega_n )</th>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>5.00 Hz</td>
<td>( -0.015 \phi_1 + 3.37 \phi_2 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>5.78 Hz</td>
<td>( +0.03 \phi_1 - 0.236 \phi_2 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>29.16 Hz</td>
<td>( -1.6 \phi_1 + 0.65 \phi_2 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>29.93 Hz</td>
<td>( -0.063 \phi_1 + 0.34 \phi_2 )</td>
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Two phenomena can be seen in these expressions. First, as emphasized by arrows (1), a small cross-axis coupling exists due to the fact that the actuators are not exactly in the planes of the bending modes. Thus actuator No. 1, which controls mostly the 1-axis where mode 8 is the most active, also has some effect on mode 7 (as shown by the negative coefficient \(-0.016\) in front of \( C_1 \)). This has a destabilizing effect. However, the existence of the second actuator with the gain \( C_2 \) is enough to override this instability.

The more important problem is the noncolocation/nonconsistency effect which is shown by arrows (2). When \( C_2 \) is chosen with a sign compatible with a stable root (here \( C_2 \) must be negative to ensure a positive damping ratio \( \eta_7 \)), it has the wrong sign for mode 13. (See Table 3-12 for ordering of modes.) The same can be seen of the gain \( C_1 \), which must be positive to ensure stability of mode 8, but then destabilizes mode 12. Assuming that there already exists some (natural) damping in modes 12 and 13, it is possible to use the above set of equations to determine the maximum values for \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \) and thus for \( \eta_7 \) and \( \eta_8 \). The
values obtained are as follows where $\xi_{12}$ and $\xi_{13}$ represent existing natural damping:

$$
\xi_7 < 4.6 \xi_{13} \\
\xi_8 < 15 \xi_{12}
$$

The open-loop damping in modes 12 and 13 was thus measured and found to be about 1.6 percent. The following set of values summarizes the agreement between the predicted and experimental measurements:

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>$G_1$</th>
<th>$G_2$</th>
<th>$\xi_7$</th>
<th>$\xi_8$</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Predicted</td>
<td>3.52</td>
<td>1.57</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>23</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measured</td>
<td>4.39</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>18</td>
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</table>

It is believed that mode shape inaccuracies are responsible for the numerical discrepancies observed, since these numbers are particularly sensitive to the values in the $H$ and $G$ matrices, which are basically constructed with the normalized mode shapes.

The LAC control loop was implemented with a first order roll-off at 70 Hz in the hope of observing the instability predicted by the theorem. Because of the colocation/consistency effect, instability was observed at about 30 Hz. Attempts to roll-off the controller around 30 Hz did not change the results significantly.

Finally, a robustness test was made by simply attaching an 80-g lead mass near the middle of the beam. Figure 3-38 shows the spectra of excitation and sensor responses in nominal and perturbed cases. This perturbation does not affect the 6-Hz mode (torsion) but affects the first two bending modes quite strongly. However, the system remains very stable. Figure 3-39 shows how the frequency response was fitted by VAMP to obtain the perturbed frequencies and dampings. The effect of the perturbation is displayed in Figs. 3-36 and 3-37 by the arrow showing the corresponding changes in damping and frequencies.

3.5.3 Circular Plate

Objectives. The main objective of this experiment is the demonstration and verification of digital optimal control strategies applied to a
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specimen with more realistic spacecraft-like features, e.g., free body in space, dense spectrum of vibratory modes, very low natural damping, etc. The main features of interest are: 1) design, implementation, and modeling of the specimen; 2) synthesis, implementation, and testing of various optimal digital controllers (HAC) to control both rigid body (attitude) and a certain number of flexible modes; and 3) study of the HAC spillover problem and its cure by adjoining an LAC system.

A secondary objective is the testing of methods for incorporation of velocity-controlled PPM actuators in optimal controller mechanizations. Most of the objectives were accomplished, except for the actual testing of the digital controller. This was not performed due to persistent microprocessor hardware failures. However, these failure problems have since been solved and understood and have provided valuable information for future digital mechanizations.

Hardware Mechanizations. The structure to be controlled is a flat circular aluminum plate of 1.2-m diameter and 1/8-in. thickness. It is suspended vertically by two spring and string systems attached near its center (Fig. 3-40). This device provides nearly unrestrained conditions for the plate, with the rigid body modes being below 1 Hz, while the first bending occurs at about 19 Hz. The lead masses in series with the suspension springs provide an additional attenuation of the vibrations transmitted to the plate by the laboratory wall. The use of nylon strings also helps to reduce vibration transmission. A picture of this system is shown in Detail A of Fig. 3-40.

The main sensing system is provided by optical sensors. Two flat mirrors are mounted on the plate and reflect the light beams of a fixed-based laser and two-axis detector system (Fig. 3-41).

Each detector measures the displacement of the spot in the x' and y' direction (the axes (x', y') are rotated 45 deg from the plate (x,y) axes). Thus each detector measures the
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rotations about the \( y' \) and \( x' \) axes of the corresponding mirror on the plate. If \( d \) is the distance from the plate to the detectors, the spot displacement \( x \) is related to the plate rotation \( \Theta \) by:

\[
x = 2d \Theta
\]

With a detector sensitivity of \( 14 \text{ V/cm} \), and \( d = 16.5 \text{ ft} \), the sensor sensitivity is then

\[
V/\Theta = 14.1 \times 10^3 \text{ V/rad}
\]

or

\[
V/\Theta = 14 \text{ mV/urad}
\]

Since the detector noise is less than \( 1 \text{ mV p/p} \), this optical sensor is potentially capable of measuring pointing errors as small as 100 nrad.

In addition to this sensor, accelerometers are mounted directly on the back side of the plate (see Fig. 3-40). They provide measurements of the local velocity along the \( z \)-axis when used in conjunction with an integrating network. A photograph of the experiment is shown in Fig. 3-42.

Actuation is provided by two sets of actuators. The first set consists of two contactless actuators (see Section 3.4.2) mounted on the edge of the plate (Fig. 3-40). These actuators provide forces along the \( z \)-axis and constitute the main attitude (pointing) control system, since they can operate at DC levels. The second set of actuators consists of two velocity-controlled PPM actuators located on the lower part of the plate (Fig. 3-40). These actuators can only operate in AC conditions and thus can only provide vibration control. For optimal control mechanizations, it is necessary to make these actuators behave like force actuators, i.e., a control input \( u \) should correspond to a force and not to a linear momentum as is the case when the PPM has the velocity servo-loop wrapped around it. This is realized by the compensating circuit shown in Fig. 3-43.

A general schematic of the actuator/sensor system is shown in Fig. 3-44. This arrangement of actuators and sensors is basically colocated. However, the actuators and sensors are not consistent, and for HAC application each sensor will feed back to all actuators via the Kalman filter. Thus, colocation is in effect lost.

The overall system configuration for this experiment is shown in Fig. 3-45. Two microprocessors are involved. The STI/DEC 11-23 system is the host processor which handles the data acquisition system (for open- and closed-loop characterization) and sets up the other processor, the ESPI MAP 300 array processor in which the control algorithms are mechanized.

This array processor has its own D/A and A/D converters and is thus autonomous, which allows it to process a large amount of data at relatively high sampling rates. Control gains computed off-line by large-scale programs residing in the UNIVAC 1110 are directly transferred to

\[
\text{FOR OPTIMAL CONTROL DESIGNS ACTUATORS CIRCUIT MODIFIED TO MIMIC FORCE ACTUATORS}
\]

\[
\text{FORCE COMMAND}
\]

\[
\frac{G_F}{S + S_0} \quad u \quad \text{"INTEGRATOR"}
\]

\[
\text{FOR } S \gg S_0 \quad F = \frac{G_F G \cdot m_s}{C_v K_v} \quad u_0
\]

\[
S_0 = 2\pi \times (0.8 \text{ Hz})
\]

\[
G_F = 10.6
\]

\[
G = 1 \text{ TO } 50
\]
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1. 3: INERTIAL SENSING/ACCELEROMETERS
   (1 D.O.F. Z-MEASUREMENT)

2. 4: OPTICAL SENSING/MIRRORS
   (2 D.O.F. \( \theta_{x'} \), \( \theta_{y'} \) ANGULAR MEASUREMENT)

\((x', y')\) are 45° W.R.T. \((x, y)\)

\( \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \) PPM ACTUATORS

\( \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \) CONTACTLESS ACTUATORS

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Fig. 3-44 Sensor and Actuator Type and Location for Circular Plate Experiment

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Fig. 3-45 Overall System Configuration
the II-23 and then loaded into the array processor. Sensor signals, control inputs, and state estimates computed by the array processor can be stored on disk for later processing by the II-23. A more detailed structure of the system is shown in Fig. 3-46, and a summary of the system's capabilities is given in Table 3-14. More specific characteristics of the array processor will be discussed later in this section.

Control Synthesis/Simulation Results

Finite Element Model. The plate finite element model was created using the SPAR program. It consists of 120 plate elements of triangular and trapezoidal shapes, since SPAR can handle this type of element (See Fig. 3-47). The boundary conditions were treated as unrestrained because the interaction with the suspension system was found to be negligible. A first test was made to determine the accuracy of the model by comparing the computed modal frequencies with those obtained directly from analytical formulas. The agreement was good to three-digit accuracy for the first seven modes. The masses of the actuators and accelerometers were then

![ACOSS System diagram](image-url)

Fig. 3-46 ACOSS System
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added to the finite element model. The effect of these masses is to break the symmetry of the plate and cause the double roots to split, since the horizontal and vertical axes are no longer equivalent. The mode shape patterns associated with the first 11 bending modes of the plate are shown in Fig. 3-48. Table 3-15 shows a comparison between the modal frequencies of a uniform circular plate and those corresponding to the plate with actuator masses.

Control Synthesis Model. From the SPAR finite element model, system matrices were generated corresponding to the usual state equations

\[ \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Fx + Gu \\ y = Hx \end{cases} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.35)

Fig. 3-47 Finite-Element Grid for 60-cm Radius Plate Experiment

Fig. 3-48 Modal Frequencies (Hz) and Patterns of the Circular Plate Experiment
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In order to be able to use the PPM actuators in an integrated attitude/vibration control scheme, saturation from DC inputs must be avoided. To do so, the actuators are AC-coupled electronically, and it is important that this coupling be included in the controller synthesis. One way of achieving this is to use the frequency-shaping method for the control effort. The idea is to put a heavy penalty at zero frequency on the control inputs of the PPMs. Thus, the cost functional used for synthesizing the optimal controller is of the form:

\[ J = \int \left( x^T A x + u_c^T B_u c + u_p^T B_u p \right) dt \]

where \( u_c \) and \( u_p \) are the control inputs for the contactless and PPM actuators respectively. The frequency-dependent weight \( B_p \) is then chosen to be of the form:

\[ B_p = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \]

To implement this frequency shaping, Eqs. (3.35) must be augmented with the equations:

\[ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{15} = u_1 \quad (3.36) \]

\[ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{16} = u_2 \]

Thus, the final model for control synthesis has the same form as Eq. (3.35), but the state vector now has 16 components, and the \( F, G, H \) matrix dimensions are changed correspondingly. Entries for these matrices are shown in Table 3-17.

### Table 3-15
CIRCULAR PLATE FREQUENCIES (Hz)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Uniform Plate</th>
<th>With Masses Added</th>
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<tr>
<td>16.9</td>
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<td>16.9</td>
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<td>106.4</td>
<td>105.68</td>
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where \( x \) is the vector of modal coordinates and their derivatives, with the added attitude variables:

\[ x = \left[ q_1 \dot{q}_1 q_2 \dot{q}_2 \ldots q_n \dot{q}_n \right]^T \]

The initial model includes five flexible modes and two rigid-body modes. Thus, a 14th-order model is obtained. The control vector \( u \) is \( 4 \times 1 \), and the measurement vector \( y \) is \( 6 \times 1 \). Their components are shown in Table 3-16.

### Table 3-16
CONTROL AND MEASUREMENT VECTOR DEFINITION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Control Vector:</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Measurement Vector:</th>
<th>Sensing Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Actuator Number</td>
<td>Type</td>
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<tr>
<td>( u_1 )</td>
<td>1 PPM</td>
<td>z-force</td>
<td>z</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( u_2 )</td>
<td>2 PPM</td>
<td>z-force</td>
<td>z</td>
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<td>( u_3 )</td>
<td>3 Contactless</td>
<td>z-force</td>
<td>z</td>
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<td>( u_4 )</td>
<td>4 Contactless</td>
<td>z-force</td>
<td>z</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sensor Number</td>
<td>Type</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>( y_1 )</td>
<td>1 Accelerometer</td>
<td>z</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>( y_2 )</td>
<td>2 Accelerometer</td>
<td>z</td>
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<td>( y_3 )</td>
<td>3 Optical</td>
<td>( \theta_y )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( y_4 )</td>
<td>3 Optical</td>
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<td>4 Optical</td>
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<td>( y_6 )</td>
<td>4 Optical</td>
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### Table 3-17
CONTROL SYNTHESIS MODEL FOR THE PLATE

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3-34
The next step is to transform the continuous equations Eq. (3.35) into discrete equations of the form

\[ x_{n+1} = \Phi_0 x_n + I_0 u_n \]
\[ y_n = H_0 x_n \quad (3.37) \]

The state estimator has the form

\[ \hat{x}_{n+1} = \Phi_0 \hat{x}_n + I_0 y_n \]
\[ + K (y_n - H_0 \hat{x}_n) \]
\[ \text{and the control law is} \]
\[ u_n = C \hat{x}_n \quad (3.39) \]

The values of the gain matrices C and K are obtained by standard optimal control synthesis programs. Equations (3.38) and (3.39) constitute the controller equations and can be rewritten in the single matrix operation form

\[ \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ u_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ u_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.40) \]

where

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_0 - K H_0 & I & K \\ C (\Phi_0 - K H_0) & C I & C K \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.41) \]

Simulations. The dynamics of the total system are evaluated by combining the plate evaluation model, which contains two rigid body modes, 11 flexible modes, and the controller equations. The evaluation model must first be translated into its discrete equivalent

\[ \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \Phi x_n + I u_n \\ y_n = H x_n \end{cases} \quad (3.42) \]

Then Eqs. (3.42), (3.38), and (3.39) are combined into the single equation

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{n+1} \\ \tilde{x}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ \hat{x}_n \end{bmatrix} + Du_n \quad (3.43) \]

where

\[ S = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \Gamma C \\ KH & \Phi_0 + I_0 C - KH_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.44) \]

and \( D \) is a matrix corresponding to external disturbance inputs.

Stability may be determined by the roots of \( S \) (in the \( z \)-plane) and performance by computing the time sequences defined by Eq. (3.43) for given initial conditions or for a given disturbance \( u_e \). An example of such a simulation (for initial conditions corresponding to a unit value in all modal amplitudes) is shown in Appendix A.

Experimental Performance.

Open-Loop Characterization. The open-loop characteristics of the data were determined using the VAMP program. The data were generated by exciting one of the contactless actuators with a chirp and observing the signals from optical and inertial sensors. (A chirp is a fast sine sweep varying linearly in frequency.) Figure 3-49 shows the resulting spectrum corresponding to the velocity sensor no. 2 (i.e., integrated signal from accelerometer no. 2). Several peaks corresponding to various bending modes can be seen. The first mode at 9.8 Hz is identified as a spurious resonance in the suspension system. A comparison between computed and measured frequencies and dampings is shown in Table 3-18. Two interesting phenomena can be observed: first, the agreement becomes very poor as frequency goes up; and second, the natural damping is extremely small. These two
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Table 3-18

FIRST OPEN-LOOP CHARACTERIZATION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MODES (COMPUTED)</th>
<th>MODAL FREQUENCIES (HZ)</th>
<th>DAMPING RATIO</th>
<th>COMPUTED</th>
<th>MEASURED</th>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>0.0002</td>
<td>0.0003</td>
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Features are typical of large space structures and justify the use of this particular test structure for vibration control studies.

The open-loop measurements were initially hampered by environmental disturbances acting on the plate - mainly air currents preventing the plate from remaining pointed at the optical sensors. This was solved by the magnetic stabilization (described in Section 3.4.2) and by enclosing the plate in a cabinet with a plexiglass window. Also, an analog rigid-body controller was designed to keep the plate correctly pointed.

Although the main purpose of the experiment was the study of digital control, this analog (and classical) controller was useful in demonstrating two main points of the theory of LSS control: 1) the interaction between rigid-body control and flexible modes; and 2) the stabilization of the spillover by an LAC system. Indeed, though this analog controller had a bandwith of about 2 Hz, it was able to destabilize the first bending mode at 17.6 Hz. This was the result of the low damping in this mode preventing gain stabilization of the controller. This problem was cured by closing the inner velocity servoloop on the PPM actuators. This closure makes the actuators behave as passive mass/dashpot systems. Although such systems do not introduce much damping in the structure unless specifically tuned, their effect is sufficient to stabilize the controller. Simulations of this result were made and are displayed in Fig. 3-50. The equations of the controller are given below:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{z}_1 &= -az_1 + ay_6 \\
\dot{z}_2 &= z_1 \\
\dot{z}_3 &= -az_3 + ay_5 \\
\dot{z}_4 &= z_3 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
u &= -c_3 (dz_1 + pz_1 + rz_2) \\
u_4 &= -c_4 (dz_3 + pz_3 + rz_4)
\end{align*}
\]

where \(u\) and \(y\) retain the same meanings they had in the equations set forth above. Nominal values for the parameters are:

\[
\begin{align*}
a &= 16.0 \\
d &= 1.0 \\
p &= 4.0 \\
r &= 8.0 \\
c_3 &= -c_4 = 1.0.
\end{align*}
\]

Digital Controller Implementation. Control Eqs. (3.40) and (3.41) were implemented in the array processor. The main reason for this mechanization is that the array processor is capable of effecting matrix multiplications in a very short time. It is designed for handling large size matrices such as occur in image processing. However, the arithmetic processor is controlled by another processor, the CSPU processor, which functions in the usual sequential fashion. Thus, each operation requested from
the arithmetic unit requires some setup time. In the present application to digital control, this setup time becomes a major restriction in computational speed and thus in sampling rate. Fig. 3-51 shows a simplified model of the sequence of operations needed for this control experiment. The actual calculation takes only 1.4 ms, while 4.4 ms are spent on overhead.

![Fig. 3-51 Array Processor Timing Sequence](image)

The additional time necessary to transfer the data to the host processor created a serious problem which took specialized hardware and tests to recognize. The original sampling rate of 200 Hz was selected on the basis of manufacturer specifications and the intent of controlling modes up to 100 Hz. However, the 5-ms sampling time conflicted with the total processing time, and unpredictable failures occurred constantly. Other synchronization problems between the DAC and the algorithm clocks prevented the testing of the control algorithm. Finally, the hardware was found to be extremely temperature sensitive, which caused other catastrophic failures. All these problems have finally been solved, and the system is now operational for the next contract phase. The maximum sampling rate with a 16th order system is about 170 Hz.

Conclusions and Recommendations. With the present level of disturbances (air currents, building vibrations, acoustic noise) and the simple rigid-body analog controller, the total (i.e., rigid and flexible) pointing error of the plate is about 20 yrad rms, of which about 5 yrad is due to bending mode excitation. The use of the more sophisticated digital controller is expected to reduce this error significantly and thus make this experiment very relevant to actual optical space systems. Already, new problems associated with microvibration levels have been observed (e.g., nonlinear damping effects, microlimit cycles), and more are expected at lower amplitudes. Finally, it appears that yet-to-be-developed dedicated LOG microprocessors would be more appropriate for digital control than the present array processor. However, the advantage of the latter (the only processor in existence today) is its flexibility as a research tool.
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4.1 INTRODUCTION

The control of structural flexibility implies, in some sense, the ability to construct and/or deploy in space large structures whose behavior is predominantly determined not by passive characteristics but by active control systems. The role such ACOSS systems can play in modifying structural and attitude dynamics is the subject of the ACOSS FIVE research study.

In the context of preliminary investigations, it is often useful to restrict consideration to a few simple models (examples) in the hope that generic characteristics of the control process will emerge and be directly applicable to more detailed, realistic systems. Experience with detailed structural models, however, has already indicated that system performance metrics, such as optical or rf LOS performance measures, rms surface shape, modal damping, etc., can be extremely sensitive to changes in the structural model, actuator and sensor placement, sensor measurement error, etc. These sensitivities may also result from the detailed way a portion or all of the structure is built, the limitations of sensor measurements in general, or the disturbances associated with specific actuator implementations. Therefore, while consideration of quite simple structures and examples is a necessary first step in obtaining knowledge of fundamentals, it should not generally be expected that control strategies developed in this way (i.e., limited to small, simple examples) can be immediately implemented on real, high-detail large space structures (LSS). For the latter, questions of local versus global control, sensor/actuator placement strategy and error, model accuracy and identification, modal density, model order-reduction schemes, computational requirements, etc., will be the dominant considerations.

The intended purpose of this technology primer is to describe in a systematic manner the new controls technology developed by LMSC under the ACOSS program. While the material is presented in a relatively detailed, tutorial fashion in order to make possible the transfer of this technology, several requirements must be met by the potential user in order to make this transfer effective in real applications. Because of the high level of interconnectedness between the various disciplines involved in this technology, e.g., structures, dynamics, controls, numerical analysis, etc., a strong integration of these disciplines is required. This entails in particular the availability of intercon- nected large-scale software which allows the user to construct and manipulate the various models which arise during the different phases of control synthesis and evaluation.

The individual computer programs required for this task are generic in nature, and are generally available in different forms, e.g., finite-element structural programs, complex eigenvalue solvers, optimal control synthesis programs, etc. However, it is the user's responsibility to assemble and organize these various codes to best suit his particular needs and to recognize that the intrinsic size of the LSS controls problem, even for the simplest cases, precludes the manual handling of data.

4.1.1 Objectives of Structural Control (ACOSS FIVE)

The general objective of ACOSS is to develop a technology for the design and implementation of active control systems to meet the high-performance requirements inherent in the new generation of space systems. Particular objectives include high-precision pointing in the presence of structural flexibility, suppression of transient vibrations induced by attitude maneuvers (ACOSS THREE), and attenuation of vibration induced by onboard disturbances, with special emphasis on ACOSS FIVE on sinusoidal steady-state disturbance sources. The main objective present in all these control problems is the development of techniques to properly eliminate instabilities created by spillover which is the interaction of the controller with the unmodeled modes.

4.1.2 Peculiarities and Pathologies of LSS

Problems associated with vibration control and accurate pointing of large space structures (LSS) are quite different from those posed by traditional rigid spacecraft, even if the latter have flexible appendages. LSS systems typically combine large size with extremely rigorous pointing and surface figure error requirements, so that the peculiarities and pathologies of LSS become meaningful only by comparison with the control of traditional spacecraft. Differences in control requirements and constraints, synthesis and evaluation methodologies, etc., must be addressed in the context of the flight control system design.
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Control design is principally driven by spacecraft dynamic characteristics, performance considerations, on-board or environmental disturbances, and sensor/actuator availability. The special features of large flexible spacecraft in these four categories are summarized below.

1. There are an infinite number of elastic modes, usually with low natural damping, and the controller bandwidth extends over a significant number of these modes (Fig. 4-1). This last feature is taken to be the defining characteristic of a large space structure.

2. Flexible modes interact not only with the attitude controller but contribute directly to the deformation geometry of the structure which itself may require accurate control. Performance criteria must then be precisely formulated or the control problem is ill-posed.

3. A variety of disturbances may excite the structure and degrade its performance. Again, the formulation of the control problem will be strongly affected by the type of the disturbances and their spatial and spectral characteristics.

4. Most of the actuators and sensors currently envisioned for large space structures have been studied only theoretically. Ground experiments in active vibration control and hardware development are just beginning, and it is safe to state that there is no available flight-qualified hardware. The control designer must therefore rely on believable extrapolation of available data.

![Controller Bandwidth](image)

**Fig. 4-1 Flexible Structure Mode Location and Controller Bandwidth**

The major problems encountered in the control design of large flexible spacecraft are directly due to the first three characteristics. The truly infinite-dimensional character of the structure has to be approximated by a finite-dimensional model. A good structural analysis usually generates modal models with a large number of modes which provide a reasonable representation of the spacecraft. However, such models have two fundamental drawbacks: (1) their size is much beyond the computational capability of current control synthesis methods; and (2) the higher frequency modes of a structural model are known only imprecisely.

Modes are usually accrued in the low-frequency part of the total spectrum. They depart more and more often from the actual spacecraft modes as frequency increases and can only be used in a qualitative manner in the design process. Thus, the control design must be based on a reduced-order model containing only selected low-frequency modes. This is not by itself a major limitation, since low-frequency modes usually require the most control because of their longer settling times and larger contribution to performance degradation. Nevertheless, the control design approach must properly handle the poorly known higher-frequency modes by not destabilizing them while controlling the low-frequency modes. Indeed, no matter where the controller roll-off frequency is situated, the infinite nature of the modal spectrum implies that there will be modes within and beyond the roll-off region. It has been shown (Ref. 2) that destabilization is likely and almost certain to occur in the roll-off region, a situation which can only worsen for closely packed modes and low natural damping. This so-called "spillover" phenomenon is one of the most crucial problems faced by the control designer.

4.1.3 Motivation for New Synthesis Techniques

Traditional control synthesis techniques have primarily addressed single-input/single-output (SISO) systems, and numerous frequency-domain procedures have been developed to handle such systems. For multi-input/multi-output (MIMO) systems, the usual approach is to decompose them into separate SISO control systems and synthesize controllers for them individually. This has been typical, for instance, of attitude control systems where pitch and roll-yaw behavior are assumed to be decoupled. For the LSS control problem, the large number of degrees-of-freedom affected by a single actuator (or those measured by a single sensor) precludes any simplifying decoupling assumptions, and both actuators and sensors have to be treated together in multi-dimensional representations.
Modern control techniques are particularly well suited to handle such multi-dimensional systems for which, in fact, they were originally developed. These techniques, primarily formulated in the time-domain, put special emphasis on performance which is quantified in a quadratic cost functional. Control synthesis procedures are then derived from the optimization of the performance, and in this sense are particularly useful in the multi-faceted LSS control problem.

Even though these optimal techniques automatically guarantee the existence of a stable solution to any control synthesis for a perfectly known dynamic plant, serious stability problems arise when there are uncertainties in the plant parameters or when only a partial (reduced) model of the plant is used. These features, characteristic of the LSS control problem, motivated the development of new synthesis techniques beyond the straightforward application of modern optimal control. These new techniques, such as the two-level HAC/LAC approach and the frequency-shaping of the roll-off, have incorporated some frequency domain considerations into the state-space time-domain optimal formulations.

4.1.4 Road Map of New Methodology

The major steps of the new methodology are depicted in Fig. 4-2. The procedure starts with the finite-element structural model of the spacecraft which yields frequencies and open-loop mode shapes. This allows construction of the state-space model (see Section 4.2.1), which only requires the performance and disturbance models for proper actuator and sensor definition. Then the state-space model is reduced for controller synthesis into lower order models for High and Low Authority Control.

The HAC law is designed first, and the spillover is evaluated on the evaluation model. This model is constructed from the original state-space model and the various control laws which have to be tested against it. The degree of spillover due to the HAC controller is then used to determine the LAC damping ratios necessary to prevent the spillover from creating instabilities. Then the combined HAC/LAC control law is evaluated again for stability and performance.

In any of the sequences described above, some iteration may take place. The control design methodology is discussed in detail in Section 4.3

4.2 MODELING OF FLEXIBLE SPACECRAFT

A central issue in the active control of space structures is the development of "correct" mathematical models for the open- and closed-loop dynamical plants. While a great deal of controversy has been generated recently over finite-element methods and their assorted pitfalls, programs such as NASTRAN and SPAR are nevertheless the primary current tools for generating dynamical models of conceptual spacecraft whose structure cannot be idealized by simple models of beams, plates, and beams with lumped masses.

Finite-element structural programs generally provide the control designers with a set of
modal frequencies \( \omega_n \) and a set of mode shapes (eigenvectors) \( \phi_n \) corresponding to appropriate boundary values. These eigenvectors are given in discretized form, i.e., a set of modal displacements in the \( x, y, \) and \( z \) directions at each nodal station. In some cases, modal rotations, \( \phi_x, \phi_y, \phi_z \) are also required. In addition, coordinates and a "map" of the structure's nodes must be provided to allow the reconstruction of physical displacements in terms of their modal expansions.

The important point here is that, for any non-trivial flexible satellite configuration, the volume of information is so large that the data handling must remain entirely within the computer and its mass-storage facilities. Development of this database, in a form usable by control synthesis software, is a fundamental necessity for the synthesis and evaluation of complex controls which require modal truncation, actuator/sensor location and type changes, and evaluation of system performance for parameter and system order changes. Preparation of a structure for controls is a major part of the overall effort required to develop structural control systems.

4.2.1 State-Space Models

As an example, consider the dynamic equations of a structure, which are linear for small displacements and are written as

\[
M \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{K} \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{f} ,
\]

where \( \mathbf{q} \) is a column vector obtained by "stacking" the components of the displacements at all nodes, \( \mathbf{f} \) is a similar vector of (control) forces applied at those nodes, and \( \mathbf{M} \) and \( \mathbf{K} \) are generalized mass and stiffness matrices of appropriate dimensions. The usual procedure (Ref. 3) is then to diagonalize Eq. (4.1) by solving the eigenproblem:

\[
\Phi \mathbf{K} \Phi^{-1} = \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{I} , \tag{4.2}
\]

where \( \Phi \) is the matrix whose columns \( \phi_n \) are the mode shapes corresponding to the modal cyclic frequencies \( \omega_n \) (i.e., eigenvalues of \( \mathbf{K} \)). Because of reciprocity properties, \( \mathbf{K} \) and \( \mathbf{M} \) are symmetric matrices (\( \mathbf{M} \) is a diagonal for lumped-mass models if \( \varepsilon \) is the vector of displacements at lumped-mass locations). It is known that there exists a normalization of \( \Phi \) (whose columns are only determined up to a multiplicative constant by Eq. (4.2)) such that \( \Phi \mathbf{M} \Phi = \mathbf{I} \), and hence, from Eq. (4.2),

\[
\Phi \mathbf{K} \Phi = \mathbf{\Omega} . \tag{4.3}
\]

Using then the basic modal transformation \( \mathbf{q} = \Phi \mathbf{\dot{q}} \) (where \( \mathbf{q} \) is a vector of modal amplitudes), one can transform Eq. (4.1) into the classical modal equations

\[
\mathbf{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} + \mathbf{\Omega}^{1/2} \mathbf{\Omega}^{1/2} \mathbf{q} = \Phi \mathbf{f} . \tag{4.4}
\]

In general, forces are applied only at a few modal points of the structure, via specific actuators, and there are linear relations between the set of command inputs, represented by some vector \( \mathbf{u} \), and the vector \( \mathbf{f} \) or control forces, such as:

\[
\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} .
\]

In the same way, sensor measurements may be stacked in a vector \( \mathbf{y} \) which is linearly related to the position and rates of the modal points, i.e.,

\[
\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{q} .
\]

Defining the modal state vector as

\[
\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix} , \tag{4.5}
\]

one can finally write the equations describing the dynamics of the spacecraft in the usual first-order form:

\[
\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u} , \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} , \tag{4.6}
\]

where

\[
\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ -\mathbf{M} \mathbf{\Psi} \end{bmatrix} , \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{\Phi} \end{bmatrix} ,
\]

and

\[
\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Phi} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} . \tag{4.7}
\]

The diagonal elements \( -2\omega_n \) are added in the \( \mathbf{F} \) matrix to represent the (usually small) natural modal damping. The \( \mathbf{F} \) matrix is the state-space form of the (open-loop) dynamics.
matrix and now has complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors. The calculation of the matrices \( F, G, \) and \( H \) from the structural data and the actuator/sensor definitions usually require direct handling and processing of the data by digital computers, since hand calculations rapidly become prohibitive for large systems. The introduction of actuator or sensor dynamics may further complicate the construction of these matrices. Nevertheless, Eqs. \( (4.6) \) along with the definitions \( (4.5) \) and \( (4.7) \) constitute the basic model for preliminary control design.

Although modern control synthesis methods are principally formulated in the time domain, frequency-domain methods provide a useful complement, especially when steady-state responses are sought. In particular, combinations of frequency-domain performance criteria with time-domain synthesis methods, discussed in Section 4.3, can produce control designs which can be accurately realized in hardware. Using Eq. \( (4.4) \) (with an added term for modal damping) one may easily obtain the open-loop modal amplitude transfer function

\[
\frac{q_n}{f_i} = \frac{\Phi_{in}}{(\omega_n^2 + 23\gamma_n\omega_n - \omega^2)}, \quad (4.8)
\]

where \( f_i \) is the force acting on the \( i \)th degree of freedom and \( j = \sqrt{-1} \). The linear relations between \( x \) and \( q \), \( y \) and \( x \), and \( f \) and \( u \) make it easy to compute the other transfer functions of interest, e.g., \( x_k/u_1 \) and \( y_j/u_j \).

### 4.2.2 Nonlinear Models

For single-body monolithic structures, the fine-pointing attitude dynamics are subsumed in the rotational rigid-body modes included in the modal matrix \( \Phi \). When only small motions of a space structure are being considered, the conventional linear structural dynamics analyses (NASTRAN and SPAR) are adequate, and the rigid-body modes are formally handled together with the elastic modes, even though the actuators necessary to control them will in general be different from those used to control elastic vibrations. When larger attitude angles need to be considered, and angular rates remain small, the linear equations (Eqs. \( (4.6) \)) are still applicable, provided that the rigid-body modes are now given in terms of three attitude angles which then constitute the first three modal coordinates. The displacements \( \delta_1 \) are then interpreted as the linear deformations of the structure with respect to the rotated frame. This procedure removes the kinematic nonlinearities resulting from the linear stretching of the structure under the classical rigid-body modes. However, for large angular rates, nonlinear dynamic effects have to be modeled, even though structural deformations can still be represented by linear equations.

For multi-body configurations, such as spacecraft with gimbaled power equipment sections, the dynamics become highly nontrivial. The field of multi-body dynamics was pioneered in the late sixties when, based on the earlier work of Hooker and Marquies (Refs. 4, 5), the first N-body attitude dynamics computer software was developed. A number of subsequent extended programs were written in the next few years, and these are documented in Ref. 6. These N-body programs provide a hybrid synthesis of large-angle nonlinear multi-rigid-body dynamics with the modal representation of linear elastic deformations used in structural mechanics. More recent models, based on T. R. Kane's formulation (Ref. 7), have been developed for monolithic structures containing stored momentum (Ref. 8). However, while those dynamic models and associated computer programs are very useful for evaluation purposes, the associated nonlinear control synthesis problem is still extremely difficult to tackle and will not be discussed in this report.

### 4.2.3 Model Reduction

Model reduction is a process by which the order of the dynamical system is reduced for a fixed number of actuator inputs and sensor outputs. The traditional structural mechanics approach first approximates the infinite dimensional nature of the real structure by a large but finite number of degrees-of-freedom representation. This approximation may be based on a direct physical interpretation in terms of lumped-masses and interconnecting springs or on the improved "consistent mass matrix" method. Several methods can be used to further reduce the degrees of freedom, and correspondingly, the number of nodal points in the representation of the structure. Most of the techniques used in dynamics and control, however, focus on modal-coordinate reduction. Reducing the number of modes is usually done by modal truncation, whereby modes above a chosen frequency or in an intermediate frequency range are simply discarded. For large space structures control, the frequency criterion is not sufficient in general, and more sophisticated criteria need to be used, resulting in selective deletion of modes. In more general methods, the reduction involves a dimension-reducing coordinate transformation in which the individual meaning of the modes is no longer apparent (Ref. 9).
In general, the requirements for model reduction for active control of large space structures must include the following:

1. The reduced model should be suitable for control design and synthesis. It should incorporate all features critical for the selection of a feedback structure and control gains.

2. The reduced model should accurately incorporate actuator effectiveness, sensor measurements and disturbance distribution.

3. The dynamical characteristics of interest in the structure should be represented in the reduced model.

One usual approach to model reduction is to consider what properties the reduced-model open-loop transfer functions must satisfy so that the corresponding closed-loop transfer functions adequately represent the unreduced closed-loop system. Various criteria for this approach are examined next.

Consider a high-order large space structure model with an N×1 state vector \( x \), a q×1 control vector \( u \), and a p×1 output vector \( y \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x} &= Fx + Gu, \quad (4.9) \\
y &= Hx + Du. \quad (4.10)
\end{align*}
\]

The transfer function between \( y \) and \( u \) is

\[
y(s) = [H(sI - F)^{-1}G + D] u(s) = T(s) u(s). \quad (4.11)
\]

The transfer function may be expanded about the \( N \) poles of the system. Because of the particular form of Eqs. (4.9) and (4.10), the number of zeros does not exceed the number of poles, and the expansion takes the general form:

\[
T(s) = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{(s-z_1)} + \frac{R_2}{(s-z_2)} + \cdots
\]

\[
+ \frac{R_N}{(s-z_N)} , \quad (4.12)
\]

where the \( R \)'s represent constant coefficient matrices. For any input-output pair \((k, \ell)\) the transfer function may also be written as a ratio of zeros and poles:

\[
T_{k\ell}(s) = \frac{g(s-z_1)(s-z_2) \cdots (s-z_N)}{(s-z_1)(s-z_2) \cdots (s-z_N)} , \quad (4.13)
\]

where the scalar \( g \) and the zeros \( z_i \) depend upon the choice of \( k \) and \( \ell \). In most representations, the number of zeros is less than or equal to the number of poles.

If the model is to be reduced to \( n \) states, the number of poles will drop to \( n \). Criteria have to be developed to determine the set of poles which may be dropped, along with the corresponding set of modes. These criteria must consider the following:

1. Any mode which is uncontrollable and undisturbable or unobservable can be dropped. Either of these conditions corresponds to a zero residue or a perfect pole-zero cancellation in all transfer functions.

2. Controllable modes should not necessarily be discarded even if they are nondisturbable and add nothing to the cost functional, since they may be excited by the control actuator.

3. Highly controllable modes in the bandwidth of interest should be retained even if they are not disturbable or observable. Similarly, highly observable modes should be retained for robustness reasons.

4. Proper mode ordering based on cost analysis (Ref. 9) should include the above factors in addition to performance considerations.

For very small feedback gains, the rate at which the poles migrate depends upon the residues. High-gain, closed-loop behavior is described more accurately by open-loop poles and zeros. Therefore, an ideal reduced-order model should maintain the residues of the retained poles and zeros in the spectrum of interest. Unfortunately, both zeros and residues cannot be preserved simultaneously. The attempt, in reduced-order modeling methods, is to maintain either poles or zeros or provide approximations to both of them.

Retention of Residues. The procedure for retaining residues is implemented as follows. Let \( F, G, H, \) and \( D \) be in modal form, and assume that the first \( n \) modes are retained. The state equations are then written as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\dot{x}_1 \\
\vdots \\
\dot{x}_2
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
F_{11} & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots \\
0 & F_{22}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
\vdots \\
x_2
\end{bmatrix} +
\begin{bmatrix}
G_1 \\
\vdots \\
G_2
\end{bmatrix} u , \quad (4.14)
\]

\[
y = [H_1 \mid H_2]
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
\vdots \\
x_2
\end{bmatrix} + Du . \quad (4.15)
\]
Let the average frequency of the retained modes be \( w_a \). The state \( x_2 \) is approximated by
\[
x_2 = \text{Re} \left[ (jw_a I - F_{22}^{-1} G_2) u \right], \tag{4.16}
\]
where \( \text{Re}(\cdot) \) represents the real part of \( \cdot \). The real part is selected because it is not feasible to match the imaginary part of the approximation using a reduced model with real coefficients. Therefore, the reduced model is approximated by
\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x}_1 &= F_{11} x_1 + G_1 u, \\
y &= H_1 x_1 + \left[ H_2 \text{Re} \left[ (jw_a I - F_{22}^{-1} G_2) + D \right] \right] u.
\end{align*} \tag{4.17}
\]
In order to match the dc gain of the reduced model to that of the high-order model, \( w_a \) may be set to zero. Most approximations match only the dc gain because for zero \( w_a \), the right-hand side of Eq. (4.16) is real. The problem of not being able to match the complex component in Eq. (4.16) then disappears.

Retention of Zeros. To retain the first \( m \) zeros and \( n \) poles about the average frequency, \( w_a \), the transfer function given by Eq. (4.13) is simplified to
\[
T_k(s) = \frac{g(jw_a z_m) \ldots (jw_a z_1)(s-z_1) \ldots (s-z_n)}{(jw_a z_m) \ldots (jw_a z_1)(s-z_1) \ldots (s-z_n)} \tag{4.18}
\]
The first term is approximated by a real gain. Each input-output transfer function is simplified as in Eq. (4.18). These simplified transfer functions are reconverted into a state-variable description (Ref. 10).

The computation time requirements to obtain reduced-order models which retain zeros are very high. Poles and residues of high-order models are determined much more easily than zeros. This model-reduction procedure, therefore, has not yet been used for large space structures applications.

Table 4-1 shows the partitioning of the infinite series representing the exact transfer function for the case of a general undamped structure. The \( j \)’s are the mode shapes at the location where the displacement-to-force ratio is measured (or rotation-to-torque, etc.). The number of modes to be controlled is \( n_c \); the number of modes retained in the model of the structure is \( n_r \).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Transfer Function</th>
<th>To Be Controlled</th>
<th>Retained in Model</th>
<th>Not Retained in Model</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Exact ( T_c(s) )</td>
<td>( s \geq w_1 )</td>
<td>( s \leq w_0 )</td>
<td>( s \ll w_1 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Truncation ( T(t, n_r) )</td>
<td>( s \geq w_1 )</td>
<td>( s \leq w_0 )</td>
<td>( s \ll w_1 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expanded Truncation ( T(t, n_r) )</td>
<td>( s \geq w_1 )</td>
<td>( s \leq w_0 )</td>
<td>( s \ll w_1 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rounded ( T(t, n_r) )</td>
<td>( s \geq w_1 )</td>
<td>( s \leq w_0 )</td>
<td>( s \ll w_1 )</td>
</tr>
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In the straight truncation case one has \( n_r = n_c \), and a substantial error is committed in representing the zeros of the system, leading to erroneous control design. The expanded truncation uses a larger model, but still significant errors may remain. The "rounded" transfer function approximates the remainder of the infinite series by a constant bias term. (For these terms, \( s \) is indeed much less than the \( w_i \)'s, hence the approximation.)

Because all these approximations depend on the convergence of the series, there are open questions regarding the use of other kinds of mode shape functions which may improve convergence. For instance, mode shape derivatives (used to express rotation and torque properties) converge much more slowly than the usual displacement modes when unrestrained modes are used. However, using mode shapes which better reflect the boundary conditions imposed by a torquer may drastically improve convergence.

Mode Selection Criteria. Mode selection may be formally based on modal cost analysis methods developed by Skelton (Ref. 13). An ad hoc approach involving modal controllability, observability, and disturribility is often more physically motivated and can sometimes be related to modal cost. In addition, reduced models are preferably chosen to represent the low-frequency region because: (1) actuators and sensors have finite bandwidth; (2) the model is known more accurately at low frequencies; and
(3) the resulting control law can be implemented adequately with a lower sampling rate than required if high-frequency modes are retained (digital processor requirements are simplified).

The high-order model is used with advantage to evaluate both spillover and the total performance of the controller, since it is this model which reflects the effects of the unmodeled modes. Finally, on-board implementation considerations may require even further reductions of the controller order with minimum degradation of closed-loop performance.

To summarize, large space structure control usually requires three models:

1. Evaluation model (large order, e.g., 40 or more modes),
2. Control design model (reduced order, e.g., 10-20 modes); and
3. Reduced-controller model (simplified controller, e.g., less than 10 modes).

Correspondingly, the overall control-design procedure includes three major steps:

1. Model reduction. Development of reduced models for control synthesis, which essentially represent accurately the low-frequency behavior while approximating the impact of high-frequency modes on low-frequency response.
2. Control design. Selection of actuator and sensor types, locations, and the controller structure for control synthesis.
3. Controller simplification. Reduction of the controller obtained in the previous step to simplify implementation, and in some cases, to improve robustness.

Finally, steps 2 and 3 must be validated by checking the controller against the large evaluation model, so that spillover effects and performance of the total system may be assessed. These steps may have to be performed iteratively.

4.3 CONTROL DESIGN METHODOLOGY

Design of feedback control laws for large space structures is dictated by the following considerations:

1. Model. Because of modeling accuracy as well as computational considerations, the controller model is of relatively low order. The neglected modes have low damping and can be unstable if not properly considered in control design.
2. Sensors and actuators. Though structures have significant response up to infinite frequency, physical actuators/sensors have finite bandwidth. In addition, actuators and sensors have dead zones, hysteresis, and nonlinearities; their type and placement may be restricted in actual structures.
3. Model uncertainties. The behavior of structures is known only approximately at high frequency. Therefore, control design cannot depend on the behavior of high frequency modes.

To address these issues and to provide adequate robustness, a two-level control-design approach, discussed in Ref. 11, is now described in more detail.

The two-level approach consists of a wide-band, low-authority control (LAC) and a narrow-band, high-authority control (HAC). HAC provides high damping or mode-shape adjustment in a selected number of modes to meet performance requirements. LAC, on the other hand, introduces low damping in a wide range of modes for maximum robustness. Figure 4-2 shows the control-design procedure with integrated LAC and HAC designs.

LAC is usually implemented with colocated sensors and actuators. However, the theory, based on the work of Aubrun, is applicable to multiple actuators/sensors with cross-feedback and possibly filters (Refs. 12, 13).

HAC uses a collection of sensors and actuators that are not necessarily colocated. Selecting the increase in damping ratio is realized by use of a state estimator filter. A unique frequency-shaped extension of the linear-quadratic Gaussian (LQG) method has been developed to provide roll-off over desired frequency regions and for selected disturbance rejection (Ref. 14). HAC may destabilize modes not used in the design. LAC is, therefore, necessary to "clean up" problems created by HAC.

The need to integrate HAC with LAC is shown in Fig. 4-3. HAC is based on models valid over a limited frequency region. It produces large increases in damping ratio and disturbance rejection in the frequency range of interest. The effect of the HAC controller on modes not used in the control design and outside the controller bandwidth may be either stabilizing or destabilizing. LAC is designed to provide protection such that adequate damping is provided in the mode most adversely perturbed by HAC.

With reference to Fig. 4-3, the LAC moves the entire uncertainty region above the zero level damping ratio.
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4.3.1 LOW-AUTHORITY CONTROL (LAC) DESIGN

**LOW-AUTHORITY CONTROL (LAC) DESIGN**

Low-authority control (LAC) systems are vibration control systems consisting of distributed sensors and actuators with limited damping authority. The control system is allowed to modify only moderately the natural modes and frequencies of the structure. This basic assumption, combined with Jacobi's root perturbation formula, leads to a fundamental LAC formula for predicting algebraically the root shifts produced by introducing an LAC structural control system. Specifically, for an undamped, open-loop structure, the predicted root shift \((dx_n)_p\) is given by

\[
(dx_n)_p = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,r} C_{ar} \phi_{an} \phi_{rn},
\]

where the coefficient matrix \(C = [C_{ar}]\) is a matrix of (damping) gains, and \(\phi_{an}, \phi_{rn}\) denote, respectively, the values of the \(n\)th mode shape at actuator station \(a\) and sensor station \(r\).

Equation (4.19) may also be used to compute the unknown gains \(C_{ar}\) if the \((dx_n)_p\) are considered to be desired root shifts or, equivalently, desired modal dampings. While an exact "inversion" of Eq. (4.19) does not generally exist, weighted least-squares type solutions can be devised to determine the actuator control gains necessary to produce the required modal damping ratios. This determination of the gains is the synthesis of LAC systems and is achieved by minimizing the special weighted quadratic cost function

\[
J(C) = \sum_n W_n[(dx_n)_p - (dx_n)_D]^2 + \sum_{a,r} C_{ar}^2,
\]

in which the \((dx_n)_D\) denote the predicted root shifts given by formula (4.19), and the \((dx_n)_D\) denote desired root shifts (i.e., given numbers). In the cost function \(J(C)\), the modal weights \(W_n\) help specify pole locations, and the last term \(\sum_{a,r} C_{ar}^2\) improves robustness of the controller.

Since the cost function \(J(C)\) is quadratic in \((dx_n)_p\), and hence, in view of Eq. (4.19), also quadratic in the elements of the matrix \(C\), the gains can be obtained algebraically by solving the linear equations

\[
\sum_n W_n[(dx_n)_p - (dx_n)_D] = 0
\]

for the elements of \(C\). This is an exact algebraic process in which both the modal weights \(W_n\) and the desired root shifts (modal dampings) \((dx_n)_D\) play the role of adjustable synthesis parameters, similar to the weights on the control effort and the state error in standard optimal control synthesis procedures.

For structures which already have some damping or control systems in which sensor, actuator, or filter dynamics can either be ignored or are already embedded in the plant dynamics, the root perturbation techniques and cost function minimization methods above can similarly be used to synthesize low-authority controls. In this case, the perturbation method proceeds from the state equations

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Dynamics:} & \quad \dot{x} = Fx + Gu \\
\text{Sensors:} & \quad y = Hx \\
\text{Controls:} & \quad u = Cy,
\end{align*}
\]

*This LAC gain matrix will subsequently be denoted by \(C_L\) in Sections 4.4 and 4.5 to distinguish it from the high-authority control gain matrix \(C\).*
which result in the closed-loop dynamics

\[ x = (F + GCH)x \]  (4.23)

For sufficiently small controls C (Ref. 8), let GCH ≡ dF be considered as a perturbation of F, so that the closed-loop dynamics may now be written as

\[ x = (F + dF)x \]  (4.24)

Let \( \lambda_n \) denote the nth (complex) root of F, and denote by \( L_n, R_n \), respectively, the corresponding left and right eigenvectors of F, i.e.,

\[ F^T L_n = \lambda_n L_n \]
\[ F R_n = \lambda_n R_n \]  (4.25)

normalized so that \( L^T R = 2 \) (this normalization makes Eqs. (4.19) and (4.26) below formally compatible).

For small C, let \( d\lambda_n \) denote the eigenvalue shift corresponding to \( dF \). Then, as shown in Ref. 13, Jacobi's formula leads to the fundamental root-shift formula:

\[ d\lambda_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a} C_{an} \phi_n^A \phi_n^R, \]  (4.26)

hence,

\[ d\lambda_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \phi_n^A \right)^T C \phi_n^R, \]  (4.27)

where \( \phi_n^A \subseteq G^T L_n \) and \( \phi_n^R \subseteq H R_n \)

are generalized actuator and sensor modes, respectively. Formula (4.26) is a generalization of formula (4.19) and reduces to Eq. (4.19) when sensors and actuators are complementary (i.e., translation/force, rotation/torque), sensors measure rates, and the structure is undamped.

Robustness of LAC systems. When sensors and actuators are colocated (i.e., \( a = r \)), are complementary, and only rate feedback is used, formula (4.19) reduces to

\[ d\lambda_n = -\epsilon_n \omega_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_a C_a \phi_n^2, \]  (4.28)

which shows that the root shifts are always toward the left of the \( j\omega \)-axis if all the gains are negative. This robustness result is obviously based on the assumption that both sensors and actuators have infinite bandwidth, and also that the structure is initially undamped.*

Several departures from this idealization occur in the actual practical implementation of LAC systems. The most severe of these results from the finiteness of the actuators' bandwidths. More precisely, the second-order roll-off introduced by the actuator dynamics will always destabilize an undamped structure. However, when some natural damping is present in the structure, or when a passive damper is mounted in parallel with the actuator, additional active damping can be obtained without destabilizing the structure. The precise statement of this result is given in the following theorem:

**LAC Stability Theorem** (Refs. 12, 15). Unconditional stability of an LAC system is guaranteed if and only if, for each mode \( n \), the active damping ratio \( \epsilon_n \) is less than a certain maximum \( \epsilon_n^* \). This maximum damping ratio in any of the modes within the bandwidth of an active LAC controller is proportional to the sum of the natural structural damping \( \zeta_n \) and the damping \( \zeta_{on} \) introduced by a passive damper mounted in parallel with the actuator. Specifically,

\[ \epsilon_n^* = \frac{R_{max}(\zeta_{on} + \zeta_{pn})}{\max} \]  (4.29)

where the value of the proportionality constant \( R_{max} \) is given by:

\[ R_{max} = \min (K + 2 \sqrt{2}, \tau_1 / \tau_2 / \tau_3), \]  (4.30)

and where \( 1/\tau_1, 1/\tau_2 \) are the poles of the active damper, and \( 1/\tau_3 \) is the pole of the passive damper.

The proof of this theorem is given in Ref. 12.

* Robustness is that quality of a controller of remaining stable in the presence of parameter variations in the structure and/or control system parameters. For example, the above stability condition (negativity of all the root shifts) is independent of mode shapes and frequencies and depends only on the negativity of the gains \( C_a \). Any parameter variation in the controller which modifies the values (but not the signs) of the gains will not affect the stability condition.
4.3.2 High-Authority Control (HAC) Design

The HAC control design procedure is based on linear-quadratic-Gaussian (LQG) methods. Increased penalties in the LQG cost functional are placed at those frequencies where less response is desired. The concept of frequency-shaped cost functionals has been introduced previously (Ref. 14). This section demonstrates the application of these methods to the large space structures problem.

The frequency-shaping methods are useful in several areas of large space structures control. Three principal applications are important: (1) spillover avoidance, (2) state estimation, and (3) disturbance rejection.

Spillover in closed-loop control of space structures is managed by injecting minimum control power at the natural frequencies of the unmodeled modes. Procedures for controlling spillover at high frequencies will be discussed, although similar techniques are applicable for other regimes.

High-frequency spillover may be controlled by modifying the state or the control weighting. The state weighting $A(j\omega)$ will reduce spillover if it is made a decreasing function of frequency. Three of the possible forms for $A(j\omega)$ are shown in the following:

1. \[ A(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} A \]  
   \[ (4.31) \]

2. \[ A(j\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 + \omega^2)^2} A \]  
   \[ (4.32) \]

3. \[ A(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_1^2}{(\omega_0^2 + \omega^2)^2} A \]  
   \[ \omega_1 > \omega_0 \]  
   \[ (4.33) \]

To include the frequency shaping of Eq. (4.31), define additional states $\tilde{x}$ as

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{x} = x \]  
\[ (4.34) \]

The performance index is then

\[ \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} (x^T A x + u^T B u) \, dt \]  
\[ (4.35) \]

and the control law will be of the form

\[ u = C_1 x + C_2 \tilde{x} \]  
\[ (4.36) \]

The control gain $C_2$ will ensure that the high-frequency response is minimized. This formulation resembles integral control, but the weighting matrices used in the design are different.

Spillover may also be reduced by placing high control weighting at high frequency. Examples of $B(j\omega)$ which reduce high-frequency spillover are as follows:

1. \[ B(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_1^2}{\omega_0^2} B \]  
   \[ (4.37) \]

2. \[ B(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_2^2}{\omega_0^2} B \]  
   \[ \omega_2 < \omega_0 \]  
   \[ (4.38) \]

3. \[ B(j\omega) = \frac{A^2}{(\omega_0^2 + \omega^2)^2} B \]  
   \[ (4.39) \]

The frequency-shaped parts of these weightings are reciprocals of those used in the state weightings. To implement the weighting function of Eq. (4.37), define a vector $\bar{u}$ by

\[ u + \omega_0 \bar{u} = u_0 \bar{u} \]  
\[ (4.40) \]

The performance index then takes the form

\[ J = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} (x^T A x + u^T B u) \, dt \]  
\[ (4.41) \]

and the feedback control law will be

\[ u + \omega_0 u = \omega_0 \bar{u} = \omega_0 (C_1 x + C_2 \bar{u}) \]  
\[ (4.42) \]

or

\[ u + \omega_0 (1 - C_2) u = \omega_0 C_1 x \]  
\[ (4.43) \]

This control law is shown schematically in Fig. 4-4.
The problem of model invalidity at high frequency is solved by making \( Q \) and \( R \) functions of frequency. Since all errors associated with modal truncation are incorporated in the measurements, frequency shaping is used only in \( R \). High-frequency measurement spillover is controlled by increasing \( R(j\omega) \) at high frequency. For example, choose \( R(j\omega) \) as:

\[
R(j\omega) = \frac{(\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)}{\omega_0^2} R . \tag{4.47}
\]

Defining a new measurement \( \tilde{y} \) as

\[
\frac{\dot{\tilde{y}}}{\omega_0} = \omega_0 y , \tag{4.48}
\]

then

\[
\tilde{y} = H\hat{x} + v , \tag{4.49}
\]

where

\[
\frac{\dot{\hat{x}}}{\omega_0} = \omega_0 \hat{x} , \tag{4.50}
\]

and the state estimator is then of the form:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{\hat{x}} &= F\hat{x} + Gu + K(\tilde{y} - H\hat{x}) , \\
\dot{\tilde{x}} &= -\omega_0 \tilde{x} + \omega_0 \hat{x} + \omega_0 K (\tilde{y} - H\hat{x}) ,
\end{align*} \tag{4.51}
\]

This filter is shown schematically in Fig. 4-5. Note that a standard filter is obtained by setting \( K \) to zero and \( \omega_0/(s + \omega_0) \) to one. In this formulation, filtered measurements are compared with filtered states. The eigenvalues of the closed-loop system are, in general, in the low-frequency region. Low-frequency, closed-loop eigenvalues reduce excitation of high-frequency modes through feedback in the state estimator. The filter shapes may be modified to provide any desired roll-off. The filter, of course, becomes more complex as faster roll-off is obtained. (Note also that the transfer function between the estimated state and the measurements has at least two more poles than zeros.)
Fig. 4-5 A Frequency-Shaped Filter to Reduce High-Frequency Spillover

Although this filter has been developed for application to large space structures, it is believed to have a wide applicability in the design of practical state estimators.

Disturbance rejection in large space structures. Large space structures are often subject to high disturbance levels caused by rotating machines, combustion devices, rotating antennae, and other onboard equipment. In addition, gravity gradients and solar pressure are external disturbance sources. These sources are usually nonwhite. Frequency-shaping methods may be applied to minimize the effect of these disturbances on the structure. Procedures for realizing disturbance rejection are shown in the following.

Consider a cryogenic cooler or control-moment gyro. The primary disturbance produced by these devices is at one frequency (typically the rotational frequency) and possibly its harmonics. Let the disturbance frequency be \( \omega \). To minimize the effect of this disturbance on output \( y \), the following term \( J_1 \) is included in the performance index:

\[
J_1 = \frac{1}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2} y^T A_y y .
\]  

(4.52)

Note that the output penalty goes to infinity at the disturbance frequency. Thus, the impact of disturbance on the output is minimized.

The implementation of this frequency-shaped weighting requires definition of additional states as follows:

\[
\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} y .
\]  

(4.53)

The performance index will then take the form

\[
J = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \int_0^\tau (\bar{x}^T A_y \bar{x} + x^T A_x + u^T B u) dt ,
\]  

(4.54)

and the corresponding control law becomes

\[
u = C_1 \bar{x} + C_2 \bar{x} .
\]

The flow chart for this control law is shown in Fig. 4-6.

Summary. The application of frequency-shaping methods to large space structures leads to a linear controller with memory. However, the additional states needed to represent frequency-dependent weights increase the controller order. The software needed for these controller designs is similar to that for standard LQG problems.
Controller Simplification

The frequency-shaped controllers developed in the previous section are of the form

$$\dot{x}_c = F_c x_c + K y, \quad (4.55)$$

$$u_c = C x_c + D_y. \quad (4.56)$$

The controller, therefore, has the same form as the system itself, except that: (1) the roles of input and output are switched; (2) the controller state vector depends on the choice of frequency shaping; and (3) the matrices F and C are known exactly (unlike G and H in the design model). Controller simplification is, therefore, similar to model reduction.

All unobservable or uncontrollable modes of the controller should be dropped, since they have no effect on controller performance. In addition, poles with small residues can also be dropped. Note that the residues are physical matrices representing force or moment applied per unit error (Ref. 10).

Further selection of modes or states which should be retained in the low-order controller is a difficult problem. One approach is to drop one or two states at a time to determine the set of states which may be eliminated without loss of performance. To minimize computation time, a stepwise search procedure is needed. A modal cost function could be used in the search (Ref. 9).

4.3.4 Actuators and Sensors

In the initial phases of the control design, actuators and sensors are treated as idealized devices with sufficiently broad bandwidths so that their dynamics can be ignored. The actuators are assumed to produce local forces or torques, whereas sensors are assumed to measure displacements (translations or rotations) and/or their rates. In complex problems, a group of actuators can be driven by a single control input, and similarly a group of sensors can be combined to provide a single measurement output (e.g., the LOS in the CSDL No. 2 example discussed in Section 4.5.2). The problem of type selection is very case-dependent and no universal rules can be given.

The next step in the design procedure is the determination of actuator/sensor locations (and hence quantity) best suited for the particular control problem being addressed. For structures, this requires an operational dynamical model with well-defined disturbances and measures of performance. In particular, this requires that the physical locations (nodes, lumped elements, etc.) for possible actuator/sensor placement be represented in the model through influence coefficients of some sort. Given this, the problem of determining an effective set of locations remains a difficult problem and entails the use of several criteria which are generally used concurrently.

The most important criterion comes from common sense and examining the physics of the problem. For example, if the performance is determined by the motions of a certain set of structural nodes (e.g., the LOS), these nodes are an obvious choice for actuation in directions associated with the degrees of freedom involved. This procedure is applicable whenever the performance can be expressed in terms of physical coordinates. However, such a set of actuators may be redundant if there are fewer independent variables to be controlled. For example, in CSDL No. 2 (see Section 4.5.2) there are 21 nodal degrees of freedom which determine the three components of the LOS. It can therefore be expected that a minimum of three actuators could control the LOS; for instance, the two tilts and translation of the tertiary mirror could provide all the required optical compensation, but at the cost of large control efforts which may be incompatible with actuator capabilities, higher-order optical aberrations, structural strength and redundancy/reliability requirements.

It is precisely because of such interdependent constraints that automated placement procedures are only a design aid and not a solution to the problem. Many such procedures have been proposed and tried, and are usually based on controllability, minimum energy, modal cost considerations (Refs. 1, 9, 16), etc. Most of these procedures, however, are based on modal decomposition whereby the physics of the original problem have been hopelessly scrambled. Finally, the actuator/sensor placement procedure will generally differ for HAC and LAC, since only the latter (usually) requires colocation.

The HAC sensor placement problem is even more complex than its actuator counterpart. This is due to the existence of trade-offs between sensors and state estimators. It is conceivable, for instance, that a single sensor, given sufficient time and low noise level, could be used to estimate all the observable degrees of freedom. It is for this reason that sensor noise,
The control design methodology described in the preceding sections has been applied to two examples - a simple one and a complex one - discussed in detail in the next two sections. In both cases, the application of the new methodology produced excellent results in the sense that the specific problem addressed, viz., a specific control objective for a specific structure (including specific perturbed models thereof) together with a specific set of disturbances, was very successfully solved in each case. For the complex optical structure in particular, the LOS error of the open-loop model was reduced by a factor of $1.3 \times 10^5$ by the active control system designed using the new methodology. Furthermore, the controller remained stable and gave comparably good performance on two perturbed models of the spacecraft, establishing robustness with respect to two "point-design" perturbations.

Based on the above results, and in the context of the analysis defined by the scope of the Phase 1A ACOSS contract, no weaknesses in the methodology have been found. It is true, however, that the results obtained at the end of that phase have given rise to a number of open-ended questions, all resulting from "what if" assumptions which strongly relax the specific conditions under which the LSS control problem was initially posed. Included in this category are fundamental questions of robustness-with-performance properties relative to unspecified model perturbations; questions relating to the validity of finite-element models; and questions relating to the effects of unknown disturbances and their possible effects on system performance. While some of these questions are not new, they take on added significance in the context of the LSS control problem and need to be defined more specifically before they are addressed. This will be undertaken in the next phase of the study.
of the spillover. The frequency-shaped control design demonstrates that the spillover problem can be reduced, thus making it easier for the LAC system to overcome the effects of spillover.

4.4.1 The Two-Mode Example

Consider a hypothetical structure having only two modes \( (q_1, i = 1, 2) \) with frequencies at 1 rad/s and 5 rad/s, and natural damping of 0.5 percent. Defining the state vector as

\[
X = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \dot{q}_1 \\ q_2 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad (4.61)
\]

one can write the dynamical equations as

\[
\dot{X} = FX + Gu, \quad (4.62)
\]

where

\[
F = \begin{bmatrix}
-0.01 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & -0.05 & 0 & -25 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix},
\]

and

\[
G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \\
H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T.
\]

For simplicity, the normalized mode shapes have magnitude 1 at actuator and sensor locations. However, the actuator and the sensor are not colocated, hence the appearance of -1 in the \( H \) matrix. This example could represent, for instance, a free-free beam with an actuator at one end and a sensor at the other.

The open-loop eigenvalues are approximately \(-0.005 \pm i\) and \(-0.025 \pm 5i\). In this simple example the first mode will be controlled, and the spillover into the second mode will be examined. The reduced model for control synthesis is defined by the reduced matrices:

\[
F_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
-0.01 & -1 \\
1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}, \quad G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix},
\]

and \( H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \). \quad (4.63)

4.4.2 HAC Controller Evaluation on Full-Order Model

The optimal control law for HAC is of the form

\[
u = C \hat{X}_1, \quad (4.64)
\]

where \( \hat{X}_1 \) is the estimate of the reduced state vector \( \hat{X}_1 = (\hat{q}_1 \, q_1)^T \), and the gain matrix \( C \) minimizes the weighted quadratic cost functional

\[
J = \int_0^\infty (X^TAX + Bu^2) \, dt. \quad (4.65)
\]

For the purpose of transient vibration suppression, only the velocity state will be controlled, so that the state penalty weighting matrix is given by

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.66)
\]

The control penalty is arbitrarily chosen as \( B = 1 \). The optimal control gain matrix is found by solving the algebraic Riccati equation using established numerical techniques which yield

\[
C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.67)
\]

The filter, defined by

\[
\dot{\hat{X}}_1 = F_1 \hat{X}_1 + G_1 u + K(y - H_1 \hat{X}_1), \quad (4.68)
\]

is designed by similar techniques, and the corresponding gain matrix is

\[
K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\
0
\end{bmatrix}^T. \quad (4.69)
\]

The closed-loop eigenvalues of the filter and the controller are at \(-0.5 \pm 0.866 i\) (\( \xi = 50 \) percent).

4.4.2 HAC Controller Evaluation on Full-Order Model

The closed-loop dynamics matrix corresponding to the full-order system controlled by the reduced-order HAC controller is given by

\[
F_s = \begin{bmatrix}
F \\
\begin{array}{c}
G C \\
KH \\
F_1 + G_1 C - KH_1
\end{array}
\end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.70)
\]
and is computed to be

\[
F_s = \begin{bmatrix}
-0.01 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & -0.05 & 0 & -25 & -1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -2.01 -1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(4.71)

The eigenvalues of \( F_s \) (poles of the closed-loop system) are

- \( 0.0164 \pm 4.9084 i \) (Spillover roots: unstable)
- \( -0.4049 \pm 0.8627 i \) (Filter roots)
- \( -0.6466 \pm 0.8512 i \) (Controlled roots)

Clearly, the spillover causes the unmodeled mode to go unstable. A measure of spillover is the distance in the complex plane between the open- and closed-loop poles, i.e., in this case

\[
d_s = \sqrt{(-0.025 - 0.0164)^2 + (5 - 4.908)^2} = 0.10 \text{ rad/s}
\]

This value will be discussed subsequently.

### 4.4.3 LAC Design and HAC/LAC Controller Evaluation

For the LAC system, a different sensor is used and is colocated with the actuator. The LAC control law is of the form

\[
u = C^L y_L,
\]

(4.72)

where \( y_L = G^T x \) represents the measurement of the local displacement rate at the actuator. The LAC system is designed to provide sufficient damping to remove the spillover in the unmodeled mode. The spillover distance \( d_s = 0.10 \text{ rad/s} \), computed at the end of the previous subsection, can be regarded as the radius of an uncertainty circle in the complex plane within which the unmodeled mode root could move under the spillover. Hence, to ensure that the root remains in the left half-plane, the LAC real-part root shift is chosen to be

\[
0.10 = \tau_w = -\frac{1}{2} C^L \delta^2
\]

according to the standard LAC formula; in this case \( |\delta| = 1 \), hence \( C^L = -0.20 \text{ N/ms}^{-1} \).

### 4.4.4 FREQUENCY-SHAPED CONTROL LAWS FOR ROLL-OFF

The closed-loop eigenvalues of the LAC system (eigenvalues of \( F + GCLG^T \)) are:

- \( -0.1052 \pm 0.9953 i \)
- \( -0.1025 \pm 4.9943 i \)

For the combined HAC/LAC system, the control law is now

\[
u = C^\hat{x} + C^L G^T x
\]

(4.73)

and the corresponding closed-loop matrix \( F_s \) takes the form:

\[
F_s = \begin{bmatrix}
F + GCLG^T & GCLG^T \\
KH + GCLG^T F & F + GCLG^T
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(4.74)

with entries given by:

\[
F_s = \begin{bmatrix}
-0.21 & -0.2 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
-0.2 & -0.25 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0.8 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(4.75)

The eigenvalues of \( F_s \) are:

- \( -0.0732 \pm 4.8848 i \) (\( \tau = 1.5\% \); stabilized spillover roots)
- \( -0.4406 \pm 0.8506 i \) (\( \tau = 46\% \); filter roots)
- \( -0.7212 \pm 0.7882 i \) (\( \tau = 67.5\% \); controlled roots)

and it is evident that the spillover produced by HAC has been cured by LAC, as expected.

### 4.4.4 Frequency-Shaped Control Laws for Roll-Off

In order to reduce the HAC spillover, the frequency shaping method is applied to bring about a steeper roll-off of the controls and hence reduce the excitation of the unmodeled mode. This can be achieved by making the control penalty \( B \) an increasing function of frequency:

\[
B(\omega) = 1 + \omega^4
\]

The state penalty \( A \) remains the same as before, i.e.,

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]
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To implement this particular frequency shaping, the reduced-order state vector $\dot{X}$ is augmented to be

$$X_f = [\dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_1 u u]^T \quad (4.76)$$

and the new control input is $u_f$. The dynamic equations are modified to be

$$\ddot{q}_1 + 0.01 \dot{q}_1 + q_1 = u \quad (\text{First Mode Dynamics})$$
$$\ddot{u} = u_f \quad \text{(Frequency-Shaped Control)} \quad (4.77)$$

The control synthesis model, in state-space form, is then

$$\begin{cases} 
\dot{X}_f = F_f X_f + G_f u_f \\
y = H_f X_f \\
u_f = C_f X_f
\end{cases} \quad (4.78)$$

where

$$F_f = \begin{bmatrix} -0.01 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$G_f = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$$
$$H_f = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

The gain matrix $C_f$ is obtained by standard optimal synthesis as before, and is

$$C_f = [-0.22 \ 0.96 \ -2 \ -1.96].$$

The closed-loop poles (eigenvalues of $F_f + G_f C_f$) are

$$-0.3468 \pm 1.0835 i \quad \text{(Frequency Shaping Roots)}$$
$$-0.6582 \pm 0.5827 i \quad \text{(System Roots: $\omega = 50\%$)}$$

4.4.5 Evaluation of Frequency-Shaped Roll-Off Control on Full-Order Model

The first equation may also be written as

$$\dot{X} = FX + GC^* X_f$$

where

$$C^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$  

The filter gain matrix $K_f$ is

$$K_f = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T \quad (4.80)$$

and the closed-loop dynamics matrix $F_S$ is now given by

$$F_S = \begin{bmatrix} F_f & GC^* \\
K_f H_f & F_f + G_f C_f - K_f H_f \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.81)$$

whose numerical entries are

$$F_S = \begin{bmatrix} -0.01 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & -0.05 & 0 & -0.25 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -0.01 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.22 & 0.96 & -2 & -1.96 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and whose eigenvalues are computed to be:

$$-0.0262 \pm 5.0002 i \quad \text{(Stabilized Spillover Roots: $\zeta = 0.52\%$)}$$
$$-0.3839 \pm 1.0957 i \quad \text{(Frequency Shaping Roots: $\zeta = 33\%$)}$$
$$-0.4232 \pm 0.8952 i \quad \text{(Filter Roots: $\zeta = 43\%$)}$$
$$-0.7018 \pm 0.5139 i \quad \text{(Controlled Mode Roots: $\zeta = 81\%$)}.$$  

The closed-loop system is now stable, since the small amount of spillover into the unmodeled mode is not enough to destabilize it. The spillover distance $d_s$ in this case is 0.0012. The frequency-shaped roll-off has thus reduced the HAC spillover to about one percent of its original value, and an LAC compensation is therefore not needed in this case. In general, however, there is no guarantee that the frequency-shaped reduction of spillover will maintain stability. LAC will then be used to compensate for the remaining destabilizing effects.
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4.4.6 Frequency Shaping for Rejection of Single Frequency Disturbance

In this case, the state weighting matrix \( A \) must place large penalties at the disturbance frequency. For example, if the disturbance frequency is 0.5 rad/s, and the cost is defined in this case as

\[
J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (A_y(u^2 + B u^2) \, du , \quad (4.82)
\]

then

\[
A_y(u) = \frac{1}{(u^2 - 0.25)^2} .
\]

The implementation of this weighting requires the additional equation:

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.25 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \eta \quad (4.83)
\]

The control synthesis model is now of order 6, with the state vector being

\[
X_f = [q_1, q_1, u, \xi, \eta]^T .
\]

The corresponding evaluation model will then be of order 10: four states for the original system dynamics, and six states for the controller. This illustrates the pitfalls of "simple examples" and emphasizes the fact that advanced control techniques are primarily relevant for large dynamical systems.

4.5 APPLICATION OF ACROSS DESIGN METHODOLOGY TO A COMPLEX OPTICAL STRUCTURE

The illustration and demonstration of control-design methods for large space structures has been, and remains, a difficult problem. The very nature of large space structures precludes the construction of simple textbook examples to illustrate theory. Control theorists have unfortunately often confused this issue by postulating dynamical plants which are no more than sets of matrices to be immediately processed through a maze of procedures and algorithms developed in theoretical approaches.

Under the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)-sponsored program on Active Control of Space Structures (ACOSS), an important step toward the resolution of this problem was taken by the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory (CSDL). Early in 1980, DARPA commissioned CSDL to develop a (paper) design of a "generic" optical space structure which embodied the essential characteristics needed to illustrate and demonstrate large space structure control-design methodology, implementation, and performance evaluation. The resulting nontrivial spacecraft model, known today as "CSDL Model No. 2," has been fully documented in Ref. 17. It is available to the dynamics and control community via a NASTRAN computer tape which contains the entire structural model. References to "CSDL No. 2" are becoming increasingly more frequent, particularly in view of the fact that this model was also recently chosen by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the "test bed" for a program they will sponsor and initiate later this year on the Vibration Control of Space Structures (VCSS).

4.5.1 The CSDL No. 2 Structural Model and Disturbances

The CSDL No. 2 model (Ref. 17), shown conceptually in Fig. 4-7, represents a wide-angle, three-mirror optical space system, together with a line-of-sight model giving the law of displacement of the image in the focal plane when the structure deforms (see Section 4.5.2). The assumption is made that the mirror surfaces are simply displaced and maintain their nominal (rigid) shapes. The mirror shapes are off-axis sections of rotationally symmetric coaxial surfaces. Since the intent is to derive a first-order optical model (by neglecting the influence of light redistribution in the image), the asphericity of each mirror is disregarded.

The total structure is approximately 28 m high, has a mass of about 9,300 kg, and embodies a structural design based on realistic sizes and weights; the corresponding mass distribution is indicated in Fig. 4-7. Principal lumped masses are graphically displayed in Fig. 4-8. As "seen" by the NASTRAN program input, the structure contains many more structural members than in the artist's conception of Fig. 4-7. The computer graphic display shown in Fig. 4-9 represents the actual structural model which was input to the NASTRAN program, together with its number of nodes, degrees of freedom, nonzero mass elements, and stiffness elements. The structure is configured as a frame, i.e., it is assumed that all joints allow a full moment connection. Thus, bending, axial, and torsional stiffness is included in the model for all structural members.
HEIGHT ≈ 28 m
TOTAL WEIGHT ≈ 9300 kg

- 51 NODES
- 306 DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM
- 84 NONZERO MASS ELEMENTS
- 137 STIFFNESS ELEMENTS

~ 3,000 kg

~ 6,000 kg

3 RIGID BODY MODES (ATTITUDE ANGLES) AND 41 FLEXIBLE MODES RETAINED FOR ACTIVE CONTROL EVALUATION (CSDL MODES #20, 33, AND 49 DISCARDED)

Fig. 4-7 CSDL No. 2 Model (Artist's Conception)

Fig. 4-8 Principal Lumped Masses in CSDL No. 2 (Masses in Relative Proportional Size)

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Fig. 4-9 Computer-Graphic Display of CSDL No. 2 (All Beam Elements Shown)
To complete the structural scenario, two perturbation models were also included in the CSDL No. 2 design. Combined lumped-mass perturbations and beam stiffness perturbations are obtained by changing the thickness of the 25-cm diameter graphite epoxy hollow tubes used in the metering truss. The locations of these perturbations are shown in Fig. 4-10, and their specific descriptions are given in Tables 4-2 and 4-3, where $P_0$ denotes the nominal model and $P_2$ and $P_4$ the perturbed models. The latter two models are used to evaluate the control laws designed for $P_0$ and, hence, provide a specific test for control-system robustness. The frequencies of the first 44 flexible modes for $P_0$ are given in Section 4.5.2, Table 4-4.*

*These were obtained using SPAR, a large-scale structural dynamics analysis program (available through the COSMIC library) whose detailed numerical procedures, structural reduction, eigen-computations, etc., are implemented differently than in NASTRAN. SPAR was used for comparison purposes, and for the first 68 modes, frequencies varied less than 0.1 percent compared with NASTRAN. In Table 4-4, modes 1 through 6 represent rigid-body modes.

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**Table 4-2**

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The disturbance model consists of two sinusoidal forces applied to a point on the upper optical structure and a point on the equipment section below the isolators, as shown subsequently in Fig 4-11. These forces simulate onboard vibrating equipment, and it is assumed that they act simultaneously.

4.5.2 The CSDL No. 2 Line-of-Sight Control Problem

To define a control problem for the CSDL No. 2 configuration, a performance metric is required. This is chosen to be the line-of-sight (LOS) error, i.e., the displacement of the image of a target when the structure deforms under the influence of the two onboard sinusoidal disturbances. The mathematical model giving the displacement law is described in Ref. 17, wherein it must be assumed that the coordinates $x_1$, $y_1$ of the image point are chosen to be zero.

The LOS error is a vector with components $LOS_X$ and $LOS_Y$ in the focal plane, and is a function of the transverse defocus $(X, Y)$. The defocus itself is denoted by $Z$, and together $X$, $Y$, $Z$ are linear functions of the 16 optical variables:

$$x_p, y_p, x_t, y_t, x_f, y_f, z_p, z_s, z_t, z_f, e_x_p, e_y_p, e_x_s, e_y_s, e_x_t, e_y_t,$$

where the $x_i, y_i, z_i, e_x_i, e_y_i$ refer to the translations and rotations in the global $X, Y$ and $Z$ directions of the primary (p), secondary (s), tertiary (t), and focal plane (f). These 16 optical variables are, in turn, linear functions of 21 variables which are $X, Y, Z$ coordinates of 12 particular nodes whose displacements control the geometry of the optical path. These 21 variables are therefore the physical coordinates of LOS and correspond to 21 degrees of freedom of the structure. Indeed, each of these physical coordinates can now be given its modal expansion in terms of the structure's mode shapes, and the resulting transformation:

$$LOS \rightarrow OPTICAL \ VARIABLES \rightarrow PHYSICAL \ COORDINATES \rightarrow MODAL \ COORDINATES$$

gives rise to the modal expansion of the LOS. More importantly, it suggests directly that, in order to control the LOS, one should control its physical coordinates where actuators can be placed. And indeed, the control actuators and their locations were chosen to correspond to these 21 degrees of freedom at the 12 particular nodes involved, as shown in Fig. 4-11.

The performance requirements are specified by the total LOS error defined as the quantity

$$LOS = \sqrt{(LOS_X)^2 + (LOS_Y)^2}$$

The contribution of each flexible mode to LOS can be calculated as follows. For simplicity, denote by $\tilde{L}_a$ ($a=1,2$) the quantities $\tilde{L}_1 = LOS_X$ and $\tilde{L}_2 = LOS_Y$. The expression of LOS in terms of its physical coordinates is then of the form

$$\tilde{L}_a = \sum_{i=1}^n L_{ai} \phi_{i} \phi_n$$

in which the modal expansion $x_i = \phi_{i} \phi_n$ was used. The maximum value $S_{an}$ of $L_{an} q_n(t)$ represents the contribution of the nth mode to the components of the LOS error. The modal amplitude $q_n$ is obtained from the structural transfer function defined in Eq. (4.8) of Section 4.2.1, and its maximum is the sum of the amplitudes corresponding to the two sinusoidal disturbance frequencies $\omega_k$ ($k = 1, 2$). Thus:

$$S_{an} = \max \left| L_{an} q_n \right| = \sum_{k=1,2} \left| L_{an} \phi_k f_k \right|$$

where

$$f_k = \frac{L_{an} \phi_k}{\sqrt{\left(\omega_k^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + 4\omega_k^2 \omega_n^2}}$$

$$\phi_k = \frac{\omega_k \phi_k}{\sqrt{\left(\omega_k^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + 4\omega_k^2 \omega_n^2}}$$

Fig. 4-11 Disturbances and Actuator/Sensor Locations for CSDL No. 2
where \( f_k \) denotes the magnitude of the \( k \)th disturbance. Finally, the contribution of the \( n \)th node to the LOS error is defined by

\[
S_n = \sqrt{\sum f_n^2 - \sum f_n^2}.
\]  

(4.85)

The control problem is to reduce the LOS error produced by the two steady-state disturbances to a value below a specified level. The disturbance magnitudes and the performance tolerances used in this analysis were based on preliminary CSDL estimates, and are as follows:

Upper truss disturbance: \( 10 \text{ N at } 10 \text{ Hz} \)

Lower truss disturbance: \( 20 \text{ N at } 5 \text{ Hz} \)

LOS tolerance: \( 50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rad} \)

Defocus tolerance: \( 25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rad} \)

Table 4.4

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* These were subsequently revised, and in Ref. 17 they have been scaled up by a factor of 20. Since these quantities scale linearly, the control problem remains unchanged.

The LOS open-loop performance of CSDL No. 2, obtained from Eqs. (4.83), (4.84), and (4.85), is 972 nrad. The axial defocus already meets the requirements and, hence, is discarded from further consideration. The LOS error can be broken down into its modal components defined in Eq. (4.85) and listed in Table 4-4 for the first 44 flexible modes and 3 rigid-body rotational modes.

4.5.3 Control Design for CSDL No. 2

Active control is clearly required to meet the LOS requirements. Conventional vibration control imparts damping to all structural modes so as to reduce the overall response of the structure. Unfortunately, for steady-state disturbances, structural damping often fails to achieve the expected result and may even worsen the performance. As a test, 30 percent damping was assumed to be present in all modes. The total LOS error with damping was found to increase from 972 nrad to 1131 nrad. This phenomenon can be explained with reference to Fig. 4-12, which shows the ratios of transfer functions (LOS/disturbance) obtained, respectively, for the assumed 30 percent and the nominal 0.1 percent damping ratios. Near the disturbance frequencies, these ratios are larger than 1 in three cases out of four. Similar results are obtained when there are no rigid-body modes (Table 4-5).

Table 4-5

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<td>With Rigid-Body Modes 972</td>
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The conclusion to be drawn from this example is that damping augmentation does not work in all cases. Its effectiveness depends specifically upon the type of disturbance and the distribution of the modal frequencies in the disturbance spectrum. The approach which is taken here to solve the CSDL No. 2 control problem is based on the control-design method of Section 4.3. A quadratic performance criterion which contains explicitly the effect of the two disturbances is optimized. Thus, the LOS error due to these 5-Hz and 10-Hz disturbances is strongly reduced, while the overall system is stable.
The overall procedure for a disturbance-rejecting controller design is shown in Fig. 4-13. As was stated in Section 4.5.2, 21 single degree-of-freedom force actuators were selected to control the physical coordinates of the LOS. These actuators are located at the structural nodes shown in Fig. 4-11. Correspondingly, 21 sensors collocated with these actuators and measuring displacement rates are introduced for the low-authority controller (LAC).

The high-authority controller (HAC) uses only three measurements: the two LOS errors (LOSx and LOSy) and the rigid-body angular rotation $\theta_z$. This last measurement is necessary to control the attitude of the spacecraft about the z-axis, which is otherwise not observable through the line of sight. These measurements may be obtained directly by optical means or reconstructed from structural information and kinematics.

**Fig. 4-12** Ratio of Transfer Functions (30% damping/0.1% damping) (See Text)

**Fig. 4-13** Control Design Approach for Disturbance Rejection
Three modes (20, 33, and 49) were first discarded from the initial model because they were neither observable nor controllable. The evaluation model thus contains 3 rigid-body modes and 41 flexible modes. The reduced model was obtained by selecting ten modes with the highest controllability-observability product and the two modes with highest modal cost, as shown in Table 4-6. This 12-mode model (which includes the 3 rigid-body modes) is used for control design. Since the disturbances occur at the two discrete frequencies (5 and 10 Hz), the following state penalty is used in the design:

\[ J = \int \left[ T(j\omega) \left[ \text{LOS}_x^2 + \text{LOS}_y^2 \right] + b u^T u \right] \, d\omega, \]

where the frequency-shaping weight is given by

\[ T(j\omega) = \frac{4}{(\omega^2 - 100\pi^2)^2} + \frac{10}{(\omega^2 - 400\pi^2)^2}. \]

For the 24 states of the reduced model are estimated by a Kalman filter to which the 8 additional states necessary for frequency shaping are appended. The overall structure of the controller/filter is shown in Table 4-7. The measurement vector \( y \) is used directly as input to the estimator. In the reduced model, this measurement is approximated by \( y_0 \) based on a reduced number of states. The quadratic weights used in the design are given in Table 4-8, and the resulting closed-loop filter and controller

### Table 4-6

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<td>Estimator</td>
<td>frequency-shaping states (8 states)</td>
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<td>( \dot{\hat{x}} = F_0\hat{x} + G_0u + K(z - L_0\hat{x}) )</td>
<td>control law (21 controls)</td>
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<td>( \dot{\xi} = \Omega \xi + M\xi )</td>
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<td>( u = G_0\hat{\xi} + C_\xi \xi )</td>
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4.5.3 CONTROL DESIGN FOR CSOL NO. 2

Table 4-8
CONTROL AND FILTER WEIGHTING USED IN THE DESIGN (NONZERO ELEMENTS)

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Table 4-9
CLOSED-LOOP HIGH-AUTHORITY-CONTROL (HAC) DESIGN

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Damping ratios are given in Table 4-9. The HAC filter gains (matrix K) and control gains (matrix C), depicted subsequently in Fig. 4-17, are listed in Appendix B.

The LAC law is designed separately to minimize spillover. The model used for LAC synthesis includes the 12 modes used for HAC plus 10 additional modes chosen outside of the HAC bandwidth on the basis of their controllability. The HAC/LAC mode selection is shown in Table 4-10. The LAC control law is defined by the diagonal gain matrix C, relating the 21 measured velocities at the actuator locations to the corresponding 21 actuator forces. These LAC gains are selected to provide approximately 3 percent damping in all modes. Because of variation in level of controllability from mode to mode, it is possible to achieve this condition only approximately. Table 4-11a shows the LAC control design, and Table 4-11b gives the LAC gains.
Table 4-10

MODE SELECTION FOR HIGH-AUTHORITY (HAC) AND LOW-AUTHORITY (LAC) CONTROL

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HAC 12 MODES

LAC 22 MODES

O: 3 MODES DELETED FROM MODEL AND REPLACED BY 3 RIGID BODY ROTATION MODES (TOTAL MODES RETAINED: 44)

TOLERANCES:
LOS: 50 nrad
DEFOCUS: 15 μm
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4.5.4 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR CSDL NO. 2
NOMINAL AND PERTURBED MODELS

The HAC/LAC controller performance evaluation combines the HAC controller/filter equations (shown in Table 4-7), the LAC controller law, and the 44-mode evaluation-model equations. The total system is of order 120. Stability is evaluated by determining the complex eigenvalues, which are summarized in Table 4-12. A significant feature of the design is that no pole has a lower damping ratio in closed loop than in open loop. The evaluation of the LOS error is obtained by computing the steady-state responses at 5 and 10 Hz using the complex equation:

$$\mathbf{e} = H_s(s^2 + 2\zeta_s\omega_n^2 - \omega_n^2)^{-1}1_s^w$$

where $\mathbf{e}$ is the LOS error vector (whose components have complex amplitudes), $\omega_n$ is the magnitude of the disturbance at the frequency $\omega_n^2/2\pi$, and the matrices $F_s$, $I_s$, and $H_s$ correspond to the total closed-loop system defined by the equations

$$x_s = F_s x + 1_s^w$$

$$\mathbf{e} = H_s x$$

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The magnitude of the vector sum of x-axis and y-axis LOS error is found to be 0.013 nrad.

The larger than four-order-of-magnitude reduction in the LOS error is in striking contrast to the relatively small closed-loop damping ratios, showing that large performance improvements do not necessarily require large increases in damping ratios. This significant result is indeed typical of the application of optimal control. It exemplifies the difference between the colocated LAC system which locally absorbs vibrational energy, and the HAC system which judiciously redistributes it, producing favorable cancellations so as to optimize the performance. However, this latter controller can be much more sensitive to model errors, and this sensitivity may be evaluated on perturbed models.

Evaluation on perturbed models. The two perturbed models P2 and P4 described in Section 4.5.1 are used to evaluate the previously described HAC/LAC controller. The transfer functions between the x-axis LOS error and the upper-disturbance input are compared in Fig. 4-15 for the nominal and the two perturbed models. There is a significant change in the P2 transfer function around 10 Hz, where an interchange between modes 30 and 32 occurs. This can be seen in Table 4-13 where the LOS modal contributions are compared for the three models, allowing mode 30 to be tracked through the perturbations P2 and P4. The controller is stable for perturbed model P4. However, stability with P2 requires only the knowledge of the natural frequency of mode 30 (which had become mode 32 and was no longer properly represented). LOS errors for the three models are compared in Table 4-14. Table 4-15 compares the open-loop performance to the closed-loop LOS errors. The improvement in performance for the perturbed models is of the same order of magnitude as for the nominal models.

Controller simplification. Because of the eight additional states required by the implementation of the frequency-shaping methods, the modified LQG problem from which control gains are obtained is of order 32. For practical implementation reasons, it may be desirable to reduce this order. The controller is simplified by setting the control and filter gains corresponding to various modes to zero. Table 4-16 shows

![Fig. 4-15 LOSX Frequency Responses to Sinusoidal Disturbance of Upper-Support Truss, Nominal (PO) and Perturbed (P2, P4) Models](image-url)
three simplified controllers (with orders 30, 26, and 20); the simplification does not degrade the LOS error significantly, and the control effort is also the same as for the full-order controller.

Note that when a 20th order controller is designed directly, the closed-loop system is unstable.

Robust controller. A robust controller may be designed so that knowledge of the natural frequency of mode 30 is not required for stability of perturbed model P2. The robust design is obtained by increasing the control penalty and measurement noise covariance by a factor of ten. The robust controller is stable for all models. The closed-loop performance for P2 degrades from 0.016 nrad to 0.046 nrad (see Fig. 4-16). This result illustrates the usual trade-off between maximum performance and robustness. Slightly relaxing the performance requirement can produce large improvements in system robustness.
4.5.5 Matrix Computational Algorithms for CSDL No. 2

Large space structure modeling, control design, and closed-loop evaluation require numerical solutions to high-order matrix problems. Standard digital computer procedures used successfully for small-scale problems are simply not applicable in the large space structure case because of high memory storage requirements and numerical instabilities. In addition, a significant part of the software is devoted to the manipulation and construction of the various large matrices involved in the control syntheses and evaluation procedures. The CSDL No. 2 model provides a good example to illustrate the size and type of the software operations needed for the control of large space structures.

In the CSDL No. 2 example: (a) 44 modes are used as the total model for the configuration; (b) two disturbances
\[
\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1 \\ \mathbf{w}_2 \end{bmatrix}
\]
are assumed to be applied, each at a given structural node; and (c) 21 single DOF control actuators are placed on the structure. The state equations then take the form:
\[
\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}_s \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{w}, \quad (4.90)
\]
where the matrix dimensions are included. The matrices \(\mathbf{G}\) and \(\mathbf{\Gamma}\) are of the form shown in Eq. (4.7) of Section 4.2.1.

Equation (4.90) represents only the initial formulation of the control problem: a large modal model of a disturbed structure to be controlled by a control vector as yet to be determined. For reasons given in Section 4.3, the controller design is carried out on a reduced-order model. For example, in the CSDL No. 2 configuration, only 12 modes were deemed as important for designing the required type of control. For this, one needs also the equation:
\[
\dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \mathbf{F}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{G}_0 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{\Gamma}_0 \mathbf{w}, \quad (4.91)
\]
where those columns of \(\mathbf{\Phi}\) (appearing in \(\mathbf{G}\) and \(\mathbf{\Gamma}\)) corresponding to the discarded modes as well as the corresponding \(\mathbf{w}_i\)'s in the matrix \(\mathbf{F}\) given in Eq. (4.7) must be deleted.

Equations (4.90) and (4.91) together are only the first two equations (denoted by "PLANT" and "REDUCED MODEL") in Fig. 4-17, which depicts the total set of system equations required for the disturbance-rejection control system. The third and fourth equations in Fig. 4-17 represent, respectively, the Kalman filter and the control equation. In these, the measurement matrices \(\mathbf{M}\) are constructed from the LOS matrices \(\mathbf{L}\) and \(\mathbf{L}_0\), which, in turn, are derived from structural information (modal decomposition of LOS). The matrices \(\mathbf{F}_s\), \(\mathbf{G}\), and \(\mathbf{\Gamma}\) (as discussed earlier) are also obtained from structural data (mode shapes), while the gain matrices \(\mathbf{K}_1\), \(\mathbf{C}\), and \(\mathbf{C}_L\), which define the control laws, are obtained from modern optimal control synthesis computer programs. (Figure 4-18 shows the block diagram for the complete CSDL No. 2 control system.)

Closing the loop around the total system equations produces a "closed-loop dynamics" matrix \(\mathbf{F}_s\) (Fig. 4-19) of dimension \(120 \times 120\), corresponding to an aggregation of the 88 open-loop structural states with 32 filter states. Complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this large matrix need to be evaluated in order to obtain the steady-state solution of the differential equation
\[
\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}_s \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Gamma} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}, \quad (4.92)
\]
and to compute the associated transfer functions like those shown in Fig. 4-12. To obtain the closed-loop system performance, this solution \(\mathbf{x}\) is substituted into the measurement equation (third equation of Fig. 4-19):
\[
\mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{M} \mid \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{x}, \quad (4.93)
\]
where the three components of \(\mathbf{z}\) are \(\text{LOS}_X\), \(\text{LOS}_Y\), and \(\text{DEFOCUS}\) respectively. To obtain the control effort (forces), \(\mathbf{x}\) is substituted into the control equation (second equation of Fig. 4-20):
\[
\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{C}_L \mathbf{A}^{T} \mathbf{x}, \quad (4.94)
\]
where the two terms on the right-hand side, which correspond to the HAC and LAC control effort, can be evaluated separately.

In the above discussion, the path from the original structural concept (e.g., CSDL No. 2) to the final closed-loop evaluation model (Fig. 4-19) constitutes the dynamics and controls modeling process for controlled flexible spacecraft. Thus, in addition to the expertise...
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4.5.5 MATRIX COMPUTATIONAL ALGORITHMS FOR CSDL NO. 2

\[ \dot{x} = Fx + Gu + \Gamma w \]
\[ \dot{x}_0 = F_0 x_0 + G_0 u + \Gamma'_0 w \]
\[ \ddot{x}_0 = F_1 \dddot{x}_0 + G_1 u + K_L \left( \begin{bmatrix} M_{L} \\ \Lambda_{L} \end{bmatrix} \dddot{x}_0 \right) \]

PLANT

\[ u = C_L x_L + G_L' x \]

REDUCED MODEL

WHERE:

\[ F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} F_0 & 0 \\ \Lambda_0 & \Omega \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\omega^2_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\omega^2_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 2x88 & 0 \\ 0 & 2x88 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2x88 \\ 0 & 2x88 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{AND} \quad \Lambda_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2x88 \\ 0 & 2x88 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ L \text{ is the LOS matrix given by } \text{LOS~}\text{X, } L_0 \text{ is the reduced LOS matrix given by } \text{LOS~}\text{X} \]

\[ M \text{ is the measurement matrix given by } \text{LOSS~Y, } M_0 \text{ is the reduced measurement matrix given by } \text{LOSS~}\text{Y} \]

NOTE: \( M' = M^* x \)

Fig. 4-17 Total System Equations (CSDL No. 2 Control System)

Fig. 4-18 Block Diagram for Combined HAC/LAC Control System

Fig. 4-19 Closed-Loop System/Evaluation Model (CSDL No. 2 Control System)
required to design and synthesize modern optimal control systems, an extensive "preparation of a structure for controls" process is also an essential part of the vibration control technology for flexible spacecraft. Control design involves extensive manipulation of large matrices (e.g., construction, modification, partitioning, aggregation, algebraic operations, complex eigenanalysis, etc.) which must be carried out in a large-scale digital computer. Referencing structural dynamics data files must be done in such a way that any change in the files (due to model refinement, design modification, etc.) allows one to repeat the entire process rapidly.
5. PROGRAM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 5

PROGRAM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The control design and successful performance evaluation activities for the CSDL No. 2 nominal and perturbed models make it possible now to draw several important conclusions regarding the model itself and the control strategy required to address disturbance rejection for LSS. These conclusions relate to: (1) the adequacy and value of the CSDL No. 2 model as a generic test-bed for the important class of LSS control problems dealing with disturbance rejection; (2) the evaluation of the various possible control strategies in terms of the physical interpretation of what the corresponding optimal controllers actually do. These two issues will be discussed in turn.

Generic Value of the CSDL No. 2 Model. The CSDL No. 2 structural model, together with its onboard disturbances and LOS performance metric, has emerged as an excellent example of a structure embodying the essential generic characteristics of LSS according to the criteria established in Section 4.1.2. Two important characteristics need further discussion to dispel common misconceptions regarding the nature of the disturbance rejection problem and the relevance of large size models to the control synthesis for actual LSS.

The CSDL No. 2 control problem, formulated by DARPA in Phase 1A, brought to light a new class of generic LSS problems dealing with sinusoidal steady-state disturbance rejection which are different from the initial conditions/transient vibration problems addressed earlier in Phase 1. While damping augmentation (via neoclassical or modern control techniques) was adequate in that case, early and brief experimentation on CSDL No. 2 with this type of controller indicated the inadequacy of such an approach because of the structure's "stubborn refusal" to yield satisfactory performance with any reasonable robustness, control effort, or number of actuators. From the point of view of the damping augmentation approach, CSDL No. 2 may have seemed ill-designed and inadequate to represent a Control-Configured Vehicle (CCV). However, the fallacy of this notion became apparent when the basic physics of the problem was examined and the control problem reformulated to take it into account. The distinction between free oscillations and forced vibrations, which is at the core of the control design problem, was indeed well illustrated in the CSDL No. 2 model.

The second important and valuable characteristic of CSDL No. 2 is the large order of the model coupled with the assumed parameter uncertainty - both of which constitute the central challenge in the LSS control problem. This characteristic mandates the design of reduced-order controllers because practical implementation of full-order controllers is not feasible at present, and because, even if it were, the unavoidable uncertainties in the higher modes would make it excessively parameter-sensitive. In addition, CSDL No. 2 clearly established the need for large-scale computational capability in any real application.

Insofar as modeling/fidelity issues might be raised with the CSDL No. 2 model (i.e., lumped-mass versus extended rigid-body modeling of the mirrors, idealized plate-inertias versus box-inertias for the equipment section, etc.), the authors of this report cannot endorse any of them as meaningful technical challenges. Such changes would modify somewhat the numerical values of frequencies and modes of the open-loop model, but are of no consequence for control theory methodology and have no impact on the generic LSS control problem. By contrast, generalization of the sinusoidal disturbance model to a more complex model (specified by its power spectral density) poses a useful challenge worth resolving in Phase II. While this disturbance model change may require some refinement of the frequency-shaping technique, the important questions here concern performance reduction and the need for onboard system identification of the disturbances.

Finally, the LOS performance metric must be given as much importance in the controller design as in the structural design of an optical spacecraft. The use of the LOS in the performance index J (see Eq. 4-86) is a natural consequence of the CSDL No. 2 control problem. Actuator selection and location is based directly on the decomposition of the LOS error into nodal displacements of the structure. In general, for more complex optical systems, there will be additional optical characteristics (e.g., higher order aberrations or their Zernike polynomial representations) which need to be controlled, and it can be expected that the associated performance metrics and optical algorithms will be used in the cost functions, actuator selection, and controller designs for such systems. As a step toward establishing the purview of a yet-to-be characterized CCV

technology, the optical and control design should be integrated as early as possible. In particular, the definition of actuators and sensors must take into account the geometries of the optical train and that of the supporting structure. After this early integration of spacecraft instrumentation for combined mission and control objectives, the more difficult questions of CCV structural re-design can be addressed.

Physical Interpretations of Control Strategies.
The initial considerations in controller design stem from the control objective and the nature of the disturbance. There are several generic ways of addressing the problem, and these are summarized below:

1. Destroy the disturbance at the source
2. Lock all the structural nodes by active means
3. Lock only those nodes contributing to the LOS error
4. Lock the LOS directly by optimally modifying the motions of the contributing nodes

Method 1 involves either vibration isolation or directly opposing the disturbance by appropriate actuators at the disturbance location. This may not be feasible in practice and is outside the scope of the present study.

Method 2, which has been used with success in transient vibration suppression, is the consequence of using modal control techniques. Because all nodal displacements are linear superpositions of structural modes, strong control of the principal modes (e.g., high modal damping) will result in quieting down all the structural nodes. In the case of forced vibrations, this method may require unwarranted large control efforts. In addition, strong performance and robustness requirements may lead to an excessive number of actuators. For CSOL No. 2, which has 51 nodes, this could involve as many as $51 \times 3 = 153$ actuators. Since the performance (LOS) depends only on 21 degrees of freedom (d.o.f.'s) distributed among 12 structural nodes, a more reasonable approach is to concentrate the control effort on these 21 d.o.f.'s. This is the basis for Method 3.

Method 3 could be envisioned as an active locking of all the optical surfaces while the rest of the structure still undergoes forced vibrations. However, since in CSOL No. 2 there are only two optical d.o.f.'s of interest (i.e., LOSX and LOSY), better use can be made of the 21 actuators required to lock the 21 nodal d.o.f.'s of the LOS.

Method 4 is the one developed in the present study, and it exploits the redundancy of the 21 actuators. In this method, the actuators do not attempt to lock the corresponding nodal d.o.f.'s. Rather, they act in such a way that the combined motions at these 21 d.o.f.'s result in a locked LOS. With such a control, the structure still appears to be vibrating while the LOS is essentially still. This seemingly complicated solution is obtained rather simply by the optimal formulation of the control problem when the cost function has been properly formulated to embody the nature of the required performance. A side benefit of the optimal control technique is the guarantee that, for a given LOS error, the actuators will not fight each other but rather will cooperate so as to minimize the total control effort. (See Note 1.)

It is important to note that the new class of frequency-shaped cost controllers designed to

Note 1. This property is very typical of optimal solutions for redundant systems of actuators. Optimal formulations provide a powerful tool for achieving concurrent objectives when the degree of redundancy is large enough. An example of this occurs in multiple CMG systems for high-torque attitude maneuvering. In the corresponding nonlinear optimal control problem, the cost functions are based on geometrical operators whose counterpart would be the optics in LSS problems such as CSOL No. 2. The optimal solution in this case produces collective motions of the CMGs satisfying two concurrent objectives: (a) the torque required for the present maneuver is being produced at the same time that, (b) the CMG cluster is reconfiguring itself optimally for the next maneuver. As in the previous case, this seemingly complicated solution is obtained relatively simply from the optimal formulation of the control problem. The analogy between the CMG and the LOS control problem arises from the redundancy of the actuation system which allows null-motions to occur. For CMGs these are collective motions which produce no torque, while for LSS they are the structural motions which leave the LOS invariant. For CSOL No. 2, where 21 actuators control a 2-d.o.f. LOS, there remains a 19-parameter family of motions available to control higher-order optical aberrations. It appears likely that (moderately) redundant actuation may become a necessary part of the generic approach for LSS forced vibration problems.
address the steady-state disturbance rejection problem is still an integral part of the originally formulated two-level HAC/LAC approach. This approach combines noncolocated state-estimator implementations for high performance with colocated output feedback for spillover management. In the CSDL No. 2 problem, damping considerations are essentially absent in the HAC design (other than required for stability). The LAC design is primarily intended to stabilize the HAC controller in its roll-off region where the HAC-unmodeled modes are also very poorly known, and, for this reason, the LAC synthesis is almost a statistical method for spillover correction. Finally, the role of the frequency shaping of the LOS cost is to put emphasis on the LOS error at the disturbance frequencies, thereby reducing the control gains and desensitizing the controller to plant parameter errors.

ACOSS Phase 1A provided the needed technical bridge between theoretical ideas developed in Phase 1 and analytical/computational sophistication and experimental verification needed to proceed to proof-of-concept level demonstration. The basic validity of combining colocated output feedback with noncolocated state-estimator mechanisms needed for high performance was established. The possibility of very high performance for certain Control-Configured Vehicle (CCV) applications was demonstrated conclusively. Finally, these methods were realized in simple hardware conceptually not unlike that required for actual space structures applications, lending credibility to the possibility of practical implementations.

Unresolved issues still remain, however. The process of model reduction needs much refinement, both in procedural organization and in connection with system robustness evaluation. Robustness measures need further definition, and levels of achievable robustness need to be investigated. Finally, system identification methods necessary to evaluate robustness and experimental performance must be further developed and tested.
REFERENCES


Appendix A

CIRCULAR PLATE EXPERIMENT – SIMULATION RESULTS

VELOCITY SENSOR OUTPUTS

VELOCITY AT SENSOR 1 (μm/s)

LEGEND

- ACTUAL VALUES
- ESTIMATED VALUES

FILTER OUTPUT

TIME (SEC)

VELOCITY AT SENSOR 2 (μm/s)

LEGEND

- ACTUAL VALUES
- ESTIMATED VALUES

FILTER OUTPUT

TIME (SEC)
OPTICAL SENSOR OUTPUTS

ROTATION AT SENSOR # 3 (° rad)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

ZSN 3

LEGEND

- ACTUAL VALUES
- ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)

TIME (SEC)

ROTATION AT SENSOR # 4 (° rad)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

ZSN 4

LEGEND

- ACTUAL VALUES
- ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)

TIME (SEC)
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ROTATION AT SENSOR # 5 (µrad)
CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

LEGEND

ACTUAL VALUES
ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)

TIME (SEC)

ROTATION AT SENSOR # 6 (µrad)
CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

LEGEND

ACTUAL VALUES
ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)

TIME (SEC)
MODAL AMPLITUDES

CONTROLLED NODE # 1 (X-ROTATION) AMPLITUDE (°RAD)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

LEGEND

ACTUAL VALUES
ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)

CONTROLLED NODE # 2 (Y-ROTATION) AMPLITUDE (°RAD)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

LEGEND

ACTUAL VALUES
ESTIMATED VALUES (FILTER OUTPUT)
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CONTROL EFFORTS

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RIGHT PPM ACTUATOR CONTROL EFFORT (N)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

TIME (SEC)

LEFT CHM ACTUATOR CONTROL EFFORT (N)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

TIME (SEC)
RIGHT CEP ACTUATOR CONTROL EFFORT (N)

CIRCULAR PLATE DIGITAL CONTROL

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#### HAC GAIN MATRICES

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