

La maîtrise des vibrations dans les constructions civiles  
et les structures de précision

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Tacoma bridge flutter instability (1940)  
[Wind speed: 40 mph]

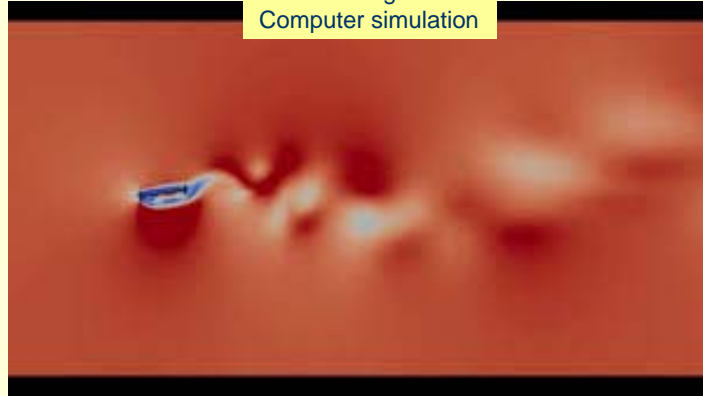


Instability resulting from the interaction between the deck vibrations  
and the unsteady aerodynamic forces acting on the deck

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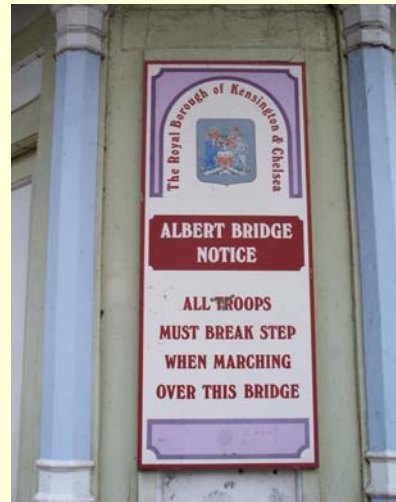
Tacoma bridge Flutter  
Computer simulation



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Pedestrian-induced vibrations of bridges



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Pedestrian-induced vibrations of footbridges




Human Activity	Frequency Range (Hz)
Walking	1,6-2,4
Running	2,0-3,5
Jumping	1,8-3,4

Seriata footbridge:  
 8 walking pedestrians: 1.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
 4 joggers: 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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Millenium Bridge London  
 Pedestrian induced vibration on the opening day  
 (synchronization)



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**Synchronization of metronomes**  
 [Synchronization of pendulum clocks was first observed by Huygens (17<sup>e</sup>)]

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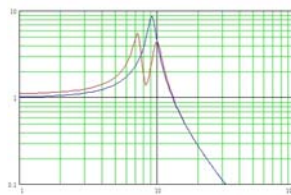
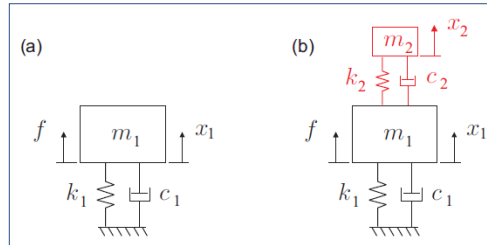
**Tallest buildings in the world**

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$T_1 \sim 0.1 n$

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Reduction of resonance peaks with passive devices:  
**Tuned Mass Damper (TMD) Dynamic Vibration Absorber (DVA)**



Den Hartog optimum design

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{1}{1 + \mu}$$

$$\xi_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3\mu}{8(1 + \mu)}}$$

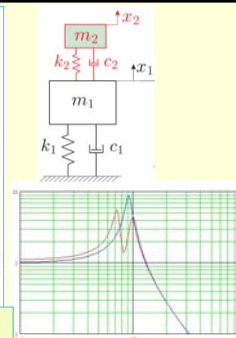
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Taipei 101 (509 m)



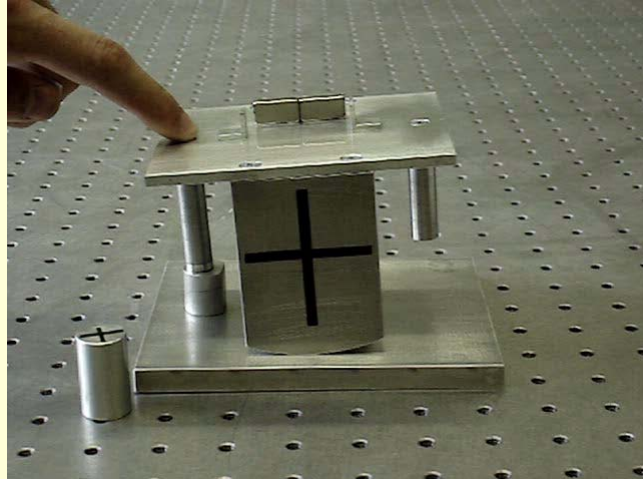
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$T_1 \sim 0.1 n$

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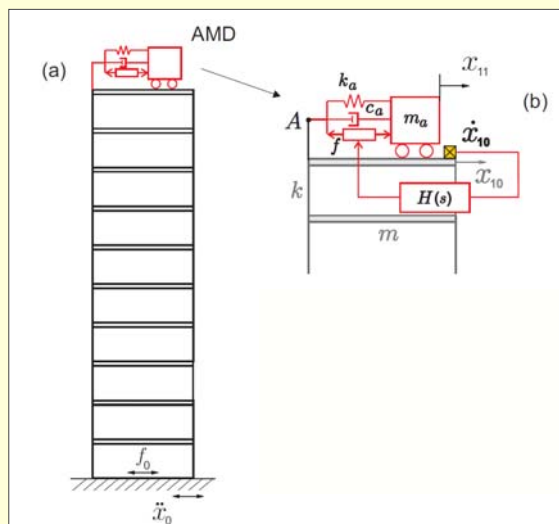


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Active Mass Damper

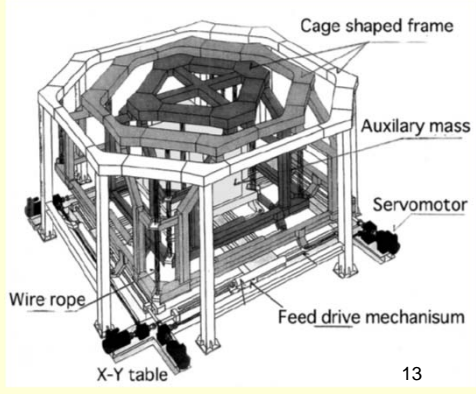
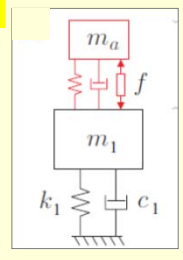


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Yokohama Landmark Tower  
(296 m, 1993)



Active Mass Damper



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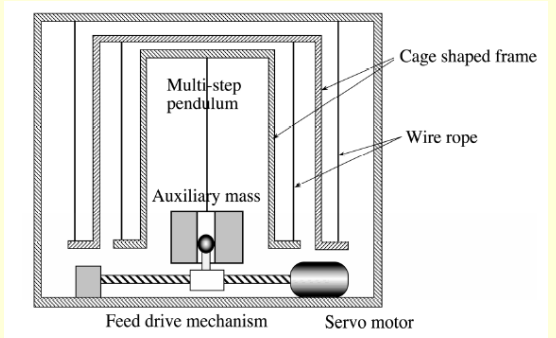
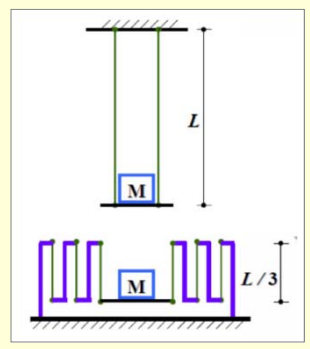


Fig. 2.7 Multi-step pendulum type HMD

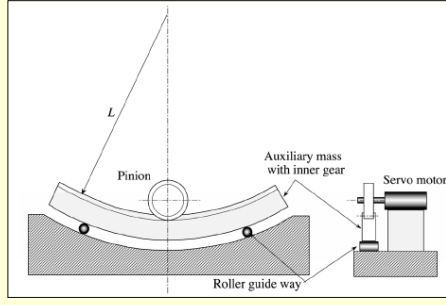
(from K. Seto)

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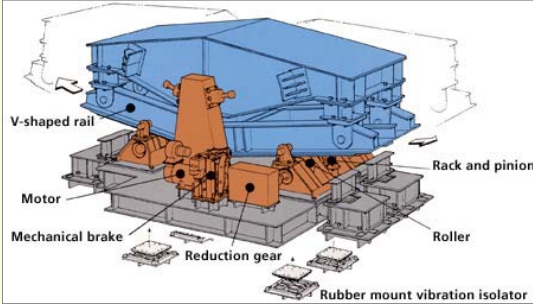
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**Roller guide HMD**



**V-shaped HMD**

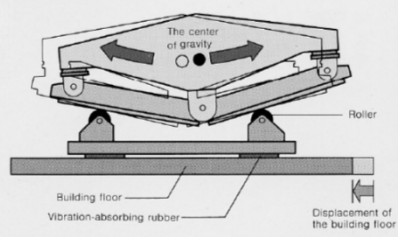


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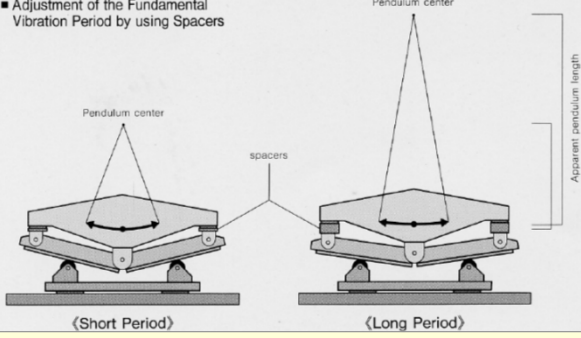
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**TRIGON pendulum device (Kajima corp. 1993)  
Shinjuku Park Tower – Seismic Response Control**

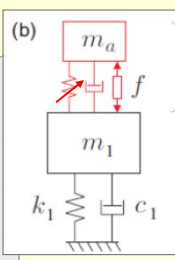
■ The TRIGON Weight Moves Like a Pendulum



■ Adjustment of the Fundamental Vibration Period by using Spacers



(b)



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Suspension bridges

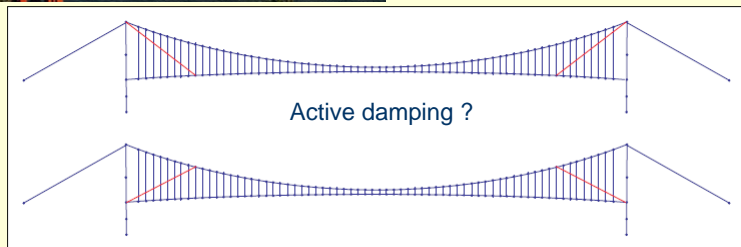
Golden Gate, San Francisco, 1280 m, 1937



Clifton Bridge Bristol (Brunel, 1864)



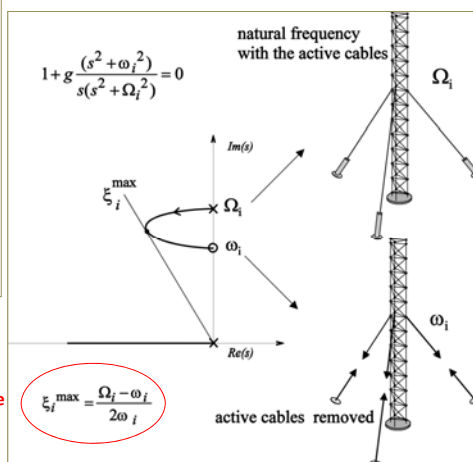
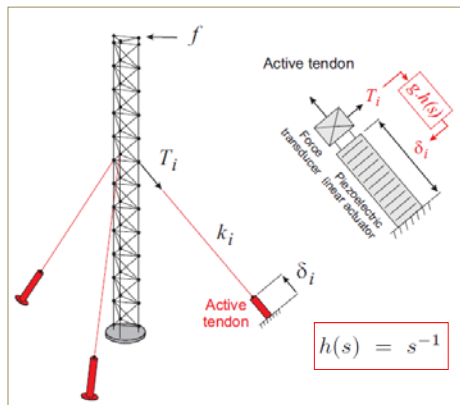
Largest span: Akashi bridge, Kobe 1991 m, 1998



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Decentralized active tendon control of cable-structures



Maximum achievable damping:

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A.PREUMONT: *Vibration Control of Active Structures*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Springer 2011

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Suspension bridge: Seriate footbridge



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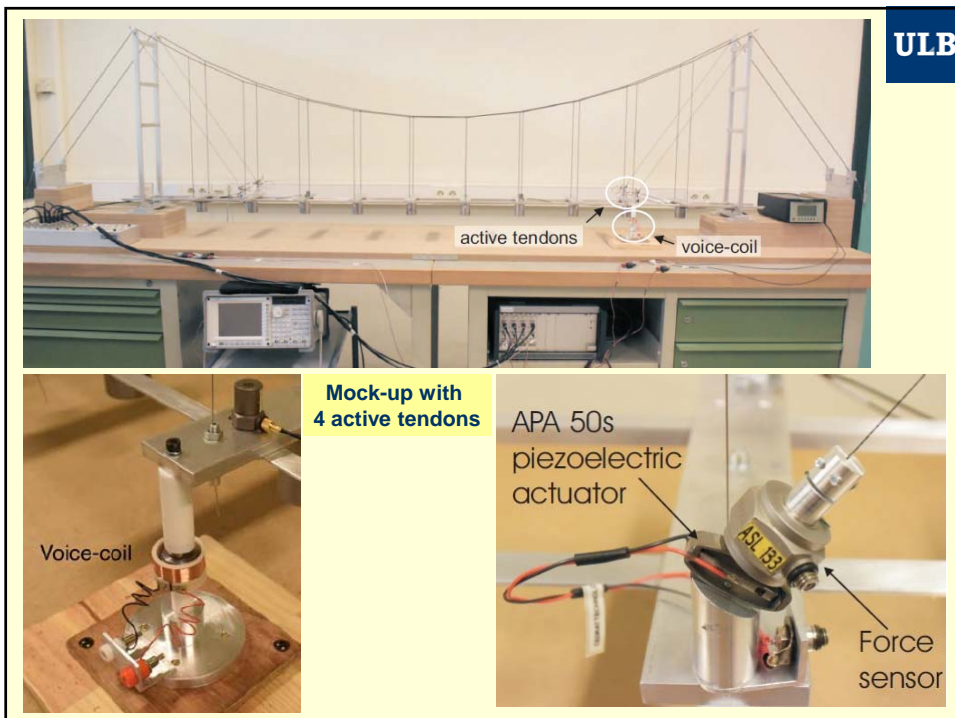
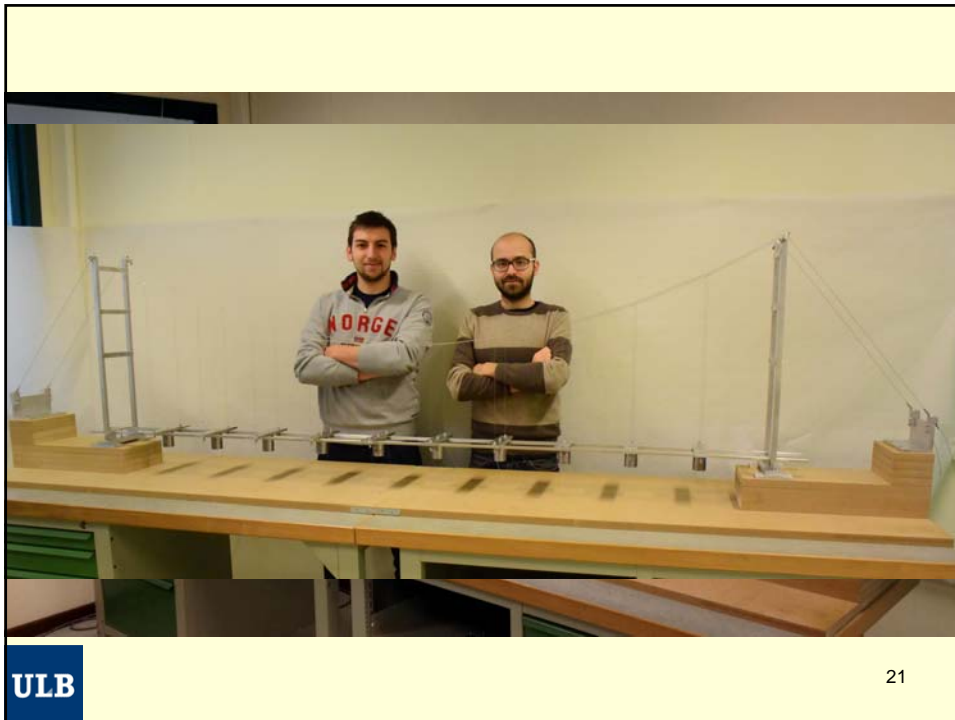
Mode N.	2D Numerical (Hz)	3D Numerical (Hz)	Experimental (Hz)	Numerical Mode Shape	Experimental Mode Shape
1 <sup>st</sup> B.	1.03	1.02	1.03 $\xi_1 = 2.77\%$		
2 <sup>nd</sup> B.	1.39	1.48	1.48 $\xi_2 = 1.34\%$		
1 <sup>st</sup> T.	/	1.79	1.92		
2 <sup>nd</sup> T.	/	2.1	1.94		
3 <sup>rd</sup> B.	2.22	2.20	2.17 $\xi_3 = 1.48\%$		
3 <sup>rd</sup> T.	/	2.65	2.75		
4 <sup>th</sup> B.	2.81	2.78	2.86 $\xi_4 = 1.50\%$		

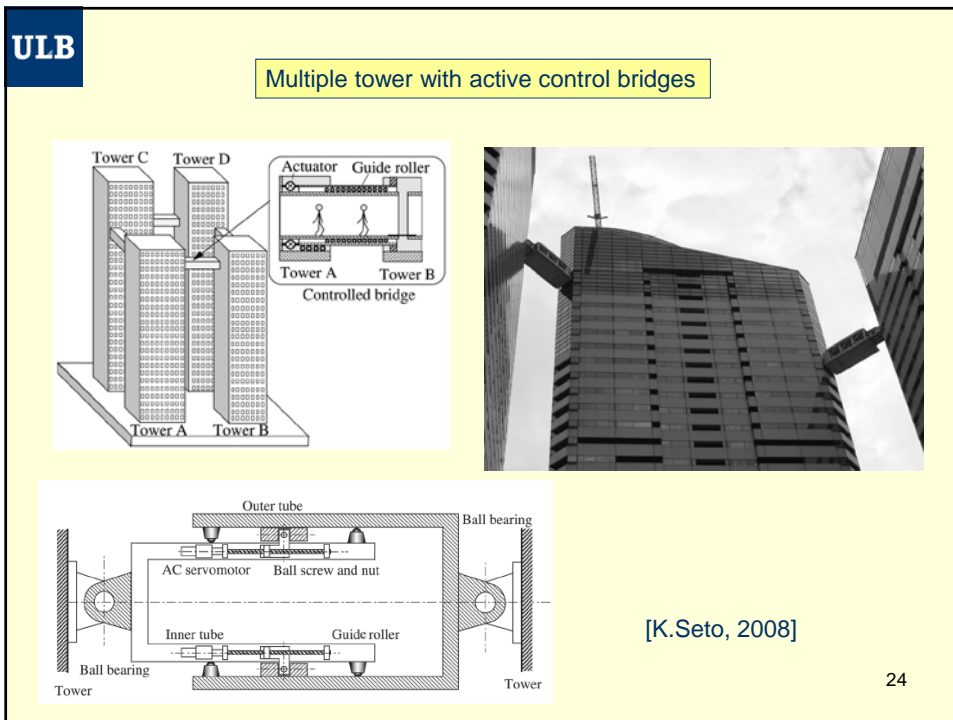
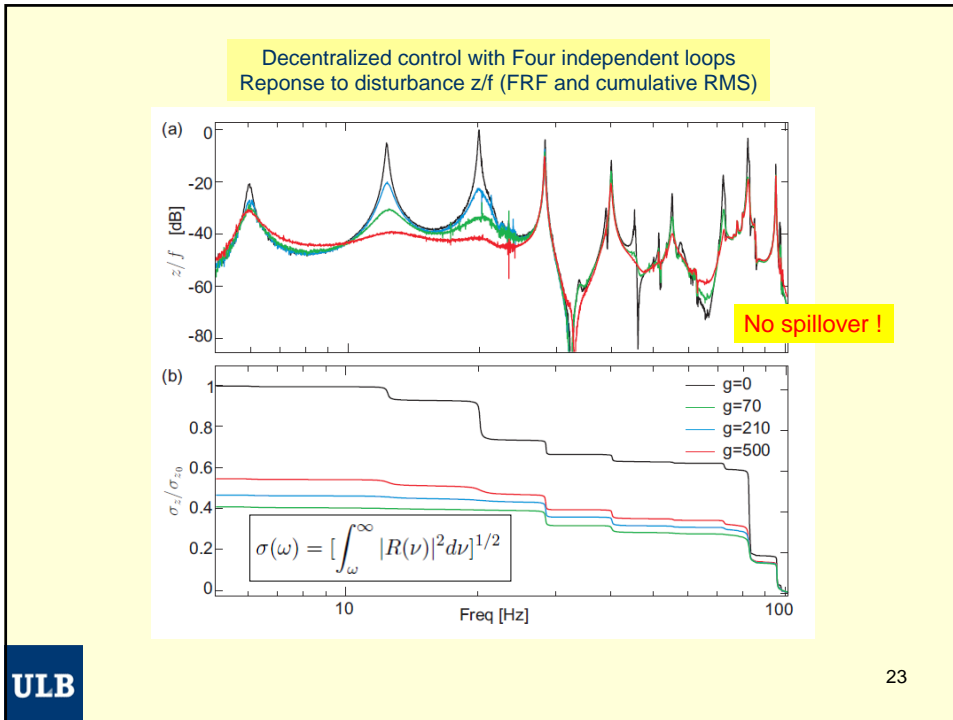
Table 1: Natural frequencies and mode shapes of the Seriate footbridge, comparison of the 3D model and 2D model with experiments [18]. The two critical modes are 3B and 4B.

Active tendon control with 4 steel cables of diameter 10 mm can bring up to 15% damping in the critical modes

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Multiple tower with active control  
Bridges - Laboratory Mock-up

[K.Seto, 2008]

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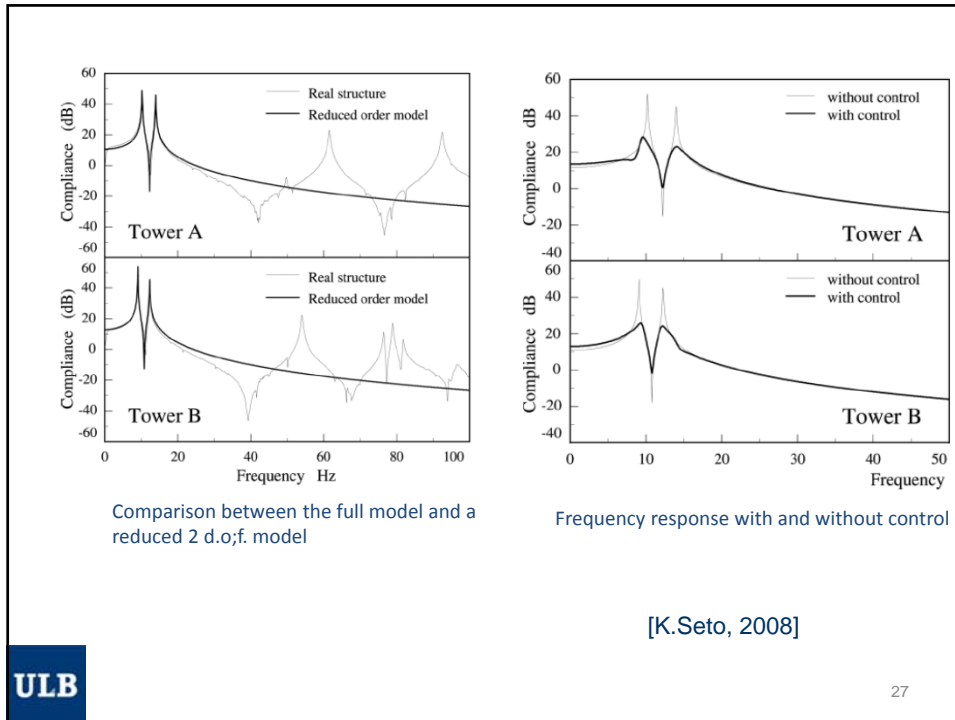
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Shaking table tests

[K.Seto, 2008]

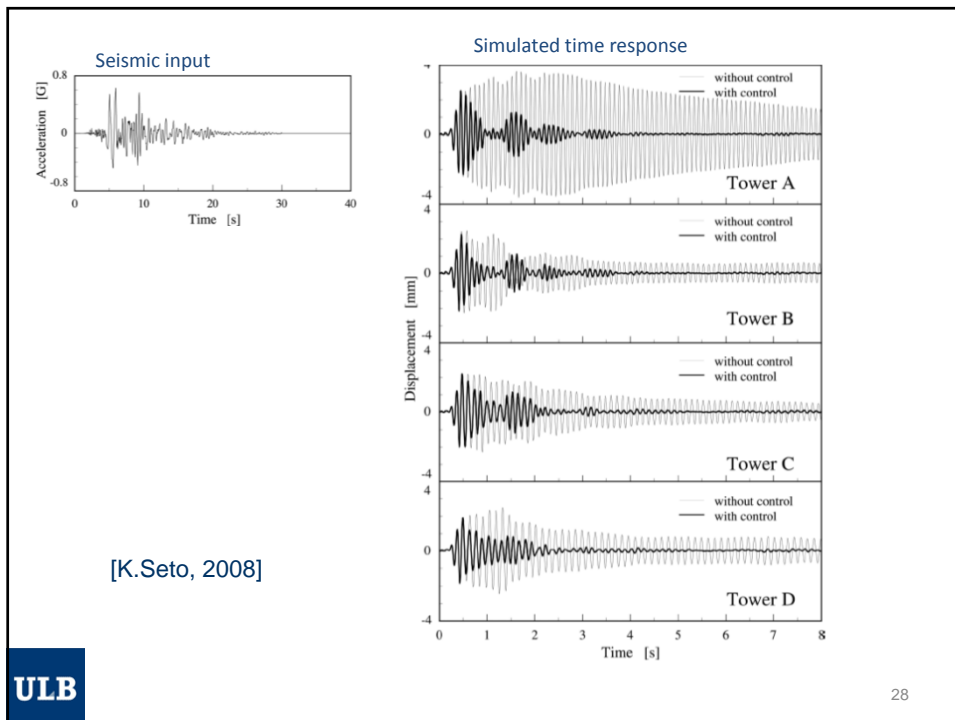
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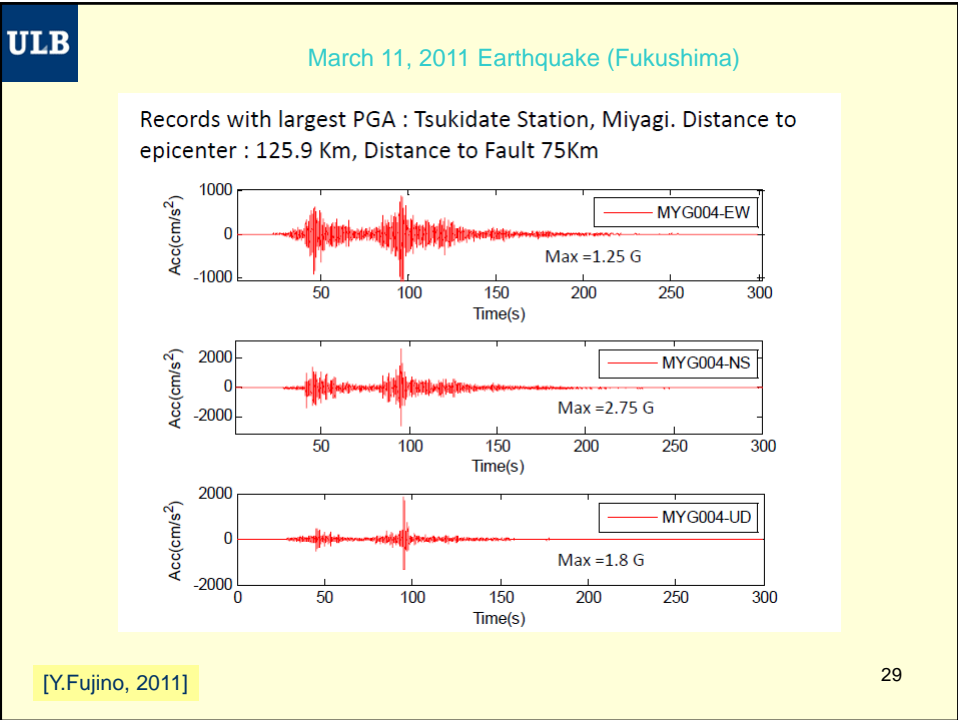
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Space interferometer

Independent pointing telescopes

Laser metrology

Vibration isolator

Large truss

Beam combiner

Attitude Control

delay line

Vibration isolator

Optical Path Difference (OPD) accuracy:  $\lambda/20$

- Vibration isolation from attitude control system & cryocooler
- Damping large truss structures
- Co-phasing telescopes (delay lines)
- Wavefront Control (Adaptive Optics)

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James Webb Space Telescope (~ 2018)

$\varnothing = 6.6m$

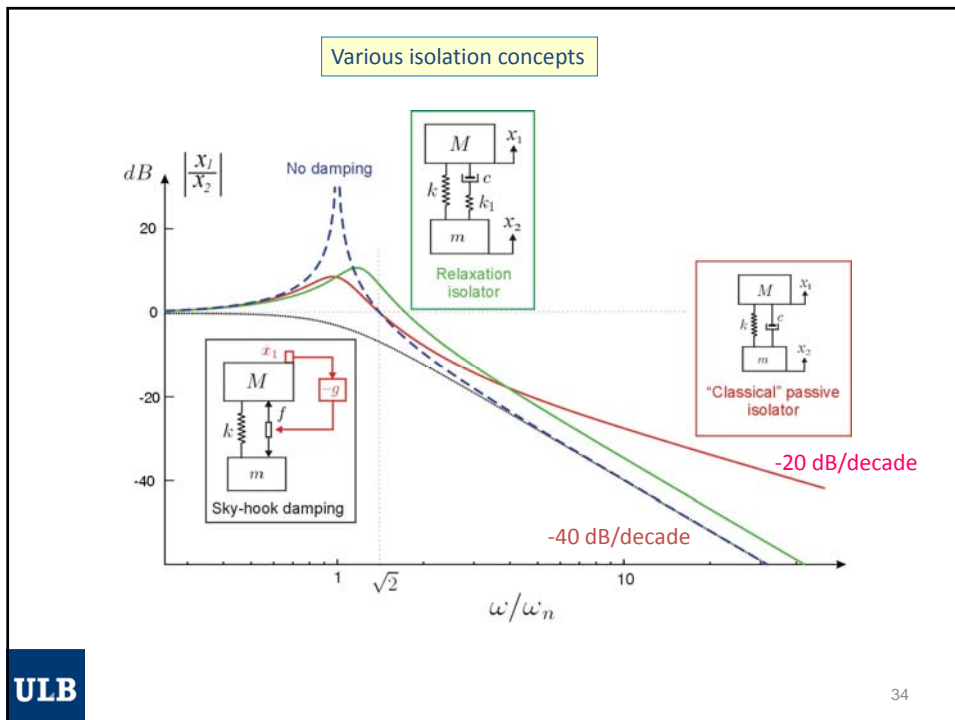
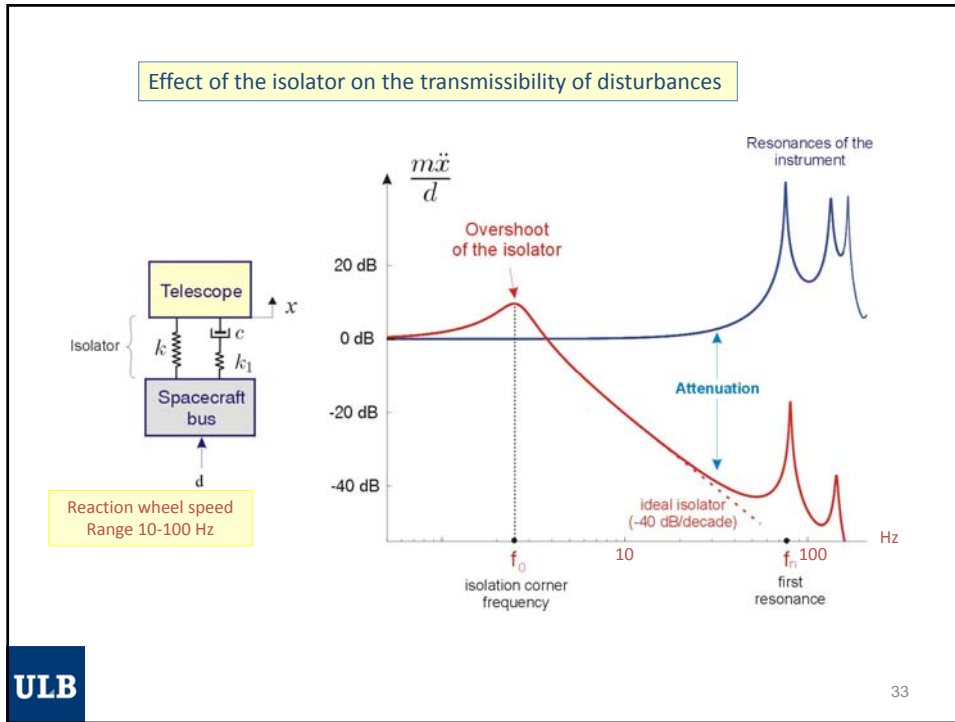
1 Hz Isolator

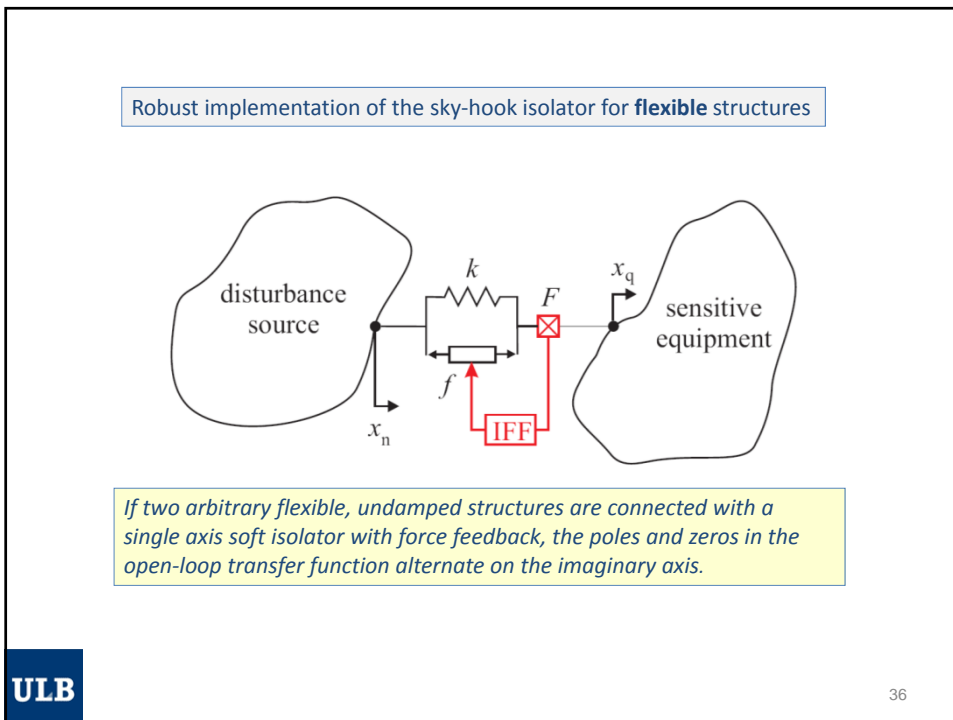
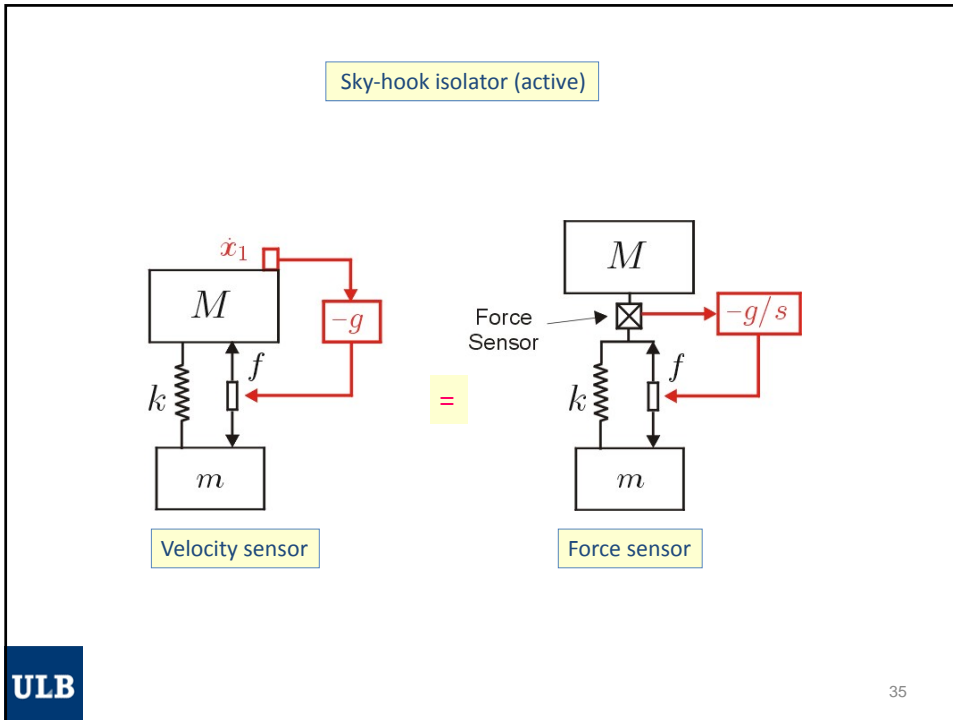
RWA Isolator 7 Hz

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**Electromagnetic implementation of the relaxation isolator**

The two systems are equivalent provided that:

$$k_1 = \frac{T^2}{L} \qquad c = \frac{T^2}{R}$$

Electric components are often more flexible and less temperature sensitive than elastomers

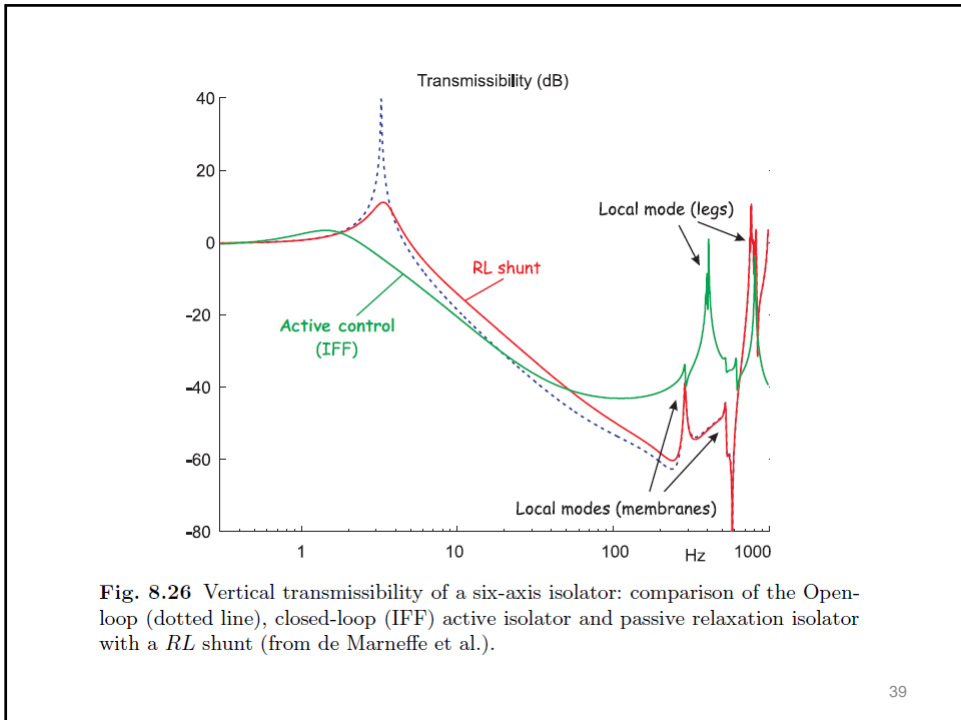
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**Six-axis isolator Zero-g experiment**

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**Stewart platform cubic architecture**

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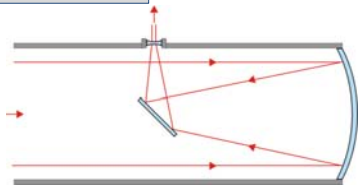



### A brief history of earth-based telescopes

Galileo – 1610  
discovered Jupiter's Moons  
(refractive telescope)

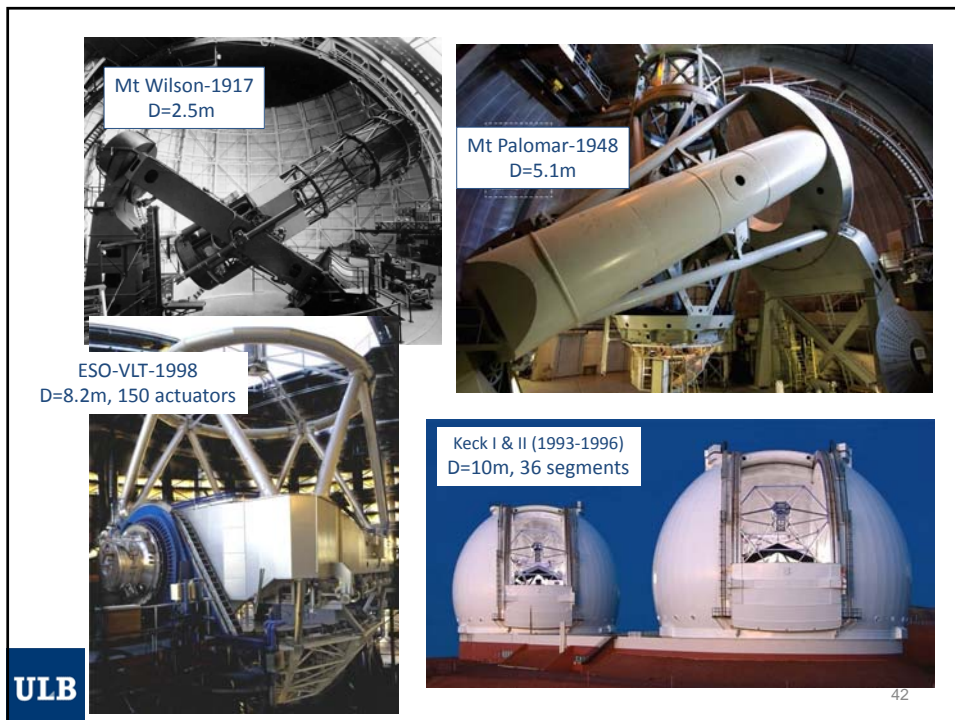
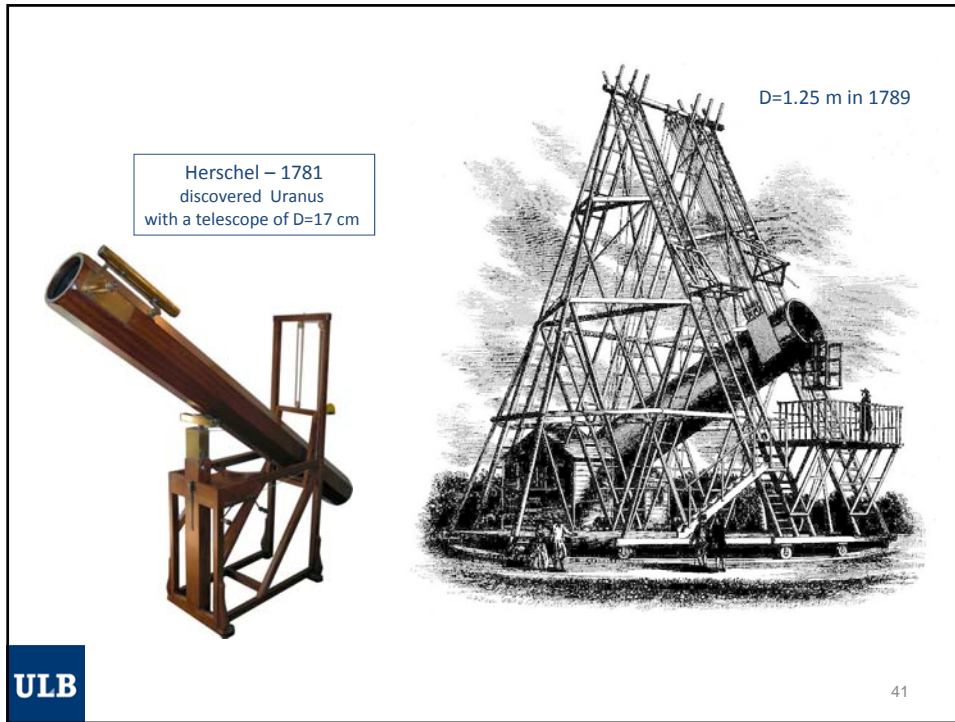


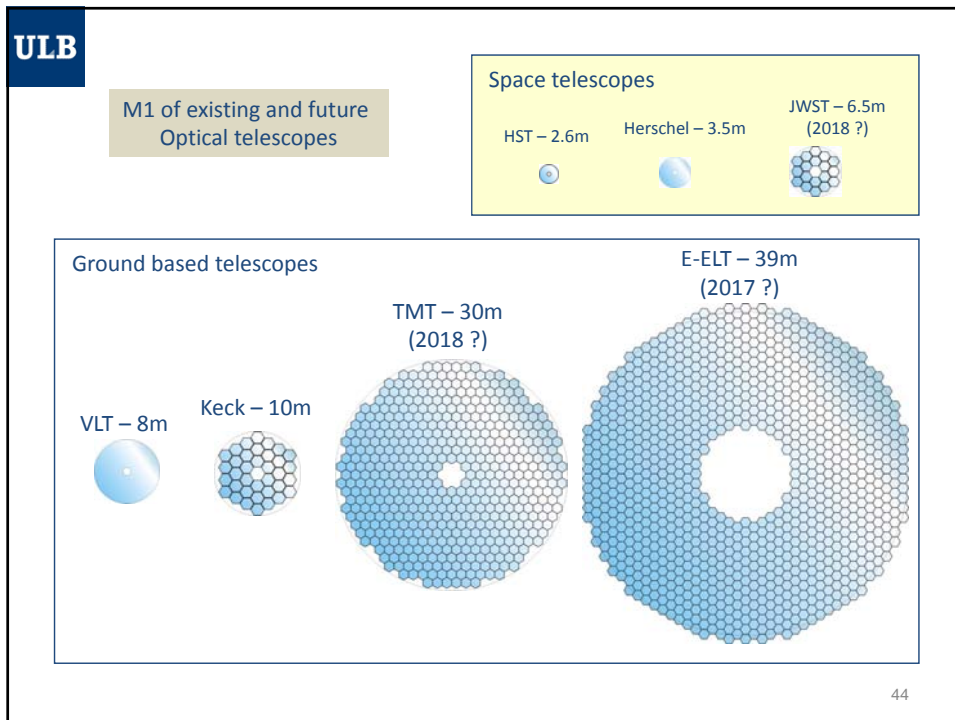
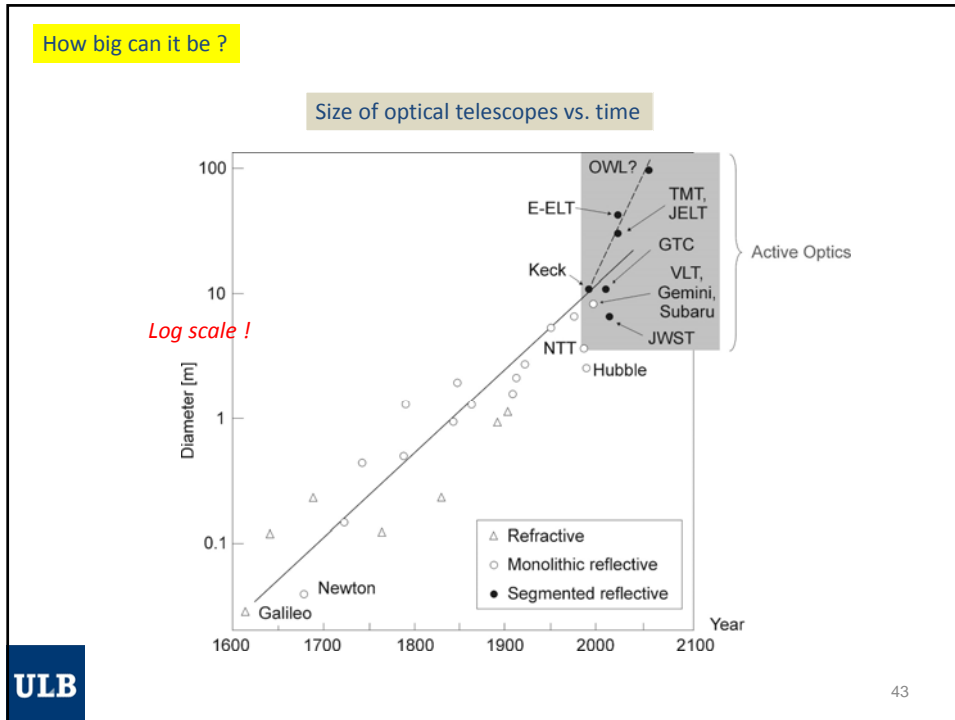
Newton – 1668  
reflective telescope  
(removes the chromatic aberration)

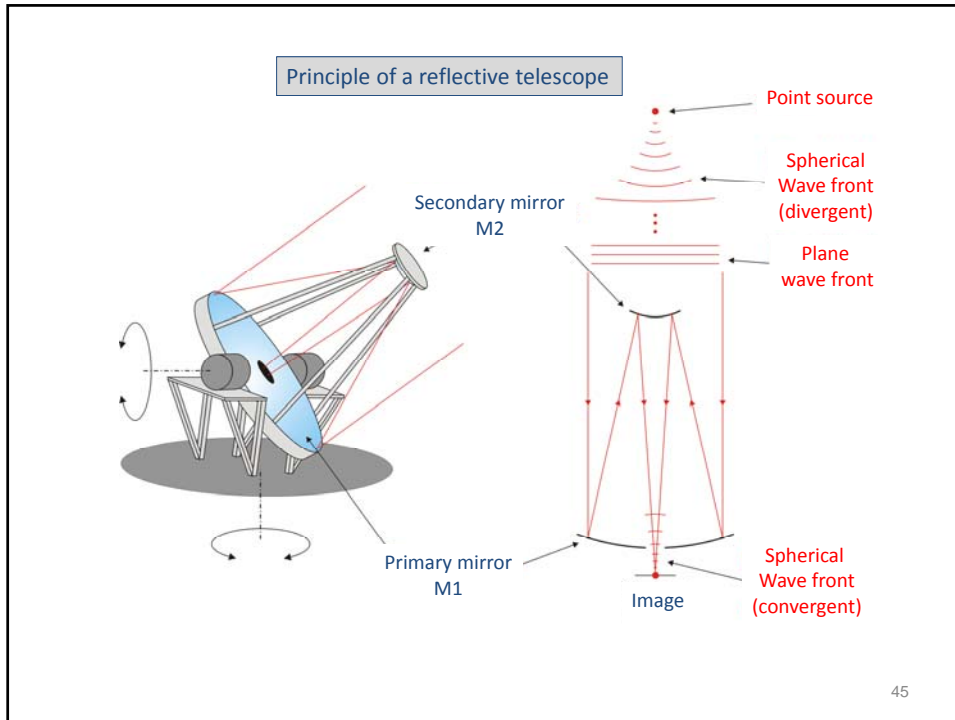


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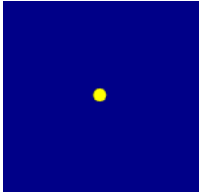
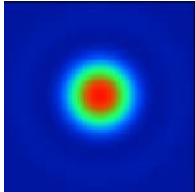
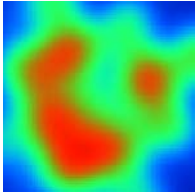






**Optical aberrations**

**Motivation for larger M1: Image quality**

Point source      Diffraction      Aberration

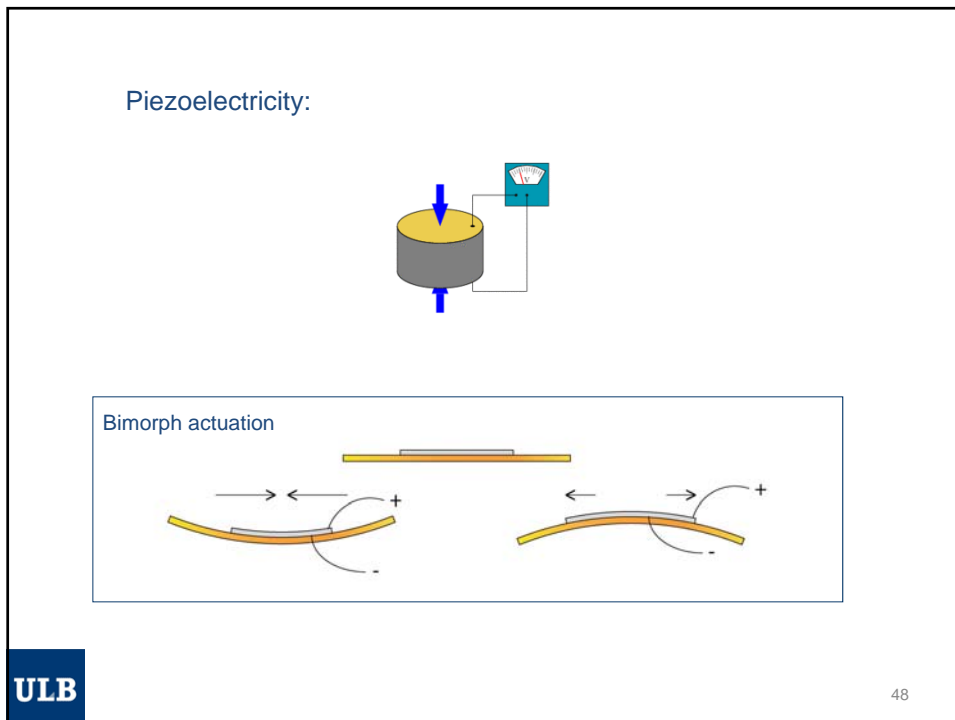
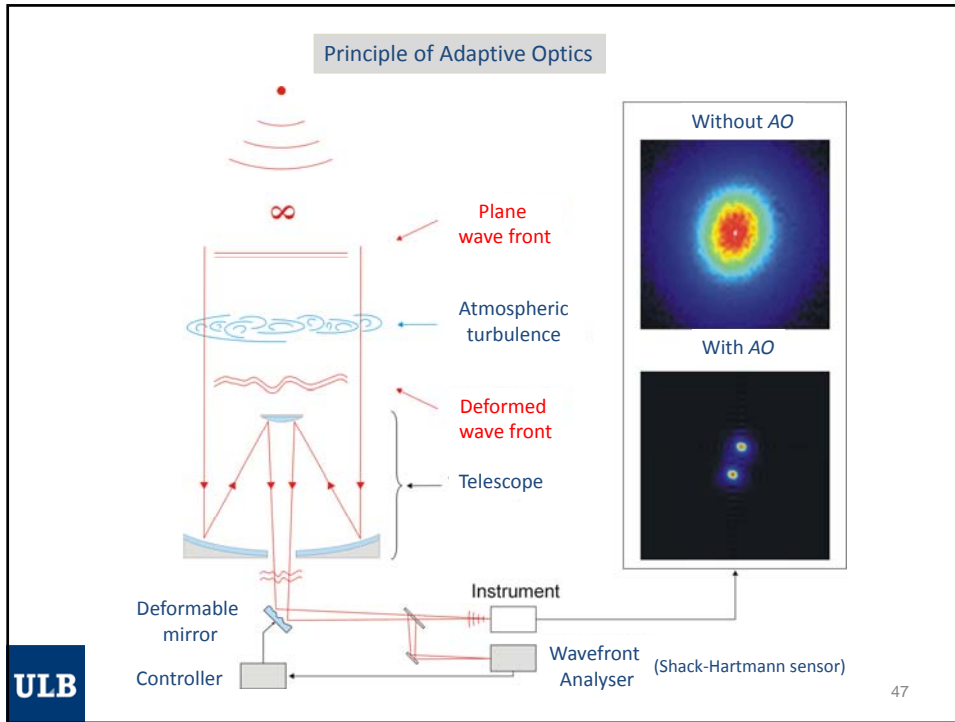
Sources of aberrations (ground based telescopes):

Atmospheric turbulence: **Adaptive optics**

Gravity, wind excitation, thermal gradients: **Active optics**

If the RMS wave front error is  $< \lambda/14$ ,  
the telescope is considered as diffraction limited

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### Bimorph Adaptive Optics Silicon Mirror

Reflecting side Of the mirror

Silicon wafer (700  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Gold electrodes

PZT Thick film deposition (80 microns)

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Source: G. Rodrigues PhD thesis (2010)  
Manufacturing: Fraunhofer IKTS (Dresden)

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### Adaptive Optics Bench

Shack-Hartmann  
101 x 101 micro-lenses

Voltage Amplifiers

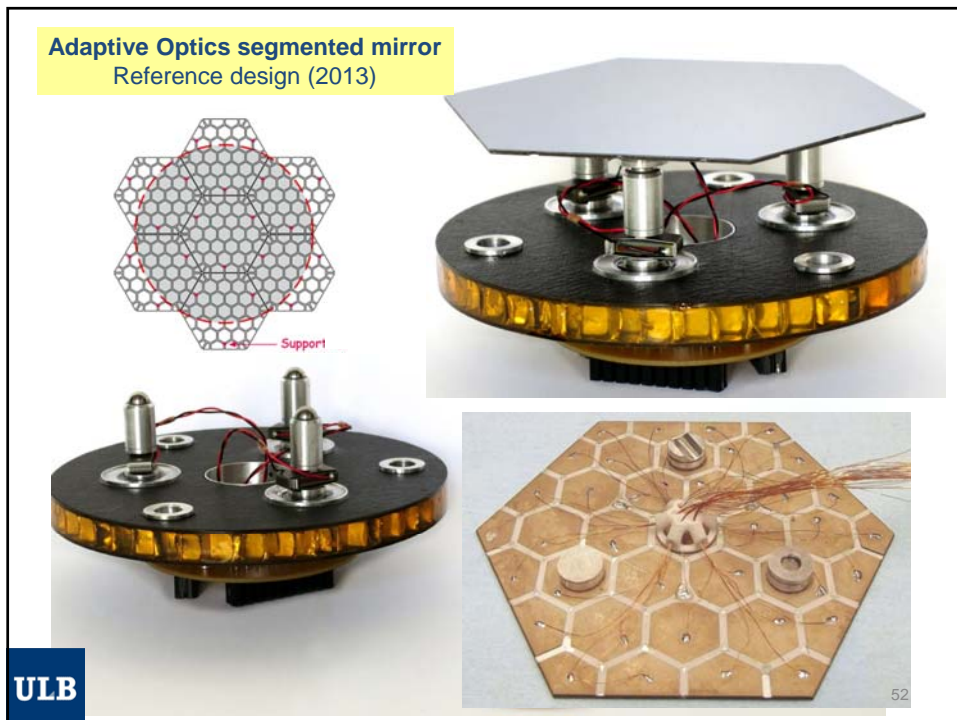
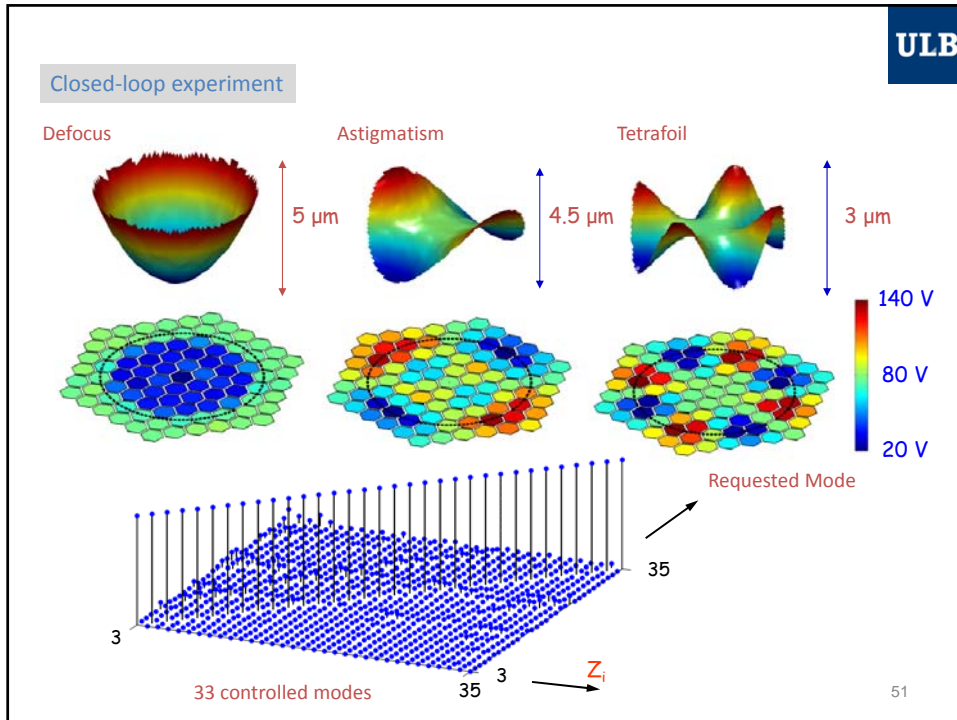
Bimorph Mirror

Telescope

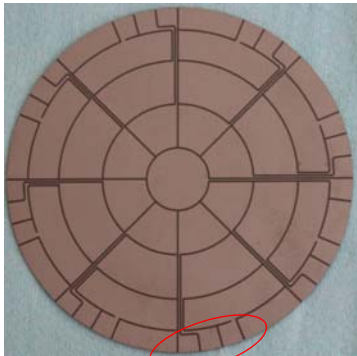
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Collaboration with CSL

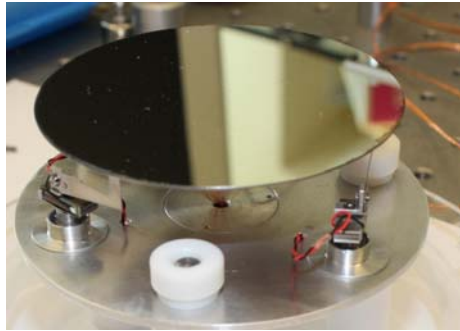
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AO mirror with PZT actuation  
Keystone electrode design (ESA-2015)



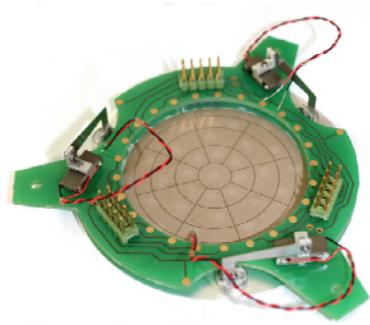
All electrical connections  
Outside the pupil



Rigid body actuators

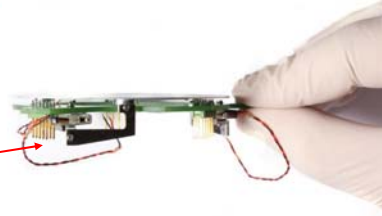
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Ultra-flat design (2016)



APA actuator

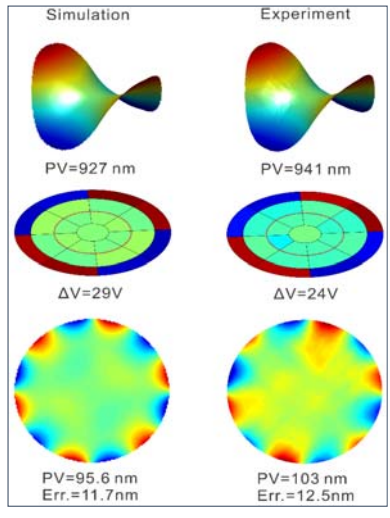
Blade



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Comparison of numerical simulation and experiment for an incremental surface of 1 $\mu$ m of astigmatism. From top to bottom: surface figure, voltage map and residual error.

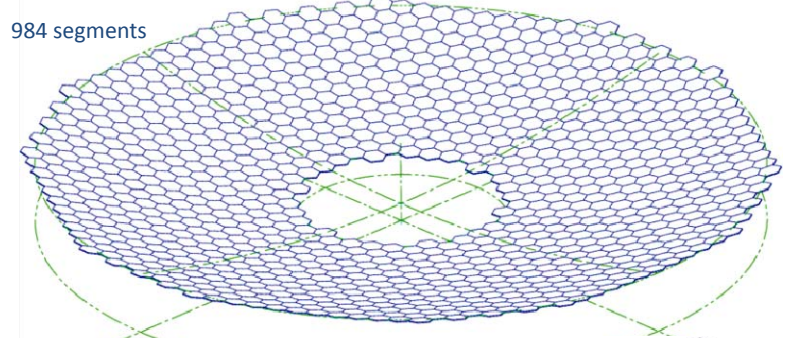


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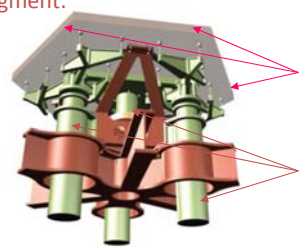
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Active Optics

E-ELT primary mirror [ESO-2018?]

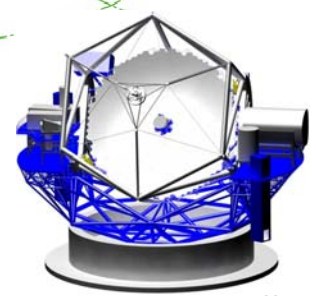


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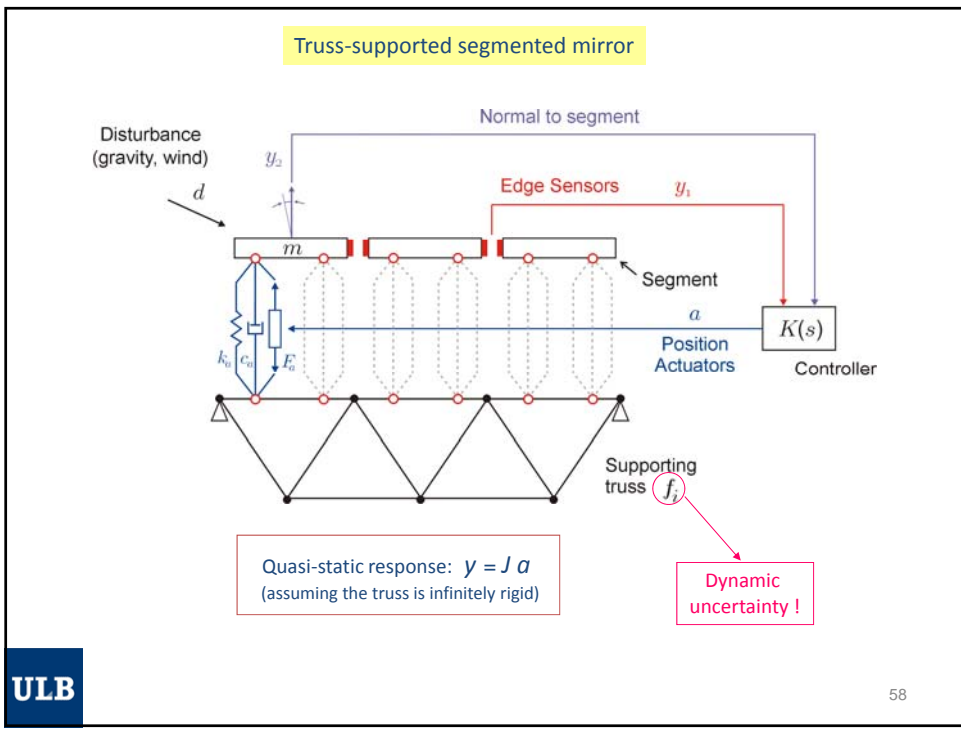
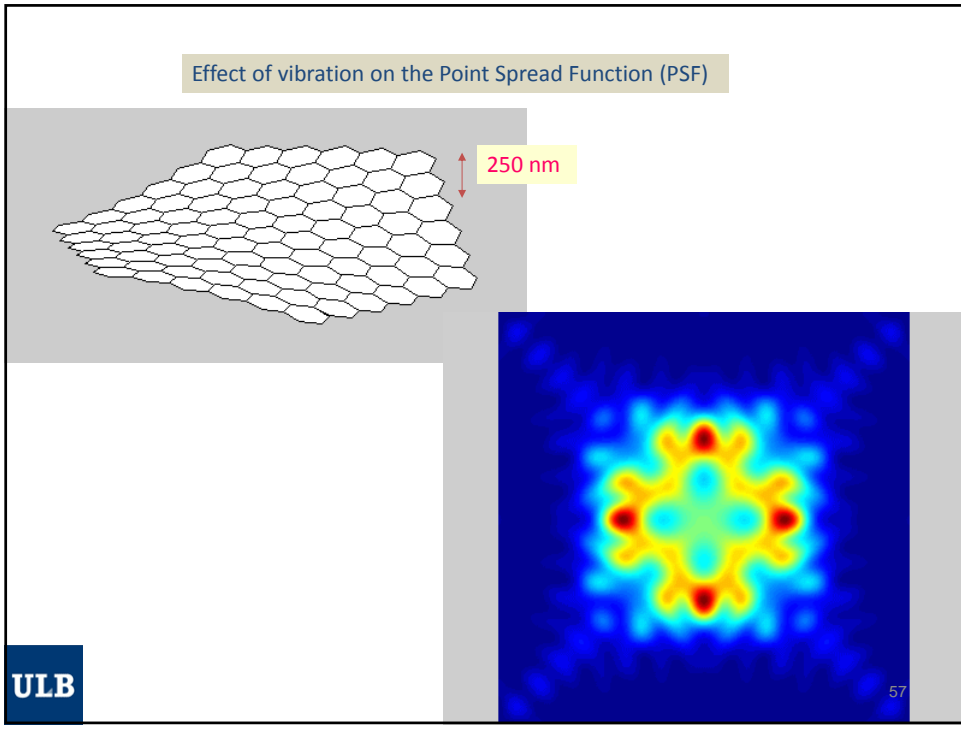


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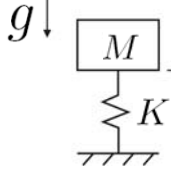
3 Position actuators (two stages)



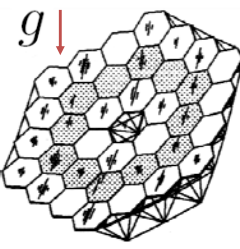
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Static deflection under gravity



$$\Delta = \frac{Mg}{K} = \frac{g}{\omega_1^2}$$



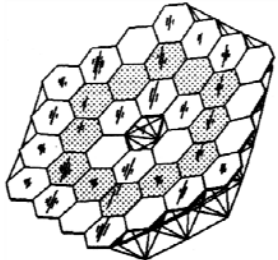
The static deflections under gravity scale according to

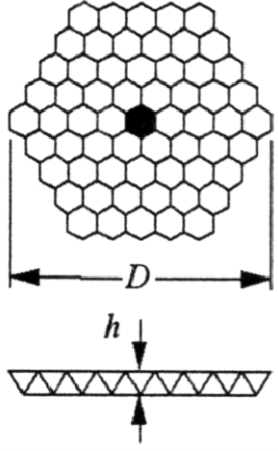
$\Delta \propto f_1^{-2}$

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Truss supported segmented reflector  
Scaling law for the first natural frequency





$$f_1 \sim \frac{0.852}{D} \left(\frac{h}{D}\right) \sqrt{\eta \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\rho}\right)}$$

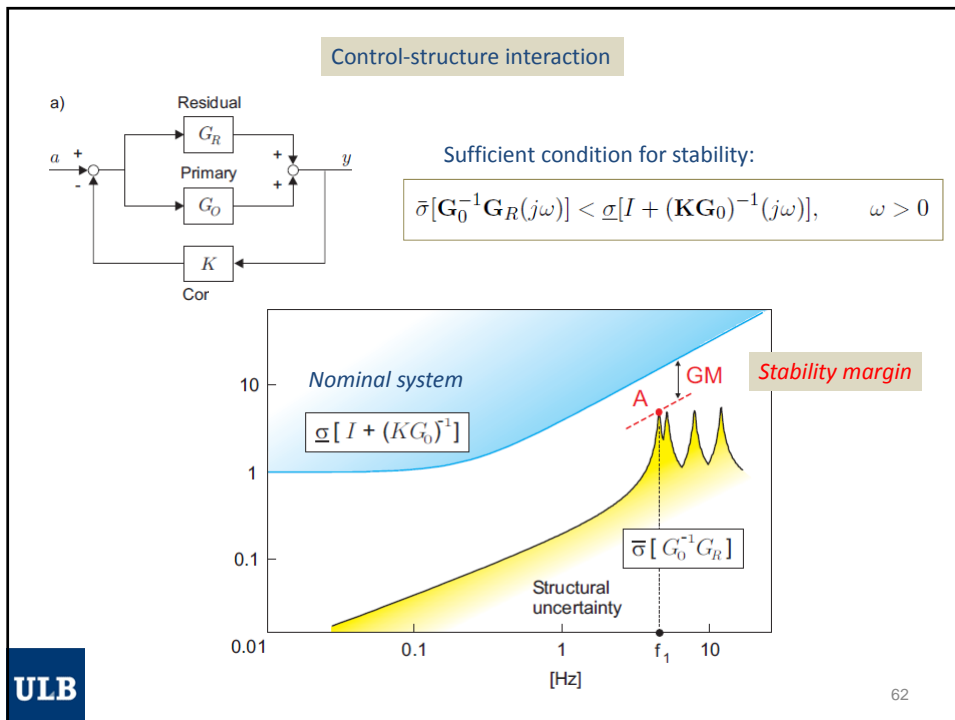
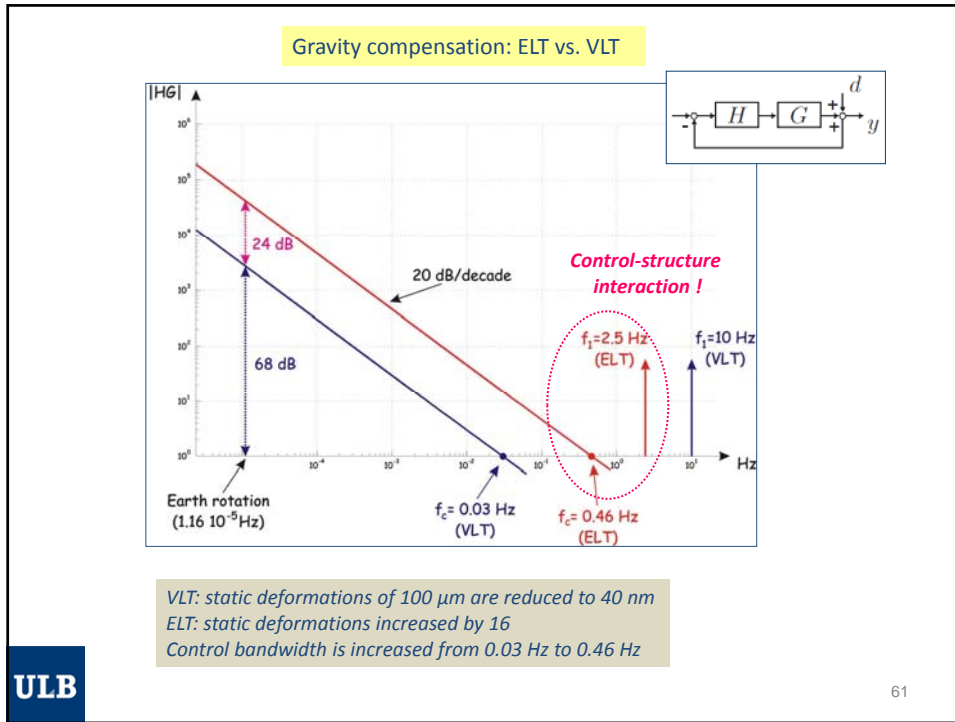
Specific modulus

$$\eta = \frac{\text{Truss Mass}}{\text{Truss Mass} + \text{Reflector Mass}}$$

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(Source: Lake, Peterson & Mikulas, 2006)

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**Conclusions:**

- The **size** of civil engineering structures increases rapidly
- They become **more sensitive to vibrations** (wind, earthquake, traffic)
- This constitutes new opportunities for **active vibration control**
- The **actuator** is the most important component of the control system

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