HPC for dynamical analysis of elastic structures

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The tendency among the manufactures of modern engineering applications is to use more and more **computational mathematics** in the design, maintenance and health monitoring than laboratory experiments.

This can be achieved by

- More accurate physical models
- Better geometrical representation
- More efficient and accurate solvers
- Better understanding of the behavior of the structure due to variety of parameters



More accurate numerical results of complex structures require three-dimensional modelling

More accurate physical models require usage of nonlinear equations

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Nonlinearity can

- Drastically change the dynamic behavior
- Multiple solutions for the same excitation frequency
- Extreme sensitivity to initial conditions
- Chaotic or quasi periodic motions



Nonlinearity occurs frequently in engineering applications.

Tacoma Narrows Bridge (1940) – collapsed because the possibility that *small periodic aerodynamic forces may become significant* **was not considered**.

The failure was due to insufficient torsional stiffness to resist large displacements.





Small changes of some of the parameters lead to significantly different responses.









Engineering structure



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Equation of motion

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{f}$$

Finite element method





Shapes of vibration F

Frequency domain analysis

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Thank you for your attention!