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# Ultralightweight and Adaptive Structures

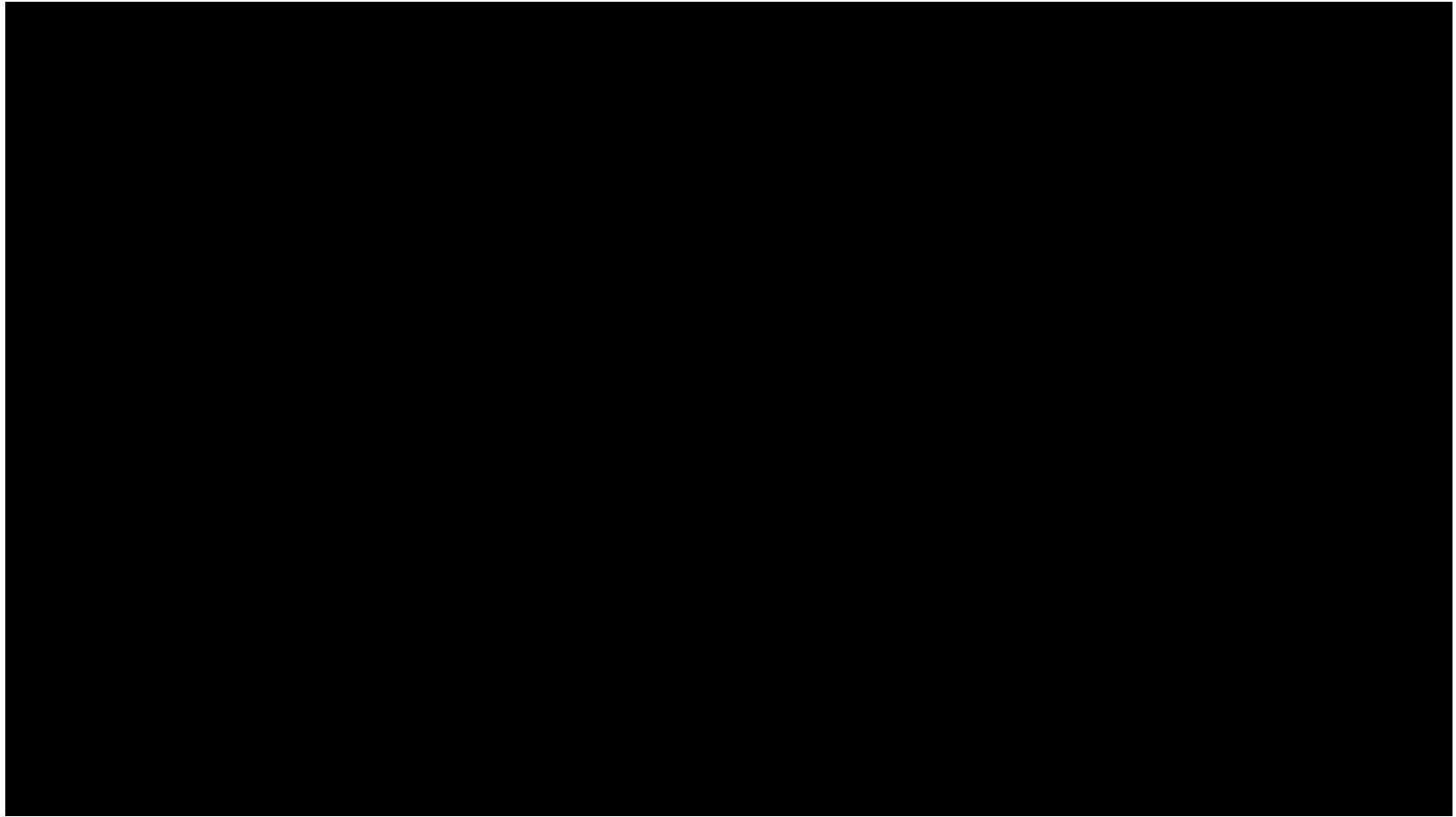
A Technology for Tomorrow's  
Telescopes and Instruments?

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# Video Excellence Cluster



# Adaptive Skins and Structures for the built environment of the tomorrow

construction sector accounts for:

consumption

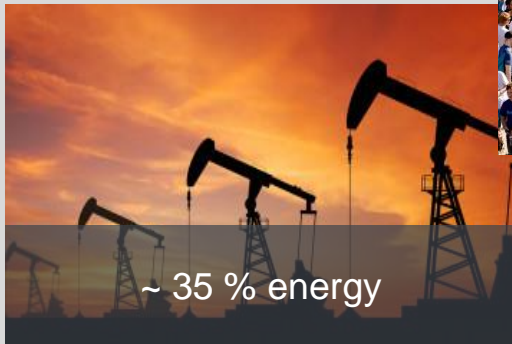


~ 40 % resources

production



~ 40 % waste



~ 35 % energy



~ 35 % emissions

# CRC 1244 – Cluster Overview

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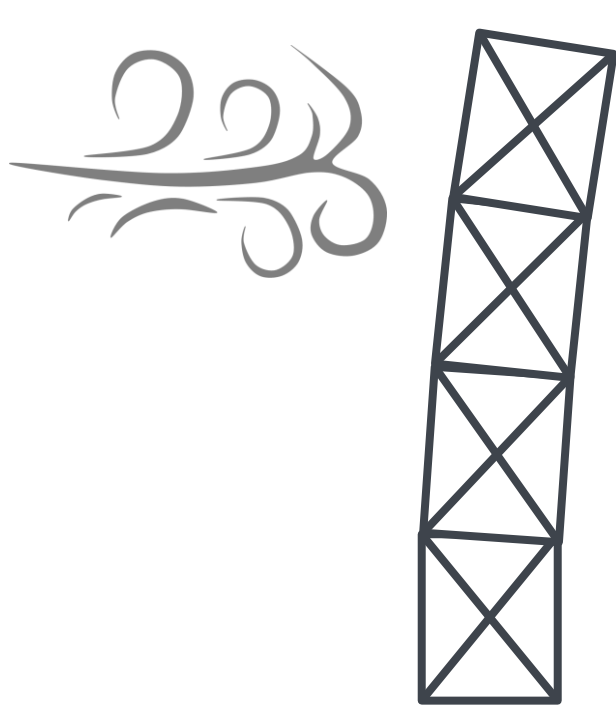


# Ultralightweight design

- High stiffness necessary for comfort

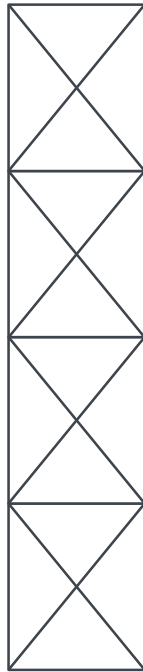


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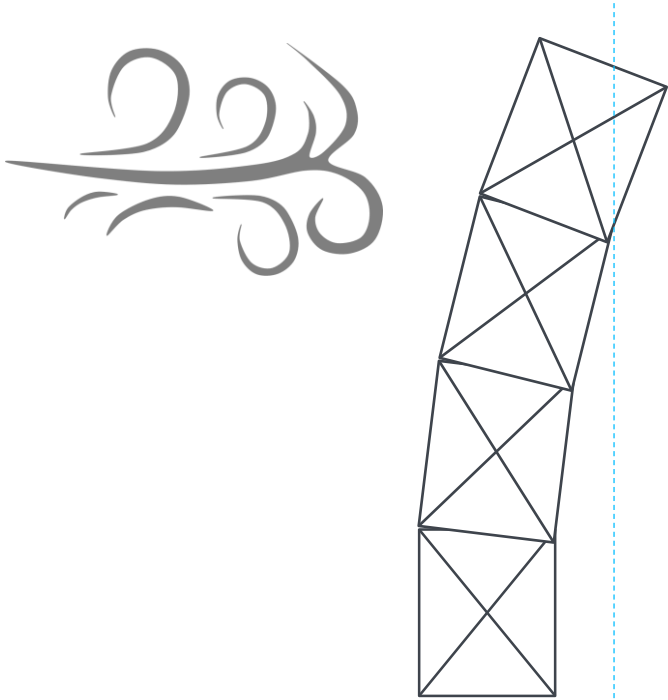
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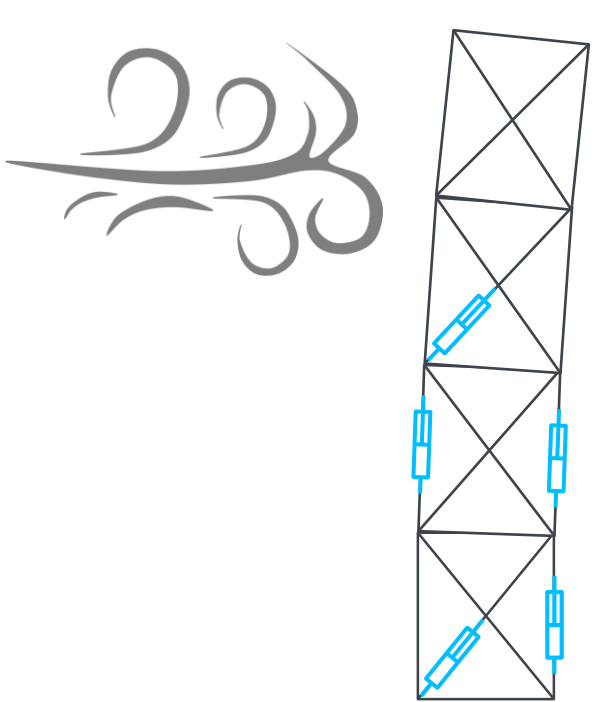
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# Ultralightweight design



- High stiffness necessary for comfort
- Lower stiffness remains safe, but excitations are outside of usability bounds
- Active structures can stay within usability bounds despite ultralightweight design



Save up to **50%** in total mass

# Less Grey Energy



Total energy consumption

■ grey energy

■ Operational energy

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## CRC 1244 – Goals

The CRC's research is focused on the potential of adaptive structures, envelopes and interior fittings

The work of the CRC will lead to a transformation from high tech to low tech

and from

high cost to low cost,

such that the comprehensive results can be utilized for a broad variety of applications.

## Classic lightweight design, (non-adaptive) concrete shell



Betonschale am Rastplatz Deitingen/CH  
Architekt and Ingenieur: Heinz Isler

Form determining load case: dead weight

# Ultralightweight design – Adaptive (Wood-) Shell



The Stuttgart SmartShell is a large-scale demonstrator in the project HIKE (Image: Bosch Rexroth)

Manipulation of tension and/or displacement fields

## Increasing the life-time of (existing) bridges



Active load compensation leads to a stress range reduction

# Adaptive Facade



- Vertical cable facades very common:
  - Kempinski Hotel, Munich
  - Foyer, University of Bremen
  - Aviation Center Lufthansa, Frankfurt



- Pneumatic actuators





# Adaptive Facade

## Goals:

- Reduce facade element displacements
- Damping of vibrations
- Input:  $u(t)$  – Actuator position
- Output:  $y(t)$  – Maximum displacement of the facade
  - But: Measurement of cable strains and accelerations (IMU)
- Desired value:  $y_d(t) = \min y(t)$
- Disturbances: wind



# Adaptive Facade



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## Adaptive Facade

Load Compensation

# Adaptive Facade



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## Adaptive Facade

Active Damping

# Examples for lightweight design



- Extensive use of new and improved materials
  - CFRP
  - High-tensile steel
- Next steps:
  - lower mass
  - high artificial stiffness due to control software



# CRC 1244 – First adaptive high rise building of the world

## Site

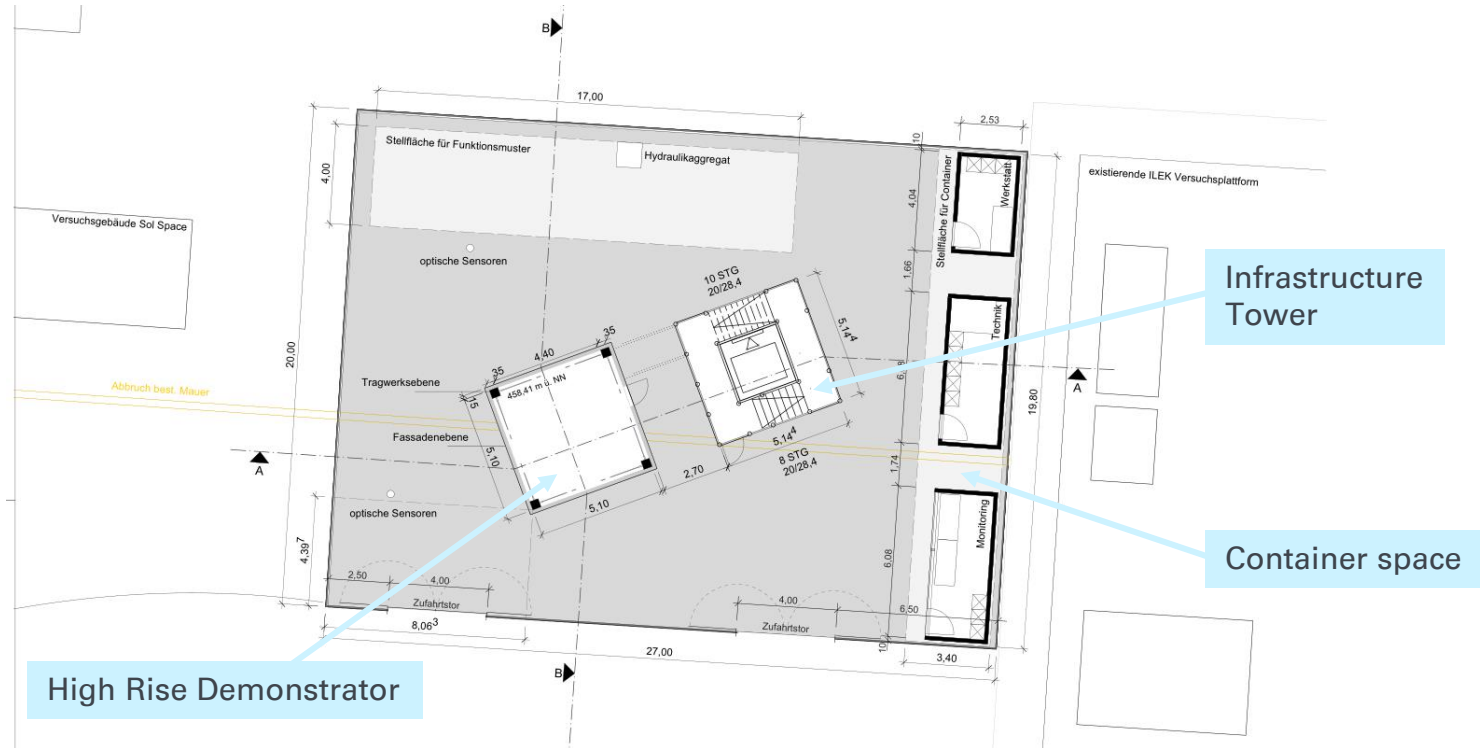


demonstrator platform

SmartShell platform

# CRC 1244 – First adaptive high rise building of the world

## Plans



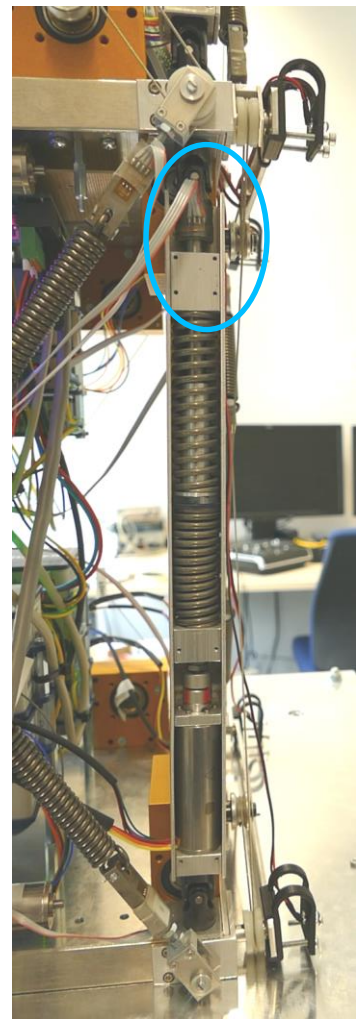
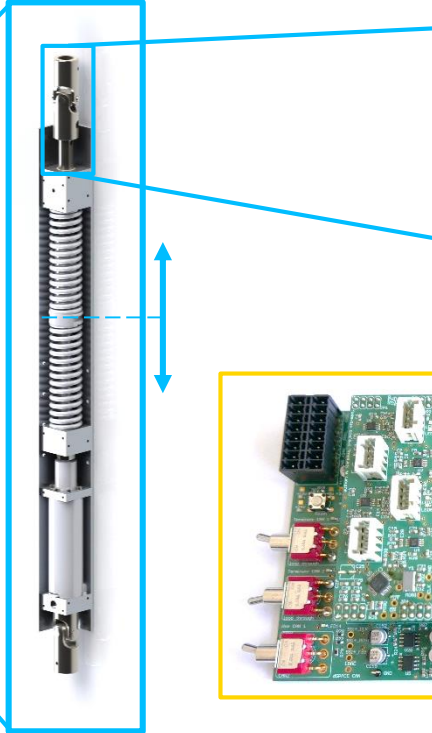
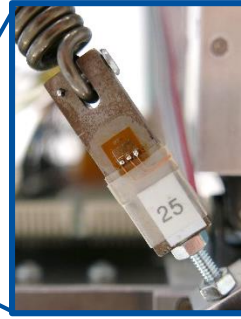
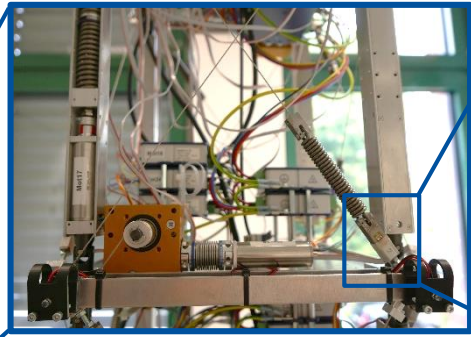
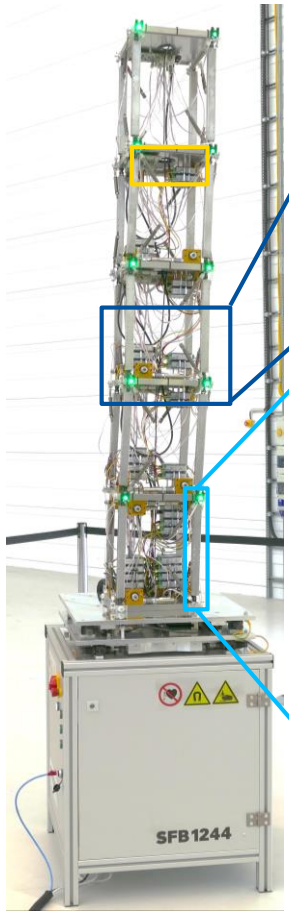
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## Status



Source: ILEK

# Scale Model 1:18

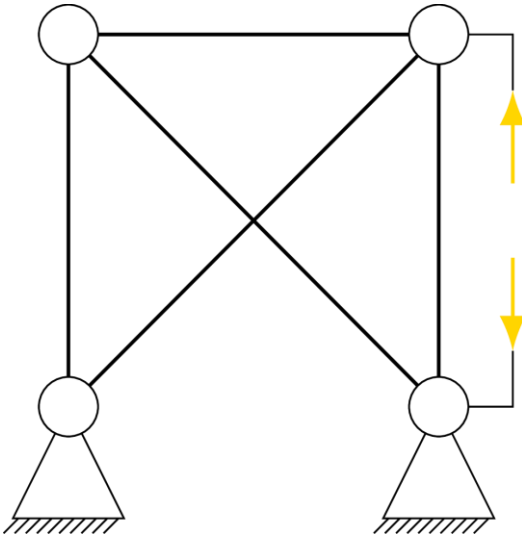




# Prototype



## Actuation Strategies – parallel actuation



- Force from structural element and actuator are added:

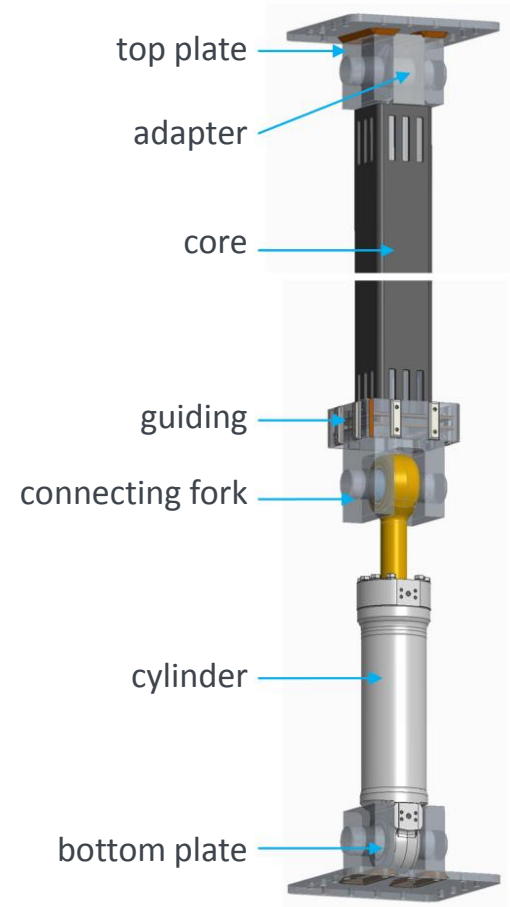
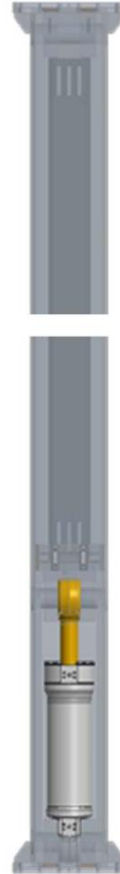
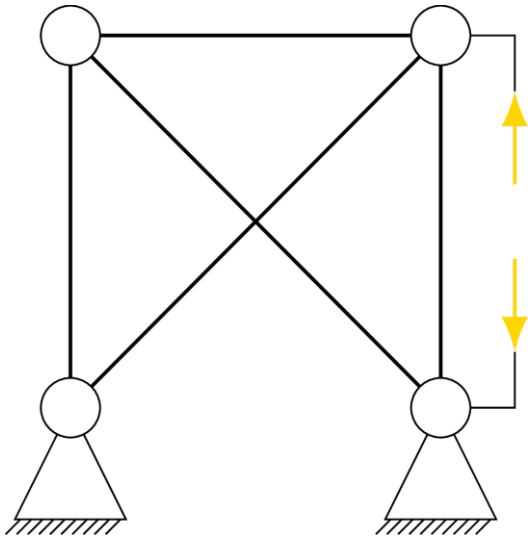
$$F_a + F_p = F_e$$

- Displacements are equal:

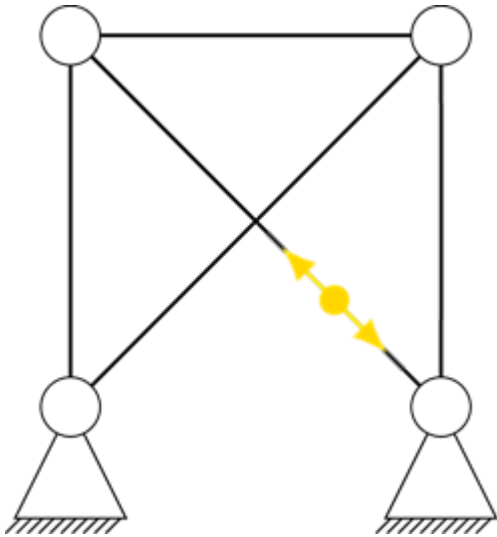
$$\Delta l_a = \Delta l_p = \Delta l_e$$

- Used for elements with high loads due to dead load
  - Columns
- Actuator with zero force at parking position
- Mechanical integration more complicated

# Actuation Strategies – parallel actuation



## Actuation Strategies – serial actuation



- Element force equals actuator force

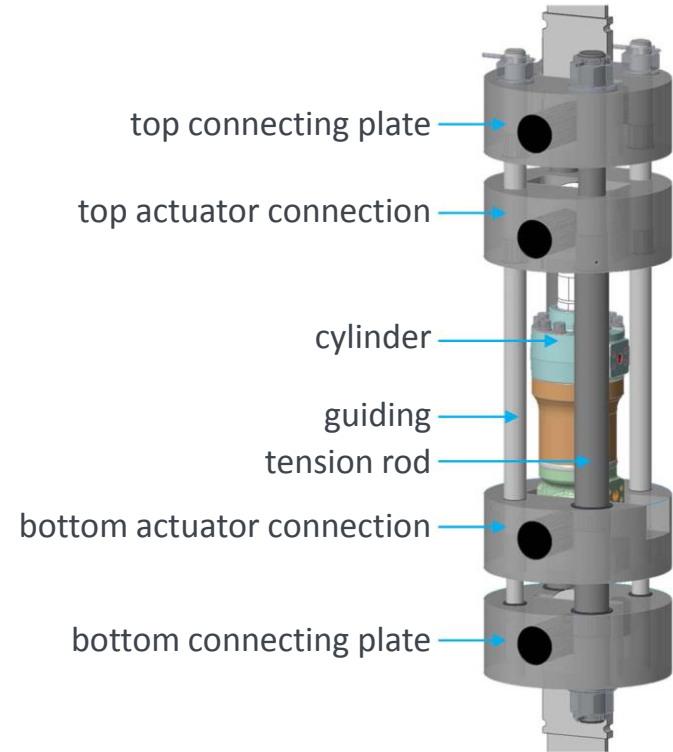
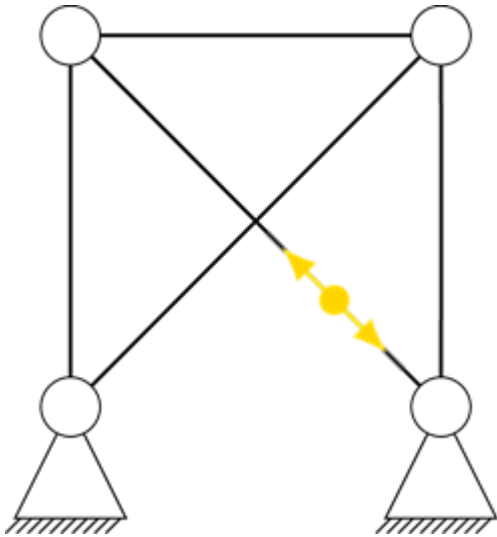
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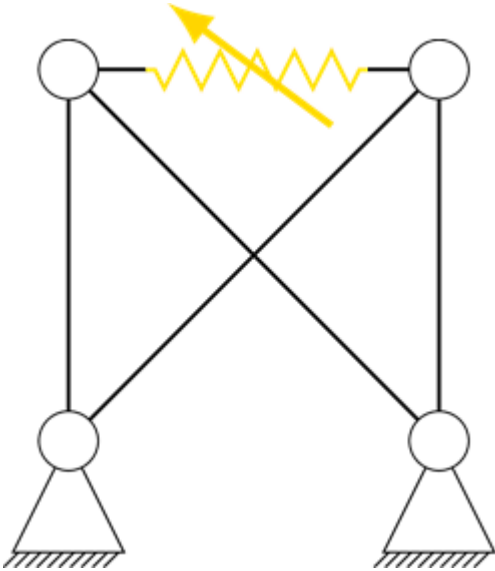
$$\Delta l_a + \Delta l_p = \Delta l_e$$

- Suitable especially for structures with initially small loads
  - Diagonal bracings
- Mechanical integration much simpler

# Actuation Strategies – serial actuation

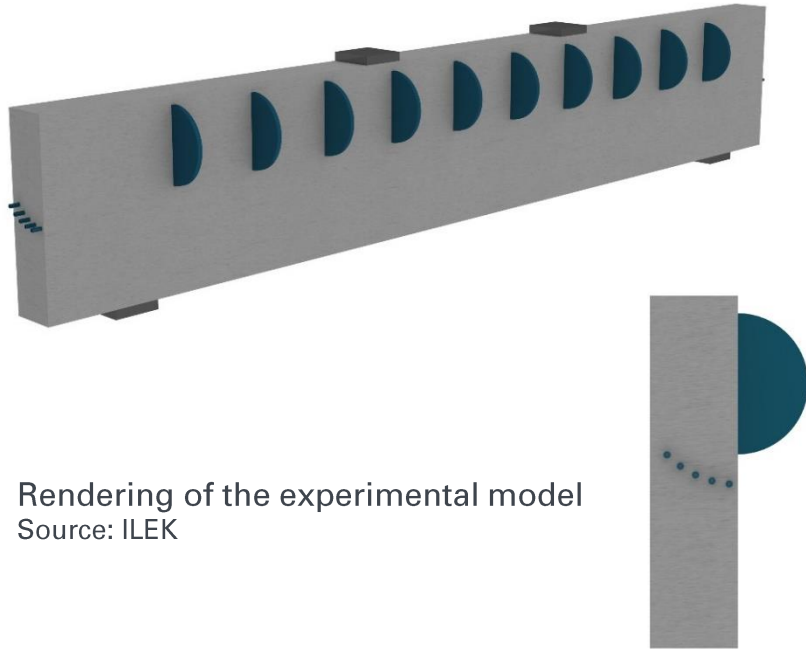


# Actuation Strategies – integrated actuation

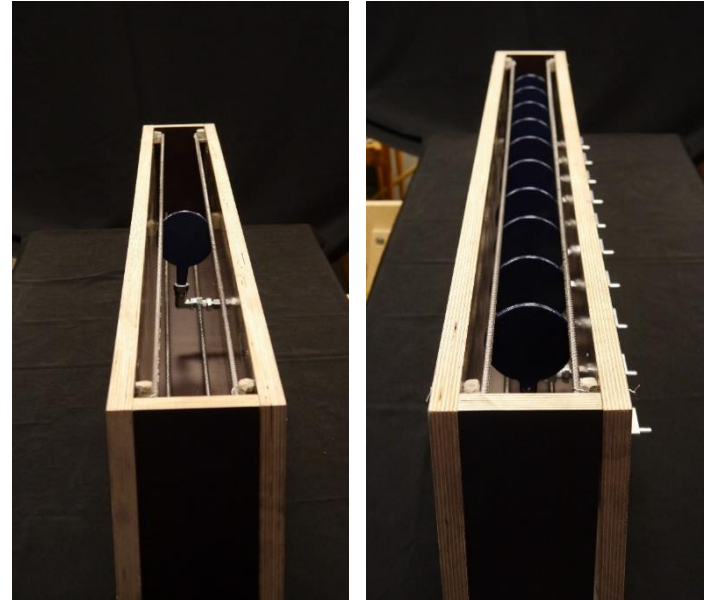


- Manipulation of the element stiffness
  - Nonlinear Input characteristic
- Suitable for normally prestressed elements
  - Cables, horizontal bars and plates
- Mechanical integration much simpler

# Fluidic Actuator – Video Prototype

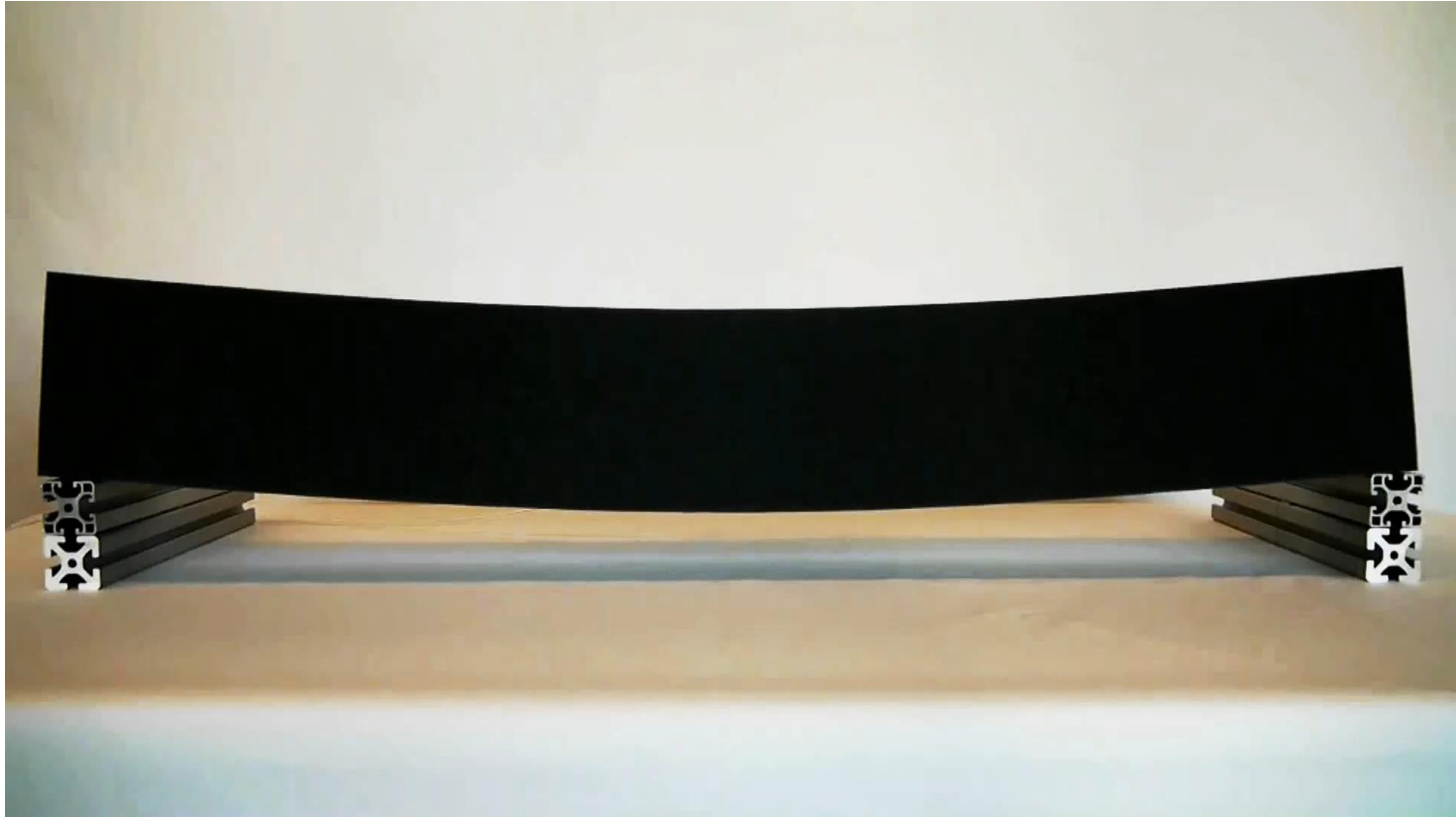


Rendering of the experimental model  
Source: ILEK



Beam with 1 actuator (left) and 10 actuators (right)  
Source: ILEK

## Fluidic actuator – Video Prototype



Source: ILEK, University of Stuttgart



# Fluidic actuator – Modeling and placement of pressure chambers

- Euler-Bernoulli beam equation

Input profile  $\tilde{\theta}(x, \xi_i)$  Pressure  $p_i$

## Stationary System Equation

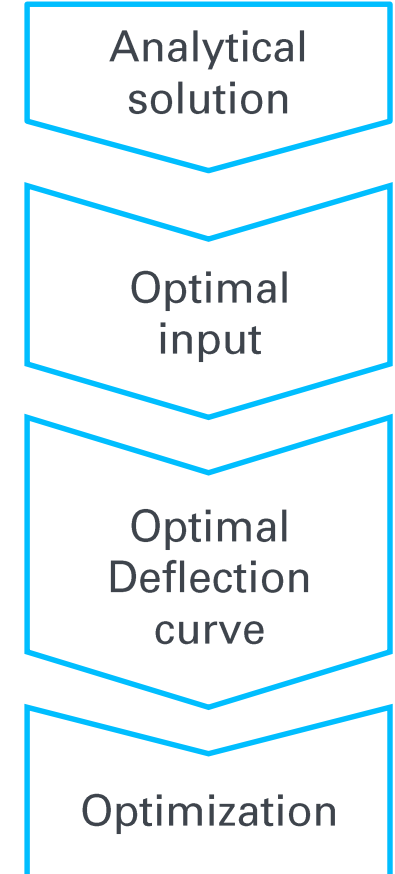
$$EI \frac{d^4 w(x)}{dx^4} = \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{\theta}(x, \xi_i) p_i + q(x) \quad 0 < x < L$$

Deflection curve  $w(x)$  Spatial variable  $x$

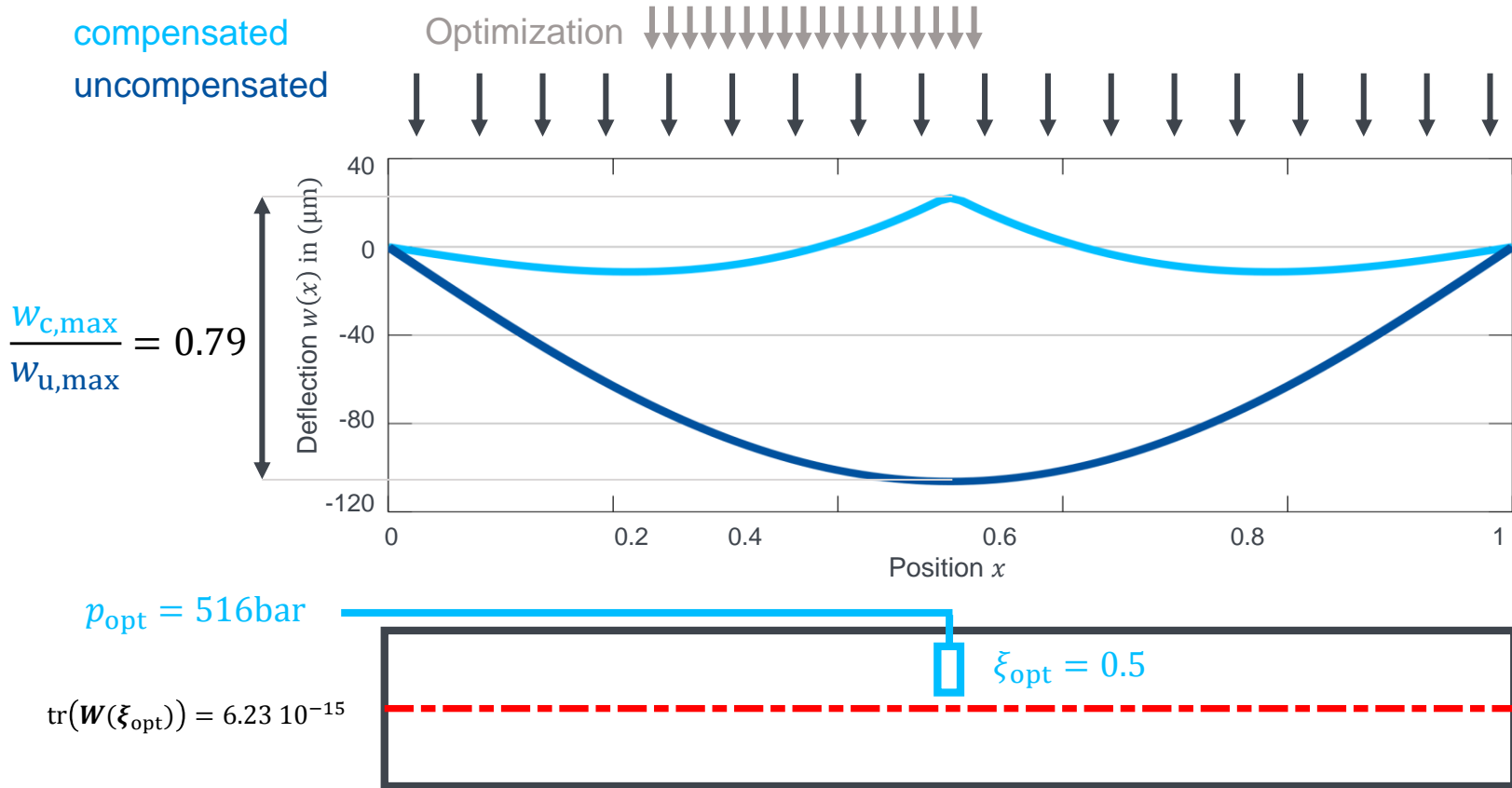
Load  $q(x)$

## Boundary Conditions

$$w(0) = 0, \quad w(L) = 0, \quad \left. \frac{d^2 w(x)}{dx^2} \right|_{x=0} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{d^2 w(x)}{dx^2} \right|_{x=L} = 0$$



# Results – Optimal Deflection Curve



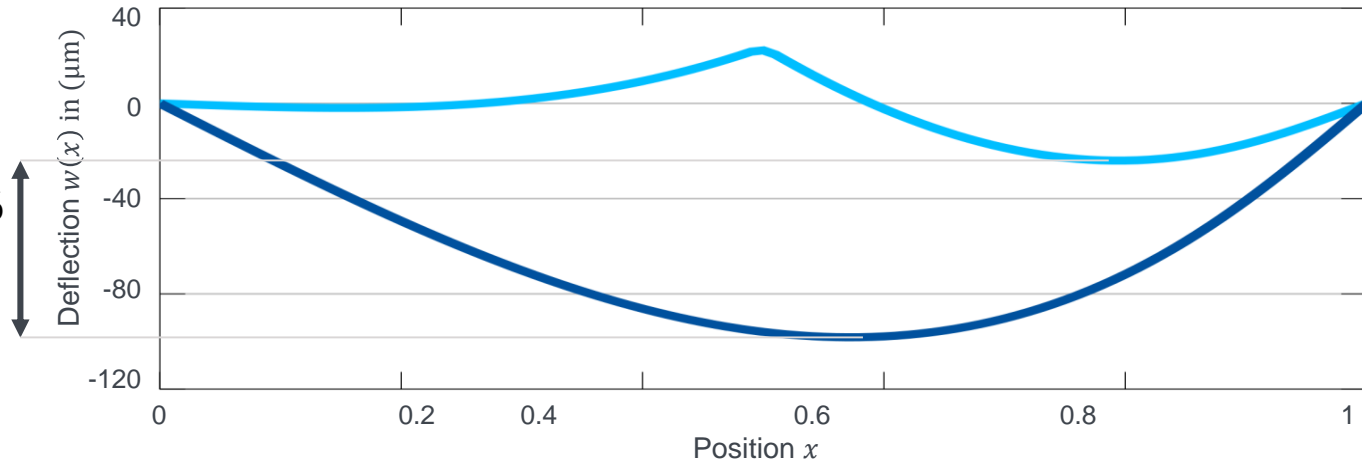
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compensated  
uncompensated

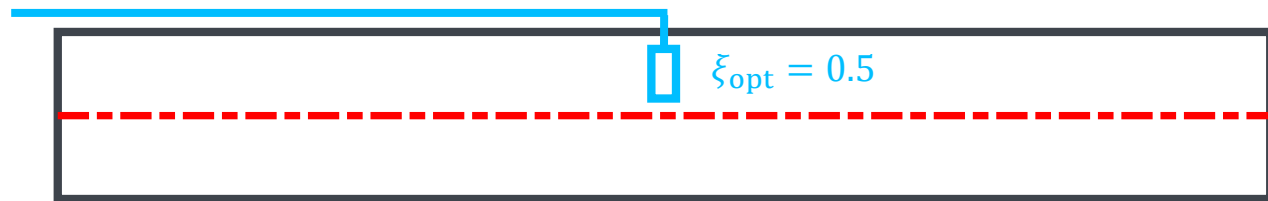
Optimization 



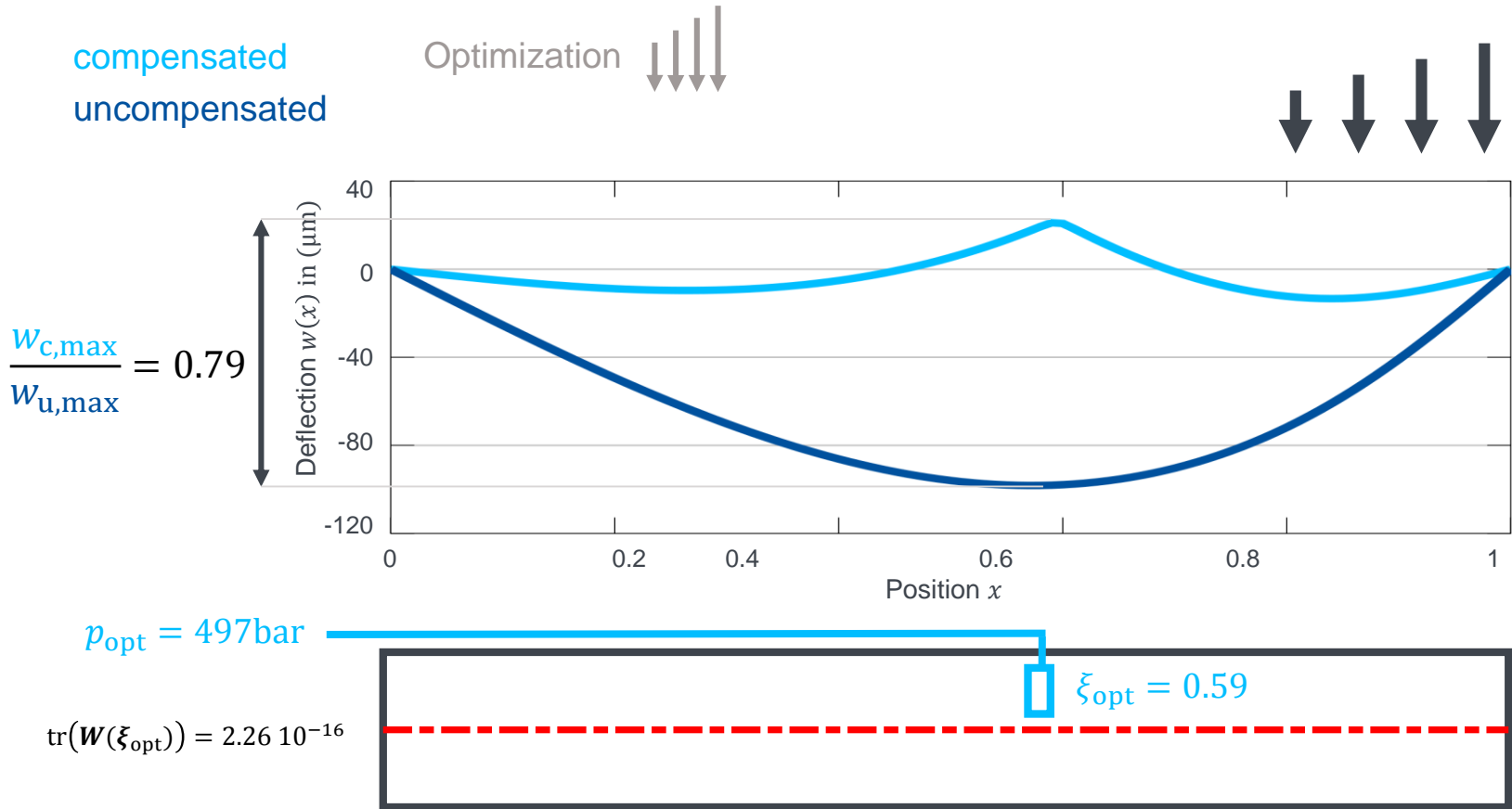
$$\frac{w_{c,max}}{w_{u,max}} = 0.76$$



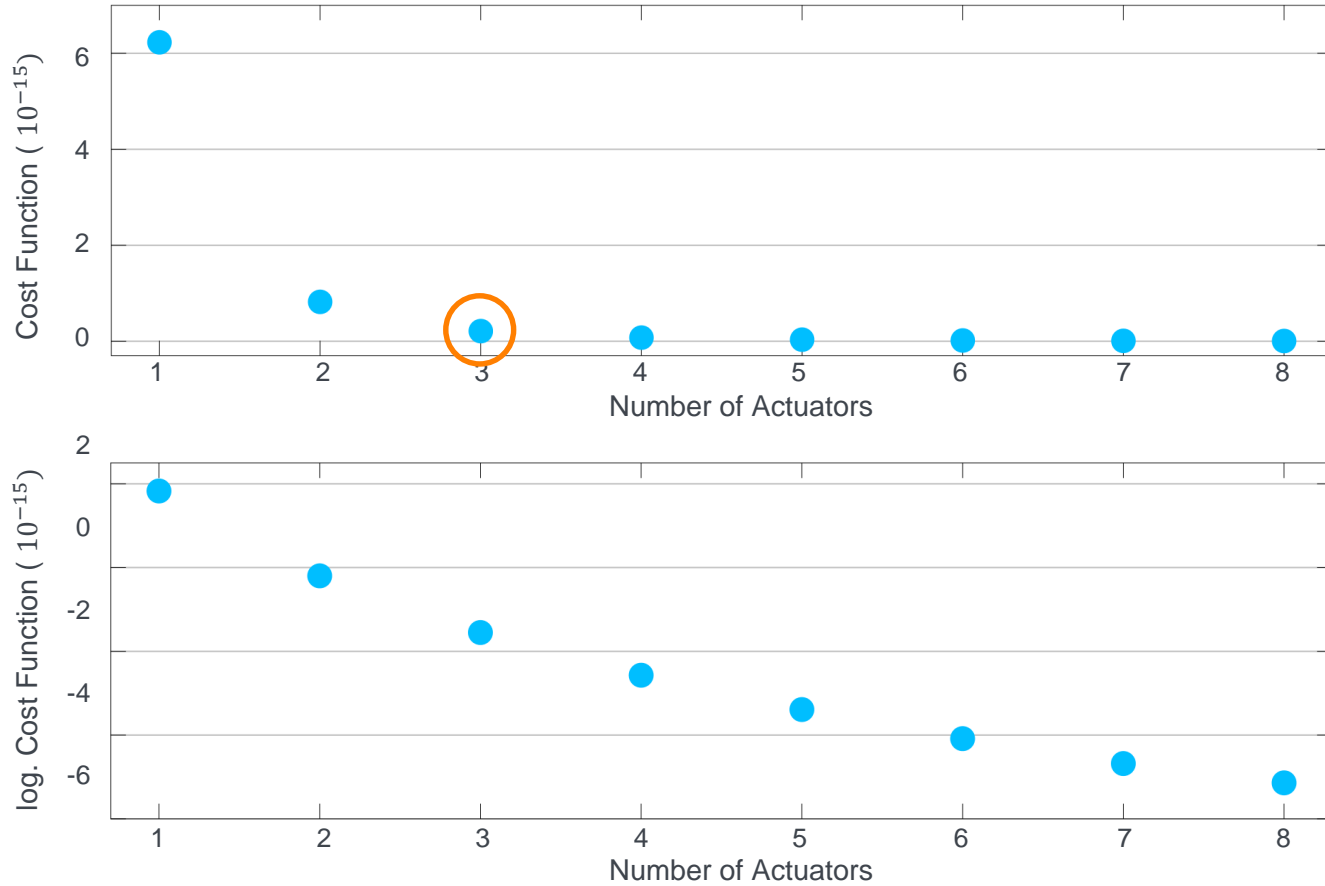
$p_{opt} = 475\text{bar}$



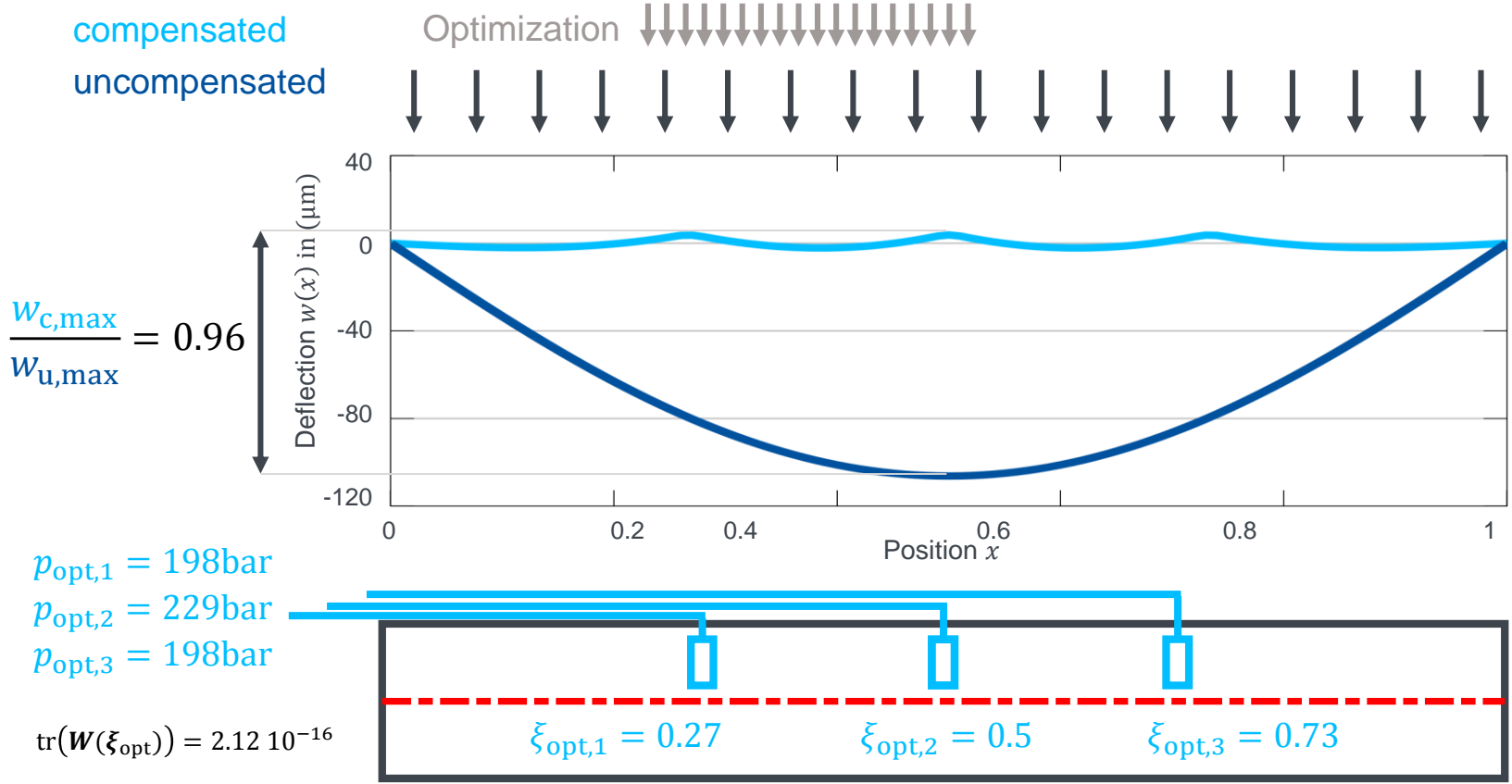
# Results – Optimal Deflection Curve



# Results – Number of Actuators



# Results – Optimal Deflection Curve



# More Actuator Placement Results for Integrated Fluidic Actuators

## Concrete

$$E = 30 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$\nu = 0.2$$

$$K = 2.08 \cdot 10^7 \text{Nm}$$

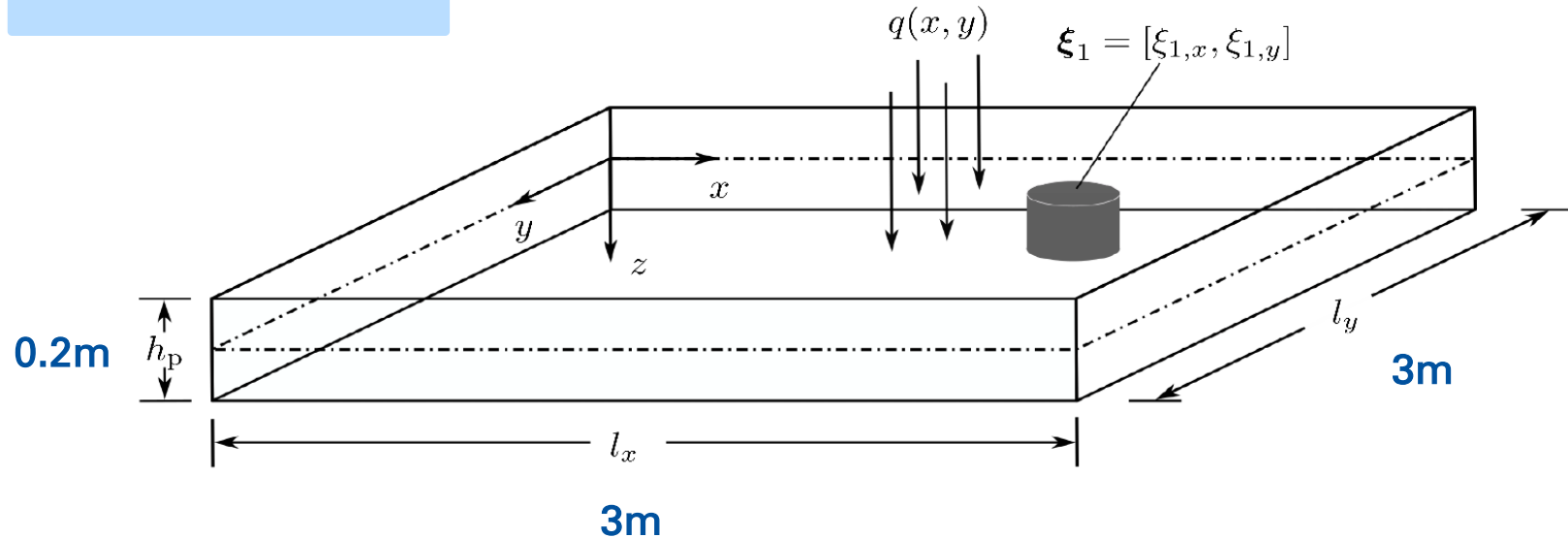
## Actuator

$$r_a = 0.03\text{m}$$

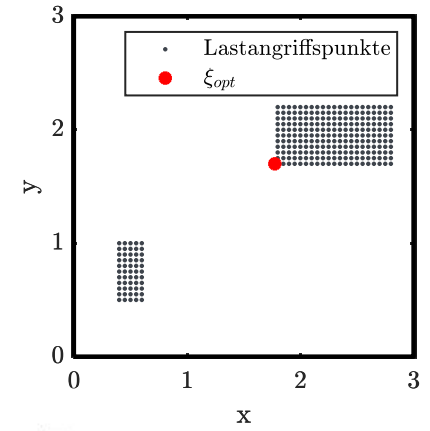
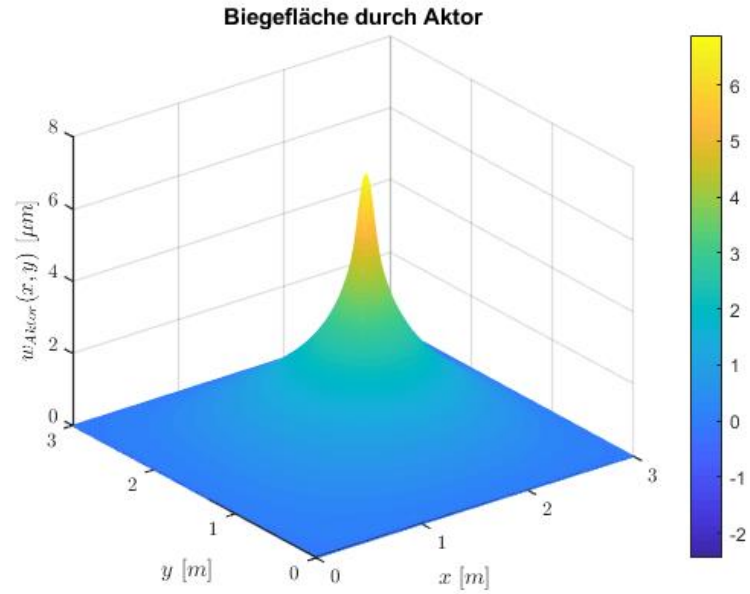
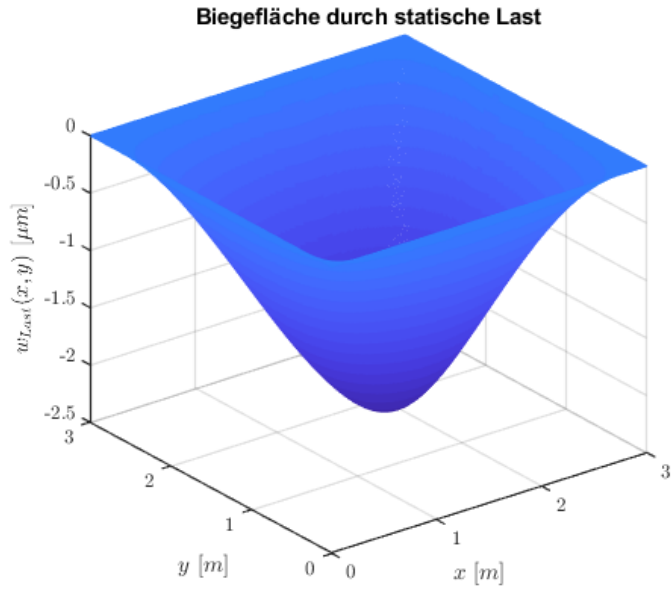
$$h_a = 0.08\text{m}$$

$$d_a = 0.05\text{m}$$

$$d_m = 0.06\text{m}$$

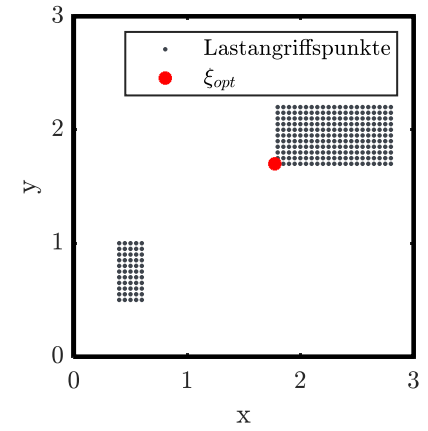
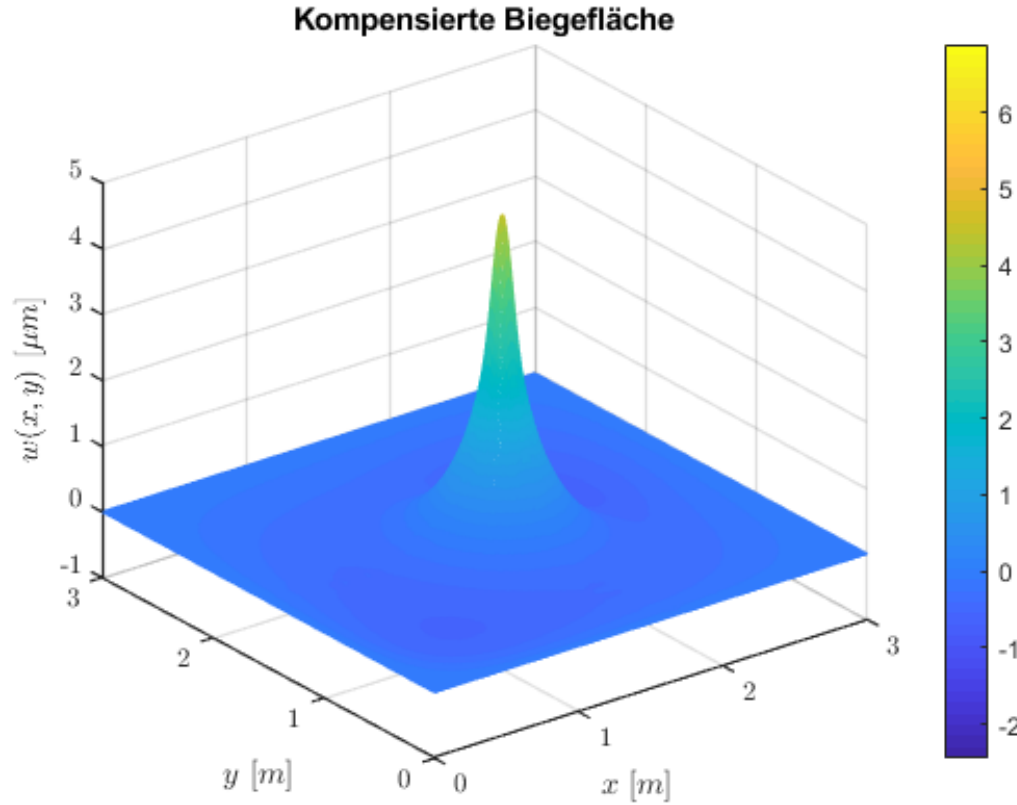


# Example: Two different loads





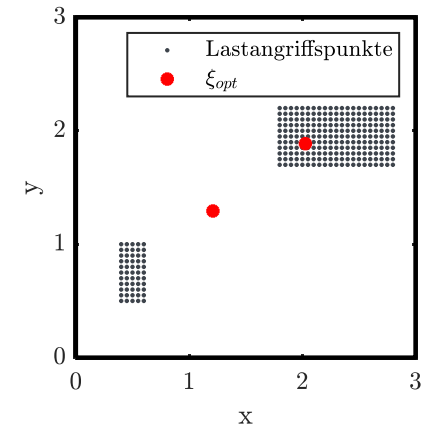
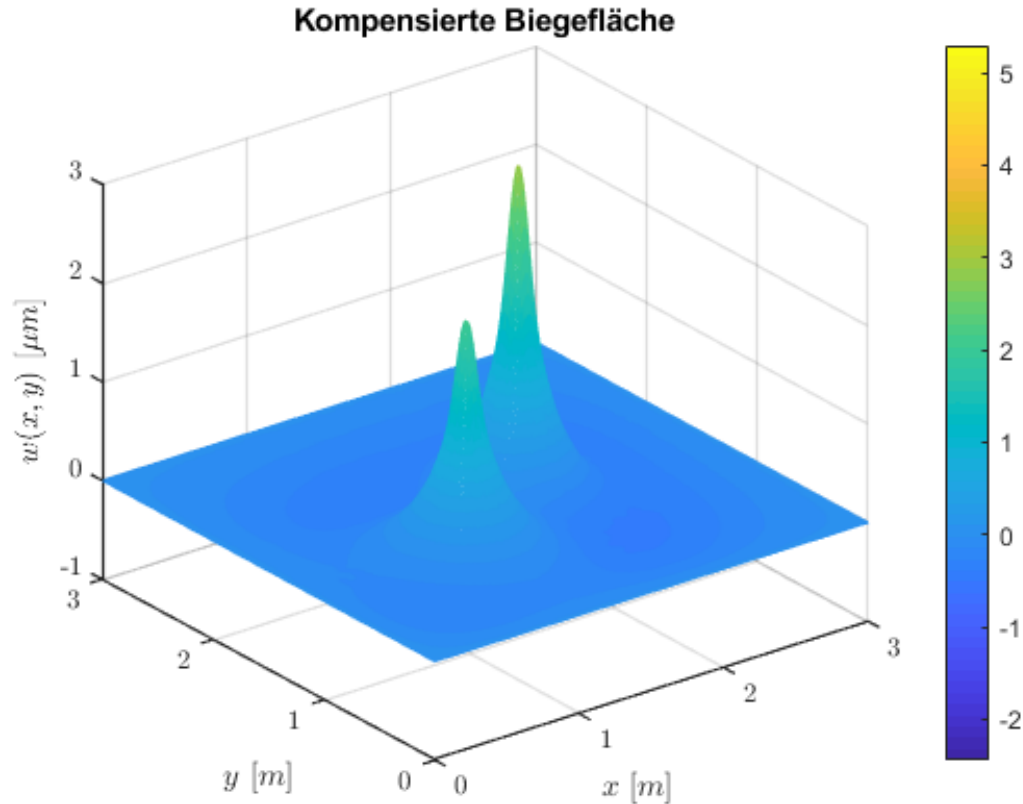
# Example: Two different loads



**Statische  
Lastkompensation  
88,4%**

**Optimaler Druck  
188,9 bar**

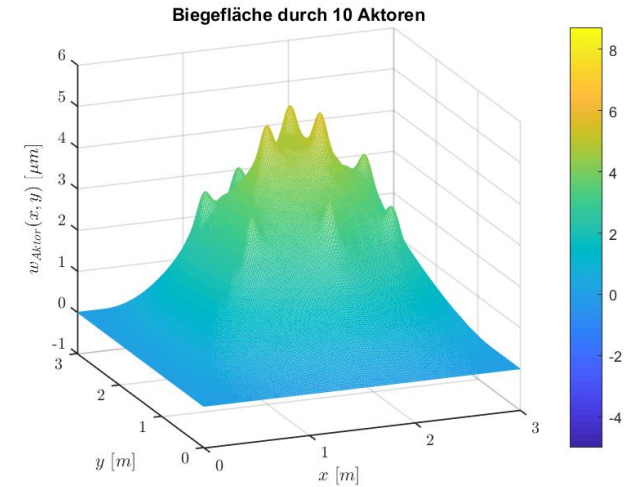
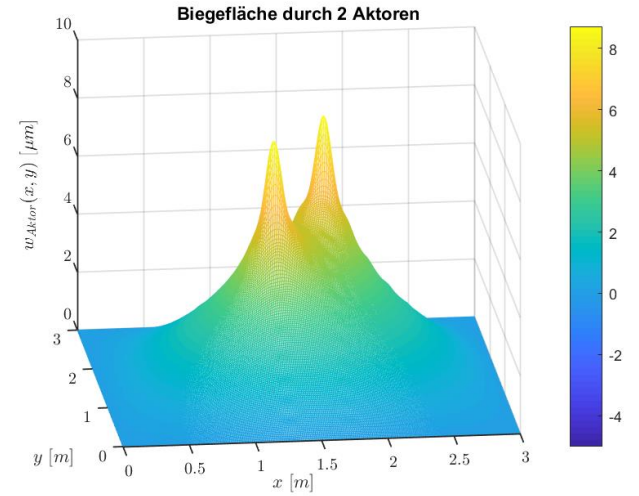
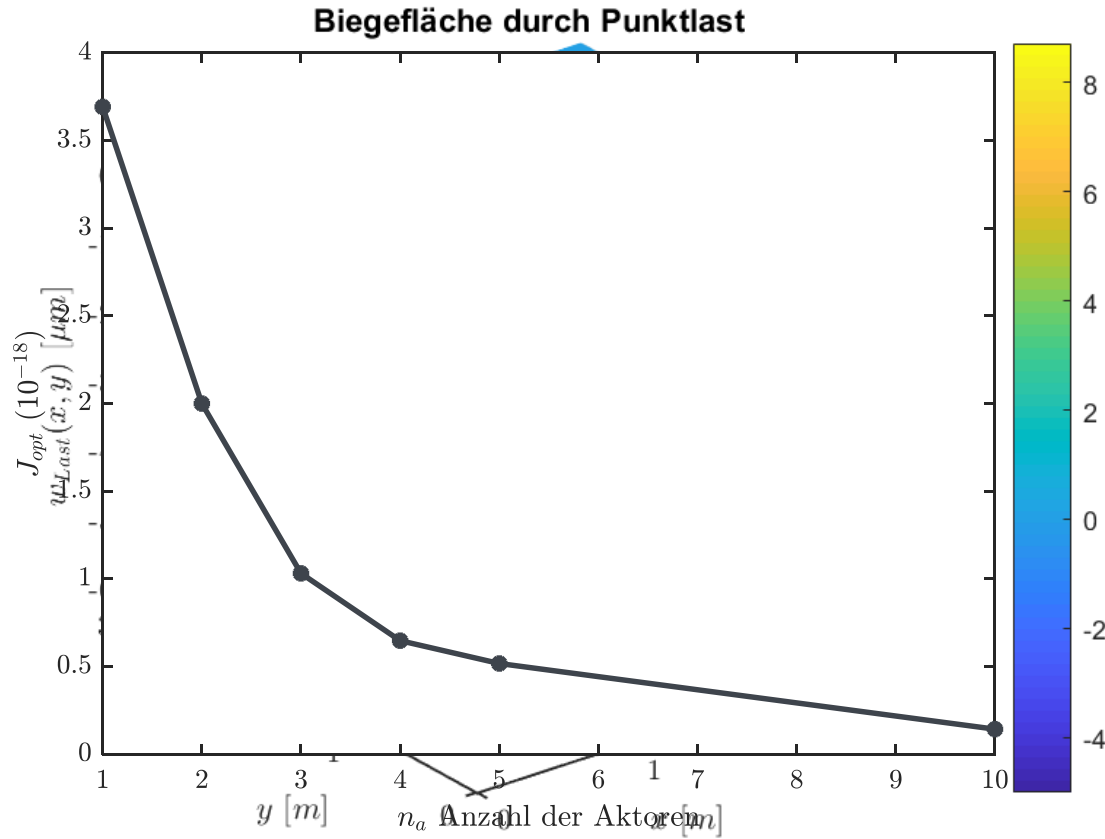
# Example: Two different loads and two actuators



**Statische  
Lastkompensation**  
94,6%

**Optimaler Druck**  
138,0 bar  
90,2 bar

# Example: Impact of number of actuators



# Modeling of Mechanical Structures

- finite element modelling
  - ceiling
  - vertical beam
  - diagonal bracing
- all connections modeled as ideal joints

## linear, time-invariant mechanical system

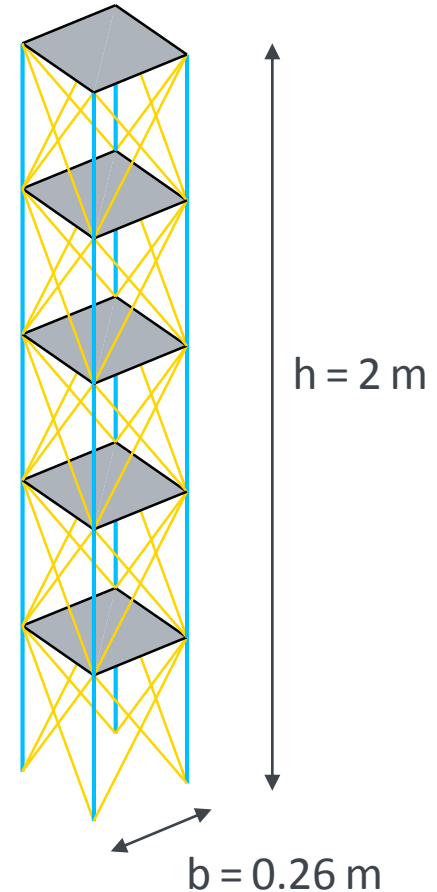
$$M\ddot{q}(t) + D\dot{q}(t) + Kq(t) = f(t), \quad t > 0$$

$$q(0) = q_0, \quad \dot{q}(0) = q_1$$

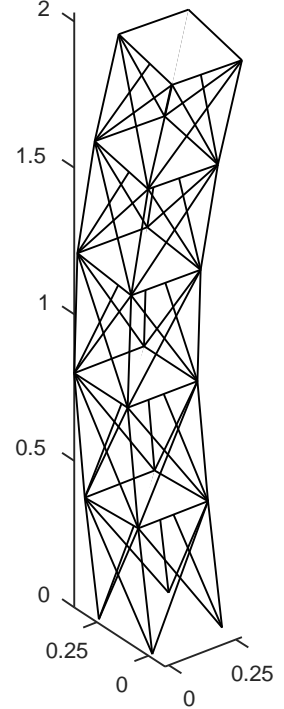
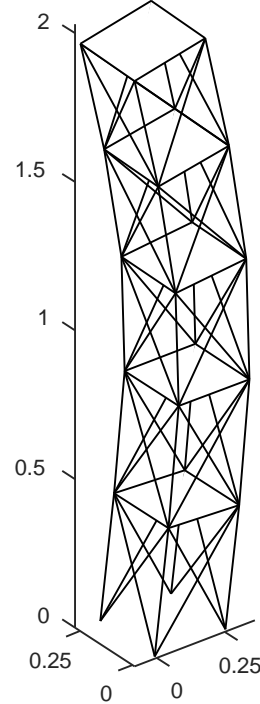
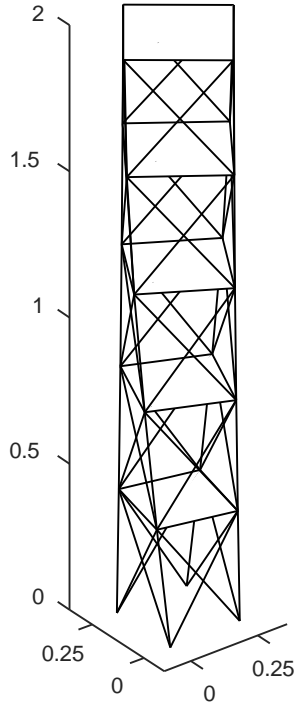
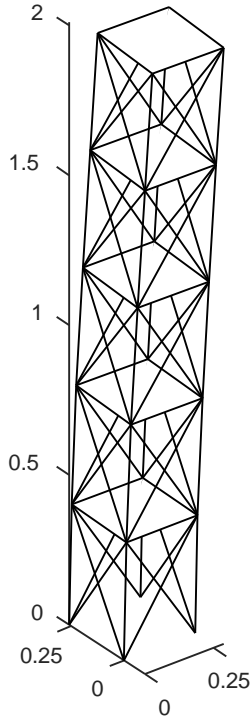
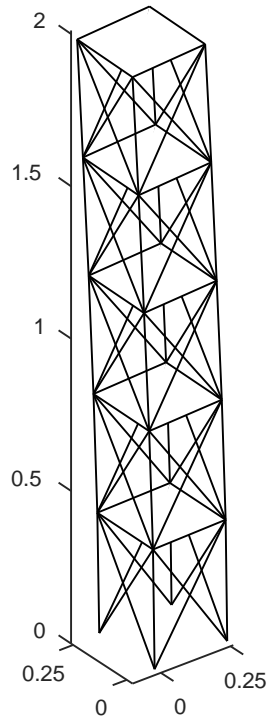
## modal equations of motion

$$\ddot{\eta}(t) + 2Z\Omega\dot{\eta}(t) + \Omega^2\eta(t) = \Phi^T f(t)$$

$$\eta(0) = \Phi^{-1}q_0, \quad \dot{\eta}(0) = \Phi^{-1}q_1$$



# Eigenmodes and Eigenfrequencies

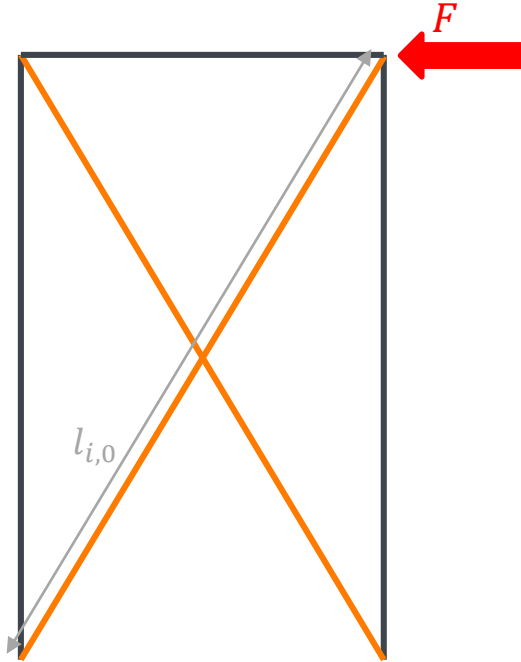


$\omega_{1,2} = 0.7 \text{ Hz}$   
 $\varphi_{1,2}$  1<sup>st</sup> order bending mode

$\omega_3 = 3.2 \text{ Hz}$   
 $\varphi_3$  torsion mode

$\omega_{4,5} = 3.4 \text{ Hz}$   
 $\varphi_{4,5}$  2<sup>nd</sup> order bending mode

# System Modeling – Nonlinear Equations of Motion



## State dependent stiffness

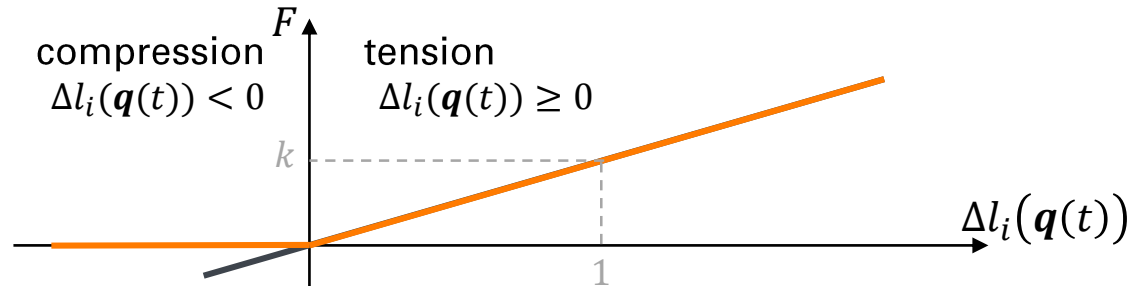
$$k_i(\mathbf{q}(t)) = \begin{cases} k_i, & \Delta l_i(\mathbf{q}(t)) \geq 0 \\ 0, & \Delta l_i(\mathbf{q}(t)) < 0 \end{cases} \quad i = 1, \dots, n_t$$

## Criterion

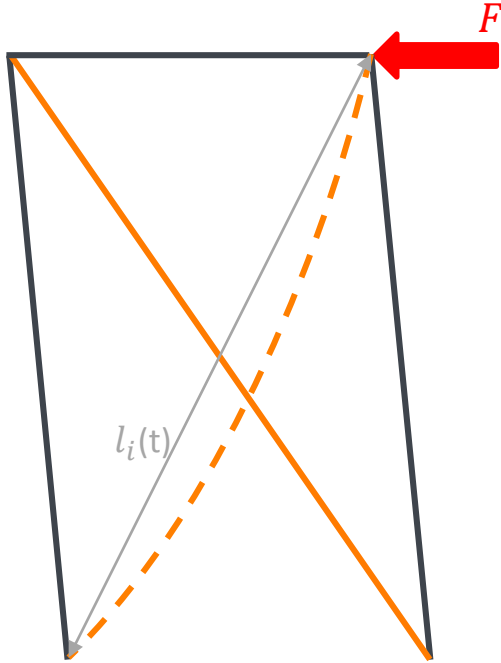
$$\Delta l_i(\mathbf{q}(t)) = l_i(t) - l_{i,0}$$

reference length

virtual current length



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Assembling:  $K(\mathbf{q}(t))$

## Rayleigh damping

$$D(\mathbf{q}(t)) = \alpha_1 \mathbf{M} + \alpha_2 K(\mathbf{q}(t))$$

## Nonlinear mechanical system

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + D(\mathbf{q}(t))\dot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + K(\mathbf{q}(t))\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{F}u(t), \quad t > 0, \quad \mathbf{q}(0) = \mathbf{q}_0, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}(0) = \mathbf{q}_1$$

# Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD)

## Proper orthogonal decomposition

$$A = V\Sigma W^*$$

$A$ : data

$V$ : left eigenvectors of  $A$ , POD basis

$\Sigma$ : singular values matrix of  $A$

$W$ : right eigenvectors of  $A$

## Nonlinear mechanical system

$$M\ddot{q}(t) + D(q(t))\dot{q}(t) + K(q(t))q(t) = Fu(t), \quad t > 0, \quad q(0) = q_0, \quad \dot{q}(0) = q_1$$



## POD transformation transformed state

$$q(t) = V_c \zeta(t), \quad V_c \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_c}$$

reduced POD basis  $V_c^T M_c V_c \approx I$

$V_c$  columns of  $V$

## Nonlinear reduced mechanical system

$$M_c \ddot{\zeta}(t) + V_c^T D(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c \dot{\zeta}(t) + V_c^T K(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c \zeta(t) = F_c u(t), \quad t > 0,$$

$$\zeta(0) = V_c^{-1} q_0, \quad \dot{\zeta}(0) = V_c^{-1} q_1$$



# Nonlinear Model Order Reduction by Proper Orthogonal Decomposition

## Nonlinear reduced mechanical system

$$\begin{aligned} M_c \ddot{\zeta}(t) + V_c^T D(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c \dot{\zeta}(t) + V_c^T K(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c \zeta(t) &= F_c u(t), \quad t > 0, \\ \zeta(0) = V_c^{-1} q_0, \quad \dot{\zeta}(0) &= V_c^{-1} q_1 \end{aligned}$$

### State

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \zeta(t) \\ \dot{\zeta}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

### POD transformation

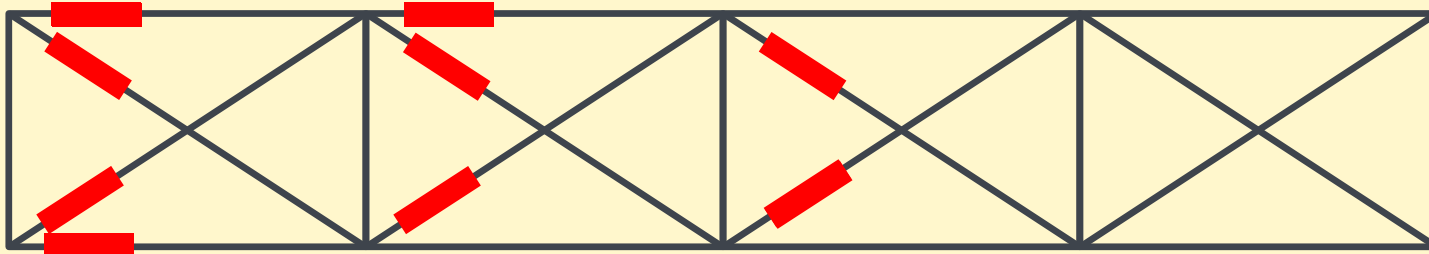
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### State space

$$\dot{x}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I \\ -V_c^T K(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c & -V_c^T D(V_c \zeta(t)) V_c \end{bmatrix}}_{f(x(t))} x(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ F_c \end{bmatrix}}_g u(t), \quad t > 0, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

# Actuator Placement

How do we find the optimal actuator position?



Can the ability to compensate the effects of disturbances be a general property of a structure, and thus be quantified independent of a specific load?



**Controllability Gramian**

$$W = \int_0^{\infty} e^{A\tau} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau$$

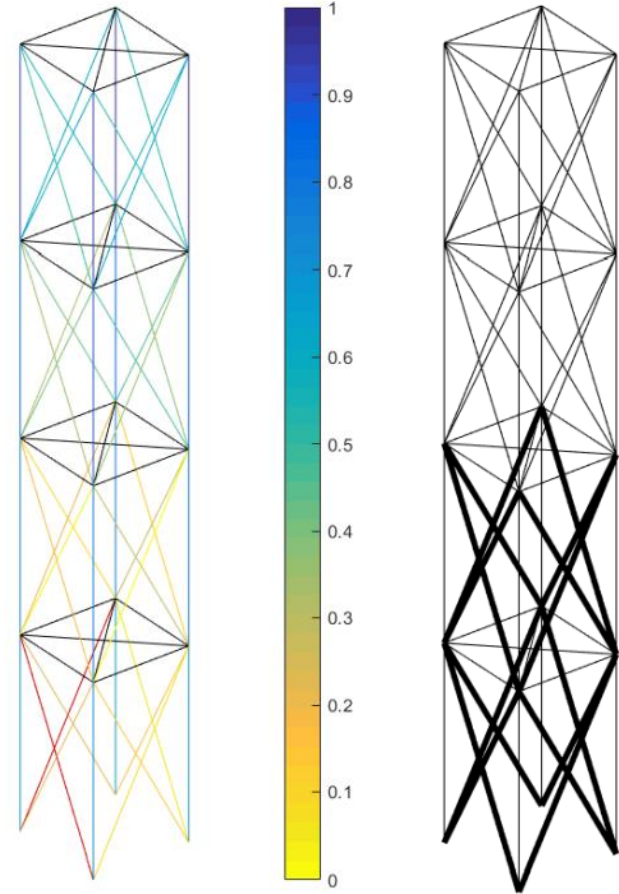
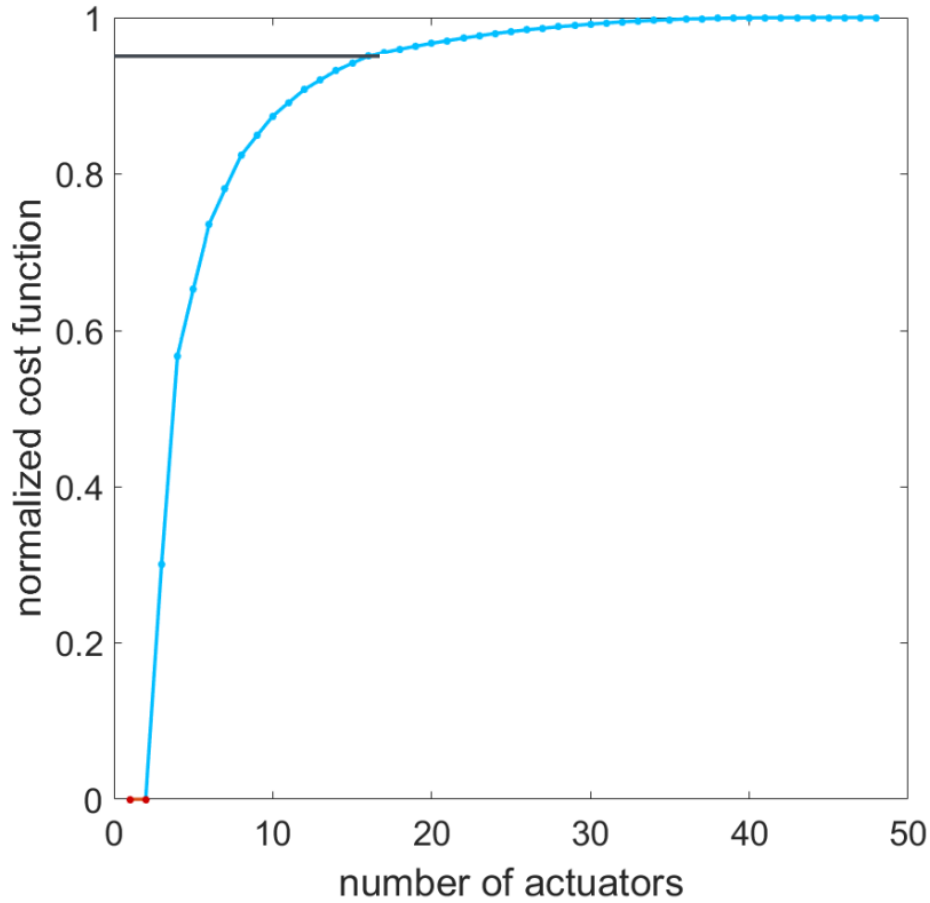
**Homogenizability Gramian**

$$W = H^T H, \quad H = \left( (\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{B})^+ - \mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{E}$$

**Deformability Gramian**

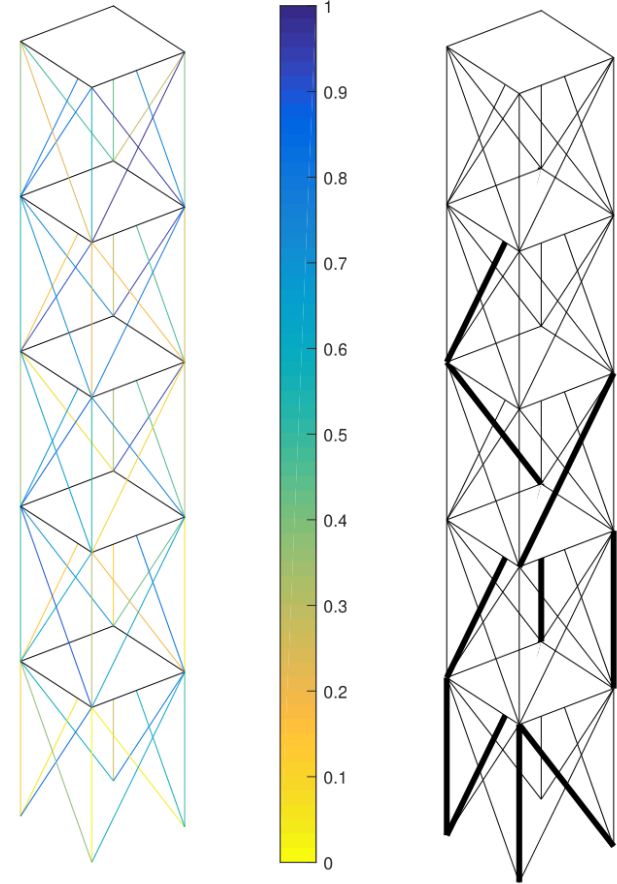
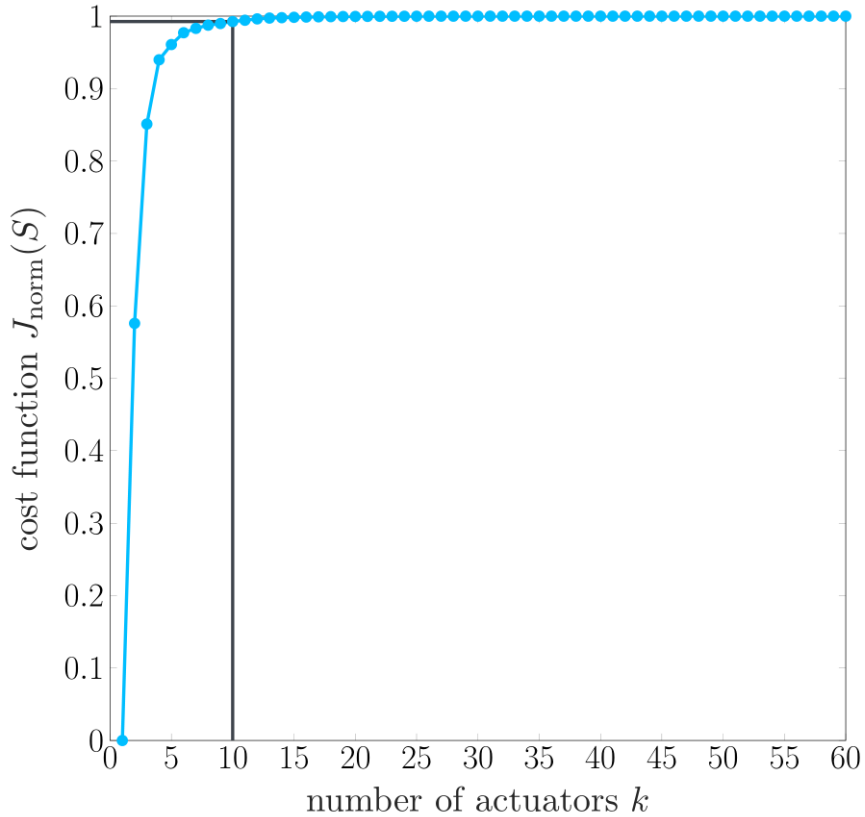
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# Actuator Placement – Results for optimal Controllability



# Actuator Placement – Results for optimal static compensability

- normalized average nodal displacement error



# Claims to a Structure - Aims of Control

## Stability

Property of a structure to withstand all possible loads without loss of functionality



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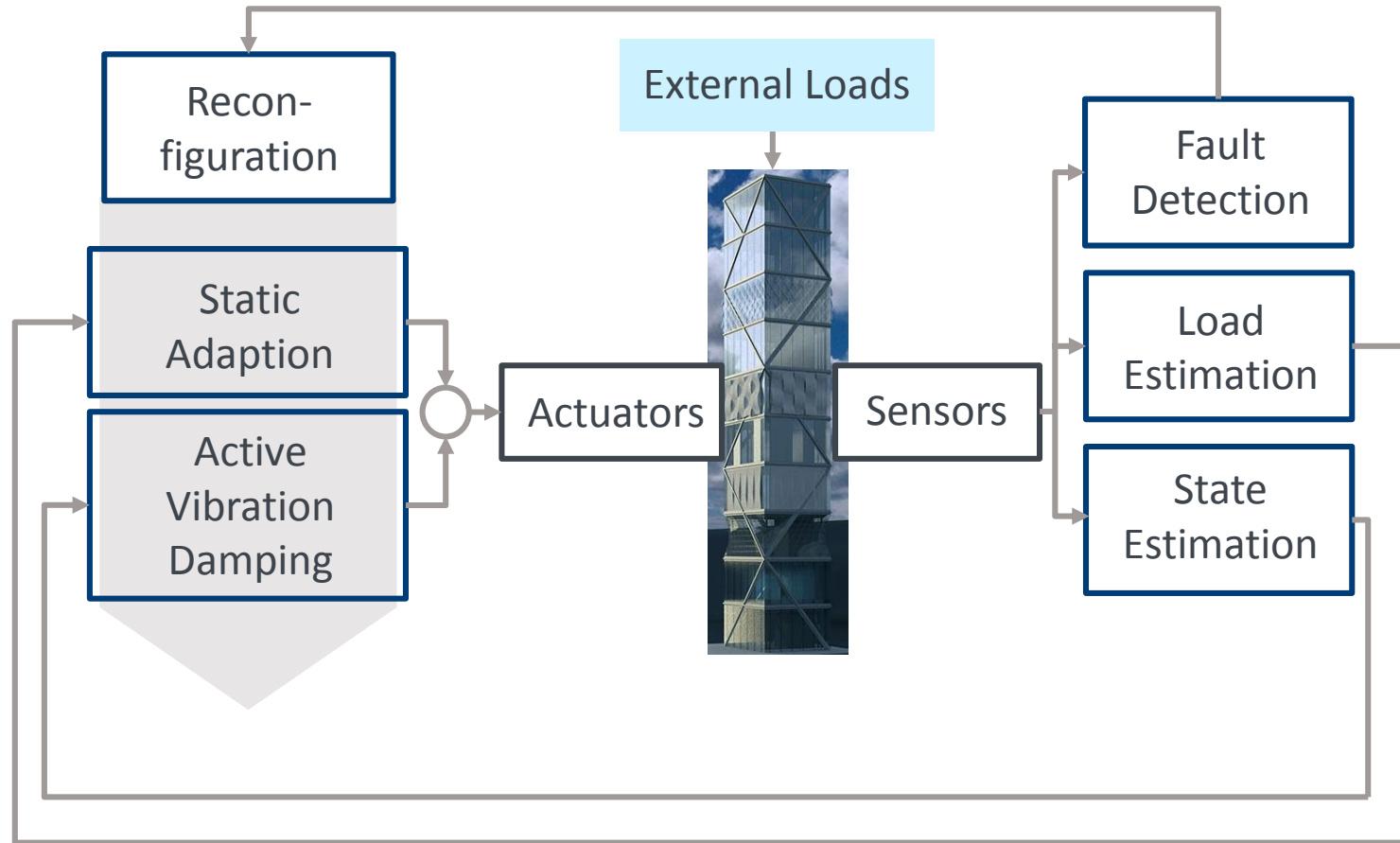
## Usability

Property of a structure to provide unrestricted use for the designated purpose



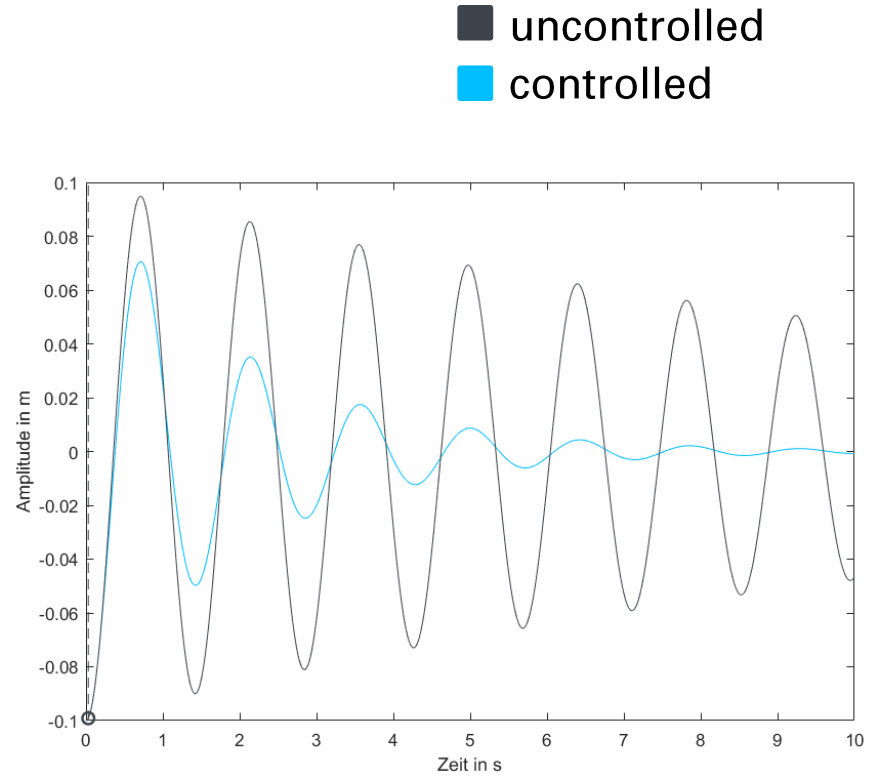
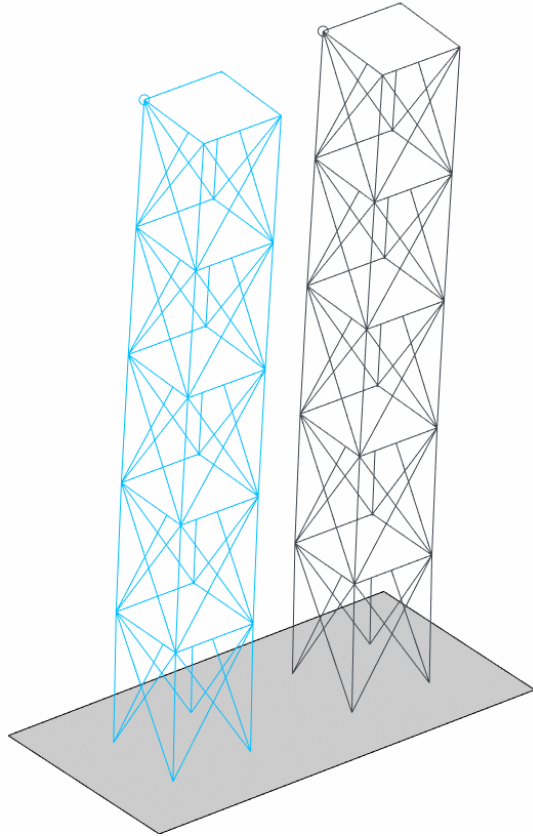
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# Feedforward and Feedback Control



# Centralized control strategy – linear quadratic regulator (LQR)

- Initial condition first bending mode



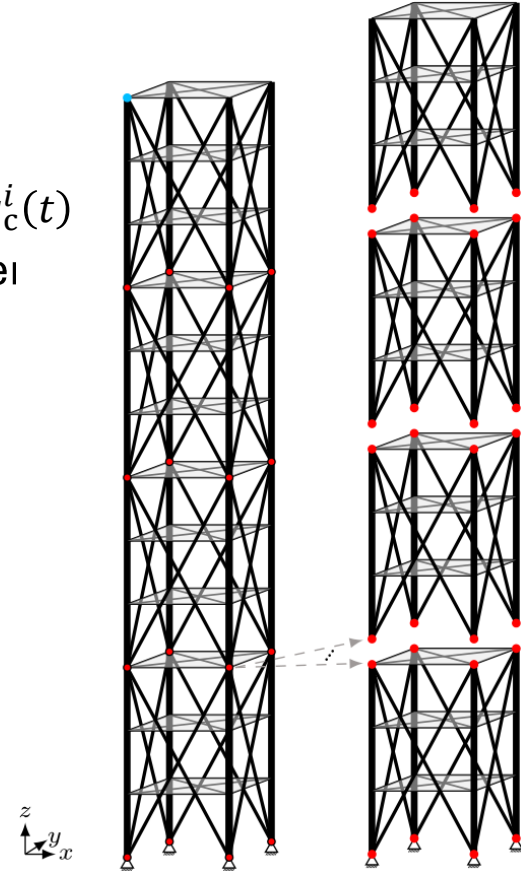
# Decentralized control strategy – substructuring and local LQR

- Craig-Bampton Reduktion auf Randknoten
  - Randknoten  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_b^i(t) \\ \mathbf{q}_i^i(t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}^i \mathbf{q}_c^i(t)$
  - Rigid-body Moden
- Elimination von abhängigen Randknoten  $\mathbf{q}_1^i(t) = \Phi_1^i \mathbf{q}_c^i(t)$
- Regelerentwurf am lokalen Modell mit lokalen Aktorei

## Linear mechanical system

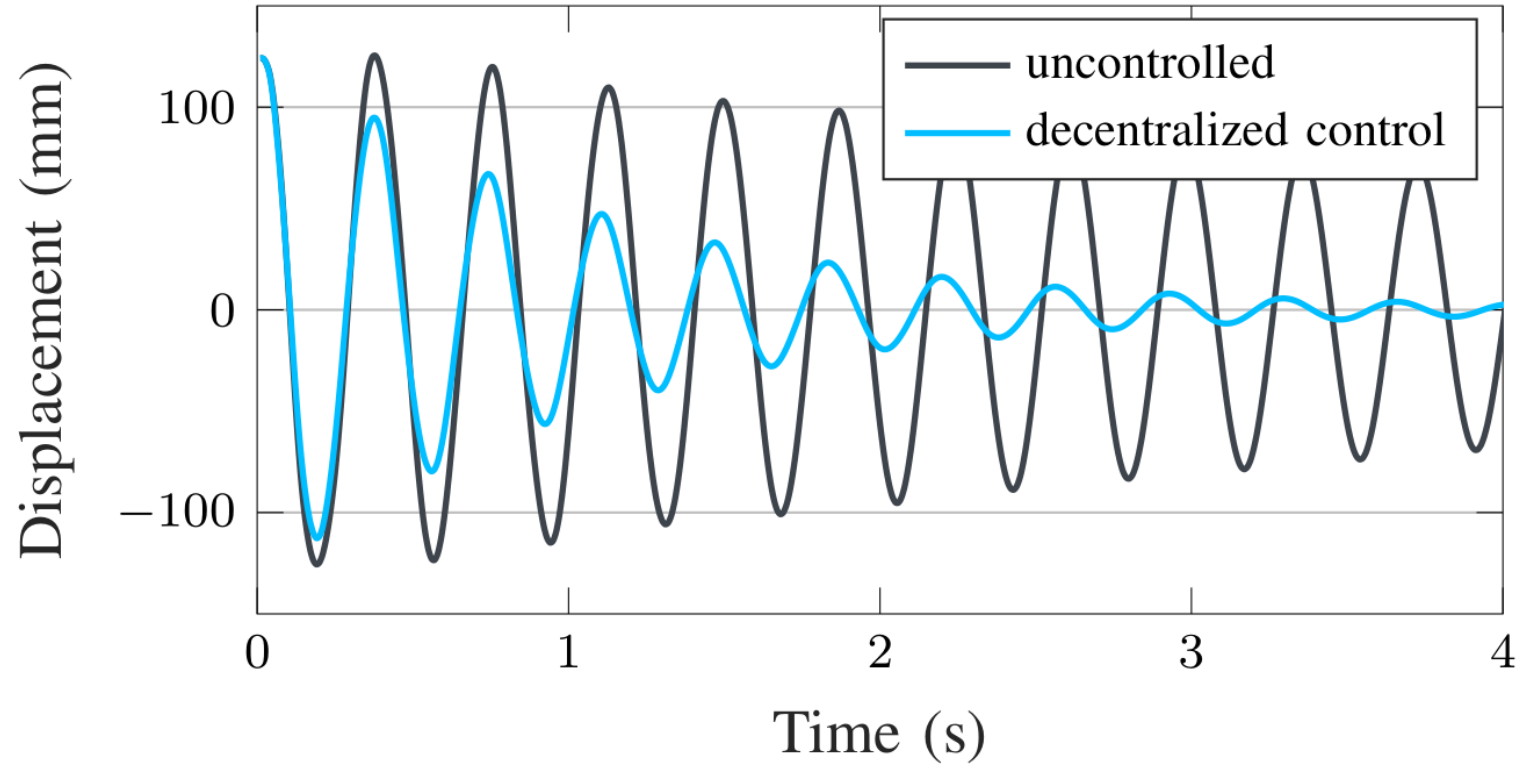
$$\mathbf{M}^i \ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \mathbf{D}^i \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \mathbf{K}^i \mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{F}^i \mathbf{u}^i(t) \quad t > 0,$$

$$\mathbf{q}^i(0) = \mathbf{q}_0^i, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}^i(0) = \dot{\mathbf{q}}_1^i$$

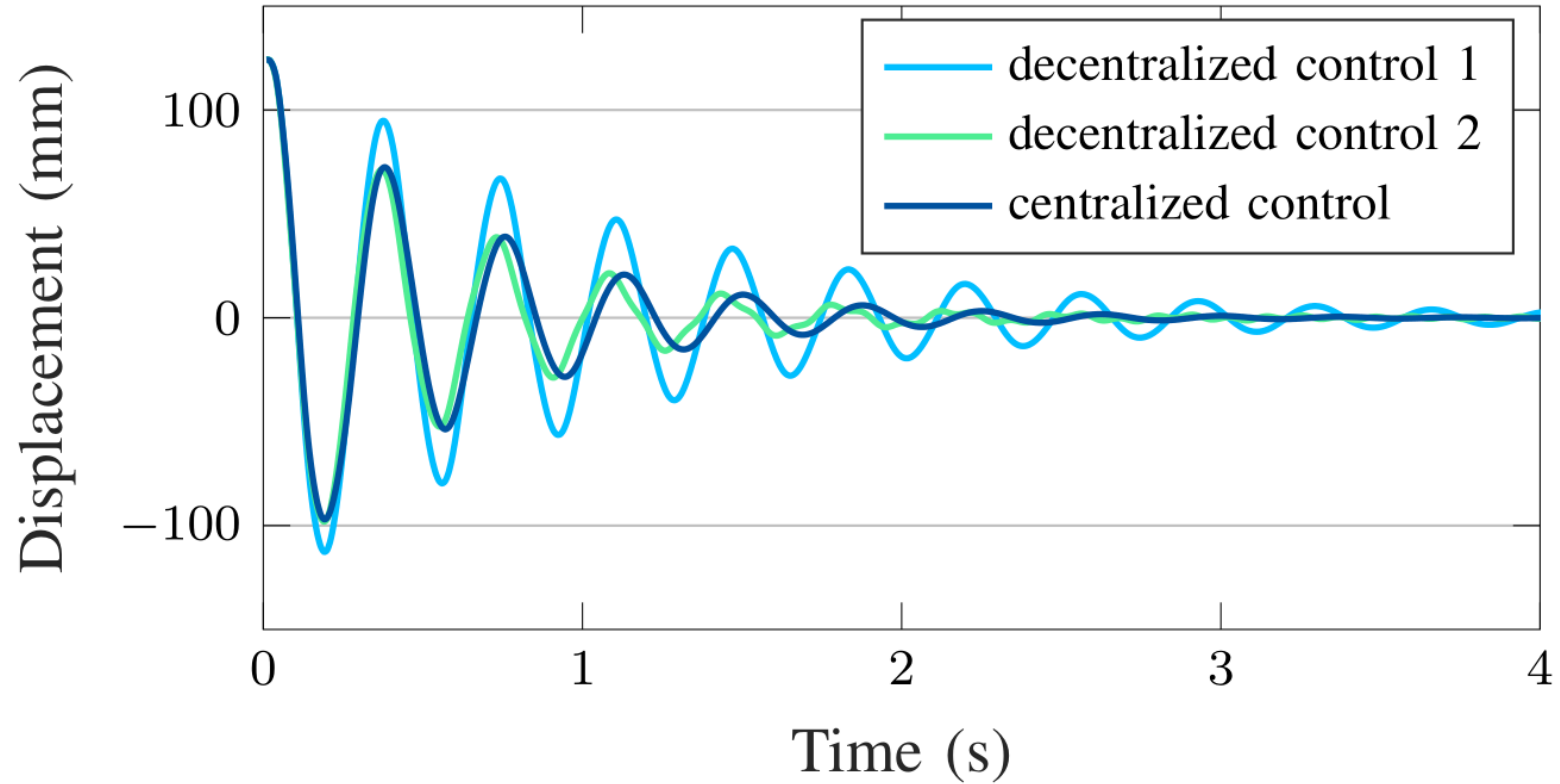




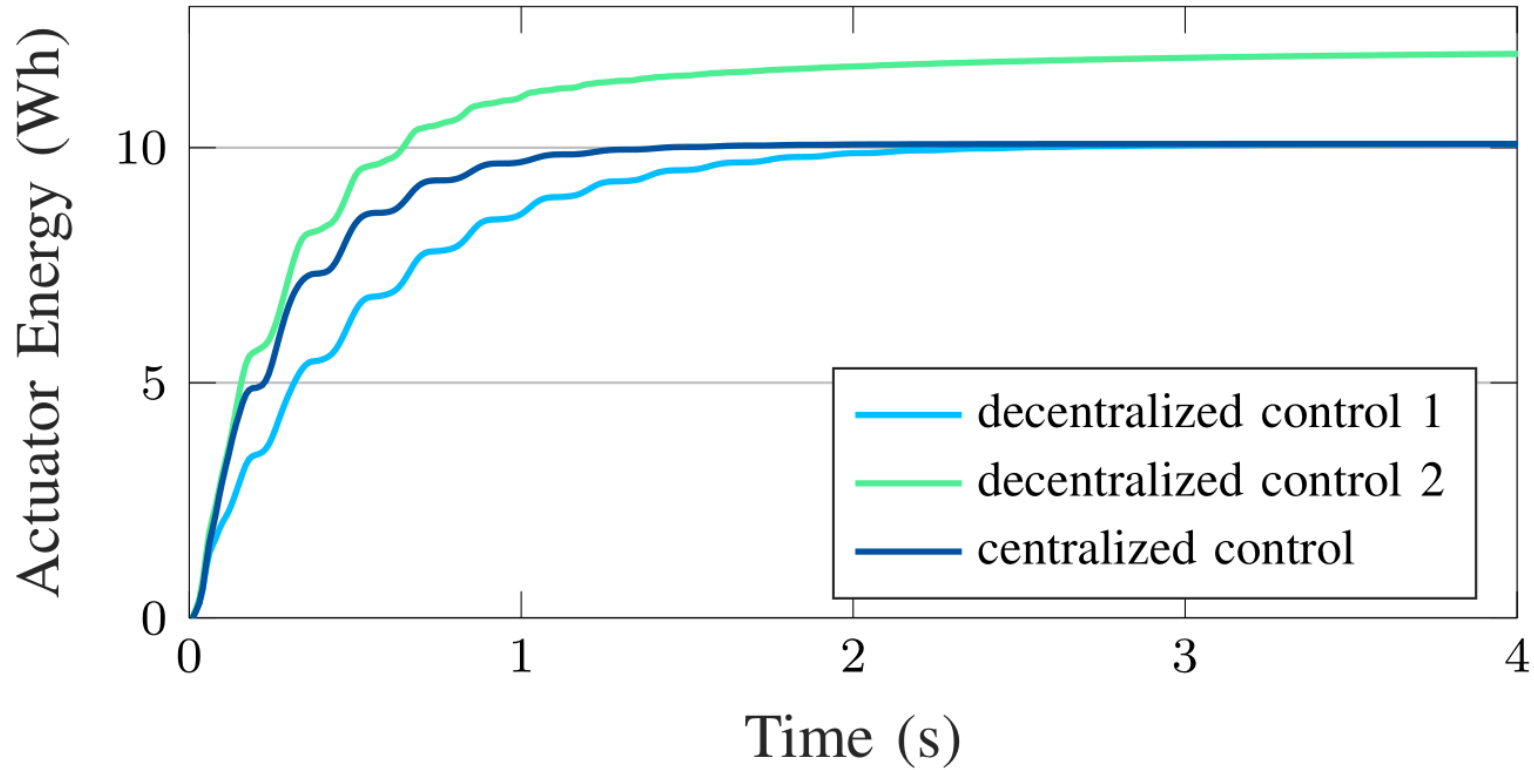
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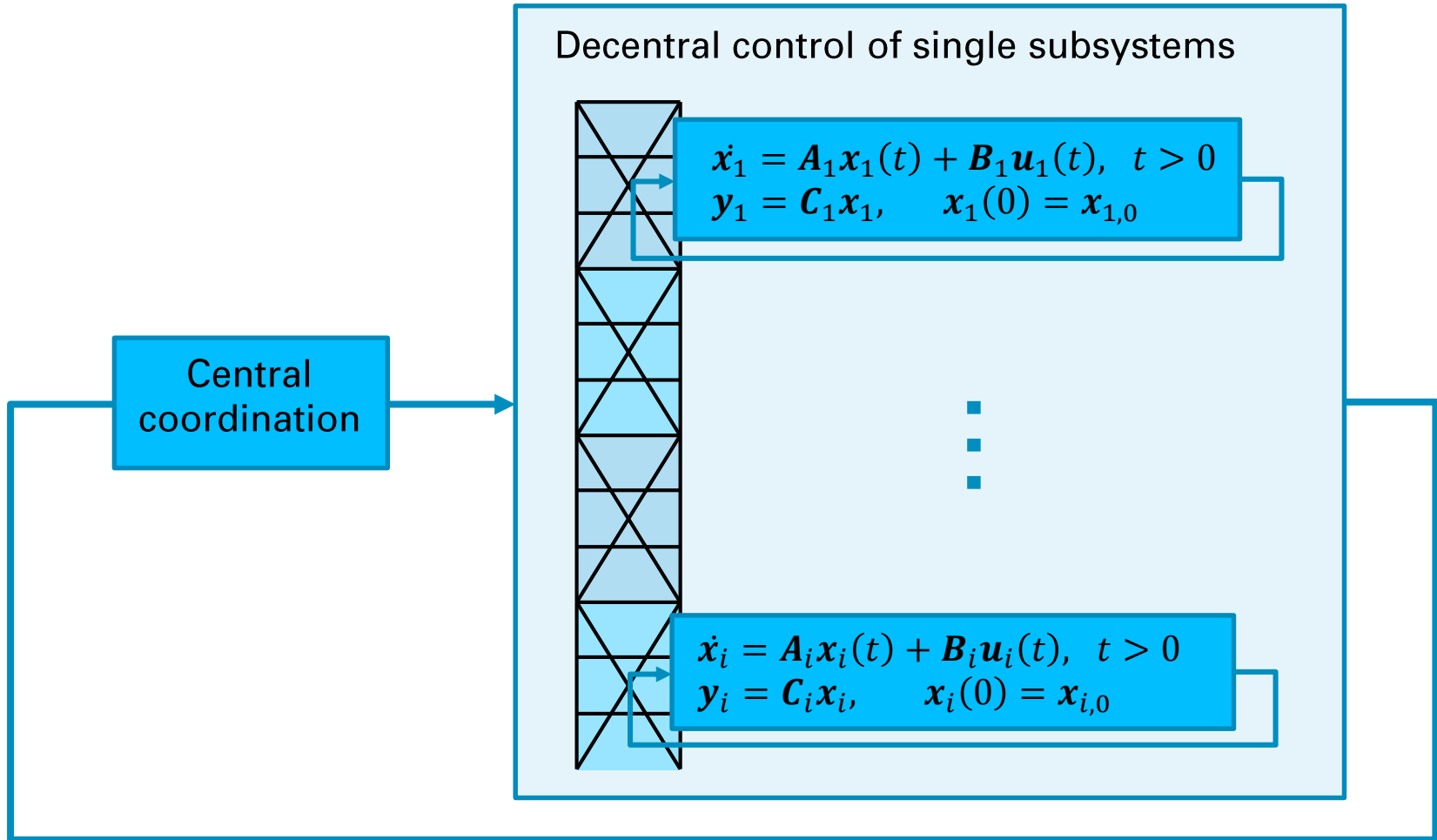
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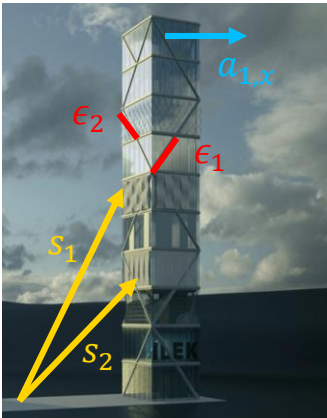
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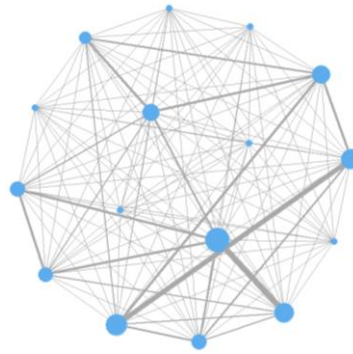
# Distributed Control Approach



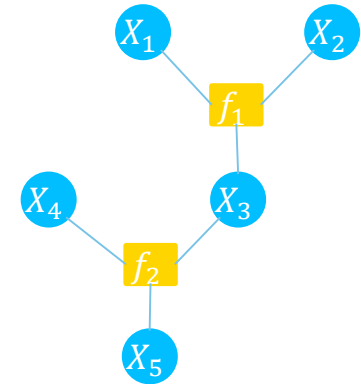
# Data driven model for fault detection and diagnosis



High number of Sensors generate loads of data



Quantify the correlation between measurements



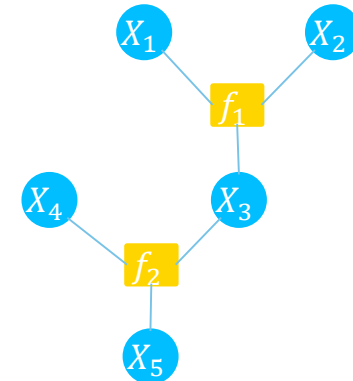
Model featuring structural and quantitative dependencies

# Data driven model for fault detection and diagnosis

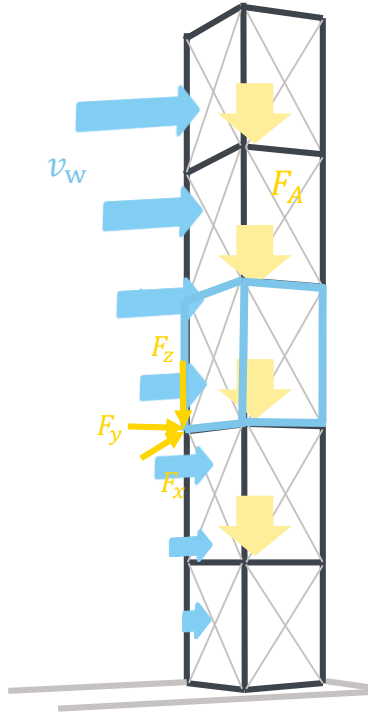
## Approach:

1. Generate measurement data from simulation model
2. Determination of significant correlation between measurements using covariance and partial mutual information matrix
3. Quantitative modeling of dependencies using probability graphs (Gaussian processes)
4. Analysis w.r.t. fault detectability (Structural Analysis)

$$I(x, y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[ \frac{p(x_i, y_i)}{p(x_i)p(y_i)} \right]$$



# Model based decentralized fault diagnosis



## Decentralized fault diagnosis

- State space system for individual module
- Unknown coupling between modules

## Discrete-time state space model

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + B_u u_k + B_f f_k + b_v(v_k), & x_0 &= \bar{x}_0 \\y_k &= Cx_k + D_u u_k + D_f f_k + d_v(v_k) + D_\epsilon \epsilon_k\end{aligned}$$

$y_k \in \mathbb{R}^{l_y}$ : Systemausgänge  
 $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{l_u}$ : Systemeingänge  
 $f_k \in \mathbb{R}^{l_f}$ : Fehler  
 $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^{l_\epsilon}$ : Störungen  
 $\epsilon_k \in \mathbb{R}^{l_\epsilon}$ : Messrauschen

## Disturbances due to physical coupling for distributed modeling

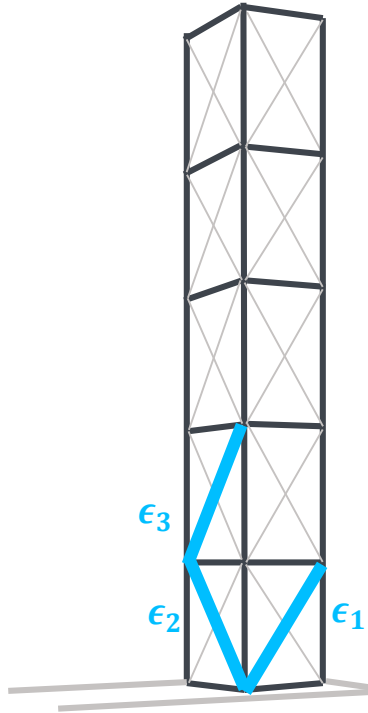
$$\begin{aligned}x_k &= \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,k} \\ x_{2,k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_k = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,k} \\ u_{2,k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad y_k = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1,k} \\ y_{2,k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_k = \begin{bmatrix} f_{1,k} \\ f_{2,k} \end{bmatrix} \\b_{1,v}(v_k) &= b_{1,v}(x_{2,k}, u_{2,k}, v_k)\end{aligned}$$

## Goal

- Identification and elimination of disturbance impact by data based methods (PCA)

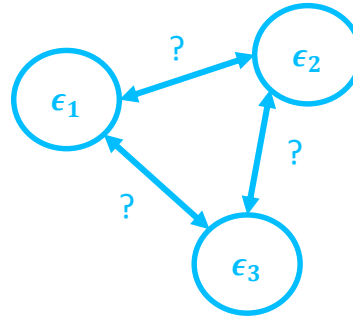
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# Model based decentralized fault diagnosis



## Problem

What sensors are necessary to detect defined fault?



## Approach

Identify a set of dependent sensors and actuators using data  $\rightarrow$

Redundancy:

- Optimization-based methods (LASSO-regression)
- Statistical correlation



## Implications for Telescopes

- Same stiffness level with 70% mass reduction
  - Larger telescopes possible at less mass
- New building materials
- Decoupling of alignment and telescope pose