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THIRD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

General Comments:

1. Only 2 students gave presentations during 1st day.
2. The two NASA presentations took ~~up~~ valuable time away from CSC activities.
3. How is the CSC doing in striving to reach established goals?

Goal 1 - interdisciplinary research: I didn't see that much interdisciplinary activity.  
Each prof. simply doing their own thing.

Goal 2 - educate students w/ vision and tech. skills: No direct evidence in symposium  
that revealed CSC doing anything out of the ordinary here.

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**Dynamics of On-Orbit Construction Process***K.C. Park*

This study looks at three aspects of on-orbit construction: perturbations of the orbiter due to changes in configuration of the structure being deployed, the effects of flexibility on the dynamics of the orbiter and the deployed structure, and interaction dynamics of the structures being assembled. Once the interaction dynamics are understood, appropriate strategies for control and maneuvering of manipulators can be formulated.

**Interaction Dynamics and Control for Orbital Assembly***Renjeng Su*

Building structures and spacecraft in orbit will require technologies for compliant contact of subassemblies. Satisfactory compliant contacts must be secured for various joining operations to take place. Compliant interactions between mechanical structures may be defined by the dynamics of position and contact forces. The basic problem here is how to use active and passive control mechanisms to achieve stable interactions and a specified level of compliance. Results will be presented on stability analysis, compliance control design, and steady-state contact dynamics specification.

**Controls for Orbital Assembly of Large Space Structures***Mark Balas*

To assemble large space structures, on-orbit control algorithms must deal with the berthing of flexible substructures while maintaining stability and meeting basic performance goals. No doubt these operations will be carried out with the aid of flexible robot manipulators. Controlling such complex dynamics will require reduced-order model-based algorithms for rapid response; however, stability is easily compromised by interaction with unmodeled dynamics. Analytical and numerical results will be presented in three areas: the stable berthing of actively controlled substructures; direct model reference adaptive control of distributed flexible structure models; and control design for flexible structures with slow actuator dynamics.

**Structural Load Control During Construction***Martin Mikulas*

For many large space structures, the major design loads can occur during the construction phase or during subsequent maintenance or augmentation operations which involve moving large masses. In the absence of gravitational loadings, all major loadings on space structures are transient in nature, unlike the traditional static loadings associated with Earth structures. This fact requires the introduction of concepts for structural elements designed to absorb load impulses. This talk will present a new strut concept for a "fuse" in the structure which can release at prescribed levels of loading and return to the nominal position at a controlled rate after the loading has passed. A discussion is presented of the general application of the strut to several space structures, including the recent Space Shuttle thruster pressure blast on the Space Station solar arrays.

**Systems Engineering Studies of On-Orbit Assembly Operations***George W. Morgenthaler*

Systems engineering studies of orbital assembly operations at CSC focus on the issues of subassembly partitioning, packaging and delivery to LEO, cost trade-offs, operation simulation, analysis of interruptability and constructibility, and expert systems for construction sequence planning and evaluation. A simplified cost trade-off model will be presented which relates size of Heavy Launch Lift Vehicles, number of subassemblies to be delivered to LEO, and the probability of mission success.

**Expert Systems for Assembly Sequence Evaluation***Steve Jolly*

Complexity of orbital assembly will ultimately stem from the actual physical properties and behavior of the delivered subassemblies. To reduce this complexity it is desirable to launch the largest possible pre-integrated, pre-assembled, pre-tested subassemblies, while simultaneously conforming to launch vehicle, construction tool and resource constraints. A simulation model which combines numerical and symbolic engineering knowledge with heuristic reasoning will be presented. The main function of this model is to decompose a representative SEI "Phase A" space vehicle into deliverable orbital subassemblies. The model employs state-of-the-art constraint propagation techniques developed at Stanford University for terrestrial construction to create a potentially powerful space research tool. Simulation results will be presented.

## **Lunar Regolith and Structure Mechanics**

*Stein Sture*

Lunar regolith is unlike terrestrial unconsolidated soils. Its unusual strength and stiffness properties simplify design and construction of embankments, shielding structures and foundations, but make it more difficult to perform excavations and cuts than on Earth. In this presentation we focus on construction of regolith-structure facilities, and characteristics of scale-model experiments. Fundamental mechanical properties of regolith and density variations on the lunar surface are also described.

## **Indigenous Lunar Construction Materials**

*Wayne Rogers*

The utilization of local resources for the construction and operation of a lunar base can significantly reduce the cost of transporting materials and supplies from Earth. The present study is an investigation of the feasibility of processing lunar regolith to form construction materials and structural components. A scenario will be presented which integrates a processing method with the design for a lunar base shelter and potential construction techniques.

## **Design Concepts for Pressurized Lunar Shelters Utilizing Indigenous Materials**

*John Happel*

Two design concepts for pressurized lunar shelters are presented together with an in-depth analysis of primary and secondary load conditions and arguments for the utilization of cast basalt as the principal construction material. The first design is comprised of cast cylindrical segments which are post-tensioned in the longitudinal direction. The second design is based on arch-slabs and post-tensioned ring girders which are also post-tensioned longitudinally to create a structure dominated by compression. Construction sequences are outlined for rapid assembly of the two pressurized shelters.

## **Configuration Optimization of Space Structures**

*Carlos Felippa*

The suitability of Kikuchi's homogenization method for the configuration-shape-size optimization of space structures is investigated. A "design domain block" filled initially with finite elements is gradually "sculpted" into an optimal structure. This new method promises to be a powerful tool in helping the conceptual designer. We focus on its application to planetary structures.

## **Telerobotic Rovers for Extraterrestrial Construction**

*Jim Avery*

Robotic rovers will play a crucial role in extraterrestrial construction. They will substitute for humans in many operations such as surveying, sensing, signaling and load handling. Rover systems must be versatile so that they can perform a wide variety of jobs, and robust to parts failures. To this end, the ideas of software modularity and multi-robot coordination are being investigated. The current focuses include the development of three telerobotic platforms, infrared positioning systems, and a 4-degree-of-freedom manipulator. Design concepts and telerobotic development will be presented.

## **Lunar Surface Structural Concepts and Construction Studies**

*Martin Mikulas*

A preliminary design for a heavy lift crane capable of positioning 30,000 kg masses on the surface of the moon will be presented. This crane will enable remote or autonomous precision positioning of large masses without the manual aid of astronauts. The crane concept makes use of three cables instead of one to maintain positive, precise control of the payload. The presentation will include crane mass, stiffness, and control, and will describe an ongoing experimental program to evaluate the concept.

## Agenda

**Center for Space Construction - Third Annual Symposium**  
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**November 21, 1991**

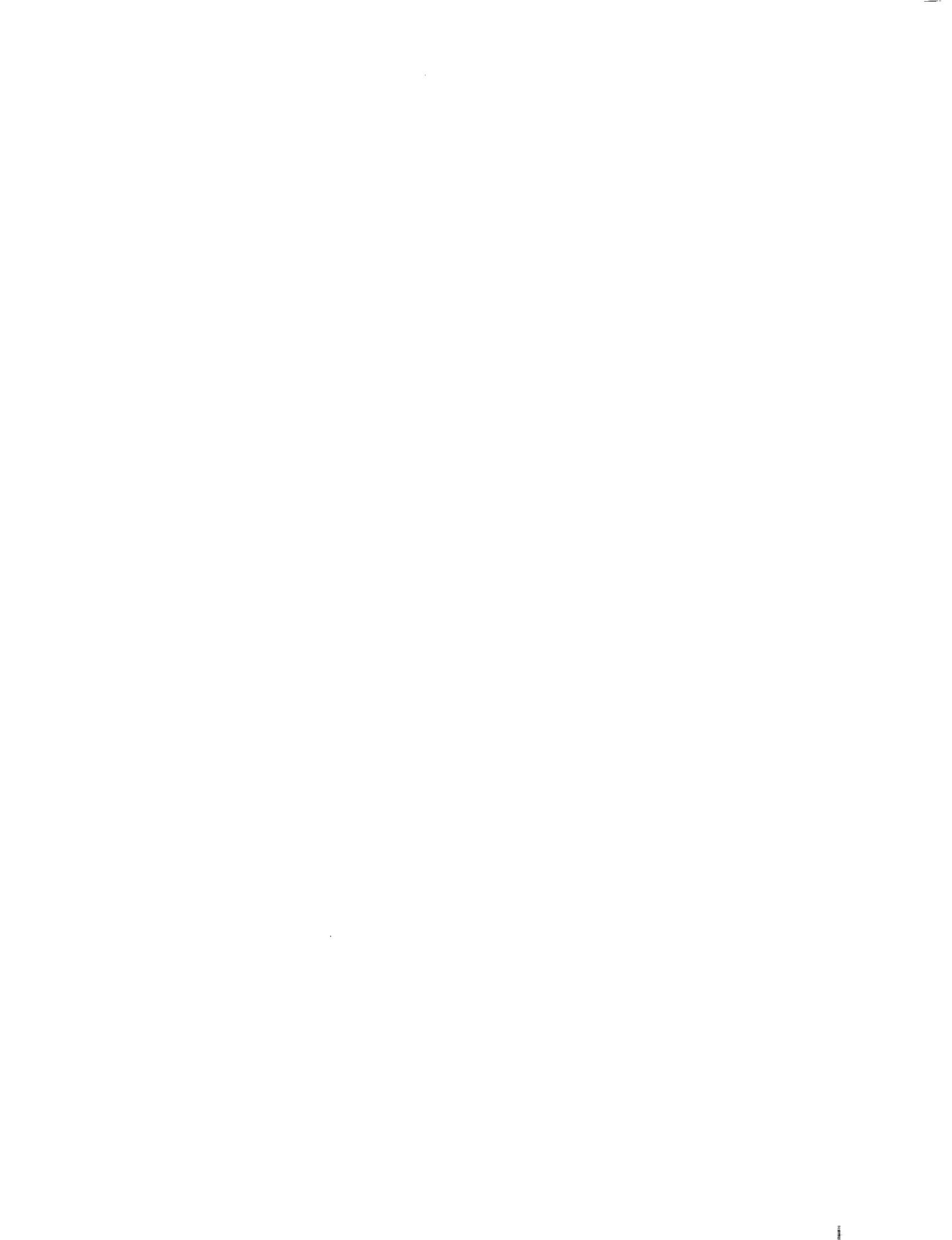
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7:45 - 8:10	<b>Registration</b>	
8:10 - 8:15	<b>Welcome</b> A. Richard Seebass, Dean of Engineering	
8:15 - 8:45	<b>Introduction</b> Renjeng Su, CSC Director	
8:45 - 10:00	<b>Orbital Construction</b>	
	Dynamics of On-Orbit Construction Process	K.C. Park
	Interaction Dynamics and Control for Orbital Assembly	Renjeng Su
	Controls for Orbital Assembly of Large Space Structures	Mark Balas
10:00 - 10:15	<b>break</b>	
10:15- 12:05	<b>Orbital Construction (continued)</b>	
	Structural Load Control During Construction	Martin Mikulas
	Systems Engineering Studies of On-Orbit Assembly Operations	George Morgenthaler
	Expert Systems for Assembly Sequence Evaluation	Steve Jolly
	Assembly and Joining Methods for Large Space Structures	Harold Bush, NASA
12:05 - 1:15	<b>lunch and poster session</b>	
1:15 - 3:15	<b>Lunar Construction</b>	
	Lunar Regolith and Structure Mechanics	Stein Sture
	Indigenous Lunar Construction Materials	Wayne Rogers
	Design Concepts for Pressurized Lunar Shelters	John Happel
	Configuration Optimization of Space Structures	Carlos Felippa
3:15 - 3:30	<b>break</b>	
3:30 - 5:00	<b>Lunar Construction (continued)</b>	
	Telerobotic Rovers for Extraterrestrial Construction	Jim Avery
	Lunar Surface Structural Concepts and Construction Studies	Martin Mikulas
	Robotic Technology Application Plan for JSC	Reg Berka, NASA
5:00 - 5:15	<b>Summary</b> Renjeng Su	
5:15 - 7:00	<b>Wine/Cheese Reception and Poster Session</b>	

**November 22, 1991**

**Engineering Center**  
**Meet at Main Lobby**

8:00 - 10:00	<b>Experimental and Simulation Demonstrations</b>
	Lunar Crane Testbed
	Lunar Regolith and Structures
	Lunar Rover and Local Positioning System
	Dynamics of Orbital Structures
	Expert Systems for Assembly Sequence Evaluation



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## Introduction

**Renjeng Su**  
**CSC Director**

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## **CSC GOALS**

- 1. To conduct interdisciplinary engineering research which is critical to the construction of future space structures and systems**
- 2. To educate students who will have vision and technical skills to advance the new engineering culture of space construction**

# The Purpose of Space Construction Engineering

**The purpose of Space Construction Engineering is to enable the establishment of structures in Earth orbit, on the Moon, and on planetary surfaces to provide for habitation, exploration and other scientific and engineering activities.**

# Characteristics Of Space Construction

- Remote construction sites and difficult access
- High cost of transportation, construction, and maintenance
- Limited human resources

## In Orbit

- Large volume and mass
- Free flying in reduced-gravity environment
- Fragility

## On the Moon

- Extremely different and hostile construction environment

# **Orbital Structures and Systems**

**Space Station, Interplanetary Spacecraft, Earth  
Observation Satellite, Planetary Exploration Vehicle**

# Technical Challenges of Orbital Construction

1. Design :
  - Integrated process for structural design and construction methods
2. Analysis:
  - Construction dynamics and evolving structures
  - Systems trade-off models
3. Construction equipment:
  - Autonomous and telerobotic equipment
  - Supporting fixtures for construction
4. Mechanisms:
  - Joining devices and processes
  - Load absorption and stabilization devices
5. Experimentation:
  - Earth-based and space-based methods
6. Testing and Maintenance methods and facilities

# CSC Orbital Construction Tasks

- 1. Design:**
  - Expert systems for assembly sequence evaluation  
*(Tohy)*
  - Control for evolving structures during construction  
*(Balas)*
- 2. Analysis:**
  - Multi-body dynamics simulation capability  
*(Pantazis)*
  - Component mode synthesis methods  
*(Farhat)*
- 3. Construction equipment:**
  - Space crane control  
*(Belus)*
  - Robotic positioning and attachment of structural payloads  
*(Lu)*
- 4. Mechanisms:**
  - Passive/active load control mechanisms  
*(Merkle)*

# **Lunar Structures and Systems**

**Pre-assembled Lunar Shelters**

**Indigenous Lunar Shelters**

**Lunar Outpost Infrastructures:** Roads, Landing Pads,  
Communication Facilities, Power systems, etc.

# Technical Challenges Of Lunar Construction

1. Understanding of soil conditions (*Surface*)
2. Structural designs using indigenous materials (*Design*)
3. Construction equipment with increased efficiency, teleoperation capabilities, flexibility, and reliability (*Hazard*)
4. Rigorous analysis of performance and energy consumption for construction equipment
5. Systems analysis

# CSC Lunar Construction Tasks

1. Lunar regolith condition and structures (Stone)
2. Indigenous material processing for structural elements (Rogers)
3. Lunar shelter design using indigenous materials (Holland)
4. Lunar crane system (Mikals)
5. Robotic construction workers (Avery)
6. Lunar regolith penetration tools (Stone, Barnes)
7. Systems analysis of construction equipment and structural concepts

## **Space Construction: A New Engineering Culture**

**A new engineering culture will emerge which is characterized by an unprecedented level of**

- planning and analysis
- integration of design and construction
- telerobotic operation
- reliability

*and innovative approaches to experimentation, testing and maintenance*

## **CSC - A Miniature Of The New Culture**

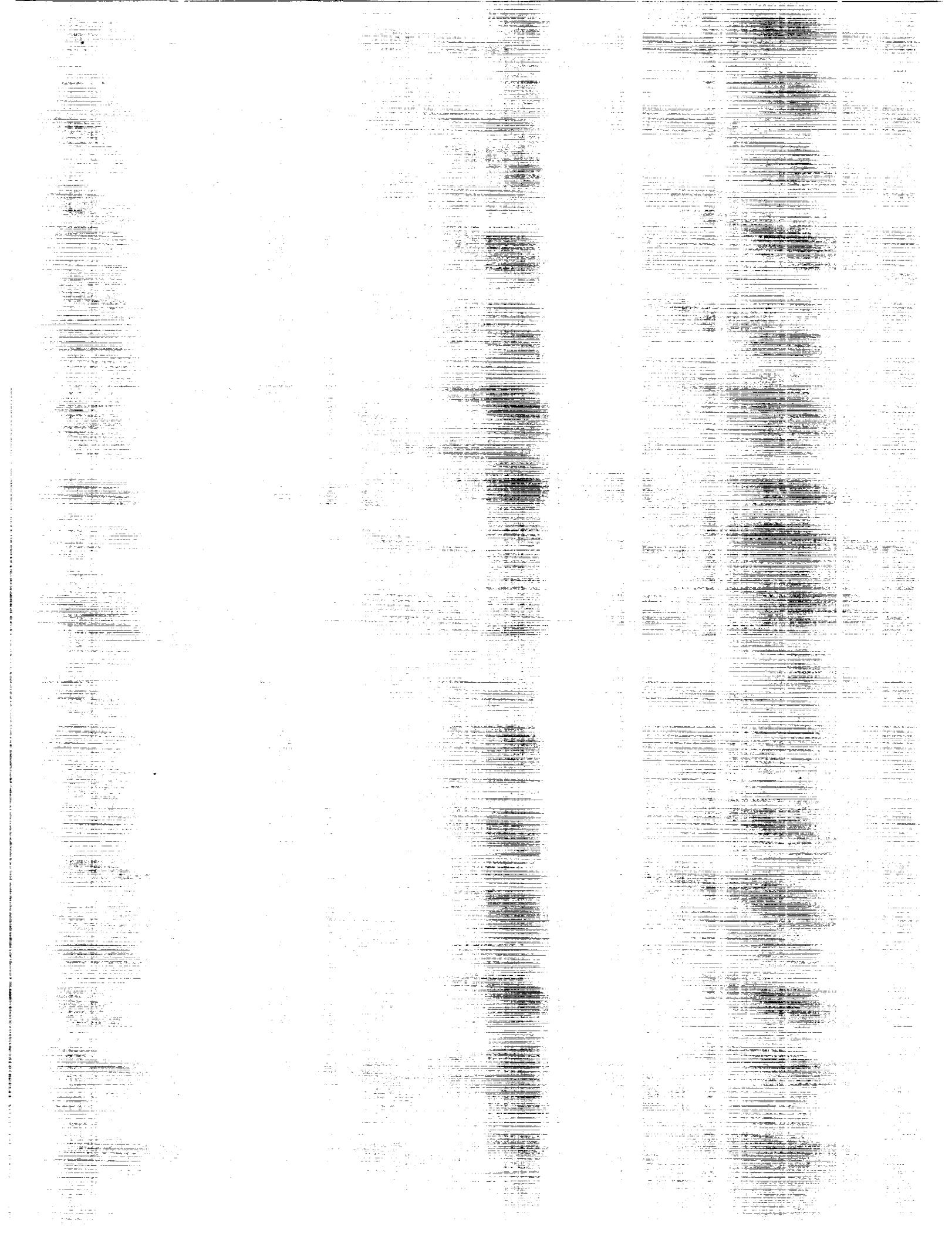
- A faculty with diversified background leads the students to define and develop the field of space construction.
- The students are the prime mover of the new culture.
  - course work from multiple departments
  - interdisciplinary research projects on space construction
- Weekly CSC seminars provide an educational forum.



# ORBITAL CONSTRUCTION

Throughout this session, there will be discussion  
of effects of launching, deployment, and retrieval.

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# Dynamics of On-Orbit Construction Process

Good progress in only 5 months  
of work.

K.C. Park

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## Participants:

J.C. Chiou, S. Alexander, M.C. Natori,  
M. Mikulas and K.C. Park

## Contents of Presentation

- Problem Definition and Motivation
- Survey of Current Technology
- Focus Problems
- Approach
- Progress/Discussion
- Future Direction and Anticipated Results

## **Problem Statement and Motivation**

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- In-space structural construction technology is yet to be demonstrated even for the planned space station.
- Construction procedures, logistics, the shuttle deployment duration for each flight are critically dictated by how well we understand the interaction dynamics when two modules are assembled together.
- The interaction dynamics is, from the outset, an interdisciplinary problem, involving the multibody dynamics, the dynamics of the RMS, the control of maneuvering and contact/impact surge forces, and possibly also the shuttle attitude dynamics and control.

## Existing Applicable Technology

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- Truss Assembly Experiment in Buoyancy Tank
- In-Space Shuttle-Based Deployment of Solar Panel and Truss
- Den Hartog-Like Shock Isolation Elements
- Contact/Impact Predictability via Simulation \*Ren Su
- High-Precision Flexible Multibody Simulation
- Adaptive Elements for Localized Shock Mitigation
- Fast Real-Time Control and Simulation

## The Present Focus Problem

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### “Dynamics of On-Orbit Structural Construction”

- To identify the required forces for structure-structure rendezvous vs. construction/ maneuvering speed
- To perform accident scenarios for safeguarding of unanticipated human/RMS operational mistakes
- To conduct trade-off studies between passive and active control of contact/impact mechanisms
- To perform integrated simulations involving the structural dynamics, RMS control maneuvering, and the shuttle orbital attitude dynamics/control mechanism devices in the evaluation of candidate devices.
- And, finally, to assist the designers of “structural-structural rendezvous” mechanism devices in the evaluation of candidate devices.

## **Objectives**

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- Librational Motion of the Space Shuttle
- The Interaction of SRMS Motions and Attitude Dynamics
- Transient Vibrations of Shuttle/SRMS Combination
- The Starting and Stopping Strategies While Maneuvering SRMS
- Contact/Impact Behavior of SRMS with/without Payload
- Identify Possible Dynamic Instability and/or Control Requirements

## Present Approach

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1. Conduct the orbital perturbation effects of the shuttle due to rendezvous/dissengagement of the shuttle from the space station and/or the structural payload to be assembled.
2. Construct RMS model (both rigid and flexible) and study the dynamics of RMS maneuvering scenarios.
3. Perform simple rigid-rigid, rigid-flexible, flexible-flexible contact/impact analysis vs. rendezvous speeds.
4. Establish dynamics/control operational requirements from the above three studies.
5. Develop “rendezvous” elements or concepts.
6. Develop simulation modules for others to use for the study of in-space construction procedures.

## Progress (June – November, 1991)

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- Modeling of shuttle perturbations due to possible construction disturbances
- SRMS modeling as an integral part of structural cargo maneuvering
- Study of a simple rendezvous dynamics model
- Development of 3-D special-purpose dynamics simulation
- Parameter study of assembly speeds vs. contact forces

## Findings and Discussion

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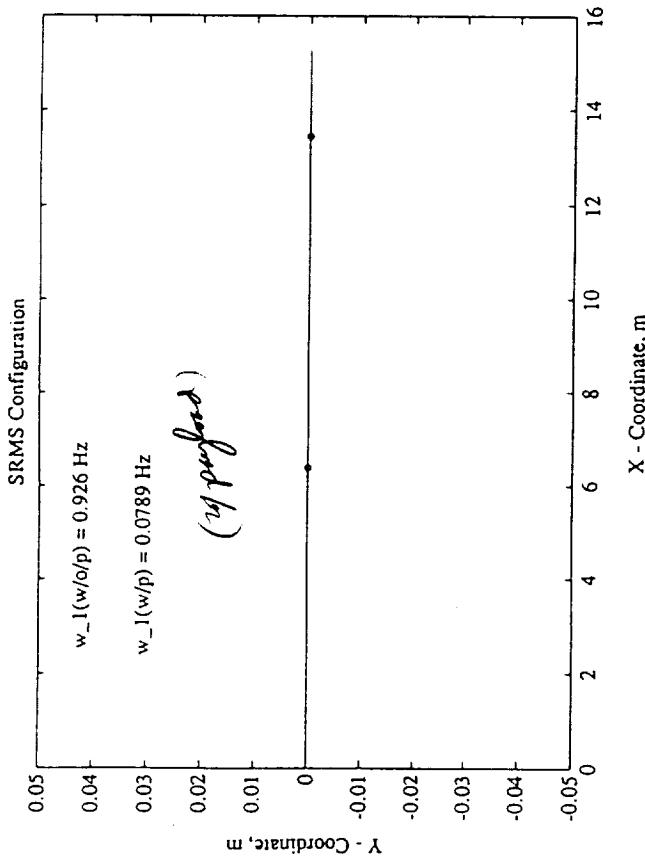
- For Trajectory/Motion Study only, one can employ rigid SRMS, rigid structural cargo models; however, for controlling multiple-contact assembly, dynamic flexible models of both SRMS and structural modules are necessary.
- If high-precision assembly is of primary concern, adaptive devices that absorb the contact surge stresses, and at the same time self-correct the dimensional errors can significantly improve the in-space structural assembly.
- No matter how slowly and carefully the assembly is to be carried out, an integrated dynamics model is important for assessing ‘unwanted’ abort maneuvering, accidents, safety margin (operational) evaluations.

## Future Activities and Anticipated Results

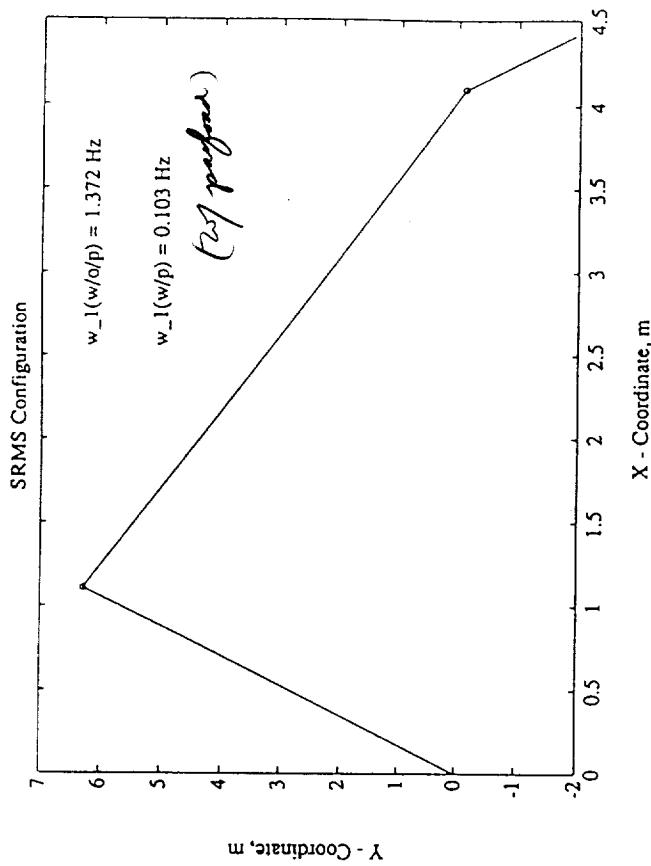
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- Make our Multibody Simulator available to NASA/Langley team for shuttle-based structural assembly evaluations as an alternative tool.
- 3-Dimensional flexible multipoint assembly contact evaluations.
- Integrated simulation of structures, SRMMS, shuttle orbital attitude motions.
- Development of Design Concepts for structure-structure Rendezvous Mechanism Devices.

## Frequency Variations During Manuevering of SRMS



Straight Position



Intermediate Position

Question:

How effective can linear control strategies be for changing frequencies and mode shapes?

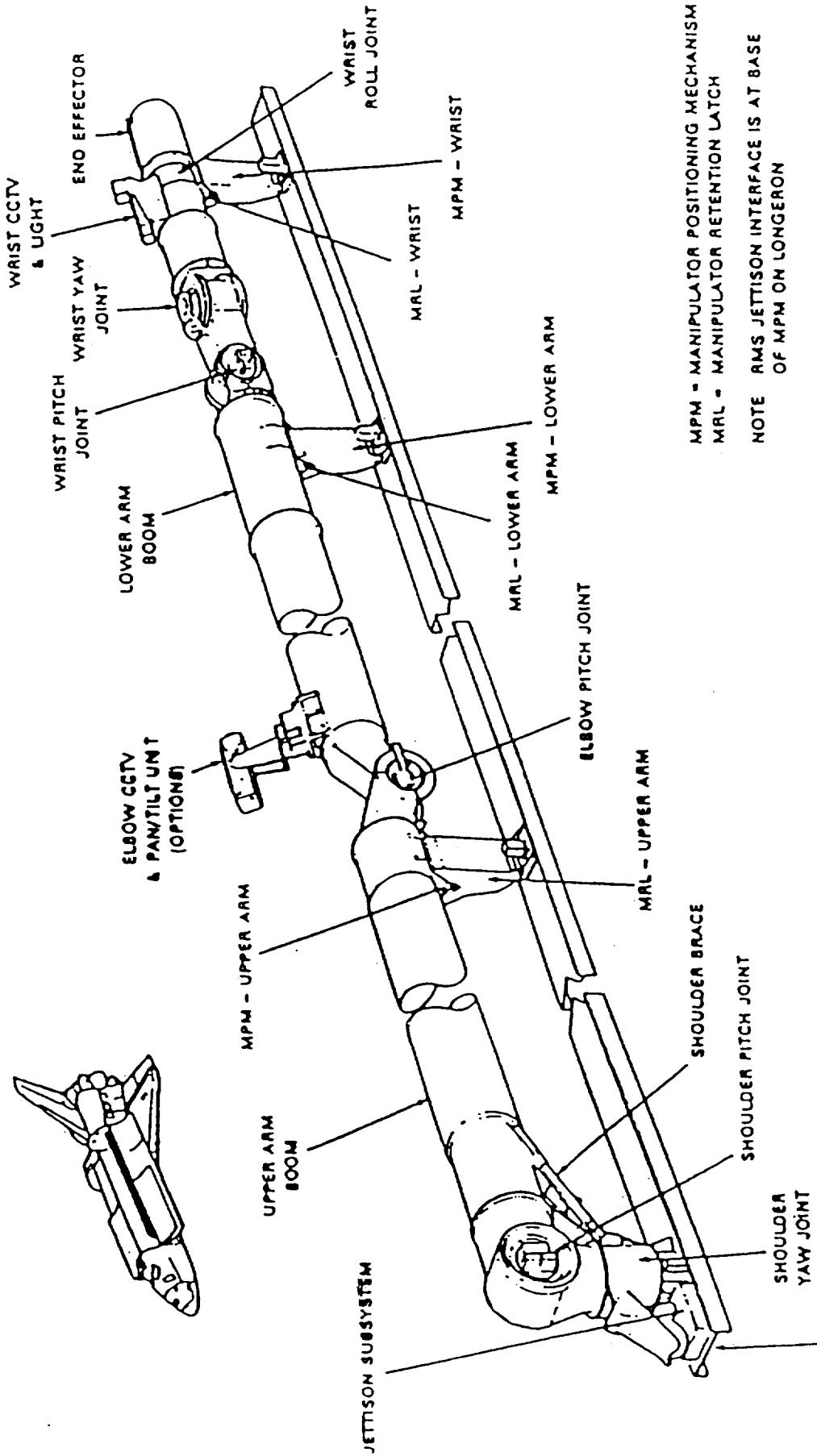
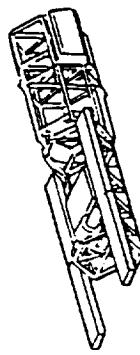


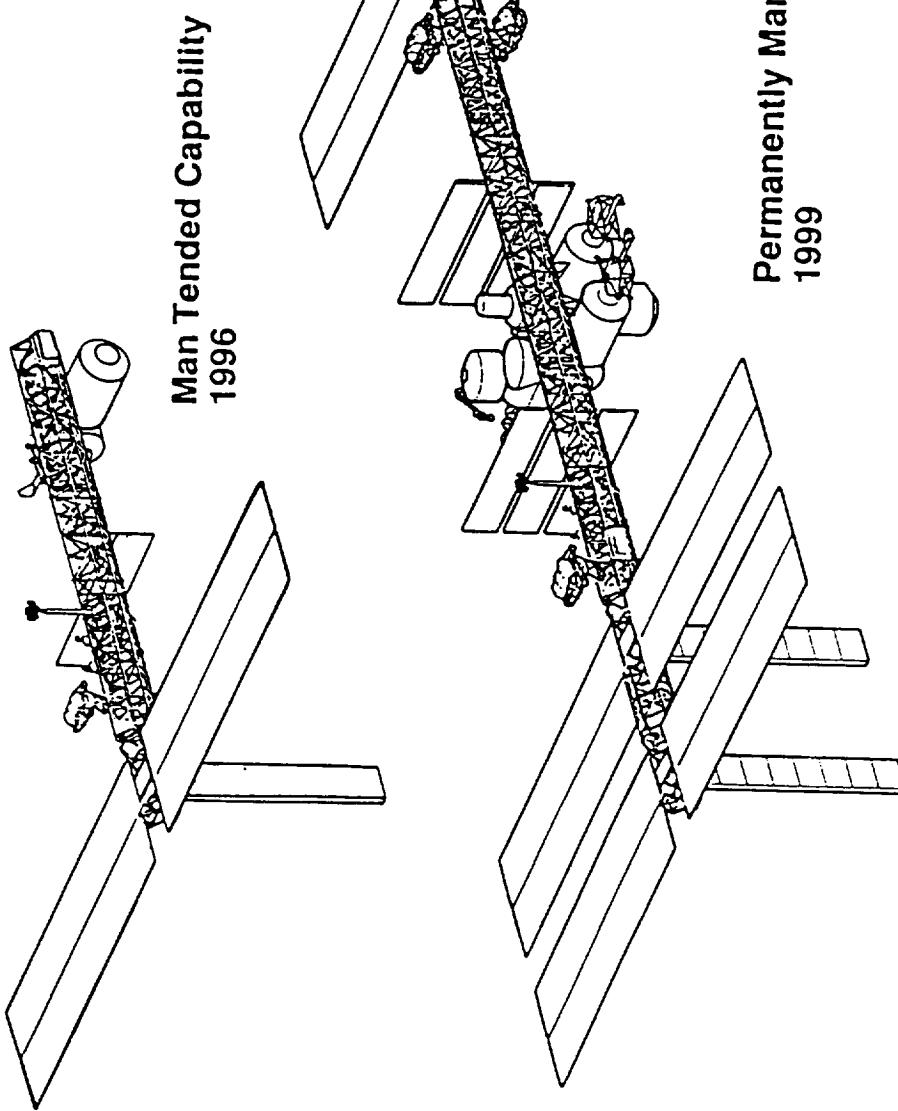
Figure 1 SAMS Mechanical Arm in Stowed Position

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# SPACE STATION FREEDOM ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE



First Element Launch  
1995



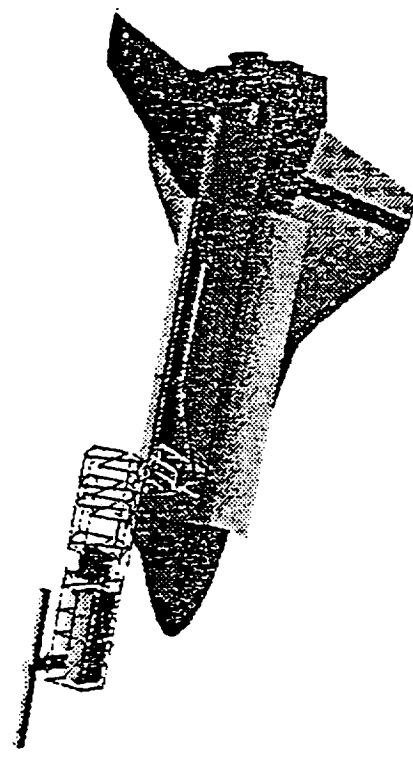
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Permanently Manned  
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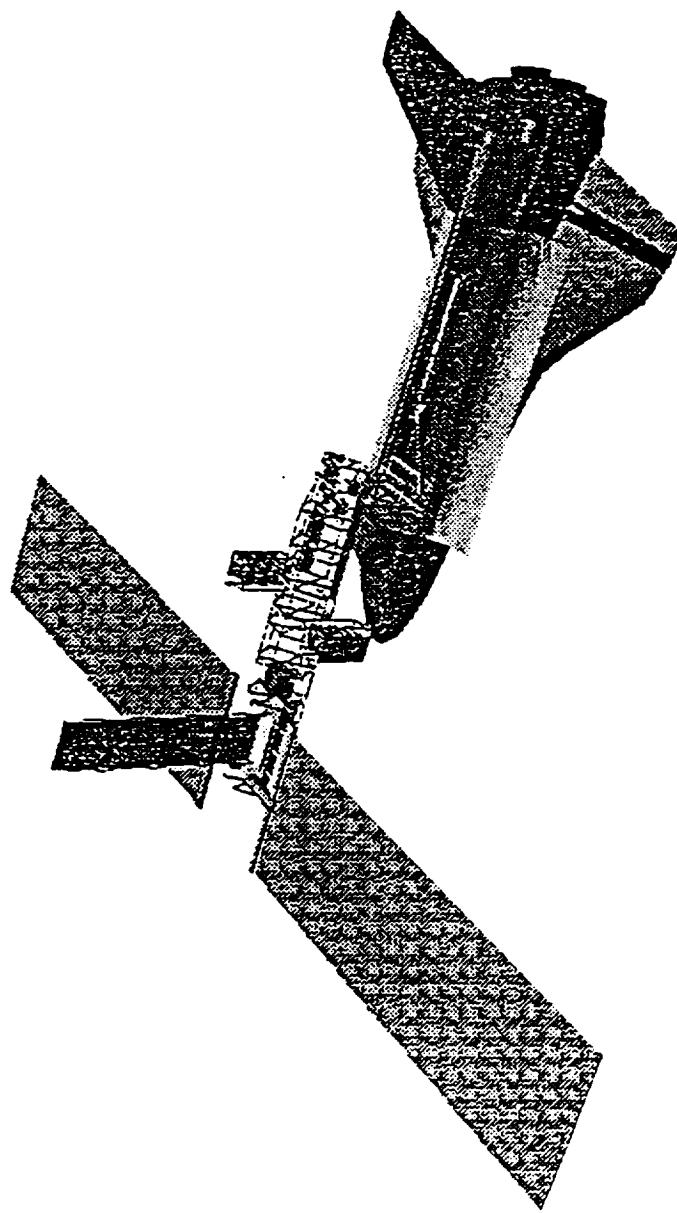
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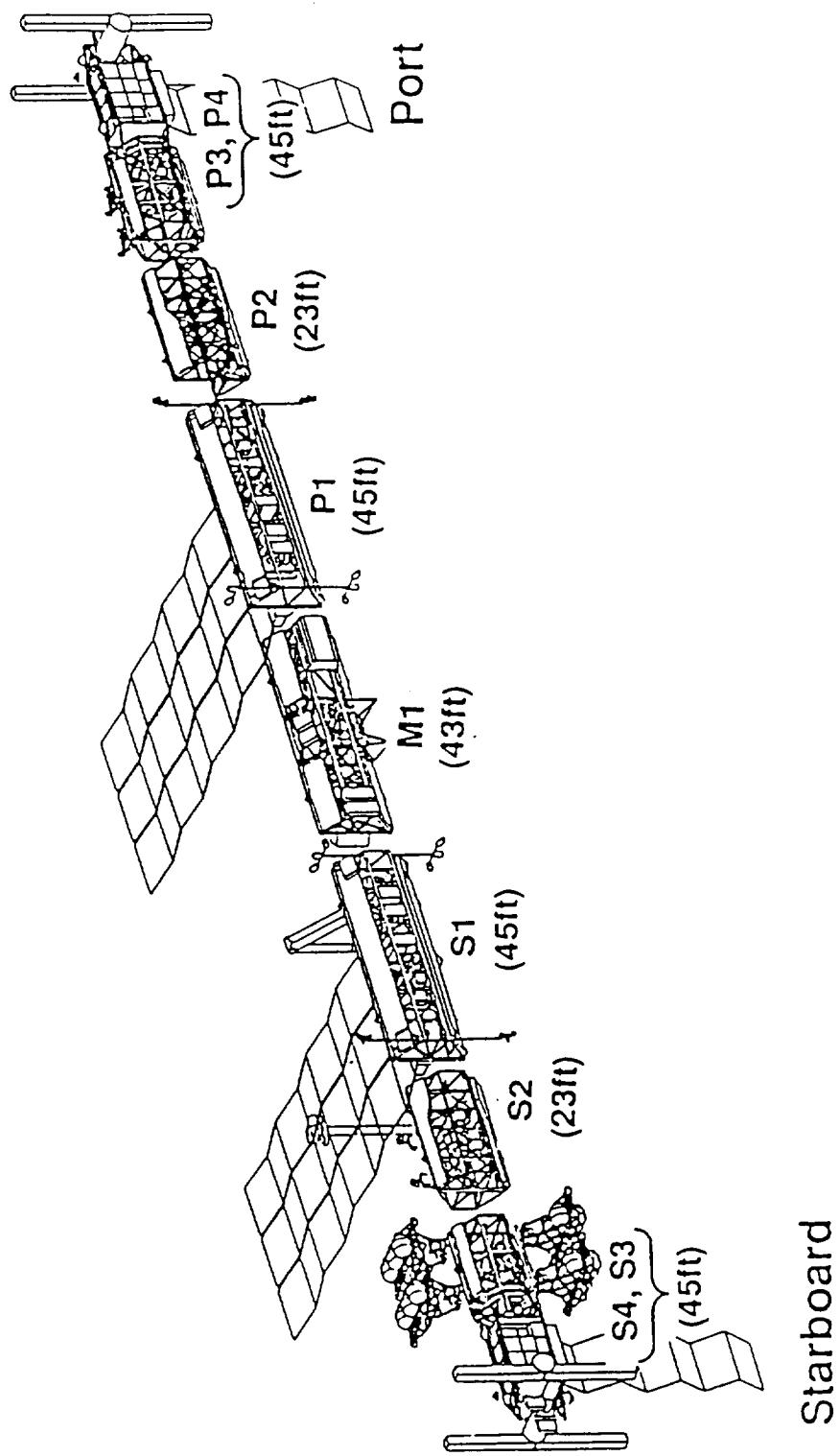


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# THE SEGMENTS

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## Librational Motion of a Space Shuttle

- 100 minutes circular orbit
- $(I_{xx} - I_{zz})/I_{yy} = 1$
- Initial Disturbance:  $\omega_1 = \omega_3 = 0, \omega_2 = -0.105 \text{ deg/s}$

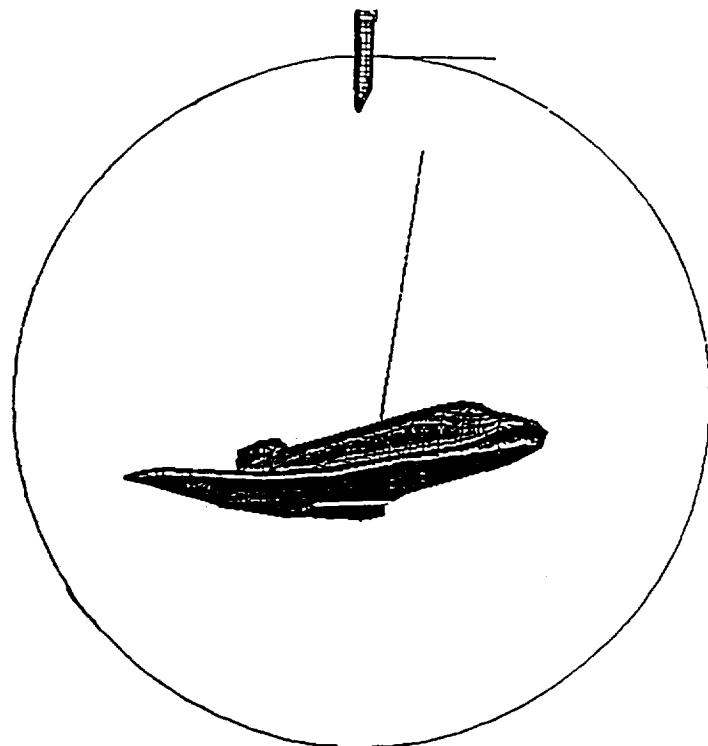


Fig. 1 Orbiting Space Shuttle with MRMS

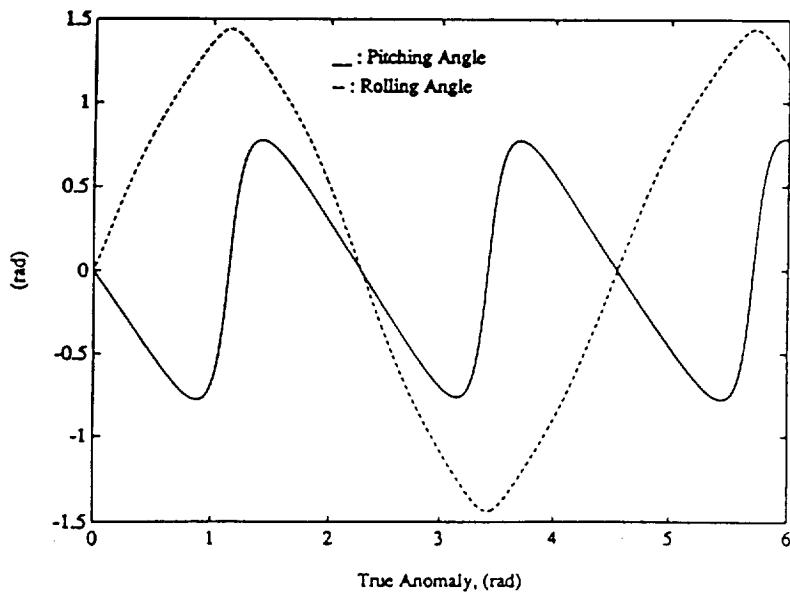


Fig. 2 Three Dimensional Librational Response

## Librational Motion of a Space Shuttle

- $I_{xx}/I_{yy} = 0.958, I_{zz}/I_{xx} = 0.126$
- (1) Initial pitching, rolling, yawing angles = 10 deg.
- (2) Initial pitching, rolling, yawing angles = 25 deg.

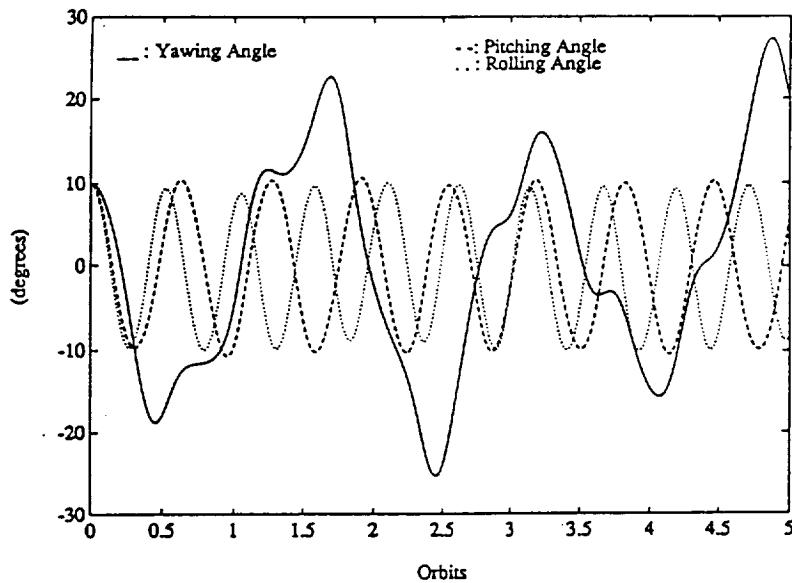


Fig. 3 Librational Response of a Space Shuttle Under Small Disturbances  
Pitching Angle = Rolling Angle = Yawing Angle = 10 degrees

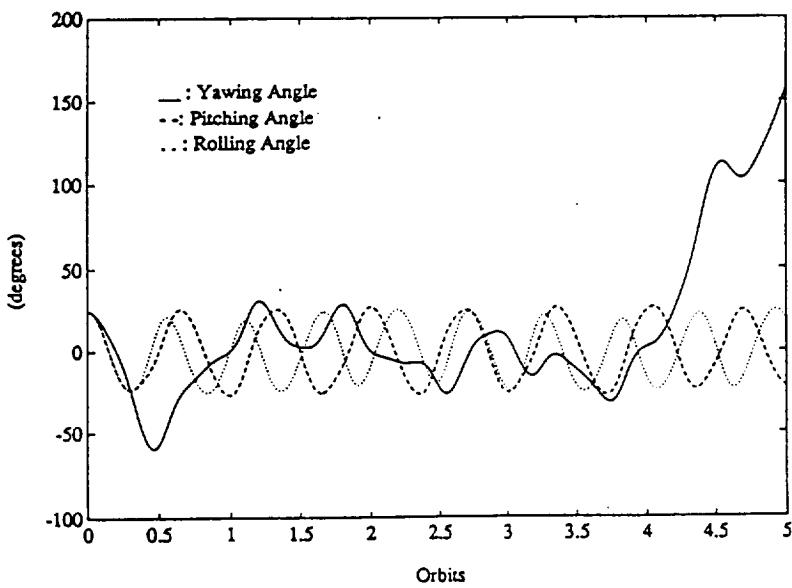
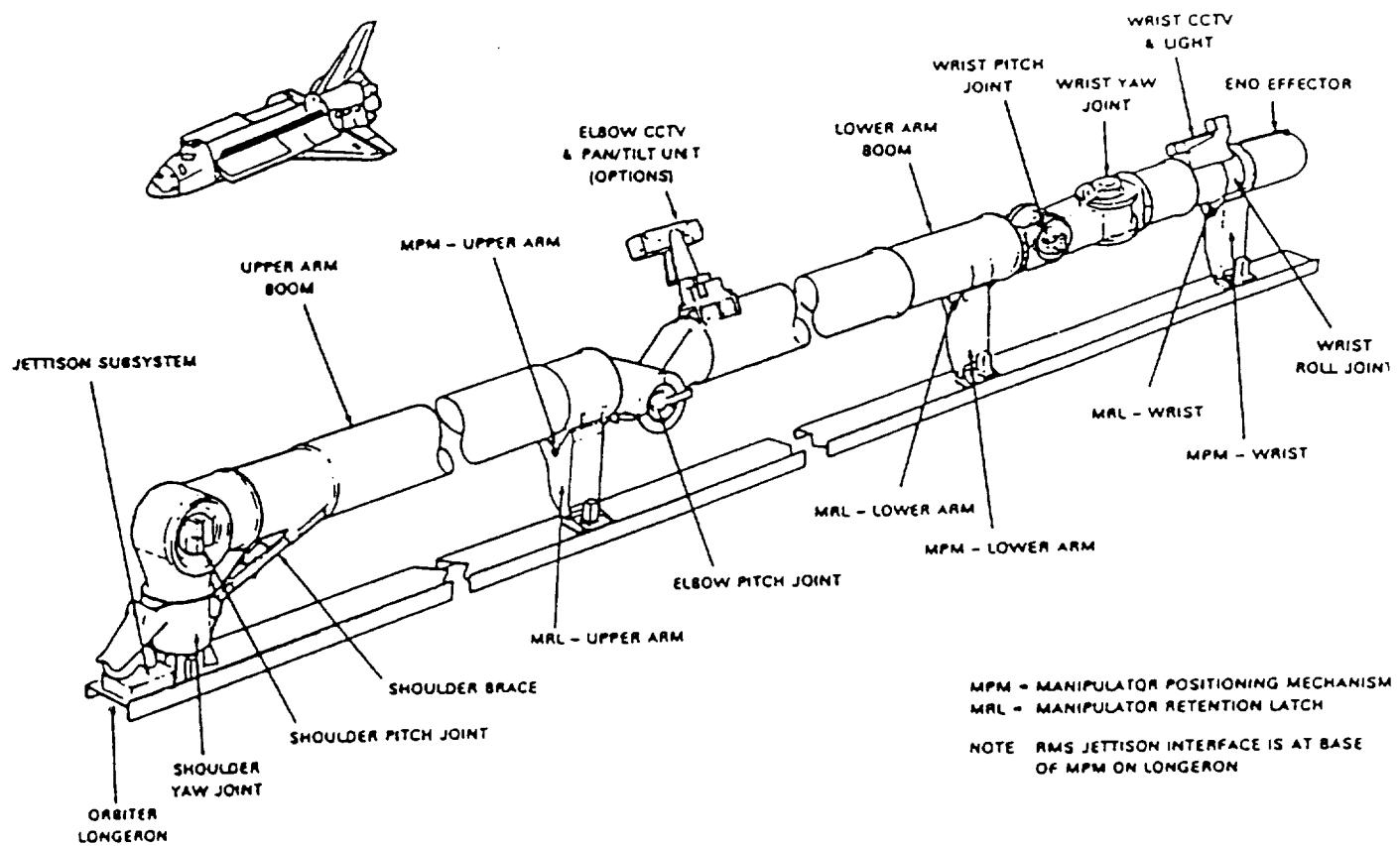


Fig. 4 Librational Response of a Space Shuttle Under Small Disturbances  
Pitching Angle = Rolling Angle = Yawing Angle = 25 degrees

# Maneuvering of Shuttle Remote Maneuvering Systems (SRMS)

## Properties of SRMS:

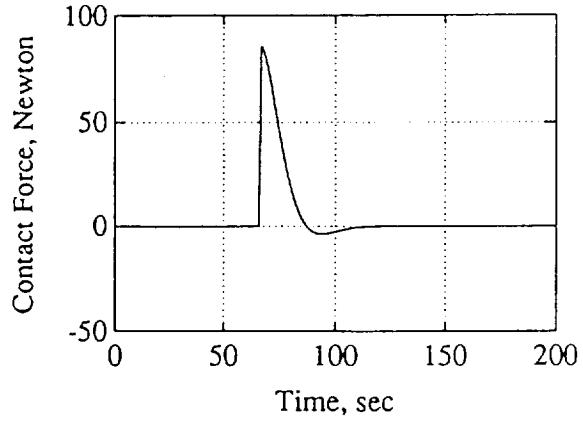
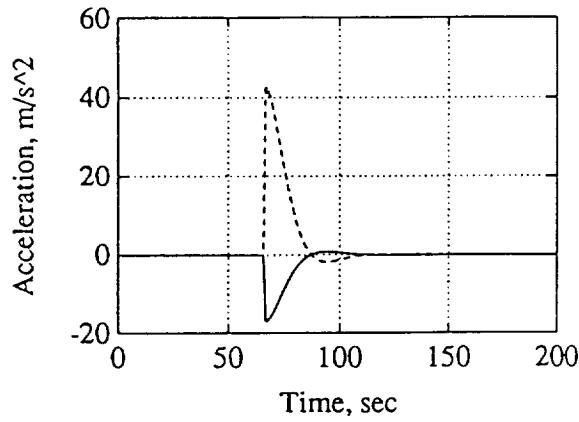
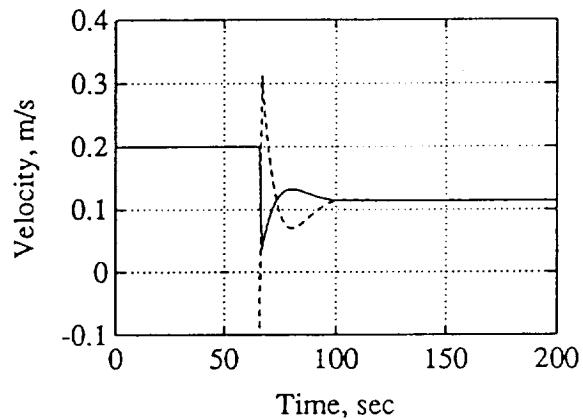
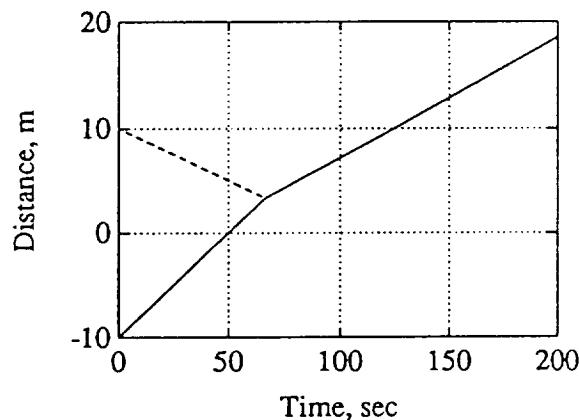
- Weight = 410 Kg
- Length = 15 m
- Cross Section Area = 0.0022 m<sup>2</sup>
- Young's Module =  $1.27 \times 10^{11}$  Pa
- Shear Module =  $3.18 \times 10^{10}$  Pa
- Density =  $1.2 \times 10^4$  Kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Tip Maneuvering Speed (without payload) = 0.6 m/s



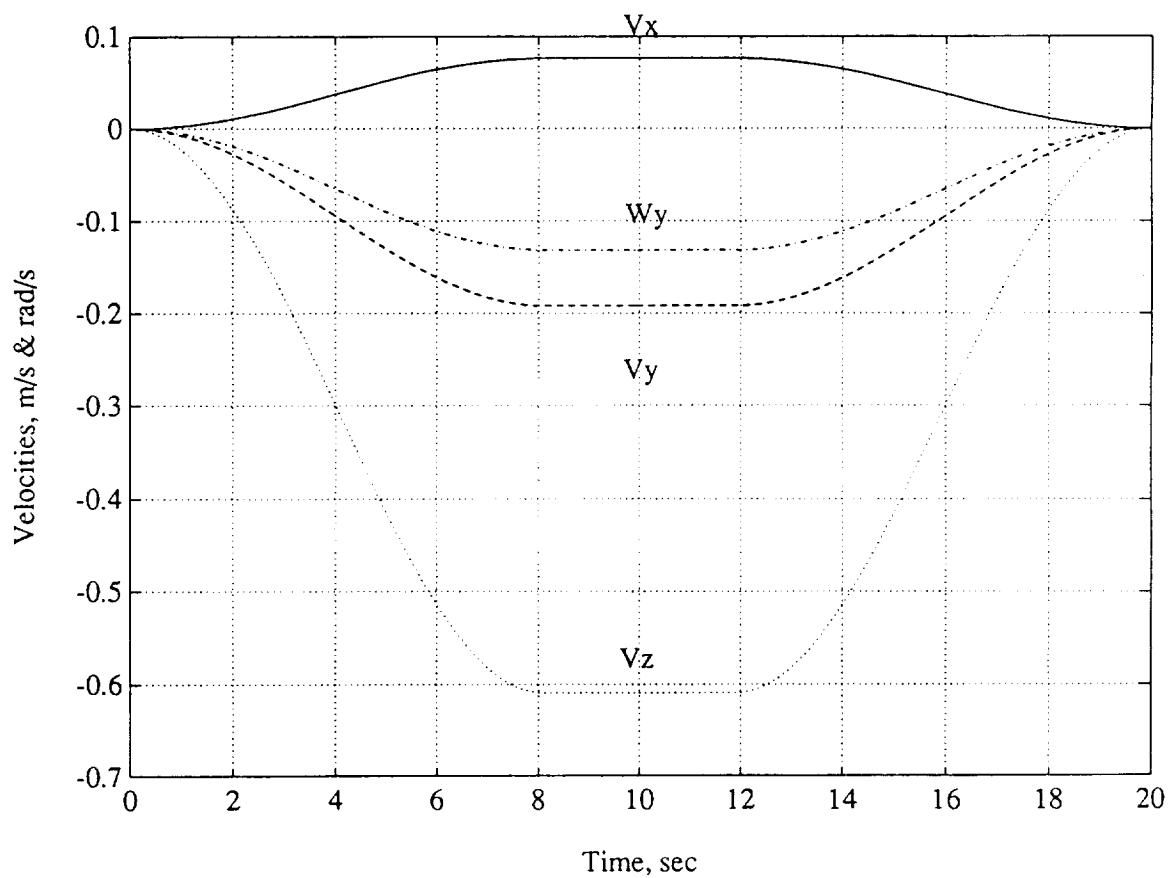
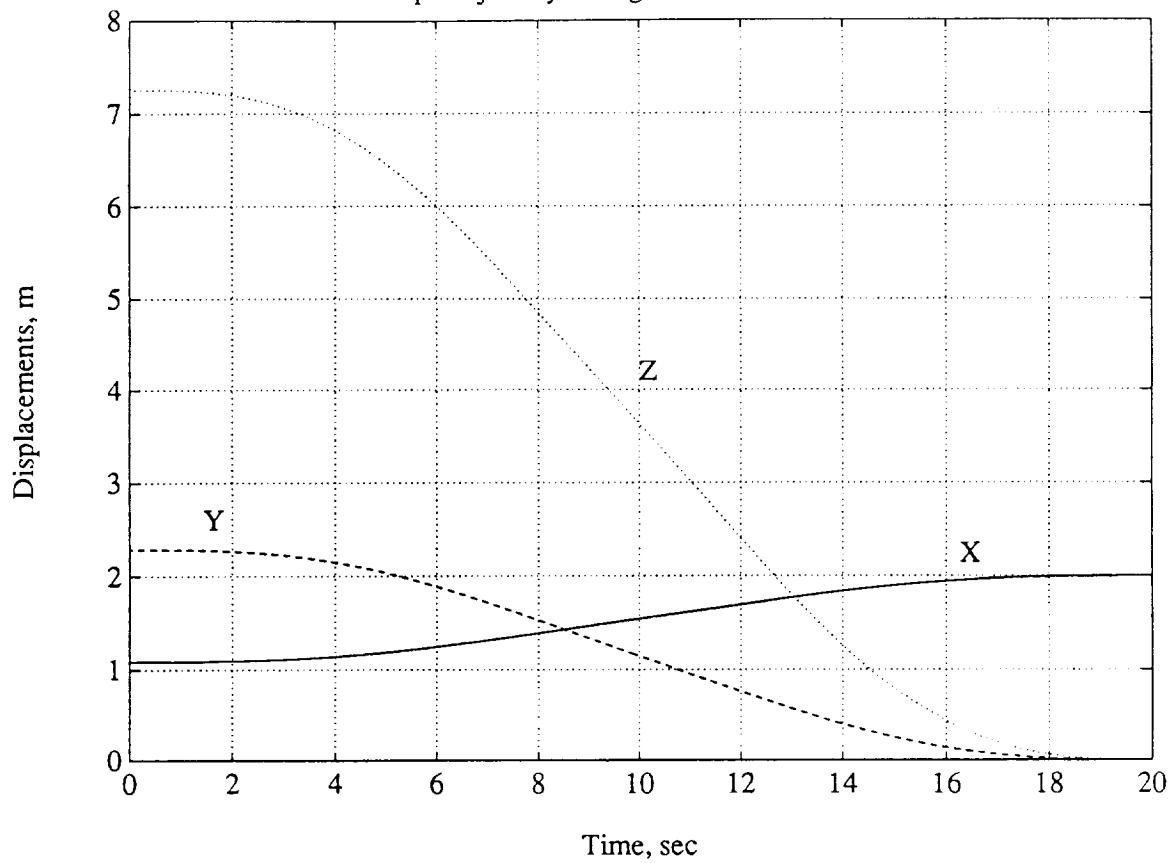
## CONTACT/IMPACT OF 2 RIGID BALLS

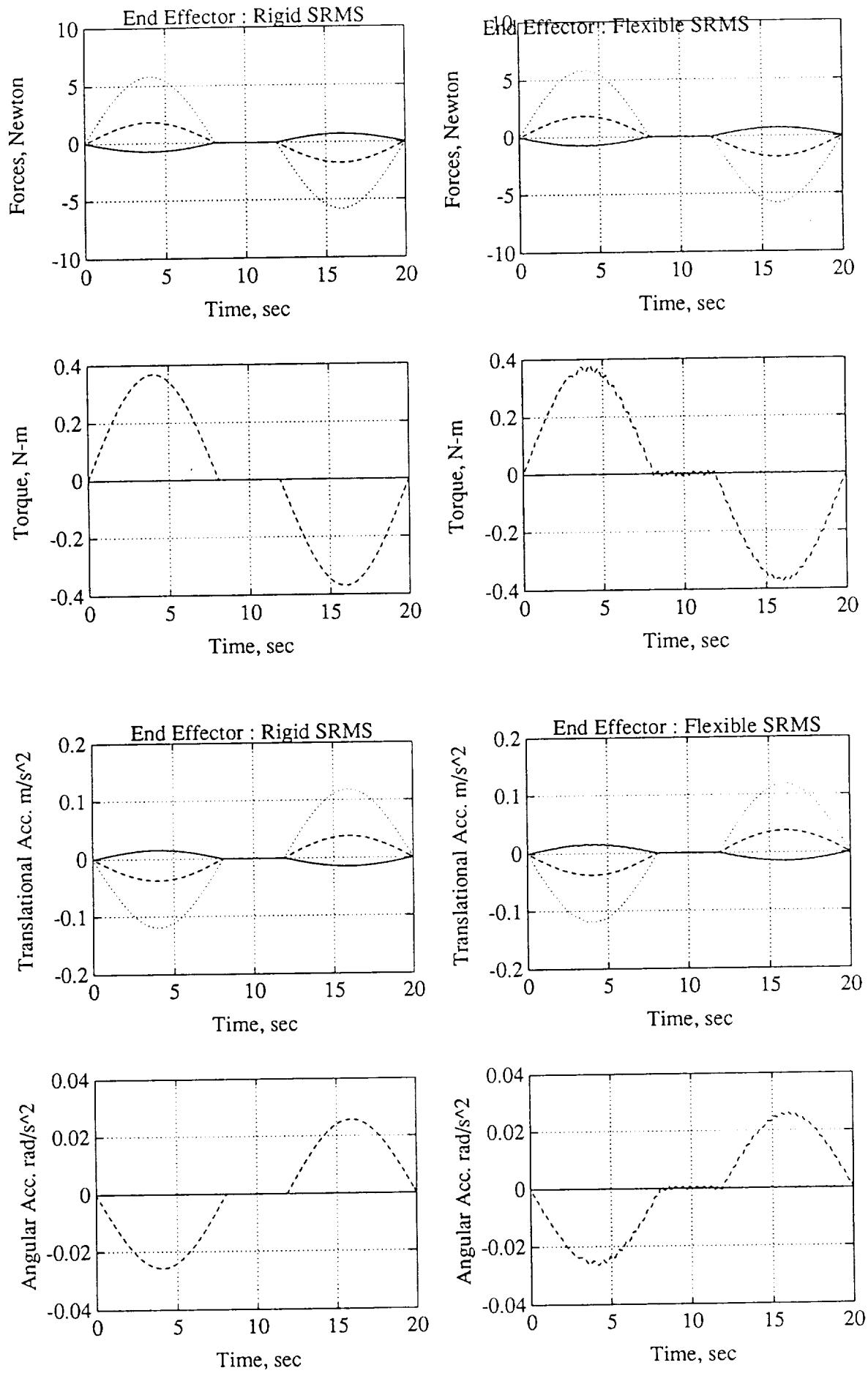
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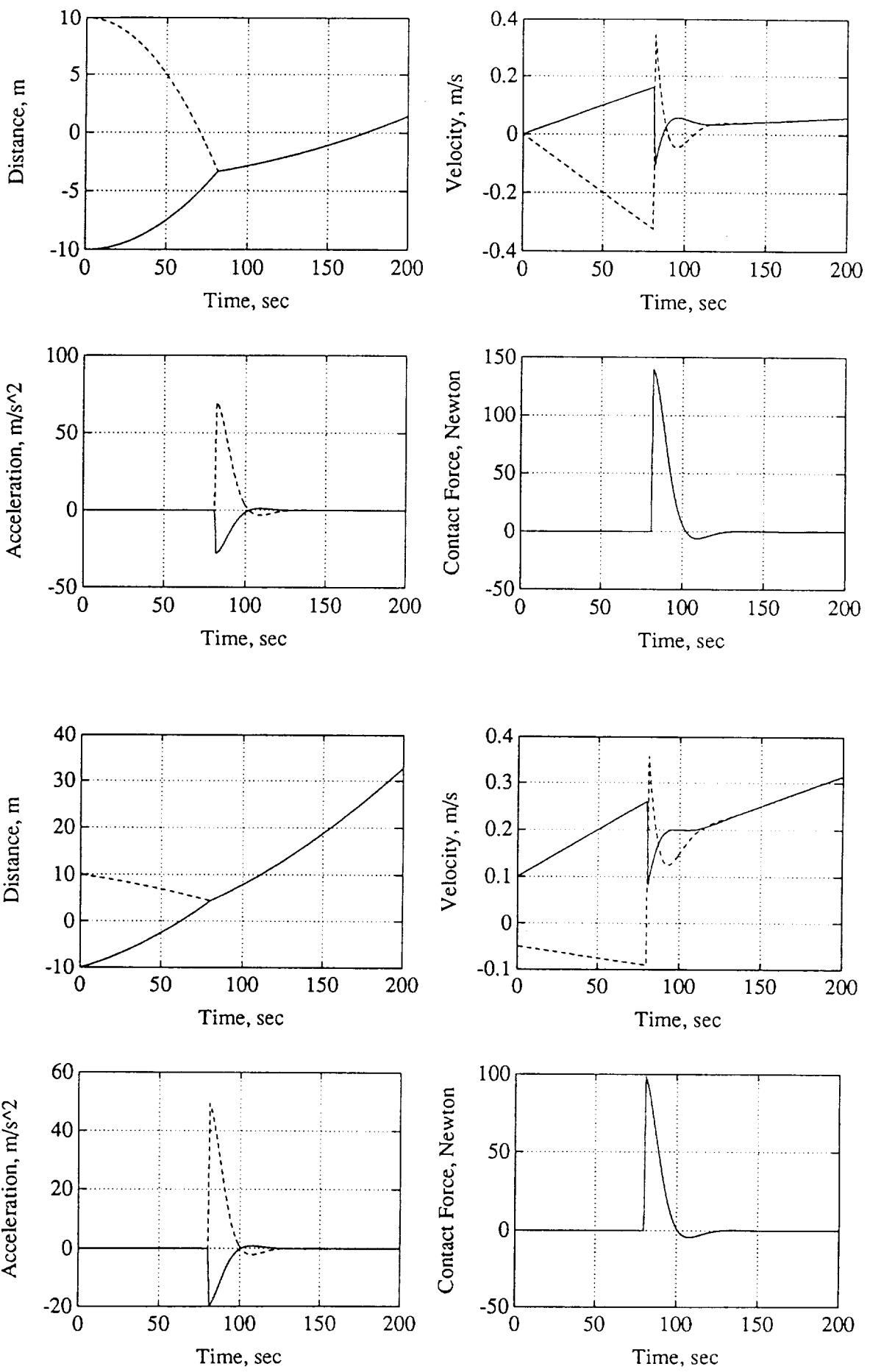
- 1)  $v_1 = 0.2 \text{ m/s}, \quad v_2 = -0.1 \text{ m/s}$
- 2)  $f_1 = 0.01 \text{ N}, \quad f_2 = -0.008 \text{ N}$
- 3)  $v_1 = 0.1 \text{ m/s}, \quad v_2 = -0.05 \text{ m/s}, \quad f_1 = 0.01 \text{ N}, \quad f_2 = -0.001 \text{ N}$

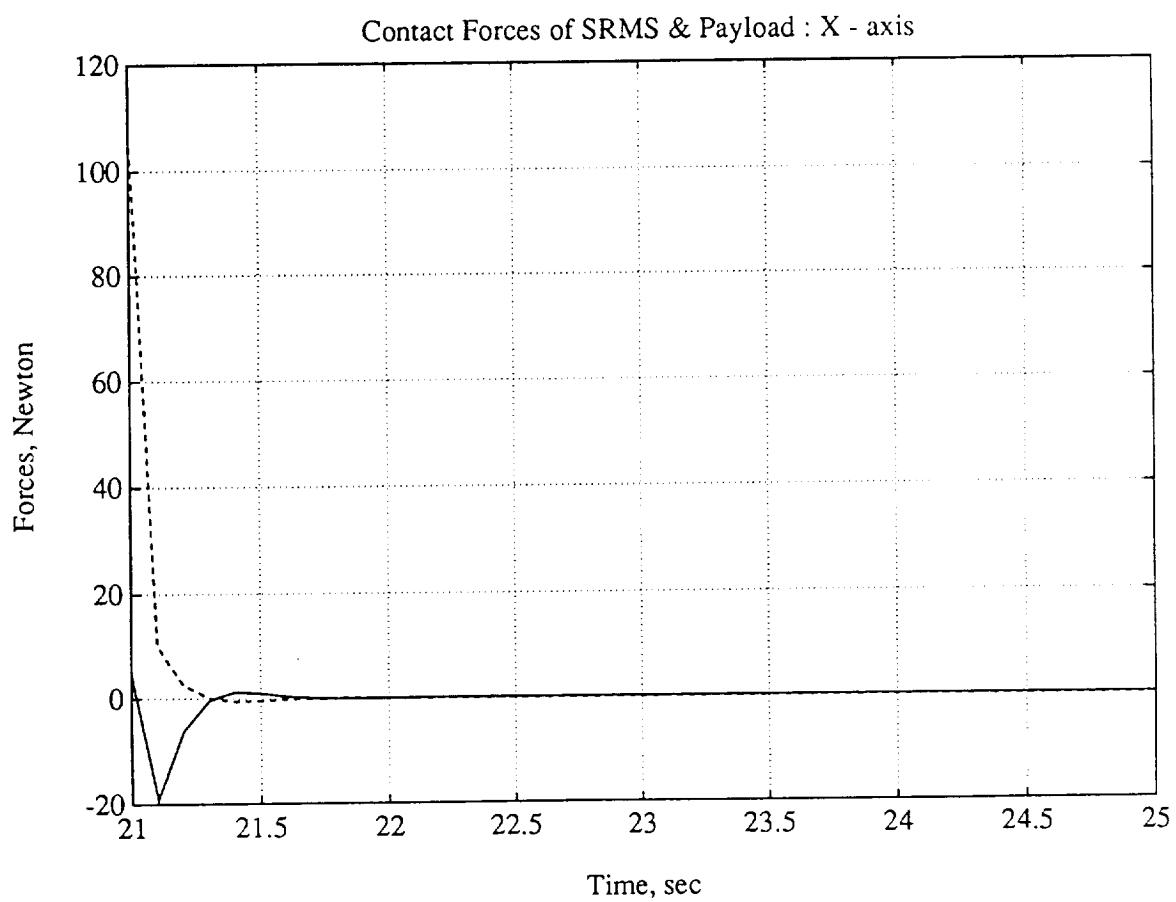
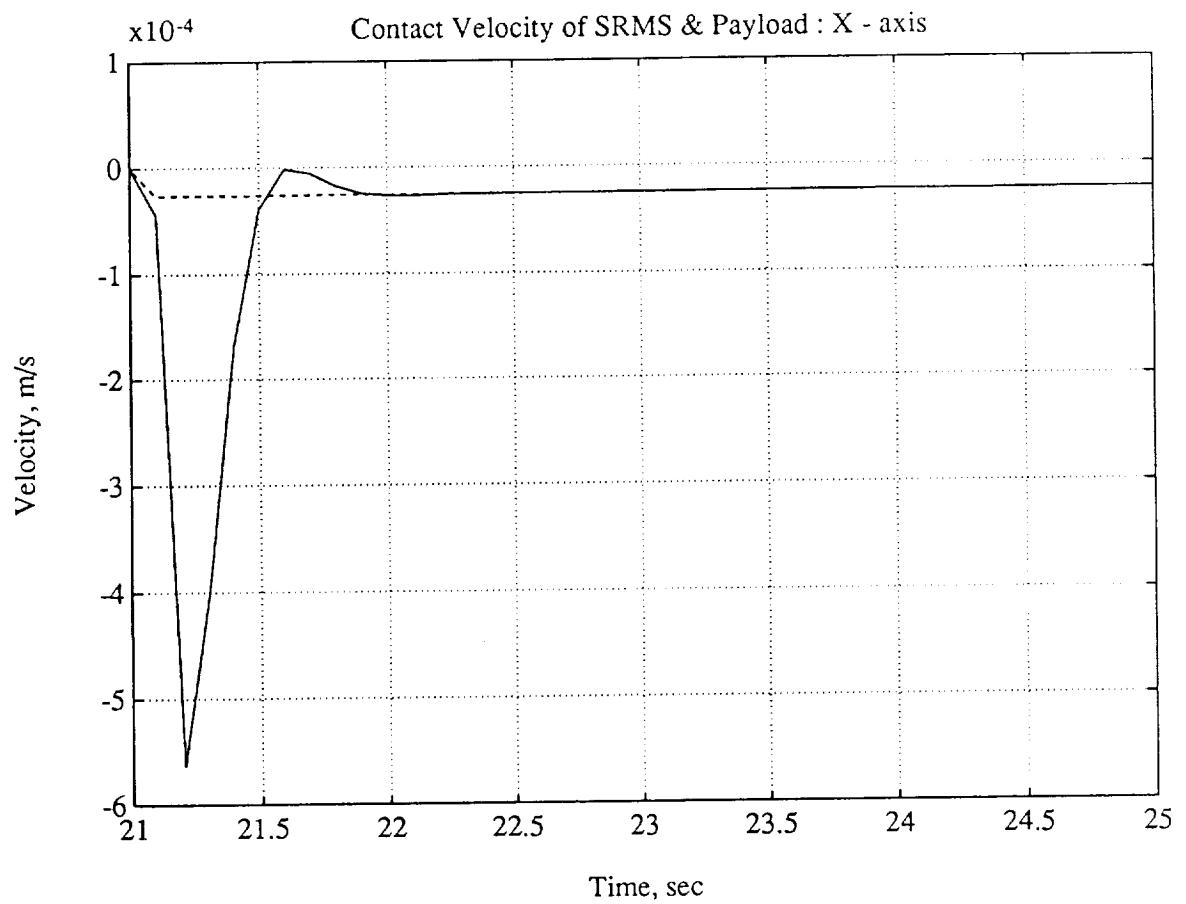


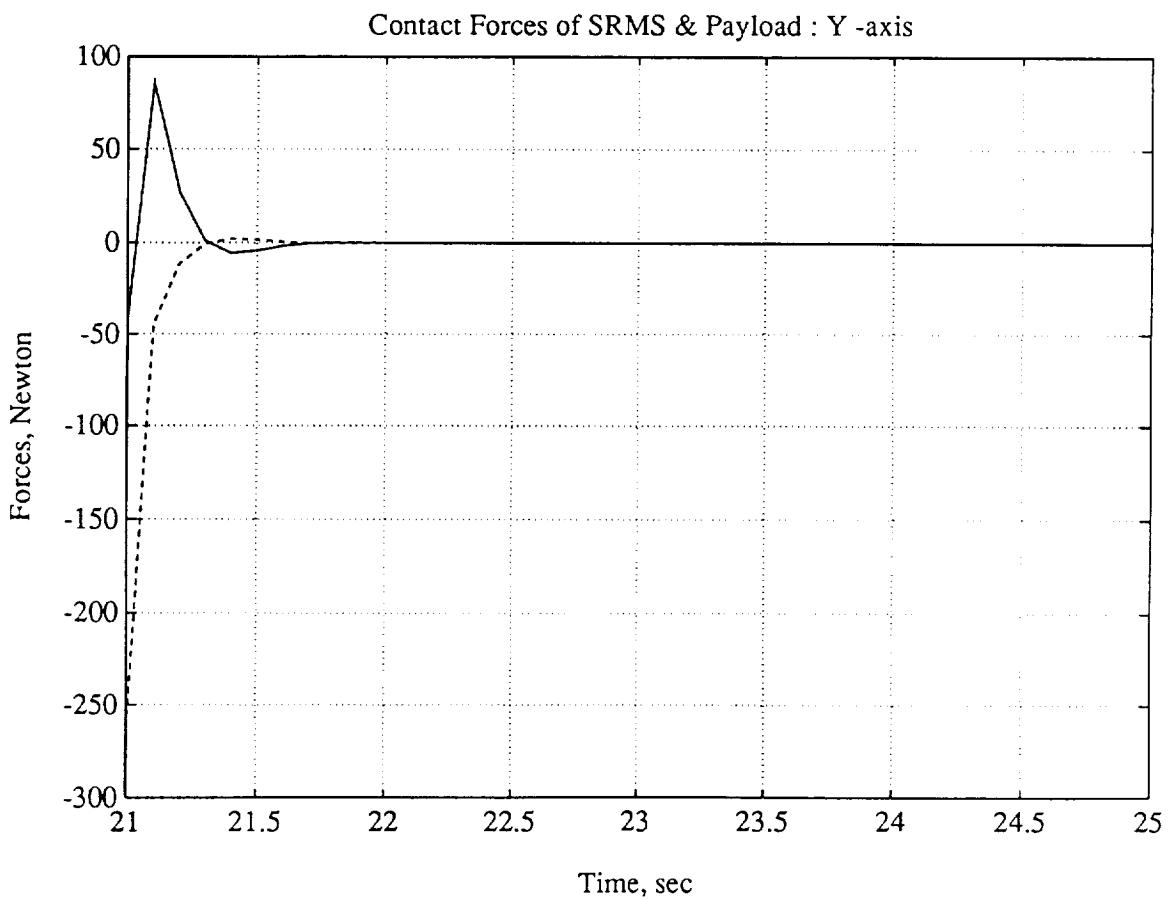
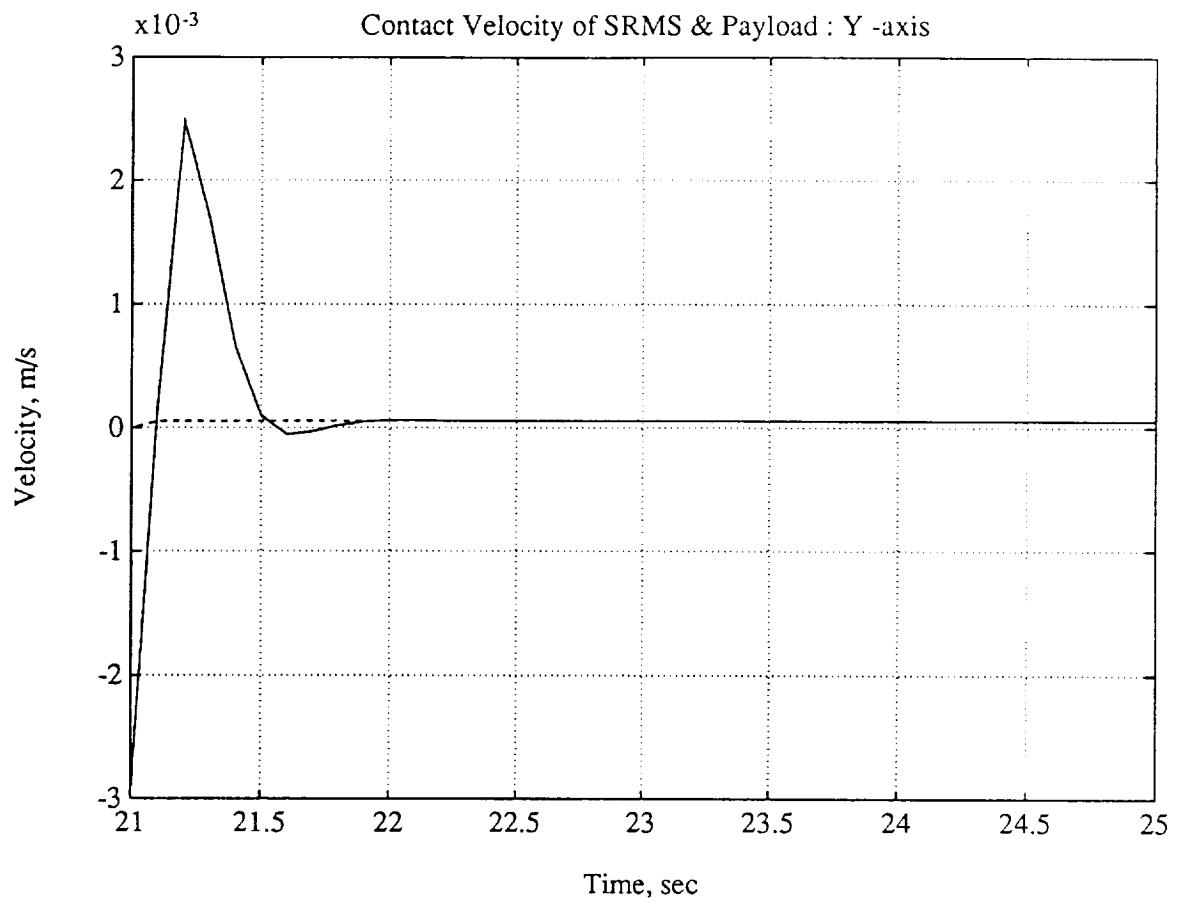
### Tip Trajectory of Rigid & Flexible SRMS

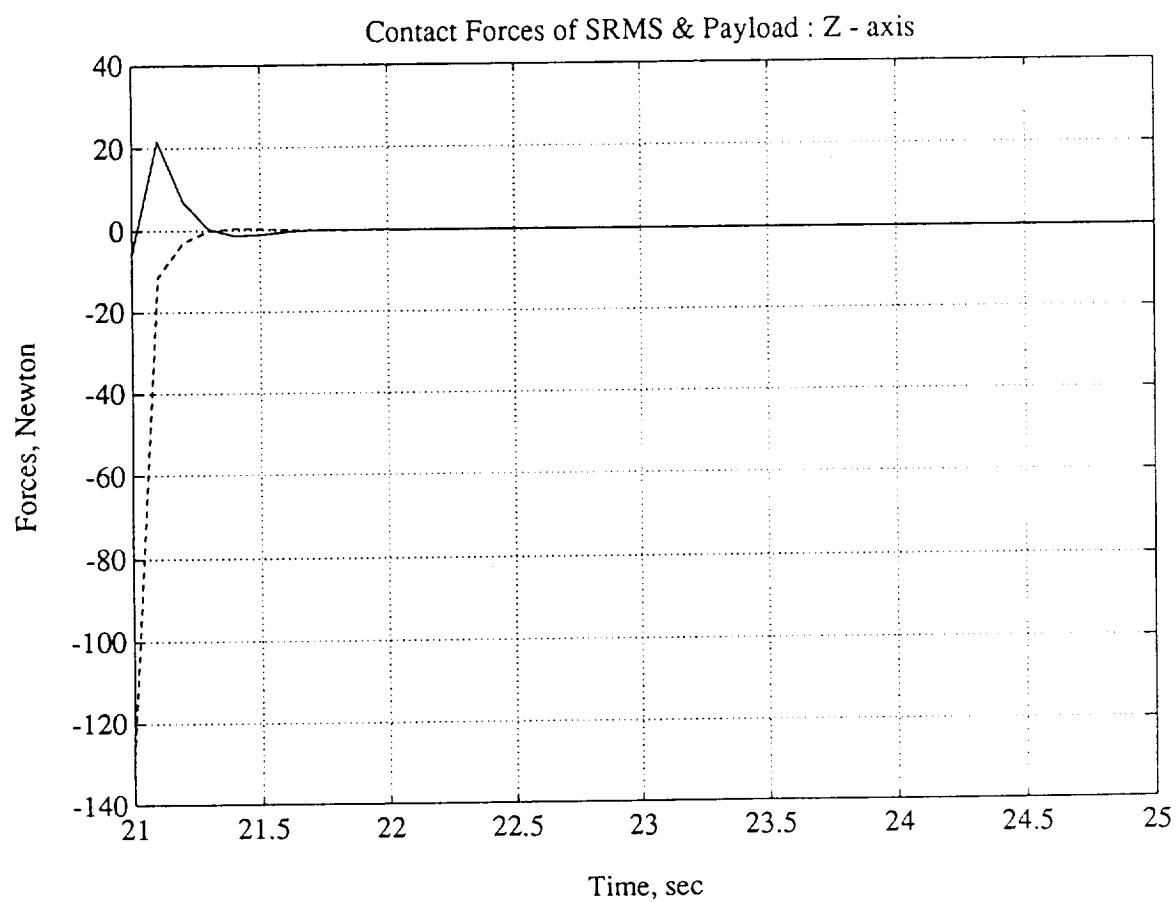
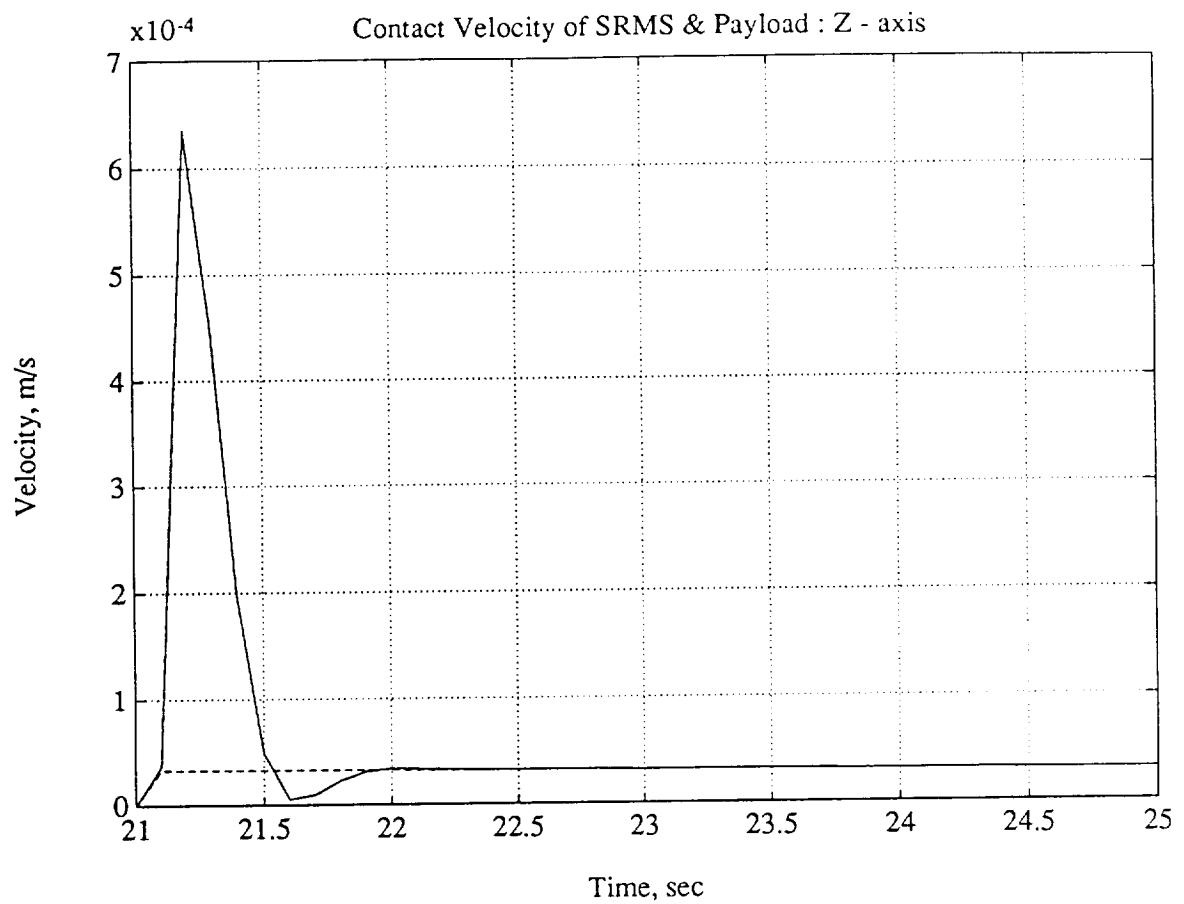














# Interaction Dynamics and Control for Orbital Assembly

Very simplistic models. Good starting point. Should we further along at 3rd annual review.

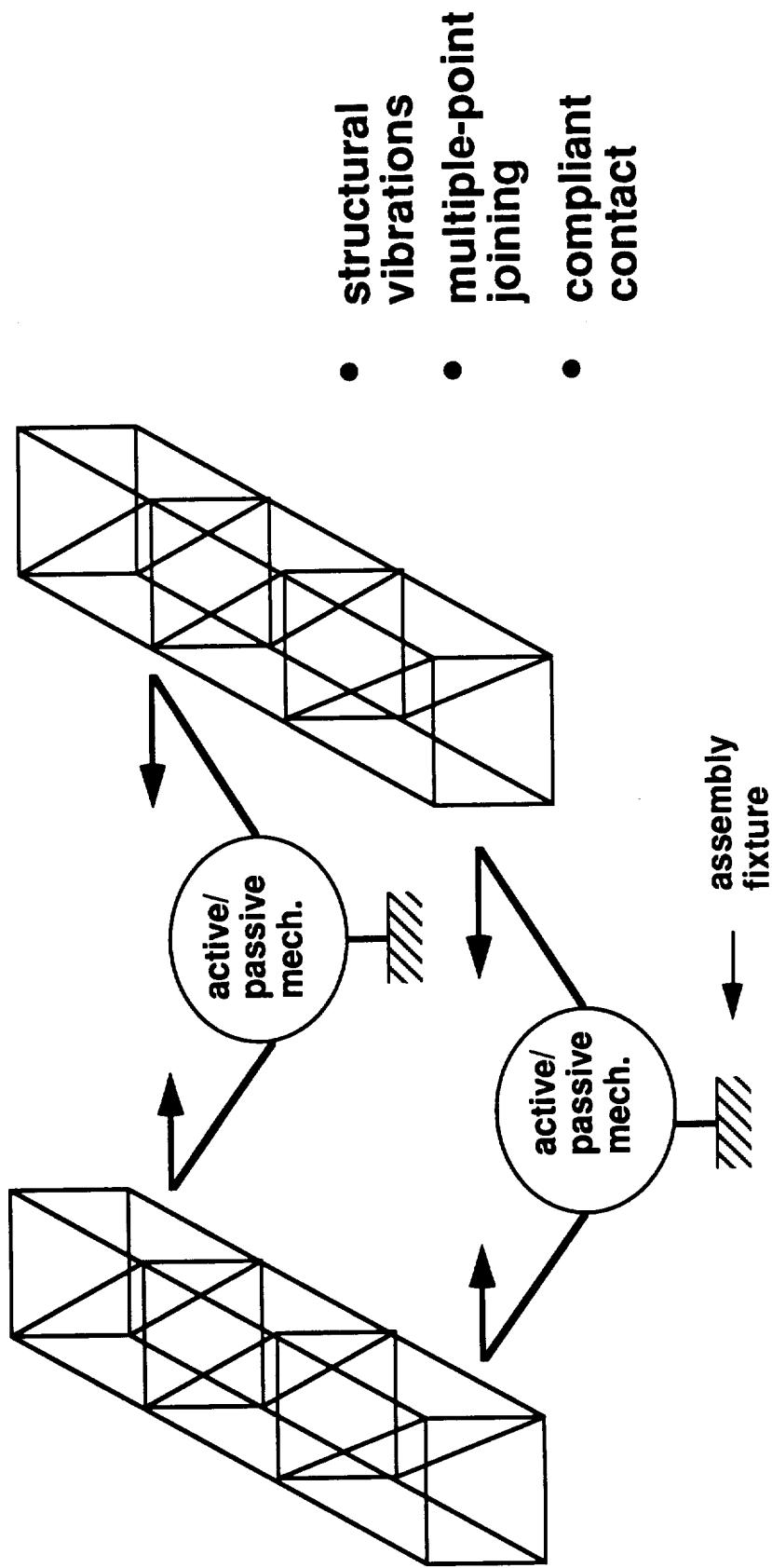
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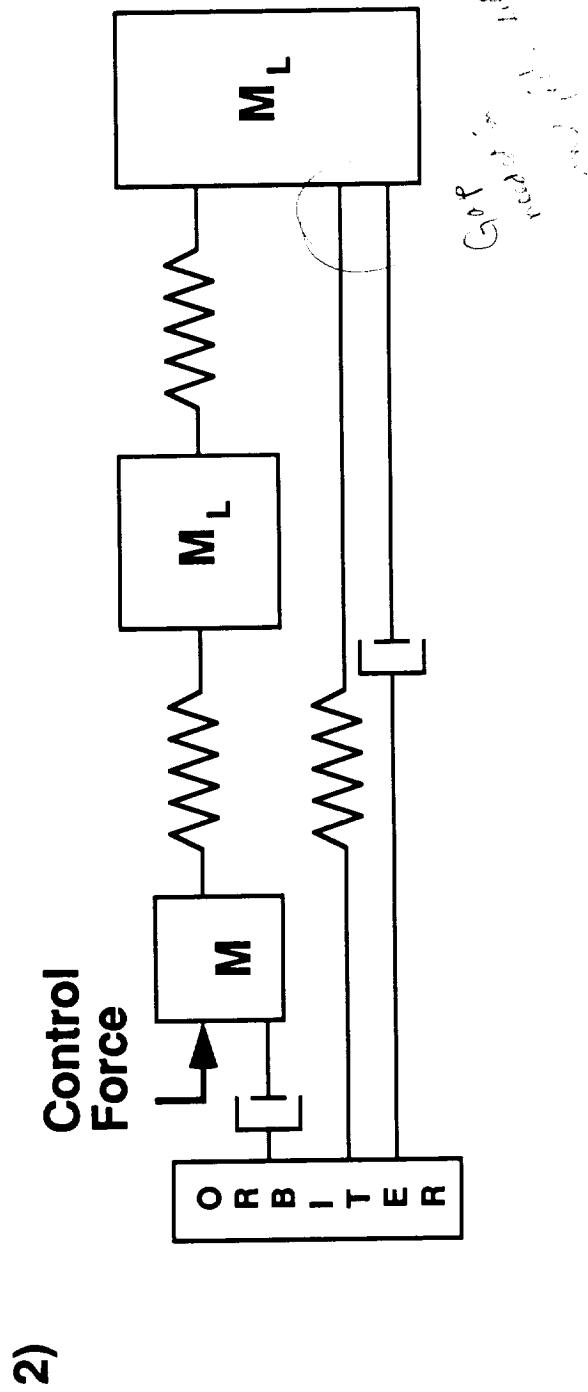
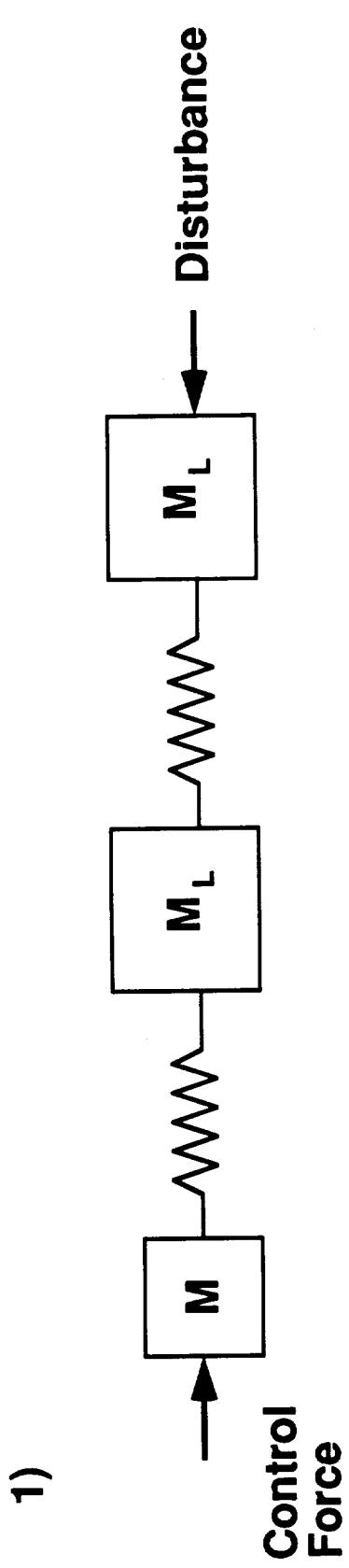
# Dynamics and Control Problems of Joining Structures in Orbit

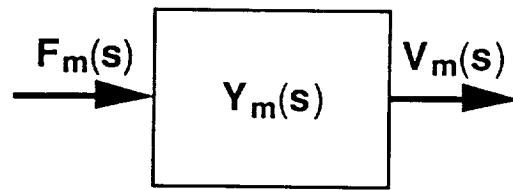


## BASIC PROBLEMS

- 1. How will a payload controlled by active positioning devices interact dynamically with its environment?**
- 2. How can closed-loop control be designed to achieve desired interactive dynamics?**

## Spring-and-Mass Models

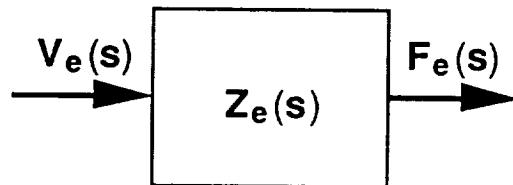




Admittance model of the manipulator.

$$\int_{t_0}^T F_m^T(t) V_m(t) dt \geq 0$$

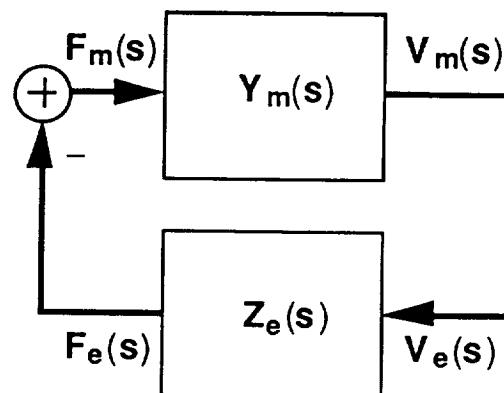
Condition for manipulator passivity



Impedance model of the environment.

$$\int_{t_0}^T F_e^T(t) V_e(t) dt \geq 0$$

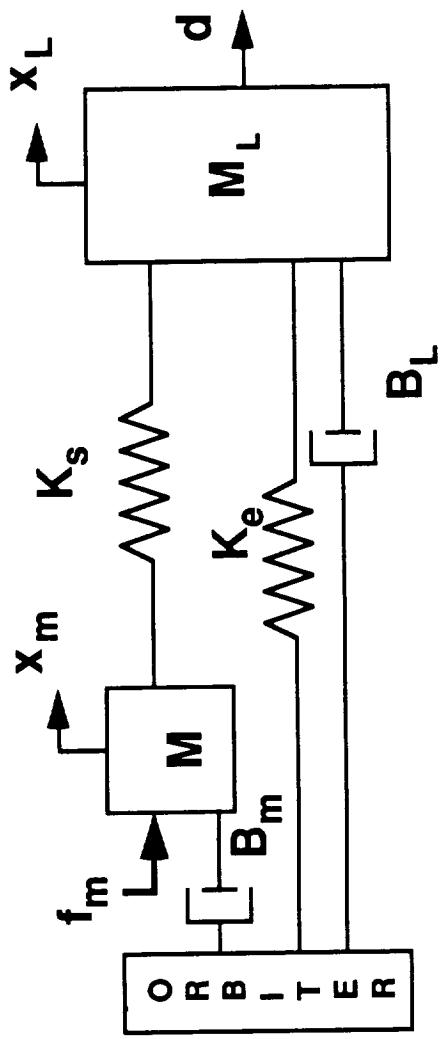
Condition for environmental passivity



Model of manipulator coupled to environment.

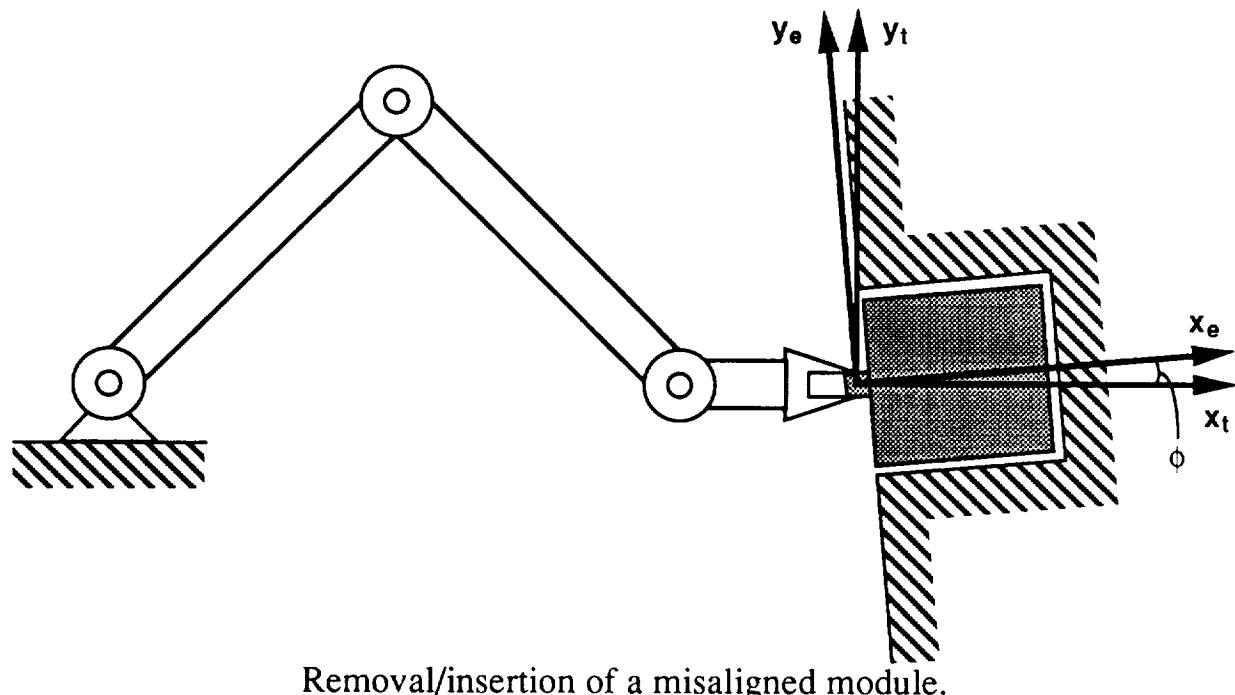
## A Simple Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_m \\ \dot{x}_m \\ x_L \\ \dot{x}_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -K_s/M & -B_m/M & K_s/M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -K_s/M_L & 0 & dK/M_L - B_L/M_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_m \\ \dot{x}_m \\ x_L \\ \dot{x}_L \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1/M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_m \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$



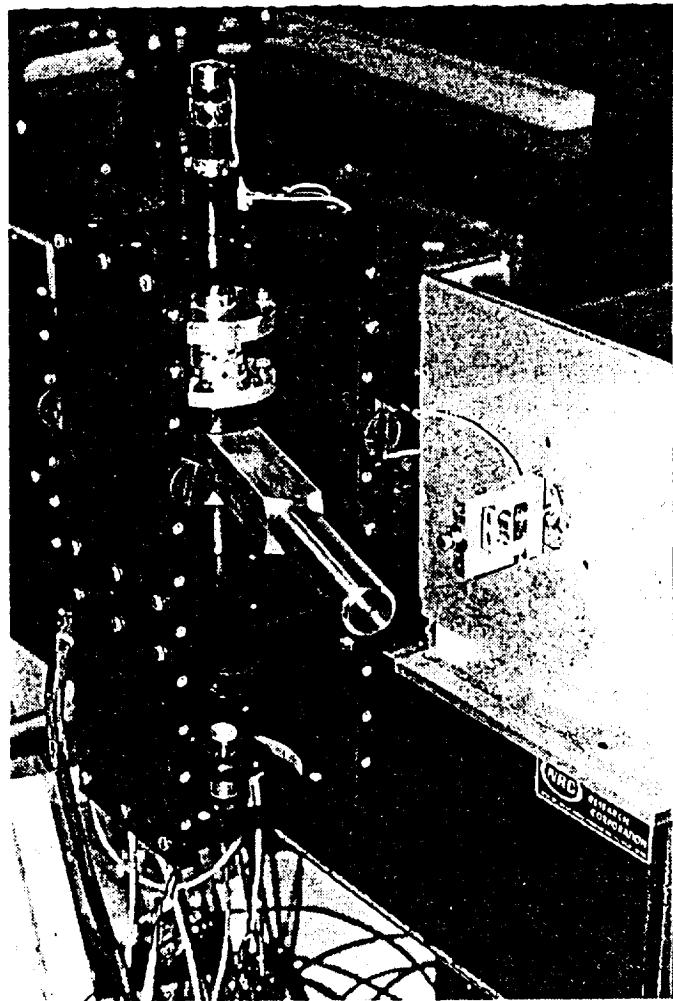
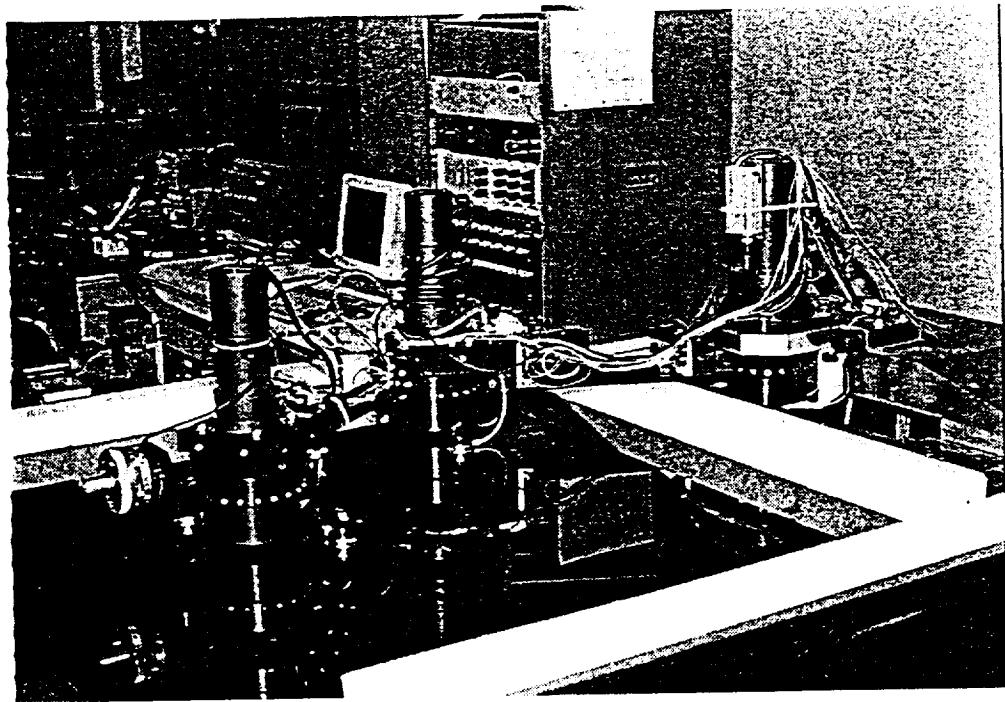
**Feedback controls:**

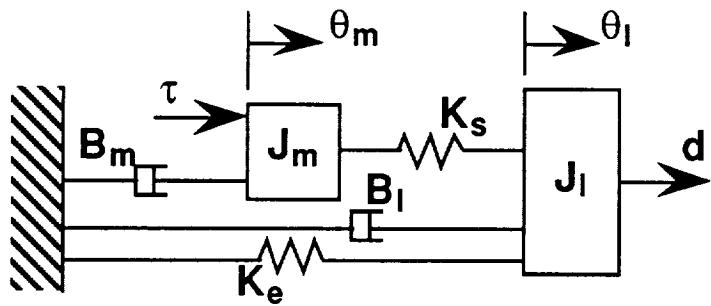
1. simple PD control
2. Torque loop
3. Impedance shaping



Removal/insertion of a misaligned module.

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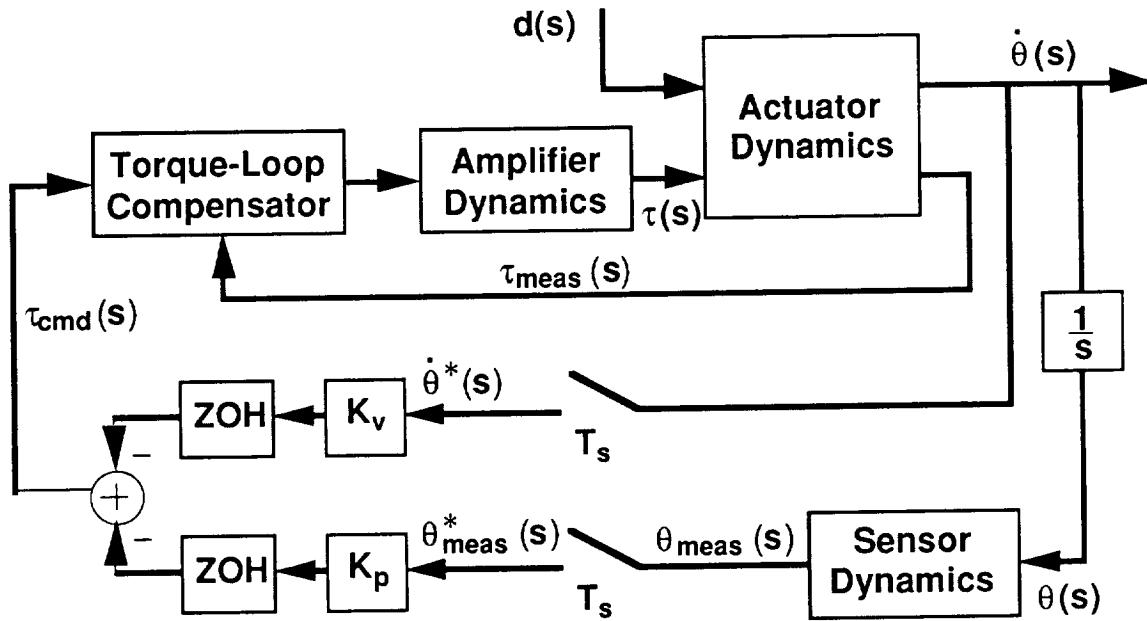




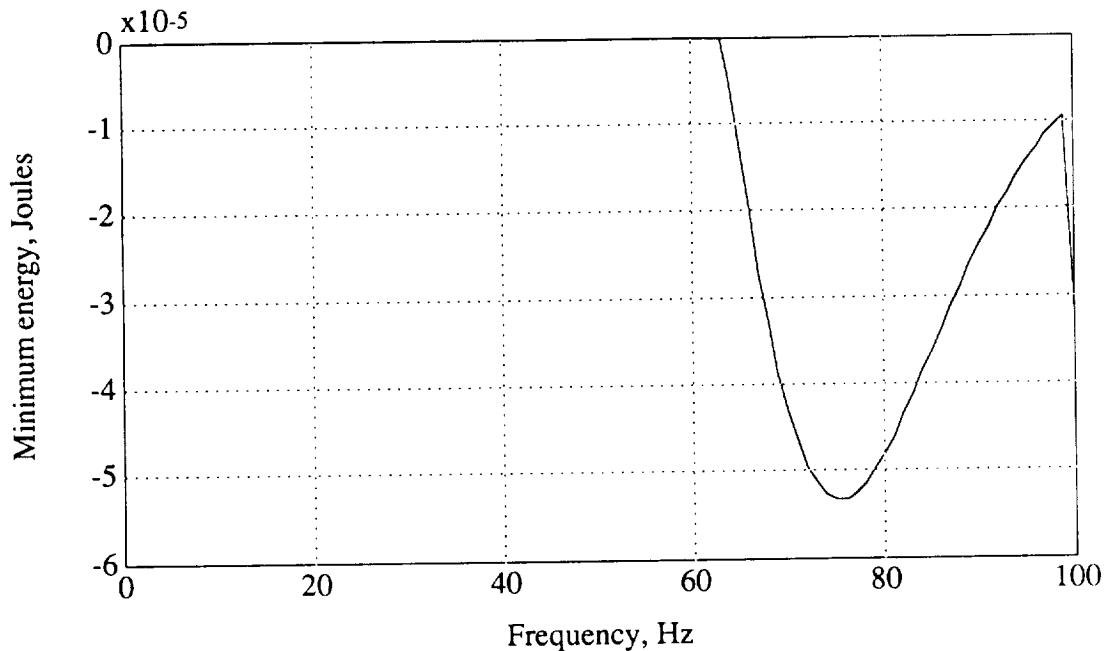
Model of a "typical" actuator.

Parameter	Value	Units
Motor Inertia, $J_m$ (reflected to output side)	0.0934	kg-m <sup>2</sup>
Motor Viscous Damping, $B_m$ (reflected to output side)	3.4	N-m/(rad/s)
Harmonic Drive Stiffness, $K_s$	1600	N-m/rad
Load Viscous Damping, $B_l$	0.7	N-m/(rad/s)
Representative Load Inertia, $J_l$	0.64	kg-m <sup>2</sup>
Gear Ratio	100:1	N/A

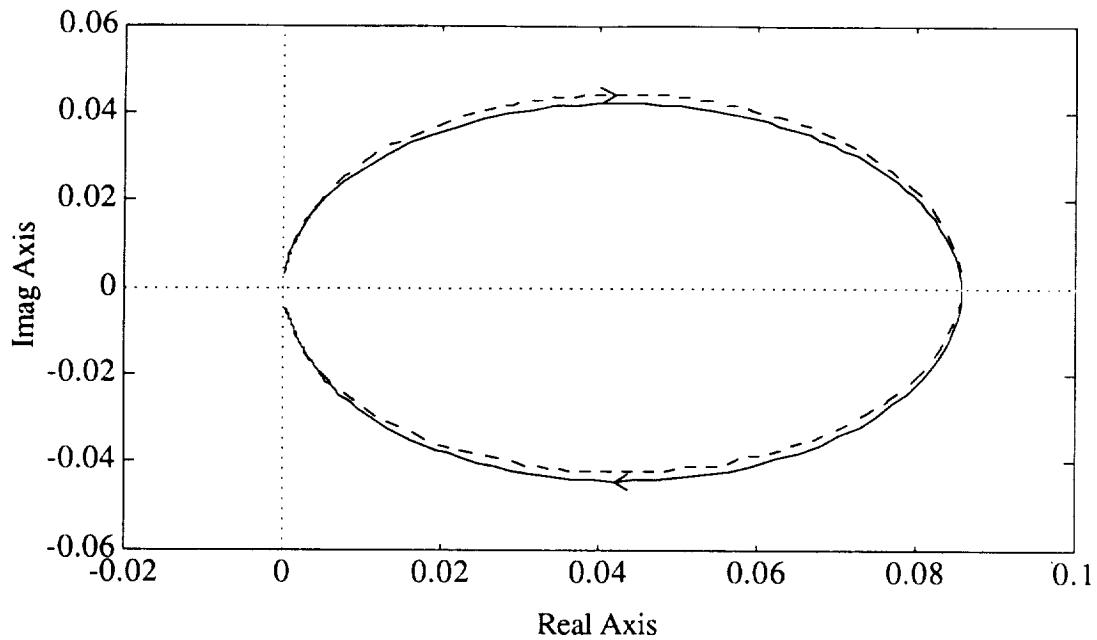
Representative Actuator Parameters



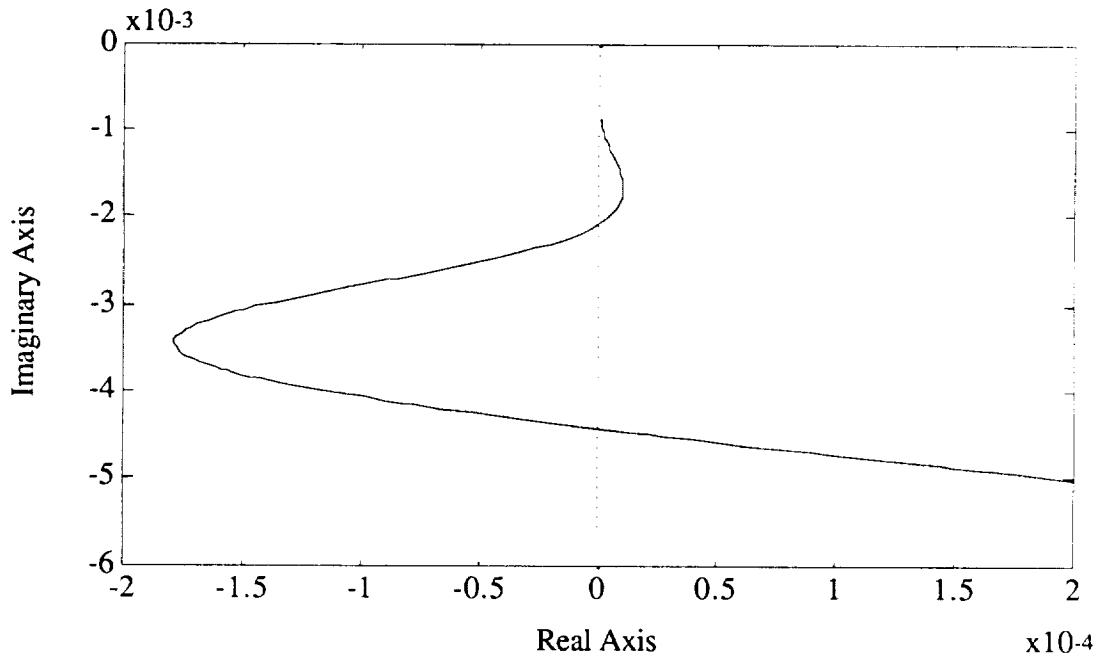
Moderate fidelity model of PD position-controlled actuator.



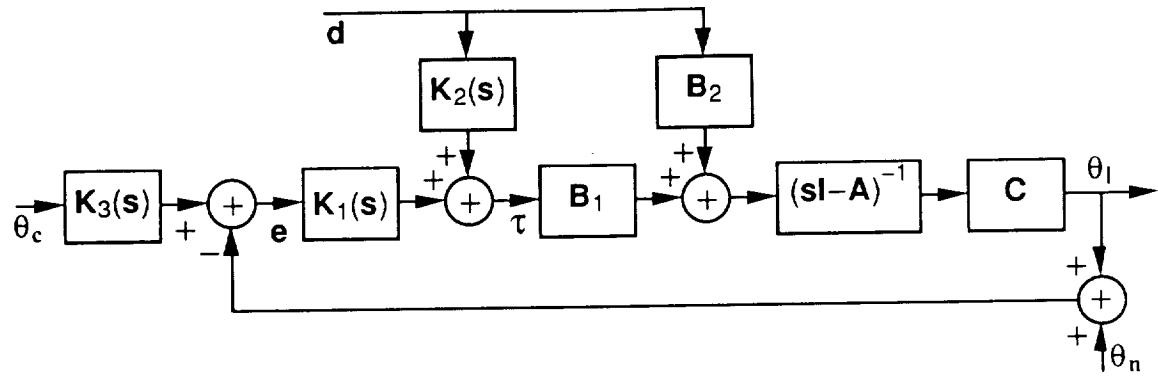
Minimum total energy delivered to the system over 1 second for a 1 N-m amplitude sinusoid disturbance torque (100 Hz bandwidth torque loop, 100 Hz bandwidth sensor dynamics, 1000 Hz bandwidth amplifier dynamics, 200 Hz sample rate,  $K_p=116$ ,  $K_v=12.5$ )



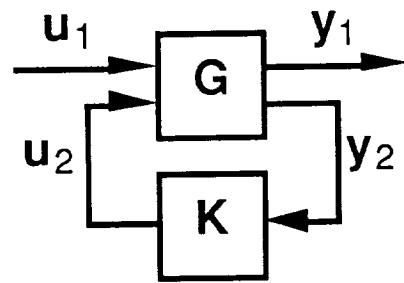
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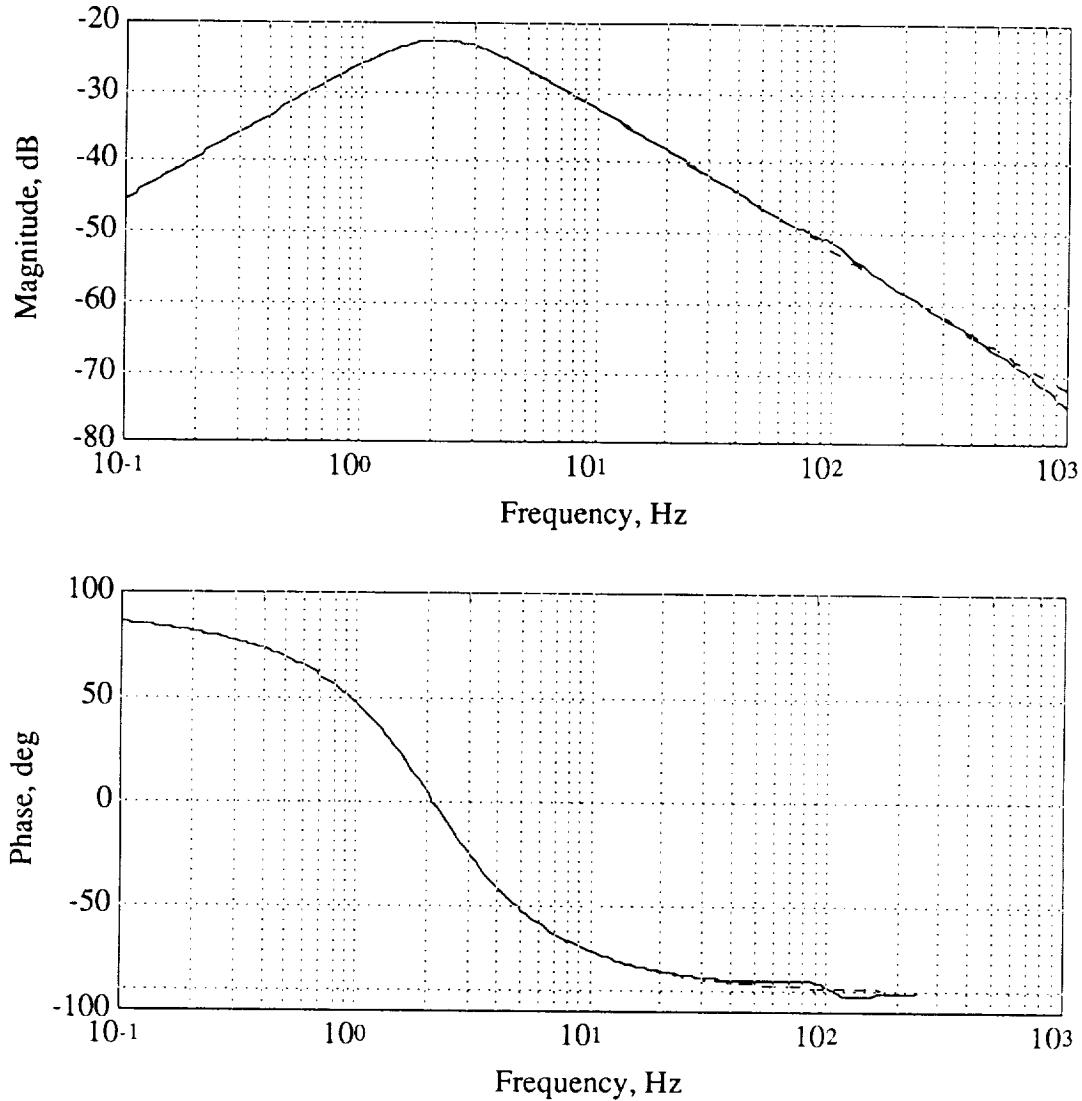
Nyquist diagram of the admittance response above 50 Hz for the PD position-controlled actuator (sampling and ZOH modeled by time delay of half the sampling period).



Generalized Actuator Control Block Diagram.



Standard  $H_\infty$  minimization problem.



Achieved (solid line) and target (dashed line) admittance responses for example  $H_\infty$  design using  $K_I(s)$ .

## Conclusions

1. **Absolute passivity is not practical as a design goal for the active devices which bring the structural payloads into contact.**
2. **A method has been developed for estimating the environment stiffness above which the operation of attachment may become unstable.**
3. **Preliminary results have been obtained in a procedure for feedback control design to achieve desired contact compliance.**



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# Controls for Orbital Assembly of Large Space Structures

Joint activity and effect. General  
applicability to orbital structures.  
Joint to go to space station in  
the laboratory.

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# Flexible Structure Control

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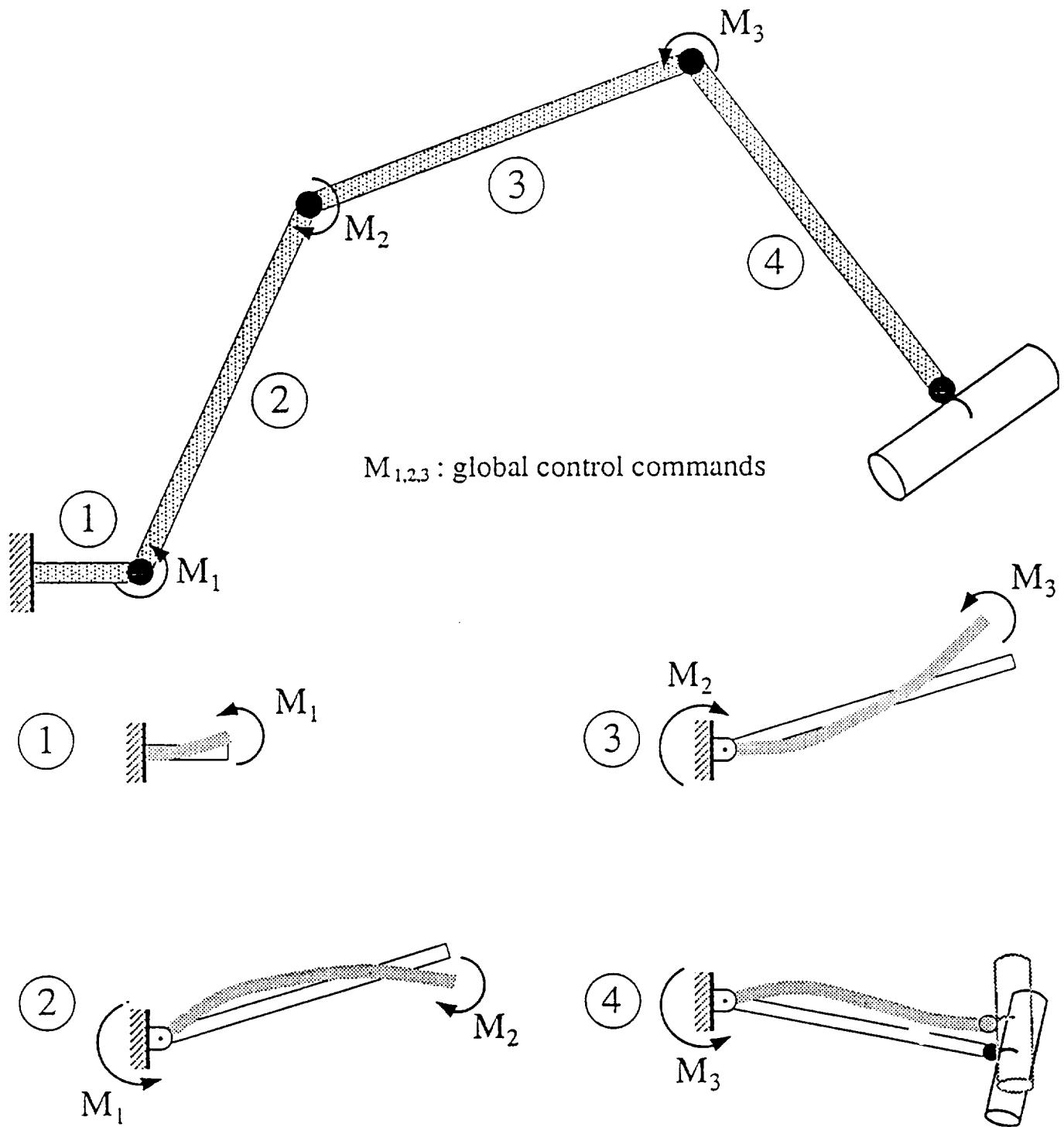
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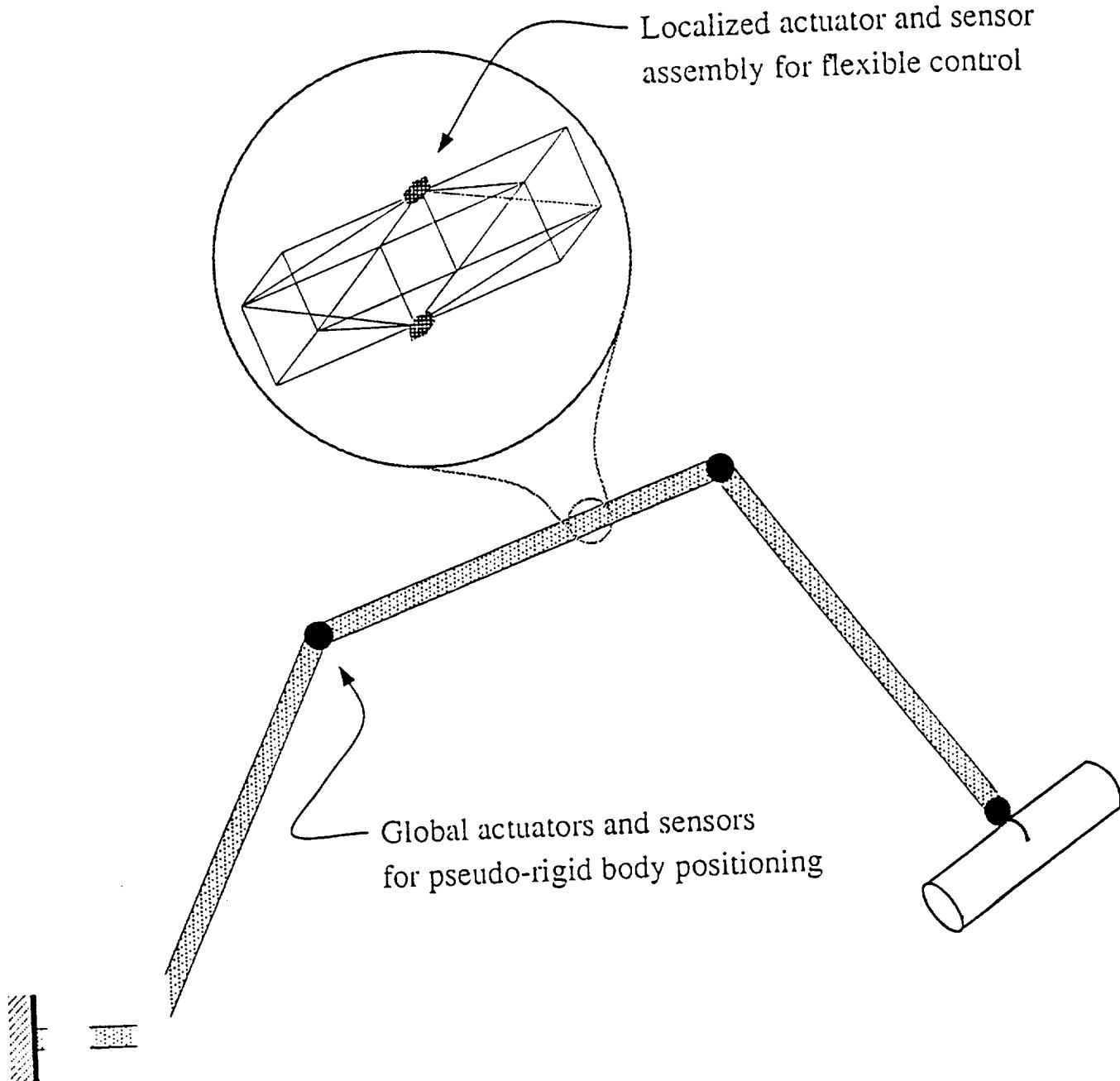
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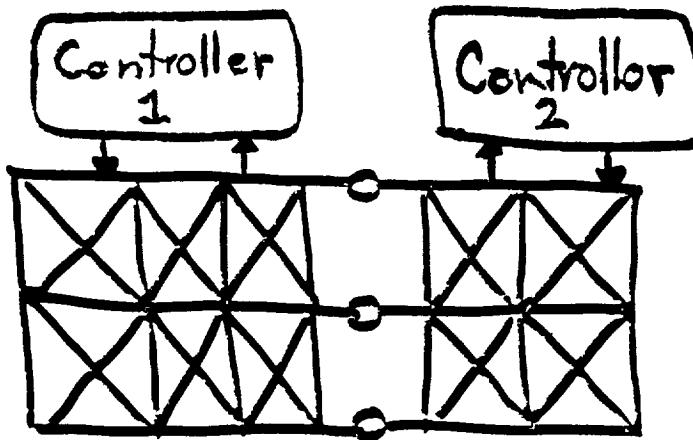
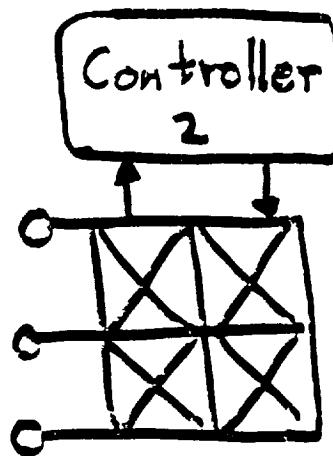
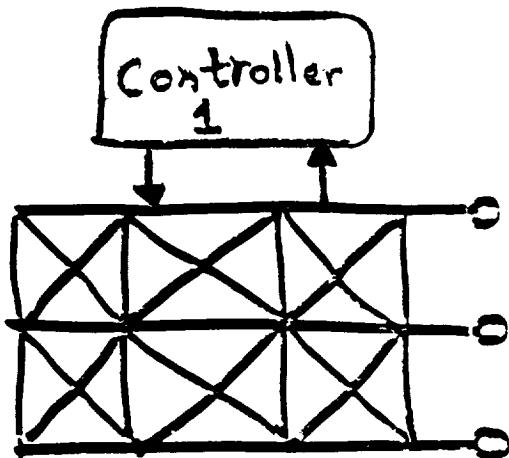
## Flexible Sub-system Division



# De-centralized Control for Flexible Multi-body Systems

## Local and Global Control





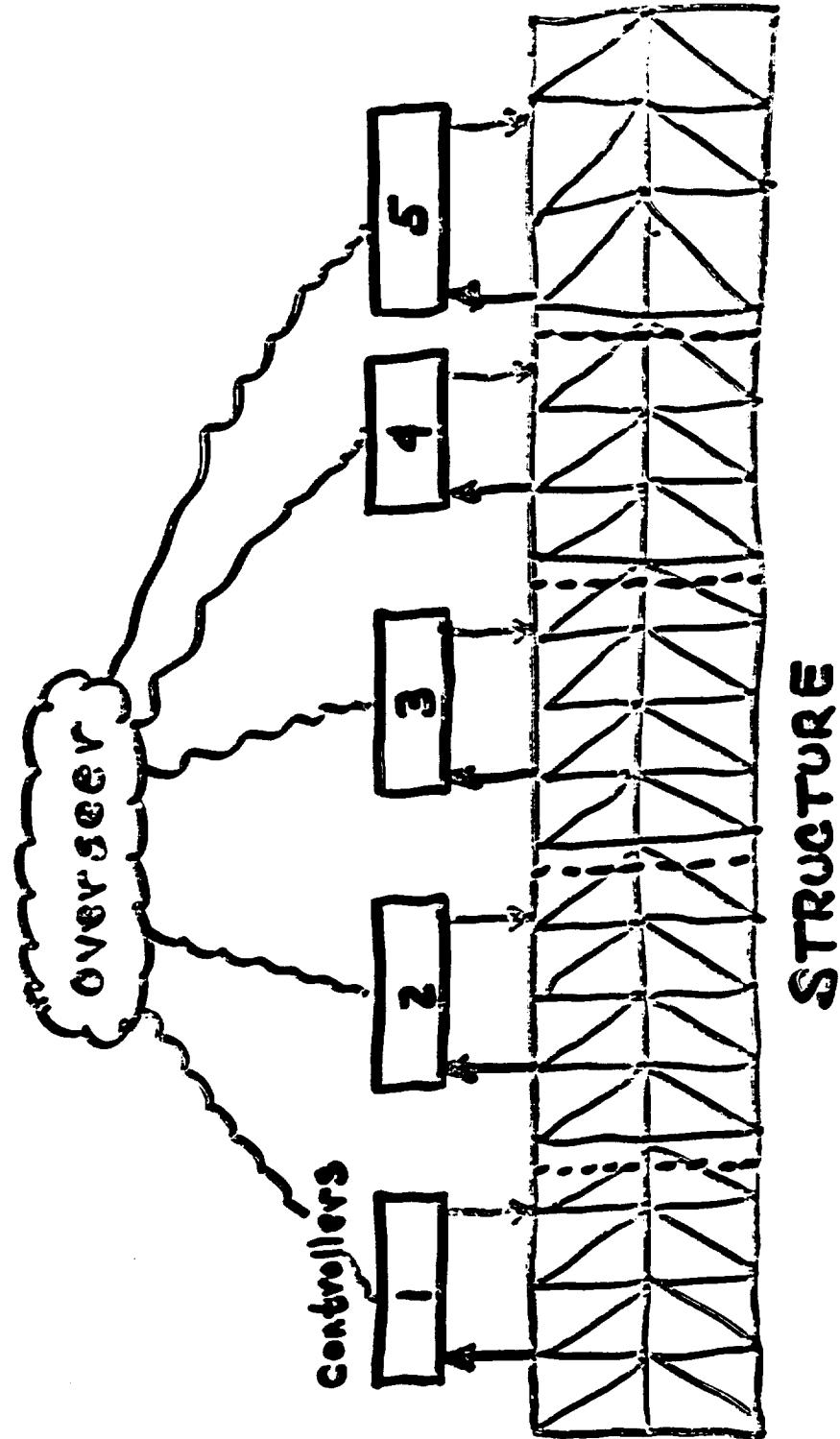
## Control of Structures During Assembly

Normal (Planned) Assembly  
Emergencies ( $F^3U$ )

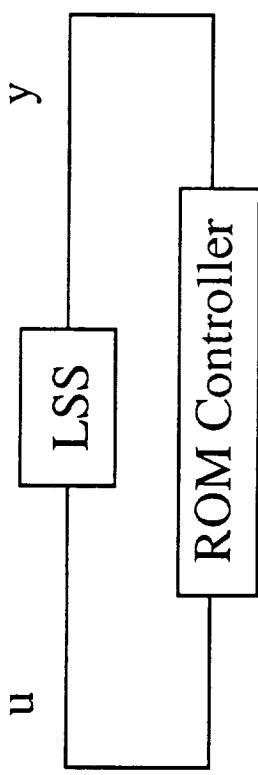
Docking & Berthing / Contact

## Decentralized Control

### Using Structural Partitioning



# Reduced-Order Model-Based Controller Design



Closed Loop:  $L_n = A_n + B_n G_n - K_n C_n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_n \\ \hat{x}_n \\ \dot{x}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_n & B_n G_n & 0 \\ K_n C_n & L_n & K_n C_r \\ 0 & B_r G_n & A_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ \hat{x}_n \\ x_r \end{bmatrix}$$

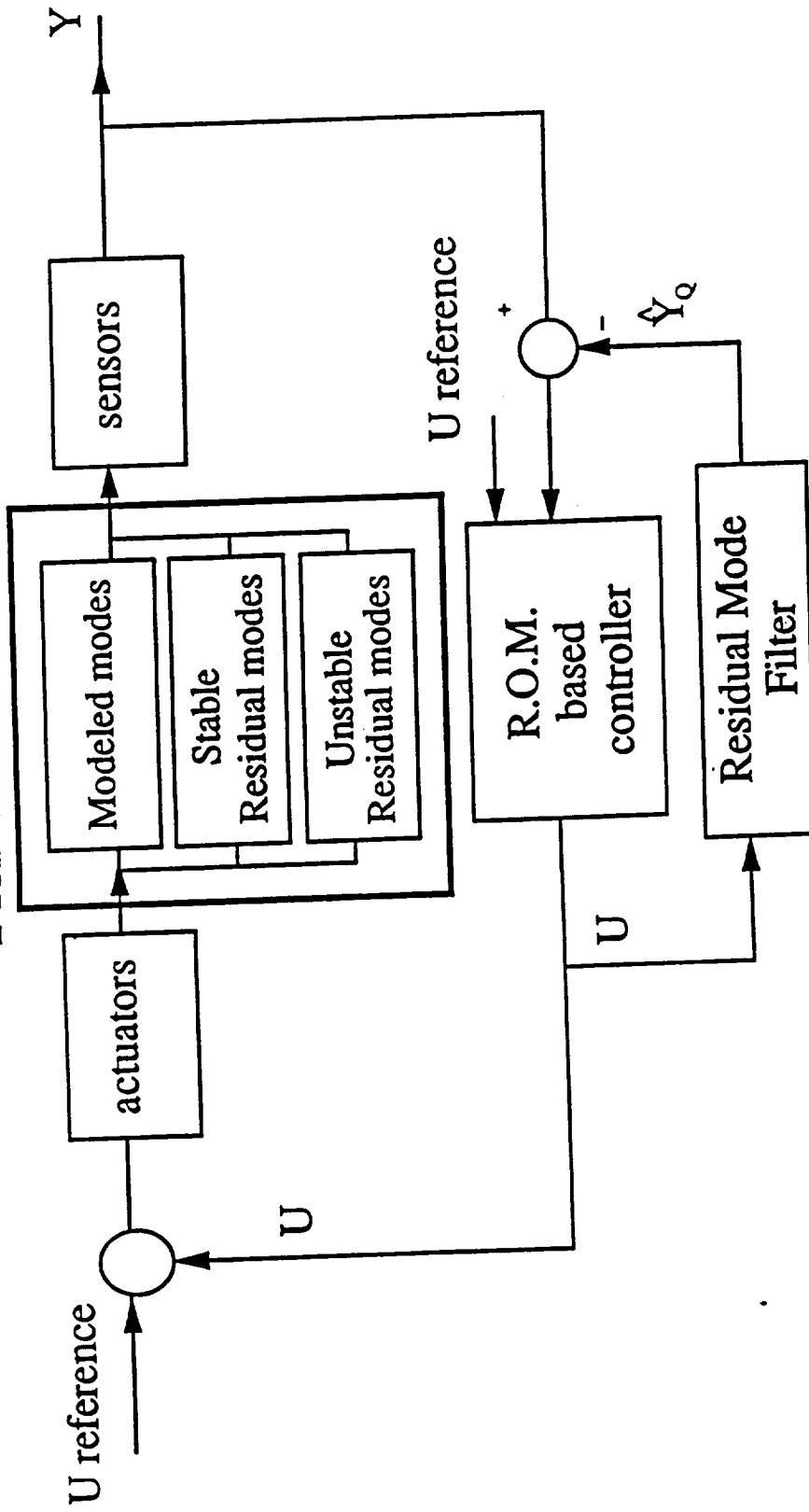
$A_C$

**OR**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_n \\ \dot{e}_n \\ \dot{x}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_n + B_n G_n & B_n G_n & 0 \\ 0 & A_n + K_n C_n & K_n C_r \\ B_r G_n & B_r G_n & A_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ e_n \\ x_r \end{bmatrix}$$

## ROM/RMF Control of Large Flexible Structures

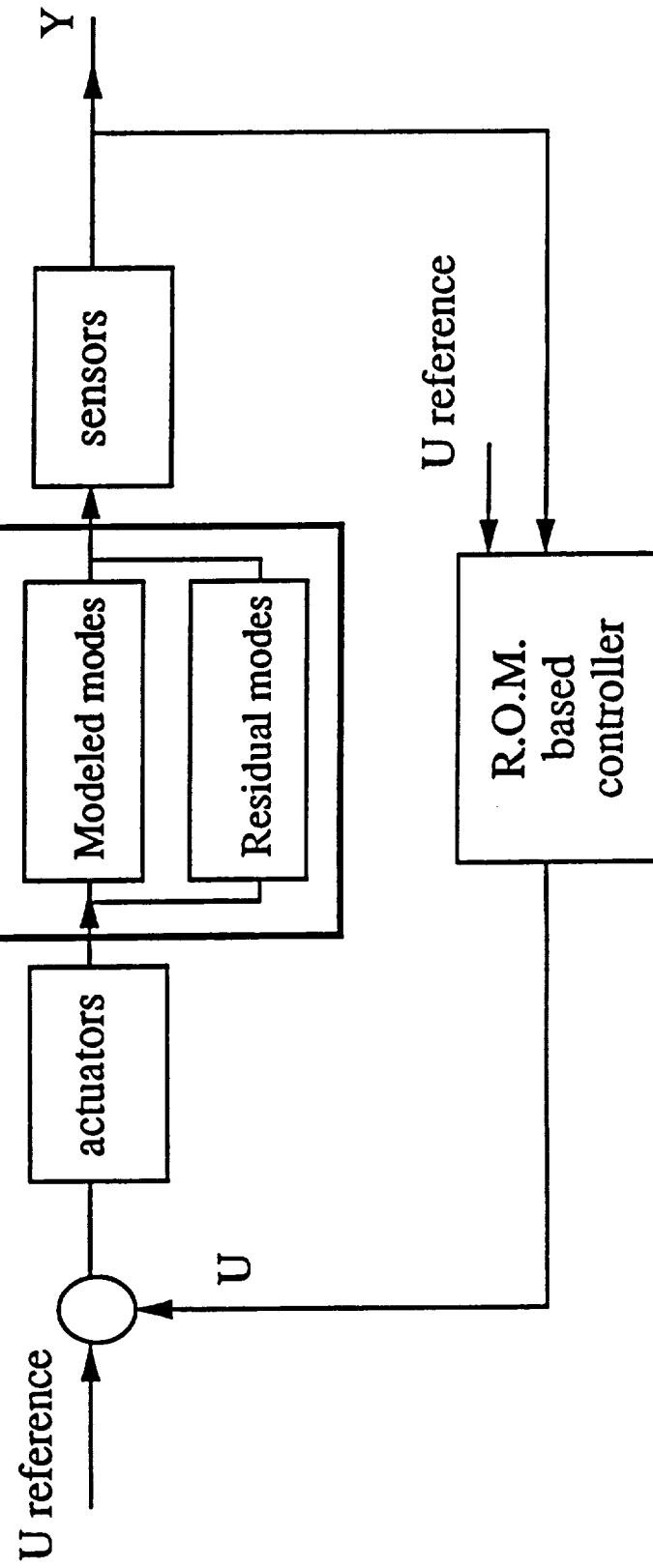
### Flexible Structure



- Develop R.M.F. as a bank of parallel second-order filters; one filter for each unstable residual mode.
- R.M.F. interrupts the control loop around all unstable residual modes; R.O.M control input is screened.
- R.M.F. compensates for C.S.I. , insuring system stability.

## ROM-based Control of Large Flexible Structures

### Flexible Structure



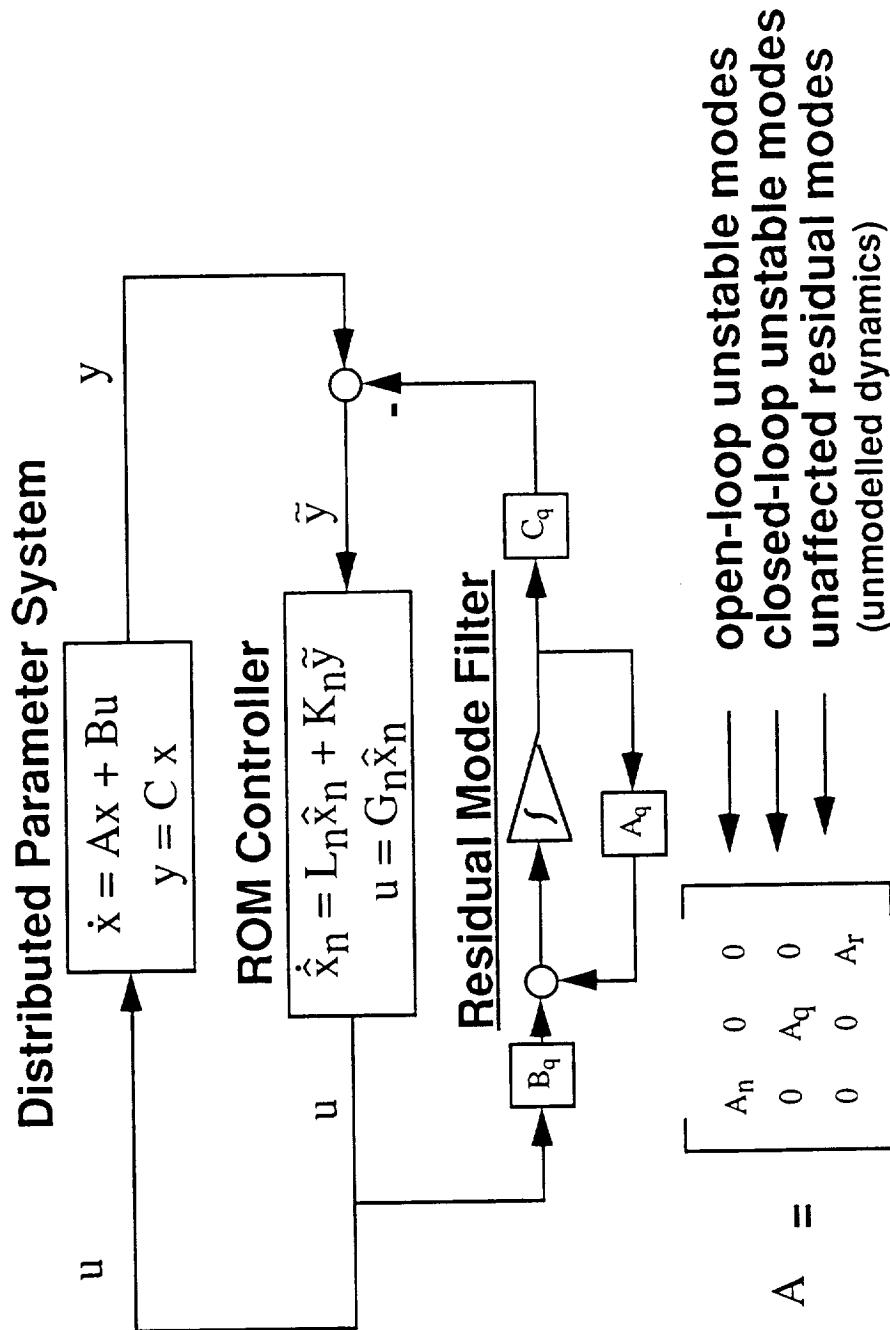
- Develop a R.O.M. controller, designed for performance.
- Dimension of the controller << dimension of the structure.

*BUT*

- Energy is pumped into all modes by the R.O.M. controller.
- Some residual modes may be driven unstable; this is known as Controller / Structure Interaction (C.S.I.)

# Residual Mode Filters (RMF) in a Distributed Parameter System (DPS)

Balas: JMAA 1988

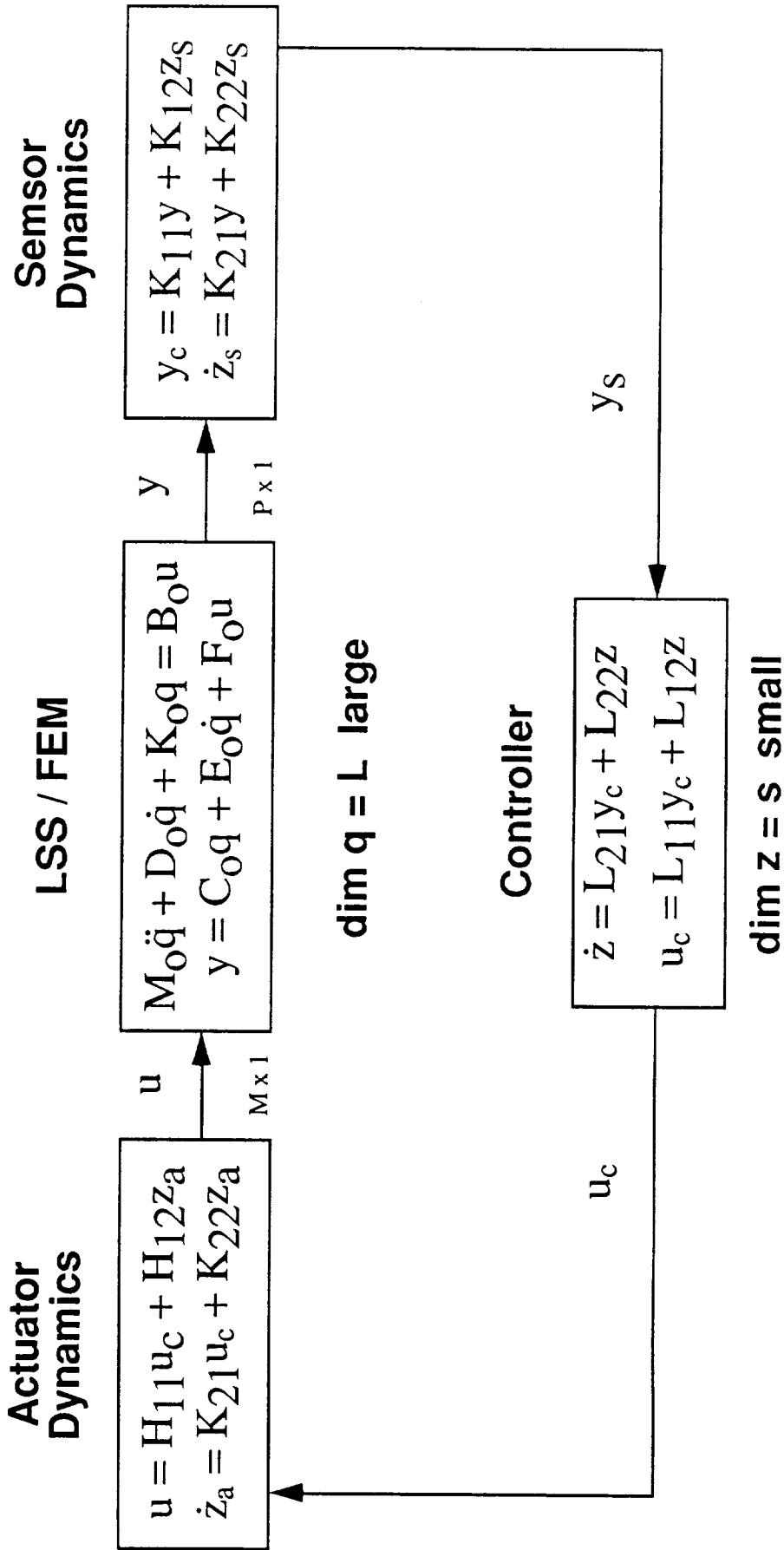


DPS + Rom Controller → unstable (q modes)

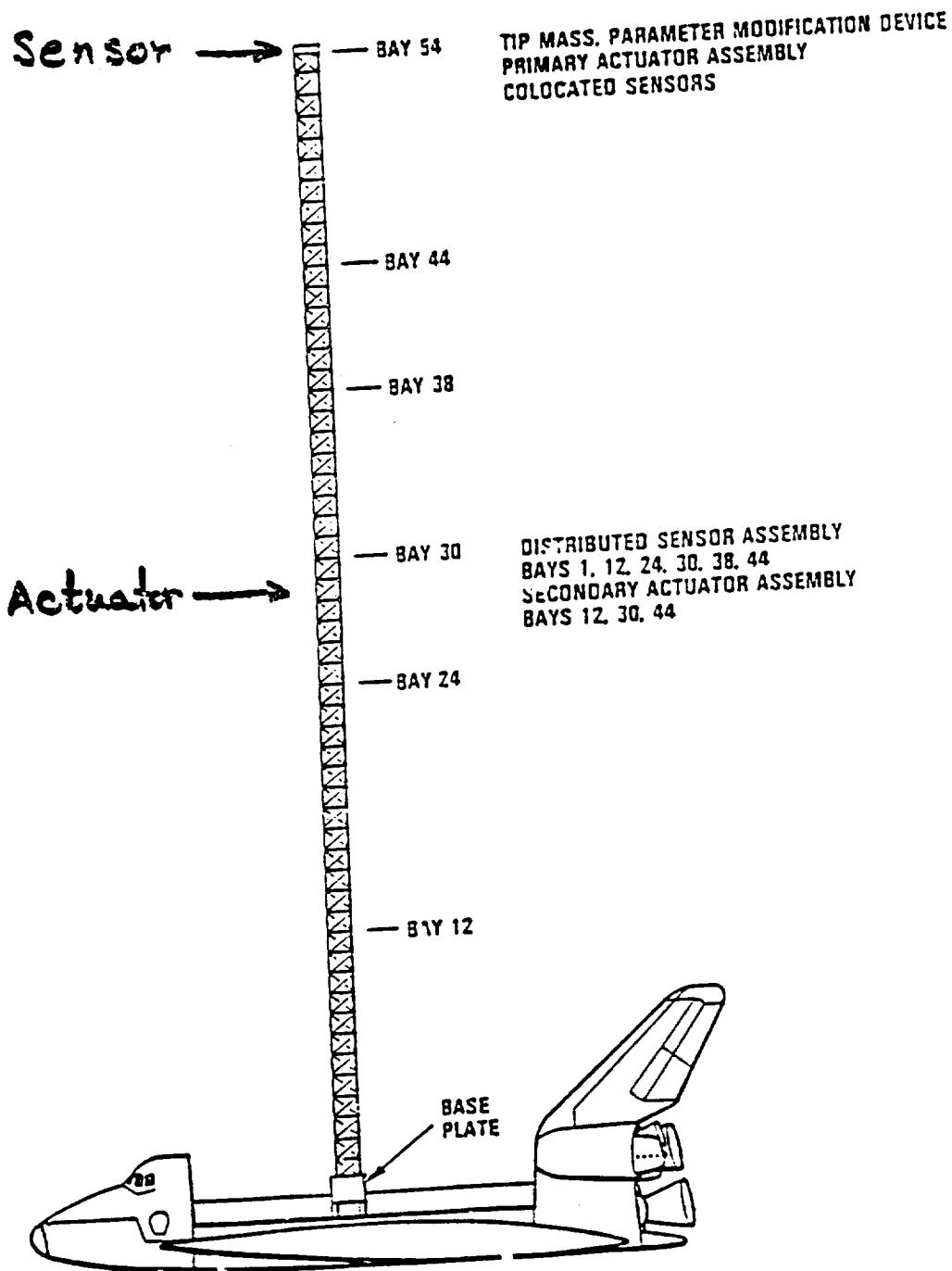
DPS + ROM Controller + RMF → exponentially stable

# LSS Active Control Simulation

(Ralph Quan)

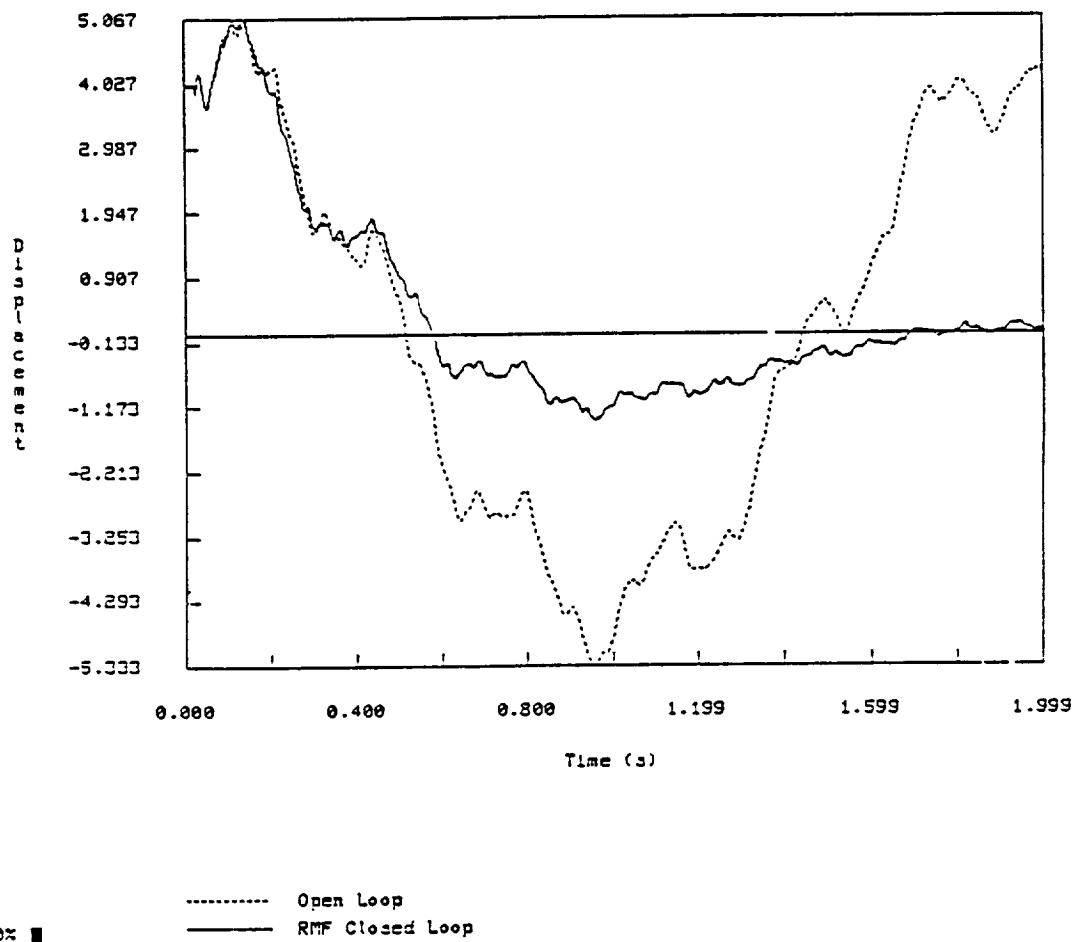


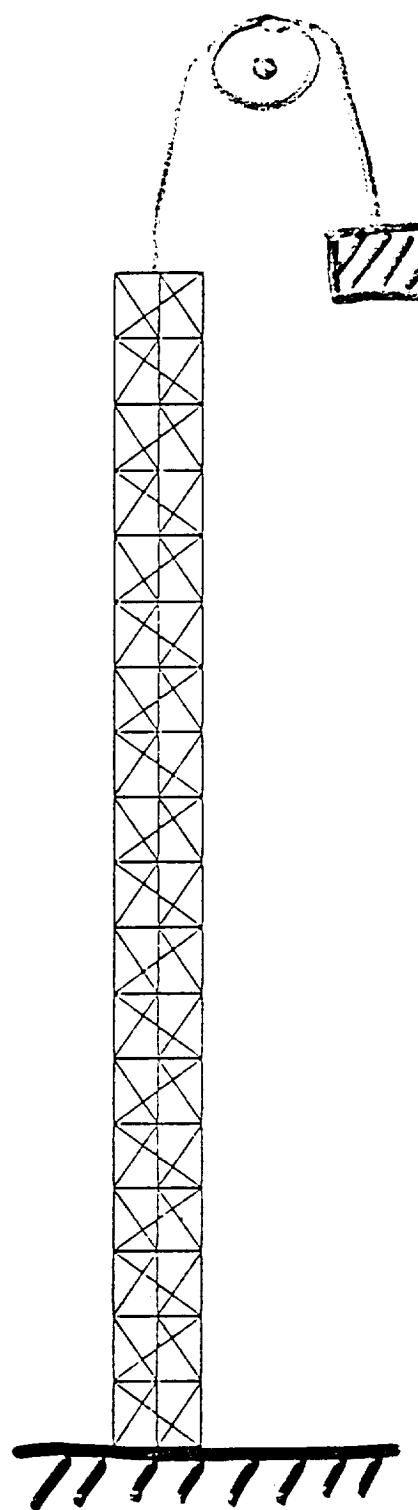
# 3-Dimensional Truss Beam



$\sim 1000$  degree of freedom  
CSSC simulation  
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OPEN LOOP versus RMF CLOSED LOOP





13 bays

Figure S.7 The Mini-Mast Truss

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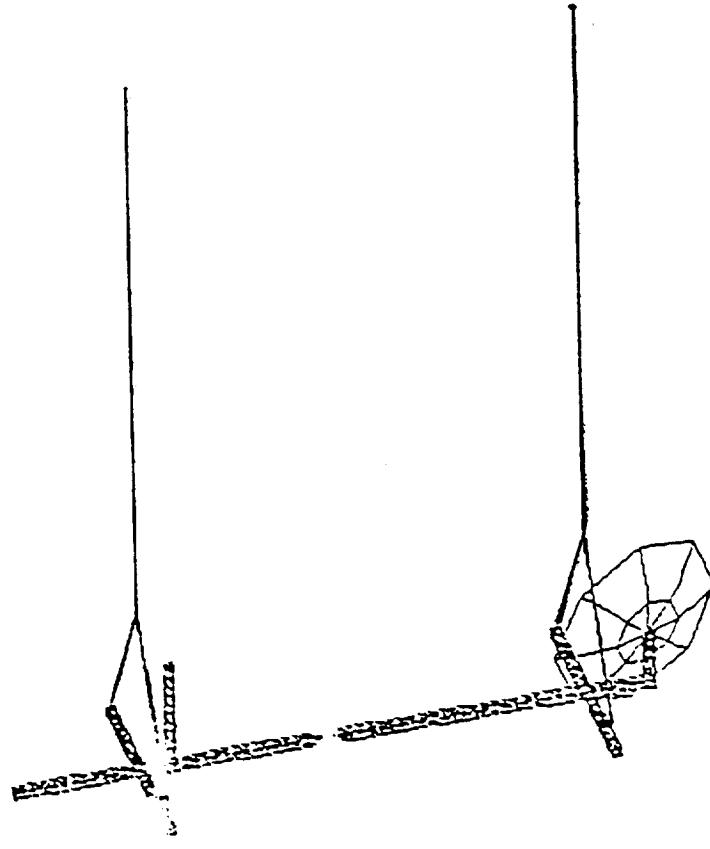
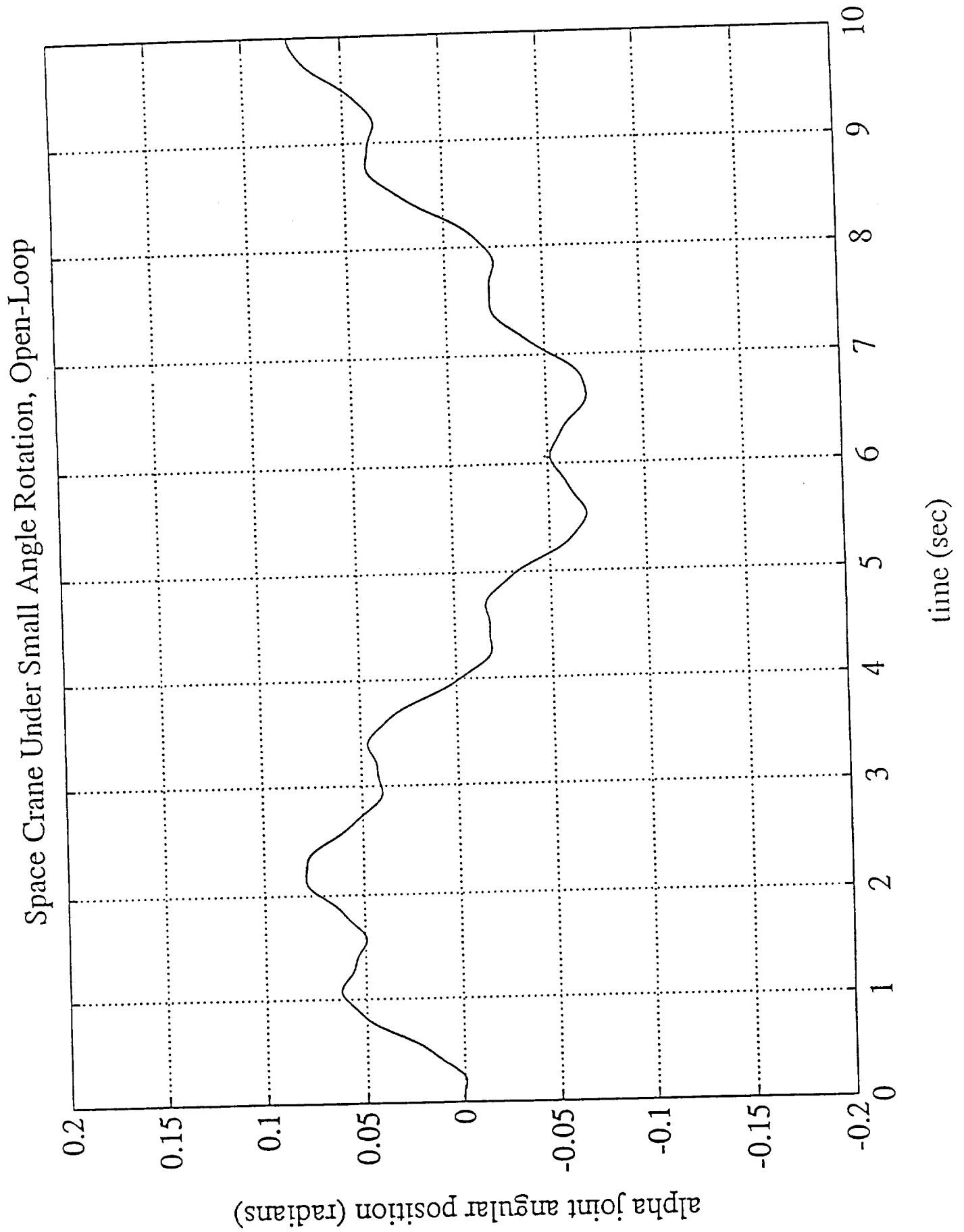
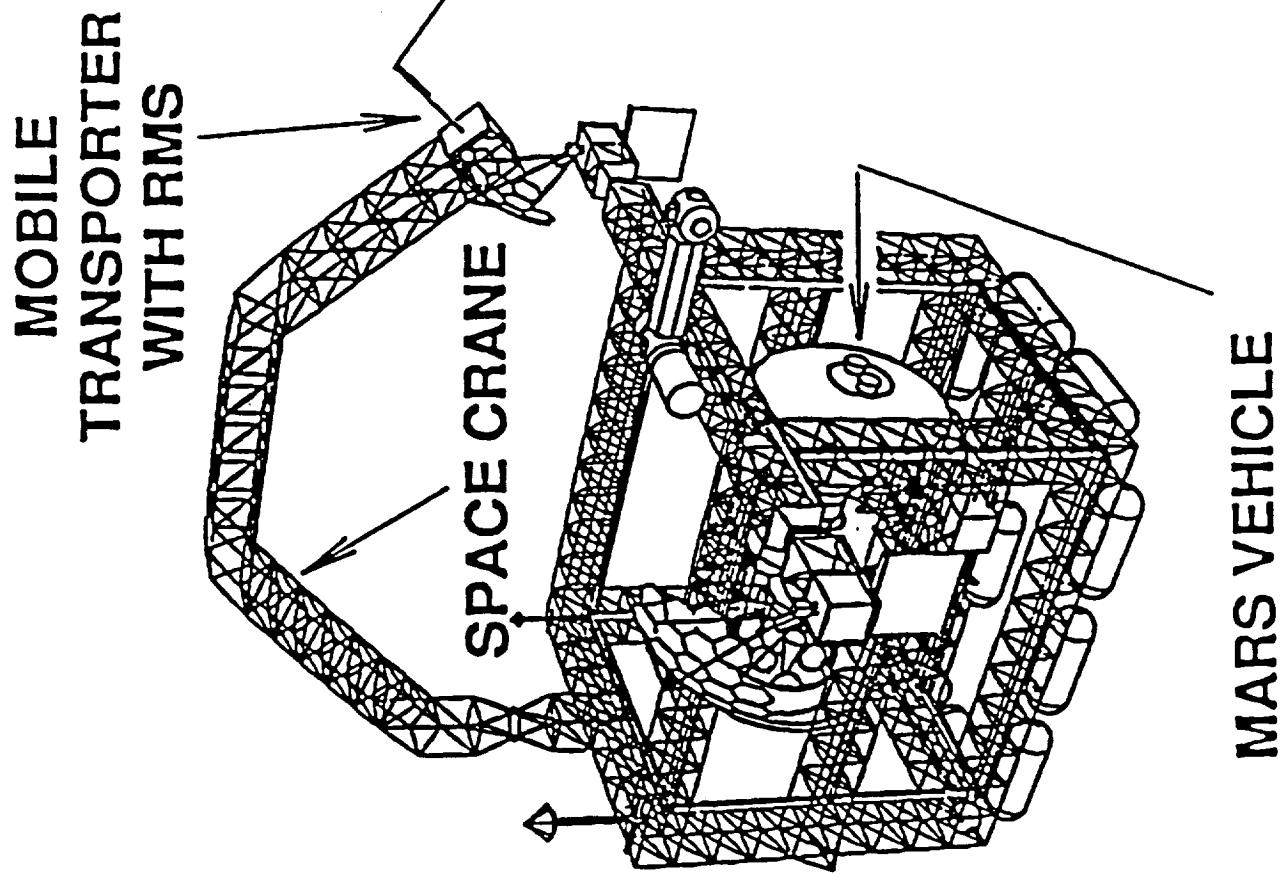
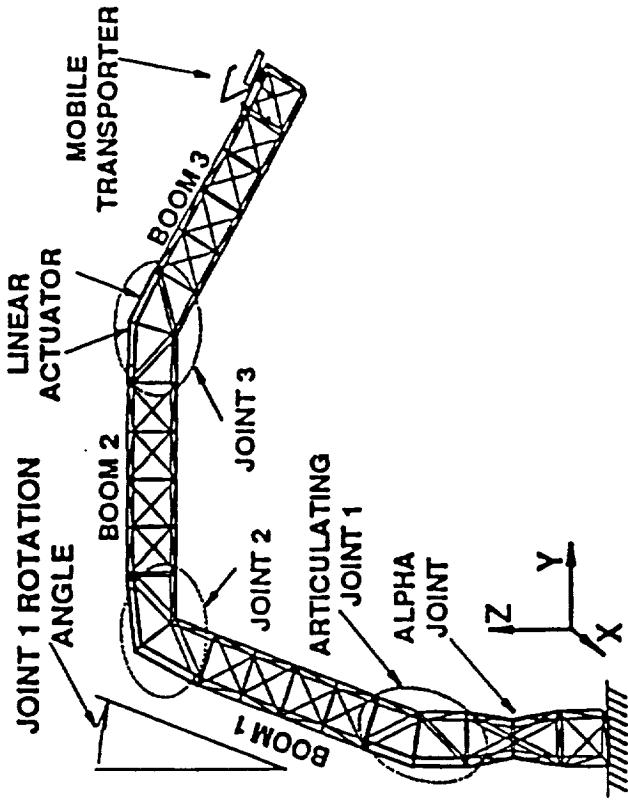
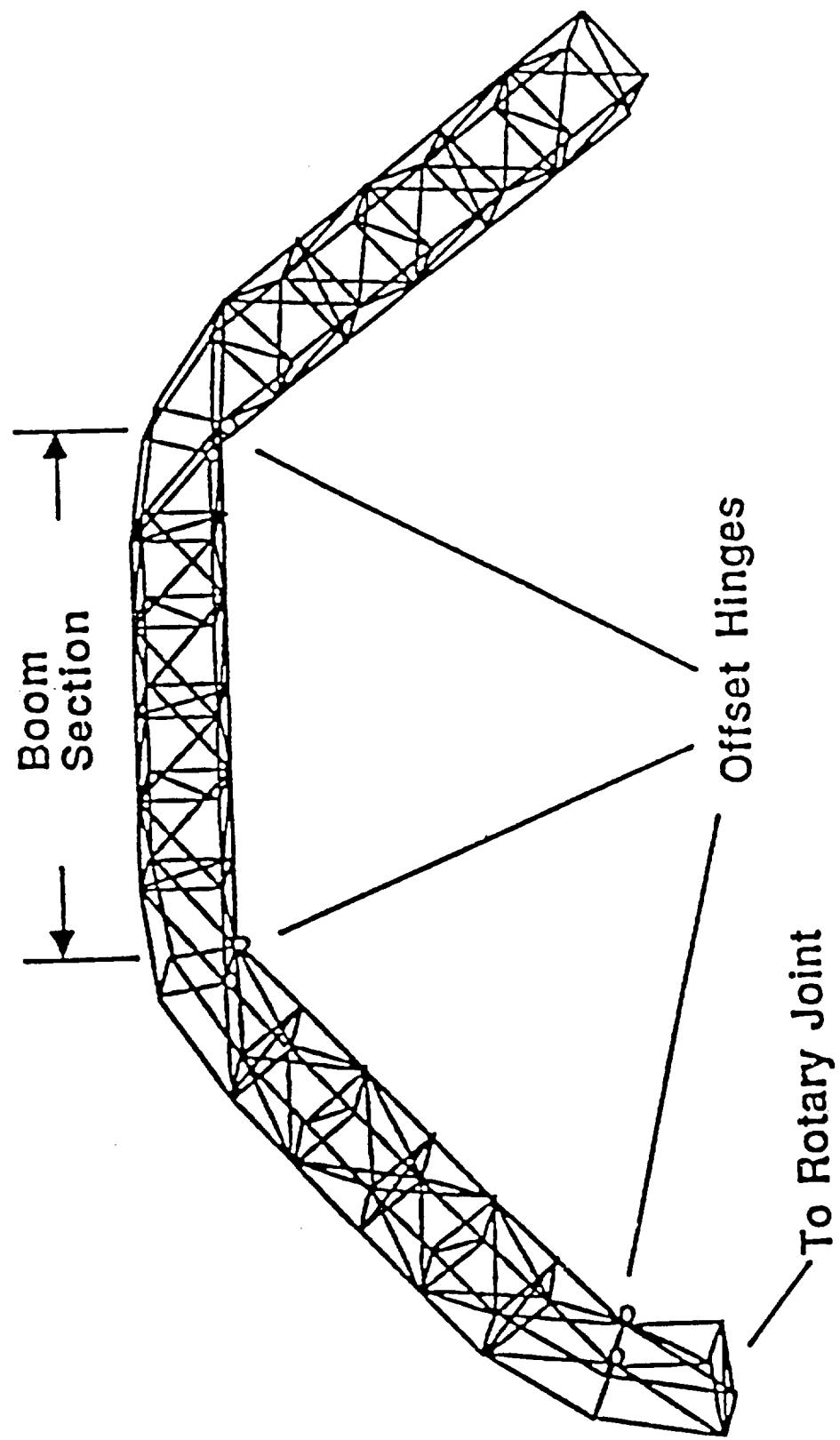
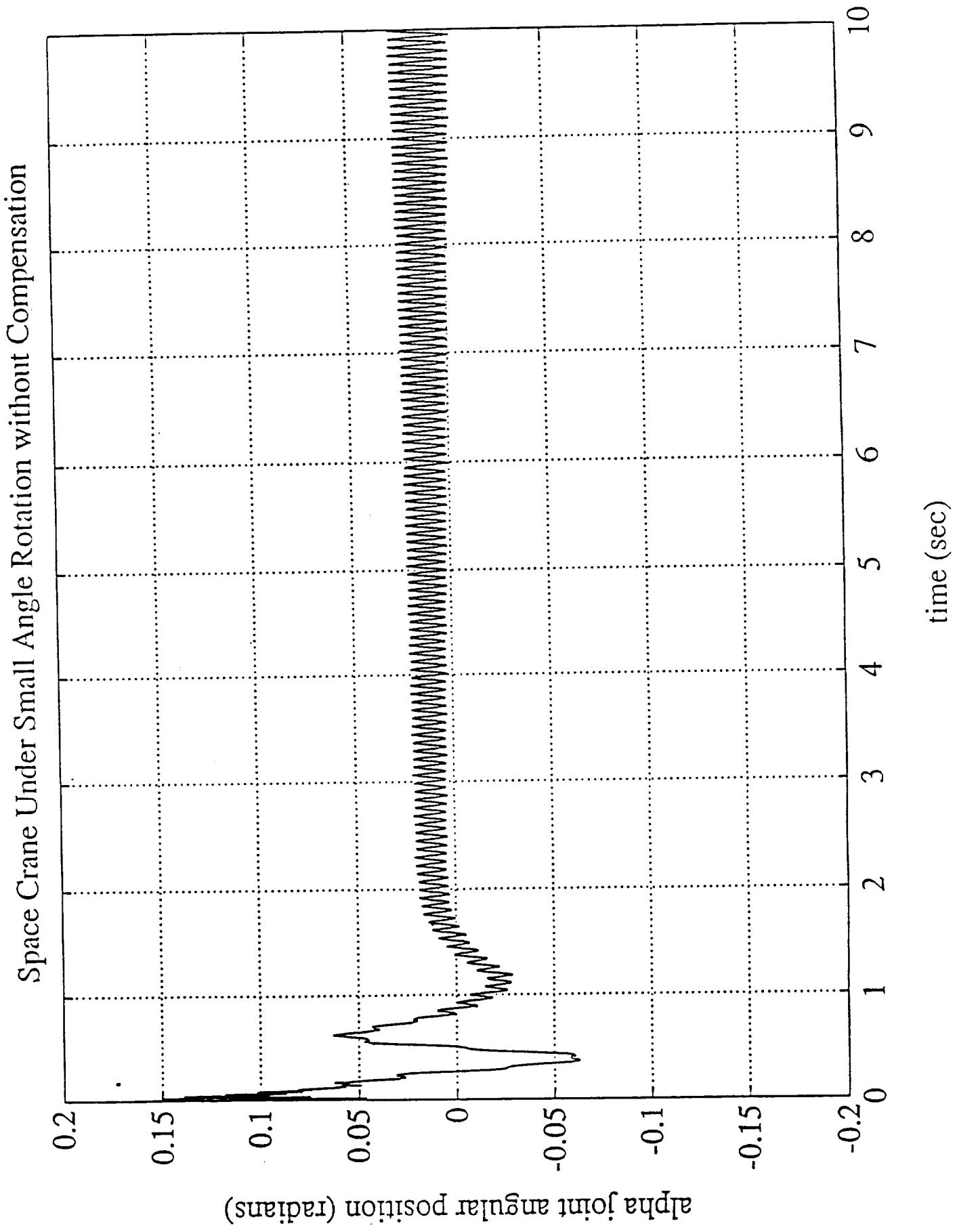


Figure 8.22 Phase to Evolutionary Model









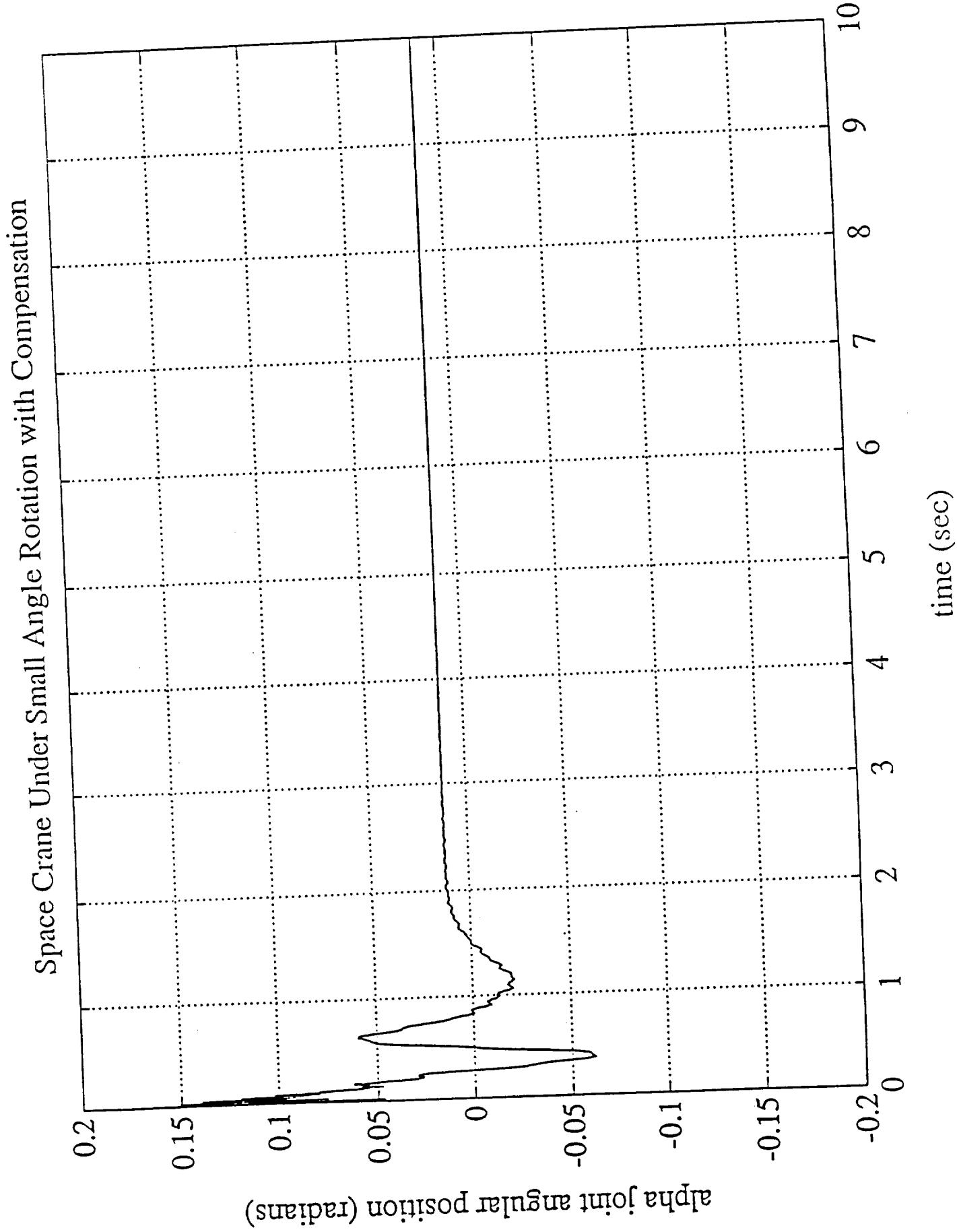


Figure 3 : Flexible Robot Manipulator at Martin Marietta

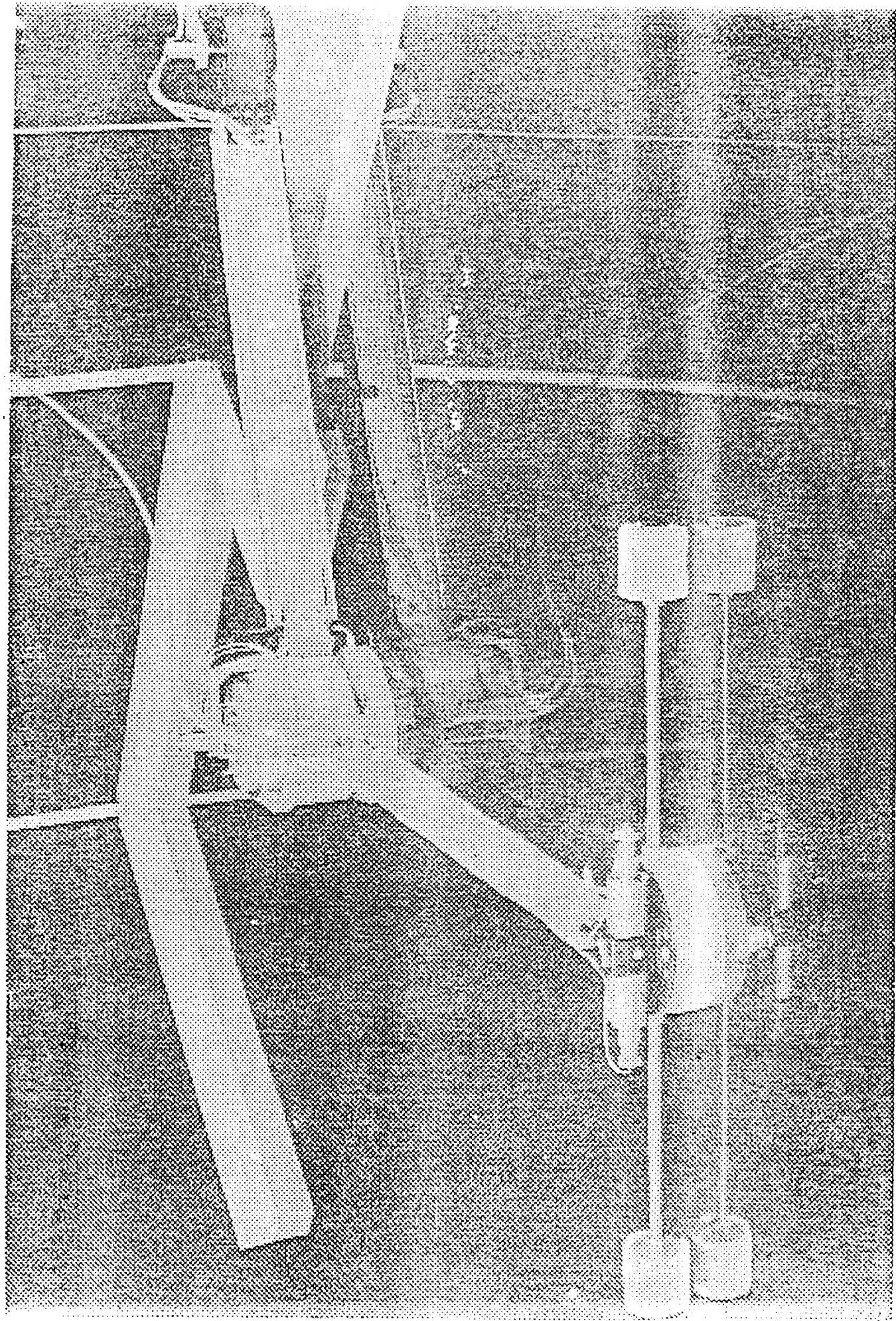


Figure 7 : Hub Position Without CSI Compensation

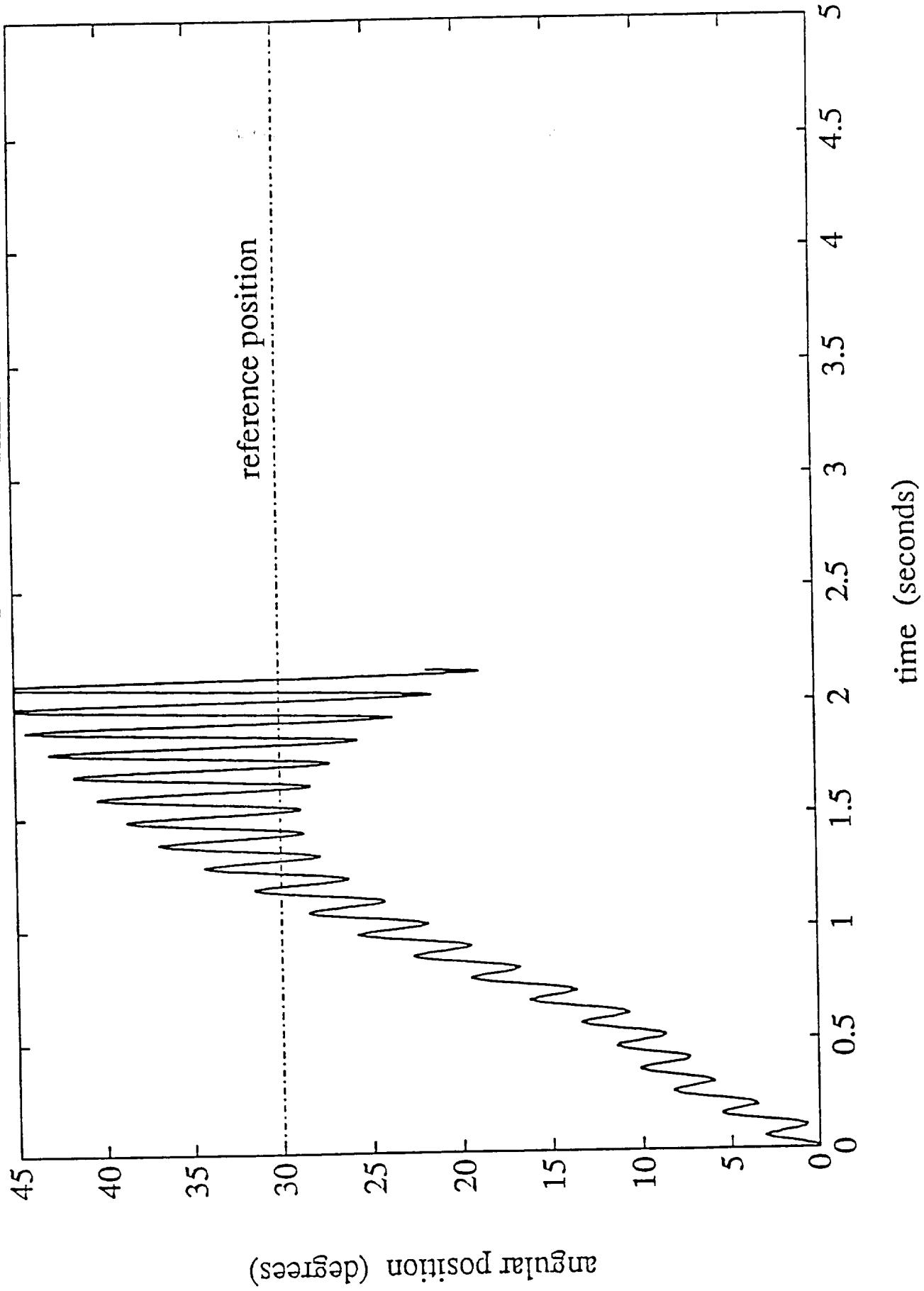
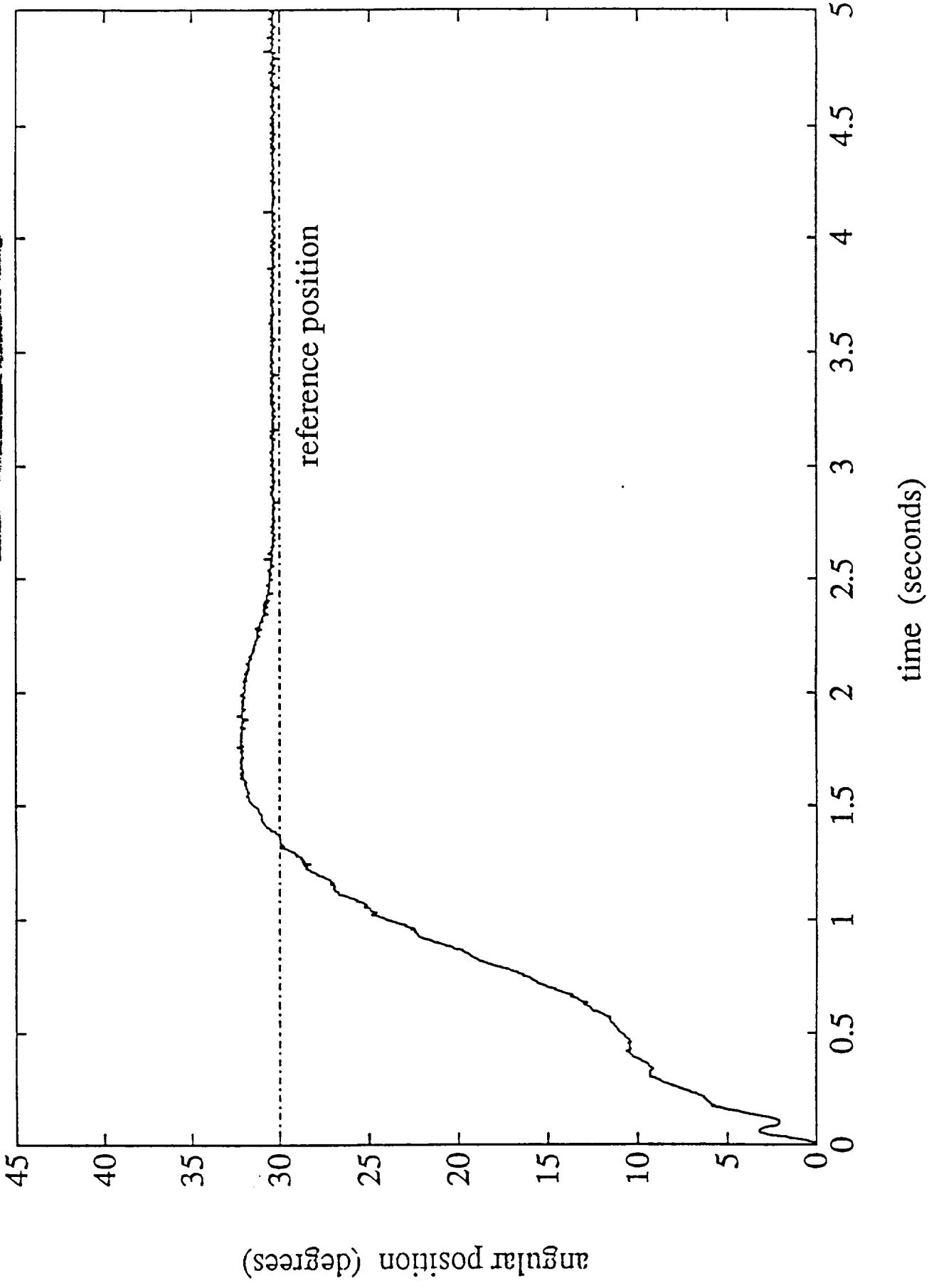


Figure 10 : Hub Position With CSI Compensation



# Perturbation Analysis

Ali  
Goyadadi  
SPIE 1992

well known

$$A_C(\epsilon) = \underbrace{A_0}_{\text{well known}} + \underbrace{\epsilon \Delta A}_{\text{Small Perturbation}}$$

Asymptotic Eigenvalue Series:

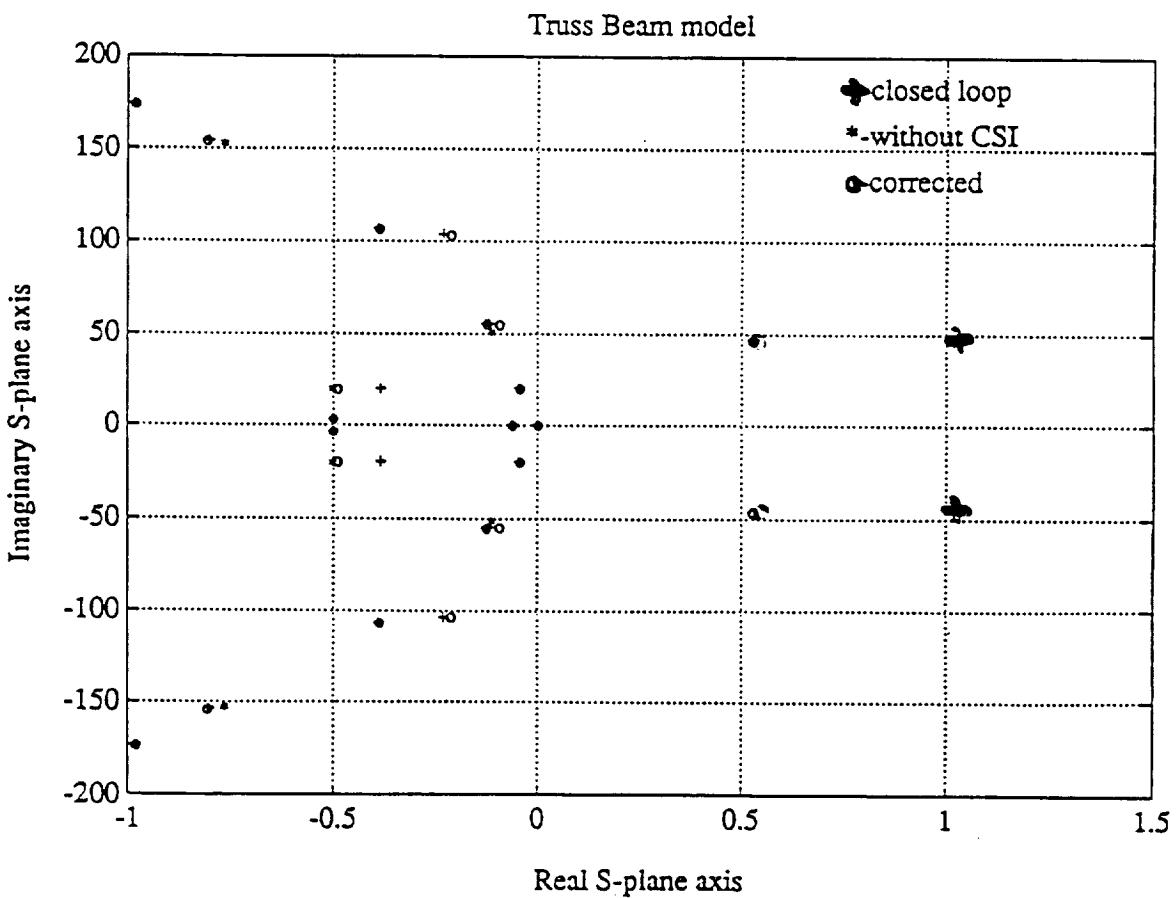
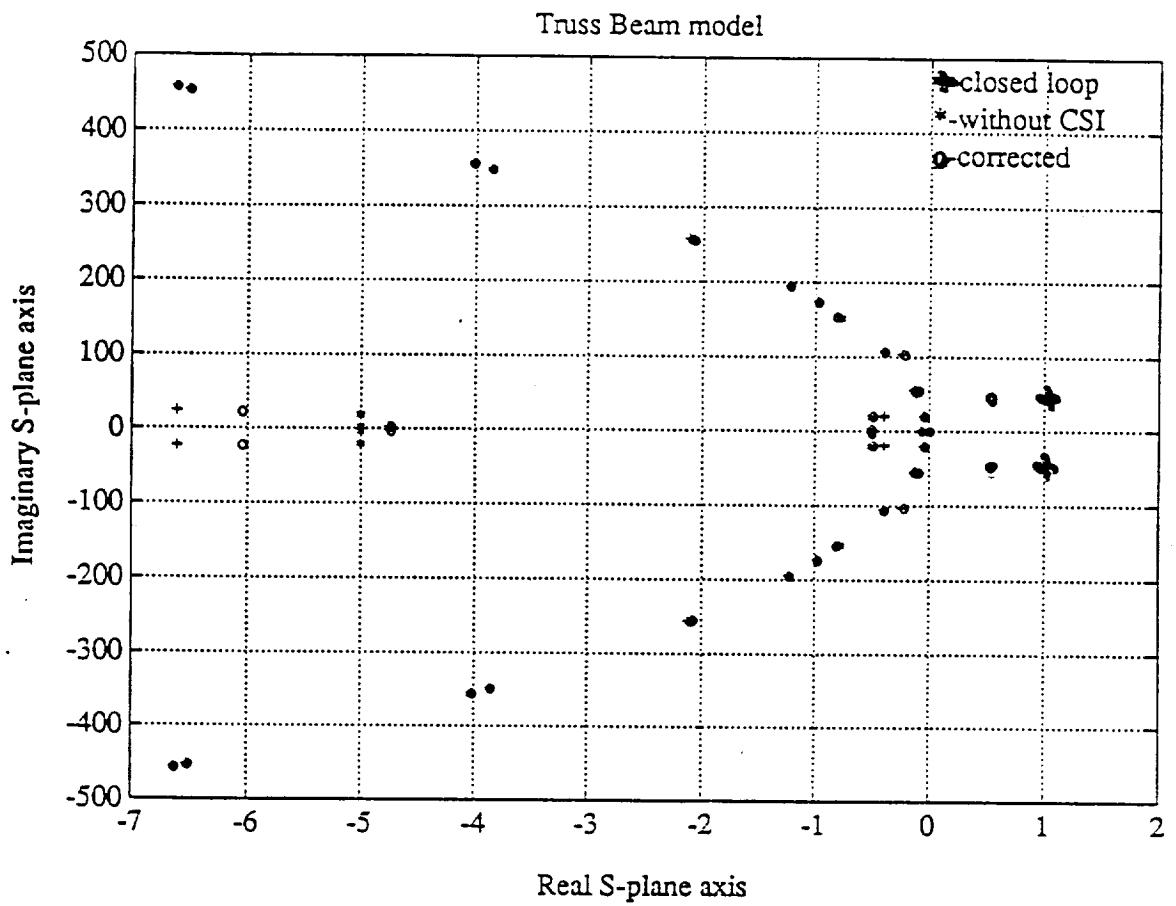
$$\hat{\lambda}_C(\epsilon) = \underbrace{\lambda_0}_{\text{well known}} + \underbrace{\epsilon \lambda_1 + \epsilon^2 \lambda_2 + \dots}_{\text{Asymptotic Eigenvalue Series}}$$

Closed-Loop ( LSS + ROM Controller ) :

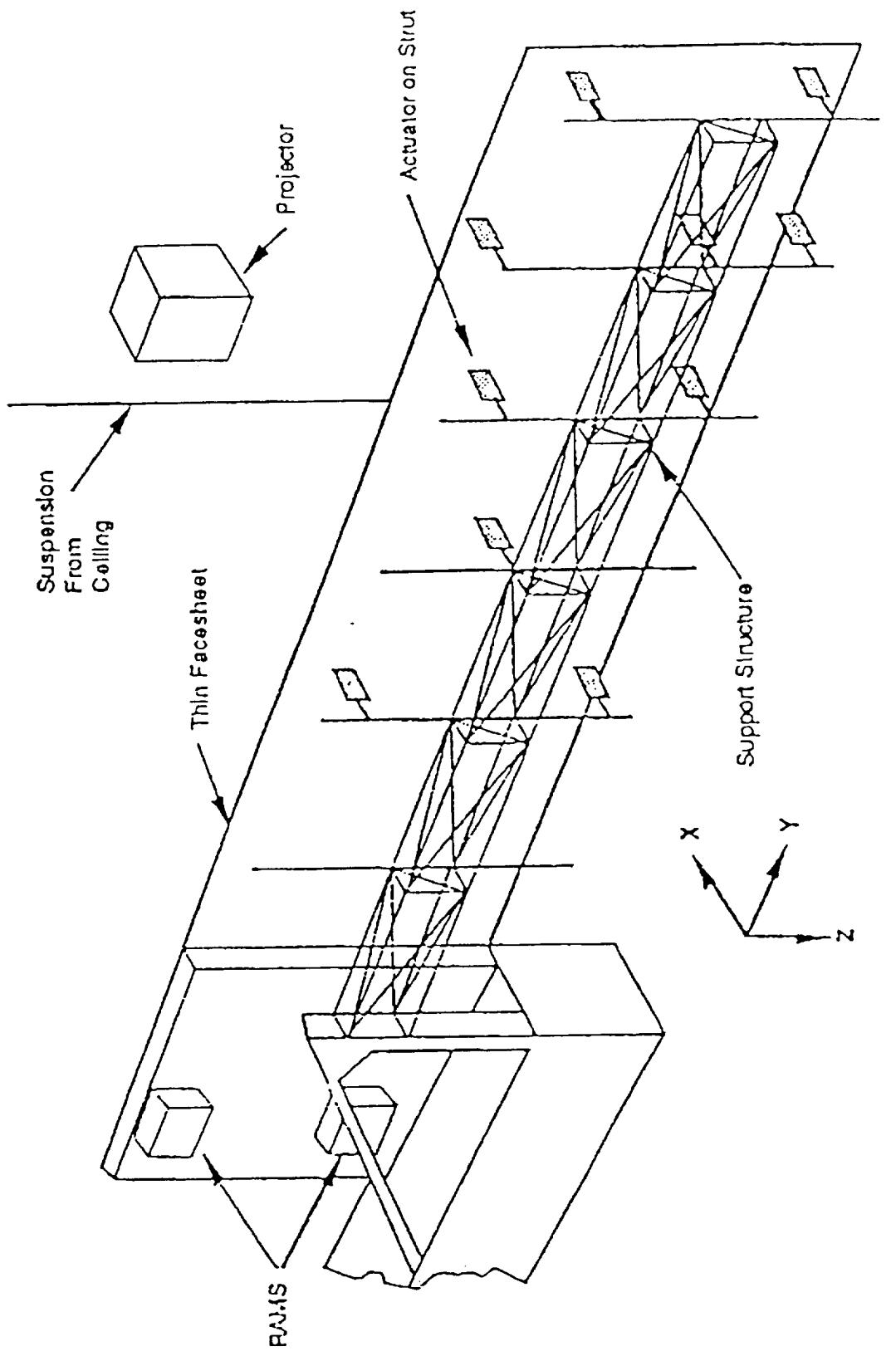
$$A_C(\epsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} A_N & B_N G_N & 0 \\ K_N C_N & L_N & \epsilon K_N C_R \\ 0 & \epsilon B_R G_N & A_R \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \hat{\lambda}_C(\epsilon) = \lambda_0 + \epsilon^2 \lambda_2$$

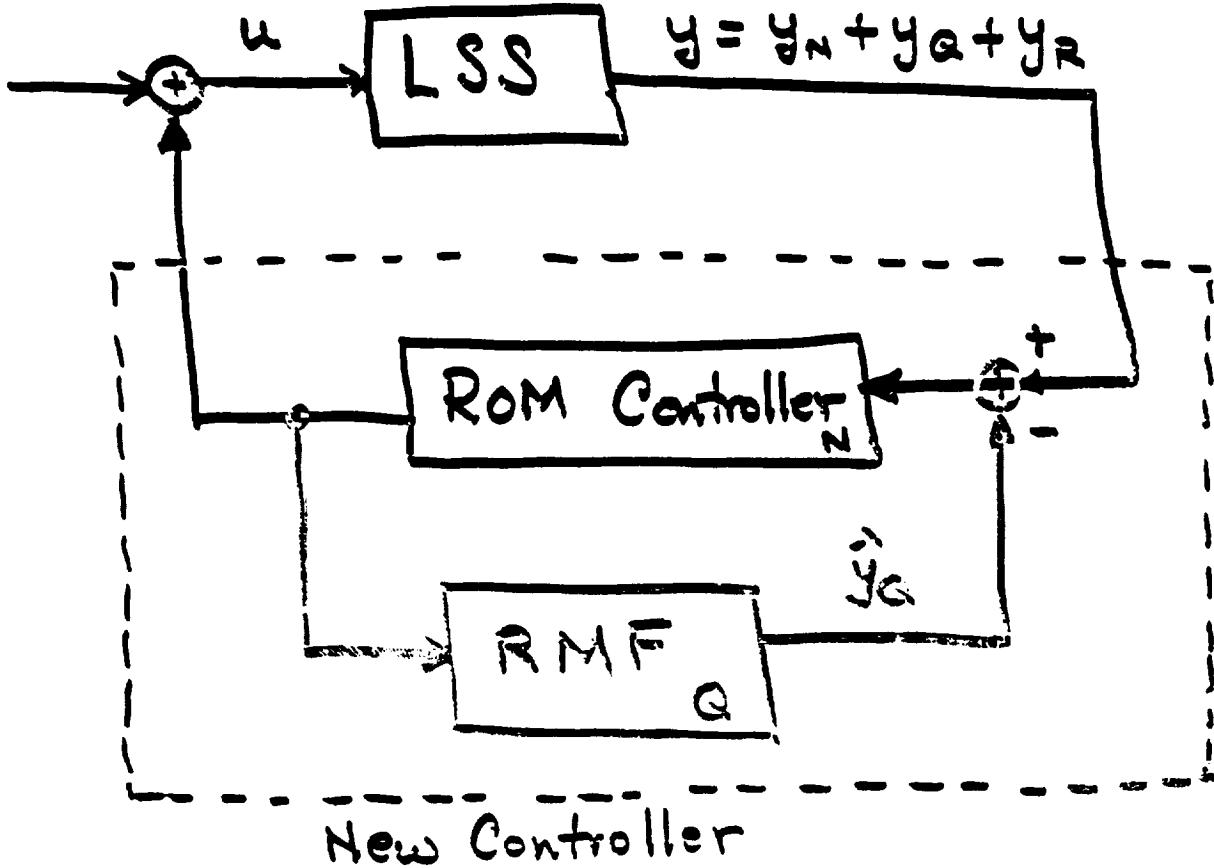
Note:  $\lambda_1 = 0$  &  $\lambda_3 = 0$



# Testbed Concept Has Thin Facesheet Controlled From Support Truss



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Good Stuff:

- Add-on : No Controller ReDesign
- RMF : Simple Hardware Implementation
- Restores : Stability + Performance

Difficulties :

- What Are Q modes?
- RMF sensitive to frequency
- Actuator/Sensor Dynamics
- Nonlinearities

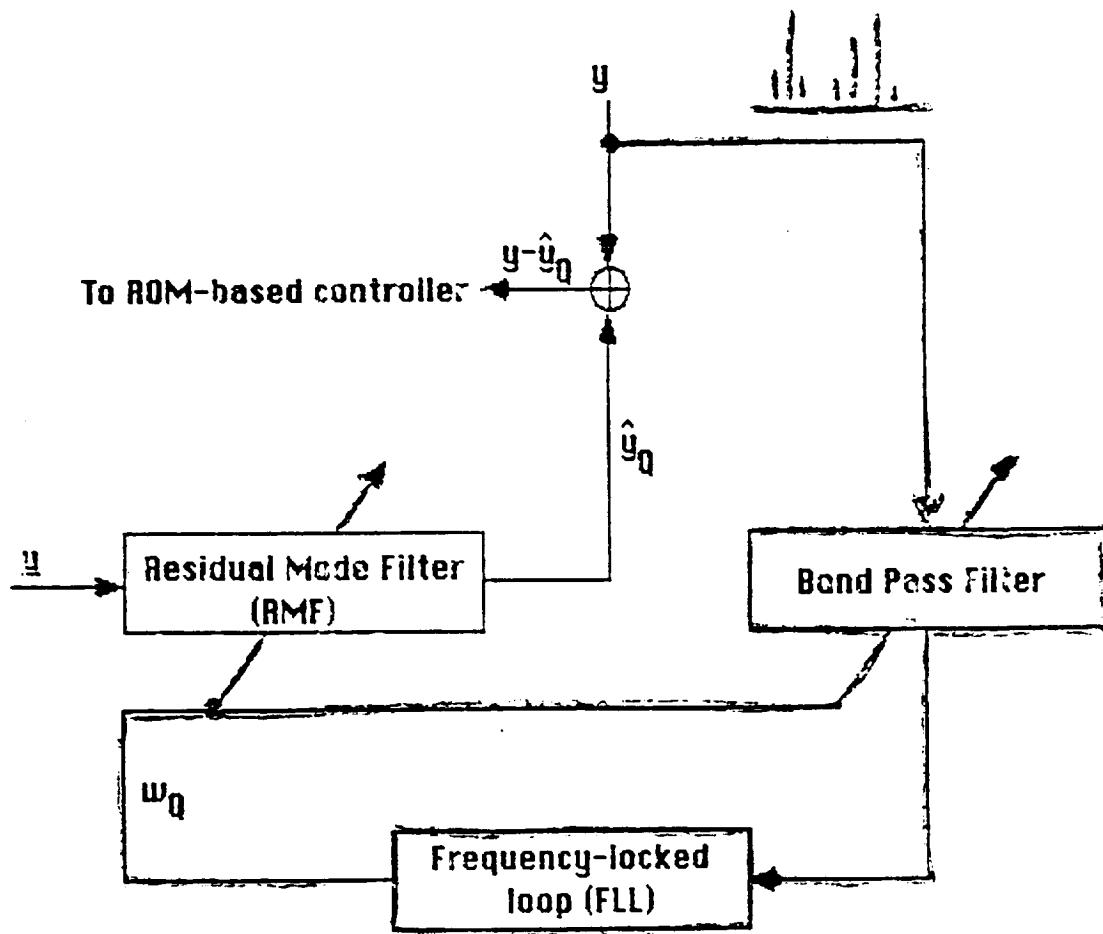


Figure 4. The adaptive, self-tuning RMF.

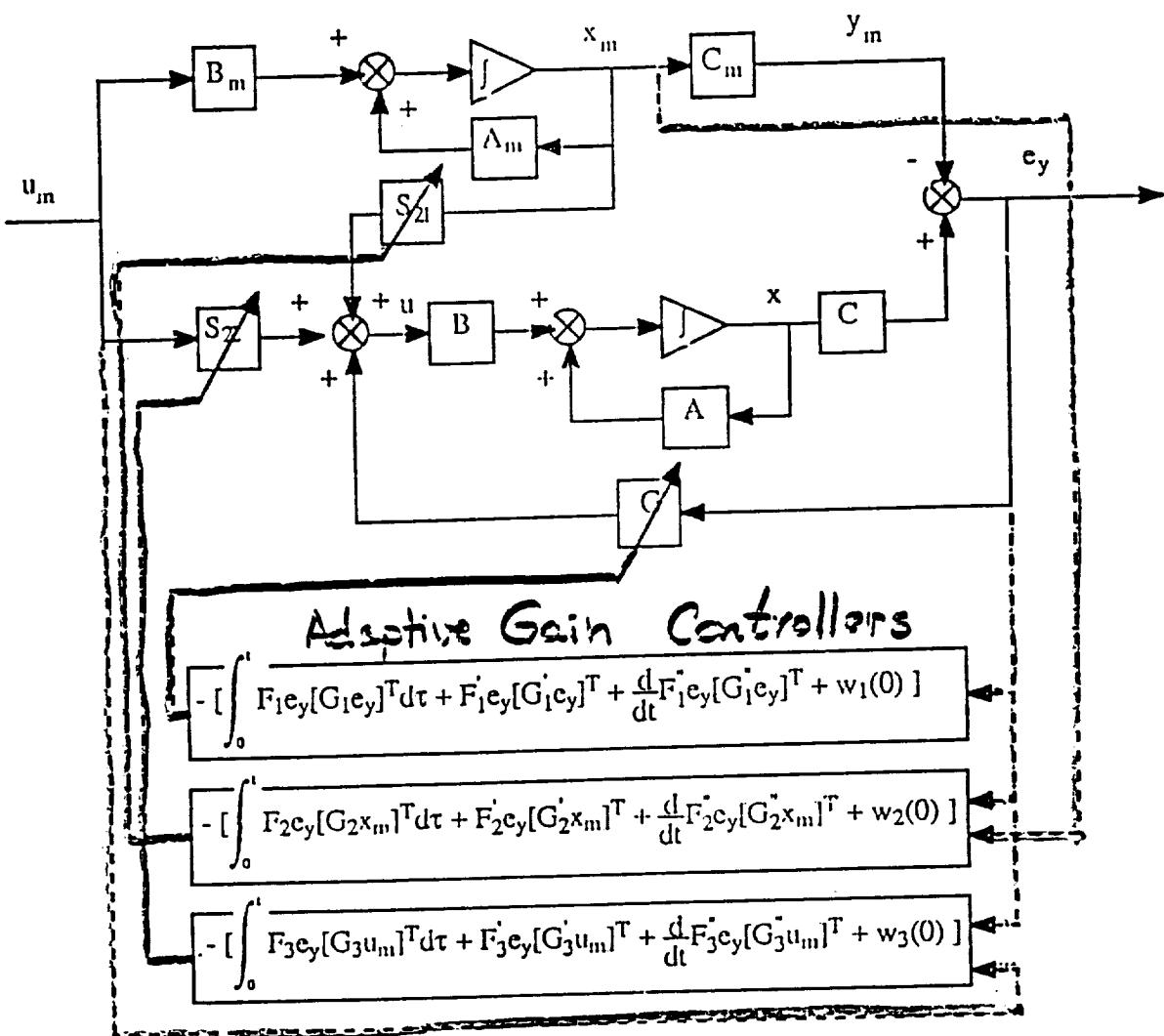
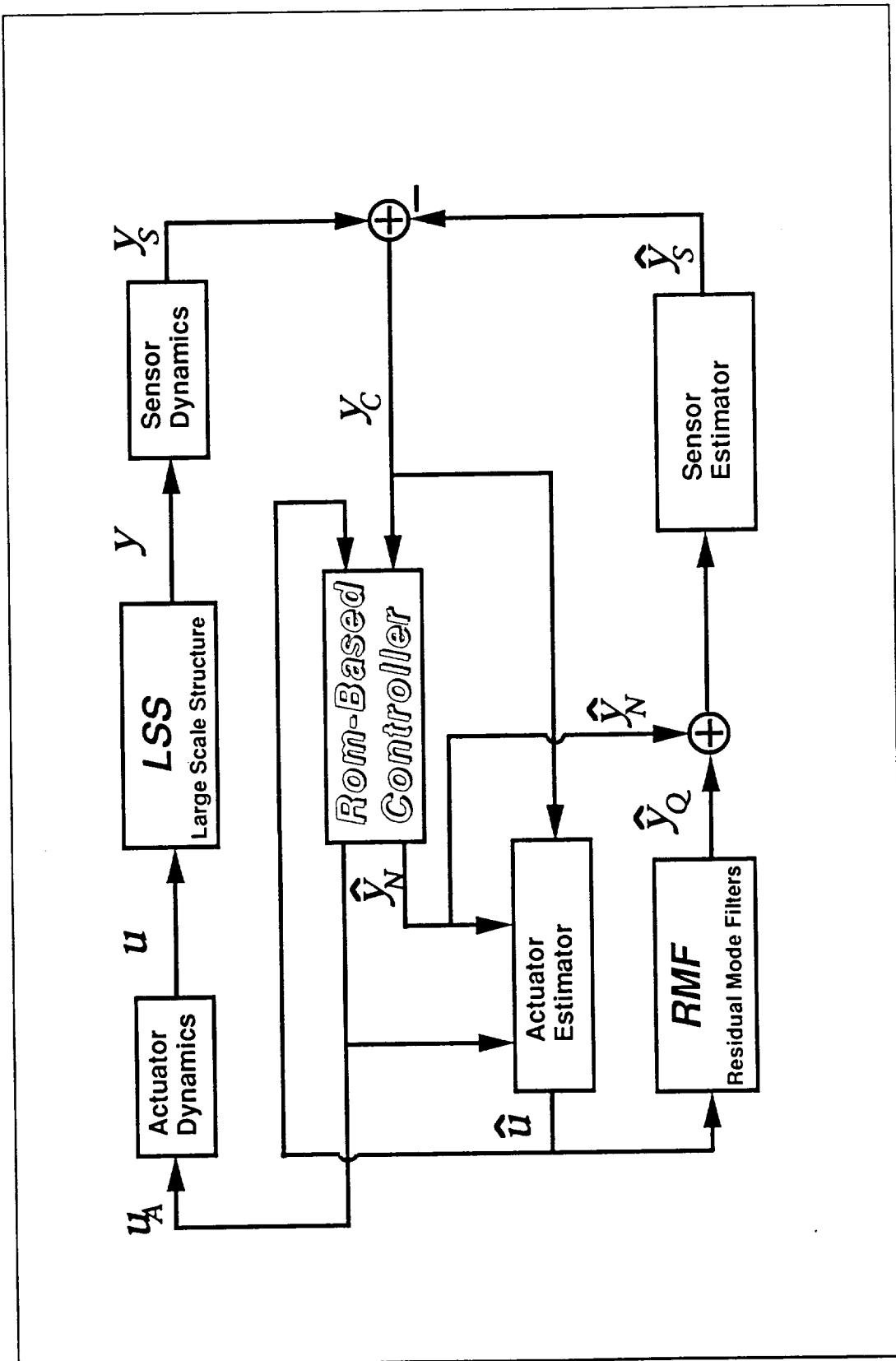
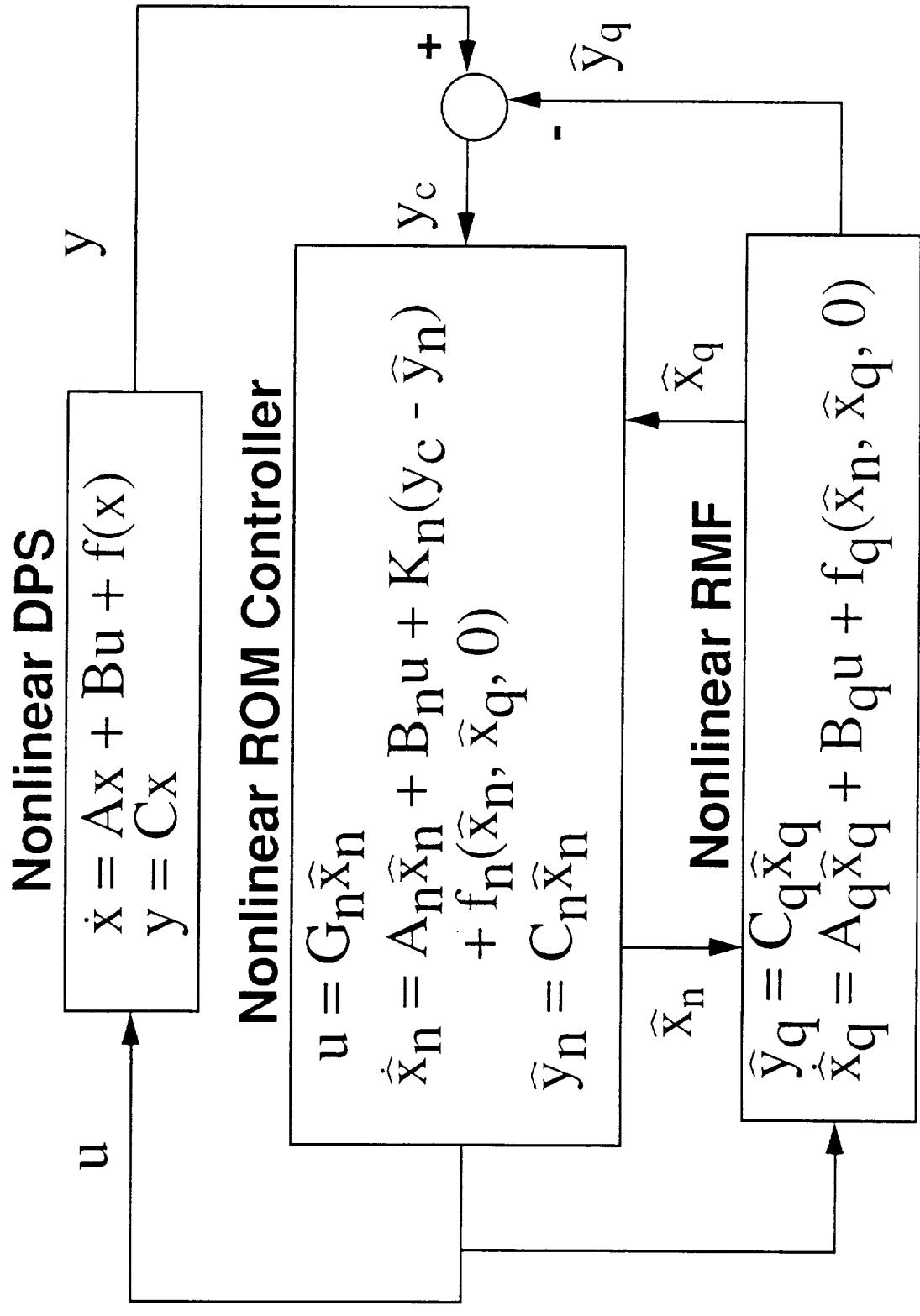


Figure 3-1. The structure of the adaptation mechanism

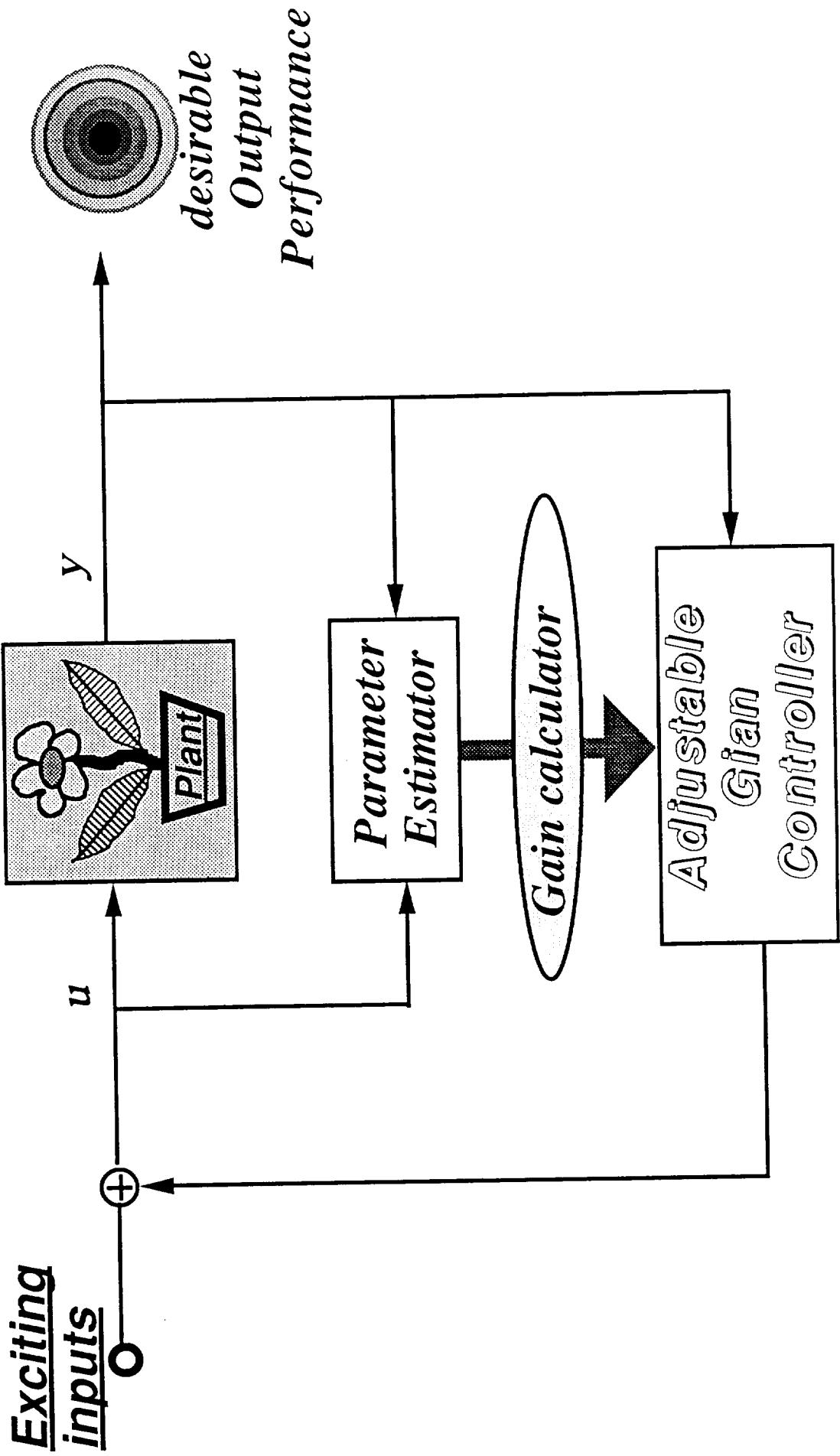
# ROM/RMF with actuator/sensor dynamics



# Modifications For Nonlinear ROM/RMF Control JMAA 1991

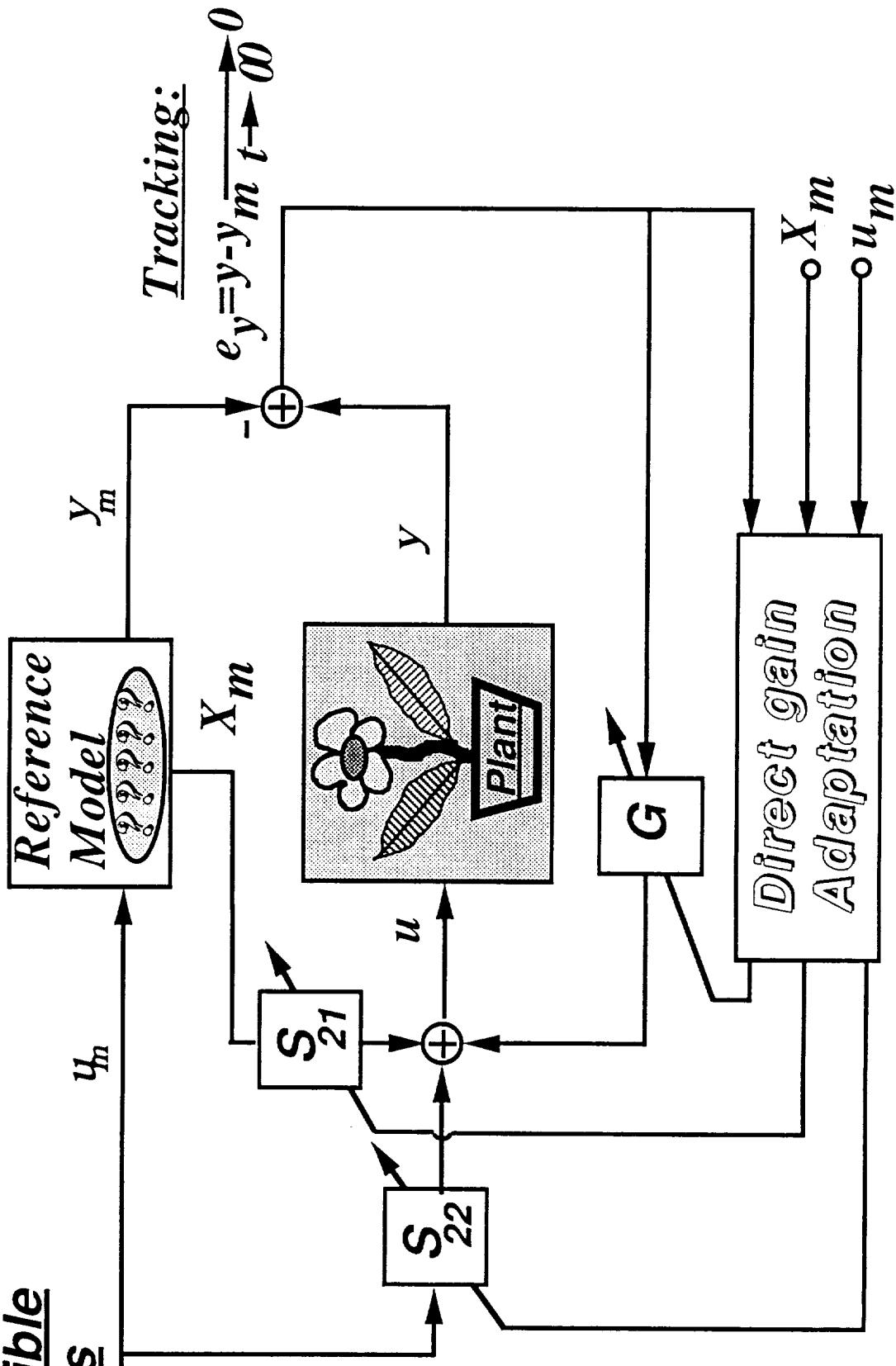


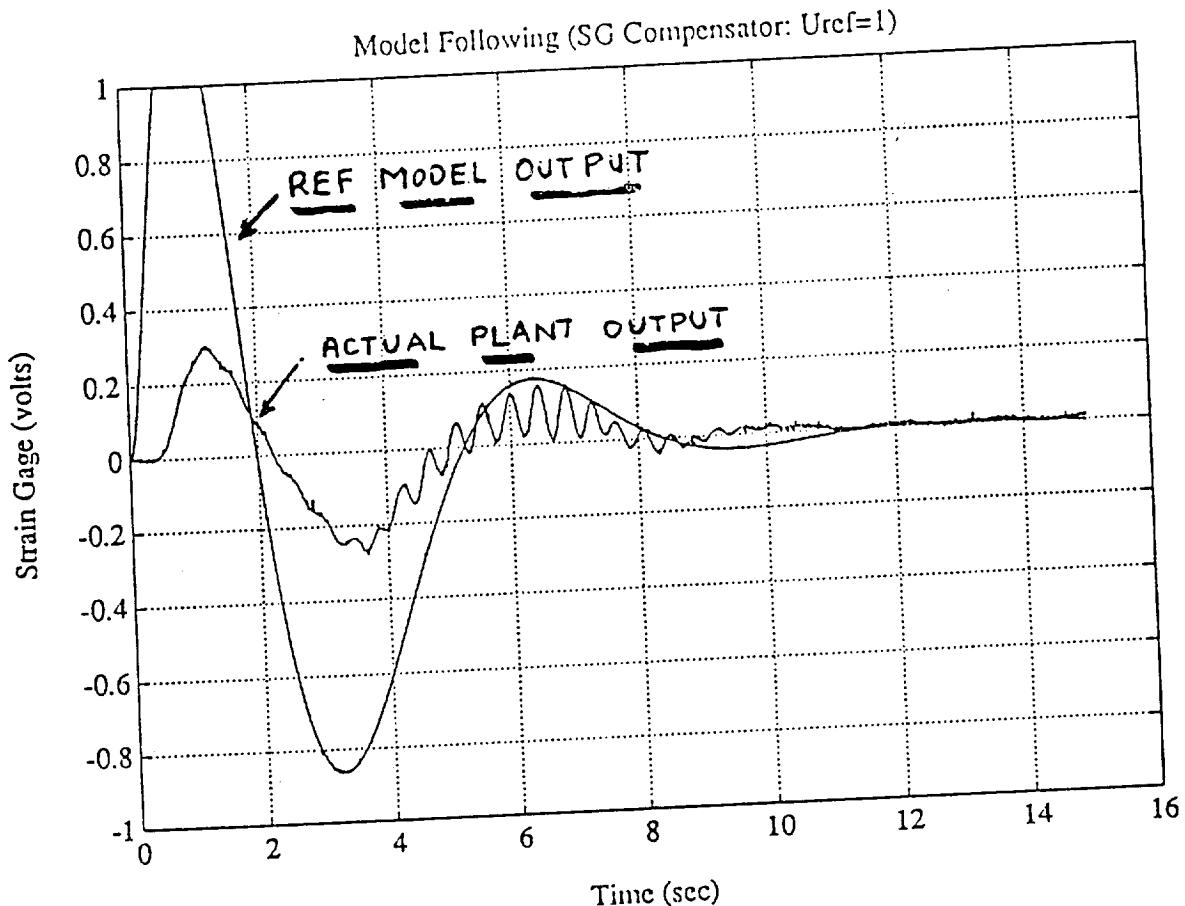
## Indirect Adaptive Control



# Direct Adaptive Control

Possible inputs





Flexible Manipulator Experiments (SC Liang)  
 Hub Control - Strain Gauge Sensor  
 (Not Collocated)

# Decentralized Controller Design

→ Performance →

Controller 1

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= K_1^0 y_1 + K_1^1 z_1 \\ \dot{z}_1 &= L_1^0 z_1 + L_1^1 y_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ y_1 \\ \downarrow \\ u_1 \end{array}$$

Controller 2

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= K_2^0 y_2 + K_2^1 z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= L_2^0 z_2 + L_2^1 y_2 \end{aligned}$$

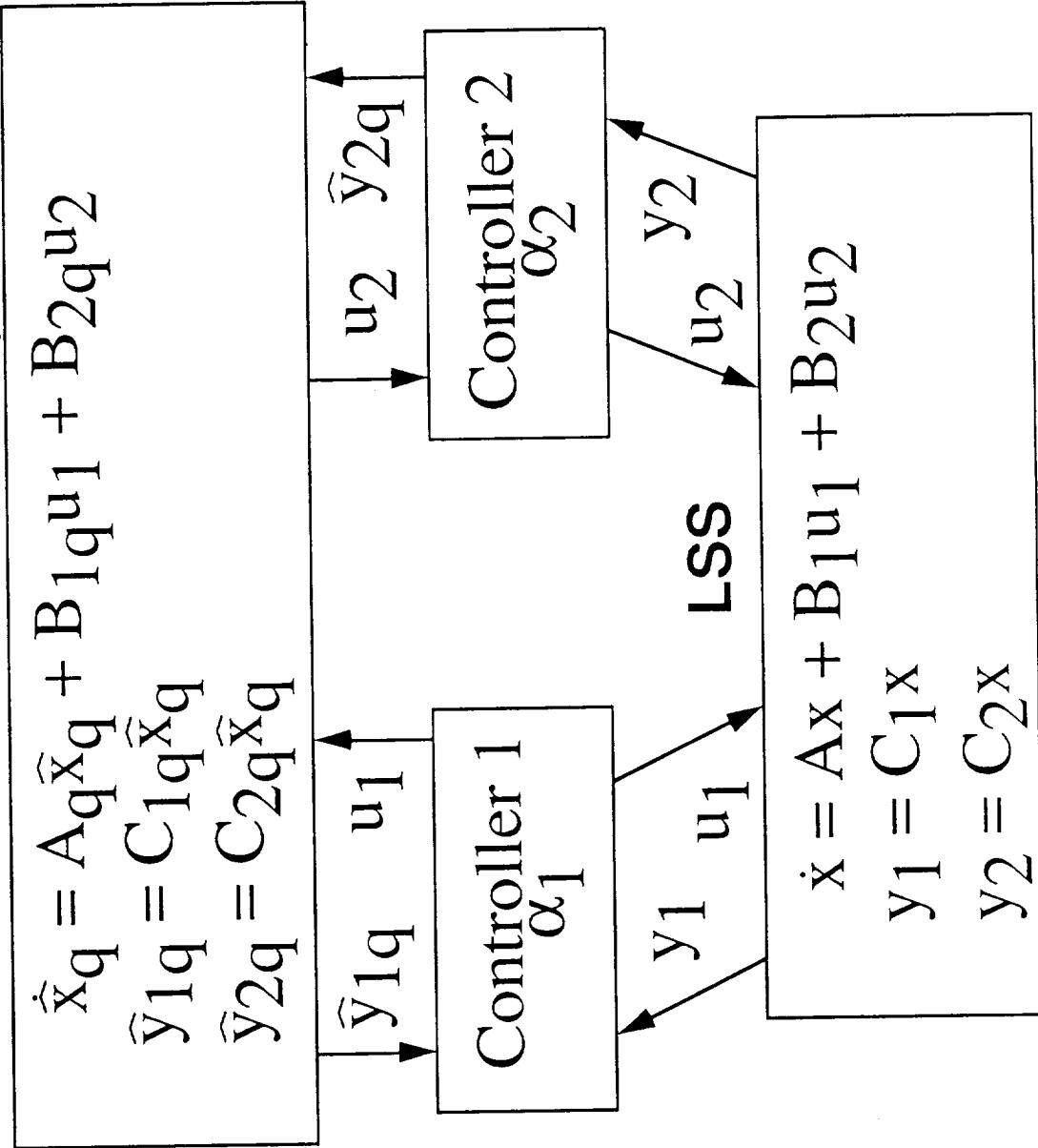
$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ y_2 \\ \downarrow \\ u_2 \end{array}$$

Large Space Structure (LSS)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ROM : } \dot{x}_n &= A_n x_n + B_{1n} u_n + B_{2n} u_2 \\ y_1 &= C_{1n} x_n + \text{residuals} \\ y_2 &= C_{2n} x_n + \text{residuals} \end{aligned}$$

# RMF Compensation for Stable Control

Residual Mode Filter (RMF)





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# Structural Load Control During Construction

Very specific problem being  
addressed. High energy  
shaker on a long truss.

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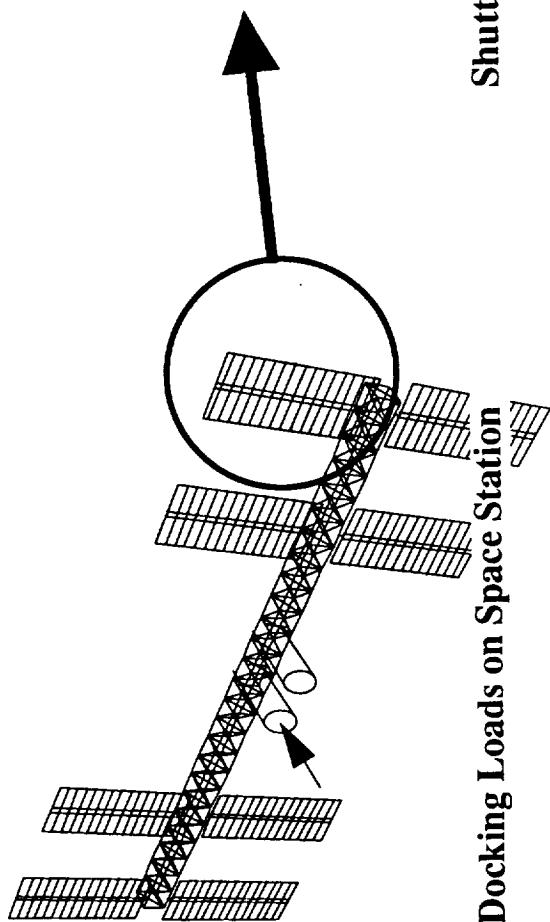
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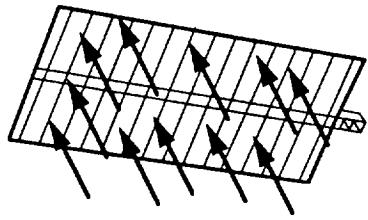
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## EXAMPLES OF HIGH TRANSIENT LOADINGS ON LARGE SPACE STRUCTURES



Docking Loads on Space Station



Shuttle Thruster Impingement  
on Solar Arrays



Side Loads  
From Tethers

Shuttle Accelerations Applied  
to Attached Beam

# **ENERGY ABSORBING/LOAD LIMITING STRUCTURE RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

- Explore feasibility of using energy-absorbing/load-limiting struts in large space structures subjected to transient loadings**
- Develop analytical and design capability for energy absorbing struts**
- Develop several energy absorbing strut concepts ( passive & active)**
- Experimentally demonstrate application of energy absorbing struts**

# SCOPE OF RESEARCH ON ENERGY ABSORBING STRUTS TO DATE

Rigid body analysis developed to scope problem

Initial contacts made with LeRC to understand solar array problem

*Konecny*

Visit made to JSC to understand their effort on energy absorbers

Preliminary finite element analysis conducted on uniform beam solar array model

Studies conducted to size springs in energy absorbers

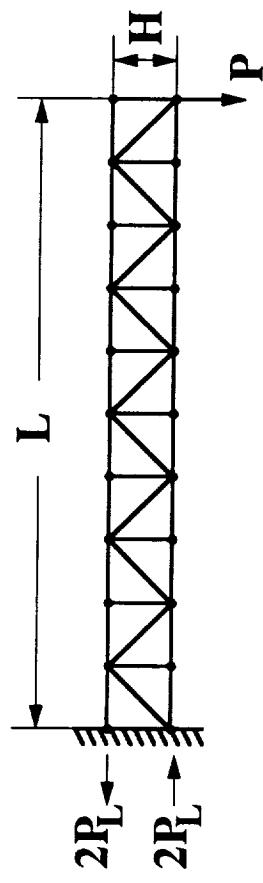
Test bed for energy absorbers designed and under construction

*Piotr Derais*

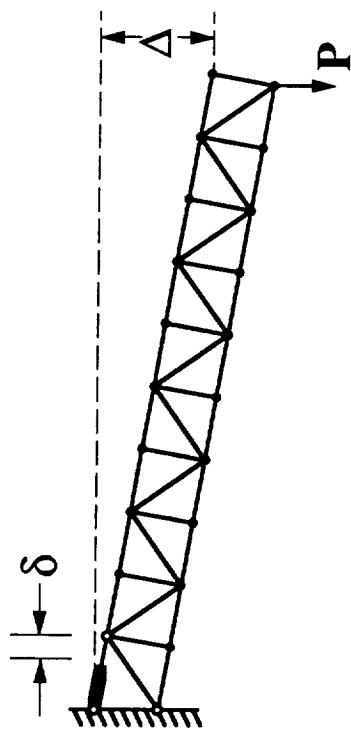
Cooperative agreement made with Honeywell to co-develop an energy absorber

# ENERGY CHARACTERISTICS OF CANTILEVERED TRUSSES WITH A TIP LOAD.

Standard Truss



Energy Absorbing Truss



$$2P_L H = PL \Rightarrow P_L = \frac{PL}{2H}$$

Truss strain energy is:

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} P \Delta$$

Where

$$\Delta = \frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{H} = \frac{\Delta}{L} \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{L}{H} \delta$$

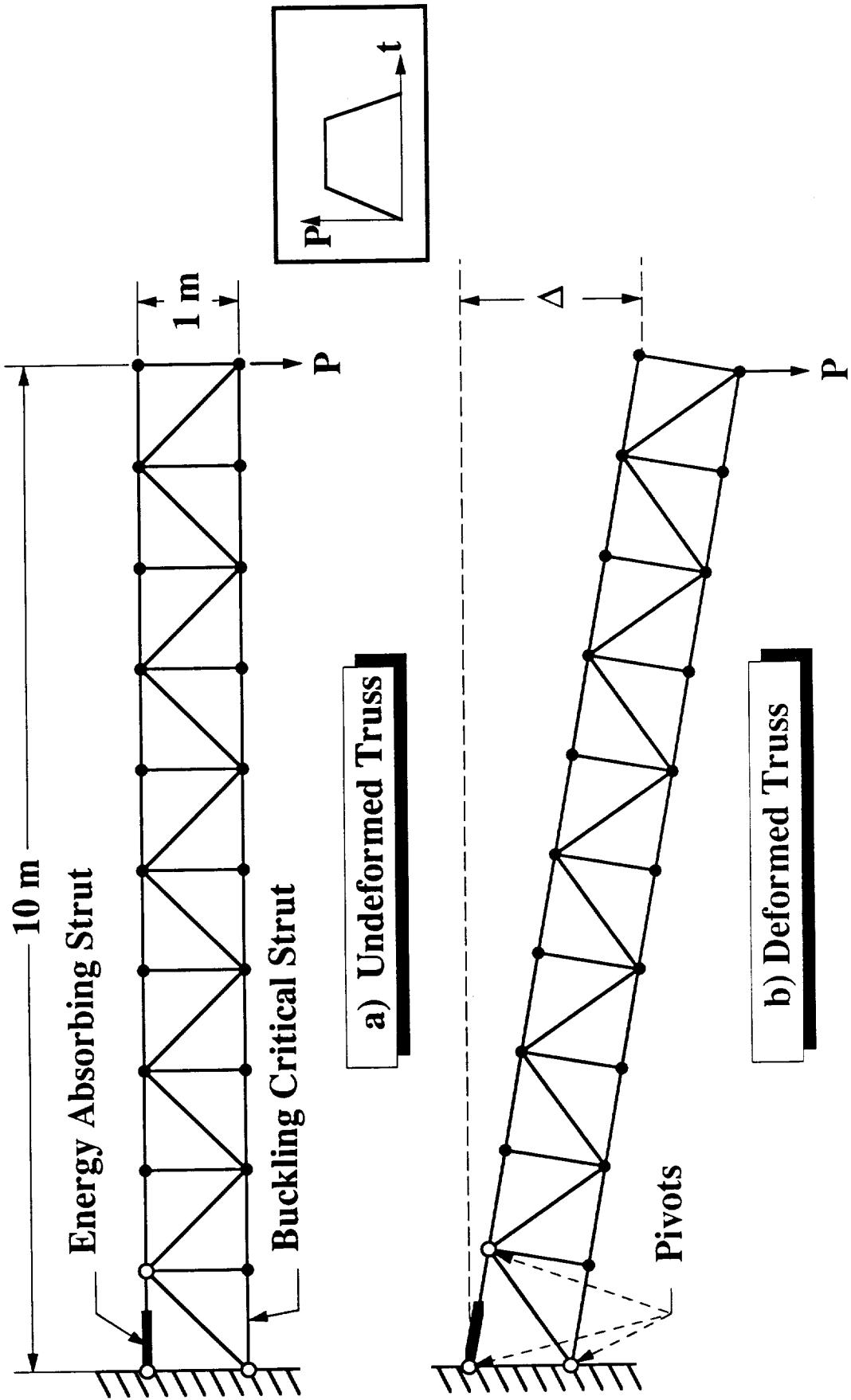
Truss absorbed energy is:

$$E = P \Delta$$

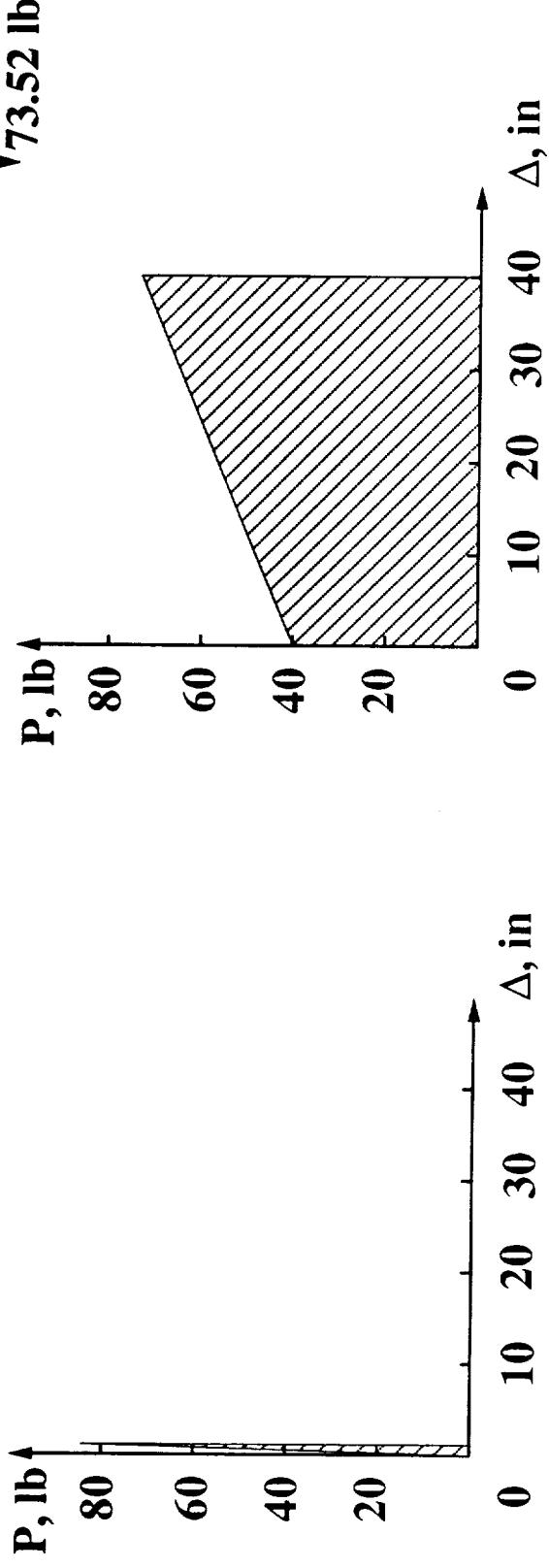
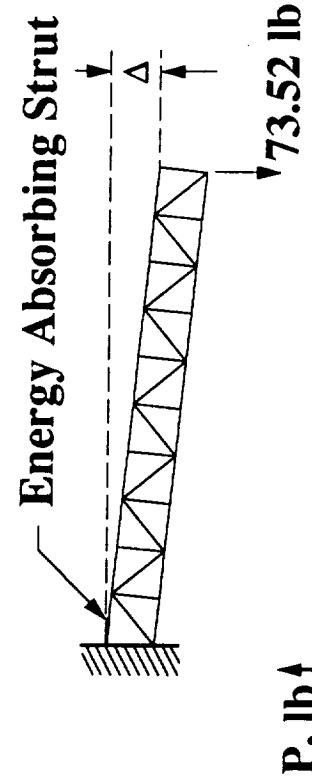
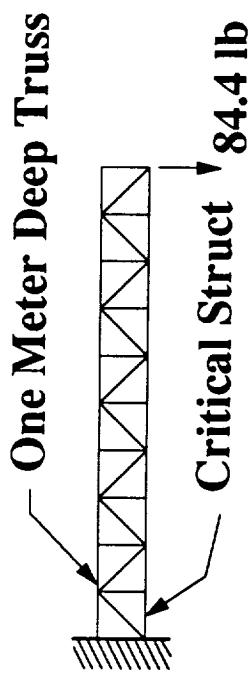
or

$$E = P \frac{L}{H} \delta = 2P_L \delta$$

# TEN BAY LONG RESILIENT TRUSS EXAMPLE



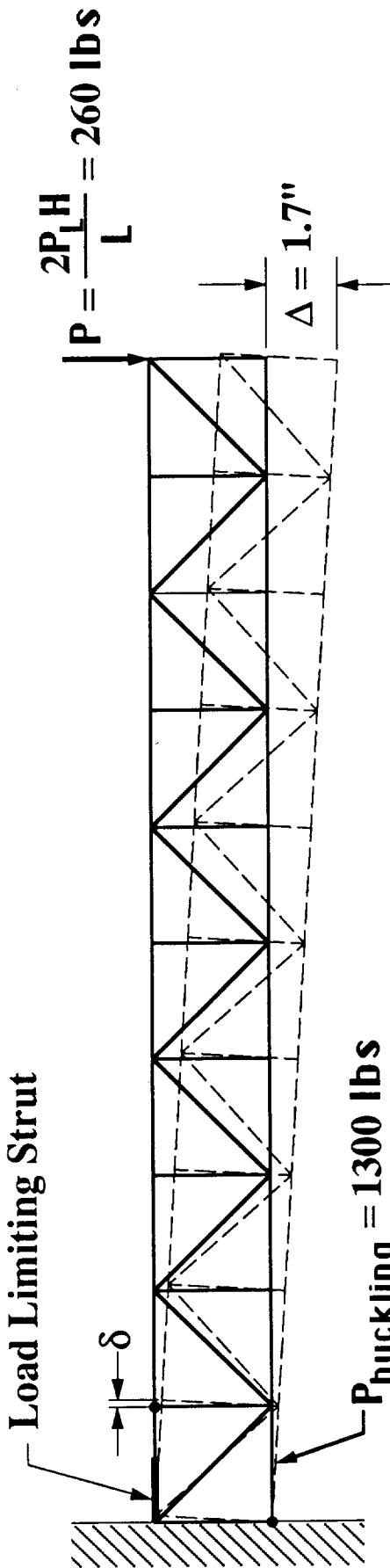
# STORED ENERGY CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE METER DEEP TRUSS.



a) Strain energy stored in regular truss (50 in-lb)

b) Energy absorbed by resilient truss (2300 in-lb)

# ENERGY ABSORBING POTENTIAL FOR 10-BAY 5-METER DEEP TRUSS



$$E = \frac{1}{2} P \Delta = \frac{1}{2} 260 \times 1.7 = 220 \text{ in-lb}$$

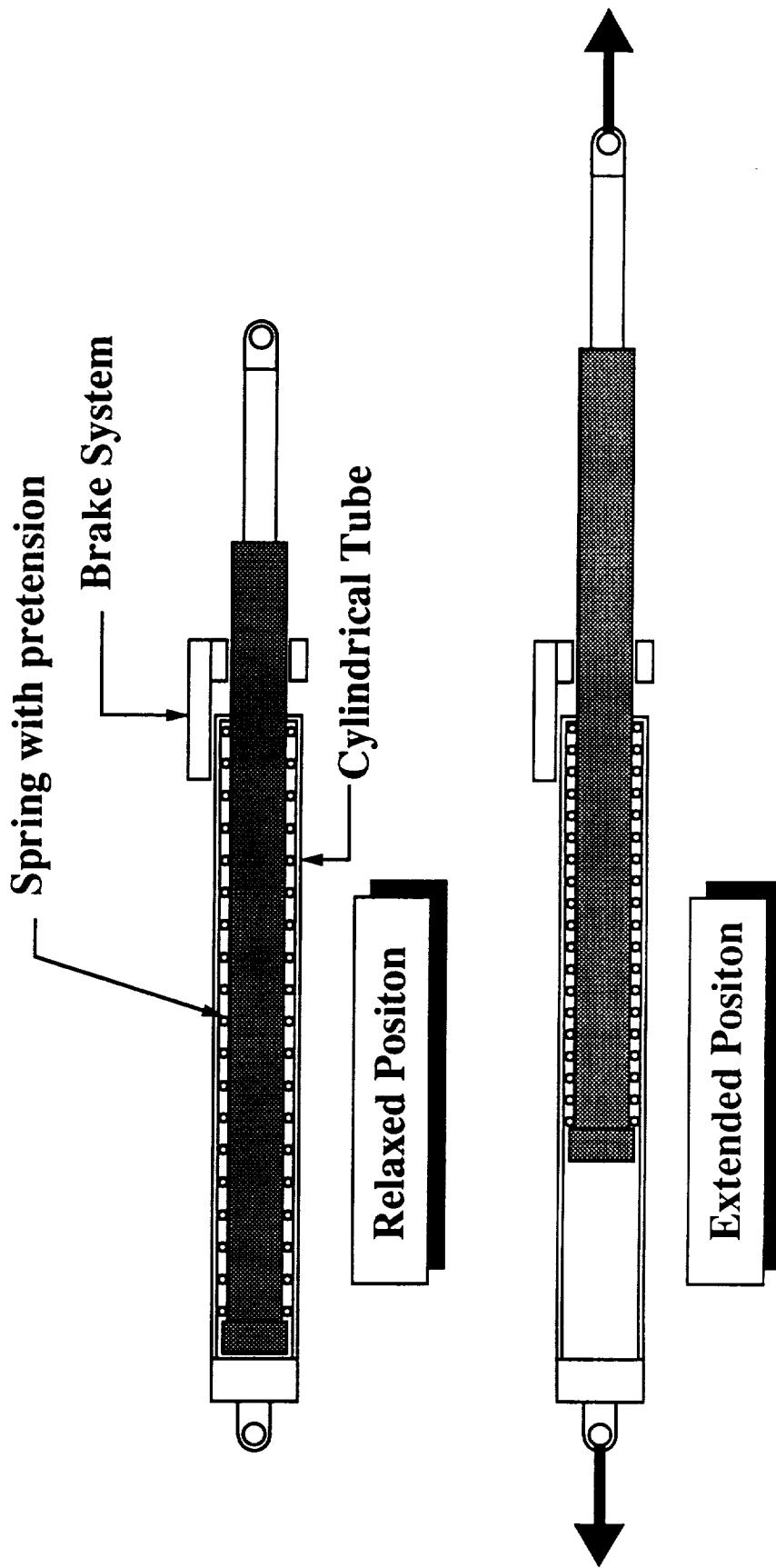
For load limiting strut with preload of 500 lbs and  $\delta = 4"$

$$E = 2P_L \delta = 2 \times 500 \times 4 = 4000 \text{ in-lb}$$

$$\Delta = 10\delta = 40"$$

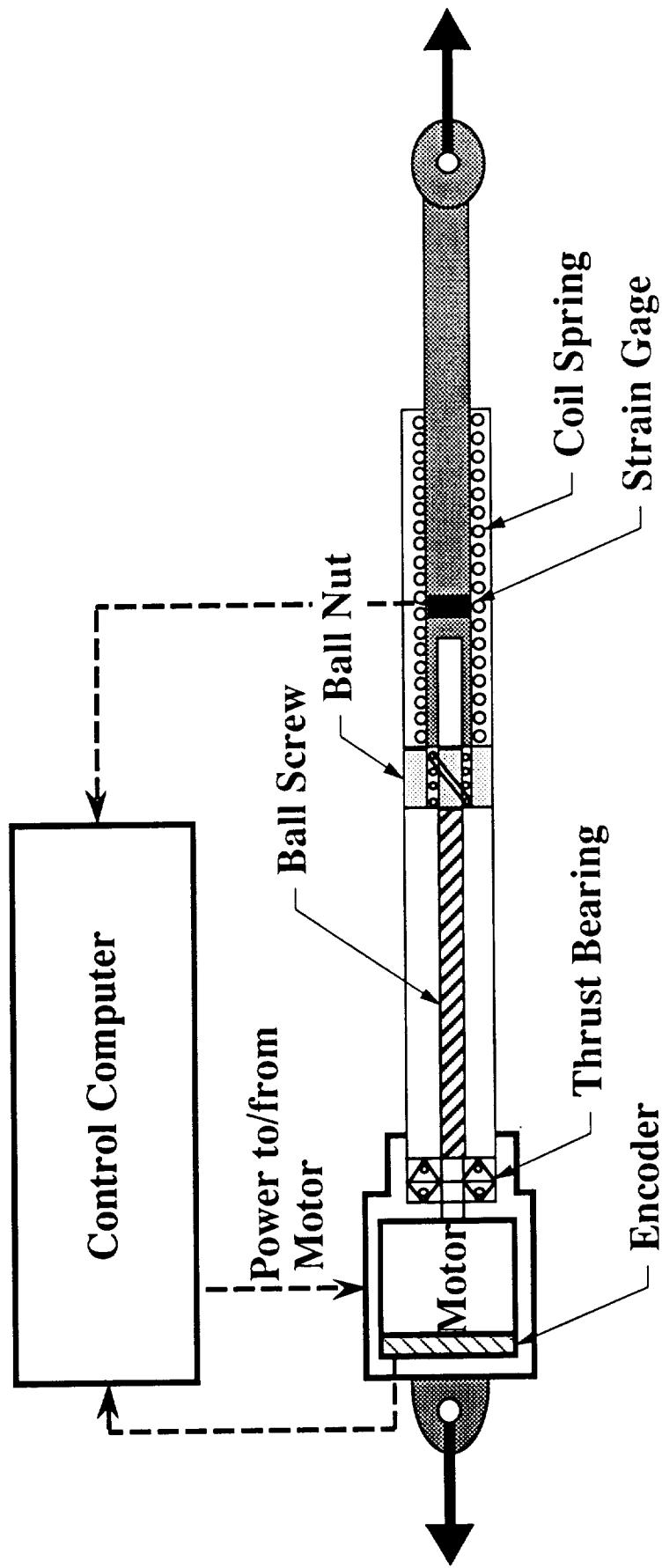
$$\frac{\Delta}{H} = \frac{40}{196} = .2$$

# SCHEMATIC OF ENERGY ABSORBING STRUT

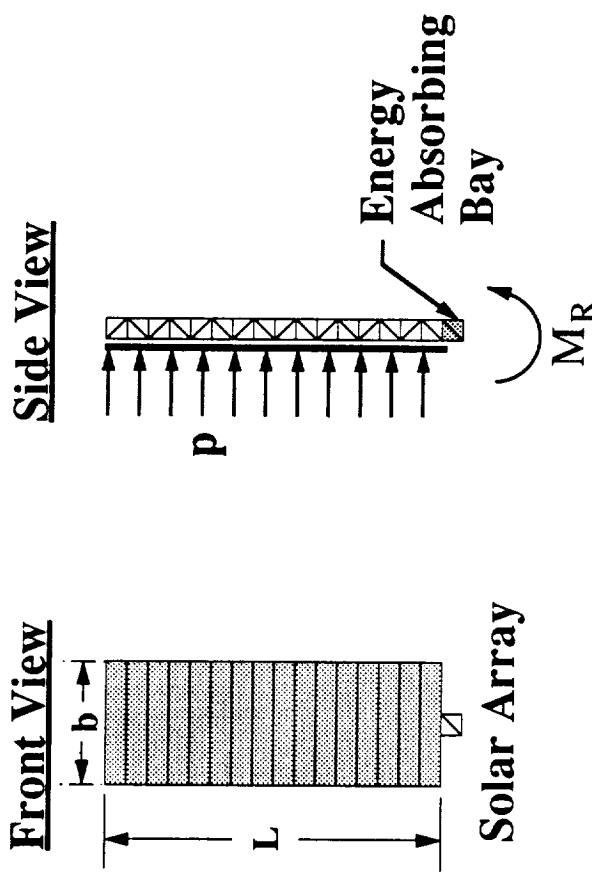


# LINEAR LOAD AND MOTION CONTROL ACTUATOR

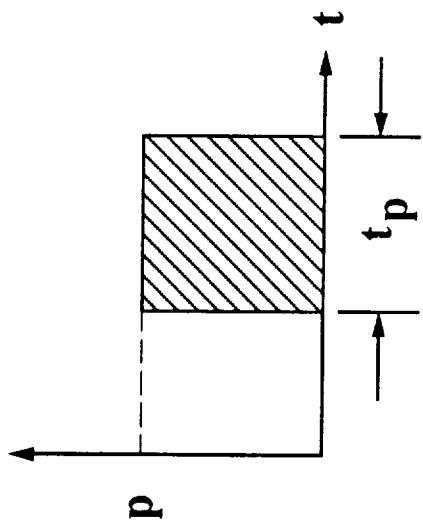
( Energy Absorbing Strut )



# RIGID BODY RESPONSE OF A SOLAR ARRAY TO THE SHUTTLE THRUSTER PRESSURE IMPINGEMENT.



Applied Pressure Impulse



Deformed Array

$$M_{\text{Dynamic}} = I\ddot{\theta}$$

$$M_{\text{Applied}} = pbL \left( \frac{L}{2} \right)$$

$$M_{\text{Resisting}} = 2P_L H$$

$$(1) M_A - M_R = I\ddot{\theta}$$

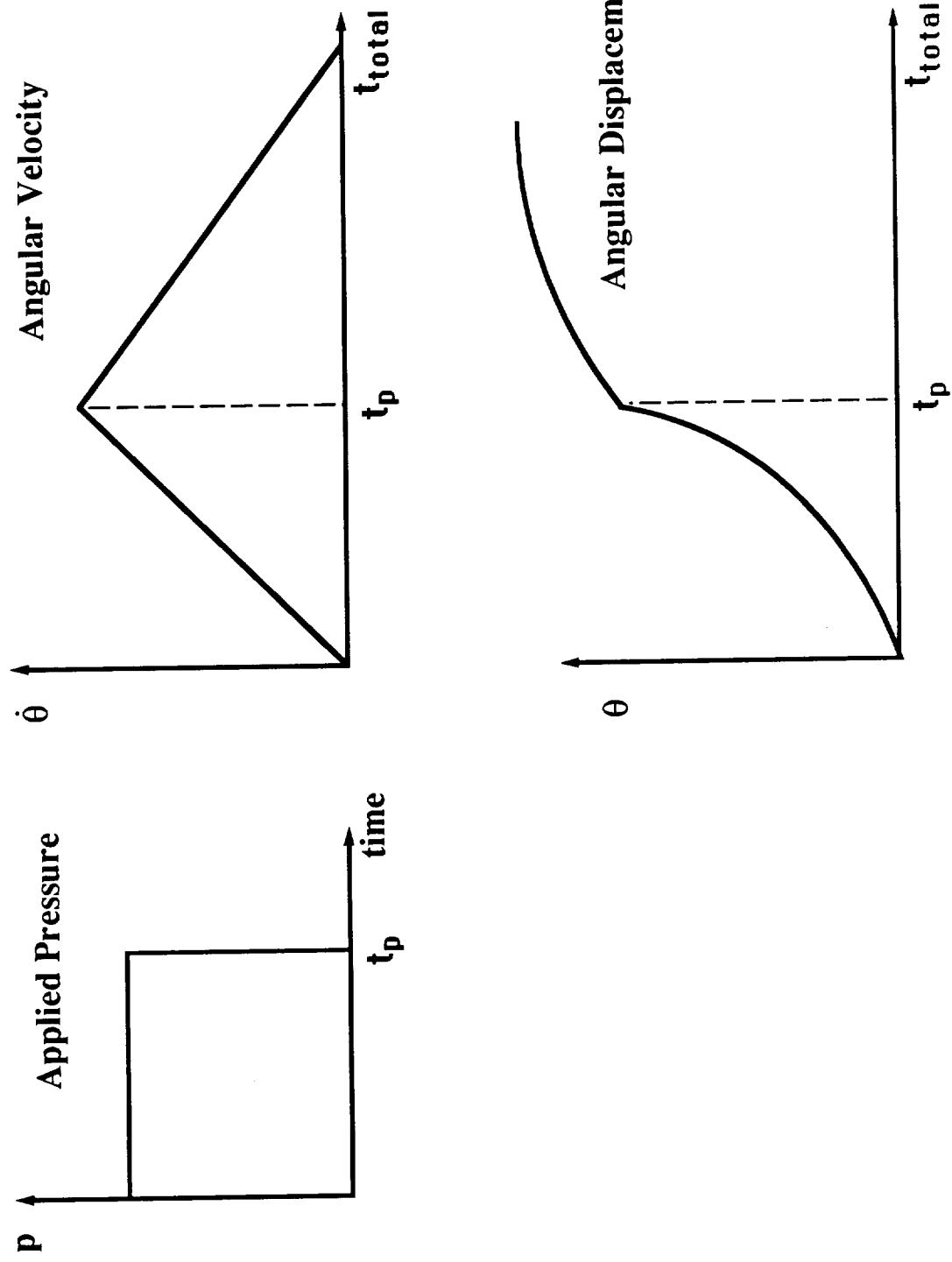
Integration Yields:

$$(2) \theta = \frac{M_A t_p^2}{2I} \left( \frac{M_A}{M_R} - 1 \right)$$

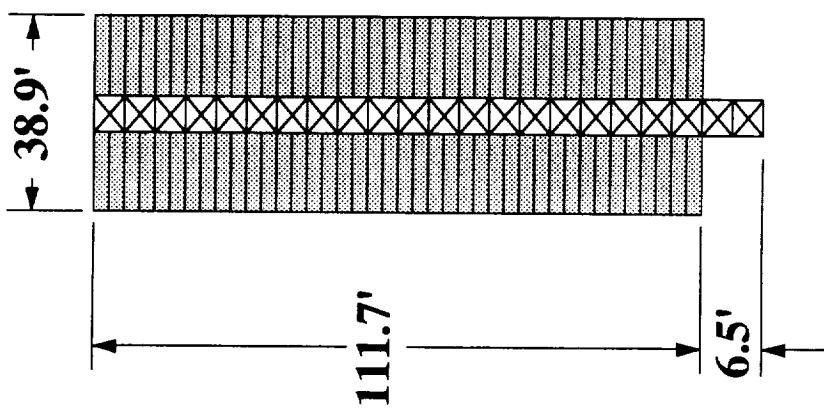
or

$$(3) \delta = \frac{M_A t_p^2}{2I} H \left( \frac{M_A}{M_R} - 1 \right)$$

## SOLAR ARRAY PIECEWISE LINEAR RESPONSE

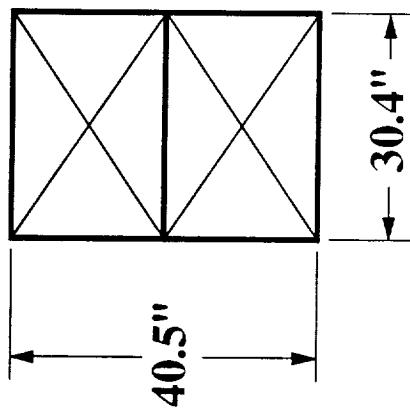


# SOLAR ARRAY CHARACTERISTICS



Array Weight, lbs	
Tip	31
Truss beam	315.78
Canister	534.65
Array Blanket	1246.57
Total	2128

Array Beam ( one bay )



## Longeron properties

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= .5 \times .5 = .25 \text{ in}^2 \\ E &= 10e6 \\ P_{crit} &= 1250 \text{ lbs} \end{aligned}$$

## Truss bending stiffness

$$\begin{aligned} EI &= .43 \times EI(\text{theoretical}) \\ &= 98 \text{ lb-in}^2 \text{ (Tom Irvine)} \end{aligned}$$

# SOLAR ARRAY TIP DEFLECTION AND REQUIRED ACTUATOR STROKE

$$\delta = \frac{M_a t_p^2 H}{2I} \left( \frac{M_a}{M_r} - 1 \right)$$

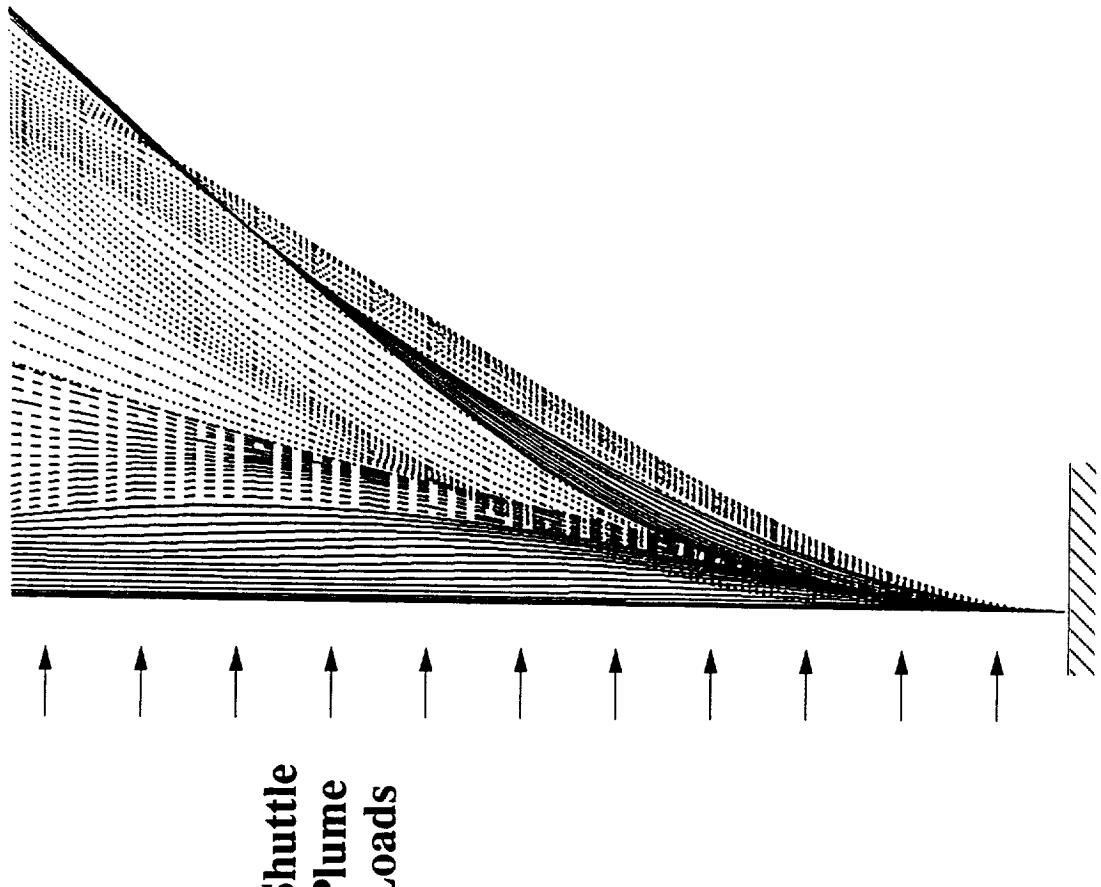
## Array input quantities

$t_p = .75$  sec  
Plume pressure = .0002 psi  
Total load on array = 104 lbs  
Assumed actuator preload = 300lb

## Tip displacement

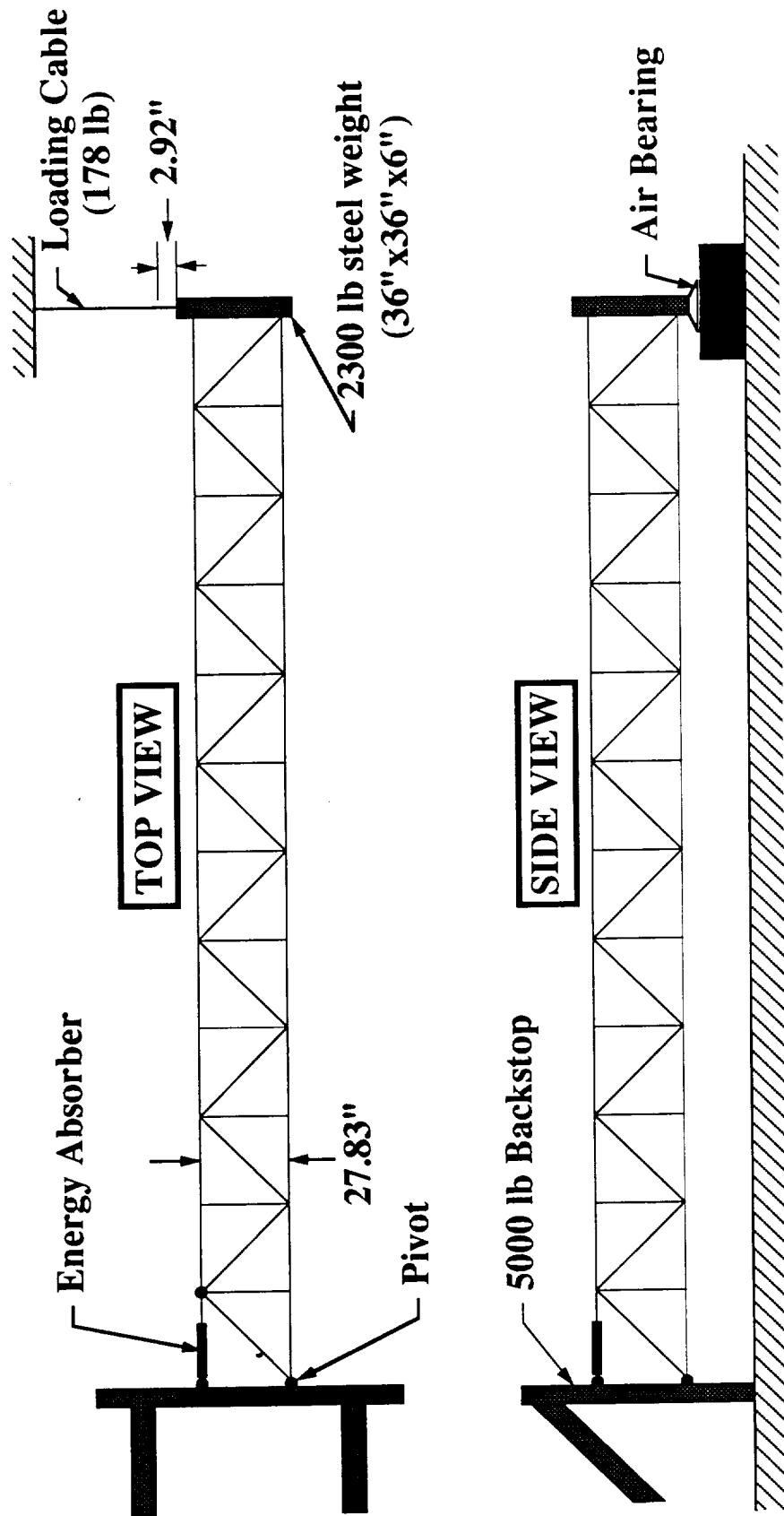
Rigid body - 31"  
Finite Element - 98"; Actuator stroke = 2.1"

# SOLAR ARRAY RESPONSE FROM FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS



# 12 BAY ENERGY ABSORBING TEST BED

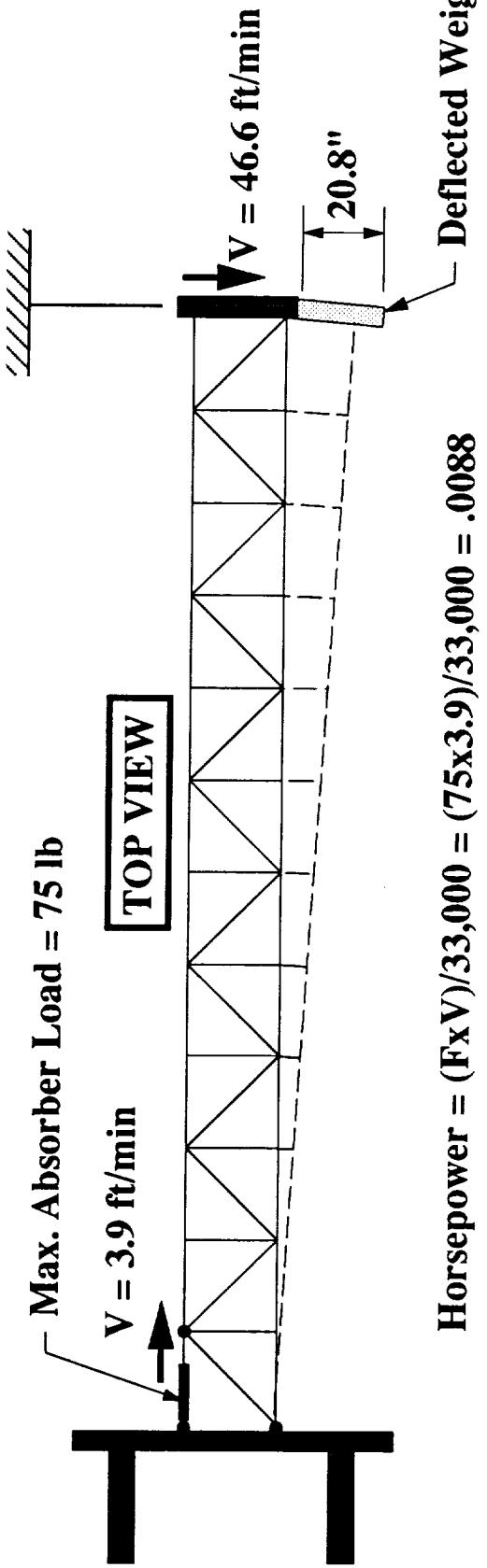
( Beam Length = 27.83' )



# 12 BAY ENERGY ABSORBING TEST BED DYNAMICS

( Beam Length = 27.83' )

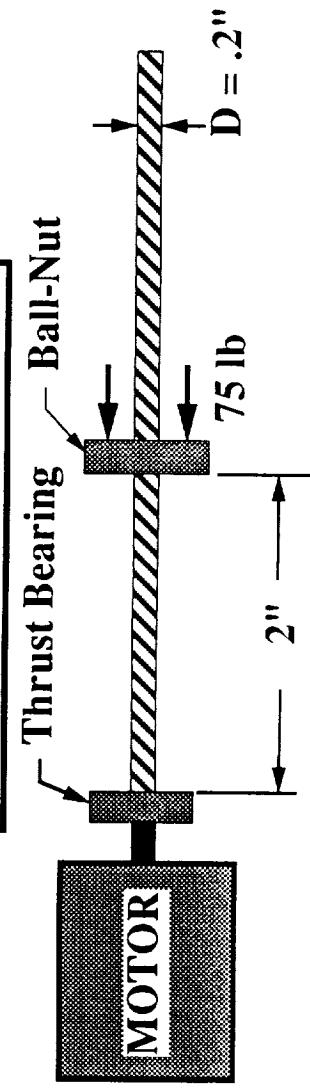
Beam Strain Energy = 260 in-lb = 22 ft-lb



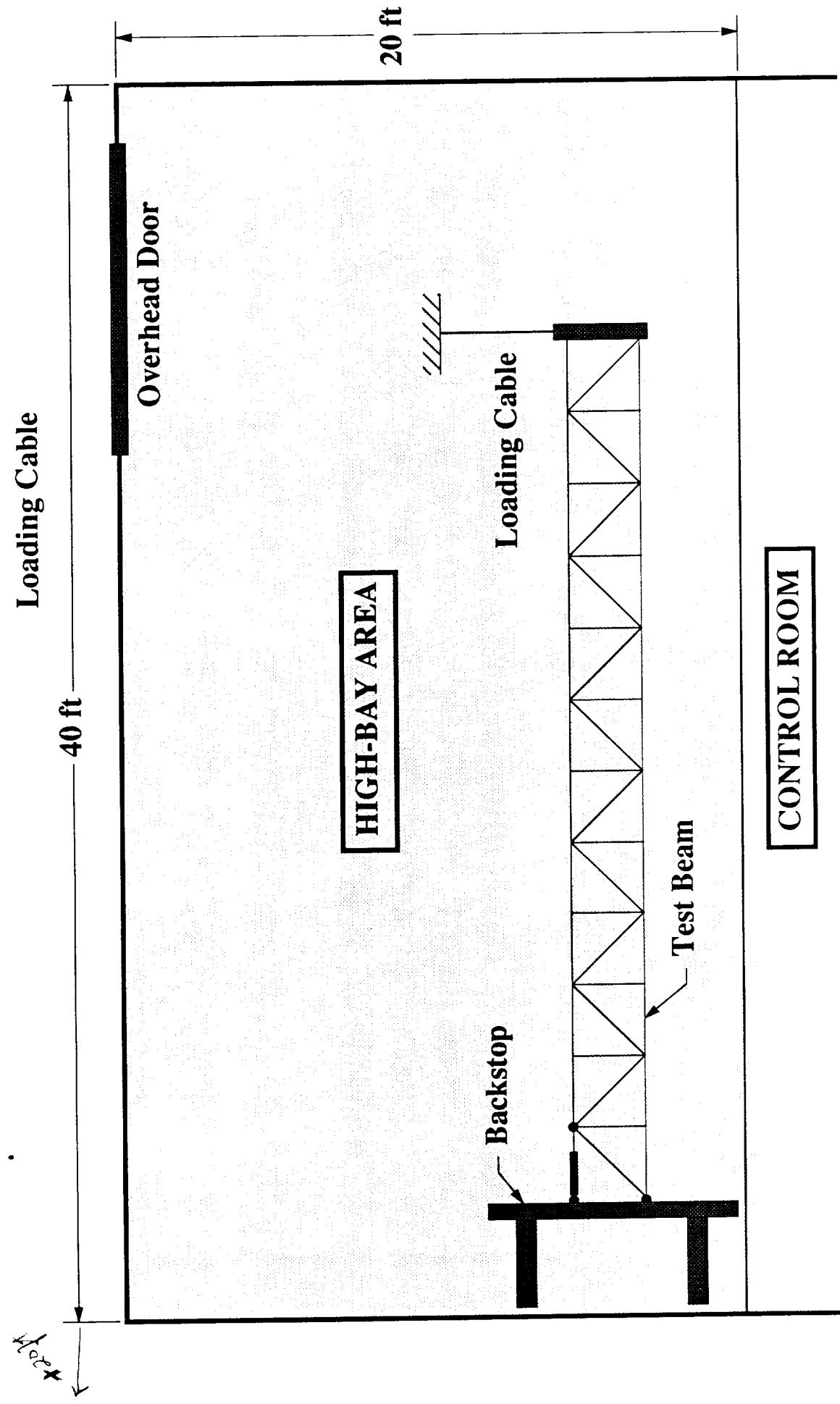
$$\text{Horsepower} = (F_x V) / 33,000 = (75 \times 3.9) / 33,000 = .0088$$

Deflected Weight

Approximate Actuator Size



# NEW AERO-LAB WITH 12-BAY TEST BEAM



## CONCLUDING REMARKS

All example cases analyzed to date indicate that there is a large payoff in efficiency and fail-safety by using energy absorbers as a "fuse" for limiting and absorbing transient loadings on space structures

Large scale experiments are needed to demonstrate the application of these devices

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# **Systems Engineering Studies of On-Orbit Assembly Operations**

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# The Theory of Space Construction

## Progress Report

George W. Morgensthaler

PART I: DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF  
SPACE CONSTRUCTION

PART II: ORBITAL ASSEMBLY AND  
CONSTRUCTION

PART III: LUNAR BASE CONSTRUCTION

PART IV: MARS BASE CONSTRUCTION

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# Constructability Definition

"Constructability is defined as the optimum use of construction knowledge and expertise in the conceptual planning, detail engineering, procurement, and field operations phases to achieve the overall project objectives."

N. Eldin, "Constructability Improvement Of Project Designs", Journal of Construction Engineering and Management, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Vol. 114, No. 4, pp. 631-640, December 1988

## Center for Space Construction

# Theory of Space Construction

- Construction is Old; Construction Theory is young.

- The literature is filled with construction "war stories" and "Sea Bee" epics, but little quantitative analysis and optimization of construction.

- Strong parallels exist between Manufacturing and Construction:

- Requirements are critical (confused requirements lead to waste)
- Good design is critical; concurrent engineering requires iterations between Engineering and Manufacturing.
- Material selection is critical (failure, weight, hazards)
- Procurement (logistics) is critical
- Manufacturing Engineering is critical
- Inspection, QC, NDE are critical
- Cost and schedule analysis is critical
- A Systems Approach is required for success

- Analytical tools have been developed for terrestrial manufacturing and construction, but not for Space-based applications. (Synthesis tools do not as yet exist for either domain)

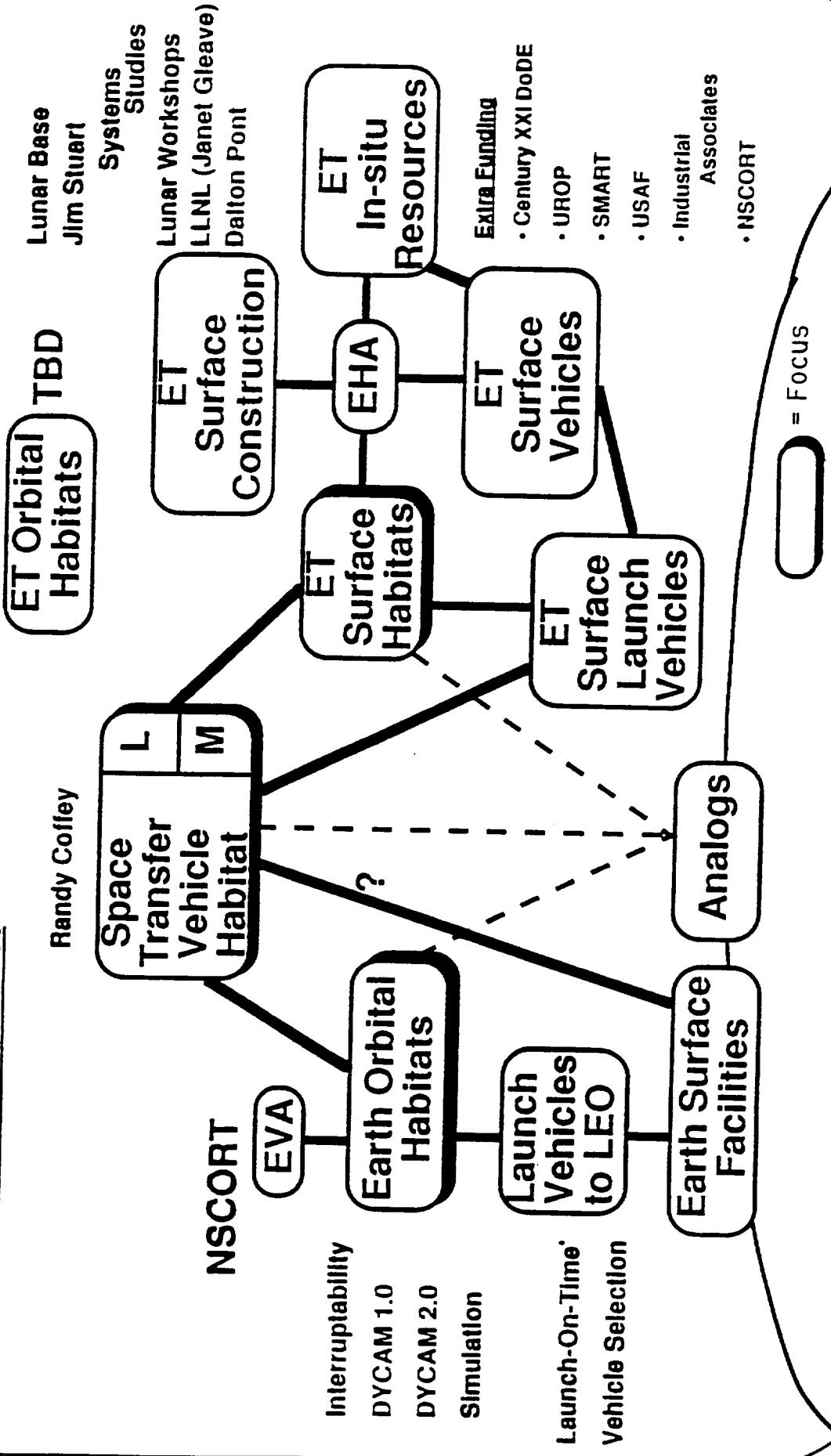
- We need to approach a Theory of Space Construction in the same way

(Space construction is not as forgiving as manufacturing)

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# Theory of Space Construction

### System Model - 0.0 Level



**CSC**

Orbital support equipment:  
RCS, ACS, Power, Thermal,  
Comm., Structure support  
for launch

"deploy/  
unlatch"

existing

**Phase II**  
Rendezvous &  
Close Proximity  
OPS ('days)

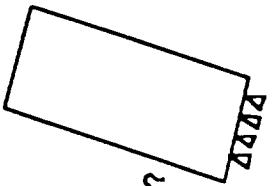
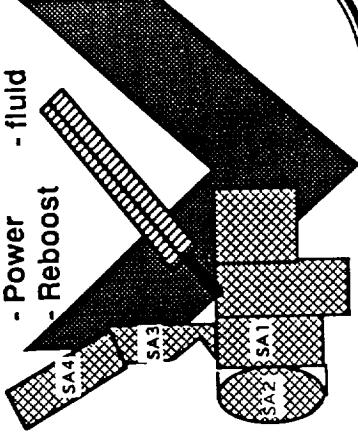
**Phase III**  
Final Closure  
& Soft Dock  
(hours)

**Phase I**  
Launch &  
Fairing Sep  
(minutes)

**Phase IV**  
Hard Latch  
Assembly &  
Test ('months)

## An Orbital Assembly Scenario

Adaptable Connections  
- ACS  
- Thermal  
- Power  
- Reboost



Deorbit?

Vehicle

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## In-Space Construction Research (AY 1990-1991)

### Introduction

- Theory of Space Construction
- A Systems Approach
- Develop Construction Model
- Theory of CAE/Constructability Tools

### DYCAM

- Early Definition- U. Racheli
- DYCAM 1.0 (IDEAS\*\*2 + resource allocation)-H. Schroeder (Ph. D Thesis)

### Logistics to LEO

- Launch-on-time- GWM, K.Nii  
**(Compound Distribution)**
- Vehicle Selection Model- Gwm, A. Montoya
- Simulation Models- K. Chan, K. Nii
- System Study: Need HLLV- GWM

### Interruptability

- NASA Requests , Early Work
- The General Model - (Network Theory + Stability Matrices) J. Wade, H. Sato, K. Chan (Ph. D Thesis)

### Orbital Assembly

- Problem Definition- S. Jolly, M. Loucks, GWM
- Simulation Model- M. D'Amara (Simulation + Monte Carlo)
- Rendezvous + Docking D. Mackison, K. Nii, D. Lawrence, GWM

### Logistics to SEI Destinations

- Optimal Supply of GEOS- R. Coffey (Ph. D Thesis)
- **Lunar/ Mars Cyclers**  
C. Uphoff, M. Loucks

### Joining, Test and NDE

- Joining- K. Nii, B. Nguyen
- Test and NDE- R. Nici

## **Center for Space Construction**

### **On-Orbit Assembly**

- Evaluation of Logistics Supply Needs
- Evaluation of Assembly Sites
- Evaluation of On-Orbit Assembly Operations
- Evaluation of On-Orbit Assembly Support Equipment Designs and Performances
- Evaluation of Space Transfer Vehicle Designs

**A COST TRADE-OFF  
MODEL FOR ON-ORBIT  
ASSEMBLY LOGISTICS**

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### All is not well with SEI logistics

- Ability to deliver on-time constrains space construction — logistics trade-offs limit specialized construction equipment.
  - Data analysis of US LEO launch capability shows:
    - Reliability high; L.O.T. low; need L.O.T. improvement model
    - Incapable of supporting existing missions plus SEI
- $\frac{2,100,000 \text{ Lbs/yr to LEO for SEI}}{50,000 \text{ Lbs/Shuttle launch}} = 42 \text{ Shuttle launches/yr}$
- $\frac{2,100,000 \text{ Lbs/yr to LEO}}{330,000 \text{ Lbs/HLLV launch}} = 6.4 \text{ HLLV launches/yr}$
- Need HLLV Vehicle Requirements Model

MEV/MCTV  
 Propulsion Frame and Sails  
 Propellant and Tanks

103.0 T  
 19.5 T  
 607.5 T

DMLEO

715.0 T

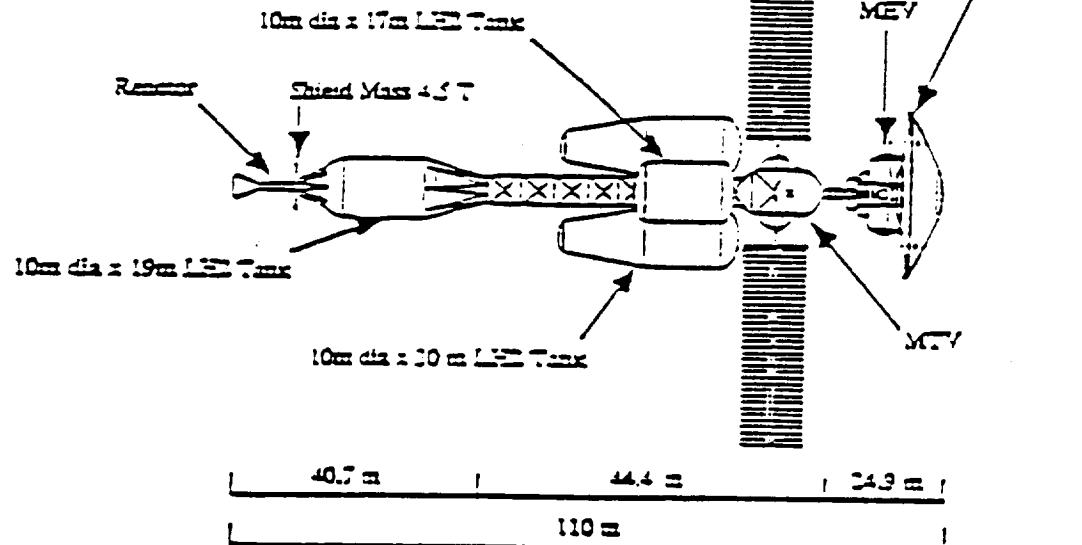


Figure 2-1 Reference Boeing NTR Vehicle

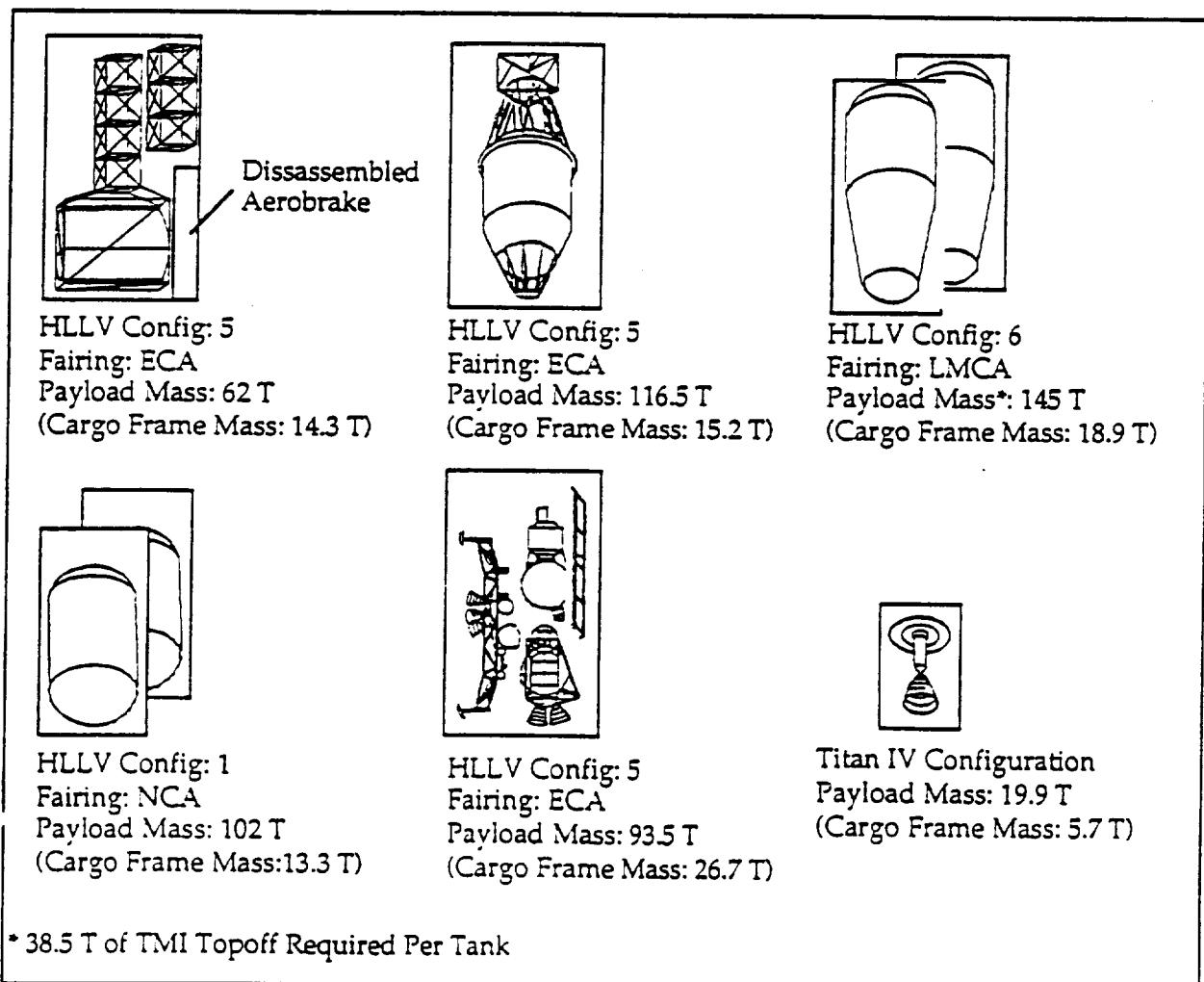
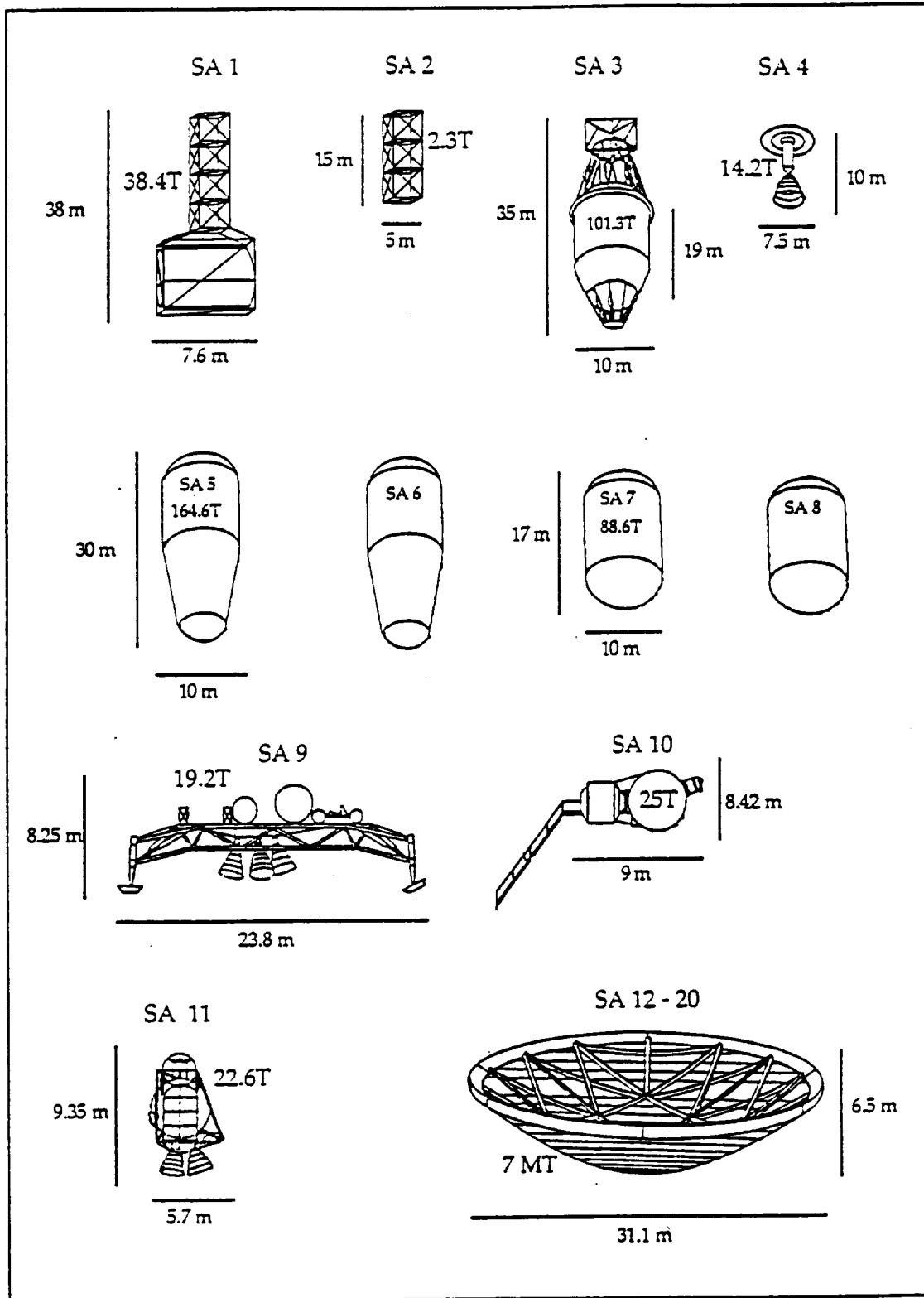


Figure 3-5 Initial HLLV Cargo Delivery Manifests



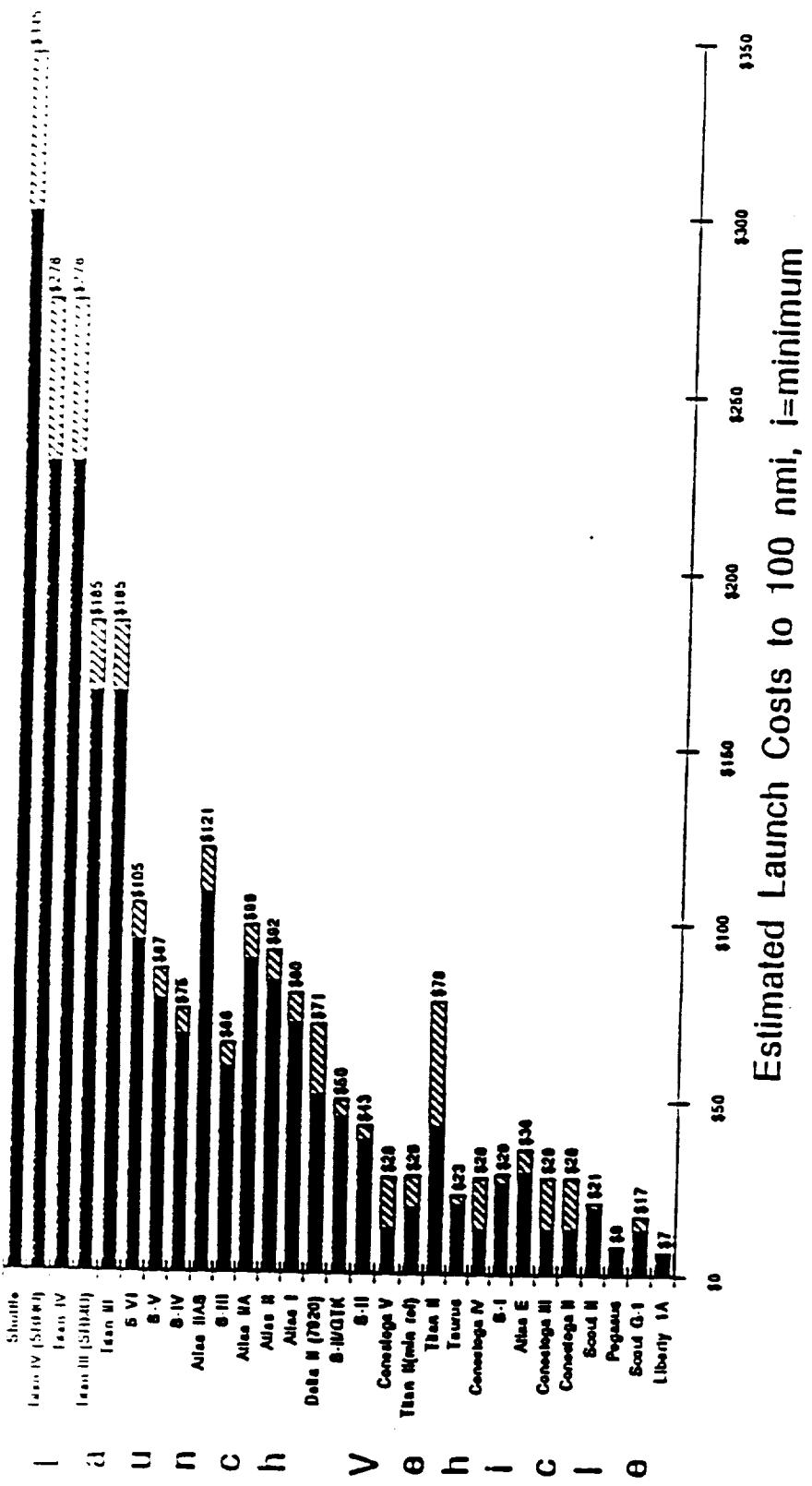
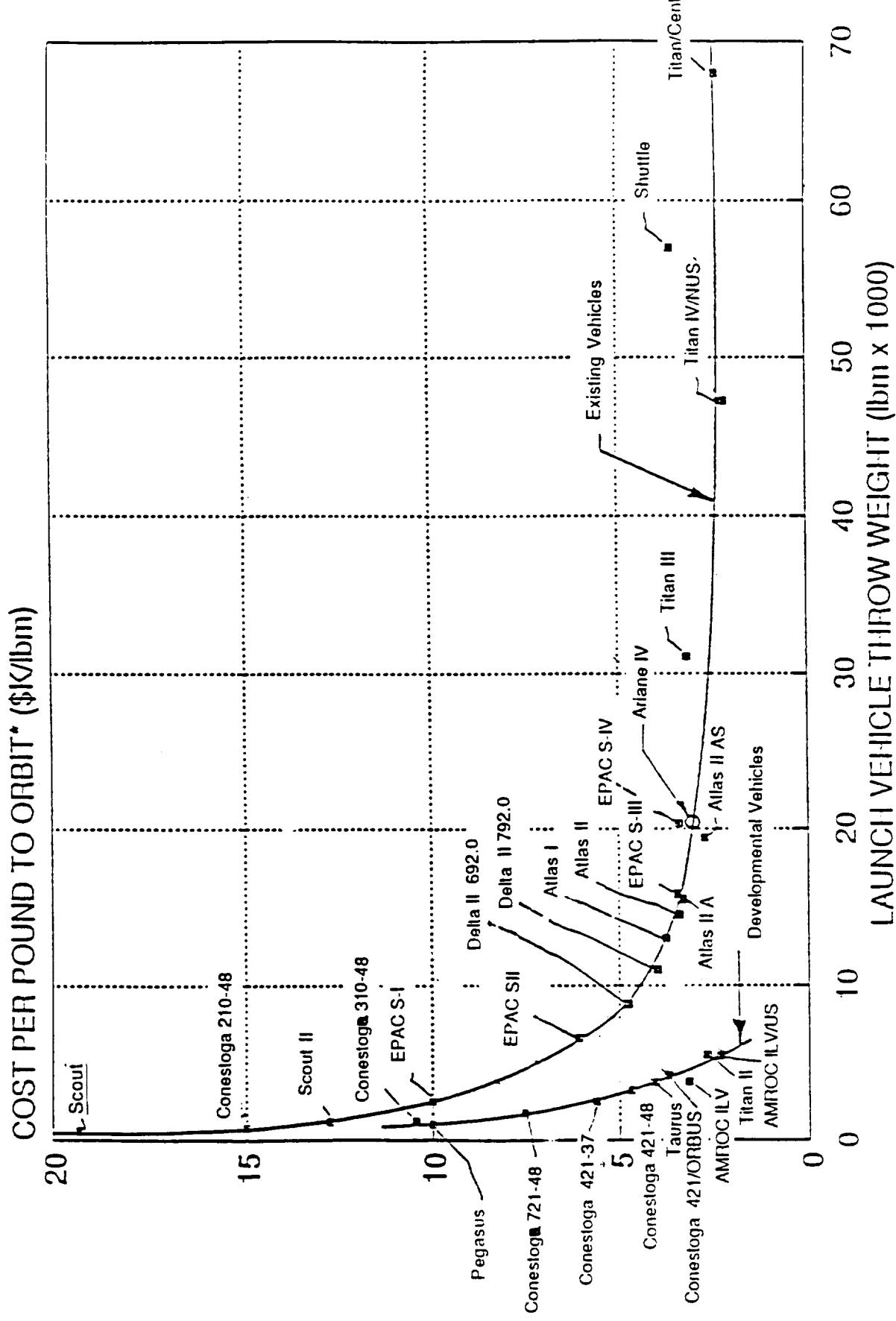


Figure 1 Launch Costs in Order of Performance (U.S. Launch Vehicles)

From Reference 10.

**Figure 3**

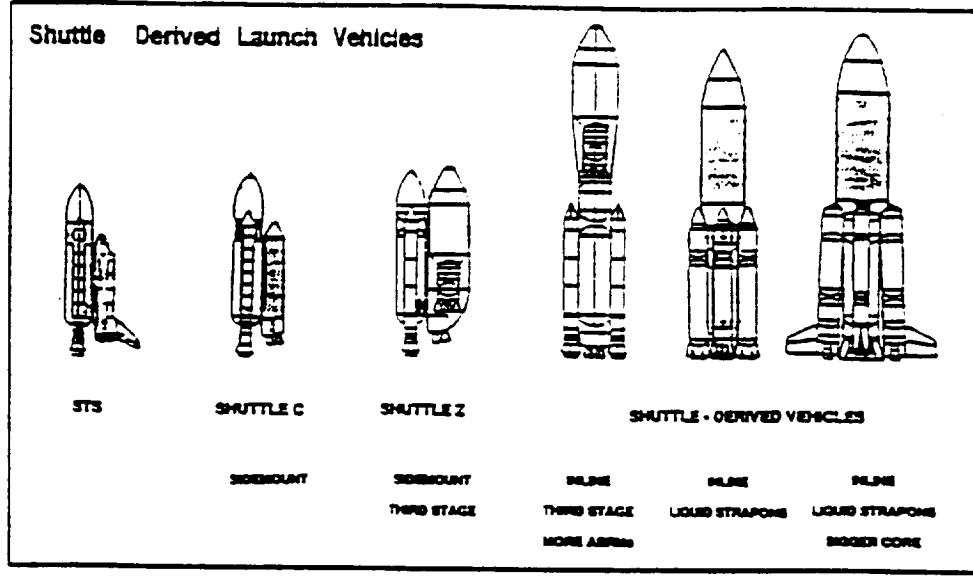
**U.S. LAUNCH VEHICLES**



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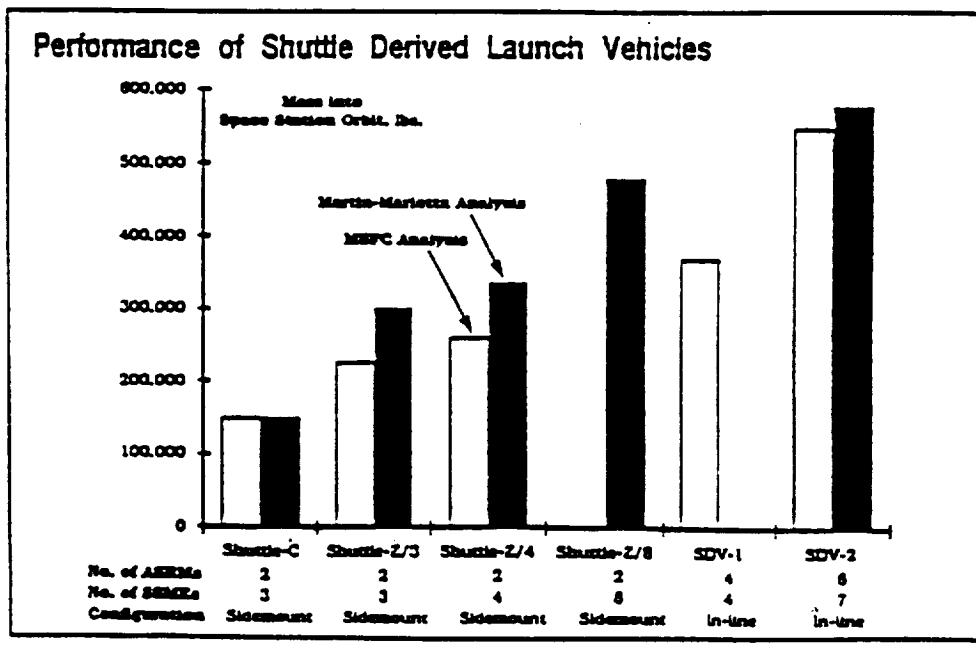
## Shuttle C Performance

**Figure 5**



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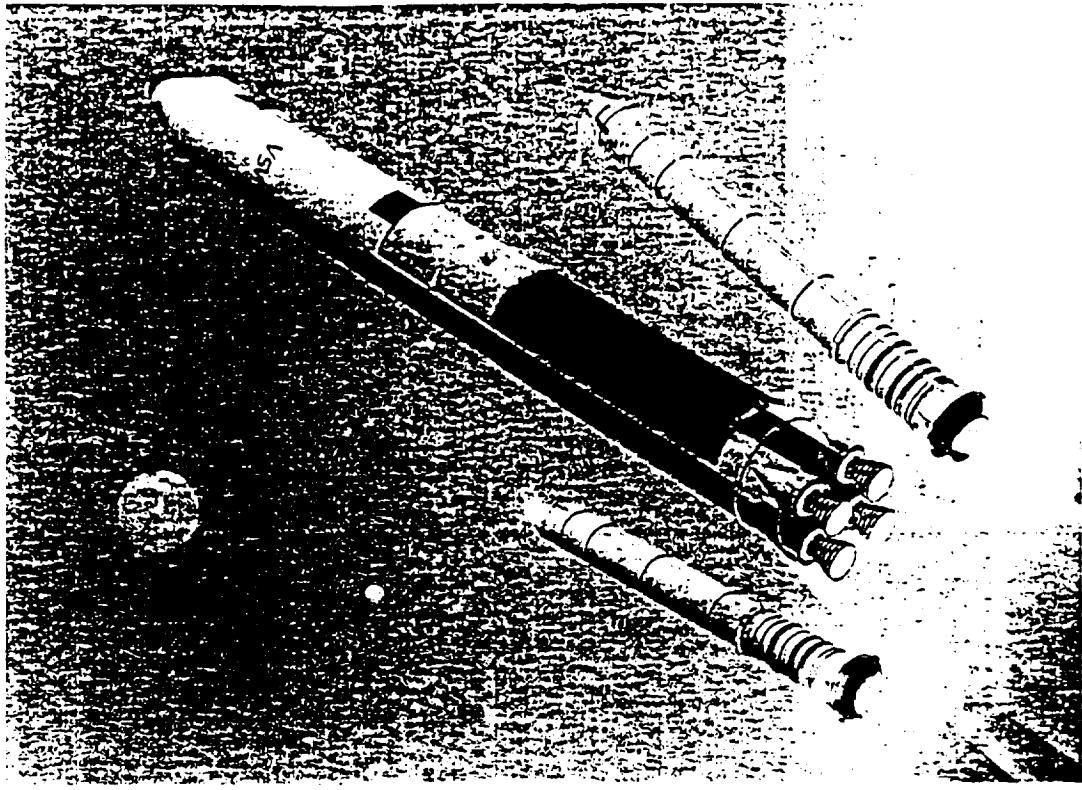
**Figure 6**



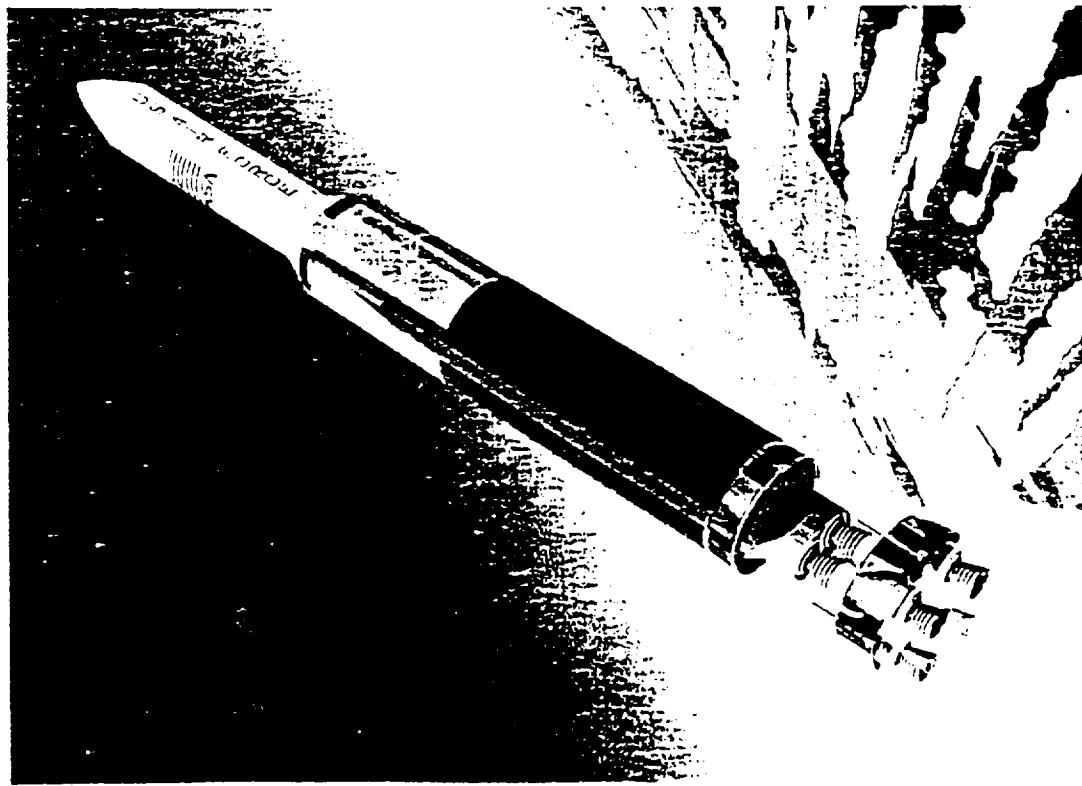
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# NLS - SHUTTLE E.T. CORE



core. Concept at left is of the One and One-Half Stage Vehicle and at right is the concept for the Heavy-lift Launch Vehicle.



These are two configurations envisioned for the National Launch System that use the Martin Marietta space shuttle external tank as the vehicle

Table 1. Vehicle Cost Performance (Thousands of 1990 dollars)

Vehicle	Cost (Millions)	Pounds to LEO	Kg to LEO	Cost/Kg (thousands)
Scout	171	5741	2611	65.13
Conestoga	231	13971	6351	44.09
Scout II	211	11841	5381	39.03
EPAC S-I	291	24991	11361	25.53
EPAC S-II	431	66001	30001	14.33
Delta II 6920	421	87001	39551	10.62
Delta II 7920	711	110861	50391	14.09
Atlas I	801	129801	59001	13.56
Atlas II	921	149161	67801	13.57
EPAC S-3	661	158621	72101	9.15
EPAC S-4	751	203281	92401	8.12
EPAC S-5	871	246401	112001	7.77
EPAC S-6	1051	299201	136001	7.72
Atlas IIA	991	156641	71201	13.90
Atlas IIA	1211	189421	86101	14.05
Anane IV	651	205001	93181	6.98
Titan III	1851	324321	147421	12.55
Titan IV	2761	469001	213181	12.95
Shuttle C	2401	1500001	681821	3.52
Shuttle Z	3431	2500001	1136361	3.02
Titan IV/Cent	2761	680001	309091	8.93
Saturn V	6001	3080001	1400001	4.29

Shuttle 1	3451	543861	24721	13.96
Shuttle 2	2001	543861	24721	8.09
Shuttle 3	3451	3036001	1380001	2.50
Shuttle 4	2001	3036001	1380001	1.45

Note: There are four Shuttle data entries here because the Shuttle is the only one of these launch vehicles whose payload compartment, the Orbiter, is recoverable and reusable. This makes it difficult to compare it with expendable launch vehicles. Saturn V data are from Ref. 11.

Shuttle 1 this is the data entry for the standard Shuttle from Ref. 10.

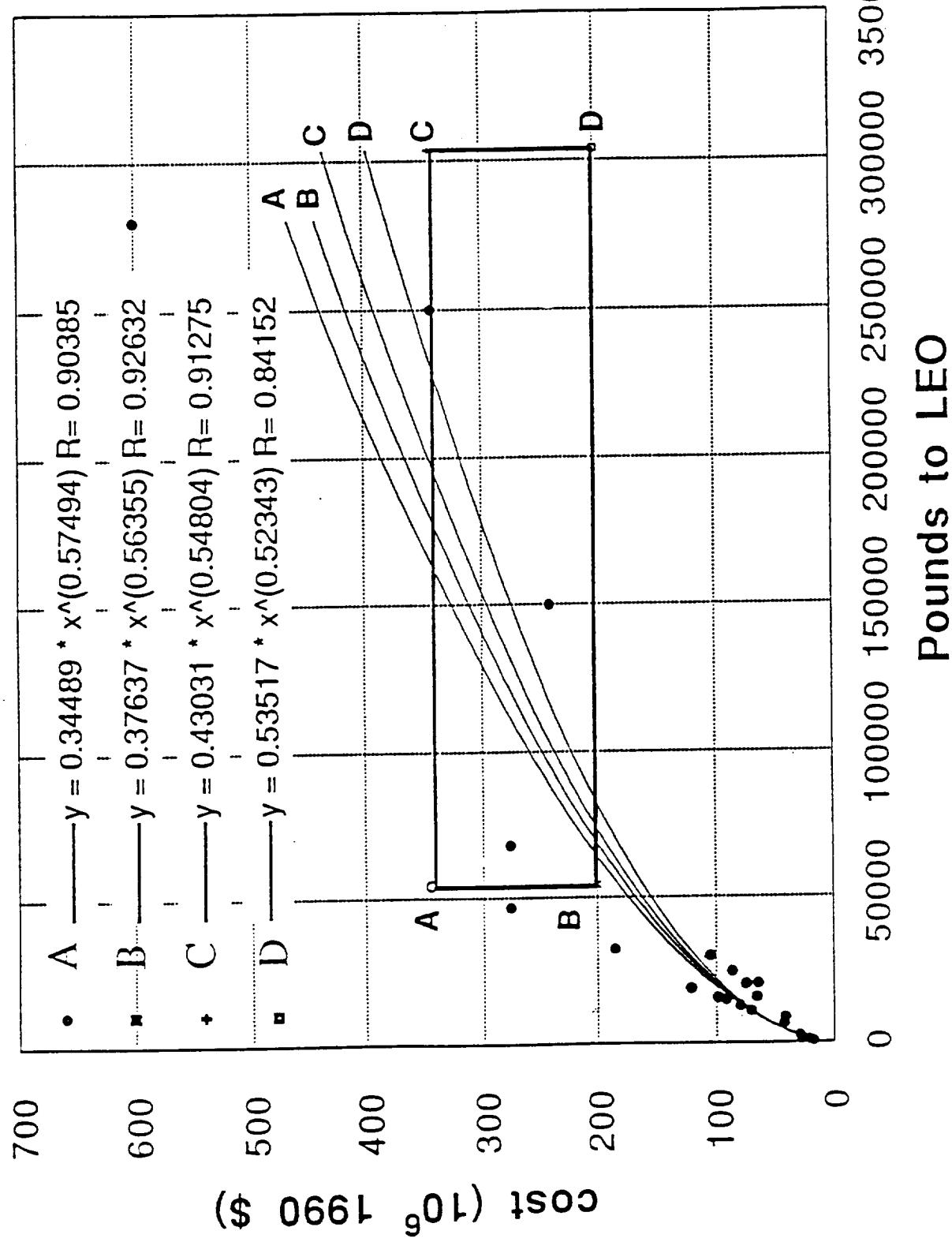
Shuttle 2 this entry shows a reduction of the cost of the Shuttle "launch vehicle" by an estimate of the cost of the Orbiter, which is assumed to be replaced by a fairing. The amortized cost used was the \$4.1 billion Orbiter cost divided by a 28 launch utilization lifetime, i.e., approximately \$145 million per launch, reducing the \$345 million to \$200 million per launch.

Shuttle 3 this entry keeps the \$345 million cost per launch of the Shuttle but assumes that the Orbiter is replaced by a payload bay. The LEO delivery weight is thus  $(24,721 + 113,279) = 138,000$  kg.

Shuttle 4 this entry shows a reduction of the per launch cost by \$145 million and an increase of the payload delivered to LEO to 138,000 kg.

Figure 7 includes a "rectangle of uncertainty" with the Shuttle entries at the four corners.

**Figure 7: Cost vs. Pounds to LEO (100 nmi @ 28.5 deg)**



**Figure 8: Cost/kg vs. kg to LEO**

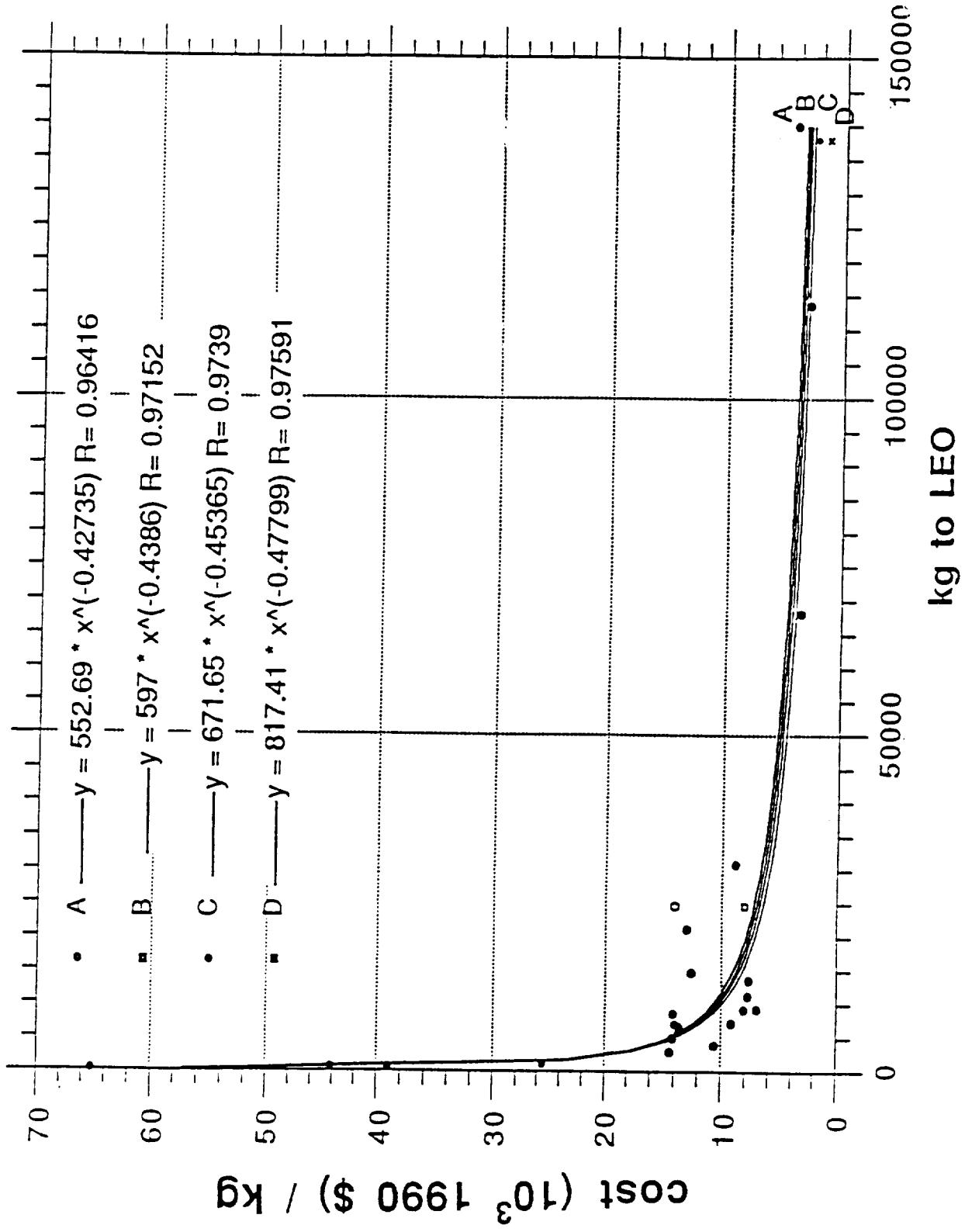
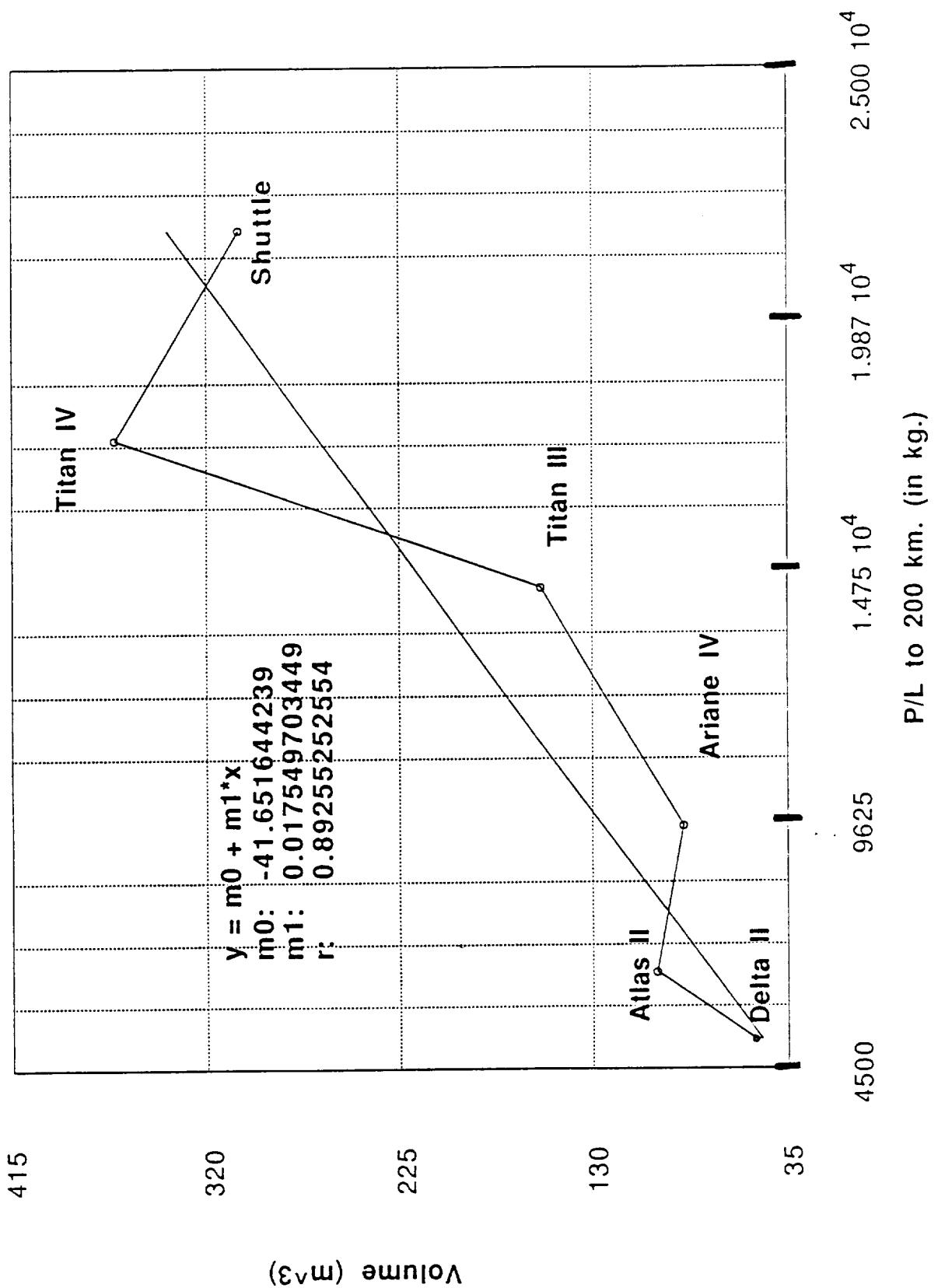


Figure 9: "Useful" Volume vs. Payload



## NUMBER OF PAYLOADS NEEDED

$$N_L(w) = [W_o/w] + (1/2)\{1 + \text{sgn}(W_o/w - [W_o/w])\} \text{sgn}(W_o/w - [W_o/w])$$

$$N_V(w) = [V_o/V_H(w)] + (1/2)\{1 + \text{sgn}(V_o/V_H(w) - [V_o/V_H(w)])\} \times \\ \text{sgn}(V_o/V_H(w) - [V_o/V_H(w)])$$

$$N(w) = \text{Max } \{N_L(w), N_V(w)\}$$

## LAUNCH VEHICLE RELIABILITY

Then the probability of a successful launch to LEO, i.e. not more than  $h$  units out of  $n$  failing, is

$$(12) \quad P_n(n-h) = \sum_{j=0}^h (n!/(n-j)!j!) p^{n-j} q^j,$$

If we let  $r$  be the conditional probability that an engine fails catastrophically, given that it fails, then

$$(13) \quad q = qr + q(1-r),$$

where  $q(1-r)$  = probability of that an engine fails, but not catastrophically.

Hence,

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} P_n(n) &= p^n q^0 (1-r)^0 = p^n \\ P_n(n-1) &= np^{n-1} q(1-r) + p^n \\ P_n(n-2) &= (n(n-1)/2)p^{n-2} q^2 (1-r)^2 + np^{n-1} q(1-r) + p^n. \end{aligned}$$

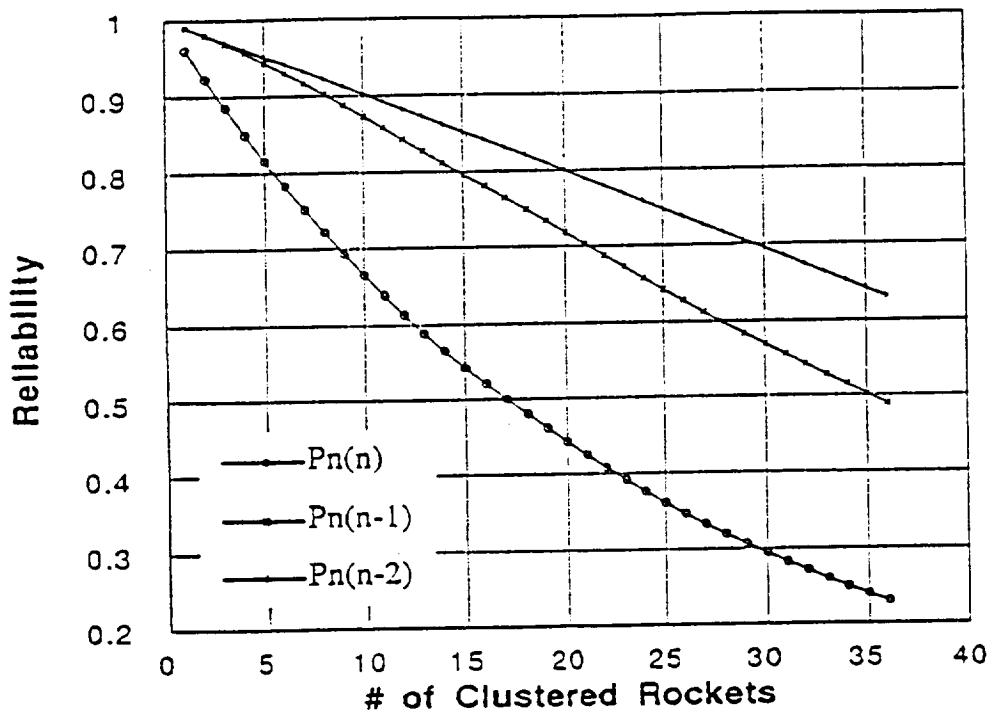


Figure 10. Launch Vehicle Reliability as a Function of Clustered Rockets  
( $p = 0.96$ ,  $r = 0.25$ )

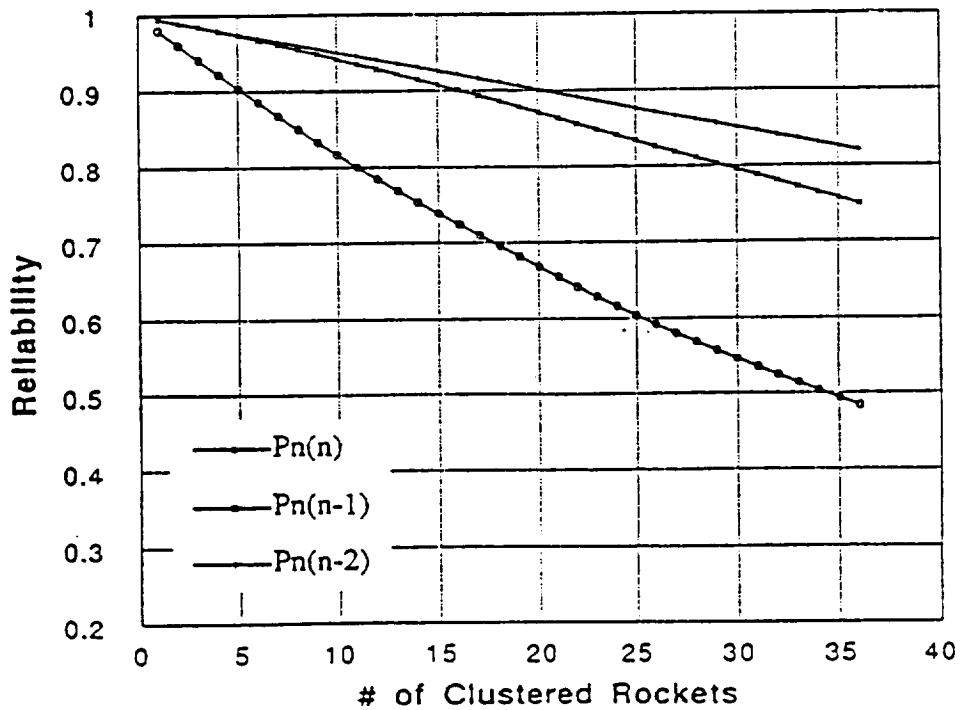


Figure 11. Launch Vehicle Reliability as a Function of Clustered Rockets  
( $p = 0.98$ ,  $r = 0.25$ )

## MAKING THE LAUNCH WINDOW?

If  $N = N(w)$  payload deliveries are needed to assemble the spacecraft and if time for up to  $j$  additional launches is included in the schedule to compensate for up to  $(j - 1)$  launch failures, then, assuming no political launch hiatus after any failure,

$$P^* = P[\text{make launch window} \mid \text{in } j \text{ extra launches}] = p^N + C_1^N p^N q + C_2^{N+1} p^N q^2 + \dots + C_j^{N+j-1} p^N q^j$$

where

$$C_i^{N+i-1} p^N q^i = \frac{(N+i-1)(N+i-2)\dots(N)}{i!} p^N q^i$$

is the negative binomial density which gives the probability that the  $N$ th success is achieved precisely at the  $(N + i)$ th launch.

## LIMITATIONS ON HLLV SIZE

1. Limitations on the usable size and shape of payload bays and the limited deployability of space structures;
2. Limitations on the size of propellant tankage domes (currently around 10 to 15 meters in diameter) that can be built with current methods of metal forming, spinning, welding, etc;
3. Limitations on the size of loads that can be transported by air, rail, truck, and barge;
4. Limitations on the size of facilities and handling ability of cranes, transports, and "strongbacks" at launch sites;
5. Limitations on the safety considerations for handling and launching very large quantities of cryogenic or hypergolic propellants, particularly with respect to the population living in the local abort zone;
6. Limitations on the reliability of HLLVs that are made of a large number of clustered tanks;
7. Limitations of cost and risk in concentrating too many resources in a single launch of the HLLV.

# ORBITAL ASSEMBLY EXPECTED COST MODEL

$$(15) \quad C(w) = [Expected\ Cost] = N(w)C_H(w)/P_H(w) + (SC)\$/N(w) \left\{ N(w)/P_H(w) - N(w) \right\}$$

$$\frac{HLLV\ Costs}{Spacecraft\ Costs} + \frac{Connection\ Costs}{(N(w)-1)(k)(C\$d)} + \frac{Crew\ Transport\ Costs}{(N(w)-1)(C_s/P_S)} + \frac{Docking\ Costs}{(N(w)-1)C\$D} + \frac{Facility\ Costs}{\{1 + [N(w)/15]\}C\$F}$$

$$(18) \quad C^*(w) = \{Expected\ cost\ including\ probability\ of\ missing\ one\ launch\ window\}$$

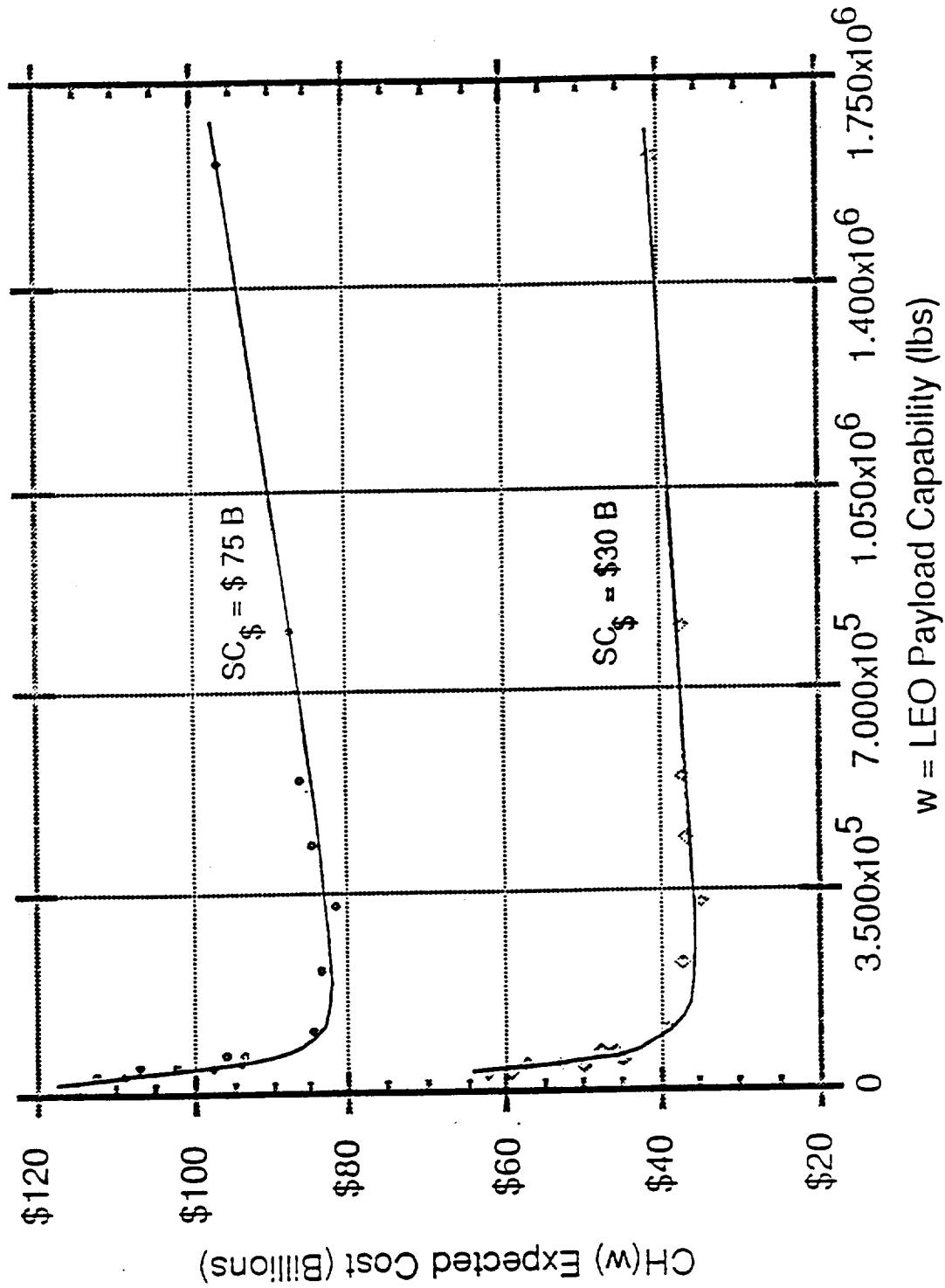
$$= C(w) [1 + (1 - P^*)R],$$

where  $C(w)$  is found in (15).

**Table V: Parameter Values Used with Equations (15) and (10) for Figure 14.**

HLV Payload (lbs.)	h	N(w)	# Cluster	P(w)	k	C <sub>tc</sub>	R <sub>s</sub>	C <sub>s</sub> (\$10 <sup>-6</sup> )	CSD (\$10 <sup>-6</sup> )	F(w)	\$10 <sup>-9</sup>	# Bases	P*	n	C*(w)	calc. (\$10 <sup>-9</sup> )	C(w) list (\$10 <sup>-6</sup> )	C* list (\$10 <sup>-9</sup> )
<b>\$75 BILLION CASE</b>																		
1620000	2	1	36	0.82	100	0		0		0	1	2	1	9676	0.5	96.3		
810000	2	2	18	0.91	100	1000000	0.98	170	10	10	2	1	9771	0.5	87.2			
550000	2	3	14	0.93	100	1000000	0.98	170	10	10	2	1	9733	0.5	86.1			
440000	2	4	10	0.95	100	1000000	0.98	170	10	10	2	1	9774	0.5	84.7			
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68000 Titan IV/Cent		24		0.96	100	1000000	0.98	170	10	10	2	2	9114	0.5	93.6	276	95.8	
55000 Shuttle		30		0.98	100	1000000	0.98	170	10	10	2	3	8723	0.5	93.9	345	99.6	
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**Figure 14: Total Expected Cost vs. LEO Payload Capability**





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# Expert Systems for Assembly Sequence Evaluation

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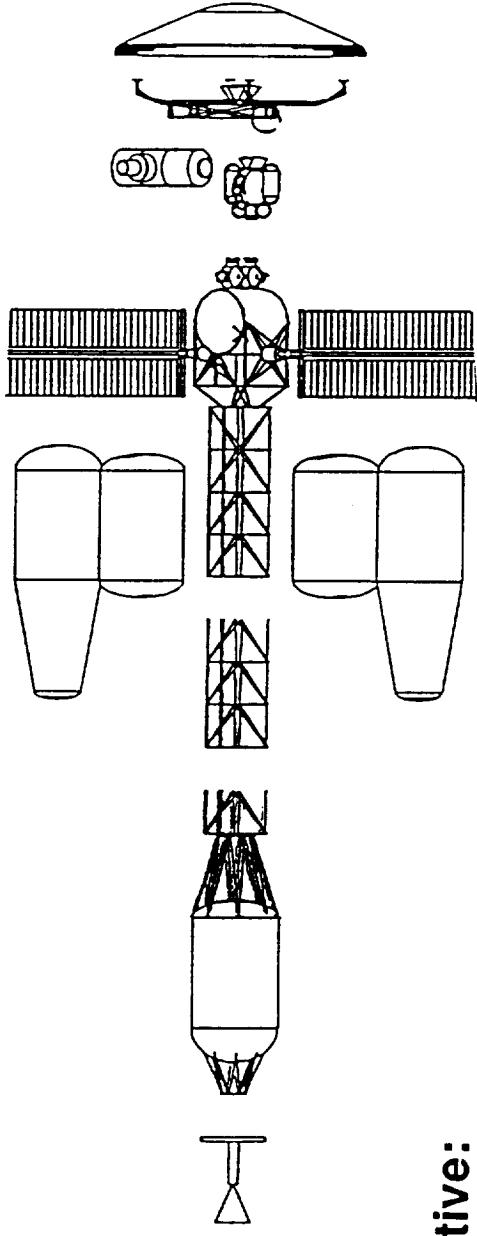


# EXPERT SYSTEMS FOR ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE EVALUATION

## PRESENTATION FOCUS:

- RESEARCH GOALS
- METHODOLOGIES
- RESULTS
- CONCLUSIONS & PLANS

## RESEARCH GOALS



### Objective:

Identify delivered orbital subassemblies derived from a Phase A conceptual space vehicle design while minimizing on-orbit assembly complexity.

### Primary Constraints:

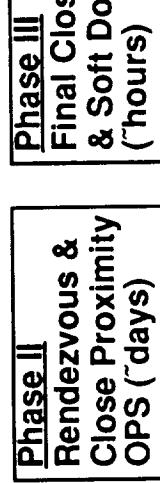
- Payload Shroud mass and volume (allowing for rendezvous stage)
- Geometric Feasibility
- Connection-technology Limitation
- Tool Performance Limitations
- Minimal Crew Hazard

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Orbital support equipment:  
RCS,ACS,Power,Thermal,  
Comm.,Structure support  
for launch

"deploy/  
unlatch"

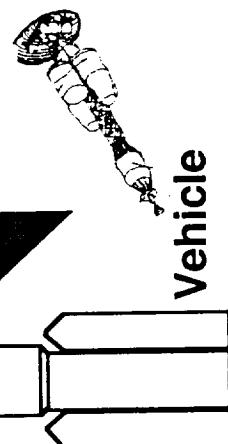
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## An Orbital Assembly Scenario

Adaptable  
- ACS  
- Thermal  
- Power  
- Reboost  
Connections  
- structural  
- electrical  
- fluid

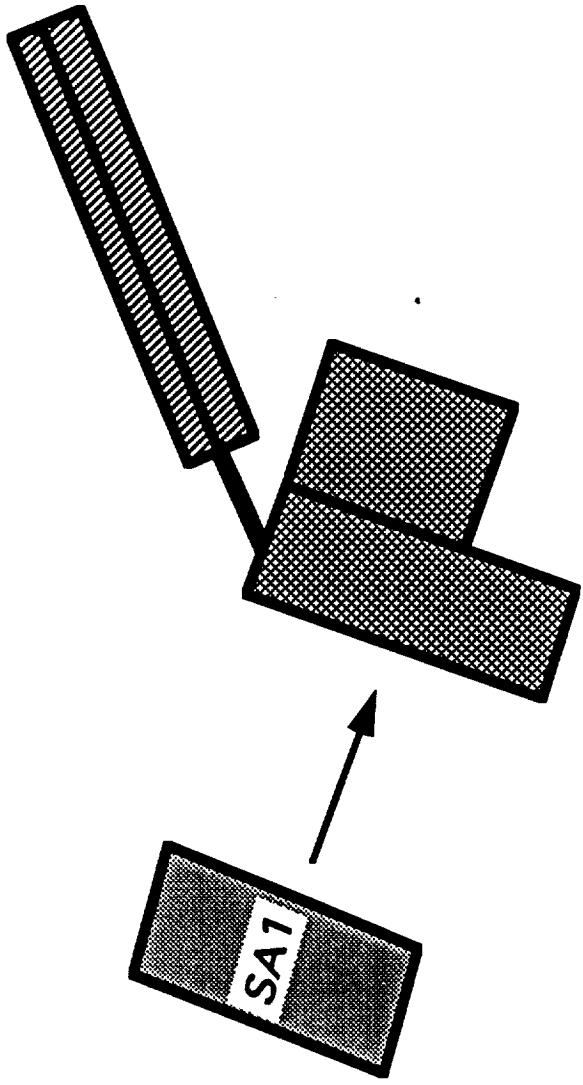
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## SUBASSEMBLIES

### Attributes

- Geometric Characteristics
- Special Hazards
- Inertial Properties
- Control Response
- Engineering Subsystems
- External Interfaces

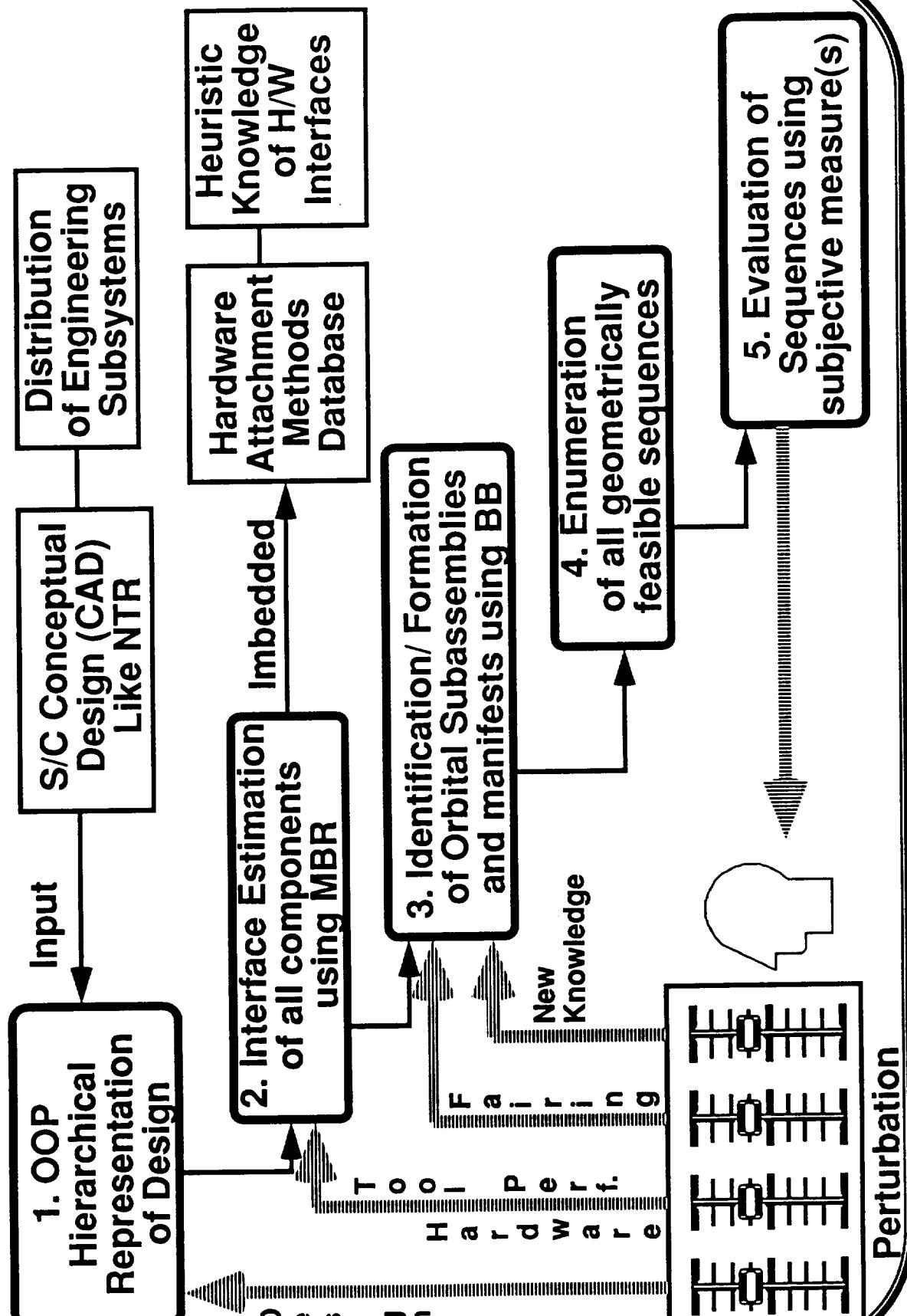


### A Beginning Taxonomy of Subassemblies:

- |                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Tanks               | Crew       |
| Partial Spacecraft  | Avionics   |
| Complete Spacecraft | Propulsion |
| Structural          | Power      |

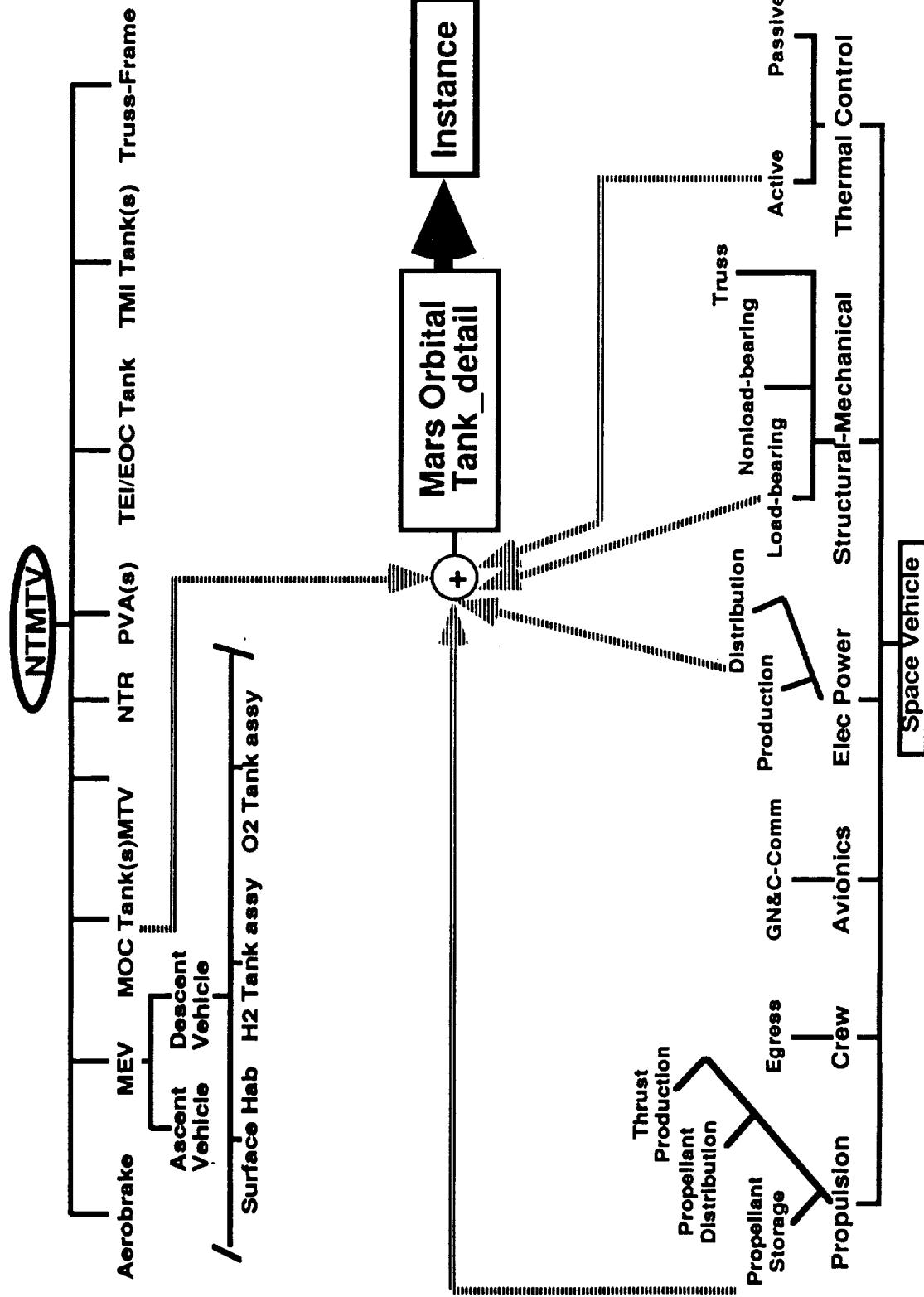
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# SUBASSEMBLY IDENTIFICATION SIMULATION MODEL



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# ESTIMATING SUBASSEMBLY INTERFACES BY ENGINEERING FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION USING MBR



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## **REPRESENTATIVE DATA BASE OF INTERFACE CONNECTIONS**

### Cleanliness Codes:

L- LOX Clean  
F- Fuel Clean  
E- Electrical Clean  
H- Hydraulic Clean  
B- Biologically Clean

### Insp/ Ver Codes:

V- Visual  
M- Mechanical  
L- Leak Check  
E- Electrical  
A- Automatic  
X- X-ray  
U- Ultrasonic

### Process Physics Codes:

T- Thermal Producing  
O- Outgassing  
C- Caustic/contaminating solvents  
E- Electromagnetic Interference  
V- Vibration/shock  
S- Electrostatic  
D- Debris/projectile

### Temporal Codes:

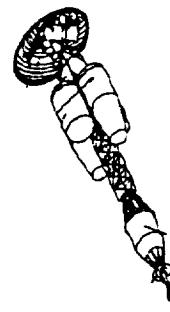
I- Instantaneous  
F- Fast setting, < 1 minute  
M- Medium setting, < 30 minutes  
S- Slow setting, > 30 minutes

- Should reflect current Aerospace Industry practice, but can be upgraded for in-space construction connection technologies
- Each type of attachment method has codes which indicate the capabilities and constraints of such method
- A representative normalized "index" of connection difficulty has been ascribed using MIL-Std Handbook-472 (Maintainability) TER's and MDSSC inspection and testing company standards, as penalties
- Data base is not yet rigorous, nor has it been modified for in-space construction, but it is a starting point
- Desperately need data on human EVA interface connection primitives

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## VEHICLE DECOMPOSITION MODEL

Solution Blackboard



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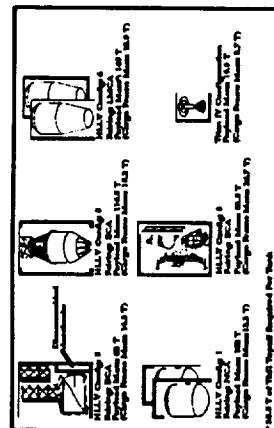
"Separable" rules  
 $f(PFA, LTAA, \text{ and separable rules})$

"Hazard" rules  
 $f(PFA, LTAA, \text{ and hazard rules})$

Connection-Index  
Rules  
 $f(PFA, LTAA, \text{ and index rules})$

Rendezvous & Dock  
Rules  
 $f(PFA, LTAA, \text{ and R\&D rules})$

Controller/Scheduler  
- Heuristics ?  
- Fuzzy reasoning ?  
- Algorithmic ?



Stage n

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filters and  
knowledge:

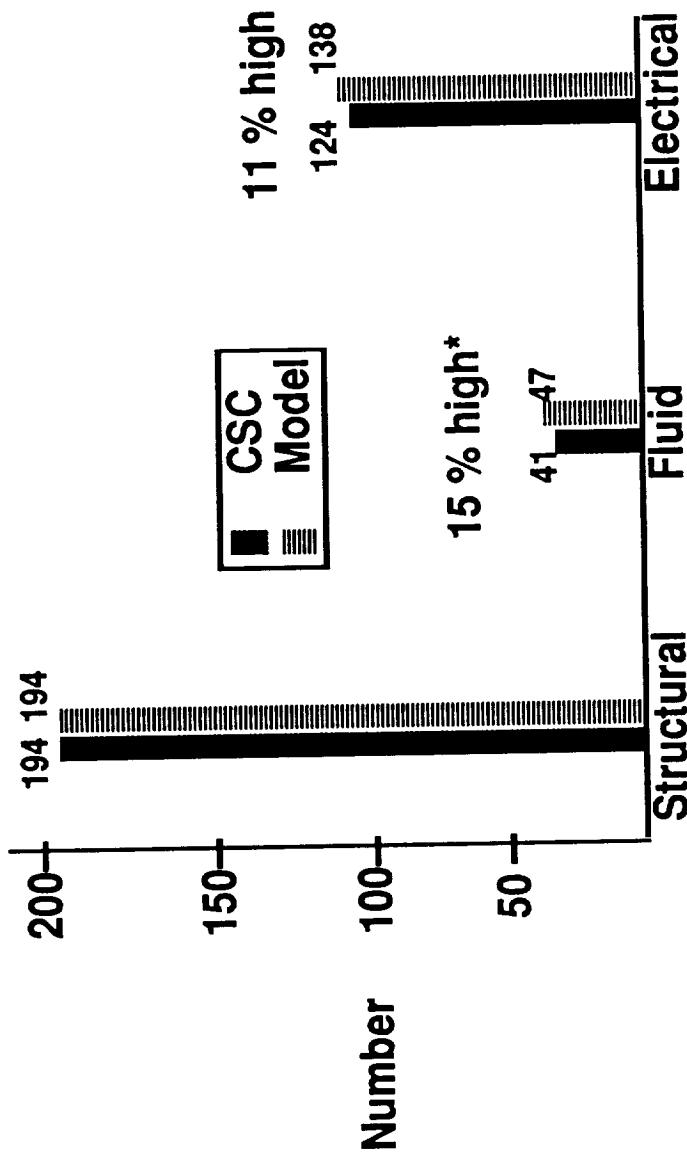
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Feasibility  
Algorithm  
(PFA)

Launch  
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## CONNECTION INTERFACE ESTIMATION MODEL RESULTS



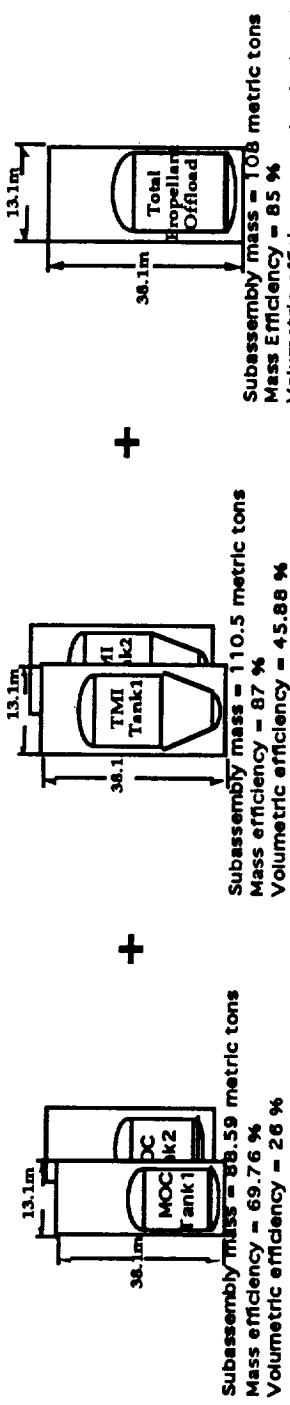
Connection Category

Mars Vehicle Interface Estimation Results, Model vs. CSC study

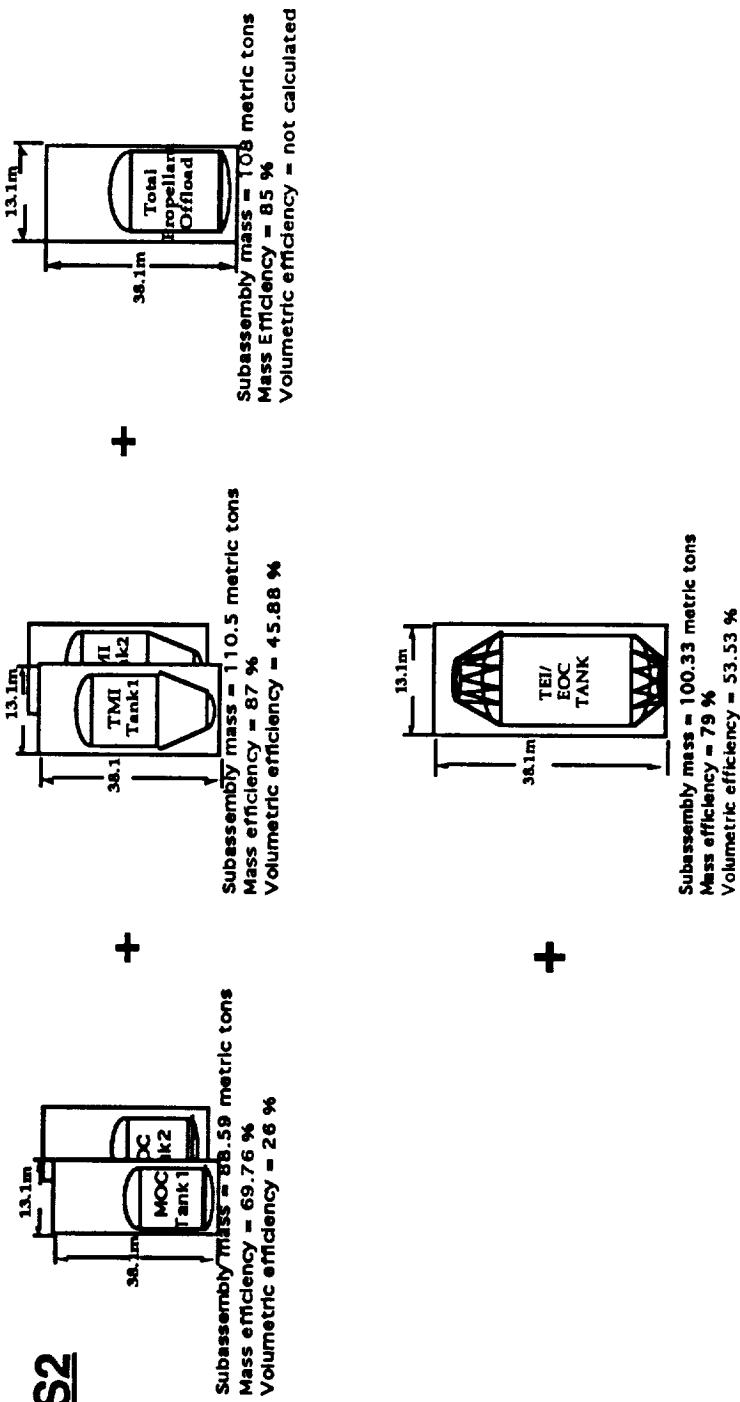
Total Connections (10 Subassemblies, Boeing NTR-2016) = 379

# KNOWLEDGE-SOURCE 1 AND 2 RESULTS

KS1

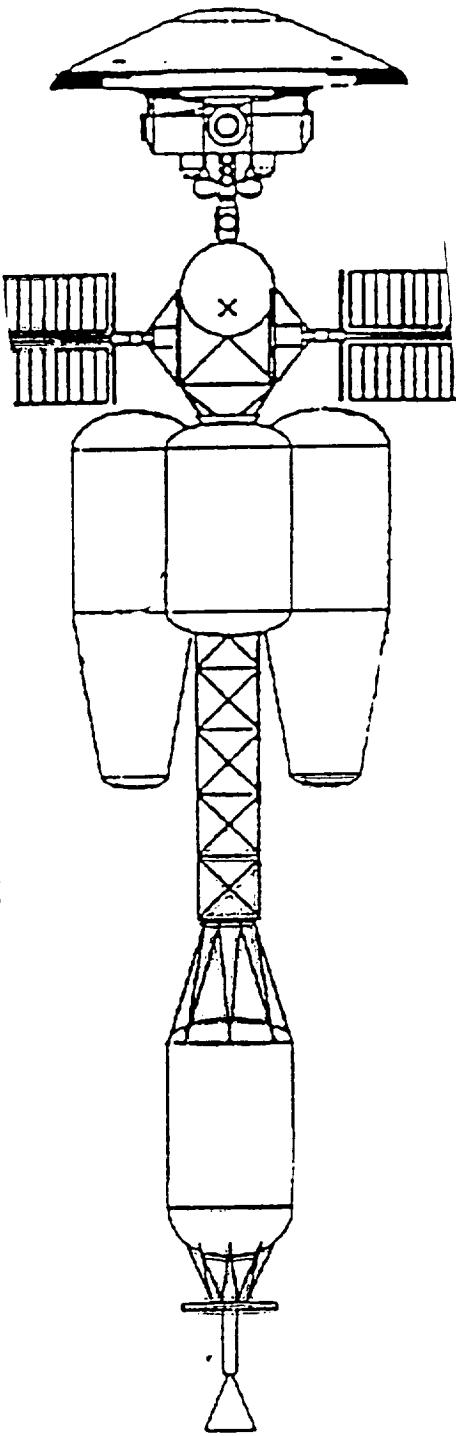
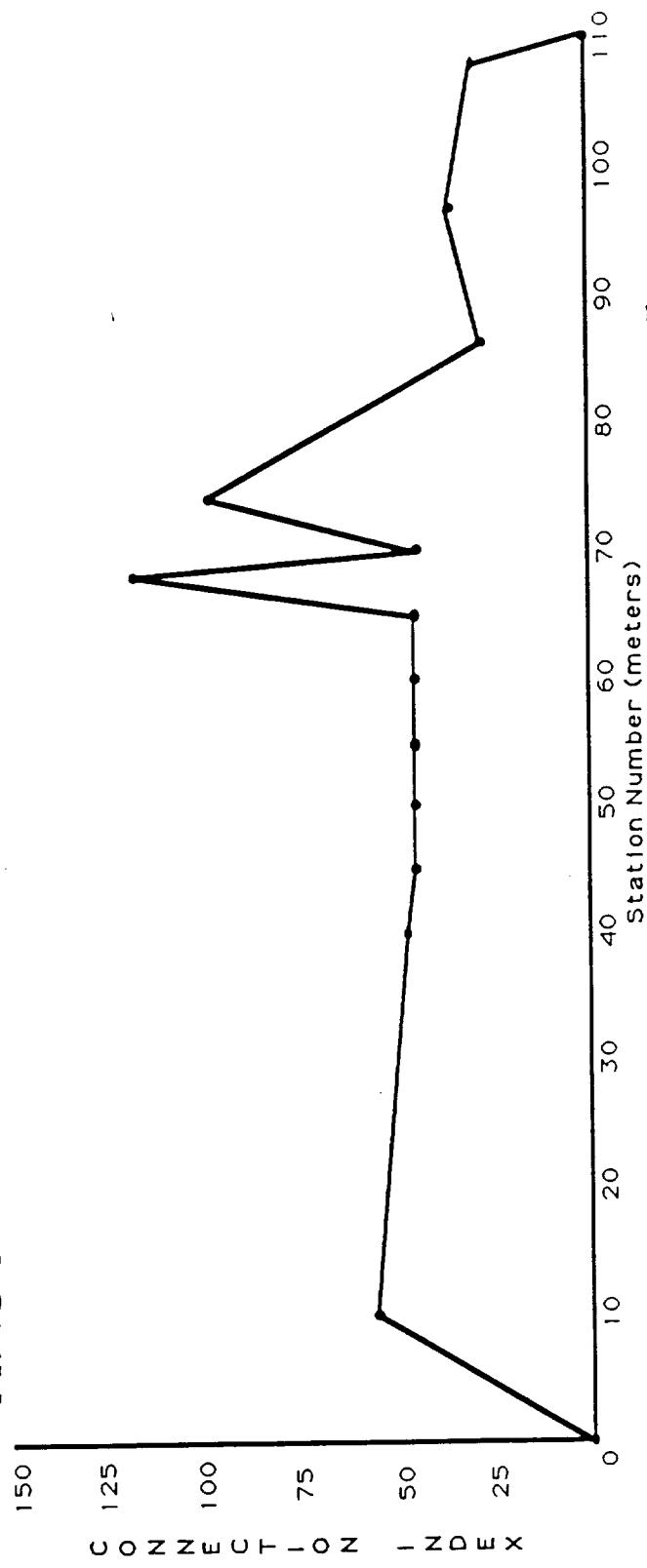


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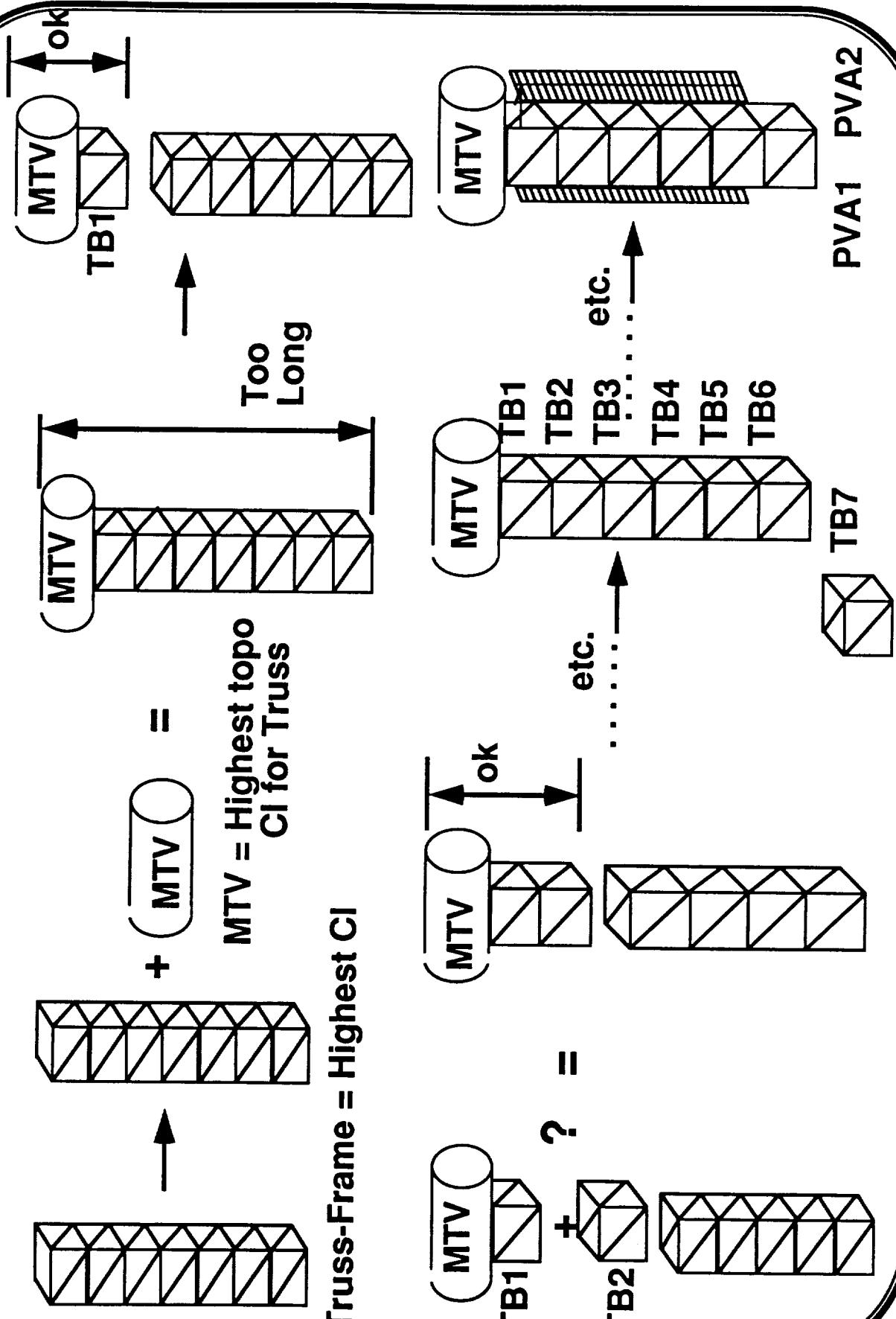
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# KNOWLEDGE-SOURCE 3 ==> CONNECTION-INDEX RESULTS: BOEING NTR-2016 CI-PROFILE



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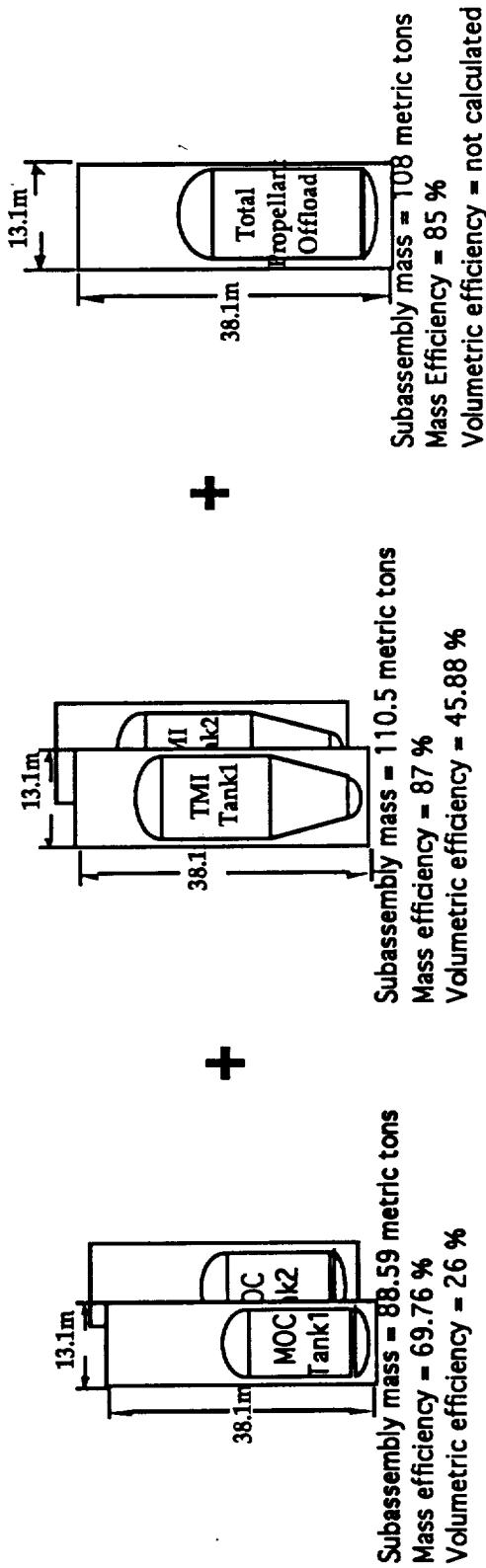
## KS3 ALGORITHM: EXAMPLE



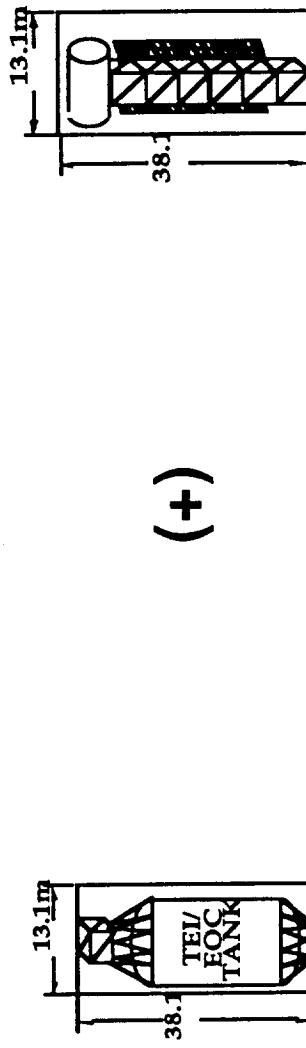
## KS3: Flight Manifest Results

- Two New Aggregates Created

- True Synthesis

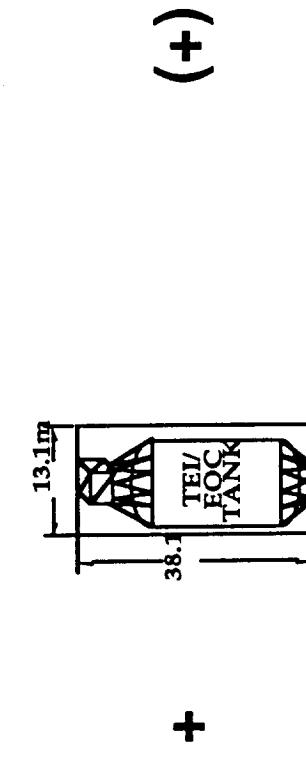


## New Subassembly 1 (MTV + Truss-Bays 1-6 + PVAs 1 & 2)

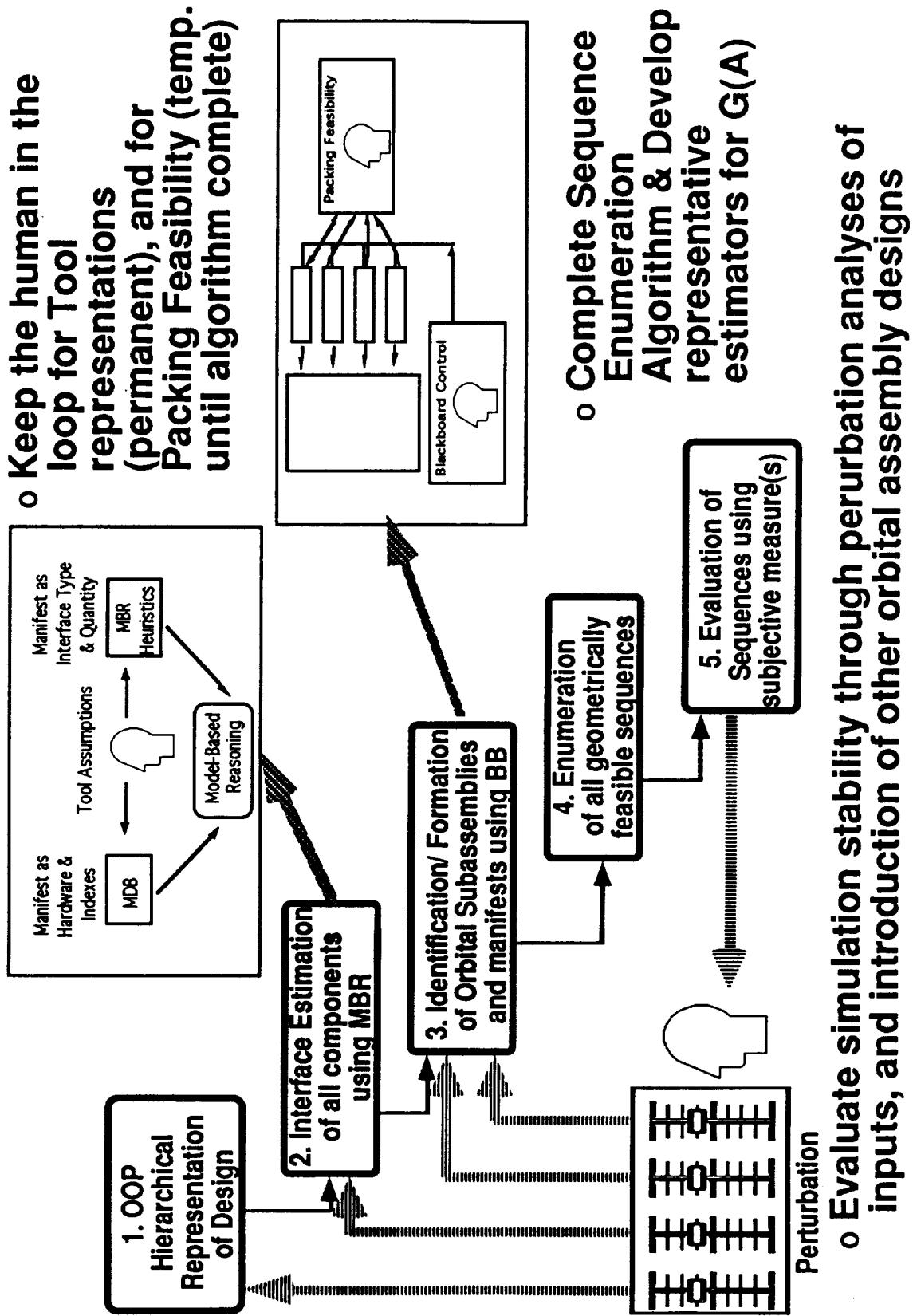


Subassembly mass = 100.33 metric tons  
Mass efficiency = 79 %  
Volumetric efficiency = 53.53 %

## New Subassembly 2 (TEI/EOC Tank + Truss-Bay 1)

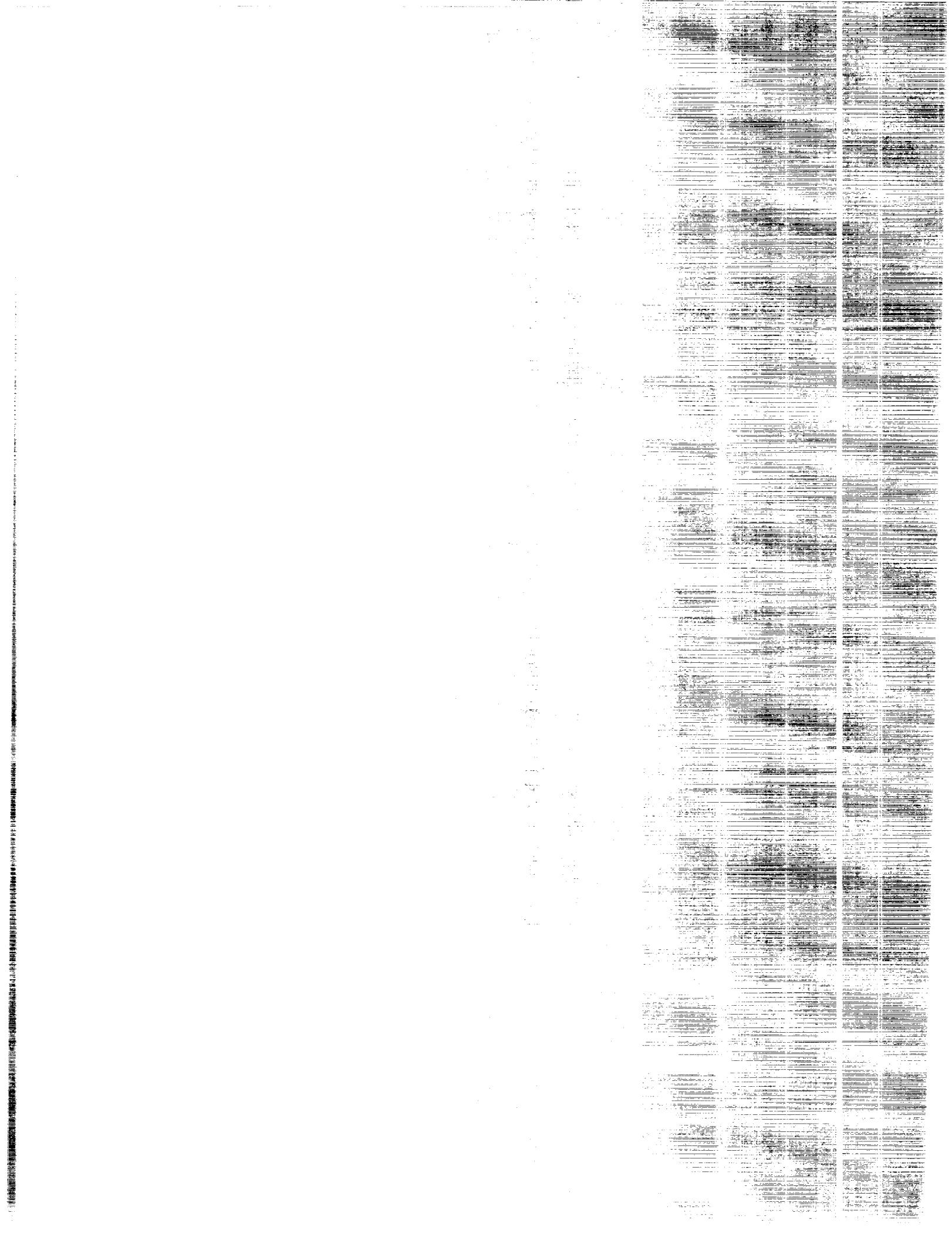


## Conclusions and Plans



# LUNAR CONSTRUCTION

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# Lunar Regolith and Structure Mechanics

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## LUNAR REGOLITH AND STRUCTURE MECHANICS

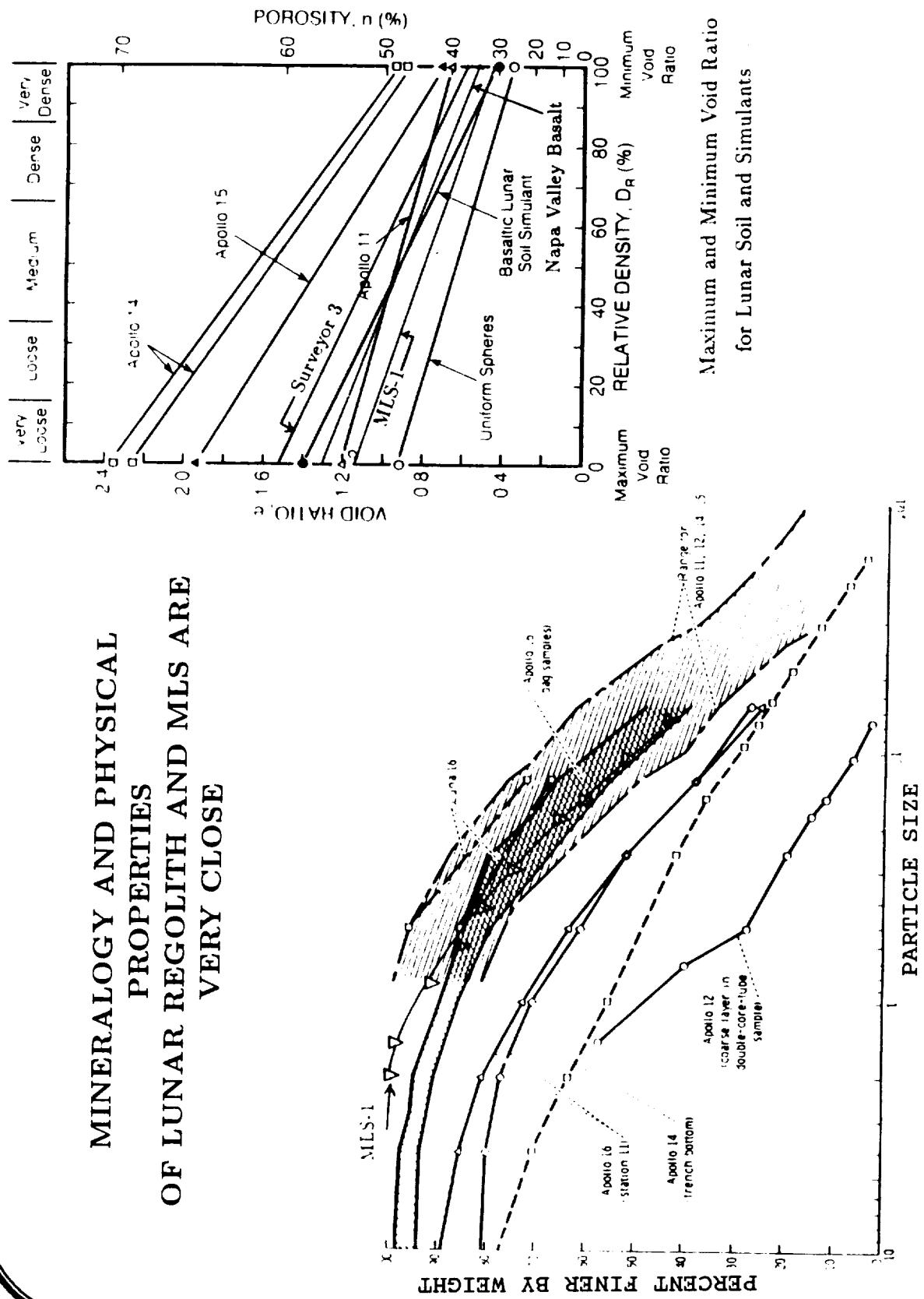
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- MODELING OF REGOLITH-STRUCTURE INTERACTION IN EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONSTRUCTED FACILITIES
- DENSIFICATION OF LUNAR SOIL SIMULANT
- VIBRATION-ASSISTED PENETRATION OF LUNAR SOIL SIMULANT

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## MINERALOGY AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF LUNAR REGOLITH AND MLS ARE VERY CLOSE

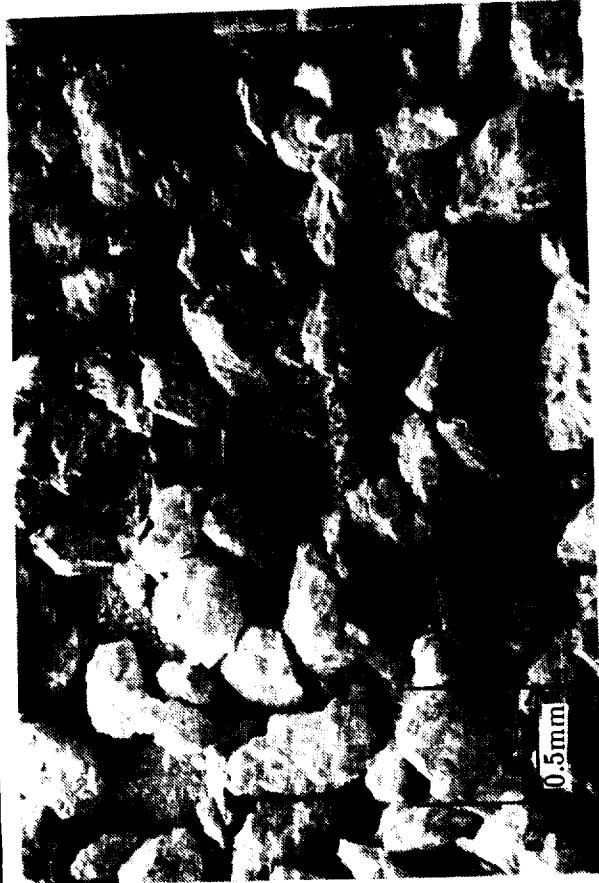


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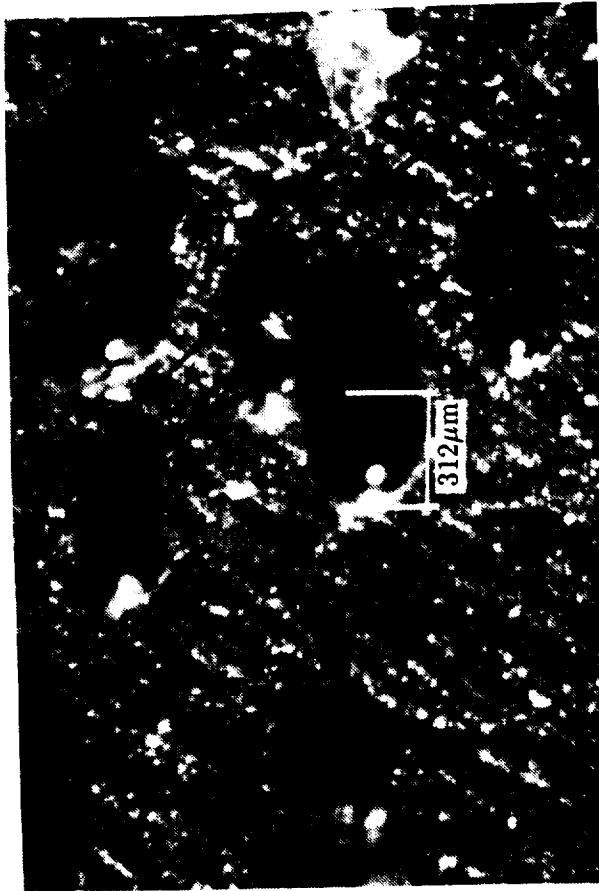
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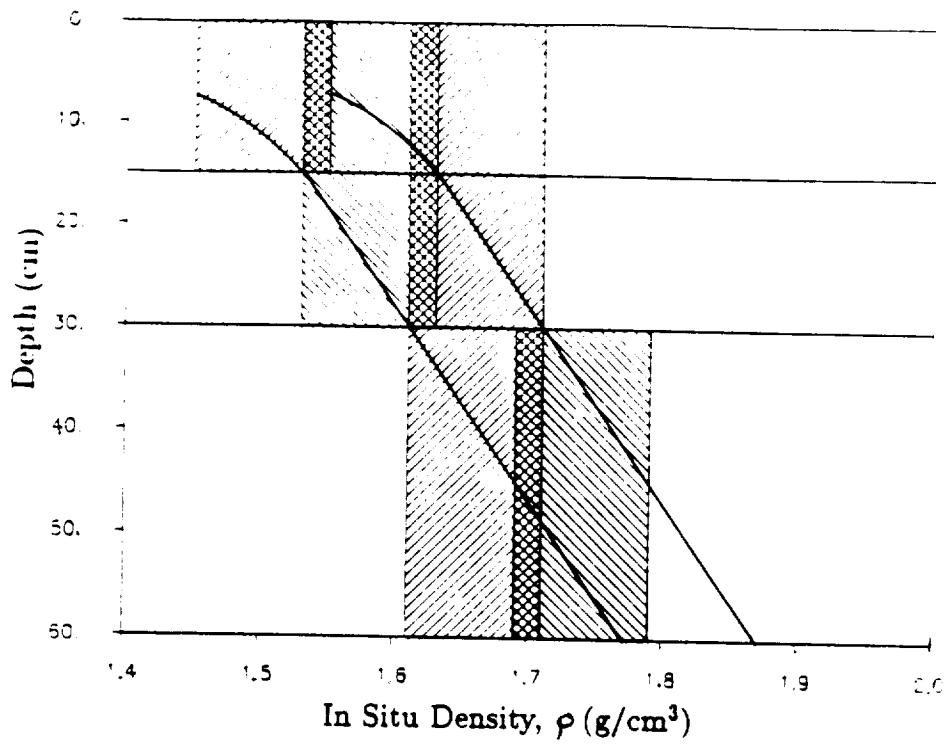
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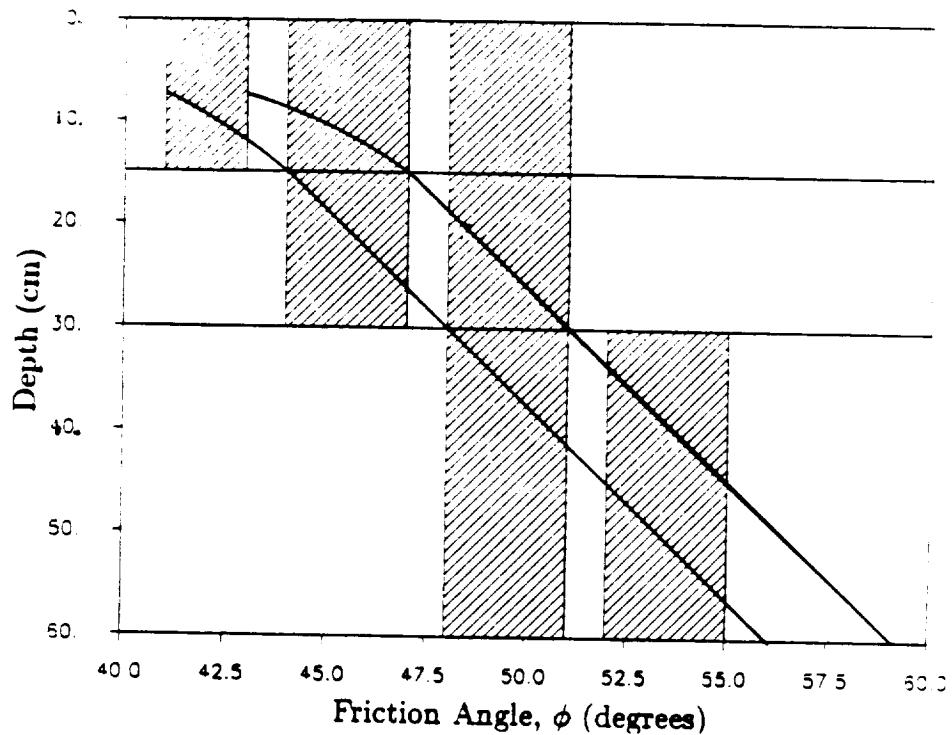


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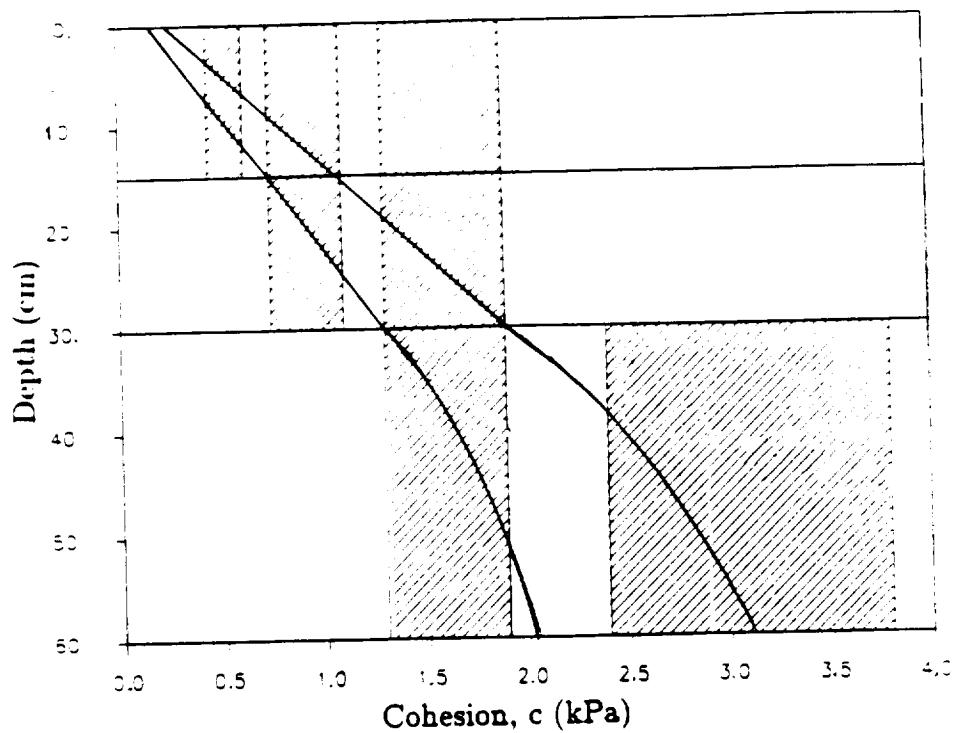




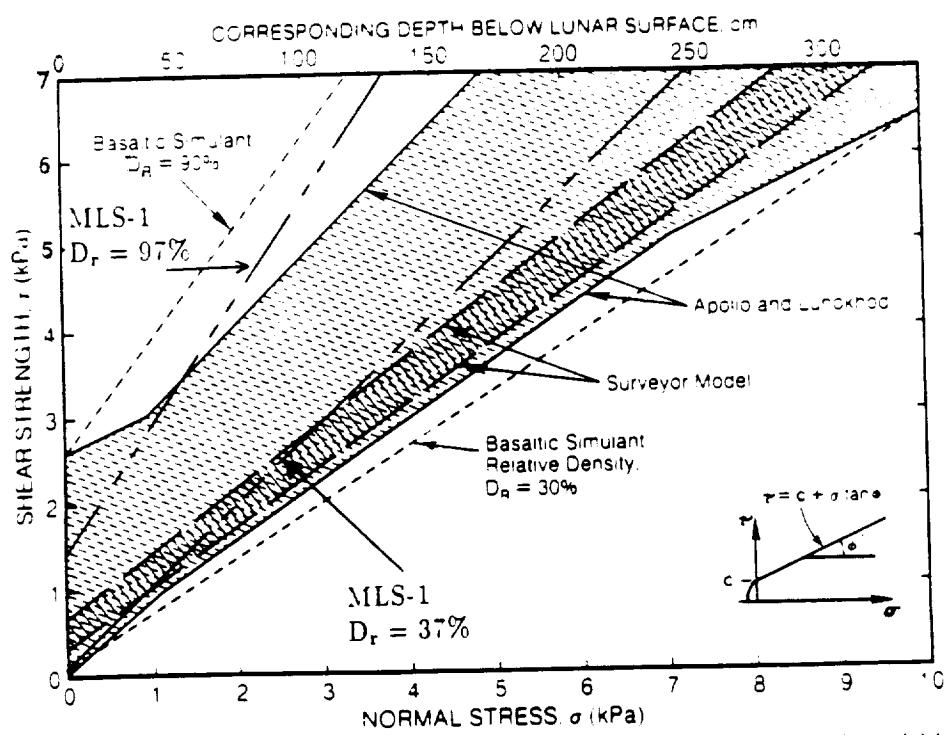
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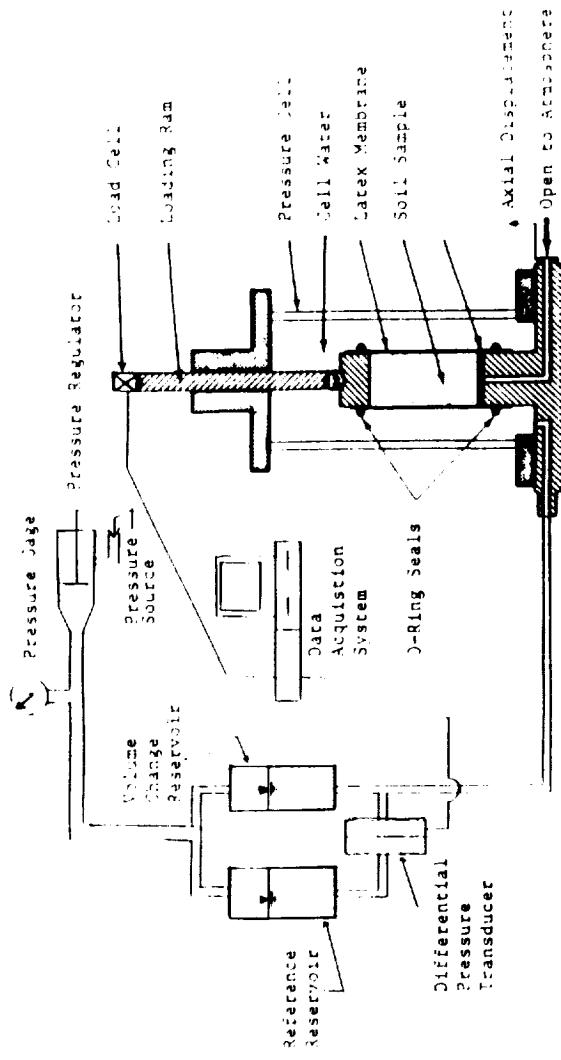
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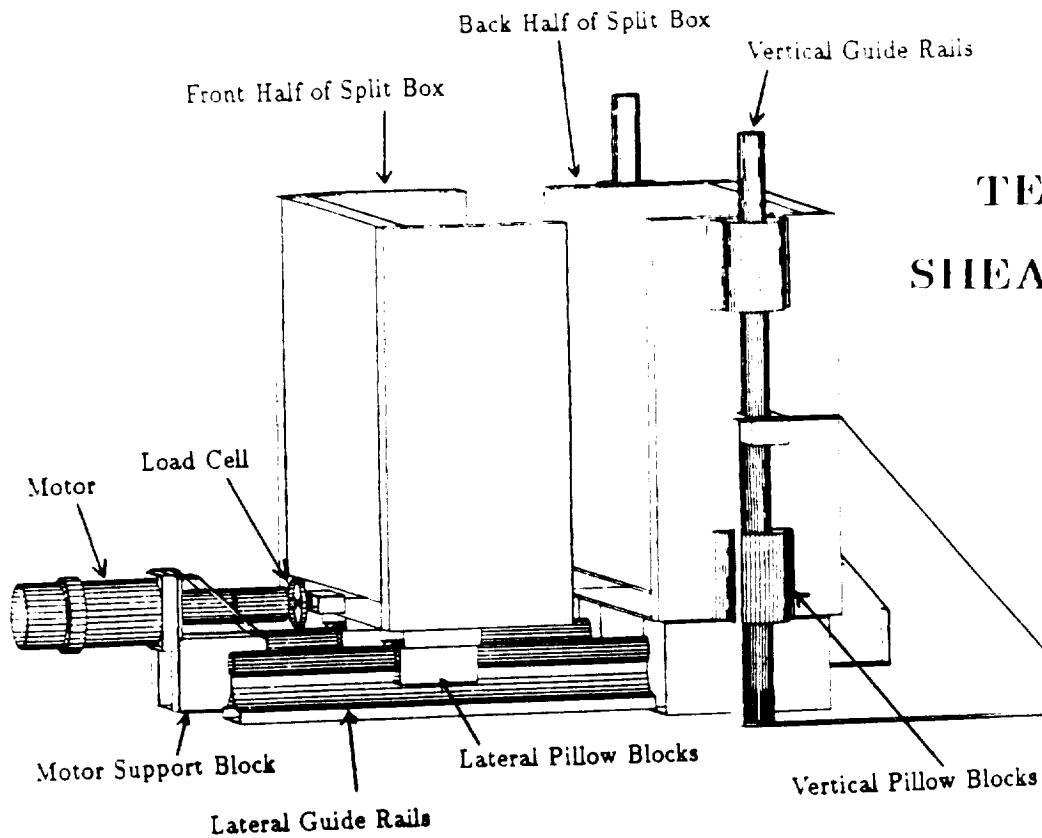
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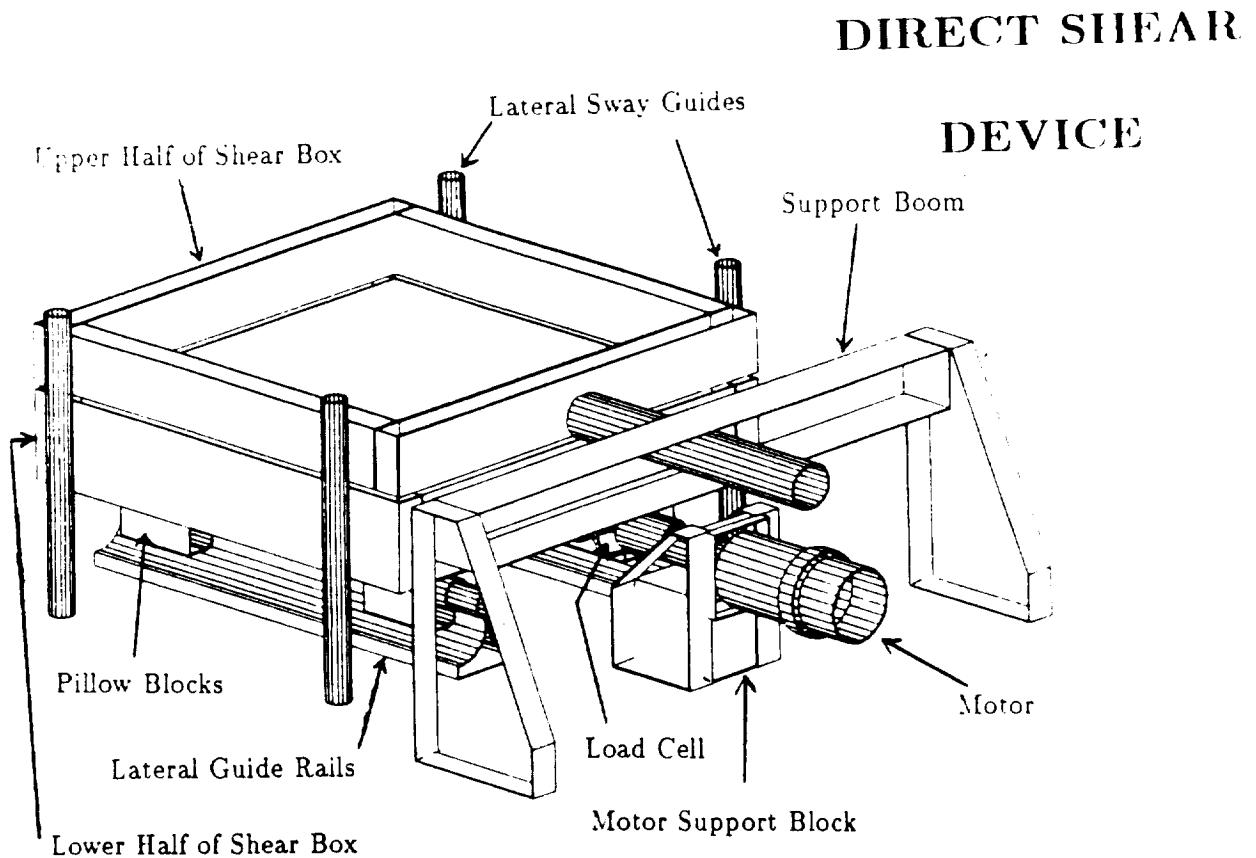
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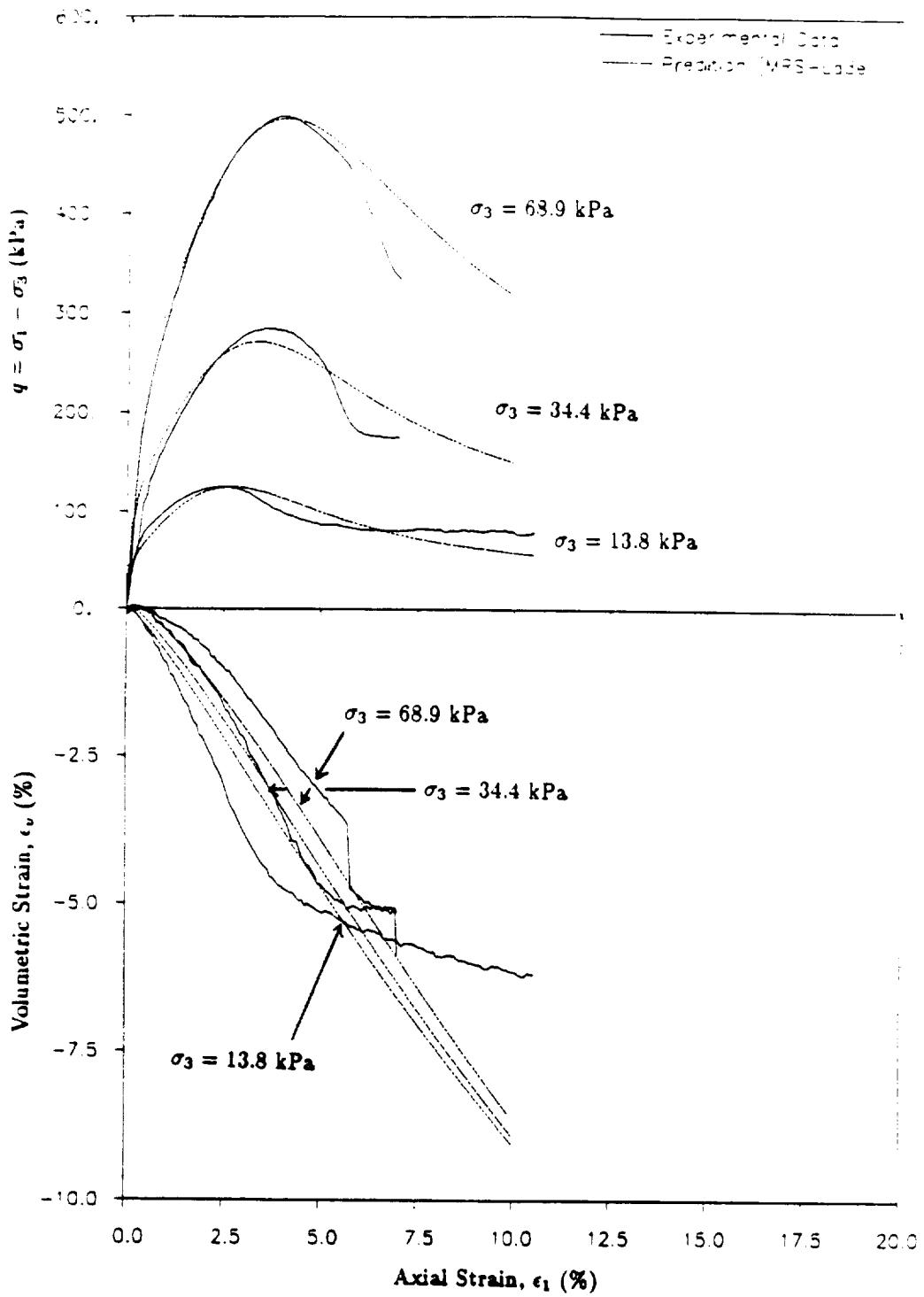
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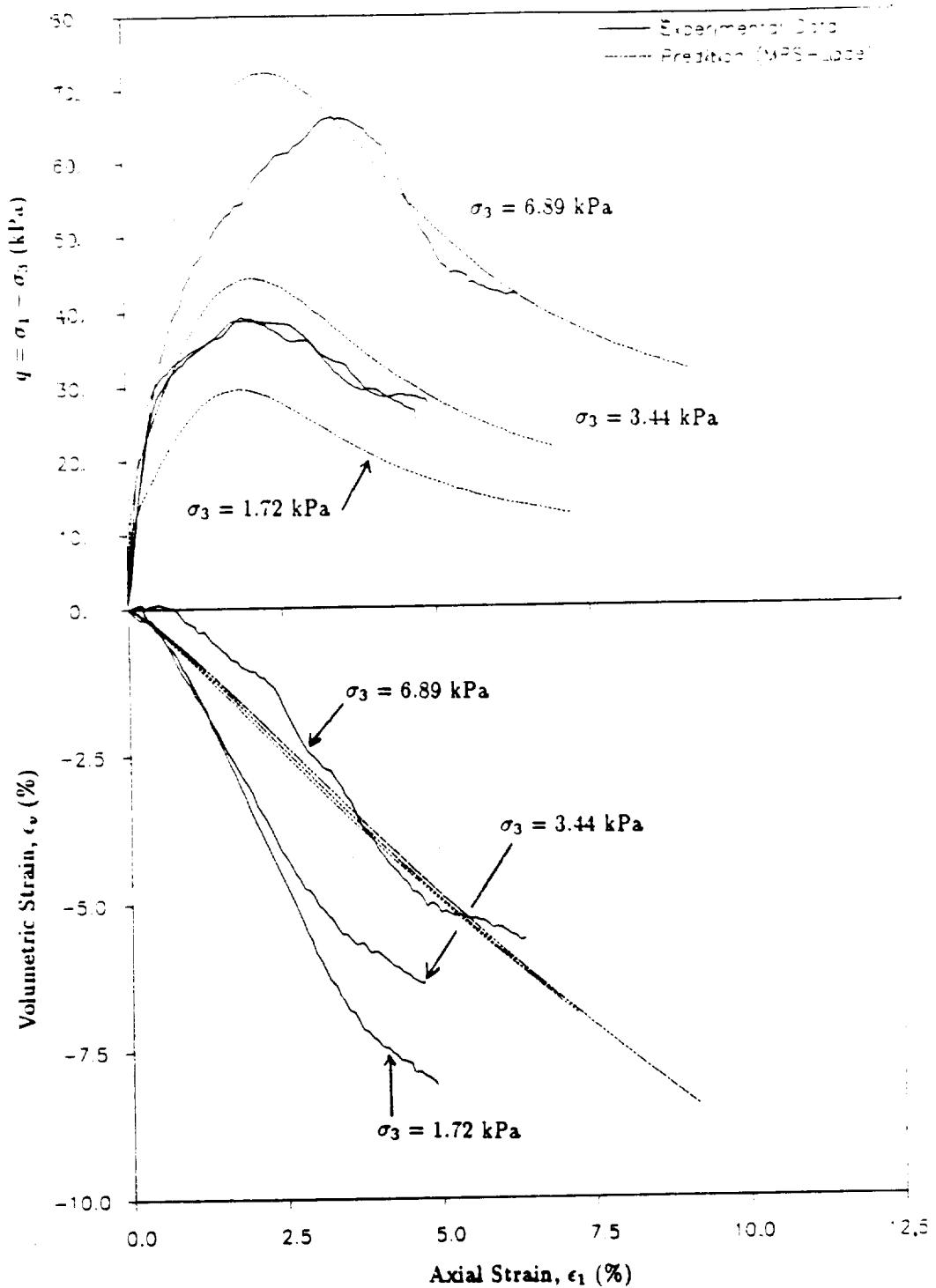
**TENSION-SHEAR DEVICE**



**DIRECT SHEAR DEVICE**



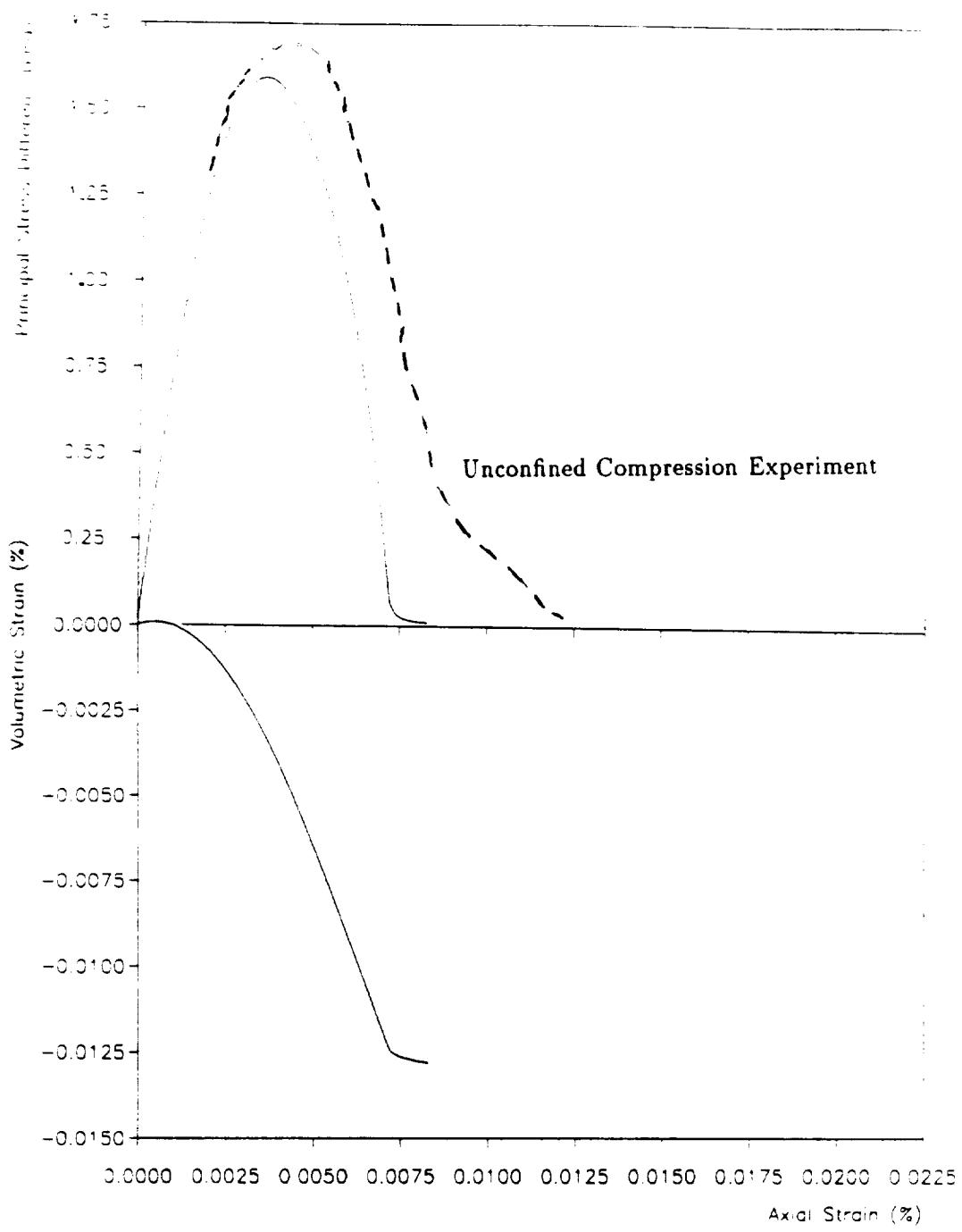
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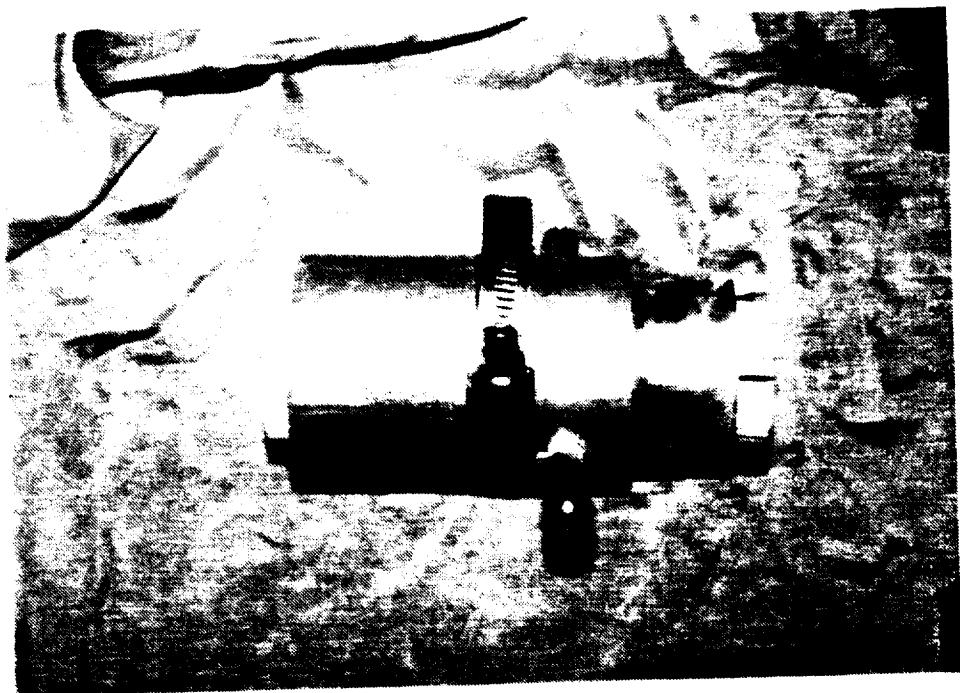
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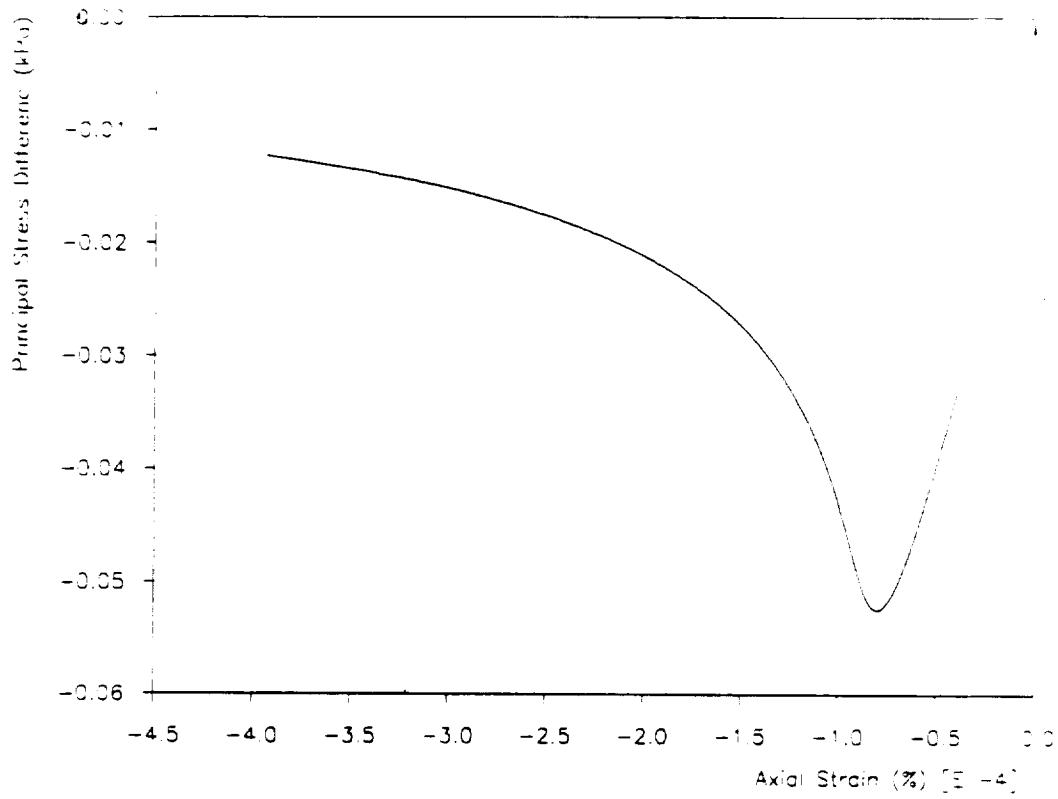
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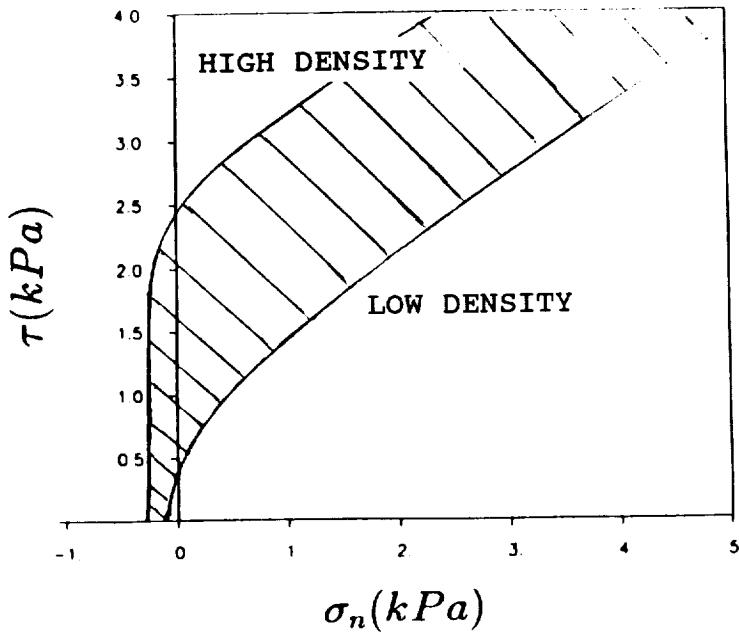


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ULTIMATE STRENGTH ENVELOPE FOR MLS-1

## TYPICAL RANGES OF ENGINEERING PROPERTIES FOR DRY TERRESTRIAL COHESIONLESS SOILS AND LUNAR REGOLITH (REAL AND SIMULATED)

	Terrestrial Soils	Lunar Regolith and MLS
Friction Angle ( $\phi, {}^\circ$ )	30-38	<b>44-56</b>
Cohesion/Adhesion ( $c, \frac{kN}{m^2}$ )	0	0.05-4.50
Specific Mass of Solids ( $\rho_s, \frac{g}{cm^3}$ )	2.7	3.1
Mass Density of Particulate Void-Solids Composite ( $\rho, \frac{g}{cm^3}$ )	1.4-1.9	1.8-2.2
Unit Weight ( $\gamma, \frac{kN}{m^3}$ )	14-19	2.9-3.6
Bearing Capacity of a 0.10 m by 0.10 m Footing on Level Ground ( $q_f, \frac{kN}{m^2}$ )	8-45	27-1840
Modulus of Subgrade Reaction (est.) ( $k_s, \frac{MN}{m^3}$ )	0.5-15	<b>1-10<sup>4</sup></b>

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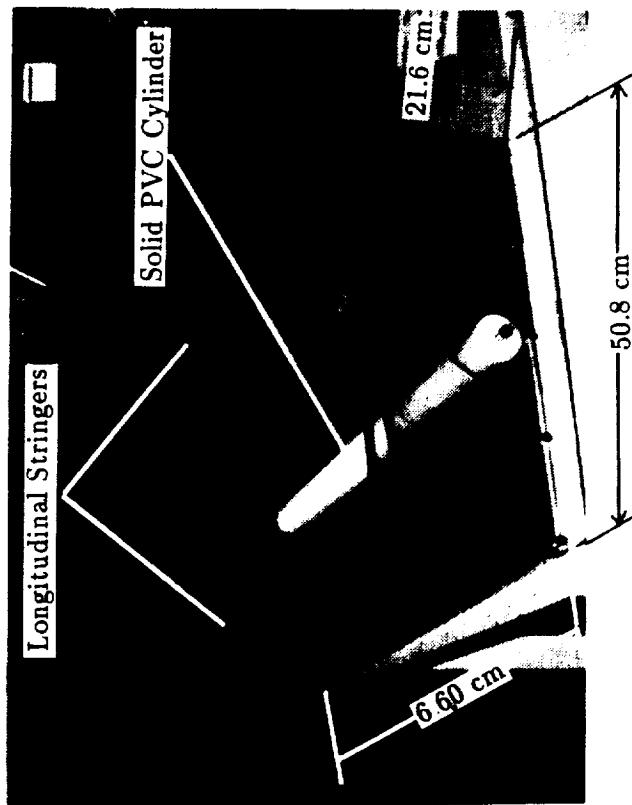
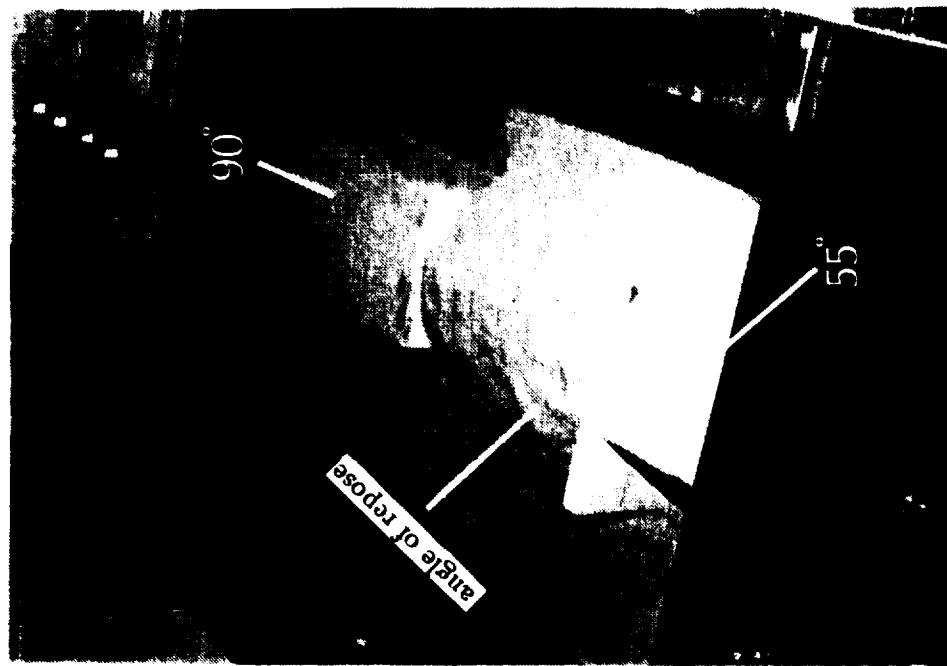
- Increased Strength
- Increased Stiffness
- Subsurface Homogeneity

- DISADVANTAGES

- Electrostatic Attraction To All Non-Geologic Matter
- Difficult To Excavate

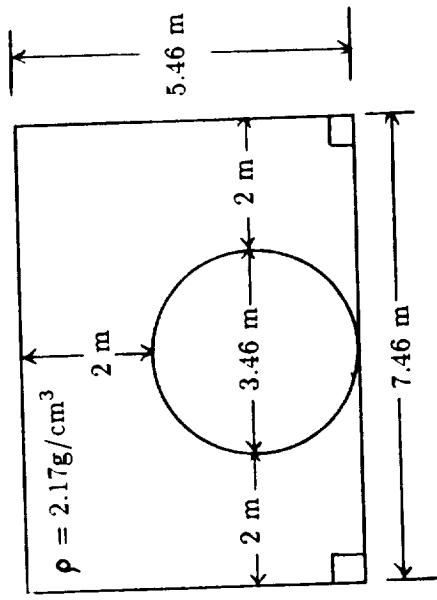
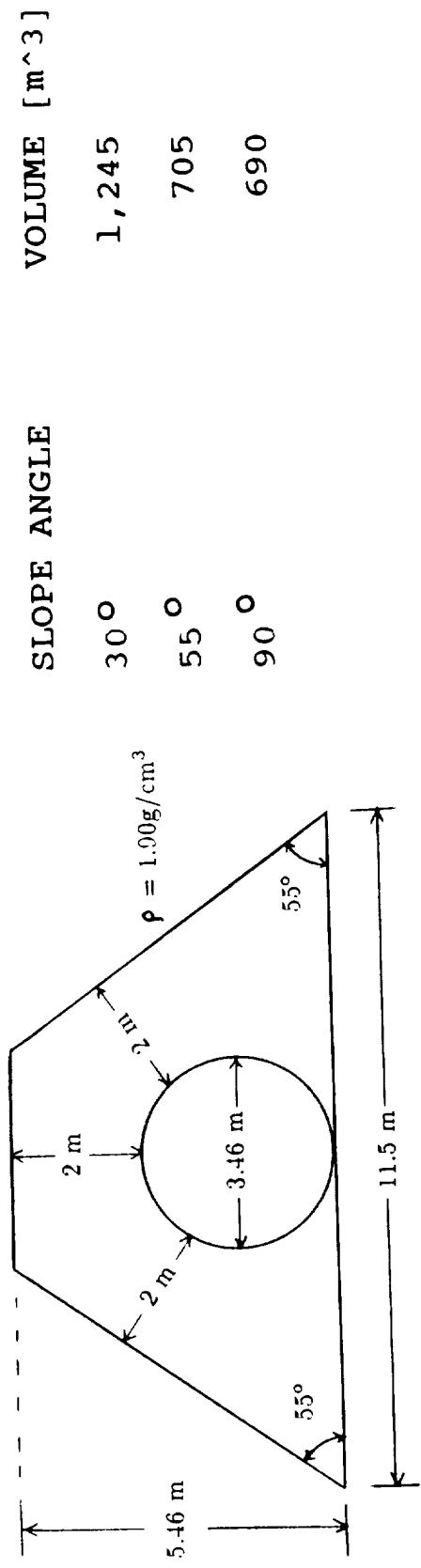
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## CENTRIFUGE MODELING OF REGOLITH-STRUCTURE INTERACTION



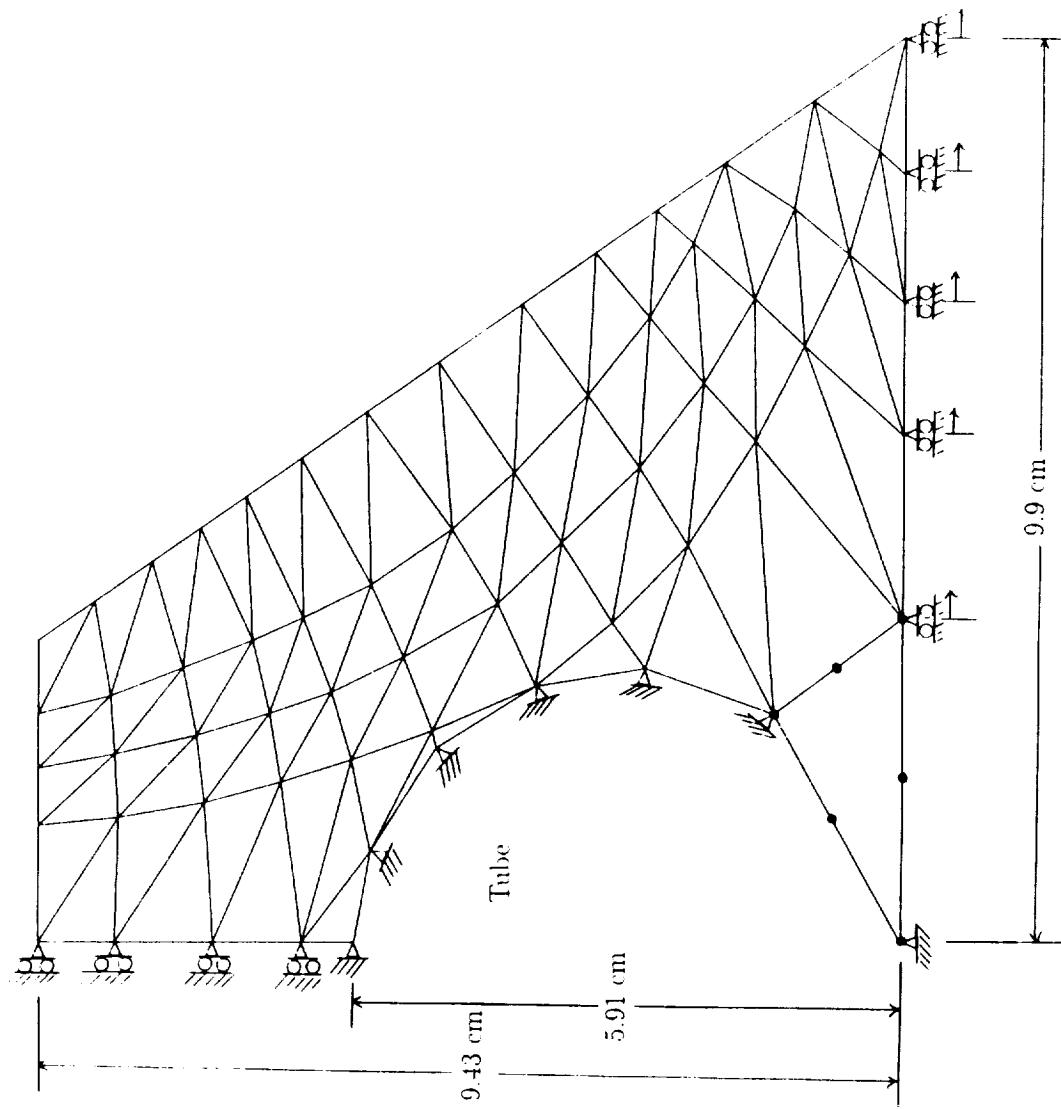
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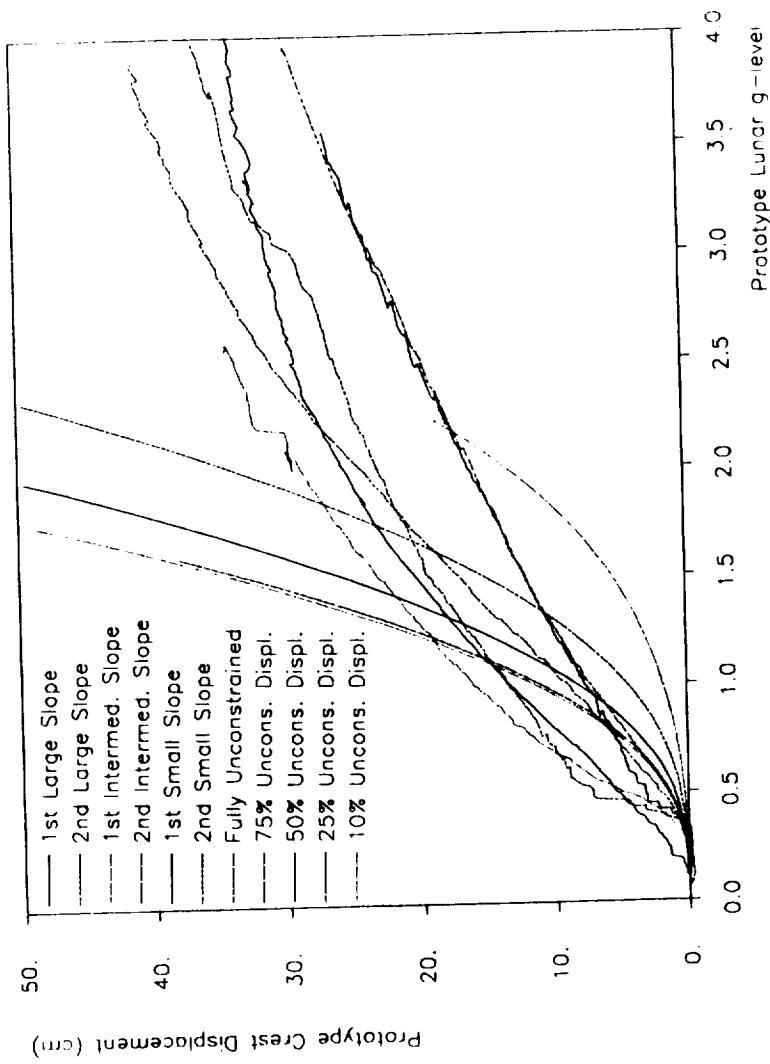


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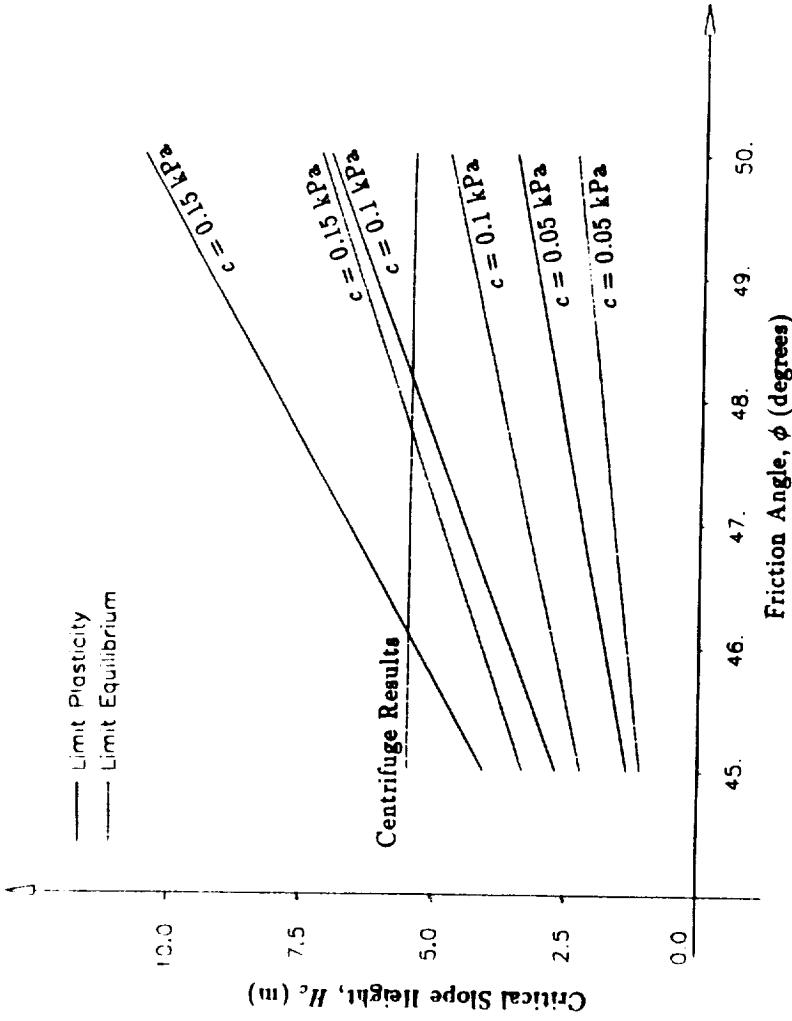
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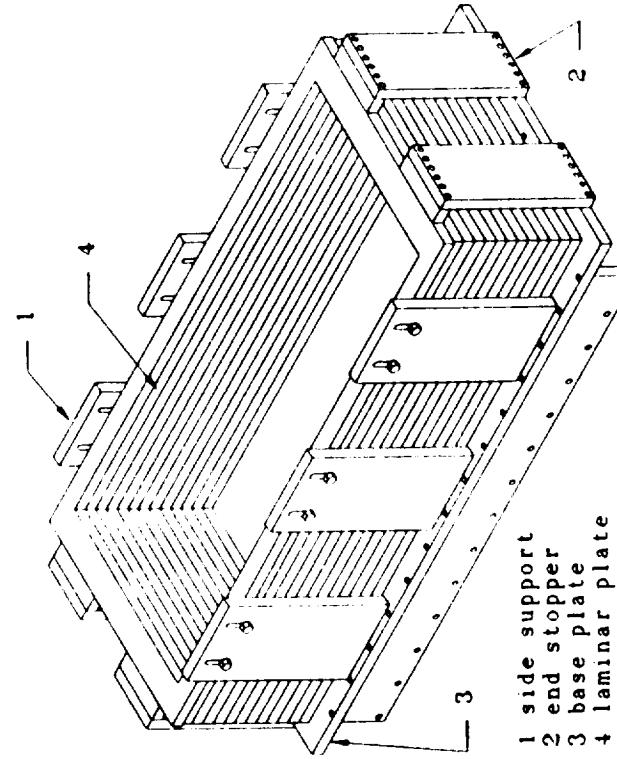


Comparison of Conventional Slope Stability Solutions To Centrifuge model

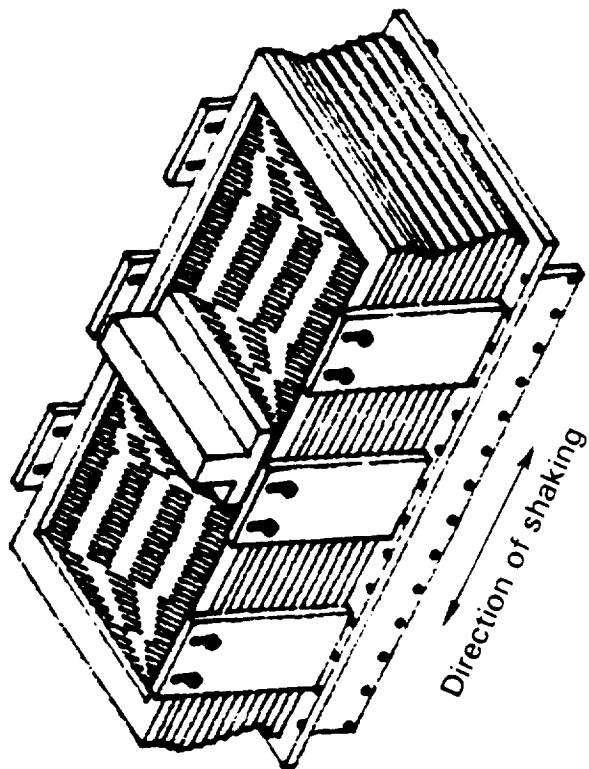
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DENSITY OF LUNAR REGOLITH

LAMINAR CONTAINER TO SIMULATE FREE FIELD MOTION



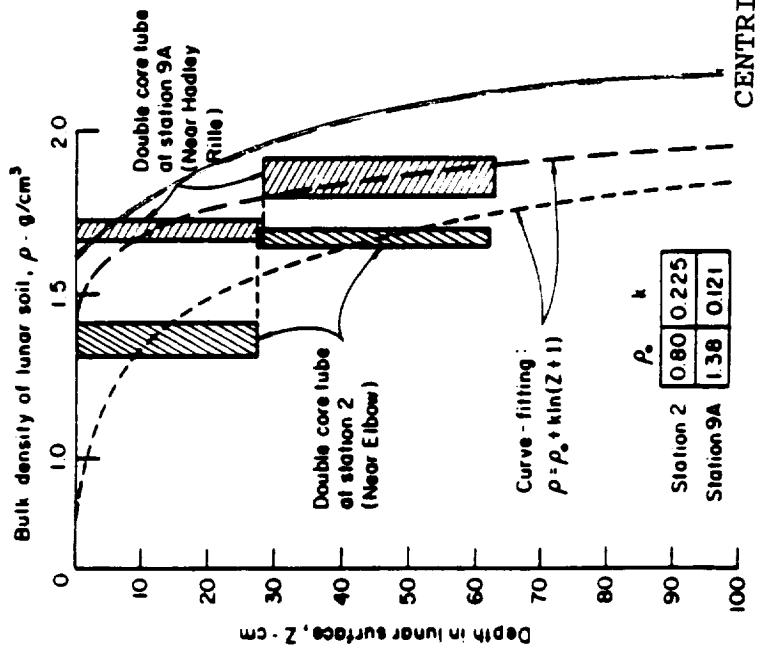
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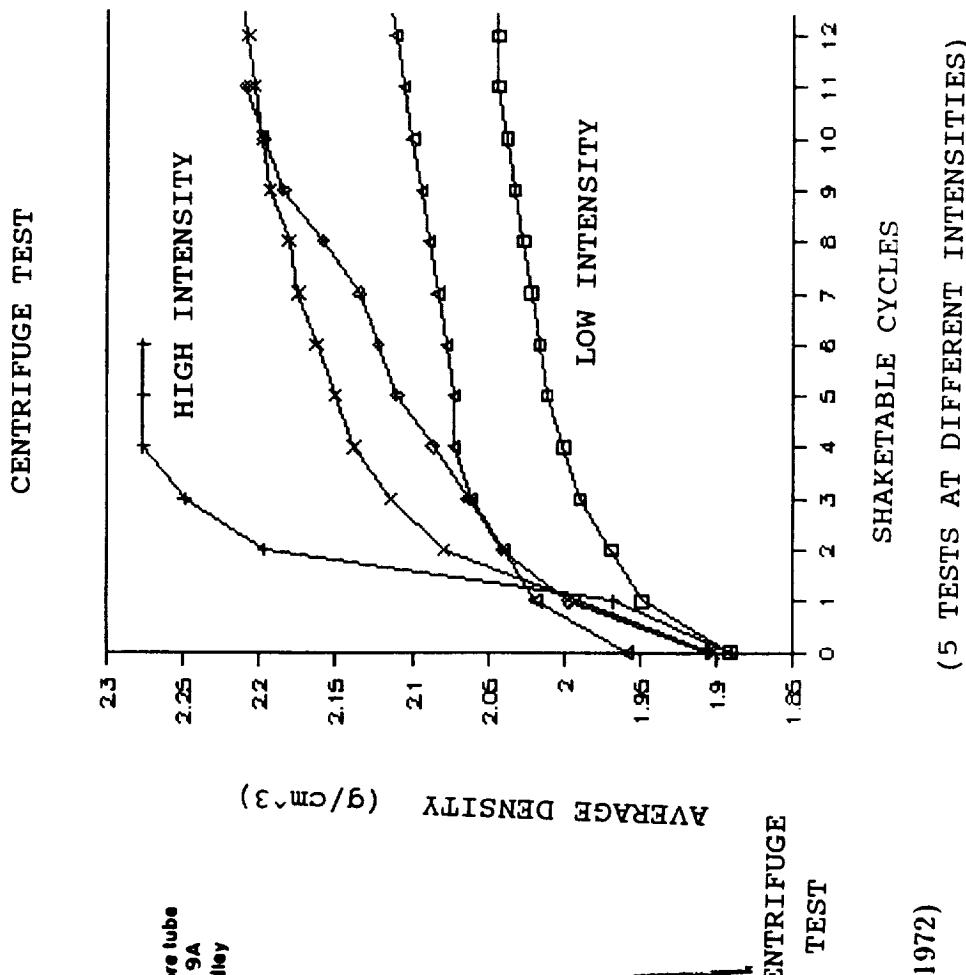
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## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF LUNAR REGOLITH



Apollo 15 CORE TUBE SITES

(Mitchell et al., Proc. 3rd Lunar Sci. Conf., 1972)

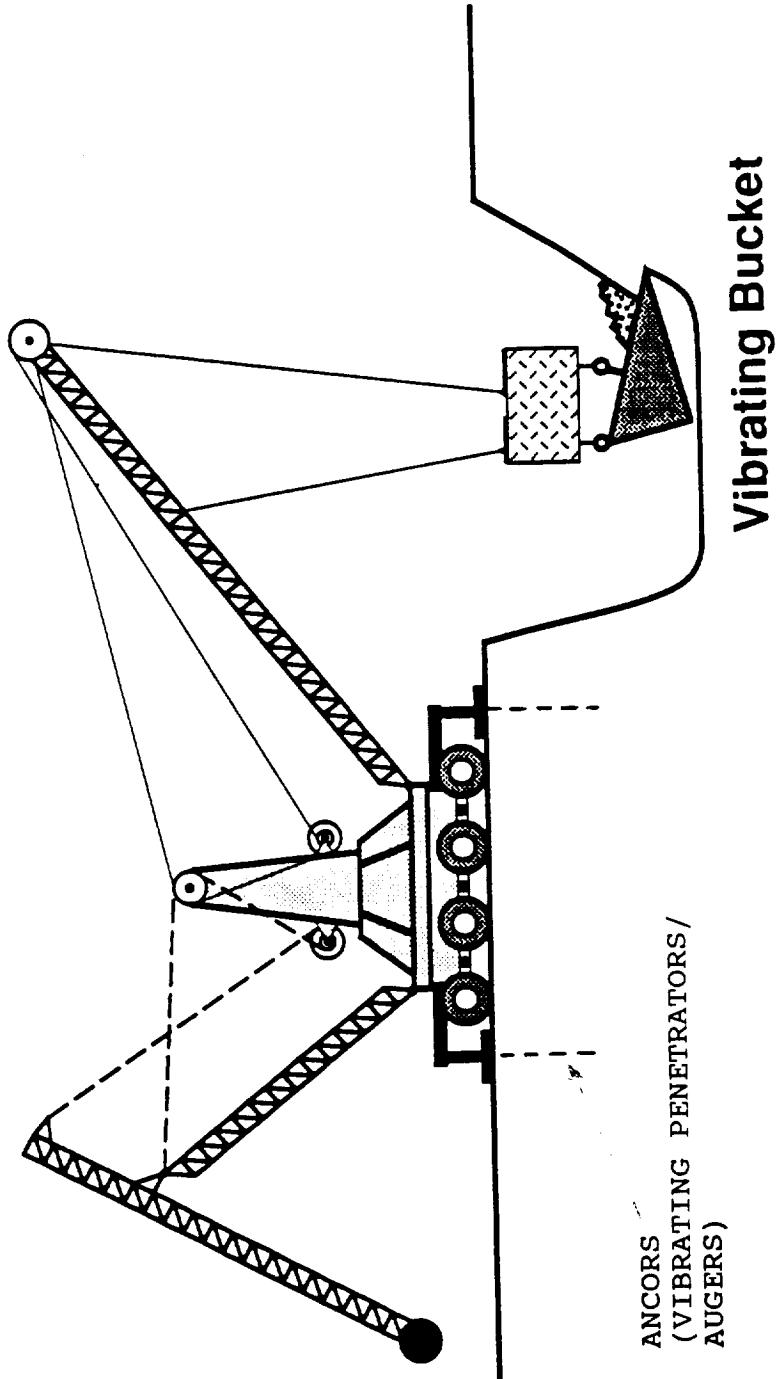


(5 TESTS AT DIFFERENT INTENSITIES)

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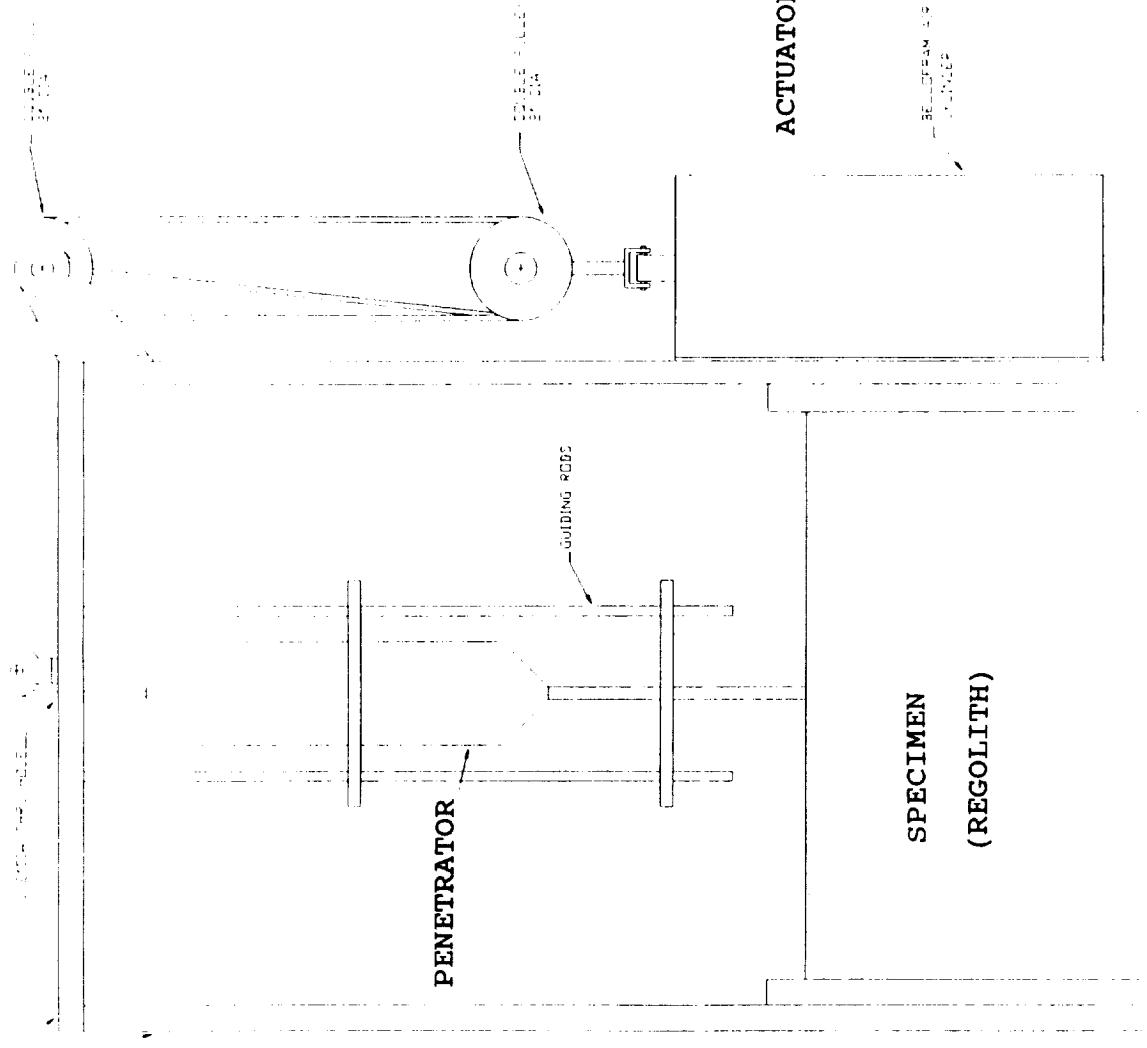
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(After Martin Mikulas)



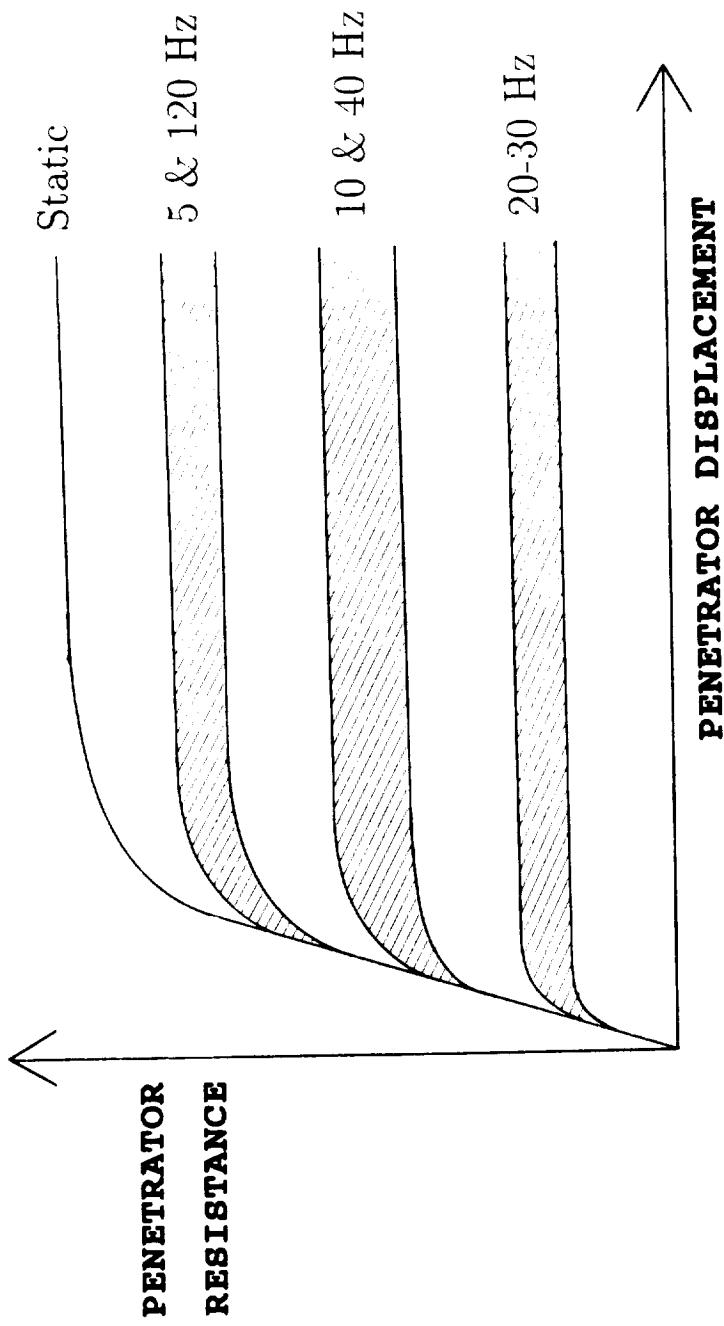
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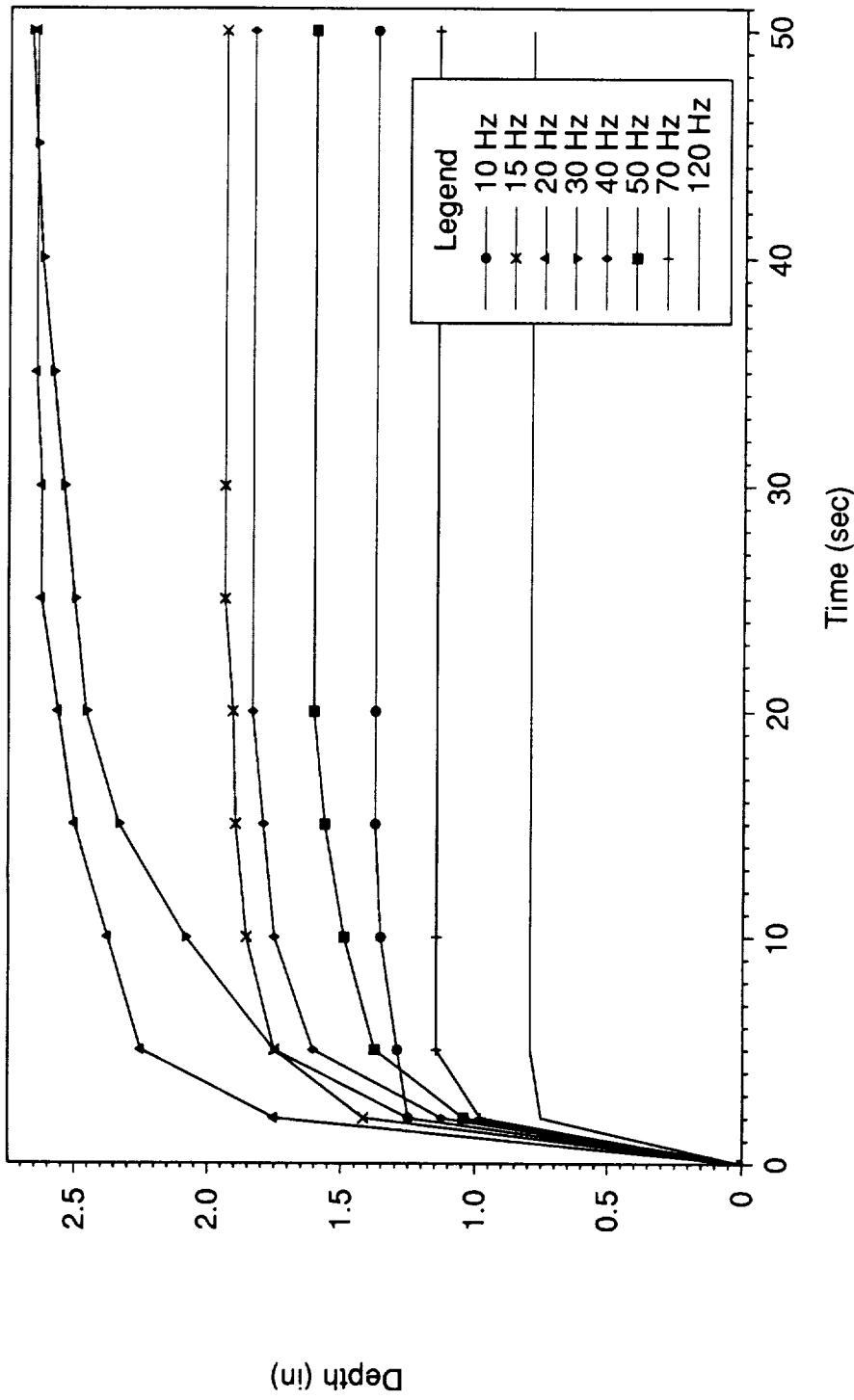
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Static Vs. Vibration Assisted Penetration



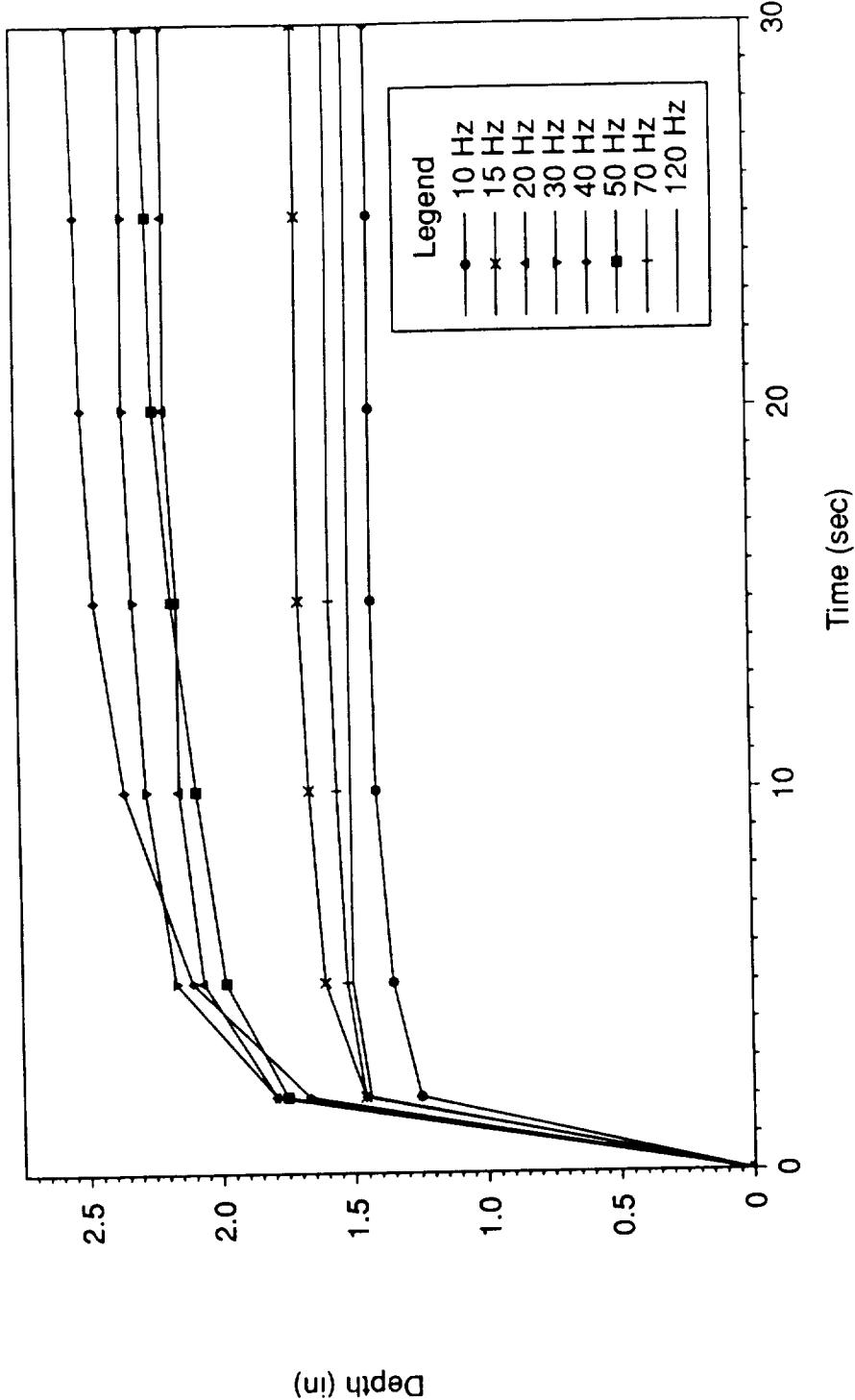
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### Average Depth - 6" Steel Tip Rod



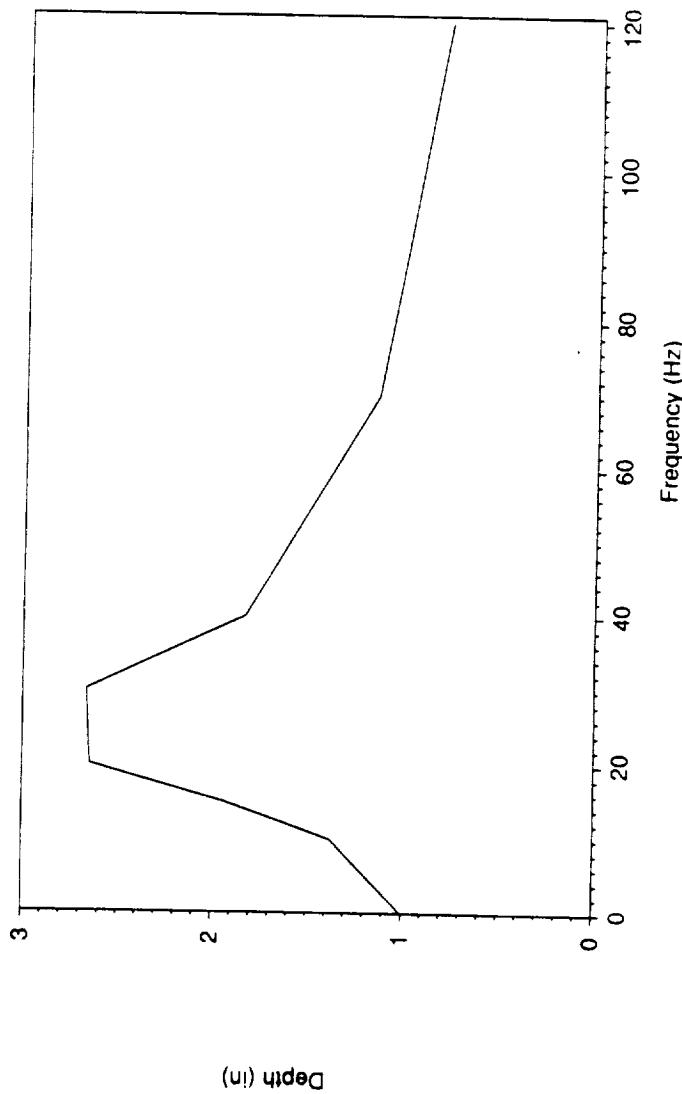
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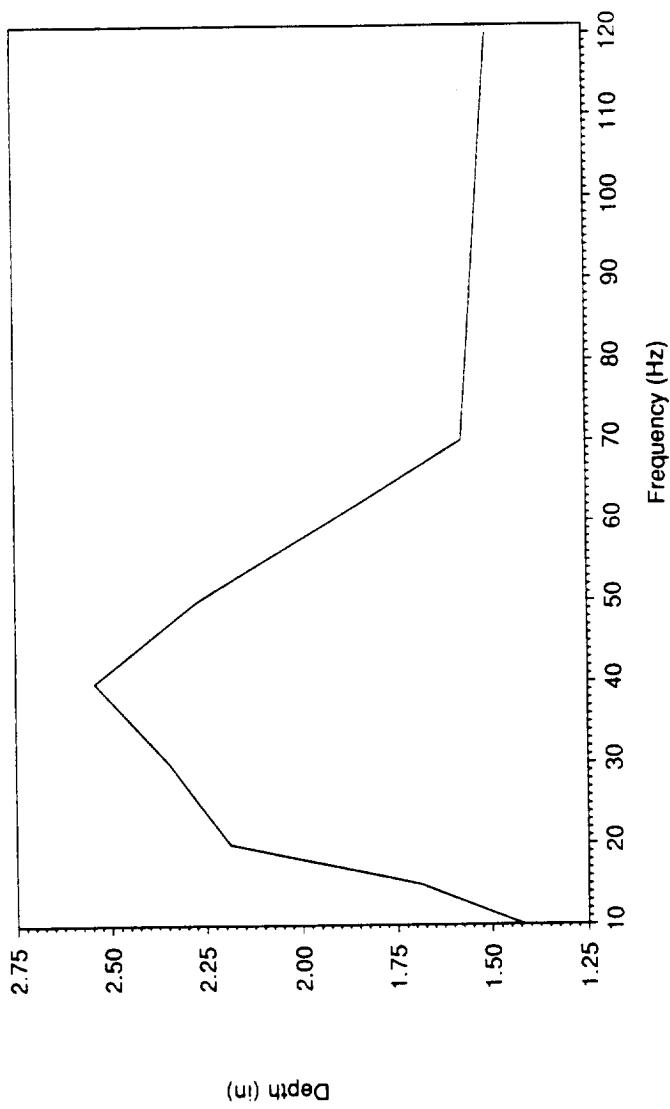


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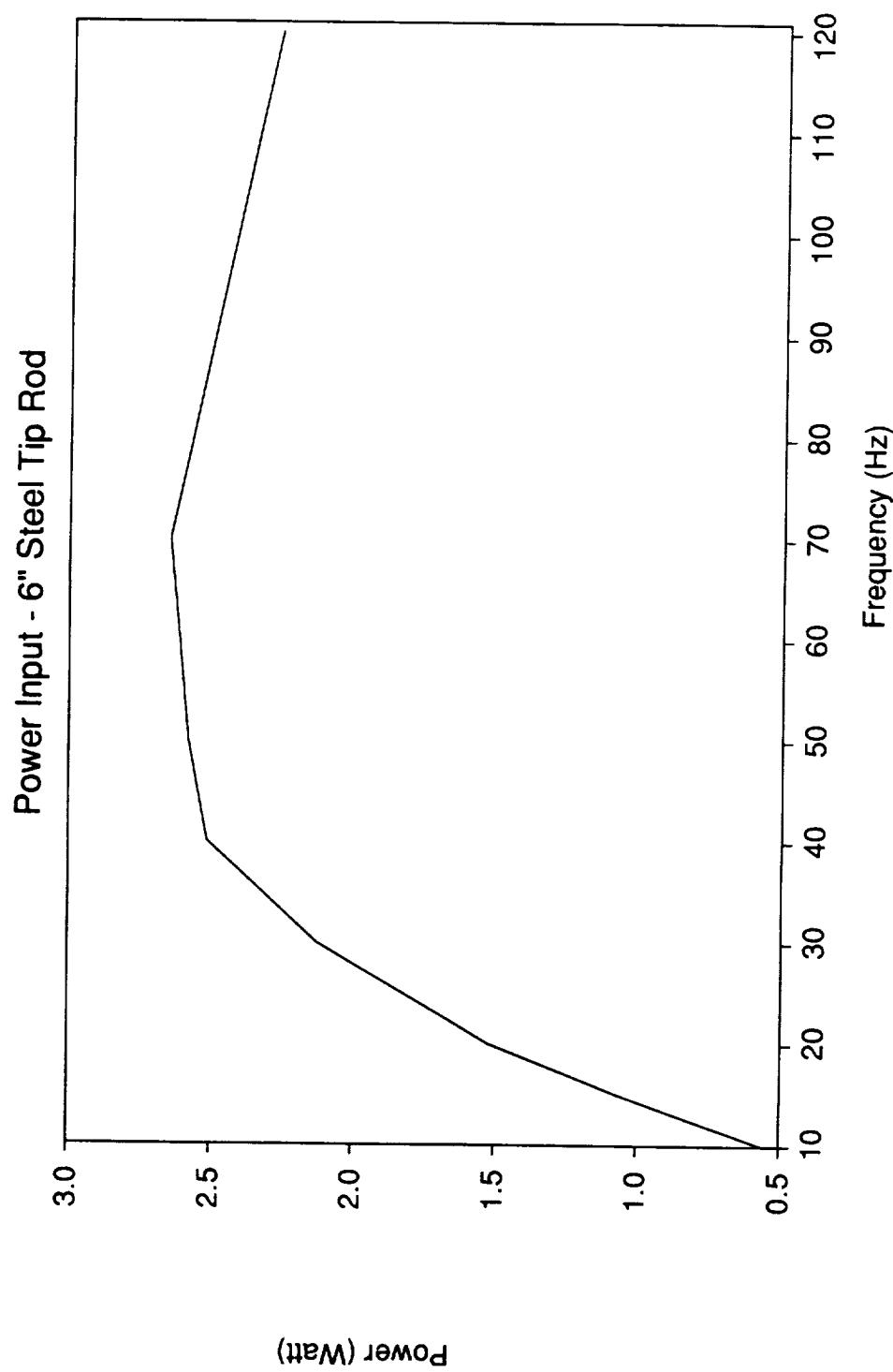
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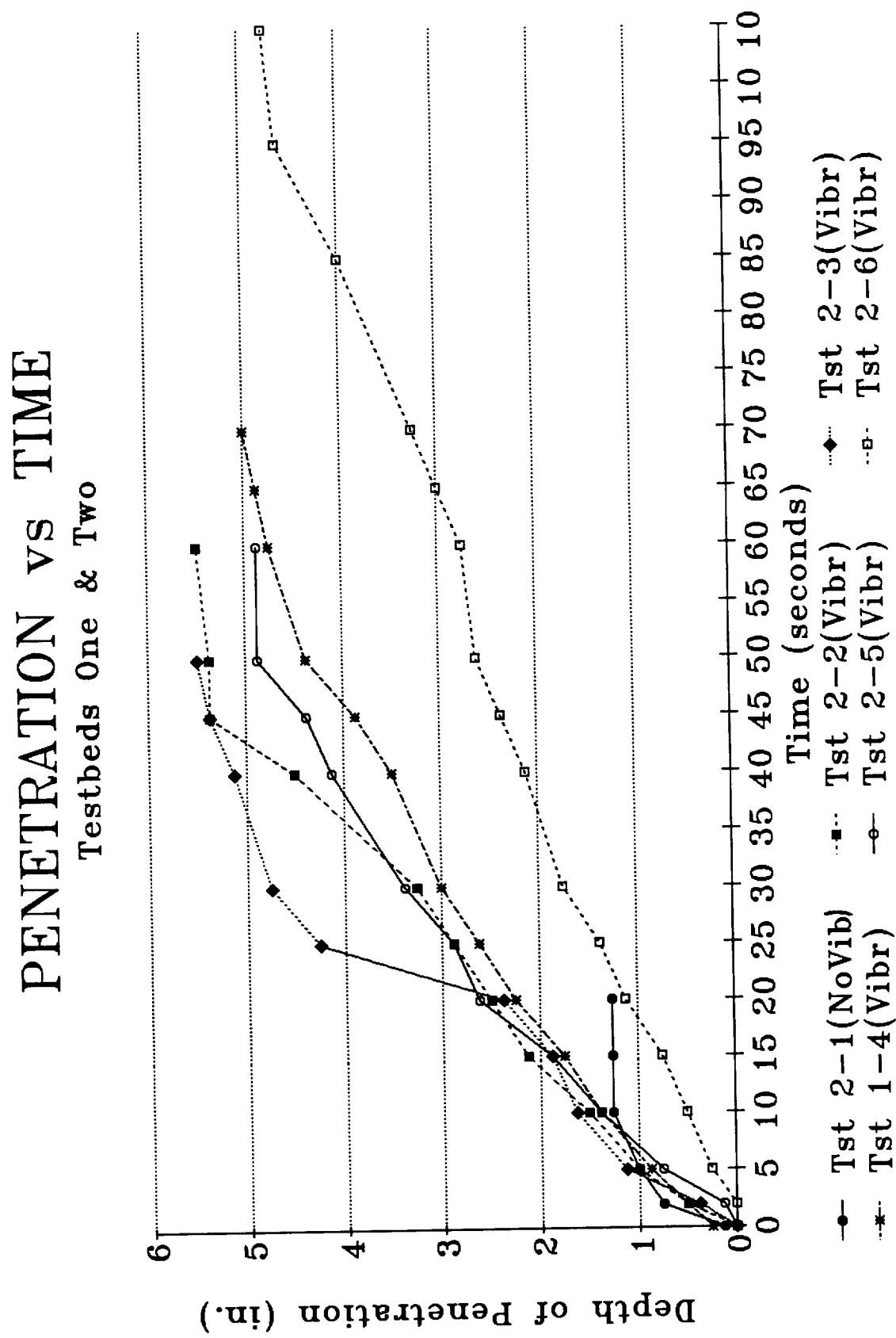


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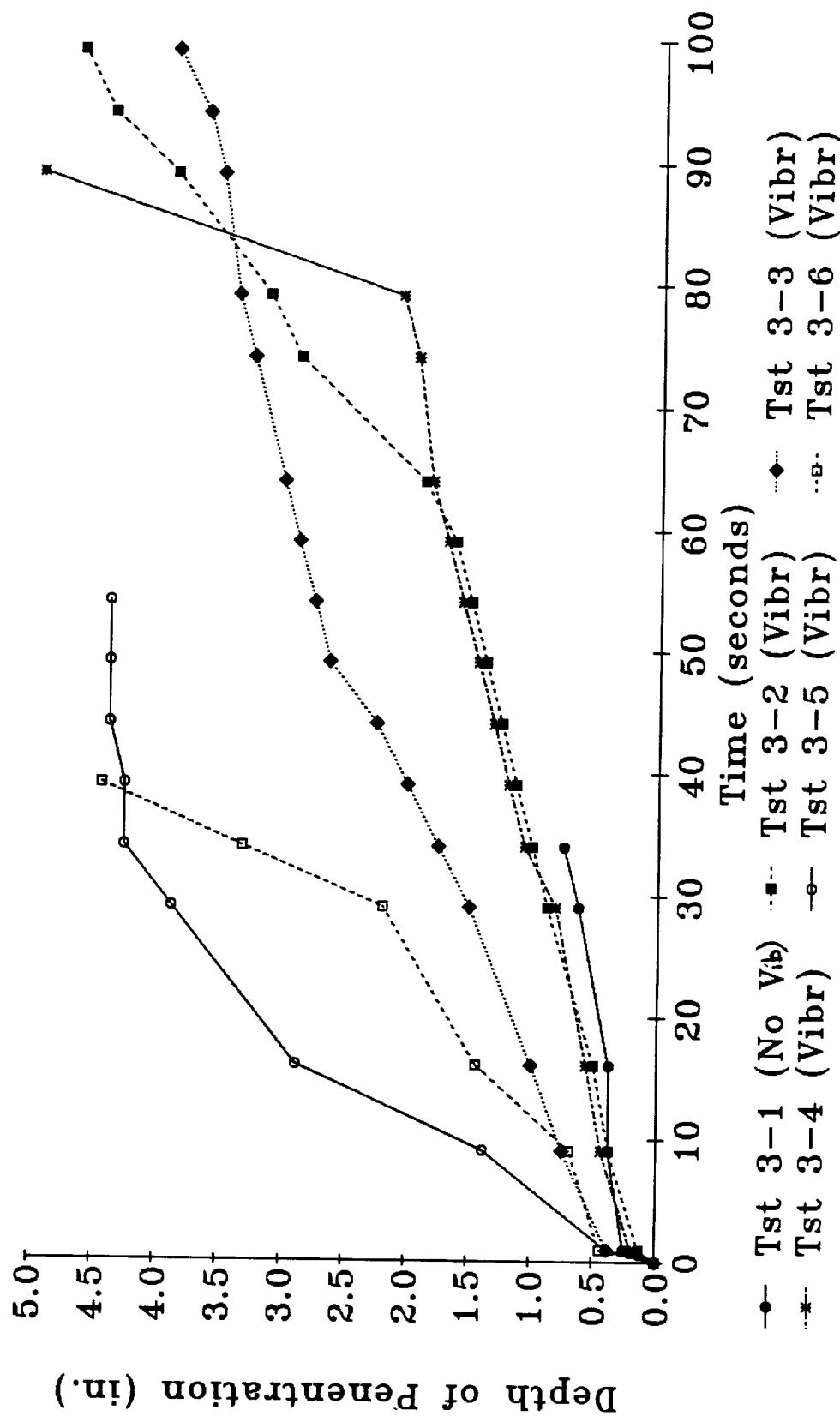


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# Indigenous Lunar Construction Materials

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## Motivation

*The utilization of local resources for the construction and operation of a lunar base can significantly reduce the costs of transporting materials and supplies from Earth.*

- Primary examples of utilization of lunar resources: radiation shielding, oxygen extraction, water production, helium-3 mining.
- **Construction materials** are excellent candidates for utilization of local resources: they are relatively simple, heavy, and available. Raw materials may be by-product of other operations such as oxygen extraction.

### Why

Pay-load weight savings

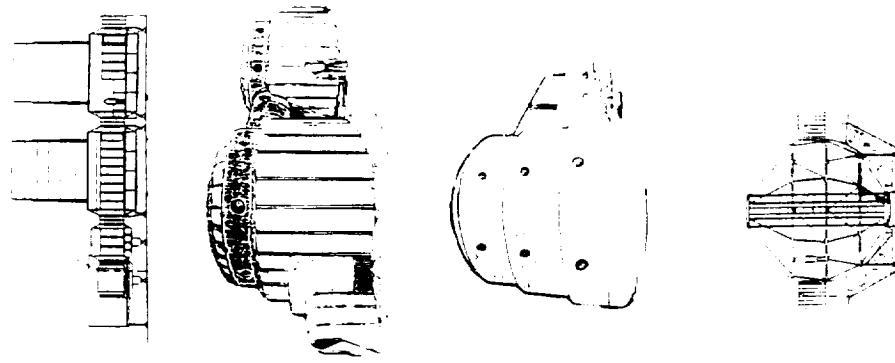
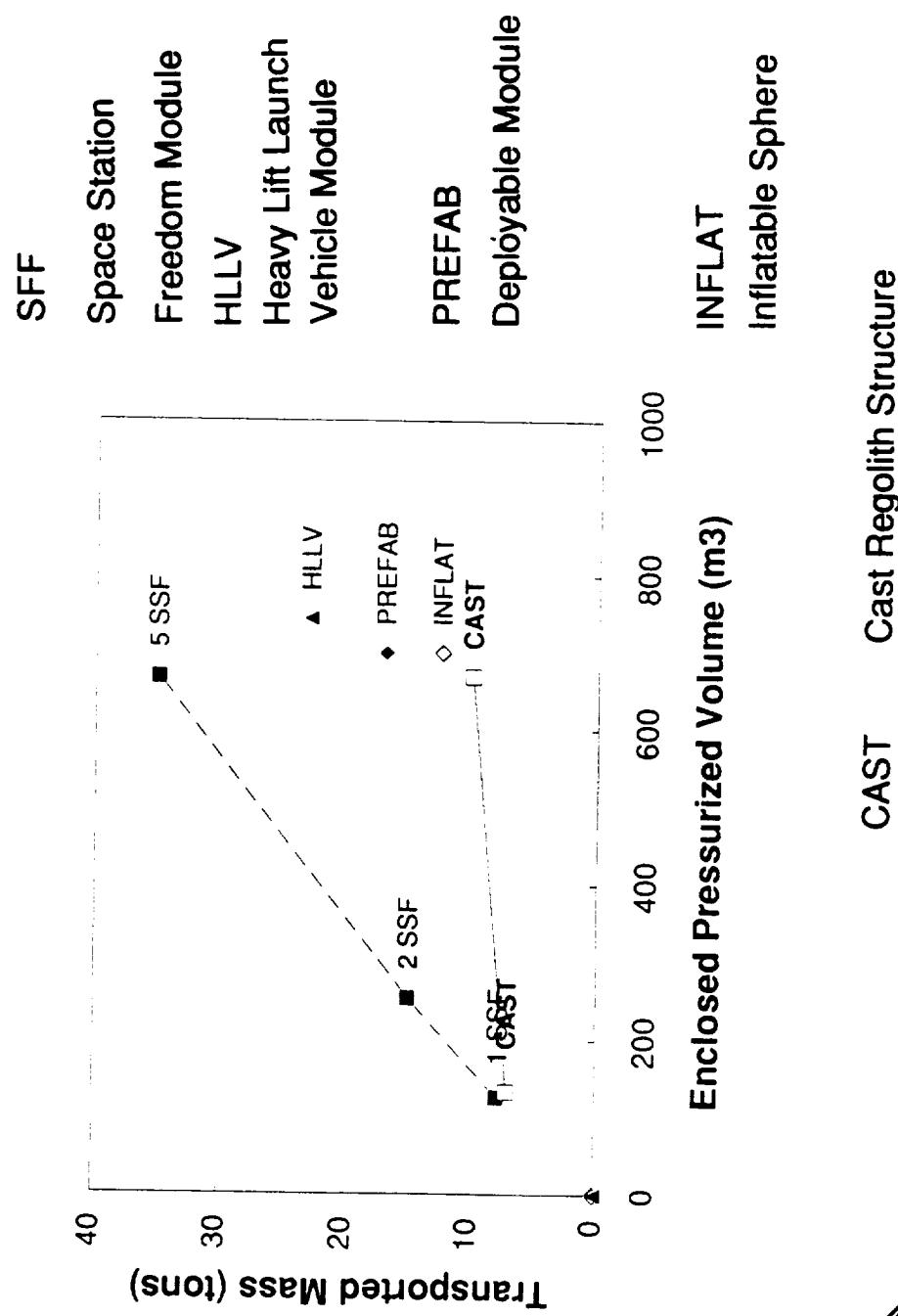
Long term manned presence in space

### Why not

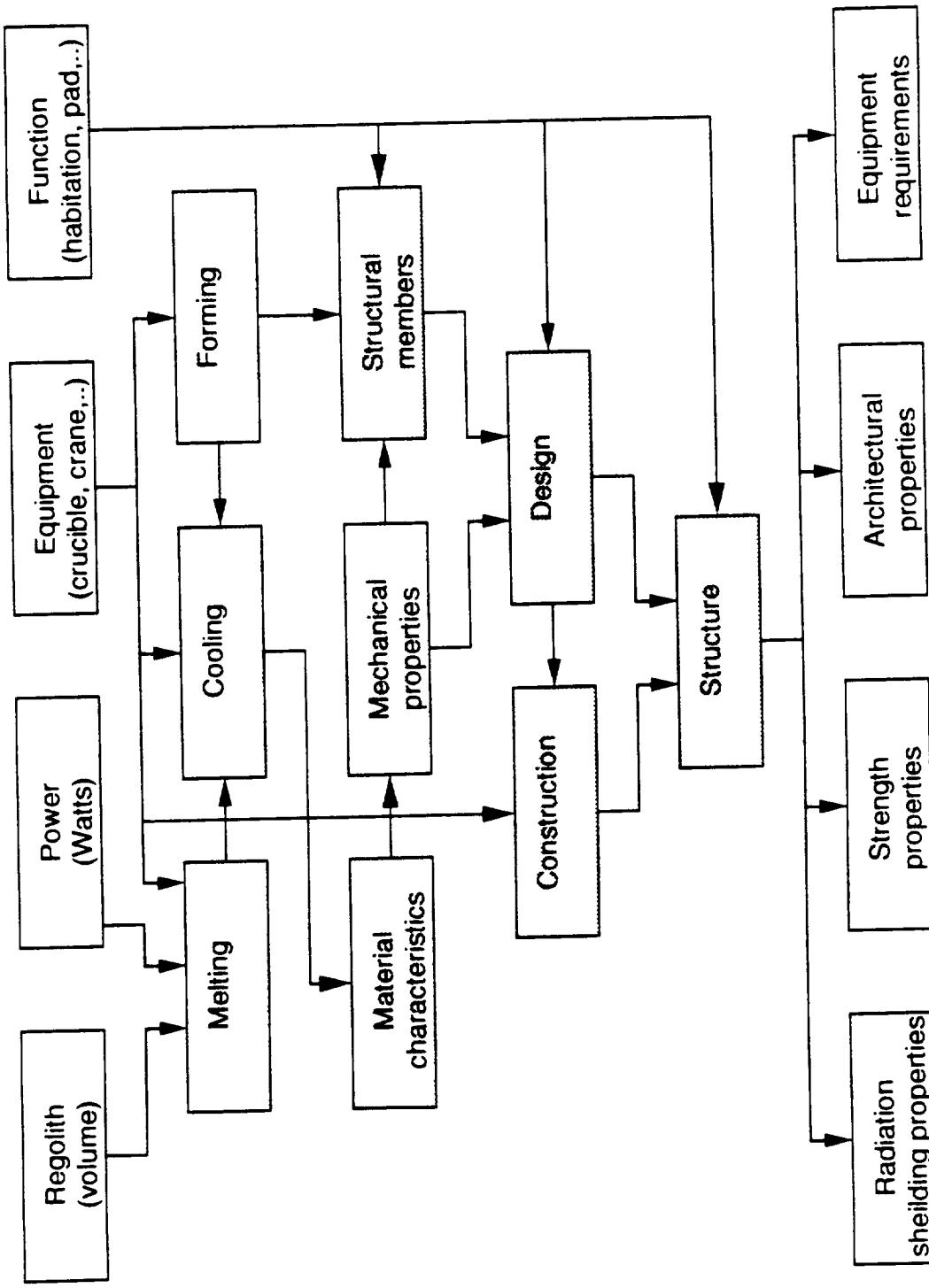
Unfamiliar technologies

Significant infrastructure

## Comparison of Various Lunar Structures



## Processing - material - construction - structure relationships



## Objectives

- Investigate the *feasibility* of the use of local lunar resources for construction of a lunar base structure.
- Develop a material processing method and integrate the method with design and construction of a pressurized habitation structure.
- Estimate specifications of the support equipment necessary for material processing and construction.
- Provide parameters for systems models of lunar base constructions, supply and operations.

## Indigenous Lunar Construction Materials

- **Minimally processed materials:** lunar rocks, regolith mortar, compressed regolith, free flowing molten regolith, for domes, roads, and landing pads (Khalili SCIA). Materials do not have good mechanical properties.
- **Solar power fused regolith** for large layered slabs (Cliftton). Solar power is not sufficient to melt large quantities of regolith in reasonable lengths of time.
- **Sintered and hot pressed regolith** for bricks, plates, columns (Simonds, NASA LSI; Meek, UT; Vaniman, LANL; Sullivan, Battelle). Small structural components. Not suited to tensile (pressurized) loading conditions or automated construction.
- **Concrete:** traditional steel reinforced concrete structure using columns, beams, and slabs (Lin, CTL). Lack of water.
- **Iron and Steel,** high quality construction materials (UA). Complex processing methods with high energy requirements.
- **Cast basalt:** liquified regolith cast into large slab forms (Capps and Wise, Boeing; Binder, Lockheed)

## Guidelines for Material Processing Method

- Material processing method should be applicable to a variety of structural element geometries and sizes.
- Processing method should produce a material with good, consistent mechanical properties.
- Amount of material processing-specific support equipment should be minimized.
- Material processing method should be integrated with structural design and construction operations.
- Processing and construction steps should be simple in order to accommodate robotic automation.

## Assumptions

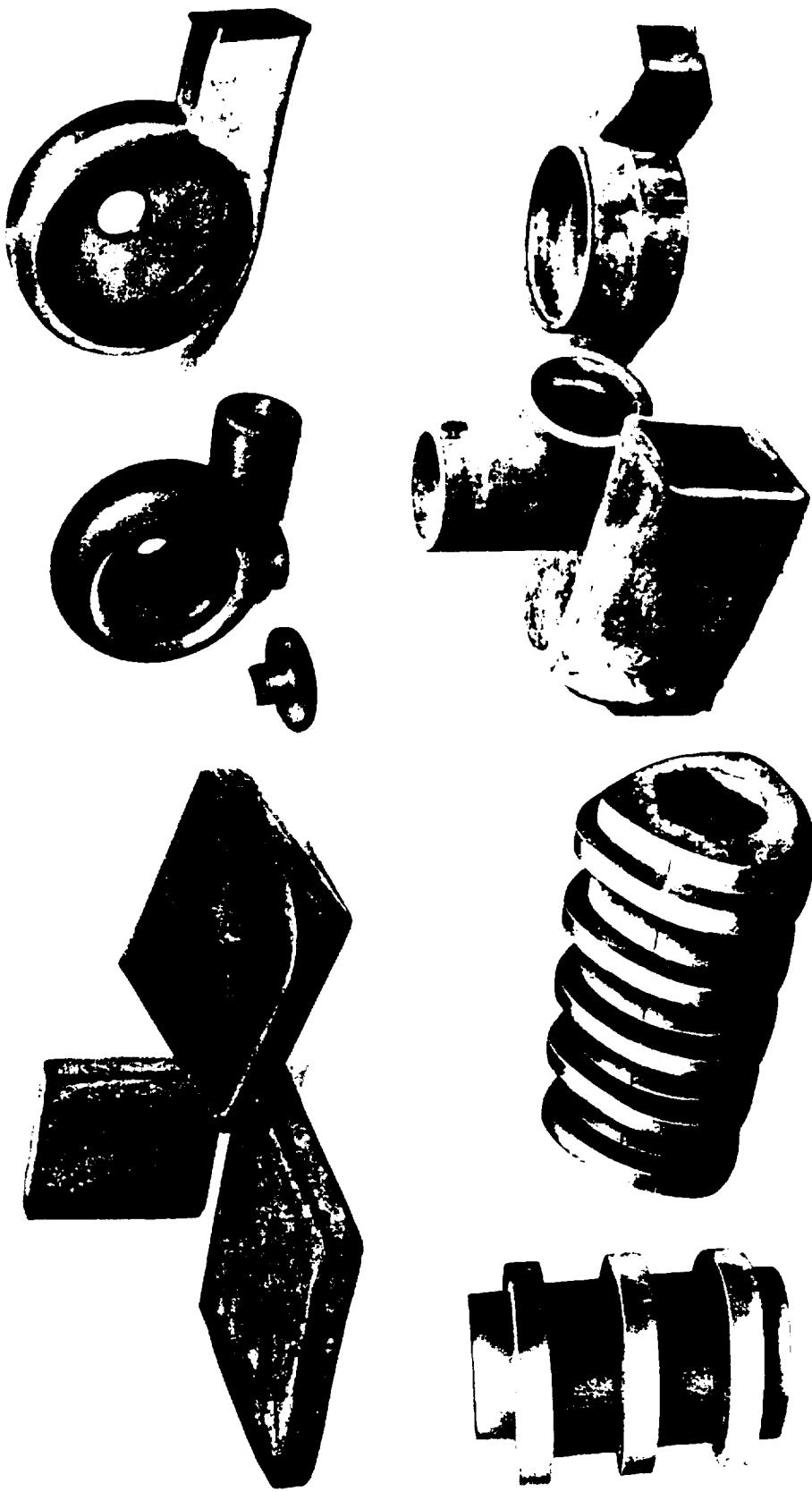
- Material processing method is intended for **far-term** lunar base. A certain level of infrastructure must be *in place*.
- **Power source** of 100 kW is available (SP-100 nuclear reactor). This places tight constraints on *processing time and structural component size*.
- **Earth moving equipment** is available. All scenarios include plans for regolith shielding which requires earth moving.
- **Lunar crane** with 10 ton capacity is available. Near-term lunar base construction is likely to require *lunar crane*.

## Cast Lunar Regolith

- **Raw materials:** regolith is abundant over the lunar surface. Chemical composition of regolith is very similar to terrestrial basalts.
- **Terrestrial cast basalt** processing methods are moderately well established. Cast basalt has good mechanical properties and can be formed into complex geometries.
- **Proposed cast regolith** process is a simplification of terrestrial cast basalt suited to the lunar environment. Beneficiation, grinding, homogenization steps are unnecessary. High vacuum and low gravity pose no unusual problems.
- Material processing may be integrated with oxygen production.

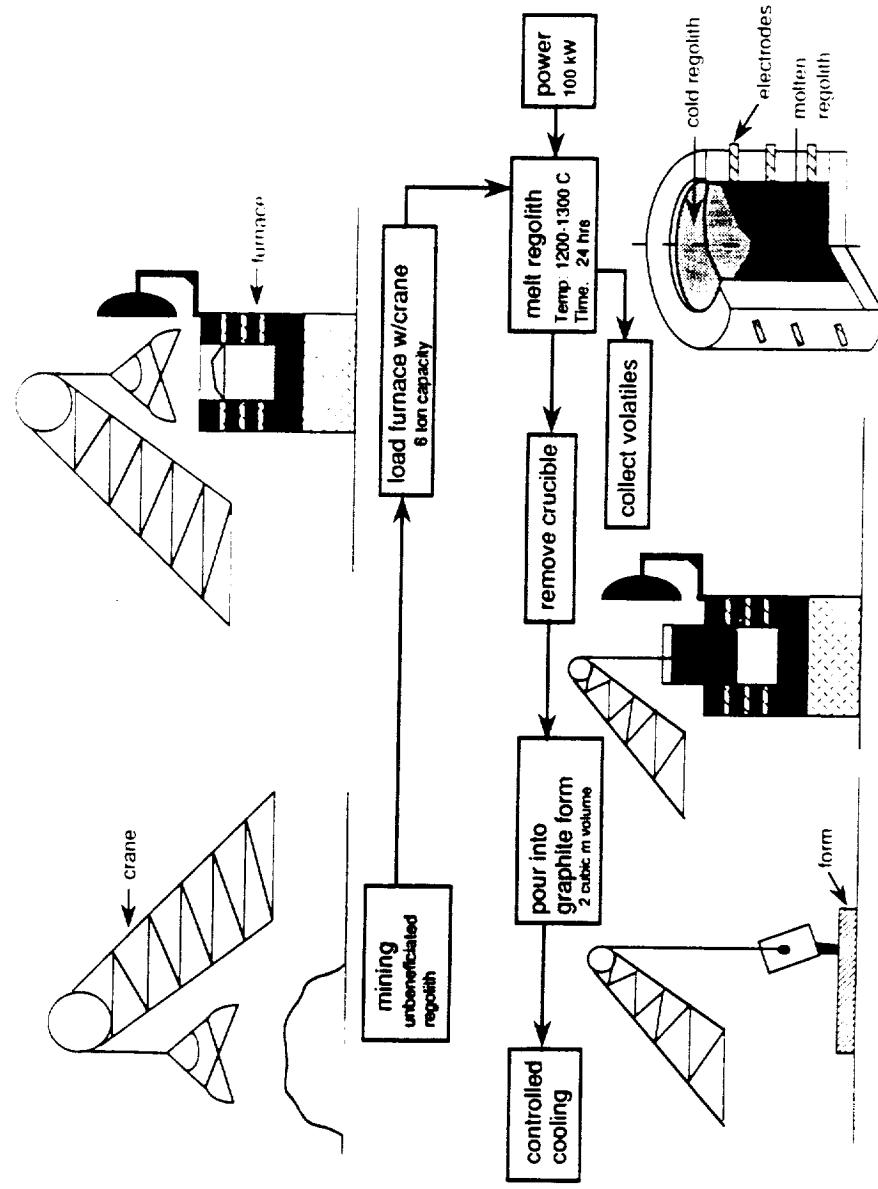
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### Examples of Cast Basalt Components



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## Cast Regolith Process



## Processing Equipment

- **Furnace:** batch operation, electrical resistance, 1300°C capability, 90% efficiency, 3 ton weight, enclosed heating chamber for recovery of volatiles (hydrogen, nitrogen,...). At 100 kW, melting cycle lasts 24 hrs for 6 ton regolith capacity.
- **Ladle:** heating chamber of furnace is removable to act as a ladle for the transfer of molten regolith to casting forms.
- **Casting forms:** reinforced graphite panels, 1500°C capability, 0.5 ton weight. Reflective surfaces reduce radiative heat transfer for controlled cooling and recrystallization over a 24 hr period.

## Mechanical Properties of Cast Basalt

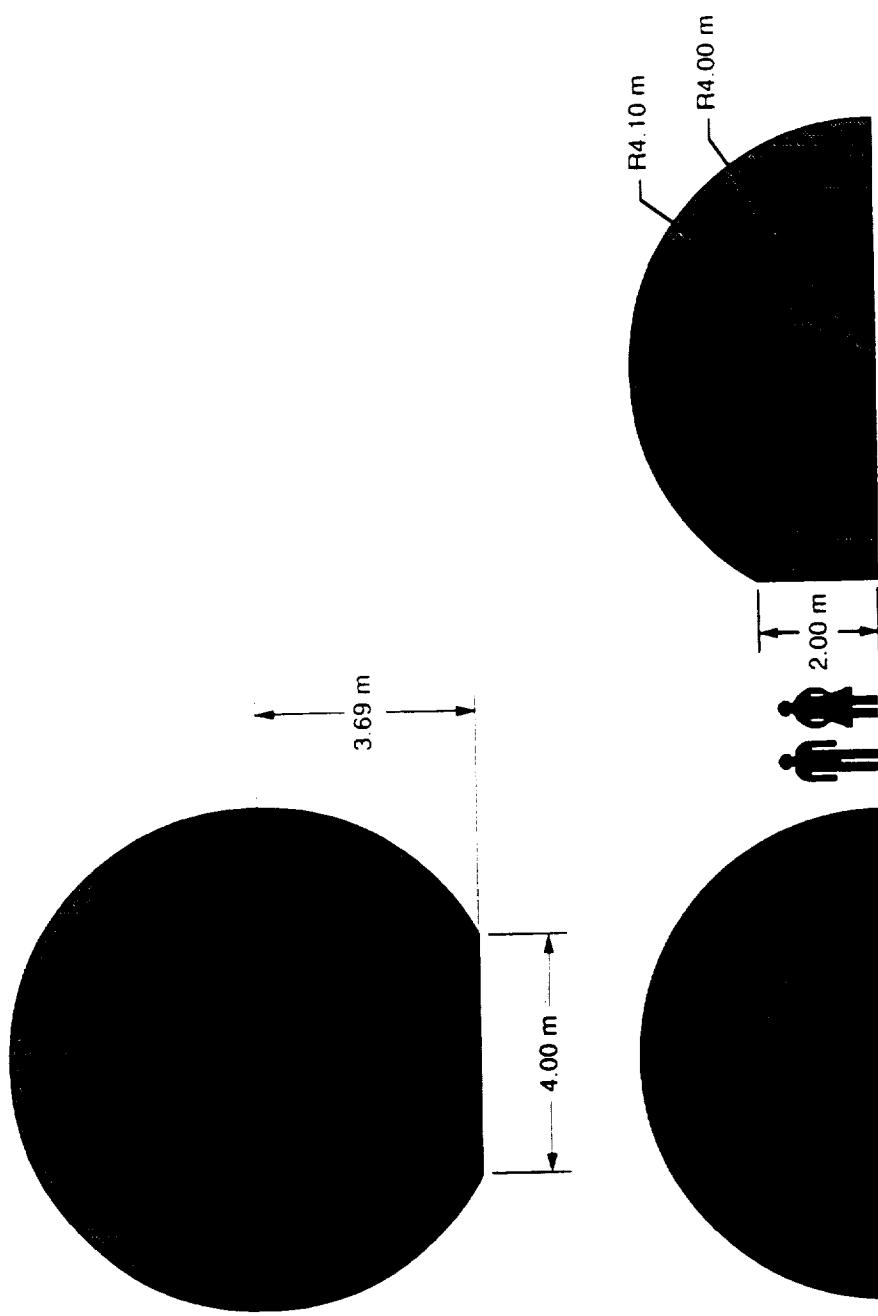
	Cast Regolith	Concrete	Cast Iron	Aluminum
Density (g/cc)	2.9	2.4	7.1	2.8
Elastic Modulus (GPa)	110	21	160	70
Tensile Strength (MPa)	>35	7	125	100*
Fracture Tough. (MPa√m)	2	2	15	25
Thermal Expan. (x10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C)	7.8	13	11	22
Melting Point (°C)	1200	-	1400	600

\* yield

## Material Properties and Structural Design

- **Brittle material.** Design must minimize tensile and bending stresses and stress concentrations. Compression loading is ideal but unrealistic for pressurized structure.
- **Joining** introduces stress concentrations so the minimum number of structural components should be used. The maximum size of a structural element is dictated by the capacity of the batch furnace, casting capabilities, and constructibility.
- **Net shape forming** is necessary because cutting is very difficult.
  - Large factors of safety must be avoided to reduce mass of structure and time required for material processing.
  - Earth-based structural elements are necessary for joining, reinforcement, and air-locks. Design should minimize these.

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## Future Work

- **Material processing demonstration.** Demonstrate liquification, casting characteristics, viscosity, cooling and recrystallization, environmental effects.
- **Material property evaluation:** density, elastic moduli, fracture toughness, statistical measures of strength.
- **Structural design.** Develop a point estimate of a pressurized lunar habitation structure based on cast regolith.
- **Construction methods.** Establish integrated material processing and construction steps. Investigate potential for robotic automation.
- **Scale structural testing.** Validate design models and demonstrate structural reliability of point design.



# Design Concepts for Pressurized Lunar Shelters Utilizing Indigenous Materials

- Concept 1  
- Cast basalt cylindrical  
reports; held together w/  
long tensile cables.  
No end closures, ingress, egress  
windows, etc.  
Requires thermal jacket to prevent  
freezing.

**John Happel**  
**Kaspar William**  
**Benson Shing**

Options  
- Wind shield protection around  
the shelter  
- Thermal insulation  
Notes - Most likely to be  
used - small  
Notes - Small windows  
- Thermal jacket

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# **Structural Design Concepts for Pressurized Lunar Shelters Utilizing Indigenous Materials:**

John Amin Happel, Kaspar Willam, Benson Shing

## **1. Design Objective:**

Pressurized shelter built of indigenous lunar materials

## **2. Scope:**

- a.) Structural Design w/ Lunar Conditions
- b.) Review of Previous Concepts
- c.) Selection of Indigenous Material
- d.) Design Variables
- e.) Design 1: Cylindrical Segments
- f.) Design 2: Arch-Slabs with Post-Tensioned Ring Girders

## **3. Lunar Conditions Which Impact Design:**

### **Primary Factors:**

\* High Vacuum;

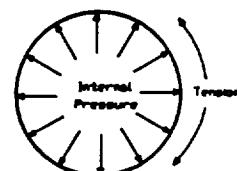
Pressure vessels

Tension loads

Primary design load

1 atm. pressure = 1440 psf load, terrestrial loads  $\approx$  150 psf

100 ft. (30.5m) of regolith to balance pressure load

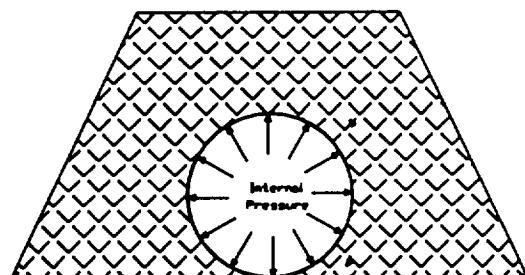


\* High Radiation;

Radiation shielding required

15 ft. (4.5m) regolith (or more?)

Regolith excavation

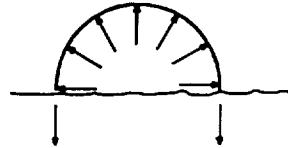


\* Poor Soil Conditions for Anchoring Foundations;

Regolith depth > 16ft (5m) most locations

Tension anchors difficult

"floating" structures



\* Very Remote Site;

Setup & resupply expensive

Indigenous materials permit rapid expansion

Safety

Speed & Simplicity

#### **Secondary Factors:**

Meteoroids (impact damage)

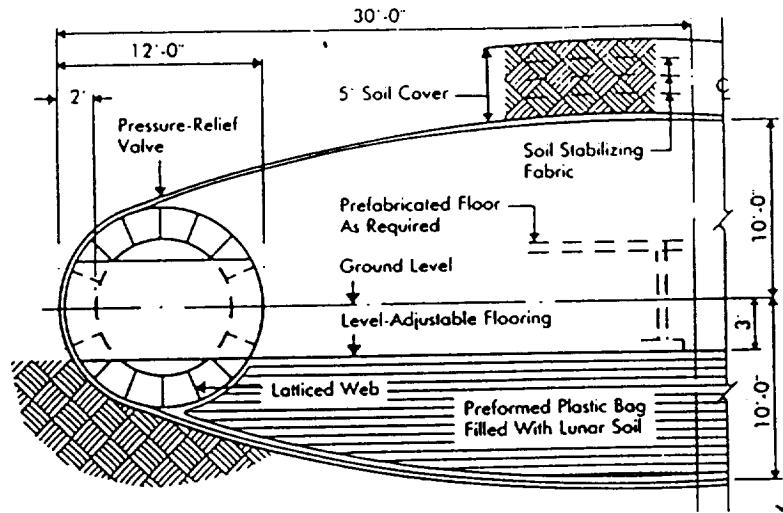
Low Gravity (construction)

Long Days and Nights (construction)

Extreme Temperatures (sealants)

#### 4. Review of Previously Proposed Concepts:

\*Chow, P.Y., Lin, T.Y. ; T.Y. Lin Assoc.; 1989



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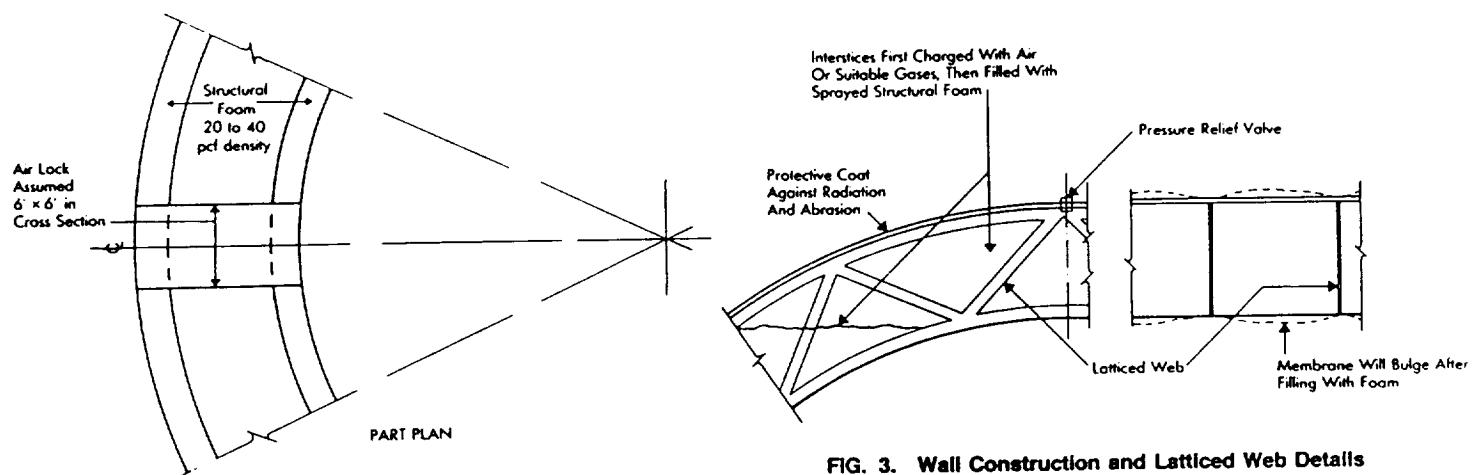
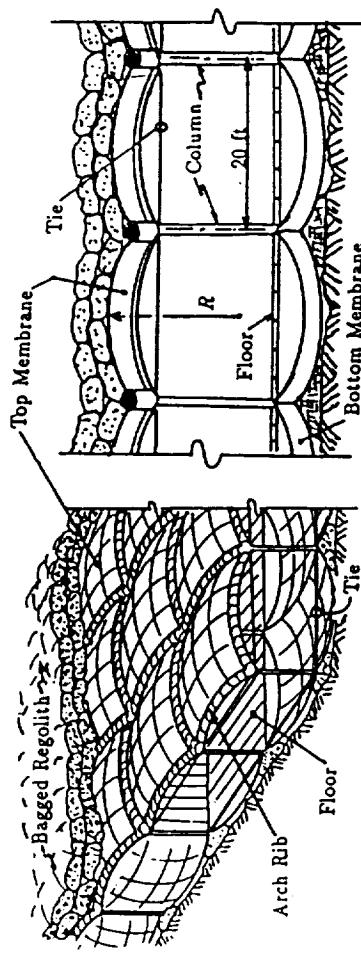


FIG. 3. Wall Construction and Latticed Web Details

FIG. 1. Pressurized Self-Supporting Membrane Structure (PSSMS)

\*Vanderbilt, M.D., Criswell, M.E., Sadeh, W.T.; C.S.U.; 1988



(a) Cutaway of Structure  
(b) Section Through Interior

Figure 2. Cutaway and Section of Structure

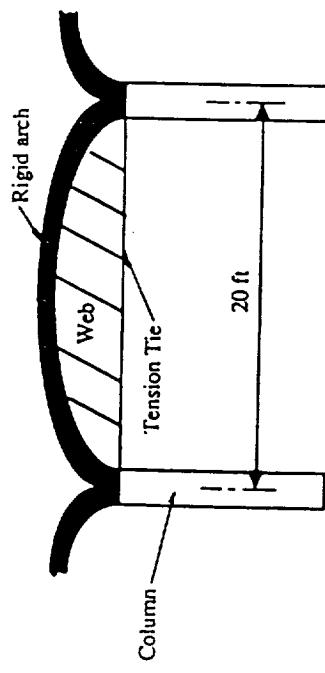
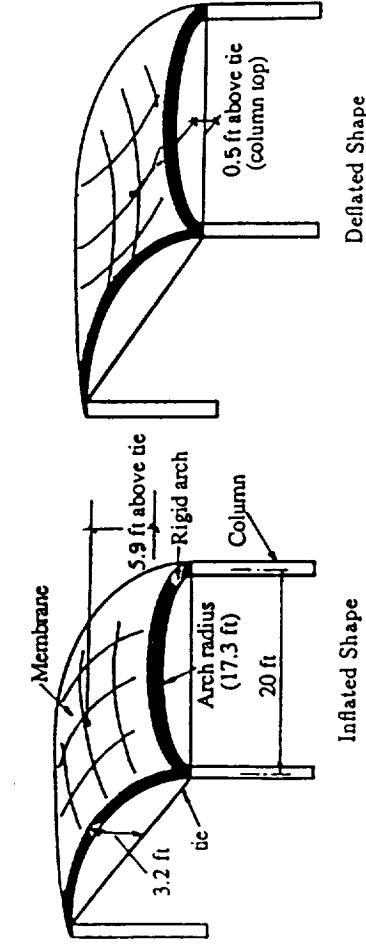


Figure 5. Arch Rib System with Web



Inflated Shape  
Deflated Shape

Figure 3. Arched Membrane System

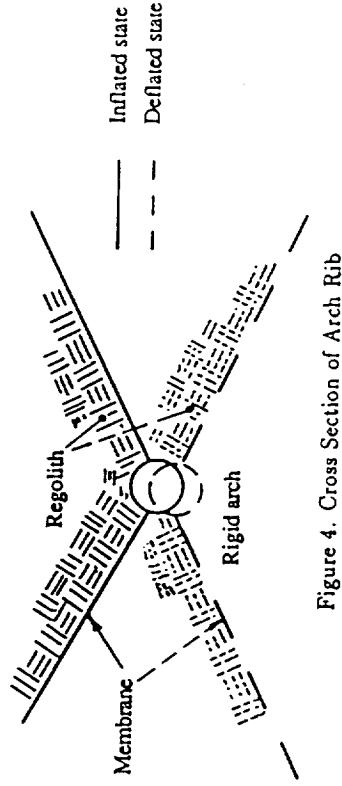


Figure 4. Cross Section of Arch Rib

\*Yin, P.K., NASA 90 Day Study; 1990

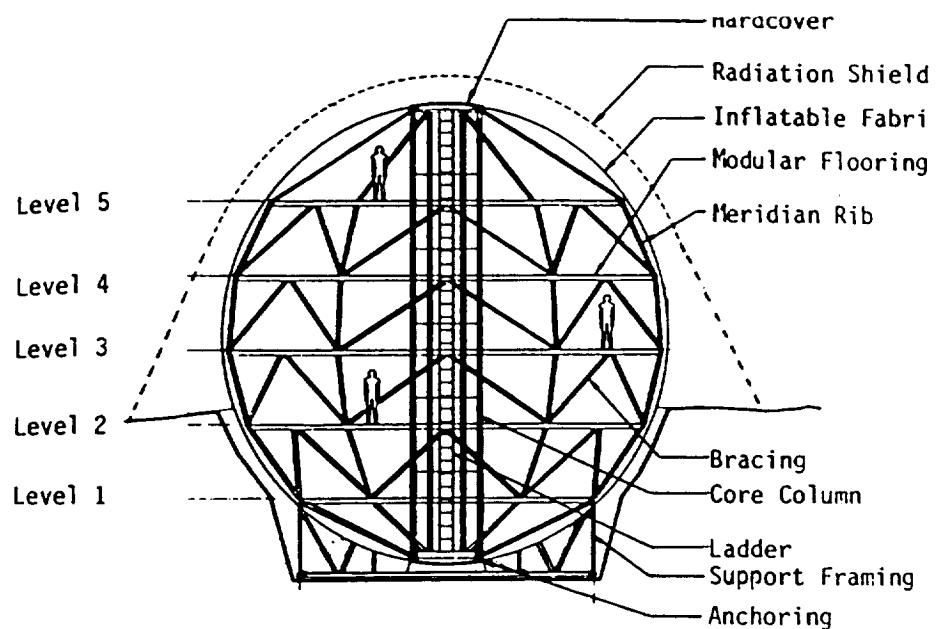


Figure 1. - Elevation

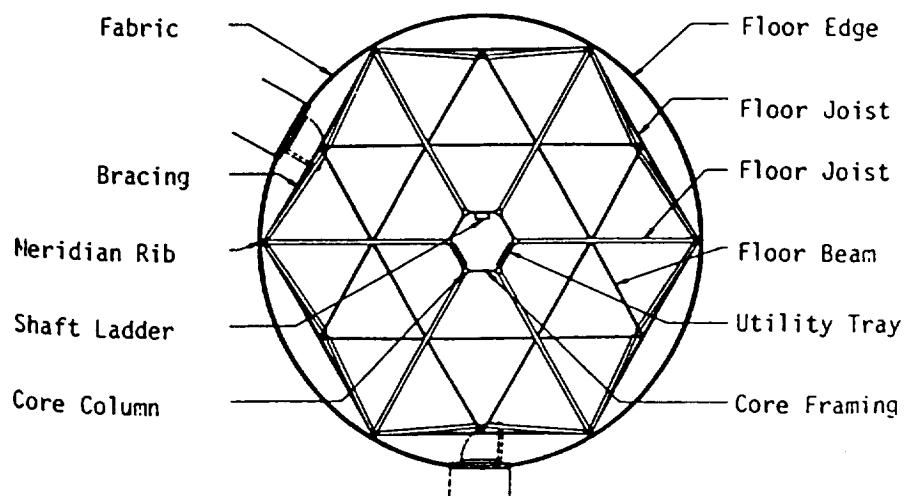
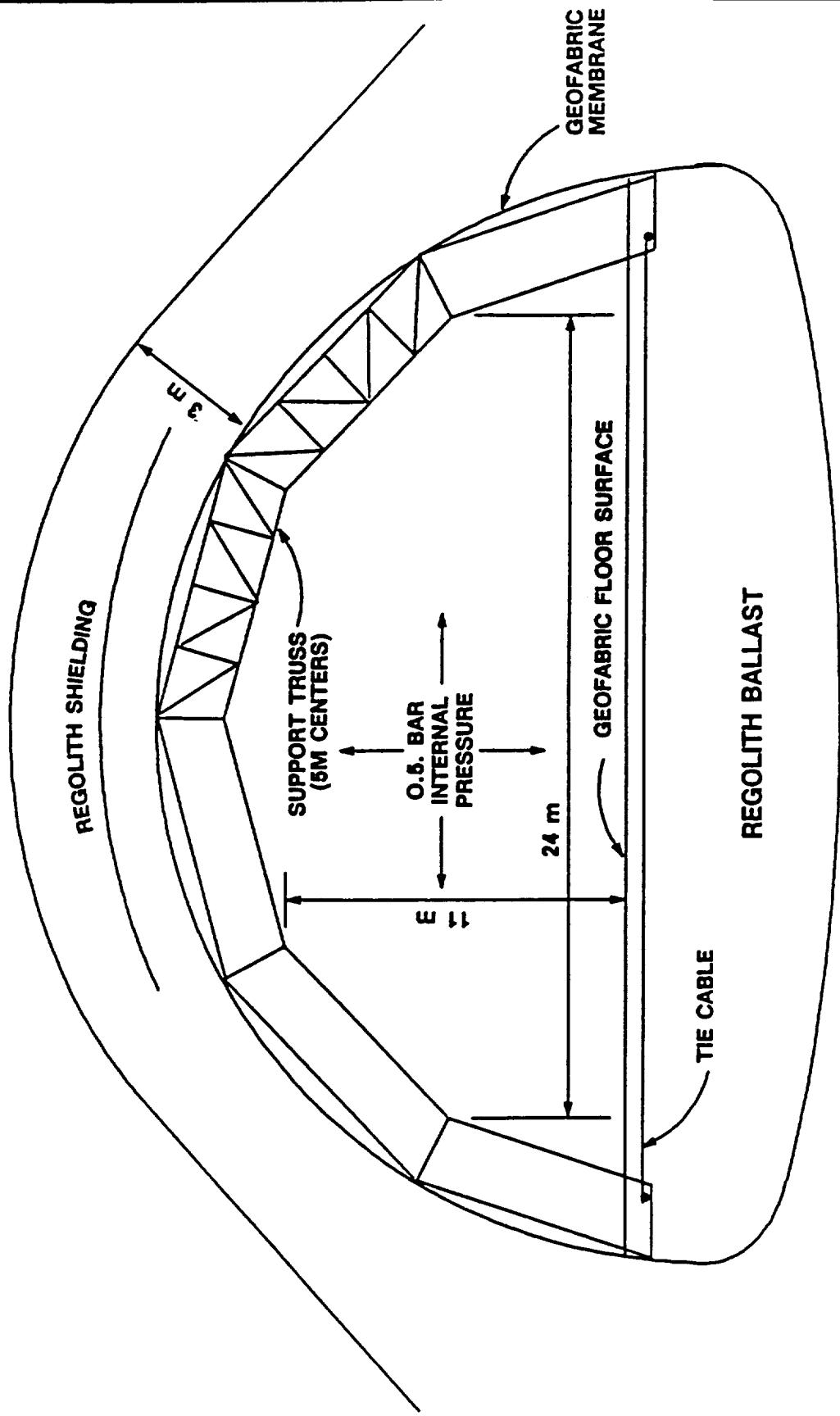


Figure 2. - Typical Framing Plan

WEIGHT  
OF TRUSS = 388# ON EARTH  
SECTIONS = 65# ON MOON



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## **5. Rationale for Indigenous Materials:**

\* Large structures need large quantities of materials

\* Permits rapid growth and expansion of activities;

Reduces shipping costs

Reduces time

\* Ship high tech equipment not structural mass

## **6. Indigenous Material Choices:**

\* Fused and Sintered Regolith, Bricks and Blocks;

Easy to manufacture

Low strength, highly heterogenous material properties

\* Lunar Glasses and Glass-Glass Composites;

High strength

Very promising still experimental

\* Lunar Concrete;

Raw materials for aggregate and cement available

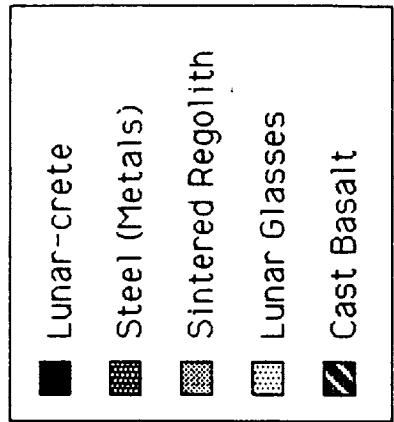
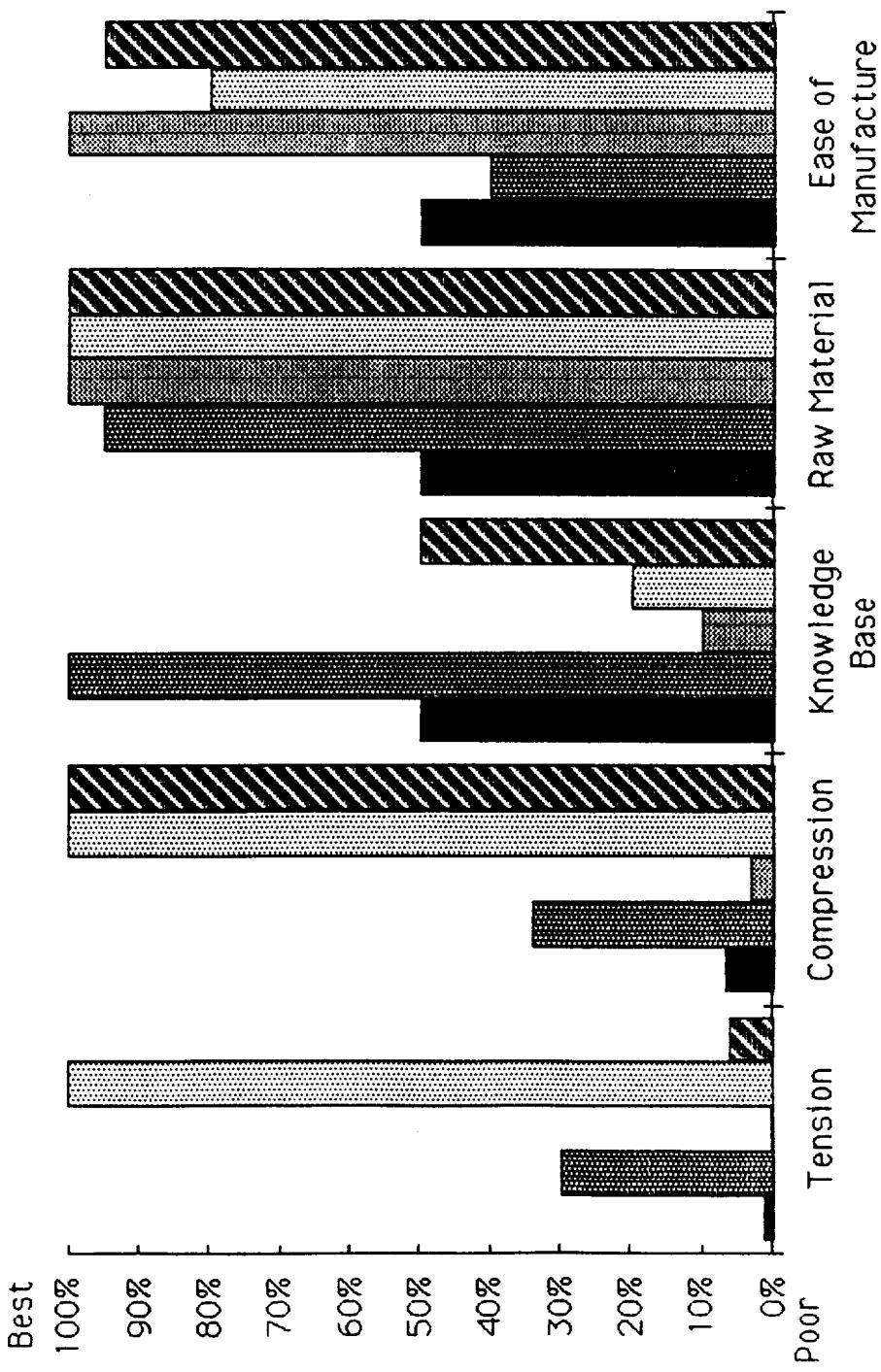
Mechanical properties well understood

\* Steel and other Structural Metals;

Excellent mechanical properties

Complicated, multi-step manufacturing process

## Material Selection



\* Cast Basalt;

One step manufacturing process

Good mechanical strength properties

Selected as primary construction material

## 7. **Cast Basalt Properties:**

Tensile strength:  $f_t = 34.5 \text{ MPa}$  (5,000 psi);

Compressive strength:  $f_c = 538 \text{ MPa}$  (78,000 psi);

Modulus of elasticity:  $E = 100 \text{ GPa}$  (14E6 psi);

Fracture toughness:  $K_c = 2 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  , +/- 50%

Mass density: 3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (specific lunar weight= 31.2 lunar lb/ft<sup>3</sup>).

Melting point: 1300°C

## **8. Design Variables:**

\* Shelter sizing;

large enough to contain Space Station Freedom modules

\* Loading conditions;

Internal pressure=10 psi (0.069 MPa)

Regolith shielding depth= 15 ft (4.5m)

\*Constraints imposed by cast basalt;

Brittle:

Low tensile stresses

Compression should dominate structure

Post-tensioning

Material hardness

Maximum volume of single component= 70.6 ft<sup>3</sup> (2 m<sup>3</sup>)

Determined by casting process

\* Maximum moveable weight= 1,670 lunar lbs (44.5 kN)

\* Minimize use of imported materials;

Minimize tensile reinforcement

\* Self-equilibrating structure;

Tensile loads self-contained

No arches, vaults, or domes

\* Minimize excavation

## **9. Design One, Cylindrical Segments:**

### **Dimensions:**

Diameter= 23 ft (7m)

Wall thickness=3 in. (7.6 cm)

Total length= 60 ft (18.3m ), forty segments

Segment length= 1.5 ft. (46 cm)

Floor thickness= 8 in. (20 cm)

Leg width= 15 in. (38 cm)

Segment mass ≈ 2200 lunar lbs (6000 kg)

### **Design Features:**

\*Positive;

Pre-cast floor

Passage for utilities

Rapid assembly

Readily expandable

Only three components

Minimal use of reinforcing

Efficient

\*Negative;

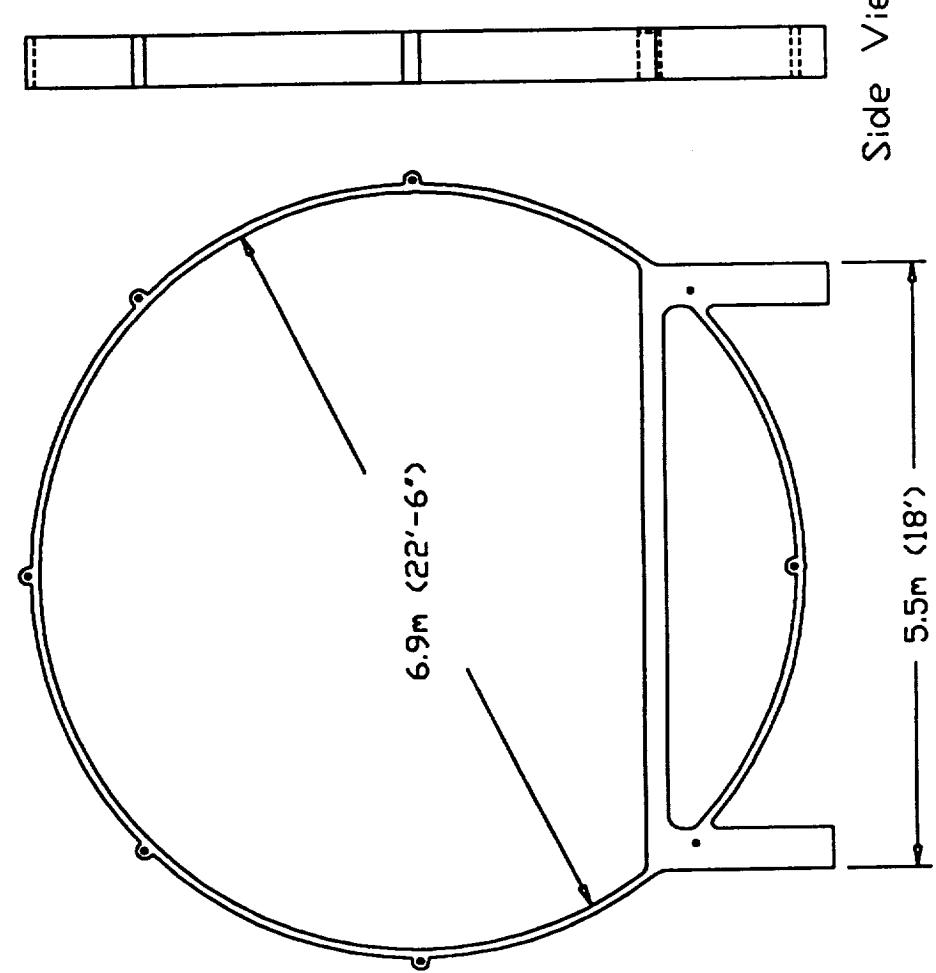
Feasibility of casting basalt into large structural elements

a.) under lunar conditions

b.) mold design

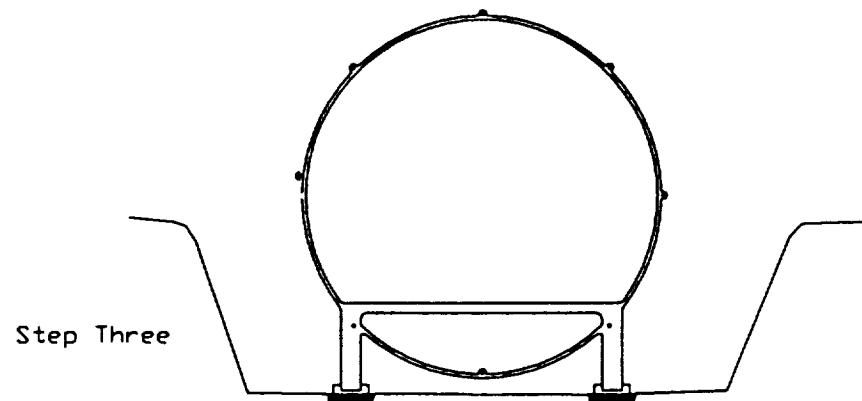
Uncertain crack and notch sensitivity of cast basalt

CAST CYLINDRICAL SEGMENT

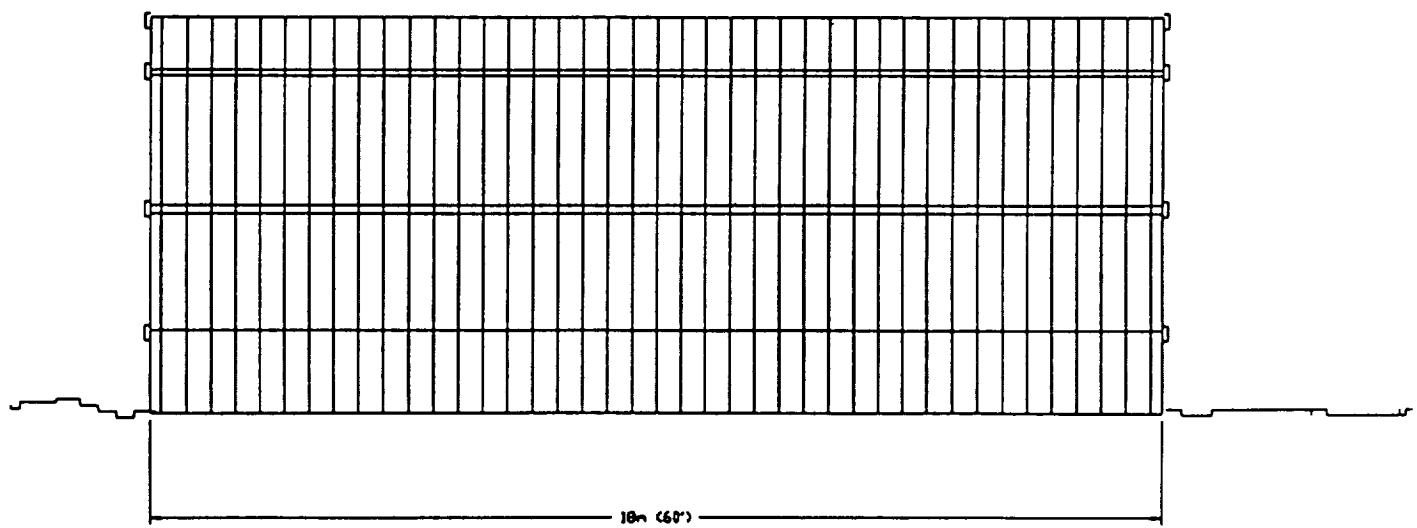


## **Construction Sequence:**

1. Cast 40 segments, 2 end caps
2. Smooth site, area= 33 x 60 ft (10 x 18m)  
or excavate a flat-bottomed trench, depth ≈ 6.5 ft. (2m)
3. Place two long guide-rail beams
  - a.) cast in segments
  - b.) cast in place
4. Align rail sections and bolted together
5. Place first cylindrical segment
  - a.) Insert eight tendons into ducts
  - b.) Install the gasket material
6. Place following segment on rails
  - a.) advance tendons through the current segment
  - b.) repeat steps 5 & 6 until the last segment is in place
7. Install end caps
8. Post-tension tendons to pull entire structure tightly together
9. Pressurize structure
10. Bury the structure
11. Fit out interior with partitions and utilities



### Assembled Base



## **10. Design Two, Arch-Slabs with Post-Tensioned Ring Girders**

### **Dimensions:**

\* Overall Dimensions;

Height= 18 ft (5.5m), Width = 23 ft (18m)

Length= 60 ft.(18m)

\*Slab Dimensions;

Span= 76 in (193 cm), Edge thickness≈ 10 in (25 cm)

Center thickness≈ 3 in (7.6 cm)

\*Girder Dimensions;

Span= 25 ft (7.6m), Width= 7 in (17.8 cm)

Center depth= 36 in ( 91.5 cm), End depths= 12 in (30.5 cm)

### **Design Features:**

\*Positive;

Compression dominated

Inherently safe design

Crack growth limited

Components utilize simpler molds

Orthogonal expansion

All surfaces flat

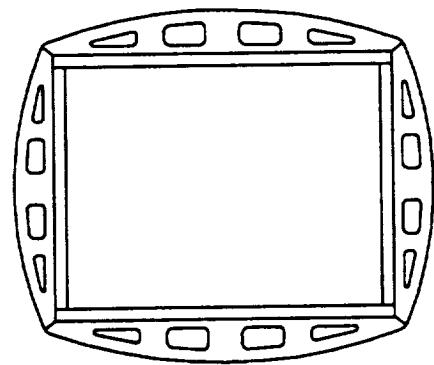
\*Negative;

Greater number of cast pieces

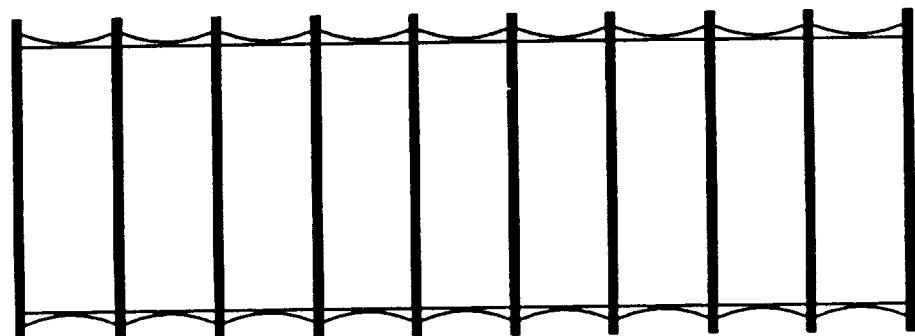
More complicated construction sequence

Much more reinforcement material needed

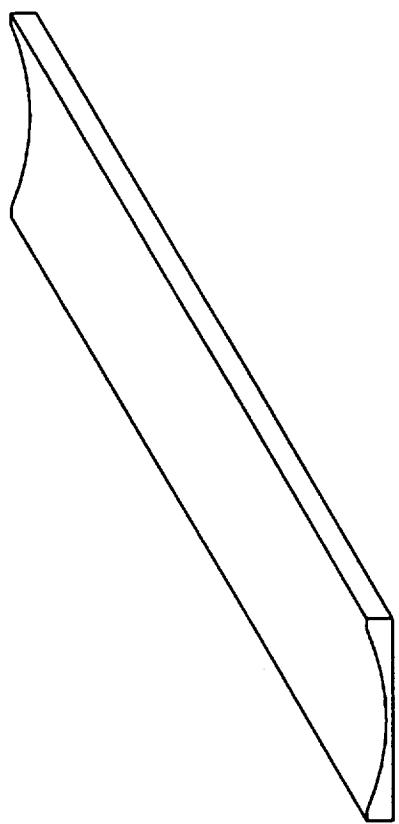
## Archslabs With Post-Tensioned Ring Girders



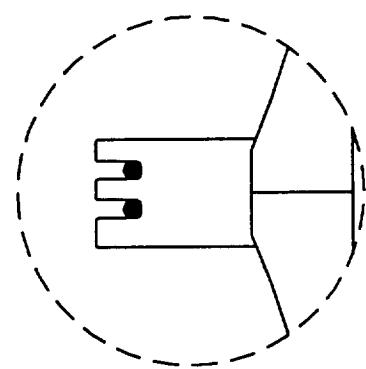
End View



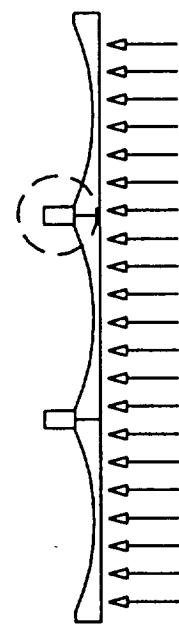
Side View



Archslab Component



Girder-Slab Joint



## **Construction Sequence:**

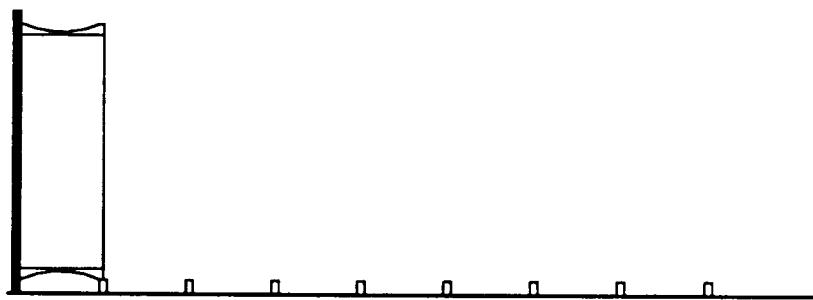
1. Cast; 36 arch-slabs, 40 girders, 2 end caps
2. Level site
3. Place first 2 floor girders
  - a.) lay tendons beneath,
  - b.) set slab between them
  - c.) repeat nine times
4. Place end cap in position and brace
5. Install 2 opposing wall slabs,
  - a.) set ceiling slab on top
6. Install first complete ring girder set
  - a.) wrap tendons around girder set
  - b.) post-tension first two tendons
7. Repeat steps (5.) and (6.) nine times
8. Install final end cap
9. Install and post-tension longitudinal tendons
10. Pressurize
11. Bury
12. Fit out interior

## Construction Sequence

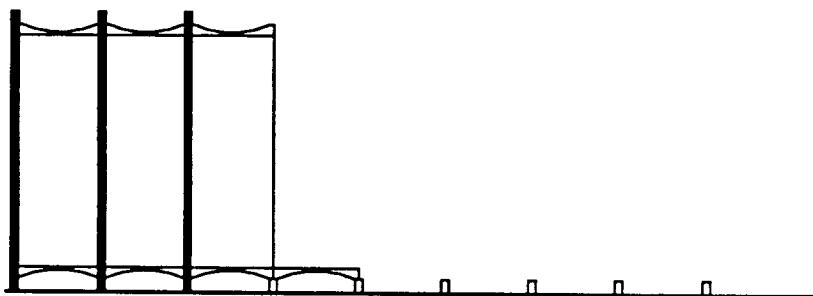
Steps 1 to 3



Steps 4 to 6



Step 7 (etc.)

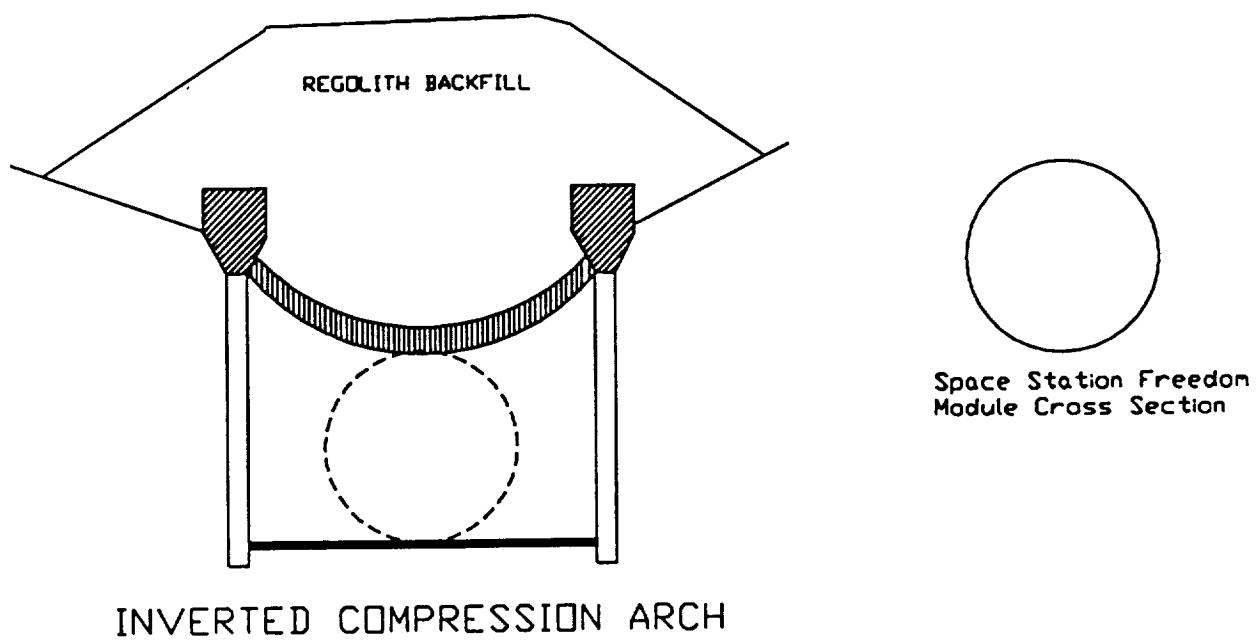
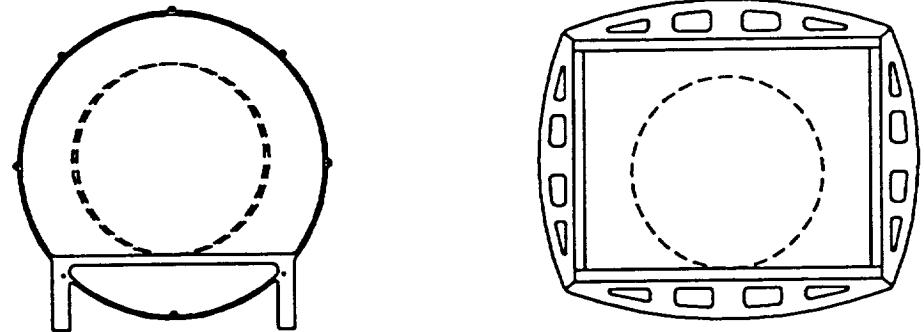


## **11. Future Research:**

- \* Mechanical properties of cast basalt;
  - a.) fracture toughness & notch sensitivity
  - b.) distribution of tensile strength values
- \* Feasibility of casting basalt into large structural elements
- \* Gasket material and design
- \* Additional design(s) under consideration;
  - a.) evaluate three designs
  - b.) select one for detailed design and testing
- \* Develop FE predictive model for full stress analysis of final concept
- \* Build and test 1/6 scale model in laboratory utilizing cast basalt or simulant materials

## **12. Conclusions:**

- 1.) Cast basalt selected
- 2.) Several designs are feasible
- 3.) Additional research needed



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# Configuration Optimization of Space Structures

J.B. in my opinion this activity  
should be funded outside of CSC, or  
should be part of a separate  
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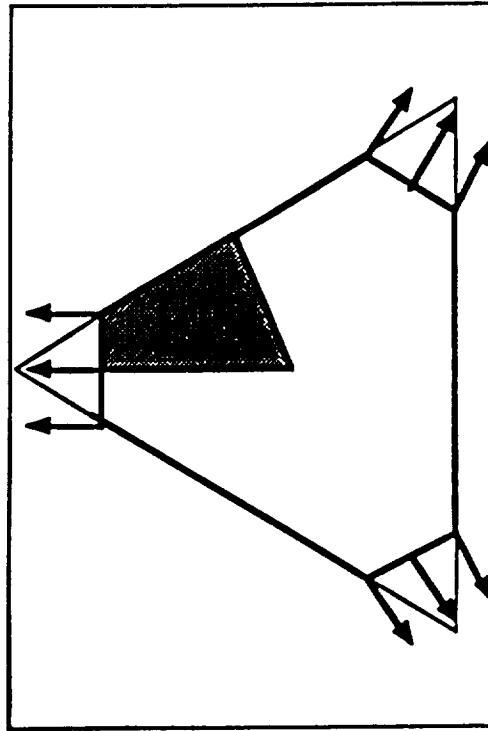
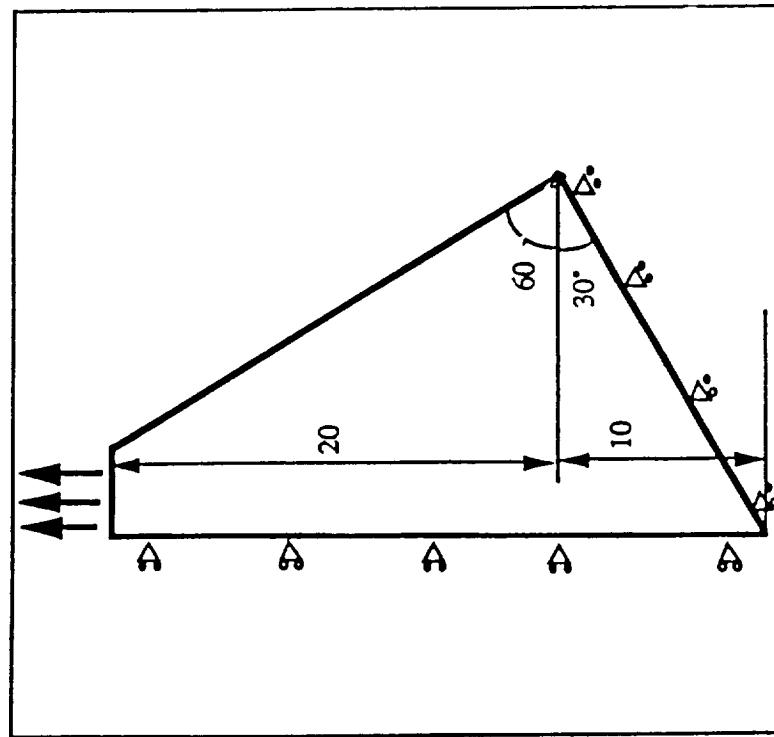
▷ **Objective**

- ✓ DEVELOP A COMPUTER AID FOR THE CONCEPTUAL /  
INITIAL DESIGN OF AEROSPACE STRUCTURES,  
ALLOWING CONFIGURATION AND SHAPE TO BE  
*a priori* DESIGN VARIABLES.

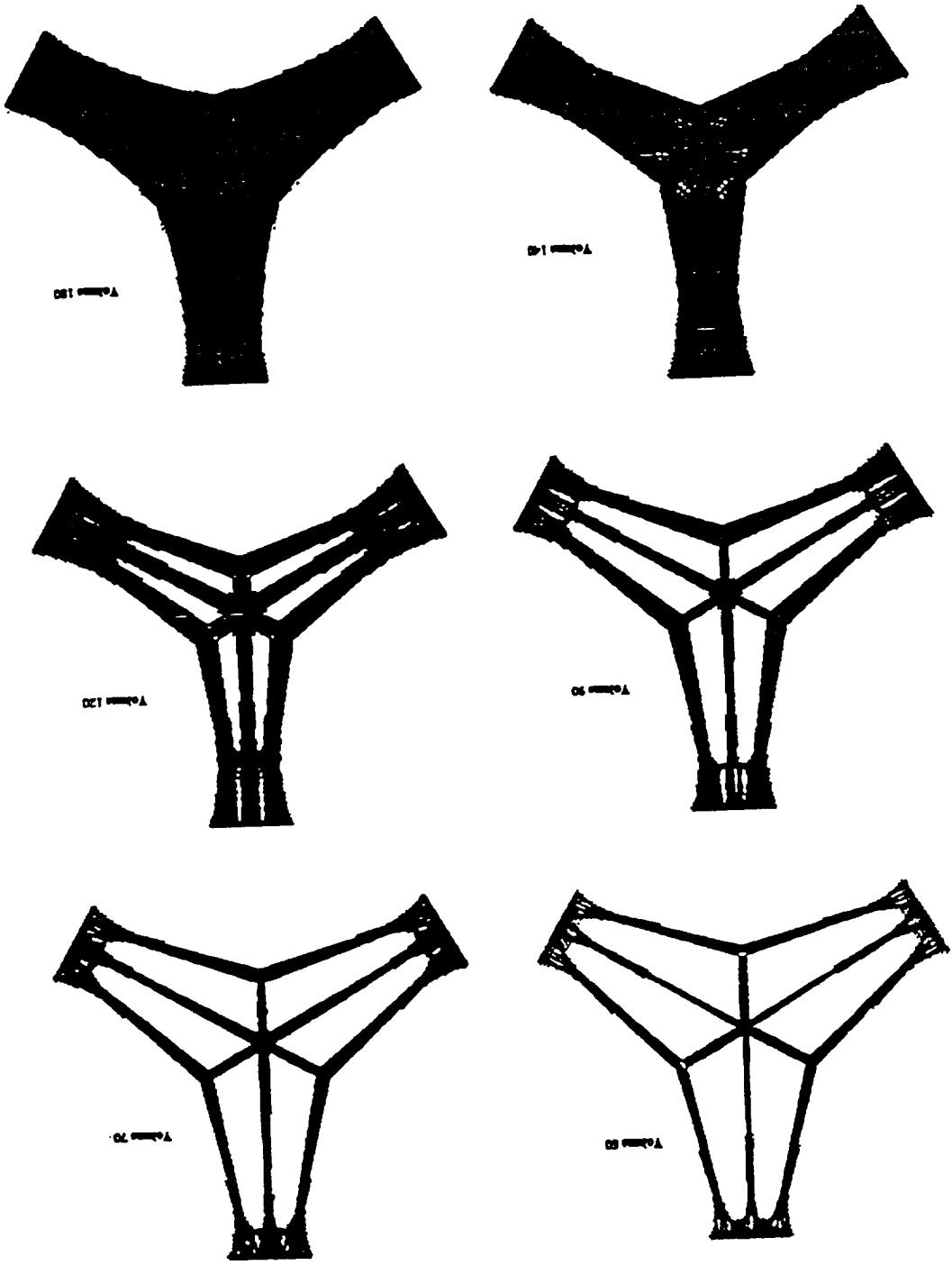
▷ Approach

- ✓ KIKUCHI'S HOMOGENIZATION METHOD:
  - A “DESIGN DOMAIN BLOCK,” FILLED INITIALLY WITH HOMOGENIZED FINITE ELEMENTS, IS GRADUALLY “SCULPTED” INTO AN OPTIMAL STRUCTURE UNDER CONTROL OF AN OPTIMIZATION DRIVER.
- ✓ A Sequence OF SUCH STRUCTURES MAY BE OBTAINED. THIS CAN HELP THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGNER.

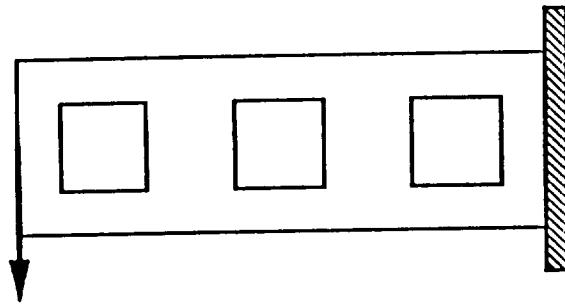
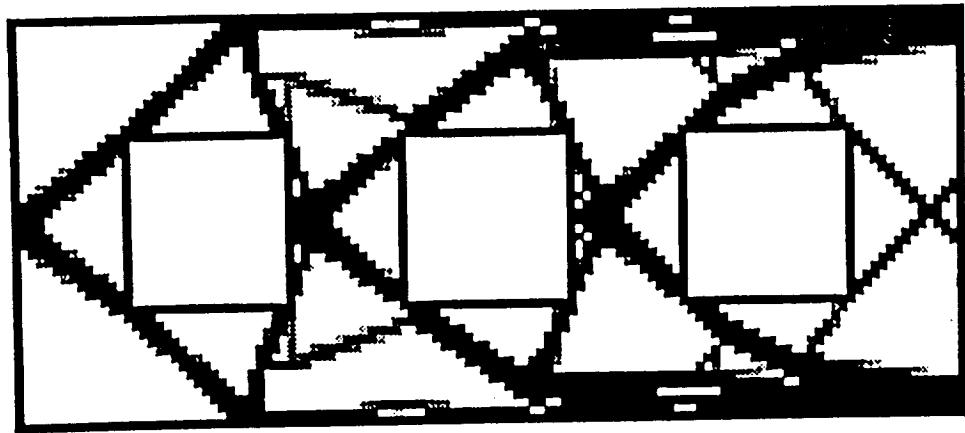
▷ Example: A Classical Shape Design Problem



▷ Example (continued)



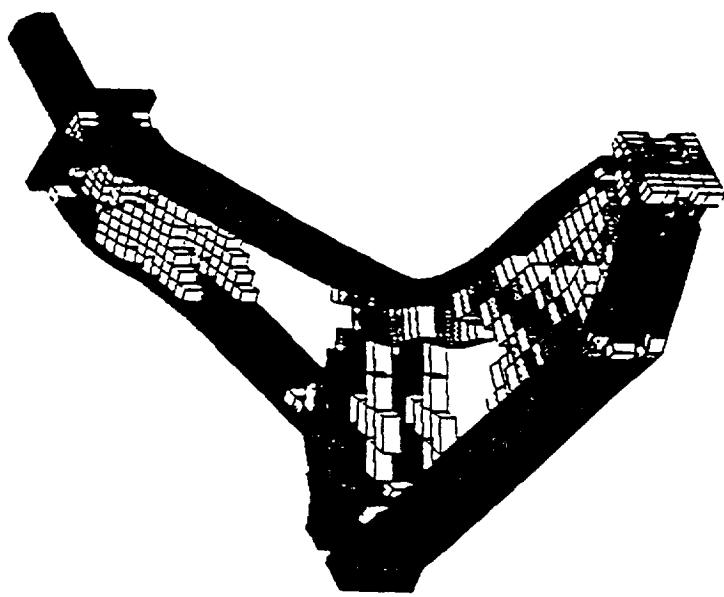
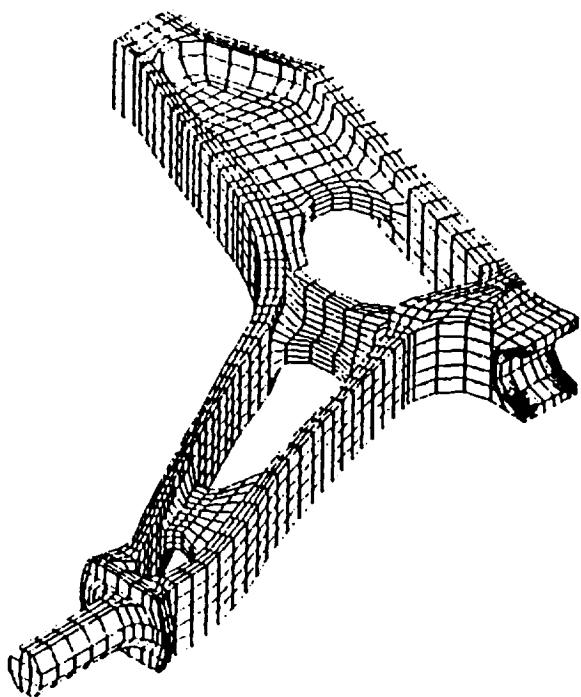
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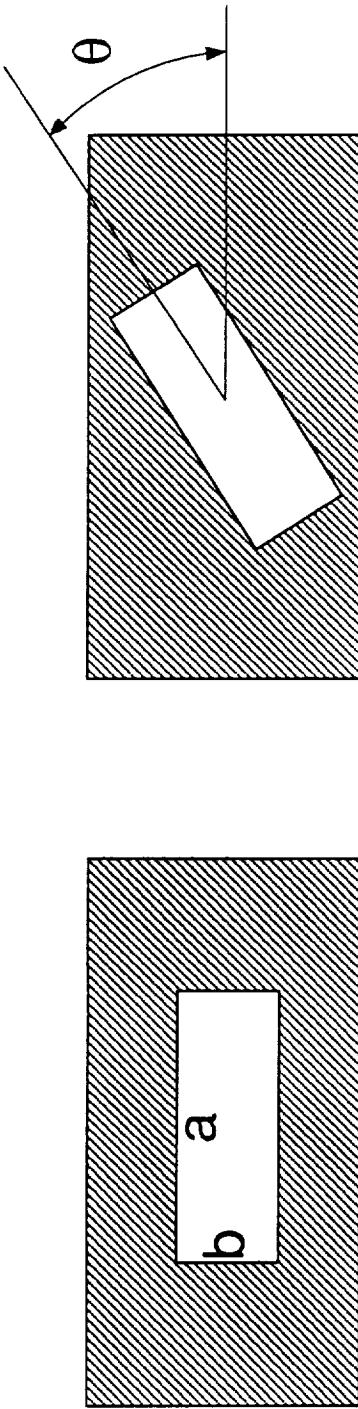
▷ Homogenization Method Steps

- ✓ SET UP A DESIGN DOMAIN.
- ✓ FILL IT WITH HOMOGENIZED FINITE ELEMENTS.
- ✓ DEFINE LOADS AND SUPPORT CONDITIONS.
- ✓ MINIMIZE AN OBJECTIVE FUNCTION (E.G. COMPLIANCE)  
UNDER MAXIMUM-VOLUME CONSTRAINT.
- ✓ CHANGING MAXIMUM VOLUME YIELDS A SEQUENCE OF DESIGNS.
- ✓ IF SATISFIED WITH A DESIGN, BODY-FIT-REMESH IT, AND  
PROCEED WITH STANDARD FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS.

▷ Example: 3D Mechanical Component Design



- ▷ Element-Level Design Variables: MicroHole Dimensions



- In two dimensions:  $a, b, \theta$  in each element (3)
- In three dimensions:  $a, b, c, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  in each element (6)
- 100 × 100 2D mesh: 30,000 Design Variables
- 30 × 30 × 30 3D mesh: 162,000 Design Variables
- ▷ Taking Advantage of Design-Variable Locality Essential

▷ Forming a Homogenized Finite Element

$$\mathbf{K}^e = \int_A h \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C}_H \mathbf{B} dA$$

$\mathbf{C}_H = \mathbf{C}_H(a, b, \theta)$     homogenized material response matrix

$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_H(0, 0, 0)$     full element; no microhole

$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_H(1, 1, \theta) = 0$     void; microhole fills element

▷ 2-D Optimization Problem

✓ OBJECTIVE FUNCTION (COMPLIANCE  $\equiv$  INVERSE STIFFNESS)

$$\Pi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{v}$$

✓ STIFFNESS RELATION (DISCRETE FE EQUATION)

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{K}^{-1}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{p}, \quad \mathbf{K} = \sum_e \mathbf{L}^{eT} \mathbf{K}^e (\mathbf{a}^e, \mathbf{b}^e, \boldsymbol{\theta}^e) \mathbf{L}_e^e$$

✓ VOLUME INEQUALITY CONSTRAINT

$$V(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \leq V_T = \kappa V_{domain}, \quad 0 < \kappa \leq 1$$

✓ MICROHOLE CONSTRAINTS

$$0 \leq a^e \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq b^e \leq 1, \quad -45^\circ \leq \theta^e \leq 45^\circ, \quad e = 1, \dots, N_e$$

▷ Treatment of Volume Inequality Constraint

✓ Augmented Lagrangian Formulation

$$L = \Pi - \lambda_V C_- + \sigma_V C_-^2$$

where

$\lambda_V$  = Lagrangian multiplier estimate

$\sigma_V$  = penalty weight

$$C_- = \begin{cases} V_T - V, & \text{if } V_T < V; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

▷ Algorithm for the Volume Inequality Constraint

- i) Set  $\lambda_V^{(1)} = \lambda_V^0$ ,  $\sigma_V^{(1)} = \sigma_V^0$ ,  $k = 1$
- ii) Minimize  $\Pi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \theta, \lambda_V^{(k)}, \sigma_V^{(k)})$  keeping  $\lambda_V$  and  $\sigma_V$  fixed,  
with  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \theta)$  subjected to limit constraints.
- iii) Compute  $C = C^{(k)} = V_T - V(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \theta)$ .  
If  $C < 0$  and  $|C| > \frac{1}{4}|C^{(k-1)}|$  set  $\sigma_V = 10\sigma_V$  and go to ii)
- iv) else set
  - $k = k + 1$
  - $\lambda_V^{(k)} = \lambda_V^{(k-1)} - \sigma_V C$

If  $C < 0$  go to ii) else done

▷ Object Function Derivatives: Taking Advantage of Design Locality

✓ Objective Function Gradients

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{v}}{\partial a^\epsilon} = -\mathbf{v}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial a^\epsilon} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{v}}{\partial b^\epsilon} = -\mathbf{v}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial b^\epsilon} \mathbf{v}$$

✓ Stiffness (Discrete Equilibrium) Constraints

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial a^\epsilon} = -\mathbf{K}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial a^\epsilon} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial b^\epsilon} = -\mathbf{K}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial b^\epsilon} \mathbf{v}$$

▷ Stiffness Variations

✓ For Element Stiffness

$$\mathbf{K}^e = \int_{V^e} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C}(a^e, b^e, \theta^e) \mathbf{B} dV^e$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{K}^e}{\partial a^e} = \int_{V^e} \mathbf{B}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}(a^e, b^e, \theta^e)}{\partial a^e} \mathbf{B} dV^e$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{K}^e}{\partial b^e} = \int_{V^e} \mathbf{B}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}(a^e, b^e, \theta^e)}{\partial b^e} \mathbf{B} dV^e$$

✓ For Global Stiffness

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial a^e} = \mathbf{L}^{eT} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}^e}{\partial a^e} \mathbf{L}^e \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial a^e} = \mathbf{L}^{eT} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}^e}{\partial a^e} \mathbf{L}^e$$

▷ Variations of the Potential

✓ Potential

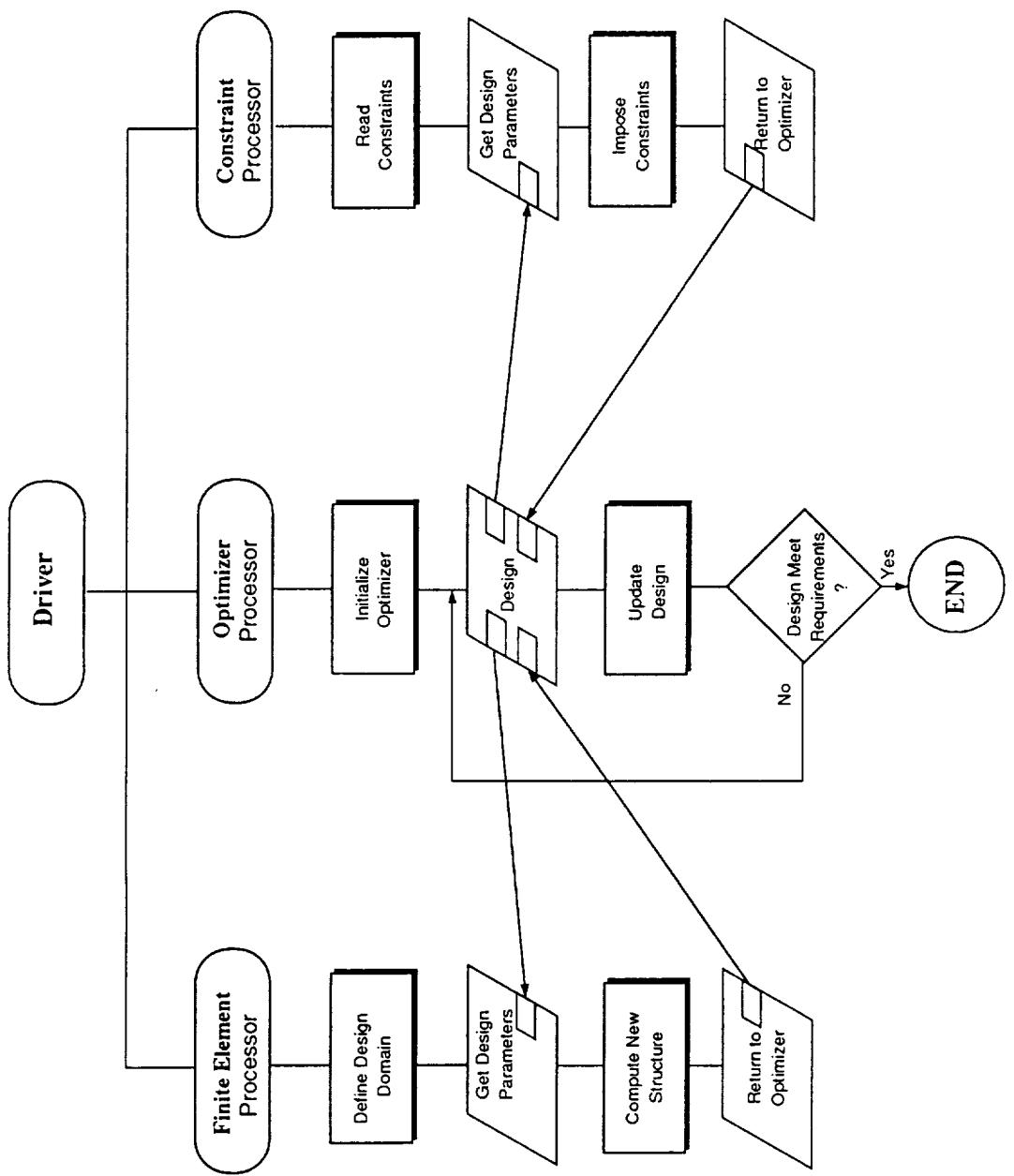
$$\Pi = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}$$

✓ First Variation

$$\delta \Pi = -\mathbf{v}^T \delta \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v} \equiv - \int_A \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \delta \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} dA = 0$$

✓ Second Variation

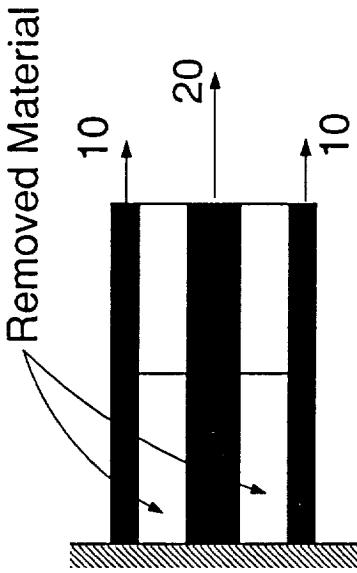
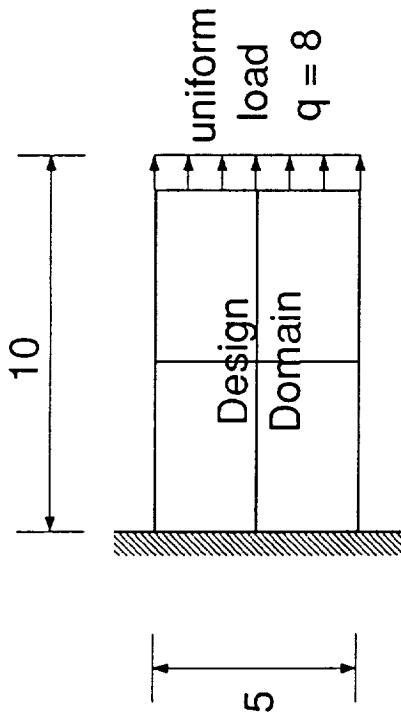
$$\delta^2 \Pi \simeq 2 \int_A \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \delta \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} dA - \int_A \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \delta^2 \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} dA$$



Schematics of the Optimization Program.

- ▷ Progress
  - ✓ SIMPLE C<sub>H</sub> DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED.
  - ✓ HOMOGENIZED F.E. MODEL OF DESIGN IMPLEMENTED.
  - ✓ OPTIMIZATION METHOD:
    - ✓ SIMULATING ANNNEALING: DID NOT WORK.
    - ✓ AUGMENTED LAGRANGIAN WITH CONJUGATE GRADIENT:
      - WORKS FOR SIMPLE PROBLEMS (NEXT SLIDE)
    - ✓ AUGMENTED LAGRANGIAN WITH NEWTON/PROJECTED GRADIENT:
      - IMPLEMENTED; UNDER TESTING.

▷ Validation Problem (First Successful Solution)



Solution for 50% volume reduction  
 Target volume  $V = \frac{1}{2} V_{\text{ef}} = 25$   
 Computed solution agrees with analytical  
 solution from Lagrangian function  
 Minimization Method: AL + CG + CPT  
 189 object function evaluations

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{ef}} &= 50 \\
 E &= 10,000 \\
 v &= 0 \\
 R &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

2x2 mesh over D.D.

- ▷ Computational Issues
  - ✓ COPING WITH LARGE NUMBER OF DESIGN VARIABLES ( $10^2$ – $10^6$ ):
    - ADAPTIVE HIERARCHICAL OPTIMIZATION, DOMAIN DECOMPOSITION, “HOLE DROPPING”
  - ✓ HANDLING DESIGN-FOLLOWING LOADS.
  - ✓ HANDLING DIFFERENT MATERIALS OVER DESIGN DOMAIN.
  - ✓ PARALLEL COMPUTATIONS.

▷ RESEARCH ISSUES

- ✓ DIFFERENT OPTIMALITY CRITERIA:
  - CONCURRENT OBJECT FUNCTIONS OVER DOMAIN  
(E.G. MULTIPLE LOAD CASES)
  - DIFFERENT OBJECT FUNCTIONS OVER SUBDOMAINS  
(E.G. MAXIMUM ENERGY ABSORPTION ON ONE,  
MINIMUM COMPLIANCE ON ANOTHER)
- ✓ TENSION/COMPRESSION DESIGN — CABLES, BRITTLE MATERIALS.
- ✓ ANISOTROPIC DESIGN — COMPOSITES.
- ✓ VIBRATION/STABILITY CONSTRAINTS.

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# Telerobotic Rovers for Extraterrestrial Construction

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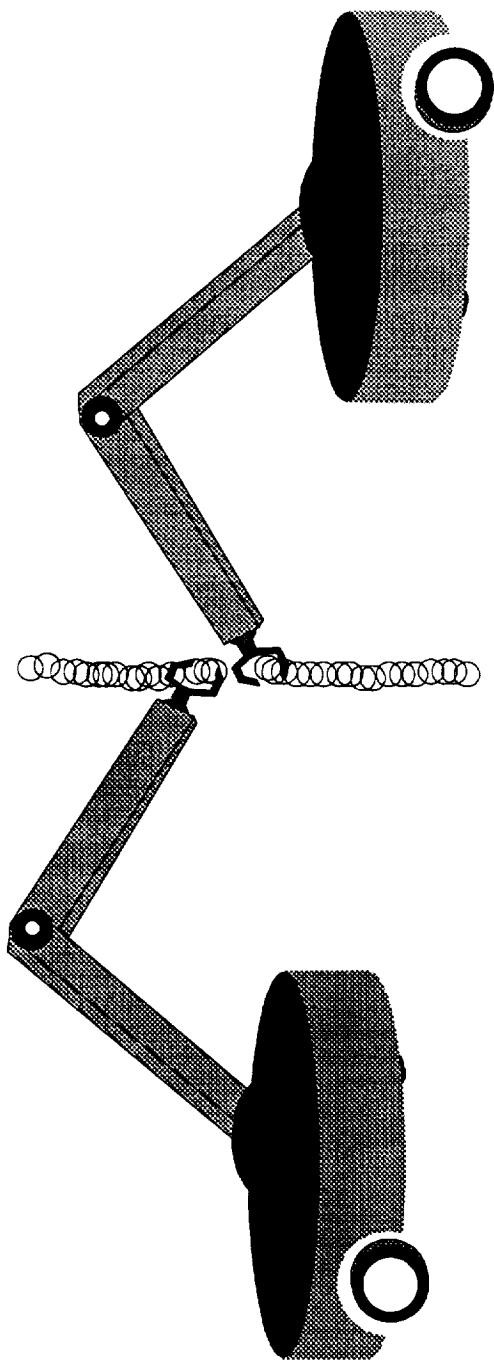
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# Objectives

- Design Small Modular Robots
- Test Robotic Cooperation and Tele-operation
- Develop Modular Control Software
- Develop Inter-module Communication Network
- Develop High Accuracy Positioning System
- Explore Distributed Algorithms for Coordination

# Fundamental Concepts

- Modularity implies that "robots" are temporary aggregates of independent systems
- Coordination is required between these independent systems
- More information passes between closely coupled modules (inside a "robot") than between robots
- Goal is "plug and play" modularity

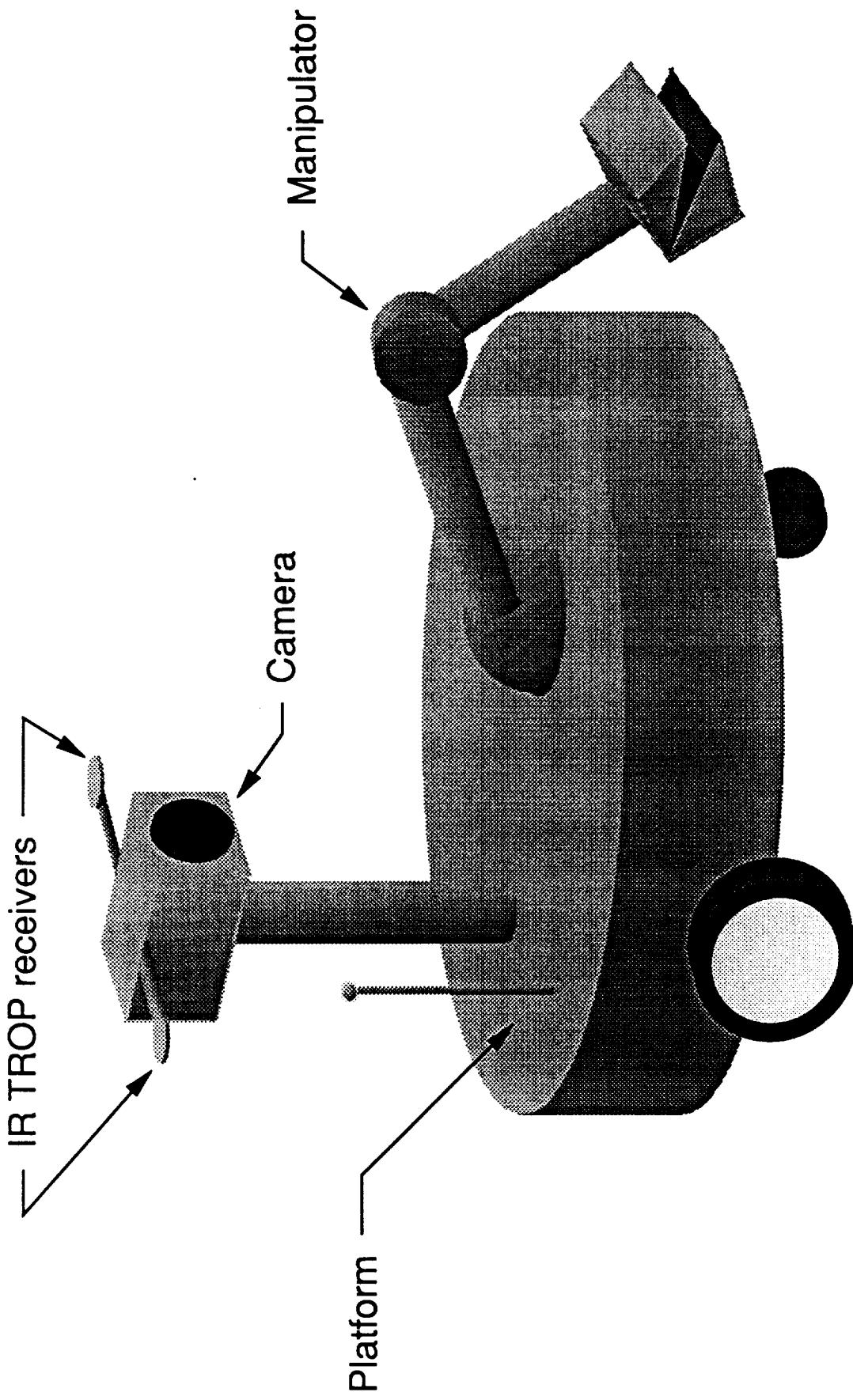
# **Advantages of Modularity**

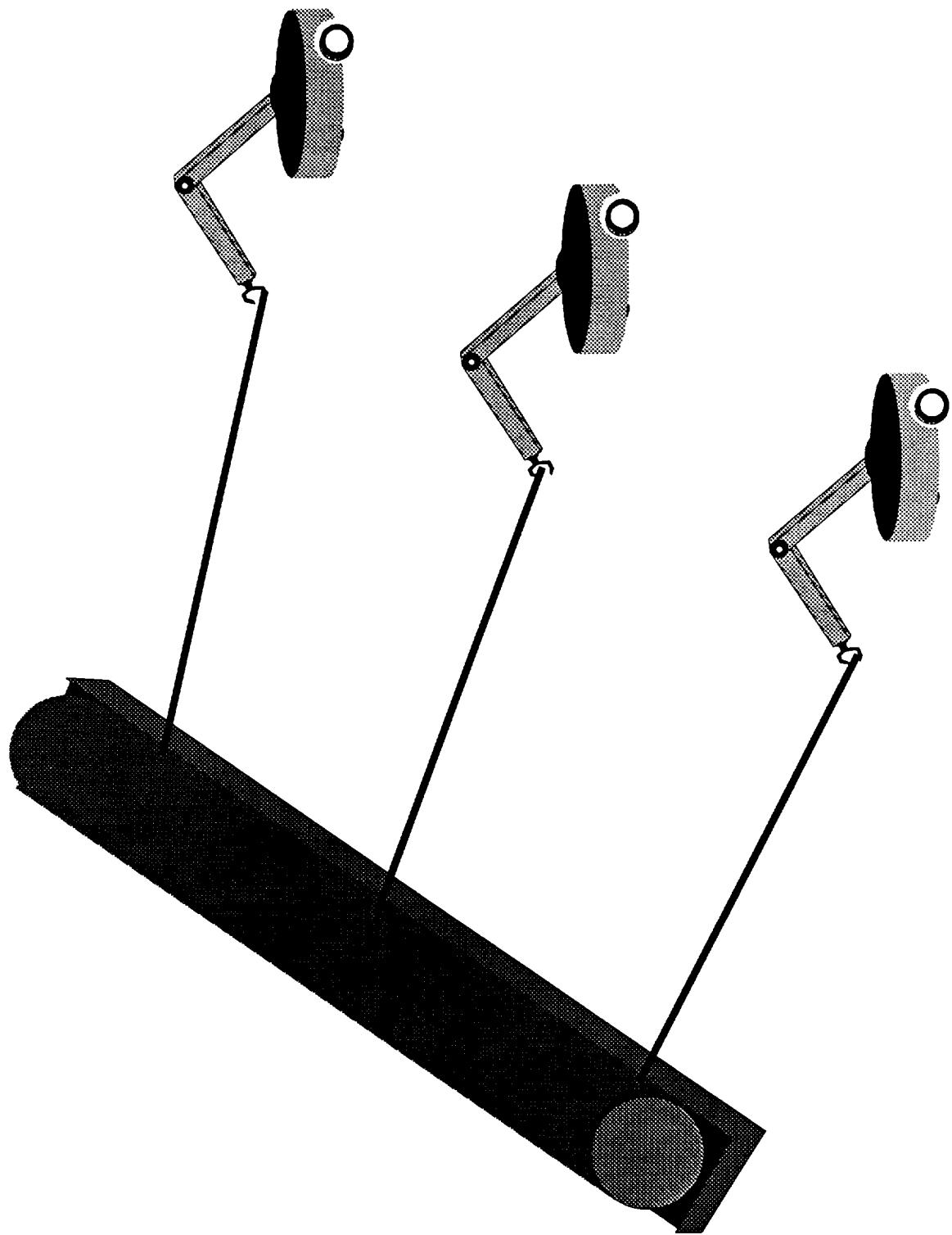
Small, multi-purpose devices are easier to transport, maintain, and configure.

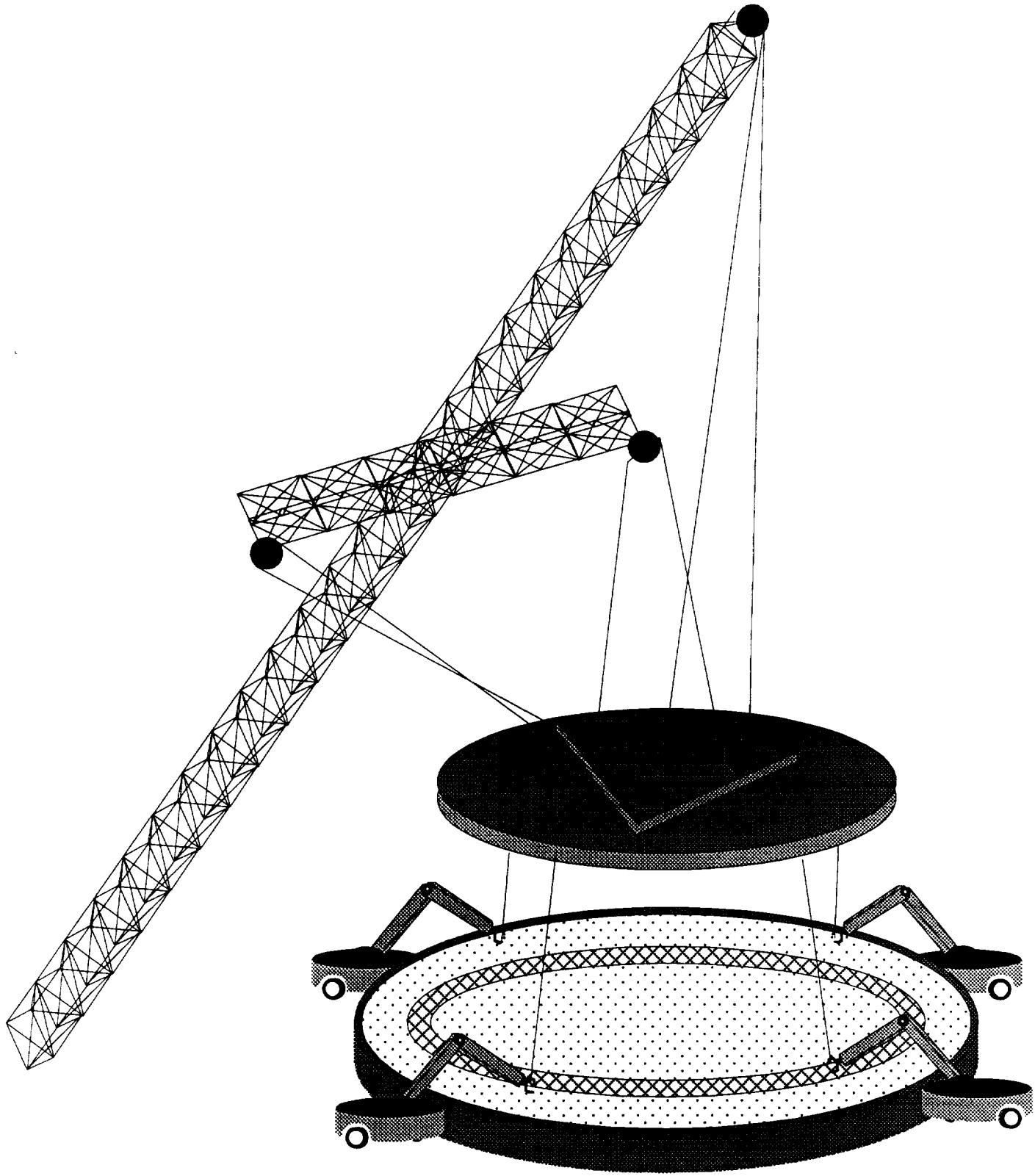
No large single-point failure mechanisms as with special purpose systems.

Individual systems are less complex; each can be dedicated to a separate sub-task.

# Modular Robot







# Robot Design

Three (nearly) identical robots under construction:

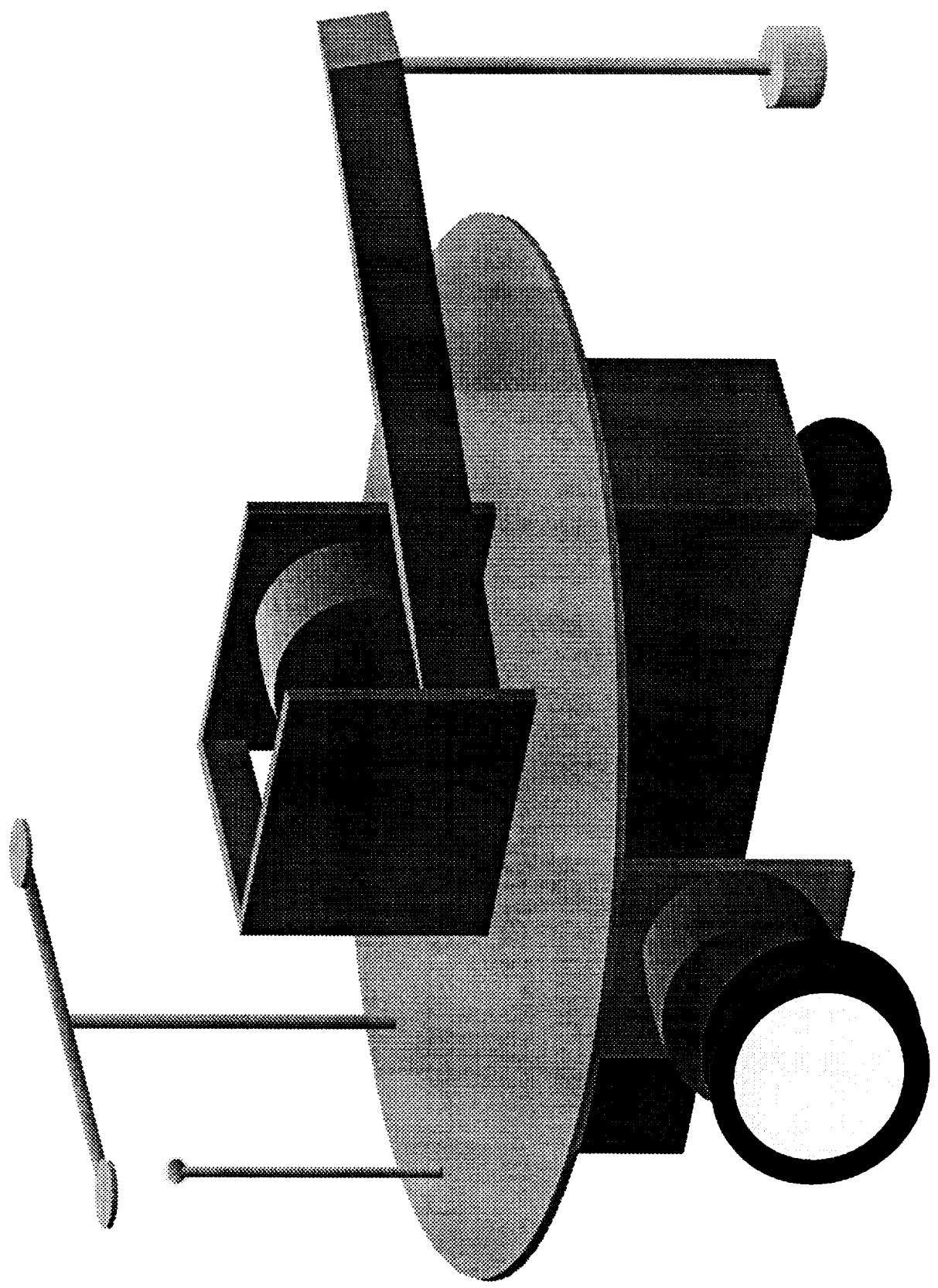
- 80 lb payload
- Attachment point for manipulator
- Battery powered
- Speed 1 ft/s
- Card cage for electronics

# **Motor Control System**

- DC motors driven by HP motor control chip
- Control chip programmed by 8088-based microcomputer
- System being tuned to match motor characteristics
- Capable of path following
- Processor knows possible performance envelope

# Simple Manipulator

- First manipulator designed to test coordinated movement of robot
- One degree of freedom
- Simple to build, shares most components with rover base
- More complex units under consideration



# **4 Degree of Freedom Manipulator**

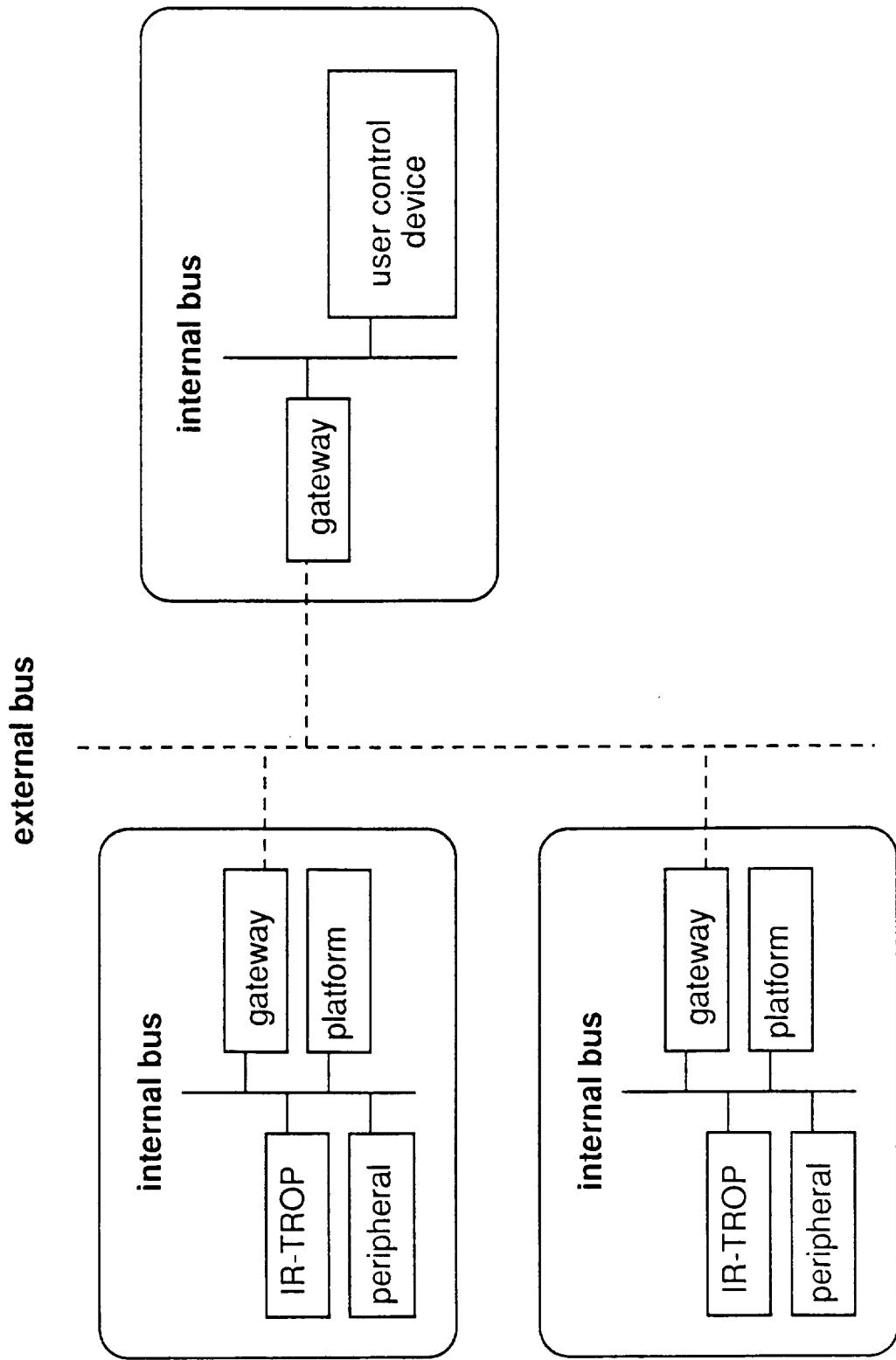
- New design utilizing ball joint
- Plug and play replacement for simple manipulator
- Kinematics and control theory under investigation

# Inter-Module Communication

We are designing a hierarchical communication system for the test-bed:

- Physically connected units communicate over a twisted pair ethernet
- Separated units communicate over radio frequency local area network (RF LAN)
- Bus managers act as gateways between systems
- Operators communicate with rovers over RF LAN

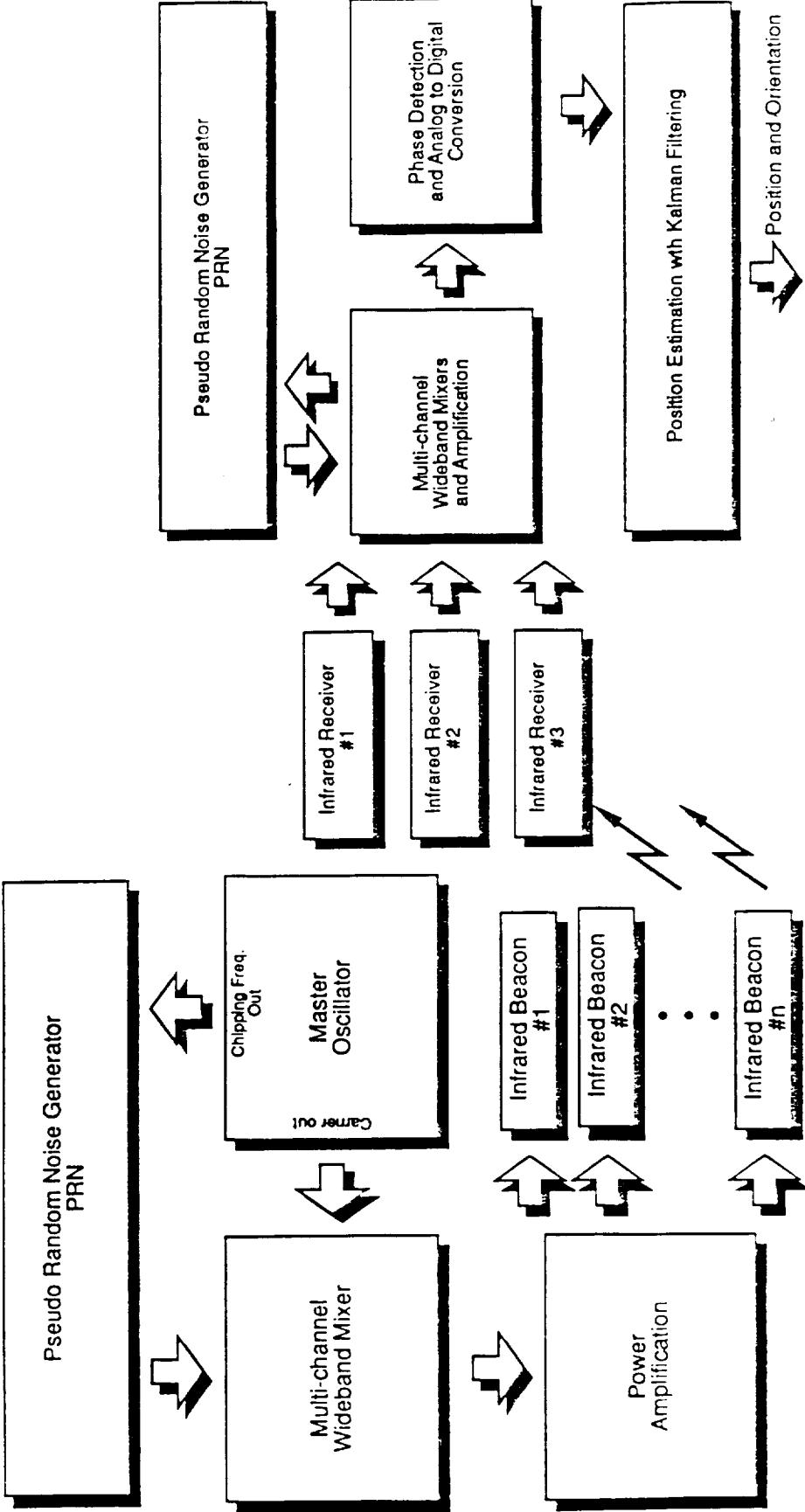
# Network Layout



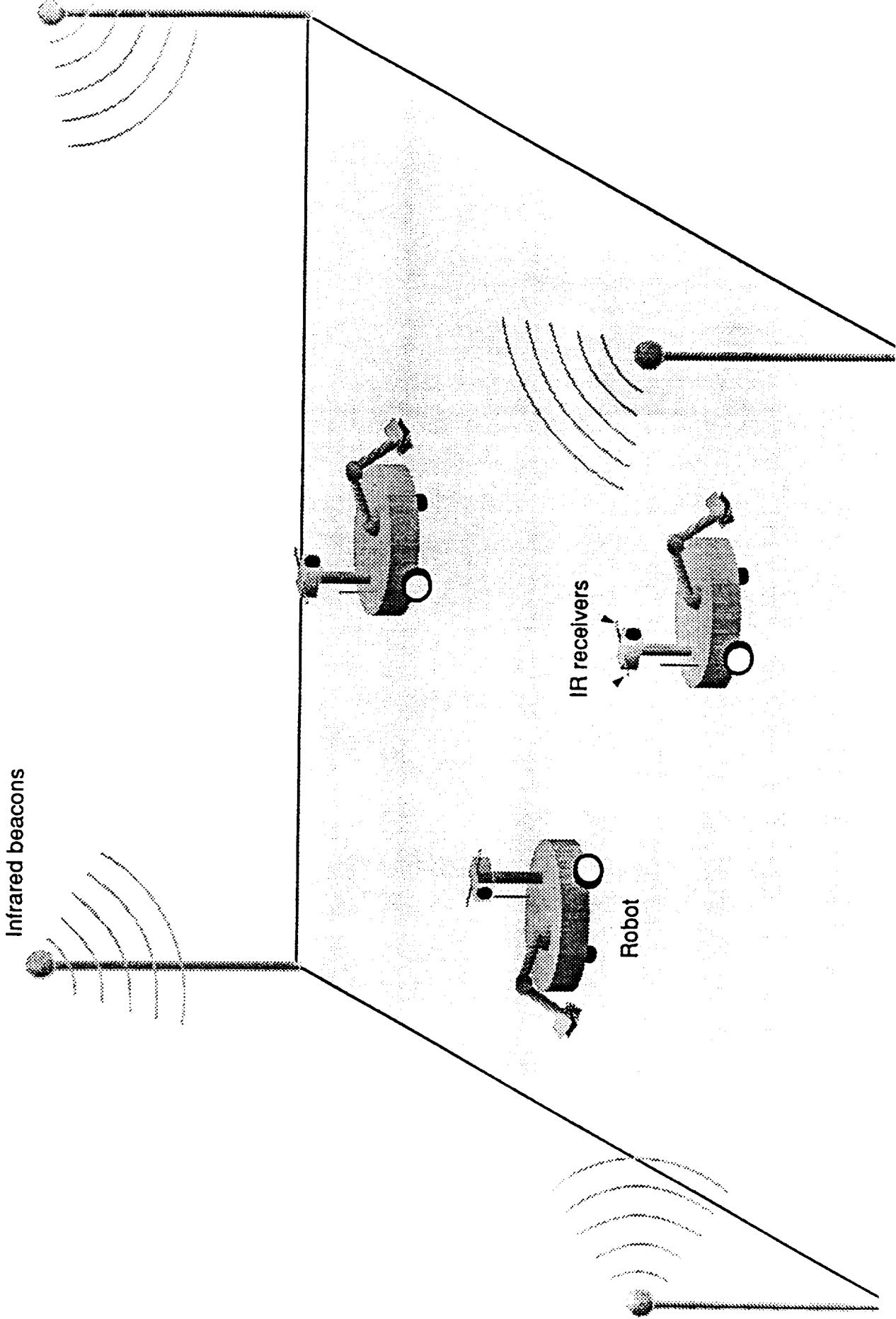
# **Positioning System: IR-TROP**

- Goal to provide position sensing to  $\pm 2$  cm in two dimensions
- Derived from GPS technology
- Currently only  $\pm 5$  cm available

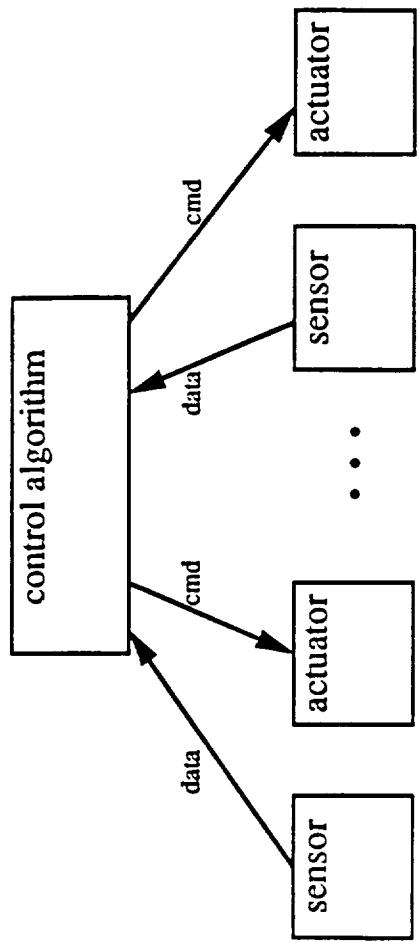
# IR TROP System Design



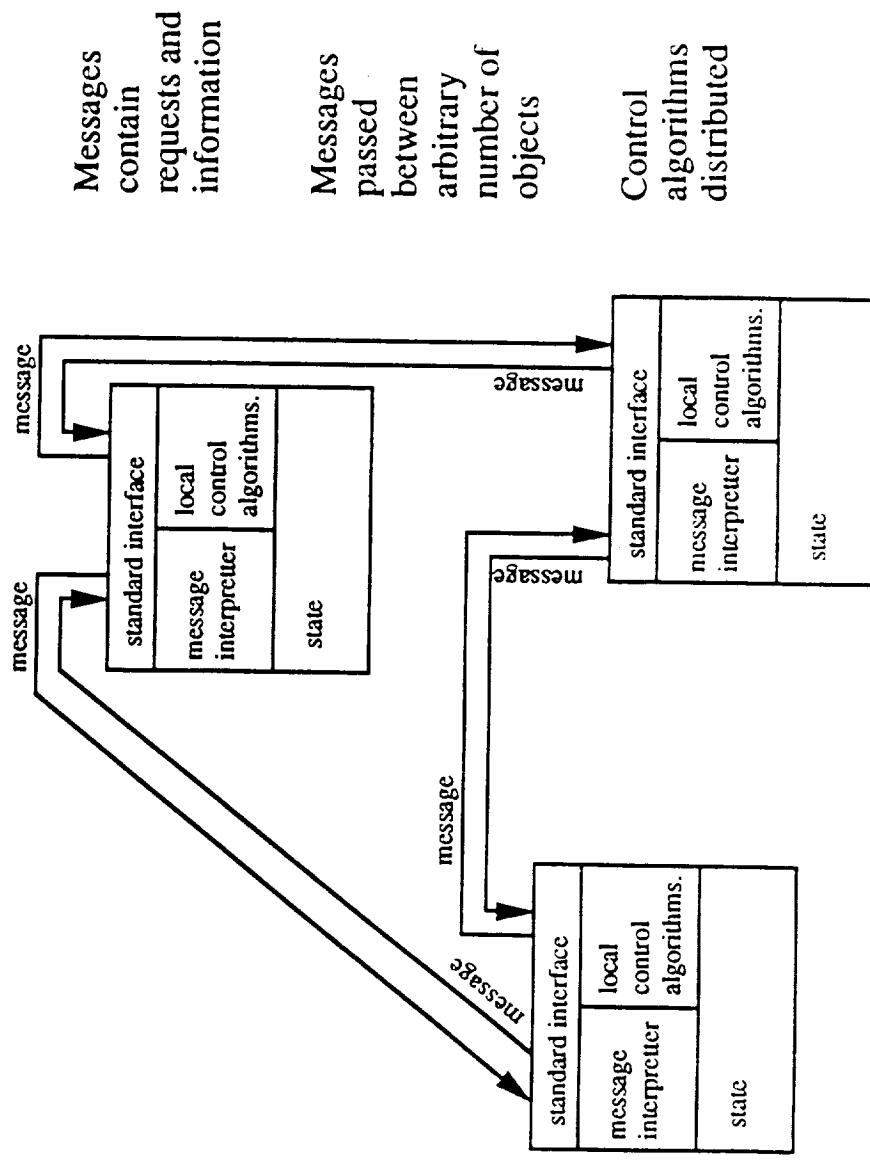
# Testbed Layout



# Centralized Control



# Modularized Control



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# Lunar Surface Structural Concepts and Construction Studies

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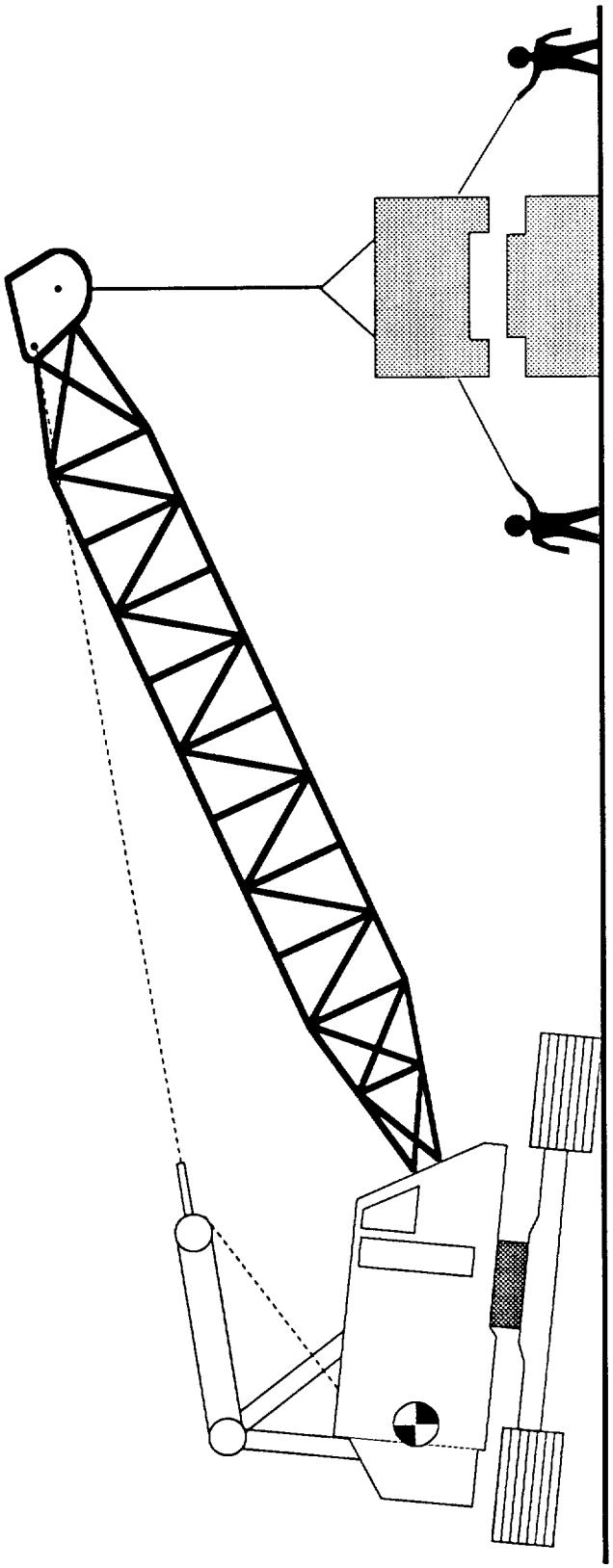
# LUNAR SURFACE STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH AREAS

RESEARCH AREA	OBJECTIVE
- Multiple Cable Crane	Remote and/or Precision Positioning Capability For Lunar Construction
- Articulating Arm Crane	Automatically Deployable Towers and Beam Type Structures With Minimal Deployment Equipment
- Deployable Tower	Capability For Self Off-Loading of Modules & Equipment
- Lunar Module Unloading Device	Automatically Deployable Reflector With Minimal Deployment Equipment
- Deployable Solar Concentrator	

## LUNAR CRANE RELATED DISCIPLINES

- o Remote control and/or autonomous precision construction operations
- o Multibody dynamics analysis and control of large flexible systems
- o Analysis and control of cable structures
- o Quantification of control actuator concepts for large flexible systems
- o Design of large complex flexible systems
- o System identification of nonlinear systems

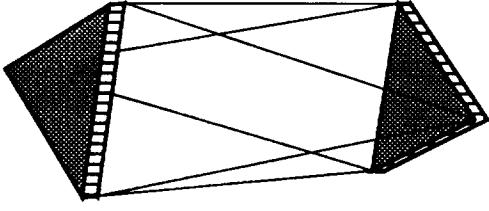
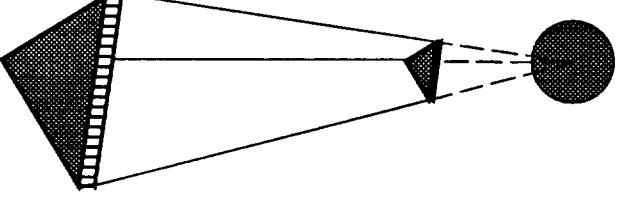
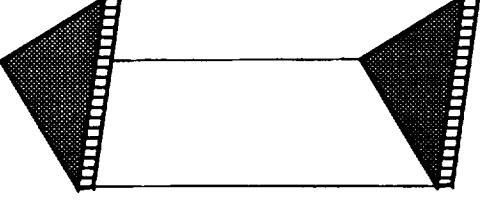
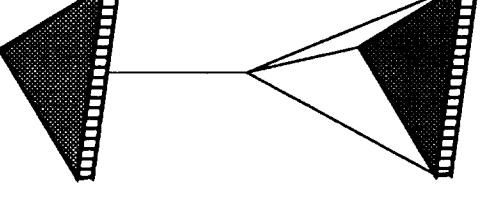
**TYPICAL MOBILE CRANE HAS TWO MAJOR  
SHORTCOMINGS FOR LUNAR BASE APPLICATION**



**1) Very large mass required to  
resist tipping**

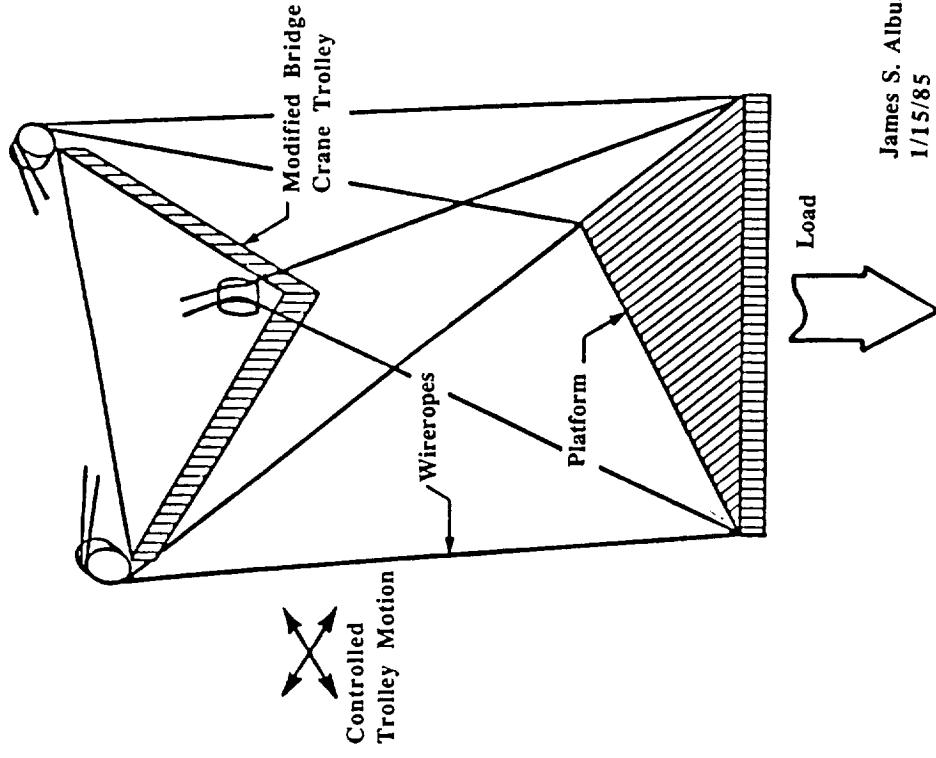
**2) Human guidance required for  
accurate positioning**

## CANDIDATE CRANE CABLE SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

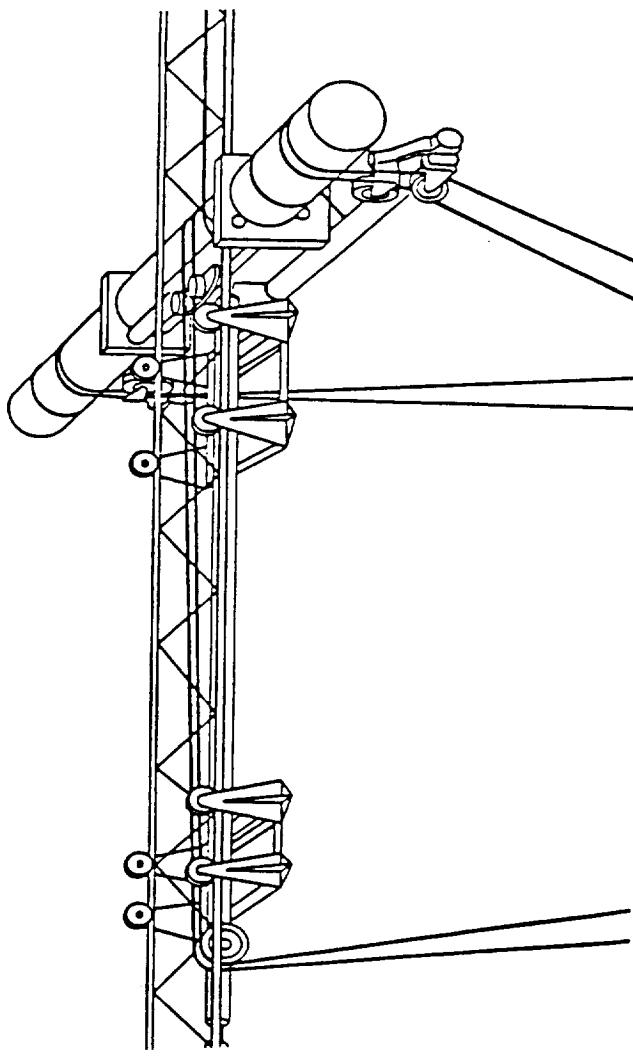
	<p><b>Six Cables</b></p> <p><b>6 DOF</b> Structurally Stiff</p>
	<p><b>Three Cables</b></p> <p><b>3 DOF</b> Structurally Stiff</p> <p><b>3 DOF</b> Stiffened by Triangulated Cables</p>
	<p><b>Three Cables</b></p> <p><b>3 DOF</b> Structurally Stiff</p>
	<p><b>Single Cable</b></p> <p><b>1 DOF</b> Structurally Stiff</p>

# NIST SIX-CABLE SUSPENSION CRANE

Cable Geometry



Cable Drive System



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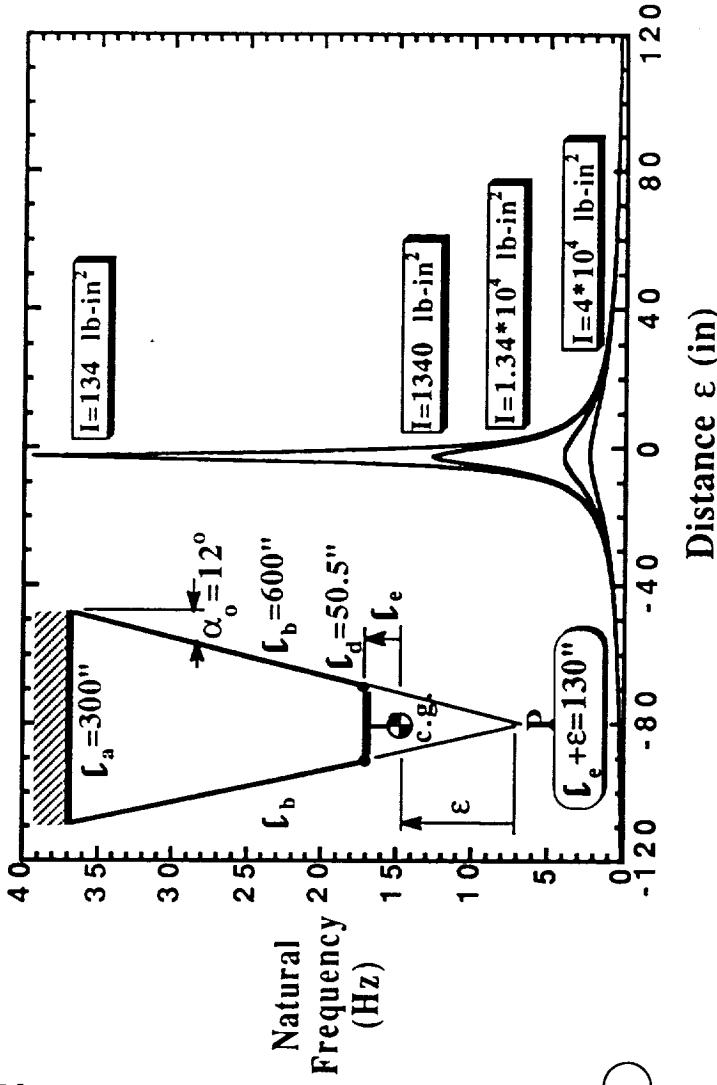
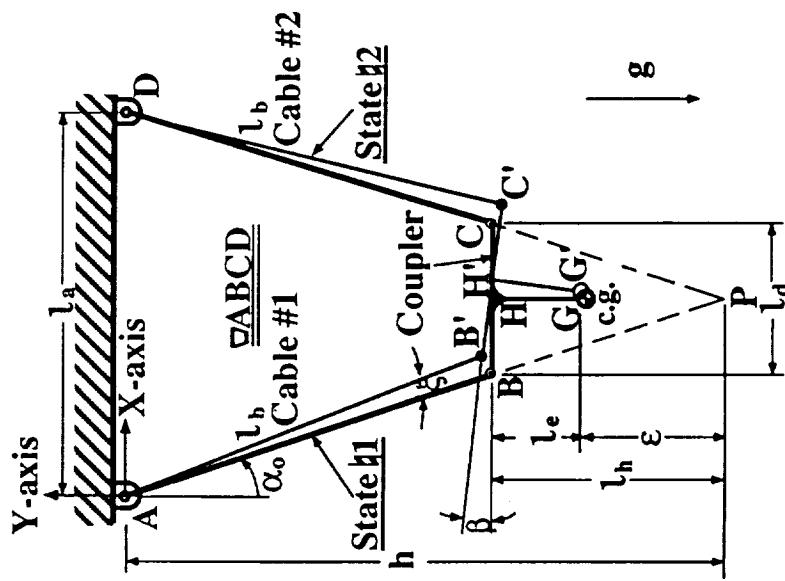
# NUMERICAL EXAMPLE OF NATURAL FREQUENCY

## A Symmetric Model

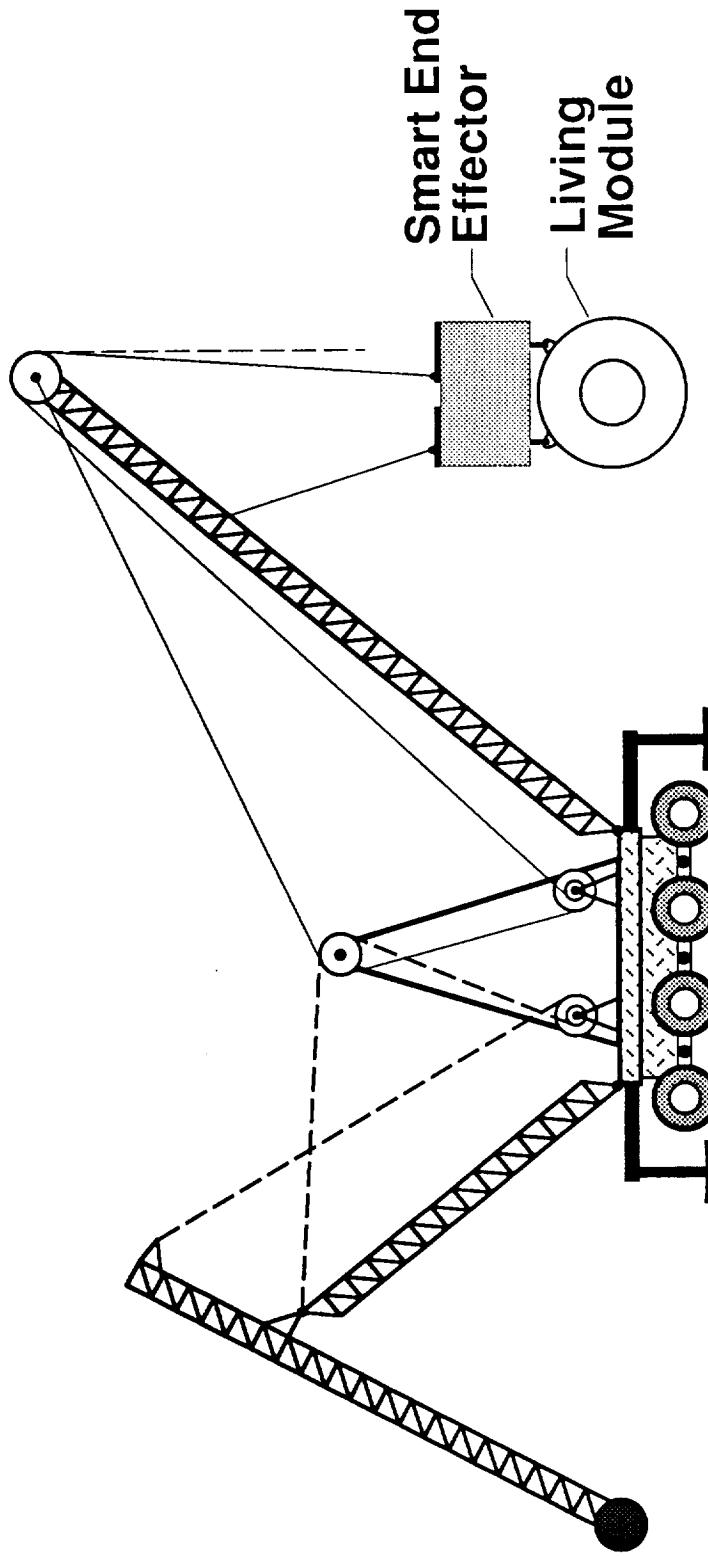
## A Swinging Pendulum

$$\mathcal{F} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\ell_h}{h-\ell_h}\right) \left[\ell_h h + \frac{\ell_a^2}{4}\right] + \ell_e h} \quad \mathcal{F}_{\text{pendulum}}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{pendulum}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{G}{h}},$$



# COUNTER-BALANCED ACTIVELY-CONTROLLED LUNAR CRANE INCORPORATES TWO NEW FEATURES FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE



1) Active Counter Weight  
to Reduce Overturning  
Moment

2)

Multiple Payload Suspension  
Cables to Provide Stable  
Precision Positioning

# LUNAR CRANE PENDULUM MECHANICS

3 Translations Have Structural Stiffness

3 Rotations Have Pendulum Stiffness

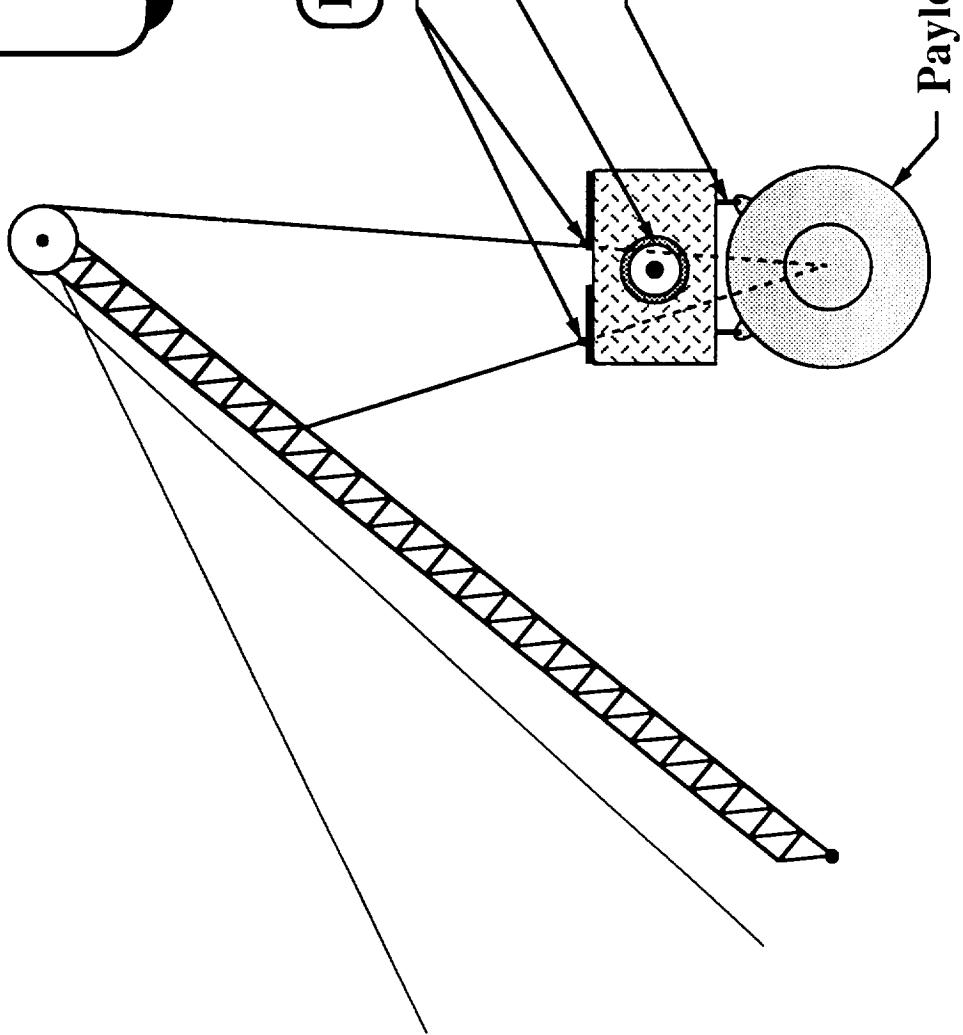
Potential Control Mechanisms

Active Cable Positioners

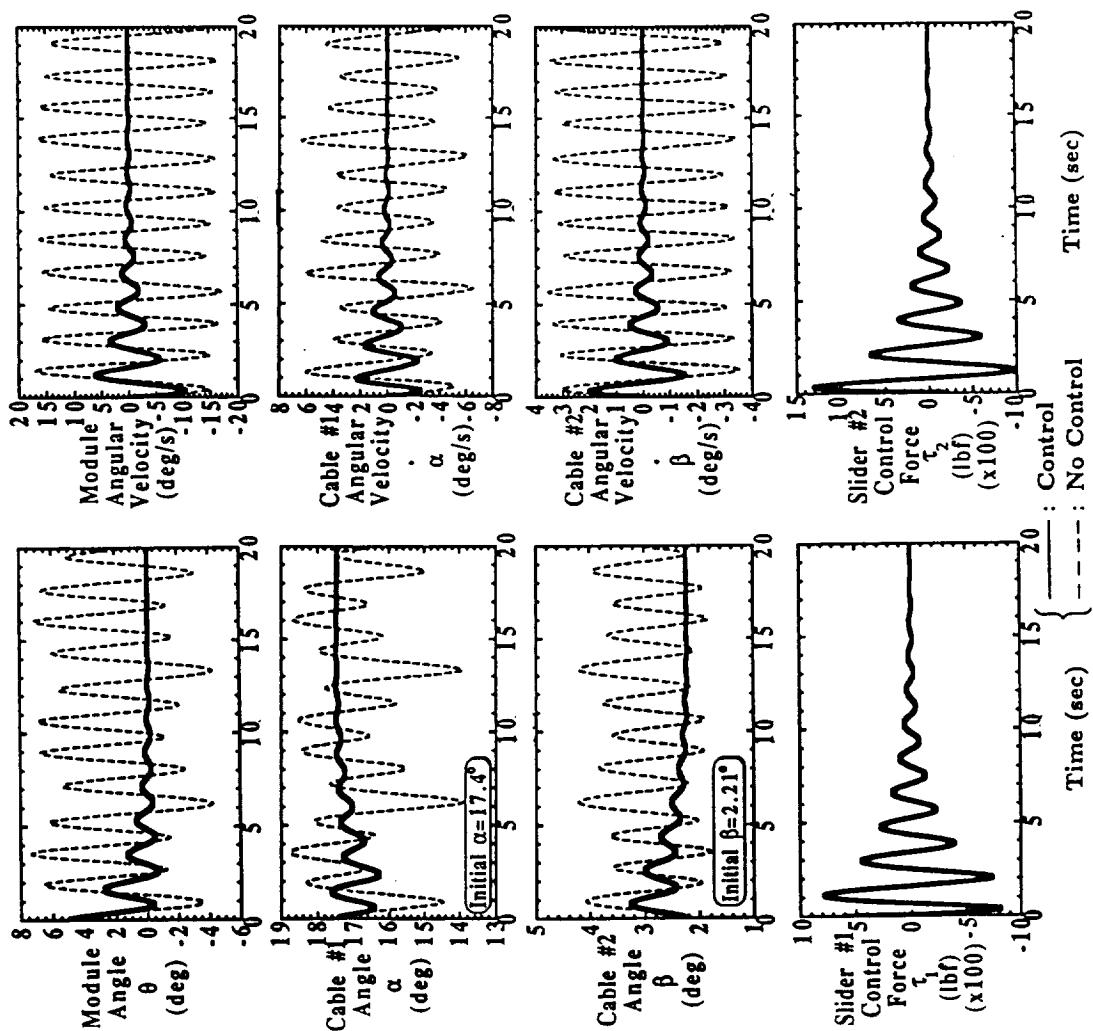
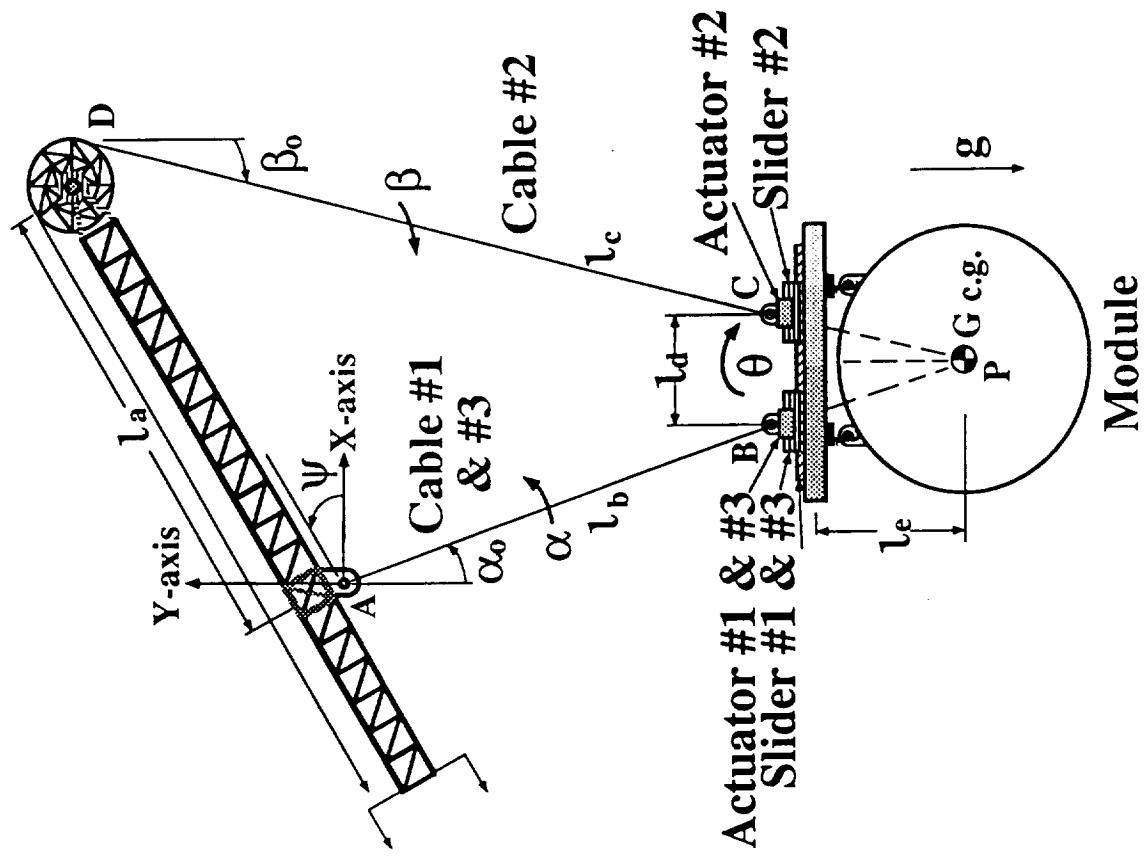
Active Inertia Wheels

Active Attachments

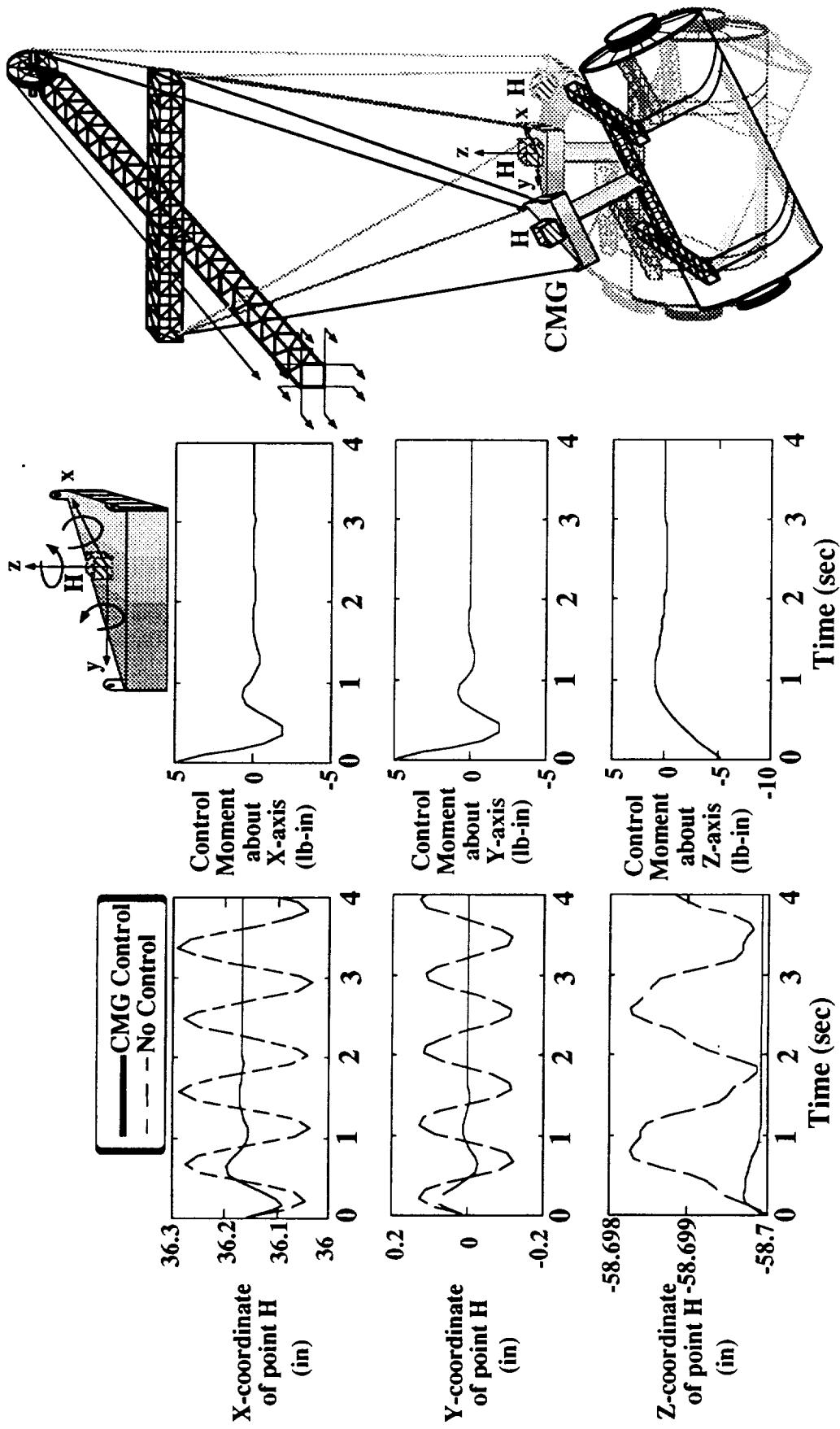
Payload ( M,I )



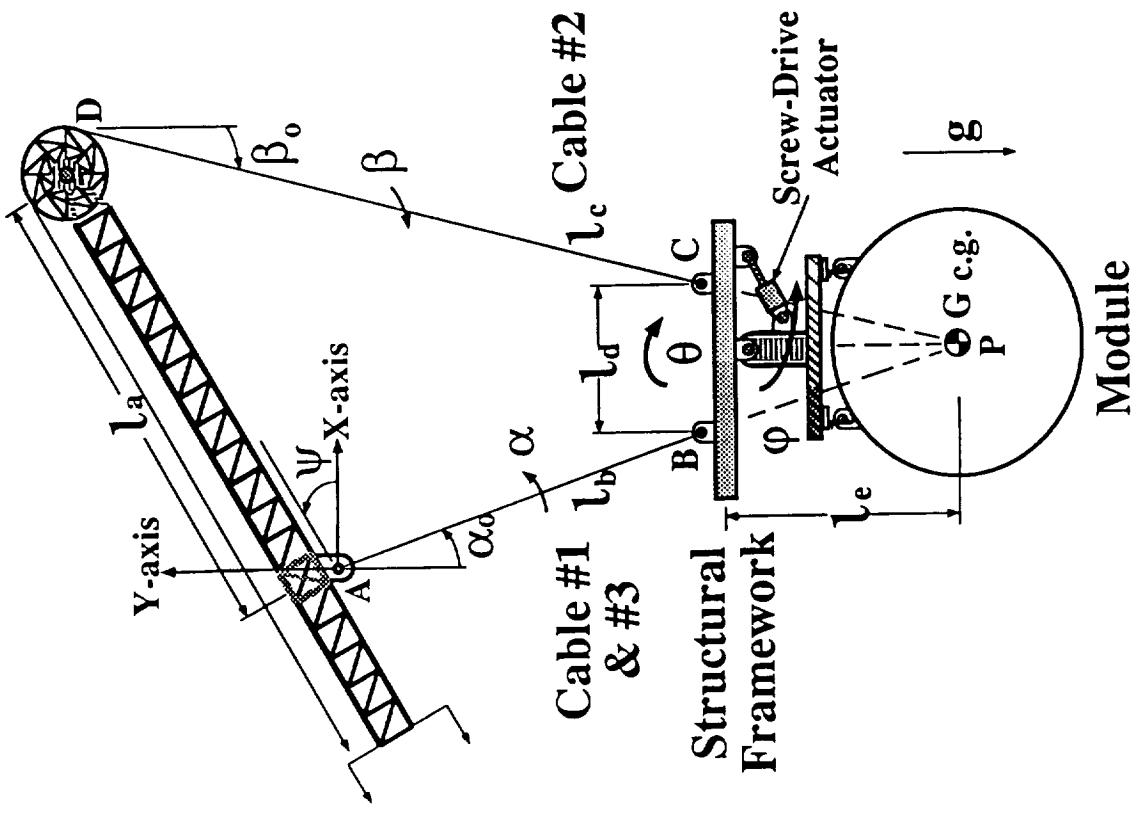
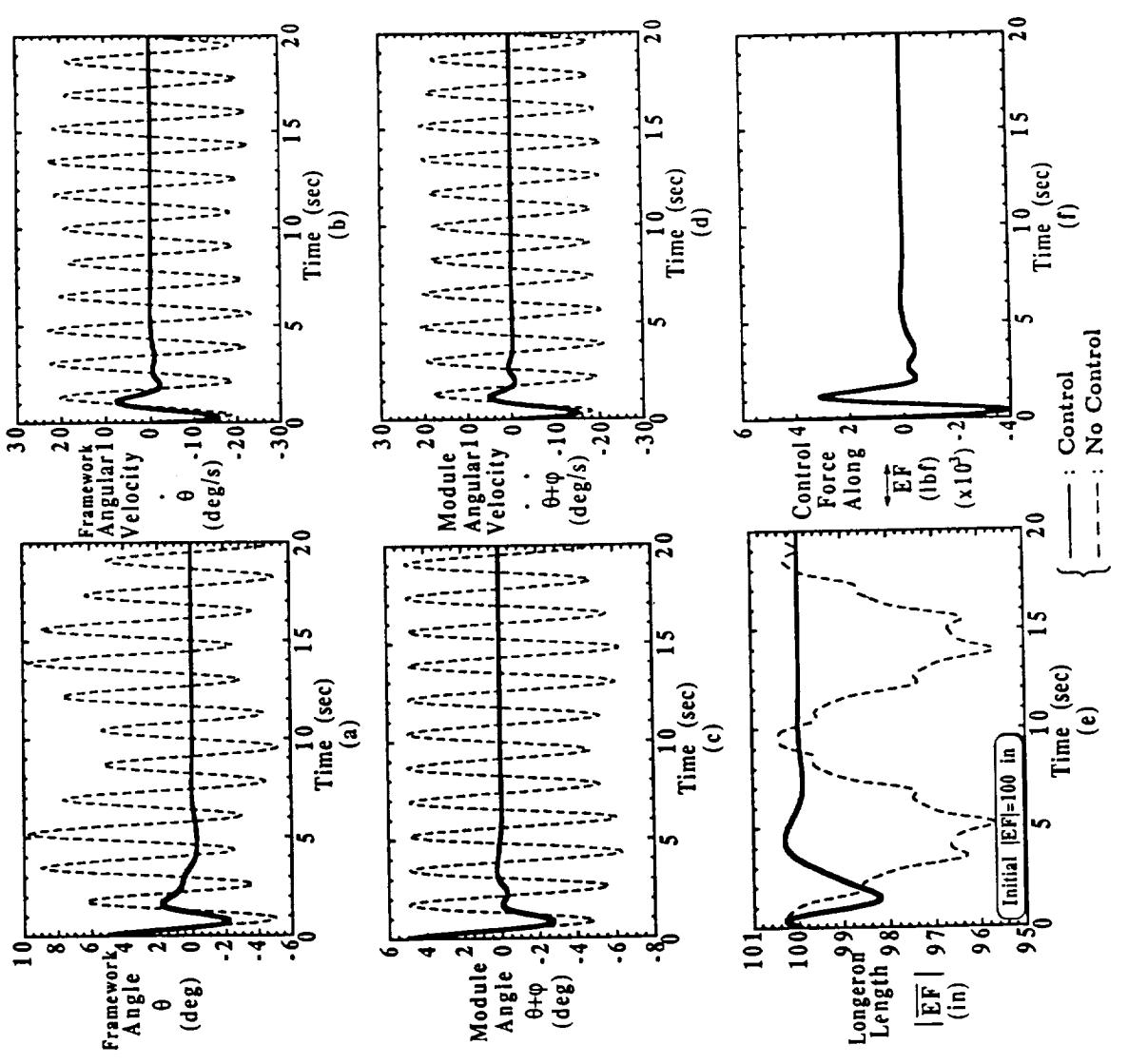
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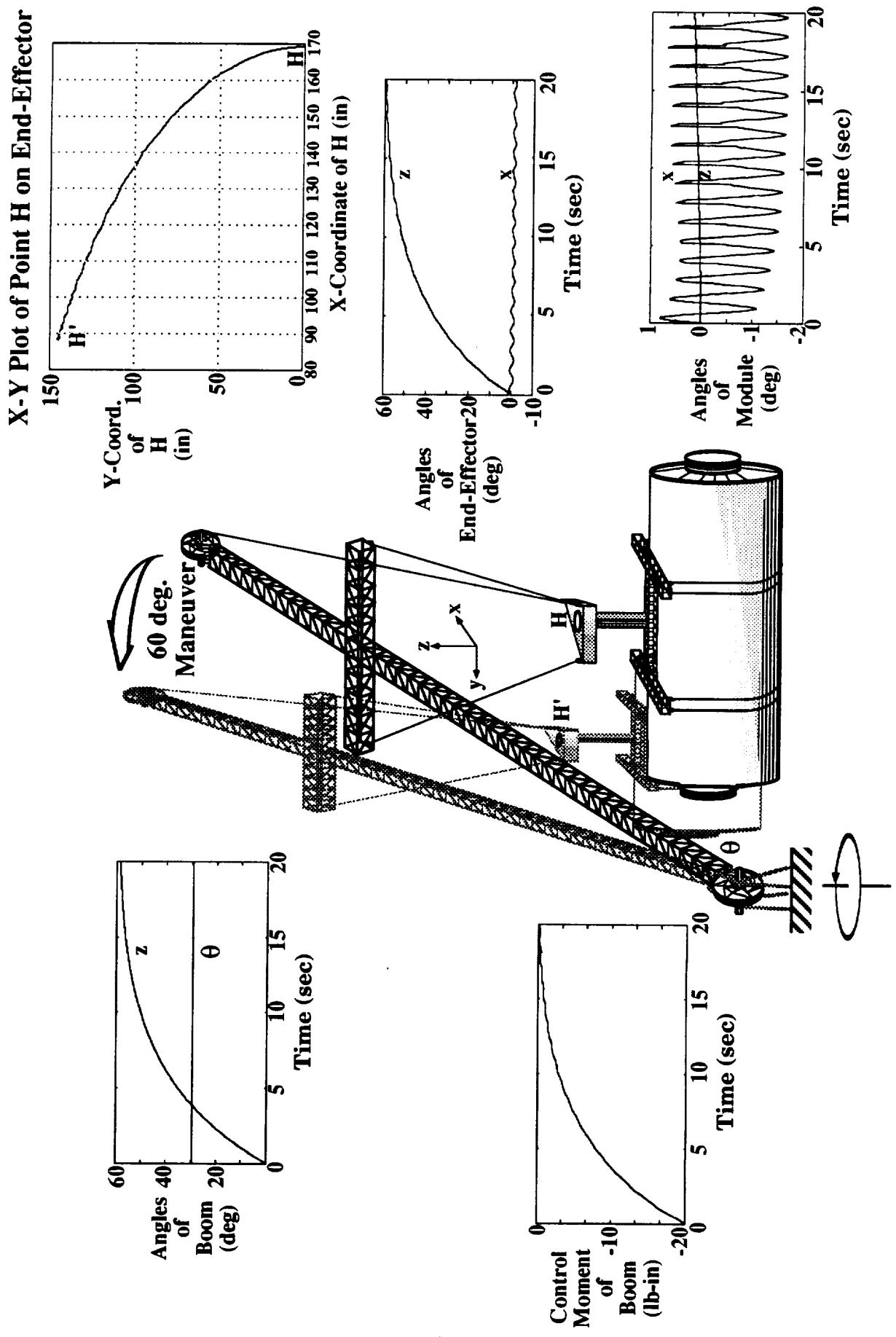
# CMG CONTROL SIMULATION RESULTS



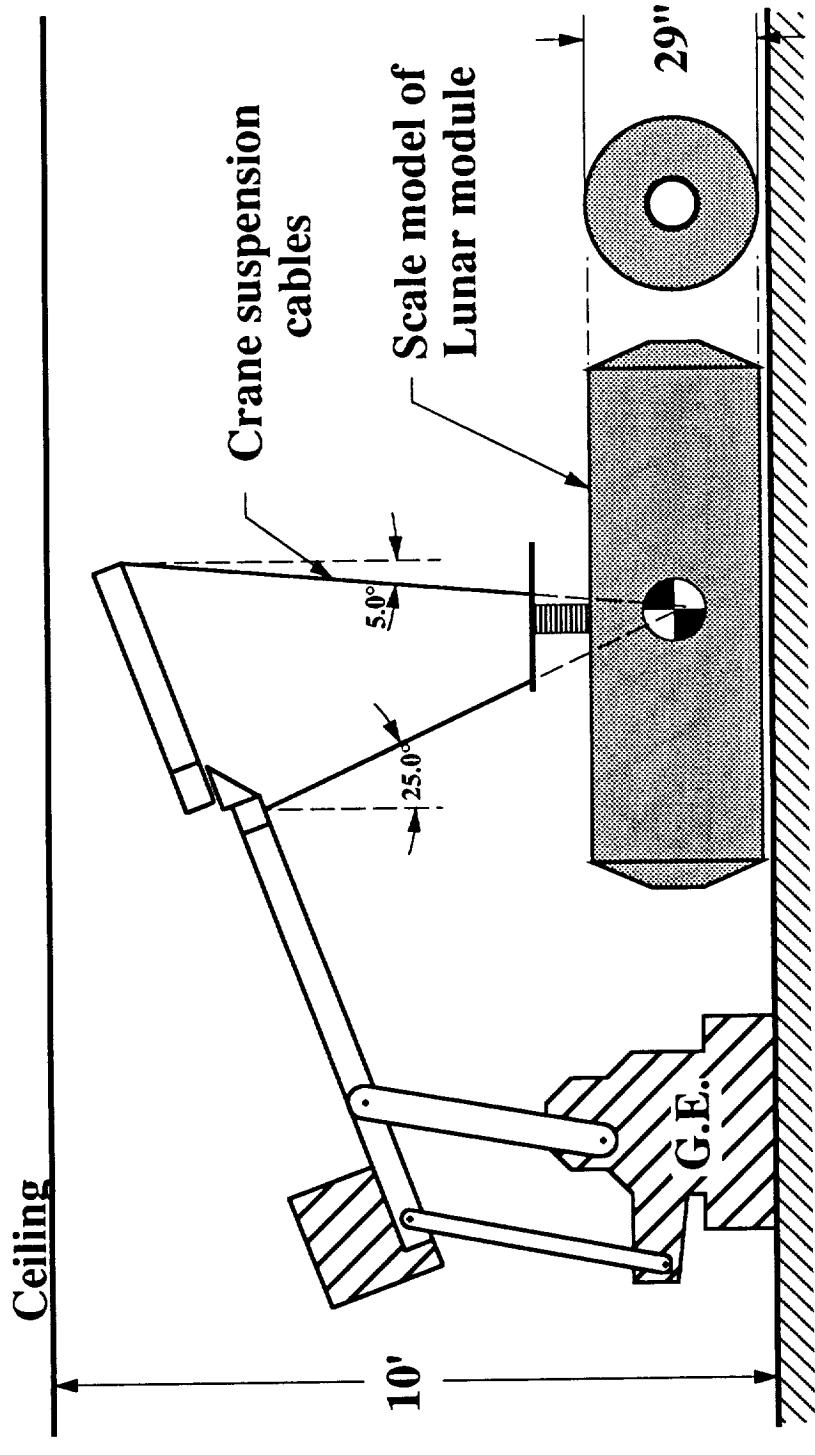
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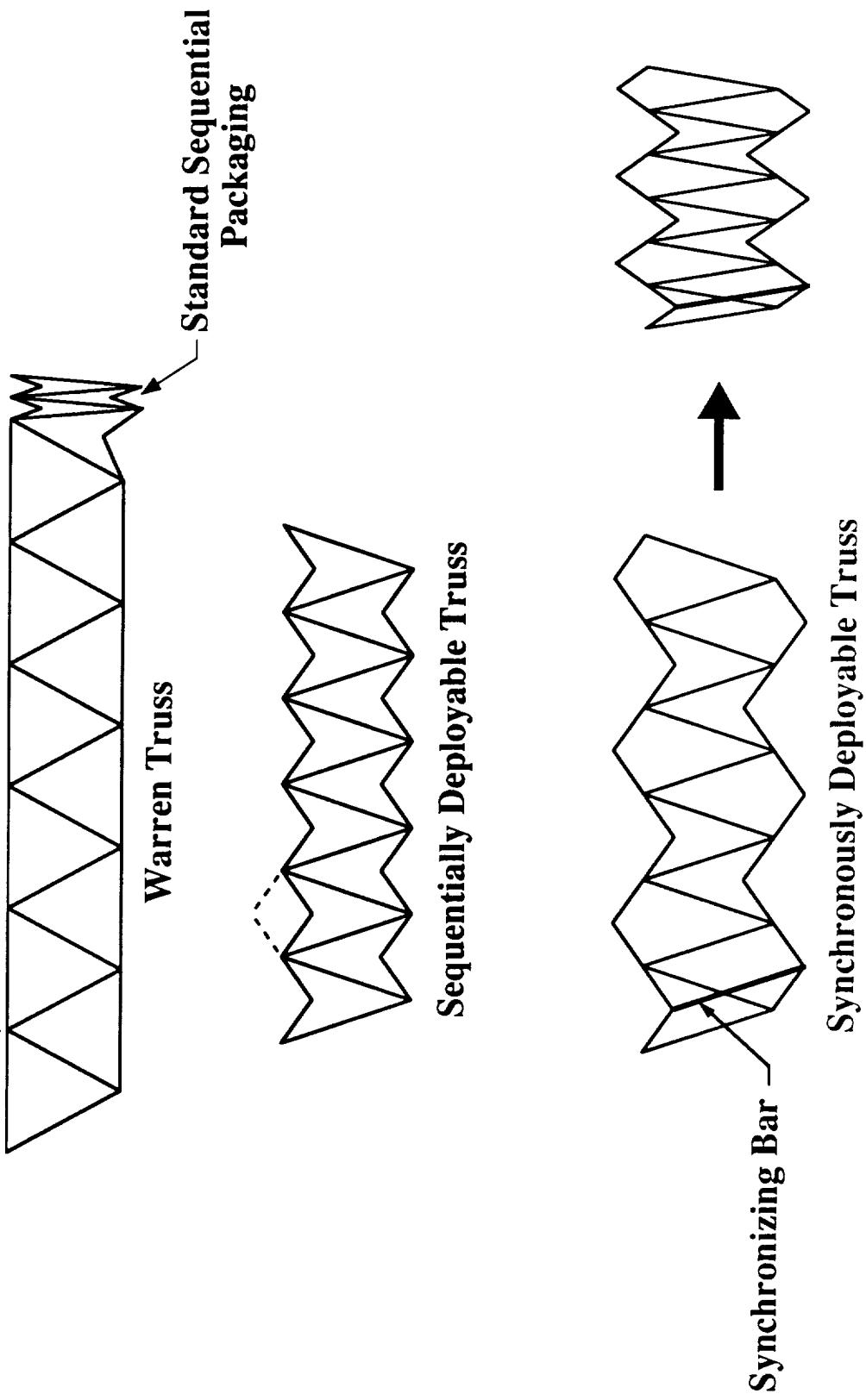
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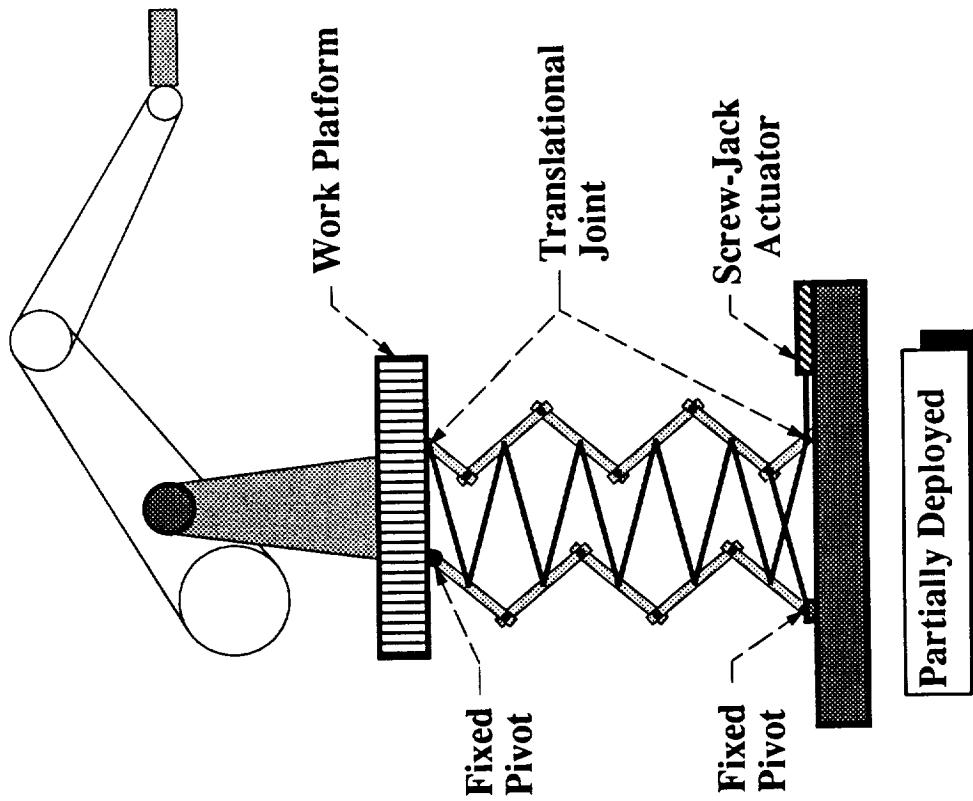
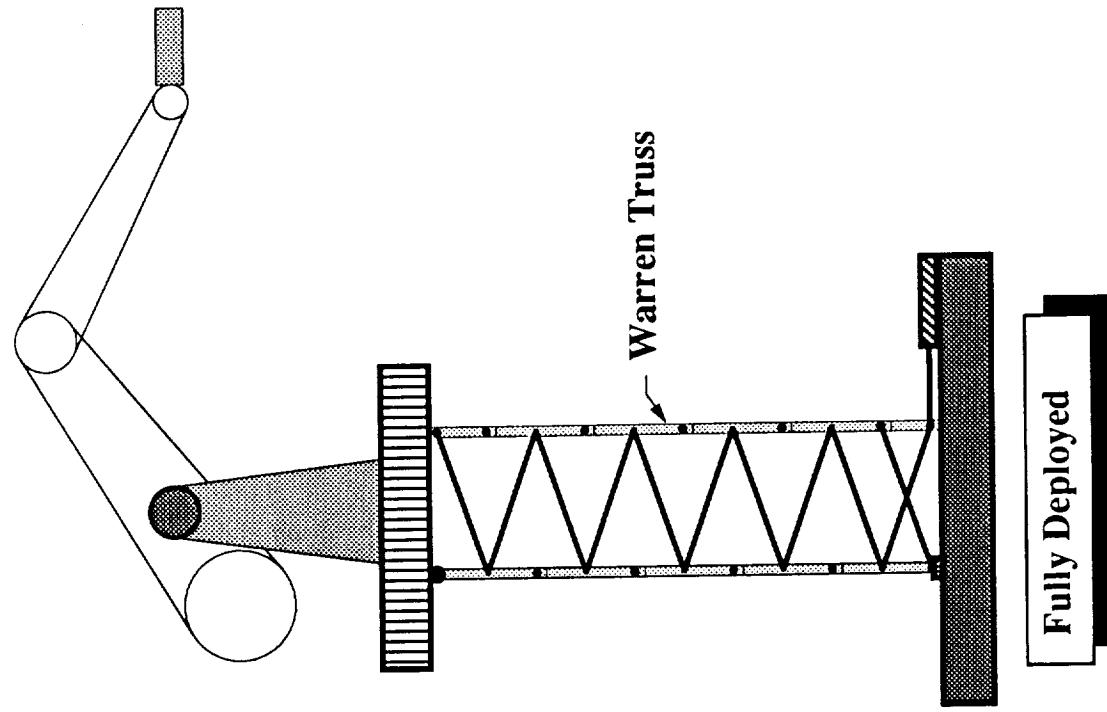
# ONE-SIXTH SCALE LUNAR CRANE TEST-BED USING G.E. ROBOT FOR GLOBAL MANIPULATION.



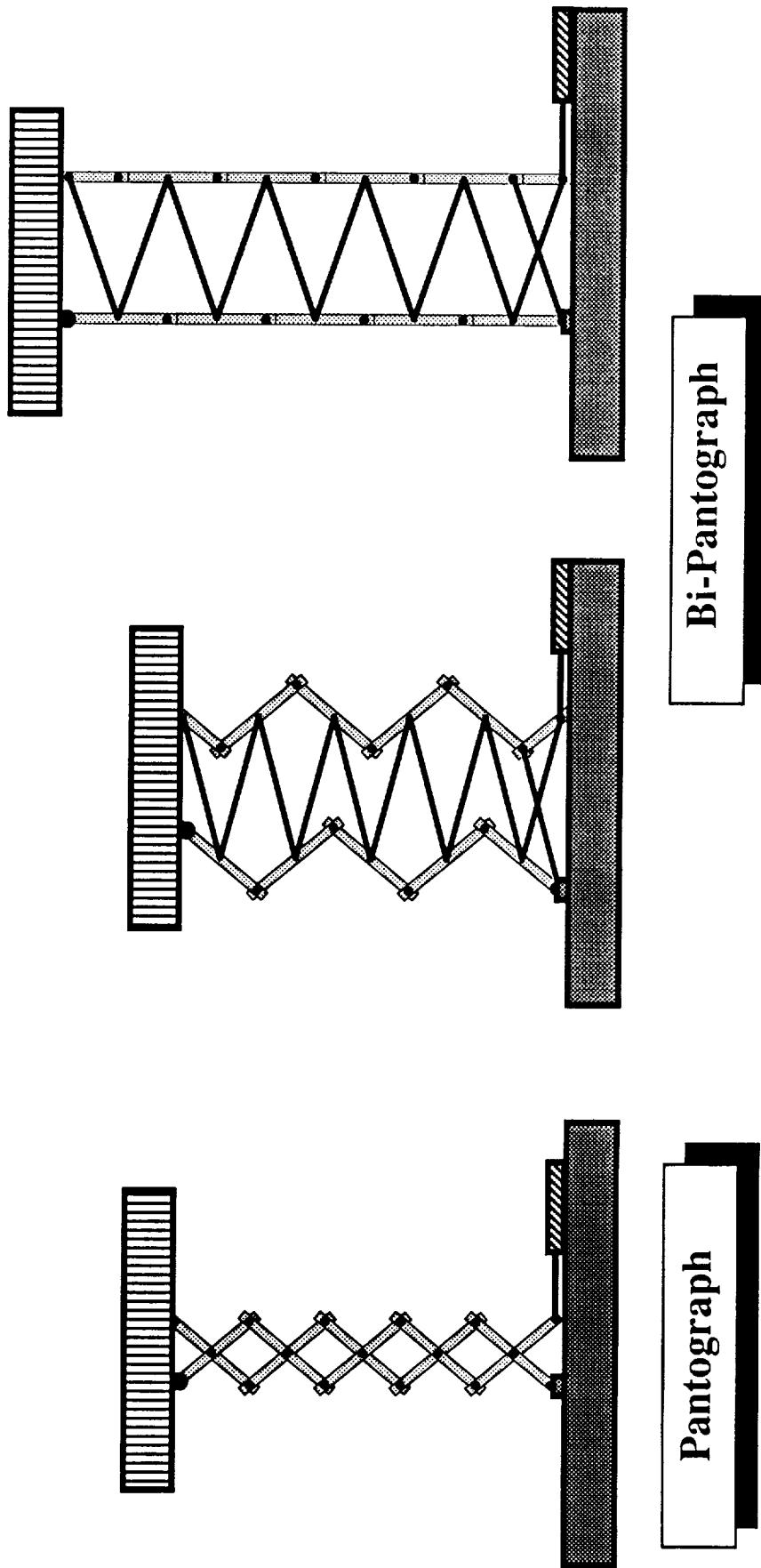
## BASIC DEPLOYABLE TRUSS APPROACHES



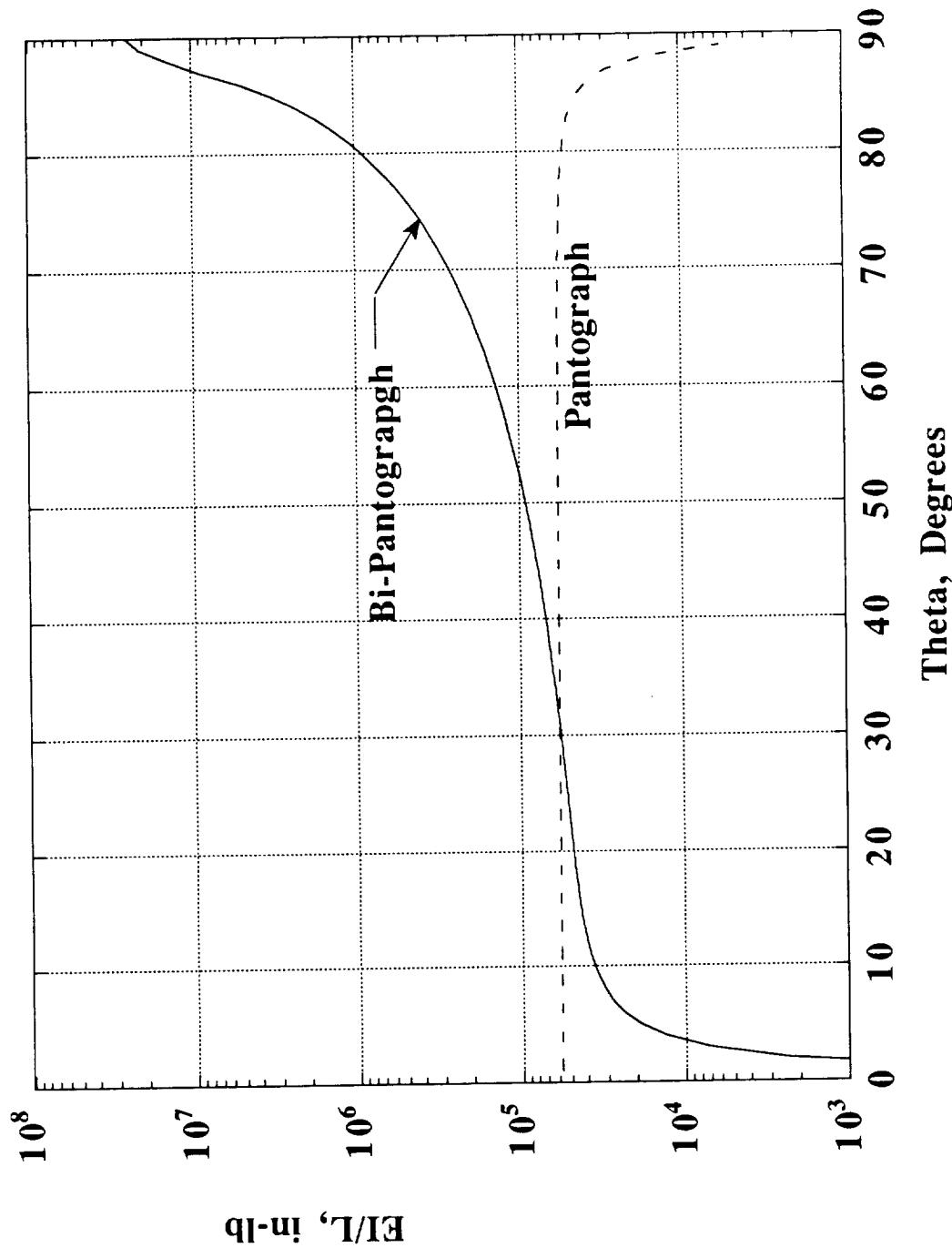
# BI-PANTOGRAPH ELEVATOR PLATFORM



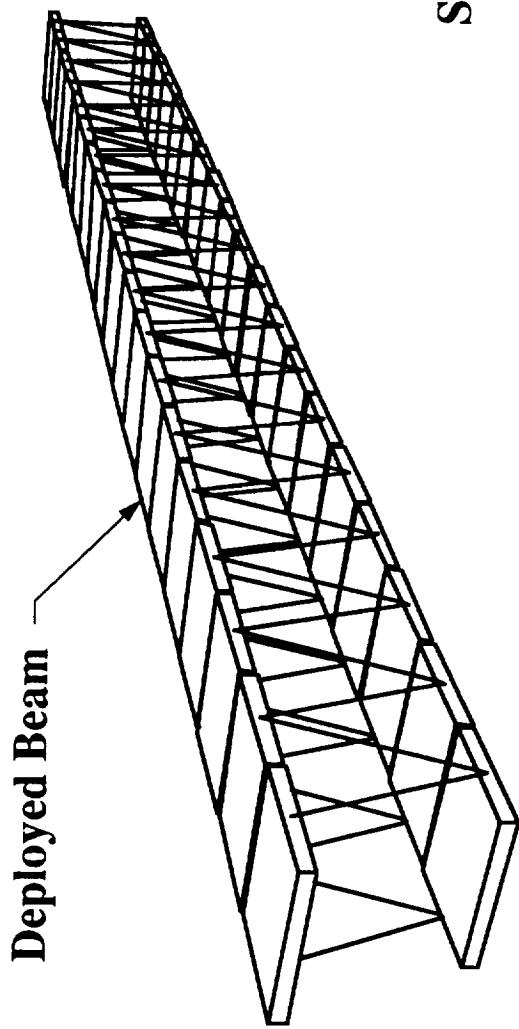
# COMPARISON OF ELEVATOR PLATFORMS



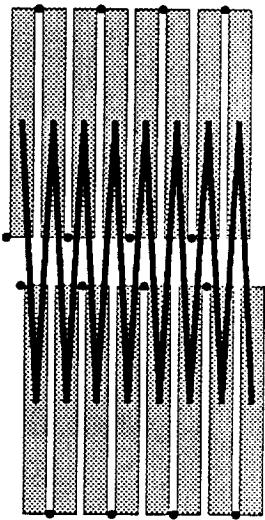
## BI-PANTOGRAPH VS PANTOGRAPH STIFFNESS



# PERSPECTIVE OF BI-PANTOGRAPH BEAM



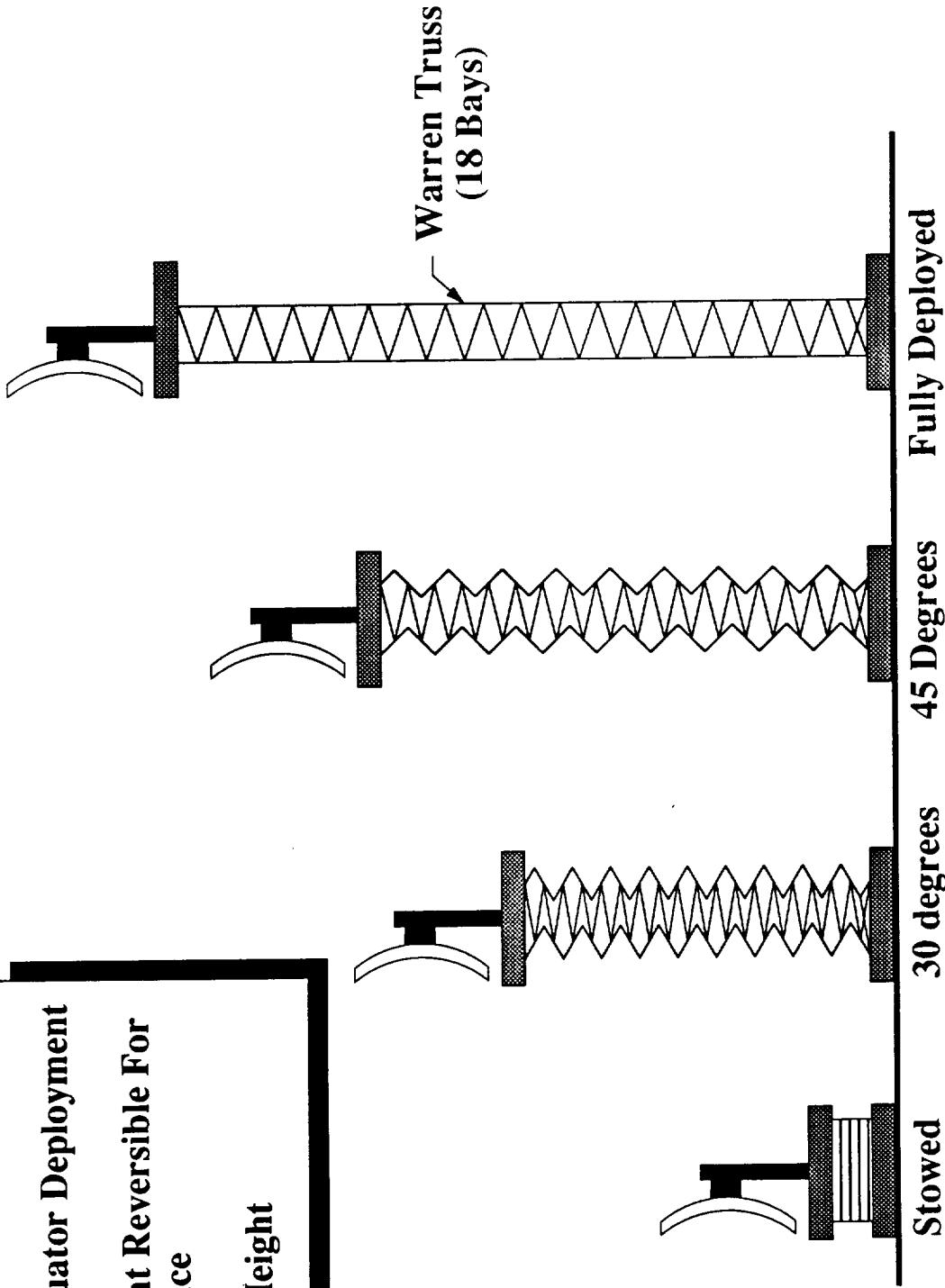
Deployed Beam



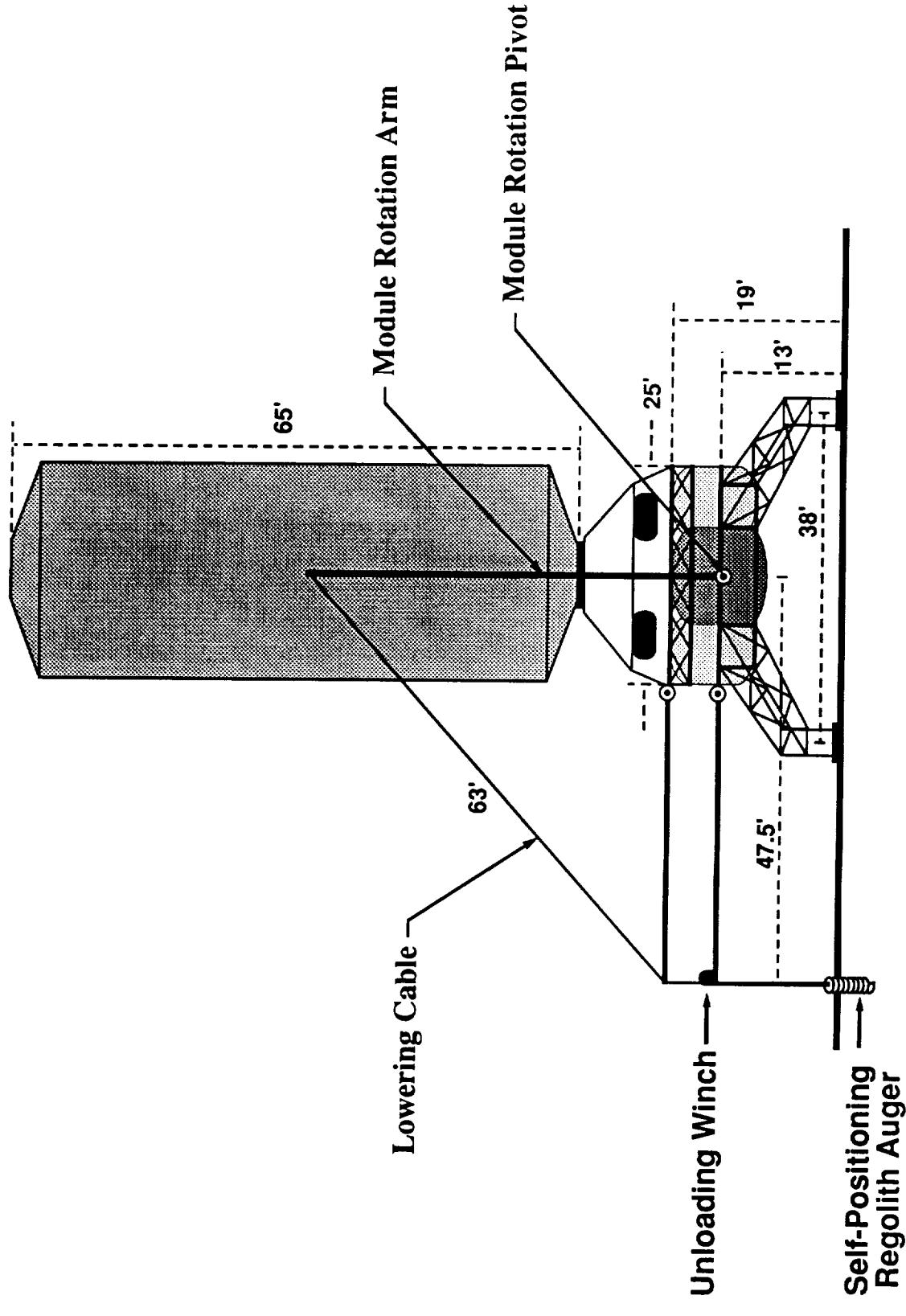
Stowed Beam

## BI-PANTOGRAPH SYNCHRONOUSLY DEPLOYABLE TOWER/BEAM

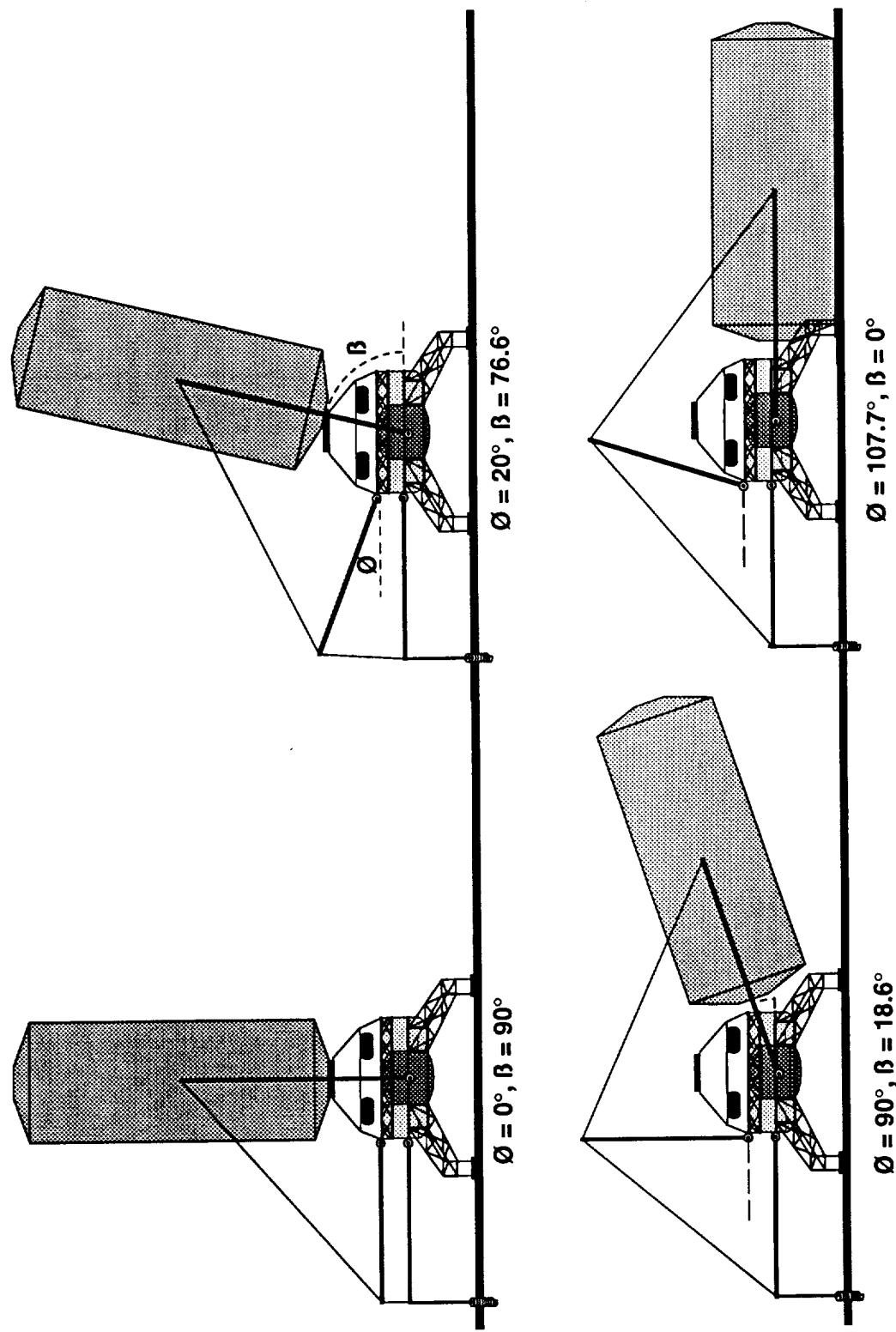
- Single Actuator Deployment
- Deployment Reversible For Maintenance
- Variable Height



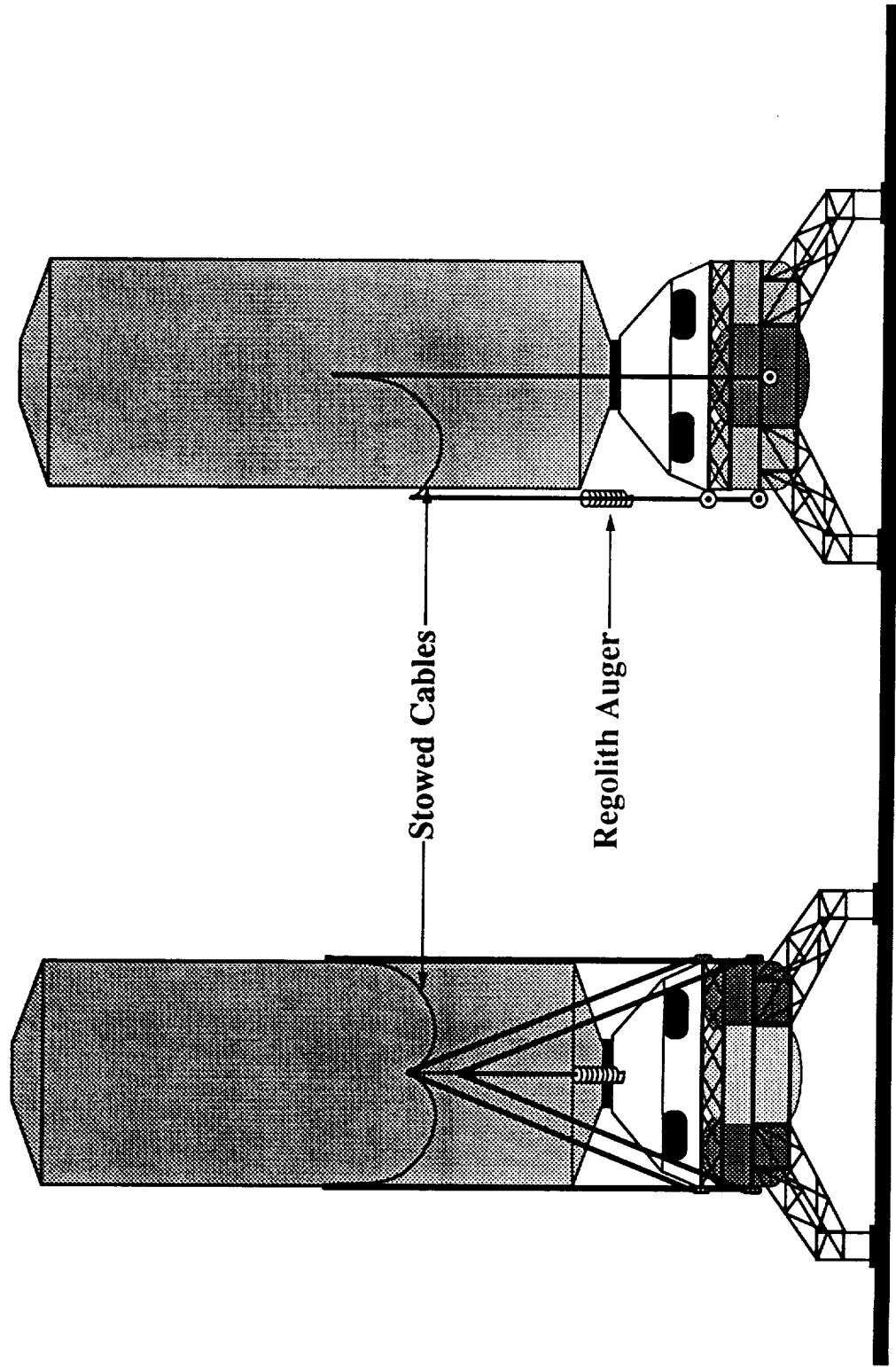
# LUNAR MODULE OFF-LOADING CONCEPT



# LUNAR MODULE OFF-LOADER CONCEPT DURING VARIOUS PHASES OF OPERATION



**MODULE OFF-LOADER CONCEPT PACKAGED**  
**(REAR & SIDE VIEWS)**



# STARBURST DEPLOYABLE PRECISION REFLECTOR

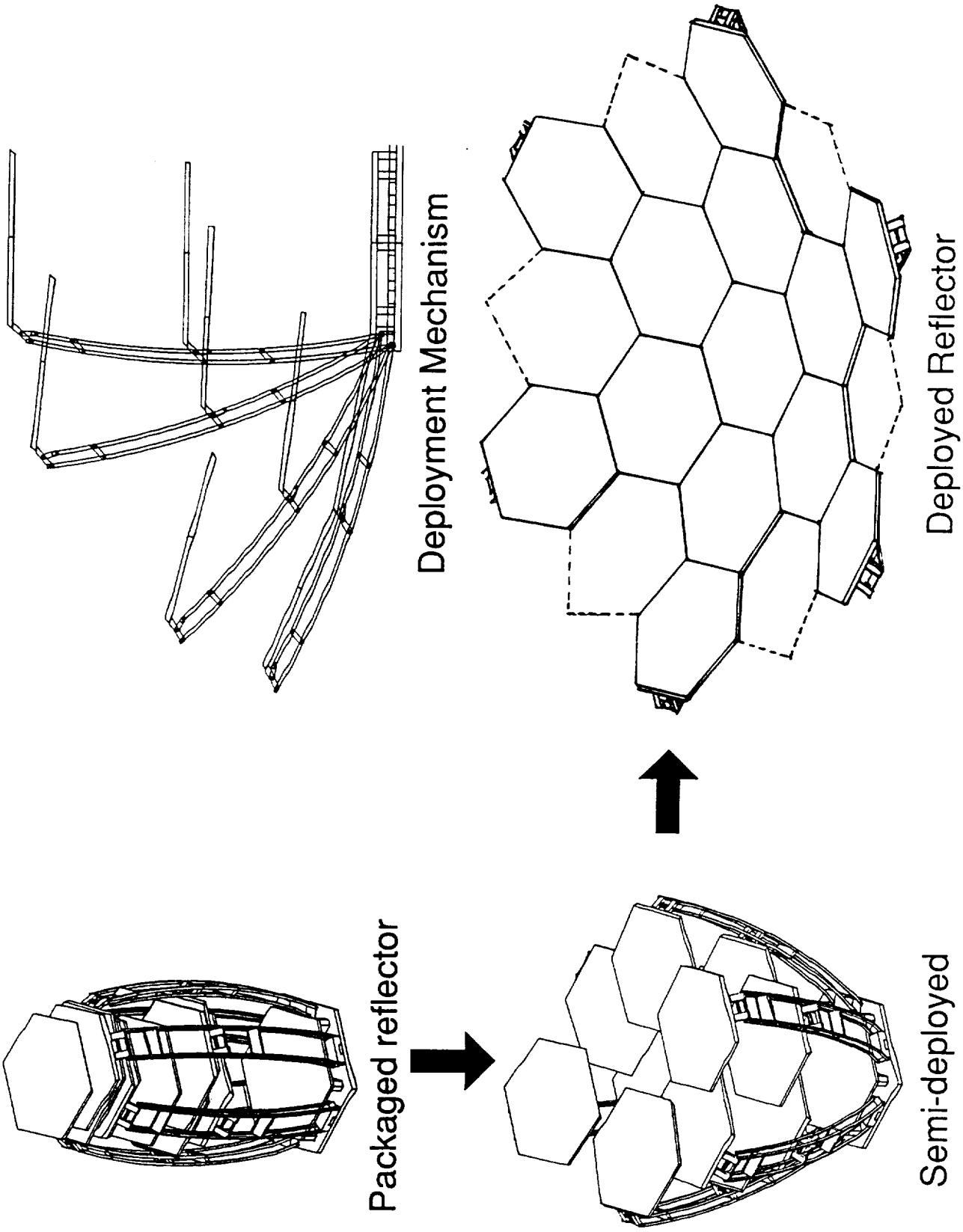
## Features

- Maximum packaging efficiency for reflector panels
- Simple one-degree-of-freedom deployment of reflector arms
- Permits integrated reflector system

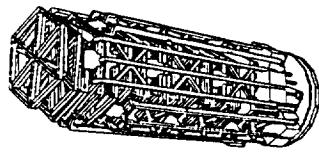
## Applications

- LDR-type telescopes
- Microwave radiometers
- Solar concentrators

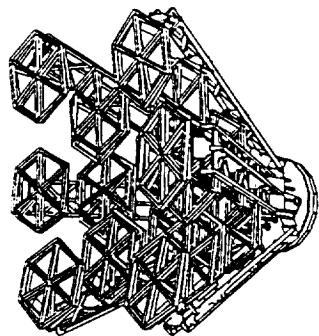
**“STAR BURST” CONCEPT HAS POTENTIAL FOR DEPLOYING  
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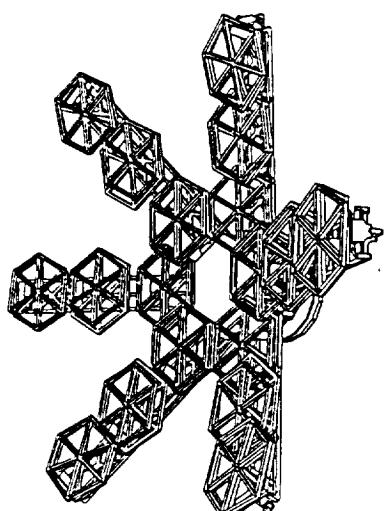
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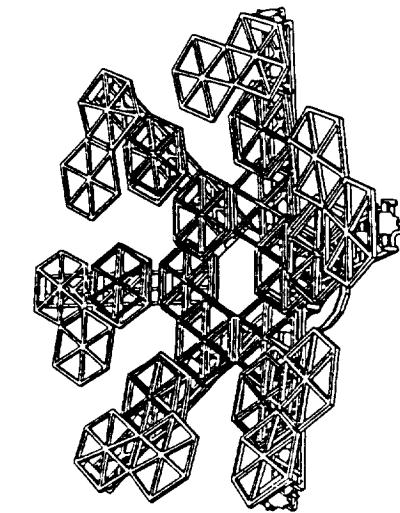
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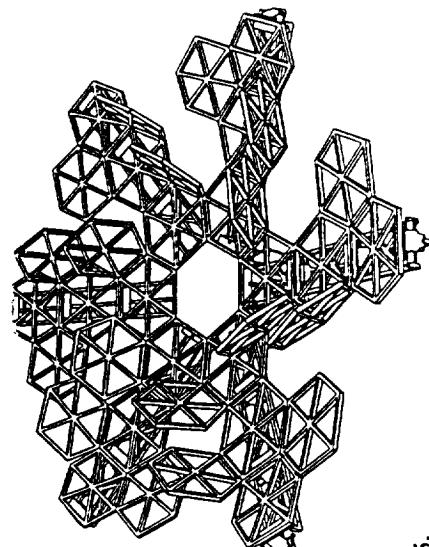
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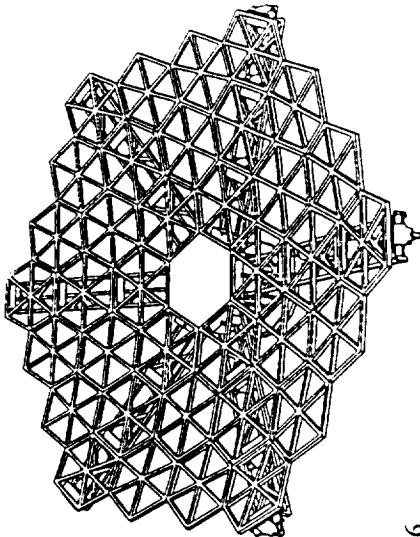
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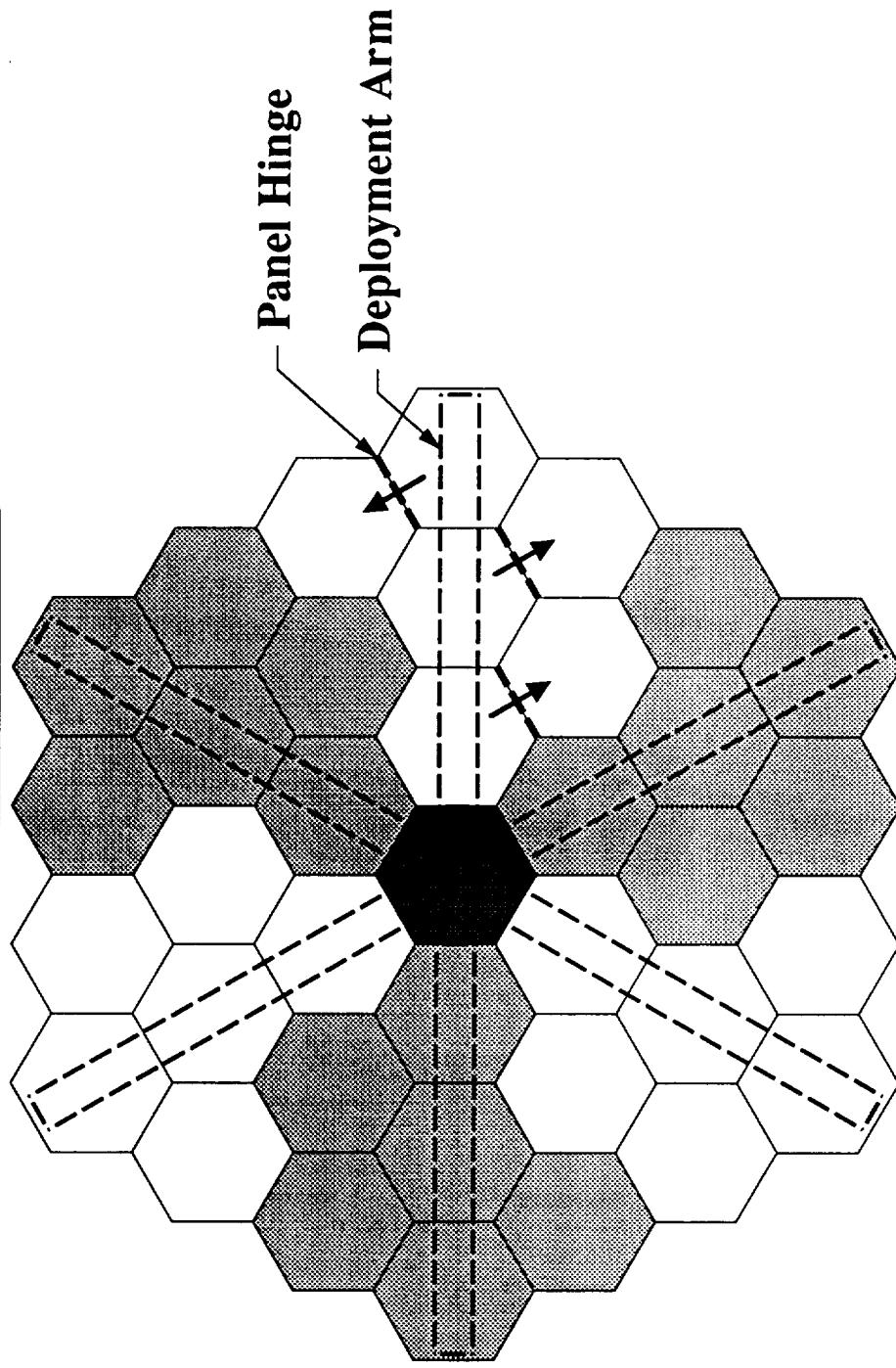
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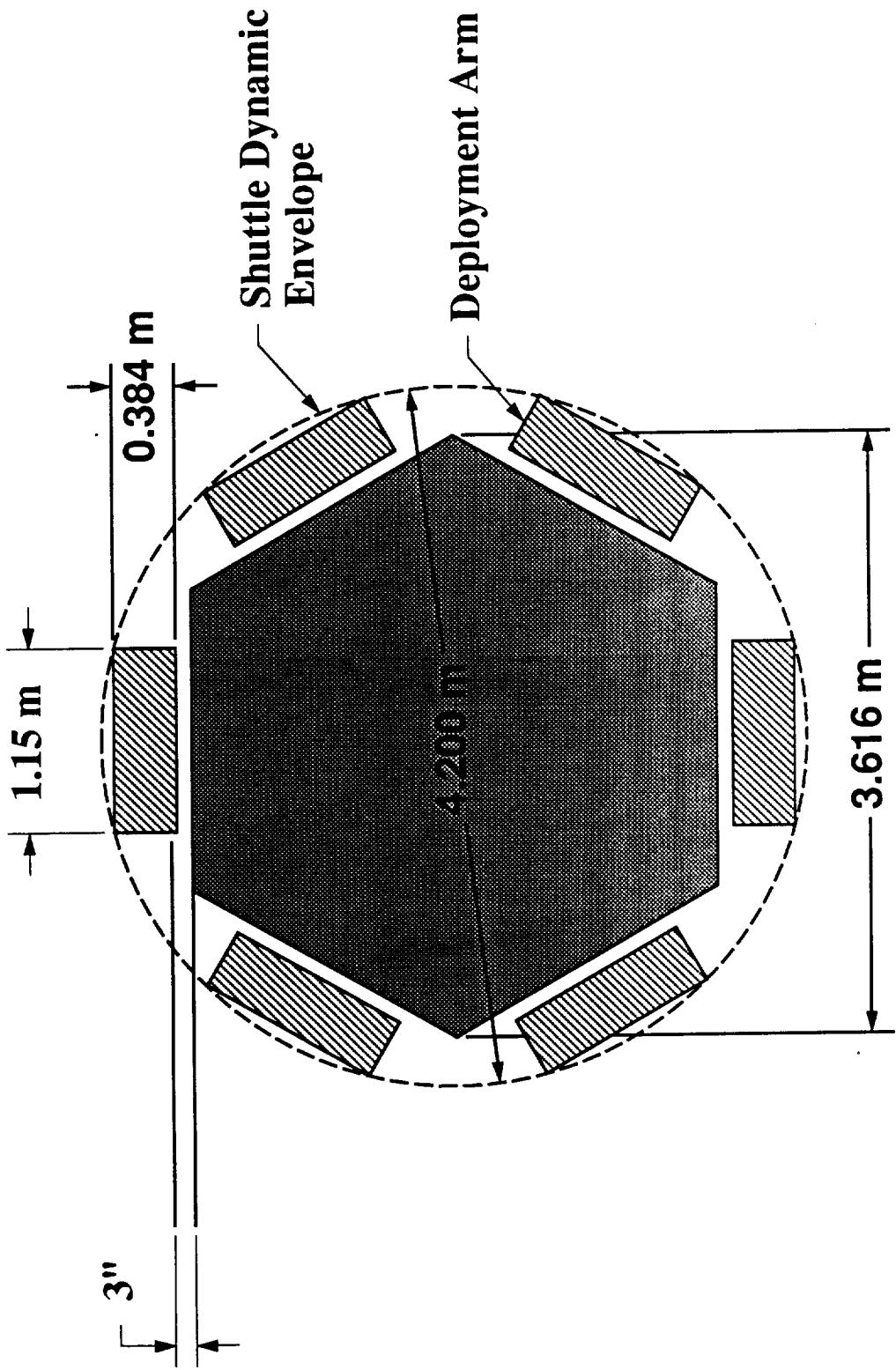
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## 3 RING REFLECTOR DEPLOYMENT SCHEME

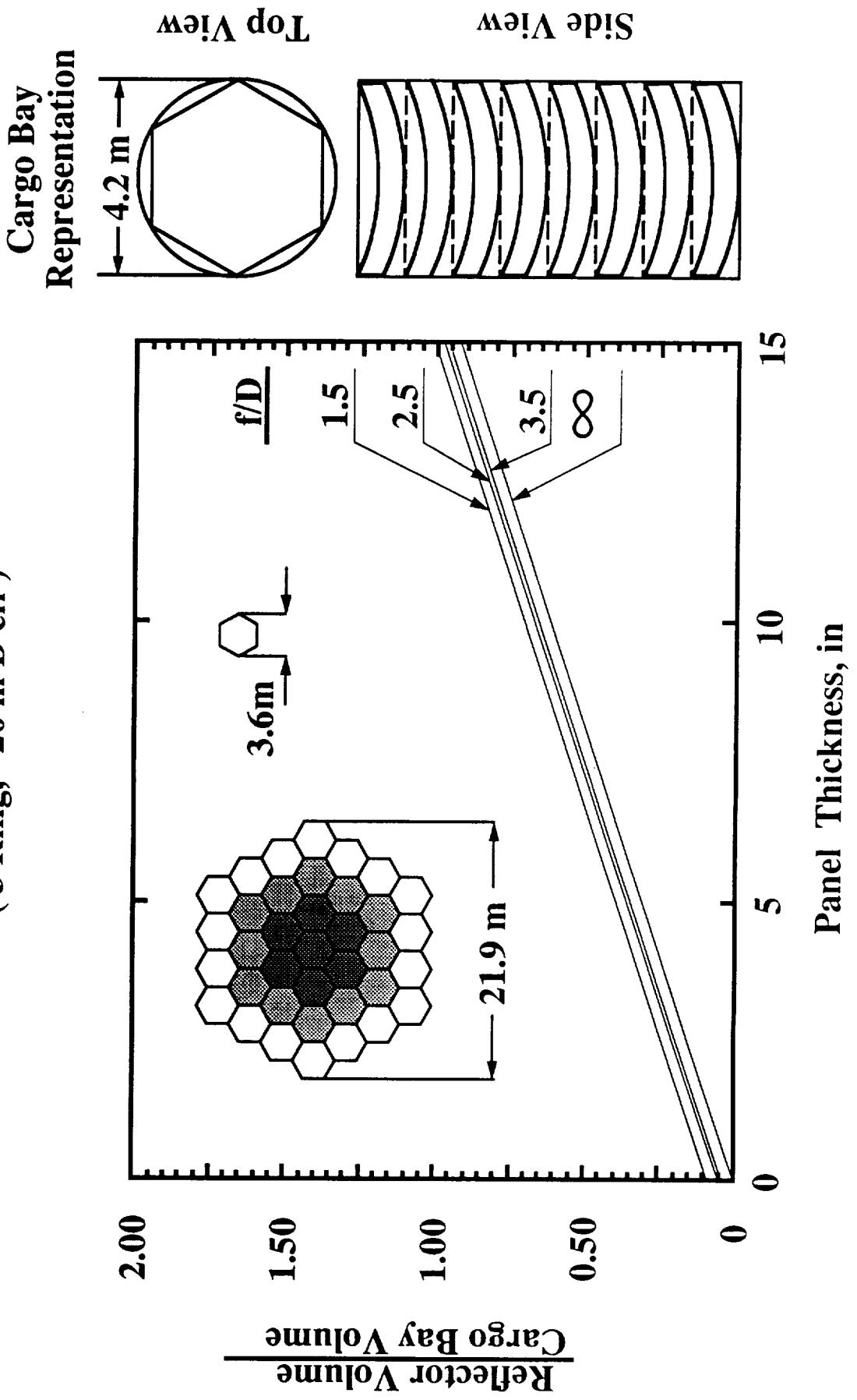
- 37 Panels Total
- 6 Deployment Arms
- 6 Panels Per Deployment Arm



# CROSS-SECTION OF PACKAGED STARBURST REFLECTOR



# FOCAL POINT AND THICKNESS PACKAGING CONSIDERATIONS ( 3 Ring, 20 m D eff )



## STARBURST COMMENTS

**Low level of effort to date (Primarily a concept feasibility study)**

Has potential for deploying 20 meter class reflectors from Shuttle-size cargo bay

Two basic deployment concepts

- o Synchronized mechanism
- o Distributed actuators

Further work needed

- o Detailed packaging study for both concepts
- o Deployment simulation for both concepts
- o Build demonstration model
- o Deployable support structure concept study
- o Dynamic & accuracy active control operation simulation studies



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