# **SAMCEF Rotors**

Software Platform for Rotors Simulation

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# **SAMCEF** Rotors

SAMCEF Rotors is an integrated system for Rotor Dynamics Analyses including rotors, fixed parts and linking devices.

- SAMCEF Field pre- and post-processor with specific Rotor Dynamics driver
- ROTOR module for critical speed analyses and harmonic response
- ROTOR-T module for transient analyses
- DYNAM for Super-Element creation, recovery and ASEF for linear static analysis (from SAMCEF Linear)







#### **Rotor Modeling**

One or several flexible rotors can be modeled with different rotational speeds and a free orientation in space.

#### Available Models

- Inertial Frame approach including the gyroscopic effect
- Rotating Frame Approach (Coriolis and Centrifugal effects)
- Beam with rigid disks
- Axi-symmetrical (Fourier Multi Harmonics)
- 3-D model



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#### Damping

- Viscous proportional
- Variable
- Viscous circulatory forces in the inertial frame
- Hysteretical



#### **Rotor Modeling: Fourier Multi Harmonic**

Possibility to reduce the size of the model by Component Modes Synthesis (Super-Elements)

Example:

Boundary nodes: auxiliary bearing – sensor – Bearing - Unbalance

Idealization: Fourier links + mean element





# **Rotor Modeling: Cyclic Symmetry**

- 3-D model
  - Inertial frame approach
  - Cyclic symmetry
  - > Wave number 0 or 1





Wave propagation condition linking the left and right boundaries:

$${}^{l}\mathbf{q}^{(i)} = e^{\frac{2j\pi n}{N_{i}}} {}^{r}\mathbf{q}^{(i)} = e^{j\beta_{i}} {}^{r}\mathbf{q}^{(i)}$$

Example: identical critical speed prediction 3<sup>rd</sup> forward 57.12 Hertz

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# **Rotor Modeling: Cyclic Symmetry**

#### **3-D** model

#### Rotating frame approach

> No static parts

Cyclic symmetry or not





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System of equations to be solved for one sector or the whole rotor:

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) - \Omega^2 \mathbf{N} \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{f}_C(\Omega^2)$$
$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + (\mathbf{B} + \Omega \mathbf{C}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + (\mathbf{K}_0 + \mathbf{K}_\sigma - \Omega^2 \mathbf{N}) \mathbf{q} = 0$$



# **Rotor Modeling: Multi Stage Cyclic Symmetry**

#### Principles:

- > Each stage is modelled by one basic sector in cyclic coordinates
- The same wave number (engine order) is assumed for each stage (Approximation !) Additional Cyclic Fields per Stage may be used
- Continuity at interstage junction is first expressed in physical coordinates and then reduced to the cyclic ones





# **Rotor Modeling: Multi Stage Cyclic Symmetry**







# **Stator Modeling:**

The foundation or casing can be modeled with contribution to stiffness, mass and damping.

#### **Available Models**

- Inertial frame approach
- Super-Elements
- Full Finite Element library (rod, • beam, bushing, rigid body, shell, volume and Fourier elements).

#### Damping

- Proportional
- Viscous (constant or variable)
- Hysteretical









# **Linking Devices**

#### Types of devices

- Rolling element, journal or magnetic bearings
- Seals
- Squeeze film or solid-state dampers
- Gears
- Fluid interaction forces or rubbing



Schematic representation of a rolling element bearing



Available joint library

- Linear non symmetrical model
- Transfer function (magnetic bearing)
- Gear element
- Bushing (rubbing, clearance)
- Hydrodynamic journal bearing
- Squeeze film damper



# **Linking Devices**

 Gear element with pressure, toothing and conicity angles
Coupling of bending, torsion and axial deformation







Fig. 2 - rotating parts







# **Linking Devices**

# **Journal Bearings:**

- Cylindrical
- □ Tilting pads
- Multi lobes





### **Critical Speeds and Stability Analyses**

#### **Complex eigenvalue problem**

#### **Methods**

- Sweeping: within ranges of rotational frequencies where the complex eigenvalues have to be computed.
- →For large problems: sparse solver multifrontal, Lanczos, subspace bi-iteration
- Direct : It gives the critical speeds as eigensolutions (undamped systems and constant stiffness only).
- →Lanczos Method and Sparse Solver Available.

# $\{\lambda^2 M + \lambda B (\Omega) + K (\Omega)\} q = 0$ Results

- Complex eigenvalues (circular frequencies and damping coefficients), associated eigenvectors, generalized quantities and effective masses.
- Distribution of energies (kinetic energy, strain energy,gyroscopic and dissipation)
- Campbell's Diagram (Frequencies, Damping, Critical Damping and Root Locus)



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#### **Campbell Diagram**

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Critical speeds:



Critical speeds



> Stability



# **Critical Speeds and Stability Analyses**







Mode	Test	Model
1	50.48 Hz	50.83 Hz
2	131.61Hz	130.74 Hz
3	351.59Hz	342.54 Hz







#### **Critical Speeds and Stability Analyses**

#### Energy Distribution per Mode

- Strain, kinetic, dissipation
- Percentages (linking devices)

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Density (structure)





# **Linear Harmonic Response**

# Loads

- $\Box \text{ Synchronous (unbalances)} \qquad \{-\omega^2 M + i\omega B(\Omega) + K(\Omega)\} q = g$ 
  - □ Non synchronous (gravity, rotating fluid force, pressures, maneuvres...)
  - □ Force, Overall or local Acceleration, Displacement or Velocity

# **Methods**

- Projection on a Modal Basis (Real and Complex)
- Direct Complex Solver
- Frontal Method or Sparse Solver for Complex Non Symmetrical Systems





Non-linear terms as bushing, clearances, rubbing Synchronous response (unbalances)

#### $\{-\omega^2 M + i\omega B(\Omega) + K(\Omega)\} q + f(q) = g$





#### **Results for Harmonic Responses (Linear and Non Linear)**

- □ For a given Frequency, drawing of Amplitude, Phase or Recombined Value (Displacements, Reactions and Stresses/Forces Moments) and Animation
- Plots versus Frequency of Amplitude & Phase of Displacements, Velocities, Accelerations, Forces, Reactions, Stresses and Moments

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For Run-Up, Run-Down, Blade Losses (Unbalances) and Non Linear effects such as Clearances, squeeze-films, hydrodynamic bearings and rubbing

$$M\ddot{q} + B(\Omega)\dot{q} + K(\Omega, \dot{\Omega})q + f(q, \dot{q}, \Omega) = g(t)$$

With Local non-linearity, variable rotating speed, non-symmetrical Stiffness and Damping matrices

#### Loading

- External Applied Forces
- Overall Accelerations
- Local Accelerations

#### **Initial Conditions**

- □ Initially Statically Applied Forces
- Initial Stepwise Force
- Initial Dirac Impulse
- Initial Harmonic Force







#### **Transient Response**



— f1-Relative Displacement: Bearing\_on\_1\_node\_of\_Mesh\_rotor+1\_node\_of\_Mesh\_case Comp2 [C9530] Element 5 — f2-Relative Displacement: Bearing\_on\_1\_node\_of\_Mesh\_rotor+1\_node\_of\_Mesh\_case Comp3 [C9530] Element 5

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#### Summary

#### **SAMCEF** Rotors

- Accurate simulation of rotor dynamics,
  - different level of models (beam, 2D, 3D, cyclic symmetry, ...)
- Applicable to very different domains - Aerospace (jet engines, turbo-pumps, ...)
  - Energy (electricity production turbines)
  - Vehicles (boat, tanks, ...)
  - Machines (centrifuge, fans, turbo chargers, ...)
- Complementary to LMS testing methods
- Various design situation
  - critical speed
  - unbalance forced vibrations
  - run up, blade loss, .. transient analysis



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