

Steady State Dynamic Analysis using Ansys LS-DYNA Software

Example

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Overview

- Frequency domain analyses
 - Available resources
 - [LSDYNA NVH / Fatigue](http://lsdyna.ansys.com) (lsdyna.ansys.com)
 - [LSDYNA Implicit](#)
 - Some background
- Example: Vibrational analysis of a Roll-Over Protection Structure (ROPS)
 1. Apply bolt pre-tension
 2. Eigenvalue analysis
 3. Steady State Dynamics analysis
 4. Post-processing of results



Frequency Domain Analyses

- Performed on a modal basis
 - We will need an Eigenvalue analysis
 - Direct solution option available for Steady State Dynamics

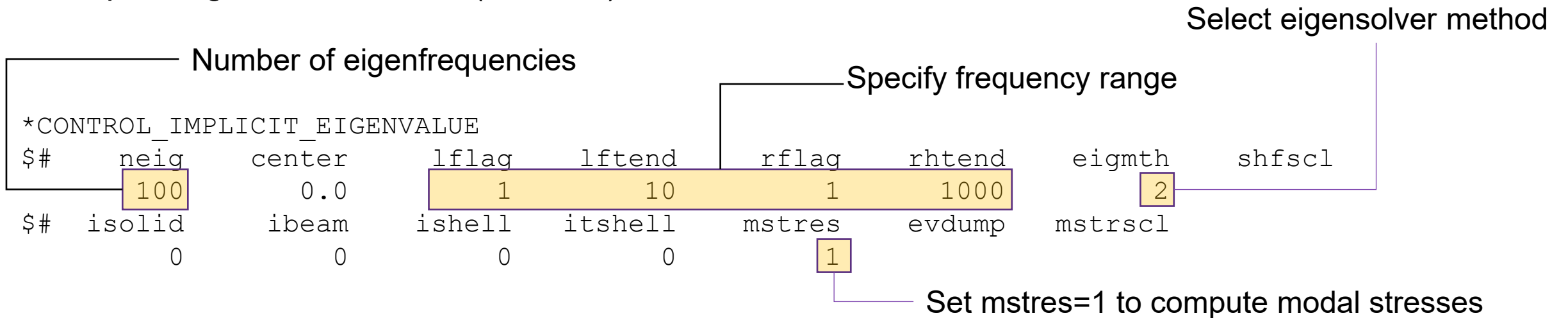
Eigenvalue Analysis

- ***CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE**

- For selecting number of eigenmodes, or frequency range, or specifying intermittent eigenvalue extraction (**NEIG**)

- Selecting eigensolver (**EIGMTH**)

- Requesting modal stresses (**MSTRES**)

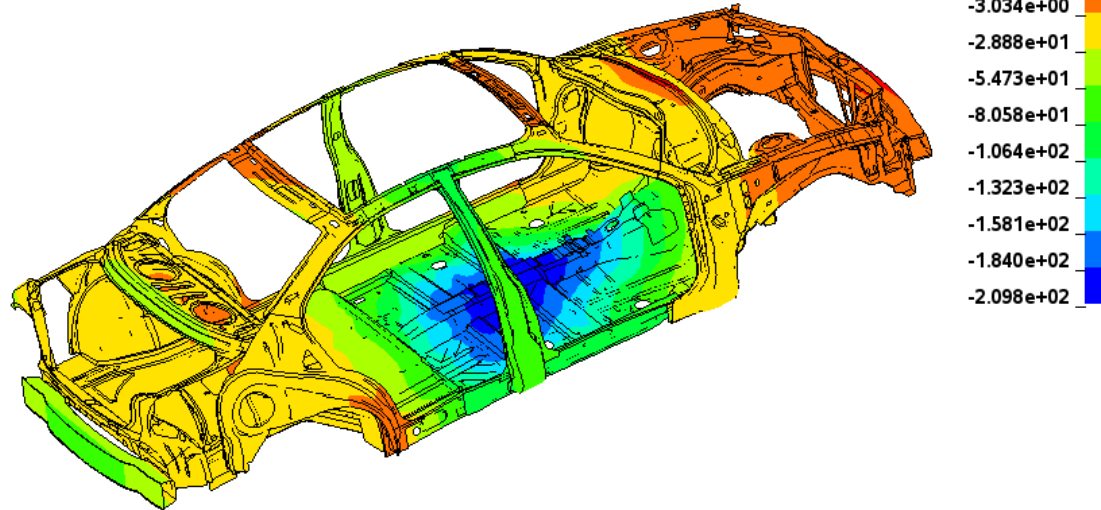


Eigenvalues – Keywords and Output Databases

Keywords for modal analysis

***CONTROL_IMPLICIT_GENERAL**
***CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE**

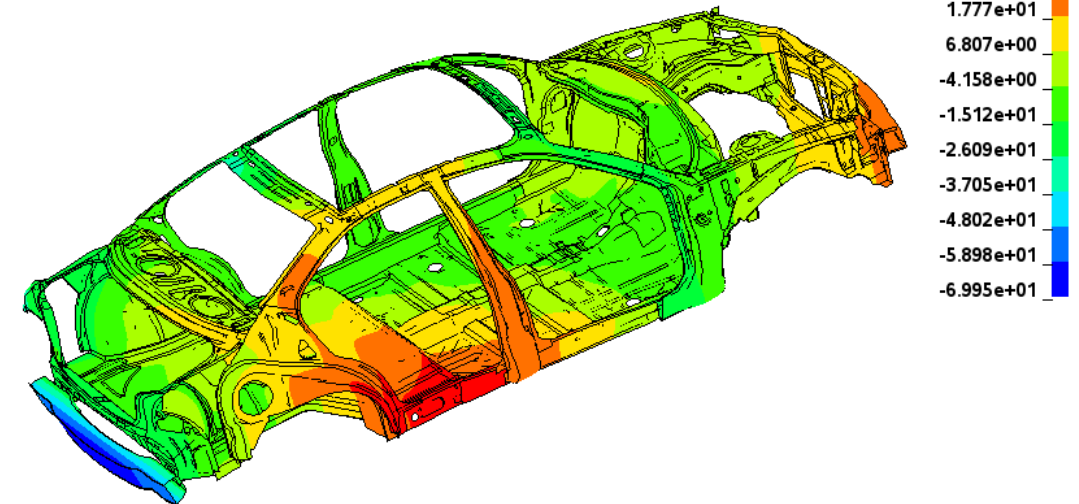
LS-DYNA eigenvalues at time 1.00000E+0
Freq = 8.5233
Contours of Z-displacement
min=-209.836, at node# 947929
max=48.6663, at node# 134338



Result databases

- eigout (text file)
- d3eigv (for 3D-Postprocessing)

LS-DYNA eigenvalues at time 1.00000E+0
Freq = 9.0808
Contours of Z-displacement
min=-69.9453, at node# 31221
max=39.701, at node# 882627



Eigenvalues – the EIGOUT File

IMPLICIT LS-DYNA iteration plot database
ls-dyna mpp d DEV DEV_124473_f258a3 date 09/21/2025

results of eigenvalue analysis:

problem time = 1.00000E+00

(all frequencies de-shifted)

----- frequency -----				
MODE	EIGENVALUE	RADIANS	CYCLES	PERIOD
1	1.973715E+04	1.404890E+02	2.235952E+01	4.472369E-02
2	9.046553E+04	3.007749E+02	4.786981E+01	2.088999E-02
3	2.533575E+05	5.033463E+02	8.011005E+01	1.248283E-02
4	2.849982E+05	5.338522E+02	8.496522E+01	1.176952E-02

...
MODAL PARTICIPATION FACTORS

MODE	X-TRAN	Y-TRAN	Z-TRAN	X-ROT	Y-ROT	Z-ROT
1	4.305965E-05	6.043872E-05	4.991996E-01	-6.764913E-04	9.761291E-04	1.451026E-07
2	-9.113646E-05	2.187874E-03	-3.040782E-03	-1.080999E-01	-1.131364E-04	-5.623562E-05
3	1.550588E-03	1.511422E-03	-2.054481E-04	5.846528E-05	2.321629E-02	-5.568228E-06
4	2.061018E-03	5.908026E-02	3.520366E-05	5.825058E-04	-3.437073E-03	1.154004E-05

...
MODAL EFFECTIVE MASS

MODE	X-TRAN		Y-TRAN		Z-TRAN	
	Eff. Mass	Accum. %	Eff. Mass	Accum. %	Eff. Mass	Accum. %
1	1.854134E-09	0.00%	3.652839E-09	0.00%	2.492003E-01	93.46%
2	8.305854E-09	0.00%	4.786795E-06	0.00%	9.246356E-06	93.47%
3	2.404323E-06	0.00%	2.284396E-06	0.00%	4.220891E-08	93.47%
4	4.247796E-06	0.00%	3.490477E-03	1.31%	1.239298E-09	93.47%

...

- Contains eigenfrequencies, modal participation factors, effective modal mass
- To represent a motion in a specific direction, enough modes should be extracted so that the accumulated modal mass → 1 in that direction

Frequency Domain Analyses

- Performed on a modal basis
 - We will need an Eigenvalue analysis
 - Direct solution option available for Steady State Dynamics
- ***FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD_{OPTION}**
 - Deterministic loading
 - The equivalent to
 - Harmonic Response in MAPDL
 - SOL111 (SOL108) in Nastran
 - *DYNAMIC, STEADY STATE in Abaqus
 - Option for `FATIGUE`
 - Perform fatigue analysis for sine-sweep excitation
 - Option for `ERP`
 - Calculate Equivalent Radiated Power
 - Estimate possible acoustic noise radiation

Steady State Dynamics

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD_{OPTION}

- The output requests will determine which frequencies get analyzed
- Keywords
 - *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3SSD
 - Output in d3ssd, for 3D visualization of deformations and stresses
 - *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_{OPTION}_SSD
 - Mandatory Option = ELOUT, NODFOR, NODOUT, SECFORC
 - Output in “ascii files” nodout_ssd, elout_ssd, etc. inside binout
 - For curve plotting
 - Specify frequency range
- Additional outputs
 - *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3FTG
 - Output in d3ftg, for 3D visualization of fatigue results
 - *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3ERP
 - Output in d3erp, for 3D visualization of equivalent radiated power

Steady State Dynamics: Keyword

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD

Card 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	MDMIN	MDMAX	FNMIN	FNMAX	RESTMD	RESTDP	LCFLAG	RELATV
Type	I	I	F	F	I	I	I	I
Default	1		0.0		0	0	0	0

Card 1: Select modes,
restart option ...

Card 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	DAMP	LCDAM	LCTYP	DMPMAS	DMPSTF	DMPFLG		
Type	F	I	I	F	F	I		
Default	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0		

Card 2: Damping options

Card 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable		ISTRESS	MEMORY	NERP	STRTYP	NOUT	NOTYP	NOVA
Type		I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Default		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Misc. settings

Card 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	NID	NTYP	DOF	VAD	LC1	LC2	SF	VID
Type	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Default	none	0	none	none	none	none	0	0

Loadings

Repeat Card 7 if multiple excitation loads are present.

NOTE! LC1 and LC2 should have the
same number of entries, and the
same abscissa (frequency) values

Keyword Template for Basic SSD Analysis

```

*INCLUDE
control_cards_linear.key
*INCLUDE
database_cards_static.key
*CONTROL_TERMINATION
$  ENDTIM  ENDCYC  DTMIN  ENDENG  ENDMAS
    1.
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE
    50

```

Set mstres=1 to compute modal stresses

```

    1

```

Blank → Use all computed eigenmodes

```

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD
$#  mdmin  mdmax  fnmin  fnmax  restmd  restdp  lcflag  relatv
    0.03    0      0      0.0    0.0    0
$#  dampf  lcdam  lctyp  dmpmas  dmpstf  dmpflg
    0.03    0      0      0.0    0.0    0
$#  unused  unused  memory  nerp  strtyp  nout  notyp  nova
$#  nid     ntyp   dof     vad     lc1     lc2     sf     vid
    2041    0      2      0      1001    1002    0      0
$=====
*DATABASE_HISTORY_NODE
    1043    2041
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_NODOUT_SSD
    10.     500.    490
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3SSD
    2
    10.     500.    49

```

Specify damping. In this case constant modal damping, 3 %

For acoustic analyses

Specify loadings

Request history output

Request 3D output for visualization

Frequency domain analyses

- Performed on a modal basis
 - We will need an Eigenvalue analysis
- *FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_RANDOM_VIBRATION_{OPTION}
 - Non-deterministic loading
 - The equivalent to
 - Random Vibration in MAPDL
 - *RANDOM RESPONSE in Abaqus
 - Option for FATIGUE
 - Perform fatigue analysis for random vibration

Random Vibration: Keyword

- ***FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_RANDOM_VIBRATION**

Card 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	MDMIN	MDMAX	FNMIN	FNMAX	RESTRT		RESTRM	
Type	I	I	F	F	I		I	
Default	1		0.0		0		0	

Card 1: Select modes, restart, etc.

Card 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	DAMP	LCDAM	LCTYP	DMPMAS	DMPSTF	DMPTYP		
Type	F	I	I	F	F	I		
Default	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0		

Card 2: Damping options.
NOTE! It is required to specify some damping; it cannot be left zero for random vibration analysis.

Card 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	VAFLAG	METHOD	UNIT	UMLT	VAPSD	VARMS	NAPSD	NCPSD
Type	I	I	I	F	I	I	I	I
Default	none	0					1	1

Card 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	LDTYP	IPANELU	IPANELV	TEMPER		LDFLAG		
Type	I	I	I	F		I		
Default				0.0		0		

Card 3, 4: Settings, loading type, load curves etc.

Random Vibration Analysis

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_RANDOM_VIBRATION_{OPTION}

- The output requests, to some extent, will determine which frequencies get analyzed

- Keywords

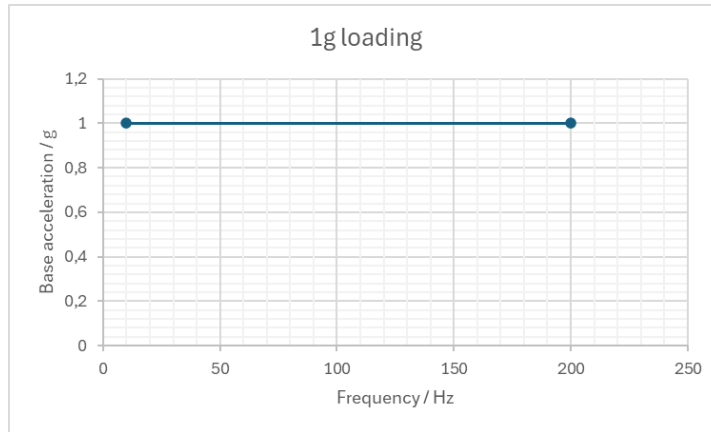
- *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3PSD
 - Output in d3psd, for 3D visualization of PSD values for deformations and stresses per frequency
- *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3RMS
 - Output in d3rms, for 3D visualization of RMS values for deformations and stresses
- *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_{OPTION}_PSD
 - Mandatory Option = ELOUT, NODOUT
 - Output in “ascii files” nodout_psd, elout_psd, etc. inside binout
 - For curve plotting
- Specify frequency range

- Additional outputs

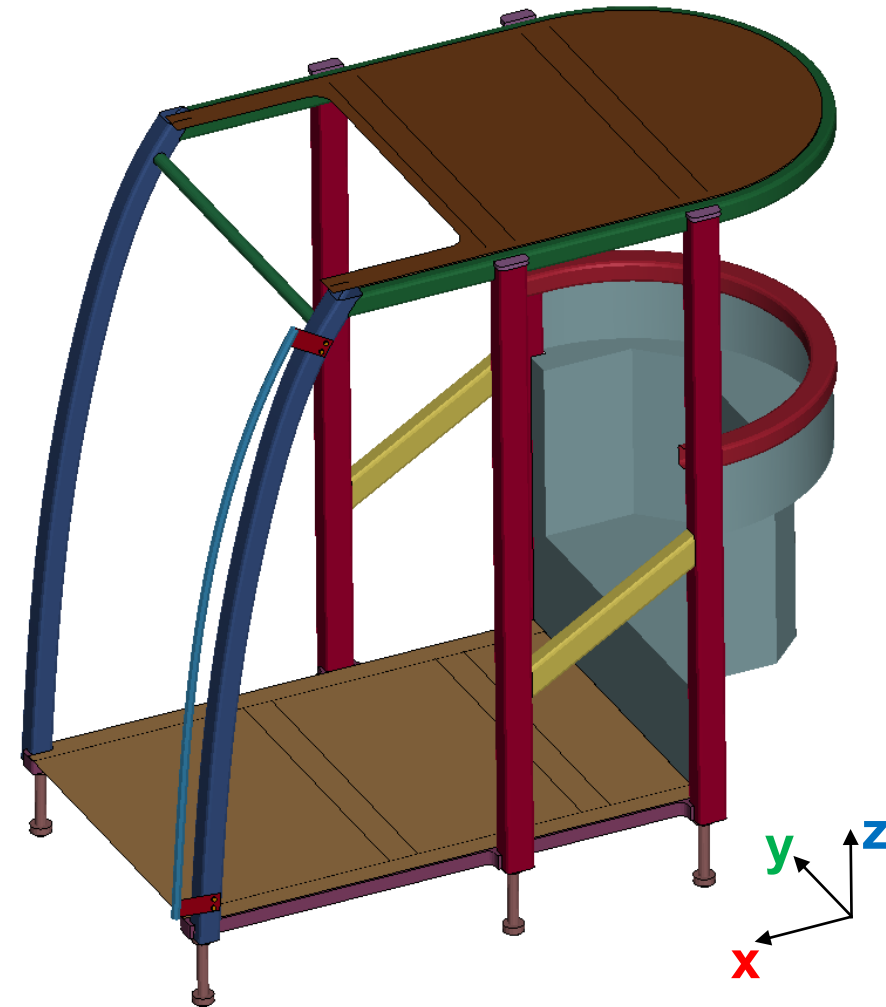
- *DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3FTG
 - Output in d3ftg, for 3D visualization of fatigue results

Vibrational analysis of a ROPS

1. Apply bolt pre-tension
2. Eigenvalue analysis
3. Steady State Dynamics analysis
 - Apply 1g sine-sweep base acceleration in the lateral (y) direction, for frequencies between 10 and 200 Hz



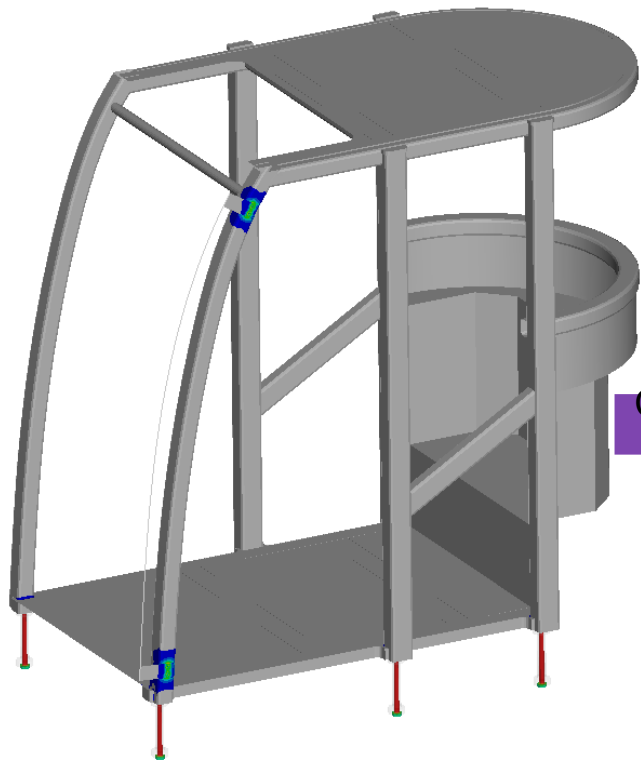
4. Post-processing of results



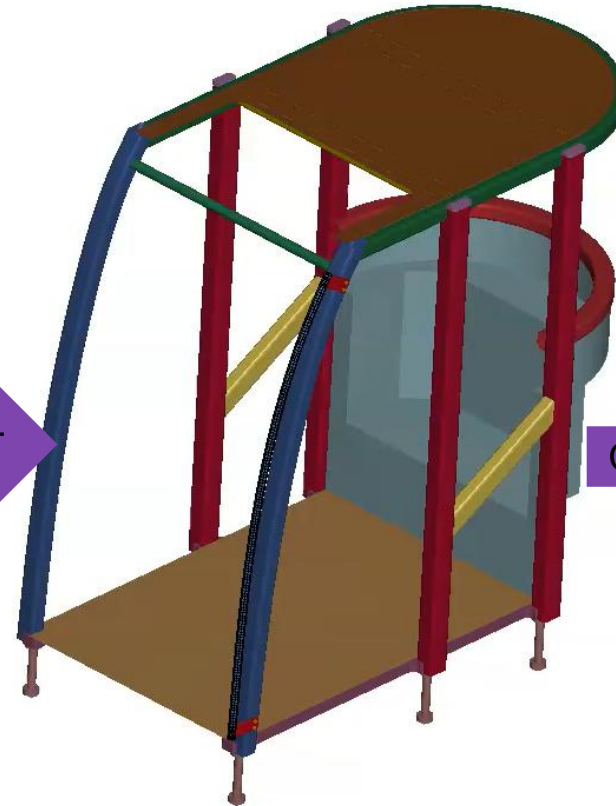
Solution Procedures

- Two solution procedures are presented
- The Multistage approach (see for example Appendix X of the Ansys LS-DYNA Keyword Manual Vol. I) is presented on pages 18 – 27.
 - This approach divides the analysis into three separate stages, which are then performed in a sequence.
 - When submitting the final keywordfile for solution to the Ansys LS-DYNA software, the word “case” must be present on the execution line.
- The Time Sequence approach is presented on pages 28 – 36.
 - In this approach, the analysis steps are performed in a sequence

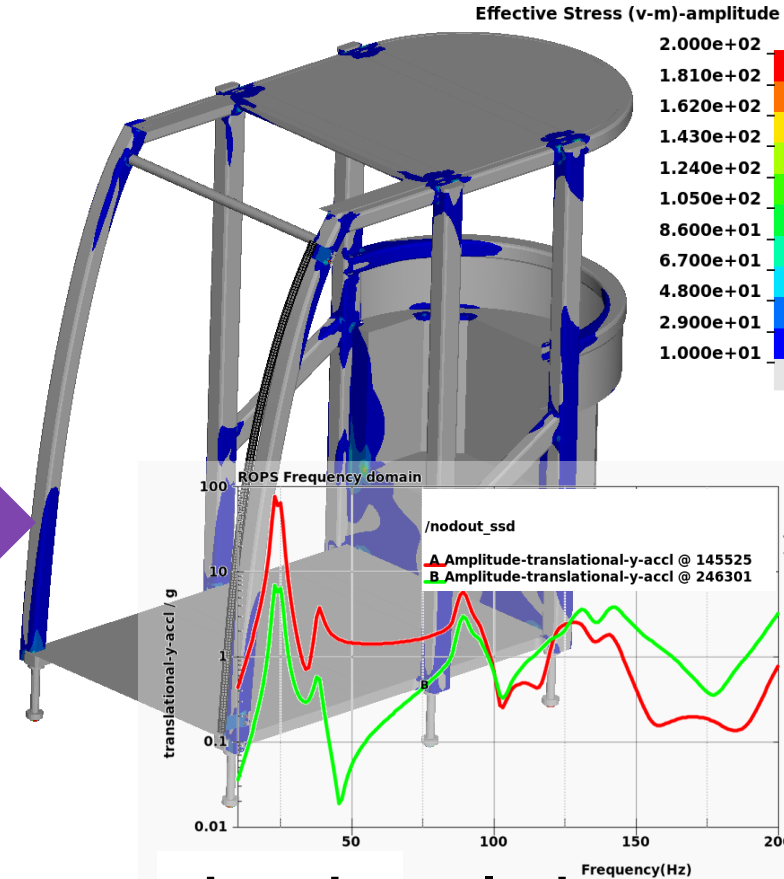
Workflow: Multistage



Case1.Dynain.
Isda



Case2.d3eigv



Non-linear preload

```
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS
*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE_MORTAR_ID
*INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION
...
```

Eigenvalue analysis

```
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE
...
```

Frequency domain analysis

```
*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_PATH_NOJOBID
*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_D3SSD
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_NODOUT_SSD
...
```

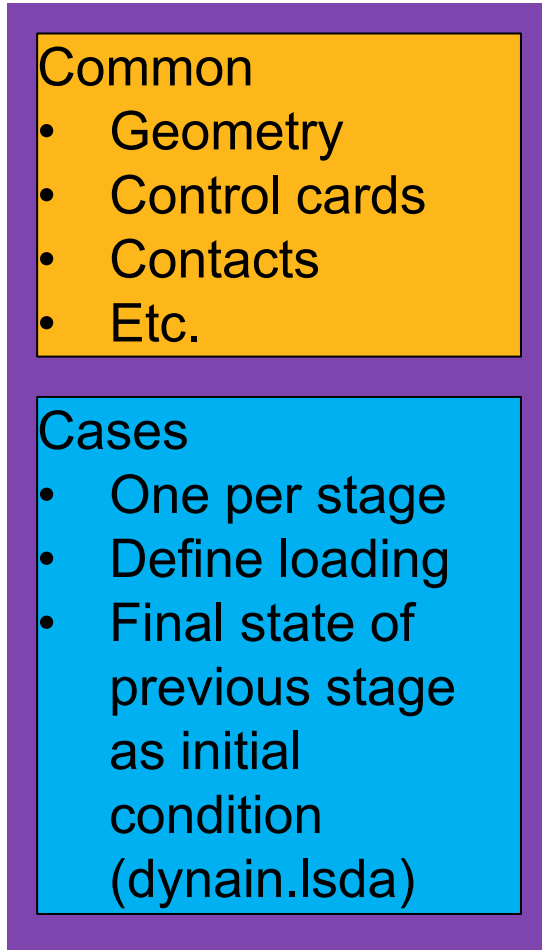

Overview of Files

- The ROPS Geometry, including material definitions
 - Rops_geo-001.key, the complete geometry
 - Rops_geo-001.key.nodel – only nodes and elements
 - Rops_geo-001.key.partsec – parts and sections, set definitions, materials, etc.
 - Required part sets and node sets for defining contacts, loadings, outputs etc.. are provided
- Control cards
 - control_cards_nonlin.key
 - database_cards_static.key
- Template
 - template_multistage.key
- Solution
 - run_multistage.key

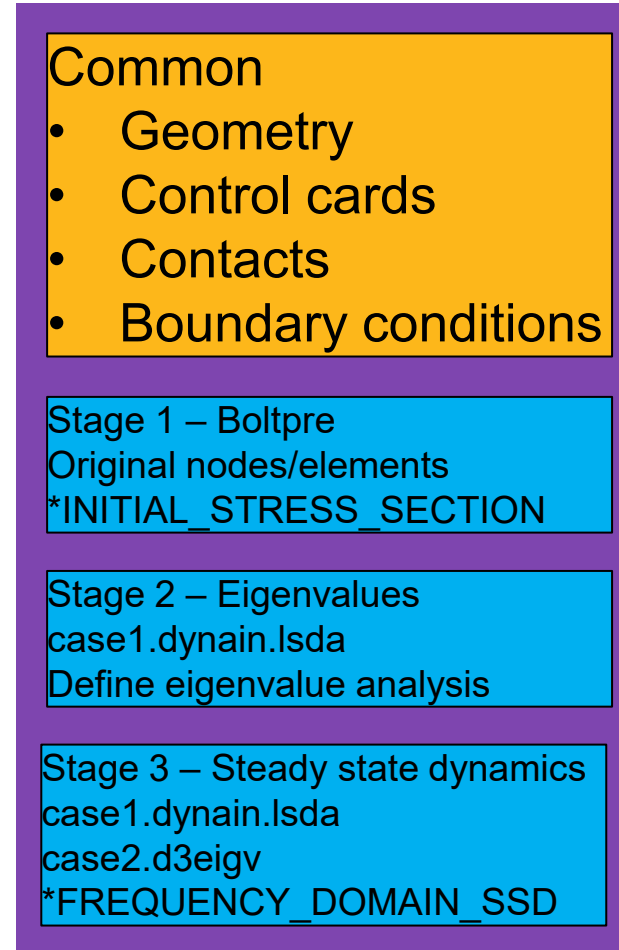
Multistage Analysis

File Layout

General Layout



In this case



Procedure for Multistage Analysis

- Start from the file `template_multistage.key`
- Use
 - a text editor,
 - LS-PrePost,
 - Or your personal favorite pre-processor

to add required keywords and complete the setup

- Since the bolt pre-tensioning is a nonlinear analysis, the relevant control cards are already defined

```
*INCLUDE
../control_cards_nonlin.key
*INCLUDE
../database_cards_static.key
```

Stage 1: Bolt pre-tensioning

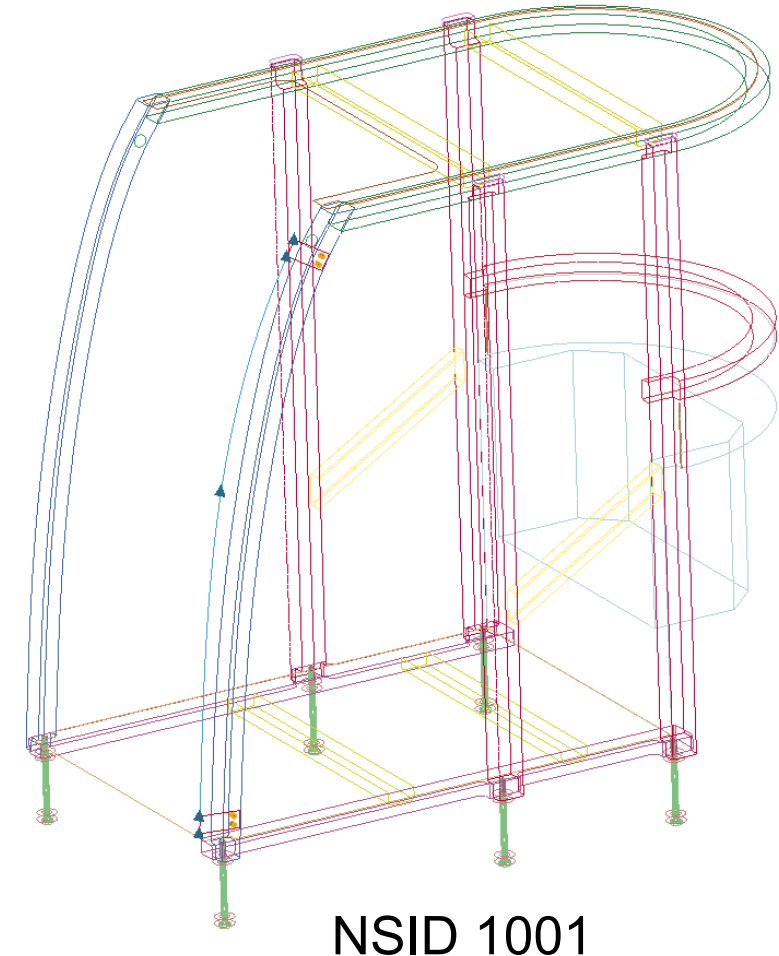
Common Contacts and Boundary Conditions

- Modify/add the Common block, before (outside) `*CASE_BEGIN_1`
- Geometry
 - Include common geometry
- Contacts
 - One single surface Mortar, for the structure
 - Use Part set ID 10111
 - Specify a coefficient of friction of 0.1
 - One global tied contact
 - Use `*CONTACT_TIED_SHELL_EDGE_TO_SURFACE_CONSTRAINED_OFFSET_ID` in this case
 - Node Set ID 10101 to Part Set ID 10102
 - One extra tied contact
 - Node Set ID 10201 to Part ID 6
- Boundary conditions
 - Constrain the fundament (PID 19) using zero displacement curve ID 1000 and `*BOUNDARY_PRESCRIBED_MOTION_RIGID (×6)`

Stage 1: Bolt pre-tensioning

Control, Loading and Output

- Modify/add the Stage 1 Block, Between `*CASE_BEGIN_1` and `*CASE_END_1`
- Control
 - Activate implicit dynamics, and phase it out between $t = 0.2$ and $t=0.3$
 - Keyword: `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS`
- Bolt pre-tension
 - There are 10 bolts (screws) in the model
 - 6 for the Fundament
 - 4 for the grab handle
 - Create Load curve ID 1002, as a linear ramp from (0,0) to (1,600)
 - Use keyword `*INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION`
 - 4 for the grab handle: Cross Section IDs 1 - 4, Part set ID 111
 - 6 for the Fundament: Cross Section IDs 5 – 10, Part set ID 110
 - Create one Initial Stress ID per Cross Section ID
 - Use Load Curve ID 1002 to apply a cross-sectional normal stress of 600 MPa
- Request history output for Node Set ID 1001
 - Some nodes on the grab handle



Stage 2: Eigenvalue analysis

Eigenvalues

- Modify/add the Stege 2 Block, Between `*CASE_BEGIN_2` and `*CASE_END_2`
- Eigenvalues
 - Use keyword `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
 - Request to find all eigenfrequencies between 1 and 400 Hz
 - (Hint: Set NEIG to something high, for example 1000)
- Stress stiffening effect
 - Use keyword `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
 - Set `IGS = 1`
 - To fully account for the stress stiffening effect due to the pre-tensioning

Stage 3: Steady State Dynamics

Frequency Domain Analysis

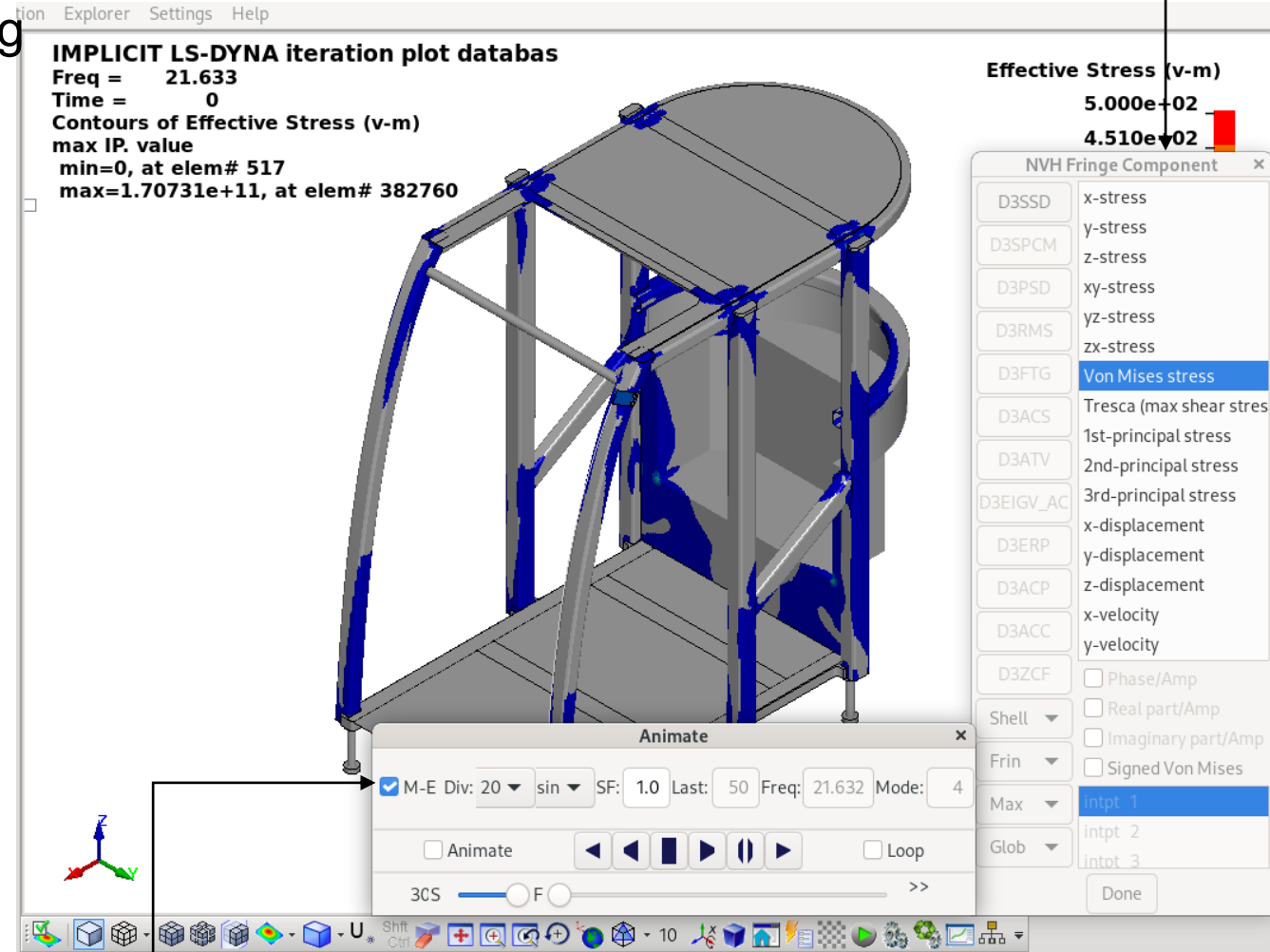
- Modify/add the Stege 3 Block, Between `*CASE_BEGIN_3` and `*CASE_END_3`
- Steady state dynamics
 - Use keyword `*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD`
 - Select modes and set `RESTMD = 1` (on Card 1)
 - Define 3 % modal damping (on Card 2)
 - Define base acceleration in the global y-direction, using Load curve IDs 3001, 3002, and a scale factor corresponding to 1g.
 - To specify `d3eigv` – file, use the keyword `*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_PATH_NOJOBID`
- Output
 - Specify frequencies and number of outputs for 3D visualization (`d3ssd`) and curve plotting (`binout`)
 - **Keywords:** `*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3SSD`, `*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_NODOUT_D3SSD`
- Job submission
 - The word “case” must be present on the execution line, when submitting the keyword file to the Ansys LS-DYNA software

Postprocessing of results

Multistage Analysis

- The results of the nonlinear bolt pre-tensioning analysis are found in case1.d3plot for 3D visualization, and case1.binout0000 for curve plotting
- The mode shapes (for 3D visualization) are found in case2.d3eigv, and the eigenfrequencies are also printed in case2.eigout
- The results of the Steady State Dynamics analysis are found in the case3.d3ssd for 3D visualization, and case3.binout000 for curve plotting
- Open in LS-PrePost, or your favorite postprocessor

NVH Fringe component

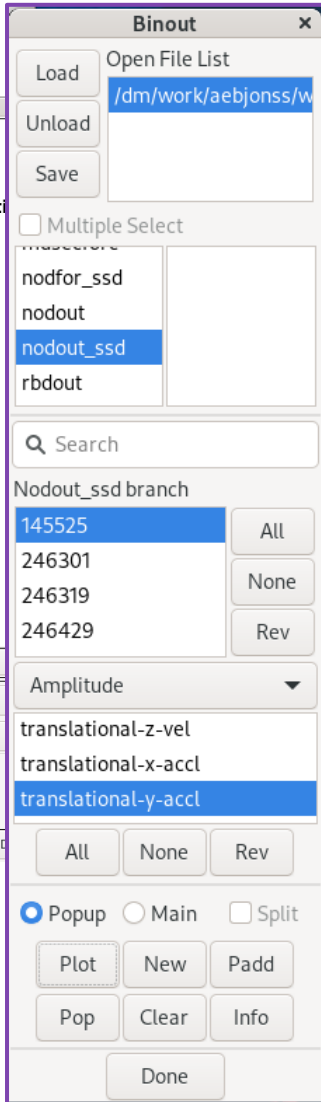
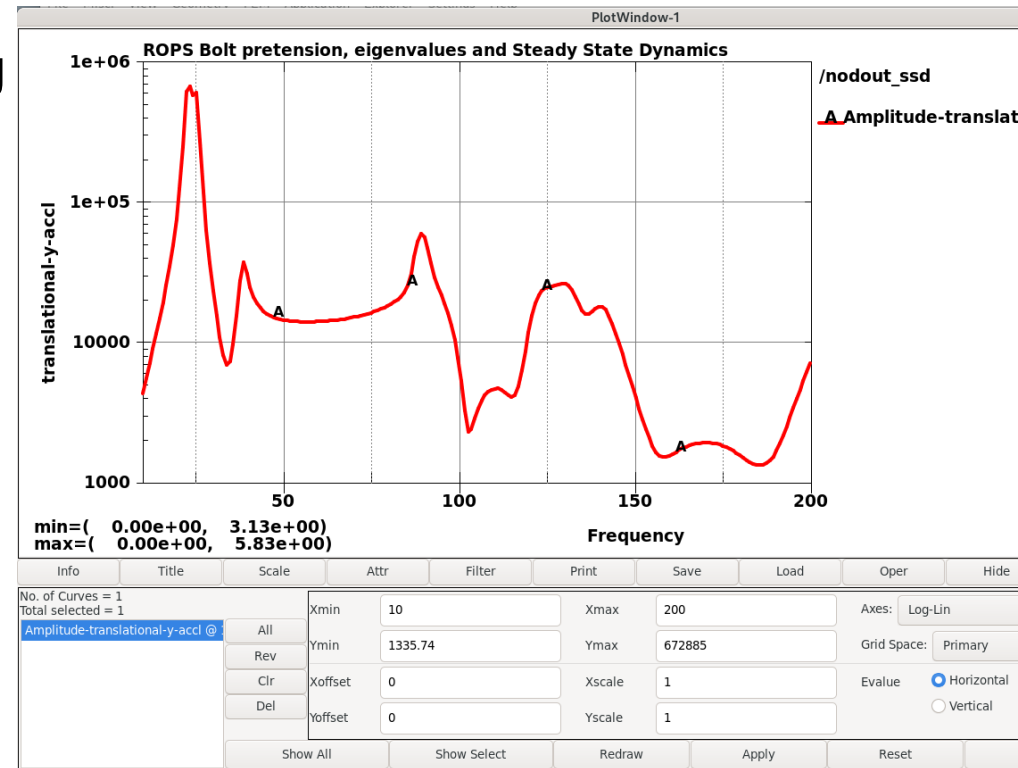


Check "M-E" for modal expansion

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Nodal history plotting from
nodout_ssd inside case3.binout

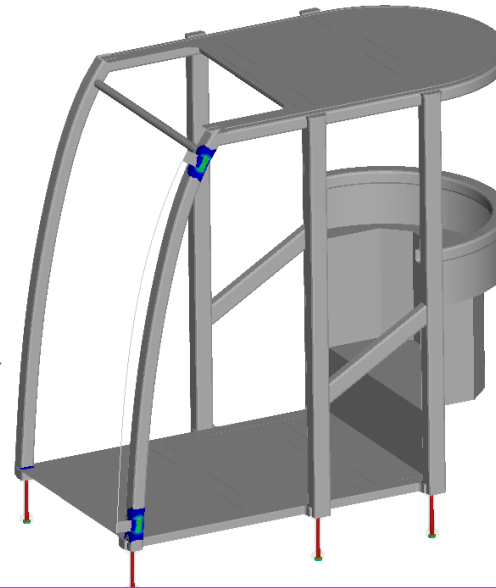
Workflow: Sequential

Time sequence

Non-linear preload

```
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS
*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE_MORTAR_ID
*INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION
...
```

d3plot



Intermittent Eigenvalue Analysis

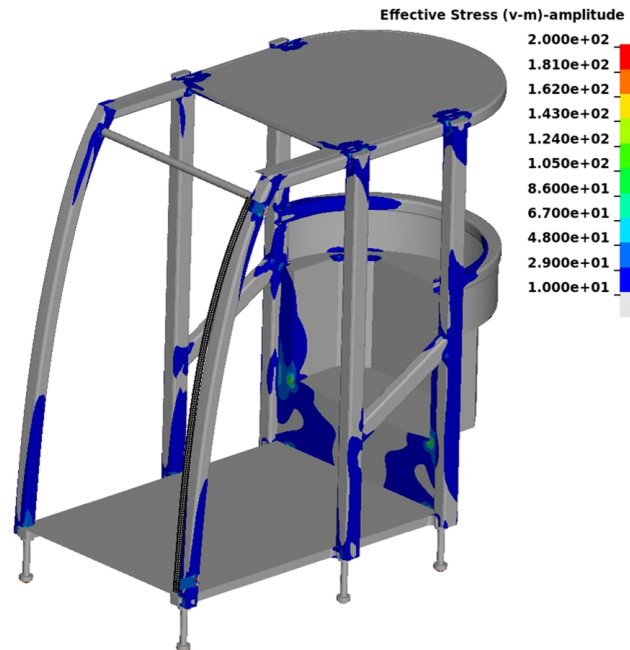
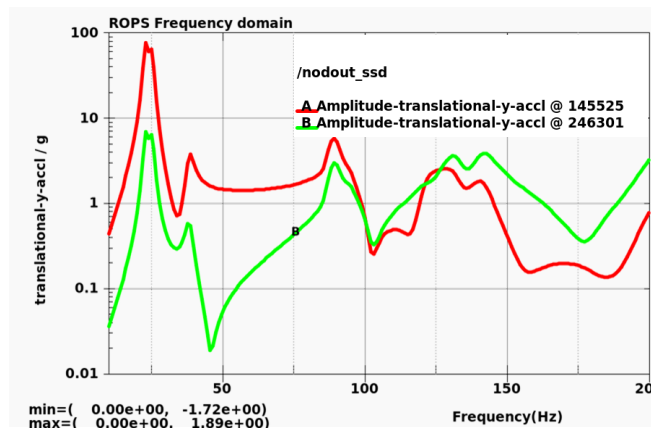
```
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE
NEIG=-1*LCID
...
```

d3eigv1



Frequency domain analysis

```
*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_D3SSD
*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_NODOUT_SSD
...
```



Procedure for Sequential Analysis

- Start from the file `template_sequence.key`
- Use
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 - LS-PrePost,
 - Or your personal favorite pre-processor

to add required keywords and complete the setup

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```
*INCLUDE
../control_cards_nonlin.key
*INCLUDE
../database_cards_static.key
```

Bolt pre-tensioning

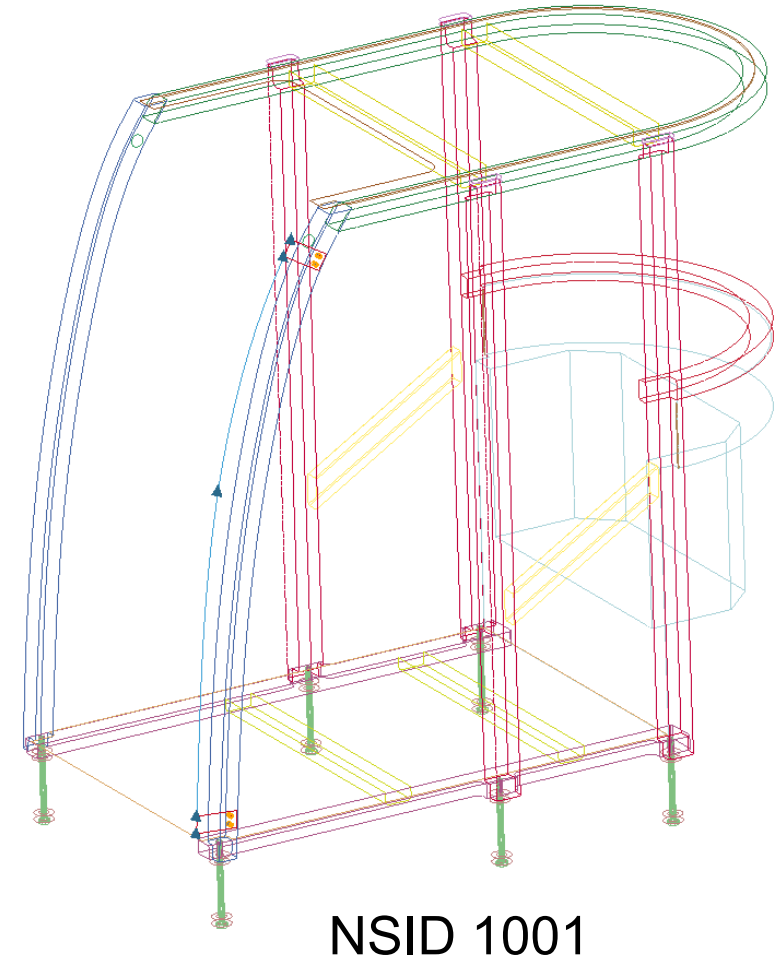
Contacts and Boundary Conditions

- Geometry
 - Include the complete geometry
- Contacts
 - One single surface Mortar, for the structure
 - Use Part set ID 10111
 - Specify a coefficient of friction of 0.1
 - One global tied contact
 - Use `*CONTACT_TIED_SHELL_EDGE_TO_SURFACE_CONSTRAINED_OFFSET_ID` in this case
 - Node Set ID 10101 to Part Set ID 10102
 - One extra tied contact
 - Node Set ID 10201 to Part ID 6
- Boundary conditions
 - Constrain the fundament (PID 19) using zero displacement curve ID 1000 and `*BOUNDARY_PRESCRIBED_MOTION_RIGID (×6)`

Bolt pre-tensioning

Control, Loading and Output

- Control
 - Activate implicit dynamics, and phase it out between $t = 0.2$ and $t=0.3$
 - Keyword: `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS`
- Bolt pre-tension
 - There are 10 bolts (screws) in the model
 - 6 for the Fundament
 - 4 for the grab handle
 - Create Load curve ID 1002, as a linear ramp from (0,0) to (1,600)
 - Use keyword `*INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION`
 - 4 for the grab handle: Cross Section IDs 1 - 4, Part set ID 111
 - 6 for the Fundament: Cross Section IDs 5 – 10, Part set ID 110
 - Create one Initial Stress ID per Cross Section ID
 - Use Load Curve ID 1002 to apply a cross-sectional normal stress of 600 MPa
- Request history output for Node Set ID 1001
 - Some nodes on the grab handle



Eigenvalue analysis

Eigenvalues

- Eigenvalues
 - Use keyword `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
 - Request to find all eigenfrequencies between 1 and 400 Hz
 - Set `NEIG = -701` to use Curve ID 701 for requesting eigenvalues at time $t = 1$
- Stress stiffening effect
 - Use keyword `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
 - Set `IGS = 1`
 - To fully account for the stress stiffening effect due to the pre-tensioning

Steady State Dynamics

Frequency Domain Analysis

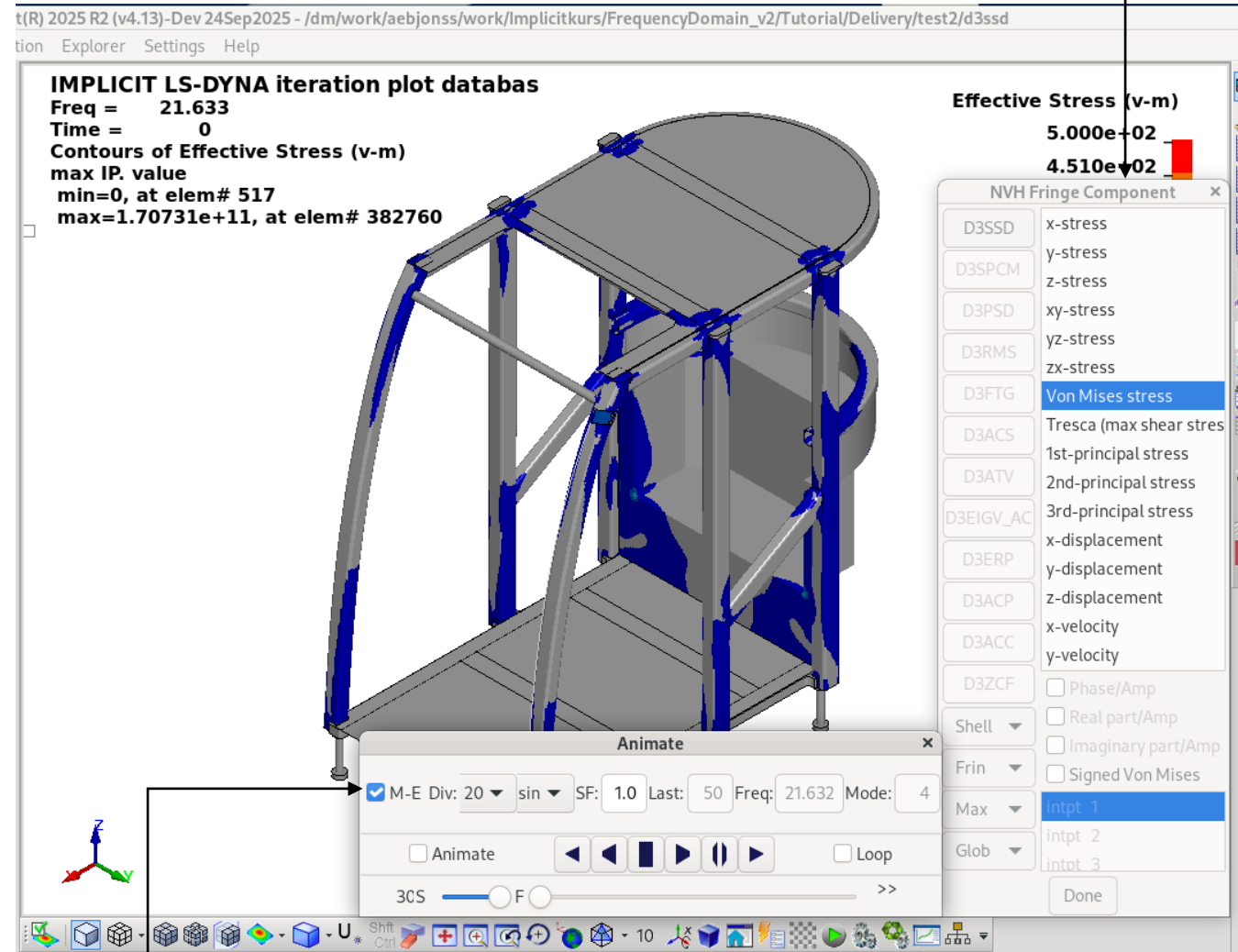
- Steady state dynamics
 - Use keyword `*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD`
 - Define 3 % modal damping (on Card 2)
 - Define base acceleration in the global y-direction, using Load curve IDs 3001, 3002, and a scale factor corresponding to 1g.
- Output
 - Specify frequencies and number of outputs for 3D visualization (d3ssd) and curve plotting (binout)
 - **Keywords:** `*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3SSD`, `*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_ASCII_NODOUT_D3SSD`

Postprocessing of results

Sequential Analysis

- The results of the nonlinear bolt pre-tensioning analysis are found in d3plot for 3D visualization, and binout0000 for curve plotting
- The mode shapes (for 3D visualization) are found in d3eigv1, and the eigenfrequencies are also printed in eigout1
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NVH Fringe component

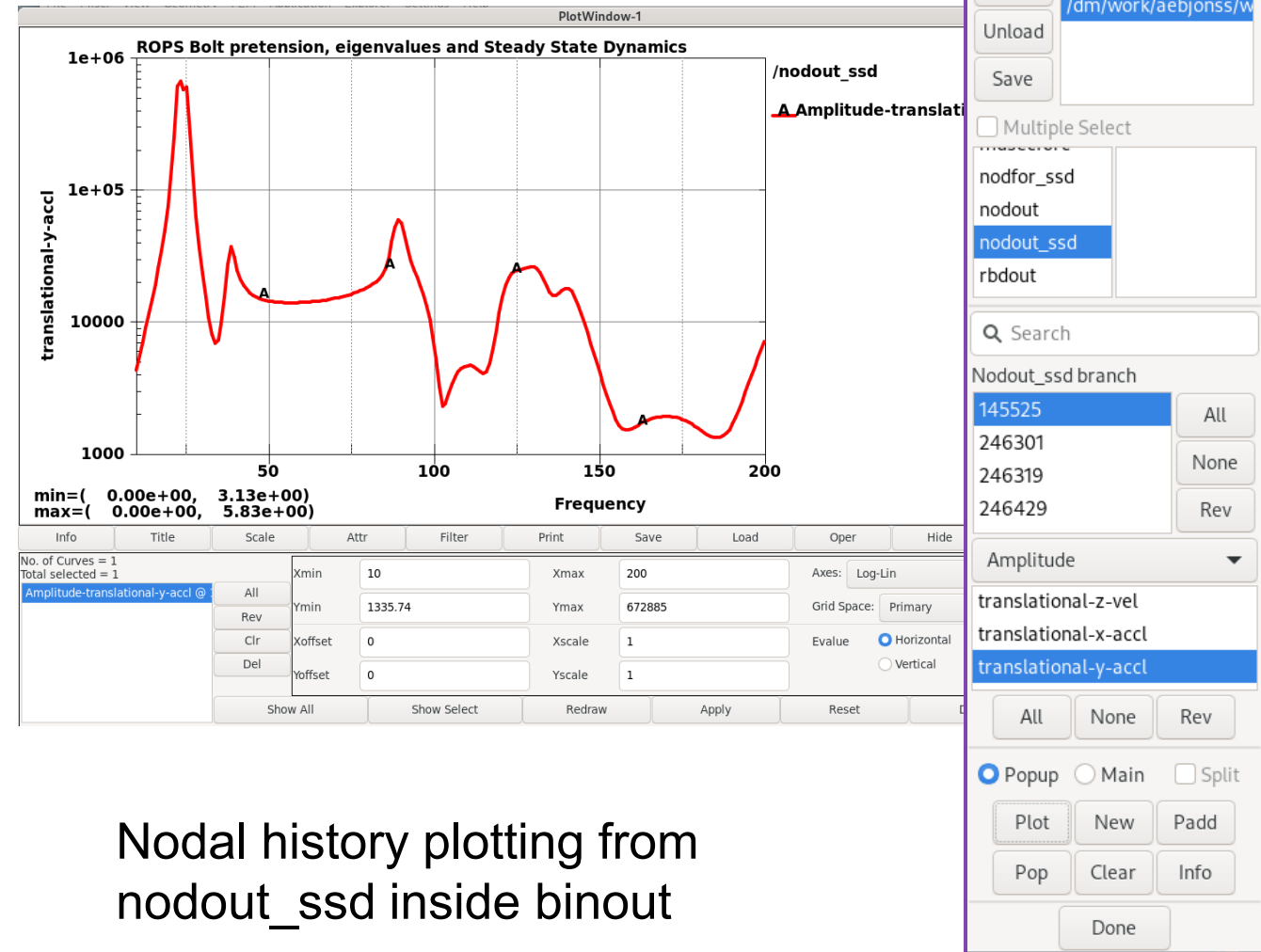


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Sequential Analysis

- The results of the nonlinear bolt pre-tensioning analysis are found in d3plot for 3D visualization, and binout0000 for curve plotting
- The mode shapes (for 3D visualization) are found in d3eigv1, and the eigenfrequencies are also printed in eigout1
- The results of the Steady State Dynamics analysis are found in the d3ssd for 3D visualization, and binout000 for curve plotting
- Open in LS-PrePost, or your favorite postprocessor



Nodal history plotting from
nodout_ssd inside binout



Thank you