

A method to Predict Wear of a Control Rod in a Nuclear Power Plant

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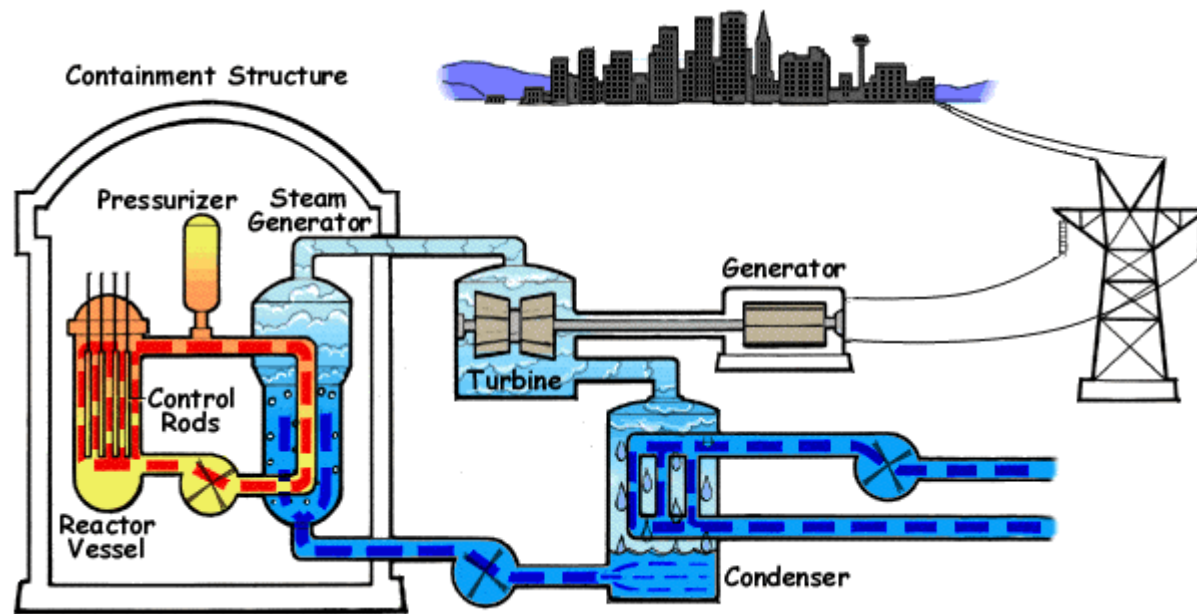
Increasing demand for Nuclear Power

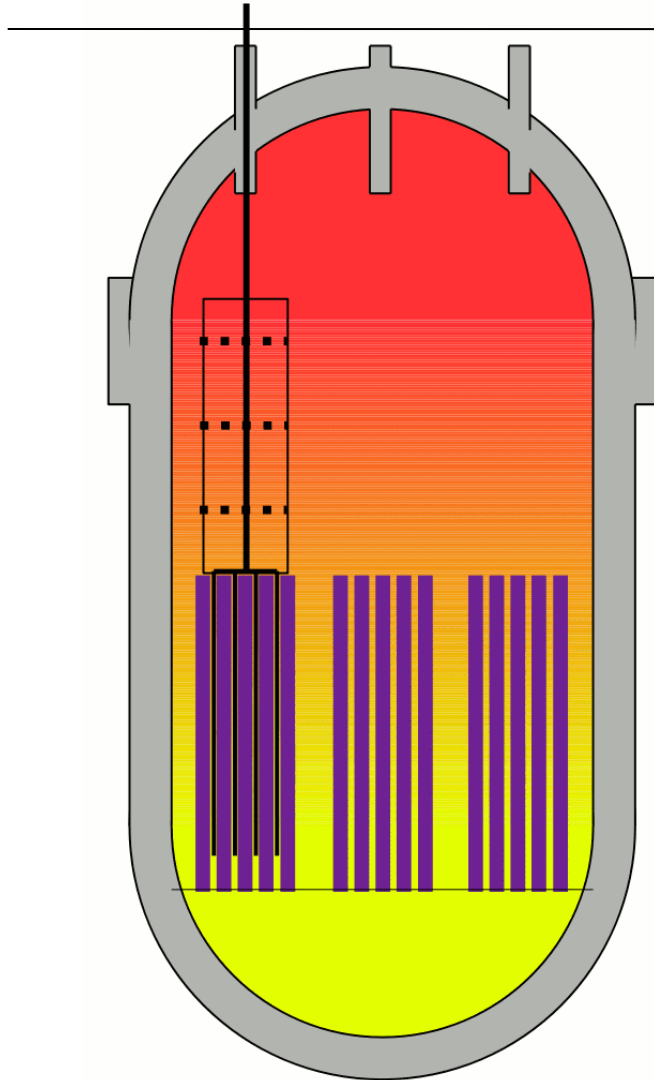
EDF operates 53 Nuclear Power Plants in France alone

Pressurized Water Reactors vs Boiling Water Reactors

New design: European Pressurized Reactor (EPR)







The Spider with the Control Rods is extended from the Fuel Rod Assembly when in Operation

The Control Rods are Guided by Guide-plates

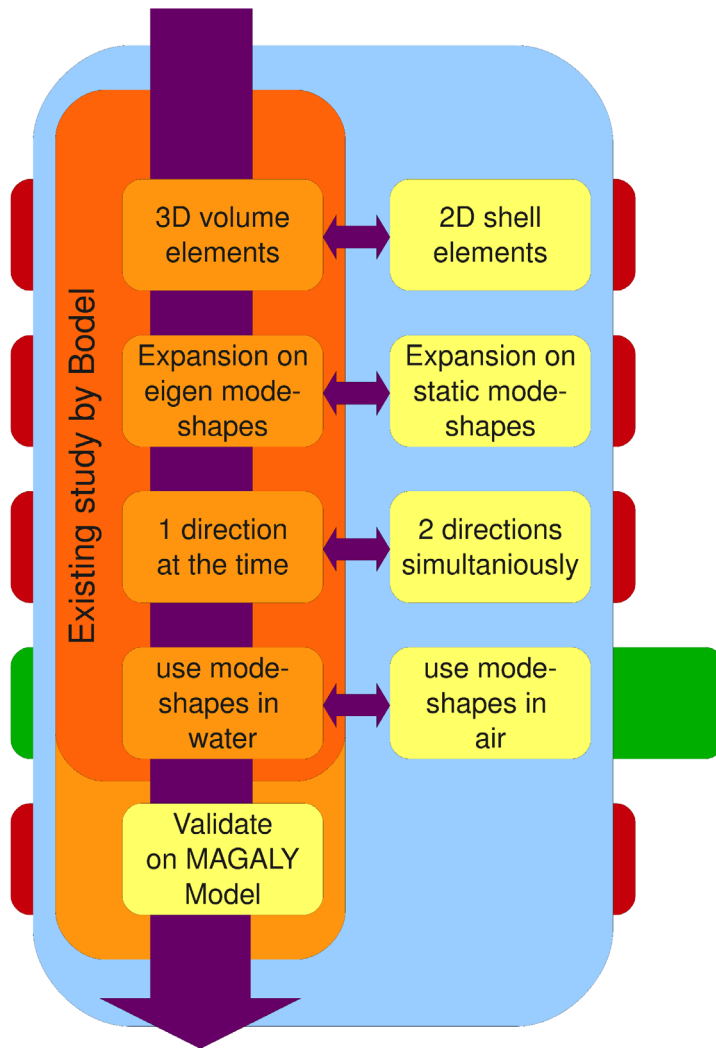
The Fluid Flow Induces a Vibration on the Control Rod

The Control Rods Wear out at the Guide-plates

'A Method to Model the Fluid Flow and to Predict the Wear of the Control Rods'

Method is initiated by Bodel in 2008

My Task: To Verify and Validate this Method



Comparison of Numerical Models

Static shapes as Expansion space

Mode-shapes in 2D

Different Mode-shapes to model system

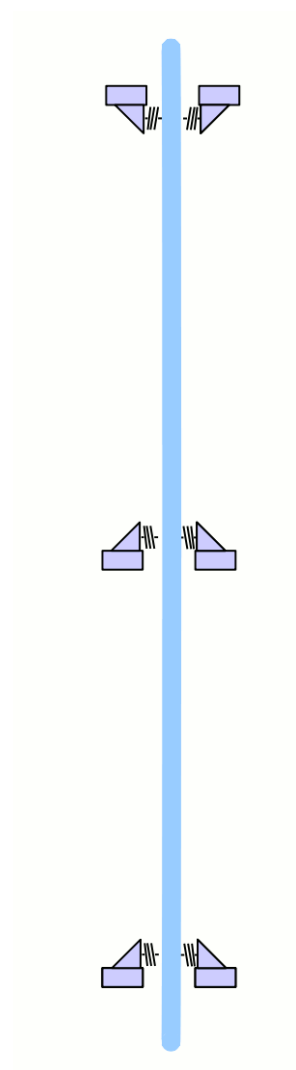
Validation

Research Objective

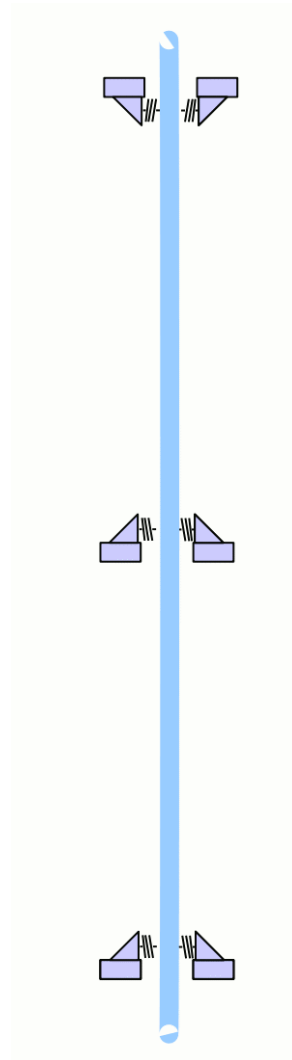
Modal Analysis

Fluid Force Modelling

Modal Analysis



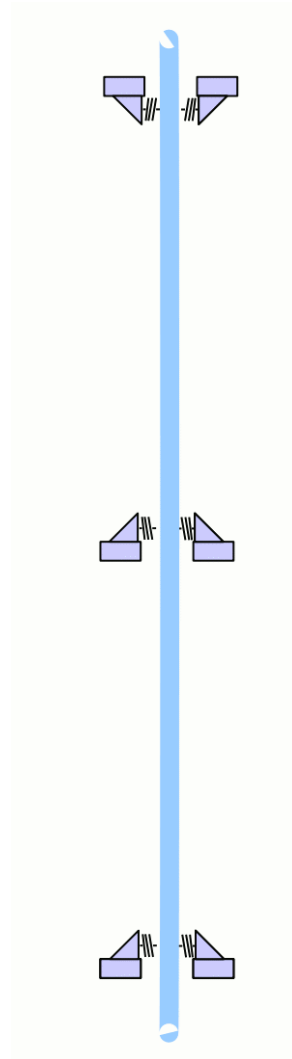
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First Mode-shape f_1

Frequency $\omega_1 = 2\pi f_1$ [rad/s]

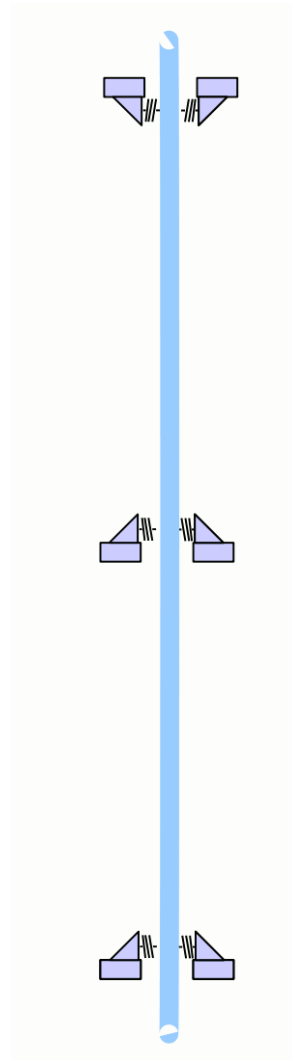
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Second Mode-shape f_2

Frequency $\omega_2 = 4\pi$ [rad/s]

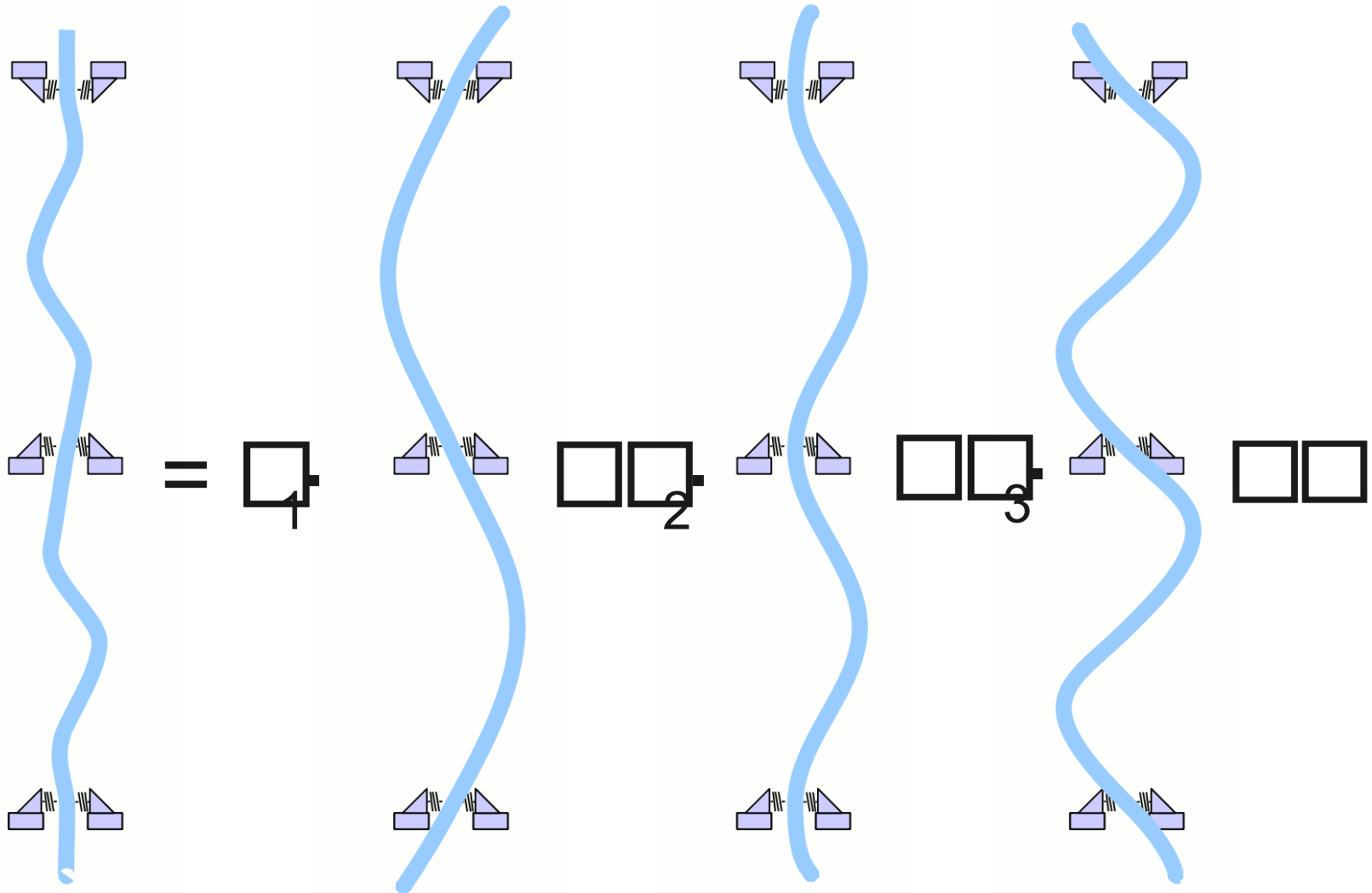
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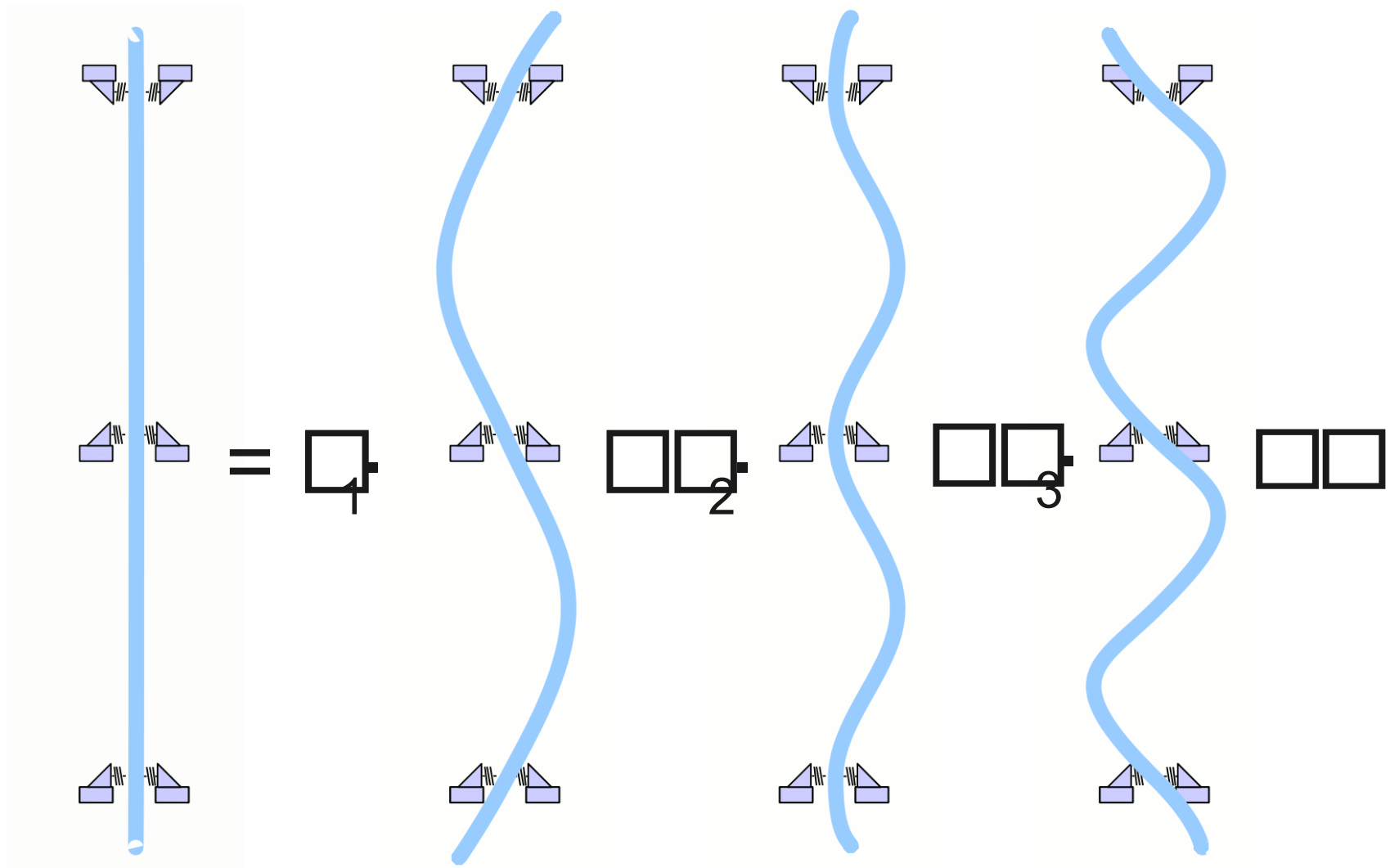
Third Mode-shape f_3

Frequency $\omega_3 = 6\pi$ [rad/s]

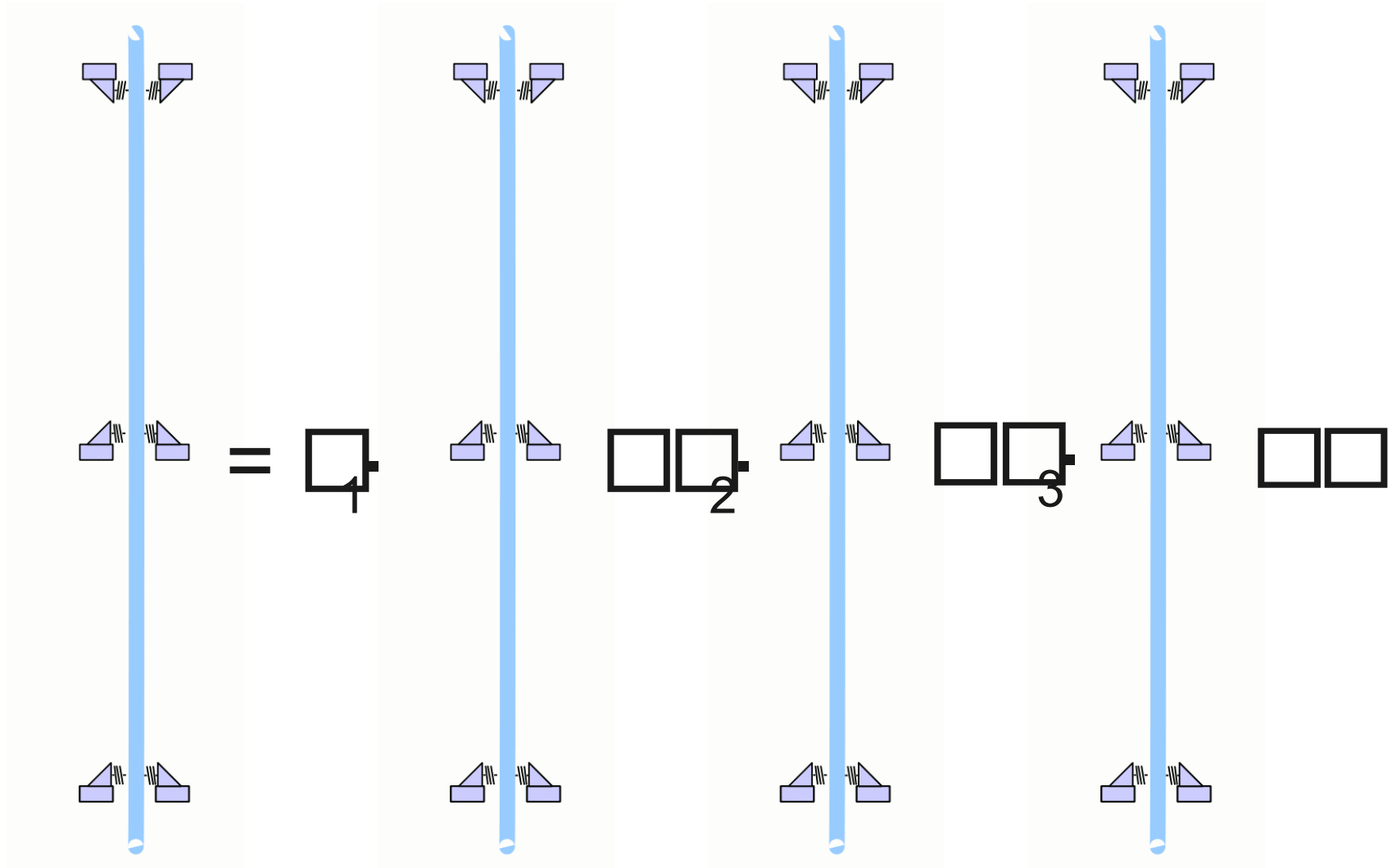
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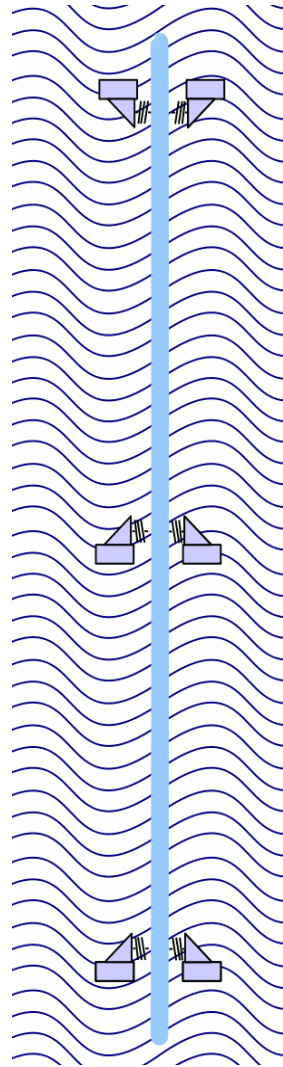
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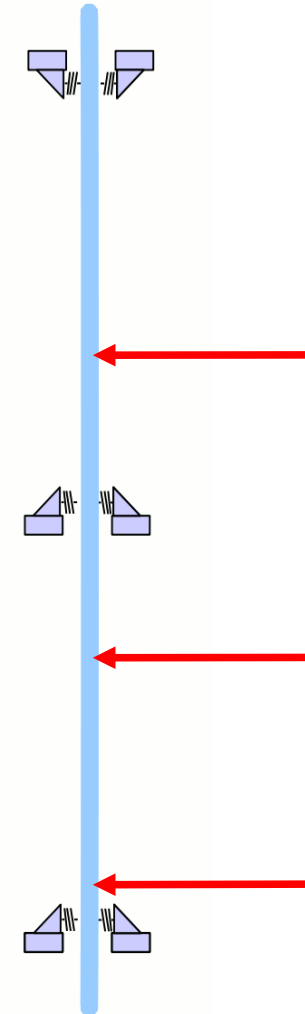
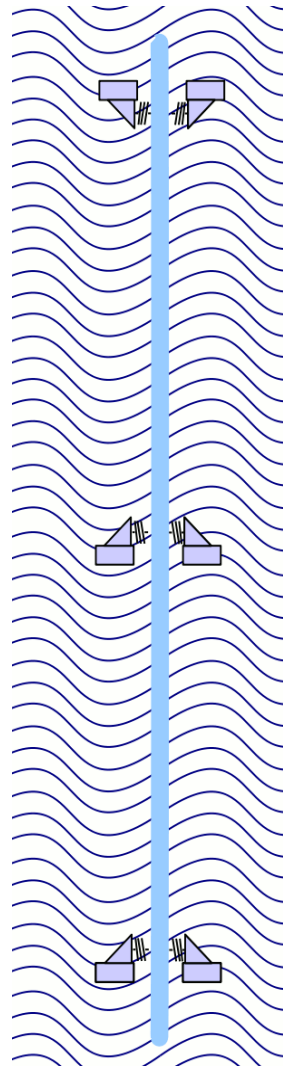
Modal Analysis



Modelling the Fluid Force

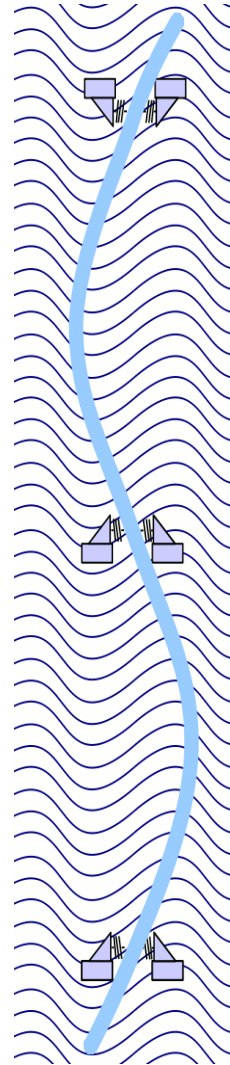


Modelling the Fluid Force

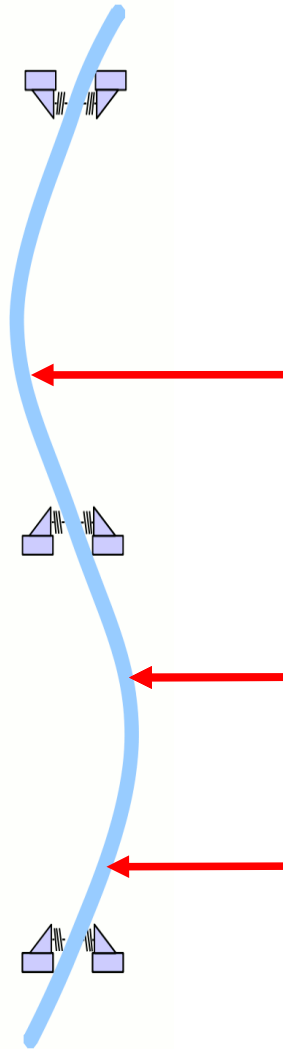


Theory

$$F = \frac{\rho \cdot f_{water}}{m_1 \cdot \Delta x^2 \cdot \Delta t^2}$$



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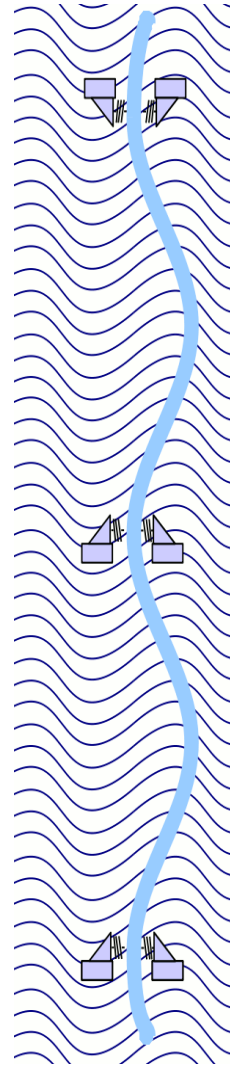


$$= \frac{\rho \cdot B \cdot f_{point}}{m_1 \cdot \Delta x^2 \cdot \Delta t^2}$$

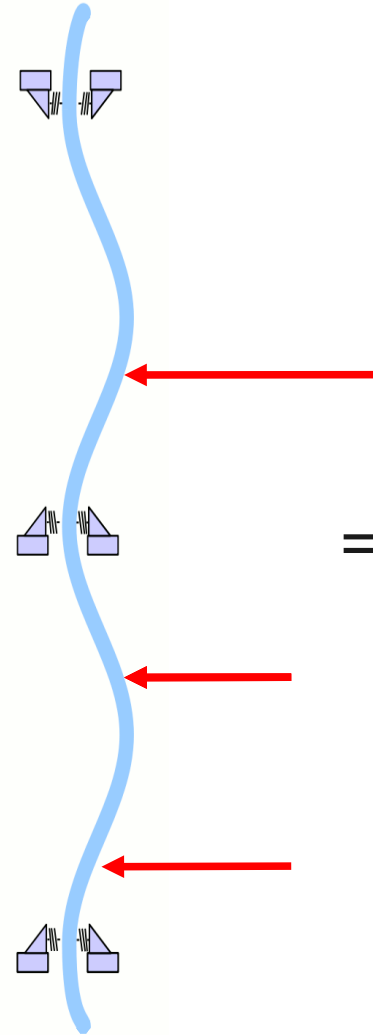
Theory

Modelling the Fluid Force

$$F_2 = \frac{V_2 \cdot f_{water}}{m_2 \cdot g}$$



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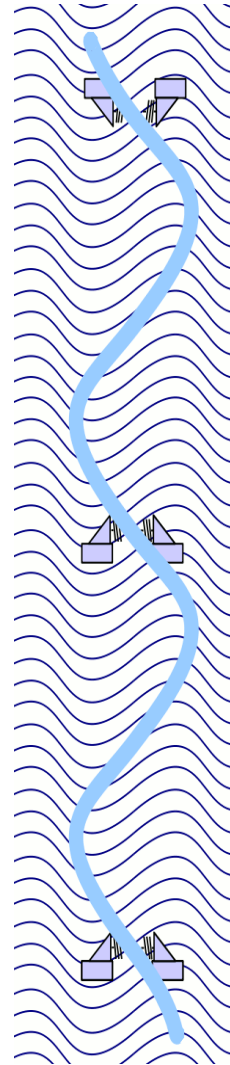


$$= \frac{V_2 \cdot B \cdot f_{point}}{m_2 \cdot g}$$

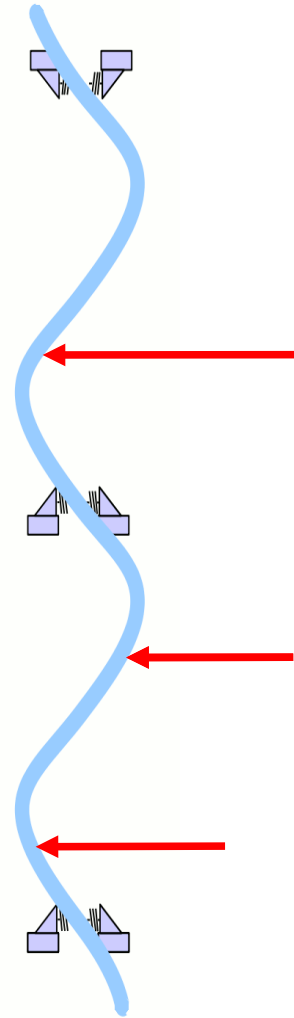
Theory

Modelling the Fluid Force

$$\rho_3 = \frac{\rho_3^T \cdot f_{water}}{m_3 \cdot \Delta x^2 \cdot \Delta t^2}$$

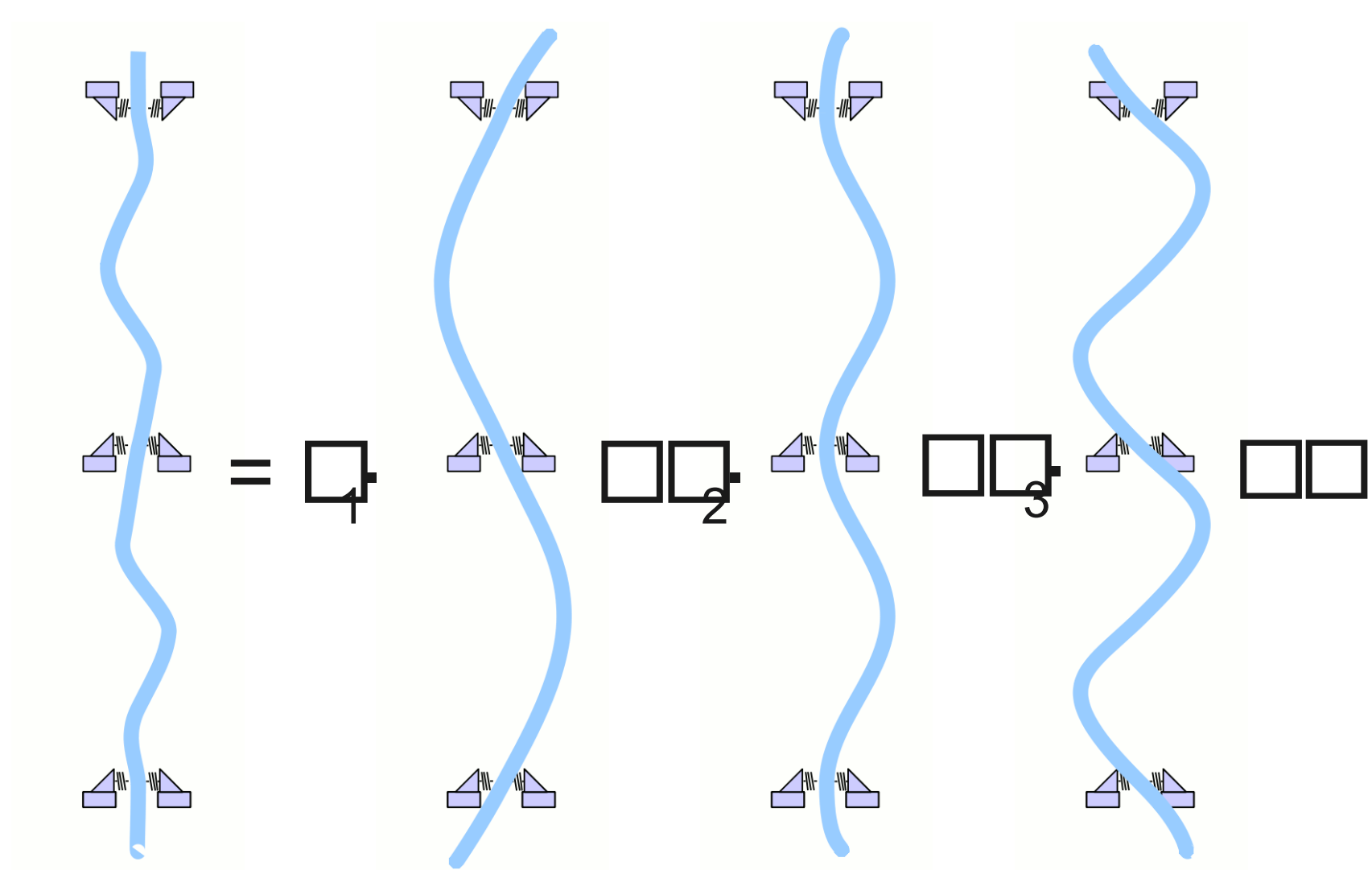


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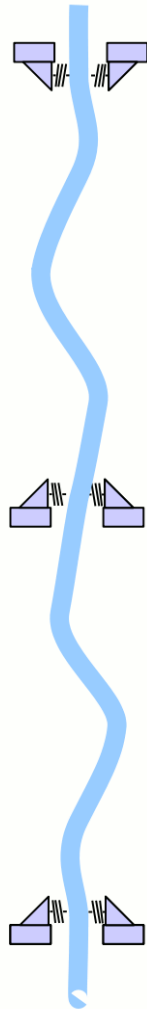


$$= \frac{\rho_3^T \cdot B \cdot f_{point}}{m_3 \cdot \Delta x^2 \cdot \Delta t^2}$$

Theory



Transfer Function



$$= \sum_i \frac{\phi_i \phi_i^T}{m_i \omega_i^2 \phi_i^2} B f_{point}$$

Model the System in Water using Mode-shapes...

$$\sum_i \frac{\phi_i \phi_i^T}{m_i \omega_i^2 \phi_i^2 \omega_i^2}$$

...and use this System to calculate the Point Forces.

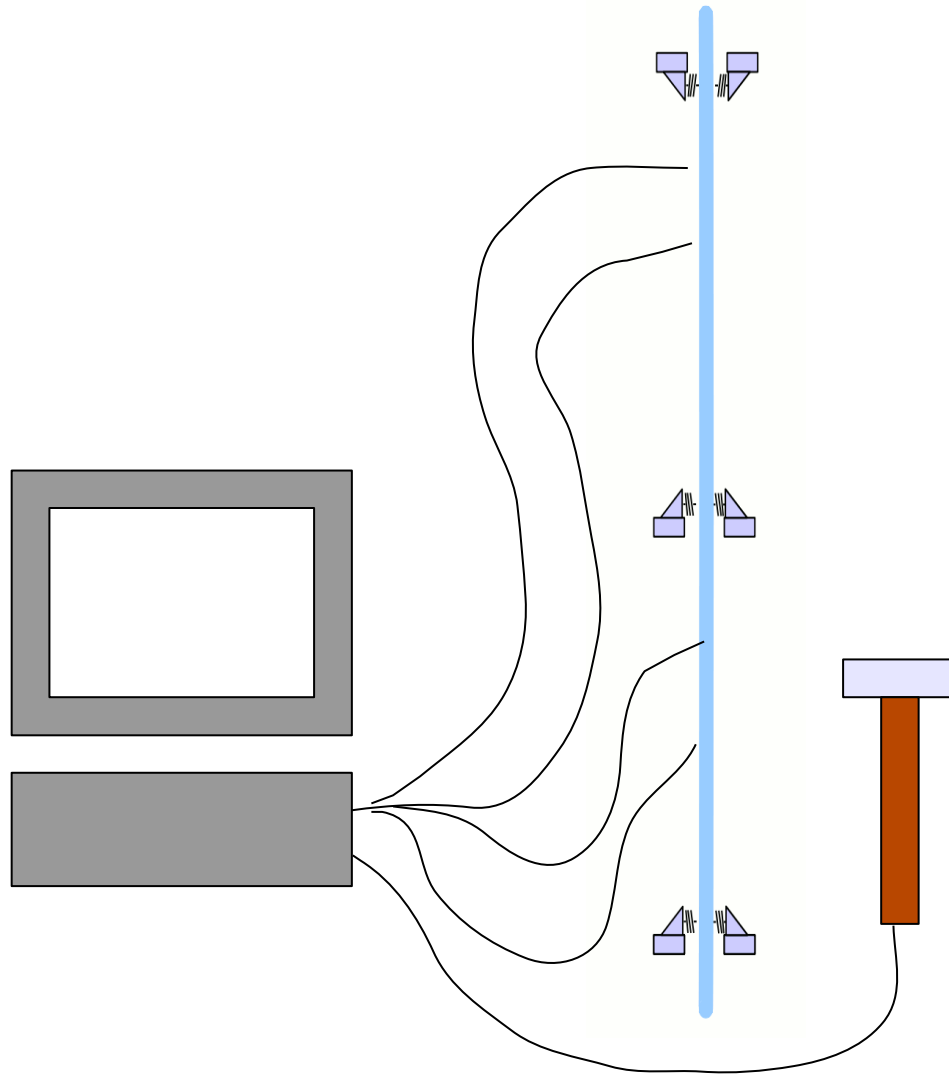
$$f_{point}$$

The Study

Obtain Experimental Mode-shapes

Mass Normalize the Mode-shapes

Identify the Fluid Force



Hammer excitation

Measure the input and output signal

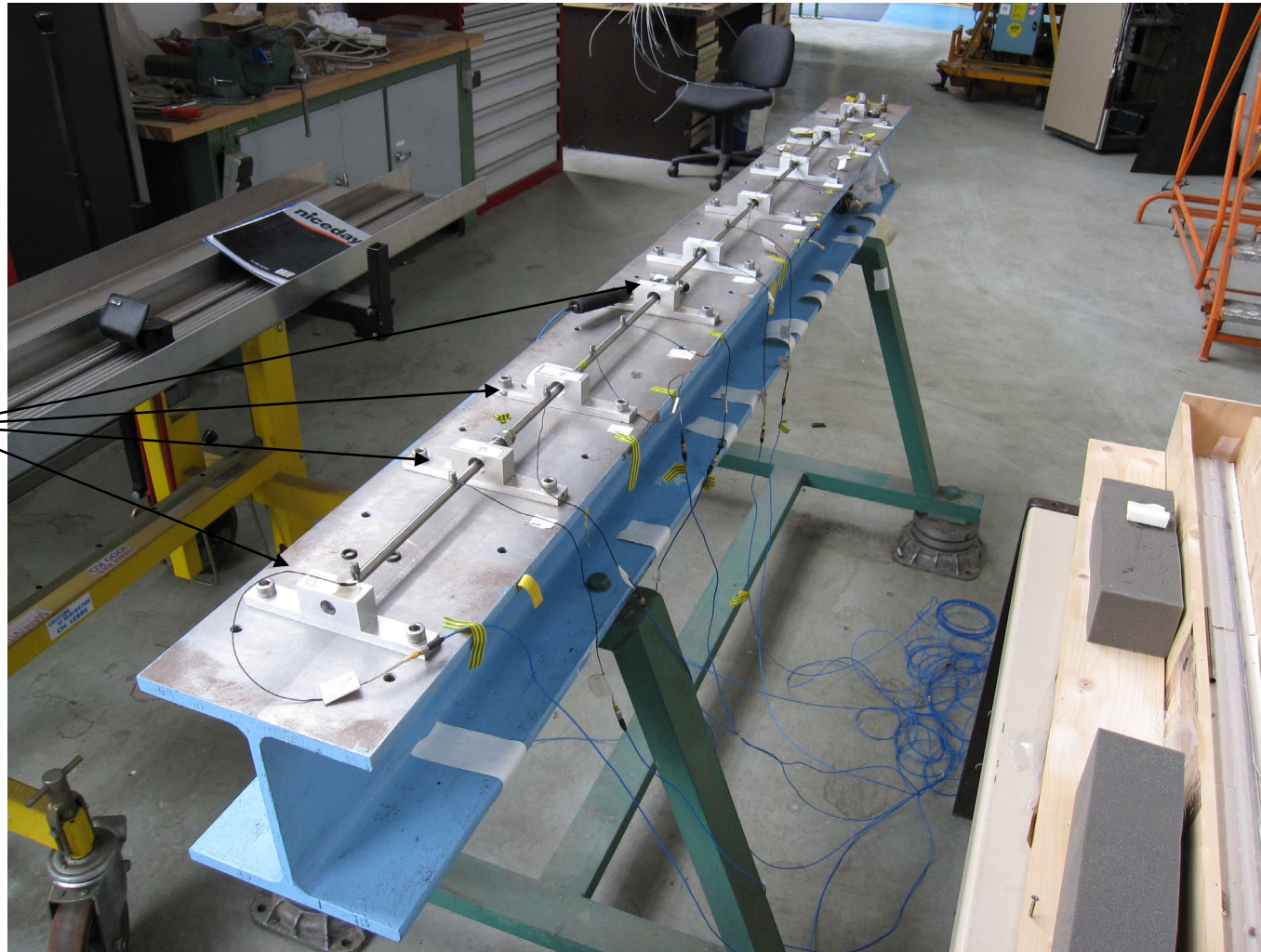
$$x = \sum_i \frac{\phi \phi^T}{m_i \omega^2 \phi \phi^T} \cdot f_{hammer}$$

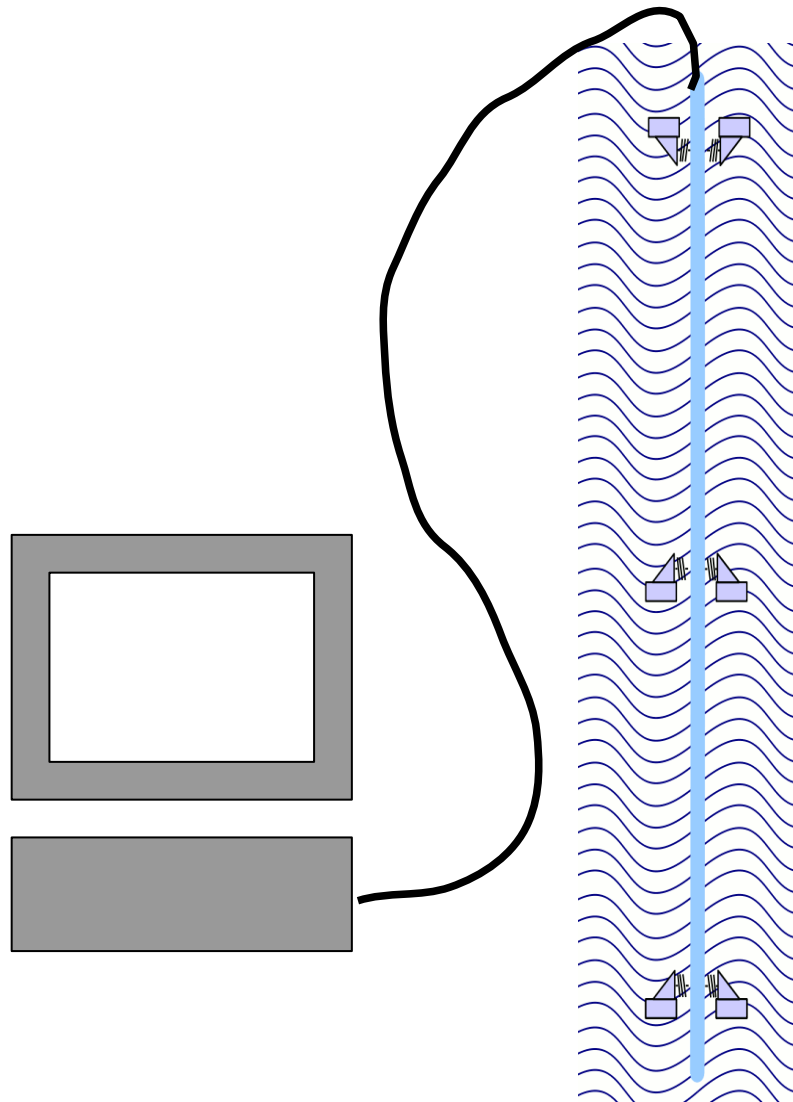
Mass Normalize the Mode-shapes

Practice

The Phacetic Model

Modelled
guide-plates





Strain gauges inside the tube

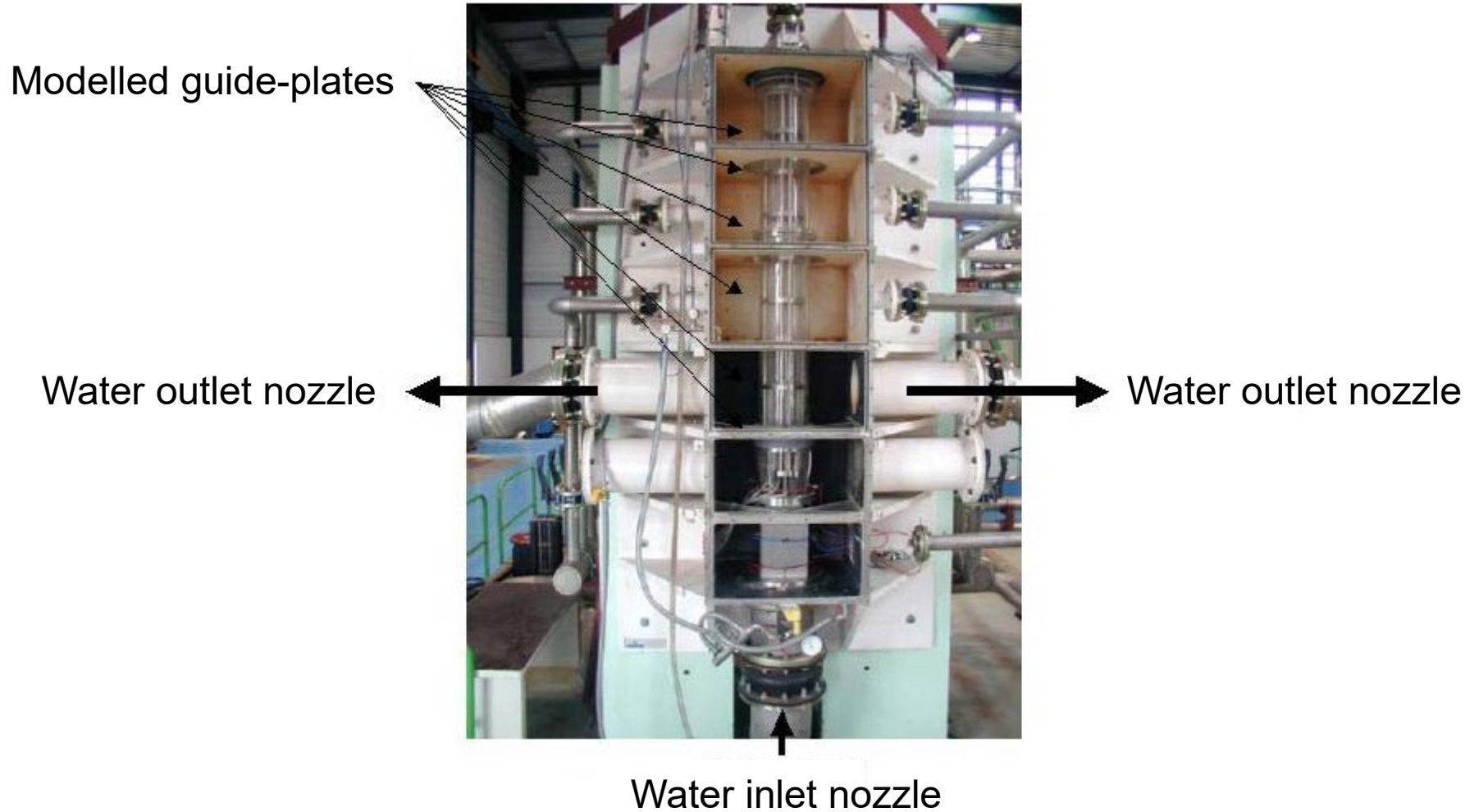
Measure only the output signal

$$x = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i \phi_i^T}{m_i \omega_i^2} \cdot f_{water}$$

No Normalized Mode-shapes

Practice

The Phacetic Model



Non-normalised Mode-shapes of the system in Water

Mass Normalised Mode-shapes of the system in Air

Frequency difference between Water and Air

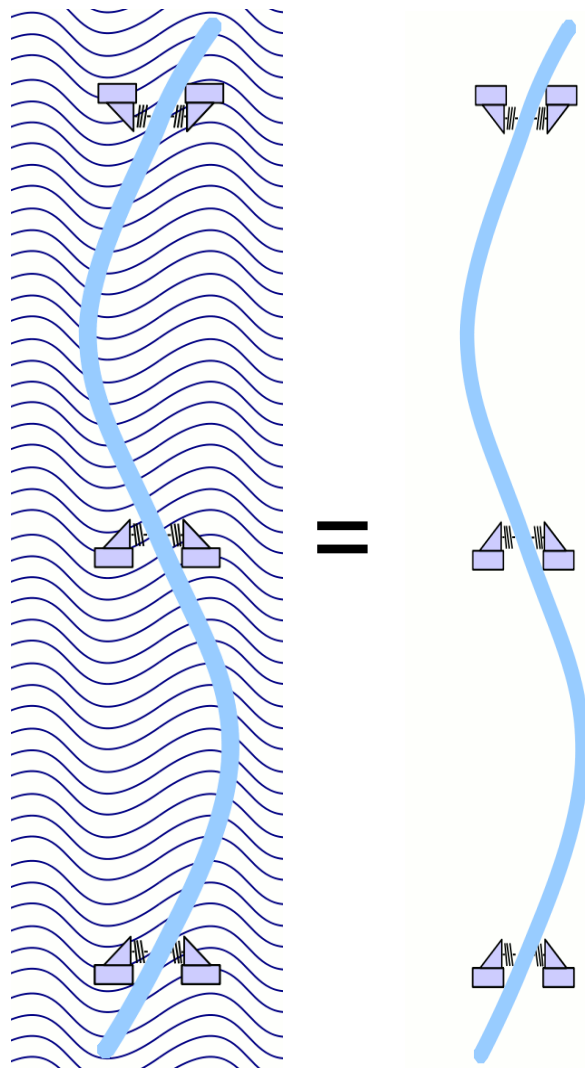
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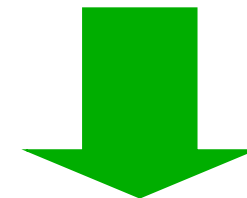
Assumptions



$$W_{\text{air}} >$$

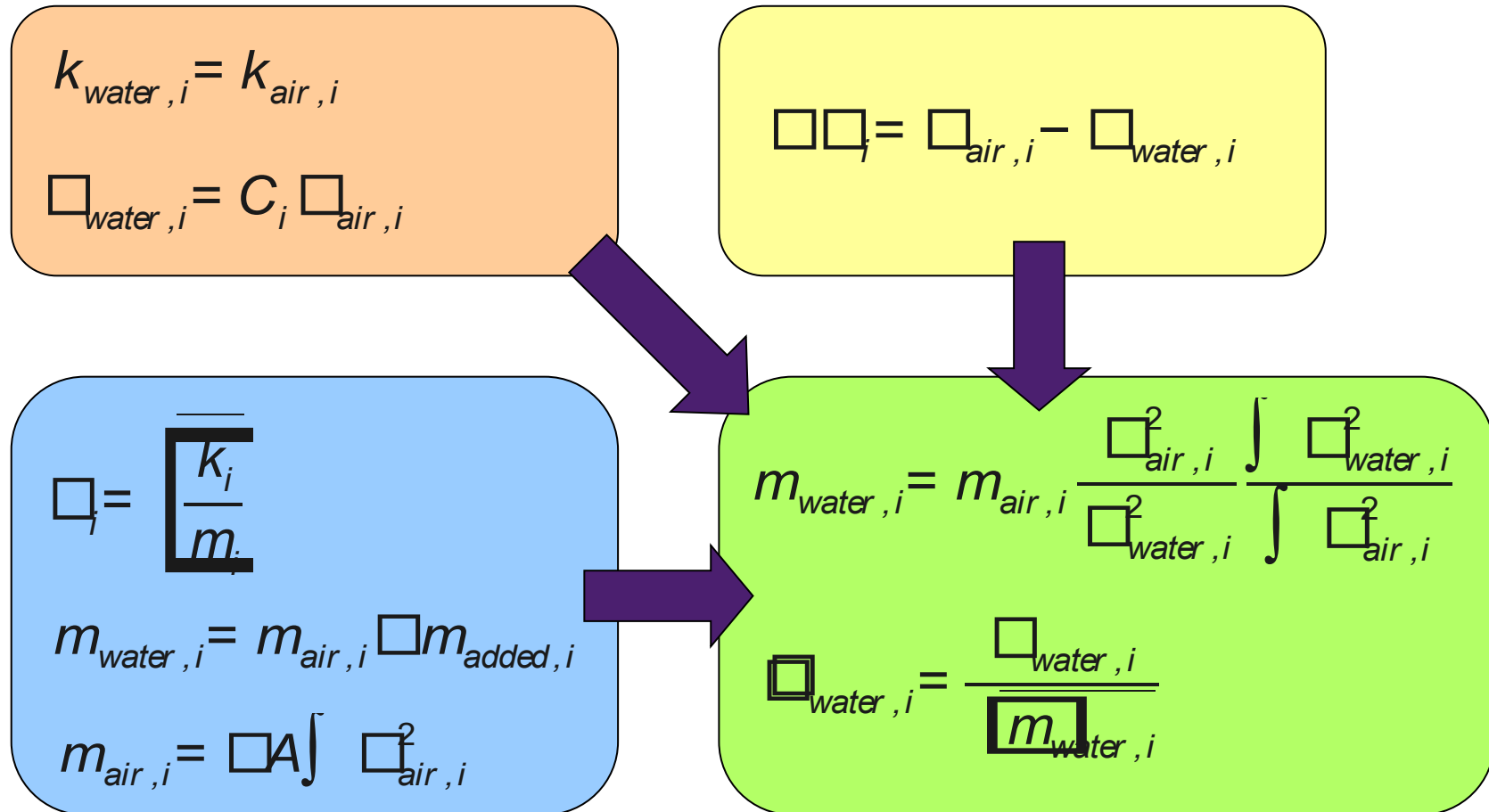
W_{water}

Modal mass



Mass Normalize
the Mode-shapes

Method I



For each mode $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

The Study

Obtain Experimental Mode-shapes

Mass Normalize the Mode-shapes

Identify the Fluid Force

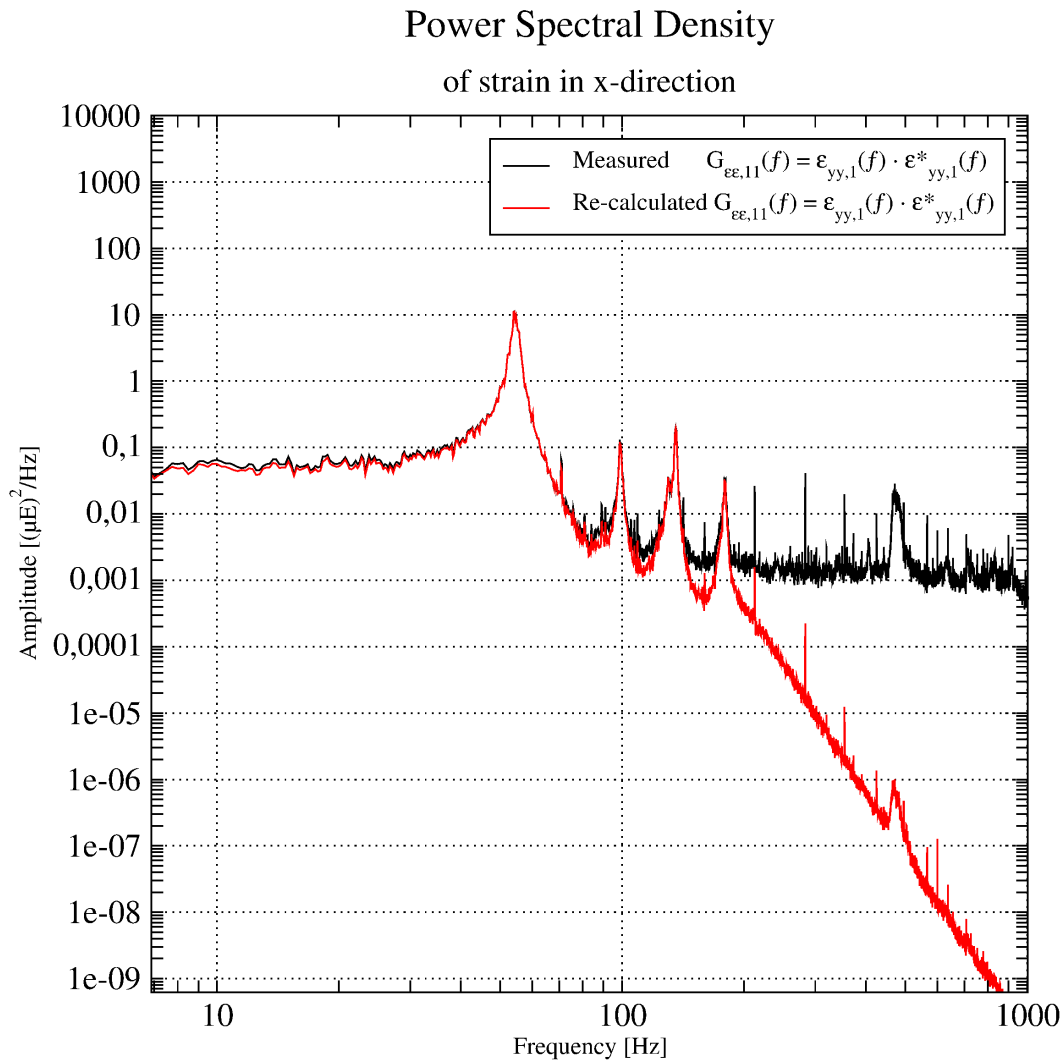
Identifying the Forces

$$X_{measured} = \left[\sum_i \frac{C_i \square_i \square_i^T B_i}{m_i \square_i^2 \square_i \square_i^2} \right] f_{point}$$

Identify the Point Forces by Inverting the Transfer Function using a Pseudo Inverse

$$f_{point} = \left[\sum_i \frac{C_i \square_i \square_i^T B_i}{m_i \square_i^2 \square_i \square_i^2} \right]^{-1} X_{measured}$$

Results Method I

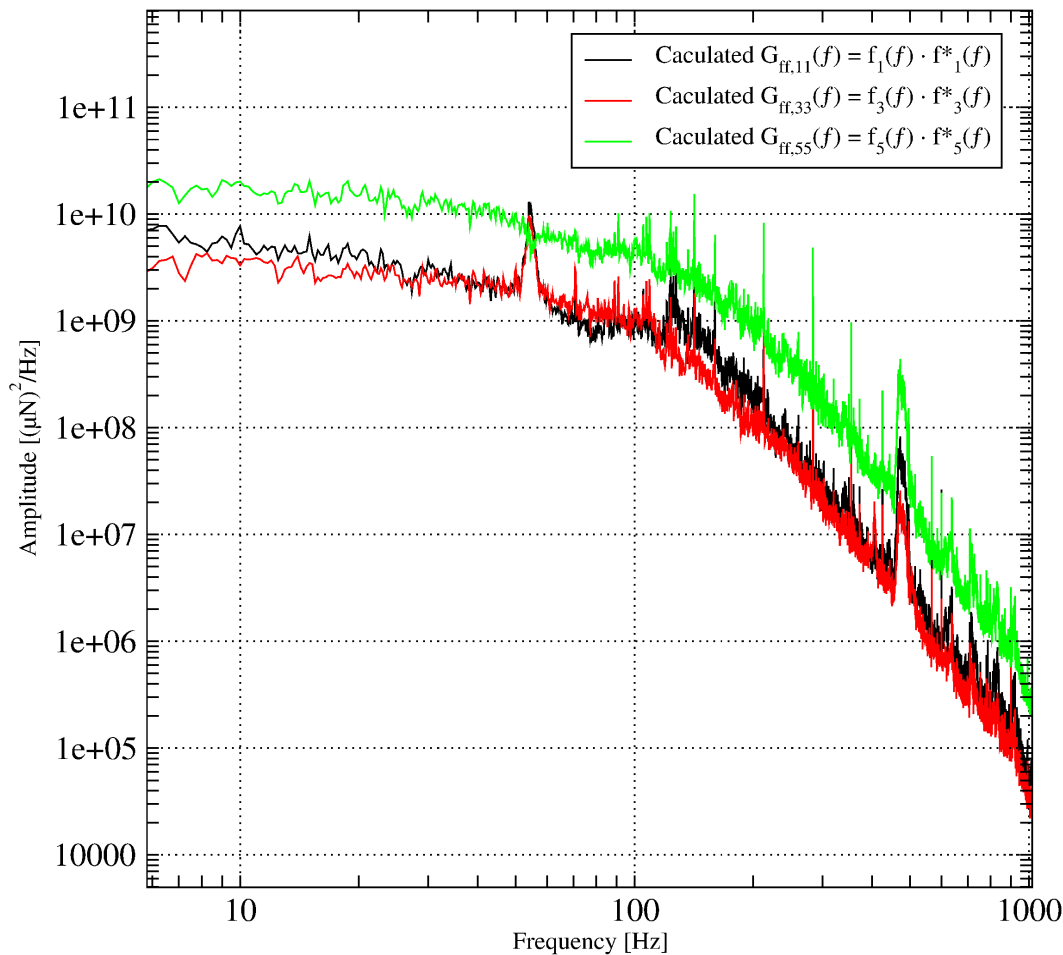


Measured and
Re-calculated

Modelling the
system using the
Mass normalised
Mode-shapes in
Water

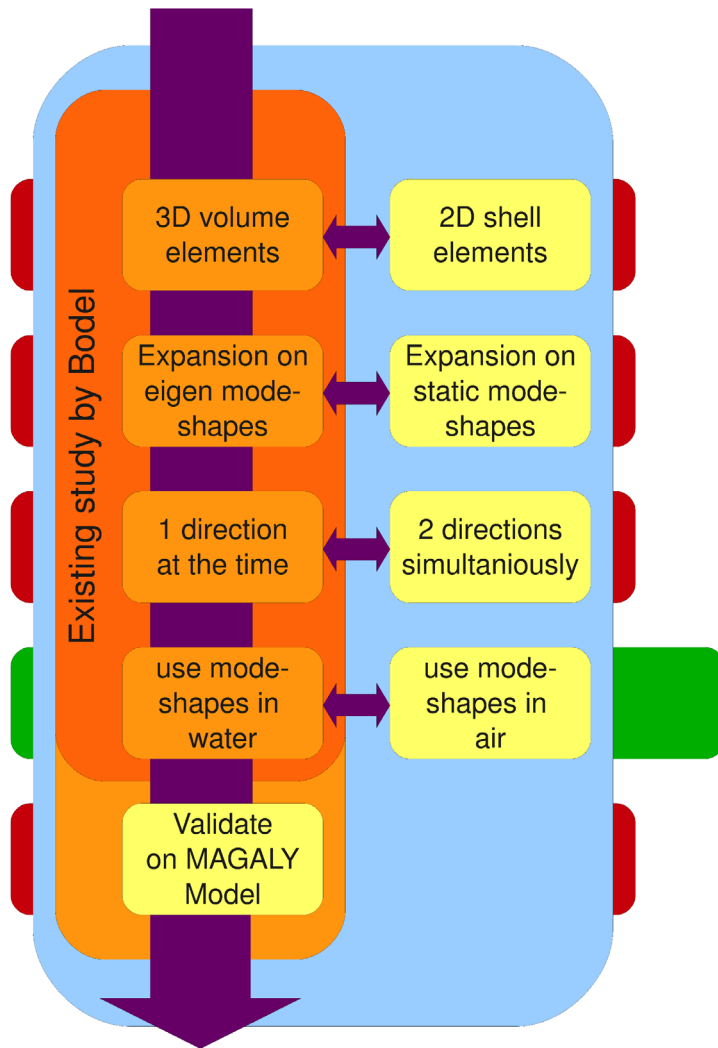
Results Method I

Power Spectral Density
of point forces in x-direction



Calculated Point Forces

Modelling the system using the Mass normalised Mode-shapes in Water

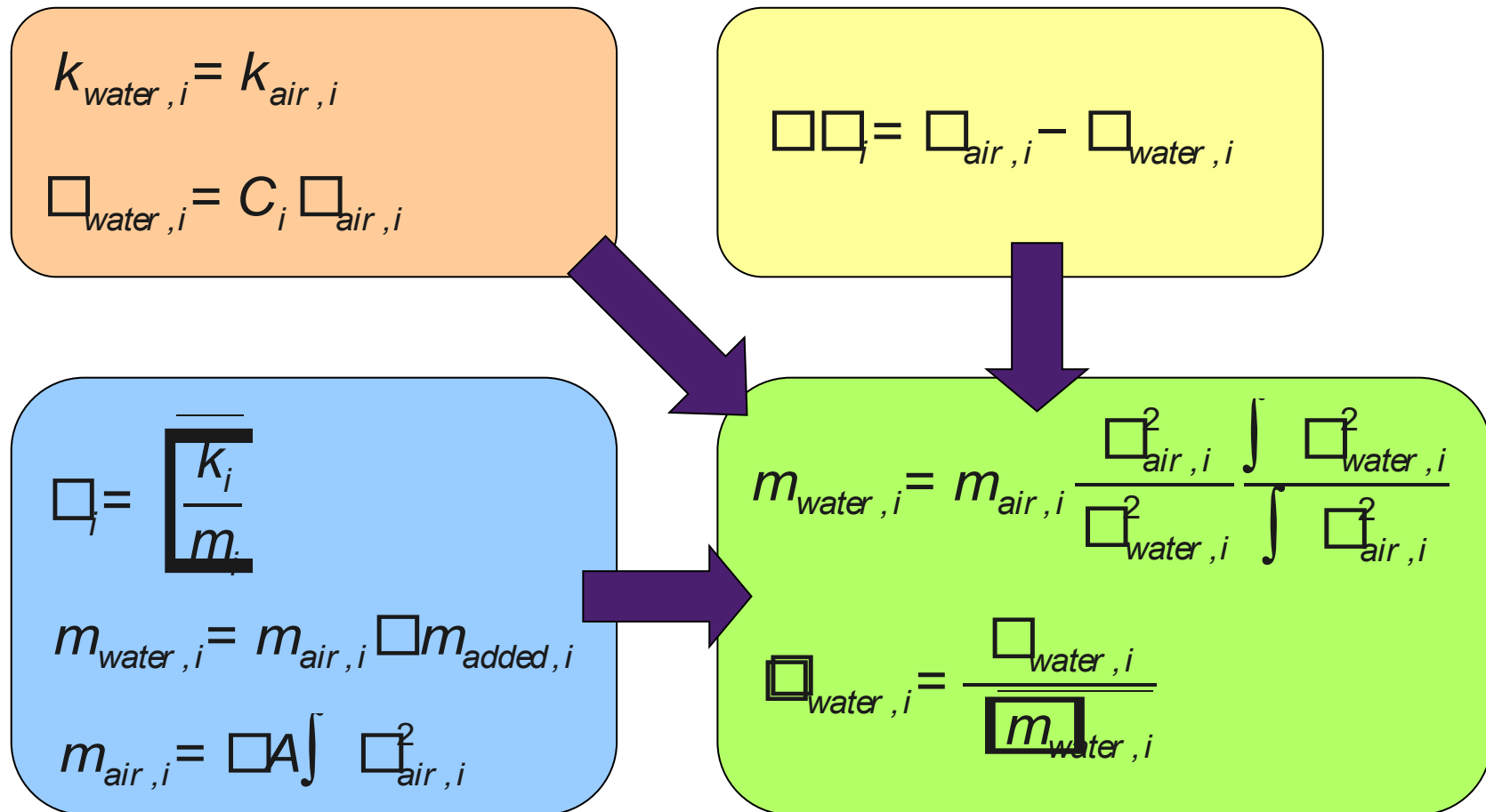


Different mode-shapes to model system

- I Using the Mode-shapes obtained in Water
(Mass Normalised)

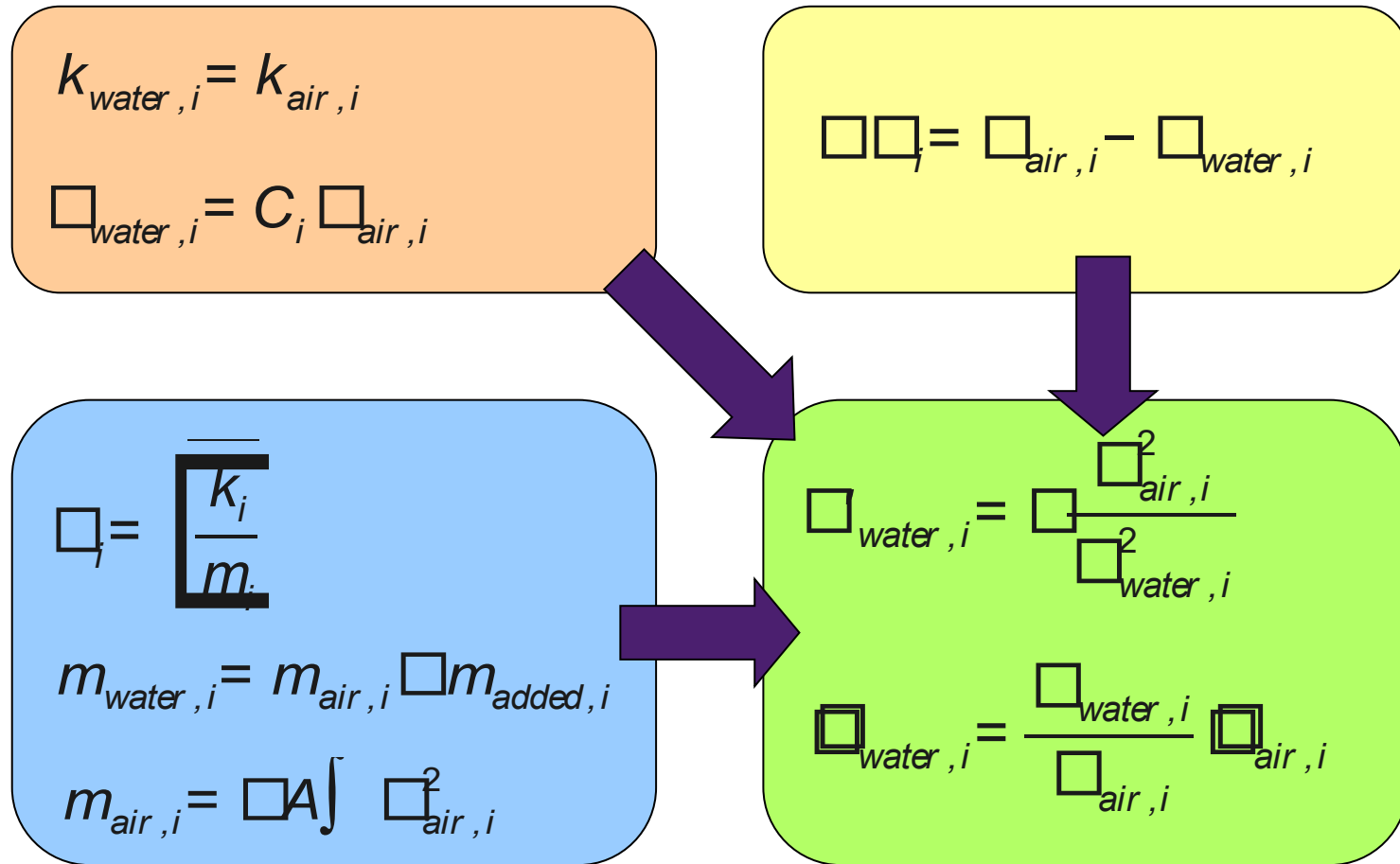
- II Using the Mode-shapes obtained in Air
(Re-normalised)

Method I

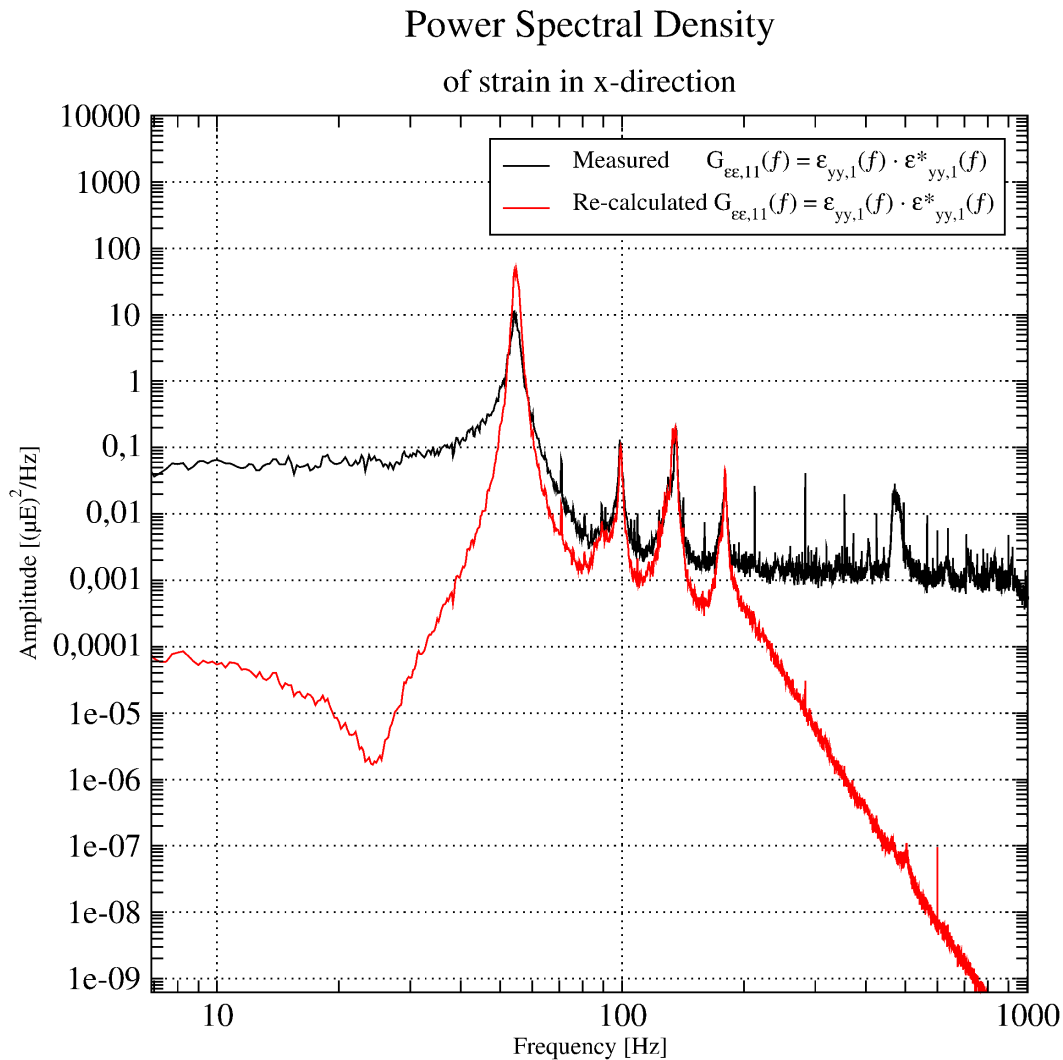


For each mode $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

Method II



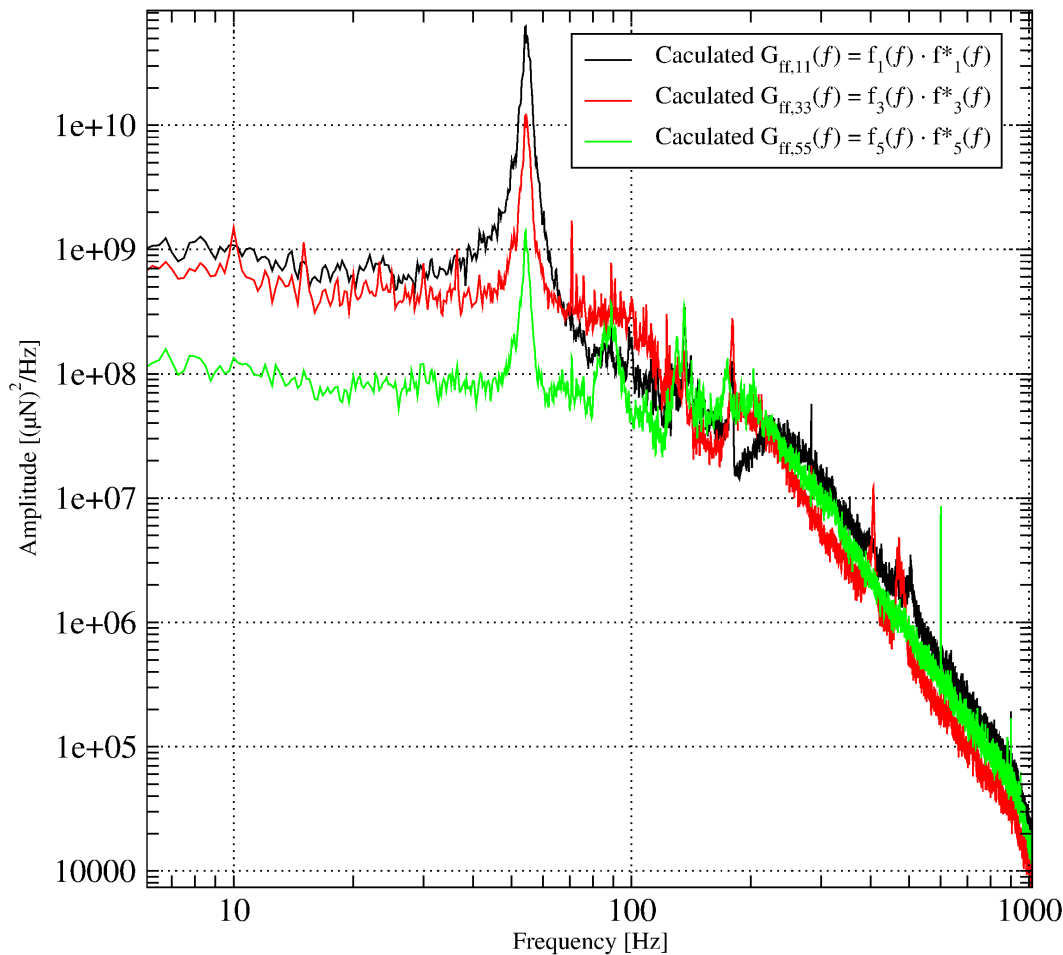
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Measured and
Re-calculated

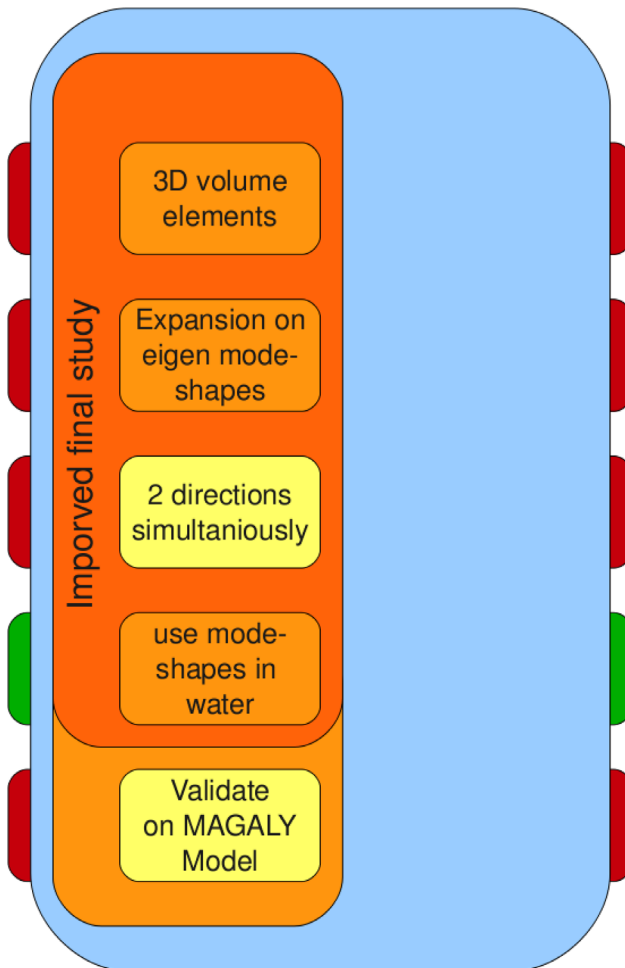
Modelling the
system using the
re-normalised
Mode-shapes in
Air

Power Spectral Density
of point forces in x-direction



Calculated Point
Forces

Modelling the
system using the
re-normalised
Mode-shapes in
Air



Use Mass Normalised Mode-shapes in water to describe the System

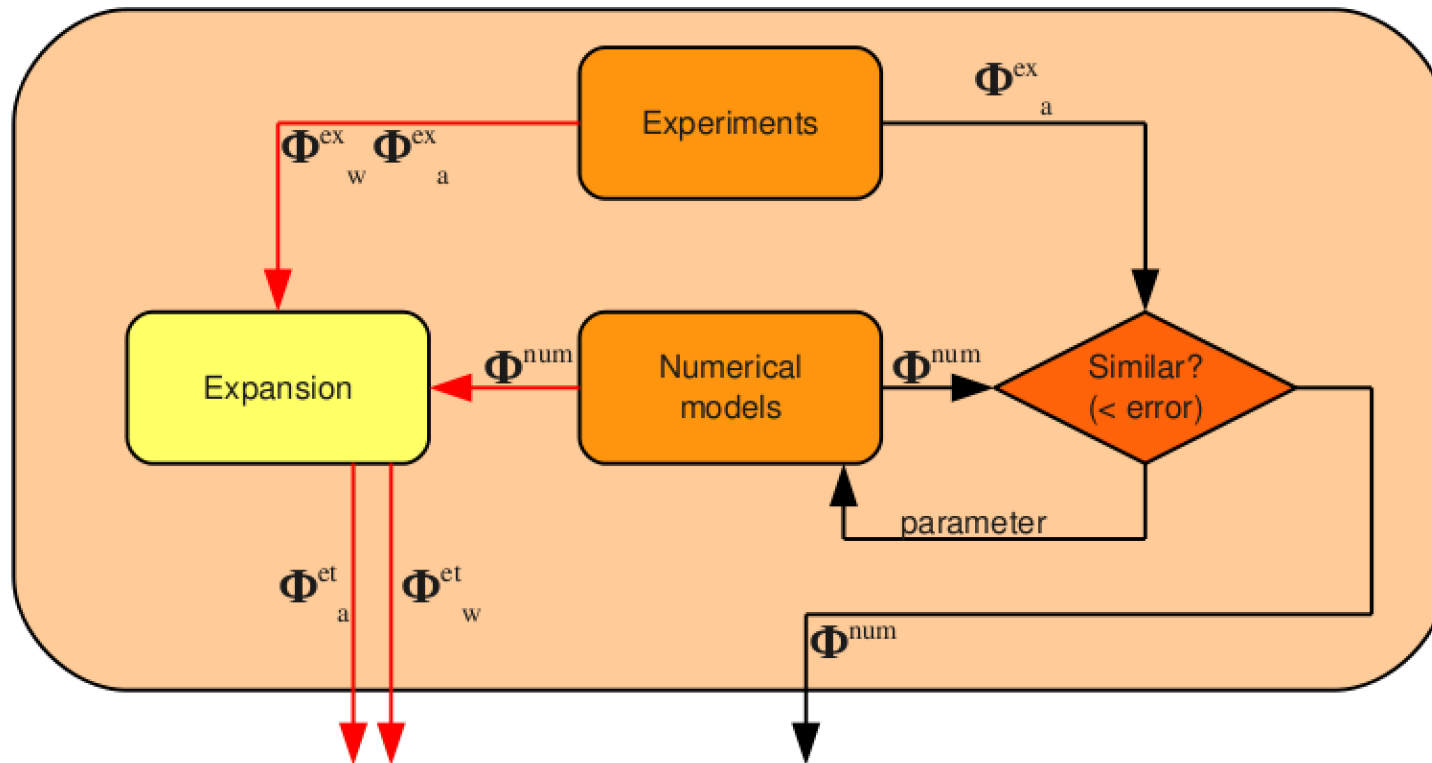
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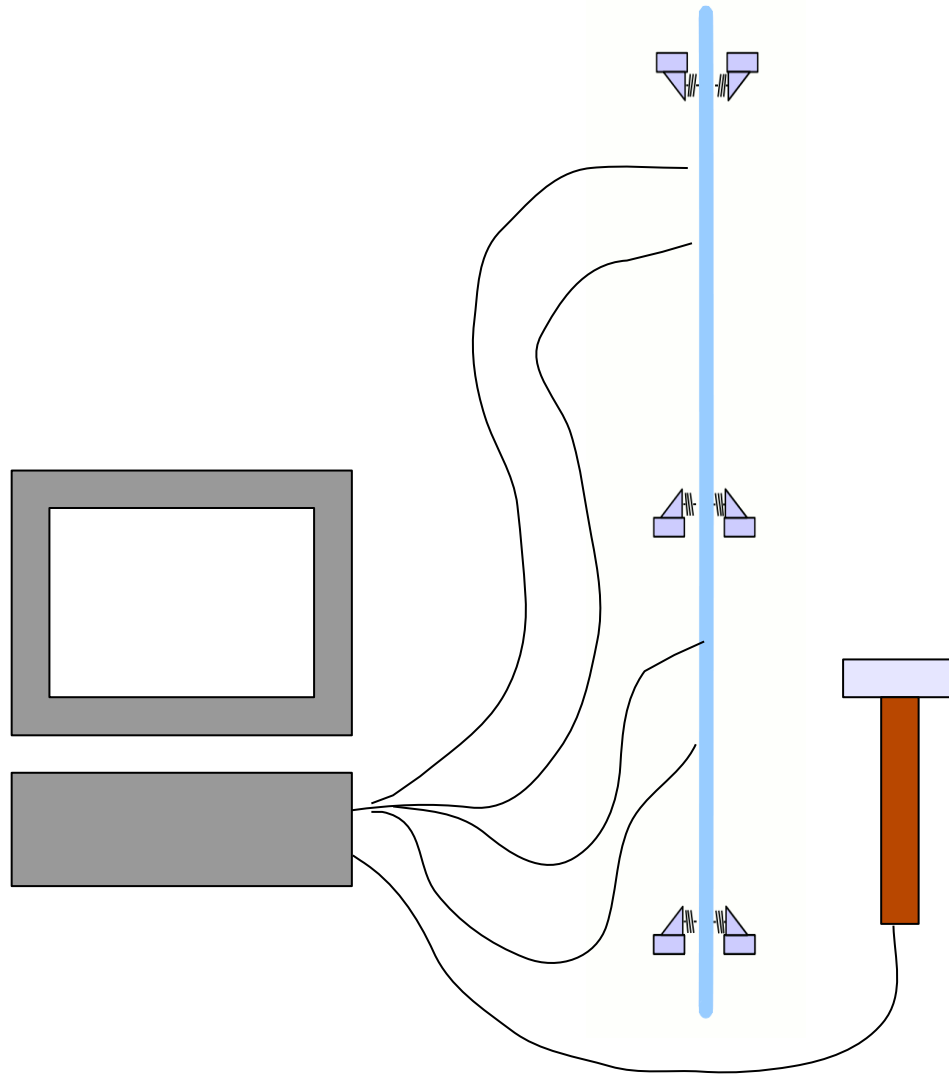
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Experimental Mode-shapes obtained in Air are not Mass Normalised by the Measurement System

Transferring Identified Point Forces between different Models will not give the desired Result

Fundamental Problem with the Method: The measurement system uses a randomized signal if no input signal is measured.



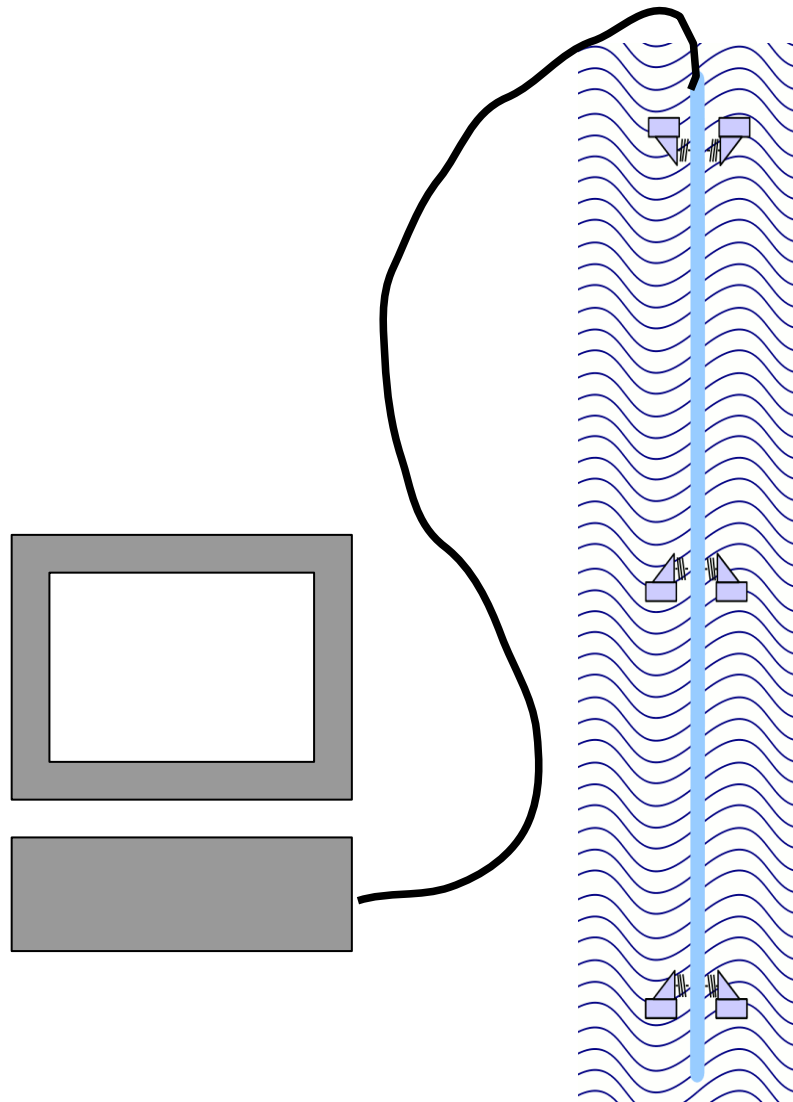


Hammer excitation

Measure the input
and output signal

Mass Normalize the
Mode-shapes

Extra



Strain gauges inside the tube

Measure only the output signal

No Normalized Mode-shapes

Extra

The Numerical Models

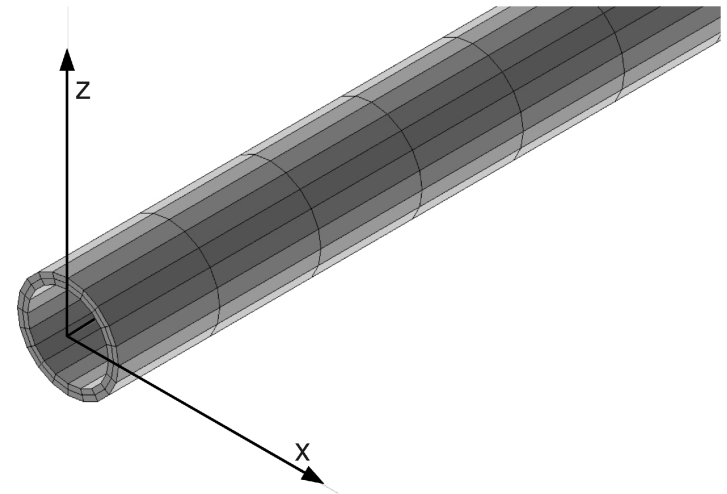
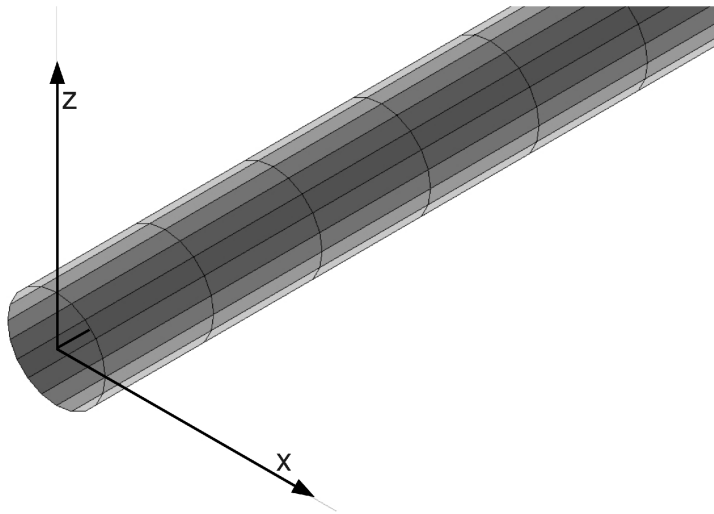
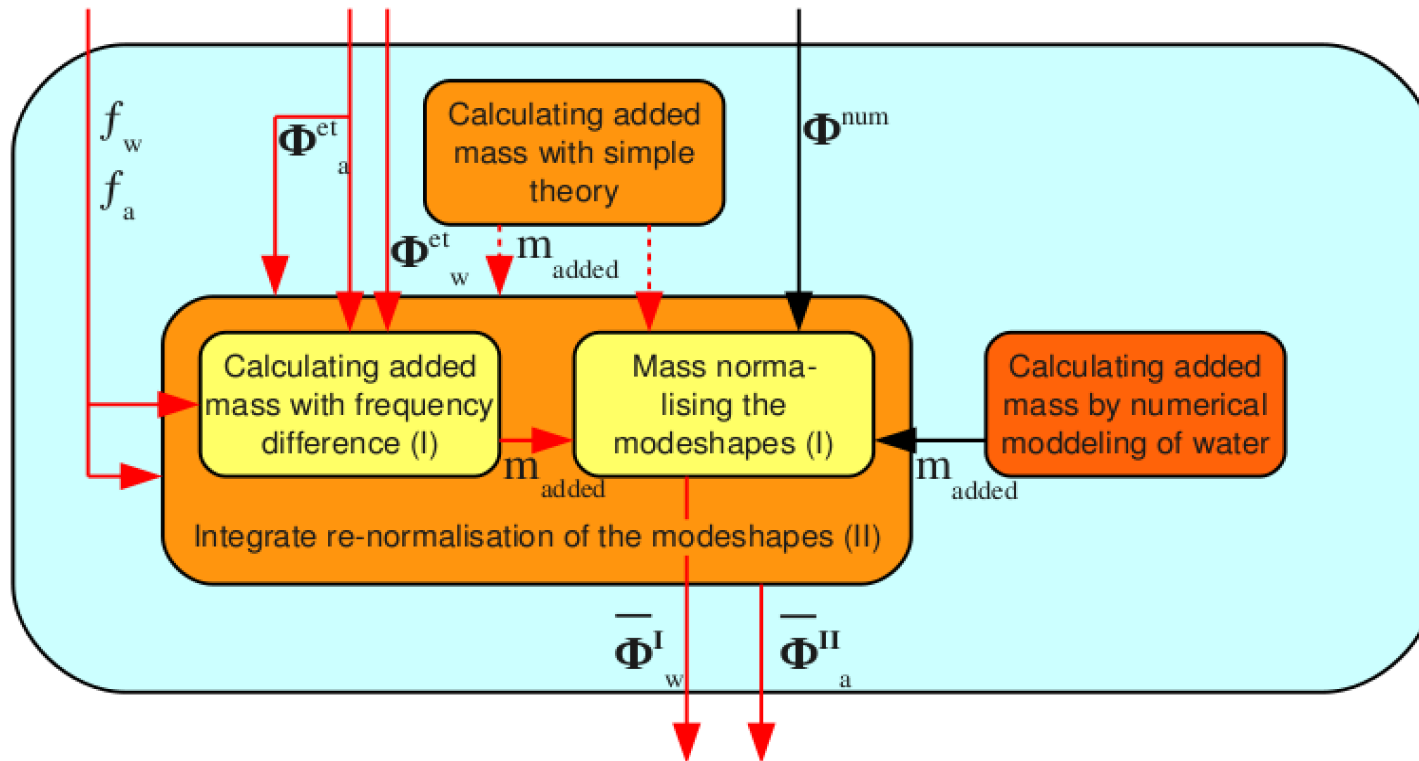


Table 4.15: Cross MAC of LMS experimental mode-shapes in water, expanded on mode-shapes of 3D model vs PAK experimental mode-shapes in air, expanded on mode-shapes of 3D model in displacement

vs.			PAK experiments in air, expanded on 3D model							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
nr.	nr.	[freq.]	[70.26]	[70.26]	[111.89]	[111.89]	[154.69]	[154.69]	[202.61]	[202.61]
LMS experi- ments in water, expanded on 3D	1	[54.40]	0.780	0.202	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.001	0.010	0.005
	2	[55.37]	0.226	0.695	0.001	0.023	0.002	0.008	0.002	0.041
	3	[99.03]	0.009	0.012	0.929	0.023	0.002	0.020	0.000	0.002
	4	[130.35]	0.022	0.229	0.011	0.080	0.181	0.397	0.008	0.064
	5	[135.83]	0.021	0.113	0.001	0.012	0.755	0.075	0.000	0.000
	6	[179.22]	0.002	0.041	0.049	0.008	0.044	0.013	0.780	0.047

The Study

Experimental



Numerical

Assumptions

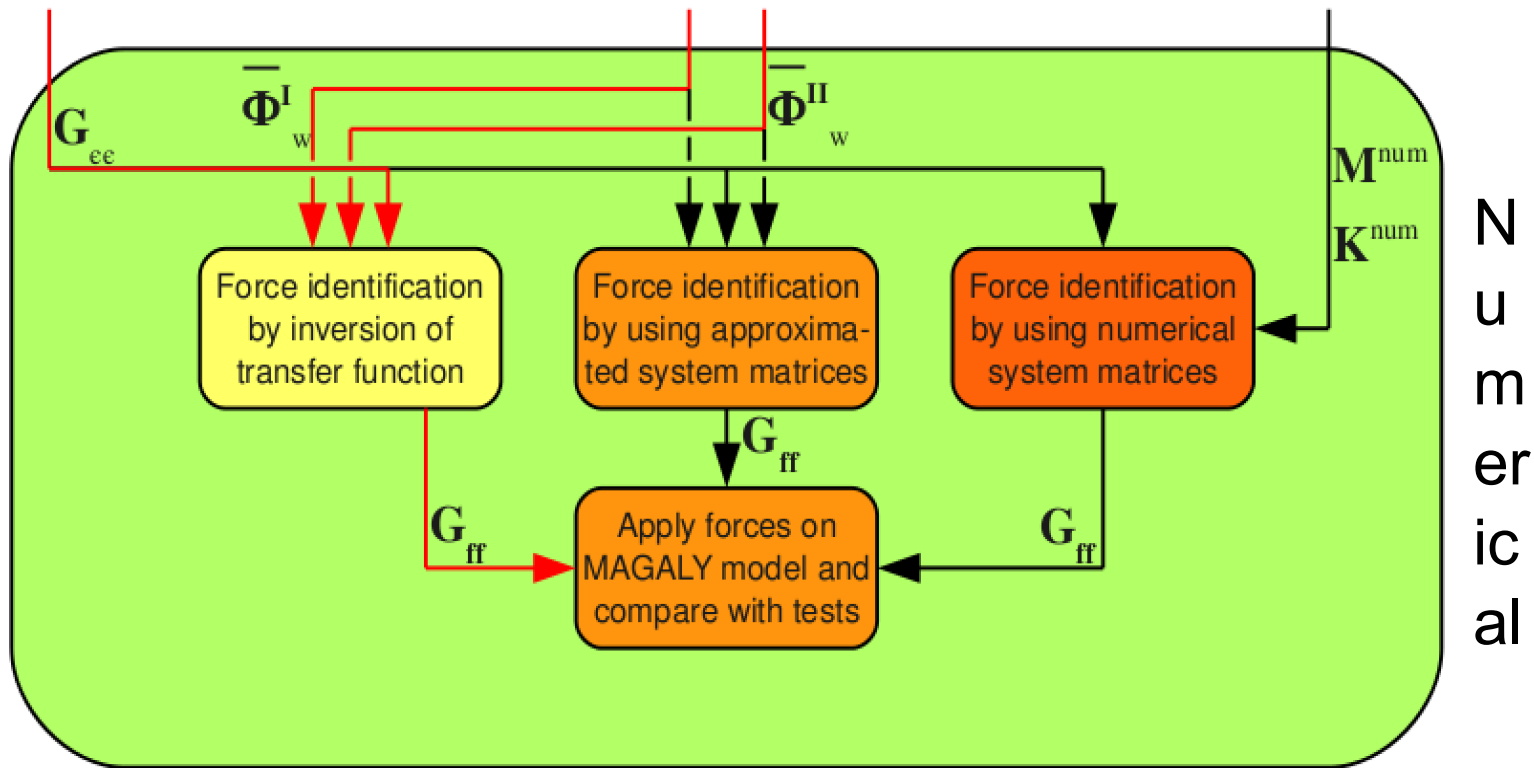
The mode-shapes are the same for the system in water and in air

(The Amplitudes of the modeshapes are not the same)

There is no added stiffness due to the water surrounding the tube.

The added mass due to the water surrounding the tube can be calculated from the frequency difference.

Experimental



Numerical