

# Adaptive Structure

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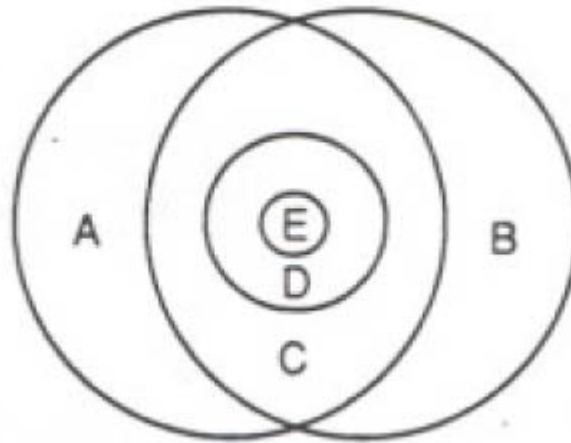
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## ❖ 1. General framework



- A ... Adaptive Structures
- B ... Sensory Structures
- C ... Controlled Structures
- D ... Active Structures
- E ... Intelligent Structures

Fig.1 Proposed Framework.

# Adaptive Structure

## ❖ 2. Basic Categories

“sensory” structures ... which possess sensors that enable the determination or monitoring of system states or characteristics

“adaptive” structures ... which possess actuators that enable alteration of system states or characteristics in a controlled manner

“controlled” structure ... both sensors and actuators in a feedback architecture for the purpose of actively controlling system states or characteristics

Conventional structure + separate and distinct control system

“active” structures ... contains sensors and/or actuators that are highly integrated into the structure and have structural functionality in addition to control functionality

“intelligent” structures ... highly integrated control logic and electronics that provide cognitive element of a distributed or hierarchic control architecture

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II. Adaptive structures ... "can purposefully vary its geometric configuration as well as its physical properties"

① Geometry adaptive

- Deployable space antenna, Hoop Column Antenna
- Space Crane
- Variable Geometry Truss (VGT)
- Adaptive wing geometry ... swing wing, fowler flaps, lifting surface  
with maneuver flap scheduling

② Feed forward control of mechanical properties

- change of the damping characteristics of viscoelastic materials
- electro-rheological material
- shunted piezoelectric damping or passive electronic damping
- shape memory materials (Nitinol) ... plastic strain  $\approx 2\%$   
recovering stress = 100.000 psi

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III. Controlled structures ... both sensors and actuators, connected through a feedback architecture

- Rigid body control ... state to be controlled → attitude, position

bandwidth of the controller  $\ll$  fundamental flexible frequency → rigid body

bandwidth of the controller  $\gg$  fundamental flexible frequency → flexibility

must be considered → attitude controllers for spacecraft with flexible appendages

- More advanced type → relative motion i.e, shape and dynamic response

→ { vibration control ... damping, propagation, rejection characteristics  
    { shape control

- Vibration control

i) Active damping ... proof mass actuator

ii) SMA wire ... actively damp a vibrating beam

iii) Active isolation and wave propagation control

iv) Active stabilization .... Suppression of aircraft flutter, gust alleviation

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- Shape control ... control of optical surfaces

IV. Active structures ... integrate the control sensors and actuators with the structure to such a degree that the distinction between control functionality and structural functionality is blurred.

actuators widely applied to the surface or are embedded

- strain actuation approach

① Distributed strain actuation ... actuation materials are bonded to the surface or embedded within a composite structure

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} + \Lambda$$

↙ Actuation strain (analogous to thermal strain)

strain induced in the structure

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \psi} \Lambda$$

$\psi$  : measure of the relative mechanical impedance

$\alpha$  : depends only on geometry

- piezoelectrics ... natural crystals, polymers, or ceramic materials, hysteresis

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- electrostrictive ... monopolar nonlinear relation between electric field and strain. No hysteresis
- magnetostrictive ... couple applied magnetic field and strain  
relatively small strain, large bandwidth
- shape memory metal ... heating or cooling will cause a martensitic/  
austenitic phase change, cyclically recoverable strain  
relatively large strain ~ 8%

surface bonded ... segmented piezoceramics → position feedback , active damping  
wave propagation property, quasi-static shape control

Embedded inside a composite laminate ... enhanced load transfer

free of fragile components and connections more options for finding the  
optional geometry. complications include electrical insulation and  
manufacturing of ceramics and electrical leads

## ② Discrete Active Structures

- Active truss