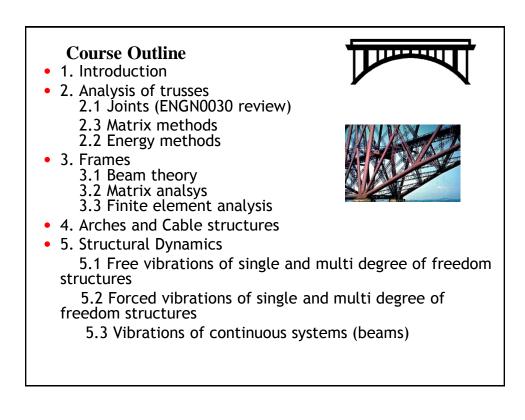
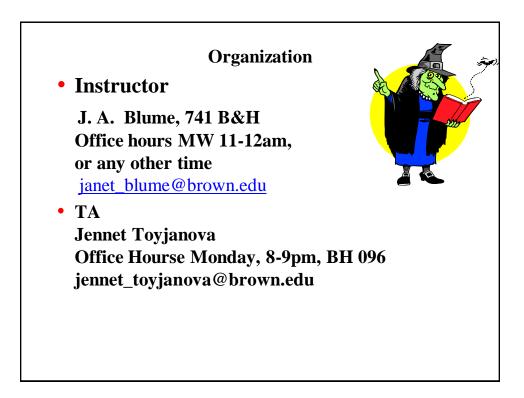


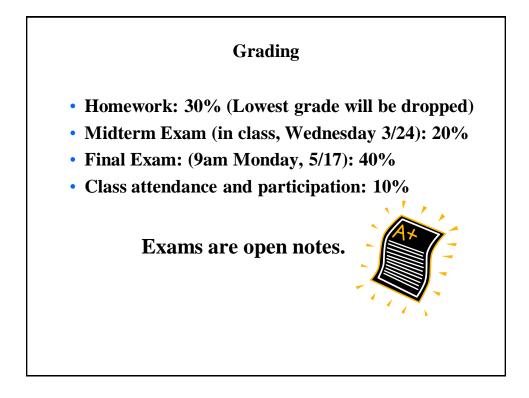
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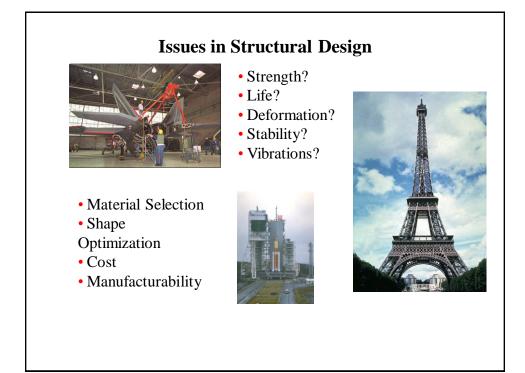


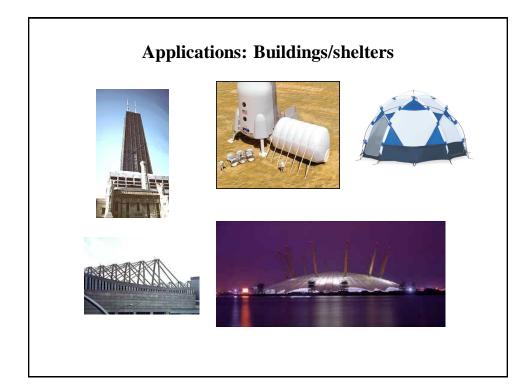
- 1. Be able to analyze complex structures, such as frames, trusses, and suspension bridges using matrix and energy minimization methods
- 2. Be able to analyze truss, beam, and frame structures using the finite element method — understanding the derivation of the equations by means of the principle of virtual work and write simple finite element codes.
- 3. Be able to compute natural frequencies and mode shapes for various
- 4. Be able predict and understand the dynamic response of structures to wind, earthquake, and other periodic forcing.

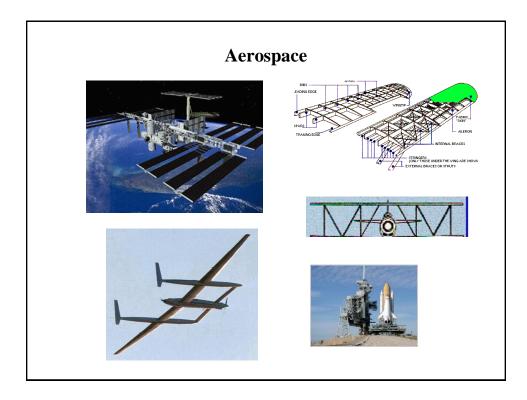


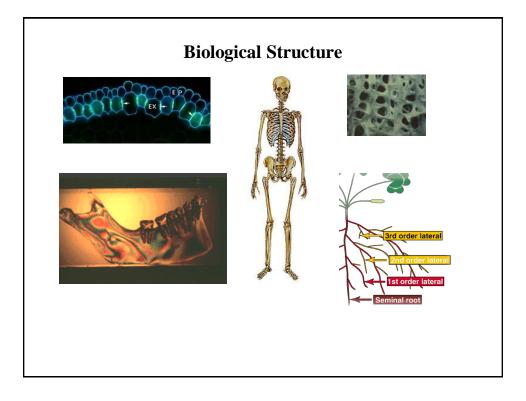


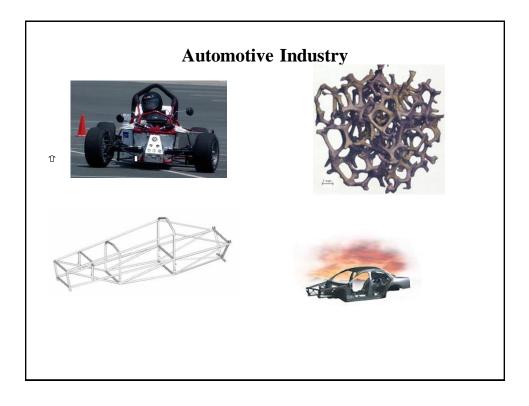


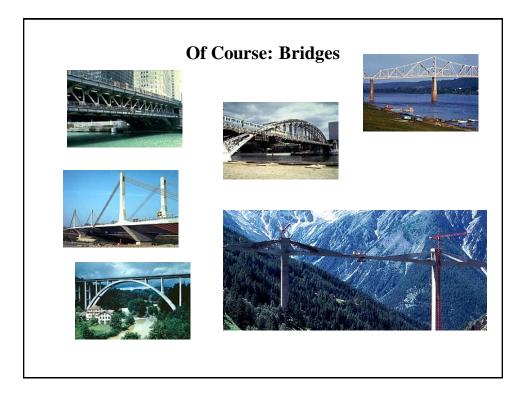


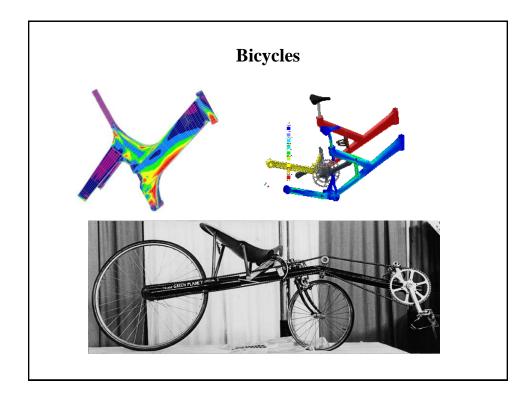


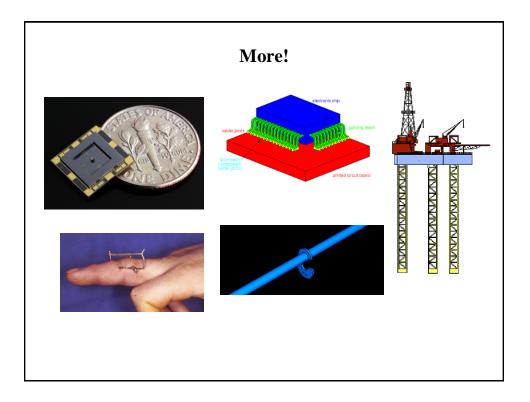


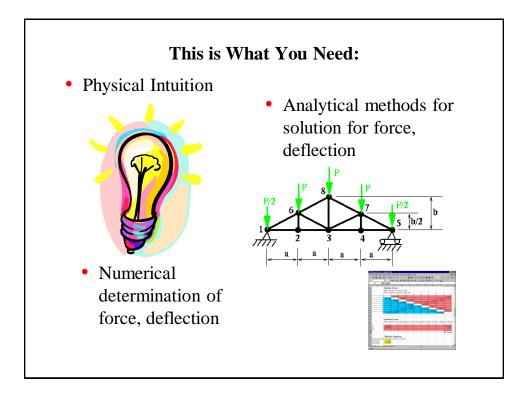


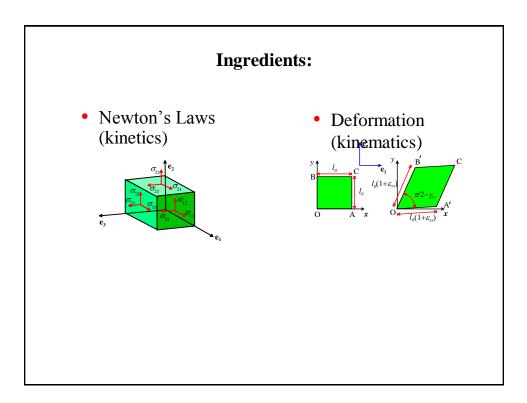


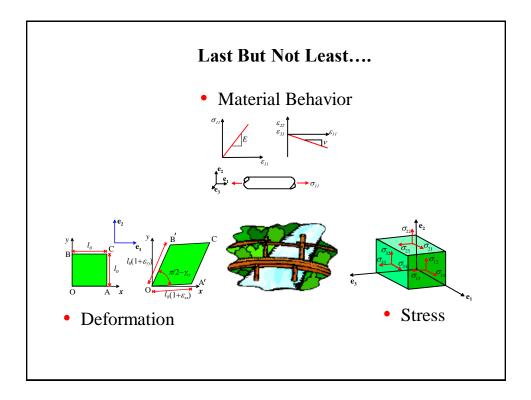


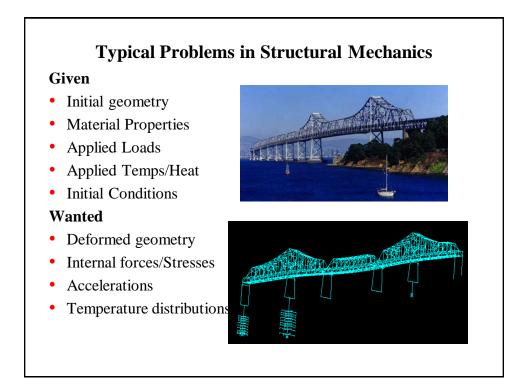


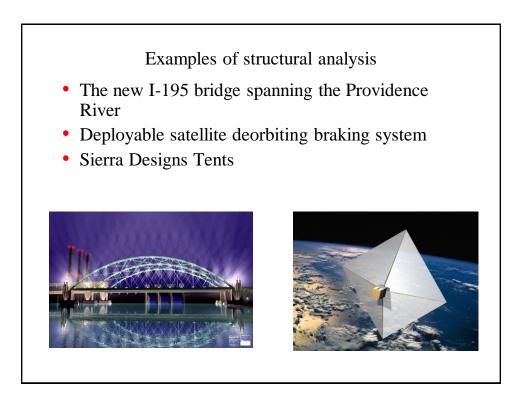


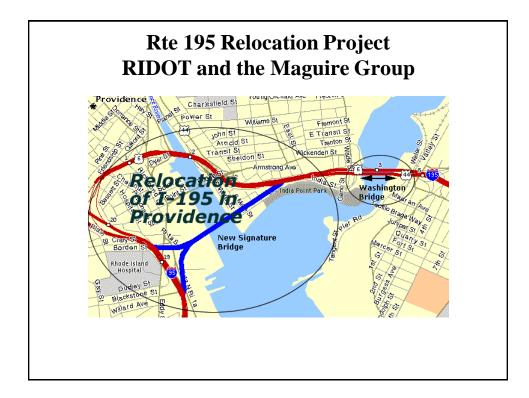


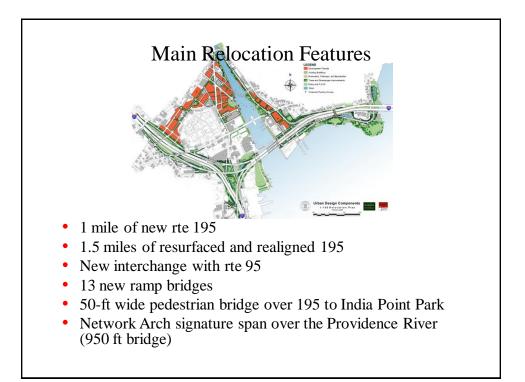


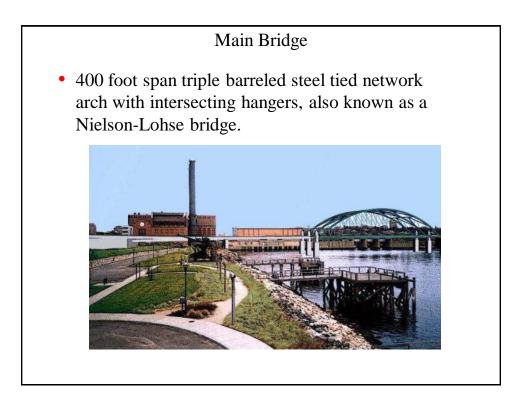


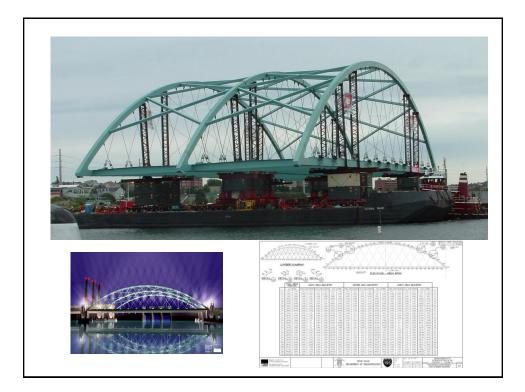


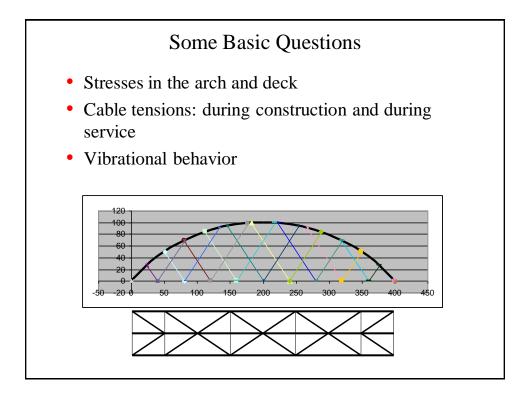


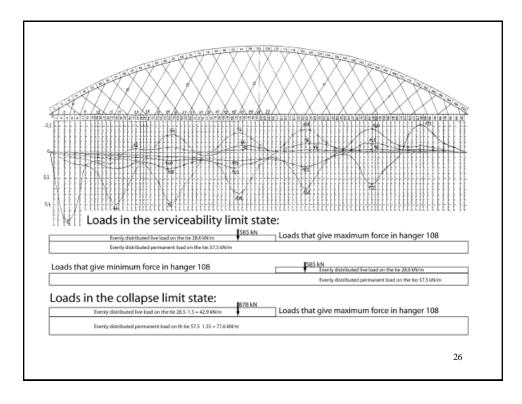




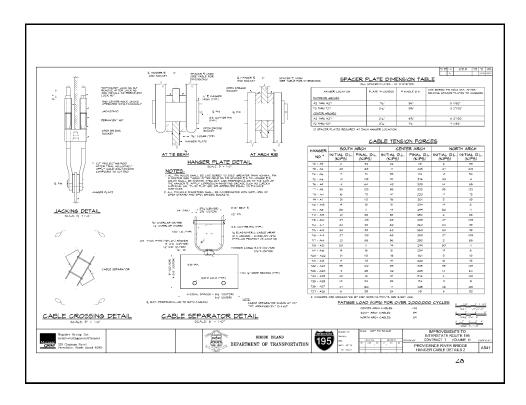














The Problem and the Opportunity

Today a spacecraft remaining in LEO for any appreciable length of time will be struck by space debris, most likely several times.

- At best the impact will simply puncture a nonessential piece of structure;
- At worst will cause a catastrophic failure of the spacecraft and generate additional debris.
- AeroAstro's solution is a low-cost, robust, self-contained Aerobrake Deorbiting System (ADS), which will retire a space asset at the end of its useful lifetime.



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*The ADS sets itself apart from other technologies:

- It does not only target one class of spacecraft, but across multiple classes
- Imposes only a small mass and size penalty to the target spacecraft much less than maintaining a percentage of fuel in reserve for deorbiting purposes.
- If only the aerobrake is deployed, and every other system fails, the ADS will hasten the time to deorbit
- If the spacecraft angular rates are too high post-deployment, damping provided by embedded conductive wire. This will be embedded in the membrane structure near it's periphery.



