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Vibrations of Turbines and Generators in Power Plants

Lecture I **Introduction and Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators**

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Introduction and Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

- **Mechanical and Electrical Components of Turbogenerators**
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Mechanical and Electrical Components of Turbogenerators

Steam Turbines, Generator and Pipe System in the Plant



Pipe System

Generator

Low Pressure Turbines LPT

High Pressure Turbine HPT

Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

Mechanics and other different Disciplines of Physics



Disciplines : Thermodynamics **Mechanics** Electrodynamics

Stresses
Strength of material

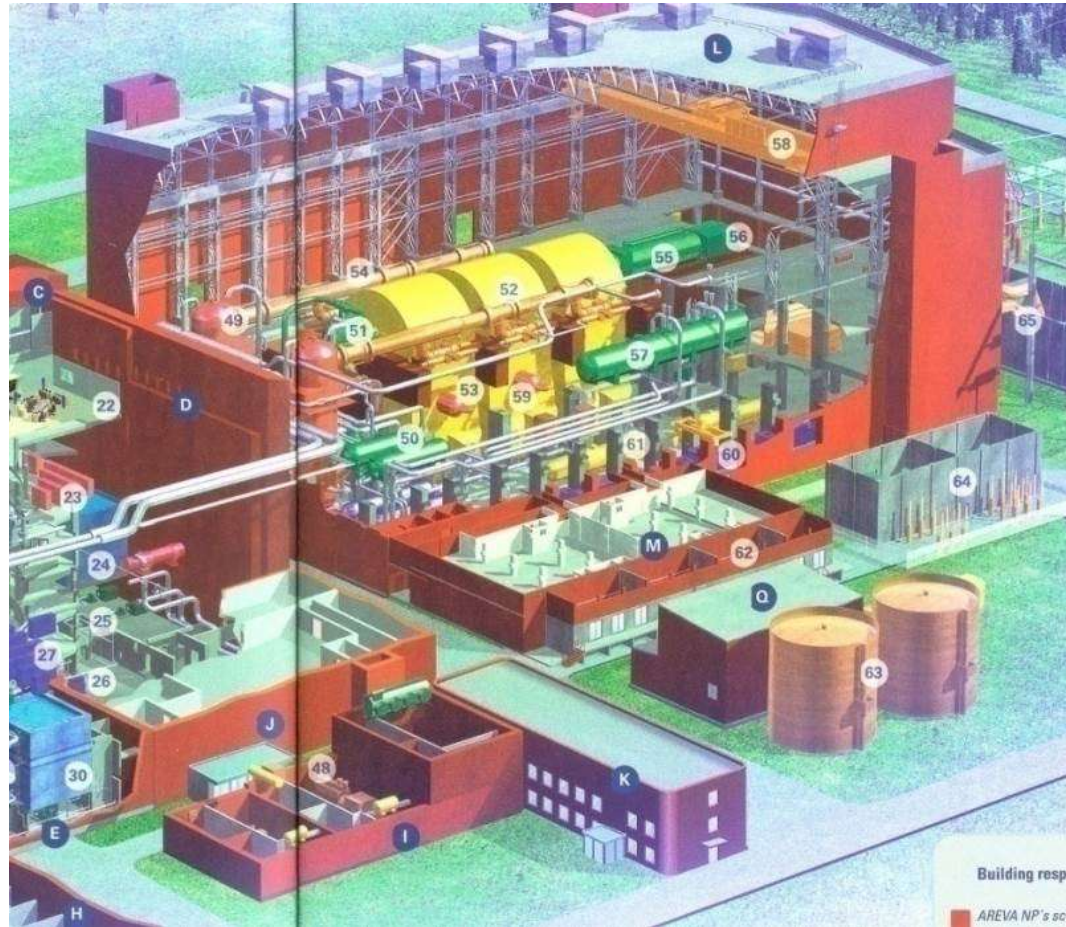
**Lateral and Torsional
Rotordynamics**

Critical speeds
Unbalance Response
Air Gap Torques

Stability

Mechanical and Electrical Components of Turbogenerators

Machine Building with Steam Turbines, Generator and Pipes (OL3)



Power: 1600 MW

Speed: 1500 1/min (25 Hz)

Rotating Components

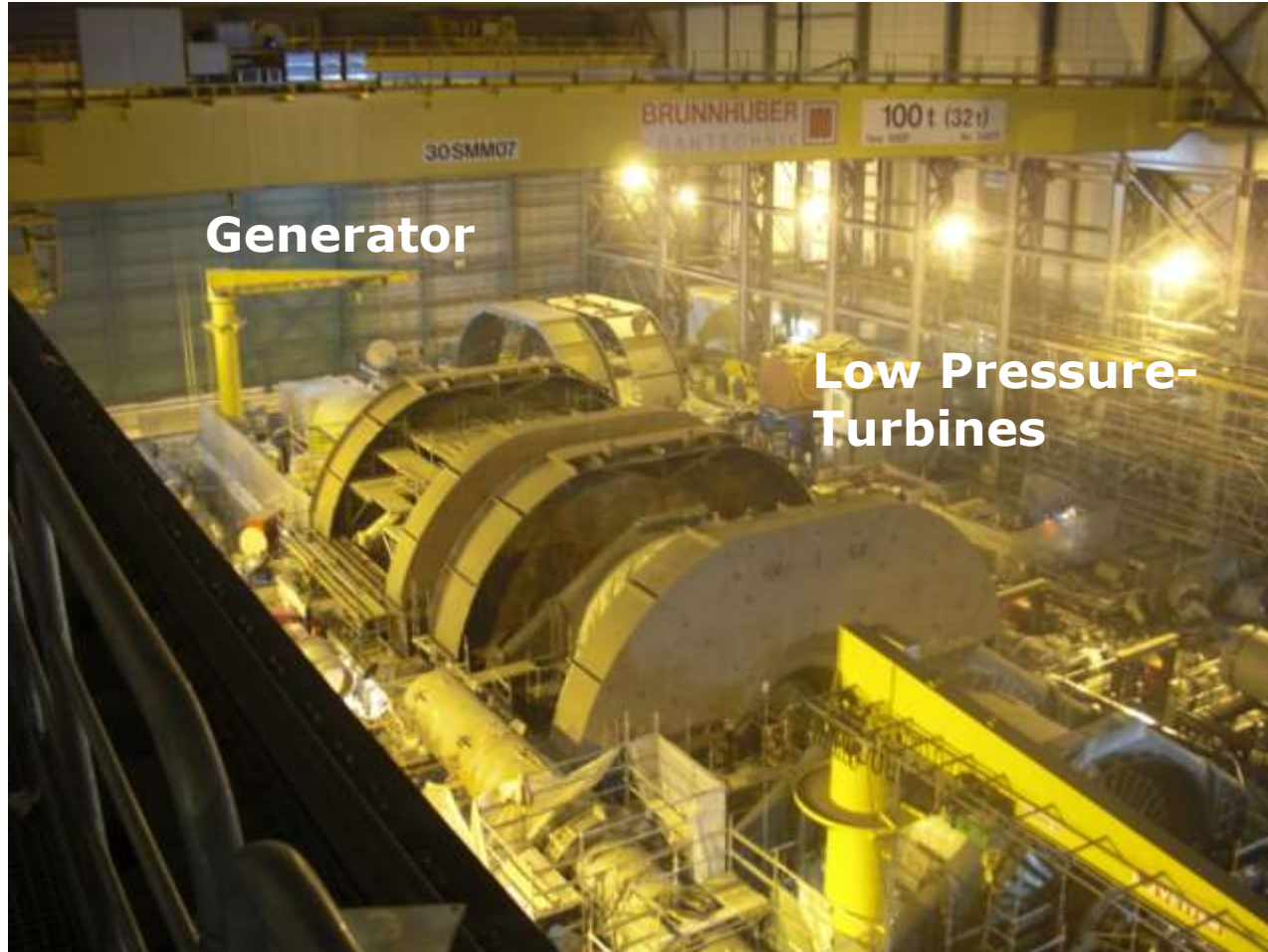
- 1 High Pressure Turbine
- 3 Low Pressure Turbines
- 1 Generator

running in Oilfilm-Bearings

Length of Machine: 68 m

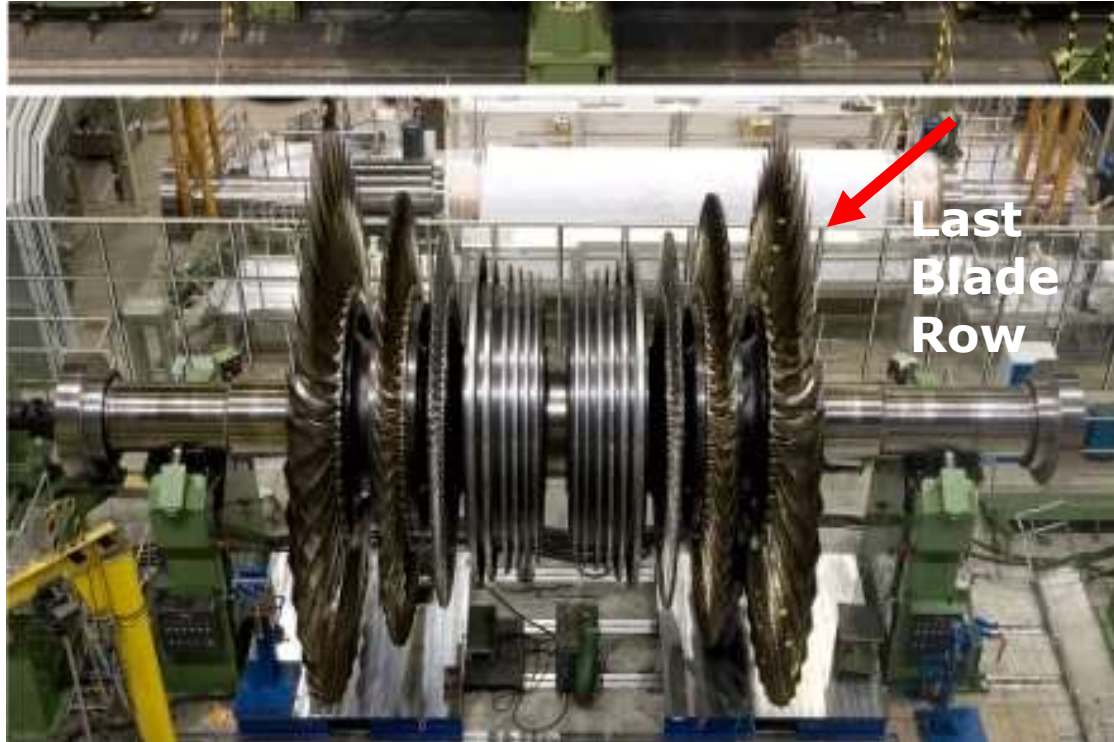
Mechanical and Electrical Components of Turbogenerators

Mounting of Steam Turbines and Generator in Machine Building (OL3)



Mechanical and Electrical Components of Turbogenerators

Low Pressure Turbine Shaft with Blades



Weight 320 t

Length: 12,5 m

Diameter of Last Blade Row: 6,7 m

Blade length: up to 1,8 m

Blade weight: up to 230 kg

Bearing diameter: 850 mm

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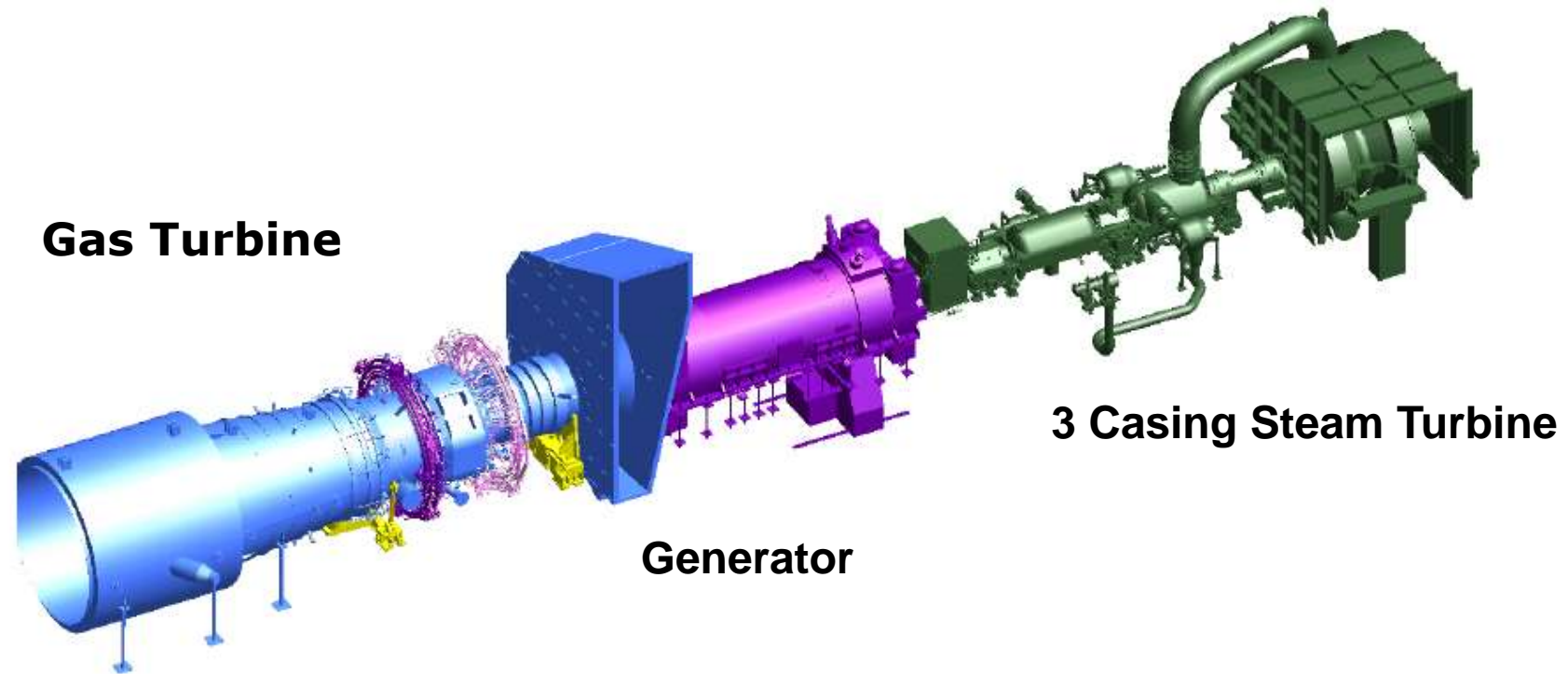
Conventional Steam Turbine Shaft Train with Oil Film Bearings

Power: 1000 MW
Shaft Length: 55,8 m
Shaft Weight: 426 to
Bearing Diameter: 600mm



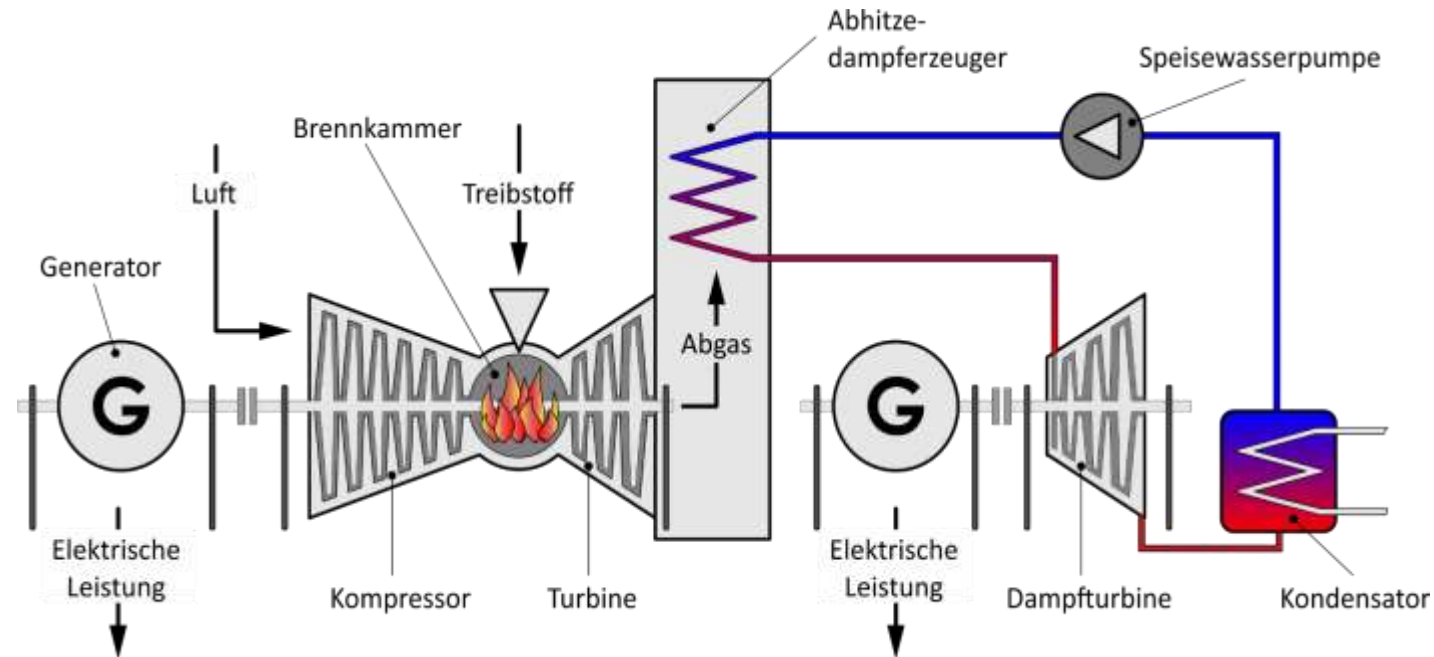
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Combined Cycle Single Shaft Train with Steam and Gas Turbines



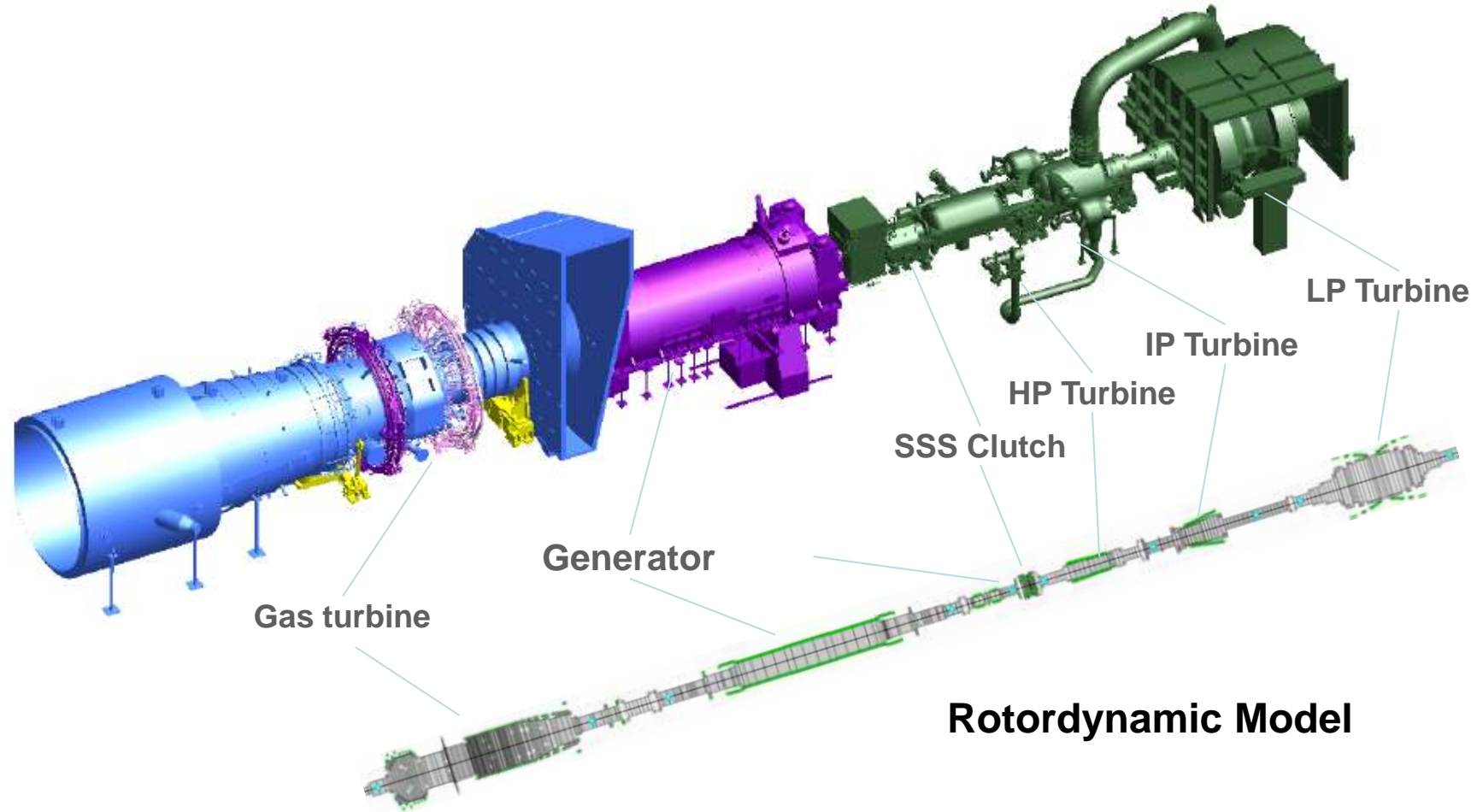
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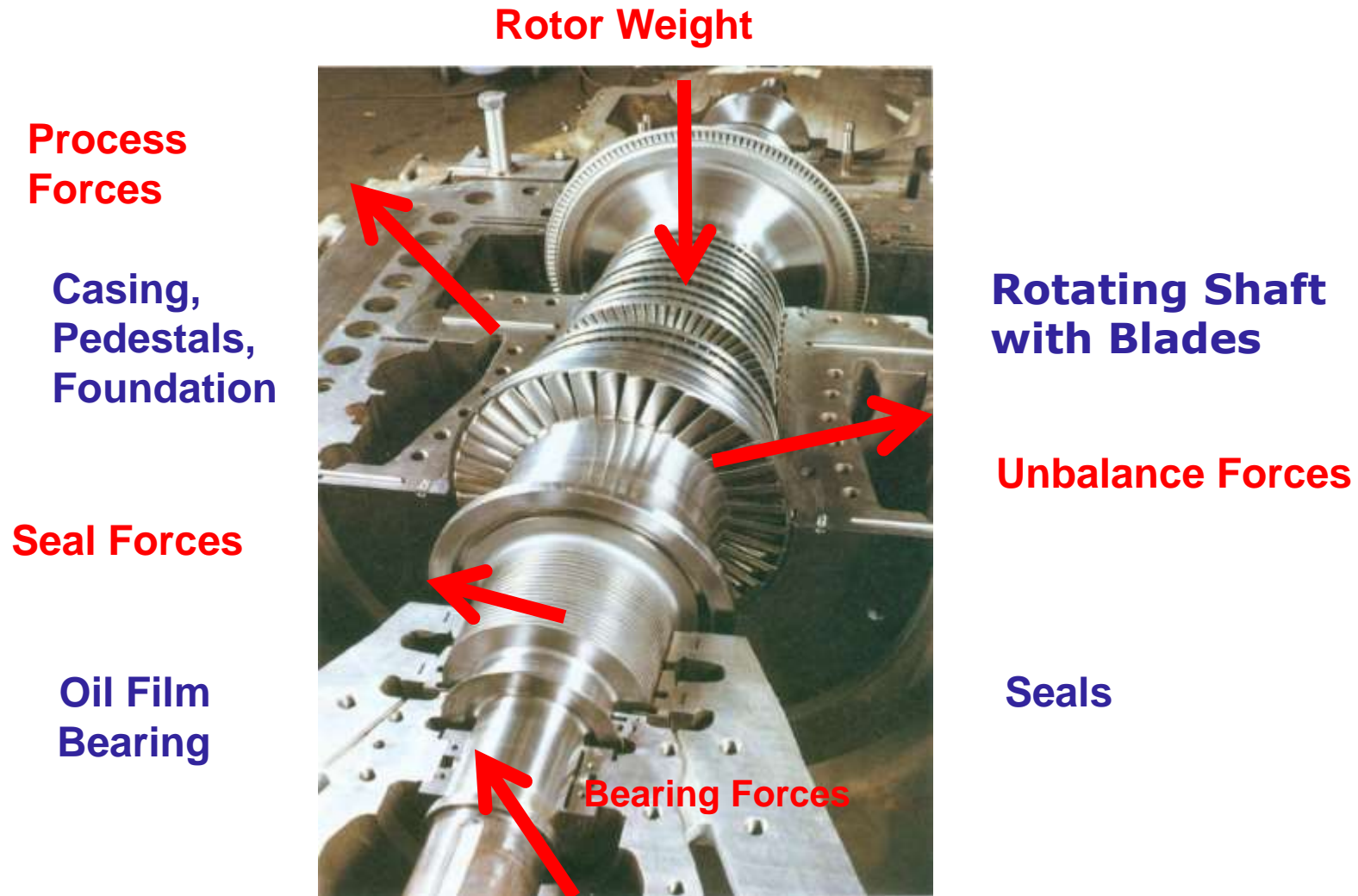
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Static and Dynamic Forces for Lateral Vibrations of Turbines



Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

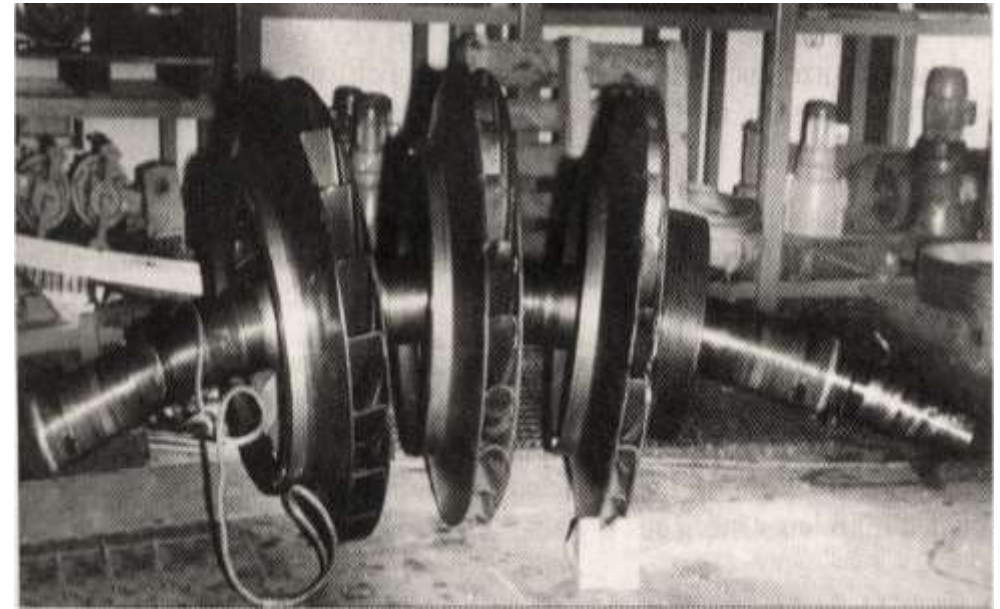
Topics for the Investigation of Vibrations

- How is the influence of **time dependent Forces and Moments** on the dynamic behavior of a Machine?
- Which **Motions of Vibration** and which **internal Stresses** act on the rotating and on the non-rotating Machine Parts?
- Are Critical Conditions (**Resonances, Instabilities**) possible?
- Can **Vibrations destroy Machine Parts**?
Rubbing, Blade Loss, Shaft Cracks, Bearing Failures, large Deformations,...
- Which **Interactions** have to be considered?
Fluid Structure Interaction, Rotor Structure Interaction, Rotor Blade Interaction, Electromechanical Interaction

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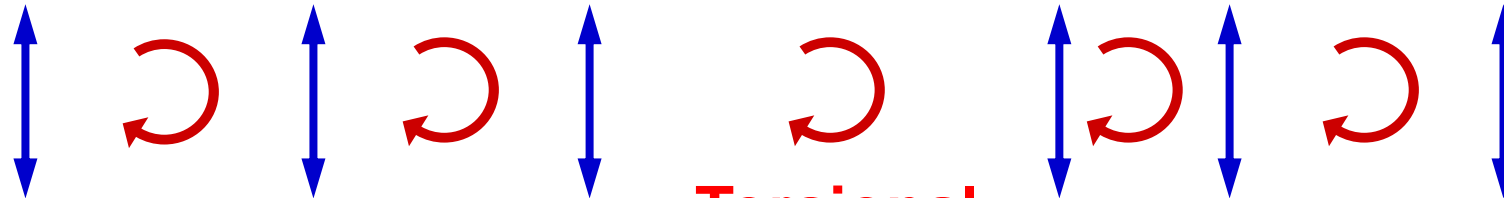


Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

Lateral and Torsional Vibrations of Shaft Trains



Lateral



Torsional

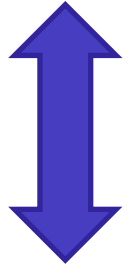
Coupling of Lateral and Torsional Vibrations usually negligible

Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

Lateral and Torsional Vibrations of Shaft Trains

Which Phenomena are of Practical Relevance?

Lateral Vibrations: Lateral Vibrations perpendicular to the Shaft axis with Bending along the Shaft line.
Physical Effects: Inertia (masses), Stiffness and Damping of System Components (Shaft, Bearings).



Dynamic Characteristics: Natural Frequencies, Critical Speeds, Natural Modes, Stability, Amplitudes and Phase angles of the Vibration Response due to **Excitations**

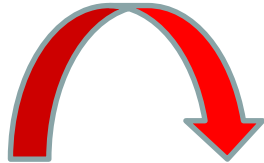
Excitation: Mechanical and thermal Unbalances, Spiral Vibrations, Bow (Unbalance) due to Coupling Errors, Excitation due to Instabilities in Fluid Bearings and Seals

Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

Lateral and Torsional Vibrations of Shaft Trains

Which Phenomena are of Practical Relevance?

Torsional Vibrations: **Torsional Vibrations** around the Shaft axis with torsional deformations along the Shaft line,
Physical Effects: Moments of Inertia, Torsional Stiffness and Damping of the System components



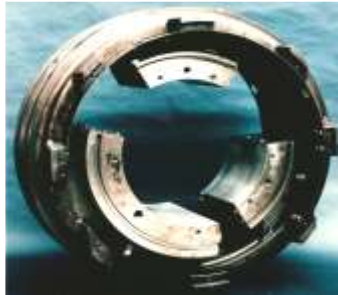
Dynamic Characteristics: Natural Frequencies, Natural Modes, Modal Damping, Amplitudes and Phase angles of the Vibration Response due to Excitations.

Excitation: Air Gap Torques in Electrical Machines due to Electromagnetic Coupling in the Generator and the Grid.

Lateral and Torsional Vibration Phenomena in Turbogenerators

Different Interactions have an Influence on the Vibrations

Rotor-Fluid Interaction: Oil Film Bearings, Seals



Rotor-Blade Interactions



Rotor-Structure Interaction: Casing, Foundation

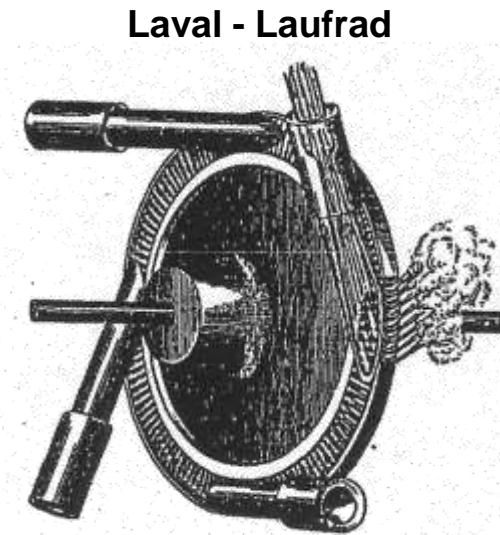
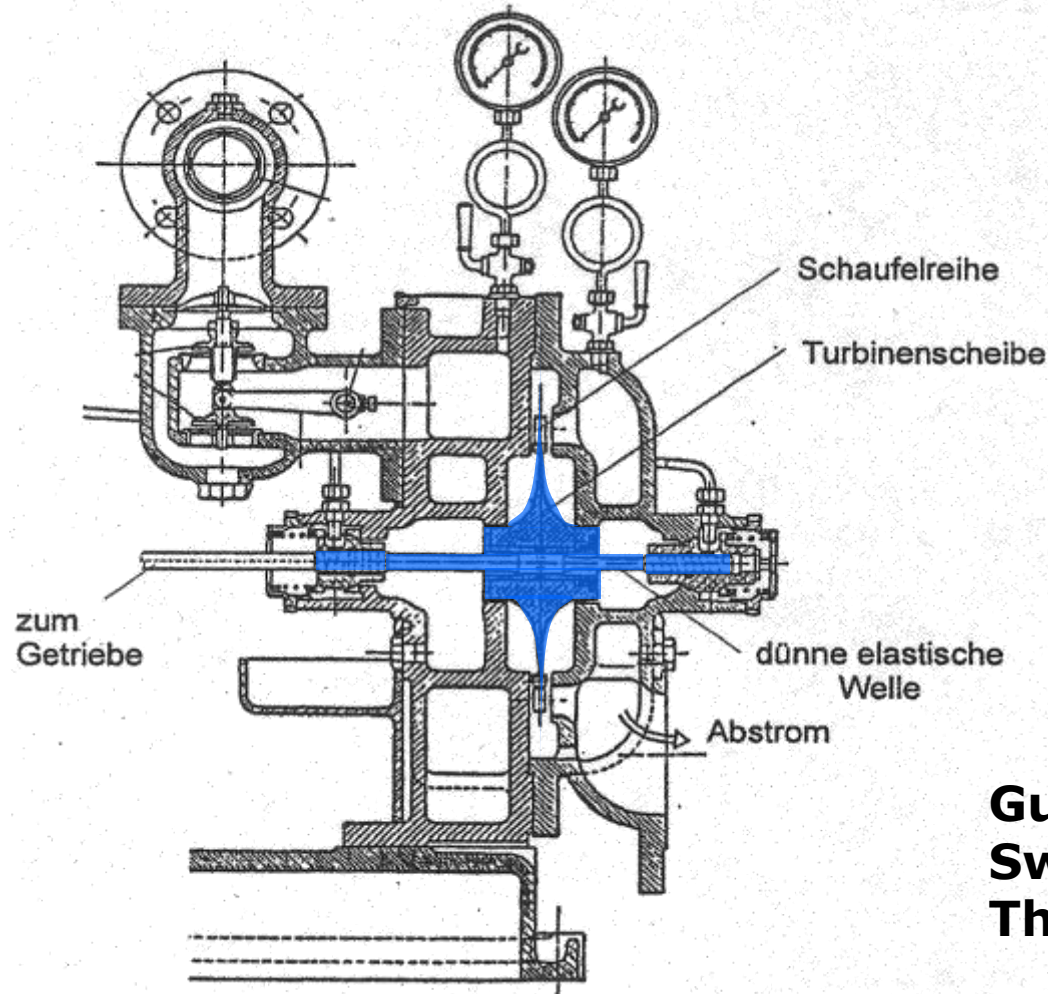
Elektromechanical Interaction: Generator, Grid

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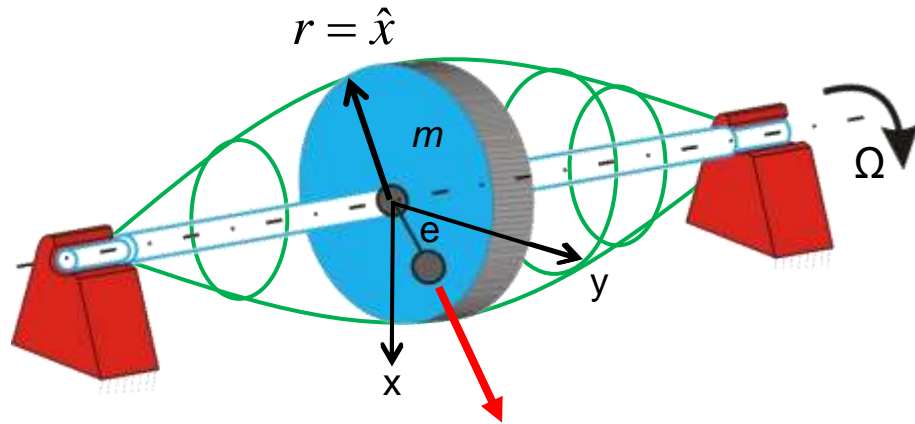


Gustav de Laval (1845 – 1913)
Swedish Engineer,
Theory by Föppl 1895

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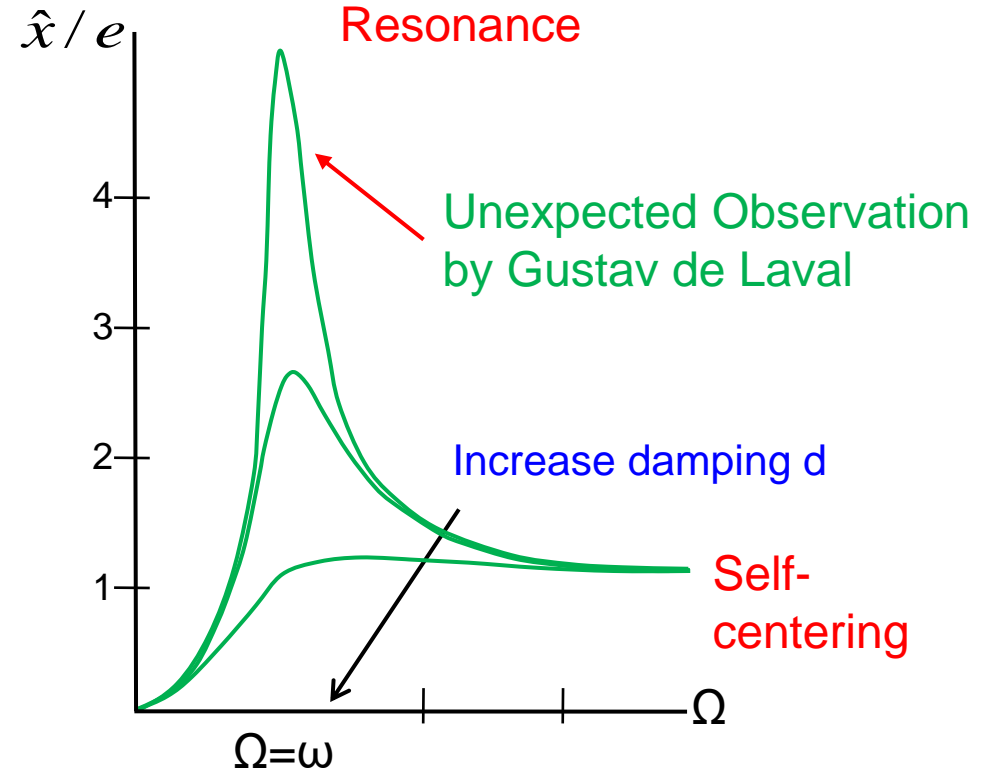
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Shaft vibrations with circular orbit,



Unbalance Force: $me\Omega^2$

Amplitude \hat{x} of unbalance vibration

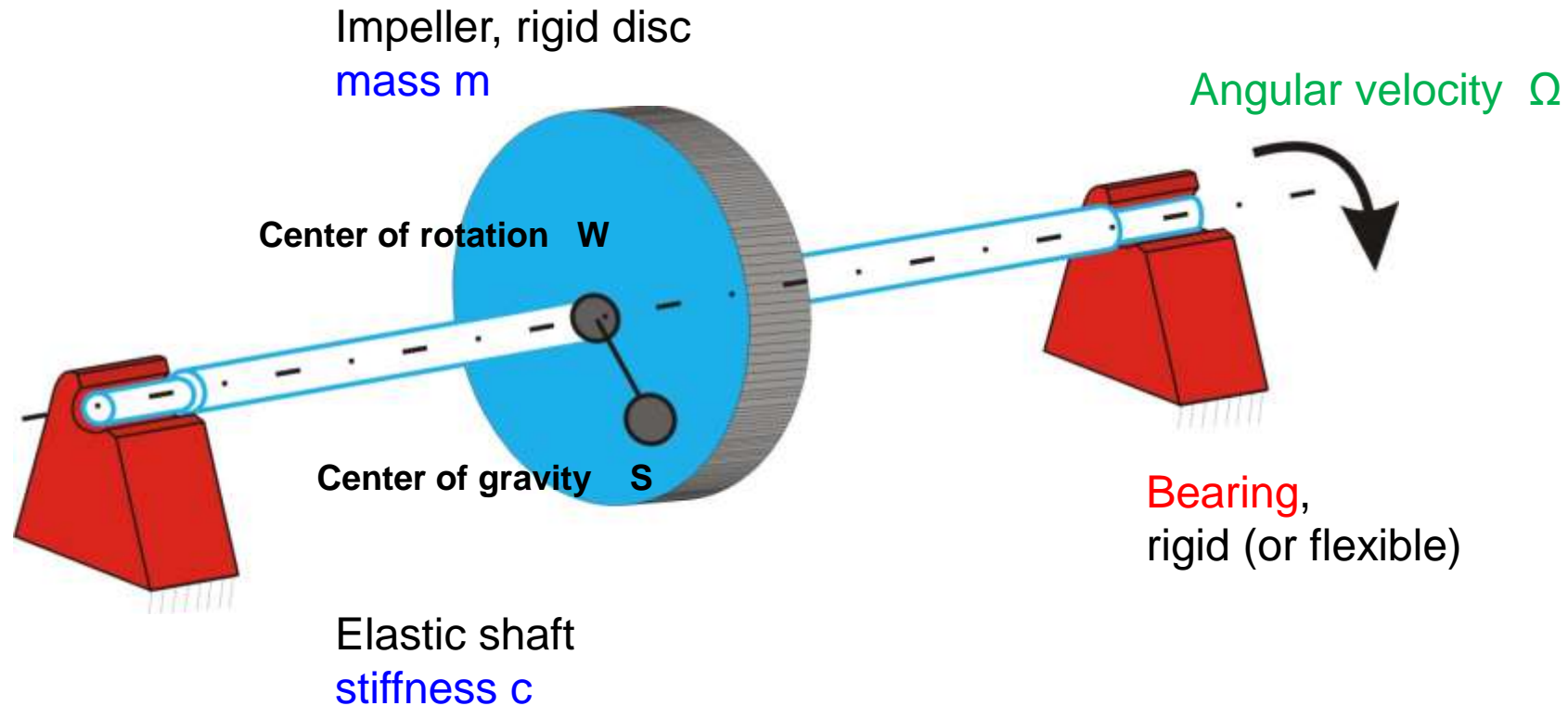


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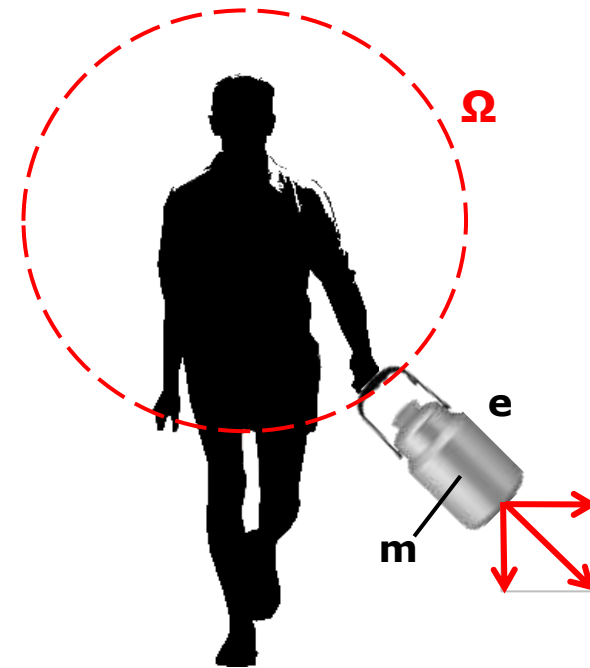
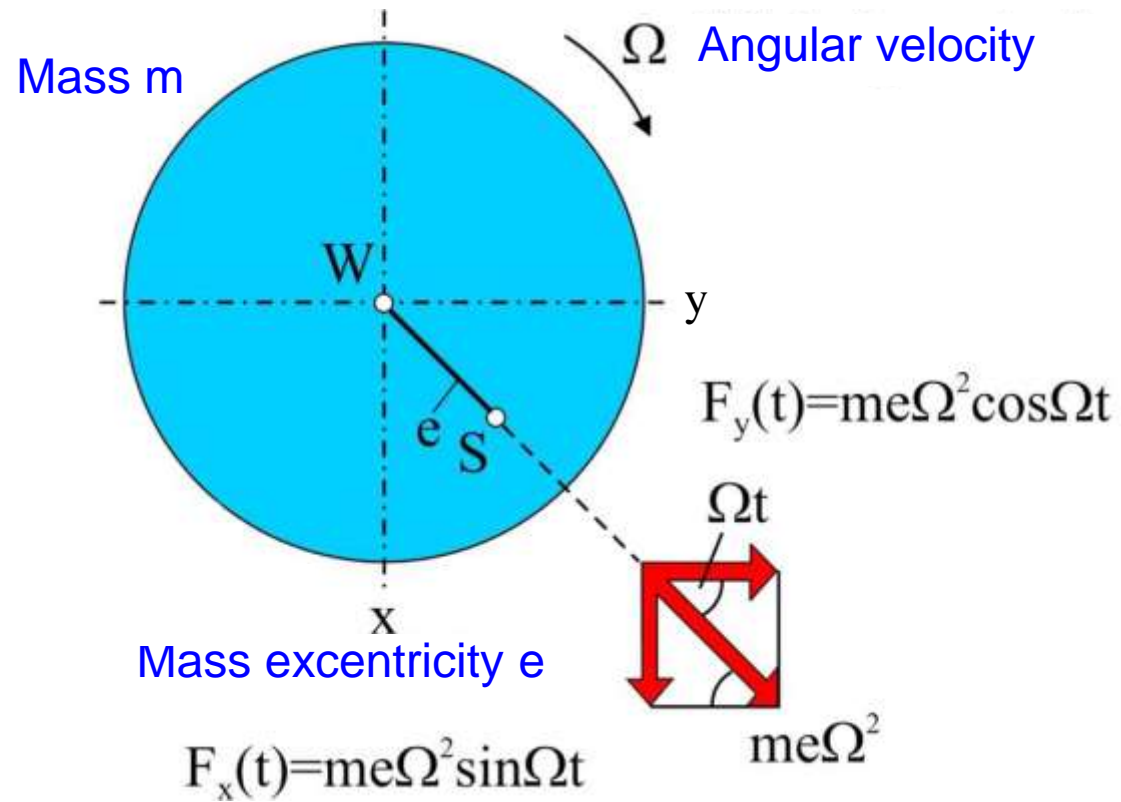
Laval Shaft: Modelling and Equations of Motion

Simple Laval Shaft with Rigid Bearings



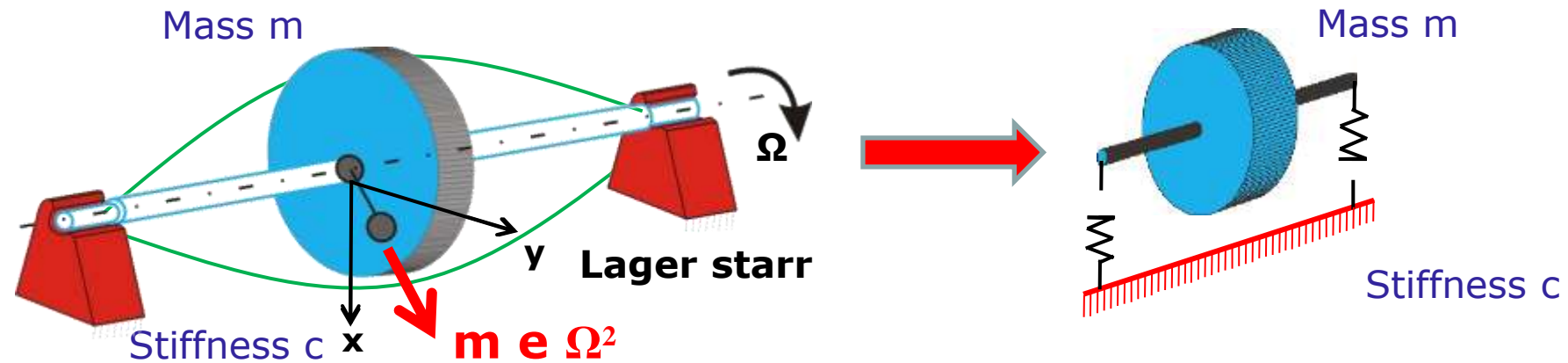
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Excitation due to Harmonic Unbalance Forces



Laval Shaft: Modelling and Equations of Motion

Equations of Motion for x- and y-direction



$$m \ddot{x} + d \dot{x} + c x = m e \Omega^2 \sin \Omega t$$

$$m \ddot{y} + d \dot{y} + c y = m e \Omega^2 \cos \Omega t$$

Inertia

Damping

Stiffness

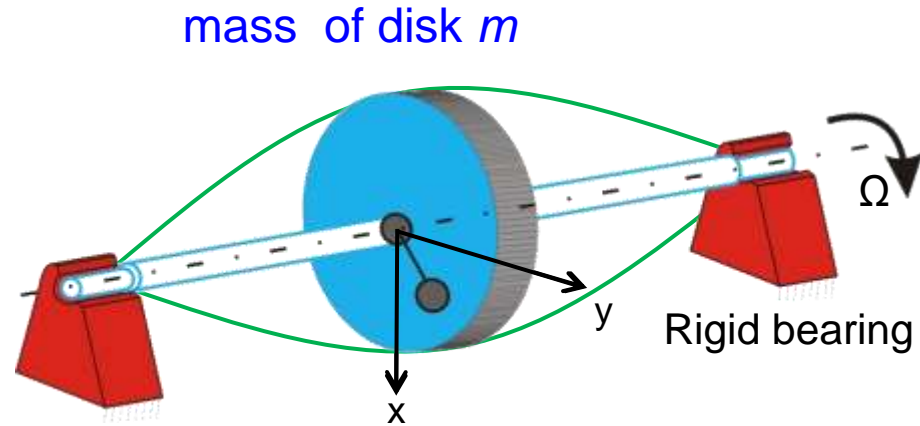
Unbalance

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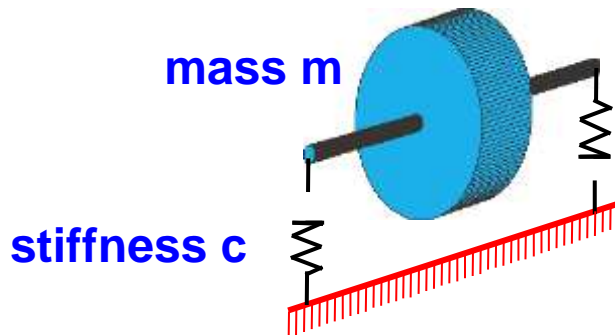
Natural Frequency and Resonance



Bending stiffness of shaft c

Natural frequency
of Laval's shaft

$$\omega = \sqrt{c / m}$$

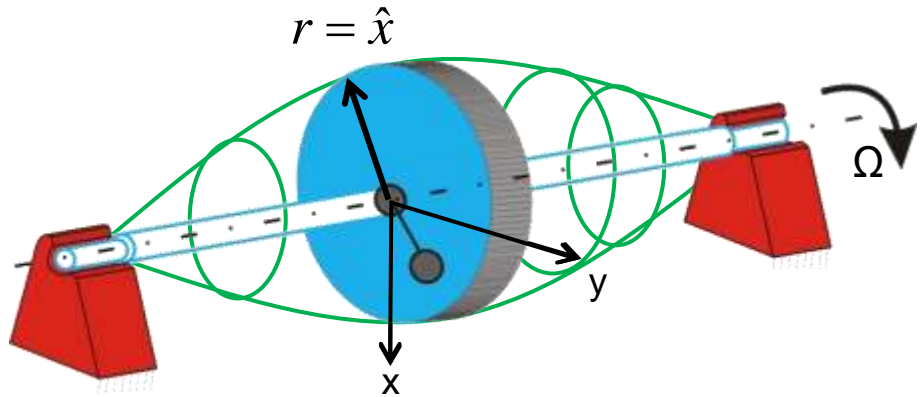


External excitation with this
frequency leads to **Resonance!**

Laval Shaft: Natural Frequency, Resonance, Unbalance Response

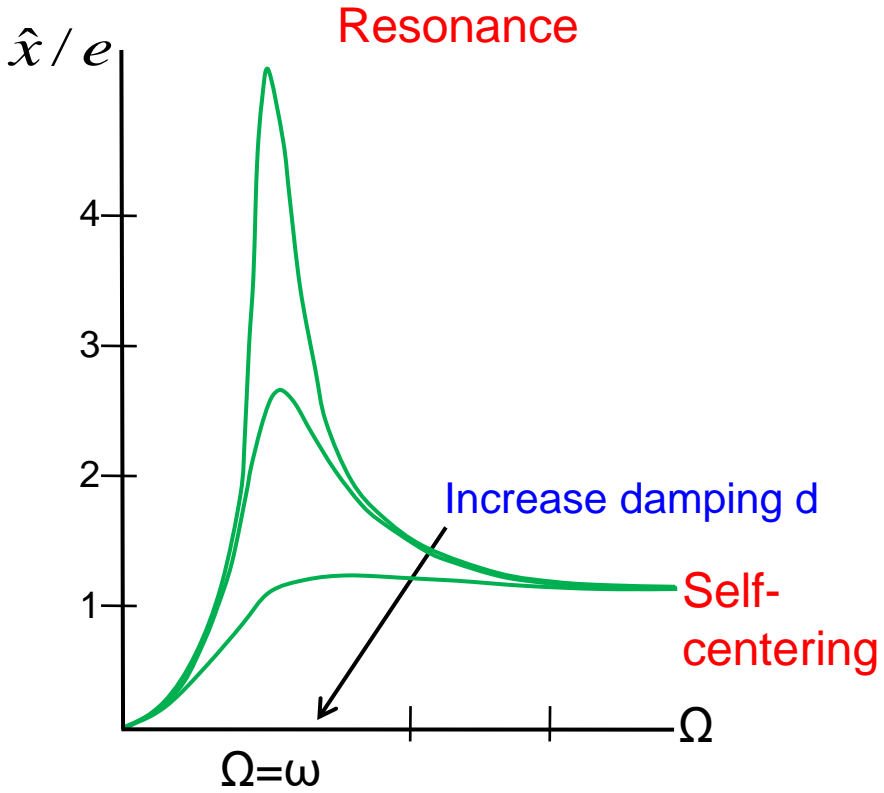
Unbalance Response with Resonance and Self Centering

Shaft vibrations with circular orbit,



$$\left(\frac{\hat{x}}{e}\right) = \frac{m\Omega^2}{\sqrt{(c - m\Omega^2)^2 + (d\Omega)^2}}$$

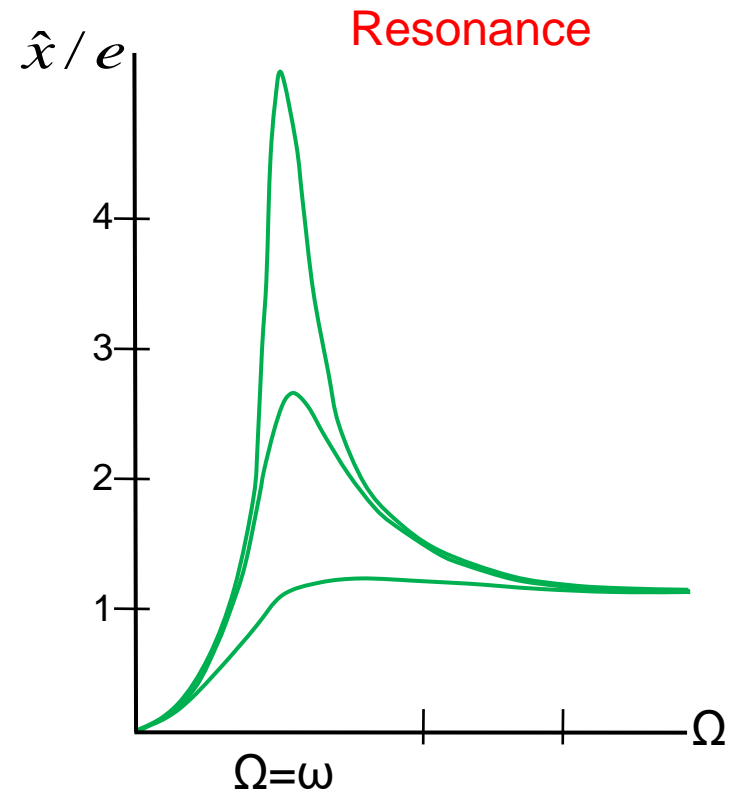
Amplitude \hat{x} of unbalance vibration



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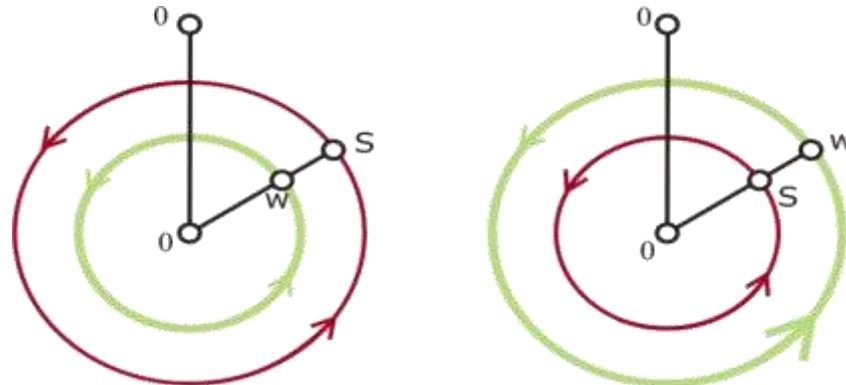
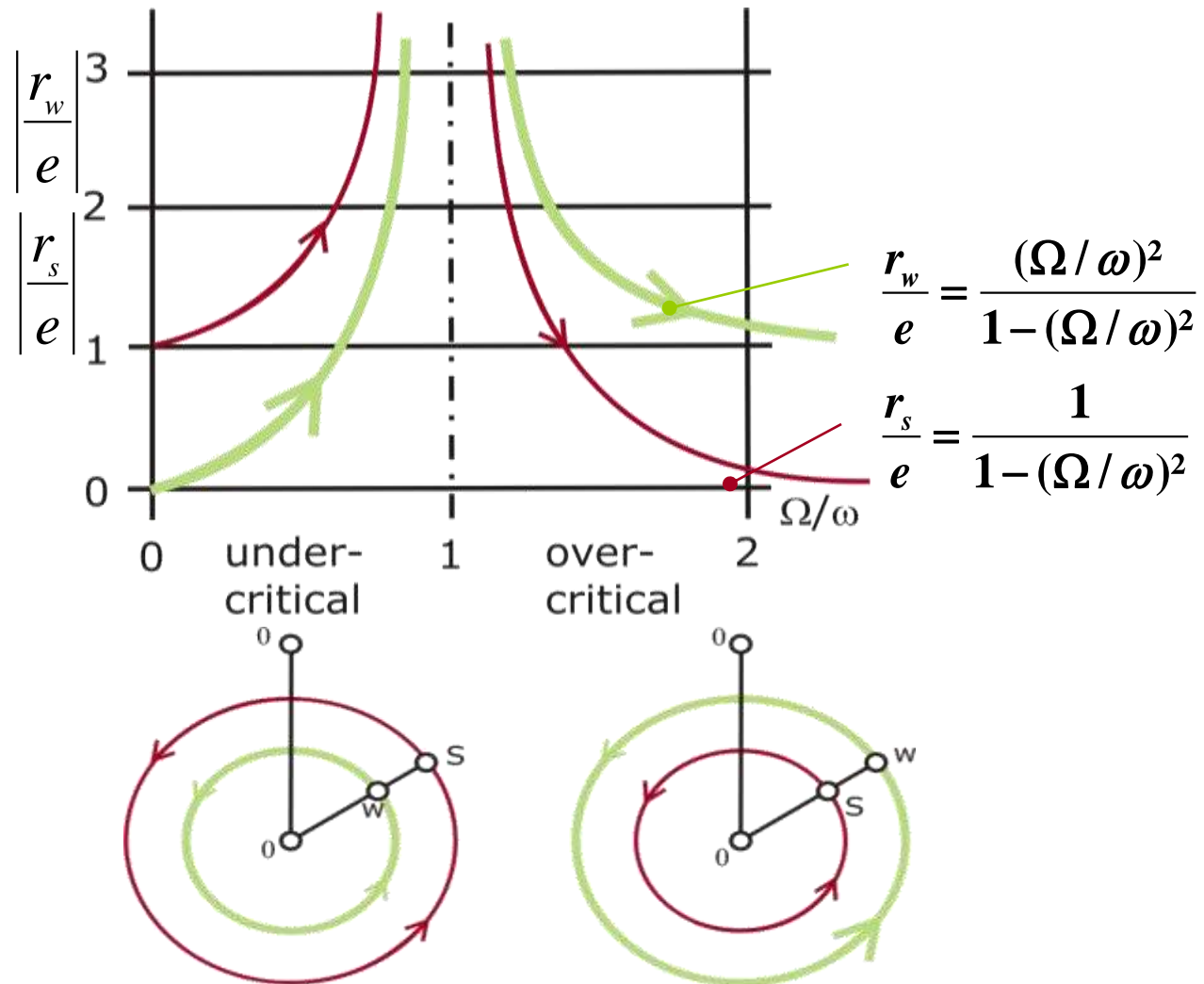
Unbalance Response with Resonance

Resonance:
Child on a swing



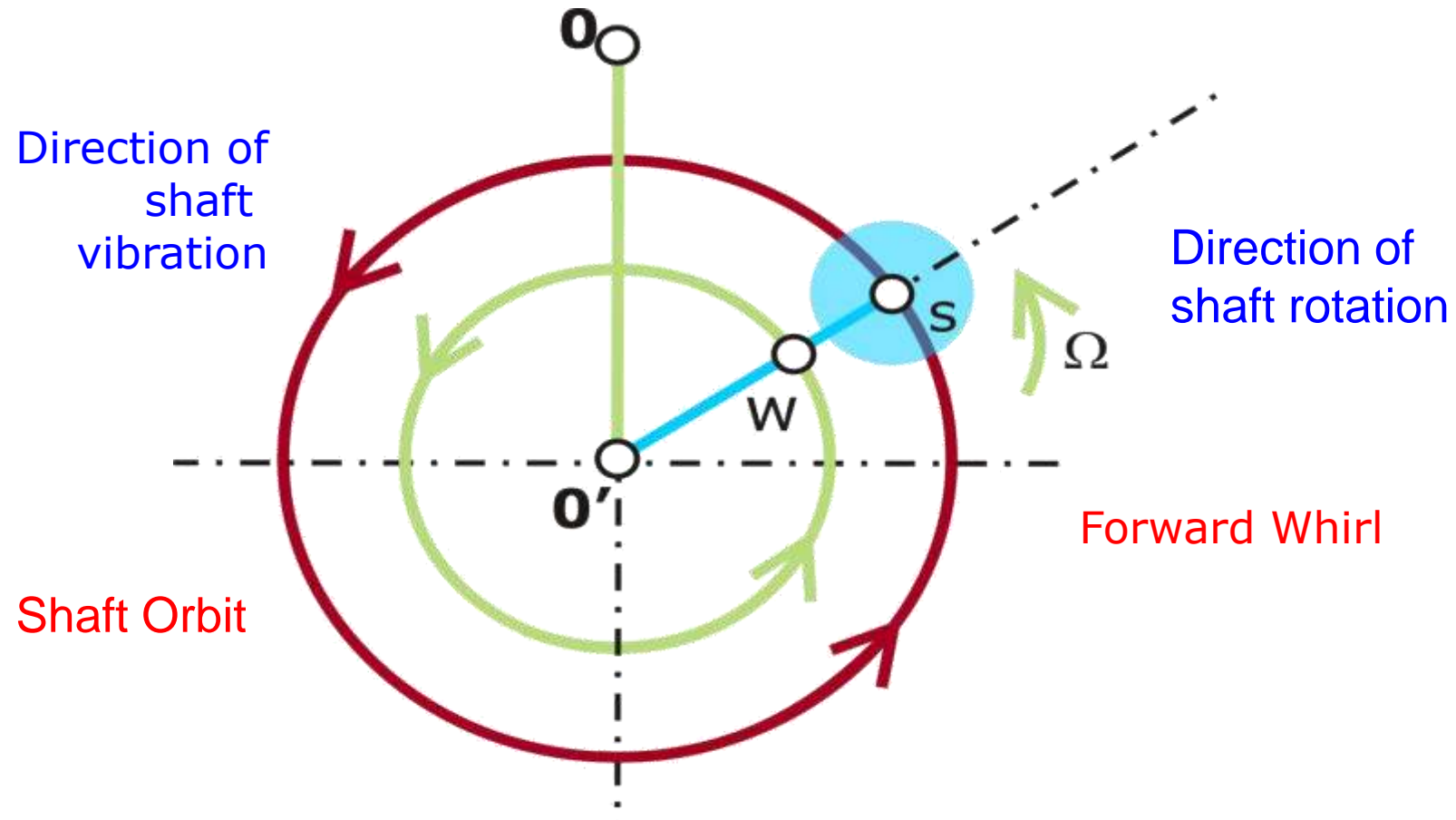
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Unbalance Response for Disk Center W and Center of Gravity S



Laval Shaft: Natural Frequency, Resonance, Unbalance Response

Unbalance Response with Forward Whirl Vibrations

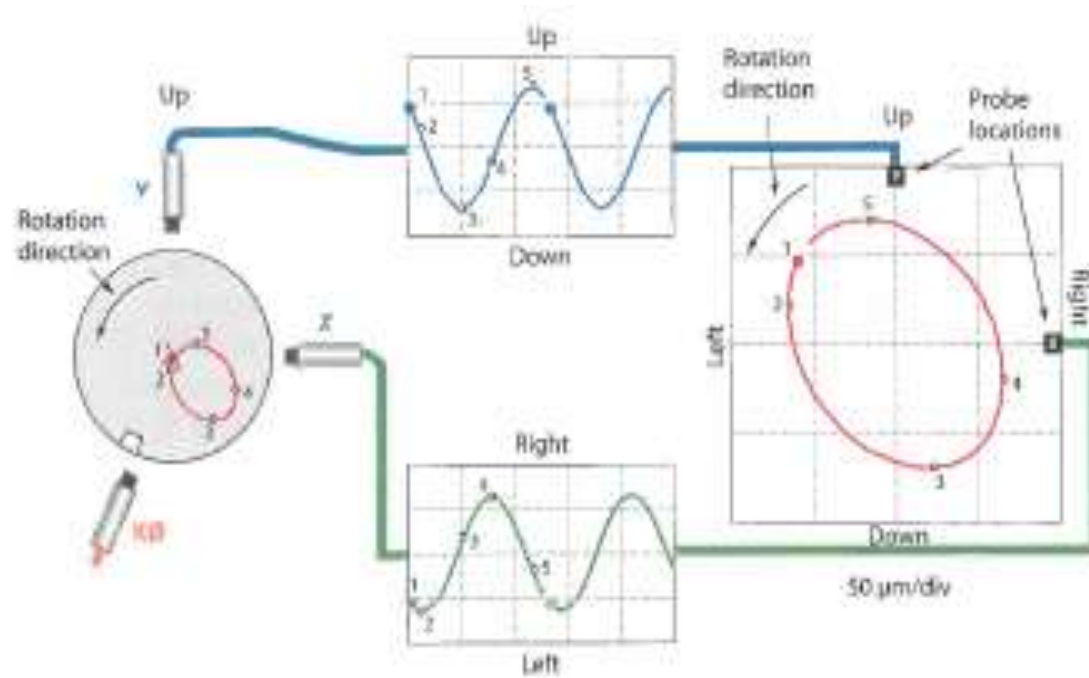


Forward Whirl: Direction of Shaft Vibration is equal to direction of Shaft Rotation

Laval Shaft: Natural Frequency, Resonance, Unbalance Response

Relative Shaft Vibrations show Orbits of a Shaft

Monitoring: **Relative Vibrations** of the Shaft in horizontal and vertical direction. By Superposition of the two signals **Orbits** can be determined. Orbits are the shaft motions in the measurement plane.

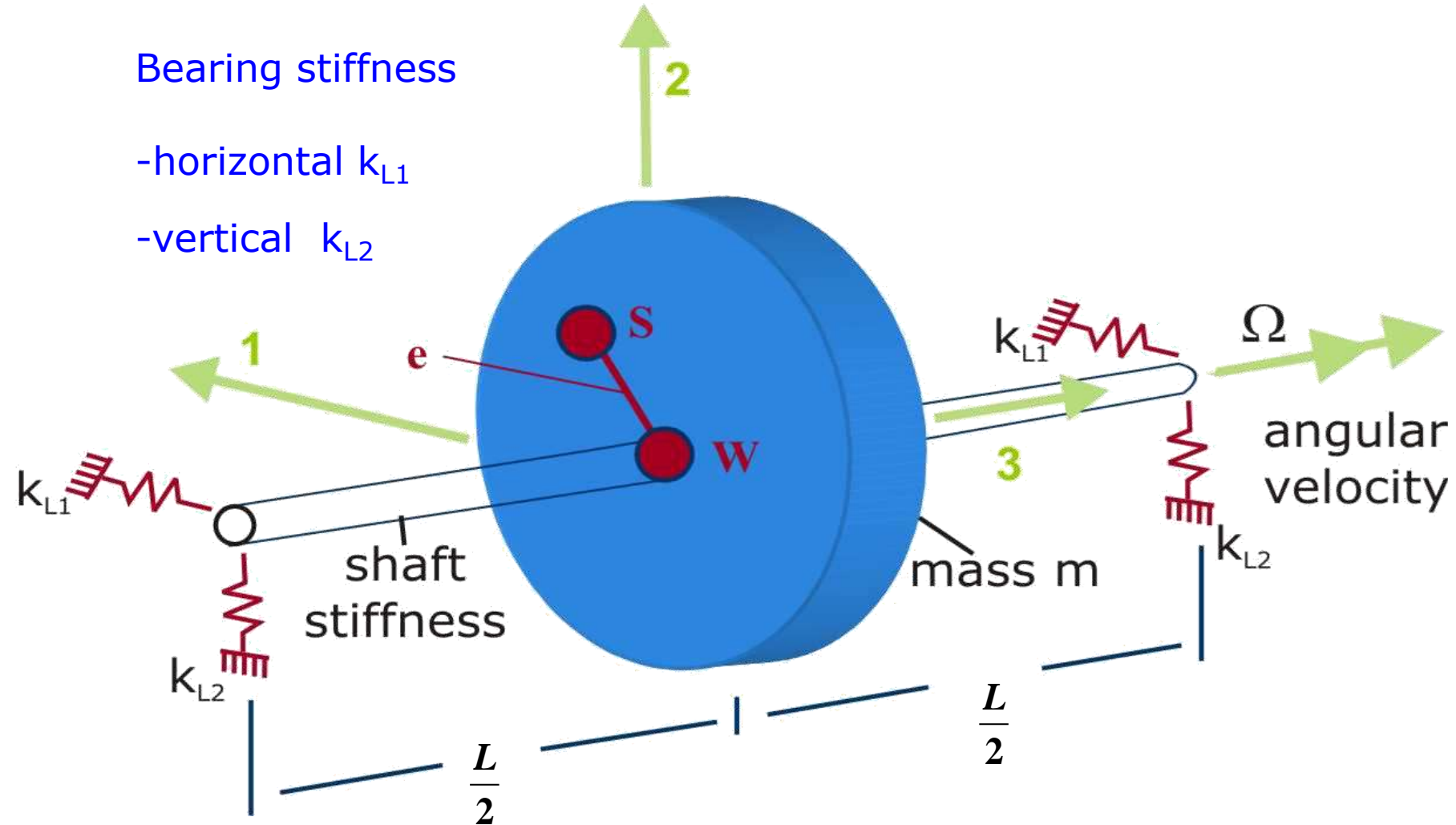


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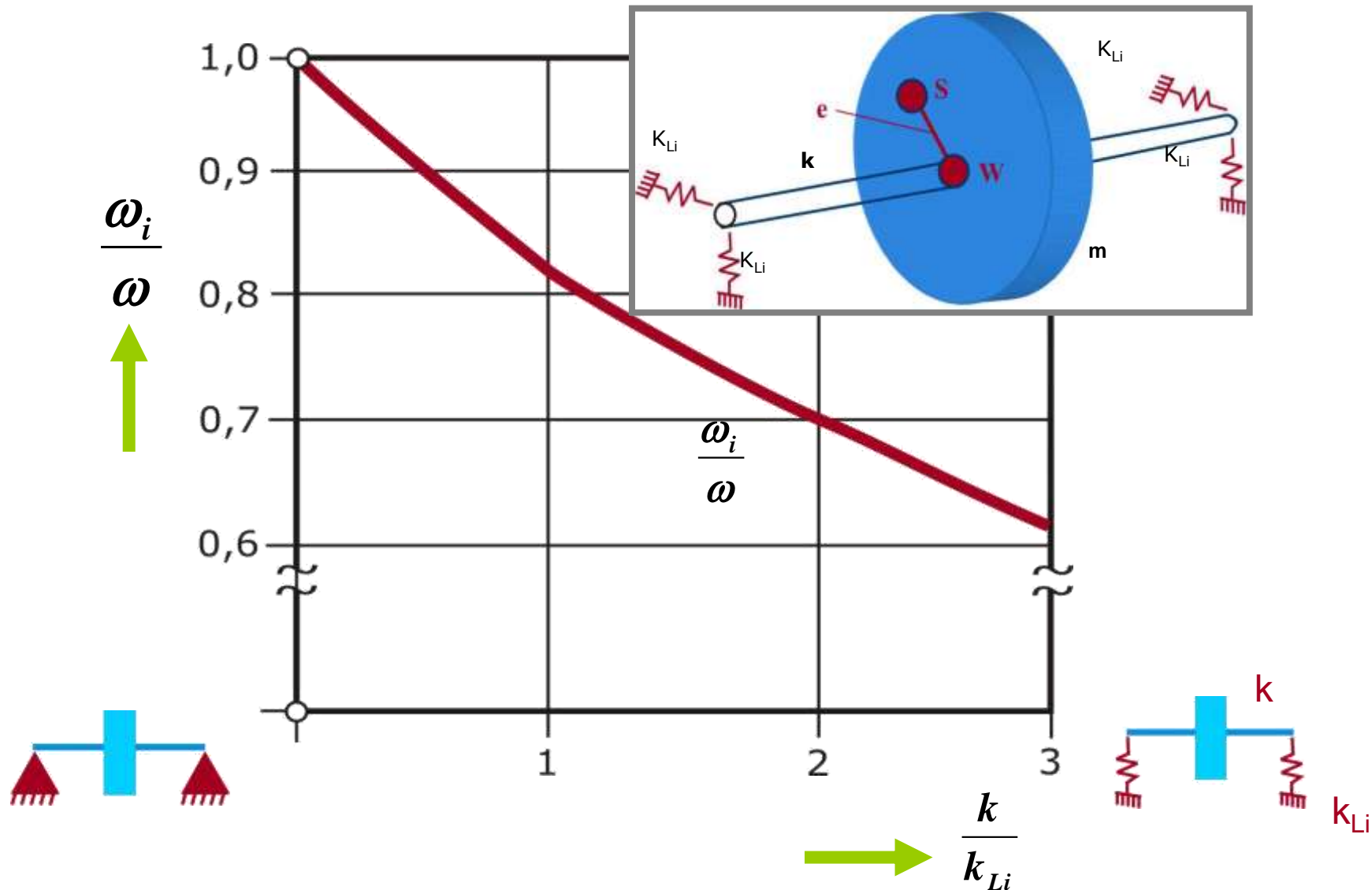
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Laval Shaft with Bearing Stiffness Coefficients k_{L1} , k_{L2}



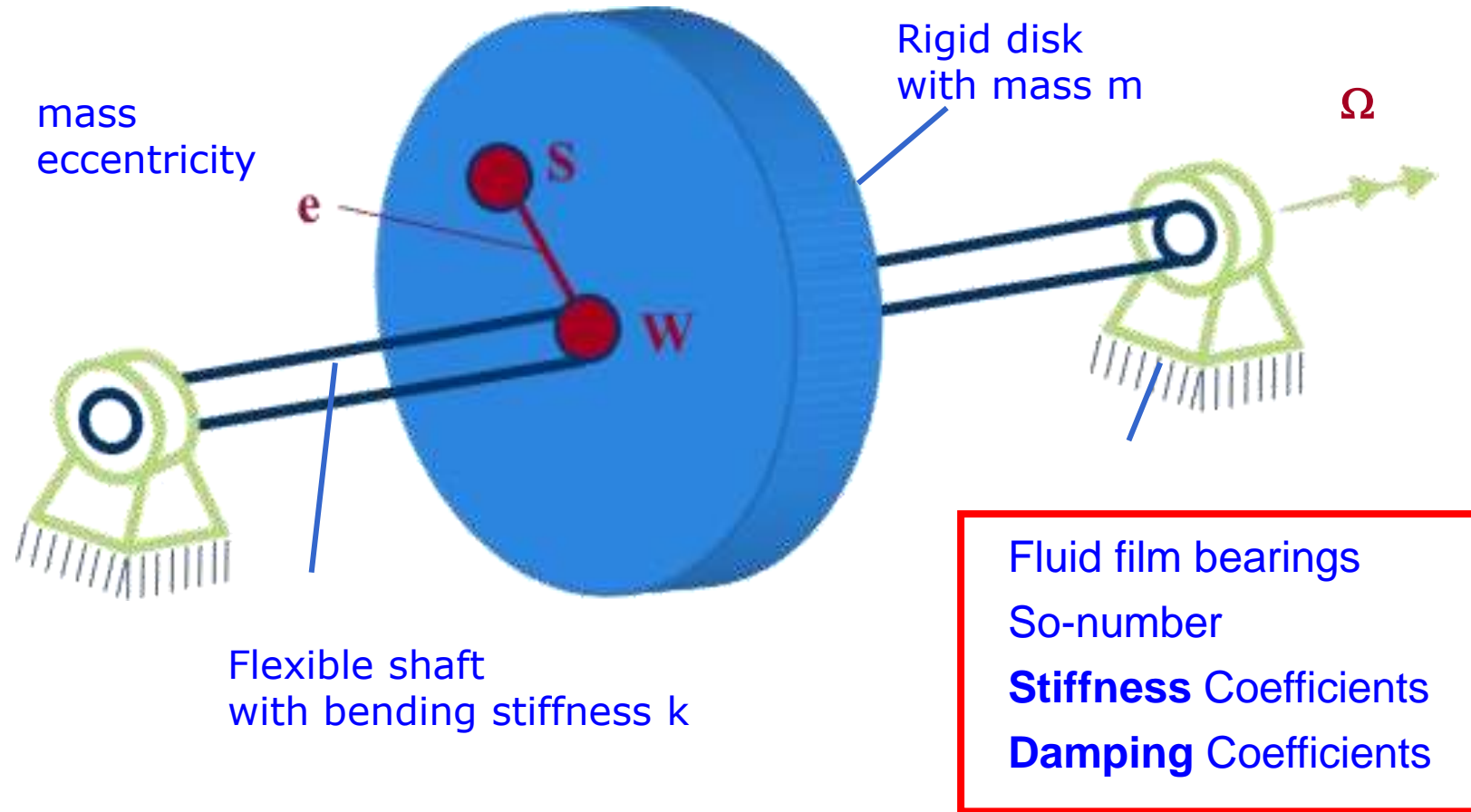
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Natural Frequencies as Function of Stiffness Ratio k/k_{Li}



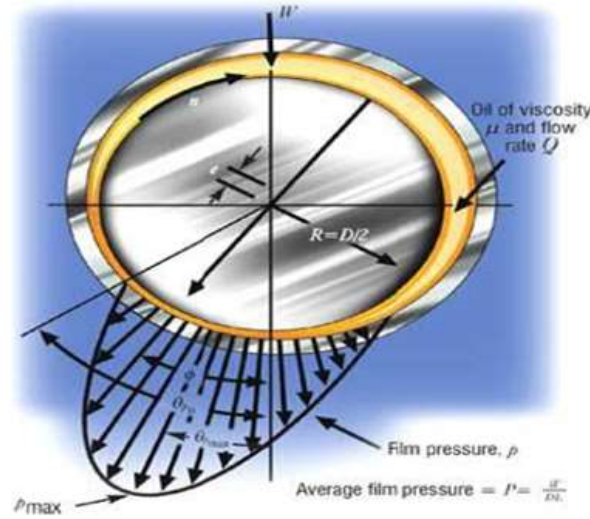
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Stiffness and Damping Coefficients of Oil Film Bearings



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Stiffness- and damping coefficients of the Oil Film Bearings

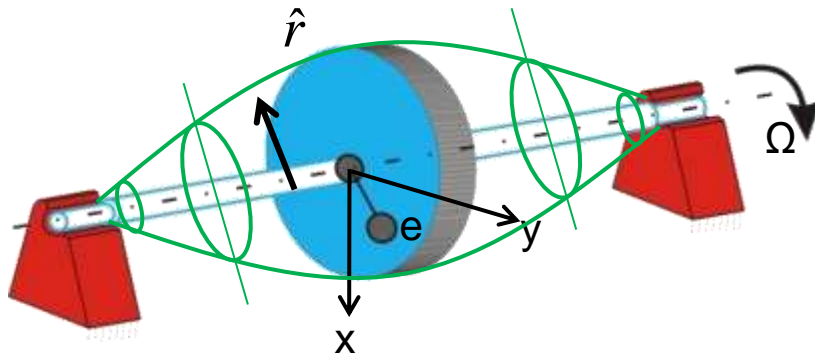
$$F_x = k_{xx}x + k_{xy}y + d_{xx}\dot{x} + d_{xy}\dot{y}$$

$$F_y = k_{yx}x + k_{yy}y + d_{yx}\dot{x} + d_{yy}\dot{y}$$

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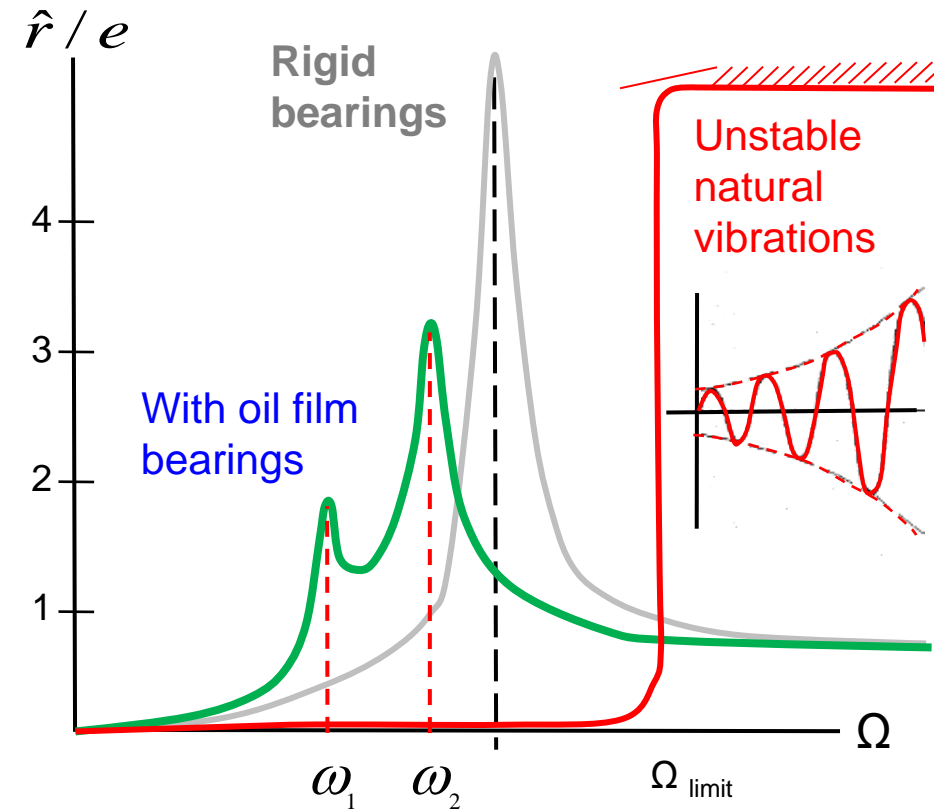
Comparison of Vibrations: Oil Film Bearings versus Rigid Bearings

Shaft vibration with elliptical orbits



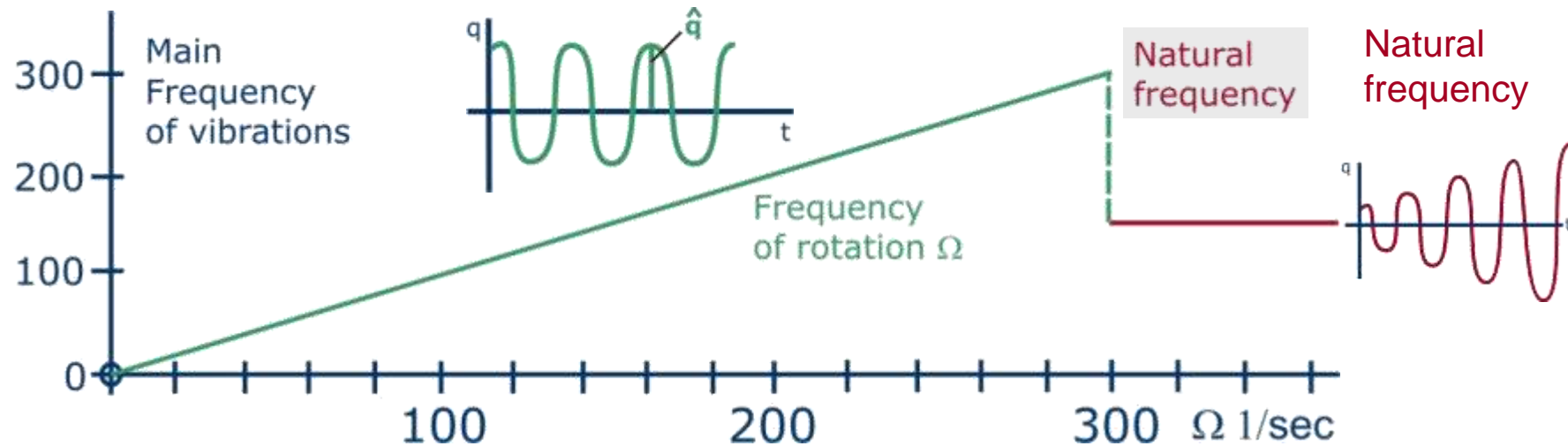
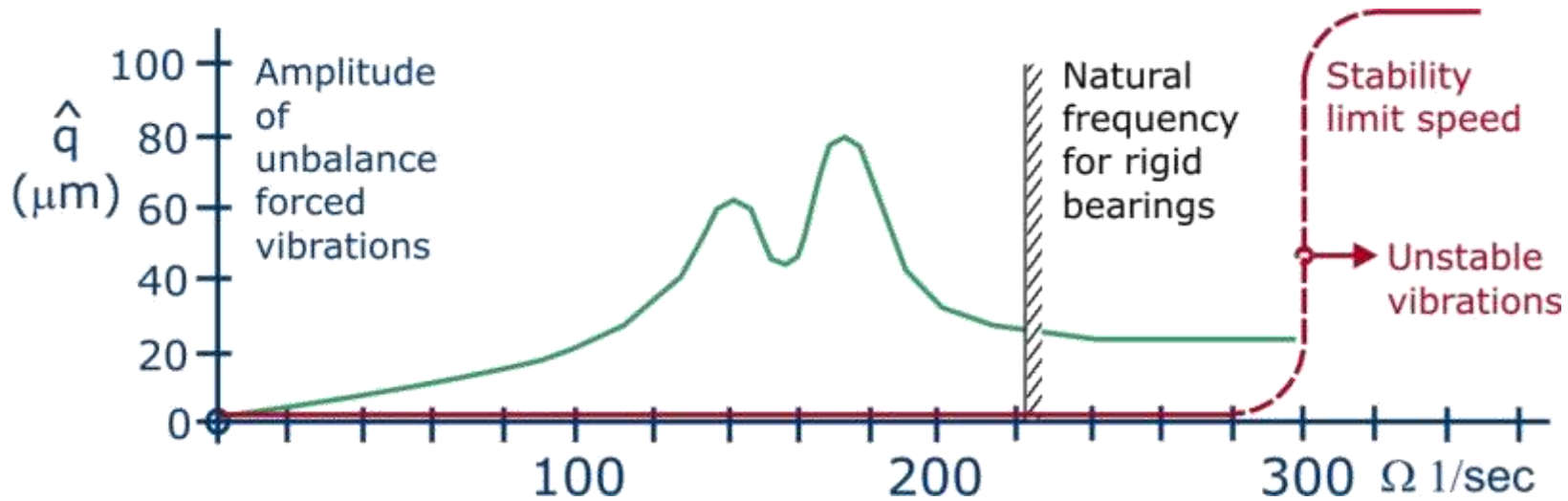
Influence of Oil film bearings:

Stiffness, Damping, Anisotropy
Danger of self-excitation



Influence of Stiffness and damping Characteristics in Bearings

Vibration Behavior of a Simple Laval Shaft with Oil Film Bearings (Tondl)



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Different Interactions in Rotordynamics

Rotor-Fluid Interaction: Oil Film Bearings, Seals



Rotor-Blade Interactions



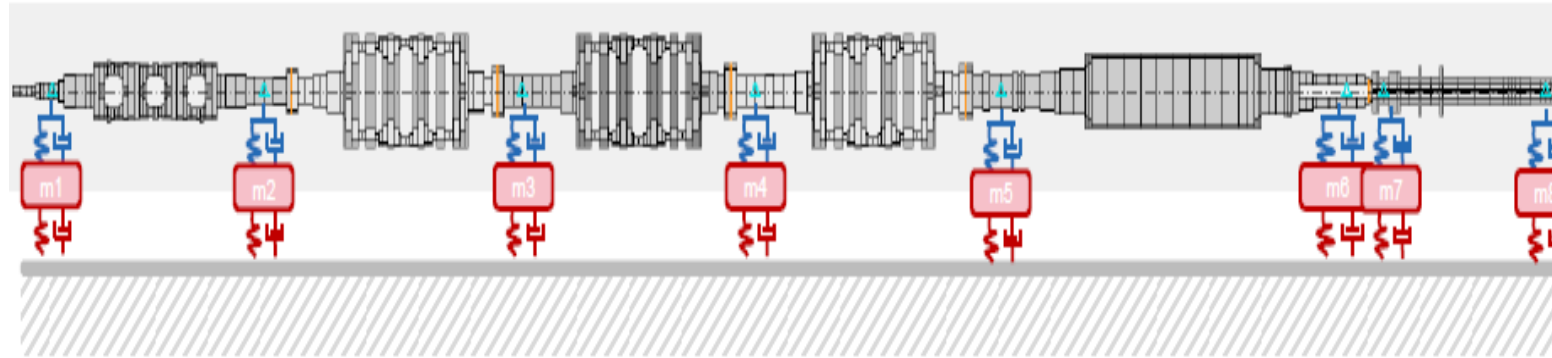
Rotor-Structure Interaction: Casing, Foundation



Elektromechanical Interaction: Generator, Grid

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FE-Model and Equations for Lateral Vibrations of Turbine Shaft Trains

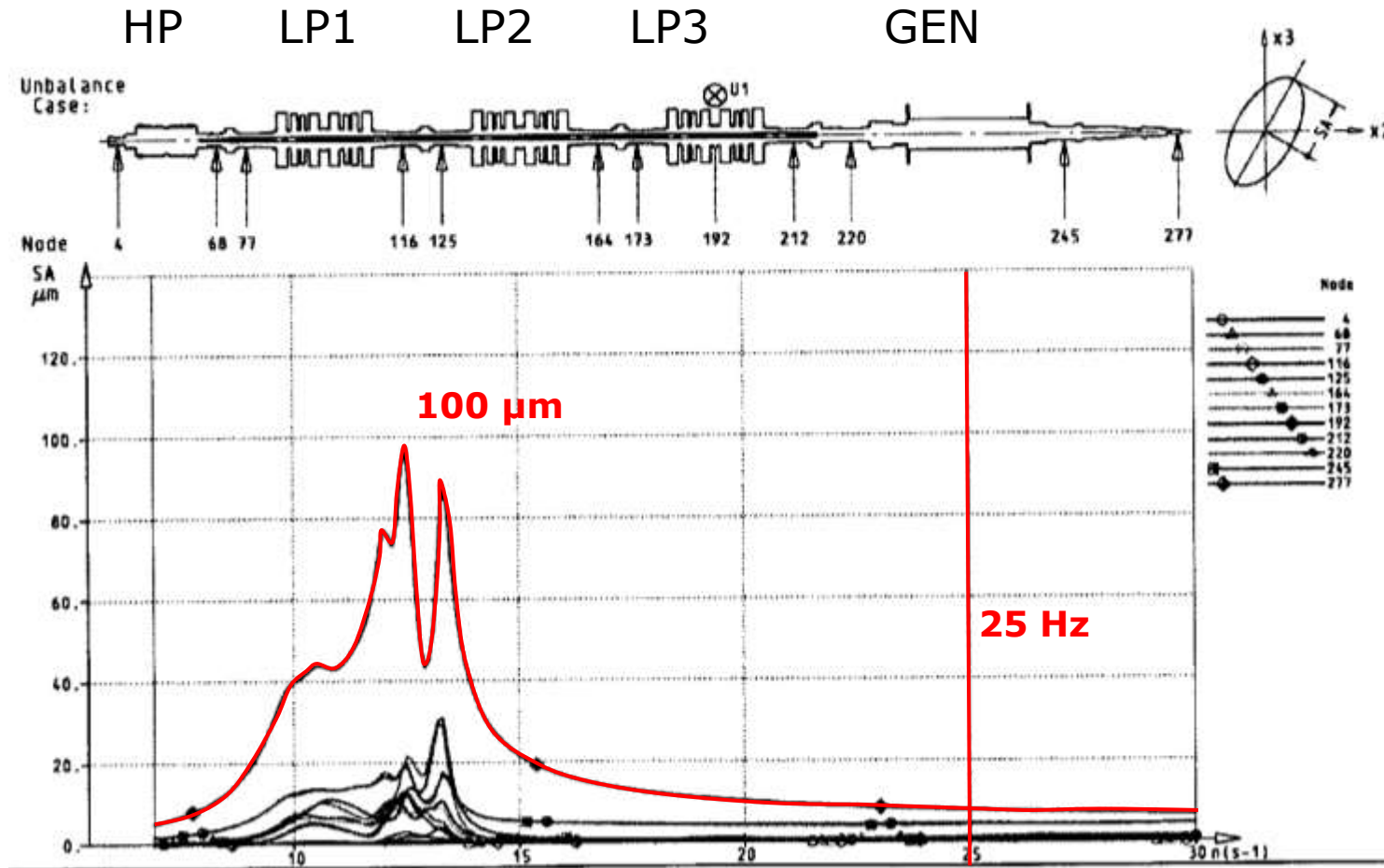


$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + (\mathbf{D}(\Omega) + \mathbf{G}(\Omega)) \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}(\Omega) \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)$$

The **Equations of Motion** for **Lateral Vibrations** of the **Turbogenerator** contain the stiffness and damping information of the shaft train, the bearings and the supports (pedestals and foundation)

From Simple Rotor Systems to Large Turbogenerators

Unbalance Vibration Response of a Turbine Shaft Train versus Speed



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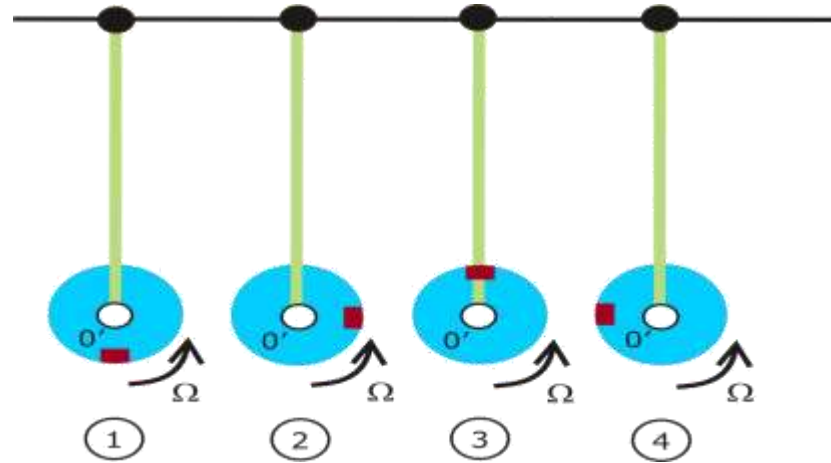
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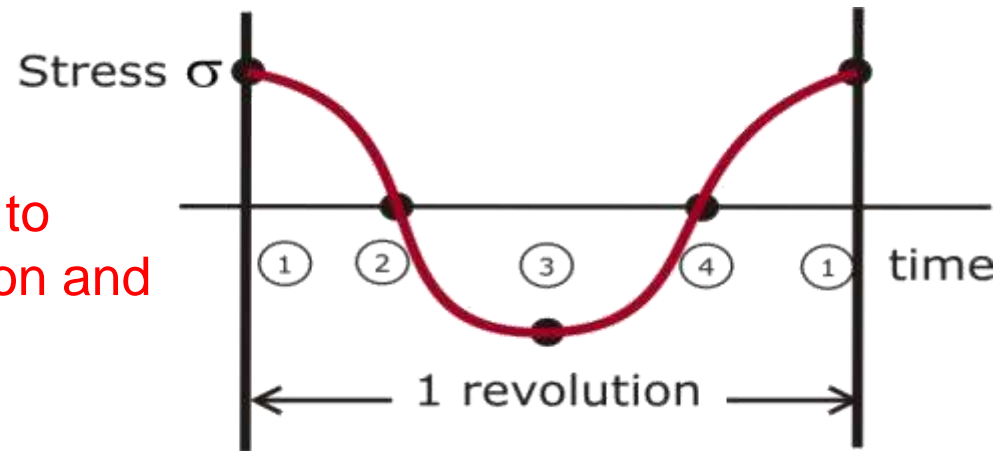
Vibrations of Laval's Shaft with Rigid Bearings

Shaft stress due to static deflection

Static deflection of the shaft

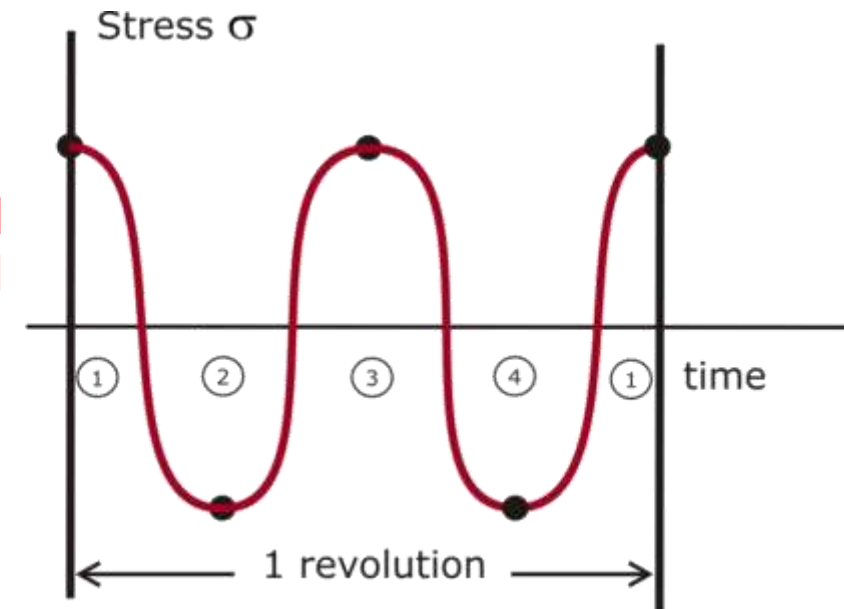
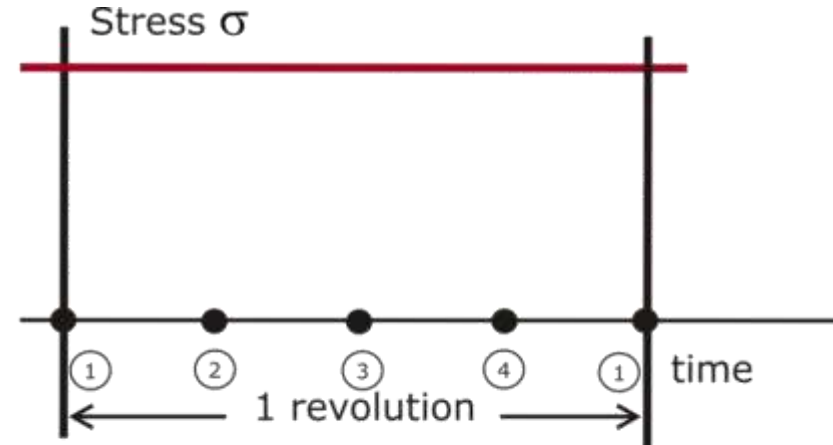
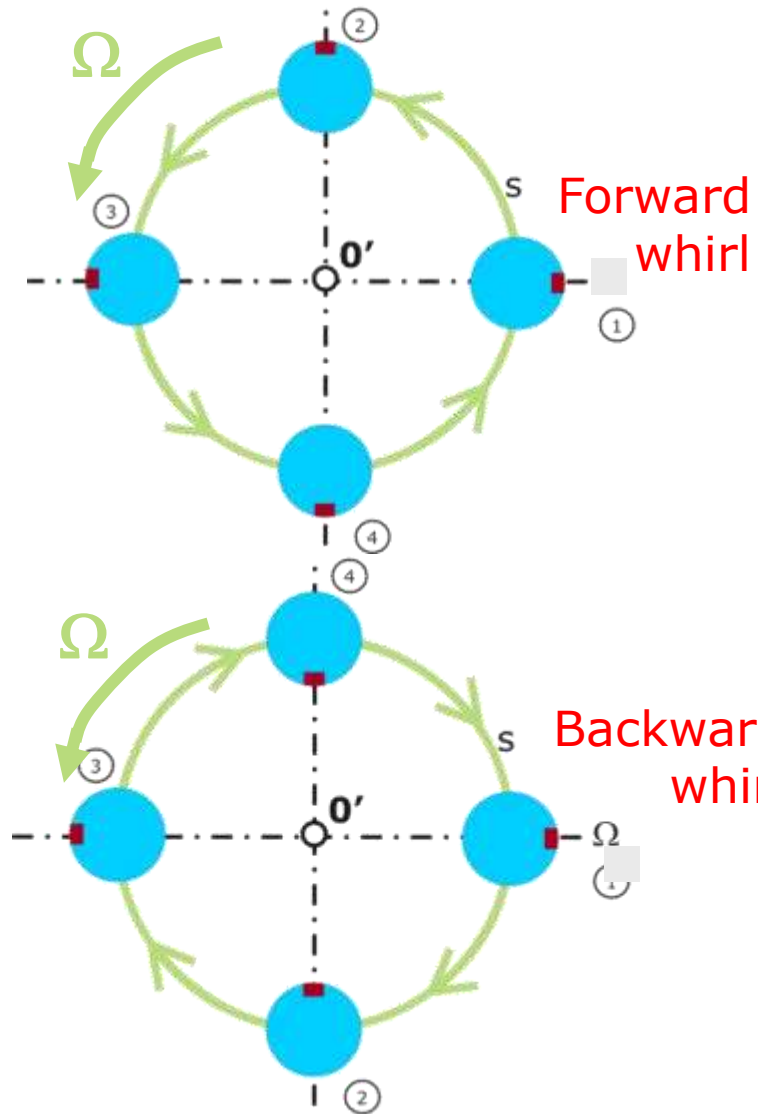


Stresses due to static deflection and rotation



Vibrations of Laval's shaft with Rigid Bearings

Shaft stresses for Forward and Backward whirl



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