



## SIP#2 ATA Update

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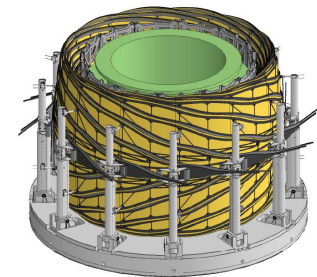
# ATA's Starshade Model Updates

## ➤ ATA's Task

- Evaluate structural analysis methodologies and software and assess the benefits of the approaches using petal and truss deployment as case studies

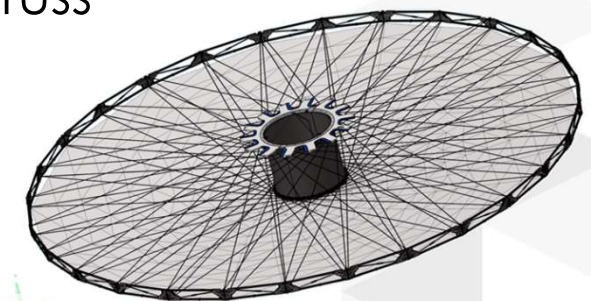
## ➤ Task 1: Deployment Simulation of the PLUS

- Objective: Provide a simulation workflow that makes this problem tractable for simulation of the full set of petals in a quasi-static manner
- Status: Created Abaqus model of single petal



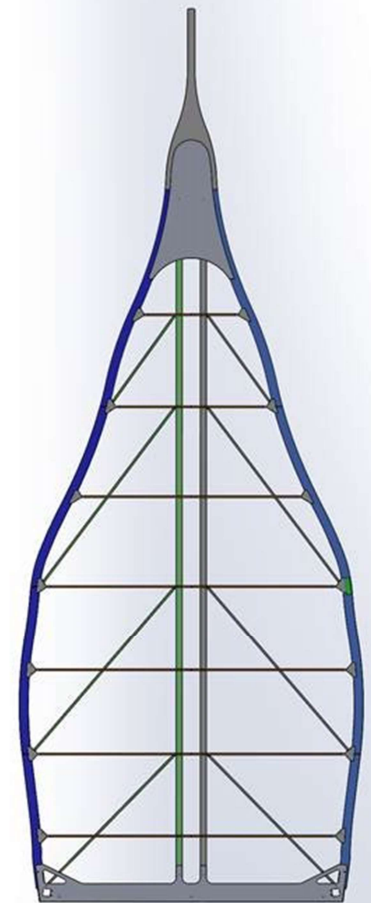
## ➤ Task 2: Deployment Simulation of the IDS

- Objective: Build an Abaqus and RAPID deployment model of the hub shield and truss to simulate on-orbit deployment
- Status:
  - RAPID: Model complete
  - Abaqus: Significant progress made



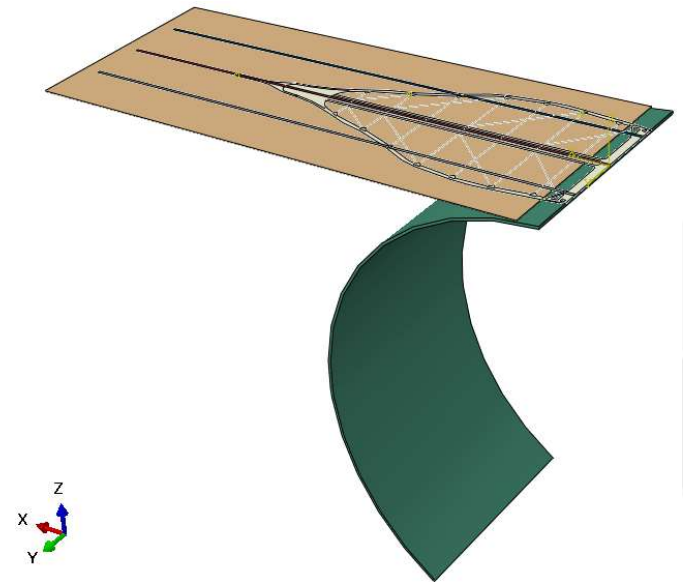
# Task 1: PLUS Deployment Simulations

- Objective: Start with single petal
  - Petal prototype (4m)
  - Model the stowing and deployment of a single petal (no rib)
    - Correlate to test data from Tendeg
- Expand to multiple petal deployment
  - 6m petal, inner and outer. Validate with test data. Do the same with a pair of petals.
    - This would include the carts and snubbers.
  - 1. Single petal with a rib, stow and deploy
  - 2. Pair of petals with ribs, stow and deploy



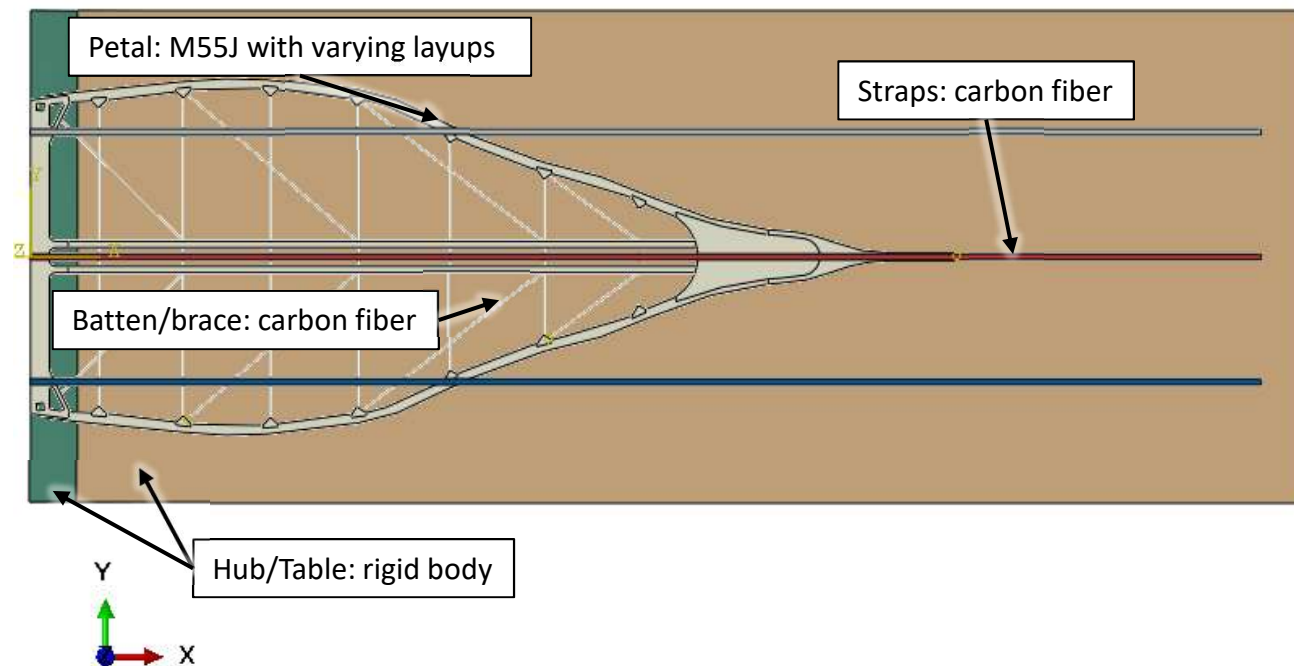
# Single Petal Wrap Model Overview

- Model created in Abaqus to simulate single petal furl test done at Tendeg
- Model includes
  - Petal
  - Straps
  - Hub
  - Table
- Goals
  - Simulate test
  - Include gravity
  - Include tension on straps to hold down petal
  - Slow rotation of hub



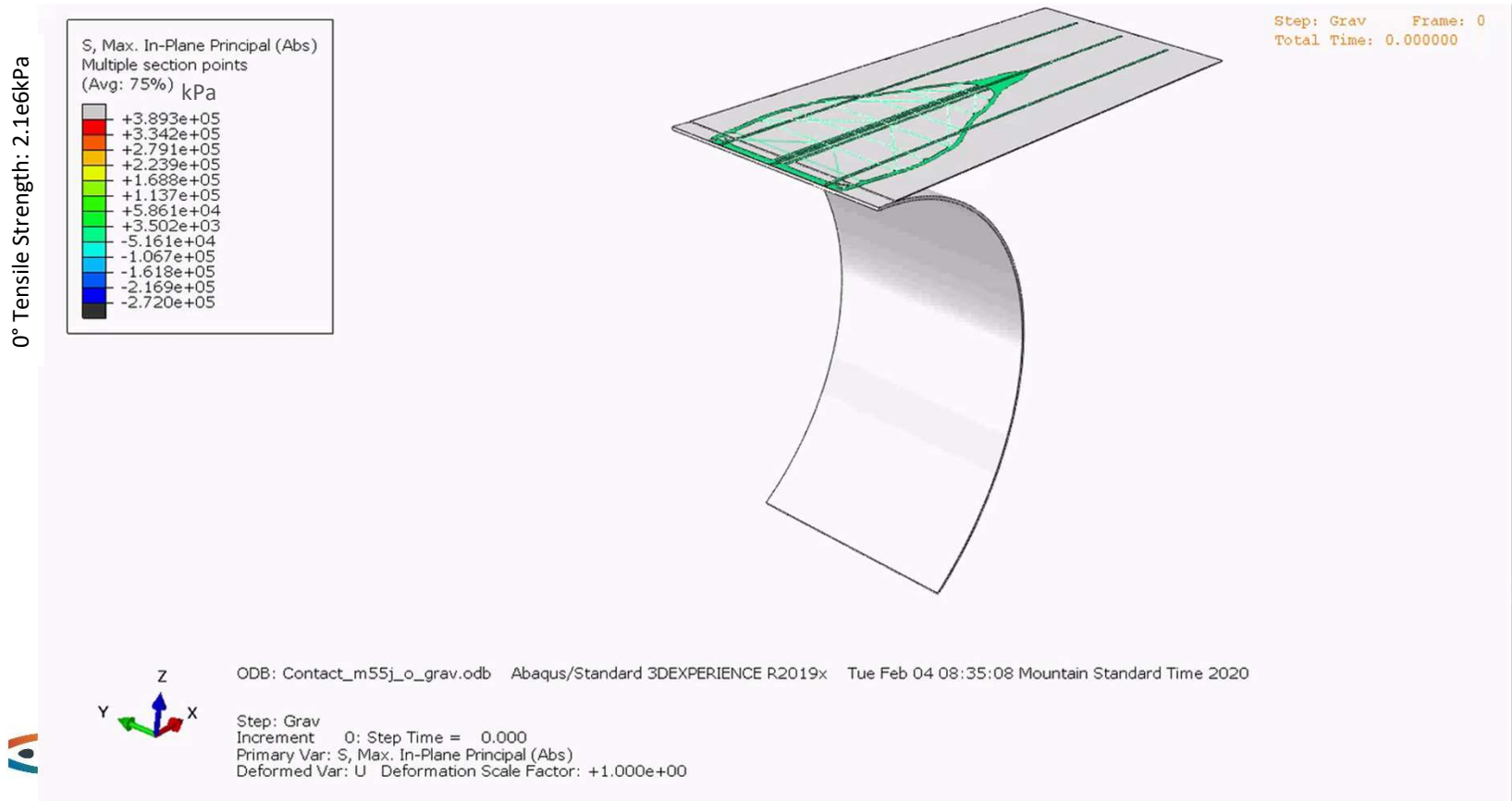
# Single Petal Model

- Materials
  - Petal: quasi-isotropic carbon-carbon composite
  - Batten/brace: isotropic carbon fiber rod
- Element types
  - Petal: 2D elements
  - Batten/brace: 1D beam elements
  - Straps: 2D elements
  - Hub/Table: rigid body
- Boundary Conditions
  - Fix edge of petal and straps to hub
- Loading
  - Gravity in -Z
  - Straps
    - Outboard: 5lb each in +X
    - Center: 20lb in +X
  - Rotate hub at speed of 0.3deg/sec over 5min
- Model uses general contact



# Current Solution: Wrap Test

- Wrap Test includes
  - Gravity settling step
  - Pull on straps
  - Rotate hub, taking straps and petal with it

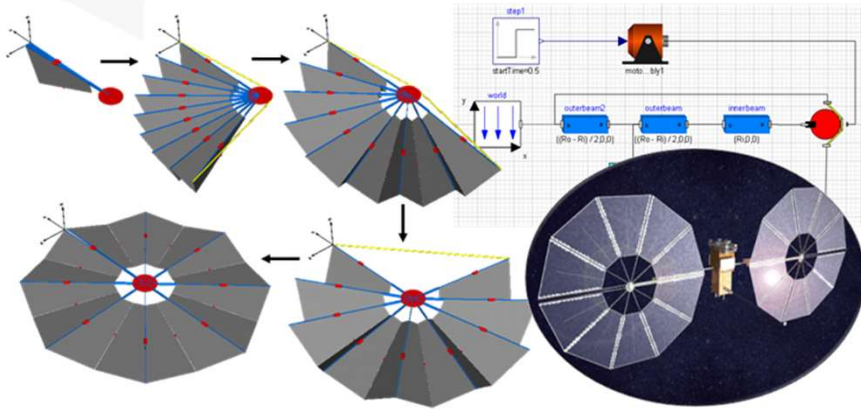


## Single Petal Model Future Work

- Abaqus model of single petal wrap appears realistic for this configuration
- Future Work
  - Incorporate more realistic material properties
    - Capture the flexural properties of the petal in a model
  - A series bend tests to be performed
    - Get petal bay stiffness and capture applied force
    - Correlate Abaqus model to these values
  - Model Tendeg test with the petal on edge



### ➤ Starshade IDS model created and analyzed using ATA's RAPID toolset



#### ➤ What is RAPID?

- Efficient simulation for design exploration

#### ➤ Technology Explanation

- RAPID is an ATA developed toolset for nonlinear simulation (transient deployment, random vibration, modal analysis)
- Modular models simplify the modeling process
- Akin to multi-body analysis tools such as ADAMS, but far more powerful, extensible, and efficient

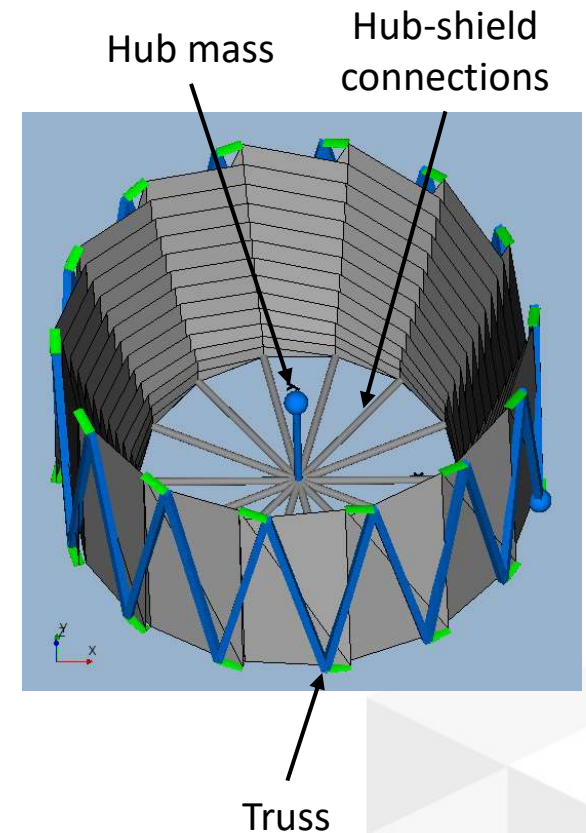
#### ➤ Benefits

- Uses a library of parameterized structural and mechanism modeling elements typical for deployable systems
- FEA superelement import and connection capability with CAD and FE mesh visualization
- A fabric modeling capability to predict the response of tensioned fabric structures



# IDS Deployment Analysis Using RAPID

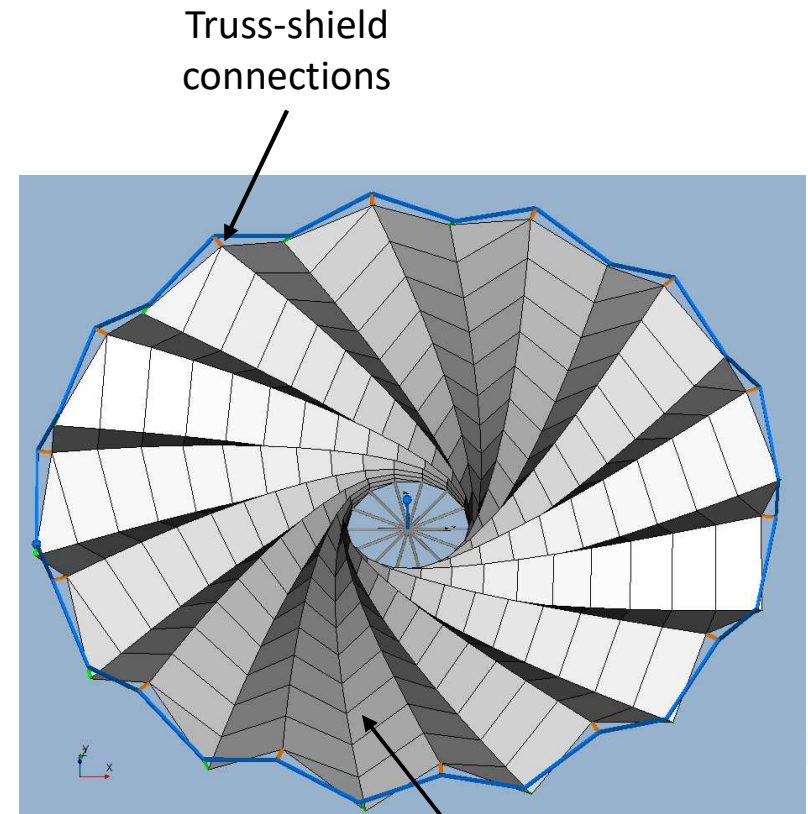
- Hub is represented by a single rigid body with correct inertia properties
  - Connected to shield with rigid members
- Truss model is a rigid approximation of the design
  - Sizing and motion modeled to be near nominal
    - Primarily using the truss to drive deployment of system, so specific deployment details are not necessary
  - Total mass is correct, rotational inertia terms are approximated



## IDS Deployment Analysis Using RAPID (Cont.)

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- Shield is modeled with each panel as a flexible module
  - Correct shield origami dimensions used (provided by Manan)
  - Correct total mass used (assumed to vary evenly)
  - Currently using roughly estimated stiffness properties for shield and shield-to-truss connections
  - Shield-to-truss connections modeled as strings (can go slack) between truss nodes and shield corners
- Spokes between truss and hub not modeled



Truss-shield connections

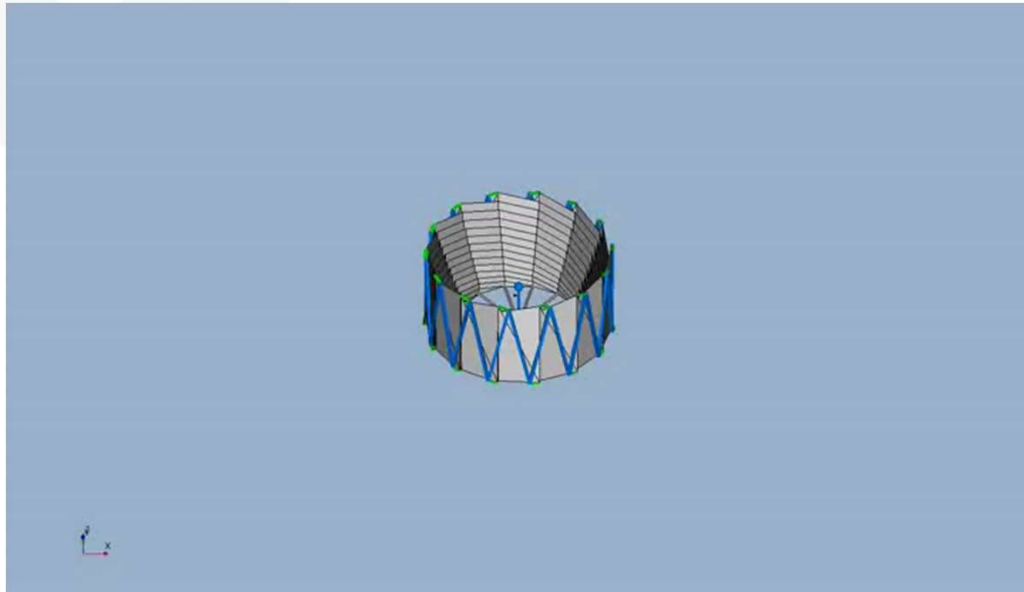
Origami shield folds explicitly modeled

## IDS Deployment Analysis Using RAPID (Cont.)

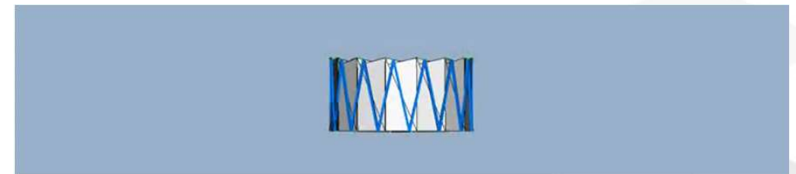
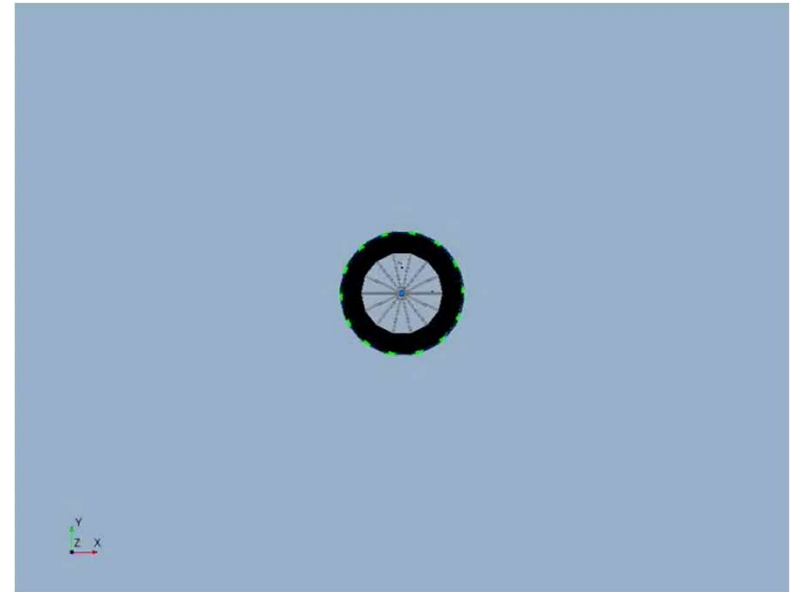
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- Deployment simulation
  - Deploys via enforced relative angular motion of rigid truss members at each node
- Assumptions:
  - All bodies (hub, shield, truss) are in a free-free state, unmoving at the start of deployment
    - Currently ignoring the effects of initial rotation rate
  - Truss hinge angles deploy at a constant rate
    - This likely doesn't match actual deployment, but more data needed to get closer
    - Unlikely to affect general conclusions
  - ~15 minute deployment time
    - A little faster than test, but should not affect the conclusions

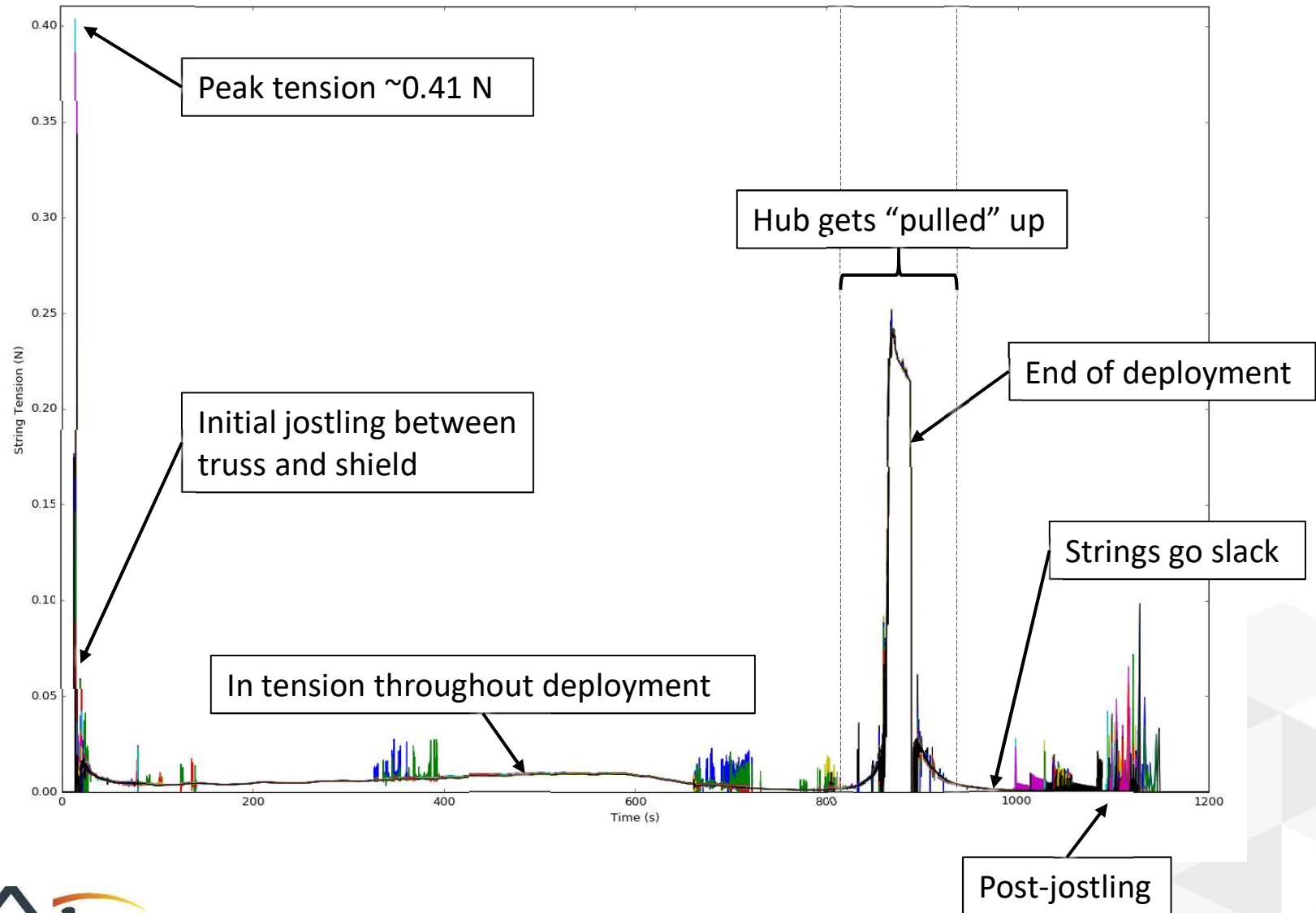
# IDS Deployment Animations



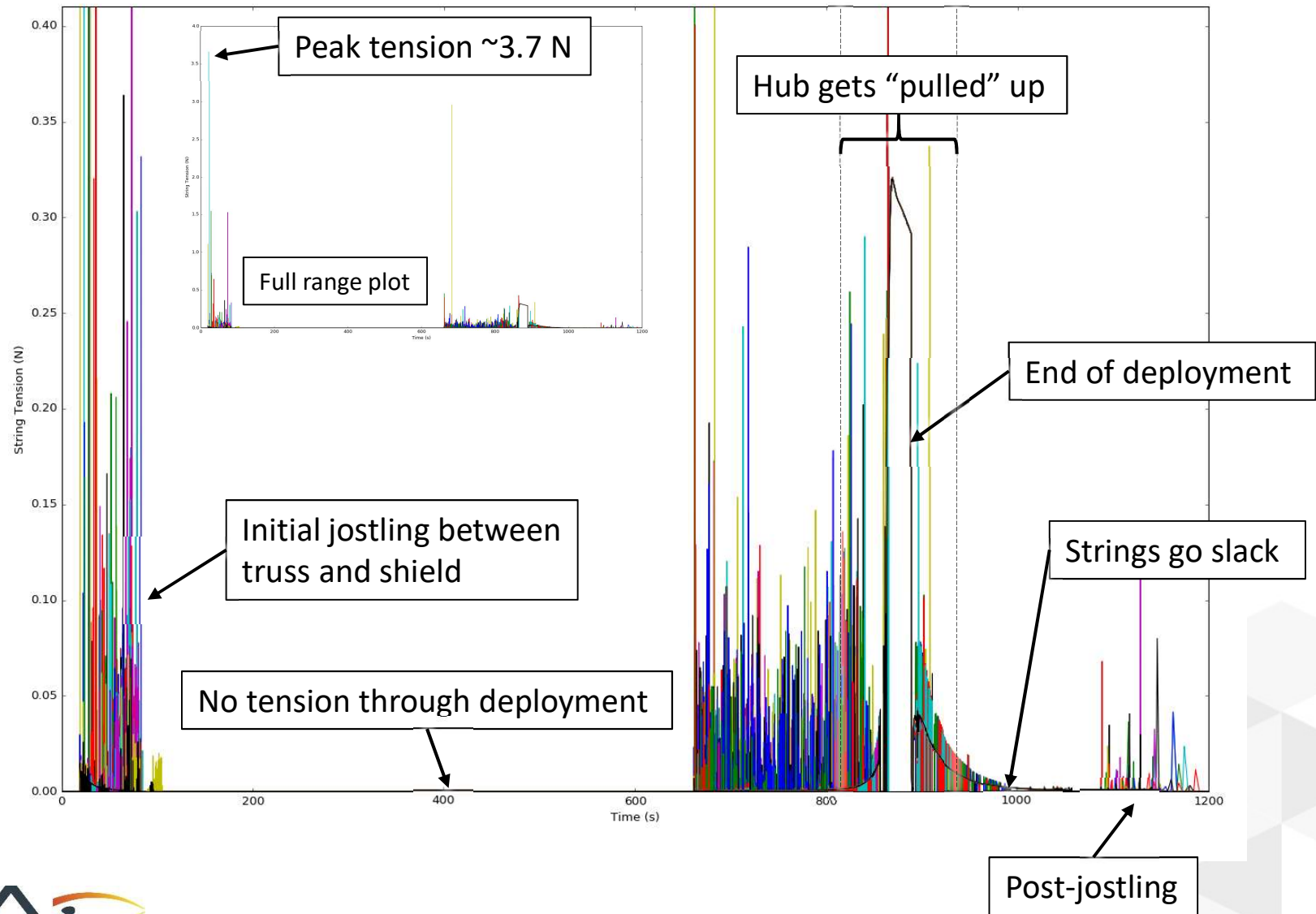
~10x animation speed



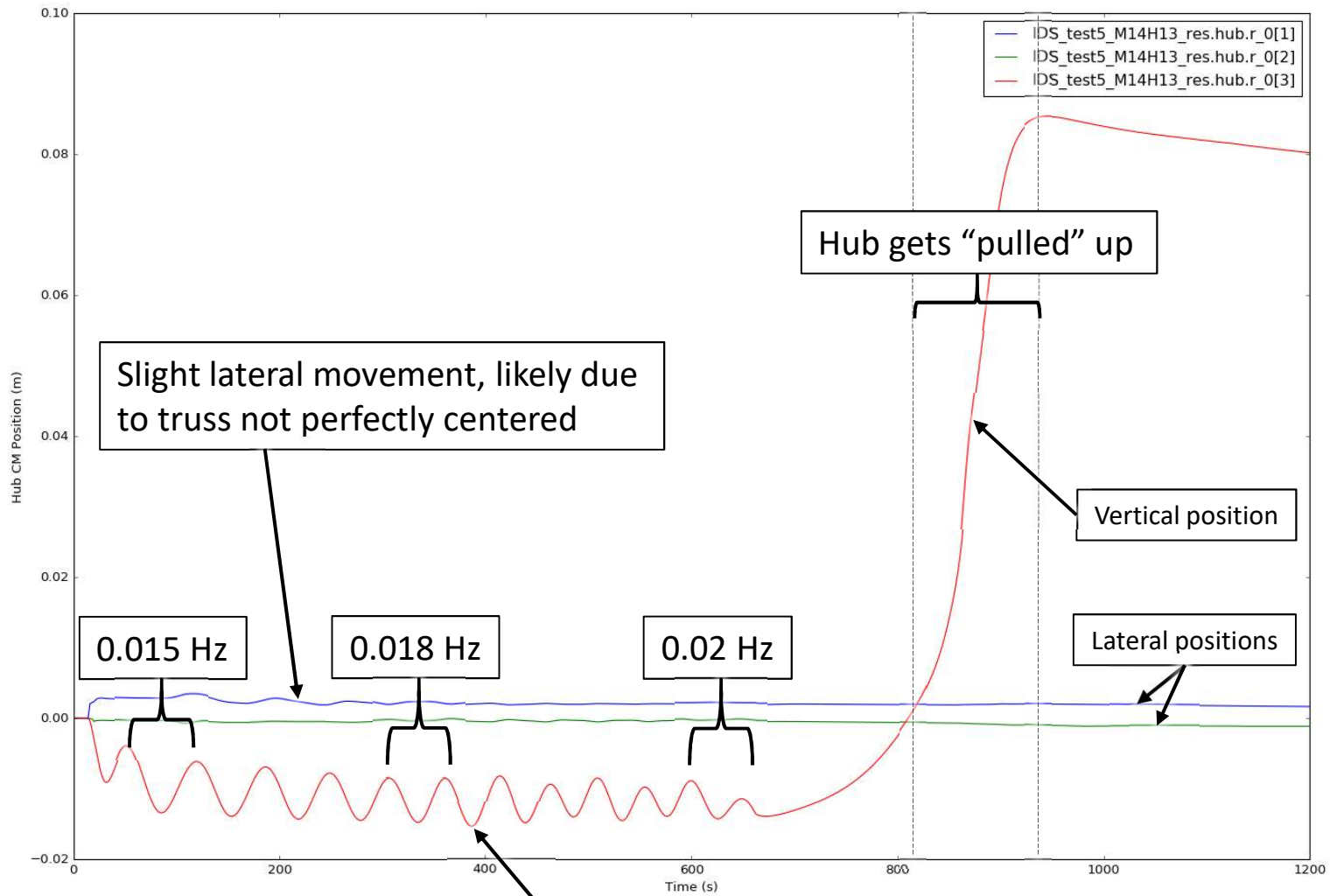
# IDS Truss-Shield Connection (Top Strings Only)



# IDS Truss-Shield Connection (Bottom Strings Only)



# IDS Hub Position



Slight lateral movement, likely due to truss not perfectly centered

0.015 Hz

0.018 Hz

0.02 Hz

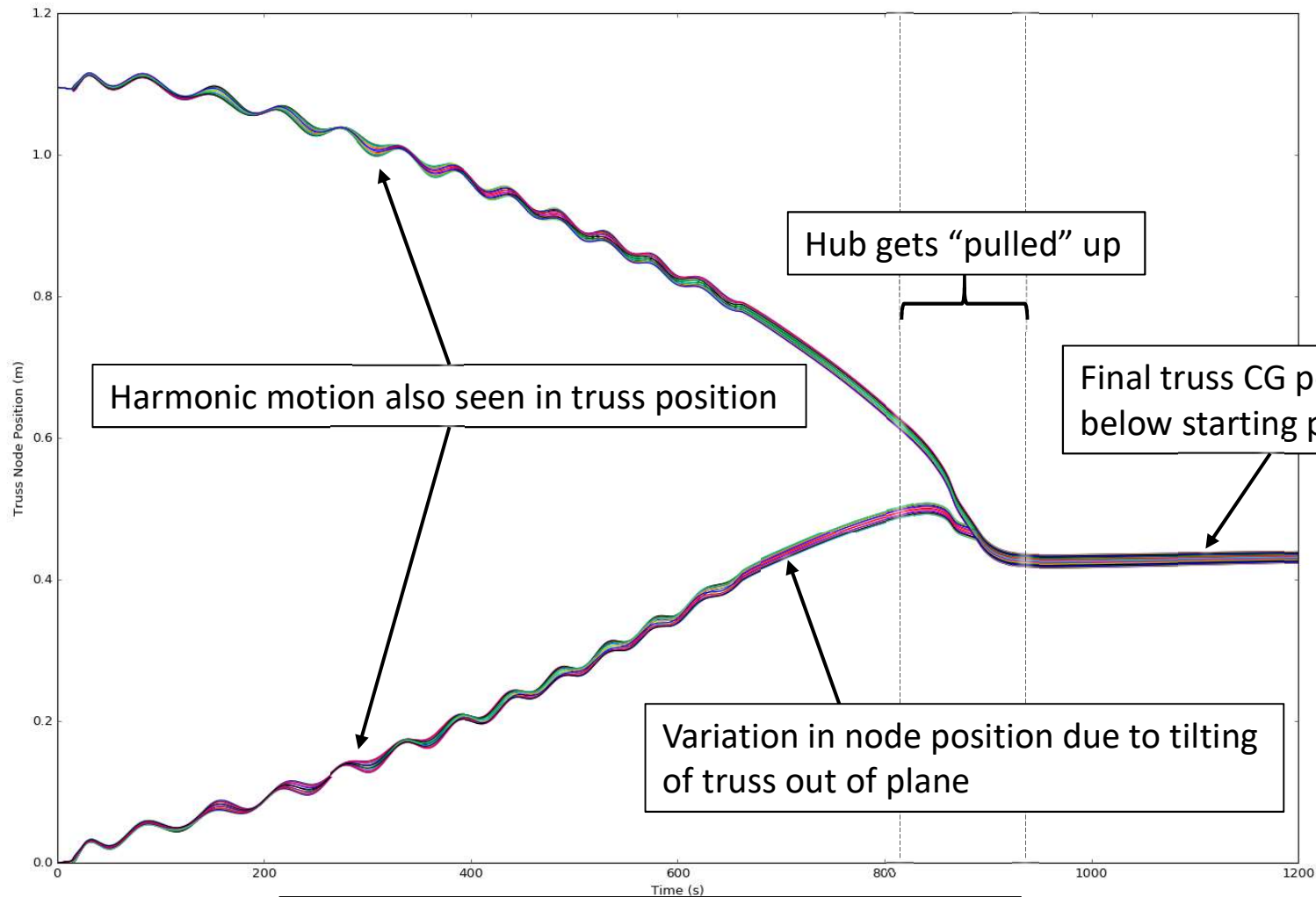
Hub gets "pulled" up

Vertical position

Lateral positions

Slow harmonic vertical motion of hub during most of deployment, increasing in frequency

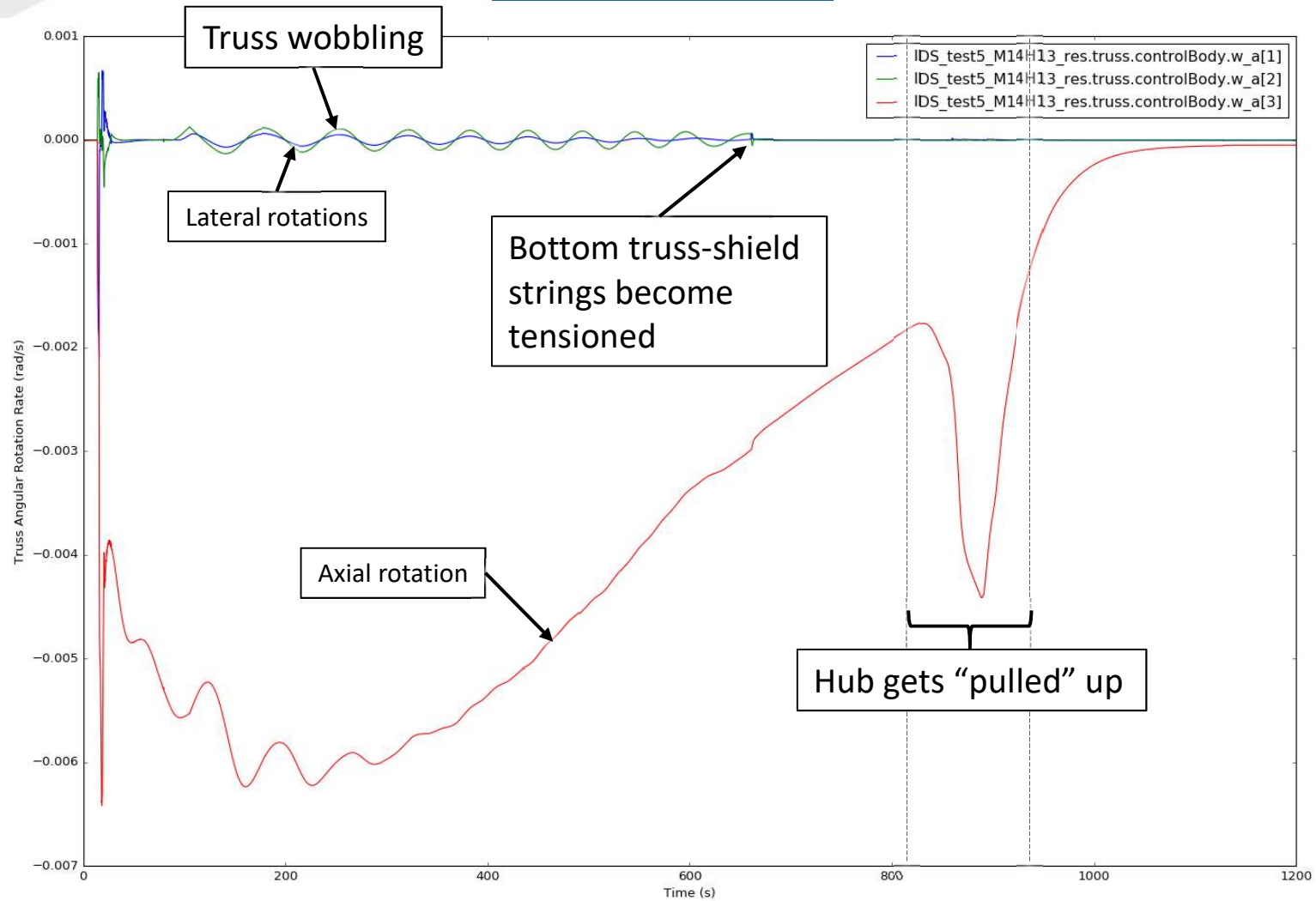
# Truss Node Vertical Positions



Seems like shield is acting as a spring between hub and truss masses. Frequency change due to changes in shield geometric stiffness.



# Truss Angular Rotation Rate



## IDS Deployment Conclusions

- Deployment characteristics of interest:
  - Some initial jostling between shield and truss until all strings are tensioned
  - Top shield-truss connection strings consistently in tension, bottom strings slack until ~2/3 deployment
  - Hub gets pulled up near end of deployment due to change in shield/truss CG

## Task 2 - IDS Deployment, Abaqus

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- Objective: Develop analysis approach capable of high-fidelity simulation of deployment
  - Need credible analysis process to simulate on-orbit deployments for flight program
    - Explore kinematic behaviors, loads to help drive design
    - Will rely heavily on analysis to ensure flight requirements are met for on-orbit deployments
- Analysis Approach Metrics:
  - Enable efficient simulations compatible with Monte Carlos, prefer to avoid Abq/Explicit
  - Demonstrate comparable behavior as deployment test



# Truss Deployment in Abaqus

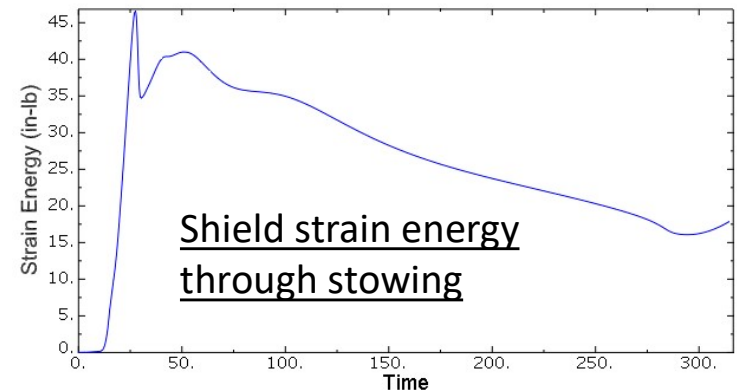
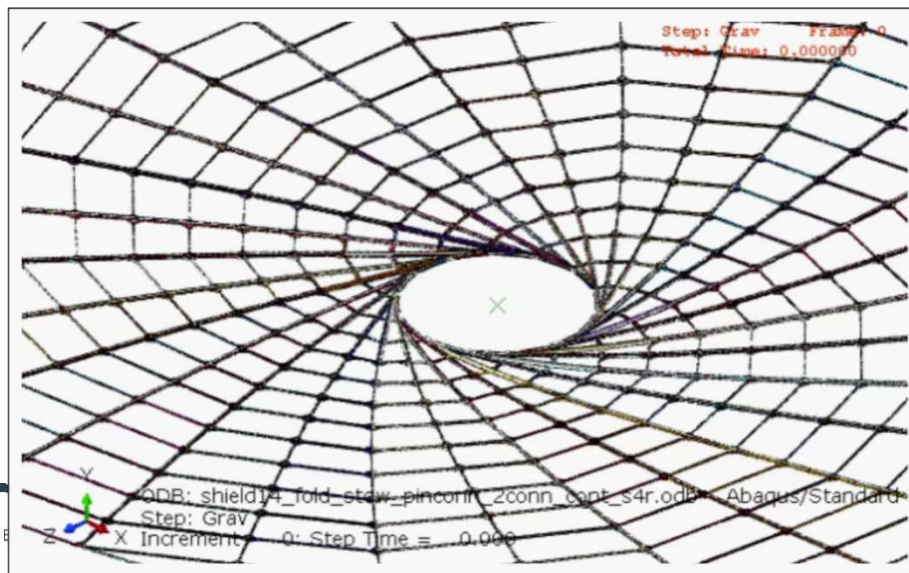
## ➤ Truss Deployment

- Developed working model of truss deployment
  - Includes simplified synchronizer, linear ratchet that represents kinematic behavior
  - Includes cable and pulleys, deploy by retracting cable
- Currently including several simplifying assumptions
  - Rigidized nodes for run efficiency
  - Neglected pulley friction, hinge/pin friction, pin free-play
  - Solution time ~ 30 min



# Shield Modeling in Abaqus

- Simulated stowing/deploying process
  - Flexible beams, shells, springs, contact at relevant faces
  - Stowed strain energy must be computed, will affect deployment behavior
  - Deliberately decoupling stowing sim from deployment, prestressed shield to be coupled with truss for deployment
- Stowing simulation ~ 10 hours
- Model is stable in stowed config
- Deployment simulation runs slowly, currently investigating



# IDS Abaqus Model Future Work

## ➤ Next steps

- Improve deployment run efficiency
- Incorporate stowed shield (with strain energy) with stowed truss, simulate entire deployment
- Refine simplifying assumptions
- If time, correlate to deployment test data

# ATA Starshade Conclusions and Next Steps

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## ➤ RAPID

- The IDS model helps with global understanding of IDS deployment and hub movement in 0g

## ➤ Abaqus

- Both the single petal and IDS model show promise that it is possible to create these deployment models in Abaqus and they will give reasonable results

## ➤ Both Abaqus models will continue refinement

- Single petal: test configuration and comparison to test data
- IDS model: incorporate stowed shield to truss model and simulate deployment

## ➤ Contracted through August 30<sup>th</sup>

- Deliver final report on these methodologies and their capability and potential to model Starshade deployment