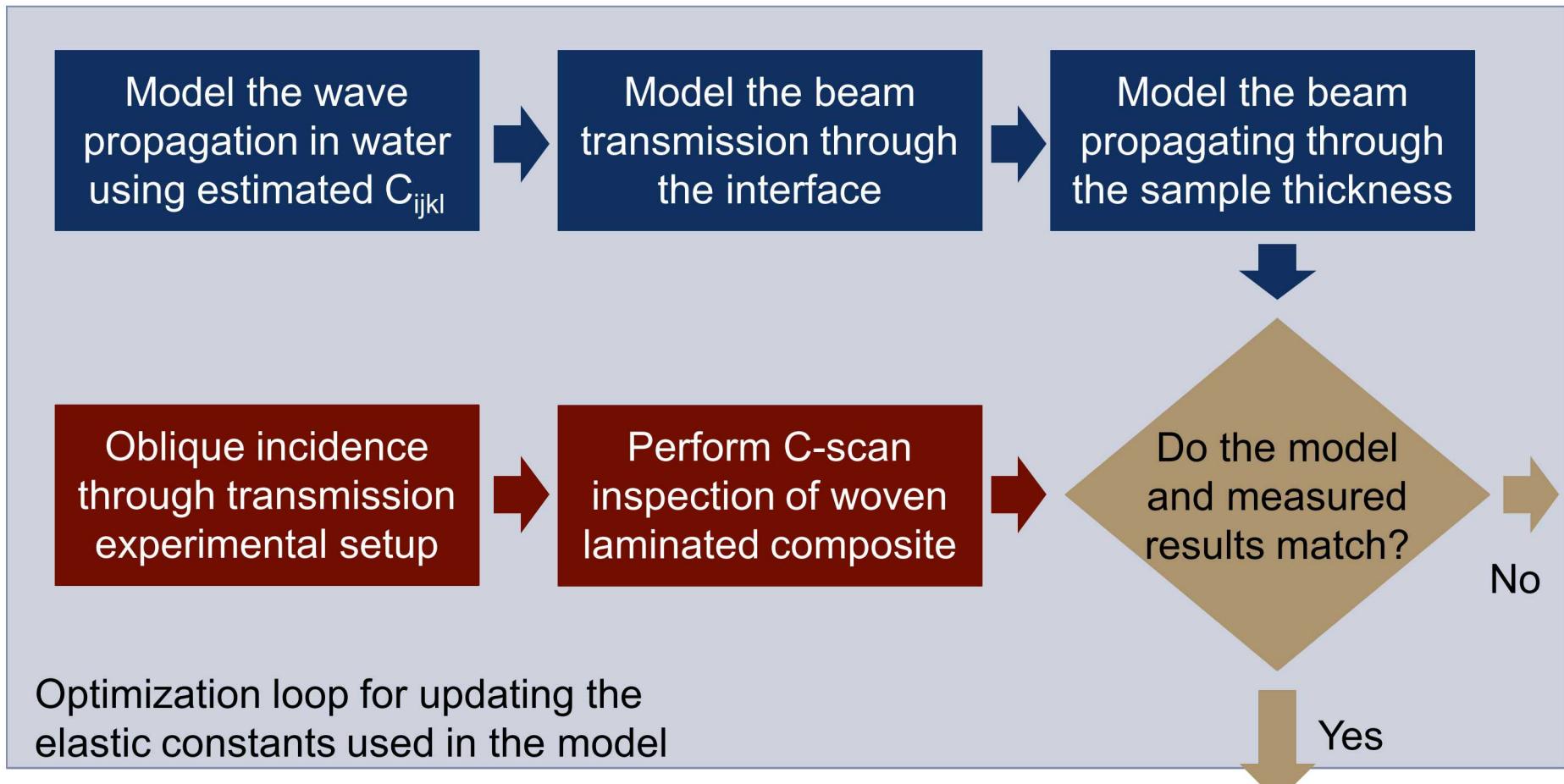


Combining Inspection Data, Modeling and Optimization Techniques to Identify the Elastic Constants of a Woven Fiber Reinforced Laminated Composite

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Project Objective



Background

- Benefits of fiber reinforced composite laminates
 - High strength to weight ratio
 - Properties are tailorable depending on ply stacking sequence and choice of fiber fabric
 - Recent increase in use for reducing fuel consumption and improving impact resistance in automobiles
- Challenges posed by composite laminates
 - Non-homogeneous material
 - Viscoelastic – properties change with time
 - Ultrasound waves attenuate and scatter within the laminate
 - Features, such as fiber waviness and overlapping tows, are difficult to identify

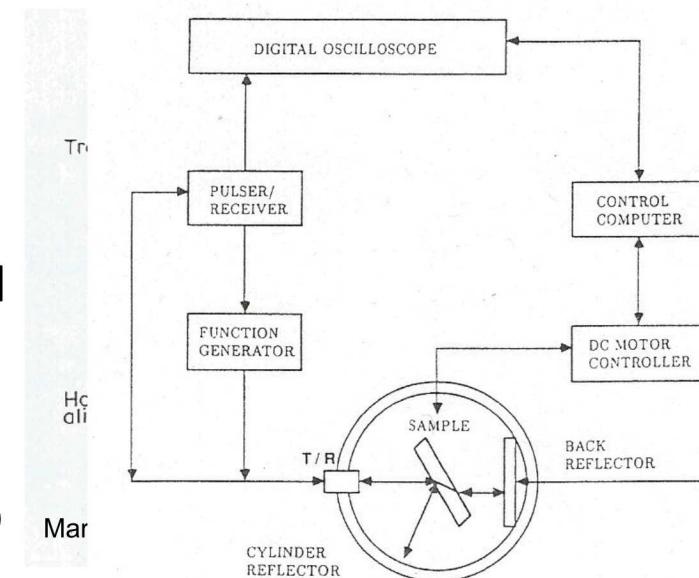


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Previous Work (1 of 2)

- Markham (1970)
 - Determined transversely isotropic elastic constants
 - Through transmission, immersion ultrasound
 - Determination made via A-scans
 - Sample rotated relative to probes
- Rokhlin and Wang (1989, 1992)
 - Double through transmission ultrasound
 - Part rotated relative to the transducer
 - Unidirectional laminate
 - Identified that Markham used the group velocity instead of the phase velocity



Rokhlin and Wang (1989)

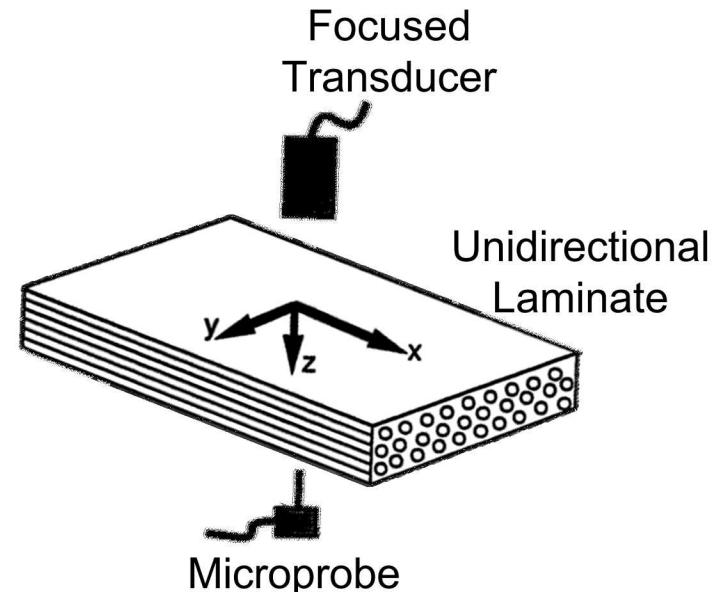
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Previous Work (2 of 2)

- Newberry (1988, 1989)
 - Through transmission ultrasound
 - Transversely isotropic laminate
 - Developed mathematical model using paraxial approximation of ultrasound wave
 - Compared model with results



Newberry (1988)

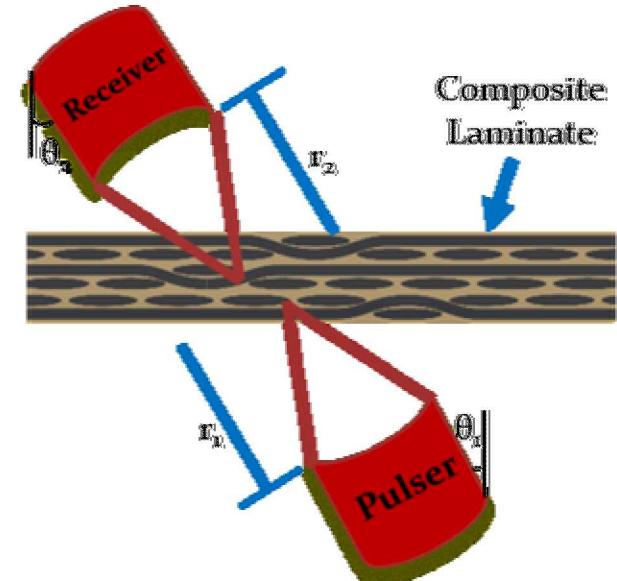
Oblique Incidence Through Transmission Inspection

Sample Description

- 8 HS carbon fiber fabric
- Fabric preimpregnated with UF3352 TCR™ resin
- Laminate stacking sequences
 - 4 ply $[0, 90]_{2,s}$
 - 8 ply $[0, 90]_{4,s}$
 - 12 ply $[0, 90]_{6,s}$

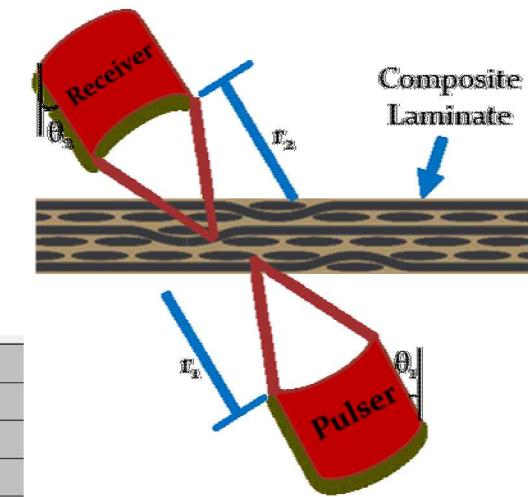
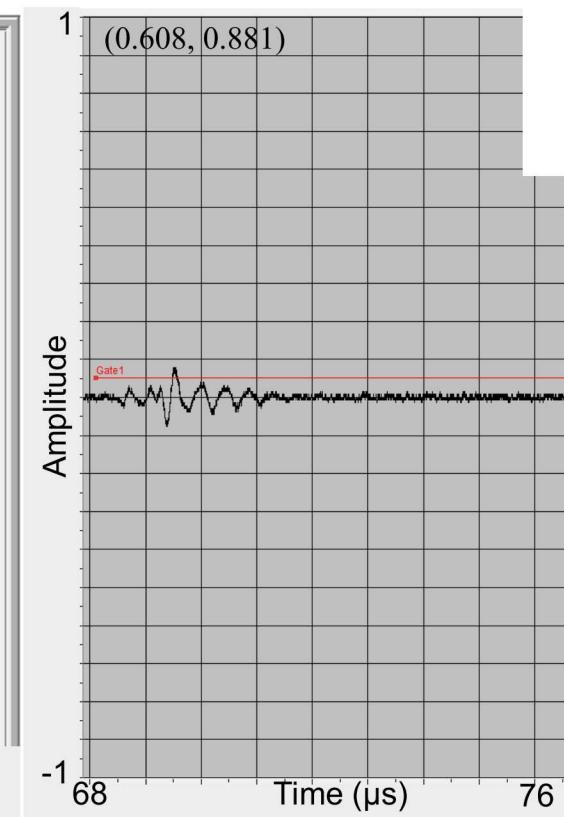
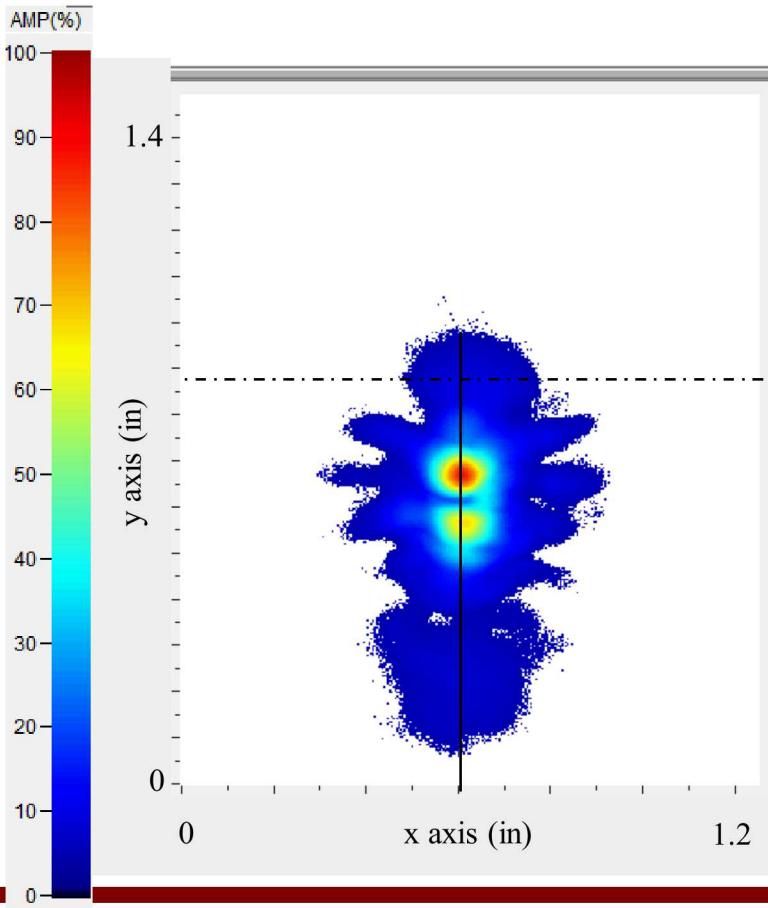
Inspection

- Oblique incidence through transmission
- 5 MHz spherically focused probes
- C-scan data stored for post-processing



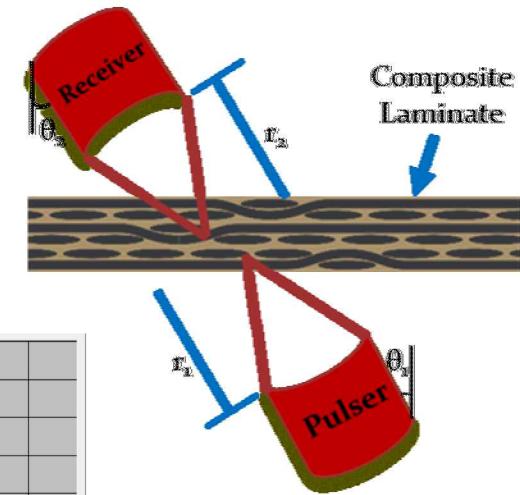
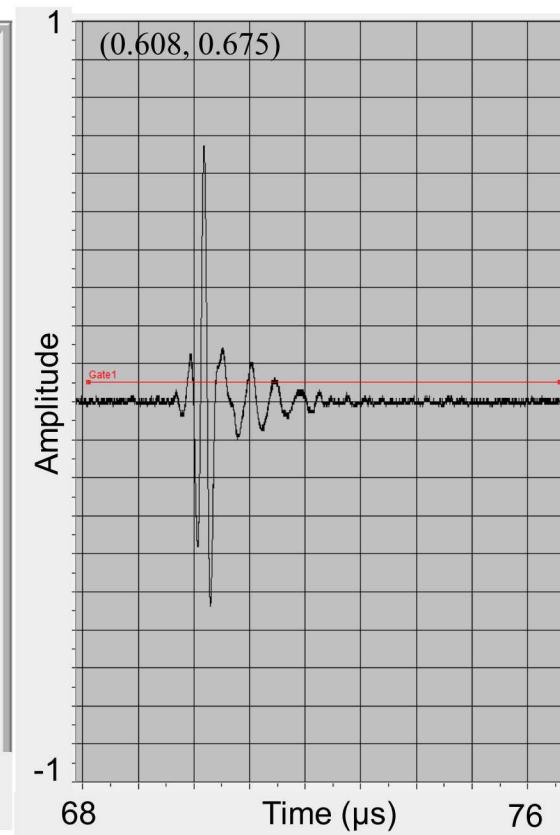
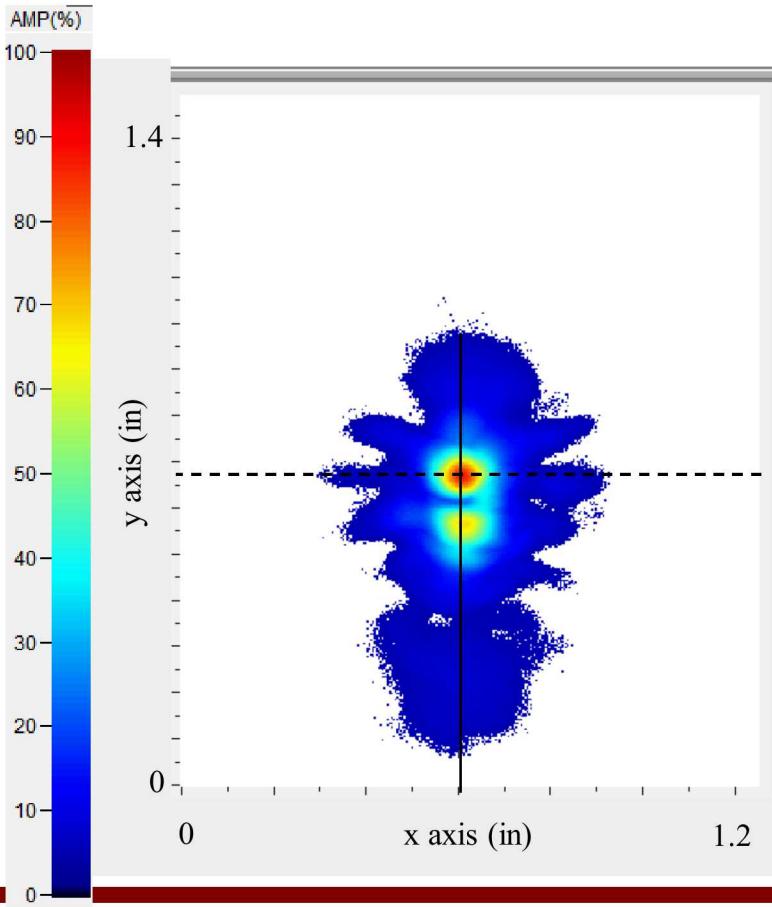
Through Transmission Scan Results (1 of 3)

- 8 ply laminate
- $\theta_1 = 5^\circ$ and $\theta_2 = 14^\circ$



Through Transmission Scan Results (2 of 3)

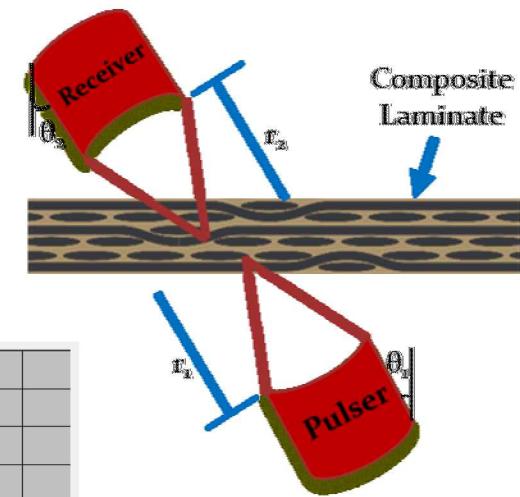
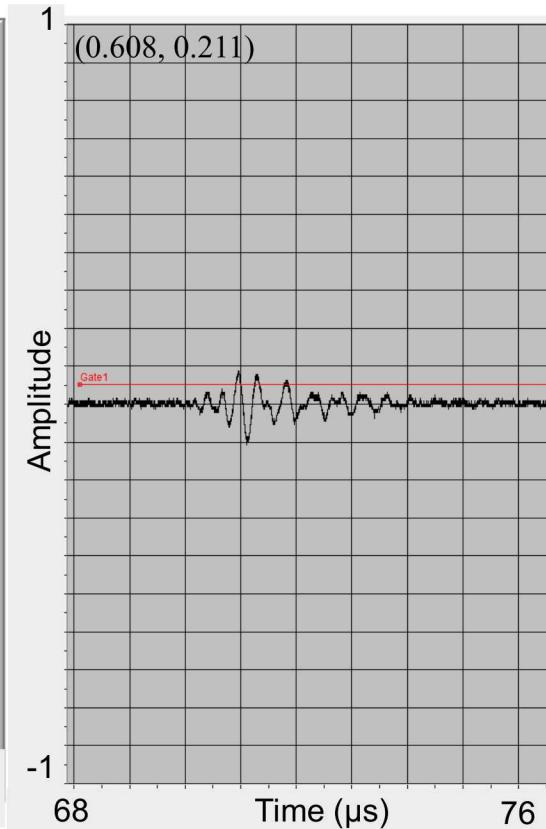
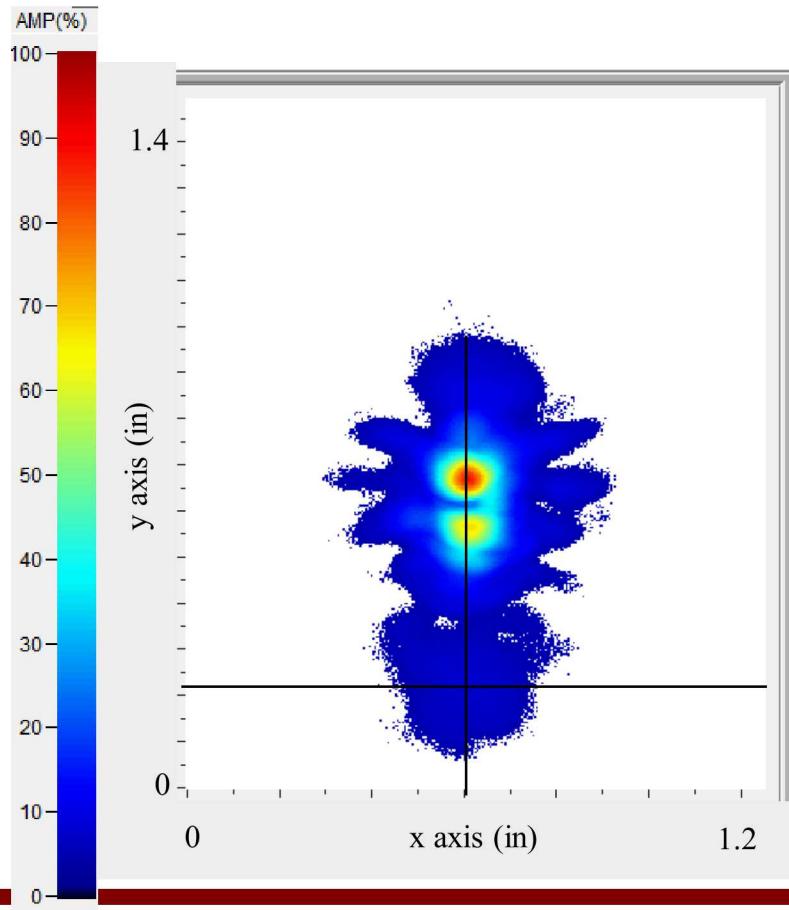
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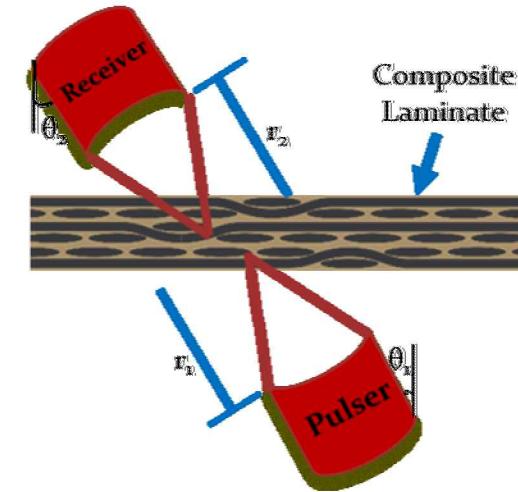


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Mathematical Model Outline

- Three important regions to consider in the model
 - Wave propagation in the water
 - Wave propagation across the water-to-composite interface
 - Wave propagation through laminate thickness
- For the receiver being focused at the back surface of the laminate, the assumption is made that the receiver can be treated as a point receiver. This would mean the wave propagation from the back surface of the sample and to the face of the receiving probe would not need to be calculated.
- If this assumption proves to be invalid, then future work would include accounting for the wave propagation in this area also.



Modeling the Wave in the Water

- Define the sound pressure wave exiting the ultrasound probe

$$p_o(x, y) = \begin{cases} p^* e^{(\frac{jk}{2})(\frac{x^2}{f} + \frac{y^2}{f})} & \text{if on the probe face} \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

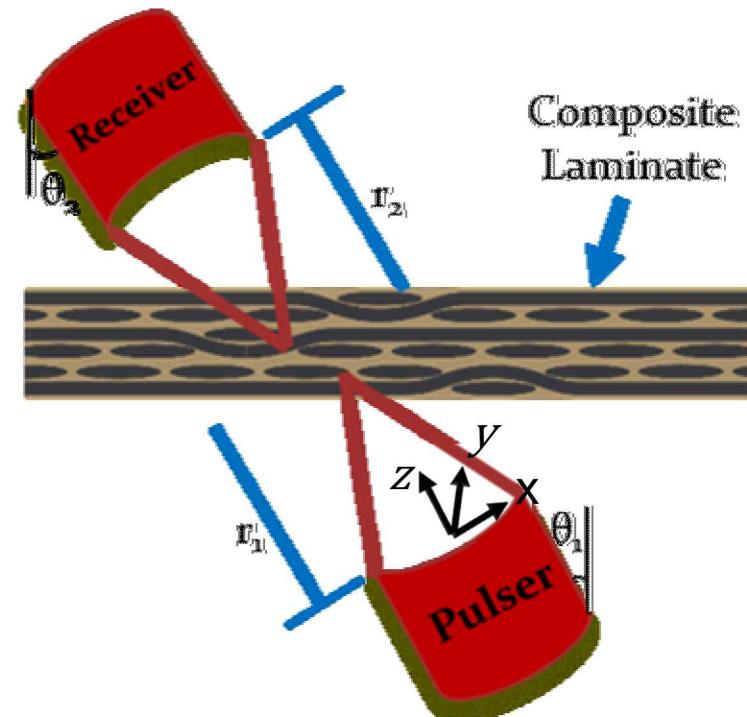
k = wavenumber

f = focal length of probe

x, y = spatial coordinates

p_o = pressure at the probe face

p^* = initial pressure



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Modeling the Wave Pressure Field

- Calculate the pressure field in the water where the pressure p is

$$p(x, y, z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{mn} \Phi_{mn}(x, y, z)$$

and

$$\Phi_{mn}(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{w_x(0)w_y(0)}{w_x(z)w_y(z)}} e^{-jkz} e^{j[(2m+1)\psi_x(z) + (2n+1)\psi_y(z)]}$$

$$e^{-\left(\frac{jk}{2}\right)\left[\frac{x^2}{q_x(z)} + \frac{y^2}{q_y(z)}\right]} H_m\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_x(z)}x\right] H_n\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_y(z)}y\right]$$

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Defining Complex Coefficients

- The complex coefficients, G_{mn} , are defined as

$$G_{mn} = \left(\frac{1}{w_x(0)w_y(0)\pi 2^{m+n-1}m!n!} \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_o(x, y) \Phi_{mn}(x, y, 0) dy dx$$

where

$$\Phi_{mn}(x, y, 0) = e^{\left(\frac{-jk}{2}\right)\left[\frac{x^2}{q_x(0)} + \frac{y^2}{q_y(0)}\right]} H_m\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_x(0)}x\right] H_n\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_y(0)}y\right]$$

and H_m and H_n are the m^{th} and n^{th} order Hermite polynomials evaluated at the points identified within the square brackets

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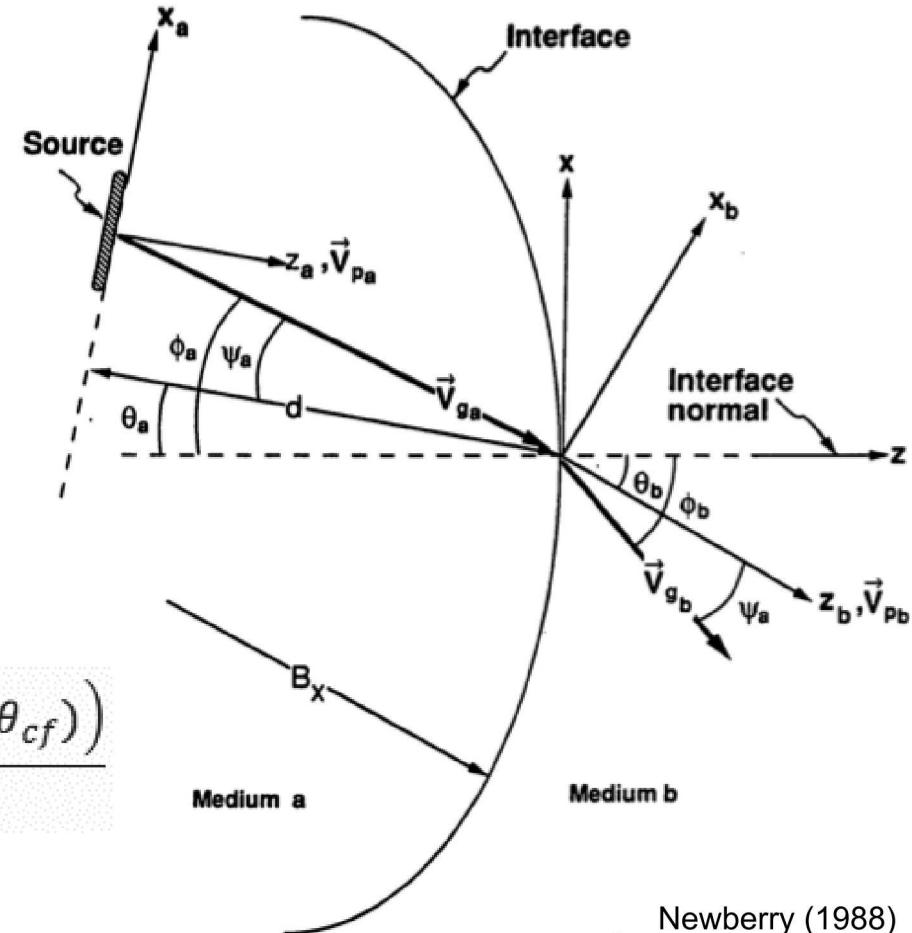
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Wave Transmission Through the Water-to-Composite Interface

- The transmission of the ultrasound wave through the water-to-composite interface must be accounted for mathematically.

$$\left(\frac{1}{q_x}\right)_T = \left(\frac{S_w \cos^2(\psi_{cf}) \cos^2(\phi_w)}{S_{cf} \cos^2(\psi_w) \cos^2(\phi_{cf})}\right) \left(\frac{1}{q_x}\right)_I - \frac{\cos^2 \psi_{cf} ((S_w/S_{cf}) \cos(\theta_w) - \cos(\theta_{cf}))}{B_x \cos^2(\phi_{cf})} \rightarrow 0$$



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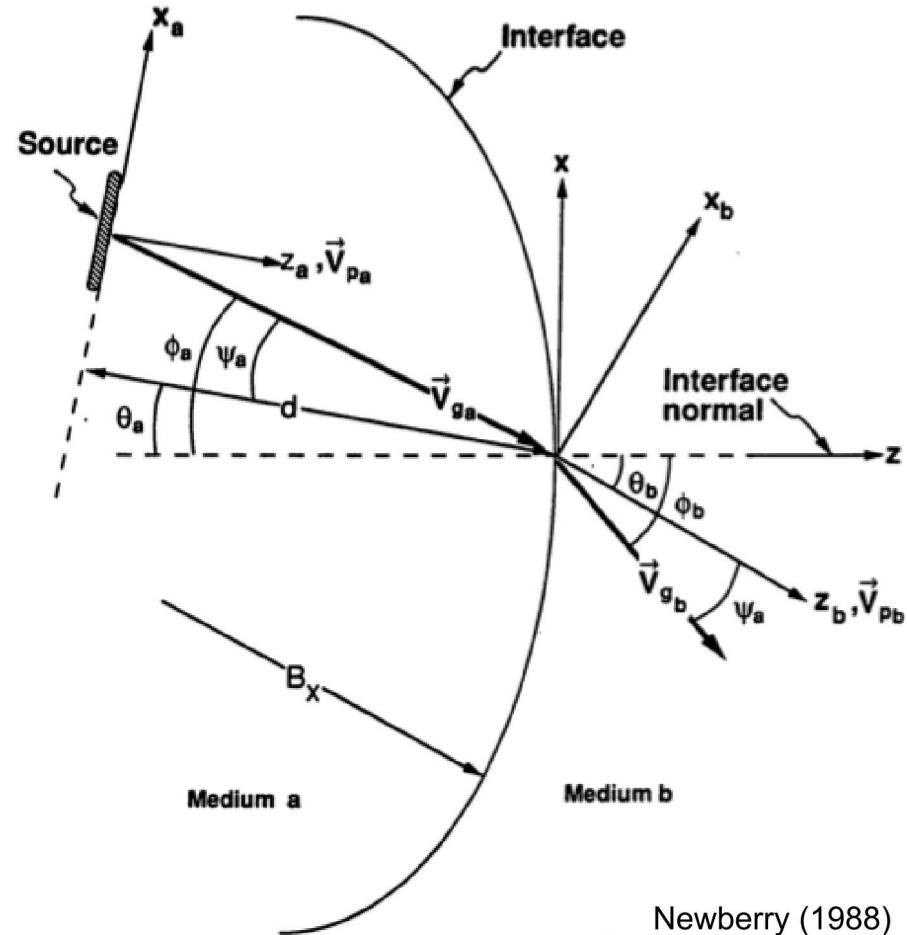
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Christoffel Analysis

- With the known sample density, ρ , and the estimated stiffness, C_{ijkl} , determine the phase velocity and polarization direction for each wave propagating in the sample

$$(C_{ijkl}\tau_i\tau_l - \rho v_p^2 \delta_{jk})\widehat{d_k} = 0$$

- Repeat the analysis for multiple propagation directions and determine the slowness surface for the longitudinal and shear waves
- Near the direction of wave propagation, perform a regression on the slowness surface to obtain the constants A through E and S_o .

$$\left(\frac{k}{\omega}\right) \cong S_o + A\left(\frac{k_x}{\omega}\right) + B\left(\frac{k_y}{\omega}\right) + C\left(\frac{k_x}{\omega}\right)^2 + D\left(\frac{k_x}{\omega}\right)\left(\frac{k_y}{\omega}\right) + E\left(\frac{k_y}{\omega}\right)^2$$

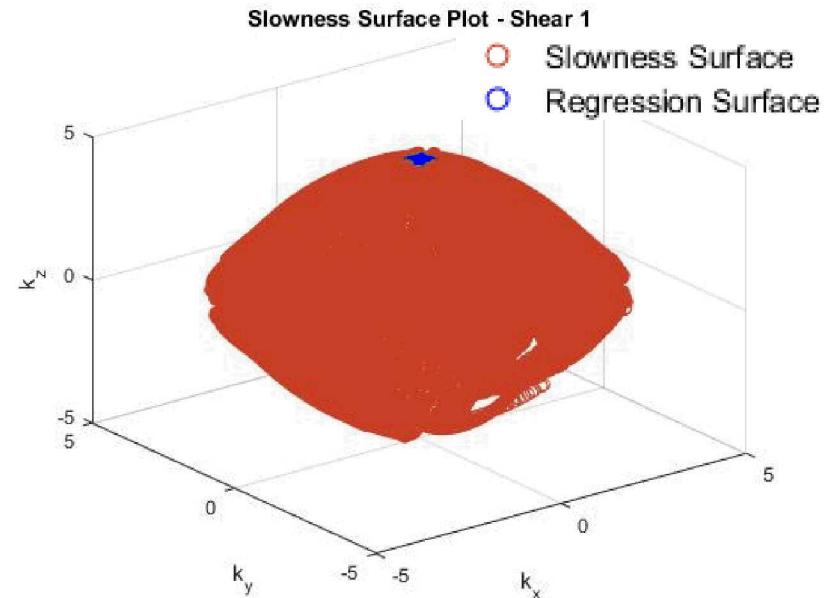
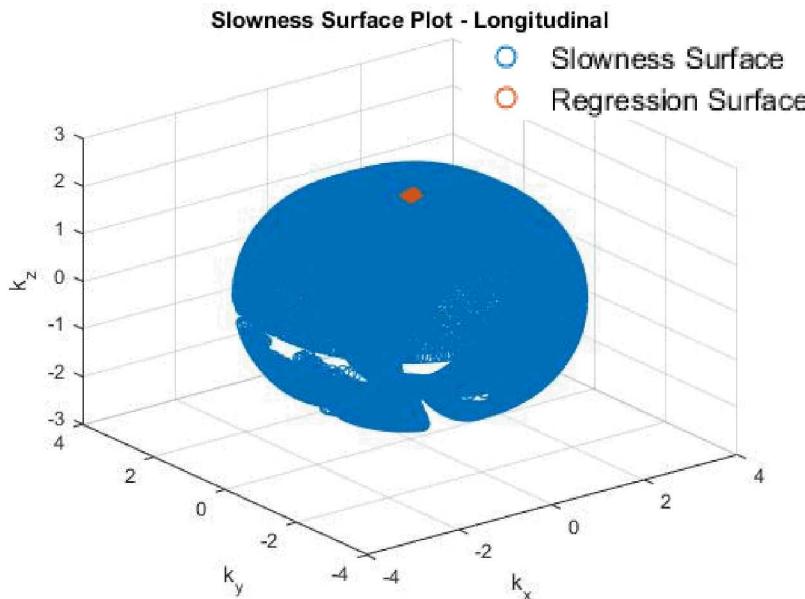
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Calculate Wave Displacement

- The wave displacement, \underline{u} , within the sample is given by

$$\underline{u}(x, y, z, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{mn} \underline{u}_{mn}(x, y, z, t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u}_{mn}(x, y, z, t) = & \hat{d}^i(0,0) u_o \sqrt{\frac{w_{xo} w_{yo}}{w_x(z) w_y(z)}} e^{(j\omega_o(t-s_0 z))} \\ & e^{\{j[(2m+1)\psi_x(z)+(2n+1)\psi_y(z)]\}} \\ & e^{\left\{ \frac{-j\pi}{\lambda_z} \left[\frac{(x+Az)^2}{q_x(z)} + \frac{(y+Bz)^2}{q_y(z)} \right] \right\}} \\ & H_m \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_x(z)} (x + Az) \right] H_n \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_y(z)} (y + Bz) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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The terms highlighted in red were obtained from the slowness surface regression.

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The wavelength in the z direction. When the wavelength is combined with the Λ terms below, we can obtain the anisotropy parameters (Λ/λ_z) in the x and y directions as seen on the next slide.

$$\Lambda_x = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_o S_o} (1 - CS_o)$$

$$\Lambda_y = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_o S_o} (1 - ES_o)$$

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Complex parameter that is defined based on the initial width of the beam, initial radius of curvature for the beam, the anisotropy parameter (Λ/λ_z) and the position z .

$$q_x(z) = q_{xo} + \left(\frac{\Lambda_x}{\lambda_z} \right) z$$

$$q_y(z) = q_{yo} + \left(\frac{\Lambda_y}{\lambda_z} \right) z$$

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The initial width of the ultrasound beam in the x and y directions

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The width of the ultrasound beam in the x and y directions as a function of position along the z direction

$$w_x(z) = \left[\frac{-\lambda_z}{\pi \text{Im} \left(\frac{1}{q_x(z)} \right)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$w_y(z) = \left[\frac{-\lambda_z}{\pi \text{Im} \left(\frac{1}{q_y(z)} \right)} \right]^{1/2}$$

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Identifying the Terms in the Wave Displacement Calculation

$$\underline{u}_{mn}(x, y, z, t) = \hat{d}^i(0,0)u_o \sqrt{\frac{w_{xo}w_{yo}}{w_x(z)w_y(z)}} e^{(j\omega_o(t-s_oz))} e^{\{j[(2m+1)\psi_x(z)+(2n+1)\psi_y(z)]\}} e^{\left\{ \frac{-j\pi}{\lambda_z} \left[\frac{(x+Az)^2}{q_x(z)} + \frac{(y+Bz)^2}{q_y(z)} \right] \right\}} H_m \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_x(z)} (x + Az) \right] H_n \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_y(z)} (y + Bz) \right]$$

The difference in phase angle between the initial q_o and the present q .

$$\Psi_x(z) = \frac{1}{2} [\angle q_{xo} - \angle q_x(z)]$$

$$\Psi_y(z) = \frac{1}{2} [\angle q_{yo} - \angle q_y(z)]$$

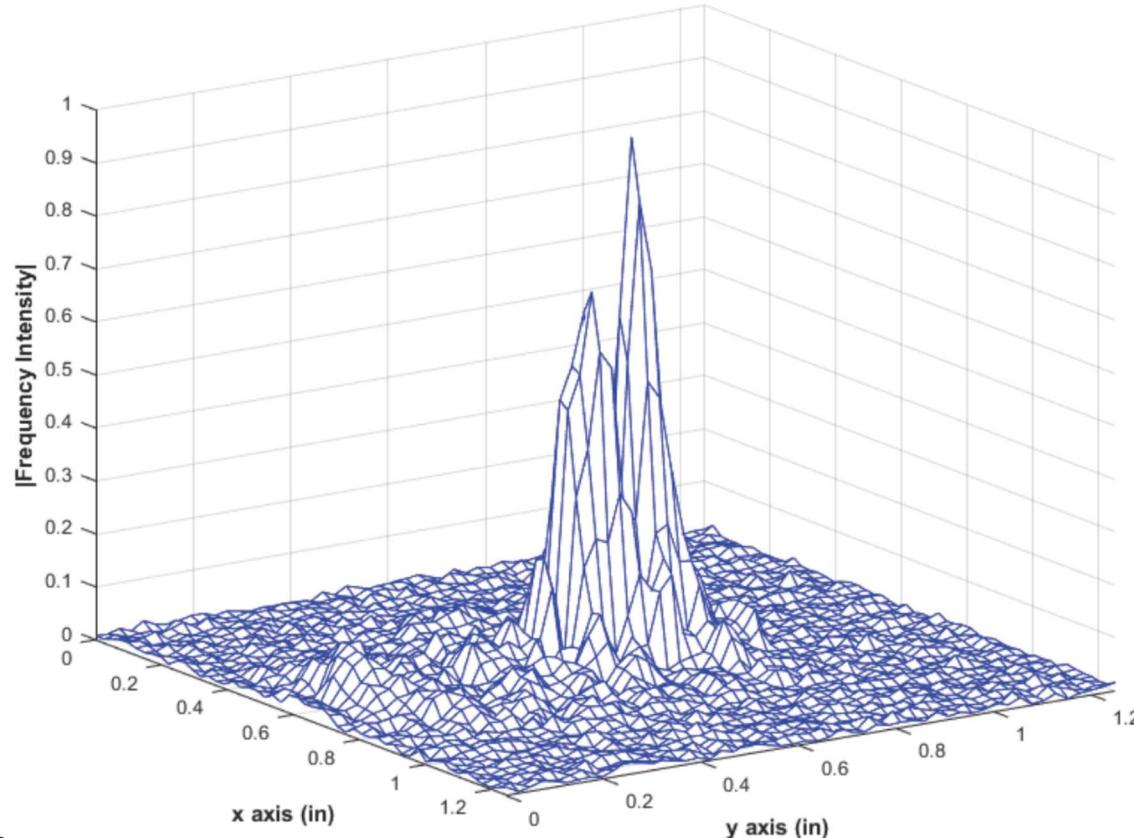
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Frequency Intensity Plot Comparison

- Plot of the intensity of the 5 MHz component of the ultrasound wave collected in the C-scan measurement. This is the data that will be compared with the model results.



Future Work

- Refine the optimization method for comparing the measured and modeled wave displacement results
- Compare the elastic constants as determined from the optimization method to those obtained experimentally
- Determine applicability of this approach to bonded samples

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