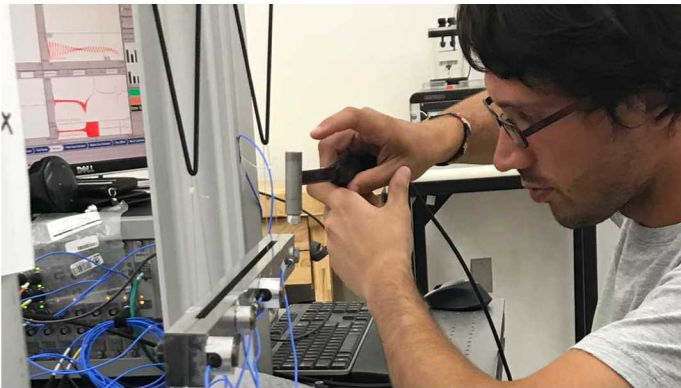
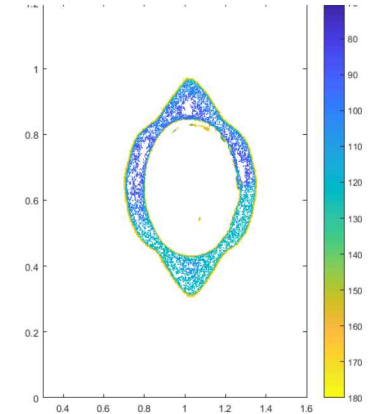
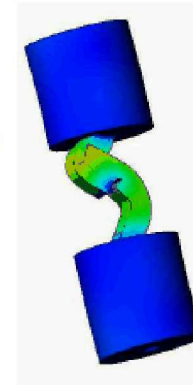


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A Priori Methods to Assess the Strength of Nonlinearities for Design Applications

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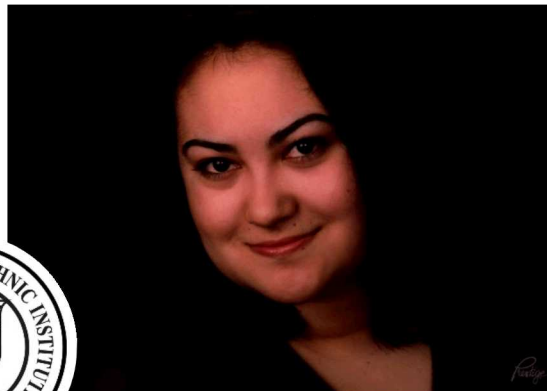
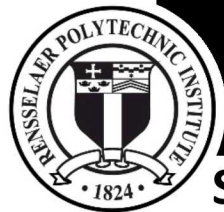
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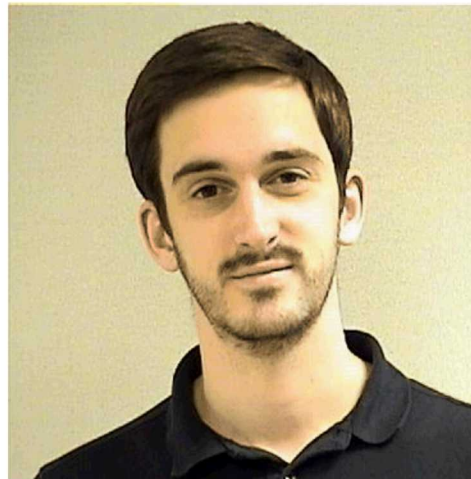
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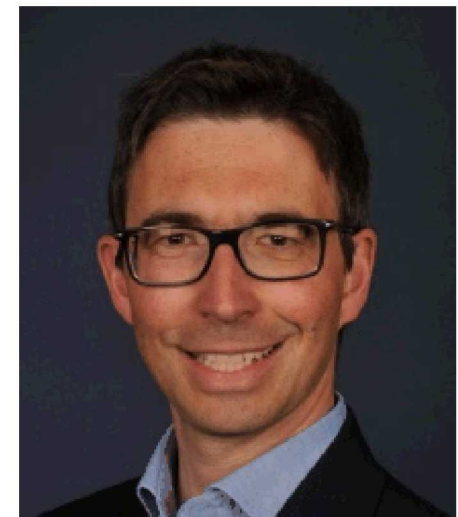
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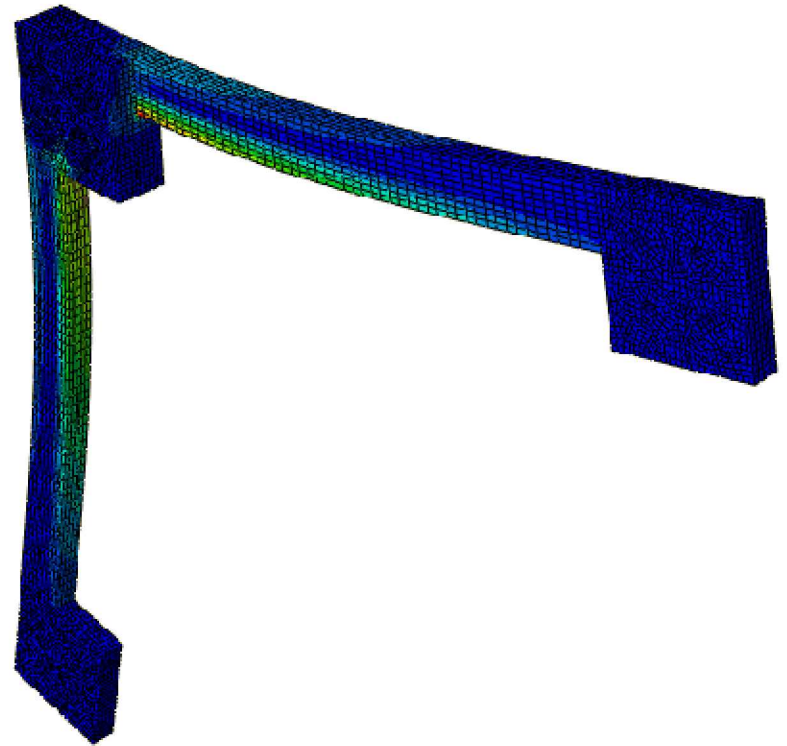


Project Overview

- It is hypothesized that the strength of a nonlinearity (SNL) in a jointed system can be predicted by quantifying the **magnitude and uniformity of contact pressure** within an interface and by assessing the **modal excitation of an interface**.

- Numerical Methods:

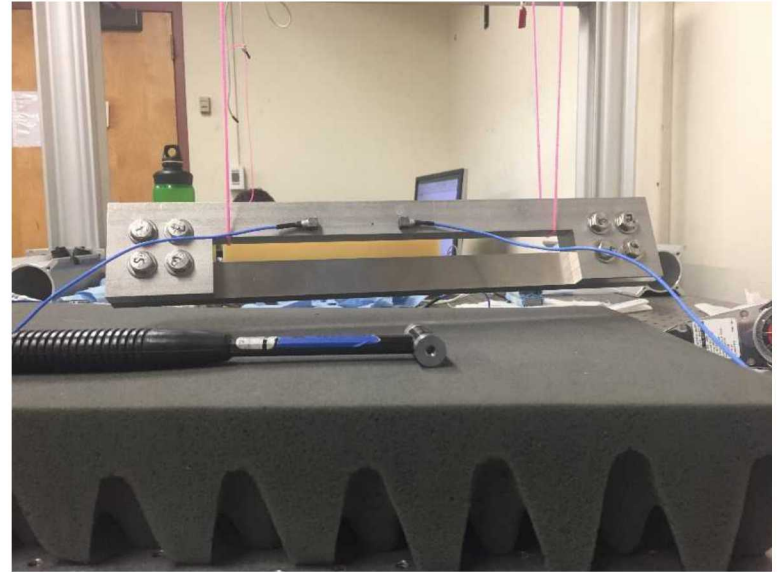
Using Abaqus, we calculated a variety of statistics regarding contact pressure and modal strain to utilize in developing a metric to predict strength of nonlinearity.



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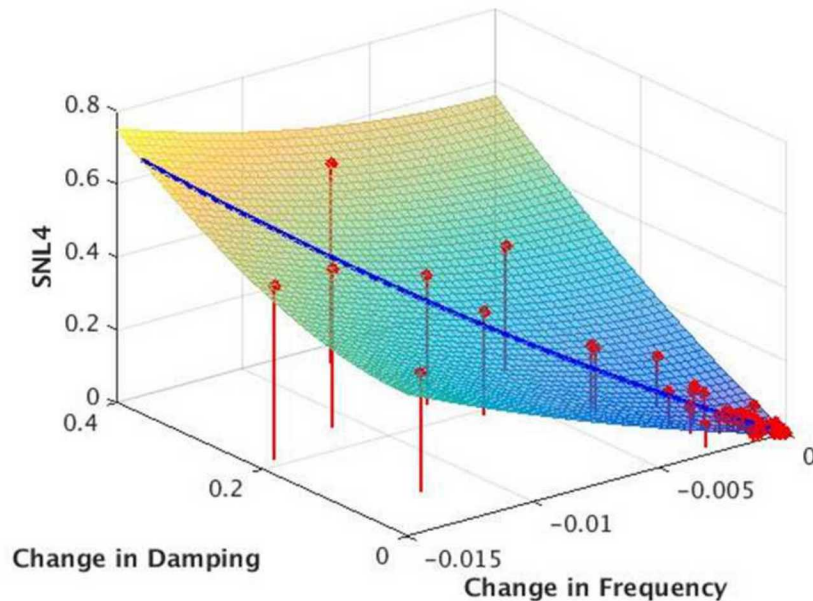
- Experimental Methods:

We obtained time response data for many beam configurations.



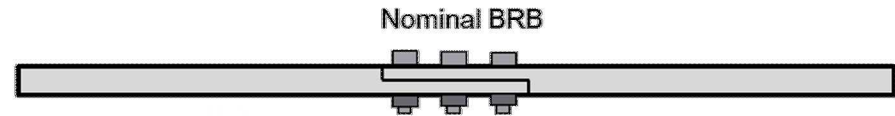
- Analysis:

We developed a definition for SNL based on change in damping ratio and change in frequency. Using machine learning, we assessed the importance of various statistics in predicting SNL and finalized a metric.



Configurations – Brake-Reuß Beam

- BRB



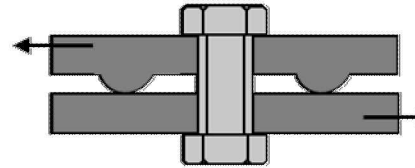
- Spring (SBRB)



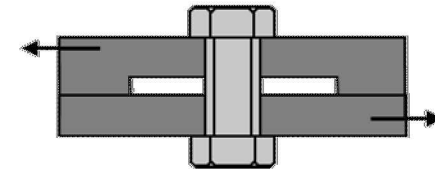
- Long (LBRB)



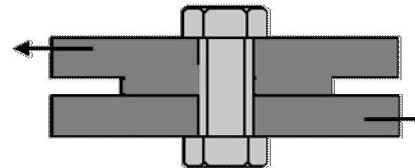
- Hertzian Contact (HZ)



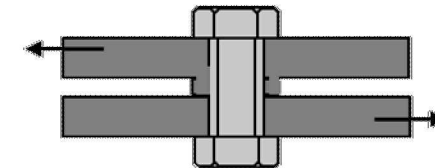
- Reverse Pad Contact (RPD)



- Large Pad Contact (LPD)

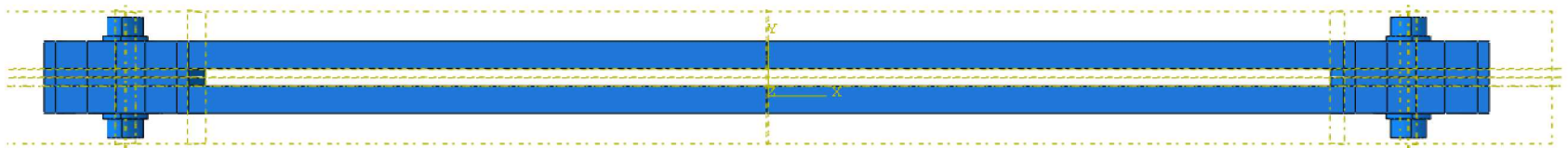
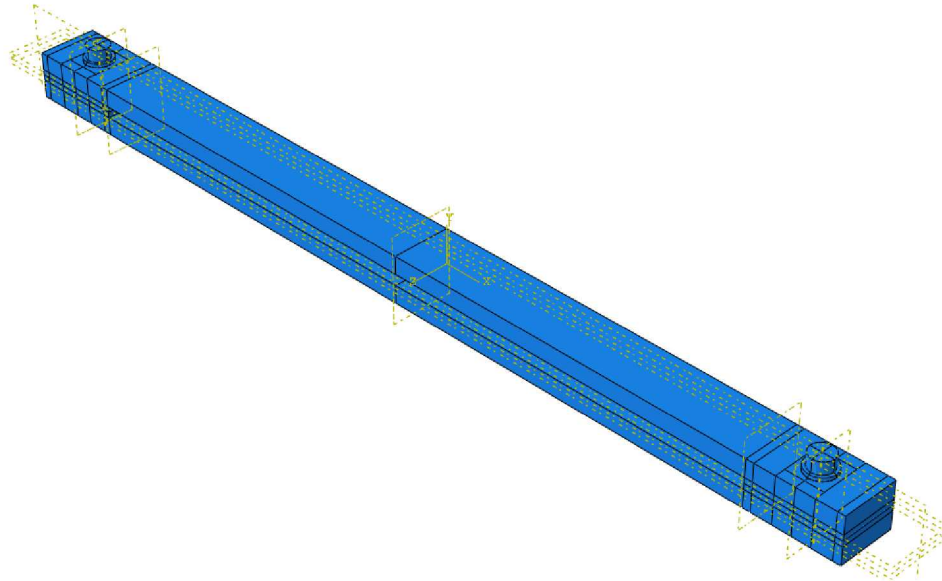


- Small Pad Contact (SPD)



Configurations – C-Beam

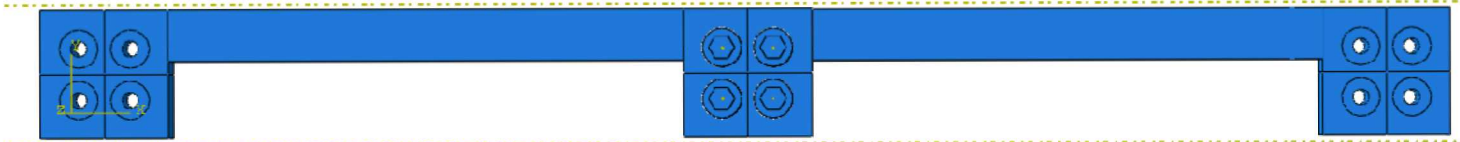
- CBM (also known as the S4 or Sandwich beam)



Configurations – 4-Bolt Beam

- 4LS

(4-bolt **L**ong **S**ame-side)



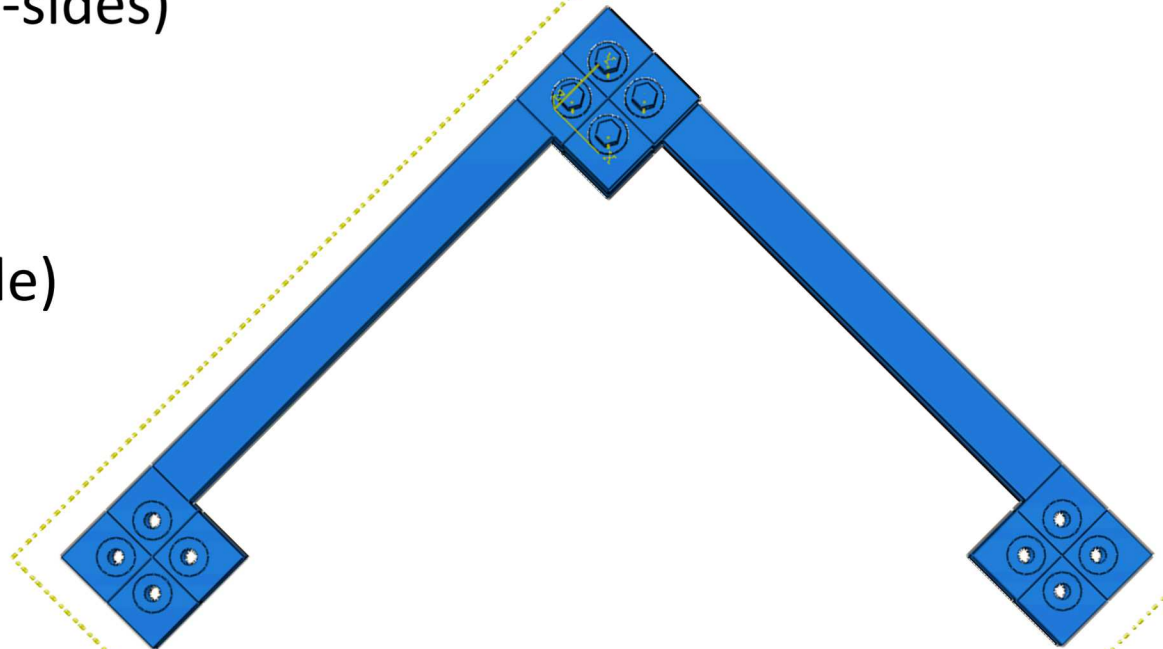
- 4SO

(4-bolt **S**hort **O**pposite-sides)



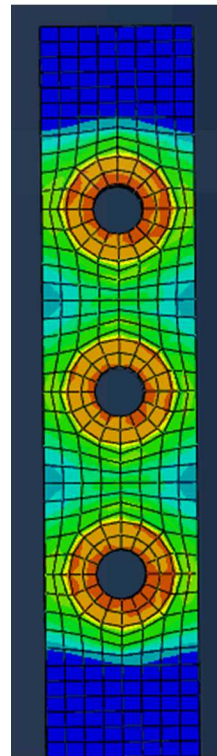
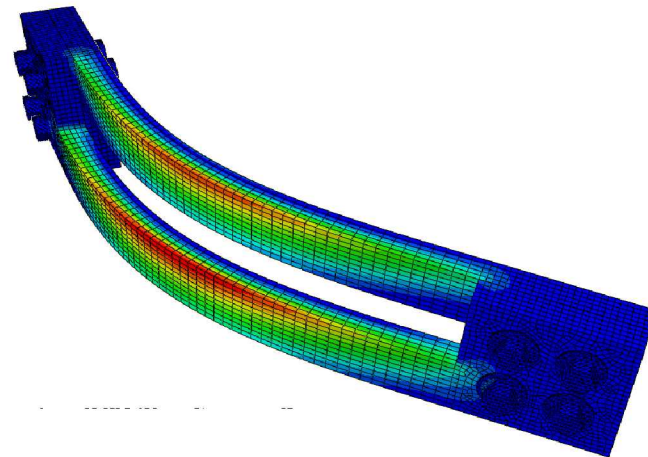
- 4VO

(4-bolt **V**-shape **O**utside)



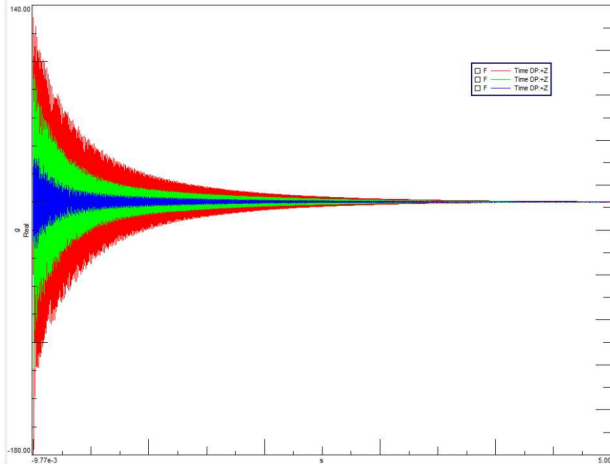
Numerical Methodology

- To develop the metric, we sought easy-to-access data from an FEA model: modal strain and contact pressure.
- A nonlinear frictionless interface implicit solver was used to determine contact pressure.
- A linearized eigen analysis was used to find mode shapes and strain.
- Various statistics were calculated based on the data:
 - Mean (Contact Pressure and Strain)
 - Max (Contact Pressure and Strain)
 - Standard Deviation (Contact Pressure and Strain)
 - Skew (Contact Pressure and Strain)
 - Kurtosis (Contact Pressure and Strain)
 - Contact Area

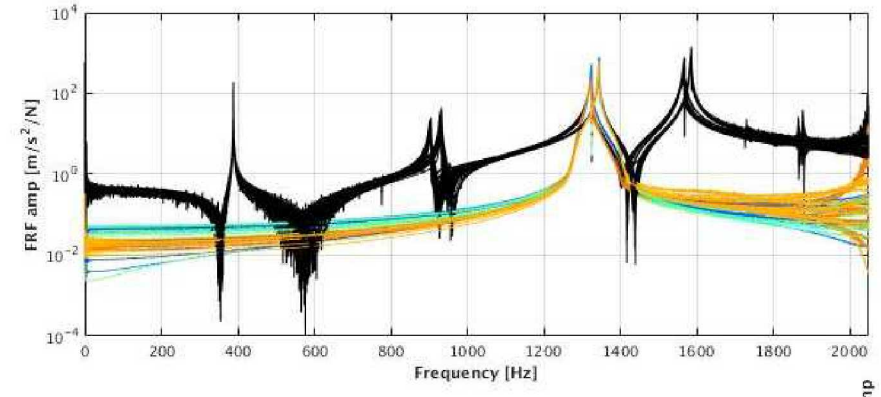


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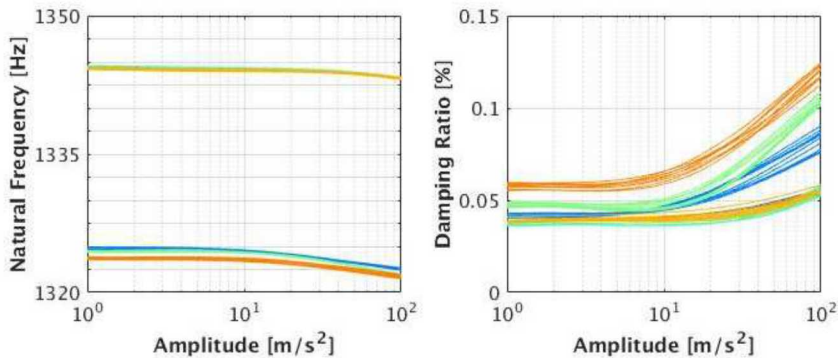
- Impact Testing



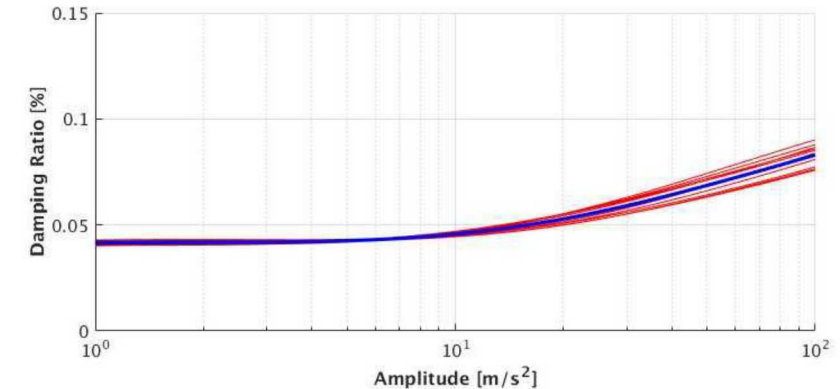
- Bandpass Filtering and Hilbert Transform



- Frequency and Damping vs Amplitude

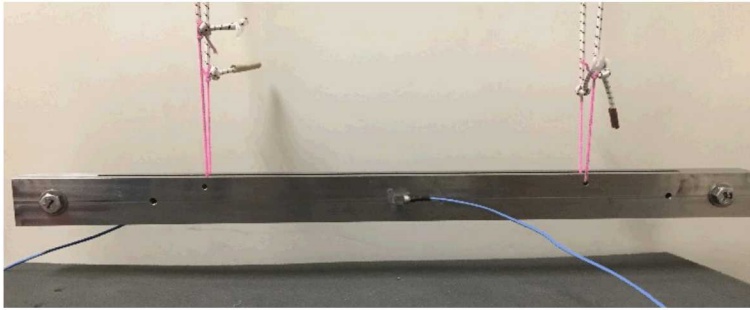


- Smooth and Average Curves

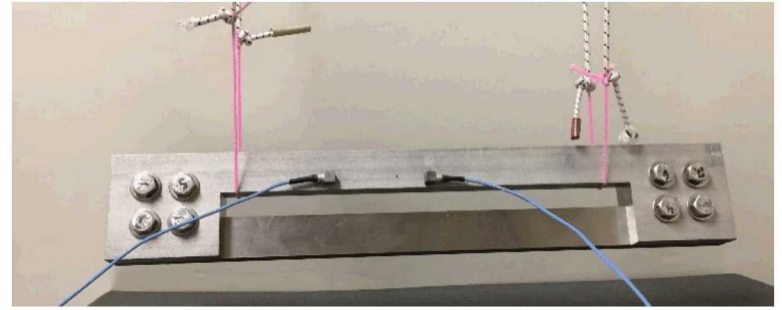


Experimental Methodology

- CBM



- 4SO



- 4LS

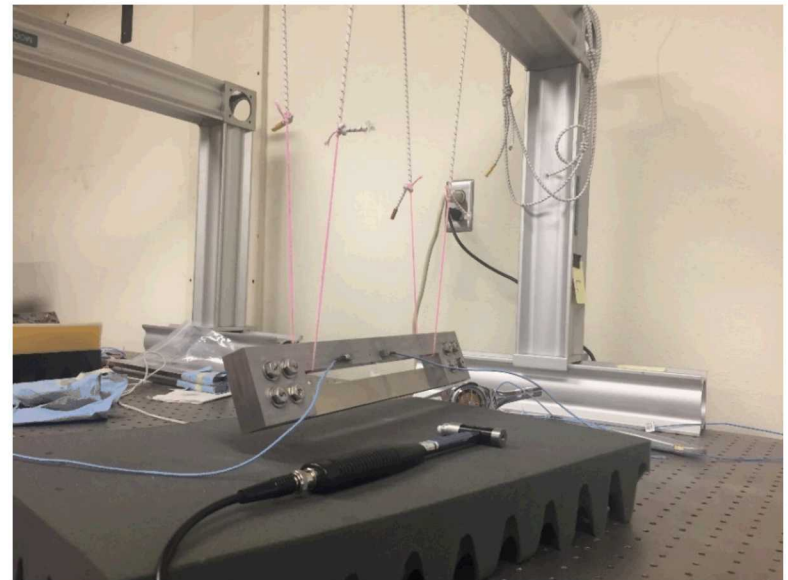
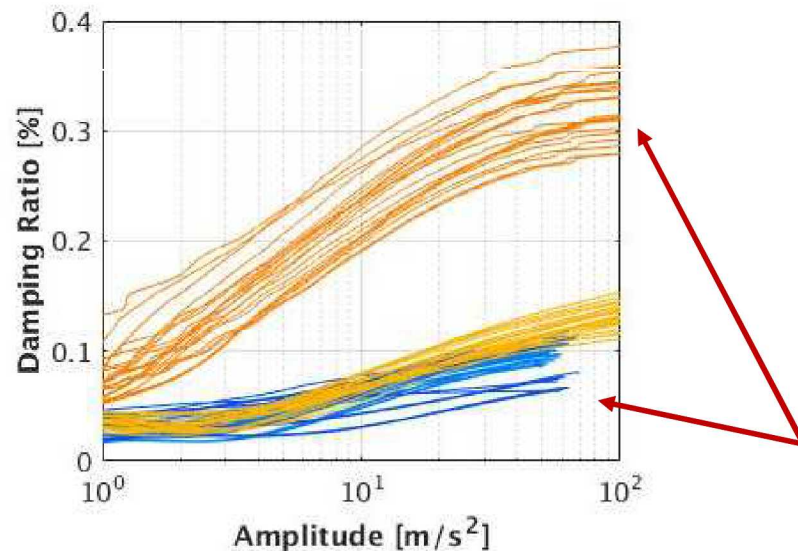


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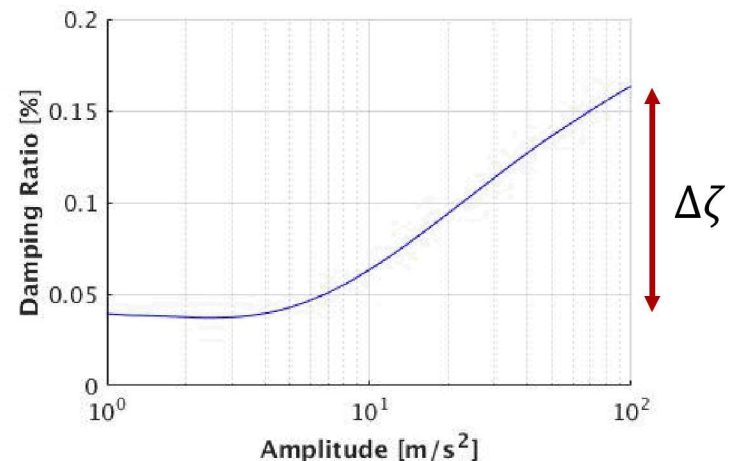
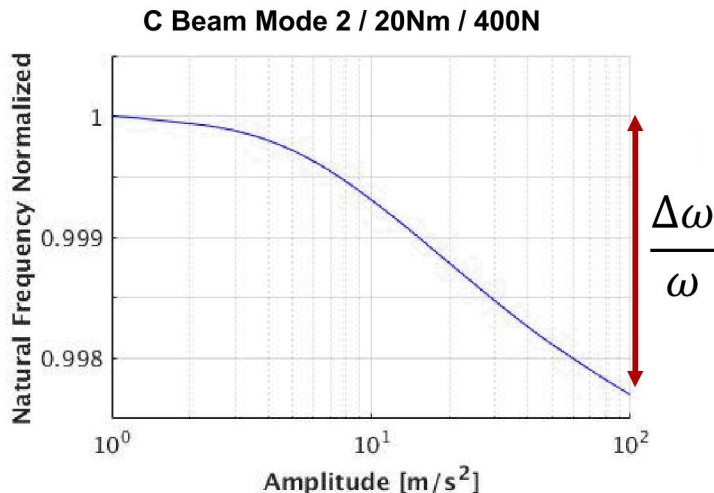
- Impact hammer testing using free-free boundary condition
- Bolt torques range from 5Nm → 20Nm
 - What is the effect of changing contact pressure within beam configurations?
- Impact Levels ranging from 60N to 900N
 - What is the effect of modal coupling?
 - How do we normalize force?
- Standardize by max mode shape



C Beam Mode 2: Extreme Modal Coupling

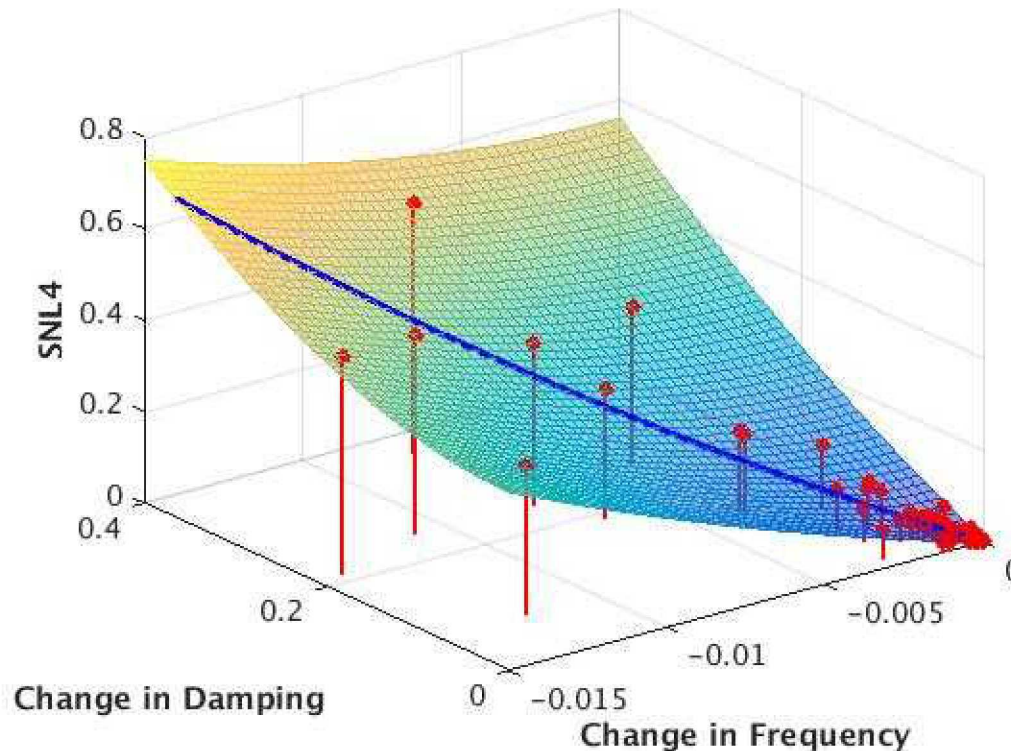
Defining Strength of Nonlinearity (SNL)

- Magnitude of shift in natural frequency and damping as the response amplitude of a structure is varied between two fixed bounds.
- $SNL = \alpha \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} + \beta \Delta\zeta$



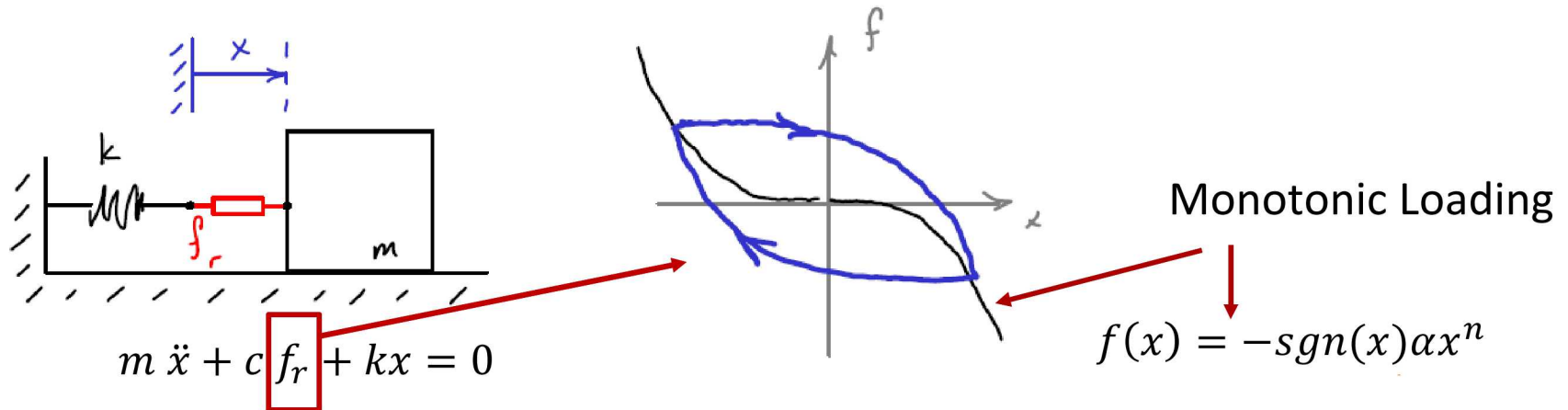
Defining SNL

$$SNL4 = \left(\left(20 * \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} \right)^2 + (\Delta\zeta)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(20 * \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} \right)^2 + (\Delta\zeta)^2$$

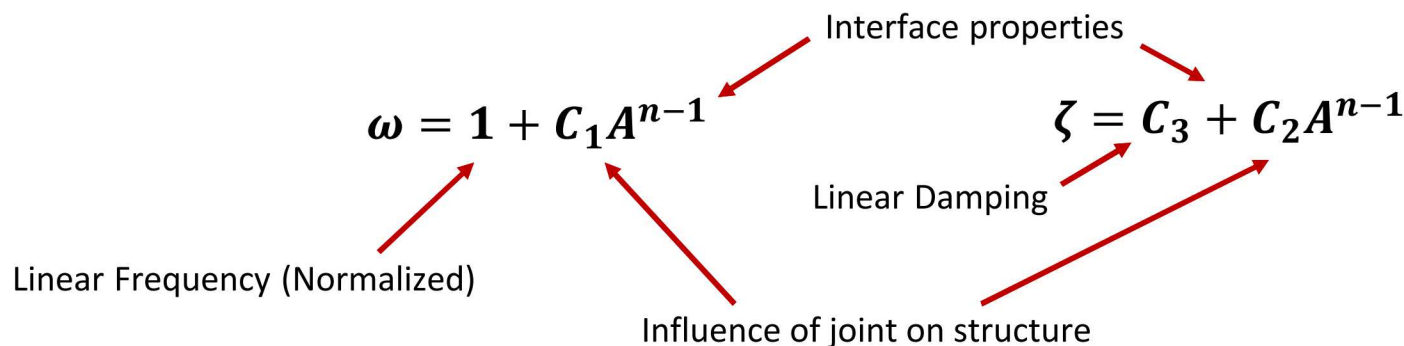


Defining SNL: Perturbations Approach

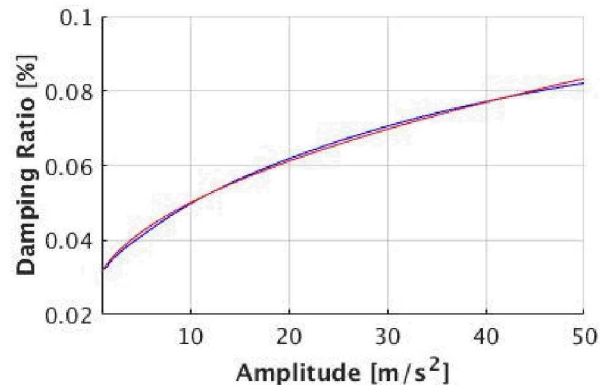
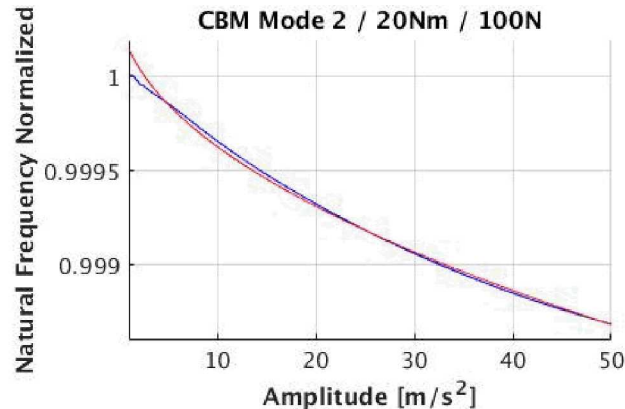
- Based off of a mass-spring-damper system



- General form of equivalent frequency and damping



Defining SNL: Perturbations Approach



$$\zeta = -0.01 + \underline{0.0345} A^{0.25}$$

$$R^2 = 0.9931$$

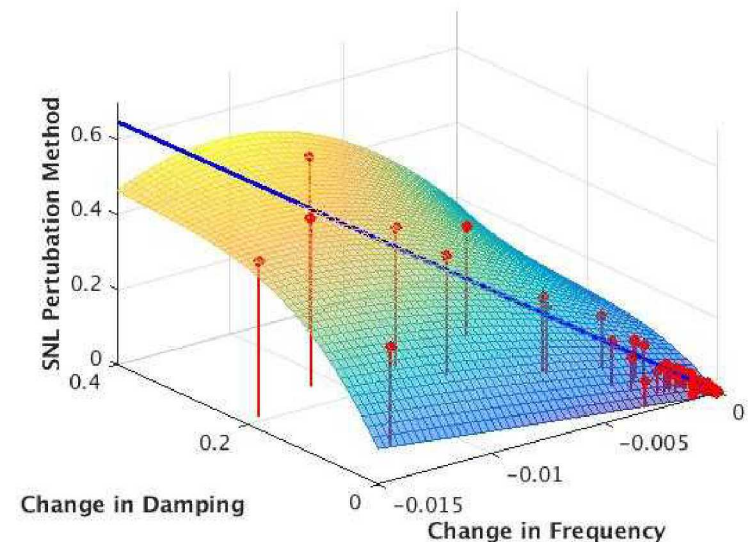
$$\omega = 1.003 - \underline{9.703 * 10^{-4}} A^{0.25}$$

$$R^2 = 0.9757$$

Overall:

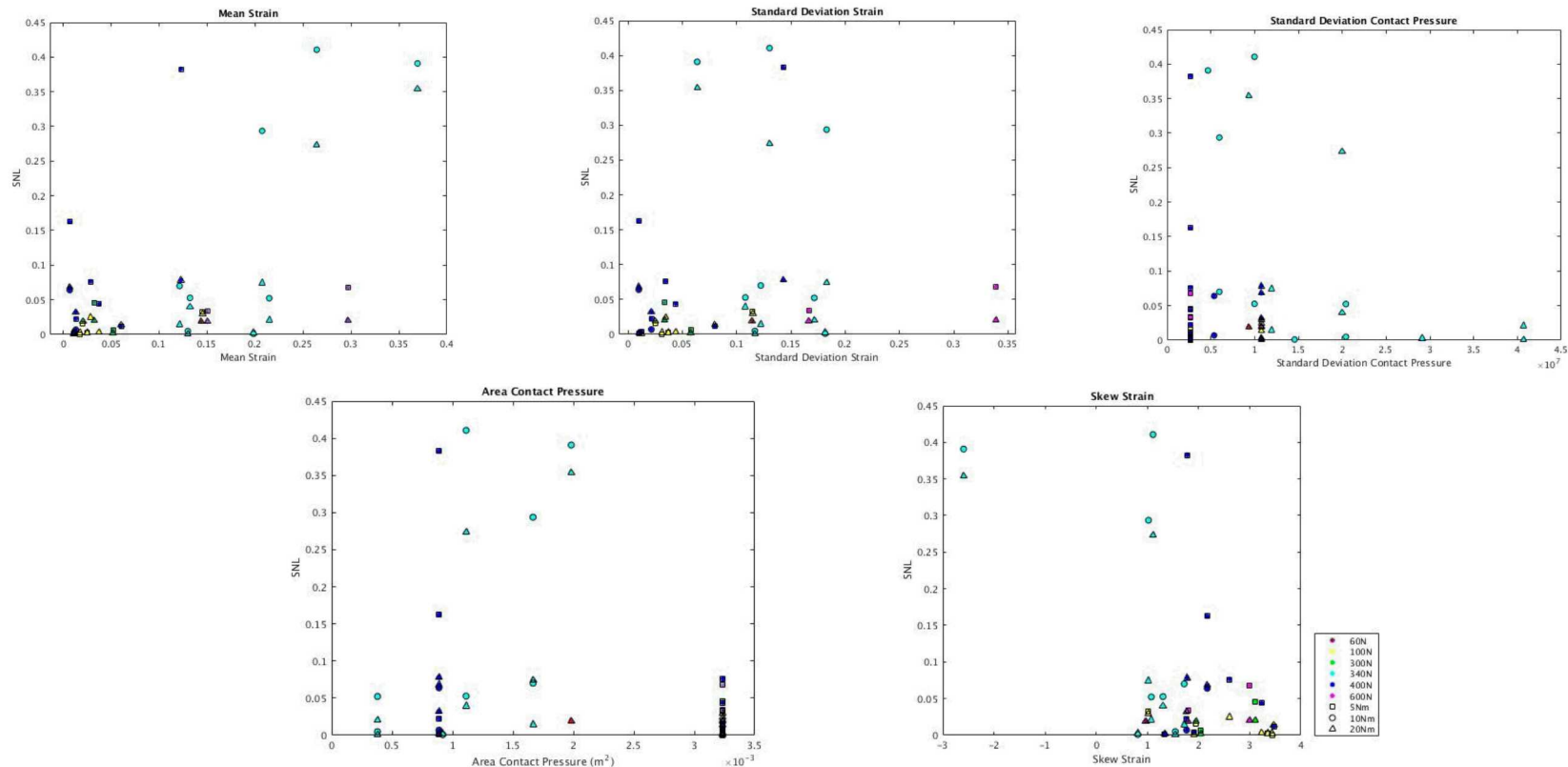
Frequency $R^2 = 0.8434$

Damping $R^2 = 0.7841$



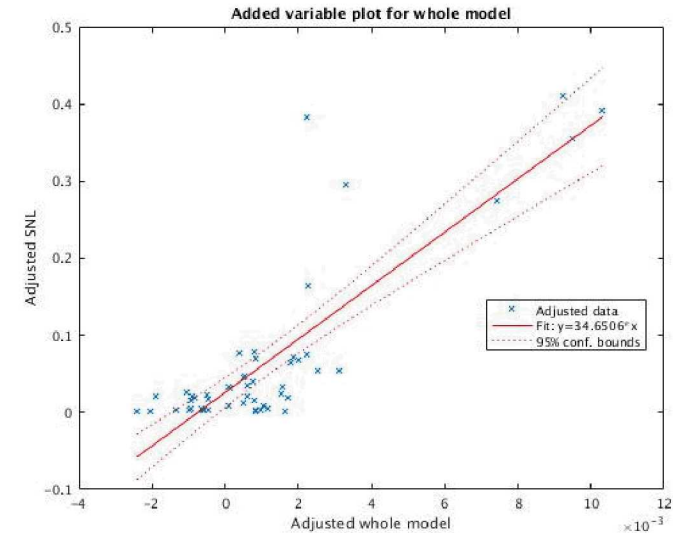
Machine Learning

- Correlation of parameters to SNL and frequency-only-based SNL by visual inspection and ANOVA
 - **70% of variance explained by 5 variables:** Mean Strain, Standard Deviation Strain, Standard Deviation Contact Pressure, Contact Area, Skew Strain



Machine Learning

- $SNL = .065802 + 1.7405MeanE - 1.3022STDE - 5.7476 * 10^{-9}STDCP - 41.301AreaCP + .041298SkewE$, p-value=1.17e-10, $R^2 = .696$
- MATLAB's built-in functions *fitlm*, *stepwiselm*, and *step* were utilized to create a linear regression model using the various statistics
 - *stepwiselm* automatically tests the importance of each statistic to create the optimal metric
 - *step* takes an existing model and checks whether additional terms should be added or existing terms should be removed
 - *fitlm* fits a model using the parameters specified



| Whole Model Parameters (R ² =0.696, p-value=1.17e-10) | p-value | Frequency Parameters (R ² =0.833, p-value=1.49e-15) | p-value |
|--|------------|--|------------|
| MeanE | 6.5816e-08 | MeanE | 6.6878e-12 |
| STDE | 1.499e-05 | STDE | 2.8118e-10 |
| STDCP | 4.1232e-05 | SkewE | 2.6391e-06 |
| AreaCP | 0.00032329 | STDCP | 9.671e-06 |
| SkewE | 0.01428 | KurtosisE | 0.000461 |
| (KurtosisE) | (0.09601) | AreaCP | .026855 |

Conclusions

- We were not able to produce a metric that could accurately predict the SNL metric using only contact pressure and modal strain. A future metric could possibly be determined if additional interface properties were also included.
- We were able to identify the key variables that explain variance in our SNL metric
 - Strain: Mean, Standard Deviation and Skew
 - Contact Pressure: Standard Deviation and Area
- We were able to identify areas of improvement for future research
 - Using modal acceleration instead of absolute acceleration
 - Better understand how force levels activate modal coupling
 - Implement genetic algorithms for model predictions
 - Use surface properties to explain damping variance



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