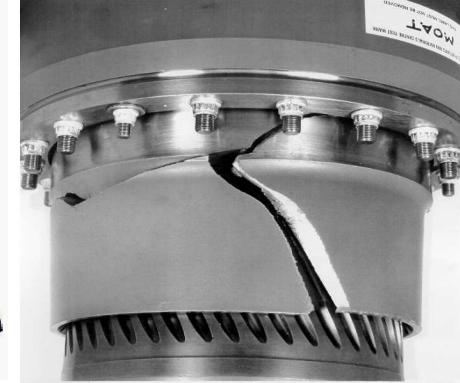
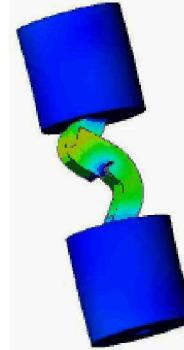


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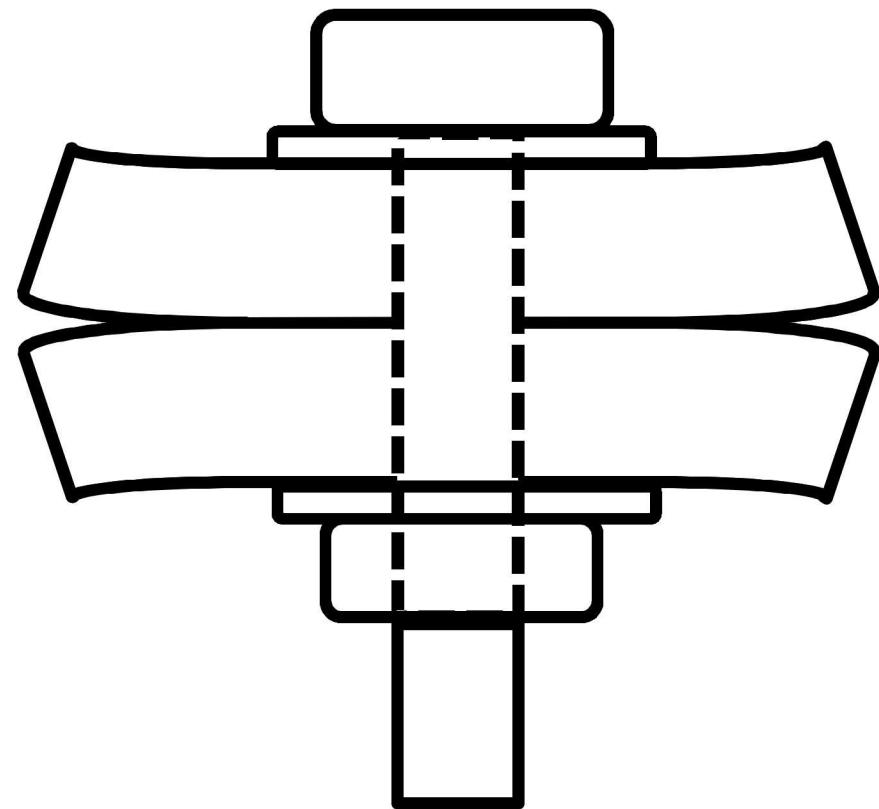
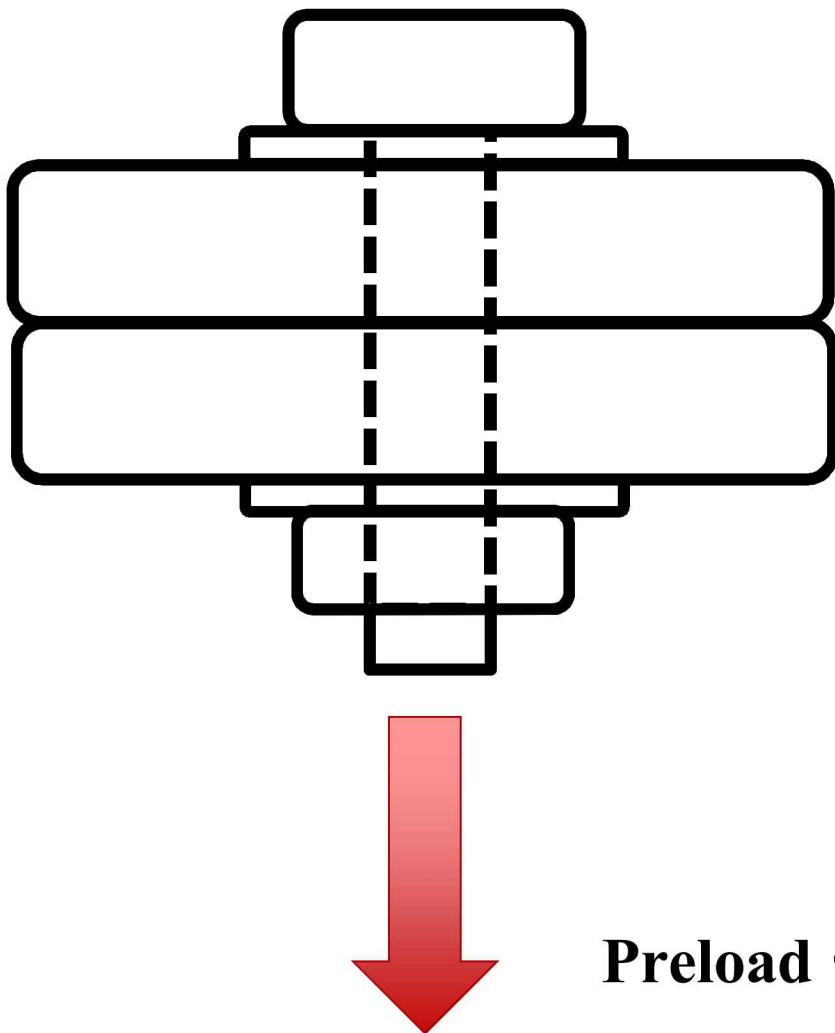
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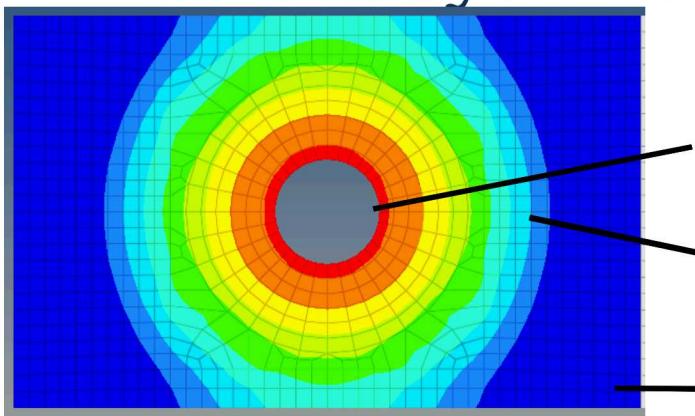
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# Introduction



**Preload → Joint stiffness**

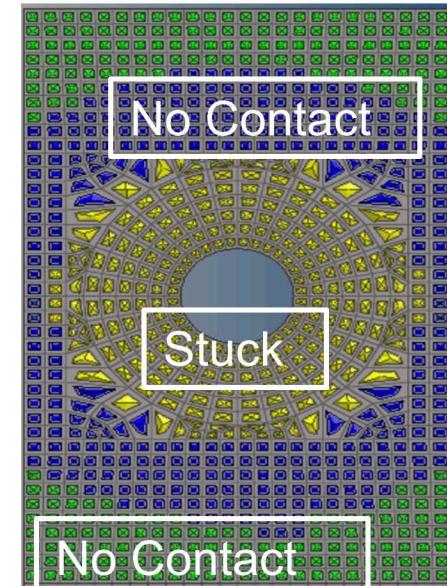
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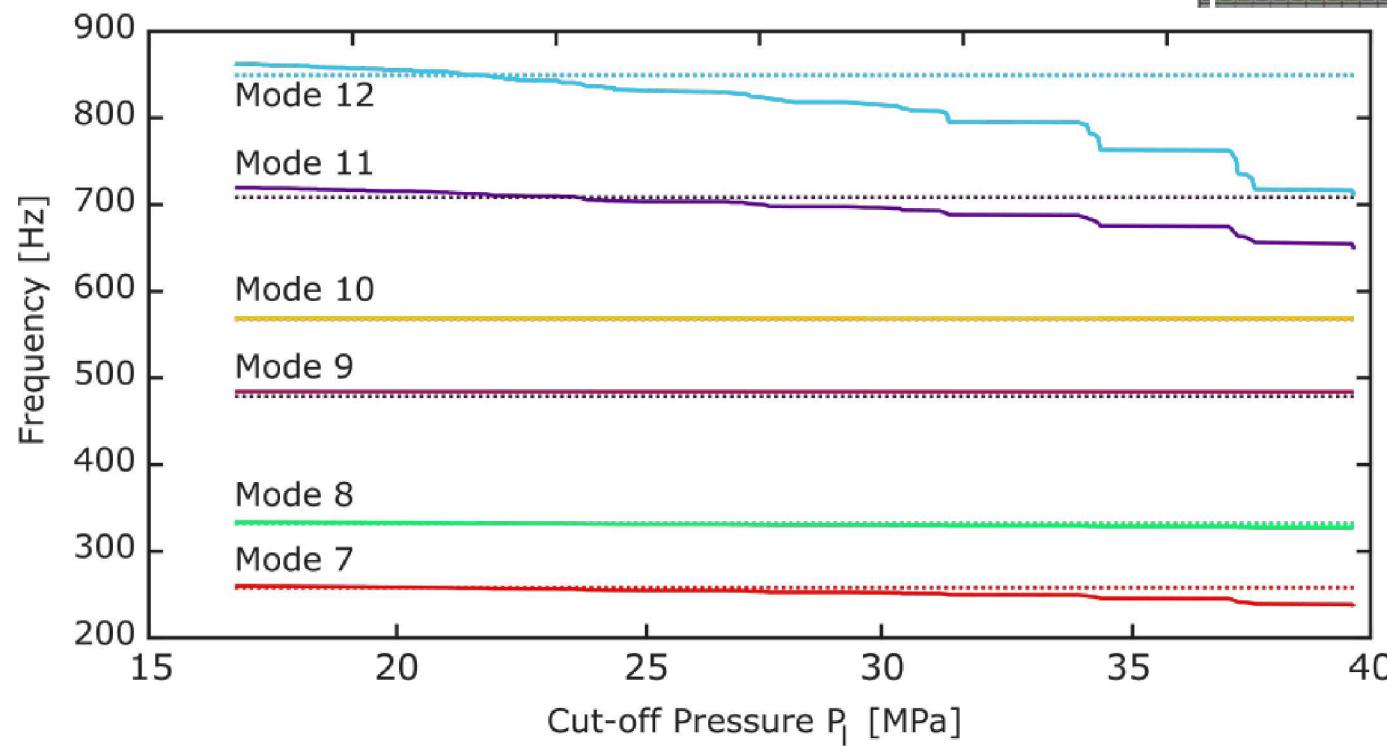
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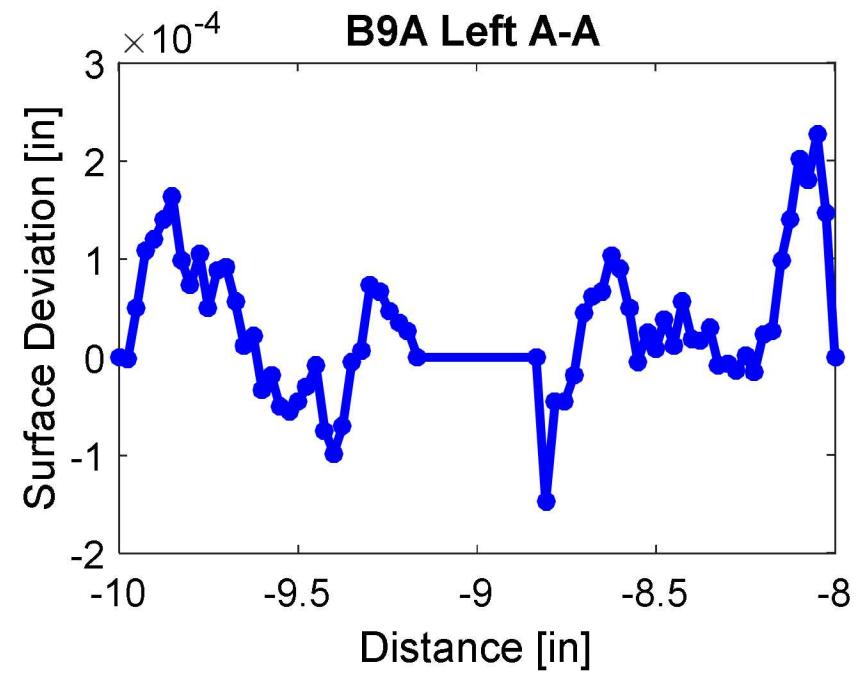
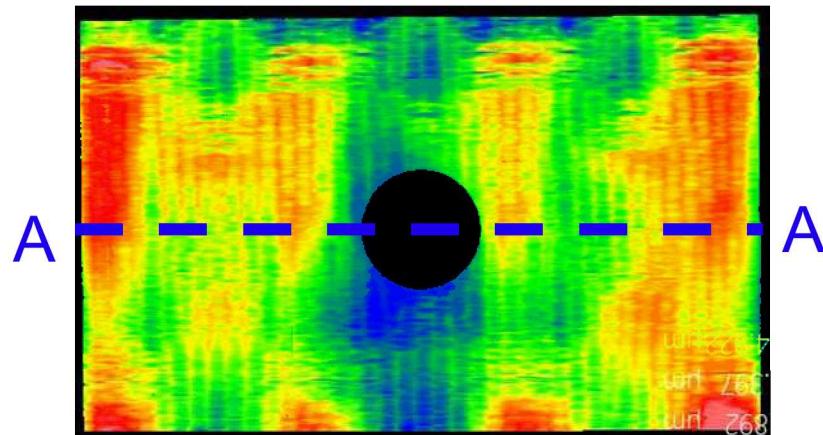
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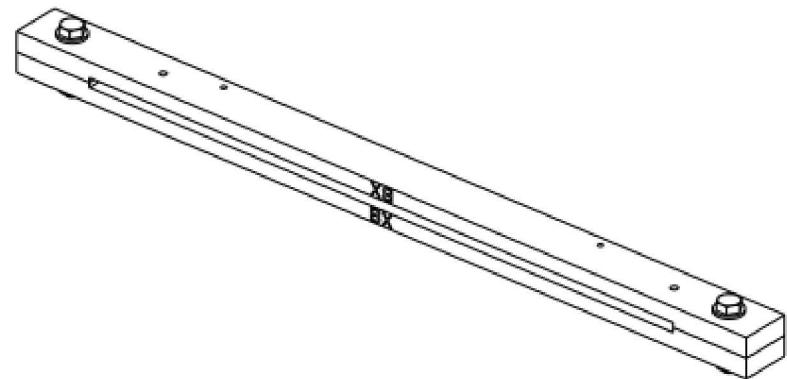
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- To what extent do surface irregularities in an interface effect the dynamic properties of a joint?



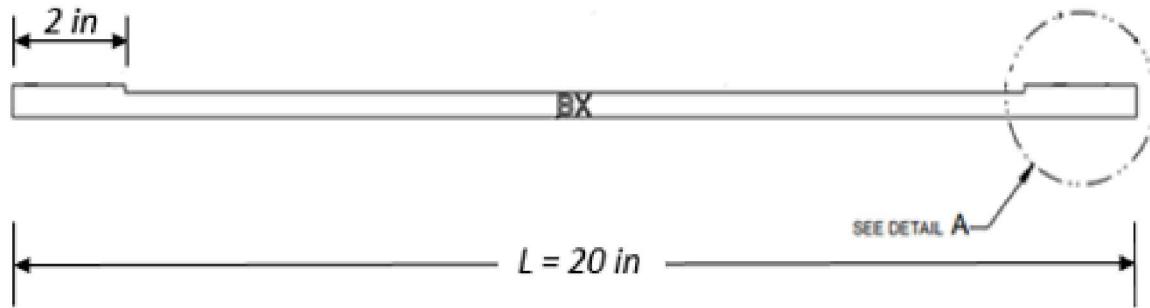
# Agenda

1. System Description
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3. Assembled Beam Structure
  1. Experimental Modal Analysis
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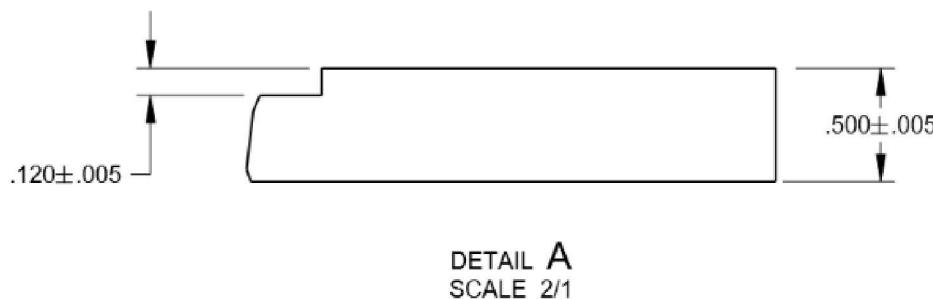
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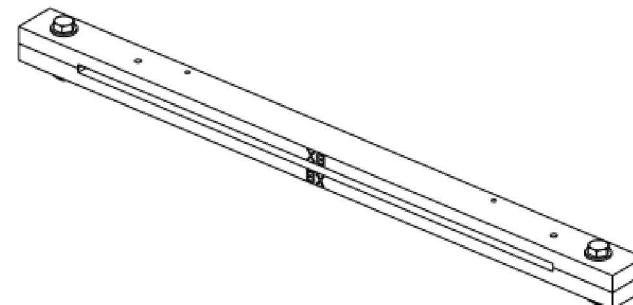


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Single beam



DETAIL A  
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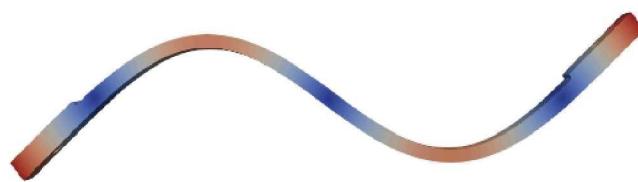
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Beam assembly

# Single Beam Structure: Experimental Modal Analysis



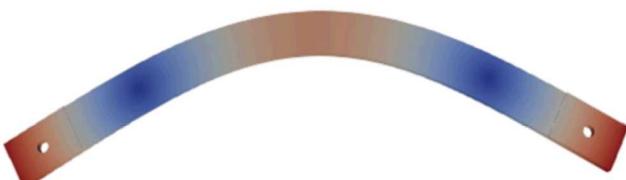
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187.5 Hz    187.1 Hz    189.3 Hz



**B9A**      **B9B**      **FEA**  
526.3 Hz    525.1 Hz    523.3 Hz



**B9A**      **B9B**      **FEA**  
610.8 Hz    610.3 Hz    603.8 Hz



**B9A**      **B9B**      **FEA**  
1042.7 Hz    1042.8 Hz    1037.9 Hz



**B9A**      **B9B**      **FEA**  
1545.5 Hz    1541.8 Hz    1530.7 Hz

# Single Beam Structure: Model Updating of Density



4340 Alloy Steel Beams

	B9A	B9B
Mass (slug)	7.3E-03	7.3E-03
Density (slug/in <sup>3</sup> )	7.3E-04	7.4E-04

Hex Head Screw, .3125-25 UNF-2B

	Bolt 1 (Right)	Bolt 2 (Left)
Mass (slug)	1.0E-04	1.0 E-04
Density (slug/in <sup>3</sup> )	6.7E-04	6.7E-04

*Serialize components*

Washer .344ID, .688OD, .065 THK

	Washer 1 (Right)	Washer 2 (Right)	Washer 3 (Left)	Washer 4 (Left)
Mass (slug)	1.1E-05	1.2E-05	1.1E-05	1.2E-05
Density (slug/in <sup>3</sup> )	6.3E-04	6.4E-04	6.3E-04	6.4E-04

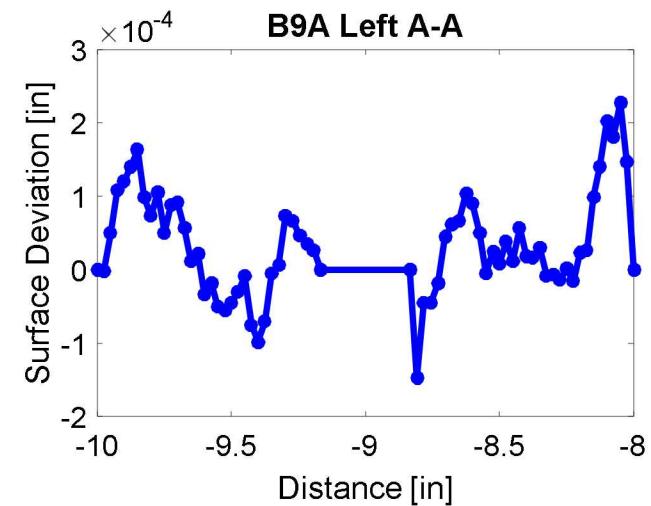
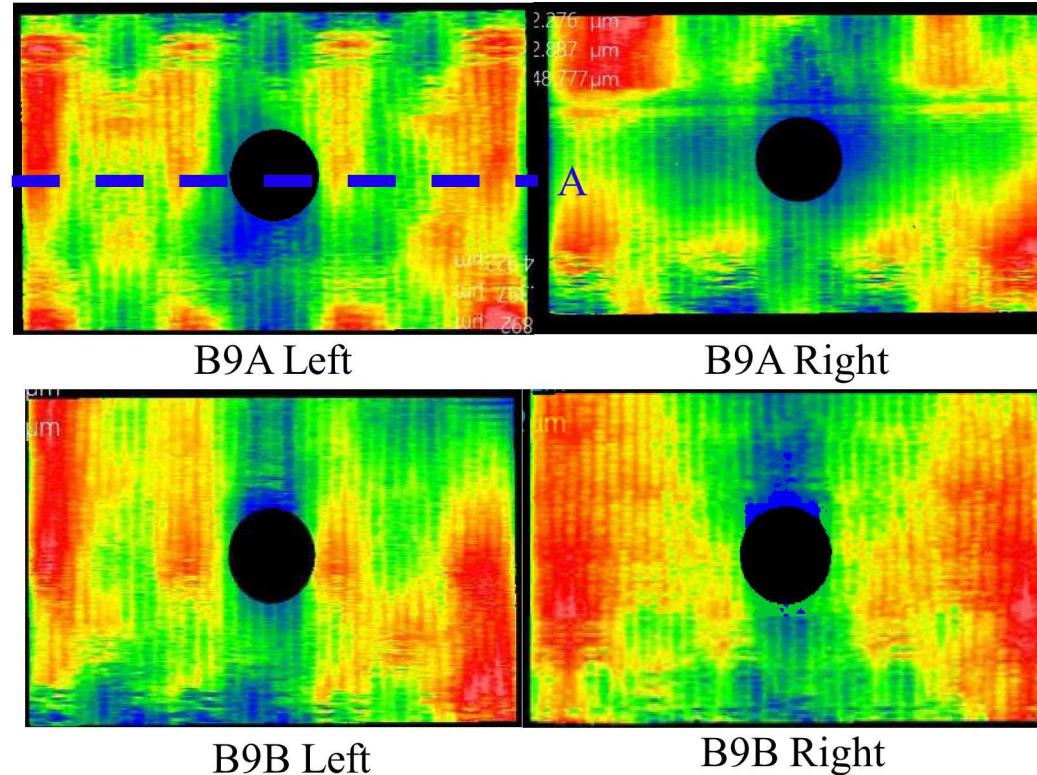
Nut, Hex, .3125-25 UNF-2B

	Nut 1 (Right)	Nut 2 (Left)
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Density (slug/in <sup>3</sup> )	9.1E-04	9.0E-04

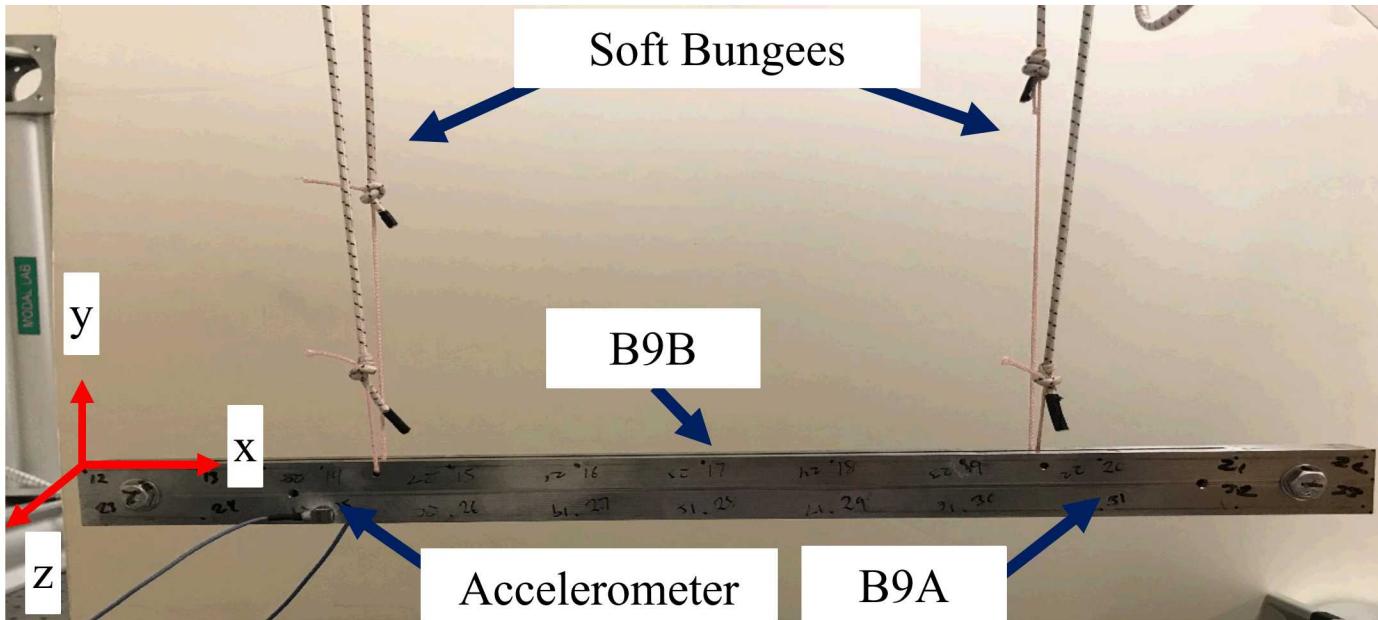
# Single Beam Structure: Model Updating of Young's Modulus

<b>Mode</b>	<b>B9A</b>		<b>B9B</b>	
	<b>Natural Frequency [Hz]</b>	<b>Young's Modulus</b>	<b>Natural Frequency [Hz]</b>	<b>Young's Modulus</b>
	<b>Experimental</b>	<b>Updated FE</b>	<b>Experimental</b>	<b>Updated FE</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> y-bending</b>	187.5	187.7 (+0.1%)	187.1	187.3 (+0.1%)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> y-bending</b>	526.3	527.4 (+0.2%)	525.1	526.4 (+0.2%)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> y-bending</b>	610.8	608.1 (-0.4%)	610.2	606.9 (-0.5%)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> z-bending</b>	1042.7	1046.5 (+0.4%)	1042.9	1044.5 (+0.2%)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> torsion</b>	1545.6	1541.8 (-0.2%)	1541.8	1538.8 (-0.2%)

# Single Beam Structure: Model Updating of Surface Geometry



# Beam Assembly: Experimental Modal Analysis

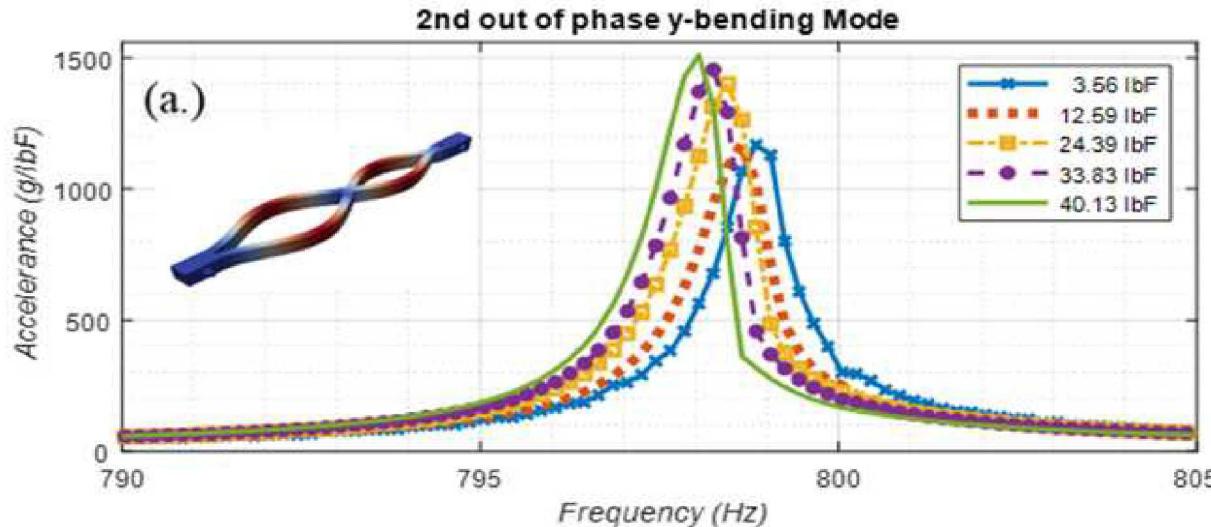


Alignment Tool

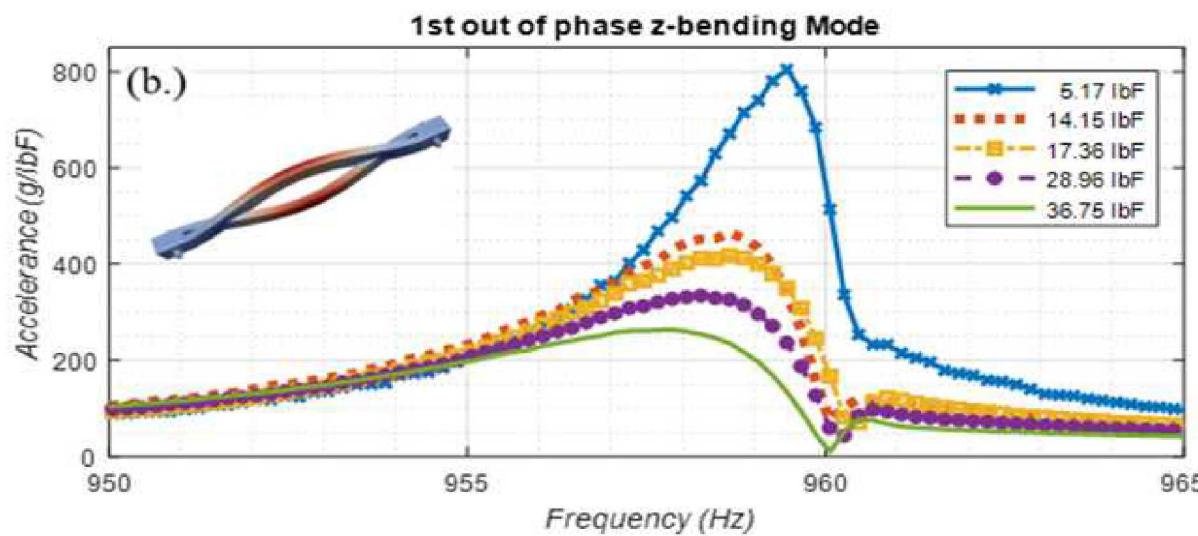


Torque Wrench

# Beam Assembly: Linearity Study



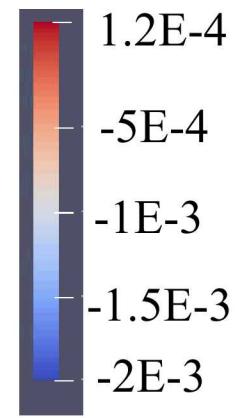
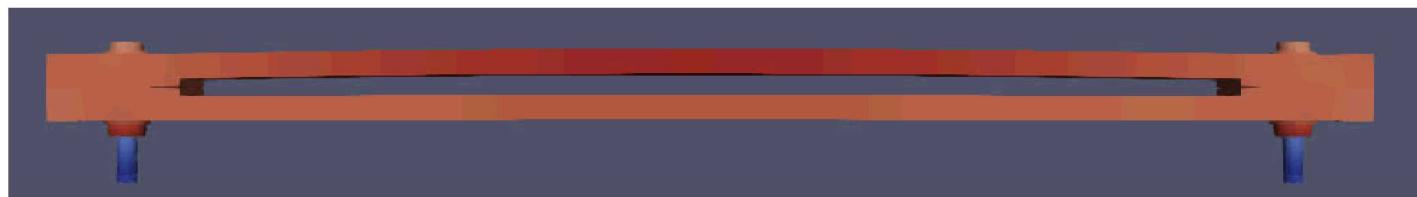
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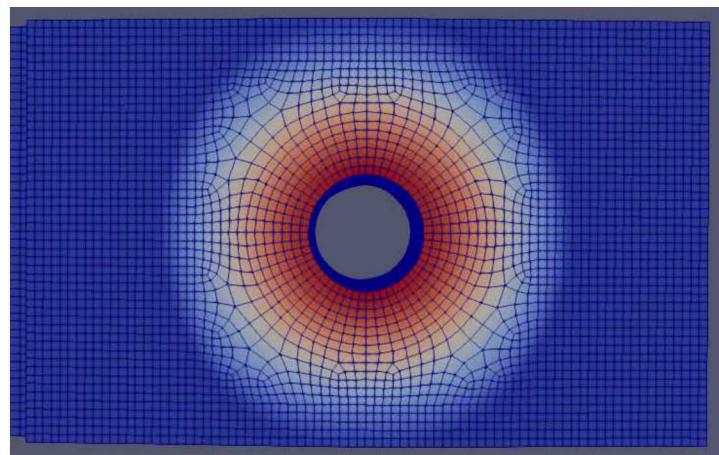
High shearing

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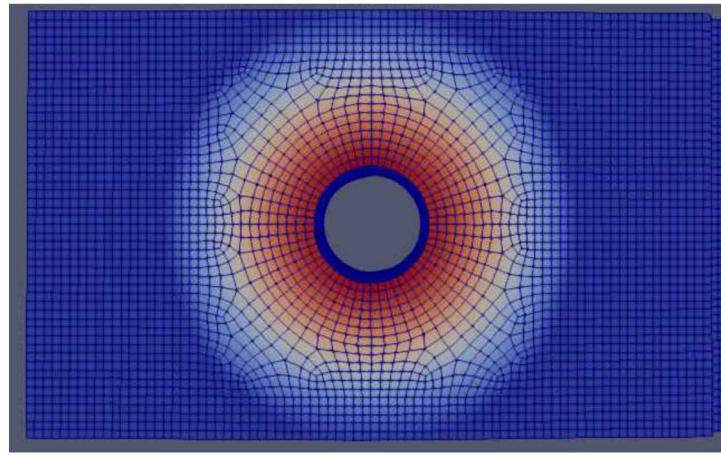
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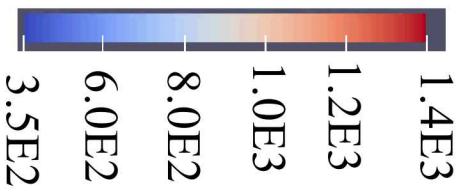
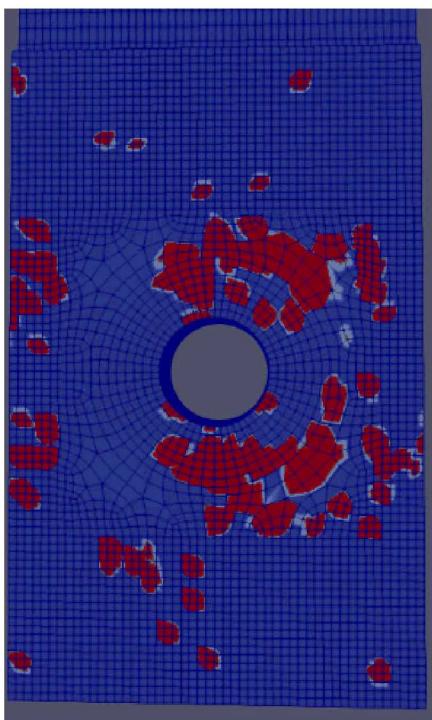
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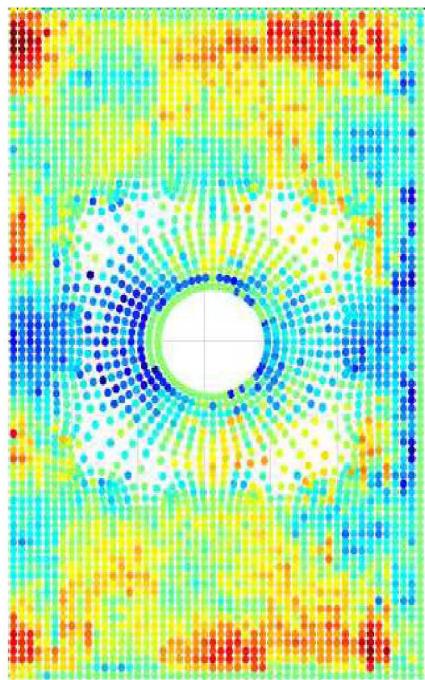
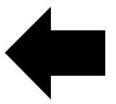
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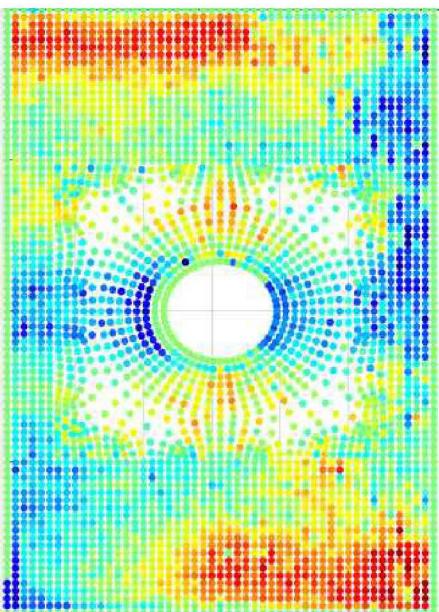
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Contact Pressure [psi]

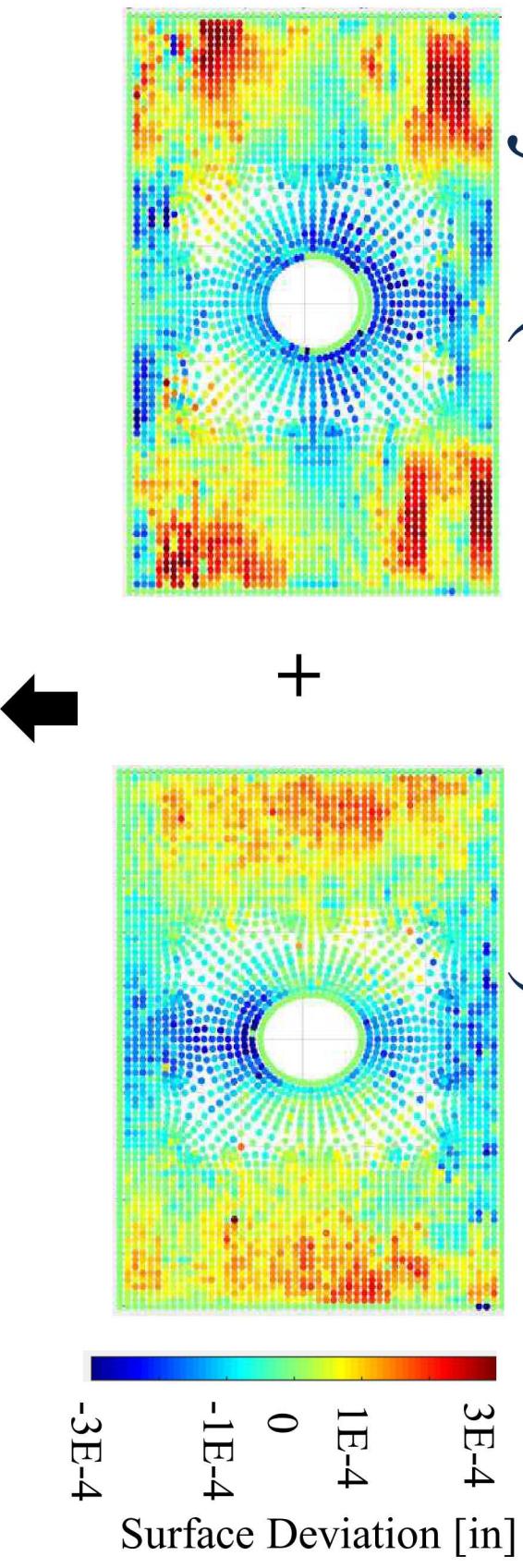
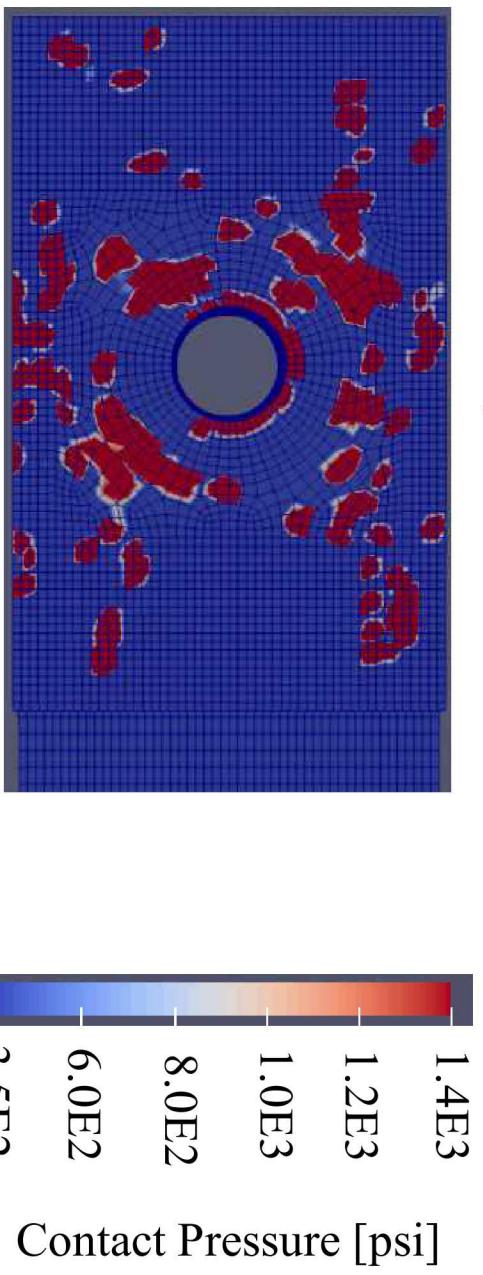


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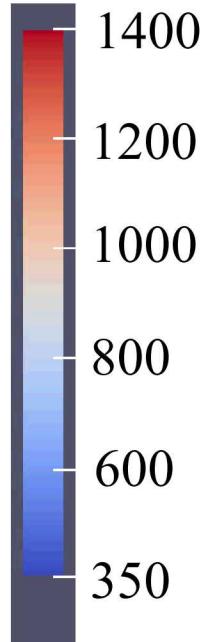
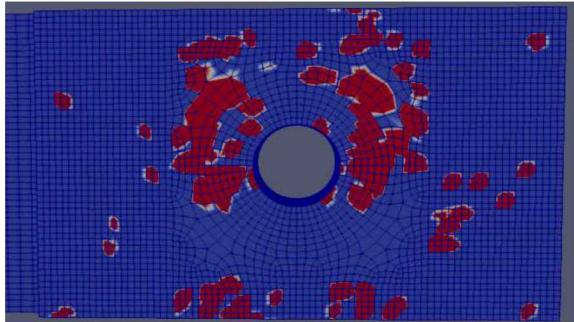
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# Beam Assembly: Computational Analysis (Perturbed Mesh)



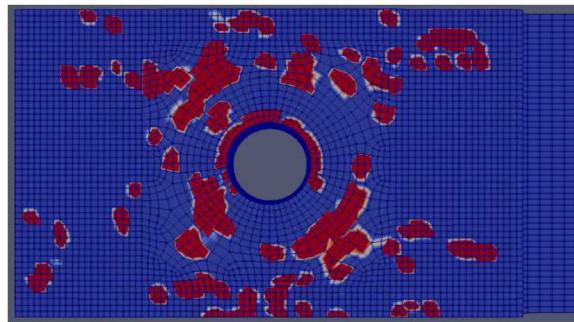
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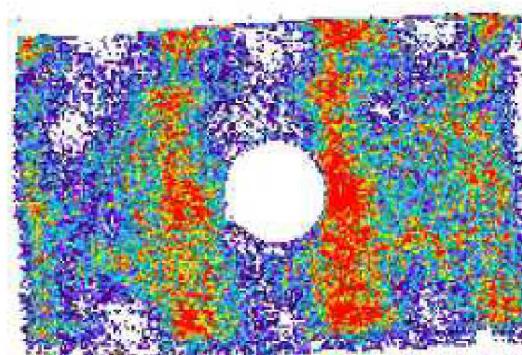
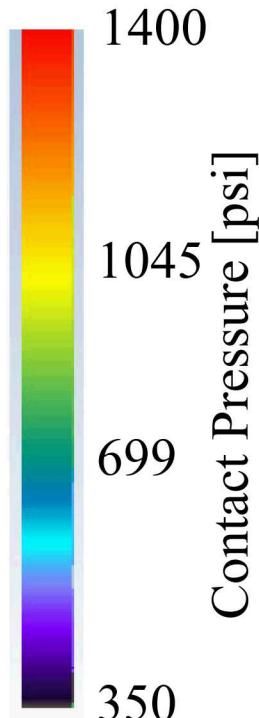
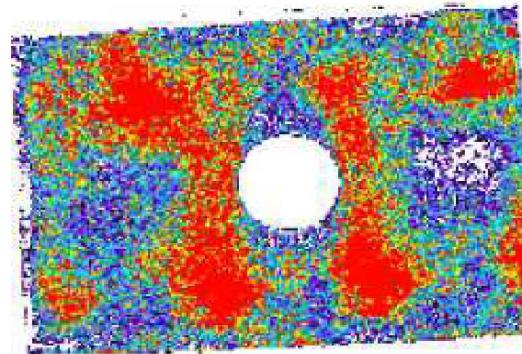


Contact Pressure [psi]

Right

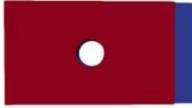
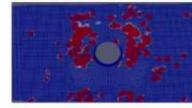
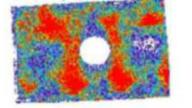
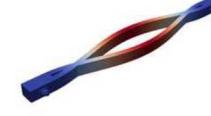
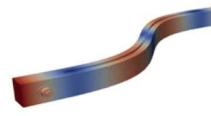
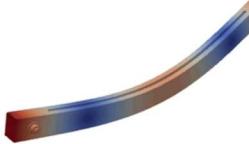


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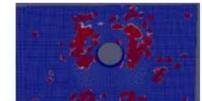
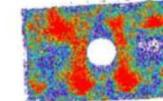
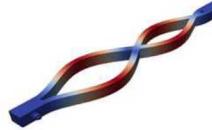
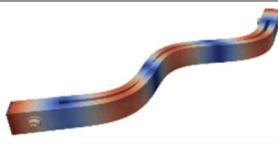


Pressure Film Data

# Validation

	<i>Flat surface, fully stuck [Hz]</i>	<i>Flat surface, preloaded [Hz]</i>	<i>Perturbed surface, preloaded [Hz]</i>	<i>Experiment [Hz]</i>
<b>Mode Shape</b>				
	297.0 (+2.2%)	283.0 (-2.6%)	289.2 (-0.4%)	290.4
	359.2 (+1.5%)	354.5 (+0.2%)	355.5 (+0.5%)	353.8
	513.9 (+1.1%)	513.3 (+1.0%)	513.5 (+1.0%)	508.4
	597.0 (-0.3%)	597.0 (-0.3%)	597.1 (-0.3%)	598.6

# Validation (Cont.)

	<i>Flat surface, fully stuck [Hz]</i>	<i>Flat surface, preloaded [Hz]</i>	<i>Perturbed surface, preloaded [Hz]</i>	<i>Experiment [Hz]</i>
<b>Mode Shape</b>				
	814.6 (+2.1%)	773.0 (-3.2%)	791.6 (-0.8%)	797.6
	982.9 (+2.8%)	925.9 (-3.2%)	948.7 (-0.7%)	955.6
	1183.7 (-0.2%)	1176.0 (-0.8%)	1178.9 (-0.6%)	1185.6
	1359.4 (+1.1%)	1353.0 (+0.6%)	1353.7 (+0.7%)	1344.4

# Conclusions

- High-fidelity modelling of a benchmark jointed structure was conducted
  - Model updating of density, Young's modulus, surface geometry
- Applying tied MPC's to nodes in contact from a preload analysis identifies the pressure distribution of an interface
  - Qualitative agreement with pressure film data
- Significant improvements in natural frequency predictions occur for out-of-phase bending modes
  - Perturbed surface heights contact each other far from the bolt hole
- Future iterations include:
  - Spatially averaging surface heights, testing more topographies

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