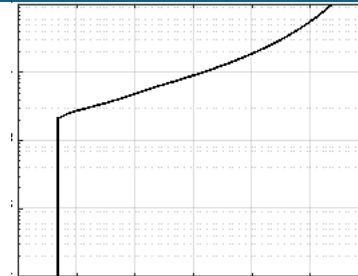
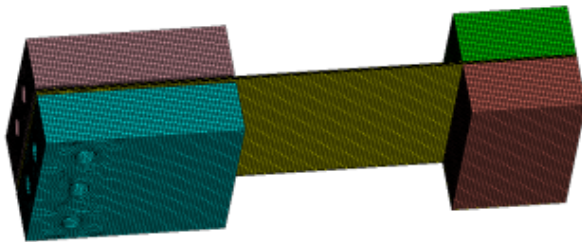




# Multi-Harmonic Balance with Preconditioned Iterative Solver



Presented at IMAC XXXIX in February 2021

*Presented by*

Robert J. Kuether, Sandia National  
Laboratories

Andrew Steyer, Sandia National  
Laboratories



Sandia National Laboratories is a  
multimission laboratory managed and  
operated by National Technology &  
Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a  
wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell  
International Inc., for the U.S. Department of  
Energy's National Nuclear Security  
Administration under contract DE-  
NA0003525.



**Nonlinear Normal Modes** provide theoretical foundation for modal analysis in the presence of nonlinear physics

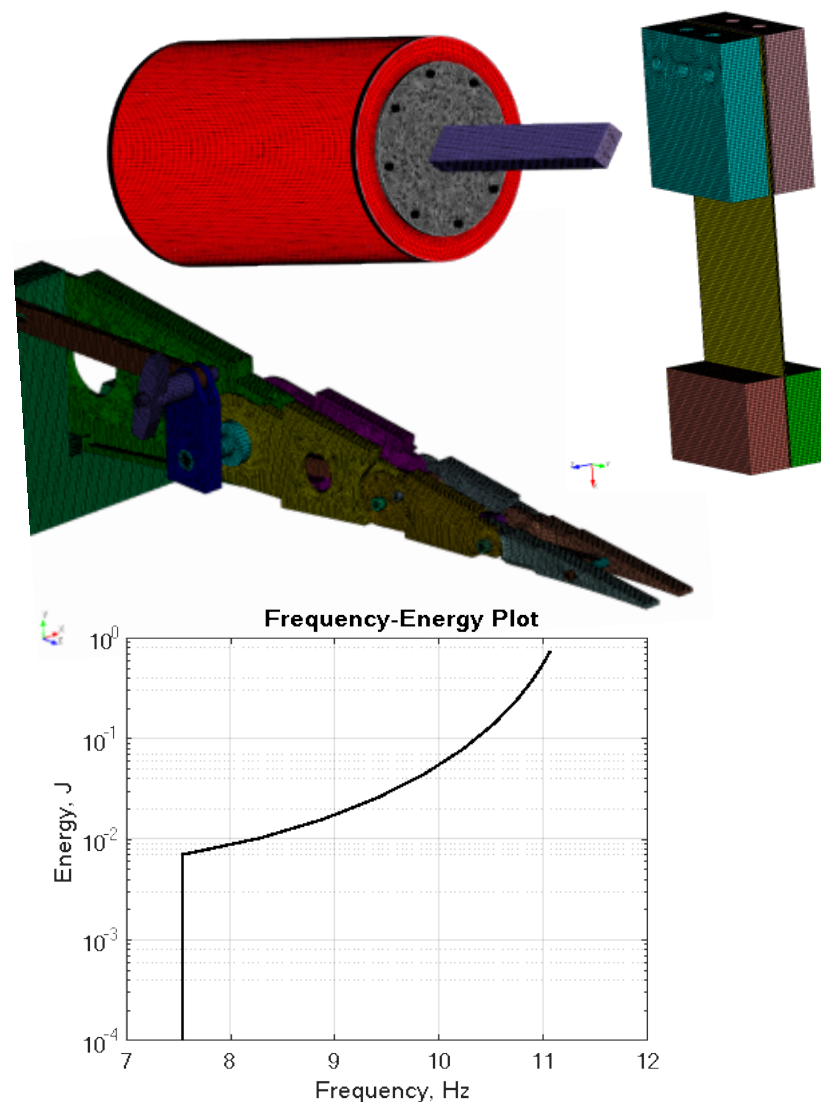
- Useful framework when linear(ized) modal analysis no longer valid

Several algorithms in literature to solve NNMs for mechanical systems

- E.g. see review by Renson et al. [1]

Remaining challenge is to address issue of scalability to large-order systems arising in computational mechanics/dynamics

- Seek to utilize iterative solvers within multi-harmonic balance to speed up and parallelize inversion of large algebraic systems





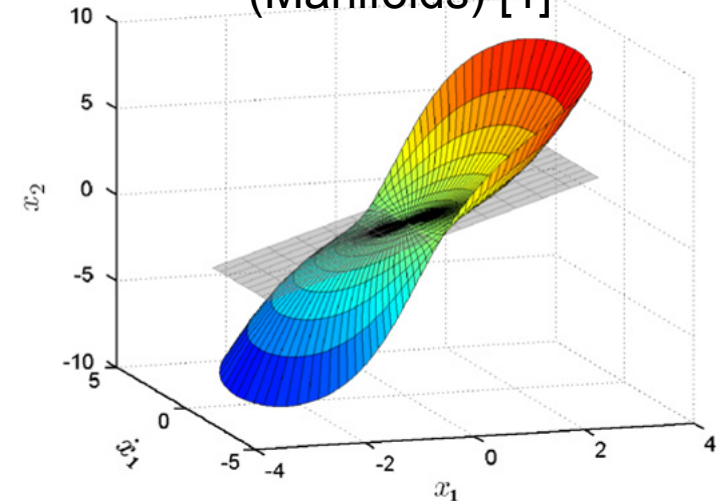
Many definitions exist for either damped or undamped systems [1, 2]

For a conservative (undamped) system, a nonlinear normal mode (NNM) is defined as a ***not necessarily synchronous periodic response of the undamped nonlinear system***

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}_{nl}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \mathbf{f}_{pre}$$

For an MDOF system, there exists  $N$  NNM solution branches that are extensions of linear normal modes at low energy [1]

Nonlinear Mode  
Shapes  
(Manifolds) [1]



[1] Kerschen, G., et al., *Nonlinear normal modes. Part I. A useful framework for the structural dynamicist*. Mechanical Systems and Signal Processing, 2009.

[2] Haller, G., Ponsioen, S., *Nonlinear normal modes and spectral submanifolds: Existence, uniqueness, and use in model reduction*. Nonlinear Dynamics, 2016.

## Multi-harmonic Balance for Periodic Orbits



Assume truncated Fourier series for the periodic response and nonlinear restoring force

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{c}_0^x}{\sqrt{2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_h} [\mathbf{s}_k^x \sin(k\omega t) + \mathbf{c}_k^x \cos(k\omega t)]$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{nl}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{c}_0^f}{\sqrt{2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_h} [\mathbf{s}_k^f \sin(k\omega t) + \mathbf{c}_k^f \cos(k\omega t)]$$

After substitution and Galerkin projection onto orthogonal periodic functions

$$\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}, \omega) = \mathbf{A}(\omega)\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{b}_{pre} = \mathbf{0}$$

**Unknowns:** vector  $\mathbf{z}$  (collection of Fourier coefficients) and scalar  $\omega$  (fundamental frequency)

See references [1] and [2] for details and derivation of MHB for mechanical systems

[1] T. Detroux, L. Renson, L. Masset, and G. Kerschen, "The harmonic balance method for bifurcation analysis of large-scale nonlinear mechanical systems," *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, vol. 296, pp. 18-38, 2015.

[2] M. Krack and J. Gross, *Harmonic Balance for Nonlinear Vibration Problems*, 1st ed. Springer International Publishing, 2019.

# Predictor-Corrector Methods for Tracing Curves



Pseudo-arclength continuation used to trace periodic solution of MHB equations

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(\omega)\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{b}_{pre} \\ \mathbf{V}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{(k=1)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow$  MHB Residual  
 $\leftarrow$  Tangent hyperplane constraint

$$\mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{z}^T \quad \omega]^T$$

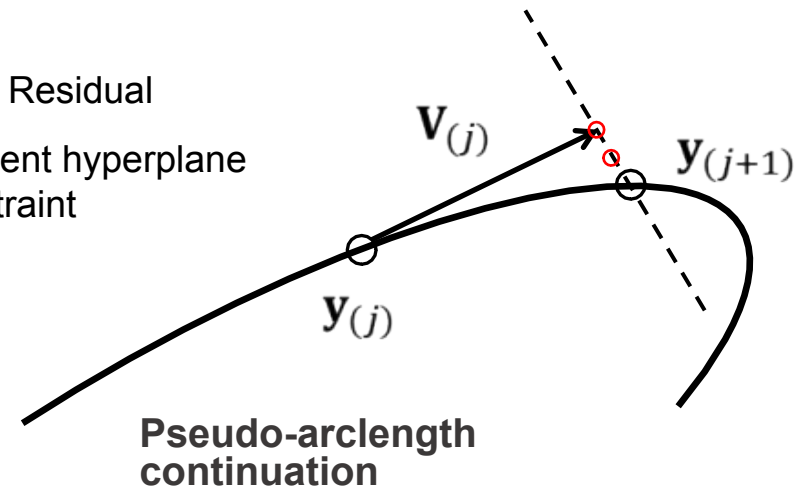
Truncating the Taylor series expansion of above equations results in a system of equations to iteratively solve for corrections

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_z(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) & \mathbf{r}_\omega(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) \\ \mathbf{V}_z^T & V_\omega \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{z}^{(k)} \\ \Delta \omega^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}, \mathbf{V})$$

Requires solution to potentially large-scale, sparse linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  that scales as

$$\mathbf{N} \approx 2 \cdot (\# \text{ Harmonics}) \cdot (\# \text{ DOF})$$

System of equations scales linearly with the assumed number of harmonics functions in the Fourier basis – issues realized when inverting large matrices such as those arising in high-fidelity FEA





Starting with an inexact Newton update [1], find an approximate update  $\Delta \mathbf{y}^{(k)}$  satisfying,

$$\|\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) + \mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})\Delta \mathbf{y}^{(k)}\| \leq \eta_k \|\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})\| \quad 0 \leq \eta_k < 1$$

(Forcing Term)

Utilize Krylov subspace iterative methods to solve large-scale and sparse linear system until inexact Newton condition satisfied

$$\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})\Delta \mathbf{y}^{(k)} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$$

This work uses the “restarted” Generalized Minimal Residual (GMRES) method [2]

- Nonsymmetric and indefinite matrices
- Convergence and computational cost drastically influenced by the choice of the (left) preconditioner  $\mathbf{M}$

$$[\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})]\Delta \mathbf{y}^{(k)} = -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$$

[1] R. S. Dembo, S. C. Eisenstat, and T. Steihaug, "Inexact newton methods," *SIAM Journal on Numerical analysis*, vol. 19, no. 2, pp. 400-408, 1982.

[2] Y. Saad and M. H. Schultz, "GMRES: A generalized minimal residual algorithm for solving nonsymmetric linear systems," *SIAM Journal on scientific and statistical computing*, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 856-869, 1986.



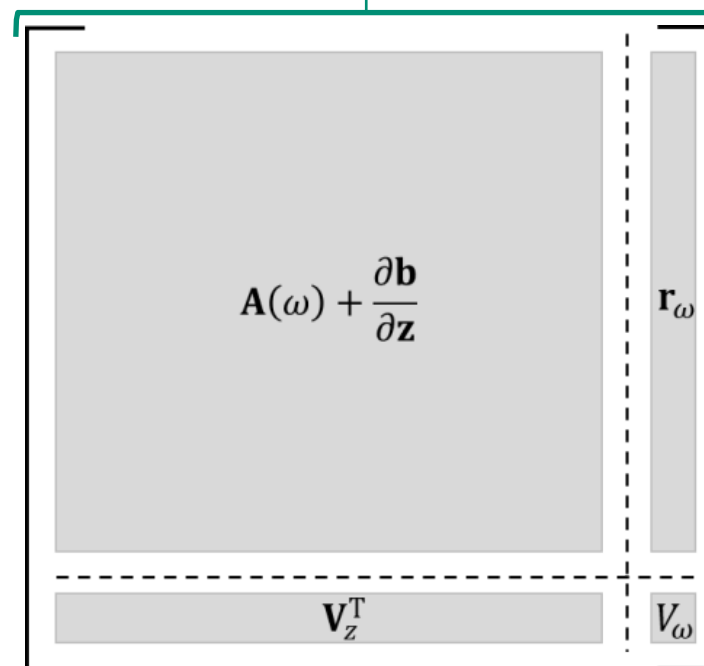
$$\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})\Delta\mathbf{y}^{(k)} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$$

Ingredients for a good preconditioner  $\mathbf{M}$

- Close to the inverse of  $\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$  for reduced spectral condition number
- Inexpensive to perform inverse several times

Known properties of the large matrix  $\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$

- Nonsymmetric
- Block-bordered matrix
- Dominated by  $\mathbf{r}_z(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$  which is sparse, symmetric (for most nonlinearities) and has a block diagonal form for the linear portion



$$\mathbf{A}(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & & & & \\ & \mathbf{K} - (\omega)^2 \mathbf{M} & 0 & & \\ & 0 & \mathbf{K} - (\omega)^2 \mathbf{M} & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \mathbf{K} - (N_h \omega)^2 \mathbf{M} & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & \mathbf{K} - (N_h \omega)^2 \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_0}{\partial \mathbf{z}_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_{cN_h}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_0}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{cN_h}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_{cN_h}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{cN_h}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proposed preconditioner for MHB for undamped NNM computations:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(\omega) + \frac{\partial \widetilde{\mathbf{b}}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} & \mathbf{r}_\omega(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) \\ \mathbf{V}_z^T & V_\omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) & \mathbf{r}_\omega(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) \\ \mathbf{V}_z^T & V_\omega \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_0}{\partial \mathbf{z}_0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K} - (\omega)^2 \mathbf{M} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_{s1}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{s1}} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K} - (N_h \omega)^2 \mathbf{M} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_{cN_h}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{cN_h}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Eliminates off-diagonal terms in  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$  to allow for preconditioner to have block-diagonal and block-bordered form

- Size still dominated by the upper left quadrant
- Eliminates coupling between nonlinear force and response harmonics





Inverse of block-bordered preconditioner becomes

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z & \mathbf{r}_\omega \\ \mathbf{V}_z^T & V_\omega \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} + \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} \mathbf{r}_\omega \beta^{-1} \mathbf{V}_z^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} & -\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} \mathbf{r}_\omega \beta^{-1} \\ -\beta^{-1} \mathbf{V}_z^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} & \beta^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\beta^{-1} = V_\omega - \mathbf{V}_z^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} \mathbf{r}_\omega$$

The computational intensive portions of this equation are

- $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} \mathbf{r}_\omega$
- $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z^{-1} \mathbf{b}_1$  when computing linear system of form  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now the inversion of the block-diagonal matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_z$  can be computed by inverting **2 · (# Harmonics)** linear systems of order **(# DOF)**!

- Compared to a single inversion of a **2 · (# Harmonics) · (# DOF)** system

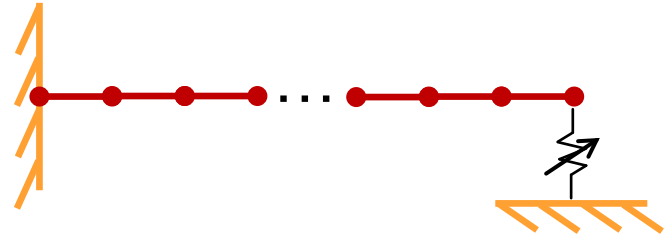
**“Embarrassingly Parallel” Inversion of**  
Preconditioner

# Numerical Examples using Full-FEMs



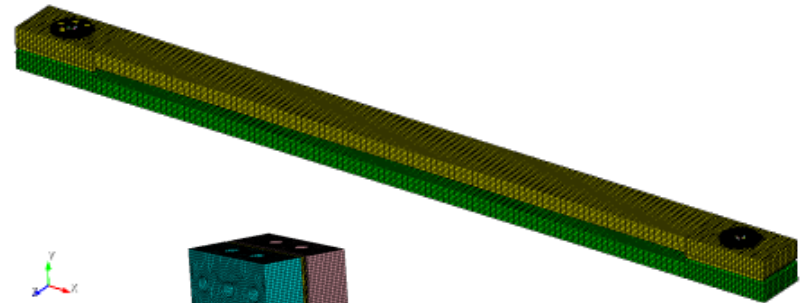
## Cantilever beam with cubic spring

- Verification of algorithm with traditional direct solver and Newton iterations



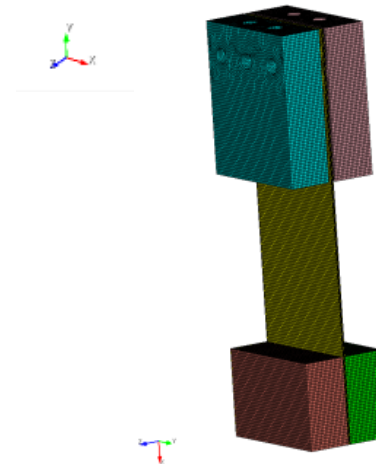
## Nonlinear C-Beam FEM

- Evaluation of cost savings and performance



## Nonlinear pylon FEM

- Demonstration of scalability on large-scale model

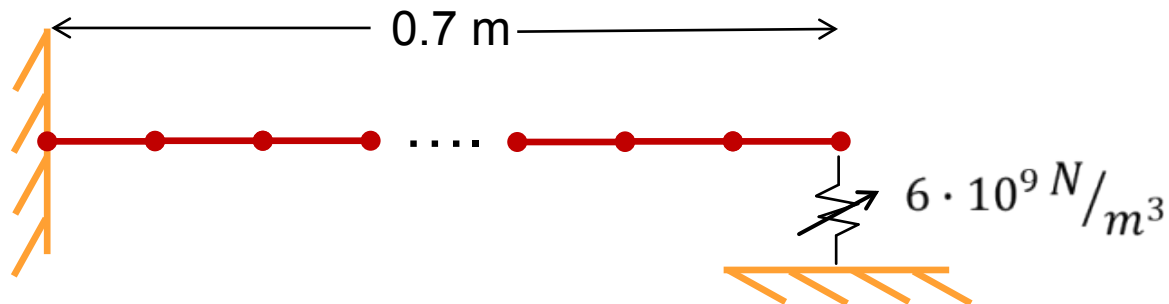


# Nonlinear Cantilever Beam Example



Finite element model created in MATLAB

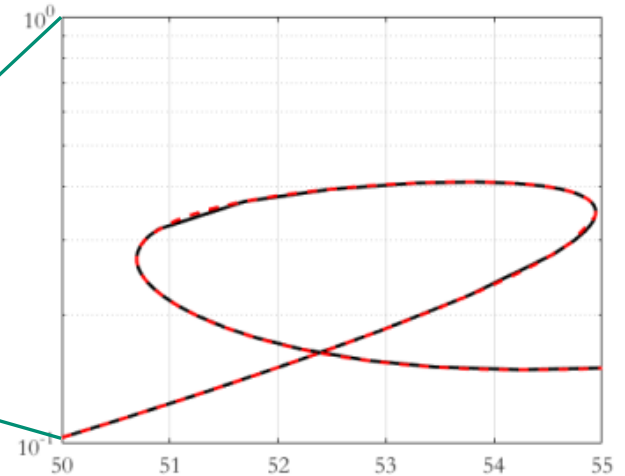
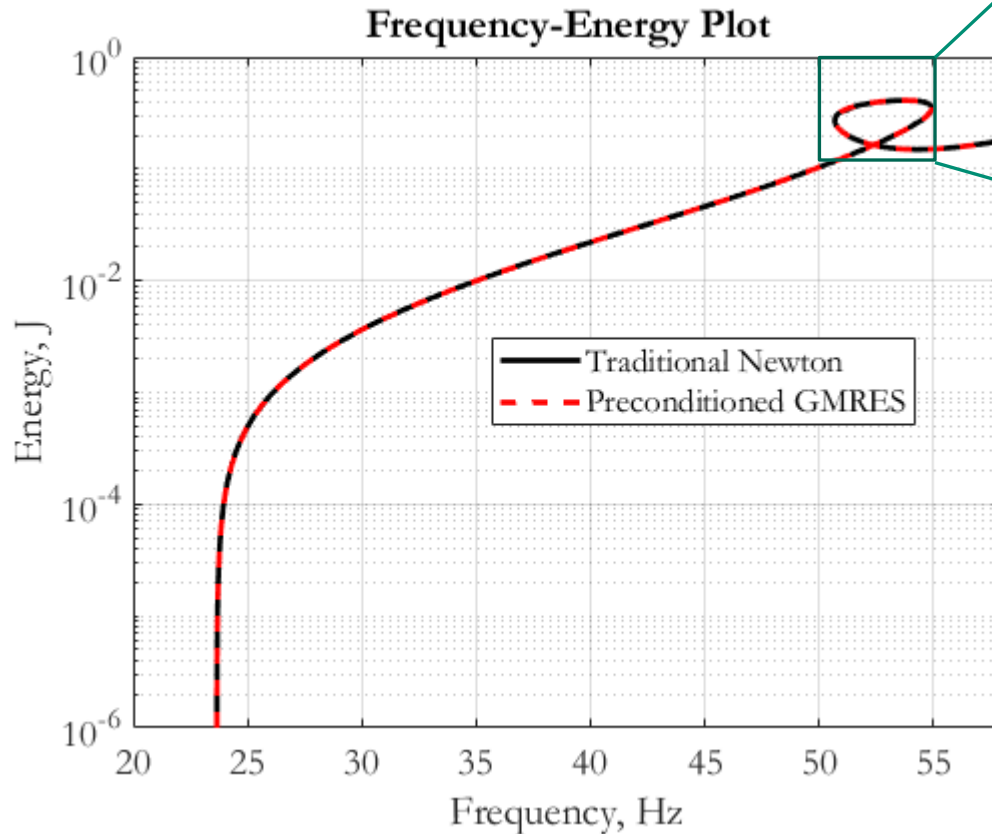
- 57 DOF (19 elements)
- Cubic spring at tip
- Structural steel properties
- Assumed 5 harmonics in solution  $k\omega$  with  $k = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]$





Frequency-energy plots from both solvers agree well

- Verifies preconditioned GMRES
- No performance gains obtained (or expected)



Preconditioned GMRES generally requires more corrections per solution due to forcing term  $\eta_k = 0.2$

Number of corrections performed for the calculation of 200 points on the NNM 1 branch

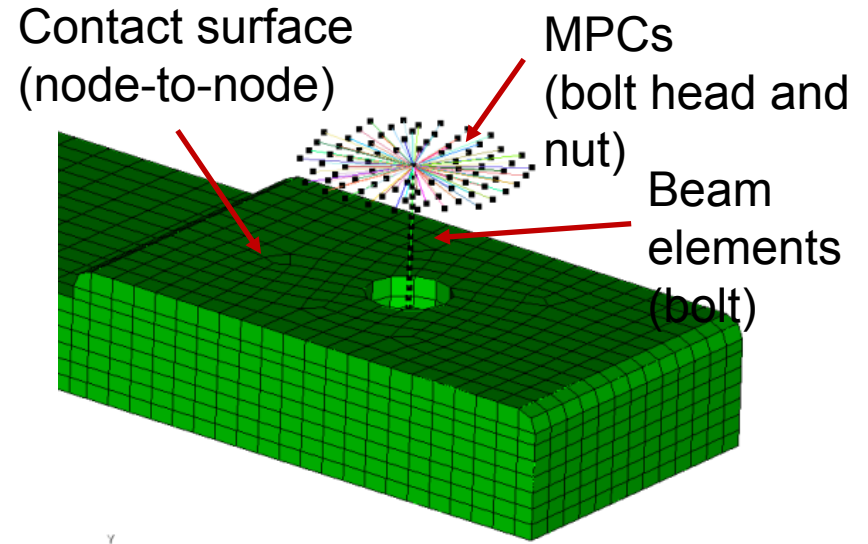
- Traditional Newton – 579 corrections
- Preconditioned GMRES – 926 corrections

# C-Beam Example

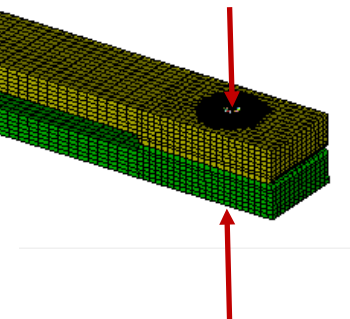
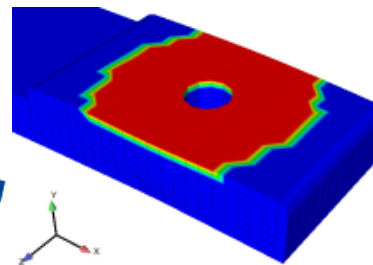
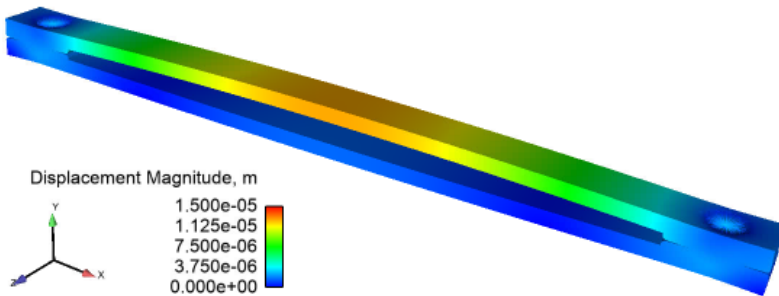


Full-order finite element model  
exported to MATLAB

- 100K DOF (~25K elements)
- Triaxial penalty springs (stick and gap behavior but no slip)
- Preloaded via point loads



4.8K lbf (21.4 kN)  
preload



## Computational Costs with NNM 2 of C-Beam



Table shows comparison of computational cost of single inversion for

- Preconditioner within GMRES iterative solves
- Full Jacobian matrix in traditional Newton with serial direct solves

Preconditioned GMRES cost dominated by size of FEM - **(# DOF)** – and does not grow with additional harmonics (assuming processors available for computations)

- Typically GMRES requires more iterations and matrix inversions (per iteration) compared to traditional Newton scheme

<b>2 · (# Harmonics) + 1*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Preconditioned GMRES**	15.1 s	16.0 s	16.4 s	15.7 s
Direct solve Newton	163 s	391 s	1020 s	1290 s

\*Must include DC term to account for static preload

\*\*MATLAB implementation uses **2 · (# Harmonics)+1** workers in parallel computations when inverting preconditioner (i.e. each subblock inverted using *parfor* loops)

# C-Beam Example



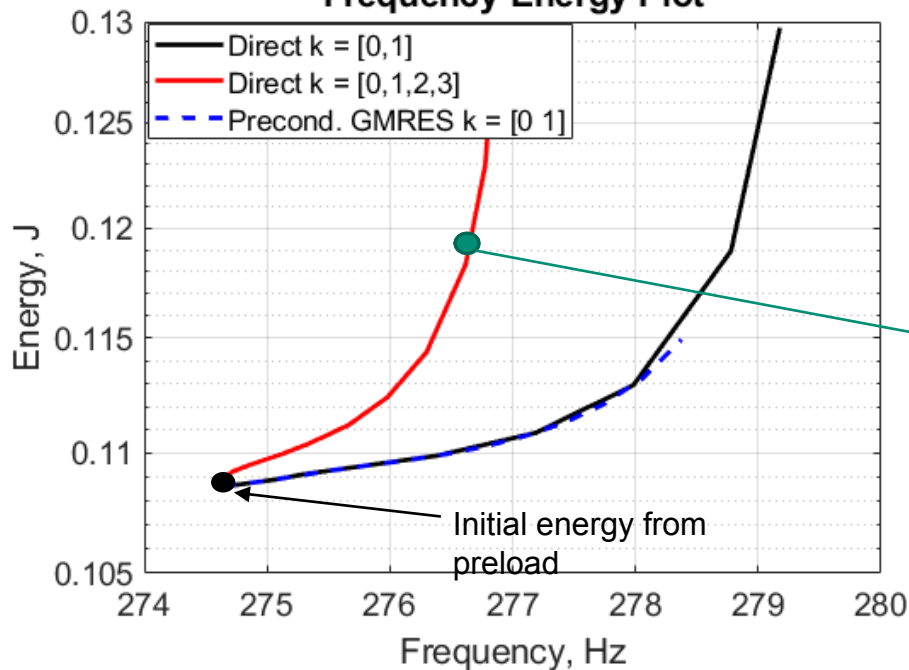
NNM 2 initiated from linearized out-of-phase first bending mode (274.6 Hz)

Additional harmonics ( $2\omega$  and  $3\omega$ ) have significant influence on backbone

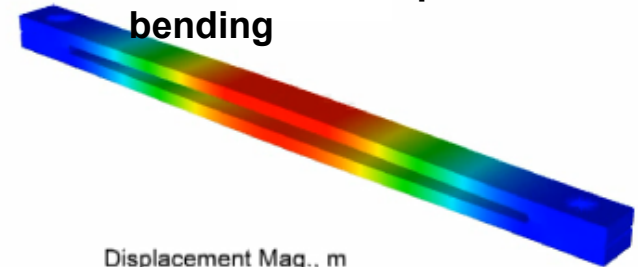
Preconditioned GMRES shown to accurately replicate curves from serial direct solves with Newton method

- Sensitive to settings for tolerances, forcing term, etc..

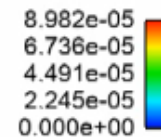
**Frequency-Energy Plot**



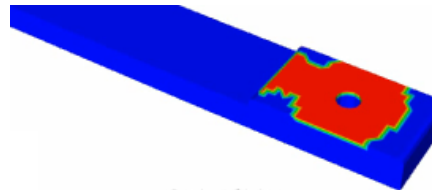
**Mode 2 – out-of-phase bending**



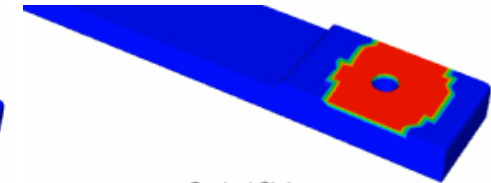
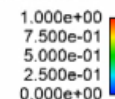
Displacement Mag., m



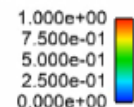
Example: Snapshot of contact status (red – in contact) for NNM 2



Contact Status



Contact Status



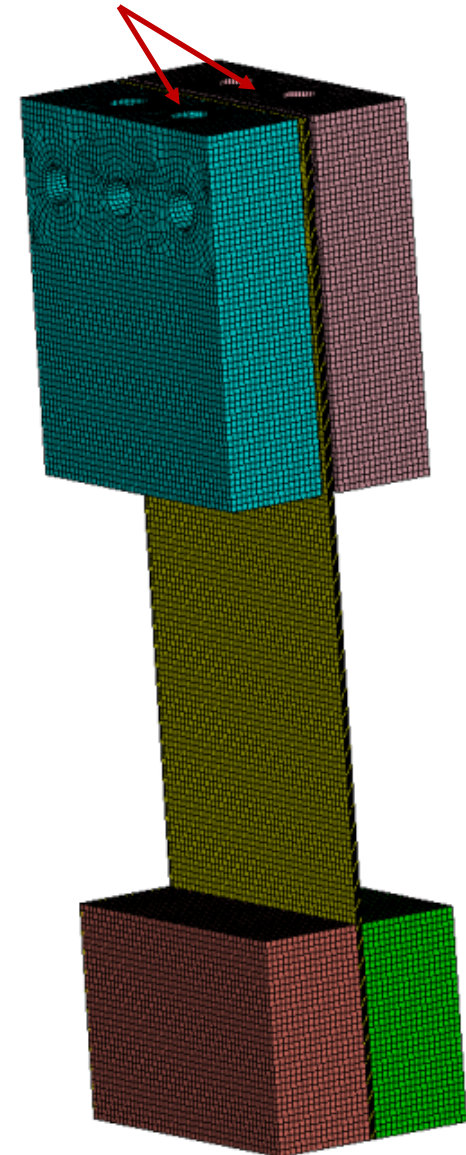
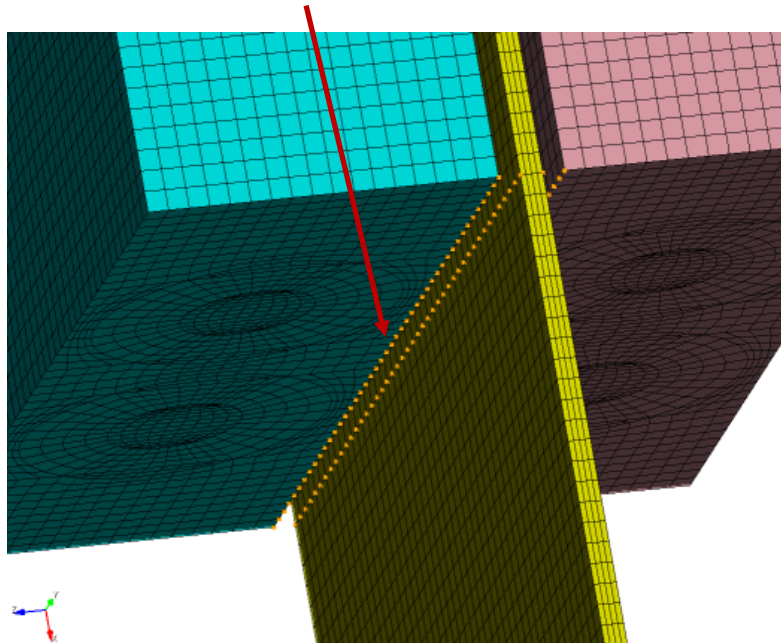




Full-order finite element model exported to Matlab

- 670K DOF ( $\sim 202$ K elements)
- Uniaxial penalty springs (gap behavior but no slip or stick)
- Assumed 1 harmonic in solution  $k\omega$  with  $k = [1]$

Contact edges  
(node-to-node)





# NNM 1 of Nonlinear Pylon

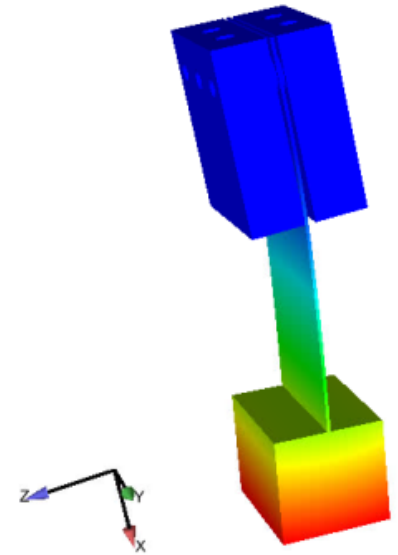
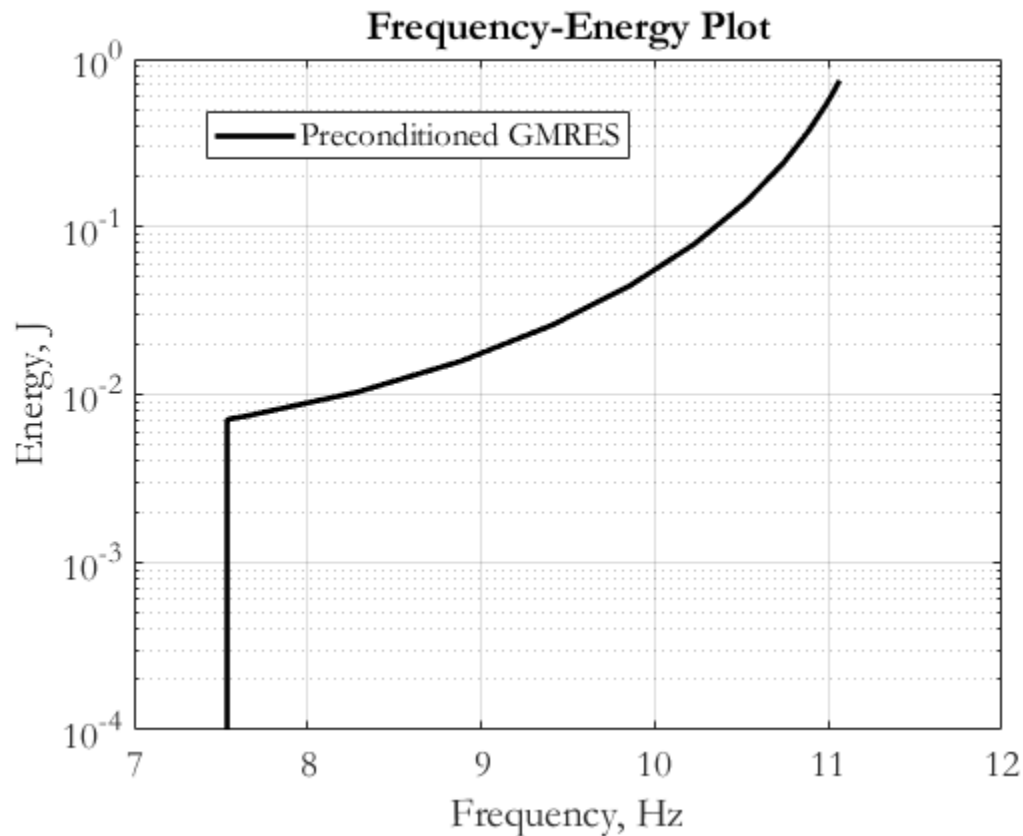


First mode associated with pylon swinging

Direct solve for Newton approach prohibitive for this example

Stiffening effect once thin strip impacts the contact block

- Linear frequency starts at 7.54 Hz





Developed a multi-harmonic balance solver to compute periodic orbits (i.e. NNMs) of potentially large-scale models

Preconditioned GMRES + inexact Newton updates allow for parallel computations of matrix inversions

- Potential for significant computational speedups for large models with many harmonics

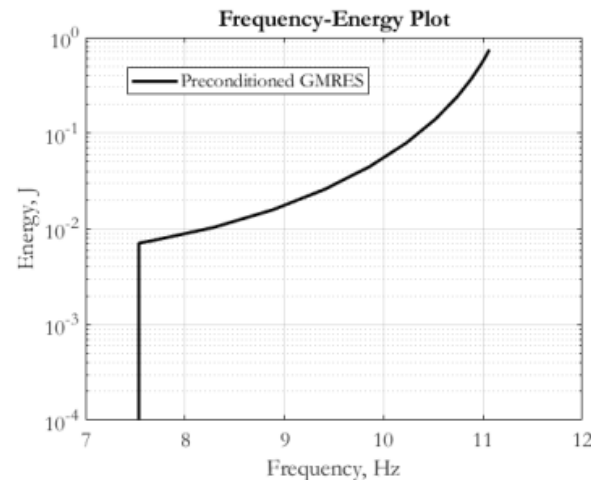
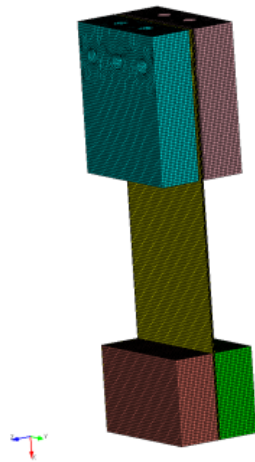
Examples reveal accuracy of preconditioned GMRES compared to traditional Newton corrections with direct solvers

Future work seeks to combine algorithm with domain decomposition methods to further speed up inverse calculations of the FEM



## Contact information

- Robert Kuether, [rjkueth@sandia.gov](mailto:rjkueth@sandia.gov)
- Andrew Steyer, [asteyer@sandia.gov](mailto:asteyer@sandia.gov)



Supported by the Laboratory Directed Research and Development program at Sandia National Laboratories, a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc. for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-NA0003525.