

FSI Analysis of Microcantilevers Vibrating in Fluid Environment



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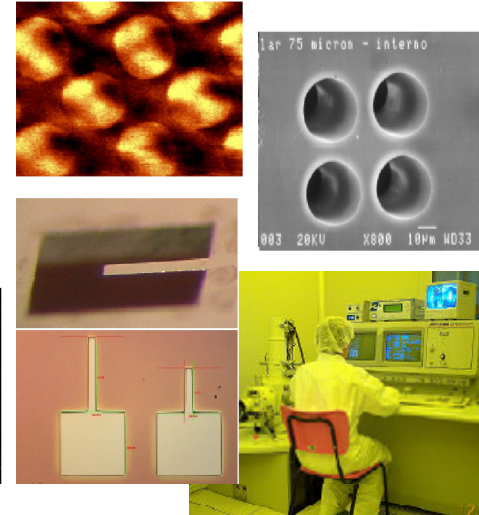
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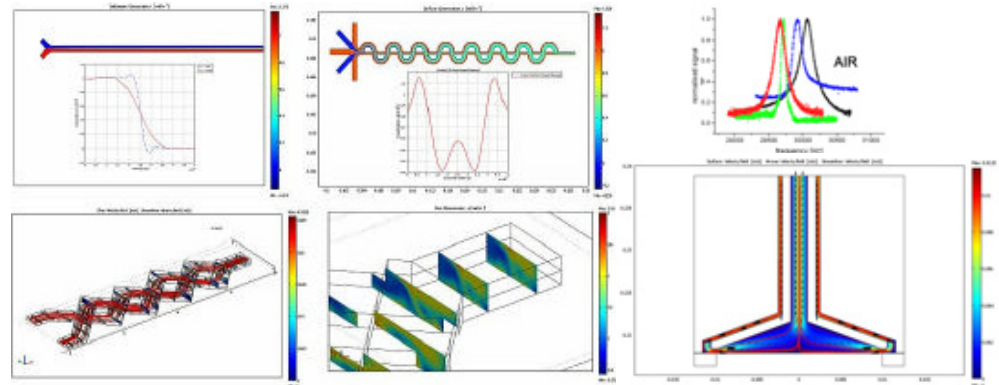


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MEMS simulation activity is required for the design of microstructures or for their performance prevision. **F.E.M.** Simulations of microstructures behaviour is carried out by Comsol Multiphysics™

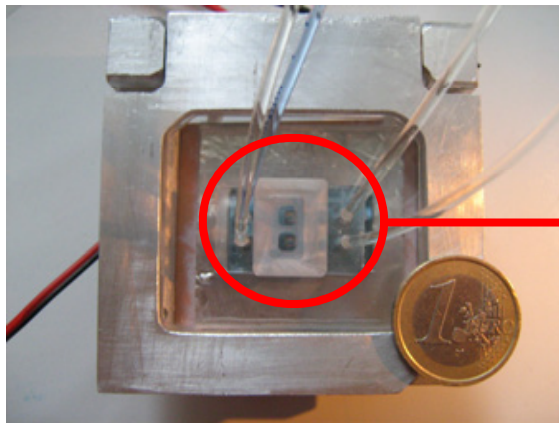


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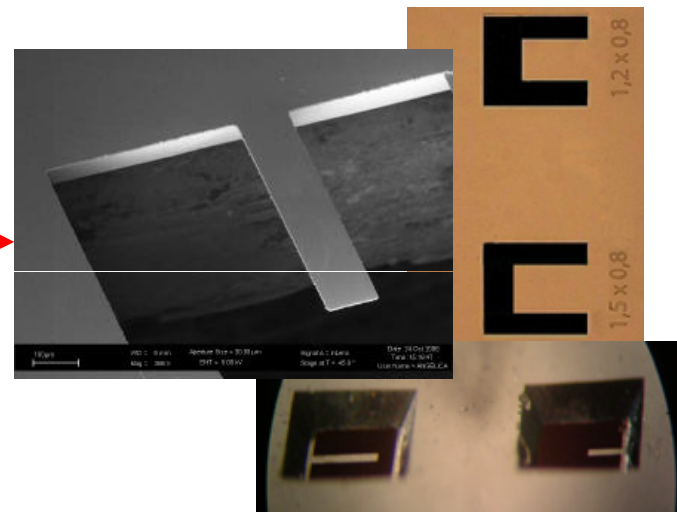
Fluid Structure Interaction (FSI)

of Microcantilevers Vibrating in Fluid Environment for Biosensing Applications



Lab-on-Chip (LOC)

for genomic and proteomic detection



Microcantilever based Bio-Sensor

Dynamic Measurement conducted evaluating

Q factors and Resonance Frequency

FSI Problem

Analytical Model

Assumptions

$$\frac{\omega_{R,n}}{\omega_{\text{vac},n}} = \left[1 + \frac{\pi\rho b}{4\rho_c h} \Gamma_r^f(\omega_{R,n}, n) \right]^{-1/2},$$

$$Q_n = \frac{(4\rho_c h / \pi\rho b) + \Gamma_r^f(\omega_{R,n}, n)}{\Gamma_i^f(\omega_{R,n}, n)},$$

- it is exact for a beam of infinite length vibrating in an incompressible viscous fluid
- thickness should be negligible compared to the length
- cantilever should have a constant cross section along the length
- modal cross talk is not taken in account

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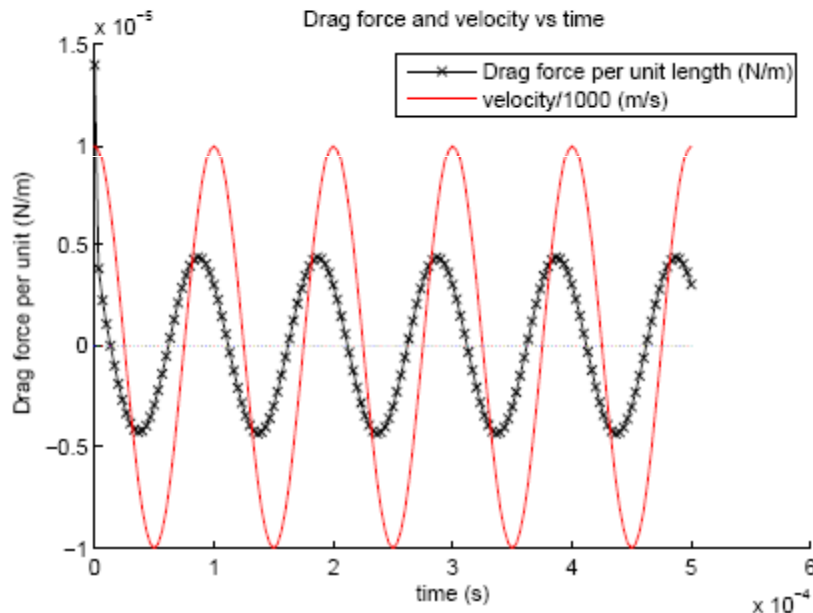
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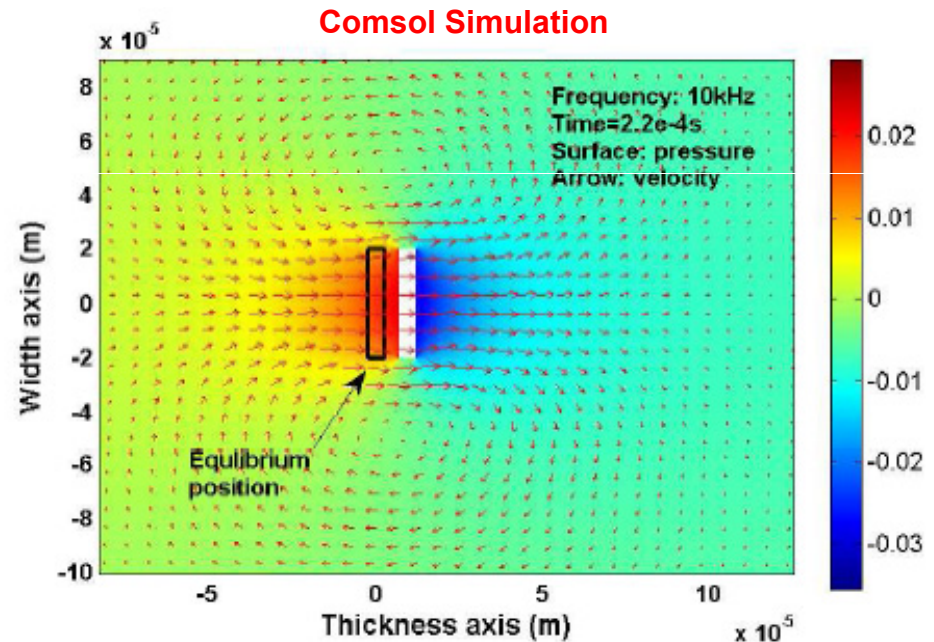
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2D Models:

- They hold only when length \gg thickness and just for low mode numbers
- Time domain analysis
- Fitting step (possible source of inaccuracy)



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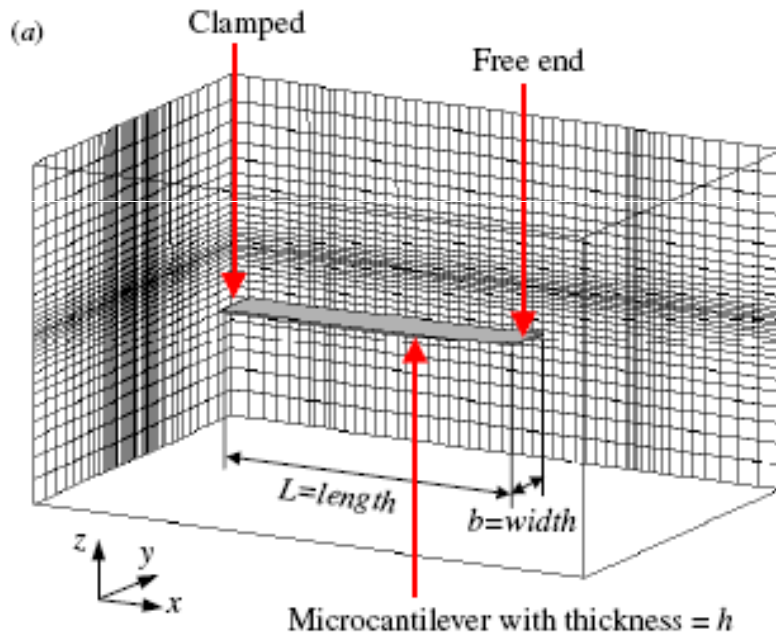
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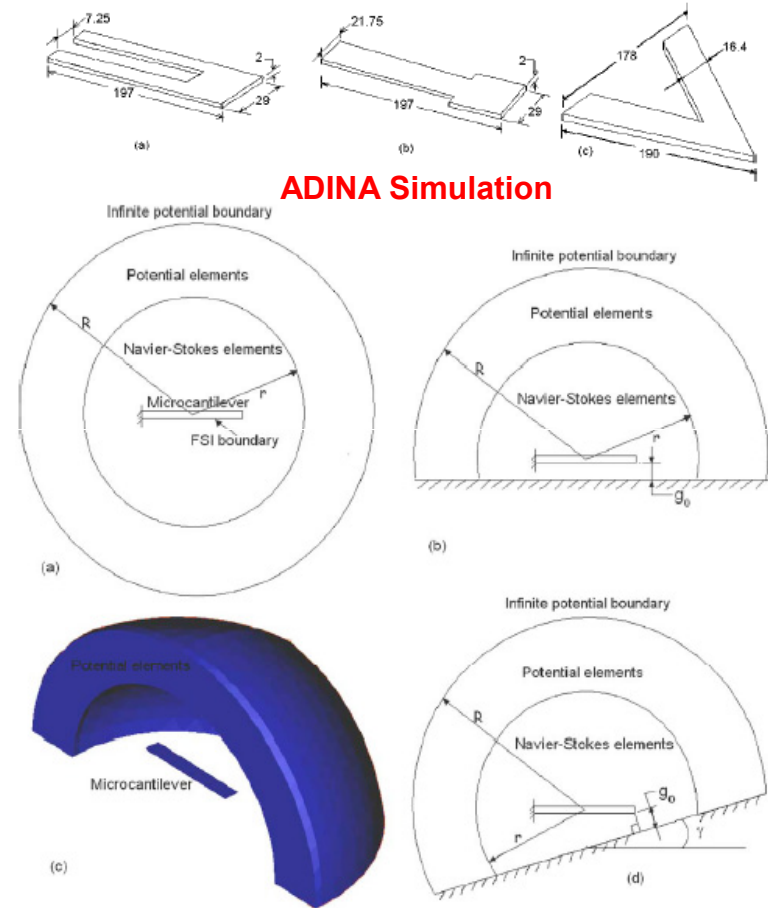
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3D Models:

CFD-ACE+ Simulation



ADINA Simulation



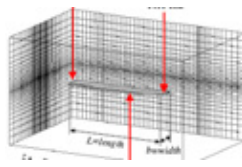
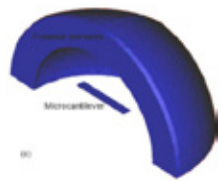
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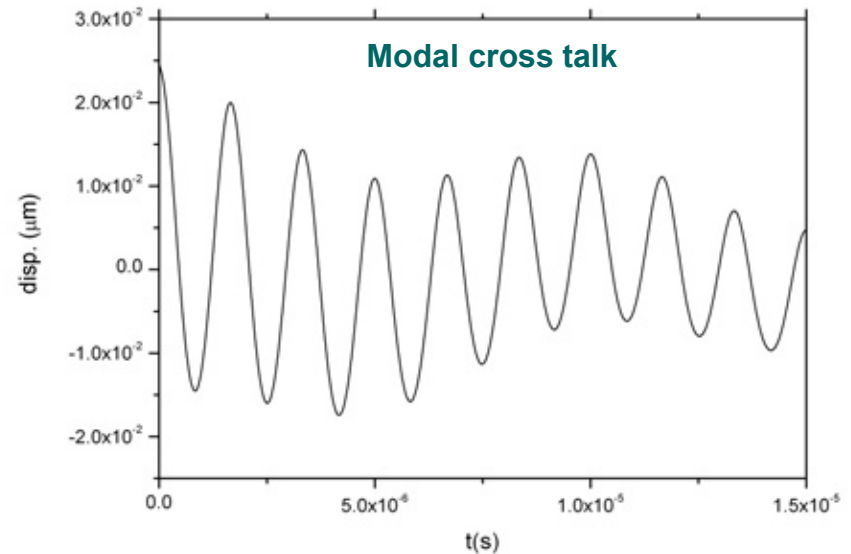
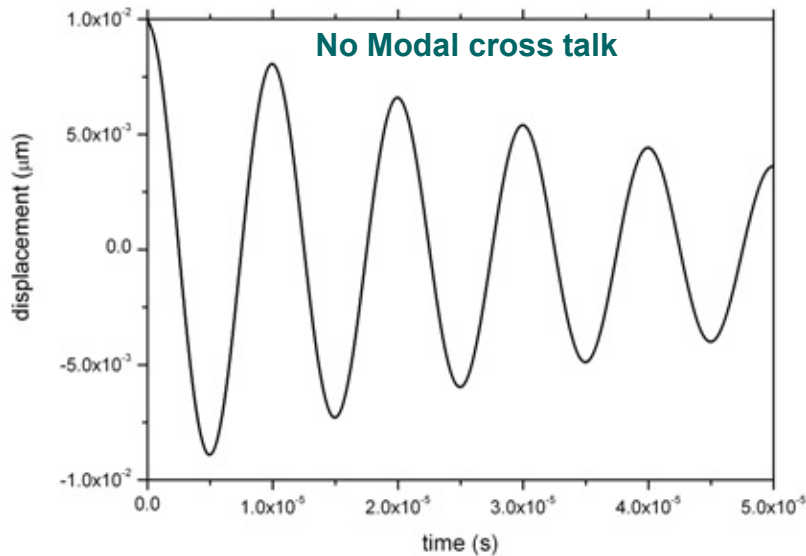
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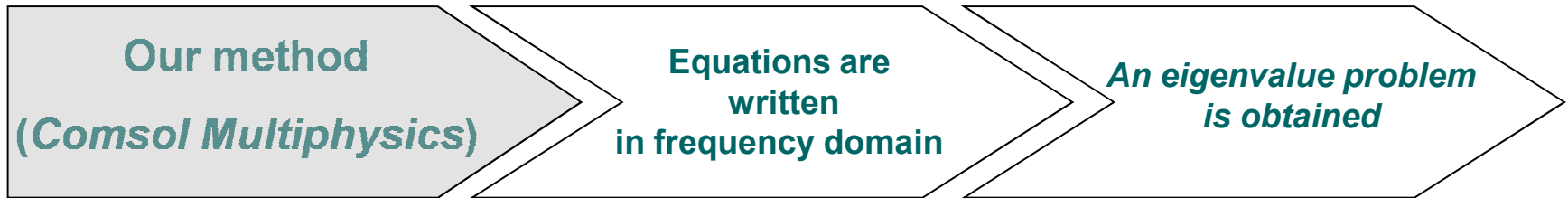
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FSI Problem in Time Domain: drawbacks

- Initial displacement applied on the cantilever free end [Lee] 
- Vacuum eigenfrequency analysis results are the input for the time dependent analysis in fluid environment [Basak] 
- Time dependent analysis
- Data fitting and filtering steps (Prony analysis) possible sources of inaccuracy
- Modal cross talk in not taken into account



FSI Problem in Frequency Domain



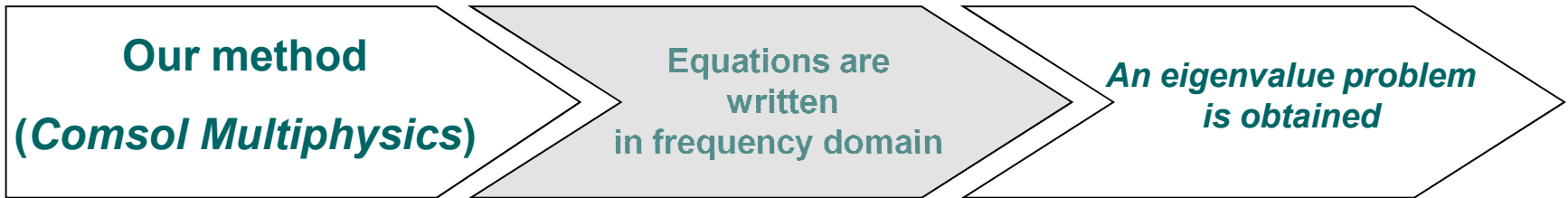
Frequency Domain FSI Analysis vs Time Domain FSI Analysis

- *On equal mesh density, an eigenfrequency analysis is certainly less time consuming than a time domain one*
- *The convergence study regards just the mesh density and not, as in the time domain approach, both mesh density and time parameters*
- *Mode shapes and frequency in fluid are directly calculated so that no curve fitting step is needed. A possible source of inaccuracy is therefore eliminated*

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FSI Problem in Frequency Domain



Equations in frequency domain $\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = j\omega$

Solid

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\sigma} = -\rho_s \omega^2 \bar{u}$$

Approximation 1

If the amplitude of structure vibration is far smaller than any other length scale the non-linear convective inertial term could be dropped

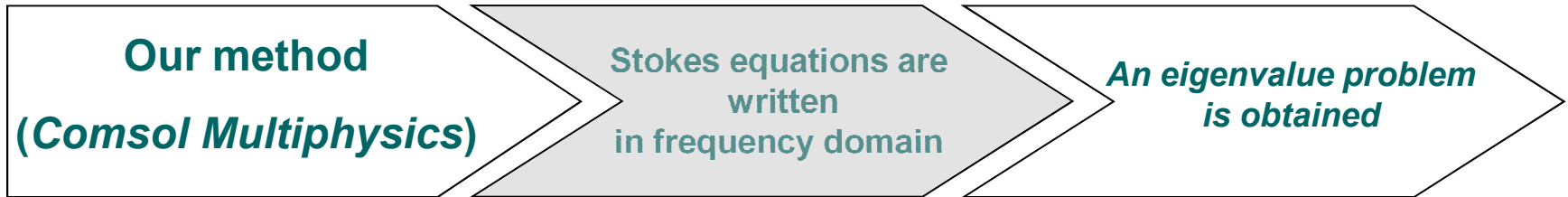
Fluid

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{v} - \bar{v} \nabla \bar{v} &= \rho_f j\omega \bar{v} \\ \nabla \cdot \bar{v} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{v} - \bar{v} \nabla \bar{v} = \rho_f j\omega \bar{v}$$

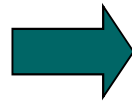
~~$\bar{v} \nabla \bar{v}$~~ = 0

FSI Problem in Frequency Domain



Approximation 2

Fluid vorticity, plays a significant role just in proximity of the vibrating structure; it is possible to further simplify Stokes equations in the region of fluid domain sufficiently far from the cantilever.



$$\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{v}} = 0 \begin{cases} \nabla^2 \bar{\mathbf{v}} = 0 \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}} = \nabla \phi \end{cases}$$

$\Phi = \text{Scalar Velocity Potential}$

Equations in frequency domain

$$-\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{\mathbf{v}} = \rho_f j \omega \bar{\mathbf{v}} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$p_{,irr} = -\rho_f j \omega \phi$$

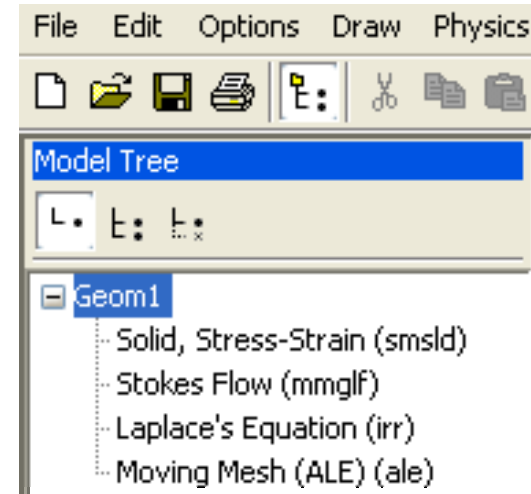
$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

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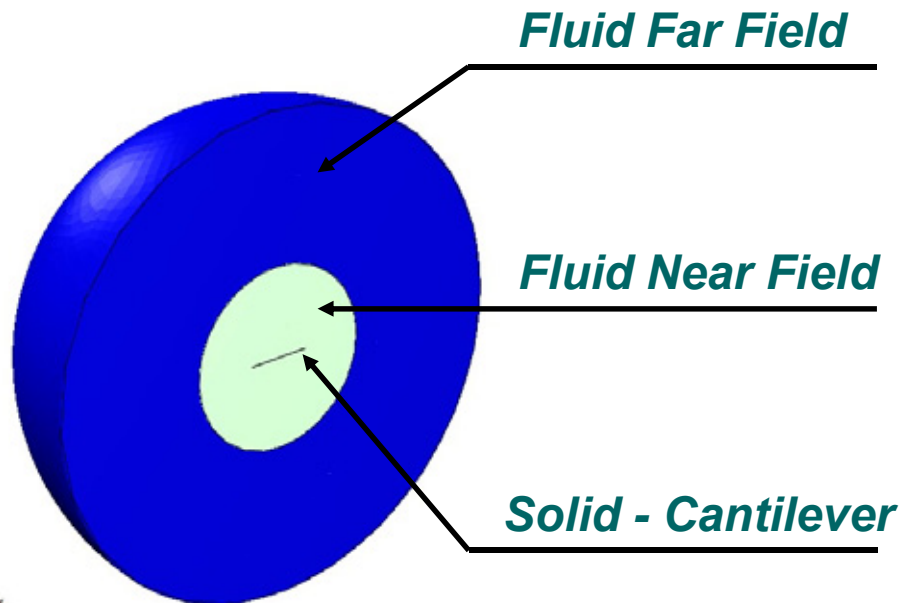
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Use of Comsol Multiphysics



Fluid Domain can be subdivided in:



$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \\ p = -j\omega \rho_f \phi \\ \bar{v} = \nabla \phi \end{cases} \quad \phi \text{ is the only dependent variable of this subdomain}$$

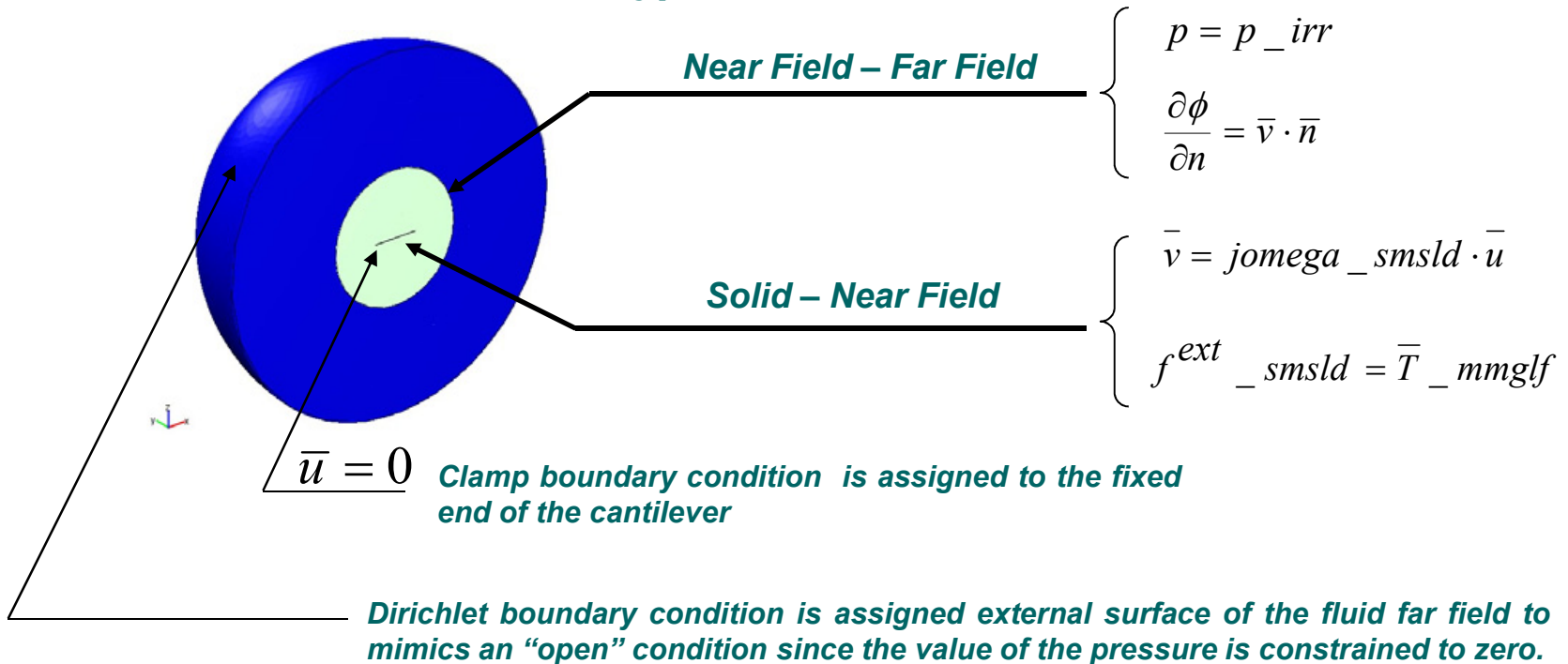
$$\begin{cases} -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{v} = -j\omega \rho_f \bar{v} \\ \nabla \cdot \bar{v} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\sigma} = (j\omega \rho_s)^2 \cdot \rho_s \bar{u}$$

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Boundary Conditions

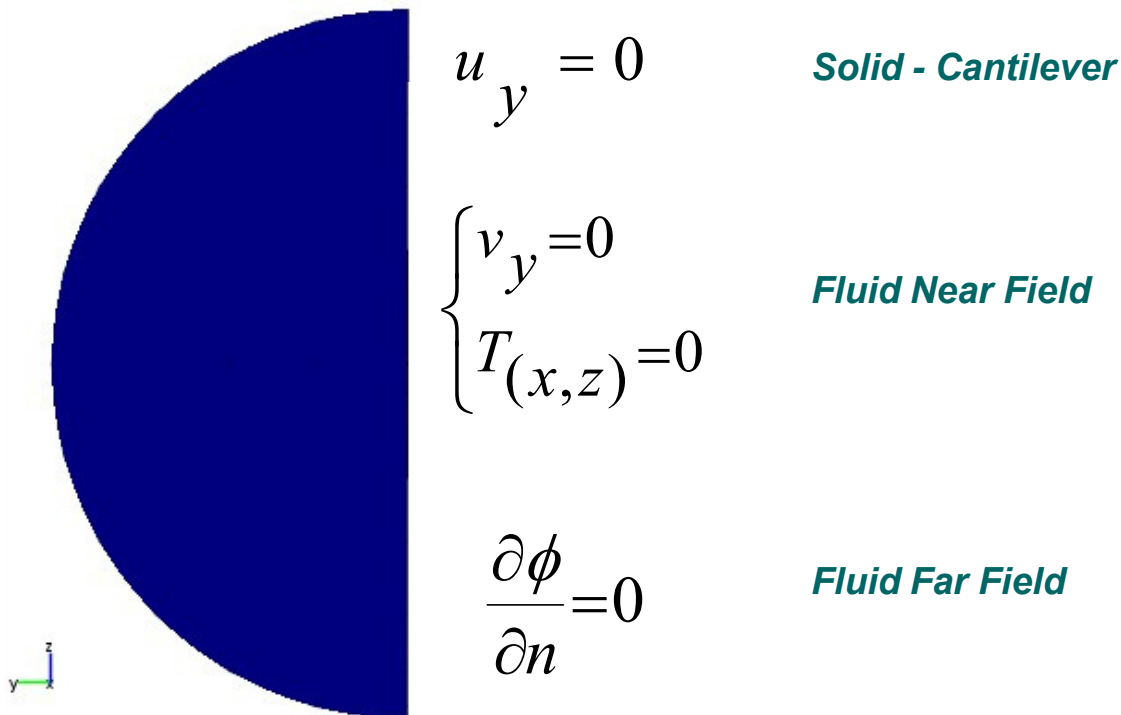
The Model contains two type of interfaces



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Symmetry Conditions

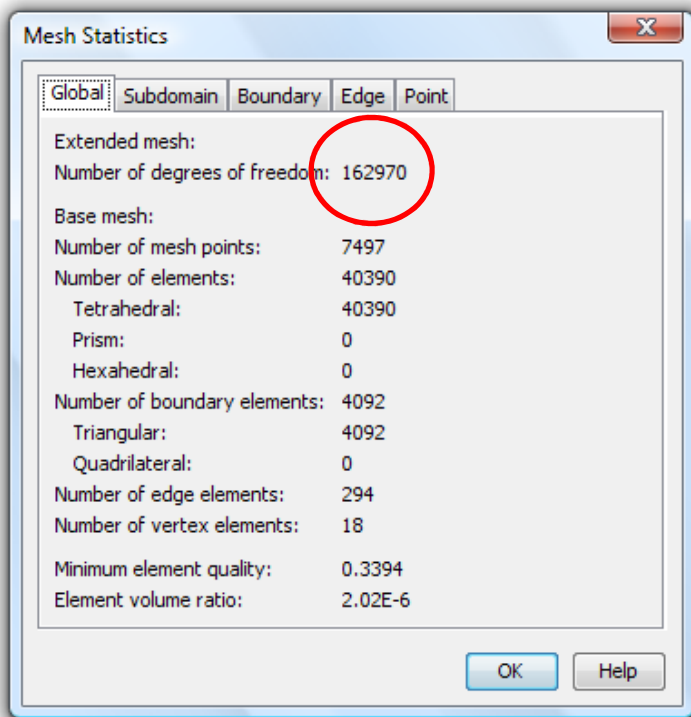
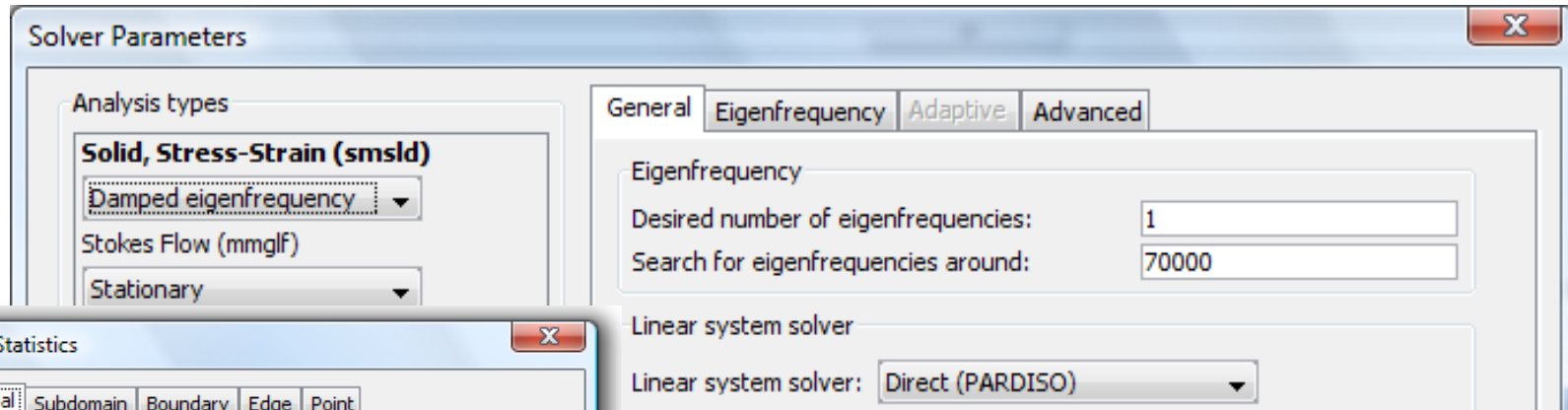
Since the model is symmetrical with respect to xz plane, symmetry conditions are required both for the solid and the fluid domains



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Our method
(Comsol Multiphysics)

Stokes equations are
written
in frequency domain

An eigenvalue
problem
is obtained

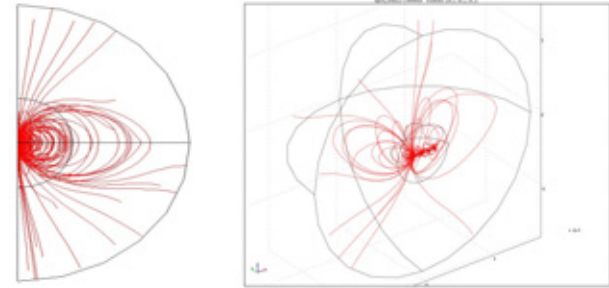
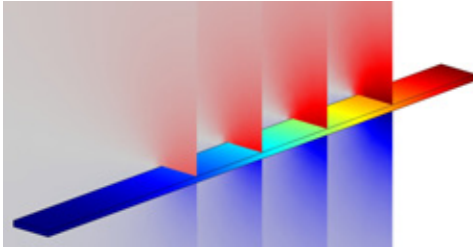
$$Q_{fluid} = \left| \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda)}{2 \text{Re}(\lambda)} \right| \quad f_{fluid} = \left| \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda)}{2\pi} \right|$$

λ is a complex eigenvalue representing a complex angular frequency.

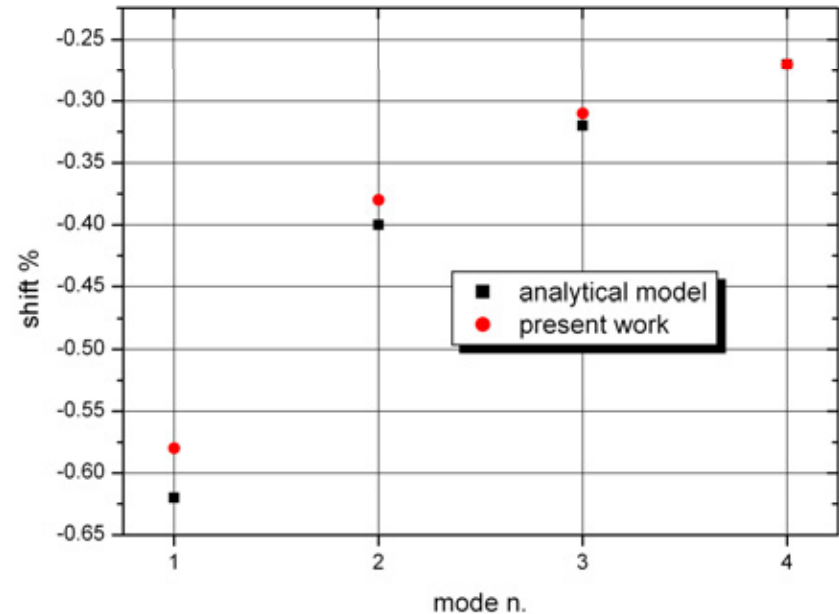
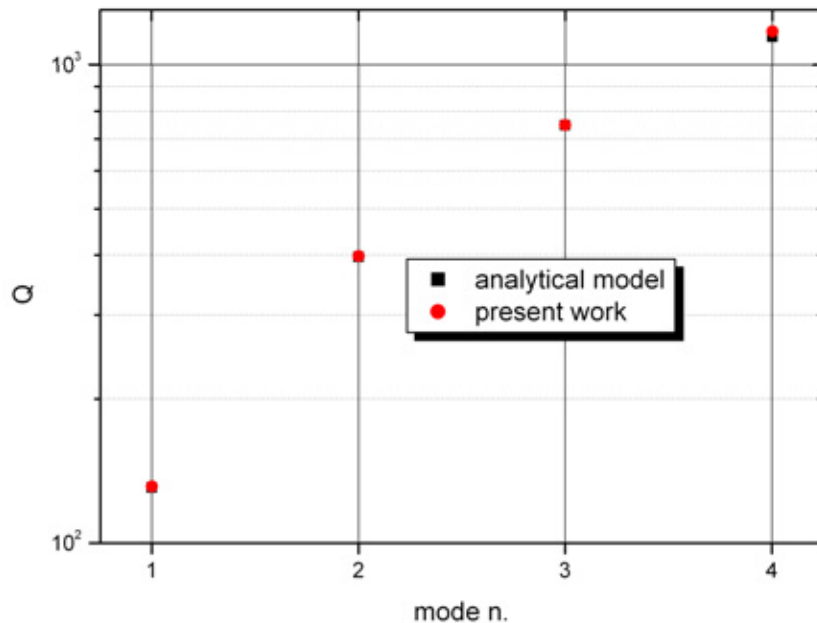
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Results: benchmark with the analytical model



Streamlines



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Results: model validation

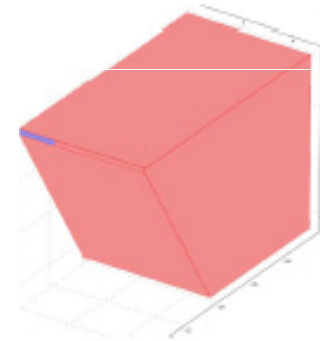
Experimental
Data

Computational
Data 1

Computational
Data 2

mode n.	f^e		f^a		f^B		f^{pw1}		f^{pw2}	
	data (KHz)	err%	data (KHz)	err%	data (KHz)	err%	data (KHz)	err%	data (KHz)	err%
1	69.87	-	70.61	1.06	70.49	0.89	70.49	0.89	69.52	-0.50
2	438.5	-	443.50	1.14	441.6	0.71	442.45	0.90	436.23	-0.52

Table 1a. Comparison between experimental (e) [9, 14], analytical (a) [16] and computational (B “Basak et al. [9]”, pw1, 2 “present work”) results about the first two mode resonance frequencies in air environment of cantilever C2 [9, 14].



mode n.	Q^e		Q^a		Q^B		Q^{pw1}		Q^{pw2}	
	data	err%	data	err%	data	err%	data	err%	data	err%
1	136	-	130.7	-3.89	144.8	6.47	131.4	-3.38	130.4	-4.12
2	395	-	396.8	0.45	367	-7.09	397.7	0.68	394.4	-0.15

Table 1b. Comparison between experimental (e) [9, 14], analytical (a) [16] and computational (B “Basak et al. [9]”, pw1, 2 “present work”) results about the first two mode Q factors in air environment of cantilever C2 [9, 14].

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Results: squeeze film damping simulation

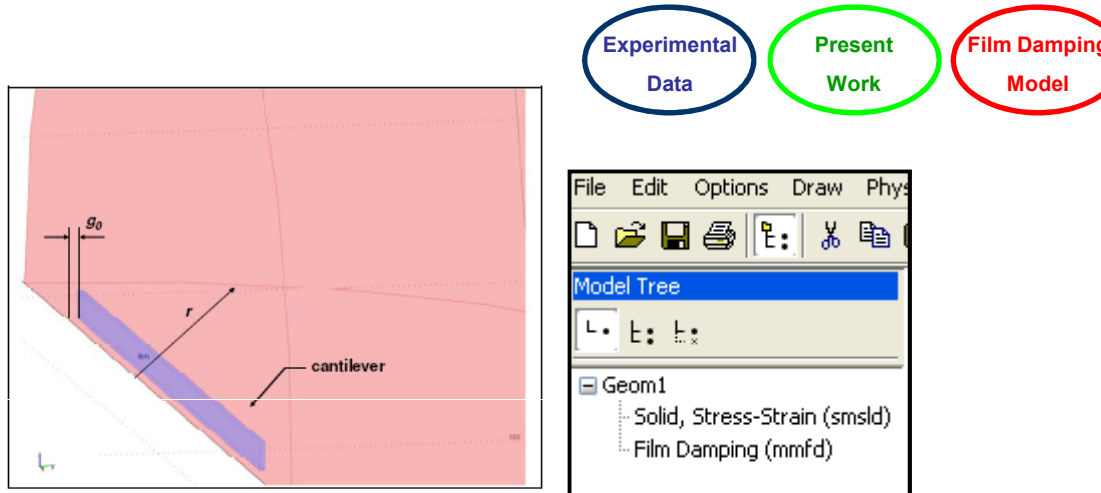


Figure 9. Detail of the 3D FSI model about a cantilever vibrating near a surface at distance g_0 [15]. Only the near field is showed.

Q^e_{air}		Q^a_{air}		Q^{s1}_{air}		Q^{s2}_{air}	
data	err %	data	err %	data	err %	data	err %
5.7	6.0	5.1	5.5	-3.0	12.7	123.81	

Table 2b. Comparison between experimental (e) [15], analytical (a) [18] and computational results (subdivided in the ones calculates through the full 3D FSI model, “s1” superscript, and those obtained by the “Solid, stress-strain with film Damping” application mode, “s2” superscript) about the first mode Q factor of cantilever A [15].

f^e_{vac}		$shift^e_{air}$		f^a_{vac}		$shift^a_{air}$		f^{s1}_{vac}		$shift^{s1}_{air}$		$shift^{s2}_{air}$	
data	err %	data	err %	data	err %	data	err %	data	err %	data	err %	data	err %
18.33	-2.10	18.45	0.68	-0.74	-64.91	18.54	1.16	-1.00	-52.42	-0.07	-96.67		

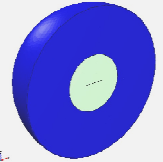
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Conclusions

Frequency Domain Approach

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = j\omega$$

Subdivision of the fluid domain in a Near and a Far Field



Strong reduction of the computation time
+
high degree of accuracy of results

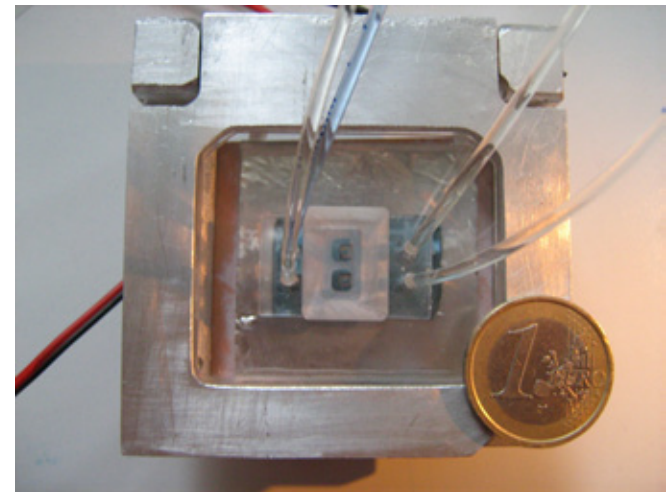
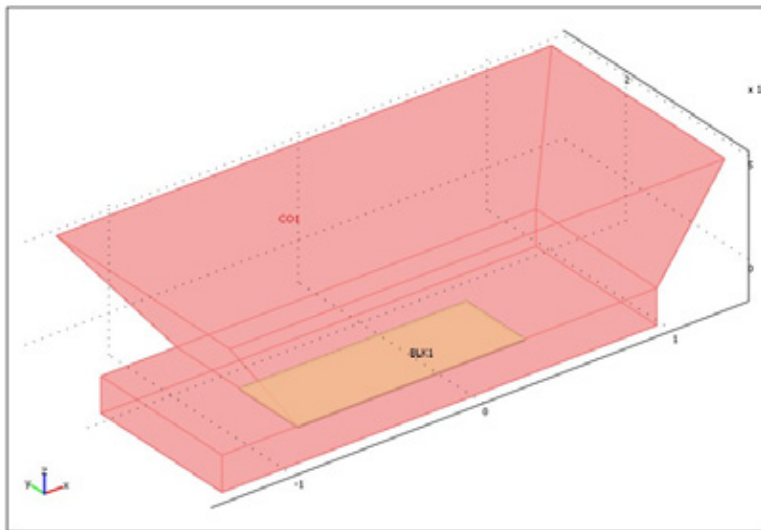
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Future Works

Design and optimization of a fluid cell containing a vibrating Cantilever Plate

- *Eigenfrequency Analyses in Fluid Environment*
- *Frequency Response Analyses in Fluid Environment with Magnetic Excitation*



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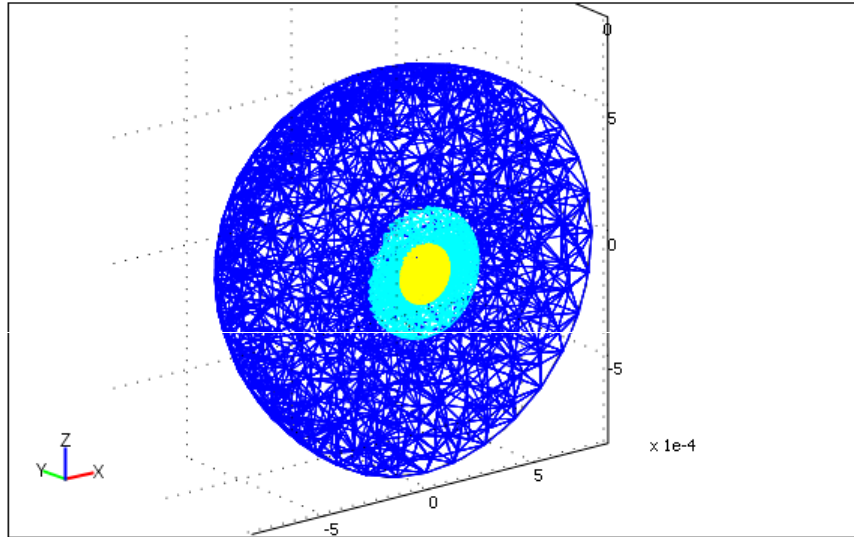
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Near Field

Domain Optimization

Near Field

