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Effect of Electromechanical Coupling on Static Deformations and Natural Frequencies

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Abstract—A two-way coupled electromechanical theory is used to study static deformations and free vibrations of a laminated hybrid rectangular plate comprised of either piezoceramic (PZT) layers or patches embedded at arbitrary locations in graphite/epoxy layers. A first-order shear deformation theory is used to develop equations for the plate which are solved by the finite-element method (FEM) using eight-node isoparametric elements. Static deflections and natural frequencies computed with opencircuited PZT layers are found to differ significantly from those of grounded PZT layers.

I. INTRODUCTION

 $M^{\rm ICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS} (MEMS), \ consisting of multilayered diaphragms of piezoelectric (PZT)^1 and nonpiezoelectric materials, often are used as sensors and actuators. They function by converting either electrical energy into mechanical energy or vice versa. The PZT actuators usually are poled in the thickness direction. The application of an electric field in the thickness direction causes the actuator's lateral dimensions to change and induce a strain in the host structure. In order to effectively design MEMS and smart structures, one needs simple models that consider electromechanical deformations of PZTs and account for the interaction between MEMS and the host structure.$

Modeling techniques involve either one-way or two-way coupling between the electric and the mechanical deformations. In the former theories, the actuation effect of a PZT actuator is replaced by equivalent forces on the host structure, and the electric displacement in a PZT layer is determined by the strain field. In the latter theories, the electric displacement and the mechanical response are coupled together in the sense that the electric field and the mechanical deformations of a PZT actuator determine forces it exerts on the host structure.

Crawley and Lazarus [1] and Crawley and de Luis [2] used the one-way coupled theory to analyze their experimental setup and correlate computed results with the test values. Wang and Rogers [3] and Yao *et al.* [4] used the classical laminated plate theory to analyze a laminated

plate with uniformly distributed PZT actuators. Shah et al. [5] used Mindlin's (or the first-order shear deformation theory (FSDT)) plate theory and a nine-node quadrilateral element to analyze the problem by the finite-element method (FEM). Other works using the FEM and the FSDT to study hybrid laminated structures include those of Ghosh and Batra [6], [7] and Batra and Ghosh [8] to control the shape and annul vibrations, Chandrashekhara and Bhatia [9] to control the buckling of a plate, Chandrashekhara and Tenneti [10] to suppress thermally induced vibrations, and Varadarajan et al. [11] to control the shape of a structure. Researchers using the second type of theories include Allik and Hughes [12] who developed a general FEM for studying vibrations of a hybrid body, and Batra and Liang [13] who developed a finite element (FE) code using eight-node isoparametric brick elements to analvze transient-finite, three-dimensional deformations of a hybrid body comprised of orthotropic nonpiezoelectric and PZT materials. Batra and Liang [13] accounted for both material and geometric nonlinearities. It was shown that the consideration of terms quadratic in the electric field in the constitutive relations improved the agreement between the computed transverse deflections of a PZT laver and those observed by Crawley and Lazarus [1]. The code was used by Batra and Geng [14] to delineate the enhancement in the dynamic buckling load of a column and a plate by activating PZT layers perfectly bonded to its surfaces. They [15] enhanced the code's capabilities to include viscoelastic material behavior and studied the damping induced by layers enclosed between the host structure and the PZT layers. Ha et al. [16] also included incompatible modes in their three-dimensional FE code, and Kim et al. [17] and Lim et al. [18] used a combination of 20node brick, 13-node transition, and 9-node plate elements to describe the behavior of an isotropic plate instrumented with PZT sensors and actuators. Saravanos et al. [19] used a layerwise laminated plate theory, and Thornburgh and Chattopadhyay [20] used a higher-order laminated plate theory to study deformations of a smart structure.

Vidoli and Batra [21] used a mixed, three-dimensional variational principle [22] to derive two-dimensional equations for a piezoelectric plate. They used this theory to study cylindrical deformations of a transversely isotropic plate due to equal and opposite charges applied to its top and bottom surfaces. Batra and Vidoli [23] used the mixed variational principle [22] to deduce a Kth-order two-dimensional linear theory for an anisotropic homogeneous PZT plate. They showed that it can capture boundary-layer effects near the clamped and the free edges. Also,

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 $^{^1{\}rm The}$ abbreviation PZT is used to denote a generic rather than a specific piezoceramic material.

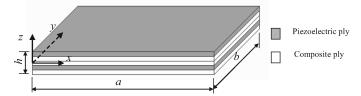


Fig. 1. A schematic of the problem studied.

through-the-thickness variation of the transverse shear and the transverse normal stresses agree well with those computed from the analytical solution of the three-dimensional piezoelectric equations. Vel and Batra [24], [25] have used the Eshelby-Stroh formalism to find analytical solutions for static deformations of a composite beam containing PZT patches. Vel *et al.* [26] have used a similar technique to analyze cylindrical bending vibrations of a piezoelectric composite plate. Yang *et al.* [27] and Batra *et al.* [28], [29] modeled PZT layers as membranes, but Vel *et al.* [26] accounted for their transverse deformations. Furthermore, Vel *et al.*'s [26] approach can accommodate PZT patches. We note that shear mode actuators have been studied by Vidoli and Batra [30] and Vel and Batra [31], [32].

Analyses based on three-dimensional deformations give detailed information and accurate results; however, they can be quite expensive for designing a MEMS because the design process is intrinsically iterative. Thus, simple models that capture nearly all of the physics of the system and are easy to use can be very helpful to designers.

Here a two-way coupled FSDT and eight-node isoparametric quadrilateral elements are used to analyze static deformations and vibrations of a thin laminated hybrid plate with rectangular PZT patches embedded at arbitrary locations. The primary contribution of this work is to show that the electromechanical coupling strongly influences natural frequencies of a hybrid laminated plate. It is established by analyzing structures with the top and the bottom surfaces of PZT layers either grounded or open circuited. Results computed with the FSDT are found to match well with those obtained from the three-dimensional commercial code ANSYS (Ansys, Inc., Canonsburg, PA). Results computed for nine-layer and three-layer thin hybrid laminated plates also agree well with the test findings of different investigators [2], [33]. Results have been computed for a cantilever plate and a rectangular plate with two opposite edges either clamped or simply supported, or all edges free.

II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

A schematic of the problem studied and the location of rectangular Cartesian coordinate axes are shown in Fig. 1. We consider a laminated hybrid composite plate with plies made of either a PZT material or a fiber-reinforced composite; each layer may be made of an orthotropic material. The PZT layers need not be symmetrically located about the midsurface of the plate. Furthermore, they need not extend along the entire length and width of the plate. Said differently, segmented rectangular PZT patches may be bonded to the top and the bottom surfaces of the plate. Two adjacent plies are assumed to be perfectly bonded together with an adhesive layer of negligible thickness. The three-dimensional constitutive relation for an anisotropic piezoelectric layer can be written as:

$$\{\sigma\} = [c]\{\varepsilon\} - [e]\{E\}, \qquad (1a)$$

$$\{D\} = [e]^T \{\varepsilon\} + [\xi] \{E\},$$
(1b)

where $\{\sigma\} = (\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{zz}, \sigma_{xy}, \sigma_{yz}, \sigma_{zx})^T$ and $\{\varepsilon\} = (\varepsilon_{xx}, \varepsilon_{yy}, \varepsilon_{zz}, 2\varepsilon_{xy}, 2\varepsilon_{yz}, 2\varepsilon_{zx})^T$ are, respectively, sixdimensional vectors of stresses and strains for infinitesimal deformations, [c] is the 6×6 matrix of elastic constants, [e] is the 6×3 matrix of piezoelectric constants, $[\xi]$ is the 3×3 matrix of electric permittivities, and $\{E\} = (E_x, E_y, E_z)^T$ and $\{D\} = (D_x, D_y, D_z)^T$ are three-dimensional vectors of the electric field and the electric displacement, respectively. The electric field is related to the electric potential ϕ by:

$$\{E\} = -\left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\right)^T.$$
 (2)

The PZT layer is poled in the z-direction and is assumed to be transversely isotropic about the z-axis. Thus, it has five nonzero piezoelectric constants: e_{31} , e_{32} , e_{33} , e_{15} , and e_{24} . For a nonpiezoelectric layer, [e] = 0.

The plate thickness is assumed to be small as compared to its in-plane dimensions. Because the transverse normal stress, σ_{zz} , is very small as compared to the inplane stresses, we set $\sigma_{zz} = 0$ in (1a), solve it for ε_{zz} , and substitute the result in the remaining equations. We thus obtain:

$$\{\sigma\} = [\bar{c}]\{\varepsilon\} - [\bar{e}]\{E\}, \qquad (3a)$$

$$\{D\} = [\bar{e}]^T \{\varepsilon\} + [\xi] \{E\}, \tag{3b}$$

where $[\bar{c}]$ and $[\bar{e}]$ are 5×5 and 5×3 matrices of the modified (or the reduced) elastic constants and piezoelectric coefficients, respectively. Note that $\{\sigma\}$ and $\{\varepsilon\}$ are now five-dimensional vectors. In most applications of platelike structures, surface tractions and the electric potential are prescribed on the top and the bottom surfaces. Thus $|\sigma_{zz}| \ll \min(|\sigma_{xx}|, |\sigma_{yy}|)$, and $|E_z| \gg \max(|E_x|, |E_y|)$. A goal of this work is to analyze the influence of the electromechanical coupling upon the natural frequencies.

We use the following displacement field for the FSDT:

$$u(x, y, z, t) = u_0(x, y, t) + z\psi_x(x, y, t),$$

$$v(x, y, z, t) = v_0(x, y, t) + z\psi_y(x, y, t),$$

$$w(x, y, z, t) = w_0(x, y, t),$$
(4)

where u_0 , v_0 , and w_0 are displacements of a point on the midsurface of the plate, and ψ_x and ψ_y are rotations about the *y*- and the *x*-axes, respectively, of the normal to the midplane. Eq. (4) gives continuous displacements across

an interface between two adjoining layers, but generally result in discontinuous tractions across an interface. An alternative is to use a layerwise plate theory that significantly increases the number of unknowns. The electric field in the kth layer with $z_k \leq z \leq z_{k+1}$ in it is assumed to be given by:

$$\phi(x, y, z, t) = \phi_k(x, y, t) + \frac{z - z_k}{z_{k+1} - z_k} (\phi_{k+1}(x, y, t) - \phi_k(x, y, t)), \quad (5)$$

where ϕ_k and ϕ_{k+1} are the electric potentials on the bottom and the top surfaces of the kth layer, respectively. Thus, the electric field, E_z , in each layer does not vary with z.

Fields (4) and (5) give the following for the infinitesimal strains and the electric field at a point:

$$\{\varepsilon\} = \{\varepsilon_0\} + z\{\kappa\},\$$

$$\{\varepsilon_0\} = \left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial y} + \psi_y, \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x} + \psi_x\right)^T,\$$

$$\{\kappa\} = (\kappa_x, \kappa_y, \kappa_{xy}, 0, 0)^T \qquad (6)\$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial x}, 0, 0\right)^T.\$$

$$E_x^{(k)} = -\left(\frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial x} + \frac{z - z_k}{z_{k+1} - z_k} \left(\frac{\partial \phi_{k+1}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial x}\right)\right),\$$

$$(7a)$$

$$E_y^{(k)} = -\left(\frac{\partial\phi_k}{\partial y} + \frac{z - z_k}{z_{k+1} - z_k} \left(\frac{\partial\phi_{k+1}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial\phi_k}{\partial y}\right)\right),$$
(7b)
$$E_z^{(k)} = -(\phi_{k+1} - \phi_k)/(z_{k+1} - z_k).$$
(7c)

Here $\{E^{(k)}\}$ is the electric field in the kth layer.

Substitution from (6) and (7) into (3a) and integration of the resulting equation over the plate thickness give:

$$\{\bar{N}\} = [\bar{C}]\{\bar{\varepsilon}\} - [\bar{e}]\{\Delta\phi\},\tag{8}$$

where:

$$\{\bar{N}\} = (N_{xx}, N_{yy}, N_{xy}, M_{xx}, M_{yy}, M_{xy}, Q_{yz}, Q_{xz})^T,$$

$$(9)$$

$$\{\bar{\varepsilon}\} = (\varepsilon_{0xx}, \varepsilon_{0yy}, 2\varepsilon_{0xy}, \kappa_x, \kappa_y, \kappa_{xy}, 2\varepsilon_{0yz}, 2\varepsilon_{0xz})^T,$$

$$(10)$$

$$(N_{xx}, N_{yy}, N_{xy}, Q_{yz}, Q_{xz})$$

= $\sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} (\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{xy}, \sigma_{yz}, \sigma_{xz}) dz$, (11)

$$(M_{xx}, M_{yy}, M_{xy}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} (\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{xy}) z dz,$$
(12)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{C} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & 0 \\ B & D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_s \end{bmatrix},$$
(13)

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$$(A_{ij}, D_{ij}, D_{ij}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} \bar{c}_{ij}^{(k)}(1, z, z^2) dz, \ (i, j = 1, 2, 3),$$
(14)

$$A_{sij} = \beta \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{z_{k}}^{z_{k+1}} \bar{c}_{ij}^{(k)} dz, \ (i, j = 4, 5), \tag{15}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_{31}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{31}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{31}^{(n)} \\ \bar{e}_{32}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{32}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{32}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{e} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{e}_{36}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{36}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{36}^{(n)} \\ \bar{e}_{31}^{(1)} \bar{z}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{31}^{(2)} \bar{z}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{31}^{(n)} \bar{z}^{(n)} \\ \bar{e}_{32}^{(1)} \bar{z}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{32}^{(2)} \bar{z}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{32}^{(n)} \bar{z}^{(n)} \\ \bar{e}_{36}^{(1)} \bar{z}^{(1)} & \bar{e}_{36}^{(2)} \bar{z}^{(2)} & \dots & \bar{e}_{36}^{(n)} \bar{z}^{(n)} \\ \bar{0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{vmatrix} ,$$
(16)

$$\bar{z}^{(k)} = (z_k + z_{k+1})/2,$$
(17)

$$\{\Delta\phi\} = (\Delta\phi_1, \Delta\phi_2, \dots, \Delta\phi_n)^T, \tag{18}$$

$$\Delta \phi_k = (\phi_{k+1} - \phi_k). \tag{19}$$

Here we have tacitly assumed that $\max(|E_x^{(k)}|, |E_y^{(k)}|) \ll |E_z^{(k)}|$ and neglected contributions of $e_{15}^{(k)}E_y^{(k)}$ and $e_{24}^{(k)}E_x^{(k)}$. It is reasonable because each ply is very thin, which also justifies the assumption that $E_z^{(\tilde{k})}$ is uniform in the thickness direction. Note that n equals the number of layers, $\beta (= 5/6)$ is the shear correction factor, A, B, and D are 3×3 matrices, and A_s is a 2×2 matrix.

As charge can be collected only in the z-direction, we compute only D_z . Eq. (1b) for the kth ply is:

$$D_{z}^{(k)} = \bar{e}_{31}^{(k)} \varepsilon_{xx}^{(k)} + \bar{e}_{32}^{(k)} \varepsilon_{yy}^{(k)} + 2\bar{e}_{34}^{(k)} \varepsilon_{xy}^{(k)} + \xi_{z}^{(k)} E_{z}^{(k)}.$$
(20)

Substitution for $\{\varepsilon\}$ from (6) and for $E_z^{(k)}$ from (7c) into (20) gives:

$$\{\bar{D}_z\} = [\bar{e}]^T \{\bar{\varepsilon}\} + [\bar{\xi}_z] \{\Delta\phi\}, \qquad (21)$$

where:

$$\{\bar{D}_z\} = (D_z^{(1)}, D_z^{(2)}, \dots, D_z^{(n)})^T,$$
 (22)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\xi}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_z^{(1)}/(z_2 - z_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \xi_z^{(2)}/(z_3 - z_2) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_z^{(n)}/(z_{n+1} - z_n) \end{bmatrix}$$
(23)

The electric enthalpy density, H, for a threedimensional piezoelectric body including strain energies due to elastic and piezoelectric deformations and the electrical energy is given by [34]:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \{\varepsilon\}^{T}[c] \{\varepsilon\} - \{\varepsilon\}^{T}[e] \{E\} - \frac{1}{2} [E]^{T} \{\xi\}[E].$$
(24)

For the FSDT, matrices [c] and [e] in (24) are first replaced by $[\bar{c}]$ and $[\bar{e}]$ respectively, and $\{\varepsilon\}$ by the fivedimensional vector obtained from $\{\varepsilon\}$ by deleting ε_{zz} . Substituting for $\{\varepsilon\}$ and [E] from (6) and (7) into (24), and integrating the resulting equation over the plate thickness, we get the following expression for the surface density, H_L , of the electric enthalpy:

$$H_{L} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} H dz = \frac{1}{2} (\{\bar{\varepsilon}\}^{T} [\bar{C}] \{\bar{\varepsilon}\} - 2\{\bar{\varepsilon}\}^{T} [\bar{\varepsilon}] \{\Delta\phi\} - \{\Delta\phi\}^{T} [\bar{\xi}_{z}] \{\Delta\phi\}).$$
(25)

Equations of motion for the piezoelectric laminate are derived by using the Hamilton principle:

$$\delta \int_0^t dt \int_V \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \{\dot{u}\}^T \{\dot{u}\} - H\right) dV + \int_0^t dt \int_S (\{t\}^T \{\delta u\} - q\delta\phi) dA = 0. \quad (26)$$

Here ρ is the mass/volume, $\{\dot{u}\}^T = (\dot{u}_x, \dot{u}_y, \dot{u}_z)$ is the velocity vector, $\{t\}^T = (t_x, t_y, t_z)$ is the surface traction vector, and q is the charge/surface area. The surface integral in (26) is over all bounding surfaces of the laminate, and V is the volume of the region occupied by the body. Substitutions from (3) and (24) into (26) and integration with respect to z over the plate thickness give:

$$\int_{0}^{t} dt \int_{S_{0}} [\{\delta \dot{U}\}^{T} [\bar{M}] \{\dot{U}\} - \{\delta \bar{\varepsilon}\}^{T} [\bar{C}] \{\bar{\varepsilon}\} + \{\delta \bar{\varepsilon}\}^{T} [\bar{e}] \{\Delta \phi\} + \{\delta \Delta \phi\}^{T} [\bar{e}]^{T} \{\bar{\varepsilon}\} + \{\delta \Delta \phi\}^{T} [\bar{\xi}_{z}] \{\Delta \phi\}] dA + \int_{0}^{t} dt \int_{S^{\pm}} \{\delta U\}^{T} \{P\} dA - \int_{S^{\pm}} \{\delta \phi\}^{T} \{q\} dA = 0,$$

$$(27)$$

where

,

$$\{U\} = (u_0 \, v_0 \, \psi_x \, \psi_y \, w_0)^T, \tag{28}$$

$$[\bar{M}] = \begin{pmatrix} I_0 & 0 & I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_0 & 0 & I_1 & 0 \\ I_1 & 0 & I_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_1 & 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_0 \end{pmatrix},$$
(29)

$$(I_0, I_1, I_2) = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} \rho^{(k)}(1, z, z^2) dz, \qquad (30)$$

 I_0, I_1, I_2 are the normal, coupled normal-rotary, and rotary inertia coefficients, respectively. $\{U\}$ is the vector of generalized displacements, $\{P\}$ is the vector of generalized surface tractions conjugate to $\{U\}, S_0$ is the midsurface of the plate, and S^+ and S^- are, respectively, the top and the bottom surfaces of the plate.

Eq. (27) can be viewed as a weak formulation of equations governing electromechanical deformations of the hybrid piezoelectric plate.

III. FINITE-ELEMENT FORMULATION

The midsurface of the plate is divided into eight-node isoparametric quadrilateral elements. The same set of shape functions is used to approximate the electric potential, and each one of the five components of the generalized displacement. That is:

$$\{U(x, y, t)\} = [N_U(x, y)]\{U^e(t)\},$$
(31a)

$$\{\phi(x, y, t)\} = [N_{\phi}(x, y)]\{\phi^{e}(t)\},$$
(31b)

where:

$$[N_U(x,y)] = [N_1(x,y)I_u, N_2(x,y)I_u, \dots, N_8(x,y)I_u], [N_{\phi}(x,y)] = [N_1(x,y)I_{\phi}, N_2(x,y)I_{\phi}, \dots, N_8(x,y)I_{\phi}], (32)$$

here I_u and I_{ϕ} are, respectively, 5×5 and $n \times n$ identity matrices, and $\{U^e(t)\}$ and $\{\phi^e(t)\}$ are 40×1 and $8n \times 1$ matrices, respectively. Substitution from (28), (6), and (31a) into (10) yields:

$$\{\bar{\varepsilon}\} = [B_U]\{U^e\},\tag{33}$$

where:

$$[B_{Ui}] = \begin{bmatrix} N_{i,x} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & N_{i,y} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ N_{i,y} & N_{i,x} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & N_{i,x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{i,y} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{i,y} & N_{i,x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & N_i & N_{i,y} \\ 0 & 0 & N_i & 0 & N_{i,x} \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots 8,$$
(34)

$$N_{i,x} = \partial N_i / \partial x \text{ etc.}, \tag{35}$$

$$[B_{Ui}] = [B_{U1} B_{U2} \dots B_{U8}].$$
(36)

Similarly:

$$\{\Delta\phi\} = -[B_{\phi}]\{\phi^e\},\tag{37}$$

where:

$$[B_{\phi}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} [N_{\phi}]_{n \times 8n}.$$
(38)

Substitution from (31), (33), and (37) into (27) and exploiting the fact that the resulting equation must hold for all choices of δU and $\delta \Delta \phi$ that vanish where U and ϕ are prescribed, we obtain the following two equations governing the time evolution of the generalized nodal displacements and the nodal electric potentials:

$$[M]{\ddot{U}} + [K_{UU}]{U} + [K_{U\phi}]{\phi} = {F}, \qquad (39)$$

$$[K_{\phi U}]\{U\} + [K_{\phi \phi}]\{\phi\} = \{G\}, \tag{40}$$

where:

$$[M] = \sum_{e} \int_{S_e} [N_U]^T [\bar{M}] [N_U] dA, \qquad (41)$$

$$[K_{UU}] = \sum_{e} \int_{S_e} [B_U]^T [\bar{C}] [B_U] dA, \qquad (42)$$

$$[K_{U\phi}] = \sum_{e} \int_{S_e} [B_U]^T [\bar{e}] [B_{\phi}] dA, \qquad (43)$$

$$[K_{\phi U}] = [K_{U\phi}]^T, \tag{44}$$

$$[K_{\phi\phi}] = -\sum_{e} \int_{S_e} [B_{\phi}]^T [\bar{\xi}_z] [B_{\phi}] dA, \qquad (45)$$

$$\{F\} = \sum_{e} \int_{S_e^{\pm}} [N_U]^T \{P\} dA,$$
(46)

$$\{G\} = -\sum_{e} \int_{S_{e}^{\pm}} [N_{\phi}]^{T} \{q\} dA.$$
(47)

The summation in (41)-(47) is over all elements. Eq. (39) and (40) can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{U} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{UU} & K_{U\phi} \\ K_{\phi U} & K_{\phi \phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} F(t) \\ G(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$
(48)

The electric potential on the faces of PZT layers that act as sensors is grouped together into the array $\{\phi^S\}$, and on those acting as actuators into the array $\{\phi^A\}$. Eq. (48) is split into the following two equations:

$$[M] \{ \ddot{U} \} + [K_{UU}] \{ U \} + [K_{U\phi}^{SS}] \{ \phi^S \} = \{ F \} - [K_{U\phi}^{SA}] \{ \phi^A \},$$

$$(49a)$$

$$[K_{\phi U}^{SS}] \{ U \} + [K_{\phi\phi}^{SS}] \{ \phi^S \} = \{ G \} - [K_{\phi\phi}^{SA}] \{ \phi^A \},$$

$$(49b)$$

where superscripts S and A indicate partitioned submatrices. Substitution for ϕ^S from (49b) into (49a) gives a set of coupled ordinary differential equations for the determination of U. These equations subject to the prescribed initial displacements, initial velocities, and boundary conditions are integrated with respect to time t. Having found U, ϕ^S can be computed from (49b).

For free vibrations of the hybrid plate $\{F\} = \{0\}, \{G\} = \{0\}$, and one assumes that:

$$\{U(t)\} = \{\tilde{U}\}e^{i\omega t}, \,\{\phi(t)\} = \{\tilde{\phi}\}e^{i\omega t}, \tag{50}$$

where ω is a natural frequency, and \tilde{U} and $\tilde{\phi}$ are, respectively, amplitudes of the displacement and the electric potential. Substitution from (50) into (48) and setting $\{F\} = \{0\}, \{G\} = \{0\}$, we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{UU} & K_{U\phi} \\ K_{\phi U} & K_{\phi\phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{U} \\ \tilde{\phi} \end{pmatrix} = \omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{U} \\ \tilde{\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (51)$$

 $[\tilde{K}]{\{\tilde{U}\}} = \omega^2[M]{\{\tilde{U}\}},\tag{52}$

where:

$$\tilde{K}] = [K_{UU}] - [K_{U\phi}][K_{\phi\phi}]^{-1}[K_{\phi U}].$$
(53)

The second term on the right-hand side of (53) describes the effect of electromechanical coupling on the natural frequencies of the hybrid plate.

Mechanical boundary conditions imposed at clamped (C), free (F), and simply supported (SP) edges are given below.

C:
$$u_0 = v_0 = w_0 = \psi_x = \psi_y = 0;$$

F: $N_{xx} = N_{xy} = Q_{xz} = M_{xx} = M_{xy} = 0 \text{ on } x = 0, a,$
 $N_{yy} = N_{xy} = Q_{yz} = M_{yy} = M_{yx} = 0 \text{ on } y = 0, b;$
SP: $w_0 = 0, N_{xx} = N_{xy} = M_{xx} = M_{xy} = 0 \text{ on } x = 0, a$
 $w_0 = 0, N_{yy} = N_{xy} = M_{yy} = M_{yx} = 0 \text{ on } y = 0, b.$

Electrical boundary conditions for grounded (or shortcircuit) and open-circuited layers are:

Grounded: $\phi = 0$, Open-Circuited: $D_z = 0$ on the surface z = const.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Static Deformations

1. Comparison of Computed Results with Experimental Observations of Crawley and Lazarus: A computer code based on the afore-stated formulation has been developed. It uses an eight-node isoparametric element and 2×2 integration rule. It has been verified and validated by analyzing the problem studied experimentally by Crawley and Lazarus [1]. The 0.83-mm thick $[0/\pm 45^{\circ}]_s$ AS4/3501 graphite/epoxy cantilever plate has 15 PZT-4 patches bonded symmetrically to its top and bottom surfaces as shown in Fig. 2 in which dimensions of the plate also are given. An electric field of 395 V/mm of opposite polarity is applied to PZTs bonded to the top and the bottom surfaces of the plate. The graphite/epoxy is modeled as an orthotropic material and the PZT as transversely isotropic with the z-axis as the axis of transverse isotropy. Values of material parameters are listed in Table I. Fig. 3 compares the computed and the observed transverse deflections T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 normalized as follows:

$$T_1 = w_2/b,$$

$$T_2 = (w_2 - 0.5(w_1 + w_3))/b,$$

$$T_3 = (w_3 - w_1)/b$$

Here w_2 , w_1 , and w_3 are, respectively, the transverse displacement of a point on the centroidal axis and the left

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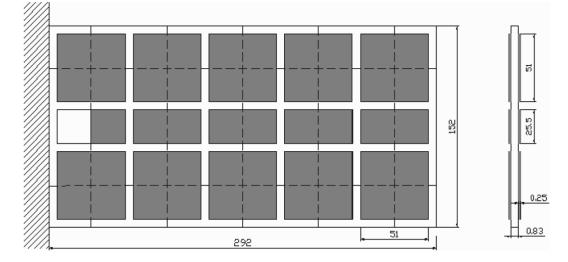


Fig. 2. Cantilever composite plate with surface-bonded piezoelectric actuators [1].

Property	$0^{\circ} AS4/3501$	PZT-4	$0^\circ T300/976$	PZT G1195N
Elastic properties:				
$E_{11}(\text{GPa})$	132.38	81.3	150.0	63.0
E_{22} (GPa)	10.76	81.3	9.0	63.0
$E_{33}(\text{GPa})$	10.76	64.5	9.0	63.0
$G_{23}(\text{GPa})$	3.61	25.6	2.5	24.2
$G_{13}(\text{GPa})$	5.65	25.6	7.1	24.2
G_{12} (GPa)	5.65	30.6	7.1	24.2
$ u_{12}$	0.24	0.33	0.3	0.3
$ u_{13}$	0.24	0.43	0.3	0.3
$ u_{23}$	0.49	0.43	0.3	0.3
Piezoelectric Coefficients (10^{-12} m/V)				
e_{31}	0	122.0	0	254.0
e_{32}	0	122.0	0	254.0
e_{33}	0	285.0	0	374.0
e_{24}	0	0	0	584.0
e_{15}	0	0	0	584.0
Electric permittivity				
$\xi_{11}/arepsilon_0$	3.5	1475.0	3.5	1728.8
ξ_{22}/ε_0	3.0	1475.0	3.0	1728.8
ξ_{33}/ε_0	3.0	1300.0	3.0	1694.9
Mass density ρ (kg/m ³)	1578.0	7600.0	1600	7600

TABLE I MATERIAL PROPERTIES (ELECTRIC PERMITTIVITY OF AIR, $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ F/M).

edge and the right edge of the midsurface of the plate, and b is the plate width. The normalized displacements T_1, T_2 , and T_3 represent, respectively, the bending deflection of the centroidal axis, the transverse bending curvature, and the twisting angle due to the coupling between bending and twisting. Results have been computed by neglecting the effect of inertia forces. It is clear that the computed transverse deflection of a point on the centroidal axis agrees well with the measured one. However, the agreement between the computed and the measured deflections of points on an edge of the plate is not very good. This discrepancy could be due to the three-dimensional effects present at points near the free edges of the plate that are ignored in the FSDT. These effects are negligible at points on the centroidal axis.

2. Deflection of a Hybrid Plate with PZT Layers Grounded Versus Short Circuited: We now investigate the effect boundary conditions imposed on PZT layers have on the lateral deflections of a plate subjected to mechanical loads. Two problems, namely a cantilever plate and a simply supported plate each made of a single 0° AS4/3501 graphite/epoxy layer with identical G-1195N (Piezo System, Cambridge, MA) PZT layers bonded to its entire top and bottom surfaces are analyzed; the plate geometry is shown in Fig. 4(a). The hybrid cantilever plate is loaded

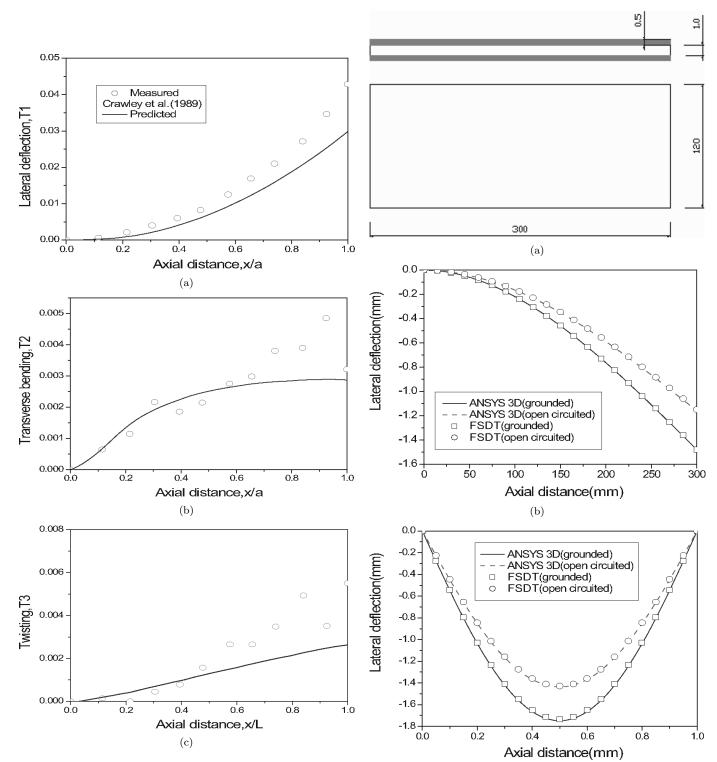


Fig. 3. Comparison of the computed transverse deflections with the test values of [1]. (a) Transverse deflection of the centroidal axis, (b) the transverse bending curvature, and (c) the transverse twisting angle.

Fig. 4. (a) Composite laminated plate with surface-bonded piezoelectric layers (dimensions in mm). (b) Comparison of transverse deflections of the centroidal axis computed from the present code with those from the three-dimensional commercial code ANSYS; cantilever. (c) Simply supported only on the left and the right edges.

(c)

Mode No.	Exp.	ANSYS	$\% \ {\rm Error}$	Present code	% Error	Mode Shapes
1	961	899.73	-6.38	896.5	-6.71	
2	1073	1015	-5.41	1025.7	-4.41	
3	2158	2097	-2.83	2090.7	-3.12	
4	2837	2786.4	-1.78	2800.9	-1.27	
5	_	3908	—	3892.6		
6	4361	4023.7	-7.73	4004.4	-8.18	
7	4729	4416.1	-6.62	4390.2	-7.16	
8	5525	5364.8	-2.90	5341.2	-3.33	D+ $<$ + C
9	5950	5640.6	-5.20	5601.7	-5.85	
10	_	_	_		—	
11	6529	6508.6	-0.31	6453.2	-1.16	
12	7461	7375.1	-1.15	7284.9	-2.36	
13	9018	8957.1	-0.68	8844.7	-1.92	

TABLE II Lay-up of Layers: [0/-0/0/-0/PIC151/-0/0/-0/0].

by a 10 N/m uniformly distributed load on its free edge and the simply supported hybrid plate by 1 kN/m² uniformly distributed pressure on its top surface. In each case, effects of inertial forces are neglected. Three-dimensional deformations of each problem also are analyzed with the commercial code ANSYS by dividing the graphite/epoxy layer into $50 \times 20 \times 2$ eight-node (solid 45) brick elements, and each piezoceramic layer into $50 \times 20 \times 1$ eight-node coupled field (solid 5) brick elements. For analysis with the present code based on the FSDT theory, the plate is divided into 50×20 eight-node isoparametric quadrilateral elements. It is clear from the results depicted in Figs. 4(b) and (c) that the two deflected shapes of the centroidal axis of the plate agree with each other. Also plotted in Figs. 4(b) and (c) are the deflected shapes when the PZT layers are open circuited (i.e., act as sensors) and when they are grounded. Because the PZT layers also store electric energy in the former case, it should deflect less than that when these layers are grounded. The difference in the tip deflections of the cantilever plate computed with grounded and open-circuited PZT layers is 21.6%. The two deflections of the centroid of the simply supported plate differ by 17.8%. These differences in deflections illustrate the importance of considering proper boundary conditions on the PZT layers.

B. Natural Frequencies

1. Comparison with Experimental Results: For five different orientations of plies in a nine-layer hybrid lami-

TABLE III LAY-UP OF LAYERS: [30/-30/30/-30/PIC151/-30/30/-30/30]. Mode No. Exp. ANSYS % Error Present code % Error Mode Shapes 1 848 751.08 746.09 -12.02-11.43 $\mathbf{2}$ 1473 1334.7-9.391316.3-10.643 2249 2110.9-6.142090.6-7.044 3064 2829 -7.672785-9.1154314 3957.7-8.263895.7-9.706 4660 4468.2-4.124388.3-5.83 $\overline{7}$ 5012 4799.7-4.244719.9-5.838 5415

4930.6

6496.4

6837.6

7204.9

9157.3

-13.95

-6.66

-4.33

nated plate with all edges free, we have compared in Tables II–VI the presently computed first 13 natural frequencies with the experimental values of [33]. Material properties and dimensions of the plate are given in [33]. We also have included in Tables II-VI frequencies computed with the three-dimensional, finite-element code ANSYS, and depicted the mode shape obtained from the present code. A dash signifies that this frequency was either not observed in experiments or not computed from the code. The frequency corresponding to mode shape 10 in Table II could neither be computed with the present code nor observed experimentally. However, Lin et al. [33] computed this mode with ANSYS by using their FEM I and FEM II formulations. Frequencies computed with ANSYS essentially equal those listed in Tables IV through VIII of [33] under the column FEM III because the two analyses used

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5730

6960

7531

5034.3

6639.3

7013.6

7355.2

9409.4

-12.14

-4.61

-2.33

the same solid elements in ANSYS. The percent error between the experimental frequency and that computed by the present code is nearly the same as that between the test value and the value obtained from ANSYS. The two percentage errors differ by at most 2%. However, the maximum difference between the computed and the experimental frequency is ~15%. In summary, for all five hybrid plates, the first 10 frequencies computed from the FSDT differ at most by ~15% from their corresponding experimental values, and by ~2% from those computed with ANSYS. The first 13 modes of vibration of the five plates are compared in Fig. 5.

2. Frequencies of a Hybrid Plate with PZT Layers Grounded Versus Open Circuited: For the cantilever and the simply supported plates studied in Section IV-B and

TABLE IV
Lay-up of Layers: $[45/-45/45/-45/{\rm PIC151}/-45/45/-45/45].$

Mode No.	Exp.	ANSYS	% Error	Present code	$\% \ {\rm Error}$	Mode Shapes
1	648	578.43	-10.74	573.41	-11.51	
2	1471	1427.6	-2.95	1407.3	-4.33	
3	1746	1658.8	-4.99	1641.6	-5.98	
4	2983	2954.2	-0.97	2906.4	-2.57	
5	3510	3288.1	-6.32	3246.1	-7.52))-(((0)))-(((
6	4687	4658.4	-0.61	4568.5	-2.53	
7	_	5246	_	5153.8	_	
8	5496	5301.7	-3.54	5218.4	-5.05	
9	6388	6229.9	-2.47	6113.9	-4.29	ONC)
10	6736	6784.5	0.72	6633	-1.53	
11	7698	7658.1	-0.52	7469.6	-2.97	LQI
12	8439	8594.8	1.85	8404.3	-0.41	MARUU
13	9083	9228.5	1.60	8991.4	-1.01	

using the same FE meshes as those described there, we have listed in Table VII the first 10 natural frequencies computed with the present code and with ANSYS for the faces of the two PZT layers either grounded or open circuited. In each case, the first natural frequency computed with the present code agrees very well with that obtained from ANSYS. However, the difference between frequencies computed with the two codes increases with an increase in the order of the mode shape. Also, the open circuited and the grounded PZT layers give quite different frequencies; the first natural frequency in the two cases differs by 14.2% for the cantilever plate and 9.4% for the simply supported plate.

3. Frequencies of a Hybrid Plate with Two Opposite Edges Clamped: For the hybrid plates analyzed in Section IV-B,1, we have listed in Table VIII the first 13 frequencies computed with the present code when edges x = 0and x = 70 mm are clamped and the other two are free. The PZT faces are open-circuited. A comparison of frequencies listed in Tables II and VIII reveals that clamping these two edges increases each one of the first 13 frequencies; the maximum percent increase is ~14%.

C. Piezoelectric Layers Acting as Sensors

Static deformations of a hybrid composite plate comprised of $[0/\pm 45^{\circ}]$ T300/976 graphite/epoxy (DuPont, Wilmington, DE) plate with four G1195N PZT patches bonded symmetrically to its top and bottom surfaces as shown in Fig. 6(a) are studied. All PZT layers act as sensors, and the plate is loaded by a uniformly distributed

TABLE V LAY-UP OF LAYERS: [60/-60/60/-60/PIC151/-60/60/-60/60].

Mode No.	Exp.	ANSYS	% Error	Present code	% Error	Mode Shapes
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1	596	510.77	-14.30	505.89	-15.12	
2	1281	1304.4	1.83	1286.1	0.40	
3	1517	1434.6	-5.43	1419	-6.46	
4	2673	2693.3	0.76	2650.4	-0.85	
5	3048	2844.2	-6.69	2808.7	-7.85	
6	4143	4244	2.44	4164.1	0.51	DOOR
7	4877	4712.3	-3.38	4643.6	-4.79	
8	5924	6015.3	1.54	5882.1	-0.71	DO DO
9	6524	6364.8	-2.44	6263	-4.00	
10	7087	7006.7	-1.13	6878.3	-2.94	DYC
11		7232.7	_	7107.5	_	AXOX(()
12		8084.1	_	7878.8	_	RE-G
13	8479	8560.6	0.96	8359.8	-1.41	<u>P</u> RF

pressure of 1 N/m^2 . The cantilever plate is clamped at the left edge. The left and the right edges of the other plate are simply supported, and the other two edges are free. The thickness of the hybrid plate is not uniform. The computed electric potentials on top surfaces of the upper PZT patches are depicted in Figs. 6(b) and (c). In each case, the maximum voltage occurs at points of the maximum curvature.

V. Conclusions

We have used a coupled electromechanical theory to analyze static deformations and free vibrations of a hybrid laminated rectangular plate comprised of PZT layers or patches either embedded in or bonded to outer surfaces of graphite/epoxy plies. A FSDT and a finite-element code using eight-node isoparametric elements have been developed. It is shown that the FSDT gives results close to those obtained from the three-dimensional commercial code AN-SYS. Computed results show that the tip deflection of a hybrid cantilever plate and the centroidal deflection of a plate simply supported on two opposite edges with open circuited PZT layers are, respectively, 21.6% and 17.8% less than those when the PZT layers are grounded. The natural frequencies of the two plates differ by 14.2% and 9.4% for the two sets of boundary conditions on the PZT layers. Thus, one should use a coupled electromechanical theory in designing a precision equipment such as a bimorph.

Mode No.	Exp.	ANSYS	% Error	Present code	% Error	Mode Shapes
1	615	510.68	-16.96	505.25	-17.85	+
2	926	877.81	-5.20	861.68	-6.95	
3	1539	1407.6	-8.54	1391.1	-9.61	
4	1932	1862.1	-3.62	1826.3	-5.47	
5	3096	2757.5	-10.93	2721.4	-12.10	
6	3234	3051.1	-5.66	2988.9	-7.58	
7	4733	4531.3	-4.26	4433.1	-6.34	
8	5037	4550.4	-9.66	4483.1	-11.00	$\left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\ 1\\ 1\end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\ 1\\ 1\end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\ 1\\ 1\\ 1\end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\ 1\\ 1\\ 1\end{array} \right)$
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10	6765	6368.4	-5.86	6221.7	-8.03) A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
11	7231	6770.8	-6.36	6658.6	-7.92	
12	7841	7961.4	1.54	7812.6	-0.36	$\circ \odot \circ \circ$
13	8106	8122.2	0.20	7965.5	-1.73	

TABLE VI LAY-UP OF LAYERS: [90/-90/90/-90/PIC151/-90/90/-90/90].

TABLE VII

Comparison of Natural Frequencies (Hz) Computed from the Present FSDT Formulation with Those from the Three-Dimensional Commercial Code ANSYS.

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	Car	tilever la	minated pla	ate	right	edges sin	nply suppor	rted
Mode	grour	nded	open-c	ircuit	grour	nded	open-circuit	
No.	ANSYS	FSDT	ANSYS	FSDT	ANSYS	FSDT	ANSYS	FSDT
1	16.09	16.09	18.38	18.466	44.37	44.48	48.52	48.625
2	76.67	77.00	78.50	79.068	142.02	143.11	144.2	145.44
3	100.4	101.27	113.38	114.72	179.52	181.96	201.15	204.43
4	246.7	249.12	256.63	260.4	324.9	328.58	340.28	345.62
5	292.12	289.05	319.56	328.81	407.39	420.27	465.11	483.4
6	464.27	473.72	494.4	508.75	575.62	588.55	620.23	640.91
7	550.7	575.54	620.08	650.58	667.81	682.21	835.12	846.95
8	620	637.62	769.78	794.74	728.66	770.22	841.76	901.74
9	752.35	775.54	818.12	868.94	851.74	870.51	998.89	1037
10	755.69	781.16	889.23	885.82	907.83	946.74	1023.4	1061.7

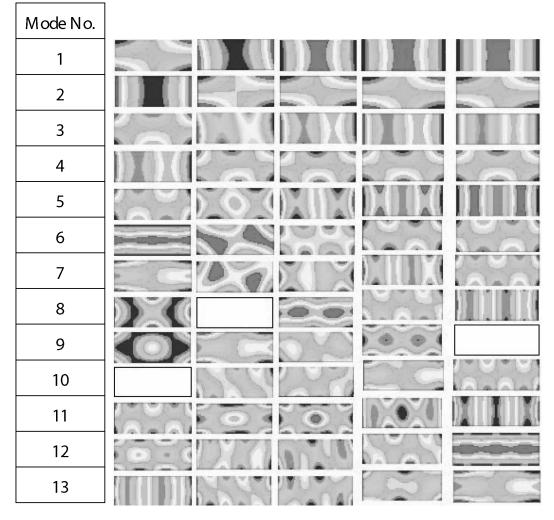


Fig. 5. Comparison of modes of vibration of a hybrid plate with the five different orientation of fibers listed in Tables II–VI. Figures in columns 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are, respectively, for the plates of Tables II–VI.

TABLE VIII

FREQUENCIES COMPUTED WITH THE PRESENT CODE FOR A HYBRID LAMINATED PLATE WITH THE LEFT AND RIGHT EDGES CLAMPED AND THE OTHER TWO FREE. ALL EDGES ARE OPEN-CIRCUITED.

A^1	В	C	D	E
938.95	785.76	623.87	528.42	503.81
1260.3	1535.9	1556.8	1417.4	1023.9
2499.3	2119.9	1701.1	1442.4	1374.9
2961.9	3288.5	3208.1	2800.5	2211.2
4182.6	4054.6	3329.5	2944.2	2662.3
4700.3	5061.7	5115.6	4562.8	3663.1
5207.3	5382.3	5384.9	4669.2	4335.9
5503.1	6486.5	5877.8	6578.2	5419.5
6474.3	6884.5	7299.4	6741.4	6103.4
7408.8	7841.1	7587.8	6807.8	6366.7
7521.2	8649.9	7840.5	7731.6	7484.8
7927.2	9239	8416.9	8075.8	7716.4
10081	9345.9	9763.9	8801.7	8314.6

 ${}^{1}A = [0/0/0/0/p0/0/0/0],$

- B = [-30/30/ 30/30/p0/30/ 30/30/ 30],
- C = [-45/45/ 45/45/p0/45/ 45/45/ 45],
- D = [-60/60/ 60/60/p0/60/ 60/60/ 60],
- E = [-90/90/ 90/90/p0/90/ 90/90/ 90],

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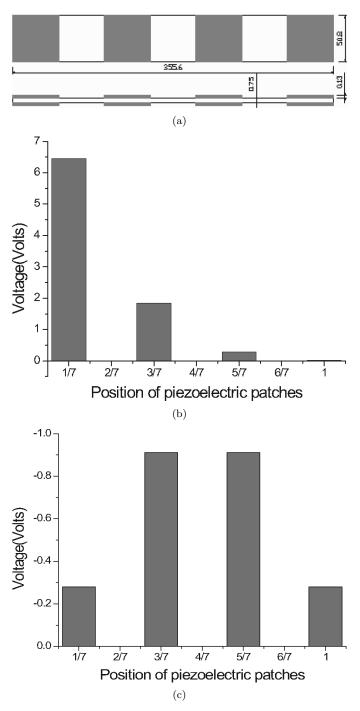


Fig. 6. (a) Composite plate $T399/976[0/\pm 45]_s$ with surfacebonded distributed piezoelectric sensors. Computed voltage of sensors (b) cantilever plate (left end fixed); (c) only the left and right edges simply supported.

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