FEM Correlation and Shock Analysis of a VNC MEMS Mirror Segment

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Introduction

- Segmented MEMS Mirror used for corrective optics
 - Correct wavefront error
 - Octagon segments
- New, developing technology
 - Never used in spaceflight before
- Mechanical Analysis to:
 - Understand limitations of design
 - Provide input to increase reliability
 - Demonstrate space worthiness







Geometry

- Mirror Segment "glued" to platform
- Platform made of several material layers
 - Three flexure beams
 - Different pre-stresses on each material layer





Process

Incremental model correlation

- Single layer cantilever Beam
- Multi-layer cantilever beam
- Platform
- Static Loading
- Sine vibration
- Perform Shock Analysis
 - Synthesize time history
 - Apply load



Single Layer Cantilever Beam

- Simplified flexure beam
- Single material layer
 - Stress gradient
 - Modeled as three sublayers





Single Layer Cantilever Beam Results





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Multi-Layer Cantilever Beam

- Simplified flexure beam
- Multiple material layers
 - Different pre-stresses
 - Stress gradients modeled with sub-layers as in previous analysis





Single Layer Cantilever Beam Results





Platform

Full Platform
Multiple material layers
Study effects of removing geometric details
Mesh refinement study





Platform Results

Surface: Total displacement (µm)



125.8

25

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20		Location [um]		Displacement [um]	
	Point ID	X	У	As- Measured	Analysis
15	1	261	158	25.87	24.31
	2	-266	147	24.95	24.15
10	3	5.9	-305	26.05	24.83



Dynamics

• Verify stiffness and damping

- Fn = 2470 Hz
- Q = 2 at first mode









Shock Analysis

Synthesized SRS





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Shock Results

Time=0 s Surface: von Mises stress (N/m²)



Shock Results - Displacement





Shock Results - Stresses





Conclusion

COMSOL is being used to guide the design of a MEMS Mirror

- Material and dynamic properties have been correlated
- Model can be used to predict behavior in various spaceflight environments
- Future analysis and correlation will be performed as further tests are performed
 - Vibroacoustics
 - Random vibration

