## Lecture 14 Cantilever eigenmodes, equivalent point mass oscillator

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# Attractive vs. repulsive mode imaging



 Depending on operating conditions, its is possible to app roach in attractive regime and transition to repulsive at some Z





Fig. 11. Experimental determination of the low and high amplitude branches. (a) Amplitude curve, the L and H branches are plotted by open circles. Dashed lines indicate the  $A_{sp}$  values used to image a 200 × 200 nm<sup>2</sup> InAs quantum dot sample. (b) The system evolves from stable imaging in the L state  $A_{sp} = 16$  nm (top) to unstable imaging due to switching between H and L states  $A_{sp} = 13.8$  nm (middle) and finally to stable imaging in the H state  $A_{sp} = 9.5$  nm (bottom). Adapted from [56].

15 nm

Fig. 12. (A) High-resolution image of a single a-HSA (obtained by operating in an L state). The three fragments and the hinge regions are clearly resolved. (B) Image of the same molecule obtained by operating the instrument in an H state. (C) Image of the molecule in the initial L state after repeated imaging in an H state. The characteristic shape of the molecule has been lost by imaging in an H state. Adapted from [7].

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Increase amplitude to tap (repulsive regime)
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#### Increase Q to stay in attractive regime PURDUE

# Cantilever eigenmodes







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# Point mass vs. continuous oscillator?

- The point mass model was derived with the assumption that cantilever mass was << tip mass</p>
- The shape of the oscillating beam in the point mass model is assumed to be that of a statically bent beam under a tip force
- The point mass model does not predict any oscillation modes beyond the fundamental
- How to include spatially continuous nature of the AFM cantilever and yet enjoy the simplicity of a point mass model?



#### **Transverse vibrations of classical beam** $V(x) + p(x,t)\Delta x - V(x + \Delta x) = (\rho A \Delta x) \ddot{w},$





p(x,t): external force per unit length

- A: Area of cross section
- $\rho \text{:}$  mass density of cantilever
- Bernoulli-Euler beam theory

as  $\Delta x \to 0$  we get  $\rho A \ddot{w} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + p(x,t)$ 

or

$$\rho A \ddot{w} = -\frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial x^2} + p(x,t) = -EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + p(x,t)$$
  
Or

$$\rho A \ddot{w} + E I \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial x^4} = p(x,t)$$

To be solved with boundary conditions w(0) = 0  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x}(0) = 0$   $V(L) = EI \frac{\partial^3 W}{\partial x^3}(L) = ??$  $M(L) = EI \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^2}(L) = ??$ 



 Transverse vibrations of classical beam
 To calculate eigenmodes and natural frequencies, one can set p(x,t)=0 and any damping=0

$$\rho A \ddot{w} + E I \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} = 0 \qquad (1)$$
Let  $w(x,t) = \phi(x)T(t) \qquad (2)$ 

$$\frac{\left(\frac{EI}{\rho A}\right)}{\phi(x)} \frac{d^4 \phi(x)}{dx^4} = -\frac{1}{T(t)} \frac{d^2 T}{dt^2} = const = \omega^2 \qquad (3)$$
 $T(t) = A sin(\omega t) + B cos(\omega t) \qquad \phi(x) = Ce^{\lambda x} \qquad (4)$ 
 $(4) in (3a) \rightarrow$ 

$$\lambda^4 = \beta^4 = \frac{\rho A \omega^2}{EI} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm \beta, \lambda_{3,4} = \pm i\beta \qquad (5)$$
 $\phi(x) = C_1 e^{\beta x} + C_2 e^{-\beta x} + C_3 e^{i\beta x} + C_4 e^{-i\beta x}$ 
 $\cong C_1 sin(\beta x) + C_2 cos(\beta x) + C_3 sinh(\beta x) + C_4 cosh(\beta x)$ 
and  $\omega^2 = \beta^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}}$ 



**Transverse vibrations of classical beam** Assuming negligible tip mass  $\phi(x) = C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) + C_3 \cosh(\beta x) + C_4 \sinh(\beta x)$  where  $\beta^4 = \frac{\rho A \omega^2}{EI}$  (1)

$$w(0) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial W}{\partial x}(0) = 0, \quad EI \frac{\partial^3 W}{\partial x^3}(L) = 0, \quad EI \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^2}(L) = 0$$

$$C_1 = C_3 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$C_2(\cos(\beta L) + \cosh(\beta L)) + C_4(\sin(\beta L) + \sinh(\beta L)) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$C_2(-\sin(\beta L) + \sinh(\beta L)) + C_4(\cos(\beta L) + \cosh(\beta L)) = 0$$

$$or \left[ \frac{\cos(\beta L) + \cosh(\beta L)}{-\sin(\beta L) + \sinh(\beta L)} \cos(\beta L) + \sinh(\beta L) \right] \begin{bmatrix} C_2 \\ C_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

for solutions where  $C_2$ ,  $C_4 \neq 0$  we must have  $\cos(\beta L)\cosh(\beta L) + 1 = 0$  (4)

and 
$$C_4 = -\frac{\cos(\beta L) + \cosh(\beta L)}{\sin(\beta L) + \sinh(\beta L)}C_2$$
 (5)

Solving (4) yields  $(\beta L)_1 = 1.875, (\beta L)_2 = 4.694, (\beta L)_3 = 7.855....$ 

So that the eigenmodes are

$$\phi_n(x) = (\cos(\beta_n x) - \cosh(\beta_n x)) - \frac{\cos(\beta_n L) + \cosh(\beta_n L)}{\sin(\beta_n L) + \sinh(\beta_n L)} (\sin(\beta_n x) - \sinh(\beta_n x)) (6)$$
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NORMALIZE SO that  $\phi_n(L) = 1$ 

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![](_page_11_Picture_2.jpeg)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> eigenmode

![](_page_11_Picture_4.jpeg)

For negligible tip mass

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$$k_1 = 1.03k, k_2 = 40.5k, k_3 = 317k$$
  
 $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = \dots = 0.249 \ \rho AL$   
 $Y_1 \sim 1.5Y$ 

Melcher *et al*, App. Phys. Lett. 91(5), 2007<sup>13</sup>