

# Shear Stress Sensor with Cholesteric Crystals

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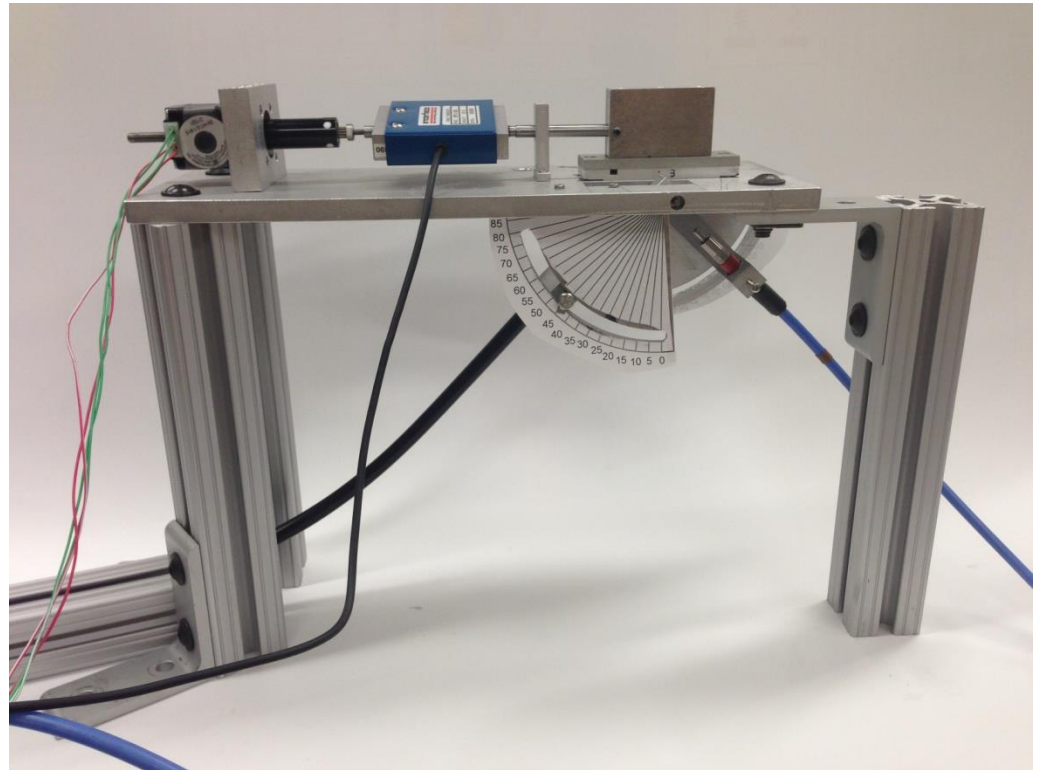
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# OVERVIEW

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- ▶ **Project Scope**
- ▶ **Cholesteric Crystals**
- ▶ **Theory**
- ▶ **Final Design**
- ▶ **Programming**
- ▶ **Results**
- ▶ **Unit Cells**



# Project Scope

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- ▶ Create Testing Apparatus
- ▶ Create Testing Method
- ▶ Create Data Acquisition & Analysis Software
- ▶ Characterize cholesteric crystals

Liquid

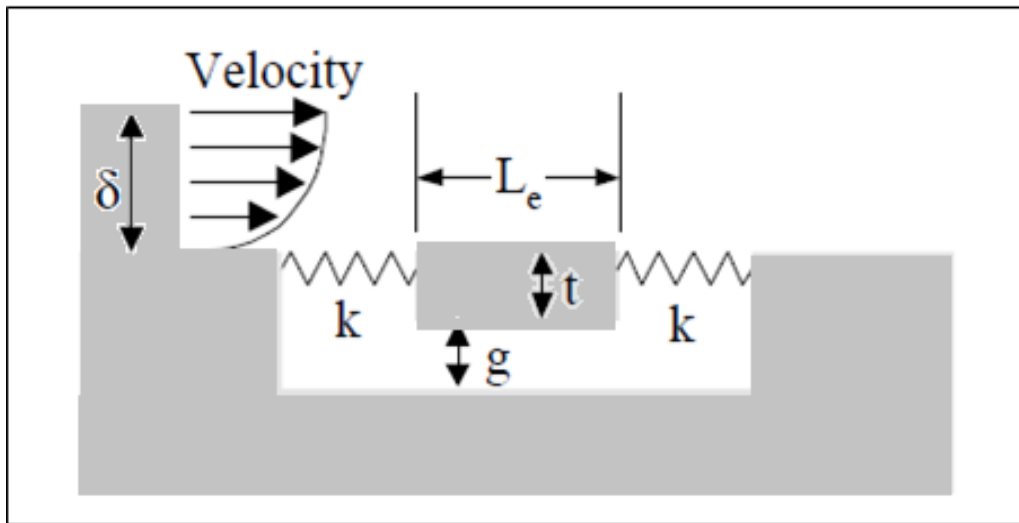


Polymer

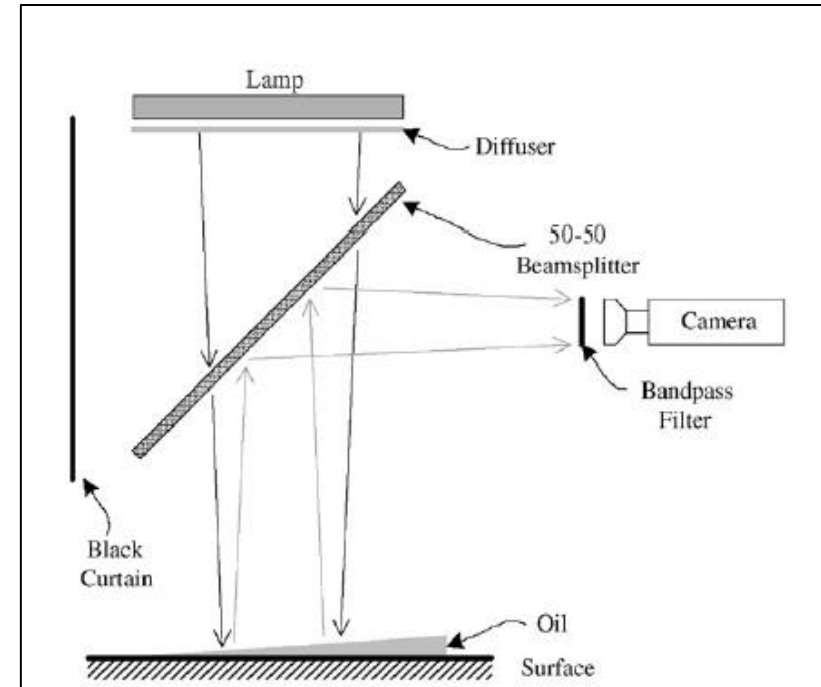


# Existing Technology

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**Micro-electrical-mechanical  
Systems (MEMS)**

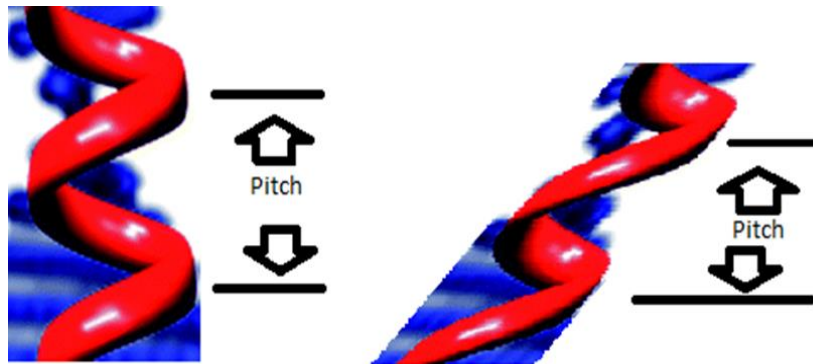


**Thin-Oil Film**

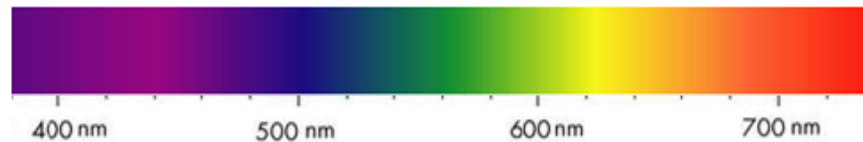
# Cholesteric Crystals

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- ▶ Originally discovered in cholesterol
- ▶ Pitch varies with the boundary conditions

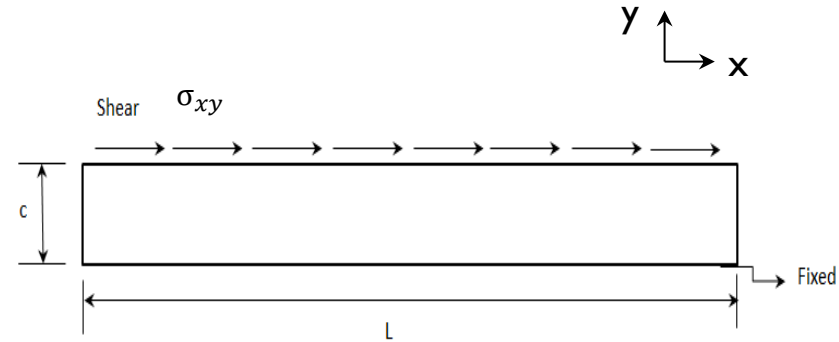
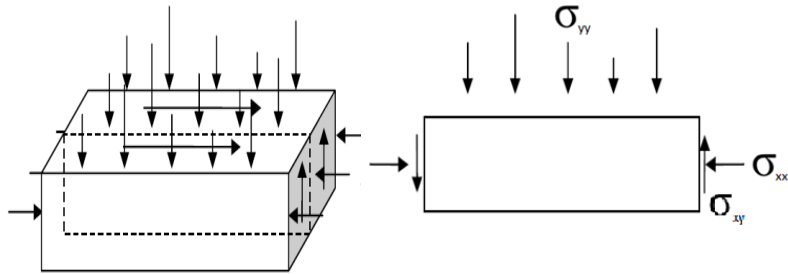


Visible Light Spectrum



# Theory – Hooke's Law

## -Decouple Analysis – Uniform Shear



Plane Strain



Hooke's Law



Uniform Shear

Strain

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{yy} = 0$$

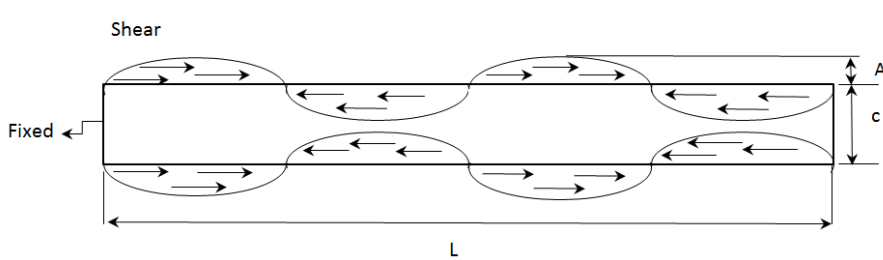
$$\epsilon_{xy} = \frac{1}{G} \sigma_{xy}$$

Strain Ratio

$$\frac{\epsilon_{xy}}{\epsilon_{xx}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_{xy}}{\epsilon_{yy}} \rightarrow \infty$$

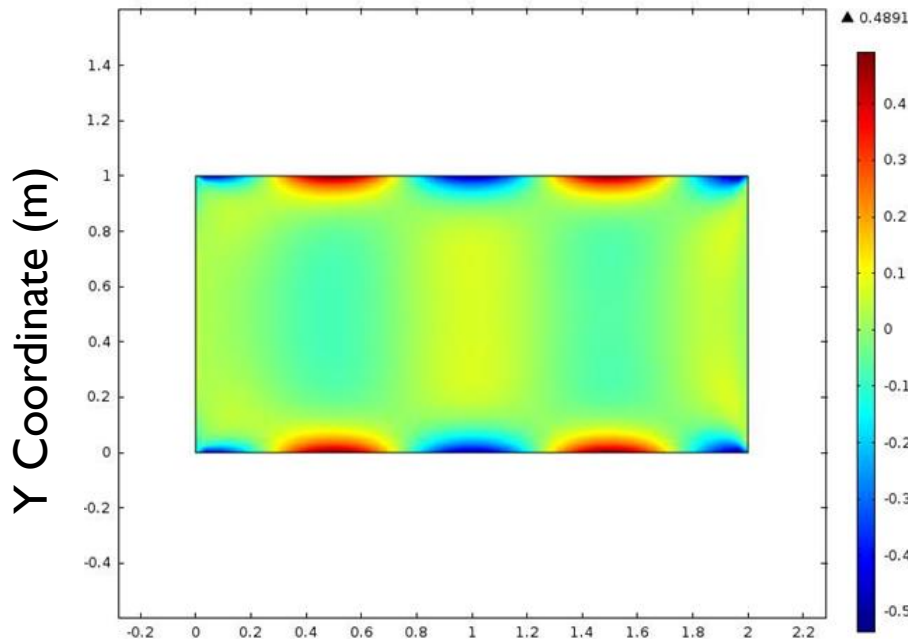
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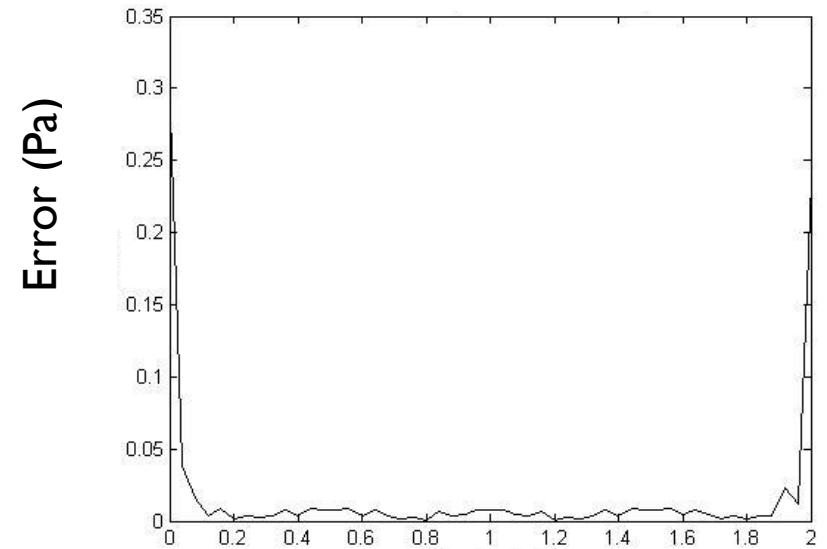
$$-0.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{L} * x\right) Pa - \text{top}$$

$$0.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{L} * x\right) Pa - \text{bottom}$$

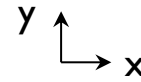
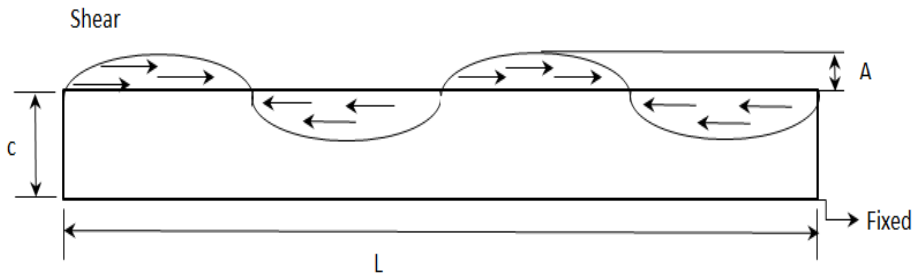
Stress XY (Pa)



Pressure Error – Sigma XY

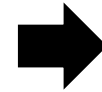


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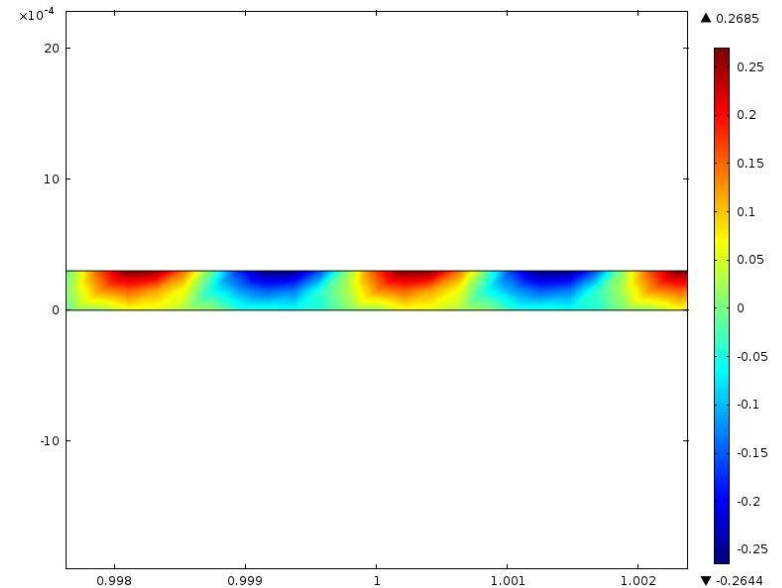


Thin film –  $c \ll L$

$$-0.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{c} * x\right) \text{ Pa} - \text{top}$$



Stress XY (Pa)



X Coordinate (m)

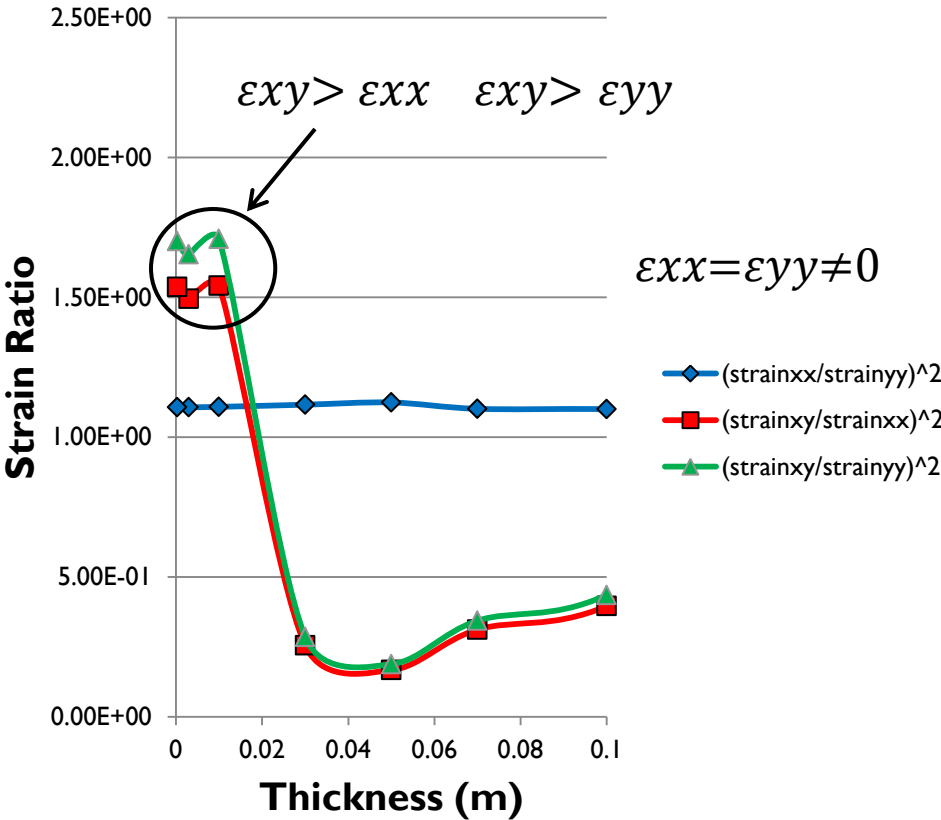




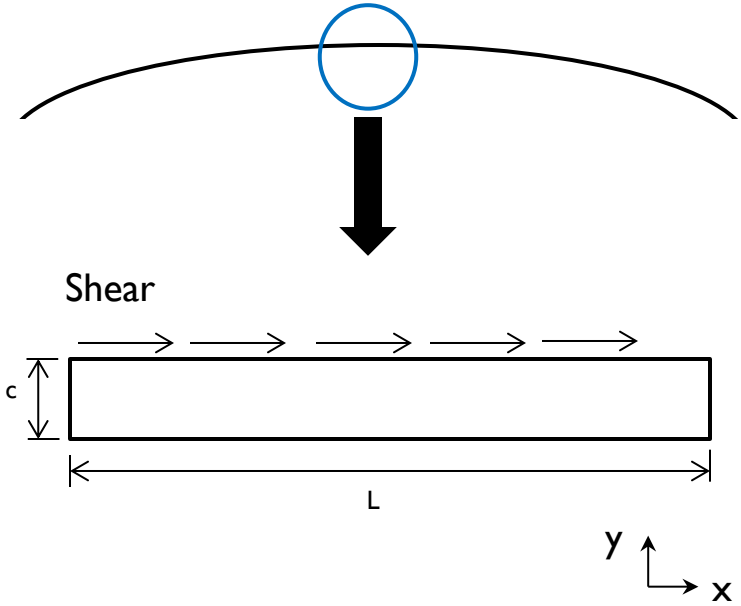
# Simulation – FEM Plane Strain

## -Decouple Analysis – Oscillating Shear

Shear - Poisson 0.49

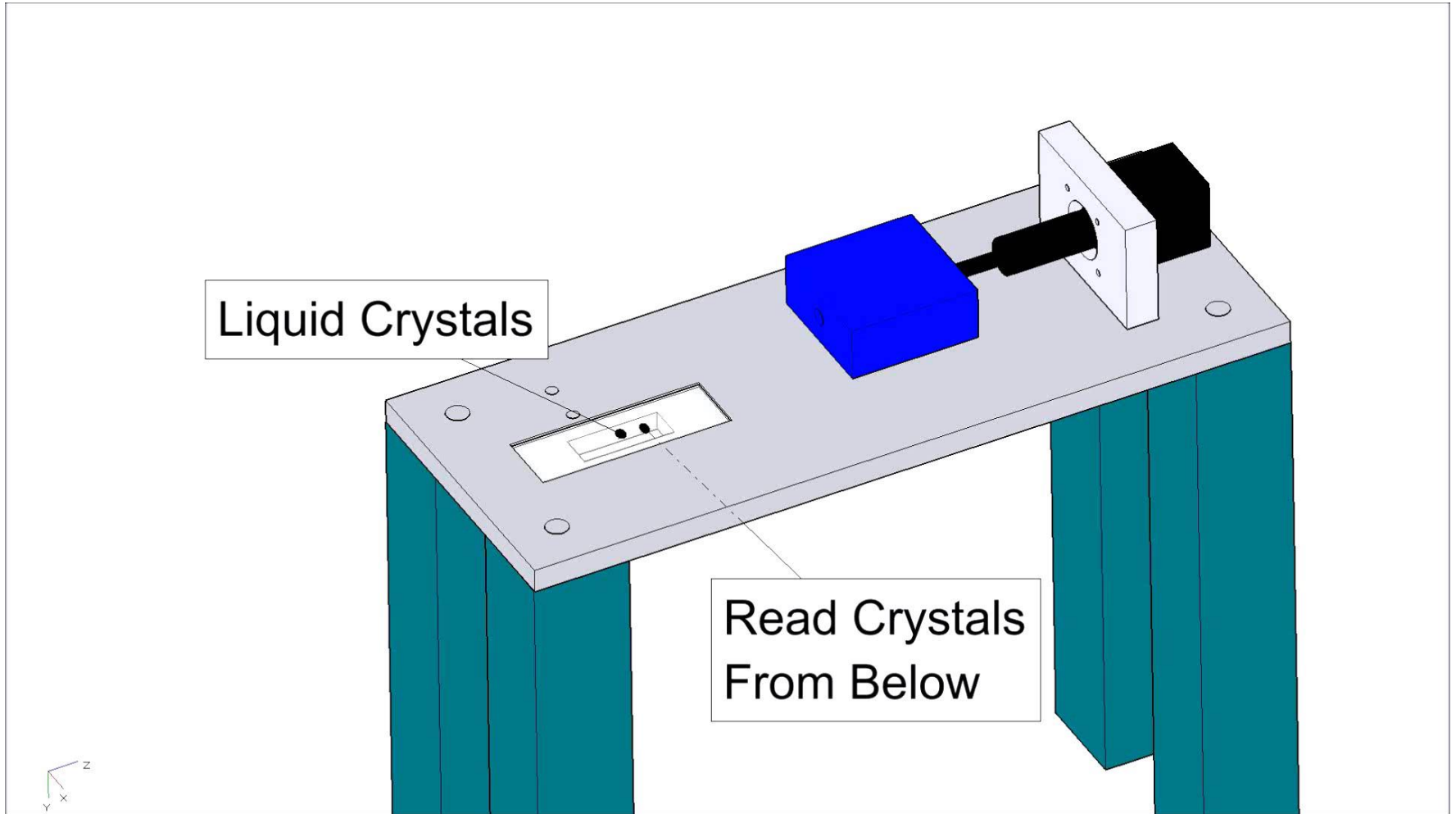


High Periods – Approximate oscillating load to a constant



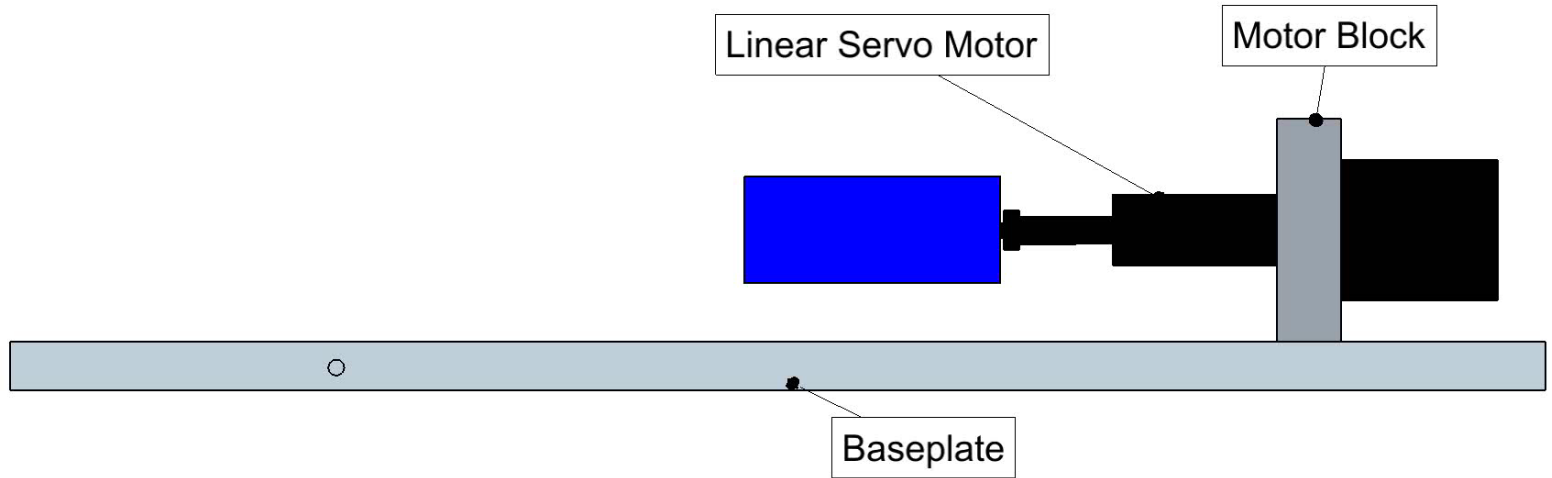
**Decouple is possible for constant load approximation and small c**

# Concepts- See Videos Section



# Final Design- See Videos Section

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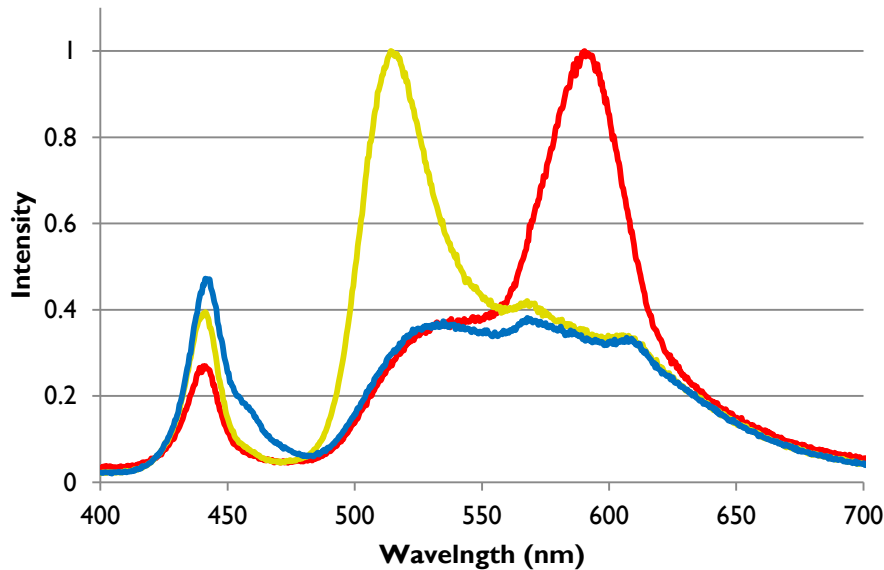


# Light Sources

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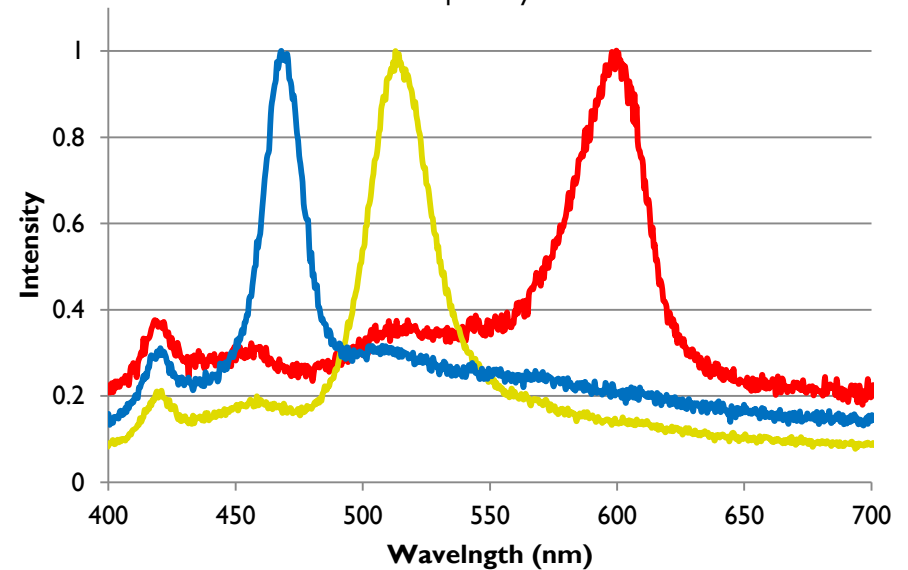
## LED Light with Liquid Crystals

- Red Liquid Crystals
- Yellow Liquid Crystals
- Blue Liquid Crystals



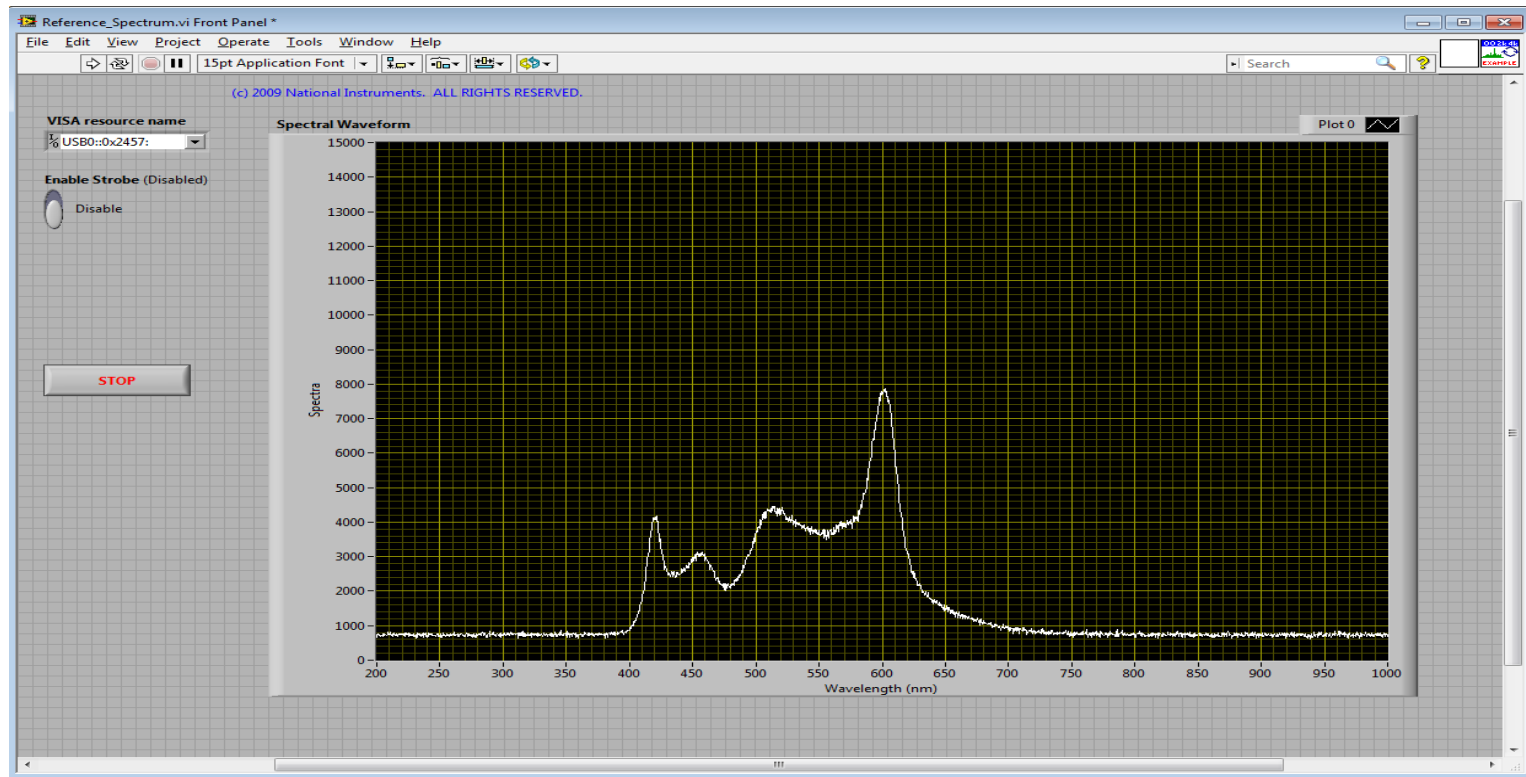
## BluLoop Light with Liquid Crystals

- Red Liquid Crystals
- Yellow Liquid Crystals
- Blue Liquid Crystals

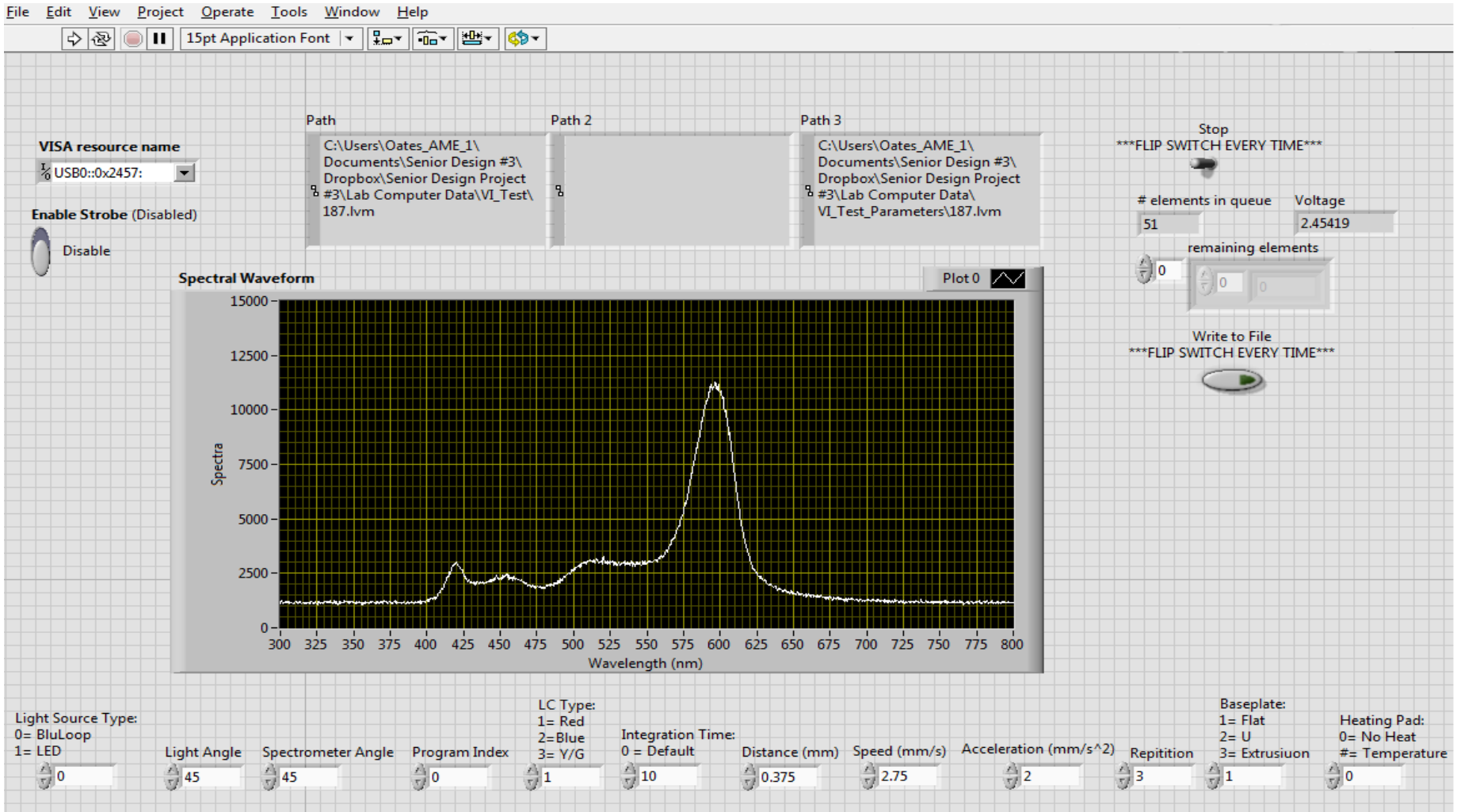


# LabView

## ▶ Record Force, Spectrum and Experiment Conditions



# LabView



# MATLAB

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- ▶ **Systematize experimental data**
- ▶ **Filter experiment spectrum from reference spectrum**
- ▶ **Analyze data set**

# MATLAB- See Videos Section

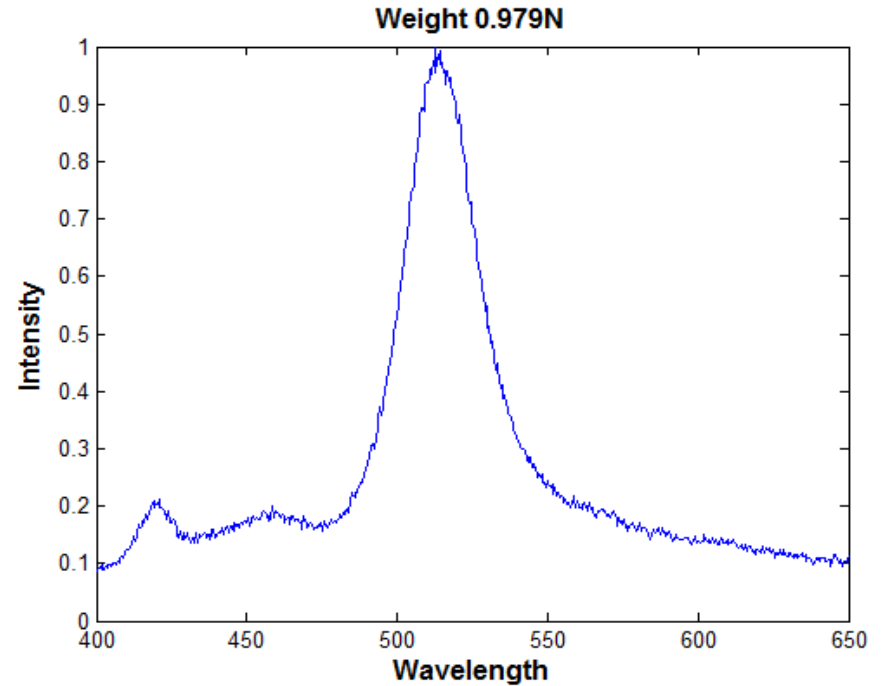
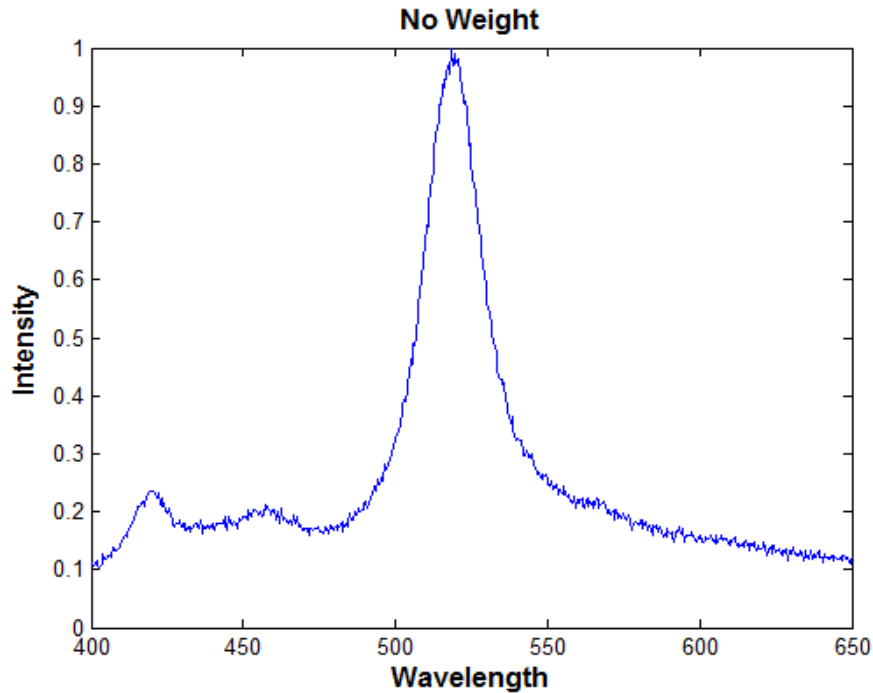
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Without Subtraction of  
Reference Spectrum





# Results-Normal Force

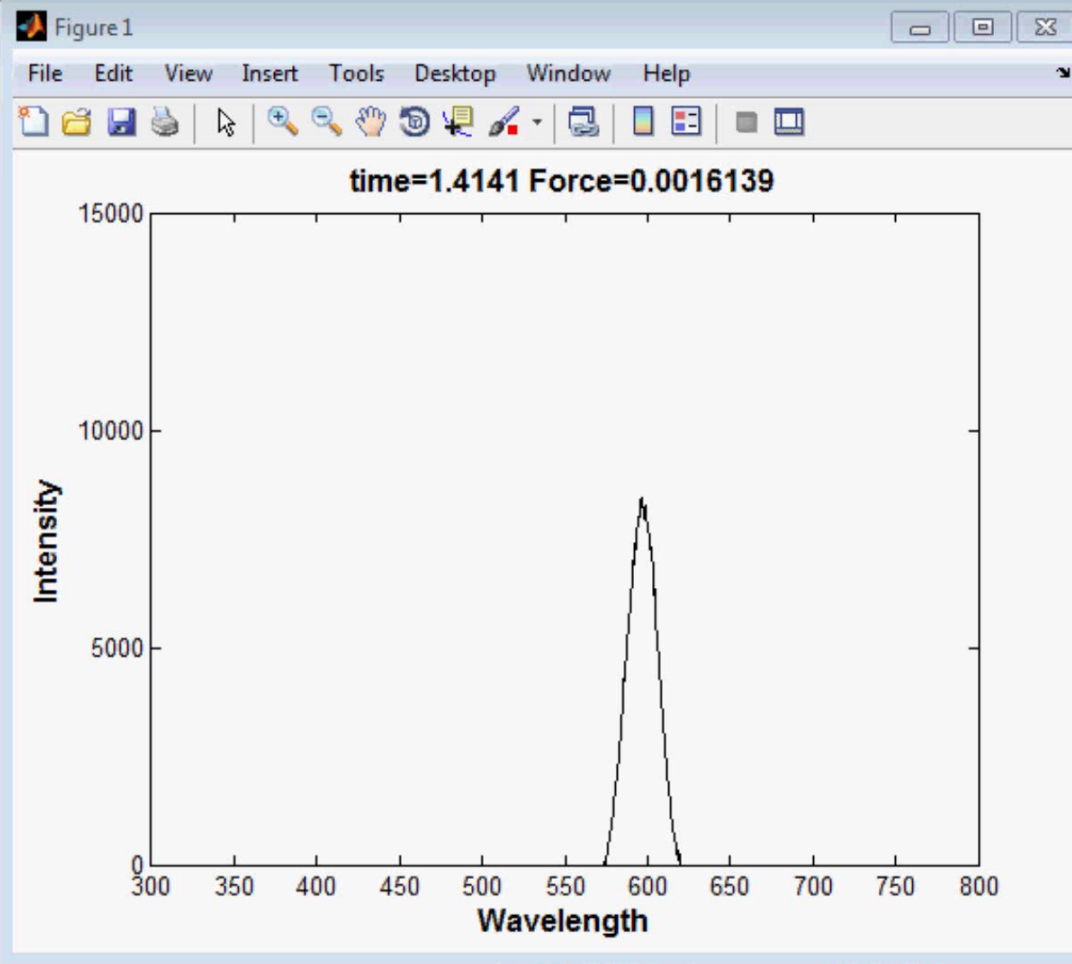


	Color						
	Red	Blue	Yellow		Red	Blue	Yellow
	<b>No Weight</b>				<b>Weight (0.979 N)</b>		
Average Wavelength (nm)	600.3	469.1	512.0	Average Wavelength (nm)	597.5	469.7	519.7

Difference	
Color	Red
Red	2.8
Blue	0.6
Yellow	7.7

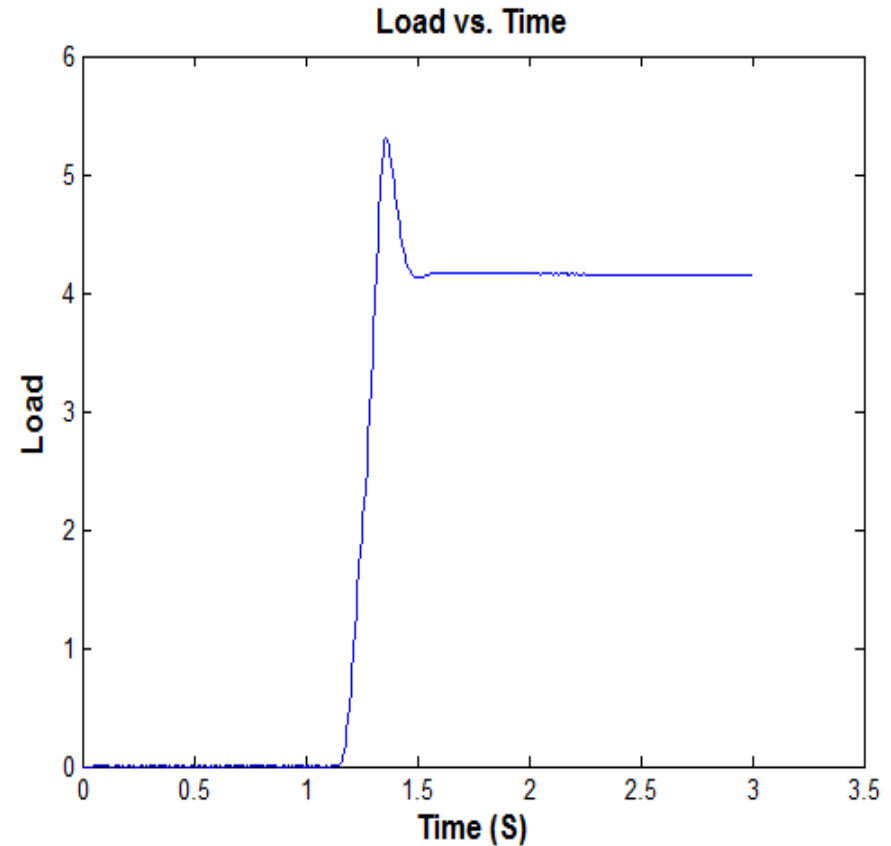
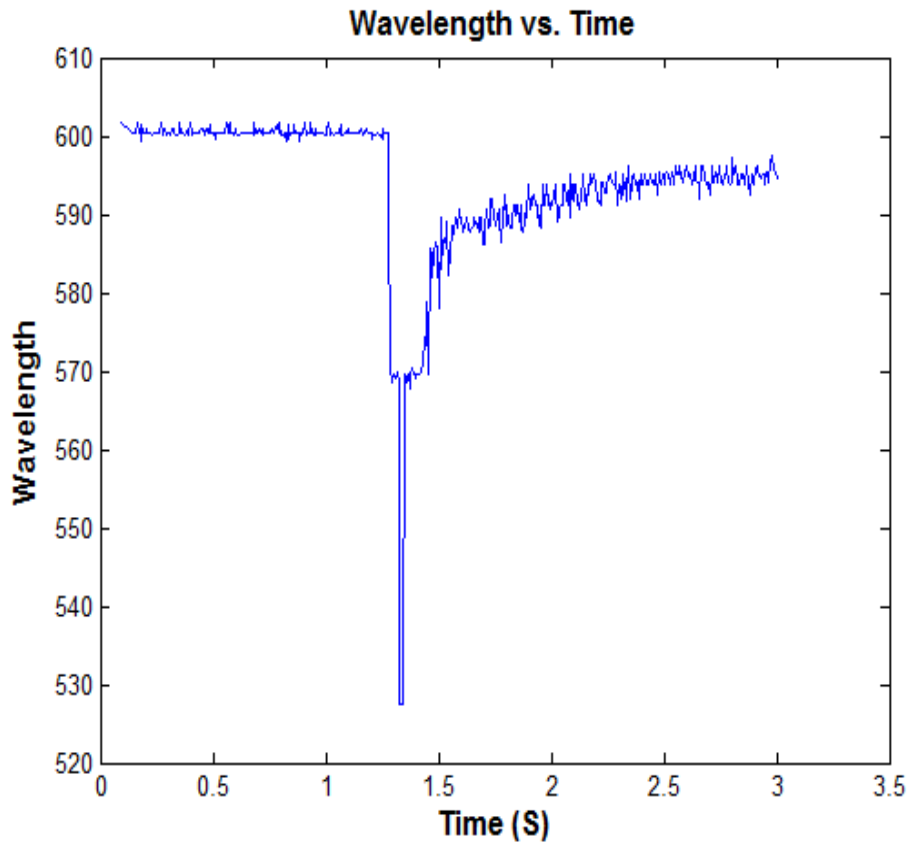
# Results- Liquid Crystals

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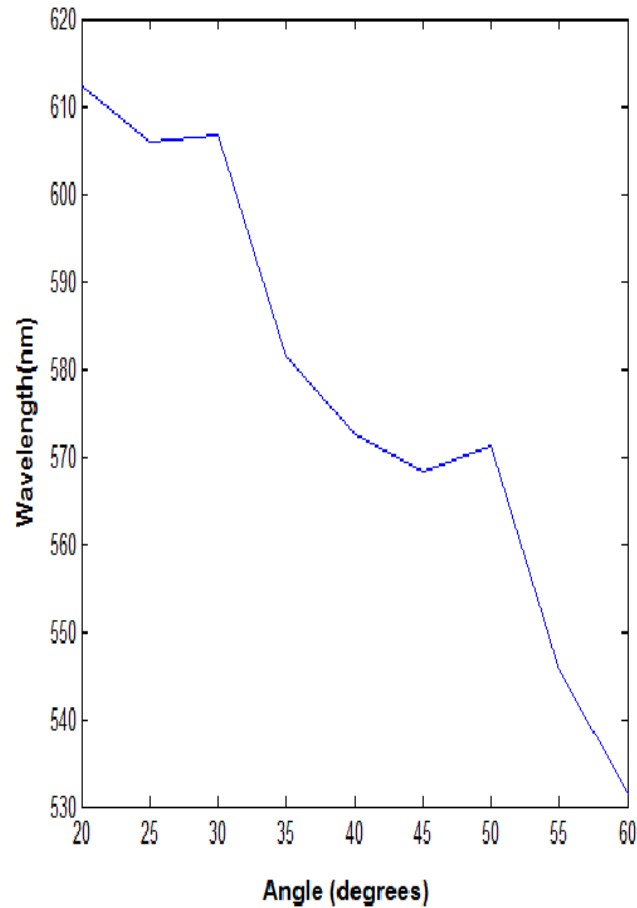
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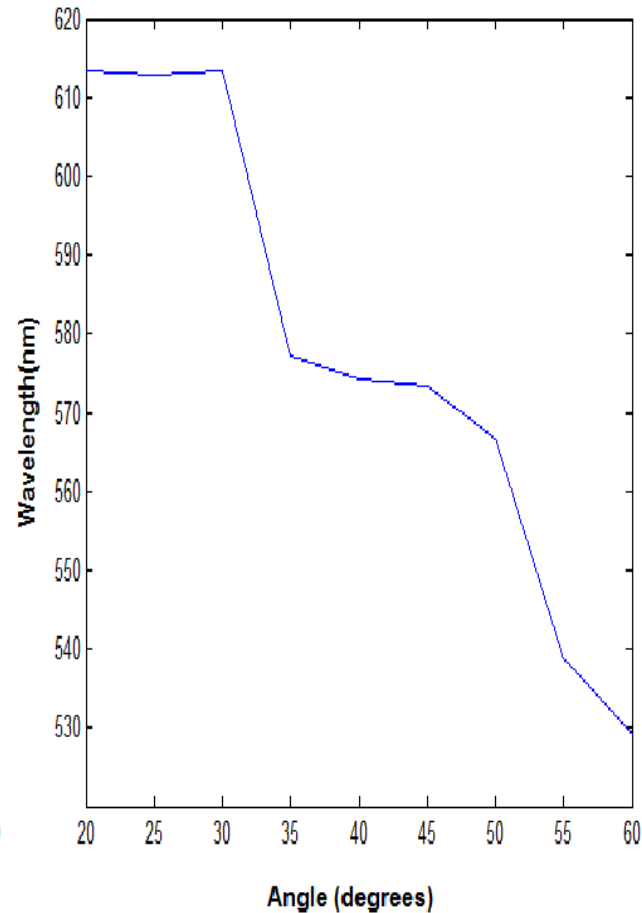
# Results- Polymer crystals

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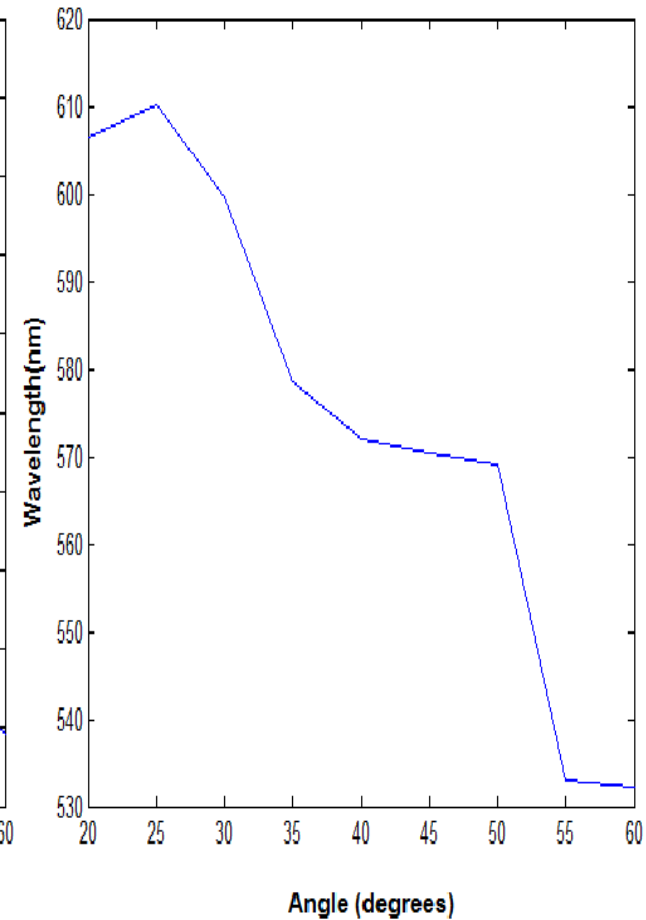
Trial 1



Trial 2



Trial 3



# Results

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## Variables

- ▶ **Distance**
- ▶ **Velocity**
- ▶ **Acceleration**
- ▶ **Settling Time**
- ▶ **Quantity of Liquid Crystals**
- ▶ **Angles/Distance of Fiber Optic Cables**
- ▶ **Type of Light source**

# Unit Cells

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- ▶ Purpose is to have a manufacturable product for distribution in a sensor ready form

## VHB with Liquid Crystals

### Side View

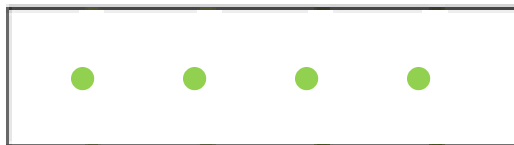
Zero Force Applied



Force Applied

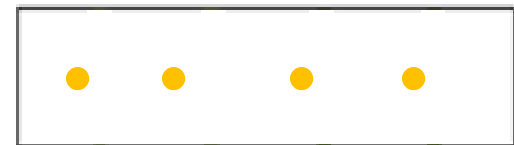


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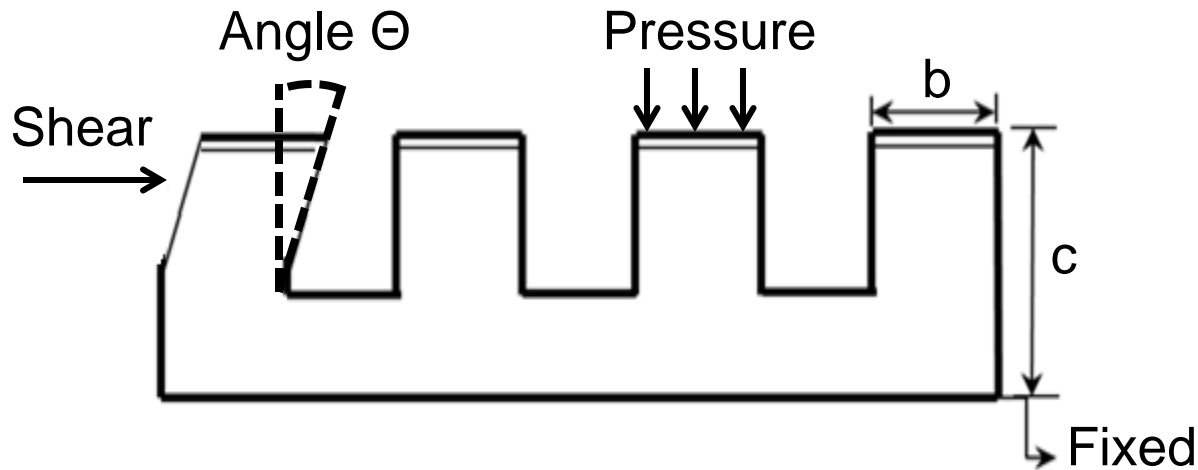


### Top View

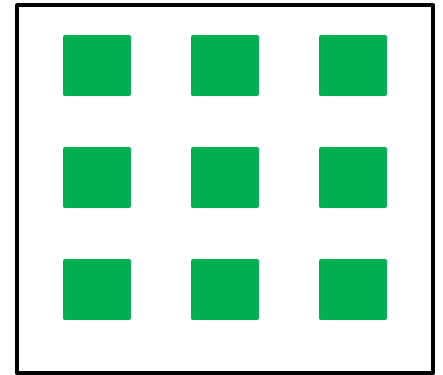
Force Applied



# Unit Cells

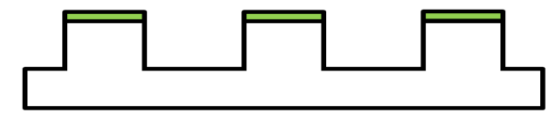


Top View



Side View

Zero Force Applied



Force Applied



## Decouple Analysis

- Shear and Pressure

## Maximize Angle $\theta$

$$\theta = \frac{Pc^2}{2EI} = \frac{6Pc^2}{Eb^4}$$

# Cost

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Part	Unit Price	Quantity	Price
Teflon Bearing	\$3.11	3	\$ 9
Insulation	\$9.03	1	\$9
Heat sheet	\$38.90	1	\$38
Fasteners	- -	- -	\$22
LED	\$23.74	1	\$24
Thermocouple	\$19.00	2	\$38
Load Cell- 10N	\$485.00	1	\$485
Liquid Crystals	\$75.00	3	\$225
VHB Tape	\$18.44	1	\$19
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$870</b>



# Summary

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- ▶ **COMSOL analysis**
- ▶ **Designed a testing apparatus**
- ▶ **Created programs to process data**
- ▶ **Cholesteric crystals are angle dependent**
- ▶ **Basic unit cell design**

# Recommendations

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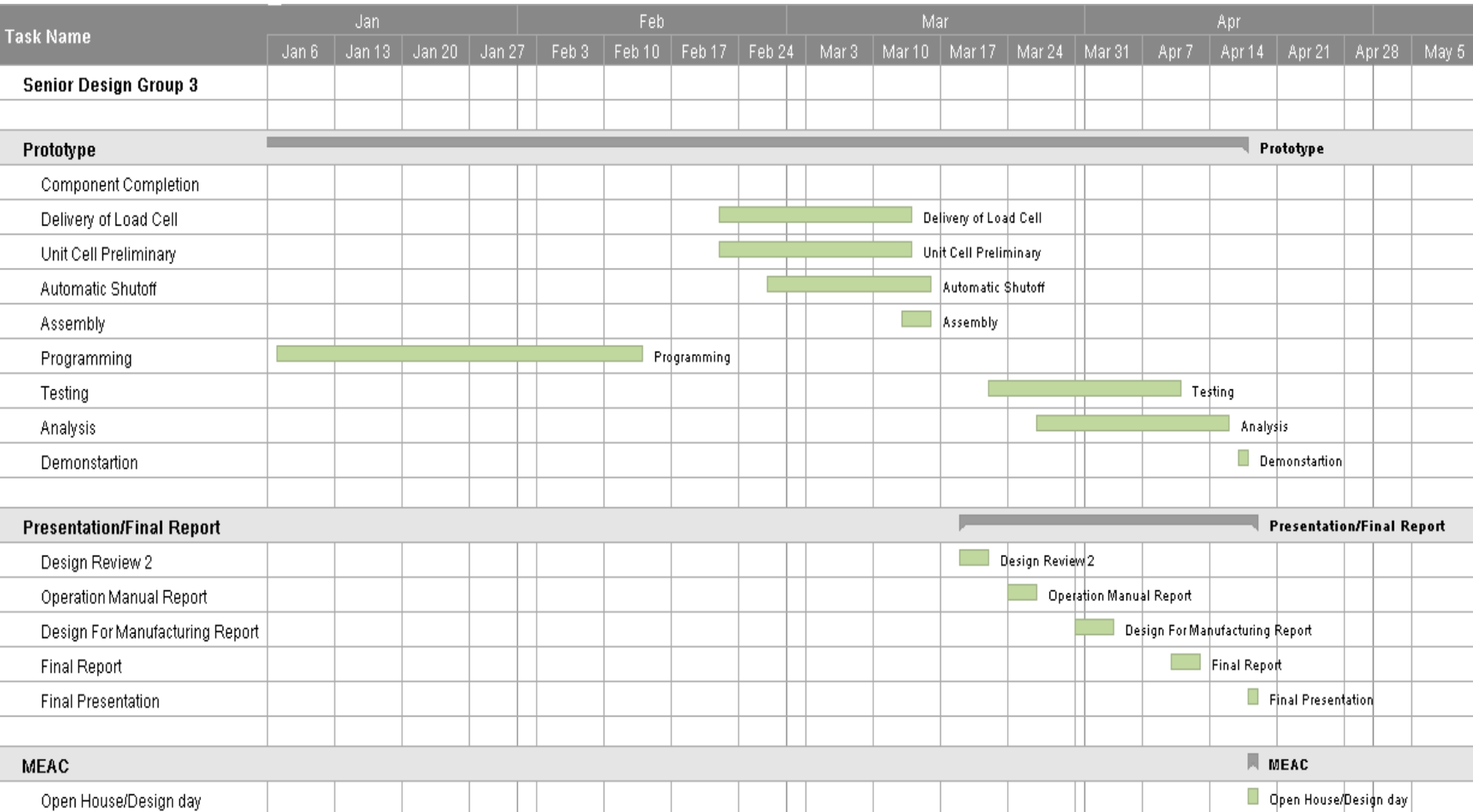
- ▶ **Analysis of Unit Cells**
- ▶ **More testing on Liquid Crystals**
- ▶ **Adapt apparatus for Polymer Crystals**
- ▶ **Test Polymer Concept**

# Questions/Comments

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# Schedule



# Budget (Supplied Parts)

Part	Unit Price	Quantity	Price
Machine Shop	\$150.00	30	\$4,500.00
Aluminum	\$64.00	--	\$ 64.00
Fiber-Optic Spectrometer	\$2,775.00	1	\$2,775.00
Linear Servo Motor	\$75.00	1	\$75.00
BluLoop Light Source	\$1,575.00	1	\$1,575.00
Software	\$2,669.00	--	\$2,669.00
Multimeter	\$15.00	1	\$15.00
DAQ Board	\$369.00	1	\$369.00
Amplifier- SGA power signal converter	\$345.00	1	\$345.00
Motor Driver	\$395.52	1	\$395.52
Power Supply	\$130	1	\$130
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$13,013</b>

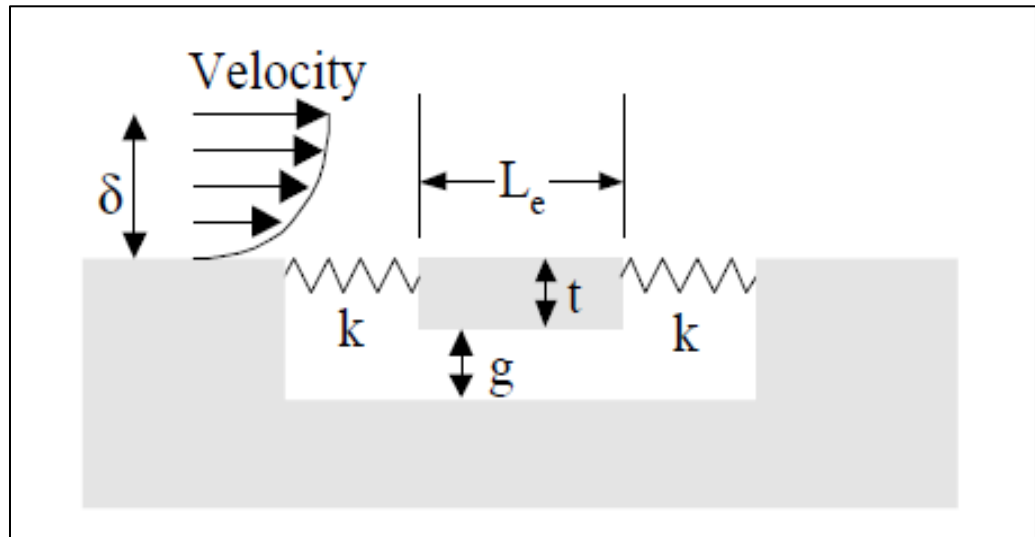
# MEMS

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- ▶ **Devices that have been fabricated using silicon micromachining technology**
- ▶ **High-resolution, time-resolved, quantitative fluctuating turbulence measurements in a controlled wind tunnel environment**
- ▶ **Open nature of these sensors is not well suited for dirty environments in which debris may be trapped in the sensor gaps**

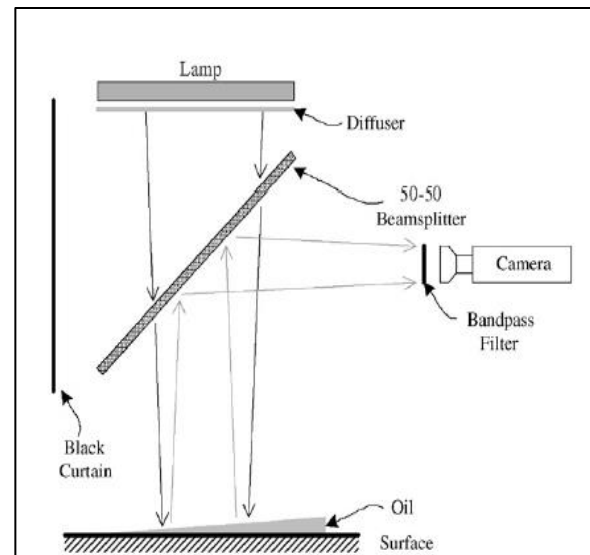
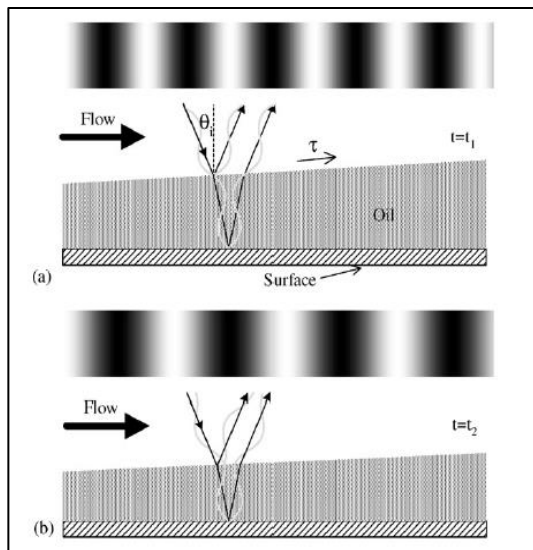
# MEMS

- ▶ Types – Direct sensors, thermal sensors and laser based sensors
- ▶ Direct sensors – Measure integrated force produced by the wall shear-stress on a flush movable “floating” element
- ▶ Displacement of the floating element – function of wall shear stress



# Thin-Oil Film

- ▶ Quasi direct means of measuring skin-friction
- ▶ The motion of oil film is sensitive to shear-stress, gravity, pressure gradients, surface curvature of the oil and surface tension
- ▶ Oil thickness is measured via interferometry – function of the local skin-friction





# Thin-Oil Film

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- ▶ **Types - Single points, line and image techniques (1D and 2D)**
- ▶ **-Image techniques 2D analysis**
- ▶ **Surface imaging skin-friction - SISF**
- ▶ **-Advantages**
- ▶ **Range of 4% of uncertainty – two images during a single run**
- ▶ **Method is only sensitive to shear stress**
- ▶ **-Limitations**
- ▶ **It requires at least two images acquired during a test**
- ▶ **Complexity**

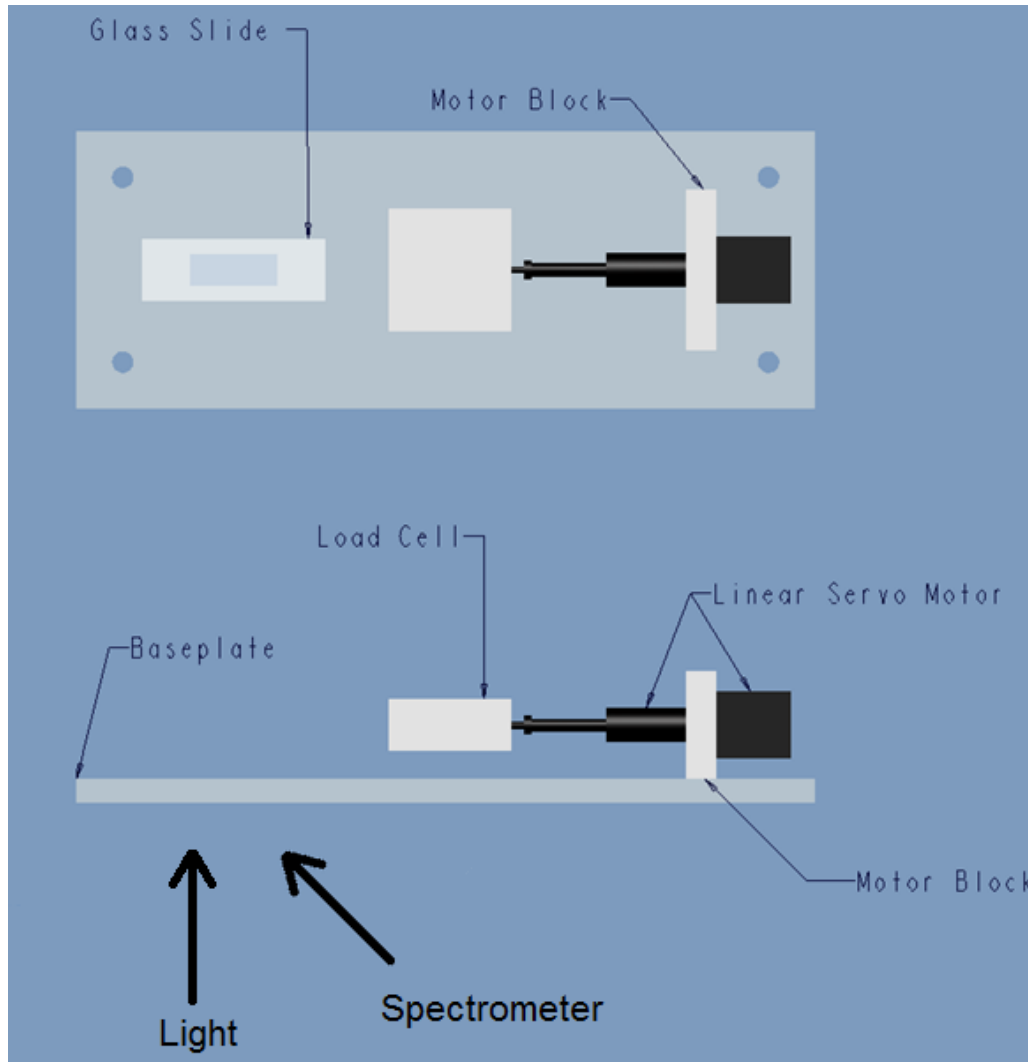
# Liquid Crystal Coating

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- ▶ **-Advantages**
- ▶ **Exhibit chemical stability so that they perform well over a reasonable interval**
- ▶ **Can be used in dirty environments as it is not dependent on electricity**
- ▶ **-Limitations**
- ▶ **Optical access, calibration and accuracy**
- ▶ **The color observed is dependent on illumination and observation angles**
- ▶ **The coating degrades with time, and, due to the exposure of shear sensitive liquid crystals to the flow, reapplication is often necessary**

# Given Parts and Design

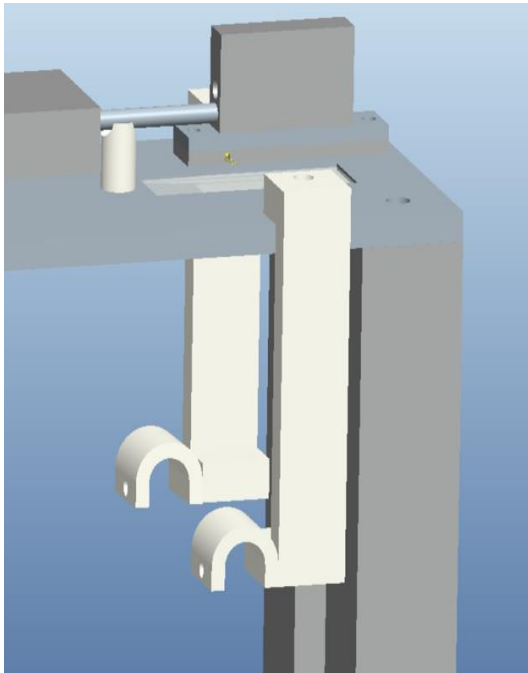
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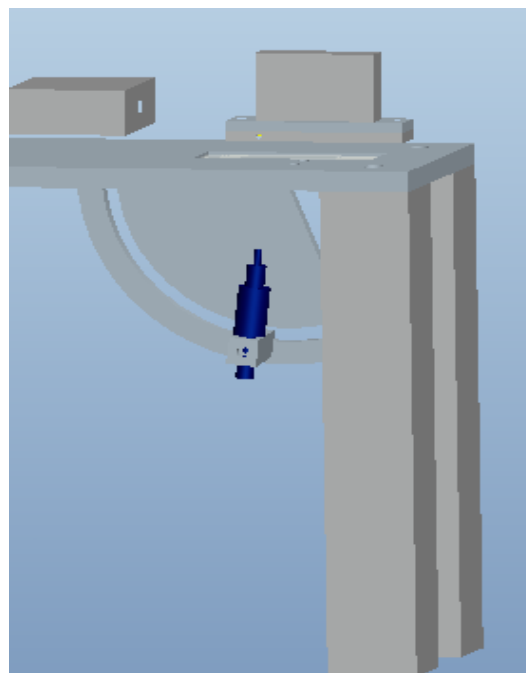
# Concepts

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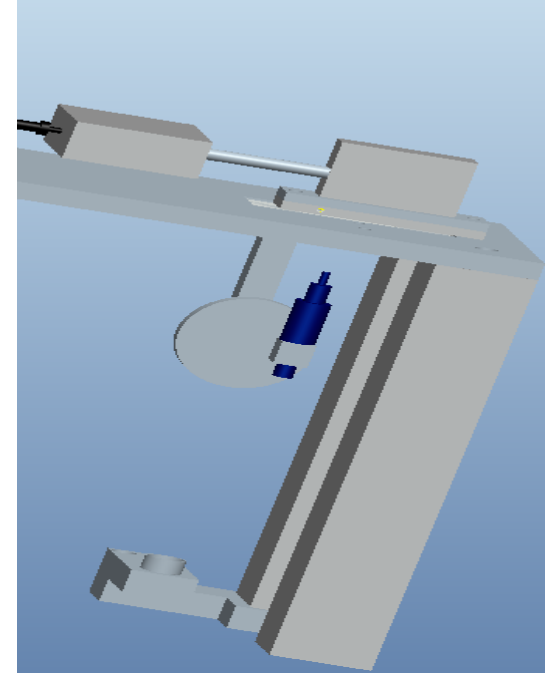
**Concept #1**



**Concept #2**



**Concept #3**



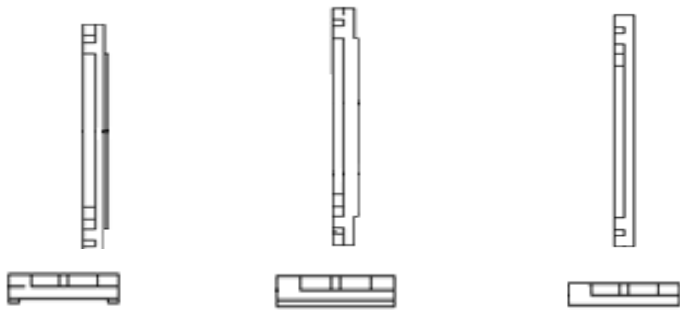
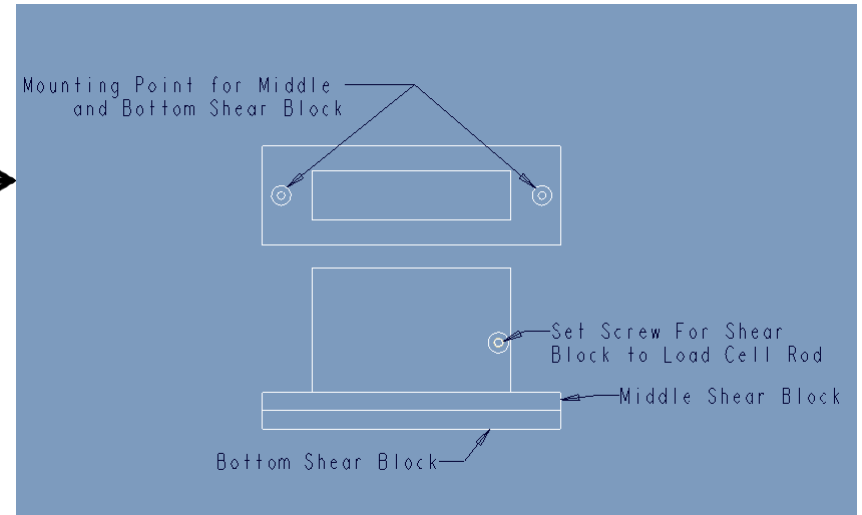
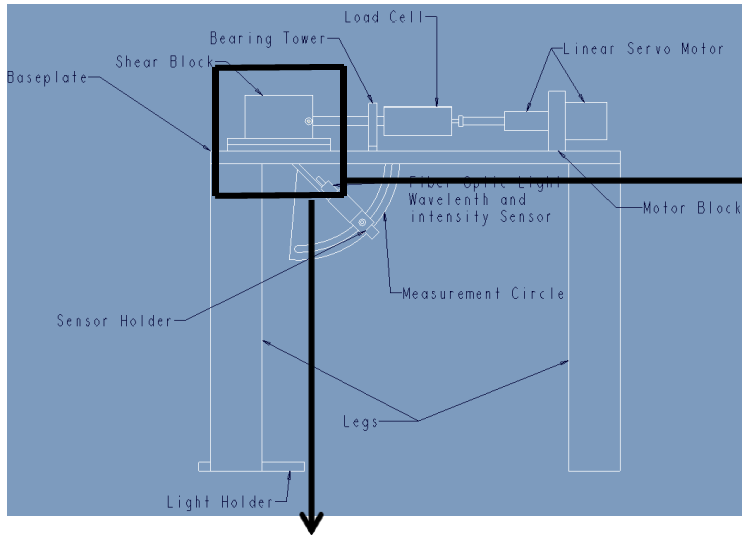
# Decision Matrix

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		Concept 1		Concept 2		Concept 3	
	Weight	Score	Weighted	Score	Weighted	Score	Weighted
Ease of Use	0.2	2	0.4	4	0.8	4	0.8
Reproducibility	0.3	3	0.9	5	1.5	2	0.6
Accuracy	0.3	2	0.6	4	1.2	1	0.3
Cost	0.15	3	0.45	2	0.3	3	0.45
Size	0.05	2	0.1	3	0.15	4	0.2
Total	1		2.45		3.95		2.35

► **Final Design Selection: Concept 2**

# Final Design



U-Shape    Extended Shape    Flat-Flush Shape

- ▶ **Bottom Shear Block holds the heat pad and is modular so different block types can be tested**

# Components

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## Load Cell



## Linear Servo Motor



## BluLoop Light



## Spectrometer



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▶ Polymers from Wright-Patterson AFRL



# Oscillating Load

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**Oscillating Load – can approximate any function based on Fourier Series**

**Wind Speed - FAA**

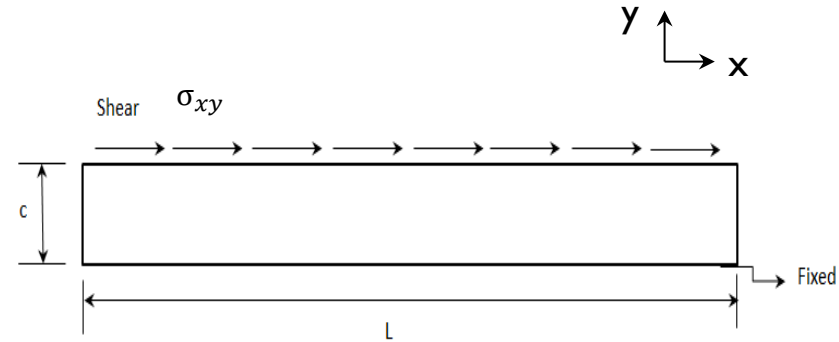
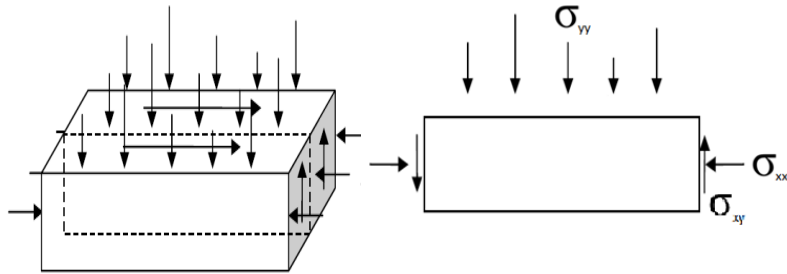
$$w = -p_1 A \sin \left[ \pi \frac{x - x_r}{q_1} \right] \text{ [m/s]}$$

**Shear - Cosine Load - Timoshenko**

$$\sigma_{xy} = -0.5 \cos((4\pi/c) * x) Pa$$

# Theory – Hooke's Law

## -Decouple Analysis – Uniform Shear



### Plane Strain

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{xz} = \varepsilon_{yz} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{yz} = 0$$

**Uniform Shear**

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{xx} - \nu \sigma_y)$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{yy} - \nu \sigma_{xx})$$

$$\varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{1}{G} \sigma_{xy}$$

### Strain

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = 0$$

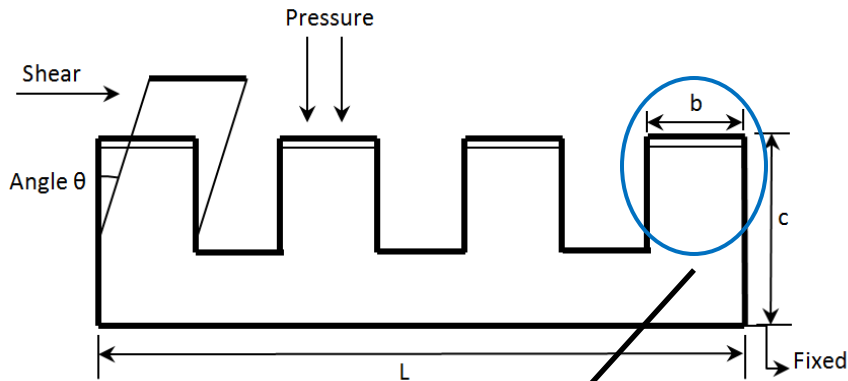
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### Strain Ratio

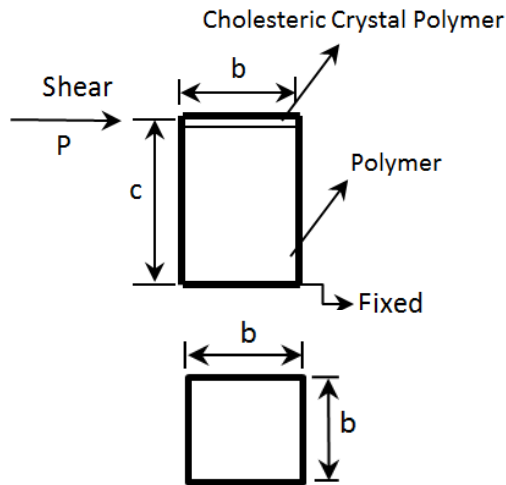
$$\frac{\varepsilon_{xy}}{\varepsilon_{xx}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{xy}}{\varepsilon_{yy}} \rightarrow \infty$$

# Theory – Euler Bernoulli Beam



## Cantilever Beam



## -Decouple Analysis

Shear – deflection  $\theta$  – relate to wavelength

Pressure – No change in angle

Maximize  $\theta$

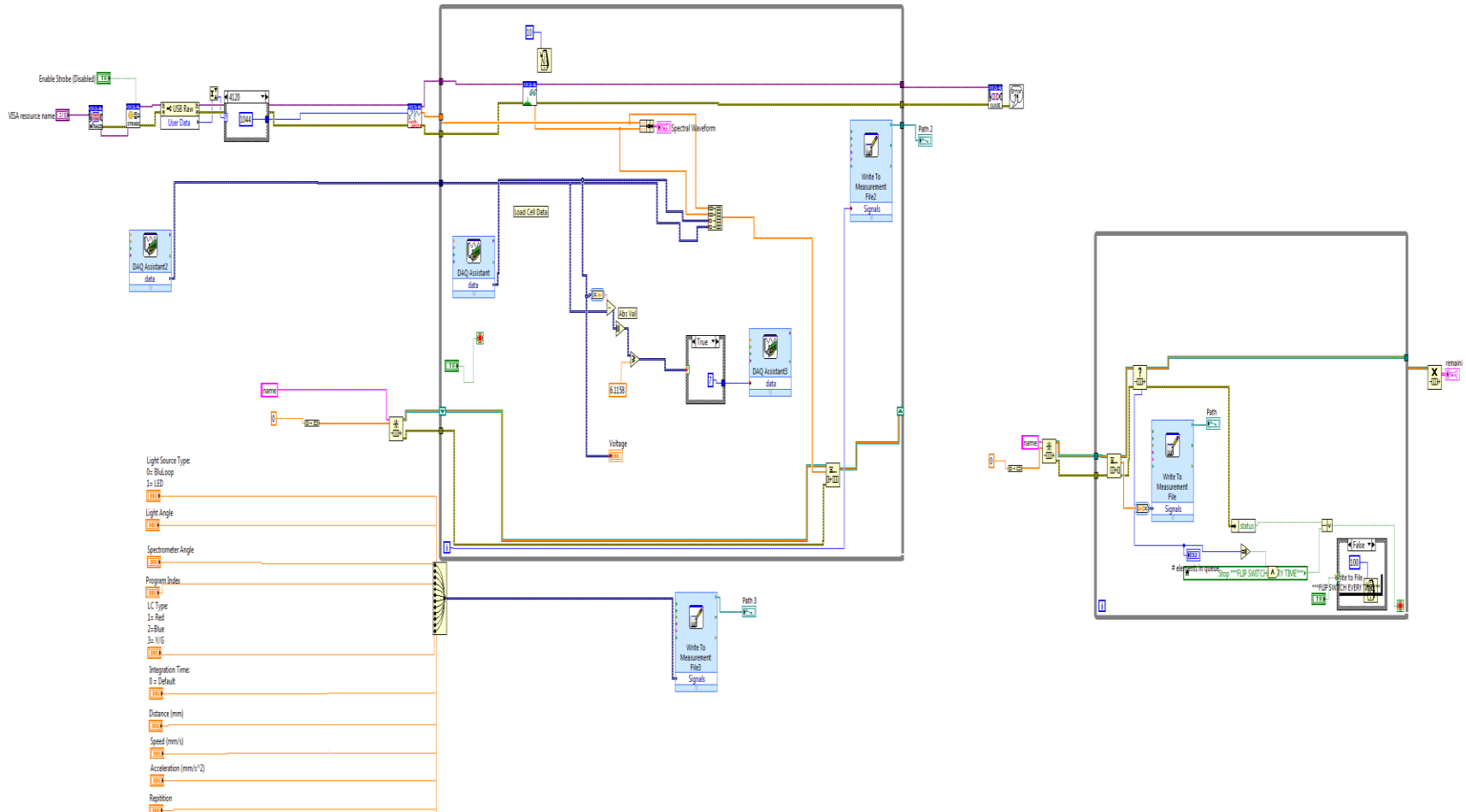
$$\Theta = \frac{Pc^2}{2EI} = \frac{6Pc^2}{Eb^4} \quad \Theta = 6 \frac{\sigma_{xy} \alpha^2}{E}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{P}{b^2} \quad \alpha = \frac{c^2}{b^2}$$

Sensibility  $\alpha$  – maximize c and minimize b

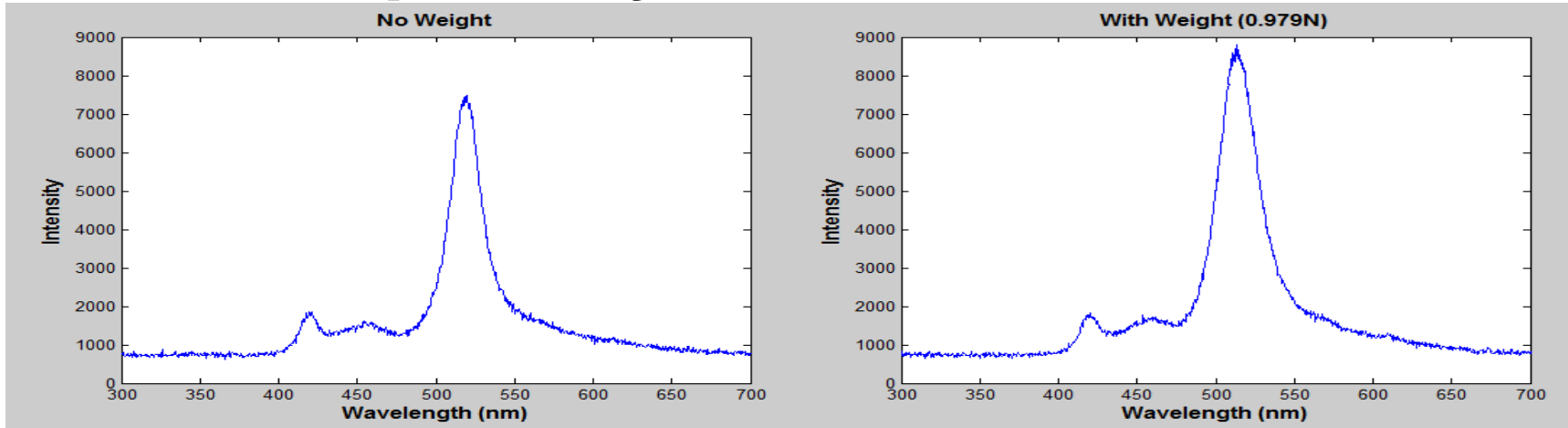
Find thickness c that satisfies both approaches

# LabVIEW Block Diagram



# Results-Normal Force

## Yellow Liquid Crystal



► **5 Trials for each condition**

	Color						
	Red	Blue	Yellow		Red	Blue	Yellow
	No Weight				Weight (0.979 N)		
Range (nm)	600.3	469.1	512.0	Average Wavelength (nm)	597.5	469.7	519.7
Range (nm)	5.9	3.1	3	Range (nm)	7.2	2.2	3.1

Differences	
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