

# Shape Adaptation of 1D, 2D, and 3D Structures to increase Eigenfrequencies

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# Structure

1. Biomimetics at Alfred Wegener Institute:  
Lightweight Design & Vibration Optimization
2. Shape Adaptation to increase Eigenfrequencies
  - 1D Beam
  - 2D Plate
  - 3D Beam
  - Further 3D Structures
3. Conclusion

# Chapter 1

## Biomimetics at Alfred Wegener Institute: Lightweight Design & Vibration Optimization

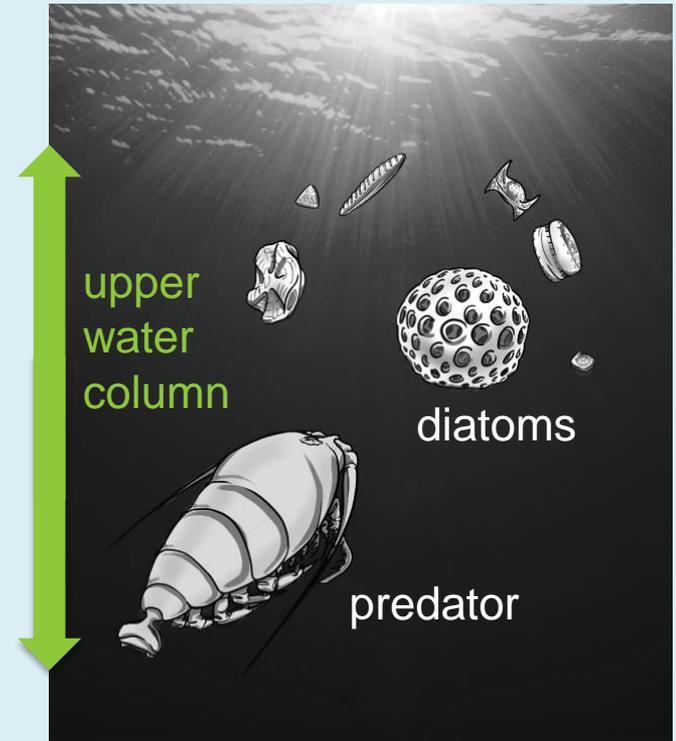
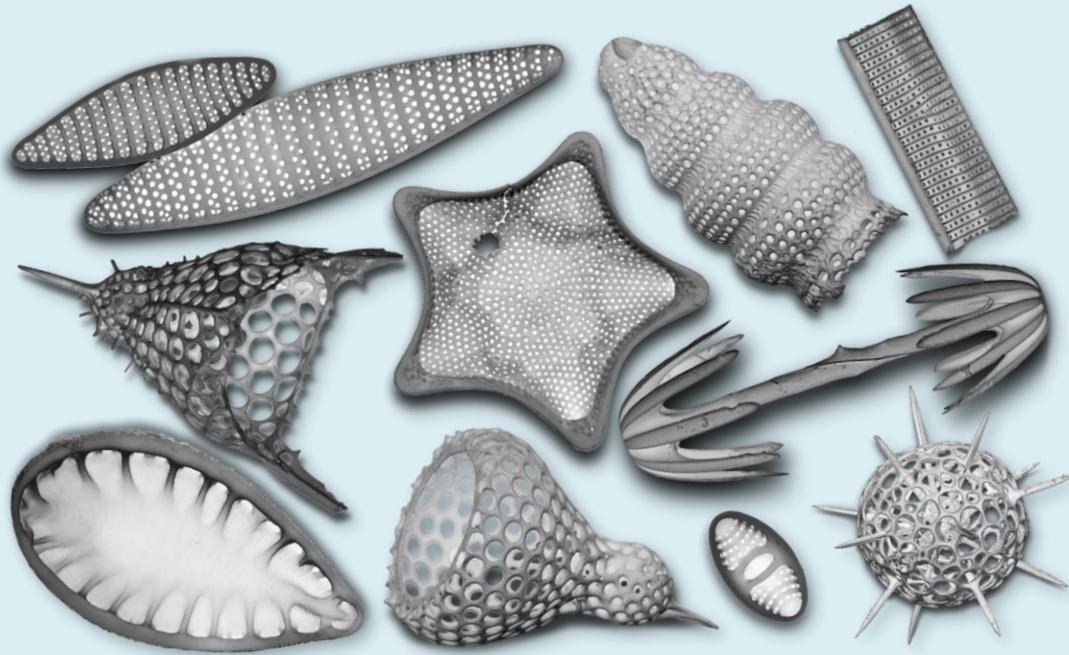


## Alfred Wegener Institute

- Leading position in polar and marine research
- ~1,000 employees
- Intensifies its activities in the field of technology transfer & biomimetics

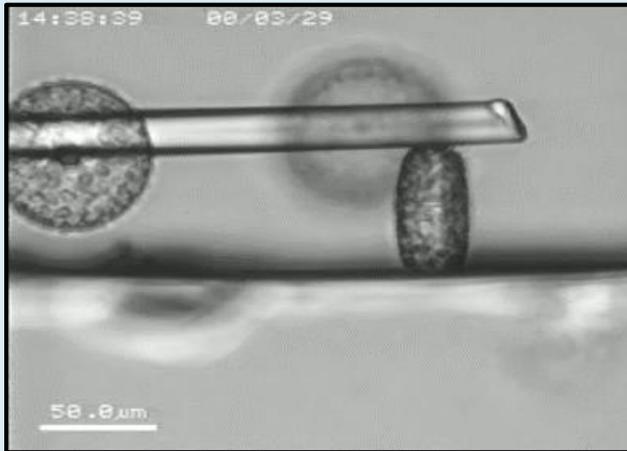


# Structures of Plankton Organisms



# Highly efficient Lightweight Design Principles in Plankton Organisms

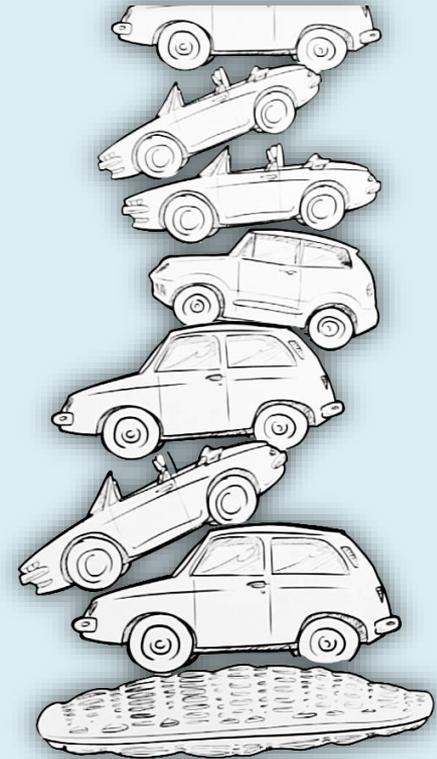
Diatom shells  
can stand pressures  
of up to **700 t m<sup>-2</sup>**



(Hamm *et al.* 2003, *Nature* 421, 841-843)



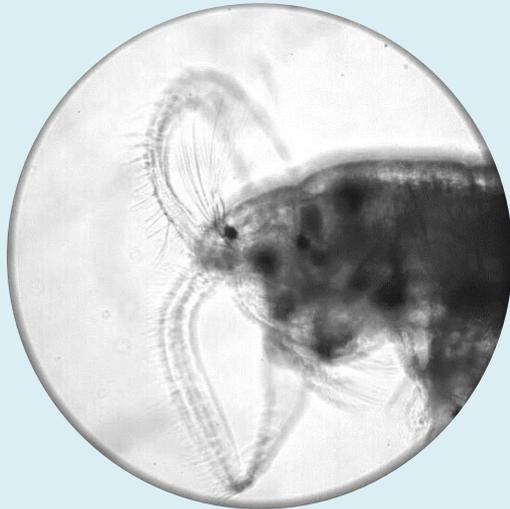
This corresponds  
to 150 cars  
on a manhole cover



# Vibration Characteristics of Plankton Shells

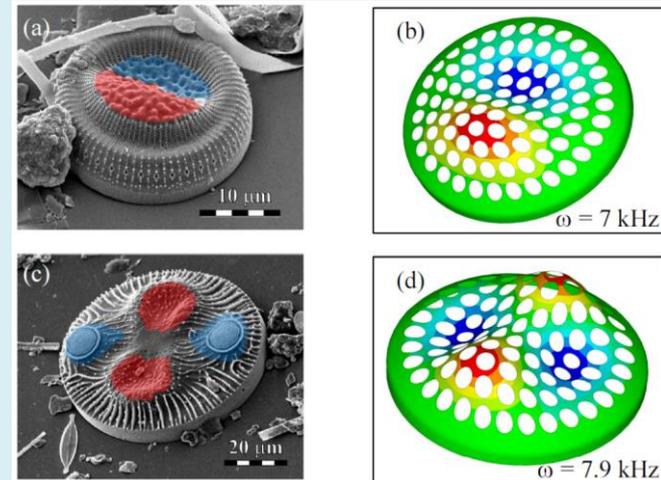
*in vivo* observations

Vibrating attacks of the copepods:  
Diatom shells have to protect  
the inner cell



Simulations of diatom shells

Deformation patterns correspond  
to mode shapes

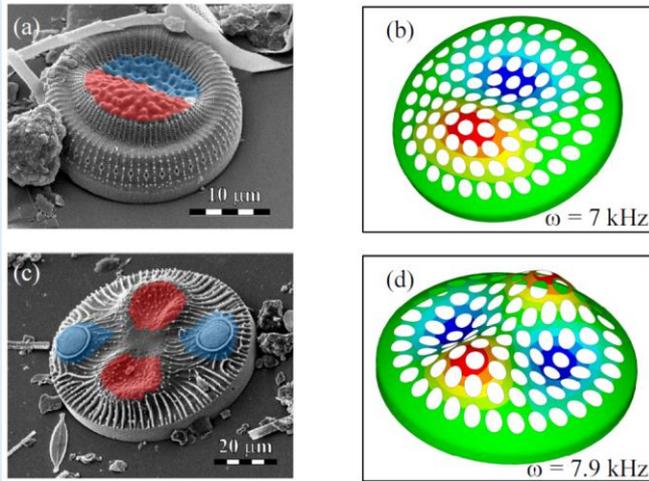


(Gutiérrez et al. 2017, *Journal of Materials Science and Engineering with Advanced Technology* 15)

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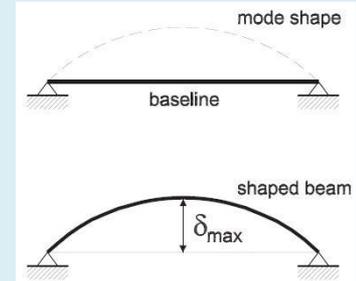
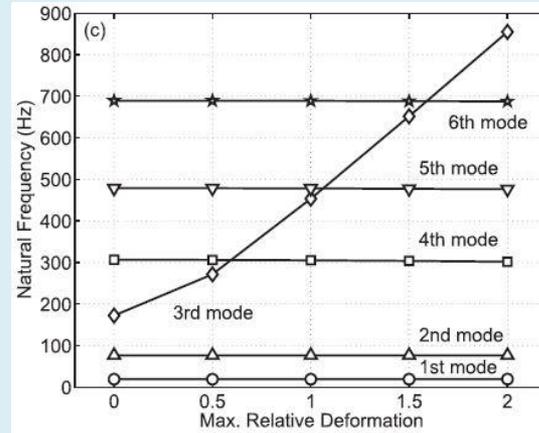
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## Simulations of a slender 1D Beam

Beam deformation according to a mode shape to increase the corresponding eigenfrequency



(Da Silva & Nicoletti 2017, *Journal of Sound and Vibration* 397)

# Objectives of this study

Further investigation on the topic studied by Da Silva & Nicoletti (2017)

- Increasing the maximum pre-deformation of the 1D beam
- Pre-deformations of the 1D beam according to mode 1-5
- Applying this method to increase eigenfrequencies to a 2D plate and a 3D beam

## Chapter 2

### Shape Adaptation to increase Eigenfrequencies

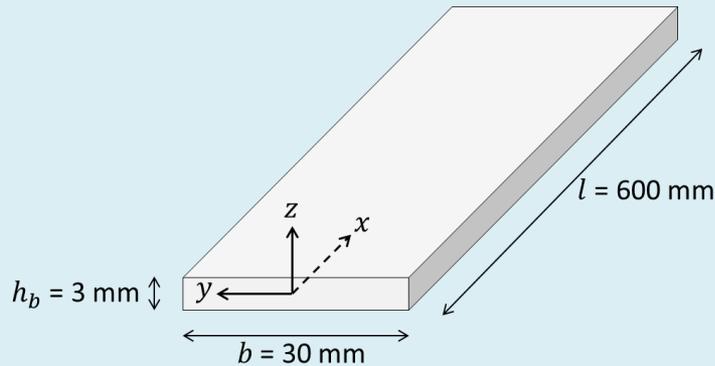
- 1D Beam
- 2D Plate
- 3D Beam
- Further 3D Structures

# Shape Adaptation: 1D Beam

Mode shapes that were applied to the beam

## Model assembly

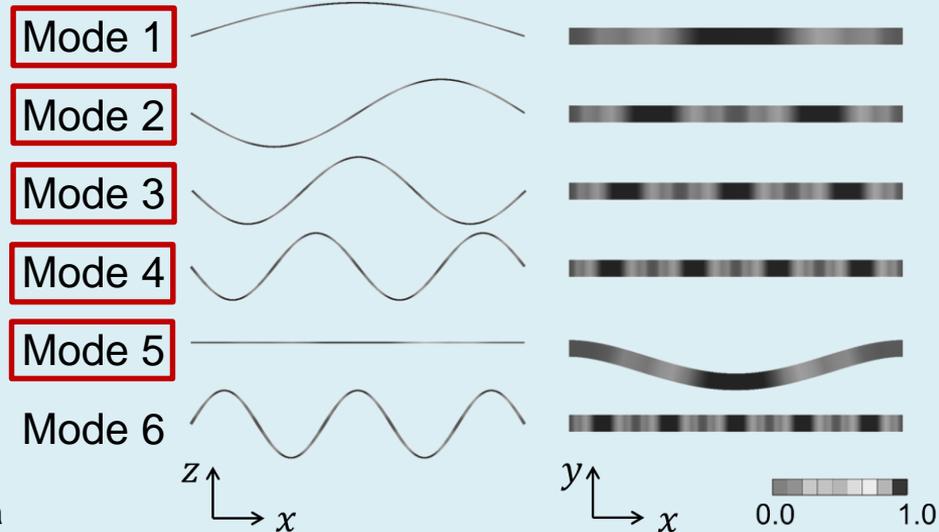
- Simply supported (axially constrained)
- Constant mass (beam width adapted)



$$f_i \propto \frac{EI}{\rho A}$$

$E$ : Young's modulus |  $I$ : Second moment of inertia  
 $\rho$ : material density |  $A$ : cross section area

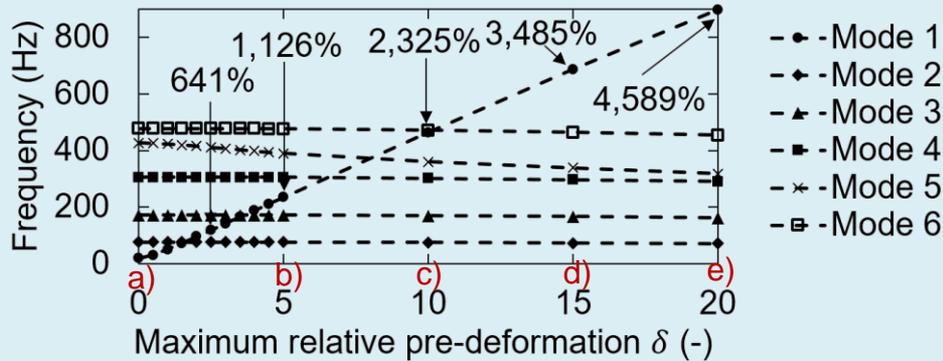
## Beam mode shapes



(Andresen et al 2020, *Advances in Mechanical Engineering* 12)

# Shape Adaptation: 1D Beam - Results

Mode 1

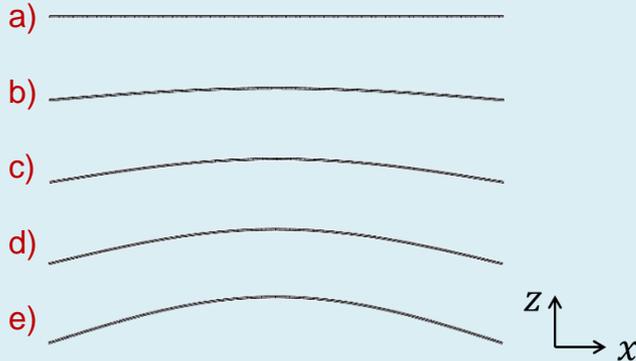


Maximum relative pre-deformation:

$$\delta = \frac{\delta_{max}}{h_b}$$

Maximum pre-deformation

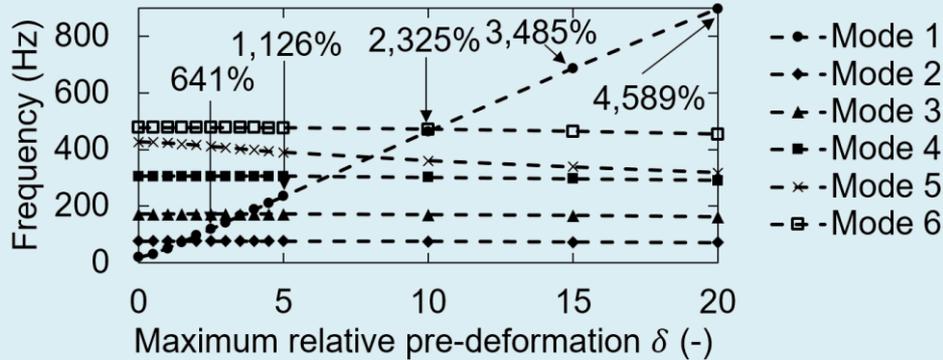
Beam height



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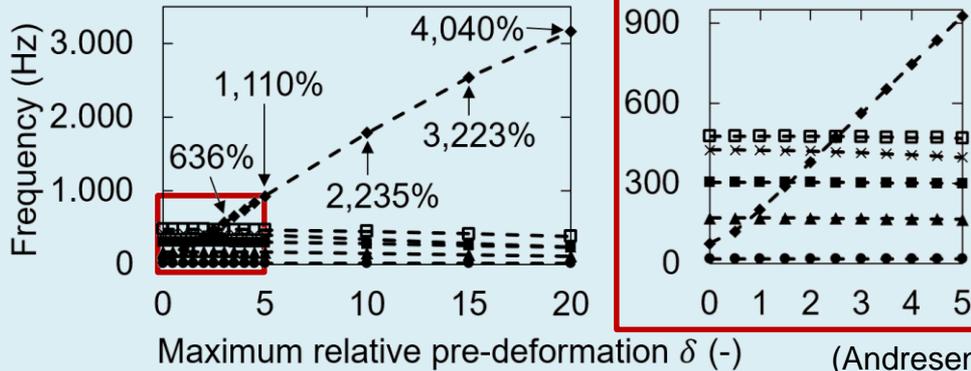
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Maximum pre-deformation

Beam height

Mode 2



Shaping a beam according to the  $i$ -th ( $i = 1-5$ ) mode shape strongly increases the corresponding frequency

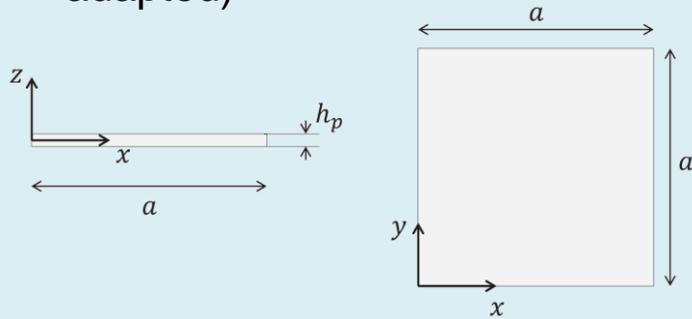
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# Shape Adaptation: 2D Plate

Mode shapes that were applied to the plate

## Model assembly

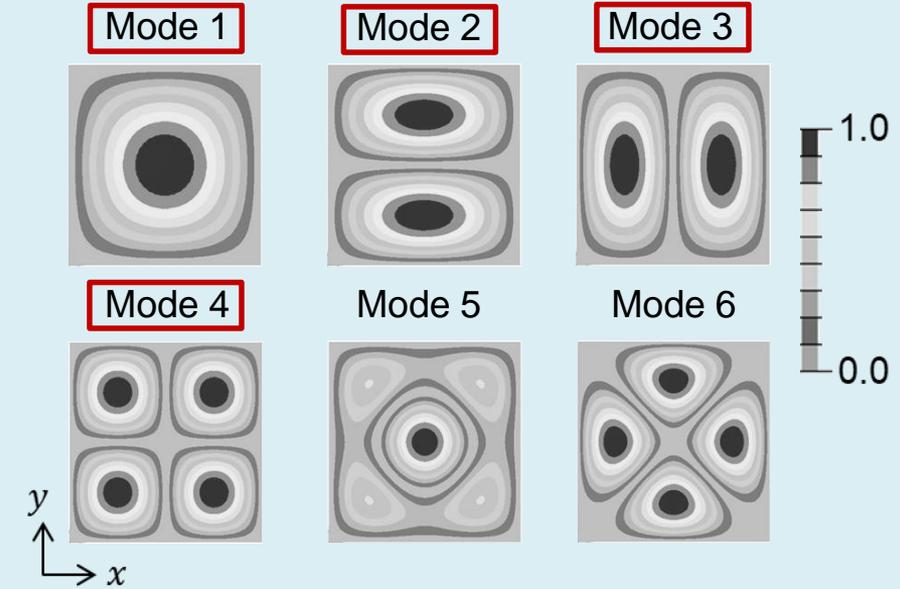
- Simply supported (axially constrained)
- Constant mass (plate thickness adapted)



$$f_i \propto \sqrt{\frac{K}{\rho h_p}}$$

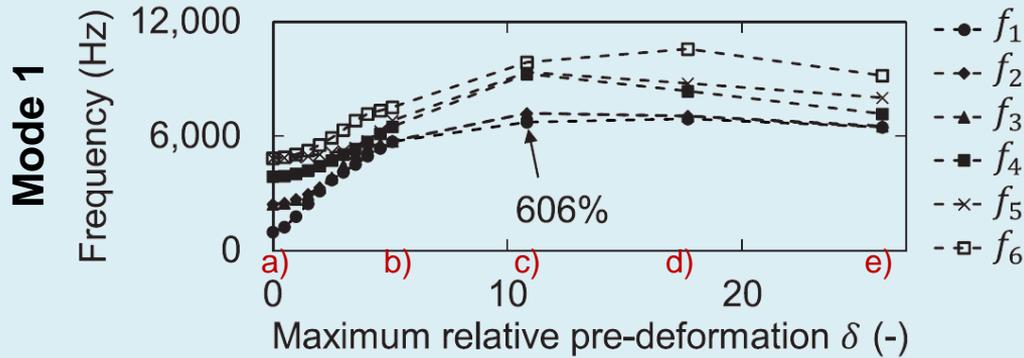
$K$ : Plate bending stiffness  
 $\rho$ : Material density

## Plate mode shapes



(Andresen et al 2020, *Advances in Mechanical Engineering* 12)

# Shape Adaptation: 2D Plate - Results

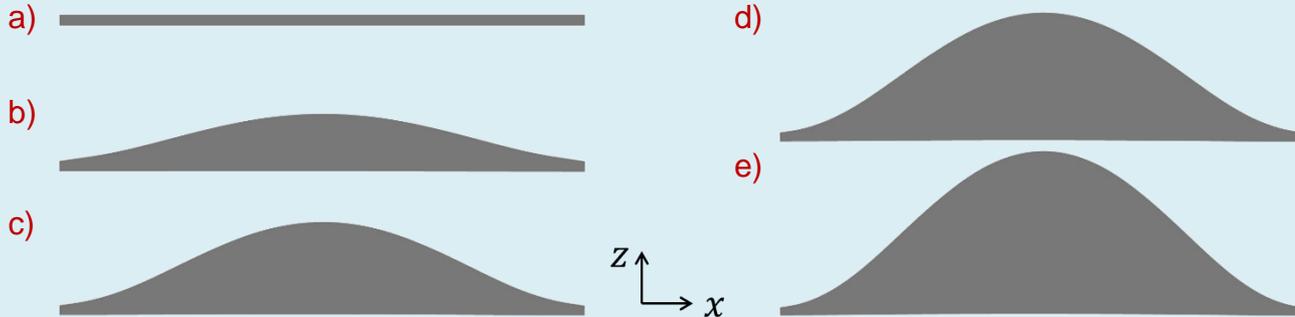


Maximum relative pre-deformation:

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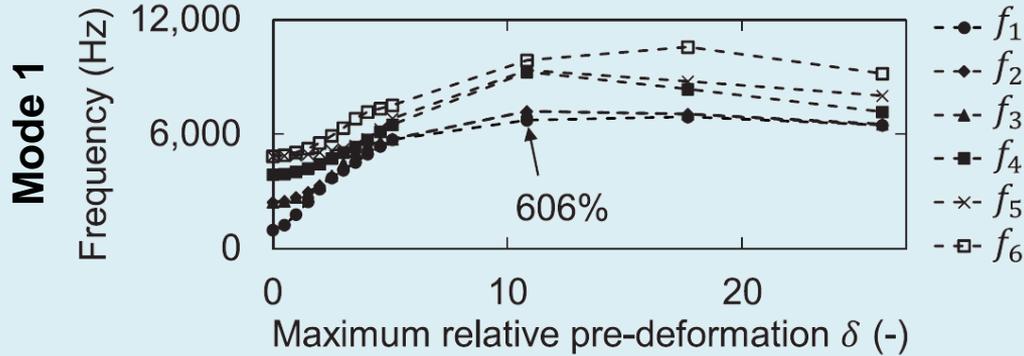
Maximum pre-deformation

Plate thickness



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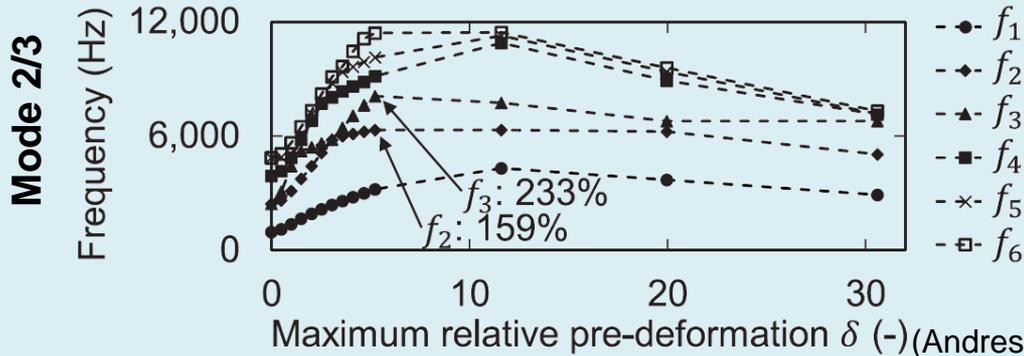
# Shape Adaptation: 2D Plate - Results



Maximum relative pre-deformation:

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← Maximum pre-deformation  
 ← Plate thickness



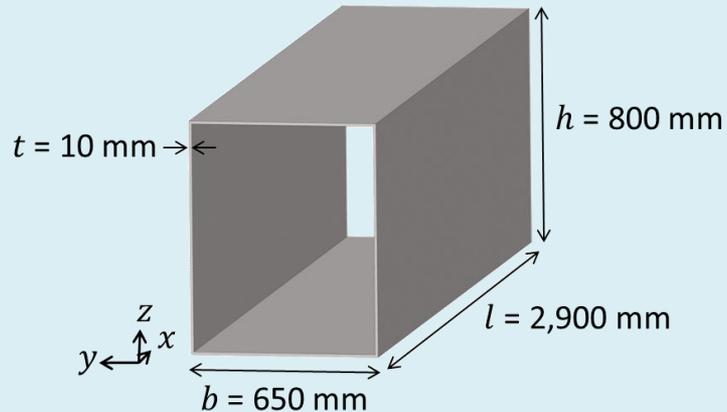
Shaping a plate according to the  $i$ -th ( $i = 1-4$ ) mode shape strongly increases all eigenfrequencies

# Shape Adaptation: 3D Beam

Mode shapes that were applied to the 3D beam

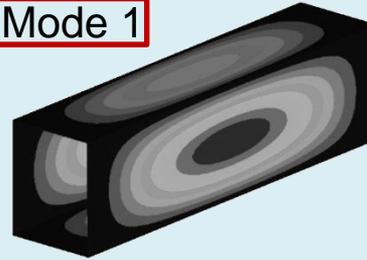
## Model assembly

- Clamped at both ends
- Mass variation < 9%

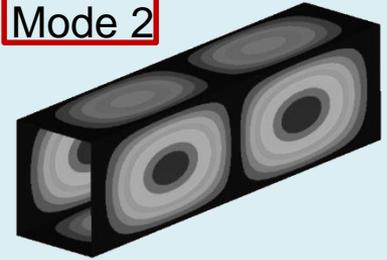


## Mode shapes

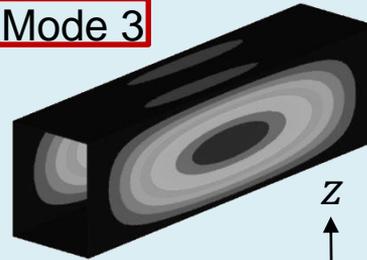
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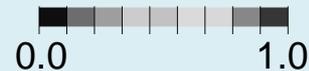
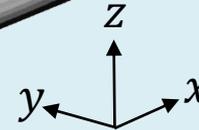
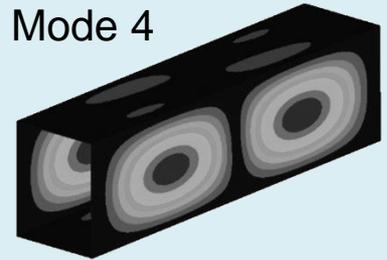
Mode 2



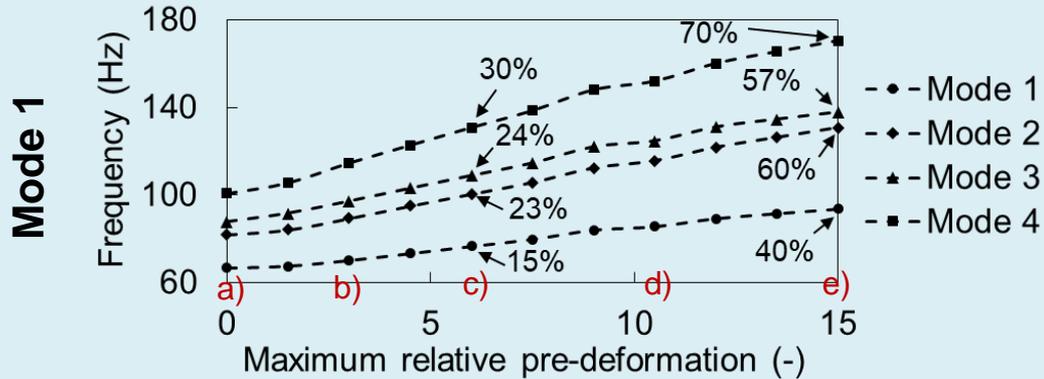
Mode 3



Mode 4



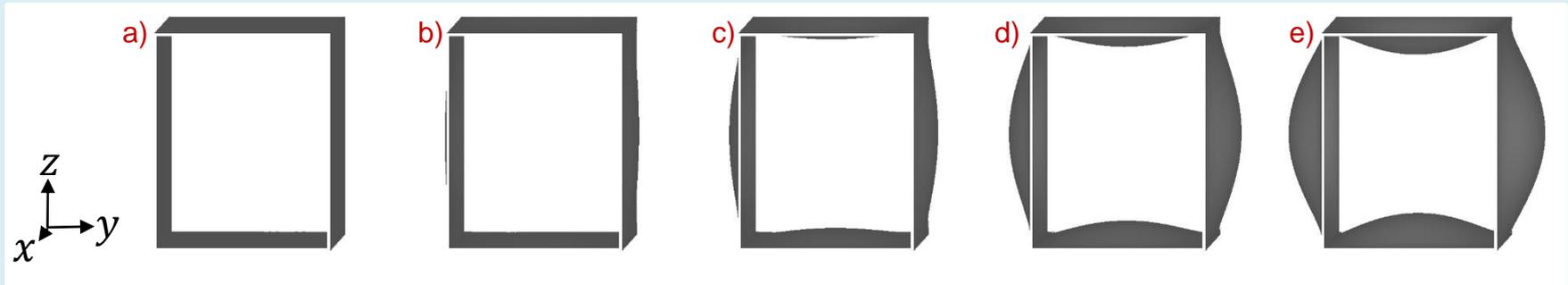
# Shape Adaptation: 3D Beam - Results



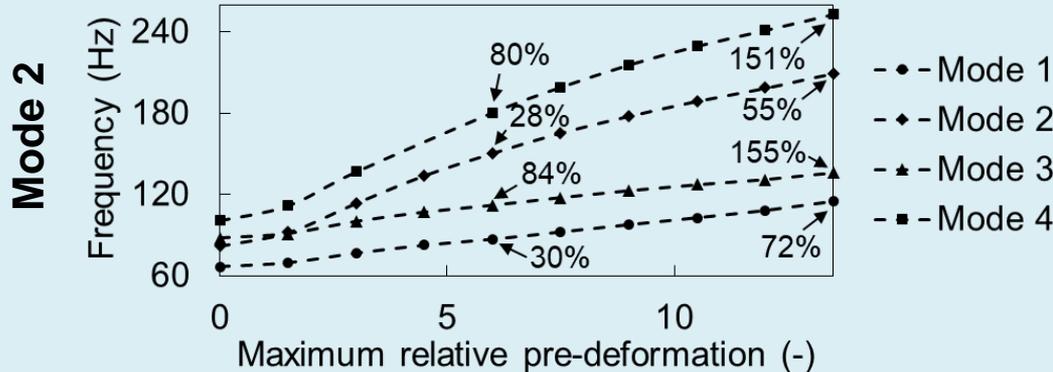
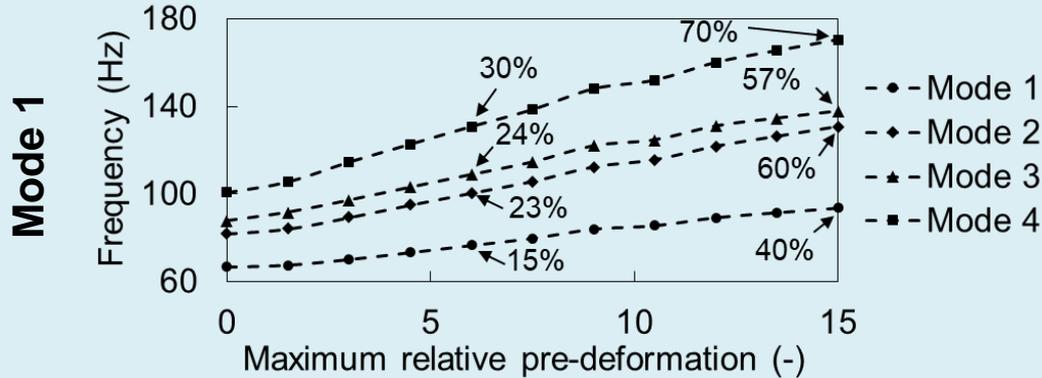
Maximum relative pre-deformation:

$$\delta = \frac{\delta_{max}}{t}$$

$\delta_{max}$  ← Maximum pre-deformation  
 $t$  ← Wall thickness



# Shape Adaptation: 3D Beam - Results



Maximum relative pre-deformation:

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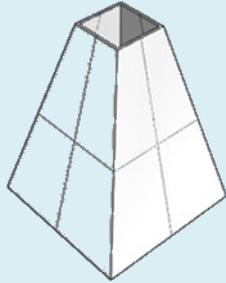
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← Wall thickness

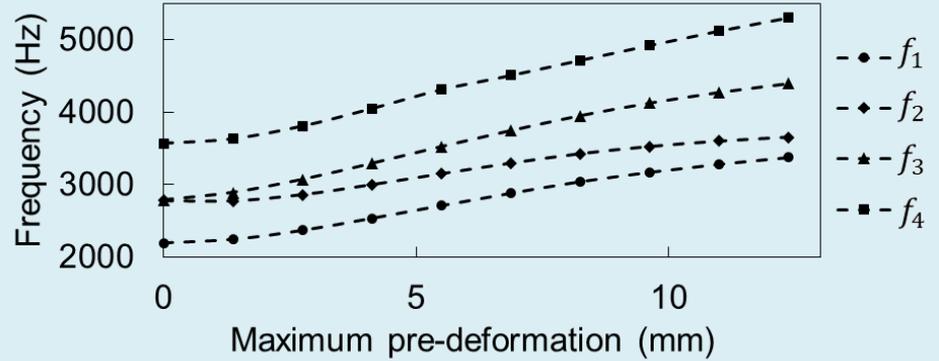
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# Shape Adaptation: Further 3D Structures

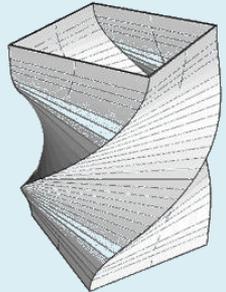
## Truncated Rectangular Pyramid



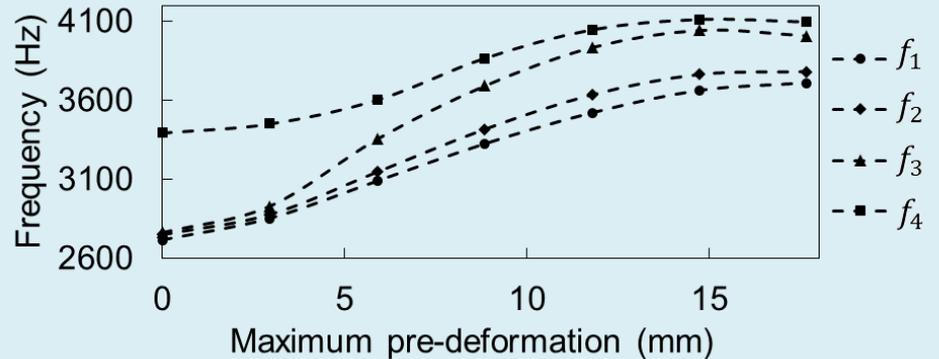
Pre-deformed  
according to  
Mode 1



## Twisted Parallelepiped



Pre-deformed  
according to  
Mode 1



# Chapter 3

## Conclusion

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- Shaping axially constrained 1D, 2D, and 3D structures according to their mode shapes strongly increased the eigenfrequencies
  - 1D Beam: almost exclusive increase of the  $i$ -th mode shape frequency of the beam ( $i = 1-5$ )
  - 2D Plate: all eigenfrequencies were increased by pre-deforming the plate according to the  $i$ -th ( $i = 1-4$ ) mode shape
  - 3D Beam: all eigenfrequencies were increased by pre-deforming the beam according to the  $i$ -th ( $i = 1-3$ ) mode shape
- Efficient and easy applicable method to strongly increase eigenfrequencies
- Application to 3D structures should be further investigated

Thank you very much for your attention.

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