Resonating with Students in the Undergraduate Physics Laboratory: *Comprehending Acoustic Vibrations*



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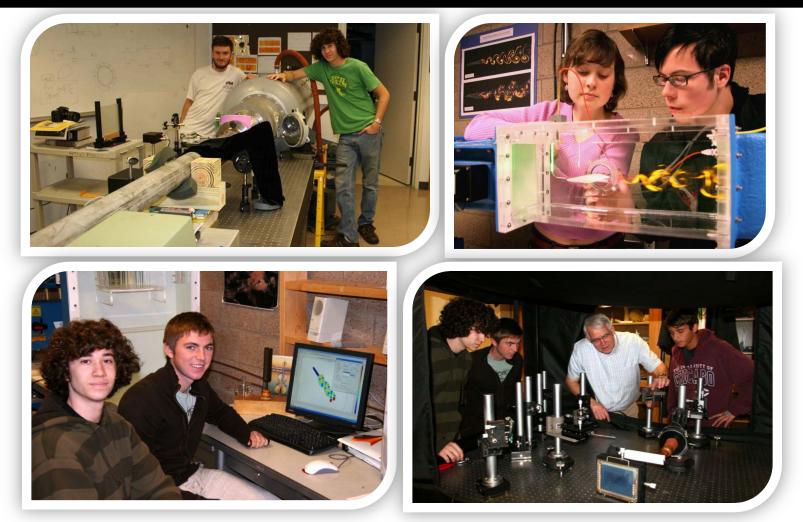
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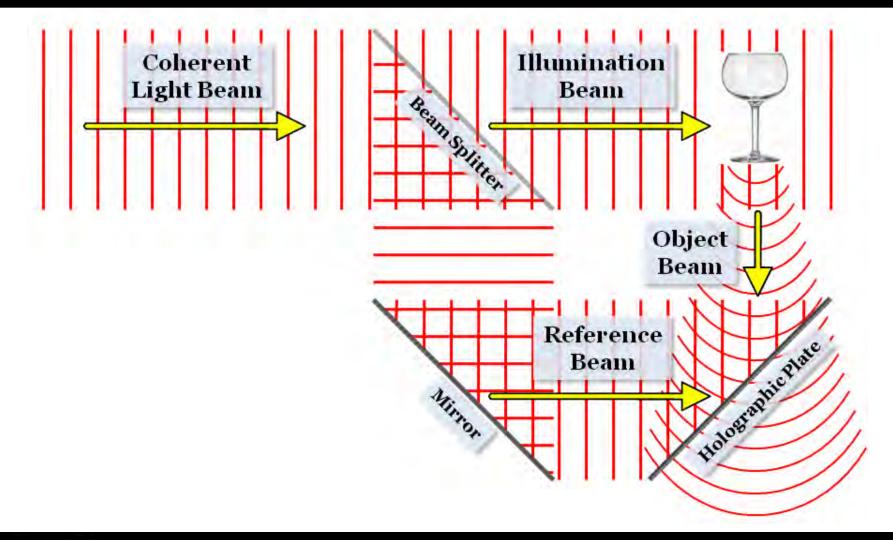




"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." –W.B. Yeats



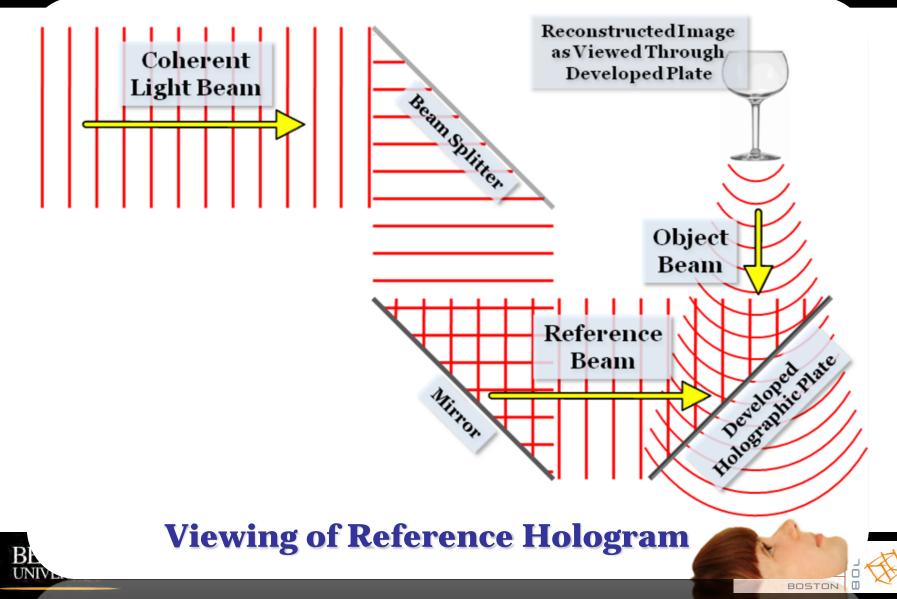
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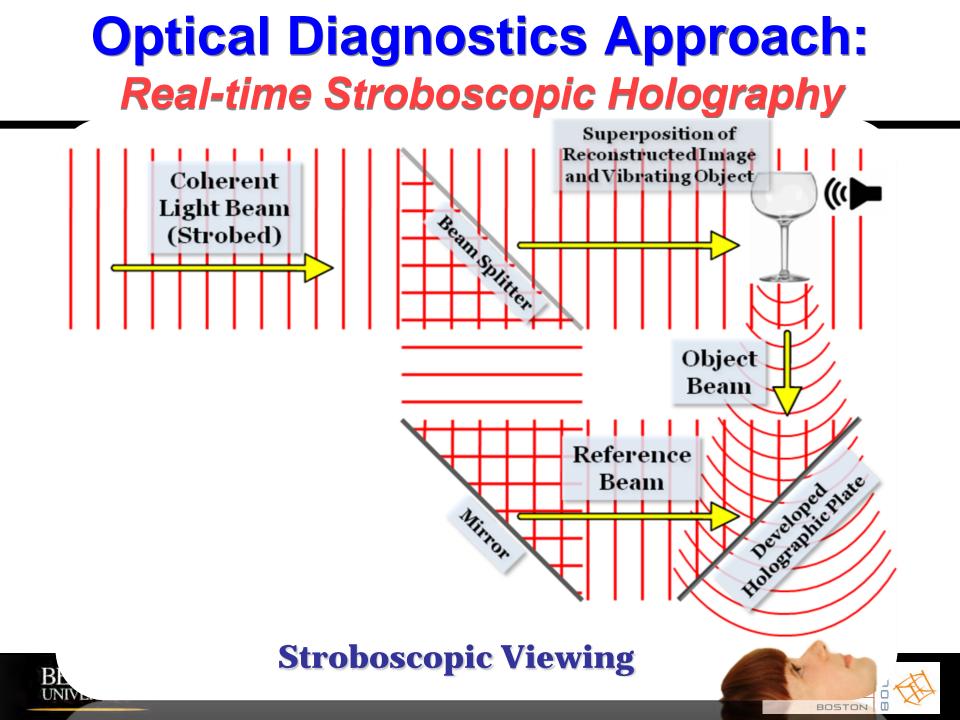


Creation of Reference Hologram



Optical Diagnostics Approach: *Real-time Stroboscopic Holography*





Computational Approach: *COMSOL Eigenfrequency Analysis*

Eigenvalue Analyses

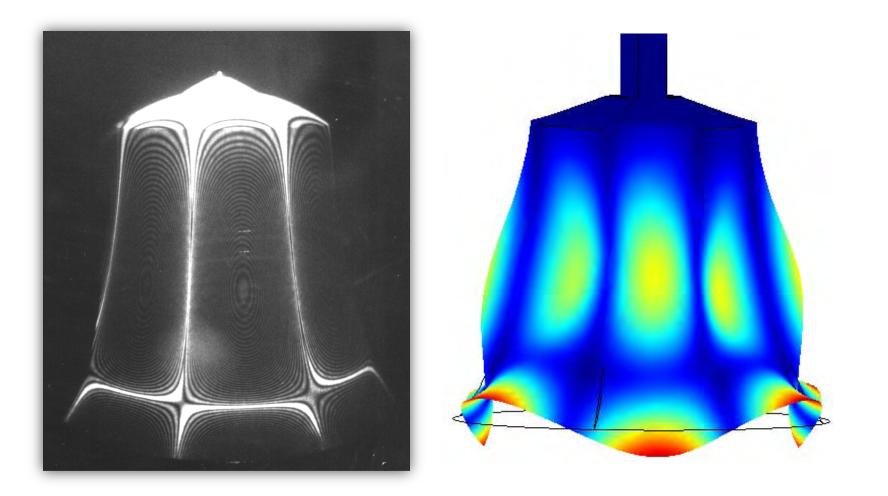
- Linear Elasticity
- Undamped vibrations
- Three objects
 - Handbell
 - Coffee Cup
 - Tuning Fork

 $\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \vec{\bar{\sigma}} = \vec{F}$ $\vec{\bar{M}}\vec{\bar{x}} + \vec{\bar{K}}\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ $\left(\bar{\bar{A}} - \lambda \bar{\bar{I}}\right) \bar{X} = \bar{0}$ $\lambda = 4\pi^2 f^2$





Results: Vibrational Modes of a Handbell

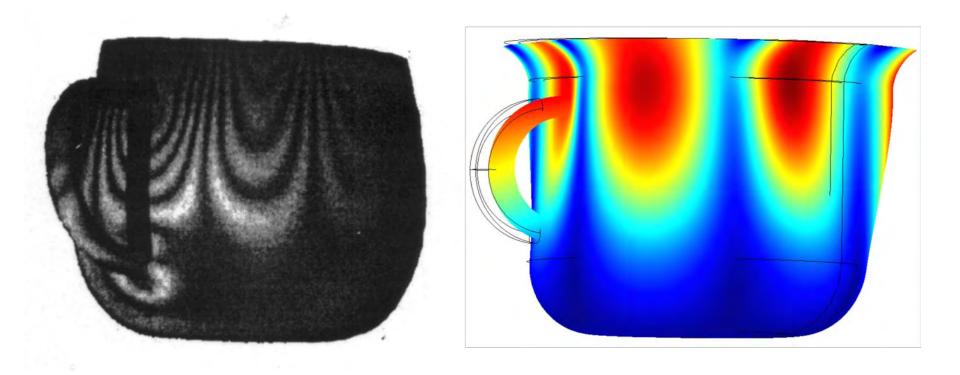




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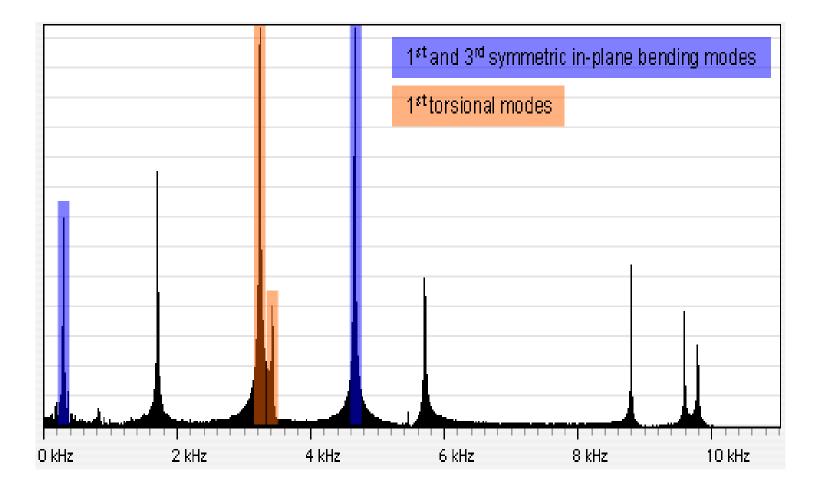
Results: Vibrational Modes of a Coffee Cup





Non-degenerate vibrational mode (3,0) of a coffee cup

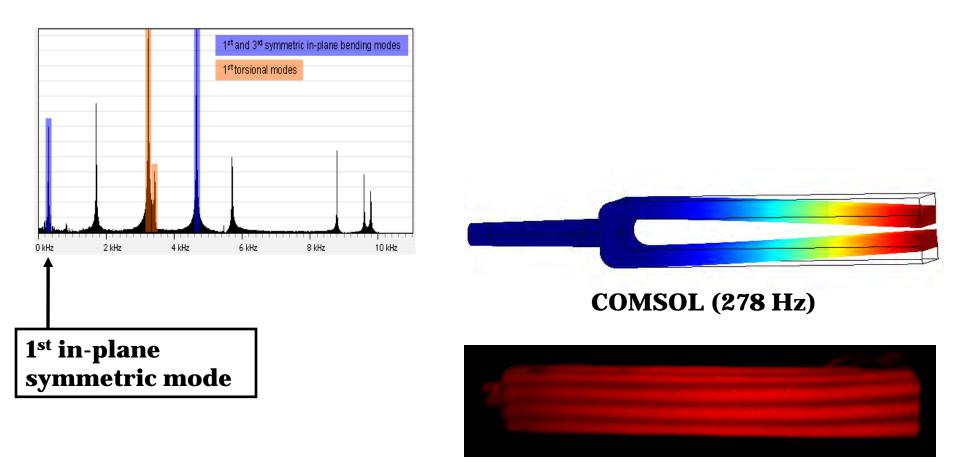






Vibrational modes of a tuning fork: FFT sound spectrum

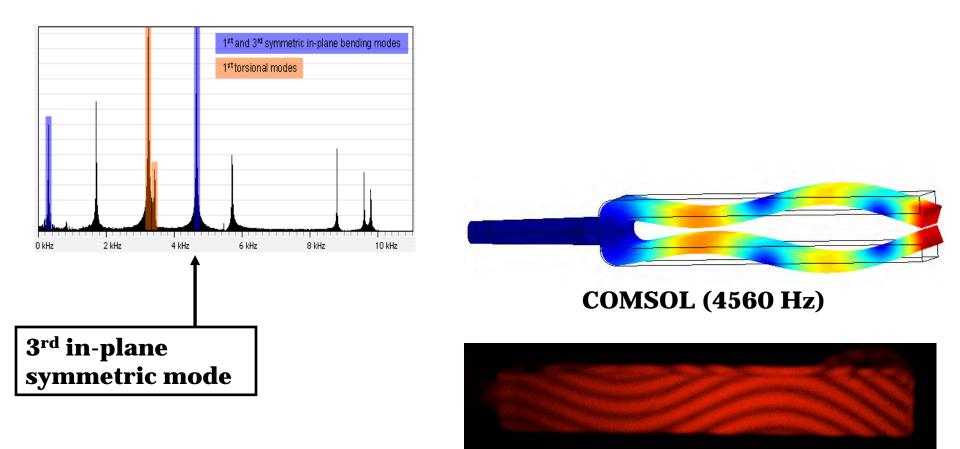




Stroboscopic Holography (273 Hz)



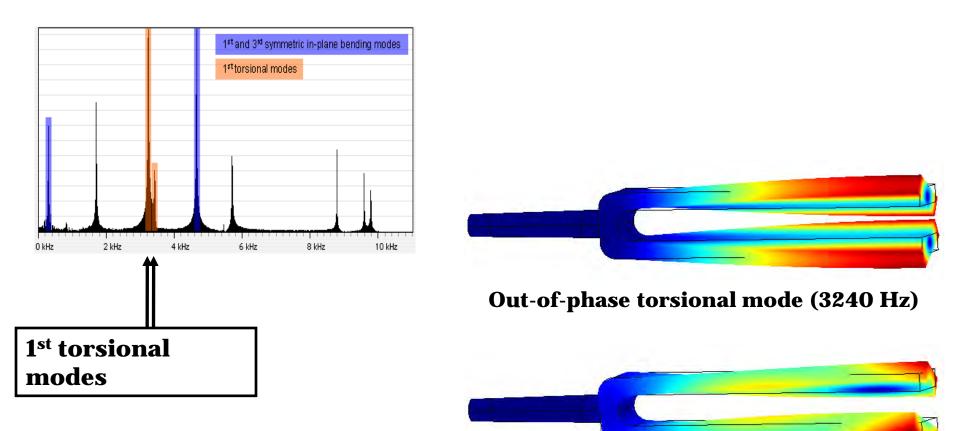




Stroboscopic Holography (4647 Hz)

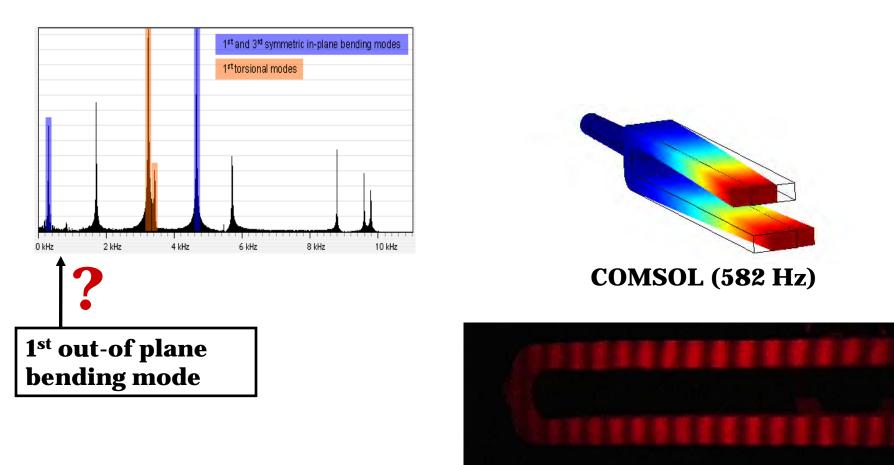






In-phase torsional mode (3462 Hz)





Stroboscopic Holography (530 Hz)





Concluding Remarks

- COMSOL and optical diagnostics can serve as complementary tools in the undergraduate advanced laboratory.
- Together, COMSOL and optical diagnostics can provide students of applied physics, optics, and engineering with a fuller and richer understanding of acoustic vibrations.
- COMSOL can serve to illuminate aspects of acoustic vibrations that might be overlooked by purely experimental approaches (and vice versa).



