

Force Capacitive Sensor

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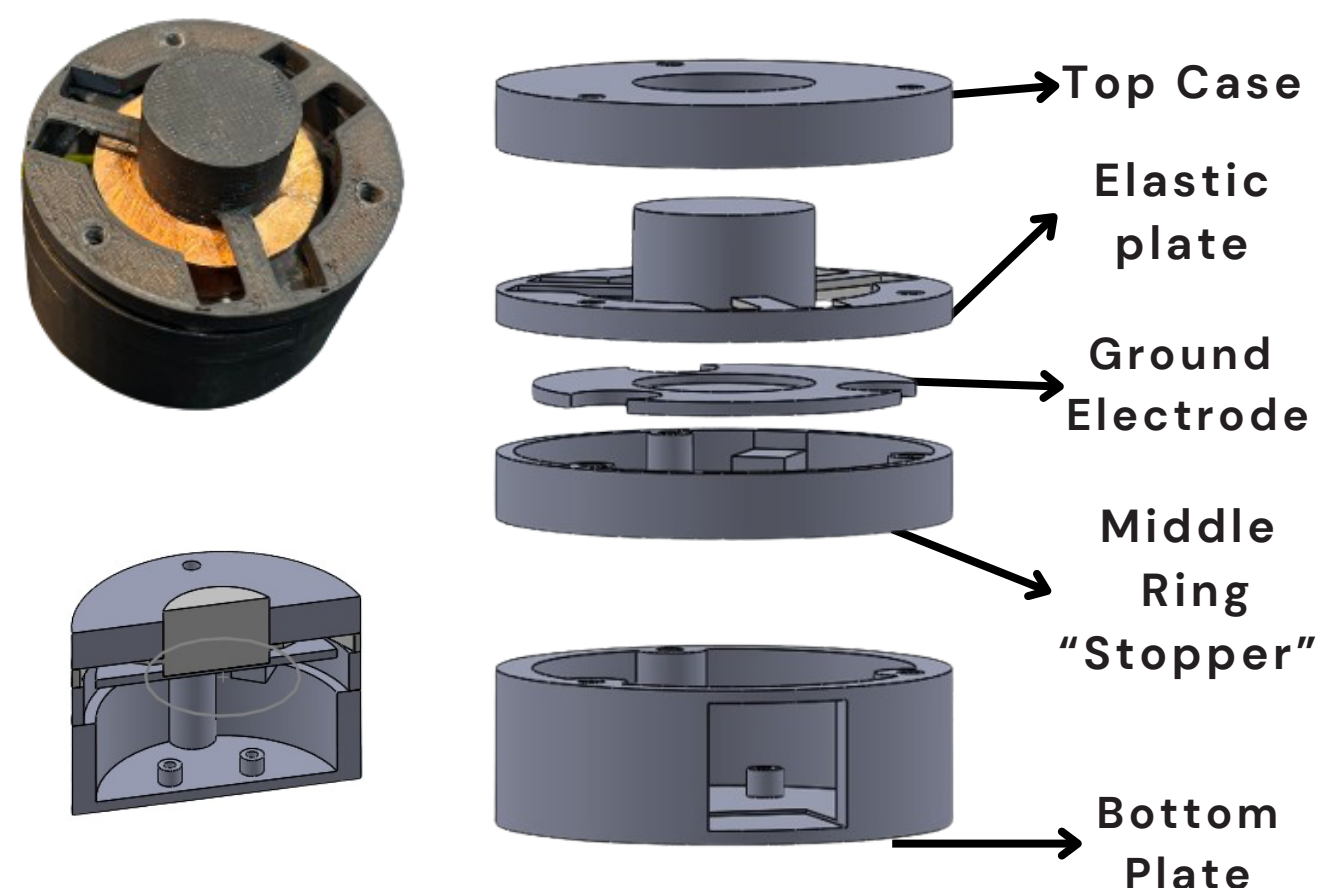
OBJECTIVE

Converting physical applied forces into measurable changes in capacitance.

METHODOLOGY

The application of force leads to a alteration in the distance between the two electrodes, resulting in a change of capacitance. This change is then transmitted to a linearization circuit and the measurements are observed on an oscilloscope and quantified.

$$C = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{A}{d}$$



ANALYTICAL WORK

Mechanical Model:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \quad V = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \quad D = \frac{1}{2} b \dot{x}^2$$

$$m \ddot{x} + b \dot{x} + kx = f(t)$$

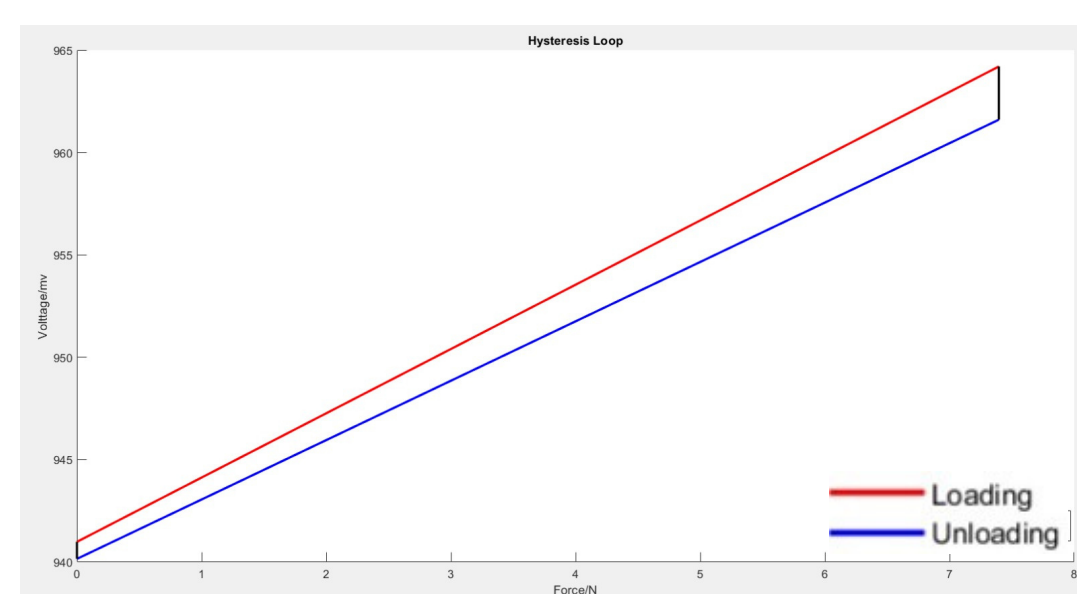
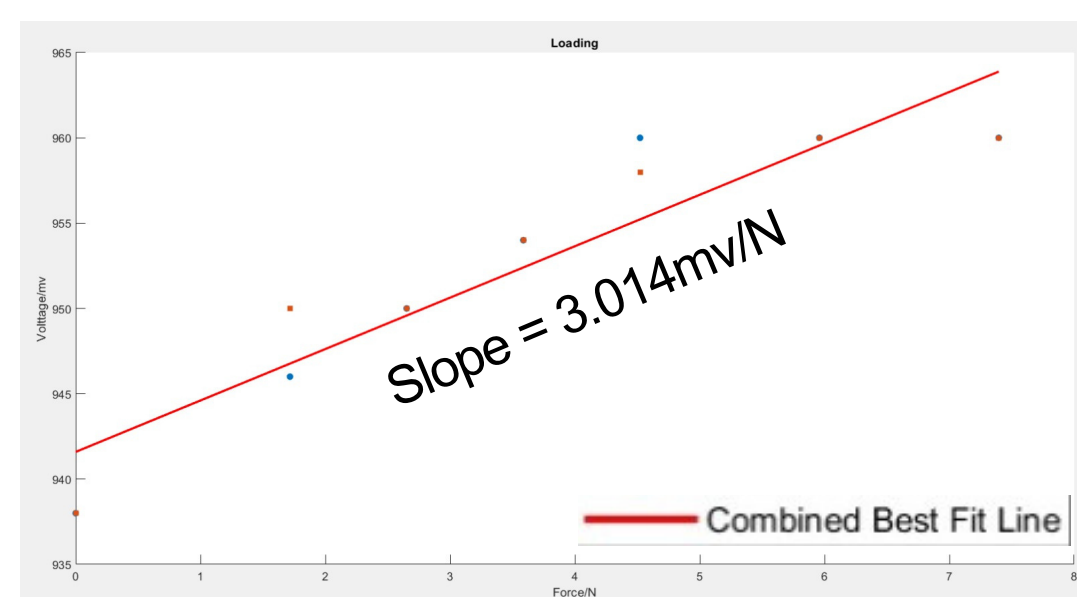
Electrical Model:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{C} q^2 = \frac{1}{2} [C1 + C_{measured}] V_c^2$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} R \dot{q}^2 = \frac{1}{2} R [C1 + C_{measured}^2] \dot{V}_c^2$$

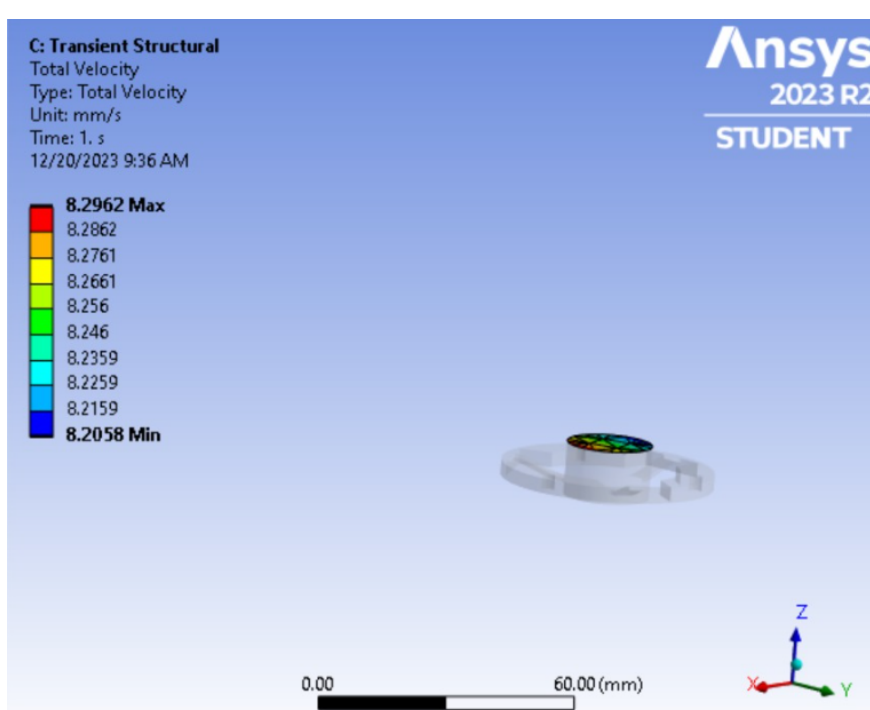
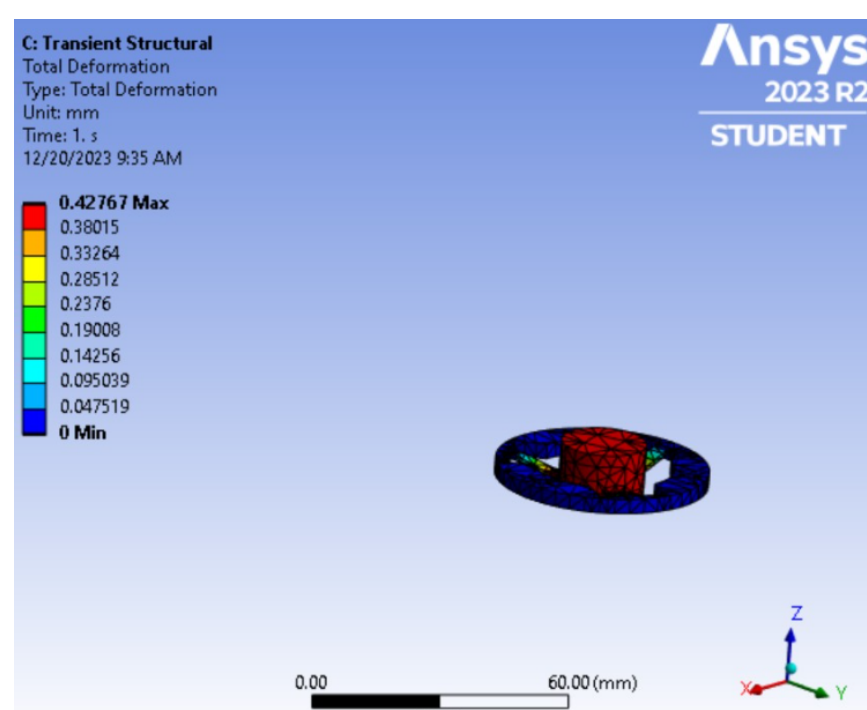
$$R [C1 + C_{measured}^2] \dot{V}_c + [C1 + C_{measured}] V_c = f(t)$$

EXPERIMENTAL WORK



Hesteresis = 7.73%

RESULTS and CONCLUSIONS



$$\delta = 0.038$$

$$\text{Maximum Overshoot} = 0.887$$

$$\text{Resonance Frequency} = 72.9 \text{ Hz}$$

