

## Stick-slip analysis in vibrating two-layer beams with frictional interface

### Abstract

This paper attempts to present a new analysis for dynamical behavior of two-layer beams with frictional interface which held together in a pressurized environment, including stick-slip nonlinear phenomenon. To achieve a proper outlook of two-layer beam structures behavior, it is essential to realize the mechanisms of motion precisely. Coupled equation of transversal and longitudinal vibration of two-layers in the presence of dry friction is derived and nondimensionalized. Furthermore, free and forced vibration of the mentioned system is investigated and the system dynamics is monitored via Poincare maps and Lyapunov exponent analysis. A comparative study with ANSYS is developed to show the accuracy of the proposed approach.

### Keywords

Stick-slip phenomenon, Two-layer beam, Interlayer slip, Frictional interfaces, Chaotic motion.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Mechanical systems in which components are constrained through friction contact surfaces often lead to complex contact kinematics involving stick-slip nonlinear motions. The explanation of stick-slip intermittent motion is based on the instantaneous drop from a static friction force to a constant kinetic friction force. Accurate analysis of layered structure dynamical behavior with frictional interface in a pressurized environment requires accurate modeling of dry friction to realize exactly the stick-slip regimes. In the case of layered beams, one of the earliest works was developed by Goodman and Klumpp [1], where the emphasis has revolved around the maximum amount of energy dissipation for two-layered beam in the case of dynamic loading. Badrakhhan [2] derived the energy dissipated by Coulomb friction and optimum pressure for maximum energy for any number of layers.

Damisa et al. [3] investigated the effect of the non-uniformity in interfacial pressure as well as the frequency of the driving load, in the context of energy dissipation and logarithmic damping decrement. In the mentioned study, they consider the simple governing equation of motion with pure slip assumption. They extended their analysis to incorporate the effect of relative sizes or the material properties of layered beams of two dissimilar materials and laminate thicknesses [4].

Li et al. [5] presented an algorithm for solving the static contact problem in a multi leaf spring, whereas the frictional effect has not been taken into account in their research. Awrejcewicz et al. [6] investigated the chaotic vibrations of multi-layered Euler- Bernoulli and Timoshenko type beams for a series of boundary conditions. They verified the reliability of the obtained results via Finite Element and Finite Difference Method. In the work by Awrejcewicz and Krysko [7] an iterative algorithm was proposed to solve efficiently one-sided interaction between two rectangular plates within the Kirchhoff hypothesis supplemented by physical nonlinearities. Furthermore, a novel iteration procedure for dynamical problems was introduced by Awrejcewicz et al. [8], where in each time step a contacting plate zone are improved. The chaotic dynamics of multilayer mechanical beam structures was studied by Krysko et al. [9]. They took into account physical, geometrical, and contact nonlinearities and developed a method for studying phase synchronization using wavelet analysis and the Morlet wavelet method.

There are many mechanical systems with friction-engaged subsystems such as brakes, clutches, gas turbine blade roots and machine tools. Such self-excited oscillations have been extensively studied as reviewed in [10]. A spring-block model with a single degree-of-freedom has explained the behavior of stick-slip oscillations [11]. Kang et al. [12] focused on the dynamic pattern during the steady-state oscillation of spring-block models, with definition of continuous friction curve for dry friction. Awrejcewicz et al. [13] considered two coupled oscillators with negative Duffing type stiffness which was friction-induced and externally excited and investigated stick-slip chaotic behavior of the system.

Lyapunov exponents measure the exponential rates of divergence or convergence of nearby trajectories in state space. If such equations for the system are non-smooth, the estimation of Lyapunov exponents is not straightforward [14]. A novel dry friction modeling and its impact on Lyapunov exponent estimation was proposed by Awrejcewicz et al. [15]. A simple friction law was implemented by Licsko and Csernak [16] to predict the chaotic regimes of well-known spring-block model. The most efficient methods for estimation the largest lyapunov exponent (LLE) using chaos synchronization have been introduced by Stefanski et al. [14, 17].

The main objective of the present study is to identify the stick-slip dynamical behavior of layered beams with frictional interfaces. In this regard, coupled vibrational equation of motion in the transverse and longitude directions is derived. The nonlinear partial differential equations of motion have been reduced by implementation of the Bubnov-Galerkin method. Quasi-periodic and stick-slip chaotic motion of layered beams are investigated. Finally, to indicate the accordance of the proposed approach with finite element analysis, a comparative study with ANSYS is developed.

## 2 GOVERNING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF TWO-LAYER BEAM

Fig. 1 shows two-layer cantilever beam with length  $L$ , width  $b$ , modulus of elasticity  $E$  and moment of inertia  $I$  for each layer. Top layer is subject to transverse load and the layers are maintained in contact by means of pressure  $P_0$ . The free-body diagram of a differential element of two layer beam has been illustrated in Fig. 2.

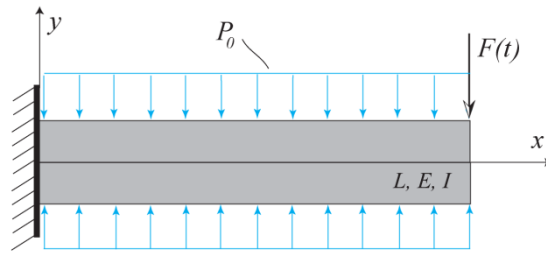


Figure 1 Configuration of two layer beam under dynamic loading

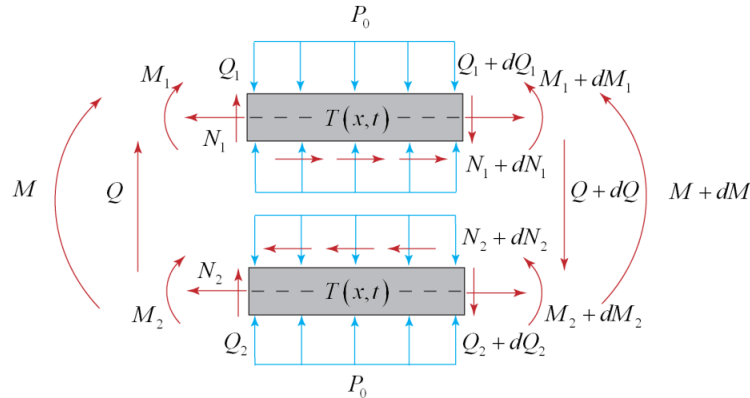


Figure 2 Free-body diagram of a differential element of two layer beam

Assume that each layer here is the Euler-Bernoulli beam and the vertical displacements of two layers is the same. The symbols  $w$ ,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  denote the displacements of a point in the middle plane of the flexible beam in  $y$  and  $x$  direction for top and bottom layers, respectively. The lateral dynamic equation for differential segment of the beam can be expressed in the following form:

$$pdx - pdx + Q - Q - dQ - F(t)\delta(x - L)dx = m dx \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \tag{1-a}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + m \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = F(t)\delta(x - L) \tag{1-b}$$

where  $m = A_1\rho_1 + A_2\rho_2$  denotes the mass per unit length. Neglecting the effect of rotary inertia, the conservation of the angular momentum about the z-axis gives:

$$-M + M + dM - (Q + dQ)dx = 0 \tag{2-a}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = Q \tag{2-b}$$

the total bending moment  $M$  can be formulated as

$$M = M_1 + M_2 - N_1 d \quad (3)$$

where  $d$  is the center to center distance of two layers. The condition of absent external axial forces leads to

$$N = N_1 + N_2 = 0, \quad N_1 = -N_2 \quad (4)$$

combining Eqs. (1-b) and (2-b) yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial x^2} + m \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = F(t) \delta(x - L) \quad (5)$$

The longitudinal governing equations of motion for top layer is given by the following

$$-N_1 + N_1 + dN_1 + T dx = m_1 dx \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2} \quad (6-a)$$

$$\frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} + T(x, t) = m_1 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2} \quad (6-b)$$

where  $T(x, t)$  is the friction force transmitted between the two layers. Furthermore, the constitutive relations can be expressed as:

$$M_i = E_i I_i \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad (7-a)$$

$$N_i = E_i A_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \quad (7-b)$$

Substituting Eqs. (7-a) and (7-b) into Eq. (3) yields

$$M = (E_1 I_1 + E_2 I_2) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - E_1 A_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} d \quad (8)$$

Finally, from Eqs. (5) and (8), transversal governing equation of motion can be derived as follows:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left[ (E_1 I_1 + E_2 I_2) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - E_1 A_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} d \right] + m \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = F(t) \delta(x - L) \tag{9}$$

Using Eq. (7-b), the dynamic equation (6-b) can be simplified as below:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( E_1 A_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} \right) + T(x, t) = m_1 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2} \tag{10}$$

and the vibrational equation of longitudinal motion for the bottom layer can be obtained as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( E_2 A_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} \right) - T(x, t) = m_2 \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial t^2} \tag{11}$$

The Coulomb type of friction, where the friction force is proportional to the normal reaction, is considered in this paper. The general model to describe a dry friction force  $T(x, t)$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} |T| \leq \mu p(x) = T_s & \text{if } \dot{u}_{rel} = 0 \text{ (stick),} \\ T = \mu p(x) \text{sgn}(\dot{u}_{rel}) & \text{if } \dot{u}_{rel} \neq 0 \text{ (slip),} \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

where  $\dot{u}_{rel}$  is the interlayer slip velocity assumed between the layers at the interface. As indicated in Fig. 3, it can be found as [18]

$$\dot{u}_{rel} = \dot{u}_2 - \dot{u}_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \left( \frac{h_1 + h_2}{2} \right) \right] = \dot{u}_2 - \dot{u}_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} d \right] \tag{13}$$

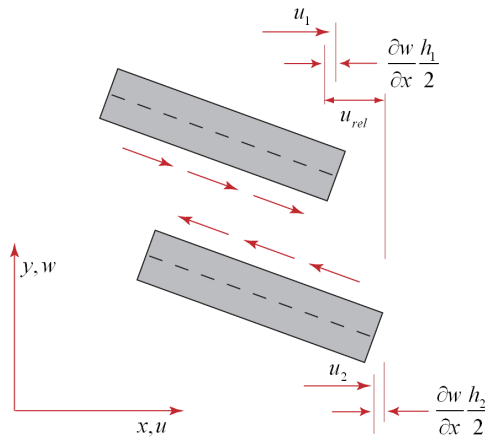


Figure 3 Interlayer slip definition in the deformed element

By introducing the following non-dimensional variables

$$\tau = \omega t, \quad w^* = \frac{w}{L}, \quad u_i^* = \frac{u_i}{L}, \quad x^* = \frac{x}{L} \quad (14)$$

the non-dimensional nonlinear equations of motion can be written as

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} - \frac{6}{\alpha} \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial x^3} + r_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \tau^2} = f_0 (\cos(\tau) - 1) \delta(x - 1) \quad (15-a)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} - T^*(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{12} \alpha^2 r_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial \tau^2} \quad (15-b)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} + T^*(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{12} \alpha^2 r_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial \tau^2} \quad (15-c)$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{h_1}{L}, \quad f_0 = \frac{F_0 L^2}{2E_1 I_1}, \quad r_t^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{\frac{E_1 I_1}{m_1 L^4}}, \quad T^* = \frac{TL}{E_1 A_1}, \quad p^* = \frac{P_0 b L}{E_1 A_1} \quad (16)$$

and the non-dimensional interlayer slip velocity can be written as

$$\dot{u}_{rel}^* = \dot{u}_2^* - \dot{u}_1^* + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left[ \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial x^*} \right] \quad (17)$$

Using the Bubnov-Galerkin [18] principle and the multi-mode method defined below:

$$w(x, t) = \sum_{r=1}^n \varphi_r(x) q_r(t) \quad (18-a)$$

$$u_i(x, t) = \sum_{r=1}^n \beta_{ri}(x) p_{ri}(t) \quad (18-b)$$

where functions  $\varphi_r(x)$ ,  $\beta_{ri}(x)$  ( $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) must satisfy the transversal and longitudinal boundary conditions of each layer of the beam, coupled governing equations of two-layer beam in terms of the time-dependent variables can be obtained. Lateral and longitudinal mode shapes of the clamped-free beam are expressed as

$$\varphi_r(x) = \cosh(\lambda_r x^*) - \cos(\lambda_r x^*) - \frac{\cosh(\lambda_r) + \cos(\lambda_r)}{\sinh(\lambda_r) + \sin(\lambda_r)} (\sinh(\lambda_r x^*) - \sin(\lambda_r x^*)) \quad (19)$$

$$\beta_r(x) = \sin\left(\frac{(2r-1)\pi x^*}{2}\right) \quad (20)$$

In the aforementioned equation,  $\lambda_r$  is the root of characteristic equation for  $r$ th eigenmode. In order to investigate nonlinear dynamical behavior of two layer beam in presence of stick-slip phenomenon, coupled governing equations of lateral and longitudinal motion (15) and (17) should be solved, simultaneously.

### 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Free vibration

Let us consider the case of free vibration in order to find how the beam vibrates in lateral and longitudinal directions in the presence of coulomb friction. Primary analysis is limited to the case of constant pressure at the interface.

As shown in Fig. 4 the amplitude of lateral vibration decreases until the slip phase of motion vanishes and two layers of the beam vibrate as a single beam without slipping. It also indicates the details of lateral vibration in the vicinity of two motion phases and the conversion of stick-slip phase to pure stick one. Because of interlayer friction existence and energy dissipation, the amplitudes of lateral and longitudinal vibration decrease, as can be observed from Figs. 4 and 5, until a special time that initial slip doesn't occur and layered beam vibrates without slipping.

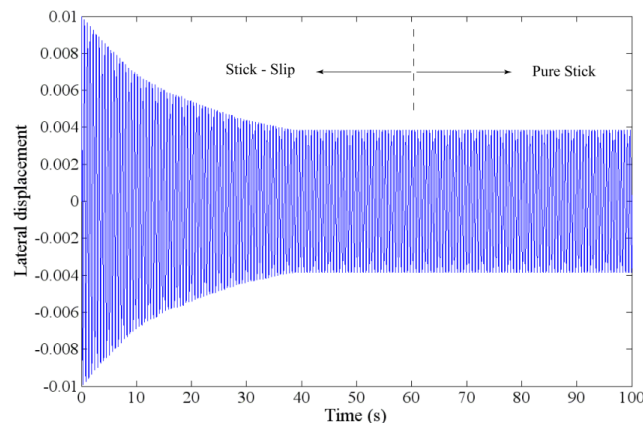


Figure 4 Time history of lateral vibration

To extend study this paper brings stick-slip phenomenon into consideration. Therefore, the influence of dry friction on the nonlinear vibration of layered beam has been investigated. In the first

phase of motion, the frictional force alternatively converts from slip to stick state. However, in the second phase of motion, the interlayer friction is always less than  $\mu p(x)$  and slipping doesn't take place. It should be noted that, in order to obtain actual displacement in longitudinal direction, the following formulation have been taken into account [19]:

$$u(x,t) = \bar{u}(x,t) + y\theta(x,t) + \int_0^x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)^2} dx \tag{21}$$

where  $\bar{u}(x,t)$  is the longitudinal displacement of midline of the beam.

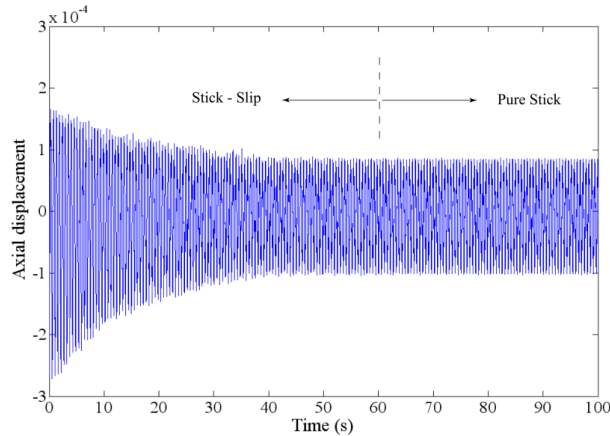


Figure 5 Time history of interlayer longitudinal vibration of upper layer

### 3.2 Forced vibration

Figs. 6 and 7 show the lateral and longitudinal interlayer displacements at the free end of the cantilever beam for the excitation frequency of  $\tau_t = 0.3$ , in the presence of friction and without friction.

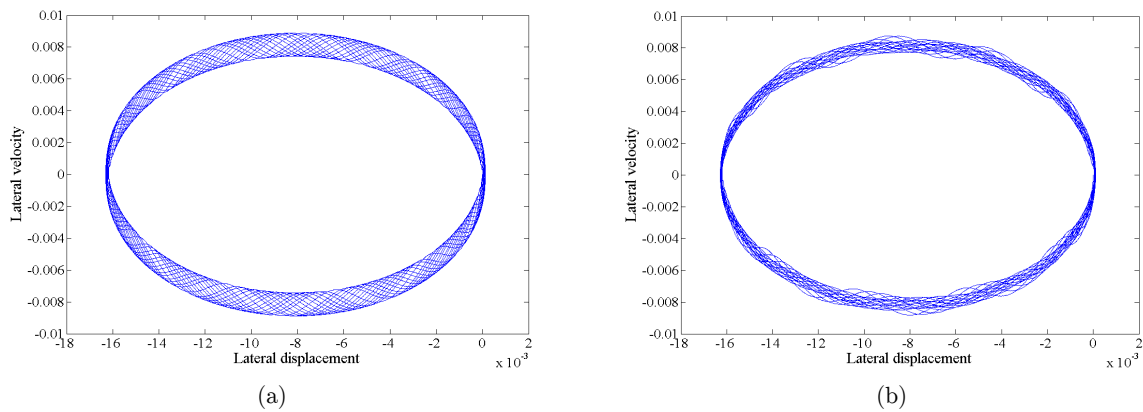


Figure 6 Phase plane of lateral displacement a: without friction and with friction for b:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  c:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  d:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-4}$



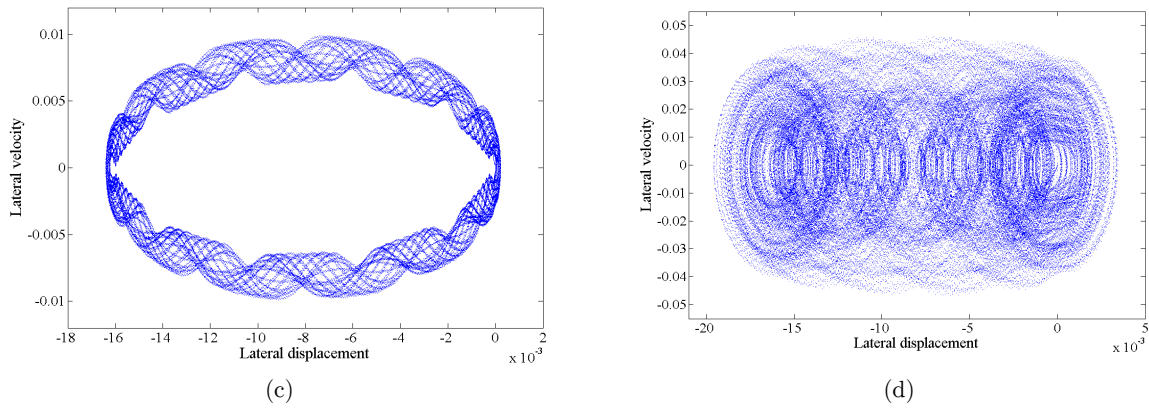


Figure 6 (continued) Phase plane of lateral displacement a: without friction and with friction for b:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-6}$   
 c:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  d:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-4}$

It appears from these Figs. that in the absence of friction, trajectories in the lateral and longitudinal are regular and the quasi-periodic motion occurs. In the presence of dry friction, the behavior of the system becomes irregular as the interlayer pressure increases, especially in the longitudinal direction. In other words, the longitudinal interlayer phase plane is more sensitive to frictional interface in comparison with lateral phase plane.

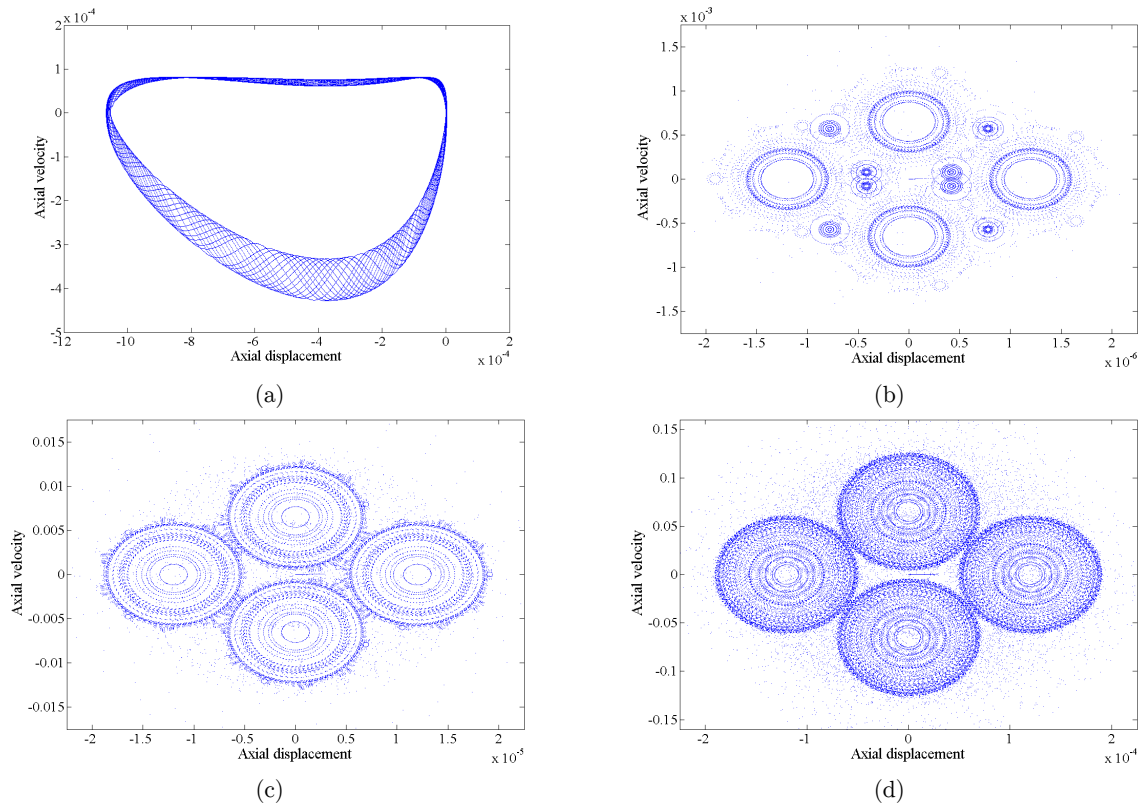


Figure 7 Phase plane of interlayer axial displacement a: without friction and with friction for b:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-6}$   
 c:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  d:  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-4}$

Time histories of interlayer displacements for upper and lower layers of layered beam have been illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9, for different values of exciting force. As can be observed, top layer behavior don't change, however, for bottom layer, as the force amplitude becomes larger, single peak gradually splits into two peaks in per-period.

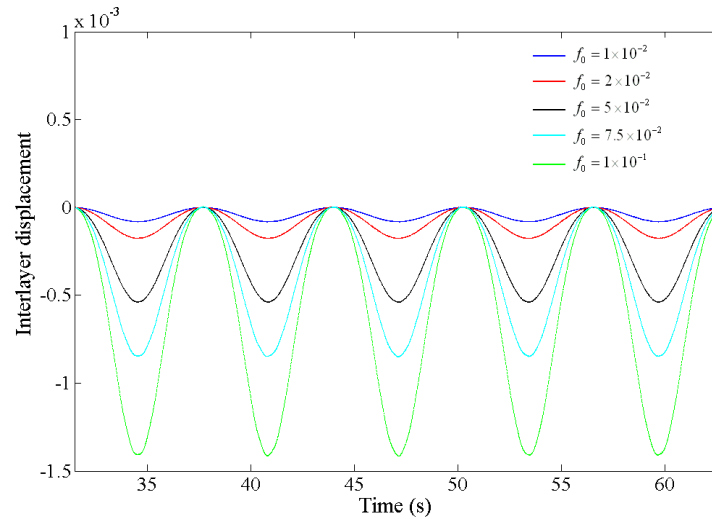


Figure 8 Interlayer displacement of upper layer for different values of exciting force

From the results of numerical simulation, in the vicinity of initial slip, it is found that the responses of system seem to be extremely sensitive to the exciting force amplitude, as shown in the Fig. 10. When there is a little change in the force amplitude, the motion of layered beam will be transferred from quasi-periodic to the chaotic response suddenly. Fig. 11 shows the Poincaré sections for 800 seconds of simulation in this situation for  $q_1 - \dot{q}_1$  and  $q_2 - \dot{q}_2$  planes, respectively. The points of Poincaré sections are obtained with respect to the period of kinematic excitation  $2\pi / \omega$ . It is obvious from this Fig. that system demonstrates the chaotic motions for distinct aforementioned conditions.

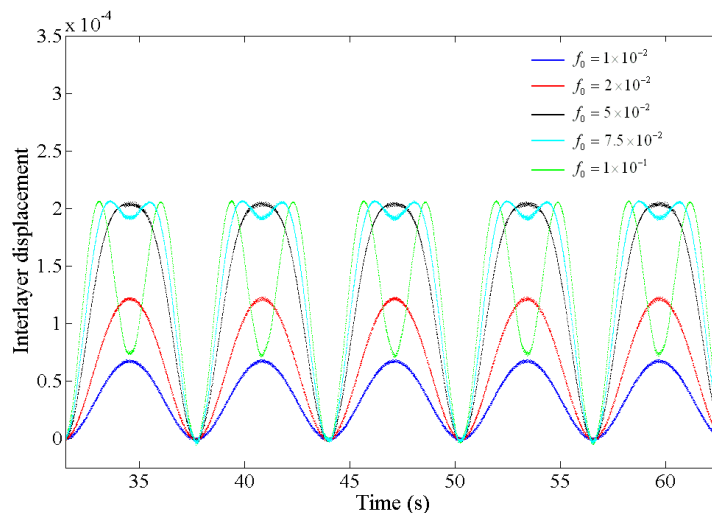


Figure 9 Interlayer displacement of lower layer for different values of exciting force

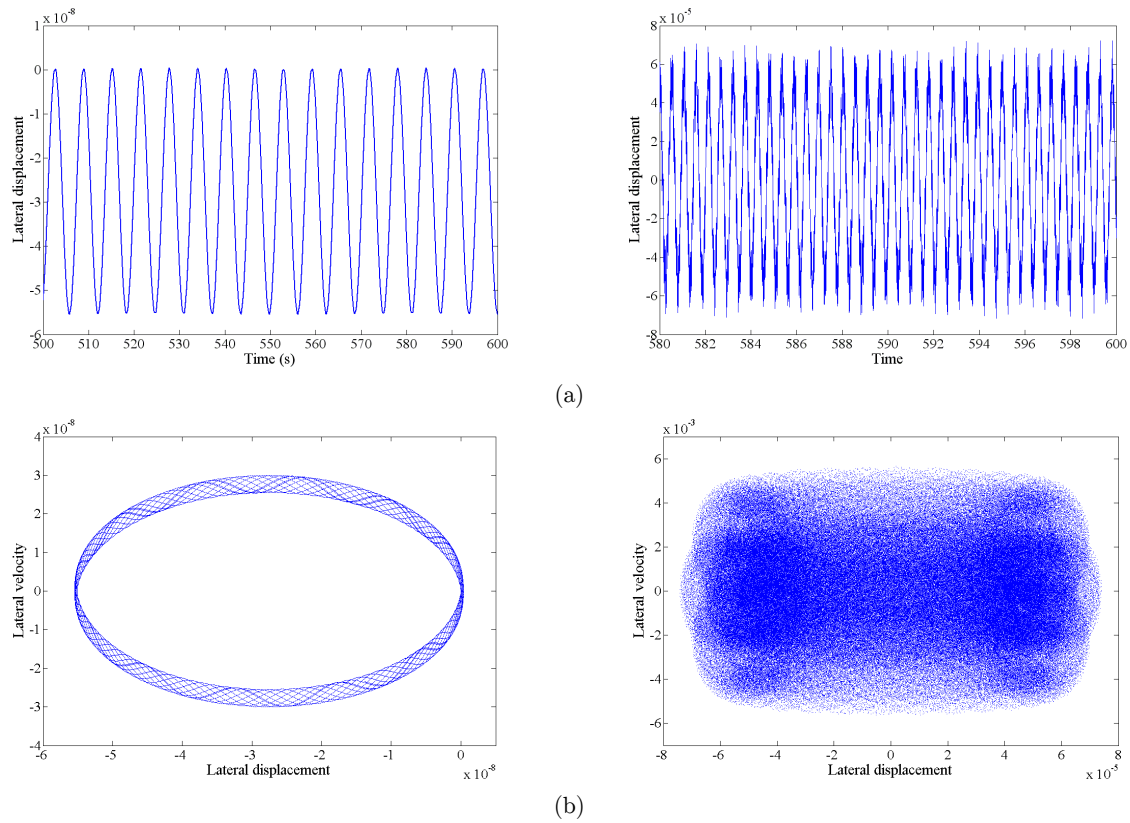


Figure 10 Comparison of results before and just after initial slip for  $\mu = 0.1$  a: lateral history b: lateral displacement phase plane

As the state of system becomes far from initial slip, indicated in Fig. 12, when the exciting amplitude increases, nonlinear behavior of lateral and longitudinal motions become more regular than around the initial slip, especially for lateral vibration. However, the phase portrait in the longitudinal direction, as shown in Fig. 12b, exhibits less sensitivity to this change.

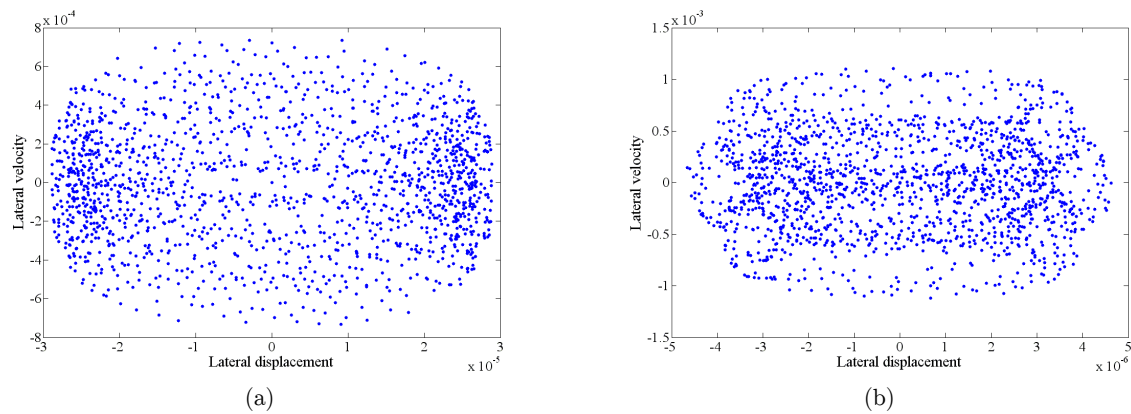


Figure 11 Poincaré projection after initial slip for  $\mu = 0.1$  a:  $q_1 - \dot{q}_1$  plane b:  $q_2 - \dot{q}_2$  plane

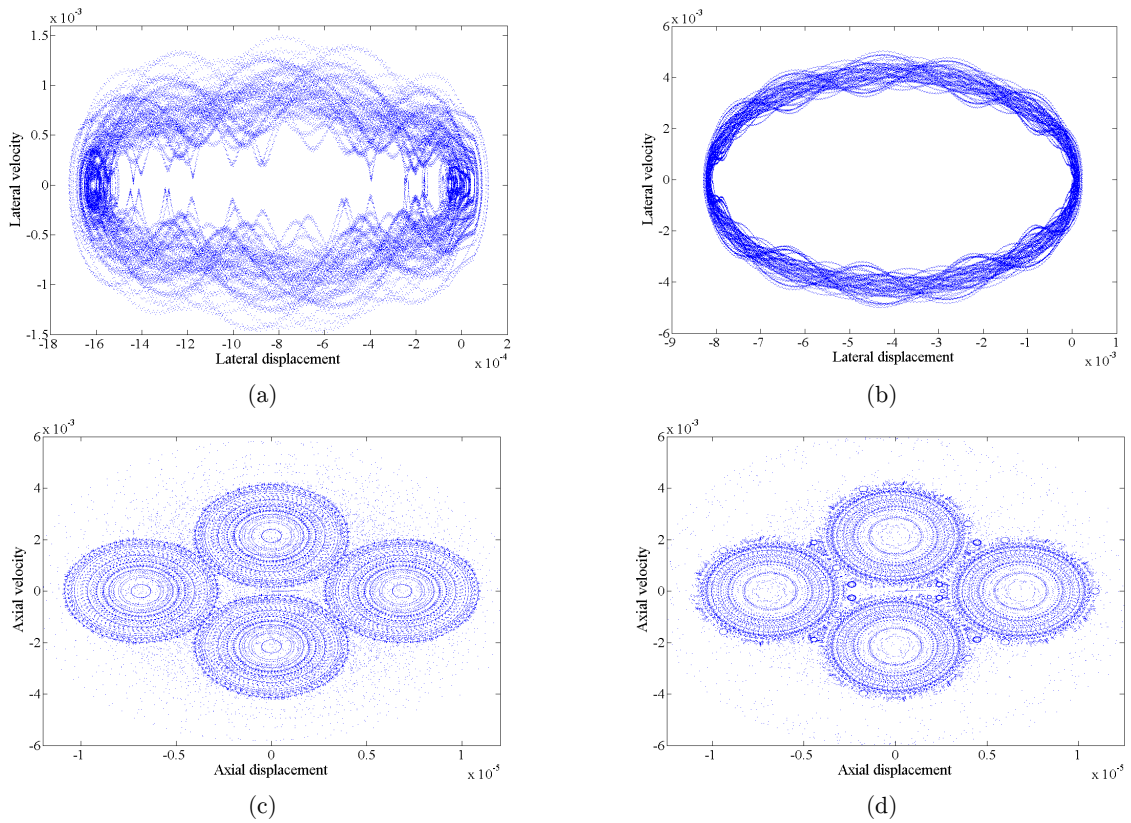


Figure 12 Comparison of results far from initial slip for  $\mu = 0.2$  lateral phase plane for a:  $f_0 = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  b:  $f_0 = 5 \times 10^{-2}$  and longitudinal phase plane for c:  $f_0 = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  d:  $f_0 = 5 \times 10^{-2}$

To study the effect of friction on the layered-beam dynamics, phase portraits in lateral direction for different values of friction coefficient are plotted in Fig. 13. As can be expected, the less coefficient of friction causes the less time of sticking phase and more regular dynamic behavior. When the coefficient of friction becomes larger, the phase plane of motion seems to be more irregular and proceed to chaotic behavior.

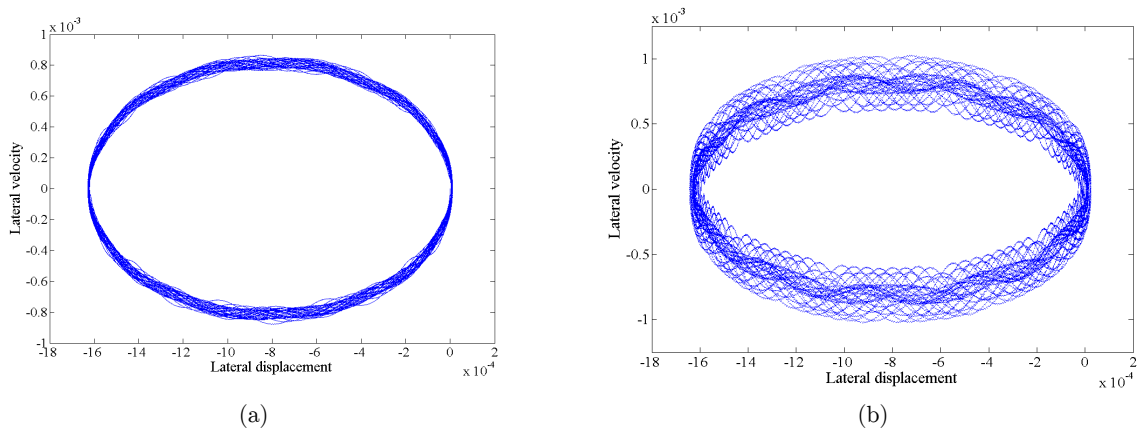


Figure 13 Comparison of lateral phase plane for  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  and a:  $\mu = 0.01$  b:  $\mu = 0.05$  c:  $\mu = 0.1$  d:  $\mu = 0.2$

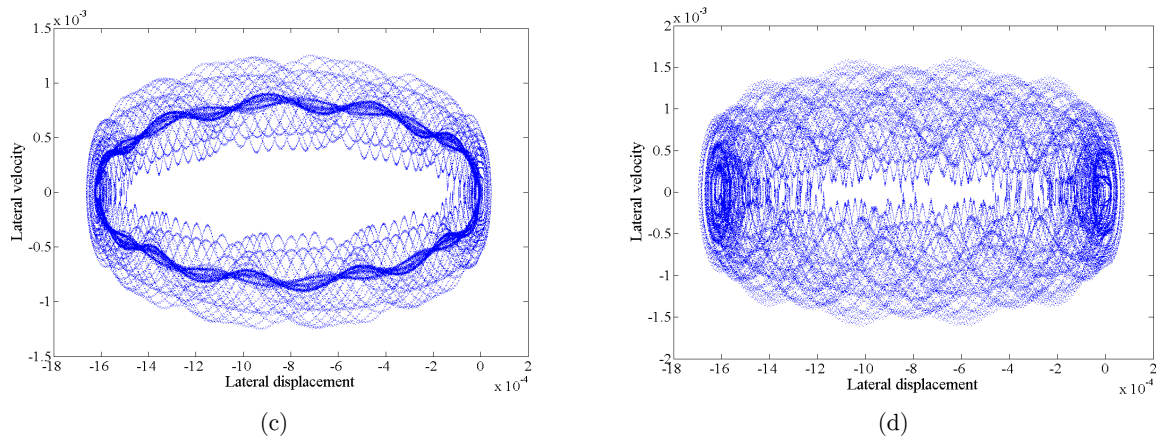


Figure 13 (continued) Comparison of lateral phase plane for  $p^* = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  and a:  $\mu = 0.01$  b:  $\mu = 0.05$  c:  $\mu = 0.1$  d:  $\mu = 0.2$

The effect of exciting frequency have been conducted in this research through varying the non-dimensional parameter  $r_t$ . Figs. 14a to 14d indicate that an increase in the parameter  $r_t$  from 0.2 to 0.3 leads to a decrease in the uneven vibrational slip velocities at the interface, for studied values of dry friction coefficient. It is clear that the irregular fluctuating of interface slips in the phase space decreases by increasing the parameter  $r_t$ .

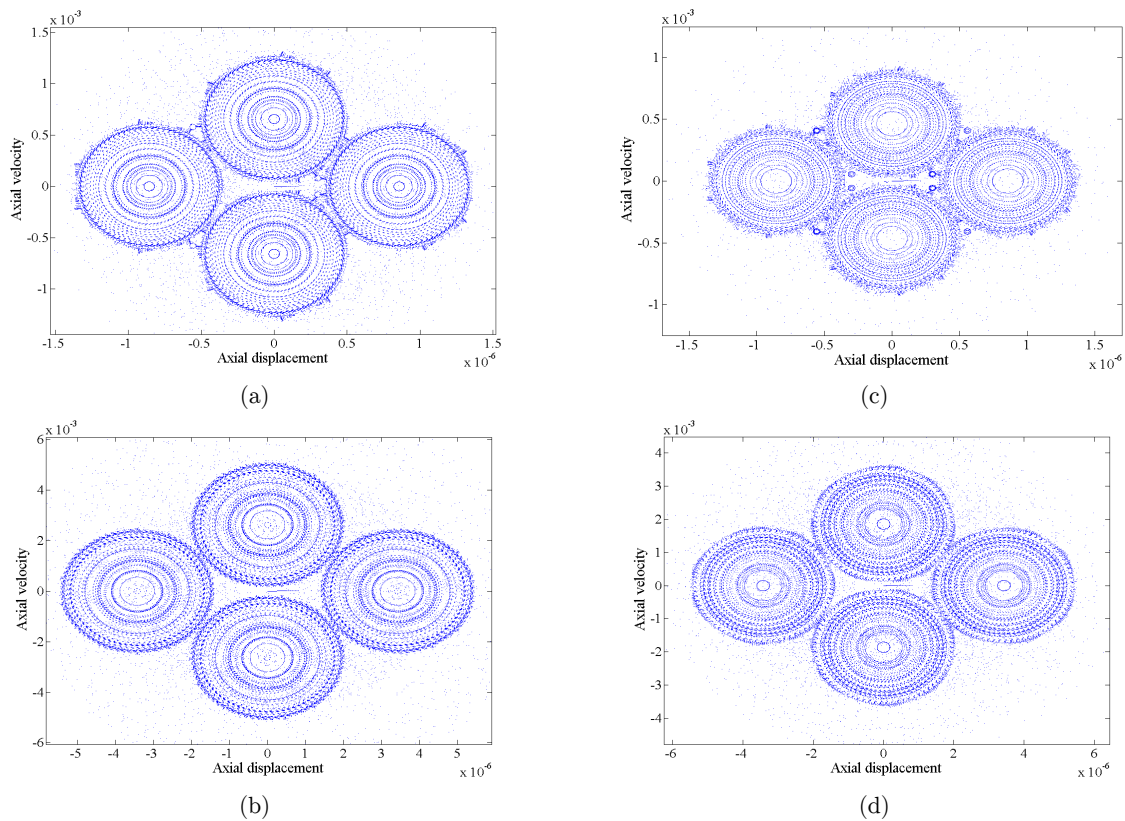


Figure 14 Effect of exciting frequency on interface slip at a: and b:  $r_t = 0.2$  and c: and d:  $r_t = 0.3$  for different values of coefficient of friction a: and c:  $\mu = 0.05$ ; b: and d:  $\mu = 0.2$ ;

Poincare sections of typical chaotic motions of layered structure for two different values of non-dimensional frequencies  $r_i = 0.2$  and  $r_i = 0.3$  are plotted in Fig. 15. The Poincare sections are projected onto  $q_1 - \dot{q}_1$ ,  $q_2 - \dot{q}_2$  and  $q_3 - \dot{q}_3$  planes. While it is difficult to recognize chaotic behavior from the time history, Poincaré maps and Lyapunov exponents clearly show the chaotic nature of the response.

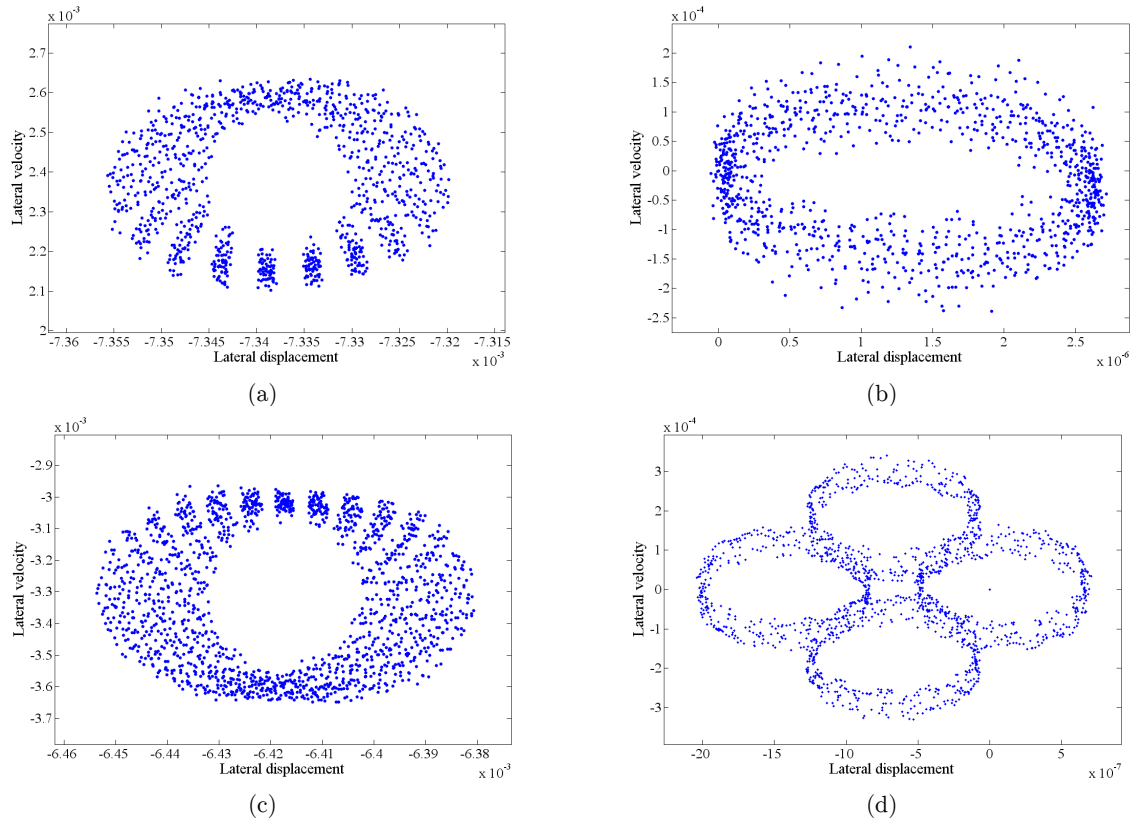


Figure 15 Poincare section of chaotic motions for  $r_i = 0.2$  a:  $q_1 - \dot{q}_1$  plane b:  $q_2 - \dot{q}_2$  plane and for  $r_i = 0.3$  c:  $q_1 - \dot{q}_1$  plane d:  $q_3 - \dot{q}_3$  plan

The largest Lyapunov exponent estimation is also used to identify the system dynamic behaviors. For the calculation processes of the largest Lyapunov exponent, the algorithm introduced by Fu and Wang [20] have been employed. In order to find the smallest synchronization value (the largest Lyapunov exponent), bifurcation diagram of the disturbance value against the synchronization parameter, is constructed for investigated situation in Fig 11. In Fig. 16, the bifurcation diagram shows  $|z| = |x - y|$  versus coupling coefficient  $k_s$ , so the searched value  $k_{s,\min}$  as a point on the horizontal axis is obtained where  $|z|$  approaches to zero. Therefore, the largest Lyapunov exponent is  $\lambda_{\max} = k_{s,\min} = 0.185$  which implies that the system is evidently chaotic.

Similarly, the largest Lyapunov exponent has been calculated for the situation studied in Figs. 15a and 15b. From bifurcation diagram shown in Fig. 17, the largest Lyapunov exponent in this situation is  $\lambda_{\max} = k_{s,\min} = 0.023$ .

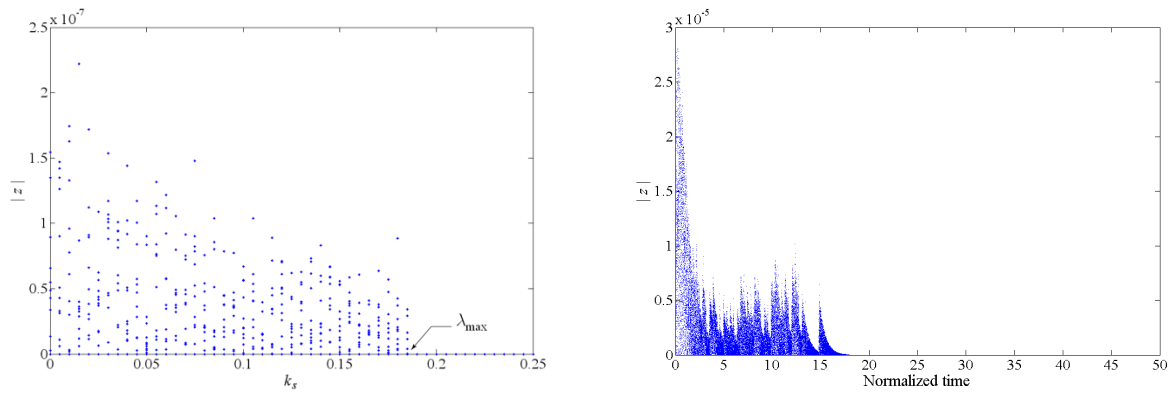


Figure 16 a: The diagram of  $|z|$  versus  $k_s$  b: Time history of  $|z|$  at  $\lambda_{max} = k_{s,min}$

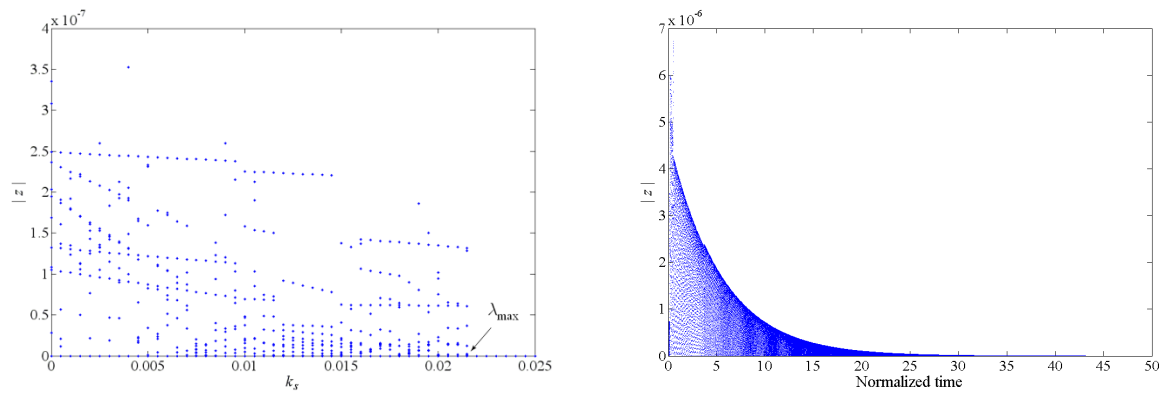


Figure 17 a: The diagram of  $|z|$  versus  $k_s$  b: Time history of  $|z|$  at  $\lambda_{max} = k_{s,min}$

To ensure the accuracy of the proposed formulations and examine the achieved results a comparative case study with ANSYS is developed. It can be seen from Figs. 18 and 19 that there is a little difference, between stick-slip regions and the frequency response obtained from numerical simulations and ANSYS software results. Furthermore, the amplitudes of lateral and interlayer displacement of top layer are in good agreement with finite element results. Nevertheless, the difference between these results has no significant effect on the prediction of distinct motion regimes in the dynamical behavior of layered beams.

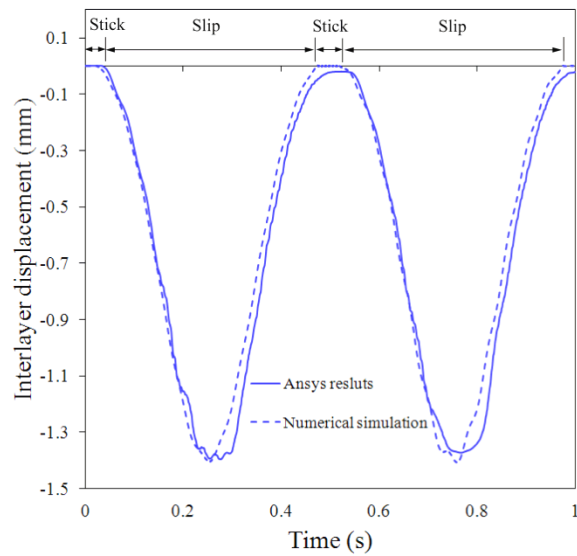


Figure 18 Comparison between interlayer displacements of top layer

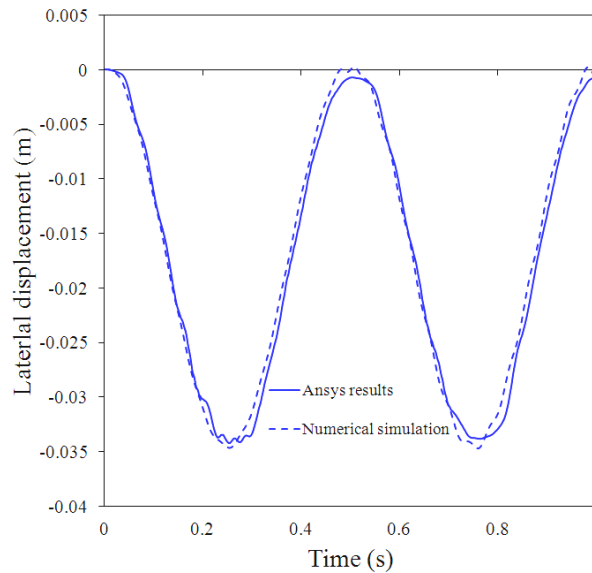


Figure 19 Comparison between lateral displacement results

#### 4 CONCLUDING REMARKS

In the present study, nonlinear dynamical behavior of two-layer beam with frictional and pressurized interface including stick-slip nonlinear phenomenon has been investigated. If the layered beam vibrates freely, the amplitude of vibration decreases until the slip phase of motion vanishes and two layers of the beam vibrate as a single beam without slipping. In the case of forced vibration, quasi-periodic and stick-slip chaotic motion of layered beams have been illustrated via Poincare maps and



Lyapunov exponent analysis for different values of system parameters. Finally, a comparative study with ANSYS is prepared to demonstrate the accuracy of the presented formulations.

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