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Test Mass Optical Surface Deformation due to Gravity

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## 1 Introduction

The gravitational load (body force) on the Input and End Test Masses (ITM, ETM) are supported in the Advanced LIGO suspensions by "ears" bonded to flats on sides of these optics. The stress field created by the gravitational load and the resulting ear bond reaction forces will cause a deformation of the optic. We are concerned with the deformation of the optical surfaces, which are polished in a horizontal orientation.

## 2 Model

The fused silica ITM and ETM dimensions<sup>1</sup> are 340 mm diameter by 200 mm thick with 95 mm long flats on each side (nominally 40 kg mass). A three-dimensional finite element model, created with the I-DEAS version-9 software, depicted in Figure 1, represented this geometry. The bevels and the wedge angle of the optics were not included in this model. The ear, which is bonded to the optic and welded to the fused silica fibers (or ribbons), was not modeled either. The bond area was restrained from motion and served to provide a reaction to the gravitational load. The dimensions of the two bond areas were taken<sup>2</sup> to be 18 mm wide by 15 mm high. These bond areas should be placed centered front-to-back, between the two optical faces, but below the horizontal center-plane of the optic, such that the bending flexure point of the fiber/ribbon is slightly above the optic center of mass (by a distance  $d_4$  in the suspension design parameter terminology<sup>3</sup>). The vertical placement depends upon the details of the ear design and the desired value of  $d_4$ . The latest quadruple ITM/ETM suspension design parameter set<sup>4</sup> has a  $d_4$  value of 1 mm. The bond areas (surface areas with nodal restraints) in the finite element model were placed with the lower edge tangent to the centerline and so are about 20 mm too high compared to the intended design. I doubt that this will affect the magnitude of the results very much; however the deformation pattern might shift relative to the center of the optic<sup>5</sup>.

It was found that the asymmetry of free (automatic) meshing caused significant quasi-rigid body pitch and roll deformations. A mapped mesh ensured a purely vertical quasi-rigid-body global motion in response to a vertical gravity vector.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Armandula, G. Billingsley, G. Harry, B. Kells, "Core Optics Components: Conceptual Design Document", [LIGO-T000098-02](#). Also LIGO RODA M050397-00 in review.

<sup>2</sup> I could not readily find formal documentation on the planned dimensions/geometry of the ITM/ETM ears. I took the dimensions from Matthieu Musso's study as representative. Musso's shows a design which improves upon the original GEO ear geometry:

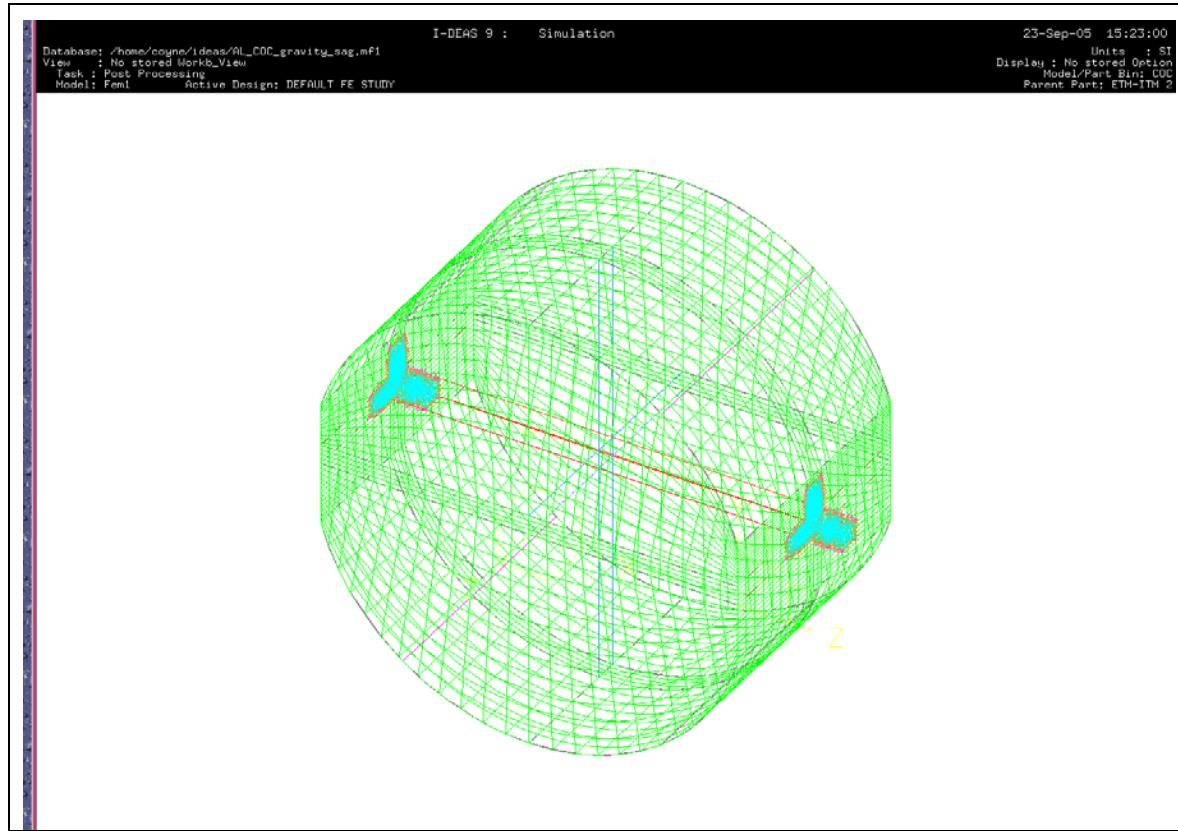
M. Musso, "Test Masses Suspensions Modeling", E030392-00.

<sup>3</sup> M. Perreur-Lloyd, "Pendulum Parameter Descriptions and Naming Conventions", [LIGO-T040072-01](#), 20 Jul 2004.

<sup>4</sup> N. Robertson, et. al., "Parameters for current ETM/ITM main chain noise prototype design", [LIGO-T040214-01](#), 12 Nov 2004.

<sup>5</sup> The model can be revised and the analysis rerun, of course.

The ITM and ETM are actually pitched relative to the local gravity vector in order to align to the long Fabry-Perot optical cavities<sup>6</sup>. This nominal pitch angle is varies from  $-0.619$  mrad to  $+0.326$  mrad. In the analysis reported here only a vertical gravity vector is considered.



**Figure 1: Finite Element Mesh**

The mesh consists of 13,440 parabolic, brick elements and 59,041 nodes.

### 3 Calculated Stress & Deformation Field

The stress contours (Figures 2, 3 and 4) show that only the region immediately adjacent to the bond area has significant stress, as expected. The penetration depth of the stress field is on the order of the bond area width,  $h$ , which also seems reasonable. One might expect then that the peak transverse displacement due to Poisson's effect would be approximately

$$\delta_T = \frac{\nu mg}{4hE} = 13 \text{ nm}$$

where  $\nu = 0.17$ , Poisson's ratio for fused silica;  $E = 7.0 \times 10^{10}$ , Young's modulus for fused silica;  $h = 0.018$  m is the bond area width;  $m = 40$  kg is the optic mass and  $g = 9.8$  m/s<sup>2</sup>. The finite element

<sup>6</sup> W. Althouse, L. Jones, A. Lazzarini, "Determination of Global and Local Coordinate Axes for the LIGOSites", [LIGO-T980044-10](#), 07 Feb 2001.

analysis indicates a peak transverse (normal to the optic face) deformation of +/- 4 nm, or 8 nm total (as shown in Figures 4 and 5).

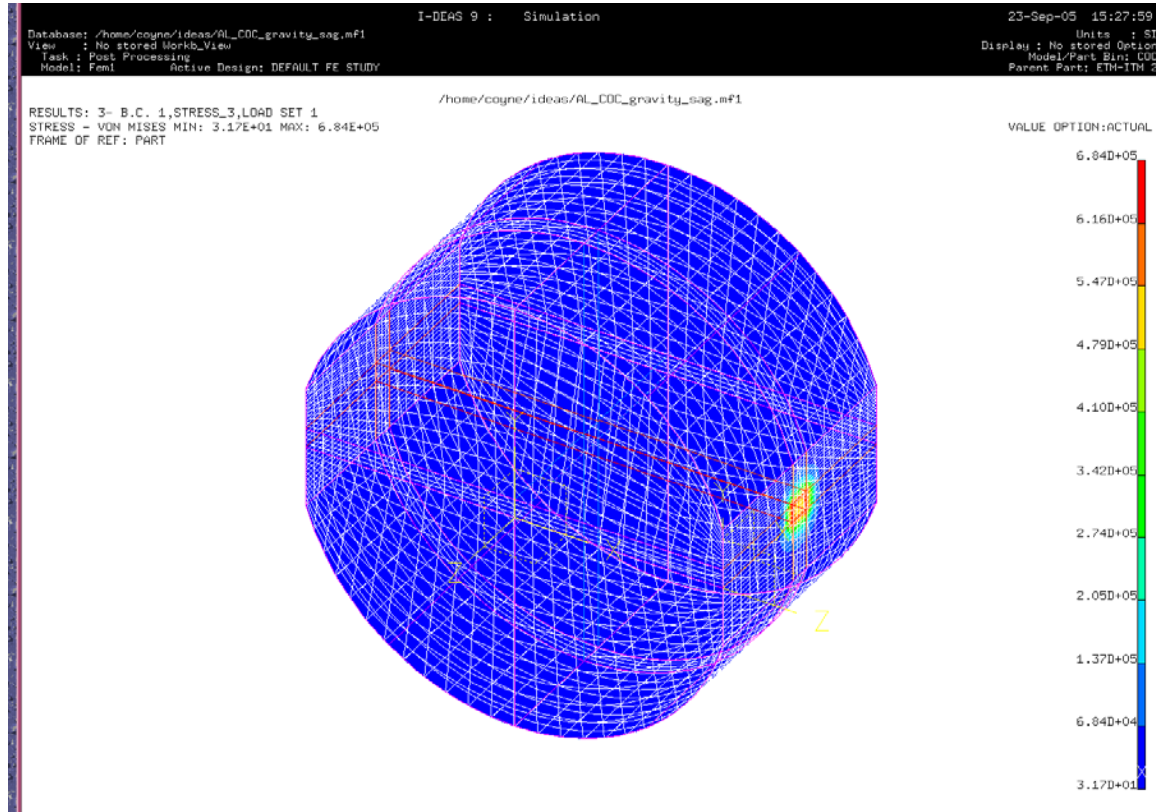


Figure 2: Stress Contours (Von Mises stress, linear scale)

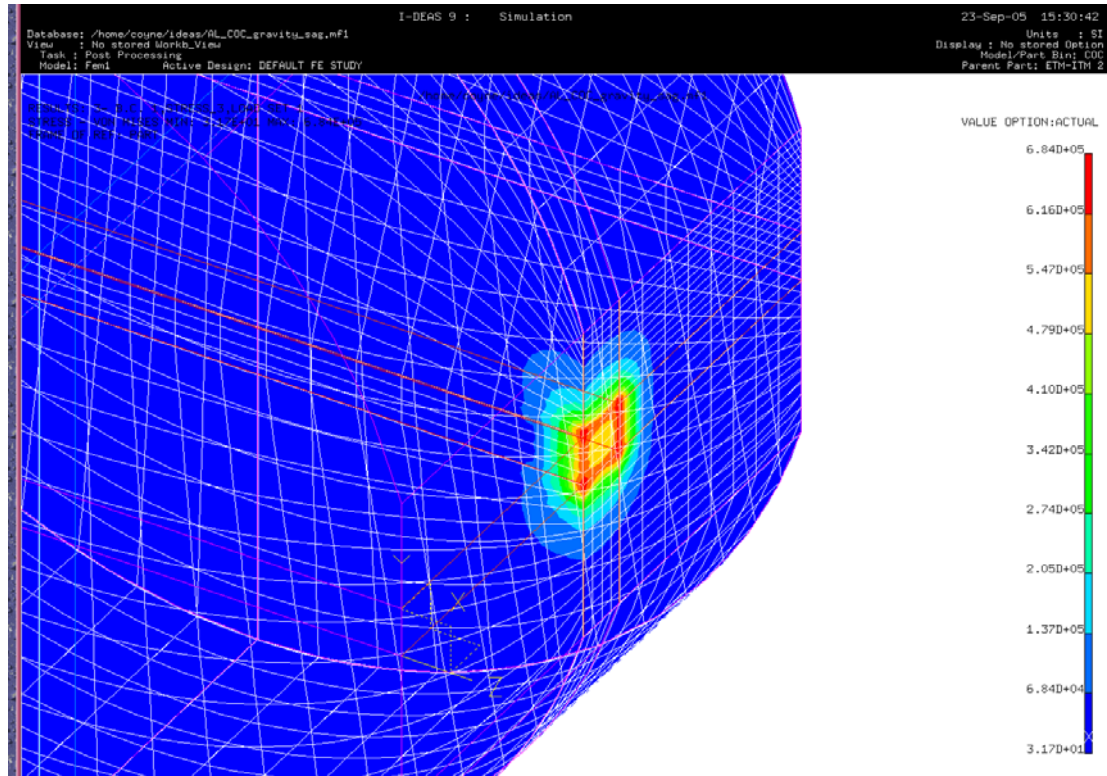


Figure 3: Close-up and cut-away of the stress contours (Von Mises stress, linear scale)

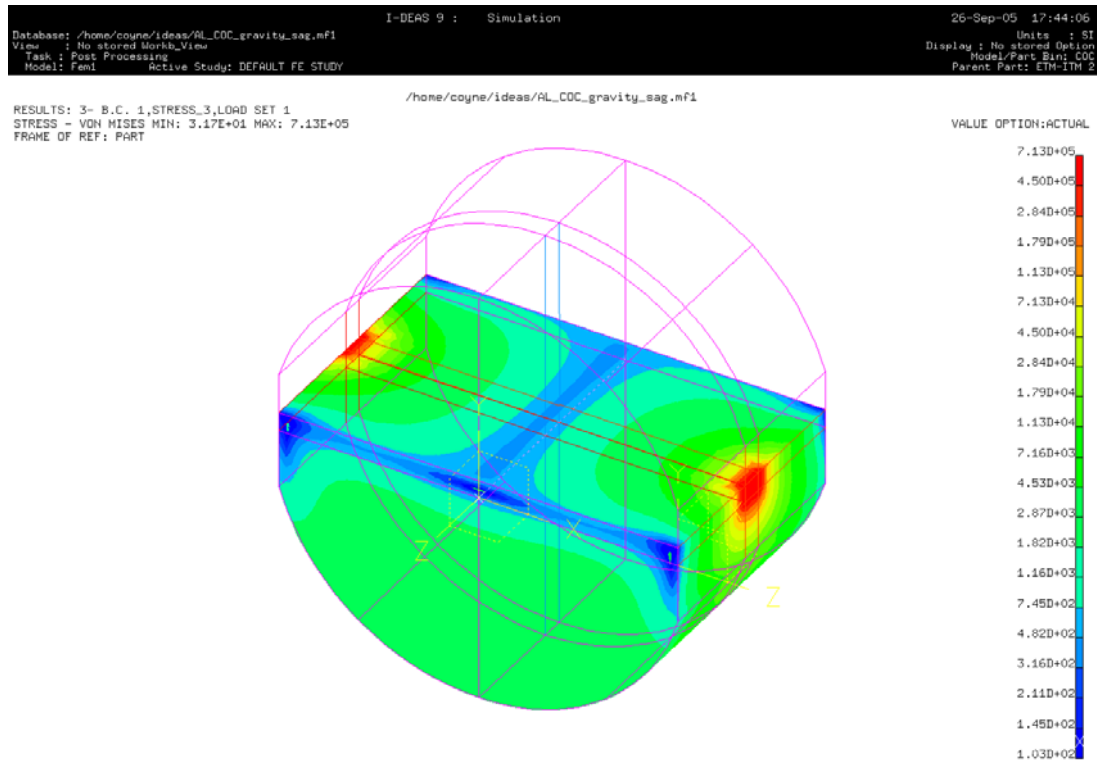


Figure 4: Stress contours for cut-away of lower half of optic (Von Mises stress, log scale)

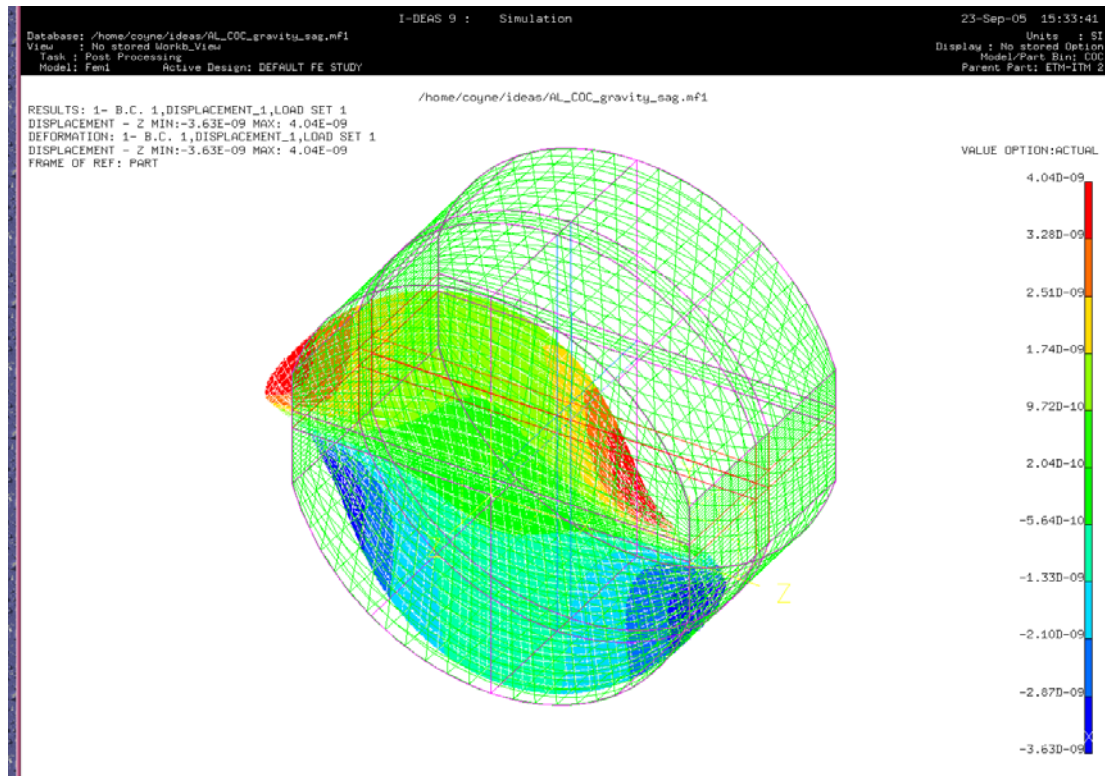


Figure 5: Front Surface Normal Displacement

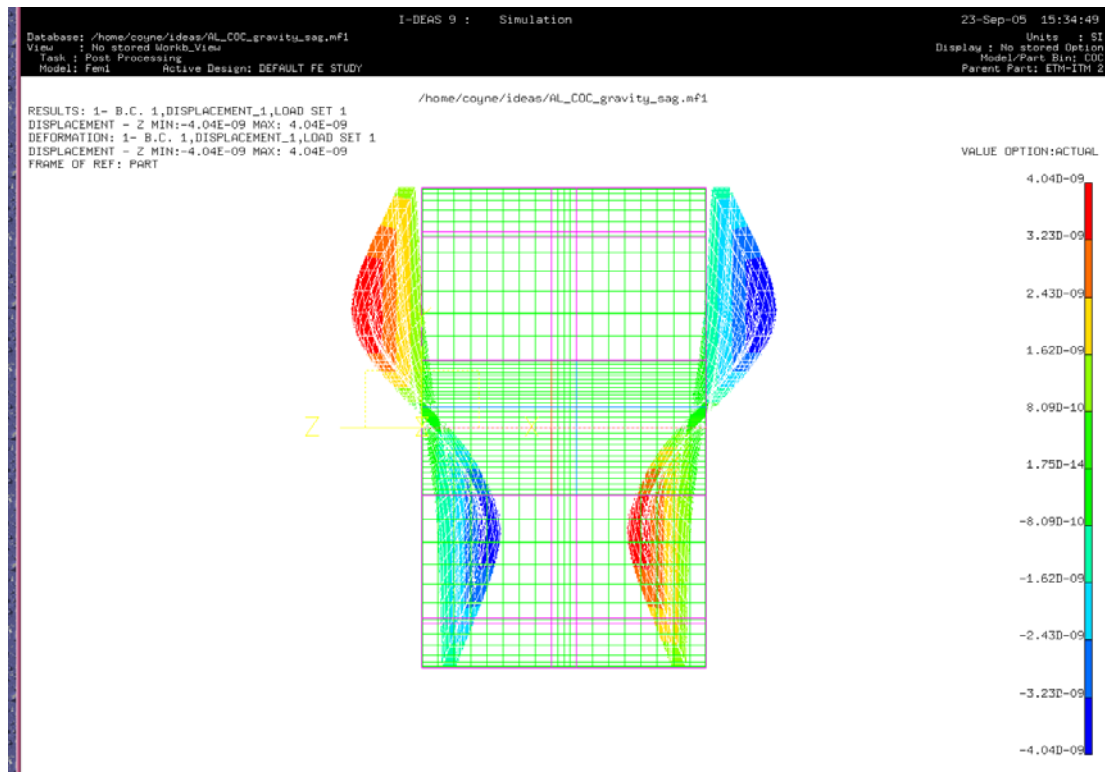
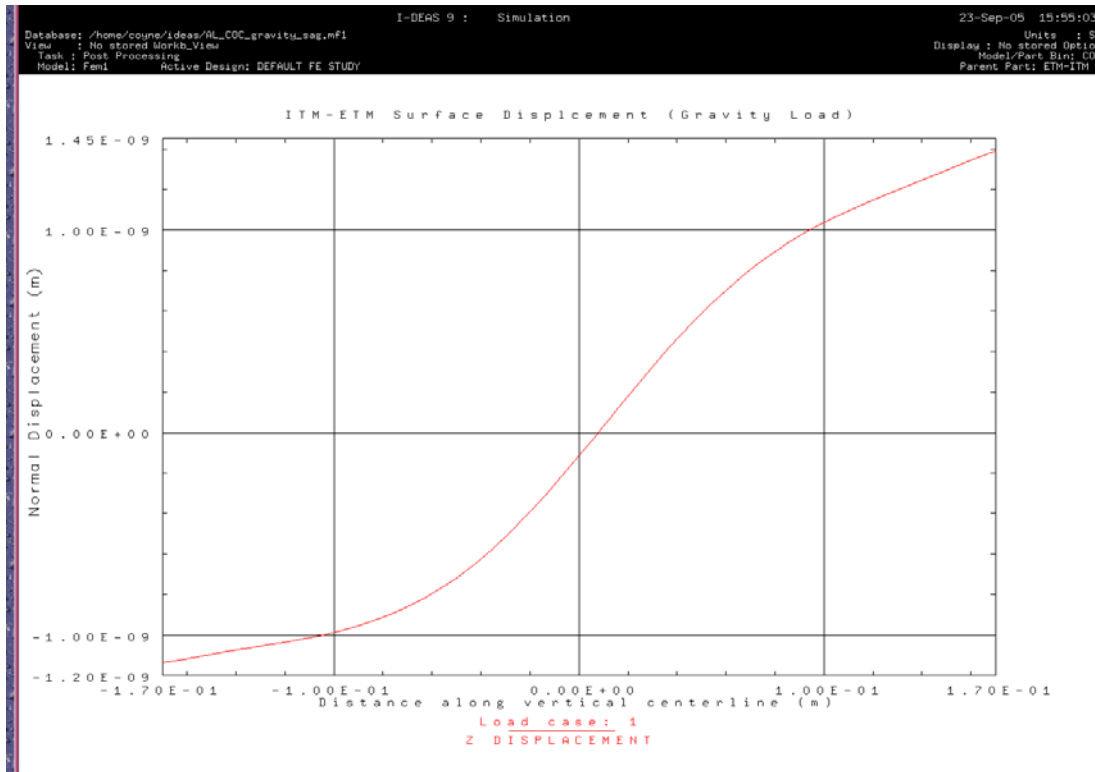


Figure 6: Front & Rear Surface Normal Deformation

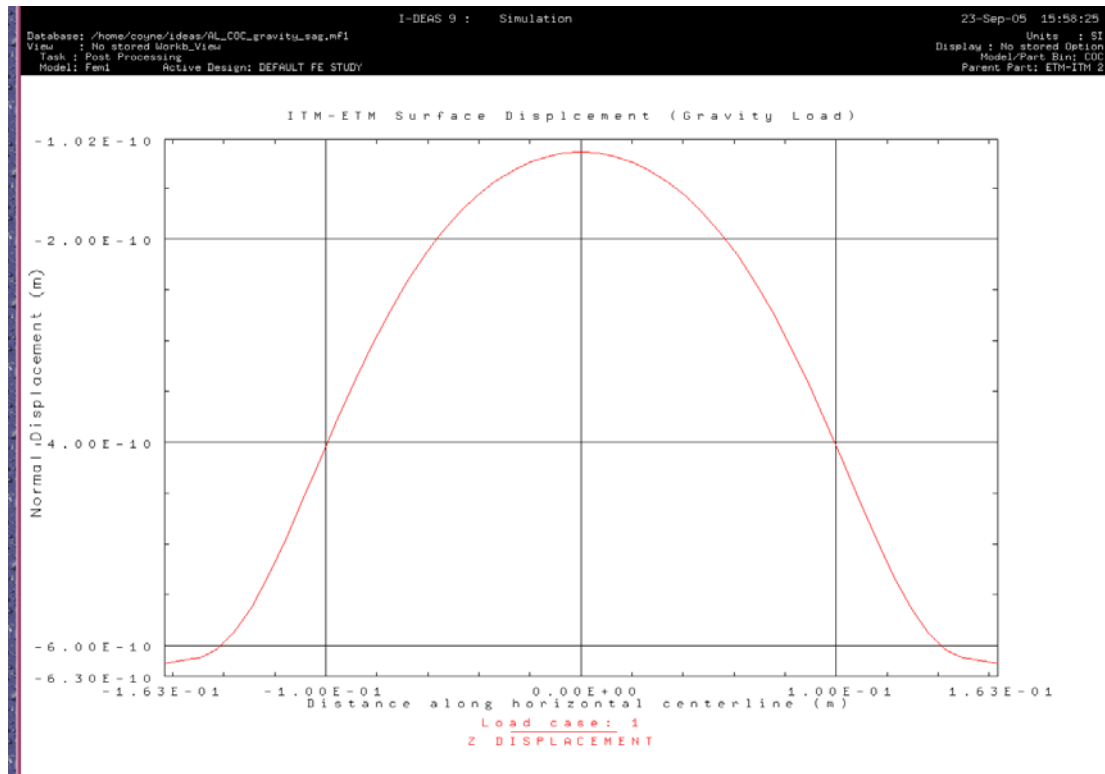
## 4 Comparison to optical surface figure requirements

The draft polishing specifications<sup>7</sup> call for a sagitta over the central 215 mm diameter of 2862 nm with a surface error of no more than 0.75 nm rms over the central 120 mm diameter. As can be seen from the vertical and horizontal centerline profiles (Figures 6 and 7), the predicted deformation due to gravity loading is ~1.2 nm p-v over the central 120 mm diameter. However, much of this deformation is local tilt (pitch).



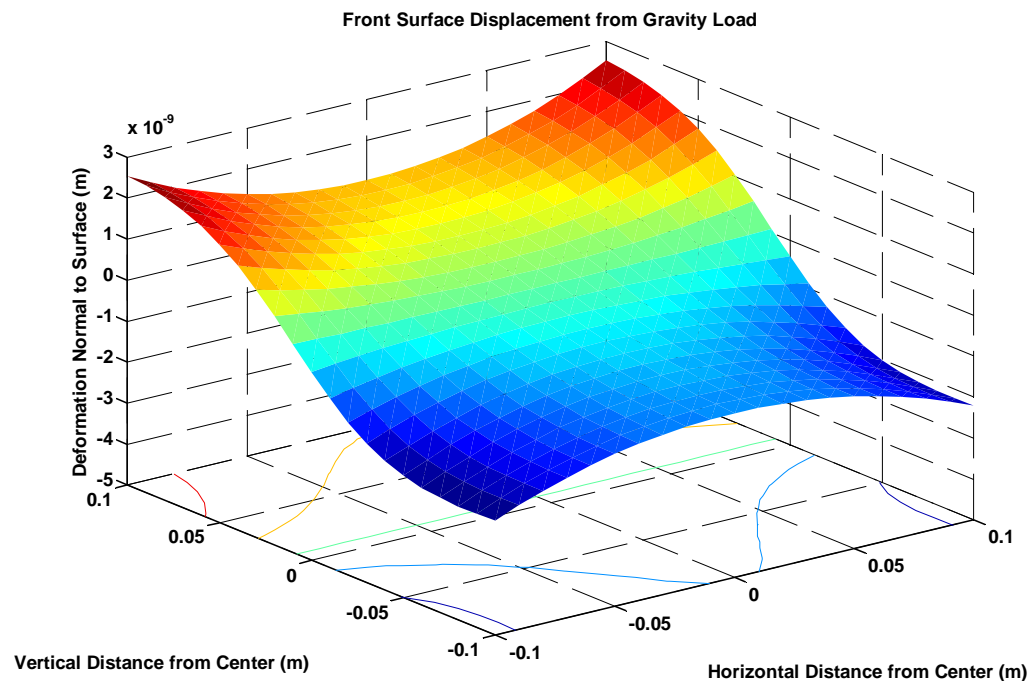
**Figure 7: Front Surface Normal Deformation Along the vertical centerline**

<sup>7</sup> Current specification parameters are listed here: [spectable.html](http://spectable.html)  
 Also see Tables 1 and 2 of H. Armandula, et. al., COC CDD, [LIGO-T000098-02](http://LIGO-T000098-02), 20 Jun 2004.



**Figure 8: Front Surface Normal Deformation along the horizontal centerline**

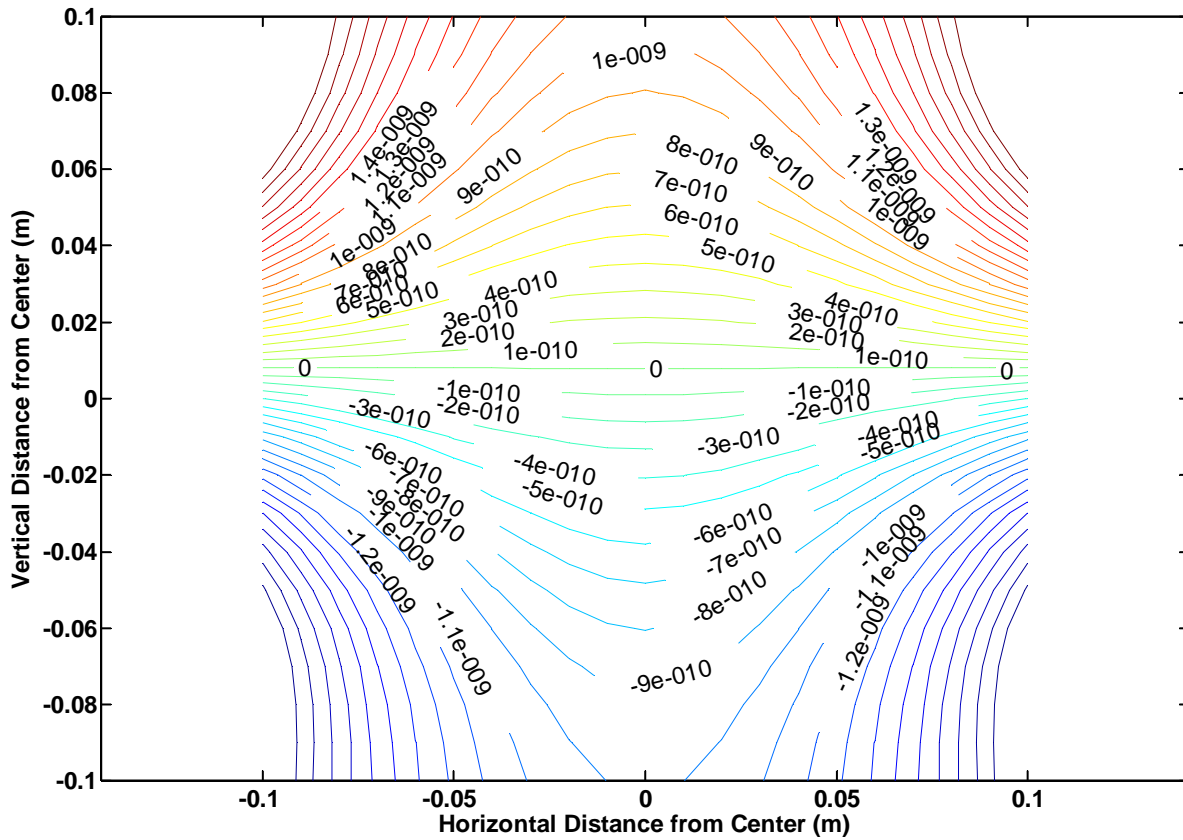
The results of the finite element model have been exported for use in further optical analysis, as described in the appendix.



**Figure 9: Interpolated optic surface deformation map**

The irregular finite element nodal grid was interpolated to a regularly spaced grid for Zernike fitting in Matlab.





**Figure 10: Contour plot of the surface deformation**

Using Matlab to fit the surface deformation to Zernike aberration functions yields the following Zernike fits (nm):

Z1, piston	= -0.11455
Z2, yaw	= -6.1246e-007
Z3, pitch	= 0.90346
Z4, focus	= 0.0010491
Z5, astigmatism (0)	= -0.082277
Z6, astigmatism (45)	= 8.7543e-008
Z7, x-Coma	= 2.897e-008
Z8, y-Coma	= 0.019566
Z9, spherical	= 0.0012452

The rms of the surface deformation, in the central 120 mm diameter, is 0.468 nm (1.555 nm p-v). However, after removing piston, tip & tilt, the rms is only 0.071 nm (and 0.420 nm p-v). Since this predicted value is small compared to the total allowable figure error (0.75 nm rms), the gravity induced surface deformation is not a problem.

## 5 Appendix: Surface Deformation Map from the FEA

The Matlab m-files for reading the finite element results from I-DEAS in the Universal File Format (UFF), described in [T050125-00](#)<sup>8</sup>, were extended for this analysis, to handle static results. The readuff.m file is included in the T050184-01.zip file associated with this memo. Also included in the zip file is the Matlab m-file, importFEAnodal.m, used to call uffread.m and create the interpolated grid plots and perform the Zernike fit. importFEAnodal.m is listed below.

The results for the stress, strain and deformation fields (at all nodal points) are embedded in the associated universal file. From this file, with suitable extensions to readuff.m, one could calculate the birefringence as well.

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<sup>8</sup> D. Coyne, "Transforming Finite Element Eigensolutions to State Space Models", [LIGO-T050125-00](#), 23 Jul 2005.

```
1  % interpolateFEAresults.m
2  % Import Finite Element Analysis (FEA) nodal results
3  % Import Universal File Format (UFF) or UNV file data from I-DEAS
4  % 2005-09-24, D. Coyne
5  % Notes:
6  % 1) Using an extension of the UFF Read m-file, readuff.m, dated 9/24/2005
7  % 2) This version is written for the results of a specific ITM FEA;
8  %    adaptation/generalization for another finite element model requires
9  %    some editing.
10
11 [UffDataSets,Info,errmsg] = readuff('ITM_gravity_sag.unv');
12
13 if Info.nErrors ~= 0
14     for ii=1:Info.nErrors
15         disp(Info.errorMsgs{ii});
16     end
17 end
18
19 % echo header information
20 iHeader=find(Info.dsTypes==151);
21 UffDataSets{iHeader}
22
23 % echo units information
24 iUnits=find(Info.dsTypes==164);
25 UffDataSets{iUnits}
26
27 % nodal information
28 iNodal=find(Info.dsTypes==2411);
29 UffDataSets{iNodal}
30
31 % permanent groups
32 iGroups=find(Info.dsTypes==2452);
33 UffDataSets{iGroups}
34 % in this case the dataset I want is the the 8th
35 % labeled "front surface nodes"
36 UffDataSets{iGroups}.groupName{8}
37 frontSurfaceNodes = UffDataSets{iGroups}.entityTag{8};
38 nFrontSurfaceNodes = size(frontSurfaceNodes,2);
39
40 % nodal analysis information
41 iNodalResults=find(Info.dsTypes==2414);
42 UffDataSets{iNodalResults}
43 % in this case the first dataset has the displacements
44 % and is the one I want
45 nNodalSets = length(iNodalResults);
46
47 % node numbers
48 nodeNumbers = UffDataSets{iNodalResults(1)}.nodeNum;
49 nNodes = length(nodeNumbers);
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50
51 % extract front surface node group positions
52 for i=1:nFrontSuraceNodes
53     pos(i)=find(UffDataSets{iNodal}.nodeLabel==frontSurfaceNodes(i));
54     frontSurfaceNodePositions(i,:)=[UffDataSets{iNodal}.x(pos(i)),UffDataSets{iNodal}.
y(pos(i)),UffDataSets{iNodal}.z(pos(i))];
55 end
56
57 % Plot Front Surface Nodal Pattern
58 figure(1)
59 plot3(frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,1),frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,2),frontSurfaceNodeP
ositions(:,3),'go')
60 axis equal
61 title('Surface Nodal Pattern')
62 %print surface_nodes.ps -dpsc2
63
64 % extract front surface node group deformation
65 for i=1:nFrontSuraceNodes
66     pos(i)=find(UffDataSets{iNodalResults(1)}.nodeNum==frontSurfaceNodes(i));
67     frontSurfaceNodeDeform(i,:)=[UffDataSets{iNodalResults(1)}.r1(pos(i)),UffDataSets{
iNodalResults(1)}.r2(pos(i)),UffDataSets{iNodalResults(1)}.r3(pos(i))];
68 end
69
70 % Plot Front Surface Deformation Shape
71 scale=0.05;
72 figure(2)
73 plot3(frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,1)+scale*frontSurfaceNodeDeform(:,1), ...
74     frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,2)+scale*frontSurfaceNodeDeform(:,2), ...
75     frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,3)+scale*frontSurfaceNodeDeform(:,3),'go')
76 axis square
77 grid on
78 title('Surface Deformation')
79 rotate3d on
80
81 % Interpolate from nonuniform nodal grid to a uniform grid & plot
82     ngrid=51;
83     w = 0.20;
84     dx = w/(ngrid-1);
85     xi = -w/2:dx:w/2;
86     yi=xi';
87     [xi,yi,zi]=griddata(frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,1),frontSurfaceNodePositions(:,2)
,frontSurfaceNodeDeform(:,3),xi,yi);
88     figure;
89     surf(xi,yi,zi)
90     shading interp
91     title(strcat('Front Surface Displacement from Gravity Load'))
92     xlabel('Horizontal Distance from Center (m)');
93     ylabel('Vertical Distance from Center (m)');
94     zlabel('Deformation Normal to Surface (m)')
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95     rotate3d on
96
97     figure;
98     v = -2e-9:0.1e-9:2e-9;
99     [C,h] = contour(xi,yi,zi,v);
100    axis equal;
101    clabel(C,h)
102    xlabel('Horizontal Distance from Center (m)');
103    ylabel('Vertical Distance from Center (m)');
104
105    % least squares fit to Zernikes
106    xf=reshape(xi,1,ngrid^2);
107    yf=reshape(yi,1,ngrid^2);
108    zf=reshape(zi,1,ngrid^2);
109    rad = sqrt(xf.^2 + yf.^2);
110    theta = atan2(yf, xf);
111    % choose only points in the central region !!!!
112    radiusCentral = 0.06;
113    disp(['central region radius = ',num2str(radiusCentral,3),' (m)']);
114    include=find(rad <= radiusCentral);
115    radiusNormalize = min(radiusCentral,max(rad));
116    r = rad(include)/radiusNormalize;
117    t = theta(include);
118    z = zi(include);
119
120    % calculate the mean and rms in the central region
121    zMean = mean(z);
122    zPV = max(z) - min(z);
123    zRms = norm(z)/sqrt(length(z));
124    disp(['mean surface deformation in the central region = ',num2str(zMean,5),' (m)' ↵
125    ])
126    disp(['p-v surface deformation in the central region = ',num2str(zPV,5),' (m)'])
127    disp(['rms surface deformation in the central region = ',num2str(zRms,5),' (m)'])
128
129    % Zernike decomposition
130    A = [ones(size(r)); r.*cos(t); r.*sin(t); -1+2*r.^2; r.^2.*cos(2*t); r.^2.*sin(2* ↵
131    t); ...
132          (3*r.^2 - 2).*r.*cos(t); (3*r.^2 - 2).*r.*sin(t); 6*r.^4 - 6*r.^2 + 1]';
133    Ainv = pinv(A);
134    zernf = z*Ainv';
135    disp('Zernike fits (nm):')
136    disp(['Z1, piston           = ',num2str(zernf(1)*1e9,5)])
137    disp(['Z2, yaw             = ',num2str(zernf(2)*1e9,5)])
138    disp(['Z3, pitch          = ',num2str(zernf(3)*1e9,5)])
139    disp(['Z4, focus           = ',num2str(zernf(4)*1e9,5)])
140    disp(['Z5, astigmatism (0) = ',num2str(zernf(5)*1e9,5)])
141    disp(['Z6, astigmatism (45) = ',num2str(zernf(6)*1e9,5)])
142    disp(['Z7, x-Coma          = ',num2str(zernf(7)*1e9,5)])
143    disp(['Z8, y-Coma          = ',num2str(zernf(8)*1e9,5)])
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142     disp(['Z9, spherical          = ', num2str(zernf(9)*1e9,5)])
143
144     % remove piston, tip, tilt
145     zCorrected = z - zernf(1:3) * A(:,1:3)';
146     zCorrectedMean = mean(zCorrected);
147     zCorrectedPV = max(zCorrected) - min(zCorrected);
148     zCorrectedRms = norm(zCorrected)/sqrt(length(zCorrected));
149     disp(['mean (piston,tip & tilt removed) = ', num2str(zCorrectedMean,5), ' (m)'])
150     disp(['p-v (piston,tip & tilt removed) = ', num2str(zCorrectedPV,5), ' (m)'])
151     disp(['rms (piston,tip & tilt removed) = ', num2str(zCorrectedRms,5), ' (m)'])
152
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