## Collaborations through REUs – A Lehigh Facility User Experience

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#### **Research Group, Spring 2023**



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#### **Undergraduate Research**

The lab has a large group of undergraduates doing active research. Currently about 25 undergraduate students.







#### **Banded Rotary Friction Device (BRFD)**





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#### **BRFD** Timeline

The BRFD was:

- Built in my home shop in 2014
- Journal paper published in 2015
- Iowa State Shop Manager pressed us to trash it in Fall 2017; Jim Ricles asked us to ship it Lehigh.

#### Iowa State lab manager happy to see it go!



#### BRFD in 2019 with new bands



#### **BRFD Further Developed over three summers**

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REU students participating in summer REUs have continued the project since 2019





## Mitchell Stiles – System Hardware Improvement



#### **Expanding to Semi-active Device**

New device is being engineered to create a stiffer design and incorporate electric actuators to create a semi-actively controlled friction damping device.





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Rendering new Design



#### **New Structure to Drum Connection**



Old drum with previous connection



Mode Number	Frequency (Hz)
1	60.64
2	71.9
3	275.6
4	285.6
5	367.6

#### **Methodology (Drawings and Simulation)**



New steel drum



simulation is of the new frame and support struts



## Daniel Coble – Friction Modeling using Physics Informed Machine Learning



### **Problems in modeling friction**

- Rate-dependent properties.
- Hysteretic behavior.
- Stribeck effect: static friction is greater than kinetic friction.
- Backlash: loss of friction during reversal of travel.





#### **Device Characterization**

- The device was characterized with four sinusoidal displacement tests with frequencies between 0.1 Hz and 1.0 Hz.
- The backlash effect: self-energizing effect depletes during reversal of travel.



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#### **Model Development**

- Physics-informed component: the LuGre model.
- A 'rate and state' model with one state variable commonly used to describe dry friction systems.
- Physical interpretation of parameters:
  - Static parameters: , , .
  - Dynamic parameters: , , .
- controls hysteresis rate of change-backlash effect.

 $\dot{z} = v - \sigma_0 \frac{|v|}{g(v)} z$   $F = \sigma_0 z + \sigma_1 \dot{z} + \sigma_2 v$   $g(v) = F_c + (F_s - F_c)^{\left(\frac{v}{v_s}\right)}$ 



#### **Model Development**

- Machine-learning component: Long short-term memory.
- A class of recurrent neural network designed to detect longer time-series patterns than standard RNNs.
- State vectors and maintain state information.





#### **Model Training**

- Static parameters , , and found with a least-squares analysis.
- Supervised training procedure using damping force measured during characterization test.
- Backpropagation provides an error gradient as an intermediate value in updating weights.

#### Forward inference





- Compared against LuGre models found with least-squares fit.
- Normalized root mean squared error from 6.71% to 3.16%, a reduction of 53%.
- Most of the error reduction comes from the ability to reproduce the backlash effect.



#### Comparison between standard LuGre model and physics-ML model



- The ML model produced a time-dependent function for —without any measurement of .
- Applications in 'indirect measurement' time-series characterization of physical systems.



# Parker Huggins – Characterization of a Semi-active Model



#### **Test Setup**







#### **BRFD Modeling Difficulties**



- **Friction:** stiction, hysteresis, etc.
- **Deflections:** electric actuators/ friction bands
- Sensitivity: initial conditions



## **Damper Force Amplification**



- Factor by which the BRFD amplifies its input
- Ratio of damping force to slack-actuator force

Forward rotation:

#### **Backward rotation:**

- BRFD capable of achieving amplification factors
- Amplification **increases** with pretension forces



#### **Passive to Semi-active**





## Approach

- Sets of passive characterization tests conducted for analysis
- Used sinusoidal input with amplitude **1** in and frequency **0.5** Hz
- Electric actuators incrementally retracted between tests
- Data from **90** tests collected in total



#### **Regression Analysis**

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- Actuator initial positions **vs.** static/kinetic friction
- Slopes → rates at which damping changes with actuator displacements
- Linear models ignore potential for actuator coupling



• Model able to predict changes in damping induced by electric actuator displacements



### **BRFD 2023 Lehigh**







## **THANK YOU!**

## WANT THE DATA?

https://github.com/ARTS-Laboratory/Dataset-Friction-Damper-with-Backlash



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