Module Prototyping & Testing Programme 2022

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Current Module Design



- The current main beam supporting system design
- Based around 'universal joints'
 - Both the structure prealignment and the active girder alignment
- The girder adjustment system is based around 5 of the existing (vertical/large variant) linear actuators
 - No longitudinal adjustment
- We intend to manufacture and test some prototype systems to verify the design this year

Universal Joints

Structure Prealignment System



Universal Joint Stiffness

Predicted Stiffness



Above: The results of compressive testing of a 22mm Diameter bearing prototype universal joint compared to the equivalent axisymmetric FEA.

Harmonic Response



Left: The primary (55Hz) harmonic mode of a recent CLIC module design

Left: The Z (vertical) and Y (transverse) axis frequency response for a module design, exposed to an in-phase vertical base oscillation

Prototype Structure Alignment Platforms





- Version 3 of the SAS alignment platform
 - Flexure based
- Version 3.5 of the SAS alignment platform
 - Used a single universal joint to verify kinematics etc.

Future Prototype Platform



Above: the design of a new generation accelerating structure positioning prototype based around universal joints

- We have a design for new prototype of the structure alignment system (V4)
 - Based around joints
 - Updated girder dimensions
 - Updated materials etc.
- Currently in manufacture
- We will test similarly to the previous prototypes
 - Range/resolution
- Also possible to add weight to the plate and carry out further testing
 - EMA Experimental Modal Analysis etc.

Future Prototype Module

- We have a design for new prototype of the girder alignment system
 - Similarly uses joints, in this case driven by the large linear actuators
 - Steel girder means we can assemble a girder and add structures later
 - We would like to test this system



Within the Module Lab

- The goal is to carry the testing in the Module Lab (building 18)
- There is space on the main beam side
- The SAS prealignment system can be integrated
- Compatible with the existing sensor wires

Testing

- We are interested in testing this system. This testing could be relatively simple or more comprehensive.
- The level of detail somewhat depends on the level of input from BE-GM
- Simplest testing:
 - Adjusting individual actuators and physically/manually measuring the result, or using the WPS
 - Using the existing equipment within the module lab (bld 18)
 - Could potentially be done by myself and or a technical or summer student
 - Would be significantly easier if someone who is familiar with the equipment from GM could spare a few hours to get us started
- Comprehensive testing:
 - Implementing an automatic feedback system using the actuators and the WPS sensors
 - A girder position could be entered and moved to, compensating for parasitic motion etc.
 - Would probably require significant input from Geodetic Metrology
- Somewhere in between?
 - Depending on the availability and interest of BE-GM

End support showing vertical and lateral actuators



Summary

- We are manufacturing prototypes of the structure prealignment and active girder positioning systems
- We intend to test the girder positioning system within the module test lab. The exact testing we do, and how quickly we can do it, depends on the input from BE-GM:
 - We can move individual actuators, and measure the response of the girder.
 - This would be much easier if someone is able to spare a few hours one day to demonstrate the actuator control system which is already installed within the module lab.
 - We can implement a more complete system, using the wire position sensors and the actuators to move the girder to a specific point in space
 - Would probably require significant input from Geodetic Metrology to implement an automatic feedback loop with the actuators and the WPS sensors
 - We can do something in-between, depending on the availability and interest of BE-GM
- How interested are the Geodetic Metrology Group in being involved?

