

AUTHORS' CLOSURE

The authors wish to thank Dr. Dickinson for his comments and his interests, as well as for the verification of the results presented.

The authors agree with the discussor that a possible coupling between the panels may exist. For demonstration reasons the paper was carried out by neglecting the coupling effects (see Introduction [1]). It is interesting to note that the improved version as provided by the discussor shows a closer agreement between his analytic results and the experimental frequencies obtained by the authors. This seems to affirm that the experimental work was well carried out. Recognizing the fact that there would be additional modes involved if the coupling effects were included, the authors were unable to observe any additional mode than those reported in the original paper. They intend to verify this in the near future.

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