

## ME 254: Compliant Mechanisms

Assigned: Feb. 21, 2023

Homework 3

Due: Mar. 2, 2023

*Submit paper copies of your solution and email the codes to the instructor and TA.*

### Question 1 (10 points)

Using folded-beam suspension “elastic pair” and Displacement-amplifying compliant mechanism, design a single-axis compliant mechanism for microfabrication using silicon for the following specifications:

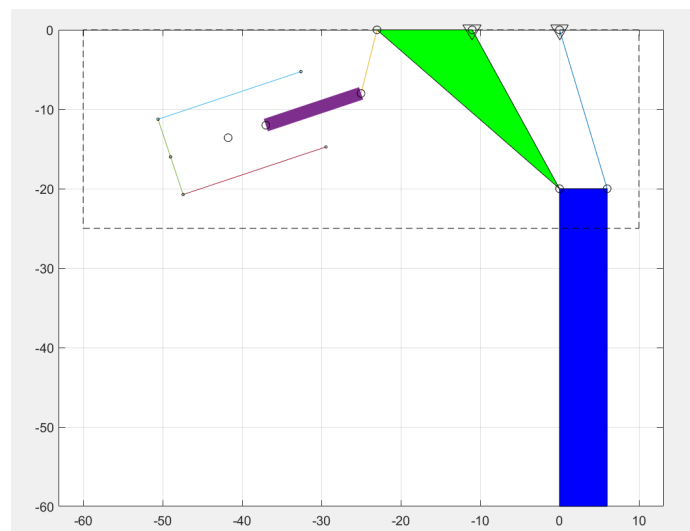
- Should fit an area of  $3\text{ mm} \times 3\text{ mm}$  including fixed supports.
- Design such that the displacement due to  $1\text{ g}$  (i.e.,  $9.81\text{ m/s}^2$ ) acceleration is as large as possible.
- The in-plane width of beams cannot be less than  $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and the out-of-plane thickness is  $25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .
- Young’s modulus is  $150\text{ GPa}$ .

Analyze your design using beam FEA code and COMSOL Multiphysics software. Submit the details of your design and results of analysis.

*Extra 5 points for 3D-printing a scaled-up prototype.*

### Question 2 (10 points)

The dimensions of a door-hinge are given to you in a Matlab file. Write the analysis code and animate the mechanism. Adjust the dimensions such that the “door” rotates by  $90^\circ$  as closely as possible. Ensure that the entire mechanism except the four-bar portion stays within the dashed rectangle throughout the motion. See figure below.



All dimensions are in mm.