

1418. Contact stiffness of bolted joint with different material combination in machine tools

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Abstract. Bolted joint is a commonly used complex flexible interface in machine tools. The stiffness influential factors-based dynamic model provides a high accuracy modeling method of bolted joints in machine tools. The key of wide application of this method is the database of the stiffness matrices of bolted joints under different conditions. This paper mainly concerns the contact stiffness of bolted joints with different material combination in machine tools and tries to establish the relationship of them. Using the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic modeling method, the contact stiffness of bolted joint is expressed as the stiffness matrix of the connection finite element. After impact modal tests were carried on the specimens, stiffness matrices of bolted joints with different material combinations are identified from the frequency response functions. The ratio of the stiffness matrices validates the effectiveness of the conclusion that the contact stiffness of bolted joints with different material combination is proportional to the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus deduced from Hertz contact theory. The reliable proportional relationship provides a great convenience to the wide application of the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic modeling method of bolted joint.

Keywords: different material combination, equivalent elastic modulus, bolted joint, proportional relationship, contact stiffness.

Nomenclature

HT250-HT250	The material of one sub-structure is HT250 and the other is HT250
HT250-45#	The material of one sub-structure is HT250 and the other is 45#
45#-45#	The material of one sub-structure is 45# and the other is 45#

1. Introduction

Bolted joint is widely used in machine tools, ships, automobiles, aerospace and bridge structures and the performance of bolted joints significantly affects the static and dynamic response of those structures due to the fact that the added flexibility of the assembled structures caused by the bolted joint is heavy. The proper representation of bolted joint is the key to obtain the accurate static and dynamic response of those assembled structures. At present, the finite element analysis is a popular and effective method to predict the characteristics of the structures. However, there is not an available effective model of bolted joint in the commercial finite element package. During the past many decades, many works have addressed the issue of the model of bolted joint. There are three popular modeling methodologies in literatures. The first is the direct finite element model, for example, the three dimensional (3D) detailed finite element model as presented in [1-7], the elastoplastic element pair [8], a combination of linear and nonlinear springs with a viscous damper [9], two-node connector elements [10], a combination of beam elements coupled to rigid contact surfaces [11], the spring-based model [12, 13]. In the second methodology, the bolted joint was presented by a thin layer of elasto-plastic material [14] or a layer elastic virtual material [15].

The third is the combined experimental-analytical model, for example, the GW model [16], the spring-damper model [17, 18], the isoperimetric contact elements model [19], the stiffness influential factors-based modeling method [20], generally, there is parameter identification included in this methodology. All of the models were attempted to understand the basic physics of bolted joints, as proposed in [21], the models should be physics based. Nevertheless, it is not an easy work because of the complexity of bolted joints.

The static and dynamic response of bolted joints is affected by many factors. Several researches have been done on the issue. Salih and Patil [22] investigated the effects of material properties, tensile load, adhesive thickness, bolt diameter and over lap on the load transfer in bolted joint. Khashab et al. [23] studied the influence of the tightening torque and the washer outer size on the strength of bolted joints. Ekh and Schon [24] mentioned that the geometry and material properties of the fastener and the connected components affected the mechanisms of the joint. Huang et al. [25] showed that the principal influential factors of bolted joint dynamic characteristics include material properties of the two connected sub-structures, roughness, geometry shape, contact size, pre-tightening force, media between the mating surfaces and so on. The material properties (elastic modulus, Poisson's ratio etc.) affect the deformation of the two connected surfaces under external force, so it influences the dynamic characteristics of bolted joint greatly. He [26, 27] investigated the influence of material on free torsional and transverse vibration of the single lap-jointed cantilevered self-piercing riveting (SPR) beams using finite element method (FEM). It showed that the torsional and transverse natural frequencies of the SPR beam increase significantly as elastic modulus increases, change slightly corresponding to the change of Poisson's ratio, but decrease as mass density increases. Shimizu [28] obtained the contact stiffness of joint with different material combination through quantitative measurement method. His test result indicated that the more the longitudinal elastic modulus is large, the more contact stiffness becomes large.

In literature [20], the author (Kuanmin Mao) and his co-workers proposed the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic model of bolted joints in machine tools. The joints between every two neighboring bolts for the linear connection or every four neighboring bolts for the array connection are considered as a connection finite element. Each of the elements has 8 nodes and every node has 3 degrees of freedom resulting in 24 degrees of freedom in total. The contact stiffness of bolted joint, which is mainly affected by materials, roughness, pre-tightening force and the contact size, is expressed as the stiffness matrix with 24×24 dimension. Through the validated examples presented in the paper, it is proved to provide a high accuracy dynamic modeling method of bolted joints. However, in the prior work, only the bolted joint with the material combination of 45#-45# is studied. The key of wide application of the modeling method in design is the acquisition of the database of stiffness matrices of bolted joints under different conditions, for example, different material combination.

The purpose of this paper is attempted to obtain the reliable relationship of stiffness matrices of bolted joints with different material combination and provide convenience to establish the stiffness matrix database. At first, based on Hertz contact theory, the relationship that the contact stiffness of bolted joint with different material combination is proportional to the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus is obtained. According to the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic model, the contact stiffness of bolted joints with material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45# which is commonly used in machine tools is studied in the form of stiffness matrix of the connection finite element. The ratios among these stiffness matrices validate the proportional relationship obtained based on the Hertz contact theory is reliable. At the end, the beam-rail bolted connected long beam and the bed-column bolted connected block structure are employed to show the application of the reliable proportional relationship.

2. The proportional relationship of material properties and contact stiffness of bolted joint

In machine tools, two or more components are reliable connected by bolts. There might be

dynamic loading in three directions acted on the bolted joint. From the microscopic perspective, the mechanical surface which connected by bolted joint is not a true rigid surface, but composed of a series of asperities with different heights. These asperities can be simplified as many hemispheres with different radius. The contact of the asperities can be thought as a series of hemispheres with different radius in contact. Before the deduction, the following assumptions are adopted: a) the rough surface is isotropic; b) the asperities of surfaces are far apart and there is no interaction between them.

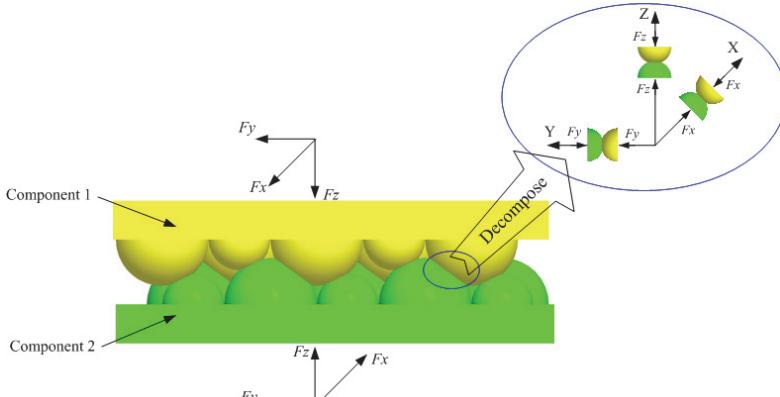


Fig. 1. Contact of two rough surfaces which connected by bolted joint

As shown in Fig. 1, when the three directions dynamic loading acted on the two contact rough surfaces, in the contact zone, those asperities undergo elastic and plastic deformation in the three directions, including one normal direction and two tangential directions. Therefore, the contact of two asperities can be decomposed into the contact of two hemispheres with different radius in the three directions. In the normal direction (the Z direction shown in Fig. 1), the contact of two hemispheres with radius R_1 and R_2 under loading p (F_z) is shown in Fig. 2. The normal deformation δ and radius of contact zone r [29] will be described by:

$$\delta = \frac{r^2}{R} = \left(\frac{9}{16} \frac{p^2}{RE^{*2}} \right)^{1/3}, \quad (1)$$

$$r = \left(\frac{3pR}{4E^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad (2)$$

where R is the equivalent radius of contact and E^* is the equivalent elastic modulus of contact surfaces:

$$R = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)^{-1}, \quad (3)$$

$$E^* = \left(\frac{1 - v_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1 - v_2^2}{E_2} \right)^{-1}, \quad (4)$$

where v_1 and v_2 are Poisson's ratios of the two contact components; and E_1 and E_2 are the Young's moduli of the two contact components. The normal contact stiffness of the two hemispheres is obtained from Eq. (1) and Eq. (2):

$$k_z = \frac{dp}{d\delta} = 2E^* \sqrt{R\delta} = 2E^* r = \left(\frac{3pR}{32} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} E^{*\frac{2}{3}}. \quad (5)$$

The equivalent radius R of contact can be expressed as [30]:

$$R = \frac{1}{\pi^2} G^{1-D} a^{1-0.5D}, \quad (6)$$

where D is the fractal dimension of surface profile, G is the fractal roughness parameter and a is the area of contact zone. According to literature [31], the relation between D , G and roughness R_a of the contact surface is expressed as:

$$D = \frac{1.2996}{R_a^{0.2178}}, \quad (7)$$

$$G = 10^{\frac{8.2594}{R_a^{0.2181}}}. \quad (8)$$

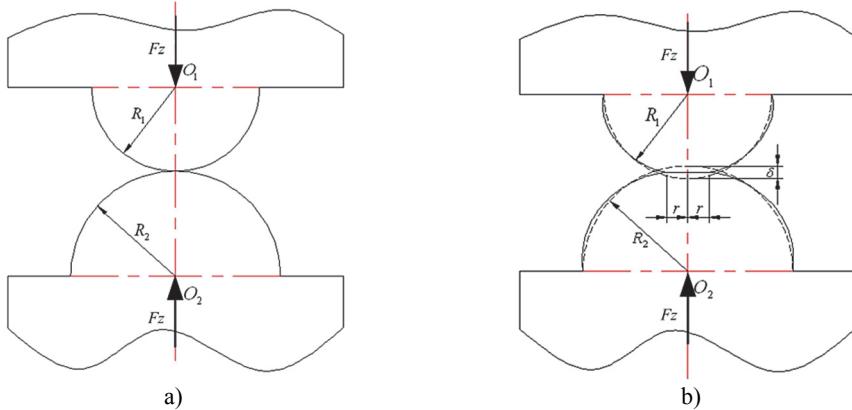


Fig. 2. The contact of two hemispheres with different radius in normal direction:
a) Before deformation; b) After deformation

Eqs. (5)-(8) show that the normal contact stiffness of the two hemispheres is decided by the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus, roughness of the contact surfaces and the loading. Further, the normal contact stiffness is directly proportional to the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus.

Based on the two assumptions presented above, the same relationship can be obtained that the contact stiffness in the two tangential directions is directly proportional to the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus. Due to the fact that the material we studied is isotropic, therefore, the conclusion that the contact stiffness in the three directions is directly proportional to the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus of the two contact components. The relationship can be expressed like this:

$$K_i^{m_1-m_2} : K_i^{m_3-m_4} = E_{m_1-m_2}^* : E_{m_3-m_4}^*, \quad (9)$$

where $K_i^{m_1-m_2}$ and $K_i^{m_3-m_4}$ are contact stiffness of bolted joints with material combinations of $m_1 - m_2$ and $m_3 - m_4$. $E_{m_1-m_2}^*$ and $E_{m_3-m_4}^*$ are the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus. And m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4 are the material of the components which are connected by bolts.

3. Stiffness matrices of bolted joint with different material combination

In this study, according to the stiffness influential factor-based dynamic model, the contact stiffness of bolted joint is expressed in the form of stiffness matrix of the connection finite element. The proportional relationship between the contact stiffness and the corresponding equivalent

elastic modulus of bolted joint is validated by the stiffness matrices of bolted joint identified from the frequency response functions (FRFs) which are obtained after the impact modal test is carried on the specimens made of different material combinations.

According to our investigation, in machine tools, the most commonly used material of the two components which connected by bolted joint includes HT250 and 45#, where HT250 is a gray iron whose tensile strength is 250 MPa and 45# is a carbon steel whose carbon content is about 0.45 %. Therefore, in this work, the stiffness matrices of bolted joint with material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45# are studied. According to the dynamic model method proposed in the literature [20], a series of specimens similar to Fig. 3 are designed and manufactured and the corresponding stiffness matrices of those bolted joints are obtained. As shown in Fig. 3, one specimen is composed of two sub-structures which have the same contact size ('a' and 'b' which is shown in Fig. 3(b)). The sizes and materials of all the manufactured sub-structures are listed in Table 1. So, there are 24 specimens in total. Based on the material combination, those specimens are divided into three groups, eight are HT250-HT250, eight are HT250-45#, and eight are 45#-45#. Some manufactured sub-structures are shown in Fig. 3(c).

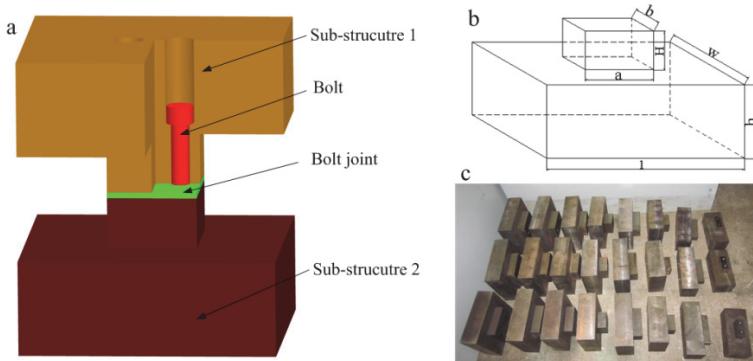


Fig. 3. a) Structure of the specimen; b) a sub-structure of the specimen; c) some prepared sub-structures

Table 1. Information of all sub-structures

No.	a (mm)	b (mm)	H (mm)	l (mm)	w (mm)	h (mm)	Material
1	80	30	45	230	100	85	HT250
2	80	30	45	230	100	85	45#
3	80	63	45	230	160	85	HT250
4	80	63	45	230	160	85	45#
5	80	90	45	230	230	85	HT250
6	80	90	45	230	230	85	45#
7	80	130	45	230	250	85	HT250
8	80	130	45	230	250	85	45#
9	145	30	45	270	100	85	HT250
10	145	30	45	270	100	85	45#
11	145	63	45	270	180	85	HT250
12	145	63	45	270	180	85	45#
13	145	90	45	270	230	85	HT250
14	145	90	45	270	230	85	45#
15	145	130	45	270	250	85	HT250
16	145	130	45	270	250	85	45#

In this section, the specimen which is composed of a No. 5 and a No. 6 sub-structure is taken as an example to show the identification of the stiffness matrix. So, the specimen contains a bolted joint with the material combination of HT250-45#. The roughness of contact surfaces is 0.8 μm and the pre-tightening torque is 90 Nm.

The impact modal test setup is shown in Fig. 4(a), including the LMS mobile acquisition, the specimen, several accelerometers (PCB 356A15), an impact hammer (PCB 086D05) and so on. The specimen is hung under truss with a soft string to simulate the free-free boundary conditions. The impact hammer with an aluminum head is used to excite the specimen. The vibration signals are measured by the accelerometers. The position of measurement points and the driving point is shown in Fig. 4(b). When the impact modal test is carried on the specimen, the excitation signal is monitored by the force sensor in the impact hammer, the measured FRFs of the specimen are obtained by H_v estimation method provided by the LMS test.lab. During the test, the force window and exponential window are applied to the force and response signals, respectively. Fig. 4(c) shows one measured FRF (the first DOF of the first node under the conditions of the roughness of the contact surface is 0.8 μm and the pre-tightening torque is 90 Nm). The modal data of the specimen are estimated by the Time MDOF method provided by the LMS test.lab. The measured FRFs are used to identify the stiffness matrix of the connection finite element and the modal data is used to validate the effectiveness of the identified stiffness matrix.

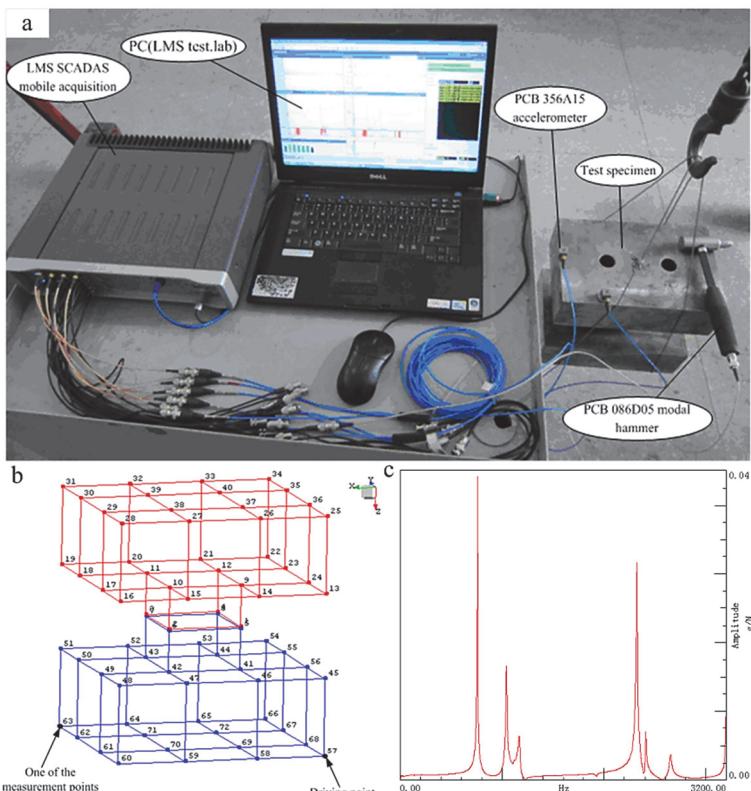


Fig. 4. Modal test a) experiment setup; b) the schematic drawing of the measurement points; c) the measured FRF curve of the first DOF of the first node

Table 2. Experimental and analytical frequencies of the test specimen

Mode shape	Modal frequencies (Hz)					
	Yawing	Rolling	Pitching	Left-right translation	Front-back translation	Up-down translation
Experimental results	748.4	1027.3	1150.4	2305.2	2385.2	2622.3
Analytical results	733.3	926.1	1031.6	2473	2543.2	2856.9

According to parameter identification method of the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic modeling method, the stiffness matrix of bolted joint contained in the specimen is

identified, which is shown in Appendix. The identified stiffness matrix is inserted into the finite element model of the specimen in MSC.PATRAN. The analytical modal data of the whole specimen are obtained. The comparison of experimental and analytical modal frequencies is shown in Table 2. It indicates the identified stiffness matrix represents the contact stiffness of the bolted joint accurately and reliably. So, the relationship of the stiffness matrices of bolted joint with different material combination represents the relationship of the corresponding contact stiffness.

Similar to the process described above, the modal test is carried on all the specimens, and the corresponding stiffness matrices are obtained. To increase the number of stiffness matrix, the roughness (R_a) of bolted joint ranges two levels of $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ and $1.6 \mu\text{m}$, and the bolted pre-tightening torque (T) ranges two levels of 90 Nm and 60 Nm . Therefore, there are 96 stiffness matrices in total. The first element K_{11} of these matrices is shown in Fig. 5. It is found that, under the same conditions (including roughness of contact surfaces, pre-tightening force, contact size and so on), relationships of stiffness matrices of bolted joint with the three material combinations can be shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} K_i^{HT-45} &= 1.3K_i^{HT-HT}, \\ K_i^{45-45} &= 1.75K_i^{HT-HT}, \\ K_i^{45-45} &= 1.35K_i^{HT-45}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where, K_i^{HT-HT} , K_i^{HT-45} and K_i^{45-45} are the stiffness matrices of bolted joints with the material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45#.

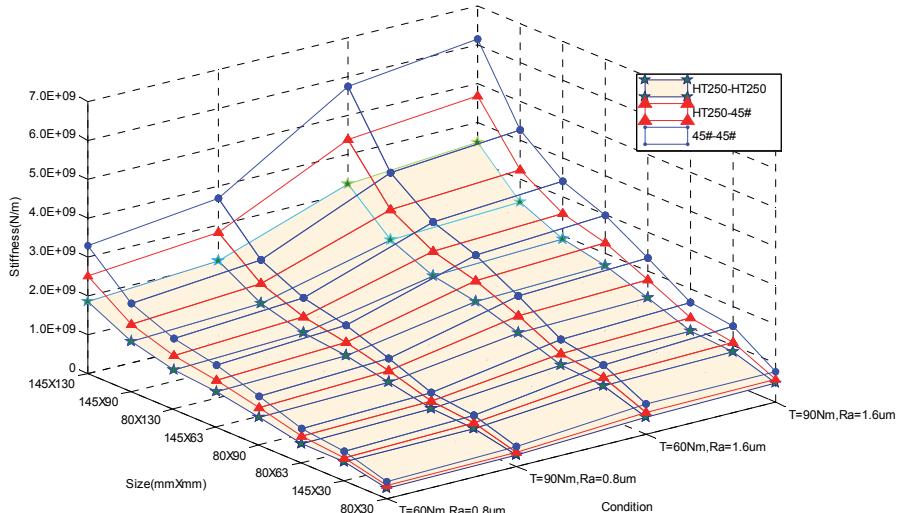


Fig. 5. K_{11} of all stiffness matrices

It is easy to establish the relationship of the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus of the three different material combinations. It is shown as:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{HT-45}^* &= 1.3E_{HT-HT}^*, \\ E_{45-45}^* &= 1.75E_{HT-HT}^*, \\ E_{45-45}^* &= 1.35E_{HT-45}^*, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where, E_{HT-HT}^* , E_{HT-45}^* and E_{45-45}^* are the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus of the material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45#.

Comparing Eq. (10) and Eq. (11), it is not difficult to find that the ratios of the stiffness

matrices of bolted joints with the material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45# are equal to the ratios of the corresponding equivalent elastic modulus. It indicates the proportional relationship obtained in Section 2 is reliable. As mentioned above, in application of the stiffness influential factors-based model we proposed, the key is to establish the database of the stiffness matrix. Using the reliable relationship, we do not need to obtain the stiffness matrix of all the three material combinations. Instead, it just needs to obtain the stiffness matrices of bolted joint with one material combination under different conditions and the two others are obtained by the proportional relationship. It provides a great convenience to the wide application of the stiffness influential factors-based dynamic model.

4. Application of the proportional relationship

4.1. The beam-rail bolted connected long beam

According to the connection between beam and rail in the MC2000 Plano Machining center, we designed and manufactured a beam-rail bolted connected long beam. The long beam is made of two identical sub-structures, as shown in Fig. 6. The size of the sub-structure is 1505 mm×63 mm×58 mm, and the material of the two sub-structures is 45#. The two sub-structures are connected by 20 M16 bolts, and the distance between every two adjacent bolts is 75 mm. The pre-tightening torque of every bolted is 90 Nm, and the roughness of the contact surfaces is 1.6 μm . After an impact modal test is carried on the structure under free-free boundary condition, the experimental modal frequencies and are obtained.

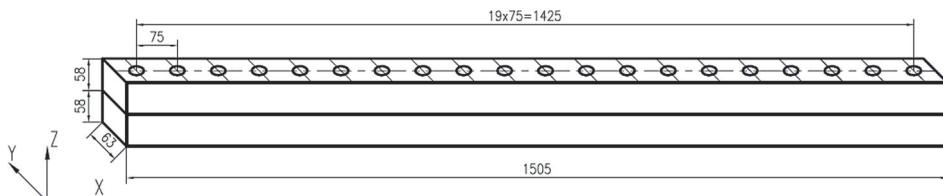


Fig. 6. Geometrical model of the beam-rail bolted connected long beam

The analytical model is established using FEM. The interface between every two adjacent bolts is simplified as a connection finite element resulting in 19 elements in total. The contact size of all the element is 63×75. Under the condition of $R_a = 1.6 \mu\text{m}$ and $T = 90 \text{ Nm}$, K_i^{HT-HT} , K_i^{HT-45} and K_i^{45-45} are obtained using the method described in Section 3. The stiffness matrix of the bolted joint is obtained using three means: i) K_i^{45-45} ; ii) $1.35K_i^{HT-45}$; iii) $1.75K_i^{HT-HT}$. Therefore, three analytical results are acquired. The comparison of the experimental modal frequencies and the analytical ones is shown in Table 3. It shows that the first four modal frequencies of the three analytical results are almost identical and agree with the experimental modal frequencies with minor errors.

Table 3. Modal frequencies of the beam-rail bolted connected long beam

	Mode shape	Experimental results	Analytical results		
			$K_j = K_i^{45-45}$	$K_j = 1.35K_i^{HT-45}$	$K_j = 1.75K_i^{HT-HT}$
f_1 (Hz)	X first-order bending	148	147.3	147.3	147.3
f_2 (Hz)	Y first-order bending	243	257.73	257.97	257.2
f_3 (Hz)	X second-order bending	402	401.37	401.37	401.37
f_4 (Hz)	X third-order bending	774	774.29	774.3	774.28

4.2. The bed-column bolted connected block structure

The column is connected to the bed by 11 M24 bolts in XHK5140 automatic tool-changing CNC vertical boring and milling machine tools. According to the connection, a bed-column bolted connected block structure is prepared, as shown in Fig. 7. The two identical sub-structures are connected together by 11 M24 bolts, and the material of the two sub-structures is HT250. The pre-tightening torque of every bolted is 90 Nm, and the roughness of the contact surfaces is 1.6 μm . After the impact modal test is carried on the structure, the experimental modal frequencies are obtained.

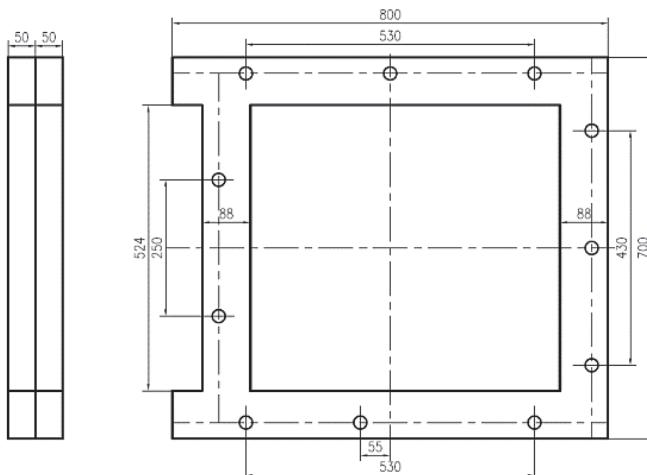


Fig. 7. The dimension of bed-column bolted connected block structure

The analytical modal frequencies and mode shapes are obtained by FEM. The joint between every two adjacent bolts is considered as a connection finite element. The stiffness matrices of the connection finite elements are obtained in three means: i) K_i^{HT-HT} ; ii) $K_i^{HT-45}/1.35$; iii) $K_i^{45-45}/1.75$. The same with the example above, there are three analytical modal frequencies and mode shapes, as listed in Table 4 and Table 5, respectively. As shown in the table, there are almost no deviations among the three analytical results and all of the three results match the experimental results with slight errors.

Table 4. Modal frequencies of the bed-column bolted connected block structure

	Experimental results	Analytical results		
		$K_j = K_i^{HT-HT}$	$K_j = K_i^{HT-45}/1.35$	$K_j = K_i^{45-45}/1.75$
f_1 (Hz)	172.636	158.04	160.26	157.56
f_2 (Hz)	252.529	255.67	255.69	255.67
f_3 (Hz)	403.061	409.07	409.08	409.08
f_4 (Hz)	611.324	601.28	606.55	600.76

5. Conclusions

The stiffness influential factors-based modeling method we proposed has been proved to provide an effective and accurate dynamic model of bolted joint in machine tools. According to the method, the bolted joint is considered as a connection finite element and the contact stiffness is expressed as a stiffness matrix with 24×24 dimension. The key of wide application of the method is the establishment of the database of stiffness matrices of bolted joint under different conditions. This study presents a reliable proportional relationship of the stiffness matrices of bolted joint with different material combinations. Based on Hertz contact theory, the deduction

shows the contact stiffness of bolted joint with different material combination is proportional to the corresponding equivalent modulus. According to the stiffness influential factors-based modeling method, a series of specimens with different contact size, material, roughness and pre-tightening torque are manufactured. After the impact modal test and parameter identification, the stiffness matrices of bolted joints with the material combinations of HT250-HT250, HT250-45# and 45#-45# are obtained. It is not difficult to find the ratios of stiffness matrices of the three material combinations are equal to the ratios of the corresponding equivalent modulus. It indicates the relationship of contact stiffness of bolted joint with different material combination developed in this paper is reliable. Finally, the model of the beam-rail bolted connected long beam and the bed-column bolted connected block structure are presented to show application of the proportional relationship. The reliable relationship of stiffness matrices of bolted joint with different material combination can reduce the size of stiffness matrix database significantly and provide a great convenience to the application of the stiffness influential factors-based modeling method of bolted joint in machine tools. However, it is well-known that there are many isotropic materials used in machine tools except the two materials studied in this study, the proportional relationship is worth to validate on the bolted joint with other different material combinations.

Table 5. Mode shapes of the bed-column bolted connected block structure

Order	Experimental mode shapes	Analytical mode shapes		
		$K_j = K_i^{HT- HT}$	$K_j = K_i^{HT- 45}/1.35$	$K_j = K_i^{45- 45}/1.75$
1		 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:41:55) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 161.34 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 161.34 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator	 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:39:22) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 161.26 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 161.26 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator	 Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 167.65 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 7; Freq = 167.65 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator
2		 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:43:07) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 232.42 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 232.42 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator	 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:40:18) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 238.02 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 238.02 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator	 Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 268.67 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 8; Freq = 268.67 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation
3		 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:43:31) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 10; Freq = 403.47 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 10; Freq = 403.47 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translator	 MSC FEA 2005 (2/14/Feb/14 20:40:40) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 9; Freq = 409.03 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 9; Freq = 409.03 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation	 Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 10; Freq = 409.08 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 10; Freq = 409.08 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation
4		 MSC FEA 2006 (2/14/Feb/14 20:43:46) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 621.21 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 621.21 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation	 MSC FEA 2005 (2/14/Feb/14 20:40:53) Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 676.66 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 676.66 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation	 Fringe: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 600.76 Hz; Eigenvalues; Translators; Deform: Default; A1 Mode 12; Freq = 600.76 Hz; Eigenvectors; Translation

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Appendix

The identified stiffness matrix of bolted joint whose contact size is 80 mm×90 mm:

$$K_i = \begin{bmatrix} K'_i & -K'_i \\ -K'_i & K'_i \end{bmatrix},$$

$$K'_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7e9 & 5.7e5 & 4.2e7 & 9.2e8 & 1.3e5 & 8.3e6 & 4.2e8 & -6.3e5 & 4.2e6 & 9.2e8 & -1.1e5 & 2.1e7 \\ 5.7e5 & 1.7e9 & 4.3e7 & -1.2e5 & 9.2e8 & 2.1e7 & -6.3e5 & 4.2e8 & 4.7e6 & 1.3e5 & 9.2e8 & 8.5e6 \\ 4.2e7 & 4.3e7 & 5.8e9 & -8.3e6 & 2.4e7 & 2.9e9 & -4.6e6 & -4.7e6 & 1.5e9 & 2.3e7 & -8.5e6 & 2.9e9 \\ 9.2e8 & -1.2e5 & -8.3e6 & 1.7e9 & -6.3e5 & -4.2e7 & 8.3e8 & 1.1e5 & -2.1e7 & 4.6e8 & 5.7e5 & -4.6e6 \\ 1.3e5 & 9.2e8 & 2.4e7 & -6.3e5 & 1.8e9 & 4.7e7 & -1.3e5 & 8.3e8 & 9.4e6 & 6.3e5 & 4.6e8 & 4.3e6 \\ 8.3e6 & 2.1e7 & 2.9e9 & -4.2e7 & 4.7e7 & 5.8e9 & -2.3e7 & -9.4e6 & 2.9e9 & 4.6e6 & -4.3e6 & 1.5e9 \\ 4.2e8 & -6.3e7 & -4.6e6 & 8.3e8 & -1.3e5 & -2.3e7 & 1.7e9 & 5.7e5 & -4.2e7 & 9.2e8 & 1.3e5 & -9.2e6 \\ -6.3e5 & 4.2e8 & -4.7e6 & 1.1e5 & 8.3e8 & -9.4e6 & 5.7e5 & 1.7e9 & -4.3e7 & -1.1e5 & 9.2e8 & -2.4e7 \\ 4.2e6 & 4.7e6 & 1.5e9 & -2.1e7 & 9.4e6 & 2.9e9 & -4.2e7 & -4.3e7 & 5.8e9 & 9.2e6 & -2.1e7 & 2.9e9 \\ 9.2e8 & 1.3e5 & 2.3e7 & 4.6e8 & 6.3e5 & 4.6e6 & 9.2e8 & -1.1e5 & 9.2e6 & 1.7e9 & -6.3e5 & 4.6e7 \\ -1.1e5 & 9.2e8 & -8.5e6 & 5.7e5 & 4.6e8 & -4.3e6 & 1.3e5 & 9.2e8 & -2.1e7 & -6.3e5 & 1.7e9 & -4.3e7 \\ 2.1e7 & 8.5e6 & 2.9e9 & -4.6e6 & 4.3e6 & 1.5e9 & -9.2e6 & -2.4e7 & 2.9e9 & 4.6e7 & -4.3e7 & 5.8e9 \end{bmatrix}.$$



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