





where  $\nabla^4$  is the bi-Laplacian operator,  $w$  is the deflection,  
 $D$  is the flexural rigidity given by  $D= Eh^3$

$$\nabla^4 w = -\frac{\lambda}{D} \left( \bar{N}_x \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - 2\bar{N}_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} + \bar{N}_y \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (2)$$

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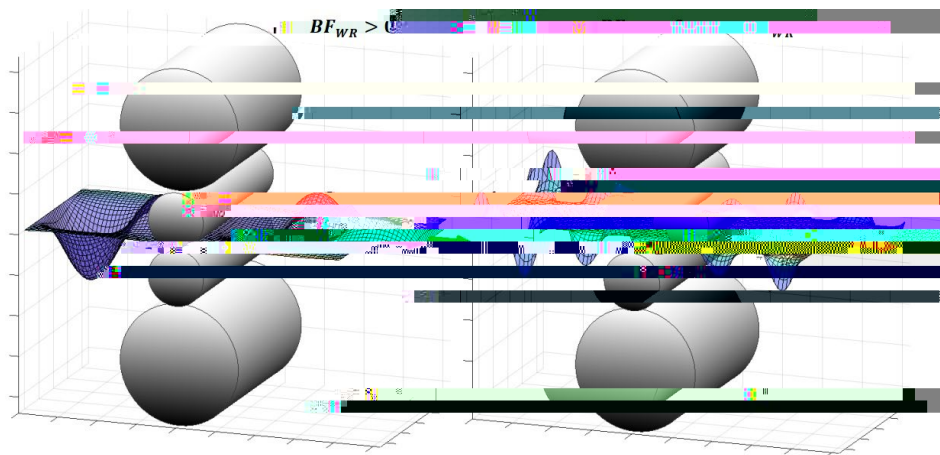


Fig.3 - 3-D visualisation of the roll stack with manifest strip shape (blue = compression, yellow= tension).  
The deformation of the roll stack is not visible in the graph.

## CONCLUSIONS

The presented model combines roll stack deflection and buckling analysis to predict latent and manifest shape errors during rolling. It links the most common process parameters directly with the buckling analysis results, providing an intuitive simulation tool. The elastic buckling validation shows that errors are below 3.3% and

2.8% for the critical loads and wavelengths, respectively.

The application section demonstrates that the buckling model is capable of predicting both critical buckling limit and modes that are characteristic for rolling.

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