

# Size-dependent vibration of bi-directional functionally graded microbeams with arbitrary boundary conditions

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## Abstract

In this paper, the free vibration behaviour of bi-dimensional functionally graded (BDFG) microbeams under arbitrary boundary conditions (BCs) is studied. Based on the frame work of the modified couple stress theory and Hamilton's principle, governing equations of motion are developed for the BDFG microbeams using a quasi-3D theory. The formula then can be reduced to a higher-order beam theory (HOBT) of conventional functionally graded (FG) microbeams with the material properties varying along the thickness direction only. Two types of BDFG microbeams with different patterns of material volume distribution are considered. The material properties used in this study are assumed to vary exponentially along both longitudinal and thickness directions of microbeams. Based on the state-space concept, the governing equations are solved for natural frequencies and vibration mode shapes of microbeams under various BCs. The effects of material distribution, geometric parameters and BCs are also investigated to examine the size-dependent behaviour of BDFG microbeams.

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## 1. Introduction

Functionally graded materials (FGMs) are a class of composite structures formed by changing the material properties in the desired directions. The gradation process of this kind of materials can create the industrial products with smooth and continuous properties, hence avoids the stress concentration, cracking and delamination phenomena occurred in conventional composites. These striking features appeal the researchers in developing the advanced theories and analysis methods to predict more precisely the behaviours of FG materials/structures. Furthermore, recent development in technology requires the understanding in even micro-/nano-scale structures, which is pushing the research for the behaviours of these small scales. There are many approaches analysing the size-dependent behaviours of structures including the molecular dynamics simulation, molecular-continuum combinations and non-classical continuum methods. Among them, the third approach has been utilised expansively due to its computational efficiency and the possibility of linking between small- and macro- structures. Within the non-classical continuum approach, the modified couple stress theory (MCST), which was developed by Yang et al. [1] by modifying the classical couples stress theory [2-5], is advantageous since it requires only one additional material length scale parameter together with two from the classical continua. This feature was presented by the theoretical framework in [1], which proved that the antisymmetric part of curvature does not appear explicitly in the strain energy.

One of the earliest work on the application of MCST was to analyse the bending behaviour of an epoxy cantilever beam by Park and Gao [6] based on Bernoulli-Euler theory, which is widely known as the classical beam theory (CBT). Kong et al. [7] compared the variation of natural frequencies of the cantilever and simply supported homogeneous beams. Xia et al. [8] studied the static, post-buckling and free vibration behaviours of an epoxy beams considering geometric nonlinearity. It is worth noting that in the CBT, the cross-section is assumed to be flat and perpendicular to the neutral axis as deformed, which actually neglects the shear deformation effect. This results in the stiffer behaviours compared to the real working order of structures. The first-order beam theory (FOBT) was then developed to include the shear effect in analysing the structural behaviours. Using the FOBT, Ma et al. [9] examined the static

and free vibration behaviours of simply supported epoxy beams. Asghari et al. [10] obtained the Navier solution for static and vibration behaviours of cantilever FG beams by the CBT and then developed this model to the FOBT and von-Karman strain formulation for a simply supported homogeneous beams. Using the differential quadrature method, Ke and Wang [11] studied the dynamic stability of FG beams under the hinged and clamped supports. Ke et al. [12] also incorporated the geometric nonlinearity effects in the free vibration of FG beams. Dehrouyeh-Semnani et al. [13] investigated the free vibration of geometrically imperfect FG beams under various BCs based on the Rayleigh-Ritz's method. Reddy [14] examined the static bending, vibration and buckling behaviours of simply supported FG beams using both CBT and FOBT, which included the geometric nonlinearity effect. Using Navier solution, Simsek et al. [15] studied static bending behaviours of FG beams. Kahrobaian et al. [16] developed a FOBT beam element and applied to the cantilever FG beams under a concentrated load and a pull-in voltage. Thai et al. [17] studied the static, vibration and buckling behaviours of FG sandwich beams without a shear correction factor. They computed the transverse shear force and shear stress by using the equilibrium equations. Nateghi and Salamat-talab [18] included the thermal effect in analysing the free vibration and buckling behaviours of FG beams using both CBT and FOBT. Akgoz and Civalek [19] utilised the Rayleigh-Ritz solution to study the free vibration of axially graded tapered beams. In the FOBT, the cross-section is still assumed to be flat while loaded, which violates the free shear stress conditions at the top and bottom surfaces, and hence a shear correction factor is needed. This leads to the proposition of the third-order beam theory (TBT), higher-order beam deformation theories (HOBT) and quasi-3D theories. The effectiveness of these theories dealing with macro structures can be found in some recent contributions [20-29]. As regarded the micro scales, Nateghi et al. [30] applied the generalized differential quadrature method (GDQM) to examine the size-dependent buckling behaviour of FG beams using the CBT, FOBT and TBT. Salamat-talab et al. [31] presented an analytical solution for the static and free vibration behaviours of simply supported beams. Ansari et al. [32] developed a general strain gradient theory using the FOBT, which comprises the MCST, in analysing the bending, vibration and buckling of FG beams by applying the GDQM. Sahmani and Ansari [33] also extended the solutions of

buckling behaviour for the TBT with the inclusion of the thermal environment effect. Mohammad-Abadi and Daneshmehr [34] considered the buckling of FG beams under the CBT, FOBT and TBT. Simsek and Reddy [35] analysed bending and vibration behaviours, as well as buckling responses of FG beams with the inclusion of elastic Pasternak medium based on various HOBTs. Akgoz and Civalek [36, 37] employed a sinusoidal shear deformation to study the static and buckling behaviours, and the thermo-mechanical buckling of FG beams embedded in Winkler elastic medium under the framework of general strain gradient theory. Darijani and Mohammadabadi [38] employed the refined fifth-order shear deformation model for static, vibration and buckling behaviours of FG beams. Al-Basyouni et al. [39] studied the bending and vibration of FG beams based on the neutral surface position and unified HOBTs. Arbind and Reddy [40] proposed nonlinear finite element models based on the CBT and FOBT to analyse the bending behaviour of FG beams. Arbind et al. [41] later expanded these models to TBT and included the analytical solution to verify the finite element models. Al-Basyouni et al. [39] utilised the neutral surface concept to analyse the bending and vibration behaviours of simply supported FG microbeams using the CBT, FOBT and sinusoidal beam theory. Trinh et al. [42] analysed static bending, vibration and buckling of simply supported beams using various shear deformation theories. A comprehensive review on the development of MCST models and other non-classical continua, such as non-local elasticity [43-51] and strain gradient [52-54] can be found in recent works by Romano et al. [48] and Thai et al. [55].

Recently, there have been some publications on the BDFG beams, in which the material properties can be tailored in both the longitudinal and thickness directions. Lu et al. [56] analysed the bending and thermal deformations of BDFG beams using a system of state-space equations on the combination of stress and displacement variables. Lezgy-Nazargah [57] studied the fully coupled thermo-mechanical static behaviour of BDFG beams using NURBS isogeometric finite element method. Simsek analysed the free and forced vibration [58] and buckling [59] of BDFG beams under various BCs. Hao and Wei [60] studied the dynamic characteristics of BDFG beams using a FOBT model. Utilising the NURBS-based isogeometric method, Huynh et al. [61] analysed the free vibration of various types of BDFG beams.

Karamanlı [62] studied the bending behaviour of a BDFG beams using different shear deformation theories and the symmetric smoothed particle hydrodynamics method. He then expanded this solution for BDFG sandwich beams using a quasi-3D theory [63]. However, only few papers investigated the small-scale analysis of BDFG beams. Nejad and Hadi [64, 65] analysed bending and vibration of BDFG nanobeams. Nejad et al. [66] also studied the buckling behaviour of these beams. In their papers, they developed the Eringen's nonlocal theory based on the CBT model with the GDQM. Shafiei and Kazemi [67] studied the buckling behaviour of BDFG porous tapered nano-/micro-scale beams using the CBT. Shafiei et al. [68] also investigated the vibration of imperfect BDFG porous nano-/micro-beams using the FOBT. As far as the authors are aware, there is no study dealing with the BDFG microbeams with arbitrary boundary conditions using the HOBT and quasi-3D theories.

This paper presents a quasi-3D model which includes both the transverse shear and normal deformation effects for the free vibration of conventional FG and BDFG microbeams. The state-space method is applied to analytically solve the governing equations for natural frequencies and vibration mode shapes of microbeams for the first time. The HOBT can be also deduced from the present quasi-3D model as a special case by neglecting the normal stretching effect. The effect of material properties, geometric parameters and BCs on the free vibration behaviour of conventional and BDFG microbeams are discussed.

## 2. Theoretical formulation

### 2.1. BDFG materials

Consider a FG microbeam with its dimensions and coordinate shown in Fig. 1a. The typical material properties of BDFG microbeams are expressed as:

$$P(x, z) = e^{V_x(x)} P(z) \quad (1)$$

where  $P(x, z)$  stands for Young's modulus  $E(x, z)$  or mass density  $\rho(x, z)$ . Poisson's ratio is assumed to be constant [58, 61]. The material properties vary exponentially along the axial

direction describing by  $V_x(x) = n_x \left( \frac{x}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ .  $P(z)$  is the function governing the variation of

material properties across the thickness. Three types of FG beams are considered in this paper including:

$$\text{Type A: } P(z) = (P_c - P_m) \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z}{h} \right)^{n_z} + P_m \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{Type B [58]: } P(z) = P_0 e^{V_z(z)}, \text{ where } V_z(z) = n_z \left( \frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (2b)$$

$$\text{Type C [61]: } P(z) = P_0 e^{V_z(z)}, \text{ where } V_z(z) = \begin{cases} 2n_z \frac{z}{h} & \text{if } z \in \left[ -\frac{h}{2}; 0 \right] \\ -2n_z \frac{z}{h} & \text{if } z \in \left[ 0; \frac{h}{2} \right] \end{cases} \quad (2c)$$

where  $P_c$  and  $P_m$  are the material properties of ceramic and metal, and  $n_z$  is the power-law index in Type A. For Types B and C,  $P_0$  is the based material properties, whilst  $n_x$  and  $n_z$  are the exponential indices in x and z directions, respectively. The variation of Young's modulus is illustrated in Fig. 1 for conventional FG microbeams ( $n_x = 0, n_z = 2$ ) and BDFG microbeams ( $n_x = n_z = 2$ ).

## 2.2. Kinematics and constitutive relations

The displacement field which includes both transverse shear and normal deformation effects is assumed as follows [69, 70]:

$$u(x, z, t) = U(x, t) - z \frac{\partial W_b(x, t)}{\partial x} - f(z) \frac{\partial W_s(x, t)}{\partial x} \quad (3a)$$

$$w(x, z, t) = W_b(x, t) + W_s(x, t) + g(z) W_z(x, t) \quad (3b)$$

where  $U, W_b, W_s$  and  $W_z$  are the mid-plane displacements of the axial, bending, shear and stretching

components.  $f(z) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{z^3}{h^2}$  and  $g(z) = 1 - \frac{df(z)}{dz}$  are the shape functions of the higher-order and

stretching displacements. The non-zero strain components related to the above displacement field are obtained as:

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - z \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - f(z) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} \quad (4a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} W_z \quad (4b)$$

$$\gamma_{xz} = g(z) \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (4c)$$

The rotation vector is expressed as:

$$\theta_y = \frac{1}{2} \text{curl } u|_{e_y} = -\frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} \right] \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} g(z) \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \quad (5a)$$

$$\theta_x = \theta_z = 0 \quad (5b)$$

Hence, the non-zero curvature components are given by:

$$\chi_{xy} = \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} g(z) \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right\} \quad (6a)$$

$$\chi_{yz} = \frac{\partial \theta_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 f(z)}{\partial z^2} \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right] \quad (6b)$$

The linear elastic constitutive relations are expressed for the stress and deviatoric part of couple stress tensors as:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \sigma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{13} & 0 \\ & Q_{33} & 0 \\ \text{sym.} & & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7a)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} m_{yz} \\ m_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = 2l^2 \mu \begin{Bmatrix} \chi_{yz} \\ \chi_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7b)$$

where  $Q_{11} = Q_{33} = \frac{E_0 e^{V_x(x)+V_z(z)}}{1-\nu^2}$ ,  $Q_{13} = \frac{\nu E_0 e^{V_x(x)+V_z(z)}}{1-\nu^2}$ ,  $Q_{66} = \frac{E_0 e^{V_x(x)+V_z(z)}}{2(1+\nu)}$ ,  $l$  is the material length scale

parameter [1]. The value of  $l$  can be determined from experiments, e.g.  $l = 17.6 \mu m$  for homogeneous epoxy beams [54]. By substituting Eqs. (4) and (6) into Eq. (7), the stress and deviatoric part of couple stress tensors are rewritten in terms of displacement components as:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \sigma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{13} & 0 \\ & Q_{33} & 0 \\ \text{sym.} & & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - z \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - f(z) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} W_z \\ g(z) \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8a)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} m_{yz} \\ m_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = 2l^2 Q_{66} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \left( -\frac{\partial^2 f(z)}{\partial z^2} \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} g(z) \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8b)$$

### 2.3. Governing equations

Hamilton's principle is employed to obtain the equations of motion:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\delta \Pi - \delta K) dt = 0 \quad (9)$$

where  $\delta \Pi$  and  $\delta K$  denote the variation of strain and kinetic energy of the microbeam. The variation of the strain energy is written in terms of displacements as:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \Pi &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{ij} \delta \varepsilon_{ij} + m_{ij} \delta \chi_{ij}) dz dx \\ &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\sigma_{xx} \delta \varepsilon_{xx} + \sigma_{zz} \delta \varepsilon_{zz} + \sigma_{xz} \delta \gamma_{xz} + 2m_{xy} \delta \chi_{xy} + 2m_{yz} \delta \chi_{yz}] dz dx \\ &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \left[ e^{V_x(x)} \left( N_{xx} \frac{\partial \delta U}{\partial x} - M_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_b}{\partial x^2} - P_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_s}{\partial x^2} \right) + e^{V_x(x)} O_{zz} \delta W_z \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{V_x(x)} Q_{xz} \left( \frac{\partial \delta W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \delta W_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{1}{2} e^{V_x(x)} X_{yz} \left( \frac{\partial \delta W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \delta W_z}{\partial x} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - e^{V_x(x)} R_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_b}{\partial x^2} - e^{V_x(x)} R_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_s}{\partial x^2} - e^{V_x(x)} S_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_s}{\partial x^2} - e^{V_x(x)} T_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 \delta W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] dx \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the stress resultants are expressed as:

$$(N_{xx}, M_{xx}, P_{xx}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (1, z, f) \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu^2} \left[ \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - z \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - f(z) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + W_z \right] dz \quad (11a)$$

$$O_{zz} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu^2} W_z dz \quad (11b)$$

$$Q_{xz} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g \frac{E(z)}{2(1+\nu)} \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) dz \quad (11c)$$

$$(R_{xy}, S_{xy}, T_{xy}, X_{yz}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left( 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, g, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \right) l^2 \frac{E(z)}{1+\nu} \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} g \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] dz \quad (11d)$$

The stress resultants can be rewritten as:

$$N_{xx} = A_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - B_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + K_{13} W_z \quad (12a)$$

$$M_{xx} = B_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - D_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13} W_z \quad (12b)$$

$$P_{xx} = B_{11}^s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - H_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13}^s W_z \quad (12c)$$

$$O_{zz} = K_{13} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - L_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - L_{13}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + Z_{33} W_z \quad (12d)$$

$$Q_{xz} = A_{55}^s \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \quad (12e)$$

$$R_{xy} = -A_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \quad (12f)$$

$$S_{xy} = -B_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (B_m + C_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} D_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \quad (12g)$$

$$T_{xy} = -E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \quad (12h)$$

$$X_{yz} = -\frac{1}{2} H_m \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} H_m \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \quad (12i)$$

where

$$(A_{ij}, B_{ij}, B_{ij}^s, D_{ij}, D_{ij}^s, H_{ij}, Z_{ij}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left[ 1, z, f, z^2, fz, f^2, \left( \frac{dg}{dz} \right)^2 \right] \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu^2} dz \quad (13a)$$

$$A_{ij}^s = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g^2 \frac{E(z)}{2(1+\nu)} dz \quad (13b)$$

$$(K_{ij}, L_{ij}, L_{ij}^s, Z_{ij}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left( 1, z, f, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{E(z)}{2(1+\nu)} dz \quad (13c)$$

$$[A_m, B_m, C_m, D_m, E_m, F_m, G_m, H_m] = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)}{1+\nu} l^2 \left[ 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)^2, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} g, g, g^2, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}, \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] dz \quad (13d)$$

The variation of the kinetic energy is presented by:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \rho(x, z) (\dot{u}_1 \delta \dot{u}_1 + \dot{u}_3 \delta \dot{u}_3) dz dx \\ &= \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \left\{ e^{V_x(x)} I_0 \left[ \dot{U} \delta \dot{U} + (\dot{W}_b + \dot{W}_s) \delta (\dot{W}_b + \dot{W}_s) \right] + e^{V_x(x)} J_0 \left[ (\dot{W}_b + \dot{W}_s) \delta \dot{W}_z + \dot{W}_z \delta (\dot{W}_b + \dot{W}_s) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -e^{V_x(x)} I_1 \left( \dot{U} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} \delta \dot{U} \right) + e^{V_x(x)} I_2 \frac{\partial \dot{W}_b}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_b}{\partial x} - e^{V_x(x)} J_1 \left( \dot{U} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} \delta \dot{U} \right) \\
& + e^{V_x(x)} K_2 \frac{\partial \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} + e^{V_x(x)} J_2 \left( \frac{\partial \dot{W}_b}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_s}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_b}{\partial x} \right) + e^{V_x(x)} K_0 \dot{W}_z \delta \dot{W}_z \Big\} dx
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where

$$(I_0, I_1, I_2, J_0, J_1, J_2, K_0, K_2) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (1, z, z^2, g, f, zf, g^2, f^2) \rho(z) dz \tag{15}$$

Substituting Eqs. (10) and (14) into Eq. (9), integrating by parts and gathering the coefficients of

$\delta U, \delta W_b, \delta W_s$  and  $\delta W_z$ , and considering that  $V_x(x) = n_x \left( \frac{x}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ , the equations of motion can be

obtained:

$$\frac{\partial N_x}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} N_x = I_0 \ddot{U} - I_1 \frac{\partial \delta \ddot{W}_b}{\partial x} - J_1 \frac{\partial \ddot{W}_s}{\partial x} \tag{16a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2 M_x}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 M_x + \frac{\partial^2 R_{xy}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial R_{xy}}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 R_{xy} \\
& = I_0 (\ddot{W}_b + \ddot{W}_s) + J_0 \ddot{W}_z + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} I_1 \ddot{U} + I_1 \frac{\partial \ddot{U}}{\partial x} \right) - \left( \frac{n_x}{a} I_2 \frac{\partial \ddot{W}_b}{\partial x} + I_2 \frac{\partial^2 \ddot{W}_b}{\partial x^2} \right) - \left( \frac{n_x}{a} J_2 \frac{\partial \ddot{W}_s}{\partial x} + J_2 \frac{\partial^2 \ddot{W}_s}{\partial x^2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{16b}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2 P_x}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial P_x}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 P_x + \frac{\partial Q_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} Q_{xz} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 R_{xy}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial R_{xy}}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 R_{xy} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 S_{xy}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial S_{xy}}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 S_{xy} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial X_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} X_{yz} \right) \\
& = \left( \frac{n_x}{a} J_1 \ddot{U} + J_1 \frac{\partial \ddot{U}}{\partial x} \right) + I_0 (\ddot{W}_b + \ddot{W}_s) + J_0 \ddot{W}_z - \left( \frac{n_x}{a} K_2 \frac{\partial \ddot{W}_s}{\partial x} + K_2 \frac{\partial^2 \ddot{W}_s}{\partial x^2} \right) - \left( \frac{n_x}{a} J_2 \frac{\partial \ddot{W}_b}{\partial x} + J_2 \frac{\partial^2 \ddot{W}_b}{\partial x^2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{16c}$$

$$-O_{zz} + \frac{\partial Q_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} Q_{xz} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial X_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} X_{yz} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 T_{xy}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial T_{xy}}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 T_{xy} \right] = J_0 (\ddot{W}_b + \ddot{W}_s) + K_0 \ddot{W}_z \tag{16d}$$

The essential BCs are expressed as:

$$\delta W_b : \frac{n_x}{a} M_x + \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial x} + \frac{n_x}{a} R_{xy} + \frac{\partial R_{xy}}{\partial x} = I_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + J_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} \tag{17a}$$

$$\delta \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} : M_x + R_{xy} = 0 \tag{17b}$$

$$\delta W_s : P_x + Q_{xz} - \frac{1}{2} X_{yz} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n_x}{a} R_{xy} + \frac{\partial R_{xy}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n_x}{a} S_{xy} + \frac{\partial S_{xy}}{\partial x} \right) = -J_1 \omega^2 U + K_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + J_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} \tag{17c}$$

$$\delta \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} : P_x + \frac{1}{2} R_{xy} + \frac{1}{2} S_{xy} = 0 \quad (17d)$$

$$\delta W_z : Q_{xz} - \frac{1}{2} X_{yz} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n_x}{a} T_{xy} + \frac{\partial T_{xy}}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad (17e)$$

$$\delta \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} : T_{xy} = 0$$

The governing equations are expressed in terms of displacements as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( A_{11} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} - B_{11} \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + K_{13} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{n_x}{a} \left( A_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - B_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + K_{13} W_z \right) \\ & = -I_0 \omega^2 U + I_1 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + J_1 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \quad (18a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & B_{11} \frac{\partial^3 U}{\partial x^3} - D_{11} \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} + L_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left( B_{11} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} - D_{11} \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + L_{13} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left( B_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - D_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13} W_z \right) \\ & - A_m \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^4 W_z}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left( -A_m \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left( -A_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right) \\ & = (-I_0 \omega^2 W_b - I_0 \omega^2 W_s) - J_0 \omega^2 W_z + \left( -\frac{n_x}{a} I_1 \omega^2 U - I_1 \omega^2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} I_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + I_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} \right) + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} J_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + J_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (18b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^3 U}{\partial x^3} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - H_{11} \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} + L_{13}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left( B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - H_{11} \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + L_{13}^s \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left( B_{11}^s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - D_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - H_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13}^s W_z \right) + A_{55}^s \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{n_x}{a} A_{55}^s \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -A_m \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^4 W_z}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left[ -A_m \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left[ -A_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -B_m \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} (B_m + C_m) \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} D_m \frac{\partial^4 W_z}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left[ -B_m \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} (B_m + C_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} D_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \right] \right. \\
& \left. + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left[ -B_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (B_m + C_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} D_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] \right\} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} H_m \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{n_x}{a} \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\
& = -J_1 \omega^2 \left( \frac{n_x}{a} U + \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) - I_0 \omega^2 (W_b + W_s) - J_0 \omega^2 W_z + K_2 \omega^2 \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} \right) + J_2 \omega^2 \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (18c) \\
& - K_{13} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + L_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + L_{13}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - Z_{33} W_z + A_{55}^s \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{n_x}{a} A_{55}^s \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} H_m \left[ \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{n_x}{a} \left( \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -E_m \frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} - \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^4 W_z}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{n_x}{a} \left[ -E_m \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} - \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \right] \right. \\
& \left. + \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 \left[ -E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \right] \right\} \\
& = -J_0 \omega^2 (W_b + W_s) - K_0 \omega^2 W_z \quad (18d)
\end{aligned}$$

Using the state-space concept, the highest order derivatives of displacements are expressed in terms of other components as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = a_1 U + a_2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + a_3 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + a_4 \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + a_5 \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} + a_6 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + a_7 \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + a_8 \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + a_9 W_z + a_{10} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} \quad (19a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^4 W_b}{\partial x^4} &= r_1 U + r_2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + r_3 W_b + r_4 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + r_5 \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + r_6 \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} \\
&+ r_7 W_s + r_8 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + r_9 \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + r_{10} \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + r_{11} W_z + r_{12} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} + r_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + r_{14} \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \quad (19b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^4 W_s}{\partial x^4} &= s_1 U + s_2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + s_3 W_b + s_4 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + s_5 \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + s_6 \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} \\
&+ s_7 W_s + s_8 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + s_9 \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + s_{10} \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + s_{11} W_z + s_{12} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} + s_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + s_{14} \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \quad (19c)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^4 W_z}{\partial x^4} &= t_1 U + t_2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + t_3 W_b + t_4 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + t_5 \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + t_6 \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} \\
&+ t_7 W_s + t_8 \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + t_9 \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + t_{10} \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} + t_{11} W_z + t_{12} \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} + t_{13} \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} + t_{14} \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \quad (19d)
\end{aligned}$$

The coefficients in Eq. (19) are given in the Appendix. The systems of Eq. (19) can be converted into a

matrix form using state-space approach as:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}(x)}{\partial x} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{U}(x) \quad (20)$$

where the vector of variables is

$$\mathbf{U}(x) = \left\{ U, \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, W_b, \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3}, W_s, \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3}, W_z, \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \right\}; \quad (21)$$

and the non-zero components of matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  are defined as:

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_1 & a_2 & 0 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & 0 & a_6 & a_7 & a_8 & a_9 & a_{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & r_5 & r_6 & r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & r_{10} & r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & r_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & s_2 & s_3 & s_4 & s_5 & s_6 & s_7 & s_8 & s_9 & s_{10} & s_{11} & s_{12} & s_{13} & s_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 & t_5 & t_6 & t_7 & t_8 & t_9 & t_{10} & t_{11} & t_{12} & t_{13} & t_{14} \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

A formal solution of Eq. (20) is given by:

$$\mathbf{U}(x) = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{T}x} \mathbf{K} \quad (23)$$

where  $\mathbf{K}$  is a vector which can be solved from the BCs at  $x = \pm a/2$  and  $\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{T}x}$  is of the form:

$$\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{T}x} = \mathbf{E} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 x} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{\lambda_{14} x} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}^{-1} \quad (24)$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are the eigenvalues and columns of eigenvectors, respectively, associated with matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ . The BCs expressed in terms of displacement variables are described by:

$$\text{Clamped (C): } U = W_b = \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} = W_s = \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} = W_z = \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (25a)$$

Simply supported (S):

$$\begin{aligned} U &= W_b = W_s \\ &= B_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - (D_{11} + A_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13} W_z - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \\ &= B_{11}^s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \left[ H_{11} + \frac{1}{4} (A_m + 2B_m + C_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13}^s W_z - \frac{1}{4} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \\ &= E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (25b)$$

Free (F):

$$\begin{aligned} &A_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - B_{11} \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - B_{11}^s \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + K_{13} W_z \\ &= B_{11} a_1 U + B_{11} \left( \frac{n_x}{a} + a_2 \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \\ &+ (B_{11} a_3 - I_2 \omega^2) \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} + \left[ \left( B_{11} a_4 - \frac{n_x}{a} \right) D_{11} - \frac{n_x}{a} A_m \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + \left[ (B_{11} a_5 - D_{11}) - A_m \right] \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} \\ &+ (B_{11} a_6 - J_2 \omega^2) \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} + \left[ \left( B_{11} a_7 - \frac{n_x}{a} D_{11}^s \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_x}{a} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + \left[ (B_{11} a_8 - D_{11}^s) - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} \\ &+ \left( B_{11} a_9 + \frac{n_x}{a} L_{13} \right) W_z + (B_{11} a_{10} + L_{13}) \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_x}{a} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \\ &= B_{11} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - (D_{11} + A_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13} W_z - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \\ &= J_1 \omega^2 U + B_{11}^s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - J_2 \omega^2 \frac{\partial W_b}{\partial x} - \left( D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_x}{a} (A_m + B_m) \right) \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} \\ &+ \left( A_{55}^s + \frac{1}{4} H_m - K_2 \omega^2 \right) \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \left[ H_{11} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{n_x}{a} (A_m + 2B_m + C_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{4} (A_m + 2B_m + C_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} \\ &+ L_{13}^s W_z + \left( A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4} H_m \right) \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{n_x}{a} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{4} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \\ &= B_{11}^s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2} (A_m + B_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \left[ H_{11} + \frac{1}{4} (A_m + 2B_m + C_m) \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + L_{13}^s W_z - \frac{1}{4} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{n_x}{a} E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} E_m \frac{\partial^3 W_b}{\partial x^3} + \left( A_{55}^s + \frac{1}{4} H_m \right) \frac{\partial W_s}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{n_x}{a} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{4} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^3 W_s}{\partial x^3} \\
&+ \left( A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4} H_m \right) \frac{\partial W_z}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{n_x}{a} F_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{4} F_m \frac{\partial^3 W_z}{\partial x^3} \\
&= E_m \frac{\partial^2 W_b}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} (E_m + D_m) \frac{\partial^2 W_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} F_m \frac{\partial^2 W_z}{\partial x^2} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{25c}$$

By substituting Eq. (23) into Eq. (25) with the required BCs, a system of equations is obtained as:

$$\alpha \mathbf{e}^{\text{Tx}} \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{0} \tag{26}$$

where  $\alpha$  comes from the coefficients in Eq. (25) for the appropriate BCs at  $x = \pm a/2$ . The natural frequencies  $\omega_n$  of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  mode of vibration can be obtained by setting  $|\alpha \mathbf{e}^{\text{Tx}}| = 0$ . It is noticeable that the iteration procedure [71] is used in this paper to calculate the natural frequencies. The mode shapes are plotted by solving for  $\mathbf{K}$  from Eq. (26) based on the singular value decomposition, and calculating the displacement components along the beams thereafter.

#### 4. Numerical results and discussion

In this session, the numerical examples are presented to investigate the size-dependent vibration behaviours of conventional FG and BDFG microbeams using the HOBT and quasi-3D theory. In the first part, the natural frequencies of conventional FG microbeams (Type A) under arbitrary BCs are analysed.

The beams are made of SiC ( $E_c = 427 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_c = 3100 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\nu_c = 0.17$ ) and Al ( $E_m = 70 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_m = 2702 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\nu_m = 0.3$ ). The non-dimensional natural frequencies are defined as

follows:  $\bar{\Omega} = \frac{\omega a^2}{h} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_m}{E_m}}$  and  $\tilde{\Omega} = \frac{\omega a}{h} \sqrt{\frac{I_{10}}{A_{110}}}$  with  $I_{10} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E_m}{1 - \nu_m^2}$  and  $A_{110} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \rho_m$ . The second part

deals with the free vibration response of BDFG microbeams (Types B and C). The base material properties in BDFG microbeams are  $E_0 = 210 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 7850 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\nu_0 = 0.3$ . The following non-

dimensional natural frequency  $\hat{\Omega} = \frac{\omega a^2}{h} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{E_0}}$  is used. Since the BDFG beams are not horizontally

symmetric as discussed later, it is useful to clarify that the two letters, e.g. C-S, are used to describe the BCs at the left and right ends of the beam, respectively.

#### 4.1. Conventional FG microbeams

The natural frequencies of SiC/Al microbeams under various thickness-to-material length scale ratios are given in Table 1. The obtained solutions for the C-C and S-S microbeams agree well with those based on the FOBT [12] and HOBT [72]. The effect of BCs on the natural frequencies is also highlighted in this table. It can be seen that the highest frequencies are seen in C-C beams and followed by C-S, F-S, S-S and C-F beams as expected. It is worth noting that the Poisson effect is included in both thickness and longitudinal directions, and the Mori-Tanaka scheme is used in this table. The corresponding formula can be found in [12, 32, 42]. Further to the C-C microbeams, the difference between the vibration mode shapes predicted by the HOBT and quasi-3D theory is revealed in Fig. 2 for the first three modes. It can be seen that the stretching effect is more noticeable for the thick beams and the higher modes. In addition, the axial mode appears in the second mode instead of the third mode as in the case of macrobeams as observed in Ref. [73].

Table 2 and Fig. 3 examine the effect of the power-law index and the BCs in both FG micro- and macrobeams. As expected, the natural frequencies gradually decrease with a reduction of ceramic volume fraction, which results in a lower Young's modulus. For simply supported beams, unlike the Navier solution [42], the present approach can be employed to adapt the requirements of both displacement and stress resultants. Therefore, it is applicable to both immovable ( $S_1$ ) and movable ( $S_2$ ) simply supported BCs. Using these two BCs ( $S_1$ - $S_1$  and  $S_1$ - $S_2$ ), the difference between the natural frequencies and the first three mode shapes for microbeams ( $n_z = 2$ ) is shown in Table 2 and Fig. 4. These two BCs only result in the identical frequencies for the homogeneous beam ( $n_z = 0$ ) as expected, whereas the  $S_1$ - $S_1$  BC leads to the higher values for the FG beams. The difference is more apparent in the higher modes, where the axial modes appear in the movable simply supported beams with quite low frequencies. In the rest of this paper, the movable simply support is combined with other end conditions, except for the free end that joins with the immovable one. The simply supported beams are assembled by an immovable support at  $x = -a/2$  and a movable one at  $x = a/2$ . Comparing various BCs, the higher frequencies are observed in the beams with stiffer ends, i.e. C-C, and with a higher volume of ceramic (smaller  $n_z$ ). It is interesting

that the fundamental frequencies of the S-F beams are nearly the same with those of C-S beams for both micro and macroscales.

The difference between the vibration behaviour of macro and microbeams is also seen in the mode shapes. Fig. 5 demonstrates the variation of the vibration mode shapes with respect to the change of the frequencies. These graphs can be used to state the mode shapes where the change of the number of half-sine waves occurs. As can be seen from this figure, for C-C and F-C beams, there is a significant change between the vibration mode shapes in the macrobeams. However, in the microbeams, they are not too prominent to the neighbour status.

#### 4.2. BDFG beams

Tables 3-6 reveal the fundamental frequencies of BDFG beams (Types B and C) with respect to different BCs, exponential indices and thickness-to-material length scales. The current results for macrobeams ( $h/l = \infty$ ) agree well with those given by Simsek [58]. The natural frequencies of Types B and C are identical for the conventional FG beam ( $n_z = 0$ ), but they are different for BDFG beams. The lower frequencies are observed with the elevated  $n_z$ , but the change is more significant from the symmetric cross-section beams, i.e. Type C. This correlation is also presented in Fig. 6, which illustrates the effect of axial and through-the-thickness exponential indices to the natural frequencies of BDFG microbeams under various BCs. It is seen that the increase of  $n_z$  leads to a reduction in frequencies in all cases, whereas the increase of  $n_x$  only leads to a reduction in frequencies of C-S, S-S and C-F beams. In order to illustrate solely the effect of material properties in each direction, Fig. 7 plots the relationship between the natural frequencies and thickness-to-material length scales for the axial and through-the-thickness FG beams. In both cases, the effect of couple stress is negligible as the thickness is greater than  $30l$ . For the conventional FG beams, the natural frequencies are lower in Type C, while they are identical in the axial FG beams as expected.

As mentioned before that the BDFG beams are not horizontally symmetric which means that the switching of the left and right BCs, e.g. C-F and F-C, changes the natural frequencies and vibration mode shapes. An example of switching C-F and C-S BCs is demonstrated in Fig. 8. In both cases, the left

clamped ends cause lower frequency with the elevated  $n_x$ , which is opposite to the right clamped ends do. Indeed, the increase of  $n_x$  results in an increase of not only Young's modulus but also the density. When the clamps are placed at the stiffer and heavier ends (the right ends), the natural frequencies are maximised. Finally, the effect of  $n_x$  in the mode shapes of several BCs is revealed in Fig. 9 with  $n_z$  equal to 2. For the C-C beams, the mode shapes are not symmetric for non-zero  $n_x$ , where the maximum modal displacement is seen on the left half. For the F-C beams, in which the maximum displacement occurs at the tip, the small relative magnitudes are seen on other points. In addition, the second mode is the flexural mode for through-the-thickness FG beams ( $n_x = 0$ ); however, the axial one for BDFG beams ( $n_x \neq 0$ ).

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, state-space based solutions are presented for the free vibration behaviour of conventional and BDFG microbeams under arbitrary boundary conditions. Based on the Hamilton's principle and the modified couple stress theory, the governing equations of motion are developed for the quasi-3D theory. The natural frequencies are obtained via an iteration procedure and the corresponding mode shapes are outlined by the singular value decomposition. It is concluded that both the natural frequencies and mode shapes are significantly different between macro and microbeams, emphasizing the need of employing the non-classical continua for small-scale structures. The inclusion of the size effect results in a considerable increase in the bending stiffness and the switching between flexural and axial modes. It is also worth noting that due to the asymmetric along the length, the employing of BCs in analysing the BDFG beams needs to perform with the clarification of the left and right ends.

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## Appendix

The coefficients in Eq. (19):

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \frac{-I_0 \omega^2}{A_{11}}; a_2 = \frac{-\frac{n_x}{a} A_{11}}{A_{11}}; a_3 = \frac{I_1 \omega^2}{A_{11}}; a_4 = \frac{\frac{n_x}{a} B_{11}}{A_{11}}; a_5 = \frac{B_{11}}{A_{11}}; \\
 a_6 &= \frac{J_1 \omega^2}{A_{11}}; a_7 = \frac{\frac{n_x}{a} B_{11}^s}{A_{11}}; a_8 = \frac{B_{11}^s}{A_{11}}; a_9 = \frac{-\frac{n_x}{a} K_{13}}{A_{11}}; a_{10} = \frac{-K_{13}}{A_{11}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_1 &= [c_3 f_2 e_4 - e_3 f_2 c_4 + f_3 (e_2 c_4 - c_2 e_4)] / C_0; \\
 r_2 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_5 - e_2 f_4) - e_3 (f_2 c_5 - c_2 f_4) + f_3 (e_2 c_5 - c_2 e_5)] / C_0; \\
 r_3 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_6 - e_2 f_5) - e_3 (f_2 c_6 - c_2 f_5) + f_3 (e_2 c_6 - c_2 e_6)] / C_0; \\
 r_4 &= [c_3 f_2 e_7 - e_3 f_2 c_7 + f_3 (e_2 c_7 - c_2 e_7)]; \\
 r_5 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_8 - e_2 f_6) - e_3 (f_2 c_8 - c_2 f_6) + f_3 (e_2 c_8 - c_2 e_8)] / C_0; \\
 r_6 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_9 - e_2 f_7) - e_3 (f_2 c_9 - c_2 f_7) + f_3 (e_2 c_9 - c_2 e_9)] / C_0; \\
 r_7 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{10} - e_2 f_8) - e_3 (f_2 c_{10} - c_2 f_8) + f_3 (e_2 c_{10} - c_2 e_{10})] / C_0; \\
 r_8 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{11} - e_2 f_9) - e_3 (f_2 c_{11} - c_2 f_9) + f_3 (e_2 c_{11} - c_2 e_{11})] / C_0; \\
 r_9 &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{12} - e_2 f_{10}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{12} - c_2 f_{10}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{12} - c_2 e_{12})] / C_0; \\
 r_{10} &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{13} - e_2 f_{11}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{13} - c_2 f_{11}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{13} - c_2 e_{13})] / C_0; \\
 r_{11} &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{14} - e_2 f_{12}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{14} - c_2 f_{12}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{14} - c_2 e_{14})] / C_0; \\
 r_{12} &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{15} - e_2 f_{13}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{15} - c_2 f_{13}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{15} - c_2 e_{15})] / C_0; \\
 r_{13} &= c_3 (f_2 e_{16} - e_2 f_{14}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{16} - c_2 f_{14}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{16} - c_2 e_{16}) / C_0; \\
 r_{14} &= [c_3 (f_2 e_{17} - e_2 f_{15}) - e_3 (f_2 c_{17} - c_2 f_{15}) + f_3 (e_2 c_{17} - c_2 e_{17})] / C_0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_1 &= [c_1 f_3 e_4 - e_1 f_3 c_4 + f_1 (e_3 c_4 - c_3 e_4)] / C_0; \\
 s_2 &= [c_1 (f_3 e_5 - e_3 f_4) - e_1 (f_3 c_5 - c_3 f_4) + f_1 (e_3 c_5 - c_3 e_5)] / C_0; \\
 s_3 &= [c_1 (f_3 e_6 - e_3 f_5) - e_1 (f_3 c_6 - c_3 f_5) + f_1 (e_3 c_6 - c_3 e_6)] / C_0; \\
 s_4 &= [c_1 f_3 e_7 - e_1 f_3 c_7 + f_1 (e_3 c_7 - c_3 e_7)] / C_0; \\
 s_5 &= [c_1 (f_3 e_8 - e_3 f_6) - e_1 (f_3 c_8 - c_3 f_6) + f_1 (e_3 c_8 - c_3 e_8)] / C_0;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
s_6 &= [c_1(f_3e_9 - e_3f_7) - e_1(f_3c_9 - c_3f_7) + f_1(e_3c_9 - c_3e_9)]/C_0; \\
s_7 &= [c_1(f_3e_{10} - e_3f_8) - e_1(f_3c_{10} - c_3f_8) + f_1(e_3c_{10} - c_3e_{10})]/C_0; \\
s_8 &= [c_1(f_3e_{11} - e_3f_9) - e_1(f_3c_{11} - c_3f_9) + f_1(e_3c_{11} - c_3e_{11})]/C_0; \\
s_9 &= [c_1(f_3e_{12} - e_3f_{10}) - e_1(f_3c_{12} - c_3f_{10}) + f_1(e_3c_{12} - c_3e_{12})]/C_0; \\
s_{10} &= [c_1(f_3e_{13} - e_3f_{11}) - e_1(f_3c_{13} - c_3f_{11}) + f_1(e_3c_{13} - c_3e_{13})]/C_0; \\
s_{11} &= [c_1(f_3e_{14} - e_3f_{12}) - e_1(f_3c_{14} - c_3f_{12}) + f_1(e_3c_{14} - c_3e_{14})]/C_0; \\
s_{12} &= [c_1(f_3e_{15} - e_3f_{13}) - e_1(f_3c_{15} - c_3f_{13}) + f_1(e_3c_{15} - c_3e_{15})]/C_0; \\
s_{13} &= [c_1(f_3e_{16} - e_3f_{14}) - e_1(f_3c_{16} - c_3f_{14}) + f_1(e_3c_{16} - c_3e_{16})]/C_0; \\
s_{14} &= [c_1(f_3e_{17} - e_3f_{15}) - e_1(f_3c_{17} - c_3f_{15}) + f_1(e_3c_{17} - c_3e_{17})]/C_0.
\end{aligned} \tag{A3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 &= [-c_1f_2e_4 + e_1f_2c_4 + f_1(c_2e_4 - e_2c_4)]/C_0; \\
t_2 &= [c_1(e_2f_4 - f_2e_5) - e_1(c_2f_4 - f_2c_5) + f_1(c_2e_5 - e_2c_5)]/C_0; \\
t_3 &= [c_1(e_2f_5 - f_2e_6) - e_1(c_2f_5 - f_2c_6) + f_1(c_2e_6 - e_2c_6)]; \\
t_4 &= [-c_1f_2e_7 + e_1f_2c_7 + f_1(c_2e_7 - e_2c_7)]/C_0; \\
t_5 &= [c_1(e_2f_6 - f_2e_8) - e_1(c_2f_6 - f_2c_8) + f_1(c_2e_8 - e_2c_8)]/C_0; \\
t_6 &= [c_1(e_2f_7 - f_2e_9) - e_1(c_2f_7 - f_2c_9) + f_1(c_2e_9 - e_2c_9)]/C_0; \\
t_7 &= [c_1(e_2f_8 - f_2e_{10}) - e_1(c_2f_8 - f_2c_{10}) + f_1(c_2e_{10} - e_2c_{10})]/C_0; \\
t_8 &= [c_1(e_2f_9 - f_2e_{11}) - e_1(c_2f_9 - f_2c_{11}) + f_1(c_2e_{11} - e_2c_{11})]/C_0; \\
t_9 &= [c_1(e_2f_{10} - f_2e_{12}) - e_1(c_2f_{10} - f_2c_{12}) + f_1(c_2e_{12} - e_2c_{12})]/C_0; \\
t_{10} &= [c_1(e_2f_{11} - f_2e_{13}) - e_1(c_2f_{11} - f_2c_{13}) + f_1(c_2e_{13} - e_2c_{13})]/C_0; \\
t_{11} &= [c_1(e_2f_{12} - f_2e_{14}) - e_1(c_2f_{12} - f_2c_{14}) + f_1(c_2e_{14} - e_2c_{14})]/C_0; \\
t_{12} &= [c_1(e_2f_{13} - f_2e_{15}) - e_1(c_2f_{13} - f_2c_{15}) + f_1(c_2e_{15} - e_2c_{15})]/C_0; \\
t_{13} &= [c_1(e_2f_{14} - f_2e_{16}) - e_1(c_2f_{14} - f_2c_{16}) + f_1(c_2e_{16} - e_2c_{16})]/C_0; \\
t_{14} &= [c_1(e_2f_{15} - f_2e_{17}) - e_1(c_2f_{15} - f_2c_{17}) + f_1(c_2e_{17} - e_2c_{17})]/C_0.
\end{aligned} \tag{A4}$$

where  $C_0 = c_1(e_2f_3 - e_3f_2) - c_2(e_1f_3 - e_3f_1) + c_3(e_1f_2 - e_2f_1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1 &= D_{11} + A_m; b_2 = D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2}(A_m + B_m); b_3 = \frac{1}{2}E_m; b_4 = \frac{n_x}{a}I_1\omega^2; b_5 = \left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 B_{11} + I_1\omega^2; b_6 = 2\frac{n_x}{a}B_{11}; \\
b_7 &= B_{11}; b_8 = I_0\omega^2; b_9 = -\frac{n_x}{a}I_2\omega^2; b_{10} = -\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 (D_{11} + A_m) - I_2\omega^2; b_{11} = -2\frac{n_x}{a}(D_{11} + A_m); \\
b_{12} &= I_0\omega^2; b_{13} = -\frac{n_x}{a}J_2\omega^2; b_{14} = -\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2}(A_m + B_m) \right] - J_2\omega^2; b_{15} = -\frac{n_x}{a} \left[ 2D_{11}^s + (A_m + B_m) \right]; \\
b_{16} &= \left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 L_{13} + J_0\omega^2; b_{17} = 2\frac{n_x}{a}L_{13}; b_{18} = L_{13} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 E_m; b_{19} = -\frac{n_x}{a}E_m.
\end{aligned} \tag{A5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= b_1 - b_7a_5; c_2 = b_2 - b_7a_8; c_3 = b_3; c_4 = b_4 + b_6a_1 + b_7a_2a_1; c_5 = b_5 + b_6a_2 + b_7a_1 + b_7a_2a_2; \\
c_6 &= b_8; c_7 = b_9 + b_6a_3 + b_7a_2a_3; c_8 = b_{10} + b_6a_4 + b_7a_3 + b_7a_2a_4; c_9 = b_{11} + b_6a_5 + b_7a_4 + b_7a_2a_5; \\
c_{10} &= b_{12}; c_{11} = b_{13} + b_6a_6 + b_7a_2a_6; c_{12} = b_{14} + b_6a_7 + b_7a_6 + b_7a_2a_7; c_{13} = b_{15} + b_6a_8 + b_7a_7 + b_7a_2a_8; \\
c_{14} &= b_{16} + b_6a_9 + b_7a_2a_9; c_{15} = b_{17} + b_6a_{10} + b_7a_9 + b_7a_2a_{10}; c_{16} = b_{18} + b_7a_{10}; c_{17} = b_{19}
\end{aligned} \tag{A6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_1 &= D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2}(A_m + B_m); d_2 = H_{11} + \frac{1}{4}(A_m + 2B_m + C_m); d_3 = \frac{1}{4}(E_m + D_m); d_4 = \frac{n_x}{a}J_1\omega^2; \\
d_5 &= \left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 B_{11}^s + J_1\omega^2; d_6 = 2\frac{n_x}{a}B_{11}^s; d_7 = B_{11}^s; d_8 = I_0\omega^2; d_9 = -\frac{n_x}{a}J_2\omega^2; \\
d_{10} &= -\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 \left[ D_{11}^s + \frac{1}{2}(A_m + B_m) \right] - J_2\omega^2; d_{11} = -\frac{n_x}{a} \left[ 2D_{11}^s + (A_m + B_m) \right]; d_{12} = I_0\omega^2; \\
d_{13} &= \frac{n_x}{a} \left( A_{55}^s + \frac{1}{4}H_m - K_2\omega^2 \right); d_{14} = A_{55}^s - \left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 H_{11} - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 (A_m + 2B_m + C_m) + \frac{1}{4}H_m - K_2\omega^2; \\
d_{15} &= -2\frac{n_x}{a}H_{11} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{n_x}{a}(A_m + 2B_m + C_m); d_{16} = \left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 L_{13}^s + J_0\omega^2; d_{17} = 2\frac{n_x}{a}L_{13}^s + \frac{n_x}{a}A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4}\frac{n_x}{a}H_m; \\
d_{18} &= L_{13}^s + A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 (E_m + D_m) - \frac{1}{4}H_m; d_{19} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{n_x}{a}(E_m + D_m);
\end{aligned} \tag{A7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
e_1 &= d_1 - d_7a_5; e_2 = d_2 - d_7a_8; e_3 = d_3; e_4 = d_4 + d_6a_1 + d_7a_2a_1; e_5 = d_5 + d_6a_2 + d_7a_1 + d_7a_2a_2; \\
e_6 &= d_8; e_7 = d_9 + d_6a_3 + d_7a_2a_3; e_8 = d_{10} + d_6a_4 + d_7a_3 + d_7a_2a_4; e_9 = d_{11} + d_6a_5 + d_7a_4 + d_7a_2a_5; \\
e_{10} &= d_{12}; e_{11} = d_{13} + d_6a_6 + d_7a_2a_6; e_{12} = d_{14} + d_6a_7 + d_7a_6 + d_7a_2a_7; e_{13} = d_{15} + d_6a_8 + d_7a_7 + d_7a_2a_8; \\
e_{14} &= d_{16} + d_6a_9 + d_7a_2a_9; e_{15} = d_{17} + d_6a_{10} + d_7a_9 + d_7a_2a_{10}; e_{16} = d_{18} + d_7a_{10}; e_{17} = d_{19}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1 &= \frac{1}{2}E_m; f_2 = \frac{1}{4}(E_m + D_m); f_3 = \frac{1}{4}F_m; f_4 = -K_{13}; f_5 = J_0\omega^2; f_6 = L_{13} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 E_m; f_7 = -\frac{n_x}{a}E_m; \\
f_8 &= J_0\omega^2; f_9 = \frac{n_x}{a}A_{55}^s + \frac{1}{4}\frac{n_x}{a}H_m; f_{10} = L_{13}^s + A_{55}^s + \frac{1}{4}H_m - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{n_x}{a}\right)^2 (E_m + D_m); f_{11} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{n_x}{a}(E_m + D_m);
\end{aligned}$$

$$f_{12} = -Z_{33} + K_0 \omega^2; f_{13} = \frac{n_x}{a} A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4} \frac{n_x}{a} H_m; f_{14} = A_{55}^s - \frac{1}{4} H_m - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{n_x}{a} \right)^2 F_m; f_{15} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{n_x}{a} F_m; \quad (\text{A9})$$

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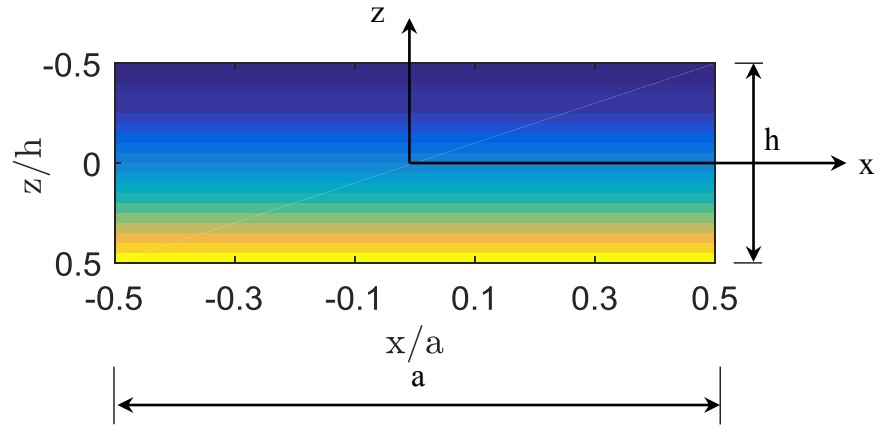
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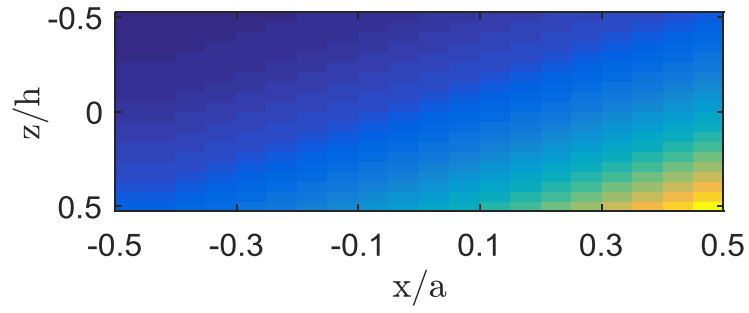
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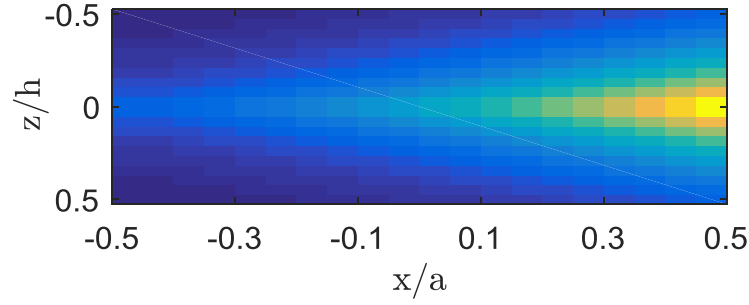
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a. Type A ( $n_x = 0, n_z = 2$ )

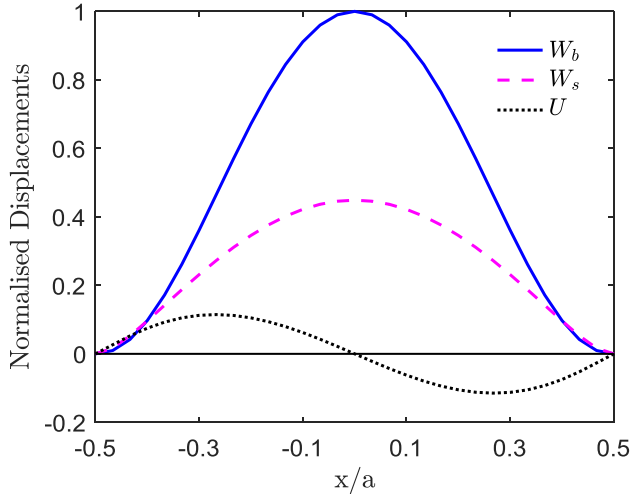


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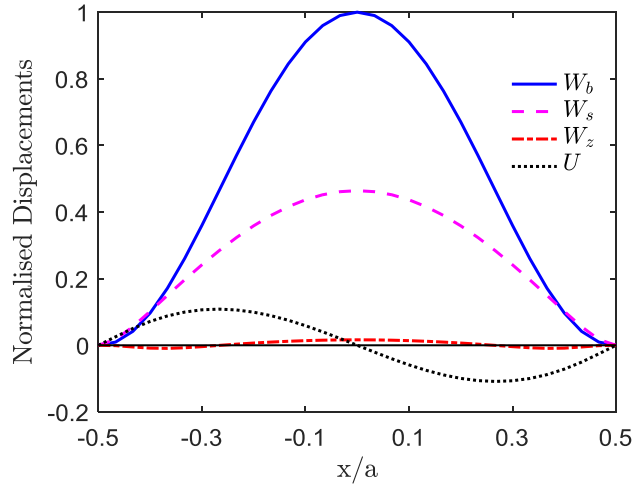


c. Type C ( $n_x = 2, n_z = 2$ )

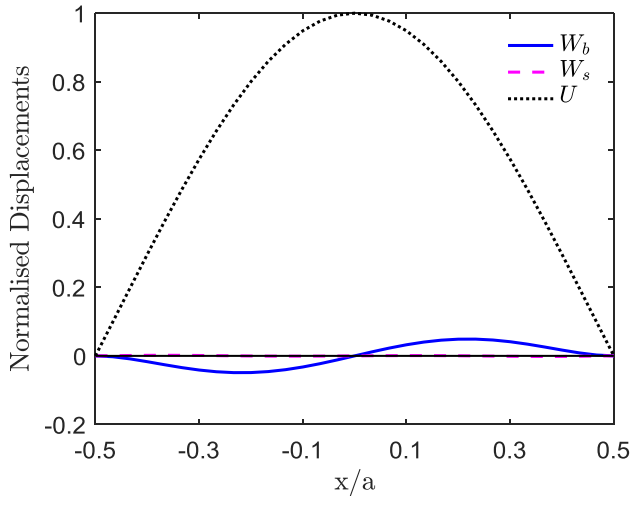
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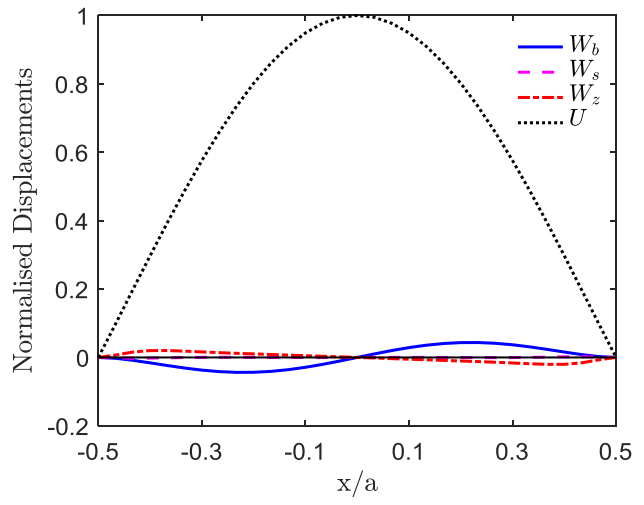
Mode 1:  $\bar{\Omega}_1 = 13.2810$



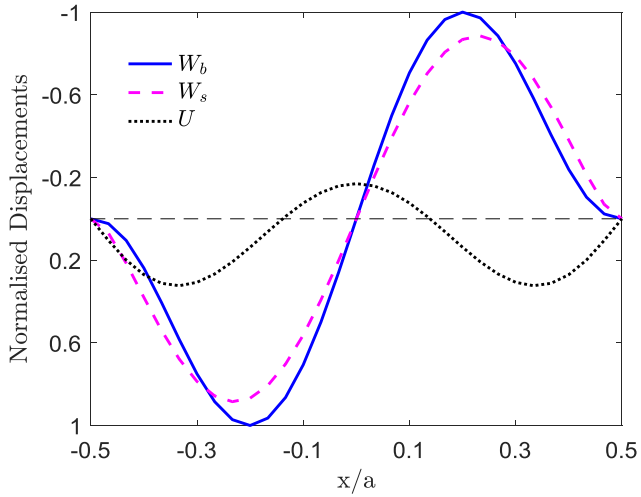
Mode 1:  $\bar{\Omega}_1 = 13.3446$



Mode 2:  $\bar{\Omega}_2 = 25.1587$

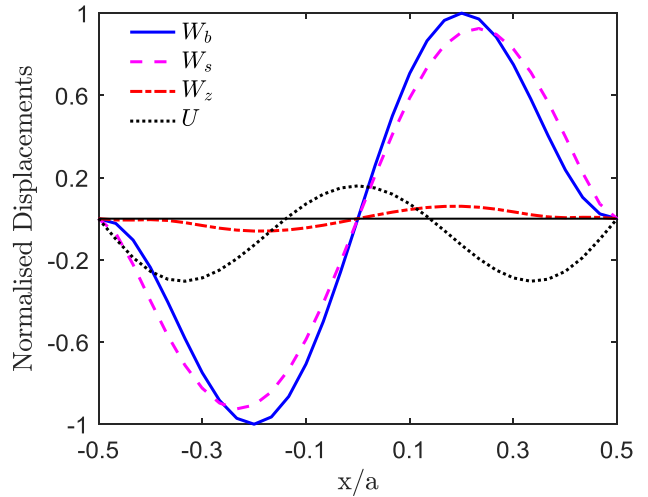


Mode 2:  $\bar{\Omega}_2 = 25.8440$



Mode 3:  $\bar{\Omega}_3 = 33.6027$

a. HOBT



Mode 3:  $\bar{\Omega}_3 = 33.6035$

b. Quasi-3D

Fig. 2: Vibration mode shapes of SiC/Al microbeams ( $C-C, a/h=5, h/l=2, n_z=2$ ) using HOBT and quasi-3D theory.

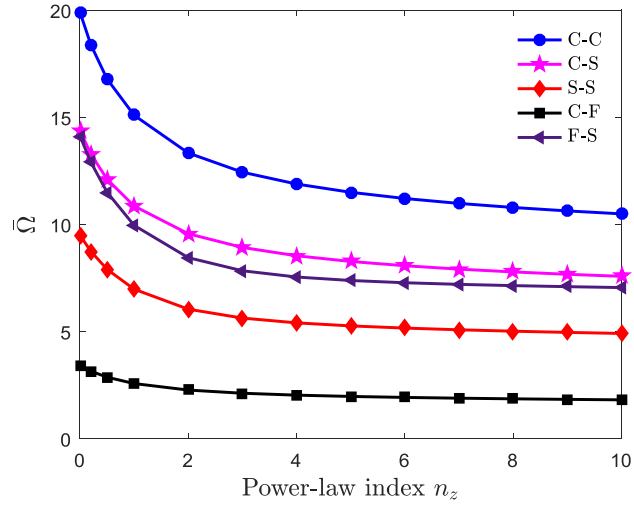
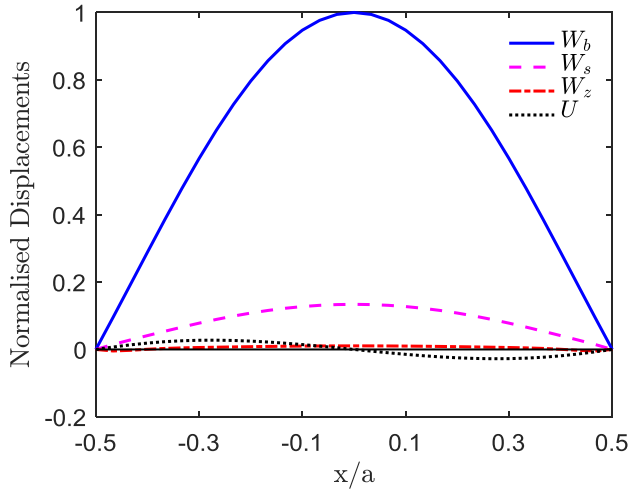
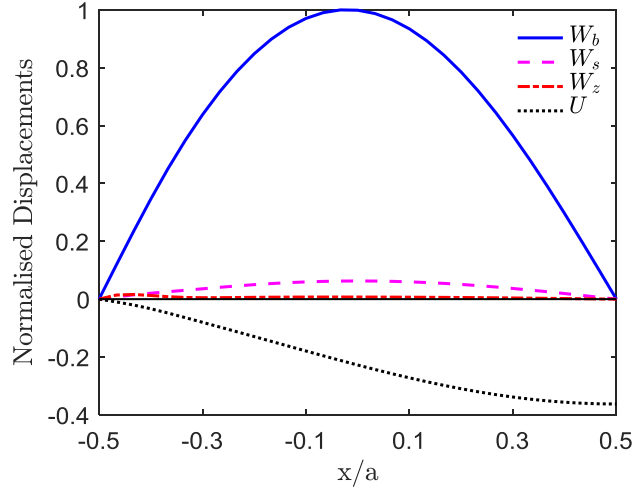


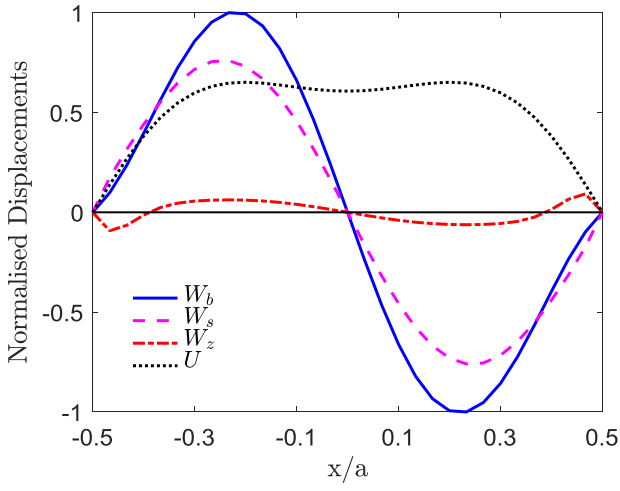
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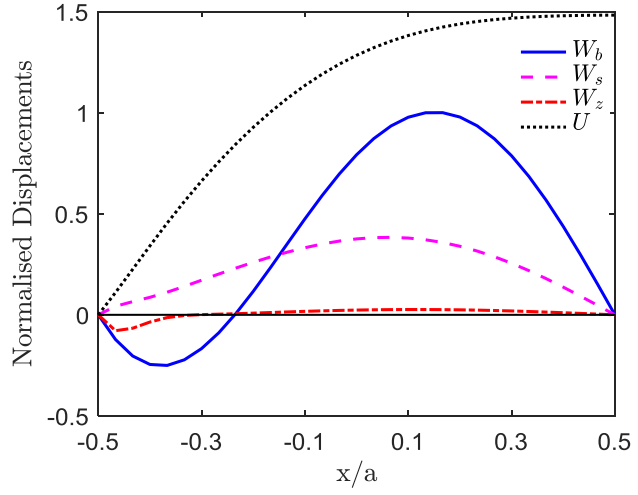
Mode 1:  $\bar{\Omega}_1 = 7.3804$



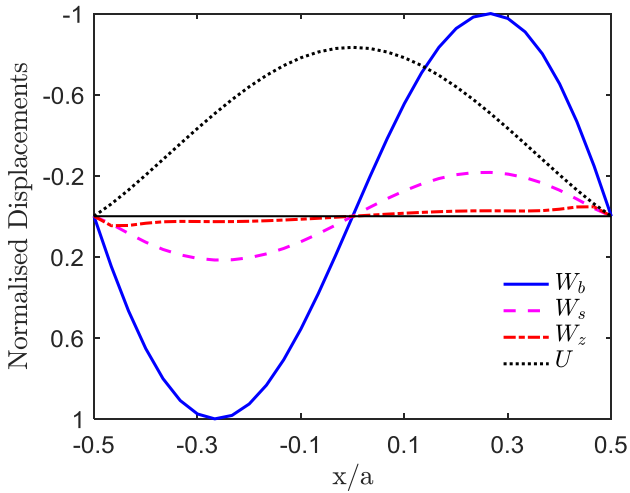
Mode 1:  $\bar{\Omega}_1 = 6.0555$



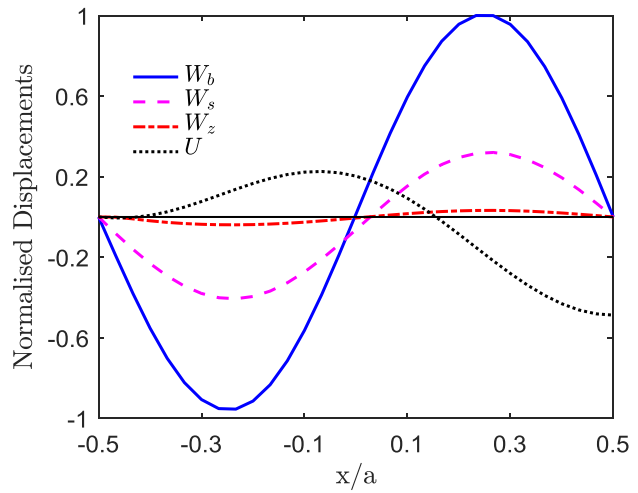
Mode 2:  $\bar{\Omega}_2 = 18.8083$



Mode 2:  $\bar{\Omega}_2 = 12.4521$



Mode 3:  $\bar{\Omega}_3 = 29.2417$

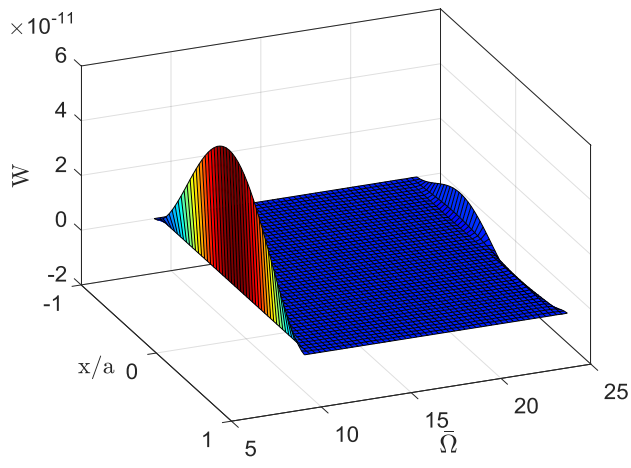


Mode 3:  $\bar{\Omega}_3 = 23.1669$

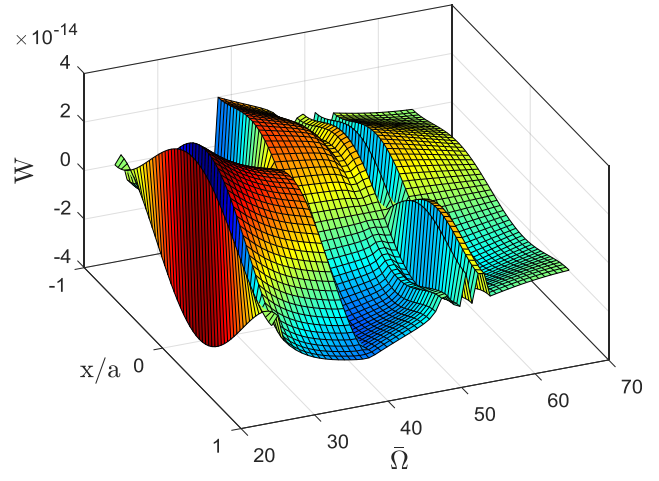
a. Immovable SS beams

b. Movable SS beams

Fig. 4: Vibration mode shapes of immovable and movable simply supported SiC/Al microbeams ( $a/h = 5, n_z = 2, h/l = 2$ ).

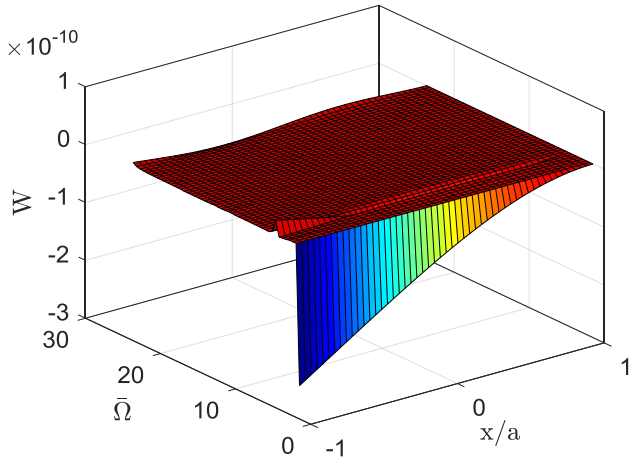


$$h/l = \infty$$

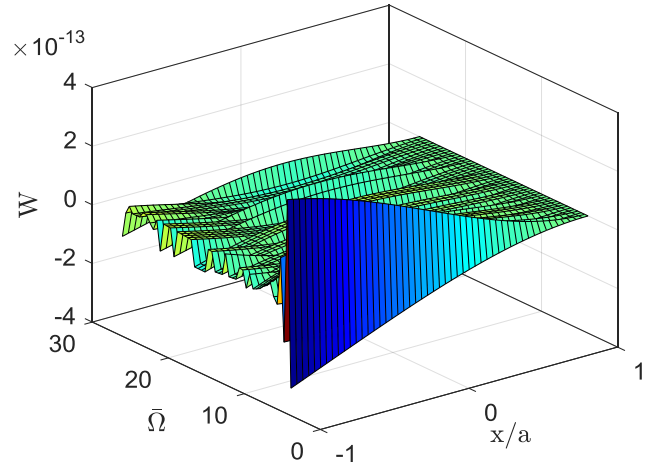


$$h=l$$

*a. C-C beams*



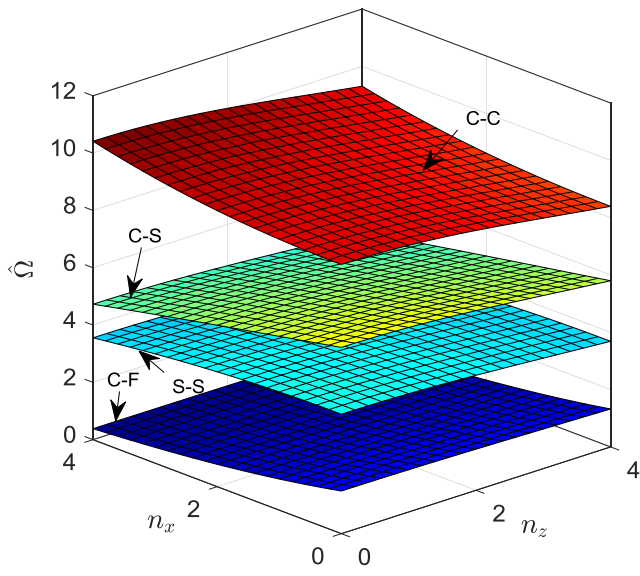
$$h/l = \infty$$



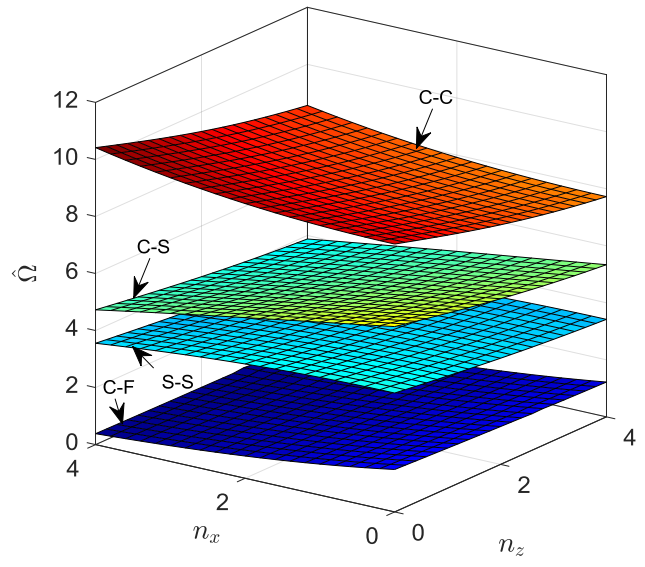
$$h=l$$

*b. F-C beams*

Fig. 5: Variation of mode shapes with respect to the frequencies  $\bar{\Omega}$  (SiC/Al beams,  $a/h = 10$ ,  $n_z = 2$ ).

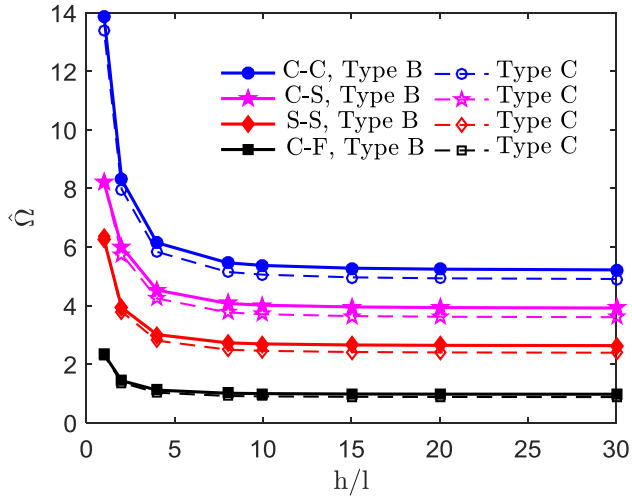


Type B

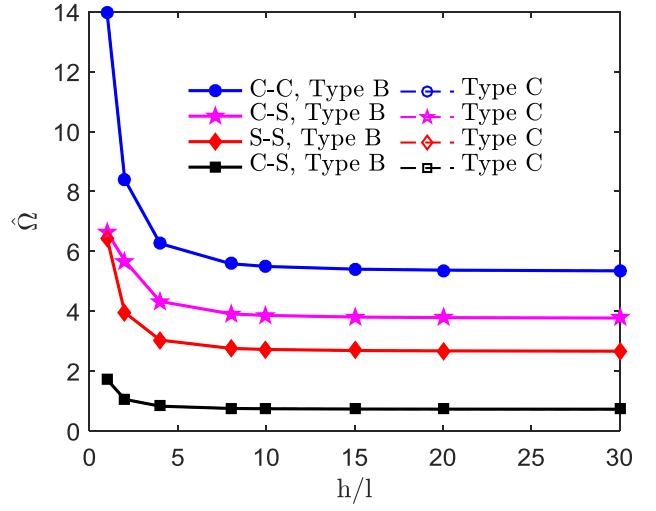


Type C

Fig. 6: Variation of fundamental frequencies of BDFG micro-beams ( $a/h = 20, h/l = 2$ ) with respect to exponential-indices.

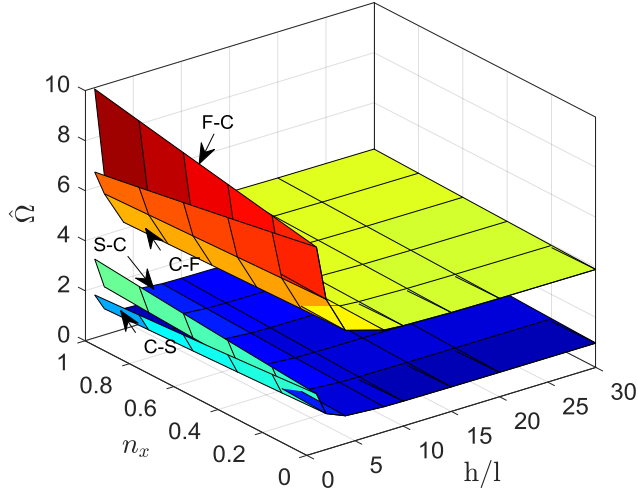


a. Through-the-thickness FG ( $n_x=0, n_z=1$ )

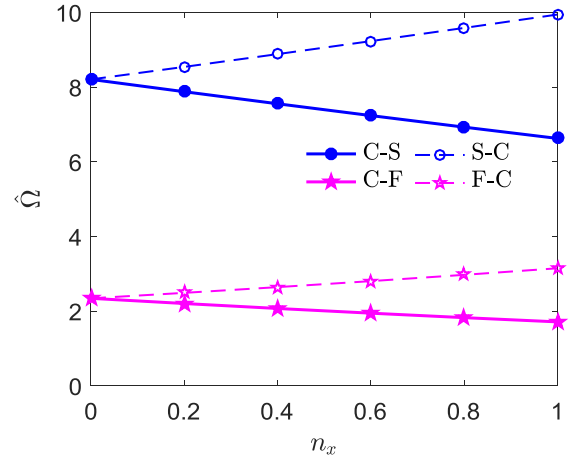


b. Axial FG ( $n_x=1, n_z=0$ )

Fig. 7: Difference between Type B and Type C in BDFG beams ( $a/h = 5$ ).



a.  $\hat{\Omega}-n_x-h/l$



b.  $\hat{\Omega}-n_x (h/l=1)$

Fig. 8: Effect of the left and right ends to the frequencies of BDFG beams ( $a/h=5, n_z=1$ ).

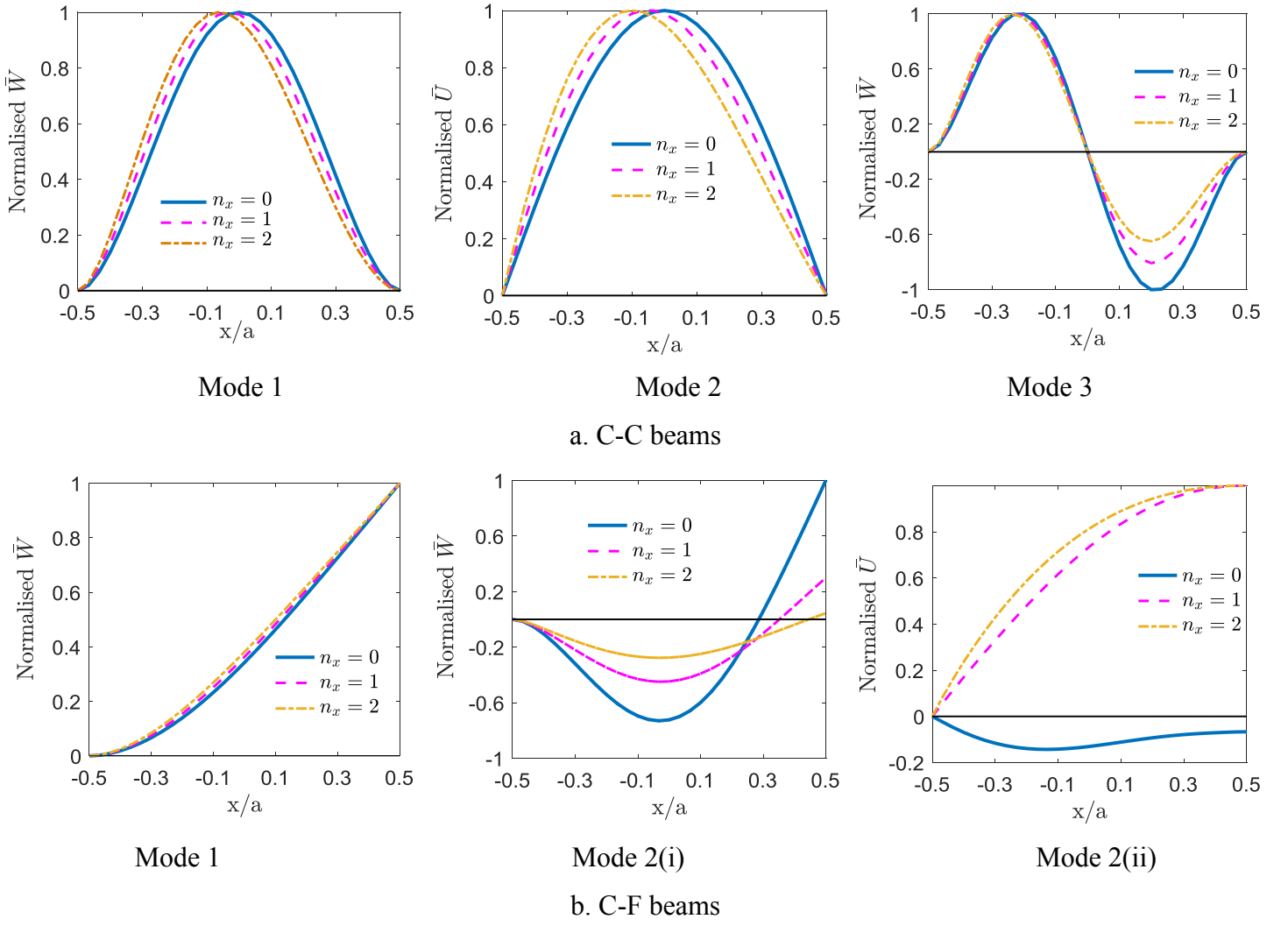


Fig. 9: Effect of the axial exponential index to the vibration mode shapes of BDFG beams  
 $(a/h = 5, h/l = 2, n_z = 2)$ .

Table 1: Comparisons of non-dimensional natural frequencies  $\tilde{\Omega}$  of SiC/Al microbeams for various  $h/l$   
 $(a/h = 12, n_z = 2)$ .

BCs	Theory	h/l					
		1	1.5	2	3	6	10
C-C	HOBt [72]	1.6246	1.2291	1.0642	0.8904	0.7769	0.7454
	FOBT [12]	1.6022	1.2194	1.0416	0.8885	0.7801	0.7548
	HOBt	1.6892	1.2522	1.0565	0.8896	0.7709	0.7427
	Quasi-3D	1.6762	1.2355	1.0373	0.8676	0.7461	0.7171
S-S	HOBt [72]	0.7854	0.5903	0.5042	0.4304	0.3787	0.3662
	FOBT [12]	0.7625	0.5784	0.4968	0.4285	0.3812	0.3701
	HOBt	0.7664	0.5777	0.4948	0.4255	0.3777	0.3666
	Quasi-3D	0.8256	0.6131	0.5145	0.4284	0.3663	0.3517
C-S	HOBt	1.1756	0.8759	0.7426	0.6299	0.5508	0.5323
	Quasi-3D	1.1810	0.8743	0.7355	0.6165	0.5318	0.5118
C-F	HOBt	0.2695	0.2008	1.0426	0.1447	0.1268	0.1227
	Quasi-3D	0.2671	0.1976	0.1666	0.1397	0.1220	0.1177
F-S	HOBt	1.1653	0.8683	0.7361	0.6245	0.5464	0.5282
	Quasi-3D	1.1322	0.8451	0.7140	0.5961	0.5251	0.5062

Table 2: Size effect of frequencies  $\bar{\Omega}$  for the SiC/Al beams under various BCs and slenderness ratios.

BCs	h/l	Theory	a/h=5			a/h=20		
			$n_z=0$	1	10	$n_z=0$	1	10
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	1	HOBT [42]	15.7140	11.9948	8.0425	-	-	-
		HOBT	15.7140	12.1506	8.1733	16.2251	12.5446	8.4065
		Quasi-3D [42]	15.6249	11.9444	7.9967	-	-	-
		Quasi-3D	15.6833	9.3951	3.9212	16.2228	13.7186	8.9625
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>		HOBT	15.7140	11.7745	7.8469	16.2251	12.3911	8.2843
		Quasi-3D	15.6833	9.4005	7.4030	16.2228	12.3681	8.2808
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	5	HOBT	6.8405	5.2905	3.9046	7.1862	5.5598	4.1859
		Quasi-3D	6.8427	5.4276	3.9412	7.1864	5.7077	4.2296
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>		HOBT	6.8405	4.9615	3.6775	7.1862	5.2255	3.9508
		Quasi-3D	6.8427	4.9893	3.7046	7.1864	5.2631	3.9827
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	$\infty$	HOBT [42]	6.2025	4.4657	3.3909	-	-	-
		HOBT	6.2009	4.7944	3.6022	6.5441	5.0618	3.9102
		Quasi-3D [42]	6.4615	4.7159	3.5444	-	-	-
		Quasi-3D	6.2069	4.8119	3.6146	6.5445	5.0758	3.9215
S <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>		HOBT	6.2009	4.4404	3.3692	6.5441	4.6954	3.6596
		Quasi-3D	6.2069	4.4865	3.4052	6.5445	4.7382	3.6945
C-C	1	HOBT	33.5290	25.7024	17.4627	36.5871	27.9617	18.7167
		Quasi-3D	33.5390	25.7114	17.4235	36.5928	28.0028	18.7560
	5	HOBT	13.8093	10.2076	7.2212	16.1273	11.7461	8.8328
		Quasi-3D	13.8604	10.3089	7.3016	16.1437	11.8454	8.9182
	$\infty$	HOBT	12.2556	8.9576	6.3403	14.6657	10.5412	8.1522
		Quasi-3D	12.3018	9.0664	6.4268	14.6811	10.6488	8.2419
C-S	1	HOBT	18.1099	14.2757	9.4339	25.2986	19.3299	12.9292
		Quasi-3D	18.3774	14.6234	9.7854	25.2990	19.3553	12.9531
	5	HOBT	10.2151	7.4889	5.4437	11.1866	8.1408	6.1434
		Quasi-3D	10.2396	7.5569	5.4968	11.1924	8.2050	6.1980
	$\infty$	HOBT	9.1925	6.6568	4.9064	10.1823	7.3118	5.6836
		Quasi-3D	9.2208	6.7343	4.9679	10.1879	7.3823	5.7417
C-F	1	HOBT	5.6973	4.3504	2.9127	5.7873	4.4215	2.9559
		Quasi-3D	5.6756	4.3425	2.9191	5.7864	4.4269	2.9622
	5	HOBT	2.5043	1.8236	1.3667	2.5649	1.8655	1.4117
		Quasi-3D	2.5102	1.8425	1.3873	2.5661	1.8804	1.4246
	$\infty$	HOBT	2.2769	1.6362	1.2604	2.3361	1.6765	1.3082
		Quasi-3D	2.2804	1.6544	1.2761	2.3371	1.6926	1.3215
S-F	1	HOBT	18.1099	13.8537	9.1175	25.2960	19.3008	12.9008
		Quasi-3D	18.3774	12.8911	8.8361	25.2718	19.1880	12.8636
	5	HOBT	10.3774	7.4181	5.4633	11.2015	8.1390	6.1505
		Quasi-3D	10.3936	7.4632	5.5363	11.2030	8.1981	6.2029
	$\infty$	HOBT	9.3982	6.6424	5.0073	10.2001	7.3130	5.6963
		Quasi-3D	9.4119	6.7241	5.0785	10.2012	7.3805	5.7517

Table 3: Fundamental frequencies of C-C BDFG beams ( $a/h = 5$ ).

h/l	$n_x$	Theory	Type B				Type C			
			$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1	$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1
1	0	HOBT	13.8706	13.8720	13.8737	13.8787	13.8706	13.6821	13.5876	13.3996
		Quasi-3D	13.8581	13.8612	13.8650	13.8761	13.8581	13.6680	13.5728	13.3838
	0.4	HOBT	13.8854	13.8868	13.8885	13.8935	13.8854	13.6969	13.6024	13.4143
		Quasi-3D	13.8730	13.8761	13.8798	13.8910	13.8730	13.6829	13.5876	13.3987
	0.6	HOBT	13.9039	13.9053	13.9070	13.9119	13.9039	13.7155	13.6209	13.4328
		Quasi-3D	13.8916	13.8947	13.8984	13.9095	13.8916	13.7015	13.6062	13.4172
	1	HOBT	13.9634	13.9647	13.9664	13.9712	13.9634	13.7749	13.6802	13.4922
		Quasi-3D	13.9513	13.9544	13.9581	13.9690	13.9513	13.7611	13.6658	13.4768
8	0	HOBT	5.4880	5.4711	5.4502	5.3846	5.4880	5.3463	5.2674	5.0963
		Quasi-3D	5.5438	5.5303	5.5135	5.4604	5.5438	5.4003	5.3204	5.1468
	0.4	HOBT	5.4947	5.4778	5.4569	5.3912	5.4947	5.3527	5.2737	5.1023
		Quasi-3D	5.5505	5.5370	5.5201	5.4670	5.5505	5.4068	5.3267	5.1527
	0.6	HOBT	5.5031	5.4862	5.4652	5.3994	5.5031	5.3607	5.2815	5.1097
		Quasi-3D	5.5589	5.5453	5.5285	5.4752	5.5589	5.4148	5.3345	5.1602
	1	HOBT	5.5299	5.5129	5.4919	5.4257	5.5299	5.3864	5.3066	5.1335
		Quasi-3D	5.5857	5.5720	5.5551	5.5015	5.5857	5.4404	5.3595	5.1840
$\infty$	0	CBT [58]	6.3291	6.3056	6.2763	6.1826	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	5.1943	5.1806	5.1630	5.1083	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	5.2308	5.2128	5.1904	5.1202	5.2308	5.0907	5.0110	4.8351
		Quasi-3D	5.2869	5.2725	5.2546	5.1981	5.2869	5.1453	5.0646	4.8865
	0.4	CBT [58]	6.3349	6.3115	6.2822	6.1884	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	5.1982	5.1845	5.1669	5.1123	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	5.2374	5.2193	5.1970	5.1266	5.2374	5.0969	5.0171	4.8409
		Quasi-3D	5.2935	5.2791	5.2612	5.2046	5.2935	5.1515	5.0707	4.8923
	0.6	CBT [58]	6.3427	6.3193	6.288	6.1943	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	5.2041	5.1904	5.1728	5.1181	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	5.2456	5.2275	5.2051	5.1347	5.2456	5.1048	5.0247	4.8481
		Quasi-3D	5.3017	5.2873	5.2693	5.2127	5.3017	5.1594	5.0783	4.8995
	1	CBT [58]	6.3662	6.3427	6.3115	6.2177	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	5.2197	5.2060	5.1884	5.1337	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	5.2719	5.2538	5.2312	5.1604	5.2719	5.1298	5.0491	4.8711
		Quasi-3D	5.3280	5.3135	5.2954	5.2384	5.3280	5.1844	5.1027	4.9225

Table 4: Fundamental frequencies of C-S BDFG beams ( $a/h=5$ ).

h/l	$n_x$	Theory	Type B				Type C			
			$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1	$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1
1	0	HOBT	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540	7.8540
		Quasi-3D	8.2332	8.2289	8.2236	8.2075	8.2332	8.2332	8.2332	8.2332
	0.4	HOBT	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297	7.2297
		Quasi-3D	7.5787	7.5748	7.5700	7.5553	7.5787	7.5787	7.5787	7.5787
	0.6	HOBT	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270	6.9270
		Quasi-3D	7.2614	7.2577	7.2531	7.2392	7.2614	7.2614	7.2614	7.2614
	1	HOBT	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414	6.3414
		Quasi-3D	6.6476	6.6442	6.6401	6.6274	6.6476	6.6476	6.6476	6.6476
8	0	HOBT	4.1147	4.1011	4.0843	4.0315	4.1147	3.9743	3.8998	3.7443
		Quasi-3D	4.1406	4.1294	4.1154	4.0714	4.1406	3.9985	3.9231	3.7657
	0.4	HOBT	4.0229	4.0096	3.9931	3.9413	4.0229	3.8834	3.8096	3.6559
		Quasi-3D	4.0484	4.0373	4.0236	3.9803	4.0484	3.9071	3.8324	3.6769
	0.6	HOBT	3.9777	3.9645	3.9481	3.8968	3.9777	3.8386	3.7651	3.6122
		Quasi-3D	4.0029	3.9920	3.9783	3.9354	4.0029	3.8621	3.7877	3.6330
	1	HOBT	3.8878	3.8748	3.8588	3.8085	3.8878	3.7494	3.6765	3.5254
		Quasi-3D	3.9125	3.9017	3.8883	3.8460	3.9125	3.7724	3.6986	3.5456
$\infty$	0	CBT [58]	4.3682	4.3511	4.3304	4.2657	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	3.8779	3.8662	3.8505	3.8037	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	3.9502	3.9359	3.9182	3.8626	3.9502	3.8068	3.7299	3.5680
		Quasi-3D	3.9775	3.9657	3.9510	3.9047	3.9775	3.8321	3.7543	3.5903
	0.4	CBT [58]	4.2486	4.2315	4.2120	4.1485	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	3.7685	3.7568	3.7431	3.6962	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	3.8633	3.8493	3.8320	3.7775	3.8633	3.7207	3.6445	3.4844
		Quasi-3D	3.8902	3.8786	3.8642	3.8186	3.8902	3.7456	3.6684	3.5063
	0.6	CBT [58]	4.1888	4.1729	4.1522	4.0899	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	3.7138	3.7021	3.6865	3.6416	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	3.8206	3.8067	3.7895	3.7355	3.8206	3.6783	3.6023	3.4431
		Quasi-3D	3.8472	3.8357	3.8214	3.7762	3.8472	3.7029	3.6260	3.4648
	1	CBT [58]	4.0704	4.0545	4.0350	3.9752	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	3.6005	3.5908	3.5751	3.5322	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	3.7357	3.7221	3.7052	3.6523	3.7357	3.5939	3.5185	3.3610
		Quasi-3D	3.7618	3.7505	3.7364	3.6919	3.7618	3.6181	3.5417	3.3821

Table 5: Fundamental frequencies of S-S BDFG beams ( $a/h = 5$ ).

h/l	$n_x$	Theory	Type B				Type C			
			$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1	$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1
1	0	HOBT	6.5172	6.5078	6.4963	6.4610	6.5172	6.4593	6.4306	6.3745
		Quasi-3D	6.4944	6.4505	6.3978	6.2432	6.4944	6.4369	6.4086	6.3533
	0.4	HOBT	6.5074	6.4999	6.4907	6.4622	6.5074	6.4497	6.4211	6.3652
		Quasi-3D	6.4846	6.4217	6.3499	6.1546	6.4846	6.4274	6.3991	6.3440
	0.6	HOBT	6.4951	6.4882	6.4797	6.4533	6.4951	6.4377	6.4092	6.3536
		Quasi-3D	6.4724	6.3913	6.3044	6.0833	6.4724	6.4154	6.3873	6.3325
	1	HOBT	6.4558	6.4496	6.4420	6.4184	6.4558	6.3992	6.3712	6.3164
		Quasi-3D	6.4334	6.2597	6.1332	5.8673	6.4334	6.3773	6.3496	6.2956
8	0	HOBT	2.7786	2.7679	2.7546	2.7132	2.7786	2.6672	2.6097	2.4924
		Quasi-3D	2.7820	2.7730	2.7618	2.7266	2.7820	2.6698	2.6119	2.4939
	0.4	HOBT	2.7749	2.7643	2.7511	2.7100	2.7749	2.6636	2.6061	2.4889
		Quasi-3D	2.7783	2.7692	2.7580	2.7225	2.7783	2.6662	2.6083	2.4904
	0.6	HOBT	2.7702	2.7597	2.7466	2.7057	2.7702	2.6590	2.6016	2.4845
		Quasi-3D	2.7736	2.7645	2.7532	2.7176	2.7736	2.6616	2.6038	2.4860
	1	HOBT	2.7554	2.7449	2.7319	2.6914	2.7554	2.6444	2.5871	2.4704
		Quasi-3D	2.7587	2.7495	2.7381	2.7021	2.7587	2.6469	2.5893	2.4719
$\infty$	0	CBT [58]	2.8033	2.7911	2.7764	2.7288	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	2.6767	2.6669	2.6533	2.6103	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	2.6774	2.6663	2.6525	2.6096	2.6774	2.5622	2.5024	2.3798
		Quasi-3D	2.6820	2.6728	2.6613	2.6253	2.6820	2.5658	2.5055	2.3820
	0.4	CBT [58]	2.7984	2.7862	2.7716	2.7239	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	2.6728	2.6611	2.6474	2.6044	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	2.6738	2.6628	2.6492	2.6066	2.6738	2.5587	2.4990	2.3764
		Quasi-3D	2.6784	2.6692	2.6577	2.6214	2.6784	2.5623	2.5021	2.3787
	1	CBT [58]	2.7740	2.7618	2.7471	2.6983	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	2.6455	2.6337	2.6201	2.5771	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	2.6552	2.6444	2.6309	2.5889	2.6552	2.5404	2.4809	2.3589
		Quasi-3D	2.6597	2.6504	2.6388	2.6022	2.6597	2.5440	2.4840	2.3611

Table 6: Fundamental frequencies of C-F BDFG beams ( $a/h = 5$ ).

h/l	$n_x$	Theory	Type B				Type C			
			$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1	$n_z=0$	0.4	0.6	1
1	0	HOBT	2.3640	2.3625	2.3605	2.3544	2.3640	2.3433	2.3331	2.3132
		Quasi-3D	2.3513	2.3502	2.3488	2.3445	2.3513	2.3295	2.3188	2.2977
	0.4	HOBT	2.0912	2.0897	2.0879	2.0824	2.0912	2.0728	2.0638	2.0462
		Quasi-3D	2.0788	2.0778	2.0766	2.0727	2.0788	2.0595	2.0500	2.0313
	0.6	HOBT	1.9646	1.9632	1.9616	1.9563	1.9646	1.9473	1.9389	1.9224
		Quasi-3D	1.9525	1.9515	1.9504	1.9467	1.9525	1.9344	1.9254	1.9079
	1	HOBT	1.7303	1.7291	1.7275	1.7228	1.7303	1.7151	1.7076	1.6932
		Quasi-3D	1.7187	1.7178	1.7168	1.7135	1.7187	1.7027	1.6948	1.6793
8	0	HOBT	1.0210	1.0172	1.0126	0.9980	1.0210	0.9765	0.9539	0.9081
		Quasi-3D	1.0267	1.0235	1.0194	1.0067	1.0267	0.9820	0.9592	0.9132
	0.4	HOBT	0.9040	0.9006	0.8965	0.8835	0.9040	0.8644	0.8442	0.8035
		Quasi-3D	0.9094	0.9065	0.9029	0.8915	0.9094	0.8695	0.8492	0.8083
	0.6	HOBT	0.8497	0.8465	0.8426	0.8304	0.8497	0.8123	0.7933	0.7550
		Quasi-3D	0.8548	0.8521	0.8487	0.8380	0.8548	0.8172	0.7981	0.7596
	1	HOBT	0.7489	0.7461	0.7427	0.7319	0.7489	0.7158	0.6990	0.6651
		Quasi-3D	0.7538	0.7513	0.7483	0.7389	0.7538	0.7204	0.7035	0.6694
$\infty$	0	CBT [58]	1.0068	1.0029	0.999	0.9833	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	0.9844	0.9796	0.9735	0.9576	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	0.9854	0.9815	0.9766	0.9615	0.9854	0.9392	0.9156	0.8678
		Quasi-3D	0.9902	0.9869	0.9827	0.9695	0.9902	0.9439	0.9202	0.8723
	0.4	CBT [58]	0.8896	0.8876	0.8818	0.8681	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	0.8709	0.8673	0.8624	0.8486	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	0.8725	0.8690	0.8647	0.8512	0.8725	0.8314	0.8104	0.7679
		Quasi-3D	0.8771	0.8741	0.8704	0.8586	0.8771	0.8358	0.8147	0.7721
	1	CBT [58]	0.7353	0.7333	0.7294	0.7177	-	-	-	-
		FOBT [58]	0.7216	0.7177	0.7138	0.7021	-	-	-	-
		HOBT	0.7229	0.7200	0.7164	0.7052	0.7229	0.6885	0.6710	0.6356
		Quasi-3D	0.7271	0.7246	0.7215	0.7116	0.7271	0.6926	0.6750	0.6394