Harnessing geometric and material nonlinearities to design tunable phononic crystals and acoustic metamaterials

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We combine theoretical, computational and experimental methods to gain deeper insight into the non-linear behavior of materials and structures.

Non-linear response of materials



Henann, Chester, Bertoldi, JMPS 2013

Bio-hybrid materials



Shim, Grosberg, Nawroth, Parker, Bertoldi , J Biomechanics, 2012

Fibronectin nanotextiles



Deravi, Su, Paten, Ruberti, Bertoldi, Parker. NanoLetters, 2012

Non-linear response of structures



Deformation

Deformation

Adaptive Materials



Mullin et al., Phys. Rev. Letters, 2007

Periodic structures with deliberately designed patterns





Shim et al., PNAS, 2012

..... can we exploit deformation and instabilities to tune and control the propagation of elastic waves?

Dramatic geometric rearrangements induced by instabilities

Large deformation & Instabilities

.....traditionally we want to avoid them





....but they can be exploited to•control adhesion•facilitate flexible electronics

fabricate micro-fluidic structurescontrol surface wettability



Chan et al., Adv. Mat, 2008



— 500 μm Rogers et al., Science, 2010



Chung et al., Soft Matter, 2007

Highly non-linear response

Mullin et al, PRL, 2007

Bertoldi et al., JMPS, 2008



- · Initial linear elastic behavior with a sudden departure from linearity to a plateau stress
- The transformed pattern is accentuated with continuing deformation
- The critical triggering stress level scales consistently with ligament buckling

Analysis of instabilities: Global and Local modes

Geymonat et al., 1993 Bertoldi et al., JMPS, 2008

•Macroscopic (global) instabilities with wavelengths much larger than the characteristic size of the microstructure. They can be computed from the loss of strong ellipticity of the corresponding homogenized properties (Geymonat et al., 1993).



- •Microscopic (local) instabilities with finite wavelengths. They alter the periodicity of the solid, but are investigated of on the primitive cell through a Bloch wave analysis.
- Instability→wave of vanishing frequency Bloch wave analysis provides:
- point along the loading path where instability occurs
- the new periodicity of the structure (p_1, p_2) .



We are interested in triggering microscopic (local) instabilities

Arrangement of Holes

Shim J, Shan S, Kosmrlj A, Kang SH, Chen ER, Weaver JC, Bertoldi K. Soft Matter, 2013







Two buckled structures have a chiral pattern !

Pore shape

Overvelde JTB, Shan S., Bertoldi K, Advanced Materials, 2012 Overvelde JTB, Bertoldi K, JMPS,2014

Holes with four-fold symmetry. Fourier series expansion to describe their contour as

 $x_{1}(\theta) = r(\theta)\cos(\theta)$ $y_{1}(\theta) = r(\theta)\sin(\theta)$ $r(\theta) = r_{0} [1 + c_{1}\cos(4\theta) + c_{2}\cos(8\theta)],$





Loading direction

S. Shan, P. Wang, S.H. Kang, P. Wang and K. Bertoldi. Advanced Functional Materials, 2014

Simulations Experiments \mathcal{E}_{xx} -0.30 -0.25 -0.20 -0.15 -0.05 -0.10 0 A 0 A-0.05 \mathcal{E}_{Area} = -0.24 -0.10 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_{yy}$ В B -0.20 -0.25 -0.30 С _____ 5mm _____ 5mm

Applications:

Can we exploit the pattern transformation induced by buckling to design a new class of adaptive materials and devices?

- materials with unusual properties
- color displays
- phononic switches/ tunable phononic crystals
- formation of complex pattern

Manipulating elastic waves



Question: Can we exploit deformation and instabilities to manipulate the propagation of elastic waves?

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Tunable band-gaps in phononic crystals

Bertoldi K, Boyce MC. Physical Review B, 2008

We exploit large deformation and buckling in phononic crystals to tune the band gaps of the structures.

Simulation steps (Finite Element Method):

- Buckling analysis
- Postbuckling analysis (finite deformations, periodic boundary conditions)
- Wave propagations (small amplitude waves. Perturbation step)























































































P. Wang, J. Shim and K. Bertoldi. PRB, 2013

Evolution of the phononic band gaps as a function of the applied strain.



Initial linear response: Band gaps affected marginally by deformation, evolving in an affine and monotonic way

Pattern transformation: The in-plane modes undergo a transformation and 2 new band gaps are opened

Geometric non-linearities play a major role



P. Wang, J. Shim and K. Bertoldi. PRB, 2013

Phononic crystals are characterized by a low frequency directional behavior that can be exploited to steer or redirect waves in specific directions.



Triangular array of holes: Enhanced tunability

Normalized Frequency, ωa / $2\pi c$

A

0.8

S. Shan, P. Wang, S.H. Kang, P. Wang and K. Bertoldi. Advanced Functional Materials, 2014

Simulations (Finite Element Method):

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- Wave propagations (small amplitude waves. Perturbation step)



 $\epsilon_{xx} = -0.24$

м

G

Reduced Wave Vector, k

Y

M

Normalized Frequency, ${}_{
m @}$ a / 2 $\pi{
m c}_{
m T}$

0.8

 $\varepsilon_{xx} = \varepsilon_{yy} = -0.14$

х





















Experiments



Instabilities and large deformation can be effectively used to manipulate the propagation of elastic waves in periodic structures

Tunable band-gaps in locally resonant metamaterials

P. Wang, F. Casadei and K. Bertoldi. Submitted



Our design: structural coating Core **Matrix**

Structural coating:

- Use elastic and highly deformable beams
- Use buckling to significantly alter the beam stiffness and in turns the frequency of the bandgap

Our design

Undeformed



— 20 mm

Structural coating: array of beams



Deformed

Static response



Buckling and large deformation significantly alter the stiffness of the beams

Dynamic response: undeformed configuration

FEM: Undeformed configuration





Flat band \rightarrow Local mode

Experimental results: Undeformed configuration



Dynamic response: deformed configuration



Effect of deformation:

Because of the softening of the two vertical beams induced by buckling the bangap frequency decreases

Because of the increase in tangential stiffness induced by buckling the rotational mode rises

The bandgap is completely suppressed \rightarrow phononic switch















2D Continuum Structure

Continuum Version?



Hoberman Twist-O





3D Continuum Structure

Continuum structure

.....from "rigid" Hoberman Twist-O



- Opportunities for reversible encapsulation
- Large number of hinges required
- Challenging fabrication at the micro and nano scale

.....to Buckliball: a continuum shell that uses **buckling** to expand/contract



- No hinges
- Actuation mechanism works over a wide range of scales

Design parameters:

Arrangement of holes

Volume of Void

Volume of Sphere

Shell Thickness

Sphere Inner Radius

Arrangement of holes

Shim J, Perdigou C, Chen ER, Bertoldi K, Reis P, PNAS, 2012



- Folded sphere:
- 1) spherical shape
 - all holes with the same shape
- 3) equally distributed holes
- 4) closed holes



Polyhedra

- 1) convex polyhedra
- 2) vertex-transitive
- 3) regular face
- 4) quadrilateral vertex figure



24 holes: Shell thickness and Void volume fraction

Finite Element Simulations: Buckling analysis



Out-of-sphere Buckling

Experiment: Buckliball

 $R_{in} = 22.5 mm$ $t_{shell} = 5.0 mm$ $\overline{h}_{membrane} = 0.4 \pm 0.1 mm$ Porosity = 60%



3D soft and reconfigurable materials

Goal: design a new class of 3-D materials whose architecture can be dramatically changed in response to an external stimulus



Idea: We use elastomeric Buckliballs as building blocks for 3-D reconfigurable structures.



Packing

Babaee S, Shim J, Weaver JC, Patel N, Bertoldi K. Advanced Materials, 2013

Building blocks: Buckliballs Packing: cubic lattice systems (*sc, bcc, fcc*)





Experiments





Building block (6H)



BCC

$$\tau = \frac{t}{R_i} = \frac{7.1 \ mm}{9.9 \ mm} = 0.71$$
$$\psi = 0.73$$

Bucklicrystal



91 building blocks Cube with edge length = 141.3 mm Can we exploit the large deformation induced by buckling to tune the propagation of waves both in the matrix and in air?



Harnessing fluid-structure interactions



Airfoil Resonating Unit



The resonating unit is modeled as a rigid airfoil with two degrees of freedom $m_a \ddot{h} + m_a \, b \, x_\theta \, \ddot{\theta}(t) + k_h h = \ell(t),$

$$m_a b x_\theta \ddot{h}(t) + I_a \ddot{\theta}(t) + k_\theta \theta(t) = m(t) + b \left(\frac{1}{2} + a_f\right) \ell(t),$$

A finite-state induced flow theory is used to model the unsteady aerodynamic loads on the airfoil (Peters et al. 1995)

$$\ell(t) = \pi \rho_{\infty} b^{2} \left(\ddot{h}(t) + V_{\infty} \dot{\theta}(t) - ba \ddot{\theta}(t) \right) + 2\pi \rho_{\infty} s V_{\infty} b \left[\dot{h}(t) + V_{\infty} \theta(t) + b \left(\frac{1}{2} - a \right) \dot{\theta}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{b}^{T} \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) \right],$$
$$m(t) = -\pi \rho_{\infty} s b^{3} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ddot{h}(t) + V_{\infty} \dot{\theta}(t) + b \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{a}{2} \right) \ddot{\theta}(t) \right],$$

with
$$A\dot{\lambda}(t) + \frac{V_{\infty}}{b}\lambda = c\left[\ddot{h}(t) + V_{\infty}\dot{\theta}(t) + b\left(\frac{1}{2} - a\right)\ddot{\theta}(t)\right]$$

Aeroelastic response of the Flaps



Dispersion Relations of the Beam



$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{a}+i\omega \, \mathbf{C}_{a}-\omega^{2} \, \mathbf{M}_{a} \end{bmatrix} \, \mathbf{z}(\omega)=\mathbf{f}(\omega)$$



Numerical Results



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Experimental Setup





Aluminum beam (L=360mm, w=25.4mm, t=1.27mm)

- Measure the transmission coefficient of a beam with six airfoil-type resonators
- Repeat measurements at different wind speeds



Conclusions

Non linear response of structures: Exciting playground due to the interplay of geometry and large deformation – buckling

Large deformation / instabilities and other stimuli (such as flow speed) can be exploited to design material with novel and tunable properties



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