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# **Highlights**

- A dynamic homogenization model is developed for corrugated sandwich plates.
- Analytical solutions are derived for low-frequency dispersion relations.
- The spectral element method is used to validate the homogenization model.

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# **A dynamic homogenization model for long-wavelength wave propagation in corrugated sandwich plates**

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## **Abstract**

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<sup>4</sup> School of Civil Engineering, RMT University of Quereland, Brisbane, St Lucia 4072, Australia<br> In the present work, a new dynamic homogenization model is developed to investigate the long-wavelength wave propagation in a corrugated sandwich plate. With the harmonic motion assumption and using a shifting operator, the governing equations of the plate are firstly represented in a state-space form. Then, a dynamic homogenization model is developed via the two-scale homogenization method. Based on this model and considering the propagation of sinusoidal waves, the dispersion relations and corresponding wave modes can be easily obtained. In order to validate the developed homogenization model, the obtained dispersion relations are compared with those predicted by the spectral element method. It is found that the present method gives accurate results in low frequency range. Furthermore, the effects of some geometric and material parameters on the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate are also discussed. The developed homogenization model is expected to be helpful in the prediction and control of dynamic responses of corrugated or even lattice sandwich structures.

# **Keywords**

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Corrugated sandwich plate; Long-wavelength approximation; Dynamic homogenization; State-space representation; Spectral element method

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#### **1. Introduction**

Sandwich structures, which consist of top and bottom face sheets and a relatively soft core sandwiched between them, have excellent mechanical properties in comparison with traditional solid structures, such as high specific stiffness and high specific strength [1, 2]. Therefore, sandwich structures have wide applications in various fields including aeronautics, astronautics, shipping, and railway [3-5]. The cores of sandwich structures are conventionally made of foams or honeycombs [6]. Comparing with foams and honeycombs, corrugated structures have voids arranged in a specified direction, which enables fluid to flow through the structures, and thus exhibit excellent heat transfer performance [7-9]. Moreover, due to relatively simple manufacturing process, it is a good choice to employ corrugated structures as the cores of lightweight sandwich structures [10]. Recently, some novel corrugated sandwich structures were designed and investigated, such as sandwich structures with multi-layer corrugated cores [11], hierarchical corrugated cores [12], and hybrid honeycomb-corrugated cores [13].

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Wave propagation in plate structures is closely involved with the prediction and control of practical dynamic responses, as well as structural health monitoring (SHM) and non-destructive evaluation/testing (NDE/NDT) [19, 20]. Ultrasonic methods and NDE/NDT techniques are often employed at relatively low frequency, dealing with the onset of the fundamental dispersion branches. In these applications, especially for efficient handling of inverse problems, it is of great importance to know explicit analytical approximations of the long-wavelength dispersion relations. Such estimations are usually tied in with the homogenization concept [21, 22]. It is known that the static and low-frequency vibration behaviors of corrugated sandwich

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structures may be predicted by a simple equivalent model [23], which considers the sandwich structure as an equivalent structure with a homogenous core. However, due to the discreteness and periodicity of the corrugated core, the wave propagation characteristics of corrugated sandwich structures cannot be accurately described by such a simple equivalent method. Although the above mentioned spectral element method [18] or the finite element method [24, 25] can be used to obtain the whole dispersion relations for corrugated sandwich structures, they could not help to develop a dynamic homogenization model to accurately predict the low-frequency long-wavelength wave propagation behavior. Moreover, in comparison with numerical methods, dynamic homogenization method can provide some physical insights into the long-wavelength wave propagation behavior.

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Previous studies have shown that asymptotic homogenization method has been widely employed in the analyses of inhomogeneous elastic materials, including phononic crystals and mechanical metamaterials. Actually, asymptotic homogenization method [34, 35] is a type of multi-scale method, the solution is

searched as series expansions in powers of the small parameter  $\varepsilon = l/L$  (where l is the typical size of the microstructure, L is the wavelength, and  $l \ll L$ ). In the present work, a dynamic homogenization model is developed by analytically treating the motion equations of the face sheets and the core sheets of a corrugated sandwich plate and employing a two-scale homogenization procedure, and then applied to analyze the long-wavelength wave propagation behavior of the corrugated sandwich plate. It is known that asymptotic homogenization method could provide a long-wavelength approximation in the low frequency range. While our results show that via taking the microstructural characteristics of the corrugated sandwich structure into consideration and introducing a shifting operator to capture the structural periodicity, the present homogenization yields low-frequency dispersion relations with good accuracy for almost the whole wavenumber range.

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#### **2. Formulation**

As shown in Fig.1, an infinite long corrugated sandwich plate with unit width is considered in the present work. The thicknesses of the face sheets and the core sheets are denoted by  $t_f$  and  $t_c$ , respectively. The length of the core sheets is  $l_0$ , and the inclination angle is  $\alpha$ .

In Subsection 2.1, a dynamic homogenization model is developed to predict the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate. In order to validate the present homogenization method, the spectral element method is also presented in Subsection 2.2 to provide the benchmark solutions for the dispersion relations. The results based on these two methods will be compared in Section 3.

#### **2.1 Homogenization method**

Fig.1(b) shows a unit cell of the corrugated sandwich plate used for homogenization analysis. The origin of the coordinates is located at the midpoint of

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the bottom face sheet. The unit cell consists of four parts, *i.e.*, the top and bottom face sheets, and the left and right core sheets. It is noted that only the motions in the *x* and *y* directions are considered in the present work. Since the core of the corrugated sandwich plate is stretching-dominated, it is assumed that the core sheets carry only the axial force, while the face sheets carry both the axial force and the bending moment. Moreover, the mass of each core sheet is taken as two equal concentrated masses respectively located at both ends, which is very similar to the lumped mass method in finite element analyses and expected to be a reasonable approximation in the low-frequency range.

The length of the left core sheet after deformation is denoted by  $\sqrt{l}$ , which can be expressed as:

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$$
l_1 = \sqrt{\left\{l_0 \cos \alpha + \left[u'(0) - u''(-l_0 \cos \alpha)\right]\right\}^2 + \left\{l_0 \sin \alpha + \left[w'(0) - w''(-l_0 \cos \alpha)\right]\right\}^2},
$$
 (1)

where the subscript  $l$  represents the left core sheet, the superscripts  $t$  and  $b$ represent the top and bottom face sheets, and  $u$  and  $w$  are the displacements in the *x* and *y* directions, respectively.

In the case of small deformation, by Eq.  $(1)$ , the elongation of the left core sheet can be approximately written as:

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$$
\Delta l_1 \approx \cos \alpha \left[ u^t (0) - u^b (-l_0 \cos \alpha) \right] + \sin \alpha \left[ w^t (0) - w^b (-l_0 \cos \alpha) \right].
$$
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F_{l} = \frac{A_{c}}{l_{0}} \left\{ \cos \alpha \left[ u^{t}(0) - u^{b} \left( -l_{0} \cos \alpha \right) \right] + \sin \alpha \left[ w^{t}(0) - w^{b} \left( -l_{0} \cos \alpha \right) \right] \right\},
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$$
F'_{1k} = -\frac{A_c}{l_0} \Big\{ \cos^2 \alpha \Big[ u' \Big( 0 \Big) - u^b \Big( -l_0 \cos \alpha \Big) \Big] + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \Big[ w' \Big( 0 \Big) - w^b \Big( -l_0 \cos \alpha \Big) \Big] \Big\},
$$
\n
$$
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$$
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by the right core sheet can also be obtained:  

$$
F_{rx}^{t} = \frac{A_c}{l_0} \Big\{ \cos^2 \alpha \Big[ u^b \big( l_0 \cos \alpha \big) - u^t \big( 0 \big) \Big] - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \Big[ w^b \big( l_0 \cos \alpha \big) - w^t \big( 0 \big) \Big] \Big\},
$$

$$
F_{ry}^{t} = -\frac{A_c}{l_0} \Big\{ \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \Big[ u^b \big( l_0 \cos \alpha \big) - u^t \big( 0 \big) \Big] - \sin^2 \alpha \Big[ w^b \big( l_0 \cos \alpha \big) - w^t \big( 0 \big) \Big] \Big\}, \quad (5)
$$

$$
F_{rx}^{b} = -F_{rx}^{t}, \quad F_{ry}^{b} = -F_{ry}^{t}.
$$

It is known that corrugated sandwich plate is discrete and periodic in the corrugation direction, while continuous and translational invariant in the orthogonal direction. The wave propagation in the corrugation direction is more interesting in comparison with the trivial behavior in the orthogonal direction. Thus, only the wave propagation in the corrugation direction is considered in the present work. Consequently, a special plate theory, in which derivatives in the orthogonal direction are neglected, is adopted here. Moreover, it is assumed that each core sheet carries only axial force and its mass is taken as two equal concentrated masses respectively located at both ends. Therefore, the governing equations for the top and bottom face

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sheets in the unit cell, respectively, can be expressed as [36]:  

$$
\left[\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c l_0 \delta(x)\right] \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial t^2} + A_f \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial x^2} + F_{li}^i \delta(x) + F_{l2}^i \delta(x),
$$

$$
\left[\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c l_0 \delta(x)\right] \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial t^2} + D_f \frac{\partial^4 u'}{\partial x^4} = F_{lj}^i \delta(x) + F_{l2}^i \delta(x),
$$

$$
\left[\rho_f t_f + \frac{1}{2} \rho_c t_c l_0 \delta(x + l_0 \cos \alpha) + \frac{1}{2} \rho_c t_c l_0 \delta(x - l_0 \cos \alpha)\right] \frac{\partial^2 u^b}{\partial t^2}
$$

$$
= A_f \frac{\partial^2 u^b}{\partial x^2} + F_{li}^b \delta(x + l_0 \cos \alpha) + F_{li}^b \delta(x - l_0 \cos \alpha),
$$

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$$

$$
+ D_f \frac{\partial^4 u^b}{\partial x^4} = F_{lj}^b \delta(x + l_0 \cos \alpha) + F_{lj}^b \delta(x - l_0 \cos \alpha) \frac{\partial^2 u^b}{\partial t^2}
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where  $\delta$  denotes the Dirac delta function, t is the time,  $\rho_c$  and  $\rho_f$  are the mass density of the corrugated core and the face sheets,  $A_f = E_f t_f / (1 - v_f^2)$  and  $D_f = E_f t_f^3 / \left[ 12 \left( 1 - v_f^2 \right) \right]$  are the stretching stiffness and bending stiffness of the face sheets, in which  $E_f$  and  $V_f$  are the Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio of the face sheets, respectively.

A shifting operator  $\Delta$  is defined as follows:

$$
\Delta_{\alpha}u(x) = u(x-\alpha). \tag{8}
$$

By substituting Eqs. (4) and (5) into the governing equations (6) and (7), and using the shifting operator  $\Delta$ , the governing equations for the top and bottom face sheets in

the whole correlated sandwich plate are obtained as follows:  
\n
$$
\left\{\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c I_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\} \frac{\partial^2 u^i}{\partial t^2} = A_f \frac{\partial^2 u^i}{\partial x^2}
$$
\n
$$
- \frac{2A_c}{t_0} \cos^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] t^i (x)
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{A_c}{t_0} \cos^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] (\Delta_{t_0 \cos \alpha} + \Delta_{-t_0 \cos \alpha}) t^k (x)
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{A_c}{t_0} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] (\Delta_{t_0 \cos \alpha} - \Delta_{-t_0 \cos \alpha}) t^k (x),
$$
\n
$$
\left\{\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c I_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] \frac{\partial^2 w^i}{\partial x^2} + D_f \frac{\partial^3 w^i}{\partial x^4}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{A_c}{t_0} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] ( \Delta_{t_0 \cos \alpha} - \Delta_{-t_0 \cos \alpha} ) t^b (x)
$$
\n
$$
- \frac{2A_c}{t_0} \sin^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] t^j (x)
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{A_c}{t_0} \sin^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] t^j (x)
$$
\n
$$
\left\{\rho_f t_f + \frac{1}{2} \rho_c t_c I_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - 2(n-1) t_0 \cos \alpha \right] + \frac{1}{2} \rho_c
$$

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\begin{split}\n&\Delta CCEPTED MANUSCRIPT \\
&\left\{\rho_f t_f + \frac{1}{2}\rho_c t_c l_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] + \frac{1}{2}\rho_c t_c l_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\} \frac{\partial^2 w^b}{\partial t^2} \\
&+ D_f \frac{\partial^4 w^b}{\partial x^4} = -\frac{A_c}{l_0} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] - \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\} u^b(x) \\
&+ \frac{A_c}{l_0} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-l_0 \cos \alpha} - \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{l_0 \cos \alpha} \right\} u^t(x) \\
&- \frac{A_c}{l_0} \sin^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\} w^b(x) \\
&+ \frac{A_c}{l_0} \sin^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-l_0 \cos \alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{l_0 \cos \alpha} \right\} w^t(x),\n\end{split} \tag{12}
$$

in which  $n$  represents the *n*-th unit cell in the longitudinal direction. A state vector is defined as follows:

ws:  
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$$
\mathbf{z}^{c}(x,t) = \left\{ u^{t} P^{t} w^{t} w_{,x}^{t} M^{t} Q^{t} u^{b} P^{b} w^{b} w_{,x}^{b} M^{b} Q^{b} \right\}^{T},
$$
\n(13)

 $l_0$ <br>  $+\frac{A}{l_0} \sin^2 \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {\delta \left[ x - (2n-3)l_0 \cos \alpha \right]} \Delta_{-\alpha_0 n\alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-\alpha_0 n\alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-\alpha_0 n\alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-\alpha_0 n\alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1)l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \Delta_{-\alpha_0 n\alpha} + \delta \left[ x - (2n$ where  $P$ ,  $M$  and  $Q$  are respectively the axial force, bending moment and shear force carried by face sheets, the subscript  $\mathcal{X}$  denotes the partial derivative with respect to  $x$ , and  $\varepsilon$  represents the dependency of response fields on the microstructure, *i.e.*, the structure within each unit cell. For harmonic motion with frequency  $\omega$ ,  $\mathbf{z}^{\varepsilon}(x,t)$  can be expressed as:

$$
\mathbf{z}^{\varepsilon}\left(x,t\right) = \mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}\left(x\right)e^{-i\omega t}.\tag{14}
$$

By using Eqs. (9)-(12) and (14), the governing equations can be transformed into the following state-space form:

$$
\mathbf{A}(x)\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}(x)=\mathbf{B}^{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}(x),
$$
 (15)

where  $A = \text{diag}\begin{bmatrix} A_f & 1 & 1 & D_f & 1 & 1 & A_f & 1 & 1 & D_f & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and th , and the elements of Matrix  $\mathbf{B}^s$  are presented in the Appendix.

Eq. (15) can also be rewritten as:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}\left(x\right) = \mathbf{C}^{\varepsilon}\left(x\right)\mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}\left(x\right),\tag{16}
$$

where  $\mathbf{C}^{\varepsilon}(x) = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(x)\mathbf{B}^{\varepsilon}(x)$ .

For long-wavelength wave propagation, we develop a two-scale model to describe the problem. Such a method has been widely used in the homogenization of systems with periodically varying properties [28, 37-39]. Introduce a micro-scale

variable  $s = x/\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon$  is the scaling factor defined as the ratio between the size of the unit cell and the shortest wavelength describing the homogenized response such that  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ ) to describe the periodicity of the domain, in addition to the macro-scale coordinate  $x$  which reflects the long-wavelength behavior. Then, an arbitrary response function,  $f^{\epsilon}$ , is expressed using the micro- and macro- scales as  $f^{\varepsilon}(x) = f(x, s(x))$ . All response fields  $f(x, s)$  are assumed to be locally periodic throughout the deformation process:

$$
f(x,s) = f(x,s+n\hat{s}),
$$
\n(17)

where  $\hat{s}$  denotes the period of the microstructure, and  $n$  is an arbitrary integer.

The state vector is approximated using an asymptotic expansion with respect to the scaling factor,  $\varepsilon$ :

ctor, 
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:  
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$$
\mathbf{Z}^{\varepsilon}(x) = \mathbf{Z}(x,s) = \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}(x,s) + \varepsilon \mathbf{Z}^{(1)}(x,s) + \varepsilon^2 \mathbf{Z}^{(2)}(x,s) + \cdots,
$$
\n(18)

throughout the deformation process:<br>  $f(x,s) = f(x,s+n\hat{s})$ ,<br>
where  $\hat{s}$  denotes the period of the microstructure, and *n* is an arbitrary integer.<br>
The state vector is approximated using an asymptotic expansion with respect t where  $\mathbf{Z}^{(0)}$  is the leading order state vector, which will be proven to be independent of micro-scale coordinate *s* in the following analyses, while the high order state vectors  $\mathbf{Z}^{(\alpha)}(\alpha=1,2,\cdots)$  are functions of both the macro- and micro-scale coordinates.

Since the considered plate is periodic, the properties depend only on *s* , therefore,

$$
C^{\varepsilon}(x) = C(x, s) = C(s).
$$
 (19)

Accordingly, Eq. (16) can be rewritten as:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\mathbf{Z}(x,s) = \mathbf{C}(s)\mathbf{Z}(x,s),\tag{20}
$$

in which the derivative can be expressed as:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial s}.
$$
 (21)

Substituting Eqs. (19) into Eq. (20) yields:

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\n
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} + \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(2)} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Z}^{(2)} + \cdots
$$
\n
$$
= \mathbf{C}(s) \Big( \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} + \varepsilon \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} + \cdots \Big), \tag{22}
$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, the coefficients of each order of  $\varepsilon$  at both sides of Eq. (22) must be equal. By collecting the coefficients of  $\epsilon^{-1}$  and  $\epsilon^0$  in Eq. (22), we have the following equations:

$$
\varepsilon^{-1}: \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} = 0, \tag{23}
$$

$$
\varepsilon^{0}: \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} = \mathbf{C}(s) \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}.
$$
 (24)

Eq. (23) implies that

$$
\mathbf{Z}^{(0)}(x,s) = \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}(x).
$$
 (25)

Integrating both sides of Eq. (24) with respect to *s* over one period (from  $s = -l_0 \cos \alpha / \varepsilon$  to  $s = l_0 \cos \alpha / \varepsilon$ ) yields:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)},\tag{26}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2l_0 \cos \alpha} \int_{-l_0 \cos \alpha/\varepsilon}^{l_0 \cos \alpha/\varepsilon} \mathbf{C}(s) \mathbf{d}s. \tag{27}
$$

It is noted that delta functions ( $\delta(x)$ ) do not arise in  $\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}}$  after the integration.

For plane wave propagation, it can be assumed that:

$$
\mathbf{Z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{Z}_{\mathrm{m}}^{(0)} e^{i\kappa x},\tag{28}
$$

where  $\kappa$  is the wavenumber. Substituting Eq. (28) into Eq. (26) yields:

$$
\left(\overline{\mathbf{C}}_{\text{hom}} - i\kappa \mathbf{I}\right) \mathbf{Z}_{\text{m}}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0},\tag{29}
$$

Integrating both sides of Eq. (24) with respect to *s* over one period (from<br>  $s = -l_0 \cos \alpha/\varepsilon$  to  $s = l_0 \cos \alpha/\varepsilon$ ) yields:<br>  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{C}_{\text{max}} \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}$ ,<br>
where<br>  $\mathbf{C}_{\text{loss}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2l_0 \cos \alpha} \mathbf{C}_{\text{loss}} \mathbf{$ with the elements of Matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}}$  being presented in the Appendix. It should be noted that by adopting the assumption expressed by Eq. (28), the shifting operator  $\Delta$ no longer appears in  $C_{\text{hom}}$ , so that its elements take much simpler forms. The dispersion relations in the corrugation direction for the corrugated sandwich plate can be obtained by solving the following equation:

$$
\det\left(\mathbf{C}_{\text{eq}} - i\kappa \mathbf{I}\right) = 0,\tag{30}
$$

which can be also written as:

$$
c_1 \omega^8 + c_2 \omega^6 + c_3 \omega^4 + c_4 \omega^2 + c_5 = 0.
$$
 (31)

By the above equation, four branches of low-frequency dispersion relations can be predicted, which are expressed as:

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\n
$$
\omega_{1,2} = \sqrt{-\frac{c_2}{4c_1} - \frac{1}{2}p \pm \frac{1}{2}q}, \quad \omega_{3,4} = \sqrt{-\frac{c_2}{4c_1} + \frac{1}{2}p \pm \frac{1}{2}r},
$$
\n(32)

where 
$$
p = \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{4c_1^2} - \frac{2c_3}{3c_1} + \Delta}
$$
,  $q = \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{2c_1^2} - \frac{4c_3}{3c_1} - \Delta + \frac{(c_2/c_1)^3 - 4c_2c_3/c_1^2 + 8c_4/c_1}{4p}}$ , and  
\n $r = \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{2c_1^2} - \frac{4c_3}{3c_1} - \Delta - \frac{(c_2/c_1)^3 - 4c_2c_3/c_1^2 + 8c_4/c_1}{4p}}$ . The expressions for

$$
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$$
 The expressions for

 $c_i$  (*i* = 1, 2, ···, 5) and  $\Delta$  are given in the Appendix.

#### **2.2 Spectral element method**

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corrugated sandwich plate In this section, the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate based on the spectral element method are derived. Fig.1(c) shows a unit cell of the corrugated sandwich plate used for spectral element analysis. The origin of the global coordinate system is located at the midpoint of the bottom face sheet, and the origins of two local coordinate systems as depicted in Fig.1(c) are both located at the junction of the core sheets and the top face sheet.

Both the longitudinal and transverse motions of the face sheets are considered. The governing equation for the longitudinal motion reads:

$$
A_{f}u_{j,xx} = \rho_{f}t_{f}u_{j,t} \quad (j=1,2,3,4),
$$
\n(33)

where the subscript  $j$  represents Part  $j$  in Fig.1(c). For harmonic motion with frequency  $\omega$ , the longitudinal displacement  $u_j(x,t)$  can expressed as:

$$
u_j(x,t) = U_j(x)e^{-i\omega t} \quad (j=1,2,3,4).
$$
 (34)

Substituting Eq. (34) into Eq. (33) yields:  
\n
$$
U_j = A_j \sin k_f x + B_j \cos k_f x
$$
  $(j = 1, 2, 3, 4),$  (35)

where  $k_f = \sqrt{\rho_f t_f / A_f} \omega$ .

The equation governing the transverse motion of the face sheets reads:

$$
D_f w_{j,xxxx} = \rho_f t_f w_{j,t} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), \tag{36}
$$

Similarly, the transverse displacement  $w_j(x,t)$  can be written as:

$$
w_j(x,t) = W_j(x)e^{-i\omega t} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, 4).
$$
 (37)

Substituting Eq. (37) into Eq. (36) yields:

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\n
$$
W_j = C_j \sinh \lambda x + D_j \cosh \lambda x + E_j \sin \lambda x + F_j \cos \lambda x \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, 4),
$$
\n(38)

where  $\lambda = (\rho_f t_f \omega^2 / D_f)^{1/4}$ .

Only the longitudinal motion of the core sheets is considered. The corresponding governing equation reads:

$$
A_c u_{j,xx} = \rho_c t_c u_{j,t} \quad (j = 5,6),
$$
 (39)

For harmonic motion with frequency  $\omega$ , the longitudinal displacement  $u_j(x,t)$  can also be expressed as:

$$
u_j(x,t) = U_j(x)e^{-i\omega t}
$$
  $(j = 5,6),$  (40)

Substituting Eq. (40) into Eq. (39) yields:

$$
U_j = A_j \sin k_c x + B_j \cos k_c x \quad (j = 5, 6),
$$
 (41)

where  $k_c = \sqrt{\rho_c t_c / A_c} \omega$ .

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\n
$$
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$$
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\n
$$
U_1(0) = U_2(0), W_1(0) = W_2(0), W'_1(0) = W'_2(0), M_1(0) = M_2(0),
$$
\n
$$
N_1(0) + \cos \alpha N_s(0) = N_2(0) + \cos \alpha N_s(0).
$$
\n
$$
Q_1(0) - \sin \alpha N_s(0) = Q_2(0) + \sin \alpha N_s(0).
$$
\n
$$
U_s(0) = U_4(0), W_3(0) = W_4(0), W'_3(0) = W'_4(0),
$$
\n
$$
N_s(0) = N_4(0), Q_s(0) = Q_s(0), M_s(0) = M_4(0),
$$
\n
$$
U_s(0) = \cos \alpha U_1(0) + \sin \alpha W_1(0), U_s(0) = \cos \alpha U_1(0) - \sin \alpha W_1(0),
$$
\n
$$
U_s(-t_0) = \cos \alpha U_3(-t_0 \cos \alpha) + \sin \alpha W_3(-t_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
\n
$$
U_s(t_0) = \cos \alpha U_s(t_0 \cos \alpha) - \sin \alpha W_4(t_0 \cos \alpha).
$$
\nin which *N*, *Q* and *M* are respectively the axial force, shear force and bending moment, which can be expressed as:  
\n
$$
N_j(x) = A_j U'_j(x) (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), N_j(x) = A_s U'_j(x) (j = 5, 6),
$$
\n
$$
Q_j(x) = D_j W''_j(x) (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), \text{ and } M_j(x) = D_j W''_j(x) (j = 1, 2, 3, 4).
$$
\nMoreover, the displacements, rotations, axial forces, shear forces and bending moments at the ends of the unit cell should satisfy the Bloch theorem, *i.e.*:

in which  $N$ ,  $Q$  and  $M$  are respectively the axial force, shear force and bending moment, which can be expressed as:

$$
N_j(x) = A_j U_j'(x) (j=1,2,3,4), N_j(x) = A_i U_j'(x) (j=5,6),
$$
  
  $Q_j(x) = D_j W_j''(x) (j=1,2,3,4),$  and  $M_j(x) = D_j W_j''(x) (j=1,2,3,4).$ 

Moreover, the displacements, rotations, axial forces, shear forces and bending moments at the ends of the unit cell should satisfy the Bloch theorem, *i.e.*:

$$
U_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}U_{1}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha), W_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W_{1}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
W'_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W'(-l_{0}\cos\alpha), W_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W_{1}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
Q_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}U_{2}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha), M_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W_{1}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
Q_{1}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}U_{2}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha), W_{1}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W_{3}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
W'_{4}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}U'_{2}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha), M_{4}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}W_{3}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
N_{1}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) + \cos\alpha N_{0}(l_{0}) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}[\Delta_{1}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha) + \cos\alpha N_{3}(-l_{0})].
$$
  
\n
$$
Q_{2}(l_{0}\cos\alpha) + \sin\alpha N_{6}(l_{0}) = e^{i\pi 2l_{0}\cos\alpha}[\Delta_{2}(-l_{0}\cos\alpha) - \sin\alpha N_{5}(-l_{0})].
$$
  
\nEqs. (42) and (43) give a group of algebraic equations, which can be expressed  
\n
$$
TX = 0,
$$
  
\nwhich  $X$  is a column vector expressed as:  
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\nA_{1} & A_{2} & B_{2} & C_{1} & D_{1} & E_{1} & F_{1} & C_{2} & D_{2} & E_{2} & F_{2} & B_{2}
$$

Eqs. (42) and (43) give a group of algebraic equations, which can be expressed as:

$$
\mathbf{TX} = 0,
$$

(44)

in which  $\mathbf X$  is a column vector expressed as:



and the elements of Matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  are presented in the Appendix.

The dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate can be obtained by solving the following equation:

$$
\det(\mathbf{T}) = 0. \tag{45}
$$

#### **3. Results and discussions**

 $Q_4(l_6 \cos \alpha) + \sin \alpha N_4(l_6) = e^{\alpha \frac{N_6 \cos \alpha}{N_6}}[Q_4(-l_6 \cos \alpha) - \sin \alpha N_5(-l_6)].$ <br>
Eqs. (42) and (43) give a group of algebraic equations, which can be expressed<br>
as:<br>
TX = 0,<br>
in which X is a column vector expressed as:<br>
TX = 0,<br> In order to validate the developed dynamic homogenization model, the dispersion relations obtained from the homogenization method are compared with those obtained from the spectral element method. For the special case that the thickness of the core sheets approaches to zero, the sandwich plate degenerates to two independent homogeneous face sheets. Such a simple case is firstly considered. For a homogeneous plate, both the dispersion relations of bending wave and longitudinal wave have exact solutions [40]:

$$
\omega_b = \kappa_b^2 \sqrt{D/(\rho t)}, \ \omega_l = \kappa_l \sqrt{A/(\rho t)}
$$
(46)

where the subscripts  $\hat{b}$  and  $\hat{l}$  represent the bending wave and longitudinal wave,  $\rho$  is the mass density of the homogeneous material,  $t$  is the thickness,  $D = Et^3 / [12(1 - v^2)]$  and  $A = Et / (1 - v^2)$  are respectively the bending stiffness and stretching stiffness of the plate, in which  $E$  and  $\nu$  are the Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio. The dispersion curves predicted by the developed dynamic

homogenization model, the spectral element method, and Eq. (46) are compared in Fig.2. The dimensionless frequency and dimensionless wavenumber are respectively defined as  $\bar{\omega} = \omega a/c$  and  $\bar{\kappa} = \kappa a$ , where  $c = \sqrt{A/(\rho t)}$  is the velocity of in-plane longitudinal wave in homogeneous isotropic thin plates. Fig.2 shows that both the dynamic homogenization method and the spectral element method give the same results with the exact solutions.

Then, a corrugated sandwich plate with the following material and geometric parameters is considered:

$$
E_f = 70 \text{ GPa}, \quad \rho_f = 2700 \text{ kg/m}^3, \quad \nu_f = 0.3, \quad t_f = 0.002 \text{ m}, \quad E_c = 2.4 \text{ GPa},
$$
  
 $\rho_c = 1040 \text{ kg/m}^3, \quad \nu_c = 0.38, \quad t_c = 0.001 \text{ m}, \quad l_0 = 0.015 \text{ m}.$ 

The dispersion curves obtained by the homogenization method and the spectral element method are compared in Fig.3, in which the dimensionless frequency is defined as  $\bar{\omega} = \omega a/c_f$  with  $c_f = \sqrt{A_f/(\rho_f t_f)}$  and  $a = 2l_0 \cos \alpha$ . Fig.3 shows that for waves with relatively low frequencies, the dispersion curves obtained by the homogenization method agree well with those obtained by the spectral element method. For the two branches with lowest frequencies, the developed homogenization model gives almost the same results with the spectral element method even in the full wavenumber range.

Then, a corrugated sandwich plate with the following material and geometric<br>parameters is considered:<br> $E_r = 70 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_f = 2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $v_r = 0.3$ ,  $t_r = 0.002 \text{ m}$ ,  $E_r = 2.4 \text{ GPa}$ ,<br> $\rho_c = 1040 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $v_c = 0.38$ ,  $t_c$ The dispersion curves for corrugated sandwich plates based on the developed homogenization model can be seen more clearly in Fig.4. It displays that the present dynamic homogenization method can predict four branches of dispersion curves, as well as the corresponding wave modes. 'BE', 'L', 'BR' and 'S' labeled in Fig.4(a) denote the bending wave mode, longitudinal wave mode, breathing mode, and shear wave mode, respectively. These wave modes are depicted in Fig.5. The corrugated sandwich plate can also be treated as an equivalent homogeneous Mindlin plate by calculating the effective shear modulus of the corrugated core with a simple method adopted in Refs. [41, 42]. The dispersion curves predicted by this simple equivalent model are also displayed in Fig.4. It shows that the simple equivalent model gives only two branches of the dispersion curves (respectively corresponding to the bending and shear wave modes). Moreover, via comparing with the numerical solutions obtained by finite element software COMSOL, it is evident that for both the cases of the inclination angle  $\alpha = \pi/4$  and  $\alpha = \pi/6$ , the simple equivalent model provides

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acceptable dispersion curve of the bending wave only when the wavenumber is comparatively small, and with the increase of the wavenumber, the relative error of the results predicted by the simple equivalent model increases significantly. In contrast, the dispersion relations for both the bending wave mode and breathing mode predicted by the present homogenization model show good accuracy in almost the whole wavenumber range. This is mainly because the microstructural periodicity, which is neglected in the simple equivalent method, is accurately captured in the present homogenization model via introducing the shifting operator.

The effects of some geometric and material parameters on the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate are also discussed. We focus only on the lowest two branches of the dispersion curves. The following parameters are kept constant in the analyses:

 $E_f$  = 70 GPa,  $\rho_f$  = 2700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $v_f$  =  $v_c$  = 0.3, and  $h_c$  = 0.01 m, where  $h_c$  denotes the height of the core layer, and  $h_c = l_0 \sin \alpha$ .

which is neglected in the simple equivalent method, is accurately captured in the<br>present homogenization model via introducing the shifting operator.<br>The effects of some geometric and material parameters on the dispersion Firstly, the effect of the thickness  $t_c$  of the core sheets on the dispersion relations is investigated. As shown in Fig.6, with the increase of  $t_c$ , the group velocity (corresponding to a specified wavenumber) of the longitudinal wave decreases slightly, while that of the bending wave increases. Moreover, the dispersion curve corresponding to the breathing mode moves upwards. These phenomena can be explained as follows. The dispersion relation of the longitudinal wave can be approximately expressed as:

$$
\omega_i = \kappa_i \sqrt{2E_f t_f / \left[ \left( 1 - v_f^2 \right) \left( 2\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c / \cos \alpha \right) \right]},
$$
\n(47)

which shows that the tangent slope of the corresponding dispersion curve decreases slightly with the increase of  $t_c$ . Moreover, the shear stiffness and the out-of-plane compressive (or tensile) stiffness of the sandwich plate are mainly contributed by the core, and they are both enhanced as the thickness of the core sheets increases. With the increase of the shear stiffness, the group velocity of the bending wave increases; and with the increase of the out-of-plane compressive stiffness, the dispersion curve corresponding to the breathing mode moves upwards.

Then, the effect of the inclination angle of the core sheets on the dispersion relations is displayed in Fig.7. It should be noted that the frequency and wavenumber

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in this figure are nondimensionalized by using  $h_c$  instead of  $a$ , which is different from those in other figures, since under the condition that  $h_c$  is kept constant, the length of each unit cell  $a$  varies with the inclination angle  $\alpha$ . Fig.7 shows that with the increase of the inclination angle, the dispersion curves of the longitudinal and bending waves vary slightly, while that corresponding to the breathing mode moves upwards evidently. This is mainly attributed to the increase of the out-of-plane compressive stiffness of the sandwich plate caused by the increase of the inclination angle.

compressive stiffness of the sandwich plate caused by the increase of the includion<br>angle.<br>Fig.8 shows the effect of the thickness  $t_f$  of the face sheets on the dispersion<br>relations. It displays that the group velocity o Fig.8 shows the effect of the thickness  $t_f$  of the face sheets on the dispersion relations. It displays that the group velocity of the longitudinal wave increases slightly with  $t_f$ . This result can also be predicted by Eq. (47). Fig.8 also shows that with the increase of  $t_f$ , the group velocity of the bending wave decreases. Actually, both the bending stiffness and the mass density of the sandwich plate increase with the increase of the thickness of the face sheets. The group velocity of the bending wave increases as the bending stiffness increases, but decreases as the mass density increases. Since the mass density plays a relatively more important role, the group velocity of the bending wave decreases. Moreover, the dispersion curve corresponding to the breathing mode moves downwards with the increase of  $t_f$ .

The effect of the Young's modulus  $E_c$  of the corrugated core on the dispersion relations is displayed in Fig.9, which shows that with the increase of  $E_c$ , the group velocity of the longitudinal wave nearly keeps constant, while the group velocity of the bending wave increases. The former phenomenon can be predicted by Eq. (47), which demonstrates that the group velocity of the longitudinal wave is independent of *E c* , and the latter one is due to the fact that the shear stiffness of the sandwich plate increases with the increase of  $E_c$ , so does the group velocity of the bending wave. Moreover, owing to the increase of the out-of-plane compressive stiffness of the sandwich plate caused by the increase of  $E_c$ , the dispersion curve corresponding to the breathing mode moves upwards.

Furthermore, the effect of the density  $\rho_c$  of the corrugated core on the dispersion relations for the sandwich plate is studied and shown in Fig.10. It displays that the dispersion curves corresponding to all the three considered wave modes move

downwards, This is due to the fact that the mass density increases with  $\rho_c$ .

#### **4. Conclusions**

two-scale homogenization method to derive a homogenization model and considering<br>sinusoidal wave propagation, an eigenvalue problem is obtained, from which the<br>dispersion relations and corresponding wave modes can be deter A dynamic homogenization model is developed in the present work to investigate the long-wavelength wave propagation in corrugated sandwich plates. Via defining a shifting operator and adopting the harmonic motion assumption, the equations of motion are firstly represented in a state-space form. Then by employing a two-scale homogenization method to derive a homogenization model and considering sinusoidal wave propagation, an eigenvalue problem is obtained, from which the dispersion relations and corresponding wave modes can be determined. Benchmark solutions for the dispersion relations are also provided by using the spectral element method. Numerical results demonstrate that the developed dynamic homogenization model gives good results for four branches of dispersion curves (corresponding to bending wave mode, longitudinal wave mode, breathing mode, and shear wave mode, respectively) in the low-frequency range. Parameter studies are also carried out to investigate the effects of geometric and material parameters on the dispersion relations of the sandwich plate. It should be pointed out that the developed homogenization model can be further used to analyze other mechanical properties of corrugated sandwich plates, and the present homogenization method is also applicable to three-dimensional sandwich structures with various lattice truss cores, such as pyramidal and tetrahedral lattices.

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# **Appendix**

#### **Elements of Matrix B**

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\nElements of Matrix B<sup>c</sup>  
\n
$$
B_{1,2}^{c} = 1,
$$
\n
$$
B_{2,3}^{c} = -\omega^{2} \Big\{ \rho_{1} t_{j} + \rho_{2} t_{0} \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] \Big\} + (2A_{c} \cos^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big],
$$
\n
$$
B_{2,7}^{c} = - (A_{c} \cos^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] ( \Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha} + \Delta_{-t_{0} \cos \alpha} ) \Big\}.
$$
\n
$$
B_{2,3}^{c} = - (A_{c} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] ( \Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha} - \Delta_{-t_{0} \cos \alpha} ) \Big\}.
$$
\n
$$
B_{3,3}^{c} = \omega^{2} \Big\{ \rho_{1} t_{j} + \rho_{2} t_{0} t_{0} \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] \Big\} - (2A_{c} \sin^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big\{ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big\}.
$$
\n
$$
B_{3,3}^{c} = (A_{c} \sin^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] (\Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha} - \Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha})
$$
\n
$$
B_{3,3}^{c} = (A_{c} \sin^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta \Big[ x - 2(n-1) t_{0} \cos \alpha \Big] (\Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha} - \Delta_{t_{0} \cos \alpha})
$$
\n
$$
B_{3,4}^{c} = - (A_{c} \cos^{2} \alpha / t_{0}) \sum_{n=
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\n
$$
B_{12,9}^{\varepsilon} = \omega^2 \left\{ \rho_f t_f + (\rho_c t_c l_0/2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - (2n-3) l_0 \cos \alpha \right] + (\rho_c t_c l_0/2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta \left[ x - (2n-1) l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
- (A_c \sin^2 \alpha / l_0) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \delta \left[ x - (2n-3) l_0 \cos \alpha \right] + \delta \left[ x - (2n-1) l_0 \cos \alpha \right] \right\},
$$

all the other elements of Matrix  $\mathbf{B}^{\varepsilon}$  are equal to zero.

 $\mathbf{E}$ lements of Matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}}$ 

Elements of Matrix C<sub>hom1</sub>  
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom1,2}} = 1/A_f, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom2,1}} = -\omega^2 [\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c/(2 \cos \alpha)] + A_c \cos \alpha / t_0^2,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom2,7}} = - (A_c \cos \alpha / t_0^2) \cos(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha), \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom2,2}} = (iA_c \sin \alpha / t_0^2) \sin(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha), \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom3,4}} = 1,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom4,5}} = 1/D_f, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom5,6}} = 1, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom6,3}} = \omega^2 [\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c/(2 \cos \alpha)] - A_c \sin^2 \alpha / (t_0^2 \cos \alpha),
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom6,7}} = - (iA_c \sin \alpha / t_0^2) \sin(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha), \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom6,9}} = [A_c \sin^2 \alpha / (t_0^2 \cos \alpha)] \cos(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom7,8}} = 1/A_f, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom8,1}} = -(A_c \cos \alpha / t_0^2) \cos(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom9,10}} = 1, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom9,10}} = 1/D_f, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom1,11}} = 1, \quad \overline{C}_{\text{hom1,21}} = (iA_c \sin \alpha / t_0^2) \sin(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom1,2,9}} = [A_c \sin^2 \alpha / (t_0^2 \cos \alpha)] \cos(\kappa t_0 \cos \alpha).
$$
\n
$$
\overline{C}_{\text{hom1,2,9}} = \omega^2 [\rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c/(2 \cos \alpha)] - A_c \sin^2 \alpha / (t_0^2 \cos \alpha),
$$
\nall the other elements of Matrix  $\overline{C}_{\text{hom2,$ 

all the other elements of Matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{\text{hom}}$  are equal to zero.

Expressions for 
$$
c_i
$$
 ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ ) and  $\Delta$ 

\n $c_1 = m^4, \quad c_2 = -2 \Big[ A_c \sec \alpha + \kappa^2 l_0^2 (A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) \Big] m^3 / l_0^2,$ 

\n $c_3 = \Big\{ A_c^2 \Big\{ \tan^2 \alpha \Big[ 1 + 3 \cos(2\alpha) \cos(2\kappa l_0 \cos \alpha) \Big] + 2 \tan^2 \alpha \cos^2(\kappa l_0 \cos \alpha) + 4 \cos^2 \alpha \sin^2(\kappa l_0 \cos \alpha) + 10 \sin^2 \alpha \Big\} + 8 A_c \kappa^2 l_0^2 \Big[ (A_f + 2 \kappa^2 D_f) \cos \alpha + (2A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) \sin \alpha \tan \alpha \Big] + 4 \kappa^4 l_0^4 (A_f^2 + 4 \kappa^2 A_f D_f + \kappa^4 D_f^2) \Big\} m^2 / (4 l_0^4),$ 

\n $c_4 = -\kappa^2 \Big\{ \Big[ 3 A_c^2 - A_c^2 \cos(4\alpha) + 8 \kappa^6 l_0^4 A_f D_f \cos^2 \alpha \Big] (A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) + 2 A_c \kappa^2 l_0^2 \Big[ (A_f^2 + 8 \kappa^2 A_f D_f + 3 \kappa^4 D_f^2) \cos \alpha - (A_f^2 - \kappa^4 D_f^2) \cos(3\alpha) \Big] - 2 A_c^2 (A_f - \kappa^2 D_f) \cos(2\alpha)$ 

\n $+ 4 A_c^2 (A_f \sin^2 \alpha - \kappa^2 D_f \cos^2 \alpha) \cos(2\alpha) \cos(2\kappa l_0 \cos \alpha) \Big\} \sec^2 \alpha m / (4 l_0^4),$ 

$$
c_{5} = \kappa^{4} \Big\{ A_{c}^{2} \Big[ 3 \Big( A_{f}^{2} + 2 \kappa^{2} A_{f} D_{f} + \kappa^{4} D_{f}^{2} \Big) - 4 \Big( A_{f}^{2} - \kappa^{4} D_{f}^{2} \Big) \cos (2 \alpha) + \Big( A_{f}^{2} - 6 \kappa^{2} A_{f} D_{f} + \kappa^{4} D_{f}^{2} \Big) \cos (4 \alpha) \Big] + 16 \kappa^{8} l_{0}^{4} A_{f}^{2} D_{f}^{2} \cos^{2} \alpha + 8 \kappa^{4} l_{0}^{2} A_{c} A_{f} D_{f} \Big\{ A_{f} \Big[ \cos \alpha - \cos (3 \alpha) \Big] + \kappa^{2} D_{f} \Big[ 3 \cos \alpha + \cos (3 \alpha) \Big] \Big\} - 2 A_{c}^{2} \Big[ A_{f} - \kappa^{2} D_{f} - \Big( A_{f} + \kappa^{2} D_{f} \Big) \cos (2 \alpha) \Big]^{2} \cos (2 \kappa l_{0} \cos \alpha) \Big\} \sec^{2} \alpha / (16 l_{0}^{4}),
$$

where  $m = \rho_f t_f + \rho_c t_c / (2 \cos \alpha)$ .

Moreover, 
$$
\Delta = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}\Delta_1}{3c_1\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}c_1},
$$

 $sc_1 \sqrt[3]{\Delta_2} + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1} + \Delta_2$ <br>
where  $\Delta_1 = c_3^2 - 3c_2c_4 + 12c_1c_5$ , and  $\Delta_2 = 2c_3^3 - 9c_2c_3c_4 + 27c_1c_4^2 + 27c_2^2c_5 - 72c_1c_3c_5$ .

Specifically, for the case that the inclination angle of the core sheets  $\alpha = \pi/4$ , the

Moreover, 
$$
\Delta = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}\Delta_1}{3c_1\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}c_1},
$$
  
\nwhere  $\Delta_1 = c_3^2 - 3c_2c_4 + 12c_1c_5$ , and  $\Delta_2 = 2c_3^3 - 9c_2c_3c_4 + 27c_1c_4^2 + 27c_2^2c_5 - 72a_1c_4c_5$ .  
\nSpecifically, for the case that the inclination angle of the core sheets  $\alpha = \pi/4$ .  
\ncoefficients  $c_1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ ) read:  
\n $c_1 = m^4$ ,  $c_2 = -2[\sqrt{2}A_c + \kappa^2 l_0^2 (A_f + \kappa^2 D_f)]m^3/l_0^2$ ,  
\n $c_3 = [2A_c^2 + 3\sqrt{2}A_c\kappa^2 l_0^2 (A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) + \kappa^4 l_0^4 (A_f^2 + 4\kappa^2 A_fD_f + \kappa^4 D_f^2)]m^2/l_0^4$ ,  
\n $c_4 = -\kappa^2 [2(A_c^2 + \kappa^6 l_0^4 A_f D_f)(A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) + \sqrt{2}A_c\kappa^2 l_0^2 (A_f^2 + 4\kappa^2 A_f D_f + \kappa^4 D_f^2)]m/l_0^4$ ,  
\n $c_5 = \kappa^4 [A_c^2 (A_f^2 + 6\kappa^2 A_f D_f + \kappa^4 D_f^2) + 4\sqrt{2} \kappa^4 l_0^2 A_c A_f D_f (A_f + \kappa^2 D_f) + 4\kappa^8 l_0^4 A_f^2 D_f^2$   
\n $-A_c^2 (A_f - \kappa^2 D_f)^2 \cos(\sqrt{2} \kappa l_0)/|A|_0^4$   
\nElements of Matrix T  
\n $T_{1,2} = 1$ ,  $T_{1,4} = -1$ ,  $T_{2,0} = 1$ ,  $T_{2,10} = -1$ ,  $T_{2,$ 

**Elements of Matrix T**

$$
c_{5} = \kappa^{4} \left\{ A_{c}^{2} \left[ 3(A_{f}^{2} + 2\kappa^{2}A_{f}D_{f} + \kappa^{4}D_{f}^{2} \right) - 4(A_{f}^{2} - \kappa^{2}D_{f}^{2} \right) \cos(2\alpha) + (A_{f}^{2} - 6\kappa^{2}A_{f}D_{f} + \kappa^{4}D_{f}^{2} \right) \cos(4\alpha) \right\} + 16\kappa^{8}h_{0}^{4}A_{f}^{2}D_{f}^{2} \cos^{2}\alpha
$$
  
+8\kappa^{4}h\_{0}^{2}A\_{c}A\_{f}D\_{f} \left\{ A\_{f} \left[ \cos\alpha - \cos(3\alpha) \right] + \kappa^{2}D\_{f} \left[ 3\cos\alpha + \cos(3\alpha) \right] \right\}  
-2A\_{c}^{2} \left[ A\_{f} - \kappa^{2}D\_{f} - (A\_{f} + \kappa^{2}D\_{f}) \cos(2\alpha) \right]^{2} \cos(2\kappa t\_{0} \cos\alpha) \sec^{2}\alpha / (16t\_{0}^{4}),  
\nwhere  $m = \rho_{f}t_{f} + \rho_{f}t_{c}/(2\cos\alpha).$   
\nMoreover,  $\Lambda = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}\Delta_{1}}{3c_{1}\sqrt[3]{\Delta_{2} + \sqrt{-4\Delta_{1}^{3} + \Delta_{2}^{2}}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{\Delta_{2} + \sqrt{-4\Delta_{1}^{3} + \Delta_{2}^{2}}}}{3\sqrt[3]{2c_{1}}},$   
\nwhere  $\Delta_{1} = c_{5}^{2} - 3c_{2}c_{4} + 12c_{1}c_{5}$ , and  $\Delta_{2} = 2c_{3}^{3} - 9c_{2}c_{3}c_{4} + 27c_{1}c_{4}^{2} + 27c_{2}^{2}c_{5} - 72c_{1}c_{5}c_{5}$   
\nSpecifically, for the case that the inclination angle of the core sheets  
\ncoefficients  $c_{1} = (i = 1, 2, ..., 5)$  read:  
\n $c_{1} = m^{4}, c_{2} = -2[\sqrt{2}A_{c} + \kappa^{2}t_{0}^{2}(A_{f} + \kappa^{2}D_{f})]m^{3$ 

$$
T_{15,13} = -\cos\alpha \sin(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{15,14} = \cos\alpha \cos(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{15,17} = -\sin\alpha \sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{15,18} = \sin\alpha \cosh(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{15,19} = -\sin\alpha \sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{15,20} = \sin\alpha \cos(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{15,20} = \sin(k_1 l_0),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{15,24} = -\cos(k_1 l_0), T_{16,15} = \cos\alpha \sin(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{15,26} = \cos\alpha \cos(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{16,21} = -\sin\alpha \sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{16,22} = -\sin\alpha \cos(h(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{16,27} = -\sin(k_1 l_0),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{16,23} = -\sin\alpha \sin(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{16,22} = -\sin\alpha \cos(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{16,27} = -\sin(k_1 l_0),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{16,28} = -\cos(k_1 l_0), T_{17,1} = -e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha}, T_{18,5} = -e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha}, T_{16,27} = \sin(k_1 l_0, \cos \alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{17,3} = -\sin(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{17,4} = -\cos(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{18,5} = -e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha}, T_{18,5} = e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha} \sin(k_1 l_0 \cos \alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{18,6} = e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha} \cos(h(\lambda l_0 \cos \alpha), T_{18,7} = -e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha}), T_{18,5} = -e^{\lambda \alpha l_0 \cos \alpha} \
$$

$$
T_{24,19} = -e^{i\kappa 2\xi_0\cos\alpha} \sin(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{24,20} = e^{i\kappa 2\xi_0\cos\alpha} \cos(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{24,21} = -\sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{24,22} = -\cosh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{24,23} = -\sin(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{24,24} = -\cos(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{25,17} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cosh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{25,18} = -e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{25,19} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cos(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{25,20} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \sin(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{25,24} = -\cosh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{25,22} = -\sinh(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{25,23} = -\cos(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{25,24} = \sin(\lambda l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{26,13} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} A_r k_r \cos(k_r l_0 \cos\alpha), T_{26,14} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} A_r k_r \sin(k_r l_0 \cos\alpha),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{26,15} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cos\alpha A_r k_r \cos(k_c l_0), T_{26,26} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cos\alpha A_r k_r \sin(k_c l_0),
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{27,17} = e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cos\alpha A_r k_r \cos(k_c l_0), T_{27,28} = -e^{i\kappa 2l_0 \cos\alpha} \cos\alpha A_r k_r \sin(k_c l_0),
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\n
$$
T_{27,17} =
$$

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## **Figure captions**



Fig.1 Sketch of an infinite long corrugated sandwich plate: (a) several unit cells; (b) a unit cell used for homogenization analysis; (c) a unit cell used for spectral element analysis



Fig.2 Dispersion curves for a homogeneous plate: (a) bending wave, (b) longitudinal wave



Fig.3 Dispersion curves for a corrugated sandwich plate ( $\alpha = \pi/4$ , dots denote the results obtained by the homogenization method, and solid lines represent those predicted by the spectral element method)



Fig.4 Dispersion curves for the corrugated sandwich plate: (a)  $\alpha = \pi/4$ , (b)  $\alpha = \pi/6'$  ('BE', 'L', 'BR' and 'S' denote corresponding wave modes, which are respectively the bending wave mode, longitudinal wave mode, breathing mode, and shear wave mode)



Fig.5 Wave modes of the corrugated sandwich plate ( $\alpha = \pi/4$ , the black dashed line depicts the reference configuration of a unit cell): (a) bending wave mode (BE mode); (b) longitudinal wave mode (L mode); (c) breathing mode (BR mode); (d) shear wave mode (S mode)



Fig.6 Effect of the thickness of the core sheets on the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate ( $E_c/E_f = 1.0$ ,  $\rho_c/\rho_f = 1.0$ ,  $t_f/h_c = 0.10$ ,  $\alpha = \pi/4$ )





0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0



Fig.10 Effect of the density of the corrugated core on the dispersion relations for the corrugated sandwich plate ( $E_c/E_f = 1.0$ ,  $t_c/h_c = 0.05$ ,  $t_f/h_c = 0.10$ ,  $\alpha = \pi/4$ )

## **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT**

