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Abstract

The scattering of guided waves through a complex structure is of great importance in predicting vibration energy transmission and reflection across structures. Multi-scale models based on generalized continuum theory have been developed recently to investigate the vibration behavior of complex media in the frame of continuum mechanics. In this study, models based on the second strain gradient theory are employed together with a scattering matrix method to study the wave transmission and reflection through non-classical coupling regions between two waveguides. Numerical results are presented for longitudinal and bending waves through 1-D coupling interfaces. Upon which we discuss the local behavior of the internal heterogeneity in the complex coupling region and its impact on wave scattering properties at coupling interfaces. The results obtained also show that the proposed approach is of great potential in the investigation of vibration transmission control by enriching a waveguide's internal structure.

Keywords: Second strain gradient theory; complex media; wave scattering; elastic waveguide; transmission coefficient; transmitted energy.

1. Introduction

Wave traveling analysis through engineering waveguide structures has raised significant interest over the past decade as it provides an efficient way to describe their vibration behavior, especially in the high-frequency domain. Waveguide structures can be regarded as a combination of individual waveguides connected by different types of joints, thus the analysis of wave propagation in each waveguide and interaction at each coupling joint plays an important role in evaluating and optimizing the structural vibration properties. Many approaches have been developed analytically and numerically for the study of the wave traveling in waveguide structures. Examples of analytical methods include the dynamic stiffness method [1], wave scattering method [2], spectral element method [3, 4], energy flow approach [5, 6], among others. With analytical approaches, the studied structure is often assumed to be isotropic and homogeneous. These assumptions are not true for structures involving complex internal structures such as composites, architected media and metamaterials. In these complex media, local behavior of the internal heterogeneity has a significant influence on their vibration and wave traveling characteristics. For predicting their vibrational behavior, numerical approaches such as wave finite element methods (WFEM) [7, 8], Spectral Finite Element (SFEM)[9] are developed to calculate the wave propagation characteristics and wave interaction coefficients at complex interfaces.

Considering that numerical simulation often involves large computational resources, especially when the wavelength is approaching the length of spatial period of the system, an alternative solution is developed by enriching the classical continuum theory with the micro-scale behavior explicitly included in the constitutive equation. Accordingly,

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macroscopic constitutive models that capture the local micro-scale properties can be developed by an appropriate definition of non-local parameters. This theory is known as the generalized continuum theory. Generalized continuum theories were firstly proposed in the 1960s and developed into three different branches in the last few decades: the higher gradient theory, the higher-order theory, and non-local elasticity theory. The basic idea of the generalized continuum theory is to establish a relationship between macroscopic mechanical quantities and microscopic physical quantities within the framework of continuum mechanics.

Generalized continuum theories have been widely utilized in complex media modeling especially in short-wavelength deformation. Based on generalized continuum theories, multi-scale models are developed in recent studies to investigate vibration features of complex media while considering the local behavior of its internal structures, for example, the reformulated beam theories using Eringen's nonlocal differential constitutive relations [10, 11], non-classical Kirchhoff plate model and Mindlin plate model based on Modified Couple Stress (MCS) [12, 13]. Literature shows that the generalized theory-based models are capable of capturing the scale effect of the mechanical behavior observed in the experiments where the specimen characteristic length or the wavelength of the disturbance are comparable to the lengths of the major heterogeneity in the media. The long-range interaction described in generalized theory has significant influences on predicting the non-classical structural characteristics such as deflections, buckling loads, natural frequencies, vibration responses, etc. Recently, the propagation of waves in complex media or nano-scaled structures have been investigated based on generalized continuum theories [14, 15]. Specifically, the analysis often relies on the introduction of a set of characteristic lengths, and it can be observed that the dispersion relation changes substantially in the studied problems from the given type of geometry and loading. The introduced characteristic length parameters by the generalized theory are also crucial to predict non-local wave scattering phenomena [16]. The research of Li et al. [17, 18] shows the reflection and transmission coefficients at the interface of two dipolar gradient media are dependent on the microstructure parameters along with the incident angular frequency. Mention can also be made of the study proposed by Zhu et al. in 2019 [19], the proposed generalized theory-based rod model predicts that extra evanescent waves are generated along with the dispersive longitudinal wave, and these evanescent waves have a great impact on wave diffusion at a discontinuity between non-local media.

Very seldom research was conducted on the wave conversion and scattering at coupling regions involving non-classical waveguides. Wang et al. did some research on this issue [20], wave scattering through a couple-stress slab sandwiched between two elastic half-spaces was investigated based on the couple stress (CS) theory, the reflection and transmission behaviors are proven to be affected by the couple-stress. Upon this, Liu et al. investigated the reflection of elastic waves through the functionally graded piezoelectric microstructures [21]. The employed generalized theories are both CS theory because CS theory is more convenient to use as its constitutive relations are clear with only one additional couple-stress governing the conservation of moment of momentum. However, CS theory is not capable of reflecting all the non-local interaction acting on the micro-body, which leads to that the scattering of transverse waves is sensitive through the CS theory media than the longitudinal wave. Therefore, generalized theories that can capture more complex long-range interaction are more favorable in the wave scattering problem. Furthermore, the wave conversion situation through the non-local media coupled with the classical ones is still not clear, and how the non-local media affects the wave conversion and transmission has not been well investigated either.

To fill this gap, in the present paper Mindlin's Second Strain Gradient (SSG) theory is employed to characterize the non-local inserts between the classical theory (CT) media. SSG theory is developed by introducing the classical strain tensor and the high-order displacement derivatives into the strain energy [22], thus it is capable of capturing more long-distance interactions compared with CS theory and the first strain gradient theory. Despite the complexity of Mindlin's SSG theory (i.e. the introduction of 16 new coefficients) and the difficulty in developing a physical interpretation of these high-order material constants, SSG theory is regarded as the most effective one among the higher gradient theories. How the introduction of the SSG theory-based inserts in a classical theory (CT) based elastic waveguide affects wave conversion and for which benefits are the main focus of this paper. SSG theory-based Timoshenko beam model has been established by Asghari et al. [23], and SSG theory-based rod model by Zhu et al. [19] with Hamilton principle to exploit the structural free-vibration behaviors and wave propagation features. The resulting non-classical wave dispersion relations are employed in the present paper to investigate the wave reflection and transmission properties through a non-classical coupling region with the transfer matrix method (TMM). Predicting the diffusion characteristics of CT - SSG interfaces however requires addressing the coupling between CT and SSG media, each exhibiting different wave types. There is no existing work relating these high-order material properties to wave scattering features. Especially, no investigation was done on the scattering effects produced by a coupling

region with non-local elasticity within a classical elastic structure. In the present paper, an original relationship is introduced to link the higher-order material properties and non-classical wave scattering characteristics by developing an equivalence concerning all the generalized displacements and generalized forces based on TMM.

The paper is organized as follows: the SSG theory is reviewed in Section 2. The SSG theory-based wave-scattering matrix approach for predicting the diffusion properties of the longitudinal wave through a 1-D complex coupling region between two classical waveguides is presented in Section 3. Section 4 treats the case of bending wave scattering problem through the complex coupling region. Numerical examples and result discussion are displayed in Section 5, and conclusions for this work are drawn in Section 6.

2. Review of the SSG theory

‘Second Strain Gradient theory’ (SSG theory) was developed by Mindlin by introducing the second and third derivatives of displacement into the strain energy density along with the classical strain tensor. For second strain gradient continua, the strain energy density \bar{u} is written in a quadratic form as [22],

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u} = & \frac{1}{2} \lambda \varepsilon_{ii} \varepsilon_{jj} + \mu \varepsilon_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} + a_1 \eta_{ij} \eta_{ikk} + a_2 \eta_{iik} \eta_{kjj} + a_3 \eta_{iik} \eta_{jjk} + a_4 \eta_{ijk} \eta_{ijk} + a_5 \eta_{ijk} \eta_{kji} \\ & + b_1 \xi_{iij} \xi_{kkll} + b_2 \xi_{ijk} \xi_{ijll} + b_3 \xi_{iij} \xi_{jkk} + b_4 \xi_{iij} \xi_{llk} + b_5 \xi_{iij} \xi_{llj} + b_6 \xi_{ijk} \xi_{ijkl} \\ & + b_7 \xi_{ijk} \xi_{jkli} + c_1 \varepsilon_{ii} \xi_{jjkk} + c_2 \varepsilon_{ij} \xi_{ijkk} + c_3 \varepsilon_{ij} \xi_{kkij} + b_0 \varepsilon_{iij}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

in which λ and μ are the Lamé’s constants. ε_{ij} , η_{ijk} and ξ_{ijkl} ($i, j, k, l = 1, 2, 3$) are the components of the classical strain tensor ε , the first strain gradient tensor η and the second strain gradient tensor ξ

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{ij} = & \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \nabla]_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right), \quad \eta_{ijk} = [\nabla \nabla \mathbf{u}]_{ijk} = \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}, \\ \xi_{ijkl} = & [\nabla \nabla \nabla \mathbf{u}]_{ijkl} = \frac{\partial^3 u_l}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_k}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The conjugate classical stress, the first higher-order stress and the second higher-order stress are defined by differentiating the strain energy density \bar{u} with respect to the corresponding strain components as

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}}. \quad (3)$$

It can be seen that SSG theory formulation enriches the field equations of classical elasticity theory by means of 16 additional higher-order spatial derivative components of relevant state variables. These higher-order terms are accompanied by a set of higher-order material parameters a_i , b_i and c_i . These higher-order material parameters can be linked to intrinsic length-scale parameters, on which scale the behavior of underlying material micro-structure can be captured. To be specific, the equation of force equilibrium for the SSG theory-based media in the presence of a body force \mathbf{f} has the following form,

$$\nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \nabla \nabla : \boldsymbol{\pi}) + \mathbf{f} = 0. \quad (4)$$

The rule for multiple scalar multiplication of dyads is $\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} : \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d})$. Upon substituting the strain-displacement relations (2) into the stress-strain relations (3) and the resulting expressions for the stresses into the stress-equation of equilibrium Eq. (4), the displacement-equation of equilibrium is given as

$$(\lambda + 2\mu) D_{11}^2 D_{12}^2 \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mu D_{21}^2 D_{22}^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} = 0, \quad (5)$$

where

$$D_{ij}^2 = 1 - l_{ij}^2 \nabla^2, \quad i = 1, 2; \quad j = 1, 2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2(\lambda + 2\mu) l_{1j}^2 &= \bar{a} - 2\bar{c} \pm \left[(a - 2c)^2 - 4\bar{b}(\lambda + 2\mu) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad j = 1, 2; \\ 2\mu l_{2j}^2 &= \bar{a}' - c_3 \pm \left[(\bar{a} - c_3)^2 - 4\bar{b}'\mu \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad j = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} &= 2(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5); \\ \bar{b} &= 2(b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + b_7); \\ \bar{c} &= c_1 + c_2 + c_3; \quad \bar{a}' = 2(a_3 + a_4); \quad \bar{b}' = (b_5 + b_6).\end{aligned}$$

It can be observed that the displacement equilibrium in Eq. (5) contains terms involving additional material constants l_{ij} having the dimension of length. Therefore l_{ij} are known as intrinsic length scales of SSG theory-based continua. The capability of the SSG theory to capture the size effect is the direct manifestation of involvement of these characteristic lengths [23]. In fact, not only the SSG theory but also all the other types of generalized continuum theory contain such kind of intrinsic length-scale parameters in theory that allows us to model physical phenomena where the micro-structure clearly exhibits specific features with particular length scales. Therefore, the response of a material point not only depends on the strain at that point but also on the strain or history strain of a certain neighborhood of that point or even of the entire body. This is also the reason why generalized continuum theories can be used to capture the complex multi-scale behaviors exhibited by complex media. Certainly, the intrinsic length parameters of the periodic structure and the nano-structure are dependent on their internal structure features, and their length-scale parameters should be chosen in accordance with their intrinsic length.

Length-scale parameters are generally identified by matching the structural properties, including but not limited to: the fundamental frequencies, dispersion curves of plane waves resulting from the generalized theory-based analytical models with those properties calculated by the MD simulations or experiments. For example, in the research of Kandaz [24], the length-scale parameters Modified Strain Gradient (MSG) theory and MCS theory are identified from the existing experimental data of load-displacement curves in literature [25] for the first time. In the same manner, Ansari extracted material length scale parameter by matching the fundamental frequencies obtained from the continuum models with those calculated by the MD simulations [26]. Metrikine et Askes developed a stable and dynamic consistent high-order continuum model with two additional material parameters from a 2D lattice by supposing that the displacement vector of a higher-order continuum should represent an average of the particle-displacements of the underlying lattice [27]. In the research of Domenico [28, 29], length scale identification is carried out by "continualization" a non-local lattice model with both distributed and lumped mass to a three-length-scale gradient model by employing a higher-order homogenization. In the present work, one direct map operation, that has been used in research [30], is employed to obtain the continuum equation from a lattice, and the long-range interaction parameters are identified in the SSG theory model. We should emphasize that focus of this work is not on the better identification of internal length-scale parameters, more importantly, this paper is focused on the wave conversion and scattering at coupling regions involving non-classical interfaces which are studied based on the SSG theory model. This part is developed in the purpose of interpreting how the length-scale parameters work in governing the global behavior of complex continua and why SSG theory-based model can capture the local behavior by involving higher-order material constants. The higher-order material constants (reflecting instinct length-scale parameters) in the numerical calculation are referred to the results that obtained by atomistic approach [31].

3. Transmission and reflection of a longitudinal wave through a complex rod

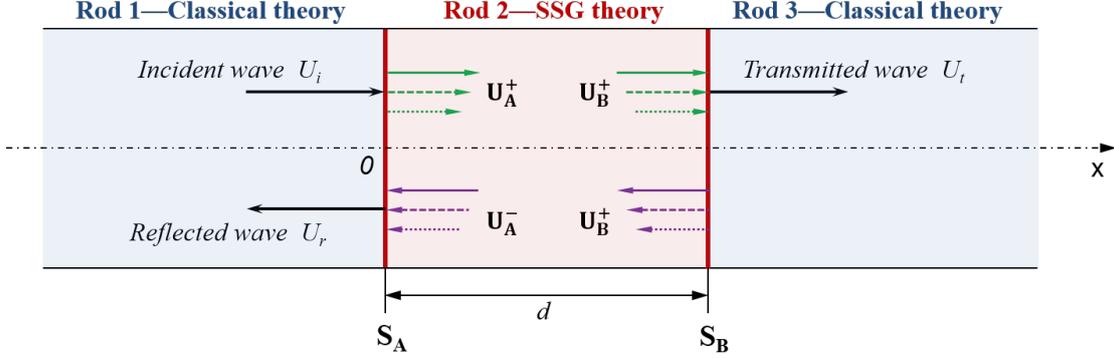


Figure 1: Reflection and transmission of a longitudinal wave through a complex rod of length d

Let's consider two classical rods connected by a complex coupling region as show in Figure 1. Rod 1 and rod 3 are both homogeneous, namely consisting of micro-structures whose size is much smaller than the external wavelength (deformation). Rod 1 and 3 are coupled by Rod 2. As the coupling region, rod 2 is complex, namely the size of its underlying micro-structures is comparable with the external wavelength. Therefore local behavior needs to be captured for a better description of its global vibro-acoustic behavior. The description of local behavior inevitably reveal different features in wave propagation in complex vs. classical media. The most significant is the converted waves in the complex media at wave reflection interfaces. The following analysis is concerned with the wave conversion and scattering at complex coupling regions based on the SSG theory rod model.

3.1. Wave modes in a complex rod

Wave propagation in complex rod has been studied by Zhu et al [19] by employing SSG theory-based rod model. Assuming Young's modulus of rod 2 is E_2 , mass density ρ_2 and circular cross-section area $A = \pi r^2$. Along with higher-order material constants are a_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$), b_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$), and c_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$), strain energy density of the complex rod can be expressed with eq.(1), then the governing equation of the enriched model can be deduced based on Hamilton principle as

$$E_2 A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + (B_3 - B_1) \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} + B_2 \frac{\partial^6 u}{\partial x^6} + q - m_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0, \quad (6)$$

where u stands for longitudinal displacement in x direction, $m_0 = \rho_2 A$ and B_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) represent the enrichment of higher-order material components as

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= 2A (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5), \\ B_2 &= 2A (b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + b_7), \\ B_3 &= 2A (c_1 + c_2 + c_3). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The associated boundary conditions at the rod ends are given as

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (B_3 - B_1) \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} + B_2 \frac{\partial^5 u}{\partial x^5} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta u = 0, \\ P_1 &= \left(B_1 - \frac{B_3}{2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - B_2 \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = 0, \\ P_2 &= \frac{B_3}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + B_2 \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Assuming the external loading $q = 0$, the dispersion behavior of free wave modes in complex rod can be achieved by substituting the general exponential form of wave propagation solution into the SSG theory-based governing equation as

$$E_2 A k^2 - (B_3 - B_1) k^4 + B_2 k^6 - m_0 \omega^2 = 0. \quad (9)$$

According to the form of this dispersion relation, three different modes can be generated in second strain gradient elastic rod can be generated by the disturbance on the discontinuous interface S_A including the non-classical longitudinal wave k_1 and two evanescent waves k_2 and k_3 (as concluded in study [19]). It is predictable that wave scattering and transmission through complex media should be different from the classical one.

3.2. Wave conversion and transmission through a complex rod

As shown in Fig. 1, longitudinal wave U_i propagates towards $+x$ direction then normally inject on interface S_A , a proportion of the incident energy is reflected and propagates away towards $-x$ as reflected wave U_r , and the remaining energy is transmitted to the coupling region rod 2. Based on the previous analysis, 3 wave modes can be generated by the disturbance on the discontinuous interface S_A , so the transmitted energy continues propagating towards $+x$ direction in form of the generated wave group U_A^+ . Assuming the length of rod 2 is short thus all generated wave modes can propagate through rod 2 and inject on interface S_B at $x = d$ as incident wave group U_B^+ , part of the incident energy is transmitted to rod 3 in form of transmitted longitudinal wave U_t , and the other is reflected in form of wave group U_B^- . The reflected wave modes propagate along $-x$ direction until reach interface S_A and restart a new circular.

To characterize the vibration transmission and reflection features through the coupling rod, the transmission coefficient of the incident wave U_i through rod 2 (complex media) to rod 3 and the reflection coefficient of wave U_i from rod 2 are derived in this section. Assuming the longitudinal wave that propagates in rod 1 and rod 3 is denoted as k_c , the incident wave propagating along $+x$ direction with unit amplitude can be expressed as

$$U_i = e^{i(\omega t - k_c x)}. \quad (10)$$

Due to the micro-structure effect, the state description of the interface for rod 2 requires higher-order kinetic and force information as in Eq. (8). To clarify the transfer of motion and force from S_A to S_B , one state vector \mathbf{X} is defined with including all the kinetic parameters and general forces of complex rod based on SSG theory. For interface S_A , it is

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \left[u_{A^+}, \frac{\partial u_{A^+}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 u_{A^+}}{\partial x^2}, P_0, P_1, P_2 \right]_{S=S_{A^+}}^T. \quad (11)$$

Assuming the amplitudes of the three positive going wave modes k_j ($j = 1, 2, 3$) generated on interface S_A are \mathcal{A}_j ($j = 1, 2, 3$), meanwhile the amplitudes of the negative going modes $-k_j$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) incident to S_A from $-x$ are \mathcal{B}_j , the displacement on the right hand of the interface S_A can be given in form of the wave superposition as (omitting the time component $e^{i\omega t}$)

$$u_{A^+} = \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{A}_j e^{-ik_j x} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{B}_j e^{ik_j x} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \quad (12)$$

in which $\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{D}^+ = \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 x}, e^{-ik_2 x}, e^{-ik_3 x})$, $\mathbf{D}^- = \text{diag}(e^{ik_1 x}, e^{ik_2 x}, e^{ik_3 x})$, $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathcal{A}_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$, and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 & \mathcal{B}_2 & \mathcal{B}_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$. The first and second derivatives of longitudinal displacement u_{A^+} are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_{A^+}}{\partial x} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u_{A^+}}{\partial x^2} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H}^2 \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H}^2 \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

in which diagonal matrix $\mathbf{H} = \text{diag}(-ik_1, -ik_2, -ik_3)$ consisting of the coefficients in front of each components caused by first derivative in x direction. With boundary force expressed in eq.(8), one can express the amplitudes of the axis forces P_0 , higher-order forces P_1 , and P_2 produced on the right hand of interface S_A in the form of

$$\begin{aligned} P_0|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \\ P_1|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \\ P_2|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

in which diagonal matrix $\mathbf{P}_0 = \text{diag}(-iE_2 A k_j - iB_2 k_j^5 + i(B_3 - B_1) k_j^3)$, $\mathbf{P}_1 = \text{diag}\left(\left(\frac{B_3}{2} - B_1\right) k_j^2 - B_2 k_j^4\right)$, and $\mathbf{P}_2 = \text{diag}\left(-\frac{1}{2} i B_3 k_j + i B_2 k_j^3\right)$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$).

From equations (11), (12), (13) and (14), the state vector is reformulated in the following form:

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{U}_{A^+}, \quad (15)$$

in which $\mathbf{U}_{A^+} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$, and coefficient matrix \mathbf{M}_A can be obtained by combining all the above generalized kinetic variables and the force variables as:

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{U} \\ \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H} & -\mathbf{U} \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H}^2 & \mathbf{U} \mathbf{H}^2 \\ \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_0 & -\mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_1 & \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_2 & -\mathbf{U} \mathbf{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, the state vector on the left hand of the studied interface S_B can be given as

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \left[u_{B^-}, \frac{\partial u_{B^-}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 u_{B^-}}{\partial x^2}, P_0, P_1, P_2 \right] \Big|_{S=S_B^-}^T. \quad (16)$$

Due to the wave propagation distance along x direction, amplitude of each wave mode is changed by $e^{\pm k_j d}$ which indicates the phase difference caused by propagation distance for mode $\pm k_j$. The displacement u_{B^-} can be given in form of the superposition of contribution from all the wave modes as

$$u_{B^-} = \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}) \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}) \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}. \quad (17)$$

Substituting this displacement form into Eq.(16), one can write the state vector \mathbf{X}_{B^-} as:

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \mathbf{M}_A \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}, e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}) \mathbf{U}_{A^+}. \quad (18)$$

Comparing Eq.(15) and (18), the transfer relation from state vector \mathbf{X}_{A^+} to state vector of \mathbf{X}_{B^-} can be formulated as

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \mathbf{M}_A \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}, e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}) \mathbf{M}_A^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{A^+}, \quad (19)$$

in which transfer matrix writes

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_A \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}, e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}) \mathbf{M}_A^{-1}.$$

For certain kinds of complex materials and propagation distance d , transfer matrix \mathbf{M} can be explicitly determined.

Assuming the transmission coefficient of the incident wave U_i through rod 2 (complex media) to rod 3 is C_t , and the reflection coefficient of wave U_i from rod 2 is C_r , transmitted wave U_t in rod 3 and reflected wave U_r in Rod 1 can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} U_t &= C_t \cdot e^{i(\omega t - k_c x)}, \\ U_r &= C_r \cdot e^{i(\omega t + k_c x)}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Then the displacements caused by the classical longitudinal wave on the left hand of interface S_A and on the right hand of interface S_B can be expressed as (omitting the time component $e^{i\omega t}$),

$$\begin{aligned} u_{A^-} &= e^{-ik_c x} + C_r \cdot e^{ik_c x}, \\ u_{B^+} &= C_t \cdot e^{-ik_c x}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Subsequently, axis forces produced on the left hand of interface S_A and on the right hand of interface S_B can be expressed as (omitting the time component $e^{i\omega t}$),

$$\begin{aligned} F_{A^-} &= E_1 A (-ik_c) \cdot e^{-ik_c x} + E_1 A (ik_c) C_r \cdot e^{ik_c x}, \\ F_{B^+} &= C_t E_1 A (-ik_c) \cdot e^{-ik_c x}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

in which E_1 is Young's modulus of rod 1 and rod 3. Substitute $x = 0$ for interface S_A and $x = d$ for interface S_B into the expression of displacement (21) and force (22), the state vectors on S_A and S_B are given as

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^-} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{A^-} \\ F_{A^-} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + C_r \\ -ik_c E_1 A + ik_c C_r E_1 A \end{bmatrix}; \quad (23a)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^+} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{B^+} \\ F_{B^+} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_t e^{-ik_c d} \\ -ik_c C_t E_1 A e^{-ik_c d} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (23b)$$

Assuming the mass between $S = S_A^+$ and $S = S_A^-$ is infinitesimal, equilibrium at interface S_A can be developed by establishing displacement continuity and axis force balance. Concerning the higher-order displacements (first and second derivatives of classical displacement) and higher-order forces (P_1, P_2) in \mathbf{X}_{A^+} , P_1 and P_2 are set to zero because the long-range interaction is close zero in classical media as its characteristic length is much shorter than the deformation wavelength. Meanwhile, the higher-order kinetic components of the classical media are not necessarily to be zero, thus they are set to be unknown variables u'_{A^-} , u''_{A^-} . In consequence, the equilibrium describing the continuity of state vector \mathbf{X}_{A^-} and \mathbf{X}_{A^+} is expressed as in Eq. (24)

$$\left[u_{A^+}, \frac{\partial u_{A^+}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 u_{A^+}}{\partial x^2}, P_0, P_1, P_2 \right] \Big|_{S=S_A^+} = \left[1 + C_r, u'_{A^-}, u''_{A^-}, -ik_c E_1 A + ik_c C_r E_1 A, 0, 0 \right] \Big|_{S=S_A^-}. \quad (24)$$

The equilibrium condition is the same when it comes to surface S_B . The higher-order force components of vector \mathbf{X}_{B^-} are set to zero, and the higher-order kinetic component are set to be unknown variables u'_{B^+} and u''_{B^+} . Then the continuity of state vector \mathbf{X}_{B^-} and \mathbf{X}_{B^+} gives

$$\left[u_{B^-}, \frac{\partial u_{B^-}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 u_{B^-}}{\partial x^2}, P_0, P_1, P_2 \right] \Big|_{S=S_B^-} = \left[C_t e^{-ik_c d}, u'_{B^+}, u''_{B^+}, -ik_c C_t E_1 A e^{-ik_c d}, 0, 0 \right] \Big|_{S=S_B^+} \quad (25)$$

Combining of Eq. (24), (25) and (19), the transformation from \mathbf{X}_{A^-} to \mathbf{X}_{B^+} yields:

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^+} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{A^-}, \quad (26)$$

which rewrites:

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_t e^{-ik_c d} \\ u'_{B^+} \\ u''_{B^+} \\ -ik_c C_t E_1 A e^{-ik_c d} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + C_r \\ u'_{A^-} \\ u''_{A^-} \\ -ik_c E_1 A + ik_c C_r E_1 A \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (27)$$

and $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_A \text{diag}(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}, e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}) \mathbf{M}_A^{-1}$ denotes the transfer matrix as in Eq. (19). Matrix \mathbf{M}_A is governed by a group of variables including the wavenumber k_j , Young's modulus E_2 , higher-order material parameters B_i and cross section area A , and \mathbf{M}_A can be explicitly determined as long as all the material constants and geometrical parameters of complex rod 2 is fully defined, then the transfer matrix can be fully obtained combined with length of the coupling region d . Then the six unknown variables including the C_t and C_r can be achieved with the equilibrium established in Eq. (27). We can see that wave transmission coefficient C_t and reflection coefficient C_r are significantly affected by the non-local property of the complex rod along with coupling length d .

4. Transmission and reflection of a bending wave through a complex Timoshenko beam

The following analysis is distributed to bending wave conversion and scattering at non-classical coupling interface and transmission through a complex coupling region. The studied system is illustrated in Figure 2. Beams 1 and 3 are classical homogeneous beams, the size of their micro-structures is much smaller than the external wavelength. Beam 2 is the coupling region which is described by SSG theory-based Timoshenko beam model. The description of long-range interactions enriches classical continuum theory with local behavior features concerning the wave propagation in complex media and wave diffusion at wave reflection interfaces.

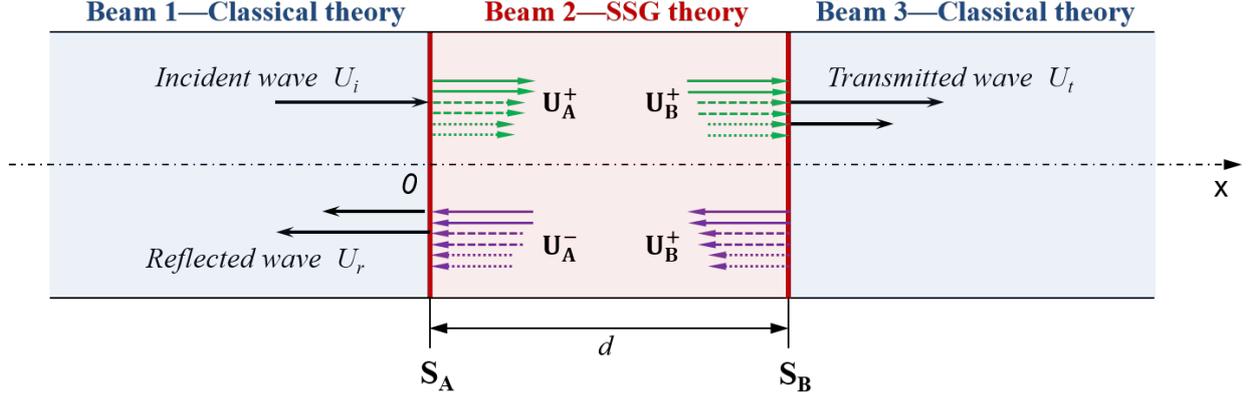


Figure 2: Reflection and transmission of a bending wave through a complex beam of length d

4.1. Wave modes in a complex Timoshenko beam

Governing equations of the complex Timoshenko beam has been established by Shodja [31] to describe its non-classical transverse motion w and rotation angle ψ . Assuming Young's modulus of beam 2 is E_2 , shear modulus μ_2 , mass density ρ_2 , along with higher-order material constants a_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$), b_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$), and c_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$), beam section area $A = b \cdot h$, strain energy density of the complex beam can be expressed, then the governing equation of the complex Timoshenko beam model can be deduced based on Hamilton principle as,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta w : & -\mu_2 A \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) - \left(\frac{B_7}{2} + (c_3 + c_2) A \right) \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \right) + \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^5 \psi}{\partial x^5} \right) + \mu_2 A \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \\
 & + (c_3 A - B_5) \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} \right) + B_6 \left(\frac{\partial^6 w}{\partial x^6} \right) + q = m_0 \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \right) \\
 \delta \psi : & -\mu_2 A \psi + (B_1 - c_3 A - 2c_2 A) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) + (B_4 - B_2) \left(\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} \right) + B_3 \left(\frac{\partial^6 \psi}{\partial x^6} \right) \\
 & + \mu_2 A \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + \left(\frac{B_7}{2} + (c_3 + c_2) A \right) \left(\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} \right) - \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^5 w}{\partial x^5} \right) = m_2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

in which,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1 &= E_2 I + 2A(a_1 + 2a_4 + a_5), \\
 B_2 &= 2I(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5) + 2A(2b_2 + b_3 + b_5 + 3b_6 + 2b_7), \\
 B_3 &= 2I(b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + b_7), \\
 B_4 &= 2I(c_1 + c_2 + c_3), \\
 B_5 &= 2A(a_3 + a_4), & B_6 &= 2A(b_5 + b_6), \\
 B_7 &= -2A(a_2 + 2a_5), & B_8 &= -2A(b_3 + 2b_4 + 2b_7),
 \end{aligned}$$

with the term $m_0 = \rho h_0 A$ as area of beam section and $I = \int_A z^2 dA$ as the area moment of inertia for the beam cross section around y axis. The associated essential and natural boundary conditions at each end (i.e. $x = 0, L$) are derived as

$$\begin{aligned}
M_0 &= \left(B_1 - A \left(c_2 + \frac{c_3}{2} \right) \right) \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) + (B_4 - B_2) \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \right) + B_3 \left(\frac{\partial^5 \psi}{\partial x^5} \right) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{B_7}{2} + A \left(c_2 + \frac{c_3}{2} \right) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta \psi = 0 \\
M_1 &= A \left(c_2 + \frac{c_3}{2} \right) \psi + \left(B_2 - \frac{B_4}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) - B_3 \left(\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} \right) - A \left(\frac{c_3}{2} + c_2 \right) \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \\
M_2 &= \frac{B_4}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) + B_3 \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) = 0 \\
V_0 &= -\mu A \psi - \left(\frac{B_7}{2} + (c_3 + c_2) A \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} \right) + \mu A \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \\
&\quad + (c_3 A - B_5) \left(\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} \right) + B_6 \left(\frac{\partial^5 w}{\partial x^5} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta w = 0 \\
V_1 &= \left(\frac{B_7 + c_3 A}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \right) + \left(B_5 - \frac{c_3 A}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \\
&\quad - B_6 \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \\
V_2 &= -\frac{c_3 A}{2} \psi + \frac{B_8}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{c_3 A}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + B_6 \left(\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} \right) \quad \text{or } \delta \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Assuming the external loading $q = 0$, the dispersion behavior of free wave propagation in enriched Timoshenko beam model can be obtained by substituting the general exponential solution of wave propagation into the governing equation as,

$$k_{12} k^{12} + k_{10} k^{10} + k_8 k^8 + k_6 k^6 + k_4 k^4 + k_2 k^2 + k_0 = 0 \tag{30}$$

in which,

$$\begin{aligned}
k_{12} &= -B_3 B_6; & k_{10} &= \frac{B_8^2}{4} - B_3 B_5 + (B_4 - B_2) B_6 + c_3 A B_3; \\
k_8 &= B_4 B_5 - B_2 B_5 - B_1 B_6 + \frac{B_7 B_8}{2} + c_3 A (B_2 - B_4 + B_6 + B_8) + 2c_2 A B_6 + c_2 A B_8 - \mu_2 A B_3; \\
k_6 &= \frac{B_7^2}{4} + A^2 c_2^2 - B_1 B_5 + c_2 A (2B_5 + B_7) + c_3 A (B_1 + B_5 + B_7) \\
&\quad - A \mu_2 (B_2 - B_4 + B_6 - B_8) + \omega^2 (B_3 m_0 + B_6 m_2); \\
k_4 &= m_0 \omega^2 (B_2 - B_4) + m_2 \omega^2 (B_5 - c_3 A) - A \mu_2 (B_5 + B_7 + B_1); \\
k_2 &= m_0 \omega^2 \left(B_1 - 2c_2 A - c_3 A + \frac{m_2}{m_0} \mu_2 A \right); & k_0 &= m_0 \omega^2 (A \mu_2 - m_2 \omega^2).
\end{aligned}$$

We can see six wave modes can be generated in the second strain gradient elastic beam by a disturbance on discontinuous interface S_A . Let's say they are non-classical bending wave k_1 , non-classical shear wave k_2 and four evanescent waves k_3, k_4, k_5 and k_6 . Wave conversion and transmission through a complex beam is significantly different from the classical one.

4.2. Wave conversion and transmission through a complex beam

Assuming one bending wave U_i propagates from negative infinity towards $+x$ direction and normally injects on interface S_A at $x = 0$, a proportion of the incident energy is reflected and propagate away towards $-x$ direction in form of reflected wave group U_r . The remaining energy is transmitted to the coupling region beam 2. Based on the previous dispersion relation, 6 wave modes can be generated by the disturbance on the discontinuous interface, therefore the transmitted energy continues propagating to $+x$ direction in forms of generated wave group U_A^+ . Assuming the length of the coupling region is short, all generated wave modes on S_A can propagate through the beam 2 and inject on interface S_B at $x = d$ as an incident wave group U_B^+ . Then part of the incident energy will be transmitted to beam 3 as transmitted wave group U_t , and the other is reflected in form of wave group U_B^- . The reflected wave group U_B^- propagates along $-x$ direction until it reaches interface S_A , possible reflection again generates a steady state.

To characterize the vibration transmission and reflection properties for the complex coupling region, transmission coefficients of the incident bending wave U_i through beam 2 (complex media) to beam 3 and the reflection coefficients from beam 2 are derived. Denoting k_b and k_s respective bending and shear waves propagating in beams 1 and 3, the incident wave propagating along $+x$ direction with unit amplitude can be expressed as follows:

$$U_i = e^{i(\omega t - k_b x)}. \quad (31)$$

State description of interface S_A in beam 2 should be enriched with higher-order kinetic and force information as in Eq. (8). To clarify the transfer of motion and forces from interface S_A to interface S_B , state vector \mathbf{X} is defined with all the kinetic parameters and force components generated on the interface of the complex beam based on SSG theory. For interface S_A , it is described as:

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \left[w \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad \psi \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \quad V_0 \quad V_1 \quad V_2 \quad M_0 \quad M_1 \quad M_2 \right]^T \Big|_{S=S_{A^+}}. \quad (32)$$

Assuming the amplitudes of the positive going wave modes k_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$) in wave group U_A^+ are respectively \mathcal{A}_j , and the amplitudes of the negative going modes $-k_j$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$) in wave group U_A^- are \mathcal{B}_j , then the amplitude of transverse displacement on the right hand of the interface S_A can be expressed in wave superposition form (omitting the time component $e^{i\omega t}$) as:

$$w_{A^+} = \sum_{j=1}^6 \mathcal{A}_j e^{-ik_j x} + \sum_{j=1}^6 \mathcal{B}_j e^{ik_j x} = \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B} \quad (33)$$

in which $\mathbf{W}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{D}^+ = \text{diag}(e^{-ik_j x})$ and $\mathbf{D}^- = \text{diag}(e^{ik_j x})$ are diagonal matrices ($j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$), $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathcal{A}_3 & \mathcal{A}_4 & \mathcal{A}_5 & \mathcal{A}_6 \end{bmatrix}^T$, and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 & \mathcal{B}_2 & \mathcal{B}_3 & \mathcal{B}_4 & \mathcal{B}_5 & \mathcal{B}_6 \end{bmatrix}^T$. The first and second derivatives of transverse displacement w_{A^+} can also be deduced as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w_{A^+}}{\partial x} &= \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 w_{A^+}}{\partial x^2} &= \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{H}^2 \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+ \mathbf{H}^2 \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

in which diagonal matrix $\mathbf{H} = \text{diag}(-ik_j)$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$), consisting of the coefficients in front of each mode component caused to express the first derivative in x direction.

Similarly, the amplitude of rotation angle on the right-hand of the interface S_A can be expressed as

$$\psi_{A^+} = \mathbf{W}^+ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^+ \mathbf{D}^+ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^+ \mathbf{D}^- \mathbf{B}. \quad (35)$$

in which $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^+$ is one diagonal matrix consisting of elements α_j as j th diagonal elements to express the amplitude ratio in eigenvector corresponding to wave mode $+k_j$.

$$\alpha_j = \frac{-2i(-B_6 k_j^6 + c_3 A k_j^4 - B_5 k_j^4 - \mu_2 A k_j^2 + m_0 \omega^2)}{k_j(B_8 k_j^4 + 2c_2 A k_j^2 + 2c_3 A k_j^2 + B_7 k_j^2 - 2\mu_2 A)}; (j = 1, 2, \dots, 6) \quad (36)$$

Then the first and the second derivatives of rotation angle are written:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial\psi_{A^+}}{\partial x} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}\alpha^+\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}\alpha^+\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, \\ \frac{\partial^2\psi_{A^+}}{\partial x^2} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2\alpha^+\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2\alpha^+\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}.\end{aligned}\quad (37)$$

With the expressions provided before, amplitudes of the shear forces V_0 and moment M_0 , higher-order forces V_1 , V_2 and moments M_1 and M_2 produced on the right interface S_A are derived and rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}M_0|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, & V_0|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_0\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_0\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, \\ M_1|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, & V_1|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, \\ M_2|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_2\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_2\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B}, & V_2|_{S_A^+} &= \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_2\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_2\mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B},\end{aligned}\quad (38)$$

From equations (32)-(38), the state vector at interface S_A in the complex media 2 can be reformulated as

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{U}_{A^+} \quad (39)$$

in which $\mathbf{U}_{A^+} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{D}^-\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$, and coefficient matrix \mathbf{M}_A can be obtained by combining all the above generalized kinetic variables as well as the force and moment variables as

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W}^+ & \mathbf{W}^+ \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H} & -\mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2 & \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\alpha^+ & -\mathbf{W}^+\alpha^+ \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}\alpha^+ & \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}\alpha^+ \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2\alpha^+ & -\mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{H}^2\alpha^+ \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_0 & \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_0 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_1 & -\mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_2 & \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{M}_2 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_0 & -\mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_0 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_1 & \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_2 & -\mathbf{W}^+\mathbf{V}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Due to the wave propagation distance d along x direction, the amplitude of each wave mode is changed by $e^{\pm k_j d}$ indicating the phase difference caused by propagation distance for wave mode $\pm k_j$. The state vector on the left hand of interface S_B writes:

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}_{A^+} \quad (40)$$

where

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}\left(e^{-ik_1 d}, e^{-ik_2 d}, e^{-ik_3 d}, e^{-ik_4 d}, e^{-ik_5 d}, e^{-ik_6 d}, e^{ik_1 d}, e^{ik_2 d}, e^{ik_3 d}, e^{ik_4 d}, e^{ik_5 d}, e^{ik_6 d}\right).$$

Comparing equations (39) and (40), the transfer relation between state vector \mathbf{X}_{A^+} for section S_A and state vector of \mathbf{X}_{B^-} for section S_B can be formulated as

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{D} \mathbf{M}_A^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{A^+} \quad (41)$$

in which the transfer matrix is $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{D} \mathbf{M}_A^{-1}$.

Assuming the transmission coefficients of the bending wave, given an incident bending wave mode U_i through beam 2 (complex media) to beam 3, are t_b and t_s , and the reflection coefficients are r_b and r_s , then the amplitudes of transverse displacements and rotation angles on the left hand of interface S_A and on the right hand of interface S_B can

be expressed as (omitting the time component $e^{i\omega t}$),

$$\begin{aligned}
w_{A^-} &= e^{-ik_b x} + r_b \cdot e^{ik_b x} + r_s \cdot e^{ik_s x}; \\
\psi_{A^-} &= \alpha_{k_b} e^{-ik_b x} - \alpha_{k_b} r_b \cdot e^{ik_b x} - \alpha_{k_s} r_s \cdot e^{ik_s x}; \\
w_{B^+} &= t_b \cdot e^{-ik_b x} + t_s \cdot e^{-ik_s x}; \\
\psi_{B^+} &= \alpha_{k_b} t_b \cdot e^{-ik_b x} + \alpha_{k_s} t_s \cdot e^{-ik_s x};
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

in which

$$\alpha_{k_j} = -\frac{\kappa \mu_1 A I k_j}{E_1 I k_j^2 - \rho I \omega^2 + \kappa \mu_1 A},$$

E_1 , μ_1 are Young's modulus and shear modulus of beam 2, ρ_1 is the mass density, and κ is the Timoshenko shear coefficient, depends on the geometry. Normally, $\kappa = 5/6$ for a rectangular section. With the predefined material constants, amplitudes of the shear forces and bending moments produced on the left hand of interface S_A and on the right hand of interface S_B can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{A^-} &= E_1 I \frac{\partial \psi_{A^-}}{\partial x}; & M_{A^-} &= \mu_1 A \left(\frac{\partial w_{A^-}}{\partial x} - \psi_{A^-} \right); \\
V_{B^+} &= E_1 I \frac{\partial \psi_{B^+}}{\partial x}; & M_{B^+} &= \mu_1 A \left(\frac{\partial w_{B^+}}{\partial x} - \psi_{B^+} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Substitute $x = 0$ for interface S_A and $x = d$ for interface S_B into the component expressions of state vector, the state vectors on S_A and S_B can be reformulated as

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^-} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{A^-} \\ \psi_{A^-} \\ V_{A^-} \\ M_{A^-} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + r_b + r_s \\ \alpha_{k_b} - \alpha_{k_b} r_b - \alpha_{k_s} r_s \\ -ik_b \alpha_{k_b} E_1 I (1 + r_b) - ik_s \alpha_{k_s} r_s E_1 I; \\ \mu_1 A (r_b - 1)(ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + \mu_1 A r_s (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s}) \end{bmatrix} \tag{44a}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^+} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{B^+} \\ \psi_{B^+} \\ V_{B^+} \\ M_{B^+} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ -E_1 I (ik_b \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + ik_s \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d}) \\ -\mu_1 A [t_b e^{-ik_b d} (ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + t_s e^{-ik_s d} (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s})] \end{bmatrix}. \tag{44b}$$

Assuming the interface S_A , S_B does not dissipate energy and the mass between the interfaces is infinitesimal, the equality between the state vectors \mathbf{X}_{A^-} and \mathbf{X}_{A^+} , then \mathbf{X}_{B^-} and \mathbf{X}_{B^+} can be developed. Regarding the higher-order force and moment elements, M_1 , M_2 and V_1 , V_2 are set to be zero as the long-range interaction is approaching zero in classical media at the interface, meanwhile the higher-order kinetic component of the classical media are set to be unknown variables w'_{A^-} , w''_{A^-} and ψ'_{A^-} , ψ''_{A^-} . In consequence, the equilibrium describing the continuity between state vector \mathbf{X}_{A^-} is expressed as

$$\mathbf{X}_{A^+} = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ \psi \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \\ V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ M_0 \\ M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix}_{S=S_{A^+}} = \mathbf{X}_{A^-} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + r_b + r_s \\ w'_{A^-} \\ w''_{A^-} \\ \alpha_{k_b} - \alpha_{k_b} r_b - \alpha_{k_s} r_s \\ \psi'_{A^-} \\ \psi''_{A^-} \\ -ik_b \alpha_{k_b} E_1 I (1 + r_b) - ik_s \alpha_{k_s} r_s E_1 I \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \mu_1 A (r_b - 1)(ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + \mu_1 A r_s (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{45}$$

Meanwhile, the equilibrium describing the relation between state vector \mathbf{X}_{B^-} and \mathbf{X}_{B^+} is expressed as

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^-} = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ \psi \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \\ V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ M_0 \\ M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix}_{S=S_{B^-}} = \mathbf{X}_{B^+} = \begin{bmatrix} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ w'_{B^+} \\ w''_{B^+} \\ \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ \psi'_{B^+} \\ \psi''_{B^+} \\ -E_1 I (ik_b \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + ik_s \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -\mu_1 A [t_b e^{-ik_b d} (ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + t_s e^{-ik_s d} (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s})] \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (46)$$

Combination of Eq.(41), (45), and (46) yields:

$$\mathbf{X}_{B^+} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{A^-}, \quad (47)$$

which rewrites:

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ w'_{B^+} \\ w''_{B^+} \\ \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d} \\ \psi'_{B^+} \\ \psi''_{B^+} \\ -E_1 I (ik_b \alpha_{k_b} t_b e^{-ik_b d} + ik_s \alpha_{k_s} t_s e^{-ik_s d}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -\mu_1 A [t_b e^{-ik_b d} (ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + t_s e^{-ik_s d} (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s})] \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + r_b + r_s \\ w'_{A^-} \\ w''_{A^-} \\ \alpha_{k_b} - \alpha_{k_b} r_b - \alpha_{k_s} r_s \\ \psi'_{A^-} \\ \psi''_{A^-} \\ -ik_b \alpha_{k_b} E_1 I (1 + r_b) - ik_s \alpha_{k_s} r_s E_1 I \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \mu_1 A (r_b - 1) (ik_b + \alpha_{k_b}) + \mu_1 A r_s (ik_s + \alpha_{k_s}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (48)$$

in which \mathbf{M} denotes the same transfer matrix in Eq. (41) with $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_A \mathbf{D} \mathbf{M}_A^{-1}$. From the previous formulation, we know that the transfer matrix \mathbf{M} is governed by the not only the classical material properties (E_2 , μ_2 , ρ_2) and geometrical parameters (A , I) of beam 2 but also higher-order material parameters (a_i, b_i, c_i). Along with wave propagation distance d , transfer matrix \mathbf{M} can be explicitly determined. Furthermore, we can see that wave transmission and diffusion are significantly affected by the non-local properties of the coupling region.

5. Numerical calculation of vibration transmission and reflection through a complex region

5.1. Method verification

The SSG theory-based model is characterized by the higher-order material components along with the classical Lamé parameters, and it is degenerated into the classical elastic model by setting the higher-order material parameters to zero. Since there is no reference on the results of the SSG theory-based model concerning its scattering properties, the reflection and transmission coefficients through a classical theory-based media can be regarded as the reference result. If the proposed formulation is validated, the wave scattering properties through a non-classical media with very small higher-order material constants tends to degenerate into the classical results. In the numerical verification, wave modes in the CT-based rod model and Timoshenko beam theory are deduced, upon which the wave scattering features of longitudinal wave and bending wave through classical theory-based media are calculated with TMM

Firstly, concerning the formulation of longitudinal wave scattering, one numerical case is calculated for the method verification. Consider the system shown in Figure 1, the radius of the rod section $r = 3a_0$ and the length of rod

Table 1: High-order material constants for aluminum(Shodja et al.,2012).

$a_1 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_2 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_3 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_4 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_5 (eV/\text{\AA})$		
0.1407	0.0027	-0.0083	0.0966	0.2584		
$b_1 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_2 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_3 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_4 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_5 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_6 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$	$b_7 (eV \cdot \text{\AA})$
0.7927	0.0644	-0.1943	-0.0009	-0.0009	16.1566	48.5291
$c_1 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$c_2 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$c_3 (eV/\text{\AA})$				
0.5041	0.3569	0.1782				

Table 2: High-order material constants for copper(Shodja et al.,2012).

$a_1 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_2 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_3 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_4 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$a_5 (eV/\text{\AA})$		
0.1833	0.0103	0.0010	0.0717	0.1891		
$b_1 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_2 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_3 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_4 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_5 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_6 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$b_7 (eV/\text{\AA})$
0.6612	0.0663	-0.2062	-0.0015	-0.0015	12.6254	37.9402
$c_1 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$c_2 (eV/\text{\AA})$	$c_3 (eV/\text{\AA})$				
0.8448	0.5732	0.3465				

$2d = 4r$. Material of the rod 1 and rod 3 is aluminum with Young's modulus $E_1 = 52\text{Gpa}$ and mass density $\rho_1 = 2700\text{kg/m}^3$. For the reference CT-based result, the material of rod 2 sandwiched by rod 1 and rod 3 is copper with Young's modulus $E_2 = 80\text{Gpa}$ and mass density $\rho_2 = 8920\text{kg/m}^3$. For the SSG-theory based result, the material of rod 2 is having the same Young's modulus and mass density but also higher-order material constants which are assigned to be only one percent of the experimental values as in Table 2.

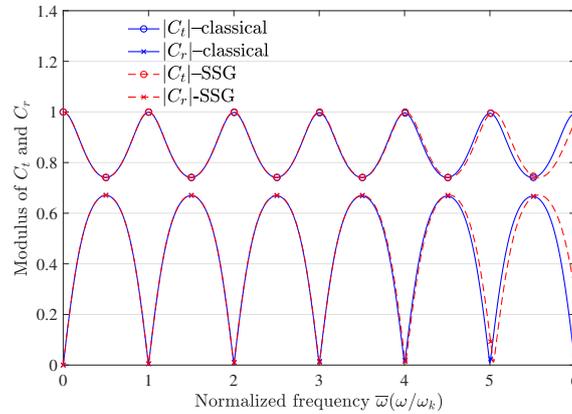


Figure 3: Transmission and reflection coefficients of a longitudinal wave through the classical media (solid lines), and non-classical media with small higher-order material constants (dashed lines)

A good agreement between the SSG theory result and the classical result is seen in Figure 3. When the non-local effects are small, the convergence of the proposed SSG theory-based formulation to the classical result is verified.

Concerning the formulation verification of bending wave scattering, another numerical case is implemented. For the system shown in Figure 2, the height of the rectangular interface $h = 5a_0$ and width $b = h$, the normalization parameter for length is set to be the length d of beam 2. Material of beam 1 and beam 3 is aluminum with shear Modulus $\mu = 26\text{Gpa}$. For the reference CT-based result, the material of beam 2 is copper with shear modulus $\mu_2 = 40\text{Gpa}$ and mass density $\rho_2 = 8920\text{kg/m}^3$. For the SSG-based result, the material of beam 2 is having the same

shear modulus and mass density but also higher-order material constants which are in the value of only one percent of the experimental values as in Table 2.

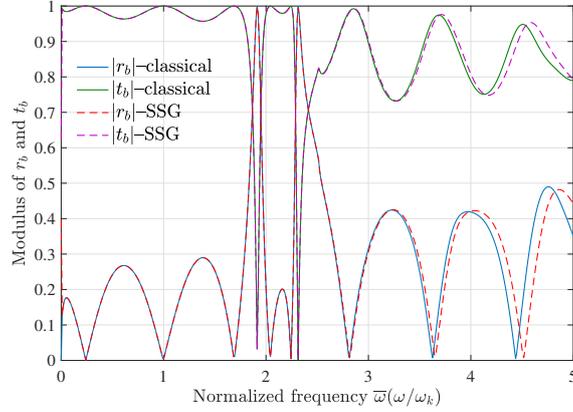


Figure 4: Transmission and reflection coefficients of the bending wave through the classical media (solid lines), and non-classical media with small higher-order material constants (dashed lines)

When the higher-order material constants are very small, non-local effects described by the SSG theory-based model can be neglected, therefore we can see a good agreement between the SSG theory result and the classical result in Figure 3. The convergence from the SSG theory-based formulation to the classical result can be verified. To be noted, the normalization parameter for frequency ω_k is the second order natural frequency of beam 2 calculated by classical Timoshenko beam model, and the non-smooth shape around $\bar{\omega} = 2$ is caused by the cut-on frequency of the shear wave.

Meanwhile, although there is very seldom literature contributing to the wave scattering through the non-classical media, we can still find some interesting results to compare with, for example, the reflection and transmission coefficients through a couple-stress elastic slab changing with the incident wave angle and the dimensional thickness in [20], the reflection of elastic waves in the functionally graded piezoelectric microstructures based on modified CS theory [21]. Some of these results can be used to compare qualitatively, for example in Figure 6 [21] when the incident wave angle is 0 the results are in a similar form with the results in section 5.1, and the feature that reflection and transmission coefficients are affected by the dimensionless thickness can also be confirmed in later numerical results.

5.2. Longitudinal wave transmission and reflection through a complex rod

In the numerical study, reflection coefficient C_r and transmission coefficient C_t through the non-local coupling region are calculated for the system shown in Figure 1. The radius of the section interface $r = 3a_0$, and the normalization parameter for length is the length of the non-classical rod d . Material of the classical rod 1 and rod 3 is aluminum. Rod 2 is of complex media with its higher-order material constants illustrated in table 1 and table 2. In the following numerical cases, the coupling region is set to have different materials and different lengths, then the influences of non-local material properties and coupling region length on the C_r and C_t can be evaluated.

First of all, if rod 2 is homogeneous and its material is the same as rod 1, the incident wave will be fully transmitted without any reflection, in this case, the transmission coefficient is 1 and the reflection coefficient is 0 in the whole frequency range. If the coupling region is complex media and its material is also set to be aluminum, namely having the same Young's modulus and mass density as rod 1 but with higher-order constants, the wave transmission situation will be different. The resulting C_t and C_r are illustrated in Figure 5

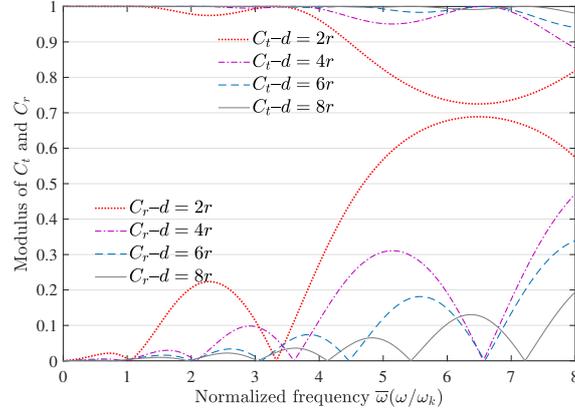


Figure 5: Transmission and reflection coefficients of a longitudinal wave through a complex rod made by Al

We can see C_t is not constantly equal to 1 anymore. In fact, the non-classical C_t is less than '1' while C_r is far from '0', and they both display frequency-dependent character. The frequency-dependency reflects that influence of local behavior caused by long-range interaction can be captured by the proposed model and the influence of local behavior differs as external deformation wavelength changes. On some specific frequencies, C_t regresses to 1 and C_r to 0 as the phase change by wave propagation distance d is approaching to "0" or π by coincidence. In this numerical case, rod 2 can be regarded as one kind of architected media with Young's modulus and mass density the same as the aluminum, and the non-local behavior of this media is significant under the studied frequency band. Meanwhile, the non-local behavior of rod 1 and rod 3 is rather inconspicuous, then the impedance mismatch arises on the coupling interface of these two media from the non-local behaviors description. As the complex coupling length d increases from $2r$ to $8r$, the frequency gap between neighboring specific frequencies narrows down and the amplitude of C_r becomes lower, the result tends to regress to classical theory results. When the length of rod 2 is increased, the structure is under a relatively longer deformation wavelength, the effect of non-local behavior caused by the underlying micro-structure interaction becomes weak, and the resulting impedance mismatch becomes less obvious and eventually disappears in global behavior description under a relatively longer deformation wavelength. Therefore, C_t and C_r are both degenerating to classical theory results, which are $C_t = 1$ and $C_r = 0$.

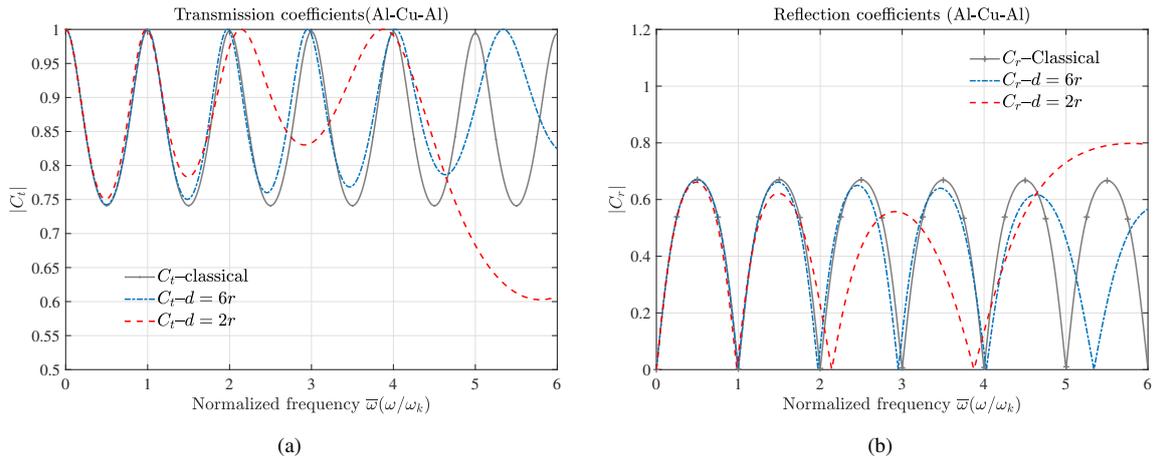


Figure 6: Transmission and reflection coefficients of a longitudinal wave through a complex rod made by Cu

Figure 6 illustrates transmission coefficient C_t and reflection coefficient C_r of a longitudinal wave through a complex coupling region made of copper. As can be seen, C_t and C_r resulting from SSG theory formulation match well

with classical theory result in the low-frequency range, but their difference becomes more distinct as the frequency goes up, namely, the deformation wavelength becomes short and comparable to the characteristic length of internal heterogeneity. Meanwhile, as length d increases from $2r$ to $6r$, C_t and C_r is observed approaching to classical theory result. The non-local effects on scattering properties of the longitudinal wave become more significant in higher frequency and for a short coupling region. To be noted, the classical results, namely the final form that SSG theory model is degenerated to in frequency domain, is different from the case shown in Figure 5, that's because the impedance mismatch comes from not only the higher-order enrichment introduced by the SSG theory model but also different classical material parameters such as Young's modulus and mass density. Both cases are degenerating to classical theory result, but the impedance mismatch in this case will not disappear.

To better illustrate the regressing process of non-classical wave scattering properties to the classical theory results, the transmitted power ratio in form of $|C_t|^2$ and reflected power ratio $|C_r|^2$ varying with the dimensionless length of the coupling region d/r are plotted as in Figure 7.

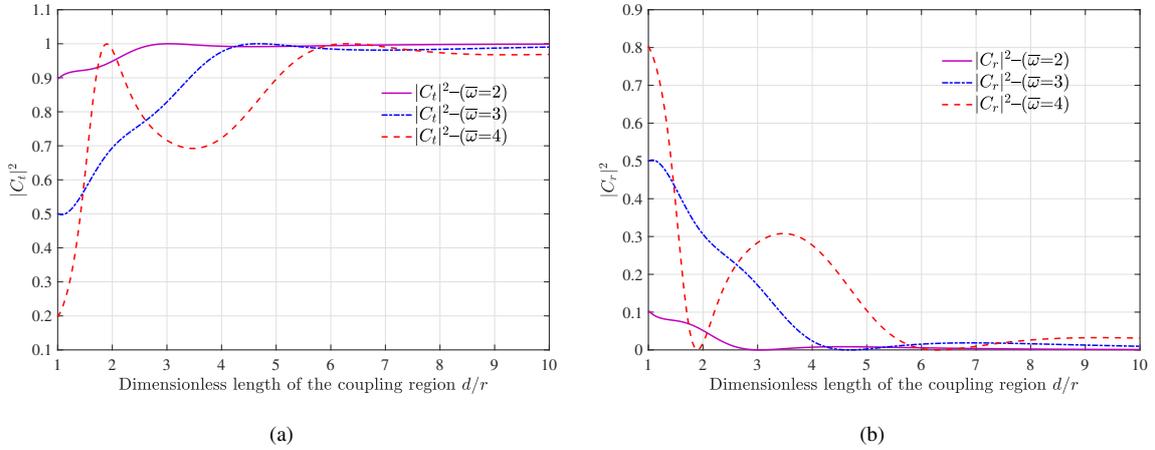


Figure 7: Transmission and reflection coefficients of a longitudinal wave through a complex region with its dimensionless length

The dimension-dependent characteristic of the transmitted power implies that the impact of local behavior caused by long-range interaction varies with the dimension of the structure. Meanwhile, on three different frequencies, as the length of the coupling region increase, the transmitted power ratios are approaching "1" and the reflected power ratios are close to "0". This phenomenon can also be interpreted combined with Figure 3. As the resulting classical transmission coefficients are all "1" and reflection coefficient are all "0" on these three specific frequencies $\bar{\omega} = 2, 3, 4$, the changing trend of transmitted and reflected power ratios of the enriched model is theoretically consistent with the degenerated form that it is expected to be.

5.3. Control of vibration transmission through a complex rod

From the previous two cases, we can conclude that longitudinal wave transmission through a complex coupling region is different from a classical one. Wave scattering is indeed affected by the local behavior of the complex media, and the influence also varies with the coupling length d . However, what is the underlying physical interpretation of this phenomenon? and how can we exploit some applications on this basis? To answer these questions, one lattice model which can physically describe the long-range interactions in the SSG theory-based model is required.

Non-local continuum theory is based on the assumption that the forces between material points are long-range, thus the lattice model for the SSG theory should be capable of reflecting the long-range nature of inter-atomic forces. In the following, a new lattice model is developed to have a discrete micro-structural basis for the SSG theory-based continuum model.

For the studied 1D SSG theory-based rod, the lattice equation of motion is proposed with coupling particles

describing the long-range interactions as

$$M \frac{\partial^2 u_n(t)}{\partial t^2} = g_2 (u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1}) + g_4 (u_{n+2} - 2u_n + u_{n-2}) + g_6 (u_{n+3} - 2u_n + u_{n-3}) + F(n) \quad (49)$$

where $u_n(t)$ are the displacements from the equilibrium. g_2 , g_4 and g_6 represent coupling constants for the three different types of interaction: the nearest-neighbor, the next-nearest-neighbor and the next-next nearest-neighbor interactions. F_n indicates the external force applied on the particles. One discrete mass-spring system corresponding to the suggested lattice model is given in Figure 8.

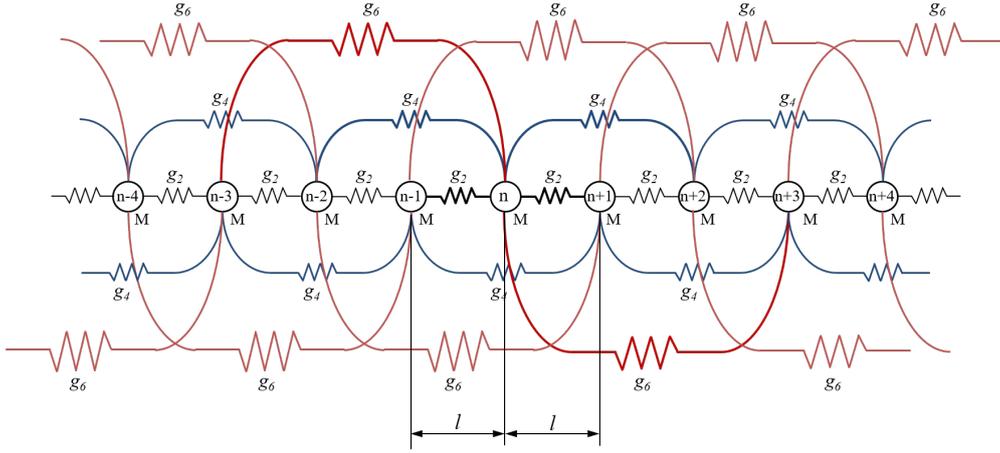


Figure 8: lattice model with nearest-neighbor and next-nearest-neighbor and next-next-nearest-neighbor interactions for SSG theory-based rod

In the lattice model, all the particles have the same mass M , and the infinite lattice has a cross-section area A , and the inter-particle distance l . The three types of interactions between particles are separately modeled by springs with stiffness coefficients $k_2 = g_2$, $k_4 = g_4$ and $k_6 = g_6$.

To achieve a continuum equation from the suggested lattice model, a series is utilized that transforms the equations of motion for $u_n(t)$ of lattice model into continuum equation for $u(x, t)$ that describes one-dimensional displacement field [30]. The map operation is introduced in detail in Appendix 1. In the end, the continuum equation can be achieved as

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = G_2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + G_4 \frac{\partial^4 u(x, t)}{\partial x^4} + G_6 \frac{\partial^6 u(x, t)}{\partial x^6} + F(x), \quad (50)$$

where

$$G_2 = \frac{(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6) l^2}{M}, G_4 = \frac{(g_2 + 16g_4 + 81g_6) l^4}{12M}, G_6 = \frac{(g_2 + 64g_4 + 729g_6) l^6}{360M}$$

The 1-D continuous model based on SSG theory has been established based on Hamilton principle in previous work as,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{E_2}{\rho_2} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{B_3 - B_1}{\rho_2 A} \frac{\partial^4 u(x, t)}{\partial x^4} + \frac{B_2}{\rho_2 A} \frac{\partial^6 u(x, t)}{\partial x^6} + F(x), \quad (51)$$

where $\rho_2 = \frac{M}{Al}$ denotes mass density. Identifying the coefficients from both equations, we obtain the following

identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
G_2 &= \frac{(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6)l^2}{M} = \frac{E_2}{\rho_2}, \\
G_4 &= \frac{(g_2 + 16g_4 + 81g_6)l^4}{12M} = \frac{B_3 - B_1}{\rho_2 A}, \\
G_6 &= \frac{(g_2 + 64g_4 + 729g_6)l^6}{360M} = \frac{B_2}{\rho_2 A}.
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

The stiffness coefficients of the three types of interactions between particles are connected with the material's classical and higher-order parameters as:

$$\begin{aligned}
g_2 &= \frac{3E_2 A l^4 + 13(B_1 - B_3)l^2 + 30B_2}{2l^5} \\
g_4 &= -\frac{3E_2 A l^4 + 40(B_1 - B_3)l^2 + 120B_2}{20l^5} \\
g_6 &= \frac{E_2 A l^4 + 15(B_1 - B_3)l^2 + 90B_2}{90l^5}
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

we can see that the proposed 1D lattice model can be transformed into SSG theory-based continuous model. Young's modulus E_2 and higher-order material parameters B_1, B_2, B_3 are directly connected with the stiffness of general force interactions (short-range and long-range) along with the inner-particle length l and cross section's area A . Therefore the local behavior caused by the complex long-range interactions of internal structures can be captured by the SSG theory-based model. In other words, g_2, g_4 and g_6 , these three type coupling interactions together with inner-particle length l and cross section's area A determine the material parameters (E_2, B_1, B_2, B_3) in SSG theory-based rod model.

The higher-order material constants used in the presented work in table 1 and 2 refer to the research by Shodja et al. (2012) [31]. As interpreted above, higher-order material constants are related to long-range interaction and inner-particle length l . In Shodja's research, the crystal lattice of the considered metal is periodically distributed in a nano-scale. Therefore these higher-order material constants, calculated with an atomistic approach, can reflect properties of complex media that have internal structures periodically distributed at nano-scale. Analogically, for any kind of complex media consisting of periodic cells or internal structures, the long-range interaction between non-adjacent internal structures will play an important role in the global structural behavior when the deformation wavelength is comparable to the internal length of micro-structures. The SSG theory-based model as well as other generalized continuum elasticity theories also apply in this case. The higher-order material constants should be determined corresponding to the long-range interaction stiffness. These results indicate that wave transmission through a complex rod can be controlled by adjusting the higher-order material constants, which corresponds to the internal stiffness. In the following, numerical cases are implemented to study the influence of higher-order material constants on wave transmission, with the purpose of obtaining the minimum possible energy transmission.

Figure 9 shows the transmission and reflection coefficients evolving with material constants respectively when $d = r$ and $d = 0.5r$ (E_1, ρ_1, B_i are the material parameters for aluminum with B_i being calculated with atomistic approach in [31]). As we can see, for complex rod 2 of different length d , with some predefined Young's modulus, mass density, and higher-order material parameters, reflection coefficient C_r can highly approach '1' in some frequency ranges. In this frequency range, all of the input energy is reflected and the transmitted energy is close to zero. Thus the predefined complex rod would show great isolation performance in a potential seismic application. This phenomenon could also be used for enriching the inner micro-structure with the utilization of the SSG theory model to achieve better structural performance in acoustics.

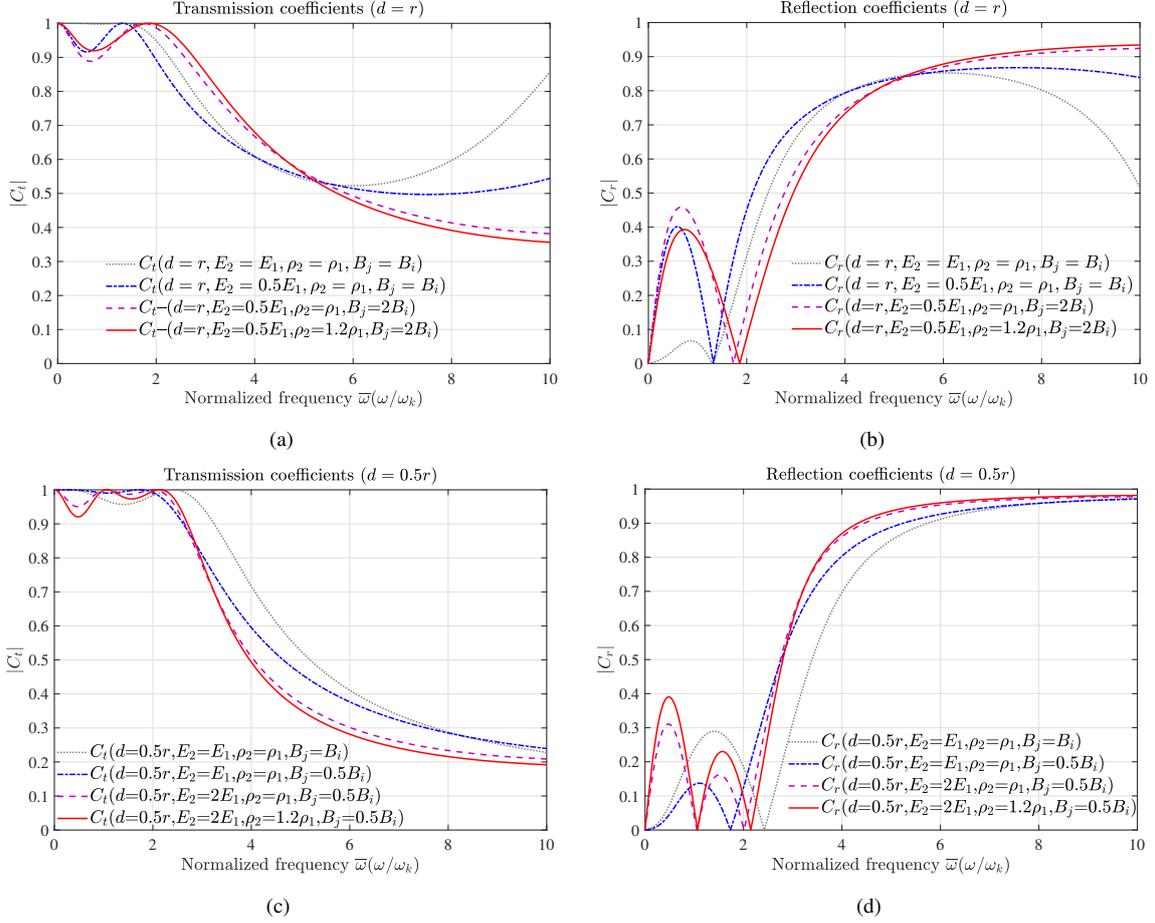


Figure 9: Transmission and reflection coefficients of a longitudinal wave through a complex rod of different length

Based on these two cases, We can conclude that the vibration transmission and reflection property of the complex coupling region is affected by its length d and all the material constants in the SSG theory model (including the E_2 and ρ_2 and higher-order material parameters B_i). Combined with the lattice model proposed above, the force interaction coefficient g_2 and the long-range force interaction coefficients g_4 , g_6 can be also determined by these material constants. Therefore the long-range interaction terms represent the underlying reason that local behaviors caused by inner heterogeneous structure arise. We can say that the structural-acoustic behavior can be designed by adjusting the force interactions between inner structures, which can also be considered as adjusting the material constants as these two groups of variables are equivalence under some conditions. Analogously, wave transmission characteristics through any complex system with internal microstructure can be controlled by adjusting its equivalent force interactions between inner structures.

5.4. Bending wave transmission and reflection through a complex beam

In the numerical study, the transmission coefficients t_b and t_s and reflection coefficients r_b and r_s are calculated for the system shown in Figure 2. Assuming the height of the rectangular interface $h = 5a_0$ and width $b = h$, the normalization parameter for length is set to be the length d of beam 2. The material of the classical media beam 1 and beam 3 is aluminum. In the following analysis, reflection and transmission coefficients through the coupling region are calculated in cases when beam 2 are of different material and different length.

Firstly, if beam 2 is homogeneous and its material is the same as beam 1, the incident bending wave will be transmitted through beam 2 without any reflection nor diffusion. The transmission coefficient of bending wave $t_b = 1$ and reflection coefficient $r_b = 0$, while the reflection and transmission coefficients of the converted shear wave $t_s = 0$

and $r_s = 0$ in the whole frequency range. If beam 2 is complex media, and its material is also aluminum, namely having the same shear modulus and mass density as beam 1 but with higher-order material constants, wave scattering behavior through beam 2 will be different. The resulting reflection coefficients and transmission coefficients of the bending wave are illustrated in Figure 10

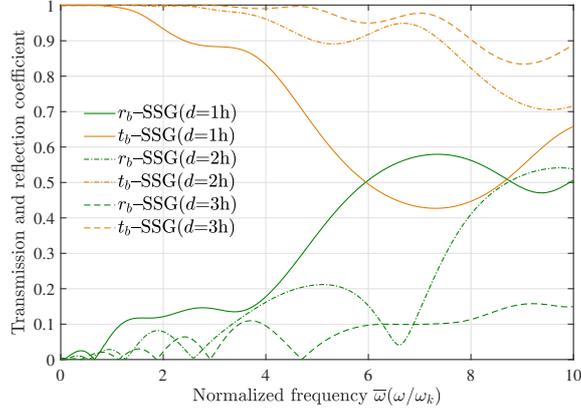


Figure 10: Reflection and transmission coefficients of bending wave and shear wave through a complex beam made of Al

As shown in Figure 10, t_b and r_b are not constant anymore, instead, these two coefficients are both frequency-dependent. The frequency-dependency indicates that the influence of local behavior in the complex coupling region can be captured by the proposed higher gradient-based wave-scattering formulation, and the local behavior becomes more significant under a short wavelength. At certain frequencies, r_b is close to 0 and t_b to 1. On these specific frequencies, energy transmitted in beam 2 is totally reflected back by the interface S_B . As d increases from h to $3h$, the frequency gap between neighboring specific frequencies shows differences, and the amplitude of r_b also becomes lower. These phenomena are caused not only by the longer coupling distances, but also the different wave propagation behavior in the coupling region. As the length d increased from h to $3h$, beam 2 is under a longer dimensionless deformation wavelength, then the long-range interaction becomes less important in global beam behavior description. The impedance mismatch caused by the non-local effect becomes negligible, therefore non-classical bending wave k_1 tends to approach $r_b = 0$, and r_b is returning to classical theory result zero.

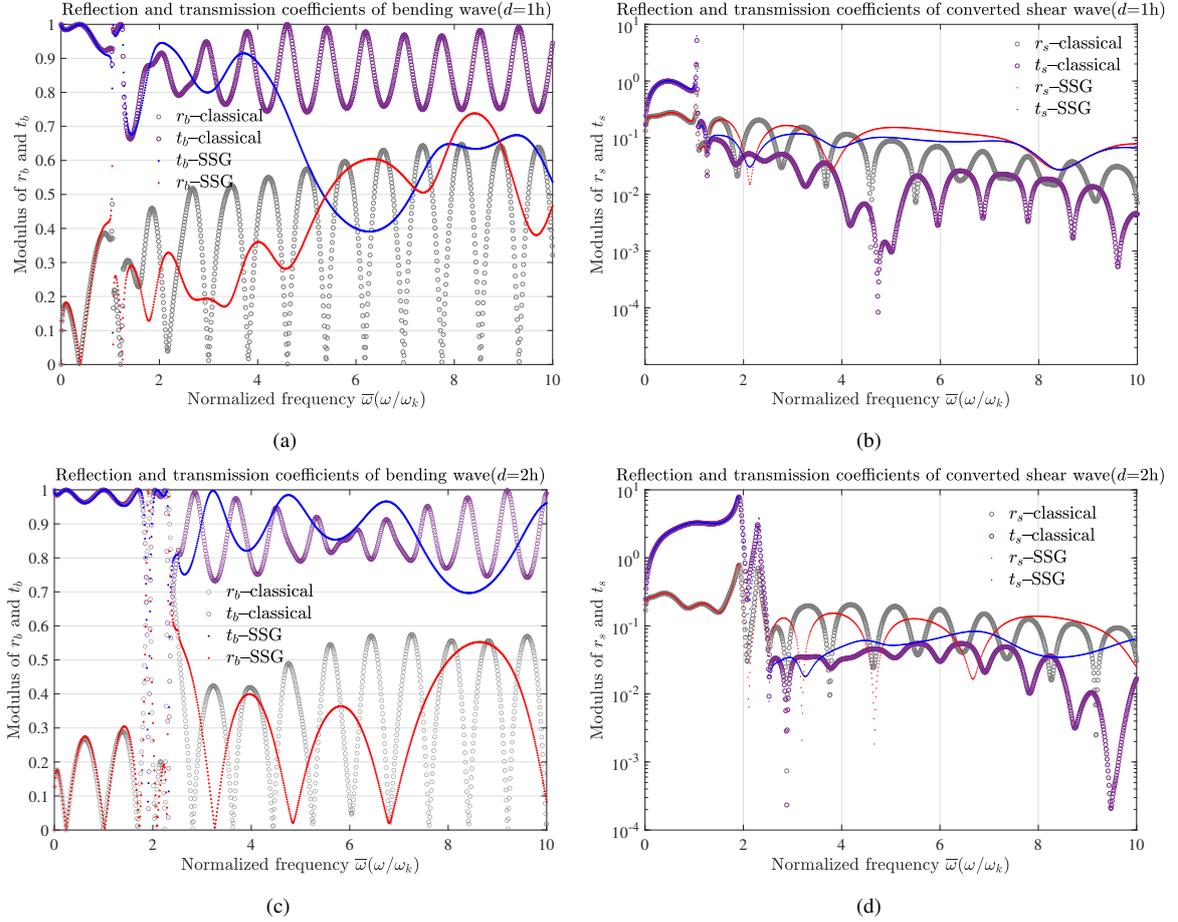


Figure 11: Transmission and reflection coefficients of bending wave through a complex beam made of Cu

Figure 11 illustrates the transmission and reflection coefficient of bending wave (t_b , r_b) and shear wave (t_s , r_s) through a complex beam made of copper with the length $d = h$ and $d = 2h$. Noticeably, the scattering coefficients resulting from complex coupling region and the classical coupling region match well in the low-frequency range, but their difference becomes significant as frequency goes up, especially above the cut-on frequency of the shear wave. By comparing subfigure 11(a) and 11(b) with subfigure 11(c) and 11(d), we can see that wave transmission behavior changes significantly for both bending and shear wave as the coupling length d increases from h to $2h$. The wave transmission behavior is affected by the dimension of the coupling region, and that is because the degree of non-local effect introduced by the higher-order material constants is dependent on the relative deformation wavelength (compared to the material characteristic length). The proposed higher gradient-based wave-scattering formulation is capable of capturing the local behavior caused by long-range interactions. The influence becomes more significant in the short wave limit.

5.5. Control of vibration transmission through a complex beam

For any kind of complex media which can be composites, architected media, or metamaterials, when the deformation wavelength is comparable to the internal length scale, the long-range interaction between non-adjacent internal structures will play an important role in governing the structural global behavior. Similar to the investigation of the complex rod coupling region, the proposed SSG theory-based bending wave scattering formulation can be used in the application of wave transmission control through a complex beam by adjusting its higher-order material constants, which are equivalent to the stiffnesses of the short interaction and the long-range interactions. In the following, several

numerical cases are implemented to study the influence of material parameters on bending wave transmission, with the purpose of obtaining the minimum possible energy reflection.

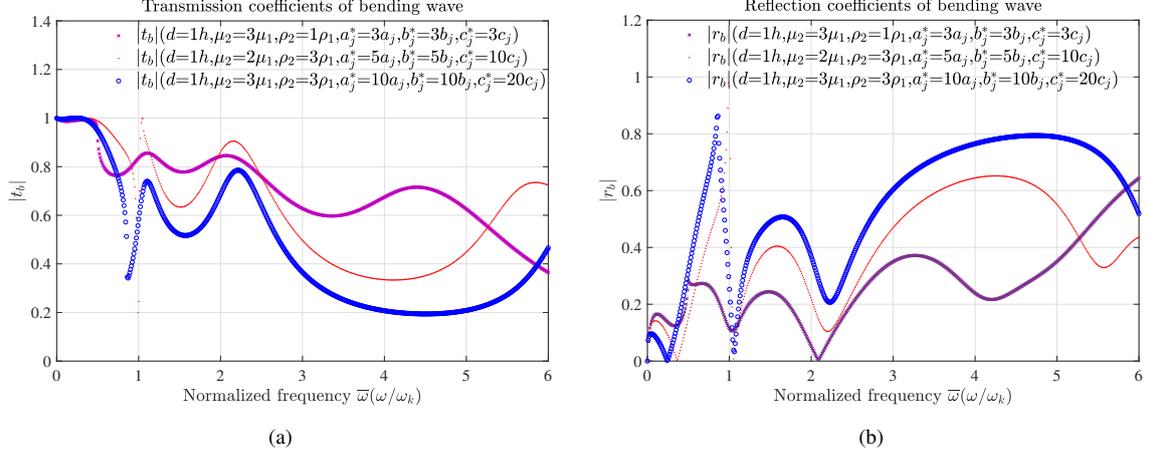


Figure 12: Transmission and reflection coefficients of bending wave through a complex beam in three cases (case 1: \times , case 2: \cdot , case 3: \circ)

Figure 12 shows the transmission and reflection coefficients of bending wave (t_b , r_b) changing with different material parameters in three cases (μ_1 , ρ_1 , a_j , b_j , c_j are the material parameters for aluminum). As we can see, for complex beam of length $d = h$, t_b and r_b change significantly in these three cases. In case 3, t_b highly approach '0' in higher frequency range, which means with some predefined shear modulus, mass density, and higher-order material parameters, the energy transmission by bending can approach to zero.

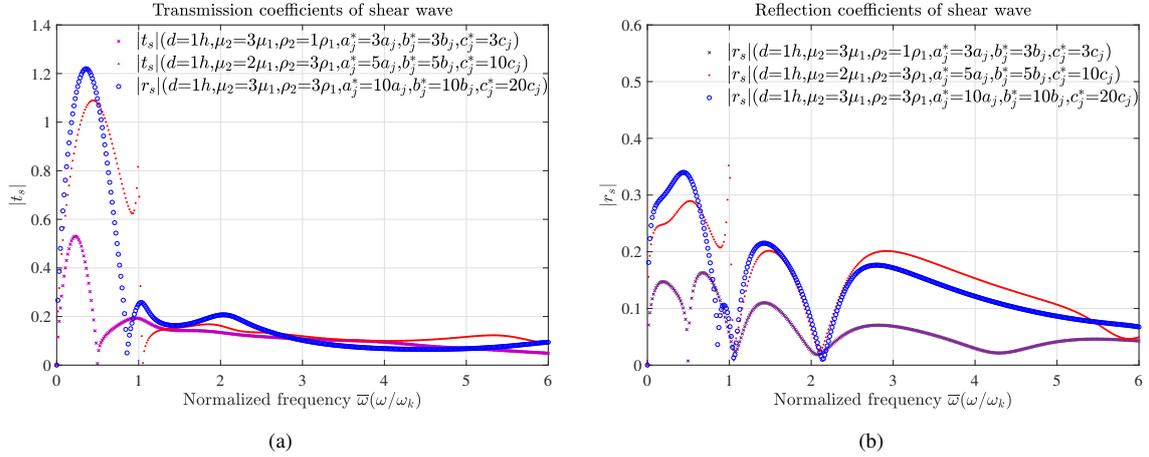


Figure 13: Transmission and reflection coefficients of the converted shear wave through a complex beam in three cases (case 1: \times , case 2: \cdot , case 3: \circ)

Then we check the reflection and transmission of the converted shear waves. As shown in Figure 13, reflection and transmission of the shear wave are much weak than the bending wave. As the reflection of bending wave increase much and transmission decrease from case 1 to case 3, the reflection of the shear wave only increases a little and the transmission rarely change. The impact of the non-local effect is less great for the shear wave than that of the bending wave.

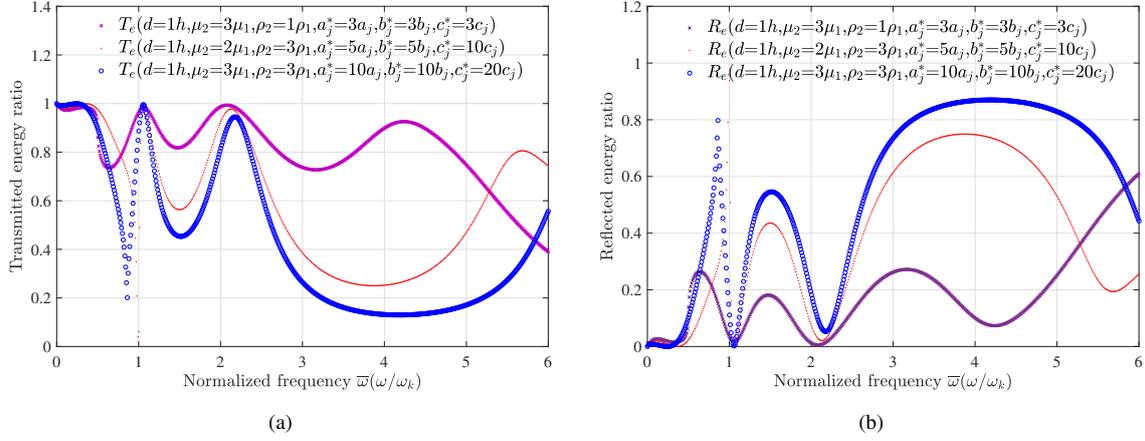


Figure 14: Transmitted and reflected energy through a complex beam in three cases (case 1: \times , case 2: \cdot , case 3: \circ)

To check the energy transmitted situation, Figure 14 is plotted. It can be observed that energy transmission in case 3 is lower than 0.2 in frequency band $\bar{\omega} \in [3.2, 5.2]$. In this frequency range, the complex beam in the coupling region shows great vibration isolation performance with the predefined material parameters, which are equivalent to the short-range and long-range interactions between inner structures of periodic composite. The proposed formulation can be used for optimizing the inner micro structure of composites to achieve better structural performance in acoustics.

6. Conclusions

In this research, wave scattering characteristics of an enriched 1-D model are investigated based on SSG theory. The formulation is derived to achieve the Transmission and reflection coefficients of the longitudinal wave and bending wave through a complex rod and a complex Timoshenko beam, respectively. An equivalent lattice model is proposed to study the underlying physical interpretation of higher-order material constants and to exploit the SSG theory formulation for potential applications to vibration transmission control.

(1) Wave transmission characteristics of a 1-D enriched model are different from the classical ones. They show frequency dependence for both rod and beam cases, especially at higher frequencies. The influence of local behavior caused by long-range interaction can be captured by the proposed model, and the non-local effects plays a major role in governing structural vibro-acoustic features under short wavelength deformation.

(2) As the length of the coupling region increase, SSG theory-based results are degenerating into classical results for both rod and beam cases. This phenomenon is caused not only by the longer propagation distance but also by the different wave propagation behaviors in the complex region. The non-local effect, which reflects the long-range interactions between the internal heterogeneity, becomes weak under a relatively longer deformation wavelength, and the resulting impedance mismatch becomes less obvious in global behavior description.

(3) The proposed lattice model is capable of describing the long-range interactions between the internal structures in complex media. With this lattice, higher-order material constants in SSG theory are directly connected with the stiffness of long-range interactions between the internal structures. Vibration transmission through complex regions can be controlled by optimizing its length and its inner micro-structure. Therefore SSG theory-based wave-scattering matrix model can be employed in optimizing the vibration transmission through complex media by adjusting its high-order material constants.

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Appendix 1

To obtain the continuum equation from a lattice equation, a series of equation transformations is used here based on the map operation in [30]. Firstly, $u_n(t)$ are defined as Fourier coefficients of function $\hat{u}(k, t)$ on $[-K_0/2, K_0/2]$ by the equation

$$\hat{u}(k, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} u_n(t) e^{-ikx_n} = \mathcal{F}_\Delta \{u_n(t)\}, \quad (54)$$

where $x_n = nl$ and $l = 2\pi/K_0$ is the distance between equilibrium positions of the lattice particles. The inverse Fourier series transform is defined by

$$u_n(t) = \frac{1}{K_0} \int_{-K_0/2}^{K_0/2} dk \hat{u}(k, t) e^{ikx_n} = \mathcal{F}_\Delta^{-1} \{\hat{u}(k, t)\}. \quad (55)$$

Equations (54) and (55) are the basis for the Fourier transform, which is obtained by transforming from lattice variable to a continuum one in the limit $l \rightarrow 0$ ($K_0 = \frac{2\pi}{l} \rightarrow \infty$). The Fourier transform are derived from (54) and (55) with limit $l \rightarrow 0$. We replace the lattice function $u_n(t) = \frac{2\pi}{K_0} u(x_n, t)$ with continuous $u(x, t)$ while letting $x_n = nl = \frac{2\pi n}{K_0} \rightarrow x$. Then the sum in Eq. (54) can be changed to an integral with ($l \rightarrow 0$), and Eq. (54), (55) become

$$\tilde{u}(k, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-ikx} u(x, t) = \mathcal{F} \{u(x, t)\}, \quad (56a)$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{ikx} \tilde{u}(k, t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{\tilde{u}(k, t)\}. \quad (56b)$$

We assume that $\tilde{u}(k, t) = \lim \hat{u}(k, t)$, where limit denotes the passage to the limit $l \rightarrow 0$ ($K_0 = \frac{2\pi}{l} \rightarrow \infty$). As we can see, $\tilde{u}(k, t)$ is a Fourier transform of the field $u(x, t)$, and $\hat{u}(k, t)$ is a Fourier series transform of $u_n(t)$, where we can use $u_n(t) = \frac{2\pi}{K_0} u(nl, t)$, and the function $\tilde{u}(x, t)$ can be derived from $\hat{u}(k, t)$ in the limit $l \rightarrow 0$. As a result, the map operation from a lattice model into a continuum model is defined by the following steps [32]

(1) The Fourier series transform:

$$\mathcal{F}_\Delta : \quad u_n(t) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_\Delta \{u_n(t)\} = \hat{u}(k, t)$$

(2) The passage to the limit $l \rightarrow 0$:

$$Limit : \quad \hat{u}(k, t) \rightarrow \lim \{\hat{u}(k, t)\} = \tilde{u}(k, t)$$

(3) The inverse Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1} : \quad \tilde{u}(k, t) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{\tilde{u}(k, t)\} = u(x, t)$$

The similar transformations can be performed for different systems to map the lattice equation into an equation for the elastic continuum. In the following, the transformations is proceeded based on the introduced map operation. The first step is transforming the discrete lattice equation of motion $u_n(t)$ to the field $\hat{u}(k, t)$. We multiply Eq. (49) by e^{-iknl} , and summing over n from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} M \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} \frac{d^2 u_n}{dt^2} &= g_2 \cdot \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} (u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1}) \\ &+ g_4 \cdot \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} (u_{n+2} - 2u_n + u_{n-2}) \\ &+ g_6 \cdot \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} (u_{n+3} - 2u_n + u_{n-3}) + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} F(n). \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

The first three terms on the right-hand of Eq. (57) equals

$$\begin{aligned}
&= g_2 \cdot \left(e^{ikl} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikml} u_m - 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} u_n + e^{-ikl} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikjl} u_j \right) \\
&+ g_4 \cdot \left(e^{2ikl} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikml} u_m - 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} u_n + e^{-2ikl} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikjl} u_j \right) \\
&+ g_6 \cdot \left(e^{3ikl} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikml} u_m - 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iknl} u_n + e^{-3ikl} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikjl} u_j \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Using the definition of $\hat{u}(k, t)$, Eq. (58) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
&g_2 \cdot \left(e^{ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) - 2\hat{u}(k, t) + e^{-ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) \right) + g_4 \cdot \left(e^{2ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) - 2\hat{u}(k, t) + e^{-2ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) \right) \\
&+ g_6 \cdot \left(e^{3ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) - 2\hat{u}(k, t) + e^{-3ikl} \hat{u}(k, t) \right) \\
&= 2(g_2 \cdot (\cos(kl) - 1) + g_4 \cdot (\cos(2kl) - 1) + g_6 \cdot (\cos(3kl) - 1)) \hat{u}(k, t).
\end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

To further simplify Eq. (59), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos(kl) - 1 &= -2\sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right); \cos(2kl) - 1 = -8\sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) + 8\sin^4\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right); \\
\cos(3kl) - 1 &= -32\sin^6\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) - 18\sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) + 48\sin^4\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

Substitution of Eq. (60) into Eq. (59) gives

$$= -4(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6) \sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t) + 16(g_4 + 6g_6) \sin^4\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t) - 64g_6 \sin^6\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t). \tag{61}$$

With the obtained first three-terms equation and using the definition of $\hat{u}(k, t)$ for the other two terms, (57) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
M \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}(k, t)}{\partial t^2} &= -4(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6) \sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t) + 16(g_4 + 6g_6) \sin^4\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t) \\
&- 64g_6 \sin^6\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) \hat{u}(k, t) + \mathcal{F}\{F(n)\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{62}$$

Using the asymptotic behavior of the sine in the form

$$\sin\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right) = \frac{kl}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5!}\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right)^5 + O((kl)^7),$$

and replacing the terms of $\sin^2\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right)$, $\sin^4\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right)$ and $\sin^6\left(\frac{kl}{2}\right)$ in Eq. (61) gives

$$= -4(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6)(kl)^2 + \frac{1}{12}(g_2 + 16g_4 + 81g_6)(kl)^4 - \frac{1}{360}(g_2 + 64g_4 + 729g_6)(kl)^6. \tag{63}$$

The transition to the limit $d \rightarrow 0$ in Eq. (61) gives

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}(k, t)}{\partial t^2} = -G_2 k^2 \tilde{u}(k, t) + G_4 k^4 \tilde{u}(k, t) - G_6 k^6 \tilde{u}(k, t) + \mathcal{F}\{F(x)\}, \tag{64}$$

where

$$G_2 = \frac{(g_2 + 4g_4 + 9g_6)l^2}{M}, G_4 = \frac{(g_2 + 16g_4 + 81g_6)l^4}{12M}, G_6 = \frac{(g_2 + 64g_4 + 729g_6)l^6}{360M}.$$

The inverse Fourier transform \mathcal{F}^{-1} of Eq. (64) has the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{\tilde{u}(k, t)\}}{\partial t^2} = -G_2 \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{k^2 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} + G_4 \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{k^4 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} - G_6 \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{k^6 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} + \frac{1}{\rho} f(x). \quad (65)$$

Then we can use the relation $\mathcal{F}^{-1} \{\tilde{u}(k, t)\} = u(x, t)$ and the connection between the derivatives and its Fourier transforms as

$$F^{-1} \{k^2 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} = -\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}, F^{-1} \{k^4 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} = +\frac{\partial^4 u(x, t)}{\partial x^4}, F^{-1} \{k^6 \tilde{u}(k, t)\} = -\frac{\partial^6 u(x, t)}{\partial x^6}.$$

Then the continuum equation can be achieved as

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = G_2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + G_4 \frac{\partial^4 u(x, t)}{\partial x^4} + G_6 \frac{\partial^6 u(x, t)}{\partial x^6} + F(x), \quad (66)$$

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