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# Thomson Scattering-induced Bandgap in Planar Chiral Phononic Crystals

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## Abstract

Releasing the dependence of the low-frequency and broad bandgaps on low stiffness and bulky masses has been an intractable bottleneck. Although inertial amplification is a terrific candidate for addressing the barrier, numerous extended ideas are limited to the classical models, thus, slowing or stalling the advances in this demand. To break this limit, we report a kind of planar chiral phononic crystal based on Thomson scattering. Different from the optimization effect produced in the locally resonant phononic crystals, the mirrored chirality can open a Thomson scattering-induced broad bandgap when the local resonant sub-structure is discarded. In addition, while simplifying the material components, we lower the starting frequency of the bandgap with a virtually unchanged width for the same lattice constant, stiffness and mass. Consequently, the starting frequency of the attenuation can be in the same order of magnitude as the local resonance bandgap, while the width is significantly better than the latter. Our proposal may open a new way to manipulate broadband elastic waves and validate that Thomson scattering is a promising alternative approach and mechanism for bandgap formation.

## 1. Introduction

Chirality, i.e., the spatial arrangement which does not possess centrosymmetry and rotational symmetry [1-3], makes macroscopic materials with negative Poisson's ratio effects [4-6]. In essence, the rotation-translation coupling in these lattices is the fundamental basis of the negative Poisson's ratio [6, 7]. Therefore, both axial and planar twist chiral lattices can achieve this unique property [8, 9].

38 Chirality in geometry can not only endow mechanical metastructures with negative  
39 Poisson's ratio as well as twist [10-13], but also can produce phononic crystals (or  
40 elastic metastructures) with some unique dynamical properties, such as elastic wave  
41 polarization [14-18], nonlinear wave propagation[19], enhancing stiffness and damping  
42 [20, 21], widening local resonance-induced bandgap [22-26]. At present, the planar  
43 chiral lattice has been received intensive investigations [27]. In these researches, the  
44 coupling of the translation and rotation can generate a positive elastic module [28, 29],  
45 and embedding locally resonant substructure can achieve negative dynamic equivalent  
46 density [29-31]. When the double negative properties overlap in the same frequency  
47 band, it is beneficial to achieve negative refraction [28, 31, 32]. However, the double  
48 negative properties are unbeneficial for opening a continuous bandgap due to the pass  
49 band with negative group velocity induced by the negative elastic module [29, 31].  
50 Therefore, using chiral lattices to create a broad local resonance-induced bandgap  
51 mainly depends on the excellent stiffness-mass ratio (specific stiffness) of the matrix  
52 [20, 22, 27, 33]. It is well known that the lower boundary of the local resonance bandgap  
53 is negatively correlated with the ratio of the oscillator and matrix masses [24, 34, 35],  
54 while the bandwidth of the negative dynamic equivalent density is positively correlated  
55 with the ratio of the oscillator to the substrate mass [30, 36]. Therefore, improving the  
56 specific stiffness of the matrix can optimize the local resonance-induced bandgap.  
57 In axial twist chiral phononic crystals [37-39], motion coupling is a critical factor in  
58 bandgap formation [40]. At deep subwavelength scales, because of this coupling, the  
59 outgoing wave will propagate in two polarization modes when the incident wave  
60 polarized in one mode propagates through this chiral substructure. This progress is  
61 analogous to Thomson scattering in classical electromagnetic fields. In classical  
62 Thomson scattering, the incident wave forces the electron to vibrate, thus generating a  
63 divergent wave field. The divergent outgoing field results from superimposing waves  
64 polarized in multiple directions [40]. In this analogy, the chiral sub-unit cell is regarded  
65 as the electron; the two and more waves polarized in different freedoms were  
66 superimposed to form an outgoing wave field [40].  
67 More critically, a phononic crystal with the Thomson scattering-induced bandgap must  
68 have a second Thomson scattering ability to cause destructive interferences [40].  
69 Specifically, two polarization modes are produced through the first Thomson scattering.  
70 After that, the scattered waves vibrating in these two modes each take on the role of  
71 secondary incident waves for a second Thomson scattering. These second scattered

72 waves polarized in the same mode will have opposite phases, and thus cause destructive  
73 interferences [40]. During the quantification of the analogous Thomson scattering, the  
74 inertia matrix will show the inertial amplification effect [41-43]. It has been  
75 demonstrated that the geometric and physical parameters, including lattice constant,  
76 equivalent stiffness, and density, are inextricably linked to the starting frequency and  
77 width of the bandgap [44-46]. Because of the inertial amplification [37, 39], whose  
78 dynamic inertia can be amplified without increasing the static inertia, theoretically, this  
79 bandgap can be lower than Bragg scattering for the same lattice constant, equivalent  
80 density, and stiffness [41, 47], and this lattice will be lighter than the local resonance  
81 lattice for the same lattice constant, equivalent stiffness and bandgap width  
82 requirements [41, 47-49]. In other words, inertial amplification is a critical concept to  
83 release the dependence of the low-frequency and broad bandgaps on low stiffness and  
84 bulky masses. However, numerous extended research ideas are limited to the classical  
85 models to slow or stall the advances in this problem [48-56]. The proposal of the  
86 Thomson scattering provides new insight into designing more phonon crystals with an  
87 inertial amplification effect.

88 Based on the Thomson scattering mechanism, this work proposes a single-phase planar  
89 torsional chiral phononic crystal to achieve a low-frequency and wide-band  
90 confinement. In contrast to previous works, we use a chiral lattice not because of its  
91 higher specific stiffness but because of its motion coupling. It is essential to state that  
92 our "kinematic coupling" is not the negative equivalent modulus but the coupling that  
93 allowed for Thomson scattering phenomena in elastodynamics. To generate destructive  
94 interferences, the chiral unit cell will be mirrored to be anti-chiral. Eventually, the anti-  
95 chiral super-unit cell can open a low-frequency and broad bandgap. In contrast to the  
96 conventional local resonance, this Thomson scattering lattice has a broader bandgap  
97 and nearly the same order of magnitude decay starting frequency for the same lattice  
98 constant, equivalent stiffness, and density conditions. The material damping can  
99 effectively suppress the high-frequency modes, so that the bandgap exhibits the effect  
100 of a low-pass filter rather than a band-stop filter in the axial chiral lattice.

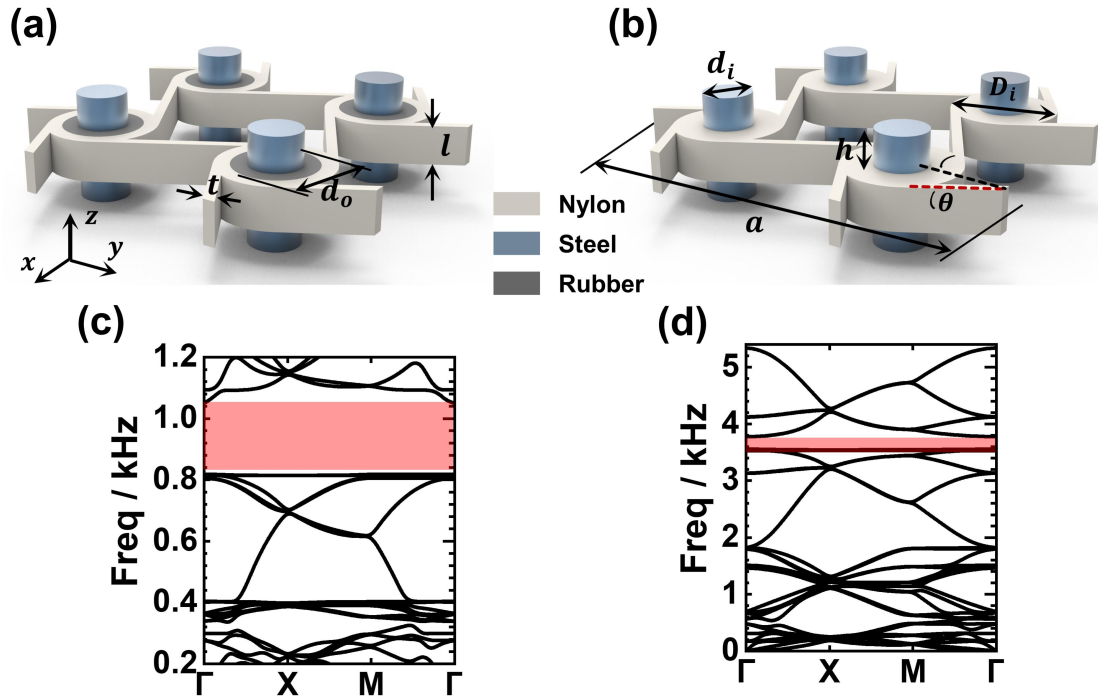
101 The paper is organized as follows. Section 1 presents the background for planar chiral  
102 phononic crystals. In order to distinguish our design method from that based on local  
103 resonance and clear the superiority of this study, Section 2 is devoted to comparing  
104 classical local resonance-induced and Thomson scattering-induced planar chiral  
105 phononic crystals. Then, the design mechanism is discussed in Section 3. Section 4



106 presents a single-phase planar chiral phononic crystal with a more superior bandgap  
107 obtained according to the two-stage inertial amplification in the translation-rotation  
108 coupling system. Section 5 exhibits an experimental verification. Finally, Section 6  
109 concludes the paper.

## 110 **2. Design & Method**

111 The low-frequency and broad bandgaps contradict equivalent physical parameters such  
112 as lattice constant, equivalent stiffness, equivalent density [44, 45]. For a fair  
113 comparison and to clarify the innovation of our study, we have embedded local  
114 resonance substructures and steel pillars in an identical chiral matrix to form a local  
115 resonance lattice (Fig. 1(a)) and a composite lattice (Fig. 1(b)) with equal weight. The  
116 minimum period of the local resonance (Fig. 1(a)) and the composite structures (Fig.  
117 1(b)) is one-quarter of the lattices shown in Fig. 1. Thus, we named the geometries  
118 shown in Fig. 1(a) and Fig. 1(b) as super-unit cells. The local resonance unit cell (Fig.  
119 1(a)) is composed of three materials, including the nylon with the elastic module  
120  $E = 1.6e9$  Pa, density  $\rho = 1000$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Poison's ratio  $\nu = 0.4$ , the steel with the elastic  
121 module  $E = 2.1e11$  Pa, density  $\rho = 7850$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Poison's ratio  $\nu = 0.3$ , and the rubber  
122 with the elastic module  $E = 5e6$  Pa, density  $\rho = 1000$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Poison's ratio  $\nu = 0.47$ .  
123 The composite unit cell (Fig. 1(b)) is polluted from the local resonance lattice, where  
124 the rubber is replaced by nylon. The rubber has the same density as the nylon to ensure  
125 that the two lattices have the same mass. In addition to the outer circle diameter  $d_o = 20$   
126 mm of the rubber, the two super-unit cells have the same other geometric parameters,  
127 including the lattice constant  $a = 50$  mm, the angle  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , the width  $l = 10$  mm  
128 and thickness  $t = 2.5$  mm, and the parameters  $h = 8.32$  mm and  $d_i = 12.4$  mm.  
129 Therefore, the two lattices have the same equivalent density. The ligaments are more  
130 easily deformed compared to the lumped mass, so the equivalent stiffness of the lattice  
131 is mainly determined by the ligaments. Since both lattices have the same ligaments,  
132 both have a quasi-same equivalent stiffness.



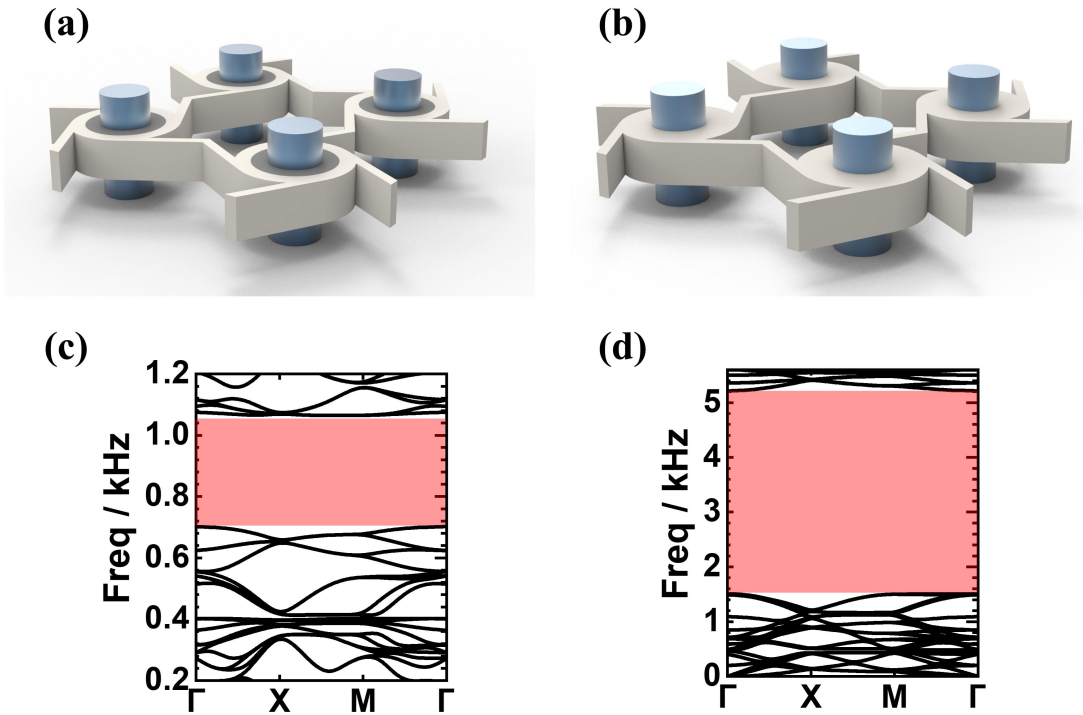
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134 Fig. 1. (a)-(b) Schematics and (c)-(d) band structures of the arrayed local resonant super-unit cell  
 135 and composite super-unit cell. The unit cell is one-quarter of the lattice.

136 Fig. 1(c) and Fig. 1(d) illustrate the band structures of the local resonance lattice (Fig.  
 137 1(c)) and composite lattice ( Fig. 1(d)), which are obtained in the solid mechanic  
 138 module of COMSOL Multiphysics through applying the Bloch periodic boundary [57]  
 139 on the super-unit cell. It can be found that the local resonance bandgap extends from  
 140 about 800 to 1050 Hz, while in the composite lattice, we have a narrow bandgap, i.e.,  
 141 3540-3760 Hz. According to the relative width of the bandgap to evaluate the two unit  
 142 cells [58], it is 27% of the local resonance unit cell and 6% of the composite structure.  
 143 In short, the local resonance unit cell has better performance than the composite  
 144 structure for both starting frequency and width of the bandgap.

145 To obtain the broad bandgap similar to that of Refs. [37, 40], it is indispensable to mirror  
 146 unit cells shown in Fig. 1. The geometries of the mirrored super-lattices are presented  
 147 in Fig. 2(a) and (b), and the band structures are shown in Fig. 2(c) and Fig. 2(d). One  
 148 can observe that the bandgap of the local resonance extends from 700 to 1050 Hz.  
 149 Compared with the previous results shown in Fig. 1(c), the lower boundary is shifted  
 150 down by about 100 Hz, and the upper boundary is nearly invariable. Remarkably, for  
 151 the composite super-unit cell, the narrow bandgap shown in Fig. 1(d) becomes a  
 152 continuous and broad bandgap extending from 1600 to 5200 Hz, with the lower  
 153 boundary significantly lowered from 3540 Hz to 1600 Hz.

154 To sum up, it is effective that mirroring improves the lower boundary of the local  
 155 resonance bandgap. Still, the mirroring here is an optimization without changing the  
 156 mechanism of the bandgap opening. Unlike in the local resonance super-unit cell,  
 157 mirroring in the composite super-unit cell activates a new mechanism, thus resulting in  
 158 a broad bandgap, which sets our study and approaches apart from the traditional design  
 159 ideas.



160  
 161 Fig. 2. (a)-(b) Schematics and (c)-(d) band structures of the mirrored local resonant super-unit cell  
 162 and composite super-unit cell.

### 163 164 **3. The mechanism of the bandgap opening**

165 Statics can illustrate the polarization mode and direction of the LMs in dynamics in  
 166 deep subwavelength [37, 59]. To understand the underlying physics, the static  
 167 deformation of the mirrored super-unit cell (Fig. 3(a)) is computed numerically with  
 168 COMSOL solid module. In the simulation, the material is linear, and geometric  
 169 nonlinearity is not considered. As shown in Fig. 3, for easy differentiation, the first layer  
 170 chiral units  $L_1$  are numbered ① and ②, and the second layer  $L_2$  are numbered ③  
 171 and ④. The nodes between the ① and ③ as well as the ② and ④ are defined as  
 172  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Both upper and lower plates are considered as rigid, and the rest of the  
 173 structure is defined as nylon. A force  $F$  along  $-y$  axis is applied at the top of the upper

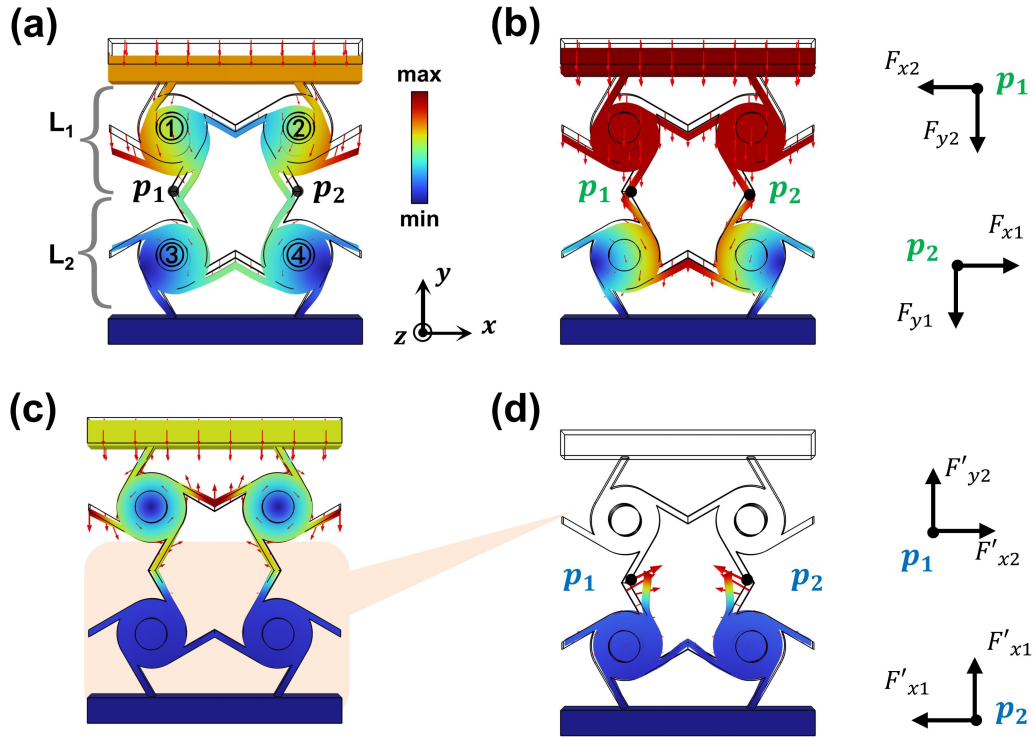
174 plate and a fixed boundary condition is set at the lower plate.  
175 In this chiral system, when the incident wave polarizing in translational harmonic  
176 motion goes through the first-layer unit cell  $L_1$ , the outgoing wave will have two  
177 polarizations, i.e., translation and rotation [37]. By analogy, each subsequent wave  
178 passing through a layer of chiral unit cells is equivalent to passing through Thomson  
179 scattering once more. Therefore, we defined that the first layer  $L_1$  refers to the first  
180 Thomson scattering and the second layer  $L_2$  refers to the second Thomson scattering  
181 [40].

182 Fig. 3(a) is the total deformation of the mirrored super-unit cell. One can observe from  
183 the deformation profiles that all chiral unit cells have significant translation along  $y$ -  
184 axis and rotation around the  $z$ -axis, as well as slight translation along  $x$ -axis. For ease  
185 of understanding, we ignore the translational motion in the  $x$ -axis in following  
186 discussion. The coupled phenomenon indicates that the unit cell has first two basic  
187 properties of Thomson scattering bandgap, i.e., two orthogonal motions and they are  
188 coupled on the same lumped mass. However, to realize the Thomson scattering bandgap,  
189 generating the opposite sub-motions in the same unit cell is crucial.

190 Although there is a significant reverse of the motion between the unit cells in  $L_1$  and  
191  $L_2$ , it is unclear whether the movements of the unit cells in  $L_1$  can create opposite sub-  
192 motions in the same polarization of the unit cells in  $L_2$ . Consequently, for the sake of  
193 clarity, we have limited the  $z$ -axis rotational freedom and  $y$ -axis translational freedom  
194 of the  $L_1$  unit cells separately to distinguish the polarized directions of the  $L_2$  unit  
195 cells driven by the two types of motion of the  $L_1$  unit cells.

196 Fig. 3(b) is the deformation profile when the rotation of  $L_1$  is limited. In this condition,  
197 the unit cells ① and ② have only the translation along  $y$  axis. It can be found that  
198 nodes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  will move along  $-y$  axis and close to each other. According to the  
199 movements of two nodes, from the perspective of the unit cells ③ and ④, the force  
200 direction of the node  $p_1$  is denoted as the inset in the upper right of Fig. 3(b), and the  
201 ones of the node  $p_2$  is presented as the inset in the lower right of Fig. 3(b). When the  
202 translational degrees of freedom of the layer  $L_1$  are constrained, the deformation of  
203 the super-unit cell is shown in Fig. 3(c). For clarity, Fig. 3(d) shows the enlarged  
204 deformation profile of  $L_2$ , and the force directions of nodes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are illustrated  
205 in the right of Fig. 3(d). Comparing the force directions shown in Fig. 3(b) and Fig.  
206 3(d), it can be found that the translation and rotation of the unit cells  $L_1$  result in node

207  $p_1$  (or  $p_2$ ) having opposite force directions, respectively. Because of the symmetry of  
208 the system, we can take unit cells ① and ③ as analytical objectives. Regarding the  
209 unit cell ① shown in Fig. 3(b), it will have the translation along  $-y$  axis and rotation  
210 around  $-z$  axis when it is compressed; conversely, it will produce the translation  $+y$   
211 axis and rotation around  $+z$  axis when it is stretched. When unit cell ① has only  
212 translation, it will compress unit cell ③, at which time unit cell ③ will produce  $-y$ -  
213 axis translation and  $-z$ -axis rotation; when unit cell ① has only rotation, it will stretch  
214 unit cell ③, as a result, unit cell ③ will have  $+y$ -axis translation and  $+z$ -axis rotation.  
215 In other words, when unit cell ① is compressed, it has two polarizations, i.e.,  
216 translation and rotation. Further, these two polarizations drive unit cell ③ have two  
217 sub-translations and two sub-rotations simultaneously. The most crucial is that these  
218 sub-motions of the unit cells  $L_2$  vibrating in the same polarization have opposite  
219 directions. Consequently, the chiral twist super-unit cell shown in Fig. 3(a) satisfies the  
220 three conditions of generating Thomson scattering bandgap, i.e., two and more  
221 orthogonal motions coupled on the same lumped mass. After the second Thomson  
222 scattering, the sub-motions polarized in the same mode have opposite initial motion  
223 directions, which is the underlying mechanism by which this super-unit cell can achieve  
224 a low-frequency and wide bandgap.  
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227 Fig. 3. Deformation profiles of the mirrored lattice under the condition of (a) free, (b) constrained  
 228  $z$ -axis rotation of the  $L_1$ , and (c) constrained  $y$ -axis translation of the  $L_1$ . (d) Enlargement of Fig.  
 229 3(c). The black wireframe is the original shape of the lattice. The red arrow points to the deformation  
 230 direction.

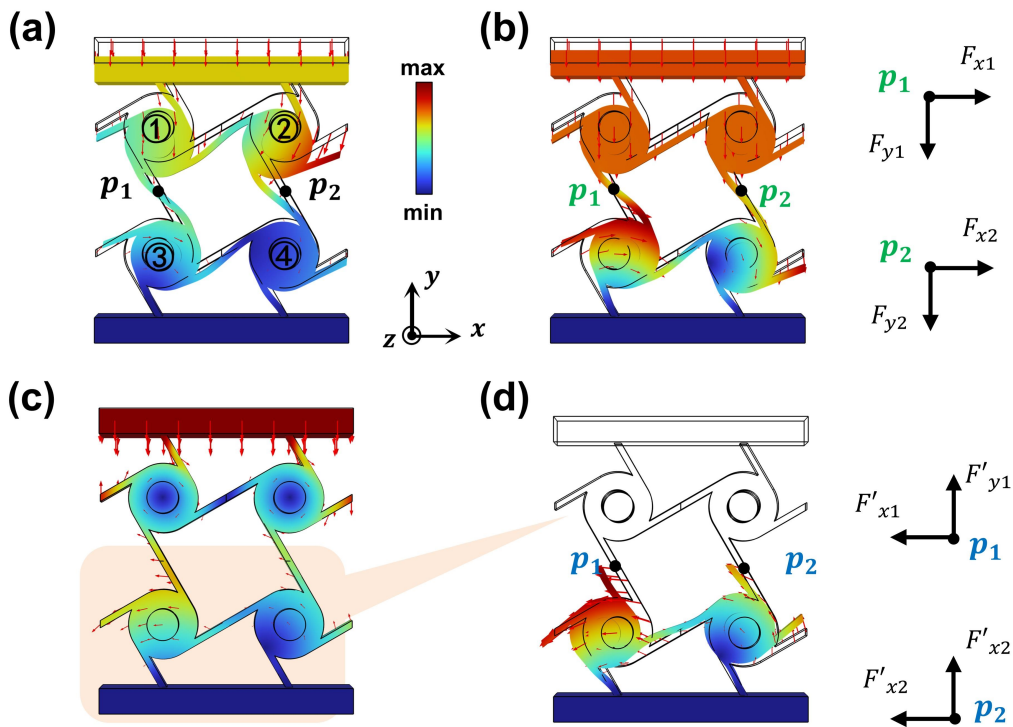
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232 The analytical approach was applied to the arrayed super-unit cell (in Fig. 4(a)) to  
 233 clarify the difference between arrayed and mirrored super-unit cells. The arrayed super-  
 234 unit cell is unstable because it produces shear motion along the  $x$  axis under the  $y$ -  
 235 direction load. The unstable phenomenon can be observed from the animations in  
 236 Supplementary information. To realize the same input displacement condition as the  
 237 mirrored phononic crystal, the translational motion of the upper top plate in the  $x$ -  
 238 direction is constrained in the calculation, while the other boundary conditions are the  
 239 same as the ones applied on the mirrored super-unit cell.

240 Fig. 4(a) is the total static deformation profile. Different from Fig. 3(a), the deformation  
 241 is asymmetric. Some unit cells have a significant rotation, such as unit cell ②, while  
 242 some units do not have significant rotation, such as unit cell ①, even if both translation  
 243 and rotation are feeble, such as unit cell ④. In more details, when the rotation of the  
 244 unit cells  $L_1$  around  $z$  axis is constrained, the deformation of the unit cells  $L_2$   
 245 exhibits the same direction but to a different extent, as illustrated in Fig. 4(b). Also,  
 246 when the rotation of the unit cells  $L_1$  along  $-y$  axis is constrained, the deformation of

247 the unit cells  $L_2$  exhibits the same direction but to a different extent as well, as  
 248 illustrated in Fig. 4(c). The right insets of Fig. 4(b) and Fig. 4(d) show the force  
 249 directions from the viewpoint of the unit cells  $L_2$ . One can observe that both nodes  $p_1$   
 250 and  $p_2$  have opposite force directions in the  $y$ -direction, which seems to mean that  
 251 there are destructive interferences in the arrayed super-unit cell. However, the force  
 252 direction in  $x$ -direction is identical. Because of the identical force direction, the super-  
 253 unit cell has the asymmetric deformation, and some chiral unit cells have almost  
 254 completely lost the coupled motion, which is one of the critical conditions for this  
 255 bandgap generation. Consequently, the arrayed super-unit cell does not have the  
 256 excellent bandgap of the mirrored super-unit cell, although both unit cells have the same  
 257 equivalent density, lattice constant, and virtually identical stiffness and strength (Please  
 258 refer to Fig. A1).

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261 Fig. 4. Deformation profiles of the arrayed lattice under the condition of (a) free, (b) constrained  $z$ -  
 262 axis rotation of the  $L_1$ , and (c) constrained  $y$ -axis translation of the  $L_1$ . (d) Enlargement of Fig.  
 263 4(c). The black wireframe is the original shape of the lattice. The red arrow points to the deformation  
 264 direction.

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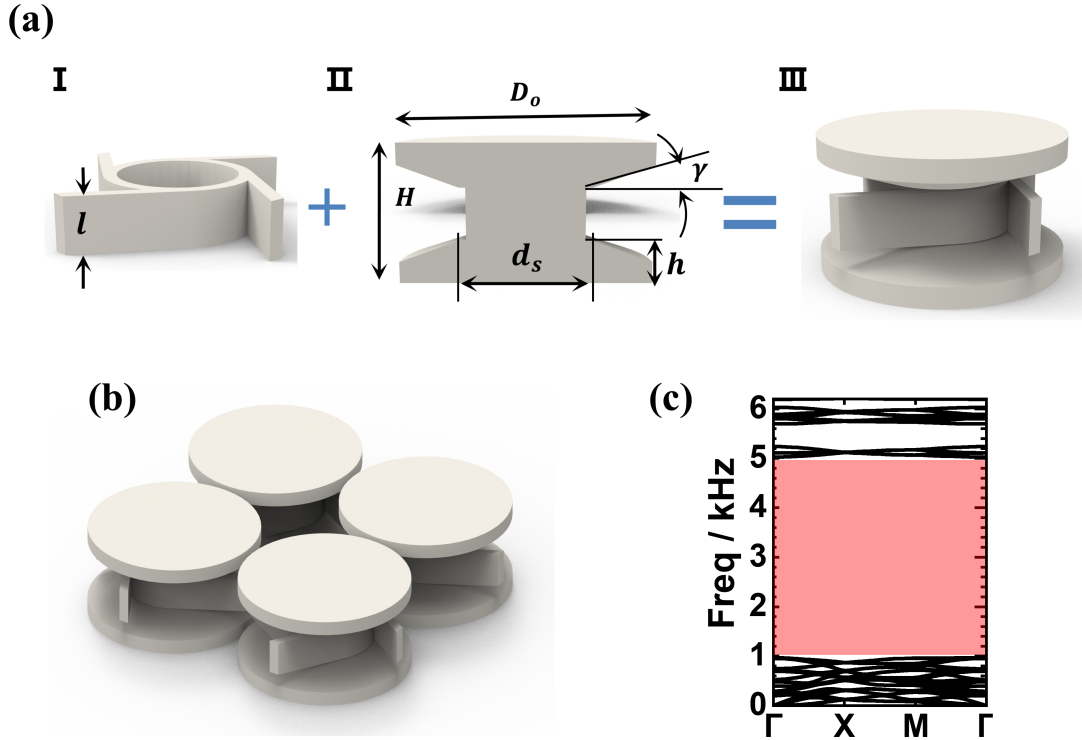
## 266 4. Single-phase planar phononic crystal

267 Our previous study [40] has demonstrated that the coupling of the orthogonal motions

268 is analogous to Thomson scattering. During the quantitative description of the Thomson  
269 scattering based on the analytical formalism, the inertia matrix exhibits inertial  
270 amplification [40]. Interestingly, the involvement of the rotation allows the system to  
271 have two stages of inertial amplification, one of which depends on angle  $\theta$ , and the  
272 other on the rotational inertia of lumped masses [46]. The larger the rotational inertial  
273 is, the lower the starting frequency of the bandgap is.

274 Regarding the composite structure shown in Fig. 2(b), it is not conducive to  
275 manufacturing and controlling the robustness of the elastic dynamics in practice [60].  
276 Besides, steel, as a material with high density, is not suitable for obtaining large  
277 rotational inertia. To overcome these limitations, we propose a single-phase chiral unit  
278 cell composed of a matrix I and a lumped mass II, as shown in Fig. 5(a). The parameter  
279  $H = 2h + l$  is designed to maintain the same height in z-axis as the composite unit cell.  
280 For the meshing in the numerical calculation, the diameter  $d_s$  is equal to  $D_i - 2$  mm  
281 (please refer to Fig. 1(b) to find  $D_i$ ). In order to use the rotational inertia of the lumped  
282 mass to generate a low starting frequency of the bandgap, while giving enough space  
283 for the dynamical deformation of the system, we set the diameter as  $D_o = 0.5a - 2$  mm.  
284 Ultimately, for comparison purpose, the entire lattice (Fig. 5(a)) needs to have the same  
285 weight as the composite lattice (Fig. 1(b)), so  $\gamma = 20^\circ$ . The super-unit cell shown in  
286 Fig. 5(b) can be obtained by mirroring the lattice III shown in Fig. 5(a). Fig. 5(c) is the  
287 band structure of the model exhibiting a broad bandgap within 965-5025Hz. Compared  
288 to the composite super-unit cell, the starting frequency is reduced from 1510 Hz to 965  
289 Hz, with a decrease of 36%. The upper boundary of the bandgap is reduced from 5200  
290 Hz to 5025 Hz. The relative width of the bandgap is improved from 110% to 135%. It  
291 is worth noting that these variations happened in the case of the same lattice constant,  
292 equivalent density, and stiffness.





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294 Fig. 5. (a) Schematics of the single-phase unit cell composed by I the matrix and II the lumped mass.

295 (c) Band structure of the (b) mirrored unit cell.

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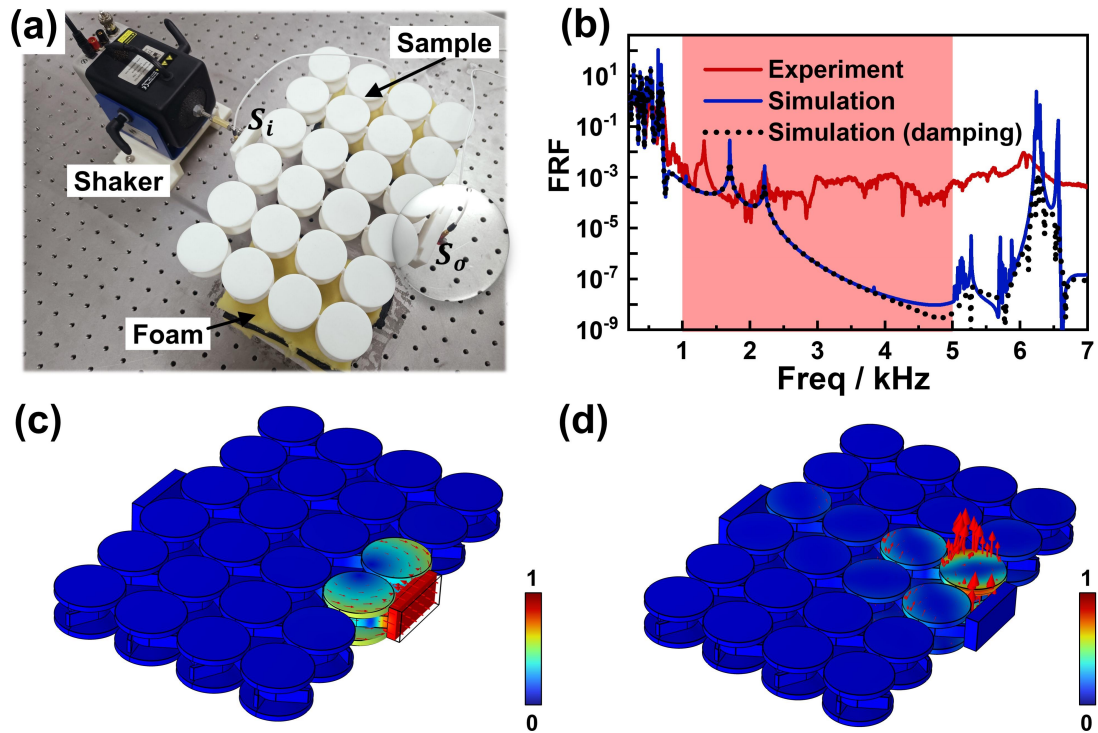
## 297 5. Experimental verification and discussion

298 The FRFs of the finite structure (shown in Fig. 6 (a)), composed by  $2 \times 3$  unit cells, is  
 299 measured numerically and experimentally to validate the prediction of the created  
 300 bandgap in the band structure. Two foams support the sample to levelling and isolate  
 301 the vibration from the background [61]. A cubic block was designed at both the  
 302 excitation end  $S_i$  and the output end  $S_o$  to facilitate the installation of the transducer  
 303 and the excitation during the experiment. The same geometry is used in the simulation  
 304 to minimize the differences between experiments and simulations. In the COMSOL  
 305 V6.0 solid mechanics module, a harmonic excitation force  $F$  is applied to the input  $S_i$ ,  
 306 and the accelerations of  $S_i$  and  $S_o$  are recorded simultaneously by two domain point  
 307 probes. The sweep frequency range covers 200 Hz to 7000 Hz with a frequency  
 308 resolution of 5 Hz. The ratio of  $S_o$  to  $S_i$  is defined as the FRF. The experimental  
 309 configuration (shown in Fig. 6) includes M+p Vibpilot, Modelshop K2007E01, and two  
 310 acceleration transducers PCB353 B15.

311 The numerical and experimental results are illustrated in Fig. 6(b), where the blue plot  
 312 corresponds to the simulation while the red plot to the experimental measurement. One  
 313 can see that the attenuation of both results starts at about 710 Hz. The band gap type

314 can be determined from the distribution of energy within the bandgap. In Fig. 6(c), we  
315 have presented the deformation profiles at 3000 Hz. It can be found that the energy is  
316 mainly concentrated on the two lumped masses close to the source. In more detail, the  
317 vibration mode of the lumped masses is mainly rotational. According to the Thomson  
318 scattering mechanism, the attenuation relies mainly on the destructive interference  
319 formed during the second Thomson scattering, so the energy is mainly localized in the  
320 first layer of lumped masses, as presented in our previous work [40]. In other words,  
321 this bandgap belongs to the Thomson scattering type.

322 Compared to the numerical FRF of Fig. 6(b), there are some discrepancies between  
323 numerical and experimental results. Exceptionally, the depth of the experimental FRFs  
324 does not exceed  $1e-4$ , which is because the output signal is already at the same level as  
325 the background noise. Besides, some numerical peaks close to 6200 Hz should belong  
326 to pass bands, but their attenuation coefficient approximates that of the bandgap in the  
327 experimental result. To find the reason, the deformation profile at 6250 Hz is shown in  
328 Fig. 6(d). It is clear that the resonant modes are the local resonance of the lumped  
329 masses. It has been demonstrated that damping in nylon is an effective approach to  
330 suppressing high-frequency local resonance modes [61, 62]. When the Rayleigh  
331 damping of  $\alpha=0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $\beta=4e-7 \text{ s}$  [61, 62] is considered in simulation, as  
332 illustrated by the black dashed line in Fig. 6(b), the resonant peaks near 6250 Hz are  
333 compressed effectively, which is relative to a weak upward trend of the experimental  
334 result. In addition, manufacturing errors and the slight bending of the entire sample  
335 might be the causes of some peak shifts in experimental results, such as the difference  
336 between the numerical peak at 1750 Hz and experimental ones at 1400 Hz. Nevertheless,  
337 the consistent trend between the experiment and simulation can reveal the bandgap  
338 existence.



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340 Fig. 6. (a) Photograph and configuration of the experiment. (b) Numerical and experimental FRFs.  
 341 The red zone is the theoretical bandgap width predicted from the band structure. Deformation  
 342 profiles at (c) 2968 Hz and (d) 6200Hz.

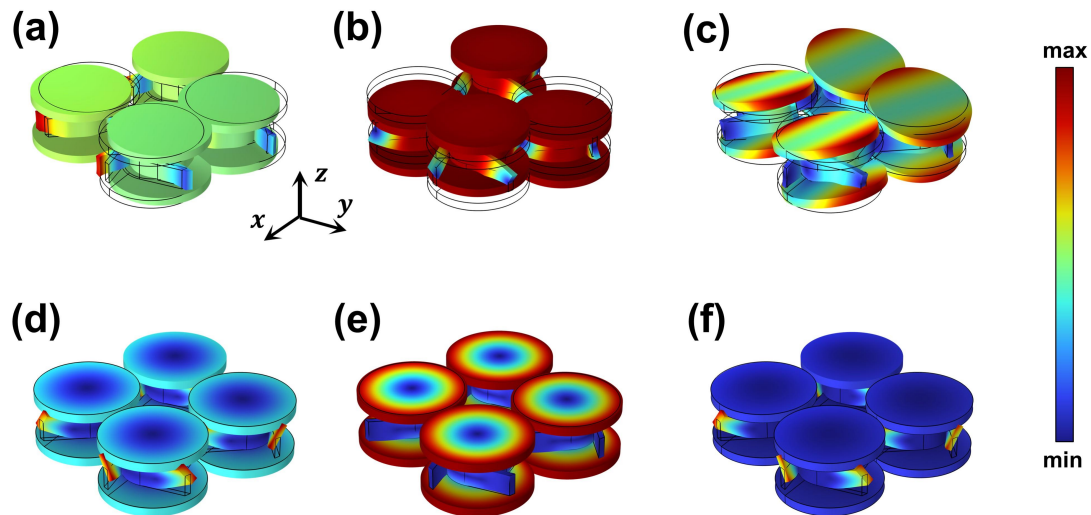
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344 It is worth noting that the bandgap range predicted in the band structure is 965 Hz-5025  
 345 Hz. The attenuation range shown in FRF is 710 Hz-6220 Hz. The starting frequency of  
 346 the attenuation in FRF is lower by about 250 Hz than that of the bandgap, with a relative  
 347 difference of more than 25%. The cutoff of the bandgap is more than 1000 Hz higher  
 348 than the prediction in band structure; the relative bandgap width is 135% in the bandgap,  
 349 but the result is 159% in FRF.

350 To analyze the causes of the lower boundary differences, it is necessary to analyze the  
 351 resonant modes from 710 Hz to 970 Hz located at the lower boundary of the bandgap.

352 There are seven orders of passbands and three types of resonance modes. For simplicity,  
 353 Fig. 7(a)-(c) show the three typical vibration modes (some repeated vibration modes  
 354 are not mentioned). The first mode (in Fig. 7(a)) is the local deformation at the ligament;  
 355 the second mode (in Fig. 7(b)) is the translation of the lumped mass in the z-axis; the  
 356 third mode (in Fig. 7(c)) is the rotation of the lumped mass around an axis in the surface.  
 357 Because these modes are orthogonal to the excitation direction, they cannot be  
 358 effectively excited under the current excitation conditions.

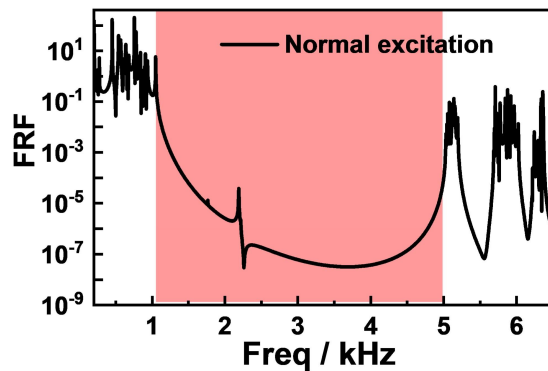
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 361 Fig. 7. (a)-(c) Three types of modes at the lower boundary (within 710–970 Hz) of the bandgap. (d)-  
 362 (f) Three types of modes at the upper boundary (within approximately 5000-6100 Hz).

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 364 The upper boundary has a higher band spectrum density, but generally, it can be  
 365 summarized as three patterns shown in Fig. 7(d)-(f), including the combined mode of  
 366 the torsion of ligaments and rotation of the lumped mass (shown in Fig. 7(d)), the  
 367 rotational mode of lumped masses around the  $z$  axis (shown in Fig. 7(e)), and the  
 368 torsional mode of ligaments Fig. 7(f). Similar to low boundaries, the inability of these  
 369 modes to effectively truncate the bandgap is due to orthogonality between the excitation  
 370 direction and these modes.

371 In order to verify the above analysis, the out-of-plane input is applied in the simulation.  
 372 The numerical results are shown in Fig. 8. It can be found that the attenuation starts at  
 373 1000 Hz and the cutoff frequency is 5000 Hz, which coincides with the prediction in  
 374 band structure shown in Fig. 5(c). This analysis confirms the explanation that the  
 375 attenuation width in the experimental FRF is wider than the energy band prediction.



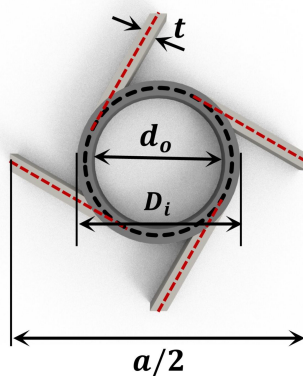
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 377 Fig. 8. Numerical FRF of the normal excitation. The red area refers to the bandgap width.

378 **6. Conclusion**

379 In summary, a single-phase planar chiral phononic crystal with a low-frequency and  
380 broad bandgap induced by Thomson Scattering has been proposed and investigated  
381 numerically and experimentally. Under the same lattice constant, stiffness and mass,  
382 the mirrored chirality only improves the width and starting frequency of the local  
383 resonance bandgap, while it can open a broad bandgap when the local resonant sub-  
384 structure is discarded. The superior bandgap performance depends on the Thomson  
385 scattering provided by translational and rotational coupling. According to the two-stage  
386 inertial amplification, we further simplified the material components of the unit cell and  
387 lowered the starting frequency of the bandgap as well, while the method is the changing  
388 in the appearance of the lumped masses only. The consequent result is that the starting  
389 frequency of the attenuation can be in the same order of magnitude as the local  
390 resonance bandgap and, moreover, the width is significantly better than the latter.  
391 Notably, different from the axially chiral phononic crystals whose bandgap exhibits  
392 band-pass filter properties, the blueprint carried out in this work has low-pass filtering  
393 properties due to the material damping. One cannot deny that the local resonance can  
394 generate a low-frequency bandgap due to the relevance between the starting frequency  
395 and the elastic module of the coating material [35, 63]. Of course, a new proposal in  
396 design may offer the possibility of increasing the inertial amplification factor, for the  
397 purpose of reducing the reliance on low stiffness and bulky masses for low-frequency  
398 and broad bandgaps [48]. These properties obtained in this work may make Thomson  
399 scattering a powerful approach and mechanism.

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401 **Appendix. A**

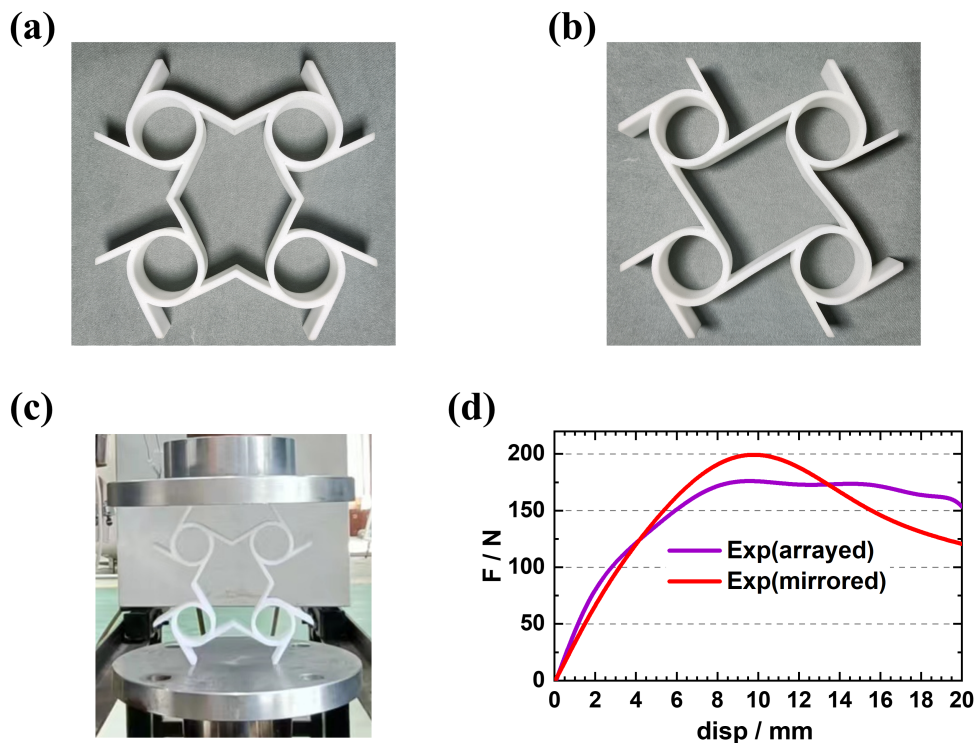


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403 Fig. A1. Schematics of the ligaments. The red line is the symmetric line of the thickness,  
404 which is tangent to the black circle. Please note, the diameter of that circle is equal to  
405  $D_i - t$ .

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## 407 Appendix. B



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409 Fig. A2. The photographs of the mirrored lattice (a), arrayed lattice (b), and compression experiment  
410 (c). In order to ensure that the sample will not deform significantly in the normal direction during  
411 compression, the thickness  $l$  is 30 mm. Other geometric dimensions are the same as the matrix I  
412 Fig. 5(a). The universal testing machine is Instron 5982 and the loading speed is 2 mm/min. (d) The  
413 experimental results of the force-displacement curves.

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