

Vibro-acoustic response of FGM plates considering the thermal effects

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Abstract. In this paper, the vibro-acoustic response of functionally graded materials (FGM) plates subjected to thermal environment are investigated analytically. The governing equations of the FGM plate subjected to thermal environment are derived based on the classic plate theory through Hamilton's principle. The sound radiation of the FGM plate is calculated with Rayleigh integral. It is found that a dramatic discrepancy will occur if temperature dependent material properties are not taken into account. The temperature rise also has a significant effect on the vibro-acoustic response of the FGM plates.

1. Introduction

Functionally graded materials (FGM) are microscopically inhomogeneous composites in which material properties vary continuously and smoothly from one surface to another. Possessing a number of advantages such as eliminating interface problems and mitigating thermal stress concentrations leads to a wider application of FGMs in areas such as aircraft, space vehicles, nuclear plants [1]. Plate is one of the most widely used structural components in industrial applications. Sound radiation from plate structures is a practical engineering problem that has been studied extensively. However, only few works can be found in the literature focused on the sound radiation characteristics of FGM plates [2, 3]. In addition, the FGM structures are always used in extreme thermal environment, and thermal environment may change the stiffness and dynamic response of the FGM structures. Therefore, it's significant to consider the thermal effects when dealing with the sound radiation of FGM plates in thermal environment.

The early literature focused on the structure dynamic characteristics under thermal environment can date back to 1950s [4], and in recent years, more and more attention has been paid to this problem. Jeyaraj et al. [5] presented a numerical simulation study on the vibration and acoustic response characteristics of a multilayered viscoelastic sandwich plate in a thermal environment. Geng et al. [6] investigated the dynamic and acoustic responses of a simply supported rectangular plate in thermal environments. Li and Yu [7] studied the vibration and acoustic responses of the sandwich panels in a high temperature environment based on the piecewise low order shear deformation theory. More recently, Du et al.[8] carried out an investigation on the dynamic characteristics of a laminated plate under temperature gradient, and it is found that the initial thermal deformation as well as the thermal stress have to be considered together in simulation of the dynamical response for thermal structure.

This paper presents an analytical investigation on the vibro-acoustic response of FGM plates in thermal environment. The governing equations of the FGM plate subjected to thermal environment are derived based on the classic plate theory through Hamilton's principle, and the acoustic response of the FGM plate is obtained with the use of the Rayleigh integral. Accuracy of the results is examined by comparing the obtained results of the present formulation with that available in the literature. Finally, some parametric studies are conducted to investigate the acoustic characteristics of FGM plates in thermal environment.

2. Theory and formulation

2.1 Effective properties of FGM plate

Consider a rectangular FGM plate of length a , width b and uniform thickness h . The FGM plate is made of a mixture of a metal and a ceramic, and the material properties of FGM plate are assumed to vary smoothly and continuously through the thickness from the ceramic surface to metal surface. The effective material properties can be defined by the Voigt model, according to which the effective material properties $P(z)$ such as Young's modulus E , density ρ , Poisson's ratio ν , thermal conductivity λ , and thermal expansion α are expressed in terms of the material properties and volume fractions of constituents [9]

$$P(z) = P_c V_c + P_m V_m \quad (1)$$

where P_m and P_c denote the specific material properties of the metallic and ceramic constituents, respectively, and V_m and V_c represent the volume fractions of the metallic and ceramic constituents, respectively. By applying the power law distribution, the volume fractions of ceramic and metal are assumed as

$$V_c = (z/h + 0.5)^N, \quad V_c + V_m = 1 \quad (-0.5h \leq z \leq 0.5h) \quad (2)$$

where N is a non-negative real number and called the power law index.

The temperature dependent material properties are considered and the corresponding properties are given by [9]

$$P(T) = P_0 (P_{-1} T^{-1} + 1 + P_1 T + P_2 T^2 + P_3 T^3) \quad (3)$$

where T is the temperature in Kelvin $T = T_0 + \Delta T$, with T_0 the initial uniform temperature $T_0 = 300$ K (where the plate is assumed to be stress free), and ΔT the temperature change, P_0, P_{-1}, P_1, P_2 , and P_3 are the temperature coefficients which are unique to the constituent materials. In this paper, it is assumed that the Young's moduli E , Poisson's ratio ν , thermal expansion coefficient α of the FGM plate are temperature dependent, whereas mass density ρ and thermal conductivity λ are independent of the temperature.

It is assumed that no heat generation source exists within the plate, and the temperature variation occurs in the thickness direction only and one-dimensional temperature field is considered to be constant in the xy -plane. the temperature distribution along the thickness can be obtained by solving the following steady-state heat transfer equation through the thickness of the plate [9]

$$-\frac{d}{dz} \left[\lambda(z) \frac{dT}{dz} \right] = 0 \quad (4)$$

This equation is solved by imposing the boundary condition of $T = T_t$ at $z = h/2$ and $T = T_b$ at $z = -h/2$, then the solution of Eq.(4) can be written as [9]

$$T(z) = T_t - \frac{T_t - T_b}{\int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} \frac{dz}{\lambda(z, T)}} \int_{-h/2}^z \frac{dz}{\lambda(z, T)} \quad (5)$$

and the temperature change is defined as $\Delta T = T_t - T_b$.

2.2 Governing equations

According to the classic plate theory, the displacement field at any point of the plate can be written as [10]

$$u(x, y, z, t) = u_0(x, y, t) - z w_{0,xx}, v(x, y, z, t) = v_0(x, y, t) - z w_{0,yy}, w(x, y, z, t) = w_0(x, y, t) \quad (6)$$

where (u, v, w) are the displacement components along the (x, y, z) coordinates, respectively, (u_0, v_0, w_0) are the displacement components of the middle plane along the (x, y, z) coordinates, respectively. The nonzero linear strains associated with the displacements are

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = u_{0,x} - z w_{0,xx}, \varepsilon_{yy} = v_{0,y} - z w_{0,yy}, \gamma_{xy} = v_{0,x} + u_{0,y} - 2z w_{0,xy} \quad (7)$$

where $\varepsilon_{xx}, \varepsilon_{yy}$ and γ_{xy} are the strain components. The linear constitutive relations are

$$\sigma_x = c_{11} \varepsilon_x + c_{12} \varepsilon_y, \sigma_y = c_{21} \varepsilon_x + c_{22} \varepsilon_y, \sigma_{xy} = c_{66} \gamma_{xy} \quad (8)$$

where c_{ij} are the elastic coefficient which are given by

$$c_{11} = c_{22} = E / (1 - \nu^2), \quad c_{12} = c_{21} = \nu E / (1 - \nu^2), \quad c_{66} = 0.5E / (1 + \nu)$$

According to the Hamilton's principle, the dynamic equations of the FGM plate can be derived by

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta(U + V_1 + V_2 - T) dt = 0 \quad (9)$$

where δ is the variation operator, T is the kinetic energy of the system, U is the potential energy of the system, V_1 is the potential energy done by the external load q , and V_2 is the potential energy induced by the thermal effect. The δU , δT , δV_1 and δV_2 can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U &= \int_A (N_{xx} \delta \varepsilon_x + N_{yy} \delta \varepsilon_y + N_{xy} \delta \gamma_{xy}) dA, \quad \delta T = \delta \int_V \rho(z) (u_{,t}^2 + v_{,t}^2 + w_{,t}^2) dV \\ \delta V_1 &= - \int_A q \delta w dA, \quad \delta V_2 = \int_A \left(N_{xx}^T \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta w_0}{\partial x} + N_{xy}^T \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta w_0}{\partial y} + N_{yy}^T \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta w_0}{\partial y} \right) dA \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} (N_{xx}, N_{yy}, N_{xy}) &= \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} (\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \tau_{xy}) dz, \quad (M_{xx}, M_{yy}, M_{xy}) = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} (\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \tau_{xy}) z dz \\ (N_{xx}^T, N_{yy}^T) &= - \int_{-0.5h}^{0.5h} \left(\alpha(z, T) \Delta T \frac{E(z, T)}{1 - \nu(z, T)} \right) dz, \quad N_{xy}^T = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Substituting Eq.(10) into Eq. (9), and collecting the δu_0 , δv_0 , and δw_0 , then the following equations can be obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \delta u_0 : N_{xx,x} + N_{xy,y} &= I_0 u_{0,tt} - I_1 w_{0,txx} \\ \delta v_0 : N_{yy,y} + N_{xy,x} &= I_0 v_{0,tt} - I_1 w_{0,tyy} \\ \delta w_0 : M_{xx,xx} + M_{yy,yy} + M_{xy,xy} - N_{xx}^T w_{0,xx} - N_{yy}^T w_{0,yy} + q &= I_0 w_{0,tt} - I_2 (w_{0,txx} + w_{0,tyy}) + I_1 (u_{0,tx} + v_{0,ty}) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where (I_0, I_1, I_2) are the stress resultants defined by

$$(I_0, I_1, I_2) = \int_{-0.5h}^{0.5h} \rho(z) (1, z, z^2) dz \quad (13)$$

In this paper, only the simply supported boundary conditions are considered, and the state variables satisfying the simply supported boundary conditions are assumed as the following form

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{Bmatrix} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \begin{Bmatrix} \bar{u} \cos(m\pi x / a) \sin(n\pi y / b) \\ \bar{v} \sin(m\pi x / a) \cos(n\pi y / b) \\ \bar{w} \sin(m\pi x / a) \sin(n\pi y / b) \end{Bmatrix} \exp(i\omega t) \quad (14)$$

By substituting Eq.(14) into Eq.(12), the governing equations of FGM plates in thermal environment can be derived. If the external load q is known, and then the displacements of the plate can be obtained with the use of the governing equations.

2.3 Sound radiation power

The radiated sound power can be obtained by integrating the acoustic intensity over the surface of the plate [11]

$$\bar{W} = \int_S 0.5 \operatorname{Re}(\dot{w}^*(\mathbf{r}_s) p(\mathbf{r})) dS \quad (15)$$

where Re and superscript $*$ denote the real part and the complex conjugate, respectively, $p(\mathbf{r})$ is the complex pressure amplitude at location \mathbf{r} , $\dot{w}(\mathbf{r}_s)$ is the surface complex velocity. For a plate set in an infinite rigid baffle, the acoustic pressure $p(\mathbf{r})$ at any field point \mathbf{r} can be expressed in terms of surface complex velocity according to Rayleigh integral [11]. The radiated sound power is usually written in the form of sound power level in decibel, which is defined by

$$SPL = 10 \log(\bar{W} / \bar{W}_0) \quad (16)$$

with \bar{W}_0 is the reference power and $\bar{W}_0 = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W}$.

3. Results and discussions

We first validate the formulation in this paper. The example is sound radiation from a rectangular Aluminum plate, which is taken from Geng et al. [6]. The material properties are the same as that in Geng et al. [6]. Table 1 shows the first five natural frequencies of the plate subjected to temperature rise of $\Delta T = 45^\circ\text{C}$. The comparison of the results of the sound radiation power of the plate obtained by the present formulation and Geng et al. [6] is shown in Figure 1. As can be seen from Table 1 and Figure 1, the results obtained from the present formulation and the model of Geng et al. [6] are in good agreement, which validates the present formulation in this paper.

Tab. 1 The first five natural frequencies of the plate with thermal load of $\Delta T = 45^\circ\text{C}$.

Methods	Natural frequencies				
	(1,1)	(2,1)	(1,2)	(3,1)	(2,2)
Present	100.9	645.4	1007.6	1414.7	1465.3
Geng et al. [8]	100.9	646.4	1009.8	1418.6	1469.5

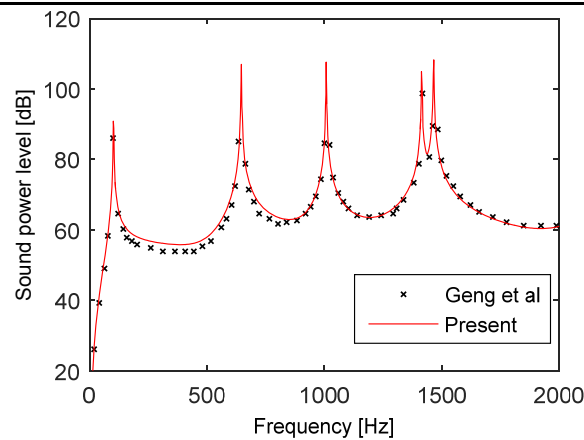


Fig. 1 Sound radiation power of the plate with thermal load of $\Delta T = 45^\circ\text{C}$.

Table 2 Temperature dependent material coefficients for ceramics and metals[9]

Material	Properties	P_0	P_{-1}	P_1	P_2	P_3
SUS304	E (Pa)	201.04×10^9	0	3.079×10^{-4}	-6.534×10^{-7}	0
	ν	0.28	0	0	0	0
	ρ (kg/m ³)	8166	0	0	0	0
	α (1/K)	12.33×10^{-6}	0	8.086×10^{-4}	0	0
	λ (W/mK)	12.04	0	0	0	0
Si ₃ N ₄	E (Pa)	348.43×10^9	0	-3.07×10^{-4}	2.160×10^{-7}	-8.946×10^{-11}
	ν	0.28	0	0	0	0
	ρ (kg/m ³)	2370	0	0	0	0
	α (1/K)	5.872×10^{-6}	0	9.095×10^{-4}	0	0
	λ (W/mK)	9.19	0	0	0	0

In the following, the developed formulation is thus deployed to carry out several parametric studies to examine the vibration and acoustic response of FGM plates in thermal environments. A rectangular Si₃N₄/ SUS304 FGM plate, simply supported on all edges with dimensions of 0.4 m × 0.3 m × 0.01 m is considered for the following detailed investigations. A point force of 1 N is applied on the corner of the plate ($x=0.1$ m, $y=0.1$ m) as the external load. The temperature dependent material properties of Si₃N₄/ SUS304 are given in Table 2. The plate is assumed to be vibrating in air. For the sake of convenience, the air density is taken to be $\rho_0 = 1.21$ kg/m³, and the

speed of sound in the air is taken as $c_0=343$ m/s. In addition, a damping loss factor of 0.01 is taken for the following calculations.

Fig. 2 illustrates the importance of considering the temperature dependent material properties in the calculation of sound radiation power of FGM plate in thermal environment. The thermal load $\Delta T=50$ K, and $\Delta T=130$ K are considered. As shown in Figure 2, there is no considerable difference between the results of the sound radiation power with and without considering the temperature dependent material properties when the temperature rise is $\Delta T=50$ K, however, the discrepancy of that is distinct when the temperature rise approaches $\Delta T=130$ K. It can be seen from Figure 2 that the peaks of sound power level shift to lower frequency range when considering the temperature dependent material properties, which indicates that the natural frequencies of the FGM plates will be overestimated when the temperature dependent material properties are not taken into account. This is because that the temperature rise not only changes the pre-stress of the FGM plate, but also changes the material properties of the plate. When the temperature rise is small, the change of the material properties due to the temperature rise is not considerable; however, this factor cannot be neglected when the FGM plate subjected to an extreme temperature rise.

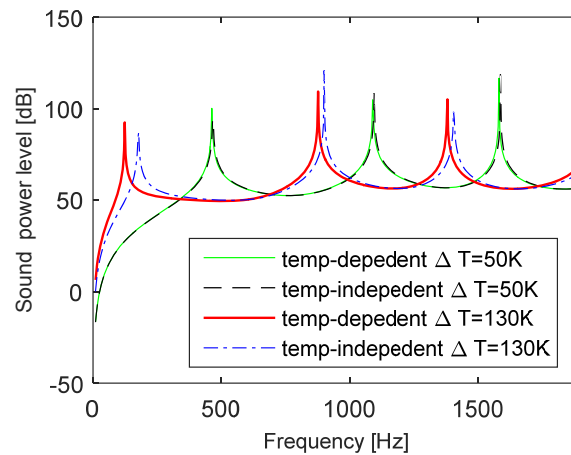


Fig. 2 Sound radiation power of the FGM plate: effect of considering the temperature dependent material properties.

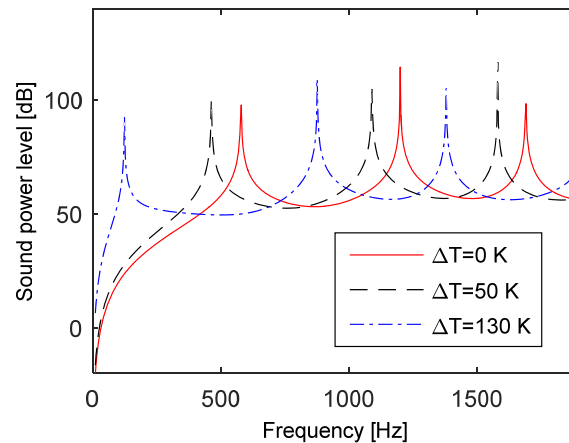


Fig. 3 Sound radiation power of the FGM plate: the effect of temperature rise.

Fig. 3 presents the effect of the temperature rise on sound radiation of FGM plates. The temperature change of $\Delta T=0$ K, $\Delta T=50$ K and $\Delta T=130$ K are considered. As shown in Fig. 3, the sound power level of FGM plate subjected to different temperature rise share a same tendency through the frequency band, however, it is observed that the corresponding peaks of the sound power level shift towards to lower frequency domain when the temperature rise increase. This is due to the fact that the corresponding natural frequencies decrease with the increase of temperature rise. The temperature rise not only softens the pre-stress of the FGM plate, but also decrease the Young's modulus, which result into a decrease of the natural frequency.

4. Conclusion

The vibro-acoustic characteristics of functionally graded materials plates in thermal environment are presented in this paper. The classic plate theory is obtained to derive the governing equations of the FGM plate in thermal environment, and a good agreement has been achieved when compare the results of the present formulation with that available in the literature. The following conclusions can be made. The temperature dependent material properties have a significant importance on the vibro-acoustic response of the FGM plates in thermal environment. The natural frequencies would be overestimated when the temperature dependent material properties are not considered. The temperature change play an important role in the vibro-acoustic response of FGM plate, and the the corresponding peaks of the sound power level shift towards to lower frequency domain when the temperature rise increase.

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