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Shear-Horizontal Vibration Modes of an Oblate Elliptical Cylinder and Energy Trapping in Contoured Acoustic Wave Resonators

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Abstract—We study shear-horizontal free vibrations of an elastic cylinder with an oblate elliptical cross section and a traction-free surface. Exact vibration modes and frequencies are obtained. The results show the existence of thickness-shear and thickness-twist modes. The energy-trapping behavior of these modes is examined. Trapped modes are found wherein the vibration energy is largely confined to the central portion of the cross section and little vibration energy is found at the edges. It is also shown that face-shear modes are not allowed in such a cylinder. The results are useful for the understanding of the energy trapping phenomenon in contoured acoustic wave resonators.

I. Introduction

THEAR vibration modes of crystal plates (including face Shear, thickness shear, and thickness twist) [1] are the modes used most often for bulk acoustic wave resonators and resonator-based sensors. An important aspect of these modes is their energy trapping behavior. In a partially electroded plate, thickness-shear and thickness-twist vibrations are largely confined to the electroded central region of the plate [2], and fall off rapidly in amplitude outside of this region. Near the edges of the plate there is essentially no vibration and therefore the plate can be mounted at the edges without affecting its vibration. Analysis of the partially electroded plate has shown that the energy trapping is due to mass loading of the elastic plate by the electrodes [2]. Contoured plates with varying thickness (thick in the central region and thin near the edges) can also produce strong energy trapping [3]. Contoured piezoelectric resonators are widely used as electronic components and energy trapping in these resonators has sustained research interest for many years [3]–[15]. However, analyses to date have typically involved approximate solutions, and exact solutions are rare. For example, the analyses in [3]–[7] were based on approximate two-dimensional plate equations for coupled thickness shear and flexure.

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Alternatively, a single scalar equation for thickness-shear and thickness-twist modes was derived in [8] and [9] for AT- and SC-cut quartz plates, respectively, and this was used in [8]–[12] to analyze contoured resonators. The scalar equation derived in [8], [9] is also two-dimensional and approximate in nature. Mesa resonators with a stepped thickness were studied using combined analytical and numerical (and hence approximate) techniques in [13] for strong energy trapping.

Mathematically, the analysis of contoured resonators leads to differential equations with variable coefficients when the resonators are modeled by two-dimensional equations. This presents considerable mathematical challenges and sometimes additional approximations must be made. Only in rare situations can exact modes be obtained from the three-dimensional equations of elasticity or piezoelectricity. To date, shear-horizontal modes including thickness shear, face shear, and thickness twist in an elastic [14] or a piezoelectric [15] wedge with a linear thickness variation seem to be the only exact solutions available. The solutions for modes in a wedge are useful for understanding the behavior of energy trapping in contoured resonators because a contoured resonator thick in the central region and thin near the edges may be viewed as two wedges joined together (a double wedge according to [3]). In fact, a cylinder with an oblate elliptical cross section (see Fig. 1) may also be viewed as a contoured resonator. It has a smooth surface and is closer to many real contoured resonators than a double wedge. Therefore, in this paper, we study shear-horizontal vibrations in an isotropic elastic cylinder with an oblate elliptical cross section. We have found that this is a rare case among contoured resonators wherein exact modes satisfying the three-dimensional equations of elasticity can be obtained.

II. GOVERNING EQUATION

Consider the long cylinder with an elliptical cross-section shown in Fig. 1. The semi-major and semi-minor axes are denoted by a and b. We are mainly interested in the case in which $a\gg b$ for contoured resonator application but our solution procedure is valid for any a and b as long as $a\neq b$. For resonator applications, we consider the case in which the surface of the cylinder is traction free. The cylinder is made of an isotropic elastic material. The

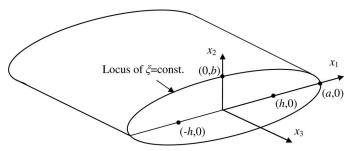


Fig. 1. An oblate elliptical cylinder and coordinate system.

three-dimensional theory of elasticity allows for shear-horizontal motions described by

$$u_1 = u_2 = 0, \quad u_3 = u_3(x_1, x_2, t),$$
 (1)

which depend on time and two spatial variables only. The nonzero components of the strain tensor S_{ij} and the stress tensor T_{ij} are

$$S_4 = 2S_{32} = u_{3,2}, \quad S_5 = 2S_{31} = u_{3,1},$$

 $T_4 = \mu u_{3,2}, \quad T_5 = \mu u_{3,1},$ (2)

where μ is the shear elastic constant of the material. The nontrivial equation of motion takes the form

$$c_2^2 \nabla^2 u_3 = \ddot{u}_3, \tag{3}$$

where ∇^2 is the Laplacian operator. c_2 is the speed of plane shear waves in an infinite isotropic elastic medium, given by

$$c_2^2 = c_{44}/\rho. (4)$$

We consider time-harmonic free vibrations wherein all fields have the same $\exp(i\omega t)$ factor, which is dropped for simplicity. For such time-harmonic motions, (3) reduces to the Helmholtz equation:

$$c_2^2 \nabla^2 u_3 = -\omega^2 u_3. (5)$$

We introduce elliptical cylindrical coordinates (ξ, η, z) defined by [16]

$$x_1 = h \cosh \xi \cos \eta, \quad x_2 = h \sinh \xi \sin \eta, \quad x_3 = z.$$
 (6)

The radial, angular, and axial coordinates (ξ,η,z) are over $[0,\infty)$, $[0,2\pi)$, and $(-\infty,\infty)$ respectively, and curves of constant ξ form ellipses orthogonal to the $x_3=z$ axis. The major axis of the cross section of the elliptical cylinder has length 2a along the x_1 direction and the minor axis has length 2b along the x_2 direction. The cross section is bounded by an ellipse with foci at $\pm h = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$ along the major axis of the cross section. Then, (5) takes the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial \eta^2} + 2k^2(\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\eta)u_3 = 0, \qquad (7)$$

where

$$2k = \frac{\omega}{c_2}h. (8)$$

The nonzero stress components in the elliptic coordinates are

$$T_{\xi z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial \xi}, \quad T_{\eta z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial \eta},$$
 (9)

where

$$J = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sqrt{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\eta}.$$
 (10)

Note that (7)–(10) are dependent only upon the radial and angular elliptic coordinates (ξ, η) which describe the cross section of the elliptical cylinder.

III. SOLUTIONS OF THE HELMHOLTZ EQUATION

By the method of separation of variables, we write u_3 as

$$u_3(\xi, \eta) = U(\xi)V(\eta). \tag{11}$$

Substitution of (11) into (7) results in two ordinary differential equations:

$$\frac{d^2V(\eta)}{d\eta^2} + (\lambda - 2q\cos(2\eta))V(\eta) = 0, \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{d^2U(\xi)}{d\xi^2} + (2q\cosh(2\xi) - \lambda)U(\xi) = 0, \tag{13}$$

where λ is the separation constant and

$$q = \frac{\omega^2 h^2}{4c_2^2}. (14)$$

Eqs. (12) and (13) are known as the angular and radial Mathieu equations, respectively.

A. Solutions of the Angular Mathieu Equation

Eq. (12) has four kinds of periodic solutions with period 2π [16]:

$$se_{2m+1}(\eta, q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} A_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)}(q)\sin(2r+1)\eta,$$
 (15)

$$se_{2m+2}(\eta,q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} A_{2r+2}^{(2m+2)}(q)\sin(2r+2)\eta,$$
 (16)

$$ce_{2m}(\eta, q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_{2r}^{(2m)}(q)\cos(2r\eta),$$
 (17)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda - a & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ q & 3^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & q & 5^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & q & 7^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{1}^{(2m+1)} \\ A_{3}^{(2m+1)} \\ A_{5}^{(2m+1)} \\ A_{7}^{(2m+1)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix},$$
(19)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ q & 4^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & q & 6^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & q & 8^{2} - \lambda & q & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{2}^{(2m+2)} \\ A_{2}^{(2m+2)} \\ A_{6}^{(2m+2)} \\ A_{8}^{(2m+2)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix},$$
(20)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 2q & 2^2 - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & q & 4^2 - \lambda & q & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & q & 6^2 - \lambda & q & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_0^{(2m)} \\ B_2^{(2m)} \\ B_4^{(2m)} \\ B_6^{(2m)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(21)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+q-\lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ q & 3^2-\lambda & q & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & q & 5^2-\lambda & q & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & q & 7^2-\lambda & q & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1^{(2m+1)} \\ B_3^{(2m+1)} \\ B_5^{(2m+1)} \\ B_7^{(2m+1)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (22)

$$ce_{2m+1}(\eta, q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)}(q)\cos(2r+1)\eta,$$
 (18)

where m = 0, 1, 2, 3, ... Eqs. (15)–(18) are solutions of (12) for each m. Later, when discussing numerical results, it will become clear that m is associated with the number of nodal lines roughly parallel to the x_2 axis. $A_r^{(m)}(q)$ and $B_r^{(m)}(q)$ are coefficients for the series of η and they depend on q. They are solutions of (19)–(22), see above, obtained by substituting (15)–(18) into (12). λ_{2m+1} , λ_{2m+2} , κ_{2m} , and κ_{2m+1} are the roots of the polynomial equations of λ obtained by setting the determinants of the coefficient matrices of (19)–(22) to zero. $se_{2m+1}(\eta,q)$ and $se_{2m+2}(\eta,q)$ correspond to modes antisymmetric about the major axis (x_1) . $ce_{2m}(\eta,q)$ and $ce_{2m+1}(\eta,q)$ correspond to symmetric modes. These will become clear later. λ_{2m+1} and λ_{2m+2} are associated with the (2m + 1)th and (2m + 2)th antisymmetric modes, and κ_{2m} and κ_{2m+1} are associated with the 2mth and (2m + 1)th symmetric modes. $ce_m(\eta, q)$ and $se_m(\eta, q)$ are orthogonal functions satisfying the condition

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} ce_{m}(\eta, q)ce_{n}(\eta, q) = \int_{0}^{2\pi} se_{m}(\eta, q)se_{n}(\eta, q)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pi, & \text{if } m = n, \\ 0, & \text{if } m \neq n. \end{cases}$$
(23)

In accordance with (23), we have the following normalization conditions:

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(A_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)} \right)^2 = 1, \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(A_{2r+2}^{(2m+2)} \right)^2 = 1,$$

$$2(B_0^{(2m)})^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(B_{2r}^{(2m)} \right)^2 = 1, \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(B_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)} \right)^2 = 1.$$
(24)

B. Solutions of the Radial Mathieu Equation

The four kinds of radial Mathieu functions corresponding to the angular Mathieu functions are:

$$Se_{2m+1}(\xi,q) = \frac{se'_{2m+1}(0,q)se_{2m+1}(\frac{\pi}{2},q)}{\sqrt{q}(A_1^{(2m+1)})^2} \times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m A_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)}[J_m(v_1)J_{m+1}(v_2) - J_m(v_2)J_{m+1}(v_1)],$$
(25)

$$Se_{2m+2}(\xi,q) = -\frac{se'_{2m+2}(0,q)se'_{2m+2}(\frac{\pi}{2},q)}{q(A_2^{(2m+2)})^2} \times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m A_{2r+2}^{(2m+2)}[J_m(v_1)J_{m+2}(v_2) - J_m(v_2)J_{m+2}(v_1)],$$
(26)

$$Ce_{2m}(\xi, q) = \frac{ce_{2m}(0, q)ce_{2m}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, q\right)}{\left(B_0^{(2m)}\right)^2} \times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m B_{2r}^{(2m)}(q) J_m(v_1) J_m(v_2),$$
(27)

$$Ce_{2m+1}(\xi,q) = -\frac{ce_{2m+1}(0,q)ce_{2m+1}\left(\frac{\pi}{2},q\right)}{\sqrt{q}\left(B_1^{(2m+1)}\right)^2}$$

$$\times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m B_{2r+1}^{(2m+1)}(q) [J_m(v_1)J_{m+1}(v_2) + J_m(v_2)J_{m+1}(v_1)], \tag{28}$$

where $v_1 = \sqrt{q} \exp(-\xi)$, $v_2 = \sqrt{q} \exp(\xi)$, and J_m are Bessel functions of the first kind.

IV. SHEAR-HORIZONTAL MODES

We discuss modes antisymmetric and symmetric about the major axis of the oblate elliptical cross section separately.

A. Antisymmetric Modes

The displacement field of the antisymmetric modes is

$$u_3(\xi, \eta, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} S_m Se_m(\xi, q) se_m(\eta, q),$$
 (29)

where S_m are undetermined constants. Substitution of (29) into (9) gives

$$T_{\xi z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} S_m Se'_m(\xi, q) se_m(\eta, q),$$
 (30a)

$$T_{\eta z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} S_m Se_m(\xi, q) se'_m(\eta, q),$$
 (30b)

where a prime indicates differentiation with respect to ξ in (30a) or η in (30b). Let the elliptical boundary of the cross section of the cylinder be at $\xi = \xi_0$. The traction-free boundary condition is

$$T_{\xi z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} S_m Se'_m(\xi_0, q) se_m(\eta, q) = 0, \qquad (31)$$

which implies that

$$Se'_{m}(\xi_{0},q) = 0.$$
 (32)

Eq. (32) determines a series of values of q for each m. To determine the roots of (32), we plot the left side of (32) versus q to get some estimates of these roots. These estimates are then refined by the bisection method to the desired accuracy. Modes corresponding to different values of q have different numbers of nodal lines roughly parallel to the x_1 axis. Then ω can be determined from (14). Note that the case of a fixed boundary with $u_3 = 0$ corresponds to that of a vibrating membrane, for which the free vibration solution was given in [17].

B. Symmetric Modes

Similarly, the symmetric modes are given by

$$u_3 = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m Ce_m(\xi, q) ce_m(\eta, q), \tag{33}$$

$$T_{\eta z} = \frac{\mu}{hJ} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m Ce_m(\xi, q) ce'_m(\eta, q), \tag{34}$$

$$Ce'_{m}(\xi_{0}, q) = 0.$$
 (35)

V. Numerical Results and Discussion

As an example, for the elastic material we consider Glass-7950 with $\rho=2180~{\rm kg/m^3}$ and $\mu=2.7815~\times~10^{10}~{\rm N/m^2}$. The elliptical boundary is oblate with $a=10b=5~{\rm mm}$, which is typical for a resonator. We use the coordinate system definitions from (6) to calculate the radial parameter $\xi_0=0.10033$ which describes the surface of the elliptical resonator and the corresponding foci locations at $\pm h=\pm 4.974~{\rm mm}$. For the purposes of this analysis, we use the first thirty terms of each series to calculate the displacement field. The frequency of the most widely

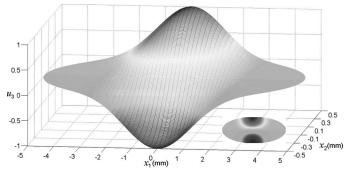


Fig. 2. Fundamental thickness-shear mode. First mode when $u_3 = Se_1(q,\xi)se_1(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 1.1567271 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 1.088 mm.

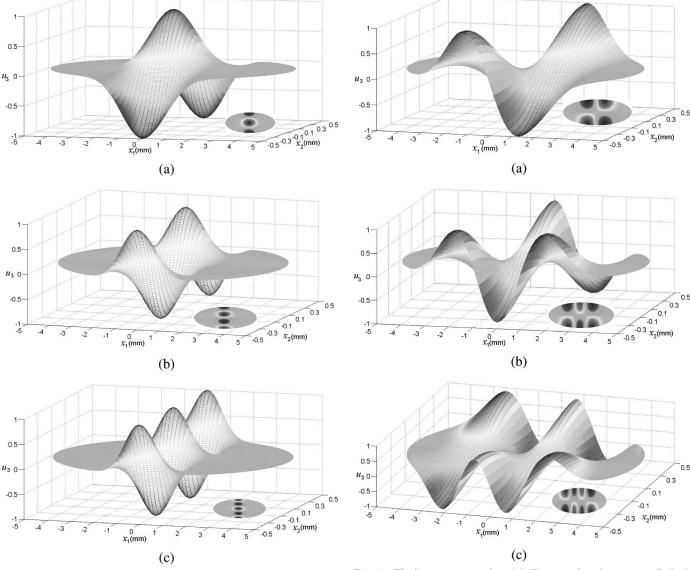


Fig. 3. Higher-order thickness-shear modes. (a) First mode when $u_3=Ce_0(q,\xi)\,ce_0(q,\eta)$. $\omega=2.2795427\times 10^7~{\rm rad/s}$. $X=0.783~{\rm mm}$. (b) Second mode when $u_3=Se_1(q,\xi)\,se_1(q,\eta)$. $\omega=3.4019209\times 10^7~{\rm rad/s}$. $X=0.626~{\rm mm}$. (c) Second mode when $u_3=Ce_0(q,\xi)\,ce_0(q,\eta)$. $\omega=4.5241962\times 10^7~{\rm rad/s}$. $X=0.624~{\rm mm}$.

Fig. 4. Thickness-twist modes. (a) First mode when $u_3 = Se_2(q,\xi)$ $se_2(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 1.2303289 \times 10^7 \, \mathrm{rad/s}$. $X = 1.834 \, \mathrm{mm}$. (b) First mode when $u_3 = Se_3(q,\xi) \, se_3(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 1.3060256 \times 10^7 \, \mathrm{rad/s}$. $X = 2.263 \, \mathrm{mm}$. (c) First mode when $u_3 = Se_4(q,\xi) \, se_4(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 1.3837045 \times 10^7 \, \mathrm{rad/s}$. $X = 2.543 \, \mathrm{mm}$.

used fundamental thickness-shear mode is calculated to sixteen significant figures when thirty terms are kept in the series, and this allows for the analysis of phenomenological trends. We recognize that this level of precision far exceeds both the precision of the material constants and the precision of any physical manufacturing processes. Somewhat fewer terms are required to apply the solutions in engineering design. In the figures shown in the following, the maximal displacement is normalized to one. The figures are not drawn to scale. The ellipses are in fact much more oblate than shown in the figures. We will discuss thickness-shear and thickness-twist modes separately.

A. Thickness-Shear Modes

The fundamental thickness-shear mode is the one most widely used in acoustic wave devices. The displacement distribution of this mode over a cross section is shown in Fig. 2. The inset shows the cross section; darker areas represent larger displacements. This mode has one nodal line with zero displacement at $x_2 = 0$ or along the x_1 axis. When the upper half of the cross section is moving in one direction, the lower half moves in the opposite direction or vice versa. We note that although the top and bottom of the cylinder are moving with the largest displacement, the left and right edges are not moving. This is the so-called energy trapping phenomenon. With energy trapping, the cylinder can be mounted at the left and/or right edges without affecting the vibration in the central region. To quantify energy trapping, we introduce a characteristic X which is determined as the central portion of the cross section with $|x_1| < X$ which carries 90% of the vibration energy. If we fix b and increase a, when a/b is very large,

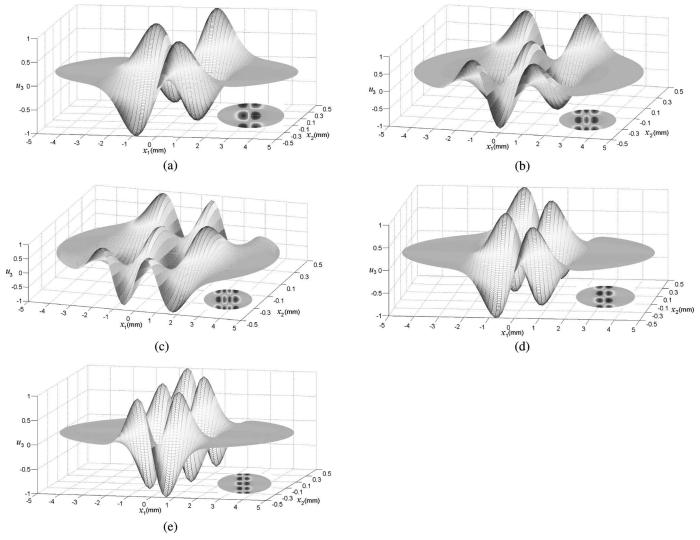


Fig. 5. Other thickness-twist modes. (a) First mode when $u_3 = Ce_1(q,\xi)ce_1(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 2.3521836 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 1.243 mm. (b) First mode when $u_3 = Ce_2(q,\xi)ce_2(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 2.4259184 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 1.686 mm. (c) First mode when $u_3 = Ce_3(q,\xi)ce_3(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 2.5007192 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 1.976 mm. (d) Second mode when $u_3 = Se_2(q,\xi)se_2(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 3.4742139 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 1.086 mm. (e) Second mode when $u_3 = Ce_1(q,\xi)ce_1(q,\eta)$. $\omega = 4.5963106 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$. X = 0.934 mm.

we expect the result to approach that of a narrow rectangular cross section. Our numerical tests show that when $a/b=10,\,20,\,30,\,$ and 40, the frequency of the fundamental thickness-shear mode is 1.1567, 1.1397, 1.1340, and 1.1310 \times 10⁷ Hz, respectively, approaching 1.1222 \times 10⁷ Hz of a rectangular cross section from above, as expected. The fundamental thickness-shear mode of a rectangular cross section is x_1 - or a-independent. Our solution cannot be directly used to calculate the special case of a circular cylinder with a=b because in this case b=q=0. Instead, we calculate the case of an almost circular cylinder with a=5 mm and b=0.99a whose first fundamental thickness-shear frequency is found to be 1.3281 \times 10⁶ Hz, very close to that of a circular cylinder with a radius of 5 mm which is 1.3153×10^6 Hz [18].

Figs. 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) show three higher-order thickness-shear modes. They have 2, 3, and 4 nodal lines roughly parallel to the x_1 axis, respectively. The frequencies of the thickness-shear modes in Fig. 2 and Figs. 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) are roughly equally spaced, but not exactly

so. The modes in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3(b) are antisymmetric about the x_1 axis. The other two modes are symmetric. We note that higher-order modes are better trapped, i.e., with narrower vibration distributions in the x_1 direction.

B. Thickness-Twist Modes

Corresponding to the fundamental thickness-shear mode in Fig. 2 with a nodal line at $x_2 = 0$, there are higher-order modes with additional roughly vertical nodal lines, as shown in Figs. 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c) with an increasing number of 1, 2, and 3 vertical nodal lines, respectively. These are called thickness-twist modes. We note that the distribution of the modes in Figs. 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c) in the x_1 direction increases for higher-order modes, indicating that the higher-order modes are trapped less. Unlike the nearly harmonic frequencies of the thickness-shear modes, the frequencies of the thickness-twist modes in Fig. 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c) increase only slightly for the higher-order modes.

Similarly, Fig. 5(a), 5(b), and 5(c) show three thicknesstwist modes corresponding to the higher-order thicknessshear mode in Fig. 3(a). Figs. 5(d) and 5(e) are thicknesstwist modes corresponding to the thickness-shear modes in Figs. 3(b) and 3(c), respectively.

VI. CONCLUSION

Exact solutions for shear-horizontal modes have been obtained for an oblate elastic elliptical cylinder. These modes show energy trapping. Higher-order thickness-shear modes exhibit rapidly increasing (nearly harmonic) frequencies and higher-order modes are increasingly better trapped, as shown in Fig. 3. In contrast, higher-order thickness-twist modes exhibit slowly increasing frequencies and the higher-order modes are increasingly less trapped, as shown in Fig. 4. The exact mode solutions obtained are rare and provide basic understandings of energy trapping in contoured acoustic wave resonators. Analysis of elliptical cylinders made from anisotropic and/or piezoelectric materials can provide further understanding of contoured resonators but is mathematically more challenging.

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