

Nonlinear vibration analysis of functionally graded carbon nanotube reinforced fluid-conveying tube in thermal environment

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1.1 abstract

In this paper, the nonlinear free vibration responses of functionally graded nanocomposite fluid-conveying tube reinforced by single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) in thermal environment is investigated. The SWCNTs gradient distributed in the thickness direction of the tube forms different reinforcement patterns. The materials properties of the functionally graded carbon nanotube-reinforced composites (FG-CNTRC) are estimated by rule of mixture. A higher-order shear deformation theory and Hamilton's variational principle are employed to derive the motion equations incorporating the thermal and fluid effects. A two-step perturbation method is implemented to obtain the closed-form asymptotic solution for these nonlinear partial differential equations. The nonlinear frequency under several patterns of reinforcement are presented and discussed. We conducted a series of studies aimed at revealing the effects of the flow velocity, environment temperature, geometrical ratios R_i / R_o and carbon nanotube volume fraction on the nature frequency.

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1.2 Introduction

Due to carbon nanotubes have excellent mechanical properties, i.e. high specific strength, high specific modulus and low density^[1-5]. Since they were discovered by Iijima^[6], they have been considered as excellent reinforcement of composite materials. Studies by many scholars show that, the mechanical^[7], electrical^[8] and thermal properties^[9] of the polymer can be significantly improved by mixing carbon nanotubes

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with the polymer matrix at a certain mass fraction. Functionally graded materials (FGM) was first proposed by Japanese researchers in the 1980s. The principle is that reinforced materials are distributed inhomogeneous in space, which can change the mechanical properties of beams, plates and shells. Shen^[10] first applied the concept of functionally graded materials to SWNTS reinforced nanocomposite plates, allowing the SWNTS to be graded distributed along the desired direction in an isotropic matrix. Since then, many scholars including Shen have studied FG-CNTRC beam, tube, plate, shell and other structures ^[10-26]. Readers can refer to the comprehensive literature review prepared by Liew^[27] for relevant researches.

Tube is the basic unit of many engineering structures, which is widely used in oil, chemical and nuclear industry. Therefore, many researchers have used different analytical and numerical methods to study the stability and vibration analysis of fluid conveying tube. Zhen^[28] first studied the nonlinear vibration of the supercritical fluid-conveying tube composed of FGM with initial curvature. Liang^[29] investigate the stability and nonlinear parametric vibration of a spinning fluid-conveying tube using analytical and numerical methods. Rahim Abdollahi^[30] studies the stability of a spinning fluid-conveying tube under simultaneous internal and external fluid loads using Euler-Bernoulli beam theory. Zhu^[31] studies the free and forced vibration of a fluid-conveying tube composed of FGM under elastic support based on Euler-Bernoulli beam theory and considering von Karman assumption and damping effect. Zhou^[32] explore the nonlinear vibrations of cantilever fluid-conveying tube under axial excitation. Tan^[33] studies forced vibration of fluid-conveying tube under supercritical condition by using Timoshenko beam theory. Based on Euler-Bernoulli beam theory, Shahali^[34] studies the nonlinear dynamic response of fluid-conveying tube under the action of uniform external cross flow. A.R. Askarian^[35] studies the vibration response of fluid-conveying tube under general boundary conditions using Euler-Bernoulli beam theory. Lu^[36] first studies the influence of vibration on fatigue performance of FGM fluid-conveying tube based on Euler-Bernoulli beam theory. Khodabakhsh^[37] studies the post-buckling and nonlinear vibration of FGM fluid-conveying tube based on the Timoshenko beam theory. M. Heshmati^[38] studies the stability and free vibration of FGM fluid-conveying tube with eccentric geometric defects.

As far as we know, there are no researches on nonlinear vibration of functionally graded carbon nanotube reinforced fluid-conveying tube in thermal environment by using higher-order shear deformation theory. In this paper, an investigation on the

nonlinear free vibration responses of functionally graded nanocomposite fluid-conveying tube reinforced by SWNTs in thermal environment is presented. A higher-order shear deformation theory and Hamilton's variational principle are employed to derive the governing equations incorporating the thermal and fluid effects. A two-step perturbation method is implemented to obtain the closed-form asymptotic solution for these nonlinear partial differential equations. The nonlinear frequency under several patterns of reinforcement are presented and discussed. We conducted a series of studies aimed at revealing the effects of the flow velocity, environment temperature, geometrical ratios R_i / R_o and carbon nanotube volume fraction on the nature frequency.

1.3 Material properties of FG-CNTRC tube

Consider a fluid-conveying FG-CNTRC tube shown in Fig. 1. The tube, having length L , inner radius R_i and outer radius R_o , are simply supported at both ends. It is assumed that the tube is subjected to a transverse load q and uniform thermal loading. The reference coordinate system is also depicted in Fig.1. It is clear that $y = r \cos \theta, z = r \sin \theta$.

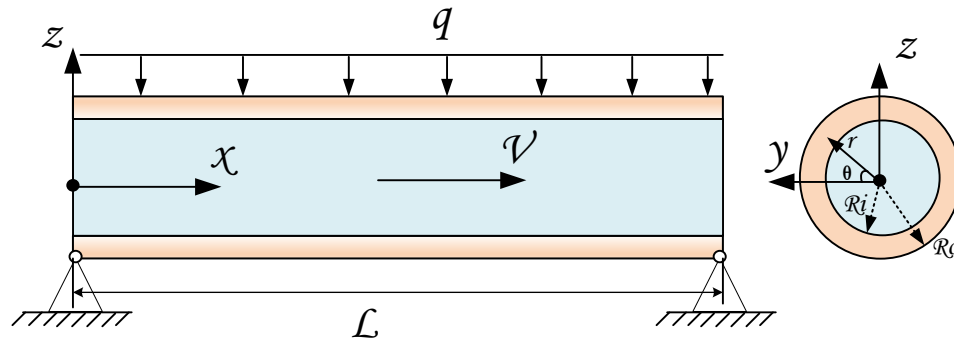


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of a nanocomposite fluid-conveying tube with simply support.

The effective material properties of FG-CNTRC beams can be estimated by the rule of mixture [39].

$$E_{11} = \eta_1 V^{CNT} E_{11}^{CNT} + V^m E^m \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\eta_2}{E_{22}} = \frac{V^{CNT}}{E_{22}^{CNT}} + \frac{V^m}{E^m} \quad (2)$$

With $E_{11}^{CNT}, E_{22}^{CNT}, G_{12}^{CNT}$ being the Young's modulus and shear modulus of the SWCNT, respectively, and G^m, E^m being the corresponding material properties of the matrix. V^{CNT}, V^m are the volume fractions of the carbon nanotube and the matrix, with the relationship of $V^{CNT} + V^m = 1$. Carbon nanotube efficiency parameters $\eta_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ are introduced to characterize the interaction between matrix and CNT and load transfer.

They can be determined by the Molecular dynamic simulations and the rule of mixture model. Following the rule of mixture, Poisson's ratio and mass density of the FG-CNTRC tube are as follows.

$$v_{12}(r) = v_{12}^{CNT} V^{CNT} + v^m V^m \quad (3)$$

$$\rho(r) = \rho^{CNT} V^{CNT} + \rho^m V^m \quad (4)$$

In which, v_{12}^{CNT} , v^m and ρ^{CNT} , ρ^m are defined as the Poisson's ratios and mass density of the CNT and matrix, respectively.

In this paper, five types of the FG-CNTRC tube were considered, which have the form as:

$$V^{CNT}(r) = V_{re}^{CNT} \quad (5)$$

$$V^{CNT}(r) = 2 \left(\frac{r - R_i}{R_o - R_i} \right) V_{re}^{CNT} \quad (6)$$

$$V^{CNT}(r) = -2 \left(\frac{r - R_i}{R_o - R_i} \right) V_{re}^{CNT} \quad (7)$$

$$V^{CNT}(r) = 2 \left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{\left| r - \frac{R_o + R_i}{2} \right|}{R_o - R_i} \right) V_{re}^{CNT} \quad (8)$$

$$V^{CNT}(r) = 4 \cdot \frac{\left| r - \frac{R_o + R_i}{2} \right|}{R_o - R_i} V_{re}^{CNT} \quad (9)$$

Where, equations (5)-(9) represent UD-beam, V-beam, \wedge -beam, O-beam and X-beam, respectively.

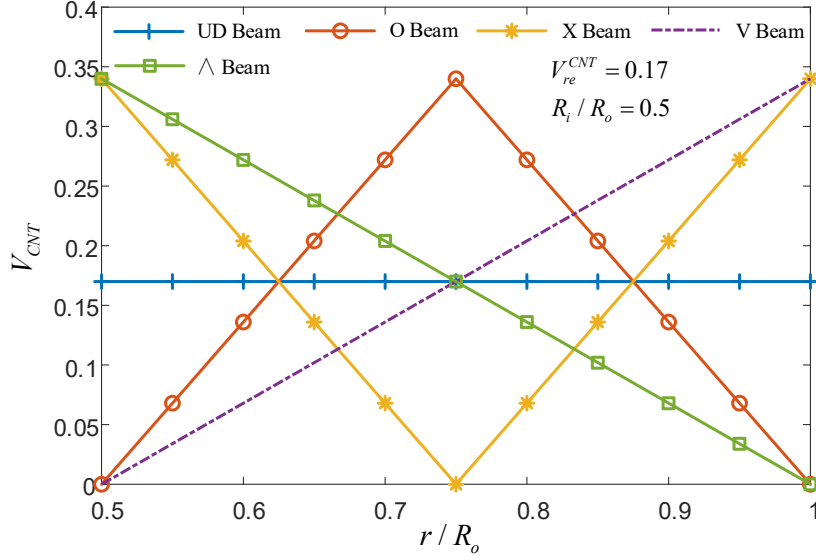


Fig2. Volume fractions of the carbon nanotube distribution along thickness for different FG-CNTRC tube types

It can be seen that the UD-beam has uniformly distributed SWCNT reinforcement. By using the same rule, the thermal expansion coefficients have the form:

$$\alpha_{11}(r) = \frac{\alpha_{11}^{CNT} V^{CNT} E_{11}^{CNT} + \alpha^m V^m E^m}{V^{CNT} E_{11}^{CNT} + V^m E^m} \quad (10-1)$$

$$\alpha_{22}(r) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \nu_{12}^{CNT}) V^{CNT} \alpha_{22}^{CNT} \\ + (1 + \nu^m) V^m \alpha^m - \nu_{12} \alpha_{11} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10-2)$$

With α_{12}^{CNT} , α_{22}^{CNT} , α^m being thermal expansion coefficients of CNT and matrix, respectively.

We select (10,10) SWCNT as reinforcement agents, and Poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) for matrix. the material properties $\rho^{CNT}, \nu_{12}^{CNT}$ and ρ^m, ν^m are assumed to depend weakly on the temperature variation. The CNT Efficiency parameters η_1 and η_2 are obtained by matching the Young's modulus of CNTRC obtained by the rule of mixture to those from the MD simulations given by [40]. The mechanical properties of composite beams such as elastic modulus and thermal expansion coefficient) change significantly at high temperatures, so it is necessary to consider the temperature dependence of materials in order to accurately predict the behavior of FG-CNTRC tube. The Eqs.11-12 shows the relationship between the elastic modulus and thermal expansion coefficient of PMMA matrix and temperature.

$$\alpha^m = 45 \times [1 + 0.0005(T - 300)] \times 10^{-6} / K \quad (11)$$

$$E^m = (3.52 - 0.0034T) \text{ GPa} \quad (12)$$

Table 1 shows the material properties of (10,10) SWCNT at different temperatures. The relationship is nonlinear. The CNT material properties (such as Young's modulus, shear modulus, thermal expansion coefficients are expressed as a continuous function of temperature by using polynomial fitting of 4th order,

$$P^m(T) = P_0 + P_1 \cdot T + P_2 \cdot T^2 + P_3 \cdot T^3 + P_4 \cdot T^4 \quad (13)$$

Table 1 Temperature-dependent material properties of (10,10) SWCNT (^[13],^[41]). Tube length = 9.26 nm, tube mean radius = 0.68 nm, tube thickness = 0.067 nm

Temperature (K)	E_{11}^{CNT} (GPa)	E_{22}^{CNT} (GPa)	G_{12}^{CNT} (GPa)	α_{11}^{CNT} ($\times 10^{-6}/K$)	α_{22}^{CNT} ($\times 10^{-6}/K$)	ρ^{CNT} (Kg/m ³)	ν_{12}^{CNT} (-)
300	5646.6	7080	1944.5	3.4584	5.1682	1400	0.175
400	5567.9	6981.4	1970.3	4.1496	5.0905	1400	0.175
500	5530.8	6934.8	1964.3	4.5361	5.0189	1400	0.175
700	5474.4	6864.1	1964.4	4.6677	4.8943	1400	0.175
1000	5281.4	6622	1945.1	4.280	4.7532	1400	0.175

Table 2 Temperature-dependent properties of PMMA (^[13], ^[42])

Temperature(K)	E^m (GPa)	α^m ($\times 10^{-6}/K$)	ρ^m (Kg/m ³)	ν^m (-)
300	2.5	45	1190	0.3
400	2.16	47.25	1190	0.3
500	1.82	49.5	1190	0.3

Table 3 Fourth order interpolation coefficients

	P_0	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_4
E_{11}^{CNT} (TPa)	5.4744	5.5308	5.5679	5.6466	5.4744
E_{22}^{CNT} (TPa)	6.8641	6.9348	6.9814	7.08	6.8641
G_{12}^{CNT} (TPa)	1.9644	1.9643	1.9703	1.9445	1.9644
α_{11}^{CNT} ($\times 10^{-6}/K$)	4.28	4.6677	4.5361	4.1496	3.4584
α_{22}^{CNT} ($\times 10^{-6}/K$)	4.7532	4.8943	5.0189	5.0905	5.1682

Table 4 Efficiency parameters for PMMA/CNT (^[13])

V_{re}^{CNT}	η_1	η_2	η_3
0.12	0.137	1.022	1.022
0.17	0.142	1.626	1.626
0.28	0.141	1.585	1.585

1.4 Governing equations

Based on the higher-order shear deformation beam model for tubes^[43], the displacement field of the tubes is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x, y, z, t) &= u(x, t) + f \cdot \frac{\partial w(x, t)}{\partial x} + g \cdot \varphi(x, t) \\ u_2(x, y, z, t) &= 0 \\ u_3(x, y, z, t) &= w(x, t) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Here, $u(x, t)$, $w(x, t)$ are the longitudinal (x) and transverse (z) displacement at the middle plane of the tube, and $\varphi(x, t)$ is the bending rotation of the cross-section, and

$$f = \frac{z(3R_o^2 R_i^2 r^{-2} - r^2)}{3(R_o^2 + R_i^2)}, \quad g = f + z, \quad r^2 = y^2 + z^2 \quad (15)$$

It should be mentioned that, the position of neutral axis and centroid of the cross section is the same for present tubes. Based on the von Karman assumption, the nonlinear geometrical relationship of the tube can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{du}{dx} + f \cdot \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} + g \cdot \frac{d\varphi}{dx} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dw}{dx} \right)^2 \\ \gamma_{xy} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \left(\frac{dw}{dx} + \varphi \right) \\ \gamma_{xz} &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \left(\frac{dw}{dx} + \varphi \right) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The constitutive relationships of the tube considering a uniform temperature field are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xx} &= E_{11} \varepsilon_{xx} - E_{11} \alpha_x \Delta T \\ \tau_{xy} &= G_{12} \gamma_{xy} \\ \tau_{xz} &= G_{13} \gamma_{xz} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Where E_{11}, G_{12}, G_{13} are Young's modulus and shear modulus, α_x is the thermal expansion coefficient along x direction, and ΔT is the temperature offset from the reference temperature at which the tube in a stress free state.

The Hamilton's variational principle is implemented to derive the partial differential equation of the motion as follows:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\delta U_s - \delta U_k + \delta U_w) dt = 0 \quad (18)$$

The virtual strain energy of the tube δU_s is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U_s &= \delta \frac{1}{2} \int_V (\sigma_{xx} \varepsilon_{xx} + \tau_{xy} \gamma_{xy} + \tau_{xz} \gamma_{xz}) dV \\ &= \int_0^L \int_A (\sigma_{xx} \delta \varepsilon_{xx} + \tau_{xy} \delta \gamma_{xy} + \tau_{xz} \delta \gamma_{xz}) dA dx \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Substitute Eq.16 into Eq.19 results in the following relations:

$$\delta U_s = \int_0^L \left(N_x \left(\frac{d\delta u}{dx} + \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{d\delta w}{dx} \right) + M_x \frac{d^2 \delta w}{dx^2} + P_x \frac{d\delta \varphi}{dx} + Q_{xr} \left(\frac{d\delta w}{dx} + \delta \varphi \right) \right) dx \quad (20)$$

Where

$$[N_x, M_x, P_x, Q_{xr}] = \int_A \left[\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{xx} f, \sigma_{xx} g, \left(\tau_{xy} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \tau_{xz} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right) \right] dA \quad (21)$$

The virtual kinetic energy of the fluid-conveying tube δU_k is given by

$$\delta U_k = \left[\int_V \left(\rho \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta u_1}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta u_3}{\partial t} \right) dV + \frac{1}{2} m_f \int_0^L \delta \left(v_f + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v_f \right)^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} m_f \int_0^L \delta \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} v_f \right)^2 dx \right] \quad (22)$$

Substitute Eq.16 into Eq.22 results in the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U_k &= \int_0^L \left[I_0 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + I_0 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \delta \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \left(I_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial t} + I_2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} \right) \delta \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial t} + \left(I_2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial t} + I_3 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} \right) \delta \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} \right] dx \\ &+ \int_0^L \left[I_{f1} \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + I_{f0} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + I_{f1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + N_x^f \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + I_{f1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + N_x^f \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + I_{f0} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \delta \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + I_{f1} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \delta \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + I_{f1} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \delta \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + N_x^f \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \delta \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \right] dx \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

With

$$[I_0, I_1, I_2, I_3] = \int_A [\rho, \rho f^2, \rho fg, \rho g^2] dA \quad (24)$$

$$[I_{f0}, I_{f1}, N_x^f] = [m_f, m_f v_f, m_f v_f^2] \quad (25)$$

Where

$m_f = \rho_f A$, ρ_f is the density of the fluid, v_f is the velocity of the flow and A is the cross sectional of the flow.

The virtual work of the external pressure δU_w is given by

$$\delta U_w = - \int_0^L q \delta w dx \quad (26)$$

Where q is the load per unit length along z direction.

When the in-plane inertia is neglected, according to Hamiltonian variational principle, the governing equation represented by general force and moment is:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial N_x}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(N_x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 M_x}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial Q_{xr}}{\partial x} + (I_0 + I_{f0}) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \right. \\ &\left. - I_1 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} - I_2 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi}{\partial x \partial t^2} - q + 2I_{f1} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x \partial t} + N_x^f \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} \right] = 0 \\ -\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial x} + Q_{xr} + I_2 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + I_3 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

From the first equation in Eq.27, we can find that the N_x is a constant value. Due to the simply supported boundary conditions ($u(0) = u(L) = 0$), the expressing of N_x can be given as,

$$N_x = \frac{A_1}{2L} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx - N_x^T \quad (28)$$

Substituting Eq.17 back into Eq.21 results in the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
N_x &= A_1 \left(\frac{du}{dx} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dw}{dx} \right)^2 \right) - N_x^T \\
M_x &= A_2 \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} + A_3 \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \\
P_x &= A_3 \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} + A_4 \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \\
Q_{xr} &= A_5 \left(\frac{dw}{dx} + \varphi \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

With

$$\begin{aligned}
[A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4] &= \int_A [E_{11}, E_{11}f^2, E_{11}fg, E_{11}g^2] dA \\
A_5 &= \int_A \left[G_{12} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^2 + G_{13} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] dA \\
N_x^T &= \int_A E_{11} \alpha_x \Delta T dA
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Substituting Eq.30 into Eq.27, the governing equations represented by displacement components can be given as,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[\begin{aligned}
&A_2 \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} + A_3 \frac{d^3 \varphi}{dx^3} - A_5 \left(\frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} + \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \right) - \frac{A_1}{2L} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} \\
&+ N_x^T \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} + (I_0 + I_{f0}) \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial t^2} - I_1 \frac{\partial^4 \omega}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} - I_2 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi}{\partial x \partial t^2} \\
&+ 2I_{f1} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x \partial t} + N_x^f \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2}
\end{aligned} \right] = q_0 \tag{31} \\
&A_3 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} + A_4 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} - A_5 \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \varphi \right) - I_2 \frac{\partial^3 \omega}{\partial x \partial t^2} - I_3 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

For generality, the following dimensionless parameters are introduced:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{x} &= \frac{\pi x}{L}, \hat{\omega} = \frac{\omega}{L}, \hat{\varphi} = \frac{\varphi}{\pi}, \tau = \frac{\pi t}{L} \sqrt{\frac{E_0}{\rho_0}} \\
\hat{A}_1 &= \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} A_1; \hat{A}_2 = \frac{A_2}{J}; \hat{A}_3 = \frac{A_3}{J}; \hat{A}_4 = \frac{A_4}{J}; \hat{A}_5 = \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} A_5; \hat{N}_x^T = \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} N_x^T \\
\hat{I}_0 &= \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} \frac{E_0}{\rho_0} I_0; \hat{I}_1 = \frac{E_0}{J\rho_0} I_1; \hat{I}_2 = \frac{E_0}{J\rho_0} I_2; \hat{I}_3 = \frac{E_0}{J\rho_0} I_3; \hat{q}_0 = \frac{L^3}{J\pi^4} q_0 \\
\hat{I}_{f0} &= \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} \frac{E_0}{\rho_0} I_{f0}; \hat{I}_{f1} = \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} \frac{E_0}{\rho_0} I_{f1}; \hat{N}_x^f = \frac{L^2}{J\pi^2} N_x^f; J = \int_A E_0 \cdot z^2 dA
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

In which $E_0 = 2.5GPa, \rho_0 = 1150Kg/m^3$ are the reference values of Young's

modulus and mass density.

Considering the dimensionless parameters, the governing equations of the FG-CNTRC fluid-conveying tube in thermal environment based on higher-order shear deformation beam theory are rewritten in the following form,

$$\left[\begin{aligned} & \widehat{A}_2 \frac{\partial^4 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^4} + \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \widehat{\varphi}}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \frac{\partial \widehat{\varphi}}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right) - \widehat{A}_1 \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{\partial \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right)^2 d\widehat{x} \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} \\ & + \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \left(\widehat{I}_0 + \widehat{I}_{f0} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{w}}{\partial \tau^2} - \widehat{I}_1 \frac{\partial^4 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^2 \partial \tau^2} \\ & - \widehat{I}_2 \frac{\partial^3 \widehat{\varphi}}{\partial \widehat{x} \partial \tau^2} + 2\widehat{I}_{f1} \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{w}}{\partial \tau \partial \widehat{x}} \end{aligned} \right] = \widehat{q}_0 \quad (33)$$

$$\widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} + \widehat{A}_4 \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{\varphi}}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x}} + \widehat{\varphi} \right) - \widehat{I}_2 \frac{\partial^3 \widehat{w}}{\partial \widehat{x} \partial \tau^2} - \widehat{I}_3 \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{\varphi}}{\partial \tau^2} = 0$$

One thing to be noted that the present higher-order shear deformation model can be degenerated to other beam models by choosing different shape functions f . For Euler beam, $f = -z$. For Timoshenko beam, $f = 0$. For Reddy's beam, $f = -\frac{4z^3}{3h^2}$.

1.5 Solving method

A two-step perturbation technique^[44] is used to solve the nonlinear partial differential equations. In this case, the displacements and transverse load are expanded as the following from,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{w}(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}, \varepsilon) &= \sum_i^n \omega_i(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon^i \\ \widehat{\varphi}(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}, \varepsilon) &= \sum_i^n \varphi_i(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon^i \\ \widehat{q}_0(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}, \varepsilon) &= \sum_i^n \lambda_i(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon^i \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Here, the ε is a small perturbation parameter with no physical meaning. It should be mentioned that, $\tilde{t} = \varepsilon\tau$ is introduced to delay the dynamic terms to higher-order perturbation equations.

Substituting Eq.34 into Eq.33, collecting the terms of ε with the same order, we can obtain each order of perturbation equations, The first three order of perturbation equations are as follows,

$$O(\varepsilon^1): \begin{cases} \widehat{A}_2 \frac{\partial^4 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^4} + \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right) + \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) \frac{\partial^2 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} = \lambda_1 \\ \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} + \widehat{A}_4 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}} + \varphi_1 \right) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

$$O(\varepsilon^2): \begin{cases} \widehat{A}_2 \frac{\partial^4 \omega_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^4} + \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \omega_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right) + \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) \frac{\partial^2 \omega_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} = -2\widehat{I}_{f1} \frac{\partial^2 \omega_1}{\partial \tilde{t} \partial \widehat{x}} + \lambda_2 \\ \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \omega_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} + \widehat{A}_4 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_2}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial \omega_2}{\partial \widehat{x}} + \varphi_2 \right) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

$$O(\varepsilon^3): \begin{cases} \left[\begin{aligned} & \widehat{A}_2 \frac{\partial^4 \omega_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^4} + \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \omega_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right) \\ & - \widehat{A}_1 \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{\partial \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}} \right)^2 d\widehat{x} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} + \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) \frac{\partial^2 \omega_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} \\ & + \left(\widehat{I}_0 + \widehat{I}_{f0} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \omega_1}{\partial \tilde{t}^2} - \widehat{I}_1 \frac{\partial^4 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x}^2 \partial \tilde{t}^2} - \widehat{I}_2 \frac{\partial^3 \varphi_1}{\partial \widehat{x} \partial \tilde{t}^2} + 2\widehat{I}_{f1} \frac{\partial^2 \omega_2}{\partial \tilde{t} \partial \widehat{x}} \end{aligned} \right] = \lambda_3 \\ \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\partial^3 \omega_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^3} + \widehat{A}_4 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_3}{\partial \widehat{x}^2} - \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\partial \omega_3}{\partial \widehat{x}} + \varphi_3 \right) - \widehat{I}_2 \frac{\partial^3 \omega_1}{\partial \widehat{x} \partial \tilde{t}^2} - \widehat{I}_3 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_1}{\partial \tilde{t}^2} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

The solution of Eq.35 is assumed as follows,

$$\omega_1(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) = A_{10}(\tilde{t}) \sin(m\widehat{x}), \varphi_1(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) = B_{10}(\tilde{t}) \cos(m\widehat{x}), m = 1, 2, 3 \dots \quad (38)$$

Substituting Eq.38 into Eq.35 results in

$$B_{10} = \frac{-\widehat{A}_3 m^3 - \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} A_{10} = -\frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} A_{10} \quad (39)$$

$$\lambda_1 = \left[\begin{aligned} & m^4 \left[\widehat{A}_2 - \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} + \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\widehat{A}_4 - \widehat{A}_3}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} \right) \right] \\ & - \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) m^2 \end{aligned} \right] A_{10} \sin(m\widehat{x}) \quad (40)$$

The solution of Eq.36 is assumed as follows

$$\omega_2(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) = A_{20}(\tilde{t}) \sin(2m\widehat{x}), \varphi_2(\widehat{x}, \tilde{t}) = B_{20}(\tilde{t}) \cos(2m\widehat{x}), m = 1, 2, 3 \dots \quad (41)$$

Substituting Eq.41 into Eq.36 results in

$$A_{20} = \frac{(4m^2 \widehat{A}_4 + \widehat{A}_5)}{(-8m^3 \widehat{A}_3 - 2m \widehat{A}_5)} B_{20} \quad (42)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \left[\begin{array}{l} \left(16m^4 \widehat{A}_2 + 4m^2 \widehat{A}_5 - 4m^2 (\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T) \right) A_{20} \sin(2m\hat{x}) \\ + (8m^3 \widehat{A}_3 + 2m \widehat{A}_5) B_{20} \sin(2m\hat{x}) + 2\widehat{I}_{f1} m \frac{\partial A_{10}}{\partial \tilde{t}} \cos(m\hat{x}) \end{array} \right] \quad (43)$$

The solution of Eq.37 is assumed as follows

$$\omega_3(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}) = A_{30}(\tilde{t}) \sin(3m\hat{x}), \varphi_3(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}) = B_{30}(\tilde{t}) \cos(m\hat{x}), m = 1, 2, 3 \dots \quad (44)$$

Substituting Eq.44 into Eq.37 results in

$$B_{30} = -\frac{1}{(\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5)} \left(\widehat{I}_2 m - \widehat{I}_3 \frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} \right) \frac{\partial^2 A_{10}}{\partial \tilde{t}^2} \quad (45)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \left[\begin{array}{l} \left[\widehat{A}_2 81m^4 A_{30} + \widehat{A}_5 9m^2 A_{30} - (\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T) 9m^2 A_{30} \right] \sin(3m\hat{x}) \\ + \left[(\widehat{I}_0 + \widehat{I}_{f0}) + \widehat{I}_1 m^2 - 2\widehat{I}_2 m \frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} + \widehat{I}_3 \left(\frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 A_{10}}{\partial \tilde{t}^2} \sin(m\hat{x}) \\ + 2m \frac{\partial A_{20}}{\partial \tilde{t}} \cos(2m\hat{x}) + \widehat{A}_1 \frac{\pi^2 m^4}{4} (A_{10})^3 \sin(m\hat{x}) \end{array} \right] \quad (46)$$

Therefore, the final asymptotic solution is as follows

$$\widehat{q}_0(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}, \varepsilon) = \lambda_1(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon + \lambda_2(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon^2 + \lambda_3(\hat{x}, \tilde{t}) \cdot \varepsilon^3 + O(\varepsilon^4) \quad (47)$$

Since the nonlinear free vibration has no transverse load, i.e. $\widehat{q}_0 = 0$. we can obtain the following duffing equation based on Galerkin method,

$$M \frac{\partial^2 (\varepsilon A_{10})}{\partial \tau^2} + K_1 (\varepsilon A_{10}) + K_3 (\varepsilon A_{10})^3 = 0 \quad (48)$$

Where the \tilde{t} has been replaced by τ .

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \left(\widehat{I}_0 + \widehat{I}_{f0} \right) + \widehat{I}_1 m^2 - 2\widehat{I}_2 m \frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} + \widehat{I}_3 \left(\frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^3 + \widehat{A}_5 m}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} \right)^2 \\
K_1 &= m^4 \left[\widehat{A}_2 - \widehat{A}_3 \frac{\widehat{A}_3 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} + \widehat{A}_5 \left(\frac{\widehat{A}_4 - \widehat{A}_3}{\widehat{A}_4 m^2 + \widehat{A}_5} \right) \right] - \left(\widehat{N}_x^f + \widehat{N}_x^T \right) m^2 \\
K_3 &= \widehat{A}_1 \frac{\pi^2 m^4}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

The closed-form solution of Eq can be expressed as,

$$\omega_{NL} = \omega_L \sqrt{1 + 0.75 \frac{K_3}{K_1} \left(\frac{w_{\max}}{L} \right)^2} \tag{50}$$

Where ω_{NL} and ω_L are the dimensionless nonlinear and linear frequencies and the form of ω_L is,

$$\omega_L = \sqrt{\frac{K_1}{M}} \tag{51}$$

According to Equation, the dimension nonlinear and linear frequencies, Ω_{NL} and Ω_L , can be expressed as

$$\Omega_{NL} = \omega_{NL} \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{\frac{E_0}{\rho_0}} \tag{52}$$

1.6 Results and discussions

1.6.1 Comparison studies

To verify the accuracy of the theory in this paper, two comparison examples are provided in this section.

Table 5 gives the comparisons of dimensionless fundamental frequencies of FGM tube composed of metal and ceramics, with that in Ref. [45]. In this example, the tube is not supported on an elastic foundation. For detailed material parameters, please refer to the original paper. It can be clearly found that the results are highly consistent with the literature.

Table 5 Comparisons of dimensionless fundamental frequencies of FGM tube

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ref. [45]	0.011554	0.049112	0.106331	0.178023	0.25975	0.348242
Present	0.011792	0.049329	0.106546	0.178239	0.25997	0.348468

Fig.3 presents a comparison on dimension natural frequencies of an isotropic tube with parameters $L = 10m, Ro = 0.1m, Ri = 0.08m, E = 210GPa, \rho = 7850Kg / m^3$ with the results solved by commercial software. As seen from this figure, the results obtained by refined beam model are in good agreement with FEM results. The results using Euler beam model are larger at high frequency.

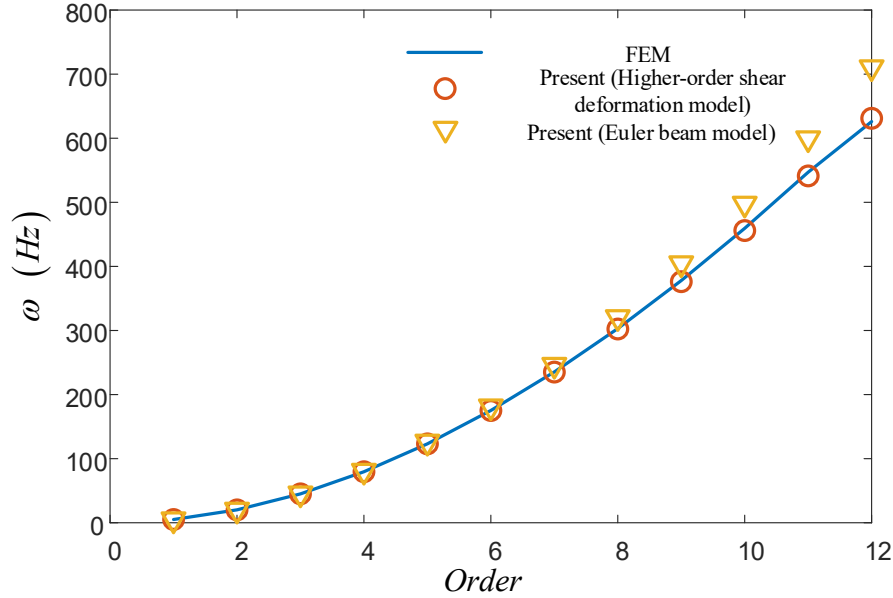


Fig. 3 Comparisons of dimension natural frequencies of isotropic tube

1.6.2 Parameters studies

1.6.2.1 Vibration amplitude

Fig.4 gives the nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different patterns of reinforcement where $T = 400K, V_{re}^{CNT} = 0.17, R_i = 0.5R_o, L / R_o = 30$, Matrix is PMMA, without fluid. It can be seen that, with the increase of amplitude, the nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) and nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) both increase. Fig.4(a) displays that the nonlinearity of \wedge beam is the most sensitive to amplitude change, followed by O-beam, UD-beam, X-beam, and V-beam. Fig.4(b) exhibits that, compared with large amplitude, the nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) and nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) increase more slowly with the amplitude of vibration at small amplitude. With the increase of amplitude, the difference of nonlinear fundamental frequency with different patterns of reinforcement is almost unchanged. That is to say, the sensitivity of nonlinear frequency to amplitude change is the same.

Fig.5 present the nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different volume fraction coefficients where $T = 400K, R_i = 0.5R_o, L / R_o = 30$, Matrix is PMMA, without fluid, UD-beam. The results show that, with the increase of volume

fraction coefficient, the nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) and nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) are more sensitive to the amplitude change.

Fig.6 shows the nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different temperatures where $V_{re}^{CNT} = 0.17, R_i = 0.5R_o, L / R_o = 30$, Matrix is PMMA, without fluid, UD-beam. It can be found that, the nonlinearity is more sensitive to amplitude variation at high temperature. Compared with small amplitude, the difference of nonlinear fundamental frequency becomes smaller at large amplitude under different temperatures.

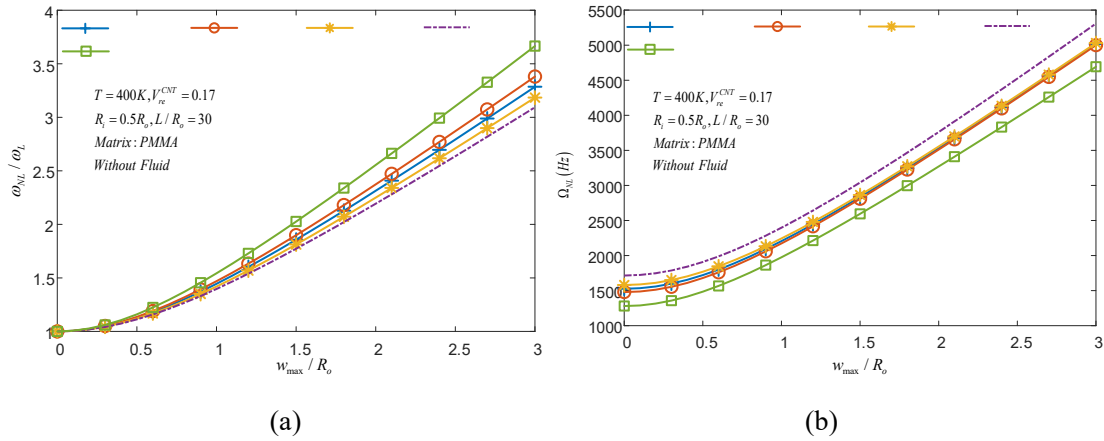


Fig. 4 Nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different patterns of reinforcement. (a) nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratio. (b) dimension nonlinear frequency

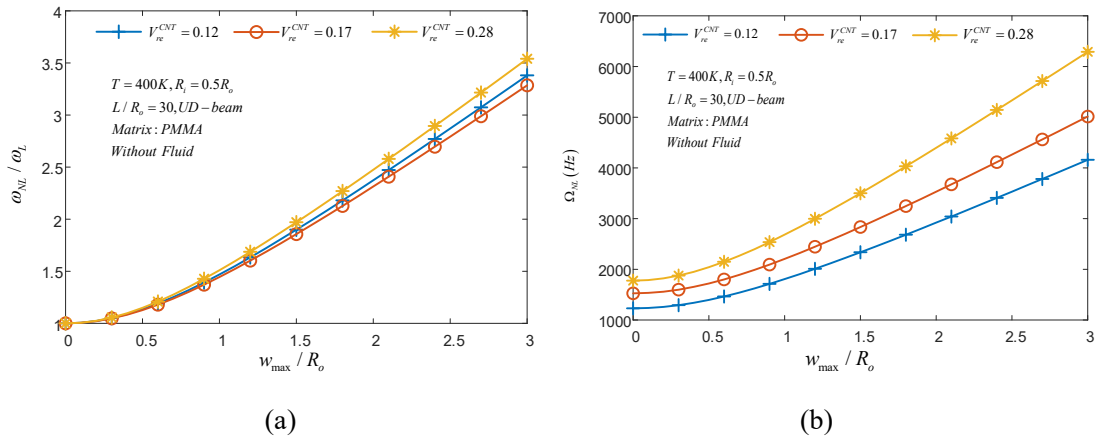


Fig. 5 Nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different volume fraction coefficients. (a) nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratio. (b) dimension nonlinear frequency

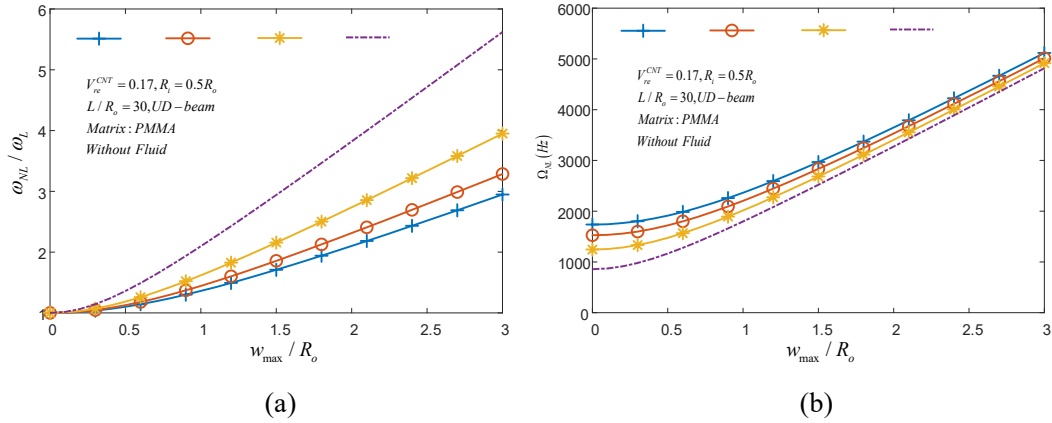


Fig. 6 Nonlinear vibration frequency-amplitude curves of different temperatures . (a) nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratio. (b) dimension nonlinear frequency

1.6.2.2 Flow velocity

The changes of nonlinear fundamental natural frequency (Ω_{NL}) with flow velocity of the FG-CNTRC tube for different patterns of reinforcement, volume fractions and geometrical ratio R_i/R_o are shown in Fig.7-9.

It can be seen from Fig.7 that, the nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) decreases as the flow velocity increases, while the change rate increases. A fundamental frequency of zero corresponds to a critical buckling flow velocity. V-beam has the highest critical buckling flow velocity, followed by X-beam, UD-beam, O-beam and \wedge -beam. Fig.8 shows that the higher the volume fraction coefficient, the higher the critical buckling flow velocity of the tube. Fig.9 shows that the critical buckling flow velocity increases as the ratio of inner diameter to outer diameter (R_i/R_o) increases.

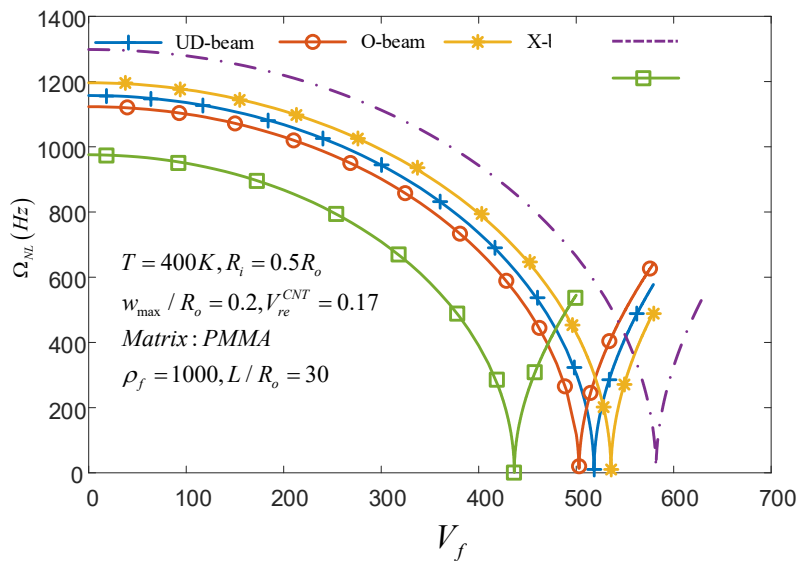


Fig. 7 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and flow velocity for various reinforced type

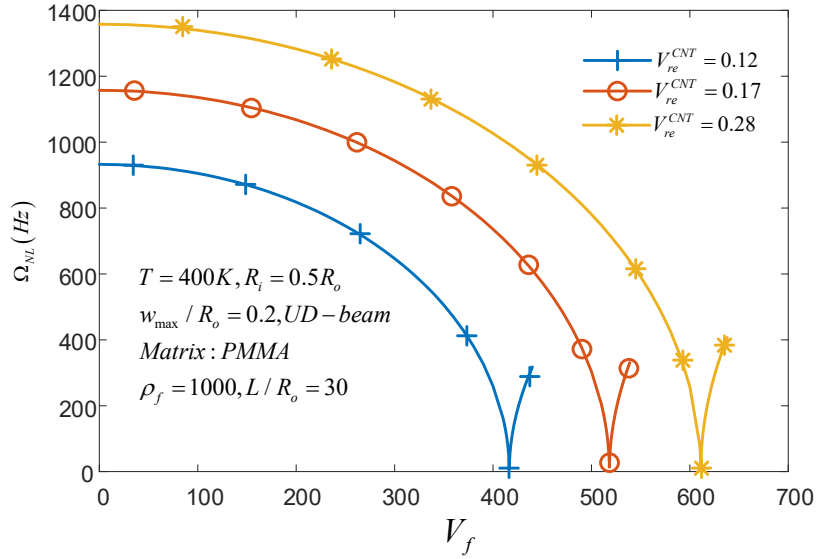


Fig. 8 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and flow velocity for various volume fraction coefficients

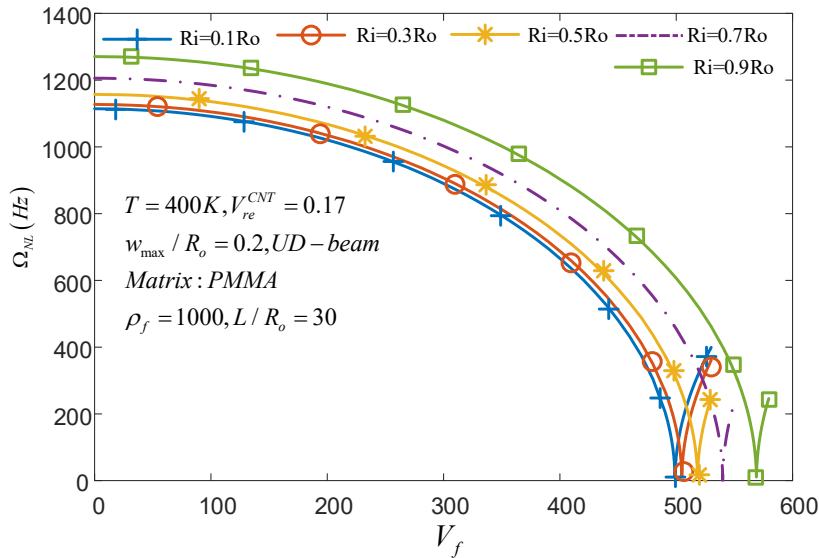


Fig. 9 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and flow velocity for various geometrical ratio Ri / Ro

1.6.2.3 Temperature

Fig.10-13 shows the relationships between nonlinear fundamental frequency and temperature for various patterns of reinforcement, volume fraction coefficients, geometrical ratio L / Ro and geometrical ratio Ri / Ro .

As can be seen from Fig.10, the nonlinear fundamental frequency decreases as the temperature increases. When the fundamental frequency is zero, it corresponds to the critical buckling temperature. Same as Fig.7, V beam has the highest critical buckling temperature among several patterns of reinforcement, followed by X beam, UD beam,

O beam and \wedge beam. Although the higher the volume fraction coefficient is, the higher the critical buckling flow velocity is, Fig.11 shows that the critical buckling temperature is the lowest when the volume fraction is 0.28. Fig.12 gives that as the geometrical ratio L / R_o increases, the critical buckling temperature decreases, but the rate of change decreases. Fig.13 shows that the critical buckling temperature increases with the increase of the ratio of inner to outer diameter (R_i / R_o), but the change decreases when the ratio is small.

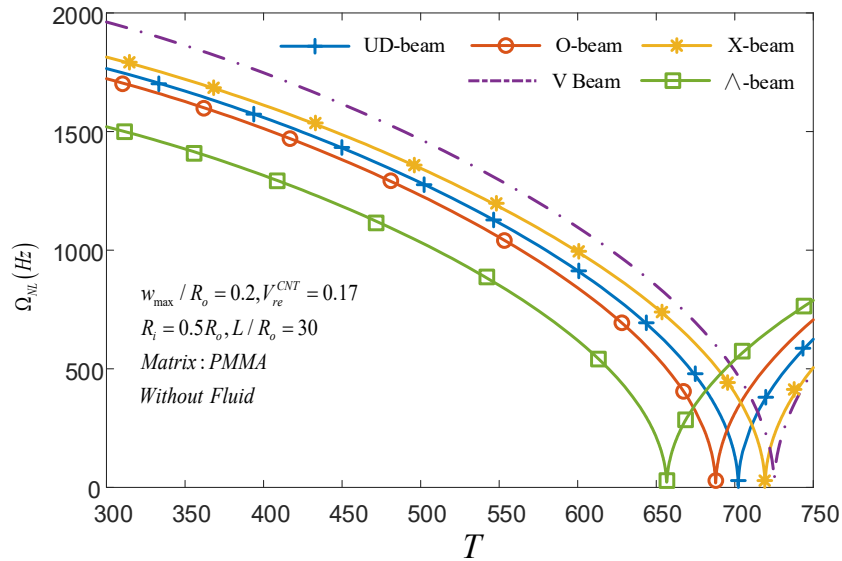


Fig. 10 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and temperature for various reinforced type

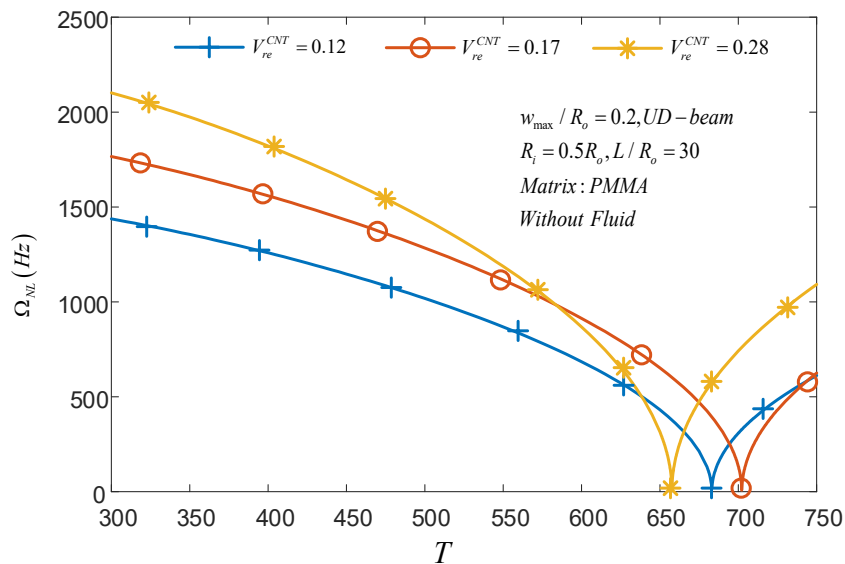


Fig. 11 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and temperature for various volume fraction

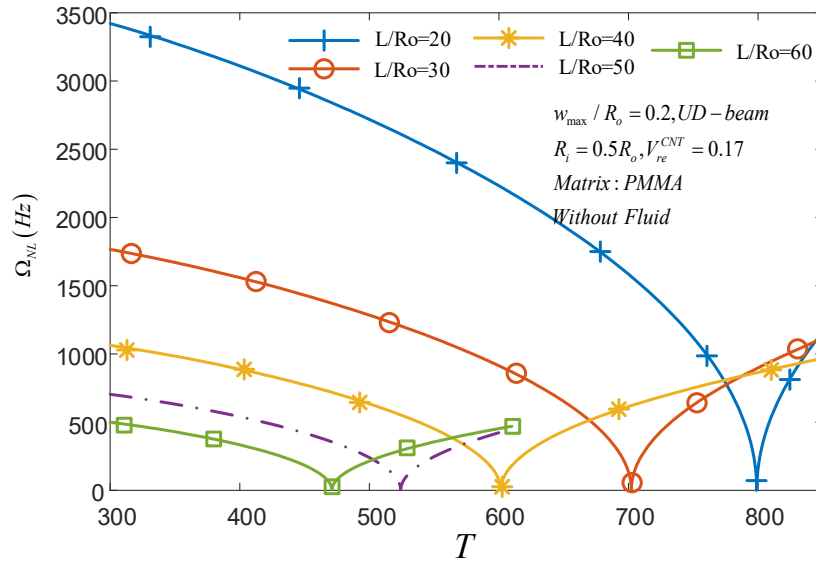


Fig. 12 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and temperature for various geometrical ratio L / R_o

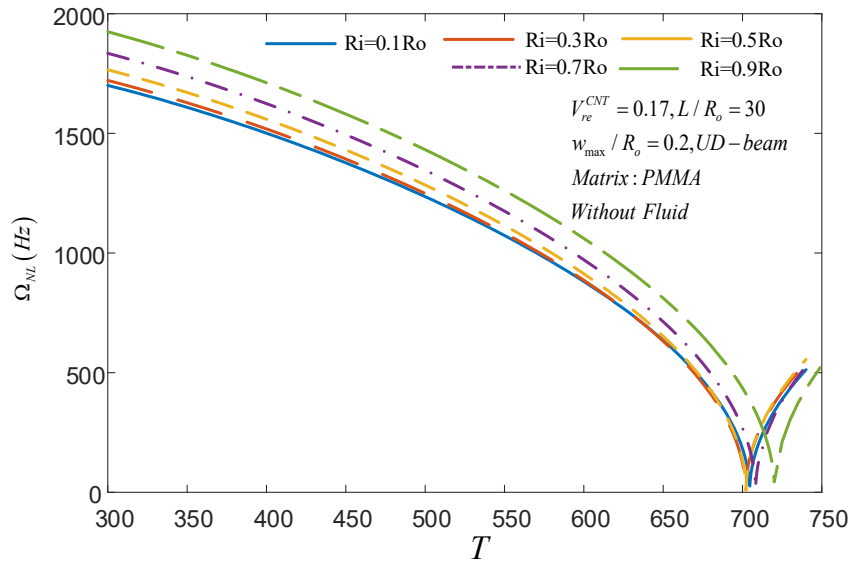


Fig. 13 Relationships between nonlinear frequency and temperature for various geometrical ratio R_i / R_o

Fig.14-15 show the influence of L / R_o and R_i / R_o on nonlinear fundamental frequency, respectively. It can be seen from Fig.14 that the fundamental frequency decreases as the geometrical ratio L / R_o increases, and when the fundamental frequency is zero, it corresponds to the critical buckling geometrical ratio. The nonlinearity varies greatly near the critical buckling geometrical ratio. Fig.15 shows that, with the R_i / R_o increases, the nonlinear fundamental frequency increases. On the contrary, the nonlinearity decreases.

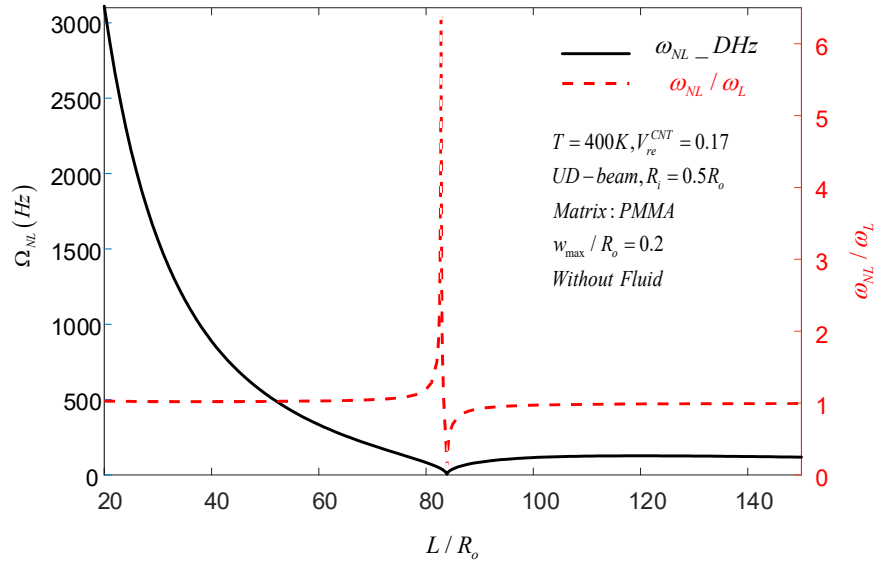


Fig. 14 Effect of parameter L/R_o on natural frequency of FG-CNTRC tube

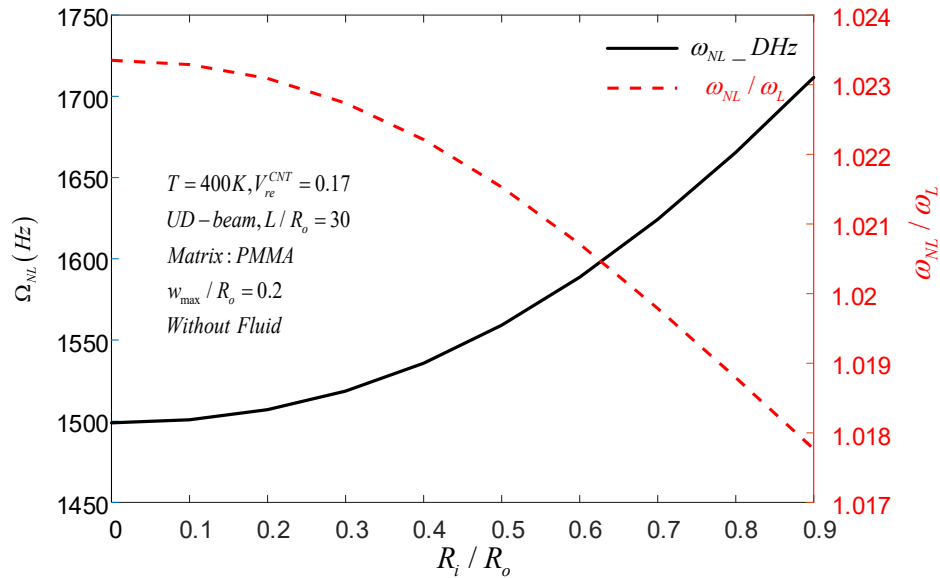


Fig. 15 Effect of parameter R_i/R_o on natural frequency of FG-CNTRC tube

1.7 Conclusion

In this paper, an investigation on the nonlinear free vibration responses of functionally graded nanocomposite fluid-conveying tube reinforced by single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) in thermal environment is presented. A higher-order shear deformation theory and Hamilton's variational principle are employed to derive the motion equations incorporating the thermal and fluid effects. A two-step perturbation method is implemented to obtain the closed-form asymptotic solution for these

nonlinear partial differential equations.

- 1) Compared with large amplitude, the nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) and nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) increase more slowly with the amplitude of vibration at small amplitude.
- 2) V beam has the highest critical buckling flow velocity and temperature among several patterns of reinforcement, followed by X-beam, UD-beam, O-beam and \wedge -beam. However, the nonlinearity of \wedge -beam is the most sensitive to amplitude variation, followed by O-beam, UD-beam, X-beam, and V-beam.
- 3) Although the higher the volume fraction coefficient is, the higher the critical buckling flow velocity is, the critical buckling temperature is the lowest when the volume fraction is 0.28. With the increase of volume fraction coefficient, the nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) and nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) are more sensitive to the amplitude variation.
- 4) The nonlinearity (ω_{NL} / ω_L) is more sensitive to amplitude variation at high temperature. Compared with small amplitude, the difference of nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) becomes smaller at large amplitude under different temperatures.
- 5) The critical buckling flow velocity and temperature increases as the ratio of inner diameter to outer diameter (Ri / Ro) increases, as does the nonlinear fundamental frequency (Ω_{NL}) increases. On the contrary, the nonlinearity decreases.
- 6) As the geometrical ratio L / Ro increases, the critical buckling temperature decreases, but the rate of change decreases.

1.8 Declarations

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1.8.3 Code availability

Data will be made available on reasonable request.

1.8.4 Authors' contribution

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