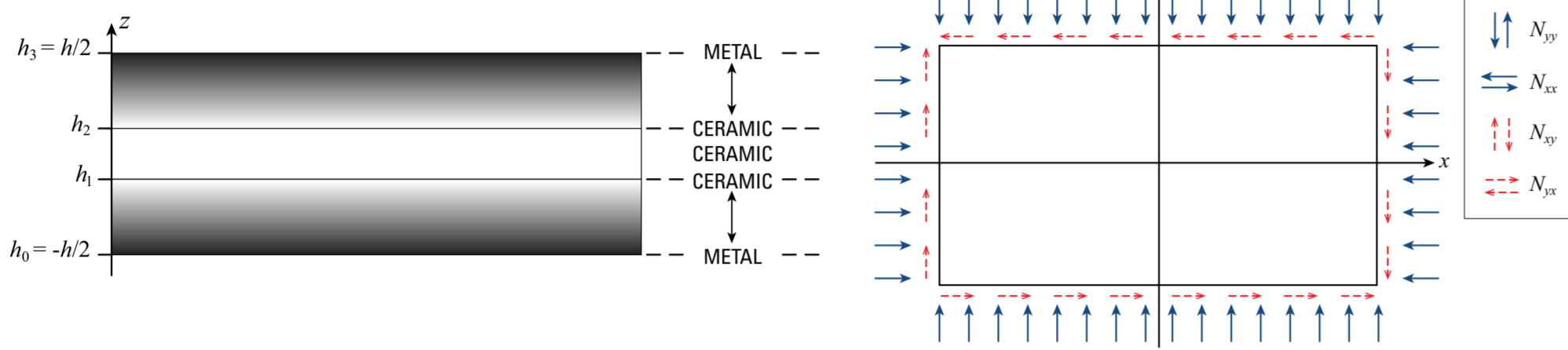


## Introduction

In this work we study the influence of zig-zag and warping effects in the buckling of sandwich plates with functionally graded skins. The sandwich plate is subjected to compressive in-plane forces acting on the mid-plane of the plate.



## Methodology

### Displacement field of the sinusoidal shear deformation theories

*sinus*:

$$\begin{cases} u = u_0 + zu_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) u_s \\ v = v_0 + zv_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) v_s \\ w = w_0 + zw_1 + z^2 w_2 \end{cases}$$

*sinus0*:

$$\begin{cases} u = u_0 + zu_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) u_s \\ v = v_0 + zv_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) v_s \\ w = w_0 \end{cases}$$

*sinusZZ*:

$$\begin{cases} u = u_0 + zu_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) u_s + (-1)^k \frac{2}{h_k} \left(z - \frac{1}{2}(z_k + z_{k+1})\right) u_Z \\ v = v_0 + zv_1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) v_s + (-1)^k \frac{2}{h_k} \left(z - \frac{1}{2}(z_k + z_{k+1})\right) v_Z \\ w = w_0 + zw_1 + z^2 w_2 \end{cases}$$

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## Material properties

The power-law function is used to describe the volume fraction of the metal ( $V_m$ ) and ceramic ( $V_c$ ) phases and the material homogeneization technique adopted to the Young's modulus is the law of mixtures:

$$E(z) = E_m V_m + E_c V_c \quad \text{with} \quad V_c = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{z-h_0}{h_1-h_0}\right)^p, & z \in [h_0, h_1] \\ 1, & z \in [h_1, h_2] \\ \left(\frac{z-h_3}{h_2-h_3}\right)^p, & z \in [h_2, h_3] \end{cases}$$

## Carrera's Unified Formulation

The governing equations and boundary conditions are derived under a generalization of Carrera's Unified Formulation (CUF) [1] based on the principle of virtual displacements. Although the sandwiches present 3 physical layers, we consider  $N_l = 91$  virtual (mathematical) layers of constant thickness.

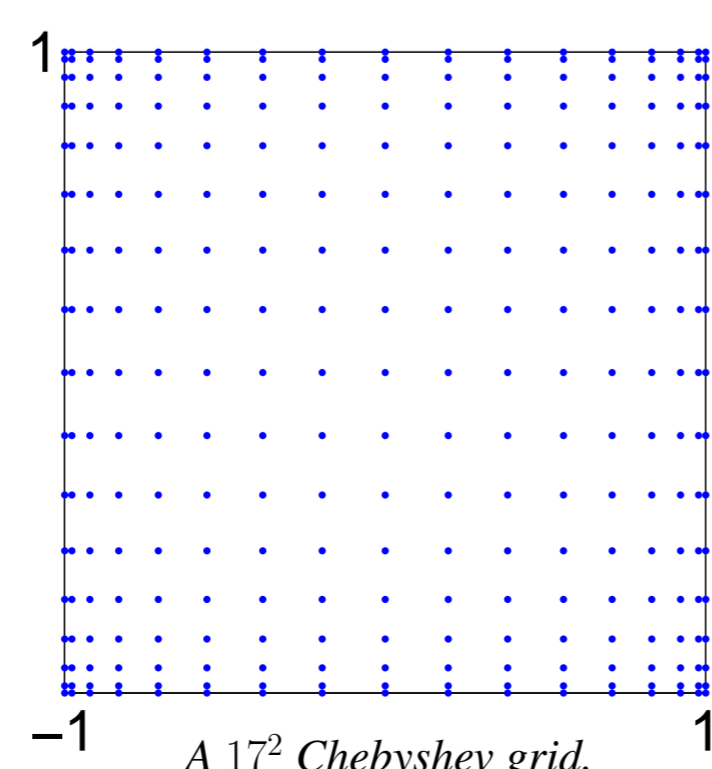
## Meshless method

The governing equations are interpolated by global collocation with radial basis functions [2]. We consider the compact-support Wendland function defined as  $\phi(r) = (1 - cr)_+^8 (32(cr)^3 + 25(cr)^2 + 8cr + 1)$ .

The shape parameter ( $c$ ) is optimized [3] and a  $17^2$  Chebyshev grid is used.

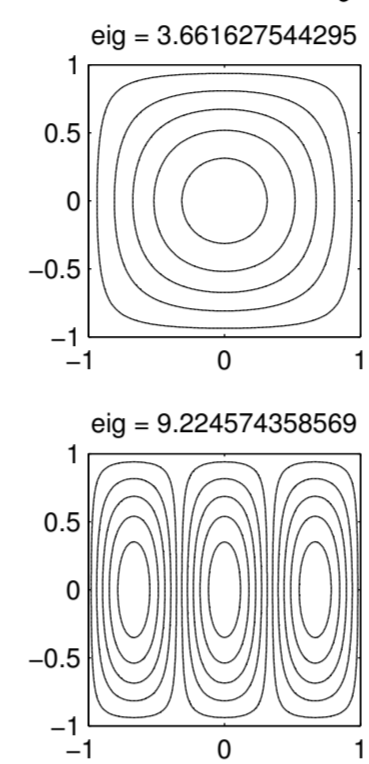
## Results

Simply supported square ( $a = b = 2$ ) plates with thickness  $h$  and  $a/h = 10$  are analysed. The material properties are  $E_m = 70E_0$ ,  $E_c = 380E_0$ , with  $E_0 = 1\text{GPa}$ , and  $\nu_m = \nu_c = \nu = 0.3$ . The non-dimensional parameter used is  $\bar{P} = \frac{Pa^2}{100h^3 E_0}$ .

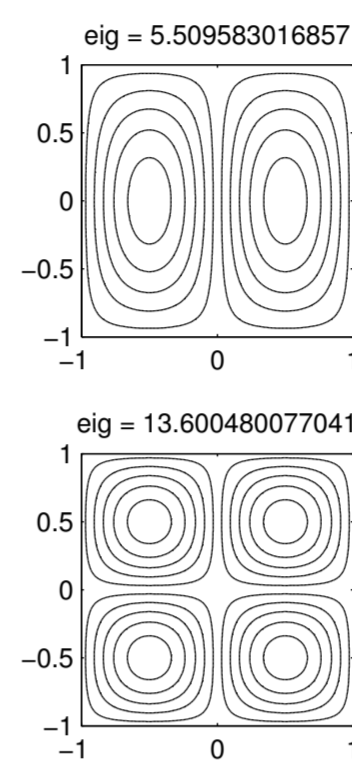


## Uni-axial buckling load: First four buckling modes, $p=10$ , 2-2-1

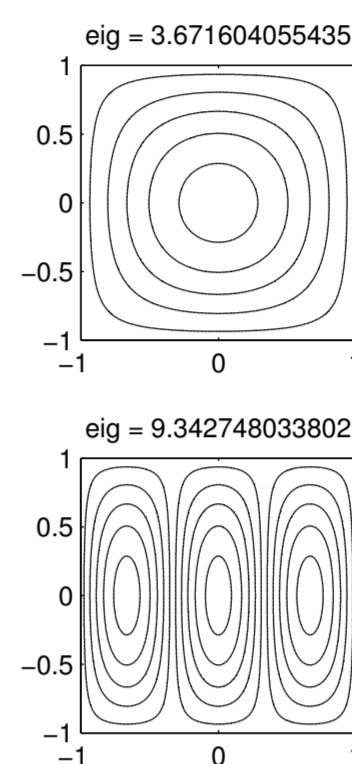
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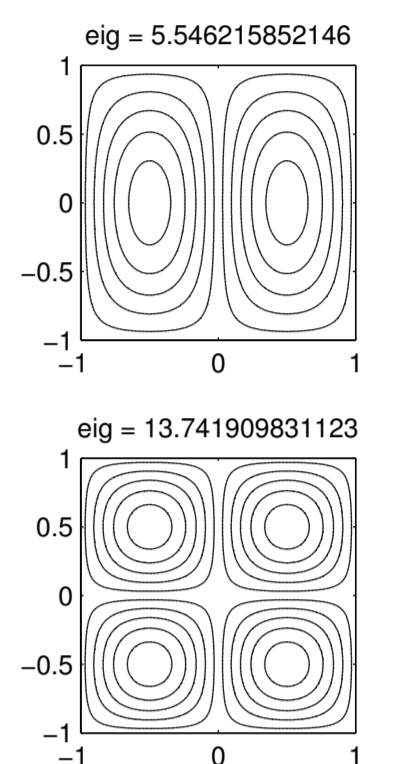
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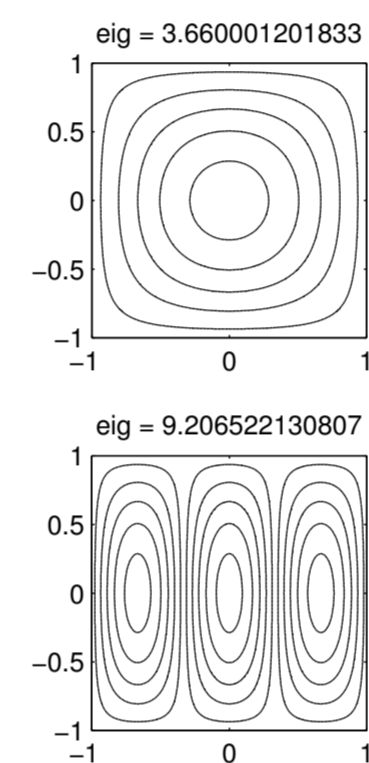
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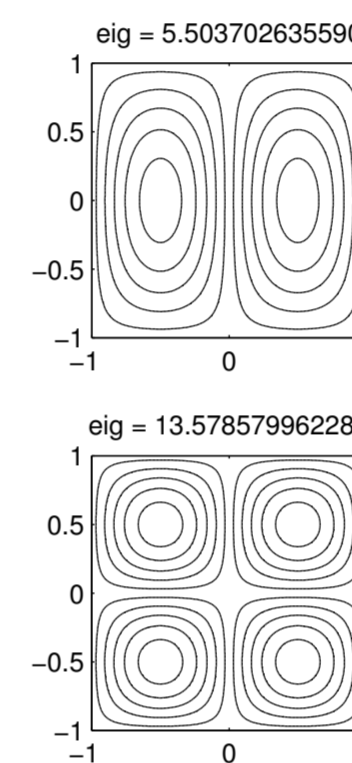
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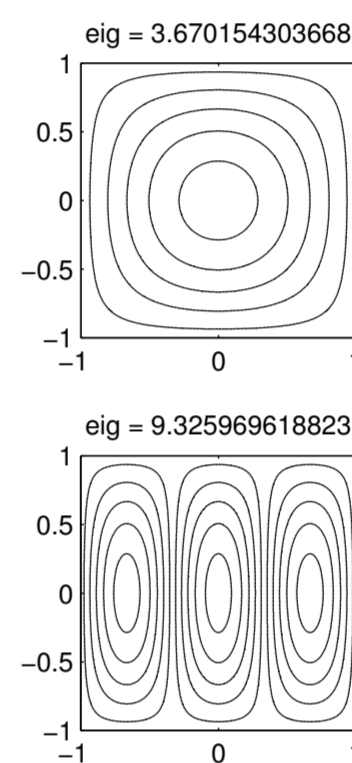
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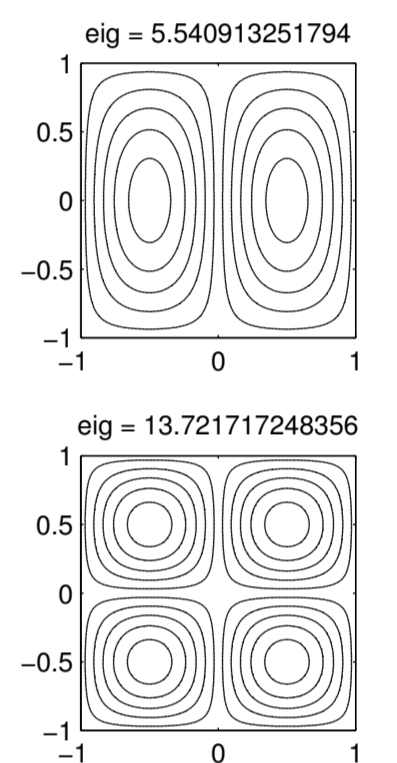
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## Bi-axial buckling load: Fundamental bi-axial buckling load

$p$	Theory	1-0-1	2-1-2	2-1-1	1-1-1	2-2-1	1-2-1
0	<i>sinus</i>	6.47656	6.47656	6.47656	6.47656	6.47656	6.47656
	<i>sinus0</i>	6.50272	6.50272	6.50272	6.50272	6.50272	6.50272
	<i>sinusZZ</i>	6.47650	6.47598	6.47641	6.47601	6.47595	6.47655
	<i>sinusZZ0</i>	6.50266	6.50219	6.50258	6.50224	6.50214	6.50272
0.5	<i>sinus</i>	3.58115	3.85821	3.99480	4.09640	4.27584	4.47083
	<i>sinus0</i>	3.59380	3.87175	4.00855	4.11069	4.29064	4.48642
	<i>sinusZZ</i>	3.58112	3.85799	3.99480	4.09592	4.27541	4.47075
	<i>sinusZZ0</i>	3.59377	3.87155	4.00855	4.11026	4.29020	4.48636
1	<i>sinus</i>	2.53076	2.85573	3.02734	3.15750	3.39199	3.65983
	<i>sinus0</i>	2.53937	2.86520	3.03681	3.16779	3.40271	3.67165
	<i>sinusZZ</i>	2.53073	2.85562	3.02735	3.15707	3.39169	3.65975
	<i>sinusZZ0</i>	2.53935	2.86511	3.03683	3.16740	3.40238	3.67158
5	<i>sinus</i>	1.31820	1.50377	1.68126	1.76496	2.02535	2.32346
	<i>sinus0</i>	1.32348	1.50927	1.68601	1.77075	2.03084	2.33022
	<i>sinusZZ</i>	1.31816	1.50349	1.67983	1.76497	2.02528	2.32344
	<i>sinusZZ0</i>	1.32344	1.50897	1.68469	1.77076	2.03080	2.33019
10	<i>sinus</i>	1.23615	1.35996	1.53030	1.57865	1.83081	2.10273
	<i>sinus0</i>	1.24130	1.36529	1.53475	1.58414	1.83579	2.10893
	<i>sinusZZ</i>	1.23606	1.35840	1.52613	1.57829	1.83000	2.10224
	<i>sinusZZ0</i>	1.24121	1.36367	1.53075	1.58374	1.83508	2.10843

## Conclusions

The zig-zag effects have influence on the buckling loads of simply supported square sandwich plates with functionally graded skins. By comparing *sinus* and *sinusZZ* theories we see that the first one (without ZZ effect) gives higher buckling loads than the other (with ZZ effects). Same happens to *sinus0* and *sinusZZ0* theories. The influence of the warping effects is stronger than the ZZ effects.

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