

# Influence of porosity on the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending response of an AFG ceramic-metal plates using an integral plate model

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**Abstract.** In this project, the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending behavior of perfect and imperfect advanced functionally graded (AFG) ceramic-metal plates is analytically investigated using an integral plate model for the first time. The plate is assumed to be supported by a two-parameter elastic foundation. Because of the technical problems encountered in the manufacture of AFG, porosities and micro-voids can occur in AFG specimens, which can result in reduced density and strength of materials. Thus, due to the presence of porosity, a modified rule of mixture is adopted to predict the material properties of the AFG plates. The governing equations are deduced by adopting the “principle of virtual work” and an integral plate model. The analytical Navier’s method is considered to solve the obtained differential equations for simply supported AFG porous plate. The results obtained are checked by comparing them for non-porous and porous AFG plates with those available in the open literature. Finally, this work will help us to design advanced functionally graded materials to ensure better durability and efficiency for hygro-thermal environments.

**Keywords:** advanced functionally graded materials; elastic foundation; hygro-thermo-mechanical loading; integral plate theory; porosity

## 1. Introduction

Advanced functionally graded materials (AFGMs) are prepared from a mixture of ceramic and metal with a requested variation in the volume fractions of these two materials between the two external faces of any structure. Mechanical properties like Young’s modulus, Poisson’s ratio, the shear modulus, mass density, and both thermal and moisture expansions, change continuously and smoothly within the AFG plates. These components are generally based on the technical alloys of “aluminum, titanium, magnesium, steel, copper, tungsten”, etc., as well as advanced structural ceramics such as “zirconia, alumina, silicon-carbide and tungsten-carbide” (Birman and Byrd 2007, Carrera *et al.* 2008, Yang *et al.* 2012, Carrera *et al.* 2011, Attia 2017, Faleh *et al.* 2018, Madenci 2019, Sayyad and Ghumare 2019, Fesharaki and Roghani 2019, Boulal *et al.* 2020, Si *et al.* 2020, Fenjan *et al.* 2020, Yuan *et al.* 2020, Zhu *et al.* 2020, Jena *et al.* 2020, Vinyas 2020, Heidari *et al.* 2020, Dehshahri *et al.* 2020). Studies for thermal analysis on FG plates were discussed (Sofiyev 2011, Duc and Tung 2011, Kasaeian *et al.* 2011, Wang and Shen 2013). The subject of the thermoelastic analysis of plates and shells has

always attracted the attention of many researchers. Mehar and Panda (2017a) presented a numerical study of nonlinear thermo-mechanical deflection of FGCNT reinforced doubly curved composite shell panel under different mechanical loads. In addition, Mehar and Panda (2017b) investigated the thermoelastic response of FG-CNT reinforced shear deformable composite plate under various loadings.

The simplest and oldest model to define the interaction between the AFG plate and the foundation is the one-parameter or Winkler model (Winkler 1867). By including a shear spring to the model of Winkler, this version improved the Pasternak model (Han and Liew 1997, Shen 2000, Yas and Tahouneh 2012, Avcar and Mohammed 2018). On the basis of the literature, it seems that many researchers have employed the classical plate theory (Chucheepsakul and Chinnaboon 2002, Civalek 2007a) and the theories of shear deformation, such as the first higher-order shear deformation theories and the “3D elasticity theory” as presented in (Shen *et al.* 2001, Xiang 2003, Zhou *et al.* 2004, Abdalla and Ibrahim 2006, Ozgan and Daloglu 2007, Civalek 2007b).

For FG imperfect plates, many researchers are interested in the dynamic investigation of FG imperfect (porous) structures (Rezaei and Saidi 2015, Behravan Rad and Shariyat 2015, Rezaei and Saidi 2016, Shafiei *et al.* 2016, Chen *et al.* 2016, Shafiei *et al.* 2017, Wu *et al.* 2018, Thanh *et al.* 2021), the analysis of buckling and post-buckling

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(Khorshidvand *et al.* 2014, Mojahedin *et al.* 2014, Farzaneh Joubaneh *et al.* 2015, Mojahedin *et al.* 2016, Feyzi and Khorshidvand 2017, Rezaei and Saidi 2017, Barati and Zenkour 2017) or the analysis of the dynamics and the buckling (Chen *et al.* 2017, Kitipornchai *et al.* 2017, Yang *et al.* 2018, Thanh *et al.* 2020) of many porous (imperfect) structures. The most interesting relation to describe the porosity is connected to the tensile moduli (Pabst and Gregorová 2004a, b, Pabst *et al.* 2004, 2006, Pabst 2014). Akbaş (2017) examined the vibration and bending behavior of FG porous plates. Avcar (2019) investigated the dynamic behavior of imperfect sigmoid and power law functionally graded beams. Abdulrazzaq *et al.* (2020a) presented a numerical formulation for vibration properties of nonlocal porous metal-ceramic plates under periodic dynamic loads. Hadji (2020) discussed the influence of the distribution shape of porosity on the bending response of FG beam using a new HSDT. Gafour *et al.* (2020) studied the porosity-dependent dynamic response of FG nanobeam using “non-local shear deformation” and energy principle.

This work is concerned with the influences of humidity and temperature variations on the bending response of AFG porous plates resting on a two-parameter elastic foundation. The differential governing equations for AFG porous plates are determined utilizing the principle of virtual work based on the current model, including hygro-thermal impacts and foundation rigidities. The influences of the porosity parameter, gradient index and other physical and geometrical parameters are all examined. The calculated results are compared with those of other researchers for perfect and imperfect AFG plates.

## 2. Mathematical model and governing equations

An imperfect AFG plate with a total thickness “*h*”, length “*a*” and width “*b*” is considered here (Fig. 1). It is assumed that the material varies only in thickness. The *xy* plane is considered to be the undistorted median plane of the plate and the *z* axis to be positive upward from the median plane.

Consider a rectangular plate of length *a*, width *b* and thickness *h* made of imperfect functionally graded material. The present problem is studied using an integral plate model for the first time. The applicability and accuracy of the proposed mathematical model for static, buckling and free vibration responses were ascertained in the recent past by several authors. However, the assessment of this model for hygro-thermo-mechanical analysis of the porous AFG

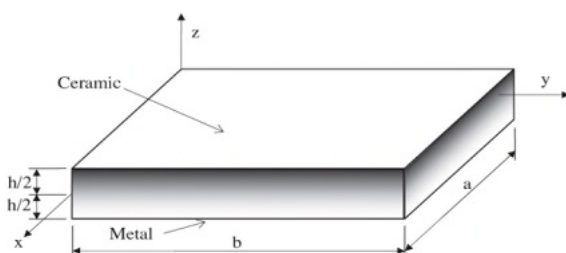


Fig. 1 Geometry of AFG rectangular plate

ceramic-metal plates is still to be ascertained. In addition, the number of the unknown functions involved in the governing equations is only four.

### 2.1 Displacement fields and strains

In this article, additional simplifying considerations are made to the traditional HSDT to reduce the number of variables. The displacement field of the traditional HSDT is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, z) &= u_0(x, y) - z \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x} + f(z)\phi_x(x, y) \\ v(x, y, z) &= v_0(x, y) - z \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial y} + f(z)\phi_y(x, y) \\ w(x, y, z) &= w_0(x, y) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $u_0, v_0, w_0, \phi_x, \phi_y$  are “five unknown displacements” of the mid-plane of the plate,  $f(z)$  presents the shape function which takes into account the variation of the “transverse shear strains and stresses” within the thickness. By considering that:  $\phi_x = \int \theta(x, y) dx$  and  $\phi_y = \int \theta(x, y) dy$ , the displacement field of the current theory can be expressed in a simpler form as

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, z) &= u_0(x, y) - z \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial x} + k_1 f(z) \int \theta(x, y) dx \\ v(x, y, z) &= v_0(x, y) - z \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial y} + k_2 f(z) \int \theta(x, y) dy \\ w(x, y, z) &= w_0(x, y) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

In this article, the function  $f(z)$  is given by

$$f(z) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) \tag{3}$$

It can be observed that the kinematics in Eq. (2) includes only four variables ( $u_0, v_0, w_0$  and  $\theta$ ).

The constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  depend on the geometry.

The nonzero strains associated with the displacement field are

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} &= \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x^0 \\ \varepsilon_y^0 \\ \gamma_{xy}^0 \end{Bmatrix} + z \begin{Bmatrix} k_x^b \\ k_y^b \\ k_{xy}^b \end{Bmatrix} + f(z) \begin{Bmatrix} k_x^s \\ k_y^s \\ k_{xy}^s \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} &= g(z) \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_{yz}^0 \\ \gamma_{xz}^0 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x^0 \\ \varepsilon_y^0 \\ \gamma_{xy}^0 \end{Bmatrix} &= \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \begin{Bmatrix} k_x^b \\ k_y^b \\ k_{xy}^b \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{\partial^2 w_0}{\partial x^2} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 w_0}{\partial y^2} \\ -2\frac{\partial^2 w_0}{\partial x \partial y} \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \begin{Bmatrix} k_x^s \\ k_y^s \\ k_{xy}^s \end{Bmatrix} &= \begin{Bmatrix} k_1 \theta \\ k_2 \theta \\ k_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int \theta dx + k_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int \theta dy \end{Bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \tag{5a}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_{yz}^0 \\ \gamma_{xz}^0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} k_2 \int \theta \, dy \\ k_1 \int \theta \, dx \end{Bmatrix}, \tag{5a}$$

and

$$g(z) = \frac{df(z)}{dz} \tag{5b}$$

The analytical solution of this model can be solved by a Navier type solution. The following relations can be determined

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int \theta \, dx &= A \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial y}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int \theta \, dy &= B \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial y}, \\ \int \theta \, dx &= A' \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}, & \int \theta \, dy &= B' \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where the coefficients  $A'$ ,  $B'$  (defined according to the type of solution adopted),  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are expressed as follows

$$A' = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \quad B' = -\frac{1}{\mu^2}, \quad k_1 = \lambda^2, \quad k_2 = \mu^2 \tag{7}$$

$$\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \int_{\Omega} [\sigma_x \delta \varepsilon_x + \sigma_y \delta \varepsilon_y + \tau_{xy} \delta \gamma_{xy} + \tau_{xz} \delta \gamma_{xz} + \tau_{yz} \delta \gamma_{yz}] \, d\Omega \, dz - \int_{\Omega} (q - f_e) \delta w \, d\Omega = 0 \tag{12}$$

Note that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are terms related to the Navier type solution defined in Eq. (17).

### 2.2 Constitutive equations

The structure is loaded by a sinusoidal distributed pressure  $q(x, y)$  and a temperature field  $T(x, y, z)$  as well as a moisture concentration  $C(x, y, z)$ . The mechanical properties  $P(z)$  of the imperfect AFG plate, such as “Young’s modulus”  $E$ , “Poisson’s ratio”  $\nu$ , “thermal coefficient”  $\alpha$  and “moisture expansion”  $\beta$  are provided according to the modified rule of mixture as

$$P(z) = P_m + (P_c - P_m) \left( \frac{2z + h}{2h} \right)^k - (P_c + P_m) (1 - e^{-\zeta/2}) \tag{8}$$

where  $P_c$  and  $P_m$  are the corresponding mechanical properties of the “ceramic” and “metal”, respectively, and  $k$  is the gradient index which takes values greater than or equal to zero, and  $\zeta$  is the “porosity volume fraction” of the imperfect AFG plate ( $\zeta \ll 1$ ) (Bennai *et al.* 2019). The mechanical properties for the perfect AFG plate can be obtained by setting  $\zeta = 0$ .

The linear constitutive relations are given by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{66} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x - \alpha \Delta T - \beta \Delta C \\ \varepsilon_y - \alpha \Delta T - \beta \Delta C \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

where  $(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}, \tau_{yz}, \tau_{xz})$  and  $(\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{xz})$  are the stress and strain components, respectively. The stiffness coefficients,  $C_{ij}$ , can be given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} = C_{22} &= \frac{E(z)}{1 - \nu^2}, & C_{12} &= \frac{\nu E(z)}{1 - \nu^2}, \\ C_{44} = C_{55} = C_{66} &= \frac{E(z)}{2(1 + \nu)}, \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where  $\Delta T = T - T_0$  and  $\Delta C = C - C_0$  in which  $T_0$  is the “reference temperature” and  $C_0$  is the “reference moisture concentration”. The “temperature and moisture” field variations within the thickness are supposed to be

$$\Delta T(x, y, z) = T_1(x, y) + \frac{z}{h} T_2(x, y) + \frac{f(z)}{h} T_3(x, y) \tag{11a}$$

$$\Delta C(x, y, z) = C_1(x, y) + \frac{z}{h} C_2(x, y) + \frac{f(z)}{h} C_3(x, y) \tag{11b}$$

### 2.3 Governing equations

The principle of “virtual displacements” is utilized to deduce the equilibrium equations

Where  $\Omega$  is the upper face area, and  $q$  is the “applied transverse load”.  $f_e$  is the density of the reaction force of foundation. For the “Pasternak foundation model”  $f_e$  is expressed by

$$f_e = k_w w - k_{p1} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - k_{p2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \tag{13}$$

Where  $k_w$  is the modulus of subgrade reaction (Winkler coefficient of the foundation) and  $k_{p1}$  and  $k_{p2}$  are the shear moduli of the subgrade (shear layer foundation stiffness). If the foundation is “homogeneous” and “isotropic”, we will get  $k_{p1} = k_{p2} = k_p$ . If the shear layer foundation stiffness is neglected, the “Pasternak foundation” becomes a “Winkler foundation”.

Substituting Eqs. (4) and (9) into Eq. (12), integrating within the thickness of the structure, and setting the coefficients of  $\delta u_0$ ,  $\delta v_0$ ,  $\delta w_0$  and  $\delta \theta$  to zero separately, the governing equations can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta u_0: \quad & \frac{\partial N_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_{xy}}{\partial y} = 0 \\
 \delta v_0: \quad & \frac{\partial N_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_y}{\partial y} = 0 \\
 \delta w_0: \quad & \frac{\partial^2 M_x^b}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 M_y^b}{\partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}^b}{\partial x \partial y} + q - f_e = 0 \\
 \delta \theta: \quad & k_1 A' M_x^s + k_2 B' M_y^s + (k_1 (A')^2 + k_2 (B')^2) \frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}^s}{\partial x \partial y} - k_1 (A')^2 \frac{\partial Q_{xz}}{\partial x} - k_2 (B')^2 \frac{\partial Q_{yz}}{\partial y} = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Where  $(N_x, N_y, N_{xy})$  denote the total in-plane force resultants,  $(M_x^b, M_y^b, M_{xy}^b), (M_x^s, M_y^s, M_{xy}^s)$  are the total moment resultants and  $(Q_{xz}, Q_{yz})$  are the transverse shear stress resultants. They are expressed as

$$(N_x, N_y, N_{xy}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}) dz \tag{15a}$$

$$(M_x^b, M_y^b, M_{xy}^b) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}) z dz \tag{15b}$$

$$(M_x^s, M_y^s, M_{xy}^s) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}) f(z) dz \tag{15c}$$

$$(Q_{xz}, Q_{yz}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\tau_{xz}, \tau_{yz}) g(z) dz \tag{15d}$$

with  $g(z) = \frac{df}{dz}$

### 2.4 Analytical solution

In the present research, the Navier method is utilized to determine the analytical solution for simply supported AFG rectangular plates. The unknown variables are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{11} &= \lambda^2 A_{11} + \mu^2 A_{66}, \quad S_{12} = \lambda \mu (A_{12} + A_{66}), \\
 S_{13} &= -(\lambda \mu^2 (B_{12} + B_{66}) + \lambda^3 B_{11}), \\
 S_{14} &= \left( \lambda (-k_1 A'^{\lambda^2 D_{11}} - k_2 B'^{D_{12}} + \mu^2 D_{66} (k_1 (A')^2 + k_2 (B')^2)) \right), \\
 S_{22} &= \mu^2 A_{22} + \lambda^2 A_{66}, \\
 S_{23} &= -(\lambda^2 \mu (B_{12} + 2B_{66}) + \mu^3 B_{22}), \\
 S_{24} &= \lambda^2 \mu (k_1 (A')^2 + k_2 (B')^2) D_{66} - \mu (k_1 A'^{D_{12}} + k_2 B'^{D_{22}}), \\
 S_{33} &= -2\lambda^2 \mu^2 (E_{12} + 2E_{66}) - \lambda^2 (k_{p1} + \lambda^2 E_{11}) - \mu^2 (k_{p2} + \mu^2 E_{22}) - k_w, \\
 S_{34} &= 2\lambda^2 \mu^2 (k_1 (A')^2 + k_2 (B')^2) F_{66} - \lambda^2 (k_1 A'^{F_{11}} + k_2 B'^{F_{22}}) - \mu^2 (k_1 A'^{F_{12}} + k_2 B'^{F_{22}}) \\
 S_{44} &= -k_1 A'^{(k_1 A'^{G_{11}} + k_2 B'^{G_{12}})} - k_2 B'^{(k_1 A'^{G_{12}} + k_2 B'^{G_{22}})} \\
 &\quad - \lambda^2 \mu^2 G_{66} (k_1 (A')^2 + k_2 (B')^2)^2 - \lambda^2 (k_1^2 (A')^3) A_{55}^s - \mu^2 (k_2^2 (B')^3) A_{44}^s
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \\ w_0 \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} U_0 \cos(\lambda x) \sin(\mu y) \\ V_0 \sin(\lambda x) \cos(\mu y) \\ W_0 \sin(\lambda x) \sin(\mu y) \\ \theta_0 \sin(\lambda x) \sin(\mu y) \end{Bmatrix} \tag{16}$$

where  $U_0, V_0, W_0$  and  $\theta_0$  are arbitrary parameters to be determined, with

$$\lambda = \frac{\pi}{a}, \quad \mu = \frac{\pi}{b} \tag{17}$$

The following trigonometric form is assumed for the hygro-thermo-mechanical loads  $(q, T_1, T_2, T_3, C_1, C_2, C_3)$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} q \\ T_i \\ C_i \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_0 \\ t_i \\ c_i \end{Bmatrix} \sin(\lambda x) \sin(\mu y), \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \tag{18}$$

Where  $q_0, t_i$  and  $c_i$  are the “Fourier coefficients” of the hygro-thermo-mechanical loads.

The substitution of Eqs. (16) and (18) into the governing Eq. (14) leads to the following system of algebraic equations

$$[C]\{\Delta\} = \{F\}, \tag{19}$$

Where  $\{\Delta\} = \{U_0, V_0, W_0, \theta_0\}^t$  and  $[C]$  is the symmetric matrix given by

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{14} & S_{24} & S_{34} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix} \tag{20}$$

In which the elements of the stiffness matrix  $[C]$  are as follows

And the stiffness components  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}, \dots$ , are given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (A_{ij}, B_{ij}, D_{ij}, E_{ij}, F_{ij}, G_{ij}) \\
 & = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} C_{ij}(1, z, f(z), z^2, zf(z), f(z)^2) dz, (i, j) \\
 & = (1, 2, 6)
 \end{aligned} \tag{22a}$$

$$A_{ij}^s = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} C_{ij} g(z)^2 dz, (i, j) = (4, 5) \quad (22b)$$

And  $\{F\} = \{F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4\}^t$  is a generalized force vector given by

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= -\lambda \left( \left( A_1^T t_1 + \frac{B_1^T}{h} t_2 + \frac{B_1^{Ts}}{h} t_3 \right) + \left( A_1^c c_1 + \frac{B_1^c}{h} c_2 + \frac{B_1^{cs}}{h} c_3 \right) \right); \\ F_2 &= -\mu \left( \left( A_2^T t_1 + \frac{B_2^T}{h} t_2 + \frac{B_2^{Ts}}{h} t_3 \right) + \left( A_2^c c_1 + \frac{B_2^c}{h} c_2 + \frac{B_2^{cs}}{h} c_3 \right) \right) \\ F_3 &= - \left( \left( (B_1^T (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)) t_1 + \frac{(D_1^T (\lambda^2 + \mu^2))}{h} t_2 + \frac{(D_1^{Ts} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2))}{h} t_3 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( (B_1^c (\lambda^2 + \mu^2)) c_1 + \frac{(D_1^c (\lambda^2 + \mu^2))}{h} c_2 + \frac{(D_1^{cs} (\lambda^2 + \mu^2))}{h} c_3 \right) + q_0 \right) \\ F_4 &= - \left( B_1^{Ts} (A'k_1 + B'k_2) t_1 + \frac{((A'k_1 + B'k_2) D_1^{Ts})}{h} t_2 + \frac{((A'k_1 + B'k_2) H_1^{Ts})}{h} t_3 + ((A'k_1 + B'k_2) B_1^{cs}) c_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{((A'k_1 + B'k_2) D_1^{cs})}{h} c_2 + \frac{((A'k_1 + B'k_2) H_1^{cs})}{h} c_3 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

With the stiffness components given as

$$\begin{aligned} &(A_i^T, B_i^T, D_i^T, B_i^{Ts}, D_i^{Ts}, H_i^{Ts}) \\ &= \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \alpha(z) C_{ij} (1, z, z^2, f(z), z f(z), f(z)^2) dz \end{aligned} \quad (24a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(A_i^c, B_i^c, D_i^c, B_i^{cs}, D_i^{cs}, H_i^{cs}) \\ &= \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \beta(z) C_{ij} (1, z, z^2, f(z), z f(z), f(z)^2) dz \end{aligned} \quad (24b)$$

### 3. Numerical results

To show the effectiveness of the proposed method in predicting the hygro-thermo-mechanical flexure responses of the AFG porous plate, the Titanium/Zirconia of a perfect and an imperfect AFG plate is examined. The used mechanical properties are as follows:

- Titanium (Ti-6Al-4V):  $E_m = 66.2 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu_m = 1/3$ ,  $\alpha_m = 10.3 (10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C})$ ,  $\beta_m = 0.33$
- Zirconia ( $\text{ZrO}_2$ ):  $E_c = 117.0 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu_c = 1/3$ ,  $\alpha_c = 7.11 (10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C})$ ,  $\beta_c = 0$ .

Comparisons are carried out with the different plate models available in the open literature. The reference “temperature” and “moisture” concentrations are considered with  $T_0 = 25^\circ\text{C}$  (room temperature) and  $C_0 = 0\%$ . The non-dimensional parameters employed are

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{w} &= \frac{100D}{q_0 a^4} w \left( \frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, 0 \right), \quad \bar{\sigma}_x = \frac{1}{100q_0} \sigma_x \left( \frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{h}{2} \right), \\ \bar{\tau}_{xy} &= \frac{1}{10q_0} \tau_{xy} \left( 0, 0, -\frac{h}{3} \right), \quad \bar{\tau}_{xz} = \frac{1}{10q_0} \tau_{xz} \left( 0, \frac{b}{2}, z \right), \\ K_w &= \frac{a^4 k_w}{D}, \quad K_p = \frac{a^2 k_p}{D} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \frac{E_c h^3}{12(1-\nu^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

The numerical results are presented in Tables 1-4 and graphically in Figs. 2 to 8. It is supposed, unless otherwise stated, that  $q_0 = 100 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $a/h = 10$ ,  $b/a = 3$ ,  $k = 2$ ,  $t_1 = t_2 = 0$ ,  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .

In Tables 1-3, the computed results are compared with those calculated using the HSDT of Reddy’s model (Reddy 2000) and those given by the HSDT of Daouadji *et al.* (2016). These tables also provide the influences of the gradient index and the rigidities of the elastic foundation on the non-dimensional deflection and stresses of the “perfect and imperfect” AFG rectangular plate. Table 1 presents the results in the case of mechanical loads. It can be observed that the deflection and stresses decrease with the inclusion of the elastic foundations. The consideration of the Winkler foundation coefficient provides higher values than those with the consideration of the Pasternak foundation coefficients. The deflection increases with increasing the gradient index. The non-dimensional stresses are also sensitive to the gradient index. Tables 2 and 3 present similar results to those provided in Table 1 including the influence of the temperature and humidity fields. In addition, the computed results are compared with those calculated by Reddy’s model (Reddy 2000) and the HSDT of Daouadji *et al.* (2016). A very good level of agreement is observed between the proposed theory and the HSDT of Daouadji *et al.* (2016) for all values of the gradient index,

with or without the inclusion of the “elastic foundation”. It is clear that the stresses for a completely ceramic plate are not the same as for a completely metal plate in the case of the presence of elastic foundations. This is due to the fact that the AFG structure here is affected by the inclusion of the temperature effect. This has a significant impact on the basic structures of the “rocket launchers”, as a judicious selection of the spatial structure of AFG can effectively extend the life of the structure. Considering the results presented in Tables 1 to 3, it should be noted that the number of unknown variables in the current formulation is four, while the number of these quantities in FSDT and

Reddy’s theory is five. It can be concluded that the current theory is not only accurate, but also relatively simple. In addition, it is elegant enough to predict the hygro-thermo-mechanical flexure behavior of perfect and imperfect AFG plates resting on elastic foundations. From Tables 1, 2 and 3 it can be concluded that the results of this theory present good agreement with other theories that have a greater number of unknown variables, such as Reddy’s theory.

Table 4 shows the influences of the geometric ratio ( $a/h$ ) and elastic foundation coefficients on the non-dimensional deflection of an imperfect AFG square plate under hygro-thermo-mechanical loads using the current theory. It can be

Table 1 Effect of the gradient index and elastic foundation parameters on the non-dimensional deflection and stresses of AFG rectangular plate with and without porosities ( $a/h = 10$ ,  $b = 3a$ ,  $q_0 = 100$ ,  $t_i = c_i = 0$ )

$k$	$K_w$	$K_p$	Theory	$\zeta$	$\bar{w}$	$\bar{\sigma}_x$	$\bar{\tau}_{xy}$	$\bar{\tau}_{xz}$
0	0	0	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.85884	0.51361	0.72790	-0.44295
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.85885	0.51364	0.72787	-0.44328
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.85891	0.51545	0.72797	-0.42956
	100	0	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.46203	0.27631	0.39157	-0.23831
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.46203	0.27632	0.39157	-0.23847
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.46206	0.27620	0.39162	-0.23109
	0	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.08964	0.053611	0.075971	-0.046236
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.08964	0.05361	0.07597	-0.04627
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.08965	0.05358	0.07599	-0.04485
	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.082266	0.049198	0.069722	-0.042431
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.08227	0.04920	0.06972	-0.04246
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.08228	0.04919	0.06972	-0.04116
Present			$\zeta = 0$	0.083643	0.046710	0.058125	-0.036065	
Present			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.084279	0.043166	0.053029	-0.032970	
Present			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.084895	0.039743	0.048105	-0.029972	
0.5	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.08364	0.04671	0.05812	-0.03609
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.08430	0.04308	0.05290	-0.03291
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.08496	0.03938	0.04758	-0.02968
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.08366	0.04671	0.05812	-0.03498
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.084561	0.045411	0.047696	-0.030463
			Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.085223	0.041692	0.042382	-0.027231
2	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.085868	0.038068	0.037211	-0.024085
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.08456	0.04541	0.04769	-0.03049
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.08523	0.04162	0.04222	-0.02715
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.08590	0.03768	0.03661	-0.02378
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.08457	0.04539	0.04770	-0.02951
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.085835	0.029046	0.041160	-0.025050
Metal	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.086072	0.027705	0.039261	-0.023894
			Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.086300	0.026424	0.037444	-0.022788
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.08584	0.02905	0.04116	-0.02507
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.08651	0.02522	0.03574	-0.02177
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.08720	0.02134	0.03024	-0.01842
			Reddy’s theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.08584	0.02905	0.04115	-0.02428

Table 2 Effect of the gradient index and elastic foundation parameters on the non-dimensional deflection and stresses of AFG rectangular plate with and without porosities ( $a/h = 10$ ,  $b = 3a$ ,  $q_0 = 100$ ,  $t_1 = t_3 = 0$ ,  $t_2 = 10$ ,  $c_1 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = 100$ )

$k$	$K_w$	$K_p$	Theory	$\zeta$	$\bar{w}$	$\bar{\sigma}_x$	$\bar{\tau}_{xy}$	$\bar{\tau}_{xz}$
Ceramic	0	0	Present	$\zeta = 0$	1.8070	0.47200	1.5597	-0.44295
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	1.80707	0.47204	1.55974	-0.44328
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	1.80712	0.47187	1.55982	-0.42955
	100	0	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.97214	-0.027290	0.85215	-0.012340
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.97214	-0.02729	0.85215	-0.01235
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.97216	-0.02740	0.85211	-0.01197
	0	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.18861	-0.49589	0.18808	0.39180
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.18861	-0.49588	0.18810	0.39206
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.18861	-0.49570	0.18806	0.37990
	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.17310	-0.50516	0.17494	0.39980
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.17309	-0.50516	0.17495	0.40007
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.17309	-0.50498	0.17490	0.38766
0.5	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.18411	-0.52001	0.18300	0.45696
			Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16593	-0.42416	0.15218	0.36813
			Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.15027	-0.34102	0.12653	0.29159
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.18411	-0.51999	0.18301	0.45727
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16549	-0.42187	0.15147	0.36625
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.14872	-0.33279	0.12405	0.28426
	Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.18410	-0.51975	0.18299	0.44334		
		$\zeta = 0$	0.18504	-0.51478	0.15635	0.45954		
		Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16666	-0.41882	0.12647	0.37005	
		Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.15081	-0.33554	0.10164	0.29289	
		Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.18504	-0.51475	0.15636	0.45986	
		Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16621	-0.41652	0.12578	0.36814	
Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.14925	-0.32731	0.09924	0.28549			
	$\zeta = 0$	0.18504	-0.51450	0.15631	0.44545			
	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.18559	-0.50365	0.13459	0.45304		
	Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16704	-0.40772	0.10567	0.36357		
	Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.15103	-0.32443	0.081742	0.28646		
	Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.18559	-0.50363	0.13461	0.45337		
2	100	100	Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.16659	-0.40543	0.10501	0.36169
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.14945	-0.31618	0.079451	0.27908
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.18560	-0.50336	0.13451	0.43831
metal	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.18840	-0.43118	0.12090	0.47432
			Daouadji <i>et al.</i> (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.18840	-0.43117	0.12092	0.47465
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.18840	-0.43095	0.12087	0.45993

observed from this Table (and also Fig. 2) that the deflection diminishes as the geometric ratio  $a/h$  increases. This because of the considerable impact of temperature and humidity on the “*extensional behavior*” of the AFG plate compared to the “*flexural behavior*”. In addition, the inclusion of elastic foundations leads to a reduction of the values of the deflections.

Figs. 2(a) and (b) present the variations of the “center deflection” vs. the geometric ratio ( $b/a$ ) for different types of AFG porous plates. It can be seen that the deflection decreases in the presence of the foundations, while the influence of the humidity parameter turns out to be lower than that of the temperature. From Fig. 2(a) it can be observed that the transversal displacement (deflection) takes the greater value for the metallic plate and the lower one for

Table 3 Effect of the gradient index and elastic foundation parameters on the non-dimensional deflection and stresses of AFG rectangular plate with and without porosities ( $a/h = 10$ ,  $b = 3a$ ,  $q_0 = 100$ ,  $t_1 = 0$ ,  $t_2 = t_3 = 10$ ,  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = c_3 = 100$ )

$k$	$K_w$	$K_p$	Theory	$\zeta$	$\bar{w}$	$\bar{\sigma}_x$	$\bar{\tau}_{xy}$	$\bar{\tau}_{xz}$	
Ceramic	0	0	Present	$\zeta = 0$	2.5407	0.52552	2.2037	-0.43724	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	2.54067	0.52554	2.20366	-0.43753	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	2.54076	0.52522	2.20374	-0.42454	
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	1.3668	-0.17651	1.2089	0.16822	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	1.36680	-0.17649	1.20881	0.16834	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	1.36682	-0.17643	1.20877	0.16257	
	0	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26517	-0.83532	0.27515	0.73642	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26517	-0.83532	0.27518	0.73692	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26518	-0.83500	0.27507	0.71354	
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.24335	-0.84838	0.25666	0.74769	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.24336	-0.84837	0.25669	0.74817	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.24336	-0.84804	0.25658	0.72442	
	0.5	100	100	Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26196	-0.87285	0.28039	0.84531
				Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.22923	-0.71615	0.22961	0.68416
				Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.20098	-0.57978	0.18784	0.54506
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26196	-0.87282	0.28041	0.84587
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.22844	-0.71238	0.22844	0.68075
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.19820	-0.56627	0.18386	0.53174
1		100	100	Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26195	-0.87239	0.28034	0.81947
				Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26330	-0.86255	0.23769	0.84806
				Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.23019	-0.70559	0.18868	0.68566
				Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.20160	-0.56894	0.14849	0.54539
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26330	-0.86250	0.23772	0.84866
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.22940	-0.70179	0.18756	0.68224
2	100	100	Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.19878	-0.55537	0.14466	0.53196	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26330	-0.86205	0.23762	0.82148	
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26394	-0.84187	0.20151	0.83421	
			Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.23053	-0.68489	0.15426	0.67176	
			Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.20164	-0.54808	0.11578	0.53149	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26394	-0.84183	0.20154	0.83481	
	5	100	100	Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.22972	-0.68110	0.15319	0.66835
				Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.19878	-0.53449	0.11213	0.51806
				Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26396	-0.84138	0.20133	0.80652
				Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26599	-0.81794	0.18483	0.83169
				Present	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.23230	-0.66194	0.66194	0.66826
				Present	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.20313	-0.52579	0.10158	0.52721
Metal	100	100	Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26599	-0.81790	0.18486	0.83228	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.1$	0.23148	-0.65816	0.13785	0.66489	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0.2$	0.20025	-0.51226	0.09805	0.51369	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26601	-0.81745	0.18459	0.80297	
			Present	$\zeta = 0$	0.26776	-0.71696	0.18297	0.86686	
			Daouadji et al. (2016)	$\zeta = 0$	0.26775	-0.71694	0.18299	0.86749	
			Reddy's theory	$\zeta = 0$	0.26774	-0.71656	0.18286	0.84003	

Table 4 Effects of side-to-thickness ratio and elastic foundation parameters on non-dimensional deflection of an AFG square plate ( $q_0 = 100$ ,  $t_1 = 0$ ,  $t_2 = t_3 = 10$ ,  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = c_3 = 100$ )

$k$	$K_w$	$K_p$	$\zeta$	$a/h$				
				5	10	20	50	100
0.5	0	0	$\zeta = 0$	5.2887	1.5561	0.62188	0.36020	0.32281
			$\zeta = 0.1$	4.7875	1.4549	0.62062	0.38696	0.35358
			$\zeta = 0.2$	4.3168	1.3653	0.62634	0.41937	0.38981
	100	0	$\zeta = 0$	3.8334	1.1719	0.47300	0.27475	0.24633
			$\zeta = 0.1$	3.3752	1.0684	0.46065	0.28808	0.26334
			$\zeta = 0.2$	2.9495	0.97439	0.45215	0.30372	0.28244
	0	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.62274	0.20826	0.086214	0.050449	0.045278
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.51704	0.17874	0.079009	0.049770	0.045544
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.42522	0.15309	0.072791	0.049240	0.045839
	100	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.59610	0.19951	0.082615	0.048341	0.043389
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.49470	0.17114	0.075671	0.047666	0.043619
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.40663	0.14650	0.069672	0.047134	0.043876
2	0	0	$\zeta = 0$	6.0767	1.7913	0.71640	0.41516	0.37211
			$\zeta = 0.1$	5.5848	1.7017	0.72716	0.45409	0.41506
			$\zeta = 0.2$	5.1278	1.6281	0.74944	0.50318	0.46799
	100	0	$\zeta = 0$	4.2097	1.2986	0.52552	0.30556	0.27402
			$\zeta = 0.1$	3.7274	1.1930	0.51640	0.32366	0.29599
			$\zeta = 0.2$	3.2759	1.0971	0.51220	0.34526	0.32131
	0	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.62299	0.21097	0.087688	0.051386	0.046131
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.51537	0.18068	0.080284	0.050704	0.046422
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.42173	0.15429	0.073888	0.050177	0.046745
	100	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.59589	0.20196	0.083959	0.049201	0.044171
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.49272	0.17286	0.076822	0.048520	0.044424
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.40298	0.14752	0.070659	0.047989	0.044707
10	0	0	$\zeta = 0$	6.8157	2.0078	0.80051	0.46209	0.41374
			$\zeta = 0.1$	6.3364	1.9285	0.82115	0.51074	0.46637
			$\zeta = 0.2$	5.8963	1.8690	0.85673	0.57287	0.53232
	100	0	$\zeta = 0$	4.5465	1.4106	0.57015	0.33038	0.29598
			$\zeta = 0.1$	4.0402	1.3020	0.56283	0.35156	0.32122
			$\zeta = 0.2$	3.5628	1.2032	0.56087	0.37683	0.35041
	0	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.62803	0.21458	0.089183	0.052102	0.046731
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.51860	0.18369	0.081621	0.051395	0.047014
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.42332	0.15676	0.075074	0.050841	0.047328
	100	100	$\zeta = 0$	0.60042	0.20529	0.085344	0.049861	0.044721
			$\zeta = 0.1$	0.49554	0.17563	0.078063	0.049156	0.044967
			$\zeta = 0.2$	0.40430	0.14981	0.071756	0.048598	0.045240

the ceramic plate and this for all values of temperature, moisture, and elastic foundation rigidities. All structures with intermediate characteristics undergo corresponding “intermediate values” of transversal displacement. From Fig. 2(b), it can be seen that the porosity increases the deflection.

Fig. 3 illustrates the variation of the transversal displacement with the temperature load parameter ( $t_2$ ) for perfect and imperfect AFG plates resting on an elastic foundation. It can be shown that the deflection varies linearly with  $t_2$  and that the influence of the porosity parameter becomes more important for high values of the temperature load parameter ( $t_2$ ).

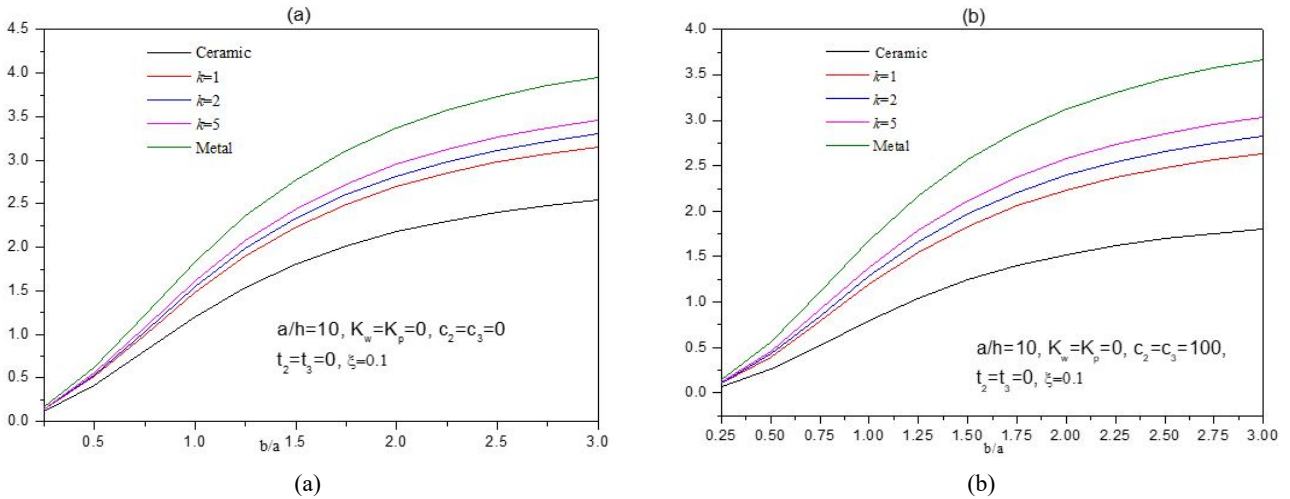


Fig. 2 (a) Non-dimensional deflection  $\bar{w}$  versus the geometric ratio  $b/a$  for imperfect AFG plate

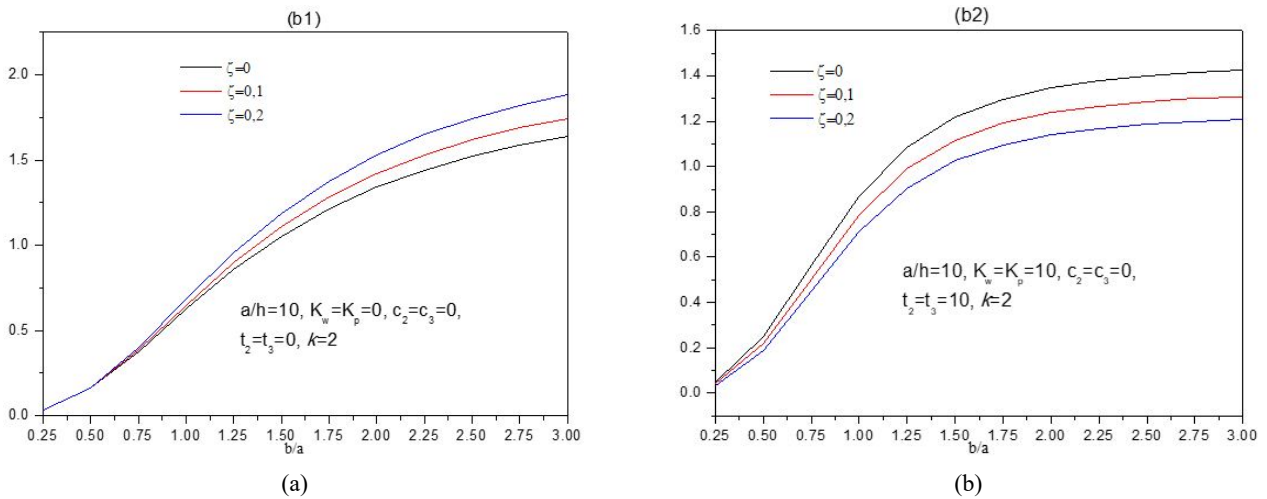


Fig. 2 (b) Effect of porosity on the variation non-dimensional deflection  $\bar{w}$  with the geometric ratio  $b/a$  of AFG plate

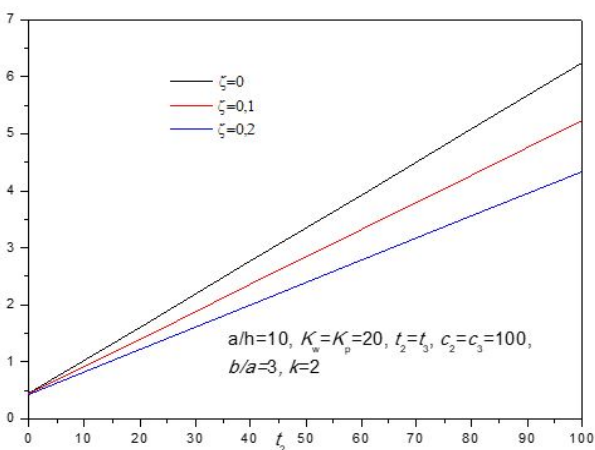


Fig. 3 Non-dimensional center deflection  $\bar{w}$  of imperfect and perfect AFG plates on elastic foundations versus  $t_2$  for different values of the porosity parameter

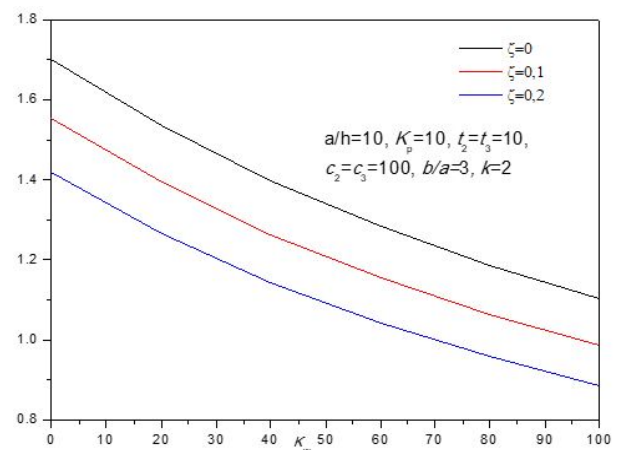


Fig. 4 Effect of the Winkler parameter  $K_w$  on Non-dimensional center deflection  $\bar{w}$  of imperfect and perfect AFG plates

Fig. 4 demonstrates the impact of the Winkler coefficient  $K_w$  on a non-dimensional deflection of perfect and imperfect AFG plates. We see that the Winkler

coefficient and the porosity parameter simultaneously reduce the values of the deflections.

Similarly, Fig. 5 shows the influence of the Pasternak

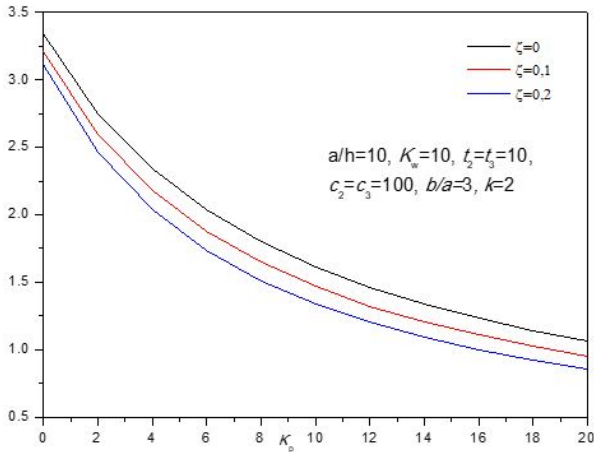


Fig. 5 Effect of the Pasternak parameter  $K_p$  on Non-dimensional center deflection  $\bar{w}$  of imperfect and perfect AFG plates

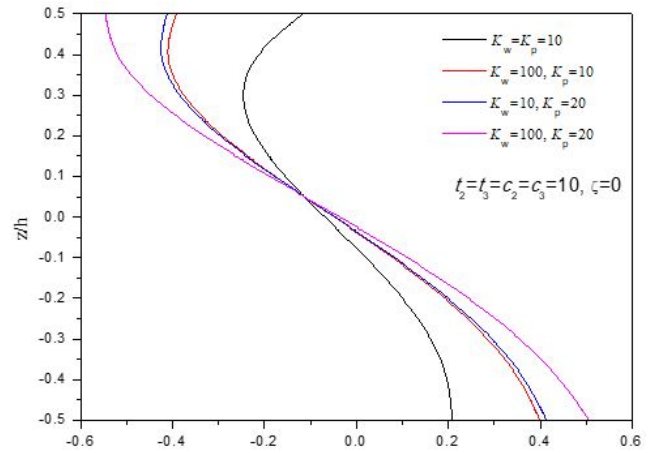


Fig. 7 Effect of the elastic foundation parameters on the variation of  $\bar{\sigma}_x$  across the thickness of perfect AFG plates

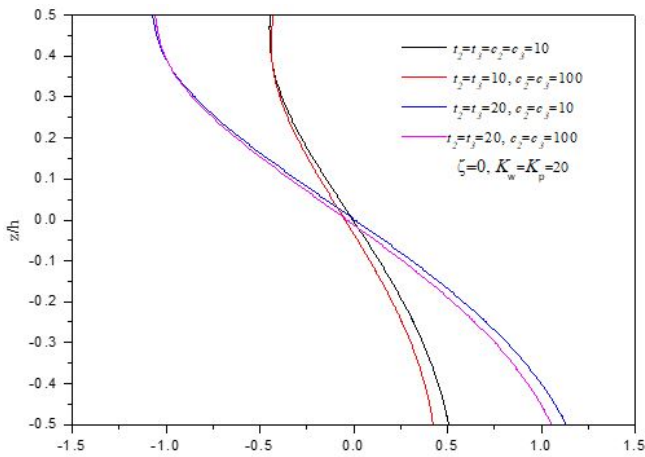


Fig. 6 (a) Effect of humidity and temperature fields on the variation of  $\bar{\sigma}_x$  across the thickness of perfect AFG plates resting on elastic foundation

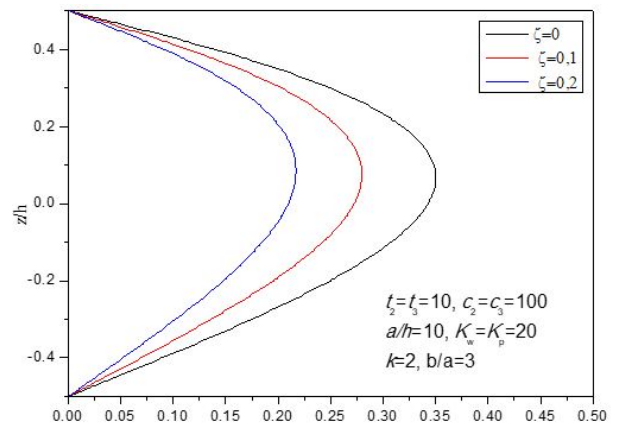


Fig. 8 Effect of the porosity on the variation of  $\bar{\tau}_{xz}$  across the thickness of AFG plates resting on elastic foundation

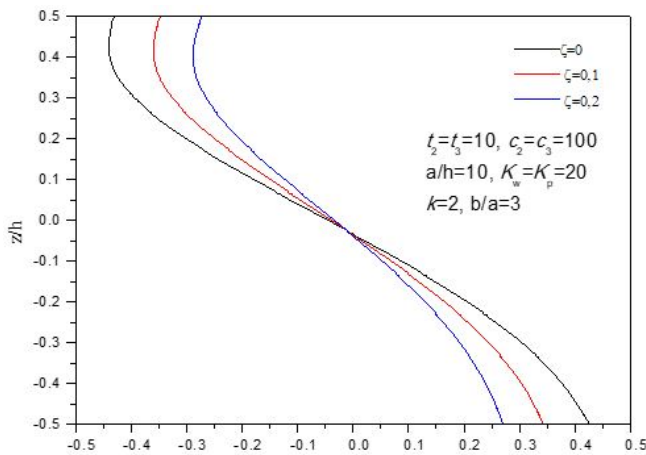


Fig. 6 (b) Effect of the porosity on the variation of  $\bar{\sigma}_x$  across the thickness of AFG plates resting on elastic foundation

coefficient  $K_p$  on the non-dimensional deflection of perfect and imperfect AFG plates.

Figs. 6 and 7 present the variations of the non-dimensional axial stress ( $\bar{\sigma}_x$ ) across the thickness of the imperfect AFG rectangular plates. The influence of the humidity and temperature fields on  $\bar{\sigma}_x$  is demonstrated in Fig. 6(a), and the effect of porosity is shown in Fig. 6(b), while the influence of the “elastic foundations” parameters is presented in Fig. 7. It can be shown from Fig. 6 that the upper face is in a maximum compressive state, while the lower one is in a maximum tensile state. It is also clear that the effect of porosity is more pronounced in the upper and lower faces. As shown in Fig. 7 the elastic foundation has an important impact on the maximum values of the “non-dimensional axial stress”.

Fig. 8 illustrates the influence of porosity on the non-dimensional stress  $\bar{\tau}_{xz}$  of AFG plates. It is also clear that the effect of porosity is more pronounced in the center face.

#### 4. Conclusions

In this article, the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending response of perfect and imperfect AFG ceramic-metal plates resting on elastic foundations is studied by using an integral plate model. Because of the presence of porosity, a modified rule of mixture is considered to predict the mechanical properties of the AFG plates. The influences of the porosity and other physical and geometrical parameters on the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending response of AFG plates are investigated. In obtaining from numerical results, the porosity changes the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending behavior of AFG ceramic-metal plates, significantly. The porosity distribution, the gradient index and the rigidities of the elastic foundation have a great influence on the hygro-thermo-mechanical bending behavior of AFG plates. Other types of materials can be also considered in the future (Yeghnem et al. 2017, Panjehpour et al. 2018, Shahadat et al. 2018, Selmi and Bisharat 2018, Natanzi et al. 2018, Rajabi and Mohammadimehr 2019, Fadoun 2019, Ghannadpour and Mehrparvar 2020, Selmi 2020, Kertész et al. 2020, Saini and Lal 2020, Tayeb et al. 2020, Sahoo et al. 2020, Arefi and Żur 2020, Mahmoud et al. 2020, Yaghoobi and Taheri 2020, Timesli 2020, Akbaş et al. 2020, Ashraf et al. 2020, Abdulrazzaq et al. 2020b).

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