Multi-parametric sensitivity analysis of the band structure for tetrachiral inertial metamaterials

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Abstract. Tetrachiral materials are characterized by a cellular microstructure made by a periodic pattern of stiff rings and flexible ligaments. Their mechanical behaviour can be described by a planar lattice of rigid massive bodies and elastic massless beams. The periodic cell dynamics is governed by a monoatomic structural model, conveniently reduced to the only active degrees-of-freedom. The paper presents an explicit parametric description of the band structure governing the free propagation of elastic waves. By virtue of multiparametric perturbation techniques, sensitivity analyses are performed to achieve analytical asymptotic approximation of the dispersion functions. The parametric conditions for the existence of full band gaps in the low-frequency range are established. Furthermore, the band gap amplitude is analytically assessed in the admissible parameter range. In inertial tetrachiral metamaterials, stop bands can be opened by the introduction of intra-ring resonators. Perturbation methods can efficiently deal with the consequent enlargement of the mechanical parameter space. Indeed high-accuracy parametric approximations are achieved for the band structure, enriched by the new optical branches related to the resonator frequencies. In particular, target stop bands in the metamaterial spectrum are analytically designed through the asymptotic solution of inverse spectral problems.

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1. Introduction

Several theoretical and applied research fields are currently developing a renewed interest in the high mechanical performances of cellular and periodic materials. Consequently, their traditional role of efficient structural elements is undergoing a rapid evolution. This trend is also catalysed by virtuous synergies with the recent extraordinary developments in parametric design, multi-scale modeling, computational techniques and multi-disciplinary meta-analyses. Within this scientific framework, advanced theoretical formulations and revolutionary manufacturing technologies contribute to offer solid prospects for the birth of newgeneration materials, with superior mechanical properties and smart multi-field functionalities.

Within the specific context of solid and structural mechanics, a promising challenge focuses on exploiting the periodic microstructure and the marked anisotropy of some chiral or anti-chiral lattice materials to steer or stop elastic waves along particular directions. One of the simplest planar configuration realizing a chiral honeycomb consists of a regular microstructure made of stiff disks or rings, connected by a variable number of flexible ligaments [Prall and Lakes (1997); Sigmund et al. (1998); Alderson et al. (2010)]. The leading idea is that, within certain admissible ranges, the microstructural parameters can be employed as design variables to tailor the dispersion properties of the material. Among the possible technological advances, an appealing goal is the synthesis of highly-costumizable elastic media, suited to serve as mechanical guides or phononic filters for optical and acoustic signals.

Based on these motivations, considerable research attention has been devoted over the last decade to analyze and/or control the dispersion properties of different periodic microstructures with chiral characteristics. These analyses have been based on low-dimensional Lagrangian models [Carta et al. (2014); Wang et al. (2015); Bacigalupo and Lepidi (2016), high-fidelity computational formulations [Spadoni et al. (2009); Shim et al. (2015); Zhao and Wang (2016)], equivalent homogenized continua [Liu et al. (2012); Bacigalupo and Gambarotta (2014); Bacigalupo and De Bellis (2015); Rosi and Auffray (2016); Reda et al. (2017)] and experimental prototypes [Tee et al. (2010)]. A decisive boost to the research on this topic comes from the discovery that stop bands can be opened in the spectrum of a chiral solid through the introduction of intra-ring inertial resonators. The resulting inertial metamaterials have already attracted several studies focused on both direct and inverse spectral problems [Liu et al. (2011); Baravelli and Ruzzene (2013); Bigoni et al. (2013); Bacigalupo and Gambarotta (2016)].

According to the simplest mathematical formulation, the *direct* spectral problem consists in determining the dispersion function $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})$ in the Brillouin domain \mathcal{B} , spanned by the wavevector \mathbf{k} , for a certain periodic material, fully described by a given set **p** of microstructural parameters. The spectral design, instead, can be regarded as an inverse problem, consisting in determining which parameter set \mathbf{p} realizes an unknown periodic material (if one exists), characterized by a desired dispersion function $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})$. Clearly, the solution of any direct or inverse spectral problem can greatly benefit from the availability of an explicit form for the dispersion relation $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})$, as an analytical function of the (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) -variables. On the contrary, the eigenproblem governing the wave dispersion returns an implicit dispersion relation $F(\omega, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = 0$, which is not explicitly invertible in the general case. Therefore, the numerical routine for the direct problem solution consists in the step-by-step construction of the frequency loci over a sufficiently fine discretization of the \mathcal{B} -domain, fixed the parameter set **p**. Similarly, the typical attack to inverse problems is based on highlydemanding procedures of computational optimization [Sigmund and Jensen (2003); Diaz et al. (2005); Bacigalupo et al. (2016, 2017)].

Perturbation methods can represent an efficient alternative tool, suited to determine explicit – though asymptotically approximate – analytical expressions of the dispersion relation for periodic structures [Langley (1995); Vakakis and King (1995); Pierre et al. (1996); Romeo and Luongo (2002), as well as for their equivalent homogeneized continua [Craster et al. (2012)]. In Bacigalupo and Lepidi (2016), a multiparameter perturbation strategy has been outlined to build up asymptotic approximations for the dispersion functions of Lagrangian lattice models. The strategy is based on including both the wavenumbers and the mechanical parameters in the small amplitude perturbation vector $\mu' = (\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}')$, spanning a smallradius multi-dimensional hyper-sphere centered at a suited reference point μ° of the multi-parameter space. By virtue of a recursive formulation, the perturbation equations governing the direct spectral problem up to the desired approximation order have been derived for a generic lattice, independently of the dimensions of the Lagrangian model and the parameter space. The equation solutions, consisting of the multi-parametric sensitivities of the dispersion functions, have been verified to well-approximate the spectrum of the antitetrachiral material, along specific directions of the \mathcal{B} domain. Furthermore, the same perturbation strategy has been successfully applied to attack a basic inverse spectral problem [Lepidi and Bacigalupo (2017b)].

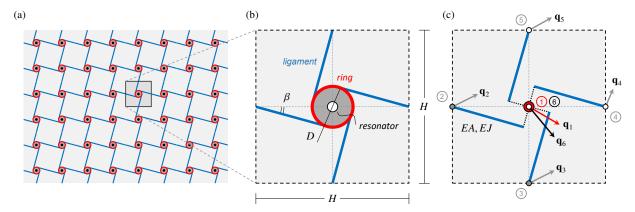


Figure 1. Tetrachiral metamaterial (a) repetitive planar pattern, (b) periodic cell, (c) beam lattice model.

The purpose of the present work is to upgrade the perturbation strategy, in order to govern advanced direct and inverse problems. The tetrachiral microstructure is chosen as benchmark material typology. The first task concerns the systematic employment of the multi-parameter perturbation technique for the asymptotic approximation of the dispersion surfaces over the entire irreducible Brillouin zone. In this respect, a complementary issue regards the search for full band gaps in the material spectrum. Indeed, the availability of parametric dispersion functions strongly facilitates the establishment of mechanical conditions for the existence of stop bands, as well as for the assessment of their amplitude. The second task regards the novel application of the multi-parameter perturbation technique to parametrically approximate the dispersion curves of the inertial metamaterial, whose cellular microstructure is characterized by a higher model dimension and a larger parameter space. In particular, the challenging point consists in preserving the accuracy of the asymptotic approximation in a denser spectrum, enriched by the resonator frequencies. The final purpose is the parametric design of the resonator properties, in order to govern the opening of a stop band in the material spectrum, by simply assigning the desired bandwidth, centered around a frequency of interest.

The paper is organized as follows. First, a Lagrangian structural model is formulated to describe the free undamped dynamics of the periodic cell for the tetrachiral material and metamaterial (Section 2). Second, the Floquet-Bloch theory is followed to state the wave propagation problem (Section 3), and the multi-parameter perturbation strategy of solution is presented, with some attention paid to the novel algorithmic developments (Paragraph 3.1). Therefore, the exact and asymptotically approximate dispersion functions are presented for the tetrachiral material (Section 4) and metamaterial (Section 5). Different technical issues are analyzed, including the location of

the unperturbed points in the parameter space, the dimension of the perturbation vector, the accuracy and validity of the asymptotic approximation, the suitability of a certain parameter ordering. In parallel, several aspects of mechanical interest are discussed, concerning the occurrence of multiple frequencies, the conditions for the existence of low-frequency stop bands, the parametric assessment of the stop bandwidth, the evaluation and improvement of the resonator effects (Paragraphs 4.1 and 5.1). In particular, design procedures for the inertial resonator parameters are sketched, in order to open a desired stop band in the material spectrum (Paragraph 5.2). Conclusive remarks are finally pointed out.

2. Beam lattice model

The two-dimensional geometric pattern of the tetrachiral material is based on a regular, periodic tessellation of the infinite Euclidean plane with square cells (Figure 1a). The mechanical behaviour of each elementary cell is characterized by an internal structure, or microstructure, including a central circular ring connected to four tangent ligaments organized according to a chiral scheme (Figure 1b). By virtue of the chirality, the linear ring-ligament coupling may activate the so-called rolling up deformation mechanism, accountable for the distinctive auxeticity connoting the elastic macroscopic response of the material [Grima et al. (2008); Alderson et al. (2010); Lorato et al. (2010); Chen et al. (2014); Dirrenberger et al. (2012, 2013); Bacigalupo and Gambarotta (2014)].

A synthetic but accurate approach to formulate a low-dimensional Lagrangian model of the tetrachiral material can be based on a beam lattice formulation. According to this idea, the circular ring is supposed heavy and sufficiently stiff to be modeled as a massive rigid body. The ring mass M and rotational inertia J can be freely assigned, by independently setting

the mean diameter D, the annular width and the material density. The varied configuration of the rigid body is described by the three planar displacements (in-plane translations U_1, V_1 and rotation θ_1) of the configurational node (1) located at the ring centroid (Figure 1c). The four identical ligaments are assumed sufficiently light and flexible to be described by linear, extensible, unshearable and massless beams, with elastic and geometric properties defining the extensional EA and flexural rigidity EI. The natural length of the beams is $L = H \cos \beta$, where H is the cell side length and $\beta = \arcsin(D/H)$ is the ligament inclination angle with respect to the mesh lines connecting the ring centres. Due to the geometric periodicity, the cell boundary crosses the midspan of each ligament. Consequently, the varied configuration of the i-th beam is fully described by the rigid motion of the ligament-ring connection, at the one end, and the three planar displacements (U_i, V_i, θ_i) of the *i*-th configurational node (i = (2),...,(5)) located at the cell boundary, at the other end.

The inertial metamaterial can be obtained by adding local resonators consisting in intra-ring circular masses, which are co-centered and elastically coupled with the hosting rings. Each resonator is modeled as an undamped linear oscillator with mass M_r and rotational inertia J_{θ} . The stiffness of the ring-resonator coupling is ideally provided by a pair of translational springs and a rotational spring with elastic constants K_r and K_θ , respectively. Therefore, the three circular frequencies of the free-standing oscillator are Ω_r^2 K_r/M_r (double frequency) and $\Omega_\theta = K_\theta/J_\theta$. The oscillator dynamics is described by the three planar displacements (U_6, V_6, θ_6) of the configurational node 6. It is worth remarking that, in the reference configuration, the configurational nodes (1) and (6) share the same position at the ring centroid.

Denoting Ω_c a known circular frequency serving as auxiliary dimensional reference, the inertial, elastic and geometric properties of the cell microstructure are described by the minimal set \mathbf{p} of independent nondimensional parameters

$$\delta = \frac{D}{H}, \quad \varrho^2 = \frac{I}{AL^2}, \quad \chi^2 = \frac{J}{MH^2}, \quad \omega_c^2 = \frac{EA}{MH\Omega_c^2} \quad (1)$$

where δ expresses the spatial density of the rings, measuring also the material mass density at the macroscopic scale. The inverse of the nondimensional radius of gyration ϱ accounts for the beam slenderness. The χ^2 -parameter describes the rotational-to-translational mass ratio of the rings, while ω_c is a nondimensional normalization frequency, which can be assumed to be unitary in the following without loss of generality.

Additional mechanical parameters are necessary to describe the inertial resonators of the metamaterial. The resonator masses and frequencies are taken as principal parameters, and the stiffnesses as dependent quantities (according to the rule $K_r = \Omega_r^2 M_r$ and $K_\theta = \Omega_\theta^2 J_\theta$). Therefore, the minimal set of independent parameters **p** describing the metamaterial cell must be enriched by the nondimensional quantities

$$\gamma = \frac{\Omega_r}{\omega_c \Omega_c}, \quad \alpha^2 = \frac{M_r}{M}, \quad \gamma_\theta = \frac{\Omega_\theta}{\omega_c \Omega_c}, \quad \chi_r^2 = \frac{J_\theta}{M_r H^2} \quad (2)$$

where, among the others, the nondimensional resonator frequency γ and resonator-to-ring mass ratio α^2 are the most relevant parameters.

2.1. Equation of motion

According to the mechanical assumptions, the linear dynamics of the periodic cell is governed by a multidegrees-of-freedom model, referred to six configuration nodes. The actual configuration of the *i*-th node is described by the nondimensional displacement vector $\mathbf{q}_i = (u_i, v_i, \theta_i)$, where the variables

$$u_i = \frac{U_i}{H}, \qquad v_i = \frac{V_i}{H} \tag{3}$$

Consequently, the cell configuration is described by a 15-by-1 displacement vector $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{q}_1, ..., \mathbf{q}_5)$ for the tetrachiral material, or a 18-by-1 displacement vector $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{q}_1, ..., \mathbf{q}_6)$ for the tetrachiral metamaterial.

Employing the direct stiffness method to govern the dynamic equilibrium, the undamped free response of the Lagrangian model is governed by the ordinary differential equations of motion

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{f} \tag{4}$$

where the dot denotes differentiation with respect to the nondimensional time $\tau = \Omega_c t$, while $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})$ and $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{p})$ are the parameter-dependent mass and stiffness matrices. Finally, the vector \mathbf{f} collects the elastic forces exerted by the adjacent cells to the boundary nodes.

The configuration vector can be partitioned in the form $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{q}_a, \mathbf{q}_p)$ by properly distinguishing

- the *active* displacements \mathbf{q}_a of the massive central nodes, where inertial forces may develop
- the *passive* displacements \mathbf{q}_p of the massless boundary nodes, where only static forces may act.

To specify, the *active* displacement vector is $\mathbf{q}_a = (\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_6)$ for the metamaterial (but coincides with \mathbf{q}_1 in the absence of inertial resonators), while the *passive* displacement vector is $\mathbf{q}_p = (\mathbf{q}_2, ..., \mathbf{q}_5)$. According to the displacement partition and dropping the matrix dependence on \mathbf{p} , the equations of motion read

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{a} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{a} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{p} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{aa} & \mathbf{K}_{ap} \\ \mathbf{K}_{pa} & \mathbf{K}_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{a} \\ \mathbf{q}_{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{f}_{p} \end{pmatrix}$$
(5)

where \mathbf{O} stands for empty matrices. The lower equation expresses the quasi-static equilibrium regulating the passive displacements of the boundary nodes.

Therefore, the elastic wave propagation through the cellular material can be analyzed by exploiting the structural periodicity. In particular, the Floquet-Bloch boundary conditions can be imposed on the displacements and forces of the boundary nodes, in order to account for the planar waves propagating across adjacent cells. Denoting k_1 and k_2 the wavenumbers of the horizontally and vertically propagating waves, respectively, the nondimensional wavevector $\mathbf{b} = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ can be defined, where $\beta_1 = k_1 H$ and $\beta_2 = k_2 H$. The **b**-vector spans the first Brillouin zone $\mathcal{B} = [-\pi, \pi] \times [-\pi, \pi]$.

Moreover, a suited reduction of the model dimension can be achieved by applying a classic quasistatic condensation to the *passive* displacements. This procedure univocally relates the passive to the active displacements according to a linear law, without any further approximation. It may be worth remarking that no algebraic adjustments are required to apply the condensation procedure to the metamaterial, as long as the resonators and the boundary nodes are uncoupled. Finally, the free wave dynamics of the periodic material is governed by the reduced equation

$$\mathbf{M}_a(\mathbf{p})\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_a + \mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})\mathbf{q}_a = \mathbf{0} \tag{6}$$

where $\mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ is a **b**-dependent generalization of the condensed stiffness matrix, with Hermitian properties. The parametric matrices $\mathbf{M}_a(\mathbf{p})$, $\mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ are reported in the Appendix A for the tetrachiral material and metamaterial.

3. Band structure

The wave equation (6) can be tackled by imposing the harmonic mono-frequent solution $\mathbf{q}_a = \psi_a \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega\tau)$, where $\omega = \Omega/\Omega_c$ and Ω are the unknown nondimensional and dimensional wave frequency, respectively. Therefore, eliminating the dependence on time, a linear eigenproblem can be obtained in the standard form

$$(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) - \lambda \mathbf{I})\phi_a = \mathbf{0} \tag{7}$$

where $\lambda = \omega^2$ and $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})^{-\top} \mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})^{-1}$, with $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})$ following from the unique decomposition of the diagonal matrix $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})^{\top} \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})$. Denoting $F(\lambda, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ the characteristic polynomial of the ma- $\operatorname{trix} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$, the eigenvalues $\lambda(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ are the real-valued roots of the characteristic equation $F(\lambda, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) = 0$. The corresponding complex-valued eigenvectors $\psi_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) =$ $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p})^{-1}\phi_a(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{b})$ represent the polarization mode of the $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ -monofrequent propagating wave. Depending on the different model dimension, the tetrachiral material and metamaterial possess three and six eigenpairs (λ, ϕ_a) , respectively. The dispersion functions $\omega(\mathbf{b})$ over the first irreducible Brillouin zone $\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}$ fully characterize the Floquet-Bloch spectrum (or band structure) of the material described by certain mechanical parameters **p** [Brillouin (2003)].

The parametric analysis of the material band structure is usually performed numerically, by carrying out the dispersion surfaces (over the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone) or the dispersion curves (along the closed boundary $\partial \mathcal{B}_1$ of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone). Indeed, in the absence of closed-form eigensolutions, the typical computational approach consists in a brute-force treatment of the implicit dispersion relation $F(\lambda, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}) = 0$. Basically, the simplest procedure is based on the step-by-step construction of the eigenvalue (or frequency) loci over a sufficiently fine discretization of the **b**-space, fixed a certain **p**-value. Therefore, the loci construction is cycled until the whole parameter range of interest is spanned by gradual **p**-updates.

3.1. Multi-parameter perturbation method

A proper alternative to the numerical description of the band structure may consist in seeking for an explicit – though approximate – analytic form of the dispersion relation $\lambda = f(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$. To this purpose, perturbation methods turn out to be efficient mathematical tools, suited to provide asymptotic approximations of the dispersion functions with fine quantitative accuracy and wide-range validity in the parameter space.

Following a multi-parameter perturbation method (MPPM), suited for high-dimensional, multi-parametric Lagrangian models of periodic materials with dense spectra [Luongo (1995); Lepidi (2013); Bacigalupo and Lepidi (2016)], the extended parameter vector $\boldsymbol{\mu}=(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{b})$ can be introduced. Therefore, all the mechanical parameters and the wavenumbers are simultaneously scaled according to their smallness by assigning the tentative ordering

$$\mu(\epsilon) = \mu^{\circ} + \epsilon \, \mu' \tag{8}$$

where the small nondimensional parameter $\epsilon \ll 1$ has a mere algorithmic role and must not be interpreted as a physical variable, according to the well-established literature of multi-parameter perturbation techniques (e.g. the Multiple Scale Method). If necessary, higher order terms (namely $\epsilon^n \mu^{(n)}$ with n > 1) can be added.

The generic eigenvalue satisfying the characteristic equation can be postulated to admit the asymptotic expansion in integer ϵ -power series

$$\lambda(\epsilon) = \lambda^{\circ} + \epsilon \lambda' + \epsilon^{2} \lambda'' + \dots + \epsilon^{n} \lambda^{(n)} + \dots$$
 (9)

where the (μ°, μ') -dependent coefficient $\lambda^{(n)}$ can be regarded as the n-th ϵ -derivative (evaluated at $\epsilon = 0$ and divided by the factorial n!) of the exact but implicit eigenvalue function $F(\lambda, \mu(\epsilon)) = 0$. In the parameter space, $\lambda^{(n)}$ represents the directional derivative in the μ' -direction (evaluated in $\mu = \mu^{\circ}$), and is also known as the n-th eigenvalue sensitivity, or eigensensitivity.

According to the classic perturbation theory, the series expansion $\lambda(\epsilon)$ is expected to provide a

good local approximation, that is, to well-match the exact eigenvalue in the neighborhood of the reference parameter set $\mu^{\circ} = (\mathbf{p}^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}^{\circ})$, for a generic (small) multi-parametric perturbation $\mu' = (\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{b}')$. In the absence of singularities, the approximation accuracy can be improved and extended by adding terms to the $\lambda(\epsilon)$ -series. Thus, performing a local multi-parameter sensitivity analysis of the band structure consists in analytically determining all the local eigensensitivities $\lambda^{(n)}(\mu^{\circ}, \mu')$ up to the desired n-th order.

Two brief remarks are worth being pointed out to clarify the features of this perturbation scheme. First, small perturbation of the mechanical parameters or wavenumbers can be treated indifferently, since both \mathbf{p}' and \mathbf{b}' represent particular directions in the extended parameter space. Second, the reference point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ} = (\mathbf{p}^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}^{\circ})$ in the parameter space plays a mere algorithmic role as starting point for the local sensitivity analysis. Consequently, the unperturbed microstructure described to the parameters \mathbf{p}° is actually a mathematical abstraction, which may even not correspond to a physical realization of the material.

Introducing the parameter ordering $\mu(\epsilon)$ and the eigenvalue expansion $\lambda(\epsilon)$, the characteristic function $G(\epsilon) = F(\lambda(\epsilon), \mu(\epsilon))$ can be expanded in ϵ -series

$$G(\epsilon) = G^{\circ} + \epsilon G' + \epsilon^2 \frac{G''}{2!} + \dots + \epsilon^n \frac{G^{(n)}}{n!} + \dots$$
 (10)

where the *n*-th coefficient requires to determine the *n*-th ϵ -derivative of a multi-variable composite function (in $\epsilon = 0$). After some manipulations to work with the multi-variable case, the Scott-Faà di Bruno's formula (Scott (1861)) can be applied to deal with the inner series functions $\lambda(\epsilon)$, $\mu(\epsilon)$, yielding

$$G^{(n)} = \sum_{\mathbf{S}_{n}(h,k)} \sum_{|n|=k} \frac{n! \mathbf{F}^{(h,|p|)}}{(h+k)!} \left[\mathbf{r}_{hp}^{[n]} \right]_{\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ} \Rightarrow \mathbf{0} ||\lambda^{\circ} \Rightarrow 0}$$
(11)

where the (h, k)-index set $S(h, k) = (h, k \in [0, h+k=n])$ and $S_0(h, k) = S(h, k) - (0, 0)$. The instruction of mutual exclusion $\mu^{\circ} \Rightarrow \mathbf{0} || \lambda^{\circ} \Rightarrow 0$ requires zeroing either μ° or λ° after formal ϵ -differentiation.

Defining ℓ the dimension of the parameter vector $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, ..., \mu_{\ell})$ and $a_{jhpn} = j(h + |p| + 1) - n$, the partial derivatives for generic h, k read

$$\mathbf{F}^{(h,|p|)} = \frac{\partial^h}{\partial \lambda^h} \frac{\partial^{|p|} F(\lambda, \mu_{p_1}, \dots, \mu_{p_k})}{\partial \mu_{p_1} \dots \partial \mu_{p_k}},\tag{12}$$

while the multi-parametric recursion ${f r}_{hp}^{[n]}$ defines the non-differential, polynomial function

$$\mathbf{r}_{hp}^{[n]} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{a_{jhpn}}{n} \right) \left(\frac{\lambda^{(j)}}{\lambda^{\circ}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{\mu_{i}^{(j)}}{\mu_{i}^{\circ}} \right) \mathbf{r}_{hp}^{[n-j]}$$
(13)

with initialization $\mathbf{r}_{hp}^{[0]} = (\lambda^{\circ})^{h}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ})^{p}$. The improvement with respect to classical formulas is that the equation (11) holds for a generic ℓ -number of perturbation

parameters, without limitations in the n-order of the approximation. The generic high-order parameter perturbation $\mu(\epsilon) = \mu^{\circ} + \epsilon \mu' + ... + \epsilon^{n} \mu^{(n)}$ is also taken into account. Furthermore, a major mathematical advantage is that this formulation leverages analytical ϵ -derivatives to by-pass the applicative efforts of differentiating the composite function $F(\lambda(\epsilon), \mu(\epsilon))$ with respect to the inner variable.

The perturbation method requires the characteristic equation to be asymptotically satisfied. Thus, an ordered chain of n perturbation equations is stated by zeroing each $\epsilon^{(n)}$ -order coefficient $G^{(n)}$. The solution algorithm depends on the individual algebraic multiplicity m° of the eigenvalues λ° satisfying the zerothorder equation $G^{\circ} = F(\lambda^{\circ}, \mu^{\circ}) = 0$. The theoretical background is fully illustrated in Bacigalupo and Lepidi (2016), where two fundamental algorithmic cases $(m^{\circ} = 1 \text{ and } m^{\circ} = 2)$ are sketched, with focus on the mathematical treatment of the low-order indeterminacies which rise up for $m^{\circ} > 1$.

As original development with respect to this background, the analytical formula for the unique solution of the n-th order perturbation equation has been determined (exactly). Indeed, in the simplest case of a single generating eigenvalue ($m^{\circ} = 1$, which also implies $F^{(1,0)} \neq 0$), the explicit multi-parametric formula for the n-th order eigensensitivity $\lambda^{(n)}$ reads

$$\lambda^{(n)} = -\frac{1}{F^{(1,0)}} \sum_{S_0(h,k)} \sum_{|p|=k} \frac{\mathbf{F}^{(h,|p|)}}{(h+k)!} \left[\mathbf{s}_{hp}^{[n]} \right]_{\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ} \to \mathbf{0} ||\lambda^{\circ} \to 0} (14)$$

where n > 1 and the multi-parametric recursion $\mathbf{s}_{hp}^{[n]}$ defines the polynomial function

$$\mathbf{s}_{hp}^{[n]} = (h + |p|) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{\mu_i^{(n)}}{\mu_i^{\circ}} \right) (\lambda^{\circ})^h (\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ})^p +$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{a_{jhpn}}{n} \right) \left(\frac{\lambda^{(j)}}{\lambda^{\circ}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{\mu_i^{(j)}}{\mu_i^{\circ}} \right) \mathbf{s}_{hp}^{[n-j]}$$
(15)

which has to be initialized with $\mathbf{s}_{hp}^{[0]} = (\lambda^{\circ})^h (\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ})^p$. After all the calculations, the ϵ -parameter concludes its auxiliary role and can be completely re-absorbed to obtain the eigenvalue approximation (9) in the form $\lambda = f(\boldsymbol{\mu})$. In the practice, the parameter ordering (8) must be inverted (so that the relation $\boldsymbol{\mu}' = \epsilon^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ})$ is obtained) and substituted in each sensitivity.

In summary, the equation (14) allows to analytically build up the asymptotic multi-parameter approximation of the dispersion functions $\lambda = f(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ up to the desired n-th order, by simply evaluating the partial $(\lambda, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ -derivatives of the characteristic function $F(\lambda, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$. Apart pathological situations, the asymptotic approximation is expected to be locally accurate, that is, to well-match the exact solution within a small region (typically, the sphere with ϵ -radius) centered in the $(\mathbf{p}^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}^{\circ})$ -point of the extended parameter space.

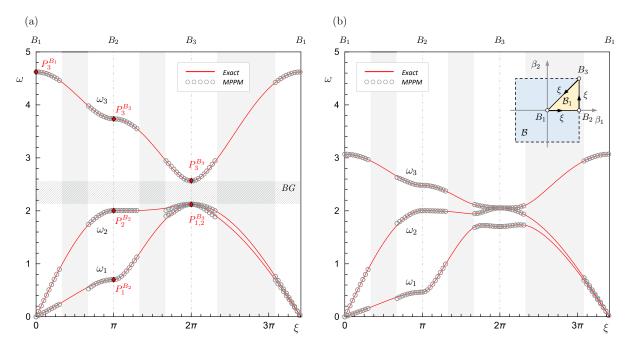


Figure 2. Floquet-Bloch spectrum of the tetrachiral material. Comparison between the exact and MPPM-approximate dispersion curves for (a) high-density, stiff material $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/10, 1/9)$; (b) low-density, flexible material $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/15, 1/15, 1/9)$.

4. Tetrachiral material

The tetrachiral material is described by the mechanical parameters $\mathbf{p} = (\varrho, \delta, \chi)$. The Floquet-Bloch spectrum is characterized by three dispersion functions $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$. Figure 2 shows the dispersion curves along the entire boundary of the triangular \mathcal{B}_1 -zone (spanned counterclockwise by the curvilinear abscissa $\xi \in$ $[0,(2+\sqrt{2})\pi]$), for two different **p**-values. A standard numerical solver has been used to determine the exact curves (continuous red lines). As interesting remark, Figure 2a shows that the material spectrum can exhibit a full band gap BG between the low-frequency acoustic branches (curves $\omega_{1,2}$) and the high-frequency optical branch (curve ω_3). Analyzing the polarization modes allows the clear recognition of a shear wave (eigenvector ψ_1 , corresponding to the frequency ω_1), a compression wave (ψ_2) and a rotational wave (ψ_3) in the proximity of the point $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ (limit case of long waves).

In order to apply the multi-parameter perturbation method, the mechanical parameters have been ordered according to the ϵ -dependent law

$$\varrho = \epsilon \, \varrho', \qquad \delta = \epsilon \, \delta', \qquad \chi = \epsilon \, \chi' \tag{16}$$

whereas the wavenumbers obey to the law

$$\beta_1 = \beta_1^{\circ} + \epsilon \, \beta_1', \qquad \beta_2 = \beta_2^{\circ} + \epsilon \, \beta_2' \tag{17}$$

which is equivalent to assign $\mathbf{p}^{\circ} = (0, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{p}' = (\varrho', \delta', \chi')$, $\mathbf{b}^{\circ} = (\beta_1^{\circ}, \beta_2^{\circ})$, $\mathbf{b}' = (\beta_1', \beta_2')$. The ϵ -order smallness attributed to all the mechanical parameters

is driven by physical considerations, specifically related to the microstructured chiral materials under investigation. Indeed, the ordering (16) is intended to account for the typical low-density distribution of the rings (small δ), which usually possess a limited rotational-to-translational mass ratio (small χ) and are interconnected by highly-slender ligaments (small ρ).

The vertices B_1, B_2, B_3 of the triangular \mathcal{B}_1 -zone have been selected as reference points in the \mathcal{B} -space. Therefore, three different sensitivity analyses have been performed, one for each of the corresponding \mathbf{b}° values (namely $\mathbf{b}_1^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}_2^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}_3^{\circ}$). The sensitivities $\lambda_i^{(n)}$ have been determined for all the eigenvalues (that is for i = 1, 2, 3) up the fourth order (n = 4). It may be worth remarking that the generating eigensolution is characterized by multiple eigenvalues $(m^{\circ} = 2)$ for the vertices B_1 and B_3 . The consequent indeterminacies at the lowest orders have required the solution of the perturbation equations up to the sixth-order to assess the fourth order eigensensitivities. The approximate dispersion functions are reported in the Appendix B (after reabsorption of the ϵ -parameter and up to the second approximation order for the sake of shortness).

The approximate dispersion functions are marked by the black circles in Figure 2. For the material microstructures described by the particular **p**-values, the fourth-order approximation shows a satisfying accuracy over large **b**-ranges. To quantify, a cautious estimate of the approximation accuracy range for the

Vertex	$B_1 \ (\beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = 0)$	$B_2 \ (\beta_1 = \pi, \beta_2 = 0)$	$B_3 (\beta_1 = \pi, \beta_2 = \pi)$
λ_1	0	$24\varrho^2\left(2+5\delta^2\right)$	$4 + 24\varrho^{2} (2 + 5\delta^{2}) + \frac{\delta^{2}(4+3\delta^{2})}{2}$
λ_2	0	$4 + \frac{\delta^2(4+3\delta^2)}{2}$	$4 + 24\varrho^2 \left(2 + 5\delta^2\right) + \frac{\delta^2(4+3\delta^2)}{2}$
λ_3	$\frac{\delta^2 \left(8+\delta^2 \left(4+3\delta^2\right)\right)}{4\chi^2}+\frac{3\varrho^2 \left(8+3\delta^2 \left(4+5\delta^2\right)\right)}{\chi^2}$	$\frac{\delta^{2}(8+\delta^{2}(4+3\delta^{2}))}{8\chi^{2}} + \frac{2\varrho^{2}(8+3\delta^{2}(4+5\delta^{2}))}{\chi^{2}}$	$\frac{\varrho^2 \left(8+3\delta^2 \left(4+5\delta^2\right)\right)}{\chi^2}$

Table 1. Fourth-order approximation of the eigenvalues at the vertices of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone.

wavevector perturbation is $|\mathbf{b}'| \leq 1$ (white windows centered in the vertices B_1, B_2, B_3). The amplitude $|\boldsymbol{\mu}'|$ of the full multi-parameter perturbation is certainly larger. By virtue of the specific treatment reserved to multiple eigenvalues, the asymptotic approximation well-performs also in the spectral regions with internal resonance (coincident frequencies) or nearly-resonance (close frequencies), where a stronger parameter sensitivity is expected. Of course, better results could be achieved by extending the approximation to higher orders or – in alternative – by adding and properly matching new local solutions starting from additional \mathbf{b}° -points along the \mathcal{B}_1 -boundary.

4.1. Pass and stop band

The typical band structure of the tetrachiral material has been illustrated for two distinct parameter sets p. corresponding to different microstructures. Depending on the nondimensional ring diameter and ligament slenderness (parameters δ and ρ , respectively), the first set physically identifies a high-density, stiff material (higher (δ, ϱ) -values in Figure 2a). The second set corresponds instead to a low-density, flexible material (lower (δ, ρ) -values in Figure 2b). A rapid comparison indicates that reducing the material density and stiffness tends to close the full band gap BG separating the low-frequency acoustic branches from the highfrequency optical branch. This systematic trend can be confirmed also by wider parametric analyses carried out according to numerical optimization strategies (see for instance Bacigalupo et al. (2017)).

Moving from these qualitative observations, a challenging low-level task is to provide the parametric conditions for the existence of full band-gaps. Therefore, a higher-level task is to assess the amplitude of a certain band gap, if it exists, as an analytic function of the mechanical parameters. The analytic description of all the pass and stop bands may represent a matter of wider interest. For instance, the parametric tuning of the material spectrum could pave the way for the custom design of mechanical filters for elastic waves.

The multi-parameter perturbation solutions can be exploited to tackle these tasks, provided that all the hypotheses of parameter smallness are respected (that is, if δ , ϱ , χ do not exceed $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, as postulated by the ordering (16)). Only the vertices B_1 , B_2 , B_3 of the $\mathcal{B}_1\text{-zone}$ are assumed as check points to determine the limits of the pass and stop bands. This simplification fits with the general idea that minor approximations can be accepted to preserve the analytical description of the material band structure. The fourth-order asymptotic approximations of the eigenvalues $\lambda_i^{B_j}$ (i=1,2,3) at each vertex B_j (j=1,2,3) are reported in Table 1. The red diamonds in Figure 2a mark the corresponding points $P_i^{B_j}$ in the (ξ,ω) -space. Recalling that all the mechanical parameters ad-

Recalling that all the mechanical parameters admit only positive small values (with smallness coherent with the ordering (16)), the eigenvalue approximations in Table 1 allow to draw the following remarks

- $\lambda_{1,2}^{B_1}$ and $\lambda_{1,2}^{B_3}$ are double eigenvalues in the whole **p**-domain. Indeed, they can split into couples of close eigenvalues only when **b**'-perturbations are introduced to span the \mathcal{B}_1 -region (as in Figure 2).
- introduced to span the \mathcal{B}_1 -region (as in Figure 2). • $\lambda_2^{B_2} > \lambda_1^{B_2}$, since $\lambda_2^{B_2} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ while $\lambda_1^{B_2} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$. Therefore, considering the previous remark, the first acoustic branch does not exceed the second acoustic branch (in the check points).
- $\lambda_2^{B_1} < \lambda_2^{B_2} < \lambda_2^{B_3}$, since $\lambda_2^{B_1} = 0$ and $\lambda_2^{B_3} \lambda_2^{B_2}$ is a positive quantity. Consequently, the maximum of the second acoustic branch (restrained to the check points) is located at B_3 , even if the difference $\lambda_2^{B_3} \lambda_2^{B_2}$ is small (namely $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$)
- $\lambda_3^{B_1} > \lambda_3^{B_2} > \lambda_3^{B_3}$, since $\lambda_2^{B_1} \lambda_2^{B_3}$ is a positive quantity and $\lambda_3^{B_2} = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_3^{B_1} + \lambda_3^{B_3})$. Consequently, the minimum of the optical branch (restrained to the check points) is located at B_3 .

As minor remarks, $\lambda_3^{B_1}$ identifies the upper bound of the band structure, according to the Lagrangian model adopted for the tetrachiral material.

Recalling the relation $\lambda = \omega^2$, the above remarks highlight that the material spectrum can be essentially characterized by three frequency bands

- the pass band ranging from the lower (null) bound $\omega_1^{B_1}$ to the upper bound $\omega_2^{B_3}$
- the stop band ranging from the lower bound $\omega_2^{B_3}$ to the upper bound $\omega_3^{B_3}$
- the pass band ranging from the lower bound $\omega_3^{B_3}$ to the upper bound $\omega_3^{B_1}$

where the stop band actually exists only if $\omega_3^{B_3} > \omega_2^{B_3}$.

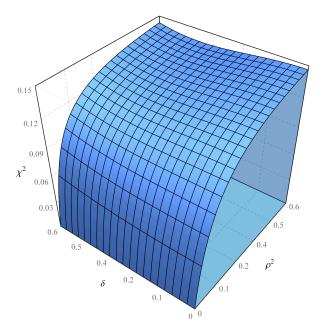


Figure 3. Parameter region \mathcal{A} collecting all the **p**-points satisfying the existence condition for the stop band.

As interesting result, the existence condition of the stop band can be expressed as a simple mathematical inequality among the mechanical parameters

$$\frac{\chi^2}{2\varrho^2} < \frac{8 + 3\delta^2(4 + 5\delta^2)}{8 + \delta^2(4 + 3\delta^2) + 48\varrho^2(2 + 5\delta^2)}$$
(18)

by virtue of the fourth-order asymptotic approximations of the eigenvalues. From the physical viewpoint, the mathematical condition requires the rotational inertia of the ring to be a sufficiently small fraction of its mass. The required smallness depends on the elastic and geometric properties of the cellular microstucture.

The parameter region \mathcal{A} , which collects all the **p**-points satisfying the condition (18), is shown in Figure 3 (blue filled volume). From a qualitative perspective, it can be noticed that the \mathcal{A} -boundary is minimally affected by the δ -parameter, while it strongly depends on the ϱ -parameter. To specify, increasing the ligament slenderness (lower ϱ -values) requires smaller χ -values to keep open the band gap. From a quantitative standpoint, it is worth noting that reducing the mass ratio χ below a certain smallness tends to conflict with geometric constraints. Nonetheless, these geometric constraints can be relaxed by adopting suited constructional solutions, such as filling the ring with heavy material or using tapered cross-section.

Within the \mathcal{A} -region, the multi-parametric perturbation method provides also a fourth-order analytical approximation for the band gap amplitude

$$\Delta_s \simeq \Delta_s^{\circ} + \Delta_s^{"} + \Delta_s^{""} \tag{19}$$

where the coefficients

$$\Delta_s^{\circ} = 2\left(\varrho_s - 1\right) \tag{20}$$

$$\Delta_s'' = \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 (3\varrho_s - 1) - 12\varrho^2 \tag{21}$$

$$\Delta_s^{""} = \frac{1}{16} \, \delta^4 \, (21 \varrho_s - 5) + 9 \varrho^2 (4 \varrho^2 - 3 \delta^2)$$
 (22) where the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ -order combination parameter $\varrho_s^2 =$

where the $O(\epsilon)$ -order combination parameter $\varrho_s = 2\varrho^2/\chi^2$ plays a key role. Indeed, it can be verified that the condition (18) is asymptotically equivalent to

$$\varrho_s^2 > 1 + (12\varrho^2 - \delta^2) + 12\varrho^2\delta^2$$
 (23)

Neglecting higher orders, the equation (23) requires $\varrho_s^2 > 1$, that is, the condition sufficient to let the band gap amplitude Δ_s° attain positive values.

The band gap amplitude is illustrated in Figure 4 for different sections of the \mathcal{A} -region, obtained by fixing one of the three parameters in the formula (18). Gray zones are outside of the \mathcal{A} -region and do not admit the existence of band gap.

Figure 4 shows that the lowest-order asymptotic approximation can be sufficient to capture the essential behaviour of the band gap amplitude. Indeed, the amplitude strongly varies with the two parameters ϱ^2 (with almost linear direct ϱ -proportionality) and χ^2 (with almost linear inverse χ -proportionality), coherently with the ϱ_s -dependence of the dominant, zeroth-order term Δ_s° in the equation (20). On the contrary, the amplitude weakly depends on the third parameter δ , consistently with the δ -dependence of the second-order term Δ_s'' in the equation (21). From the physical viewpoint, this remarks state that larger band gaps can be obtained either by reducing the ligament slenderness (higher ρ -values), or by reducing the rotational inertia of the rings (lower χ -values). Differently, the band gap amplitude is less sensitive to variations of the ring diameter (different δ -values).

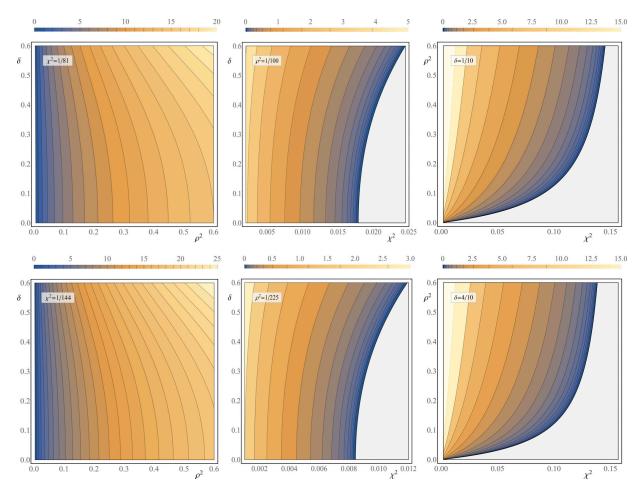


Figure 4. Band gap amplitude versus the mechanical parameters $\mathbf{p} = (\varrho, \delta, \chi)$. Note that gray regions are outside of the \mathcal{A} -region, while null values of the (ϱ, χ) -parameters are physically inadmissible.

5. Tetrachiral metamaterial

Due to the introduction of the inertial resonator, the metamaterial microstructure is described by a larger set of mechanical parameters $\mathbf{p} = (\varrho, \delta, \chi, \gamma, \alpha, \gamma_{\theta}, \chi_{\mathbf{r}})$. Furthermore, the increment of the active degrees-of-freedom enriches the Floquet-Bloch spectrum, which is characterized by six dispersion functions $\omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$.

Figure 5a shows the metamaterial spectrum along the boundary of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone for a selected **p**-set. The six dispersion curves (blue lines) can be compared with the three curves of the corresponding tetrachiral material (red dashed lines). The comparison shows how the new spectrum branches generated by the inertial resonators significantly modify the material band structure. The principal effect is the opening of the new full band-gaps BG_1 and BG_2 , which are approximately centered at the two frequencies pointed by the tuning parameters γ and γ_{θ} , respectively.

The multi-parameter perturbation method can

straightforwardly be extended to tackle the eigenproblem governing the metamaterial spectrum. Indeed, the mathematical formulation presented in Section 3.1 does not require any formal adjustment to deal with the higher dimension of the configuration vector \mathbf{q} and the enlarged parameter set \mathbf{p} . However, to simplify the discussion, the parameter set can suitably be decomposed in the form $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{p}_s, \mathbf{p}_r)$ by distinguishing the subset $\mathbf{p}_s = (\varrho, \delta, \chi)$ collecting the mechanical parameters of the cell microstructure from the $\mathbf{p}_r = (\gamma, \alpha, \gamma_\theta, \chi_r)$ collecting the mechanical parameters of the resonator.

Recalling that the ordering (16) has been already adopted for the microstructural parameters \mathbf{p}_s , the following ordering can be introduced for the resonator parameters \mathbf{p}_r

$$\alpha = \epsilon \, \alpha', \quad \gamma = \gamma^{\circ} + \epsilon \, \sigma, \quad \chi_r = \epsilon \, \chi_r', \quad \gamma_{\theta} = \gamma_{\theta}^{\circ}$$
 (24)

which is equivalent to assign the reference set $\mathbf{p}^{\circ} = (0, 0, 0, \gamma^{\circ}, 0, \gamma^{\circ}_{\theta})$ and the multi-parameter perturbation $\mathbf{p}' = (\varrho', \delta', \chi', \alpha', \sigma, \chi'_r, 0)$. The additional condition $\gamma^{\circ}_{\theta} - \gamma^{\circ} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{0})$ is assumed for the sake of simplicity.

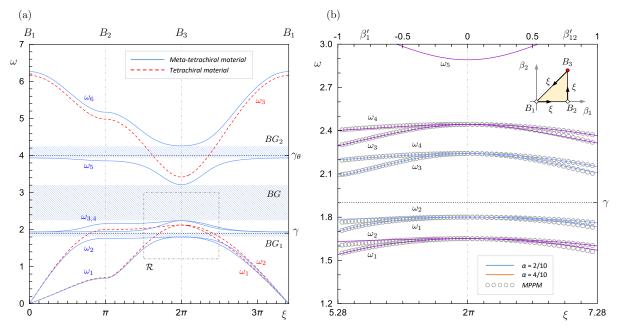


Figure 5. Floquet-Bloch spectrum of the meta-tetrachiral materials with microstructural parameters $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/10, 1/12)$ and resonator parameters $(\alpha, \gamma, \chi_r, \gamma_\theta) = (2/10, 19/20, 1/11, 4)$: (a) comparison with the spectrum of the tetrachiral material, (b) local comparison of the exact versus MPPM-approximate dispersion curves in the \mathcal{R} -region for different resonator masses.

From the physical viewpoint, the smallness of the parameter α is intended to account for light resonators, whose mass is not greater than that of the hosting ring. The ordering of the parameter γ replicates instead the typical spectral design of the inertial resonator, which is primarily tuned to the target frequency γ° , with σ playing the role of $internal\ detuning$.

From a mechanical perspective, it may be worth recalling that the resonator stiffness is a dependent parameter. In particular, the parameter ordering (24) implicitly requires that the resonator stiffness has the same ϵ -order of the resonator mass. Otherwise, their ratio – i.e. the resonator frequency – could not remain finite-valued when the resonator mass tends to vanish (or, mathematically, γ could not be $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ for $\epsilon \to 0$).

In order to severely check the effectiveness of the multi-parameter perturbation method, a parameter region corresponding to a high spectral density is preferable. To this aim, a local sensitivity analysis has been focused on the \mathcal{R} -zone of the material spectrum, which is centered at the B_3 -vertex and featured by a cluster of four dispersion curves (Figure 5a).

Therefore, the reference points \mathbf{p}° and \mathbf{b}° have been fully assigned by setting $\gamma^{\circ}=2$, $\gamma^{\circ}_{\theta}=4$ and fixing $\beta^{\circ}_{1}=\beta^{\circ}_{2}=\pi$, respectively. Physically, this selection of the zeroth-order parameters corresponds to tune the inertial resonator with the double frequency $\omega^{B_{3}}_{1,2}$ of the tetrachiral material spectrum (see Figure 2a and Table 1). Mathematically, in the tuned metamaterial the solution algorithm for the perturbation equations

is complicated by the occurrence of a high eigenvalue multiplicity ($m^{\circ}=4$) in the zeroth-order solution. To specify, the eight-order of perturbation equations must be solved to clear all the indeterminacies and carry out the fourth-order approximation of the eigenvalues.

Figure 5b shows the exact dispersion curves of the metamaterial in the \mathcal{R} -zone for two different values of the resonator mass. The corresponding fourth-order approximation of the dispersion functions is marked by the black circles. A satisfying agreement between the exact and approximate curves can be appreciated over a large \mathbf{b}' -range (say for $2\pi - 1 \le \xi \le 2\pi + 1$, corresponding to $|\mathbf{b}'| \le 1$, or even more). Therefore, it can be remarked that neither the enlargement of the multi-parameter perturbation vector \mathbf{p}' nor the higher density of the metamaterial spectrum compromise the performance of the asymptotic technique.

Fixing the wavevector and the cell microstructure, the multi-parametric approximate solution can be exploited to explore the metamaterial band structure in the (α, σ) -subspace of the resonator parameters. The fourth-order approximation of the double eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2}$ and $\lambda_{3,4}$ in the B_3 -vertex is reported in the Appendix B.5. Figure 6 shows the corresponding frequency loci $\omega_{1,2}$ and $\omega_{3,4}$ in the plane spanned by the (α, σ) -parameters. The asymptotically approximate loci (blue surfaces in Figure 6b) are found to well-match the exact loci (yellow surfaces in Figure 6a) over the full range of investigation, bounded by small (α, σ) -values for the sake of consistency.

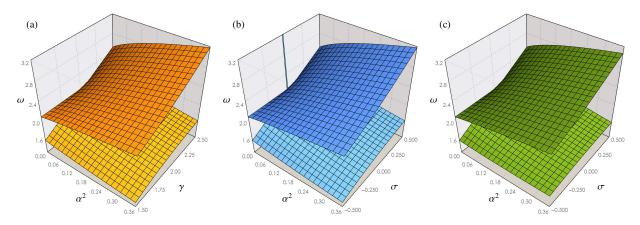


Figure 6. Frequency loci vs the resonator parameters for the meta-tetrachiral material with $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/15, 1/12)$: (a) exact, (b) MPPM-approximation for light resonators, (c) MPPM-approximation for extra-light resonators.

It is worth remarking that the asymptotic solution may be not uniformly valid in the whole (α, σ) -plane. Indeed, the asymptotic approximation turns out to break down for very small mass ratios, corresponding to extra-light resonators (approximately for $\alpha^2 \leq 4 \times$ 10^{-4}). The validity loss is determined by vertical asymptotes in the approximation function and reflects in the spurious narrow peak featuring the approximate frequency loci, close to the origin of the (α^2, σ) plane (Figure 6b). This mathematical singularity is not a fault in the multi-parameter perturbation approach. Actually, it can be regarded as a sort of boundary layer issue, inherent to the particular parameter ordering postulated in the equation (24) to build up the asymptotic solution (say the outer solution). Consequently, the parameter ordering must be partially modified (by setting $\alpha = \epsilon^2 \alpha'$ and $\gamma = \gamma^{\circ} + \epsilon^{2} \sigma$), in order to determine a distinct asymptotic solution (inner solution), suited to well approximate the exact solution within the boundary layer. This specific issue has been examined in more depth in Lepidi and Bacigalupo (2017a), whereas some additional notes on the matter are reported in the Appendix B.5. Here it can be sufficient to highlight how the inner solution is valid in the neighborhood of the origin, although its approximation is less accurate than the outer solution in the rest of the (α^2, σ) plane (green surfaces in Figure 6b). As common in perturbation methods, a proper matching of the two asymptotic solutions could combine the validity of the inner solution with the approximation accuracy of the outer solution, if necessary.

5.1. Stop band amplitude

Estimating the stop bandwidths in the low-frequency range is a key point to analyze the potential of periodic metamaterials as mechanical filters. According to the multiparameter perturbation method, the problem can be synthesized as follows. For a certain cellular microstructure fixed by the parameters \mathbf{p}_s , determine how the amplitude Δ_r of the stop band located across the resonator frequency γ° depends on the resonator mass α^2 and detuning σ .

Focusing on the band structure of the tetrachiral metamaterial, the lowest frequency stop band located across the resonator frequency $\gamma^{\circ} = 2$ (band gap BG_1 in Figure 5) is considered. The band gap lies between the second and third dispersion curves. In the general case the band gap is bounded by the frequencies $\omega_2^{B_3}$ (lower bound) and $\omega_3^{B_1}$ (upper bound). Therefore, the vertices B_1 and B_3 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone are assumed as check points to first verify the existence of the band gap, and then assess its amplitude. The fourth-order asymptotic approximations of the eigenvalues $\lambda_3^{B_1}$ and $\lambda_2^{B_3}$ are reported in the Appendix B.5.

According to the selection of the check points, the band gap amplitude Δ_r admits the fourth-order asymptotic approximation

$$\Delta_r \simeq \Delta_r' + \Delta_r'' + \Delta_r''' + \Delta_r'''' \tag{25}$$

with the *n*-th order coefficient $\Delta_r^{(n)}$ reading

$$\Delta_r' = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma + S_1) \tag{26}$$

$$\Delta_r'' = \frac{1}{4} \left(3\alpha^2 - d_2^2 \right) + \frac{1}{4} \sigma \left(4\alpha^2 - d_2^2 \right) S_1^{-1} \tag{27}$$

$$\Delta_r^{""} = \frac{5}{16}(\alpha^2 \sigma) + \frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 (\sigma^2 + d_2^2)^2 S_1^{-3}$$
 (28)

$$\Delta_r^{""} = \frac{1}{64} \left(\alpha^2 \left(7\sigma^2 - 15\alpha^2 \right) + 2d_2^2 \left(\alpha^2 + d_2^2 \right) \right) + (29)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{64} \alpha^2 \sigma \left(16\alpha^2 \left(5\alpha^2 + 2\sigma^2 \right) + 7\sigma^4 \right) S_1^{-3} + \frac{1}{32} \sigma d_2^2 \left(d_2^2 \left(2\alpha^2 + \sigma^2 \right) - \alpha^2 \left(12\alpha^2 + 7\sigma^2 \right) \right) S_1^{-3} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{6} \frac{\alpha^{2i}}{D_1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{5} c_{ij} \sigma^{2j} + S_1 \sum_{j=1}^{5} c_{ij}^* \sigma^{2j-1} \right)$$

where $S_1 = \left(4\alpha^2 + \sigma^2\right)^{1/2}$ is a characteristic quantity of the resonator, while the auxiliary coefficients c_{ij}, c_{ij}^*, d_2 depend only on the mechanical parameters of the cell microstructure (see the Appendix B.5). Finally, the denominator D_1 depends on both the microstructural and the resonator parameters.

Within the limits established by the smallness hypotheses postulated for the parameters, the asymptotic approximation (25) allows to point out a few characteristic properties of the microstructure-resonator interaction governing the band gap amplitude

- the amplitude Δ_r does not possess any dominant term belonging to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$. Recalling that γ° is $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$, this asymptotic result means that light resonators cannot physically realize a frequency stop bandwidth larger than their own frequency,
- the positiveness of the lowest-order amplitude term Δ'_r is ensured by strictly positive α^2 -values. This mathematical result states that the inertial resonator is always able to open a small-amplitude band gap, independently of its lightness,
- the lowest order term Δ'_r depends only on the resonator parameters. This asymptotic result states that the essential $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ -contribution to the stop bandwidth is practically independent of the mechanical parameters of the cell microstructure.

The last remark, in particular, strongly indicates that the cellular microstructure and the light resonators may possess a quasi-independent dynamics. Indeed, the asymptotic eigensolutions reported in the Appendix B.5 reveal how the eigenvalues $\lambda_2^{B_3}$ and $\lambda_3^{B_1}$ are \mathbf{p}_s -independent up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ and correspond to waveforms strongly localized in the resonators. It can be remarked how a similar behavior has been recurrently highlighted in the perturbation-based eigensensitivity analysis of different structural systems equipped by small resonant masses, like tuned mass dampers [Fujino and Abe (1993); Gattulli et al. (2001)] or light substructural elements [Wei and Pierre (1988); Lepidi and Gattulli (2014)].

Figure 7 shows the amplitude Δ_r of the band gap BG_1 in the (α^2, σ) -space of the resonator parameters for a fixed cellular microstructure. The effects of an increasing mass α^2 for both undertuned (detuning $\sigma < 0$) and overtuned $(\sigma > 0)$ resonators can be appreciated in Figure 7a. On the one hand, overtuned resonators open larger band gaps than undertuned resonators with the same mass. This systematic trend can be clearly observed in the (Δ_r, σ) -section plane \mathcal{Z}_3 in Figure 7b, where the amplitude monotonically grows up for increasing detunings, fixed a certain α^2 -value. On the other hand, larger masses lead to higher amplitudes, no matter the resonator detuning. This behaviour is shown in the (Δ_r, α^2) -section planes \mathcal{Z}_1

and \mathcal{Z}_2 , where the amplitude increment versus the mass is illustrated for an undertuned and an overtuned resonators (Figures 7c,d). The highest amplitudes can be achieved for highly massive and strongly overtuned resonators. However, is must be noted that amplitude values greater than unity tend to lie in the exclusion region (gray zones in Figures 7b,d), in which the check points do not correspond to the limits of the stop band.

Figure 7 shows also the minor differences between the third-order and the fourth-order approximation of the band gap amplitude. As general remark, the thirdorder approximation tends to slightly overestimate the amplitude. Nonetheless, the quantitative comparison between the exact and the approximate amplitudes shows a satisfying agreement up to large parameter values, apart the exclusion regions (Figures 7b,c,d).

As minor remark, the two curves C_1 in Figure 7a describe the (α^2, σ) -loci in which the fourth order approximation breaks down. Indeed, all the C_1 -points determine a singularity in the parametric function expressing the fourth sensitivity of the eigenvalue $\lambda_2^{B_3}$. Consequently, the fourth order approximation can be observed to diverge over a narrow range of the varying parameters, centered around the C_1 -points (see the windows in Figures 7b,d). The regions \mathcal{D}_1 , bounded by the white dashed lines and enclosing the C_1 -curves, collect the (α^2, σ) -points in which the fourth order approximation is expected to fail, because the fourth sensitivity of the eigenvalue exceeds the order of the lower sensitivities. A deeper discussion about this issue is reported in the Appendix B.5.

5.2. Inertial resonator design

According to the multiparameter perturbation method, the inverse problem related to design a mechanical filter by equipping the tetrachiral material with inertial resonators could be synthesized as follows. For a certain cellular microstructure fixed by the parameters \mathbf{p}_s , determine the resonator parameters (frequency γ° , mass α^2 and detuning σ) which modify the material spectrum by opening a stop band with given bandwidth $\tilde{\Delta}_r$ around the assigned center frequency $\tilde{\gamma}$.

The problem solution is not trivial because – in the absence of detuning – the resonator frequency γ° turns out to be close but not identical to the center frequency of the stop band. Therefore, the detuning σ must be intended as the free parameter required to compensate this tuning defect. The solution can be found by exploiting the perturbation method, under the assumption that the tuning defect $\tilde{\gamma} - \gamma^{\circ} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.

From the mathematical (asymptotic) viewpoint, the design problem is governed by a nonlinear system of algebraic equations. Selected the proper checkpoints, the first equation imposes their frequency difference Δ_r to match the assigned stop bandwidth. The second

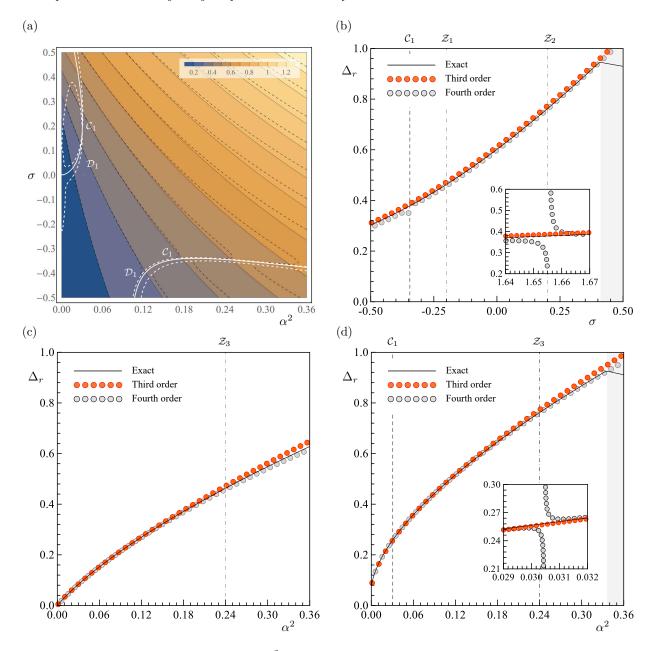


Figure 7. Amplitude of the band gap BG_1 in the (α^2, σ) -space of the resonator parameters for fixed $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/10, 1/12)$ and $(\gamma_\theta, \chi_r) = (4, 1/10)$: (a) third-order (continuous lines) vs fourth-order approximation (dashed lines). Comparison of the exact vs approximate amplitude in (b) section \mathcal{Z}_3 for $\alpha^2 = 24/100$, (c) section \mathcal{Z}_1 for $\sigma = -1/10$, (d) section \mathcal{Z}_2 for $\sigma = 1/10$.

equation forces the frequency half-sum $\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_r$ to be equal to the assigned center frequency. At the fourth order of approximation, the equations read

$$\Delta_r' + \Delta_r'' + \Delta_r''' + \Delta_r'''' = \tilde{\Delta}_r \tag{30}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_r' + \Sigma_r'' + \Sigma_r''' + \Sigma_r'''') = \tilde{\gamma} \tag{31}$$

For the specific metamaterial under investigation (with $\gamma^{\circ} = 2$) the two equations allow to determine the unknown detuning σ and α^{2} . Of course, the solution

exists if the data of the inverse problem are consistent with the solution of the direct problem (for instance, the assigned amplitude $\tilde{\Delta}_r$ cannot exceed $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$).

The search for the (α^2, σ) -solution is graphically represented in Figure 8. The curve $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_r$ is the locus of (α^2, σ) -points satisfying the equation (30). Actually, it can be recognized as one of the contour lines (selected according the assigned amplitude level $\tilde{\Delta}_r = 6/10$) of the amplitude contour map in Figure 7a. The curve

		$\tilde{\gamma} = 1.9$		$\tilde{\gamma} = 2$		$\tilde{\gamma} = 2.1$			
		Third	Fourth	Third	Fourth	Third	Fourth		
$\tilde{\Delta}_r = 0.5$	α^2	0.1941	0.1958	0.1454	0.1456	0.1013	0.1011	•	
	σ	-0.04017	-0.03302	0.09755	0.1022	0.2367	0.2394		
$\tilde{\Delta}_r = 0.6$	α^2	0.2544	0.2581	0.1946	0.1955	0.1408	0.1407		
	σ	-0.04822	-0.03671	0.09608	0.1039	0.2422	0.2468		
$\tilde{\Delta}_r = 0.7$	α^2	0.3226	0.3296	0.2509	0.2529	0.1867	0.1869		
	σ	-0.06255	-0.04502	0.08808	0.1004	0.2408	0.2486		
$\tilde{\Delta}_r = 0.8$	α^2	0.3996	0.4116	0.3147	0.3187	0.2393	0.2401		
·	σ	-0.08303	-0.05745	0.07366	0.0920	0.2329	0.2449		

Table 2. Design parameters (α^2, σ) of the resonator for given stop bandwidth $\tilde{\Delta}_r$ and center frequency $\tilde{\gamma}$.

 $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_1$ is instead the locus of (α^2, σ) -points satisfying the equation (31) for a certain assigned center frequency $(\tilde{\gamma}=19/10)$. The unique intersection point identifies the solution. It can be noted that the solution point $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_1'''$ returned by the third order equations is slightly different from the solution point $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_1'''$ returned by the fourth order equations. In particular, the third order solution tends to slightly underestimate the parameter values. The same considerations can be extended to the crossing points $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_2'''$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_2'''$ between the curves $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_r$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_2$, which refers to a different assignment of the center frequency $(\tilde{\gamma}=21/10)$.

Table 2 collects the design problem solutions for a few case-studies related to different bandwidths $\tilde{\Delta}_r$.

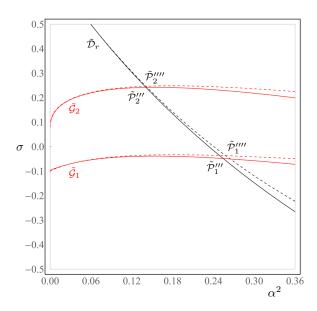


Figure 8. Design of the band gap BG_1 in the (α^2, σ) -space of the resonator parameters for fixed $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/10, 1/12)$ and $(\gamma_{\theta}, \chi_r) = (4, 1/10)$, based on the third-order (continuous lines) or the fourth-order approximation (dashed lines).

It must be remarked that greater masses are required to center stop bands with the same amplitude at lower frequencies. In the particular case $\tilde{\gamma}=2$, the desired center frequency $\tilde{\gamma}$ of the stop band is equal to the resonator frequency γ° . The solution highlights that a small overtuning $(\sigma>0)$ of the inertial resonator is always required to satisfy the design target. Otherwise, in the absence of detuning $(\sigma=0)$ the stop bandwidth would be located at a lower center frequency.

In summary, this perturbation-based methodology is sufficiently flexible to treat similar inverse spectral problems, connected to the pass and stop band design in periodic materials and metamaterials. On the other hand, it must be stressed that – as natural for local eigensensitivity analyses – some solutions and results are inevitably case-specific, or strictly related to the smallness hypotheses assumed in the ordering of the governing parameters.

6. Conclusions

The elastic wave propagation in tetrachiral materials and metamaterials has been studied, according to the Floquet-Bloch theory for planar periodic systems. The periodic microstructure of the tetrachiral material is characterized by a square elementary cell, in which a central stiff ring is connected to four flexible ligaments. A parametric mechanical model has been formulated, by adopting a low-dimensional Lagrangian description of the microstructure as a square lattice of rigid annular bodies, connected by elastic unshearable beams.

The eigenproblem governing the spectral properties of the material has been solved through perturbation methods, suited to perform local sensitivity analyses of the dispersion functions. The local sensitivities to multi-parameter perturbations – in particular – have been assessed by applying a general algebraic formulation for the series expansion of a multivariable composite function up to a generic order. Therefore, as significant novelty with respect to other asymptotic

approaches, a high-dimensional perturbation has been considered. Indeed, both the wavenumbers and the mechanical parameters are considered independent components of the same perturbation vector, spanning a small but multi-dimensional region of the parameter space. Moreover, as substantial result, the dispersion functions have been asymptotically determined up to the fourth-order eigensensitivity. A satisfying approximation accuracy has been obtained over large ranges along the different directions spanned by the perturbation vector in the parameter space. Among the other directions, the highly-accurate performance of the asymptotic approximation along the triangular boundary of the first Brilloin zone (fixed the cellular microstructure) has been remarked.

Focusing on the tetrachiral material, the asymptotic approximations of the dispersion functions have been exploited to accomplish a twofold achievement. First, the existence conditions of a low-frequency stop band, ranging between the acoustic and the optical branches of the spectrum, have been analytically determined. From the physical viewpoint, the existence condition requires the rotational inertia of the rigid body to be sufficiently smaller than its mass, where the required smallness essentially depends on the beam slenderness. Second, a fourth-order parametric approximation of the stop bandwidth (if it exists) has been obtained. The parametric formulas clearly highlights how the stop bandwidth can be enlarged either by reducing the ligament slenderness or by decreasing the rotational inertia of the rings, whereas it is rather independent of the ring diameter.

Focusing on the tetrachiral metamaterial, it has been verified how the multi-parameter perturbation technique does not require any methodological adjustment to deal with the higher dimension of the perturbation vector. Indeed, if the inertial resonators are modeled as simple linear oscillators, their mechanical properties (mass and frequency) can be treated as new components of the perturbating vector, opening new directions in the enlarged parameter space. Furthermore, the dispersion functions has been approximated with satisfying accuracy, even in the lowfrequency range of the metamaterial, which is featured by a high spectral density. In this respect, the paradigmatic case in which the resonator is tuned with the double acoustic frequency of the microstructure has been analyzed, due to its technical relevance in connection with the employment of metamaterials as mechanical filters. A fourth-order analytical approximation of the band gap amplitude opened by the inertial resonator has been achieved. The lowest order terms, consisting of simple explicit functions of the resonator parameters, have clearly highlighted the key-role of the resonator mass in enlarging the band gap amplitude.

Moreover, the effects of a small detuning in the resonator frequency have been analyzed. In particular, overtuned resonators have been found to open larger band gaps than undertuned resonators.

Finally, the fourth order analytical approximations of the dispersion curves has been employed to state the inverse problem related the resonator design. The resonator mass and detuning required to open a target stop band in the metamaterial spectrum (with assigned bandwidth and center frequency), have been determined by solving a couple of nonlinear algebraic equations. The solution have highlighted that a small overtuning of the resonator frequency is required to center the stop band around the target frequency.

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Appendix A. Physical matrices

Appendix A.1. Tetrachiral material

The non-null coefficients M_{ij} and K_{ij} (i, j = 1, 2, 3) of the 3-by-3 matrices $\mathbf{M}_a(\mathbf{p})$ and $\mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ governing the wave equation for the tetrachiral material read

$$M_{11} = M_{22} = 1, M_{33} = \chi^{2}$$

$$K_{11} = c_{1} - c_{2} \cos \beta_{1} - c_{3} \cos \beta_{2}$$

$$K_{22} = c_{1} - c_{3} \cos \beta_{1} - c_{2} \cos \beta_{2}$$

$$K_{33} = c_{4} + c_{5} (\cos \beta_{1} + \cos \beta_{2})$$

$$K_{12} = 2c_{6} (\cos \beta_{1} - \cos \beta_{2})$$

$$K_{13} = -i (c_{6} \sin \beta_{1} + c_{7} \sin \beta_{2})$$

$$K_{23} = i (c_{7} \sin \beta_{1} - c_{6} \sin \beta_{2})$$
(A.1)

where the mass coefficients must be divided by ω_c^2 if the normalization frequency ω_c is not unitary and

$$c_{1} = 2((1 - \delta^{2})^{2} + 12\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-5/2}$$

$$c_{2} = 2((1 - \delta^{2})^{3} + 12\delta^{2}\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-5/2}$$

$$c_{3} = 2(\delta^{2}(1 - \delta^{2}) + 12\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-3/2}$$

$$c_{4} = (\delta^{2}(1 - \delta^{2}) + 16\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-3/2}$$

$$c_{5} = (\frac{1}{2}\delta^{2}(1 - \delta^{2}) + 4\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-3/2}$$

$$c_{6} = \delta((1 - \delta^{2})^{2} - 12\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-2}$$

$$c_{7} = (\delta^{2}(1 - \delta^{2}) + 12\varrho^{2})(1 - \delta^{2})^{-3/2}$$

$$(A.2)$$

are fully geometrical auxiliary parameters. It may be worth recalling that K_{ji} is the complex conjugate of K_{ij} by virtue of the Hermitian property.

Appendix A.2. Tetrachiral metamaterial

The 6-by-6 matrices $\mathbf{M}_a(\mathbf{p})$ and $\mathbf{K}_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b})$ governing the wave equation for the tetrachiral metamaterial read

$$\mathbf{M}_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{s} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{M}_{r} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K}_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{s} + \mathbf{K}_{r} & -\mathbf{K}_{r} \\ -\mathbf{K}_{r} & \mathbf{K}_{r} \end{bmatrix} \quad (A.3)$$

where the 3-by-3 submatrices \mathbf{M}_s and \mathbf{K}_s account for the cell microstructure and coincide with the matrices governing the tetrachiral material (with the coefficients (A.1)). The 3-by-3 submatrices \mathbf{M}_r and \mathbf{K}_r refer to the local resonators and read

$$\mathbf{M}_{r} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\alpha^{2}, \alpha^{2}, \alpha^{2} \chi_{r}^{2}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{r} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\alpha^{2} \gamma^{2}, \alpha^{2} \gamma^{2}, \alpha^{2} \gamma_{\theta}^{2} \chi_{r}^{2}\right)$$
(A.4)

where, again, the mass coefficients must be divided by ω_c^2 if the normalization frequency ω_c is not unitary.

Appendix B. Eigenvalue approximation

According to the MPPM, the characteristic equation governing the free wave propagation in the tetrachiral material has the approximate solution in ϵ -power series

$$\lambda(\epsilon) = \lambda^{\circ} + \epsilon \lambda' + \epsilon^{2} \lambda'' + \dots + \epsilon^{n} \lambda^{(n)} + \dots$$
 (B.1)

The lowest eigenvalue sensitivities $\lambda^{(n)}$ up to n=2 are reported in the following for selected reference points $\mu^{\circ} = (\mathbf{p}^{\circ}, \mathbf{b}^{\circ})$ of the parameter space, corresponding to the \mathbf{b}° -vertices B_1, B_2, B_3 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone. It can be verified that the odd eigensensitivities (n=1,3,...) at these μ° -points are either null or \mathbf{b} -independent. In the asymptotic approximations this result is required to preserve the mathematical symmetry of the exact dispersion functions, which are even functions with respect to the \mathbf{b}° -vertices B_1, B_2, B_3 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone. All the eigensensitivities must be multiplied by ω_c^2 if the normalization frequency ω_c is not unitary.

Appendix B.1. Tetrachiral material in B_1

The vertex B_1 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone is pointed by the wavevector $\mathbf{b}_1^{\circ} = (0,0)$. The corresponding point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ}$ of the parameter space determines a double eigenvalue $\lambda_{1,2}^{\circ}$ ($m^{\circ} = 2$) and a single eigenvalue λ_3° ($m^{\circ} = 1$). After the reabsorption of the bookkeeping parameter ϵ , the expansion coefficients read

•
$$\lambda_{1,2}^{\circ} = 0$$
, $\lambda_3^{\circ} = 2\frac{d_1^2}{\gamma^2}$ (B.2)

•
$$\lambda_1'' = \frac{d_2^2 \Sigma_1^2 - R_1^4}{4d_1^2}, \quad \lambda_2'' = \frac{d_2^2 \Sigma_1^2 + R_1^4}{4d_1^2}$$
 (B.3)

$$\lambda_3'' = \frac{\delta^2 \Sigma_1^2}{2d_1^2} + \frac{4d_3^2 \delta^2 - d_4^2 \Sigma_1^2}{4\sqrt{2}}$$

with first-order eigensensitivities $\lambda'_{1,2,3} = 0$, and the auxiliary geometrical parameters

$$d_1^2 = (\delta^2 + 12\varrho^2), \quad d_2^2 = (\delta^2 + 24\varrho^2),$$

$$d_3^2 = (\delta^2 + 36\varrho^2), \quad d_4^2 = (\delta^2 + 8\varrho^2)$$
(B.4)

and the radical quantity

$$R_1^4 = \left[\left(\delta^2 \Sigma_1^2 + 24 \varrho^2 \Delta_1^2 \right)^2 - 96 \varrho^2 \delta^2 \beta_2^2 \Delta_1^2 \right]^{1/2}$$
 (B.5)

have been introduced, with the squared wavenumber sum $\Sigma_1^2 = (\beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2)$ and difference $\Delta_1^2 = (\beta_1^2 - \beta_2^2)$.

Appendix B.2. Tetrachiral material in B_2

The vertex B_2 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone is pointed by the wavevector $\mathbf{b}_2^{\circ} = (\pi, 0)$. The corresponding point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ}$ of the parameter space determines three single eigenvalues $\lambda_1^{\circ}, \lambda_2^{\circ}, \lambda_3^{\circ}$ $(m^{\circ} = 1)$. After the reabsorption of the bookkeeping parameter ϵ , the expansion coefficients read

•
$$\lambda_1^{\circ} = 0$$
, $\lambda_2^{\circ} = 4$, $\lambda_3^{\circ} = \frac{d_5^2}{\chi^2}$ (B.6)

•
$$\lambda_1'' = 16\varrho^2 \left(3 + \frac{\beta_2^2}{d_5^2} \right),$$
 (B.7)

$$\lambda_2'' = 2\delta^2 - (\beta_1 - \pi)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\delta^2}{d_5^2 - 4\chi^2} \right),$$

$$\lambda_3^{\prime\prime} = \frac{\delta^2\beta_2}{d_5^2} + \frac{\delta^2(\beta_1 - \pi)^2}{d_5^2 - 4\chi^2} + \frac{d_4^2\Delta_2^2 + 2\delta^2d_6^2}{4\chi^2}$$

with first-order eigensensitivities $\lambda'_{1,2,3} = 0$, and the auxiliary geometrical parameters

$$d_5^2 = (\delta^2 + 16\varrho^2), \quad d_6^2 = (\delta^2 + 48\varrho^2)$$
 (B.8)

have been introduced, with the squared wavenumber difference $\Delta_2^2 = ((\beta_1 - \pi)^2 - \beta_2^2)$.

Appendix B.3. Tetrachiral material in B₃

The vertex B_1 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone corresponds to the wavevector $\mathbf{b}_3^{\circ} = (\pi, \pi)$. The corresponding point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ}$ of the parameter space determines a double eigenvalue $\lambda_{1,2}^{\circ}$ ($m^{\circ} = 2$) and a single eigenvalue λ_3° ($m^{\circ} = 1$). After the reabsorption of the bookkeeping parameter ϵ , the expansion coefficients read

•
$$\lambda_{1,2}^{\circ} = 4$$
, $\lambda_3^{\circ} = 8 \frac{\varrho^2}{\chi^2}$ (B.9)

•
$$\lambda_1'' = 2d_2^2 - \frac{b_1^2 \Sigma_3^2 + R_2^4}{8b_2^2},$$
 (B.10)

$$\lambda_2'' = 2d_2^2 - \frac{b_1^2 \Sigma_3^2 - R_2^4}{8b_2^2},$$

$$\lambda_3'' = \frac{\varrho^2}{2\chi^2 b_2^2} \left(b_1^2 \Sigma_3^2 + 24 \delta^2 b_2^2 \right)$$

with first-order eigensensitivities $\lambda'_{1,2,3}=0$, and the auxiliary mechanical parameters

$$b_1^2 = (\delta^2 + 8\varrho^2 - 4\chi^2), \quad b_2^2 = (2\varrho^2 - \chi^2),$$
 (B.11)
 $b_3^2 = (\delta^2 + 4\varrho^2 - 2\chi^2),$

and the radical quantity

$$R_2^4 = \left[\left(b_1^2 \Sigma_3^2 \right)^2 - 32 b_2^2 b_3^2 \Pi_3^4 \right]^{1/2} \tag{B.12}$$

have been introduced, with the squared wavenumber sum $\Sigma_3^2 = (\beta_1 - \pi)^2 + (\beta_2 - \pi)^2$ and product $\Pi_3^4 = (\beta_1 - \pi)^2(\beta_2 - \pi)^2$.

Appendix B.4. Tetrachiral metamaterial in B_1

The vertex B_1 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone is pointed by the wavevector $\mathbf{b}_1^{\circ} = (0,0)$. If the resonator is tuned by setting $\gamma^{\circ} = 2$, the corresponding point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ}$ of the parameter space determines two double eigenvalue $\lambda_{1,2}^{\circ}$ and $\lambda_{3,4}^{\circ}$ ($m^{\circ} = 2$) and two single eigenvalues λ_{5}° and λ_{6}° ($m^{\circ} = 1$). Focus is made on the double eigenvalue $\lambda_{3,4}^{\circ}$, which defines the upper limit of the band gap BG_1 . As long as the vertices of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone are selected as check points for the sensitivity analyses related to band gaps, a null \mathbf{b}' -perturbation can be assumed. After the reabsorption of the bookkeeping parameter ϵ , the expansion coefficients read

$$\bullet \ \lambda_{34}^{\circ} = 4 \tag{B.13}$$

$$\bullet \ \lambda_{3.4}' = 4\sigma \tag{B.14}$$

•
$$\lambda_{3.4}'' = 4\alpha^2 + \sigma^2$$
 (B.15)

$$\bullet \ \lambda_{3,4}^{\prime\prime\prime} = 4\alpha^2 \sigma \tag{B.16}$$

$$\bullet \ \lambda_{3,4}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime} = \alpha^2 \sigma^2 \tag{B.17}$$

where it can be highlighted that the assumption $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{0}$ limits the small perturbation to the **b**-space, where the eigenvalue preserves its double multiplicity at all the approximation orders. On the contrary, removing this assumption lets the double eigenvalues split into two close single eigenvalues at the fourth order.

Appendix B.5. Tetrachiral metamaterial in B_3

The vertex B_3 of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone is pointed by the wavevector $\mathbf{b}_1^{\circ} = (\pi, \pi)$. If the resonator is tuned by setting $\gamma^{\circ} = 2$, the corresponding point $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\circ}$ of the parameter space determines a quadruple eigenvalue $\lambda_{1,2,3,4}^{\circ}$ and two single eigenvalues λ_{5}° and λ_{6}° ($m^{\circ} = 1$). Focus is made on the quadruple eigenvalue $\lambda_{1,2,3,4}^{\circ}$, which defines the lower limit of the band gap BG_1 . As long as the vertices of the \mathcal{B}_1 -zone are selected as check points for the sensitivity analyses related to band gaps, a null \mathbf{b}' -perturbation can be assumed. After the reabsorption of the bookkeeping parameter ϵ , the expansion coefficients read

•
$$\lambda_{1,2,3,4}^{\circ} = 4$$
 (B.18)

•
$$\lambda'_{1,2} = 2(\sigma - S_1)$$
 (B.19)
 $\lambda'_{3,4} = 2(\sigma + S_1)$

•
$$\lambda_{1,2}^{"} = d_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}S_1^2 + \frac{\sigma \left(2d_2^2 - (12\alpha^2 + \sigma^2)\right)}{2S_1}$$
 (B.20)

$$\lambda_{3,4}'' = d_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}S_1^2 - \frac{\sigma \left(2d_2^2 - (12\alpha^2 + \sigma^2)\right)}{2S_1}$$

$$\bullet \ \lambda_{1,4}''' = 2\alpha^2\sigma - \frac{\alpha^2 \left(d_2^2 + 4\alpha^2 + 3\sigma^2\right)^2}{4S_1^3}$$

$$\lambda_{3,4}''' = 2\alpha^2\sigma + \frac{\alpha^2 \left(d_2^2 + 4\alpha^2 + 3\sigma^2\right)^2}{4S_1^3}$$
(B.21)

•
$$\lambda_{1,2}^{""} = \sum_{i=0}^{6} \frac{\alpha^{2i}}{D_1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{5} c_{ij} \sigma^{2j} + S_1 \sum_{j=1}^{5} c_{ij}^* \sigma^{2j-1} \right)$$
(B.22)

$$\lambda_{3,4}^{""} = \sum_{i=0}^{6} \frac{\alpha^{2i}}{D_3} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{5} c_{ij} \sigma^{2j} - S_1 \sum_{j=1}^{5} c_{ij}^* \sigma^{2j-1} \right)$$

where, if the second nondimensional frequency of the resonator is fixed ($\gamma_{\theta} = 4$) for the sake of simplicity, the denominators are

$$D_{1} = 64S_{1}^{8} \left(4b_{4}^{2} + \frac{\sigma \left(4b_{36}^{2}\alpha^{2} + b_{6}^{2}\sigma^{2} - 18b_{2}^{2}d_{2}^{2} \right)}{S_{1}^{3}} \right) (B.23)$$

$$D_{3} = 64S_{1}^{8} \left(4b_{4}^{2} - \frac{\sigma \left(4b_{36}^{2}\alpha^{2} + b_{6}^{2}\sigma^{2} - 18b_{2}^{2}d_{2}^{2} \right)}{S_{1}^{3}} \right)$$

where the relevant quantity $S_1 = (4\alpha^2 + \sigma^2)^{1/2}$ depends only on the resonator parameters, while the coefficients c_{ij} , c_{ij}^* and b_4^2 , b_6^2 , b_{36}^2 depend only on the mechanical parameters of the cell microstructure.

A complementary issue, inherent to perturbation techniques, is the discussion about the validity regions of the asymptotic approximation. Coarsely, the approximate eigensolution is not uniformly valid if certain small multi-parameter perturbations let the ratio between two consecutive terms of the approximation se-

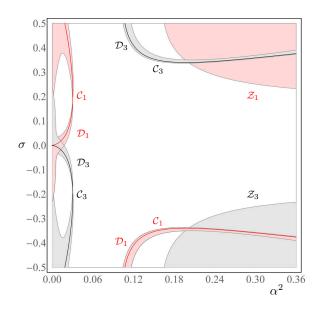


Figure B1. Validity map of the asymptotic approximation of the eigenvalues in the (α^2, σ) -space of the resonator parameters for fixed $(\delta, \varrho, \chi) = (1/10, 1/10, 1/12)$ and $(\gamma_{\theta}, \chi_r) = (4, 1/10)$.

 $c_{33} = -64b_7^2$

 $c_{64} = 0$

 $c_{54} = 0$

 $c_{44} = 0$

 $c_{34} = 0$

 $c_{65} = 0$

 $c_{55} = 0$

 $c_{45} = 0$

 $c_{35} = 0$

 $c_{25} = 0$

 $c_{05} = 0$

 $c_{61}^* = 0$

 $c_{15} = -72b_{31}^2$

 $c_{51}^* = -20480b_4^2$

 $c_{24} = -4b_{19}^2$

 $c_{14} = -32b_{25}^2 d_2^2$

 $c_{04} = 432b_2^2 \delta^2 d_7^2$

 $c_{23} = -32b_{23}^2 d_2^2$

 $c_{03} = -864b_2^2\delta^2d_2^2d_7^2$

 $c_{13} = 64 \left(b_{32}^2 \delta^4 + 48 \rho^2 \left(b_{45}^2 \delta^2 + 12 \rho^2 b_{50}^2 \right) \right)$

(B.25)

ries become $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$, or higher. Specifically, the asymptotic approximation can be expected to break down for the parameter combinations which let the higher eigensensitivity $\lambda^{(n)}$ increase up to quantitatively approach or overcome the lower eigensensitivity $\lambda^{(n-1)}$.

Figure B1 shows a validity map of the approximate eigensolution provided by the formulas (B.18)-(B.22) in the (α^2, σ) -space of the resonator parameters. The two pink regions \mathcal{D}_1 collect all the (α^2, σ) -points which do not satisfy the validity condition $\lambda_{1,2}^{""} \leq \frac{1}{3}\lambda_{1,2}^{""}$. Of course, the one-third ratio is largely conservative, but useful to graphically appreciate the \mathcal{D}_1 -regions. Indeed, if the eigensensitivity ratio approaches unity, the \mathcal{D}_1 -regions become narrower and narrower. In particular, the \mathcal{D}_1 -boundaries become closer and closer to the red C_1 -curves, marking the (α^2, σ) -combinations zeroing the denominator D_1 in the formula (B.23). The region \mathcal{Z}_1 preserves the approximation validity, since the \mathcal{Z}_1 -points satisfies the inequality by virtue of very small or null $\lambda_{1,3}^{"}$ -values. A similar discussion can be drawn for the gray \mathcal{D}_3 -regions and the black \mathcal{C}_3 -curves, which are related to the condition $\lambda_{3,4}^{""} \leq \frac{1}{3}\lambda_{3,4}^{""}$.

The non null coefficients of the sums in (B.23), depending only on the mechanical parameters of the cell microstructure, read

$$\begin{array}{lll} c_{60} &= 3072b_2^2 & (8.24) & c_{41}^4 &= -6144b_4^2d_2^2 \\ c_{50} &= 6144b_5^2d_2^2 & c_{31}^2 &= 1024 \left(b_{15}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{38}^2\delta^2 + 12b_4^2\varrho^2\right)\right) \\ c_{40} &= -1536 \left(b_{10}^2\delta^4 + \varrho^2 \left(b_{37}^2\delta^2 - 1728b_2^2\varrho^2\right)\right) & c_{21}^2 &= -512d_2^2 \left(b_{22}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{38}^2\delta^2 + 12b_4^2\varrho^2\right)\right) \\ c_{30} &= -1536b_2^2d_2^2 \left(11\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2d_8^2\right) & c_{11}^* &= 0 \\ c_{20} &= 192b_2^2d_2^8 & c_{10}^* &= 0 \\ c_{10} &= 0 & c_{62}^* &= 0 \\ c_{10} &= 0 & c_{52}^* &= 0 \\ c_{61} &= 0 & c_{52}^* &= 0 \\ c_{51} &= -1024b_8^2 & c_{22}^* &= 256 \left(b_{17}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{46}^2\delta^2 - 48b_4^2\varrho^2\right)\right) \\ c_{31} &= 256 \left(b_{16}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{40}^2\delta^2 + 12\varrho^2b_{47}^2\right)\right) & c_{63}^* &= 0 \\ c_{21} &= -128d_2^2 \left(b_{24}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{46}^2\delta^2 + 12\varrho^2b_{48}^2\right)\right) \\ c_{11} &= 384b_2^2d_2^8 & c_{12}^* &= -128b_{14}^2d_2^2 \\ c_{12} &= -128b_{11}^2 & c_{33}^* &= 512b_{12}^2 \\ c_{22} &= 32 \left(5b_{20}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{43}^2\delta^2 - 12\varrho^2b_{49}^2\right)\right) \\ c_{12} &= -128d_2^2 \left(b_{26}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{44}^2\delta^2 - 12\varrho^2b_{27}^2\right)\right) \\ c_{22} &= 32 \left(5b_{20}^2\delta^4 + 48\varrho^2 \left(b_{43}^2\delta^2 - 12\varrho^2b_{27}^2\right)\right) \\ c_{22} &= 0 & c_{33}^* &= 0 \\ c_{34} &= 0 & c_{34}^* &= 0 \\ c_{34} &= 0 & c_{34}^* &= 0 \\ c_{44} &= 0 & c_{44}^* &= 0 \\ c_{44} &=$$

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$$c_{45}^* = 0$$

$$c_{35}^* = 0$$

$$c_{25}^* = 0$$

$$c_{15}^* = 48b_{29}^2$$

where the following auxiliary mechanical parameters have been introduced

$$\begin{array}{lll} b_{4}^{2} = (\varrho^{2} + \chi^{2}), & b_{5}^{2} = (10\varrho^{2} - 11\chi^{2}), & (\text{B.26}) \\ b_{6}^{2} = (14\varrho^{2} - 13\chi^{2}), & b_{7}^{2} = (550\varrho^{2} - 683\chi^{2}), \\ b_{8}^{2} = (254\varrho^{2} - 205\chi^{2}), & b_{9}^{2} = (41\varrho^{2} - 40\chi^{2}), \\ b_{10}^{2} = (10\varrho^{2} - 53\chi^{2}), & b_{11}^{2} = (1454\varrho^{2} - 1327\chi^{2}), \\ b_{12}^{2} = (104\varrho^{2} - 85\chi^{2}), & b_{13}^{2} = (41\varrho^{2} - 13\chi^{2}), \\ b_{14}^{2} = (86\varrho^{2} - 13\chi^{2}), & b_{15}^{2} = (163\varrho^{2} - 80\chi^{2}), \\ b_{16}^{2} = (554\varrho^{2} - 67\chi^{2}), & b_{17}^{2} = (374\varrho^{2} - 193\chi^{2}), \\ b_{18}^{2} = (71\varrho^{2} - 64\chi^{2}), & b_{19}^{2} = (1274\varrho^{2} - 1741\chi^{2}), \\ b_{20}^{2} = (442\varrho^{2} - 125\chi^{2}), & b_{23}^{2} = (266\varrho^{2} - 23\chi^{2}), \\ b_{22}^{2} = (55\varrho^{2} - 26\chi^{2}), & b_{23}^{2} = (266\varrho^{2} - 211\chi^{2}), \\ b_{24}^{2} = (386\varrho^{2} - 199\chi^{2}), & b_{25}^{2} = (13\varrho^{2} - 5\chi^{2}), \\ b_{28}^{2} = (47\varrho^{2} - 7\chi^{2}), & b_{29}^{2} = (7\varrho^{2} - 11\chi^{2}), \\ b_{30}^{2} = (53\varrho^{2} - 28\chi^{2}), & b_{31}^{2} = (4\varrho^{2} - 7\chi^{2}), \\ b_{32}^{2} = (251\varrho^{2} - 100\chi^{2}), & b_{33}^{2} = (626\varrho^{2} - 319\chi^{2}), \\ b_{34}^{2} = (94\varrho^{2} - 95\chi^{2}), & b_{35}^{2} = (109\varrho^{2} - 53\chi^{2}), \\ b_{38}^{2} = (271\varrho^{2} - 134\chi^{2}), & b_{39}^{2} = (91\varrho^{2} - 44\chi^{2}), \\ b_{40}^{2} = (842\varrho^{2} - 67\chi^{2}), & b_{41}^{2} = (181\varrho^{2} - 89\chi^{2}), \\ b_{42}^{2} = (89\varrho^{2} - 46\chi^{2}), & b_{43}^{2} = (3746\varrho^{2} - 1105\chi^{2}), \\ b_{44}^{2} = (197\varrho^{2} - 100\chi^{2}), & b_{45}^{2} = (403\varrho^{2} - 164\chi^{2}), \\ b_{46}^{2} = (626\varrho^{2} - 319\chi^{2}), & b_{47}^{2} = (122\varrho^{2} - 67\chi^{2}), \\ b_{48}^{2} = (626\varrho^{2} - 39\chi^{2}), & b_{47}^{2} = (122\varrho^{2} - 67\chi^{2}), \\ b_{50}^{2} = (23\varrho^{2} - 4\chi^{2}), & d_{7}^{2} = (992\varrho^{2} - 12\varrho^{2}) \end{array}$$

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