Nonlinear dynamics of a reduced multimodal Timoshenko beam subjected to thermal and mechanical loadings

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Abstract
Large amplitude vibrations of a Timoshenko beam under an influence of temperature are analysed in this paper. In the considered model the temperature increases instantly and the heat is uniformly distributed along the beams length and cross-section. The mathematical model, represented by partial differential equations takes into account thermal and mechanical loadings. Next, the problem is reduced by means of the Galerkin method, considering the first three natural vibration modes of a simply supported beam in the both ends. The influence of the temperature on amplitudes and localisation of the resonance zones and stability of the solutions is studied numerically and analytically by the multiple time scale method. The bifurcation points, existence of unstable lobes and transition from regular to chaotic oscillations are shown.

Keywords
Composite beam • Nonlinear vibrations • Thermal loading • Bifurcations • Chaotic oscillations

1 Introduction
The beams are fundamental structural elements with application in many branches of the industry. Frequently, these structures are subjected to dynamic loading leading to large amplitude vibrations. Large vibrations introduce a geometrical type of non-linearity that influences the dynamic behaviour of a structure. In this case the structures stiffness, and consequently the resonance frequencies and mode shapes, are amplitude dependent. Linear and nonlinear vibrations of beams have been deeply investigated for many years and were reviewed, for example, in the books of Nayfeh and Mook [1] and of Nayfeh and Pai [2]. Nonlinear vibrations of the Euler–Bernoulli or shear deformable beam models have been studied there and the influence of the nonlinear terms on the bifurcation scenario and possible resonances have been discussed in details. The advanced composite beam theory has been presented in [3]. The beam models considered various configurations of lamina with reinforced fibers orientation, closed or open cross-section shapes. The beams are also used to model rotating blades dynamics, for example blades of a helicopter rotor [4, 5] or blades of turbines. Many authors use the classical FEM [6, 7] and semi-analytical methods [8, 9] to study this problem.
In most of the analysis the environmental conditions are neglected. One of very important factors which has to be considered is temperature, which may vary in high ranges in real mechanical or aerospace applications. Temperature variations can and do affect substantially the vibration response of a structure. Thermal loads introduce stresses due to thermal expansion, which lead to changes in the modal properties. The basic problems of the thermoelastic vibrations can be found in the books of Boley and Weiner [10], Nowacki [11] and Thorton [12].

Although the temperature and elastic behaviours are in fact coupled [12, 13] for thin structures it is often reasonable to assume that the temperature distribution is independent of the deformation or that the structure gets the elevated temperature instantly. This approach is widely used to model the thermoelastic behaviour of structures. The geometrically nonlinear vibrations of structures at the elevated temperature are studied by many authors as [14–16], etc. In [17] and [18] thermo-mechanical, geometrically nonlinear vibrations of plates and beams, correspondingly, are studied. The authors found a very reach nonlinear dynamic behaviour of the system including, periodic, quasi-periodic and chaotic oscillations. A thermomechanical model of the vibration of a Timoshenko beam after its one mode reduction is studied by multiple time scale method in [19].

In the present work the study is extended by using three mode reduction of the beam’s model for thermoelastic vibration. The goal of this paper is to show specific dynamic phenomena of geometrically nonlinear vibrations of a Timoshenko beam subjected to thermal and mechanical loadings. The phenomena, such as bifurcations, non-periodic or chaotic oscillations which arise due to varying temperature are taken into account in the study.

2 A model of a Timoshenko beam under thermo-mechanical loadings

The considered structure is a beam made of elastic composite material subjected to thermal and mechanical loadings. The beam orientation together with coordinates and indicated length $l$, thickness $h$, and width $b$, is presented in Fig. 1.

The mathematical model of the Timoshenko beam presented in Fig. 1 has been derived in papers [13, 16]. The dimensionless equations of motion have the form:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = G_0 + G_u \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \beta x \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \psi \right) - d_1 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$= G_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - d_1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2}$$

$$= -p + G_1^T + G_l^T$$

(1)

where $u, w, \psi$ are dimensionless displacement field coordinates, $z = 12t/h^2$, $\beta = kG/E$, $k$—shear correction factor, $G, E$—respectively shear and Young modulus, $p$—external mechanical loading. Also linear damping terms with damping coefficients $d_1, d_2$ have been added to the model.

The components $G_u, G_u^T, G_1^T, G_2^T, G_l^T$ are defined as:

$$G_u = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, \quad G_u^T = \frac{\partial w^2}{\partial x^2}, \quad G_1^T = \frac{12l}{h} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$G_2^T = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, \quad G_2^T = K \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, \quad K = -\int_0^1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} d\xi$$

(2)

$\alpha_T$ is a linear coefficient of a thermal expansion, and

$$\chi = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}, \quad \Delta T = \text{const.}, \quad \theta (x, z) = \text{const.},$$

where $\theta (x, z, t)$ is a space and time dependent dimensionless function of a temperature distribution.

Assuming that the distribution of temperature along $x$ and $z$ axis is constant: $\theta (x, z) = \text{const.}$, we get:

$$G_1^T = 0, \quad \chi = 0, \quad \gamma = \Delta T,$$}

where $\Delta T$ is a difference between the reference temperature and the current temperature. According to the paper [19] longitudinal displacement can be found from the first equation of the set (1) and the model can be simplified to two partial differential equations, having the dimensionless form:
\[
\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \beta \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \psi \right) - d_2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0
\]

\[
\beta \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) - d_1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = -p + G_2^f + G_2^g
\]

We note that the dimensionless displacement of the beam is expressed versus beam’s length \( w = w^* \), where \( w^* \) is the displacement in physical units. It has been assumed that mechanical loading \( p(x, t) \) is distributed along \( x \) axis and is expressed by a function of space and time.

### 3 Multimodal model reduction

The model of a beam has been reduced from partial differential equations (PDE) to ordinary differential equations (ODE) by means of modal projection and then by using Galerkin’s orthogonalisation method. For this purpose the generalized displacements vector is expanded as a sum of the product of the quasi-normal modes \( w_n(x) \), \( \psi_m(x) \) and the time dependent functions \( q_n(t) \):

\[
w(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} w_n(x) q_n(t) \quad \psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \psi_m(x) q_n(t)
\]

where \( N_f \) is a number of assumed modes. Substituting Eq. (5) into (4) we get

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \left[ \frac{d^2 \psi_m}{dx^2} + \alpha \beta \left( \frac{dw_n}{dx} - \psi_m \right) \right] q_n(t) - d_2 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \psi_m q_n(t) - \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \psi_m \tilde{q}_n(t) = 0
\]

\[
\beta \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \left[ \frac{d^2 w_n}{dx^2} - \frac{d \psi_m}{dx} \right] q_n(t) - d_1 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} w_n \tilde{q}_n(t) - \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} w_n \tilde{q}_n(t) = -p + G_2^f + G_2^g
\]

where

\[
G_2^f = K \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} q_n(t) \frac{d^2 w_n}{dx^2}, \quad G_2^g = \alpha_2 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} q_n(t) \frac{d^2 w_n}{dx^2}
\]

\[
p = p(x, t), \quad K = -\int_0^1 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \sum_{j=1}^{N_f} \xi q_n \frac{dw_n(\xi)}{d \xi} \frac{d^2 w_j(\xi)}{d \xi^2} d \xi.
\]

According to the Galerkin’s procedure the quasi-normal modes should satisfy geometrical and dynamical (natural) boundary conditions. For the projection we take linear modes of beam natural vibrations reported in “Appendix 1”. By using the fact that \( w_n \) and \( \psi_m \) are solutions of the eigenvalue problem we obtain:

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{N_f} -\omega_n^2 \psi_m q_n(t) - d_2 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \psi_m q_n(t) - \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \psi_m \tilde{q}_n(t) = 0
\]

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{N_f} -\omega_n^2 w_n q_n(t) - d_1 \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} w_n q_n(t) - \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} w_n \tilde{q}_n(t)
\]

\[
= -p + G_2^f + G_2^g
\]

Multiplying (6)\(_1\) by mode \( \psi_m \) and (6)\(_2\) by mode \( w_m \) (\( x \)), then summing up both equations we have

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{N_f} \omega_n^2 [\psi_m \psi_n + w_m w_n] q_n(t)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} (d_2 \psi_m \psi_n + d_1 w_m w_n) \tilde{q}_n(t)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{n=1}^{N_f} [\psi_m \psi_n + w_m w_n] \tilde{q}_n(t)
\]

\[
= w_m (p - G_2^f - G_2^g)
\]

Then, integrating (9) over the beam length, invoking the orthogonality condition,

\[
\int_0^1 (\psi_m \psi_n + w_m w_n) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = m \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq m \end{cases}
\]

and assuming proportional damping the equations are transformed into the form:

\[
\ddot{q}_n(t) + 2 \xi_n \omega_n \dot{q}_n(t) + \omega_n^2 q_n(t)
\]

\[
= \int_0^1 \left[ p(x, t) w_n(x) - G_2^f(x, t) w_n(x) - G_2^g(x, t) w_n(x) \right] dx
\]

where, \( \omega_n \) is the \( n \)th natural frequency of the linear undamped Timoshenko beam and \( \xi_n \) is a dimensionless modal damping coefficient.

Let’s consider the first three modes of the expansion (5), \( N_f = 3 \). Applying the formulae (5)–(11) we get the equations of motion.
\[ \ddot{q}_1(t) + 2\zeta_1\omega_1\dot{q}_1(t) + \omega_1^2 q_1(t) + C_1 K q_1(t) + C_1^T \Delta T q_1(t) = C_1^f(t) \]
\[ \ddot{q}_2(t) + 2\zeta_2\omega_2\dot{q}_2(t) + \omega_2^2 q_2(t) + C_2 K q_2(t) + C_2^T \Delta T q_2(t) = C_2^f(t) \]
\[ \ddot{q}_3(t) + 2\zeta_3\omega_3\dot{q}_3(t) + \omega_3^2 q_3(t) + C_3 K q_3(t) + C_3^T \Delta T q_3(t) = C_3^f(t) \]

Coefficient \( K \) is calculated from (7) and has the form

\[ K = K_{11} q_1^2 + K_{12} q_1 q_2 + K_{22} q_2^2 + K_{13} q_1 q_3 + K_{23} q_2 q_3 + K_{33} q_3^2 \]  

(13)

where

\[ K_{11} = -\frac{1}{4}\pi^2 B_1^2, \quad K_{12} = 2\pi^2 B_1 B_2, \quad K_{13} = -3\pi^2 B_1 B_3, \]
\[ K_{22} = -\pi^2 B_2^2, \quad K_{23} = 6\pi^2 B_2 B_3, \quad K_{33} = -9\pi^2 B_3^2 \]

The coefficients \( B_n \) \( (n = 1, 2, 3) \) are defined in “Appendix 1”.

External loading has been assumed as distributed periodic force

\[ p(x, t) = P(x)f(t) \]  

(14)

where \( P(x) \) is a space function of distributed loading and \( f(t) \) is a function of time varying loading which is accepted as a time periodic function

\[ f(t) = f_a \sin \Omega t \]  

(15)

with \( f_a \) amplitude and \( \Omega \) frequency of external loading.

Substituting (13) and (15) into (12) we get a set of nonlinear equations

The parameters \( p_1, p_2, p_3 \) for external loading distributed according to the normalised mode shape take definitions

\[ p_1 = C_1^f a_1, \quad p_2 = C_2^f a_2, \quad p_3 = C_3^f a_3 \]  

(17)

The values of coefficients of Eq. (16) are determined for data reported in “Appendix 2” for a case of a symmetric cross-ply laminated beam composed of 20 orthotropic layers.

4 Analytical solutions

Differential equations of motion (16) are nonlinearly coupled by cubic terms. Therefore, in order to solve the problem analytically the approximate method of multiple time scales is used [21]. The set of Eq. (16) is reordered by introducing a formal small parameter \( \varepsilon \),

\[ \ddot{q}_1 + \omega_1^2 q_1 = \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{\mu}_1 \dot{q}_1 - \tilde{C}_1 \dot{q}_1 \right) + \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{p}_1 \sin \Omega t \right) \]
\[ \ddot{q}_2 + \omega_2^2 q_2 = \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{\mu}_2 \dot{q}_2 - \tilde{C}_2 \dot{q}_2 \right) + \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{p}_2 \sin \Omega t \right) \]
\[ \ddot{q}_3 + \omega_3^2 q_3 = \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{\mu}_3 \dot{q}_3 - \tilde{C}_3 \dot{q}_3 \right) + \varepsilon \left( -\tilde{p}_3 \sin \Omega t \right) \]

(18)

where, \( \mu_1 = 2\zeta_1\omega_1 \), \( \mu_2 = 2\zeta_2\omega_2 \), \( \mu_3 = 2\zeta_3\omega_3 \). The formal small parameter \( \varepsilon \) is used for grouping small terms on the right side of Eq. (18), thus the coefficients are defined as: \( \tilde{\mu}_i = \varepsilon \mu_i \), \( \tilde{C}_i = \varepsilon C_i \), \( \tilde{p}_i = \varepsilon p_i \), where \( i = 1, 2, 3, k, l, m = 1, 2, 3 \).

The solution for \( q_1(t), q_2(t), q_3(t) \) is assumed in the form of a series of a small parameter \( \varepsilon \)

\[ q_1(t, \varepsilon) = q_{10}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon q_{11}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon^2 q_{12}(T_0, T_1, T_2) \]
\[ q_2(t, \varepsilon) = q_{20}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon q_{21}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon^2 q_{22}(T_0, T_1, T_2) \]
\[ q_3(t, \varepsilon) = q_{30}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon q_{31}(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \varepsilon^2 q_{32}(T_0, T_1, T_2) \]

(19)
Generalised $q_i$ coordinate ($i = 1, 2, 3$) is expressed respectively in the zeroth, first and second order perturbations, $q_{i,j}(T_0, T_1, T_2)$, ($j = 0, 1, 2$). Dimensionless time is also expanded in a series of a small parameter

$$t = T_0 + \varepsilon T_1 + \varepsilon^2 T_2 + \cdots$$  \hspace{1cm} (20)

where $T_0, T_1$, $T_2$, are respectively the fast and slow time scales. The first and the second time derivatives are now defined with respect to the introduced time scales:

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T_0} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial T_1} + \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T_2} + \cdots$$

$$= D_0 + \varepsilon D_1 + \varepsilon^2 D_2 + \cdots \frac{d^2}{dt^2}$$

$$= D_0^2 + 2 \varepsilon D_0 D_1 + \varepsilon^2 (2D_0^2 D_2 + D_1^2) + \cdots$$  \hspace{1cm} (21)

The operator $D_0^m = \frac{\partial^m}{\partial T_0^m}$ denotes the $m$th order partial derivative with respect to the $n$th time-scale.

Considering the three mode reduction we may expect the main resonances occurring around the natural frequencies $\omega_1, \omega_2$ and $\omega_3$. The analytical solutions are determined around these resonance zones.

The solutions are sought around the natural frequencies of the beam, thus excitation frequency $\Omega$ has to satisfy the condition

$$\Omega^2 = \omega_i^2 + \varepsilon \omega_i$$  \hspace{1cm} (22)

where $\omega_i$ is the frequency detuning parameter of $i$th resonance zone ($i = 1, 2, 3$).

The methodology of the analytical solution determination will be demonstrated for the first resonance zone around $\omega_1$. For the other two cases the procedure is identical, just coordinates $q_2$ and $q_3$ play dominant role around the second and the third resonance, respectively.

According to the method, the solution (19) together with the derivatives defined by (21) is substituted into (18). Next, grouping terms with respect to proper orders of $\varepsilon$, we get a set of differential equations in the successive perturbation orders $\varepsilon^0$-order

$$D_0^2 q_{10} + \Omega_1^2 q_{10} = 0$$

$$D_0^2 q_{20} + \omega_2 q_{20} = 0$$

$$D_0^2 q_{30} + \omega_3 q_{30} = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (23)

$\varepsilon^1$-order

$$D_0^2 q_{10} + \Omega_1^2 q_{10} = \sigma_1 q_{10} - 2D_0 q_{10} - \mu_1 D_0 q_{10}$$

$$- C_1^T \Delta T q_{10} - C_1,111 q_{10} - C_1,112 q_{10}^2 q_{20}$$

$$- C_1,122 q_{10} q_{20}^2 q_{30} - C_1,113 q_{10}^2 q_{30}$$

$$+ \varepsilon \sin \Omega_1 T_0$$

$$D_0^2 q_{21} + \omega_2^2 q_{21} = \sigma_2 q_{20} - 2D_0 q_{20} - \mu_2 D_0 q_{20}$$

$$- C_2^T \Delta T q_{20} - C_2,222 q_{20}^3 - C_2,211 q_{20}^2 q_{30}$$

$$- C_2,222 q_{20} q_{30}^2 q_{30} - C_2,223 q_{20}^2 q_{30}^2$$

$$+ \varepsilon \sin \Omega_2 T_0$$

$$D_0^2 q_{31} + \omega_3^2 q_{31} = \sigma_3 q_{30} - 2D_0 q_{30} - \mu_3 D_0 q_{30}$$

$$- C_3^T \Delta T q_{30} - C_3,333 q_{30}^3 - C_3,311 q_{30}^2 q_{30}$$

$$- C_3,333 q_{30} q_{30}^2 q_{30} - C_3,322 q_{30}^2 q_{30}$$

$$+ \varepsilon \sin \Omega_3 T_0$$  \hspace{1cm} (24)

$\varepsilon^2$-order

$$D_0^2 q_{12} + \Omega_1^2 q_{12} = \sigma_1 q_{11} - \mu_1 (D_0 q_{11} + D_1 q_{10})$$

$$- 2D_0 D_1 q_{11} - 2D_0 D_2 q_{10} - D_1^2 q_{10} - C_1^T \Delta T q_{11}$$

$$- 3C_1,111 q_{10}^2 q_{11} - C_1,112 (2q_{11} q_{20} + q_{10} q_{21})$$

$$- C_1,122 q_{20} (q_{11} q_{20} + 2q_{10} q_{21})$$

$$- C_1,113 q_{10} (2q_{11} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{31})$$

$$- C_1,123 (q_{11} q_{20} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{21} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$- C_1,133 q_{30} (q_{11} q_{30} + 2q_{10} q_{31})$$

$$D_0^2 q_{22} + \omega_2^2 q_{22} = -\mu_2 (D_0 q_{21} + D_1 q_{20})$$

$$- 2D_0 D_1 q_{21} - 2D_0 D_2 q_{20} - D_1^2 q_{20}$$

$$- C_2^T \Delta T q_{21} - 3C_2,222 q_{20}^2 q_{20}$$

$$- C_2,211 q_{20} (2q_{11} q_{20} + q_{10} q_{21})$$

$$- C_2,222 q_{20} (q_{11} q_{20} + 2q_{10} q_{21})$$

$$- C_2,223 q_{20} (2q_{21} q_{30} + q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$- C_2,213 (q_{11} q_{20} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{21} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$- C_2,233 q_{30} (q_{21} q_{30} + 2q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$D_0^2 q_{32} + \omega_3^2 q_{32} = -\mu_3 (D_0 q_{31} + D_1 q_{30})$$

$$- 2D_0 D_1 q_{31} - 2D_0 D_2 q_{30} - D_1^2 q_{30}$$

$$- C_3^T \Delta T q_{31} - 3C_3,333 q_{30}^2 q_{30}$$

$$- C_3,311 q_{10} (2q_{11} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{31})$$

$$- C_3,133 q_{30} (q_{11} q_{30} + 2q_{10} q_{31})$$

$$- C_3,322 q_{20} (2q_{21} q_{30} + q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$- C_3,123 (q_{11} q_{20} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{21} q_{30} + q_{10} q_{20} q_{31})$$

$$- C_3,233 q_{30} (q_{21} q_{30} + 2q_{20} q_{31})$$  \hspace{1cm} (25)
We note that in the above equations the natural frequency is expressed by frequency of external excitation by means of (22).

In further analysis we exclude the internal resonance case. Therefore the ratios of the natural frequencies of the system are assumed to be incommensurable numbers. In order to excite the selected frequencies of the system are assumed to be incommensurable numbers. In order to excite a selected excitation by means of (22).

Substituting solution (29) into (25) we get

\[ q_{11} = \frac{1}{8\Omega^2} C_{1,111} A_1^3 e^{3\Omega T_0} + cc \]  

(29)

The particular solution of (27) has the form

\[ q_{11} = \frac{1}{8\Omega^2} C_{1,111} A_1^3 e^{3\Omega T_0} + cc \]  

(28)

Substituting solution (29) into (25) we get

\[ q_{12} = \frac{1}{8\Omega^2} C_{1,111} A_1^3 e^{3\Omega T_0} + cc \]  

(30)

Applying the so called reconstitution method [21], on the basis of (28) and (30) we get the modulation equations for the complex amplitudes \( A_1 \) as the first order ordinary differential equation

\[ 2\Omega \frac{dA_1}{dt} = e \left[ -\frac{1}{2} p_1 + \left( -\mu_1 + iC_2^T \Delta T - \sigma_1 \right) \right] \]  

(32)

Taking into account the solutions (26) and (29), expressing the complex amplitudes in the polar form

\[ A_1 = \frac{1}{2} a_1 e^{i\phi_1} \]  

(33)

Expressing complex amplitude \( A_1 \) in the polar form (32) and then separating the real and imaginary parts, we get the so called modulation equations for amplitude \( a_1 \) and phase \( \phi_1 \)

\[ \frac{da_1}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\Omega} e \left( \mu_1 A_1 + p_1 \cos \phi_1 \right) \]  

+ \left( \frac{3}{4} C_{1,111} a_1^3 + \frac{3}{4} C_{1,111} a_1^3 \right) \sin \phi_1

\[ + p_1 \left( \frac{3}{4} C_{1,111} a_1^3 + \frac{15}{128} C_{1,111} a_1^5 \right) \cos \phi_1 \]  

(35)
Amplitude $a_1$ and phase $\phi_1$ can be found from the modulation Eq. (35), or for a steady state case from algebraic equations equalling the derivatives to zero, $\frac{da_1}{dt} = 0, \frac{d\phi_1}{dt} = 0$. Then, we can find the resonance curve by determining $\sin \phi_1$ and $\cos \phi_1$ and after some algebraic manipulations we get a polynomial type equation depending on the system’s parameters:

$$b_7z^7 + b_6z^6 + b_5z^5 + b_4z^4 + b_3z^3 + b_2z^2 + b_1z + b_0z = 0 \quad (36)$$

where $z = a_1^2$. Coefficients $b_k, k = 0, \ldots, 7$, are reported in “Appendix 3”. On the basis of Eq. 36 we can study the influence of selected parameters on the beam’s response. Having amplitude $a_1$, the approximate solution can be obtained from (33).

Stability of the solution is determined by analysis of the modulation Eq. (35) which can be written in the shorter form

$$\frac{da_1}{dt} = f_1(a_1, \phi_1)$$
$$\frac{d\phi_1}{dt} = f_2(a_1, \phi_1) \quad (37)$$

Perturbing Eq. (37), considering a linear part of the power expansion and then subtracting perturbed and unperturbed equations we get a set of first order linear differential equations in perturbations

$$\dot{\delta a}_1 = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial a_1} \delta a_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \phi_1} \delta \phi_1$$
$$\dot{\delta \phi}_1 = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial a_1} \delta a_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \phi_1} \delta \phi_1 \quad (38)$$

where $\delta$ means perturbation (variation) of the variable. The stability depends on a real part of the eigenvalues of the Jacobi matrix

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial a_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \phi_1} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial a_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \phi_1} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (39)$$

The solution is unstable if at least one of the roots has real part positive.

The solutions near the second and the third resonance zones are found following the same procedure.

5 Numerical results

Numerical calculations have been carried out for data presented in “Appendix 2” for a symmetric cross-ply laminated composed of 20 layers composite beam. Amplitude and frequency of external load are varied in order to demonstrate essential nonlinear phenomena around the resonance zones or bifurcation points.

The resonant curves obtained from analytical Eq. (35) are presented in Fig. 2. The curves are plotted for fixed temperature $\Delta T = 20$ and three selected levels of excitation $p_i = 10^{-7}$, the so-called modulation $p_i = 10^{-6}, p_i = 5 \times 10^{-6}, i = 1, 2, 3$. The system is excited around the resonance assuming that the harmonic excitation corresponds to the excited mode, i.e. around the natural frequency $\omega$, only excitation $p_i$ is activated. For a small level of excitation amplitude $p_i = 10^{-7}$ resonance curves are similar to a linear beam model. While increasing the amplitude the curves exhibit stiffening effect around three considered resonances. Assuming the same intensity of excitation, the resonant curves around the third natural frequency get the smallest amplitudes comparing to two other cases (see Fig. 2c, d). The shape of the lowest resonance curve presented in Fig. 2d is shown in Fig. 2e in an enlarge scale. Because the natural frequencies of the system are well separated there is no internal resonance in the structure, the coupling between modes exists only due to nonlinear geometrical terms and for small oscillations is not visible. The nonlinear dynamic phenomena arise mainly near the first resonance zone and for relatively large oscillations. The first observation is that there is a loss of stability at the beginning, on the left side of the resonance curve in Fig. 2a for $p_i = 5 \times 10^{-6}$. The zoom of the beginning of this curve is visible in Fig. 2b.

The influence of the temperature can be determined from Eq.(35) (or 36). For the steady state we equalize these equations to zero and determine amplitudes for selected values of temperature. To show the temperature influence we plot the resonance curves for three resonance regions and three selected temperatures values $\Delta T = -70, \Delta T = 0$ and $\Delta T = +70$, We observe (Fig. 3) that the increased temperature shifts the resonance region to lower frequencies (to the left side) and for the negative value the curve is moved to higher frequencies (to the right side), for all considered resonance regions. Apart from this the elevated temperature increases oscillation amplitudes. This phenomenon is visible around the first resonance zone in particular (Fig. 3a). Moreover, one can notice that
Fig. 2  Resonance curves for different excitation level, $p_i = 10^{-7}$, $p_i = 10^{-6}$, $p_i = 5 \times 10^{-6}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, around a the first, c the second and d the third natural frequency; b zoom of the curve $p_1 = 5 \times 10^{-6}$, e zoom of the curve $p_3 = 10^{-7}$; $\Delta T = 20$
The analytical results have a very good agreement comparing them with the ones obtained by direct numerical integration. In Fig. 4 a comparison of the analytical solution (solid line) with direct numerical integration of the original ODE (Eq. 16) by Runge-Kutta method is presented. We see a very good agreement for relatively large oscillations. A difference is observed near low frequency, on the left hand side of the curve around frequency $\Omega = 0.01$. Of course, the analytical method works well only if oscillations are not very large. For large oscillations we apply continuation method by Auto package [22], in order to discover bifurcation points and new nonlinear phenomena.

In the further analysis we focus around the first resonance zone considering large oscillations. We increase meaningfully amplitude of external excitation, $p_1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$. In spite of this fact, the solutions obtained analytically (Fig. 5a) and numerically (Fig. 5b) does not differ essentially. The main difference is visible on the borders of the resonance. In contrast to the analytical solution the resonance curve obtained from direct numerical integration of ODEs is unstable, close to the maximal amplitudes. The zoom $z_1$ of this region is shown in Fig. 5c and more details of the zoom $z_3$ in Fig. 5d. We see that close to the top of the resonance curve, the solution loses stability and an additional unstable branch arises (Fig. 5d) which does not occur in analytical solutions. Moreover, on the left side about $\Omega = 0.02$ unstable solutions of large
Comparing the one mode reduction given in [19] with the present study based on the three mode reduction we may conclude that for periodic excitation distributed according to the selected mode the involvement of the rest modes is small. For small vibration amplitudes the higher modes involvement can be neglected. A difference however, appears for larger oscillations. The course of the resonance curve for the one mode or three modes reduction is similar as presented in Fig. 5b but for the one mode reduction the top of the resonance curve (zoom $z_1$) is stable. This part of $z_1$ zone obtained for the one mode reduction is presented in Fig. 5e. Of course, we may expect that the involvement of a larger number of modes will be crucial if the structure is tuned to the internal resonance condition which is excluded from the present study. Also the multimodal model allows studying the system for a case of multimodal mechanical or thermal loadings.

We may notice that for low frequencies there are untypical lobes which are partially unstable (Fig. 5f). We may expect that this part of the curve is sensitive for the temperature change. The temperature influence is presented in Fig. 6. The lobes are almost stable if the temperature is low ($\Delta T = -50$). Elevated temperature ($\Delta T = 0, \Delta T = 50, \Delta T = 70$) makes the lobes unstable. Moreover, for temperature $\Delta T = 70$ the lower branch on the right side becomes unstable too. Time histories (for one period) of the solution $q_1$ for temperature $\Delta T = 70$ and selected excitation frequency, starting from low frequency and then increasing it, is shown in Fig. 7. For the low frequency (Fig. 7a–c) the beam response includes more than one harmonic. Approaching the resonance zone the response is dominated mainly by a single harmonic corresponding to the excitation frequency (Fig. 7d–g).

Increasing the temperature above a certain threshold two new branches occur in the resonance curve (Fig. 8). Close to the branch point these additional solutions are unstable, but they become stable while the frequency is increasing. It means that in a wide frequency domain there are five possible solutions, three of them are stable and two unstable. The solutions located on the left hand side of the curve are mainly unstable (see the zoom of low frequency lobes in Fig. 8b). The system looses stability in this region and we observe chaotic oscillations there (Fig. 9a). Depending on the initial conditions however, another regular attractor coexists together with the strange chaotic one. This is clearly visible in Fig. 9b in which different basins of attraction of regular (two points) and chaotic motion are present.

The elevated temperature changes dynamics of the considered beam from regular to chaotic. The chaotic attractor can be quenched by the decrease of the temperature. In the bifurcation diagram in Fig. 10 the reduction of the chaotic attractor is presented. Varying temperature from $\Delta T = 100$ till $\Delta T = 70$ we observe declining chaotic attractor with small periodic windows, and about $\Delta T = 74$ there is a transition to subharmonic regular motion of $9T$-period and for about $\Delta T = 70$ there is a transition to subharmonic regular $2T$-period motion. The scenario is presented in Poincaré maps in Fig. 11. There is a visible jump from chaotic to regular dynamics due to small temperature variation from $\Delta T = 75$ to $\Delta T = 74$.

### 6 Conclusions and final remarks

Dynamics of a Timoshenko beam model under an influence of the elevated temperature is analysed in this paper. The model described by partial differential
Fig. 5  Resonance curves around the first natural frequency for excitation level $p_1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$; a analytical result obtained from ME, b direct numerical integration of ODE for three mode reduction, c zoom of zone $z_1$, d zoom of zone $z_3$, e zoom of zone $z_1$ for a case of one mode reduction and e zoom $z_2$ of the zone with lobes
Fig. 6 Resonance curves around the first natural frequency for excitation amplitude $p_1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$ and various temperatures: 

a $\Delta T = -50$, c $\Delta T = 0$, e $\Delta T = 50$, g $\Delta T = 70$, b, d, f, h zoom of the low frequency lobes.
Fig. 7  Time histories (one period) for $\Delta T = 70$, $a$ $\Omega = 0.01045$, $b$ $\Omega = 0.015$, $c$ $\Omega = 0.01985$, $d$ $\Omega = 0.023$, $e$ $\Omega = 0.05$ (stable upper branch), $f$ $\Omega = 0.05$ (unstable middle branch), $g$ $\Omega = 0.05$ (stable lower branch)
equations has been reduced to ordinary differential equations and the detailed study has been carried out for the first three vibration modes. On the basis of analytical solutions it has been shown that the system exhibits stiffening effect in the resonance curves for relatively large amplitude of excitation. Moreover, the instability of the solution, observed by unstable lobes, located on the left side of the resonance curve has been found. A particular attention in the study has been paid to the influence of the temperature on quantitative and qualitative changes in the beam response. It has been shown that elevated temperature shifts the resonance zone in the direction of lower frequencies and increases amplitude of oscillations. This phenomenon occurs around all three considered resonance areas, however this is the most exposed near the first natural frequency. An increase of the temperature makes unstable not only the lobes occurring on the left side of the resonance curve. Also the instability is observed on the right site of the curve for high frequencies. Above a certain temperature threshold two additional branches arise on the resonance curve. Furthermore, the elevated temperature for low excitation frequency may transit the beam into the chaotic oscillation region. Decreased

![Fig. 8](image1.png)

**Fig. 8** Resonance curves around the first natural frequency for excitation amplitude $p_1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$ and temperatures; $\Delta T = 100$, b zoom of the low frequency lobes

![Fig. 9](image2.png)

**Fig. 9** Poincaré map a and basins of attractions b for $p_1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$, $\Delta T = 100$ and $\Omega = 0.02$
temperature reduces chaotic oscillations and then the system goes to regular periodic motion. Varying temperature about 1° we may switch the system between chaotic or regular attractor. The full coupled thermomechanical model subjected to a short or long time heat flux will be investigated in the further work.

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Appendix 1: Eigenvalue problem

In order to reduce PDEs into ODEs the normal modes of free vibrations of the Timoshenko beam have been taken into account. Equations of motion of linear natural frequencies have the form [13, 20]:

\[
\frac{d^2 \psi_n}{dx^2} + \beta x \left( \frac{d w_n}{dx} - \psi_n \right) - \omega_n^2 \psi_n = 0
\]  \hspace{1cm} (40)

\[
\beta \left( \frac{d^2 w_n}{dx^2} - \frac{d \psi_n}{dx} \right) - \omega_n^2 w_n = 0
\]  \hspace{1cm} (41)

In further investigations we assume a simply supported beam (SS-SS). For this case eigenvalues and eigenmodes have an explicit expressions. The eigenvalues can be determined from dependencies

\[
\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{1n} - \omega_{2n}}{2\beta^{-1}}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (42)

where

\[
\omega_{1n} = \alpha + n^2 \pi^2 (1 + \beta^{-1})
\]

\[
\omega_{2n} = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + 2\alpha n^2 \pi^2 (1 + \beta^{-1}) + n^4 \pi^4 (1 - \beta^{-1})^2}
\]

and eigenmodes are described by functions

\[
w_n(x) = B_n \sin(s_{21n}x)\]

\[
\psi_n(x) = B_n \left( s_{21n}^2 - \omega_n^2 \beta^{-1} \right) \cos(s_{21n}x)/s_{21n}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (43)

where

\[
s_{21n} = \sqrt{0.5 \omega_n^2 (1 + \beta^{-1}) + 0.5 \sqrt{\omega_n^4 (1 + \beta^{-1})^2 + 4 \omega_n^2 (\alpha - \beta^{-1} \omega_n^2)}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (44)

Numerical calculations of the eigenvalue problem have been done for the case of a composite beam with a rectangular cross-section for the physical parameters given in Appendix 2. For this case the dimensionless parameters \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) have values

\[
\alpha = 120000, \hspace{0.5cm} \beta = 0.328342
\]  \hspace{1cm} (45)

and the first three natural dimensionless frequencies \( \omega_n \) and parameters \( s_{21n} \), take values

\[
\omega_{01} = 0.0284864, \hspace{0.5cm} \omega_{02} = 0.113889, \hspace{0.5cm} \omega_{03} = 0.256037
\]

\[
s_{211} = 3.14159, \hspace{0.5cm} s_{212} = 6.28319, \hspace{0.5cm} s_{213} = 9.42478
\]

The eigenmodes are defined by (4). The amplitudes \( B_n \), for the first three modes and assumed data, are determined from the orthogonality condition (8):

\[
B_1 = 0.429049, \hspace{0.5cm} B_2 = 0.222499, \hspace{0.5cm} B_3 = 0.149548
\]  \hspace{1cm} (47)

Noting that in (5) \( s_{21n} = n \pi \), the normalized modes are expressed by equations

\[
w_1(x) = 0.429049 \sin(\pi x), \hspace{0.5cm} \psi_1(x) = 1.34756 \cos(\pi x)
\]

\[
w_2(x) = 0.222499 \sin(2 \pi x), \hspace{0.5cm} \psi_2(x) = 1.3966 \cos(2 \pi x)
\]

\[
w_3(x) = 0.149548 \sin(3 \pi x), \hspace{0.5cm} \psi_3(x) = 1.40628 \cos(3 \pi x)
\]  \hspace{1cm} (48)

The mode shapes for \( w_n \) and \( \psi_n \), corresponding to Eq. (A3) are presented in Fig. 12a, b, respectively. The modes computed for considered data are used for PDEs reduction reported in Appendix 2.

Appendix 2: Coefficients of a reduced three modal beam

The considered structure is a symmetric cross-ply laminated beam of length \( L = 0.5 \) m, composed of 20 orthotropic layers, each 0.25 mm thick. The two layers located above and under the neutral surface have 0–90 orientation with respect to x-axis (see Fig. 13). The whole beam sequence of layers (plies) is [0/90]_{10}s. Material characteristics of the single ply are as follows:

Young’s moduli: \( E_1 = 56 \) GPa, \( E_2 = 16 \) GPa,

Poisson’s ratio: \( \nu = 0.269 \),

thermal expansion coefficient: \( \alpha_T = 13.2 \times 10^{-6} \) K\(^{-1}\),

mass density \( \rho = 2052 \) kg/m\(^3\).
These characteristics correspond to a glass-epoxy composite material. The effective Young modulus of the beam is: $E_{ef} = 41.92$ GPa.

The effective Young modulus have been computed considering layers having $E_1$ with orientation $0^\circ$ and layers having $E_2$ with orientation $90^\circ$. Using the simple summation formulae:

$$A_{55} = b \sum_{k=1}^{N_l} G^{(k)}(z^{(k)} - z^{(k-1)}) = b \sum_{k=1}^{N_l} G^{(k)}h^{(k)}$$

$$D = \frac{b}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{N_l} E^{(k)}(z^{(k)} - z^{(k-1)})^3$$

we obtain the equations of composite Timoshenko beam in the form:

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + k^5 A_{55} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \psi \right) - R \frac{\partial^5 \psi}{\partial x^5} = 0$$

$$k^5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ A_{55} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \psi \right) \right] + RH \frac{\partial^5 w}{\partial x^5} = -p$$

To obtain $E_{ef}$ in the usual form of the Timoshenko beam the coefficient $D$ is divided by $\frac{b}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{N_l} (z^{(k)} - z^{(k-1)})^3$.

Dimensionless coefficients take values

$\alpha = 120000, \beta = 0.328342$

mode 1

$C_{1,111} = 0.412628, C_{1,112} = -1.71194, C_{1,112} = 0.443911, C_{1,113} = -1.79032,$

$C_{1,133} = 0.451277, C_{1,113} = 1.72608, C_{1,123} = -2.17116 \times 10^{-5}, C_{1} = 0.0920439$ (51)

mode 2

$C_{2,222} = 0.477566, C_{2,122} = -1.84173,$

$C_{2,223} = -1.92605, C_{2,211} = 0.443911$, $C_{2,123} = 1.85694, C_{2,233} = 0.48549,$

$C_{2} = -2.33577 \times 10^{-5}, C_{2} = 0.0247555$ (52)

mode 3

$C_{3,333} = 0.493546, C_{3,233} = -1.95801,$

$C_{3,133} = 1.88775, C_{3,113} = 0.48549, C_{3,123} = -1.87228, C_{3,223} = 0.48549,$

$C_{3} = -2.37452 \times 10^{-5}, C_{3} = 0.011185$ (53)
Appendix 3: Coefficients of the characteristic Eq. (36)

\[
b_7 = 18225C_{1,111}^6
\]
\[
b_6 = 3240C_{1,111}^5 (41C_1^7 T - 133\Omega^2 + 41\omega_1^2)
\]
\[
b_5 = 144C_{1,111}^4 (2581(C_1^7 T)^2 + C_1^7 T (516\omega_1^2 - 17026\Omega^2) + 469\mu_1^2\Omega^2 + 25789\Omega^4
- 17026\omega_1^2 + 2581\omega_1^4]
\]
\[
b_4 = -576C_{1,111}^3 \left\{ 81C_{1,111}^2 \rho_1^2 - 16(55C_1^7 T^3 + C_1^7 T^2 (165\omega_1^2 - 556\Omega^2)
+ C_1^7 T (31\mu_2^2\Omega^2 + 1723\Omega^4 - 1112\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 165\omega_1^4) + \mu_1^2 (31\Omega^2 \omega_1^2 - 122\Omega^4)
- 1590\Omega^6 + 1723\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 - 556\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 55\omega_1^6) \right\}
\]
\[
b_3 = -6144C_{1,111}^2 \left\{ 27C_{1,111}^1 \rho_1^3 (C_1^7 T^2 - 5\Omega^2 + \omega_1^2) - 2 \left[ 29(C_1^7 T)^4 + (C_1^7 T)^3 (116\omega_1^2 - 401\Omega^2)
+ (C_1^7 T)^2 (34\mu_1^2\Omega^2 + 3(643\Omega^4 - 401\Omega^2 \omega_1^4 + 58\omega_1^4))
+ C_1^7 T (\mu_1^2 (68\omega_1^2 + 257\Omega^4) - 3715\Omega^6 + 3858\Omega^4 \omega_1^2 - 1203\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 116\omega_1^6)
+ 5\mu_1^2 \Omega^4 + \mu_1^2 (507\omega_1^4 - 257\omega_1^4 \omega_1^4 + 342\omega_1^4) + (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2)^2 (94\Omega^4 - 1112\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 29\omega_1^6) \right] \right\}
\]
\[
b_2 = -6144C_{1,111} \left\{ 3C_{1,111}^1 \rho_1^4 \left[ 11(C_1^7 T)^2 - 22C_1^7 T (5\Omega^2 - \omega_1^2) + 3\mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + 11(\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2)^2 \right]
- 4 \left[ 5(C_1^7 T)^5 + (C_1^7 T)^4 (25\omega_1^2 - 89\Omega^2) + 2(C_1^7 T)^3 (5\mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + 297\Omega^4 - 1782\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 25\omega_1^4)
- 2(C_1^7 T)^2 (5\mu_1^2 (11\Omega^4 - 3\Omega^2 \omega_1^2) + 905\Omega^6 - 891\Omega^6 \omega_1^2 + 267\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 - 25\omega_1^6) \right]
+ C_1^7 T [5\mu_1^2 \Omega^4 + \mu_1^2 (414\Omega^6 - 220\omega_1^6 \omega_1^4 + 300\omega_1^4 \omega_1^6) + (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2)^2 (97\Omega^4 - 106\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 25\omega_1^4) \right]
+ \mu_1^2 (5\Omega^4 \omega_1^2 - 21\Omega^6) - 2\mu_1^2 \left( 285\Omega^8 - 207\Omega^8 \omega_1^2 + 55\Omega^4 \omega_1^4 - 5\Omega^2 \omega_1^6 \right)
- \left( 5\Omega^2 - \omega_1^2 \right)^3 (9\Omega^4 - 14\Omega^2 \omega_1^2 + 5\omega_1^4) \right\}
\]
\[
b_1 = 16384 \left\{ \left[ (C_1^7 T)^2 + 2C_1^7 T (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2) + \mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2)^2 \right]^2 [-6C_{1,111} \rho_1^2 (C_1^7 T - 5\Omega^2 + \omega_1^2)
+ (C_1^7 T)^4 + 4(C_1^7 T)^3 (\omega_1^2 - 3\Omega^2) + 2(C_1^7 T)^2 (\mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + 23\Omega^4 - 18\omega_1^2 \omega_1^4 + 3\omega_1^4)
- 4C_1^7 T (3\Omega^2 - \omega_1^2) (\mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + 5\Omega^4 - 6\Omega^2 \omega_1^4 + 3\omega_1^4) + \mu_1^2 \Omega^4 + 26\mu_1^4 \Omega^6 - 12\mu_1^4 \Omega^4 \omega_1^2 + 2\mu_1^2 \Omega^2 \omega_1^4
+ 25\Omega^8 - 60\Omega^8 \omega_1^2 + 46\Omega^4 \omega_1^4 - 12\Omega^2 \omega_1^6 + \omega_1^8 \right]
\]
\[
b_0 = -16384\rho_1^2 \left\{ (C_1^7 T)^2 + 2C_1^7 T (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2) + \mu_1^2 \Omega^2 + (\omega_1^2 - 5\Omega^2)^2 \right\}^2
\]

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