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Isogeometric Buckling Analysis of The Magneto-electro-elastic Foam Plates Resting on An Elastic Foundation

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Abstract. This study combines the isogeometric approach (IGA) and refined plate theory (RPT) with two variables to investigate the buckling behavior of magneto-electro-elastic (MEE) foam plates resting on an elastic foundation. The pores in the MEE foam plates are arranged in three patterns: uniform, symmetric, and asymmetric distributions across the plate thickness. The elastic foundation supported by Winkler and Pasternak is utilized to approach the computational model. The governing equations are derived by using RPT and Hamilton's principle. The Non-Uniform Rational B-Splines (NURBS) basic functions in the IGA method are used to approximate the displacement fields and magnetic and electric potentials. The critical buckling load of the MEE foam plates is determined by solving the above governing equations with the help of the IGA. The study investigates and discusses the influence of various parameters such as porosity distributions, porous coefficient, external electric voltage and magnetic potential, spring/shear coefficients of the elastic foundation, and the geometry of the MEE foam plates on the critical buckling load. The results show that these parameters significantly influence the buckling behavior of the MEE foam plates. This study provides valuable insights into the buckling behavior of magneto-electro-elastic foam plates and can inform the design of novel materials and structures with tailored properties.

Keywords

Magneto-electro-elastic foam plate, isogeometric analysis, buckling analysis, refined plate theory, elastic foundations.

1. Introduction

A magneto-electro-elastic material is a type of material that has both magnetic and electroelastic behavior. This material can be used in various applications, including vibration damping, sensing, and energy harvesting. It is unique because it combines magnetic and electric fields with mechanical deformation to produce a composite behavior tailored to specific needs. The mechanical, electrical, and magnetic properties of the material can be controlled and optimized through the design and fabrication process, making it a promising candidate for a wide range of technological applications. Therefore, numerous investigations have been into the mechanical behaviors of the MEE structures in recent years. Ramirez et al. [\[1\]](#page-12-0) studied the free vibration of the laminated plates with homogeneous elastic,

piezoelectric and piezomagnetic layers. Employing the semi-analytical finite element method, Xin et al. [\[2,](#page-12-1) [3\]](#page-12-2) presented the free vibration analysis of the fixed supported and simply supported multilayer MEE plates. Li and Zhang [\[4\]](#page-12-3) used the Mindlin theory and analytical method to investigate the free vibration of the MEE plate resting on an elastic foundation. Besides, according to the third-order beam theory and nonlocal elasticity theory, the analytical thermal buckling of the magneto-electro-thermo-elastic (METE) functionally graded (FG) nanobeams was examined by Ebrahimi et al. [\[5\]](#page-12-4). Liu [\[6\]](#page-12-5) presented the bending of the laminated plates with MEE layers using the Kirchhoff plate theory (KPT) and the analytical method. The KPT and modified strain gradient theory are used by Jamalpoor et al. [\[7\]](#page-12-6) to investigate the analytical size-dependent buckling and free vibration of the MEE microplate resting on a visco-Pasternak foundation considering the external electric and magnetic loads. Moreover, Ansari and Gholami [\[8\]](#page-12-7) studied the buckling and postbuckling analyses of the METE nanoplates under external mechanical, magnetic, electric and thermal loads employing the nonlocal elasticity theory and nonlinear first-order plate theory. Shooshtari et al. [\[9\]](#page-12-8) found the analytical natural frequency of the rectangular MEE plates resting on an elastic foundation based on the higher-order shear deformation theory *(HSDT)*. According to the HSDT and analytical method, Razavi [\[10\]](#page-12-9) presented the mechanical buckling of the MEE plates with axial and biaxial compressive loads. The analytical buckling of the MEE nanoplates according to the nonlocal elastic theory and the HSDT was investigated by Park et al. [\[11\]](#page-12-10). Malikan et al. [\[12\]](#page-12-11) used the simple FSDT combined with nonlocal strain gradient theory to present the forced vibration of the MEE nanoplates based on the analytical method. The nonlinear bending of the MEE plates with linear variable thickness was studied by Wang et al. [\[13\]](#page-12-12) based on von Karman plate theory. Yang et al. [\[14\]](#page-12-13) investigated the influence of the surface effect on the analytical free vibration and bending of the circular MEE nanoplates under the external electric voltage and magnetic potential employing the KPT. Based on the nonlocal elasticity theory, Arefi et al. [\[15\]](#page-12-14) present the bending and buckling of the three-layered doubly curved nanoshells with homogeneous core and MEE face sheets according to the analytical method. Based on the thirdorder shear deformation theory, Hong et al. [\[16\]](#page-12-15) studied the analytical vibration of FG cylindrical shell in a thermal environment. Solby et al. [\[17\]](#page-12-16), employing the refined shear deformation theory, studied the free vibration of the MEE FG plate reinforced by the graphene platelets resting on an elastic substrate.

As we see in the above literature review, the MEE structure was studied by using the analytical method, which is suitable for a simple problem with a simple boundary. The numerical method, such as finite element method (FEM), meshfree, IGA, etc., are the best choice for the problem with complex boundaries. In addition, Kiran and Kattimani [\[18,](#page-13-0) [19\]](#page-13-1) used FSDT and the finite element method (FEM) to find the critical buckling load of the multilayered rectangular and skew plates with piezoelectric and piezomagnetic layers. The IGA can efficiently fulfill the higher-order derivatives of the refined plate theory due to its foundation in Non-uniform rational B-splines (NURBS) basic functions, which provide versatility in achieving any preferred level of continuity within the basis functions. The IGA and its computational expense is first proposed by Hughes [\[20\]](#page-13-2). Bazilevs et al. [\[21\]](#page-13-3) analyzed the wind turbines and turbomachinery using IGA. Furthermore, according to IGA, microplate size-dependent free vibration, bending, and buckling can be examined in references [\[22,](#page-13-4) [23,](#page-13-5) [24\]](#page-13-6). The free vibration and static analyses of the FGM plate and the buckling of the Mindlin–Reissner plates were introduced in [\[25,](#page-13-7) [26\]](#page-13-8) employing the extended IGA. Tajikawa et al. [\[27\]](#page-13-9) investigated computational cardiovascular medicine based on the IGA. Based on the isogeometric mesh-free collocation method, the free vibration, static bending and mechanical buckling of the laminated composite plates were investigated by Huang et al. [\[28\]](#page-13-10). Zhang et al. [\[29\]](#page-13-11) proposed the nonlocal operator method for solving complex multifield problems. Besides, Zhou et al. [\[30\]](#page-13-12) provided an optimal solution to address the problem of reducing the degree of C-Bézier surfaces with prescribed constraints in the L2 norm. According to the isogeometric-reproducing kernel particle method, Kiran et al. [\[31\]](#page-13-13) presented the buckling of the orthotropic three-dimensional plates and shells containing cracks.

As far as the authors know that there has not been a study that uses IGA and RPT with two variables to examine the buckling of the MEE foam plate resting on the Winkler-Pasternak foundation. This article fills that research gap by using RPT with two variables and IGA to perform the mechanical buckling of the MEE foam plates resting on a Winkler-Pasternak foundation. The impact of the porous distribution types, porosity coefficient, external electric and magnetic loads, shear and spring coefficients of the elastic foundation and geometric parameters on the MEE foam plates is analyzed and discussed.

2. The Basic Equations

2.1. The MEE foam plates

As we see in Figure 1, the MEE foam plate with porosities is arranged in uniform, symmetric, and asymmetric distributions across the plate thickness, respectively. The effective material properties of the MEE foam plate are presented as follows [\[32\]](#page-13-14)

Uniform:

$$
\begin{cases}\nP_{eff} = P_1 (1 - e_0 \xi) \\
\rho_{eff} = \rho_1 (1 - e_m \xi) \\
\xi = \frac{1}{e_0} - \frac{1}{e_0} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - e_0} - \frac{2}{\pi} + 1\right)^2\n\end{cases}
$$

Symmetric:

$$
\begin{cases}\nP_{eff} = P_1 \left(1 - e_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) \right) \\
\rho_{eff} = \rho_1 \left(1 - e_m \cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{h}\right) \right)\n\end{cases} (1)
$$

Asymmetric:

$$
\begin{cases}\nP_{eff} = P_1 \left(1 - e_0 \cos \left(\frac{\pi z}{2h} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) \\
\rho_{eff} = \rho_1 \left(1 - e_m \cos \left(\frac{\pi z}{2h} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right)\n\end{cases}
$$

where

$$
\begin{cases} e_0 = 1 - \frac{E_2}{E_1} = 1 - \frac{G_2}{G_1}, 0 < e_0 < 1\\ e_m = 1 - \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}; 0 < e_m < 1 \end{cases}
$$

in which P and ρ are the material properties and density of the MEE foam plates, respectively; e_0 is the porous coefficient, e_m is the porosity coefficient of density; E and G are the moduli of elasticity and shear modulus, respectively. Indexes "1" and "2" indicate the maximum and minimum values of the material properties, respectively.

2.2. The refined plate theory with two variables

The vector of displacement fields at any point in the MEE foam plate is represented by using the RPT [\[33\]](#page-13-15) as follows

$$
\mathbf{u} = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{Bmatrix} = \mathbf{u}_1 + z\mathbf{u}_2 + f(z) \mathbf{u}_3 = \dots
$$

$$
\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ w_b + w_s \end{Bmatrix} + z \begin{Bmatrix} -w_{b,x} \\ -w_{b,y} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + f(z) \begin{Bmatrix} w_{s,x} \\ w_{s,y} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}
$$

$$
(3)
$$

in which w_b and w_s represent the bending and shear transverse displacements along the z-axis, respectively; symbol "," describes the differential operator; $f(z)$ represents the distribution function, which is specified as

$$
f(z) = -\frac{4z^3}{3h^2} \tag{4}
$$

Based on Eq. (3), the linear strain tensor components are defined by

$$
\begin{cases}\n\varepsilon_x = -zw_{b,xx} + f(z) w_{s,xx} \\
\varepsilon_y = -zw_{b,yy} + f(z) w_{s,yy} \\
\gamma_{xy} = -2zw_{b,xy} + 2f(z) w_{s,xy} \\
\gamma_{xz} = (1 + f'(z)) w_{s,x} \\
\gamma_{yz} = (1 + f'(z)) w_{s,y}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(5)

Eq. (5) is rewritten in matrix form as follows

$$
\varepsilon = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_b \\ \varepsilon_s \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} z\varepsilon_{b1} + f(z)\,\varepsilon_{b2} \\ (1 + f'(z))\,\gamma_s \end{Bmatrix} \tag{6}
$$

where

$$
\varepsilon_{b} = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{x} \\ \varepsilon_{y} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}; \varepsilon_{b1} = -\begin{Bmatrix} w_{b,xx} \\ w_{b,yy} \\ 2w_{b,xy} \end{Bmatrix}; \varepsilon_{b2} = \begin{Bmatrix} w_{s,xx} \\ w_{s,yy} \\ 2w_{s,xy} \end{Bmatrix};
$$

(2) $\varepsilon_{s} = \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{Bmatrix}; \gamma_{s} = \begin{Bmatrix} w_{s,x} \\ w_{s,y} \end{Bmatrix}$ (7)

Fig. 1: The geometry of the MEE foam plates resting on an elastic foundation.

In accordance with Maxwell's equation, as outlined in [\[34\]](#page-14-0), the electric and magnetic potentials can be taken by the following forms

$$
\begin{cases}\n\Phi(x, y, z) = g(z)\varphi(x, y) + \frac{2z}{h}V_0; \\
\Psi(x, y, z) = g(z)\psi(x, y) + \frac{2z}{h}\Omega_0\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(8)

where $g(z) = -\cos(\pi z/h); \Phi$ and Ψ are the electric and magnetic potentials, respectively; V_0 and Ω_0 are the initial external electric voltage and magnetic potential, respectively.

The electric and magnetic fields are obtained from the electric and magnetic potentials according to Eq. (8) as follows

$$
\mathbf{E} = \begin{Bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{Bmatrix} = -\begin{Bmatrix} \Phi_{,x} \\ \Phi_{,y} \\ \Phi_{,z} \end{Bmatrix} = -\begin{Bmatrix} g(z)\varphi_{,x} \\ g(z)\varphi_{,x} \\ g'(z)\varphi + \frac{2V_0}{h} \end{Bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{H} = \begin{Bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{Bmatrix} = -\begin{Bmatrix} \Psi_{,x} \\ \Psi_{,y} \\ \Psi_{,z} \end{Bmatrix} = -\begin{Bmatrix} g(z)\psi_{,x} \\ g(z)\psi_{,x} \\ g'(z)\psi + \frac{2\Omega_0}{h} \end{Bmatrix}
$$
(9)

in which E_x, E_y, E_z are the electric field's components and H_x , H_y , H_z are the magnetic field's components.

2.3. Constitutive equations

The constitutive relations of the MEE foam plate are formulated as follows [\[7\]](#page-12-6)

$$
\begin{cases}\n\sigma_x \\
\sigma_y \\
\tau_{xy} \\
\tau_{yz} \\
\tau_{yz}\n\end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix}\n\bar{c}_{11} & \bar{c}_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{c}_{12} & \bar{c}_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \bar{c}_{66} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{c}_{44} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{c}_{55}\n\end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}\n\varepsilon_x \\
\gamma_{yx} \\
\gamma_{yz} \\
\gamma_{yz} \\
\tau_{yz}\n\end{pmatrix} - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n0 & 0 & \bar{e}_{31} \\
0 & 0 & \bar{e}_{31} \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{e}_{15} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \bar{e}_{15} & 0\n\end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}\nE_x \\
E_y \\
E_z\n\end{pmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix}\n0 & 0 & \bar{q}_{31} \\
0 & 0 & \bar{q}_{31} \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \bar{q}_{15} & 0\n\end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}\nH_x \\
H_y \\
H_z\n\end{pmatrix};
$$
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\nD_x \\
D_y \\
D_z\n\end{cases} = \begin{cases}\n0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{e}_{15} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{e}_{31} & \bar{e}_{31} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{e}_{31} & \bar{e}_{31} & 0 & 0\n\end{cases} \begin{cases}\n\varepsilon_x \\
\varepsilon_y \\
\gamma_{xy} \\
\gamma_{yz} \\
\gamma_{yz}\n\end{cases} + \dots
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\bar{k}_{11} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \bar{k}_{22} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \bar{k}_{33}\n\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}\nE_x \\
E_y \\
E_z\n\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix}\n\bar{d}_{11} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \bar{d}_{22} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \bar{d}_{33}\n\end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}\n\varepsilon_x \\
H_y \\
H_z\n\end{pmatrix} + \dots
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix
$$

where $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}, \tau_{xz}$ and τ_{yz} are the stress tensor's components; D_x, D_y, D_z and H_x, H_y, H_z are electric and magnetic displacements, respectively; \bar{c}_{ij} is the reduced elastic stiffness's components; \bar{e}_{ij} , \bar{q}_{ij} and \bar{k}_{ij} are the reduced piezoelectric, piezo-magnetic and dielectric permittivity, respectively; \bar{d}_{ij} and $\bar{\mu}_{ij}$ are reduced electromagnetic and magnetic permittivity coefficients, respectively. The reduced material properties in Eq. (10) are formulated as follows

$$
\bar{c}_{11} = c_{11} - \frac{c_{13}^2}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{c}_{12} = c_{12} - \frac{c_{13}^2}{c_{33}}; \n\bar{c}_{66} = c_{66}; \ \bar{c}_{55} = c_{55}; \ \bar{c}_{44} = c_{44}; \n\bar{e}_{31} = e_{31} - \frac{e_{33}c_{13}}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{e}_{15} = e_{15}; \n\bar{q}_{31} = q_{31} - \frac{q_{33}c_{13}}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{q}_{15} = q_{15}; \n\bar{k}_{33} = k_{33} + \frac{e_{33}^2}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{k}_{11} = k_{11}; \n\bar{d}_{33} = d_{33} + \frac{q_{33}c_{33}}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{d}_{11} = d_{11}; \n\bar{\mu}_{33} = \mu_{33} + \frac{q_{33}^2}{c_{33}}; \ \bar{\mu}_{11} = \mu_{11}
$$

where the coefficients c_{ij} , e_{ij} , q_{ij} , k_{ij} , d_{ij} , μ_{ij} are calculated from Eq. (1). In matrix form, the constitutive equations (10) are reformed by

$$
\begin{cases}\n\sigma_b = \mathbf{C}_{uub}\varepsilon_b - \mathbf{C}_{ueb}\mathbf{E}_b - \mathbf{C}_{umb}\mathbf{H}_b; \\
\sigma_s = \mathbf{C}_{uus}\varepsilon_s - \mathbf{C}_{ues}\mathbf{E}_s - \mathbf{C}_{ums}\mathbf{H}_s; \\
\mathbf{D}_b = \mathbf{C}_{ueb}^T\varepsilon_b + \mathbf{C}_{eeb}\mathbf{E}_b + \mathbf{C}_{emb}\mathbf{H}_b; \\
\mathbf{D}_s = \mathbf{C}_{ues}^T\varepsilon_s + \mathbf{C}_{ees}\mathbf{E}_s + \mathbf{C}_{ems}\mathbf{H}_s; \\
\mathbf{B}_b = \mathbf{C}_{umb}^T\varepsilon_b + \mathbf{C}_{emb}\mathbf{E}_b + \mathbf{C}_{mmb}\mathbf{H}_b; \\
\mathbf{B}_s = \mathbf{C}_{ums}^T\varepsilon_s + \mathbf{C}_{ems}\mathbf{E}_s + \mathbf{C}_{mms}\mathbf{H}_s\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(12)

where

$$
\boldsymbol{\sigma}_b = \left\{ \sigma_x \quad \sigma_y \quad \tau_{xy} \right\}^T; \ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_s = \left\{ \tau_{xz} \quad \tau_{yz} \right\}^T; \mathbf{D}_b = \left\{ 0 \quad 0 \quad D_z \right\}^T; \ \mathbf{D}_s = \left\{ D_x \quad D_y \right\}^T; \mathbf{B}_b = \left\{ 0 \quad 0 \quad B_z \right\}^T; \ \mathbf{B}_s = \left\{ B_x \quad B_y \right\}^T; \mathbf{E}_b = \left\{ 0 \quad 0 \quad E_z \right\}^T; \mathbf{E}_s = \left\{ E_x \quad E_y \right\}^T; \mathbf{H}_b = \left\{ 0 \quad 0 \quad H_z \right\}^T; \mathbf{H}_s = \left\{ H_x \quad H_y \right\}^T
$$
\n(13)

and

$$
\mathbf{C}_{uub} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{c}_{11} & \bar{c}_{12} & 0 \\ \bar{c}_{12} & \bar{c}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{c}_{66} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{ueb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \bar{e}_{31} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{e}_{31} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{umb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \bar{q}_{31} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{q}_{31} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{eeb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{k}_{33} \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{mmb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{\mu}_{33} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{emb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{d}_{33} \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{uus} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{c}_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{c}_{55} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{ues} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_{15} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{e}_{15} \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{ums} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{q}_{15} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{q}_{15} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{ees} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{k}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{k}_{11} \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{mms} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mu}_{22} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{C}_{ems} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{d}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{d}_{22} \end{bmatrix}
$$
(14)

2.4. Variational principle

Based on Hamilton's principle, the governing equation for the mechanical buckling of an MEE foam plate resting on an elastic foundation can be expressed as

$$
\int_{0}^{t} \left(\delta \Pi - \delta V_{em} - \delta V_f - \delta V_m\right) dt = 0 \qquad (15)
$$

where $\delta \Pi$ represents the virtual strain energy, δV_{em} is the virtual work done by the external electric voltage and magnetic potential, δV_f is the virtual work done by an elastic foundation, δV_m is the virtual work done by the external compressive loads.

The virtual strain energy of the MEE foam plate is expressed as

$$
\delta \Pi = \int_{V} \begin{pmatrix} \delta \varepsilon_b^T \sigma_b + \delta \varepsilon_s^T \sigma_s - \delta \mathbf{E}_b^T \mathbf{D}_b - \dots \\ \delta \mathbf{E}_s^T \mathbf{D}_s - \delta \mathbf{H}_b^T \mathbf{B}_b - \delta \mathbf{H}_s^T \mathbf{B}_s \end{pmatrix} dV
$$
\n(16)

The virtual work performed by the initial external electric and magnetic loads is formulated by

$$
\delta V_{em} = \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{N}_{w}^{T} \mathbf{N}_{em} \mathbf{N}_{w} d\Omega;
$$

$$
\mathbf{N}_{em} = -\begin{bmatrix} 2\bar{e}_{31}V_{0} + 2\bar{q}_{31}\Omega_{0} & 0\\ 0 & 2\bar{e}_{31}V_{0} + 2\bar{q}_{31}\Omega_{0} \end{bmatrix};
$$

$$
\mathbf{N}_{w} = \begin{Bmatrix} w_{b,x} + w_{s,x} \\ w_{b,y} + w_{s,y} \end{Bmatrix}
$$
(17)

The virtual work performed by the Winkler-Pasternak foundation is expressed as

$$
\delta V_f = \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{N}_w^T \left(k_w \mathbf{N}_w - k_s \nabla^2 \mathbf{N}_w \right) d\Omega \quad (18)
$$

where $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ is the gradient operator; k_w and k_s are spring and shear coefficients of the Winkler-Pasternak foundation, respectively.

In addition, the virtual work done by the external compressive loads can be expressed by

$$
\delta V_m = \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{N}_w^T \mathbf{N}_m \mathbf{N}_w \, d\Omega; \ \mathbf{N}_m = \begin{bmatrix} N_x & 0 \\ 0 & N_y \end{bmatrix}
$$
(19)

where N_x and N_y are the inplane external compressive loads.

By substituting the appropriate expressions into Eq. (15), the weak form of the governing equation can be rewritten as following

$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{\epsilon}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{uub}\bar{\epsilon}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{\epsilon}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{ueb}\bar{E}^{b} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{\epsilon}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{umb}\bar{H}^{b} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \delta(\gamma^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{uus}\gamma^{s} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\gamma^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ues}\bar{E}^{s} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\gamma^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ums}\bar{H}^{s} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{ueb}\bar{\epsilon}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{eeb}\bar{E}^{b} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{emb}\bar{H}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ues}\gamma^{s} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{emb}\bar{E}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{E}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ems}\bar{H}^{s} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{umb}\bar{\epsilon}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{emb}\bar{E}^{b} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{b})^{T} \bar{D}_{mmb}\bar{H}^{b} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ums}\gamma^{s} d\Omega - \dots
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{ems}\bar{E}^{s} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{H}^{s})^{T} \bar{D}_{mms}\bar{H}^{s} d\Omega - \dots
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where

$$
\bar{\epsilon}^{b} = \begin{cases} \epsilon_{b1} \\ \epsilon_{b2} \end{cases}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}^{b} = -\begin{cases} 0 & 0 & \varphi \end{cases}^{T}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}^{s} = -\begin{cases} \varphi_{,x} & \varphi_{,y} \end{cases}^{T}; \n\bar{\mathbf{H}}^{b} = -\begin{cases} 0 & 0 & \psi \end{cases}^{T}; \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{s} = -\begin{cases} \psi_{,x} & \psi_{,y} \end{cases}^{T}; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{uub} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{b} & B_{b} \\ B_{b} & D_{b} \end{bmatrix}; \ \bar{\mathbf{D}}_{uus} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (1+f')^{2} \mathbf{C}_{uus} dz; \n(A_{b}, B_{b}, D_{b}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (z^{2}, zf, f^{2}) \mathbf{C}_{uub} dz; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ueb} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{C}_{ueb}^{1} & \mathbf{C}_{2}^{2} \\ \mathbf{C}_{ueb}^{1} & \mathbf{C}_{ueb}^{2} \end{cases}; \ \bar{\mathbf{D}}_{umb} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{C}_{umb}^{1} & \mathbf{C}_{umb}^{2} \\ \mathbf{C}_{ucb}^{1} & \mathbf{C}_{ucb} \end{cases}; \n(\mathbf{C}_{ueb}^{1}, \mathbf{C}_{ucb}^{2}) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{uwb}(z, f) g' dz; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ucs} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{ucs}(1+f') g dz; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ums} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{ums}(1+f') g dz; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{emb} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{emb} g'^{2} dz; \ \bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ems} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{ems} g^{2} dz; \n\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{emb} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \mathbf{C}_{emb} g'^{2} dz; \ \bar{\mathbf
$$

2.5. The isogeometric approximation

Employing the NURBS basic function [\[20\]](#page-13-2), the displacement, electric and magnetic vectors are approximated as follows

$$
\mathbf{u}(x, y) = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \mathbf{N}_I(x, y) \mathbf{q}_I;
$$

$$
\varphi(x, y) = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \mathbf{N}_{\varphi I}(x, y) \chi_I;
$$
 (22)

$$
\psi(x, y) = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \mathbf{N}_{\psi I}(x, y) \chi_I
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{N}_{I}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} N_{I}(x,y) & 0 \\ 0 & N_{I}(x,y) \end{bmatrix};
$$

\n
$$
\mathbf{N}_{\varphi I}(x,y) = \{N_{I}(x,y) \quad 0\};
$$

\n
$$
\mathbf{N}_{\psi I}(x,y) = \{0 \quad N_{I}(x,y)\};
$$

\n
$$
\mathbf{q}_{I} = \{w_{bI}, w_{sI}\}^{T}; \chi_{I} = \{\varphi_{I}, \psi_{I}\}^{T}
$$
\n(23)

where $N_I(x, y)$ is the NURBS basic function.

By substituting Eq. (22) into Eq. (21), the strain, electric and magnetic fields can be reexpressed as

$$
\bar{\varepsilon}^{b} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \left\{ \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{b1I} \atop \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{b2I} \right\} q_{I} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{I}^{b} q_{I}; \gamma^{s} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{I}^{s} d_{I};
$$
\n
$$
\bar{\mathbf{E}}^{b} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi bI} \chi_{I}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}^{s} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi sI} \chi_{I};
$$
\n
$$
\bar{\mathbf{H}}^{b} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\psi bI} \chi_{I}; \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{s} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\psi sI} \chi_{I}
$$
\n(24)

in which

$$
\mathbf{B}_{1I}^{b} = -\begin{bmatrix} N_{I,xx} & 0 \\ N_{I,yy} & 0 \\ 2N_{I,xy} & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{B}_{2I}^{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & N_{I,xx} \\ 0 & N_{I,yy} \\ 0 & 2N_{I,xy} \end{bmatrix};
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{\bar{B}}_{I}^{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & N_{I,x} \\ 0 & N_{I,y} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{\bar{B}}_{\varphi bI} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -N_{I} & 0 \end{bmatrix};
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{\bar{B}}_{\psi bI} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -N_{I} \end{bmatrix}; \ \mathbf{\bar{B}}_{\varphi sI} = \begin{bmatrix} -N_{I,x} & 0 \\ -N_{I,y} & 0 \end{bmatrix};
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{\bar{B}}_{\psi sI} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -N_{I,x} \\ 0 & -N_{I,y} \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(25)

Substituting Eq. (22) into Eq. (17), the vector N_w is reformed as

$$
\mathbf{N}_{w} = \sum_{I=1}^{m \times n} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{wI} \mathbf{q}_{I}; \ \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{wI} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{I,x} & N_{I,x} \\ N_{I,y} & N_{I,y} \end{bmatrix} \ (26)
$$

Substituting Eqs. (24) and (26) into Eq. (20) , the weak form for buckling analysis of the MEE foam plate resting on a Winkler-Pasternak foundation can be presented as following

$$
(\mathbf{K} - \lambda_{cr} \mathbf{K}_g) \mathbf{q} = 0 \tag{27}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_{uu} - \mathbf{K}_{u\chi}\mathbf{K}_{\chi\chi}^{-1}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}_{u\chi}^{T}; \ \mathbf{K}_{g} = \int_{\Omega}\mathbf{B}_{w}^{T}\mathbf{N}_{m}\mathbf{B}_{w}\mathrm{d}\Omega; \n\mathbf{K}_{uu} = \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{b})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{uu}^{b}\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{b}\mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{s})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{uu}^{s}\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{s}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \dots \n\int_{\Omega}\mathbf{B}_{w}^{T}\mathbf{N}_{em}\mathbf{B}_{w}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega}\mathbf{B}_{w}^{T}(k_{w}\mathbf{B}_{w} - k_{s}\nabla^{2}\mathbf{B}_{w})\mathrm{d}\Omega \n\mathbf{K}_{u\chi} = -\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{b})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ueb}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{b}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{s})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ues}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{s}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \dots \n\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{b})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{umb}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{b}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{s})^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ums}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{s}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \dots \n\int_{\Omega}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi b}^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{emb}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{b}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi s}^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ens}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{s}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \dots \n\int_{\Omega}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi b}^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{emb}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{b}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi s}^{T}\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{ems}\bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\varphi}^{s}\mathrm{d}\Omega - \dots <
$$

in which λ_{cr} is critical buckling load, \mathbf{K}_g is geometrical stiffness matrix.

3. Numerical Results

In order to validate the accuracy and consistency of the current method, we investigate the MEE FG plates with the material properties listed in Table 1 [\[35\]](#page-14-1). Table 2 presents the non-dimensional critical buckling load $\bar{N} = N_{cr} a^2 / c_{11t} h^3$ of the fully simply supported (SSSS) MEE FG plates with even and uneven porous distributions under biaxial compressive load $(N_x = N_y = 1)$ without an elastic foundation. We can see in Table 2, the numerical results obtained from the presented method are in good agreement with those provided by Ebrahimi [\[35\]](#page-14-1). The results of the comparison in

Table 2 demonstrate the precision and reliability of the present method.

Next, we consider the uniaxial mechanical buckling $(N_x = 1, N_y = 0)$ of the rectangular MEE foam plate resting on the Winkler-Pasternak foundation with the material properties taken in Table 3. In addition, the nondimensional spring and shear coefficients of the Winkler-Pasternak foundation are normalized as follows

$$
K_w = \frac{k_w c_{11} h^3}{a^4}; \ K_s = \frac{k_s c_{11} h^3}{a^2} \qquad (29)
$$

In addition, the boundary conditions (BCs) encompass a combination of clamped (C), simply supported (S) , and free (F) edges. The dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam plates resting on an elastic foundation is taken for the parametric study by

$$
\hat{\bar{N}} = N_{cr} a^2 / c_{11} h^3 \tag{30}
$$

The effect of the porosity distribution and porous coefficient on the dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate without an elastic foundation is presented in Table 4. We can see in Table 4 that a rise of the porosity coefficient leads to a decrease of the plate's stiffness, decreasing the critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate. Besides, the uniform porosity distribution provides the smallest critical buckling load, while the symmetric porosity distribution provides the largest. Table 5 and Table 6 tabulate the influence of initial external electric voltage and magnetic potential on the nondimensional critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate with various BCs. The results in Table 5 and Table 6 show that with a positive value of the external electric and magnetic potential, the critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate reduces and increases, respectively. Whereas the opposite response for critical buckling load with a negative value of the external electric and magnetic potentials. This is because the positive magnetic potential and negative electric voltage create the in-plane tensile force, which makes the plate stiffer. In contrast, the opposing magnetic and positive electric potential create the in-plane compressive force, reducing the plate stiffness. Next, the effect of the spring and shear coefficients and length-to-thickness ratio on the dimensionless buckling load of the MEE foam plates resting on an elastic foundation is shown in Table 7 and Table 8, respectively. As indicated by these tables, a rise in the spring and shear coefficients of the elastic foundation increases the plate's stiffness, producing in an increase of the critical buckling load. Additionally, the critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate increases as the length-to-thickness ratio increases. The dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam plate resting on an elastic foundation with various width-to-length ratios is depicted in Figure 2. As demonstrated by Figure 2, a rise in the width-to-length ratio leads to a decrease in the critical buckling load. Finally, Figure 3 plots the first four buckling modes of the SSSS MEE foam square plate.

Fig. 2: Dimensionless critical buckling load of the SSSS MEE foam rectangular plates resting on elastic foundation with various width-to-length ratios $(a/h = 10, e_0 = 0.1, V_0 = \Omega_0 = 0, K_w = 1, K_s$ $= 1$.

4. Conclusion

This article was presented the mechanical buckling of the MEE foam plates resting on a Winkler-Pasternak foundation according to the RPT with two variables and the IGA. The MEE foam plate comprises the MEE material with pores. The validity of the current method has been confirmed through comparisons with prior references. The effect of the porosity distributions, porous coefficient, initial external electric voltage and magnetic potential, foundation pa-

Tab. 1: The material properties of the MEE FG plates.

Tab. 2: The dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE FG plate with various external electric voltage and porous volume fraction (p = 2, $a/h = 100$, $\Omega = 0$).

	$\mathrm{V_{0}(V)}$	α						
Type		0		0.1		0.2		
		Ref. [35]	Present	$\left[35\right]$ Ref.	Present	$\left[35\right]$ Ref.	Present	
Even porosity	-500	0.92876	0.9334	0.82967	0.8352	0.72971	0.7363	
	-250	0.91233	0.9170	0.81467	0.8202	0.71618	0.7228	
	Ω	0.89590	0.9006	0.79968	0.8052	0.70266	0.7093	
	250	0.87948	0.8841	0.78468	0.7902	0.689135	0.6957	
	500	0.86305	0.8677	0.76969	0.7752	0.67561	0.6822	
Uneven porosity	-500	0.928761	0.9334	0.903227	0.9082	0.877596	0.8829	
	-250	0.912334	0.9170	0.8875	0.8925	0.862577	0.8679	
	Ω	0.895907	0.9006	0.871774	0.8767	0.847558	0.8529	
	250	0.87948	0.8841	0.856047	0.8610	0.832539	0.8378	
	500	0.863052	0.8677	0.840321	0.8453	0.81752	0.8228	

Tab. 3: The material properties of the MEE foam plates.

Type	BCs	e_0					
		0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7		
	SSSS	2.0821	1.7864	1.4727	1.1283		
Uniform	SFSF	0.9735	0.8353	0.6886	0.5275		
	SCSC	3.2816	2.8155	2.3211	1.7782		
	CCCC	4.5740	3.9244	3.2352	2.4785		
	CFCF	1.7457	1.4978	1.2348	0.9460		
	SSSS	2.1381	1.9616	1.7799	1.5866		
	SFSF	1.0010	0.9210	0.8395	0.7501		
Symmetric	SCSC	3.3596	3.0577	2.7408	2.3910		
	\rm{CCC}	4.6688	4.2155	3.7325	3.1882		
	CFCF	1.7903	1.6367	1.4777	1.3050		
	SSSS	2.0946	1.8334	1.5721	1.3104		
	SFSF	0.9795	0.8582	0.7363	0.6145		
Asymmetric	SCSC	3.2993	2.8836	2.4674	2.0501		
	CCCC	4.5960	4.0110	3.4249	2.8369		
	CFCF	1.7557	1.5358	1.3157	1.0951		

Tab. 4: The effect of the porous distribution and porous coefficient on the critical buckling load of the MEE foam square plate ($a/h = 10$, $V_0 = \Omega_0 = 0$, $K_w = K_s = 0$).

Tab. 5: The dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam square plate with various initial external electric voltages (a/h = 50, e₀ = 0.2, $\Omega_0 = 0$, $K_w = K_s = 0$).

Type	BCs	V_0 (V)					
		-500	-250	Ω	250	500	
Uniform	SSSS	2.0691	2.0654	2.0618	2.0582	2.0545	
	SFSF	0.9477	0.9447	0.9417	0.9387	0.9357	
	SCSC	3.4724	3.4692	3.4661	3.4629	3.4598	
	CCCC	5.1695	5.1662	5.1630	5.1598	5.1565	
	CFCF	1.7857	1.7835	1.7814	1.7792	1.7770	
	SSSS	2.2048	2.2012	2.1975	2.1939	2.1903	
	SFSF	1.0098	1.0068	1.0038	1.0008	0.9978	
Symmetric	$\overline{\text{SCSC}}$	3.6995	3.6963	3.6931	3.6900	3.6868	
	CCCC	5.5060	5.5027	5.4995	5.4962	5.4930	
	CFCF	1.9027	1.9005	1.8984	1.8962	1.8940	
Asymmetric	SSSS	2.1014	2.0978	2.0942	2.0905	2.0869	
	SFSF	0.9625	0.9595	0.9565	0.9535	0.9505	
	SCSC	3.5266	3.5234	3.5203	3.5171	3.5140	
	\rm{CCCC}	5.2499	5.2467	5.2434	5.2402	5.2369	
	CFCF	1.8136	1.8114	1.8093	1.8071	1.8049	

rameters and the parameters of the geometries on the critical buckling load of the MEE foam plates resting on a Winkler-Pasternak foundation has been examined. The numerical results show that the stiffness of the MEE foam plates reduces with a rise of the porous coefficient. The increase of the external magnetic potential leads to the growth of the plate's stiffness, while a rise of the external electric voltage decreases the plate's stiffness. Besides, the MEE foam plates become stiffer with a rise of the spring and shear coefficients of an elastic foundation. As the width-to-length and length-to-thickness ratios increase, the critical buckling load of the

Type	BCs	$\Omega_0(A)$					
		-500	-250	$\left(\right)$	250	500	
	SSSS	1.9759	2.0189	2.0618	2.1047	2.1477	
Uniform	SFSF	0.8706	0.9062	0.9417	0.9772	1.0125	
	SCSC	3.3915	3.4288	3.4661	3.5033	3.5405	
	CCCC	5.0860	5.1245	5.1630	5.2014	5.2398	
	CFCF	1.7295	$\overline{1.7554}$	1.7814	1.8073	1.8332	
Symmetric	SSSS	2.1114	2.1545	2.1975	2.2406	2.2837	
	SFSF	0.9325	0.9682	1.0038	1.0394	1.0749	
	SCSC	3.6184	3.6558	3.6931	3.7305	3.7678	
	$\overline{\text{CCC}}$	5.4223	5.4609	5.4995	5.5380	5.5765	
	CFCF	1.8463	1.8723	1.8984	1.9243	1.9503	
Asymmetric	SSSS	2.0080	2.0511	2.0942	2.1372	2.1803	
	SFSF	0.8852	0.9209	0.9565	0.9921	1.0276	
	SCSC	$\overline{3.4455}$	3.4829	3.5203	3.5576	3.5950	
	CCCC	5.1662	5.2048	5.2434	5.2820	5.3205	
	CFCF	1.7572	1.7832	1.8093	1.8352	1.8612	

Tab. 6: The dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam square plate with various initial external magnetic potentials ($a/h = 50$, $e_0 = 0.2$, $V_0 = 0$, $K_w = K_s = 0$).

Tab. 7: The influence of nondimensional spring coefficient Kw and length-to-thickness ratio on the dimensionless critical buckling load of the MEE foam square plate with uniform porous distribution resting on an elastic foundation (e₀ = 0.2, $V_0 = \Omega_0 = 0$, K_s = 0).

MEE foam plate decreases and increases, respectively. Finally, the symmetric distribution yields the highest critical buckling load among the various porosity distributions. The uniform distribution results in the lowest critical buckling load for the MEE foam plates.

Fig. 3: The first four buckling modes of the SSSS MEE foam square plate.

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