

Configurational forces, elastic balances, torsional guns, and the dripping of elastic rods

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Abstract

The existence of Eshelby or configurational forces acting on elastic structures is theoretically and experimentally demonstrated [1]. These forces have a strong influence on structural behaviour and a counterintuitive behaviour [2]; they are exploited in two particular cases: the elastica arm scale [3] and the torsional actuator [4]. In the former case, the concept of deformable arm scale (completely different from a traditional rigid arm balance) is theoretically introduced and experimentally validated. The idea is not intuitive, but is the result of nonlinear equilibrium kinematics of rods inducing configurational forces, so that deflection of the arms becomes necessary for the equilibrium, which would be impossible for a rigid system. In the latter case, torsionally-induced locomotion is demonstrated and is given direct evidence in the realization of a torsional gun capable of transforming torque into propulsive force.

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Elected Euromech Fellow (of the European Mechanics Society, 2009)

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Doctor Honoris Causa degree at the Ovidius University of Constanta (2014)

Editorial

Co-editor, Journal of Mechanics of Materials and Structures

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Member of the editorial boards: Archives of Mechanics, International Journal for Computational Methods in Engineering Science and Mechanics, Journal of Elasticity, Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Materials, Acta Mechanica Sinica, and International Journal of Solids and Structures

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Research Interests

Material modeling (nonlinear elasticity, damage, elastoplasticity, visco- and thermo- plasticity, with applications to ceramic materials, granular media, composites, metals, and biomaterials),

Wave propagation in solids (with applications to metamaterials),

Fracture mechanics (with applications to porous media, and rock-like materials),

Structural mechanics (with an emphasis on bifurcation and instability).

Publications

More than 90 journal papers and has published a book