

# Effects of stiffness on reflection and transmission of micropolar thermoelastic waves at the interface between an elastic and micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid

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**Abstract.** The reflection and transmission of micropolar thermoelastic plane waves at the interface between an elastic solid and micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid is discussed. The interface boundary conditions obtained contain interface stiffness (normal stiffness and transverse stiffness). The expressions for the reflection and transmission coefficients which are the ratios of the amplitudes of reflected and transmitted waves to the amplitude of incident waves are obtained for normal force stiffness, transverse force stiffness and welded contact. Numerical calculations have been performed for amplitude ratios of various reflected and transmitted waves. The variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incident wave have been depicted graphically. It is found that the amplitude ratios of reflected and transmitted waves are affected by the stiffness, micropolarity and thermal distribution of the media.

**Keywords:** micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid; normal force stiffness; transverse force stiffness; welded contact; amplitude ratios.

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## 1. Introduction

The exact natures of layers beneath the earth's surface are unknown. One has, therefore, to consider various appropriate models for the purpose of theoretical investigation.

The linear theory of elasticity is of paramount importance in the stress analysis of steel, which is the commonest engineering structural material. To a lesser extent linear elasticity describes the mechanical behavior of other common solid materials, e.g., concrete, wood and coal. However, the theory does not apply to the behavior of many of the new synthetic material of the elastomer and polymer type, e.g., polymethyl-methacrylate (Perspex), polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride.

Theory of micropolar continua was proposed by Eringen and Suhubi (1964) and Eringen (1968) to describe the continuum behavior of materials possessing microstructure. Basically, the difference

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between classical continuum theories and that of micropolar continuum theory is that the later admits independent rotations of the materials substructure; that is, the local intrinsic rotations (micro-rotations) which are taken to be kinematically independent of the linear displacements. It is believed that such a theory is applicable in the treatment of granular and fibrous composite materials. The granular nature of the material, microstructure becomes important in transmitting waves of small wave length and/or high frequency because they may reveal new types of waves not encountered in the classical theory of elasticity. Even when grain size is not visible to the eye if the wave length is comparable with the average grain size, the motion of the grains must be taken into account. In such cases, the local micromotion may in fact become dominant.

In recent years there has been much written on the subject of the theory of micropolar thermoelasticity. A comprehensive review of works on the subject was given by Eringen (1970, 1999) and Nowacki (1966). Boschi and Iesan (1973) extended a generalized theory of micropolar thermoelasticity that permits the transmission of heat as thermal waves at finite speed.

Imperfect bonding considered in the present investigation is to mean that the stress components, heat flux are continuous and the small displacement field, temperature are not. The small vector difference in the displacement is assumed to depend linearly on the traction vector and in temperature it is assumed to depend linearly on heat flux. Some applications of such a generalization to electrodynamics problems are the study of composite media, crack detection and seismic wave propagation.

Significant work has been done to describe the physical conditions on the interface by different mechanical boundary conditions by different investigators. Notable among them are Jones and Whitter (1967), Murty (1975), Nayfeh and Nassar (1978), Schoenberg (1980), Rokhlin *et al.* (1980), Rokhlin (1984), Pilarski and Rose (1988), Baik and Thompson (1984), Achenbach and coauthors (1985, 1988) and Lavrentyev and Rokhlin (1998).

Recently various authors have used the imperfect conditions at the interface to study various types of problems (Fan and Sze 2001, Wang and Zhong 2003, Chen *et al.* 2004, Shodja *et al.* 2006, Samanshariat and Eslami 2006).

Kumar and Singh (1996, 1998) discussed various problems on wave propagation in micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid. Kumar (2000) discussed the wave propagation in a micropolar viscoelastic generalized thermoelastic solid. Sharma *et al.* (2003) studied the reflection of generalized thermoelastic waves from the boundary of a half-space. Kumar and Sharma (2005) discussed the reflection of plane waves from the boundaries of a micropolar thermoelastic half-space without energy dissipation. Othman *et al.* (2006) investigated the effect of rotation on the reflection of magneto-thermoelastic waves under thermoelasticity without energy dissipation. Kumar and Sarthi (2006) studied the reflection and refraction of thermoelastic plane waves using the imperfect conditions at an interface between two thermoelastic media without energy dissipation. Recently Kumar *et al.* (2006) investigated the reflection and transmission of micropolar elastic waves at an imperfect boundary.

In the present investigation, the reflection and transmission at an imperfect interface between two dissimilar homogeneous, isotropic micropolar elastic half-spaces when micropolar thermoelastic waves (longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave) or thermal wave (T-wave) or a set of coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotational waves (CD I and CD II- waves) are incident at the interface. The amplitude ratios for various reflected and transmitted waves have been calculated for an imperfect boundary and deduced for normal force stiffness (NS), transverse force stiffness (TS) and welded contact (WC). The variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incidence

are presented graphically to show the effect of stiffness, micropolarity and thermal distribution of the media.

## 2. Basic equations

Following Eringen (1968) and Lord and Shulman (1970), the constitutive relations and equations of the motion in micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid in absence of body forces, body couples and heat sources are given by

$$t_{kl} = \lambda u_{r,r} \delta_{kl} + \mu (u_{k,l} + u_{l,k}) + K (u_{l,k} - \varepsilon_{klr} \phi_r) - \nu T \delta_{ij} \quad (1)$$

$$m_{kl} = \alpha \phi_{r,r} \delta_{kl} + \beta \phi_{k,l} + \gamma \phi_{l,k} \quad (2)$$

$$(c_1^2 + c_3^2) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) - (c_2^2 + c_3^2) \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{u}) + c_3^2 \nabla \times \vec{\phi} - \bar{\nu} \nabla T = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} \quad (3)$$

$$(c_4^2 + c_5^2) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{\phi}) - c_4^2 \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{\phi}) + \omega_0^2 \nabla \times \vec{u} - 2 \omega_0^2 \vec{\phi} = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\phi}}{\partial t^2} \quad (4)$$

$$K^* \nabla^2 T = \rho C^* \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \tau_0 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right) + \nu T_0 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tau_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \quad (5)$$

where

$\lambda, \mu, K, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  - material constants,  $\rho$  - density,  $j$  - microinertia,  $T$  - temperature distribution,  $\vec{u}$  - displacement vector,  $\vec{\phi}$  - microrotation vector,  $\varepsilon_{klr}$  - alternate tensor,  $K^*$  - thermal conductivity,  $t$  - time,  $C^*$  - specific heat at constant strain,  $\nu = (3\lambda + 2\mu + K)\alpha_i$ ,  $\alpha_i$  - coefficient of linear thermal expansion,  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  - alternate tensor,  $t_{ij}$  - components of force stress tensor,  $m_{ij}$  - components of couple stress tensor,  $T_0$  - reference temperature,  $\tau_0$  - relaxation time,  $\delta_{ij}$  - Kronecker delta.

$$\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_1^2 &= \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}, \quad c_2^2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho}, \quad c_3^2 = \frac{K}{\rho}, \quad c_4^2 = \frac{\gamma}{\rho_j}, \quad c_5^2 = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\rho_j}, \quad \omega_0^2 = \frac{K}{\rho_j} \\ \bar{\nu} &= \frac{\nu}{\rho} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

## 3. Formulation and solution of the problem

We consider homogeneous, isotropic elastic solid and micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid half-spaces being in contact with each other at a plane surface which we designate as the plane  $z = 0$  of a rectangular cartesian co-ordinate system OXYZ. We consider micropolar thermoelastic plane waves in  $xz$ -plane with wave front parallel to  $y$ -axis and all the field variables depend only on  $x, z$  and  $t$ .

For the two dimensional problem, the components of displacement and microrotation are given by

$$\vec{u} = (u_1, 0, u_3) \quad (7)$$

$$\vec{\phi} = (0, \phi_2, 0) \quad (8)$$

The components of displacement  $u_1$ ,  $u_3$  are related by the potential functions  $q(x, z, t)$  and  $\psi(x, z, t)$  as

$$u_1 = \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \quad (9)$$

$$u_3 = \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (10)$$

Making use of Eqs. (7)-(10) in Eqs. (3)-(5) and assuming the time harmonic behavior as  $\exp(i\omega t)$ , we obtain

$$\left( \nabla^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c_1^2 + c_3^2} \right) q - \bar{\nu} T = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c_2^2 + c_3^2} \right) \psi + p \phi_2 = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 - 2q_0 + \frac{\omega^2}{c_4^2} \right) \phi_2 - q_0 \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{K}^* \nabla^2 T = C^* (1 + \tau_0 i \omega) i \omega T + \bar{\nu} T_0 (1 + \tau_0 i \omega) i \omega \nabla^2 q \quad (14)$$

where

$$\bar{K}^* = \frac{K^*}{\rho}, \quad \bar{\nu} = \frac{\nu}{\rho}, \quad p = \frac{K}{\mu + K}, \quad q_0 = \frac{K}{\gamma} \quad (15)$$

and  $\omega$  is the circular frequency.

Substituting the value of  $T$  from Eq. (11) in Eq. (14), we obtain

$$(\nabla^4 + A \omega^2 \nabla^2 + B \omega^4) q = 0 \quad (16)$$

where

$$A = \frac{l}{c_1^2 + c_3^2} - \frac{i C^*}{\omega \bar{K}^*} \{ (1 + i \omega \tau_0) (1 + \varepsilon) \} \quad (17)$$

$$B = -\frac{i C^*}{\omega \bar{K}^* (c_1^2 + c_3^2)} (1 + \tau_0 i \omega) \quad (18)$$

and

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\bar{v}^2 T_0}{C^*(c_1^2 + c_3^2)}$$

Eliminating  $\phi_2$  from Eq. (12) and (13) we obtain following equations

$$(\nabla^2 + \omega^2 C \nabla^2 + \omega^4 D) \psi = 0 \quad (19)$$

where

$$C = \frac{q_0(p-2)}{\omega^2} + \frac{1}{(c_2^2 + c_3^2)} + \frac{1}{c_4^2}, \quad D = \left( \frac{1}{c_4^2} - \frac{2q_0}{\omega^2} \right) \frac{1}{c_2^2 + c_3^2} \quad (20)$$

We assume solution of Eq. (16) as

$$q = q_1 + q_2 \quad (21)$$

where  $q_1, q_2$  satisfy

$$(\nabla^2 + \delta_1^2) q_1 = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$(\nabla^2 + \delta_2^2) q_2 = 0 \quad (23)$$

where

$$\delta_1^2 = \lambda_1^2 \omega^2, \quad \delta_2^2 = \lambda_2^2 \omega^2 \quad (24)$$

$$\lambda_{1,2}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(-A \pm \sqrt{A^2 - 4B}) \quad (25)$$

The roots of the Eqs. (22)-(23) correspond to longitudinal displacement wave and thermal wave propagating with velocities  $\lambda_1^{-1}$  (LD-wave) and  $\lambda_2^{-1}$  (T-wave).

We assume solution of Eq. (19) as

$$\psi = \psi_3 + \psi_4 \quad (26)$$

where  $\psi_3, \psi_4$  satisfy

$$(\nabla^2 + \delta_3^2) \psi_3 = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$(\nabla^2 + \delta_4^2) \psi_4 = 0 \quad (28)$$

where

$$\delta_3^2 = \lambda_3^2 \omega^2, \quad \delta_4^2 = \lambda_4^2 \omega^2 \quad (29)$$

$$\lambda_{3,4}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(-C \pm \sqrt{C^2 - 4D}) \quad (30)$$

The solution of Eqs. (27) and (28) correspond to two coupled transverse displacement and microrotational waves propagating with velocities  $\lambda_3^{-1}$  (CD I-wave) and  $\lambda_4^{-1}$  (CD II-wave).

From Eq. (11), we obtain

$$T = a_1 q_1 + a_2 q_2 \quad (31)$$

where

$$a_i = \frac{1}{D}(-\delta_i^2(c_1^2 + c_3^2) + \omega^2), \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (32)$$

Eq. (12) can be written as

$$\phi_2 = E \psi_3 + F \psi_4 \quad (33)$$

where

$$E = \frac{1}{P} \left( \delta_3^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c_2^2 + c_3^2} \right) \quad (34)$$

$$F = \frac{1}{P} \left( \delta_4^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c_2^2 + c_3^2} \right) \quad (35)$$

The stress-displacement relation in elastic medium is given by

$$t'_{kl} = \lambda' u'_{r,r} \delta_{kl} + \mu' (u'_{k,l} + u'_{l,k}) \quad (36)$$

where symbols have their usual meaning.

For a homogeneous isotropic elastic solid, the Helmholtz resolution for the displacement

$$\vec{u}' = \text{grad} \phi' + \text{curl} \vec{\psi}' \quad (37)$$

the potentials are found to satisfy the wave equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi' = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial t^2} \quad (38)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi' = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi'}{\partial t^2} \quad (39)$$

where

$$\alpha^2 = (\lambda' + 2\mu')/\rho', \quad \beta^2 = \mu'/\rho', \quad \psi' = (\vec{\psi}')_y \quad (40)$$

Since the problem is two-dimensional in  $xz$ -plane, therefore, we take

$$\vec{u}' = (u'_1, 0, u'_3) \quad (41)$$

the components of displacement in elastic medium.

#### 4. Reflection and transmission

We consider micropolar thermoelastic wave (longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave) or thermal wave (T-wave) or coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotationl wave (CD I-wave) or coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotationl wave (CD II-wave) propagating through the medium  $M$  which we designate as the region  $z > 0$  and incident at the plane  $z = 0$  with its direction of propagating with angle  $\theta_0$  normal to the surface. Corresponding to each incident wave, we get waves in medium  $M$  as reflected LD-, T-and CD I- and CD II-waves and transmitted P-wave and SV-wave in medium  $M'$ . We write all the variables without a prime in the region  $z > 0$  (medium  $M$  as micropolar genaralized thermoelastic half-space) and attach a prime to denote the variables in the region  $z < 0$  (medium  $M'$  as elastic half-space) as shown in Fig. (a).

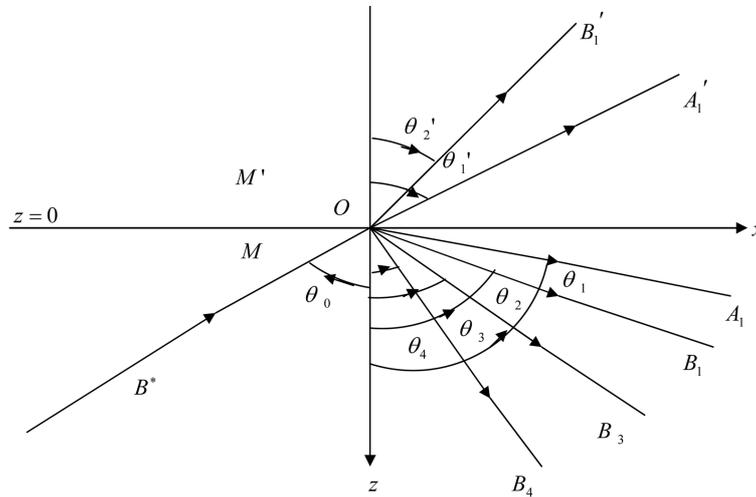


Fig. (a) Geometry of the problem

#### 5. Boundary conditions

We consider two bonded elastic and micropolar generalized thermoelastic half spaces as shown in Fig. (a). If the bonding is imperfect and the size and spacing between the imperfections is much smaller than the wave-length then at the interface, these can be described by using boundary conditions at  $z = 0$  (Lavrentyev and Rokhlin 1998) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad (t_{33})_M &= K_n [(u_3)_M - (u_3)_{M'}] & (2) \quad (t_{31})_M &= K_t [(u_1)_M - (u_1)_{M'}] \\
 (3) \quad (t_{33})_M &= (t_{33})_{M'} & (4) \quad (t_{31})_M &= (t_{31})_{M'} \\
 (4) \quad (m_{32})_M &= 0 & (4) \quad \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right) &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{42}$$

where  $K_n$  and  $K_t$  are normal force stiffness, transverse force stiffness coefficients of a unit layer thickness and having dimension  $N/m^3$  each.

Appropriate potentials satisfying the boundary conditions (42) in medium  $M$  (micropolar generalized thermoelastic half-space) and  $M'$  (elastic half-space) can be written as

**Medium M:**

$$q = A_0 \exp\{i\delta_1(x\sin\theta_0 - z\cos\theta_0) + i\omega_1 t\} + A_1 \exp\{i\delta_1(x\sin\theta_1 + z\cos\theta_1) + i\omega_1 t\} \\ + B_0 \exp\{i\delta_2(x\sin\theta_0 - z\cos\theta_0) + i\omega_2 t\} + B_1 \exp\{i\delta_2(x\sin\theta_2 + z\cos\theta_2) + i\omega_2 t\} \quad (43)$$

$$T = a_1 A_0 \exp\{i\delta_1(x\sin\theta_0 - z\cos\theta_0) + i\omega_1 t\} + a_1 A_1 \exp\{i\delta_1(x\sin\theta_1 + z\cos\theta_1) + i\omega_1 t\} \\ + a_2 B_0 \exp\{i\delta_2(x\sin\theta_0 - z\cos\theta_0) + i\omega_2 t\} + a_2 B_1 \exp\{i\delta_2(x\sin\theta_2 + z\cos\theta_2) + i\omega_2 t\} \quad (44)$$

$$\psi = B_{03} \exp\{i\delta_3(x\sin\theta_{01} - z\cos\theta_{01}) + i\omega_3 t\} + B_3 \exp\{i\delta_3(x\sin\theta_3 + z\cos\theta_3) + i\omega_3 t\} \\ + B_{04} \exp\{i\delta_4(x\sin\theta_{01} - z\cos\theta_{01}) + i\omega_4 t\} + B_4 \exp\{i\delta_4(x\sin\theta_4 + z\cos\theta_4) + i\omega_4 t\} \quad (45)$$

$$\phi_2 = EB_{03} \exp\{i\delta_3(x\sin\theta_{01} - z\cos\theta_{01}) + i\omega_3 t\} + EB_3 \exp\{i\delta_3(x\sin\theta_3 + z\cos\theta_3) + i\omega_3 t\} \\ + FB_{04} \exp\{i\delta_4(x\sin\theta_{01} - z\cos\theta_{01}) + i\omega_4 t\} + FB_4 \exp\{i\delta_4(x\sin\theta_4 + z\cos\theta_4) + i\omega_4 t\} \quad (46)$$

**Medium M':**

$$q' = A'_1 \exp\{i\delta'_1(x\sin\theta'_1 - z\cos\theta'_1) + i\omega'_1 t\} \quad (47)$$

$$\psi' = B'_2 \exp\{i\delta'_2(x\sin\theta'_2 - z\cos\theta'_2) + i\omega'_2 t\} \quad (48)$$

where

$B_0, B_{03}, B_{04} = 0$  for incident longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave)

$A_0, B_{03}, B_{04} = 0$  for incident thermal wave (T-wave)

$A_0, B_0, B_{04} = 0$  for incident coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotationl wave (CD I-wave)

$A_0, B_0, B_{03} = 0$  for incident coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotationl wave (CD II-wave)

Snell's law is given as

$$\frac{\sin\theta_0}{V_0} = \frac{\sin\theta_1}{\lambda_1^{-1}} = \frac{\sin\theta_2}{\lambda_2^{-1}} = \frac{\sin\theta_3}{\lambda_3^{-1}} = \frac{\sin\theta_4}{\lambda_4^{-1}} = \frac{\sin\theta'_1}{\alpha} = \frac{\sin\theta'_2}{\beta} \quad (49)$$

where

$$\delta_1(\lambda_1^{-1}) = \delta_2(\lambda_2^{-1}) = \delta_3(\lambda_3^{-1}) = \delta_4(\lambda_4^{-1}) = \delta'_1(\alpha) = \delta'_2(\beta) = \omega \quad \text{at } z = 0$$

and

$$V_0 = \begin{cases} \lambda_1^{-1} & \text{for incident longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave)} \\ \lambda_2^{-1} & \text{for incident thermal wave (T-wave)} \\ \lambda_3^{-1} & \text{for incident a set of coupled transverse displacement and} \\ & \text{transverse microrotationl wave (CD I-wave)} \\ \lambda_4^{-1} & \text{for incident a set of coupled transverse displacement and} \\ & \text{transverse microrotationl wave (CD II-wave)} \end{cases}$$

Making use of potentials given by Eqs. (43)-(48) in boundary conditions (42) and with the help of Eqs. (1), (2), (7)-(10), (36), (37) and (41), we get a system of six non-homogeneous equations, which can be written as

$$\sum_{m=1}^6 a_{mn} Z_n = Y_m \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, 6) \quad (50)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= -iK_n \delta_1 \cos \theta_1, & a_{12} &= -iK_n \delta_2 \cos \theta_2, & a_{13} &= -iK_n \delta_3 \sin \theta_3 \\ a_{14} &= -iK_n \delta_4 \sin \theta_4, & a_{15} &= -(2\mu' \delta_1'^2 \cos \theta_1' + \lambda' \delta_1'^2 + iK_n \delta_1' \cos \theta_1') \\ a_{16} &= 2\mu' \delta_2'^2 \sin \theta_2' \cos \theta_2' + iK_n \delta_2' \sin \theta_2' \\ a_{21} &= -iK_t \delta_1 \sin \theta_1, & a_{22} &= -iK_t \delta_2 \sin \theta_2, & a_{23} &= iK_t \delta_3 \cos \theta_3 \\ a_{24} &= iK_t \delta_4 \cos \theta_4, & a_{25} &= 2\mu' \delta_1'^2 \sin \theta_1' \cos \theta_1' + iK_t \delta_1' \sin \theta_1' \\ a_{26} &= \mu' \delta_2'^2 \cos \theta_2'^2 - \mu' \delta_2'^2 \sin \theta_2'^2 + iK_t \delta_2' \cos \theta_2' \\ a_{31} &= -((2\mu + K) \delta_1^2 \cos \theta_1^2 + \lambda \delta_1^2 + \nu a_1), & a_{32} &= -((2\mu + K) \delta_2^2 \cos \theta_2^2 + \lambda \delta_2^2 + \nu a_2) \\ a_{33} &= -(2\mu + K) \delta_3^2 \sin \theta_3 \cos \theta_3, & a_{34} &= -(2\mu + K) \delta_4^2 \sin \theta_4 \cos \theta_4 \\ a_{35} &= 2\mu' \delta_1'^2 \cos \theta_1'^2 + \lambda' \delta_1'^2, & a_{36} &= -2\mu' \delta_2'^2 \sin \theta_2' \cos \theta_2' \\ a_{41} &= -(2\mu + K) \delta_1^2 \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_1, & a_{42} &= -(2\mu + K) \delta_2^2 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \\ a_{43} &= (\mu + K) \delta_3^2 \cos \theta_3^2 - \mu \delta_3^2 \sin \theta_3^2 - KE \\ a_{44} &= (\mu + K) \delta_4^2 \cos \theta_4^2 - \mu \delta_4^2 \sin \theta_4^2 - KF, & a_{45} &= -2\mu' \delta_1'^2 \sin \theta_1' \cos \theta_1' \\ a_{46} &= -\mu' \delta_2'^2 \cos \theta_2'^2 + \mu' \delta_2'^2 \sin \theta_2'^2, & a_{51} &= 0 \\ a_{52} &= 0, & a_{53} &= \gamma E i \delta_3 \cos \theta_3, & a_{54} &= \gamma F i \delta_4 \cos \theta_4, & a_{55} &= 0, & a_{56} &= 0 \\ a_{61} &= i \delta_1 a_1 \cos \theta_1, & a_{62} &= i \delta_2 a_2 \cos \theta_2, & a_{63} &= 0 \\ a_{64} &= 0, & a_{65} &= 0, & a_{66} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$Z_1 = \frac{A_1}{B^*}, \quad Z_2 = \frac{B_1}{B^*}, \quad Z_3 = \frac{B_3}{B^*}, \quad Z_4 = \frac{B_4}{B^*}, \quad Z_5 = \frac{A_1'}{B^*}, \quad Z_6 = \frac{A_2'}{B^*} \quad (51)$$

For incident longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave):  $B^* = A_0$

$$Y_1 = a_{11}, \quad Y_2 = -a_{21}, \quad Y_3 = -a_{31}, \quad Y_4 = a_{41}, \quad Y_5 = a_{51}, \quad Y_6 = a_{61} \quad (52)$$

For incident thermal wave (T-wave):  $B^* = B_0$

$$Y_1 = a_{12}, \quad Y_2 = -a_{22}, \quad Y_3 = -a_{32}, \quad Y_4 = a_{42}, \quad Y_5 = a_{52}, \quad Y_6 = a_{62} \quad (53)$$

For incident coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotational wave (CD I-wave)  
 $B^* = B_{03}$

$$Y_1 = -a_{13}, \quad Y_2 = a_{23}, \quad Y_3 = -a_{33}, \quad Y_4 = -a_{43}, \quad Y_5 = a_{53}, \quad Y_6 = a_{63} \quad (54)$$

For incident coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotational wave (CD II-wave):  
 $B^* = B_{04}$

$$Y_1 = -a_{14}, \quad Y_2 = a_{24}, \quad Y_3 = a_{34}, \quad Y_4 = -a_{44}, \quad Y_5 = a_{54}, \quad Y_6 = a_{64} \quad (55)$$

where  $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4$ , are amplitude ratio's of reflected longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave) making an angle  $\theta_1$ , thermal wave (T-wave) making angle  $\theta_2$  and a set of coupled transverse displacement and transverse microrotational waves (CD I- and CD II-waves) making an angle  $\theta_3, \theta_4$  and  $Z_5, Z_6$  are amplitude ratio's of transmitted P-wave making an angle  $\theta'_1$  and SV-wave making an angle  $\theta'_2$ .

## 6. Particular cases

### CASE I: Normal Force Stiffness

$K_n \neq 0, K_t \rightarrow \infty$  correspond to the case of normal force stiffness and we obtain a system of six non-homogeneous equations as given by Eq. (50) with the changed values of  $a_{mn}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} a_{21} &= \delta_1 \sin \theta_1, & a_{22} &= \delta_2 \sin \theta_2, & a_{23} &= -\delta_3 \cos \theta_3, & a_{24} &= -\delta_4 \cos \theta_4 \\ a_{25} &= -\delta'_1 \sin \theta'_1, & a_{26} &= -\delta'_2 \cos \theta'_2 \end{aligned}$$

### CASE II: Transverse Force Stiffness

$K_n \rightarrow \infty, K_t \neq 0$  the boundary conditions reduces to the transverse force stiffness, obtaining a system of six non-homogeneous equations as given by Eq. (50) with the modified values of  $a_{mn}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \delta_1 \cos \theta_1, & a_{12} &= \delta_2 \cos \theta_2, & a_{13} &= \delta_3 \sin \theta_3, & a_{14} &= \delta_4 \sin \theta_4 \\ a_{15} &= \delta'_1 \cos \theta'_1, & a_{16} &= -\delta'_2 \sin \theta'_2 \end{aligned}$$

### CASE III: Welded Contact

$K_n \rightarrow \infty, K_t \rightarrow \infty$  correspond to the case of welded contact and we obtain a system of six non-homogeneous equations as given by Eq. (50) with the changed values of  $a_{mn}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \delta_1 \cos \theta_1, & a_{12} &= \delta_2 \cos \theta_2, & a_{13} &= \delta_3 \sin \theta_3, & a_{14} &= \delta_4 \sin \theta_4 \\ a_{15} &= \delta'_1 \cos \theta'_1, & a_{16} &= -\delta'_2 \sin \theta'_2 \\ a_{21} &= \delta_1 \sin \theta_1, & a_{22} &= \delta_2 \sin \theta_2, & a_{23} &= -\delta_3 \cos \theta_3, & a_{24} &= -\delta_4 \cos \theta_4 \\ a_{25} &= -\delta'_1 \sin \theta'_1, & a_{26} &= -\delta'_2 \cos \theta'_2 \end{aligned}$$

## 7. Numerical results and discussion

Following Bullen (1963), we have the following values of density and elastic parameter for crust as elastic solid

$$\lambda' = 2.238 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^{-2}, \mu' = 2.992 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^{-2}, \rho' = 2.65 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

Following Eringen (1984), Dhaiwal and Singh (1980), we have the following values of density and micropolar thermoelastic parameters for Magnesium crystal as micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 9.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^{-2}, \mu = 4.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^{-2}, K = 1.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^{-2}, \rho = 1.74 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \\ \gamma &= 0.779 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}, j = 0.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2, \nu = 3.68 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Nm}^{-2} \text{ deg}^{-1}, T = 298 \text{ K} \\ K^* &= 1.7 \times 10^2 \text{ Jsec}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}, C^* = 1.04 \times 10^3 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

with non-dimensional interface parameters as  $\frac{K_n}{k\lambda} = 10$ ,  $\frac{K_t}{k\lambda} = 20$ ,  $\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} = 1$  and  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{K'}{\rho_j}}$ .

A computer programme has been developed and amplitude ratios of various reflected and transmitted waves has been computed. The variations of amplitude ratios for elastic solid/micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid with normal force stiffness (NS), elastic solid/micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid with transverse force stiffness (TS), elastic solid/generalized thermoelastic solid with normal force stiffness(NS) and elastic solid/generalized thermoelastic solid with transverse force stiffness (TS) have been shown by solid line, solid line with center symbol 'square', small dashed line and small dashed line with center symbol 'Triangle' respectively. The variations of the amplitude ratios  $|Z_i| (i = 1, \dots, 6)$  for elastic solid/micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid with normal force stiffness [ET/MGT(NS)], elastic solid/micropolar generalized thermoelastic solid with transverse force stiffness [ET/MGT(TS)], elastic solid/generalized thermoelastic solid with normal force stiffness [ET/GT(NS)] and elastic solid/generalized thermoelastic solid with transverse force stiffness [ET/GT(TS)] with angle of incidence  $\theta_0$  of the incident longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave), incident thermal wave (T-wave), Incident coupled transverse displacement and microrotational wave (CD I-wave) and incident coupled transverse displacement and microrotational wave (CD II-wave) are shown graphically in Figs. 1-24.

### (a) Incident longitudinal displacement wave (LD-wave):

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) show same trend of variations as in case of ET/MGT (TS) with difference in their magnitude in the whole range. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than ET/GT (TS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 12^\circ$ ,  $32^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 39^\circ$  and then have same variations in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 1.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase sharply and then decrease in the whole range. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than in case of ET/GT (TS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 18^\circ$ ,  $33^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 36^\circ$  and then have same behavior in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 2.

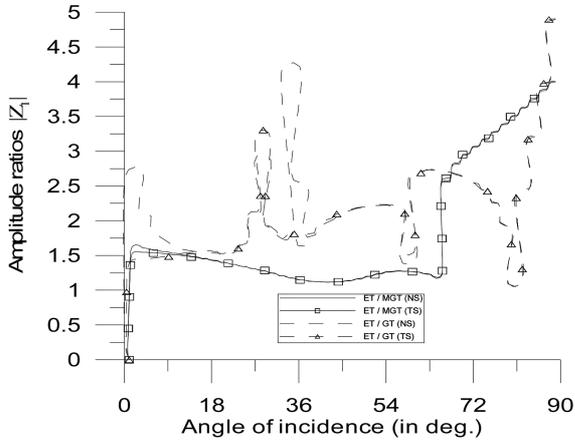


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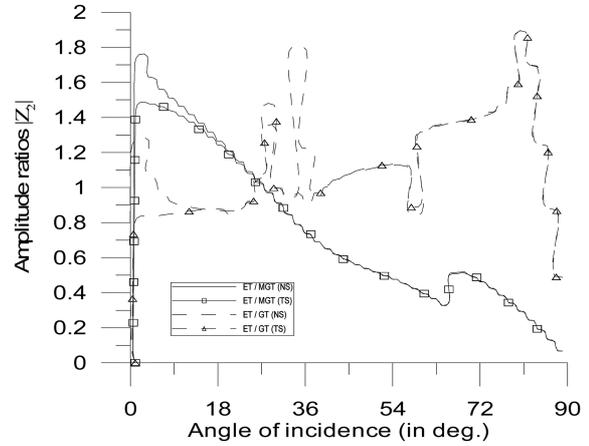


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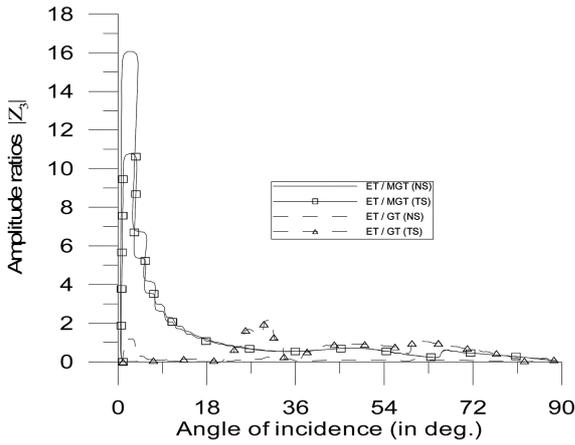


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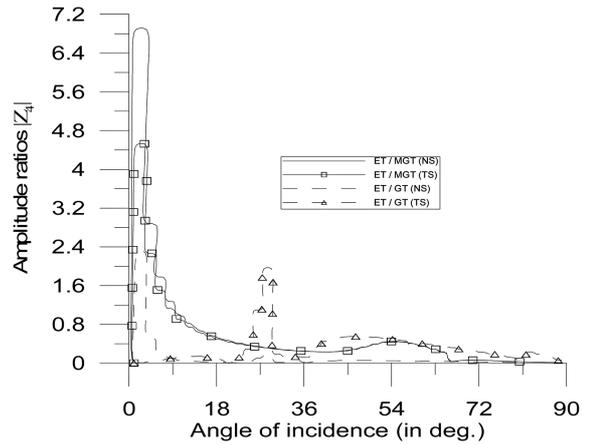


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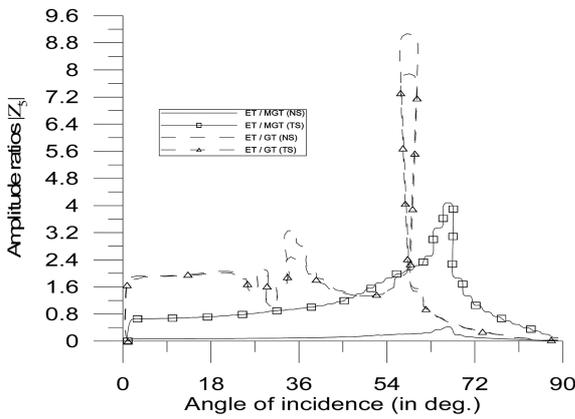


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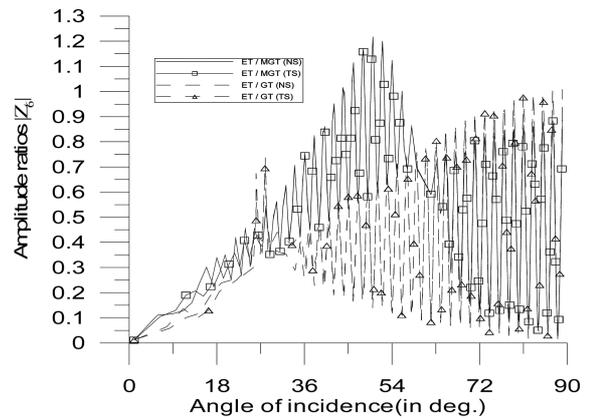


Fig. 6

Figs. 1-6 Variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incidence for LD-wave

The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase sharply in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$  and decrease sharply in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/GT (TS) are smaller than in case of ET/GT (NS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 7^\circ$ , greater in the range  $22^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 36^\circ$ ,  $37^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 83^\circ$  and are close to each other in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 3.

It is observed from Fig. 4 that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase sharply in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 3^\circ$  and decrease sharply in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  in case of ET/GT (TS) is greater than  $|Z_4|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) in the range  $22^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$  and have similar behavior in the remaining range.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/MGT (TS) are greater than in case of ET/MGT (NS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  for ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) have same trend of variation except in the range  $32^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 36^\circ$ ,  $56^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 58^\circ$ . These variations are shown in Fig. 5.

Fig. 6 shows that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_6|$  for ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS), ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 18^\circ$  and then have an oscillatory behavior in the remaining range.

**(b) Incident thermal wave (T-wave):**

The values the amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 63^\circ$  and decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than in case of ET/GT (TS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 11^\circ$ ,  $35^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 37^\circ$  and are close to each other in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 7.

Fig. 8 shows that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase in the whole range. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than in case of ET/GT (TS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$ ,  $33^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 38^\circ$  and are very close to each other in the remaining range.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$  and decrease in the remaining range with difference in their magnitudes. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/GT (TS) are greater than ET/GT (NS) in the range  $9^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$  and are smaller in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 9.

The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  in case of ET/MGT (TS) are greater than in case of ET/MGT (NS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than ET/GT (TS) in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 11^\circ$  and are very close to each other in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 10.

It is observed from the Fig. 11 that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 54^\circ$  and decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) have similar behavior in the whole range except in the range  $33^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 38^\circ$ .

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_6|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) have an oscillatory behavior in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_6|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 25^\circ$  and have an oscillatory behavior in the remaining range. These variations are shown in Fig. 12.

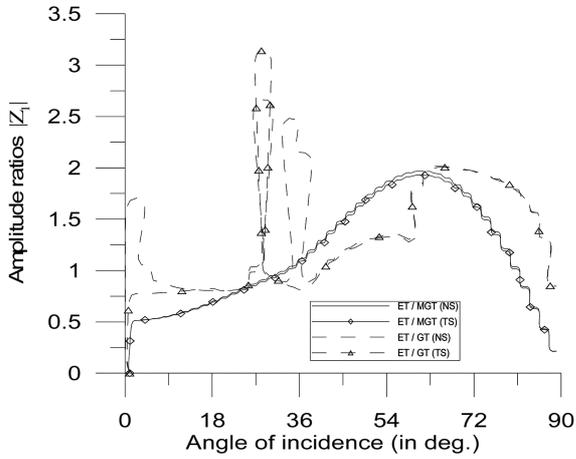


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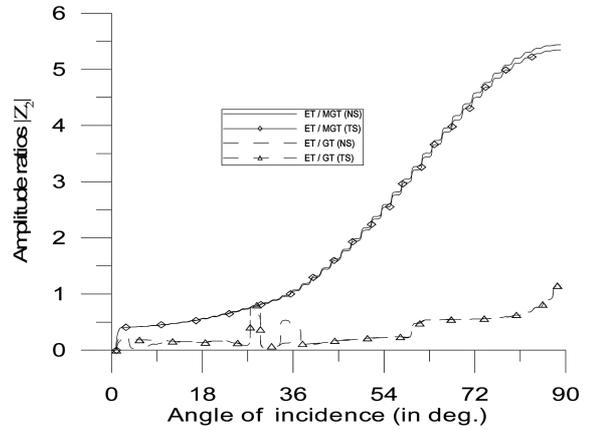


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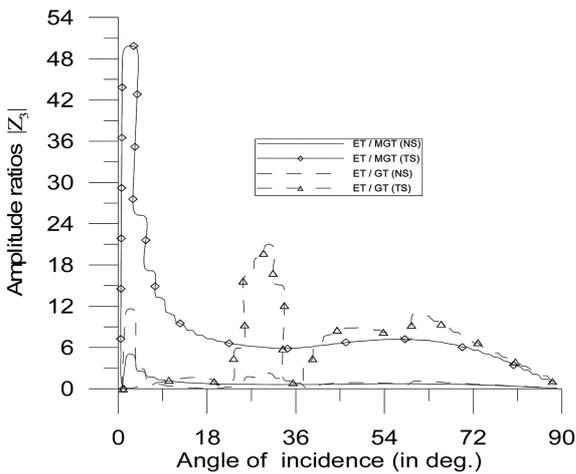


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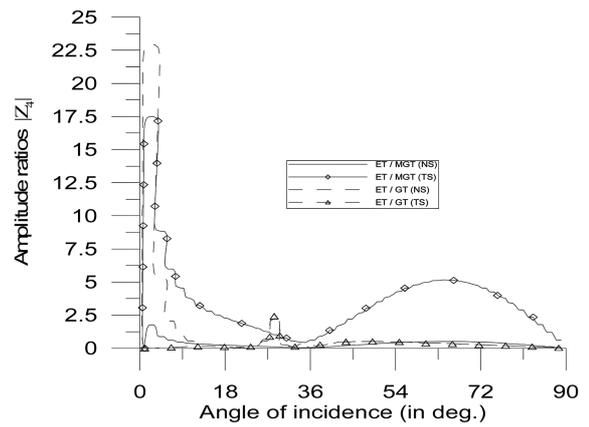


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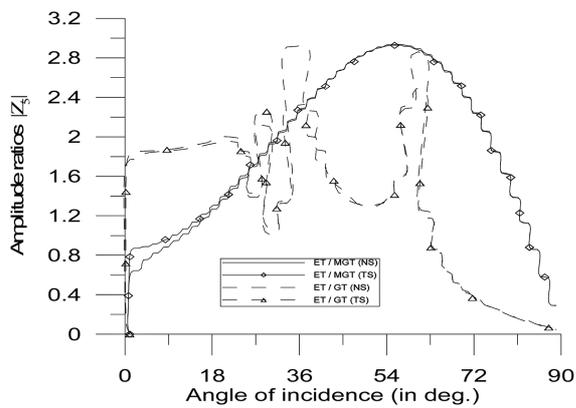


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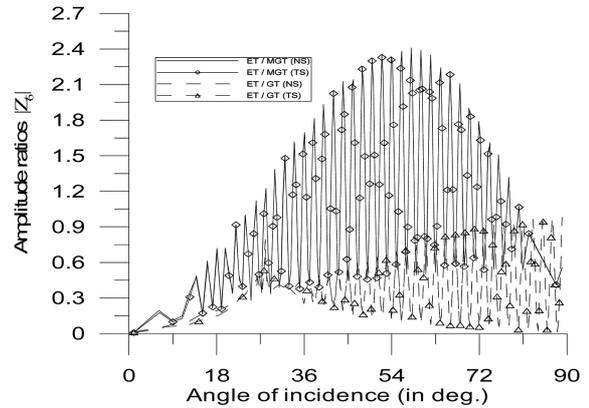


Fig. 12

Figs. 7-12 Variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incidence for T-wave

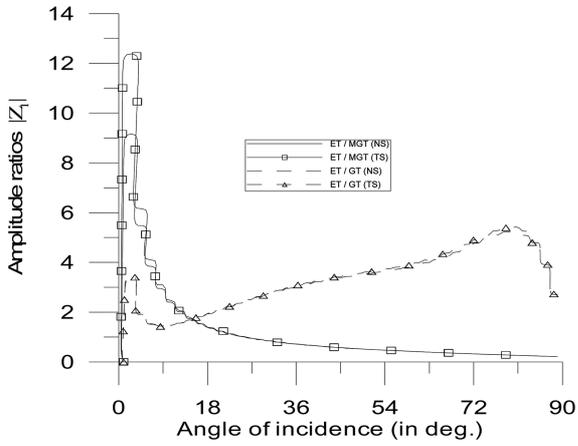


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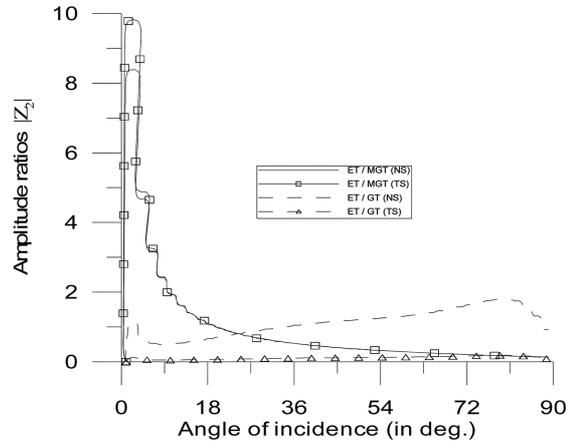


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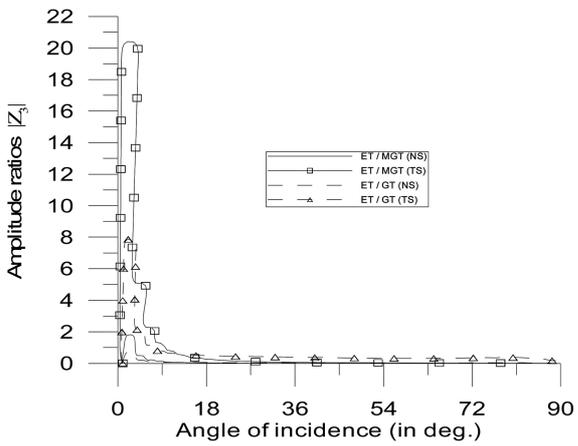


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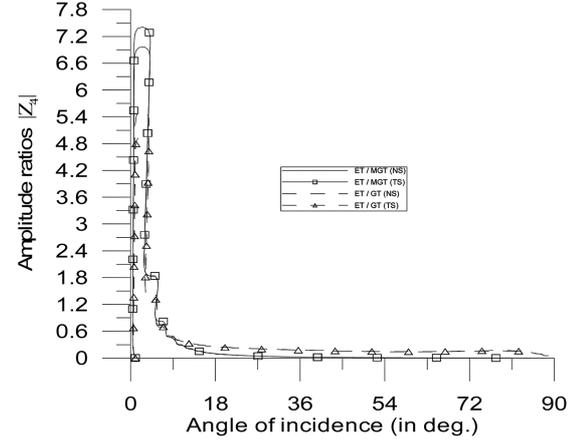


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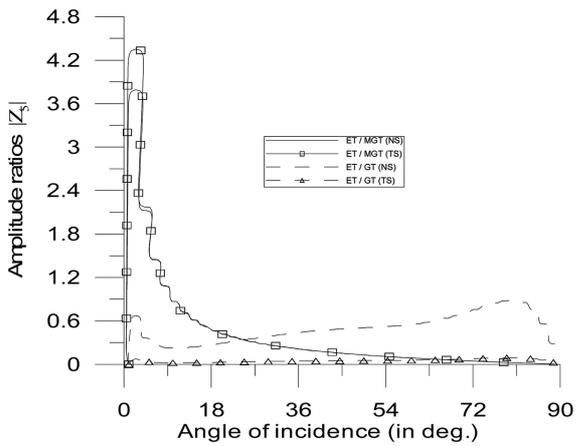


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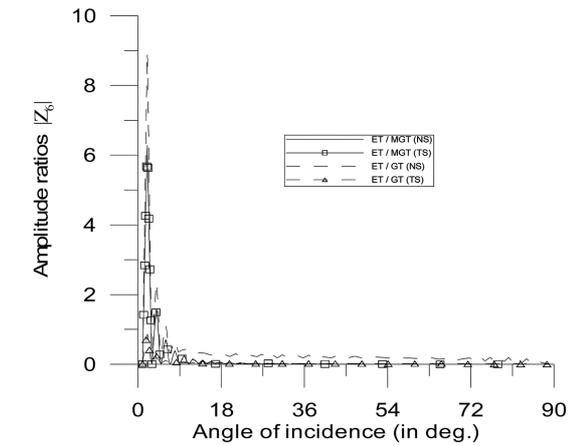


Fig. 18

Figs. 13-18 Variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incidence for CD-I wave

**(c) Incident coupled transverse displacement and microrotation wave (CD I-wave):**

Fig. 13 shows that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase and then decrease in the remaining range. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) increase in the whole range except  $4^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 8^\circ$ ,  $81^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ .

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$  and then decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than ET/GT (TS) in the whole range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . These variations are shown in Fig. 14.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS) ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) initially increase with difference in their magnitudes and then decrease in the whole range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  are demagnified by dividing the original values by 10 in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS). These variations are shown in Fig. 15.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  shows same trend of variations as the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  (incident CD I-wave) with difference in their magnitudes. These variations are shown in Fig. 16.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase and then decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) are greater than ET/GT (TS) in the whole range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . These variations are shown in Fig. 17.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_6|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS) ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) have an oscillatory behavior in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 18^\circ$  and then are very close to each other (near zero value). These variations are shown in Fig. 18.

**(d) Incident coupled transverse displacement and microrotation wave (CD II-wave):**

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$  and then decrease in the remaining range. The variations of amplitude ratios  $|Z_1|$  in case of ET/GT (TS) are greater than ET/GT (NS) in the whole  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 90^\circ$ . These variations are shown in Fig. 19.

It is observed from Fig. 20 that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase in the range and then decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_2|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$ ,  $12^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 54^\circ$ ,  $63^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 81^\circ$  and decrease in the remaining range.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS) ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) initially increase and then decrease in the whole range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  are demagnified by dividing the original values by 10 in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS). These variations are shown in Fig. 21.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_4|$  shows same trend of variations as the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_3|$  (incident CD II-wave) with difference in their magnitudes. These variations are shown in Fig. 22.

Fig. 23 shows that the values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS) and ET/MGT (TS) initially increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 4^\circ$  and then decrease in the remaining range. The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_5|$  in case of ET/GT (NS) and ET/GT (TS) increase in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 3^\circ$ ,  $11^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 44^\circ$ ,  $65^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 82^\circ$  and decrease in the remaining range.

The values of amplitude ratios  $|Z_6|$  in case of ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS) ET/GT (NS) and ET/

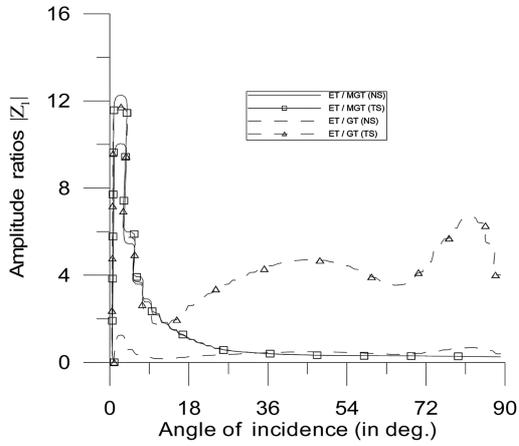


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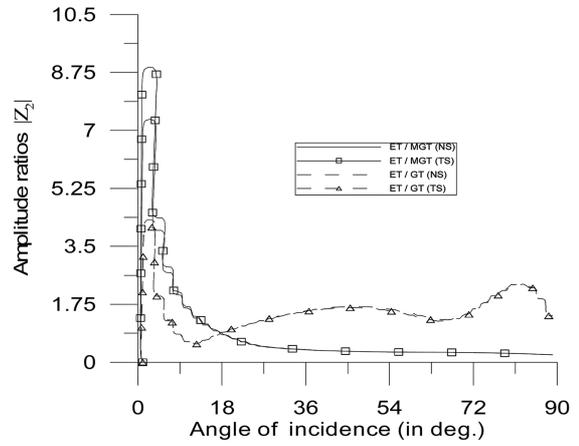


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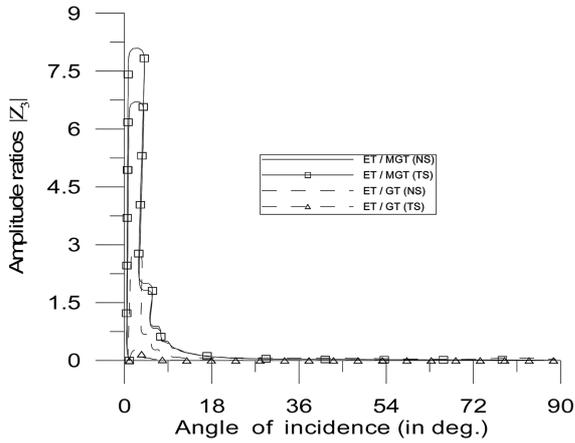


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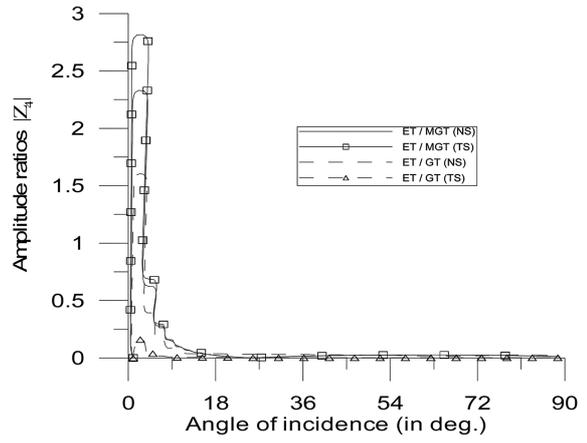


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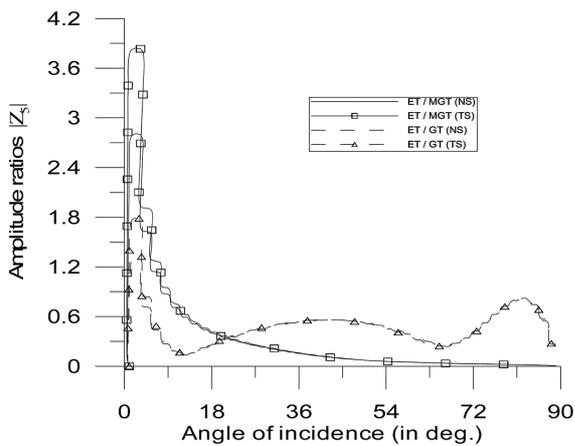


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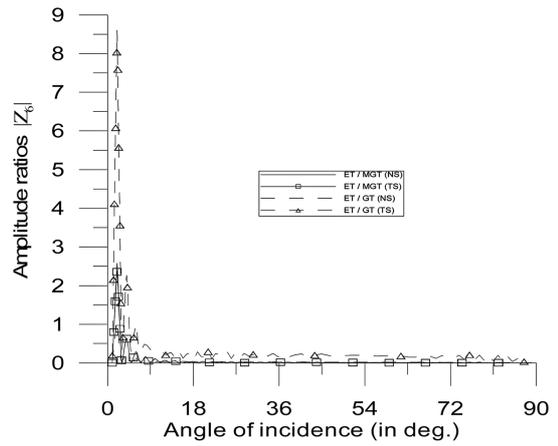


Fig. 24

Figs. 19-24 Variations of amplitude ratios with angle of incidence for CD-II wave

GT (TS) have an oscillatory behavior in the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta_0 \leq 27^\circ$  and then show small variation near zero value. These variations are shown in Fig. 24.

## 8. Conclusions

Numerical calculations in detail have been presented for the case of LD-wave, T-wave, CD I-wave and CD II-wave incident at the interface of model considered. The theory of micropolar generalized thermoelasticity given by Eringen (1968) and Lord and Shulman (1999) has been used to solve the problem. The analytical expression for reflection and transmission coefficients of various reflected and transmitted waves have been derived for normal force stiffness, transverse force stiffness. It is observed that values of amplitude ratios in case of ET/MGT (NS), ET/MGT (TS) for  $|Z_3|$ ,  $|Z_4|$  and  $|Z_6|$  have similar behavior with differences in magnitude for all values of  $\theta_0$  in case of incident LD-wave and T-wave. It is also observed that values of amplitude ratios for  $|Z_3|$ ,  $|Z_4|$ ,  $|Z_5|$  and  $|Z_6|$  in case of incident CD I-wave and incident CD II-wave shows same trend of variations with difference in their magnitudes. The model adopted in this paper is one of the more realistic forms of the earth models and it may be of interest for experimental seismologists. This problem, though theoretical, may be of some use in engineering, seismology and geophysics etc.

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