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# Image force in cubic piezoelectric quasicrystal half-space and bi-material composite space

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**Abstract** This paper is concerned with the image force in cubic piezoelectric quasicrystal semi-infinite space and infinite space containing two dissimilar quasicrystal half-spaces. On the basis of the Stroh formalism, the expressions of the Green's function for generalized displacement and stress under multi-physical loading conditions are obtained exactly. Also, the image force applied to a generalized line dislocation with different boundary conditions is taken into account. The image force for the traction-free and electrically open surface always attracts dislocation to the boundary, while that for clamped and electrically closed surface shows the opposite tendency. Illustrative examples, such as generalized line force and line charge, are given to present the mechanical behaviors of quasicrystals under different loading conditions and investigate the influences of material parameters and dislocation scheme on image force. The results show that generalized line force has little effect on atomic configurations, and image force  $F$  is the strongest when phonon and phason dislocations interact together.

## 1 Introduction

The interaction between the dislocation and boundary, which is usually described as image force, is an important factor affecting the mechanical behaviors of solids [1]. Asaro [2] discussed the image force between a semi-infinite crack and a straight dislocation and found that it was not dependent on the dislocation's angular position. Ting and Barnett [3] investigated the image force in an anisotropic elastic half-space with a free or fixed boundary as well as bi-material. Lubarda [4] examined the image force produced by the free surface of a cylindrical void on a nearby straight dislocation under mixed type and got the expressions for the glide and climb components. However, to the authors' knowledge, these studies are related to crystal material, not quasicrystals (QCs). The image force of QCs is more complex than that in traditional crystal materials because of the existence of phonon and phason fields.

QCs possess long-range ordered structures, which were firstly found in Al–Mn alloy experiments by Steinhardt et al. in 1984 [5]. Up to now, there are more than 100 dissimilar metal alloy systems available for

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QC phases. As a result of their unique atomic arrangements, QCs possess numerous desirable properties, such as corrosion resistance, oxidation resistance, and non-stick properties [6]. Based on these, QCs can be used for hydrogen storage tank, solar thin film materials, sensors, and composite reinforcement phases [7].

Piezoelectric effect has a wide range of applications in electronic technology, such as sensors and actuators. Before the piezoelectric effect in QCs was discovered, great efforts have been contributed to piezoelectric material [8, 9]. By virtue of the finite element method, Zhu and Liu [10] took into account three-dimensional (3D) planar crack and non-planar defects of piezoelectric materials. By means of the Stroh formalism, Wang [11] established the relationship between the size of the strip saturation zone ahead of a crack tip and the applied electric displacement field. Chen [12] explored the singularities of piezoelectric bonded wedges which are subjected to thermal effect under mixed boundaries using generalized Lekhnitskii formulation and Mellin transform. Yu et al. [13] obtained the stress intensity factors and electric displacement intensity factor with complex interfaces for nonhomogeneous piezoelectric materials. These studies are important and provide an academic reference for further studying the mechanical behavior of QCs.

In engineering applications, various defects such as dislocation, crack, and inclusion will have an adverse impact on the performance of QC materials. Thus, it is very important to investigate the influences of defects on mechanical behaviors for QCs. Fan et al. [14] studied one-dimensional (1D) hexagonal QC with a linear crack in a thermoelastic framework by the extended displacement discontinuity method. Guo et al. [15] explored the III-mode crack in a 1D hexagonal QC strip and obtained the explicit expressions of generalized stress intensity factors around the crack tip. Zhou and Li [16] considered the mechanics characteristic of 1D piezoelectric quasicrystals (PQCs) with anti-plane Yoffe-type moving cracks. Li et al. [17] analyzed the mutual effect between a spiral dislocation and an elliptic hole containing two unsymmetrical cracks in a 1D hexagonal piezoelectric QC and obtained the analytical expressions of image force. Recently, Mu et al. [18] researched the planar problem of functionally graded two-dimensional (2D) PQC wedges and spaces and carefully discussed the effects of line force, charge, and dislocation on electric potential and stresses. These theories can serve as benchmarks for further research on QCs.

As we all know, the Green's function is one of the most powerful tools to investigate planar problems. Whereas, Green's function for QCs is rather complicated due to the coupling of phonon and phason. In recent years, Zhang et al. [19] obtained Green's functions of displacements and stresses for 1D PQC bi-material with multi-physics loadings by the Stroh formalism. Wu et al. [20] explored 1D PQC semi-infinite plane and infinite plane under different loading conditions, utilizing the same method. Later on, Xu et al. [21] extended Ref. [14] to 2D PQC and studied the influences of line force and dislocation on the mechanical behaviors of QC in detail. Gao and Ricoeur [22] presented 3D Green's function of infinite 2D QC bi-material. Wang [23] obtained the time-harmonic dynamic Green's functions of 1D hexagonal QCs with line forces along the quasiperiodic axis and analyzed the asymptotic behaviors of the Green's function in the far field. Li and Li [24] obtained the explicit expressions of Eshelby tensors for some special cases, such as elliptic cylinder and spheroid, for 1D hexagonal QCs through Green's function method. These researches are beneficial for us to pursue the complicated properties of QCs further.

Stroh formalism is a powerful and elegant method for 2D deformation problems [25–27], assuming that displacement depends on  $x$  and  $y$  only. Ting [28] has successfully shown symmetrical expressions of stress and strain in the Stroh formalism and obtained fundamental solutions for anisotropic wedges [29–32]. In this paper, the Stroh formalism is used to research the image force and mechanical behaviors of cubic PQC semi-infinite space and bi-material composite space under multi-physical loading conditions. At the same time, the explicit expressions of Green's functions for generalized displacement and stress are obtained, and the explicit form of image force in terms of generalized line dislocation is deduced. Some results of numerical examples are given to show the distribution of image force and the coupling behaviors of PQC.

## 2 The Stroh formalism

QCs possess phonon field and phason field that differs from crystals [33]. The phonon field depicts lattice waves caused by small oscillations of atoms away from the equilibrium, similar to that found in usual crystals. The phason field stands for the rearrangement or flip of atoms in the real structure [34]. The cubic QCs mean that atomic arrangements exhibit quasiperiodicity in each direction ( $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ ). In the recent literature, several studies have been conducted on cubic QCs. Long and Li [35, 36] paid attention to the Flamant problem of a cubic QC half-plane and obtained the closed-form solution for a rotating cubic QC disk. In addition, they derived a thermoelastic solution for a circular disk by the semi-inversion method [37]. Mu et al. [38] analyzed

the singularities of cubic PQC composite wedges and spaces. It can be found that the planar problems of cubic QCs have been studied to some extent, but not far enough. Thus, the image force of cubic QCs with piezoelectric effect is worthwhile for further research.

On the basis of QC elastic theory [34], the basic equations of cubic PQCs polarized along the  $x_3$ -direction with point group  $\bar{4}3m$  are expressible as follows:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad w_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad E_i = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i}, \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} &= C_{11}\varepsilon_{11} + C_{12}\varepsilon_{22} + C_{12}\varepsilon_{33} + R_1 w_{11} + R_2 w_{22} + R_2 w_{33}, \\ \sigma_{22} &= C_{12}\varepsilon_{11} + C_{11}\varepsilon_{22} + C_{12}\varepsilon_{33} + R_2 w_{11} + R_1 w_{22} + R_2 w_{33}, \\ \sigma_{33} &= C_{12}\varepsilon_{11} + C_{12}\varepsilon_{22} + C_{11}\varepsilon_{33} + R_2 w_{11} + R_2 w_{22} + R_1 w_{33}, \\ \sigma_{23} &= \sigma_{32} = 2C_{44}\varepsilon_{23} + 2R_3 w_{23} - d_{14}E_1, \\ \sigma_{31} &= \sigma_{13} = 2C_{44}\varepsilon_{31} + 2R_3 w_{31} - d_{14}E_2, \\ \sigma_{12} &= \sigma_{21} = 2C_{44}\varepsilon_{12} + 2R_3 w_{12} - d_{14}E_3, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{11} &= R_1\varepsilon_{11} + R_2\varepsilon_{22} + R_2\varepsilon_{33} + K_{11}w_{11} + K_{12}w_{22} + K_{12}w_{33}, \\ H_{22} &= R_2\varepsilon_{11} + R_1\varepsilon_{22} + R_2\varepsilon_{33} + K_{12}w_{11} + K_{11}w_{22} + K_{12}w_{33}, \\ H_{33} &= R_2\varepsilon_{11} + R_2\varepsilon_{22} + R_1\varepsilon_{33} + K_{12}w_{11} + K_{12}w_{22} + K_{11}w_{33}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{23} &= H_{32} = 2R_3\varepsilon_{23} + 2K_{44}w_{23} - d_{123}E_1, \\ H_{31} &= H_{13} = 2R_3\varepsilon_{31} + 2K_{44}w_{31} - d_{123}E_2, \\ H_{12} &= H_{21} = 2R_3\varepsilon_{12} + 2K_{44}w_{12} - d_{123}E_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= 2d_{14}\varepsilon_{23} + 2d_{123}w_{23} + \xi_{11}E_1, \\ D_2 &= 2d_{14}\varepsilon_{31} + 2d_{123}w_{31} + \xi_{22}E_2, \\ D_3 &= 2d_{14}\varepsilon_{12} + 2d_{123}w_{12} + \xi_{33}E_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_j \sigma_{ij} = 0, \quad \partial_j H_{ij} = 0, \quad \partial_j D_j = 0. \quad (3)$$

where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $u_i$  and  $w_i$  represent the displacement components in the phonon and phason fields, respectively;  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  and  $\sigma_{ij}$  are strain and stress components in the phonon field, respectively;  $w_{ij}$  and  $H_{ij}$  are strain and stress components in the phason field, respectively;  $E_i$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $D_j$  denote electric field intensities, electric potential, and electric displacements, respectively;  $C_{ij}$  and  $K_{ij}$  are the elastic constants in the phonon and phason fields, respectively;  $R_i$  are the phonon–phason coupled elastic constants;  $d_{14}$  and  $d_{123}$  are the piezoelectric constants in the phonon and phason fields, respectively; and  $\xi_{ij}$  are the dielectric constants.

When a straight dislocation or a Griffith crack exists along the direction of the atom quasiperiodic arrangement, a 3D problem can be considered as a 2D deformation problem. For 2D deformation, the displacement fields are assumed as dependent on the  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ , and independent of  $x_2$ . Therefore, the general solution of displacement meeting Eqs. (1), (2), and (3) is expressed as follows:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{a}f(z), \quad z = x_1 + px_3, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, u_3, w_1, w_2, w_3, \phi]^T, \quad (5)$$

$\mathbf{a}$  and  $p$  are the material eigenvectors and eigenvalues,  $f$  is an arbitrary function of  $z$ , and the superscript “T” denotes matrix transpose.

By virtue of Eqs. (1), (2), (3), and (4), we have

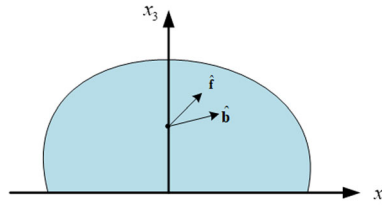
$$\left[ \mathbf{Q} + p(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{R}^T) + p^2\mathbf{T} \right] \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ , and  $\mathbf{T}$  are  $7 \times 7$  real matrices associated with material constants, which can be denoted by Eq. (A1) in the Appendix.

With the aid of Eqs. (2), (4), and (6), the generalized stress function  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$  has the following form

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi} = \mathbf{b}f(z). \quad (7)$$

$\mathbf{b}$  is a vector associated with  $\mathbf{a}$  and obtained by Eq. (6).



**Fig. 1** Generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  co-exist at the point  $(0, d)$

We have [39]

$$\mathbf{N} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} = p \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{8}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}_1 & \mathbf{N}_2 \\ \mathbf{N}_3 & \mathbf{N}_1^T \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{N}_1 = -\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{R}^T, \mathbf{N}_2 = \mathbf{T}^{-1}, \mathbf{N}_3 = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{R}^T - \mathbf{Q}, \tag{9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\alpha+7} &= \bar{p}_\alpha, \text{Im} p_\alpha > 0, \\ \mathbf{a}_{\alpha+7} &= \bar{\mathbf{a}}_\alpha, \mathbf{b}_{\alpha+7} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_\alpha, (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, 7). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

“Im” and overbar represent the imaginary part and complex conjugate, respectively.  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$  can be rewritten as [3],

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{Im}[\mathbf{A} \langle \mathbf{f}(z_\alpha) \rangle \mathbf{q}], \boldsymbol{\varphi} = \text{Im}[\mathbf{B} \langle \mathbf{f}(z_\alpha) \rangle \mathbf{q}], z_\alpha = x_1 + p_\alpha x_3, \tag{11}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{a}_5, \mathbf{a}_6, \mathbf{a}_7], \mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3, \mathbf{b}_4, \mathbf{b}_5, \mathbf{b}_6, \mathbf{b}_7], \\ \mathbf{f}(z_\alpha) &= [f_1(z_1), f_2(z_2), f_3(z_3), f_4(z_4), f_5(z_5), f_6(z_6), f_7(z_7)]^T, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

and “ $\langle \rangle$ ” denotes diagonal matrix.  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have the orthogonal relation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{I} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}^T \bar{\mathbf{A}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}^T \bar{\mathbf{B}}, \\ \mathbf{B}^T \bar{\mathbf{A}} + \mathbf{A}^T \bar{\mathbf{B}} &= \mathbf{0} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}^T \mathbf{A} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}^T \mathbf{B}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Barnett–Lothe matrices  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$ , and  $\mathbf{L}$  are introduced

$$\mathbf{S} = i(2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T - \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{H} = 2i\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T, \mathbf{L} = -2i\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T, \tag{14}$$

where  $i$  is an imaginary number, and  $\mathbf{I}$  is a  $7 \times 7$  identity matrix. Moreover, they satisfy the following equation

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}. \tag{15}$$

### 3 The Green’s functions of cubic PQC semi-infinite space

Considering the semi-infinite space of a cubic PQC, phonon line forces  $f_i^\parallel (i = 1, 2, 3)$ , phason line forces  $f_j^\perp (j = 1, 2, 3)$ , line charge  $\lambda$ , phonon line dislocations  $b_i^\parallel (i = 1, 2, 3)$ , phason line dislocations  $b_j^\perp (j = 1, 2, 3)$ , and electric potential jump  $b^\phi$  act simultaneously at the point  $(0, d)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \hat{\mathbf{f}} = [f_1^\parallel, f_2^\parallel, f_3^\parallel, f_1^\perp, f_2^\perp, f_3^\perp, -\lambda]^T, \hat{\mathbf{b}} = [b_1^\parallel, b_2^\parallel, b_3^\parallel, b_1^\perp, b_2^\perp, b_3^\perp, b^\phi]^T \right), \text{ as depicted in Fig. 1.} \\ (x_1, x_3) = (0, d), \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Take the form  $\mathbf{f}(z_\alpha)$  as  $\langle \ln z_\alpha \rangle$  and insert it into Eq. (11) to obtain [3]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[\mathbf{A} \langle \ln(z_\alpha - p_\alpha d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{A} \langle \ln(z_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta d) \rangle \mathbf{q}_\beta], \\ \boldsymbol{\varphi} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[\mathbf{B} \langle \ln(z_\alpha - p_\alpha d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{B} \langle \ln(z_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta d) \rangle \mathbf{q}_\beta],\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

where

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{A}^T \hat{\mathbf{f}} + \mathbf{B}^T \hat{\mathbf{b}}, \quad (18)$$

and

$$\langle \ln(z_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta d) \rangle = \text{diag}[\ln(z_1 - \bar{p}_\beta d), \ln(z_2 - \bar{p}_\beta d), \dots, \ln(z_7 - \bar{p}_\beta d)].$$

In the above,  $\mathbf{q}_\beta$  are unknown complex coefficient vectors to be settled. The first terms of Eq. (17) denote Green's function for an infinite space with multiple loadings applied at the location shown by Eq. (16). The second terms about sum in Eq. (17) are the disturbed solutions satisfying the boundary condition at  $x_3 = 0$ .

Suppose that the surface  $x_3 = 0$  is traction-free and electrically open, namely,

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi} = \mathbf{0}, \text{ at } x_3 = 0. \quad (19)$$

Substituting Eq. (17)<sub>2</sub> into Eq. (19) gets an alternative expression

$$\text{Im}[\mathbf{B} \langle \ln(x_1 - p_\alpha d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] + \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta d) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{q}_\beta] = \mathbf{0}, \quad (20)$$

the first term can be replaced by the negative of its complex conjugate, to wit

$$\text{Im}[\mathbf{B} \langle \ln(x_1 - p_\alpha d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] = -\text{Im}[\bar{\mathbf{B}} \langle \ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\alpha d) \rangle \bar{\mathbf{q}}], \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\alpha d) \rangle &= \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta d) \mathbf{I}_\beta], \\ \mathbf{I}_\beta &= \text{diag}[\delta_{\beta 1}, \delta_{\beta 2}, \delta_{\beta 3}, \delta_{\beta 4}, \delta_{\beta 5}, \delta_{\beta 6}, \delta_{\beta 7}],\end{aligned}\quad (22)$$

where  $\delta_{\beta i}$  are the Kronecker's delta.

By Eqs. (21) and (22), Eq. (20) is simplified as

$$\mathbf{B} \mathbf{q}_\beta = \bar{\mathbf{B}} \bar{\mathbf{I}}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}, \quad (23)$$

which obtains

$$\mathbf{q}_\beta = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{B}} \bar{\mathbf{I}}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \quad (24)$$

Assume that the surface  $x_3 = 0$  is clamped and electrically closed, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, \text{ at } x_3 = 0. \quad (25)$$

Due to the similarity, we derive

$$\mathbf{q}_\beta = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{A}} \bar{\mathbf{I}}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \quad (26)$$

Ref. [3] provided the foundations of the present study and attached importance to the anisotropic elastic material, while our work conducted the cubic PQC. It is more complicated because of the coupling effect of the phonon, phason, and electric fields. Since mathematical expressions of the Stroh formalism are simple and compact, the method and formulation can be easily extended to other materials, such as 1D and 2D QCs.

#### 4 Image force for semi-infinite space

The image force  $F$  induced by the line dislocation and the boundary  $x_3 = 0$  is [40]

$$F = -\sigma_{i1}^d b_i = \mathbf{b}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{,3}^d, \quad (27)$$

where  $\sigma_{i1}^d$  is the stress derived from the second term in Eq. (17)<sub>2</sub> at the point  $(0, d)$ .

With the aid of Eq. (22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{\pi d} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \mathbf{B} \left\langle \frac{p_\alpha}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} \right\rangle \mathbf{q}_\beta \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi d} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \frac{p_\alpha}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{q}_\beta \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

When the boundary is traction-free and electrically open, substituting Eq. (24) with  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{b}$  into Eq. (28) and using Eq. (14) obtains

$$F = \frac{-1}{2\pi d} \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \frac{p_\alpha}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{B}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} (\bar{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{-1})^T \right] \mathbf{b}. \quad (29)$$

We have

$$F = \frac{-1}{2\pi d} \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \frac{-\bar{p}_\beta}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{B}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} (\bar{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{-1})^T \right] \mathbf{b}, \quad (30)$$

the above derivation process is shown in Eqs. (A2) and (A3) in the Appendix.

Equation (29) is superposed on Eq. (30) to yield

$$F = \frac{-1}{4\pi d} \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{B}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} (\bar{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{-1})^T \right] \mathbf{b}, \quad (31)$$

Equation (31) is reduced to

$$F = \frac{-1}{4\pi d} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{b}, \quad (32)$$

Equation (32) refers to the image force caused by the traction-free and electrically open surface, which can be downgraded to the solution of image force caused by crack [41] by replacing the coefficient 1/4 to 1/8. Owing to the positive definiteness of  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $F < 0$ , the image force always attracts the dislocation to the boundary.

When the boundary is fixed, substitution of Eq. (26) into Eq. (28) and using Eq. (14) yields

$$F = \frac{1}{2\pi d} \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \frac{p_\alpha}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{H} (\bar{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{A}}^{-1})^T \right] \mathbf{b}. \quad (33)$$

Following the similar operation of Eqs. (30) and (31), we have

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi d} \mathbf{b}^T [\mathbf{H}^{-1} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}] \mathbf{b}, \quad (34)$$

by means of Eq. (15), we get

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi d} \mathbf{b}^T (2\mathbf{H}^{-1} - \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{b}. \quad (35)$$

With the help of Eqs. (A4) and (A5) in the Appendix, we can draw the conclusion that  $F > 0$ . This means that the image force always rejects the dislocation to the boundary.

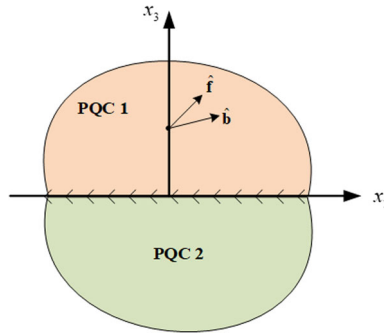


Fig. 2 Generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  are applied to the point  $(0, d)$  in the composite infinite space

### 5 Image force for bi-material composite space

Considering a composite infinite space contains two dissimilar cubic PQC half-spaces. Generalized line force and dislocation are applied to the point given by Eq. (16) as shown in Fig. 2.

Due to displacements and stresses continuity along the interface, we have

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2, \varphi_1 = \varphi_2, \text{ at } x_3 = 0, \tag{36}$$

for material 1, Eq. (17) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[\mathbf{A}_1 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(1)} - p_\alpha^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \mathbf{A}_1 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} \right], \\ \varphi_1 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[\mathbf{B}_1 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(1)} - p_\alpha^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \mathbf{B}_1 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

for material 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_2 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \mathbf{A}_2 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(2)} - p_\beta^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(2)} \right], \\ \varphi_2 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \mathbf{B}_2 < \ln(z_\alpha^{(2)} - p_\beta^{(1)}d) > \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(2)} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

In the above, all quantities with subscripts 1 and 2 or the superscripts (1) and (2) correspond to material 1 and material 2, respectively.  $\mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\beta^{(2)}$  are unknown constants to be determined.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} &= 2 \left( \mathbf{M}_1^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{M}}_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}, \\ \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} &= \left[ \mathbf{I} - 2 \left( \mathbf{M}_1^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{M}}_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \right] \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

The derivation process of Eq. (39) is shown in Eqs. (A6)–(A14) in the Appendix. Using Eq. (39)<sub>2</sub>, the image force can be derived

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{\pi d} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \frac{p_\alpha^{(1)}}{p_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)}} \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{4\pi d} \mathbf{b}^T \left[ \mathbf{L}_1 - 2\hat{\mathbf{D}} \right] \mathbf{b}, \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

**Table 1** Material constants of the cubic PQC

Material constants	PQC 1	PQC 2
Phonon field (GPa)	$C_{11} = 166, C_{12} = 77,$ $C_{44} = 88$	$C_{11} = 286, C_{12} = 173,$ $C_{44} = 170.5$
Phason field (GPa)	$K_{11} = 24, K_{12} = 14, K_{44} = 19$	$K_{11} = 145, K_{12} = 57, K_{44} = 33$
Couple field (GPa)	$R_1 = 8.85, R_2 = 4.85, R_3 = 5.85$	$R_1 = 13.7, R_2 = 7.5, R_3 = 10.4$
Piezoelectric constant ( $\text{Cm}^{-2}$ )	$d_{14} = -0.138, d_{123} = -0.16$	$d_{14} = -0.247, d_{123} = -0.2674$
Dielectric constants ( $10^{-9} \text{ C}^2/(\text{Nm}^2)$ )	$k_1 = 11.2, k_2 = 8.2, k_3 = 4.2$	$k_1 = 22.4, k_2 = 14.3, k_3 = 6.9$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}} = \left[ \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} + \mathbf{L}_2^{-1} + \left( \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} - \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{L}_2^{-1} \right) \left( \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} + \mathbf{L}_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} - \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{L}_2^{-1} \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (41)$$

One point worth emphasizing that the solutions of generalized displacement and stress depend upon  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  for the whole theoretical deduction. Owing to the similarity, the solutions for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  can be readily acquired.

## 6 Numerical examples and discussion

Although the preparation technology of QCs has made great progress, the material constants of the cubic QCs with the point group  $\bar{4}3m$  have not been fully obtained due to the difficulty of the experiment. From the works of Wang et al. [33] and Fan [34], the physical parameters of cubic PQC satisfy the following properties of symmetry and positive definite

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ijkl} = C_{jikl} = C_{klij} = C_{ijlk}, K_{ijkl} = K_{klij}, R_{ijkl} = R_{jikl}, e_{lij} = e_{lji}, \xi_{jl} = \xi_{lj}, C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{ij} \varepsilon_{kl} > 0, \\ K_{ijkl} w_{ij} w_{kl} > 0, \xi_{jl} E_j E_l > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Based on the positive definite conditions, the material constants of cubic PQC can be assumed as follows (Table 1):

To conduct the numerical calculation, the dimensionless method below is employed to keep all the values in the matrix stay in the same order so that to eliminate the matrix singularity, where “ $l$ ” is the unit length.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* = x_1/l, x_3^* = x_3/l, u_i^* = u_i/l, w_i^* = R_1 w_i / (C_{11} l), \\ \sigma_{ij}^* = \sigma_{ij} / C_{11}, H_{ij}^* = H_{ij} / R_1, D_j^* = D_j / d_{14}, \phi^* = d_{14} \phi / (C_{11} l), \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

*Case 1* The generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  co-exist at the point (0, 2) in a semi-infinite space with a traction-free surface.

Figure 3 displays the distributions of dimensionless phonon displacement  $u_1^*$  and phason displacement  $w_1^*$  due to a generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ . Obviously, the distribution curves of  $u_1^*$  and  $w_1^*$  are symmetric about the axis  $x_1^* = 0$ . The absolute values of  $u_1^*$  and  $w_1^*$  slowly increase away from the loading position. Moreover,  $u_1^*$  is several orders of magnitude bigger than  $w_1^*$ , which reflects that  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  have a small influence on atomic rearrangement.

The variations of dimensionless phonon stress  $\sigma_{11}^*$  and phason stress  $H_{32}^*$  in the rectangular area  $\{(x_1^*, x_3^*) | -3 \leq x_1^* \leq 3, 0 \leq x_3^* \leq 3\}$  are shown in Fig. 4. The change curves of  $\sigma_{11}^*$  and  $H_{32}^*$  are anti-symmetric about the axis  $x_1^* = 0$  and exhibit butterfly-shaped patterns. More importantly, a local stress concentration exists at the loading position.

Figure 5a shows that the image forces  $F_p, F_s,$  and  $F_m$  are induced by generalized line dislocations  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$ , while Fig. 5b exhibits image forces  $F_c, F_e,$  and  $F_q$  caused by  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  for different materials such as crystal material, piezoelectric material, and PQC material, respectively. In Fig. 5a, the image forces are negative, which means that they always attract the dislocation to the free boundary. That is because the solid is more likely to deform, and the energy of the dislocation will be reduced near the free surface. By comparing the magnitude, the  $F_p$



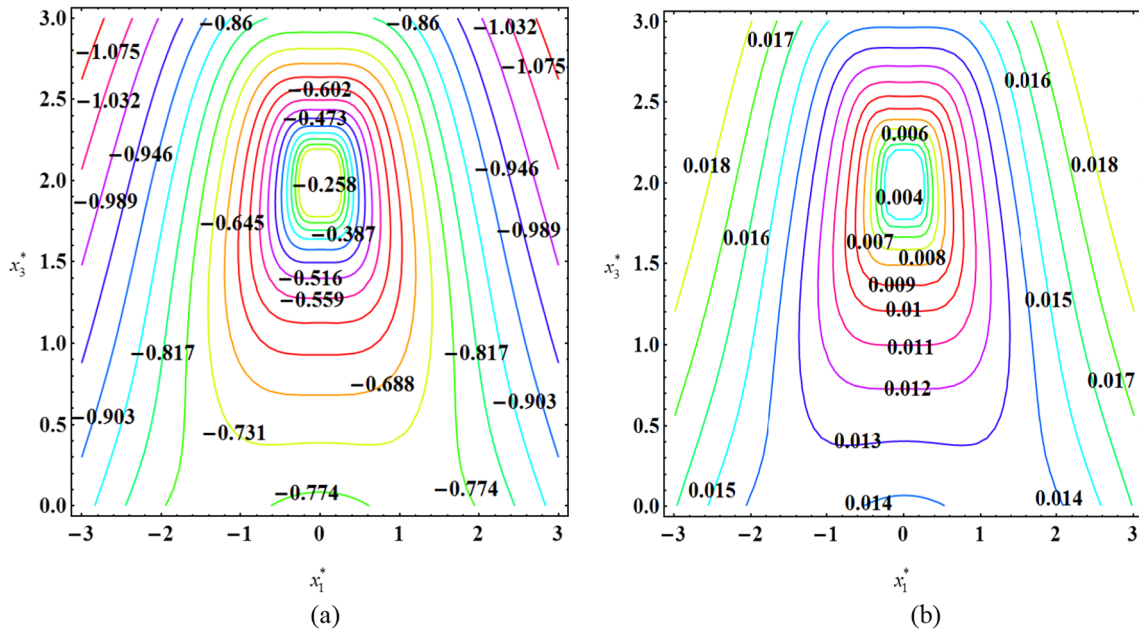


Fig. 3 Distributions of dimensionless phonon and phason displacements: **a**  $u_1^*$  and **b**  $w_1^*$

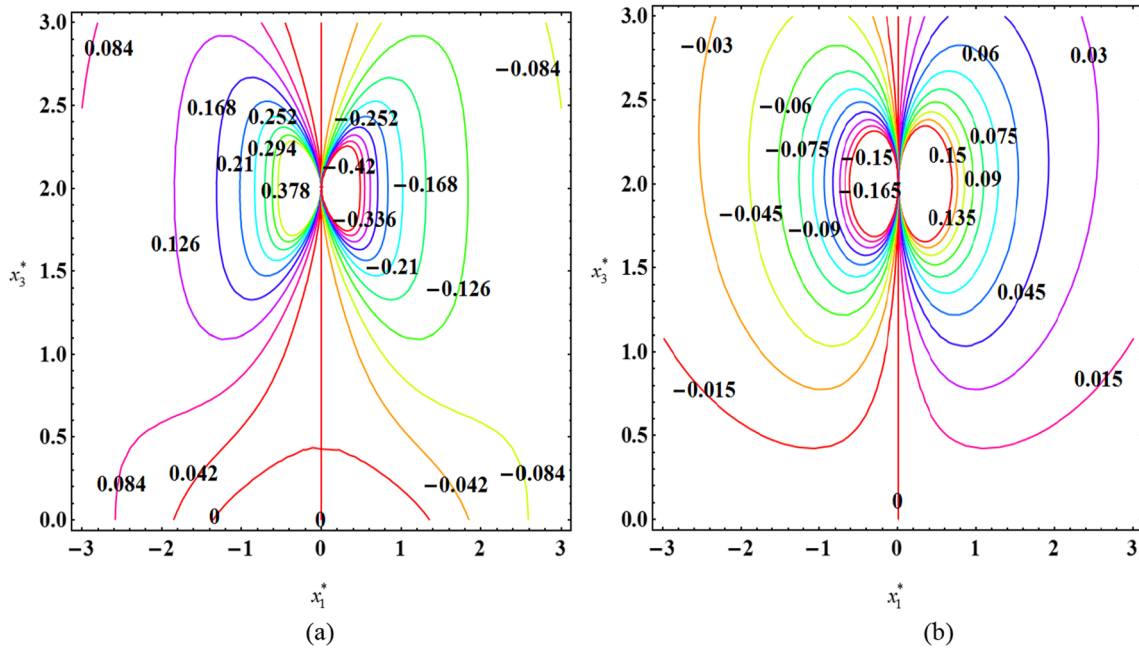


Fig. 4 Distributions of dimensionless phonon and phason stresses: **a**  $\sigma_{11}^*$  and **b**  $H_{32}^*$

is much weaker than  $F_s$  and  $F_m$ , while  $F_m$  is the strongest when phonon and phason dislocations interact together. Moreover, the absolute values of image forces decrease with the increase in  $d$ , indicating that the farther the dislocation is from the boundary, the weaker the image force. In Fig. 5b, since there are no evident changes for crystal, piezoelectric material, and PQC, the material properties have little effect on image force under  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ .

*Case 2* Both generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  are acting at the point (0, 2) in a semi-infinite space with a fixed surface.

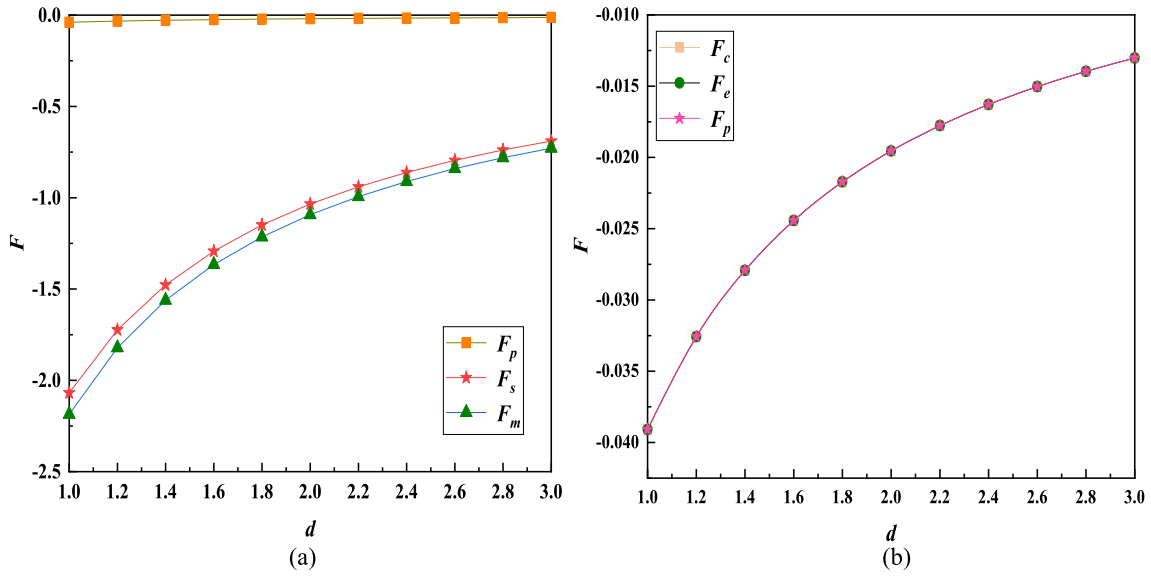


Fig. 5 Image force with a traction-free surface: **a** under different dislocation loadings and **b** for different materials

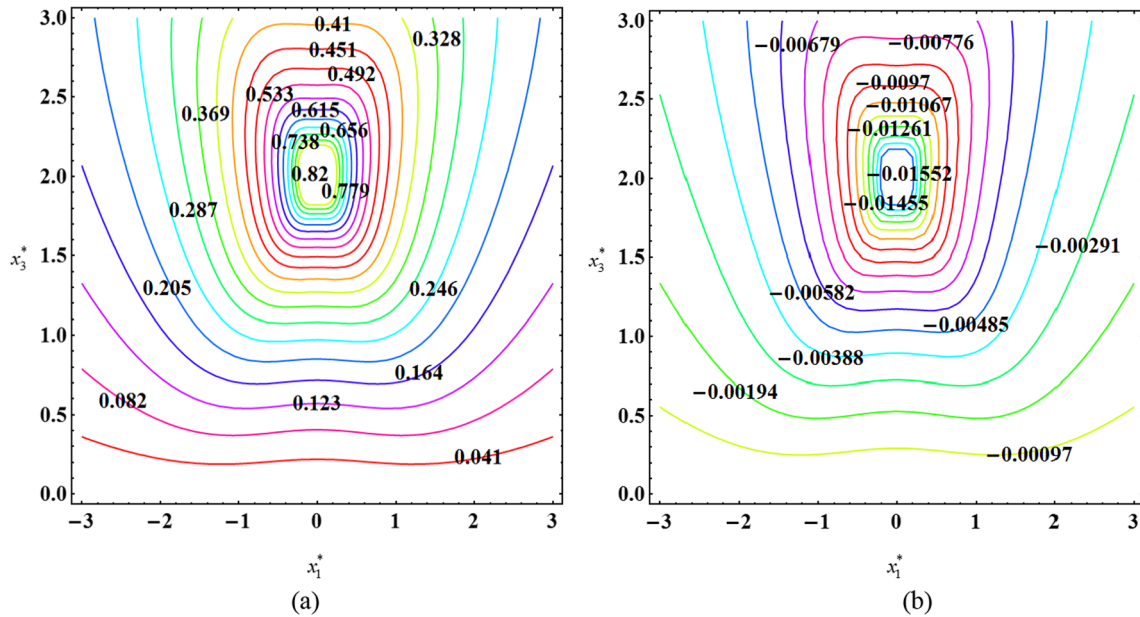


Fig. 6 Variations of dimensionless phonon and phason displacements with a fixed surface: **a**  $u_1^*$  and **b**  $w_1^*$

The changes of phonon displacement  $u_1^*$  and phason displacement  $w_1^*$  are plotted in Fig. 6. Apparently, the symmetries of  $u_1^*$  and  $w_1^*$  are the same with those in Fig. 3. The displacements which are induced by a generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  and dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  increase gradually near the loading position. Remarkably, the shape of the contour in Fig. 6a is analogous to that in Fig. 6b, which reflects the cubic crystallographic symmetry of cubic QC.

Figure 7 shows the contours of dimensionless electric potential  $\phi^*$  and electric displacement  $D_1^*$ .  $\phi^*$  is an even function about variable  $x_1^*$ , while  $D_1^*$  is an odd function concerning  $x_1^*$ . The values of  $\phi^*$  approach zero, indicate that line force and line dislocation have negligible effects on electric potential. Moreover, the isopleth map of  $D_1^*$  under a single line force shows that the piezoelectric effect of cubic PQC is very evident.

The variations of image forces  $F_p, F_s, F_m, F_c, F_e,$  and  $F_q$  with  $d$  are presented in Fig. 8. Clearly, image forces are greater than zero, namely, image force is easy to push the dislocation away from the boundary  $x_3^* = 0$ .

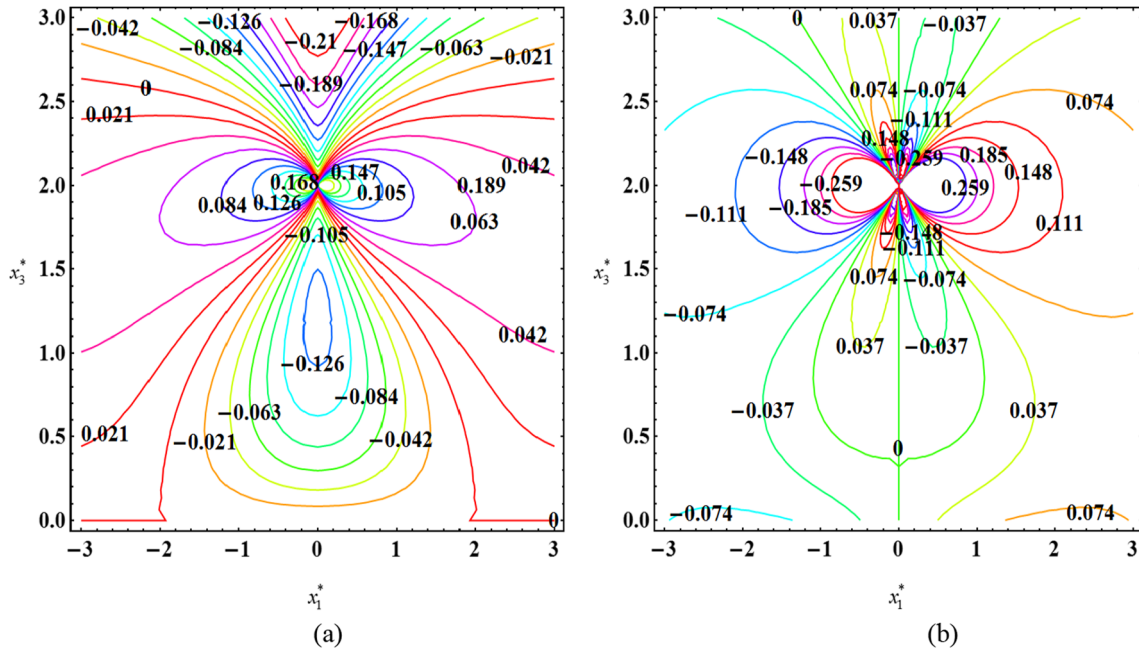


Fig. 7 Contours of dimensionless electric potential and electric displacement: **a**  $\phi^*(10^{-5})$  and **b**  $D_1^*$

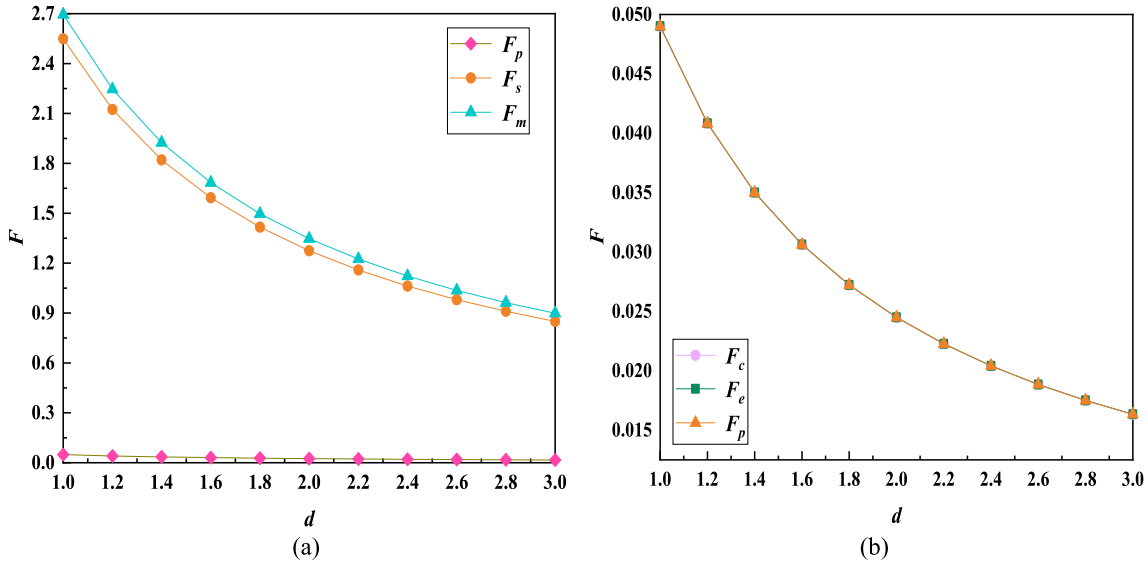


Fig. 8 Image force with a fixed surface: **a** under different dislocation loadings and **b** for different materials

By comparing the magnitudes of graphs, the image force  $F_m$  is the greatest under both generalized line force and line dislocation, and image forces  $F_c, F_e,$  and  $F_q$  have negligible changes for crystal, piezoelectric material, and PQC, which are consistent with Fig. 5.

*Case 3* A generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  exists at the point (0, 2) of the bi-material composite space.

The contours of the dimensionless phonon and phason displacements are illustrated in the quadrate area  $\{(x_1^*, x_3^*) | -3 \leq x_1^* \leq 3, -3 \leq x_3^* \leq 3\}$  are shown in Fig. 9. The contours of  $u_1^*$  and  $w_1^*$  are symmetric with respect to  $x_3^*$  axis, if generalized line force  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  is applied at the point (0, 2) of the bi-material composite space. Since generalized line force is acting at this point, the displacement distribution

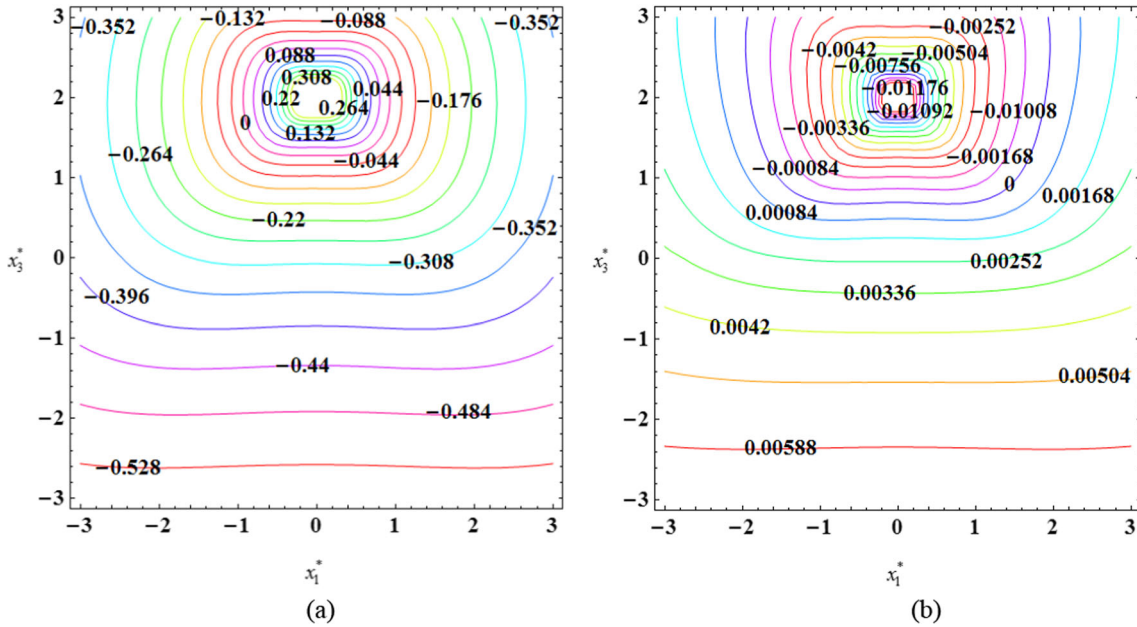


Fig. 9 Variations of dimensionless phonon and phason displacements of infinite space: **a**  $u_1^*$  and **b**  $w_1^*$

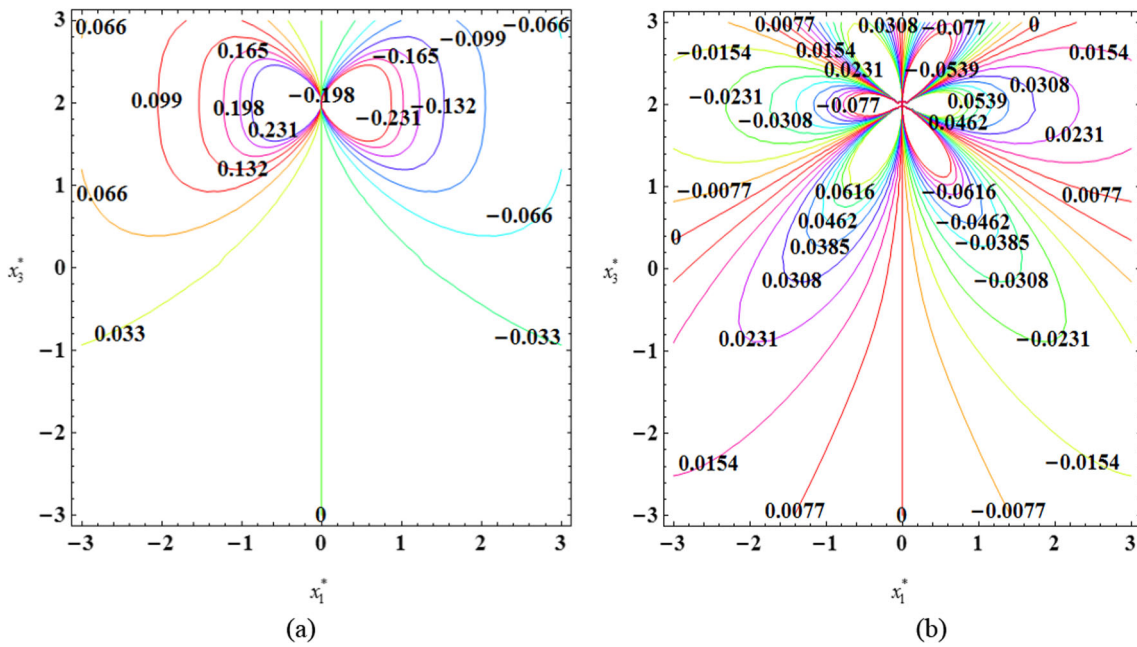


Fig. 10 Variations of dimensionless phonon stresses of infinite space: **a**  $\sigma_{11}^*$  and **b**  $\sigma_{33}^*$

in the upper half-space is relatively dense, along with local stress concentration. In addition,  $u_1^*$  and  $w_1^*$  are continuous at the interface to satisfy the boundary condition.

As shown in Fig. 10, the distribution of phonon stresses is antisymmetric with respect to  $x_3^*$  axis. The values in the non-polarization direction are slightly larger than those in the polarization direction; thus, the influence of line force on the phonon field along the non-polarization direction is bigger than that along the polarization direction. Another point to note is that the further away from the action point, the less influence the line force has on the phonon field.

Case 4 A line charge  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]^T$  and generalized dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$  are applied at the point (0, 2) in the composite infinite space.

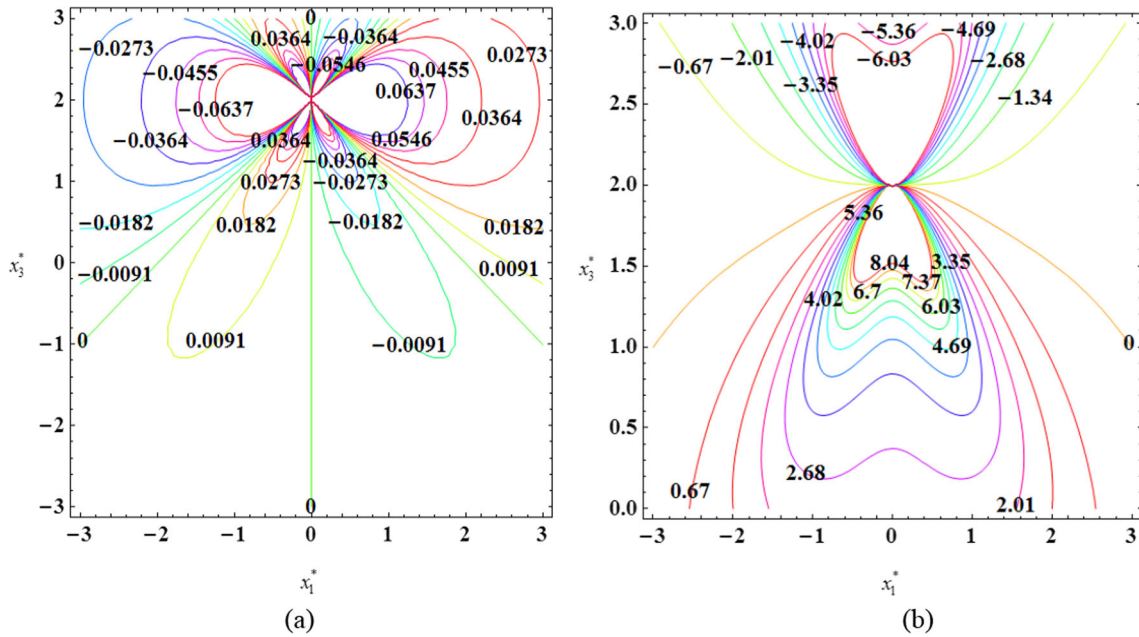


Fig. 11 Variations of dimensionless phason and phason stresses of infinite space: **a**  $\sigma_{13}^*$  and **b**  $H_{11}^*$

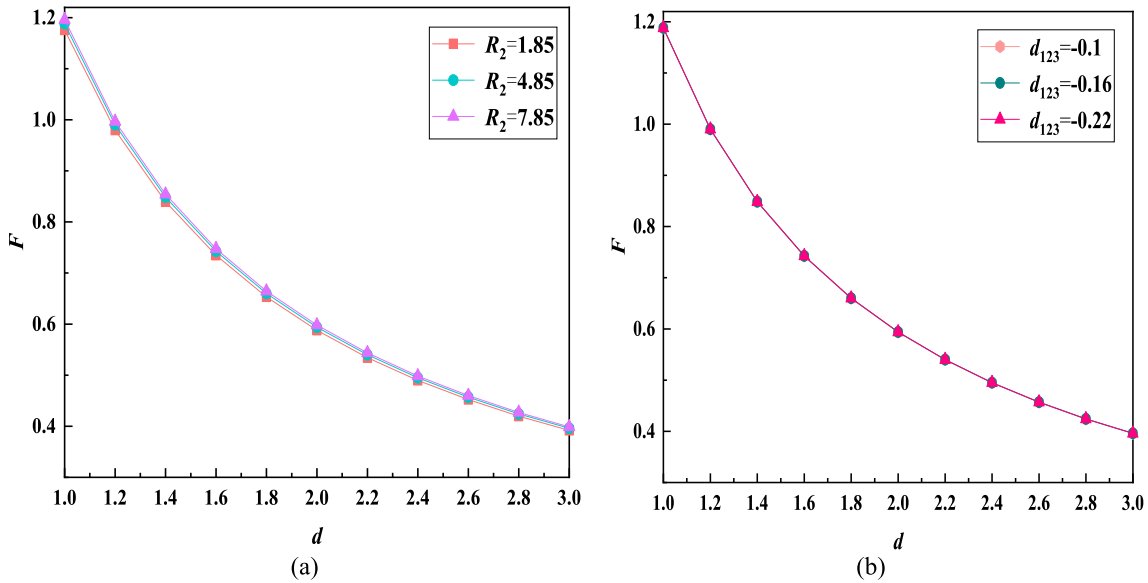
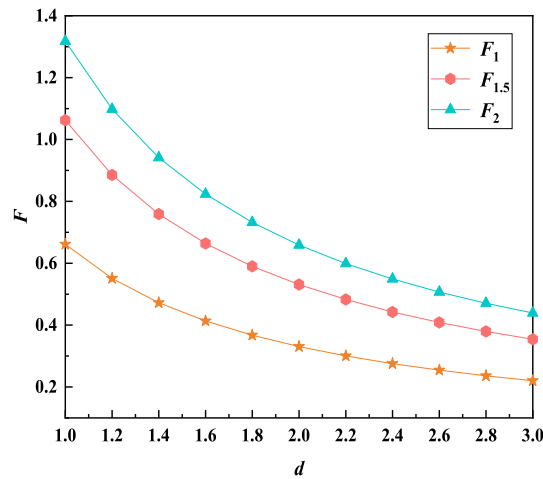


Fig. 12 Variations of image force with: **a** the changes of  $R_2$  and **b** the changes of  $d_{123}$

In Fig. 11, the contours of dimensionless phason stresses  $H_{11}^*$  are symmetric about  $x_3^*$  axis. The stresses produced by the line charge reflect the inverse piezoelectric effect. By comparing the magnitude of graphs, the effects of line charge  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]^T$  and generalized dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$  on phason stress are more obvious than those on phason stress.

As shown from Fig. 12, the image force  $F$  of bi-material composite space is bigger than zero when the upper half-space is subject to a line dislocation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$ , implying that the image force separates the dislocation far from the interface. When the dislocation is closer to the interface, the greater image force is obtained. From Fig. 12, the image force has little effect with phason–phason coupling constant  $R_2$  and the piezoelectric constant  $d_{123}$ .



**Fig. 13** Variations of image force with different elastic constants of PQC 2

Figure 13 shows the variations of image force  $F_1$ ,  $F_{1.5}$ , and  $F_2$  when the elastic constants of PQC 2 are 1 times, 1.5 times, and 2 times of those of PQC 1, respectively. Obviously, the image force enlarges with the increase in elastic constants of PQC 2.

## 7 Conclusions

Based on the Stroh formalism and Barnett–Lothe matrices, we developed Green’s function of displacements and stresses on the 2D deformation problem of cubic PQC semi-infinite space and bi-material composite space under multi-physics loadings. The image forces of semi-infinite space with traction-free or fixed surface are obtained. Moreover, the image force of PQC bi-material composite space is also taken into account. By virtue of numerical examples, we further revealed the electro-elastic and phonon–phason coupled properties of PQC, and the variation laws between material properties and image force. We discovered that the material parameters and loading scheme have more obvious effects on image force. The influences of multiple loads, such as line force, dislocation, and charge, on displacements and stresses are analyzed in detail. Some valuable conclusions are as follows:

- (1) The image force attracts the dislocations to the surface when the boundary condition is traction-free and electrically open, while separates the dislocations from the surface when the boundary is fixed and electrically closed.
- (2) The phonon force has no effect on the image force for different kinds of materials, such as crystals, piezoelectric materials, and PQCs, while the loading condition has significant effect on the image force.
- (3) The image force  $F$  of bi-material is independent on the phonon–phason coupling constant  $R_2$  and the piezoelectric constant  $d_{123}$ .

Wang and Zhong [42] investigated a line dislocation near a semi-infinite crack due to the presence of the free surface in a decagonal QC. Jiang and Liu [43] discussed the influences of the wedge angle and dislocation location on the image force for 1D hexagonal PQC. Referring to Ref.[44], with the aid of the conformal mapping method, the theory and results presented here are helpful for settling a conventional Griffith crack with traction-free or fixed boundaries. In addition, the models and method can be extended to theoretical analysis of other QCs, such as 1D and 2D QCs, even more complicated problems.

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## Appendix

By using Eqs. (1), (2), and (3), we have

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & 0 & 0 & R_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 \\ R_1 & 0 & 0 & K_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\xi_{11} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_{12} & 0 & 0 & R_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{14} \\ C_{44} & 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_2 & 0 & 0 & K_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{123} \\ R_3 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{14} & 0 & 0 & d_{123} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{44} & 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{11} & 0 & 0 & R_1 & 0 \\ R_3 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_1 & 0 & 0 & K_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\xi_{33} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A1})$$

By Eq. (29), we introduced a new function

$$F^* = \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left[ \frac{p_\alpha}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{B}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} (\overline{\mathbf{B}\mathbf{I}_\beta \mathbf{B}^{-1}})^T \right] \quad (\text{A2})$$

For Eq. (A2), first, the right side is replaced by its complex conjugate, then the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are interchanged, and finally, matrix transpose is applied on the right. Based on these operations, we can obtain that Eq. (A3) is equal to Eq. (A2).

$$F^* = \text{Re} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left[ \frac{-\bar{p}_\beta}{p_\alpha - \bar{p}_\beta} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{I}_\alpha \mathbf{B}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} (\overline{\mathbf{B}\mathbf{I}_\beta \mathbf{B}^{-1}})^T \right]. \quad (\text{A3})$$

Using Eq. (15), we get

$$\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}. \quad (\text{A4})$$

Since  $\mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{S}$  is antisymmetric, Eq. (A4) can be re-expressed as follows:

$$\mathbf{H}^{-1} - \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{S}. \quad (\text{A5})$$

In the above,  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  are positive definite, while  $\mathbf{S}$  is singular [40]. We can conclude that  $\mathbf{H}^{-1} - \mathbf{L}$  is positive semi-definite.

Substituting Eqs. (37) and (38) into Eq. (36) to yield

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} [\mathbf{A}_1 \langle \ln(x_1 - p_\alpha^{(1)} d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{A}_1 (\ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)} d)) \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)}] = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{A}_2 (\ln(x_1 - p_\beta^{(1)} d)) \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(2)}],$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} [\mathbf{B}_1 \langle \ln(x_1 - p_\alpha^{(1)} d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{B}_1 (\ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)} d)) \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)}] = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 [\mathbf{B}_2 (\ln(x_1 - p_\beta^{(1)} d)) \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(2)}]. \quad (\text{A6})$$

Similar manipulation of Eq. (21), we have

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} [\mathbf{A}_1 \langle \ln(x_1 - p_\alpha^{(1)} d) \rangle \mathbf{q}] = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} [\overline{\mathbf{A}_1} \langle \ln(x_1 - \bar{p}_\alpha^{(1)} d) \rangle \overline{\mathbf{q}}], \quad (\text{A7})$$

By Eqs. (A7), (A6)<sub>1</sub>, and Eq. (22)<sub>1</sub>, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & -\operatorname{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 \left( \ln \left( x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)} d \right) \right) \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}} \right] + \operatorname{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \mathbf{A}_1 \left( \ln \left( x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)} d \right) \right) \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} \right] \\ & = -\operatorname{Im} \sum_{\beta=1}^7 \left[ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2 \left( \ln \left( x_1 - \bar{p}_\beta^{(1)} d \right) \right) \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$

hence, Eq. (A8) has the expression

$$\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} = \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \quad (\text{A9})$$

With the aid of Eq. (A6)<sub>2</sub>, the following equation is obtained due to similarity

$$\mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \quad (\text{A10})$$

Equation (A9) has an alternative expression

$$\left( \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^{-1} \right) \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{q}_\beta^{(1)} + \left( \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2^{-1} \right) \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} = \left( \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1^{-1} \right) \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}. \quad (\text{A11})$$

Making use of Eqs. (A10) and (A11) give

$$\left( \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^{-1} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2^{-1} \right) \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} = \left( \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^{-1} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1^{-1} \right) \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}}, \quad (\text{A12})$$

or

$$\left( \mathbf{M}_1^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{M}}_2^{-1} \right) \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}_\beta^{(2)} = 2\mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \left( \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \mathbf{I}_\beta \bar{\mathbf{q}} \right), \quad (\text{A13})$$

where

$$\mathbf{M} = -i\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{H}^{-1} + i\mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{S}, \quad \mathbf{M}^{-1} = i\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \mathbf{L}^{-1} - i\mathbf{S}\mathbf{L}^{-1}. \quad (\text{A14})$$

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