Asymptotic analysis of piezoelectric energy harvester

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1 Summary of the interested equations

Here we are interested in the classical model of a piezoelectric cantilever beam energy harvester, whose model is described using the following set of equations:

$$u'''' - \lambda^2 u = 0, (1)$$

and the accompanying boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} u(0) = 0 \\ u'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u''(1) + \frac{j\lambda\beta\alpha^2}{j\lambda\beta + 1}u'(1) = 0$$

$$u'''(1) = 0$$
(2)

where λ is the eigenvalues for the problem, u denotes the displace function of the cantilever beam, β is the dimensionless externally connected resistance, and α is the dimensionless piezoelectric coefficient. They can be expressed as follows

$$\lambda = \omega \sqrt{\frac{m_p l_p^4}{B_p}}, \quad \beta = R_l C_p \sqrt{\frac{B_p}{m_p l_p^4}}, \quad \alpha = e_p \sqrt{\frac{l_p}{C_p B_p}}, \tag{3}$$

where ω is angular frequency, m_p is line mass density, l_p is the length of the cantilever beam, B_p is the bending stiffness, C_p is the inherent capacitance of the piezoelectric layer, e_p is the charge accumulation number, R_l is the externally connected resistance.

In practical applications, dielectric property of piezoelectric materials indicate that the parameter β is