



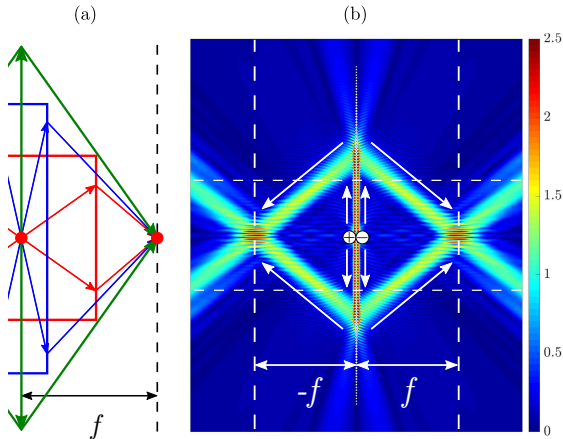
## Elastic Metasurfaces

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## Motivation

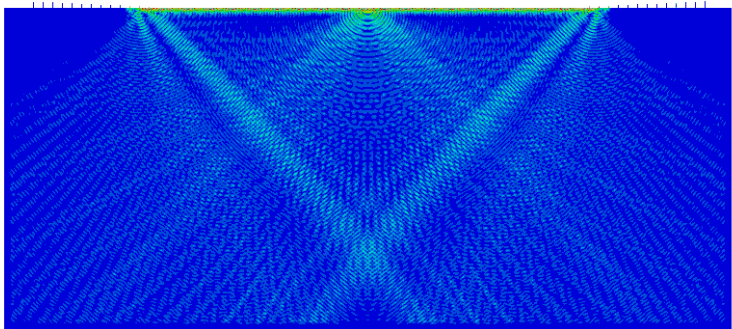
- Control over surface Rayleigh waves - direction on a surface.
- Mode conversion into P and/or S body waves (selecting them and the angles).
- Rainbow trapping and energy harvesting.
- Applications in NDE/ Ultrasonics, Ground vibration, Seismic protection.
- Challenge to control low frequency/ long waves with sub-wavelength devices. Broadband?
- Metamaterials use resonators to achieve wave control - well understood in the bulk for simpler systems, but here for elasticity and also surfaces.

Challenges: Make a Veselago-Pendry flat lens on a line?  
Using structure in line arrays to make waves go where **we** want.



## Elastic surface

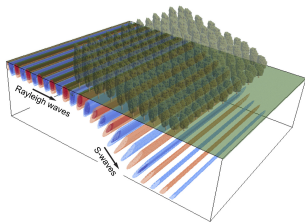
These ideas are applicable in water waves, underwater acoustics, elasticity and are quite general.



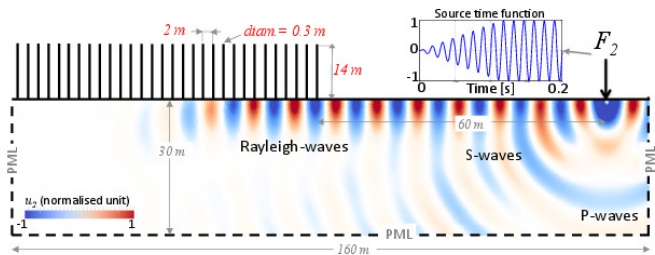
## Seismic metamaterials - Metaforest

A forest metamaterial !? See the recent experiments of Roux and collaborators <https://metaforest.osug.fr>

A paradigm for interacting buildings and their effect on seismic waves and vice-versa.



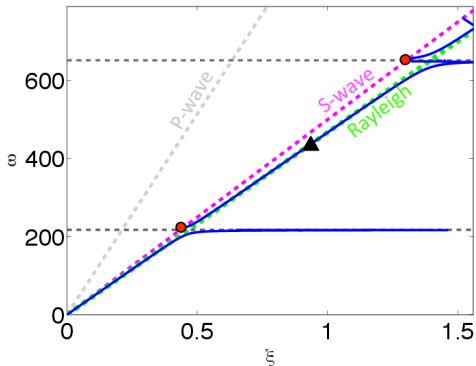
## Surface sub-wavelength resonators



This can be solved exactly for an infinite array using Fourier transforms and the Bloch problem gives the dispersion curves.

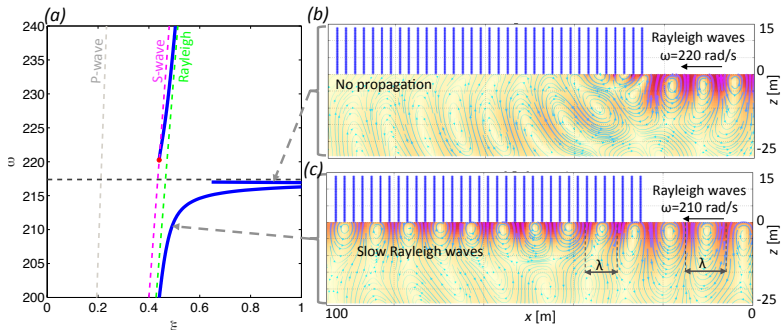
[D. J. Colquitt, A. Colombi, R. V. Craster, P. Roux, and S. R. L. Guenneau *J. Mech. Phys. Solids* 99, 379-393, 2017]

## Dispersion curves



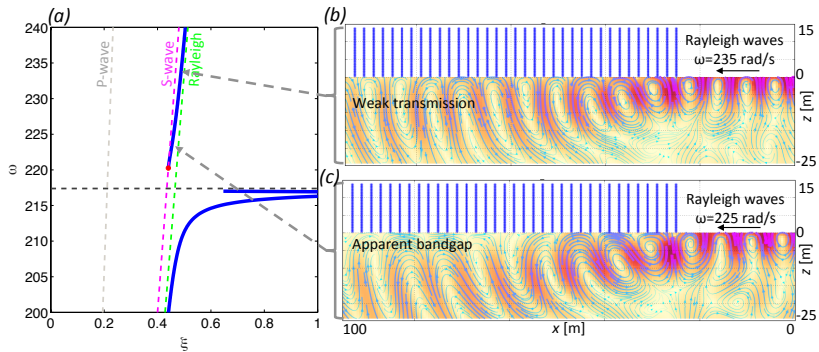
The dispersion curves for an infinite periodic array found using Bloch theory. Note the very narrow stop-band, the slow waves and hybridisation of Rayleigh wave.

## Below the stop-band



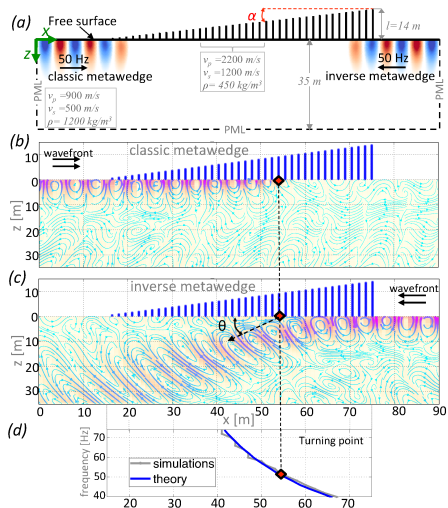


## Above the stop-band

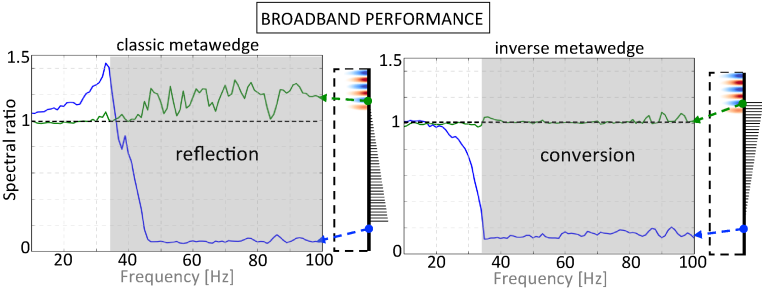


# Surface wave mode converter - Metawedge

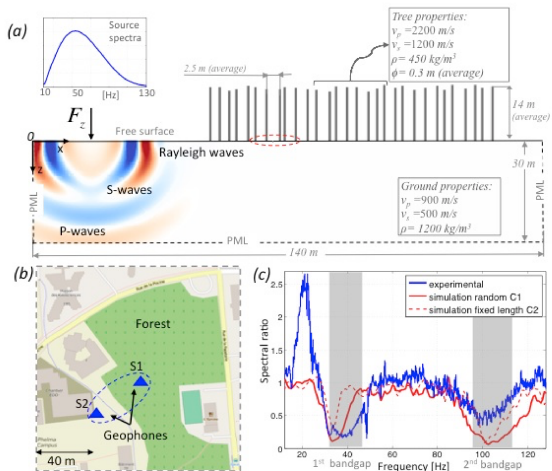
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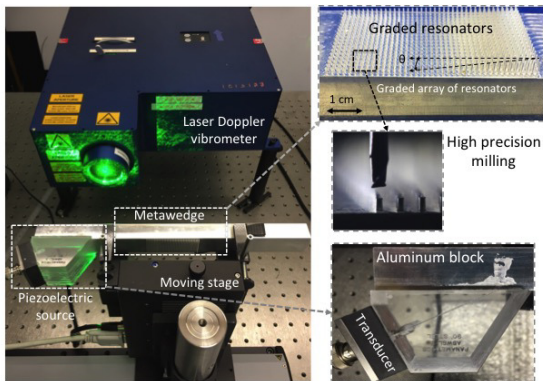
# Broadband performance



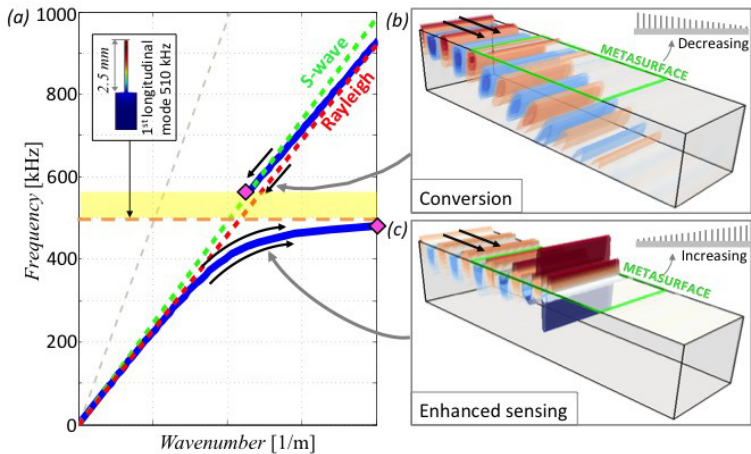
# A natural metamaterial. Does weak disorder matter?

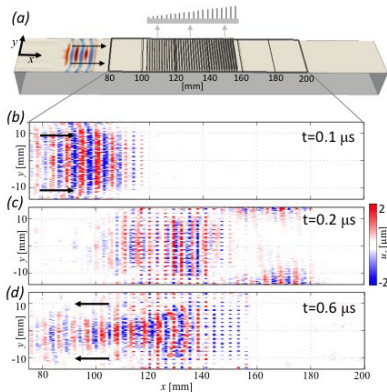


## Ultrasonic experiments - scaled down in size

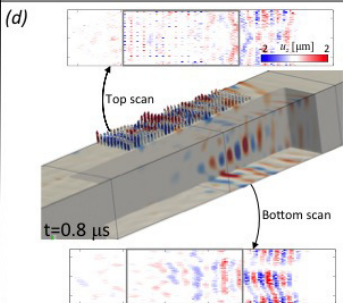
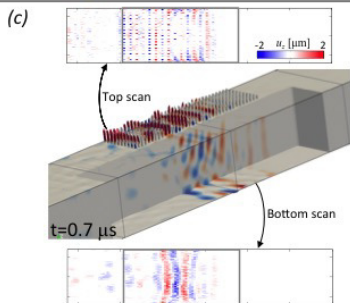
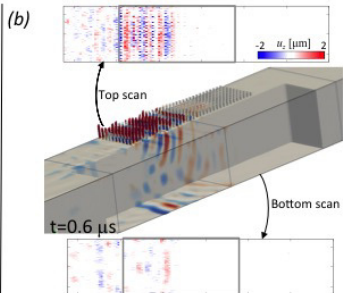
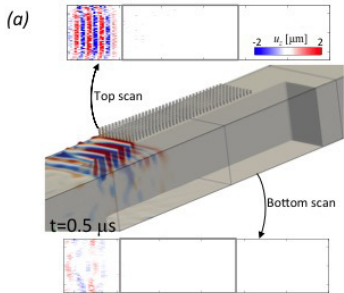


Experimental setup - laser doppler vibrometer scanning aluminium block created by micro-milling Colombi, Clarke et al *Sci Reps* 2017

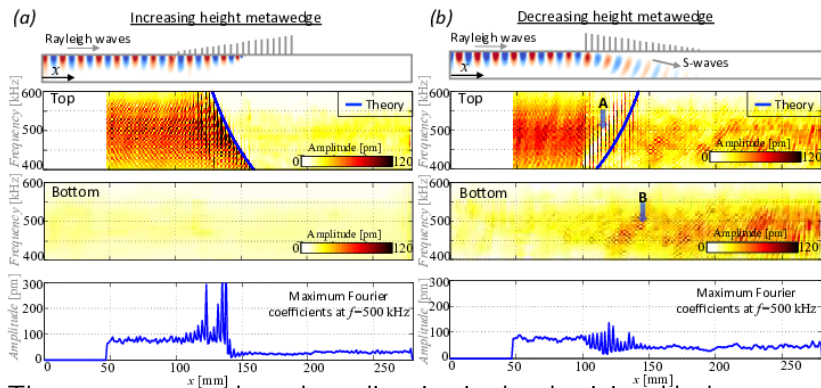




Experimental results showing the reflection of the surface wave  
(filtered at 450-600 kHz) Start animation

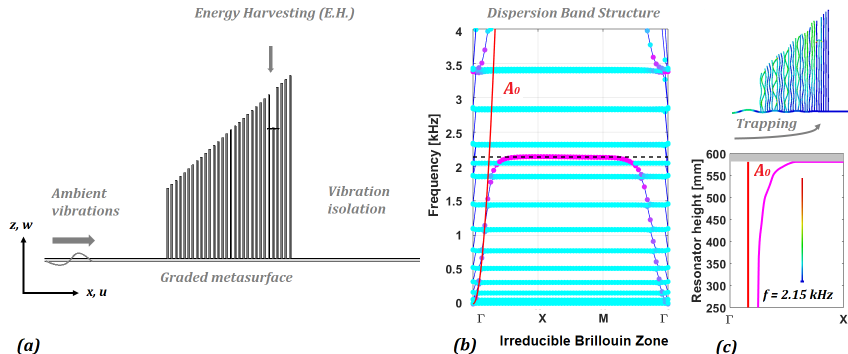






The power spectra along the  $x$ -direction in the aluminium block measured at the centreline. Maximum value of the Fourier coefficients at 500 kHz. (b) Same as (a) but for the inverse metawedge.

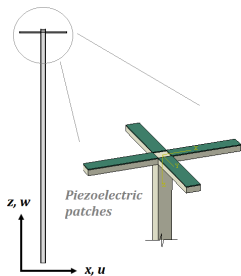
## An application: Harvesting simplified for an elastic plate



(a) metasurface, (b) dispersion curves for fixed height 581 mm. De Ponti, J. et al *New J. Phys.* 2019

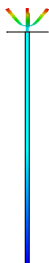
# The harvester

Harvester



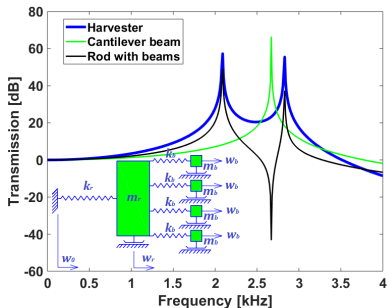
(a)

Harvesting mode



(b)

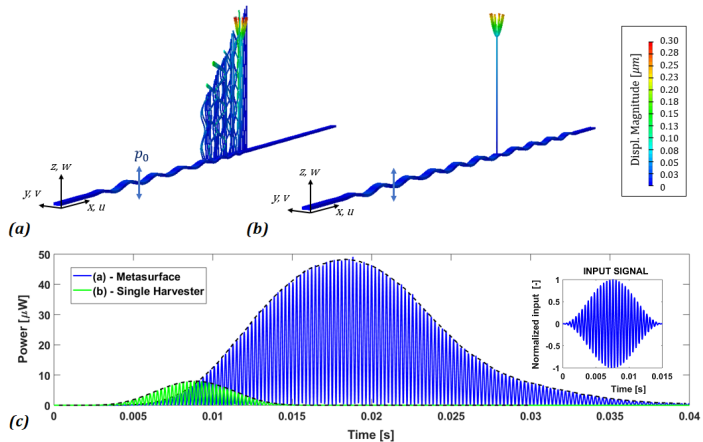
1D spring-mass model



(c)

Harvester with piezoelectric patches (a), the harvesting fundamental mode (b). (c) the transmission spectrum.

# Power



Harvester on a plate strip with (a), and without (b), the metasurface at 10 *ms*. Power with, and without, the metasurface (c).

## Umklapp (flip-over) processes

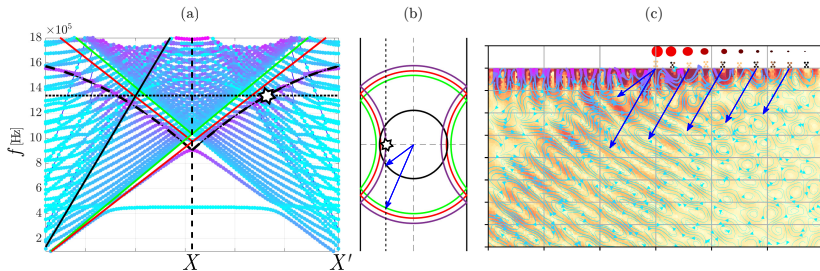
Thus far we have trapped (or at least slowed down waves) and mode converted to forward-propagating S waves.

- What about converting to P-waves?
- Can we direct converted bulk waves "backwards"?

Yes, can do both. Need ideas from solid-state physics.

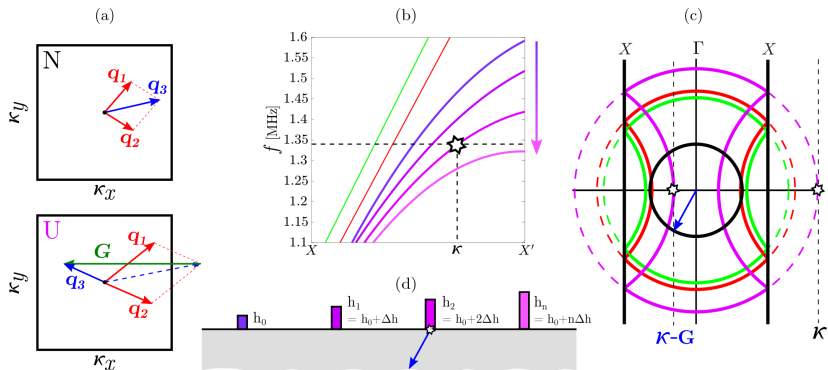
Chaplain, De Ponti, Colombi, Fuentes-Dominguez, Dryburg, Pieris, Smith, Clare, Clark and Craster *Tailored elastic surface to body wave Umklapp conversion, Nature Comms 2020*

## An ungraded array



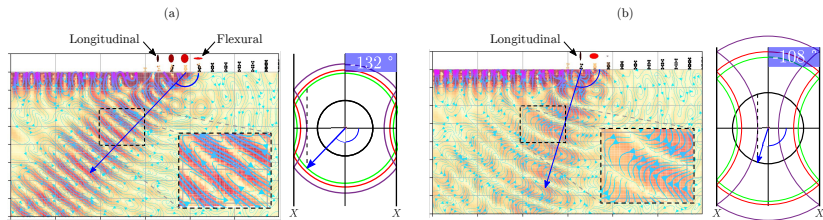
Excites both P and S waves into the bulk, no distinct beaming and acts as a self-phased leaky wave antenna.

## Grading the array

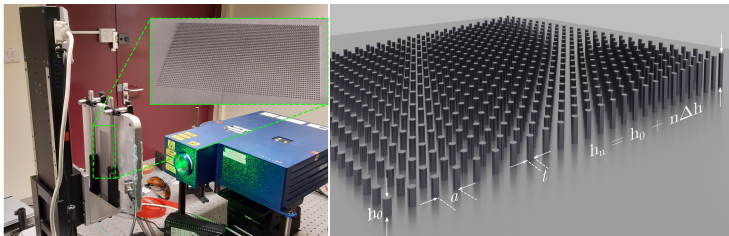
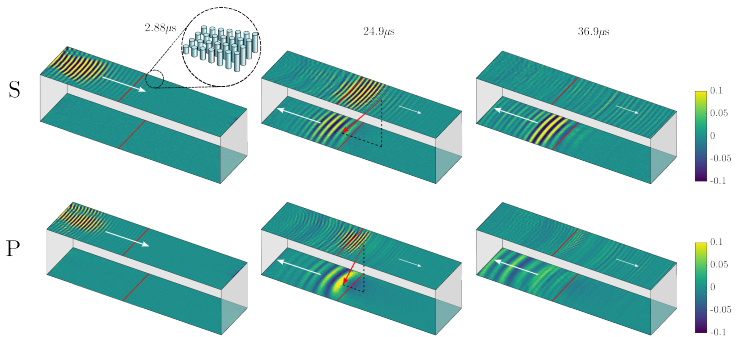


Note the band-gap and longitudinal resonance.

## Separating S and P

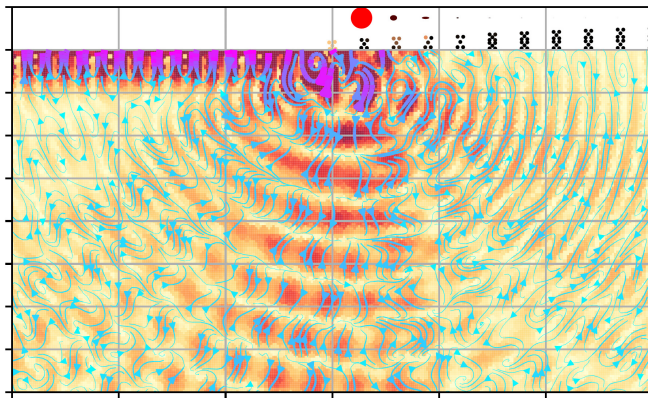






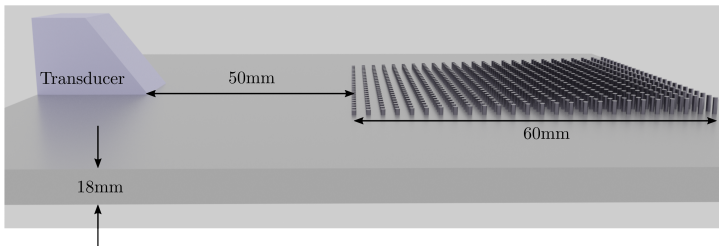
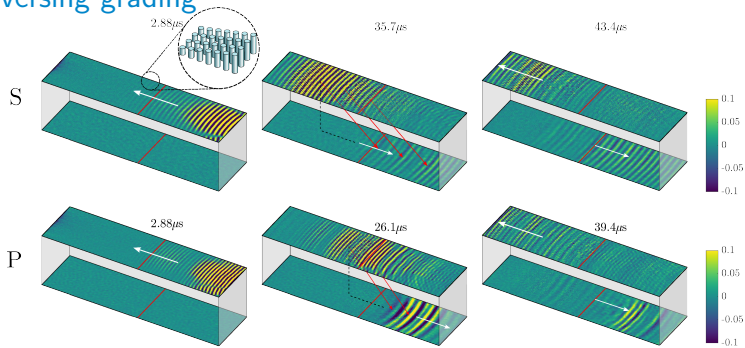
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## Tunable control



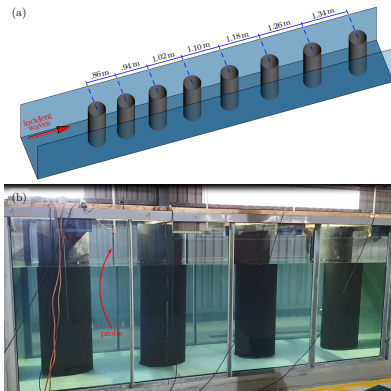
Launching a P wave at right-angles.

# Reversing grading



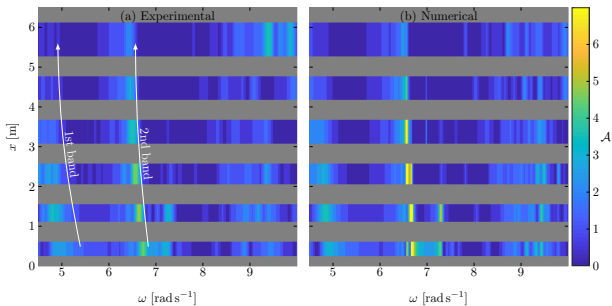
## Generic ideas - applications to water waves

Water waves - nonlinear, surface tension, viscous etc not immediately clear the linear ideas from earlier carry across.



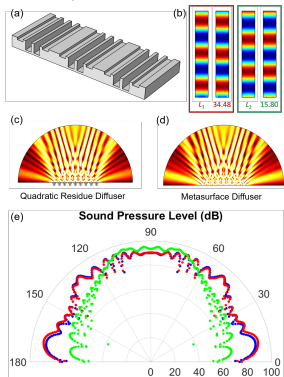
A. J. Archer, H. A. Wolgamot, J. Orszaghova, L. G. Bennetts, M. A. Peter & R. V. Craster, Experimental realisation of broadband control of water-wave-energy amplification in chirped arrays, Phys Rev Fluids, 2020

Simulations of the linear problem versus the full experiments.



Amplitude enhancement in the cylinder spacings before propagation ceases increase by an order of magnitude, i.e., factors 9 and 17

## Metasurfaces for wave control/ diffusers

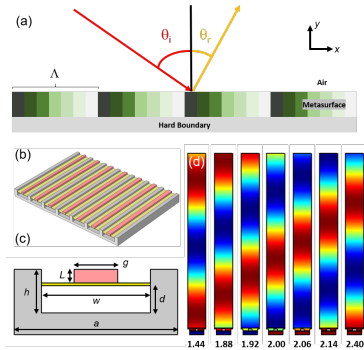


Mainly developed for air acoustics - this is a Schroeder diffuser with a deeply subwavelength metasurface (2mm) compared to a traditional diffuser (6cm). This is at 1.5kHz and thickness down to  $\lambda/100$ .

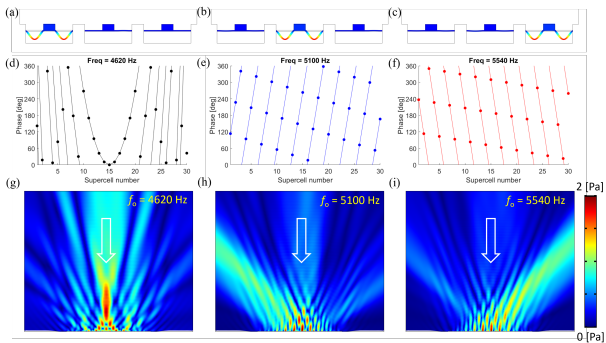
Joint work with Yao-Ting Wang and supported by UKRI Physics of Life (this is a grant about the "stealth" properties of moths to avoid bats).

Uses resonators to adjust the phase along the surface to create effects of our choosing.

# Designed changes in phase

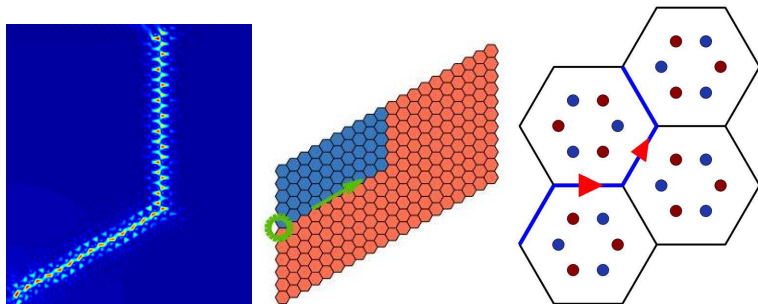


# Multifunctional surfaces





## A little topology



Example of (broadband) passive wave-control using just shape i.e. topology (left) to minimise backscatter for waves around corners.

Makwana & RVC "Geometrically navigating topological plate modes around gentle and sharp bends" *Phys. Rev. B* **98**, 184105, 2018

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And thanks for listening - questions?