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Propositions

accompanying the thesis

Mechanical Metamaterials: Nonlinear Beams and Excess Zero Modes

- I. The rescaled postbuckling stiffness as function of beam width cannot exceed Euler's limit. *Chapter 2 of this thesis.*
- **II.** A wide metabeam can mimic a slender plain beam, by balancing the nonlinearities of the rubber and the metastructure. *Chapter 2 of this thesis.*
- **III.** The maximum number of anomalous excess zero modes in diluted rotating square mechanisms is achieved when the number of 3×3 clusters is maximal. *Chapter 3 of this thesis.*
- **IV.** Excess zero modes occur in collections of symmetric elements featuring mechanisms that disappear under small geometric perturbations. *Chapter 4 of this thesis.*
- V. *Linearly* elastic beam-models that encompass extensibility are ill-defined. *Magnusson et al., Int. J. Solids. Struct.* **38**, 8441-8457 (2001). *Humer, Acta Mech.* **224**, 1493-1525 (2013).
- **VI.** Surprisingly, mechanical instabilities are widely leveraged in metamaterials, but metamaterials are barely leveraged to tune instabilities. *Reis, J. Appl. Mech.* **82**, 111001 (2015).
- VII. Multibranch mechanisms are widespread in systems with symmetries. *Waitukaitis et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.* **114**, 055503 (2015).
- VIII. Finite correlation length-scales limit the practical design of metamaterials. *Coulais et al., Nat. Phys.* 14, 40-44 (2018).
 - IX. Finite element simulations should be treated as numerical experiments.

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