

Dynamics of a bistable Ericksen bar: an extended Lagrangian approach

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Part I

Introduction

A space tape spring



Thales Alenia Space (collab LMA : S. Bourgeois, B. Cochelin)

- motivation:

- ✓ photovoltaic cell array folded and unfolded according to the energy needs
- ✓ up to 25 m

- difficulties:

- ✗ extreme conditions (motor avoided)
 - ✗ constant uncoiling speed (no shocks)
 - ✗ control by an extremity (boundary conditions)
- ~> usual **tape spring inadequate**

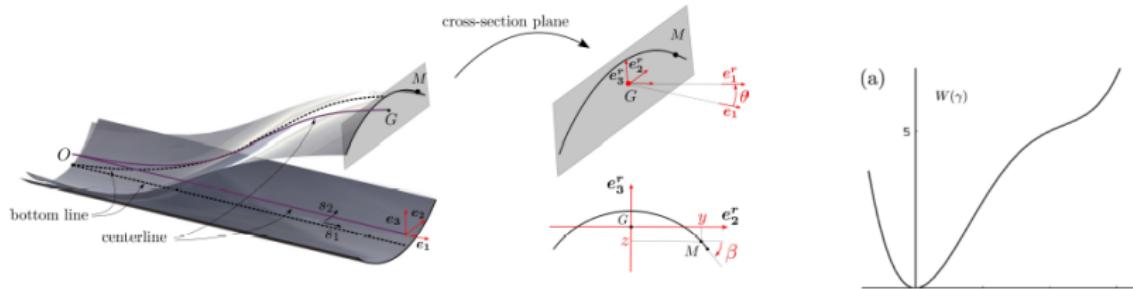
A good candidate: bistable tape spring

- carbo/epoxy fiber composite, with 2 **stable** equilibrium positions:
 - unfolded (curved cross section)
 - coiled (flat cross section)
- **slow** variation of the boundary conditions:
 - ✓ **fast** deployment of the tape
 - ✓ 3 zones: unfolded / transition area / coiled up



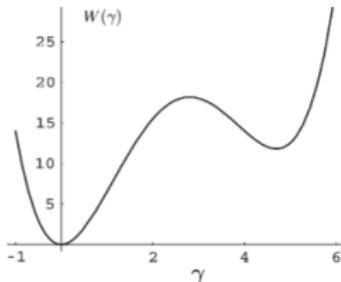
Families of models

- many models: 3D, shells, **flexible section beams**
 - Picault-Bourgeois-Cochelin-Guinot (2016): 7 dof (3D)
 - Martin-Bourgeois-Cochelin-Guinot (2020): 2 dof
 - flexion of the section θ , opening angle of the section β



- statics:** analogy with a regularized Erickson bar
 - ✓ local non-convexity of energy: formation of folds
 - ✓ regularization: transition zones, finite number of folds
 - ✓ boundary conditions on derivatives: variation of the cross-section shape

Objective of the study



- a step further for the analogy tape spring / Ericksen bar
 - introduction of **dynamics** and **bistability**
 - elementary model: **1 dof**
- capture the main features observed
 - ✓ switching from one stable state via a **higher-order boundary condition**
 - ✓ propagation of a transition zone at constant speed (**travelling wave**)

Sketch of the study

- ① bistable regularized Ericksen bar
master Lagrangian, PDE, dispersion, exact solution (**kink wave**)
- ② extended Lagrangian
PDE, boundary conditions, dispersion, hyperbolic system
- ③ numerical experiments
Riemann problem, **variable boundary conditions**, properties of the front
- ④ conclusion and prospects

Part II

Bistable regularized Ericksen bar

Master Lagrangian

- displacement u , velocity $v = \partial_t u$, strain $\varepsilon = \partial_x u$

kinetic energy \mathcal{T} , potential energy \mathcal{V} , Lagrangian \mathcal{L}

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{\rho}{2} (\partial_t u)^2, \quad \mathcal{V} = W(\varepsilon) + \frac{\alpha}{2} (\partial_x \varepsilon)^2, \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T} - \mathcal{V}$$

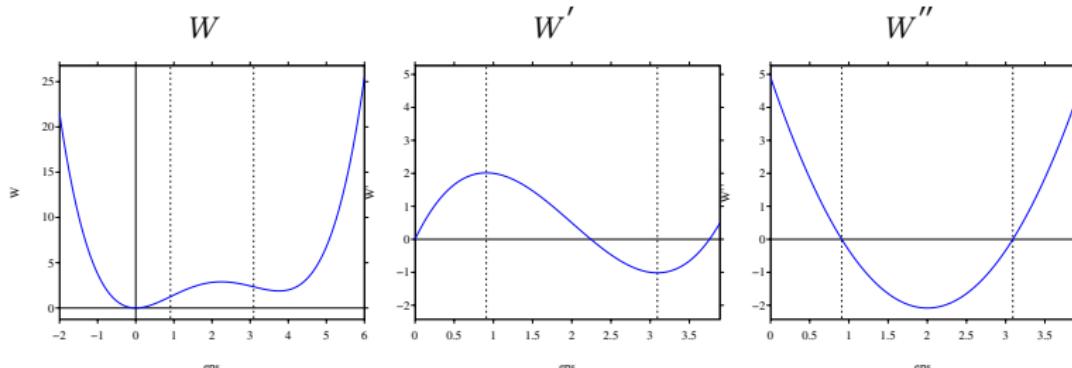
- Ericksen energy: W double-well potential

$$W(\varepsilon) = a_2 \varepsilon^2 + a_3 \varepsilon^3 + a_4 \varepsilon^4, \quad a_2 = 59/24, a_3 = -7/6, \text{ and } a_4 = 7/48$$

- properties:

✓ W concave on $]\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2[$, with $\varepsilon_1 \approx 0.90$ and $\varepsilon_2 \approx 3.09$

✓ $W' = 0$ at 0 (stable) $< \varepsilon_1^0 \approx 2.21$ (unstable) $< \varepsilon_2^0 \approx 3.75$ (stable)



Evolution equations

- Euler-Lagrange on the master Lagrangian

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \varepsilon - \partial_x v = 0 \\ \rho \partial_t v - \partial_x \sigma = 0, \quad \sigma = W'(\varepsilon) - \alpha \partial_{xx}^2 \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

- energy balance: $\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{P}$

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_0^L \left(\frac{\rho}{2} v^2 + W(\varepsilon) + \frac{\alpha}{2} (\partial_x \varepsilon)^2 \right) dx, \quad \mathcal{P} = [v \sigma + \alpha \partial_t \varepsilon \partial_x \varepsilon]_0^L$$

- admissible boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} v(0, t) = 0 \\ \partial_x \varepsilon(0, t) = 0 \\ \varepsilon(L, t) = f_\varepsilon(t) \quad \text{--- variable B.C. on derivative of kinematics} \\ \sigma(L, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

✓ steady forcing $f_\varepsilon = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E} = 0$

Exact solution

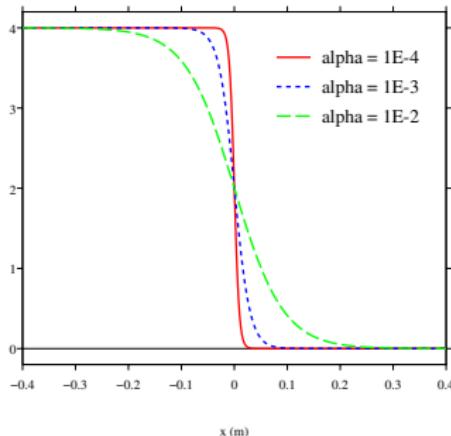
- speed of propagation V , thickness of transition D

dimensional analysis $V \propto \sqrt{\frac{a_i}{\rho}}$, $D \propto \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{a_i}}$

- travelling wave $\varepsilon(\xi)$, with $\xi = x - Vt$

kink wave between 2 states $\varepsilon_A = 0 < \varepsilon_B = -\frac{a_3}{2 a_4} \equiv 4$

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \left(a_2 - \frac{a_3^2}{4 a_4} \right)} \equiv 0.5, \quad \varepsilon(\xi) = \frac{\varepsilon_B}{1 + \exp \left(\varepsilon_B \sqrt{\frac{2 a_4}{\alpha}} \xi \right)}$$



Dispersion analysis

- linearization $\varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} + \zeta e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$ with $0 < \zeta \ll 1$: dispersion relation

$$\omega(\bar{\varepsilon}, k) = k \sqrt{\frac{W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) + \alpha k^2}{\rho}}, \quad c_p(\bar{\varepsilon}, k) = \frac{\omega(\bar{\varepsilon}, k)}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) + \alpha k^2}{\rho}}$$

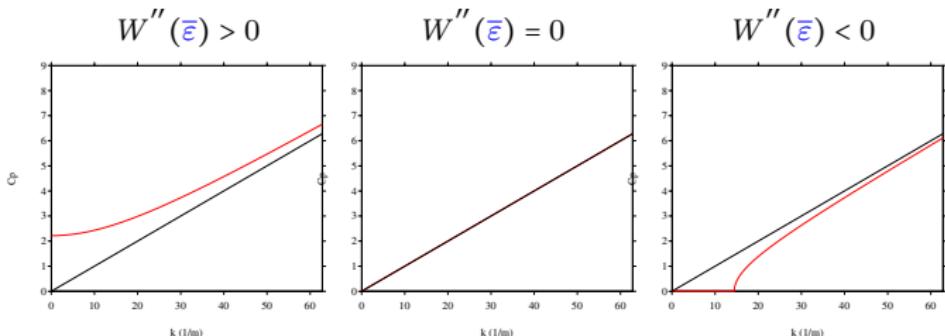
- $\bar{\varepsilon} \notin [\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] : W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) > 0$

✓ $\forall k$: propagation

- $\bar{\varepsilon} \in [\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] : W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ critical wavenumber $k_c = \sqrt{-W''(\bar{\varepsilon})/\alpha}$

✓ $k > k_c$: propagation

✗ $k < k_c$: exponential growth of $e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$ $\Rightarrow \varepsilon \notin [\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2]$ stabilization



straight line: asymptote $\sqrt{\alpha/\rho} k$

Dispersive system

- 1st order in time

$$\partial_t \mathbf{U} + \partial_x \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U}) = \mathbf{S} \partial_{xxx}^3 \mathbf{U}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U}) = \begin{pmatrix} -v \\ -\frac{1}{\rho} W'(\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- eigenvalues of the Jacobian $\mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}$

$$\Lambda^{(1,2)} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{W''(\varepsilon)}{\rho}}$$

$\varepsilon \in]\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2[\Rightarrow W''(\varepsilon) < 0$: imaginary sound speed

- difficulties:

- ✗ inversion of an **elliptic operator** at each time step (computational cost)
- ✗ adhoc numerical methods for nonconvex f and dispersive term (convergence?)
 - ~> **hyperbolisation** (explicit scheme)

Part III

Extended Lagrangian for a bistable
regularized Ericksen bar

Approach: extended Lagrangian method

- principle: introduction of penalized **auxiliary variables** in the Lagrangian
 - ✓ real sound speed (unconditional **hyperbolicity**)
 - ✓ large penalization: extended Lagrangian → master Lagrangian
 - ✓ similar dispersion properties
- recent works :
 - ❖ Favrie-Gavrilyuk (Nonlinearity 2017): Serre-Green-Naghdi
 - ❖ Dhaouadi-Favrie-Gavrilyuk (SAP 2019): nonlinear Schrödinger
 - ❖ Duchêne (Nonlinearity 2019): mathematical analysis

Extended Lagrangian

- master Lagrangian \mathcal{L} (reminder): kinetic energy \mathcal{T} , potential energy \mathcal{V}

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{\rho}{2} (\partial_t u)^2, \quad \mathcal{V} = W(\varepsilon) + \frac{\alpha}{2} (\partial_x \varepsilon)^2, \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T} - \mathcal{V}$$

- extended Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_e : field η , kinetic energy \mathcal{T}_e , potential energy \mathcal{V}_e

$$\mathcal{T}_e = \frac{\rho}{2} (\partial_t u)^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} (\partial_t \eta)^2, \quad \mathcal{V}_e = W(\varepsilon) + \frac{\alpha}{2} (\partial_x \eta)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\varepsilon - \eta)^2, \quad \mathcal{L}_e = \mathcal{T}_e - \mathcal{V}_e$$

- parameters:

penalization $\lambda \curvearrowright$ real sound speed (hyperbolicity)

micro-inertia $\beta \curvearrowright$ equation for η (e.g. : Poisson effect)

- property (to be proven):

✓ $\eta = \varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-1}) + \mathcal{O}(\beta^n), n \geq 0$

Evolution equations

- Euler-Lagrange on the extended Lagrangian: $w = \partial_t \eta$, $p = \partial_x \eta$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \varepsilon - \partial_x v = 0 \\ \rho \partial_t v - \partial_x \sigma_e = 0, \quad \sigma_e = W'(\varepsilon) + \lambda (\varepsilon - \eta) \\ \partial_t \eta = w \\ \partial_t p - \partial_x w = 0 \\ \beta \partial_t w - \partial_x (\alpha p) = \lambda (\varepsilon - \eta) \end{array} \right.$$

- energy balance: $\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_e = \mathcal{P}_e$

$$\mathcal{E}_e = \int_0^L \left(\frac{\rho}{2} v^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} w^2 + W(\varepsilon) + \frac{\alpha}{2} p^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\varepsilon - \eta)^2 \right) dx, \quad \mathcal{P}_e = [v \sigma_e + \alpha p w]_0^L$$

- admissible boundary conditions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v(0, t) = 0 \\ p(0, t) = 0 \\ \eta(L, t) = f_\eta(t) \leftarrow \text{variable B.C. on derivative of kinematics} \\ \varepsilon(L, t) = s^{-1}(\lambda f_\eta(t)) \equiv f_\varepsilon(t) \\ w(L, t) = f'_\eta(t) \equiv f_w(t) \end{array} \right.$$

Dispersion analysis

- linearization $\varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} + \zeta e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$ with $0 < \zeta \ll 1$: quartic equation

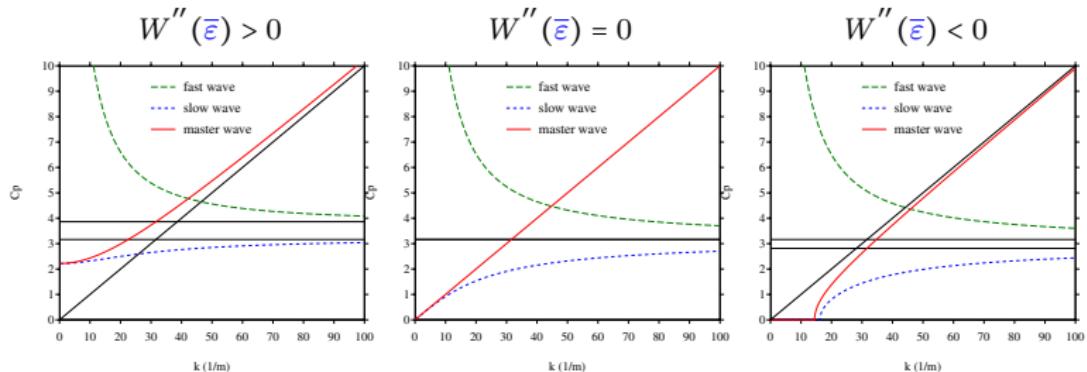
$$A_4 \omega^4 + B(k, \varepsilon) \omega^2 + C(k, \omega) = 0$$

$$c_p^+(\bar{\varepsilon}, k) = \frac{\omega^+(\bar{\varepsilon}, k)}{k} \text{ fast wave}, \quad c_p^-(\bar{\varepsilon}, k) = \frac{\omega^-(\bar{\varepsilon}, k)}{k} \text{ slow wave}$$

✓ **fast** wave \equiv spurious acoustic wave: $c_p^+ \in \mathbb{R}^+$ $\forall k > 0$, $c_p^+(\bar{\varepsilon}, k) \sim \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow +\infty$

✓ **slow** wave \equiv physical wave \rightsquigarrow critical wavenumber k_c and stabilization

$$c_p^- \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ if } \left(W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) > 0 \text{ or } k > k_c^e = \sqrt{-\frac{W''(\bar{\varepsilon})\lambda}{\alpha(W''(\bar{\varepsilon}) + \lambda)}} \right), \quad \text{else } c_p^- \in \mathbb{C}$$



horizontal lines: $\Lambda^{(2)}(\bar{\varepsilon})$ and $\Lambda^{(4)}$, straight line: asymptote $\sqrt{\alpha/\rho k}$

Hyperbolic system

- 1st order in space and time

$$\partial_t \mathbf{U}_e + \partial_x \mathbf{f}_e(\mathbf{U}_e) = \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{U}_e$$

$$\mathbf{U}_e = (\varepsilon, v, \eta, p, w)^\top, \quad \mathbf{f}_e(\mathbf{U}_e) = \left(-v, -\frac{1}{\rho} \sigma_e(\varepsilon, \eta), 0, -w, -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} p \right)^\top$$

- sound speed: eigenvalues $\Lambda_e^{(i)}$ of the Jacobian $\mathbf{A}_e = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_e}{\partial \mathbf{U}_e}$

$$\Lambda_e^{(1)} = 0, \quad \Lambda_e^{(2,3)}(\varepsilon) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{W''(\varepsilon) + \lambda}{\rho}}, \quad \Lambda_e^{(4,5)} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}$$

$$\varepsilon \in [\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2] \Rightarrow W''_{\min} \equiv -\frac{25}{12} \leq W''(\varepsilon) \leq 0$$

$$\lambda > \lambda_{\min} \equiv \frac{25}{12} \Rightarrow W''(\varepsilon) + \lambda > 0: \text{unconditional hyperbolicity}$$

- standard numerical methods for hyperbolic systems with relaxation

Numerical methods

- nonlinear hyperbolic system with linear source term

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U}_e + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{f}_e(\mathbf{U}_e) = \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{U}_e}$$

Strang splitting (propagation and relaxation)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U}_e + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{f}_e(\mathbf{U}_e) = \mathbf{0} \quad (\mathbf{H}_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U}_e = \mathbf{S}_e \mathbf{U}_e \quad (\mathbf{H}_r)$$

- propagation step: finite-volume scheme with flux limiters

$$\mathbf{U}_i^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2} - \mathbf{F}_{i-1/2}), \quad \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{c_{\max}}$$

boundary conditions: ghost cells (LeVeque 2002)

- relaxation step: exact solution

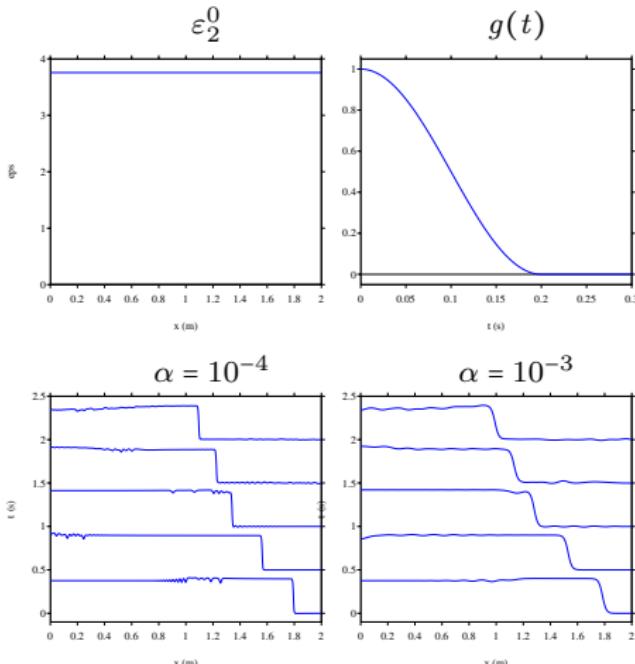
$$\mathbf{H}_r(\tau) \mathbf{U}_i = \exp(\mathbf{S}_e \tau) \mathbf{U}_i$$

Part IV

Numerical experiments

Variable boundary conditions

- ✓ $\eta(L, t) = \varepsilon_2^0 g(t)$ with g decreasing quasi-statically
- ✓ propagation of a front: D increase with α

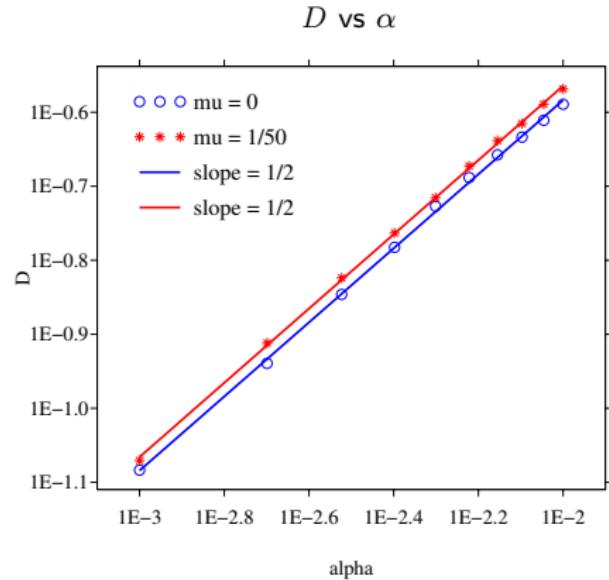
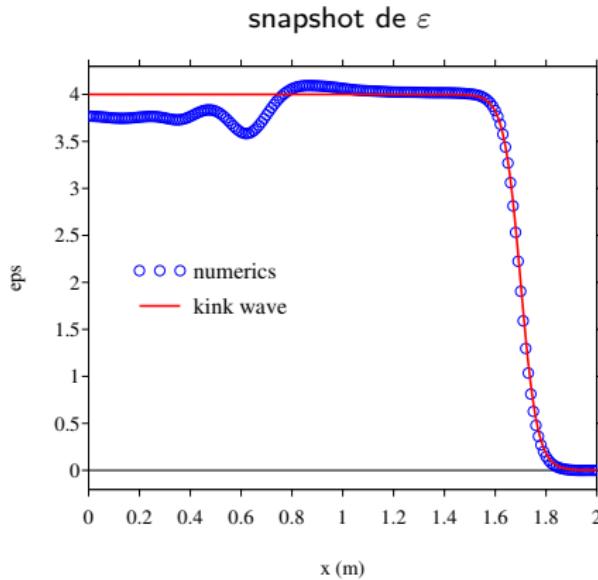


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Properties

- ✓ simulation (extended Lagrangian) vs **kink wave** (master Lagrangian)
- ✓ velocity (measured and exact): $V = 0.5 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ depends only on the **energy**
- ✓ dimensional analysis and kink wave: thickness $D \propto \sqrt{\alpha}$

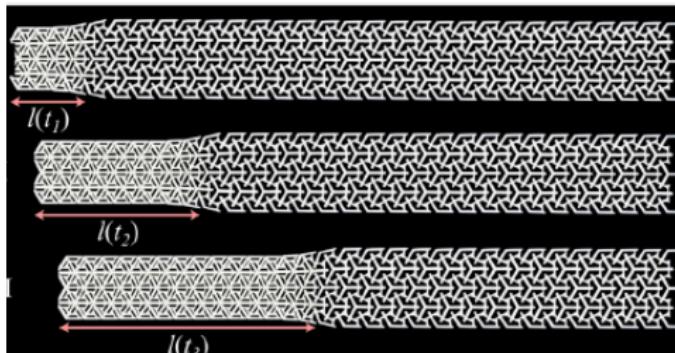


Part V

Conclusion

Future directions

- ✓ mathematical analysis (✉ Duchêne, Nonlinearity 2019)
- ✓ investigation of the bistable tape spring with 2 dof
- ✉ Martin-Bourgeois-Cochelin-Guinot, IJSS (2020)
- ✓ design of innovative deployable structures



✉ Khajehtourian-Kochmann, EML (2020)

Thanks for your attention!

Part VI

Appendix

Choice of parameters $\beta \rightarrow 0$ and $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$

✓ hyperbolicity: $\lambda \geq \lambda_{\min} \equiv 25/12$

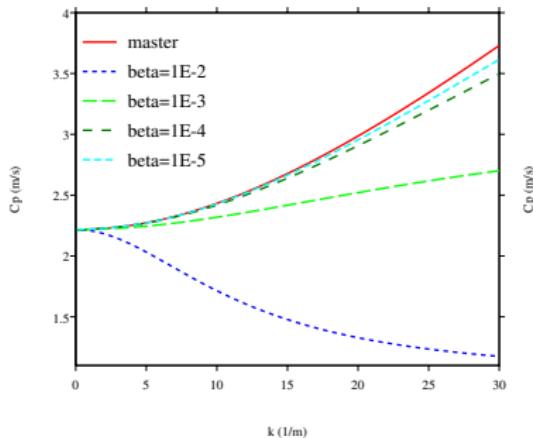
✓ $W'' \geq 0$: slow wave c_p^- increases like master wave c_p if $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} > \frac{W''(\varepsilon)}{\rho}$

$$\varepsilon \in [0, \varepsilon_2^0] \Rightarrow \Gamma(\beta) = \frac{\rho}{2 a_2} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \geq 1$$

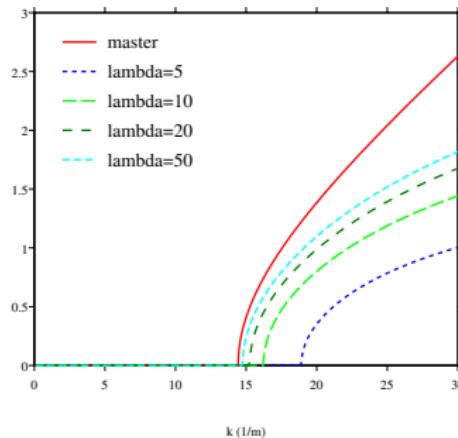
✓ $W'' < 0$: critical wavenumber $\left| \frac{k_c^e}{k_c} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda} |W''_{\min}| \equiv \frac{25}{24} \frac{1}{\lambda}$

✓ minimization of the numerical dissipation: $\Lambda_e^{(2)}(\varepsilon) = \Lambda_e^{(4)} \Rightarrow \lambda + 2 a_2 = \rho \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

$W'' > 0, \lambda = 100$

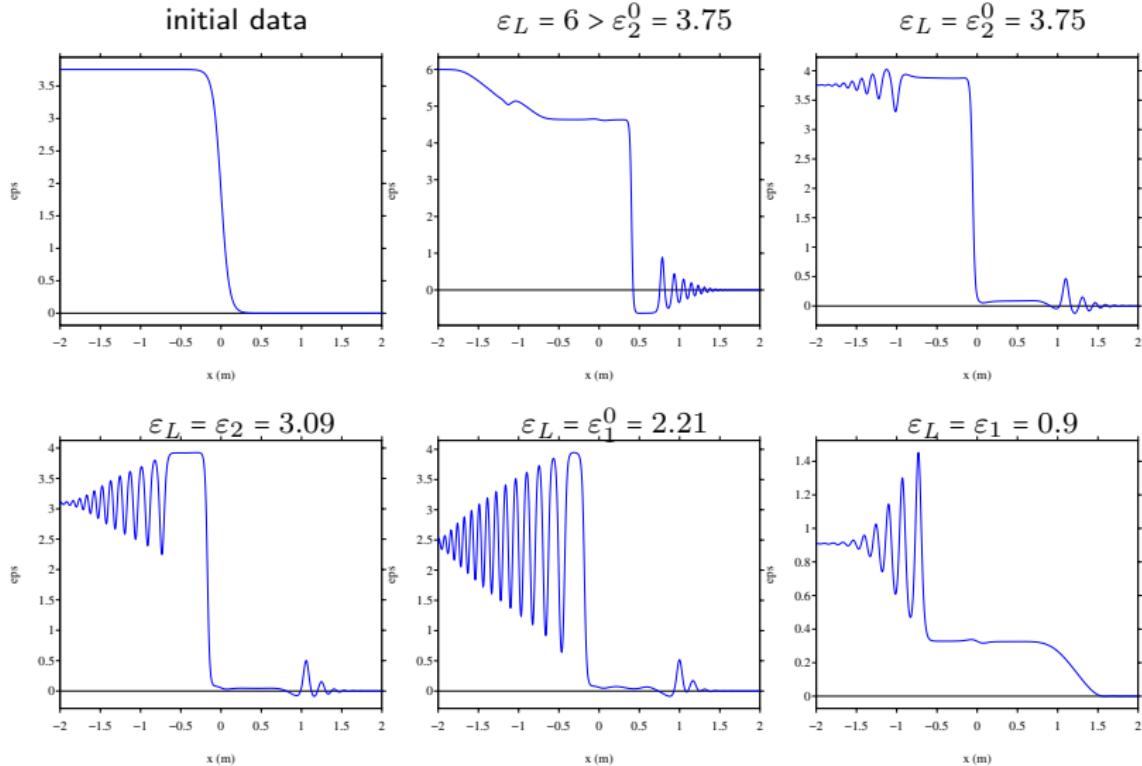


$W'' < 0, \beta = 10^{-3}$



Riemann problem

✓ discontinuous initial data $(\varepsilon_L, 0)$, with smooth transition



Influence of dissipation

- master Lagrangian: Kelvin-Voigt, μ dynamic viscosity

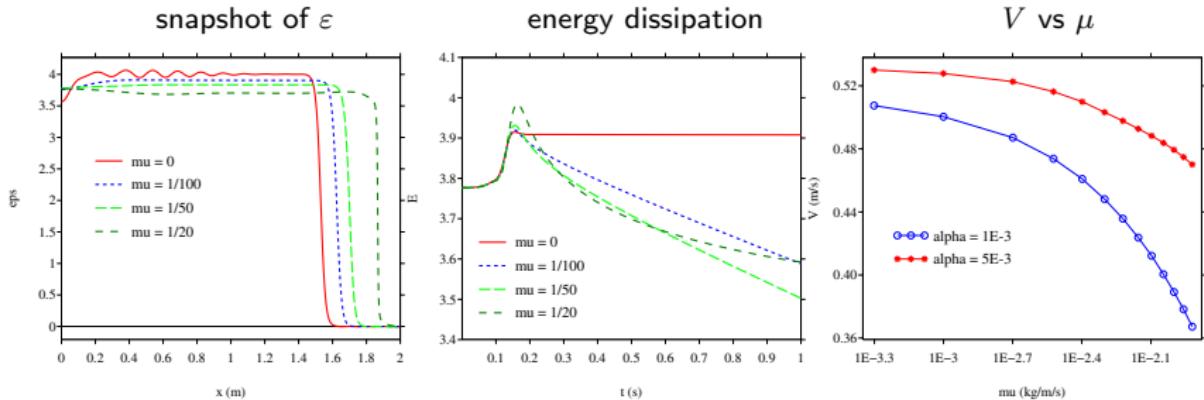
$$\rho \partial_t v - \partial_x \sigma = \mu \partial_{xx}^2 v$$

- extended Lagrangian: relaxation term

$$\beta \partial_t w - \partial_x (\alpha p) = \lambda(\varepsilon - \eta) - \mu w$$

- dimensional analysis

$$V = \Phi_V \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_i}{\rho}}, \frac{\sqrt{a_i \alpha}}{\mu} \right)$$



Choice of parameters β and λ

- reference solution: no influence of meshing or (β, λ)
- 2 criteria: $\Gamma(\beta) > 1$, $\lambda > \lambda_c$
 - \times criteria not satisfied ($\beta = 10^{-3}$ left, $\lambda = 5$ right) \leadsto non-convergence
 - \checkmark criteria satisfied (other curves) \leadsto convergence towards the reference solution

