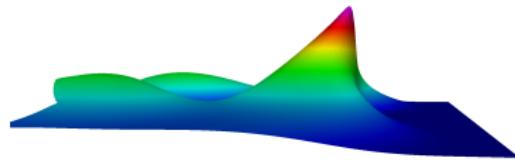


# Robust error bounds for ultrasonic models in the inviscid limit

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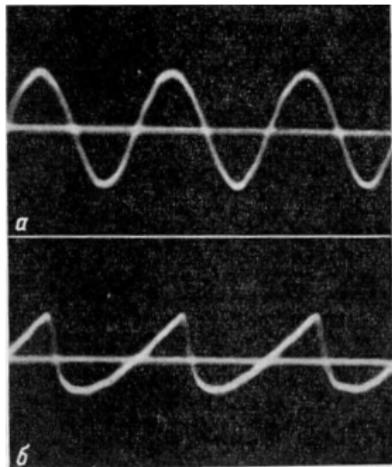
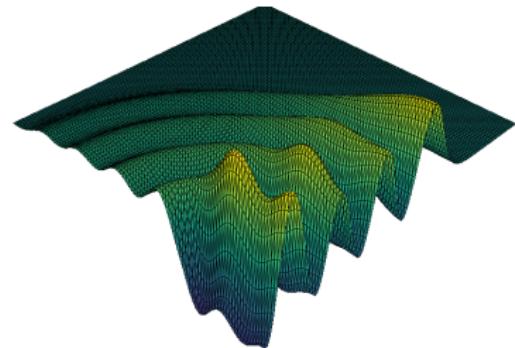


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## Based on

- Robust fully discrete error bounds for the Kuznetsov equation  
in the inviscid limit  
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# Ultrasonics

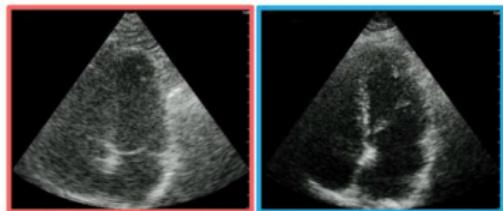


[Naugol'nykh, Romanenko 1958]

High amplitude-to-wavelength ratio  $\rightsquigarrow$  Nonlinear behavior

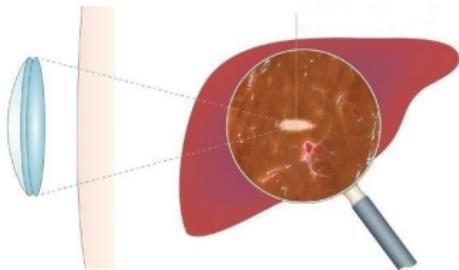
# Ultrasound applications

- Diagnostic ultrasound



[Sapozhnikov et al. 2019 ]

- Therapeutic ultrasound



[Kennedy 2005]

# Modeling

The Kuznetsov wave equation

$$u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u - \beta \Delta u_t = (\kappa u_t^2 + \ell \nabla u \cdot \nabla u)_t$$

[Kuznetsov 1973]

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$\beta \geq 0$  ... sound diffusivity

# Properties

The Kuznetsov wave equation

$$(1 - 2\kappa u_t)u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u - \beta \Delta u_t = 2\ell \nabla u \cdot \nabla u_t$$

- Quasilinear wave evolution
- Needed to avoid degeneracy:

$$0 < \underline{\alpha} \leq 1 - 2\kappa u_t \leq \bar{\alpha} \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

- Strongly damped if  $\beta > 0$

Central question: Stability as  $\beta \searrow 0$

# Stability in the inviscid limit

- Preserving asymptotics

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u_{h,\beta}^n & \xrightarrow{h, \tau \rightarrow 0} & u \\ \downarrow \beta \rightarrow 0 & & \downarrow \beta \rightarrow 0 \\ u_{h,\beta=0}^n & \xrightarrow{h, \tau \rightarrow 0} & u^{\beta=0} \end{array}$$

- Continuous setting: [Kaltenbacher & N., SIMA 2022]

# Conforming FE approximation

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is a polygonal/polyhedral convex domain,  
 $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$
  - $\Omega = \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} K$ ,  $K$  triangles/tetrahedrons
  - $\{\mathcal{T}_h\}_{h \in (0, \bar{h})}$  regular family of **quasi-uniform** partitions
- $$V_h = \{u_h \in H_0^1(\Omega) : u_h|_K \in P_k(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}, \quad k \geq 2$$

- Useful: **Inverse estimates** and **discrete Sobolev embeddings**

$$\|\Delta_h \varphi_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch^{-1} \|\nabla \varphi_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad \|\varphi_h\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq C \|\Delta_h \varphi_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

# Conforming FE approximation

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\mathbf{1} - 2\kappa \partial_t \mathbf{u}_h) \partial_t^2 u_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2} - (c^2 \Delta_h u_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2} - (\beta \Delta_h \partial_t u_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2} \\ & \quad - 2\ell(\nabla u_h \cdot \nabla \partial_t u_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2} = 0 \\ \text{for all } & \varphi_h \in V_h, \text{ with } (u_h, \partial_t u_h)|_{t=0} = (\mathbf{R}_h \mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{R}_h \mathbf{v}_0) \end{aligned}$$

- Needed to **avoid degeneracy**:

$$0 < \underline{\alpha} \leq \mathbf{1} - 2\kappa \partial_t \mathbf{u}_h \leq \bar{\alpha} \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

# Approach in the analysis

Existence is first proven on an  $h$ -dependent interval  $[0, t_h^*]$  and then extended to  $[0, T]$ .

[Hochbruck, Maier, IMAJNA 2022], [Dörich, Found. Comput. Math. 2023]

## Main steps

- ① Local existence on  $[0, t_h^*]$  via the Picard–Lindelöf theorem
- ② Uniform estimate for  $e_h = u_h - R_h u$

# Approach in the analysis

$$(1 - 2\kappa u_t)u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u - \beta \Delta u_t = 2\ell \nabla u \cdot \nabla u_t$$

- Problematic term:

$$\dots = 2\ell(\nabla u_h \cdot \nabla u_{h,tt}, u_{h,tt})_{L^2}$$

- Idea: Set up the analysis to exploit

$$2\ell(\nabla u \cdot \nabla e_{htt}, e_{htt})_{L^2} = -\ell(\Delta u, e_{htt}^2)_{L^2}$$

with  $e_h = u_h - R_h u$

# Approach in the analysis

$$(1 - 2\kappa u_t)u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u - \beta \Delta u_t = 2\ell \nabla u \cdot \nabla u_t$$

- Testing strategy:

$$(\mathcal{P}_{e_h}) \cdot (-\Delta_h e_h) + (\mathcal{P}_{e_h})_t \cdot e_{h,tt}$$

- Smooth exact solution  $u$  needed and  $k \geq 2$

# Robust FE error bounds

- Set  $\partial_t^2 u_h(0)$  as the solution to

$$\begin{aligned} & ((1 - 2\kappa \partial_t u_h(0)) \partial_t^2 u_h(0), \varphi_h)_{L^2} - (c^2 \Delta_h u_h(0), \varphi_h)_{L^2} \\ & - (\beta \Delta_h \partial_t u_h(0), \varphi_h)_{L^2} - 2\ell(\nabla u_h(0) \cdot \nabla \partial_t u_h(0), \varphi_h)_{L^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists  $h_0 > 0$  and  $C > 0$ , independent of  $h$  and  $\beta$ , such that for all  $h \leq h_0$

$$\|\partial_t^2 u(t) - \partial_t^2 u_h(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\nabla \partial_t u(t) - \nabla \partial_t u_h(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C h^{2k}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

## Limiting behavior

The difference  $\bar{u}_h = u_h^{\beta=0} - u_h$  solves

$$((1 - 2\kappa \partial_t u_h^{\beta=0}) \partial_t^2 \bar{u}_h - 2\kappa \partial_t \bar{u}_h \partial_t^2 u_h - c^2 \Delta_h \bar{u}_h - 2\ell \nabla \bar{u}_h \cdot \nabla \partial_t u_h \\ - 2\ell \nabla u_h^{\beta=0} \cdot \nabla \partial_t \bar{u}_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2} = -\beta (\Delta_h \partial_t u_h, \varphi_h)_{L^2}$$

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## Main steps

- ① Testing the difference equation with  $\phi_h = \partial_t \bar{u}_h$
- ② Relying on the obtained uniform bounds and

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta \int_0^t (\nabla \partial_t u_h, \nabla \partial_t \bar{u}_h)_{L^2} \, ds \\ &= \beta(\nabla \partial_t u_h(t), \nabla \bar{u}_h(t))_{L^2} - \int_0^t (\nabla \partial_t^2 u_h, \nabla \bar{u}_h)_{L^2} \, ds \end{aligned}$$

# Limiting behavior

**Theorem.** [Dörich & N., 2024] Under the previous assumptions, for  $h \in (0, h_0]$ , the family  $\{u_h\}_{\beta \in (0, \bar{\beta}]}$  converges in the energy norm to  $u_h^{\beta=0}$  at a linear rate as  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\|\partial_t u_h - \partial_t u_h^{\beta=0}\|_{L^\infty(L^2(\Omega))} + \|\nabla(u_h - u_h^{\beta=0})\|_{L^\infty(L^2(\Omega))} \leq C\beta,$$

where the constant  $C > 0$  is independent of  $\beta$  and  $h$ .

# A fully discrete problem

- Semi-implicit time discretization

$$\begin{aligned} ((1 - 2\kappa \partial_\tau u_h^n) \partial_\tau^2 u_h^{n+1}, \varphi_h)_{L^2} - c^2 (\Delta_h u_h^{n+1}, \varphi_h)_{L^2} - \beta (\Delta_h \partial_\tau u_h^{n+1}, \varphi_h)_{L^2} \\ - 2(\ell \nabla u_h^n \cdot \nabla \partial_\tau u_h^{n+1}, \varphi_h)_{L^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi_h \in V_h$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq N$ , where

$$\partial_\tau a^n = \frac{1}{\tau} (a^n - a^{n-1}), \quad n \geq 1, \quad \partial_\tau^{k+1} a^n = \partial_\tau \partial_\tau^k a^n, \quad k \geq 0$$

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- Analogous strategy in the analysis
- The estimates are derived for the fully discrete error

$$e_h^n = R_h \hat{u}^n - u_h^n, \quad \hat{u}^n = u(t_n)$$

- Under the CFL condition

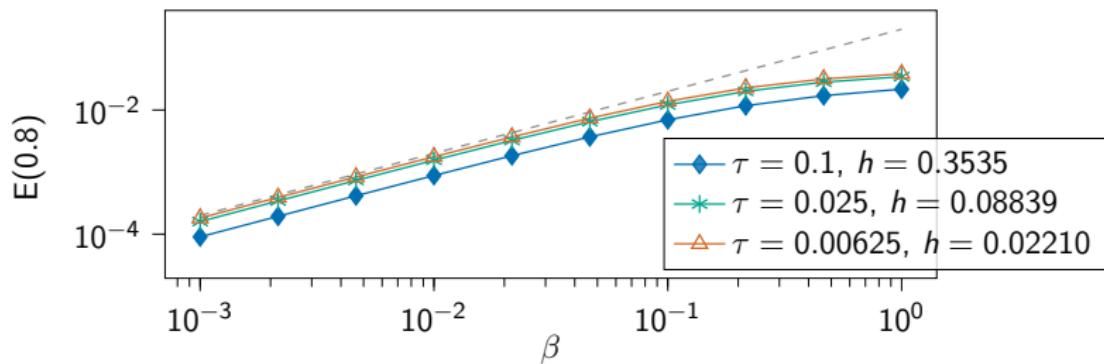
$$\tau \leq Ch^{1+d/6+2\varepsilon}$$

# Preserving asymptotics on a fully discrete level

**Theorem** [Dörich & N., 2024] Under previous assumptions, for  $h \in (0, \bar{h}]$  and  $n \in \{2, \dots, N+1\}$  fixed, the following bound holds:

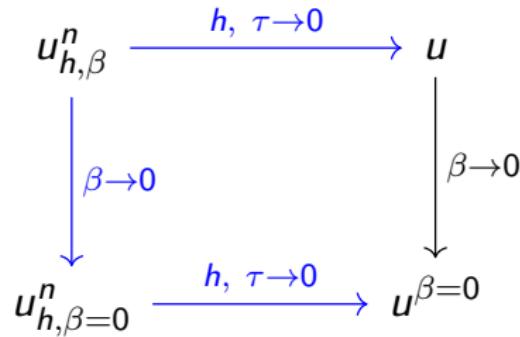
$$E(t_n) := \|\partial_\tau u_{h,\beta}^n - \partial_\tau u_{h,\beta=0}^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\nabla(u_{h,\beta}^n - u_{h,\beta=0}^n)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C\beta,$$

for all  $n = 1, \dots, N+1$ , where the constant  $C > 0$  is independent of  $\beta$ ,  $h$ , and  $\tau$ .



# Summary

- ① Robust error bounds in the inviscid limit
- ② Convergence rates in the vanishing  $\beta$  limit



**Thank you!**