

# Mathematics of nonlinear acoustics: modeling, analysis and inverse problems

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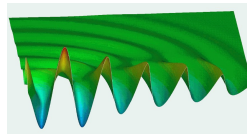
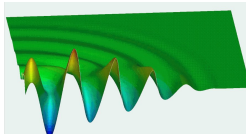
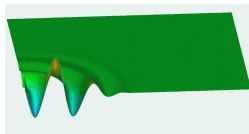
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# Outline

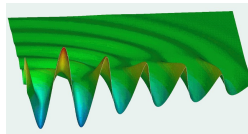
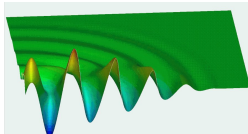
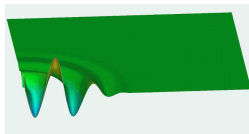
- modeling:
  - models of nonlinear acoustics
  - fractional damping models in ultrasonics
- parameter asymptotics
- some inverse problems

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sound speed depends on (signed) amplitude  $\Rightarrow$  sawtooth profile

# models of nonlinear acoustics

# Physical Principles

main physical quantities:

- acoustic particle velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ ;
- acoustic pressure  $p$ ;
- mass density  $\rho$ ;
- absolute temperature  $\vartheta$ ;
- heat flux  $\mathbf{q}$ ;
- entropy  $\eta$ ;

decomposition into mean and fluctuating part:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{v}_{\sim} = \mathbf{v}, \quad p = p_0 + p_{\sim}, \quad \rho = \rho_0 + \rho_{\sim}$$

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governing equations:

- momentum conservation = Navier Stokes equation (with  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$ ):

$$\rho \left( \mathbf{v}_t + \nabla(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right) + \nabla p = \left( \frac{4\mu_V}{3} + \zeta_V \right) \Delta \mathbf{v}$$

- mass conservation = equation of continuity:  $\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = -\rho_t$

- entropy equation:  $\rho \vartheta (\eta_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \eta) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}$

- equation of state:  $\frac{p}{p_0} = \rho^\gamma \exp\left(\frac{\eta - \eta_0}{c_v}\right)$

- Gibbs equation:  $\vartheta d\eta = c_v d\vartheta - p \frac{1}{\rho^2} d\rho$

$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$  ... adiabatic index;

$c_p / c_v$  ... specific heat at constant pressure / volume;

$\zeta_V / \mu_V$  ... bulk / shear viscosity

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allows for “thermal waves” (second sound phenomenon)

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for the **particle velocity**  $\mathbf{v}$  and the **pressure**  $p$ , i.e.,

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since  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$  hence  $\mathbf{v} = -\nabla \psi$  for a **velocity potential**  $\psi$

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- **Westervelt equation** [Westervelt 1963] via  $\varrho_0 |\mathbf{v}|^2 \approx \frac{1}{\varrho_0 c^2} (p_{\sim})^2$

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$z := \psi_t + \frac{c^2}{\delta + \tau c^2}\psi$  solves weakly damped wave equation

$$z_{tt} - \tilde{c}\Delta z + \gamma z_t = r(z, \psi)$$

with  $\tilde{c} = c^2 + \frac{\delta}{\tau}$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{c^2}{\delta + \tau c^2} > 0$

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- **further models:**[Angel & Aristegui 2014], [Christov & Christov & Jordan 2007], [Kudryashov & Sinelshchikov 2010], [Ockendon & Tayler 1983], [Makarov & Ochmann 1996], [Rendón & Ezeta & Pérez-López 2013], [Rasmussen & Sørensen & Christiansen 2008], [Soderholm 2006], ...
- **resonances, shock waves:**[Ockendon & Ockendon & Peake & Chester 1993], [Ockendon & Ockendon 2001, 2004, 2016],...
- **traveling waves solutions:**[Jordan 2004], [Chen & Torres & Walsh 2009], [Keiffer & McNorton & Jordan & Christov, 2014], [Gaididei & Rasmussen & Christiansen & Sørensen, 2016],...
- **well-posedness and asymptotic behaviour:**  
 for KZK: [Rozanova-Pierrat 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010]  
 for Westervelt, Kuznetsov, Blackstock-Crighton, JMGT **on bounded domain  $\Omega$ :**  
**based on semigroup theory and energy estimates:**[BK & Lasiecka 2009, 2012], [BK & Lasiecka & Veljović 2011], [BK & Lasiecka & Marchand 2012], [BK & Lasiecka & Pospieszalska 2012], [Lasiecka & Wang 2015], [Liu & Triggiani 2013], [Marchand & McDevitt & Triggiani 2012], [Nikolić 2015], [Nikolić & BK 2016], [Pellicer & Solá-Morales 2019], , [Dell'Oro&Lasiecka&Pata 2020]  
**based on maximal  $L_p$  regularity:**[Meyer & Wilke 2011, 2013], [Meyer & Simonett 2016], [Brunnhuber & Meyer 2016], [BK 2016]  
**Cauchy problem (on  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^k$ )**  
 for Kuznetsov: [Dekkers & Rozanova-Pierrat 2019]  
 for JMGT: [Pellicer & Said-Houari 2017], [Nikolić & Said-Houari 2021]
- **control of JMGT** [Bucci&Lasiecka 2020], [Bucci&Pandolfi 2020]

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This also illustrates state dependence of the effective wave speed:

$$u_{tt} - \tilde{c}(u)^2 \Delta u - \tilde{b}(u) \Delta u_t = f(u)$$

with  $\tilde{c}(u) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - 2\kappa u}}$ ,  $\tilde{b}(u) = \frac{b}{1 - 2\kappa u}$ ,  $f(u) = \frac{2\kappa (u_t)^2}{1 - 2\kappa u}$

as long as  $2\kappa u < 1$  (otherwise the model loses its validity)

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[Bongarti&Charoenphon&Lasiacka; BK& Nikolić, 2019-21]



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## The linearized problem

$$\begin{cases} \tau\psi_{ttt} + \alpha(x, t)\psi_{tt} - c^2\Delta\psi - b\Delta\psi_t = f & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \psi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ (\psi, \psi_t, \psi_{tt}) = (\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2) & \text{in } \Omega \times \{0\}, \end{cases}$$

under the assumptions

$$\alpha(x, t) \geq \underline{\alpha} > 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega \times (0, T). \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^\infty(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; W^{1,3}(\Omega)), \\ f &\in H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega)). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$(\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega). \quad (3)$$

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### Theorem (lin)

Let  $c^2, b, \tau > 0$ , and let  $T > 0$ . Let the assumptions (1), (2), (3) hold.

Then there exists a unique solution

$$\psi \in X^W := W^{1,\infty}(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)) \cap W^{2,\infty}(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap H^3(0, T; L^2(\Omega)).$$

The solution fulfills the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|_{W,\tau}^2 &:= \tau^2 \|\psi_{ttt}\|_{L^2L^2}^2 + \tau \|\psi_{tt}\|_{L^\infty H^1}^2 + \|\psi_{tt}\|_{L^2 H^1}^2 + \|\psi\|_{W^{1,\infty} H^2}^2 \\ &\leq C(\alpha, T, \tau) (|\psi_0|_{H^2}^2 + |\psi_1|_{H^2}^2 + \tau |\psi_2|_{H^1}^2 + \|f\|_{L^\infty L^2}^2 + \|f_t\|_{L^2 L^2}^2). \end{aligned}$$

If additionally  $\|\nabla\alpha\|_{L^\infty L^3} < \frac{\alpha}{C_{H^1, L^6}^\Omega}$  holds, then  $C(\alpha, T, \tau)$  is independent of  $\tau$ .



# Well-posedness of the Westervelt type JMGT equation

$$\begin{cases} \tau\psi_{ttt} + (1 - k\psi_t)\psi_{tt} - c^2\Delta\psi - b\Delta\psi_t = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \psi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ (\psi, \psi_t, \psi_{tt}) = (\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2) & \text{in } \Omega \times \{0\}, \end{cases}$$

## Theorem

Let  $c^2, b > 0, k \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $T > 0$ . There exist  $\rho, \rho_0 > 0$  such that for all  $(\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$  satisfying

$$\|\psi_0\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\psi_1\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 + \tau\|\psi_2\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq \rho_0^2,$$

there exists a unique solution  $\psi \in X^W$  and  $\|\psi\|_{W,\tau}^2 \leq \rho^2$ .

Banach's Contraction Principle for  $\mathcal{T} : \phi \mapsto \psi$  solution  $\psi$  of (4) with  $\alpha = 1 - k\phi_t, f = 0$ : self-mapping on  $B_\rho^{X^W}$ : energy estimate from Theorem (lin).

contractivity:  $\|\mathcal{T}(\phi_1) - \mathcal{T}(\phi_2)\|_{W,\tau} \leq q\|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{W,\tau}$  by estimate from Theorem (lin):

$\hat{\psi} = \psi_1 - \psi_2 = \mathcal{T}(\phi_1) - \mathcal{T}(\phi_2)$  solves (4) with  $\alpha = 1 - k\phi_{1t}$  and

$f = k\hat{\phi}_t\psi_{2tt}$  where  $\hat{\phi} = \phi_1 - \phi_2$ .

## Limits for vanishing relaxation time

Consider the  $\tau$ -independent part of the norms

$$\|\psi\|_{W,\tau}^2 := \tau^2 \|\psi_{ttt}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2 + \tau \|\psi_{tt}\|_{L^\infty H^1}^2 + \|\psi_{tt}\|_{L^2 H^1}^2 + \|\psi\|_{W^{1,\infty} H^2}^2$$

namely

$$\|\psi\|_{\bar{X}W}^2 := \|\psi_{tt}\|_{L^2 H^1}^2 + \|\psi\|_{W^{1,\infty} H^2}^2,$$

since these norms will be uniformly bounded, independently of  $\tau$ .

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and recall the spaces for the initial data

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## Theorem

*Let  $c^2, b, T > 0$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exist  $\bar{\tau}, \rho_0 > 0$  such that for all  $(\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2) \in X_0^W$ , the family  $(\psi^\tau)_{\tau \in (0, \bar{\tau})}$  of solutions to the Westervelt type JMGT equation converges weakly\* in  $\bar{X}^W$  to a solution  $\bar{\psi} \in \bar{X}^W$  of the Westervelt equation with initial conditions  $\bar{\psi}(0) = \psi_0, \bar{\psi}_t(0) = \psi_1$ .*

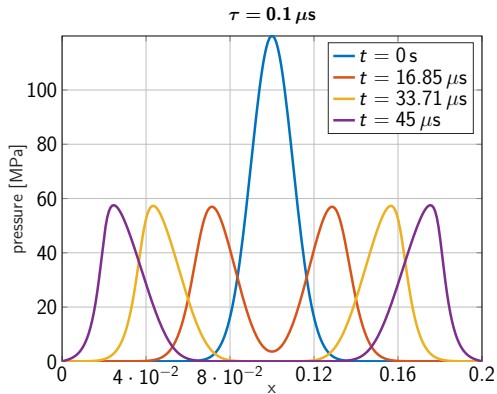
# Numerical Experiments

- comparison of Westervelt-JMGT and Westervelt solutions
- numerical experiments for water in a 1-d channel geometry

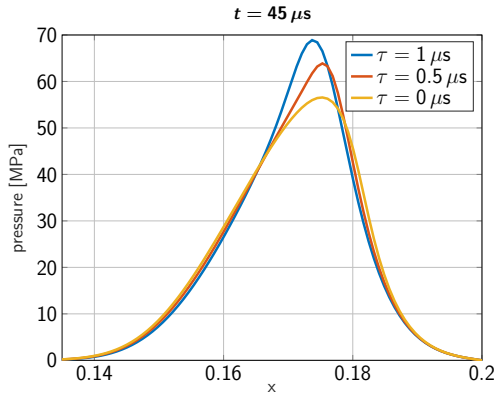
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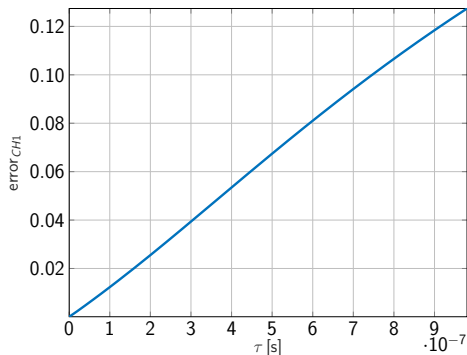


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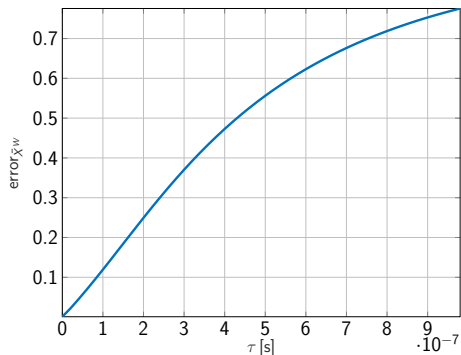
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[Bongarti&Charoenphon&Lasiacka; BK& Nikolić, 2019-21]



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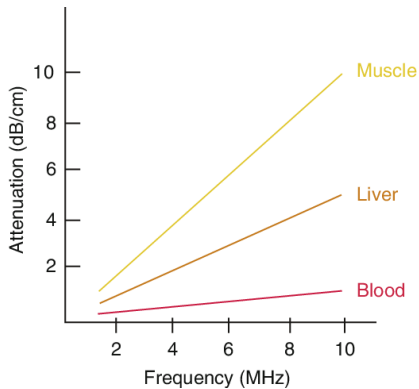


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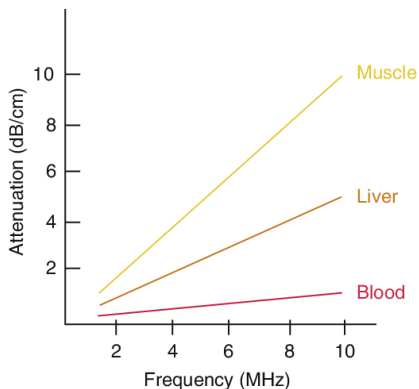


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[Caputo 1967, Atanackovic, Pilipović, Stanković, Zorica 2014]

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[BK&Rundell. Inverse Problems, 37(4):045002]

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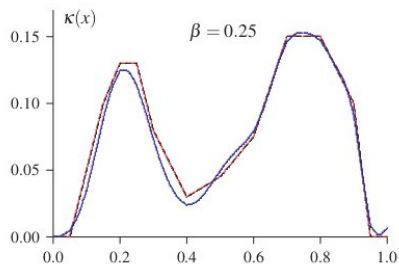
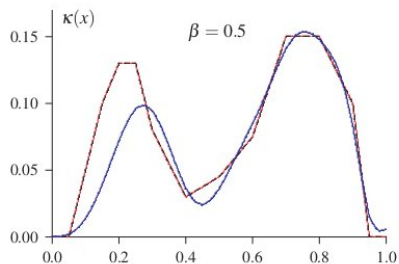
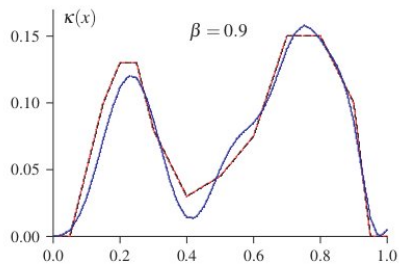
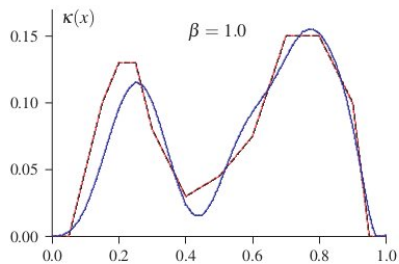
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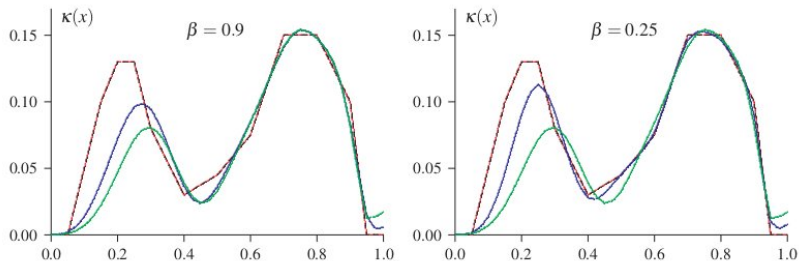


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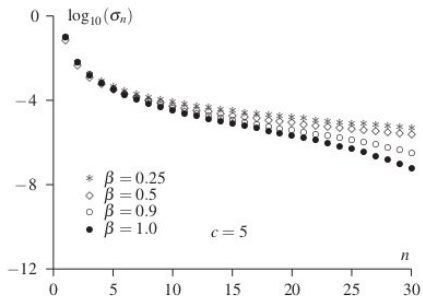
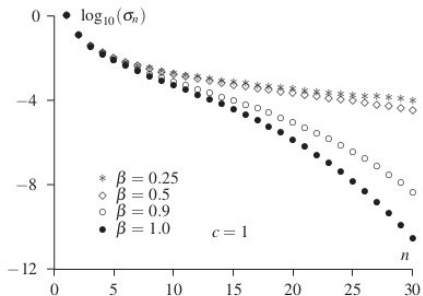


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[BK& Rundell 2022];

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