

# Full description of Benjamin-Feir instability of Stokes wave in deep water

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ICERM, Brown, "Generic Behavior of Dispersive Solutions and Wave Turbulence"

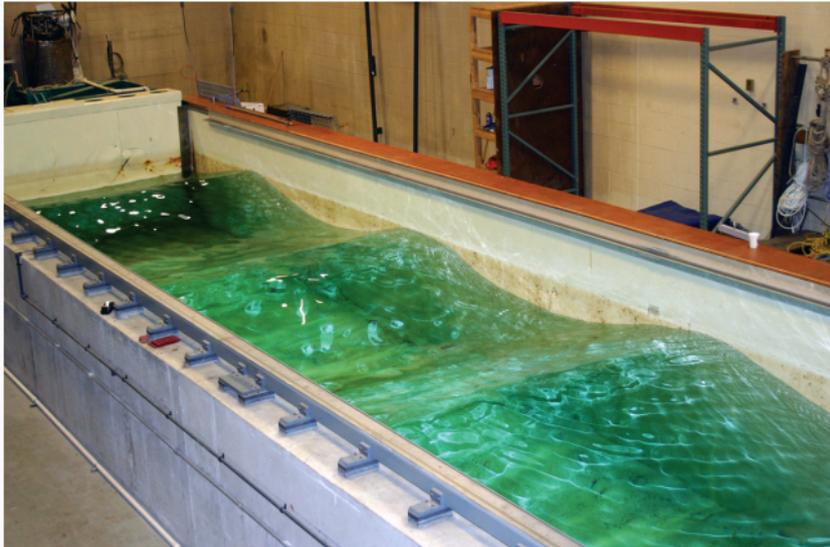


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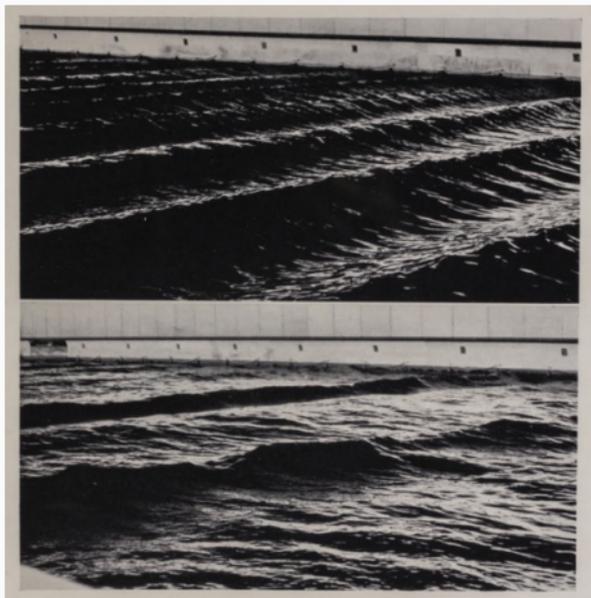
**Stokes waves** are traveling 1 dimensional,  $2\pi$ -periodic solutions of water waves



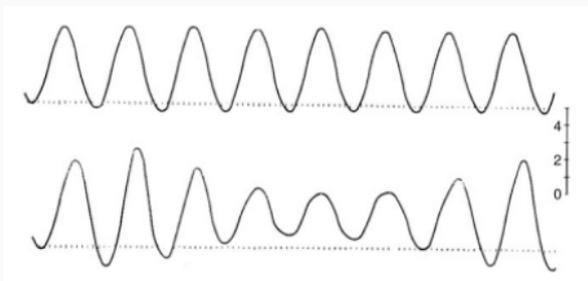
It was widely believed in the 60s that Stokes waves are **stable** solutions

## Benjamin and Feir's experiments to prove the *stability* of Stokes waves keep failing

Benjamin: *Instability of periodic wavetrains in nonlinear dispersive systems*, 1967



‘Deep-water wave trains were generated at one end of a long tank and were observed travelling many wavelengths. It was found that such a wavetrain may develop conspicuous irregularities if it travels far enough, even when departures from periodicity can hardly be detected near the origin. And eventually, at great distances from the origin, the train may become completely disintegrated and its energy redistributed over a broad spectrum’



### Benjamin-Feir (or modulational) instability

BF heuristic physical mechanism: "with long wave perturbations, Stokes wave becomes unstable"

- Many experimental and numerical results, possible mechanism for formation of rogue waves,
- Rigorous mathematical results for Water Waves:
  1. Bridges-Mielke '95 (finite depth), linear instability
  2. Nguyen-Strauss 2020 (infinite depth), linear instability
  3. Hur-Yang 2020 (finite depth), linear instability (different proof)
  4. Chen-Su 2020 (infinite depth), Nonlinear instability
- Many results for dispersive PDEs (NLS, gKdV, Whitham, ...) by Segur-Henderson-Carter-Hammack, Gally-Haragus, Haragus-Kapitula, Bronski-Johnson, Johnson, Hur-Johnson, Bronski-Hur-Johnson, Hur-Pandey, Leisman-Bronski-Johnson-Marangell, Jin-Liao-Lin

**“Take home theorem”**: Berti, M., Ventura 2021

**Complete** description of the **spectrum** near zero of the linearized water waves at **small** amplitude Stokes waves acting on **long wave** periodic perturbations

# Mathematics of Benjamin-Feir instability

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**Water Waves:** Euler equations for an incompressible, irrotational fluid in deep water

$\mathcal{D}_\eta(t) = \{y < \eta(t, x)\}$  under gravity.

Equation of motions for  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$  in  $y < \eta(t, x)$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = -\nabla P - g e_y \\ \operatorname{div} \vec{u} = 0 \\ \operatorname{rot} \vec{u} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \eta_t = v - u\eta_x & \text{at } y = \eta(t, x) \\ P = P_0 & \text{at } y = \eta(t, x) \\ v = 0 & \text{at } y \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

$g =$  gravity,

$P =$  pressure of fluid,  $P_0 =$  atmospheric pressure,

**Unknowns:** free surface  $y = \eta(t, x)$       velocity field  $\vec{u}(t, x, y)$

- For irrotational fluids  $\vec{u}$  is the gradient of a velocity potential

$$\vec{u}(t, x, y) = \nabla\Phi, \quad \Phi(t, x, y) \text{ velocity potential}$$

- Define

$$\psi(t, x) = \Phi(t, x, \eta(t, x)) \quad \text{trace of potential at the border}$$

$\Phi$  solves elliptic problem with Dirichlet-Neumann bc

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\Phi = 0 & \text{in } y < \eta(t, x) \\ \Phi = \psi & \text{at } y = \eta(t, x) \\ \partial_y\Phi \rightarrow 0 & y \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

- **Zakharov's key observation:**

$\vec{u}(t, x, y)$  is completely determined by  $\eta(t, x)$  and  $\psi(t, x)$  (data at the surface)

Reformulate the equations in terms of  $(\eta, \psi)$ : e.g.

$$\eta_t = v - u\eta_x \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \eta_t = (\Phi_y - \eta_x\Phi_x)|_{y=\eta(t,x)} = G(\eta)\psi$$

## Zakharov formulation of WW

$$\begin{cases} \eta_t = G(\eta)\psi \\ \psi_t = -g\eta - \frac{\psi_x^2}{2} + \frac{(\eta_x\psi_x + G(\eta)\psi)^2}{2(1 + \eta_x^2)} \end{cases}$$

**Dirichlet–Neumann operator:**  $G(\eta)\psi(x) := \sqrt{1 + \eta_x^2} \partial_n \Phi|_{y=\eta(x)} = (\Phi_y - \eta_x \Phi_x)|_{y=\eta(x)}$

WW is an infinite dimensional Hamiltonian system with  $\eta(x)$  and  $\psi(x)$  as **canonical Darboux coordinates**

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} = J \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_\eta H(\eta, \psi) \\ \nabla_\psi H(\eta, \psi) \end{pmatrix}, \quad J := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Id \\ -Id & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Hamiltonian expressed in terms of $(\eta, \psi)$

$$H(\eta, \psi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi(x) G(\eta)\psi(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} g\eta^2 dx$$

$$\partial_t \eta = G(\eta)\psi = \nabla_\psi^{L^2} H(\eta, \psi), \quad \partial_t \psi = -g\eta - \frac{\psi_x^2}{2} + \frac{(G(\eta)\psi + \eta_x\psi_x)^2}{2(1 + \eta_x^2)} = -\nabla_\eta^{L^2} H(\eta, \psi)$$

## Reversibility

$$H \circ \rho = H, \quad \rho(\eta(x), \psi(x)) := (\eta(-x), -\psi(-x))$$

The equations are invariant under space translations

## Space invariance

$$H \circ \tau_\theta = H, \quad (\tau_\theta u)(x) := u(x + \theta)$$

Periodic traveling waves solution of WW

$$\eta(t, x) = \check{\eta}(x - ct),$$

$$\psi(t, x) = \check{\psi}(x - ct)$$

$2\pi$ -periodic profiles  $\check{\eta}(x), \check{\psi}(x)$ , speed  $c \in \mathbb{R}$



In a reference frame in translational motion with constant speed  $c$ , the WW equations are

$$\begin{cases} \eta_t = c\eta_x + G(\eta)\psi \\ \psi_t = c\psi_x - g\eta - \frac{\psi_x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1 + \eta_x^2)} (G(\eta)\psi + \eta_x\psi_x)^2 \end{cases}$$

Stokes waves = equilibrium steady solutions

## Theorem (Stokes, Levi-Civita, Struik, Nekrasov ....)

There exist  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and analytic solutions  $(\eta_\epsilon(x), \psi_\epsilon(x), c_\epsilon)$ , parameterized by the amplitude  $|\epsilon| \leq \epsilon_0$  with

- $\eta_\epsilon(x), \psi_\epsilon(x)$   $2\pi$  periodic in  $x$
- $\eta_\epsilon(x)$  even,  $\psi_\epsilon(x)$  is odd
- expand as

$$\eta_\epsilon(x) = \epsilon \cos(x) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \cos(2x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

$$\psi_\epsilon(x) = \epsilon \sin(x) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \sin(2x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3),$$

$$c_\epsilon = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3).$$

### Extension:

- **Periodic 2D traveling waves:**

- *vorticity*: Dubreil-Jacotin '34, Goyon '58, Zeidler '73, Wahlen '09, Martin '13

- *large amplitude*: Krasovskii '71, Keady-Norbury '78, Toland '78, McLeod '97, Constantin-Strauss '04, Constantin -Strauss -Varvaruca '18

- **2D quasi-periodic traveling waves:** Berti-Franzoi-M. '20, Berti-Franzoi-M. '21, Feola-Giuliani '20

## Main question: are Stokes waves stable/unstable?

$$\begin{cases} \eta_t = c\eta_x + G(\eta)\psi \\ \psi_t = c\psi_x - g\eta - \frac{\psi_x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1+\eta_x^2)} (G(\eta)\psi + \eta_x\psi_x)^2 \end{cases}$$

### Linearized water waves equations in moving frame at Stokes waves

$$h_t = \mathcal{L}_\epsilon h$$

$\mathcal{L}_\epsilon$  = linear autonomous operator with  $2\pi$ -periodic coefficients

### Unstable “long wave” solutions

Look for solutions

$$h(t, x) = \operatorname{Re}(e^{\lambda t} e^{i\mu x} v(x)), \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $v(x)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic,  $\mu$  is **Floquet exponent**, and  $\lambda$  has positive real part.

### Bloch-Floquet theory

Analyze the spectrum of

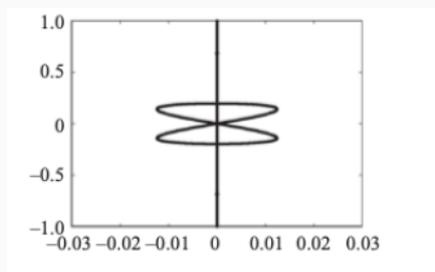
$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon} := e^{-i\mu x} \circ \mathcal{L}_\epsilon \circ e^{i\mu x}$$

acting on  $2\pi$ -periodic functions, for  $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

$\lambda$  has positive real part  $\Rightarrow h(t, x)$  grows exponentially in time

- **Numerical:** Deconinck-Oliveras 2011:

Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon})$  is numerically computed as  $\mu$  changes: “figure 8”



- **Analytic:** Nguyen-Strauss 2020:

There exists  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$ , there exists  $\mu_0 = \mu_0(\epsilon) > 0$  such that for all  $0 < |\mu| < \mu_0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  has 2 eigenvalues of the form

$$\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i\mu \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\mu\epsilon + O(\mu^2) + O(\mu\epsilon^2) & \text{if } \mu > 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i\mu \mp \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\mu\epsilon + O(\mu^2) + O(\mu\epsilon^2) & \text{if } \mu < 0 \end{cases}$$

## Main result

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## Theorem (Berti - M. - Ventura, 2021)

There exist  $\epsilon_0, \mu_0 > 0$  such that,  $\forall(\mu, \epsilon) \in [0, \epsilon_0) \times [0, \mu_0)$ , the operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon}$  has 4 eigenvalues close to 0 and

- 2 eigenvalues  $\lambda_1^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  have the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}i\mu + ir(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \pm \frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{8\epsilon^2(1+r_0(\epsilon, \mu)) - \mu^2(1+r'_0(\epsilon, \mu))}, & 0 \leq \mu < \underline{\mu}(\epsilon) \\ \frac{1}{2}i\underline{\mu}(\epsilon) + ir(\epsilon^3), & \mu = \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \\ \frac{1}{2}i\mu + ir(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \pm i\frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{\mu^2(1+r'_0(\epsilon, \mu)) - 8\epsilon^2(1+r_0(\epsilon, \mu))}, & \mu > \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \end{cases}$$

where  $\underline{\mu}(\epsilon) = 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon(1+r(\epsilon))$ . The function

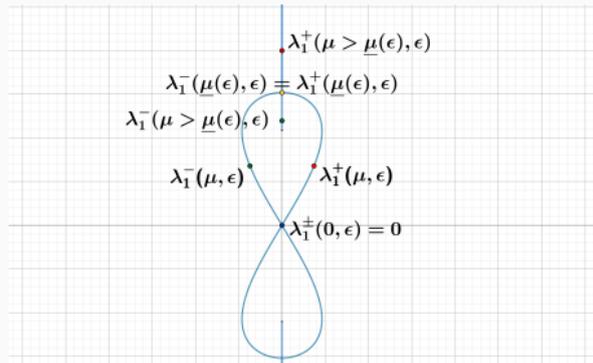
$8\epsilon^2(1+r_0(\epsilon, \mu)) - \mu^2(1+r'_0(\epsilon, \mu)) > 0$ , respectively  $< 0$ , for  $0 < \mu < \underline{\mu}(\epsilon)$ , respectively  $\mu > \underline{\mu}(\epsilon)$ .

- 2 eigenvalues are purely imaginary

**Notation:**  $|r(\epsilon^{m_1}\mu^{n_1}, \epsilon^{m_2}\mu^{n_2})| \leq C \sum_{j=1}^2 |\epsilon|^{m_j} |\mu|^{n_j}$  real analytic function

## Curves of $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon) \in \mathbb{C}$ at fixed $\epsilon$ , as $\mu$ varies

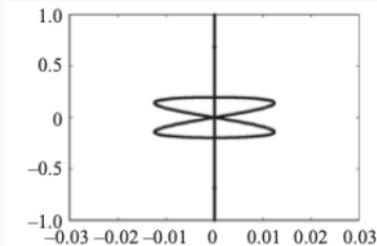
$$\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon) \approx \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}i\mu \pm \frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{8\epsilon^2 - \mu^2}, & 0 \leq \mu < \underline{\mu}(\epsilon) \\ \frac{1}{2}i\underline{\mu}(\epsilon), & \mu = \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \\ \frac{1}{2}i\mu \pm i\frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{\mu^2 - 8\epsilon^2}, & \mu > \underline{\mu}(\epsilon) \end{cases}$$



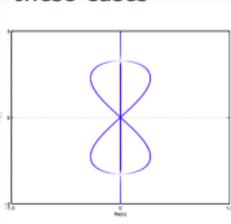
- For  $0 < \mu < \underline{\mu}(\epsilon)$ ,  $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  have opposite non-zero real part
- As  $\mu \rightarrow \underline{\mu}(\epsilon)$ , the  $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  collide on  $i\mathbb{R}$  far from 0,
- For  $\mu > \underline{\mu}(\epsilon)$  the  $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  are purely imaginary

# Remarks

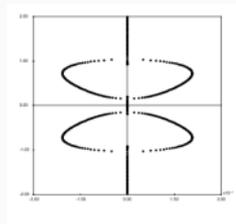
1. Our theorem describes ALL the eigenvalues close to 0, for  $(\mu, \epsilon)$  small
2. Complete accordance with numerical simulations by Deconinck-Oliveras, '11



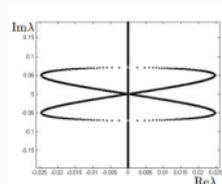
3. Nguyen-Strauss [CPAM, 22] describes the unstable eigenvalues  $|\mu| \ll \epsilon$ , namely the cross amid the “8”. We extend these local branches to global ones
4. The eigenvalues  $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  are *not analytic* in  $(\mu, \epsilon)$  close to  $(\underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \epsilon)$ . In previous approaches the eigenvalues are a-priori supposed to be analytic in  $(\mu, \epsilon)$ . The  $\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon)$  are eigenvalues of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix *analytic* in  $(\mu, \epsilon)$ .
5. “Figure 8” is found *numerically* in many other models: we believe our method extends to these cases



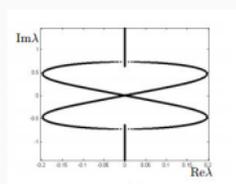
gKdV  
(Haragus-Kapitula)



NLS  
(Haragus-Kapitula)



Whitham (Deconinck  
Trichtchenko)



SG (Deconinck  
Trichtchenko)

## Ideas of the proof

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## Difficulties:

- bifurcation problem from the defective eigenvalue 0
- the eigenvalues are not analytic “at the top of the 8”

## Main ingredients:

1. Symplectic version of Kato's similarity transformation theory
2. exploit Hamiltonian and reversibility structure
3. "KAM inspired" block diagonalization procedure

# Preparation

# Linearization at the Stokes waves

1. Linearize the WW equations at the Stokes wave
2. Apply two changes of coordinates:
  - linear good unknown of Alinhac
  - Levi-Civita transformation

We get the system  $h_t = \mathcal{L}_\epsilon h$

$$\mathcal{L}_\epsilon \text{ Hamiltonian: } \mathcal{L}_\epsilon = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \text{Id} \\ -\text{Id} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathcal{J}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 + a_\epsilon(x) & -(1 + p_\epsilon(x))\partial_x \\ \partial_x \circ (1 + p_\epsilon(x)) & |D| \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathcal{B}_\epsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\epsilon \text{ reversible: } \mathcal{L}_\epsilon \circ \rho = -\rho \circ \mathcal{L}_\epsilon,$$

where

$$p_\epsilon(x) = -2\epsilon \cos(x) + \epsilon^2 \left( \frac{3}{2} - 2 \cos(2x) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

$$a_\epsilon(x) = -2\epsilon \cos(x) + \epsilon^2 (2 - 2 \cos(2x)) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

The linear operator  $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon$  is autonomous, pseudodifferential, Hamiltonian and reversible, and has  $2\pi$ -periodic coefficients

## Bloch-Floquet expansion

Use Bloch-Floquet theory to study its spectrum

$$\sigma_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}(\mathcal{L}_\epsilon) = \bigcup_{\mu \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} \sigma_{L^2(\mathbb{T})}(\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon}), \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon} := e^{-i\mu x} \mathcal{L}_\epsilon e^{i\mu x}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon}$  acts on  $L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}^2)$

- $A_\mu := e^{-i\mu x} \text{Op}(a(x, \xi)) e^{i\mu x} = \text{Op}(a(x, \xi + \mu))$
- $\sigma(A_{-\mu}) = \overline{\sigma(A_\mu)} \implies \mu > 0$
- $\sigma(A_\mu)$  is 1-periodic  $\implies \mu \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

$\implies$  We restrict to study  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon})$  for  $\mu \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu, \epsilon}$  with eigenvector  $v(x)$ , then

$$h(t, x) = e^{\lambda t} e^{i\mu x} v(x) \quad \text{solves} \quad h_t = \mathcal{L}_\epsilon h$$

The Floquet operator associated to  $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon$  is the **complex Hamiltonian** and **reversible** operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \text{Id} \\ -\text{Id} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{= \mathcal{J}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 + a_\epsilon(x) & -(1 + p_\epsilon(x))(\partial_x + i\mu) \\ (\partial_x + i\mu) \circ (1 + p_\epsilon(x)) & |D + \mu| \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathcal{B}_{\mu,\epsilon}}$$

domain  $H^1(\mathbb{T}) := H^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}^2)$  and range  $L^2(\mathbb{T}) := L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}^2)$

- **(Hamiltonian)**  $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,\epsilon} = \mathcal{B}_{\mu,\epsilon}^*$
- **(Reversibility preserving)**  $\mathcal{B}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  commutes with

$$\bar{\rho} \begin{bmatrix} \eta(x) \\ \psi(x) \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\eta}(-x) \\ -\bar{\psi}(-x) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Goal:** describe the spectrum of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  when  $(\mu, \epsilon)$  small

- start from the unperturbed spectrum of  $\mathcal{L}_{0,0}$
- switch on the parameters  $(\mu, \epsilon)$

## The unperturbed spectrum of $\mathcal{L}_{0,0}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,0} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x & |D| \\ -1 & \partial_x \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_{0,0})$  consists of the **purely imaginary eigenvalues**

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together with the generalized eigenvector

$$f_0^+ := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{0,0} f_0^+ = -f_0^-$$

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# Kato's theory of similarity transformations

how to prolong analytically a basis of the unperturbed spectral space  
to a basis of the perturbed one

## Kato's theory of similarity transformations: projectors

Define the *projectors*

$$P_{\mu,\epsilon} := -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} (\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda$$

- well defined, bounded  $L^2 \rightarrow H^1$ , commuting with  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}$
- analytic in  $(\mu, \epsilon)$
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} := \text{Rg}(P_{\mu,\epsilon})$  is an invariant subspace

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} : \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$$

and one has the direct sum decomposition  $H^1 = \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} \oplus \text{Ker}(P_{\mu,\epsilon})$

- $\sigma(\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}) \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ inside } \Gamma\} = \sigma(\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}|_{\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}})$

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Define the **transformation operators**

$$U_{\mu,\epsilon} := (\text{Id} - (P_{\mu,\epsilon} - P_{0,0})^2)^{-1/2} [P_{\mu,\epsilon} P_{0,0} + (\text{Id} - P_{\mu,\epsilon})(\text{Id} - P_{0,0})]$$

- well defined, bounded  $H^1 \rightarrow H^1$ , invertible, analytic in  $(\mu, \epsilon)$
- conjugate the spectral projectors:

$$U_{\mu,\epsilon} P_{0,0} U_{\mu,\epsilon}^{-1} = P_{\mu,\epsilon}, \quad U_{\mu,\epsilon}^{-1} P_{\mu,\epsilon} U_{\mu,\epsilon} = P_{0,0}$$

- the subspaces  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} = \text{Rg}(P_{\mu,\epsilon})$  are isomorphic one to each other:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} = U_{\mu,\epsilon} \mathcal{V}_{0,0}$$

Transform the unperturbed basis  $\{f_1^+, f_1^-, f_0^+, f_0^-\}$  of  $\mathcal{V}_{0,0}$  via  $U_{\mu,\epsilon}$ :

**Kato basis of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$ ,  $\dim \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} = \dim \mathcal{V}_{0,0} = 4$ , for any  $(\mu, \epsilon)$**

$$U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_1^+, U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_1^-, U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_0^+, U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_0^-.$$

In addition, since  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  is Hamiltonian and reversible ( $\bar{\rho}\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} = -\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}\bar{\rho}$ ):

- The projectors  $P_{\mu,\epsilon}$  are skew-Hamiltonian, namely

$$\mathcal{J}P_{\mu,\epsilon} = P_{\mu,\epsilon}^*\mathcal{J}$$

and reversibility preserving, i.e.

$$\bar{\rho}P_{\mu,\epsilon} = P_{\mu,\epsilon}\bar{\rho}$$

- The transformation operators  $U_{\mu,\epsilon}$  are **symplectic**, namely

$$U_{\mu,\epsilon}^*\mathcal{J}U_{\mu,\epsilon} = \mathcal{J}$$

and reversibility preserving.

$\Rightarrow \{U_{\mu,\epsilon}f_1^\pm, U_{\mu,\epsilon}f_0^\pm\}$  is a symplectic and reversible basis of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$

A basis  $F := \{f_1^+, f_1^-, f_0^+, f_0^-\}$  of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  is

- *symplectic* if  $(\mathcal{J}f_k^-, f_k^+) = 1, (\mathcal{J}f_k^\pm, f_{k'}^\pm) = 0, (\mathcal{J}f_k^\sigma, f_{k'}^{\sigma'}) = 0, k \neq k'$
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**Next goal:** Represent  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} : \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  on the basis  $f_k^\sigma(\mu, \epsilon) = U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_k^\sigma$ ,  $\sigma = \pm$ ,  $k = 0, 1$

## Lemma

The  $4 \times 4$  matrix that represents the Hamiltonian and reversible operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon} = \mathcal{J}B_{\mu,\epsilon} : \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  with respect to the symplectic and reversible basis  $\{f_k^\sigma(\mu, \epsilon)\}_{\sigma,k}$  is

$$J_4 B_{\mu,\epsilon}, \quad J_4 := \left( \begin{array}{c|c} J_2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & J_2 \end{array} \right), \quad J_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $B_{\mu,\epsilon} = B_{\mu,\epsilon}^*$  is the matrix ( $\zeta = (\mu, \epsilon)$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^+(\zeta), f_1^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^-(\zeta), f_1^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^+(\zeta), f_1^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^-(\zeta), f_1^+(\zeta)) \\ (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^+(\zeta), f_1^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^-(\zeta), f_1^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^+(\zeta), f_1^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^-(\zeta), f_1^-(\zeta)) \\ (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^+(\zeta), f_0^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^-(\zeta), f_0^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^+(\zeta), f_0^+(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^-(\zeta), f_0^+(\zeta)) \\ (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^+(\zeta), f_0^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_1^-(\zeta), f_0^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^+(\zeta), f_0^-(\zeta)) & (\mathcal{B}_\zeta f_0^-(\zeta), f_0^-(\zeta)) \end{pmatrix}$$

The entries of the matrix  $B_{\mu,\epsilon}$  are alternatively real or purely imaginary

- Use the expansion of  $f_k^\sigma(\mu, \epsilon)$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\mu,\epsilon} f_k^\sigma = \left( \text{Id} + \epsilon \partial_\epsilon P|_{0,0} + \mu \partial_\mu P|_{0,0} + \mu \epsilon (\partial_{\epsilon,\mu} P|_{0,0} - \frac{1}{2} P_{0,0} \partial_{\epsilon,\mu} P|_{0,0}) \right) f_k^\sigma + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2, \epsilon^2)$$

- at  $\mu = 0$  use also the information on the generalized kernel of  $\mathcal{L}_{0,\epsilon}$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$  by Nguyen-Strauss: (this is *not* a Taylor expansion)

0 is eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{L}_{0,\epsilon}$  with algebraic multiplicity 4 and geometric multiplicity 2

## Lemma: Matrix expansion

In a symplectically modified basis of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  obtained from  $\{U_{\mu,\epsilon}f_k^\sigma\}_{k=0,1,\sigma=\pm}$ , the operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu,\epsilon}|_{\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}}$  is represented by the Hamiltonian and reversible matrix

$$L_{\mu,\epsilon} = J_4 \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F^* & G \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} J_2 E & J_2 F \\ J_2 F^* & J_2 G \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $E = E^*$ ,  $F, G = G^*$  are the  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$E := \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2(1 + r_1'(\epsilon, \mu\epsilon^2)) - \frac{\mu^2}{8}(1 + r_1''(\epsilon, \mu)) & -i(\frac{1}{2}\mu + r_2(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3)) \\ i(\frac{1}{2}\mu + r_2(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3)) & -\frac{\mu^2}{8}(1 + r_5(\epsilon, \mu)) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G := \begin{pmatrix} 1 + r_8(\epsilon^3, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu\epsilon^2, \mu^3) & -i\mu - ir_9(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \\ i\mu + ir_9(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) & \mu + r_{10}(\mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} r_3(\epsilon^3, \mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) & ir_4(\mu\epsilon, \mu^3) \\ ir_6(\mu\epsilon, \mu^3) & r_7(\mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Rk1:** because of the Hamiltonian and reversible structure

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -i\beta \\ i\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_2 E = \begin{pmatrix} i\beta & \gamma \\ -\alpha & i\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

**Rk2:** Modified basis of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu,\epsilon}$  given by  $(n(\mu, \epsilon) := \frac{(f_1^-(\mu, \epsilon), f_0^-(\mu, \epsilon))}{\|f_0^-(\mu, \epsilon)\|^2})$  is a real number

$$g_1^+(\mu, \epsilon) := f_1^+(\mu, \epsilon), \quad g_1^-(\mu, \epsilon) := f_1^-(\mu, \epsilon) - n(\mu, \epsilon)f_0^-(\mu, \epsilon),$$

$$g_0^+(\mu, \epsilon) := f_0^+(\mu, \epsilon) + n(\mu, \epsilon)f_1^+(\mu, \epsilon), \quad g_0^-(\mu, \epsilon) := f_0^-(\mu, \epsilon),$$

- The top-left  $2 \times 2$  block of  $L_{\mu, \epsilon}$  shows the BF phenomenon

$$J_2 E = i \left( \frac{1}{2} \mu + r_2(\mu \epsilon^2, \mu^2 \epsilon, \mu^3) \right) \text{Id} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\mu^2}{8} (1 + r_5(\epsilon, \mu)) \\ -\epsilon^2 (1 + r_1'(\epsilon, \mu \epsilon^2)) + \frac{\mu^2}{8} (1 + r_1''(\epsilon, \mu)) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its eigenvalues are

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- Instead  $J_2 G$  has purely imaginary eigenvalues of size  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\mu})$

**Idea:** Look for a perturbative block-decoupling, cfr. KAM theory

Look for a symplectic and reversibility preserving transformation  $\Phi$  s.t.

$$\Phi^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} J_2 E & J_2 F \\ J_2 F^* & J_2 G \end{pmatrix} \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} J_2 E_{\text{new}} & 0 \\ 0 & J_2 G_{\text{new}} \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $J_2 E_{\text{new}}$  with the same structure as  $J_2 E$

# Block-decoupling

$$L_{\mu,\epsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} J_2 E & J_2 F \\ J_2 F^* & J_2 G \end{pmatrix}$$

## KAM Heuristic

Decoupling possible if

$$\frac{\|J_2 F\|}{\text{dist}(\sigma(J_2 E), \sigma(J_2 G))} \ll 1$$

- It is a **SINGULAR** perturbation problem

$$\sigma(J_2 E) = \mathcal{O}(\mu), \quad \sigma(J_2 G) = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\mu})$$

- Problem:

$$J_2 F = \begin{pmatrix} ir_6(\mu\epsilon, \mu^3) & r_7(\mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \\ -r_3(\epsilon^3, \mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) & -ir_4(\mu\epsilon, \mu^3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{when } \mu \ll \epsilon \Rightarrow \|J_2 F\| = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

We would need to impose  $\frac{\epsilon^3}{\sqrt{\mu}} \ll 1$ : **WRONG!** want to keep  $\mu, \epsilon$  independent

**Next Goal:** find a transformation that eliminates  $-r_3(\epsilon^3, \mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3)$

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Now the size of  $J_2 F^{(2)}$  is sufficiently small to completely remove the off diagonal terms via a standard implicit function theorem

## Lemma

There exists a  $4 \times 4$  reversibility-preserving Hamiltonian matrix  $S_2$  such that  $L_{\mu,\epsilon}^{(3)} := e^{S_2} L_{\mu,\epsilon}^{(2)} e^{-S_2}$  is Hamiltonian, reversible and it has structure

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The eigenvalues of  $J_2 E^{(3)}$  are

$$\lambda^\pm(\mu, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}i\mu + ir(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \pm \frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{8\epsilon^2(1 + r_0(\epsilon, \mu)) - \mu^2(1 + r'_0(\epsilon, \mu))}, & 0 \leq \mu < \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \\ \frac{1}{2}i\underline{\mu}(\epsilon) + ir(\epsilon^3), & \mu = \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \\ \frac{1}{2}i\mu + ir(\mu\epsilon^2, \mu^2\epsilon, \mu^3) \pm i\frac{\mu}{8}\sqrt{\mu^2(1 + r'_0(\epsilon, \mu)) - 8\epsilon^2(1 + r_0(\epsilon, \mu))}, & \mu > \underline{\mu}(\epsilon), \end{cases}$$

The eigenvalues of  $J_2 G^{(3)}$  are purely imaginary

$$\lambda_0^\pm(\mu, \epsilon) = \pm i\sqrt{\mu}(1 + r'(\epsilon^2, \mu\epsilon, \mu^2)) + i\mu(1 + r_9(\epsilon^2, \mu\epsilon, \mu^2)).$$

**Thanks for your attention!**

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