



Wave equations with time depending  
propagation speed

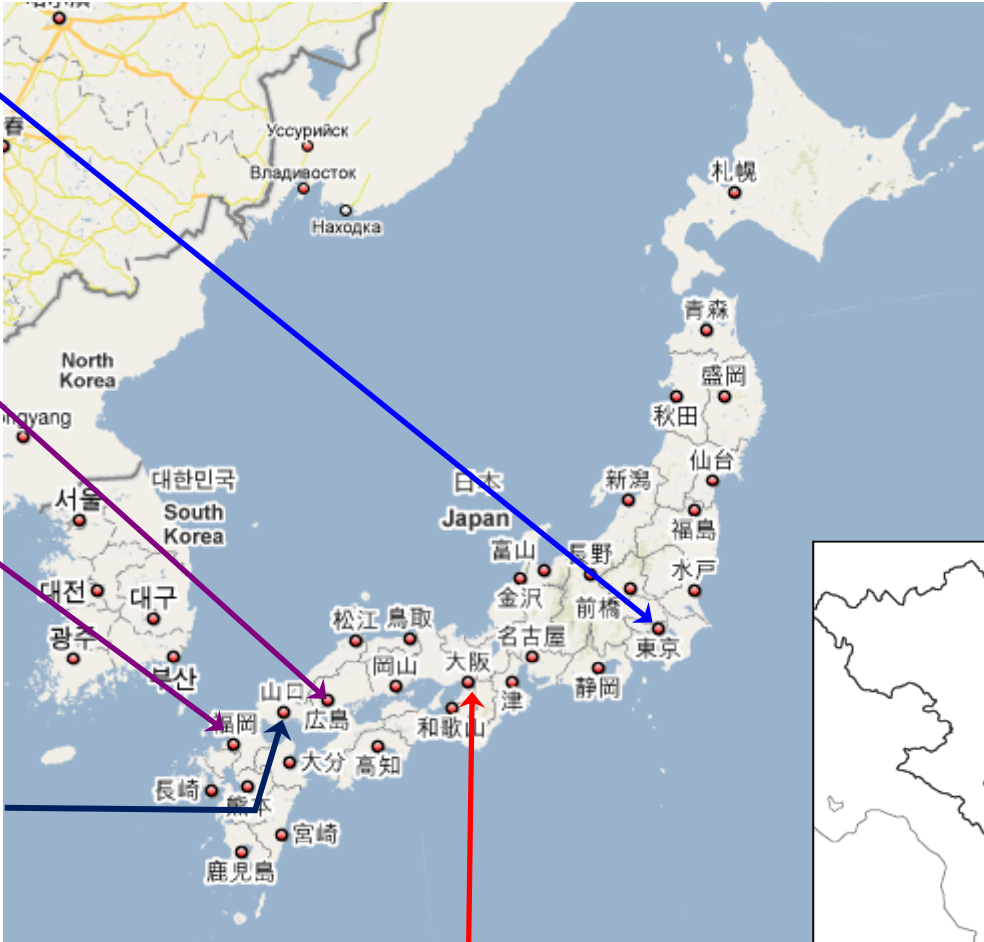
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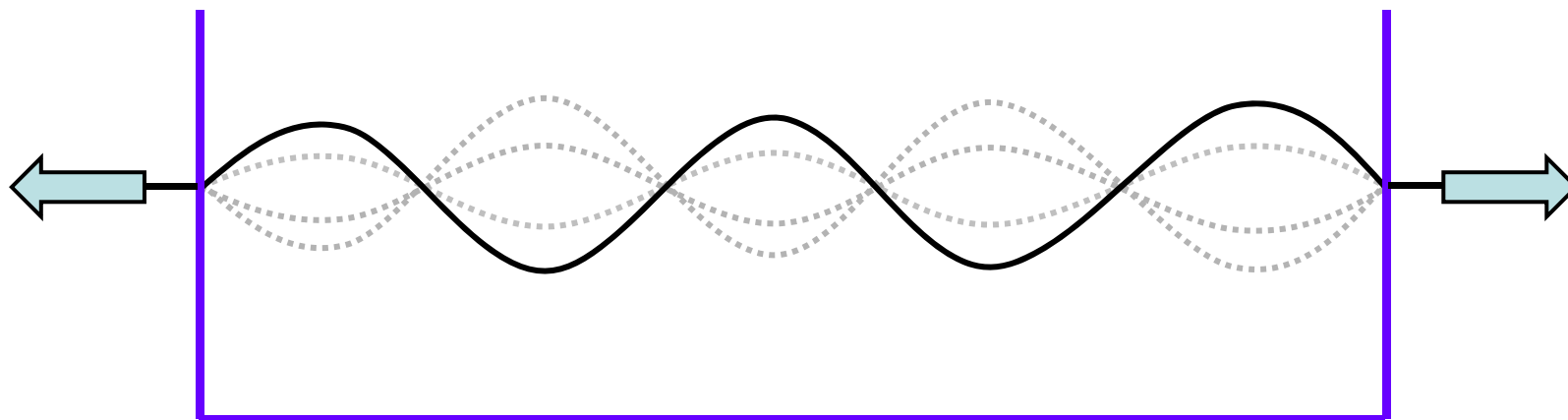


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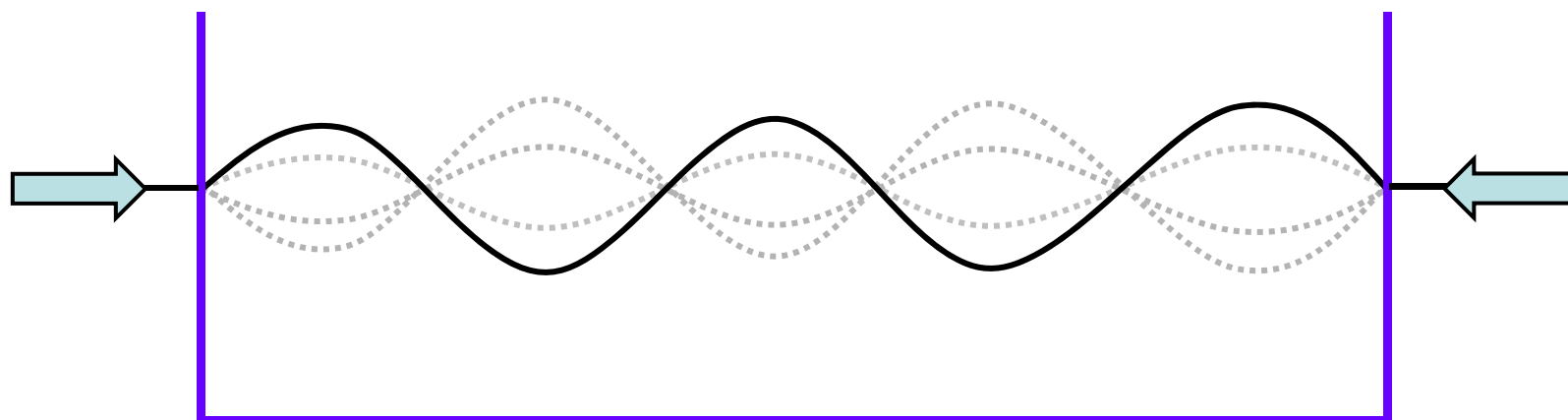


# 1. Introduction

# Vibrating string with variational tension

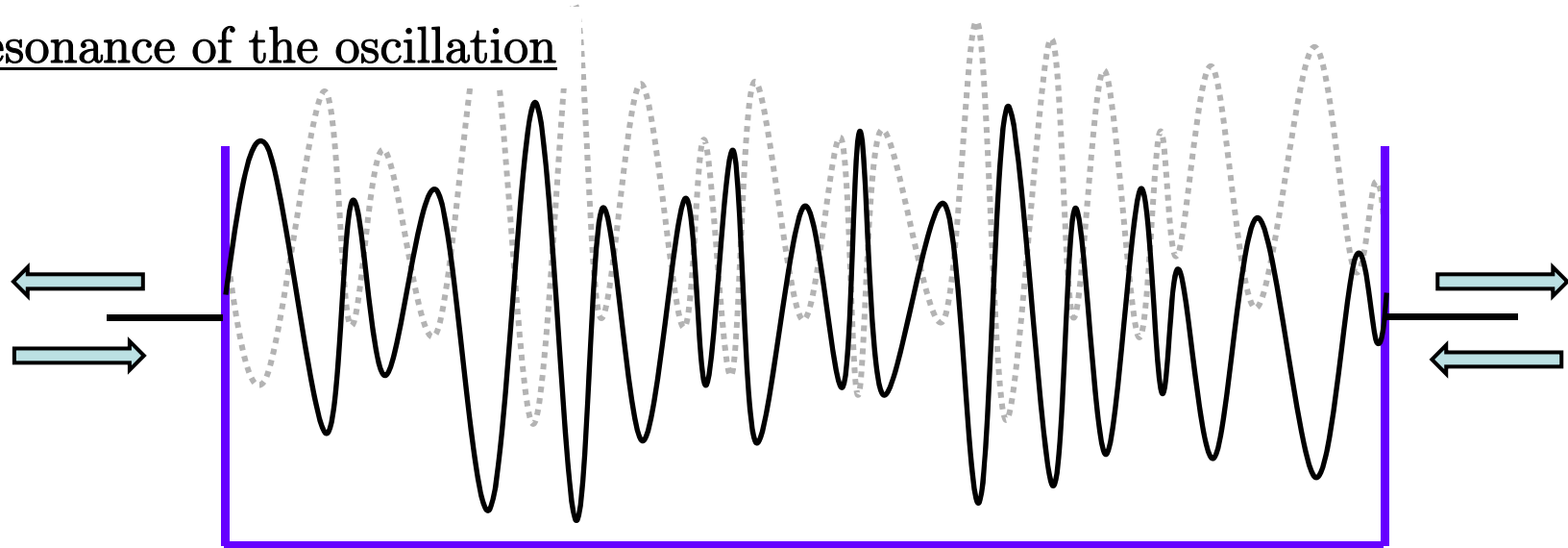


Energy increasing



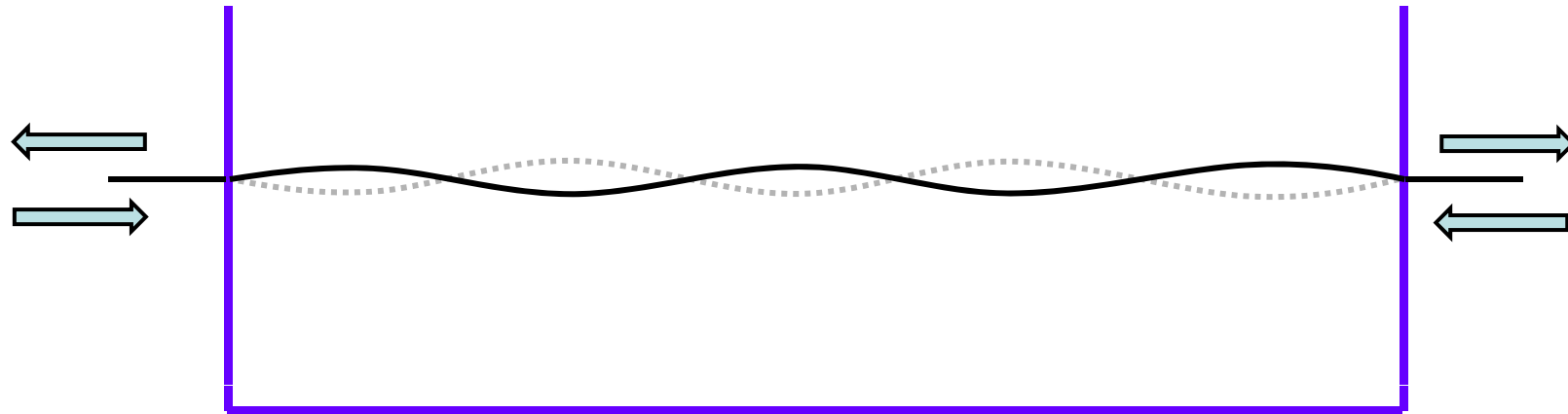
Energy decreasing

Resonance of the oscillation



Accumulation of the energy

Compensation of the oscillation



Decay of the energy

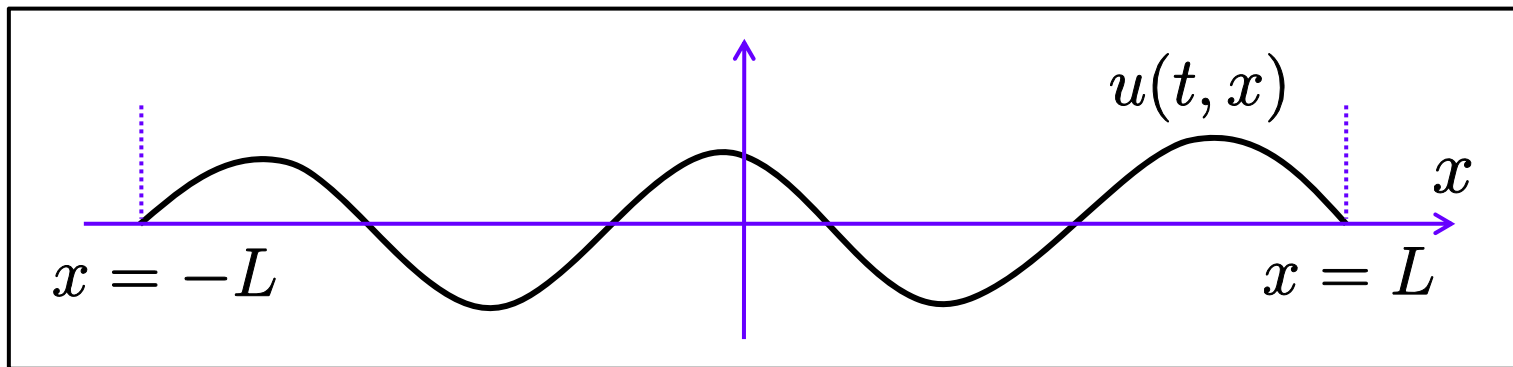
*Question.*

What conditions to the variational tension do provide a stabilization of the energy?

## Model equation

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - a(t)^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [-L, L] \\ (u(0, x), u_t(0, x)) = (u_0(x), u_1(x)), & x \in [-L, L] \\ u(t, -L) = u(t, L) = 0, & t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{cases}$$

$0 < a_0 \leq a(t) \leq a_1, a(t) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ : propagation speed




## Total energy

$$(2) \quad E(t) = \frac{1}{2} a(t)^2 \int_{-L}^L |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L |\partial_t u(t, x)|^2 dx$$

## Energy conservation for constant propagation speed

$$a(t) \equiv a_0$$

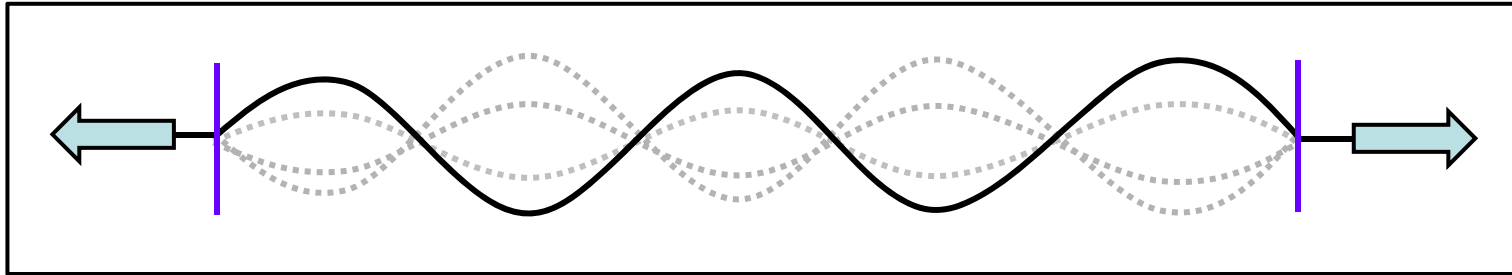
$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \int_{-L}^L a_0^2 \Re \left\{ \partial_x u(t, x) \overline{\partial_x \partial_t u(t, x)} \right\} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{-L}^L \Re \left\{ \partial_t^2 u(t, x) \overline{\partial_t u(t, x)} \right\} dx \\ &= \int_{-L}^L \Re \left\{ \left( -a_0^2 \partial_x^2 u(t, x) + \partial_t^2 u(t, x) \right) \overline{\partial_t u(t, x)} \right\} dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

  $E(t) \equiv E(0)$  (Energy conservation law)



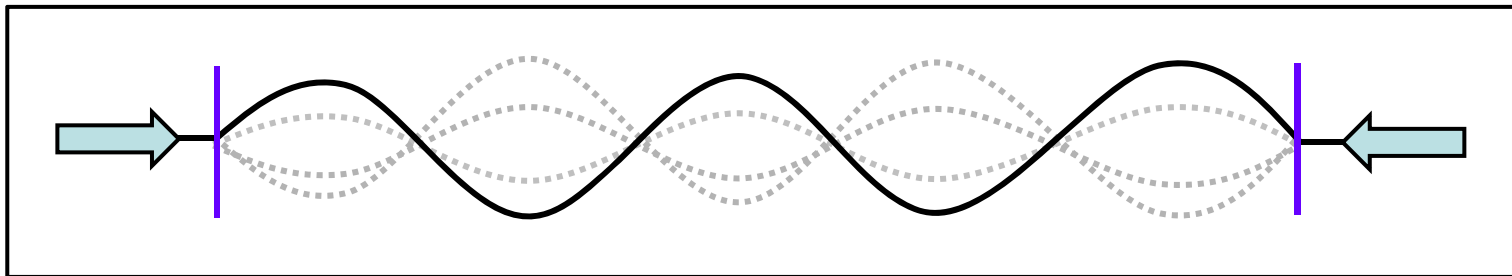
### Increasing propagation speed

$$a'(t) > 0 \Rightarrow E'(t) = a'(t)a(t) \int_{-L}^L |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx \geq 0$$



### Decreasing propagation speed

$$a'(t) < 0 \Rightarrow E'(t) = a'(t)a(t) \int_{-L}^L |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx \leq 0$$



The sign and the order of  $a'(t)$  should be crucial for the asymptotic behavior or the energy

## Oscillating propagation speed

$$E'(t) = a'(t)a(t) \int_{-L}^L |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx \begin{cases} \leq \frac{2|a'(t)|}{a(t)} E(t) \\ \geq -\frac{2|a'(t)|}{a(t)} E(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\longrightarrow E(0) e^{-\eta(t)} \leq E(t) \leq E(0) e^{\eta(t)}$$

$$\eta(t) = \int_0^t \frac{2|a'(s)|}{a(s)} ds$$

$$|a'(t)| \leq C \Rightarrow \eta(t) \simeq 1 + t$$

$$|a'(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\beta}, \beta \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \eta(t) \simeq (1+t)^{1-\beta}$$

$$|a'(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-1} \Rightarrow \eta(t) \simeq \log(e+t)$$

$$|a'(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\beta}, \beta > 1 \Rightarrow \eta(t) \simeq 1$$

These estimates are not taken into account any property of compensation of the oscillation of the coefficient.

If we can derive a benefit of the oscillation, then we may improve the energy estimate.

### Problem

Find the conditions to  $a(t)$  to conclude the estimate:

$$E(t) \simeq E(0) \quad (\Leftrightarrow \quad C_0 E(0) \leq E(t) \leq C_1 E(0))$$

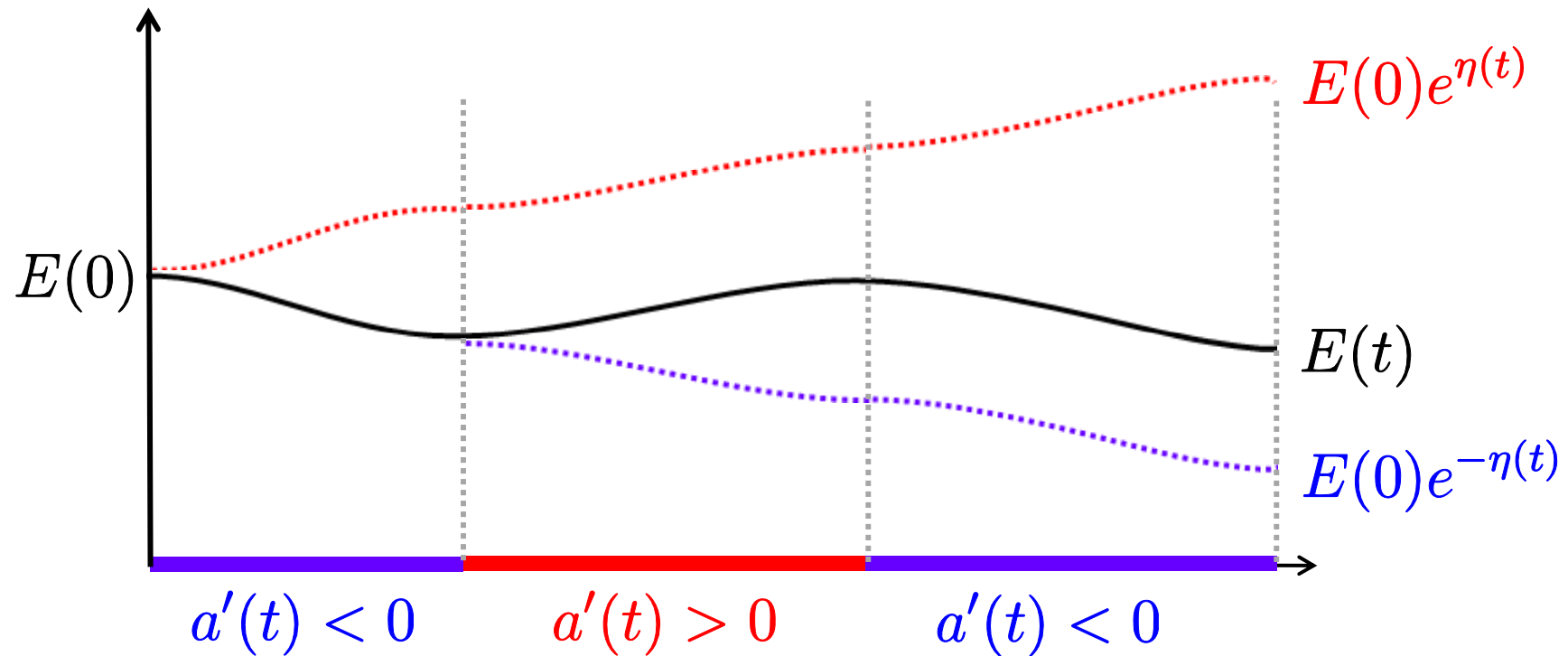
Generalized Energy Conservation (= GEC)

### Motivation

Derive a compensation of the oscillation of the coefficient

Derive a smoothness of the coefficient

## Compensation of the oscillation of the coefficient



How can we realize the compensation of the oscillation of the coefficient?

- Classical energy estimate with Gronwall's lemma is too rough
- (Almost) impossible to solve PDEs with variable coefficients

## Smoothness of the coefficient

No (GEC) for Hölder continuous coefficient:

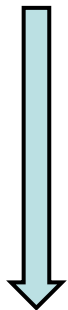
[Colombini; De Giorgi; Spagnolo, *A.S.N.S. Pisa.* (1979)]

(GEC) is valid for  $\beta=1$  if  $a(t) \in C^2$ :

[Reissig; Smith, *Hokkaido M.J.* (2005)]

**Theorem 0.**  $|a'(t)| \lesssim (1+t)^{-\beta}, \beta > 1 \Rightarrow \text{(GEC)}$

$$(\partial_t^2 - a_0^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0$$



What condition to  $a(t)$  does conclude  
a small perturbation in the case of  $a(t) = a_0$ ?  
(smallness of  $\|a(t) - a_0\|_H$  in a norm space  $H$ )

$$(\partial_t^2 - a(t)^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0$$

## 2. Main Theorem

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - a(t)^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [-L, L] \\ (u(0, x), u_t(0, x)) = (u_0(x), u_1(x)), & x \in [-L, L] \\ u(t, -L) = u(t, L) = 0, & t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \quad E(t) = \frac{1}{2} a(t)^2 \int_{-L}^L |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L}^L |\partial_t u(t, x)|^2 dx$$

$$a(t) \in C^m(\mathbb{R}_+) \quad (m \geq 2)$$

$$(3) \quad \left| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} a(t) \right| \leq C_k (1+t)^{-\beta k} \quad (k = 1, \dots, m)$$

**Main theorem.**  $\beta > \frac{1}{m} \Rightarrow$  (GEC).

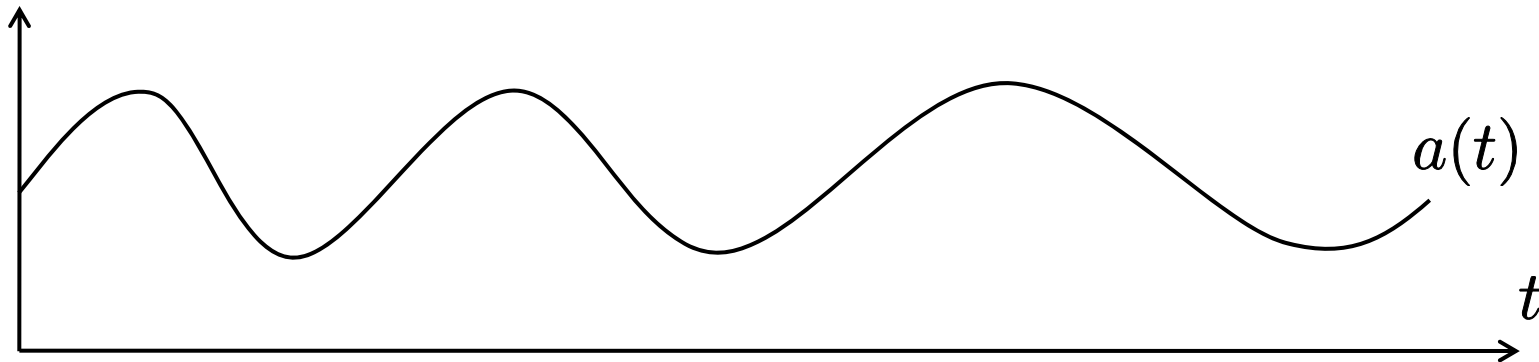
**Main theorem.**  $\beta > \frac{1}{m} \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}).$

**Corollary.**  $m = \infty, \beta > 0 \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}).$

**Example.**  $a(t) = p((1+t)^{1-\beta})$  ( $0 < \beta < 1$ );

$p(t) \in C^m(\mathbb{R})$ , positive, 1-periodic;

$$|a^{(k)}(t)| \leq C_k(1+t)^{-\beta k} \quad (k = 1, \dots, m)$$





**Remark.** Corresponding result to the Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - a(t)^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \\ (u(0, x), u_t(0, x)) = (u_0(x), u_1(x)), & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

with the energy

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} a(t)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_x u(t, x)|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_t u(t, x)|^2 dx$$

is considered in [H. *Math. Ann.* (2007)]

### 3. Sketch of the Proof

$$(\partial_t^2 - a(t)^2 \partial_x^2) u(t, x) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \quad (\Omega = [-L, L])$$

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v_k(t) w_k(x), \quad -\partial_x^2 u(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^2 v_k(t) w_k(x)$$

$\{w_k(x)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  : CONS in  $L^2(\Omega)$

$\{v_k(t)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  : Fourier coefficients

$\{\lambda_k^2\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  : eigenvalues of  $-\partial_x^2$  with  $u(t, -L) = u(t, L) = 0$

$$0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k = \infty$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a(t)^2 \lambda_k^2 \right) v_k(t) = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$E(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_k(t), \quad \mathcal{E}_k(t) = \frac{1}{2} (a(t)^2 \lambda_k^2 |v_k(t)|^2 + |v_k'(t)|^2)$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a(t)^2 \lambda_k^2 \right) v_k(t) = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

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Our goal

Prove the following estimate uniformly with respect to  $k$ :

$$C_0 \mathcal{E}_k(0) \leq \mathcal{E}_k(t) \leq C_1 \mathcal{E}_k(0)$$

*Remark.* For any given  $T > 0$  the following estimate is trivial:

$$C_0 \mathcal{E}_k(T) \leq \mathcal{E}_k(t) \leq C_1 \mathcal{E}_k(T) \quad (\forall t \geq T)$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a(t)^2 \lambda^2 \right) v(t) = 0 \quad (\lambda = \lambda_k, v(t) = v_k(t))$$

$$\updownarrow V = \begin{pmatrix} ia\lambda v \\ v' \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a'}{a} & ia\lambda \\ ia\lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - A \right) V = 0$$

$$\updownarrow V_1 = M_0 V, \quad M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \Phi_1 = \text{diag}(M_0 A M_0^{-1}), \quad R_1 = M_0 A M_0^{-1} - \Phi_1$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1 \right) V_1 = 0$$

$$(4) \quad \left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1 \right) V_1 = 0$$

$$V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \bar{v}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\phi}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_1 \\ r_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = v' + ia\lambda v, \quad \phi_1 = \frac{a'}{2a} + ia\lambda, \quad r_1 = -\frac{a'}{2a}$$

*Remark.* Reduction to (4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  Classical energy estimate

$$\frac{1}{2}|V_1|^2 = |v_1|^2 = a^2\lambda^2|v|^2 + |v'|^2 = 2\mathcal{E}(t) \quad (\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{E}_k(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}|V_1|^2 \right) &= \Re (V_1, V_1')_{\mathbb{C}^2} = \Re (V_1, \Phi_1 V_1)_{\mathbb{C}^2} + \Re (V_1, R_1 V_1)_{\mathbb{C}^2} \\ &= \phi_{1,\Re} |V_1|^2 + 2\Re \{ r_1 v_1^2 \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} |V_1|^2 \right) = \phi_{1,\Re} |V_1|^2 + 2\Re \{ r_1 v_1^2 \} = -r_1 |V_1|^2 + 2\Re \{ r_1 v_1^2 \}$$

$$\begin{cases} \leq (-r_1 + |r_1|) |V_1|^2 = \left( \frac{a'}{2a} + \left| \frac{a'}{2a} \right| \right) |V_1|^2 \\ \geq (-r_1 - |r_1|) |V_1|^2 = \left( \frac{a'}{2a} - \left| \frac{a'}{2a} \right| \right) |V_1|^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\longleftrightarrow \left( \frac{a'}{a} - \frac{|a'|}{a} \right) \mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}'(t) \leq \left( \frac{a'}{a} + \frac{|a'|}{a} \right) \mathcal{E}(t)$$

$$\longleftrightarrow -\frac{|a'|}{a} \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a(t)} \leq \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a(t)} \right)' \leq \frac{|a'|}{a} \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a(t)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a_1} \leq \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a(t)} \leq \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a_0} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{a(t)} \simeq \mathcal{E}(t) \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(t) \simeq \mathcal{E}(0) \text{ if } |a'(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\beta}, \beta > 1$$

$$\longrightarrow E(t) \simeq E(0) \text{ (GEC)}$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1\right) V_1 = 0, \quad \Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_1 \\ r_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} |V_1|^2 \right) = \Re (V_1, \Phi_1 V_1)_{\mathbb{C}^2} + \Re (V_1, R_1 V_1)_{\mathbb{C}^2}$$

$$= \phi_{1,\Re} |V_1|^2 + 2\Re \{ r_1 v_1^2 \} \begin{cases} \leq (-\phi_{1,\Re} + |r_1|) |V_1|^2 \\ \geq (-\phi_{1,\Re} - |r_1|) |V_1|^2 \end{cases}$$

$\Im\{\Phi_1\}$ : no effect to the energy estimates

$\Re\{\Phi_1\}$ : describes an oscillation of the energy

$R_1$ : error (compensation of the oscillation is not derived)

**Diagonalization is essential!**



## Summary

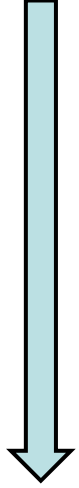
$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi - R \right) W = 0, \quad \phi_{\Re} = \Re\{\phi\}, \quad \phi_{\Im} = \Im\{\phi\}$$

$$\sup_{t \geq T} \left\{ \left| \int_T^t \phi_{\Re} ds \right| \right\} < \infty, \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r} \\ r & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow |W(t)| \begin{cases} \lesssim |W(T)| \exp \left( C \int_T^t |r(s)| ds \right) \\ \gtrsim |W(T)| \exp \left( -C \int_T^t |r(s)| ds \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\longrightarrow |W(t)| \simeq |W(T)| \quad \text{if} \quad \sup_{t \geq T} \left\{ \int_T^t |r(s)| ds \right\} < \infty$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1\right) V_1 = 0, \quad \Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_1 \\ r_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$V_2 = M_1^{-1} V_1, \quad M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\delta}_1 \\ \delta_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta_1 = \frac{-ir_1}{2\phi_{1,\Im}}$$

$$|\delta_1| = \frac{|\frac{a'}{2a}|}{2a\lambda} \leq \frac{C_1(1+t)^{-\beta}}{4a_0^2\lambda} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \left(t \geq T_1 := \left(\frac{C_1}{2a_0^2\lambda_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} - 1\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_2 - R_2\right) V_2 = 0, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_2 \\ r_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_{2,\Re} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \log \left( \frac{a}{1 - |\delta_1|^2} \right) \right), \quad \phi_{2,\Im} = a\lambda - \frac{2|\delta_1|^2}{1 - |\delta_1|^2}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{r_1|\delta_1|^2 - \delta_1'}{1 - |\delta_1|^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_2 - R_2 \right) V_2 = 0, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_2 \\ r_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\delta_1 = \frac{-ir_1}{2\phi_{1,\Im}} = \frac{ia'}{4a^2\lambda}, \quad r_1 = -\frac{a'}{2a}$$

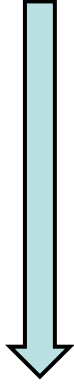
$$\sup_{t > T_1} \left\{ \left| \int_{T_1}^t \phi_{2,\Re}(s) ds \right| \right\} < \infty, \quad |r_2(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-2\beta} \quad (t \geq T_1)$$

$$|V_2(t)|^2 = |M_1(t)^{-1}V_1(t)|^2 \simeq |V_1(t)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(t) \quad (t \geq T_1)$$



$$\mathcal{E}(t) \simeq \mathcal{E}(T) \quad \text{if } \beta > \frac{1}{2} \quad (t \geq T_1)$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_j - R_j \right) V_j = 0$$



$$V_j = \begin{pmatrix} v_j \\ \bar{v}_j \end{pmatrix}, \Phi_j = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_j & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\phi}_j \end{pmatrix}, B_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_j \\ r_j & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{j+1} = M_j^{-1} V_j, \quad M_j = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\delta}_j \\ \delta_j & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta_j = \frac{-ir_j}{2\phi_{j,\Im}}$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_{j+1} - R_{j+1} \right) V_{j+1} = 0$$

$$\exists M_j (\forall t > T_j \gg 1)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_{j+1,\Re} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \log \left( \frac{a}{\prod_{k=1}^j (1 - |\delta_k|^2)} \right) \right) \\ \phi_{j+1,\Im} = a\lambda + \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{-2|\delta_k|^2 \phi_{k,\Im} + \Im\{\delta'_k \bar{\delta}_k\}}{1 - |\delta_k|^2} \\ r_{j+1} = \frac{r_j |\delta_j|^2 - \delta'_j}{1 - |\delta_j|^2} \quad (j = 0, \dots, m-1) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_m - R_m \right) V_m = 0, \quad \Phi_m = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_m & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{r}_m \\ r_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_{m,\mathfrak{R}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \log \left( \frac{a}{\prod_{k=1}^{m-1} (1 - |\delta_k|^2)} \right) \right), \quad r_m = \frac{r_{m-1} |\delta_{m-1}|^2 - \delta'_{m-1}}{1 - |\delta_{m-1}|^2}$$

$$\sup_{t > T_{m-1}} \left\{ \left| \int_{T_{m-1}}^t \phi_{m,\mathfrak{R}}(s) ds \right| \right\} < \infty$$

$$|r_{m-1}(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-(m-1)\beta}$$

$$|r_m(t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-m\beta} \quad (t \geq T_{m-1})$$

$$|V_m(t)|^2 = |M_{m-1}(t)^{-1} \cdots M_1^{-1} V_1(t)|^2 \simeq |V_1(t)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(t) \quad (t \geq T_{m-1})$$



$$\mathcal{E}(t) \simeq \mathcal{E}(T_{m-1}) \quad \text{if } \beta > \frac{1}{m} \quad (t \geq T_{m-1})$$

## Summary

(i) Reduction to 2nd order ODEs of Fourier coefficients

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a(t)^2 \lambda_k^2 \right) v_k(t) = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

(ii) Reduction to 1st order ODE system

(iii) Diagonalization 1

(C<sup>1</sup> property and hyperbolicity  $\Leftrightarrow$  classical energy method)

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1 \right) V_1 = 0$$

(iv) Diagonalization 2 (C<sup>m</sup> property, large t)

$$M_j^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_j - R_j \right) M_j = \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_{j+1} - R_{j+1}$$

Smother coefficient contributes better energy estimate

Thank you very much!