

# Stability of Elastic Systems with Local Damping

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# Overview

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# Control and Stabilization of Linear System

Consider the system

$$\frac{d}{dt}z(t) = Az(t) + Bu(t), \quad z(0) = z_0 \in Z. \quad (1)$$

- **Stabilization:**  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|z(t)\| = 0$ .
- **Feedback:**  $u(t) = Kz(t)$ .
- **Closed-loop system:**  $\frac{d}{dt}z(t) = (A + BK)z(t) \doteq \mathcal{A}z(t)$ .

## Stability of closed-loop system

**Finite system:**  $\mathcal{A} \in M(n, n)$ ,  $z(t) = e^{At}z_0$ .

**Infinite system:**  $\mathcal{A}$  generates a  $C_0$  semigroup of contractions on  $H$ .

### Definition

$e^{At}$  is

- logarithmically stable of order  $\beta$  if

$$\|e^{At}\mathcal{A}^{-1}\| \leq \frac{C}{[\log(t+1)]^\beta}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

- polynomially stable of order  $\beta$  if

$$\|e^{At}\mathcal{A}^{-1}\| = \frac{C}{(t+1)^\beta}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

- exponentially stable if there are constants  $M, \omega > 0$  such that

$$\|e^{At}\| \leq Me^{-\omega t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

## Damping mechanism

- **Type** : viscous damping, Boltzmann damping, Kelvin-Voigt damping, thermal damping...
- **Position**: global, local.

### Wave equation with **global** viscous damping

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - \Delta w + aw_t = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ w = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

The semigroup exponentially stable [Chen, Fulling. etc, 1991]

### Wave equation with **global** Kelvin-Voigt damping

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(\nabla w + a\nabla w_t) = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ w = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

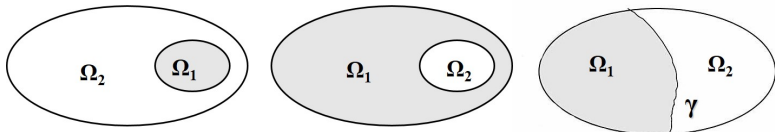
The semigroup is analytic and exponentially stable [Russell, Huang, 1988], [Chen, Liu and Liu, SICON, 1998]), [B.Z.Guo, J.M.Wang and G.D.Zhang,ZAMP, 2010].

## Wave equation with local viscous damping

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - \Delta w + a(x)w_t = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ w = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } a(x) = \begin{cases} b(x) \geq 0, & x \in \Omega_1, \\ 0, & x \in \Omega_2, \end{cases}$$

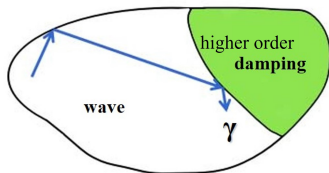
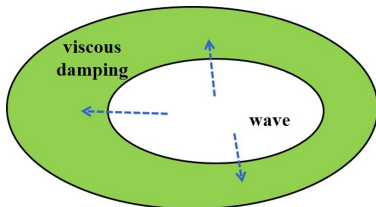
- **Exponentially stable** under Geometrical Control Condition [[Bardos, Lebeau and Rauch, 1993](#)]
- **Logarithmically stable** if damping subdomain is arbitrary [[X.Fu, 2009,2011](#)]



## Wave equation with local Kelvin-Voigt damping

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(\nabla w + a(x)\nabla w_t) = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ w = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

- 1-d,  $a = 1$  on  $\Omega_1$  and  $a = 0$  on  $\Omega_2 \Rightarrow$  **Non-exponentially stable** [Chen, Liu and Liu, 1998].
- $a(\cdot) \in C^2$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , GCC  $\Rightarrow$  **Exponentially stable** [Liu and Rao, 2004].
- wave-heat transmission system  $\Rightarrow$  **Non-exponentially stable** [Rauch, Zhang and Zuazua, 2005], [Zhang and Zuazua, 2007].

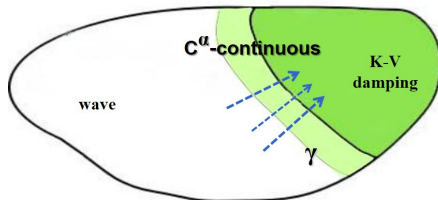


These results reveals that too strong control could destroy the property of the system, such as exp. stability. Stability and Regularity of wave equation with local K-V damping depends on

- location of the damping
- smoothness of the material coefficient near the interface

## Problem:

- How about the case  $a(\cdot) \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \setminus C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ ??
- The relationship between  $a(\cdot)$  and stability, regularity of the semigroup?





## Theorem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be a bounded convex connected domain with partition  $\overline{\Omega} = \overline{\Omega}_1 \cup \overline{\Omega}_2$  and  $a = 1$  on  $\Omega_1$  and  $a = 0$  on  $\Omega_2$ .

- (i) *The semigroup is not exponentially stable.*
- (ii) *If  $\partial\Omega_1$  and  $\partial\Omega_2$  are convex curvilinear polygons or curved plane polyhedrons,  $\Gamma_1, \gamma \neq \emptyset$  and  $(m \cdot \nu_2)|_{\Gamma_2} \leq 0$ , where  $m(x) = x - x_0$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then, the semigroup is polynomially stable with order  $\frac{1}{2}$ .*
- (ii)' *If  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_1$ ,  $\partial\Omega_2 = \gamma$ ,  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\gamma$  are of  $C^2$  class, then the semigroup is polynomially stable with order 1.*

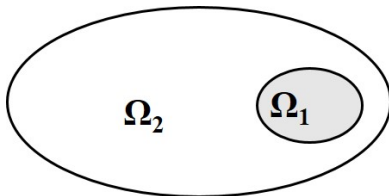
[Q.Z.,Nonal.Anal.RWA,2017], [Q.Z.,ZAMP,2018], [Z.Han,K.Yu,Q.Z.,ZAMM, 2022]

## Wave equation with local K-V damping with or without GCC

### Theorem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be a bounded convex connected domain with partition  $\overline{\Omega} = \overline{\Omega}_1 \cup \overline{\Omega}_2$ . If  $a(\cdot) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is nonnegative and  $\text{supp } a \neq \emptyset$ , then the semigroup is logarithmically stable of order  $\frac{4}{5}$ .

[L.Robbiano, Q. Z.]



## String with local K-V damping

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt}(t, x) = [w_x(t, x) + a(x)w_{t,x}(t, x)]_x, & x \in (-1, 1) \\ w(t, -1) = w(t, 1) = 0, & t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \\ w(0, x) = w_0(x), \quad w_t(0, x) = v_0(x), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where the damping coefficient function  $a(x)$  satisfies  $a(x) = 0$  for  $x \in [-1, 0]$ ,  $a(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (0, 1]$ , and for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{a(x)}{x^\alpha} = k > 0 \quad (H)$$

Previous results:

- If  $a(\cdot)$  satisfies (H) with some  $\alpha = 0$ . then the semigroup of system (2) is **polynomially stable with order 2** [Z. Liu and B. Rao, 2005]
- If  $a(\cdot)$  satisfies (H) with  $\alpha > 1$ , then the real part of the eigenvalues of system (2) is unbounded below [M. Renardy, 2004].

## Theorem

Suppose that  $a(\cdot)$  satisfies (H) with some  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then,

- (i) For  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , the semigroup of system (2) is polynomially stable of order  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$
- (ii) For  $\alpha \geq 1$ , the semigroup is exponentially stable.
- (iii) For  $\alpha > 1$ , the semigroup is eventually differentiable.

$\alpha$ value	Regularity	Stability
$(1, \infty)$	eventually differentiable	exponentially stable
1	<b>no smoothing</b>	exponentially stable
$(0, 1)$	<b>no smoothing</b>	polynomially stable of order $\frac{2-\alpha}{1-\alpha}$
0	no smoothing	optimal polynomially stable of order 2

[K.Liu,Z.Liu,Q.Z., ESIAM,COCV,2017], [Z.Liu,Q.Z.,SICON,2016],  
 [Z.Han,Z.Liu,Q.Z.,ZAMM,2022],  
 [M.Ghader,R.Nasser,A.Wehebe,MMAS,2021]

## Lemma

Let  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  generate a bounded  $C_0$ -semigroup  $e^{tA}$  on Hilbert space  $H$ . Assume that  $i\omega \in \rho(A)$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

(i) **(Pazy)**  $e^{tA}$  is differentiable for  $t > t_0 > 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\rho(A) \supset \Theta_{\varsigma, b} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq \varsigma - b \ln |\operatorname{Im} \lambda|\}$$

$$\sup_{\lambda \in \Theta_{\varsigma, b}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0} |\operatorname{Im} \lambda|^{-1} \|(\lambda I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} < \infty.$$

(ii) **(Huang-Prüss)**  $e^{tA}$  is exponentially stable  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\overline{\lim}_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}, |\omega| \rightarrow \infty} \|(i\omega I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} < \infty.$$

(iii) **(Borichev-Tomilov)**  $e^{tA}$  is polynomially stable of order  $\frac{1}{\beta} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\overline{\lim}_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}, |\omega| \rightarrow \infty} |\omega|^{-\beta} \|(i\omega I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} < \infty.$$

(iv) **(Batty-Duyckaerts)**  $e^{tA}$  is logarithmically stable of order  $\frac{1}{\beta} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\overline{\lim}_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}, |\omega| \rightarrow \infty} e^{-c|\omega|^\beta} \|(i\omega I - A)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} < \infty.$$

## Lemma

Let  $x^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y' \in L^2(0, 1)$  satisfy  $y(1) = 0$ . Assume that  $\delta \geq \alpha - 2$  when  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\delta > -1$  when  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . Then there exists positive constant  $C$ , independent of  $y$ , such that

$$\int_0^1 x^\delta |y(x)|^2 dx \leq C \int_0^1 x^\alpha |y'(x)|^2 dx. \quad (3)$$

## Lemma

Assume  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary, function  $y$  satisfies  $x^{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} y' \in L^2(0, 1)$  and  $y(1) = 0$ . Then for any  $\delta \geq -1 + \varepsilon$ , there exists positive constant  $C$ , independent of  $y$ , such that

$$\int_0^1 x^\delta |y(x)|^2 dx \leq C \int_0^1 x |y'(x)|^2 dx. \quad (4)$$

[V.D.Stepanov,Siberian Math.J.,1987], [M.Renardy,2004],  
[Z.Liu,Q.Z.,SICON,2016]

## Abstract system with local damping

Consider an abstract system of second order equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + Lu + Bu_t = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $L : D(L) \subset H_0 \rightarrow H_0$  is a self-adjoint, positive, densely defined, linear (unbounded) operator with compact resolvent.  $B$  is nonnegative.

**Example:**

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + b_1(x)u_t - \operatorname{div}(b_2(x)\nabla u_t) = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where  $b_1, b_2 \geq 0$ .

The energy function is

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t\|^2 + \|L^{\frac{1}{2}}u\|^2).$$

and it is dissipated according to the following law:

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(t) = -\langle Bu_t, u_t \rangle.$$

When damping operator  $B$  is positive and  $B \sim L^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the associated  $C_0$  semigroup  $e^{At}$  is

- ① analytic for  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,
- ② of Gevrey class of order  $\delta > \frac{1}{2\alpha}$  for  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ ,
- ③ not differentiable for  $\alpha = 0$ ,
- ④ exponentially stable for  $0 \leq \alpha$ ,
- ⑤ polynomially stable with optimal decay rate  $\frac{1}{2|\alpha|}$  for  $\alpha < 0$

([G. Chen, D.L. Russell, Q. Appl. Math. 1981], [S.Chen, R.Triggiani, Pac. J.Math. 1989], [S. Chen, R. Triggiani, Proc. Am. Math. Soc. 1990], [F. Huang, Acta Math. Sci. 1985], [F. Huang, SICON, 1988], [F. Huang, K. Liu, Ann. Differ. Equ. 1988], [K. Liu, Z. Liu, JDE 1997], [Z.Liu, J. Yong, Adv. Differ. Equ. 1998], [Z.Liu, Q. Zhang, ZAMP, 2015], etc.)



**Question:** If the the influence of the dissipative operator  $B$  is not enough, one can expect a weaker decay rate.

- Assume that the spectrum of  $L$  consists in a sequence of distinct eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ , with the least eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 > 0$ , numbered in an increasing order and  $\lambda_k \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , each eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$  having multiplicity  $m_k \geq 1$ .
- We assume the operator  $B$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} B : H_1 \doteq D(L^{\frac{1}{2}}) \rightarrow H_{-1} \doteq (H_1)' \text{ is bounded and self-adjoint,} \\ \langle B\phi, \phi \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall \phi \in H_1. \end{cases} \quad (\text{H1})$$

Previous results:

- Strong stability.  
[S.Chen, K. Liu, Z. Liu, SIAM J. Appl. Math.,1999]
- Exponential stability:

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = A_1 U(t) + B_1 U(t) \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$

where  $A_1^* = -A_1$ , compact resolvent,

$$\inf\{|\mu_j - \mu_k| : j, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, j \neq k\} = \gamma > 0. \quad (*)$$

$$\|B_1 \phi\| \geq \delta > 0, \quad \text{for any unit eigenfunction } \phi \text{ of } A_1. \quad (**)$$

[G. Chen, S. A. Fulling, F. J. Narcowich, S. Sun, SIAM J. Appl. Math, 1991]

## Main Results

We can reformulate abstract second order system in a semigroup setting on the Hilbert space

$$\mathbb{H} \doteq H_1 \times H_0,$$

$$(U_1, U_2)_{\mathbb{H}} = (L^{\frac{1}{2}}u_1, L^{\frac{1}{2}}u_2) + (v_1, v_2), \quad \forall U_i = (u_i, v_i) \in \mathbb{H}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Define an unbounded linear operator  $A : D(A) \in \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  by

$$\begin{cases} A(u, v) = (v, -Lu - Bv), \\ D(A) = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{H} \mid v \in H_1, Lu + Bv \in H_0\}. \end{cases}$$

Then, the abstract system of second order can be written as a first-order linear evolution equation on the space  $\mathbb{H}$ :

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = AU(t) \quad \text{for } t > 0, \quad U(0) = U^0 \doteq (u_0, u_1) \in \mathbb{H}.$$

$A$  generates a  $C_0$  semigroup of contractions on  $\mathbb{H}$ .

## Theorem.

Assume that (H1) holds. Let  $k_0 \geq 1$  be an integer,  $\gamma_1 \geq 0$ ,  $\gamma_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that

$$\lambda_* \doteq \inf_{k \geq 1} \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{k+1}} > 0, \quad (\text{H2})$$

$$\frac{\lambda_{k-1}}{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}} + \frac{\lambda_{k+1}}{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k} \leq C \lambda_k^{\gamma_1}, \quad \forall k \geq k_0. \quad (\text{H3})$$

$$\beta_k \doteq \min \{ \langle B\phi, \phi \rangle \mid \phi \in N(L - \lambda_k I), \|\phi\| = 1 \} > 0, \quad \forall k \geq k_0. \quad (\text{H4})$$

$$\lambda_k^{\gamma_2} \leq C \beta_k, \quad \forall k \geq k_0. \quad (\text{H5})$$

Set  $m \doteq \max\{3 - 2\gamma_2 + 4\gamma_1, 1 + 4\gamma_1\}$ . Then for all  $(u_0, u_1) \in D(A)$ , the solution  $e^{At}(u_0, u_1)$  to the abstract system (5) satisfies

$$\|e^{At}(u_0, u_1)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{1}{m}}} \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{D(A)}, \quad \forall t \geq 1. \quad (6)$$

# Application I: Wave Equation with Local Damping

Consider

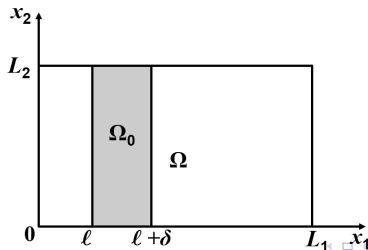
$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + a(x)(-\Delta)^\theta u_t = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$  is a real number,

$$\Omega = (0, L_1) \times \cdots \times (0, L_N) \subset \mathbb{R}^N, \quad L_j > 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq N. \quad (8)$$

Assume function  $a(\cdot) = \chi_{\Omega_0}$  and

$$\Omega_0 = (\ell, \ell + \delta) \times (0, L_2) \times \cdots \times (0, L_N), \quad 0 \leq \ell < \ell + \delta \leq L_1. \quad (9)$$



## Corollary

Let domains  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega_0$  be defined by (8) and (9) and satisfy

$$\frac{L_i^2}{L_j^2} \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i < j \leq N. \quad (10)$$

Then, the solution of (7) satisfies

$$\|(u(t), u_t(t))\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{1}{7-2\theta}}} \|A(u_0, u_1)\|_{\mathbb{H}}, \quad \forall t \geq 1,$$

where  $\mathbb{H} = H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ .

## Corollary

Let domains  $\Omega, \Omega_0$  satisfy (8), (9) and

$$\frac{L_i^2}{L_j^2} \text{ is an algebraic number of degree greater or equal to 2.} \quad (11)$$

The solution of (7) satisfies

$$\|(u(t), u_t(t))\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{1}{11-2\theta+\varepsilon}}} \|A(u_0, u_1)\|_{\mathbb{H}}, \quad \forall t \geq 1.$$

## Application II: Euler-Bernoulli Beam with Local Damping

Consider

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + \partial_{xxxx} u + a(x)(\partial_{xxxx})^\theta u_t = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times (0, \pi), \\ u(0) = u_{xx}(0) = u(\pi) = u_{xx}(\pi) = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty), \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } (0, \pi), \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$  is a real number, function  $a(\cdot) = \chi_{(\ell, \ell+\delta)}$  with  $0 \leq \ell < \ell + \delta \leq \pi$ . Set

$$H_0 = L^2(0, \pi), \quad H_1 = H^2(0, \pi) \cap H_0^1(0, \pi),$$

and operators

$$Lu = \partial_{xxxx} u, \quad D(L) = \{u \in H_1 \mid u \in H^4(0, \pi), u_{xx}(0) = u_{xx}(\pi) = 0\},$$

$$Bu = a(x)(\partial_{xxxx})^\theta u, \quad D(B) = H^2(0, \pi) \cap H_0^1(0, \pi).$$

Then  $L$  is a selfadjoint, positive operator with a compact resolvent.  $B$  satisfies condition (H1).



## Corollary

Assume that  $a(\cdot) = \chi_{(\ell, \ell + \delta)}$ . Then the solution of (12) satisfies

$$\|(u(t), u_t(t))\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{1}{4-2\theta}}} \|A(u_0, u_1)\|_{\mathbb{H}}, \quad \forall t \geq 1,$$

where  $\mathbb{H} = H_1 \times H_0$ .

Thanks For Your Attention!