

# Fundamental models in nonlinear acoustics: analytical and numerical aspects

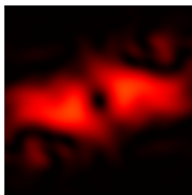
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# Overview on current research activities

## Within the core of numerics.

- S. BLANES (Valencia), F. CASAS (Castellón), C. GONZÁLEZ (Valladolid)  
Involvement in Spanish research project
- J. A. CARRILLO (Oxford)  
BritInn–Fellowship
- Hamiltonian systems, Schrödinger equations, Parabolic equations,  
Kinetic equations (Vlasov–Maxwell–Poisson systems)  
Project proposal submitted (FWF)



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# Overview on current research activities

## Beyond numerics – towards dynamical systems and stochastics.

- E. HAUSENBLAS (Leoben)  
Stochastic partial differential equations  
(Reaction-diffusion systems, pattern formation)
- CH. KÜHN (Munich)  
Network dynamics (models for epidemics)  
Stochastic partial differential equations (Rough paths)  
Special issue contribution  
Involvement in submitted project proposal (DFG)  
Project proposal in preparation (FWF, 2021)

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# Overview on current research activities

## Beyond numerics – towards modelling and analysis.

- B. KALTENBACHER (Klagenfurt)  
Nonlinear damped wave equations  
Special issue contribution  
Project proposal in preparation (DA)

... theme of this talk ...

## Why this theme?

- My **current research focus** because of
  - contribution to special issue (with BARBARA KALTENBACHER),
  - planning of DA research proposal (initiated by TOM LAHNER).
- Comprehensive and demanding theme that includes **various aspects of applied mathematics** (modelling, analysis, numerics).
  - **fascinating phenomena,**
  - **beautiful mathematics,**
  - **numerical challenges.**
- Open questions remain, e.g.
  - derivation and theoretical analysis of **fundamental models,**
  - design and convergence analysis of **numerical methods.**

# Our contributions and work in process

- B. KALTENBACHER, M. TH.  
*Fundamental models in nonlinear acoustics.*  
*Part I. Analytical comparison.*  
M3AS 28/12 (2018) 2403–2455.
  - Derivation of fundamental models
  - Existence and regularity of solutions
  - Rigorous justification of limiting models

**... some details on our derivation of the most general model ...**

## Our contributions and work in process

- B. KALTENBACHER, V. NIKOLIĆ, M. TH.  
*Efficient time integration methods based on operator splitting and application to the Westervelt equation.*  
IMA J. Numer. Anal. 35/3 (2015) 1092–1124.
- B. KALTENBACHER, M. TH.  
*Fundamental models in nonlinear acoustics.*  
*Part II. Numerical comparison.*  
In preparation.
- B. KALTENBACHER, M. TH.  
*Convergence of implicit Runge–Kutta time discretisation methods for fundamental models in nonlinear acoustics.*  
In preparation.

**... some details on numerical issues and  
our different approaches to resolve them ...**

# General model



# Theme

## ... getting familiar ...

# Nonlinear acoustics

- Field of **nonlinear acoustics** concerned with **propagation of sound waves in thermoviscous fluids**.

# High-intensity ultrasound applications

- Focus on applications of **high-intensity ultrasound** such as
  - medical treatment (lithotripsy, thermotherapy),
  - industrial applications (ultrasound cleaning, welding).
- Term **ultrasound** used for sound waves with frequencies above range of human hearing.
- Realistic models given by **nonlinear partial differential equations**.

# Our most general model ... and how we have deduced it ...

# Derivation of fundamental models

**Relevant quantities.** Consider **basic state variables of acoustics**

mass density  $\rho$ , acoustic particle velocity  $v$ ,  
acoustic pressure  $p$ , temperature  $T$ .

# Derivation of fundamental models

**Approach.** Derivation of fundamental models relies on **physical and mathematical principles**.

- Employ decomposition of state variables into constant mean values  $\rho_0, v_0, p_0, T_0$  and space-time-dependent fluctuations  $\rho_{\sim}, v_{\sim}, p_{\sim}, T_{\sim}$ .
- Use Helmholtz decomposition of **acoustic particle velocity** and assign **irrotational part** to gradient of **acoustic velocity potential**

$$v_{\sim} = \nabla\psi + \nabla \times S.$$

# Derivation of general model

- Employ **conservation laws** for mass, momentum, energy

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0,$$

$$\partial_t (\rho v) + v \nabla \cdot (\rho v) + \rho (v \cdot \nabla) v + \nabla p = \mu \Delta v + \left(\mu_B + \frac{1}{3} \mu\right) \nabla (\nabla \cdot v),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho (c_V \partial_t T + c_V v \cdot \nabla T + \frac{c_p - c_V}{\alpha_V} \nabla \cdot v) \\ & = a \Delta T + \left(\mu_B - \frac{2}{3} \mu\right) (\nabla \cdot v)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \|\nabla v + (\nabla v)^T\|_F^2, \end{aligned}$$

as well as **equation of state** for acoustic pressure

$$p_{\sim} \approx A \frac{\rho_{\sim}}{\rho_0} + \frac{B}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_{\sim}}{\rho_0}\right)^2 + \hat{A} \frac{T_{\sim}}{T_0}.$$

- Accordingly to BLACKSTOCK (1963) and LIGHTHILL (1956), take **first- and second-order contributions** with respect to fluctuating quantities into account.
- Express resulting equations in terms of **acoustic velocity potential**.

# Fundamental models

- General model.** Above approach leads to general model (compact formulation, **Blackstock–Crighton–Brunnhuber–Jordan–Kuznetsov equation** with additional term and particular structure of linear part)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \partial_{ttt} - \beta_1^{(a)} \Delta \partial_{tt} + \beta_2^{(a)} (\sigma_0) \Delta^2 \partial_t - \beta_3 \Delta \partial_t + \beta_4^{(a)} (\sigma_0) \Delta^2 \right) \psi^{(a)}(t) \\ & + \partial_{tt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \beta_5(\sigma) (\partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t))^2 + \beta_6(\sigma) |\nabla \psi^{(a)}(t)|^2 \right) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T). \end{aligned}$$

- Reduced models.** Commonly used **Kuznetsov and Westervelt equations** result when **neglecting thermal effects** ( $a \rightarrow 0_+$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \partial_{tt} - \beta_1^{(0)} \Delta \partial_t - \beta_3 \Delta \right) \psi(t) \\ & + \partial_t \left( \frac{1}{2} \beta_5(\sigma) (\partial_t \psi(t))^2 + \beta_6(\sigma) |\nabla \psi(t)|^2 \right) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T). \end{aligned}$$

- Contribution.** Rigorous justification as limiting models based on existence and regularity result (KALTENBACHER, TH., 2018).

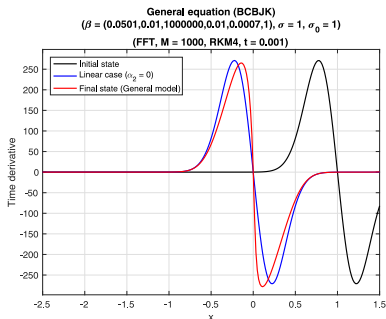
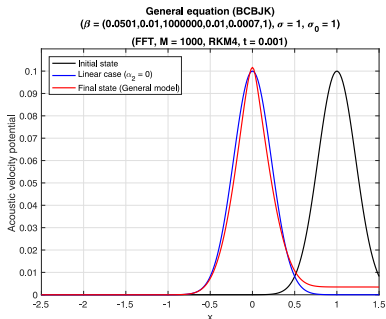


# Our most general model

## ... to get some intuition ...

# General model

**Numerical illustration (1D).** Study **effect of nonlinearity** for (rather) realistic **parameter values**. Observe expected solution profile (sharper peak, sawtooth-like derivative).



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# Our most general model ... relevant applications ...

# Propagation of ultrasound waves inside human body

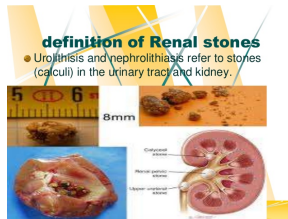
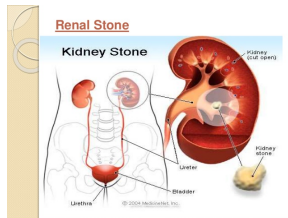
*Kidney stones, or renal calculi, are solid masses made of crystals.*

*Kidney stones are known to cause severe pain.*

*Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy uses sound waves to break up large stones so they can more easily pass down the ureters into your bladder. This procedure can be uncomfortable and may require light anesthesia. It can cause bruising on the abdomen and back and bleeding around the kidney and nearby organs.*

<https://www.healthline.com>

<https://www.slideshare.net/aaaa-2012/renal-stones-55054355>



**Need for optimal design of high-intensity ultrasound devices!**

# Numerical issues

# Numerical challenges

## Practical realisation – a demanding task ...

- **Mathematical optimisation** of high-intensity ultrasound devices based on transient numerical simulations still **beyond scope of existing approaches**.
- Numerical challenges are
  - **complexity** of underlying nonlinear damped wave equations,
  - treatment of most relevant case of **three space dimensions**,
  - different magnitudes of **physical parameters**.

# Numerical approach

## **Standard numerical approach.**

- Use finite differences and explicit methods.

## **Our (first) straightforward numerical approach.**

- Combine fast Fourier techniques (high resolution, computation of space derivatives) and explicit Runge–Kutta methods.

**... our code works in 3D ... in principle ...**

# Linear damped wave equation

## *Simple special case.*

- Consider **linear damped wave equation** (Westervelt,  $\alpha_3 \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\partial_{tt} \psi(t) - \alpha_2 \Delta \partial_t \psi(t) - \alpha_1 \Delta \psi(t) + \alpha_3 \partial_t \psi(t) \partial_{tt} \psi(t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T).$$

- Use solution representation by elementary functions (**teaching talk**).



# Linear damped wave equation

## Linear damped wave equation.

- Study linear damped wave equation

$$\text{PDE: } \partial_{tt}\psi(t) - \alpha_2 \Delta \partial_t \psi(t) - \alpha_1 \Delta \psi(t) = 0.$$

- Apply Fourier spectral method to reveal system of decoupled ordinary differential equations

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi_m(t) \mathcal{F}_m,$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_m = \lambda_m \mathcal{F}_m, \quad \lambda_m \propto -m^2, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (\psi_m''(t) - \alpha_2 \lambda_m \psi_m'(t) - \alpha_1 \lambda_m \psi_m(t)) = 0.$$

- Study equation for linear damped oscillation

$$\text{ODE: } \psi_m''(t) - \alpha_2 \lambda_m \psi_m'(t) - \alpha_1 \lambda_m \psi_m(t) = 0.$$

# Linear damped wave equation

## Solution representation.

- Decisive quantities (exponents)

$$c_1 = c_1(\lambda_m, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha_2 \lambda_m + \sqrt{\alpha_2^2 \lambda_m^2 + 4 \alpha_1 \lambda_m} \right),$$

$$c_2 = c_2(\lambda_m, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha_2 \lambda_m - \sqrt{\alpha_2^2 \lambda_m^2 + 4 \alpha_1 \lambda_m} \right).$$

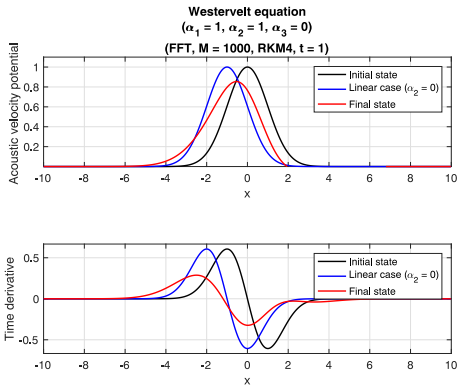
- Solution given by

$$\psi_0(t) = \psi_0(0) + t \psi_0'(0),$$

$$\psi_m(t) = \frac{1}{c_2 - c_1} \left( (c_2 e^{c_1 t} - c_1 e^{c_2 t}) \psi_m(0) + (e^{c_2 t} - e^{c_1 t}) \psi_m'(0) \right), \quad m \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}.$$

# Linear damped wave equation

**Numerical illustration (1D).** Verification of time integration method by solution representation for **linear wave equation** ( $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$ ) and **linear damped wave equation** ( $\alpha_3 = 0$ ) (and vice versa).



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# Numerical issues

## **Small adaptation of code works for Westervelt equation.**

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## **Suitable adaptation of code works for general model.**

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# Numerical issues

**Numerical illustration (1D).** Numerical study of linear wave equations shows that application of **explicit (Runge–Kutta) methods** successful, but only under **severe restrictions**. Sufficiently small time stepsizes needed to ensure **stability!**

Linear wave equation without damping

Time step	2.50e-02	1.25e-02	6.25e-03	3.12e-03	1.56e-03
Error	1.47e+18	1.04e-08	6.50e-10	4.06e-11	2.54e-12
Order	—	3.99e+00	3.99e+00	4.00e+00	4.00e+00

Linear wave equation with damping

As range of eigenvalues larger, smaller time stepsizes needed.

Time step	1.25e-04	6.25e-05
Error	NaN	3.09e-14

# Our alternative approaches

... operator splitting, what else ...  
... stiffly accurate implicit Runge–Kutta methods ...

# Operator splitting

**Basic idea and theoretical result.** Employ *splitting* of Westervelt equation into **nonlinear diffusion equation** and simple *remainder*

$$\partial_{tt}\psi(t) - (1 + \alpha_3 \partial_t \psi(t))^{-1} \alpha_2 \Delta \partial_t \psi(t) - (1 + \alpha_3 \partial_t \psi(t))^{-1} \alpha_1 \Delta \psi(t) = 0.$$

$$\Psi = \partial_t \psi, \quad \partial_t \Psi(t) - (1 + \alpha_3 \Psi(t))^{-1} \alpha_2 \Delta \Psi(t) = 0.$$

**Benefits.** Requires adaptation of existing code (only) in few places.  
Weaker stepsize restrictions for explicit solvers (for realistic parameters).

Theorem (B. KALTENBACHER, V. NIKOLIĆ, M. TH. (2015))

*First-order splitting method applied to Westervelt equation with **regular and consistent initial data** satisfies global error estimate*

$$\|\psi_N - \psi(t_N)\|_{H^3 \times H^1} \leq C \left( \|\psi_0 - \psi(0)\|_{H^3 \times H^1} + \tau \right), \quad \tau = T/N.$$

**Work in progress.** Extension to general model.

# Suitable methods for variational equations

**Basic idea and theoretical result.** Implicit Runge–Kutta and Galerkin methods are ideal for **variational approach**. Proof of convergence (with rate).

Work in progress to honour J. Gwinner (Univ. Bundeswehr München)

- B. KALTENBACHER, M. TH.

*Convergence of implicit Runge–Kutta time discretisation methods for fundamental models in nonlinear acoustics*

In preparation for Journal of Applied and Numerical Optimization – Special Issue on Nonsmooth Variational Problems and Optimal control.

Dedicated to Joachim Gwinner on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Our main inspiration and former work

- J. GWINNER, M. TH.

*Full discretisations for nonlinear evolutionary inequalities based on stiffly accurate Runge–Kutta and hp-finite element methods.*

Found. Comput. Math. 14 (2014) 913–949.

Dedicated to John Butcher on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



# Conclusions

# My perspective

## My motivation.

- Relevant theme from applied mathematics

## My starting point.

- Mathematical model in form of **nonlinear partial differential equation** (or related evolutionary problem)

## My expertise.

- Design reliable and efficient numerical methods
- Provide rigorous stability and error analysis

**Nonlinear partial differential equations:  
A comprehensive and demanding theme  
with fascinating applications in various fields**

**Thank you!**

# Existence and regularity result

**Aim.** Prove **existence and regularity of weak solution** to most general model (BJK) under standard assumptions and **smallness requirement on initial energies**.

- Let  $a \in (0, \bar{a}]$ .
- Consider nonlinear damped wave equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_{ttt}\psi^{(a)}(t) - \beta_1^{(a)} \Delta \partial_{tt}\psi^{(a)}(t) + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \Delta^2 \partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t) \\ \quad - \beta_3 \Delta \partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t) + \beta_4^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \Delta^2 \psi^{(a)}(t) \\ \quad + \partial_{tt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \beta_5(\sigma) (\partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t))^2 + \beta_6(\sigma) |\nabla \psi^{(a)}(t)|^2 \right) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \\ \psi^{(a)}(0) = \psi_0, \quad \partial_t \psi^{(a)}(0) = \psi_1, \quad \partial_{tt} \psi^{(a)}(0) = \psi_2. \end{array} \right.$$

- Impose homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{tt}\psi(t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad \Delta \partial_t \psi(t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad \Delta \psi(t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \\ \partial_{ttt}\psi(t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad \Delta \partial_{tt}\psi(t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Suppose that prescribed initial data satisfy regularity and compatibility conditions

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

# Existence and regularity result

## Smallness requirement.

- Assume that for  $\|\Delta\psi_0\|_{L_2}$ ,  $\|\nabla\Delta\psi_0\|_{L_2}$ , and upper bounds  $\bar{e}_0, \bar{e}_1 > 0$  on initial energies

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi_2\|_{L_2}^2 + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \|\Delta\psi_1\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\nabla\psi_1\|_{L_2}^2 &\leq \bar{e}_0, \\ \|\nabla\psi_2\|_{L_2}^2 + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \|\nabla\Delta\psi_1\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\Delta\psi_1\|_{L_2}^2 &\leq \bar{e}_1, \end{aligned}$$

following quantity is sufficiently small

$$\begin{aligned} M(\bar{e}_0, \bar{e}_1) &= \frac{C_{\text{PF}}^2 C_{L_4 \rightarrow H^1}^2 \beta_5(\sigma)}{\underline{\beta}_1} \sqrt{\bar{e}_0} + C_0 \bar{e}_1 \\ &\quad + \frac{C_2}{\underline{\beta}_1} \left( \|\Delta\psi_0\|_{L_2}^2 + C_3 T^2 \bar{e}_1 \right) + C_4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla\Delta\psi_0\|_{L_2} + \sqrt{\bar{e}_1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

## Existence and regularity result

## Theorem

There exists a *weak solution*

$$\psi \in X = H^2([0, T], H_\diamond^2(\Omega)) \cap W_\infty^2([0, T], H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap W_\infty^1([0, T], H_\diamond^3(\Omega)),$$

$$H_\diamond^2(\Omega) = \{\chi \in H^2(\Omega) : \chi \in H_0^1(\Omega)\}, \quad H_\diamond^3(\Omega) = \{\chi \in H^3(\Omega) : \chi, \Delta\chi \in H_0^1(\Omega)\},$$

to the associated equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{tt}\psi(t) - \psi_2 - \beta_1^{(a)} \Delta(\partial_t\psi(t) - \psi_1) + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \Delta^2(\psi(t) - \psi_0) - \beta_3 \Delta(\psi(t) - \psi_0) \\ + \beta_4^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \int_0^t \Delta^2\psi(\tau) \, d\tau + \beta_5(\sigma) (\partial_{tt}\psi(t) \partial_t\psi(t) - \psi_2 \psi_1) \\ + 2\beta_6(\sigma) (\nabla\partial_t\psi(t) \cdot \nabla\psi(t) - \nabla\psi_1 \cdot \nabla\psi_0) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

obtained by *integration with respect to time*.

# Existence and regularity result

## Theorem

*This solution satisfies a priori energy estimates of the form*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_0(\psi(t)) &= \|\partial_{tt}\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \|\Delta\partial_t\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\nabla\partial_t\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2, \\ \mathcal{E}_1(\psi(t)) &= \|\nabla\partial_{tt}\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \|\nabla\Delta\partial_t\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\Delta\partial_t\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2, \\ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathcal{E}_0(\psi(t)) &\leq \bar{E}_0, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathcal{E}_1(\psi(t)) \leq \bar{E}_1, \quad \int_0^T \|\Delta\partial_{tt}\psi(t)\|_{L_2}^2 dt \leq \bar{E}_2, \end{aligned}$$

*which hold uniformly for  $a \in (0, \bar{a}]$ . In particular, the quantity  $M(\bar{E}_0, \bar{E}_1)$  remains sufficiently small to ensure uniform boundedness and hence non-degeneracy of the first time derivative*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \underline{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} &\leq \|1 + \beta_5(\sigma) \partial_t\psi\|_{L_\infty([0, T], L_\infty(\Omega))} \leq \bar{\alpha} = \frac{3}{2}, \\ 0 < \frac{1}{\underline{\alpha}} = \frac{2}{3} &\leq \|(1 + \beta_5(\sigma) \partial_t\psi)^{-1}\|_{L_\infty([0, T], L_\infty(\Omega))} \leq \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

# Existence and regularity result

## Main tools of proof.

- Derivation of a **a priori bound** for higher-order energy functional

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( \|\nabla \partial_{tt} \psi^{(a)}(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \beta_2^{(a)}(\sigma_0) \|\nabla \Delta \partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\Delta \partial_t \psi^{(a)}(t)\|_{L_2}^2 \right) + \int_0^T \|\Delta \partial_{tt} \psi^{(a)}(t)\|_{L_2}^2 dt \leq C.$$

- Application of **fixed point theorem by Schauder** (weak formulation).



# Basic ideas

## Splitting methods.

- Study linear ordinary differential equation with natural decomposition of right-hand side

$$u'(t) = (A + B) u(t), \quad t \in (0, T).$$

Solution given by matrix exponential

$$u(t) = e^{t(A+B)} u(0), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

- **Lie–Trotter splitting** yields first-order approximation

$$e^{tB} e^{tA} \approx e^{t(A+B)}.$$

- **Strang splitting** yields second-order approximation

$$e^{\frac{t}{2}A} e^{tB} e^{\frac{t}{2}A} \approx e^{t(A+B)}.$$

# Basic ideas

## Local error analysis.

- For Lie–Trotter splitting, employ **compact local error representation**

$$e^{tB} e^{tA} - e^{t(A+B)} = \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau_1} e^{(t-\tau_1)(A+B)} e^{(\tau_1-\tau_2)B} [B, A] e^{\tau_2 B} e^{\tau_1 A} d\tau_2 d\tau_1,$$

deduced and exploited with S. DESCOMBES in context of **linear and nonlinear Schrödinger equations** in semiclassical regime.

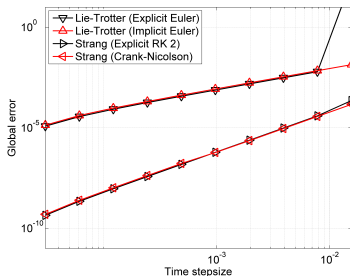
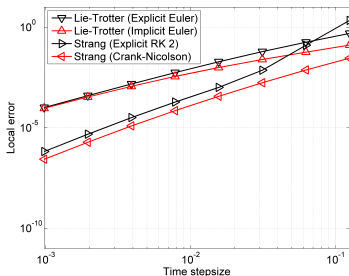
## Extension.

- Extend approach to **Westervelt equation** involving **two unbounded nonlinear operators**

$$\partial_{tt} \psi(t) - (1 + \alpha_3 \partial_t \psi(t))^{-1} \alpha_2 \Delta \partial_t \psi(t) - (1 + \alpha_3 \partial_t \psi(t))^{-1} \alpha_1 \Delta \psi(t) = 0.$$

# Illustration (Local and global errors)

**Numerical results ( $H^3 \times H^1$ -norm).** Time integration of Westervelt equation by Lie–Trotter and Strang splitting methods (Decomposition I). Comparison of different methods for numerical solution of subproblems. Computation of local (left) and global (right) errors with respect to  $H^3 \times H^1$ -norm. Nonstiff orders retained in accordance with **convergence result**.



**Remark.** Consider different ranges of time stepsizes for local error (include larger time stepsizes to study stability behaviour) and global error (include smaller time stepsizes to study attainable accuracy).