# Effective two dimensional theories for multi-layered plates

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multi-layered or pre-strained plates effective, 2D theories multiple scalings minimisers

• Reference *plate*:

$$\Omega_h \!=\! \omega \times (-h/2, h/2) \!\subset \! \mathbb{R}^3$$

with *mid-plane*  $\omega$  and **aspect ratio**  $h/1 \ll 1$ .

• Inhomogenous energy density

 $W^h_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x_3}, F) = W_0(\boldsymbol{x_3}, F(I + h^{\alpha - 1} \theta^{\lambda} \boldsymbol{B^h}(\boldsymbol{x_3}))), \quad F \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}.$ 

 $B^h\ \mathrm{models}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{misfit}$ 

• Minimise scaled energy per unit volume on rescaled domain

$$\mathcal{I}^{h}_{\alpha}(y) = \frac{1}{h^{2\alpha - 2}} \int_{\Omega_{1}} W^{h}_{\alpha}(x_{3}, \nabla_{h} y(x)) \,\mathrm{d}x, \quad \alpha \in [2, \infty).$$

- Take the  $\Gamma\text{-limit}$  as  $h\!\rightarrow\!0$  for  $\alpha\!\in\![2,\infty).$
- Later: investigate minimisers.

- Let  $X_{\alpha} := \begin{cases} W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}) & \text{if } \alpha \in (2,3), \\ W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2) \times W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}) & \text{if } \alpha \ge 3. \end{cases}$
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• Note we have maps  $R^h: \omega \to \mathrm{SO}(3)$  s.t.

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• The limit strain  $\check{G} + \check{\tilde{B}}$  can be identified for  $\alpha \ge 3$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_1} Q_2(x_3, \check{\boldsymbol{G}} + \check{\boldsymbol{B}}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} \overline{Q}_2(\theta^{1/2} \left( \nabla_{\!\!\!s} u + \frac{1}{2} \nabla v \otimes \nabla v \right), -\nabla^2 v) & \text{if } \alpha = 3, \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} \overline{Q}_2(\nabla_{\!\!\!s} u, -\nabla^2 v) & \text{if } \alpha > 3. \end{cases}$$

• If  $\alpha \in (2,3)$ , relax  $Q_2$  to

$$\overline{Q}_{2}^{\star}(F) := \min_{E \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{\text{sym}}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} Q_{2}(t, E + tF + \check{B}(t)) \, \mathrm{d}t$$

and conclude

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_1} Q_2(x_3, \check{G} + \check{\tilde{B}}) \, \mathrm{d}x \ge \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} \overline{Q}_2^{\star}(-\nabla^2 v) \, \mathrm{d}x'.$$

**Goal:** Let  $v \in W^{1,2}$ . Construct  $y^h \rightarrow v$  s.t.

$$\sup_{h \to 0} \mathcal{I}^h_{\alpha}(y^h) \leqslant \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} \overline{Q}_2^{\star}(-\nabla^2 v) \text{ if } v \in W^{2,2}_{sh}(\omega),$$

or  $<\infty$  otherwise.

#### Core ideas:

• Show density in  $W^{2,2}_{sh}(\omega)$  of

 $\mathcal{V}_0 := \{ v \in C^{\infty}(\overline{\omega}) : \exists \eta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \eta v = y_3 \text{ for some "special" isometry } y \}.$ 

- $\mathcal{V}_0 \ni v \rightsquigarrow \text{ construct isometries [FJM06, Thm. 7]}.$
- Had to relax Q<sub>2</sub> to Q
  <sup>★</sup><sub>2</sub> → need representation theorem for symmetric tensors to attain the minimum.

• Rec. sequence based on  $\alpha = 2$  + terms to attain min in  $\overline{Q}_2^{\star}$  + corrector terms

$$y^{h}(x', x_{3}) := \bar{y}_{\varepsilon}(x') + h \left(x_{3} - \boldsymbol{a}(x')\right) b_{\varepsilon}(x') + h^{\alpha - 1} \left(\boldsymbol{g}(x'), 0\right) \\ + h^{\alpha} \int_{0}^{x_{3}} d(x', \xi) \, \mathrm{d}\xi + D^{h}(x', x_{3}).$$

- **Representation theorem** provides optimal tensor in  $\overline{Q}_2^{\star}$  as  $A = \nabla_s g + a \nabla^2 v$ .
- Exploit frame invariance with rotations

$$R_{\varepsilon} := (\nabla \bar{y}_{\varepsilon}, b_{\varepsilon}) \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathrm{e}^{-h F_a^h},$$

to obtain

$$W_0(x_3, \nabla_h y^h \left(I + h^{\alpha - 1} B^h\right)) \stackrel{(...)}{=} W_0(x_3, I + h^{\alpha - 1} \left(A^h + B^h\right) + o(h^{\alpha - 1})),$$

where  $A^h \rightarrow (a - x_3) \hat{\nabla}^2 v + \hat{\nabla} g + d \otimes e_3$ .

• Choose d using the map  $\mathcal{L}$  attaining the minimum in  $Q_2$ , substitute  $a_k, g_k$  for a, g.

$$\mathcal{I}^h_{\alpha}(y^h_k) \to \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} \overline{Q}_2^{\star}(-\nabla^2 v) \,\mathrm{d}x' + o(1)_{k \to \infty}.$$

**Theorem 2.22.** Assume  $A \equiv 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $\{\nabla^2 v = 0\}$ . There exist smooth maps  $a, g_1, g_2$  such that  $a = g_i = 0$  on  $\{\nabla^2 v = 0\}$  and

 $A = \nabla_{\!s} g + a \nabla^2 v.$ 

Reduce to [Sch07b, Lemma 3.3]

$$\alpha \in (2,3) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{I}^{h}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{\Gamma}_{h\downarrow 0} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{lKi}$$

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**Theorem 2.7.** The following two  $\Gamma$ -limits hold:

$$\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathcal{I}_{lKi}, \quad and \quad \mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathcal{I}_{lvK}.$$

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $(u_{\theta}, v_{\theta})_{\theta > 0}$  be a sequence in  $X_w$  with finite energy

 $\sup_{\theta>0} \mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}(u_{\theta}, v_{\theta}) \leqslant C.$ 

Then:

- 1. The sequence  $(v_{\theta})_{\theta \uparrow \infty}$  is weakly precompact in  $W^{2,2}(\omega)$  and the weak limit is in  $X_v \cap W^{2,2}_{sh}(\omega)$ . Additionally  $(u_{\theta})_{\theta \uparrow \infty}$  is weakly precompact in  $W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2)$ .
- 2. The sequence  $(\theta^{1/2} u_{\theta}, v_{\theta})_{\theta \downarrow 0}$  is weakly precompact in  $W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2) \times W^{2,2}(\omega)$  and the weak limit is in  $X_u \times X_v$ .

### The structure of minimisers

**Theorem 3.1.** The minimisers of  $\mathcal{I}_{lKi}$  are of the form

$$v(x') = \frac{1}{2} x'^{\top} F x,$$

where

$$F \in \mathcal{N} := \operatorname{argmin} \{ Q_2^*(F - F_0) \colon F \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{\text{sym}}, \det F = 0 \}$$

and  $Q_2^*, F_0$  are explicitly computed from  $Q_2$  and B.

v is unique up to the addition of an affine transformation.

Ideas: Compute  $\overline{Q}_2^{\star}(F) = Q_2^{\star}(F - F_0) + a_0$  using the moments of M(t) in  $Q_2(t, A) = a^{\top} M(t) a$ .

Use local representation of  $\nabla^2 v$ . Show it is constant over  $\omega$ .

 $\rightsquigarrow$  minimisers are cylindrical

The structure of minimisers

**Theorem 3.2.** The minimisers of  $\mathcal{I}_{lvK}$  are of the form

$$u(x') = E_0 x'$$
 and  $v(x') = \frac{1}{2} {x'}^{\top} F_0 x'$ ,

where  $E_0, F_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{sym}$  are explicitly computed from  $Q_2$  and B.

u is unique up to an infinitesimal rigid motion and v up to the addition of an affine transformation.

Idea: (Absorb the misfit) Compute constants  $E_0, F_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{sym}$  and  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  depending on B and  $Q_2$ , such that

$$\overline{Q}_2(E - E_0, F - F_0) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} Q_2(t, E + tF) + c_0.$$

Pick  $(u_0, v_0)$  such that  $\nabla_{\!s} u_0 = -E_0$  and  $\nabla^2 v_0 = F_0$ . For any (u, v):

$$0 \leqslant \inf \mathcal{I}_{lvK}(u,v) = \tilde{c}_0 + \inf \mathcal{I}_{lvK}^{B \equiv 0}(u-u_0,v-v_0).$$

The structure of minimisers

Minimisers for  $\alpha = 3$ 





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**Conjecture.** There exists a critical value  $\theta_c > 0$  such that minimisers of  $\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}$  are (roughly):

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- cylinders for  $\theta > \theta_c$ .

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temperature-strain gradient, scrpt/do

asymmetrical deflexion

symmetrical deflexion

Maximum and minimum curvatures of two square bilayer films with layers in each of approximately equal thickness.

Open / filled triangles:  $h = 0.8 \,\mathrm{mm}$  /  $1.3 \,\mathrm{mm}$ 

Egunov et al. 2015

Variation of principal curvatures with temperature gradient through thickness for a lenticular disk. **Theorem 3.10.** There exist  $(u_0, v_0) \in X$  and a unique  $\phi: [0, \varepsilon) \to X$  with  $\phi(0) = (u_0, v_0)$ , such that every  $\phi(\theta) \in X$  is a critical point for  $\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}$  and viceversa.

**Theorem 3.12.** There exists  $\theta_c > 0$  such that for every  $\theta \in (0, \theta_c)$  every critical point of  $\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}$  is the global minimiser.



### Numerics

Goal: investigate minimisers of

$$\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}(u,v) = \frac{\theta}{2} \int_{\omega} Q_2 \left( \nabla_s u + \frac{1}{2} \nabla v \otimes \nabla v \right) + \frac{1}{24} \int_{\omega} Q_2 (\nabla^2 v - B).$$

Problem: Find minimisers of

$$J^{\theta}(u,z) = \frac{\theta}{2} \int_{\omega} Q_2\left(\nabla_s u + \frac{1}{2} z \otimes z\right) + \frac{1}{24} \int_{\omega} Q_2(\nabla z - B),$$

with  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{\mathrm{sym}}, u, z \in W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2)$  and

$$z \in Z := \{ \zeta \in W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2) : \operatorname{curl} \zeta = 0 \}.$$

If  $z \notin Z$ , then  $J^{\theta}(u, z) = +\infty$ .

Numerical experiments

**Discrete problem:** Let  $\mu_{\varepsilon} > 0$ . Compute minimisers of the discrete energy

$$J_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}(u_{\varepsilon}, z_{\varepsilon}) = \frac{\theta}{2} \int_{\omega} Q_{2}^{\varepsilon} \left( \nabla_{s} u_{\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} z_{\varepsilon} \otimes z_{\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \int_{\omega} Q_{2} (\nabla z_{\varepsilon} - B) + \mu_{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega} |\operatorname{curl} z_{\varepsilon}|^{2},$$

for  $(u_{arepsilon},z_{arepsilon})\in V_{arepsilon}^2$ , with

$$V_{\varepsilon} := \{ v_{\varepsilon} \in C(\overline{\omega}; \mathbb{R}^2) : v_{\varepsilon \mid T} \in P_1(T)^2 \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_{\varepsilon} \}.$$

• Discrete projected gradient flow:  $w_{\varepsilon}^{j+1} := w_{\varepsilon}^{j} + \alpha_{j} \pi_{X_{u}}(d_{\varepsilon}^{j})$  with  $d_{\varepsilon}^{j} \in V_{\varepsilon} \times V_{\varepsilon}$  s.t.

$$(d_{\varepsilon}^{j}, \xi_{\varepsilon}) = -DJ_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}[w_{\varepsilon}^{j}](\xi_{\varepsilon}) \text{ for all } \xi_{\varepsilon} \in V_{\varepsilon} \times V_{\varepsilon}$$

**Theorem 4.8.** Assume  $\mu_{\varepsilon} \to \infty$  but  $\mu_{\varepsilon} = o(\varepsilon^{-2})$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$ . Then

$$J^{\theta}_{\varepsilon} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} J^{\theta}$$

as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  wrt. weak convergence in  $W^{1,2}$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $(u_{\varepsilon}, z_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon > 0}$  be a sequence in  $(V_{\varepsilon} \cap X_u)^2$  with bounded energy. Then there exist  $u \in W^{1,2}, z \in Z$  such that  $u_{\varepsilon} \rightharpoonup u$  and  $z_{\varepsilon} \rightharpoonup z$ . in  $W^{1,2}$ .

Recall:

$$X_u := \left\{ u \in W^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^2) : \int_{\omega} \nabla_a u = 0 \text{ and } \int_{\omega} u = 0 \right\}$$

Numerical experiments

### Results

There exists a critical value  $\theta_c > 0$  such that minimisers of  $\mathcal{I}_{vK}^{\theta}$  are (roughly):

- paraboloids for  $\theta < \theta_c$ ,
- cylinders for  $\theta > \theta_c$ .



Maximum and minimum curvatures of two square bilayer films with layers in each of approximately equal thickness.

Open / filled triangles:  $h = 0.8 \,\mathrm{mm}$  /  $1.3 \,\mathrm{mm}$ 



Variation of principal curvatures with temperature gradient through thickness for a lenticular disk.

Numerical experiments



 $\sim$ 7000 nodes No initial deformation  $B \equiv \text{Id}$ 

Investigate principal bending strains as  $\theta$  varies

#### Mean principal strains







### A pringle



 $\sim$ 7000 nodes Anisotropic initial deformation  $B \equiv \text{Id}$ 

Investigate principal bending strains as  $\theta$  varies

### A pringle

#### Mean principal strains

#### Symmetry



## Questions?