Nonlinear layered lattice model and generalized solitary waves
in imperfectly bonded structures

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Abstract

We study nonlinear waves in a two-layered imperfectly bonded structure using a nonlinear lattice model. The key element of the model is an anharmonic chain of oscillating dipoles, which can be viewed as a basic lattice analogue of a one-dimensional macroscopic waveguide. Long nonlinear longitudinal waves in a layered lattice with a soft middle (or bonding) layer are governed by a system of coupled Boussinesq-type equations. For this system we find conservation laws and show that pure solitary waves, which exist in a single equation and can exist in the coupled system in the symmetric case, are structurally unstable, and are replaced with generalized solitary waves.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Lattice models, i.e. ordered, in particular periodic, discrete systems of interacting particles, are often used to study nonlinear dynamics of condensed matter (e.g. [1–4]). Typically, lattice models allow for a slowly-varying field approximation (long-wave approximation), which links them with continuum theories, and establishes relations between physical characteristics of a lattice and measurable macroparameters of the continuum. The latter is currently of considerable interest in connection with the question of applicability of continuum theories at micro- and nanoscales.

In 1938 Frenkel and Kontorova (FK) have used a simple chain of particles interacting with the nearest neighbours in the presence of an external periodic potential to model the dynamics of dislocations in metals in the vicinity of the dislocation core [5]. One- and two-dimensional FK-type models have found numerous applications in studies of dynamics of molecular crystals, polymer chains, hydrogen-bonded chains, etc. (see [4, 6] and references there). In 1955 the Fermi-Pasta-Ulam (FPU) model has appeared in connection with the studies of the thermal conductivity of solids [7]. It was observed that, counter intuitively, in anharmonic chains of particles (with weak nonlinearity in interaction potentials) there was no equipartition of energy among the modes of the harmonic approximation. This study has later led to the concept of a soliton, a localized (exponentially decaying to infinity) remarkably stable travelling nonlinear wave of permanent form [8]. In 1967 Toda has shown that a chain of particles with exponential interaction potentials also has exact solitary wave solutions [9]. A modified Toda lattice with an external linear elastic term has been used to model the dynamics of a laminated composite in [10], establishing that stable envelope solitons play a central role in the dynamics of such a chain instead of the Toda solitons. In [11] the Toda lattice has been related to a different composite, where layers were oriented across the direction of wave propagation, having shown a possibility of existence of solitary waves in such laminated structures. The so-called “zig-zag” models have been introduced to describe the nonlinear dynamics of molecular chains in [12], having shown that a geometric nonlinearity can have a strong effect on the dynamics of a chain, alongside with the nonlinearity of the interaction potential (often called the physical nonlinearity). Coupled Klein-Gordon (cKG) chains and corresponding cKG equations were proposed as a model for long longitudinal waves in bi-layers, where nonlinearity comes only from the bonding
material, and were used to study a number of dynamic properties of such coupled systems, including solitary waves, modulational instability of nonlinear multi-phase wavetrains and energy exchange between the components (see [13] and references there).

Lattice models are also often used to study fracture (e.g. [14–22, 54]). In such models, fracture is introduced as vanishing links between respective elements of the lattice. It was shown that many dynamic properties of fracture can be described using linear lattice models. The lattice approach to fracture problems has several advantages compared to the classical continuum theories, described, for example in [24]. In particular, it allows for more natural formulations of the fracture criterion and more effective numerical approaches to the dynamics of fracture, for example, such difficult aspects as crack branching, although developing suitable lattice models is a complex problem in its own right (see [20, 21] and references there). It also allows one to construct a number of exact analytical solutions, using the discrete Fourier transform and the discrete Wiener-Hopf technique, overcoming certain difficulties of the classical continuum fracture problems (e.g. [19, 22, 54]). Lattice modelling of nonlinear waves in a delaminated bi-layer has been attempted in [25], having shown the sensitivity of nonlinear waves to such extended inhomogeneities, and having invited further studies of the scattering of nonlinear waves in delaminated layered elastic waveguides [26–28].

In many cases the behaviour of solids is affected by the existence of “microstructure”, which could be of various nature. Most obvious sources of microstructure are existence of molecules in polymers, grains in granular materials, crystallites in polycrystals, heterogeneity of mechanical properties of composites, as well as some other irregularities of materials. Again, there are two main approaches to the modelling of microstructured media: continuum theories (see, for example, [29–32]) and lattice theories (e.g., [1–3] and references therein).

In this paper we use a lattice model to study nonlinear waves in layered elastic waveguides with some softer material between the layers (for example, a soft adhesive bonding). The key element of this model is a complex chain of oscillating dipoles, earlier considered as a linear model in [33]. The latter is a natural generalization of the linear model in [2] and [34], and a nonlinear model in [35]. Introduction of such models was mainly motivated by applications to the description of thin films, although they can also be viewed as a two-dimensional “footprint” of some 3D-crystals (e.g., [3]). The model proposed in [35] has also found applications to the description of some quasi-one-dimensional crystals [36]. Interest
to lattice models has been recently renewed in connection with so-called lattice materials (e.g. [37]) and nanostructures (e.g. [38]).

A natural question arising in connection with any lattice model is an existence of a mapping between a nonlinear lattice and some nonlinear partial differential equations for the continuum (e.g. [39]). Considering a simplified model of two coupled one-dimensional FPU chains with the soft bonding between them, one may expect to get a system of coupled Boussinesq-type equations in the continuum approximation. However, it is important to derive this system explicitly as an accurate nonlinear asymptotic model from a complex chain, which has all essential degrees of freedom of a real elastic waveguide, and takes into account both geometrical and physical sources of nonlinearity. This approach would be impossible until recently due to the large amount of required derivations. As shown in [40], derivations of this kind are now possible (although still difficult), using modern computer algebra packages (we used Mathematica [41]).

Our paper is organized as follows. In Section II we consider the basic lattice waveguide, and discuss the coincidence of the corresponding asymptotic continuum model describing long nonlinear longitudinal waves with the Boussinesq-type equation derived for a macroscopic waveguide using the nonlinear elasticity approach in [42]. The approach of this section can be applied to other lattice models, used to study nonlinear waves or in molecular dynamics simulations. We note that in the lattice waveguide under consideration there is no simple analogy between long flexural and longitudinal waves. We finish the section with a possible extension of this basic model. Section III is devoted to a layered lattice model which we use to study nonlinear waves in two-layered waveguides with a layer of a softer material between them. Long nonlinear longitudinal waves in this lattice model are described by a system of coupled Boussinesq-type equations. We consider a version of coupled regularized Boussinesq-type equations and find two nontrivial conservation laws, which are later used to control the accuracy of our numerical simulations. In Section IV we study nonlinear waves in a two-layered imperfectly bonded structure using the derived system. We show that the classical solitary wave solution, exponentially decaying to zero in its tail regions, which exists in the symmetric case, is structurally unstable. It is replaced with a generalized solitary wave having a copropagating oscillatory tail, which clearly manifests itself in numerical simulations. We theoretically predict the period and wavelength of these long wave ripples, accompanying the core solitary wave, and compare them with numerical
results. We conclude in Section V by discussing a possible link between the difference in the nature of nonlinear waves in layered structures with different types of bonding and recent experimental results in [27].

II. DIPOLE LATTICE MODEL

Our basic dipole lattice model consists of coupled FPU-type chains of interacting particles of mass $m$, shown in Fig.1, which is viewed as an anharmonic chain of oscillating dipoles $(P_n, P_n')$.

![Dipole lattice model](image)

**FIG. 1**: Dipole lattice model: an anharmonic chain of oscillating dipoles $(P_n, P_n')$, described by four variables $(u^n_1, u^n_2, \Delta \phi^n, u^n_4)$.

Each dipole has four degrees of freedom, and its displacements are described by the following variables: horizontal $(u^n_1)$ and vertical $(u^n_2)$ displacements of the geometrical centre $O_n$, in-plane rotation of the dipole axis (to an angle $\Delta \phi^n$), and change of a distance between the poles $(2u^n_4)$. This is a *nonlinear symmetric version* of the linear model considered in connection with the dynamics of thin films and elastic trusses in [33]. The model generalizes the simpler chain of dipoles (with fixed distance between the poles) studied as a linear model in [2] (see also [3]) and [34], and as a nonlinear model in [35].
A. Governing equations

The displacements of poles are given in terms of the dipole coordinates (see Fig. 1) as follows:

\[ U^n_1 = u^n_1 - (l + u^n_4) \sin \Delta \varphi^n, \]
\[ U^n_2 = u^n_2 + (l + u^n_4) \cos \Delta \varphi^n - l, \]
\[ \overline{U}^n_1 = u^n_1 + (l + u^n_4) \sin \Delta \varphi^n, \]
\[ \overline{U}^n_2 = u^n_2 - (l + u^n_4) \cos \Delta \varphi^n + l. \]

Introducing \( u^n_3 = l \Delta \phi^n \) and assuming that rotations are small, \( \Delta \varphi^n = u^n_3/l \ll 1 \), one can use truncated Taylor expansions in order to derive equations of motion up to quadratic terms.

The kinetic energy of the \( n \)-th dipole has the form

\[ T_n = \frac{M}{2} \left( (\dot{u}^n_1)^2 + (\dot{u}^n_2)^2 + (\dot{u}^n_4)^2 + \left( 1 + \frac{u^n_4}{l} \right)^2 (\dot{u}^n_3)^2 \right), \]  

(1)

where \( M = 2m \) is the dipole mass, and dot denotes derivative with respect to time. The potential energy of the \( n \)-th dipole is defined by pairwise interactions between neighbouring particles:

\[ \Phi_n = \Phi_{n,n+1} + \Phi_{n,n-1} + \Phi_{n,n+1} + \Phi_{n,n+1} + \Phi_{n-1,n} + \Phi_{n,n+1} + \Phi_{n,n-1} + \Phi_{n,n+1}, \]  

(2)

where overlines denote particles in the second (“bottom”) row. The potential energy of interaction between any two neighbouring particles is assumed to have the form

\[ \Phi_\ast (\Delta r_\ast) = \frac{\tilde{\beta}}{2} \Delta r^2_\ast + \frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{3} \Delta r^3_\ast + \ldots, \]  

(3)

where \( \Delta r_\ast \) is the change of a distance between the particles, and \((\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\gamma})\) denotes one of three possible pairs of interaction constants, shown in Fig.1. The change of a distance between any pole of the \( n \)-th dipole \((\overline{P}_n)\) and any pole of the \((n+1)\)-th dipole \((\overline{P}_{n+1})\) is given by (see Fig.2):

\[ \Delta r_{n,n+1} = \left( (\overline{U}^{n+1}_1 - \tilde{U}^n_1 + r_0 \cos \theta_0)^2 \right. \]
\[ \left. + (\overline{U}^{n+1}_2 - \tilde{U}^n_2 + r_0 \sin \theta_0)^2 \right)^{1/2} - r_0, \]  

(4)
where $\tilde{U}_1^n, \tilde{U}_2^n$ denote horizontal and vertical displacements of the pole $\tilde{P}_n$. The change of a distance between the poles of the $n$-th dipole is given by $\Delta r_\perp = 2u_4^n$.

Introducing the differences $\Delta x = \tilde{U}_1^{n+1} - \tilde{U}_1^n, \Delta y = \tilde{U}_2^{n+1} - \tilde{U}_2^n$, and assuming that these differences are small compared to $r_0$, i.e. $\Delta x/r_0 \ll 1, \Delta y/r_0 \ll 1$, one can use expansions

$$
\Delta r_{n,n+1} = \Delta x \cos \theta_0 + \Delta y \sin \theta_0
$$
$$
+ \frac{1}{2r_0}(\Delta x \sin \theta_0 + \Delta y \cos \theta_0)^2
$$
$$
- \frac{1}{2r_0^2}(\Delta x \cos \theta_0 + \Delta y \sin \theta_0)(\Delta x \sin \theta_0 + \Delta y \cos \theta_0)^2 + \ldots
$$

Substitution of (1) and (2) into the Euler-Lagrange equations

$$
d \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_n}{\partial u_i^n} \right) - \frac{\partial T_n}{\partial u_i^n} + \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_i^n} = 0,
$$

yields four difference-differential equations

$$
M\ddot{u}_1^n + \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_1^n} = 0,
M\ddot{u}_2^n + \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_2^n} = 0,
$$

$$
M \left[ \ddot{u}_3^n \left( 1 + \frac{u_4^n}{l} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2\frac{\dot{u}_3^n \dot{u}_4^n}{l} \left( 1 + \frac{u_4^n}{l} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_3^n} = 0,
$$

$$
M \left[ \ddot{u}_4^n - \frac{(\dot{u}_3^n)^2}{l} \left( 1 + \frac{u_4^n}{l} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_4^n} = 0,
$$

where

$$
- \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial u_i^n} = b_{ij} \Delta_j^n + c_{ij} (\Delta^2)_j^n + d_{ij} u_j^n
$$
$$
+ g_{ijk}(\Delta^2)_j^n \Delta_k^n + h_{ijk}(\Delta^2)_j^n (\Delta^2)_k^n + m_{ijk} u_3^n \Delta_k^n
$$
$$
+ (l_{ij} u_3^n + \tilde{l}_{ij} u_4^n) (\Delta^2)_j^n + (m_{ij} u_3^n + \tilde{m}_{ij} u_4^n) \Delta_j^n
$$
$$
+ p_{ijk} u_3^n u_k^n,
$$

(6)
\[ \Delta_j^n = u_j^{n+1} - u_j^{n-1}, \quad (\Delta^2)^n_j = u_j^{n+1} - 2u_j^n + u_j^{n-1}. \] (We assume summation with respect to repeated indices.) The coefficients of (6) are given in Appendix A.

**B. Models for long longitudinal and flexural waves**

To study long waves, one can use the continuum approximation of the governing equations (5) (e.g. [32]):

\[ u_i^n(t) = u_i(x, t), \]
\[ u_i(x \pm a, t) = u_i(x, t) \pm au_{ix}(x, t) + \frac{a^2}{2} u_{ixx}(x, t) \]
\[ \pm \frac{a^3}{6} u_{ixxx}(x, t) + \frac{a^4}{24} u_{xxxx}(x, t) + \ldots, \]

and subsequent asymptotic analysis of the arising system of nonlinear PDEs:

\[ M u_{1tt} = 2b_{14} a \left( u_{4x} + \frac{a^2}{6} u_{4xxx} \right) \]
\[ + c_{11} a^2 \left( u_{1xx} + \frac{a^2}{12} u_{1xxxx} \right) + N_1, \]
\[ M u_{2tt} = -2b_{14} a \left( u_{3x} + \frac{a^2}{6} u_{3xxx} \right) \]
\[ + c_{22} a^2 \left( u_{2xx} + \frac{a^2}{12} u_{2xxxx} \right) + N_2, \]
\[ M \left[ u_{3tt} \left( 1 + \frac{u_4}{l} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{u_3 u_4}{l} \left( 1 + \frac{u_4}{l} \right) \right] \]
\[ = 2b_{14} a \left( u_{2x} + \frac{a^2}{6} u_{2xxx} \right) + c_{33} a^2 \left( u_{3xx} + \frac{a^2}{12} u_{3xxxx} \right) \]
\[ + d_{33} u_3 + N_3, \]
\[ M \left[ u_{4tt} - \left( \frac{u_3}{l} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{u_4}{l} \right) \right] = -2b_{14} a \left( u_{1x} + \frac{a^2}{6} u_{1xxx} \right) \]
\[ - c_{22} a^2 \left( u_{4xx} + \frac{a^2}{12} u_{4xxxx} \right) + d_{44} u_4 + N_4. \] (7)

The truncated nonlinear terms \( N_{1-4} \) in the right-hand side of (7) are given in Appendix B.

The derivation of the asymptotic long wave models for predominantly *longitudinal* or *flexural* waves is based on an observation that in the linear approximation the system (7) uncouples into two subsystems, describing the interaction between longitudinal and dipole (or axial) oscillations, and transversal and rotational oscillations [33]. Introducing dimensionless variables

\[ \tilde{u}_i = \frac{u_i}{A_i}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{t}{T}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{X}, \] (8)
looking for predominantly longitudinal waves, and denoting \( X/T = v = \mathcal{O}(1) \), one can find the scaling

\[
\frac{A_1}{a} \sim \varepsilon^1, \quad \frac{A_2}{a} \sim \varepsilon^3, \quad \frac{A_3}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \quad \frac{A_4}{a} \sim \varepsilon, \quad \frac{a}{X} \sim \varepsilon^2,
\]

when the leading order behaviour of the system is described by the subsystem of equations for \( \tilde{u}_1 \) and \( \tilde{u}_4 \):

\[
M v^2 \tilde{u}_{111} - a^2 (2 b_{14} \tilde{u}_{44} + c_{11} \tilde{u}_{113}) + \varepsilon a^3 \left( 2 m_{41} \tilde{u}_4 \tilde{u}_{44} + 8 h_{123} \tilde{u}_{113} \tilde{u}_{44} + l_{12} \tilde{u}_4 \tilde{u}_{113} - 2 g_{111} \tilde{u}_{113} \tilde{u}_{113} \right) \
\]

\[
- \varepsilon a^2 \left( \frac{b_{14}}{3} \tilde{u}_{44} + c_{11} \tilde{u}_{113} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0,
\]

\[
2 b_{14} \tilde{u}_{11} - d_{44} \tilde{u}_4 + \varepsilon \left[ M v^2 \tilde{u}_{44} + c_{22} \tilde{u}_{44} + \frac{b_{14}}{3} \tilde{u}_{113} \right] \
\]

\[
- a (p_{44} \tilde{u}_{44}^2 + 2 m_{41} \tilde{u}_4 \tilde{u}_{11} + 4 h_{123} (\tilde{u}_{11})^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0.
\]

Here \( m_{41} = -m_{14} = m_{24} + \frac{4 \beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha \). From (11), \( \tilde{u}_4 \) can be expressed in terms of \( \tilde{u}_1 \) by asymptotic reiteration:

\[
\tilde{u}_4 = \frac{2 b_{14}}{d_{44}} \tilde{u}_{11} + \varepsilon \left[ 4 a \left( \frac{d_{44}}{b_{14}} \frac{d_{123}}{d_{44}} \right) \left( \tilde{u}_{11} \right)^2 + \frac{2 b_{14} M v^2}{a^2 d_{44}^2} \tilde{u}_{1111} \right] \
\]

\[
+ \left( \frac{2 b_{14} c_{22} d_{44}^2}{d_{44}^2} + \frac{b_{14}}{3 d_{44}} \right) \tilde{u}_{111} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).
\]

Substituting (12) into (10), returning to the original dimensional variables and denoting \( u_1 = u \), to \( \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \) one obtains the equation for long nonlinear longitudinal waves in the form

\[
u_t - c_0^2 u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + E_2 u_{txxx} + E_3 u_{xxxx},
\]

where the coefficients \( c_0, E_1, E_2, E_3 \) are expressed in terms of the lattice parameters as follows

\[
c_0^2 = \frac{a^2}{M} (2 \beta + \beta_\perp \nu), \quad \nu = \frac{2 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{\beta_\perp + 2 \beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha},
\]

\[
E_1 = \frac{a^2}{M} \left[ 3 \beta_\perp \nu (\nu + 1)^2 \sin^2 \alpha + a \left( 4 \gamma - 2 \beta_\perp \nu^3 \tan^4 \alpha \right) \frac{\beta_\perp}{\beta_1 \cos \alpha} \right], \quad E_2 = \nu^2 - \nu^2 + \frac{\gamma_1}{2} \left( \frac{\beta_\perp}{\beta_1 \cos \alpha} \right)^3, \quad E_3 = \frac{a^4}{12 M} \left( 2 \beta + \beta_\perp \nu \left( 1 - 3 \nu \tan^2 \alpha \right) \right).
\]
The equation (13), derived here as an asymptotic approximation of the initial dipole lattice model, coincides with the so-called doubly dispersive equation (DDE), earlier derived for a macroscopic waveguide using the nonlinear elasticity approach [42–44]. A similar equation has also appeared in the study of waves in microstructured solids (see [45, 46] and references there).

For the motions under consideration the equation above is asymptotically equivalent to both the integrable by the Inverse Scattering Transform (IST) nonlinear string equation [47, 48]:

\[ u_{tt} - c_0^2 u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + E_{23} u_{xxxx} \tag{15} \]

where \( E_{23} = E_2 c_0^2 + E_3 \), and the regularized Boussinesq equation:

\[ u_{tt} - c_0^2 u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + \tilde{E}_{23} u_{ttxx} \tag{16} \]

where \( \tilde{E}_{23} = E_{23}/c_0^2 \). The latter is nonintegrable by the IST, however is preferable from the viewpoint of numerical simulations due to suppression of the short wave instability (e.g., see [49, 50]).

To leading order the relation between the axial displacement and the horizontal strain is given by \( u_4 = -l\nu u_1 + ... \), which can be viewed as a lattice analogue of Poisson’s effect in elasticity [51], with parameter \( \nu \) corresponding to Poisson’s ratio, while higher order terms in (12) provide corrections to this relation. Weak (i.e., higher order in \( \varepsilon \)) transversal and rotational motions are slaved to longitudinal waves (see Appendix C).

It is interesting to compare the previous case of the dominant longitudinal waves with the case of the dominant flexural waves by introducing a different scaling:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{A_1}{a} &\sim \varepsilon^\frac{3}{2}, \quad \frac{A_2}{a} \sim \varepsilon^1, \quad \frac{A_3}{a} \sim \varepsilon, \quad \frac{A_4}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \\
\frac{a}{X} &\sim \varepsilon^\frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{X}{T} = v \sim 1.
\end{align*}
\tag{17}
\]

Up to \( \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \) this yields the following subsystem of equations for \( \tilde{u}_2 \) and \( \tilde{u}_3 \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{u}_{2tt} + \frac{a^2}{Mu^2} \left[ (2b_{14}\tilde{u}_{3zz} - c_{22}\tilde{u}_{2zzz}) 
+ \varepsilon \left( \frac{b_{14}}{3\tilde{u}_{3zz}} - \frac{c_{22}}{12}\tilde{u}_{2zzzz} \right) \right] &= 0, \\
\tilde{u}_{2t} + \frac{d_{33}}{2b_{14}} \tilde{u}_3 
+ \varepsilon \left( \frac{Mu^2}{a^2} \tilde{u}_{3tt} + c_{33}\tilde{u}_{3zz} + \frac{b_{14}}{3}\tilde{u}_{2zz} \right) &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]
Eliminating $\tilde{u}_3$ from the second equation by asymptotic reiteration (to leading order $\tilde{u}_3 = l\tilde{u}_2 + ...$) and returning to the original variables one arrives at the linear equation for $u_2$:

$$u_{2tt} = l^2 u_{2ttt} - \frac{2a^2 l^2}{M} \beta u_{2xxx},$$

which is an analogue of the equation for flexural waves in elastic waveguides, when the effect of rotational inertia is taken into account, but shear deformations are neglected (e.g., [52]). Thus, there is no simple analogy between long nonlinear longitudinal and flexural waves, at least, within the scope of our model.

C. Extension of the dipole lattice model

A natural extension of the basic dipole lattice model consists in considering a layered lattice with perfect or ideal interface (e.g., [53]), where two identical lattice waveguides are welded together (Fig.3). Variables $u_{1-4}^n$ corresponding to the displacements of the boundary particles $P_n$ and $\bar{P}_n$ are defined as above. The horizontal and vertical displacements of the central particles $O_n$ are denoted by variables $u_5^n$ and $u_6^n$, respectively (see Fig.3). Deriving discrete and continuous equations as above, and introducing dimensionless variables (8), one can find the predominantly longitudinal waves scaling in the form

$$\frac{A_1}{a} \sim \frac{A_5}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \quad \frac{A_2}{a} \sim \frac{A_6}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \quad \frac{A_3}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \quad \frac{A_4}{a} \sim \varepsilon,$$

$$\frac{a}{X} \sim \varepsilon^3, \quad \frac{X}{T} = v \sim 1.$$
Assuming that central particles do not displace too far from the geometrical centre of the dipole, we write

\[ \tilde{u}_1 = \tilde{u}_5 + \varepsilon \tilde{w}_1 + \ldots, \quad \tilde{u}_2 = \tilde{u}_6 + \varepsilon \tilde{w}_2 + \ldots, \]

where \( \tilde{w}_{1,2} \) are unknown functions. This assumption is an analogue of the near planar cross section hypothesis in the theory of elastic rods and bars (see [44, 45]). One can asymptotically derive an independent subsystem of equations for predominantly longitudinal waves and, consequently, an equation for \( u_5 \) or \( u_1 \) (see Appendix D). The latter in dimensional variables has the form

\[ u_{1tt} - c_0^2 u_{1xx} = G_1 u_{1,xx} + G_2 u_{1,xxx} + G_3 u_{1,xxxx} + G_4 u_{1,ttt}, \] (18)

where

\[ c_0^2 = \frac{a^2}{M} (3\beta + 2\beta_1 \nu), \quad \nu = \frac{2\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{\beta_1 + 2\beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha}, \]

\[ G_1 = \frac{a^2}{M} \left[ 6\beta_1 \nu (1 + \nu)^2 \sin^2 \alpha + a \left( 6\gamma - 4\gamma_1 \nu^3 \tan^3 \alpha \right) \right], \]

\[ G_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ 2\beta_1 \nu^2 - \frac{a^2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\beta + \beta_1 \nu}{\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) \right], \]

\[ G_3 = \frac{a^4}{M} \left( \frac{3}{4} \beta - \frac{1}{3} \beta_1 \nu - \frac{\beta^2}{2\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} - \frac{\beta \beta_1 \nu}{\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} \right), \]

\[ G_4 = -\frac{M}{18\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha}, \]

and \( u_4 = -luu_1' + \ldots \). Note that this is also a Boussinesq-type equation, but unlike (13) it contains a fourth order time derivative. However, for this regime the equation (18) is again asymptotically equivalent to both (15) and (16) (with the refined coefficients). Similar to previous section, for this asymptotic regime weak transversal and rotational motions are slaved to the longitudinal waves.

The dominant flexural waves can be considered by introducing the scaling

\[ \frac{A_1}{a} \sim \frac{A_5}{a} \sim \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}, \quad \frac{A_2}{a} \sim \frac{A_6}{a} \sim \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{4}}, \quad \frac{A_3}{a} \sim \varepsilon, \quad \frac{A_4}{a} \sim \varepsilon^2, \]

\[ \frac{a}{X} \sim \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad X \sim v \sim 1. \]
Repeating the same steps as for longitudinal waves one arrives at a more accurate equation for flexural waves compared to a single-layer lattice:

\[
\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\nu}{4} \right) u_{2tt} - \frac{2a^2l^2}{3M} \left( 3\beta + \frac{3}{4} \beta _\perp \nu \right) u_{2xxxx} - \frac{\nu M}{18\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} u_{2tttt}.
\]

This is an analogue of the equation for the linear flexural waves in an elastic waveguide, when the deflection due to shear is taken into account (e.g. [52]). The relation between \( u_2 \) and \( u_6 \) and an equation for \( u_6 \) are given in Appendix E.

**III. LAYERED LATTICE MODEL**

Motivated by our studies of longitudinal bulk nonlinear waves in layered waveguides [26–28], we consider two waveguides with a layer of a softer material between them (for example, a soft adhesive, usually modelled as an imperfect interface, e.g. [53, 54]). Layered structures become increasingly important in physics (e.g., in microelectronics and aerospace engineering). We use a layered lattice model shown in Fig.4, and discuss asymptotic models for long nonlinear longitudinal waves. The notations for lattice parameters and variables are shown in Fig.4.

![FIG. 4: Layered lattice model: two dipole lattices with an intermediate soft bonding layer.](image)

**A. Coupled Boussinesq-type equations**

To derive the Euler-Lagrange equations for the composite lattice one has to form the total potential energy of the \( n \)-th lattice element:

\[
\Phi_n^{total} = \Phi_n + \Phi_n^\delta + \Phi_n^g,
\]
where $\Phi_n$ is the potential energy of the $n$-th dipole of the upper layer (given by (2), (3), (4)), $\hat{\Phi}_n$ is given by similar formulas for the potential energy of the $n$-th dipole of the lower layer, and $\Phi_n^g$ is the energy of interactions between the layers (i.e., energy of the bonding layer, or glue, for brevity):

$$\Phi_n^g = \Phi_{n,n+1}^g + \Phi_{n,n-1}^g + \Phi_{n-1,n}^g + \Phi_\perp^g.$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)

Here, the relevant formulae are similar to (2), (3), (4), but refer to particles interacting via the bonding layer.

We assume that the bonding layer is soft, and introduce the scaling

$$\beta_g = \varepsilon^2 \bar{\beta}_g, \quad \beta_g \perp = \varepsilon^2 \bar{\beta}_g \perp, \quad \gamma_g = \varepsilon^2 \bar{\gamma}_g, \quad \gamma_g \perp = \varepsilon^2 \bar{\gamma}_g.$$

One can derive the governing equations, their continuum approximation, and then use the scaling from section II for the case of predominantly longitudinal waves to asymptotically derive the subsystem of four equations for $\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_4, \tilde{w}_1$ and $\tilde{w}_4$, which are similar to a pair of coupled single-layer subsystems:

$$M_1 \varepsilon^2 \ddot{u}_{1\perp} - a^2 (2b_{14}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} + c_{11}\tilde{u}_{1\perp})$$
$$+ \varepsilon^3 (2m_{41}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} \tilde{u}_{4\perp} + 8h_{123}\tilde{u}_{1\perp} \tilde{u}_{4\perp} + l_{12}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} \tilde{u}_{1\perp})$$
$$- 2\tilde{g}_{111}\tilde{u}_{1\perp} \tilde{u}_{1\perp} + 4h_{123}\tilde{u}_{1\perp} \tilde{u}_{1\perp}) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3) = 0,$$

$$2b_{14}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} - d_{444}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} + \varepsilon \left[ M_1 \varepsilon^2 \tilde{u}_{4\perp} + c_{22}\tilde{u}_{4\perp} + \frac{b_{14}}{3}\tilde{u}_{1\perp}\right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0,$$

$$M_2 \varepsilon^2 \ddot{w}_{1\perp} - a^2 (2b_{14}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} + c_{11}\tilde{w}_{1\perp})$$
$$+ \varepsilon^3 (2m_{41}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} \tilde{w}_{4\perp} + 8h_{123}\tilde{w}_{1\perp} \tilde{w}_{4\perp} + l_{12}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} \tilde{w}_{1\perp})$$
$$- 2\tilde{g}_{111}\tilde{w}_{1\perp} \tilde{w}_{1\perp} + 4h_{123}\tilde{w}_{1\perp} \tilde{w}_{1\perp}) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3) = 0,$$

$$2b_{14}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} - d_{444}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} + \varepsilon \left[ M_2 \varepsilon^2 \tilde{w}_{4\perp} + c_{22}\tilde{w}_{4\perp} + \frac{b_{14}}{3}\tilde{w}_{1\perp}\right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0.$$
Eliminating $\tilde{u}_4$ and $\tilde{w}_4$ from the equations above we can describe the leading order behaviour of the system in terms of $\tilde{u}_1$ and $\tilde{w}_1$ by coupled doubly dispersive equations (cDDE), which in the original dimensional variables have the form (we denote $u_1 = u$ and $w_1 = w$):

$$u_{tt} - c_0^2 u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + E_2 u_{txx} + E_3 u_{xxxx} - E_4 (u - w),$$

$$w_{tt} - c_0^2 w_{xx} = \hat{E}_1 w_x w_{xx} + \hat{E}_2 w_{txx} + \hat{E}_3 w_{xxxx} - \hat{E}_4 (w - u).$$

The coefficients $c_0, E_1, E_2, E_3$ are given by (14), where $M \to M_1$, and $E_4 = \frac{2\beta_g}{M_1} \cos^2 \alpha_g$. Similar coefficients in the second equation are obtained by replacing the upper layer constants with that of the lower layer. Using leading order relations $u_{xx} = u_{tt}/c_0^2 + ...$, $w_{xx} = w_{tt}/\hat{c}_0^2 + ...$, one can show that for the motions under consideration this system is asymptotically equivalent to different types of coupled Boussinesq equations. We will consider the form of coupled regularized Boussinesq (cRB) equations due to its advantages from the viewpoint of numerical simulations:

$$u_{tt} - c_0^2 u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + \left( E_2 + \frac{E_3}{c_0^2} \right) u_{txx} - E_4 (u - w),$$

$$w_{tt} - \hat{c}_0^2 w_{xx} = \hat{E}_1 w_x w_{xx} + \hat{E}_2 w_{txx} + \hat{E}_3 w_{xxxx} - \hat{E}_4 (w - u).$$

Let us note that relaxing conditions on the coefficients of the bonding layer,

$$\beta_g = \epsilon \tilde{\beta}_g, \ \beta_{g\perp} = \epsilon \tilde{\beta}_{g\perp}, \ \gamma_g = \epsilon \tilde{\gamma}_g, \ \gamma_{g\perp} = \epsilon \tilde{\gamma}_{g\perp},$$

and repeating the steps above, one can obtain a more general asymptotic long wave model, which in dimensional variables has the form

$$u_{tt} - (c_0^2 + \epsilon c_g^2) u_{xx} = E_1 u_x u_{xx} + E_2 u_{txx} + E_3 u_{xxxx}$$

$$- (E_4 + E_5 w_x) (u - w) - E_6 w_{xx},$$

$$w_{tt} - (\hat{c}_0^2 + \epsilon \hat{c}_g^2) w_{xx} = \hat{E}_1 w_x w_{xx} + \hat{E}_2 w_{txx} + \hat{E}_3 w_{xxxx}$$

$$- (\hat{E}_4 + \hat{E}_5 u_x) (w - u) - \hat{E}_6 u_{xx},$$

(22)
where, in addition to coefficients in (20),
\[ c^2_g = \frac{\beta^2 \nu^2}{M_1}(\beta_g + 2 \beta_g \sin^2 \alpha_g), \]
\[ E_5 = [\beta_g(-6 \sin^2 \alpha_g \cos^2 \alpha_g)
+ (\nu + \nu')(3 \cos^2 \alpha_1 - 1) \tan \alpha \sin \alpha_1 \cos \alpha_1)
- \beta_g \frac{\alpha}{2h} (\nu + \nu') \tan \alpha - 2a g(2 \cos \alpha_g
+ (\nu + \nu') \tan \alpha \sin \alpha_1) \cos^2 \alpha_g]/M_1, \]
\[ E_6 = \frac{a^2}{4M_1}(2\beta_g(2 \cos^2 \alpha_g + (\nu + \nu') \tan \alpha \sin \alpha_g)
+ \nu \nu' \tan^2 \alpha \sin^2 \alpha_g) + \beta_g \nu' \nu' \tan^2 \alpha, \]
while similar coefficients in the second equation are obtained by replacing the upper layer constants with that of the lower layer. System (20) is an asymptotic reduction of (22), and formally can be viewed as its particular case. Various asymptotically equivalent versions of (22) can be considered, using leading order relations
\[ u_{xx} = \frac{(u_{tt} + E_4(u - w))}{c^2_0} + \ldots, \quad w_{xx} = \frac{(w_{tt} + E_4(w - u))}{\hat{c}^2_0} + \ldots \]
Based on the shown similarity between continuum models for our basic lattice model and a macroscopic waveguide (see section II), we believe that similar description can be obtained within the framework of dynamic nonlinear elasticity. In what follows we focus on the properties of eRB equations (21).

B. Conservation laws

We find conservation laws for the eRB equations (21), which are used to control the accuracy of numerical simulations of their solutions.

We can rescale variables in (21) as
\[ t \rightarrow \frac{t}{T^*}, \quad x \rightarrow \frac{x}{X^*}, \quad u \rightarrow \frac{u}{U^*}, \quad w \rightarrow \frac{w}{U^*}, \]
with
\[ U^* = \frac{c^2_0X^*}{E_1}, \quad T^* = \frac{X^*}{c^0}, \quad X^* = \left(E_2 + \frac{E_3}{c^2_0}\right)^{1/2} \]
to write (21) in the form
\[ u_{tt} - u_{xx} = u_xu_{xx} + u_{ttxx} - \delta(u - w), \]
\[ w_{tt} - \hat{c}^2w_{xx} = \alpha \omega w_{xx} + \beta \omega_{ttxx} + \gamma(u - w). \]

(23)
The coefficients in (23) are given by
\[ c^2 = \frac{c_0^2}{c_0'^2}, \quad \delta = \left( E_2 + \frac{E_3}{c_0'^2} \right) \left( E_4 + \frac{E_3}{c_0'^2} \right), \quad \alpha = \frac{\hat{E}_1}{E_1}, \]
\[ \beta = \left( \hat{E}_2 + \frac{\hat{E}_3}{c_0'^2} \right) \left( E_2 + \frac{E_3}{c_0'^2} \right), \quad \gamma = \frac{\delta \hat{E}_4}{E_4}. \]

The system (23) is Lagrangian with the density
\[
L = \frac{1}{2} \left[ u_t^2 + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} w_t^2 - u_x^2 - \frac{\delta c^2}{\gamma} w_x^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( u_x^3 + \alpha \delta \frac{w_x^3}{\gamma} \right) \right. \\
\left. + \ u_{tx}^2 + \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_{tx}^2 - \delta (u - w)^2 \right].
\]

In addition to a simple conservation law
\[
\left[ u_t + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} w_t \right]_t - \left[ u_x + \frac{\delta c^2}{\gamma} w_x + \frac{1}{2} u_x^2 + \frac{\alpha \delta}{2 \gamma} w_x^2 \\
+ u_{tx} + \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_{tx} \right]_x = 0,
\]

immediately following from (23), it has two nontrivial conservation laws, for energy and momentum:
\[ A_i^i + B_x^i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (24) \]

where the respective densities and flows are given by
\[
A^1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ u_t^2 + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} w_t^2 + u_x^2 + \frac{\delta c^2}{\gamma} w_x^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( u_x^3 + \frac{\alpha \delta}{\gamma} w_x^3 \right) \right. \\
\left. + \ u_{tx}^2 + \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_{tx}^2 - \delta (u - w)^2 \right],
\]
\[
B^1 = -u_t u_x - \frac{\delta c^2}{\gamma} w_t w_x - \frac{1}{2} u_t u_x^2 - \frac{\alpha \delta}{2 \gamma} w_t w_x^2 - u_t u_{tx} \\
- \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_t w_{tx};
\]
\[
A^2 = u_t u_x + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} w_t w_x + u_{tx} u_{xx} + \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_{tx} w_{xx},
\]
\[
B^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ u_t^2 + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} w_t^2 + u_x^2 + \frac{\delta c^2}{\gamma} w_x^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( u_x^3 + \frac{\alpha \delta}{\gamma} w_x^3 \right) \right. \\
\left. + \ u_{tx}^2 + \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_{tx}^2 - \delta (u - w)^2 \right] - u_x u_{tx} - \frac{\beta \delta}{\gamma} w_x w_{tx}.
\]

Indeed, one can verify that equations (24) hold by virtue of equations (23).
IV. CLASSICAL AND GENERALIZED SOLITARY WAVES

Differentiating (23) with respect to $x$, and denoting $u_x = f, w_x = g$, we obtain

$$f_{tt} - f_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}(f^2)_{xx} + f_{ttxx} - \delta(f - g),$$

$$g_{tt} - c^2 g_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(g^2)_{xx} + \beta g_{ttxx} + \gamma(f - g).$$

(25)

In the symmetric case when $c = \alpha = \beta = 1$, equations (25) admit a reduction $g = f$, where $f$ satisfies the equation

$$f_{tt} - f_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}(f^2)_{xx} + f_{ttxx},$$

(26)

same as for a single waveguide (see section II.B).

Equation (26) has particular solutions in the form of solitary waves:

$$f = A \text{sech}^2 x - vt \Lambda,$$

(27)

where $A = 3(v^2 - 1), \Lambda = \frac{2v}{\sqrt{v^2 - 1}}$, shown in Fig.5 for $v = 1.2$.

\[ \text{FIG. 5: Solitary wave (27) for } v = 1.2. \]

It turns out that these pure or classical solitary wave solutions, rapidly decaying to zero in their tail regions (e.g. [55, 56]), are structurally unstable and are replaced with so-called generalized solitary waves with a copropagating oscillatory tail (see [57–68] and references there), as shown below.

A. Linear dispersion relation and generalized solitary waves

We consider system (23) and assume that coefficients are perturbed compared to the symmetric case above, but remain positive. The linear dispersion relation is obtained by
seeking solutions of the linearized equations in the form

\[ f = A e^{ik(x-\nu t)} + \text{c.c.}, \quad g = B e^{ik(x-\nu t)} + \text{c.c.}, \]

where \( k \) is a wavenumber and \( \nu \) is a phase velocity, resulting in

\[
[k^2(1 - \nu^2) - k^4 \nu^2 + \delta][k^2(\gamma^2 - \nu^2) - \beta k^4 \nu^2 + \gamma] = \gamma \delta. \tag{28}
\]

The dispersion curve is symmetric with respect to both \( k \) and \( \nu \), and we will consider it only in the first quadrant, where the curve has two branches. Although (28) is a biquadratic equation, solving it directly is of little help as the resulting formula is hard to analyze. It turns out that the analysis of (28) is considerably simplified if we make a change of variable

\[
S = k^2(1 - \nu^2) - k^4 \nu^2 + \delta, \quad \text{or} \quad \nu^2 = \frac{\delta + k^2 - S}{k^2(1 + k^2)}, \tag{29}
\]

and rewrite the dispersion relation (28) as

\[
S^2 - bS - c = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad b = \delta + k^2 - \kappa(\gamma + k^2 \nu^2), \quad c = \kappa \gamma \delta, \quad \kappa = \frac{(1 + k^2)}{(1 + \beta k^2)}. \tag{30}
\]

We also have the following relation between the amplitudes \( A \) and \( B \):

\[
B = \frac{S}{\delta} A = \frac{\kappa \gamma}{S - b} A. \tag{31}
\]

From (30)

\[
S_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2}(b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + 4c}), \tag{32}
\]

and we conclude that \( S_1 > 0 \) and \( S_2 < 0 \), since \( c > 0 \). Moreover, one can show that \( 0 < S_1 \leq \delta + k^2 \), therefore the dispersion relation yields real values of \( \nu \) for all real wavenumbers \( k \) for both branches of the dispersion relation, and the linearized system is spectrally stable. Further, for any fixed value of \( k \) we have \( S_2 < S_1 \). Then from (29), \( \nu_2 > \nu_1 \), and we conclude that the two branches do not intersect at any finite value of \( k \). Finally, analyzing the behaviour of the branches as \( k \to 0 \) and \( k \to \infty \), we find the following asymptotics:

\[
\nu_1 \to \sqrt{\frac{\gamma + \delta c^2}{\gamma + \delta}} + O(k^2), \quad \text{as} \quad k \to 0,
\]

\[
\nu_2 \to \frac{\sqrt{\gamma + \delta}}{k} + O(k), \quad \text{as} \quad k \to 0,
\]
and

\[ p_1 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{c}{\sqrt{\beta k}} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right), & \text{if } \beta > c^2, \\ \frac{1}{k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right), & \text{if } \beta < c^2, \end{cases} \quad \text{as } k \to \infty, \]

\[ p_2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right), & \text{if } \beta > c^2, \\ \frac{c}{\sqrt{\beta k}} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right), & \text{if } \beta < c^2, \end{cases} \quad \text{as } k \to \infty. \]

A typical linear dispersion curve of (23) is shown in Fig.6. Significant difference with the linear dispersion curve of the reduction (26) in the symmetric case (shown in Fig.7) consists in the appearance of the second (upper) branch, going to infinity as \( k \to 0 \), and approaching zero, remaining above the lower branch, as \( k \to \infty \).

FIG. 6: Two branches of the linear dispersion curve of (23) for \( c = 1, \beta = 1.1, \delta = \gamma = 0.1 \) and intersection with \( p = \frac{1}{2} \) (horizontal line).

FIG. 7: Linear dispersion curve of the reduction (26) in the symmetric case \( c = 1, \beta = 1, \delta = \gamma = 0.1 \).

The classical or pure solitary waves of the symmetric case arise as a bifurcation from wavenumber \( k = 0 \) of the linear wave spectrum, shown in Fig.7, when there is no possible resonance with any linear wave for any value of \( k \). The solitary wave speed \( v \) is greater than
the linear long wave speed, i.e. \( v > 1 \), while the speed of linear wave of any wavenumber is smaller, i.e. \( p \leq 1 \). This becomes impossible when the symmetry is broken. Instead, generalized solitary waves arise as a bifurcation from the lower dispersion curve branch at wavenumber \( k = 0 \) for the case when there is a possible resonance with the upper branch for some finite non-zero value of \( k \). For example, a possible resonance is shown in Fig.6 for \( v = p = 1.2 \). The generalized solitary wave clearly manifests itself in numerical simulations, discussed in the next section.

B. Numerical simulations

In this section we discuss numerical simulations of generalized solitary wave solutions of the system (25). We break the symmetry of the system (25) with \( c = \alpha = \beta = 1 \) and \( \gamma = \delta \) by perturbing the coefficients \( \beta \) and \( c \), while keeping \( \alpha = 1 \) and \( \gamma = \delta \). This is a natural perturbation related to the dispersive properties of the layered structure. We numerically integrate (25) with the perturbed coefficients, imposing the initial condition (27) on both \( f \) and \( g \). Our emphasis will be on verifying appearance of ripples moving with the speed of the core solitary wave. We will also compare numerically calculated wavelength and period of the ripples with the theoretical predictions made in the previous section.

We use a Fourier basis for the \( x \)-dependence of \( f \) and \( g \). Then, writing any variable \( q(x, t) \) as

\[
q(x, t) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \hat{q}_j(t) e^{ijx} + \text{c.c.},
\]

where \( j \) is one of the numerically resolved wavenumbers, we write (25) as the first order system

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\hat{f} \\
\hat{f}_t \\
\hat{g} \\
\hat{g}_t
\end{pmatrix}
= \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
-\frac{j^2}{1+j^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & -\frac{j^2c^2}{1+3j^2} & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
\hat{f} \\
\hat{f}_t \\
\hat{g} \\
\hat{g}_t
\end{pmatrix}
+ \begin{pmatrix}
0 \\
\hat{F}_j(t) \\
0 \\
\hat{G}_j(t)
\end{pmatrix}
, \quad (33)
\]

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FIG. 8: Generation of a generalized solitary wave for $c = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.1, \gamma = \delta = 0.1; v = 1.2$ from a classical solitary wave of the symmetric case ($n_x = 1024, n_t = 500$).

where the terms $\tilde{F}_j(t)$ and $\tilde{G}_j(t)$ originate from

$$F(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f^2)_{xx} - \delta(f - g) \quad \text{and}$$

$$G(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(g^2)_{xx} + \gamma(f - g).$$

We solve (33) using a split-step scheme (see, for example, [69, 70]). Neglecting the terms involving $\tilde{F}_j$ and $\tilde{G}_j$ in (33), we obtain a linear system that can be updated exactly, since given $\tilde{f}$, $\tilde{f}_t$, $\tilde{g}$ and $\tilde{g}_t$ at time $t$, we can write down explicitly the solution of the linear system at time $t + \Delta t$. Similarly, neglecting the terms not involving $\tilde{F}_j$ and $\tilde{G}_j$ in (33), we obtain a system in which $\tilde{f}$ and $\tilde{g}$ are constant, so that $\tilde{f}_t$ and $\tilde{g}_t$ can be trivially updated by using the values of $\tilde{F}_j$ and $\tilde{G}_j$ at time $t$. By combining these two steps in a sequence of appropriately chosen fractional steps, one may obtain a method of any order (e.g. [69]). For the simulations to be presented, we use a fourth order scheme with 500 to 2000 time steps $n_t$, and with 1024 to 4096 points $n_x$ in the $x$-direction, and the terms $\tilde{F}_j$ and $\tilde{G}_j$ evaluated pseudospectrally. Conservation of energy and momentum (24) have been monitored, with maximum deviations from the mean value being in the range of 0.4%, and mean squared deviations at about 0.02%. The amplitude of the ripples was typically at least 2% from the amplitude of the core solitary wave.

The generation of a generalized solitary wave in both components $f$ and $g$ is shown in
FIG. 9: Generation of a generalized solitary wave for \( c = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.1, \gamma = \delta = 0.1; v = 1.2 \) \((n_x = 1024, n_t = 500)\). Plot range: \( f \in [\min f \approx -0.039 \) (black), 0.039 (white)], \( g \in [\min g \approx -0.039 \) (black), 0.039 (white)]. The core solitary wave is clipped at \( f = 0.039, g = 0.039 \).

FIG. 10: Generation of a generalized solitary wave for \( c = 1.05, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.05, \gamma = \delta = 0.1; v = 1.2 \) \((n_x = 1024, n_t = 500)\). Plot range: \( f \in [\min f \approx -0.032 \) (black), 0.032 (white)], \( g \in [\min g \approx -0.036 \) (black), 0.036 (white)]. The core solitary wave is clipped at \( f = 0.032, g = 0.036 \).

Fig. 8 for \( c = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.1, \gamma = \delta = 0.1; v = 1.2 \). The initial conditions in the form of two identical solitons in both \( f \) and \( g \) are shown in the left panel. As the waves propagate to the right, the ripples are formed behind the core solitary waves, shown in the central and the right panels for \( t = 100 \) and \( t = 200 \), respectively.

Note that, importantly, after a brief transient period, the accompanying ripples start
Moving at the velocity of the core solitary wave, which is best seen in the relief plots, shown in Fig. 9 for the same values of physical parameters as in Fig. 8. In these plots the emphasis is on the small amplitude structures formed behind the core solitary wave, which is clipped at $f = g = 0.044$ (shown by white colour). The periodic wave behind the core solitary wave is seen as an alternating sequence of light and dark lines, which after a brief transient process become parallel to the trajectory of the core solitary wave. One can also notice that the periodic waves in the tails of $f$ and $g$ have opposite sign, which is in agreement with formula (31).

Fig. 10 shows formation of a generalized solitary wave for $c = 1.05, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.05, \gamma = \delta = 0.1; v = 1.2$. Note that the perturbation in $c$ significantly increases the duration of the transient period, which is now accompanied with quite noticeable radiation to the left. Nonetheless, after this transient period one can again notice the formation of a generalized solitary wave similar to that shown in Fig. 9.

In Table I we compare numerically calculated values of the period $T_n$ and the wavelength

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<td>$T_n$</td>
<td>8.9 ± 0.1</td>
<td>9.2 ± 0.1</td>
<td>9.4 ± 0.1</td>
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<td>$\lambda_n$</td>
<td>9.80 ± 0.15</td>
<td>10.99 ± 0.15</td>
<td>12.30 ± 0.15</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\lambda \approx$</td>
<td>9.81</td>
<td>11.05</td>
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**TABLE I:** Numerically determined period $T_n$ and wavelength $\lambda_n$ of a copropagating wave (only approximately constant for each numerically found solution) for $c = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.1, \gamma = \delta$ versus rounded theoretical predictions $T$ and $\lambda$ ($n_x = 4096, n_t = 2000$).
\(\lambda_n\) of the ripples with the theoretical predictions \(T = 2\pi/(kp_2)\) and \(\lambda = 2\pi/k\) of the previous subsection, for \(c = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1.1\) and several values of parameters \(\gamma = \delta\) and \(v\). We note that a copropagating wave is only approximately periodic, therefore numerical values are shown as values in a certain interval. Generally, agreement between numerical values and theoretical predictions is quite good, especially for the period of waves. Also, a copropagating wave becomes shorter with the increase of \(\delta\) or decrease of \(v\), in agreement with the theory. Thus, numerical simulations of this section confirm that stable generalized solitary wave solutions of the cRB equations (25) appear in the long time asymptotics of localized initial data, replacing classical solitary waves of a single regularized Boussinesq equation (26).

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We studied nonlinear longitudinal waves in a two-layered structure with a soft bonding layer using a relatively simple long wave model in the form of coupled Boussinesq-type equations. The derivation of this model was based on a nonlinear layered dipole lattice model, having all essential degrees of freedom of a realistic layered structure. Moreover, this approach allowed us to consider both geometrical and physical sources of nonlinearity in the structure. Although the derivations were rather challenging, and required symbolic computations they seem to be easier and physically more transparent than similar derivations within the scope of dynamic elasticity theory for nonlinearly elastic materials (e.g., the Murnaghan model [71, 72]), which are yet to be performed. Nevertheless, based on the shown similarity between long wave models for a single lattice waveguide and a nonlinearly hyperelastic waveguide, we conjectured that a similar wave regime described in terms of coupled Boussinesq-type equations exists within the scope of nonlinear dynamic elasticity. Indeed, we found explicit formulas relating parameters of the nonlinear dipole lattice with the elastic moduli of the continuum.

Our study reveals an important difference in the properties of nonlinear waves in a layered structure with an imperfect interface compared to the limiting case of the perfect (or ideal) interface (which can be considered as a single homogeneous waveguide). We showed that the classical solitary wave solution, which exists in a homogeneous waveguide is generally replaced with a generalized solitary wave accompanied by a copropagating periodic wave in
its tail. This effect may be related to the recently observed increase in the decay rate of a nonlinear longitudinal bulk strain solitary wave in “imperfectly” bonded layered structure compared to the decay rate in a comparable homogeneous waveguide or “perfectly” bonded layered structure [27]. Indeed, in the generalized solitary wave the amplitude of the core solitary wave gradually decreases due to the continuous radiation of a copropagating wave.

As the model considered in this paper is rather robust, we would expect similar phenomena to take place in other physical contexts, where the model could be applied.

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VII. APPENDIX

A The non-zero coefficients are given in terms of the lattice parameters by the following formulas:

\[ b_{14} = -b_{23} = \beta_1 \sin 2\alpha, \quad b_{ij} = -b_{ji}; \]
\[ c_{11} = 2(\beta + \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha), \quad c_{22} = -c_{44} = 2\beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha, \]
\[ c_{33} = 2(\beta - \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha); \quad d_{33} = -8\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha, \]
\[ d_{44} = -8\beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha - 4\beta_\perp; \]
\[ g_{111} = 2(\gamma + \gamma_1 \cos^3 \alpha) + \frac{3\beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha \sin^2 \alpha, \]
\[ g_{122} = g_{212} = g_{144} = 2\gamma_1 \cos \alpha \sin^2 \alpha + \frac{\beta}{d \cos \alpha}, \]
\[ + \frac{\beta_1}{d} \cos^3 \alpha - \frac{2\beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha \sin^2 \alpha, \]
\[ g_{133} = g_{111} - \frac{2\beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha, \quad g_{234} = -g_{122} - \frac{2\beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha, \]
\[ g_{313} = -g_{111} + 4\gamma, \]
\[ g_{324} = -g_{414} = g_{423} = g_{122} - \frac{2\beta}{d \cos \alpha}, \quad g_{ijk} = g_{ikj}; \]
\[ h_{123} = -h_{114} = h_{213} = -h_{312} = h_{411} \]
\[ h_{224} = -h_{422} = -h_{444} = h_{114} \sin^3 \alpha + 3\beta_1 \frac{d}{2} \sin \alpha, \]
\[ h_{334} = h_{123} + \frac{\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha} - \frac{\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha} \cos^2 \alpha, \]
\[ h_{433} = h_{411} + \frac{\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha}, \]
\[ h_{ij} = h_{ij}; \]
\[ l_{12} = -8\gamma_1 \sin \alpha \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{8\beta_1}{d} \sin \alpha \cos^2 \alpha - \frac{4\beta_1}{d} \sin^3 \alpha, \]
\[ l_{34} = l_{12} + 4\beta_1 \frac{d}{d \sin \alpha} - \frac{4\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha} \cos 2\alpha, \]
\[ \tilde{\gamma}_{11} = -l_{34} = l_{12} = -l_{44} = 8\gamma_1 \sin^3 \alpha + 12\beta_1 \frac{d}{d \sin \alpha}, \]
\[ \tilde{l}_{33} = l_{12} + 8\beta_1 \frac{d}{d \sin \alpha} - \frac{8\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha} \cos^2 \alpha; \]
\[ m_{13} = 8\gamma_1 \cos^3 \alpha - 4\beta_1 \frac{d}{d \sin \alpha} \cos \alpha + \frac{12\beta_1}{d} \sin^2 \alpha \cos \alpha, \]
\[ m_{24} = -8\gamma_1 \sin^2 \alpha \cos \alpha - \frac{4\beta_1}{d} \cos \alpha - \frac{4\beta_1}{d} \cos^3 \alpha \]
\[ + \frac{8\beta_1}{d} \sin^2 \alpha \cos \alpha, \]
\[ m_{ij} = -m_{ji}; \]
\[ \tilde{m}_{14} = -m_{24} - 4\beta_1 \frac{d}{d \sin \alpha} \cos \alpha, \]
\[ \tilde{m}_{23} = m_{24}, \tilde{m}_{ij} = -\tilde{m}_{ji}; \]
\[ p_{334} = p_{433} = 2l_{12} - \frac{16\beta_1}{d \sin \alpha} \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{8\beta_1}{d} \sin \alpha, \]
\[ p_{444} = -16\gamma_1 \sin^3 \alpha - \frac{24\beta_1}{d} \sin \alpha \cos^2 \alpha - 8\gamma_1, \]
\[ p_{ijk} = p_{ikj}. \]

B The truncated nonlinear terms \( N_{1-4} \) in the right-hand side of (7) are given by

\[ N_i = g_{ijk} \left( a^2 u_{jxx} + \frac{a^4}{12} u_{jxxxx} \right) \left( 2au_{kx} + \frac{a^3}{3} u_{kxxx} \right) \]
\[ + \left( l_{ij} u_3 + l_{ij} u_4 \right) \left( a^2 u_{jxx} + \frac{a^4}{12} u_{jxxxx} \right) \]
\[ + h_{ijk} \left[ \left( a^2 u_{jxx} + \frac{a^4}{12} u_{jxxxx} \right) \left( a^2 u_{kxx} + \frac{a^4}{12} u_{kxxxx} \right) \right. \]
\[ + \left( 2au_j + \frac{a^3}{3} u_{jxxx} \right) \left( 2au_k + \frac{a^3}{3} u_{kxxx} \right) \]
\[ + \left. \left( m_{ij} u_3 + \tilde{m}_{ij} u_4 \right) \left( 2au_j + \frac{a^3}{3} u_{jxxx} \right) + p_{ijk} u_j u_k. \right] \]
C Weak (i.e., the higher order in $\varepsilon$) transversal and rotational motions are slaved to longitudinal waves, being governed by the subsystem of equations for $\tilde{u}_2$ and $\tilde{u}_3$:

$$Mv^2\dddot{u}_{2} + a^2(2b_{14}\dddot{u}_{3} - c_{22}\dddot{u}_{2})$$

$$-\varepsilon a^3\left(2m_{24}(\dddot{u}_4\dddot{u}_3 + \dddot{u}_3\dddot{u}_4) + 8h_{123}\dddot{u}_{1}\dddot{u}_{3} + 8h_{224}\dddot{u}_{2}\dddot{u}_4\right)$$

$$+l_{12}\dddot{u}_3\dddot{u}_1 + b_{22}\dddot{u}_4\dddot{u}_2 + 2g_{122}(\dddot{u}_1\dddot{u}_2 + \dddot{u}_1\dddot{u}_2)$$

$$+\varepsilon a^2\left(\frac{b_{14}}{3}\dddot{u}_3\dddot{u}_3 - \frac{c_{22}}{12}\dddot{u}_2\dddot{u}_2\right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0,$$

$$2b_{14}\dddot{u}_2 + d_{33}\dddot{u}_3 + \varepsilon \left[-\frac{Mv^2}{a^2}\dddot{u}_3 + c_{33}\dddot{u}_3\right]$$

$$+\frac{b_{14}}{3}\dddot{u}_2\dddot{u}_2 + 2a(p_{34}\dddot{u}_3\dddot{u}_4 - m_{13}\dddot{u}_1\dddot{u}_1)$$

$$-m_{24}\dddot{u}_4\dddot{u}_2 - 4h_{123}\dddot{u}_1\dddot{u}_2)] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) = 0.$$

Eliminating $\dddot{u}_3$, we derive an equation for $\dddot{u}_2$, which in dimensional variables has the form

$$u_{2tt} - c_0^2(u_{2x}u_{1xx} + u_{2xx}u_{1x}) - \frac{2a^2t^2}{M}\beta u_{2xx} = 0.$$

To leading order the rotational motions are defined by $u_3 = lu_2 + \ldots$.

D The subsystem for longitudinal waves follows from the equations for $\dddot{u}_1$, $\dddot{u}_4$ and $\dddot{u}_5$ and has the form

$$Mv^2\dddot{u}_{5} = 3a^2[(\beta + \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha)\dddot{u}_{3} - 2\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha \dddot{u}_1]$$

$$-\varepsilon (Mv^2\dddot{w}_{1} + a^3(D_3\dddot{w}_1 + D_4\dddot{w}_4)$$

$$+D_5\dddot{u}_5\dddot{u}_5)\dddot{u}_5) + \varepsilon a^2(D_7\dddot{w}_1 + D_8\dddot{u}_5) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$0 = (3\beta_1 + 6\beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha)\dddot{u}_4 + 3\beta_1 \sin 2\alpha \dddot{u}_5$$

$$+\varepsilon \left(\frac{Mv^2}{a^2}\dddot{u}_4 + D_9\dddot{u}_5 + a(D_{10}\dddot{u}_4 + D_{11}\dddot{u}_5)$$

$$+D_{12}(\dddot{u}_5)^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$Mv^2\dddot{u}_{5} = 3a^2[4\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha \dddot{w}_1 + 2\beta_1 \sin 2\alpha \dddot{u}_4$$

$$+\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha \dddot{u}_{5}] - \varepsilon a^3(D_{13}\dddot{w}_1 + D_{14}\dddot{w}_4)$$

$$+D_{15}\dddot{u}_3 + D_{16}\dddot{u}_4 + D_{17}\dddot{u}_5 + D_{18}\dddot{u}_5 + D_{19}\dddot{u}_5$$

$$+\varepsilon a^2(D_{19}\dddot{w}_1 + D_{20}\dddot{u}_4 + D_{21}\dddot{u}_5) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$0 = (3\beta_1 + 6\beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha)\dddot{u}_4 + 3\beta_1 \sin 2\alpha \dddot{u}_5$$

$$+\varepsilon \left(\frac{Mv^2}{a^2}\dddot{u}_4 + D_9\dddot{u}_5 + a(D_{10}\dddot{u}_4 + D_{11}\dddot{u}_5)$$

$$+D_{12}(\dddot{u}_5)^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).$$
where \( D_1 - D_{21} \) are some intermediate coefficients. From (34), using asymptotic reiteration, we find \( \tilde{w}_1 \) in terms of \( \tilde{u}_4 \) and \( \tilde{u}_5 \). Then, \( \tilde{u}_4 \) can be found from (35) in terms of \( \tilde{u}_5 \), again by asymptotic reiteration. After that an equation for \( \tilde{u}_5 \) is derived from (36). Returning to dimensional variables, we obtain

\[
u_{5tt} - c_0^2 \nu_{5xx} = F_1 \nu_{5x} + F_2 \nu_{5xxx} + F_3 \nu_{5xxxx} + F_4 \nu_{5tttt},
\]

(37)

where

\[
c_0^2 = \frac{a^2}{M} (3\beta + 2\beta_1 \nu), \quad \nu = \frac{2 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{\beta_1 + 2 \beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha},
\]

\[
F_1 = \frac{a^2}{M} \left[ 6 \beta_1 \nu (1 + \nu)^2 \sin^2 \alpha + a \left( 6 \gamma - 4 \gamma_1 \nu^3 \tan^3 \alpha \right) + \gamma_1 \left( \frac{\beta_1 \nu}{\beta_1 \cos \alpha} \right)^3 \right],
\]

\[
F_2 = \frac{2}{3} \left[ l^2 \nu^2 - a^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\beta}{\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) \right],
\]

\[
F_3 = \frac{a^4}{M} \left( \frac{9}{4} \beta + \frac{2}{3} \beta_1 \nu + \frac{\beta^2}{\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} \right), \quad F_4 = \frac{M}{9 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha},
\]

and \( u_4 = -lu_5' + . . . \).

Up to \( O(\varepsilon) \) terms,

\[
u_5 = u_1 + \frac{M}{6 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} u_{1tt} - \frac{a^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\beta}{\beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} \right) u_{1xx} + . . . \]

(38)

which allows one to obtain (18) from (37) with the same accuracy, substituting (38) into the left hand side of (37) (i.e. into the leading order terms).

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The relation between \( u_2 \) and \( u_6 \), up to \( O(\varepsilon) \) terms, is given by

\[
u_6 = u_2 + \frac{M}{3(\beta_1 + 2 \beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha)} u_{2tt} - \frac{a^2}{\beta_1 + 2 \beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha} \beta_1 \sin^2 \alpha u_{2xx} + . . .
\]

With the same accuracy, an equation for \( u_6 \) has the form

\[
u_{6tt} = \frac{2}{3} l^2 (1 - \nu) u_{6xxx} - \frac{2a^2 l^2}{M} \left( \beta + \frac{1}{4} \beta_1 \nu \right) u_{6xxxx} + \nu M \frac{9 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{9 \beta_1 \cos^2 \alpha} u_{6tttt}.
\]


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