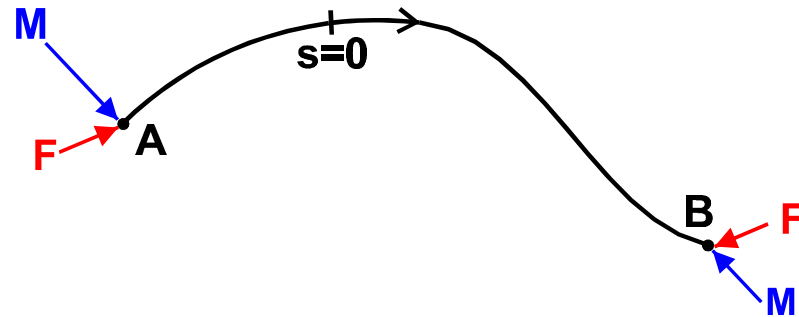


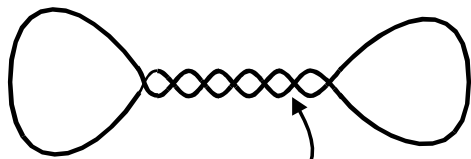
Finite size effects on twisted rods stability

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Elasticity of twisted rods

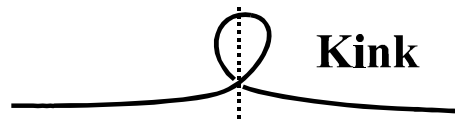


supercoiling of DNA plasmids

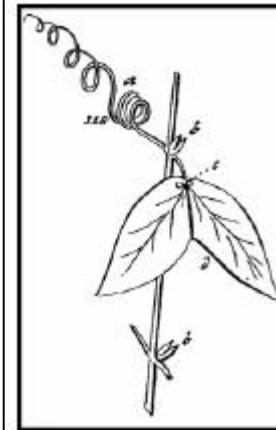


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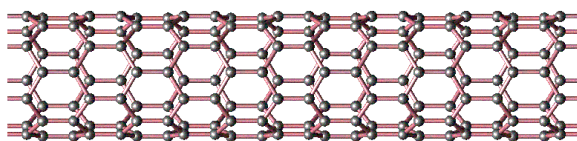
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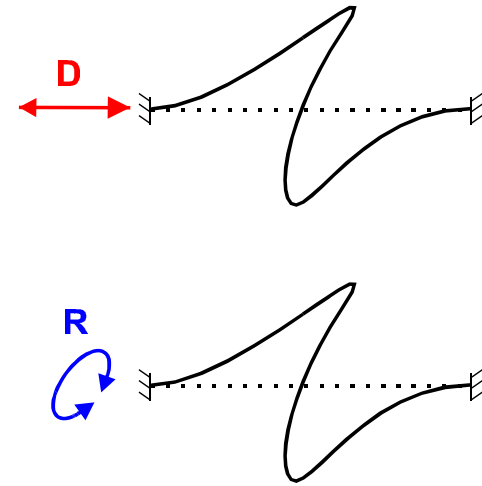
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Applications

2 types of experiments

- **sliding** without **rotation** (constant R)
- **rotation** without **sliding** (D constant)

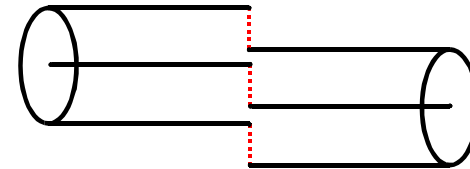


Hypothesis

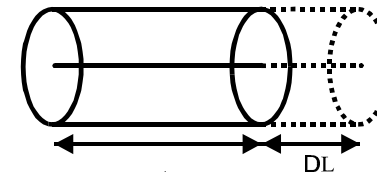
- no gravitation

- no intrinsic curvature

- no shear

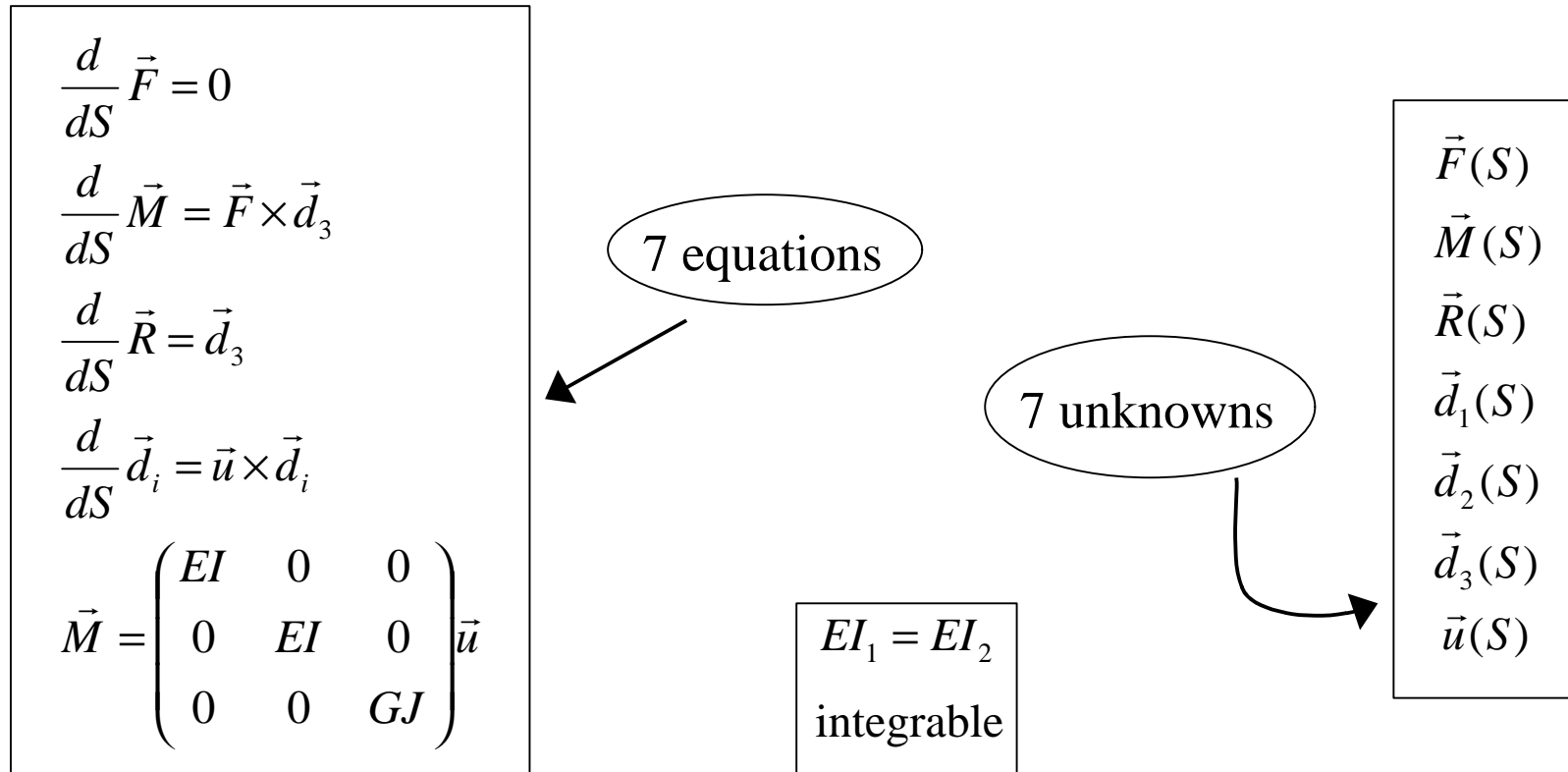


- no extensibility

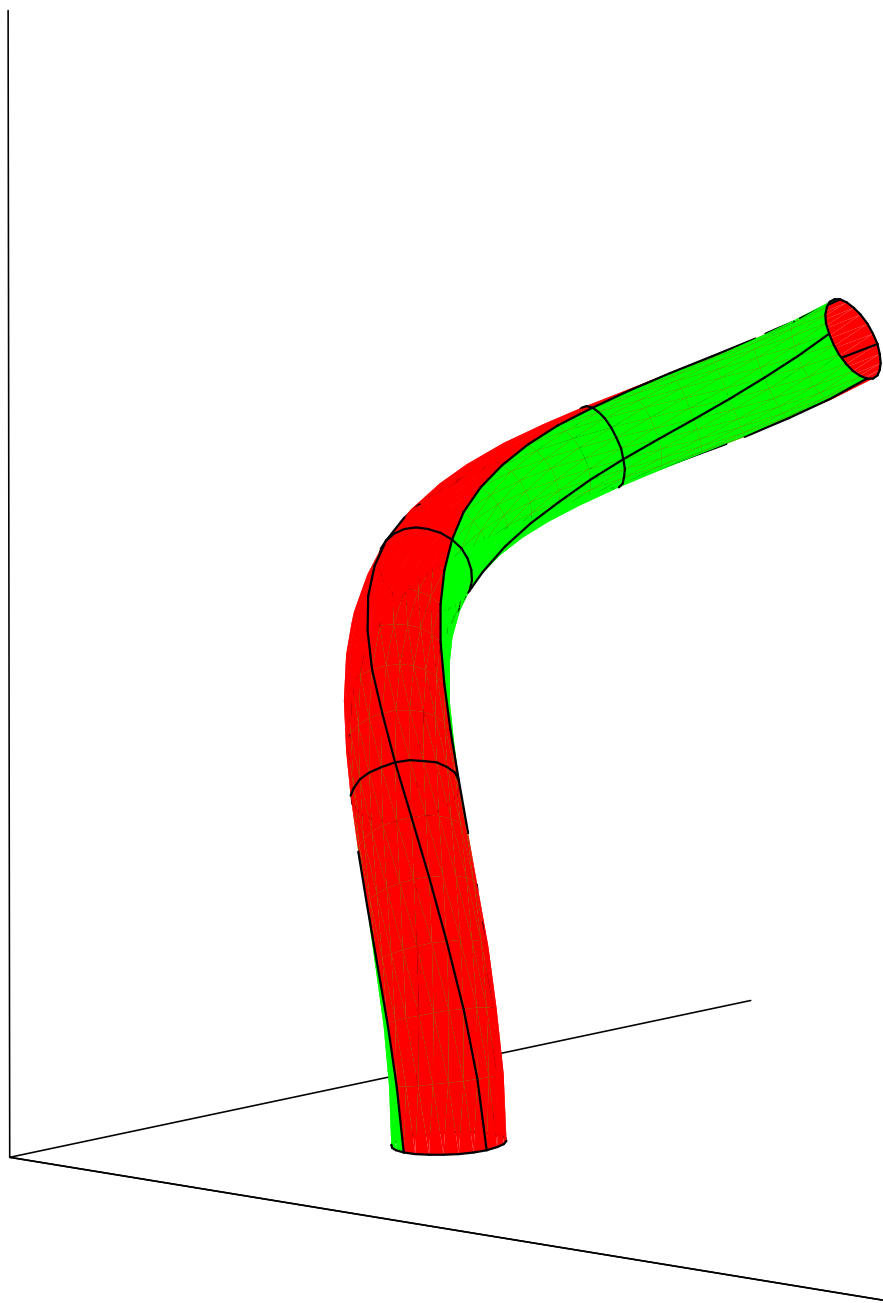


Equilibrium equations

- 1 independent variable S : ODEs
- Static-Dynamic Kirhhoff analogy : spinning top \Leftrightarrow spatial *elastica*



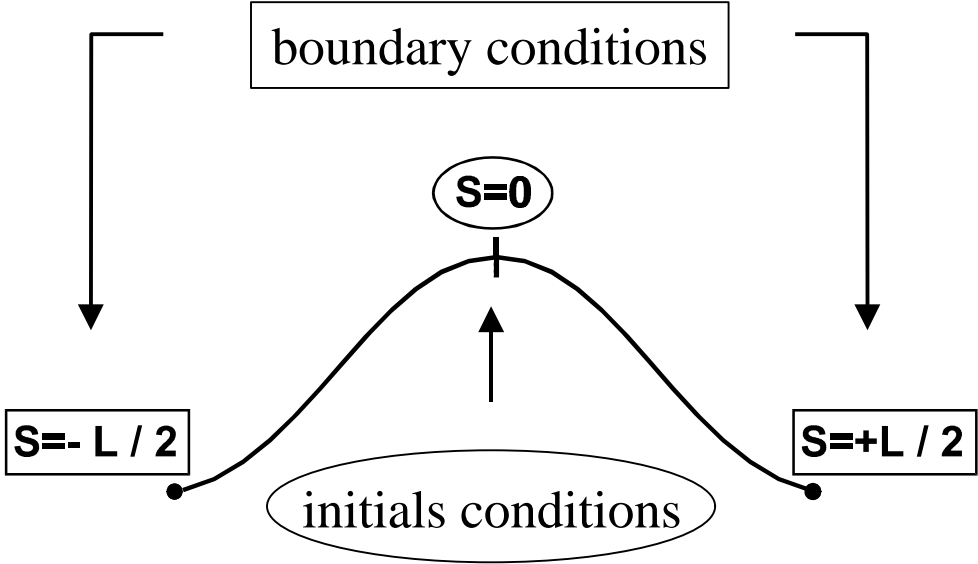
- Boundary conditions : $A\vec{B} = k \vec{d}_3(B) \quad \vec{d}_3(A) = \vec{d}_3(B)$



What do we want to get ?

- All the static configurations of the rod for the clamped boundary conditions.

Systems of ODEs with :

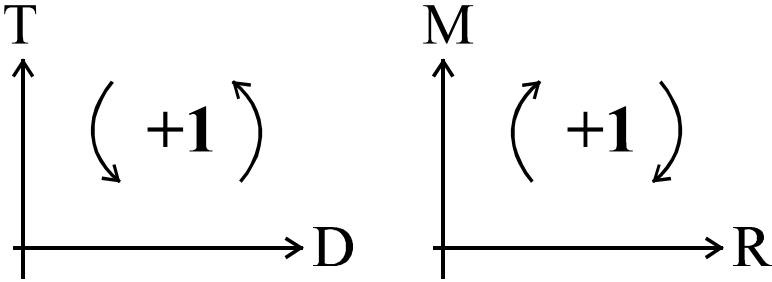


In the parameters space (L , EI , F, M , ...) there will be a 'n-D' solution manifold.

- Stability of these configurations under the 2 typical experiments.

Define an index I [K. Hoffman]:

- I = 0 : stable,
- I = 1 : unstable,
- I > 1 : more unstable.



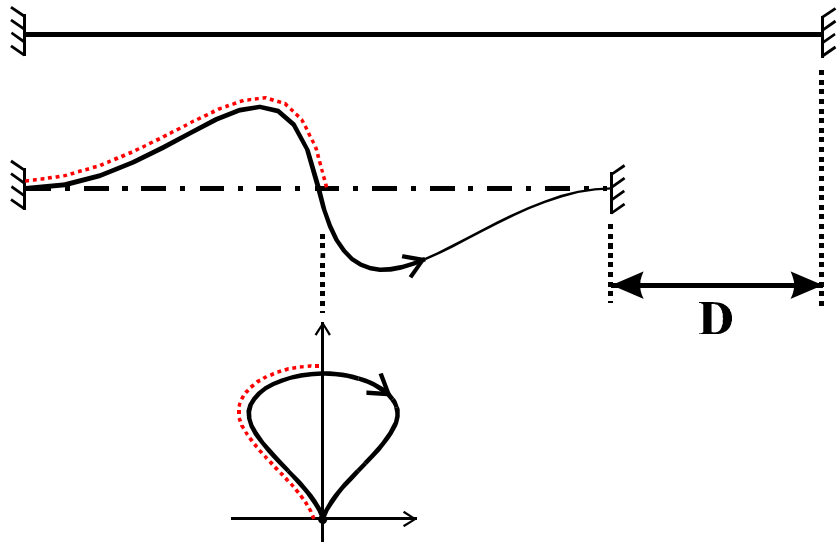
Number of negative eigenvalues of the second order differential operator of the constrained variational problem.

3 different models

A	$L = \infty$	homoclinic trajectory
B	$L \leq \infty$	homoclinic trajectory without fixed point
C	L finite	other trajectories in phase space

- A & B are much easier than C because less parameters
- we will compare, as we go $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$, :
 - 1 - how stability changes,
 - 2 - how new solutions appear.

Rod of infinite length (van der Heijden - Champneys - Thompson)

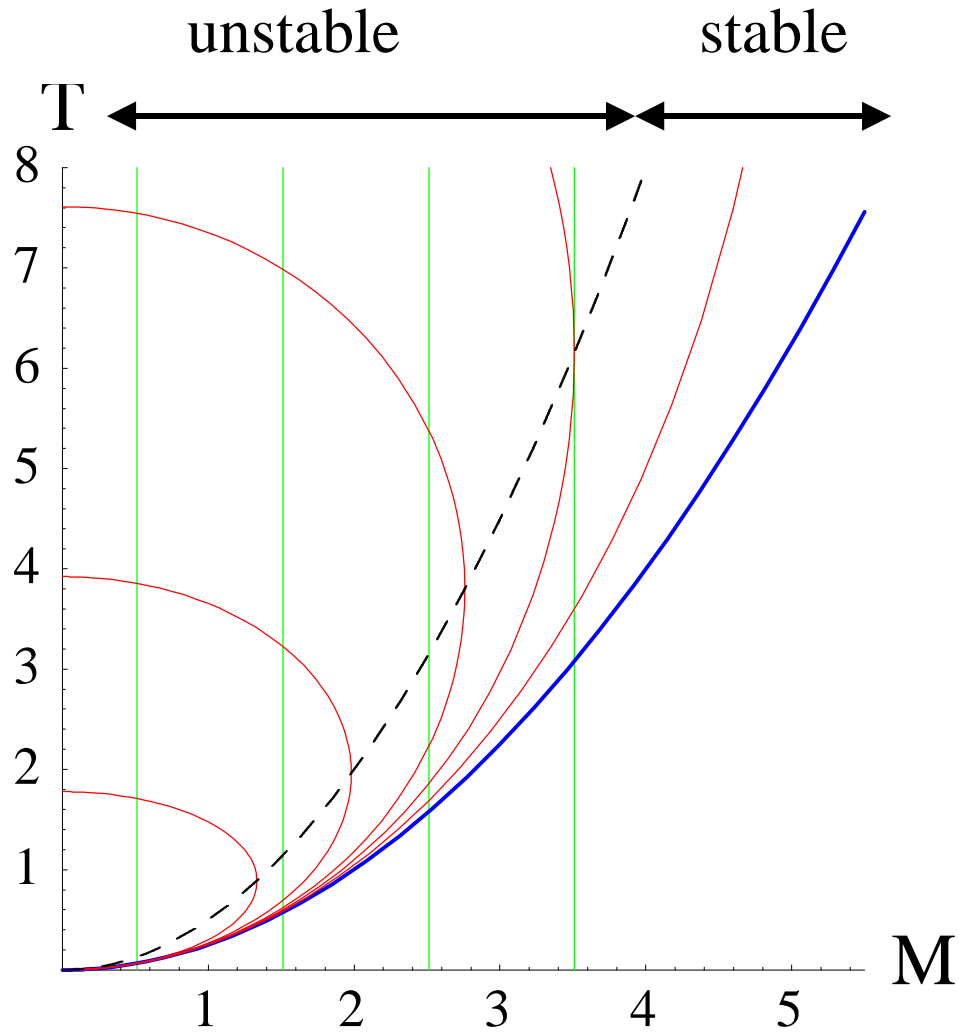


- Reduction to an equivalent oscillator (2D)
- Spatial localisation of the deformation.
- Applied force and moment // rig axis.
- Buckling : $M^2 = 4T$
- D end-shortening
- Parameters space : M, T, \mathbf{q}_{\max}
- Solution manifold : $M^2 = 2T(1 + \cos(\mathbf{q}_{\max}))$

Rigid Loading (R, D) :

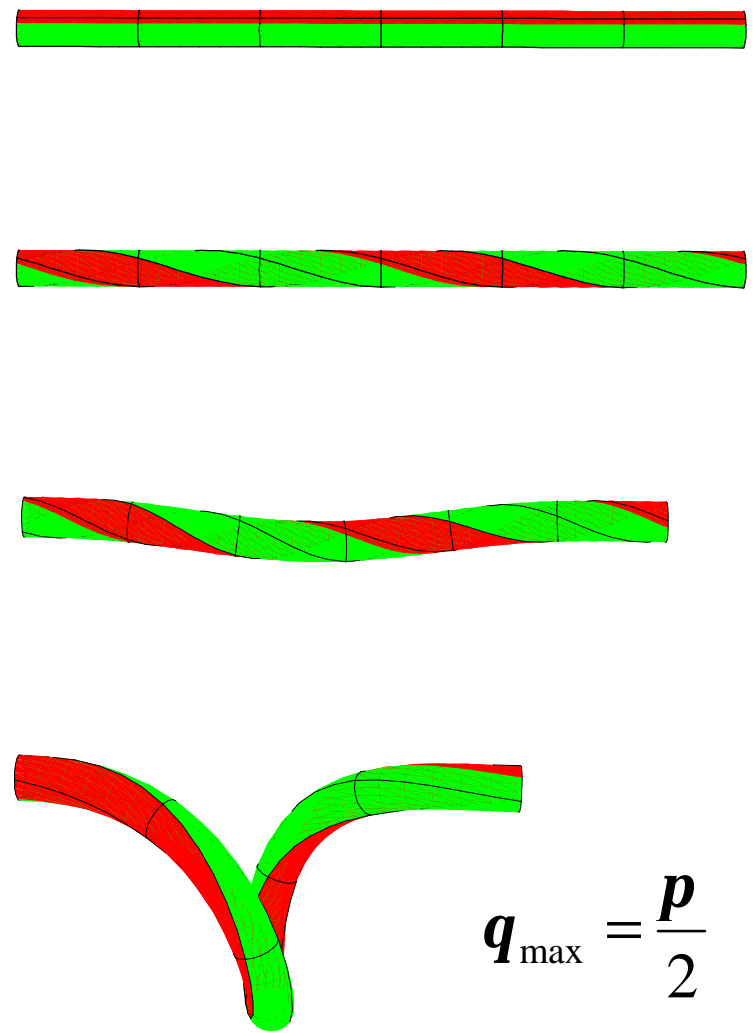
$$D = \sqrt{\frac{16}{T} \left(1 - \frac{M^2}{4T} \right)} \quad R = \infty \quad (\text{as soon as } M > 0)$$

Rod of infinite length : sliding without rotation



this is a projection !

- E
- F
- G
- H



$$q_{\max} = \frac{p}{2}$$

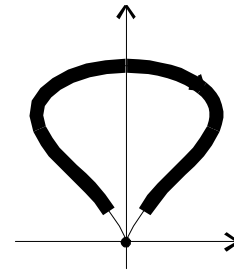
Very long rod : const. R \neq const. M

• Length L : $m = \frac{M L}{EI}$, $t = \frac{T L^2}{EI}$, $\Gamma = \frac{GJ}{EI}$, $d = \frac{D}{L}$, $s = \frac{S}{L} \in [-\frac{1}{2}; +\frac{1}{2}]$

• Same formula for D : $d = \sqrt{\frac{16}{t} \left(1 - \frac{m^2}{4t} \right)}$

• Same solution manifold : $m^2 = 2t (1 + \cos(\mathbf{q}_{\max}))$

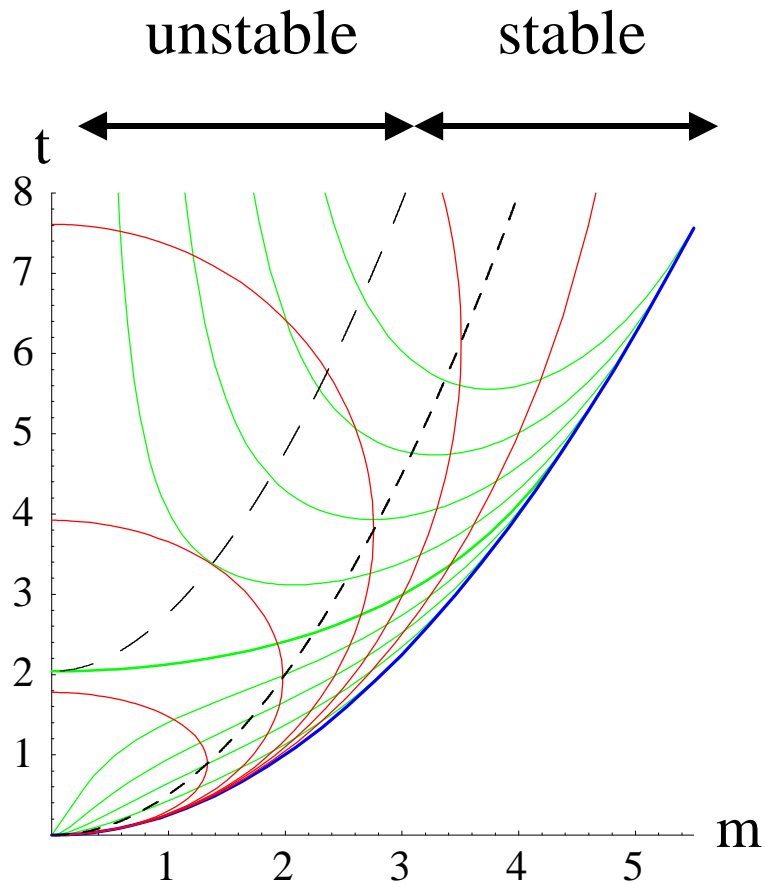
• $R < \infty$ because we consider only part of the homoclinic :



$$R = \frac{m}{\Gamma} + 4 \text{ArcCos} \left(\frac{m}{2\sqrt{t}} \right) \quad [\text{Heijden, Thompson}]$$

• R depends on G whereas d and m^2 do not.

Very long rod : post-buckling surface



- Semi-finite correction.

- tangency between const. R and const. D curves

- Stability limit :
$$m^2 = 4t \left(1 - \frac{(\Gamma + \sqrt{\Gamma^2 + 2t})^2}{4t} \right)$$

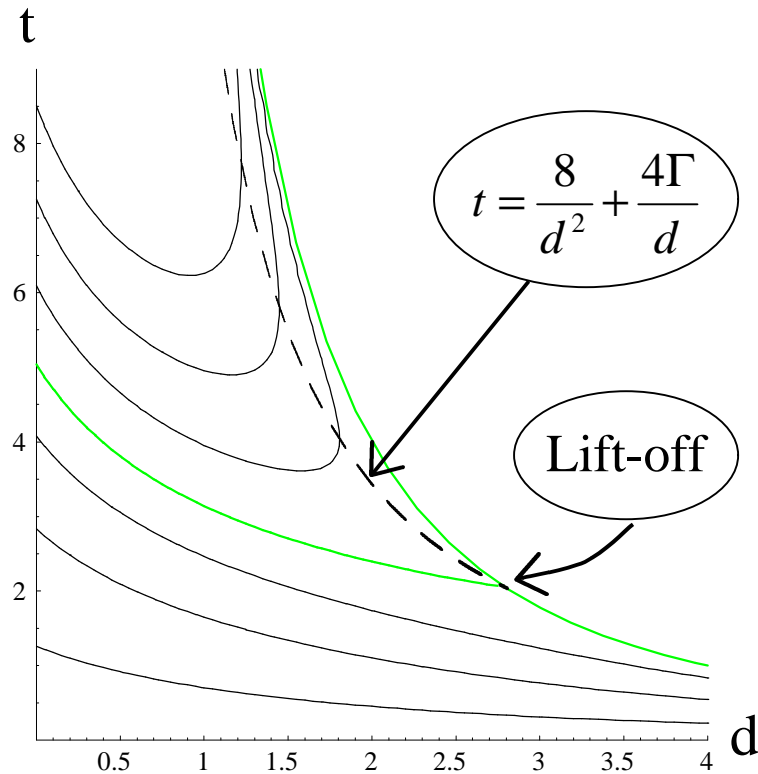
- corresponds to $\mathbf{q}_{\max} > \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2}$

- more stable than in the infinite case.

- Special curve : $R = 2\mathbf{p}$

- No instability for : $R < 2\mathbf{p}$

Very long rod : stability for constant R experiments



Level curves of R_0 :

$$R_0 = \frac{2}{\Gamma} \sqrt{t} \sqrt{1 - \frac{d^2 t}{16}} + 4 \text{ArcCos} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{d^2 t}{16}} \right)$$

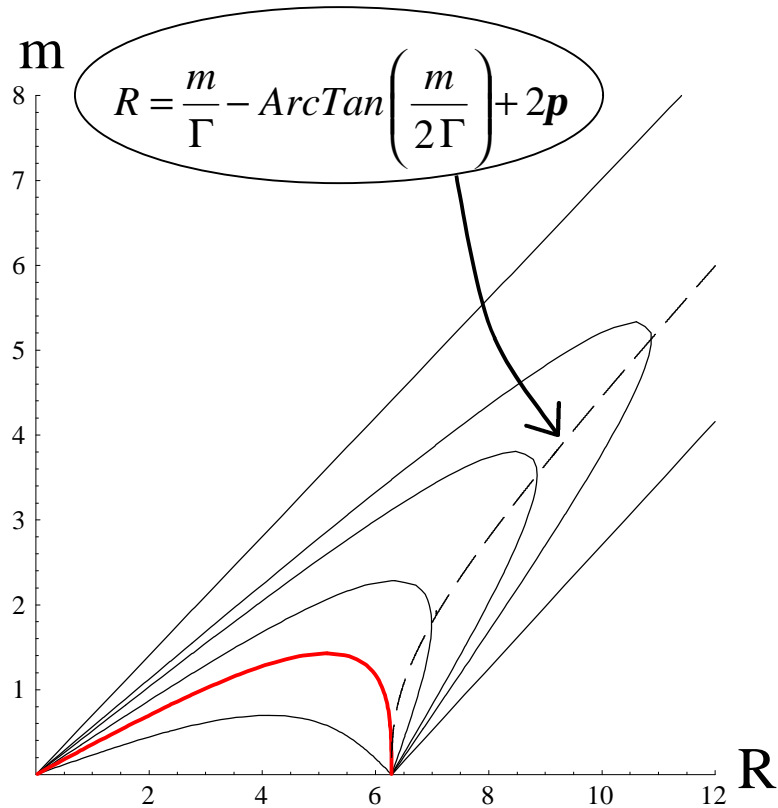
- Stability changes at folds in D .
- We tune D : conjugate parameter is T .
- Index [Maddocks] ; potential V [Thompson] :

Loss of stability :



- Special path : $R = 2p$
- Curves with $R < 2p$ have no fold

Very long rod : stability for constant D experiments



Level curves d_0 :

$$R_{\pm} = \frac{m}{\Gamma} + 4 \text{ArcCos} \left(\frac{m d_0}{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - m^2 d_0}}} \right)$$

- Stability changes at folds in R
- We tune R , conjugate parameter is - m

Loss of stability :

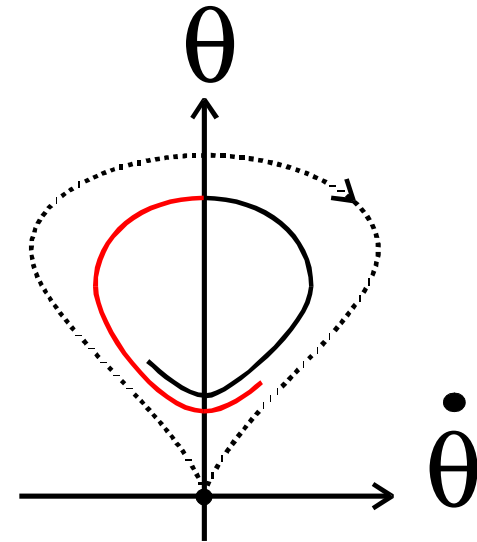


- At low D : jump to contact.
- At large D : quasistatic to planar elastica.

$$d_{LIM} = \frac{2}{\Gamma}$$

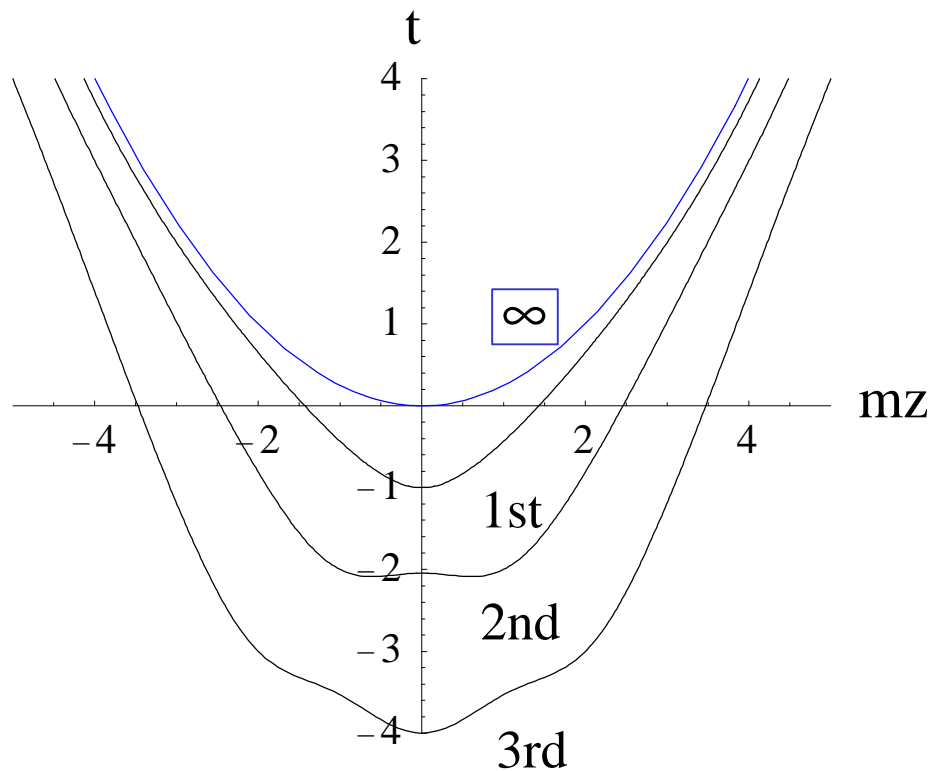
Finite length rod : ~~homoclinic~~

- Buckling under compression.
- Same equations as before but more (free) parameters.
- System is still integrable.
- No homoclinic trajectory in phase space (generically).
- Equivalent Wrench (M, F) no longer // rig.
- Shear force and bending moment at the clamps.



Finite length rod : buckling modes (clamped)

$$\left(\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{m^2 - 4t}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \right) \sqrt{m^2 - 4t} = t \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{m^2 - 4t}\right)$$

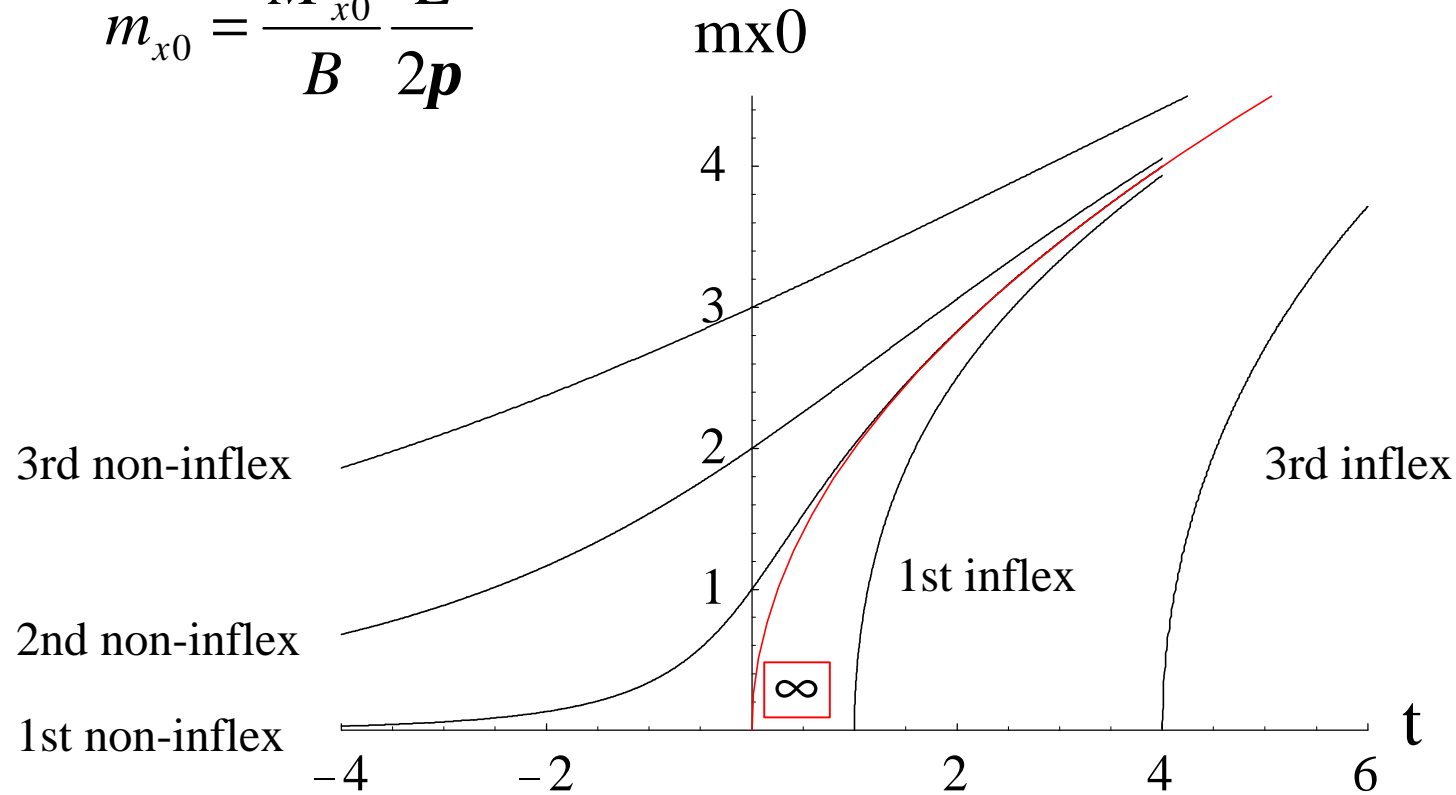


$$t = \frac{T}{B} \left(\frac{L}{2p} \right)^2$$

$$m_z = \frac{M_z}{B} \frac{L}{2p}$$

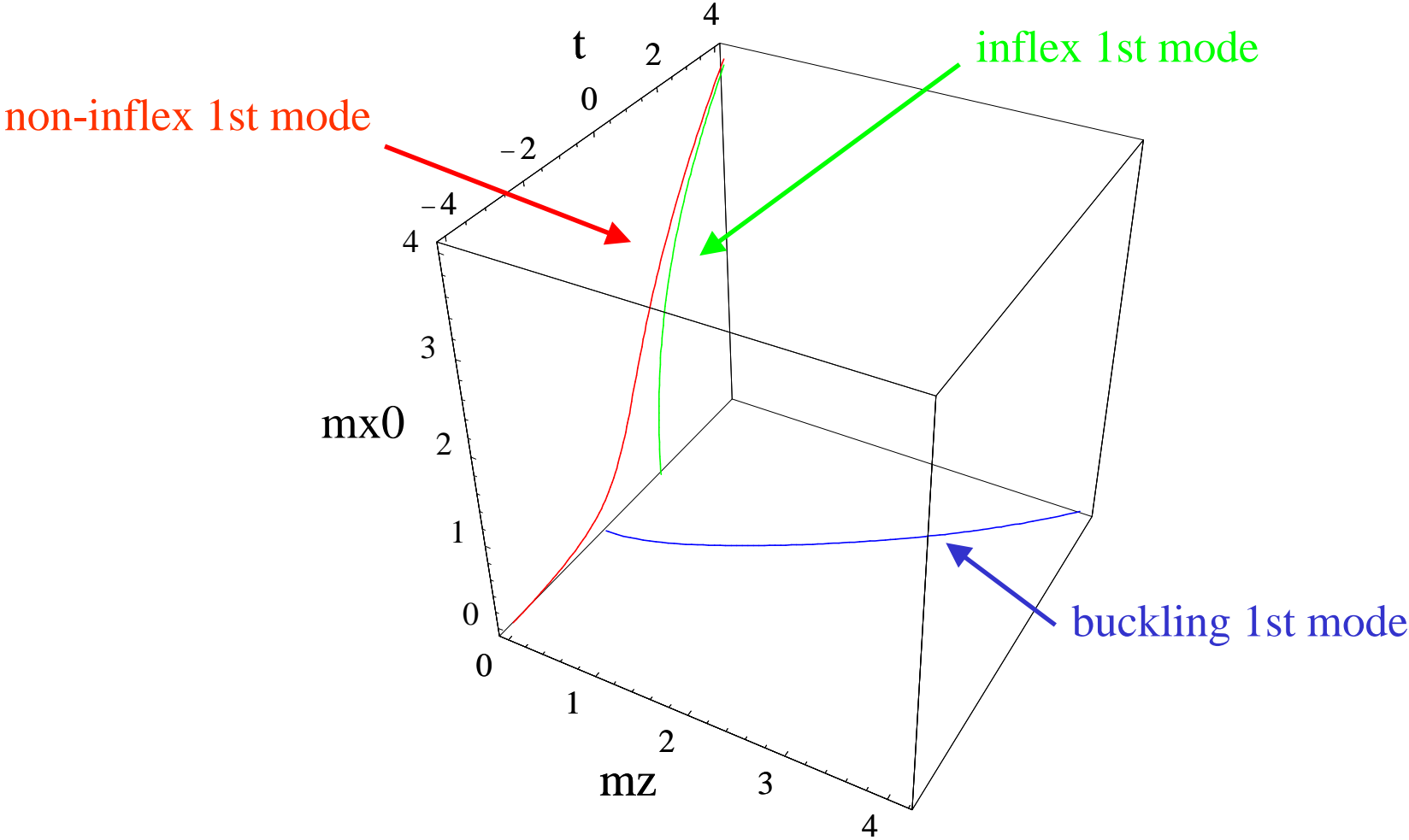
Finite length rod : planar modes (clamped)

$$m_{x0} = \frac{M_{x0}}{B} \frac{L}{2p}$$



$$t = \frac{T}{B} \left(\frac{L}{2p} \right)^2$$

Finite length rod : where is the post-buckling surface ?



Finite length rod : post-buckling surface

- Boundary value problem (BVP).
- Centre line of rod : 6D system :

$$d'_{3x} = t x d_{3z} - m_z d_{3y}$$

$$d'_{3y} = t y d_{3z} - m_{x0} d_{3z} + m_z d_{3x}$$

$$d'_{3z} = -t y d_{3y} - t x d_{3x} + m_{x0} d_{3y}$$

$$x' = d_{3x}$$

$$y' = d_{3y}$$

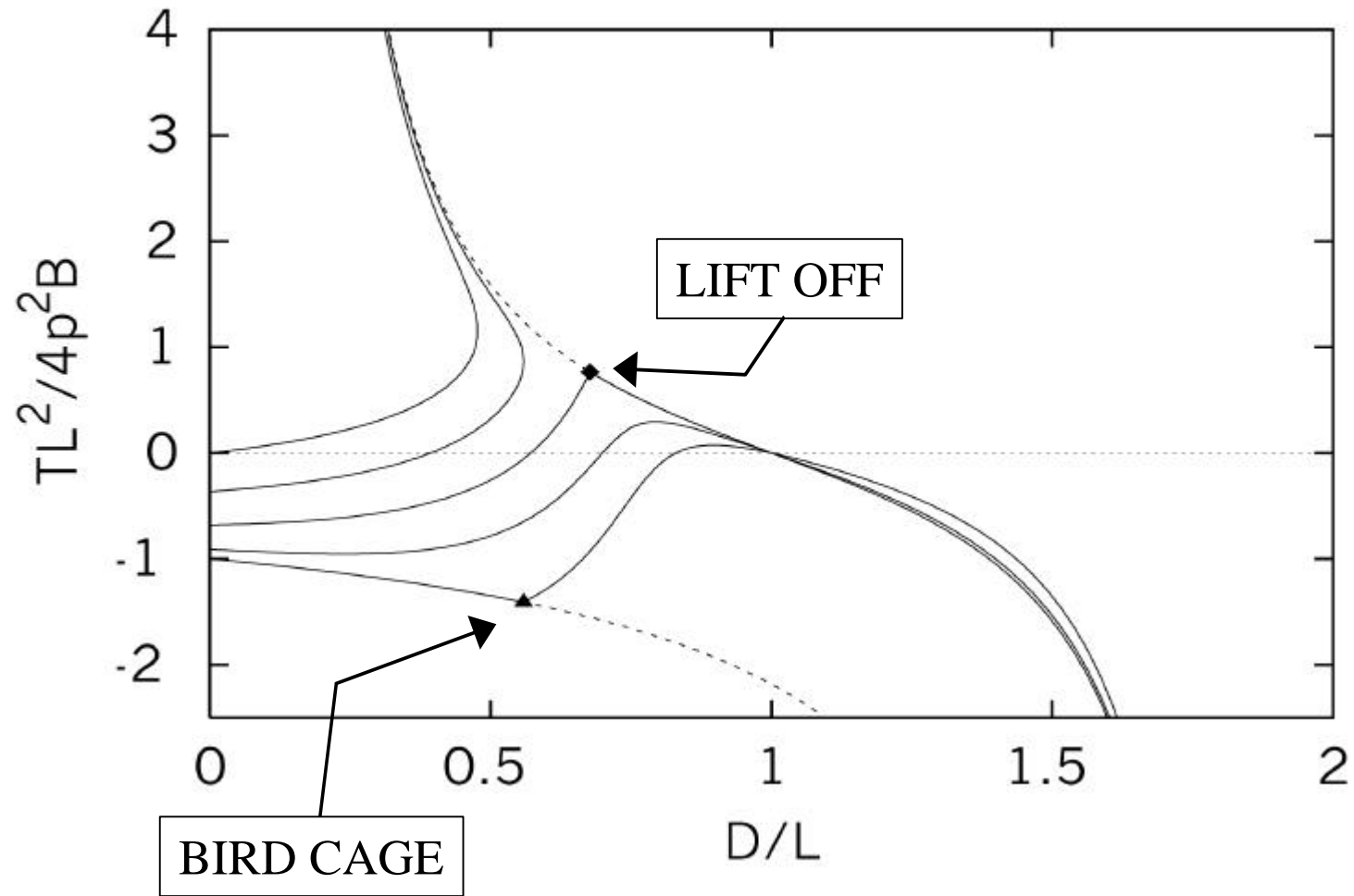
$$z' = d_{3z}$$

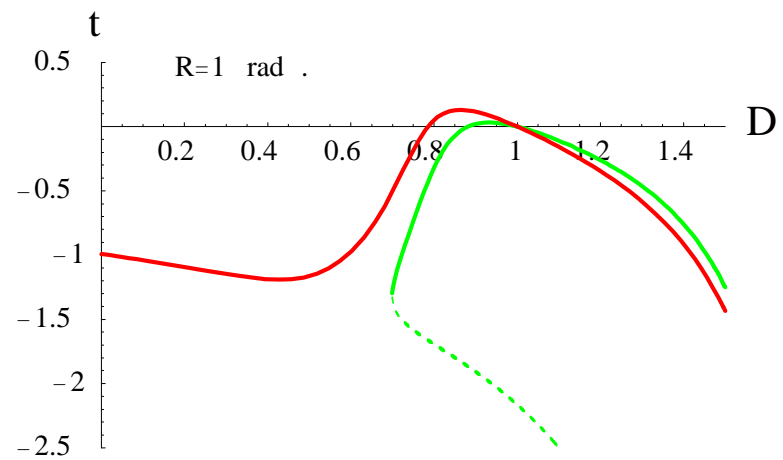
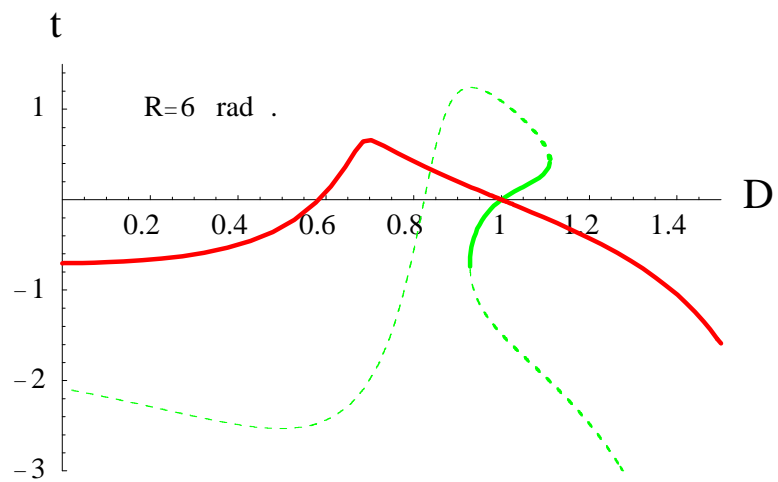
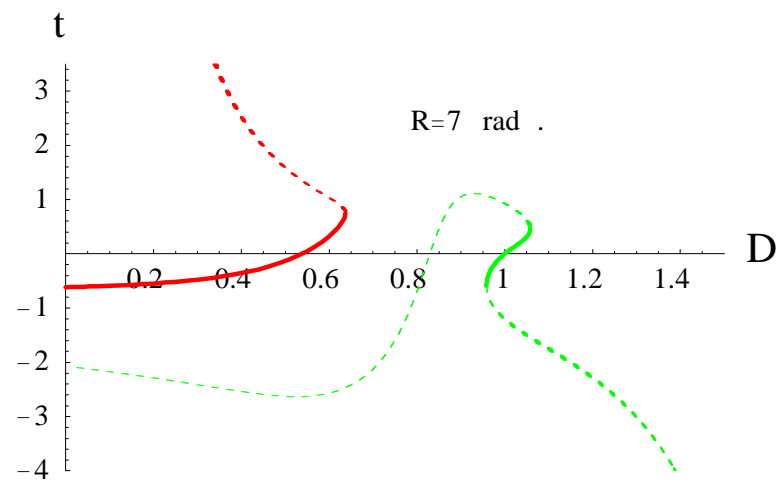
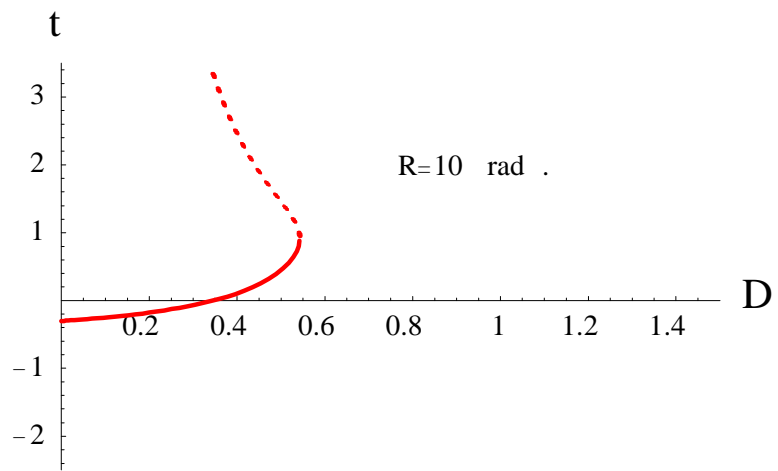
- we consider :
 - non trivial initial conditions : \mathbf{q}_0
 - free parameters : m_z, t, m_{x0}
- Global Representation Space [Domokos]
 - $(m_z, t, m_{x0}, \mathbf{q}_0) \Leftrightarrow$ unique configuration.

$$\text{Boundary conditions : } \begin{cases} d_{3y} = 0 \\ x d_{3z} = z d_{3x} \end{cases}$$

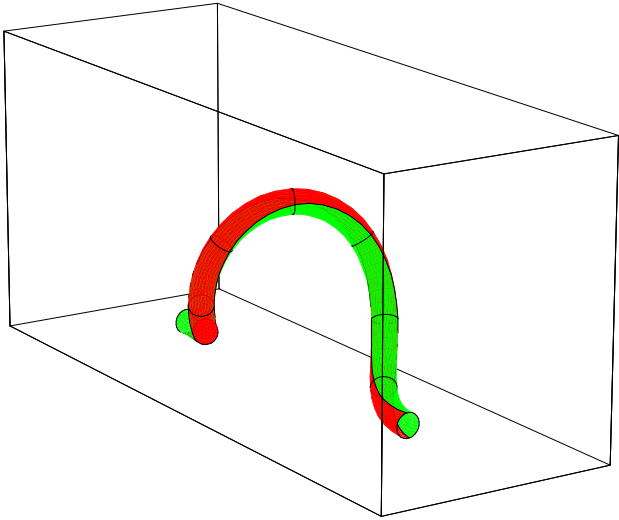
- 2D solution manifold in 4D space.
- All the non-closed configurations are s-symmetric (because $m_{y0} = 0$).

Finite length rod : sliding without rotation



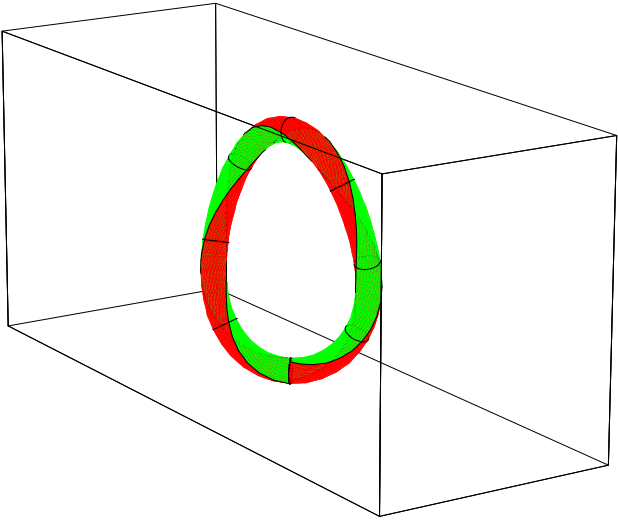


Finite length rod : 3 typical shapes



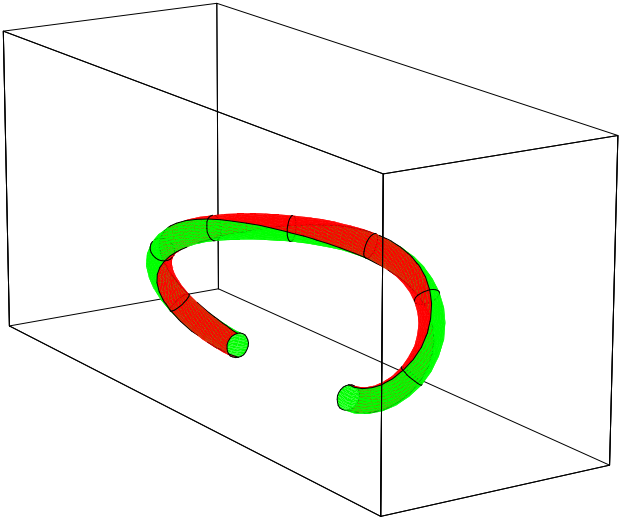
$$0 < D < 1$$

opened



$$D = 1$$

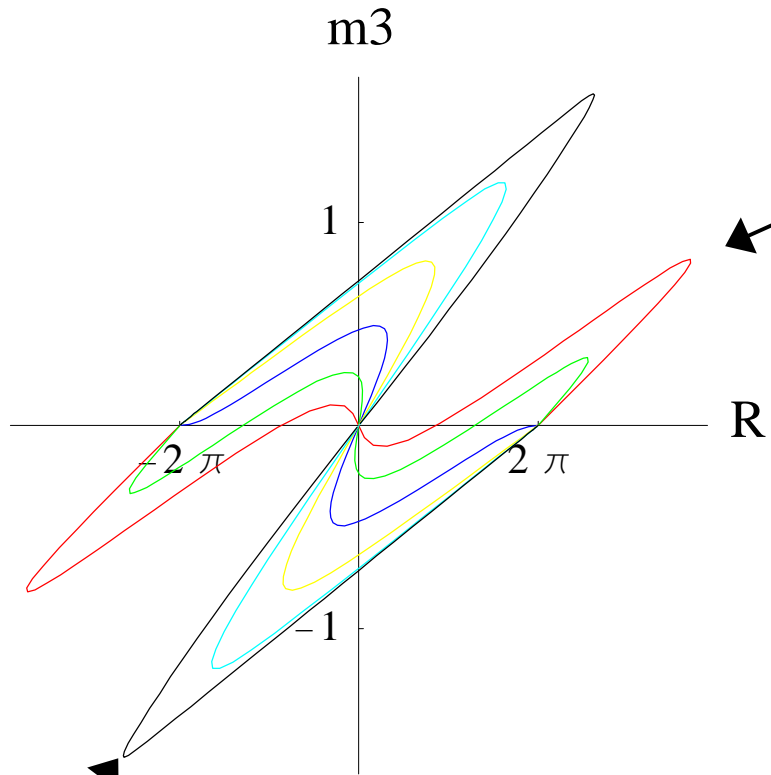
closed



$$1 < D < 0$$

reverted

Finite length rod : rotation without sliding



Same fold as before (jump to contact).

$D_0=0.5$

$D_0=0.8$

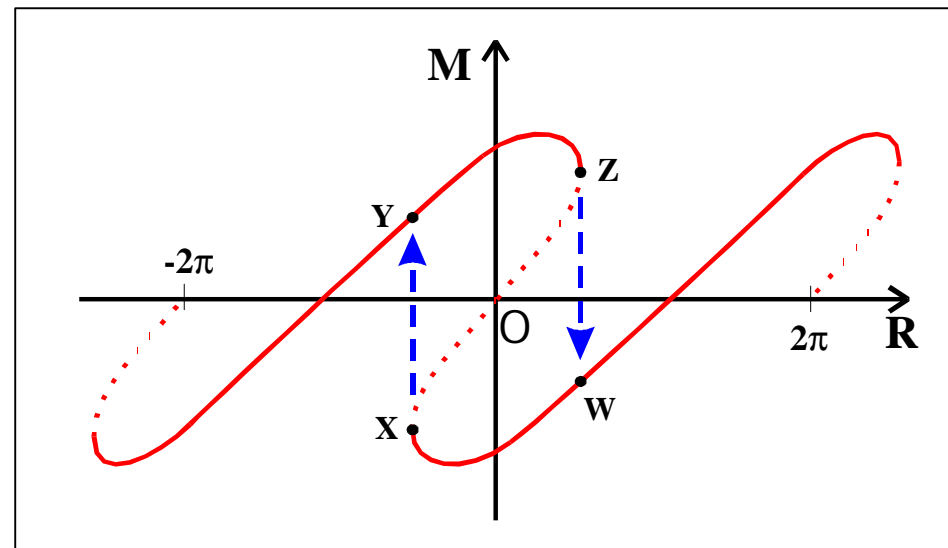
$D_0=0.6$

$D_0=0.9$

$D_0=0.7$

$D_0=0.99$

New fold leading to hysteresis

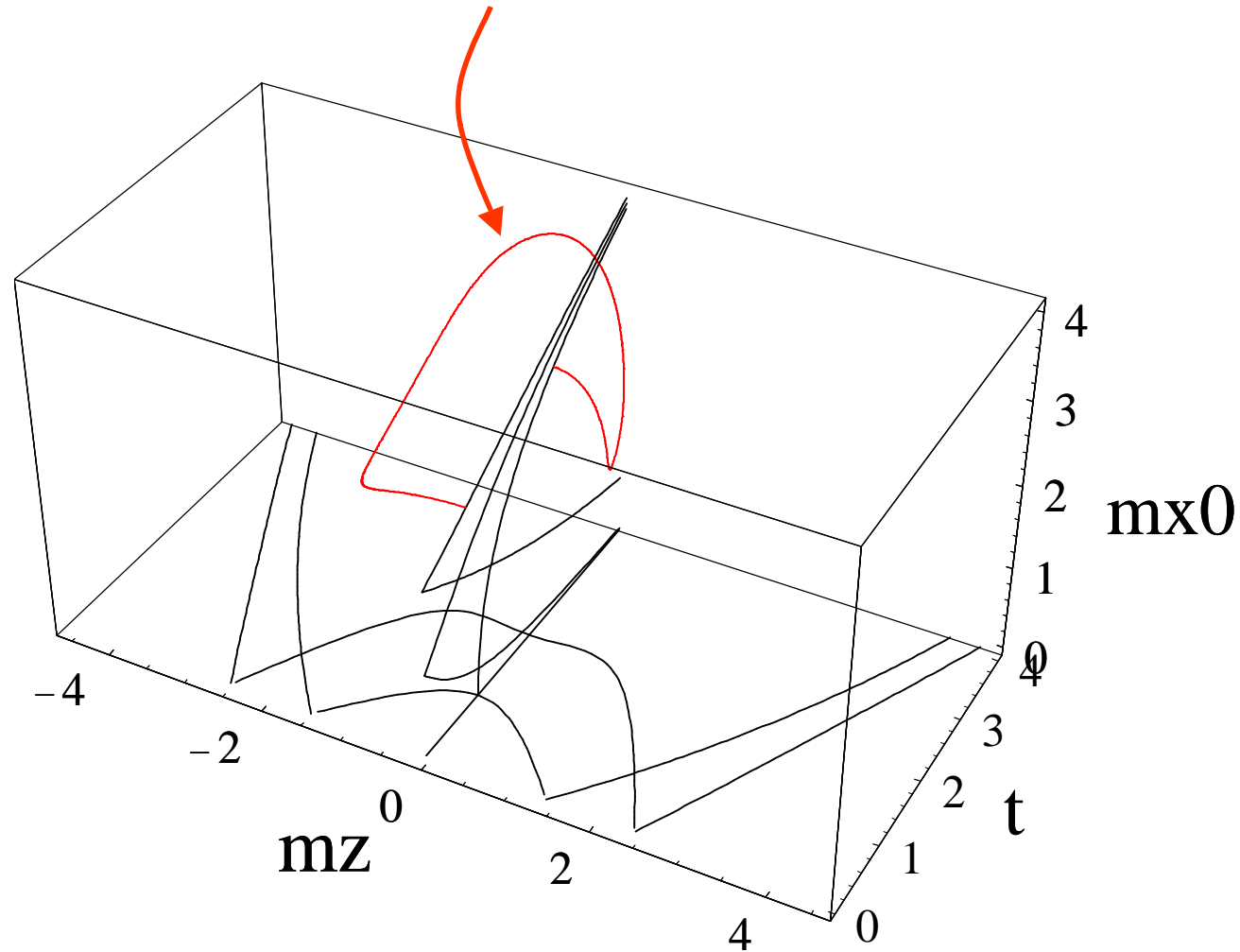


Finite length rod : connection between 1st and 2nd buckled modes

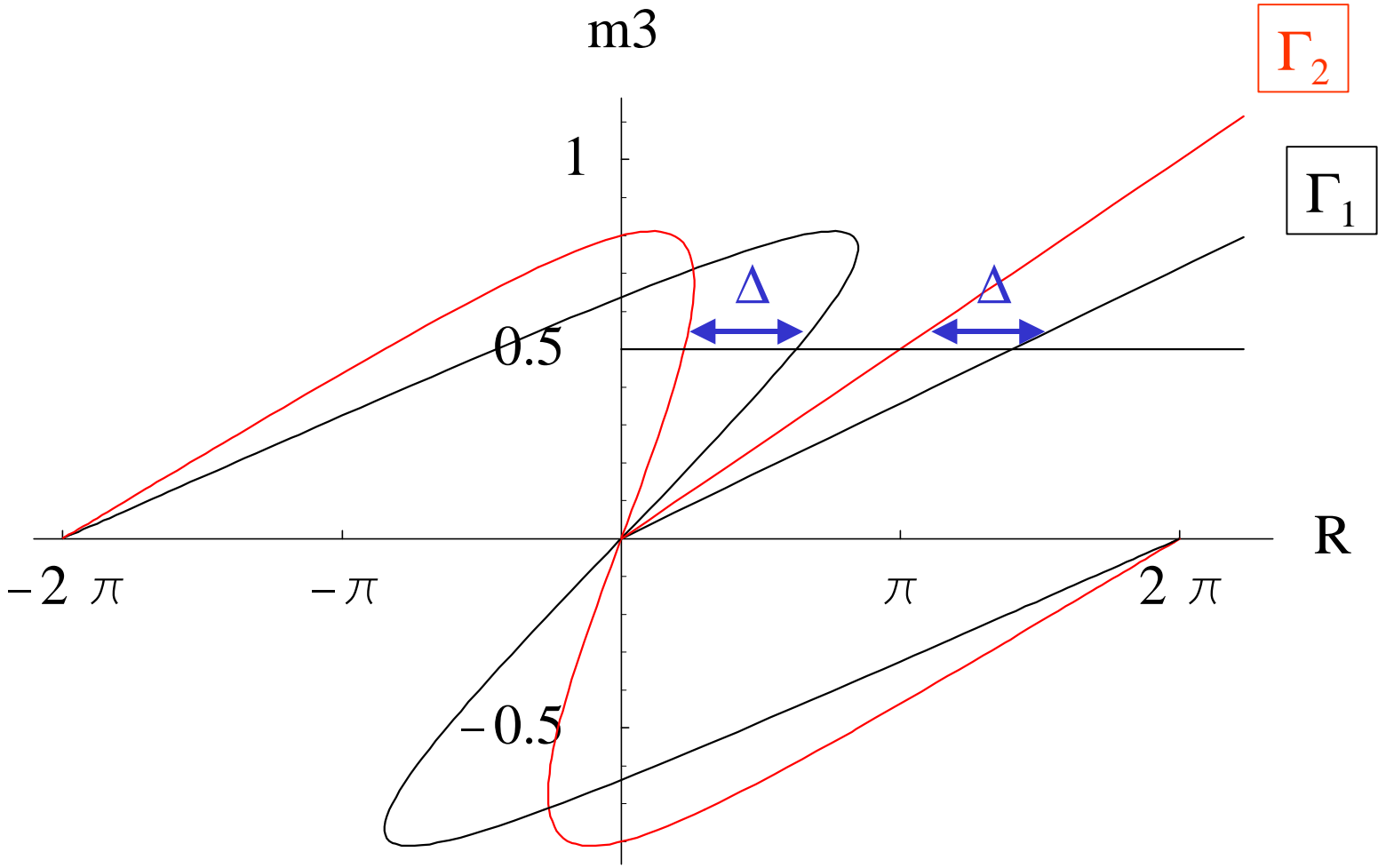
planar 1st mode inflex

$D = 1.1$

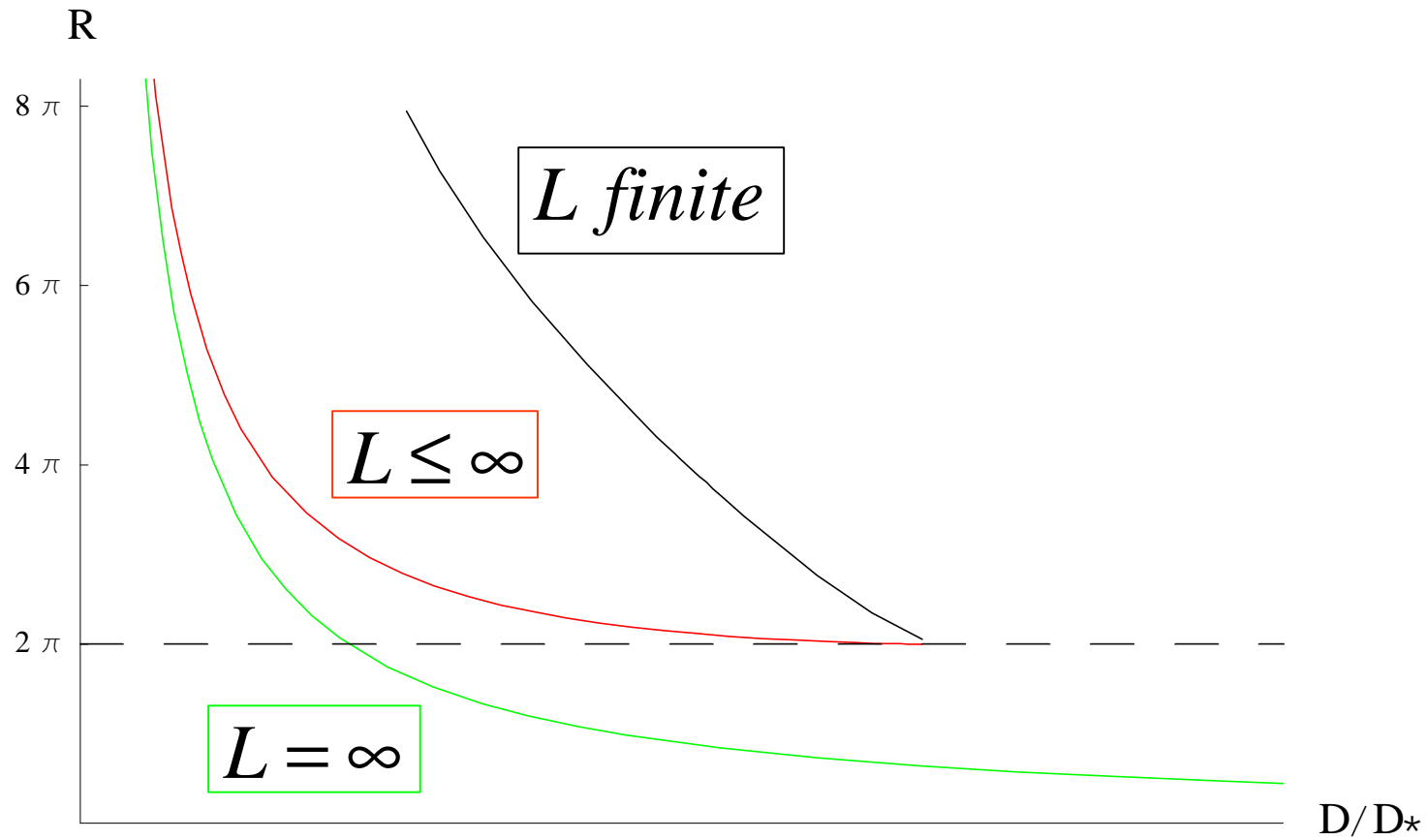
planar 2nd mode non-inflex



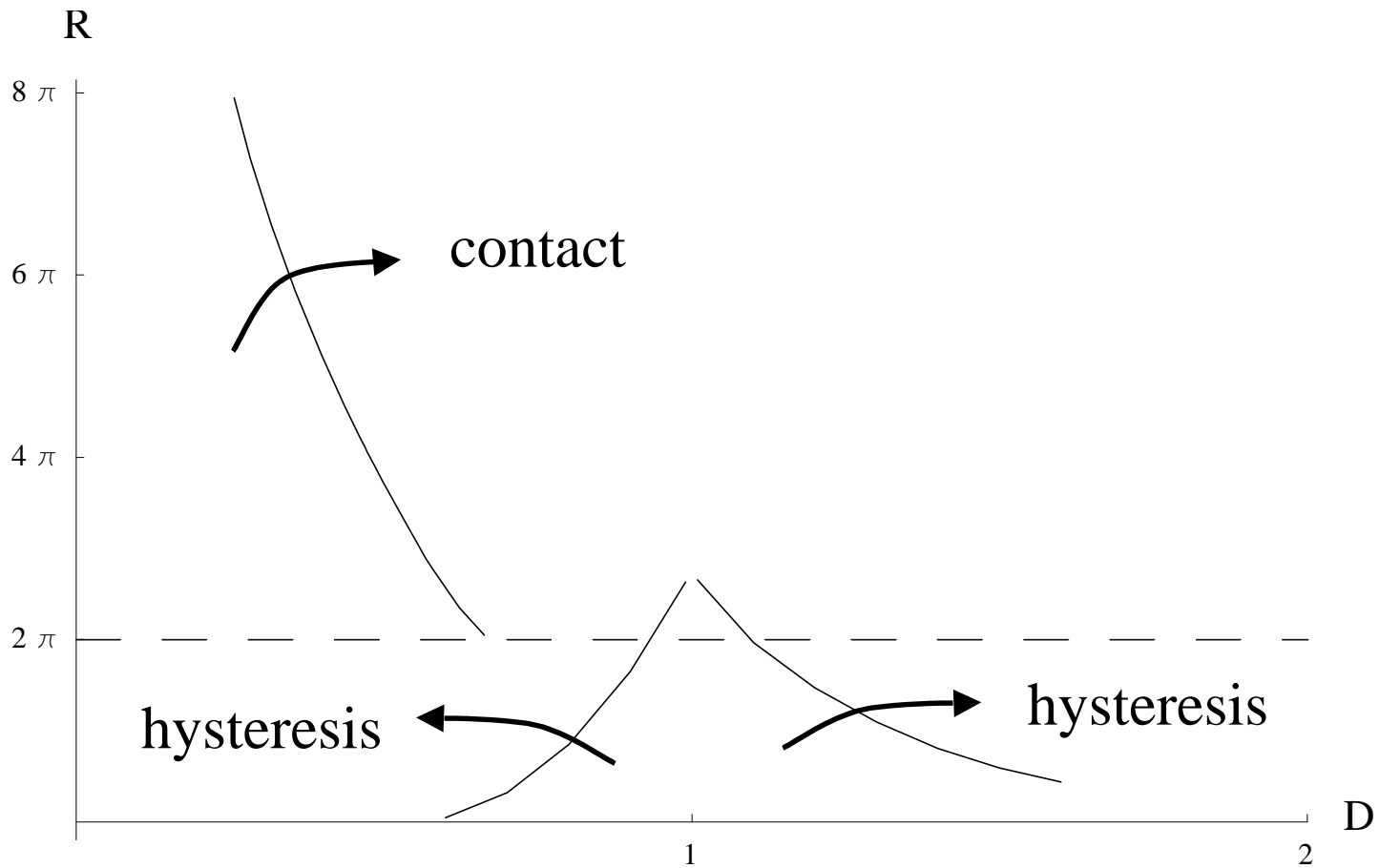
Finite length rod : how to change Γ



Comparison of the 3 models for the jump to contact



Finite length rod : overall stability



Planar elastica : connections between inflex. paths

