



## II. MINIMAL COUPLING FORMALISM

Consider a quantum particle with wave function  $\Psi(\mathbf{L}, t) = \Psi_1(\mathbf{L}, t) + i\Psi_2(\mathbf{L}, t)$ ,  $\Psi_1$  and  $\Psi_2$  being real, that satisfies the time-dependent Schrödinger equation  $i\hbar \partial_t \Psi = \hat{H}\Psi$ . This

*Case 1:* Spatial derivatives of  $P$  are negligible, and  $ML/B$  and  $PL^2/B$  are both  $\ll 1$  so that we may retain terms only to linear order in these quantities in the nondimensionalized equations of motion (lengths measured in units of  $L$ , time in units of  $L^2\sqrt{B}$ ). On the quantum side, this case corresponds to the semiclassical approximation with weak potentials. On the elastic side, it corresponds to small terminal twist angle  $\theta = (1 + \nu)ML/B$  where  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio, and  $P$  well below the Euler buckling threshold  $\pi^2 B/L^2$ . Equations (6) reduce to

$$- \ddot{\Psi}_1 = B\Psi_1'''' + M\Psi_2''' + P\Psi_1'', \quad (7a)$$

$$- \ddot{\Psi}_2 = B\Psi_2'''' - M\Psi_1''' + P\Psi_2''. \quad (7b)$$

To linear order in  $ML/B$ , the twist-induced tension contribution to  $P$  is not accounted for, and all elastic parameters become independent of one another. Incidentally, *static heli-*



not in a thermal equilibrium sense since here the total energy (found by changing the signs of the last three terms in Eq. (12) and integrating over  $x$ ) is not also periodic in  $t$ .

Letting Eqs. (14) describe the periodic straight rod and setting  $M = P = 0$  yields a set of de Broglie relations:  $p_x = \int dx g = \hbar k_n$  (using one of the first two methods for  $g$ ) and  $E = \hbar \omega_n$  (equal parts kinetic and potential energy and also ap-

more exotic physics, such as the Zak phase [32], but in a classical setting.

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### APPENDI A: ENERGI-MOMENTUM TENSOR

The energy-momentum tensor, also known as the stress-energy tensor, is usually derived assuming the Lagrangian density depends on field variable derivatives only up to first order. Here, we derive it (in the notation of Ref. [33]) for a Lagrangian density, such as Eq. (12), that depends on field variable  $u(x)$  derivatives up to second order:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(u, \nabla u, \nabla \nabla u, x)$ . The Euler-Lagrange equations are

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_i} - \partial_\alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha}} + \partial_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha\beta}} = 0. \quad (\text{A1})$$

Under an  $\epsilon$ -family of transformations of the field variables, and writing  $\delta \equiv d/d\epsilon$  at  $\epsilon = 0$ ,

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_i} \delta u_i + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha}} \delta u_{i,\alpha} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha\beta}} \delta u_{i,\alpha\beta}. \quad (\text{A2})$$

Combining the previous two equations yields

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \partial_\alpha \left[ \left\{ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha}} - \partial_\beta \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha\beta}} \right) \right\} \delta u_i + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_{i,\alpha\beta}} \right]$$

