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Complex Hamiltonian Dynamics

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Recent Progress in Complex Hamiltonian Systems

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Spatial Solitons in Nonlinear Optics

Mathematical Model: Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLSE)

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \pm |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

As a dynamical system:

- It has infinitely many degrees of freedom (P.DE.)
- It has infinitely many integrals of the motion (unphysical)

Stationary solution **Bright Soliton (+):** $\psi(x, z) = n \operatorname{sech} [n(x - x_0)] e^{in^2 z/2}$

Stationary solution **Dark Soliton (-):** $\psi(x, z) = n \tanh [n(x - x_0)] e^{in^2 z/2}$

Galilean transformation:
(traveling waves) $\psi'(x, z; \kappa) = \psi(x - \kappa z, z) e^{i\kappa x - i\kappa^2 z/2}$

Spatial Solitons in Nonlinear Optics

Spatially localized waves:

- **Do not change under propagation**
- **Balance between diffraction and nonlinearity**



Dark soliton



Bright soliton

They conserve their shape and velocity during propagation and interactions (collisions) with other solitons

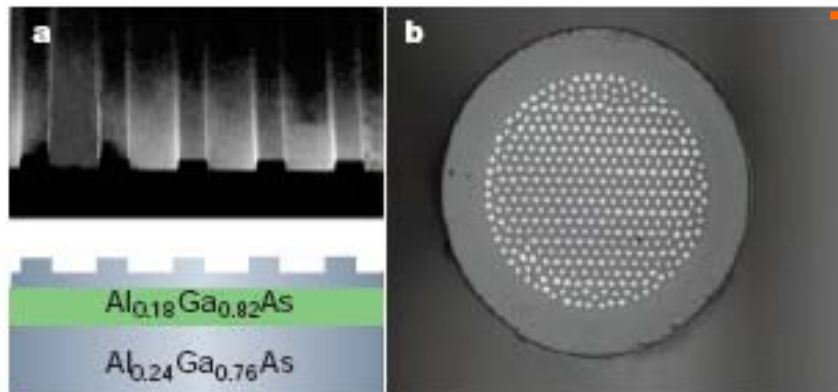
Elastic interaction between two solitons

Spatial solitons viewed as lattice solitons

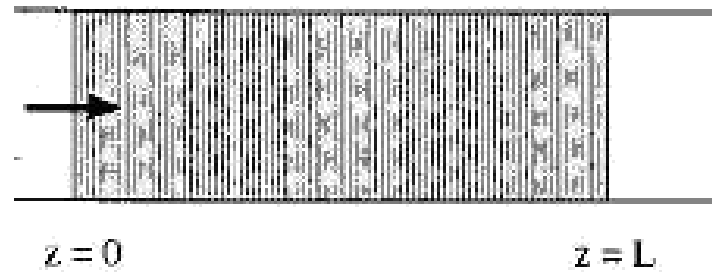
- Applications to Nonlinear Optics

Nonlinear Waveguide arrays

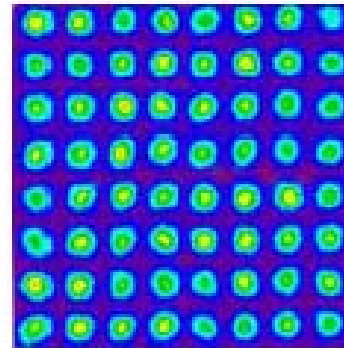
(a) 1D AlGaAs, (b) 2D silica glass



Important in optical fibers



and nonlinear photonic crystals



Review papers:

D.N. Christodoulides et al, "Discretizing light behaviour in linear and nonlinear waveguide lattices", Nature **424**, 817 (2003)

A.A. Sukhorukov et al, "Spatial Optical Solitons in Waveguide Arrays", IEEE J. Quant. Electron. **39**, 31 (2003)

J.W. Fleischer et al, "Spatial photonics in nonlinear waveguide arrays", Opt. Express **13**, 1780 (2005)

Physically relevant mathematical model

Nonlinear Schrödinger equation with **spatially dependent coefficients**

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \varepsilon(x) \psi + g(x) |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

Transversally: $\varepsilon(x)$, **linear** refraction index, $g(x)$, **nonlinear** refraction index

- **Non-integrable system:** No rigorous soliton solutions

- **No translational symmetry):** No traveling wave solutions

Stationary solutions:

$$\psi(x, z) = u(x; \beta) e^{i\beta z}$$

lead to a dynamical system:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + [\varepsilon(x) - \beta] u + g(x) u^3 = 0$$

Which is: - **Non-autonomous** (x- horizontal inhomogeneity)

- **Chaotic** (near the saddle point at the origin, associated with the soliton solution)

Give up? Not yet! Try a perturbative approach!

Soliton existence in complex photonic structures

In realistic photonic structures the linear and nonlinear properties are transversally inhomogeneous:

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + 2|\psi|^2 \psi + \varepsilon \left[n_0(x) \psi + n_2(x) |\psi|^2 \psi \right] = 0$$

$n_0(x)$, linear refractive index $n_2(x)$, non-linear refractive index
 ε , perturbative parameter

Stationary solutions: $\psi(x, z) = u(x) e^{i\beta z}$

Dynamical system: $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - \beta u + 2u^3 + \varepsilon \left[n_0(x) u + n_2(x) u^3 \right] = 0$

Hamiltonian 1+1/2 degrees of freedom:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2} - \beta \frac{q^2}{2} + \frac{q^4}{2} + \varepsilon \left[n_0(x) \frac{q^2}{2} + n_2(x) \frac{q^4}{4} \right]$$

$$(q, p) = (u, du / dx)$$

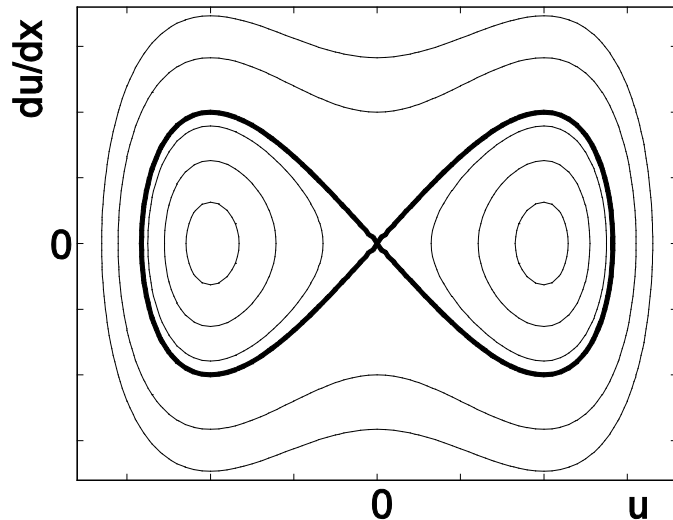
Soliton existence in complex photonic structures

The unperturbed system $\varepsilon = 0$ for $\beta > 0$ has a homoclinic solution:

$$q_0(x) = \pm \sqrt{\beta} \operatorname{sech} \left[\sqrt{\beta} (x - x_0) \right],$$

$$p_0(x) = \mp \beta \operatorname{sech} \left[\sqrt{\beta} (x - x_0) \right] \tanh \left[\sqrt{\beta} (x - x_0) \right]$$

which corresponds to the stationary soliton of NLSE for every x_0 .

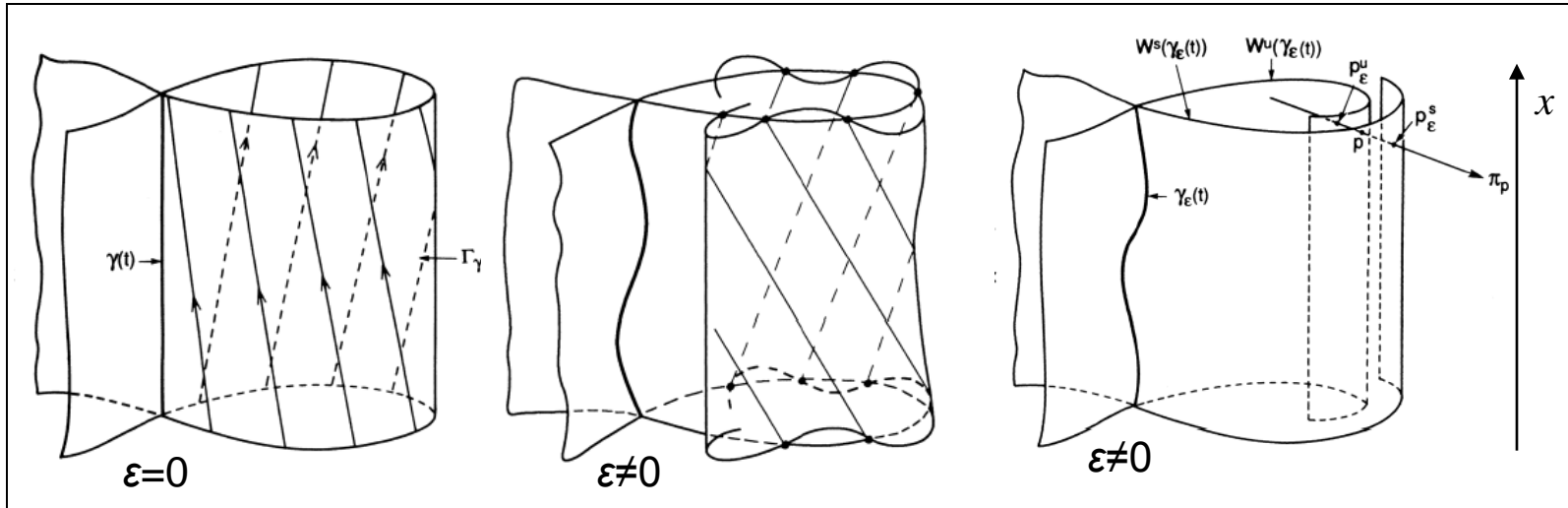


The homoclinic orbit:

- is formed by the smooth connection of the stable and unstable manifolds of the saddle fixed point at the origin
- when $\varepsilon \neq 0$ this smooth curve breaks into an infinite number of points where the stable and unstable manifolds intersect

Soliton existence in complex photonic structures

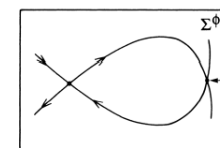
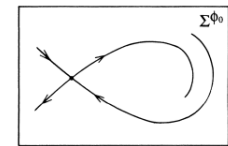
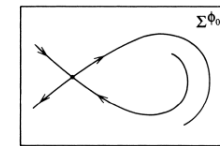
Perturbations ($\varepsilon \neq 0$) bring about a dramatic change of the phase space portrait and generically break this curve in to an infinity of possible homoclinic orbits lying at the intersections of the **stable and unstable manifolds**



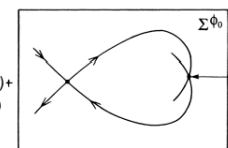
Solitons occur at the zeros of the **Melnikov function $M(x_0)$** , which is proportional to the distance between the manifolds $d(x_0)$ and is a **periodic function of x_0 !!!**

S. Wiggins, *Introduction to Applied Nonlinear Dynamical Systems and Chaos*, Springer (2003)

Poincaré Maps



$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial t_0}(t_0, \phi_0, \varepsilon) < 0$$



$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial t_0}(t_0, \phi_0, \varepsilon) > 0$$

$$q_0(-\bar{t}_0) + \sigma(\varepsilon)$$

$$q_0(-\bar{t}_0) + \sigma(\varepsilon)$$

Nonlinear Kronig-Penney Model: Analytical solutions

A method for constructing analytical solutions (Y. Kominis, 2005)

Suppose we could choose our refractive indices in such a way that we could write our NLS equation in the form

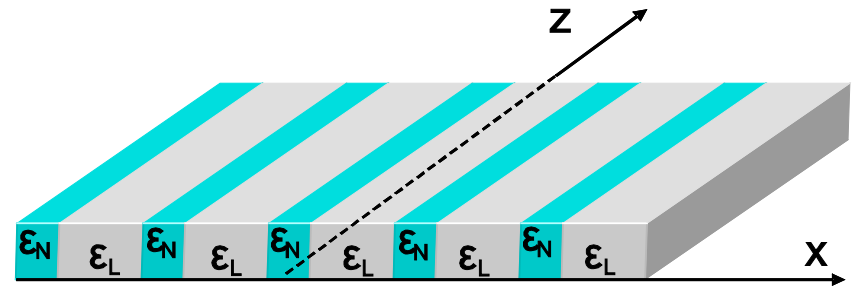
$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \varepsilon(x) \psi + g(x) |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

where $\varepsilon(x)$, $g(x)$: **piecewise constant functions**

$$[\varepsilon(x), g(x)] = \begin{cases} (\varepsilon_N, \pm 1), & x \in U_N \\ (\varepsilon_L, 0), & x \in U_L \end{cases}$$

$$U_N = \bigcup_k (kT - N/2, kT + N/2)$$

$$U_L = \bigcup_k (kT + N/2, (k+1)T - N/2)$$



L , length of linear regime
 N , length of nonlinear regime
 $T=L+N$, **spatial period**

Nonlinear Kronig-Penney Model: Self - Focusing

Stationary solutions:

$$\psi(x, z) = u(x; \beta)e^{i\beta z}$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + [\varepsilon(x) - \beta]u + g(x, u^2)u = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{NONLINEAR: } \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + (\varepsilon_N - \beta)u \pm u^3 = 0, \quad x \in U_N \\ \text{LINEAR: } \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + (\varepsilon_L - \beta)u = 0, \quad x \in U_L \end{array}$$

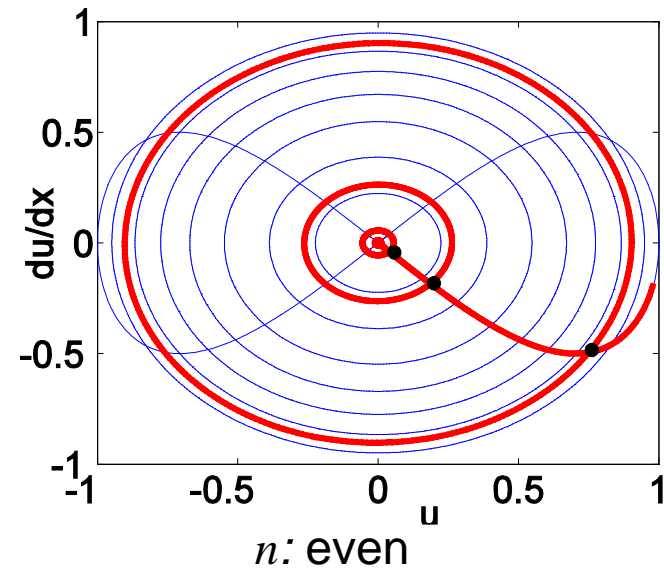
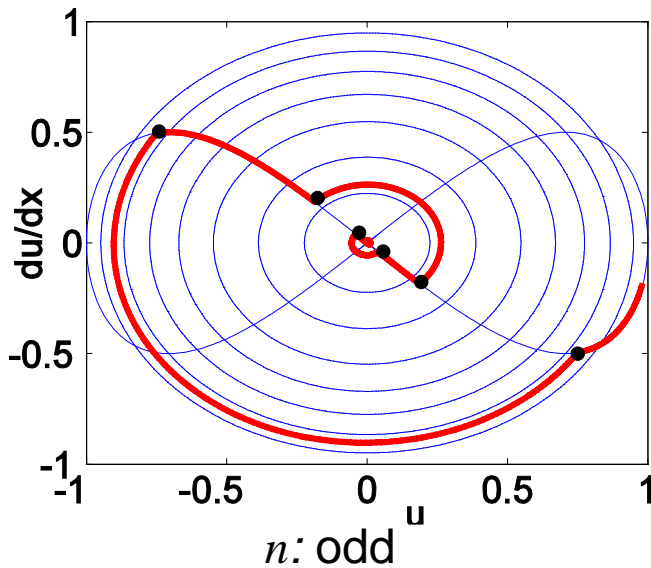
Our method

Exploits the phase space dynamics to compose exact solutions by matching analytical soliton solutions $u(x)$ and $du(x)/dx$ of the nonlinear problem at the boundaries of the linear regimes

Assumptions:

- The linear subsystem has periodic (sinusoidal) solutions $\longrightarrow \beta < \varepsilon_L$
- The nonlinear subsystem has an orbit homoclinic to (0,0) $\longrightarrow \beta > \varepsilon_N$

Nonlinear Kronig-Penney Model: Self - Focusing



Construction of soliton solutions in the composite phase space. The dark dots are located at the boundaries between the linear and nonlinear regimes.

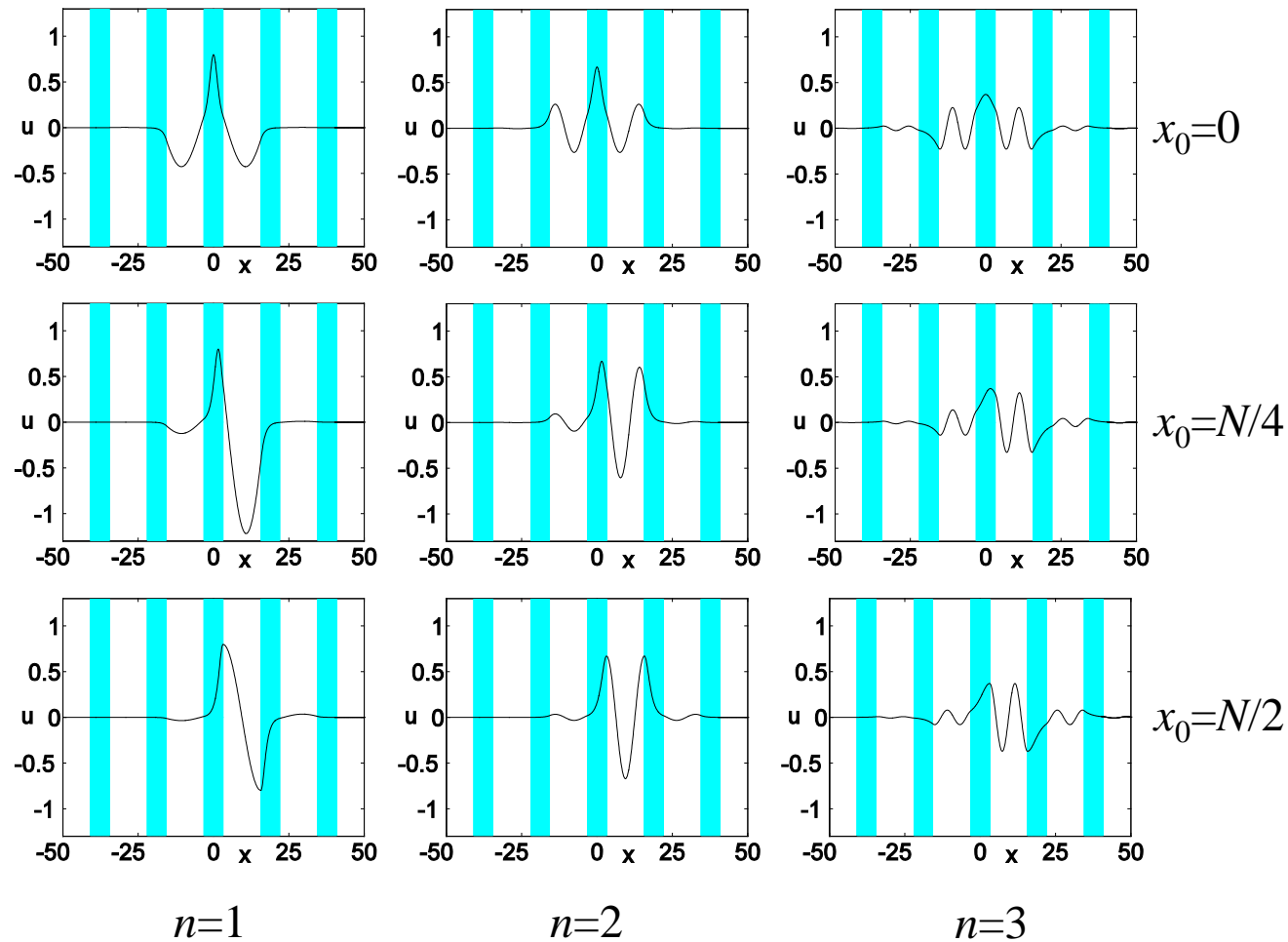
We choose values of the parameter β , for which an integer number (n) of half periods is contained in the linear regime of length L .

Resonance Condition

$$\beta_n = \varepsilon_L - \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2$$

For these $\beta = \beta_n$ all boundary conditions are satisfied simultaneously!

Nonlinear Kronig-Penney Model: Self - Focusing



n is the number of zeros within the linear part