

Discrete breathers in a nonlinear electrical transmission line



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Presentation of the model

- Line = 32 single cells
- Voltage source: $V(t) = V_d \cos(\omega t)$ with $1V \leq V_d \leq 5V$ and $200 \leq f(kHz) \leq 600$
- Nonlinear element: Varactor diode (NTE 618)

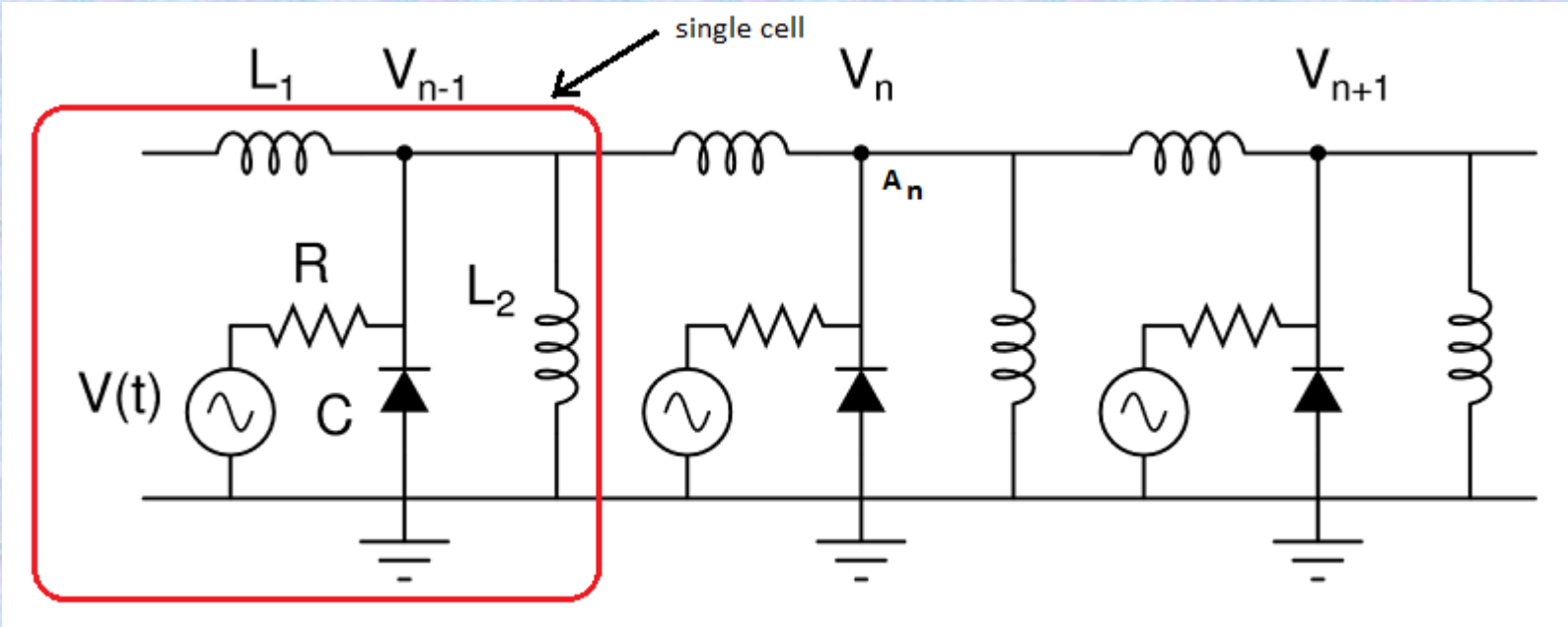


Figure 1: Sketch of the electrical transmission line

Nonlinear resonance curves of the single cell

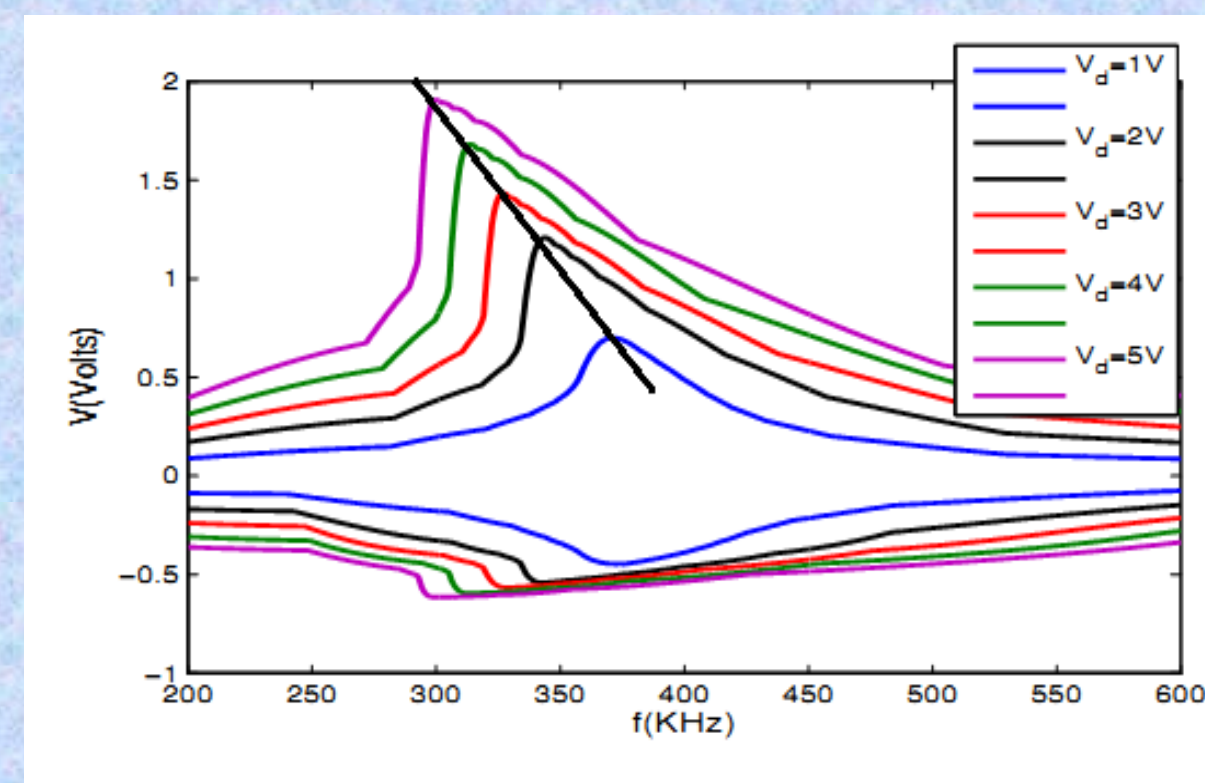


Figure 2: Nonlinear resonance curves of the single cell

Dynamical equations of the full electrical line and dispersion relation

- Dynamical equations

$$\begin{cases} C(V_n) \frac{dV_n}{dt} = Y_n - I_D(V_n) + \frac{V_d \cos(\omega t)}{R} - \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R_l}\right) V_n \\ L_2 \frac{dY_n}{dt} = \frac{L_2}{L_1} (V_{n+1} + V_{n-1} - 2V_n) - V_n \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- Dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 4u_0^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) \quad (2)$$

Dispersion relation curve

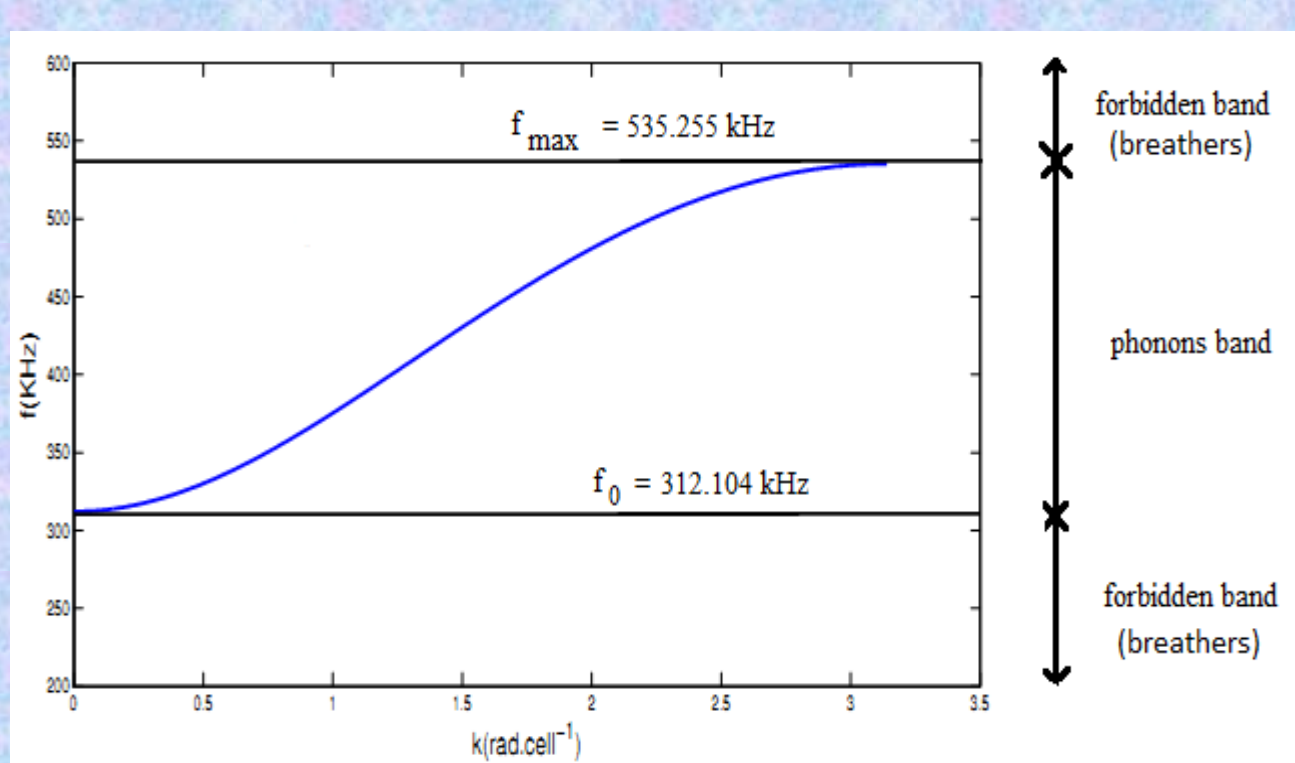


Figure 3: dispersion relation curve of the electrical line.

The Complex Cubic Ginzburg-Landau equation

- Semi-discrete approximation

$$V_n(t) = \varepsilon V_{11}(x, t) e^{i\theta(n, t)} + c.c. + \varepsilon^2 [V_{20}(x, t) + V_{22}(x, t) e^{2i\theta(n, t)} + c.c.] \quad (3)$$

$$i \frac{\partial V_{11}}{\partial \tau} + P \frac{\partial^2 V_{11}}{\partial \xi^2} + Q |V_{11}|^2 V_{11} = 0 \quad (4) \text{ where } \tau = \varepsilon^2 t \text{ and } \xi = \varepsilon(x - V_g t)$$

$$P = P_r + iP_i \quad (5) \quad Q = Q_r + iQ_i \quad (6)$$

$$P_r = -\frac{u_0^2}{2\omega^3} (u_0^2 \sin^2 k - \omega^2 \cos k) \quad (7) \quad P_i = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$Q_r = \frac{2c^2 u_0^2 \omega \sin^2 k}{\omega_0^2 + 4u_0^2 \sin^4(\frac{k}{2})} - \frac{[4c^2(4(\omega^2 - u_0^2 \sin^2 k) - \omega_0^2) + 8abc] \omega^3}{[4(\omega^2 - u_0^2 \sin^2 k) - \omega_0^2]^2 + 4a^2 \omega^2} + \frac{3}{2} d\omega \quad (9)$$

$$Q_i = \frac{2bcu_0^2 \sin^2 k}{\omega_0^2 + 4u_0^2 \sin^4(\frac{k}{2})} - \frac{[4bc(4(\omega^2 - u_0^2 \sin^2 k) - \omega_0^2) - 8ac^2 \omega^2] \omega^2}{[4(\omega^2 - u_0^2 \sin^2 k) - \omega_0^2]^2 + 4a^2 \omega^2} \quad (10)$$

Existence of breather solutions

- Condition of existence

- General condition:

$$P_r Q_r + P_i Q_i > 0 \quad (11)$$

(modulational instability condition)

- Our particular case

$$P_i = 0$$

$$P_r Q_r > 0 \quad (12)$$

for $k < 1.31$, the modulational instability condition is satisfied, and CCGL admits breathers solutions

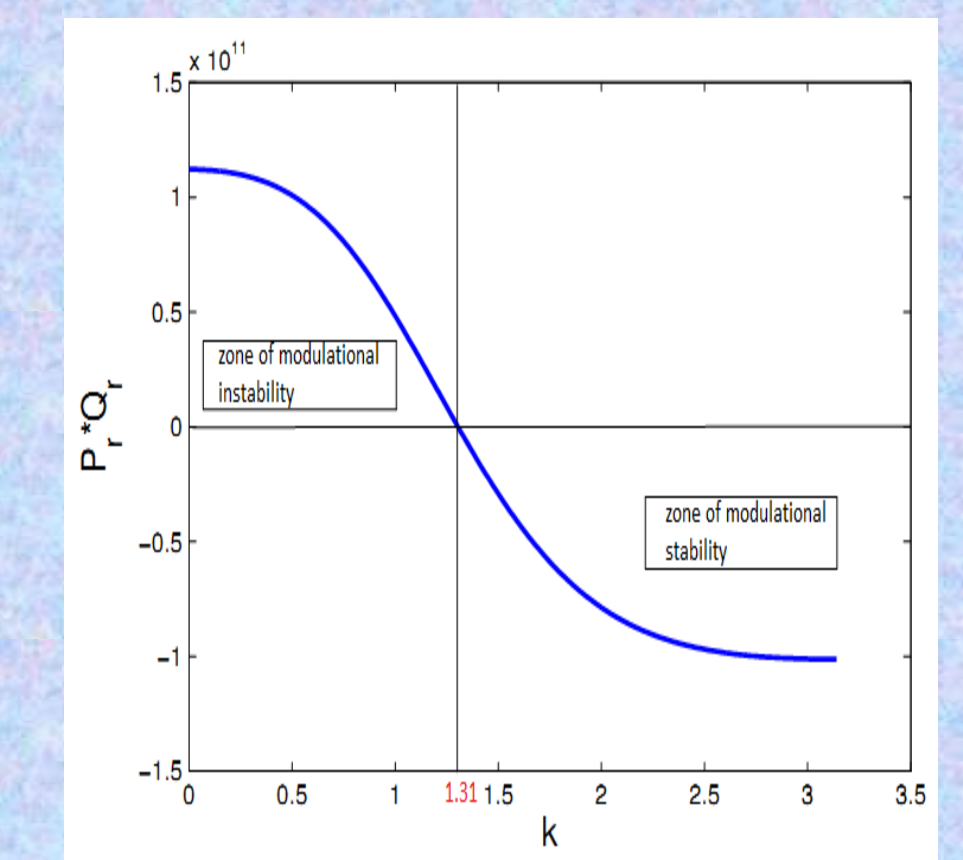


Figure 4: Variations of the PRQ product as a function of the wave vector k

Results of numerical simulations

- Observation of the modulational instability and formation of a stationary multibreather

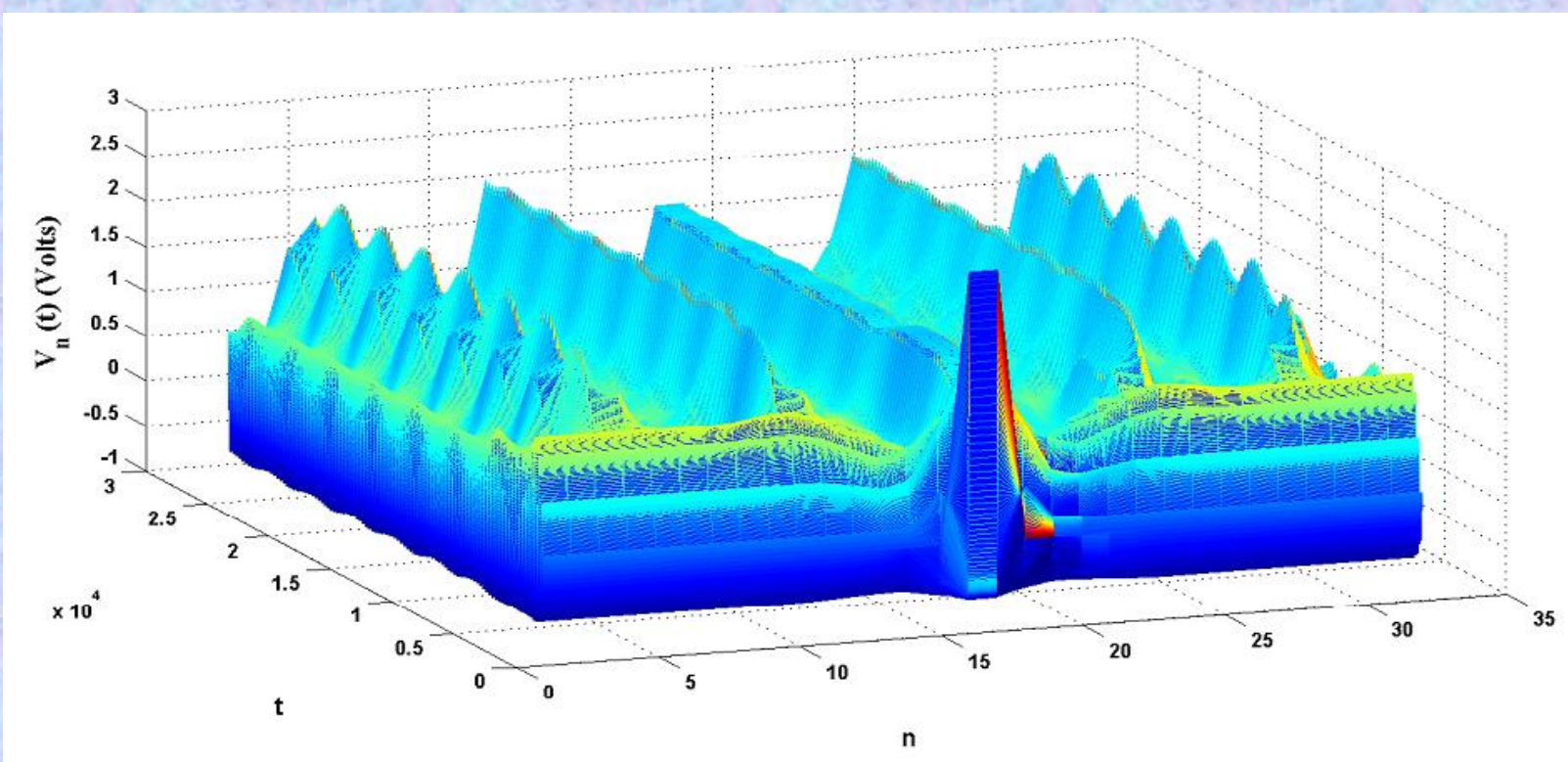


Figure 5: time evolution of a multibreather generated by modulational instability for $V_d = 4.5V$ and $f = 285 kHz$

Results of numerical simulations

- Spatial profile of the multibreather

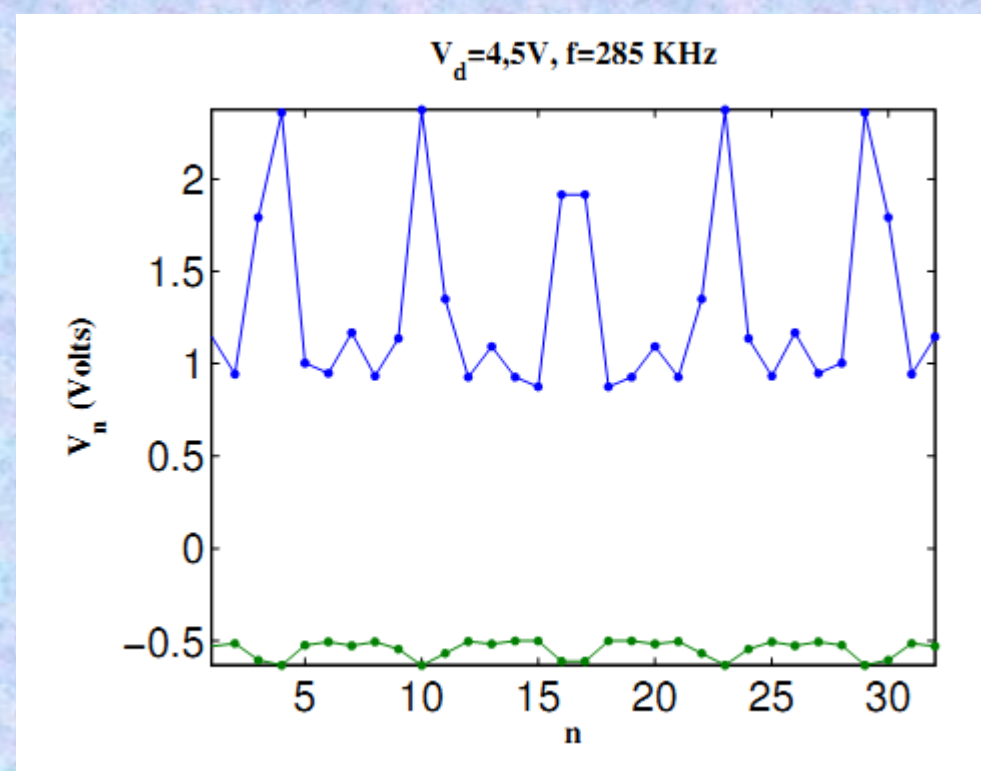


Figure 6: spatial profile of the multibreather at two different times

Conclusions

- We have shown that the propagation of a wave packet in the System can be modeled by the Complex Cubic Ginzburg-Landau (CCGL) equation and that this equation admits breathers solutions when the modulational instability condition is satisfied,
- We have shown numerically how the modulational instability leads to the formation of a stationary multibreather.

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