

# Local analysis of dynamical systems and application to nonlinear waves

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## IV – Modulation equations for lattices with strongly nonlinear spatial coupling

### Outline :

- Different types of strongly nonlinear lattices and localized waves relevant to granular metamaterials
- Discrete p-Schrödinger (DpS) limit in Newton's cradle, existence of stationary breathers

G.J. (2011)

B. Bidégaray-Fesquet, E. Dumas, G.J. (2013)

G.J., P. Kevrekidis, J. Cuevas (2013)

G.J., Y. Starosvetsky (2014)

- DpS limit in mass-with-mass systems, long-lived breathers

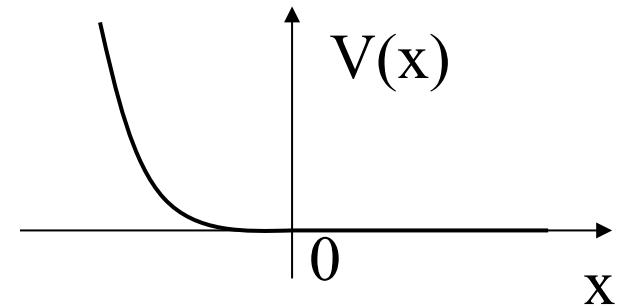
L. Liu, G.J., P. Kevrekidis, A. Vainchtein (2016)

- Continuum limits of DpS and traveling breathers : G.J. (2018)

# I – Strongly nonlinear lattices and granular metamaterials

Model 1 : Fermi-Pasta-Ulam lattice (FPU), fully nonlinear potential

$$\ddot{x}_n = V'(x_{n+1} - x_n) - V'(x_n - x_{n-1})$$

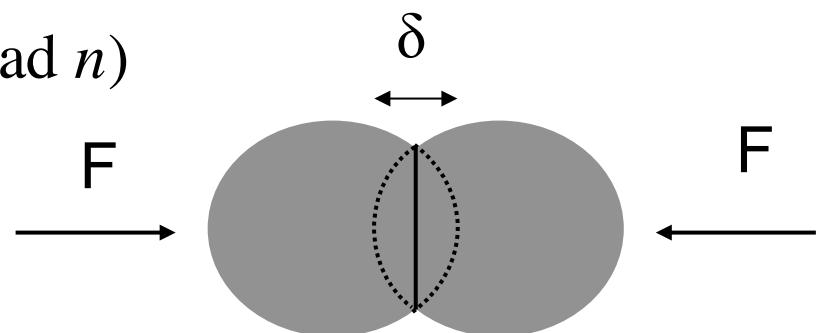


$$V(x) = \frac{1}{p} (-x)_+^p, \quad p > 2, \quad (a)_+ = \text{Max}(a, 0)$$

Hertz potential for  $p=5/2$  :

contact force between two spherical beads :  $F \approx \delta^{3/2}$

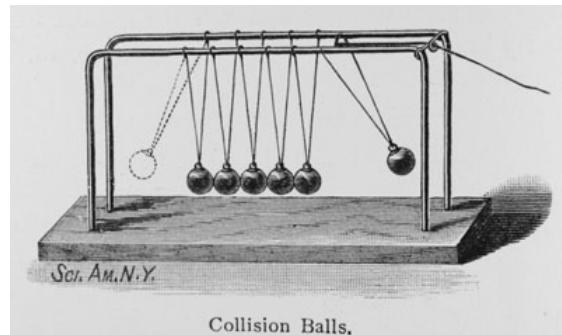
granular chain : ( $x_n$  = displacement of bead  $n$ )



## Model 2 : granular chain with local potential (Newton's cradle)

$$\ddot{x}_n + \omega^2 x_n = (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^{3/2} - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^{3/2}$$

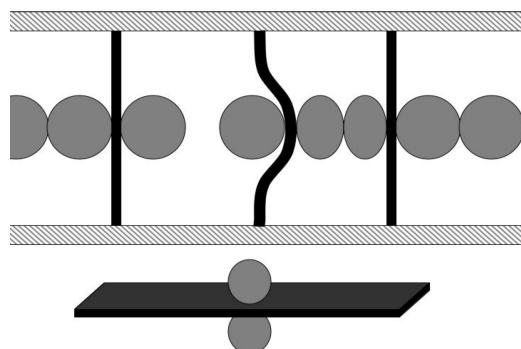
Classical  
Newton's cradle :



$\Rightarrow$  but  $\omega \sim \frac{\text{bead collision time}}{\text{local oscillation period}} \ll 1$   
 $\omega \sim 10^{-4}$  for impact velocity  $\approx 1\text{m/s}$

Stiff attachments (plates) :  $\omega \sim 1$

G.J., Kevrekidis, Cuevas '13



Beads in an elastic matrix :

Hasan et al, Granular Matter '15



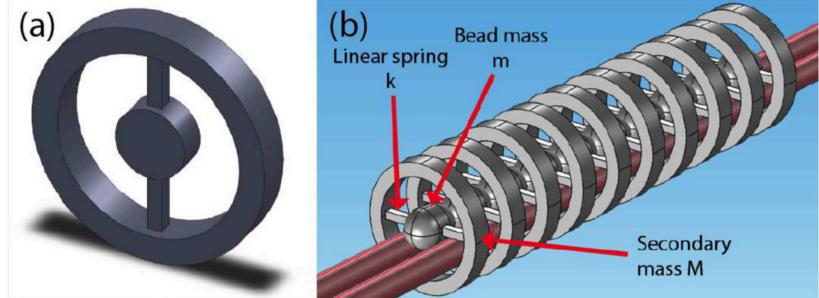
## Model 3 : locally resonant granular chain

$$\ddot{x}_n + k(x_n - y_n) = (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^{3/2} - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^{3/2}$$

$$\rho \ddot{y}_n + k(y_n - x_n) = 0$$

(MwM)

$y_n$ : displacement of external ring resonator  
 Gantzounis et al, J. Appl. Phys. 114 (2013)



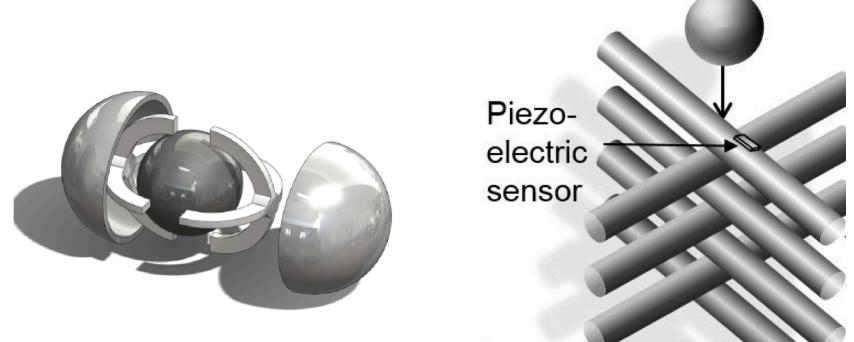
Variants :

◆ mass-in-mass system:

Bonanomi, Theocharis, Daraio,  
 Phys Rev E 91 (2015)

◆ woodpile structures:

Kim et al, PRL 114 (2015)



MwM interpolates between FPU-Hertz ( $\rho = 0$ ) and Newton's cradle ( $\rho = \infty$ )

## Model 4 : discrete p-Schrödinger equation (DpS)

G.J., Math. Models Meth. Appl. Sci. 21 (2011), Starosvetsky et al '12 (coupled chains)

$$i \partial_\tau A_n = (A_{n+1} - A_n) |A_{n+1} - A_n|^{p-2} - (A_n - A_{n-1}) |A_n - A_{n-1}|^{p-2}$$

$$p > 2, \quad \text{Hamiltonian} \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |A_{n+1} - A_n|^p$$

Reminiscent of DNLS equation, but purely intersite nonlinearity

Continuum limit :  $i \partial_\tau A = \partial_\xi (\partial_\xi A | \partial_\xi A |^{p-2}) \rightarrow p$ -Laplacian

DpS equation ( $p=5/2$  for Hertz contact) approximates the slow modulation in time of small oscillations in :

-Newton's cradle : Bidégaray-Fesquet, Dumas, G.J. '13

-MwM with heavy secondary masses initially close to resting state :

Liu, G.J., Kevrekidis, Vainchtein '16

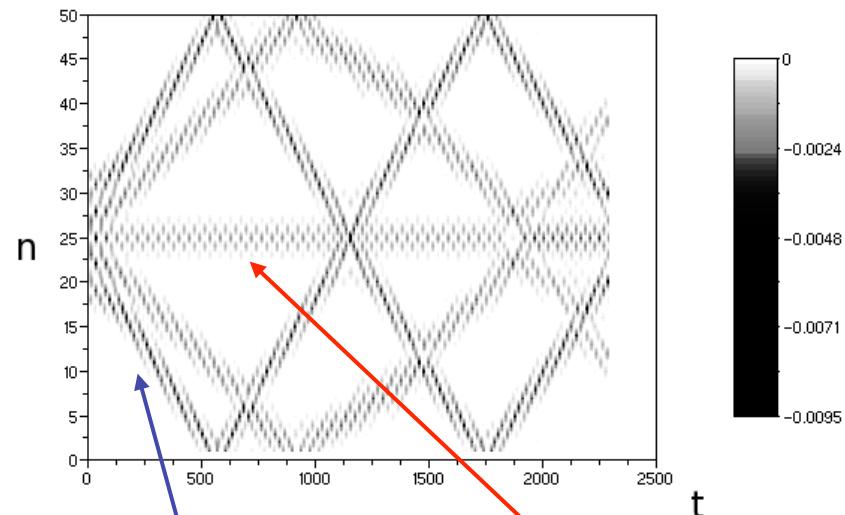
# Different types of localized waves generated by localized perturbations :

Contact forces  $-(x_n - x_{n+1})_+^{3/2}$  :

solitary wave

(Nesterenko '83)

Newton's cradle:

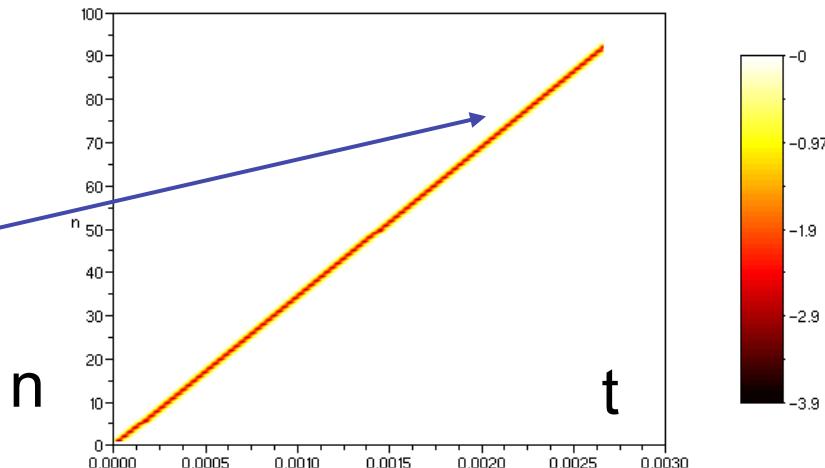


traveling breather

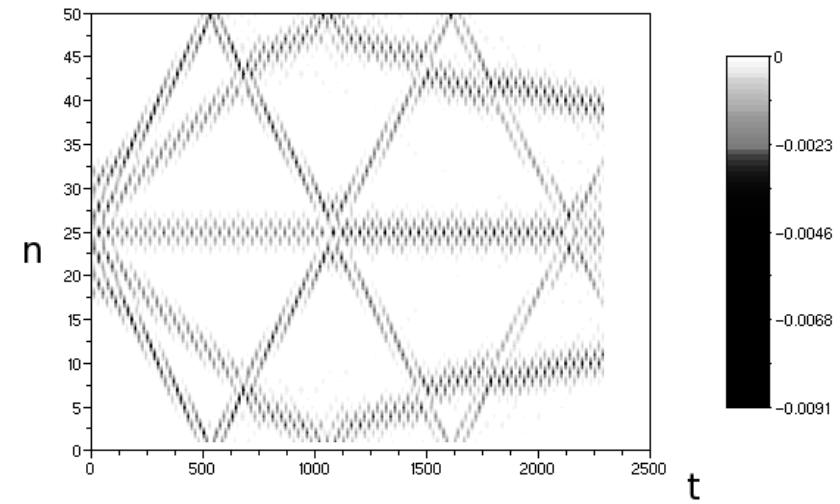
breather (non-propagating)

= localized oscillations

FPU - Hertz :

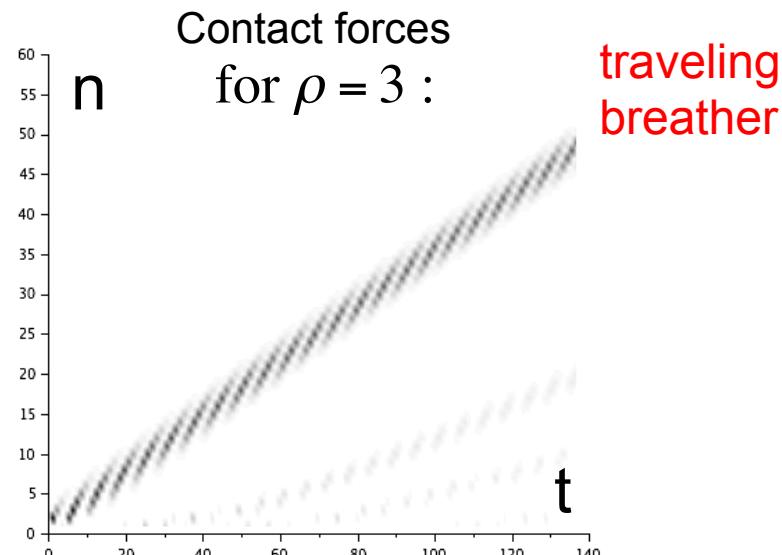
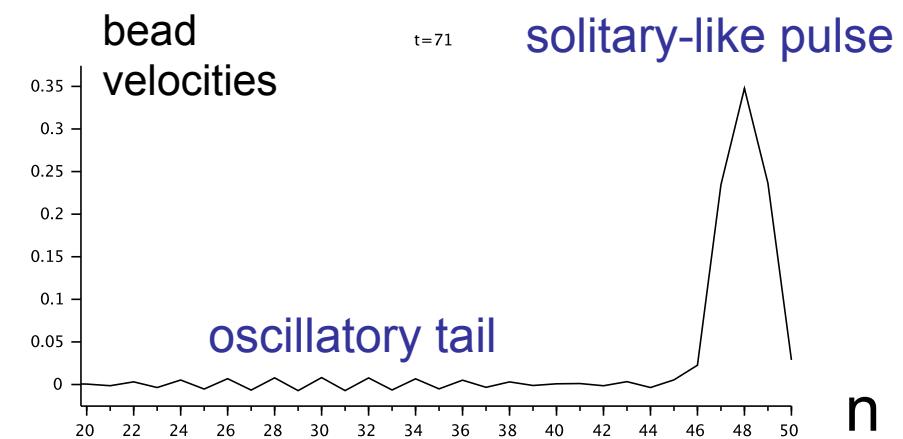
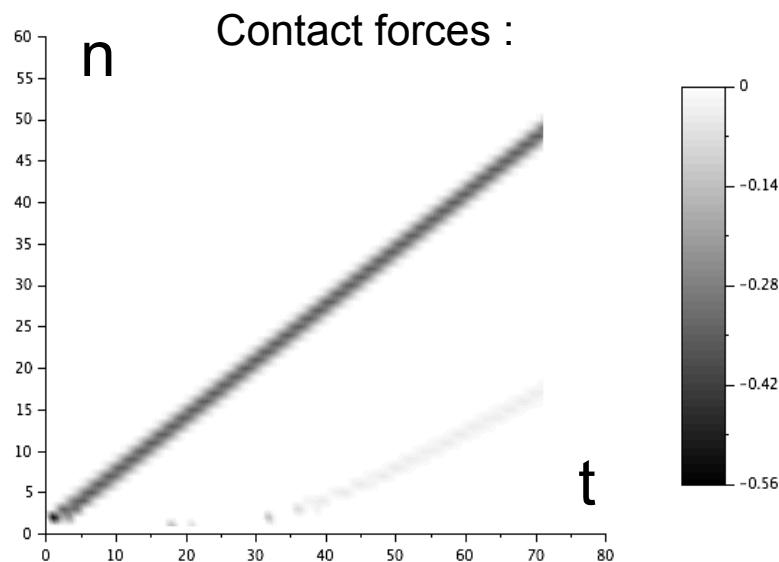


DpS :  $x_n(t) = 2\varepsilon \operatorname{Re}(e^{it} A_n(\varepsilon^{1/2} t))$



## Different types of localized waves :

MwM for mass ratio  $\rho = 1/3$  : ( $k = 1, \dot{x}_1(0) = 1$ )



Study of impact propagation in MwM :

Xu, Kevrekidis, Stefanov '15

Kim et al '15, Vorotnikov et al '18

## II – From Newton's cradle to DpS, stationary breathers

$$(N.C.) \quad \ddot{x}_n + x_n = (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^\alpha - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^\alpha \quad (\alpha > 1)$$

Leading order solutions (small amplitude  $\varepsilon$ ) :

$$x_n^{A,\varepsilon}(t) = \varepsilon A_n(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} t) e^{it} + \varepsilon \bar{A}_n(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} t) e^{-it} \quad \text{slow time : } \tau = \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} t$$

Collect terms  $O(\varepsilon^\alpha) \times e^{it} \Rightarrow$  DpS equation (G.J. '11)

$$2\tau_0 i \partial_\tau A_n = (A_{n+1} - A_n) |A_{n+1} - A_n|^{\alpha-1} - (A_n - A_{n-1}) |A_n - A_{n-1}|^{\alpha-1}$$

$$(\tau_0 \approx 1.5 \text{ for } \alpha = 3/2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  phase invariance, conservation of  $\ell_2$  norm, scale invariance

## Formal derivation of the DpS equation :

$$\ddot{x}_n + x_n = V'(x_{n+1} - x_n) - V'(x_n - x_{n-1})$$

$$-V'(x) = (-x)_+^\alpha$$

$$\alpha > 1$$

Small amplitude  $\varepsilon$ , slowly modulated time-periodic solutions :

$$x_n(t) = \varepsilon X_n(\tau, t) \quad \tau = \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} t \text{ slow time : } \int_0^{\varepsilon^{1-\alpha}} |V'(-\varepsilon)| dt = \varepsilon$$

$$X_n(\tau, t + 2\pi) = X_n(\tau, t)$$

$$[(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} \partial_\tau + \partial_t)^2 + 1] X = \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} \delta^+ V'(\delta^- X)$$

$$X = (X_n)_n, \quad (\delta^+ X)_n = X_{n+1} - X_n, \quad (\delta^- X)_n = X_n - X_{n-1}$$

## Formal derivation of the DpS equation :

$$[(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} \partial_\tau + \partial_t)^2 + 1]X = \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} \delta^+ V'(\delta^- X)$$

Expansion :  $X = X^0 + \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} X^1 + o(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1})$

$$\Rightarrow \text{order } \varepsilon^0 : \quad [\partial_t^2 + 1]X^0 = 0 \Rightarrow X_n^0(\tau, t) = A_n(\tau)e^{it} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{order } \varepsilon^{\alpha-1} : \quad [\partial_t^2 + 1]X^1 = -2i\partial_\tau A(\tau)e^{it} + \text{c.c.} + \delta^+ V'(\delta^- X^0)$$

$X^1$   $2\pi$ -periodic in  $t \Rightarrow$  solvability condition  $\int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} \times \text{RHS } dt = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2i\partial_\tau A_n = f(A_{n+1} - A_n) - f(A_n - A_{n-1})$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} V'(ze^{it} + \bar{z}e^{-it}) dt = \frac{1}{\tau_0} z |z|^{\alpha-1}$$

## Newton's cradle vs discrete p-Schrödinger : error bounds

Infinite lattice ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), phase space = sequence space  $\ell_p$  with  $p \in [1, \infty]$

The DpS equation approximates true  $O(\varepsilon)$  solutions of N.C.  
up to an error  $O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$ , over long times  $O(\varepsilon^{1-\alpha})$  :

**Theorem (Bidégaray-Fesquet, Dumas, G.J. '13)**

Fix a solution of DpS:  $A_n(\tau) : [0, T] \rightarrow \ell_p(\mathbb{Z})$

For all  $\varepsilon$  small enough, the solutions of N.C. with initial conditions

$(x_n(0), \dot{x}_n(0))_n = (x_n^{A, \varepsilon}(0), \dot{x}_n^{A, \varepsilon}(0))_n + O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$  in  $\ell_p^2(\mathbb{Z})$  satisfy :

$(x_n(t), \dot{x}_n(t))_n = (x_n^{A, \varepsilon}(t), \dot{x}_n^{A, \varepsilon}(t))_n + O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$  in  $\ell_p^2(\mathbb{Z})$  uniformly in  $t \in [0, T\varepsilon^{1-\alpha}]$

Method :

Consistency :  $x^{A, \varepsilon} + O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$  correction solves N.C. up to an error  $O(\varepsilon^{2\alpha-1})$ ,

Gronwall estimates for large times  $t = O(\varepsilon^{1-\alpha})$

## Error bound for DpS approximation : SKETCH OF PROOF

Known approximate solution :  $x_{\text{app}}(t) = (\varepsilon X^0 + \varepsilon^\alpha X^1)(\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} t, t) = x^{A,\varepsilon}(t) + O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$

$$\text{Residual} : R(x_{\text{app}}) := \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + 1 - \delta^+ V'(\delta^-) \right)(x_{\text{app}}) = O(\varepsilon^{2\alpha-1}) + \boxed{\varepsilon^{3\alpha-2} \partial_\tau^2 X^1}$$

No terms  $O(\varepsilon)$  and  $O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$  in  $R(x_{\text{app}})$  with the choice of  $X^0$  (solution of DpS) and  $X^1$

Singular term  $\partial_\tau^2 X^1$  (distribution !) must be eliminated:

$$\text{N.C. equivalent to : } \frac{du}{dt} = Ju + G(u), \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \delta^+ V'(\delta^-) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } u(t) \in (\ell_p(\mathbb{Z}))^2. \quad \boxed{\text{Modified } C^1 \text{ approximate solution}} \quad u_{\text{app}} := \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{app}} \\ \dot{x}_{\text{app}} - \varepsilon^{2\alpha-1} \partial_\tau X^1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Residual } E(u_{\text{app}}) := \left( \frac{d}{dt} - J - G \right)(u_{\text{app}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ R(x_{\text{app}}) - \varepsilon^{3\alpha-2} \partial_\tau^2 X^1 \end{pmatrix} + O(\varepsilon^{2\alpha-1}) = O(\varepsilon^{2\alpha-1})$$

Error  $r := u - u_{\text{app}}$  satisfies  $\frac{dr}{dt} = J r + G(u_{\text{app}} + r) - G(u_{\text{app}}) - E(u_{\text{app}})$ . By Gronwall:

$$\|r(t)\| \leq \|r(0)\| + \int_0^t \|E(u_{\text{app}})(s)\| ds + C\varepsilon^{\alpha-1} \int_0^t \|r(s)\| ds = O(\varepsilon^\alpha) \text{ for } t = O(\varepsilon^{1-\alpha}) \quad \square$$

# Breather solutions of DpS (time-periodic) and long-lived breathers in Newton's cradle

$$\text{DpS} : i \partial_\tau A_n = (A_{n+1} - A_n) |A_{n+1} - A_n|^{\alpha-1} - (A_n - A_{n-1}) |A_n - A_{n-1}|^{\alpha-1}$$

Time-periodic solutions to DpS :  $A_n(\tau) = a_n e^{i\tau}$   $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$

Breathers :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} a_n = 0$

Stationary (real) DpS equation :

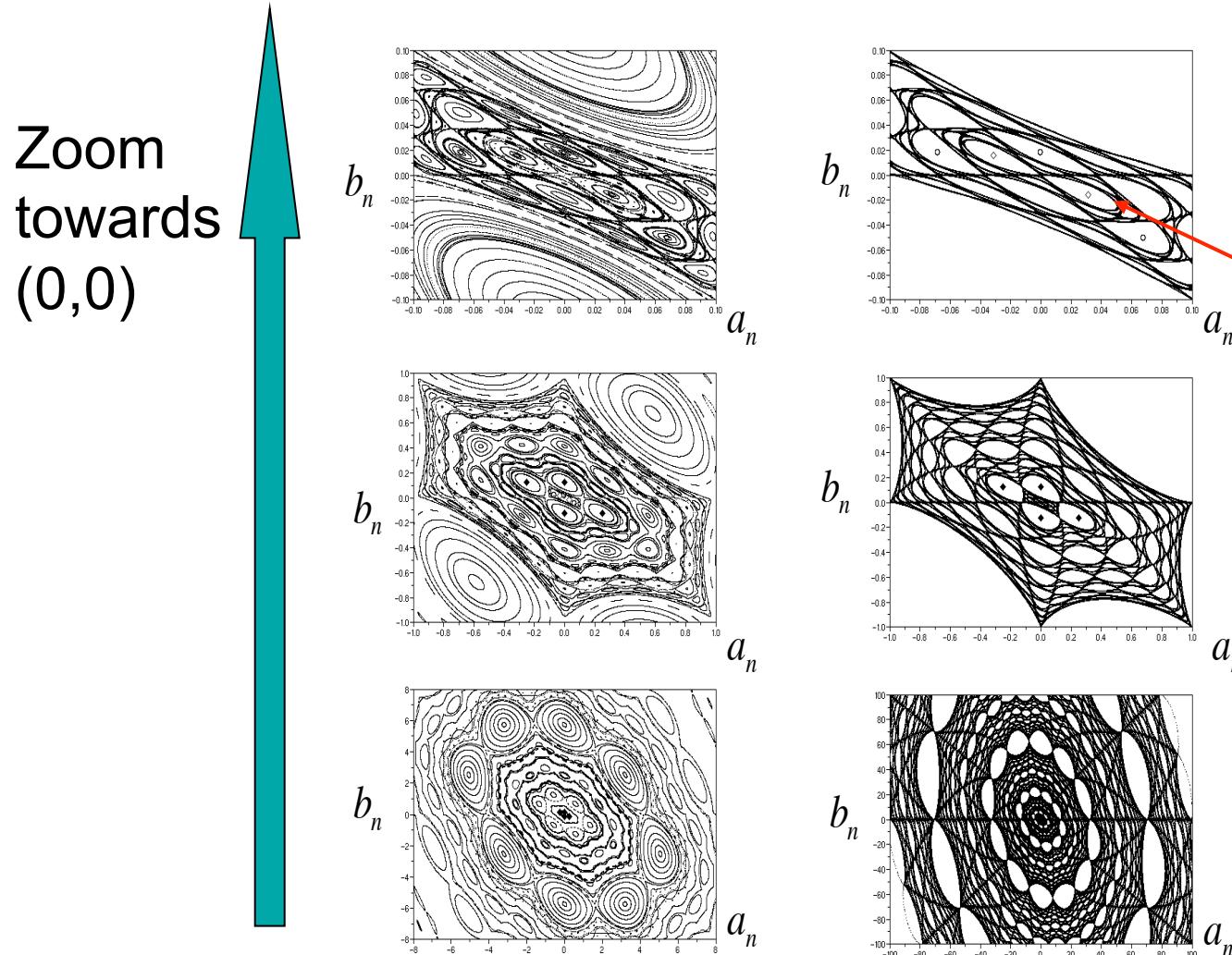
$$-a_n = (a_{n+1} - a_n) |a_{n+1} - a_n|^{\alpha-1} - (a_n - a_{n-1}) |a_n - a_{n-1}|^{\alpha-1}$$

$$b_n$$

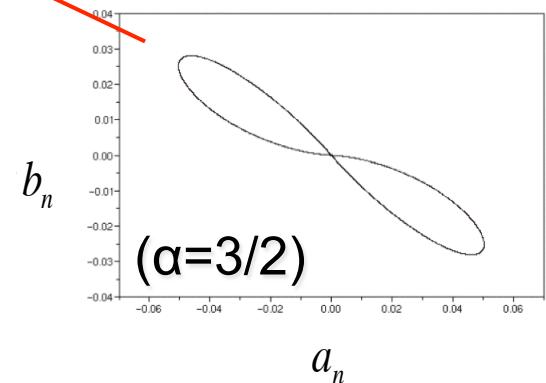
Spatial dynamics : stationary real DpS  $\Leftrightarrow$  2D mapping

$(a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}) = G(a_n, b_n)$     G reversible, area - preserving,  
not differentiable at the origin

# Stationary Dps equation : some orbits of the « spatial map » G



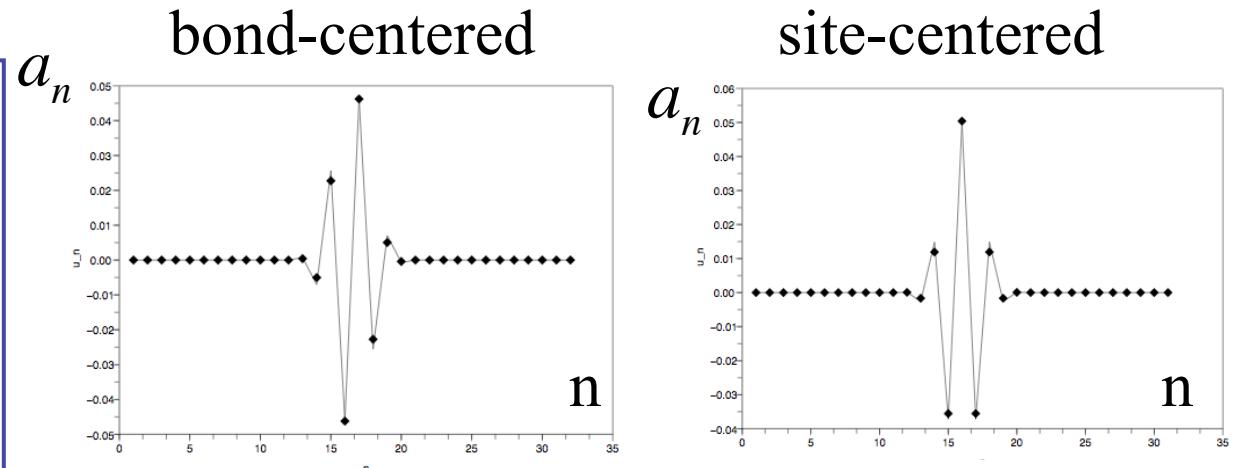
Stable and  
unstable  
manifolds of (0,0)  
intersect :



⇒ orbits  
homoclinic to 0

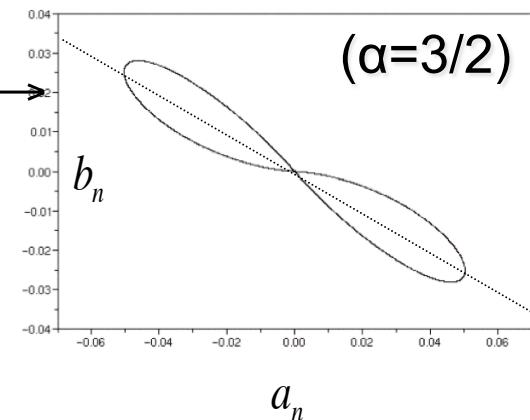
$$(a_n, b_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad n \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

Theorem : for all  $\alpha > 1$ ,  
 existence of reversible  
 homoclinics  $(a_n, b_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \pm\infty]{} 0$   
 (G.J. and Starosvetsky '14)



Method :  $W^u(0)$  and  $W^s(0)$  intersect on a reversibility axis

See also : Flach '95, Rosenau and Schochet '05,  
 Qin and Xiao '07, Yoshimura '17 (periodic BC)



DpS breathers  
 ⇒ long-lived breathers  
 in Newton's cradle  
 (Bidégaray et al '13)

$$x_n(t) = 2\varepsilon a_n \cos[(1 + \frac{\varepsilon^{\alpha-1}}{2\tau_0})t] + O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$$

over long times  $t \approx \varepsilon^{1-\alpha}$

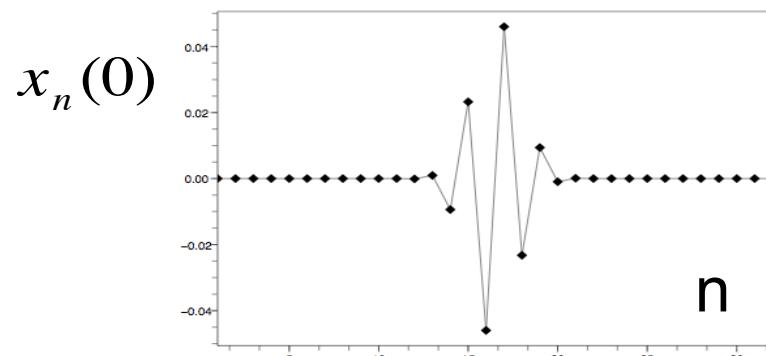
# Numerical computation of breathers in Newton's cradle

$$\ddot{x}_n + x_n = (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^{3/2} - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^{3/2}$$

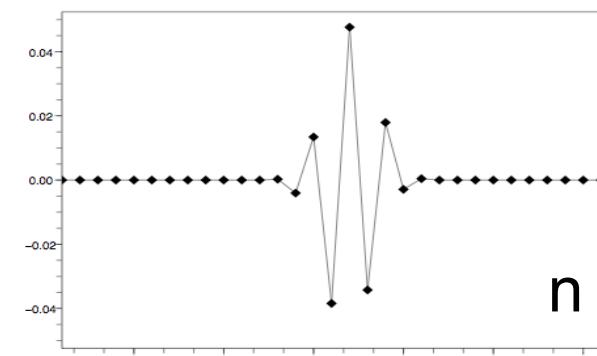
Breather solution :  $x_n(t+T) = x_n(t)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} x_n(t) = 0$

Computation by Newton's method : (G.J., Kevrekidis, Cuevas '13)

Bond-centered breather



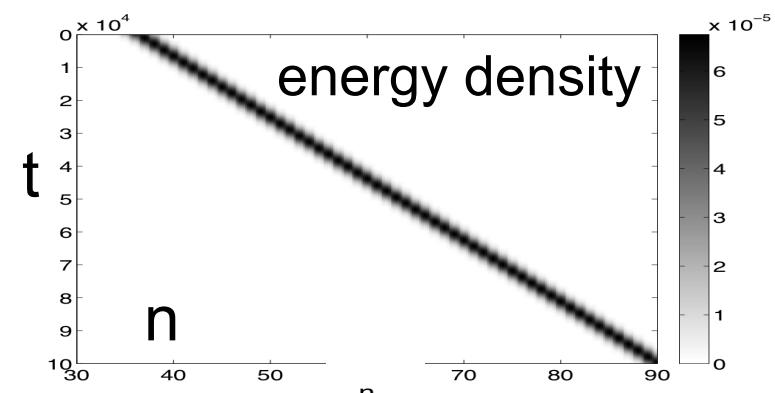
Site-centered breather



( $T < 2\pi$ )

Small perturbation (energy +0.01%)  
of a stable breather (bond-centered)

⇒ traveling breather :



# More on localized solutions of DpS : absence of complete scattering

DpS equation ( $\alpha > 1$ ) :

$$i \partial_\tau A_n = (A_{n+1} - A_n) |A_{n+1} - A_n|^{\alpha-1} - (A_n - A_{n-1}) |A_n - A_{n-1}|^{\alpha-1}$$

Theorem (Bidégaray-Fesquet, Dumas, G.J. '13) :

DpS is globally well-posed in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . If  $A(0) \neq 0$ , then

$$\text{for all times : } \|A(\tau)\|_\infty \geq \left( \frac{\left\| \frac{1}{2} \delta^+ A(0) \right\|_{\alpha+1}^{\alpha+1}}{\|A(0)\|_2^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$(\delta^+ A)_n = A_{n+1} - A_n, \quad \|A\|_p = \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |A_n|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad \|A\|_\infty = \sup_n |A_n|$$

**Proof of the theorem** use two conserved quantities :

$$\text{energy } H = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |A_{n+1} - A_n|^{\alpha+1} \text{ and } \|A\|_2^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |A_n|^2 \quad (\text{Kopidakis et al, '08})$$

$$\|\delta^+ A(0)\|_{\alpha+1}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+1}} = H^{\frac{1}{\alpha+1}} = \|\delta^+ A(\tau)\|_{\alpha+1} \quad (\text{energy conservation})$$

$$\leq 2 \|A(\tau)\|_{\alpha+1} \quad (\text{triangular inequality})$$

$$\leq 2 \left( \|A(\tau)\|_{\infty} \right)^{1-\frac{2}{1+\alpha}} \left( \|A(\tau)\|_2 \right)^{\frac{2}{1+\alpha}} \quad (\text{interpolation inequality})$$

$$\leq 2 \left( \|A(\tau)\|_{\infty} \right)^{1-\frac{2}{1+\alpha}} \left( \|A(0)\|_2 \right)^{\frac{2}{1+\alpha}} \quad (\text{conserved } \ell_2 \text{ norm})$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A(\tau)\|_{\infty} \geq \left( \frac{1}{2} \|\delta^+ A(0)\|_{\alpha+1} \right)^{\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}} \left( \|A(0)\|_2 \right)^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} = \left( \frac{\left\| \frac{1}{2} \delta^+ A(0) \right\|_{\alpha+1}^{\alpha+1}}{\|A(0)\|_2^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$$

□

### III – DpS limit and breathers in MwM (heavy secondary mass)

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}_n + x_n &= (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^\alpha - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^\alpha + y_n \\ \ddot{y}_n &= \gamma(x_n - y_n)\end{aligned}\tag{MwM}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 1 \\ \gamma := 1/\rho &= O(\varepsilon^{2(\alpha-1)}) \\ \varepsilon &\text{ small parameter}\end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Liu et al '16)

phase space =  $\ell_p^4(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $p \in [1, \infty]$

Fix a solution of DpS:  $A_n(\tau) : [0, T] \rightarrow \ell_p(\mathbb{Z})$

For all  $\varepsilon$  small enough, the solutions of MwM with initial conditions

$$(x_n(0), \dot{x}_n(0))_n = (x_n^{A, \varepsilon}(0), \dot{x}_n^{A, \varepsilon}(0))_n + O(\varepsilon^\alpha), \quad (y_n(0), \varepsilon^{1-\alpha} \dot{y}_n(0))_n = O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$$

satisfy uniformly in  $t \in [0, T\varepsilon^{1-\alpha}]$ :

$$(x_n(t), \dot{x}_n(t))_n = (x_n^{A, \varepsilon}(t), \dot{x}_n^{A, \varepsilon}(t))_n + O(\varepsilon^\alpha), \quad (y_n(t), \varepsilon^{1-\alpha} \dot{y}_n(t))_n = O(\varepsilon^\alpha)$$

DpS breathers  $\Rightarrow$  MwM breathers

over long times  $t \approx \varepsilon^{1-\alpha}$  :

$$\begin{aligned}x_n(t) &= 2\varepsilon a_n \cos\left[\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon^{\alpha-1}}{2\tau_0}\right)t\right] + O(\varepsilon^\alpha) \\ y_n(t) &= O(\varepsilon^\alpha), \quad \dot{y}_n(t) = O(\varepsilon^{2\alpha-1})\end{aligned}$$

# Breakdown of DpS approximation over long times

No nontrivial T-periodic breather solutions satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|_{L^\infty(0,T)} = 0$

(Liu et al '16)

average interaction force :  $f_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^\alpha dt \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (localization)

MwM yields :  $\ddot{x}_n + \rho \ddot{y}_n = (x_{n-1} - x_n)_+^\alpha - (x_n - x_{n+1})_+^\alpha$

$\Rightarrow f_n$  independent of  $n \Rightarrow f_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x_{n-1}(t) - x_n(t))_+^\alpha = 0 \quad \forall t$  (beads not interacting)  $\Rightarrow$  only trivial breathers

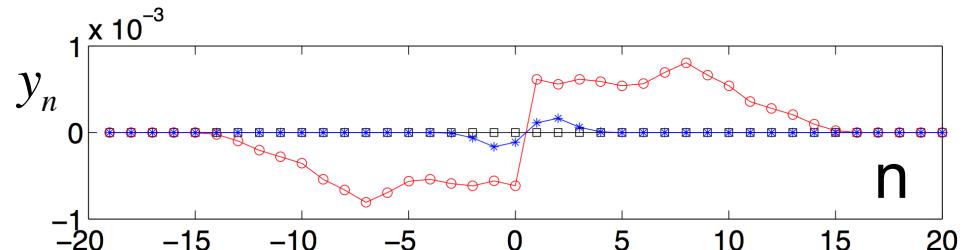
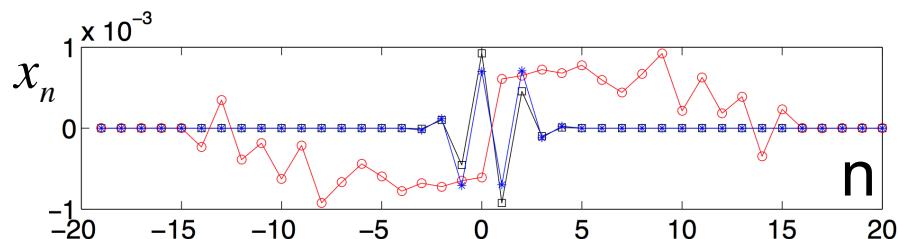
with  $\ddot{x}_n = y_n - x_n, \rho \ddot{y}_n = x_n - y_n$  (freq.  $\omega = \sqrt{1+\gamma}$ )

□

Numerical simulation of MwM for  $\rho = 1000$  ( $\alpha = 3/2$ )

Initial condition at  $t = 0$  : approximate DpS breather with  $\varepsilon = 0.01$  (black)

Blue : evolution at  $t = 36$  breather periods, red :  $t = 80$  periods

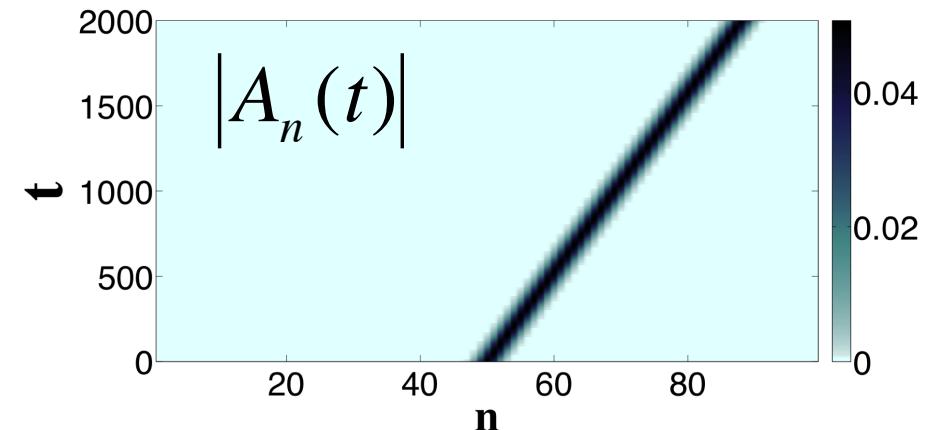


## IV – Continuum limits of DpS and traveling breathers

$$i \frac{d}{dt} a_n = (\Delta_p a)_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad p = \alpha + 1 > 2$$

$$(\Delta_p a)_n = (a_{n+1} - a_n) |a_{n+1} - a_n|^{p-2} - (a_n - a_{n-1}) |a_n - a_{n-1}|^{p-2}$$

Small perturbation of an unstable breather (site-centered) leading to translational motion, for  $p=5/2$  :



Idea to describe traveling breathers :  
use  $p-2$  as small parameter for a « weakly nonlinear » analysis

See also : G.J. and Starosvetsky '14 (stationary breathers in DpS),  
Chatterjee '99, G.J. and Pelinovsky '14 (solitary waves in granular chains)

## Formal derivation of generalized NLS equations (G.J., '18)

$$i \frac{d}{dt} a_n = (\Delta_p a)_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad p \approx 2$$

scale invariance :  $a_n(t) \rightarrow R a_n(|R|^{p-2} t)$

Ansatz :  $a_n^{\text{app}}(t) = \frac{R}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \phi_n(t) A(\xi, \tau)$

$$\phi_n(t) = e^{i(\Omega |R|^{p-2} t - q n)}$$
$$\Omega(q) = 4 \sin^2(q/2), \quad q \in (0, \pi]$$

\*Exact periodic traveling wave for  $A=1$  (wavenumber  $q$ , amplitude  $R$ )

\*Slow modulation in time and space for  $p \approx 2$

$$\xi = \sqrt{p-2} (n - c_q |R|^{p-2} t) \quad c_q = \Omega'(q) = 2 \sin q$$

$$\tau = (p-2) |R|^{p-2} t$$

# Formal derivation of generalized NLS equations

Evaluation of residual error :  $E := (i \frac{d}{dt} - \Delta_p)(a^{\text{app}})$

$$= (p-2) \frac{R|R|^{p-2}}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \phi (i\partial_\tau A + \Omega N_p(A) - \cos q (\partial_\xi^2 A)|A|^{p-2} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{p-2}))$$

$$N_p(A) = A \frac{|A|^{p-2} - 1}{p-2} = A \ln |A| + \mathcal{O}(p-2)$$

Amplitude equations yielding  $E = \mathcal{O}((p-2)^{3/2})$  :

logarithmic NLS equation : (Bialynicki-Birula and Mycielski '76,  
Cazenave and Haraux '80, ...)

$$i\partial_\tau A = \cos q \partial_\xi^2 A - \Omega A \ln |A| \quad (\text{log-NLS})$$

fully-nonlinear Schrödinger equations :

$$i\partial_\tau A = \cos q (\partial_\xi^2 A) |A|^{p-2} - \Omega N_p(A) \quad (\text{FNLS-I})$$

$$i\partial_\tau A = \cos q \partial_\xi^2 (A |A|^{p-2}) - \Omega N_p(A) \quad (\text{FNLS-II})$$

## NLS approximations of traveling breathers

Stationary equations FNLS-I and FNLS-II (Ahnert-Pikovsky '09) admit **compactons** for  $q \in (\pi/2, \pi]$  :

$$A_c(\xi) = \begin{cases} A_1 |\cos(\lambda\xi)|^{\frac{2}{p-2}}, & |\xi| \leq \frac{\pi}{2\lambda}, \\ 0, & |\xi| \geq \frac{\pi}{2\lambda}, \end{cases}$$

with constant coefficients  $A_1(p)$ ,  $\lambda(p,q) = O(\sqrt{p-2})$

→ approximate traveling breathers for DpS with compact support :

$$a_n^{\text{app}}(t) = \frac{R}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{i(\Omega|R|^{p-2}t - q n)} A_c[\sqrt{p-2}(n - 2 \sin q |R|^{p-2} t)]$$

log-NLS equation admits **Gaussian solutions** for  $q \in (\pi/2, \pi]$  :

$$A_g(\xi) = \sqrt{e} \exp\left(\frac{\Omega}{4 \cos q} \xi^2\right) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 2} A_c(\xi)$$

## Traveling breather solutions of the DpS equation : numerical computation

We compute localized initial conditions  $a_n(0)$  in DpS such that :

$$e^{i\theta} a_{n+1}(1/v) = a_n(0), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a_n(t) = a_0(t - n/v) e^{-i\theta n}$$

Parameters  $v, \theta$  : traveling breather velocity and phase

Numerical tools : time-integration and Newton's method

Ansatz (compacton or Gaussian) :

$$a_n^{\text{app}}(t) = \frac{R}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{i(\Omega |R|^{p-2} t - q n)} A_c[\sqrt{p-2} (n - 2 \sin q |R|^{p-2} t)]$$

Wavenumber  $q$  and amplitude  $R$  must satisfy :

$$q - \tan(q/2) = \theta(2\pi)$$

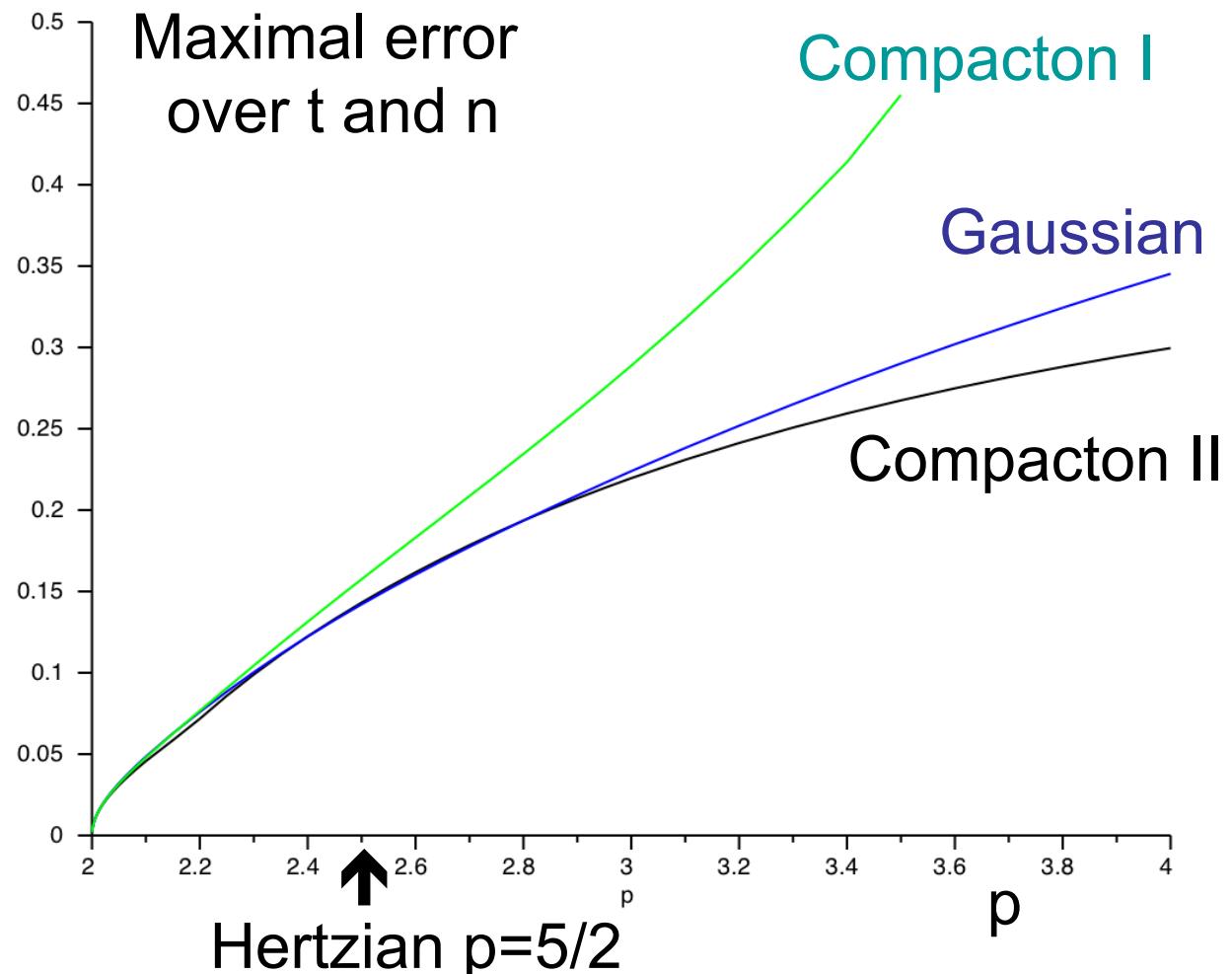
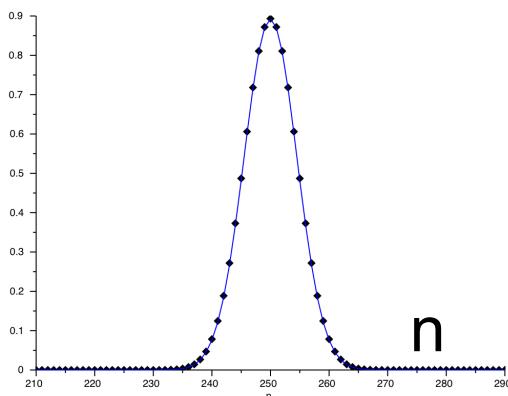
$$2 \sin q |R|^{p-2} = v$$

# Numerical validation of NLS approximations

Relative error between Ansatz ( $q = 3\pi / 4, R = 1$ ) and a numerically exact traveling breather  $a_n(t) = a_0(t - n/v) e^{-i\theta n}$  (velocity  $v = \sqrt{2}$ , phase shift  $\theta \approx -0.06$ )

Numerical solution :  
Newton-type method  
Aubry, Cretegny '98  
Yoshimura, Doi '07

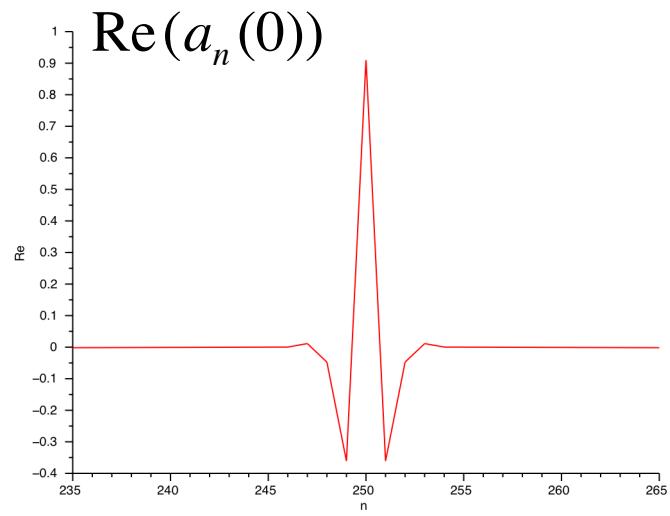
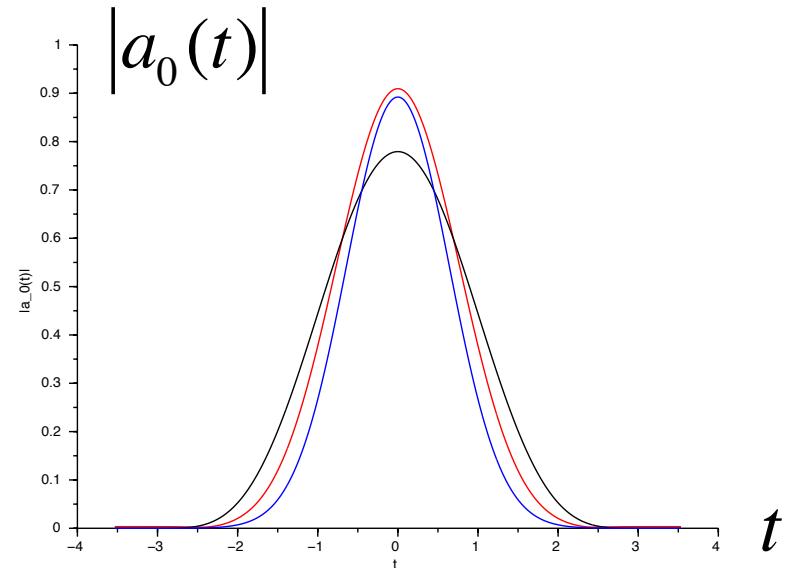
Gaussian profile of  
 $|a_n(0)|$  for  $p = 2.02$  :



# Numerical validation of NLS approximations

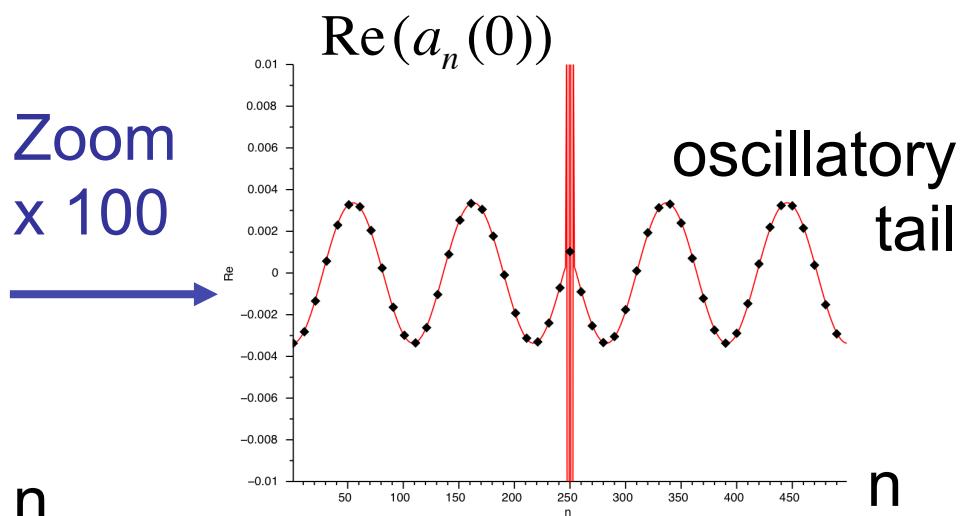
Example :  $p=5/2$

- numerical (Newton)
- Gaussian
- Compaction II



Zoom  
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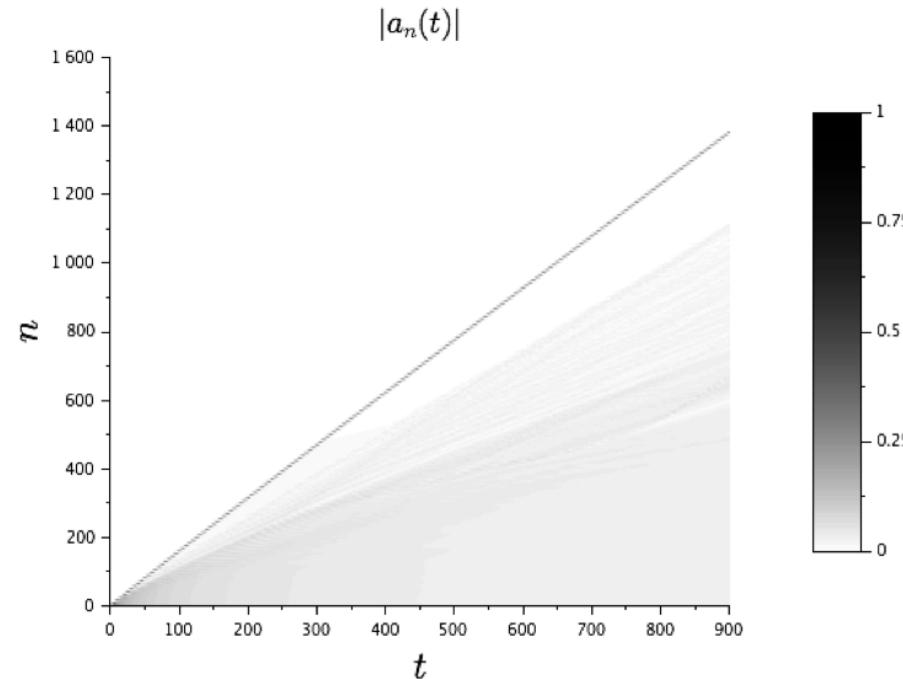
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# Numerical validation of NLS approximations

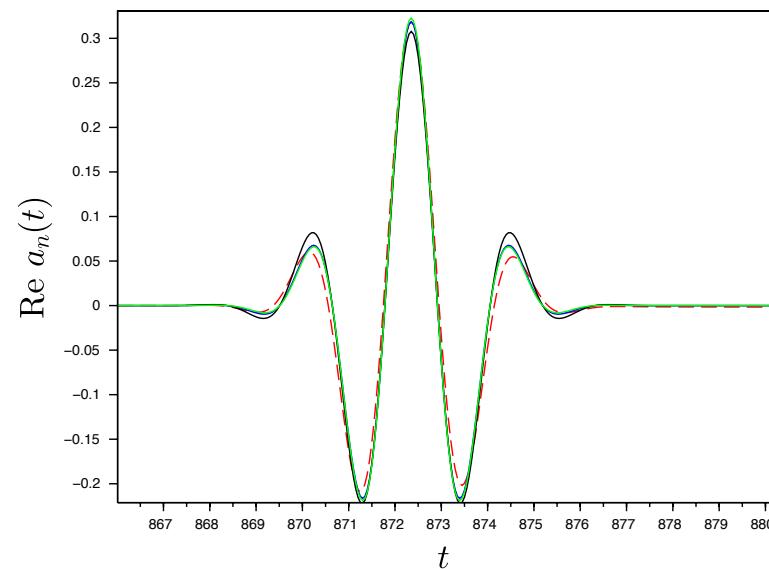
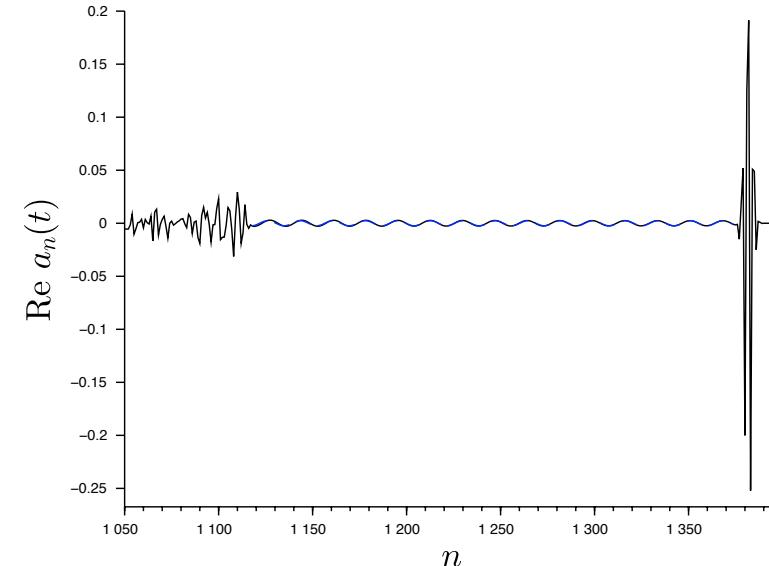
Dynamical simulation for  $p=2.1$  (initial perturbation of first particle)



- numerical time integr.
- Gaussian
- compacton I
- compacton II



We fix  $q$  and  $R$  to match the numerical velocity  $v \approx 1.5$  and phase  $\theta \approx 0.3$



## Conclusion

- ❖ Nonlinear lattices modeling 1D granular metamaterials :  
FPU (Hertz type potential,  $p>2$ ) + local potential or attached masses
- ❖ Time-periodic or transient (long-lived) breathers and traveling breathers obtained numerically
- ❖ asymptotic model : discrete  $p$ -Schrödinger equation (DpS)
  - approximates small oscillations over long (but finite) times
  - existence of time-periodic breathers
  - traveling breathers approximated through formal continuum limits

### Works in progress :

- ◆ error bounds in the multiscale analysis for  $p \approx 2$
- ◆ dissipative impacts

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