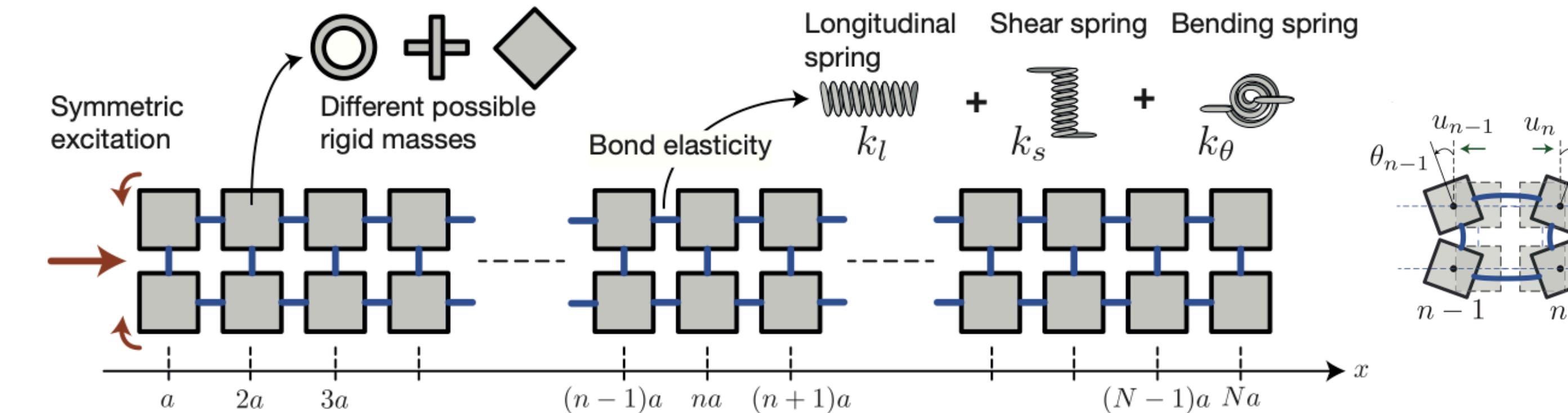
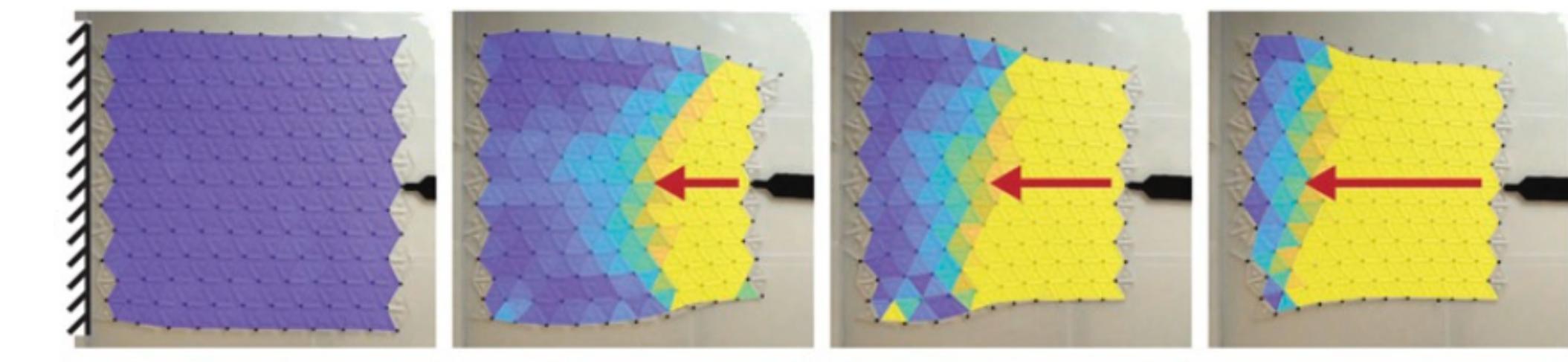


# Envelope vector solitons in nonlinear flexible mechanical metamaterials (FlexMM)



Reconfigurable structure



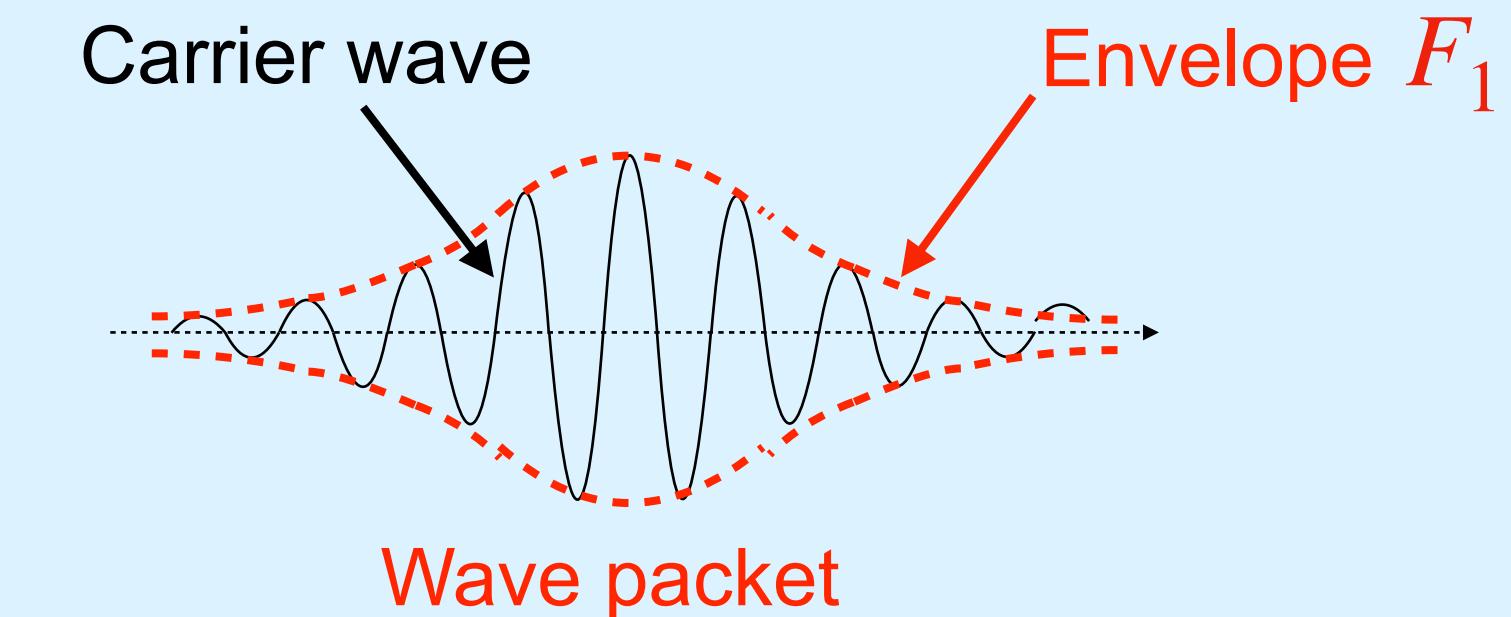
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- Ansatz : Modulated waves

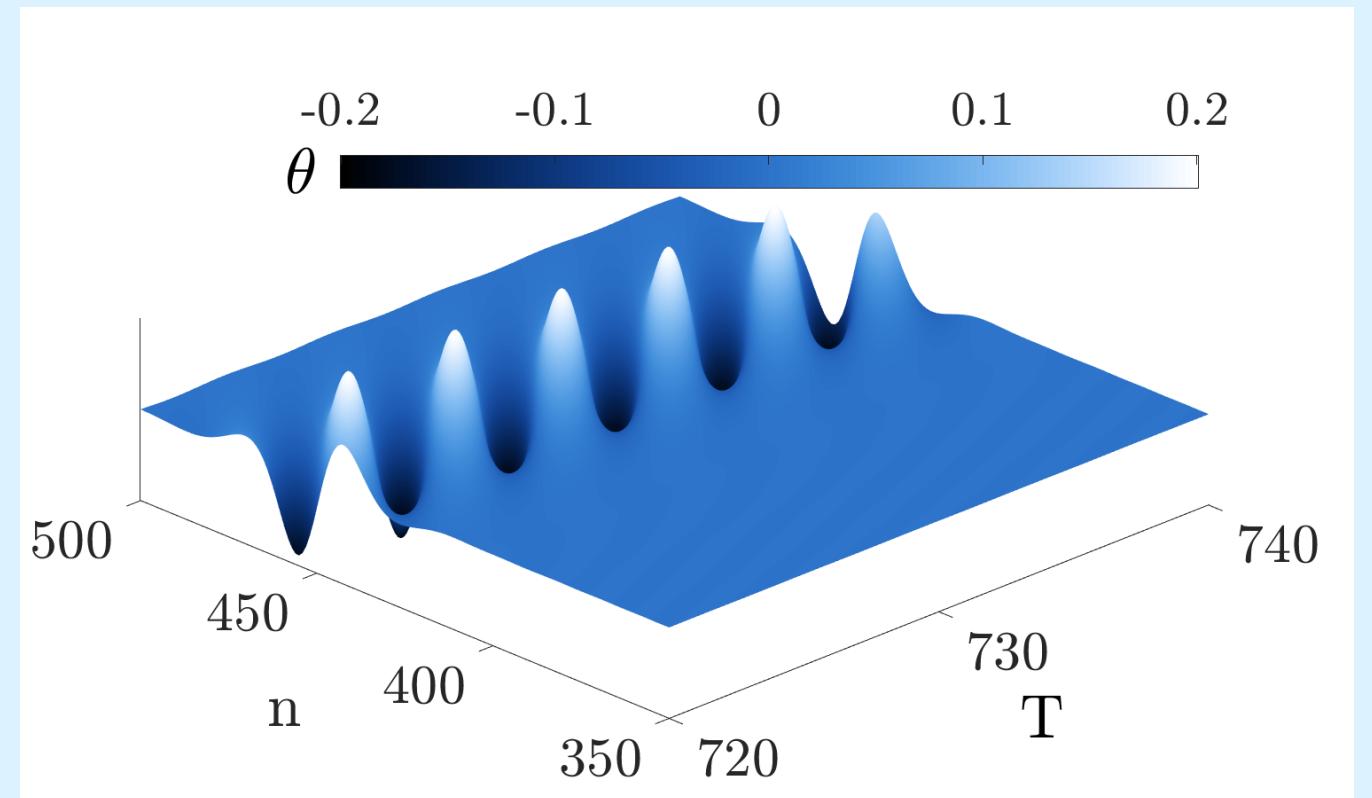
$$\theta_1 = F_1(X_1, T_1, X_2, T_2) e^{i(kX_0 - \omega T_0)} + F_1^*(X_1, T_1, X_2, T_2) e^{-i(kX_0 - \omega T_0)}$$

From the motion equations of the flexMM :

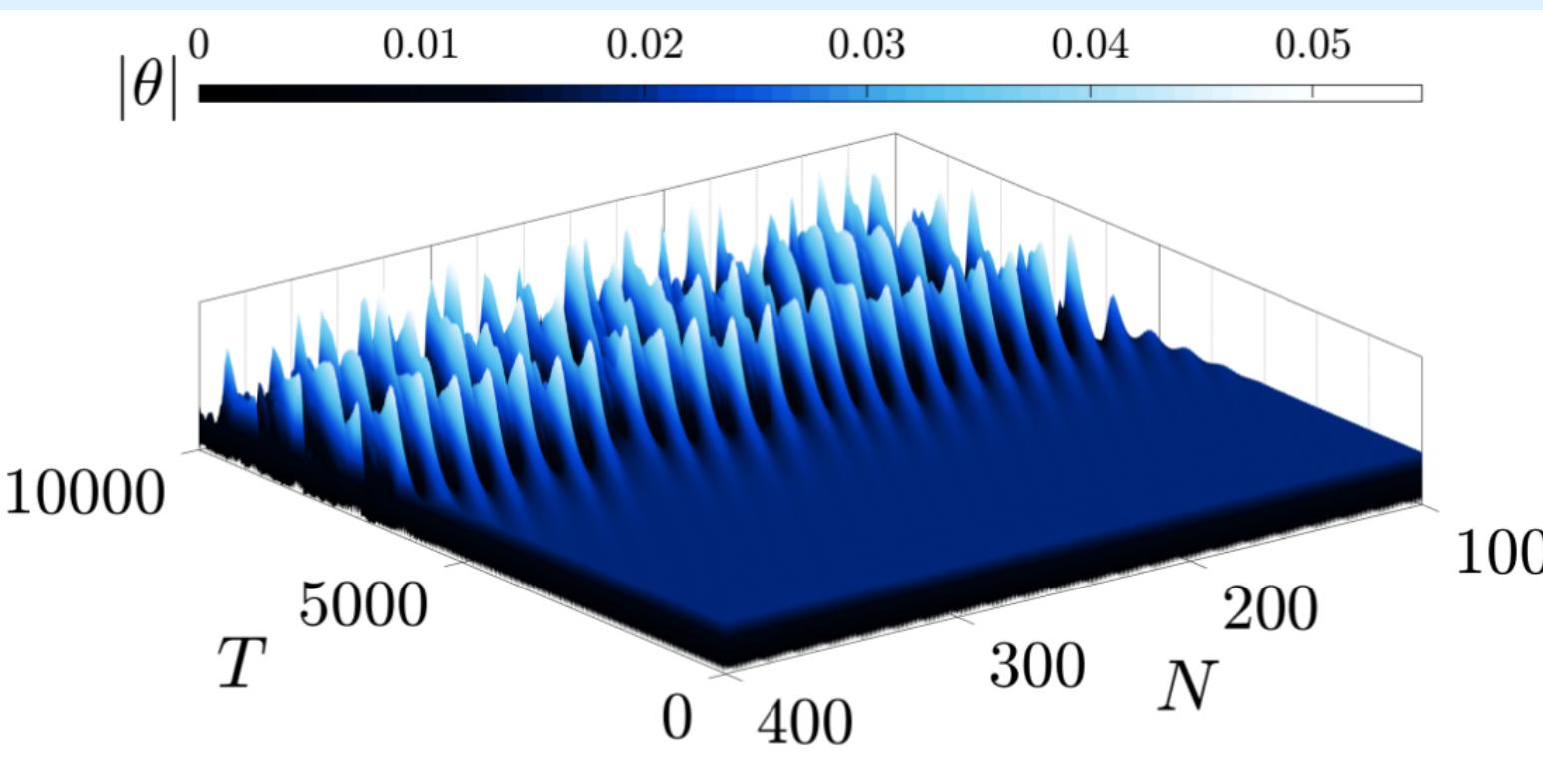
$F_1$  follows a nonlinear Schrödinger equation.



**Bright envelope vector soliton (BEVS)**

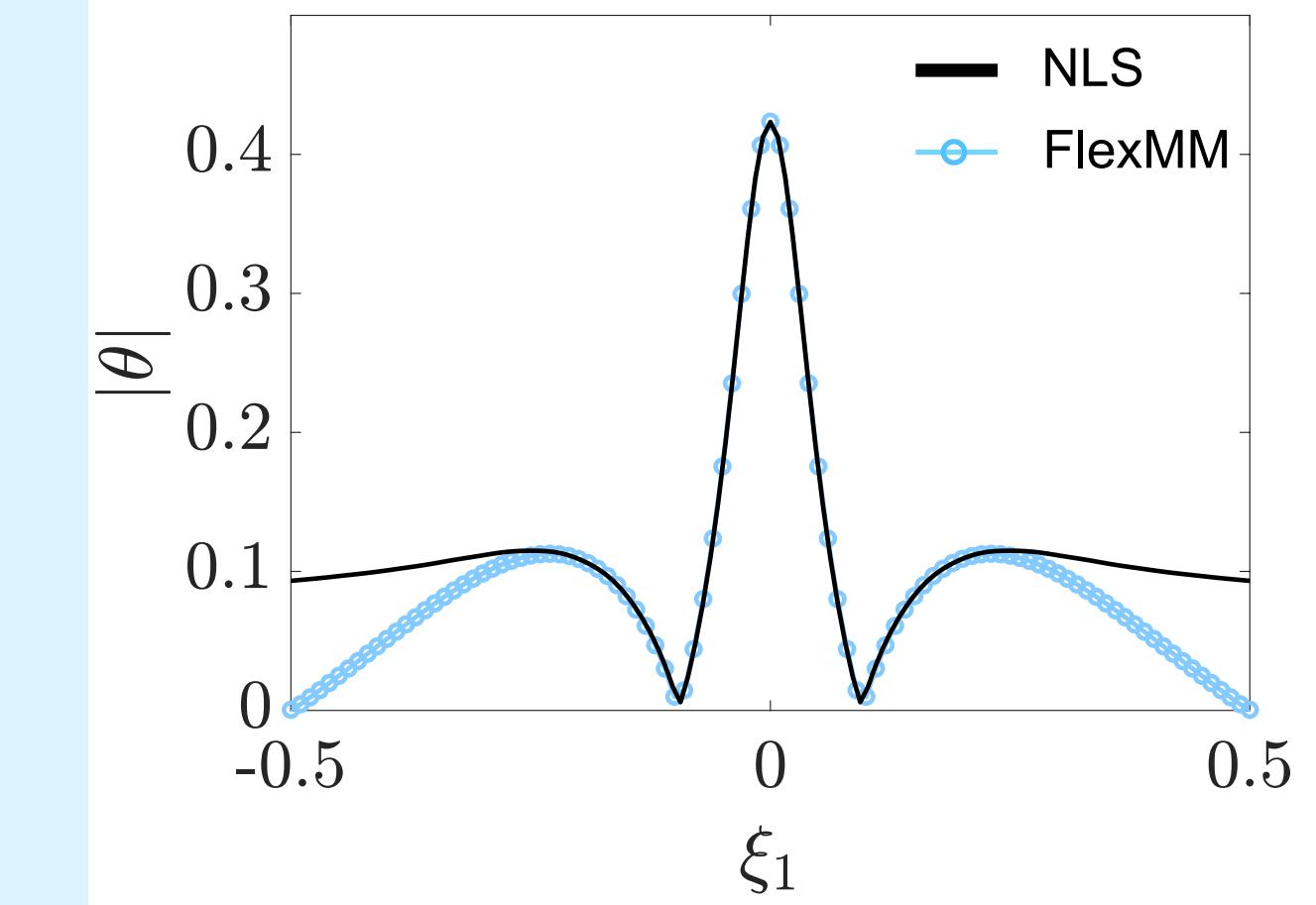


**Modulation instability (MI)**



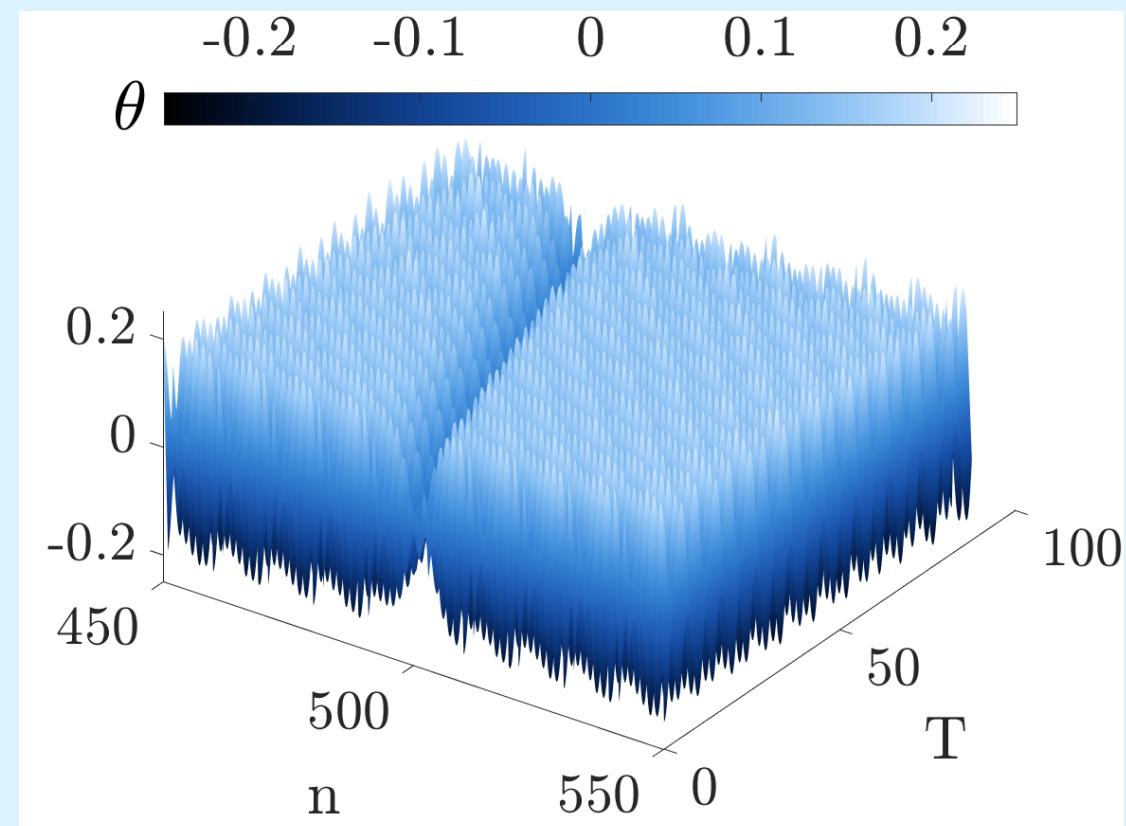
$$i \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \tau_2} + P \frac{\partial^2 F_1}{\partial \xi_1^2} + Q |F_1|^2 F_1 = 0$$

**Peregrine soliton**



Nonlinear Schrödinger equation  
(NLS)

**Dark envelope vector soliton (DEVS)**



**Higher-order vector solitons**

