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1 **Numerical simulations of Parity–Time symmetric**
2 **nonlinear Schrödinger equations in critical case**

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6 **Abstract**

7 In this paper, we study the solution behavior of two coupled non-linear Schrödinger
8 equations (CNLS) in the critical case, where one equation includes gain, while the other
9 includes losses. Next, we present two numerical methods for solving the CNLS equations,
10 for which we have made a comparison. These numerical experiments permit to illustrate
11 other theoretical results proven by the authors [11]. We also obtain several numerical results
12 for different non-linearities and investigate on the value of the blow up time relatively to
13 some parameters.
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1 Introduction

2 Various physical applications stimulate the interest to explore and study the solution behavior
 3 of systems of coupled nonlinear Schrödinger (CNLS) equations. Among them, one recovers
 4 several applications of nonlinear optics (birefringent optics fibers[1], filamentation, waves guided
 5 plasmonics, for example).

6 Hereafter, a basic model of propagation of weakly dispersive waves is considered by a system
 7 of the CNLS equations written as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \iota \partial_t u = -\Delta u + \kappa v + \iota \gamma u - (g_1 |u|^2 + g |v|^2) u, \\ \iota \partial_t v = -\Delta v + \kappa u - \iota \gamma v - (g |u|^2 + g_2 |v|^2) v, \\ (u(t=0), v(t=0)) = (u_0(x), v_0(x)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

8 where the coefficients of the nonlinear parts are reals, the ι is the complex such that $\iota^2 = -1$
 9 and the coefficients κ and γ are positives constants which characterize gain and loss in wave
 10 components and (u_0, v_0) is the initial condition. The system (1) can be viewed as a slight
 11 extension of that is considered by researchers in optics for which $g_1 = g_2$ is the self-phase
 12 modulation (SPM) and g is the cross-phase modulation (XPM) [17].

13 Let us recall that when the coefficients g_1 and g_2 are equal, the system (1) obeys the formal
 14 property called Parity–Time (PT) symmetry which means that if the pair $(u(x, t), v(x, t))$ is
 15 solution of the system (1), then the pair $(u_{PT}(x, t), v_{PT}(x, t)) = (\bar{v}(x, -t), \bar{u}(x, -t))$ is also
 16 solution of the same system (hereafter an overbar stands for the complex conjugation). This
 17 concept of PT-symmetry which emerged from quantum mechanics [6] (and references therein)
 18 has gained a particular relevance due to its importance in several areas of nonlinear Physics.
 19 Moreover, the behavior of the solution of system (1) is linked to the interaction between this
 20 property and the nonlinear potential. In the one dimension case, we have proven recently that
 21 as soon as the symmetry is unbroken ($0 < \gamma < \kappa$), the solution cannot blow up in finite time in
 22 H^1 norm, while if $\gamma \geq \kappa$ there exists a global solution that tends to infinity in L^2 norm (as soon
 23 as t tends to infinity) [7]. But in two dimension, this result is not so obvious. The nonlinearity
 24 terms seems to have more influence than PT-symmetry onto the solution behavior. Indeed,
 25 Dias et al. proved that in supercritical case ($d \geq 3$), the sufficient conditions of the existence
 26 of the finite time blow up does not rely on the PT-symmetry property [11]. In a recent paper,
 27 Dias et al. extended their result of the existence of the finite time blow up of solution to the
 28 critical case but only for $\kappa = 0$ and $\gamma > 0$ [12]. In our recent paper [9], sufficient conditions for
 29 the solution blow up have been obtained in two dimension case.

30 In this paper, a numerical study of the coupled system of nonlinear Schrödinger equations is
 31 made notably in the two dimension case, where, to our knowledge, the mathematical problems
 32 are still open. Recall that the system has a cubic nonlinearity, therefore, in the case of dimen-
 33 sion 2, there is necessarily a L^2 -critical dimension. In this case, the solution of the problem
 34 can be global or blow up in finite time. It should also be noted that this two-dimensional sys-
 35 tem has been partially approached in the particular case of a Manakov PT-symmetric system
 36 (see [19]). These authors have provided sufficient conditions that allow to obtain theoretical
 37 results on the overall existence and the blow up of the solution in finite time. To our knowledge,
 38 all the theoretical results already proved have never been illustrated by numerical simulations,
 39 and that also motivated us to propose some in this paper.

40 The main purpose of this work is to develop a numerical solver for the CNLS system (1)
 41 and to analyse the results. Although the original problem is defined on \mathbb{R}^2 , the discret one

1 must be define on a open bounded domain without boundary conditions specified by Physics.
 2 In the case of a single NLS equation, several types of boundary conditions have been used,
 3 eg periodic boundary conditions, absorbing boundary conditions [13], perfectly matched layers
 4 (PML) [23], and transparent or exact boundary conditions ([3], [2]).

5 We consider initial conditions of Gaussian type centered at $(0, 0)$ in a square domain $I =$
 6 $] - L, L[\times] - L, L[$. This constant L will be assumed large enough so that the contribution of
 7 the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition stays negligible. As soon as this last one is no
 8 longer, the maximum time of the simulation is achieved, and then the truncated solution of (1)
 9 is strongly affected by the boundary condition.

10 Thus, the chosen initial conditions are:

$$u_0(x, y) = Ae^{-(x^2+y^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad v_0(x, y) = Be^{-(x^2+y^2)} \quad (2)$$

11 with A and B are real constants.

12 Let us consider the density and the energy which characterize the solution:

$$Q(t) = \int (|u|^2 + |v|^2) dx$$

13 and

$$E(t) = \int \left(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2 + \kappa(\bar{u}v + u\bar{v}) - \frac{g_1}{2}|u|^4 - \frac{g_2}{2}|v|^4 - g|u|^2|v|^2 \right) dx$$

14 For $\gamma = 0$, these quantities (for the Hamiltonian version) of the generalized Manakov equa-
 15 tions (1) are conserved. Then, adding the product of the first equation times $2\bar{u}$ and the second
 16 by $2\bar{v}$, one obtains after integration in space, that the imaginary part of the expression leads
 17 to

$$\frac{dQ}{dt}(t) = 2\gamma \int (|u|^2 - |v|^2) dx.$$

18 Next, summing the product of the first equation by $2\partial_t \bar{u}$ and the second by $2\partial_t \bar{v}$, one obtains
 19 after integration in space, that the real part of the expression gives:

$$\frac{dE}{dt}(t) = 2\gamma \int (|\nabla u|^2 - |\nabla v|^2 - g_1|u|^4 + g_2|v|^4) dx.$$

20 We also define the H^1 semi-norm of the solution of the system (1) by

$$D(t) = \int (|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2) dx.$$

21 For the next consideration, the introduction of the Stokes variables is needed in the explicit
 22 form,

$$S_1 = \int (\bar{u}v + u\bar{v})dx, \quad S_2 = i \int (\bar{u}v - u\bar{v})dx, \quad S_3 = \int (|u|^2 - |v|^2)dx.$$

23 In the Manakov case ($g_1 = g_2 = g$) and the PT-symmetry unbroken ($\gamma < \kappa$), using the
 24 derivative of previous quantities, one shows that the density is solution of a second order ODE
 25 [19, 7]. It can therefore be written in this new form

$$Q(t) = \frac{\kappa C}{\omega^2} + A_1 \cos(2\omega t) + A_2 \sin(2\omega t) \quad (3)$$

1 where

$$2 \quad \omega^2 = \kappa^2 - \gamma^2, \quad C = \kappa Q(0) - \gamma S_2,$$

$$3 \quad A_1 = Q(0) - \frac{\kappa C}{\omega^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \frac{1}{2\omega} \frac{dQ}{dt}(0).$$

3 This new expression provides an upper bound for the density:

$$Q(t) < Q_{\max}, \quad \text{where} \quad Q_{\max} = \frac{\kappa C}{\omega^2} + \sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2}.$$

4 The paper is organized as follows. The first section describes the numerical methods and
5 algorithm that have been implemented to solve the Cauchy problem. The next section addresses
6 the error analysis of the scheme and the performance of the two methods that have been used.
7 The numerical results using Gaussian beams as initial conditions for the PT-symmetric model
8 are gathered in the third section. We end up with some concluding remarks and perspectives.

9 1 Numerical scheme

10 Let us denote by L and T , 2 positive real constants, the former being the half-length of the
11 physical domain in 1D, the latter, a maximal time. The system (1) is then considered in a
12 square domain $I =]-L, L[\times]-L, L[$ for $t \in [0, T]$. This square I is uniformly divided into a
13 spatial grid of size $\delta x \times \delta y$ and the gridpoints are defined by $x_i = x_0 + i\delta x$ and $y_j = y_0 + j\delta y$,
14 where $x_0 = y_0 = -L$.

15 Let δt be the time step, and (U^n, V^n) the approximate solution of the model (1) at time
16 $t^n = n\delta t$. We get the following semi-discrete system using Crank-Nicolson scheme as follows:

$$i \left(\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{\delta t} \right) = -\Delta \left(\frac{U^{n+1} + U^n}{2} \right) + i\gamma \left(\frac{U^{n+1} + U^n}{2} \right) + \kappa \left(\frac{V^{n+1} + V^n}{2} \right) - \Theta(g_1, g, U^{n+1}, U^n, V^n) \quad (4)$$

$$i \left(\frac{V^{n+1} - V^n}{\delta t} \right) = -\Delta \left(\frac{V^{n+1} + V^n}{2} \right) - i\gamma \left(\frac{V^{n+1} + V^n}{2} \right) + \kappa \left(\frac{U^{n+1} + U^n}{2} \right) - \Theta(g_2, g, V^{n+1}, V^n, U^n) \quad (5)$$

17 with $\Theta(a, b, c, d, e) = \frac{1}{2} (a(|c|^2 c + |d|^2 d) + b|e|^2(c + d))$.

18
19 Let us denote by $(U_{i,j}^n, V_{i,j}^n)$ the value of (U^n, V^n) at the point (x_i, y_j) for the time t_n . By
20 using second order centered finite differences, the Laplacian terms are approximated by :

$$-(\Delta U^n)(x_i, y_j) \approx \frac{1}{\delta x^2} (2U_{i,j}^n - U_{i+1,j}^n - U_{i-1,j}^n) + \frac{1}{\delta y^2} (2U_{i,j}^n - U_{i,j+1}^n - U_{i,j-1}^n) \quad (6)$$

21 These discrete Laplacian terms (6) with the discrete values allow to obtain the full nonlinear
22 system from (4) and (5). Two solvers are considered to solve this coupled non linear system: a
23 fixed point iteration that is combined with a splitting between the two equations [10], and the
24 Newton method (see hereafter).

25 In fact, at each time step, one uses an inexact Newton method, which consists of seeking the
26 solution of the nonlinear system of equations:

$$F(W) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(W) \\ F_2(W) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with} \quad W = (U^{n+1}, V^{n+1}).$$

1 By assuming that F is $\mathbb{C}^{2N_x N_y}$ -differentiable and the Jacobian $DF(W)$ is regular, a sequence
 2 $(W_k)_{k \geq 0}$ is defined recursively by,

$$\begin{cases} W_0 = (U^n, V^n) \\ W_{k+1} \text{ is the solution of } DF(W_k)(W_{k+1} - W_k) = -F(W_k), \quad k \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

3 The inner linear systems are solved by GMRES algorithm for complex-valued functions, and
 4 the sequence $(W_k)_{k \geq 0}$ converges to (U^{n+1}, V^{n+1}) , the root of the nonlinear complex function.

5 **2 Program implementation and validation**

6 In this section, we wish to testify to all the attention that has been paid to build our solver.
 7 First of all, specific care must be made to chose the programming language that is suitable to
 8 our algorithm implementation. To combine the flexibility of a language and the performance
 9 of the application is most of time impossible in a simply way. So, one proposes a multi-
 10 language implementation using an interpreted language (Python) and a compiled one (Fortran).
 11 Therefore, the characteristics of these two languages are mixed, in order to create a robust and
 12 efficient application via C language interfaces. Both languages have a standard way to write
 13 C-interfaces, ctype in Python (a part of Numpy library) and C binding in Fortran.

14 In order to compare the two iterative methods, as no analytical solution exists, one uses
 15 a referent solution computed with very fine mesh $\delta x = \delta y = 2 \times 10^{-3}$ and the step time
 16 $\delta t = 2 \times 10^{-4}$. This solution will be denoted by $(U_{\text{ref}}^n, V_{\text{ref}}^n)$ for which computations have been
 17 made with parameters equal to $\kappa = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

18 **2.1 Spatial error analysis**

19 In order to check the accuracy in space of the scheme, solutions have been computed with
 20 various spatial steps, for the same time step $\delta t = 2.10^{-4}$ (see Tab. 1).

21 Let us denote these solutions by U_s^n for $\delta x_s = \delta y_s = 4.10^{-3}$ (for $s = 1$), 8.10^{-3} (for $s = 2$),
 22 $1.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$, $3.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$. Comparing each solution with the referent solution, the numerical error is
 23 calculated by

$$\text{err}(U_s)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \|U_{\text{ref}}^n - U_s^n\|_2^2 \quad \text{for each } s = 1, \dots, 4.$$

24 Then, computing the ratios for each value of s ,

$$\frac{\log(\text{err}(U_s)) - \log(\text{err}(U_{s-1}))}{\log(\delta x_s) - \log(\delta x_{s-1})}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\log(\text{err}(V_s)) - \log(\text{err}(V_{s-1}))}{\log(\delta x_s) - \log(\delta x_{s-1})},$$

25 we get the spatial scheme order. The numerical results that have been given in Tab. 1 concern
 26 the fixed point iteration method. Similar results have been obtained for Newton method,
 27 which was not surprising. Indeed in our scheme, the only term involving the spatial mesh is
 28 the discrete Laplace operator which does not depend of the temporal approximation scheme.

s	Spatial step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-3}	4.0×10^{-8}	
1	8.0×10^{-3}	2.0×10^{-7}	2.32
2	1.6×10^{-2}	8.4×10^{-7}	2.07
3	3.2×10^{-2}	3.4×10^{-6}	2.01

(a) Results for the 1st equation

s	Spatial step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-3}	6.15×10^{-8}	
1	8.0×10^{-3}	3.07×10^{-7}	2.32
2	1.6×10^{-2}	1.29×10^{-6}	2.07
3	3.2×10^{-2}	5.22×10^{-6}	2.01

(b) Results for the 2nd equation

Table 1: Convergence for the fixed point iteration method

1 Without surprise, one obtains that our scheme seems to be at least second order accurate
2 whatever the temporal approximation is chosen.

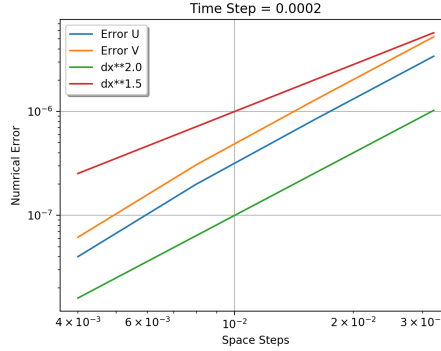


Figure 1: Convergence for the scheme using the fixed point iteration method

3 2.2 Error analysis in time

4 Following the convergence analysis in space, the temporal approximation is examined. In each
5 direction, the spatial step has been fixed to $\delta x = \delta y = 2 \times 10^{-3}$. Then, the approximate
6 solutions denoted here by U_s^n with various time steps : $\delta t_s = 4 \times 10^{-4}, 8 \times 10^{-4}, 1.6 \times 10^{-3},$
7 3.2×10^{-3} (for each $s = 0, \dots, 4$). Each solution U_s is compared with the referent solution,
8 allowing to compute a global truncation error for each time step, by

$$\text{err}(U_s^n)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \|U_{\text{ref}}^n - U_s^n\|_2^2, \quad \text{err}(V_s^n)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \|V_{\text{ref}}^n - V_s^n\|_2^2.$$

s	Time step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-4}	1.30×10^{-6}	
1	8.0×10^{-4}	4.30×10^{-6}	1.62
2	1.6×10^{-3}	1.06×10^{-5}	1.30
3	3.2×10^{-3}	1.98×10^{-4}	4.22

(a) Results for the 1st equation

s	Time step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-4}	1.04×10^{-6}	
1	8.0×10^{-4}	3.22×10^{-6}	1.62
2	1.6×10^{-3}	7.96×10^{-6}	1.30
3	3.2×10^{-3}	2.52×10^{-5}	1.66

(b) Results for the 2nd equationTable 2: $\ell^2([0, T]; \ell^2(I))$ -error behavior of the scheme using the fixed point iteration method

s	Time step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-4}	9.88×10^{-9}	
1	8.0×10^{-4}	4.14×10^{-8}	2.06
2	1.6×10^{-3}	1.73×10^{-7}	2.06
3	3.2×10^{-3}	7.79×10^{-7}	2.17

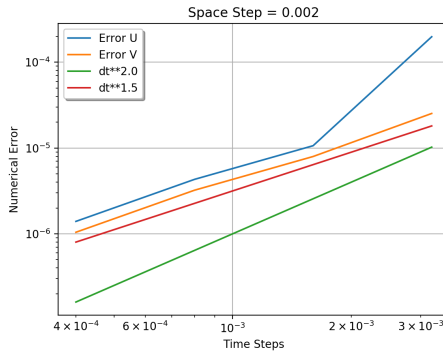
(a) Results for the 1st equation

s	Time step	Error	Order
0	4.0×10^{-4}	1.47×10^{-8}	
1	8.0×10^{-4}	5.75×10^{-8}	1.97
2	1.6×10^{-3}	2.28×10^{-7}	1.99
3	3.2×10^{-3}	1.01×10^{-6}	2.140

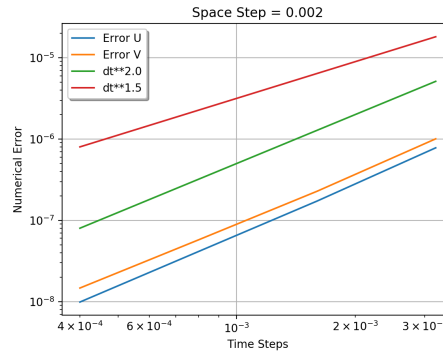
(b) Results for the 2nd equation

Table 3: $\ell^2([0, T]; \ell^2(I))$ -error behavior of the scheme with the Newton method

1 The results confirm that the scheme with the fixed point iteration method is of order 1.5 (one
 2 obtains 1.6, see Tab. 2 and Fig. 2a), while the convergence of the scheme with Newton’s method
 3 is quadratic (see Tab. 3 and Fig. 2b). Therefore, as it was expected, the rate of convergence
 4 of the Newton method is higher than those of the fixed–point iteration one. Moreover, from a
 5 computational point of view, the scheme using the Newton method is more efficient. One can
 6 also notice a curious result from Tab. 2 (last line for $\delta t = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$), and also a change of slope
 7 in the error decrease (see Fig.2a). Indeed, the order of more than 4 is not significant caused by
 8 a too coarse time step.



(a) Results with fixed point method



(b) Results with Newton’s method

Figure 2: Convergence in time of the scheme

9 To conclude this section, the two algorithms that have been studied have the expected
 10 behavior and give suitable results.

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13 3 Numerical experiments

14 This section is the main part of this work. Here, the results related to the qualitative behavior of
 15 the solution of the system (1) are given. First, one gathers the results concerning the Manakov
 16 case, then the generalized Manakov case.

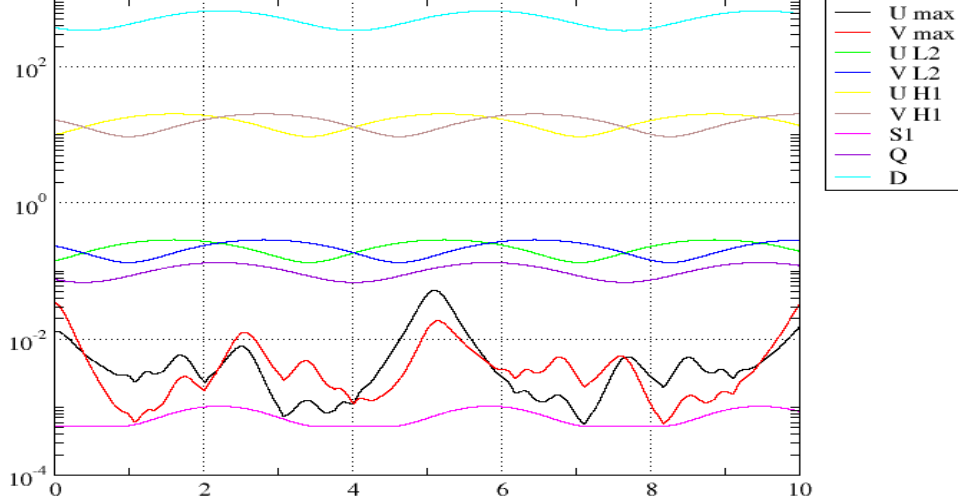
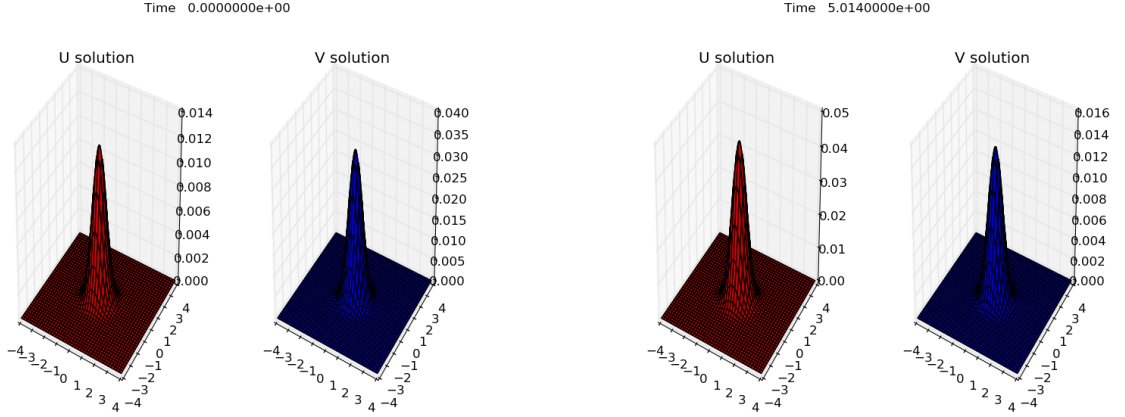


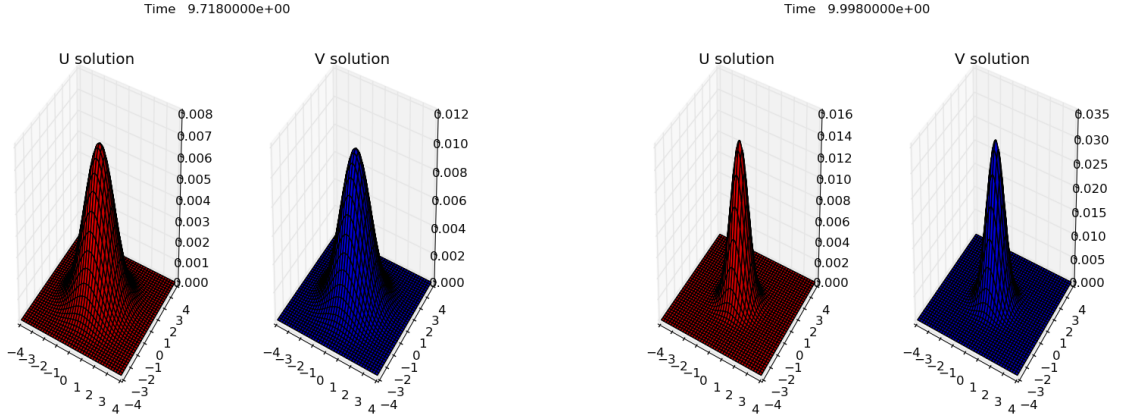
Figure 3: $\|u\|_{L^2}$ (green), $\|v\|_{L^2}$ (blue), $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ (yellow), $\|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2$ (brown), $\|u\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (black) and $\|v\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (red), $S_1(t)$ (magenta), $Q(t)$ (purple) et $D(t)$ (celestial blue) for initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

1 3.1 The Manakov case

2 Numerical results are given in the Manakov case, i.e. when the coefficients of all nonlinear terms
3 are equal. For the computations, the choice of nonlinear parameters value is $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$, to
4 keep more flexibility on the other parameters. Our results confirm the theoretical results given
5 in [19]. In case of $\gamma < \kappa$ and an initial condition that verifies the condition $Q_{\max} < \frac{1}{2}\|R\|_2^2$, there
6 exists a global solution for the system (1) (with Q_{\max} being the upper bound of the density, R
7 being a ground state solution of the stationnary equation $\Delta R - R + R^3 = 0$, $\|R\|_2^2 \approx (1.86255)\pi$,
8 see [22]). According to our numerical results, four quantities stay bounded in time: the L^2
9 norm of the solution, the L^2 norm of its gradient and the L^∞ norm of the solution; also, the
10 density $Q(t)$ is oscillating, but stays bounded. Moreover the semi-norm $D(t)$ does not blow
11 up in finite time, that would mean that the solution of the system exists overall in time (see
12 Fig. 3).



(a) the solution at time $t = 0.0$, $t = 5.014$



(b) the solution at time $t = 9.718$, $t = 10.0$

Figure 4: Modulus squared of the computed density (1st component in red, 2nd one in blue) at several times, in the Manakov case, for an initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

1 Under the condition $\gamma < \kappa$ but using an initial condition such that $Q_{\max} \geq \|R\|_2^2$, one knows
2 that the solution does not exist after a finite time [19]. This result is illustrated by numerical
3 computations which confirm that the L^2 norm of the gradient of the solution, the L^∞ norm of
4 the solution and the quantity $D(t)$ grow infinitely over time; the solution blows up in finite time
5 (see Fig. 5). The first Stokes variable S_1 is analytically conserved in time when all nonlinear
6 coefficients are equals (the Manakov case). One can notice that the computations confirm
7 this conservative behavior property over time (S_1 has a quasi flat magenta curve see Fig. 3).
8 However, as soon as the initial condition is such that $\frac{1}{2}\|R\|_2^2 \leq Q_{\max} < \|R\|_2^2$, no theoretical
9 result exists, up to our knowledge. But, the numerical results reported at the fourth and fifth
10 line of the table 4 seem to attest that the solution exists all time long (see also Fig. 8).

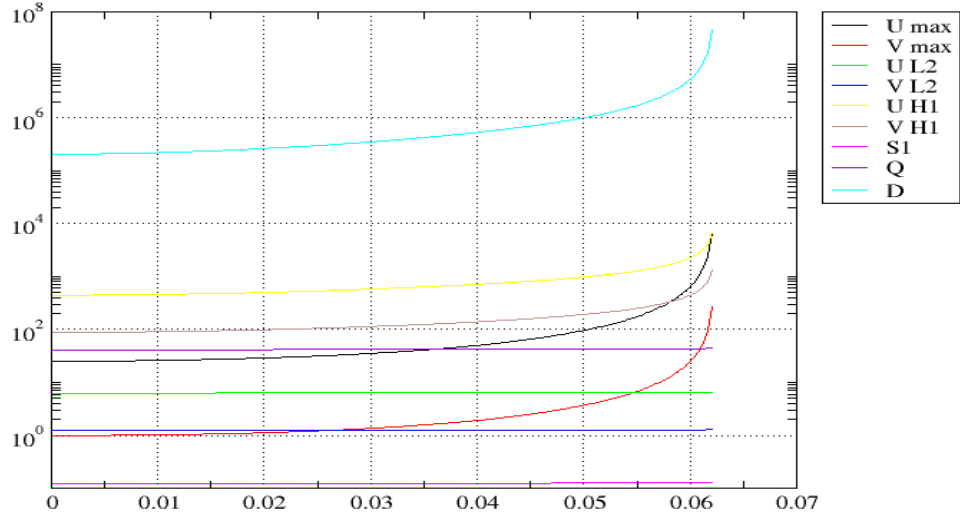


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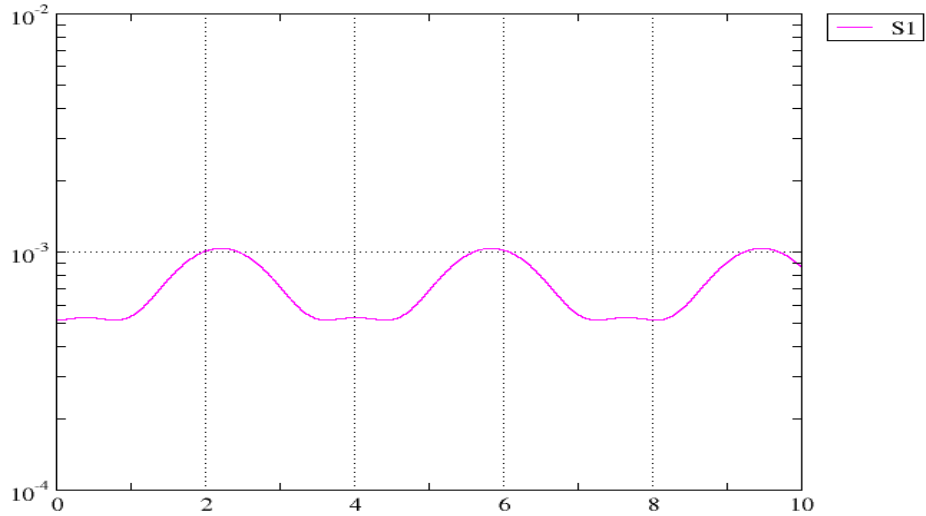
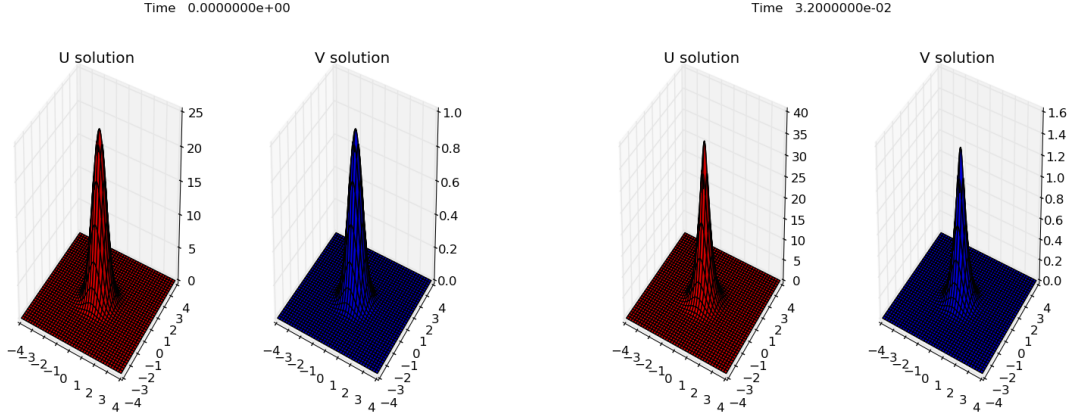
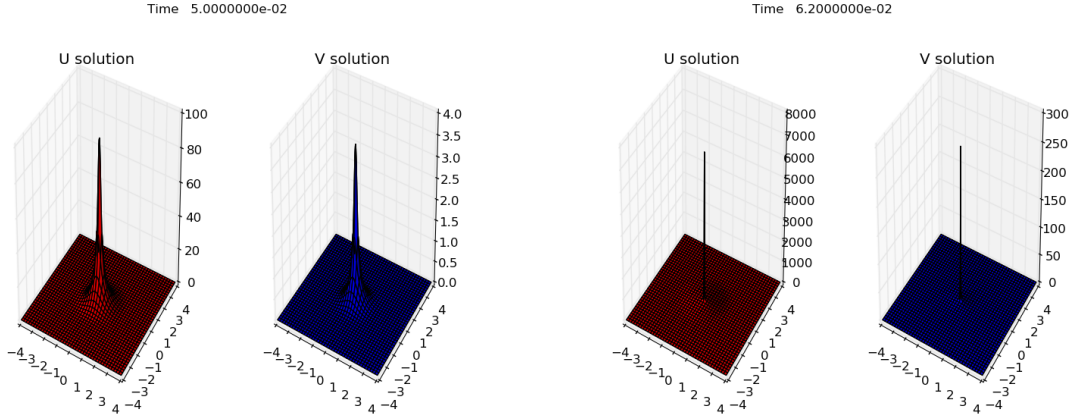


Figure 6: Behavior of S_1 versus time for initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.



(a) the solution at time $t = 0.0$ et $t = 0.032$



(b) the solution at time $t = 0.05$ et $t = 0.062$

Figure 7: Surfaces of the position density $|u(x,t)|^2$ (red) and $|v(x,t)|^2$ (blue) at time $t = 0.0$, $t = 0.032$ (upper row) and for $t = 0.05$, $t = 0.062$ (lower row) in the Manakov case, for the initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (5, 1)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

1 Thus, it is known that in the Manakov case, for $\gamma < \kappa$ and for initial conditions such as
2 $Q_{\max} < \frac{1}{2} \|R\|_2^2$, the solution of the Cauchy problem exists globally, while for initial conditions
3 for which $Q_{\max} \geq \|R\|_2^2$, the solution can blow up in finite time. Nevertheless, the value of
4 Q_{\max} does not depend only on initial conditions but it also relies on the values of the linear
5 parameters γ and κ . The table 4 provides informations in this case. The blow up time noted
6 t^* depends on the initial condition and the parameters γ and κ in the Manakov case. The first
7 and the second lines of this table indicate that for sufficiently small initial conditions and some
8 values of γ and κ , the solution exists and does not blow up in finite time. However, for values γ
9 and κ sufficiently large the solution can blow up in finite time (see third line). From the sixth
10 to the ninth row of the table 4, configurations for which the value of Q_{\max} exceeds $\|R\|_2^2$, are
11 gathered: then the solution blows up in finite time. Finally, in Manakov case, a configuration
12 of a global existence of the solution is reported at the tenth line of table 4 which corresponds
13 to Fig. 3. Whereas another configuration with initial conditions with higher value of Q_{\max} is

1 illustrated at the last line, and corresponds to figure 5. It is valuable to be able to know the
 2 behavior of the solution when $\frac{1}{2}\|R\|_2^2 < Q_{\max} < \|R\|_2^2$. So, in this case, our numerical results
 3 show that the solution of the system seems to exist overall, according to the fourth line in the
 4 table 4 and the figures 8, 9.

No	$Q(0)$	κ	γ	ω	Q_{\max}	t^*
1	0.410	3	1	2.828	0.602	–
2	0.410	100	80	536	2.018	–
3	0.410	200	199.75	9.997	326.695	0.077
4	7.070	3	0.50	2.958	7.47	–
5	7.070	1	0.50	0.866	11.7	–
6	7.070	1	0.55	0.835	13.199	5.513
7	7.070	1	0.60	0.800	15.021	5.566
8	7.070	5	3.50	5.571	20.65	0.368
9	7.070	7	6	3.605	46	0.2252
10	0.075	1	0.5	0.866	0.133	–
11	40.841	1	0.5	0.866	80.127	0.062

Table 4: Blow up time according to initial conditions and linear parameters γ and κ in the Manakov case PT-symmetric; t^* is the computed value of the blow up time and (–) means there is no blow up.

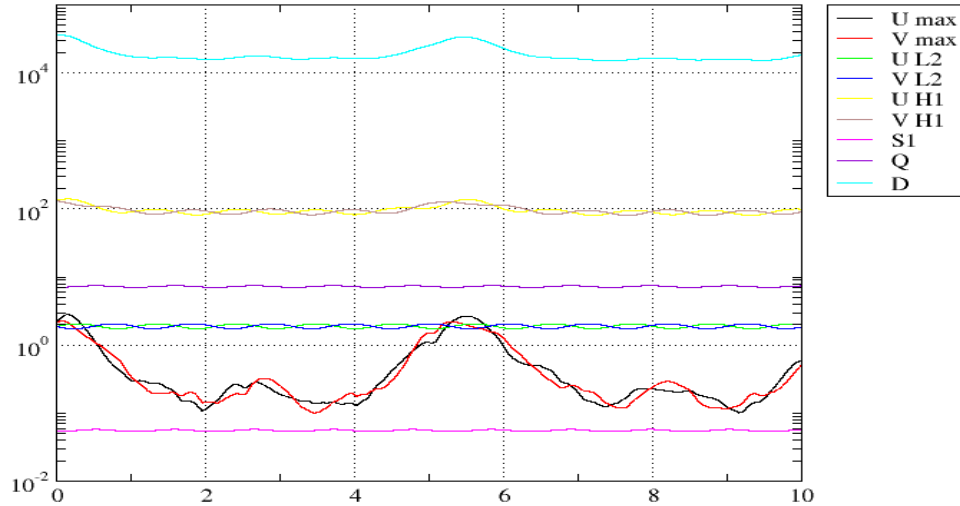


Figure 8: $\|u\|_{L^2}$ (green), $\|v\|_{L^2}$ (blue), $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ (yellow), $\|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2$ (brown), $\|u\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (black) and $\|v\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (red), $S_1(t)$ (magenta), $Q(t)$ (purple) and $D(t)$ celestial blue for initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (1.5, 1.5)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (3, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

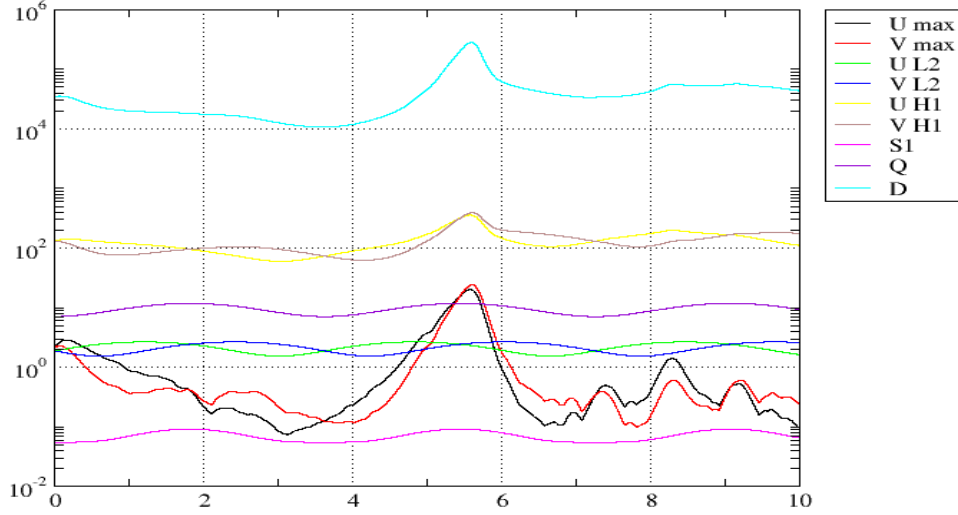


Figure 9: $\|u\|_{L^2}$ (green), $\|v\|_{L^2}$ (blue), $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ (yellow), $\|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2$ (brown), $\|u\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (black) and $\|v\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (red), $S_1(t)$ (magenta), $Q(t)$ (purple) et $D(t)$ (celestial blue) for initial condition (2) such that $(A, B) = (1.5, 1.5)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

1 3.2 The non Manakov case

2 When the coefficients of the nonlinear terms of the system (1) are not equal, the study of
3 the blow up phenomenon in finite time has been studied (theoretically and numerically) in
4 supercritical dimension by Dias (see [11]). Before this work, the qualitative study of the solution
5 of the system (1) in the critical case was still an open problem. Subsequently, the model was
6 address partially in the Manakov case, in the critical dimension by Pelinovsky (see [19]) and this
7 result is illustrated by numerical results in this paper. For instance, there is not really any global
8 result on this model in critical dimension as revealed in [17]. Here, numerical approximations
9 are presented to show the global existence and blow up in finite time of the solution of the
10 system in the critical dimension. For this group of tests, the model parameters are chosen as
11 follows: $\kappa = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $g_1 = g_2 = 1 \neq g = 0.5$. But also to maintain the stability of the
12 PT-symmetry, the option $\gamma < \kappa$ has been made [17]. Firstly, an initial condition was chosen
13 and defined by (2) with $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2)$. The results of these experiments are presented in
14 Fig. 10 and 12. The L^2 -norm and L^∞ -norm of the components of the solution, as well as
15 the L^2 -norm of its gradient are all bounded (see Fig. 10). Moreover, the density $Q(t)$ and
16 the L^2 -norm of the gradient of the solution, $D(t)$ remain bounded during the evolution over
17 time of the solution. Furthermore, Fig. 10 brings to light that even if the coefficients of the
18 nonlinear terms of (1) are not all equal, an initial condition can be sufficiently small for which
19 the solution exists overall.

20 Moreover, keeping the same physical parameters for the model, a choice of an initial condi-
21 tion is made, defined by (2) with $(A, B) = (1, 3)$. Despite the limitations due to the boundary
22 condition, the result of these experiments confirms that the system solution explodes in finite
23 time (see Fig. 11 and 13). Indeed, the L^∞ -norm of the components of the solution and the

- 1 L^2 -norm of the gradient of the components of the solution increase *infinitely* with a vertical
- 2 tangent at a certain time (see Fig. 11).

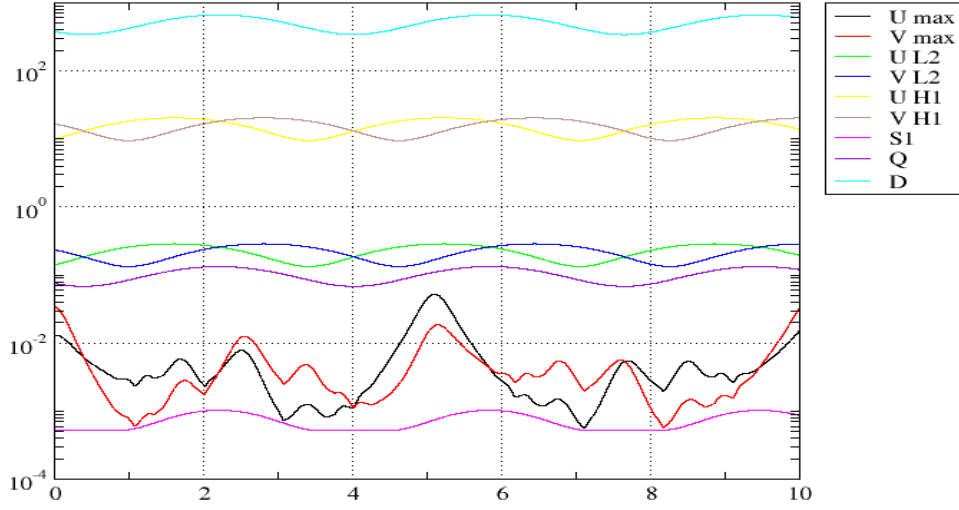


Figure 10: $\|u\|_{L^2}$ (green), $\|v\|_{L^2}$ (blue), $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ (yellow), $\|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2$ (brown), $\|u\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (black) and $\|v\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (red), $S_1(t)$ (magenta), $Q(t)$ (purple) et $D(t)$ (celestial blue) for initial condition (2) with $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = 1 \neq g = 0.5$.

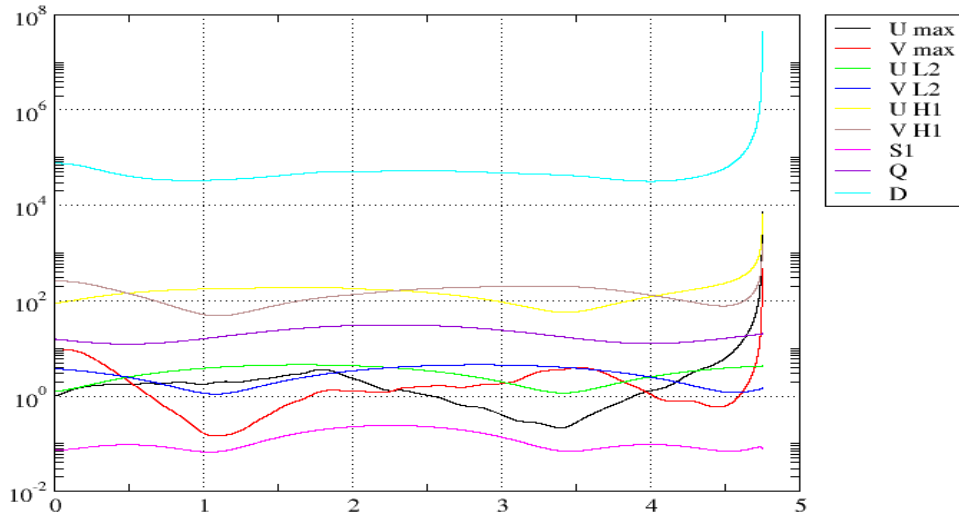
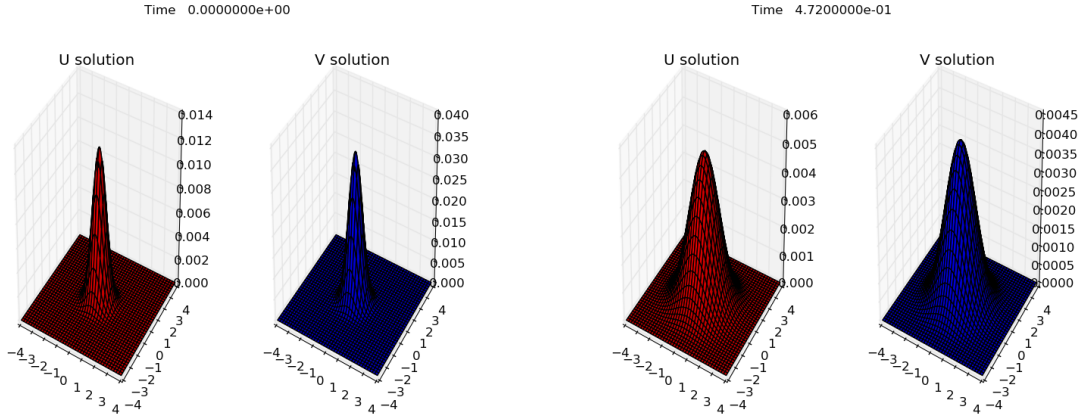
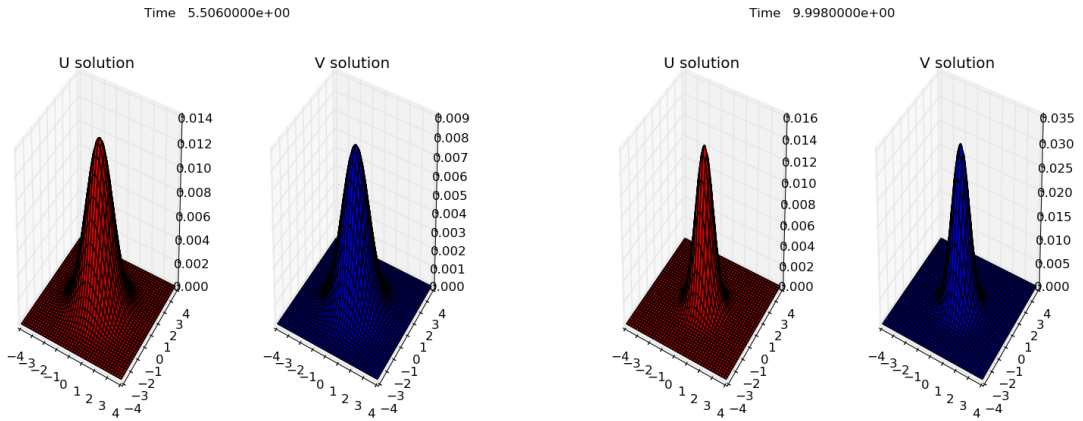


Figure 11: $\|u\|_{L^2}$ (green), $\|v\|_{L^2}$ (blue), $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2$ (yellow), $\|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2$ (brown), $\|u\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (black) and $\|v\|_{L^\infty}^2$ (red), $S_1(t)$ (magenta), $Q(t)$ (purple) et $D(t)$ (celestial blue) for initial conditions (2) with $(A, B) = (1, 3)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = 1 \neq g = 0.5$.



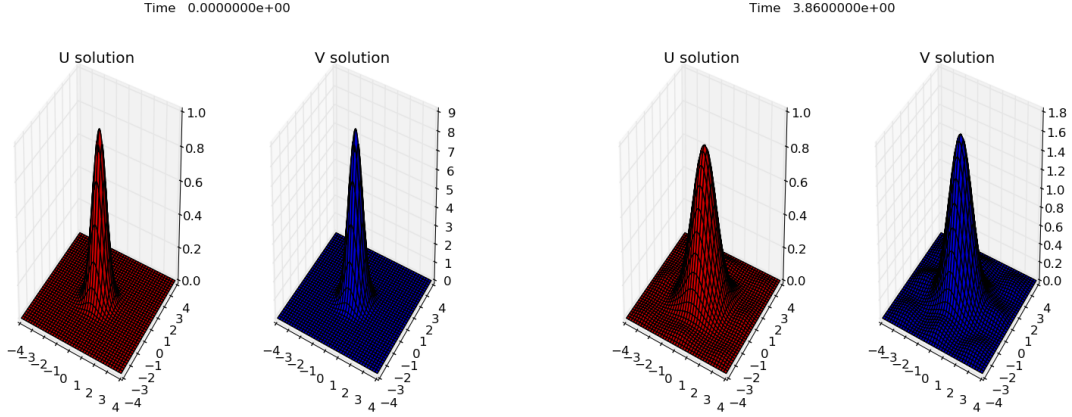
(a) the solution at time $t = 0.0, t = 0.0472$



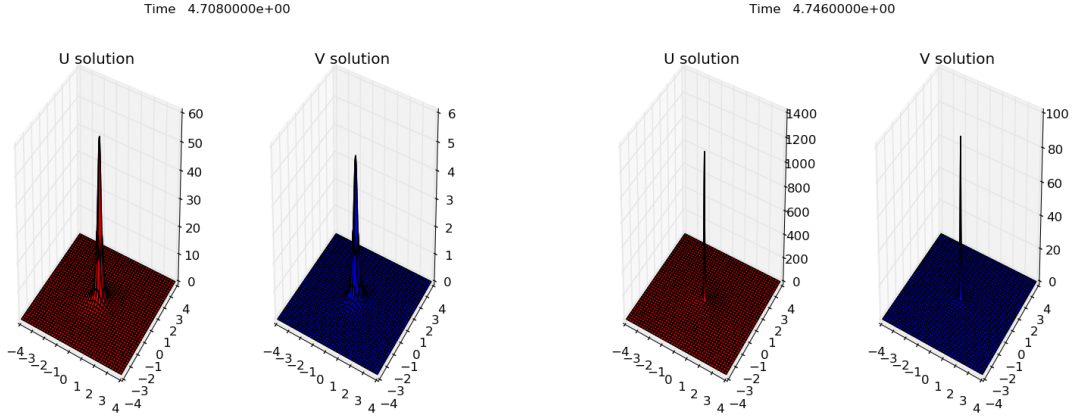
(b) the solution at time $t = 5.506, t = 9.998$

Figure 12: Surfaces of the position density $|u(x,t)|^2$ (red) and $|v(x,t)|^2$ (blue) at time $t = 0.0, t = 5.014$ (upper row) and for $t = 9.718, t = 10.0$ (lower row) in the general model case, for the initial condition (2) with $(A, B) = (0.1, 0.2), (\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = g = 1$.

- 1 It is important to remind that all the previous computations were carried out on a delimited
- 2 domain and with a Dirichlet boundary condition. But as one can see, all conserved quantities
- 3 remain so, even when the boundary conditions influence the computed solution, which is, a
- 4 priori, one of the limits of our approach. This is remarkable, so it is a conjecture, which will
- 5 certainly be a subject for our future work.



(a) the solution at time $t = 0.0$, $t = 3.86$



(b) the solution at time $t = 4.708$ et $t = 4.746$

Figure 13: Surfaces of the position density $|u(x,t)|^2$ (red) and $|v(x,t)|^2$ (blue) at time $t = 0.0$, $t = 3.860$ (upper row) and for $t = 4.708$, $t = 4.746$ (lower row) in the general model case, for initial condition (2) with $(A, B) = (1, 3)$, $(\kappa, \gamma) = (1, 0.5)$ and $g_1 = g_2 = 1 \neq g = 0.5$.

1 Concluding remarks and perspectives

2 In this paper, we have numerically studied the behavior of the solution of the two coupled
3 nonlinear Schrödinger equations, which one includes gains and the second includes losses. The
4 numerical resolution of the system (1) has been made in a square domain by the second order
5 centered finite different method and the scheme of Crank–Nicolson. Two iterative strategies are
6 proposed the treat the non–linearity of the problem: the fixed point and the Newton method.
7 An error analysis attest the numerical scheme is second order in space and it is 2nd order in
8 time for the Newton method, and for the fixed point the scheme is 1.5 order in time. Numerical
9 tests validate the existing theoretical results namely that for small initial conditions the solution
10 exists globally over time. But also for large initial values conditions, the solution can blow up
11 in finite time. Moreover, some experiments are made in order to study the influence of the

1 parameters of linear and nonlinear coupling, on the blow up time.

2 One of the unresolved problems in this paper concerns a theoretical estimate of the blow
3 up time. For the coupled system with (1), defining absorbing boundary conditions or perfectly
4 matched layers (PML) will be a subject for our future work. We will also need to improve our
5 code, including the processing of the boundary conditions used with the numerical approxima-
6 tion domain, in order to be able to use it over longer periods of time. In addition, it will also
7 be interesting to pass the code to dimension 3 to illustrate the theoretical results. Then, from
8 3D case, it would make it possible to speculate on results for the 2D case where there are still
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