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Breathers as Metastable States for the Discrete NLS equation

Abstract:

I will describe work with C.E. Wayne in which we study how dissipation leads to a very slow drift in secular parameters for the Non-linear Schroedinger equation. The nice thing about this model is that one can describe a relatively complex phenomenon in almost explicit terms as a perturbation from an integrable Hamiltonian system.