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# Quantitative Relation between Modulational Instability and Several Well-known **Nonlinear Excitations**

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We study on explicit relations between modulational instability and several well-known analytical nonlinear excitations in a nonlinear fiber, such as bright soliton, nonlinear continuous wave, Akhmediev breather, Peregrine rogue wave, and Kuznetsov-Ma breather. We present a quantitative correspondence between them based on the dominant frequency and propagation constant of each perturbation on a continuous wave background. Especially, we find rogue wave comes from modulational instability under the "resonance" perturbation with continuous wave background. These results will deepen our realization on rogue wave excitation and could be helpful for controllable nonlinear waves excitations in nonlinear fiber and other nonlinear systems.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Modulation instability (MI) is a fundamental process observed in many nonlinear dispersive systems, associated with the growth of perturbations on a continuous wave background [1]. In the initial evolution phase of MI, the spectral sidebands associated with the instability experience exponential amplification at the expense of the pump, but the subsequent dynamics are more complex and display cyclic energy exchange between multiple spectral modes [2]. It has found important applications in optical amplification of weak signal, material absorption and loss compensation [3, 4], dispersion management, all-optical switching [5], frequency comb for metrology [6], and so on [7–9]. Recently, several analytical nonlinear excitations such as Akhmediev breather(AB) [10], Peregrine rogue wave(RW)[11], and Kuznetsov-Ma breather (K-M) solutions [12] were excited experimentally in nonlinear fiber [13–15], and even highorder RWs in a water wave tank [16–18]. The results indicated that MI can be used to understand the dynamics of these nonlinear excitations [14]. However, most comparisons between the properties of spontaneous MI and the analytic nonlinear excitations have been qualitative rather than quantitative [19]. For example, we just know that RW should come from MI mechanism, but which modes correspond to RW excitation has not been known precisely. The quantitative relation between them is very meaningful for controllable nonlinear excitations, which is an essential step for their applications. RW-Co:可控

In this paper, we present a quantitative correspondence between MI and bright soliton(BS), nonlinear continuous wave(CW), RW, AB, and K-M solutions on the dominant frequency and propagation co N@MIeach perturbation signal. Moreover, we find

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comes from MI under the "resonance" conditions that the dominant frequency and propagation constant of perturbation signal are both equal to the continuous wave background's. The results would be used to find out the potential ways to realize controllable nonlinear wave excitations.

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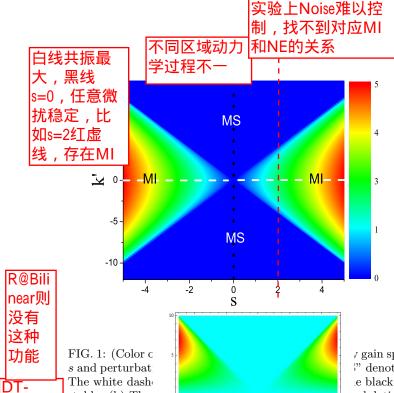
In a Kerr nonlinear fiber, the propagation of optical field (pulse duration > 5 ps) can be described by the following nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE) under slowly varying envelope approximation

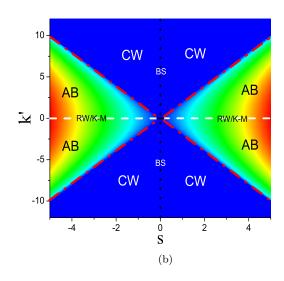
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the nonlinear coefficient  $\sigma < 0$  (corresponding self defocusing nonlinear fiber), it admits no MI regime on CW background for which dark soliton has been found on CW background [21]. When the nonlinear coefficient  $\sigma > 0$  (corresponding self-focusing nonlinear fiber), it admits MI and modulation stability (MS) regime on the MI gain spectrum continuous. Moreover, different types of nonlinear excitations mainly including BS, AB, K-M, and RW have been derived separately [10–12, 22–24], and 对应丰 even high-order ones [25–27]. It has been known that MI 富的现 can be seen as the mechanism for RW, AB and K-M dy-

namics. However, the explicit relations between MI and these nonlinear excitations has not been clarified [19] We intend to study on MI and analytical nonlinear excitations of NLSE described systems, which could be extended to other nonlinear systems similarly. Therefore we study the NLSE with  $\sigma > 0$ . It is convenient to set  $\sigma = 1$  without losing any nontrivial properties, since there is a trivial scale transformation for different values under  $\sigma > 0$ . It is noted that the analytical solutions can

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gain spectrum distributed on the continuous wave background amplitude " denote modulational instability and modulational stability respectively. e black dotted line is another special line for which all perturbations are odulational instability gain spectrum plane. "CW", "AB", "BS", "RW", iediev breather, bright soliton, Peregrine rogue wave, and Kuznetsov-Ma ves of NLS are all placed clearly on the MI plane. It should be noted that the plane, but their differences can be clarified by propagation constants

be written in the form of nonlinear continuous wave plus a perturbation term, which can be compared with MI analyze conveniently. This provides possibilities to clarify their explicit relation. Nextly, we study the MI property of NLSE firstly to discuss the quantitative relations.

It has been known widely that MI analysis can present us a approximate characterization on the stability of perturbations on CW background [1, 28]. Linear stability analysis can present us a good description on

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tion of each spectral mode [6, 29]. standard linear instability analyze on CW  $\Psi_0 = s \exp |is^2z|$  in the system, namely,

add small-amplitude Fourier modes on the continuous wave background as  $\Psi = \Psi_0(1 + f_+ \exp[i k'(t - \Omega z)] +$ W@LSA  $f_{-}^* \exp[-i k'(t-\Omega^*z)]$  (where  $f_{+}$ ,  $f_{-}$  are small amplinote,k'O tudes of the Fourier modes) [30]. Substituting them to mega是 Eq. (1) and after linearizing the equations, one can 正常的 get the following dispersion relation  $\Omega' = k'\Omega$  where

 $\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{k'^2 - 4s^2}$ . The MI form  $\Omega' = k'\Omega$  can not demonstrate the MI gain value reasonably for the perturbation frequencies near the line k'=0 [19], since the factor k' can eliminate the MI growth rate near the line. The M growth effect mainly comes from the factor  $Im(\Omega)$ . Therefore, we choose the form  $Im(\Omega)$  to discuss its MI property, as done in [31]. Similar forms for baseband MI have been chosen to explain the existence of rogue wave

reasonably in defocusing-defocusing coupled NLSEs [32]. We can demonstrate the MI gain  $Im(\Omega)$  on the perturbation frequency k' vs amplitude of the backgr Th@O

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regimes, namely, MI and MS. We can qualitatively know that perturbations in MI can be amplified exponentially and unstable, and the ones in MS are stable and do no grow up. Especially, there is a maximum growth rate value line (k'=0) in the MI regime, which corresponds to the perturbation frequency equal to the CW's (write the perturbations on CW as  $\Psi = \Psi_0 + f_{pert}$  form). Therefore, it can be called a resonant line (white dashed line in Fig. 1(a)). There is another special line s=0 in MS regime (black dotted line in Fig. 1 (a)), on which any perturbations is all stable. The perturbations in different regimes should demonstrate different dynamical behaviors. Recent numerical simulations showed that different dynamical processes can be described well by nonlinear wave solutions [19]. However, the noise include many uncontrollable different spectral modes. It is hard to know which modes correspond to each type nonlinear wave excitations. Nextly, we discuss the quantitative relations between MI and the solutions, based on their spectrum analysis. Furthermore, we derive a generalized solution which can be reduced to all these well-known solutions [10–12, 22, 23], and specify the relations between these solutions.

The seed solution  $\Psi_0' = s \exp\left[ikt + i(s^2 - k^2/2)z\right]$  with 变换 arbitrary frequency k can be transformed to be  $\Psi_0$  by Galilei transformation without losing any nontrivial dynamical characters. Therefore, we present a generalized nonlinear wave solution from the seed solution  $\Psi_0$  as fol-以实现 DT种



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$$\Psi = \left[ s - 2 \frac{(b^2 - s^2)\cos(2bz\sqrt{b^2 - s^2}) + ib\sqrt{b^2 - s^2}\sin(2bz\sqrt{b^2 - s^2})}{b\cosh(2t\sqrt{b^2 - s^2}) - s\cos(2bz\sqrt{b^2 - s^2})} \right] e^{is^2z}.$$
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be varied to be many different type nonlinear excitations which can be analyzed exactly by Fourier transformation. The frequency spectrum admits a distribution. But there is a "dominant" one among various frequencies, and the dominant one plays essential role in the perturbation evolution(see analyze on AB and K-M). This can be used to specify the relations between MI and analytical solutions.

Obviously, when b = 0 the solution will become the nonlinear CW solution. When |b| > |s| and  $s \neq 0$ ,

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plane (see white dashed line in Fig. 1(b)).

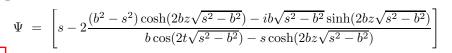
When s=0 and  $b\neq 0$ , the K-M solution can be reduced to be a generalized bright soliton solution [22] as

$$\Psi = 2b \operatorname{sech}(2bt) e^{i2b^2 z}.$$
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When |b| < |s|, the  $\sqrt{b^2 - s^2}$  in Eq. (2)will become

 $i\sqrt{s^2-b^2}$ , and the solution will AB solution [10] as



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perturbation's frequency can be varied arbitrarily in the certain regime |b| < |s|. Spectral analysis of the AB could tell us that the dominant mode is  $2\sqrt{s^2-b^2}$ , and there are some other much weaker nonzero frequency-multiplication modes of the perturbation. This can be proved by exact Fourier transformation [33]. The temporal period of AB is indeed determined by the difference between dominant frequency and CW background's. This partly means that our analyze based on dominant frequency is reasonable. Varying the parameter b, the perturbation's dominant mode can be changed, and the growth rate of breather changes cor-

respondingly. This can be used to verify which mode admits maximum MI gain value. It is found that with dominant frequencies are in the regime  $|k'| < \sqrt{2s}$ , the growth rate of breathers are all larger than the ones on

uld have "maximum MI gain value" form  $k'Im(\Omega)$ 

 $Im(\Omega)$  does not have this contradictory. When b=s, the mode is on the resonance line, the AB excitation will become RW excitation [13]. Namely, the maximum peak and growth rate emerge on the resonance line. Therefore, we call it as resonance excitation. The MI amplification rate will become smaller with decreasing the value of b. When b = 0, the mode will become the maximum frequencies  $k' = \pm 2s$  for AB excitations, they correspond to the point on the red dash-dotted line in Fig. 1(b). Namely, AB excitation is in the regimes between the white dashed line and red dash-dotted line in the MI continuous. Moreover, the breathing behavior for AB comes from the frequency difference between perturbation signal's dominant one and CW background's. It has been demonstrated that the spectral dynamics of MI can be described exactly by AB solution [34]. Based on the this, we can know that if the weak perturbation modes are in the zero MI band, the perturbation will be stable, and

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there is no significant excitations on CW background. The state of system can be still seen as CW. Therefore, we denote these regimes as CW phase on MI continuous (see Fig. 1(b)). This point agrees well with resonant vibration in classical mechanics for which large vibrations can not emerge when driving frequency is far from resonant one.

When |b| = |s|, the K-M and AB solution can be both reduced to be RW solution [11] as

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$$\Psi = s \left[ 1 - \frac{4(2is^2z + 1)}{4s^4z^2 + 4s^2t^2 + 1} \right] e^{is^2z}.$$
 (5)

The spectrum analysis on the RW demonstrate that the dominant frequency of RW is on the resonant line except k'=0 on the MI plane (white dashed ). It is should be noted that K-M is on an, how to distinct RW and K-M?

analytical expression of K-M, we can spropagation constant is different from  $bz\sqrt{b^2-s^2}$  terms in Eq. (2)). With

 $b \neq s$ , the perturbation signal admits many propagation modes such as  $2 nb\sqrt{b^2 - s^2 + s^2}$  ( $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \cdots$ ), with writing the K-M solution as  $\Psi = \Psi_0 + f_{pert}$  form. The dominant one is  $\pm 2b\sqrt{b^2 - s^2} + s^2$ . And the oscillating period is indeed determined by the the dominant one. Therefore, the breathing behavior for K-M comes from the propagation constant difference between perturbation signal's dominant one and CW background's. With

 $b \to s$ , the dominant perturbation propagation constant will be equal to the CW's. Namely, RW also corresponds to the resonant excitation for perturbation propagation constant. This could be used to understand the mathematical process for RW derivation, for which the spectra of Lax-pair should be equal with each other for rational solution. Therefore, the degeneration of Lax-pair spectra corresponds to that the frequency and propagation con-

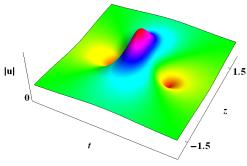
nt of perturbation signal are both equal to the ones CW seed. This result also stands for other coupled S systems [32, 35–39], and NLS with high-order effects –45], since the RW solutions are all derived under the enerations of Lax-pair spectra.

# III. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Ve demonstrate that BS, CW, RW, AB, and K-M extions can be located quantitatively on the MI gain

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spectrum plane, shown in Fig. 1(b), based on the dominant frequency and propagation constant of each perturbation form. The results provide many possibilities to realize controllable nonlinear excitations, and are helpful to understand further on the numerical simulation results in [19]. The numerical studies suggested that MI yields a series of high-contrast peaks in the evolving wave field seeded from noise on continuous wave back-



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be used to understand the growth process of perturbations for nonlinear localized waves, but it can not explain the whole dynamics process of them.

Moreover, we find the breathing behavior of AB or K-M comes from the frequency or propagation constant mode difference between the dominant ones of perturbation signal and CW background's. Especially, RW comes from MI under "resonance" perturbations for which both dominant frequency and propagation constant are equal to continuous wave background's. It is well known that the degeneration of Lax-pair spectra can be used to derive rational solution which can be used to describe RW in many cases [25–27, 35–39]. It could be expected that it should be related with some resonance things. But this has not been known explicitly before. Here we find out that the degenerations correspond to the dominant frequency and propagation constant of the perturbation signal are both equal to the ones of CW seed. This will deepen our realization on RW dynamics in many different physical systems, such as nonlinear fiber, Bose-Einstein condensate, water wave tank, plasma, and even financial systems [46].

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