Patterns and quasipatterns from the superposition of two hexagonal lattices*

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Abstract. Quasipatterns with 8-fold, 10-fold, 12-fold and higher rotational symmetry are known to exist as solutions of the pattern-forming Swift–Hohenberg partial differential equation, as are quasipatterns with 6-fold rotational symmetry made up from the superposition of two equal-amplitude hexagonal patterns rotated by an angle α with respect to each other. Here we consider the Swift–Hohenberg equation with quadratic as well as cubic nonlinearities, and prove existence of several new quasipatterns: quasipatterns made from the superposition of hexagons and stripes (rolls) oriented in almost any direction and with any relative translation, and quasipatterns made from the superposition of hexagons with unequal amplitude (provided the coefficient of the quadratic nonlinearity is small). We consider the periodic case as well, and extend the class of known solutions, including the superposition of hexagons and stripes. Our work gives a direction of travel towards a quasiperiodic equivariant bifurcation theory.

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1. Introduction.

Regular patterns are ubiquitous in nature, and carefully controlled laboratory experiements are capable of producing patterns, in the form of stripes, squares or hexagons, with an astonishingly high degree of symmetry. One particular example is the Faraday wave experiment, in which a layer of viscous fluid is subjected to sinusoidal vertical vibrations. Without the forcing, the surface of the fluid is flat and featureless, but as the strength of the forcing increases, the flat surface loses stablity to two-dimensional patterns of standing waves, which in simple cases take the form of striped, square or hexagonal patterns [2]. But, with more elaborate forcing, more complex patterns can be found. Figure 1 shows examples of (a,b) superlattice patterns and (c,d) quasipatterns [2, 25]. The images in (a,c) show the pattern of standing waves on the surface of the fluid, while (b,d) show the Fourier power spectra. In both cases, the patterns are dominated by twelve waves, indicated by twelve small circles in Figure 1(b) and by twelve blobs lying on a circle in Figure 1(d). The distance from the origin to the twelve peaks gives the wavenumber that dominates the pattern. In the superlattice example, the twelve peaks are unevenly spaced, but the basic structure is still hexagonal, and it is spatially periodic with a periodicity equal to $\sqrt{7}$ times the wavelength of the instability [25]. In the quasipattern example, spatial periodicity has been lost. Instead, the quasipattern has (on average) twelve-fold rotation symmetry, as seen in the repeating motif of twelve pentagons arranged in a circle and in the twelve evenly spaced peaks in the Fourier power spectrum in Figure 1(d). The lack of spatial periodicity is apparent

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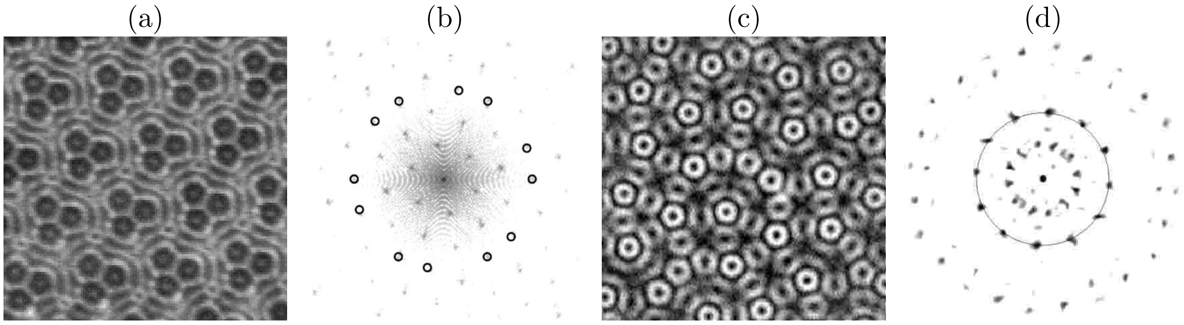

Figure 1. *Examples of (a,b) superlattice patterns (reproduced with permission from [25]) and (c,d) quasipatterns (reproduced with permission from [2]). (a,c) show images representing the surface height of the fluid in Faraday wave experiments, with thin layers of viscous liquids subjected to large-amplitude multi-frequency forcing; (b,d) are Fourier power spectra of the images in (a,c), and indicate the twelve peaks that dominate the patterns in each case.*

in Figure 1(c), while the point nature of the power spectrum in Figure 1(d) indicates that the pattern has long-range order. These two features: the lack of periodicity (implicit in this case from twelve-fold rotational symmetry) and the presence of long-range order, are characteristics of quasicrystals in metallic alloys [39] and soft matter [20], and in quasipatterns in fluid dynamics [16], reaction–diffusion systems [11] and optical systems [5].

The discovery of twelve-fold quasipatterns in the Faraday wave experiment [16] inspired a sequence of papers investigating this phenomenon [27, 30, 33, 36, 37, 41, 42, 49]. One of the main outcomes of this body of work is an understanding of the mechanism for stabilizing quasipatterns in Faraday waves. Twelve-fold quasicrystals have also been found in block copolymer and dendrimer systems [20, 48], in turn inspiring a considerable volume of work [1, 3, 7, 24, 43]. It turns out that the same stabilization mechanism operates in the Faraday wave and the polymer crystalization systems [26, 34]. In both cases, and indeed in other systems [11, 18], a common feature is that a second unstable or weakly damped length scale plays a key role in stabilizing the pattern. See [38] for a recent review.

However, as well the question of how superlattice patterns and quasipatterns are stabilized, there is the question of their existence as solutions of pattern-forming partial differential equations (PDEs) posed on the plane, without lateral boundaries. Superlattice patterns, which have spatial periodicity (as in Figure 1a) can be analysed in finite domains with periodic boundary conditions. In this case, and near the bifurcation point, spatially periodic patterns have Fourier expansions with wave vectors that live on a lattice, and the infinite-dimensional PDE can be reduced rigorously to a finite-dimensional set of equations for the amplitudes of the primary modes [10, 45]. In the finite dimensional setting, amplitude equations can be written down, bifurcating equilibrium points found and their stability analysed [14]. Equivariant bifurcation theory [19] is a powerful tool that uses symmetry techniques to prove existence of certain classes of symmetric periodic patterns without recourse to amplitude equations.

But quasipatterns pose a particular challenge for proving existence, in that the formal power series that describes small amplitude solutions may diverge [23, 35] owing to the appearance of small divisors in the formal power series. Nonetheless, existence of quasipatterns

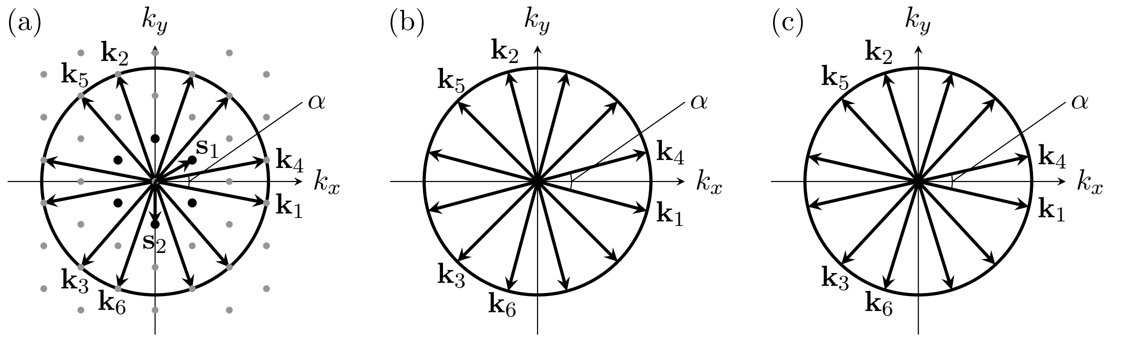

Figure 2. *(a) Two sets of six equally spaced wave vectors ($\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$, $\mathbf{k}_3$ and their opposites, and $\mathbf{k}_4$, $\mathbf{k}_5$, $\mathbf{k}_6$ and their opposites) rotated an angle α with respect to each other so as to produce spatially periodic patterns: $\alpha \approx 21.79^\circ$, with $\cos\alpha = \frac{13}{14}$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{9}{14}$. The gray dots indicate that the twelve vectors lie on an underlying hexagonal lattice, generated by the vectors $\mathbf{s}_1$ and $\mathbf{s}_2$. Compare with Figure 1(b). (b) 12-fold quasipatterns are generated by twelve equally spaced vectors: $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6} = 30^\circ$, with $\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$. Compare with Figure 1(d). (c) 6-fold quasiperiodic case: $\alpha \approx 25.66^\circ$, with $\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13}$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$. Quasipatterns generated by equal combinations of the twelve waves have six-fold rotation symmetry but lack spatial periodicity.*

with Q-fold rotation symmetry ($Q = 8, 10, 12, \ldots$) as solutions of the steady Swift–Hohenberg equation (see below) has been proved using methods based on the Nash–Moser theorem [9]. The same approach has been applied to other pattern-forming PDEs, such as those for steady Bénard–Rayleigh convection [8]. Throughout, the existence proofs show that as the amplitude of the quasipattern solution goes to zero, the solution from the truncated formal expansion approaches a quasipattern solution of the PDE, in a union of disjoint parameter intervals, going to full measure as the amplitude goes to zero.

Most previous work on quasipatterns has concentrated on Fourier spectra that exhibit "prohibited" symmetries: eight-, ten-, twelve-fold and higher rotation symmetries, as in Figure 1(c), or icosahedral symmetry in three dimensions [43]. There is, however, a class of quasipatterns with six-fold rotation symmetry, related to the superlattice patterns already discussed. These patterns can be described in terms of the superposition of twelve waves with twelve wavevectors, grouped into two sets of six as in Figure 2, with the six vectors within each set spaced evenly around the circle, and with the two sets rotated by an angle α with respect to each other, with $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{3}$. In the quasiperiodic case, we can choose α to be the smallest angle between the vectors, so $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$.

The discovery, in the Faraday wave experiment and elsewhere, of these elaborate superlattice patterns and quasipatterns, with and without spatial periodicity, motivated investigations into the bifurcation structure of pattern formation problems posed both in periodic domains and on the whole plane, without lateral boundaries. We focus on an example of such a problem, the Swift–Hohenberg equation, which is:

$$(1 + \Delta)^2 u - \mu u + \chi u^2 + u^3 = 0, \qquad (1.1)$$

where $u(\mathbf{x})$ is a real function of $\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, Δ is the Laplace operator, μ is a real bifurcation parameter and χ is a real parameter. The time-dependent version of this PDE was proposed originally as a model of small-amplitude fluctuations near the onset of convection [44], but is now considered an archetypal model of pattern formation [21].

The trivial state $u = 0$ is always a solution of (1.1), and as μ increases through zero, many branches of small-amplitude solutions of (1.1) are created. These include periodic patterns such as stripes, squares, hexagons and superlattice patterns, quasipatterns with the prohibited rotation symmetries of eight-, ten-, twelve-fold and higher (proved in [9] with $\chi = 0$), as well as (again with $\chi = 0$) two families of six-fold quasipatterns with equal sums of the twelve Fourier modes illustrated in Figure 2(c) [17, 22]. In this paper, we extend the analysis in [22] by allowing $\chi \neq 0$ and including quasipatterns with unequal combinations of the twelve Fourier modes, discovering several new classes of solutions.

We approach this problem by deriving nonlinear amplitude equations for the twelve Fourier modes on the unit circle. One important requirement on the twelve selected modes illustrated in Figure 2 is therefore that nonlinear combinations of these modes should generate no further modes with wavevectors on the unit circle. If they did, additional amplitude equations would have to be included, a problem we leave for another day. We call the (full measure) set of α that satisfy this condition $\mathcal{E}_0$, defined more precisely in [22] and Lemma 2.3 below. Throughout, we use the names of the sets of values of α from [22].

There are three possible situations as α is varied: the (zero measure) periodic case, the (full measure) quasiperiodic case where the results of [22] can be used, and other quasiperiodic values of α (zero measure).

1. The pattern is *periodic*, and $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$, as in Figure 2(a). For these angles, restricted to $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{3}$, both $\cos\alpha$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha$ must be rational, and the wave vectors generate a lattice (see Definition 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 below). This is the case examined by [14], and $\alpha \approx 21.79°$ ($\cos\alpha = \frac{13}{14}$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{9}{14}$) is an example. For reasons explained below, for some values of $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$, is it more convenient to consider $\frac{\pi}{3} - \alpha$ instead, relabelling the vectors. This set is dense but of measure zero. Not all values of $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$ are also in $\mathcal{E}_0$.
2. The angle α is not in $\mathcal{E}_p$ but it *satisfies all three of the requirements* for the existence proofs in [22]. The first requirement is that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$: no integer combination of the twelve vectors already chosen should lie on the unit circle apart from the twelve. The second and third requirements are that the numbers $\cos\alpha$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha$ should satisfy two “good” diophantine properties. We define $\mathcal{E}_3$ to be the set of such angles, restricted to $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$. All rational multiples of π (restricted to $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$) are in $\mathcal{E}_3$, for example, $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6} = 30°$ as in Figure 2(b). The angle $\alpha \approx 25.66°$ is another example, ($\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13}$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$, see Figure 2(c) and Appendix A). This set is of full measure.
3. The angle α, still restricted to $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$, is not in $\mathcal{E}_p$ or $\mathcal{E}_3$, and although patterns made from these modes may be quasiperiodic, the existence proofs based on the approach of [22] do not work, at least not without further extension. The angle $\alpha \approx 26.44°$ ($\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{12}(5 + \sqrt{33})$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{1}{12}(15 - \sqrt{33})$) is an example (see Appendix A) since it is not in $\mathcal{E}_0$. This set is dense but of measure zero.

For $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p \cap \mathcal{E}_0$, the resulting superlattice patterns are spatially periodic, and their bifurcation structure is determined at finite order when the small amplitude pattern is expressed as a formal power series [14]. The wavevectors for these spatially periodic superlattice patterns lie on a finer hexagonal lattice (as in Figure 2a).

We define $\mathcal{E}_{qp}$ to be the complement of $\mathcal{E}_p$ restricted to $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$. For $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$, linear combinations of waves are typically quasiperiodic, but only for $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3 \subset \mathcal{E}_{qp}$ can the techniques of [22] be used to prove existence of quasipatterns with these modes as nonlinear solutions of the PDE (1.1). For the special case $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6} \in \mathcal{E}_3$, as in Figure 2(b), the quasipattern has twelve-fold rotation symmetry, but more generally, as in Figure 2(c), there can be six-fold rotation symmetry, more usually associated with hexagons. The proof in [22] makes use of the properties of $\mathcal{E}_3$; at this time, nothing is known about $\alpha \notin \mathcal{E}_3 \cup \mathcal{E}_p$.

The periodic case has been analysed by [14, 40]. They write the small-amplitude pattern $u(\mathbf{x})$ as the sum of six complex amplitudes $z_1, \dots, z_6$ times the six waves $e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \dots, e^{i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\mathbf{x}}$:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{6} z_j e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}} + c.c. + \text{high-order terms}, \tag{1.2}$$

where *c.c.* refers to the complex conjugate, and the six wavevectors $\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_6$ are as illustrated in Figure 2(a), and go on to derive, using symmetry considerations, the amplitude equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = {} & z_1 f_1(u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4) + \bar{z}_2\bar{z}_3 f_2(u_1, \dots, u_6, \bar{q}_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4) + \\ & + \text{high-order resonant terms}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

where $u_1 = |z_1|^2, \dots, u_6 = |z_6|^2$, $q_1 = z_1z_2z_3$, and $q_4 = z_4z_5z_6$. Here, f_1 and f_2 are smooth functions of their nine arguments. Five additional equations can be deduced from permutation symmetry. The high-order resonant terms, present only in the periodic case, are at least fifth order polynomial functions of the six amplitudes and their complex conjugates, and depend on the choice of $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$. Even without the amplitude equations (1.3), equivariant bifurcation theory can be used [14, 19] to deduce the existence of various hexagonal and triangular superlattice patterns, and, within the amplitude equations, the stability of these patterns can be computed.

The approach we take does not use equivariant bifurcation theory. Instead, we derive amplitude equations of the form (1.3) in the quasiperiodic and periodic cases. In the quasiperiodic case, the equation is a formal power series, but in both cases, the cubic truncation of the first component of amplitude equations is of the form

$$0 = \mu z_1 - \alpha_0\bar{z}_2\bar{z}_3 - z_1(\alpha_1u_1 + \alpha_2u_2 + \alpha_2u_3 + \alpha_4u_4 + \alpha_5u_5 + \alpha_6u_6), \tag{1.4}$$

where $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_6$ are coefficients that can be computed from the PDE (1.1). We find small amplitude solutions of the cubic truncation (1.4) then verify that these correspond to small amplitude solutions of the untruncated amplitude equations (1.3). One remarkable result is that the formal expansion in powers of the amplitude (and parameter χ in the cases when χ is close to 0) of the bifurcating patterns is given at leading order by the same formulae in both the quasiperiodic and the periodic cases. From solutions of the amplitude equations, the mathematical proof of existence of the periodic patterns is given by the classical Lyapunov–Schmidt method, while for quasipatterns the proof follows the same lines as in [22]. The truncated expansion of the formal power series provides the first approximation to the quasipattern solution, which is a starting point for the Newton iteration process, using the Nash–Moser method for dealing with the small divisor problem [22].

Our work extends that of [14, 40] to the quasiperiodic case. We also extend the work of [22]: we find small-amplitude bifurcating solutions in (1.3) for $\chi \neq 0$ and show that there are corresponding periodic and quasiperiodic solutions of the Swift–Hohenberg equation. Amongst the solutions we find in the quasiperiodic case are combinations of two hexagonal patterns, as well as combinations of hexagonal and striped patterns, arranged at almost any orientation with respect to each other and translated with respect to each other by arbitrary amounts. Existence of two types of equal-amplitude quasipatterns was established in this case [17, 22] for $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$ and with $\chi = 0$.

In both the periodic and the quasiperiodic cases, the superposed hexagon and roll patterns are new, and would not be found using the equivariant bifurcation lemma as they have no symmetries (beyond periodic in that case). In both cases, we consider the possibility that χ is also small, and use the method of [22] on power series in two small parameters to find new superposed hexagon patterns with unequal amplitudes, again out of range of the equivariant bifurcation lemma.

We open the paper with a statement of the problem in section 2 and develop the formal power series for the amplitude equations in section 3. We solve these equations in section 4, focusing on the new solutions, and conclude in section 5. Some details of the proofs are in the five appendices.

2. Statement of the problem.

We being by explaining how we describe functions on lattices and quasilattices, and how the symmetries of the problem act on these functions.

2.1. Lattices and quasilattices.

In the Fourier plane, we have two sets of six basic wave vectors as illustrated in Figure 2: $\{\mathbf{k}_j, -\mathbf{k}_j : j = 1, 2, 3\}$ and $\{\mathbf{k}_j, -\mathbf{k}_j : j = 4, 5, 6\}$, both equally spaced on the unit circle, with angle $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ between $\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$ and $\mathbf{k}_3$ and between $\mathbf{k}_4$, $\mathbf{k}_5$ and $\mathbf{k}_6$, such that $\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 = 0$ and $\mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5 + \mathbf{k}_6 = 0$. The two sets of six vectors are rotated by an angle $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{3}$ with respect to each other, so that $\mathbf{k}_1$ makes an angle $-\alpha/2$ with the x axis, while $\mathbf{k}_4$ makes an angle $\alpha/2$ with the x axis. The case $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$ corresponds to the situation 12-fold quasipattern treated in [9], though with $\chi = 0$.

The lattice (in the periodic case) or quasilattice Γ are made up of integer sums of the six basic wave vectors:

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^{6} m_j \mathbf{k}_j, \quad \text{with} \quad m_j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}. \tag{2.1}$$

Notice that if $\mathbf{k} \in \Gamma$ then $-\mathbf{k} \in \Gamma$. In the periodic case, the lattice is not dense, as in Figure 2(a), while in the quasiperiodic case, the points in Γ are dense in the plane.

The periodic case occurs whenever the two sets of six wave vectors are not rationally independent, meaning that, for example, $\mathbf{k}_4$, $\mathbf{k}_5$ and $\mathbf{k}_6$ can all be written as rational sums of $\mathbf{k}_1$ and $\mathbf{k}_2$. This happens whenever $\cos\alpha$ and $\cos(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{3})$ are both rational, and in this case, patterns defined by (1.2) are periodic in space. We define the set $\mathcal{E}_p$ to be these angles.

Definition 2.1. *Periodic case: the set $\mathcal{E}_p$ of angles is defined as*

$$\mathcal{E}_p := \left\{ \alpha \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) : \cos\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}.$$

In this case, Γ is a lattice. We can replace $\cos(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{3})$ in this definition by $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha$. The set $\mathcal{E}_p$ has the following properties:

Lemma 2.2. *(i) The set $\mathcal{E}_p$ is dense and has zero measure in $(0, \frac{\pi}{3})$.*
(ii) If the wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$, $\mathbf{k}_4$ and $\mathbf{k}_5$ are not independent on $\mathbb{Q}$, then $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$.
(iii) If $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$ then there exist co-prime integers a, b such that

$$a > b > \frac{a}{2} > 0, \quad a \geq 3, \quad a + b \text{ not a multiple of 3}$$

and

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{a^2 + 2ab - 2b^2}{2(a^2 - ab + b^2)}, \quad \sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{3a(2b - a)}{2(a^2 - ab + b^2)}. \tag{2.2}$$

The lattice Γ has hexagonal symmetry, and wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_j$ are integer combinations of two smaller vectors $\mathbf{s}_1$ and $\mathbf{s}_2$, of equal length $\lambda = (a^2 - ab + b^2)^{-1/2}$ and making an angle of $\frac{2\pi}{3}$, with

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{k}_1 = a\mathbf{s}_1 + b\mathbf{s}_2, && \mathbf{k}_2 = (b - a)\mathbf{s}_1 - a\mathbf{s}_2, && \mathbf{k}_3 = -b\mathbf{s}_1 + (a - b)\mathbf{s}_2, \\ &\mathbf{k}_4 = a\mathbf{s}_1 + (a - b)\mathbf{s}_2, && \mathbf{k}_5 = -b\mathbf{s}_1 - a\mathbf{s}_2, && \mathbf{k}_6 = (b - a)\mathbf{s}_1 + b\mathbf{s}_2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Part (ii) of the Lemma is proved in [22], and parts (i) and (iii) are proved in Appendix B. The vectors $\mathbf{s}_1$ and $\mathbf{s}_2$ are illustrated in Figure 2 in the case $(a, b) = (3, 2)$ with $\lambda = 1/\sqrt{7}$. Requiring $a + b$ not to be a multiple of 3 means that we need to allow $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{3}$ in the periodic case. In the quasiperiodic case ($\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$), we can always take α to be the smallest of the angles between the vectors, which is why we define the set $\mathcal{E}_{qp}$ to be the complement of $\mathcal{E}_p$ within the interval $(0, \frac{\pi}{6}]$. Not every $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$ is also in $\mathcal{E}_0$; for example, if $(a, b) = (8, 5)$, we have $3\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - 2\mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5 = (5b - 4a)\mathbf{s}_2 = (0, 1)$, which is a vector on the unit circle but not in the original twelve.

In (2.1), vectors $\mathbf{k} \in \Gamma$ are indexed by six integers $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \ldots, m_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6$. However, using the fact that $\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 = 0$ and $\mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5 + \mathbf{k}_6 = 0$, the set Γ can be indexed by fewer than six integers, and any $\mathbf{k} \in \Gamma$ may be written, in both the periodic and the quasiperiodic cases, as

$$\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{m}) = m_1\mathbf{k}_1 + m_2\mathbf{k}_2 + m_4\mathbf{k}_4 + m_5\mathbf{k}_5, \quad (m_1, m_2, m_4, m_5) \in \mathbb{Z}^4, \tag{2.4}$$

though in fact Γ is indexed by two integers in the periodic case $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$.

2.2. Functions on the (quasi)lattice. We are now in a position to specify more precisely the form of the sum in (1.2). The function $u(\mathbf{x})$ is a real function that we write in the form of a Fourier expansion with Fourier coefficients $u^{(\mathbf{k})}$:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\Gamma} u^{(\mathbf{k})} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \quad u^{(\mathbf{k})} = \bar{u}^{(-\mathbf{k})} \in \mathbb{C}. \tag{2.5}$$

With $\mathbf{k}\in\Gamma$ written as in (2.4), in the quasiperiodic case ($\alpha\in\mathcal{E}_{qp}$) four indices are needed in the sum since the four vectors in (2.4) are rationally independent. In the periodic case, two indices are needed. A norm $N_{\mathbf{k}}$ for $\alpha\in\mathcal{E}_{qp}$ is defined by

$$N_{\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{n})}=|n_1|+|n_2|+|n_4|+|n_5|=|\mathbf{n}|.$$

To give a meaning to the above Fourier expansion we need to introduce Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}_s$, $s\geq 0$:

$$\mathcal{H}_s=\left\{u=\sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\Gamma}u^{(\mathbf{k})}e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}};u^{(\mathbf{k})}=\overline{u}^{(-\mathbf{k})}\in\mathbb{C},\ \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\Gamma}|u^{(\mathbf{k})}|^2(1+N_{\mathbf{k}}^2)^s<\infty\right\},$$

It is known that $\mathcal{H}_s$ is a Hilbert space with the scalar product

$$\langle u,v\rangle_s=\sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\Gamma}(1+N_{\mathbf{k}}^2)^s u^{(\mathbf{k})}\overline{v}^{(\mathbf{k})},$$

and that $\mathcal{H}_s$ is an algebra for $s>2$ (see [9]), and possesses the usual properties of Sobolev spaces H_s in dimension 4. For $\alpha\in\mathcal{E}_{qp}$, a function in $\mathcal{H}_s$, defined by a convergent Fourier series as in (2.5), represents in general a quasipattern, i.e., a function that is quasiperiodic in all directions. It is possible of course for such functions still to be periodic (e.g., stripes or hexagons) if subsets of the Fourier amplitudes are zero. With this definition of the scalar product, the twelve basic modes are orthogonal in $\mathcal{H}_s$ and orthonormal in $\mathcal{H}_0$:

$$\left\langle e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}},e^{i\mathbf{k}_l\cdot\mathbf{x}}\right\rangle_0=\left\langle e^{-i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}},e^{-i\mathbf{k}_l\cdot\mathbf{x}}\right\rangle_0=\delta_{j,l}\quad\text{and}\quad\left\langle e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}},e^{\mp i\mathbf{k}_l\cdot\mathbf{x}}\right\rangle_0=0,$$

where $\delta_{j,l}$ is the Kronecker delta.

The following useful Lemma is proven in [22]:

Lemma 2.3. *For nearly all $\alpha\in(0,\pi/6]$, and in particular for $\alpha\in\mathbb{Q}\pi\cap(0,\pi/6]$, the only solutions of $|\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{m})|=1$ are $\pm\mathbf{k}_j$, $j=1,\dots,6$. These vectors can be expressed with four integers as in (2.4):*

$$\mathbf{m}=(\pm1,0,0,0),(0,\pm1,0,0),(0,0,\pm1,0),(0,0,0,\pm1),\pm(1,1,0,0),\pm(0,0,1,1).$$

As explained above, we denote by $\mathcal{E}_0$ the set of α's such that Lemma 2.3 applies. This set is dense and of full measure in $(0,\frac{\pi}{6}]$. It is possible to show, for example, that $\alpha\approx25.66^\circ$ ($\cos\alpha=\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13}$) is in $\mathcal{E}_0$, while $\alpha\approx26.44^\circ$ ($\cos\alpha=\frac{1}{12}(5+\sqrt{33})$) is not (neither of these examples is in $\mathcal{E}_p$ or a rational multiple of π). See Appendix A for details.

2.3. Symmetries and actions.

Our problem possesses important symmetries. First, the system (1.1) is invariant under the Euclidean group $E(2)$ of rotations, reflections and translations of the plane. We denote by $\mathbf{R}_\theta u$ the pattern u rotated by an angle θ centered at the origin, so $(\mathbf{R}_\theta u)(\mathbf{x})=u(\mathbf{R}_{-\theta}\mathbf{x})$. We define similarly the reflection τ in the x axis, and the translation $\mathbf{T}_\delta$ by an amount δ, so $(\tau u)(x,y)=u(x,-y)$ and $(\mathbf{T}_\delta u)(\mathbf{x})=u(\mathbf{x}-\delta)$. Finally, in the case $\chi=0$, equation (1.1) is odd in u and so commutes with the symmetry $\mathbf{S}$ defined by $\mathbf{S}u=-u$. If $\chi\neq0$, then in addition to the change $u\to-u$, we need to change $\chi\to-\chi$.

The leading order part $v_1(\mathbf{x})$ of our solution will be as in (1.2):

$$v_1(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{6} z_j e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}} + \bar{z}_j e^{-i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \quad \text{with} \quad z_j \in \mathbb{C}. \tag{2.6}$$

With Fourier modes restricted to those with wavevectors in Γ, not all symmetries in $E(2)$ are possible, but those that are allowed act on the basic Fourier functions as follows:

$$\mathbf{T}_\delta(e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot(\mathbf{x}-\delta)},$$
$$\mathbf{R}_{\frac{\pi}{3}}(e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}},\dots,e^{i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\mathbf{x}}) = (e^{-i\mathbf{k}_3\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{-i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{-i\mathbf{k}_4\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{-i\mathbf{k}_5\cdot\mathbf{x}}),$$
$$\tau(e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}},\dots,e^{i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\mathbf{x}}) = (e^{i\mathbf{k}_4\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_5\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_3\cdot\mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_2\cdot\mathbf{x}}).$$

This leads to a representation of the symmetries acting on the six z_j amplitudes in $\mathbb{C}^6$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_\delta &: (z_1,\dots,z_6) \mapsto \left(z_1 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\delta}, z_2 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2\cdot\delta}, z_3 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_3\cdot\delta}, z_4 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_4\cdot\delta}, z_5 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_5\cdot\delta}, z_6 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\delta}\right), \\ \mathbf{R}_{\frac{\pi}{3}} &: (z_1,\dots,z_6) \mapsto (\bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_5, \bar{z}_6, \bar{z}_4), \\ \tau &: (z_1,\dots,z_6) \mapsto (z_4, z_6, z_5, z_1, z_3, z_2). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

We will use these symmetries, as well as the 'hidden symmetries' in $E(2)$ [12–14], to restrict the form of the formal power series for the amplitudes z_j.

3. Formal power series for solutions. In this section, we are looking for amplitude equations for solutions of (1.1), expressed in the form of a formal power series of the following type

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n\geq 1} v_n(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mu = \sum_{n\geq 1} \mu_n, \tag{3.1}$$

where v_n and μ_n are real. As in [22], the leading order part v_1 of a solution u satisfies

$$\mathbf{L}_0 v_1 = 0,$$

where the linear operator $\mathbf{L}_0$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{L}_0 = (1+\Delta)^2,$$

so that v_1 lies in the kernel of $\mathbf{L}_0$. Our twelve chosen wavevectors $\pm\mathbf{k}_j$ all have length 1, so $\mathbf{L}_0 e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}} = 0$, and we can write v_1 as a linear combination of these waves as in (2.6).

Higher order terms are written concisely using multi-index notation: let $\mathbf{p} = (p_1,\dots,p_6)$ and $\mathbf{p}' = (p'_1,\dots,p'_6)$, where p_j and p'_j are non-negative integers, and define

$$\mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{p}} = z_1^{p_1} z_2^{p_2} z_3^{p_3} z_4^{p_4} z_5^{p_5} z_6^{p_6} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathbf{p}'} = \bar{z}_1^{p'_1} \bar{z}_2^{p'_2} \bar{z}_3^{p'_3} \bar{z}_4^{p'_4} \bar{z}_5^{p'_5} \bar{z}_6^{p'_6}.$$

We also take $|\mathbf{p}| = p_1 + \cdots + p_6$ and $|\mathbf{p}'| = p'_1 + \cdots + p'_6$. At each order n, the powers of z_j and $\bar{z}_j$ add up to n, so we look for v_n and μ_n of the form

$$v_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{|\mathbf{p}|+|\mathbf{p}'|=n} \mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{p}}\bar{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathbf{p}'} v_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_n = \sum_{|\mathbf{p}|+|\mathbf{p}'|=n} \mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{p}}\bar{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathbf{p}'} \mu_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'}. \tag{3.2}$$

Here, $\mu_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'}$ are constants and $v_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'}(\mathbf{x})$ are functions made up of sums of modes of order $n = |\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{p}'|$, such that

$$\left\langle v_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'}, e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}} \right\rangle_0 = 0, \quad \text{for } n > 1 \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, 6.$$

Writing (1.1) as

$$\mathbf{L}_0 u = \mu u - \chi u^2 - u^3 \tag{3.3}$$

and replacing u and μ by their expansions (3.2), we project the PDE (1.1) onto the kernel of $\mathbf{L}_0$. The operator $\mathbf{L}_0$ is self adjoint, so the left hand side of (3.3) is orthogonal to the kernel of $\mathbf{L}_0$: $\langle \mathbf{L}_0 u, e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}}\rangle_0 = \langle u, \mathbf{L}_0 e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}}\rangle_0 = 0$ for any u. This leads to

$$0 = \mu z_j - P_j(\chi, \mu, z_1, \dots, z_6, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6), \tag{3.4}$$

where $j = 1, \dots, 6$ and

$$P_j(\chi, \mu, z_1, \dots, z_6, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6) = \left\langle \chi u^2 + u^3, e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}} \right\rangle_0,$$

where u here is thought of as a function of $\mathbf{z}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{z}}$ through the formal power series (3.1) and the expansion (3.2). The dependency in μ of P_j occurs at orders at least $\mu|z_j|^3$.

Solving (3.3) is equivalent to solving the amplitude equations (3.4) together with the projection of (3.3) onto the range of $\mathbf{L}_0$. If $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$, the nonlinear terms in $\chi u^2 + u^3$ do not have modes with wavevectors that lie on the unit circle apart from at $\pm\mathbf{k}_j$, and so the operator $\mathbf{L}_0$ has a formal pseudo-inverse on its range that is orthogonal to the kernel of $\mathbf{L}_0$. This pseudo-inverse is a bounded operator in any $\mathcal{H}_s$ when $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0 \cap \mathcal{E}_p$, since in the periodic case, nonlinear modes are on a lattice Γ and are bounded away from the unit circle, while it is unbounded when $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$ as a result of the presence of small divisors (see [22]). However, for a formal computation of the power series (3.2), we only need at each order to pseudo-invert a *finite* Fourier series, which is always possible provided that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$.

Expanding P_j in powers of $(\mu, z_1, \dots, z_6, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6)$ results in a convergent power series in the periodic case (the P_j functions are analytic in some ball around the origin), but in general these power series are not convergent in the quasiperiodic case. Nonetheless, the formal power series are useful in the proof of existence of the corresponding quasipatterns.

We can now use the symmetries of the problem to investigate the structure of the bifurcation equation (3.4). The equivariance of (3.3) under the translations $\mathbf{T}_\delta$ leads to

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\delta} P_1(\chi, \mu, z_1 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\delta}, \dots, \bar{z}_6 e^{i\mathbf{k}_6\cdot\delta}) = P_1(\chi, \mu, z_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6). \tag{3.5}$$

A typical monomial in P_1 has the form $\mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{p}}\bar{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathbf{p}'}$, so let us define

$$n_1 = p_1 - p_1' - 1, \qquad n_2 = p_2 - p_2', \qquad n_3 = p_3 - p_3',$$
$$n_4 = p_4 - p_4', \qquad n_5 = p_5 - p_5', \qquad n_6 = p_6 - p_6'.$$

Then, a monomial appearing in P_1 should satisfy (3.5), which leads to

$$n_1\mathbf{k}_1 + n_2\mathbf{k}_2 + n_3\mathbf{k}_3 + n_4\mathbf{k}_4 + n_5\mathbf{k}_5 + n_6\mathbf{k}_6 = 0,$$

and, since $\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 = 0$ and $\mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5 + \mathbf{k}_6 = 0$, we obtain

$$(n_1 - n_3)\mathbf{k}_1 + (n_2 - n_3)\mathbf{k}_2 + (n_4 - n_6)\mathbf{k}_4 + (n_5 - n_6)\mathbf{k}_5 = 0, \tag{3.6}$$

which is valid in all cases (periodic or not).

In the quasilattice case, the wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$, $\mathbf{k}_4$ and $\mathbf{k}_5$ are rationally independent, so (3.6) implies $n_1 = n_2 = n_3$ and $n_4 = n_5 = n_6$, which leads to monomials of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
&z_1 u_1^{p_1'} u_2^{p_2'} u_3^{p_3'} u_4^{p_4'} u_5^{p_5'} u_6^{p_6'} q_1^{n_1} q_4^{n_4} && \text{for } n_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } n_4 \geq 0,\\
&z_1 u_1^{p_1'} u_2^{p_2'} u_3^{p_3'} u_4^{p_4} u_5^{p_5} u_6^{p_6} q_1^{n_1} \bar{q}_4^{|n_4|} && \text{for } n_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } n_4 < 0,\\
&\bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_3 u_1^{p_1} u_2^{p_2} u_3^{p_3} u_4^{p_4'} u_5^{p_5'} u_6^{p_6'} \bar{q}_1^{|n_1|-1} q_4^{n_4} && \text{for } n_1 < 0 \text{ and } n_4 \geq 0,\\
&\bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_3 u_1^{p_1} u_2^{p_2} u_3^{p_3} u_4^{p_4} u_5^{p_5} u_6^{p_6} \bar{q}_1^{|n_1|-1} \bar{q}_4^{|n_4|} && \text{for } n_1 < 0 \text{ and } n_4 < 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where we define

$$u_j = z_j \bar{z}_j, \quad q_1 = z_1 z_2 z_3 \quad \text{and} \quad q_4 = z_4 z_5 z_6.$$

Then, the quasilattice case gives the following structure for P_1:

$$P_1(\chi, \mu, z_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6) = z_1 f_1(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4) + \bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_3 f_2(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, \bar{q}_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4), \tag{3.7}$$

where f_1 and f_2 are power series in their arguments. We deduce the five other components of the bifurcation equation by using the equivariance under symmetries $\mathbf{R}_{\frac{\pi}{3}}$, τ, and $\mathbf{S}$ (changing χ in $-\chi$), observing that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\frac{\pi}{3}} &: (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, q_1, q_4) \mapsto (u_2, u_3, u_1, u_5, u_6, u_4, \bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_4),\\
\tau &: (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, q_1, q_4) \mapsto (u_4, u_6, u_5, u_1, u_3, u_2, q_4, q_1),\\
\mathbf{S} &: (\chi, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, q_1, q_4) \mapsto (-\chi, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6, -q_1, -q_4).
\end{aligned}$$

Equivariance under symmetry $\mathbf{R}_\pi$ which changes z_j into $\bar{z}_j$, gives the following property of functions f_j in (3.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, \bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_4, q_4) &= \bar{f}_1(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4),\\
f_2(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, \bar{q}_4, q_4) &= \bar{f}_2(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, \bar{q}_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that the coefficients in f_1 and in f_2 are *real*. Equivariance under symmetry $\mathbf{S}$ leads to the property that in (3.7) f_1 and f_2 are respectively even and odd in (χ, q_1, q_4).

In the periodic case, when $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$, we deduce from Appendix C that $P_1(\chi, z_1, \dots, \bar{z}_6)$ may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
&z_1 f_3(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4, q_{l,k}, \bar{q}_{l,k}) +\\
&\quad + \bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_3 f_4(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, \bar{q}_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4, q_{l,k}, \bar{q}_{l,k}) +\\
&\quad + \sum_{s,t} q'_{s,t} f_{s,t}(\chi, \mu, u_1, \dots, u_6, q_1, \bar{q}_1, q_4, \bar{q}_4, q_{l,k}, \bar{q}_{l,k}),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

where the monomials $q_{l,k}$, $l = I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX$, and $k = 1, 2, 3$, are defined in Appendix C, the functions f_j depend on all arguments $q_{l,k}$ and $\bar{q}_{l,k}$, and the monomials $q'_{s,t}$, $s = IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX$, $t = 1, 2, 3$, are defined by

$$q'_{s,t} = \frac{\bar{q}_{s,t}}{\bar{z}_1}.$$

We observe that the "exotic" terms with lowest degree in (3.8) have degree $2a - 1$, which is at least of 5th order, since $a \geq 3$. Moreover, the symmetries act as indicated in Appendix C.

4. Solutions of the bifurcation equations. The strategy for proving existence of solutions of the PDE (1.1) is first to find solutions of the amplitude equations $P_j(\chi, z_1, \ldots, \bar{z}_6) = \mu z_j$ truncated at some order, and then to use an appopriate implicit function theorem to show that there is a corresponding solution to the PDE, using the results of [22] in the quasiperiodic case.

Let us first consider the terms up to cubic order for P_1. In the periodic case, where we notice that $a \geq 3$, and in the quasiperiodic case, we find the same equation:

$$P_1^{(3)} = \alpha_0 \bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_1 \sum_{j=1}^{6} \alpha_j u_j.$$

We compute coefficients α_j, $j = 0, \ldots, 6$ from (see Appendix D)

$$\mu z_1 = P_1^{(3)} = \chi \langle v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle + \langle v_1^3, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle - 2\chi^2 \langle v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle \tag{4.1}$$

where $u = v_1$ (2.6) at leading order, the scalar product is the one of $\mathcal{H}_0$, $\mathbf{Q}_0$ is the orthogonal projection on the range of $\mathbf{L}_0$, $\widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}$ being the restriction of $\mathbf{L}_0$ on its range, the inverse of which is the pseudo-inverse of $\mathbf{L}_0$. The higher orders are uniquely determined from the infinite dimensional part of the problem, provided that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$, they are of order at least $|v_1|^4$.

It is straightforward to check that

$$\alpha_0 = 2\chi, \tag{4.2}$$
$$\alpha_1 = 3 - \chi^2 c_1, \tag{4.3}$$
$$\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 6 - \chi^2 c_2, \tag{4.4}$$
$$\alpha_4 = 6 - \chi^2 c_\alpha, \tag{4.5}$$
$$\alpha_5 = 6 - \chi^2 c_{\alpha+}, \tag{4.6}$$
$$\alpha_6 = 6 - \chi^2 c_{\alpha-}, \tag{4.7}$$

where c_1, c_2 are constants and c_α, $c_{\alpha+}$ and $c_{\alpha-}$ are functions of α (see the detailed computation in Appendix D). Hence we have the bifurcation system, written up to cubic order in z_j

$$
\begin{aligned}
2\chi\overline{z_2 z_3} &= z_1[\mu - \alpha_1 u_1 - \alpha_2(u_2+u_3) - \alpha_4 u_4 - \alpha_5 u_5 - \alpha_6 u_6]\\
2\chi\overline{z_1 z_3} &= z_2[\mu - \alpha_1 u_2 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_3) - \alpha_4 u_5 - \alpha_5 u_6 - \alpha_6 u_4]\\
2\chi\overline{z_1 z_2} &= z_3[\mu - \alpha_1 u_3 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_2) - \alpha_4 u_6 - \alpha_5 u_4 - \alpha_6 u_5]\\
2\chi\overline{z_5 z_6} &= z_4[\mu - \alpha_1 u_4 - \alpha_2(u_5+u_6) - \alpha_4 u_1 - \alpha_5 u_3 - \alpha_6 u_2]\\
2\chi\overline{z_4 z_6} &= z_5[\mu - \alpha_1 u_5 - \alpha_2(u_4+u_6) - \alpha_4 u_2 - \alpha_5 u_1 - \alpha_6 u_3]\\
2\chi\overline{z_4 z_5} &= z_6[\mu - \alpha_1 u_6 - \alpha_2(u_4+u_5) - \alpha_4 u_3 - \alpha_5 u_2 - \alpha_6 u_1].
\end{aligned}
\tag{4.8}
$$

It remains to find all small solutions of these six equations and check whether they are affected by including further higher order terms.

Before proceeding, we note that in the periodic case ($\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p \cap \mathcal{E}_0$), the equivariant branching lemma can be used to find some bifurcating branches of patterns [14]. In the case $\chi \neq 0$, where there is no **S** symmetry, these branches are called:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text{Super-hexagons:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = z_4 = z_5 = z_6 \in \mathbb{R},\\
\text{Simple hexagons:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = 0,\\
\text{Rolls or stripes:}\quad & z_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_2 = z_3 = z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = 0,\\
\text{Rhombs}_{1,4}\text{:}\quad & z_1 = z_4 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_2 = z_3 = z_5 = z_6 = 0,\\
\text{Rhombs}_{1,5}\text{:}\quad & z_1 = z_5 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_2 = z_3 = z_4 = z_6 = 0,\\
\text{Rhombs}_{1,6}\text{:}\quad & z_1 = z_6 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_2 = z_3 = z_4 = z_5 = 0,
\end{aligned}
$$

where the conditions on the z_j's give examples of each type of solution. When $\chi = 0$ and there is **S** symmetry, there are additional branches:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text{Anti-hexagons:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = -z_4 = -z_5 = -z_6 \in \mathbb{R},\\
\text{Super-triangles:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = z_4 = z_5 = z_6 \in \mathbb{R}i,\\
\text{Anti-triangles:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = -z_4 = -z_5 = -z_6 \in \mathbb{R}i,\\
\text{Simple triangles:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 \in \mathbb{R}i, \quad z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = 0,\\
\text{Rhombs}_{1,2}\text{:}\quad & z_1 = z_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad z_3 = z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = 0.
\end{aligned}
$$

For $(a, b) = (3, 2)$, it is known that there are additional branches of the form $|z_1| = \cdots = |z_6|$, with $\arg(z_1) = \cdots = \arg(z_6) \approx \pm\frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\arg(z_1) = \cdots = \arg(z_6) \approx \pm\frac{2\pi}{3}$, where the amplitude and phases of the modes are determined at fifth order [40]. We recover all these solutions below for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p \cap \mathcal{E}_0$, with the addition of a new branch, consisting of a superposition of hexagons and rolls, for example with $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \neq 0$ and $z_5 = z_6 = 0$. This new kind of solution exists in both the periodic and quasiperiodic cases, but only exists if α_1, α_2, α_4, α_5, and α_6 satisfy certain inequalities (true if χ is not too large). This new solution cannot be found using the equivariant branching lemma since it does not live in a one-dimensional space fixed by a symmetry subgroup (though see also [28]).

We will focus below primarily on the new types of solutions: superposition of two hexagon patterns and superposition of hexagons and rolls, but even in the quasiperiodic case, there are branches of periodic patterns. These include rolls, simple hexagons, rhombs etc., and can be found even with $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$. But, since they involve only a reduced set of wavevectors that can be accommodated in periodic domains, there is no need for the quasiperiodic techniques of [22] in these cases.

4.1. Superposition of two hexagonal patterns. In the case $q_1 q_4 \neq 0$ (all six amplitudes are non-zero), we multiply each equation in (4.8) by the appropriate $\bar{z}_j$ to obtain at cubic order

$$
\begin{aligned}
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_1[\mu - \alpha_1 u_1 - \alpha_2(u_2+u_3) - \alpha_4 u_4 - \alpha_5 u_5 - \alpha_6 u_6] \\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_2[\mu - \alpha_1 u_2 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_3) - \alpha_4 u_5 - \alpha_5 u_6 - \alpha_6 u_4] \\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_3[\mu - \alpha_1 u_3 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_2) - \alpha_4 u_6 - \alpha_5 u_4 - \alpha_6 u_5] \\
2\chi\overline{q_4} &= u_4[\mu - \alpha_1 u_4 - \alpha_2(u_5+u_6) - \alpha_4 u_1 - \alpha_5 u_3 - \alpha_6 u_2] \\
2\chi\overline{q_4} &= u_5[\mu - \alpha_1 u_5 - \alpha_2(u_4+u_6) - \alpha_4 u_2 - \alpha_5 u_1 - \alpha_6 u_3] \\
2\chi\overline{q_4} &= u_6[\mu - \alpha_1 u_6 - \alpha_2(u_4+u_5) - \alpha_4 u_3 - \alpha_5 u_2 - \alpha_6 u_1].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.9}
$$

This implies that q_1 and q_4 are real, and shows that

$$u_1 = u_2 = u_3 \quad \text{and} \quad u_4 = u_5 = u_6$$

is always a possible solution. There are other possible solutions, particularly when χ is close to zero. Such solutions are difficult to find in general as they involve solving six coupled cubic equations. Furthermore, other solutions at cubic order might not give solutions when we consider higher order terms in the bifurcation system (3.4). Considering these further is beyond the scope of this paper.

To solve (4.9) with $u_1 = u_2 = u_3$ and $u_4 = u_5 = u_6$, and with q_1 and q_4 real, let us set

$$
\begin{aligned}
z_j &= \varepsilon e^{i\theta_j} \text{ for } j = 1,2,3, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad \Theta_1 = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = k\pi, \\
z_j &= \delta e^{i\theta_j} \text{ for } j = 4,5,6, \quad \delta > 0, \quad \Theta_4 = \theta_4 + \theta_5 + \theta_6 = k'\pi,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.10}
$$

where k and k' are integers, so $u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = \varepsilon^2$, $u_4 = u_5 = u_6 = \delta^2$, $\overline{q_1} = \varepsilon^3 e^{-i\Theta_1} = \varepsilon^3(-1)^k$ and $\overline{q_4} = \delta^3 e^{-i\Theta_4} = \delta^3(-1)^{k'}$. Then, for $\varepsilon\delta > 0$ we have only 2 equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
2\chi\varepsilon(-1)^k &= \mu - (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)\varepsilon^2 - (\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6)\delta^2, \\
2\chi\delta(-1)^{k'} &= \mu - (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)\delta^2 - (\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6)\varepsilon^2.
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that

$$2\chi\left(\varepsilon(-1)^k - \delta(-1)^{k'}\right) = [(\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)](\varepsilon^2 - \delta^2), \tag{4.11}$$

hence $\left(\varepsilon(-1)^k - \delta(-1)^{k'}\right)$ is a factor in (4.11), and there are two types of solutions, depending on whether this factor is zero or not.

First solutions. We first consider the case where the factor is zero; it follows that

$$\delta = \varepsilon > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k = k' = 0 \text{ or } 1,$$

and

$$\mu = 2\chi\varepsilon(-1)^k + (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6)\varepsilon^2, \tag{4.12}$$

or equivalently,

$$\mu = 2\chi\varepsilon(-1)^k + (33 - \chi^2(c_0 + 2c_1 + c_\alpha + c_{\alpha+} + c_{\alpha-}))\varepsilon^2.$$

Notice that when $|\chi|$ is not too small, the coefficient of ε^2 is positive, and k is set by the relative signs of μ and χ. For $|\chi| << \varepsilon$, the bifurcation is supercritical ($\mu > 0$).

Second solutions. If the factor is non-zero, this implies

$$\varepsilon(-1)^k \neq \delta(-1)^{k'}, \text{ i.e., } \delta \neq \varepsilon, \text{ or } (-1)^k \neq (-1)^{k'}.$$

Dividing (4.11) by the non-zero factor leads to

$$2\chi = C\left(\varepsilon(-1)^k + \delta(-1)^{k'}\right),$$

with

$$C \stackrel{def}{=} (\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2). \tag{4.13}$$

This leads to the non-degeneracy condition $C \neq 0$, and to the fact that this second solution is valid only for $|\chi|$ close to 0. The assumption on C is satisfied for most values of χ since

$$C = 3 - \chi^2(c_\alpha + c_{\alpha+} + c_{\alpha-} - c_1 - 2c_2).$$

Hence, for $|\chi|$ close enough to 0, we find new solutions parameterised by $\varepsilon > 0$ and k:

$$\delta = \left[\frac{2\chi}{3} - \varepsilon(-1)^k\right](-1)^{k'} + \mathcal{O}(\chi^3). \tag{4.14}$$

Here k may be 0 or 1 and k' is chosen so that $\delta > 0$. At leading order in (ε, χ), we have

$$\mu = 33\varepsilon^2 - 22\chi\varepsilon(-1)^k + 8\chi^2. \tag{4.15}$$

The next step is to show that these solutions to the cubic amplitude equations persist as solutions of the bifurcation equations (3.4) once higher order terms are considered. This is simpler in the quasiperiodic case as there are no resonant higher order terms to consider.

4.1.1. Quasipattern cases – higher orders. In this case wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$, $\mathbf{k}_4$ and $\mathbf{k}_5$ are rationally independent. Using the symmetries, the general form of the six-dimensional bifurcation equation is deduced from (3.7) and (4.10), which give two real bifurcation equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= f_1(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\delta^3(-1)^{k'}) + \\ &\quad + \varepsilon(-1)^k f_2(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\delta^3(-1)^{k'}), \\ \mu &= f_1(\chi,\mu,\delta^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^3(-1)^{k'},\varepsilon^3(-1)^k) + \\ &\quad + \delta(-1)^{k'} f_2(\chi,\mu,\delta^2,\delta^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^3(-1)^{k'},\varepsilon^3(-1)^k). \end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

First solutions. It is clear that we still have solutions with

$$\varepsilon(-1)^k = \delta(-1)^{k'}, \text{ i.e., } \varepsilon = \delta > 0, k = k',$$

which leads to a single equation

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= f_1(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k) + \\ &\quad + \varepsilon(-1)^k f_2(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k), \end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

which may be solved by the implicit function theorem, with respect to μ, giving a formal power series in ε, the leading order terms being (4.12).

Second solutions. Now, assuming that $\varepsilon(-1)^k \neq \delta(-1)^{k'}$, and taking the difference between the two equations in (4.16), we find (simplifying the notation):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = {} & f_1(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\delta^3(-1)^{k'}) - f_1(\chi,\mu,\delta^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^3(-1)^{k'},\varepsilon^3(-1)^k) + \\ & + \varepsilon(-1)^k f_2(\chi,\mu,\varepsilon^2,\delta^2,\varepsilon^3(-1)^k,\delta^3(-1)^{k'}) - \delta(-1)^{k'} f_2(\chi,\mu,\delta^2,\varepsilon^2,\delta^3(-1)^{k'},\varepsilon^3(-1)^k) \end{aligned}$$

where we can simplify by the factor $\varepsilon(-1)^k - \delta(-1)^{k'}$. The leading terms are

$$0 = 2\chi - C(\varepsilon(-1)^k + \delta(-1)^{k'}),$$

as in the cubic truncation, showing again that these solutions are only valid for χ close to 0. It is then clear that provided that $C \neq 0$, which holds for χ close to 0, the system formed by this last equation, with the first one of (4.16) may be solved with respect to δ and μ using the implicit function theorem to obtain a formal power series in (ε, χ), their leading order terms being given in (4.14),(4.15). We notice that there are four degrees of freedom, with the values of θ_1, θ_2, θ_4 and θ_5 being arbitrary. We also notice that we have two possible amplitudes depending on the parity of k. All these bifurcating solutions correspond to the superposition of hexagonal patterns of unequal amplitude, where the change in θ_j, $j = 1, 2, 4, 5$ correspond to a shift of each pattern in the plane.

For both types of solution, we have thus proved that there are formal power series solutions of (3.3), unique up to the allowed indeterminacy on the θ_j, of the form (4.10). This does not prove that all solutions take the form (4.10). We can state

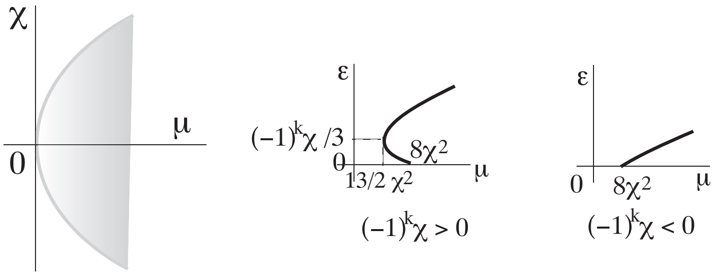

Figure 3. *Domain of existence (shaded) of bifurcating superposition of two hexagons, second solutions, for small* $|\chi|$. *These solutions only bifurcate from* $\mu = 0$ *when* $\chi = 0$.

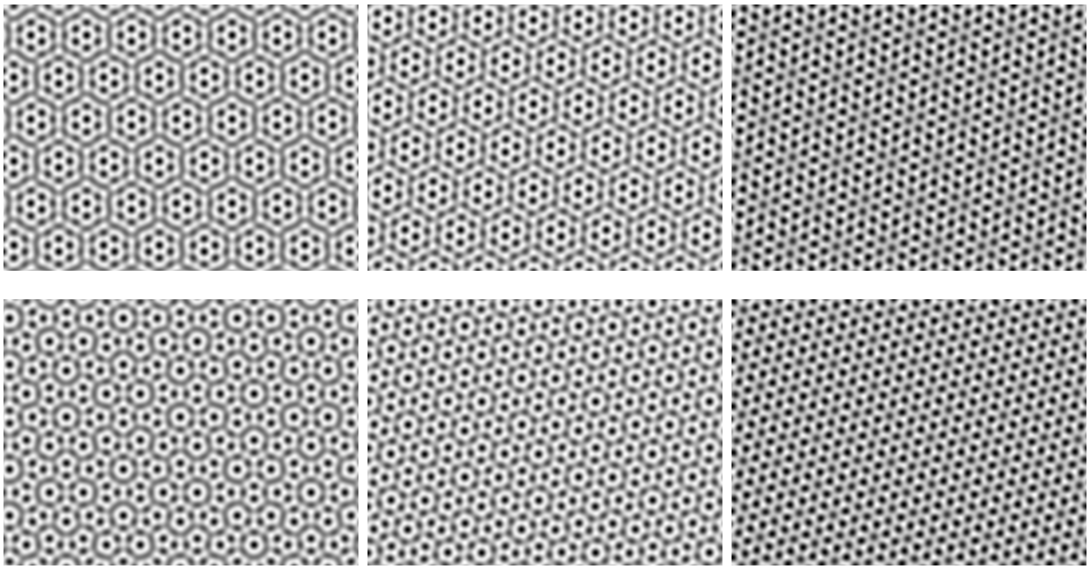

Figure 4. *Examples of quasipatterns: superposition of hexagons. Top row:* $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{12} = 15^\circ$; *bottom row:* $\alpha = 25.66^\circ$ $(\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13})$. *Left: First type of solution; center and right: second type of solution, with* $k = k'$ *(center) and* $k = k' + 1$ *(right).*

Theorem 4.1 (Quasiperiodic superposed hexagons). *Assume* $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0 \cap \mathcal{E}_{qp}$, *then for* ε, χ

fixed, we can build a four-parameter formal power series solution of (3.3) of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
(4.18)\qquad & u(\varepsilon,\chi,k,\Theta)=\varepsilon u_1+\sum_{n\geq 2}\varepsilon^n u_n(\chi,k,\Theta),\quad \varepsilon>0,\quad u_n\perp e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}},\quad j=1,\ldots,6,\\
& \mu(\varepsilon,\chi,k)=(-1)^k 2\chi\varepsilon+\mu_2(\chi)\varepsilon^2+\sum_{n\geq 3}\varepsilon^n\mu_n(\chi,k),\ k=0,1,\\
& \text{with}\quad u_1=\sum_{j=1,\ldots,6} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_j)}+c.c.,\quad \Theta=(\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_6),\\
& \mu_2(\chi)=33-\chi^2(c_1+2c_2+c_\alpha+c_{\alpha+}+c_{\alpha-})\\
& \theta_1+\theta_2+\theta_3=k\pi,\quad \theta_4+\theta_5+\theta_6=k'\pi,\quad k=k'=0,1\\
& u_n(-\chi,k,\Theta)=(-1)^{n+1}u_n(\chi,k,\Theta),\quad \mu_n(-\chi,k)=(-1)^n\mu_n(\chi,k).
\end{aligned}
$$

Moreover, for a range of (μ,χ) close to 0 (see Figure 3), two second solutions (for $k=0,1$) are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u(\varepsilon,\chi,k,\Theta)=\varepsilon u_{10}+\delta u_{11}+\sum_{m+p\geq 2}\varepsilon^m\chi^p u_{mp}(k,\Theta),\quad \varepsilon>0,\delta>0,\\
& u_{mp}\perp e^{i\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}},\quad j=1,\ldots,6,\quad u \text{ odd in } (\varepsilon,\chi),\\
(4.19)\qquad & u_{10}=\sum_{j=1,2,3} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_j)}+c.c.,\quad u_{11}=\sum_{j=4,5,6} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_j)}+c.c.,\\
& \theta_1+\theta_2+\theta_3=k\pi,\quad k=0,1,\quad \theta_4+\theta_5+\theta_6=k'\pi,\quad k'=0,1 \text{ determined below},\\
& \delta(\varepsilon,\chi,k)=(-1)^{k'}\left\{\frac{2\chi}{3}-(-1)^k\varepsilon+\sum_{m+p\geq 2}\varepsilon^m\chi^p\delta_{mp}(k)\right\},\quad (-1)^{k'}\delta \text{ odd in } ((-1)^k\varepsilon,\chi),\\
& \mu(\varepsilon,\chi,k)=33\varepsilon^2-22(-1)^k\varepsilon\chi+8\chi^2+\sum_{m+p\geq 3}\varepsilon^m\chi^p\mu_{mp}(k),\quad \mu \text{ even in } ((-1)^k\varepsilon,\chi).
\end{aligned}
$$

In the expression for δ, k' is chosen so that $\delta>0$. For either type of solution, changing $\theta_1,\theta_2,\theta_4,\theta_5$ corresponds to translating each hexagonal pattern arbitrarily. Figure 4 shows examples of u_1 for the two types of superposed hexagon quasipatterns, for two values of α.

Then, for $\alpha\in\mathcal{E}_3$ which is included in $\mathcal{E}_0\cap\mathcal{E}_{qp}$, and using the same proof as in [22], both types of bifurcating quasipattern solutions of (1.1) are proved to exist. The first type has asymptotic expansion (4.18), provided that ε is small enough, and the second type has asymptotic expansion (4.19), provided that ε,χ are small enough.

Remark 4.2. Symmetries of quasipatterns are hard to write down precisely [6] since the arbitrary relative position of the two hexagonal patterns may mean that there is no point of rotation symmetry or line of reflection symmetry. Nonetheless, with $\varepsilon=\delta$, the first type of solution is symmetric 'on average' under rotations by $\frac{\pi}{3}$ and reflections conjugate to τ. In fact the 4 parameter family of solutions is globally invariant under symmetries $\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}$ and τ. Notice that, for the second type of solution, the reflection symmetry τ exchanges (k,ε) with (k',δ).

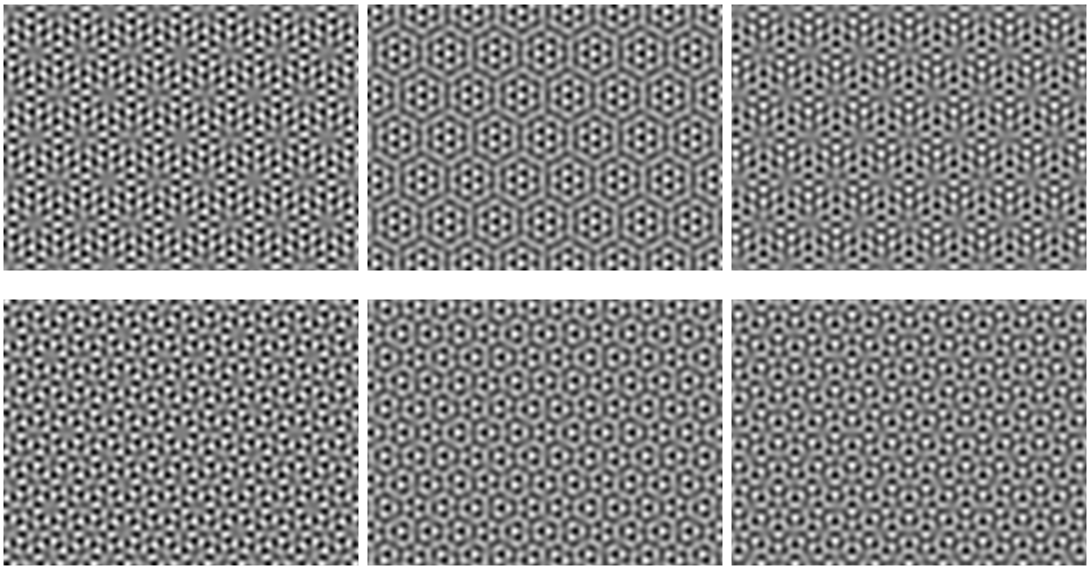

Figure 5. *Examples of quasipatterns: superposition of hexagons with $\chi = 0$. Top row: $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{12} = 15°$; bottom row: $\alpha = 25.66°$ ($\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13}$). Left: anti-hexagons; center: super-triangles; right: anti-triangles.*

Remark 4.3. Let us observe that we obtain the "super-hexagons" for $\theta_j = 0$, $j = 1, \ldots, 6$. They were already obtained for $\chi = 0$ in [22].

In the case $\chi = 0$, the second family of solutions do not exist, while the original system (1.1) is equivariant under the symmetry **S**. This implies that in (3.7), f_1 and f_2 are respectively even and odd in (q_1, q_4). For $\varepsilon = \delta$ the bifurcation system reduces to two equations of the form

$$\mu = f_1(\mu, \varepsilon^2, q_1, q_4) + \varepsilon e^{-i\Theta_1} f_2(\mu, \varepsilon^2, q_1, q_4)$$
$$\mu = f_1(\mu, \varepsilon^2, q_4, q_1) + \varepsilon e^{-i\Theta_4} f_2(\mu, \varepsilon^2, q_4, q_1),$$

and we may observe new quasipattern solutions, illustrated in Figure 5.

Anti-hexagons are obtained for (also obtained in [22])

$$\theta_j = 0, \qquad j = 1, 2, 3,$$
$$\theta_j = \pi, \qquad j = 4, 5, 6,$$

which leads to

$$e^{-i\Theta_1} = 1,\ e^{-i\Theta_4} = -1,$$
$$q_1 = \varepsilon^3 = -q_4,$$

and the parity properties of f_j give only one bifurcation equation

$$\mu = f_1(\mu, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3, -\varepsilon^3) + \varepsilon f_2(\mu, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3, -\varepsilon^3). \tag{4.20}$$

Super-triangles are obtained for

$$\theta_j = \pi/2, \qquad j = 1, \ldots, 6,$$

which leads to

$$e^{-i\Theta_1} = e^{-i\Theta_4} = i,$$
$$q_1 = -i\varepsilon^3 = q_4,$$

and it is clear that we have only one real bifurcation equation, with evenness (resp. oddness) with respect to the two last arguments of f_1 (resp. f_2) leading to

$$\mu = f_1(\mu, \varepsilon^2, -i\varepsilon^3, -i\varepsilon^3) + i\varepsilon f_2(\mu, \varepsilon^2, -i\varepsilon^3, -i\varepsilon^3). \tag{4.21}$$

Anti-triangles are obtained for

$$\theta_j = \pi/2 \qquad j = 1, 2, 3,$$
$$\theta_j = -\pi/2, \qquad j = 4, 5, 6,$$

which leads to

$$e^{-i\Theta_1} = i, \; e^{-i\Theta_4} = -i,$$
$$q_1 = -i\varepsilon^3 = -q_4,$$

and the parity properties of f_j give only one real bifurcation equation

$$\mu = f_1(\mu, \varepsilon^2, -i\varepsilon^3, i\varepsilon^3) + i\varepsilon f_2(\mu, \varepsilon^2, -i\varepsilon^3, i\varepsilon^3). \tag{4.22}$$

All these cases lead to series for u and μ, respectively odd and even in ε, and hence quasiperiodic anti-hexagons, super-triangles and anti-triangles in (1.1) for $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$ and for $\chi = 0$.

4.1.2. Periodic case – higher orders. In this case we have more resonant terms in the bifurcation equation, as seen in (3.8). We consider here only the first solutions, with $\varepsilon = \delta$, but even in this case there are two sub-types of solutions.

Solutions of first type. We notice that, in setting

$$z_j = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_j}, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad j = 1, \ldots, 6$$

and taking

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = -\theta_4 = -\theta_5 = -\theta_6 = k\pi/3 \tag{4.23}$$

we have $q_1 = q_4 = (-1)^k \varepsilon^3$ and we can check that the nine sets G_j of invariant monomials satisfy

$$G_1 = \varepsilon^{2a}, G_2 = G_2' = \varepsilon^{3a-b} e^{i(a+b)k\pi}, G_3 = G_3' = \varepsilon^{2a+b} e^{ibk\pi},$$
$$G_4 = \varepsilon^{4a-2b}, G_5 = G_5' = \varepsilon^{3a} e^{iak\pi}, G_6 = \varepsilon^{2a+2b},$$

all these monomials being real. In Appendix C we show that each group on the same line above is invariant under the actions of $\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}$ and τ. It then follows that the system of bifurcation equations reduces to only one equation with real coefficients, as in the quasiperiodic case for the first solutions. We have now a solution of the form

$$z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta},$$
$$z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = \varepsilon e^{-i\theta}, \ \theta = k\pi/3, \quad k = 0, \dots, 5.$$

The conclusion is that the power series starting as in (4.12) for μ in terms of ε is still valid for the periodic case (the modifications occuring at high order), provided we restrict the choice of arguments θ_j as (4.23). We show in Appendix E that solutions with $k = 0, 2, 4$ or with $k = 1, 3, 5$ may be obtained from one of them, in acting a suitable translation $\mathbf{T}_\delta$. It follows that we only find two different bifurcating patterns, corresponding to opposite signs of μ. Moreover, we notice that the solution obtained for $k = 0$ is changed into the solution obtained for $k = 3$ by acting the symmetry $\mathbf{S}$ on it, and changing χ into $-\chi$. Finally, notice that since the Lyapunov–Schmidt method applies in this case, the series converges, for ε small enough. The above solutions of first type have arguments $\theta_j = 0$ or π which do not depend on parameters (μ, χ); they correspond to super-hexagons.

Solutions of second type. Now, in [40] other solutions were found for $(a, b) = (3, 2)$, just taking into account of terms of order five in the bifurcation system. Let us show that these solutions exist indeed for any (a, b) and taking into account all resonant terms.

Let us consider the particular cases with

$$z_j = \varepsilon e^{i\theta},$$

then the nine sets G_j of monomials defined in Appendix C satisfy

$$G_1 = \varepsilon^{2a} e^{i(4b-2a)\theta}, \ \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_1 = \overline{G_1}, \ \tau G_1 = G_1,$$
$$G_2 = G_2' = \varepsilon^{3a-b} e^{i(a+b)\theta}, \ \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_2 = \overline{G_2}, \ \tau G_2 = G_2,$$
$$G_3 = \overline{G_3'} = \varepsilon^{2a+b} e^{i(2a-b)\theta}, \ \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_3 = \overline{G_3}, \ \tau G_3 = G_3,$$
$$G_4 = \varepsilon^{4a-2b} e^{i(4a-2b)\theta}, \ \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_4 = \overline{G_4}, \ \tau G_4 = G_4,$$
$$G_5 = \overline{G_5'} = \varepsilon^{3a} e^{i(2b-a)\theta}, \quad \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_5 = \overline{G_5}, \ \tau G_5 = G_5,$$
$$G_6 = \varepsilon^{2a+2b} e^{i(2a+2b)\theta}, \quad \mathbf{R}_{\pi/3} G_6 = \overline{G_6}, \ \tau G_6 = G_6.$$

Then the first bifurcation equation becomes

$$\mu = f_3 + \varepsilon e^{-3i\theta} f_4 + \frac{G_1}{\varepsilon^2} f_{G_1} + \frac{G_2}{\varepsilon^2} f_{G_2} + \frac{\overline{G_4}}{\varepsilon^2} f_{G_4} + \frac{\overline{G_5}}{\varepsilon^2} f_{G_5} + \frac{\overline{G_6}}{\varepsilon^2} f_{G_6}, \tag{4.24}$$

with all f_j functions of $(\chi, \mu, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3 e^{3i\theta}, \varepsilon^3 e^{-3i\theta}, G_1, \overline{G_1}, G_2, \overline{G_2}, G_3, \overline{G_3}, G_4, \overline{G_4}, G_5, \overline{G_5}, G_6, \overline{G_6})$. They have real coefficients, and are invariant under symmetry τ, while the arguments are changed into their complex conjugate by symmetry $\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}$. It follows that the bifurcation system reduces to only one complex (because of the occurrence of θ) equation, where we can express the unknowns (μ, θ) as functions of ε. Then at order truncated at cubic order in (μ, ε) this equation reads

$$\mu = f_3^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3 e^{3i\theta}, \varepsilon^3 e^{-3i\theta}) + \varepsilon e^{-3i\theta} f_4^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2), \tag{4.25}$$

which is a nice perturbation at order ε^3 of the known equation

$$\mu = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6)\varepsilon^2 + 2\chi\varepsilon e^{-3i\theta}.$$

This leads to the two types of solutions:

$$e^{3i\theta} = \pm 1,$$
$$\mu = f_3^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2, \pm\varepsilon^3, \pm\varepsilon^3) \pm \varepsilon f_4^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2).$$

These solutions are not degenerate, so that, if we consider the complex equation (4.24), the implicit function theorem applies for solving with respect to (μ, θ) in powers series of ε. This gives solutions of the form

$$\theta_l(\varepsilon) = l\pi/3 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \;\; l = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$
$$\mu = f_3^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2, (-1)^l\varepsilon^3, (-1)^l\varepsilon^3) + (-1)^l \varepsilon f_4^{(0)}(\chi, \varepsilon^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4).$$

Now, we observe that the cases $l = 0, 3$ lead to a real bifurcation equation, which fixes the argument $\theta = 0$ or π. This recovers the solutions of first type, already found. The remaining cases are the solutions suggested by [40] (for $(a, b) = (3, 2)$, not including all resonant terms). Let us sum up the results in the following

Theorem 4.4 (Periodic superposed hexagons). *Assume $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0 \cap \mathcal{E}_p$, then for ε small enough, and χ fixed, we can build convergent power series solutions of (3.3), of the form*

$$u(\varepsilon, \chi, k) = \varepsilon u_1 + \sum_{n\geq 2} \varepsilon^n u_n(\chi, k), \quad u_n \perp e^{i\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, 6, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\mu(\varepsilon, \chi, k) = (-1)^k 2\chi\varepsilon + \mu_2(\chi)\varepsilon^2 + \sum_{n\geq 3} \varepsilon^n \mu_n(\chi, k), \tag{4.26}$$

$$u_n(-\chi, k) = (-1)^n u_n(\chi, k), \quad \mu_n(-\chi, k) = (-1)^n \mu_n(\chi, k);$$

where μ is even in $((-1)^k\varepsilon, \chi)$ and $\mu_2(\chi)$ is defined at Theorem 4.1 and such that, for solutions of first type

$$u_1 = \sum_{j=1,\dots,6} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + \theta_j)} + c.c., \;\; \theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = -\theta_4 = -\theta_5 = -\theta_6 = k\pi, \;\; k = 0, \;\; or\; 1.$$

For solutions of second type, we have

$$u_1 = \sum_{j=1,\dots,6} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + \theta)} + c.c., \;\; \theta(\varepsilon, \chi, k) = k\pi/3 + \sum_{n\geq 1} \varepsilon^n \theta_n(\chi, k), , k = 1, 2, 4, 5.$$

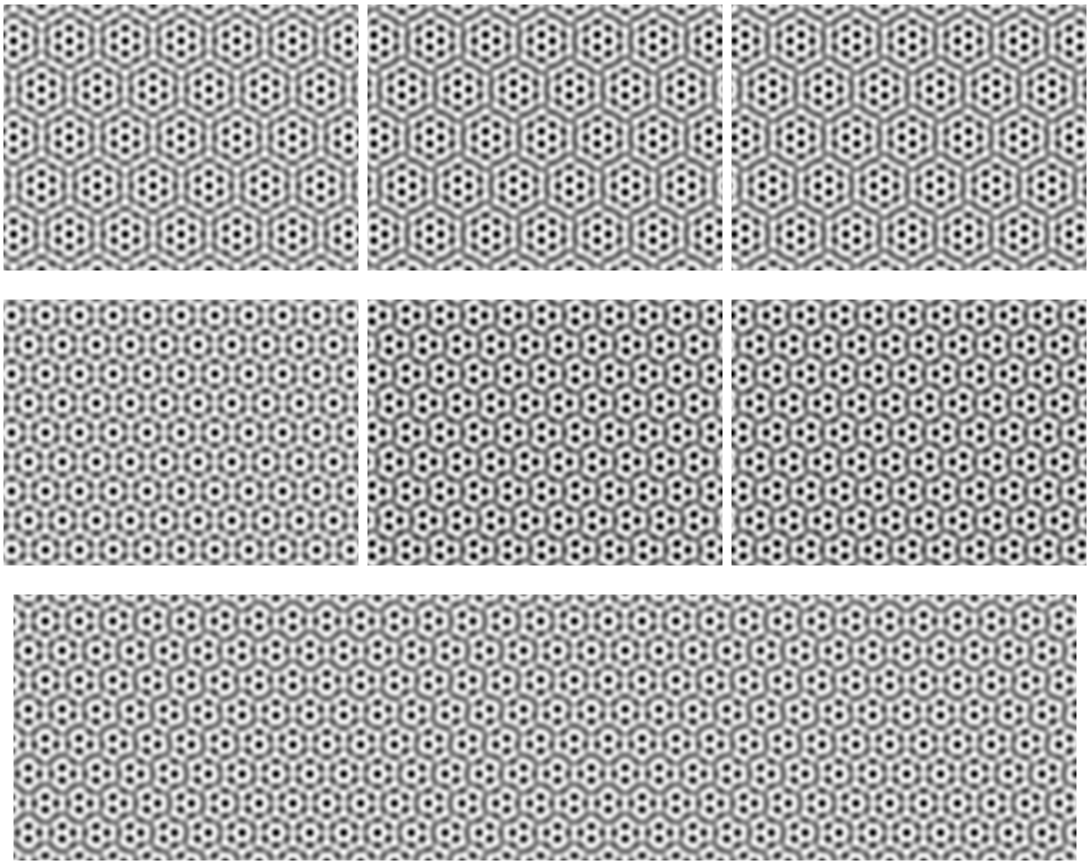

Figure 6. *Examples of periodic patterns: superposition of hexagons. Top row:* $\alpha = 13.17°$ *(*$\cos\alpha = \frac{37}{38}$*,* $(a, b) = (5, 3)$*); middle row:* $\alpha = 21.79°$ *(*$\cos\alpha = \frac{13}{14}$*,* $(a, b) = (3, 2)$*). For these, the left column has* $\theta_j = 0$ *for* $j = 1, \ldots, 6$*, the middle has* $\theta_j = 2\pi/3$ *and the right has* $\theta_j = 4\pi/3$*. The bottom row shows a related quasiperiodic example with* $\alpha = 21.00°$*, close to* $21.79°$*, showing long-range modulation between the three periodic patterns in the middle row.*

Remark 4.5. For solutions of second type, the arguments are not independent of the parameters, in contrast to the solutions of first type. These patterns are illustrated in Figure 6. The figure includes (middle row) periodic patterns with $\alpha = 21.79°$ and (bottom row) quasiperiodic patterns with $\alpha = 21°$, showing how, with slightly different values of α, the quasiperiodic pattern modulates between the three periodic solutions with $l = 0, 2, 4$.

Remark 4.6. In the $\chi = 0$ case, we can recover all the solutions found by [14] using these ideas.

4.2. Superposition of hexagons and rolls.

Here we consider the case where $q_1 \neq 0$ and $q_4 = 0$ in (4.8), so that we assume now

$$q_1 \neq 0, \quad z_4 \neq 0, \quad z_5 = z_6 = 0.$$

Then the system (4.8) reduces to 4 equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_1[\mu - \alpha_1 u_1 - \alpha_2(u_2+u_3) - \alpha_4 u_4],\\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_2[\mu - \alpha_1 u_2 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_3) - \alpha_6 u_4],\\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_3[\mu - \alpha_1 u_3 - \alpha_2(u_1+u_2) - \alpha_5 u_4],\\
0 &= \mu - \alpha_1 u_4 - \alpha_4 u_1 - \alpha_5 u_3 - \alpha_6 u_2,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.27}
$$

where again this implies that q_1 is real. Below, we study solutions of the bifurcation problem, built on a lattice spanned by the four wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{k}_2$, $\mathbf{k}_3$, and $\mathbf{k}_4$. We find two different types of solution: Type (I) is valid for $|\chi|$ not too small and is such that rolls dominate the hexagons, while type (II) is valid only for small $|\chi|$ and is such that rolls and hexagons are more balanced.

4.2.1. Solutions of type (I). A consistent balance of terms in (4.27) is to have u_1, u_2 and u_3 be $\mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$, so that q_1 is $\mathcal{O}(\mu^3)$, while u_4 is $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$. With this balance, at leading order we have the reduced system

$$
\begin{aligned}
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_1[\mu - \alpha_4 u_4],\\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_2[\mu - \alpha_6 u_4],\\
2\chi\overline{q_1} &= u_3[\mu - \alpha_5 u_4],\\
0 &= \mu - \alpha_1 u_4,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.28}
$$

which leads to

$$
\begin{aligned}
z_j &= \sqrt{u_j}e^{i\theta_j}, \quad j = 1,2,3,\\
u_j &= \mu^2 u_j^{(0)}, \quad u_4 = \frac{\mu}{a_1},\\
\Theta_1 &= \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = k\pi,
\end{aligned}
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
u_1^{(0)} &= \frac{(\alpha_5-\alpha_1)(\alpha_6-\alpha_1)}{4\chi^2 a_1^2},\\
u_2^{(0)} &= \frac{(\alpha_5-\alpha_1)(\alpha_4-\alpha_1)}{4\chi^2 a_1^2},\\
u_3^{(0)} &= \frac{(\alpha_4-\alpha_1)(\alpha_6-\alpha_1)}{4\chi^2 a_1^2},\\
(-1)^k &= \mathrm{sign}[\chi(\alpha_1-\alpha_4)].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.29}
$$

The condition for the existence of the solution (I) is that $(\alpha_4-\alpha_1)$, $(\alpha_5-\alpha_1)$, $(\alpha_6-\alpha_1)$ should be nonzero and have the same sign. This condition is realized in (1.1) provided that

$$
3+\chi^2(c_1-c_\alpha),\ 3+\chi^2(c_1-c_{\alpha+}),\ 3+\chi^2(c_1-c_{\alpha-}),
$$

have the same sign, which holds at least for $|\chi|$ not too large. For applying later the implicit function theorem, we typically need $|\mu| \ll \min(1,|\chi|)$. Here, for $|\chi|$ not too large, $\alpha_1 > 0$ hence the bifurcation is supercritical in this case.

Now let us consider the full bifurcation system. Setting

$$u_j = \mu^2 u_j^{(0)}(1 + x_j), \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \quad u_4 = \frac{\mu}{a_1}(1 + x_4),$$

we replace these expressions in (4.27) plus higher order terms appearing in (3.7) or (3.8), and noticing that we obtain a real system of 4 equations. Then, dividing the first three equations by μ^3, dividing the fourth one by μ, and computing the linear part in x_j, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) - u_1^{(0)}((1 - \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha_1})x_1 - \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha_1}x_4) &= h_1, \\ a(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) - u_2^{(0)}((1 - \frac{\alpha_6}{\alpha_1})x_2 - \frac{\alpha_6}{\alpha_1}x_4) &= h_2, \\ a(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) - u_3^{(0)}((1 - \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_1})x_3 - \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_1}x_4) &= h_3, \\ x_4 &= h_4, \end{aligned} \tag{4.30}$$

with

$$a = (-1)^k \chi \sqrt{u_1^{(0)} u_2^{(0)} u_3^{(0)}},$$

and all h_j have μ in factor. The left hand side of the system (4.30) represents the differential at the origin with respect to (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), defining a matrix M' that needs to be inverted in order to use the implicit function theorem. The determinant of matrix M' can be computed and it is

$$\frac{[3(-1)^k \text{sign}(\chi) - 2]}{128\chi^6 \alpha_1^9}[(\alpha_1 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_6)]^3,$$

which is not zero. Therefore the implicit function theorem applies, so we can find series in powers of μ for (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) solving the full bifurcation system in both the quasiperiodic case (3.7) and the periodic case (3.8). We can state the following

Theorem 4.7 (Superposed hexagons and rolls type (I)). *Assume that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$. Then for fixed values of χ such that*

$$(\alpha_4 - \alpha_1), (\alpha_5 - \alpha_1), (\alpha_6 - \alpha_1)$$

are nonzero and have the same sign, and for μ close enough to 0, we can build a three-parameter formal power series in ε solution of (1.1) of the form

$$u(\varepsilon, \Theta, \chi, j) = u_1(\varepsilon, \Theta, \chi, j) + \sum_{n \geq 3} \varepsilon^n u_n(\chi, \Theta, j), \quad u_{2p+1} \perp e^{i\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad j = 4, \text{ or } 5 \text{ or } 6,$$

$$u_1(\varepsilon, \Theta, \chi, j) = \varepsilon e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + \theta_j)} + \alpha_1 \varepsilon^2 \sum_{m=1,2,3} \sqrt{u_m^{(0)}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_m \cdot \mathbf{x} + \theta_m)} + c.c.$$

$$\Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_j), \quad \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = k\pi, \ k = 0 \text{ or } 1,$$

$$\mu(\varepsilon, \chi, j) = \alpha_1 \varepsilon^2 + \sum_{n \geq 2} \mu_{2n}(\chi, j) \varepsilon^{2n}, \text{ even in } \varepsilon,$$

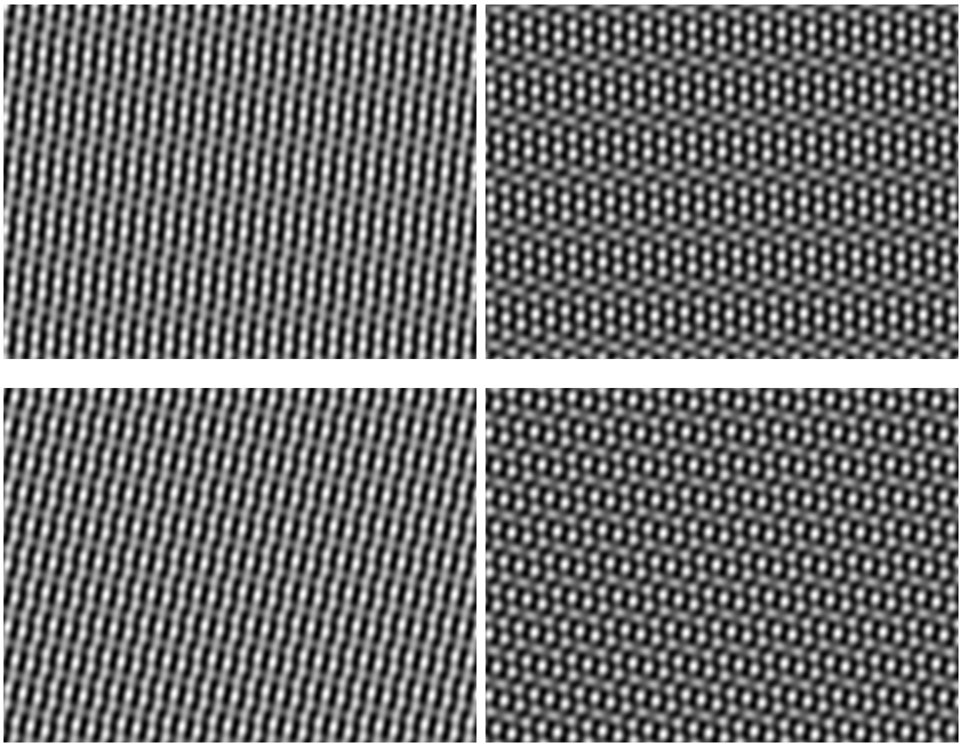

Figure 7. *Examples of quasipatterns: superposition of hexagons and rolls. Top row:* $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{12} = 15^\circ$*; bottom row:* $\alpha = 25.66^\circ$ $(\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{13})$*. Left: First type of solution; right: second type of solution.*

where $u_m^{(0)}$ *and* k *are determined in (4.29). For* $\alpha_1 > 0$ *the bifurcation is supercritical with* $\mu > 0$*. In the case* $\alpha_1 < 0$*, subcritical patterns can be found with* $\mu < 0$*. In the quasiperiodic case (*$\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$*), these solutions give quasipatterns using the techniques of [22]. In the periodic case (*$\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p \cap \mathcal{E}_0$*), the classical Lyapunov–Schmidt method give periodic pattern solutions of the PDE (1.1). In both cases, the freedom left for* Θ *corresponds to an arbitrary choice for translations* $\mathbf{T}_\delta$ *of the hexagons, and the arbitrary choice of* θ_j $(j = 4, 5, 6)$ *allows an arbitrary relative translation of the rolls. Figure 7 shows quasiperiodic examples of* u_1*.*

Remark 4.8. These solutions are new, even in the case of a periodic lattice. They have the unusual feature in the periodic case of allowing arbitrary relative translations between the hexagons and rolls. Unlike the superposition of hexagons solutions, these solutions require a condition on the cubic coefficients to be satisfied in order to exist. They were not found by [14] since there the equivariant branching lemma was used, which finds only solutions that are characterised by a single amplitude (these solutions have two) and that exist for all non-degenerate values of the cubic coefficients (here the cubic coefficients must satisfy an inequality).

4.2.2. Solutions of type (II). Let us consider the system (4.27), without the terms with χ^2 in coefficients, and set

$$z_1 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_1},\ \ z_2 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_2},\ z_3 = \varepsilon \zeta_3 e^{i\theta_3},\ \theta_1+\theta_2+\theta_3 = k\pi,\ \varepsilon > 0,$$
$$u_4 = |z_4|^2 = \varepsilon^2 u_4^{(0)},\ z_5 = z_6 = 0,\ \mu = \varepsilon^2\mu^{(0)},\ \chi = \varepsilon\kappa,$$

then, after division by ε^4 the first equations, and by ε^2 the fourth one, this gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2\kappa(-1)^k\zeta_3 &= \mu^{(0)} - 9 - 6\zeta_3^2 - 6u_4^{(0)},\\ 2\kappa(-1)^k\zeta_3 &= \zeta_3^2[\mu^{(0)} - 3\zeta_3^2 - 12 - 6u_4^{(0)})],\\ 0 &= \mu^{(0)} - 3u_4^{(0)} - 12 - 6\zeta_3^2. \end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

Eliminating $\mu^{(0)}$ and $u_4^{(0)}$ leads to

$$u_4^{(0)} = 1 - \frac{2\kappa}{3}\zeta_3(-1)^k,$$

and

$$(3\zeta_3 + 2\kappa(-1)^k)(\zeta_3^2 - 1) = 0. \tag{4.32}$$

Solution IIa. For the solution $\zeta_3 = 1$, we obtain

$$z_3 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_3},\ u_4^{(0)} = 1 + \frac{2\kappa}{3}(-1)^{k+1},\ \mu^{(0)} = 21 + 2\kappa(-1)^{k+1}, \tag{4.33}$$

for which we need to satisfy $u_4^{(0)} > 0$, i.e.,

$$\kappa(-1)^k < \frac{3}{2}, \tag{4.34}$$

and we observe that $\mu^{(0)} > 0$ (supercritical bifurcation).

Now, we observe that the solution $\zeta_3 = -1$ may be obtained from (4.33) in adding π to θ_3 and change k into $k+1$. It follows that this does not give a new solution.

Solution IIb. For the solution $\zeta_3 = \frac{2}{3}\kappa(-1)^{k+1}$, we obtain

$$z_3 = \frac{2}{3}\kappa(-1)^{k+1}\varepsilon,\ u_4^{(0)} = 1 + \frac{4}{9}\kappa^2,\ \mu^{(0)} = 15 + 4\kappa^2, \tag{4.35}$$

where there is no restriction on κ, and we observe that $\mu^{(0)} > 0$ (supercritical bifurcation).

For proving that these solutions at leading order provide solutions for the full system at all orders, let us define

$$\begin{aligned} &z_1 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_1}(1+x_1),\ z_2 = \varepsilon e^{i\theta_2}(1+x_2),\ z_3 = \varepsilon\zeta_3 e^{i\theta_3}(1+x_3),\ \theta_1+\theta_2+\theta_3 = k\pi,\\ &u_4 = \varepsilon^2(u_4^{(0)} + v_4),\ \mu = \varepsilon^2(\mu^{(0)} + \nu),\ z_5 = z_6 = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{4.36}$$

where $u_4^{(0)}$ $\mu^{(0)}$, and ζ_3 are those computed above in (4.33), (4.35). Replacing these expressions in (4.27), it is clear that the previously neglected terms play the role of a perturbation of higher order. Higher orders of the bifurcation equation are given by (3.7) or (3.8). We notice that the system is real because in setting (4.36), the monomials q_4, $q_{j,k}$, q'_{st} cancel for all j, k, s, t. Hence there are only four remaining equations in the bifurcation system, with the same form in the quasiperiodic and in the periodic cases.

Dividing by the suitable power of ε, the linear terms in $(x_1, x_2, x_3, v_4, \nu)$ are, at leading order (replacing $\mu^{(0)}$ and $u_4^{(0)}$ by their values)

$$\begin{aligned} &\nu - 6v_4 + 2(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k)x_1 - 12(\zeta_3^2 - 1)x_3 - [2\kappa(-1)^k\zeta_3 + 12](x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ &\nu - 6v_4 + 2(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k)x_2 - 12(\zeta_3^2 - 1)x_3 - [2\kappa(-1)^k\zeta_3 + 12](x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ &\nu - 6v_4 + 2(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k)x_3 - [2\kappa(-1)^k(\zeta_3)^{-1} + 12](x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ &\nu - 3v_4 - 12(\zeta_3^2 - 1)x_3 - 12(x_1 + x_2 + x_3). \end{aligned} \tag{4.37}$$

The fact that we have a freedom for the choice of the scale ε allows us to take $x_1 = 0$. So, if we are able to invert the matrix M defined above, acting on (x_2, x_3, v_4, ν), i.e., solving

$$M(x_2, x_3, v_4, \nu)^t = (h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4)^t,$$

with an inverse with a norm of order 1, then this would mean that we can invert the differential at the origin for $\varepsilon = 0$, for the full system in (x_2, x_3, v_4, ν), hence we can use the implicit function theorem to solve the full system, including all orders.

Now, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &h_2 - h_1 = 2x_2(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k), \\ &h_3 - h_1 = 2x_3(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k) + 12(\zeta_3^2 - 1)x_3 + 2\kappa(-1)^k[\zeta_3 - (\zeta_3)^{-1}](x_2 + x_3), \end{aligned}$$

which gives x_2 and x_3 provided that

$$(3 + 2\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k) \neq 0, \tag{4.38}$$

and

$$-6 + 6\kappa\zeta_3(-1)^k + 12\zeta_3^2 - 2\kappa(\zeta_3)^{-1}(-1)^k \neq 0. \tag{4.39}$$

It appears that condition (4.39) is the same as (4.38) in the cases when $\zeta_3 = \pm 1$. In the third case, when $\zeta_3 = \frac{2}{3}\kappa(-1)^{k+1}$, both conditions (4.38) and (4.39) give

$$\kappa^2 \neq \frac{9}{4}. \tag{4.40}$$

Once these conditions are realized, it is clear that we can invert the matrix M (solving with respect to (ν, v_4) is straighforward, once x_2, x_3 is computed). The solution is obtained under the form of a power series in ε, with coefficients depending on κ. The series is formal in the quasiperiodic case, while it is convergent for ε small enough, in the periodic case. In all cases, the bifurcation is supercritical ($\mu > 0$). Finally, the solutions (4.33) and (4.35) are the principal parts of superposed rolls and hexagons. Notice that we can shift the hexagons in the plane using θ_1 and θ_2, and independently shift the rolls using the phase θ_4. Notice that a similar result holds by replacing z_4 by z_5 or z_6.

For understanding in the plane (μ, χ) where the solutions bifurcate, we first look at $\mu > 0$ and solve at leading order the second degree equation for ε. For the solution (4.33) this gives

$$21\varepsilon^2 + 2\chi\varepsilon(-1)^{k+1} - \mu = 0$$

i.e., (since $\varepsilon > 0$)

$$\varepsilon = \frac{(-1)^k\chi + \sqrt{\chi^2 + 21\mu}}{21}.$$

Hence the conditions (4.34) and (4.38) lead to

$$13(-1)^k\chi < \sqrt{\chi^2 + 21\mu},$$
$$15\chi(-1)^{k+1} \neq \sqrt{\chi^2 + 21\mu}.$$

This gives the conditions (see Figure 8 left side)

$$\mu > 8\chi^2, \text{ for } (-1)^k\chi > 0, \text{ Parabola } (P_1)$$
$$\mu \neq \frac{32}{3}\chi^2 \text{ for } (-1)^k\chi < 0, \text{ Parabola } (P_2) \tag{4.41}$$

For the solution (4.35) we have, from the expression of μ and from (4.40), the conditions (see Figure 8 right side)

$$\mu > 4\chi^2, \quad \mu \neq \frac{32}{3}\chi^2, \quad \text{Parabolas } (P_3) \text{ and } (P_2).$$

Finally, we state the following

Theorem 4.9 (Superposed hexagons and rolls type (II)). *Assume that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$. Then, for $\chi = \varepsilon\kappa$, $\varepsilon > 0$ close enough to 0, we can build a series in powers of ε, solution of (3.3), of the form*

$$u(\varepsilon, \kappa, \Theta, k, j) = \varepsilon u_1(\Theta) + \sum_{n\geq 1} \varepsilon^{2n+1} u_{2n+1}(\kappa, \Theta, k, j), \; u_{2n+1} \perp e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \; n \geq 1,$$
$$u_1(\Theta, \kappa, k, j) = \sum_{m=1,2} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_m\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_m)} + \zeta_3 e^{i(\mathbf{k}_3\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_3)} + \sqrt{u_4^{(0)}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_j\cdot\mathbf{x}+\theta_j)} + c.c.,$$
$$\Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_j), \; j = 4 \text{ or } 5 \text{ or } 6, \; \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = k\pi, \; k = 0 \text{ or } 1$$
$$\mu(\varepsilon, \kappa, k, j) = \varepsilon^2\mu^{(0)}(\kappa, k) + \sum_{n\geq 2} \varepsilon^{2n}\mu_{2n}(\kappa, k, j),$$

Solution IIa:

$$\zeta_3 = 1, \; \mu^{(0)}(\kappa, k) = (-1)^{k+1}2\kappa + 21, \; u_4^{(0)} = (-1)^{k+1}\frac{2}{3}\kappa + 1, \; (-1)^k\kappa < 3/2, \; (-1)^k\kappa \neq -3/2.$$

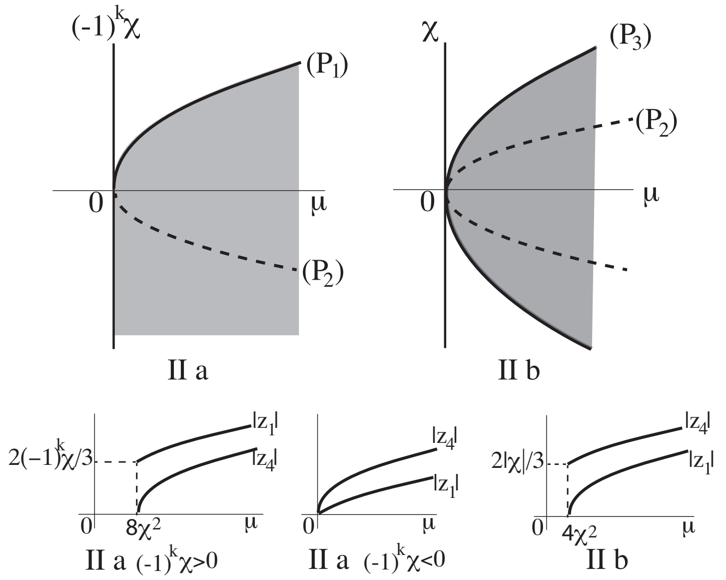

Figure 8. *Domain of existence of bifurcating superposition of hexagons and rolls, solutions of type (II), for small $|\chi|$.Solutions IIa are on the left side, solutions IIb on the right side. The branch of parabola (P_2) in dashed line is a forbidden place*

Solution IIb:

$$\zeta_3 = \frac{2}{3}\kappa(-1)^{k+1},\ \mu^{(0)}(\kappa) = 15 + 4\kappa^2,\ u_4^{(0)} = 1 + \frac{4}{9}\kappa^2,\ \kappa \neq \pm 3/2.$$

The freedom left for Θ corresponds to an arbitrary choice for translations $\mathbf{T}_\delta$, as well for hexagons as for rolls (for θ_j). In the quasiperiodic case ($\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$), these solutions give quasi-patterns using the methods of [22]. See Figure 8 for understanding the domain of bifurcating solutions in the plane (μ, χ) . Figure 7 shows quasiperiodic examples of u_1.

Remark 4.10. As for type (I), these solutions are new, even in the periodic case. Moreover, notice that we have a freedom on shifts for the roll part, even in the periodic case. This follows from the reality of the 4-dimensional system.

5. Conclusion.

We have shown the existence of new quasipattern solutions of the Swift–Hohenberg equation with quadratic as well as cubic nonlinearity: superposed hexagons with unequal amplitudes (valid only for small μ, χ). The existence of superposed hexagons with equal amplitudes ($\varepsilon = \pm\delta$) had already been established in [17, 22]. We have also found (provided the cubic coefficients satisfy an inequality) a new class of solutions, superposed hexagons and rolls: the roll amplitude dominates if the quadratic coefficient χ is not small, but for small $\chi = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|\mu|})$, the rolls and hexagons can have similar amplitudes. For small χ, we have also found superposed symmetry-broken hexagons and rolls. Our approach relies on the small-divisor techniques from [22] for solutions of the amplitude equations to be translated into quasipattern solutions of the PDE (1.1). The end result is that for a full measure set of angles ($\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$), two hexagonal patterns with essentially arbitrary relative orientation and position can be superposed to produce quasipattern solutions of the Swift–Hohenberg equation. Similarly, superposed hexagons and rolls, again with essentially arbitrary relative orientation and position, also give quasipattern solutions.

In the periodic case we recover the superposed hexagon solutions already known from [14]. We have shown that the additional solutions identified by [40] in the case $(a, b) = (3, 2)$ also arise for general (a, b). We find a new class of periodic superposed hexagon and roll solutions, provided the cubic coefficients satisfy an inequality. Surprisingly, even in the periodic case, the hexagons and rolls can be translated arbitrarily with respect to each other.

The approach we have taken differs from that familar from equivariant bifurcation theory (which applies only in the periodic case). When the amplitude equations reduce to a single equation, the results are of course the same. The new solutions arise in cases where there is more than one equation to solve, and in some cases, these solutions have no symmetry. Our approach gives a direction of travel towards a quasiperiodic equivariant bifurcation theory.

We have not discussed stability of these quasipatterns: that is an important and difficult problem. However, the reason for including a quadratic term in the Swift–Hohenberg equation (1.1) is that three-wave interactions generated by quadratic terms, particularly in problems in which patterns on two length scales are simultaneously unstable, are known to play a key role in stabilising quasipatterns in a variety of contexts [3, 4, 11, 16, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 42, 43, 50]. Despite this, we do not expect any of the new solutions to be stable in the Swift–Hohenberg equation, but they (or related solutions) may be stable in other situations.

The recently discovered “bronze-mean hexagonal quasicrystals” described in [15, 31] fall into the class of superposed hexagons. These quasicrystals are not solutions of a PDE, but rather are constructed from assemblies of three tiles: small equilateral triangles, large equilateral triangles, and rectangles. The Fourier transform of a six-fold aperiodic tiling made from these tiles has prominent peaks arranged as in Figure 2(c), with $\alpha = 25.66°$, and the ideas presented here may be relevant to existence of this type of quasipattern in a pattern-forming PDE.

Finally, we mention a potential application of this body of work to bilayer graphene, where two layers of hexagonally connected carbon atoms are superposed with a small orientation difference [47]: for α about 1°, these bilayer structures can be superconducting [46]. Our work may be relevant for finding quasiperiodic structures in models of this system.

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Appendix A. Proof of the properties of two example angles .

A.1. First example.

Let us consider $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$ such that

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}, \quad \sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{4}, \tag{A.1}$$

with $\alpha \approx 25.66°$. In order to show that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$, we wish first to prove that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$, which means that the points of the lattice Γ on the unit circle are only the 12 basic points $\pm\mathbf{k}_j$, $j = 1, \dots, 6$. For

$$\mathbf{k} = n_1\mathbf{k}_1 + n_2\mathbf{k}_2 + n_4\mathbf{k}_4 + n_5\mathbf{k}_5, \quad n_j \in \mathbb{Z},$$

the condition $|\mathbf{k}|^2 = 1$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = {} & n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2 - n_1 n_2 - n_4 n_5 + \\ & + \cos\alpha(2n_1n_4 + 2n_2n_5 - n_1n_5 - n_2n_4) + \\ & + \sqrt{3}\sin\alpha(n_2n_4 - n_1n_5), \end{aligned}$$

which, separating the rational and irrational parts, and with the given value of α, leads to

$$\begin{aligned} 2n_1n_4 + 2n_2n_5 - n_1n_5 - n_2n_4 &= 0, \\ 3(n_2n_4 - n_1n_5) + 4(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2 - n_1n_2 - n_4n_5) &= 4, \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

Solving with respect to n_5 leads to

$$n_5 = n_4 \frac{n_2 - 2n_1}{2n_2 - n_1},$$

provided that $n_1 \neq 2n_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = {} & 4n_4^2 \left(1 + (\frac{n_2 - 2n_1}{2n_2 - n_1})^2 - \frac{n_2 - 2n_1}{2n_2 - n_1}\right) + \\ & + 3n_4 \left(n_2 - n_1 \frac{n_2 - 2n_1}{2n_2 - n_1}\right) + 4(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2 - 1), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$6n_4^2(n_1^2+n_2^2-n_1n_2)+3n_4(n_1^2+n_2^2-n_1n_2)(2n_2-n_1)+2(n_1^2+n_2^2-n_1n_2-1)(2n_2-n_1)^2 = 0. \tag{A.3}$$

The discriminant of this quadratic equation for n_4 reads

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= 9(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2)^2(2n_2 - n_1)^2 - 48(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2 - 1)(2n_2 - n_1)^2(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2) \\ &= 3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2)(2n_2 - n_1)^2 \left[16 - 13(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that Δ should be ≥ 0, and since $(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2)(2n_2 - n_1)^2 \geq 0$, this implies

$$16 \geq 13(n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2).$$

This in turn implies that

$$n_1^2 + n_2^2 - n_1n_2 = 1 \text{ or } 0.$$

The only solutions are

$$(n_1, n_2) = (0, 0), (0, \pm 1), (\pm 1, 0), (\pm 1, \pm 1),$$

leading to

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= 9 \text{ for } (n_1, n_2) = (\pm 1, 0), (\pm 1, \pm 1), \\ \Delta &= 36 \text{ for } (n_1, n_2) = (0, \pm 1). \end{aligned}$$

The case $(n_1, n_2) = (0, 0)$ in (A.2), leads to $n_4^2 + n_5^2 - n_4 n_5 = 1$, which correspond to $\pm\mathbf{k}_4$, $\pm\mathbf{k}_5$ and $\pm\mathbf{k}_6$. The case $(n_1, n_2) = (\pm 1, 0), (\pm 1, \pm 1)$ leads to $n_4 = 0$ or $\mp\frac{1}{2}$ (which is not acceptable). Finally the case is $(n_1, n_2) = (0, \pm 1)$ gives

$$n_4 = 0 \text{ or } \mp 1,$$

and $n_5 = 0$ or $\pm\frac{1}{2}$, and the only good possibility is $n_4 = n_5 = 0$ and this corresponds to $\pm\mathbf{k}_1, \pm\mathbf{k}_2, \pm\mathbf{k}_3$. It remains to study the case $n_1 = 2n_2$, $n_4 = 0$. Replacing this in (A.2), we obtain

$$6n_2^2 - 3n_2 n_5 + 2n_5^2 - 2 = 0$$

and it is easy to conclude that there are no other solutions of (A.2). The conclusion is that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_0$.

Let us now prove that α satisfies the two Diophantine conditions required in [22]. We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 4(|\mathbf{k}|^2 - 1) &= q_0\sqrt{13} + q_1, \\ q_0 &= (2n_1 n_4 + 2n_2 n_5 - n_1 n_5 - n_2 n_4, \\ q_1 &= 3(n_2 n_4 - n_1 n_5) + 4(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2 - n_1 n_2 - n_4 n_5) - 4, \end{aligned}$$

and, since $\sqrt{13}$ is a quadratic algebraic integer, it is known that there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$|q_0\sqrt{13} + q_1| \geq \frac{C}{|q_0| + |q_1|}, \quad (q_0, q_1) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \backslash \{0\}.$$

Since we have

$$\begin{aligned} |q_0| &\leq \frac{3}{2}(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2), \\ |q_1| &\leq \frac{15}{2}(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2) + 4 \\ |q_0| + |q_1| &\leq 11(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(|\mathbf{k}|^2 - 1)^2 \geq \frac{C'}{(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2)^2}$$

which means that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_1$ as defined in [22]. Now we also have

$$|\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{n})|^2 = \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{n} \rangle$$

which defines a positive definite matrix $\mathbf{A}$ in $\mathbb{Q}^4$, such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}_1 \cos\alpha + \mathbf{A}_2\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha,$$

and $2\mathbf{A}_0, 2\mathbf{A}_1, 2\mathbf{A}_2$ have integer coefficients. In this case it follows that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_0 + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{A}_2 + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{A}_1\sqrt{13}$$

and

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{8^4}(a_0 + a_1\sqrt{13}), \; a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Hence we again have a Diophantine estimate

$$\det \mathbf{A} > \frac{C'}{|a_0| + |a_1|}$$

which is the required property for $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_2$ in [22]. Since $\mathcal{E}_3 = \mathcal{E}_0 \cap \mathcal{E}_1 \cap \mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{E}_{qp}$, the proof that $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_3$ is complete.

A.2. Second example. Let us consider $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{qp}$ such that

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{5+\sqrt{33}}{12}, \quad \sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{15-\sqrt{33}}{12}, \tag{A.4}$$

with $\alpha \approx 26.44°$. We wish to prove that $\alpha \notin \mathcal{E}_3$. We have

$$\mathbf{k} = n_1\mathbf{k}_1 + n_2\mathbf{k}_2 + n_4\mathbf{k}_4 + n_5\mathbf{k}_5, \quad n_j \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and, again separating rational and irrational parts, the condition $|\mathbf{k}|^2 = 1$ leads to

$$0 = 3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2 - n_1n_2 - n_4n_5 - 1) + 5(n_2n_4 - n_1n_5) \tag{A.5}$$

and

$$n_1n_4 + n_2n_5 - n_2n_4 = 0. \tag{A.6}$$

Then we observe that

$$(n_1, n_2, n_4, n_5) = (2, 1, -1, 1)$$

is solution of (A.5), (A.6). This means that the following wave vectors lie on the unit circle

$$\pm(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5)$$
$$\pm(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_5 + \mathbf{k}_6)$$
$$\pm(\mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_6 + \mathbf{k}_4)$$

and it is clear that $\pm\mathbf{k}_j$, $j = 1, \dots, 6$ are not the only elements of Γ on the unit circle, so $\alpha \notin \mathcal{E}_0$ and $\alpha \notin \mathcal{E}_3$.

Appendix B. Proof of Lemma 2.2. Let us show the following

Lemma B.1. *Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p \cap (0, \pi/6)$, with $\cos\alpha$ and $\sqrt{3}\sin\alpha$ both rational, and define positive integers p, q, p' such that*

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{p}{q}, \qquad \sqrt{3}\sin\alpha = \frac{p'}{q}, \qquad 3p^2 + p'^2 = 3q^2, \tag{B.1}$$

where (p, q, p') have no common divisor. We define d to be the the greatest common divisor of $2(p+q)$ and $(p+q+p')$. Then, (a, b) defined by

$$a = \frac{2(p+q)}{d}, \qquad b = \frac{p+q+p'}{d} \tag{B.2}$$

are relatively prime integers that satisfy (2.2) and $a > b > \frac{1}{2}a > 0$.

Proof. Let us assume that (B.1) holds, and we seek integers (a,b) such that (2.2) holds. If (a,b) are integers given by (B.2), then (using $3p^2+p'^2=3q^2$) this leads to

$$a^2+2ab-2b^2 = p\times\frac{12(p+q)}{d^2},$$
$$3a(2b-a) = p'\times\frac{12(p+q)}{d^2},$$
$$2(a^2-ab+b^2) = q\times\frac{12(p+q)}{d^2}.$$

Dividing the first and second lines by the third leads to (2.2). Now since $\alpha\in(0,\pi/3)$ we have

$$p' < \tfrac{3}{2}q < 3p < 3q,$$

which leads to

$$a > b > \tfrac{1}{2}a > 0.$$

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It remains to check that we can assume $a+b$ not multiple of 3. Suppose that this is not the case, then we define

$$a' = \tfrac{1}{3}(a+b), \qquad b' = \tfrac{1}{3}(2a-b),$$

then it is easy to check that

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}-\alpha\right) = \frac{a'^2+2a'b'-2b'^2}{2(a'^2-a'b'+b'^2)}, \qquad \sqrt{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}-\alpha\right) = \frac{3a'(2b'-a')}{2(a'^2-a'b'+b'^2)},$$

hence we have for $\frac{\pi}{3}-\alpha$ the same formulas as for α in replacing (a,b) by (a',b'). This means that in such a case we should choose to consider the angle $\alpha'=\frac{\pi}{3}-\alpha$ instead of α, which does not change the fact that $\alpha'\in(0,\frac{\pi}{3})$. If it appears that $a'+b'$ is also multiple of 3 , then we need to iterate the operation. In fact this operation means that we can choose basis vectors (s_1-s_2, s_1+2s_2) instead of (s_1,s_2), for the periodic lattice: these are $\sqrt{3}$ larger. The property (iii) of Lemma 2.2 is proved.

Now, the continuous monotonous function of x

$$\frac{x^2+2x-2}{2(x^2-x+1)}$$

makes a homeomorphism between$(1,2)$ and $(\frac{1}{2},1)$, it is clear that the set of values taken by $\cos\alpha$ for $x=a/b$ rational is dense on $(\frac{1}{2},1)$. It follows that the set of angles $\alpha\in[0,\frac{\pi}{3})$ satisfying (2.2) for a/b rational is dense. Hence the property (i) of Lemma 2.2 is proved.

Remark B.2. We notice that d divides $2(p+q)$, and $2p'$ and that d^2 divides $12(p+q)$ because p,q and p' have no common divisor and $12(p+q)(q-p)=4p'^2$

Appendix C. Proof of (3.8). In this case the wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_j$ are defined in (2.3), and (3.6) leads to

$$(n_1-n_3)a+(n_2-n_3)(b-a)+(n_4-n_6)a-(n_5-n_6)b=0,$$
$$(n_1-n_3)b-(n_2-n_3)a+(n_4-n_6)(a-b)-(n_5-n_6)a=0.$$

Since a and b have no common factor, it follows that there exist $(j,l)\in\mathbb{Z}^2$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} n_1-n_2+n_4-n_6 &= jb,\\ n_2-n_3-n_5+n_6 &= -ja,\\ n_2-n_3-n_4+n_5 &= lb,\\ n_1-n_3-n_4+n_6 &= la. \end{aligned}$$

This system leads to

$$\begin{aligned} n_1-n_3 &= jb+\frac{l-j}{3}(a+b),\\ n_1-n_2 &= la-\frac{l-j}{3}(a+b),\\ n_4-n_5 &= -ja-\frac{l-j}{3}(a+b),\\ n_4-n_6 &= jb-la+\frac{l-j}{3}(a+b). \end{aligned}$$

Since $a+b$ is not multiple of 3, this implies that there is $k\in\mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$l-j=3k,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} n_1-n_3 &= (j+k)b+ka,\\ n_1-n_2 &= (j+2k)a-kb,\\ n_4-n_5 &= -(j+k)a-kb,\\ n_4-n_6 &= (j+k)b-(j+2k)a. \end{aligned}$$

We notice that the monomials invariant under $\mathbf{T}_\delta$, of minimal degree found in [14] correspond to the following choices: $(j,k)=(1,0),(-2,1),(1,-1)$, their complex conjugate being given by the opposite values of (j,k). The basic invariant monomials where a and b occur, are found in looking for the 27 monomials independent of two of the z_j :

$$q_{I,1}=z_2^b\bar{z}_3^{a-b}\bar{z}_5^{a-b}z_6^b,\quad q_{I,2}=\bar{z}_2^a\bar{z}_3^b z_5^a z_6^{a-b},\quad q_{I,3}=z_2^{a-b}z_3^a\bar{z}_5^b\bar{z}_6^a,$$

$$q_{II,1}=z_2^b\bar{z}_3^{a-b}z_4^{a-b}z_6^a,\quad q_{II,2}=z_2^{a-b}z_3^a z_4^b\bar{z}_6^{a-b},\quad q_{II,3}=z_2^a z_3^b z_4^a z_6^b,$$

$$q_{III,1}=z_2^a z_3^b z_4^{a-b}\bar{z}_5^b,\quad q_{III,2}=z_2^b\bar{z}_3^{a-b}\bar{z}_4^b\bar{z}_5^a,\quad q_{III,3}=z_2^{a-b}z_3^a z_4^a z_5^{a-b},$$

$$q_{IV,1}=z_1^b z_3^a z_5^{a-b}\bar{z}_6^b,\quad q_{IV,2}=z_1^{a-b}\bar{z}_3^b z_5^b z_6^a,\quad q_{IV,3}=z_1^a z_3^{a-b}z_5^a z_6^{a-b},$$

$$q_{V,1}=z_1^{a-b}\bar{z}_3^b\bar{z}_4^b z_6^{a-b},\quad q_{V,2}=z_1^a z_3^{a-b}\bar{z}_4^a\bar{z}_6^b,\quad q_{V,3}=z_1^b z_3^a\bar{z}_4^{a-b}\bar{z}_6^a,$$

$$q_{VI,1} = z_1^a z_3^{a-b} \bar{z}_4^{a-b} z_5^b, \quad q_{VI,2} = z_1^{a-b} \bar{z}_3^b \bar{z}_4^a \bar{z}_5^{a-b}, \quad q_{VI,3} = z_1^b z_3^a z_4^b z_5^a,$$

$$q_{VII,1} = z_1^b \bar{z}_2^{a-b} z_5^a z_6^{a-b}, \quad q_{VII,2} = z_1^{a-b} z_2^a \bar{z}_5^{a-b} z_6^b, \quad q_{VII,3} = z_1^a z_2^b z_5^b z_6^a,$$

$$q_{VIII,1} = z_1^b \bar{z}_2^{a-b} \bar{z}_4^a \bar{z}_6^b, \quad q_{VIII,2} = z_1^a z_2^b \bar{z}_4^b z_6^{a-b}, \quad q_{VIII,3} = z_1^{a-b} z_2^a z_4^{a-b} z_6^a,$$

$$q_{IX,1} = z_1^b \bar{z}_2^{a-b} \bar{z}_4^{a-b} z_5^b, \quad q_{IX,2} = z_1^a z_2^b \bar{z}_4^a \bar{z}_5^{a-b}, \quad q_{IX,3} = z_1^{a-b} z_2^a \bar{z}_4^b \bar{z}_5^a.$$

Notice that $q_{I,1}$, $q_{V,1}$, $q_{IX,1}$ are mentioned in [14]. We may also notice that these invariants are not independent since there are relationships between them and the u_j. We may group these invariant monomials into 9 sets of monomials

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 &= \{q_{I,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}, q_{IX,1}\} \text{ with degree } 2a,\\
G_2 &= \{q_{II,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{VII,1}\} \text{ with degree } 3a-b,\\
G_2' &= \{q_{II,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{VII,2}\}\text{with degree } 3a-b,\\
G_3 &= \{q_{III,1}, q_{IV,1}, q_{VIII,2}\} \text{ with degree } 2a+b,\\
G_3' &= \{q_{III,2}, \overline{q_{IV,2}}, q_{VIII,1}\} \text{ with degree } 2a+b,\\
G_4 &= \{q_{III,3}, q_{IV,3}, q_{VIII,3}\} \text{ with degree } 4a-2b,\\
G_5 &= \{\overline{q_{I,2}}, q_{V,3}, q_{IX,2}\} \text{ with degree } 3a,\\
G_5' &= \{q_{I,3}, q_{V,2}, q_{IX,3}\}, \text{ with degree } 3a,\\
G_6 &= \{q_{II,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{VII,3}\} \text{ with degree } 2a+2b,
\end{aligned}$$

and their complex conjugate.

Let us control the action of various symmetries (other than $\mathbf{T}_\delta$ which leaves them invariant), useful for obtaining the system of 6 complex bifurcation equations. We have

(C.1)
$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{I,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}, q_{IX,1}\} &= \{q_{V,1}, \overline{q_{IX,1}}, \overline{q_{I,1}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{I,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}, q_{IX,1}\} &= \{q_{I,1}, q_{IX,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{I,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}, q_{IX,1}\} &= \{q_{I,1}, \overline{q_{V,1}}, q_{IX,1}\},
\end{aligned}$$

(C.2)
$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{II,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{VII,1}\} &= \{q_{VI,2}, \overline{q_{VII,1}}, \overline{q_{II,1}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{II,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{VII,1}\} &= \{q_{VII,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{II,2}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{II,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{VII,1}\} &= (-1)^{a+b}\{q_{II,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{VII,1}\},
\end{aligned}$$

(C.3)
$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{II,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{VII,2}\} &= \{\overline{q_{VI,1}}, \overline{q_{VII,2}}, \overline{q_{II,2}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{II,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{VII,2}\} &= \{q_{VII,1}, \overline{q_{VI,2}}, q_{II,1}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{II,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{VII,2}\} &= (-1)^{a+b}\{q_{II,2}, q_{VI,1}, q_{VII,2}\},
\end{aligned}$$

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\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{III,1}, q_{IV,1}, q_{VIII,2}\} &= \{\overline{q_{IV,1}}, \overline{q_{VIII,2}}, \overline{q_{III,1}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{III,1}, q_{IV,1}, q_{VIII,2}\} &= \{q_{IV,2}, \overline{q_{III,2}}, \overline{q_{VIII,1}}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{III,1}, q_{IV,1}, q_{VIII,2}\} &= (-1)^b\{q_{III,1}, q_{IV,1}, q_{VIII,2}\},
\end{aligned} \tag{C.4}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{III,2}, \overline{q_{IV,2}}, q_{VIII,1}\} &= \{q_{IV,2}, \overline{q_{VIII,1}}, \overline{q_{III,2}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{III,2}, \overline{q_{IV,2}}, q_{VIII,1}\} &= \{\overline{q_{IV,1}}, \overline{q_{III,1}}, \overline{q_{VIII,2}}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{III,2}, \overline{q_{IV,2}}, q_{VIII,1}\} &= (-1)^b\{q_{III,2}, \overline{q_{IV,2}}, q_{VIII,1}\},
\end{aligned} \tag{C.5}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{III,3}, q_{IV,3}, q_{VIII,3}\} &= \{\overline{q_{IV,3}}, \overline{q_{VIII,3}}, \overline{q_{III,3}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{III,3}, q_{IV,3}, q_{VIII,3}\} &= \{q_{IV,3}, q_{III,3}, q_{VIII,3}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{III,3}, q_{IV,3}, q_{VIII,3}\} &= \{q_{III,3}, q_{IV,3}, q_{VIII,3}\},
\end{aligned} \tag{C.6}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{\overline{q_{I,2}}, q_{V,3}, q_{IX,2}\} &= \{\overline{q_{V,3}}, \overline{q_{IX,2}}, q_{I,2}\},\\
\tau\{\overline{q_{I,2}}, q_{V,3}, q_{IX,2}\} &= \{\overline{q_{I,3}}, \overline{q_{IX,3}}, \overline{q_{V,2}}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{\overline{q_{I,2}}, q_{V,3}, q_{IX,2}\} &= (-1)^a\{\overline{q_{I,2}}, q_{V,3}, q_{IX,2}\},
\end{aligned} \tag{C.7}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{I,3}, q_{V,2}, q_{IX,3}\} &= \{\overline{q_{V,2}}, \overline{q_{IX,3}}, \overline{q_{I,3}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{I,3}, q_{V,2}, q_{IX,3}\} &= \{q_{I,2}, \overline{q_{IX,2}}, \overline{q_{V,3}}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{I,3}, q_{V,2}, q_{IX,3}\} &= (-1)^a\{q_{I,3}, q_{V,2}, q_{IX,3}\},
\end{aligned} \tag{C.8}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{\pi/3}\{q_{II,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{VII,3}\} &= \{\overline{q_{VI,3}}, \overline{q_{VII,3}}, \overline{q_{II,3}}\},\\
\tau\{q_{II,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{VII,3}\} &= \{q_{VII,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{II,3}\},\\
\mathbf{S}\{q_{II,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{VII,3}\} &= \{q_{II,3}, q_{VI,3}, q_{VII,3}\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{C.9}
$$

All this leads in a straightforward way to (3.8).

Appendix D. Form of the cubic part of the bifurcation system. Equation (3.3) projected on the range of $\mathbf{L}_0$, leads to

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0} w = \mu w - \chi \mathbf{Q}_0 (v_1 + w)^2 - \mathbf{Q}_0 (v_1 + w)^3, \tag{D.1}$$

where we set

$$u = v_1 + w, \;\; v_1 \in \ker \mathbf{L}_0, \;\; w \in \{\ker \mathbf{L}_0\}^{\perp},$$

and $\mathbf{Q}_0$ is the orthogonal projection on the range of $\mathbf{L}_0$, $\widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}$ being the restriction of $\mathbf{L}_0$ on its range, the inverse of which is the pseudo-inverse of $\mathbf{L}_0$ (bounded in the periodic case, unbounded in the quasiperiodic case because of small divisors). Equation (D.1) may be solved formally with respect to w as a power series in v_1, μ. We have at quadratic order

$$w_2 = -\chi \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2,$$

and at cubic order in v_1, μ

$$w_3 = -\mu\chi \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-2} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2 + 2\chi^2 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 [v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2] - \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^3.$$

Now the bifurcation equation is

$$0 = \mu v_1 - \chi \mathbf{P}_0 (v_1 + w)^2 - \mathbf{P}_0 (v_1 + w)^3,$$

where $\mathbf{P}_0$ is the orthogonal projection on $\ker \mathbf{L}_0$ and where we replace w by its formal expansion in powers of (μ, v_1). This leads to

$$\mu v_1 = \chi \mathbf{P}_0 v_1^2 + \mathbf{P}_0 v_1^3 - 2\chi^2 \mathbf{P}_0 v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2 + \mathcal{O}(v_1^4).$$

It follows that, up to cubic order in (μ, v_1), the bifurcation system reads

$$\mu v_1 = \chi \mathbf{P}_0 v_1^2 + \mathbf{P}_0 v_1^3 - 2\chi^2 \mathbf{P}_0 v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2.$$

The scalar product with $e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}}$ gives

(D.2) $$\mu z_1 = \chi \langle v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle + \langle v_1^3, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle - 2\chi^2 \langle v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle.$$

It is straightforward to check that

$$\langle v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle = 2\overline{z_2 z_3},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_1^3, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle &= \langle 3 z_1^2 \overline{z_1} e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} + 6 \sum_{j=2,\dots,6} z_1 z_j \overline{z_j} e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}}, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle \\ &= 3 z_1 u_1 + 6 z_1 (u_2 + u_3 + u_4 + u_5 + u_6). \end{aligned}$$

Next term is more complicate

$$\langle v_1 \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle = \sum_{j=1,\dots,6} z_j \langle \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_j) \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle + \sum_{j=1,\dots,6} \overline{z_j} \langle \widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_j) \cdot \mathbf{x}} \rangle,$$

and the relevant terms in v_1^2 are those with an exponent

$$(\mathbf{k}_1 \mp \mathbf{k}_j) \cdot \mathbf{x}, \text{ such that } \mathbf{k}_1 \mp \mathbf{k}_j \neq \pm \mathbf{k}_l,\ l = 1, \dots, 6.$$

the operator $\widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1}$ provides a multiplication by

$$(1 - |\mathbf{k}_1 \mp \mathbf{k}_j|^2)^{-2}.$$

We notice that

$$|\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_2| = |\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_3|, \text{ while } |\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2|, |\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_3| \text{ do not appear,}$$
$$|\mathbf{k}_1\pm\mathbf{k}_4|, |\mathbf{k}_1\pm\mathbf{k}_5|, |\mathbf{k}_1\pm\mathbf{k}_6| \text{ all different and functions of } \alpha.$$

Hence

$$2\chi^2\langle v_1\widetilde{\mathbf{L}_0}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_0 v_1^2, e^{i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{x}}\rangle = \chi^2 z_1[c_1u_1 + c_2(u_2+u_3) + c_\alpha u_4 + c_{\alpha+}u_5 + c_{\alpha-}u_6],$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 2(1+1/9), \text{ since } |2\mathbf{k}_1| = 2, \\ c_2 &= 2(1+1/2), \text{ since } |\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_2| = \sqrt{3}, \\ c_\alpha &= 2[1+2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_4|^2)^{-2} + 2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_4|^2)^{-2}], \\ c_{\alpha+} &= 2[1+2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_5|^2)^{-2} + 2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_5|^2)^{-2}], \\ c_{\alpha-} &= 2[1+2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_6|^2)^{-2} + 2(1-|\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_6|^2)^{-2}]. \end{aligned}$$

Appendix E. Looking for translations. Let us consider the cases with $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_p$, then we can choose the translation operator $\mathbf{T}_\delta$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\cdot\mathbf{k}_j &= 2\pi/3 \bmod 2\pi, \text{ for } j = 1,2,3, \\ &= -2\pi/3 \bmod 2\pi, \quad \text{for } j = 4,5,6. \end{aligned} \tag{E.1}$$

Indeed,we set

$$\delta = (2\pi/3)\lambda^2 m\mathbf{s}_1,$$

where $\mathbf{s}_1$ and λ are defined at Lemma 2.2 and m is an integer. Then (E.1) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} m(2a-b) &= 2(1+3n_1), \\ m(2b-a) &= 2(1+3n_2), \\ m(a+b) &= 2(-1+3n_4), \\ m(a-2b) &= 2(-1+3n_5), \end{aligned}$$

where n_1, n_2, n_4, n_5 are integers. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} n_2+n_5 &= 0, \\ am &= 2(n_1+n_4), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(2n_4-n_1-1) - b(n_1+n_4) &= 0, \\ a(n_1+n_4+3n_2+1) - 2b(n_1+n_4) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This last system gives

$$n_2 = n_4 - n_1 - 1,$$

and

$$n_1 + n_4 = la,$$
$$2n_4 - n_1 - 1 = lb,$$

where l is an integer, leading to

$$3n_4 = 1 + l(a + b).$$

Since $a+b$ is not multiple of 3, we have to look at two cases: $a+b = 3j+1$ or $a+b = 3j+2$.

For $a + b = 3j + 1$ we choose $l = 2$, hence

$$n_4 = 2j + 1,\ n_1 = 2a - 2j - 1,\ n_2 = 4j - 2a + 1,\ n_5 = -n_2,\ m = 4.$$

For $a + b = 3j + 2$ we choose $l = 1$, hence

$$n_4 = j + 1,\ n_1 = a - j - 1,\ n_2 = 2j - a + 1,\ n_5 = -n_2,\ m = 2.$$

It follows that the solutions in Theorem 4.4 obtained for $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = -\theta_4 = -\theta_5 = -\theta_6 = k\pi/3$, provide *only two different patterns*, one corresponding to $k = 0, 2, 4$, the other for $k = 1, 3, 5$.

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