

# Coexistence in van der Pol Oscillators Coupled by Fifth-Power Nonlinear Resistor

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## 1. Introduction

Coexistence of attractors in coupled oscillatory systems is important for applying them to novel parallel information processing systems. Generally, in two oscillators coupled by a resistor, only one synchronization state becomes stable even if plural states exist. In this study, two van der Pol oscillators coupled by a fifth-power nonlinear resistor are investigated. By computer calculations and circuit experiments, interesting synchronization phenomena can be confirmed to be generated in this system. First, we observe the coexistence of in-phase and anti-phase synchronizations.

## 2. Circuit Model

Figure 1 shows the circuit model. In this circuit, two identical van der Pol oscillators are coupled by a fifth-power nonlinear resistor.

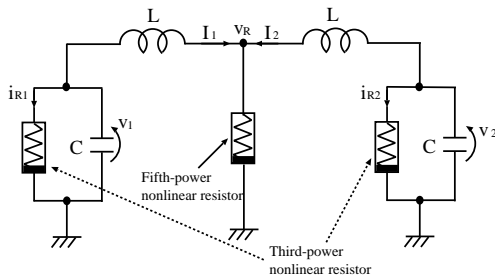


Figure 1: Circuit model.

The normalized circuit equations are given as following equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_k}{d\tau} = -y_k + \varepsilon(x_k - \beta\zeta x_k^3) \\ \frac{dz_k}{d\tau} = x_k - \alpha\{(y_1 + y_2) - \beta(y_1 + y_2)^3 + (y_1 + y_2)^5\} \end{cases} \quad (k = 1, 2) \quad (1)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the strength nonlinearity,  $\alpha$  is the coupling factor.

## 3. Synchronization Phenomena

In our proposed system, the coexistence can be observed. This is very novel phenomena in two coupled oscillators. The simulation result of the coexistence of in-phase and anti-phase synchronization is shown in Fig. 2. Next, we investigate the phase difference when the two parameters  $\beta$  and  $\zeta$  are changed. This simulated results are shown in Fig. 3. In this figure, the black color means the in-phase state and the yellow color means the anti-phase state. We can observe the anti-phase

state everywhere in these parameter area. Namely, the in-phase state area corresponds to the coexistence area.

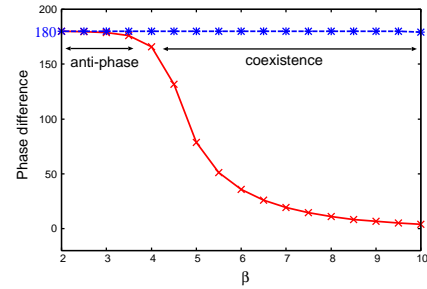
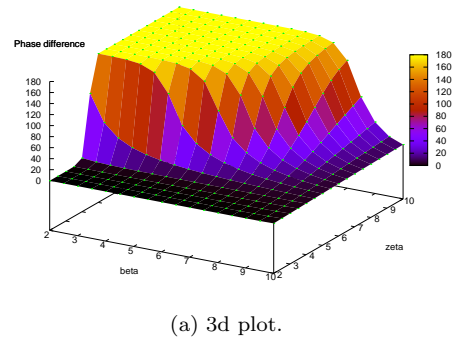
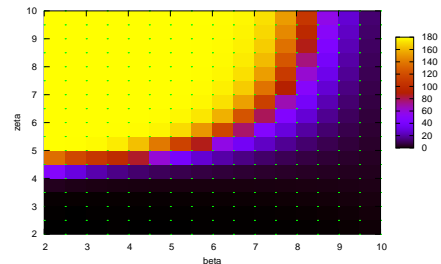


Figure 2: Phase difference for  $\varepsilon = 0.4$ ,  $\alpha = 0.002$  and  $\zeta = 5.0$ .



(a) 3d plot.



(b) 2d plot.

Figure 3: Phase difference for  $\varepsilon = 0.4$  and  $\alpha = 0.002$  ( $\beta$  vs  $\zeta$ ).

## 4. Conclusions

We confirmed the coexistence of in-phase and anti-phase synchronization in two van der Pol oscillators coupled by a fifth-power nonlinear resistor. Furthermore, the influence of the coupling strength and nonlinearity of the van der Pol oscillator was investigated.

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