Anticipated synchronization in coupled complex Ginzburg-Landau systems

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We study the occurrence of anticipated synchronization in two complex Ginzburg-Landau systems coupled in a master-slave configuration. Master and slave systems are ruled by the same autonomous function, but the slave system receives the injection from the master and is subject to a negative delayed self-feedback loop. We give evidence that the magnitude of the largest anticipation time, obtained for complex-valued coupling constants, depends on the dynamical regime where the system operates (defect turbulence, phase turbulence, or bichaos) and scales with the linear autocorrelation time of the system. We also provide analytical conditions for the stability of the anticipated synchronization manifold that are in qualitative agreement with those obtained numerically. Finally, we report on the existence of anticipated synchronization in coupled two-dimensional complex Ginzburg-Landau systems.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The synchronization of nonlinear dynamical systems is a topic of interest in many fields of science [1]. Particular attention has been paid to the synchronization of chaotic systems, both in unidirectional or bidirectional coupling configurations [2,3]. An interesting type of synchronization, so-called *anticipated synchronization*, was proposed by Voss in Refs. [4,5]. This author showed that, for particular parameter values, two identical chaotic systems unidirectionally coupled can synchronize in such a manner that the trajectories of the "slave" (the response system) anticipate (i.e., predict) those of the "master" (the sender system). Noticeably, the anticipation regime can be achieved without perturbing at all the dynamics of the master.

One of the coupling schemes proposed by Voss between the dynamics of the master, $\mathbf{x}(t)$, and slave, $\mathbf{y}(t)$, systems is given by the following set of equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{x}(t)],\tag{1}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{y}(t)] + \mathcal{K}[\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\tau}], \qquad (2)$$

where **x** ("master") and **y** ("slave") are vectors of dynamical variables, **F** is a given vector function, τ is a delay time, $\mathbf{y}_{\tau} \equiv \mathbf{y}(t - \tau)$ is a delayed-feedback term in the dynamics of the slave, \mathcal{K} is a positive-definite matrix, and the dot denotes a temporal derivative. For appropriate values of the delay time τ and strength of the elements of the coupling matrix \mathcal{K} , it turns out that $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t + \tau)$ is a stable solution of Eqs. (1) and (2). This condition can be interpreted as the slave anticipating, by a temporal amount τ , the output of the master.

Since the seminal work by Voss, anticipated synchronization and its stability has been studied theoretically in several systems, including linear [6] and nonlinear [7] differential equations and maps [8], as well as experimentally in, e.g., semiconductor lasers with optical feedback [9] or electronic circuits [10]. The same phenomenon has been studied in excitable systems driven by noise [11], where it was shown that the slave can predict the erratic generation of pulses originated by a random forcing in the master. In excitable systems, the existence of the anticipated solution has been related to the reduction of the excitability threshold induced by the coupling term in the slave system [12,13]. It was also shown that a sequence of many coupled systems can yield larger anticipation times [14], although instabilities can appear if the number of coupled systems in the sequence is too large [15]. Theoretical studies have suggested that the mechanism of anticipated synchronization can play a role in a compensation of the conduction delays in coupled single neurons as well as in coupled excitable media [16,17]. Such compensation may lead to the emergence of zero-lag synchronization between spatially separated brain regions, as observed in Ref. [18]. In 2004 Brovelli and coworkers [19] reported that, in monkeys engaged in processing a cognitive task, a dominant directional influence from one area of the sensorimotor cortex to another may be accompanied by a negative time delay. One plausible explanation for this observation is that anticipated synchronization occurs in cortical circuits. Based on this idea. Matias and coworkers [20] modeled two cortical populations, coupled in a master-slave fashion, and found that inhibitory loops in the slave population can indeed cause anticipated synchronization in the system.

As a possible application, anticipated synchronization has led to the design of a *predict-prevent* control method [21,22] to avoid unwanted pulses in excitable or other chaotic systems. In this control method an auxiliary slave system is introduced to predict the firings of the master system, such that the information coming from the former is consequently transformed into a control signal that suppresses, if needed, those unwanted pulses of the master system.

So far, most examples and applications have considered systems with a small number of dynamical variables. It is the aim of this paper to go a step forward and show that anticipated synchronization can be achieved in spatiotemporal chaotic systems. To this end, we consider a master system described by the prototype complex Ginzburg-Landau equation to which we add a conveniently coupled slave system. We first consider the one-dimensional case and characterize numerically the parameter space for which the anticipated solution exists and is stable. By introducing a complex-valued coupling constant between master and slave, we find an increase of the anticipation time with respect to the case of a real-valued coupling constant [23]. Then, we show the existence of a relationship between the largest anticipation time and the linear autocorrelation time. We also consider a two-dimensional scenario and show numerically that anticipated synchronization can also be achieved in this case. Finally, we present the results of an approximate linear stability analysis that can reproduce some of the features observed in the numerical simulations.

II. MODEL

A well-known model that displays a rich variety of spatiotemporal dynamics is the complex Ginzburg-Landau equation of wide applicability in many fields, including chemical reaction-diffusion, binary convection, and nonlinear optics; see Refs. [24–27] for reviews. In one spatial dimension it reads

$$\dot{A} = \epsilon A + \alpha_1 A_{xx} - \alpha_2 |A|^2 A, \tag{3}$$

where $\alpha_1 = 1 + ic_1$ and $\alpha_2 = 1 + ic_2$ are complex constants. Here $A = A(x,t) \equiv \rho(x,t)e^{i\phi(x,t)}$ is a complex field of amplitude ρ and phase ϕ , and $A_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2}$ is the second-order derivative with respect to the space variable $0 \leq x \leq L, L$ being the system length. ϵ is a control parameter inducing instability if it is positive, c_2 is a measure of the nonlinear dispersion, and c_1 is the linear dispersion parameter. Equation (3) admits plane-wave solutions of the form

$$A_q(x,t) = \sqrt{\epsilon - q^2} e^{i[qx + \Omega(q)t]},\tag{4}$$

where q is the wave number in Fourier space bounded by $-\sqrt{\epsilon} \leq q \leq \sqrt{\epsilon}$, and $\Omega(q) = -c_2\epsilon - (c_1 - c_2)q^2$ is the dispersion relation. All plane waves become unstable when crossing the so-called Benjamin-Feir or Newell line given by $c_1c_2 = -1$ for $\epsilon = 1$ [28]. This line separates the nonchaotic behavior to different dynamical chaotic regimes: defect turbulence, phase turbulence, bichaos, and spatiotemporal intermittency. Defect turbulence is a strongly disordered region in which defects, as well as other localized structures, appear displaying a rich dynamics; phase turbulence is a state weakly disordered in amplitude and strongly disordered in phase; the bichaos region is an alternating mixture of phase and defect turbulence states; in the spatiotemporal intermittency region stable traveling waves interrupted by turbulent bursts exist. The complex Ginzburg-Landau equation is a universal model for the evolution of an order parameter describing the loss of stability of a homogeneous state through a Hopf bifurcation (and it is often called model A in analogy to phase transitions). Thus, Eq. (3) is the normal form for any system that is time-translational invariant and reflection symmetric in which a supercritical Hopf bifurcation appears. As an example, it can be derived from a model of bidirectionally coupled FitzHugh-Nagumo cells, where the membrane potential v(t)is assumed to be $v(t) = A(t) \exp(i\omega |A|^2 t)$ [29]. In this case, at variance with the single cell, a chaotic behavior is possible due to the additional degrees of freedom introduced by the spatially extended excitable cells. In the particular case $c_1 =$ $c_2 = 0$, Eq. (3) reduces to the so-called real Ginzburg-Landau equation, which describes superconductivity in the absence of magnetic field. In the limit $c_1, c_2 \rightarrow \infty$ the equation reduces

to the nonlinear Schrödinger equation with its well-known soliton solutions.

Following the general schemes, Eqs. (1) and (2), we study the situation in which two equations are coupled in a masterslave configuration, such that the slave system contains an input from the master system and a negative self-feedback term. Namely, the system equations read

$$\dot{A} = \epsilon A + \alpha_1 A_{xx} - \alpha_2 |A|^2 A, \qquad (5)$$

$$\dot{B} = \epsilon B + \alpha_1 B_{xx} - \alpha_2 |B|^2 B + \kappa (A - B_\tau), \qquad (6)$$

with a general complex-valued coupling constant $\kappa \equiv K e^{i\theta}$. Complex coupling terms have been previously considered in, e.g., laser systems [30]. A = A(x,t) is the master system, B = B(x,t) the slave, and $B_{\tau} = B(x,t-\tau)$, τ being a constant delay time. In what follows we set $\epsilon = 1$. Our main results are presented in the next two sections. First, we describe in detail the numerical results for the one-dimensional masterslave configuration and then, to a lesser extent, examples of anticipated synchronization in the case of two-dimensional systems. Next, we develop a stability analysis that can roughly explain the numerical results for the one-dimensional case.

III. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Since the anticipated synchronization regime B(x,t) = $A(x,t+\tau)$ is always an exact solution of Eqs. (5) and (6), the main point of interest is to determine its range of stability, i.e., the range of parameter values, in particular the maximum time delay τ , for which this regime is reached asymptotically and independently of the initial conditions. We expect that the stability of the anticipated synchronization solution would depend on the nature of the chaotic dynamics: the stronger the chaos, the smaller the anticipated region [31]. Earlier work in systems with a small number of degrees of freedom showed [14] that anticipated synchronization in chaotic systems exists for those (small) delay times for which the first order linear approximation is valid to represent the delayed coupling scheme [6]. According to previous results [14], we expect (and will show that this is indeed the case) that the largest anticipation time is related to the linear autocorrelation time estimated from the time series. Since the different dynamical regimes exhibited by the complex Ginzburg-Landau equations have different linear autocorrelation times, we expect the maximum anticipation time to decrease when moving from the (less chaotic) phase turbulence into the bichaos and (most chaotic) defect turbulence regimes.

We start by analyzing the autocorrelation time for the solutions of Eq. (5) in the different regimes explained in the previous section. In our numerical simulations [34], we computed the normalized autocorrelation function

$$C(s) = \frac{\langle |A(x,t)A(x,t+s)|\rangle_{\mathrm{st}} - \langle |A(x,t)|\rangle_{\mathrm{st}} \langle |A(x,t+s)|\rangle_{\mathrm{st}}}{\langle |A(x,t)^2|\rangle_{\mathrm{st}} - \langle |A(x,t)|^2\rangle_{\mathrm{st}}},$$
(7)

where $\langle ... \rangle_{st}$ denotes a time average over *t* in the stationary state and, for the periodic boundary conditions considered here, the average is independent of the location of the point *x*. In Fig. 1 we plot the autocorrelation functions, evaluated at the particular point x = L/2, as a function of time for three



FIG. 1. Autocorrelation function versus time for the three chaotic regimes of the complex Ginzburg-Landau equation: defect turbulence (solid line), phase turbulence (dashed line), and bichaos (dotted line). The system parameters used are $\epsilon = 1$ (in all cases), $(c_1,c_2) = (3,-2.5)$ for defect turbulence, $(c_1,c_2) = (1.5,-0.9)$ for phase turbulence, and $(c_1,c_2) = (1.1,-1.2)$ for bichaos regime, as given in Ref. [28].

cases corresponding to the defect turbulence, bichaos, and phase turbulence regimes. The characteristic decay time of these functions can be quantified by the linear autocorrelation time T_c , computed from the numerical series as

$$T_c \sim \frac{\Delta t}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \{ \ln \left[C(t_n) / C(t_{n+1}) \right] \}^{-1},$$
(8)

where $t_n = t_0 + n\Delta t$ are the different points at which the correlation function is computed. The upper limit of this sum extends up to a time t_M before the appearance of the small oscillations at the tail of the correlation function; see Fig. 1.

Using this definition, we have obtained the following linear autocorrelation times for the aforementioned parameter values: $T_c = 0.55$ (corresponding to the point in the defect turbulence regime), $T_c = 1.65$ (bichaos), and $T_c = 1.76$ (phase turbulence). From these values, and according to the discussion above, we expect that the defect turbulence is the region in which anticipated synchronization will be stable in the smallest region. Therefore, in the rest of the section, we concentrate on the defect turbulence regime and determine the anticipated region as a function of the time delay τ and the coupling parameters K and θ .

We display in Fig. 2 spatiotemporal plots of the master and slave fields (amplitude and phase) in the defect turbulence regime, $(c_1,c_2) = (3, -2.5)$, for particular values of parameters $\tau = 0.6$, K = 0.6, and $\theta = \pi/4$, for which anticipated synchronization turns out to be stable. It can be clearly seen in this figure how, both in amplitude and phase, the field A(x,t)of the master coincides with that of the slave at an earlier time $B(x,t-\tau)$. The same behavior can be seen in Fig. 3, where we plot the time evolution of the modulus of the master and slave fields in a particular point in space, x = L/2. As will be shown later, the value of $\tau = 0.6$ is approximately the largest delay time for which anticipated synchronization is stable for the given values of K and θ . Indeed, as indicated in Fig. 3, this



FIG. 2. Spatiotemporal dynamics of (a) amplitude and (b) phase of the master and the slave systems for two unidimensional complex Ginzburg-Landau systems coupled as in Eqs. (5) and (6). Parameter values: $\tau = 0.6$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, K = 0.6, N = 64, $\delta x = 0.2$, $\delta t = 2 \times 10^{-3}$, $c_1 = 3$, $c_2 = -2.5$ (in a range of defect turbulence regime). The difference in time between the horizontal dashed lines is the anticipation time $\tau = 0.6$.



FIG. 3. Time series of the master amplitude |A| (dotted line) and the slave |B| (dashed line) for the complex Ginzburg-Landau equation in the defect turbulence regime. Horizontal arrows mark the anticipation time. Same parameters as described in the caption of Fig. 2.



FIG. 4. (Color online) Amplitude correlations between master |A| and slave $|B_{\tau}|$ time series in the defect turbulence regime with $(c_1, c_2) = (3, -2.5)$ at the spatial position x = L/2 for (a) $\theta = -0.55$, (b) $\theta = 0$, and (c) $\theta = 0.55$. Purple areas correspond to high correlations (C > 0.99). Solid lines represent analytical results obtained from Eq. (18) using a linear stability analysis.

maximum anticipation time approximately coincides with the linear autocorrelation time for these parameter values.

To determine the stable regions where anticipated synchronization can occur in the defect turbulence regime, we have performed extensive numerical simulations of Eqs. (5) and (6), scanning the (τ, K, θ) parameter space. Some results are presented in Fig. 4, where we plot the normalized correlation coefficient between the master at time t, A(x,t), and the slave at a time τ earlier, $B(x, t - \tau)$, for three different values of the coupling phase θ . As it has been found in previous studies, we note the existence of a minimum value K_{\min} of the coupling strength K for the anticipated synchronization to be stable (large values of the correlation coefficient). For given θ , the anticipation time reaches its highest value τ_{max} at a value of the coupling constant close to $K \gtrsim K_{\min}$ and decreases monotonously with increasing K. This is so because for large K values the feedback term induces a complex dynamics in the slave system reducing its possibility to synchronize with the master. It can also be seen that the stable region of synchronization (purple area in Fig. 4) is larger for $\theta > 0$, meaning that the use of an appropriate complex coupling parameter can enhance the stability of the synchronized solution in this system, as was also observed in Ref. [23].

The stability regions in terms of the θ parameter, as a function of K and τ , were also analyzed in detail. In Fig. 5 we plot projections of the region where stable anticipated synchronization is obtained in the (θ, τ) and (θ, K) planes. From Fig. 5(a) we see that the largest anticipation time $\tau_{\rm max} \approx$ 0.6 occurs for a nonzero value of the phase coupling constant, $\theta \approx 0.53$. This corroborates the fact that a complex coupling increases the stability of the anticipated synchronization. It can also be seen in this figure that the stability region is asymmetric, tilted toward the positive values of θ . This asymmetry will be explained in the next section when we perform a linear stability analysis of the anticipated synchronization solution. From Fig. 5(b), it can be seen that the minimum coupling value for which the anticipated synchronization is stable also depends on θ . For this particular set of parameters we find $K_{\rm min} \approx 0.3$ and occurs for $\theta \approx 0$.

In summary, our numerical analysis indicates that in the case of defect turbulence regime the maximum anticipation time is $\tau_{\text{max}} \approx 0.6$ for $\theta \approx 0.53$ and K = 0.6. Keeping constant those values of K and θ , and moving to the bichaos



FIG. 5. (Color online) Purple areas indicate the projections in the planes (a) (θ, τ) and (b) (θ, K) of the region for which stable anticipated synchronization solutions have been found numerically in the defect turbulence regime with parameters $(c_1, c_2) = (3, -2.5)$. The solid lines are the analytical results obtained from an approximate linear stability analysis; see Eq. (18).

regime, $(c_1, c_2) = (1.1, -1.2)$, the maximum anticipation time increases to $\tau_{\text{max}} \approx 1.6$, while in the regime of phase turbulence, $(c_1, c_2) = (1.5, -0.8)$, we find $\tau_{\text{max}} \approx 1.9$, in agreement with the arguments exposed before about the relationship between the anticipation times and the linear correlation times.

The results shown in Figs. 4 and 5 were restricted to a set of parameters in the defect turbulence regime. In the bichaos and phase turbulence regimes the minimal coupling required for anticipated synchronization to occur is smaller than in the defect turbulence regime. The tendency of the coupling value to grow when entering into more chaotic regimes is already present in the nondelayed synchronization scenario ($\tau = 0$) analyzed by Junge *et al.* [35].

As a final example, we study numerically the anticipated synchronization in the two-dimensional coupled complex Ginzburg-Landau equations described by

$$\dot{A} = \epsilon A + \alpha_1 \nabla^2 A - \alpha_2 |A|^2 A, \qquad (9)$$

$$\dot{B} = \epsilon B + \alpha_1 \nabla^2 B - \alpha_2 |B|^2 B + \kappa (A - B_\tau), \quad (10)$$

where A = A(x, y, t), B = B(x, y, t), $B_{\tau} = B(x, y, t - \tau)$, $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$. In Fig. 6 we show snapshots of the spatiotemporal evolution of the amplitude of the master (upper row) and slave (lower row) systems operating in the defect turbulence regime. Consecutive snapshots of the amplitudes are separated by a time τ . It can be observed that the slave system anticipates the master by a time τ (as indicated by the diagonal arrows).

From our numerical results, we can infer that the additional dimension makes the system more chaotic and thus, as expected, the maximum anticipation time decreases as compared to the one-dimensional case. This is because the second spatial dimension increases the complexity of the system.



FIG. 6. (Color online) Amplitude evolution of two-dimensional complex Ginzburg-Landau equations, Eqs. (9) and (10), master (upper row) and slave (lower row) for coupling parameters $\tau = 0.37$, K = 1.35, and $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$. Snapshots are shown at times separated by a time unit τ . Anticipated synchronization is apparent since each frame in the dynamics of the master, upper row, has been reached in an earlier frame of the slave system, lower row, as indicated by the arrows. System size is $N \times N = 64 \times 64$ with $\delta x = 0.3$ and periodic boundary conditions. Defect turbulence regime is considered with $(c_1, c_2) = (3, -2.5)$.

IV. STABILITY ANALYSIS

We develop in this section a linear stability analysis of the anticipated synchronization solution $B(x,t) = A(x,t+\tau)$ of the one-dimension case, Eqs. (5) and (6). To this end we introduce $\Delta(x,t) \equiv A(x,t) - B(x,t-\tau)$, which satisfies

$$\dot{\Delta} = \epsilon \Delta + \alpha_1 \Delta_{xx} - \kappa \Delta_{\tau} - \alpha_2 |A|^2 A + \alpha_2 |B_{\tau}|^2 B_{\tau}, \quad (11)$$

with $\Delta_{\tau} = \Delta(x, t - \tau)$. Replacing $B_{\tau} = B(x, t - \tau) = A(x, t) - \Delta(x, t)$, and keeping only terms of first order in Δ , we obtain

$$\dot{\Delta} = \epsilon \Delta + \alpha_1 \Delta_{xx} - \kappa \Delta_{\tau} - 2\alpha_2 |A|^2 \Delta - \alpha_2 A^2 \Delta^*, \quad (12)$$

where Δ^* is the complex conjugate of Δ . Our aim in this section is to determine the stability of $\Delta(x,t)$, i.e., to determine if it grows or decays to zero as a function of time. The perturbation $\Delta(x,t)$ in Eq. (12) is expanded in Fourier modes, $\hat{\Delta}(l,t) \equiv \int \Delta(x,t)e^{-ilx}dx$, which satisfy

$$\dot{\hat{\Delta}} = [\epsilon - \alpha_1 l^2 - 2\alpha_2 |A|^2] \hat{\Delta} - K e^{i\theta} \hat{\Delta}_\tau - \alpha_2 A^2 e^{-2ilx} \hat{\Delta}^*.$$
(13)

We now propose an ansatz of the form [36]

$$\hat{\Delta}(l,t) = \exp(\lambda t), \tag{14}$$

and, consequently, replace $\hat{\Delta}(l,t-\tau) = e^{-\lambda\tau} \hat{\Delta}(l,t)$. This replacement leads to a pair of equations for $\hat{\Delta}$ and its complex conjugate which, in matrix form, are

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\hat{\Delta}} \\ \dot{\hat{\Delta}}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [\epsilon - \alpha_1 l^2 - 2\alpha_2 |A|^2 - Ke^{i\theta} e^{-\lambda\tau}] & -\alpha_2 A^2 e^{-2ilx} \\ -\alpha_2^* A^{*2} e^{2ilx} & [\epsilon - \alpha_1^* l^2 - 2\alpha_2^* |A|^2 - Ke^{-i\theta} e^{-\lambda^*\tau}] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta} \\ \hat{\Delta}^* \end{pmatrix}.$$
(15)

By replacing the ansatz given by Eq. (14) we get the following equation for the complex eigenvalues ($\lambda = \alpha + i\omega$):

$$(\epsilon - \alpha_1 l^2 - 2\alpha_2 |A|^2 - K e^{i\theta} e^{-\lambda\tau} - \lambda)(\epsilon - \alpha_1^* l^2 - 2\alpha_2^* |A|^2 - K e^{-i\theta} e^{-\lambda^*\tau} - \lambda) - |\alpha_2|^2 |A|^4 = 0.$$
(16)

The bifurcation points in the parameter space (K, θ, τ) are obtained from the condition $\alpha = 0$, i.e., when Re[λ] changes from negative to positive. At the same time since Im[λ] is nonzero the perturbation oscillates. Assuming $\alpha = 0$ and splitting Eq. (16) in real and imaginary part we obtain the following relations:

$$\epsilon - l^2 - 2|A|^2 = K \cos(\theta - \omega\tau),$$

$$\omega^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 |A|^4 = [-l^2 c_1 - 2c_2 |A|^2 - K \sin(\theta - \omega\tau)]^2.$$
(17)

By solving these equations we arrive to the condition for the stability of the *l*th Fourier mode of the anticipated solution. The solutions are $\tau = \tau_+$ or $\tau = \tau_-$, with

$$\tau_{\pm} = \frac{\pm \arccos\left(\frac{\epsilon - l^2 - 2|A|^2}{K}\right) - \theta}{\pm \sqrt{\left[-l^2 c_1 - 2c_2|A|^2 \mp \sqrt{K^2 - (\epsilon - l^2 - 2|A|^2)^2}\right]^2 - |\alpha_2|^2|A|^4}},$$
(18)

thus providing the desired relation for τ as a function of *K* and θ .

To get further insights into the solution of Eq. (18) we assume that it can be simplified by replacing $|A| \approx \langle |A| \rangle$, its average value over time and space. For the defect turbulence regime this value has been determined from the simulations as $\langle |A| \rangle \approx 0.64$. Since the delay time that destabilizes the Fourier mode $\hat{\Delta}(l,t)$ depends on l, we proceed in the following way: for given l, out of the two possible solutions τ_{\pm} given by Eq. (18), we select the smallest one. Then, we vary $l \ge 0$ until we obtain the absolute minimum (it turns out that this minimum value of l occurs usually for l = 0). This process yields the maximum delay time τ for which the anticipated synchronization is stable. In Fig. 4 we plot the resulting stability lines in the *K*- τ plane. For $\theta \leq 0$, τ_{-} is always the chosen solution. However, for $\theta > 0$, the solution jumps from τ_{-} to τ_{+} at $K \approx 1.8$; see Fig. 4(c). We also plot in Fig. 5(a) the resulting curves for the maximum anticipation time τ for different values of θ and compare them with the numerical values. A reasonable agreement only occurs for the left part of the stable region, failing to predict the decay of the stability for larger positive θ values. In the *K*- θ plane of Fig. 5(b), we obtain a good qualitative agreement for the analytical dependence of the stability region, indicating that the approximations are reasonable in this case. A shorter expression for this latter curve can be obtained by taking in the first equation of Eq. (17) $\tau = 0$ and l = 0:

$$K = \frac{\epsilon - 2|A|^2}{\cos(\theta)}.$$
 (19)

It has to be noticed that for the phase turbulence regime the mean value for the master is $\langle |A| \rangle = 0.89$ and for the bichaos case $\langle |A| \rangle = 0.88$, and the corresponding stability curves agree better for large values of *K* than for small ones.

We now use this linear stability analysis to explain the lack of symmetry around $\theta = 0$ observed in Fig. 5(a). We consider a simple argument following the analysis of Refs. [13,23] for chaotic systems with time-delay coupling. From the plane-wave approximation used in the calculation, $A(x,t) \approx A_0(x)e^{i\omega t}$ we can write $e^{i\theta}A(x,t) = A(x,t+\tau')$ with $\theta = \omega \tau'$. A similar expression holds for B(x,t). Consequently, in Eq. (12) the coupling term is transformed in the form $\kappa \Delta(x,t-\tau) \approx K \Delta(x,t-\tau'')$ with an effective delay time $\tau'' = \tau - \tau'$. Therefore, for $\theta > 0$, it is $\tau' > 0$, and the effective delay time in the stability condition is reduced, increasing the stability of the synchronized solutions. On the contrary, if $\theta < 0$, then $\tau' < 0$ and the effective delay increases, reducing the stability of the synchronized solution.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have presented results on the anticipated synchronization in two spatially extended complex GinzburgLandau systems, unidirectionally coupled in a master-slave configuration using a complex-valued coupling $\kappa = K e^{i\theta}$ and a negative self-feedback delay term in the slave of length τ . Both in one and two spatial dimensions we have observed anticipation of the slave's dynamics with respect to the master's one, resulting in the occurrence of the spatial patterns of the slave system at an earlier time τ than those of the master.

Detailed results have been reported for the one-dimensional system in three different regimes of parameters, defect turbulence, bichaos, and phase turbulence, with a special focus in the most chaotic regime (defect turbulent). We have found, in agreement with general arguments in systems with a small number of degrees of freedom, that the maximum anticipation time closely follows the linear autocorrelation time. The stability diagrams of this anticipated synchronization, defined as regions of high correlation between the master and the slave a time τ earlier, have been obtained in the parameter space (K, θ, τ) . We have observed that the value of θ is relevant to determine the stability region and that the stability curve in the parameter space (θ, τ) is asymmetric, with larger anticipation times for positive values of θ . We have also found that a complex-valued coupling constant in the system appears to be (for some specific parameter values) a way to increase the region of stability of the anticipated synchronization solution and the anticipation times.

We have performed a linear stability analysis of the anticipated synchronization solution and compared it with the numerical results in the one-dimensional system. We have obtained a qualitative good agreement for the prediction of the maximum anticipation time in the (τ, K) plane, although the approximation fails in the estimation of the maximum coupling strength.

It is worth mentioning that the Ginzburg-Landau equation is of wide applicability in many fields, including chemical reaction-diffusion, binary convection, nonlinear optics, etc. Consequently, any of these systems is a potential candidate to test whether anticipated synchronization in spatially extended systems can occur. If it happens, not only a prediction of the dynamics of these system could be performed but also the control of certain unwanted dynamics could be also possible. This would open new ways of controlling complex systems. Finally, it could be interesting to compare the local (point-topoint) and global (all-to-all) types of coupling, since the latter might be more appropriate in real applications.

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