

Folded Solitary Waves and Foldons in the (2+1)-Dimensional Long Dispersive Wave Equation

J.-F. Zhang^{a,b,c}, Z.-M. Lu^{a,b}, and Y.-L. Liu^a

^a Shanghai Institute of Mathematics and Mechanics, Shanghai University,
Shanghai 200072, P. R. China

^b *Mailing address*: Department of Mathematical Sciences, Loughborough University,
Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11,3TU,UK

^c Institute of Nonlinear Physics, Zhejiang Normal University, Jinhua 321004, P. R. China

Reprint requests to Dr, Z.-M. L.; E-mail: z.lu@lboro.ac.uk

Z. Naturforsch. **58a**, 280 – 284 (2003); received March 16, 2003

By means of the Bäcklund transformation, a quite general variable separation solution of the (2+1)-dimensional long dispersive wave equation: $\lambda q_t + q_{xx} - 2q \int (qr)_x dy = 0$, $\lambda r_t - r_{xx} + 2r \int (qr)_x dy = 0$, is derived. In addition to some types of the usual localized structures such as dromion, lumps, ring soliton and oscillated dromion, breathers soliton, fractal-dromion, peakon, compacton, fractal and chaotic soliton structures can be constructed by selecting the arbitrary single valued functions appropriately, a new class of localized coherent structures, that is the folded solitary waves and foldons, in this system are found by selecting appropriate multi-valued functions. These structures exhibit interesting novel features not found in one-dimensions. – PACS: 03.40.Kf., 02.30.Jr, 03.65.Ge.

Key words: Variable Separation Solution; the (2+1)-dimensional Long Dispersive Wave System; Folded Solitary Wave; Foldon.