

Complex photonics

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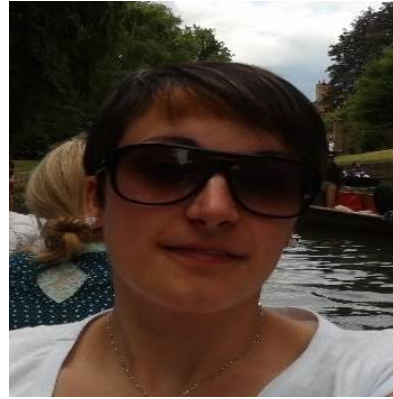


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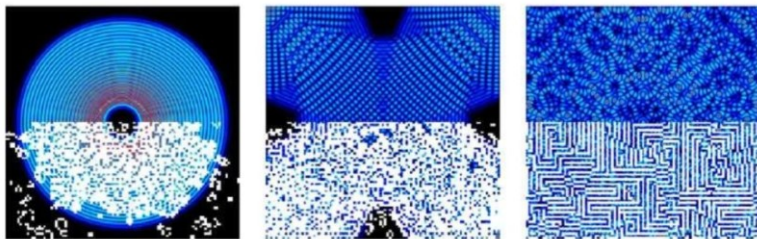
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Synopsis

01

Complex photonic devices

- Transmission matrix
- Nonlinear transmission matrix
- Applications (all-optical switching and bio)

02

Complex nonlinear dynamics

- Classical and quantum solitons
- Extreme waves

03

Numerical methods

- Beam Propagation Methods
- FCOMB solitons

A crazy idea for photonics - and engineering - in the new era of machine learning

OLD SCHOOL:

given an application, design and fabricate a device



NEW SCHOOL:

given a device, find a way to use it for your application

(.... not very new indeed

.... but we have new tools ...

and we need a very complex device)



Outline

- Nonlinear complex systems by the transmission matrix
 - Green's function
 - Propagator
 - Nonlinear perturbation to the propagator
 - Applications
- Classical and quantum optical solitons
 - The nonlinear Schroedinger equation
 - Numerical methods
 - Transition to dynamical complexity



Structural Vs Dynamical complexity

By morphology

- Random systems
- Complex arrays of waveguides
- Coupled cavities
- Biological systems

By nonlinearity

- Highly nonlinear regimes
- Many solitons
- Shocks and rogues waves
- Multimodal dynamics
- Ultrafast dynamics and plasmonics

Random lasers

(highly nonlinear and disordered systems)



Perturbative Vs non-perturbative extremes

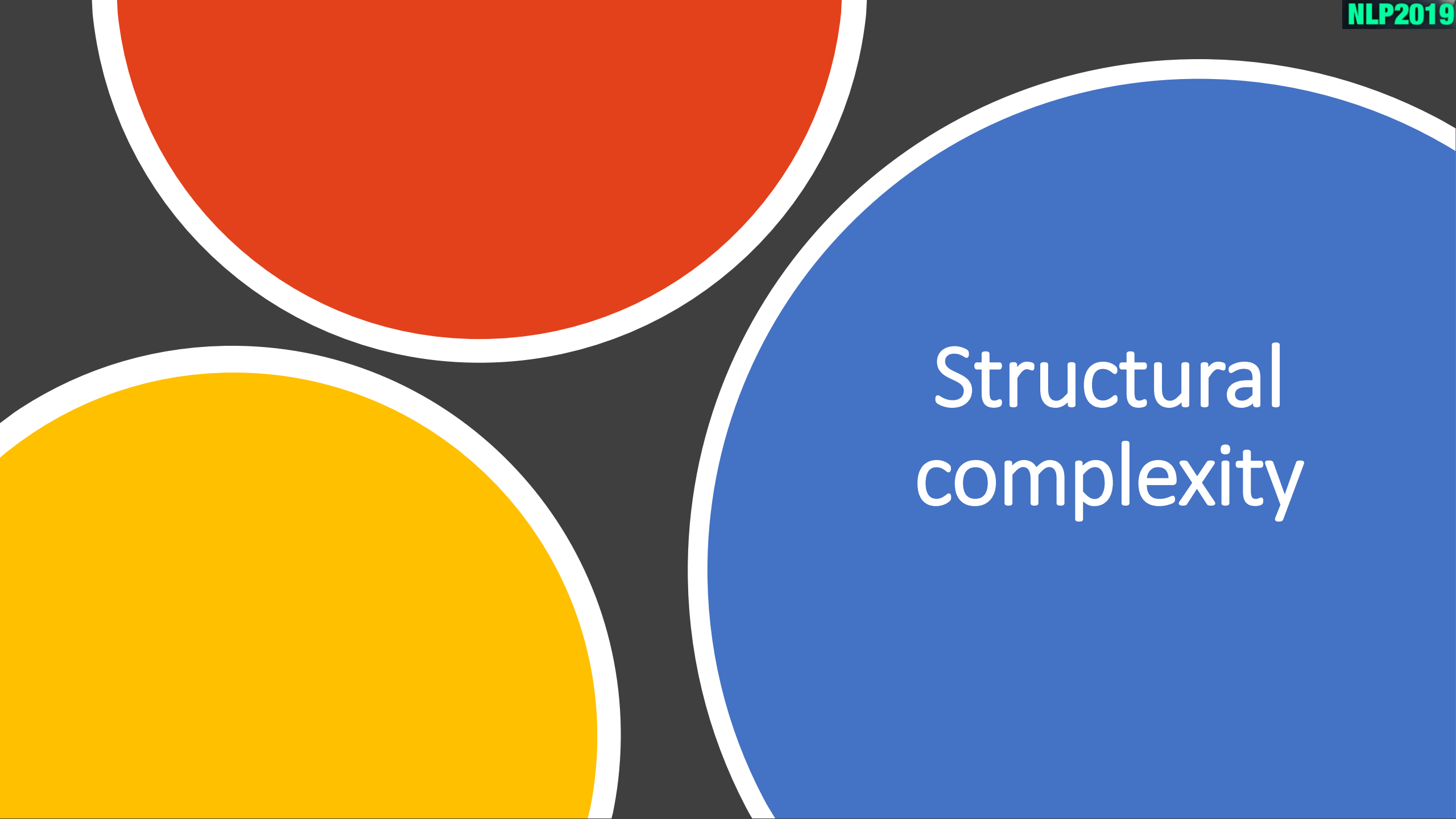
Structural complexity

- Nonlinearity is a perturbation to tune or probe the systems

Dynamical complexity

- Nonlinearity is the leading actor in a nonperturbative regime





Structural
complexity

Information processing

Ising machines and optical neuromorphic computing
Cryptography
Classical and quantum

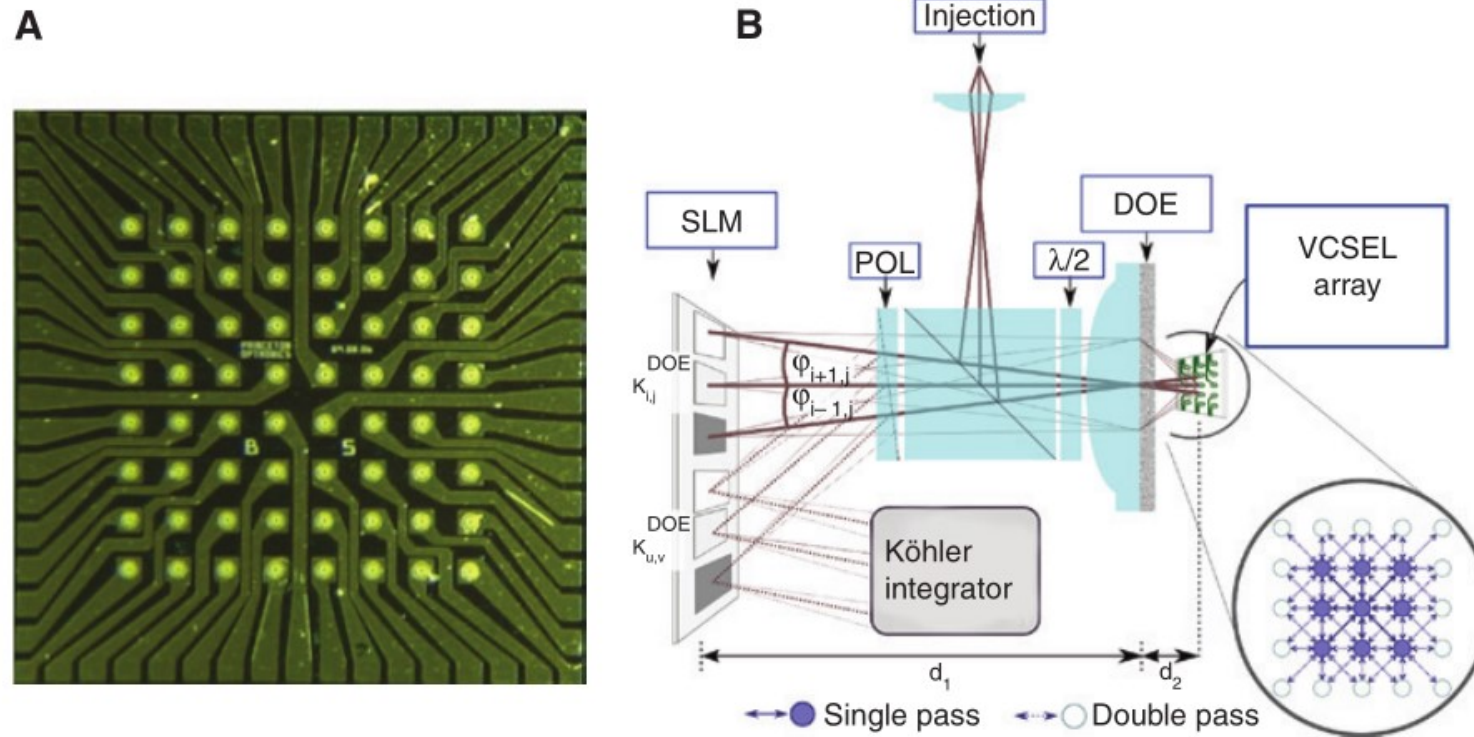
Biomedicine

Drug delivery
Cancer treatments
Microscopy
Sensors

Applications of structural complexity

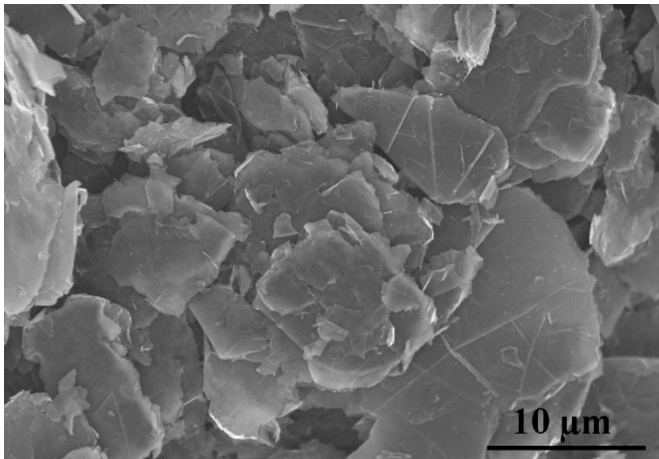
Examples

- Complex photonic circuits



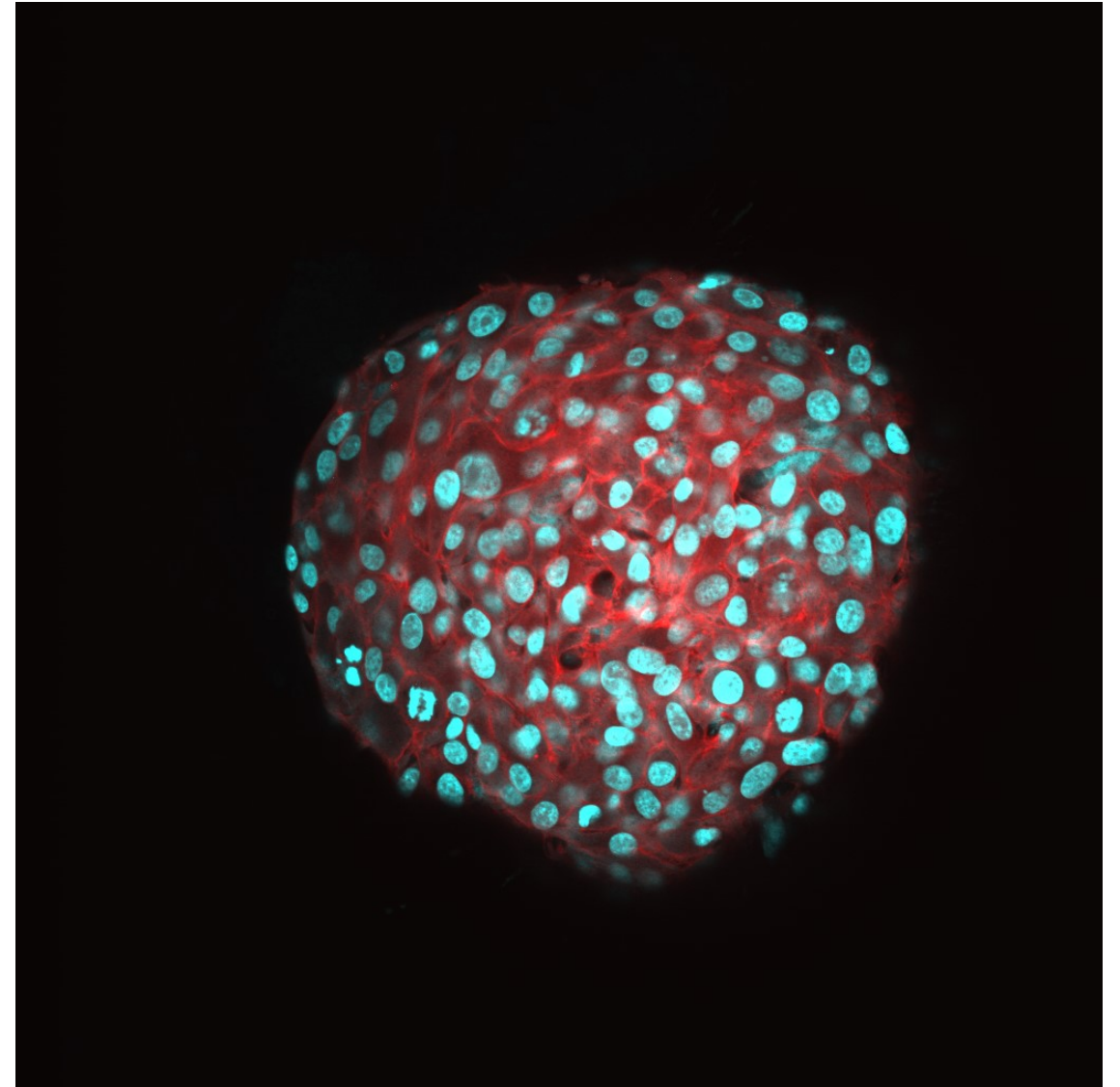
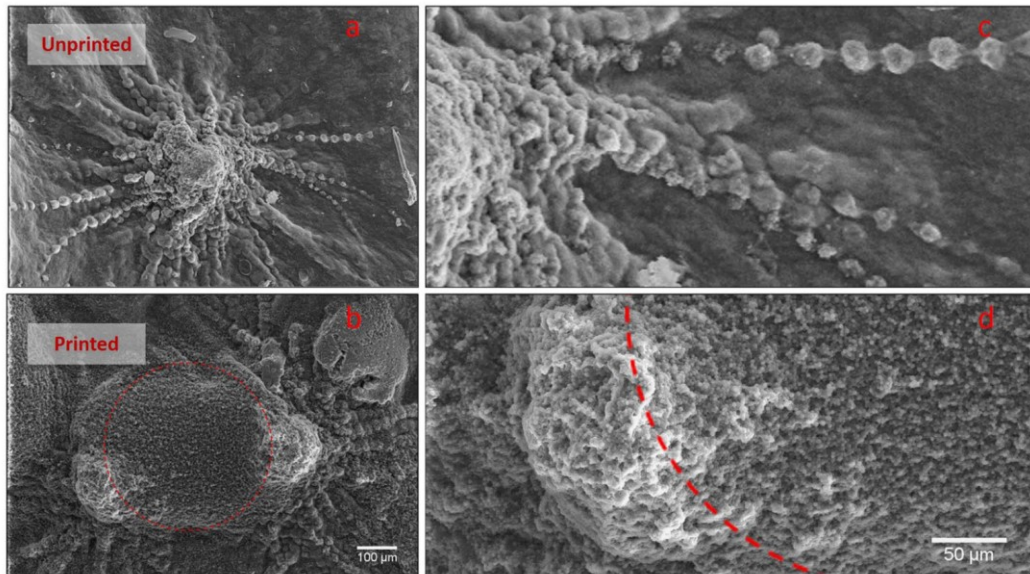
Examples

- Random systems



Examples

- Biological systems



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Light in complex media

Local outline

Green's function
and Dirac notation

Field propagator

Transmission
matrix

Nonlinear
perturbation to the
transmission matrix



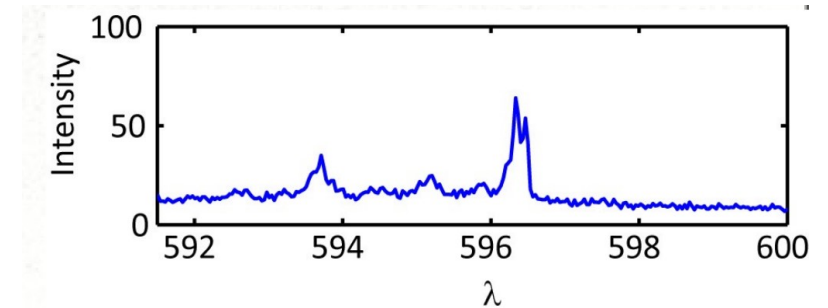
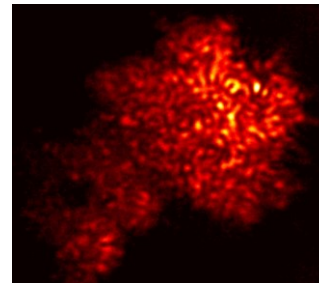
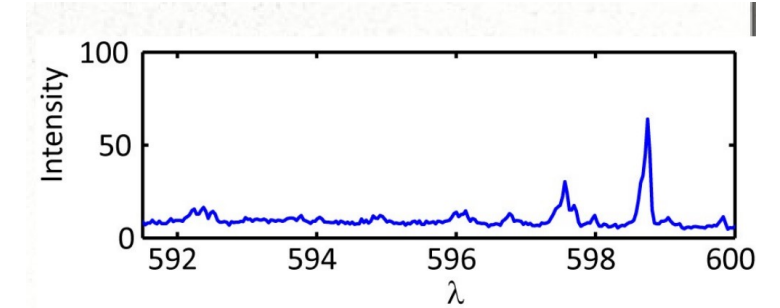
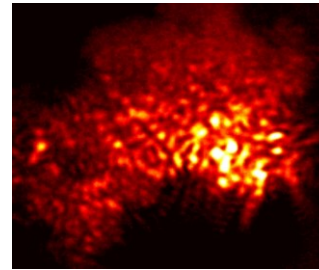
Green function and modes (scalar case)

$$\nabla^2 E + k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) E = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') + k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$-\nabla^2 \varphi_m = \varepsilon_r(r) \frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} \varphi_m(r)$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = c^2 \sum_n \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r}')^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r})}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2}$$



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Measure
the Green's function ?

The Green function is a complex quantity

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = c^2 \sum_n \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r}')^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r})}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2}$$



Green function (GF) at the resonance

$$\nabla^2 G + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) (1 + 2i\gamma) G = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}').$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = c^2 \sum_n \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r}')^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r})}{\omega^2 (1 + i\gamma)^2 - \omega_n^2}.$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega^2 (1 + i\gamma)^2 - \omega_n^2} \cong PV \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2} \right) + \frac{i\pi}{2\omega_n} \delta(\omega - \omega_n)$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2} = PV \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_n^2} \right) + \frac{i\pi}{2\omega} \delta(\omega - \omega_n)$$



Density of states and local density of states

$$\mathcal{N}(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \quad \text{DOS}$$

$$\rho(\omega, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r})^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{LDOS}$$



LDOS is the imaginary part of the GF

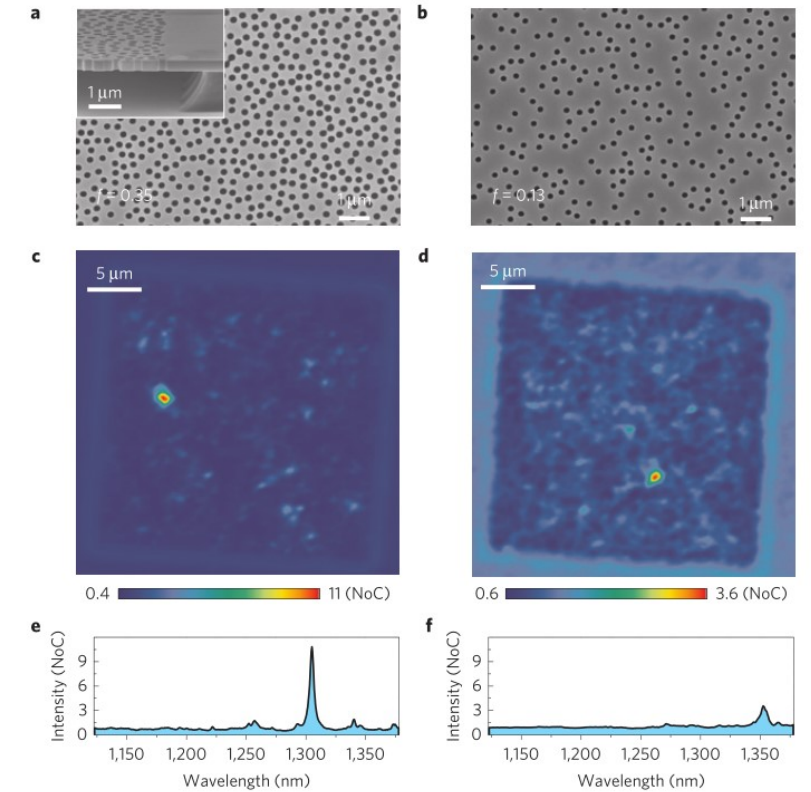
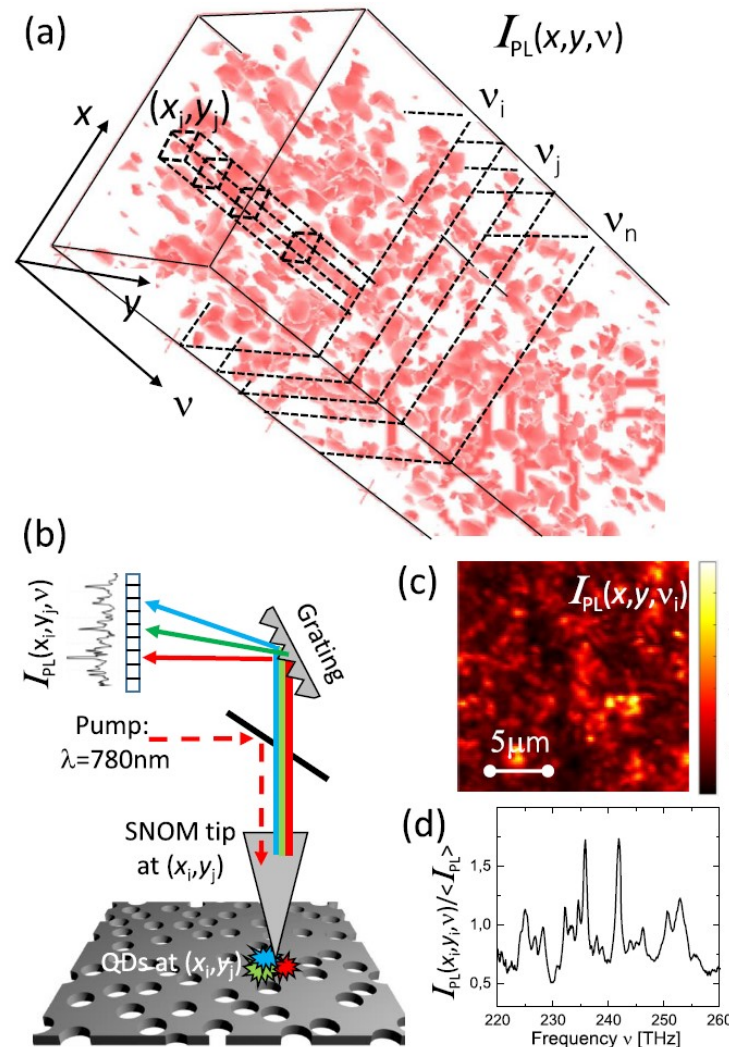
$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = c^2 \sum_n \varphi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) \left[PV \left(\frac{1}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} \right) + i \frac{\pi}{2\omega_n} \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \right]$$

$$\Im G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \frac{\pi c^2}{2\omega} \sum_n \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}')^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) \delta(\omega - \omega_n).$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \frac{2\omega}{\pi c^2} \Im [G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \omega)].$$



Local density of states (LDOS)



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Engineering of light confinement in strongly scattering disordered media

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Tailoring Correlations of the Local Density of States in Disordered Photonic Materials

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Canonical notation for the Green's function

$$\nabla^2 G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') + k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$[z - L(\mathbf{r})]G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; z) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$L(\mathbf{r})\phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \lambda_n \phi_n(\mathbf{r}) \qquad \sum_n \phi_n(\mathbf{r})\phi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') .$$



Dirac notation for classical fields

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | \phi_n \rangle$$

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{r})^* = \langle \phi_n | \mathbf{r} \rangle$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') L(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | L | \mathbf{r}' \rangle$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; z) = \langle \mathbf{r} | G(z) | \mathbf{r}' \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$\int d\mathbf{r} |\mathbf{r}\rangle \langle \mathbf{r}| = 1$$



Green function in the Dirac notation

$$(z - L) G(z) = 1$$

$$L|\phi_n\rangle = \lambda_n|\phi_n\rangle$$

$$[z - L(\mathbf{r})]G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; z) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{z - L} = \sum_n \frac{|\phi_n\rangle\langle\phi_n|}{z - \lambda_n}$$



Green's function, vectorial case

$$-\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = i\mu_0 \omega \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = i\mu_0 \omega \int d\mathbf{r}' \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$-\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{I}$$



Non-canonical modal set

The vectorial equation for the EM field is

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

we define the modes

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{e}_n - \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} \mathbf{e}_n = 0$$

which obey

$$\int_V \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_m \cdot \mathbf{e}_n^* dV = \delta_{mn}.$$

the *transversality condition*

$$\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_n(\mathbf{r})) = 0$$

For these modes the definition of the DOS is

$$\mathcal{N}(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n),$$

but the LDOS needs to account for the vectorial nature of the \mathbf{e}_m , and we have

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \sum_n |\mathbf{e}_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_n)$$

The modes \mathbf{e}_n are not orthogonal in the usual sense - note the quantity $\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})$ in and the operator $\nabla \times \nabla \times$ is not Hermitian, hence we cannot map directly to the general formalism for the Green function



Canonical modes for Maxwell equations

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})} \mathbf{e}_n(\mathbf{r}).$$

$$\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{r})\phi_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})}} \nabla \times \left[\nabla \times \frac{\phi_m}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})}} \right] = \frac{\omega_m^2}{c^2} \phi_m(\mathbf{r}).$$

$$\int \phi_m^*(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \phi_n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = \delta_{mn}$$



Properties of the canonical set

$$\nabla \left[\cdot \sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})} \phi_m \right] = 0.$$

$$\sum_m \phi_m(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \phi_m^*(\mathbf{r}') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$



Dirac notation in the vectorial case

$$[z - \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{r})] \mathbf{G}_L(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \left\{ z \mathbf{G}_L(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})}} \nabla \times \left[\nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{G}_L}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})}} \right] \right\} = \mathbf{I} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$\mathbf{G}(z) = \frac{1}{z - \mathbf{L}} \sum_m |\phi_m\rangle \langle \phi_m| = \sum_m \frac{|\phi_m\rangle \langle \phi_m|}{z - \lambda_m}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \phi_m \rangle \langle \phi_m | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = \phi_m^*(\mathbf{r}') \otimes \phi_m(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{G}_L(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = c^2 \sum_m \frac{\phi_m^*(\mathbf{r}') \otimes \phi_m(\mathbf{r})}{\omega^2 - \omega_m^2}$$



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Field propagator

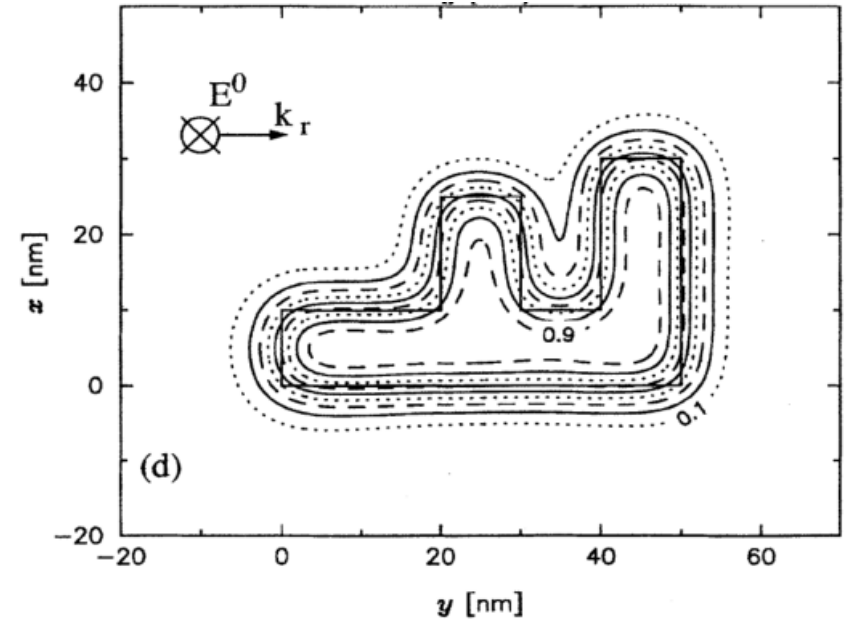
Field propagator

$$\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_b(\mathbf{r}) + \varepsilon_s(\mathbf{r})$$

$$-\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + k_0^2 [\varepsilon_b(\mathbf{r}) + \varepsilon_s(\mathbf{r})] \mathbf{E} = 0.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{E} \rangle = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{E}_0 \rangle = \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r})$$



Generalized Field Propagator for Electromagnetic Scattering and Light Confinement

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Field propagator in Dirac notation

$$-\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{E} = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \times \nabla \times,$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{E} \rangle = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \qquad \langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{e} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'),$$



Input field and total field

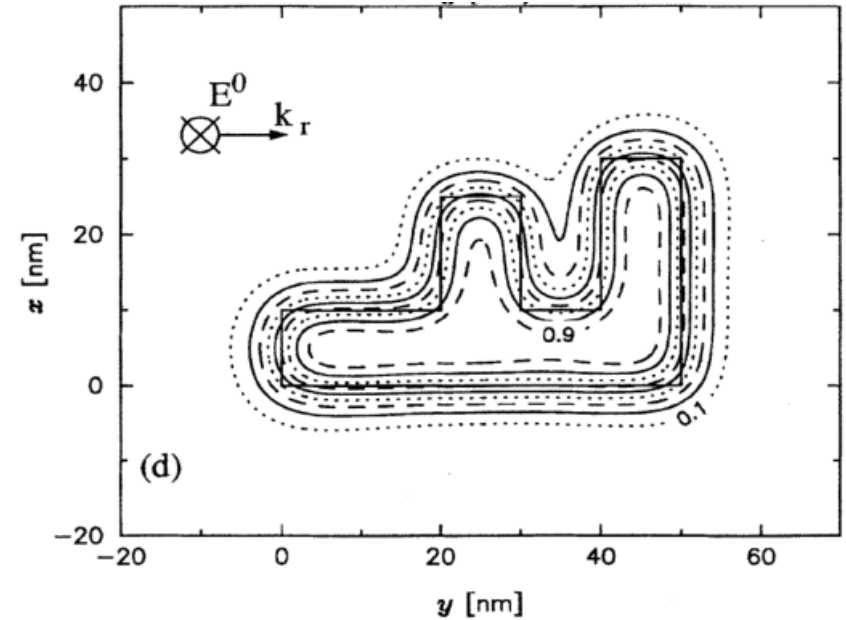
$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b) |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle = 0,$$

Input beam (plane wave, Gaussian beam, etc...)

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = 0$$

Total field



The Green's function

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{1}.$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = (\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b) |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle = 0,$$



From the Green's function to the propagator

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = (\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b) |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle = 0,$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = (\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle - \mathbf{e}_s |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle,$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{1}.$$

$$|\mathbf{E}\rangle = |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{e}_s |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle.$$

$$|\mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{K} |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle \quad \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{e}_s.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{K} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = \mathbf{1} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') - k_0^2 \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}') \langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle.$$



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Transmission matrix

Transmission matrix definition

$$|\mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{K}|\mathbf{E}_0\rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{E}\rangle = \sum_n c_{out,n} |n\rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{E}_0\rangle = \sum_n c_{in,n} |n\rangle$$

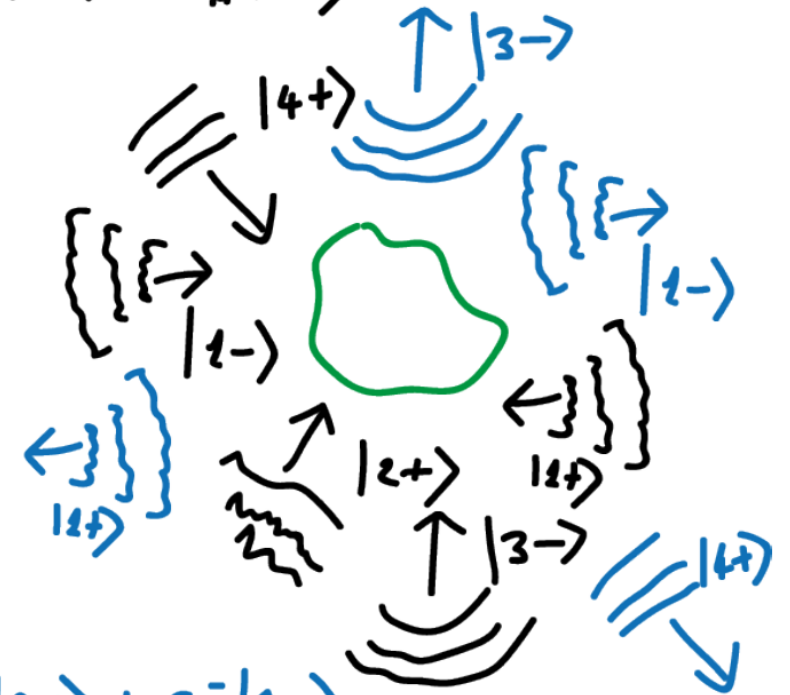
$$E_m^{out} = \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{in}$$

«CHANNELS»

$$|E_0\rangle = c_m^+ |m+\rangle + c_n^- |n-\rangle$$

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$$|E\rangle = c_m^+ |m+\rangle + c_n^- |n-\rangle$$



The transfer matrix is unitary

$$E_m^{\text{out}} = \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}$$

$$\sum_m |E_m^{\text{in}}|^2 = \sum_m |E_m^{\text{out}}|^2$$

$$k_{mn} = k_{nm}^* \qquad K^\dagger = K$$



Measurement of the transmission matrix

$$I_m = |s_m + \sum_n e^{i\alpha} k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}|^2 = |s_m|^2 + |\sum_n e^{i\alpha} E_n^{\text{in}}|^2 + 2\Re \left(e^{i\alpha} s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}} \right)$$

In the four phases method, one makes four measurements with $\alpha = 0$, $\alpha = \pi/2$, $\alpha = \pi$ and $\alpha = 3\pi/2$. Correspondingly one has

$$\begin{aligned} I_m^0 &= |s_m|^2 + |\sum_n k_{mn} E_n|^2 + 2\Re(s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}) \\ I_m^{\pi/2} &= |s_m|^2 + |\sum_n k_{mn} E_n|^2 - 2\Im(s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}) \\ I_m^\pi &= |s_m|^2 + |\sum_n k_{mn} E_n|^2 - 2\Re(s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}) \\ I_m^{3\pi/2} &= |s_m|^2 + |\sum_n k_{mn} E_n|^2 + 2\Im(s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}) \end{aligned}$$

Combining the previous equation, we have

$$\frac{1}{4} (I_m^0 - I_m^\pi) + \frac{i}{4} (I_m^{3\pi/2} - I_m^{\pi/2}) = s_m^* \sum_n k_{mn} E_n^{\text{in}}$$

If one inject only the input mode n such that E_n^{in} is one only for a particular n , one has

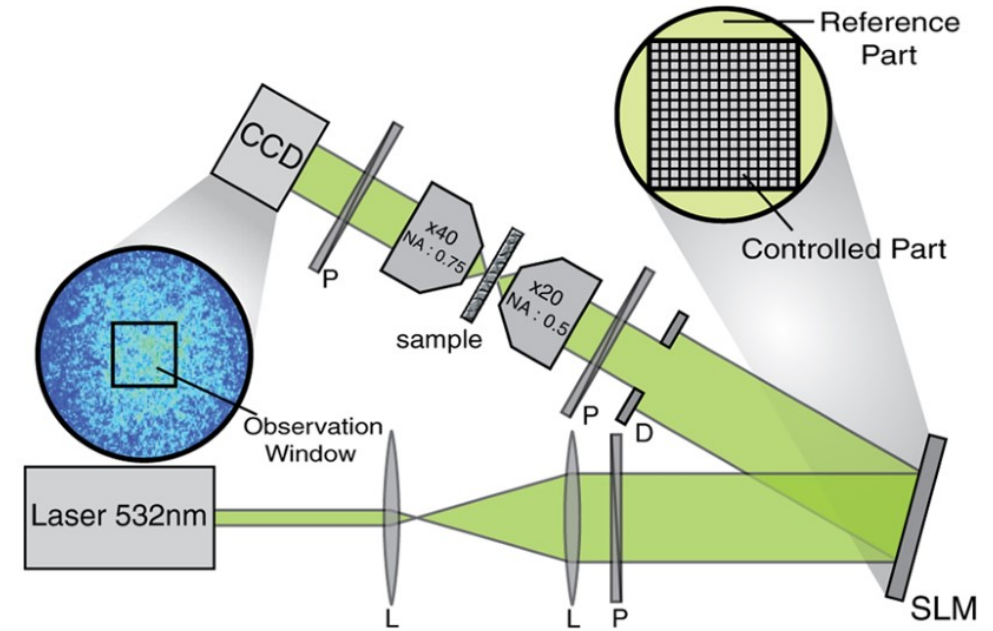
$$\frac{1}{4} (I_m^0 - I_m^\pi) + \frac{i}{4} (I_m^{3\pi/2} - I_m^{\pi/2}) = s_m^* k_{mn}$$

The quantity s_m is in general different for all the modes, but in practical applications it is just a scaling factor in the matrix elements k_{mn} that is nearly the same for all modes. A proper measurement would require a complex interferometric setup, however a simple and feasible approach is observing that the transmission matrix as diagonal elements of the order of unity, hence one can estimate its average by the mean of the value $s_m^* k_{mn}$ when varying n :

$$\langle s_m^* \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum s_m^* k_{mn}$$

and approximate the transmission matrix as

$$k_{mn} \cong \frac{s_m^*}{\langle s_m^* \rangle} k_{mn}$$



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Measuring the Transmission Matrix in Optics: An Approach to the Study and Control of Light Propagation in Disordered Media

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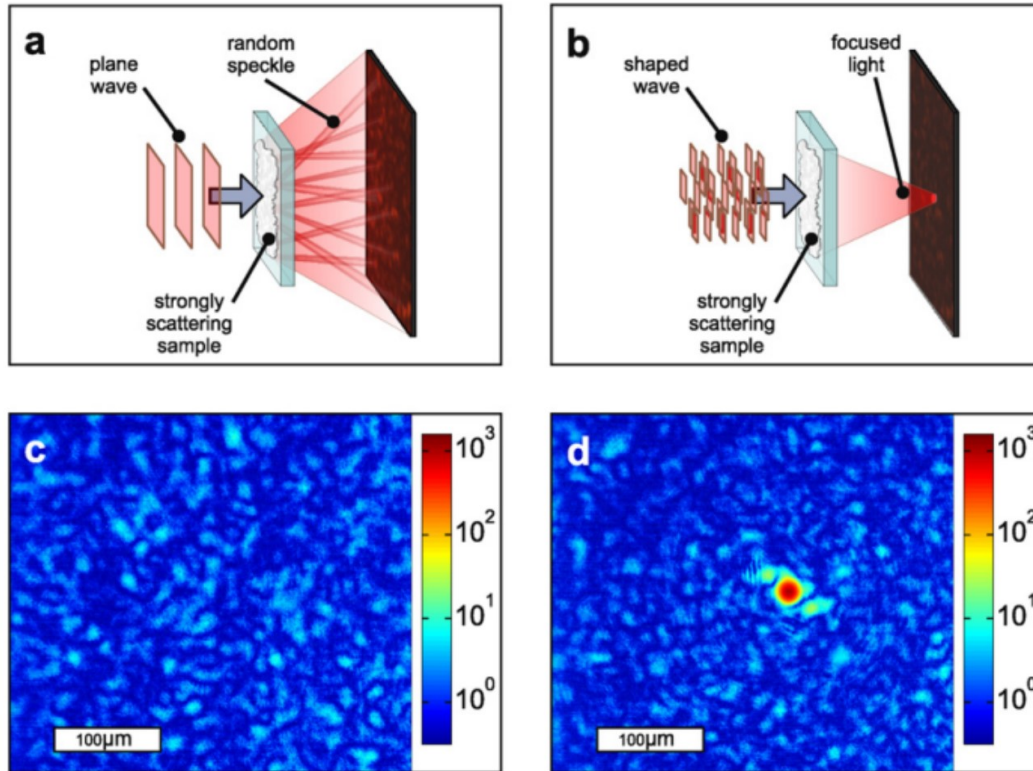


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Focusing light in complex media

Application of the transfer matrix

The Vellekoop and Mosk experiment



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Focusing coherent light through opaque strongly scattering media

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Guidestar assisted wavefront shaping

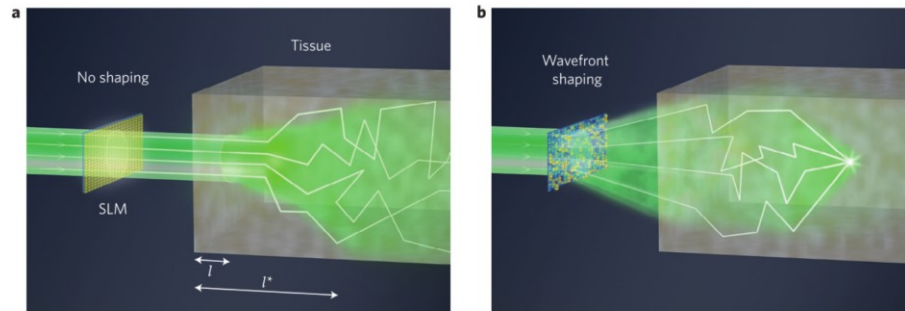


Figure 1 | Principle of wavefront shaping. **a**, An unmodified coherent beam of light travels one mean free path (l) with minimal scattering into tissue. A fraction of beam directionality is preserved up to the transport mean free path length, l^* . **b**, By wavefront-shaping the incident field with an SLM, it is possible to focus within tissue beyond l^* .

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Light focusing in the Anderson regime

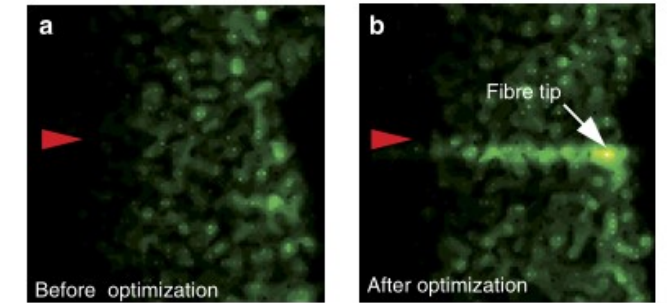
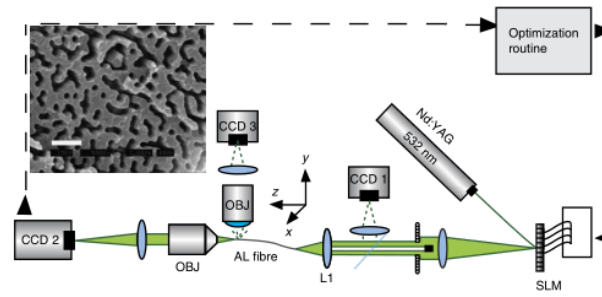
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Figure 6 | Localized mode and adaptive focus. Light scattered from the side of the fibre in correspondence of the exit tip (**a**) before the optimization process and (**b**) after the optimization process. The side of the panels is 160 μm .

Focusing in (random) waveguides

Focusing in a single point is a
simple form of
optical machine learning



What is an «ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK»?

Is it a magic mathematical object that displays intelligence ?



- May be IT IS !

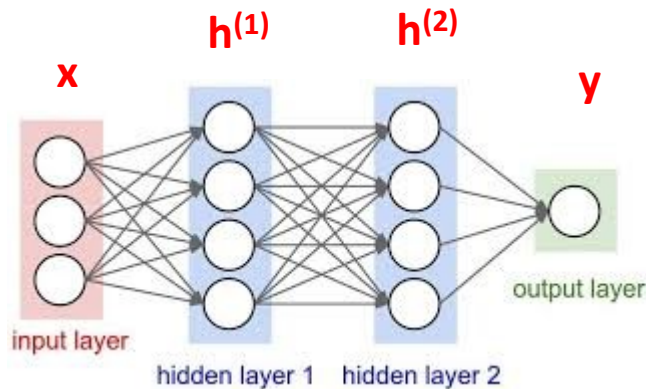


- But - perhaps - is just a very useful «UNIVERSAL» fitting function !

Artificial Neural Network = Universal Interpolator

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

A universal fitting function that takes a N-dimensional input \mathbf{x} and has output \mathbf{y} that can be tuned by acting on the parameters



$$h_m = \sum_n a_{mn} x_n + b_m$$

$$y = |h_m|^2 = \left| \sum_n a_{mn} x_n + b_m \right|^2$$



Assume that you want to focalize light

- Solution 1: You take a lens



- Solution 2: you take any kind of transparent «complex» device
 - complex photonic sample(=coupled waveguides, fiber, random medium, etc...)
 - find the way to have fitting parameters (=SLM, nonlinearity, electrooptics, ...)
 - and train it (...many strategies ...)



- A device that focuses light is
an optical function that maps a plane wave in a single spot
- We can use a universal interpolator to realize it

Focusing a plane wave as a neural network

$$E_n^{\text{in}} = A_n e^{i\alpha_n}$$

Plane wave input

$$A_n = A$$

$$\alpha_n = 0$$

$$I = |A|^2 = 1/N,$$

$$x_n = A$$

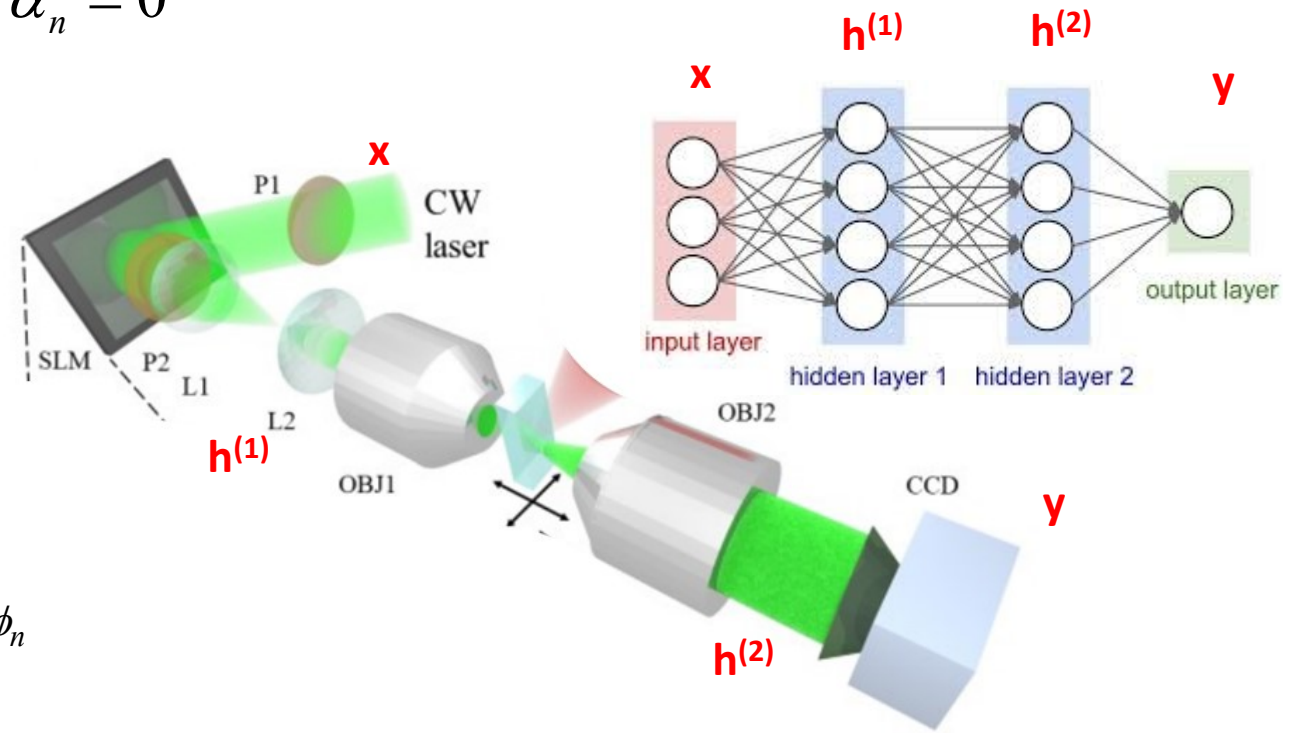
$$E_n^{\text{SLM}} = A e^{i\phi_n}$$

$$h_n^{(1)} = x_n e^{i\phi_n}$$

$$E_m^{\text{out}} = A \sum_n k_{mn} e^{i\phi_n}$$

$$h_m^{(2)} = \sum_n k_{mn} x_n e^{i\phi_n}$$

$$y = \left| A \sum_n k_{mn} e^{i\phi_n} \right|^2$$



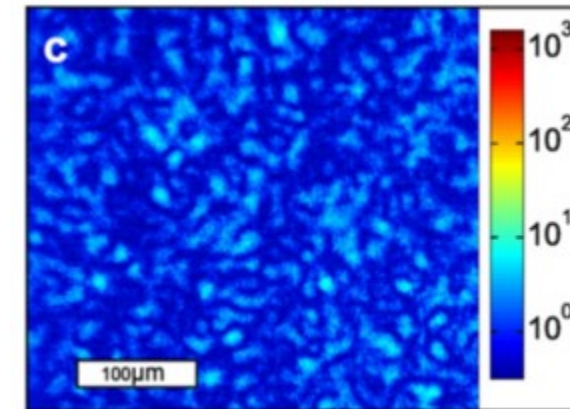
No training in the case of a random medium

$$E_n^{SLM} = A e^{i\phi_n} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}} e^{i\phi_n}$$

$$|E_m^{\text{out}}|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N k_{mn} e^{i\phi_n} \right|^2$$

No training

$$\phi_n = 0$$



$$\langle I_0 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N k_{mn} \right|^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \langle |k_{mn}|^2 \rangle = \langle |k_{mn}|^2 \rangle :$$

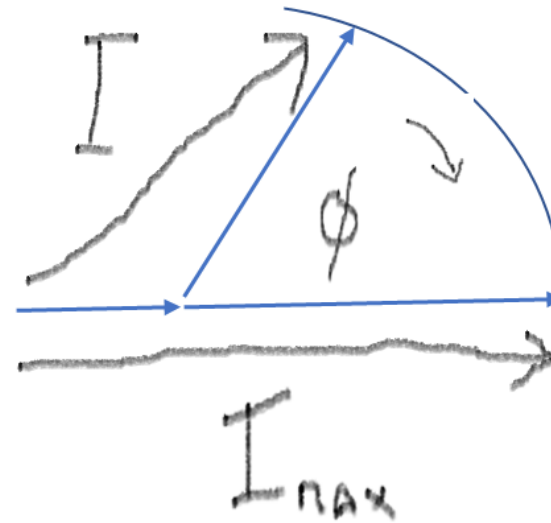
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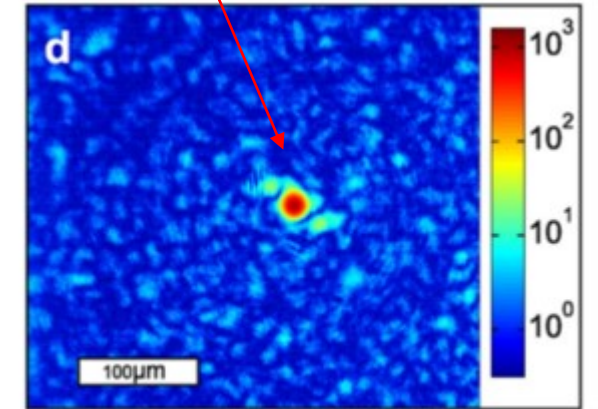
Single point focusing: «exact solution»

$$|E_m^{\text{out}}|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N k_{mn} e^{i\phi_n} \right|^2$$

$$\phi_n = -\arg(k_{mn})$$



Mode m



$$I_{max} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_n |k_{mn}| \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_q |k_{mq}| \sum_n |k_{mn}|$$



The number of modes and the enhancement

$$I_{max} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_n |k_{mn}| \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_q |k_{mq}| \sum_n |k_{mn}|$$

$$I_{max} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n |k_{mn}|^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \sum_{q \neq n} |k_{mn}| |k_{mq}|$$

$$\langle I_{max} \rangle = \langle I_0 \rangle + \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \sum_{q \neq n} \langle |k_{mn}| \rangle \langle |k_{mq}| \rangle$$

$$\langle I_0 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N k_{mn} \right|^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \langle |k_{mn}|^2 \rangle = \langle |k_{mn}|^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle |k_{mn}| \rangle = \sqrt{\pi} 2\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\pi \langle I_0 \rangle}}{2}$$

$$\langle I_{max} \rangle = \langle I_0 \rangle \left[\frac{\pi}{4} (N - 1) + 1 \right]$$

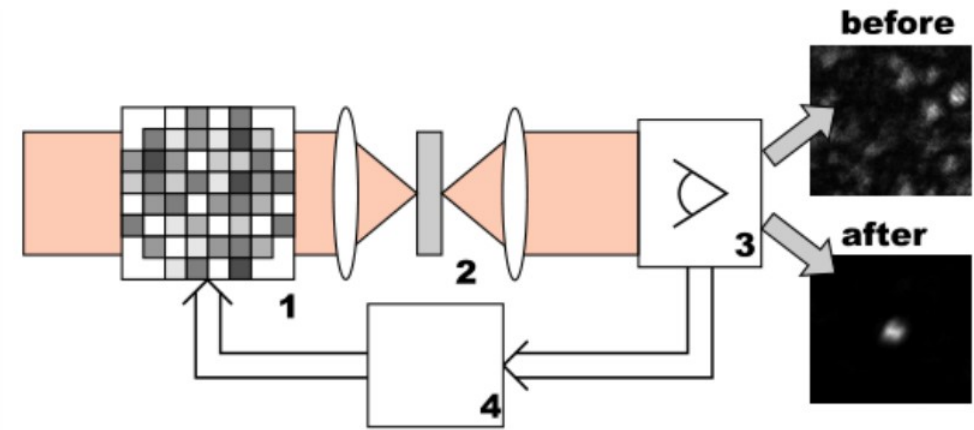
$$\eta = \frac{\langle I_{max} \rangle}{\langle I_0 \rangle} = \frac{\pi}{4} (N - 1) + 1 \simeq \frac{\pi}{4} N$$



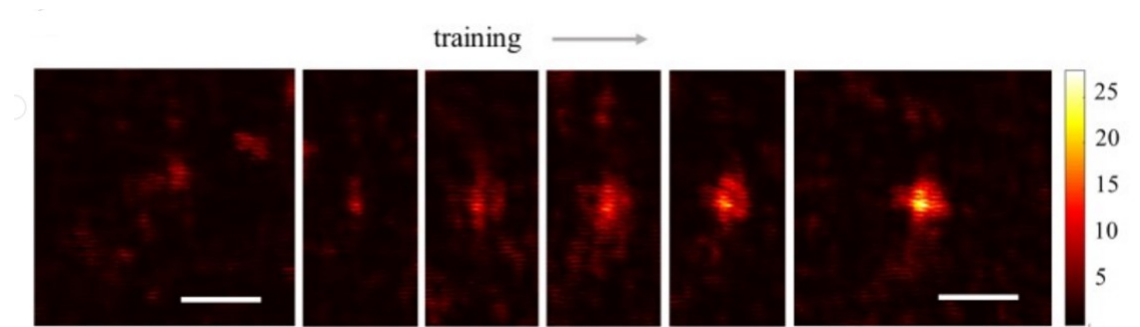
Feedback loop to find the maximal intensity (training)

The optimization of the output intensity can be found by various iterative algorithms

- sequential
- Monte Carlo
- genetic algorithms
- etc



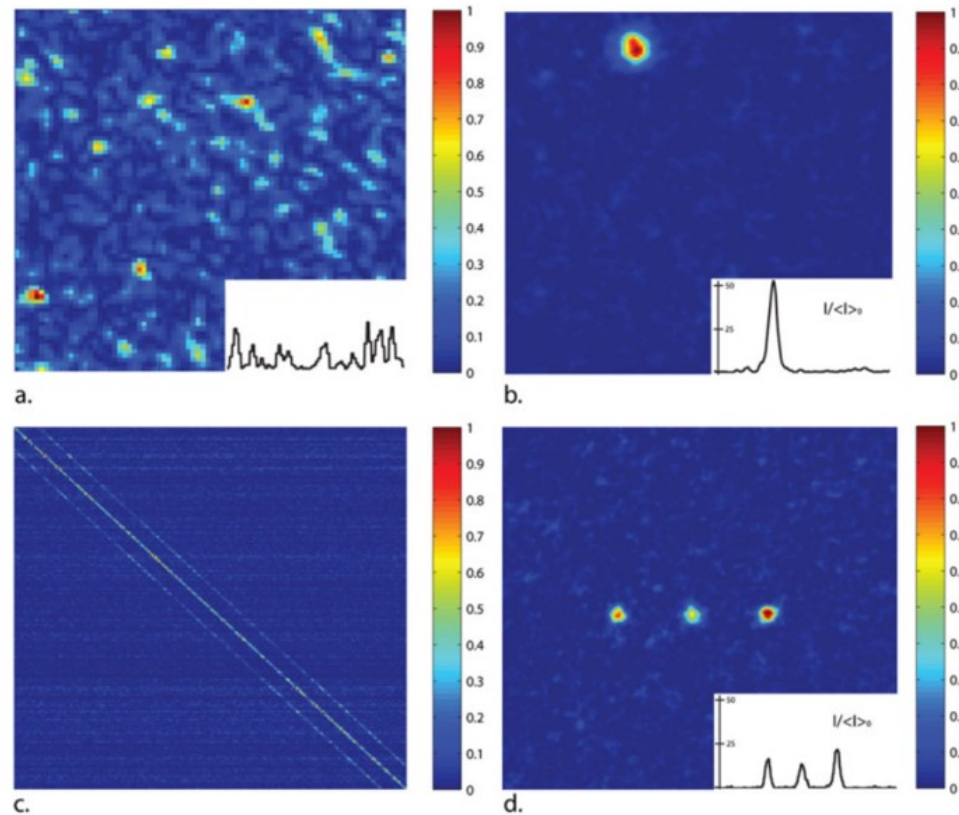
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Multiple point focusing and image formation



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Measuring the Transmission Matrix in Optics: An Approach to the Study and Control of Light Propagation in Disordered Media

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The transmission matrix in the nonlinear regime

Why ?

- Modulating the properties of the transmission of a complex system is the starting point for control and applications
 - Switching
 - Sensors
 - All-optical neural networks
 - All optical processing



Areogel: random and (thermally) nonlinear !

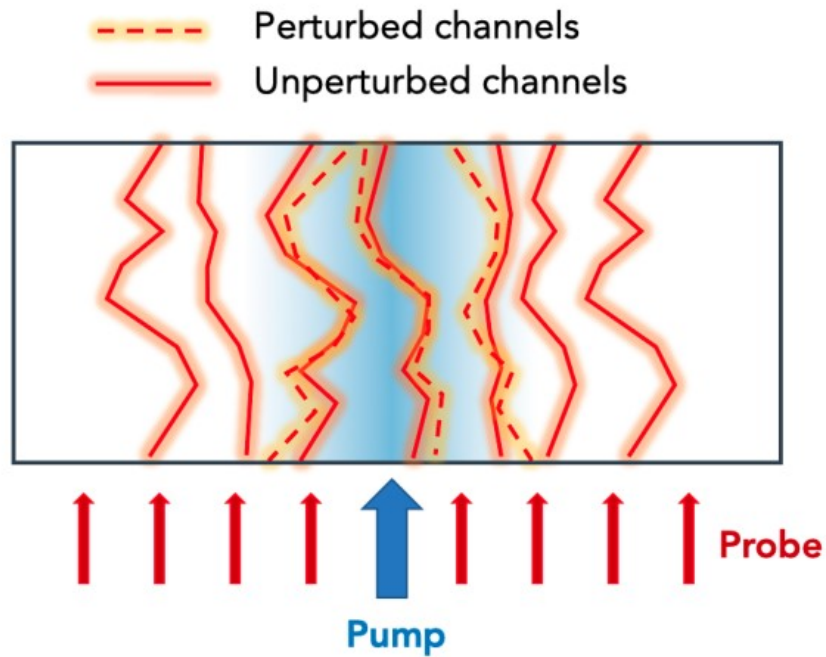


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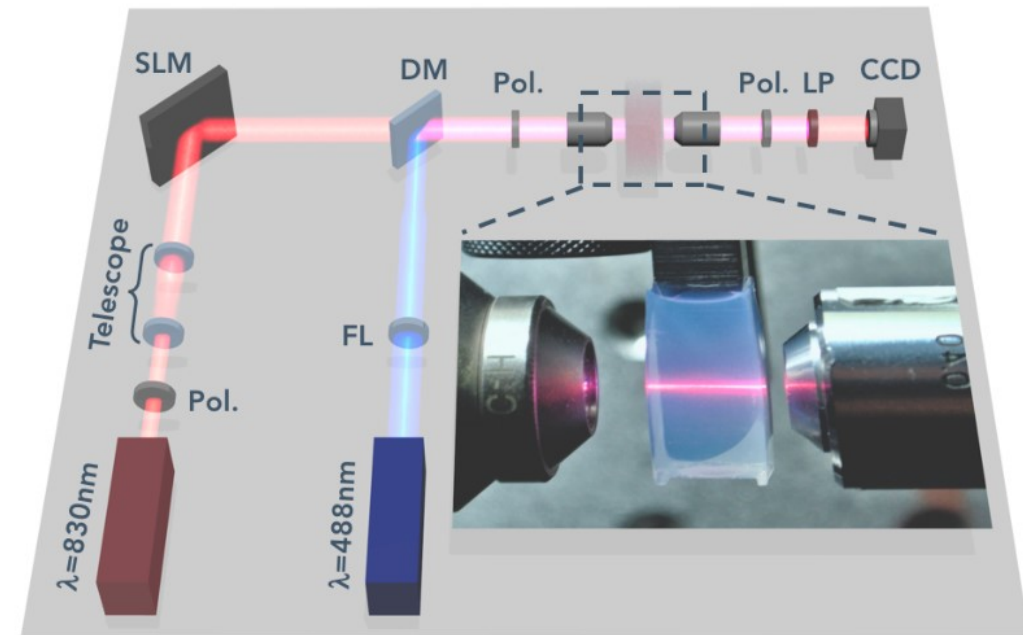


FIG. 1. Pump-Probe Optical setup with wavefront shaping of the probe beam by SLM.



Measure of the TM: unfolding the modes into channels

The process for forming the TM from raw image data is outlined in figure S4. The 2D pixels of the CCD (M pixels) and of the SLM (N pixels) are mapped in a $M \times N$ TM matrix. To improve the SNR in the CCD images, we sum the total black-white intensity values over 8×8 pixels, giving a measurement range between 0 and 16383, rather than 0 to 255.

The phase of each pixel of the SLM is tuned in turn in the range $(-\pi, \pi)$, keeping the other pixels at $-\pi$ and the corresponding CCD image is acquired. The light impinging on the constant area of the SLM interferes with that of the tuned pixel, to access the complex values of the transmission channel. This process produces a stack of 3D images for each SLM pixel, as shown in panel c).

The intensity of each pixel in the stack changes with the phase of the SLM pixel in a cosine function. The amplitude and phase of the relative elements of the TM are given by the peak-to-peak value of the cosine function and by the offset respect to the reference phase, respectively, as seen in panels d-e). A typical complex TM is shown in panel f).

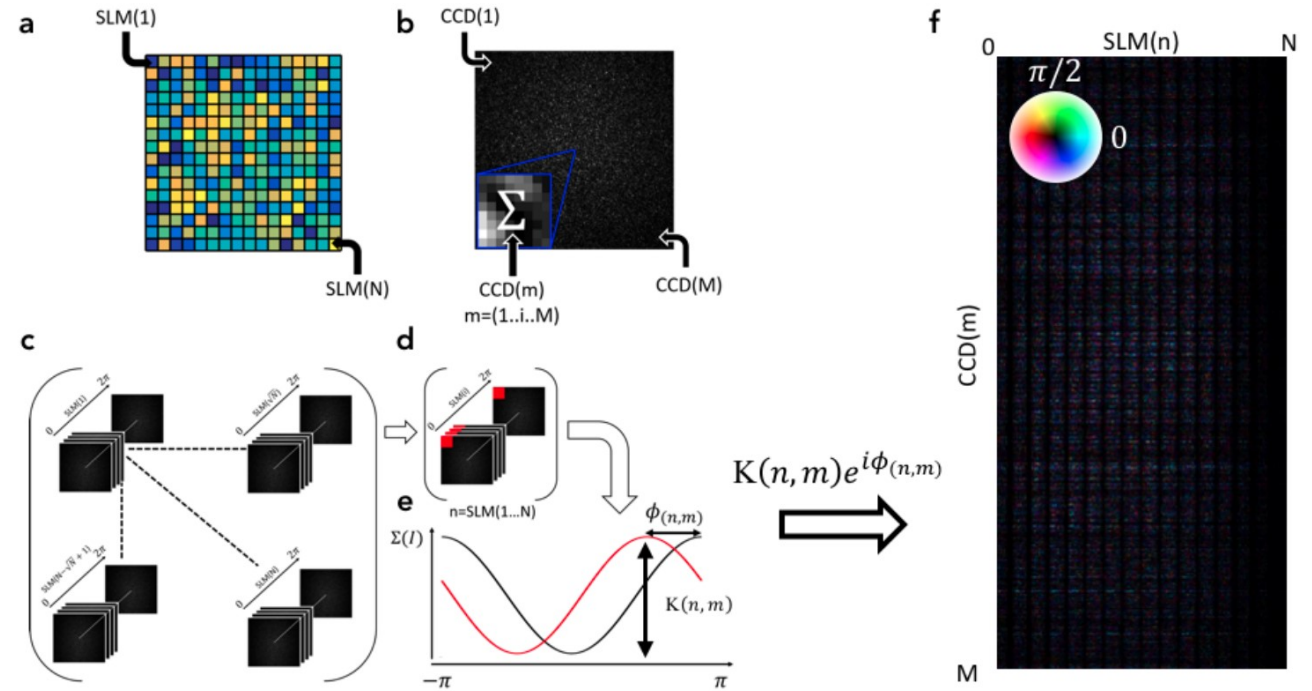
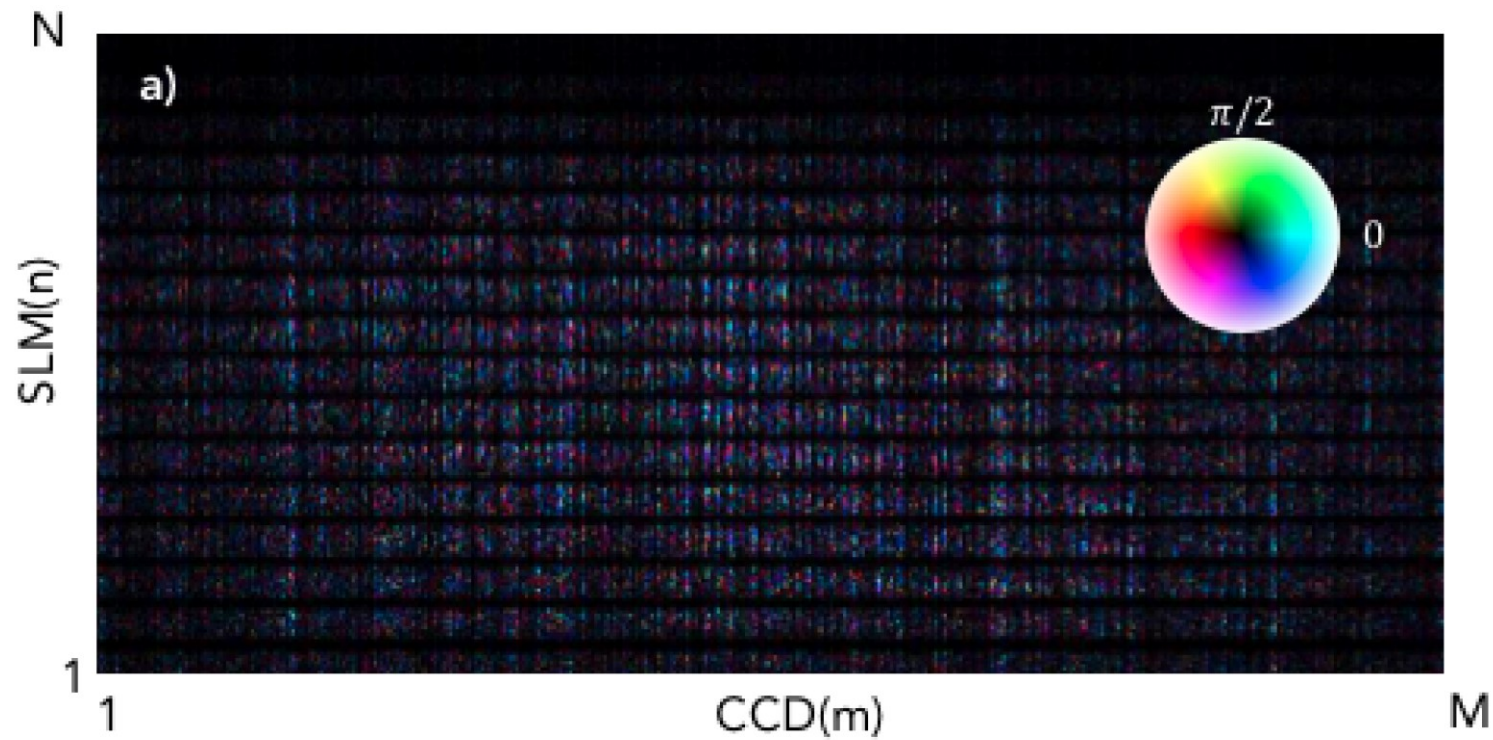


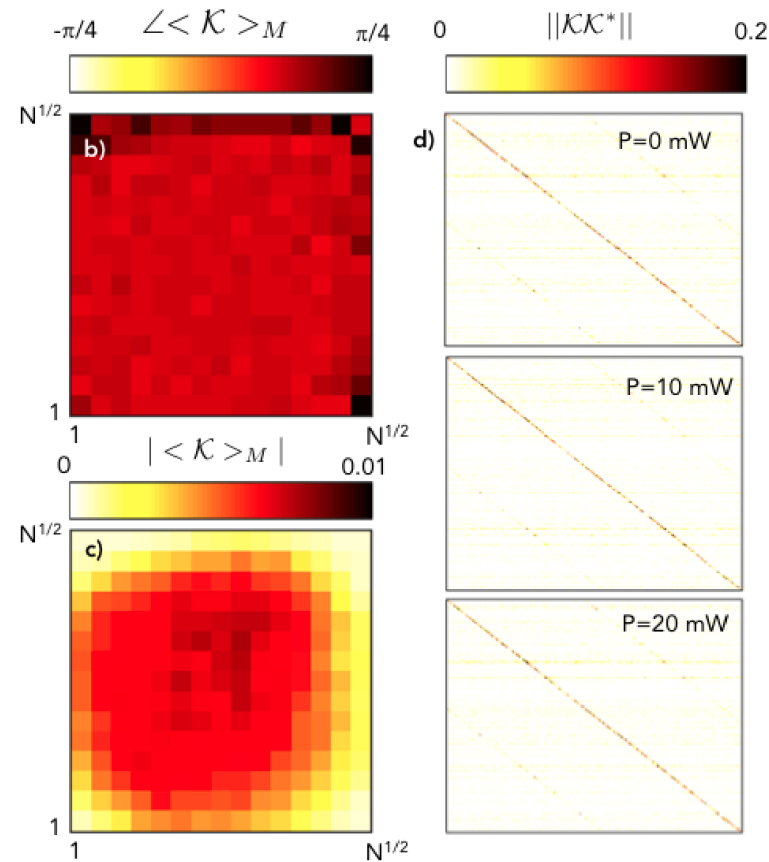
FIG. 4. Process outline for the determination of the Complex Transmission Matrices.



Raw data for the transmission matrix



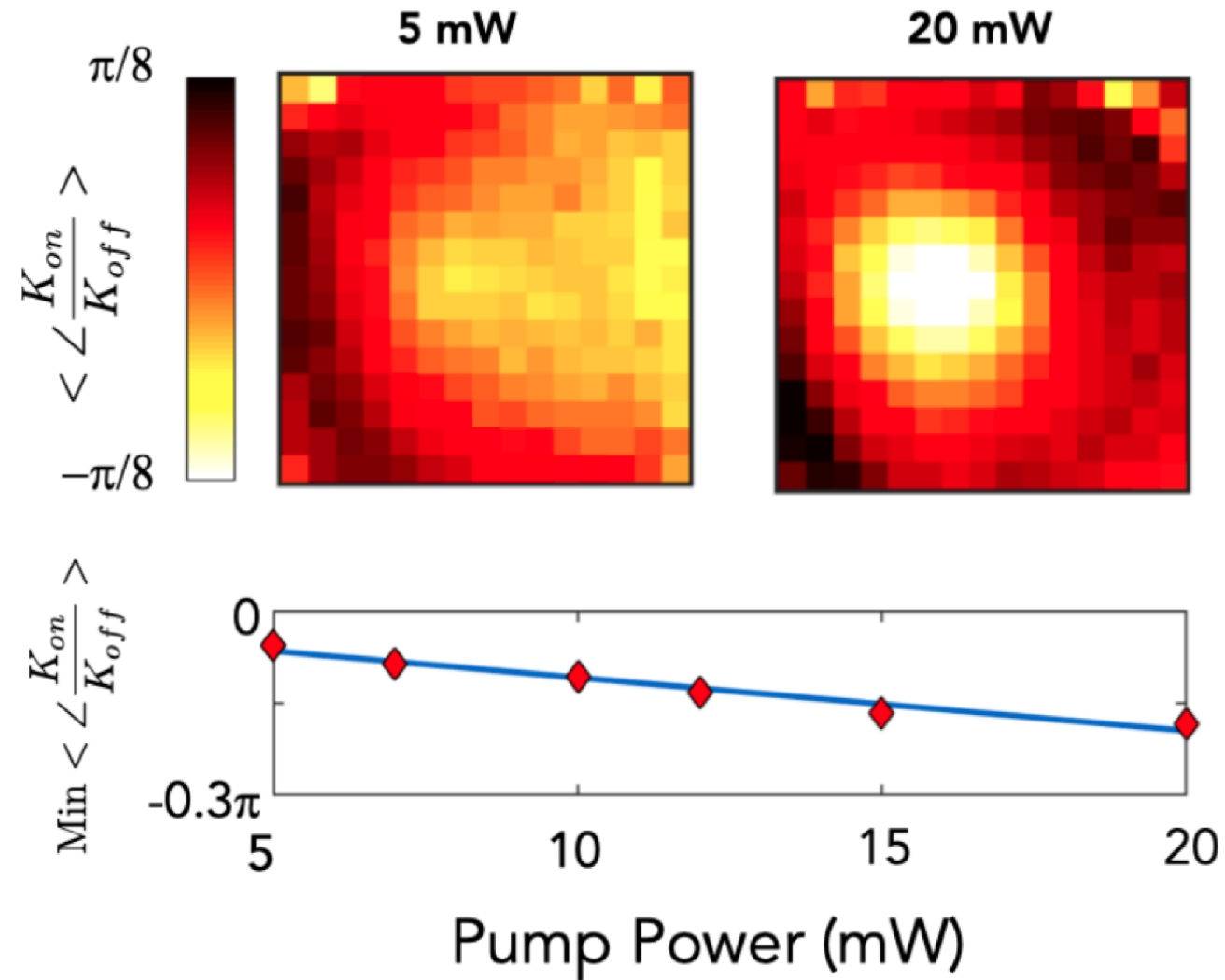
The transmission at different pump power



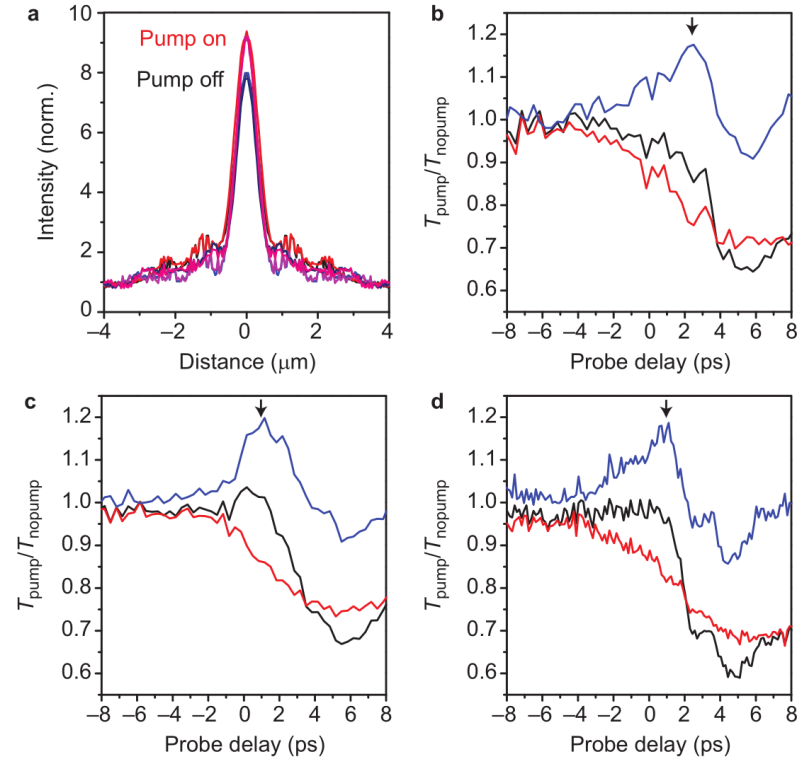
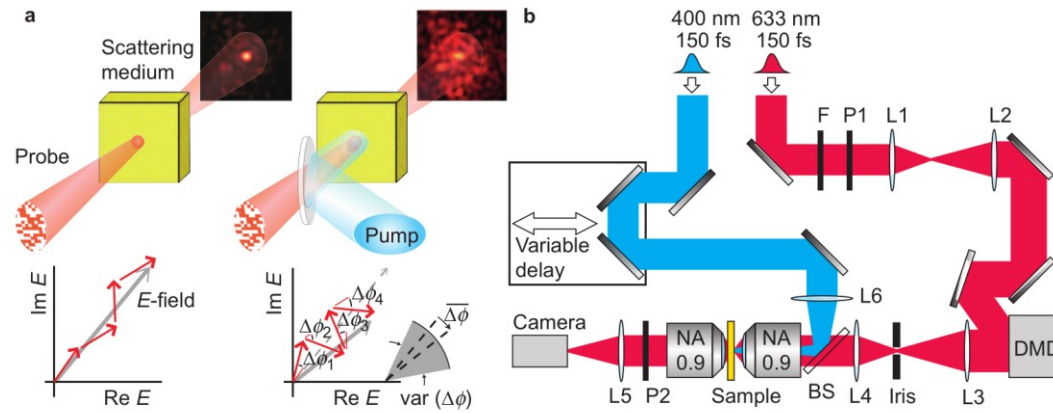
$$K^{\dagger} = K$$



Nonlinear modulation



Ultrafast switching in random media



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

An ultrafast reconfigurable nanophotonic switch using wavefront shaping of light in a nonlinear nanomaterial

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Nonlinear perturbation to the propagator

Perturbed propagator

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b) |\mathbf{E}_0\rangle = 0, \quad \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_b(\mathbf{r}) + \varepsilon_a(\mathbf{r})$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s) |\mathbf{E}\rangle = 0 \quad |\mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{K}|\mathbf{E}_0\rangle$$

$$\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_b(\mathbf{r}) + \varepsilon_a(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})$$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \mathbf{e}_b + \mathbf{e}_s + \mathbf{e}') |\mathbf{E}'\rangle = 0$$

$$|\mathbf{E}'\rangle = \mathbf{K}'|\mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{K}'\mathbf{K}|\mathbf{E}_0\rangle.$$

$$\mathbf{K}' = 1 - \mathbf{G}'\mathbf{e}'$$

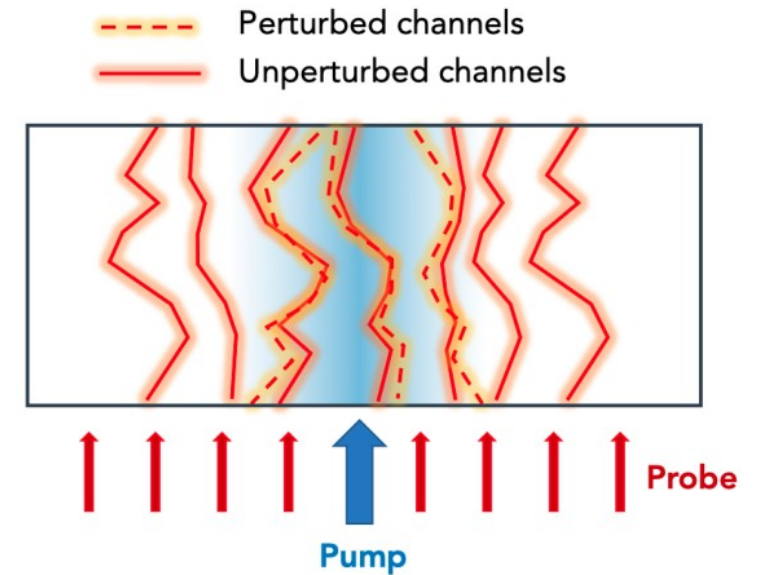


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Nonlinear perturbation as a new learning level

$$|\mathbf{E}'\rangle = \mathbf{K}'|\mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{K}'\mathbf{K}|\mathbf{E}_0\rangle.$$

$$k_{mn}^{\text{NL}} = k'_{mq}k_{qn} \quad \mathbf{K}' = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{G}'\mathbf{e}'$$

$$k'_{mq} = \delta_{mq} + w_{mq}, \quad w_{mq} = -\langle m|\mathbf{G}'\mathbf{e}'|n\rangle.$$

$$k_{mn}^{\text{NL}} = k_{mn} + w_{mq}k_{qn} = k_{mn} + w_{m1}k_{1n} + \dots + w_{mN}k_{Nn}.$$

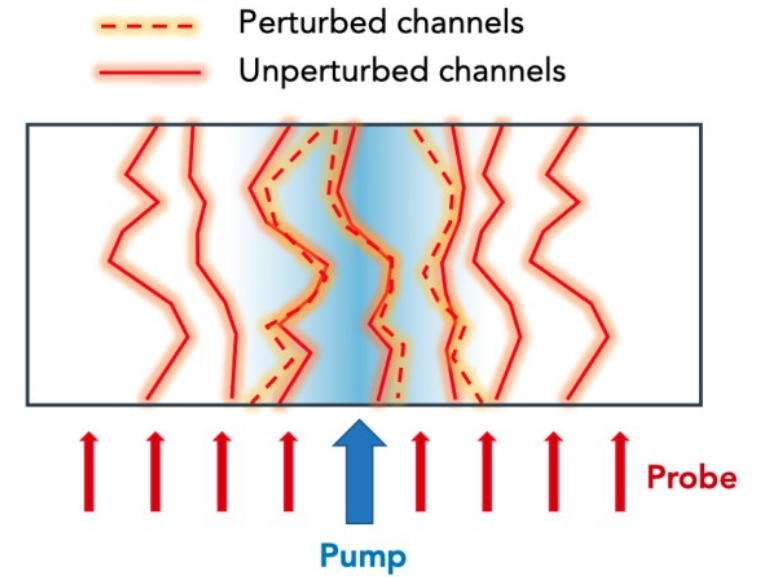


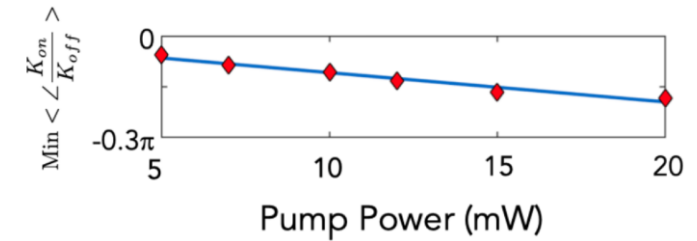
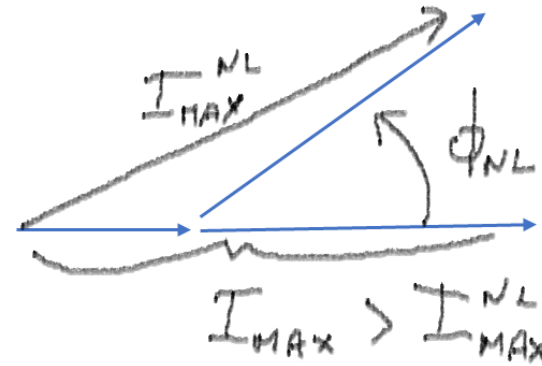
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The effect of the perturbation on the focusing

$$k_{mn}^{\text{NL}} = k_{mn} + w_{mq}k_{qn} = k_{mn} + w_{m1}k_{1n} + \dots + w_{mN}k_{Nn}.$$

$$\langle |k_{mn}^{\text{NL}}|^2 \rangle = \langle |k_{mn}|^2 \rangle.$$

$$k_{mn}^{\text{NL}} = k_{mn} \frac{1 + \xi_{mn}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\phi_{NL}^2}}, = k_{mn} e^{i\kappa_{mn}\phi_{NL}}$$

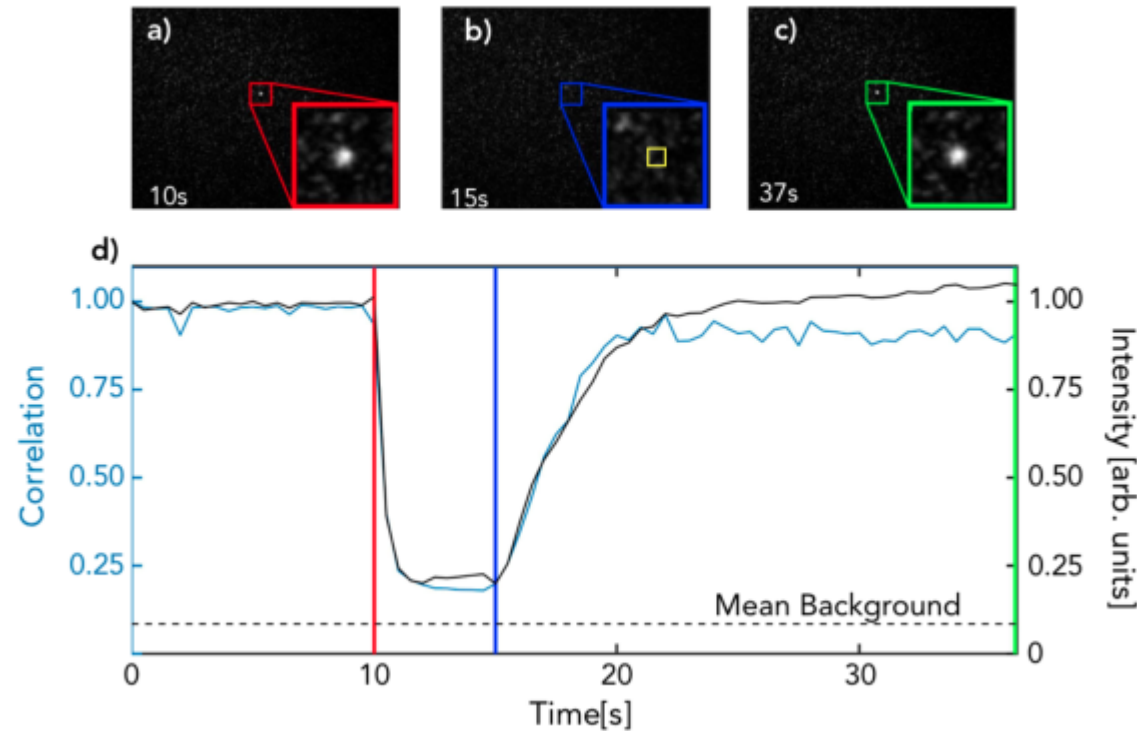


$$\eta^{\text{NL}} = \frac{\langle I_{\text{MAX}} \rangle}{\langle I_0 \rangle} \cong \eta (1 - \phi_{\text{NL}}^2)$$

$$\phi_{\text{NL}} \simeq \frac{\pi\omega}{2} \sqrt{\langle |\int \Delta\epsilon(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r},\omega)d\mathbf{r}|^2 \rangle}$$

Effect of the perturbation on the focusing

The nonlinear refractive perturbation reduces the enhancement



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Application in biophysics

Tumor morphodynamics

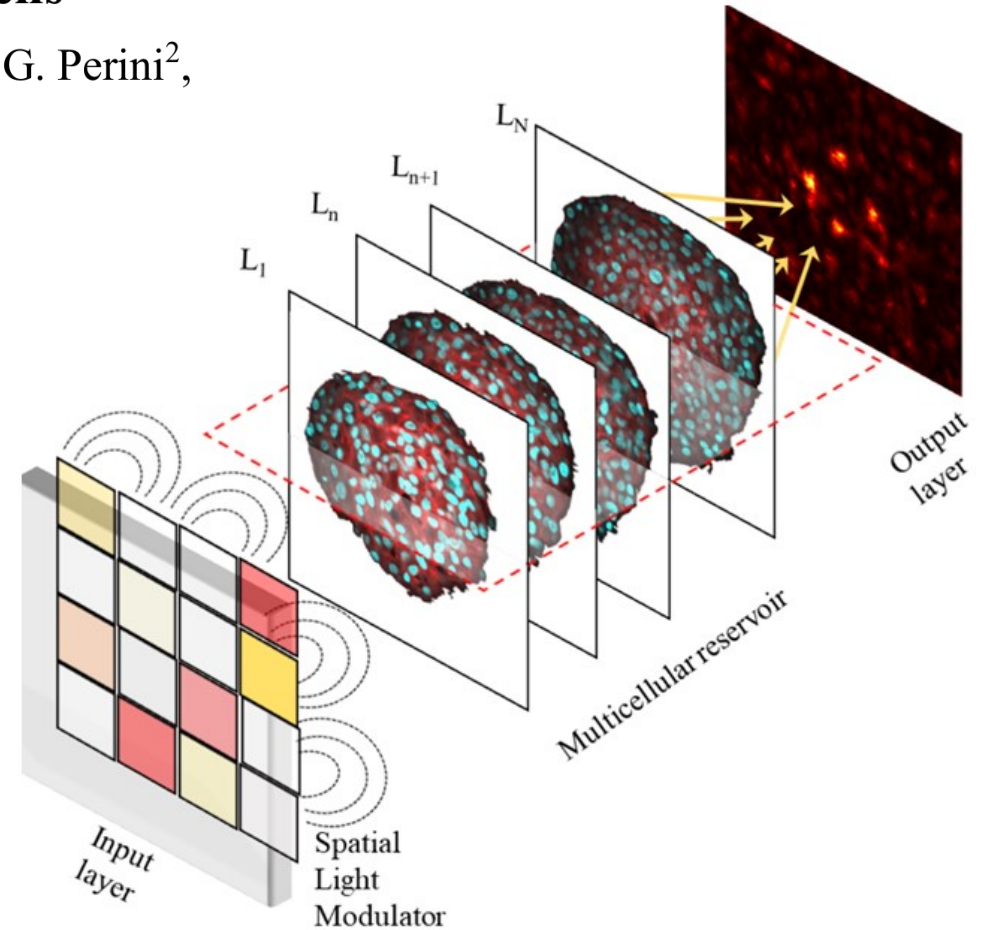
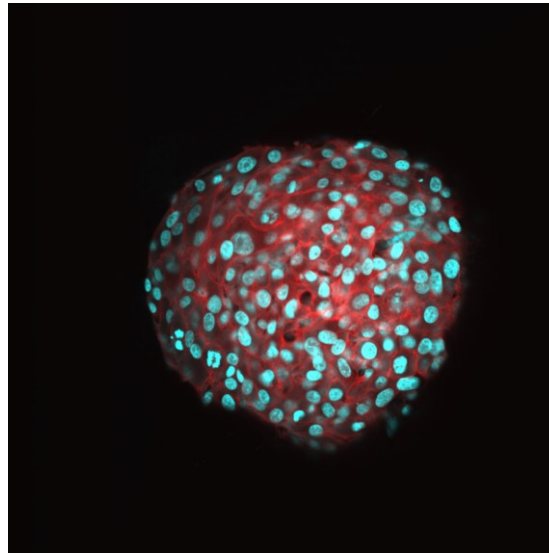
Light propagation in living (!) tumor models

Deep optical neural network by living tumour brain cells

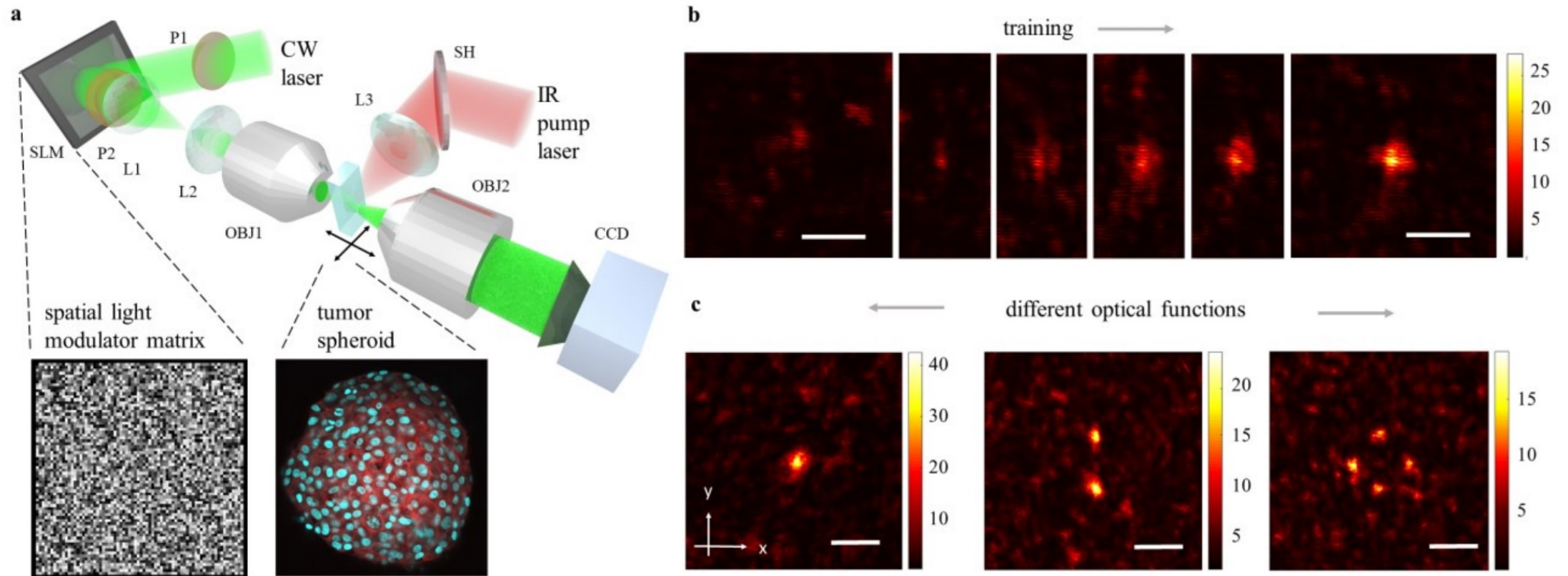
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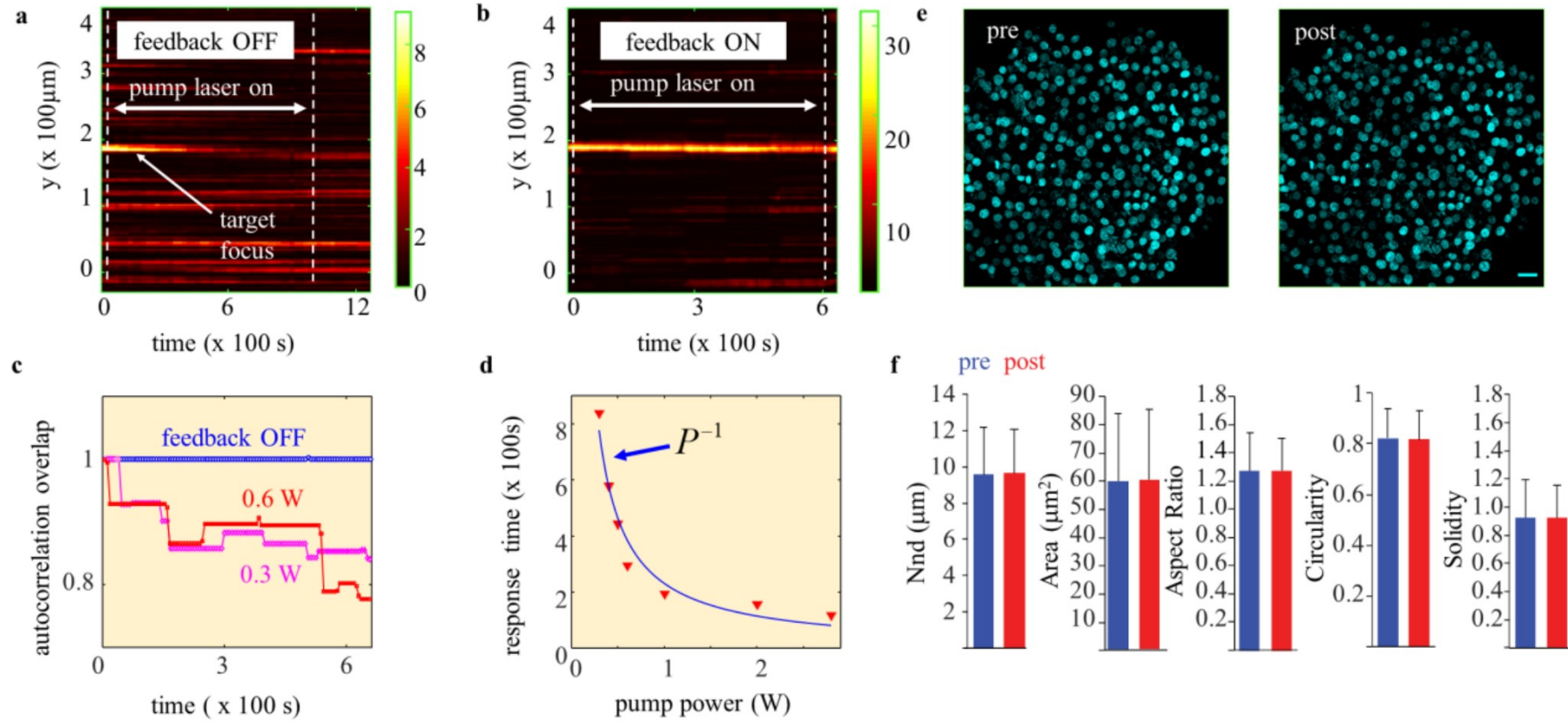
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Training the light transmission



Nonlinear perturbation



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Optical neural networks

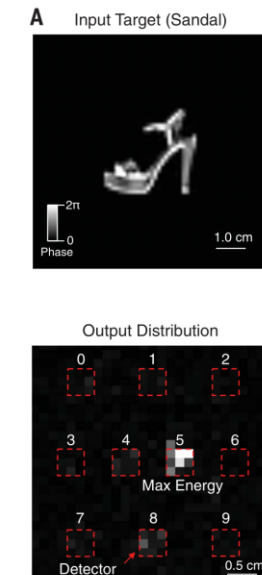
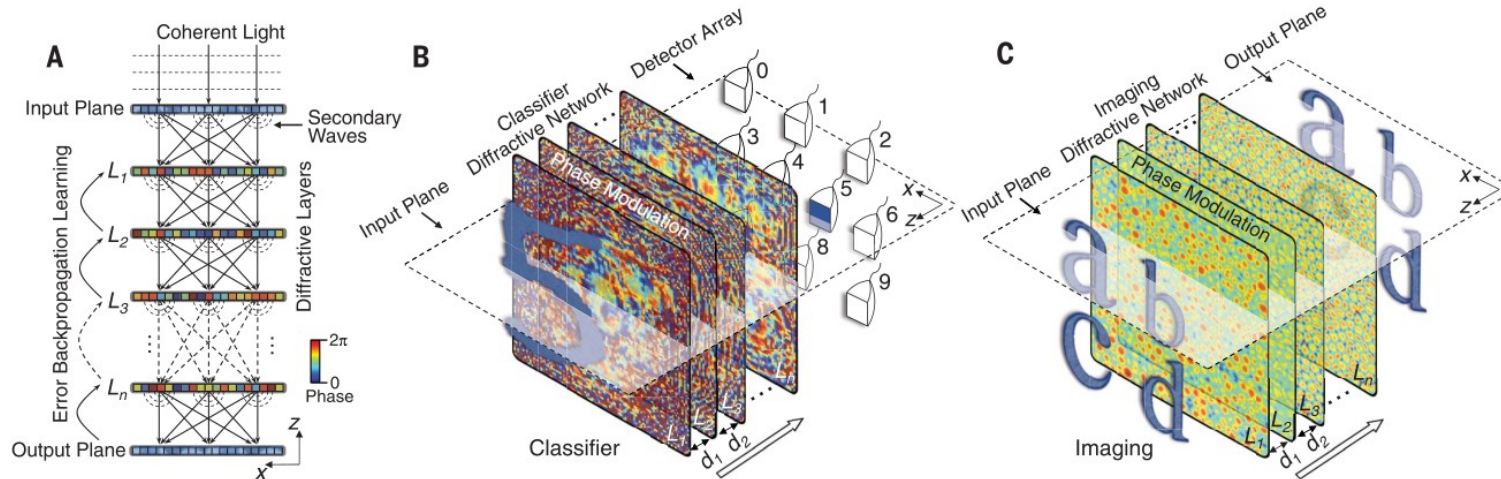
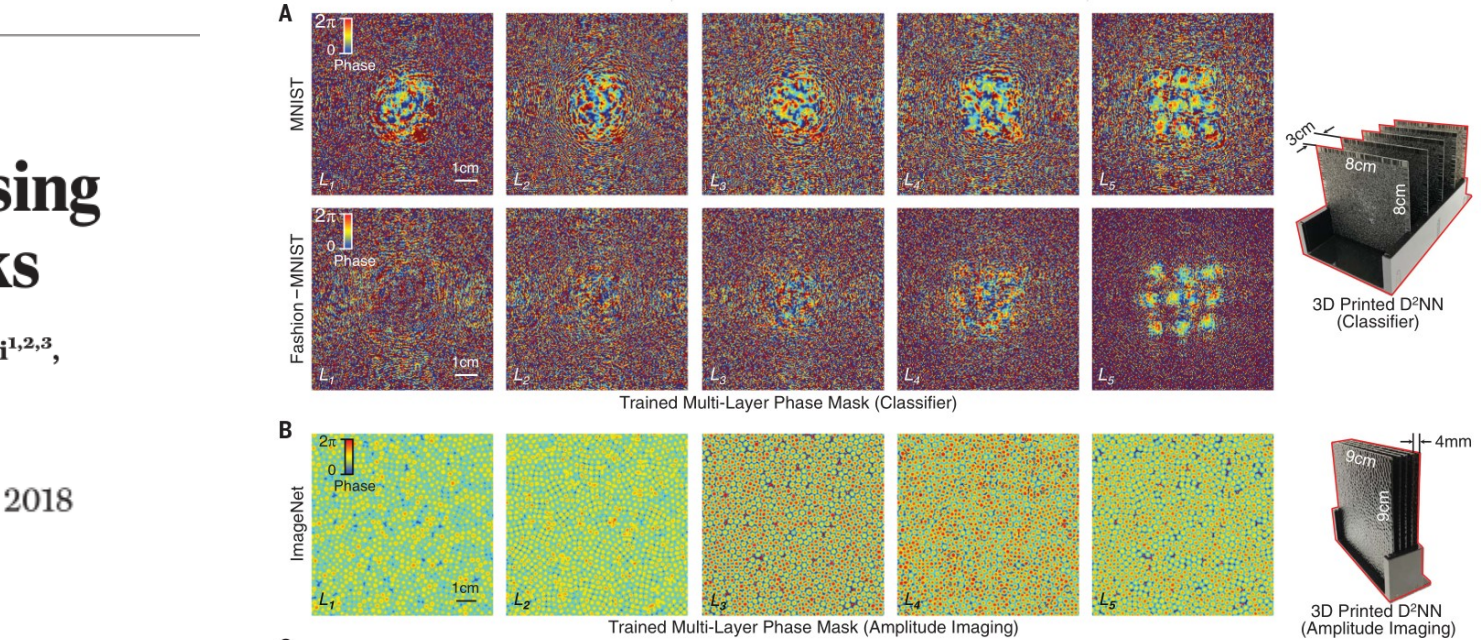
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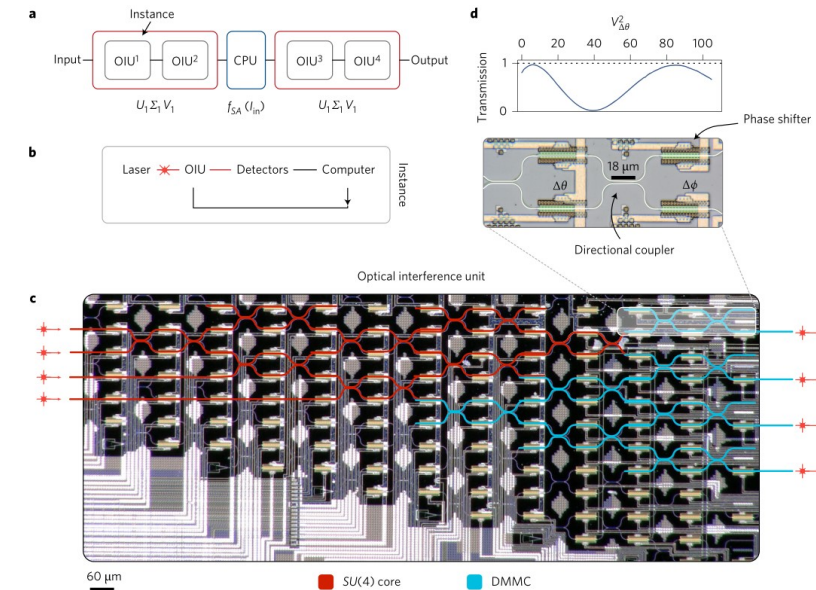
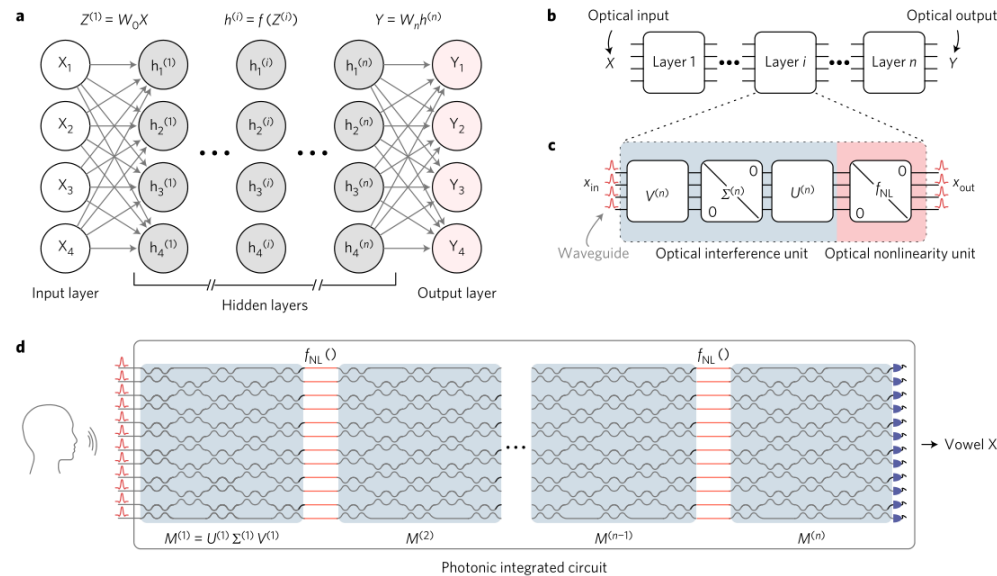


Fashion
classifier



Deep learning with coherent nanophotonic circuits

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Other applications

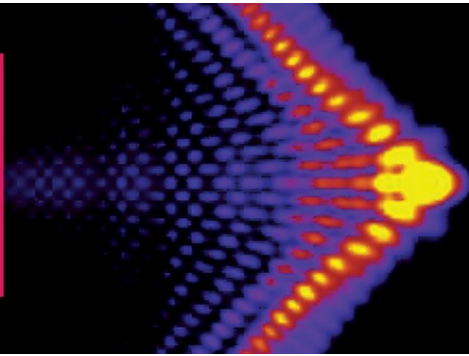
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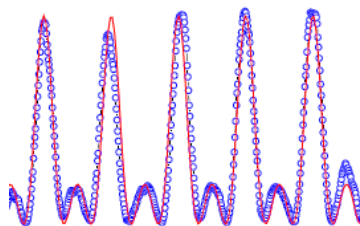
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Dynamical complexity

Nonperturbative nonlinearity

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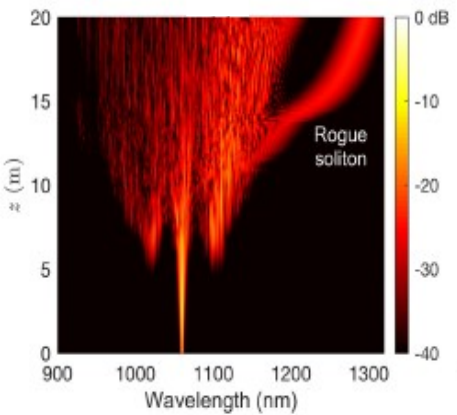


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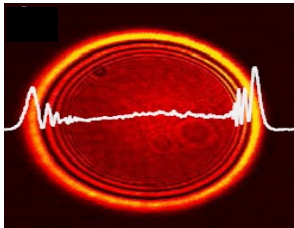
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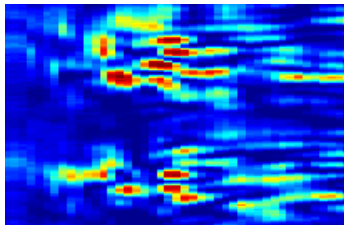
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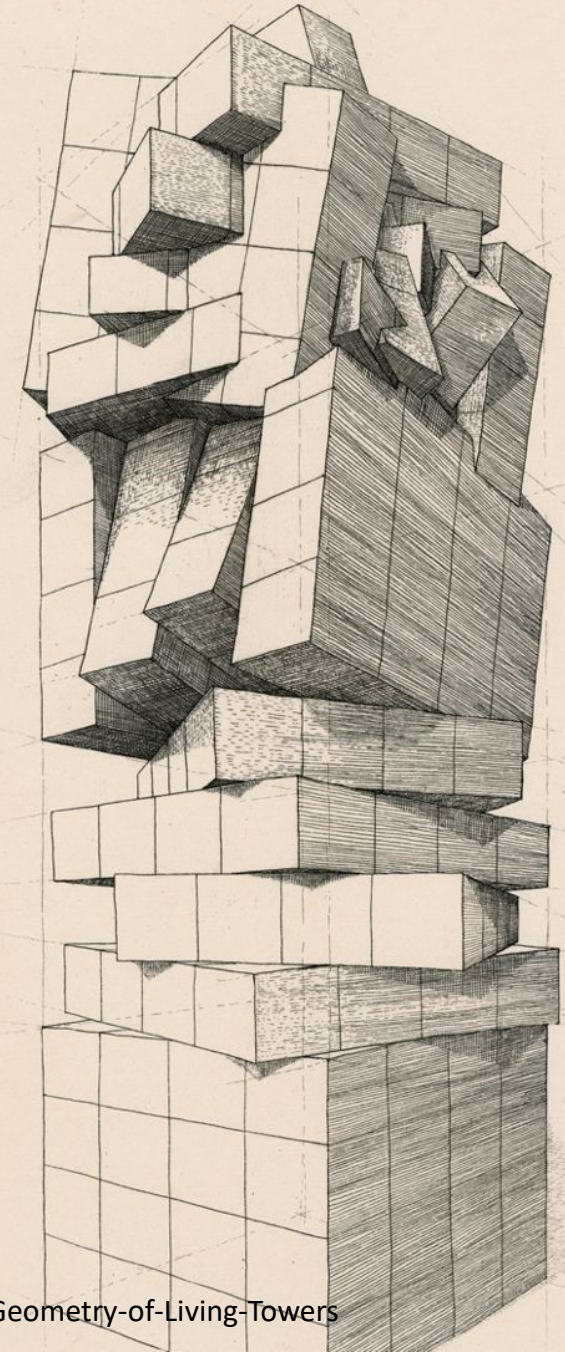
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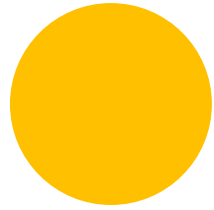
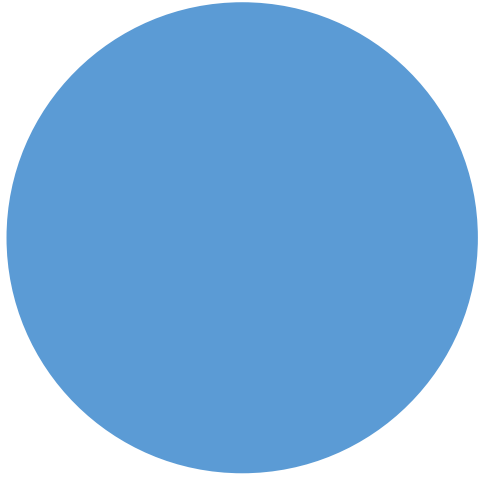


Simple Vs Complex

The number of «states» (linear or nonlinear) is a simple way to distinguish simple and complex scenarios

This is related to the amount of information you need for any mathematical description of the system





States due to
nonlinearity?

.... solitons

A simple model for
complex dynamics

The nonlinear Schroedinger equation

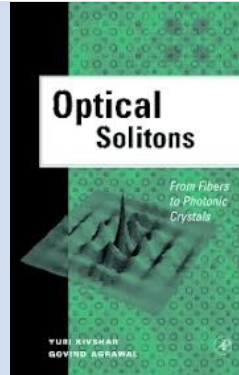


The NLS from nonlinear Maxwell equations

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Spatial case

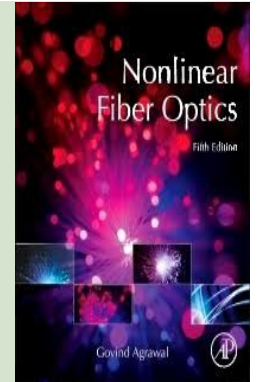
$$2ik \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + 2k^2 \frac{n_2 |A|^2}{n_0} A = 0$$



2

Temporal case

$$i \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{i\alpha}{2} A - \frac{\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial T^2} + \gamma |A|^2 A = 0.$$



Souls of the NLS (focusing)



$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + |u|^2 u = 0,$$

Simple normalized NLS equation
(fundamental soliton, supercontinuum, and related)

$$i \varepsilon \psi_t + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \psi_{xx} + \psi |\psi|^2 = 0,$$

NLS in the hydrodynamic regime
(rogue waves, shocks, FPU, and complex wave regimes)

$$i \partial_t \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\phi}_{xx} + 2c \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi} \hat{\phi}$$

Second quantized NLS
(quantum soliton, squeezing, and all of that)



NLS full optional

$$i \frac{\partial U}{\partial Z} + \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{i^k}{k!} \beta_k \frac{\partial^k U}{\partial T^k} + \gamma \left(1 + i \tau_{\text{shock}} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \right) U \int_0^\infty R(T') |U(T - T')|^2 dT' = 0,$$



Souls of the NLS (focusing)

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + |u|^2 u = 0,$$

NONLINEARITY = DISPERSION

$$\psi = u / \varepsilon$$

$$i \varepsilon \psi_t + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \psi_{xx} + \psi |\psi|^2 = 0,$$

NONLINEARITY >> DISPERSION

$$i \partial_t \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\phi}_{xx} + 2c \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi} \hat{\phi}$$

?????



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>10000 published papers

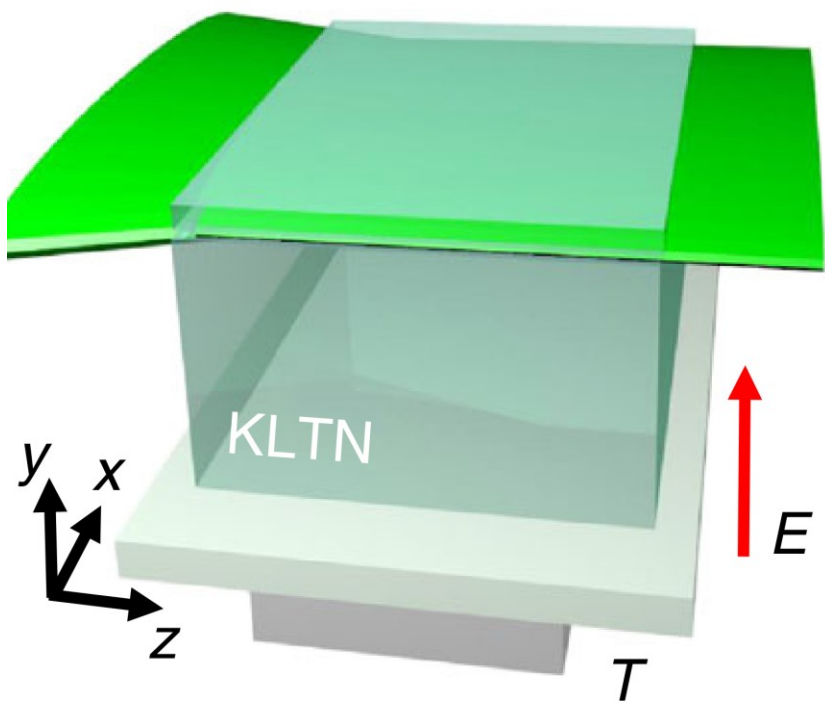
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100-1000 published papers

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Simple derivation of NLS

Spatial case

From scratch ...

The wave equation (scalar is enough)

$$\nabla^2 \mathcal{E} - \frac{n^2}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$



Time harmonic field

$$\mathcal{E} = E \cos(\omega t - kz) = \Re[Ee^{-i\omega t + ikz}]$$

$$k = \frac{\omega n_0}{c} = \frac{2\pi n_0}{\lambda}$$



Helmholtz equation

$$\mathcal{E} = \Re[E(x, y, z)e^{-i\omega t + ikz}]$$

$$\nabla^2 E + \omega^2 \frac{n^2}{c^2} E = 0$$

$$I = \frac{c\epsilon_0}{2} |E|^2 = |A|^2$$



The nonlinear refractive index

$$n = n_0 + \Delta n[|A|^2] = n_0 + \Delta n[I]$$

$$\Delta n = n_2 I$$

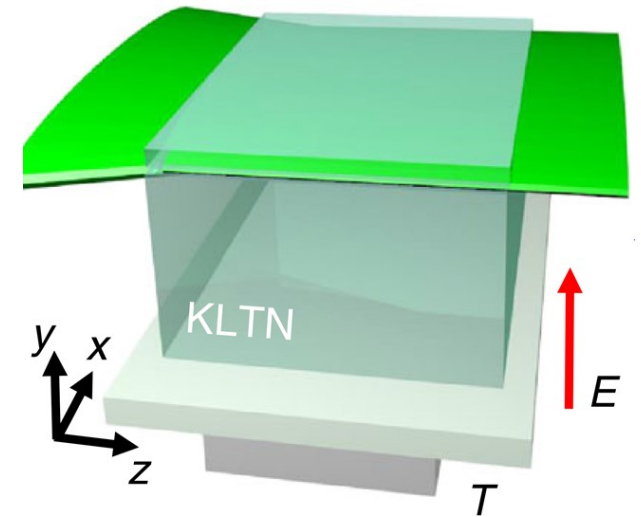


The paraxial approximation

~~$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial z^2} + 2ik \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y^2} \right) + 2k^2 \frac{\Delta n}{n_0} = 0$$~~

$$\partial_y A = 0$$

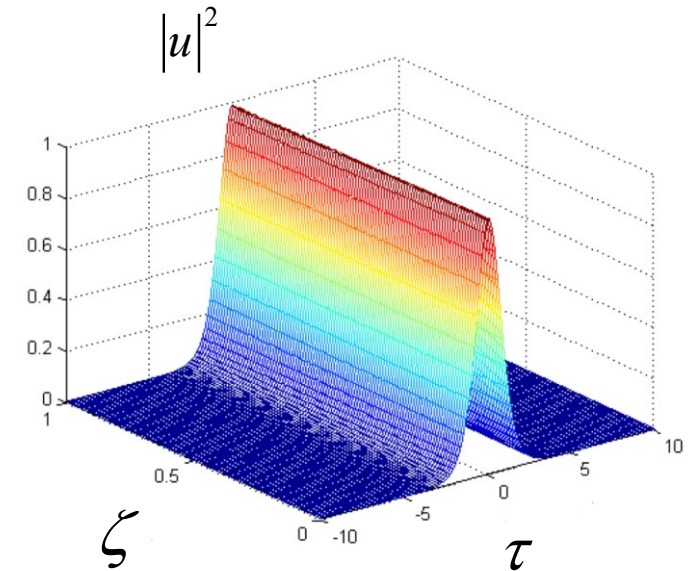
$$2ik \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + 2k^2 \frac{n_2 |A|^2}{n_0} A = 0$$



Normalization and single soliton solution

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + |u|^2 u = 0,$$

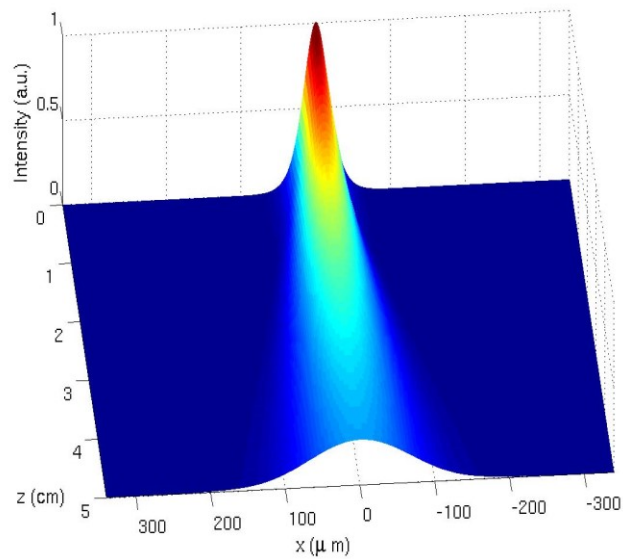
$$u(\xi, \tau) = \eta \operatorname{sech}[\eta(\tau - \tau_s + \delta\xi)] \exp[i(\eta^2 - \delta^2)\xi/2 - i\delta\tau + i\phi_s],$$



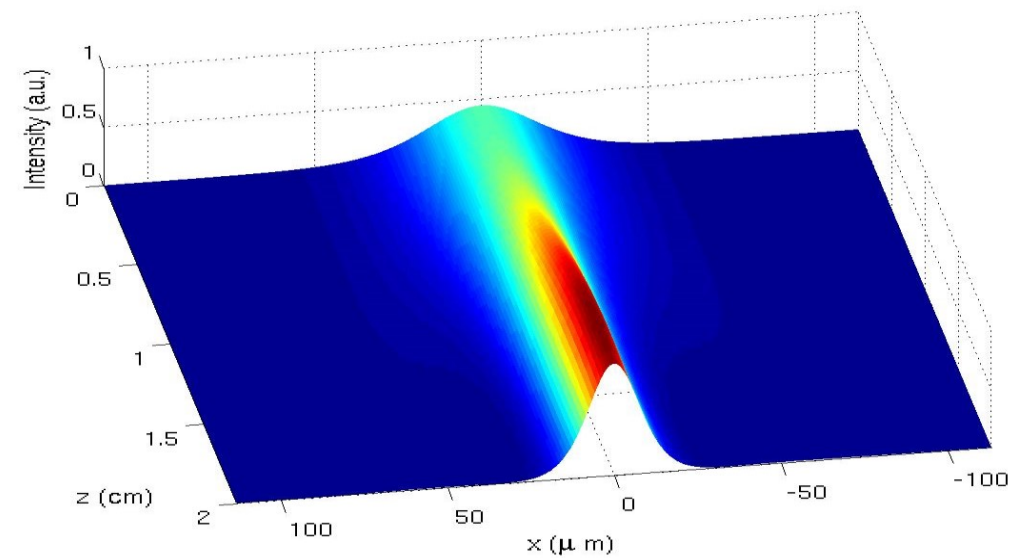
Diffraction (or dispersion) and self-trapping

Beams tend to delocalize (spread) in space

Nonlinear effects trigger self-trapping



Low intensity = diffraction



High intensity = self-trapping



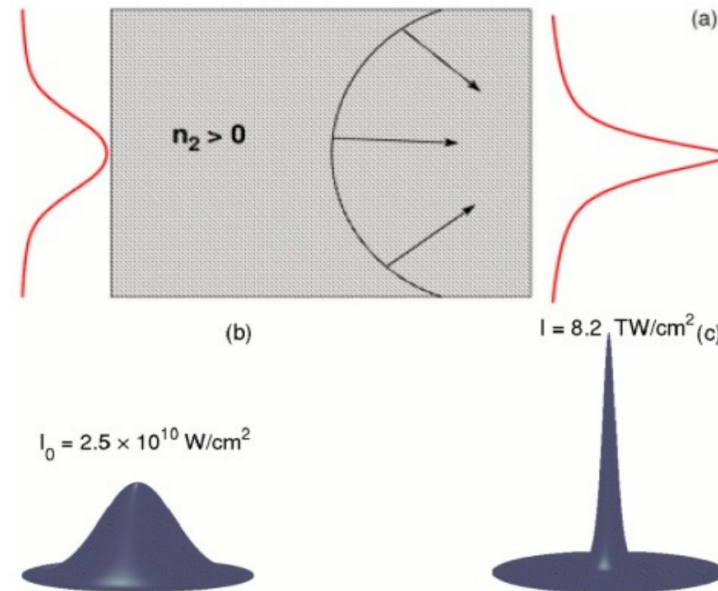
The origin of the self-trapping

Refractive index

$$n = n_0 + n_2 I$$

$n_2 > 0$: focusing

$n_2 < 0$: defocusing



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Numerical solution of the NLS

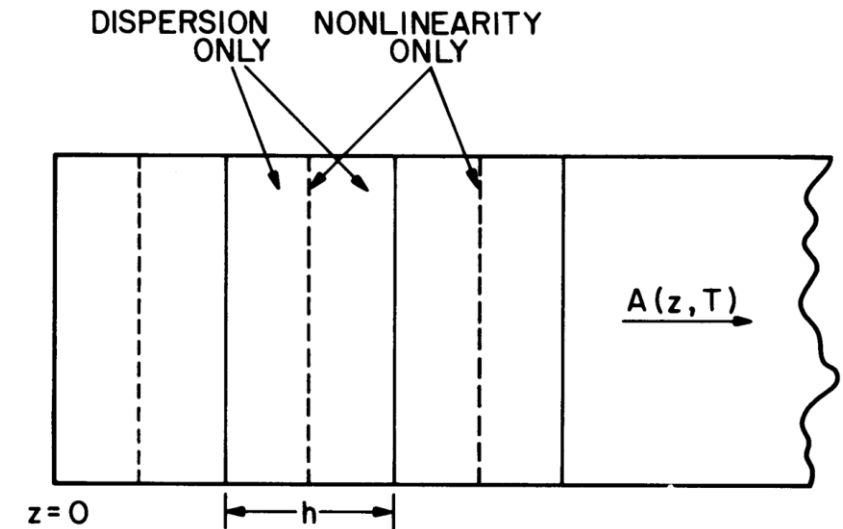
The beam propagation method

The split step method

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = i \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + i |\psi|^2 \psi$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = (\hat{D} + \hat{N}) A$$

$$A(z+h, T) \approx \exp\left(\frac{h}{2}\hat{D}\right) \exp\left(\int_z^{z+h} \hat{N}(z') dz'\right) \exp\left(\frac{h}{2}\hat{D}\right) A(z, T)$$



Matlab program for the split step

Solution of the NLS by the split-step method

By Claudio, January 2019

```
close all
clearvars
```

Grid Parameters

```
Deltax=10;           % windows
nplot=200;           % plot number
nz=1000;              % step between plots
zmax=1;              % length
nx=4096;              % number of points along x
```

Initial condition parameters

```
N=10; % soliton number
```

Grid definition

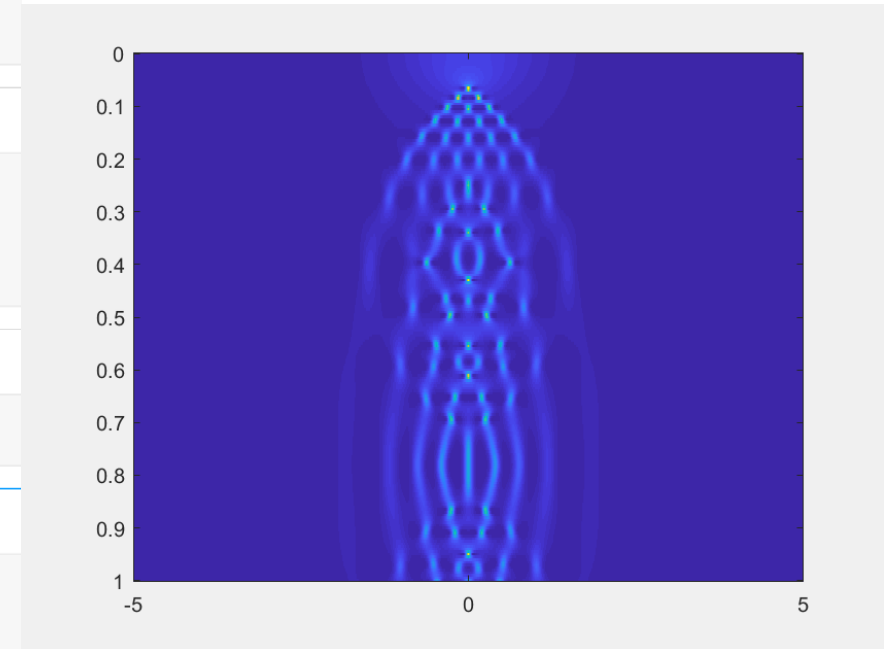
```
zstep=zmax/(nz-1)/(nplot-1);
dfx=1/Deltax;
xmin=-Deltax/2;

%point alongz per plot
zplot=linspace(0,zmax,nplot+1);

%point in x
ix=1:nx; x=xmin+(ix-1)*Deltax/(nx-1); xs=(ix-nx/2)/Deltax;
```

Propagator for the linear part

```
ntx=0;
xx=zeros(nx,1);
```



The soliton effect compressor

6.3 Soliton-Effect Compressors

Optical pulses at wavelengths exceeding $1.3\ \mu\text{m}$ generally experience both SPM and anomalous GVD during their propagation in silica fibers. Such a fiber can act as a compressor by itself without the need of an external grating pair and has been used since 1983 for this purpose [74]–[93]. The compression mechanism is related to a fundamental property of higher-order solitons. As discussed in Section A.5.2, these solitons follow a periodic evolution pattern such that they undergo an initial narrowing phase at the beginning of each

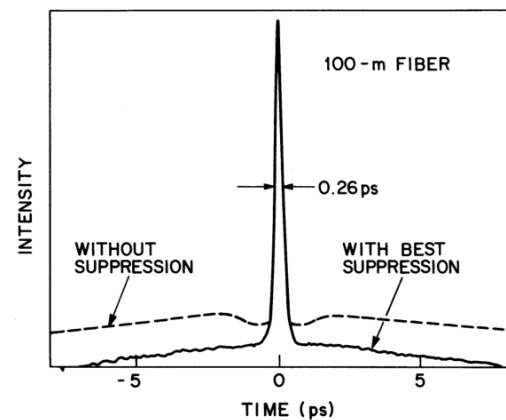
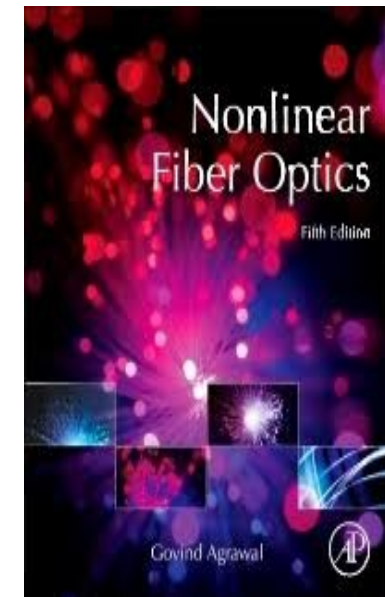
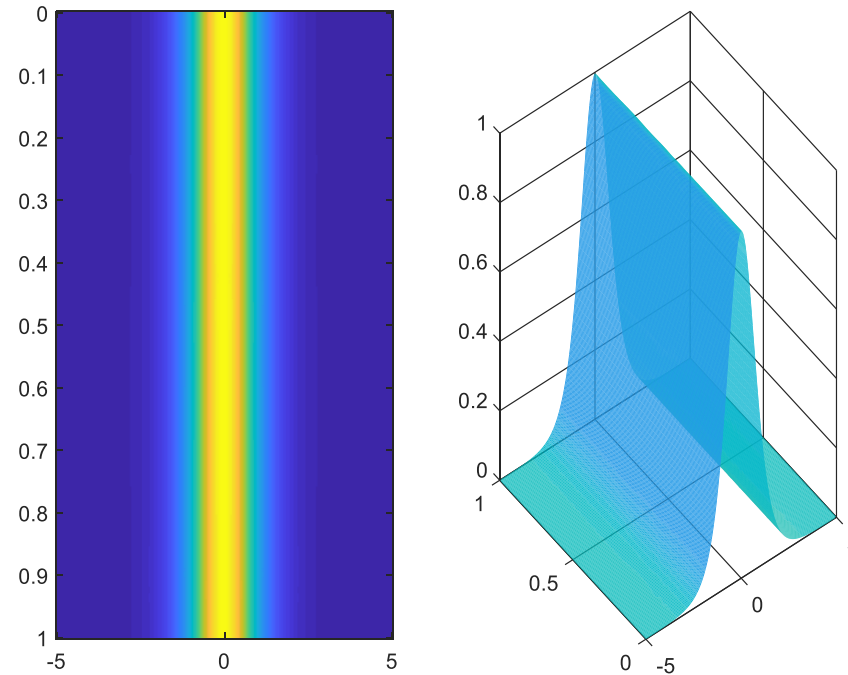


Figure 6.9 Autocorrelation trace of a 7-ps input pulse compressed to 0.26 ps by using a soliton-effect compressor. Dashed and solid curves compare the pedestal with and without the nonlinear birefringence effect. (After Ref. [74])



Simulation of the fundamental soliton

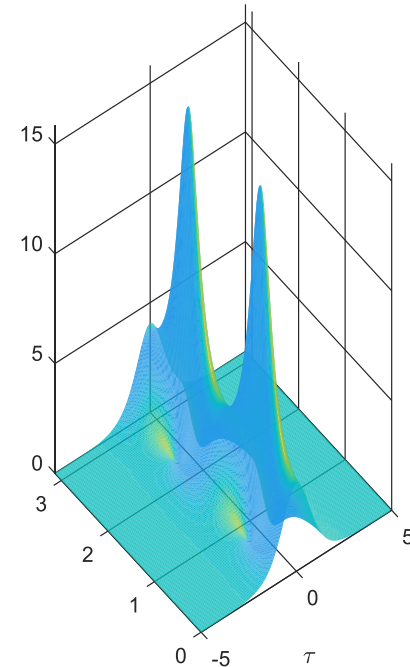
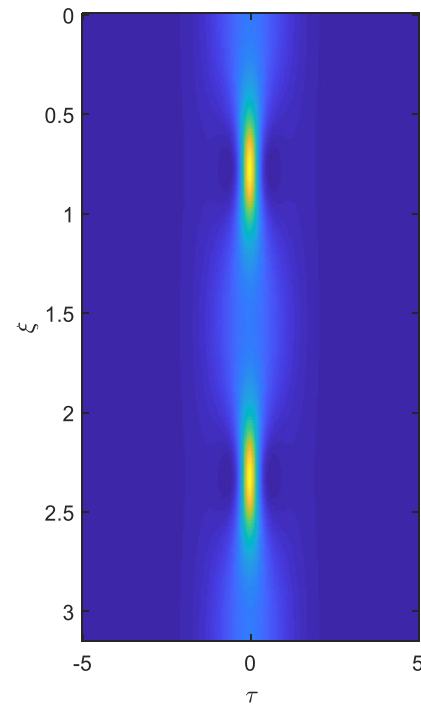
$$\psi(\tau, 0) = \text{sech}(x)$$



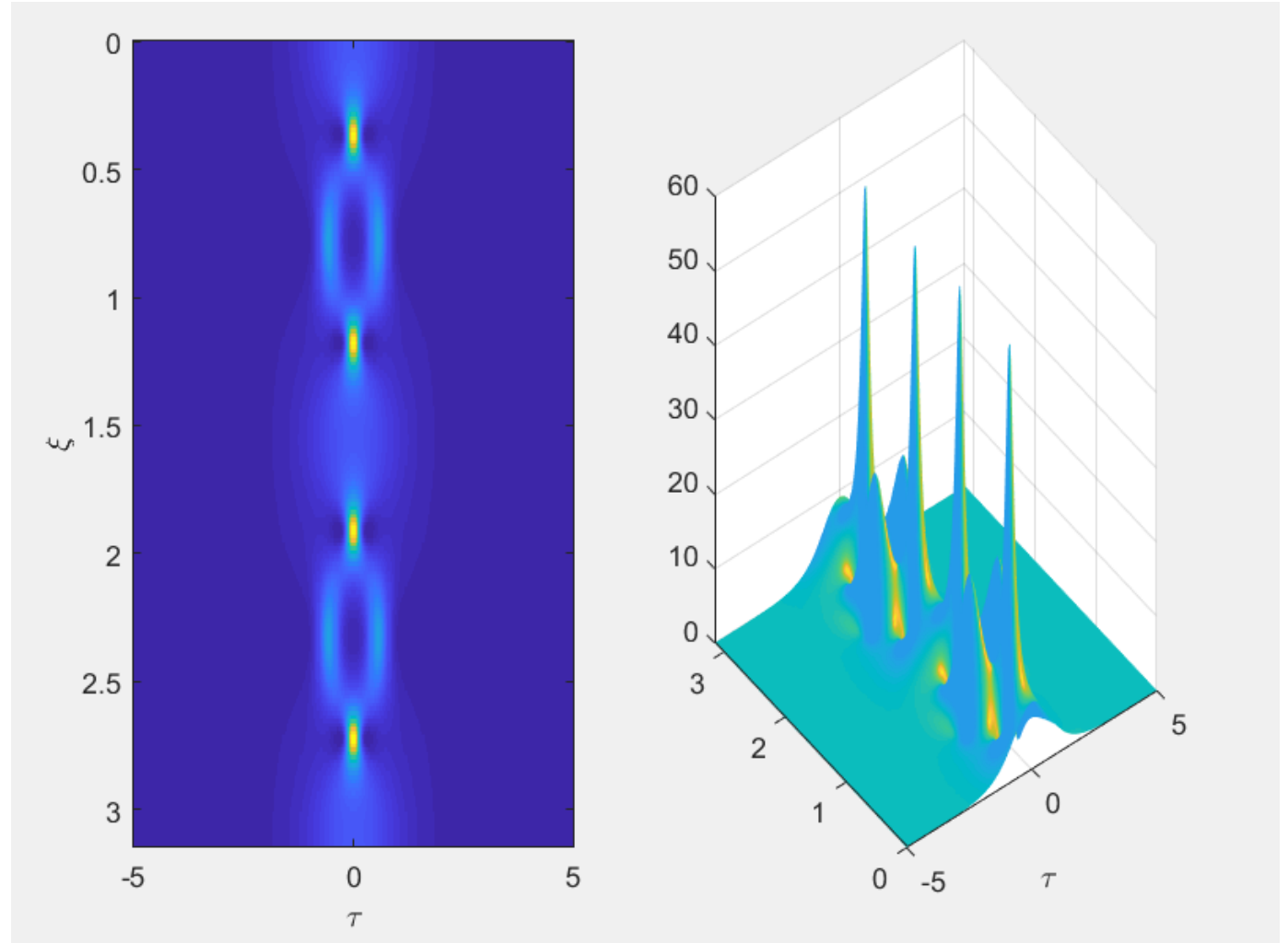
N=2 soliton (higher order soliton)

$$\psi(\tau, 0) = N \operatorname{sech}(x)$$

$$N = 2$$



N=3 soliton



Analytical solutions (see later)
for $N \operatorname{sech}$ as initial condition
tell us that we have
periodical dynamics with period $\pi/2$
for any integer N



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Initial Value Problems of One-Dimensional Self-Modulation of Nonlinear Waves in Dispersive Media

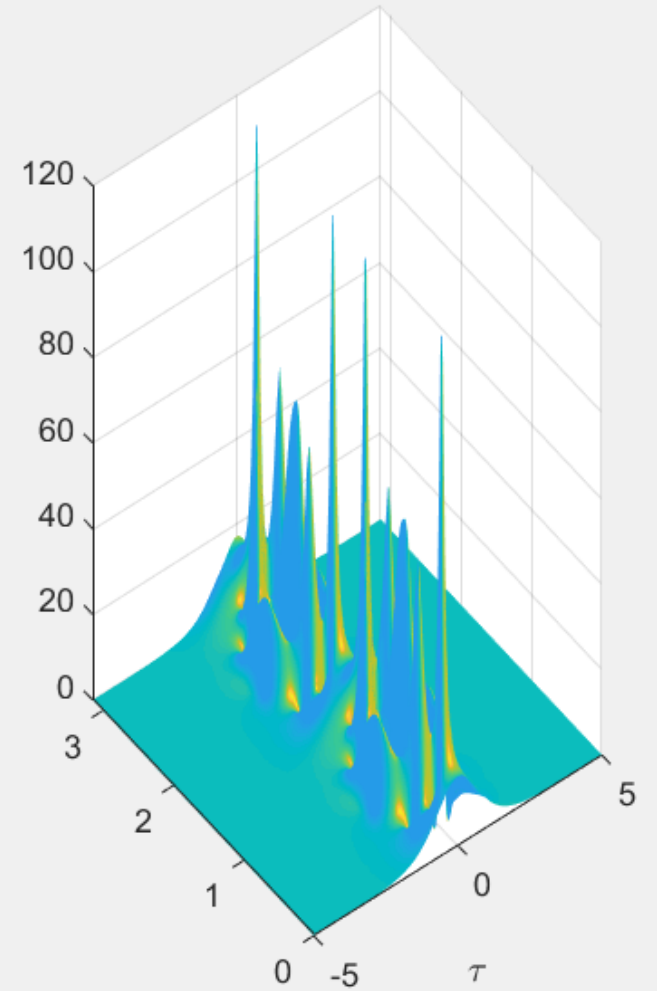
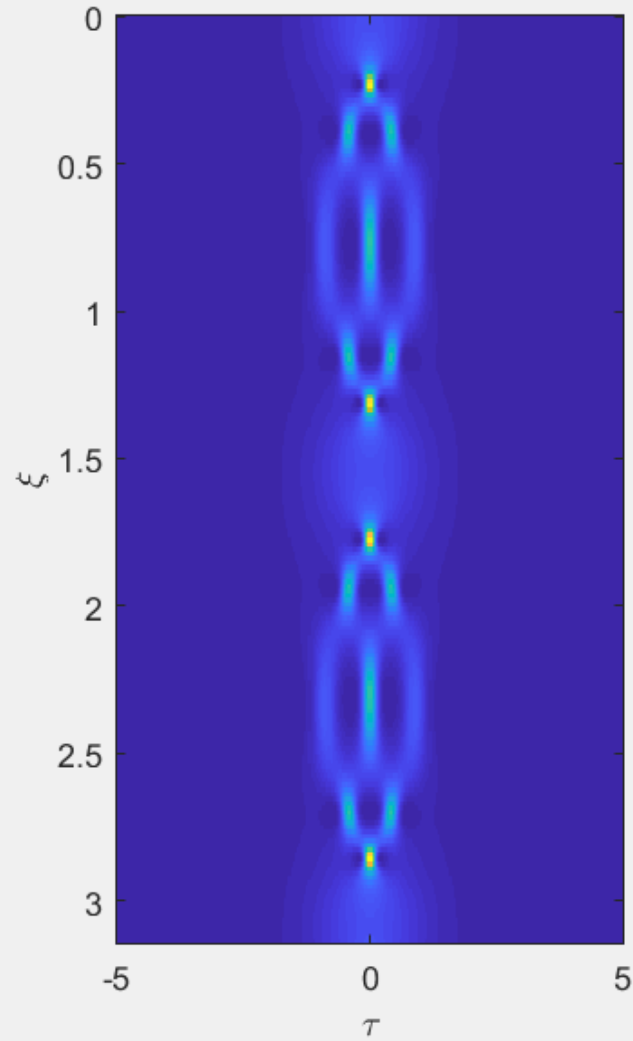
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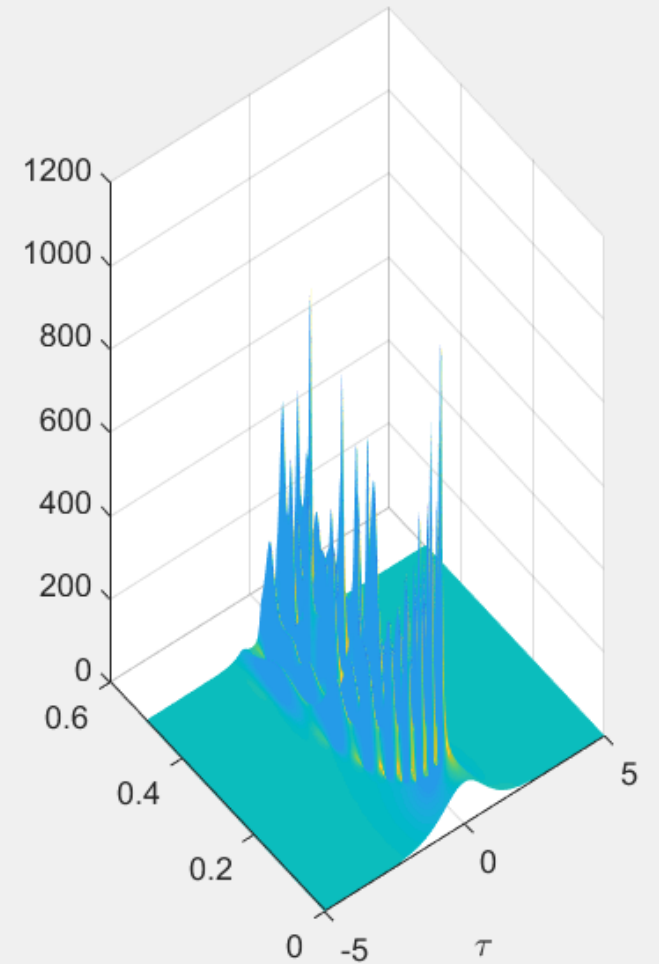
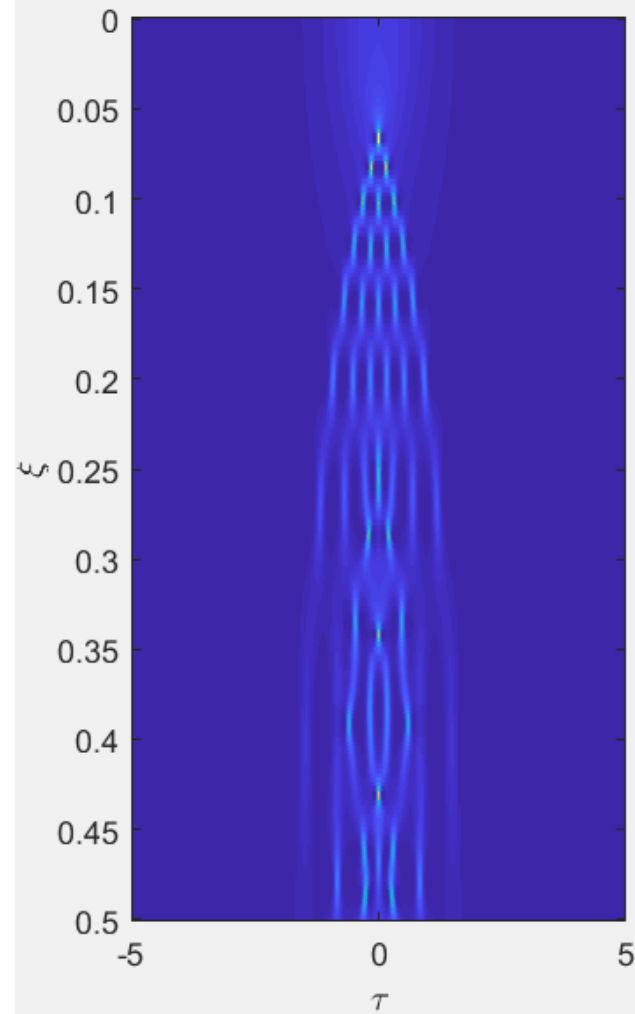


$N=4$



$N=10$

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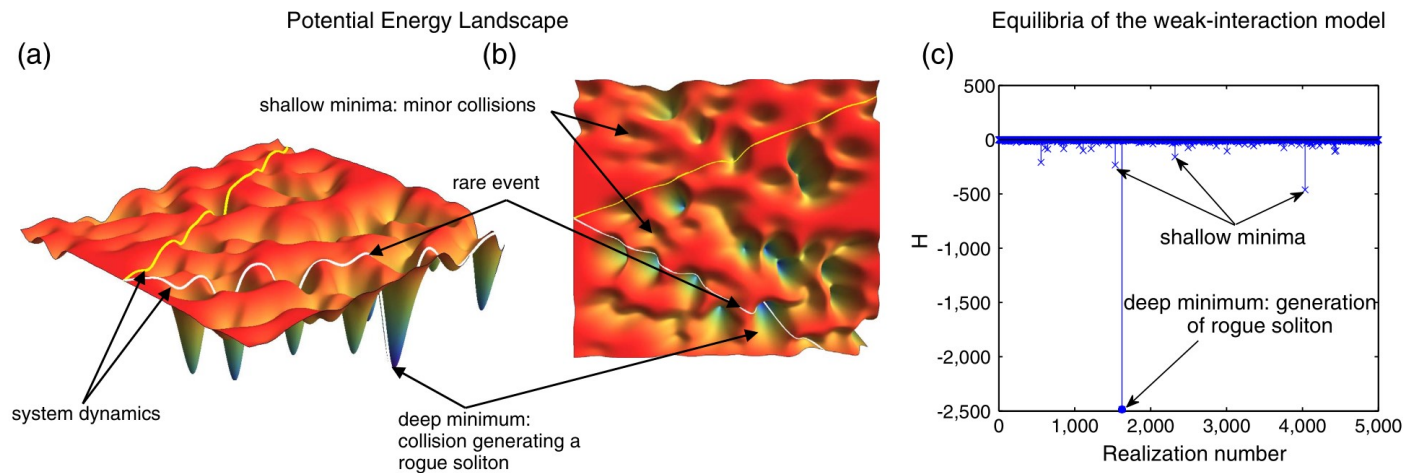


For large N «dynamical complexity» emerges

The system has a «landscape» of states and visits them in a way that is dependent on the history

Numerical noise = temperature

Large sensitivity to any form of noise



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Complex light: Dynamic phase transitions of a light beam in a nonlinear nonlocal disordered medium

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Rogue solitons in optical fibers: a dynamical process in a complex energy landscape?

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Analytical solution of the NLS

Inverse scattering theory

Fourier linear evolution

$$\psi(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \psi(k, 0) e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = 0 \qquad i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} - k^2 \psi = 0$$

$$\psi(k, z) = \psi(k, 0) \exp(-ik^2 z)$$

$$\psi(x, z) = \int \psi(k, 0) \exp(-ik^2 z) e^{ikx} dk$$



Evolution in the spectral domain (linear case)

Expand

Expand in the initial data in the spectrum (plane waves)

Evolve

Evolve the plane waves

Compose

Compose the evolved plane waves



Evolution in the spectral domain (nonlinear)

Expand

Expand in the initial data in the spectrum
(plane waves and solitons)

Evolve

Evolve the plane waves and the solitons

Compose

Compose the evolved plane waves and the solitons



Nonlinear Fourier transform

Fast Numerical Nonlinear Fourier Transforms

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The scattering problem for the nonlinear FT

$$i\frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + |u|^2 u = 0,$$

$$i\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \tau} + uv_2 = \zeta v_1,$$

$$i\frac{\partial v_2}{\partial \tau} + u^* v_1 = -\zeta v_2,$$



The nonlinear Fourier transform

As in linear systems, for the NLS we can define a «spectrum»

For the NLS the spectrum is made by the standard continuous spectrum and by a discrete number of solitons

Calculating the spectrum – however – is not as easy as doing a linear Fourier transform

Nonlinear Fourier transform

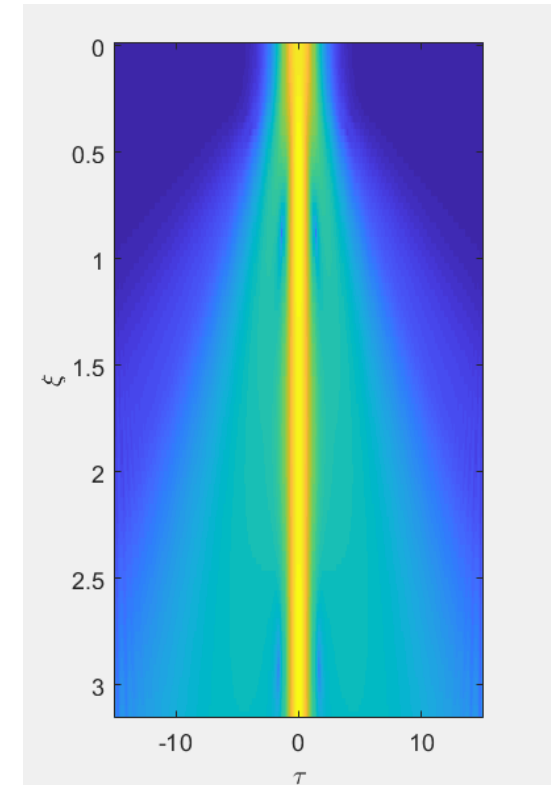
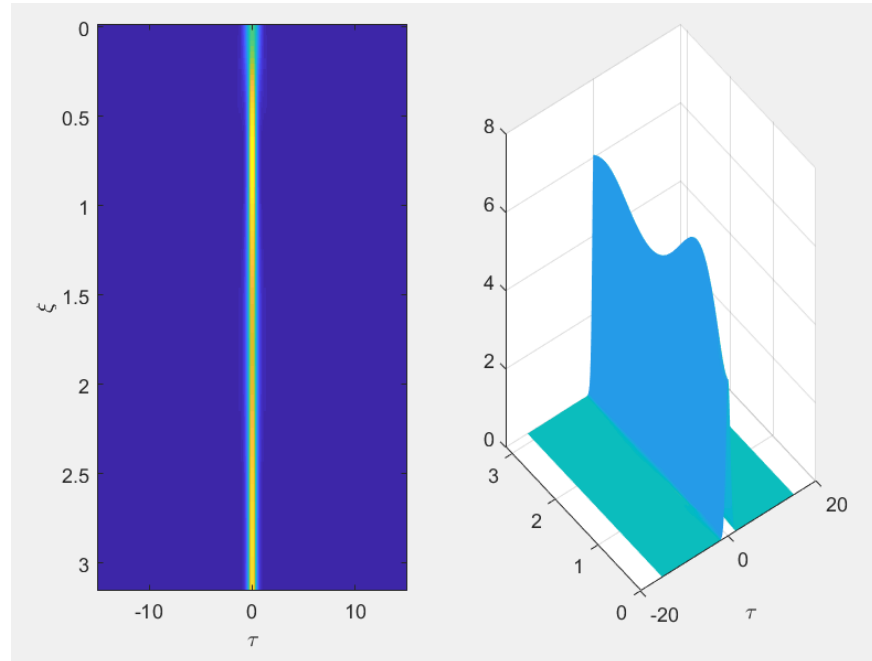
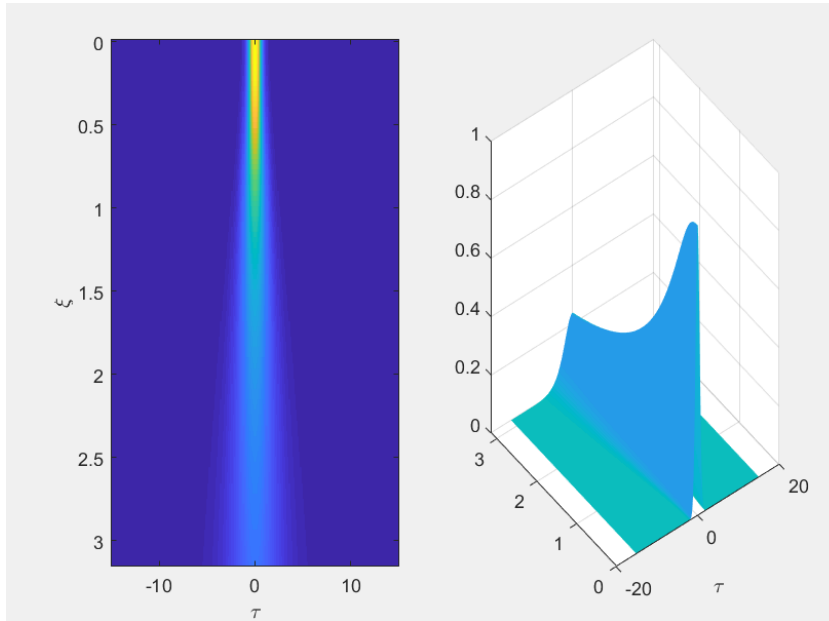
- Continuous spectrum
- Discrete solitons



Example by our matlab code

Evolution of a sech (only discrete spectrum, one or more solitons)

Evolution of a Gaussian (discrete and continuous spectrum, varying the input amplitude)



Applications

- Nonlinear telecommunications
- Novel quantum sources
- High power lasers
- Ultra-broad band sources (hollow core fibers)




Problem

When the number of solitons grows (hydrodynamic limit) both the numerical methods and the analytical solutions get into trouble

Non trivial phenomena emerge related to rogue waves, shock waves and recurrence

These complex regimes need both advanced numerical and analytical techniques (see poster by Giulia and the lessons by Stefano)



CONTROL OF NONLINEAR EXTREME AND QUANTUM WAVES
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ABSTRACT

Controlling nonlinear optical processes is a significant challenge in photonics. Shock waves, rogue waves, and solitons are widespread, from optics to hydrodynamics, but advanced techniques to control their propagation until focusing, where possible, the transition from one kind of wave to another are still missing. We develop new strategies to supervise, modify or tune a laser beam in third-order nonlinear materials, where light propagation is ruled by the nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE). We study the control both in classical and in quantum regimes, the latter through a field quantization.

Classically, we introduce the nonlinear spectral control based on the one-to-one correspondence between the number of wave packet oscillating phases and the genus of toroidal surfaces associated with the NLSE solutions. We prove that the method is experimentally realizable by reporting the first observation of the supervised transitions from shock to rogue waves in optical propagation in a photorefractive crystal, for an initial beam-shaped wave.

Several quantized solitons (QBs) spread because of photon number fluctuations. We apply novel quantum control (QC) techniques to optical solitons at low photon number. By phase-space methods and stochastic simulations, we show that a proper control function alters the soliton evolution.

NONLINEAR CONTROL OF EXTREME WAVES

Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation Box Problem

Small-dispersion nonlinear Schrödinger equation (SDNLSE) [1]:

$$i\partial_t \psi + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 \psi + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0,$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, \quad \xi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, \quad \psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-i\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} x^2}.$$

If $\psi = u_0 + i\epsilon u_1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$, then [2]:

$$i\partial_t u_0 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 u_0 + |u_0|^2 u_0 = 0.$$

Initial beam condition [3, 4]:

$$A(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{W_0} & \text{for } |x| \leq \frac{1}{2} W_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

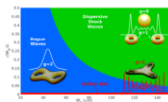
In this frame $\epsilon = \epsilon(W_0, t)$. By varying ϵ , we change the genus g and explore all the possible dynamic phases.

Numerical Results

Fixed states for $W_0 = 1000$, by varying ϵ :

Time of detection determines the output:

- SDWs ($g = 0, 1, 2$),
- SDWs ($g = 2$),
- SDWs ($g > 2$).



QUANTUM CONTROL OF QUANTUM SOLITONS

Quantum Solitons Propagation in Fiber

Second quantized nonlinear Schrödinger equation (SQNLSE) [5, 6]:

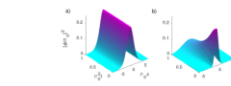
$$\hat{H}_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + g \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi},$$

$$\hat{\psi}(x, t) = \sum_n \hat{c}_n(t) \phi_n(x), \quad \phi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-i\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} x^2},$$

$$\hat{c}_n(t) = \sum_p \hat{c}_p(0) U_{pn}(t), \quad U_{pn}(t) = \exp(-i\epsilon_{pn} t),$$

$$\epsilon_{pn} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (p^2 - n^2) + g \langle \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \rangle.$$

Two quantum parameters: particle number n_0 and momentum spread Δp . Nearly classical regime: $n_0 \gg \Delta p$.



Classical VS Quantum Solitons. (a) Nearly classical soliton evolution for $n_0 = 1000$, $\Delta p = 100$. (b) Quantum regime for $n_0 = 100$, $\Delta p = 100$. QB is not dispersive.

Quantum Optimal Control

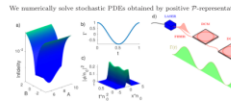
GRAB [6]:

$$\hat{H}[t] = \int dx \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}^\dagger + g \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \right], \quad \hat{c}(t) = \sum_n \hat{c}_n(t) \phi_n(x),$$

and minimize the infidelity $I[\hat{H}(t)] = 1 - |\langle \hat{H}(t) | \hat{H}_0 \rangle|^2$.

Phase-space methods [6]:

We numerically solve stochastic PDEs obtained by positive P-representation.



(a) Infidelity versus A and B for $n_0 = 100$, $\Delta p = 100$, $\omega_0 T = 1$ and $\omega = \pi$, averaged over $\Delta p = 10$ realizations. (b) Optimal $\hat{H}(t)$, obtained by setting $A = 1.5i$ and $B = -0.5i$. (c) QB with $n_0 = 100$ and $\Delta p = 100$ at optimal control. (d) Experimental setup for QC of QBs by dispersion-management. By tuning the fiber dispersion through dispersion-compensation modules (DCMs), one obtains a prescribed $\hat{H}(t)$.

CONCLUSIONS

Our results extend the foundations of control theory of classical and quantum nonlinear waves, giving important contribution to nonperturbative quantum nonlinear optics. We cast light on dispersive shock waves, optical rogue wave generation and opens the way to new optical devices as broadband quantum sources and nonclassical state generators, with many applications to quantum technologies.

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Quantum solitons



The quantum nonlinear Schrödinger equation

Bethe ansatz

Exact solution due to Bethe 1931



$$i\partial_t \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\phi}_{xx} + 2c\hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi} \hat{\phi}$$

The second-quantized Hamiltonian of the NLS is

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \left(\hat{\phi}_x \hat{\phi}_x^\dagger + c\hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi} \hat{\phi} \right), \quad i\partial_t |\psi\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi\rangle$$

Superposition of states with n particles

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{n!}} \int f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_1) \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) \dots \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n |0\rangle$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 = 1 \quad \int |f_n(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} = 1$$



Exact equation for the distribution function

$$\imath \partial_t f_n(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left[- \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + 2c \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \delta(x_j - x_i) \right] f_n(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Bethe ansatz (sum over permutations P)

$$f_n = \sum_P A_p \exp \left(\imath \sum_{j=1}^n k_{P(j)} x_j \right)$$

$$k_j = p + \imath \frac{c}{2} (n - 2j + 1)$$

$$f_n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}_n \exp \left[\imath p \sum_j x_j + \frac{c}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |x_i - x_j| \right]$$



n particle eigenstates with momentum p

$$|n, p\rangle = \int \frac{f_{n,p}(\mathbf{x})}{\sqrt{n!}} \phi^\dagger(x_1) \dots \phi^\dagger(x_n) d\mathbf{x} |0\rangle$$

$$|n, p, t\rangle = e^{iE_{n,p}t} |n, p\rangle$$

$$E_{n,p} = np^2 - \frac{|c|^2}{12} n(n^2 - 1)$$

Eigenstate of the photon number and momentum operators

$$\hat{N} = \int dx \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x) \phi(x) \quad \hat{P} = -i \int dx \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x) \phi_x(x)$$

$$\hat{N} |n, p\rangle = n |n, p\rangle$$

$$\hat{P} |n, p\rangle = np |n, p\rangle$$

These states are **not** localized solitons

$$\langle n, p | \phi(x) | n, p \rangle = 0$$



The quantum soliton state (Lai e Haus 1989)

Soliton state

The field expectation $\hat{\phi}$ is the classical soliton

$$\langle \psi_s | \hat{\phi} | \psi_s \rangle = \psi_s(x, t)$$

$\psi_s(x, t)$ solution of classical nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

Time-dependent solution of the **linear** quantum Schrödinger

$$|\psi_s\rangle = \sum_n a_n \int g_n(p) |n, p, t\rangle dp$$

$$\sum_n |a_n|^2 = 1$$

$$\int |g_n(p)|^2 dp = 1$$



The quantum soliton state (simple)

$$a_n = \frac{\alpha_0^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-\frac{|\alpha_0|^2}{2}}$$

$$g_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} \Delta p}} e^{-\frac{|p-p_0|^2}{2\Delta p^2}}$$

Two parameters:

- α_0 gives number of bosons n_0 and phase, $|\alpha_0|^2 = n_0$
- Δp momentum spread

At $t = 0$ we have

$$\langle \psi_s | \hat{\phi} | \psi_s \rangle = \sum_n \frac{|\alpha_0|^{2n}}{n!} \frac{\alpha_0 \sqrt{n(n+1)}}{2} |c|^{1/2} \text{sech} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) |c|x \right] e^{-\Delta p^2 x^2}$$

Classical limit

When $n_0 = |\alpha_0|^2 \gg 1$ and for $\Delta p \rightarrow 0$ we have

$$\langle \psi_s | \hat{\phi} | \psi_s \rangle \cong \psi_s(x, t) = n_0 \sqrt{2|c|} \text{sech} \left(|c|^{1/2} n_0 x \right)$$



Position and momentum fluctuations

Position operator

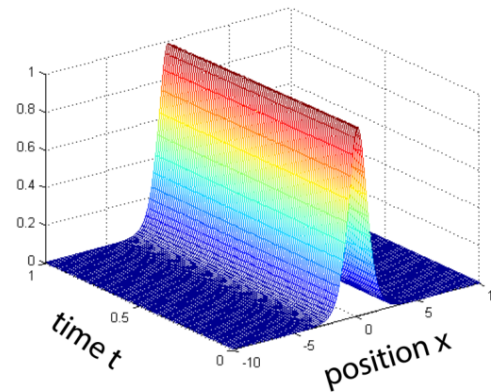
$$\hat{X} = \left[\int x \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x) \phi(x) dx \right] \hat{N}^{-1} \text{ with } [\hat{X}, \hat{P}] = i$$

One finds

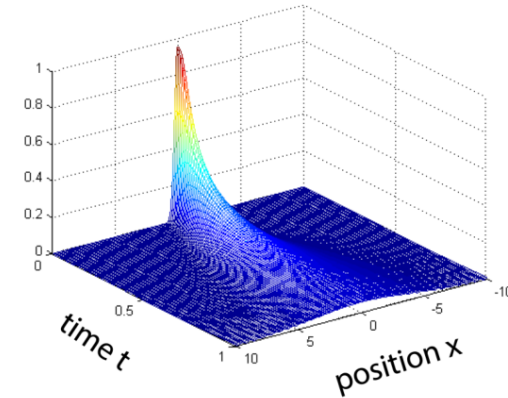
$$\langle \Delta P^2 \rangle \cong (n_0 \Delta p)^2$$

$$\langle \Delta X^2 \rangle \cong \frac{1}{4\Delta p^2 n_0^2} + 4\Delta p^2 t^2$$

Classical soliton



Quantum $n_0 = 50, \Delta p = 100$

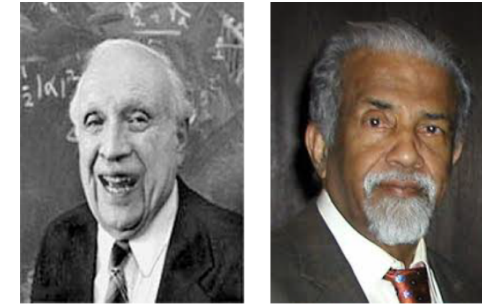


Simulate the Quantum NLS?

We want to numerically validate the quantum spreading.
Phase-space approach: the Positive P-representation

Positive Glauber-Sudarshan P-representation

Map a nonlinear field theory to c-number stochastic equations (Sudarshan 1963; Glauber 1963, Drummond and Gardiner 1980)



- One expands the density matrix ρ in two sets of coherent states spanned by complex parameters α and β .

$$\rho = \int P(\alpha, \beta) \frac{|\alpha\rangle \langle \beta^*|}{\langle \beta^* | \alpha \rangle} d\mu(\alpha, \beta)$$

- A Fokker-Planck equation for probability distribution
- An equivalent Itô stochastic differential equations for c-numbers; nonlinearity introduce noise terms.

Example of use of the Positive P-representation

- Harmonic Oscillator $\hat{H} = \hbar\omega a^\dagger a$ equivalent to the stochastic equation

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = -i\alpha$$

- Nonlinear Harmonic Oscillator $\hat{H}_{int} = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} a^{\dagger 2} a^2$ is equivalent to the coupled stochastic (notice: two c -numbers for any ladded operator)

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = -\kappa\alpha^2\beta + i\sqrt{\kappa}\alpha\xi_1(t)$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dt} = -\kappa^*\beta^2\alpha - i\sqrt{\kappa^*}\beta\xi_2(t)$$



Stochastic Partial Differential Equations

The Fokker-Planck equation is equivalent to two coupled fields Ito SDE ϕ and ψ . The quantum NLS Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \left(\hat{\phi}_x \hat{\phi}_x^\dagger + c \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi} \hat{\phi} \right)$$

One has the corresponding *Stochastic Differential Equations*

$$\partial_t \phi = -i \partial_x^2 \phi - i 2c \phi^2 \psi + \sqrt{ic} \xi_\phi(t, x) \phi$$

$$\partial_t \psi = i \partial_x^2 \psi + i 2c \phi \psi^2 + \sqrt{-ic} \xi_\psi(t, x) \psi$$

Classical limit

$\xi \rightarrow 0$ (no quantum noise), and $\psi = \phi^*$ and one obtains the classical NLS

$$i \partial_t \psi = -\psi_{xx} + 2c |\psi|^2 \psi$$



Stochastic Runge Kutta Pseudospectral Algorithm

We solve numerically the stochastic nonlinear partial differential equation

- We discretize the spatial variable x
- We adopt a pseudospectral approach for derivatives (PDE→ODE)
- We adopt a second-order stochastic Runge Kutta algorithm ($u = (\phi, \psi)$) with the Itô rule $dW^2 = dt$

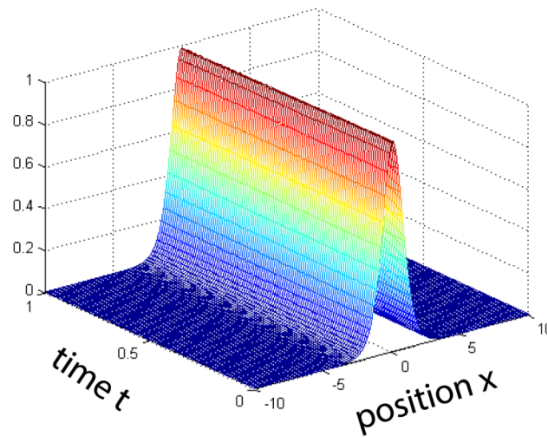
$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{k+1} &= u_k + \frac{F_1}{2} + \frac{F_2}{2} \\
 F_1 &= dt D(u_k) + S(u_k) dW_1 \\
 F_2 &= dt D(u_k + dt F_1) + S(u_k + dt F_1) dW_2
 \end{aligned}$$

where $D(u) = -\phi_{xx} + c\phi^2\psi...$ is the deterministic part, and $S = \sqrt{ic}\phi$ following the coherent state expansion.

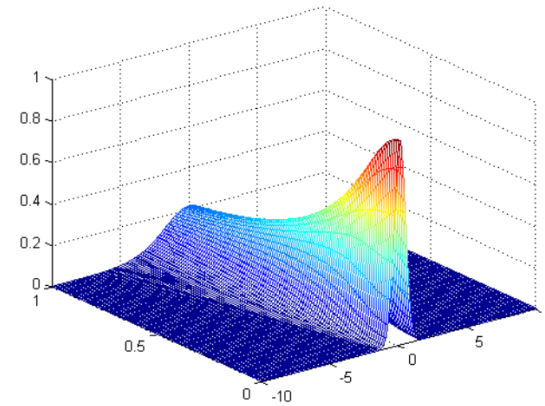


Simulation of the quantum soliton (1/2)

- Initial condition for the exact quantum soliton (Lai and Haus theory)
- Average over disorder realization
- We have two parameters:
 - 1 n_0 determining the number of photons, which fixes the strength of quantum noise
 - 2 Δp the momentum spread of the photon states (here $\Delta p = 10$)



Classical-like evolution $n_0 = 1000$

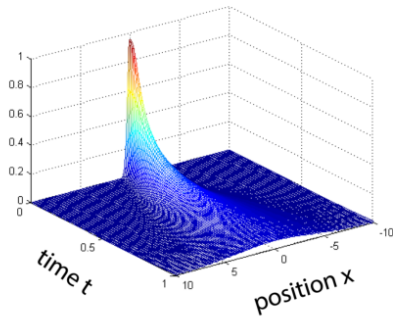


Quantum evolution $n_0 = 10$

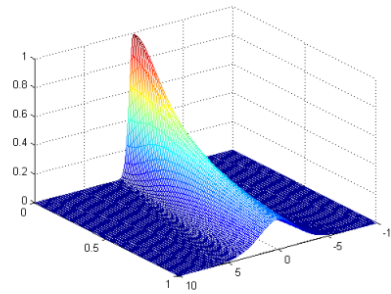


Simulation of the quantum soliton (2/2)

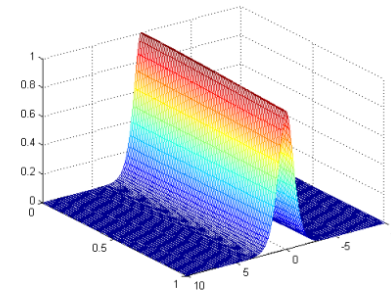
For a fixed momentum spread, we can change the number of photons to transit from classical to quantum ($\Delta p = 100$).



$$n_0 = 50$$



$$n_0 = 100$$

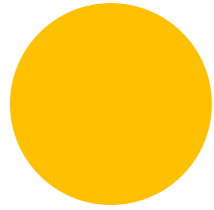
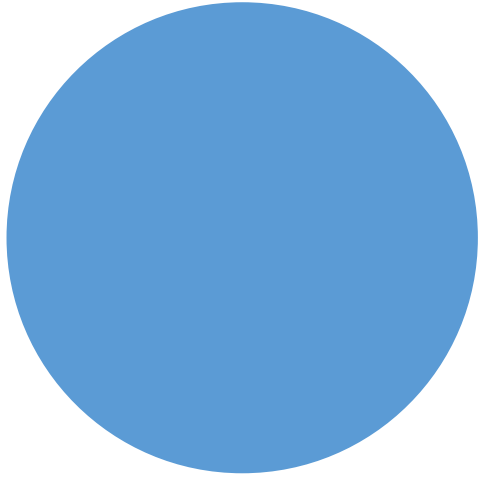


$$n_0 = 1000$$

Low-particle number solitons

Low-particle number solitons exists but are delocalized!





Do quantum soliton
evaporate ?

Hawking radiation from black holes



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$$\phi;_{ab}g^{ab} = 0$$

Black hole explosions?

QUANTUM gravitational effects are usually ignored in calculations of the formation and evolution of black holes. The justification for this is that the radius of curvature of space-time outside the event horizon is very large compared to the Planck length ($(G\hbar/c^3)^{1/2} \approx 10^{-35}$ m), the length scale on which quantum fluctuations of the metric are expected to be of order unity. This means that the energy density of particles created by the gravitational field is small compared to the space-time curvature. Even though quantum effects may be small locally, they may still, however, add up to produce a significant effect over the lifetime of the Universe $\approx 10^{10}$ s, which is very long compared to the Planck time $\approx 10^{-43}$ s.

two expressions for ϕ_i , one finds that the b_i , which are the annihilation operators for outgoing scalar particles, can be expressed as a linear combination of the ingoing annihilation and creation operators a_i and a_i^\dagger :

$$b_i = \sum_j [\alpha_{ij} a_j - \beta_{ij} a_j^\dagger]$$

Thus when there are no incoming particles the expectation value of the number operator $b_i^\dagger b_i$ of the i th outgoing state is

$$\langle 0, |b_i^\dagger b_i| 0, \rangle = \sum_j |\beta_{ij}|^2$$

The number of particles created and emitted to infinity in a gravitational collapse can therefore be determined by calculating the coefficients β_{ij} . Consider a simple example in which

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the collapse is spherically symmetric. The angular dependence of the solution of the wave equation can then be expressed in terms of the spherical harmonics Y_{lm} and the dependence on retarded or advanced time u, v can be taken to have the form $e^{i\omega u} \exp(i\omega v)$ (here the continuous normalisation is used). Ongoing solutions $p_{\omega l m}$ will now be expressed as an integral over incoming fields with the same l and m :

$$p_{\omega l m} = \int [\alpha_{\omega l m} f_{\omega' l m} + \beta_{\omega l m} f_{\omega' l m}^*] d\omega'$$

(The lm indices have been dropped.) To calculate $\alpha_{\omega l m}$ and $\beta_{\omega l m}$ consider a wave which has a positive frequency ω on F propagating backwards through spacetime with nothing crossing the event horizon. Part of this wave will be scattered by the curvature of the static Schwarzschild solution outside the black hole and will end up on F with the same frequency ω . This will give a $\delta(\omega - \omega')$ behaviour in $\alpha_{\omega l m}$. Another part of the wave will propagate backwards into the star, through the origin and out again onto F . These waves will have a

Beckenstein⁸ suggested on thermodynamic grounds that some multiple of κ should be regarded as the temperature of a black hole. He did not, however, suggest that a black hole could emit particles as well as absorb them. For this reason Bardeen, Carter and I considered that the thermodynamical similarity between κ and temperature was only an analogy. The present result seems to indicate, however, that there may be more to it than this. Of course this calculation ignores the back reaction of the particles on the metric, and quantum fluctuations on the metric. These might alter the picture.

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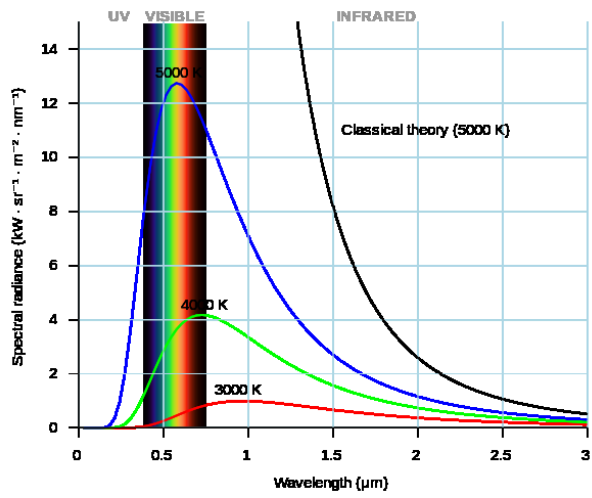
The spectrum of a quantized field in the black hole metrics (Schwarzschild solution) is blackbody with temperature

$$T = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G M k_B} \left(\approx \frac{1.227 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}}{M} \text{ K} = 6.169 \times 10^{-8} \text{ K} \times \frac{M_\odot}{M} \right)$$

$$\nu_{\max} = T \times 58.8 \text{ GHz K}^{-1}$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{b}{T_H} = \frac{8\pi^2}{4.9651} r_s = 15.902 r_s$$

Black hole classifications		
Class	Mass	Size
Supermassive black hole	$\sim 10^5 - 10^{10} M_{\text{Sun}}$	$\sim 0.001 - 400 \text{ AU}$
Intermediate-mass black hole	$\sim 10^3 M_{\text{Sun}}$	$\sim 10^3 \text{ km} \approx R_{\text{Earth}}$
Stellar black hole	$\sim 10 M_{\text{Sun}}$	$\sim 30 \text{ km}$
Micro black hole	up to $\sim M_{\text{Moon}}$	up to $\sim 0.1 \text{ mm}$



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Black holes are solitons



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Black holes are solitons of the Einstein-Hilbert equations ...

Black holes evaporate

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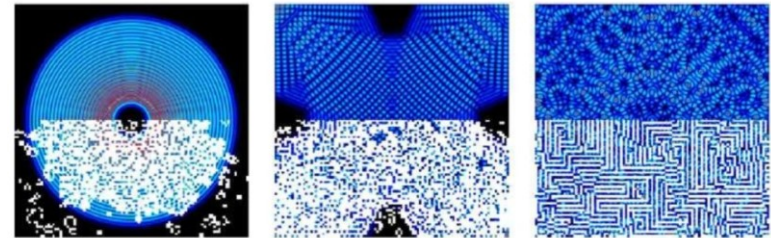
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