

Gap solitons in optical lattices: their **classical** and **quantum** properties

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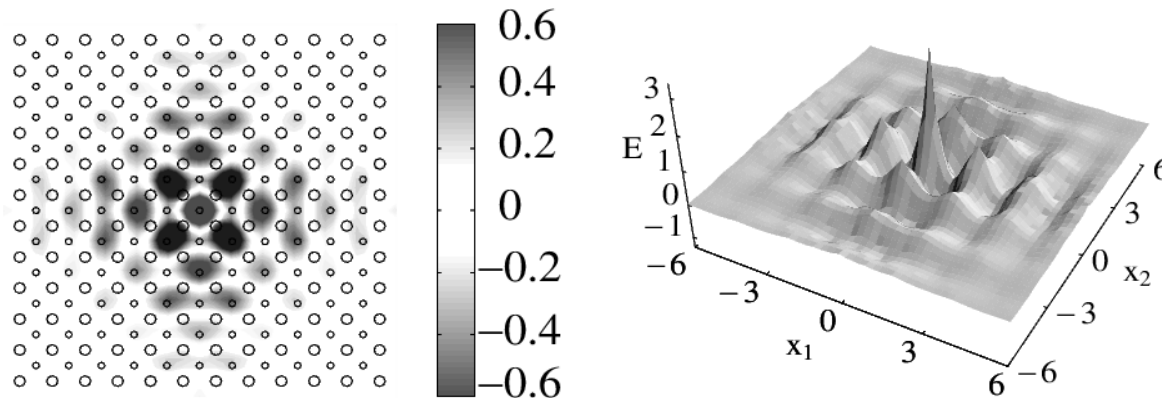
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1. The great wave of translation
2. Bragg grating solitons
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4. Entangled solitons for quantum information
5. Conclusions



Nonlinear Photonic Crystals

- Can pulse transmit the bandgap **without** using defect waveguides ?
- With **Nonlinear** photonic bandgap crystals, pulse can propagate without changing its shape.
- It's called **Bragg/Gap** solitons.

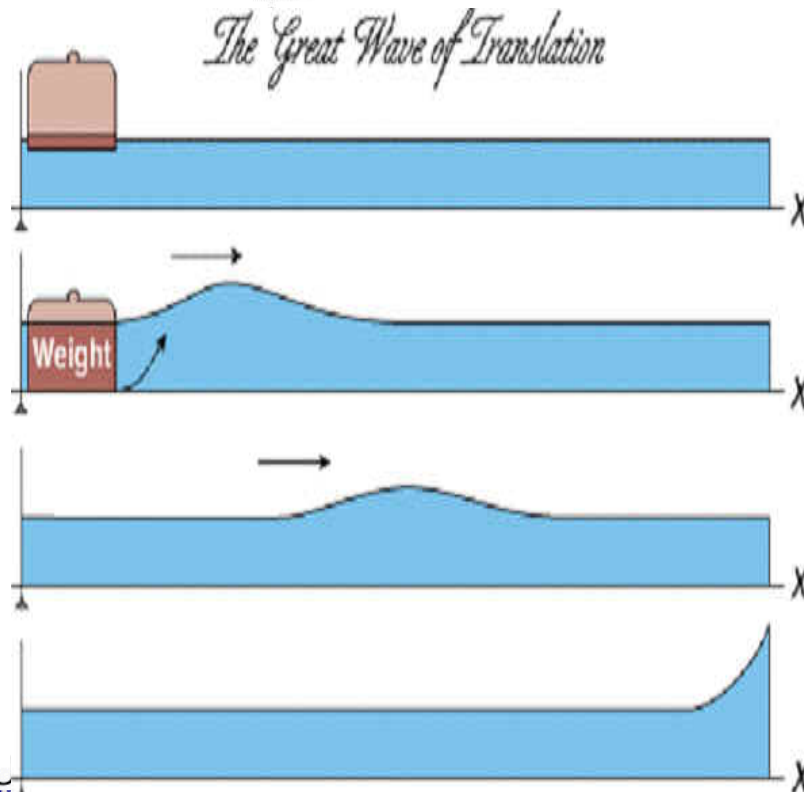
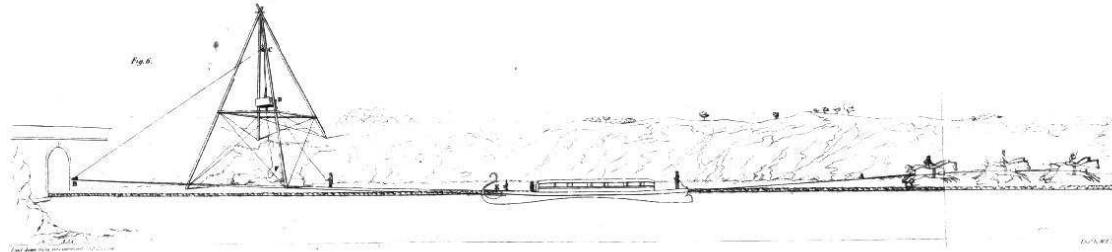


S. F. Mingaleev and Yu. S. Kivshar, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **86**, 5474 (2001).

The Great Wave of Translation



Scottish engineer **John Scott Russell** (1808-1882), *fourteenth meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, York, September 1844 (London 1845).*



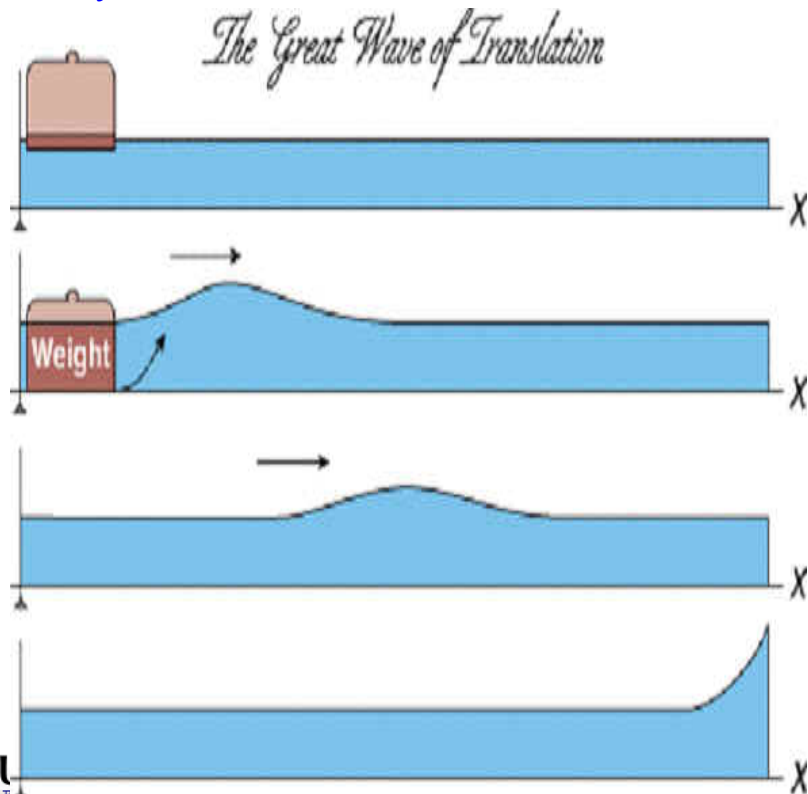
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Soliton on the Scott Russell Aqueduct on the Union Canal near Heriot-Watt University,

12 July 1995.



Tsunami



The Great Wave of Kanag'awa is an example of a soliton.

Hokusai, 1879, Japanese woodcut.

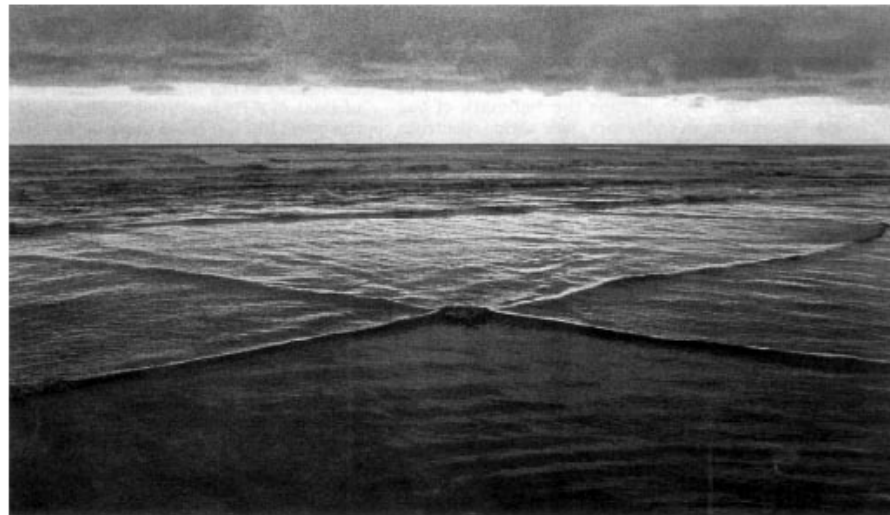
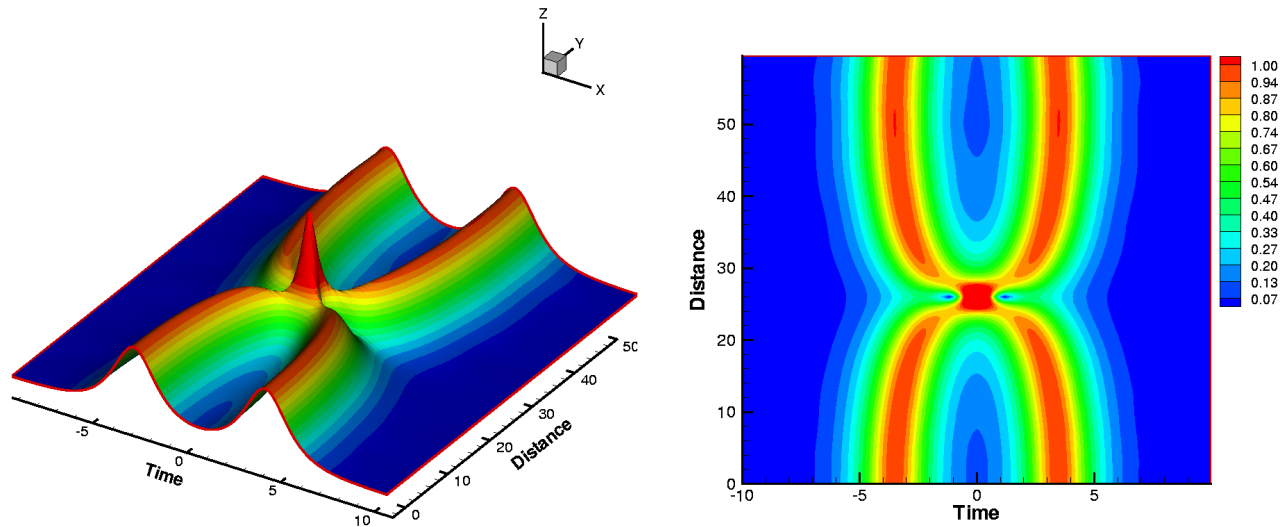
Solitons

A Universal phenomenon of self-trapped wave packets.

- EM waves in nonlinear optical materials;
- shallow- and deep-water waves;
- charge-density waves in plasmas;
- sound waves in liquid ^3He ;
- matter waves in Bose-Einstein condensates;
- excitations on DNA chains;
- domain walls in supergravity, and
- "branes" at the end of open strings in superstring theory; to name only a few.

Wave-particle characteristics of solitons

Collision between solitons



Courtesy of T. Toedterneier

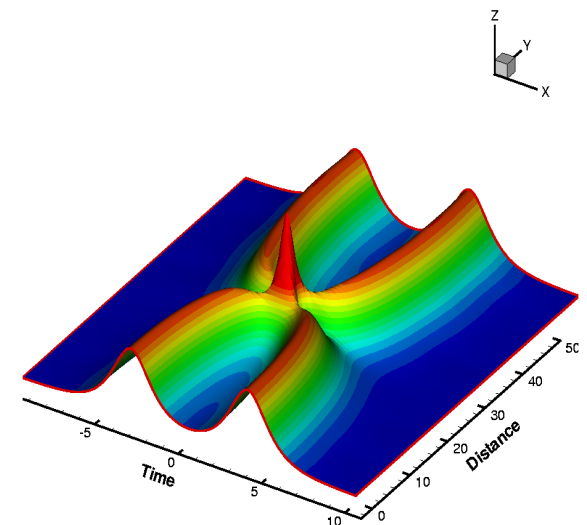
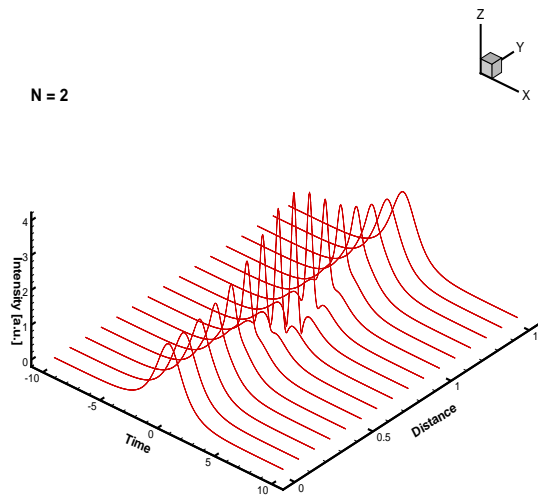
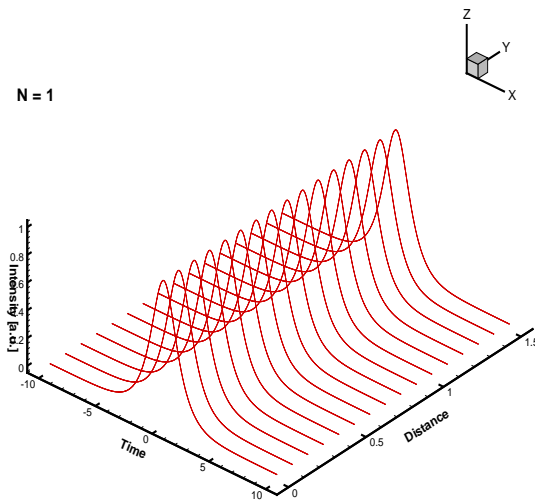
Solitons in optical fibers

Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation:

$$iU_z(z, t) = -\frac{D}{2}U_{tt}(z, t) - |U(z, t)|^2U(z, t)$$

Fundamental soliton:

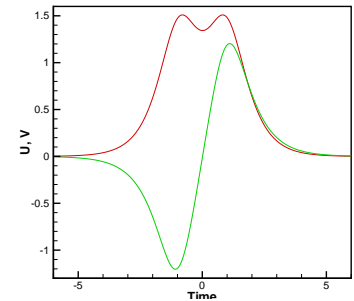
$$U(z, t) = \frac{n_0}{2} \exp\left[i\frac{n_0^2}{8}z + i\theta_0\right] \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{n_0}{2}t\right]$$



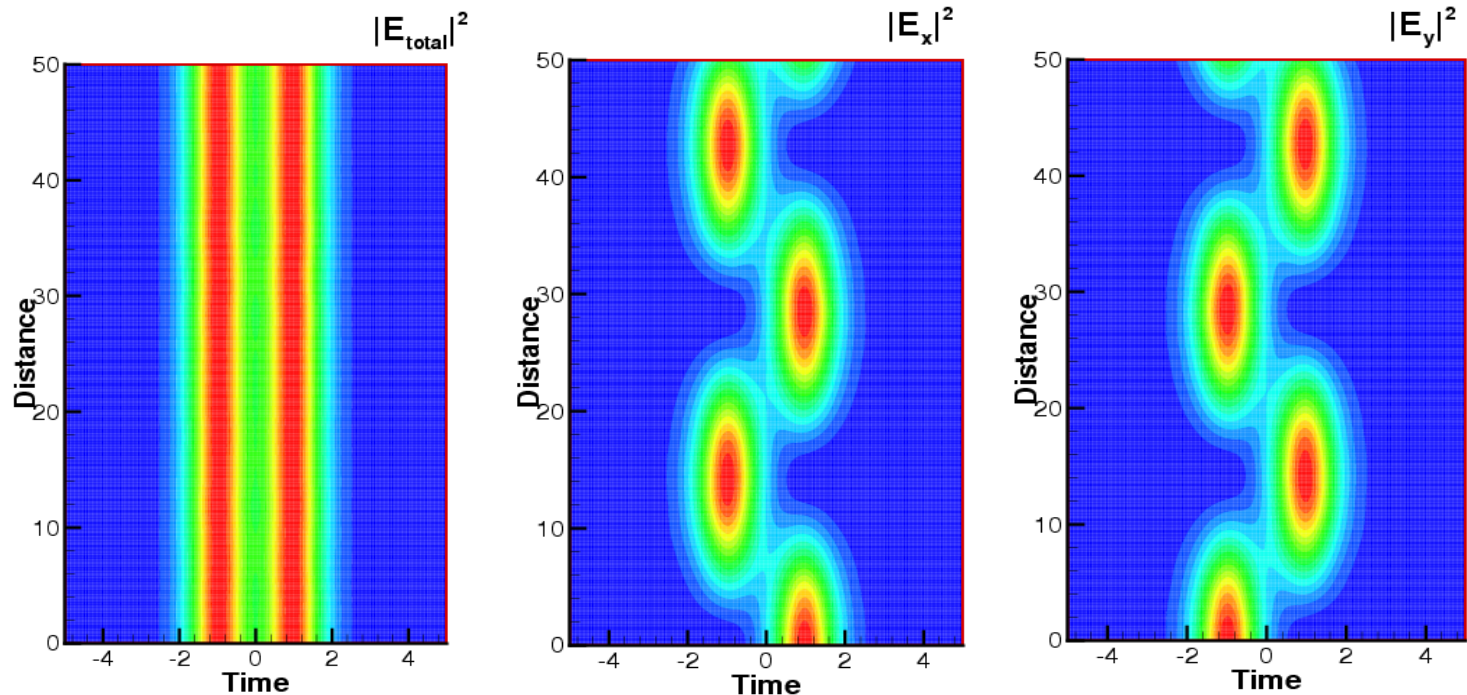
Vector bound solitons

Coupled Nonlinear Schrödinger Equations:

$$i \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} + A|U|^2U + B|V|^2U = 0$$
$$i \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} + A|V|^2V + B|U|^2V = 0$$



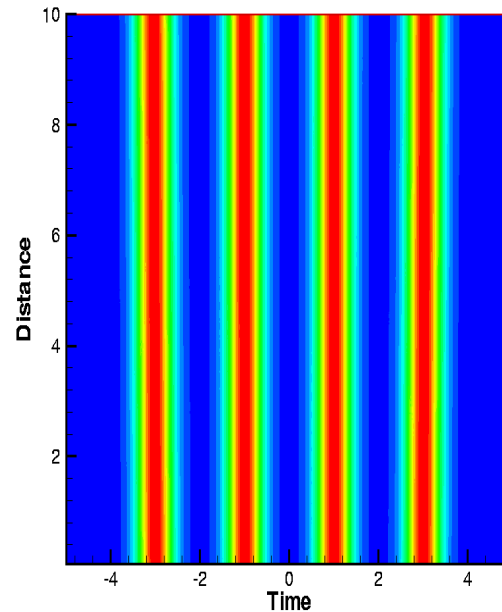
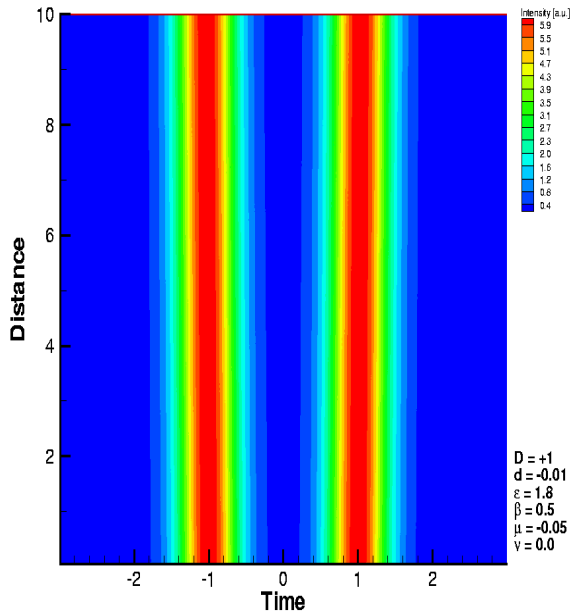
where $A = 1/3$, $B = 2/3$; and U, V are circular polarization fields.



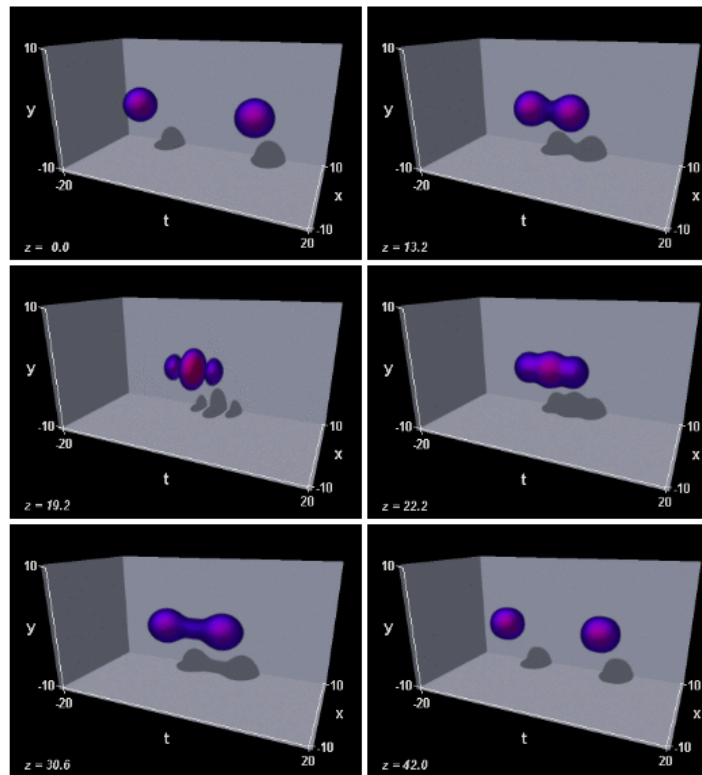
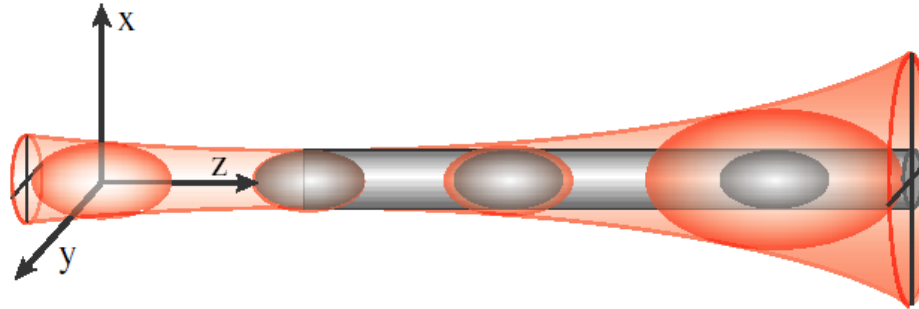
Bounded-Solitons

Complex Ginzburg-Landau Equation:

$$iU_z + \frac{D}{2}U_{tt} + |U|^2U = i\delta U + i\epsilon|U|^2U + i\beta U_{tt} + i\mu|U|^4U - \nu|U|^4U$$



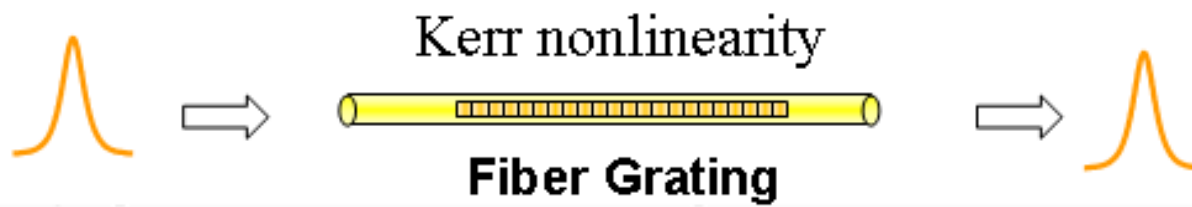
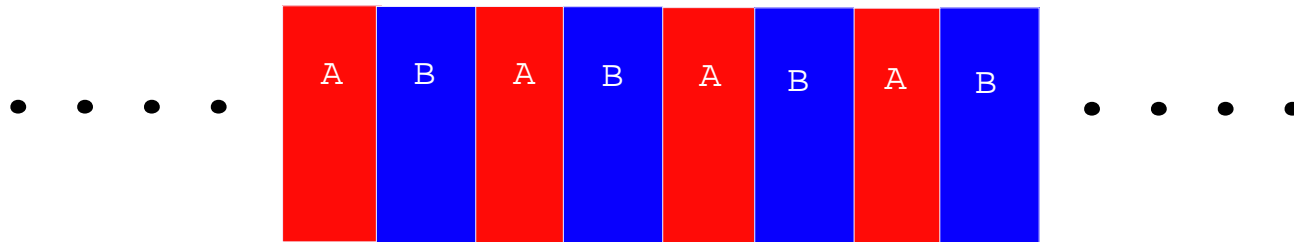
Spatio-temporal solitons: **light bullet**



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Fiber Bragg grating solitons



Coupled mode theory: linear case

Linear wave propagation in a 1-D periodic structure:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} - \frac{n^2(z)}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

where $n^2(z) = \bar{n}^2 + \tilde{\epsilon}(z)$ is a periodic structure.

For FBGs, we expand $\tilde{\epsilon}(z)$ by the Fourier series and only keep the phase-matching ± 1 order terms. Then decomposes the light field into the forward (U_a) and backward (U_b) propagation pulses, $E(z, t) = U_a(z, t)e^{-i(\omega t - k_0 z)} + U_b(z, t)e^{-i(\omega t + k_0 z)} + c.c.:$

$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_a(z, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_a = i\delta U_a + i\kappa U_b$$

$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_b(z, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_b = i\delta U_b + i\kappa U_a$$

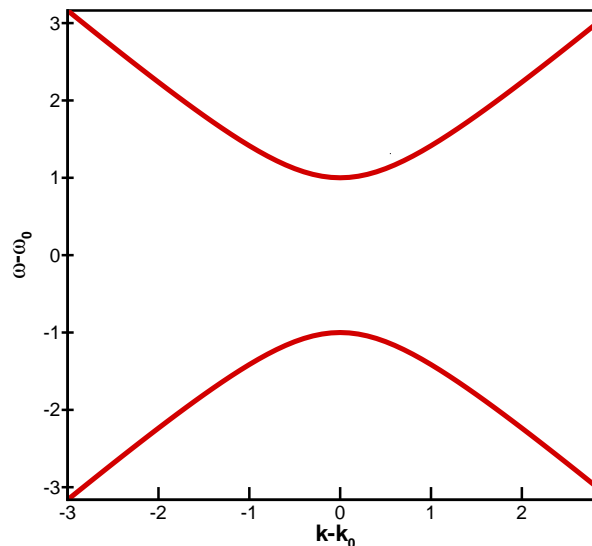
where $v_g = \bar{n}/c$ is the group velocity of the pulses, $\delta = \omega - \omega_0$ is the wavelength detuning parameter, and $\kappa = \omega_0 \tilde{\epsilon}/2\bar{n}c$ is the coupling coefficient.

Dispersion relations for FBGs

Using the envelope functions, $E_{\pm}(z, t) = A_{\pm}e^{-i(\Omega t - Qz)}$, one can have

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\Omega/\bar{n} & \kappa \\ \kappa & c\Omega/\bar{n} + Q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_+ \\ A_- \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$

with the dispersion relation, $c\Omega/\bar{n} = \pm\sqrt{\kappa^2 + Q^2}$.



Coupled mode theory: nonlinear case

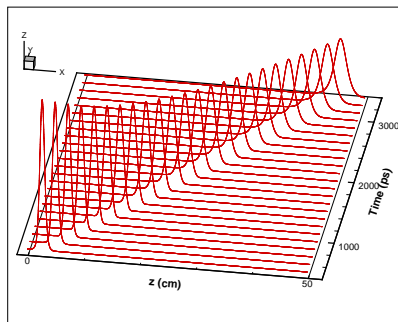
Consider third-harmonic generation, χ_3 nonlinearity,

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} - \frac{n^2(z)}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}_{NL}}{\partial t^2},$$

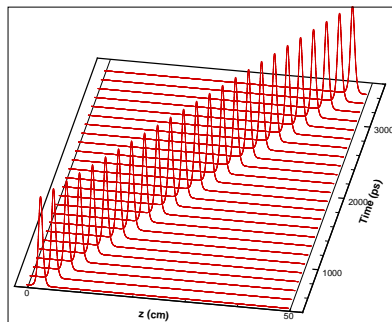
then we have **nonlinear** coupled-mode theory:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_a(z, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_a &= i\delta U_a + i\kappa U_b + i\Gamma |U_a|^2 U_a + 2i\Gamma |U_b|^2 U_a \\ \frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_b(z, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_b &= i\delta U_b + i\kappa U_a + i\Gamma |U_b|^2 U_b + 2i\Gamma |U_a|^2 U_b \end{aligned}$$

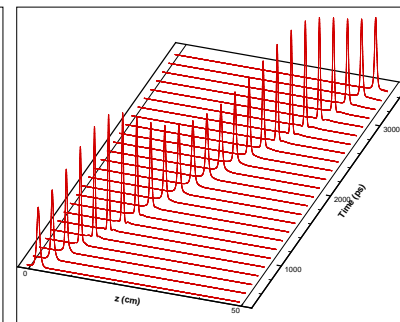
decay



stationary



oscillate



Theory: A. Aceves and S. Wabnitz, *Phys. Lett. A* 141, 37 (1986).

Exp: B. J. Eggleton *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 76, 1627 (1996).

Coherent and Squeezed States

Laser beam can be represented by

$$\hat{E}(t) = E_0[\hat{X}_1 \sin(\omega t) - \hat{X}_2 \cos(\omega t)]$$

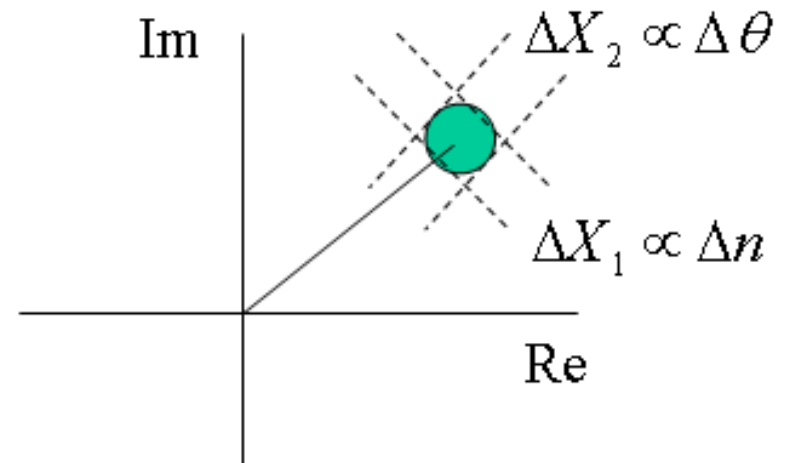
where

\hat{X}_1 = amplitude quadrature

\hat{X}_2 = phase quadrature

Uncertainty Principle: $\Delta\hat{X}_1\Delta\hat{X}_2 \geq 1$.

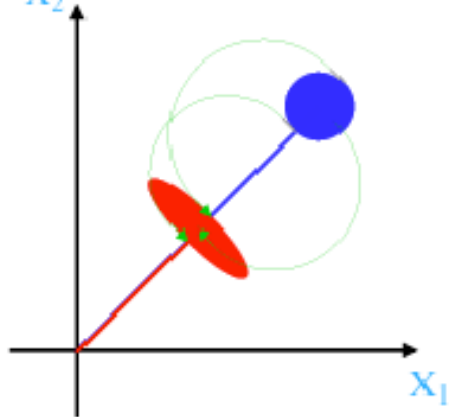
1. Coherent states: $\Delta\hat{X}_1 = \Delta\hat{X}_2 = 1$,
2. Amplitude squeezed states: $\Delta\hat{X}_1 < 1$,
3. Phase squeezed states: $\Delta\hat{X}_2 < 1$,
4. Quadrature squeezed states.



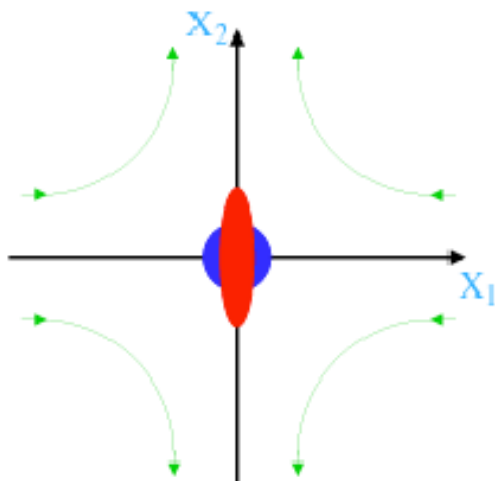
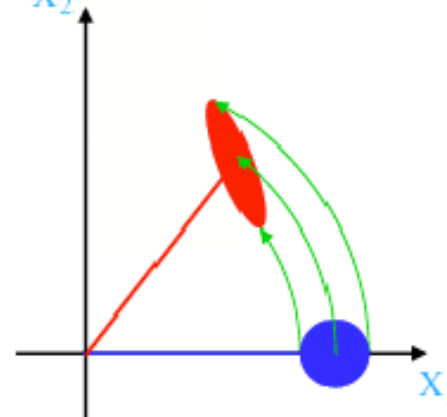
Generations of Squeezed States

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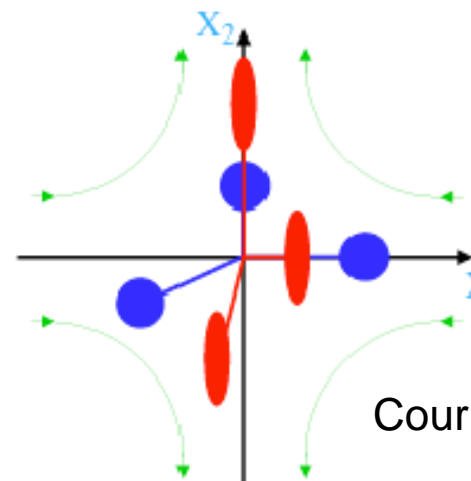
X_2 Second Harmonic Generation



X_2 Kerr Effect



Parametric Oscillation



Parametric Amplification

Courtesy of P. K. Lam

Definition of Squeezing and Correlation

Squeezing Ratio

$$\hat{M} = M + \Delta\hat{M}$$
$$\text{SR} = \frac{\langle \Delta\hat{M}^2 \rangle}{\langle \Delta\hat{M}^2 \rangle_{\text{C.S.}}}$$

$\text{SR} < 1$: Squeezing

$\text{SR} > 1$: Anti - Squeezing

Correlation

$$C = \frac{\langle : \Delta\hat{A}\Delta\hat{B} : \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Delta\hat{A}^2 \rangle \langle \Delta\hat{B}^2 \rangle}}$$

$0 \leq C \leq 1$: Positive Correlation

$C = 0$: No Correlation

$-1 \leq C \leq 0$: Negative Correlation

Quadrature Squeezing of Solitons

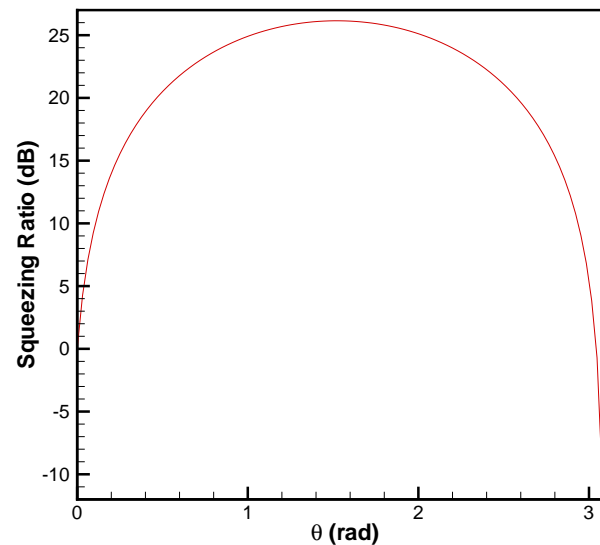
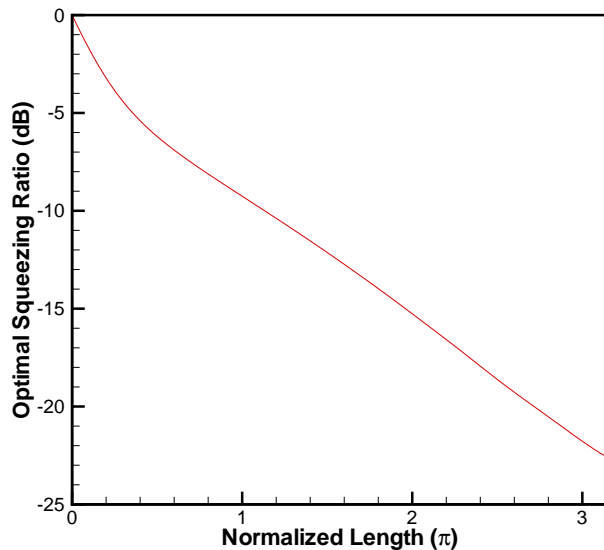
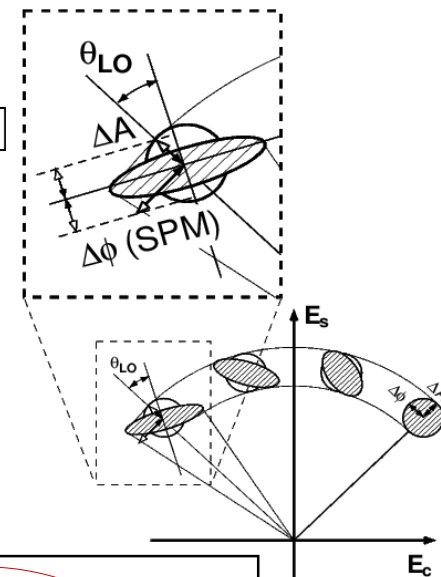
For $N = 1$ soliton:

$$U(z, t) = \frac{n_0}{2} \exp\left[i\frac{n_0^2}{8}z + i\theta_0\right] \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{n_0}{2}t\right]$$

$$\Delta\hat{n}(z) = \Delta\hat{n}(0)$$

$$\Delta\hat{\theta}(z) = \Delta\hat{\theta}(0) + \frac{n_0}{4}z\Delta\hat{n}(0)$$

$$\Delta\hat{X}_\theta(z) = \alpha_1\Delta\hat{n}(z) + \alpha_2\Delta\hat{\theta}(z)$$

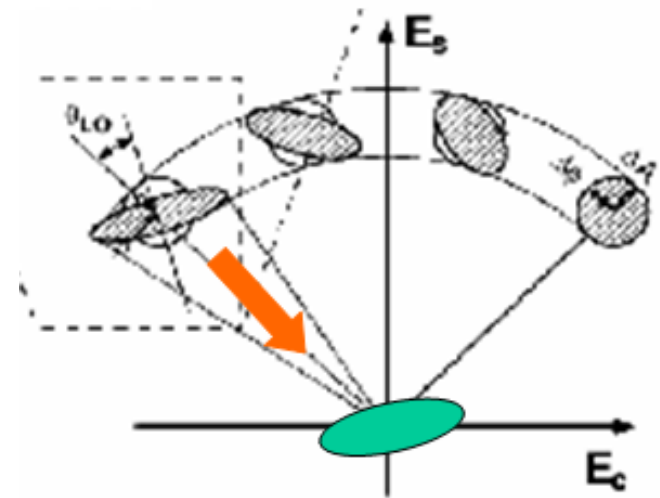
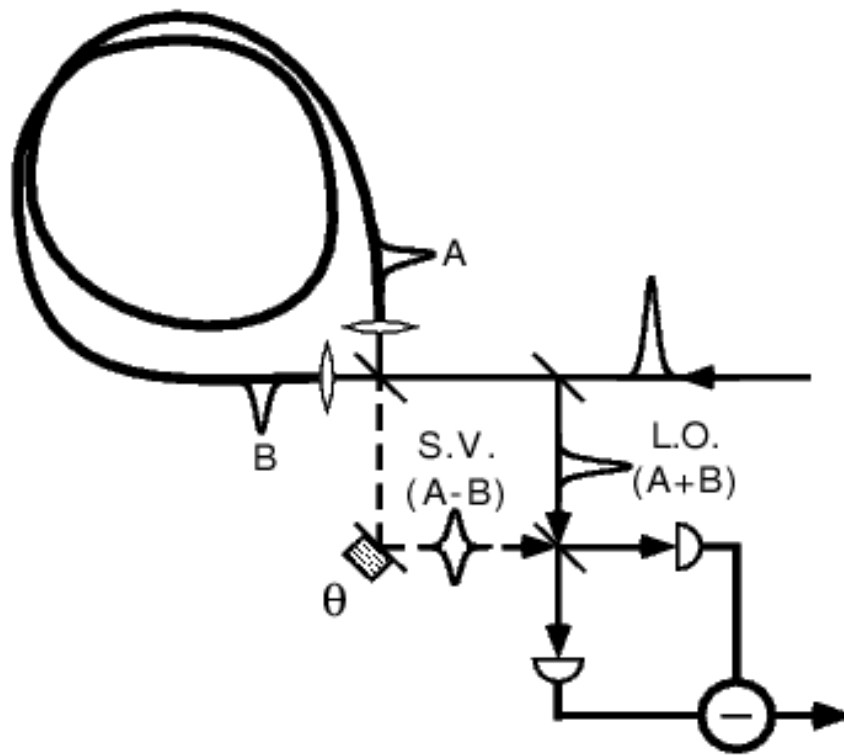


$$\text{Optimal Squeezing Ratio} \equiv \min \frac{\text{var}[\Delta\hat{X}_\theta(z)]}{\text{var}[\Delta\hat{X}_\theta(0)]}$$

Y. Lai and H. A. Haus, *Phys. Rev. A* **40**, 844 (1989); *ibid* **40**, 854 (1989).

Generation and Detection of Squeezed Vacuum

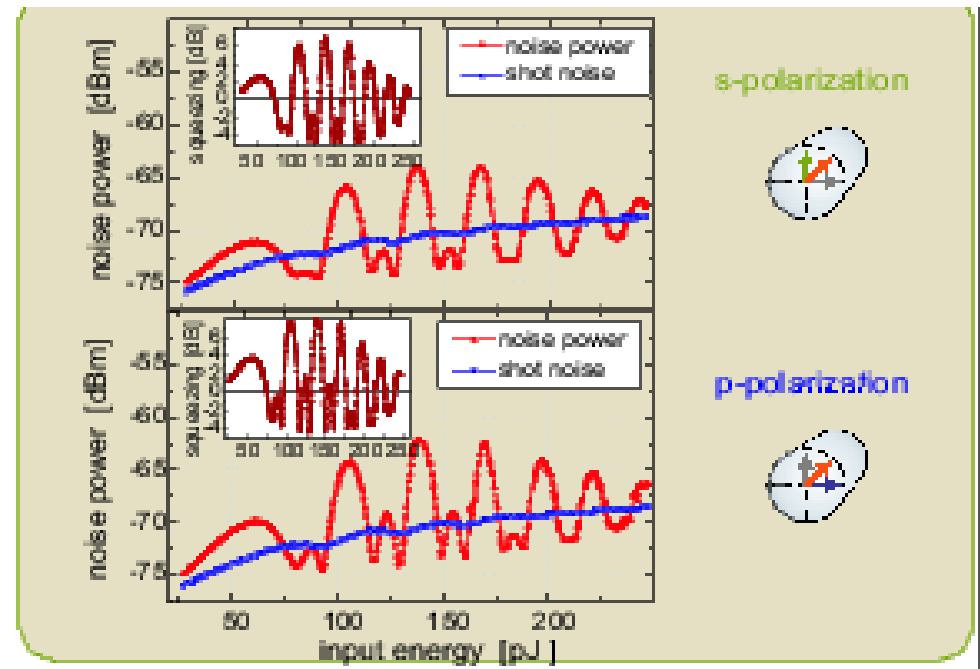
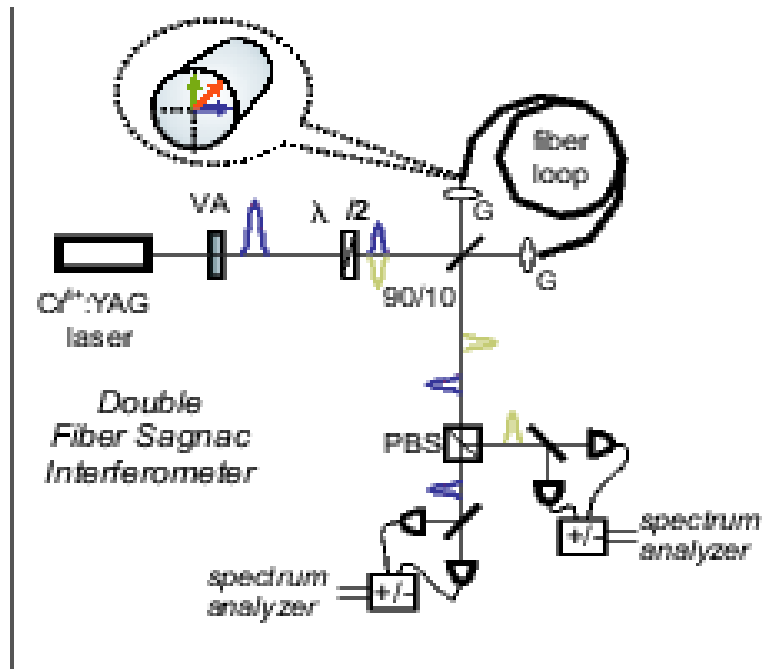
1. Balanced Sagnac Loop (to cancel the mean field),
2. Homodyne Detection.



M. Rosenbluh and R. M. Shelby, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 66, 153(1991).

Generation and Detection of Amplitude Squeezed States

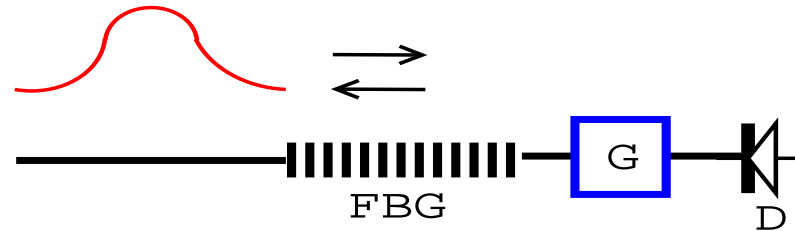
By asymmetric Sagnac Loop



Ch. Silberhorn, P. K. Lam, O. Weis, F. König, N. Korolkova, and G. Leuchs,

Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 4267 (2001).

Quantum Nonlinear Coupled Mode Equations



$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{U}_a(z, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{U}_a = i\delta \hat{U}_a + i\kappa \hat{U}_b + i\Gamma |\hat{U}_a|^2 \hat{U}_a + 2i\Gamma |\hat{U}_b|^2 \hat{U}_a$$

$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{U}_b(z, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{U}_b = i\delta \hat{U}_b + i\kappa \hat{U}_a + i\Gamma |\hat{U}_b|^2 \hat{U}_b + 2i\Gamma |\hat{U}_a|^2 \hat{U}_b$$

where \hat{U}_a , \hat{U}_b represent forward/backward fields, satisfying Bosonic commutation relations:

$$[\hat{U}_a(z_1, t), \hat{U}_a^\dagger(z_2, t)] = \delta(z_1 - z_2), \quad [\hat{U}_b(z_1, t), \hat{U}_b^\dagger(z_2, t)] = \delta(z_1 - z_2),$$

$$[\hat{U}_a(z_1, t), \hat{U}_a(z_2, t)] = [\hat{U}_a^\dagger(z_1, t), \hat{U}_a^\dagger(z_2, t)] = [\hat{U}_b(z_1, t), \hat{U}_b(z_2, t)] = 0$$

$$[\hat{U}_b^\dagger(z_1, t), \hat{U}_b^\dagger(z_2, t)] = [\hat{U}_a(z_1, t), \hat{U}_b(z_2, t)] = [\hat{U}_a(z_1, t), \hat{U}_b^\dagger(z_2, t)] = 0$$



Linearization Approach

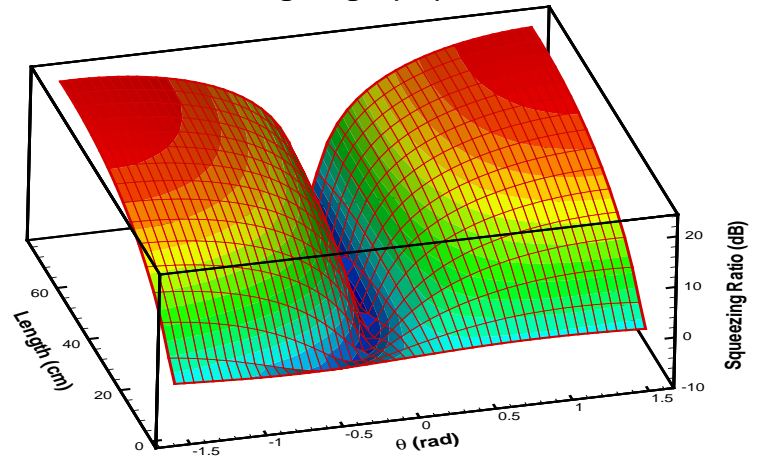
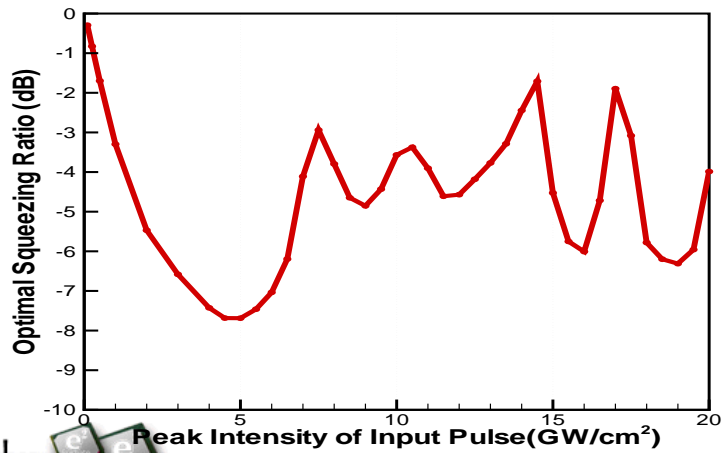
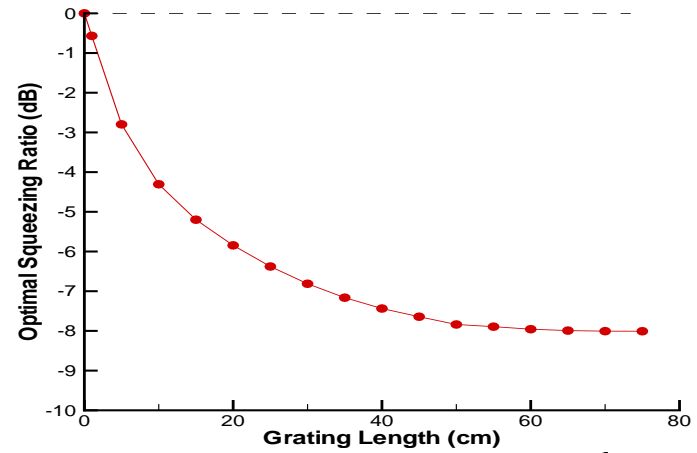
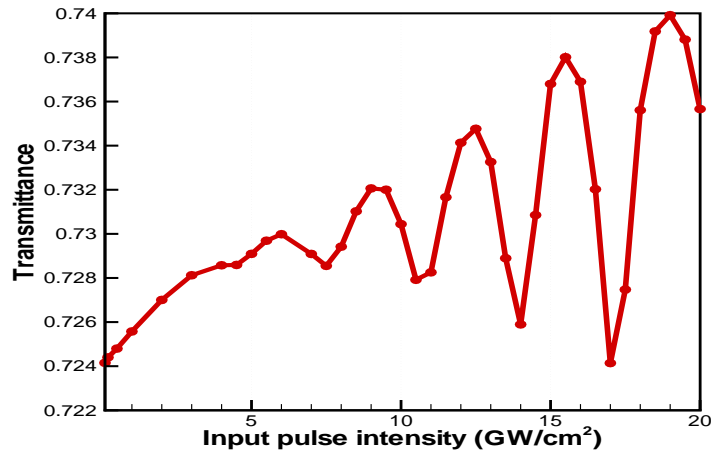
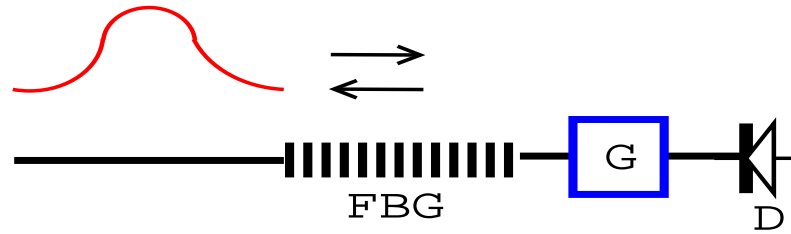
By setting $\hat{U}(x, t) = U_0(z, t) + \hat{u}(z, t)$, we can linearize the QNL CME as follows:

$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_a \\ \hat{u}_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\Gamma U_{a0}^2 & 2i\Gamma U_{a0} U_{b0} \\ 2i\Gamma U_{a0} U_{b0} & +i\Gamma U_{b0}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_a^\dagger \\ \hat{u}_b^\dagger \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + i\delta + 2i\Gamma|U_{a0}|^2 + 2i\Gamma|U_{b0}|^2 & i\kappa + 2i\Gamma U_{a0} U_{b0}^* \\ +i\kappa + 2i\Gamma U_{a0}^* U_{b0} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + i\delta + 2i\Gamma|U_{a0}|^2 + 2i\Gamma|U_{b0}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_a \\ \hat{u}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

where the perturbation fields $\hat{u}_a(z, t)$ and $\hat{u}_b(z, t)$ also have to satisfy the same Bosonic commutation relations.

Amp. Squeezing of FBG solitons

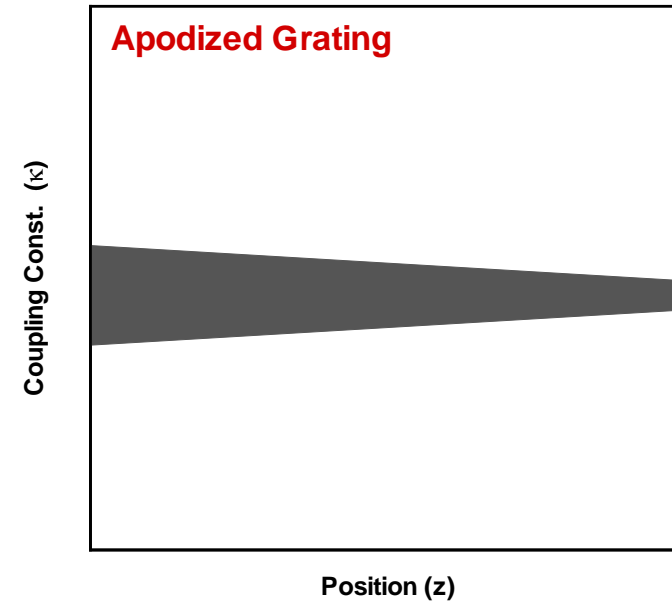
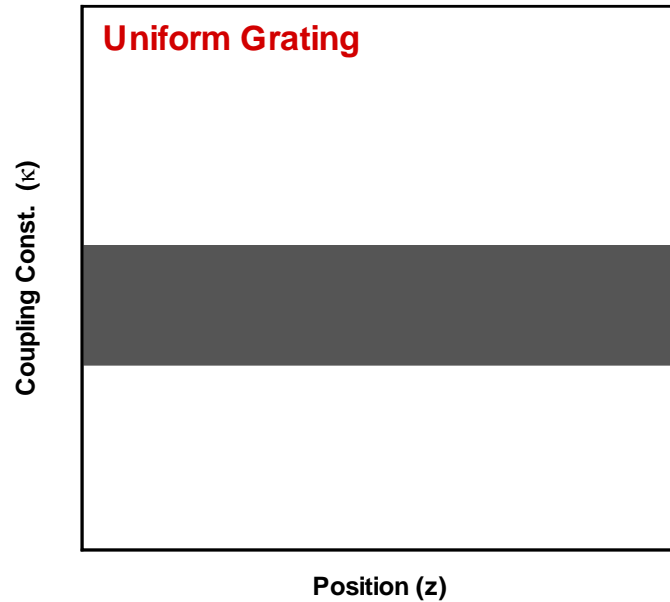


Apodized Fiber Bragg Gratings

We consider a nonuniform FBG which has a position dependent coupling coefficient described by

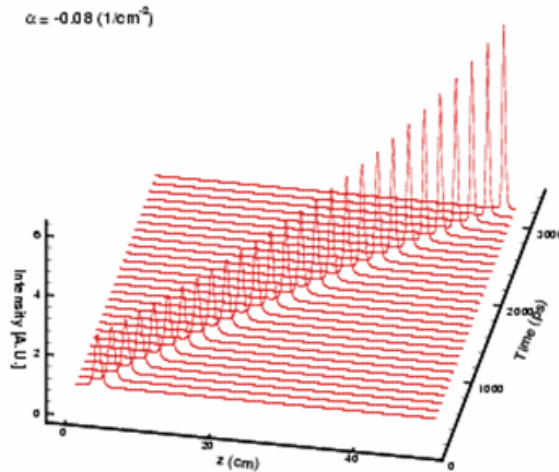
$$\kappa(z) = \kappa_0 + \alpha z$$

where κ_0 is the initial coupling coefficient and α is the slope of the coupling coefficient.

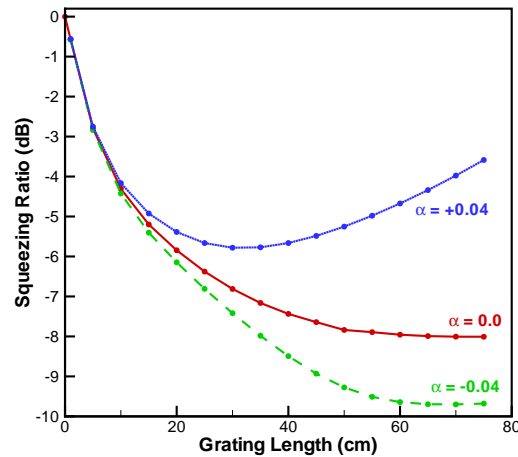
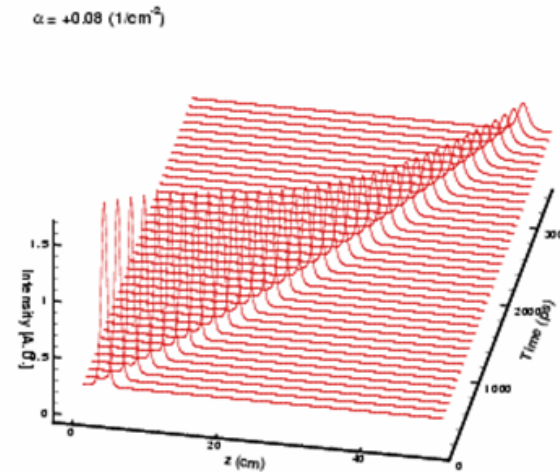


Tailor the Noise by Apodized Fiber Bragg Gratings

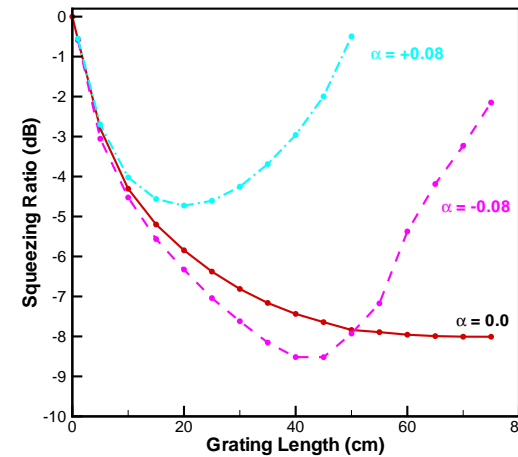
$$\alpha < 0$$



$$\alpha > 0$$



$$\alpha = \pm 0.04 (1/cm^2)$$



$$\alpha = \pm 0.08 (1/cm^2)$$

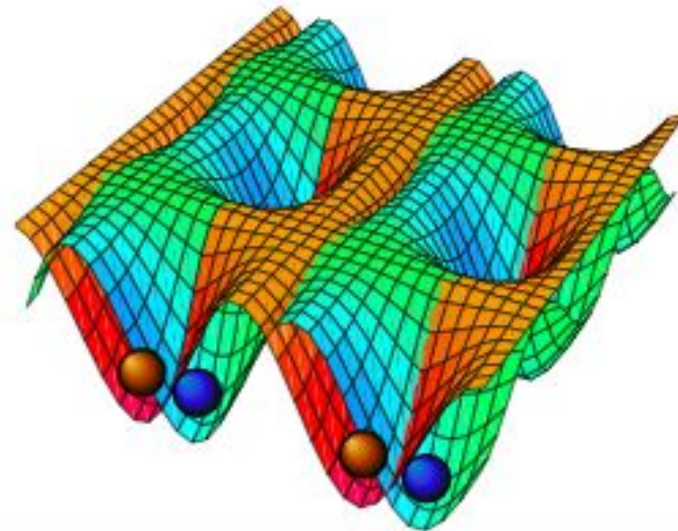
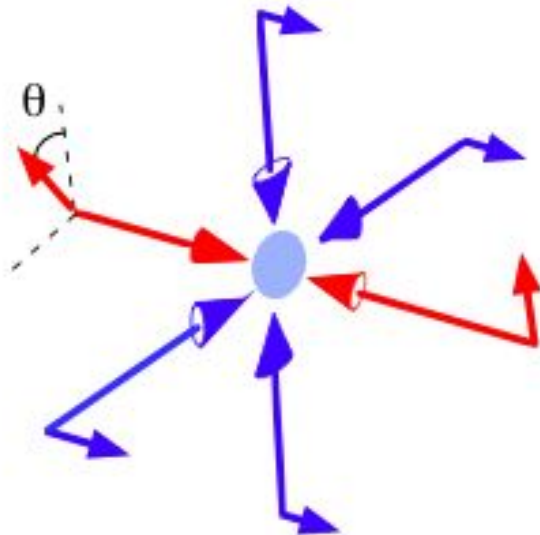
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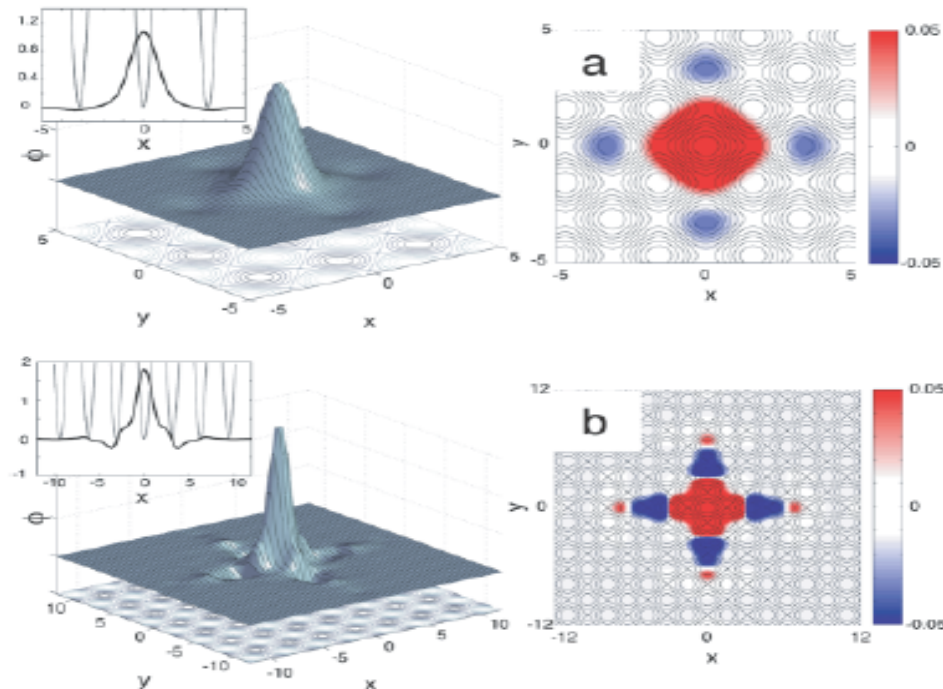


BEC in optical lattices

Gross-Pitaevskii equation with periodic potentials,

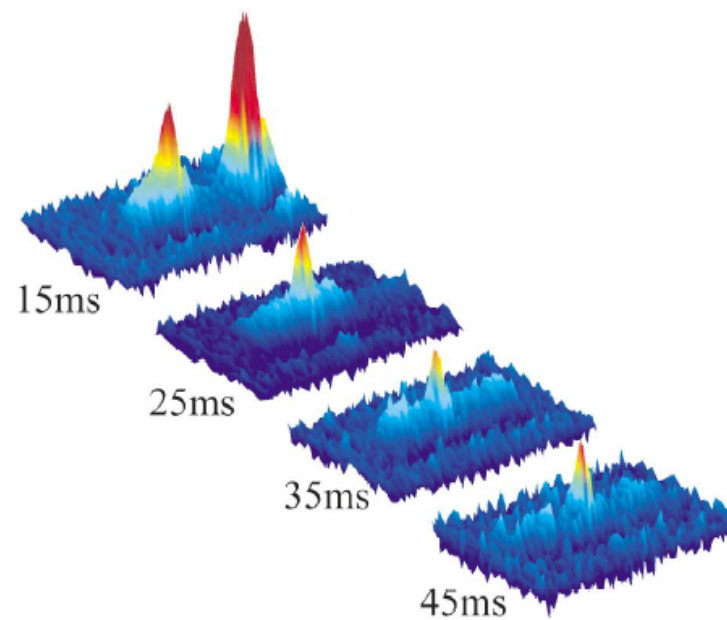
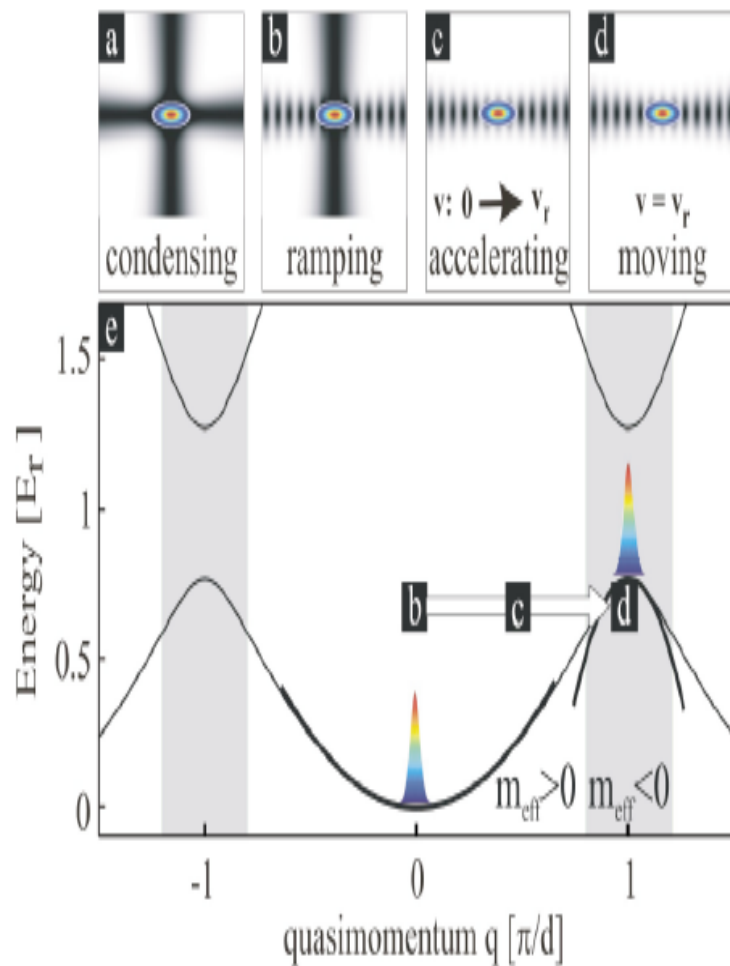
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \Phi + V(t) \Phi + g |\phi|^2 \phi$$

which has gap soliton solutions in 1D, 2D, and 3D.



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Mater-wave gap soliton in optical lattices



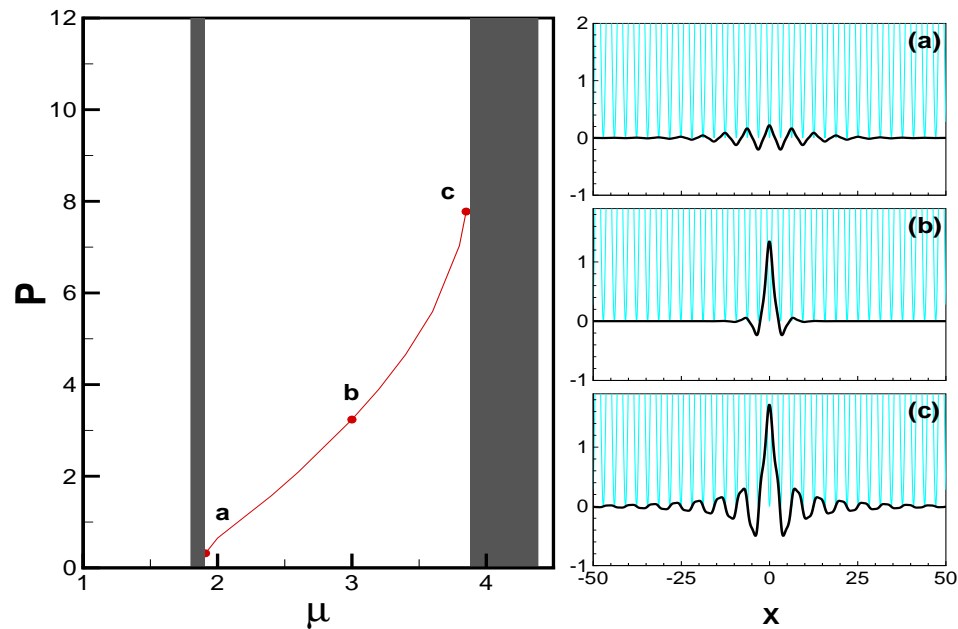
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Gap solitons in 1D

1-D **Gross-Pitaevskii equation**,

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_0(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Phi_0(t, x) + V(x) \Phi_0(t, x) + g_{1D} |\phi_0(t, x)|^2 \phi_0(t, x)$$

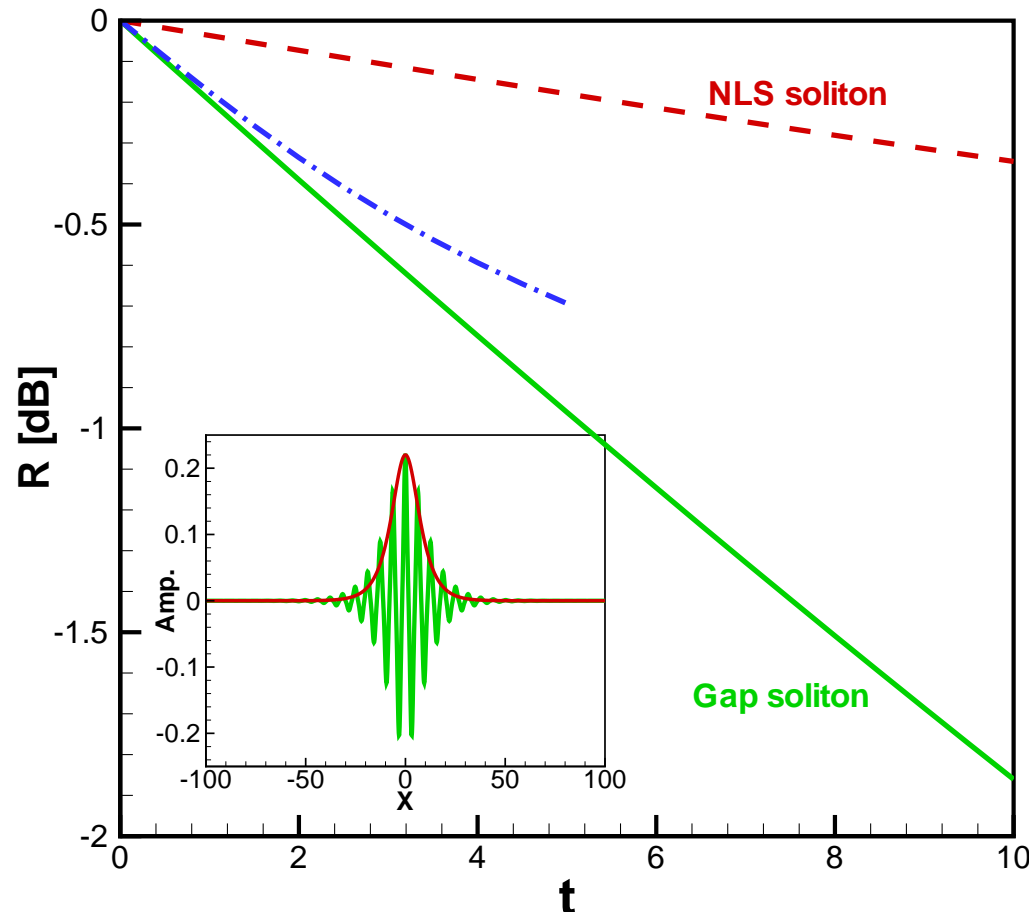
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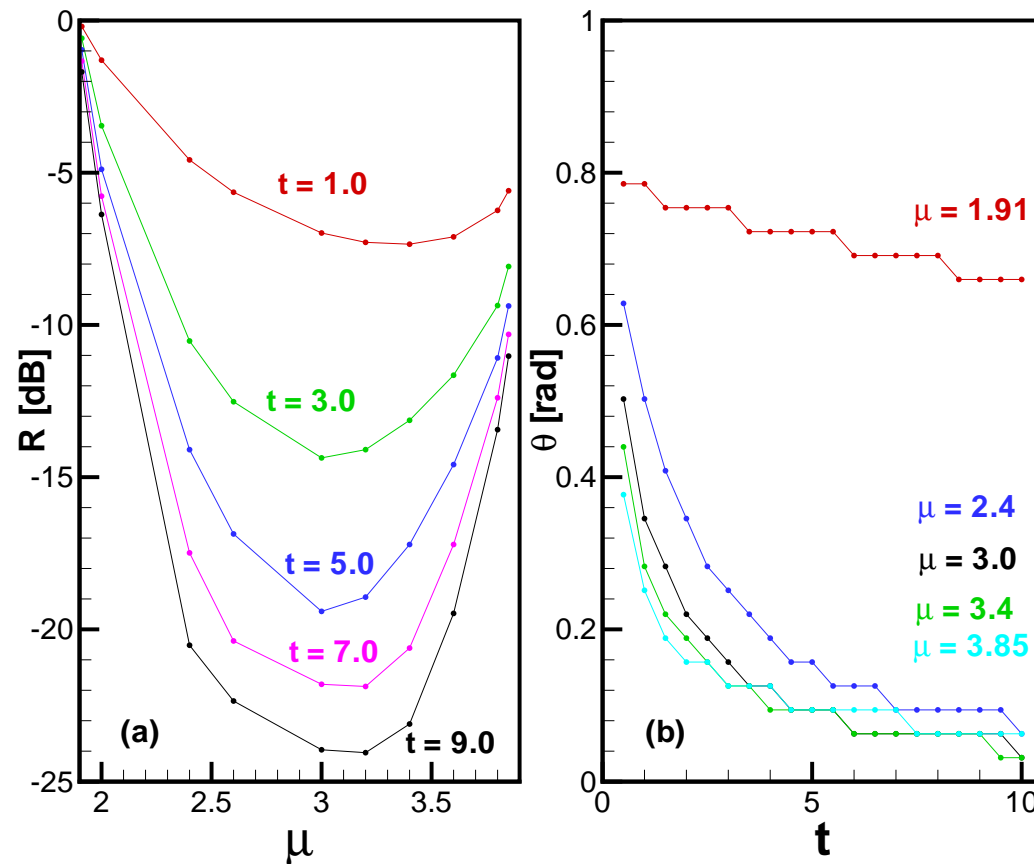
Comparison of **envelope** function near the **bandedge**

Near the bottom edge of the gap, one can use **envelope** approximation for the gap solitons

$$\psi(t, x) = AF(x)\phi(t, x).$$



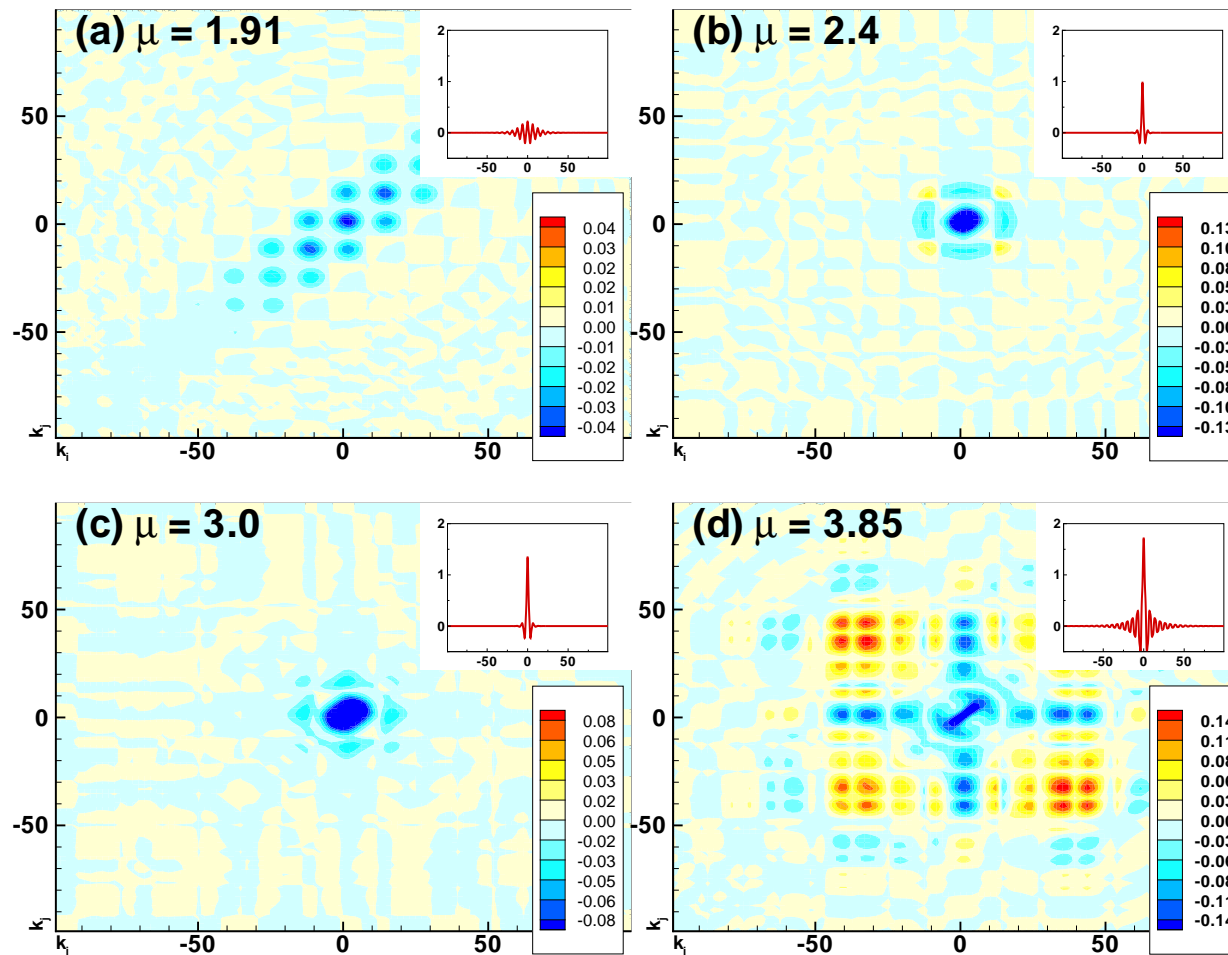
Squeezing ratio v.s. chemical potential



Squeezing effect is most profound in the **depth of the gap** and reduced near the band edges.

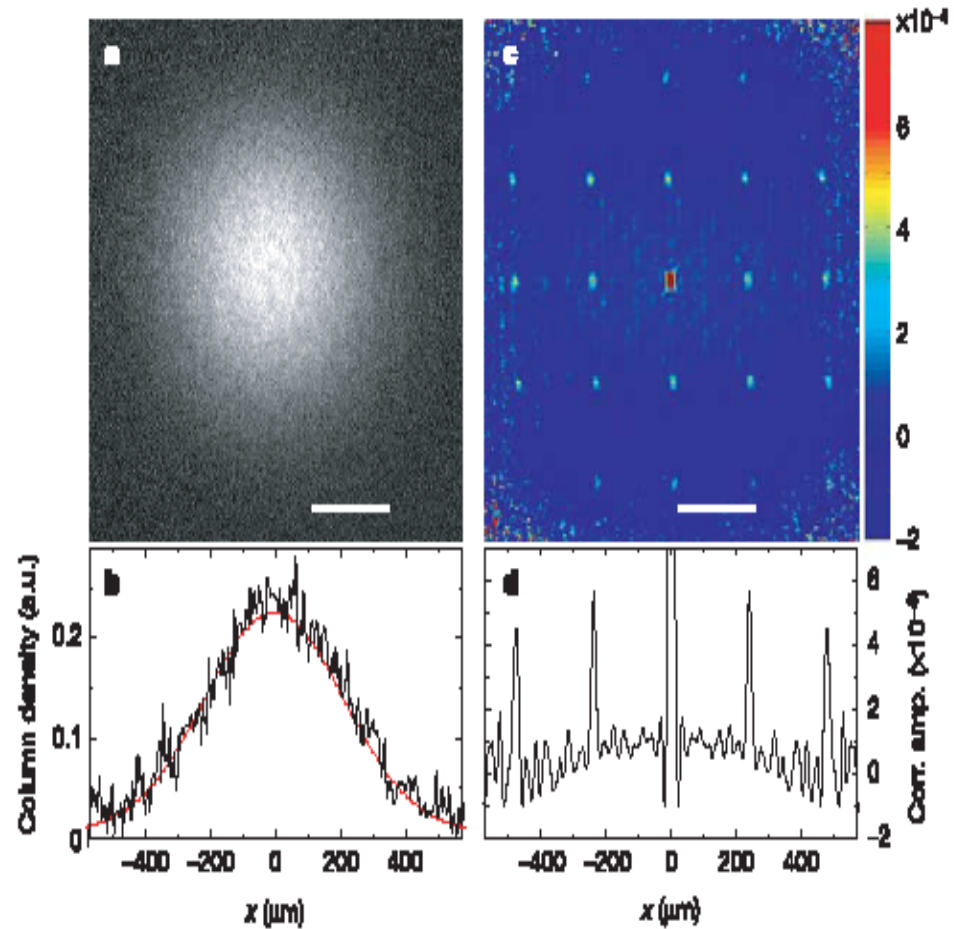
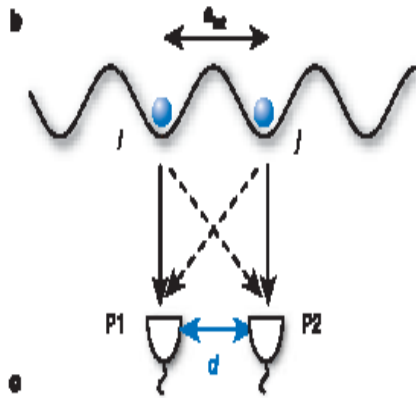
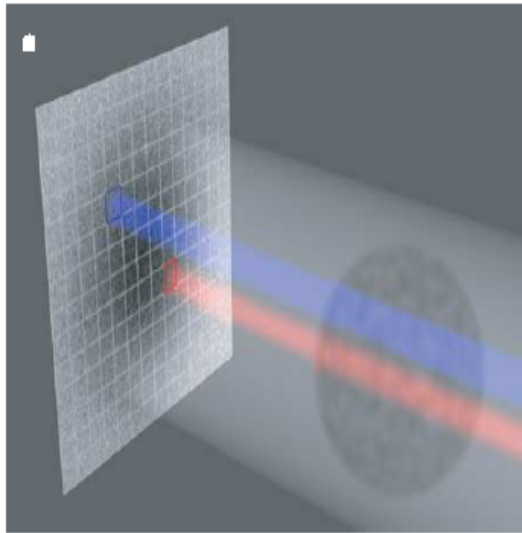
Quantum correlation patterns v.s. chemical potential

x -domain



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Summaries of: Squeezed Bragg solitons and gap solitons

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2. **Periodic potential** makes the properties of gap solitons squeezing differ from the envelope solitons by NLS equation.
3. Quantum correlation spectra of gap solitons in the **spatial** domain show the intra-soliton structure induced by the **Bragg scattering** in the periodic potential.

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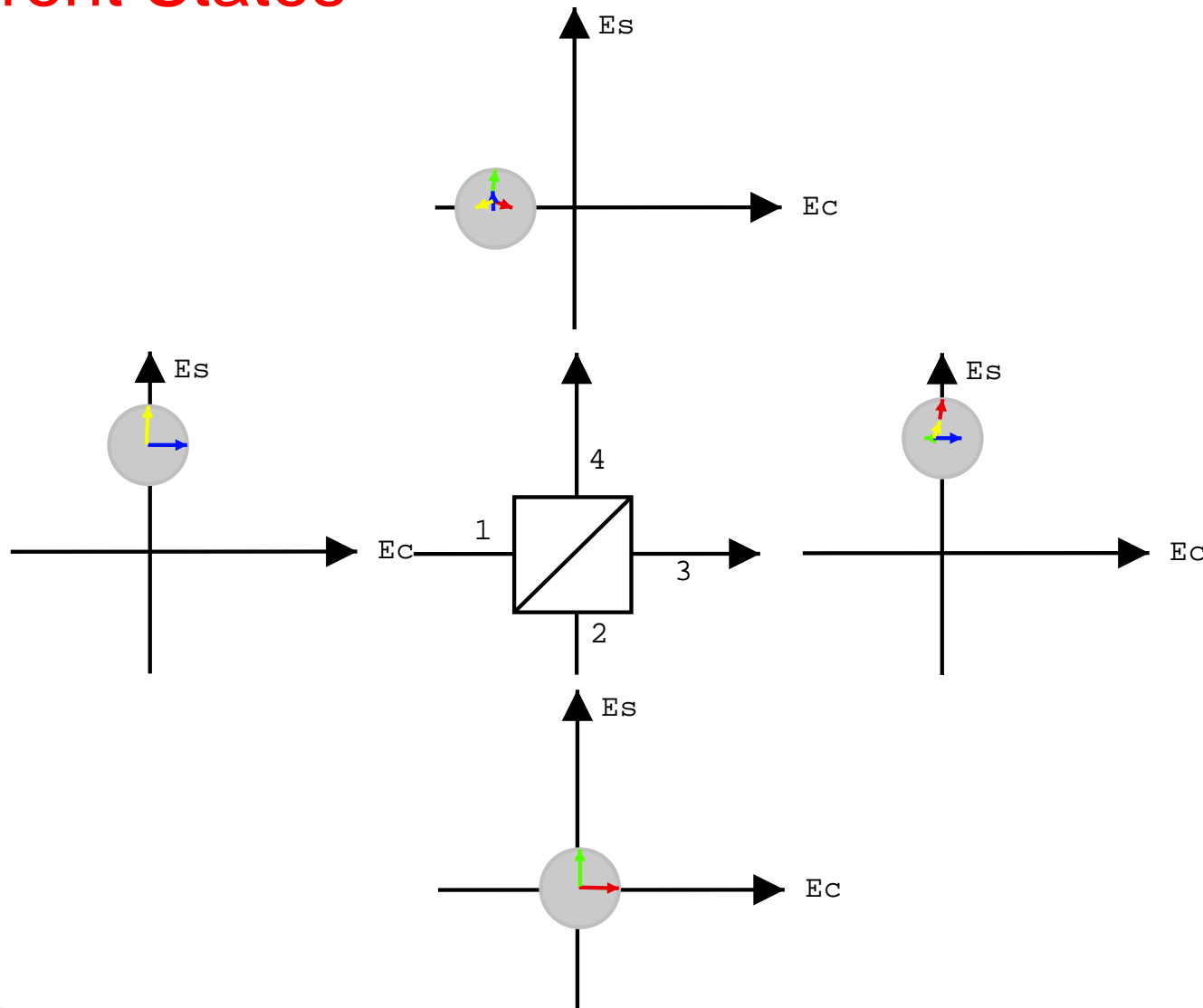
Applications of Squeezed Light

- ➔ Gravitational Waves Detection
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- ➔ Super-Resolved Images (Quantum Images)
- ➔ Generation of EPR Pairs



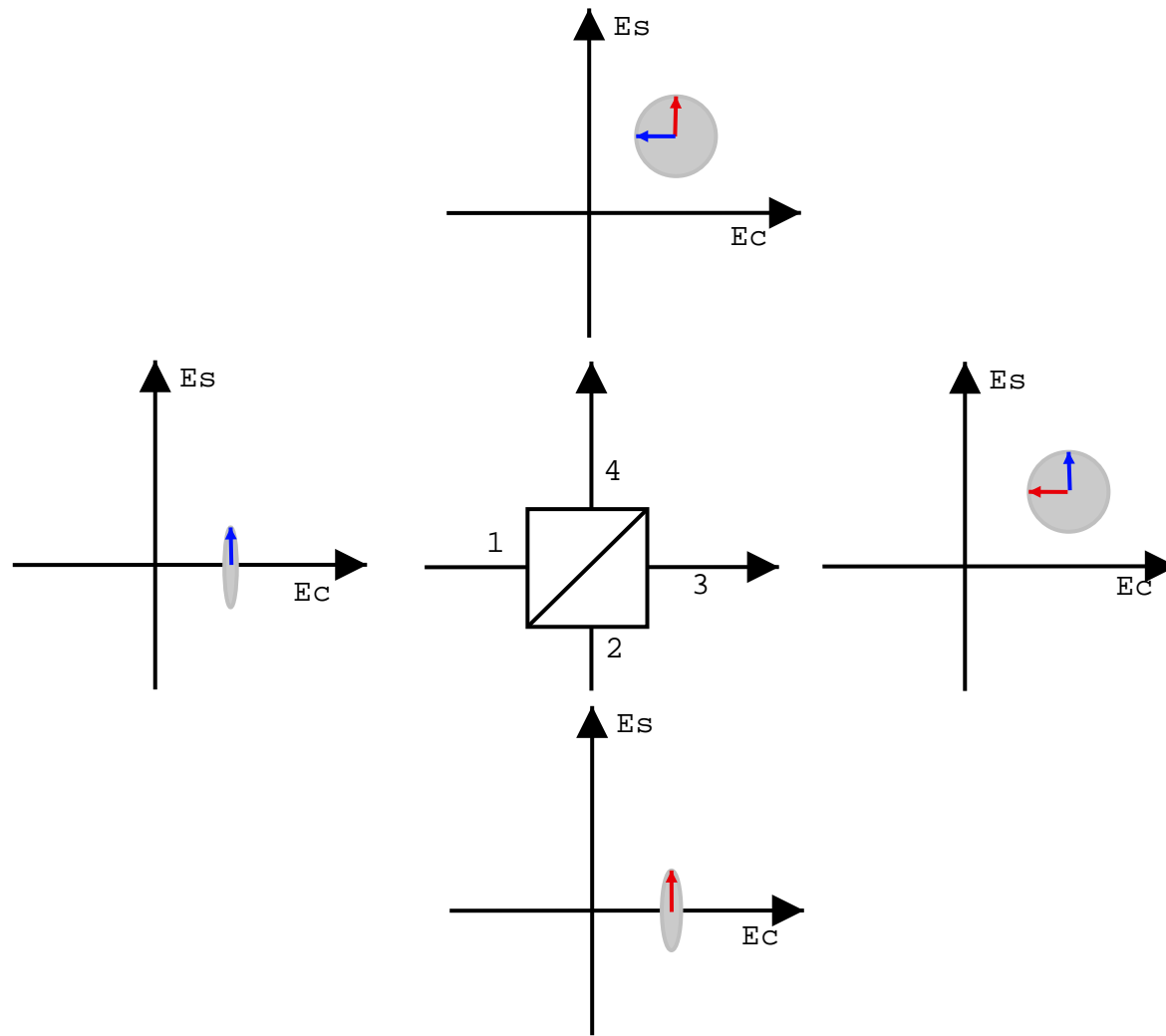
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Coherent States



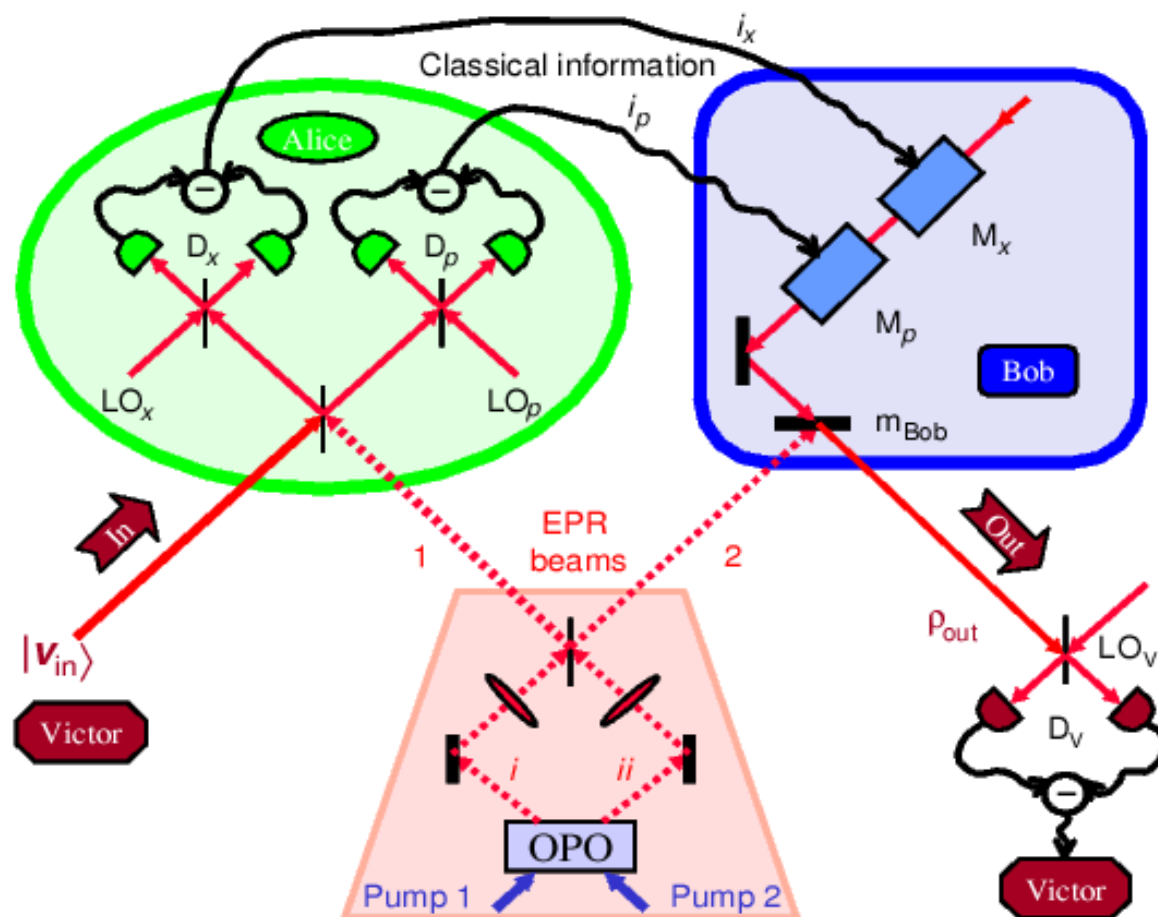
Generation of Continuous Variables Entanglement

Preparation EPR pairs by Squeezed States



$$\delta \hat{n}_3 = -\delta \hat{n}_4, \delta \hat{\theta}_3 = \delta \hat{\theta}_4.$$

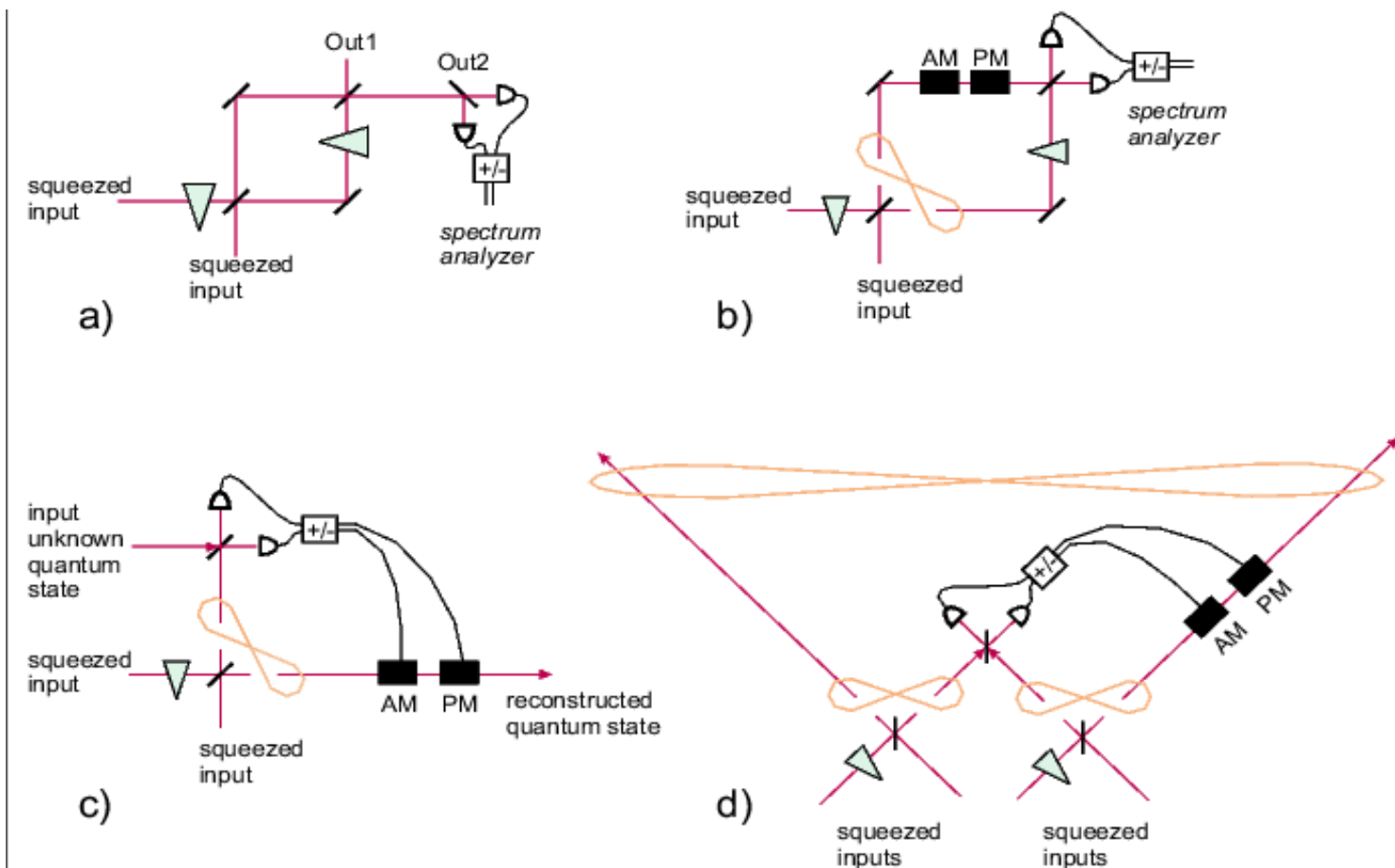
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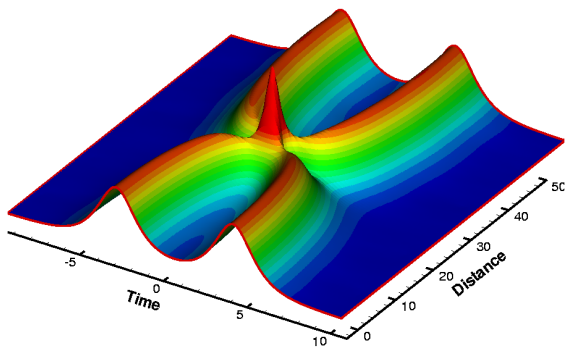
Applications of EPR Pairs by Using Squeezed States

- (a) entanglement;
- (b) quantum dense coding;
- (c) teleportation;
- (d) entangle swapping.

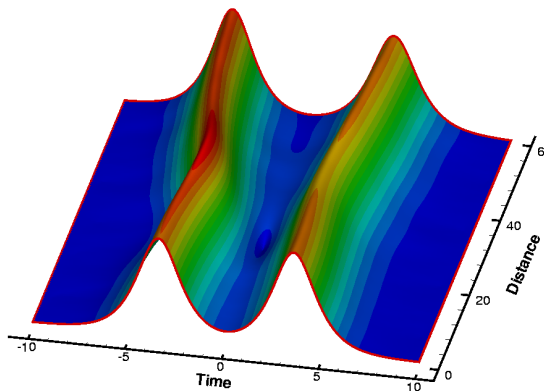


Photon Number Correlation of 2-Solitons Interaction

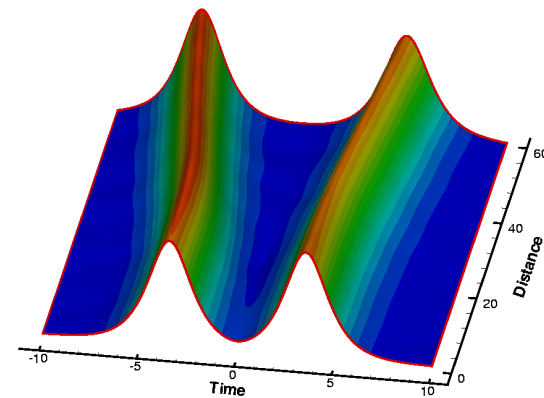
$$U(z, t) = \text{sech}(z, t + \rho) + r \text{sech}(z, t_\rho) e^{i\theta}$$



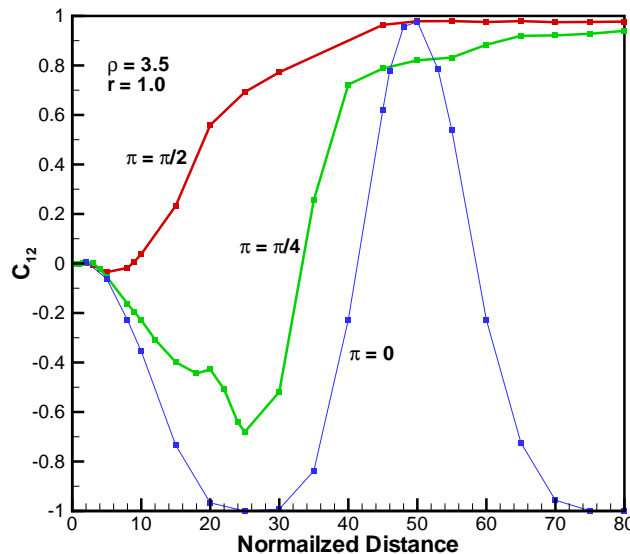
$\theta = 0$



$\theta = \pi/4$



$\theta = \pi/2$



$$C_{1,2} = \frac{\langle : \Delta \hat{n}_1 \Delta \hat{n}_2 : \rangle}{\sqrt{\Delta \hat{n}_1^2 \Delta \hat{n}_2^2}}$$

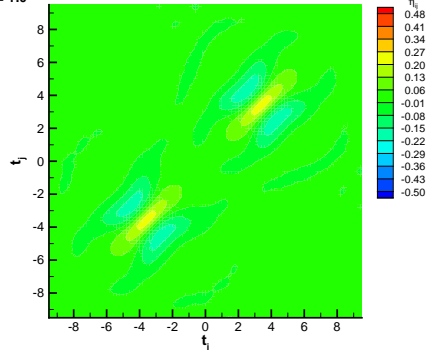
Evolutions of Photon Number Correlation Spectra

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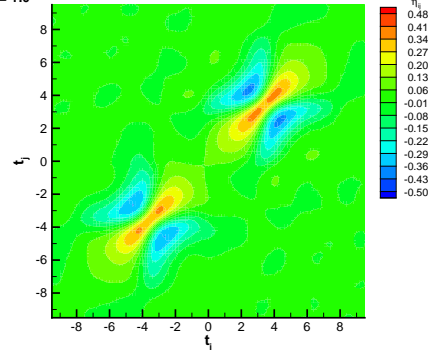
$$Z = 4.0Z_0,$$

$$Z = 6.0Z_0.$$

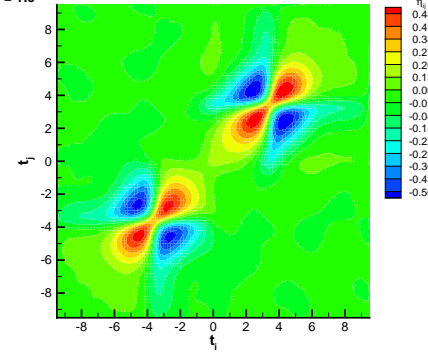
$Z = 2.0 Z_0$
 $\theta = \pi/2$
 $r = 3.5$
 $\rho = 1.0$



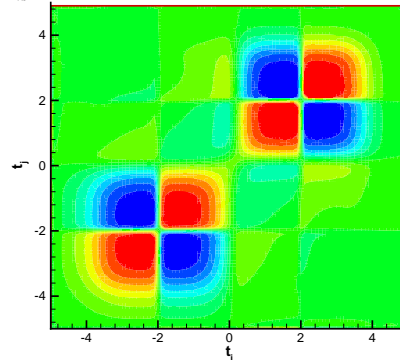
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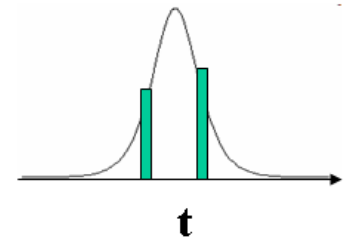
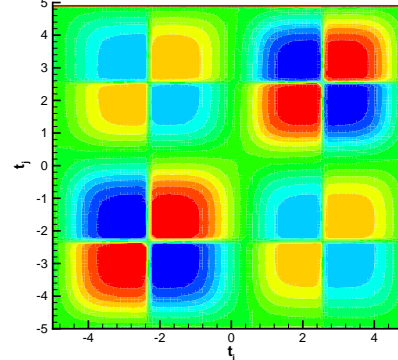
$Z = 6.0 Z_0$
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 $r = 3.5$
 $\rho = 1.0$



$Z = 30.0 Z_0$
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$Z = 50.0 Z_0$
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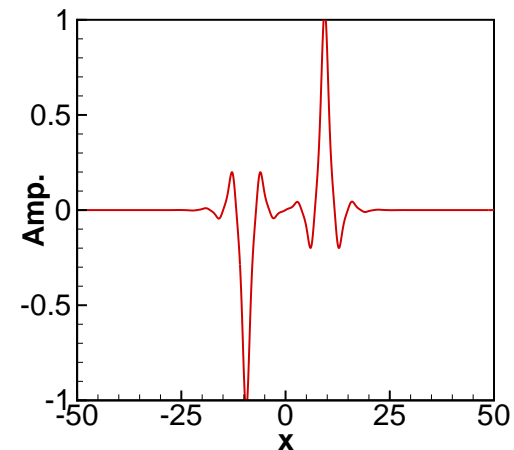
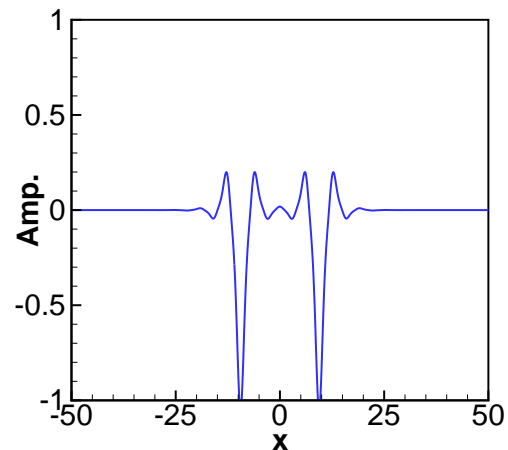


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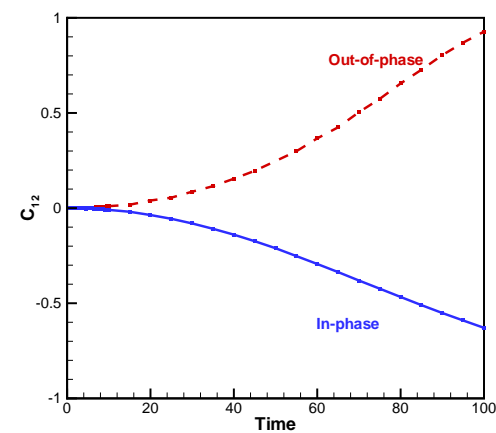
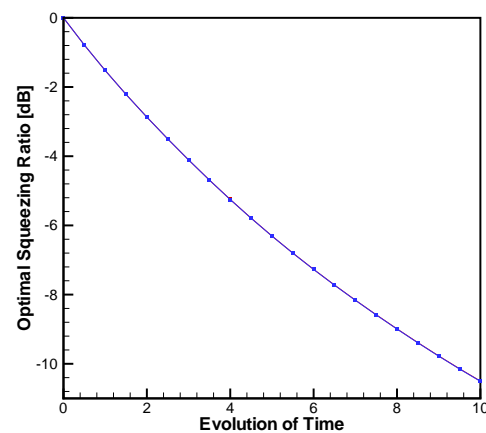
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Bound gap solitons and high correlated EPR pairs

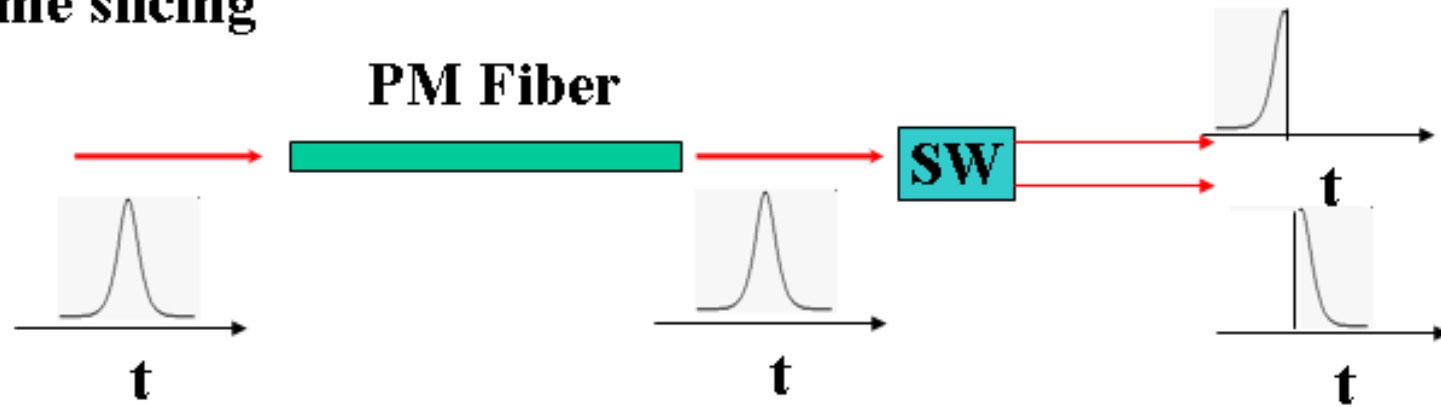


The noise fluctuations of bound gap soliton pairs are **the same**, but with **different** photon-number correlation parameter.

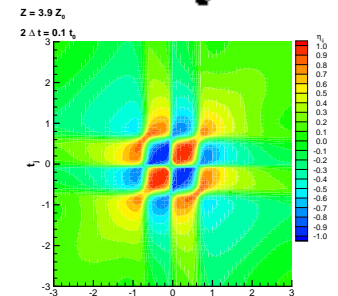
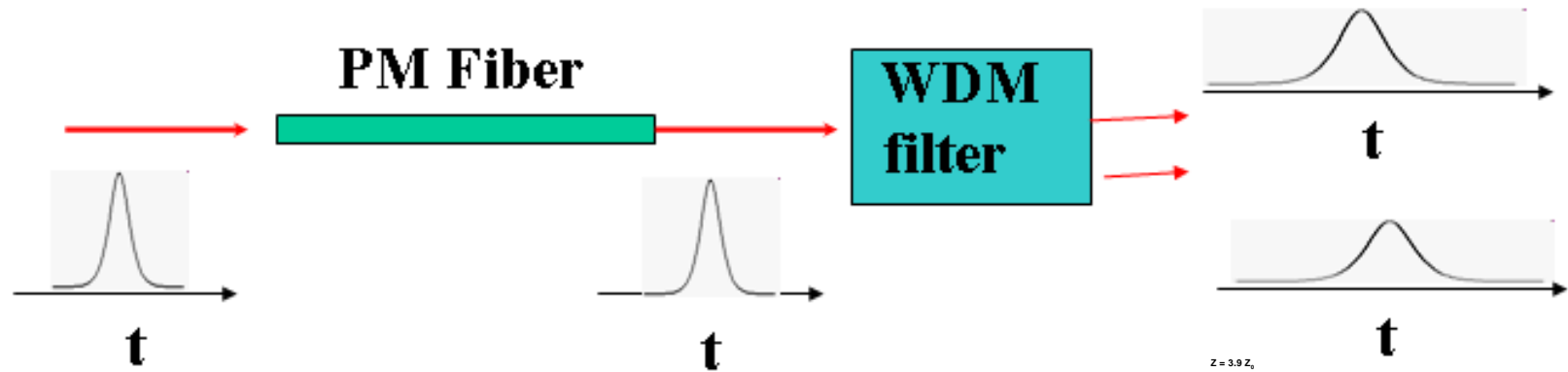


Entangled States by Time or Wavelength Slicing

(1) time slicing

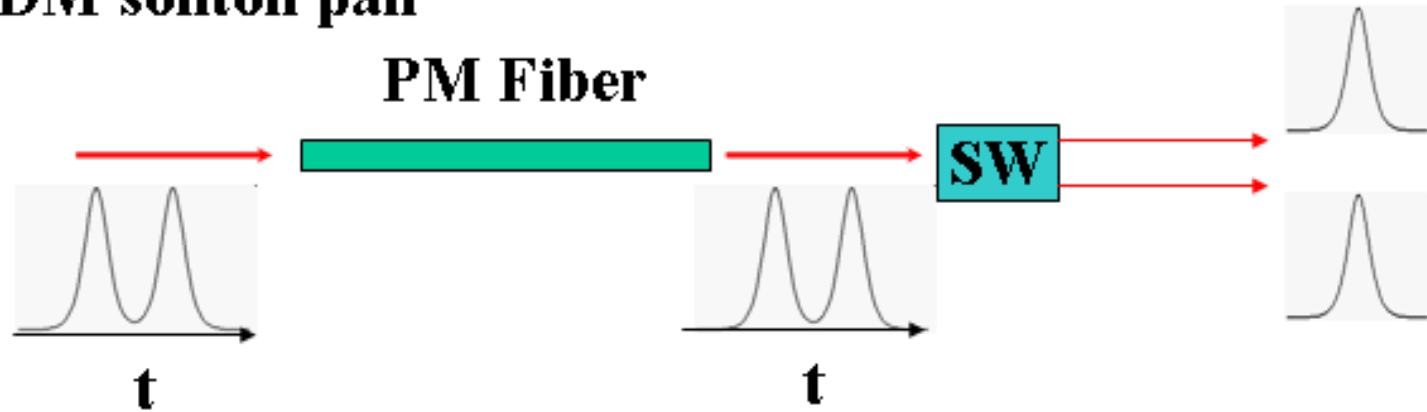


(2) Wavelength slicing

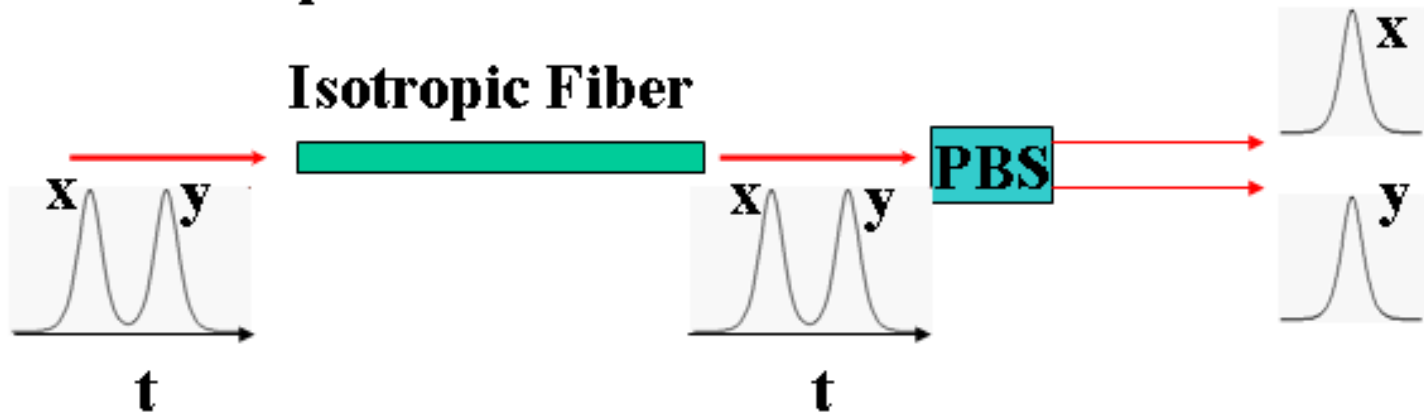


Entangled Soliton Pairs

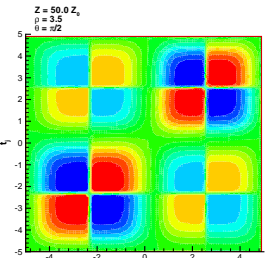
(1) TDM soliton pair



(2) PDM soliton pair



If necessary, the Sagnac loop configuration also can be used.



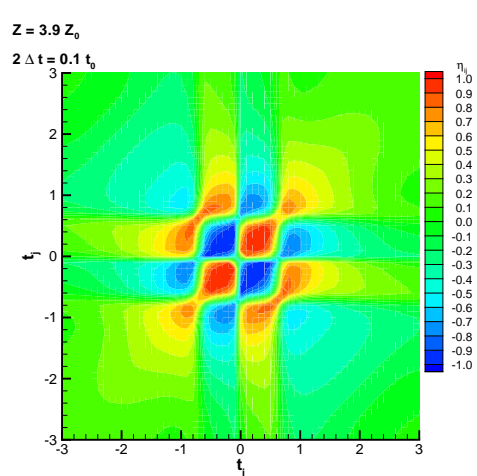
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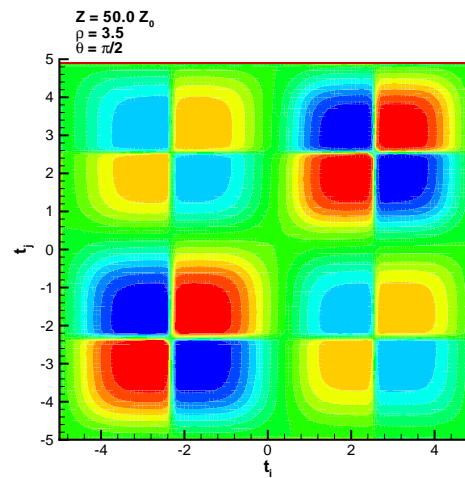


Conclusions

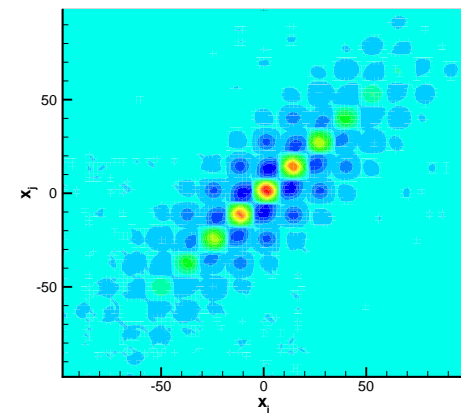
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$N = 2$ soliton



2-solitons interaction



gap soliton

