
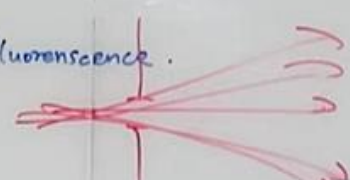


# Lecture 3 Correlation and optical coherence

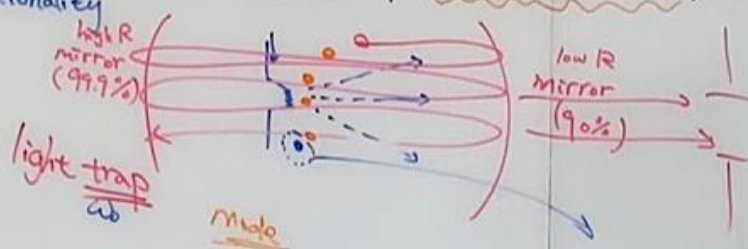
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Light source

LED  fluorescence 

✓ Laser (Light Amplified by Stimulated Emission of Radiation)

directionality

high R mirror (99.9%)  low R mirror (90%)

light trap  $\omega$  mode

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Indicator  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$  (full) Coherent

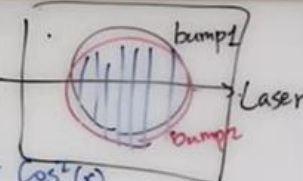
Coherence (the ability to interfere).


- Spatial
- temporal

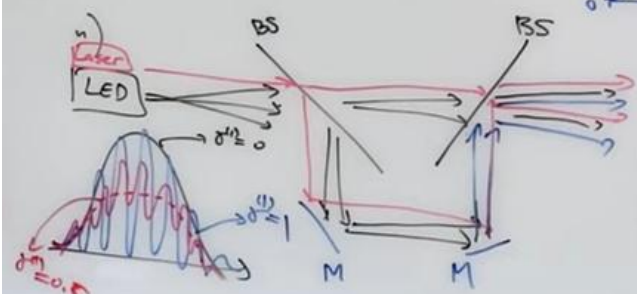
$I = I_1 + I_2 + \frac{\cos^2(x)}{DL}$

$I = I_1 + I_2 + \gamma^{(1)} \cos^2(x)$

$\gamma^{(1)} = 0$   
 $= 1$

 Laser

 LED







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$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos^2(\chi)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = |E|^2 = |E_1 + E_2|^2$$

$$= (E_1^* + E_2^*)(E_1 + E_2)$$

$$= E_1^* E_1 + E_2^* E_2 + E_1^* E_2 + E_2^* E_1$$

$$= |E_1|^2 + |E_2|^2 + \underbrace{(E_1^* E_2 + E_2^* E_1)}_{2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos^2(\chi)}$$

$$= I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos^2(\chi)$$

$E_1 = E_0$   
 $E_2 = E_0 e^{ikx}$

$$\gamma^{(1)} = \frac{\langle E_1 E_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle E_1^2 \rangle \langle E_2^2 \rangle}}$$

Normalization

(autocorrelation.)

Same {

- Coherence (physics)
- Correlation (physics/mathematics)
- Convolution (mathematics)

- (auto) correlation
- optical coherence (interferometric measurement)
- quantum coherence (intensity correlation measurement)
- HBT experiment

Correlation = pattern recognition

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full copy / partial copy (+)

Correlation  $\neq 0$

Similar pattern between the two inputs (intercorrelation) A pattern exists in the original signal

$-1 \times 1 = -1$   
 $-1 \times -1 = 1$





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$$y^{(1)} = \frac{\langle E_1 \rangle \langle E_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle E_1^2 \rangle} \sqrt{\langle E_2^2 \rangle}}$$

(auto)correlation.

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2}$$

Normalization

$$C(\tau) = \int dt A(t) B(t+\tau)$$

$$= \int dt (A_0 + S_A(t)) (B_0 + S_B(t+\tau))$$

$$= \int dt (A_0 B_0 + B_0 S_A(t) + A_0 S_B(t) + S_A(t) S_B(t+\tau))$$

$$= \frac{A_0 B_0 T}{T} + B_0 \int dt S_A(t) + A_0 \int dt S_B(t) + \int dt S_A(t) S_B(t+\tau)$$

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$$C(\tau) = \langle A(t) B(t+\tau) \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int dt A(t) B(t+\tau)$$

$$= A_0 B_0 + \frac{1}{T} \int dt S_A(t) S_B(t+\tau)$$

$$= A_0 B_0 + \langle S_A(t) S_B(t+\tau) \rangle$$

$$C(\tau) = \frac{\langle A(t) B(t+\tau) \rangle}{A_0 B_0}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\langle S_A(t) S_B(t+\tau) \rangle}{A_0 B_0}$$

← normalization

← uncorrelated





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Coherence

- Spatial width = coherence length
- temporal width = coherence time.

quantitative

LED vs. Laser.

- directivity (LED: cannot be collimated, Laser: possible to achieve very good collimation)
- Spatial coherence (LED: short, Laser: long)
- temporal coherence (LED: short, Laser: long)

(Mach-Zehnder) interferometer

$V = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{I_1 + I_2}$

- ✓ - (auto) correlation
  - ✓ - optical coherence (interferometric measurement)
  - quantum coherence (intensity correlation measurement)
  - HBT experiment
- ↓
- Classical  
Nonclassical

