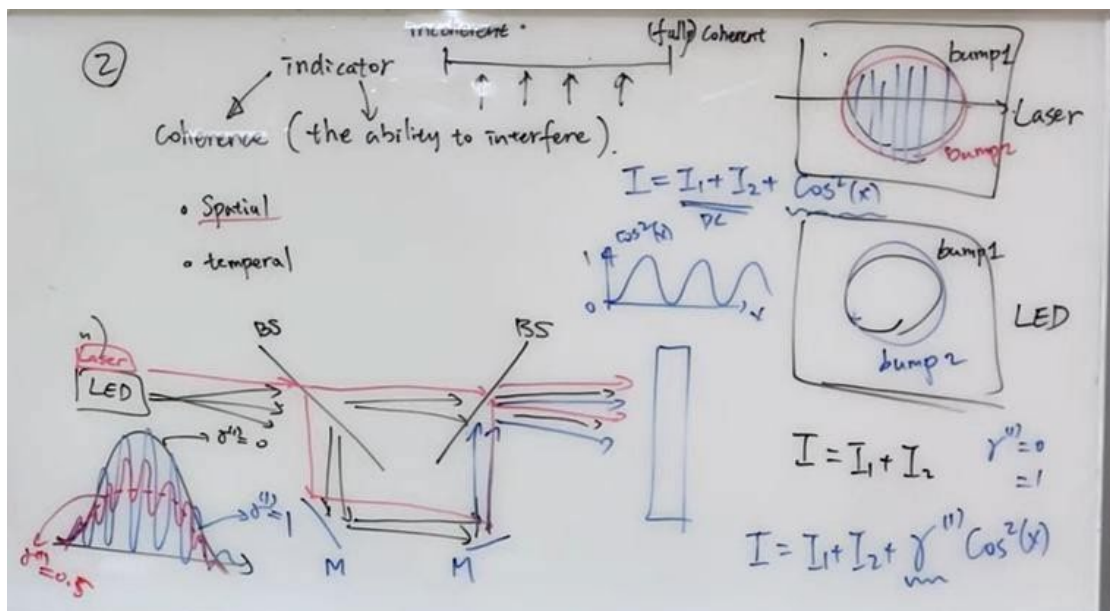
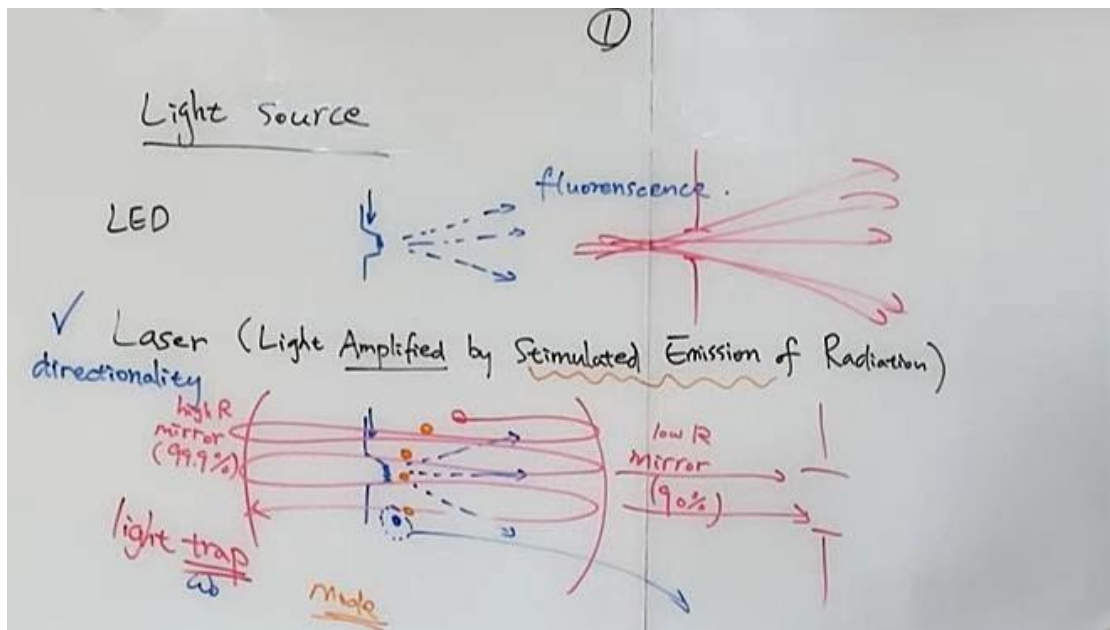




Lecture3 Correlation and optical coherence





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$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\cos^2(x)$$

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

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

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

$$= |E_1|^2 + |E_2|^2 + (E_1^* E_2 + E_2^* E_1)$$

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

Correlation = Pattern recognition

Signal A and Signal B are shown. Signal A is a periodic wave, and Signal B is a noisy signal. The correlation is shown as the overlap of the two signals. The correlation is 0 for full copy / partial copy (±).

Correlation & 0
Similar pattern between the two inputs (auto-correlation) A pattern exists in the original signal

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Signal D

Signal C

Signal E

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(auto)correlation.

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

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

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

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

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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: 0.2, Laser: 0.8)
- temporal coherence (LED: short, Laser: long)

(Mach-Zehnder) interferometer

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



