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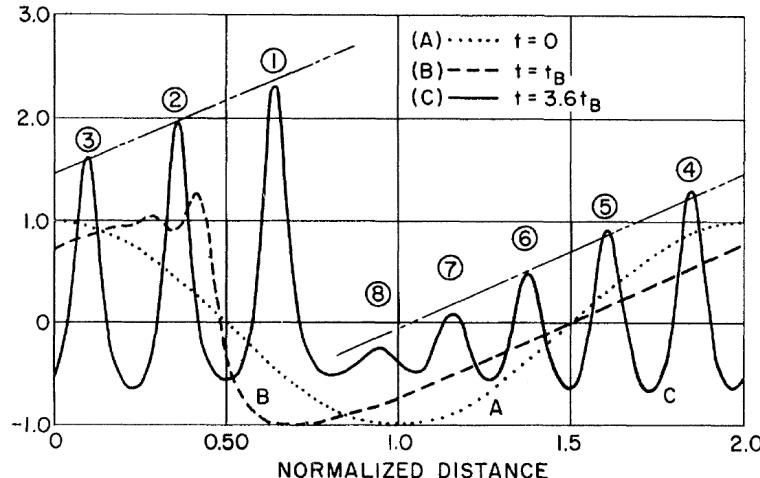
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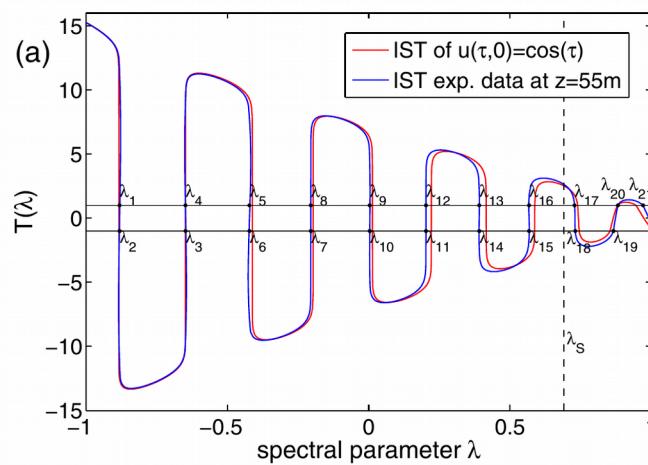
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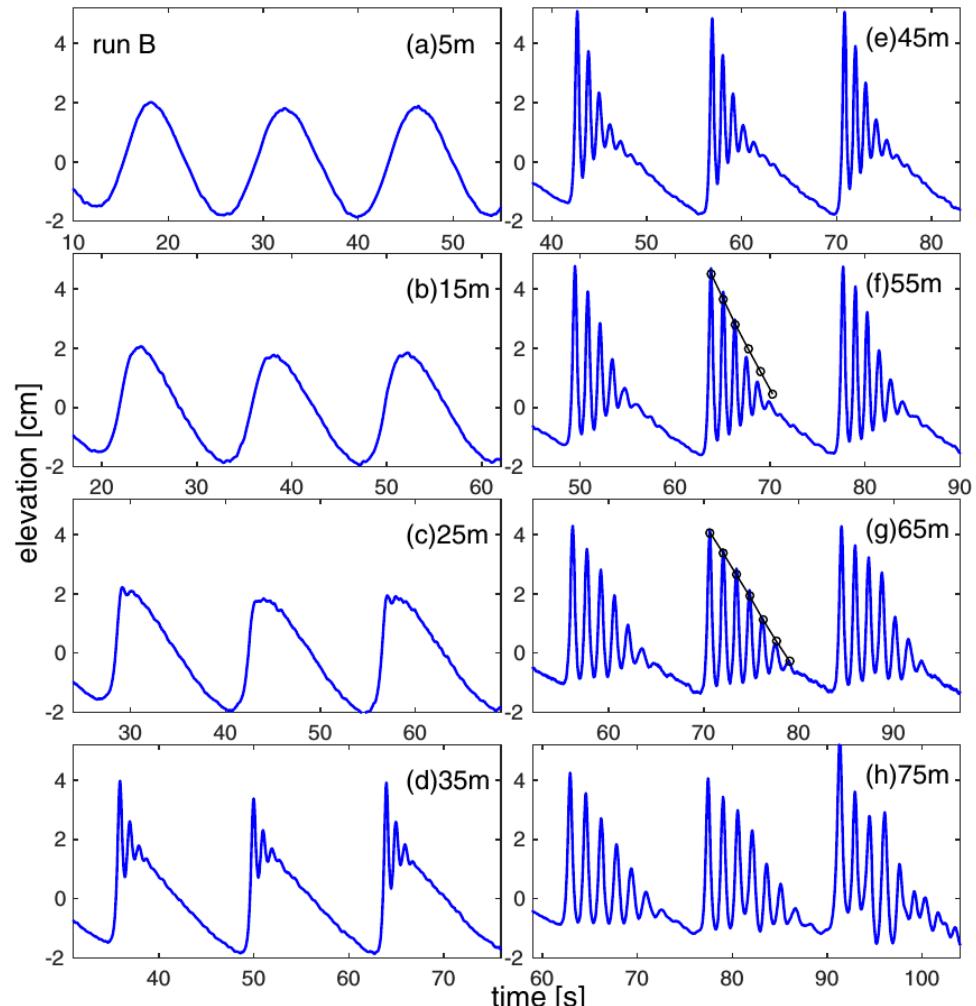


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$$u_\zeta - 6uu_\tau - \varepsilon^2 u_{\tau\tau\tau} = 0; \quad u_0(\tau) = \cos(\tau)$$



See also I. Redor et al, "Experimental evidence of a hydrodynamic soliton gas", PRL **122**, 214502 (2019) and the talk by T. Congy for recent developments on the subject of soliton gas

In optical fiber experiments: Defocusing propagation regime (Normal dispersion)

$$i\epsilon \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tau^2} - |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

$$\psi(\tau, \xi) = \sqrt{\rho(\tau, \xi)} e^{i[\phi(\tau, \xi)/\epsilon]} \quad \text{Madelung Transformation}$$

$$\rho_\xi + (\rho u)_\tau = 0$$

$\rho$ : fluid height/optical power

$$u_\xi + uu_\tau + \rho_\tau = 0$$

$u$ : depth-averaged horizontal velocity/instantaneous frequency

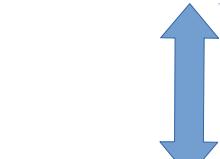
$$u(\tau, \xi) = \phi_\tau$$

$$r_{1,2}(\tau, \xi) = u \pm 2\sqrt{\rho}$$

Riemann invariants

$$\frac{\partial r_{1,2}}{\partial \xi} + V_{1,2} \frac{\partial r_{1,2}}{\partial \tau} = 0$$

Propagation equations of two interacting Riemann waves

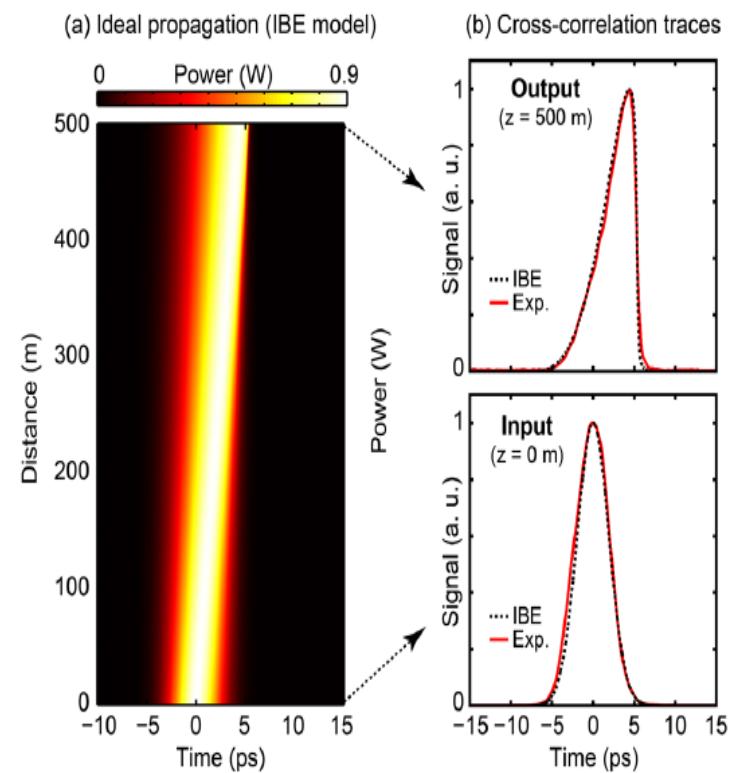
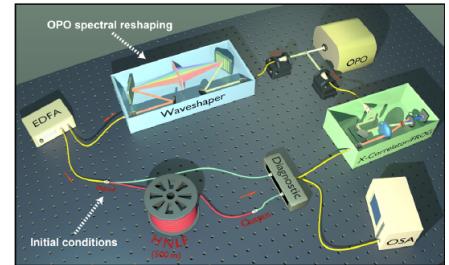


$$u_\xi - 6uu_\tau = 0$$

Hopf Equation or Inviscid Burgers Equation

Random Riemann waves/Integrable turbulence

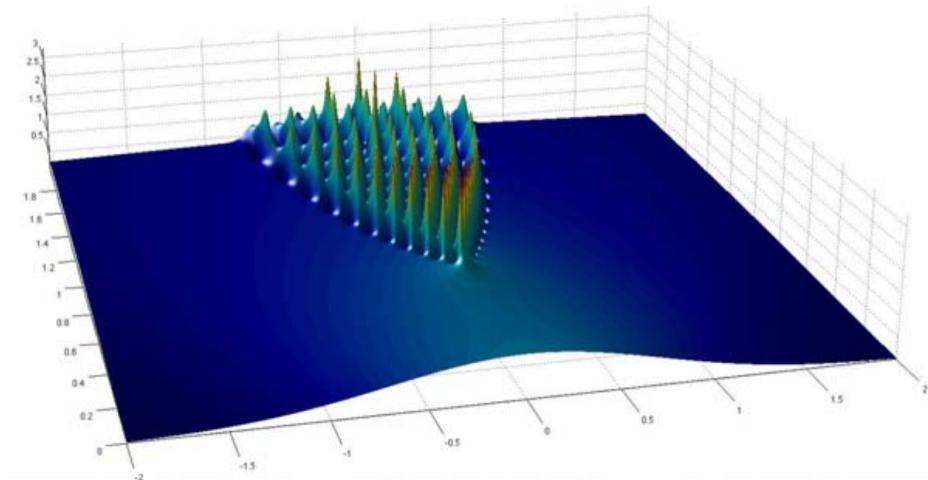
See the Poster by G. Roberti/T. Congy



## Focusing propagation regime

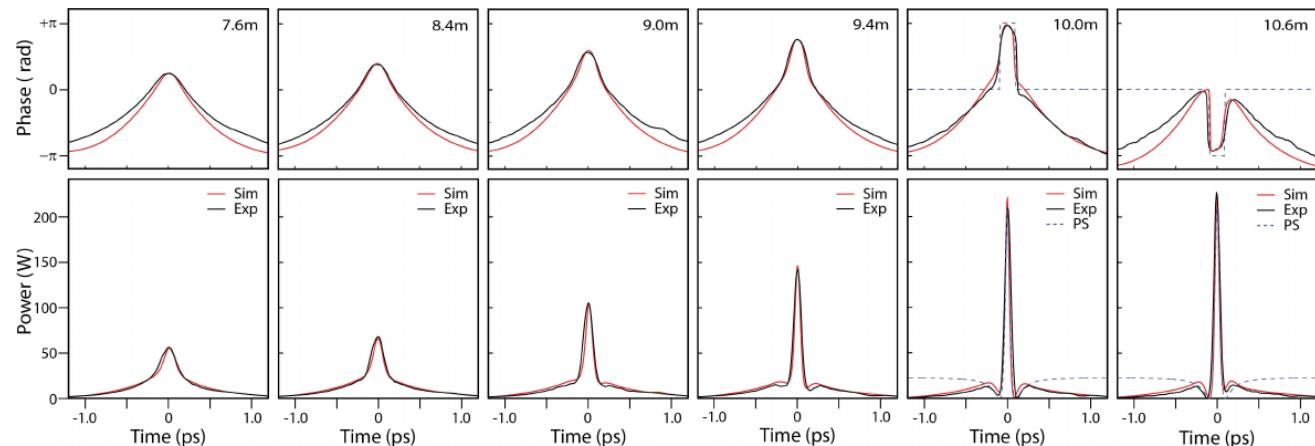
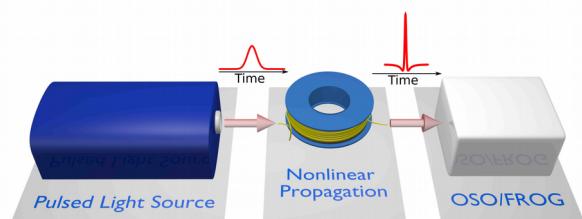
$$i\epsilon \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tau^2} + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

Self-focusing → gradient catastrophe → Peregrine soliton



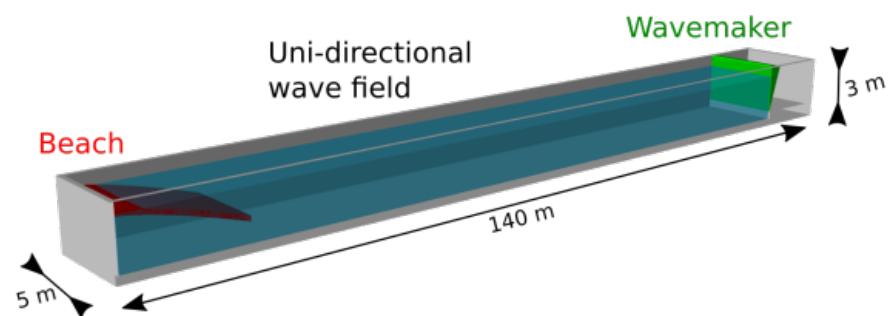
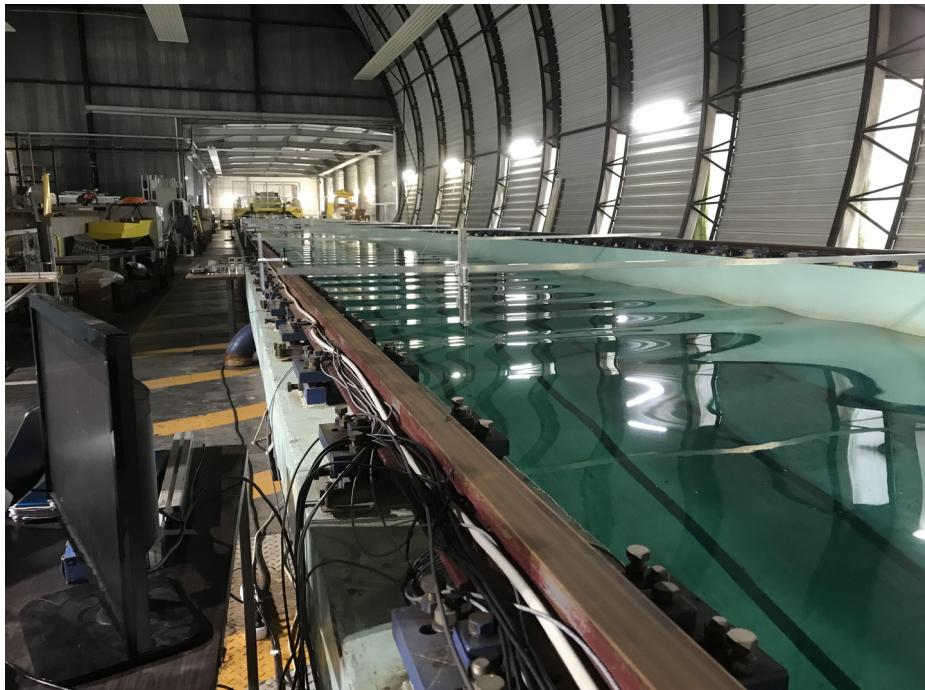
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## Optical fiber experiments:



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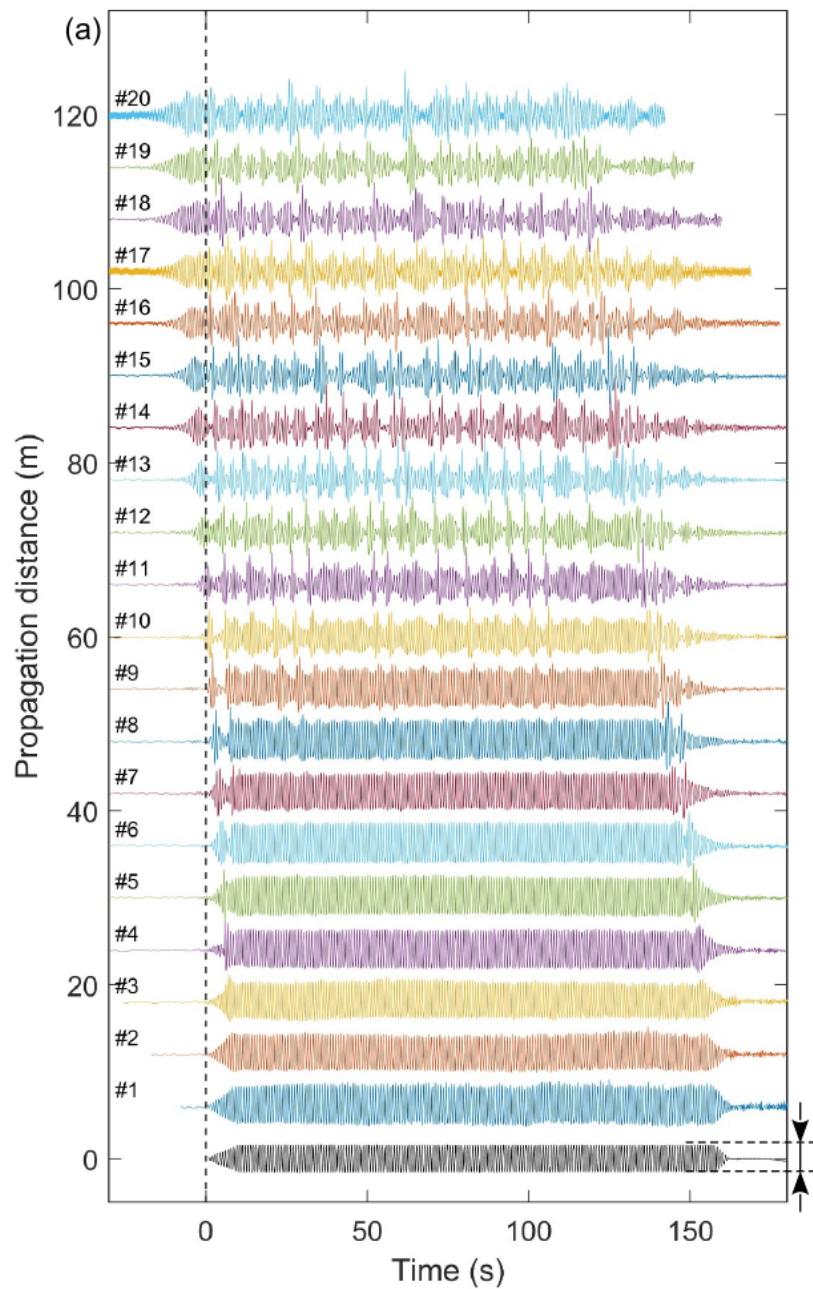
# Water wave experiments



## Experiments made in Ecole Centrale de Nantes (France)

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Benjamin-Feir instability

$$k_0 h = 12.3$$

Deep-water regime (focusing 1D-NLSE)

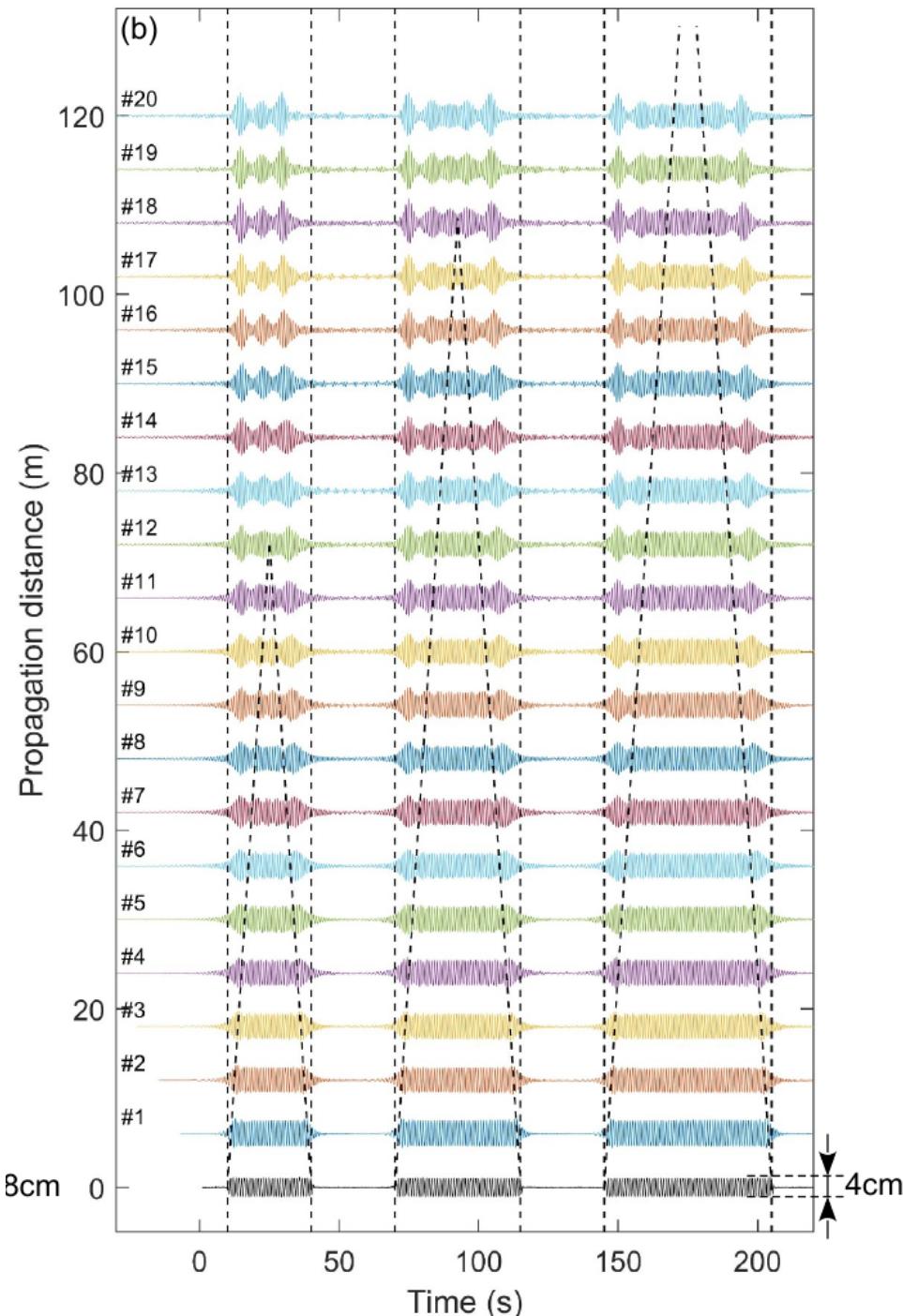
$$i \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{k_0}{\omega_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + k_0^3 |A|^2 A = 0$$

$$\omega_0^2 = k_0 g$$

steepness

$$k_0 a_0 \simeq 0.19$$

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Counterpropagating focusing dam break flows

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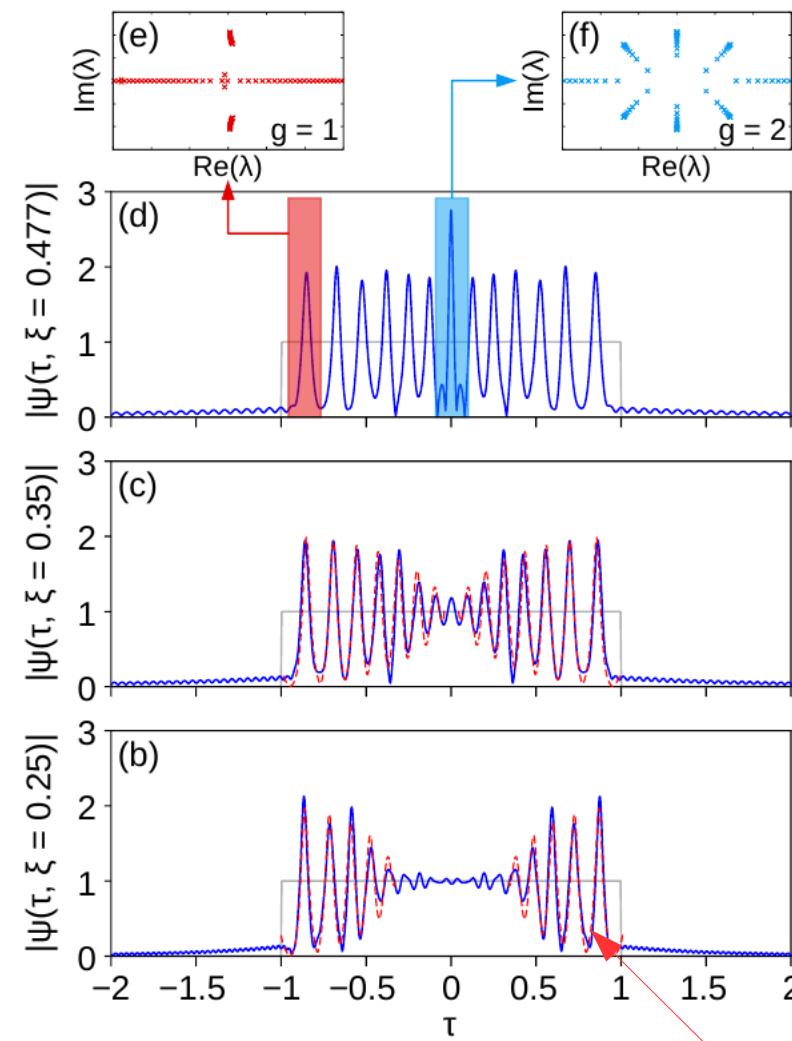
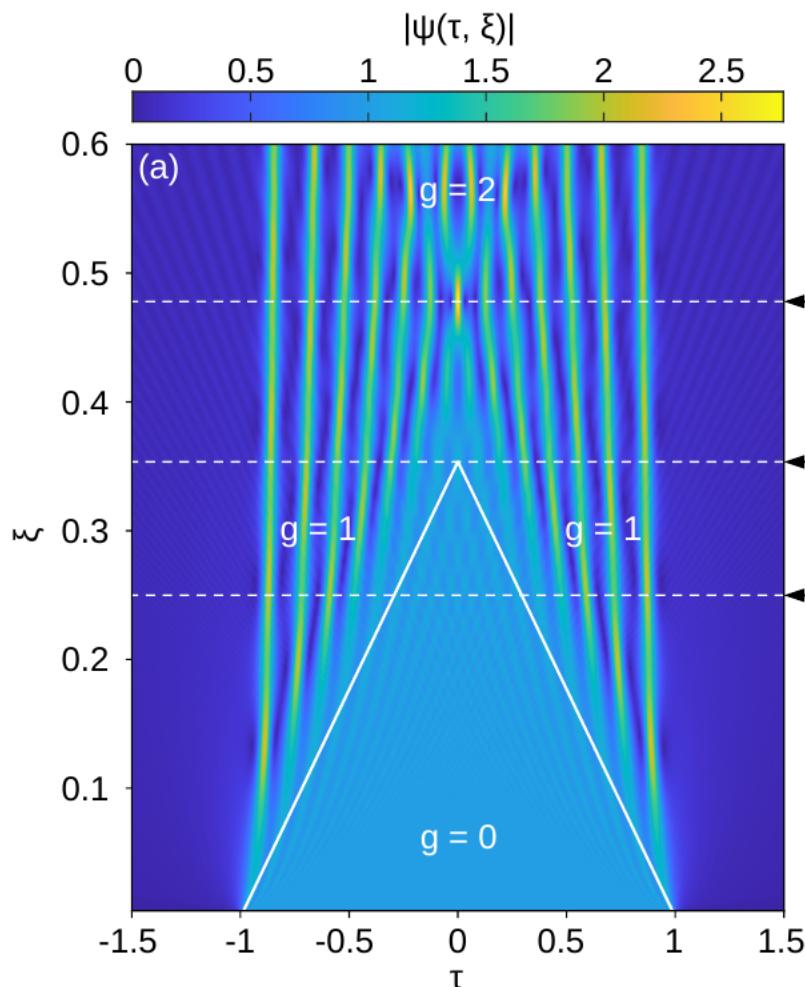
steepness

$$k_0 a = 0.082$$

The evolutions observed in the experiment can be interpreted within the framework of semi-classical theory of the 1D-NLSE

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{L_{NL}/L_D} \ll 1$$

$$i\epsilon \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tau^2} + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

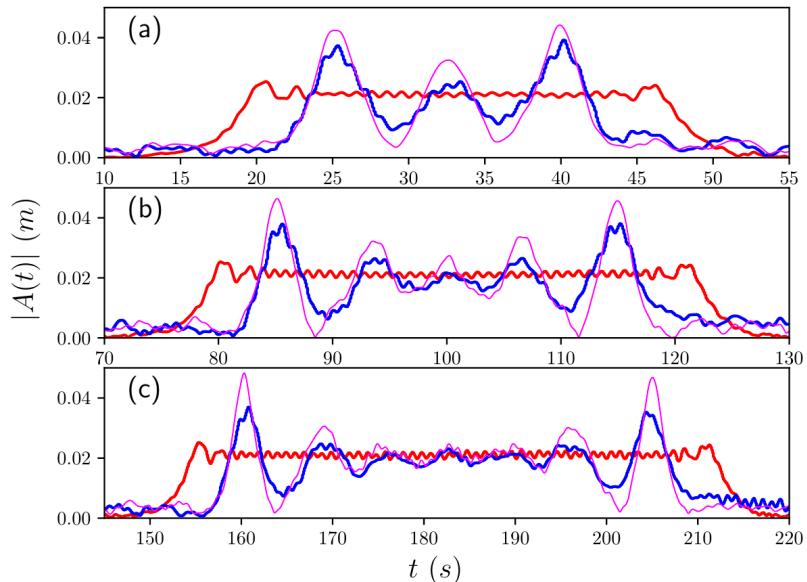


NLSE  
BOX problem

$$i\epsilon \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tau^2} + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0 \quad \epsilon = \sqrt{L_{NL}/L_D} \ll 1$$

$$\rho = (q + b)^2 - 4qb \operatorname{sn}^2 \left( 2\sqrt{qb/m} (\tau - a\xi - \tau_0) \epsilon^{-1}; m \right)$$

Dam break problem for the focusing nonlinear Schrödinger equation and the generation of rogue waves, G. El *et al*, Nonlinearity **29**, 2798 (2016)



## Numerical simulations of the 1D-NLSE

$$i \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{k_0}{\omega_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + k_0^3 |A|^2 A = 0$$

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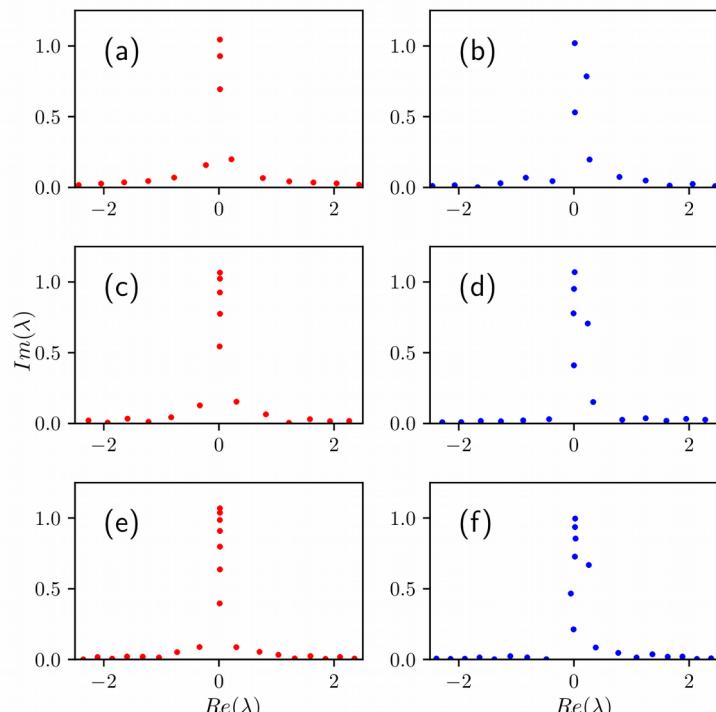
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$\Delta T_j$ ( s )	$L_{NL}$ ( m )	$L_D$ ( m )	$\epsilon$	$z_j^*$ (m)	$N$
30	39.86	4414	0.095	74	3
45	39.86	9932	0.063	111	5
60	39.86	17658	0.047	148	7

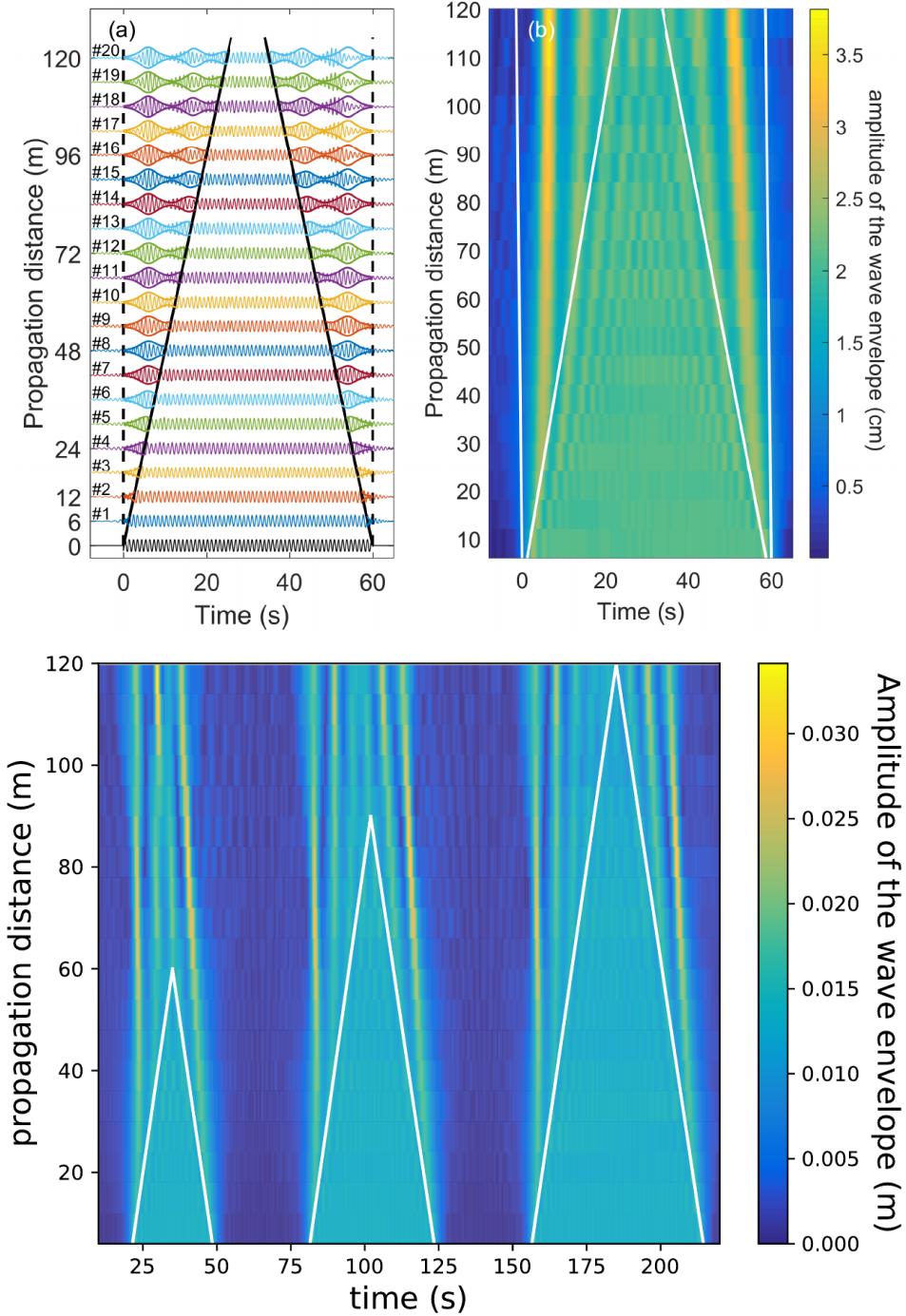
$$N = \text{int}(1/2 + 1/(\pi\epsilon))$$

## Nonlinear spectral analysis

$$\epsilon \frac{d\mathbf{Y}}{d\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} -i\lambda & \psi_0 \\ -\psi_0^* & i\lambda \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}$$



# Water wave experiments



Breaking lines:  $\Gamma_1 : \quad \xi = \frac{T - |\tau|}{2\sqrt{2}q}$

Modulated cnoidal envelopes

$$\rho = (q + b)^2 - 4qb \operatorname{sn}^2 \left( 2\sqrt{qb/m} (\tau - a\xi - \tau_0) \varepsilon^{-1}; m \right)$$

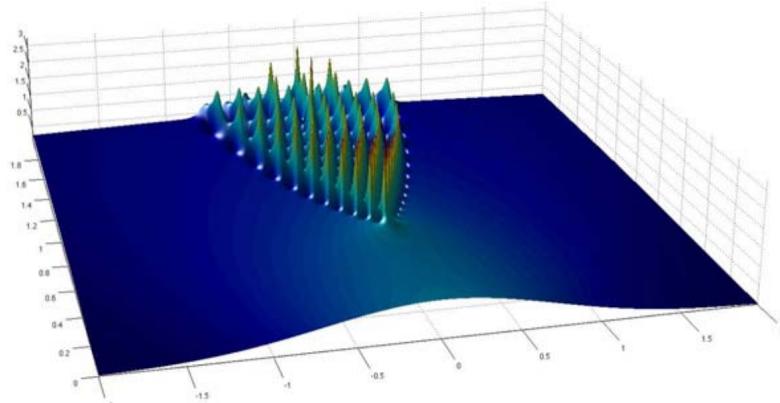
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Robustness to higher-order effects

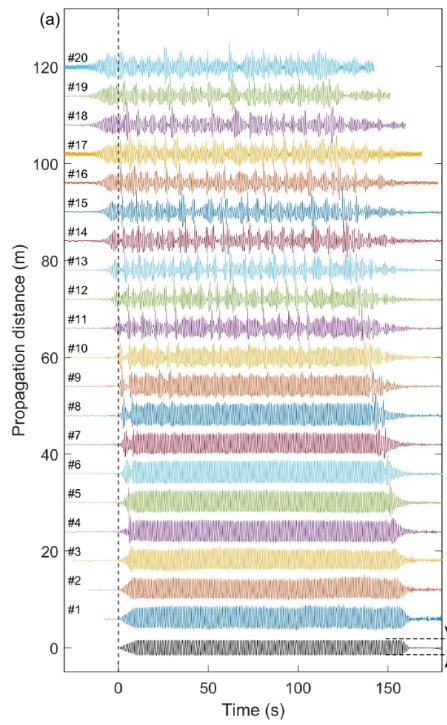
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# The focusing (integrable) 1D-NLSE

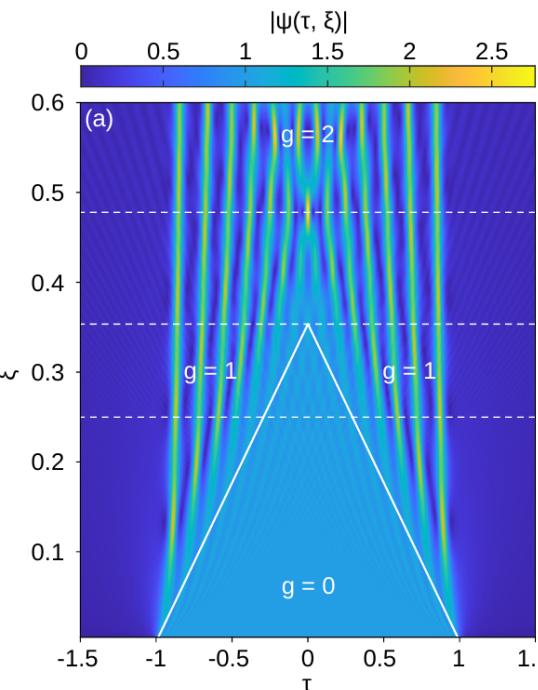
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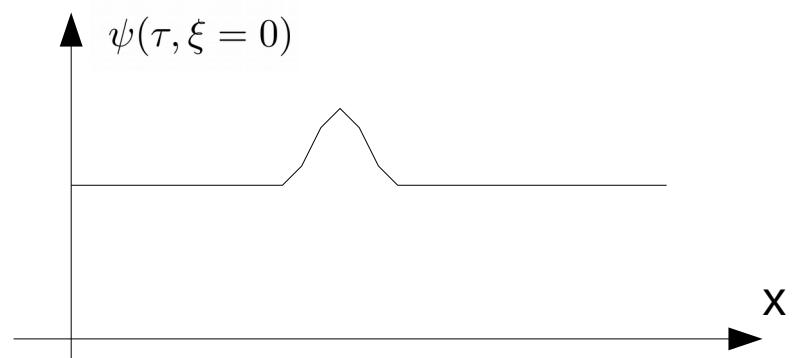
Self-focusing of broad wavepackets



Plane wave + noise: Benjamin-Feir instability

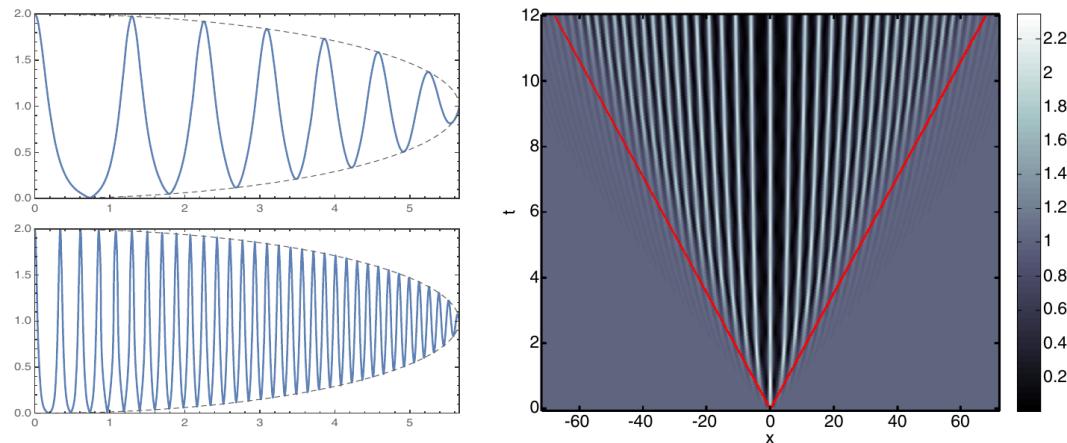
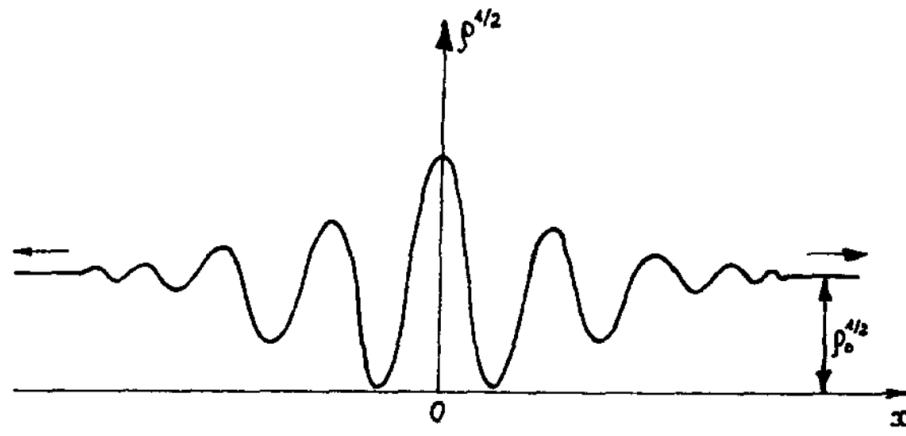


“Box-problem”: focusing dam break flows



Plane wave + localized perturbation

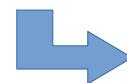
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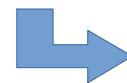
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Whitham modulation theory

$$|Q(x,t)|^2 = (q_0 + b)^2 - 4q_0 b \operatorname{sn}^2 \left( 2\sqrt{q_0 b/m} (x - a\tau - x_0) \varepsilon^{-1}; m \right)$$

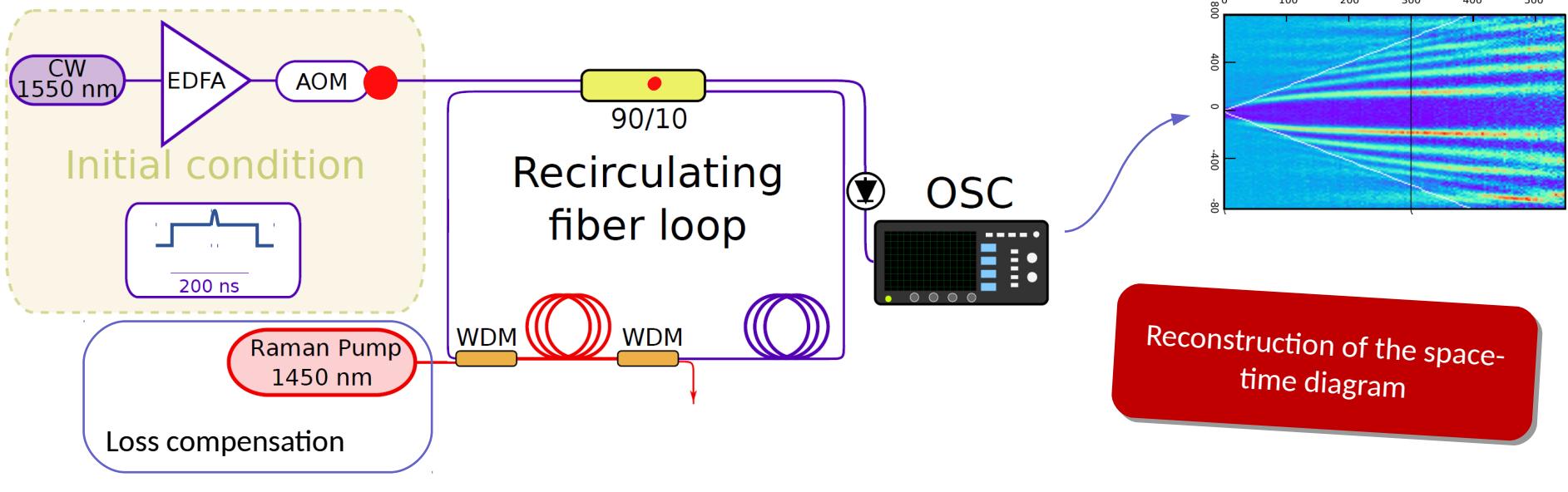
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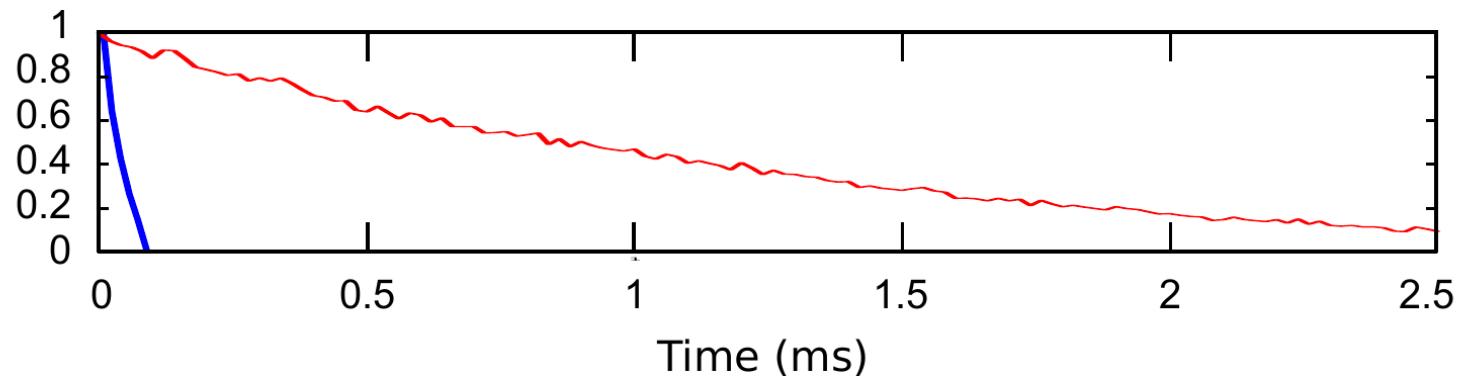
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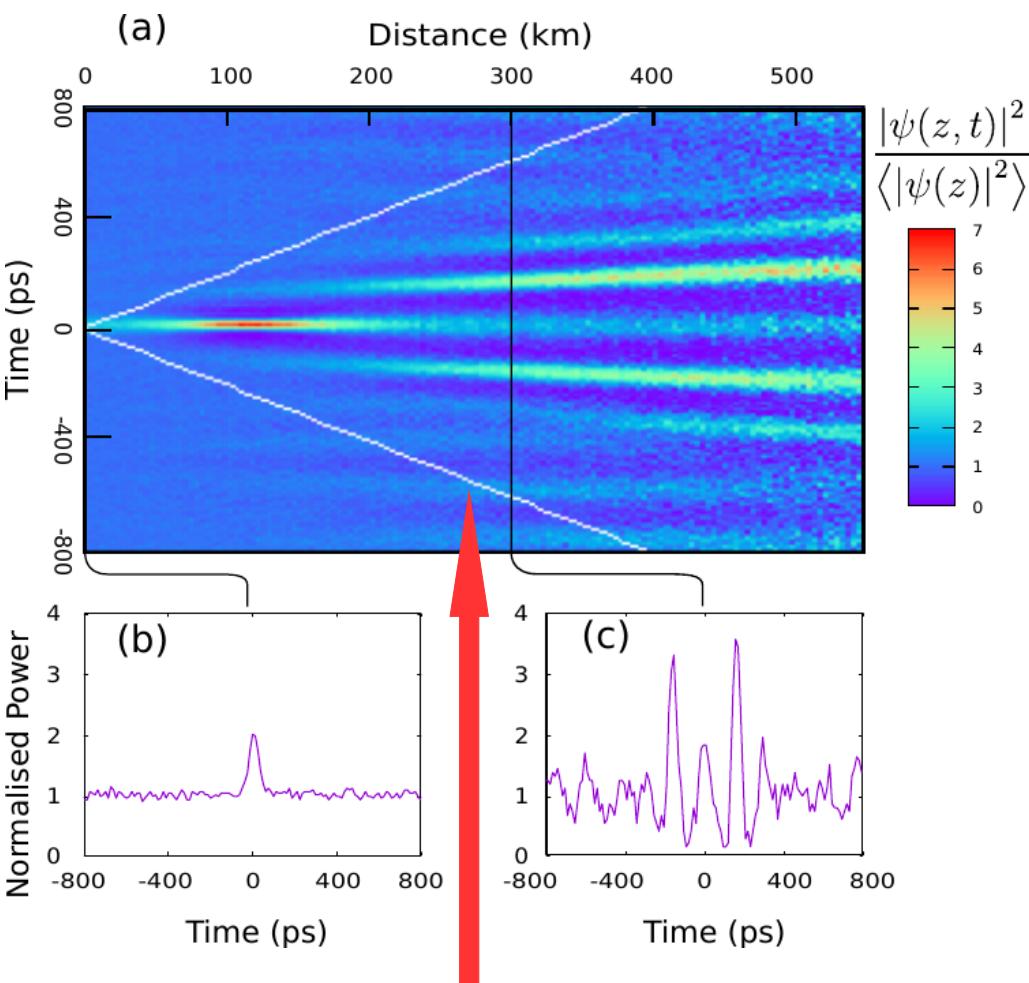
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Cavity round trip time: 20  $\mu$ s

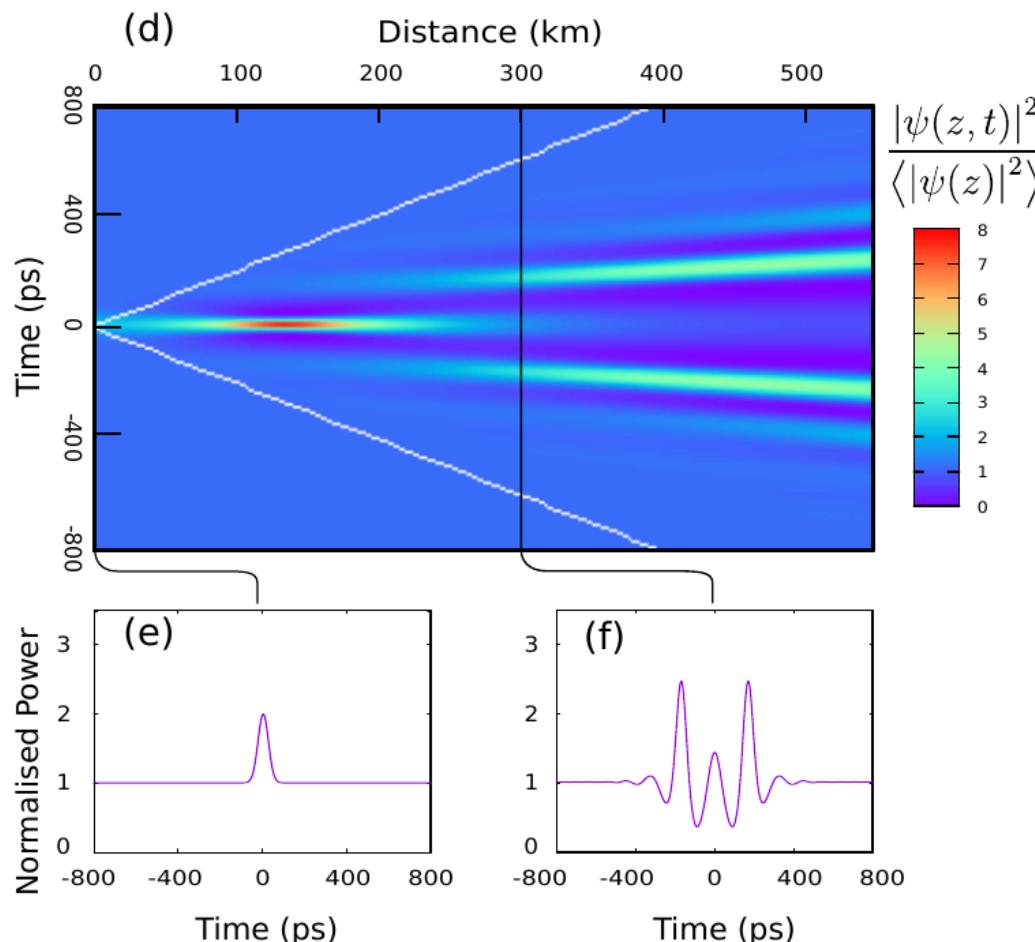


## Experiments



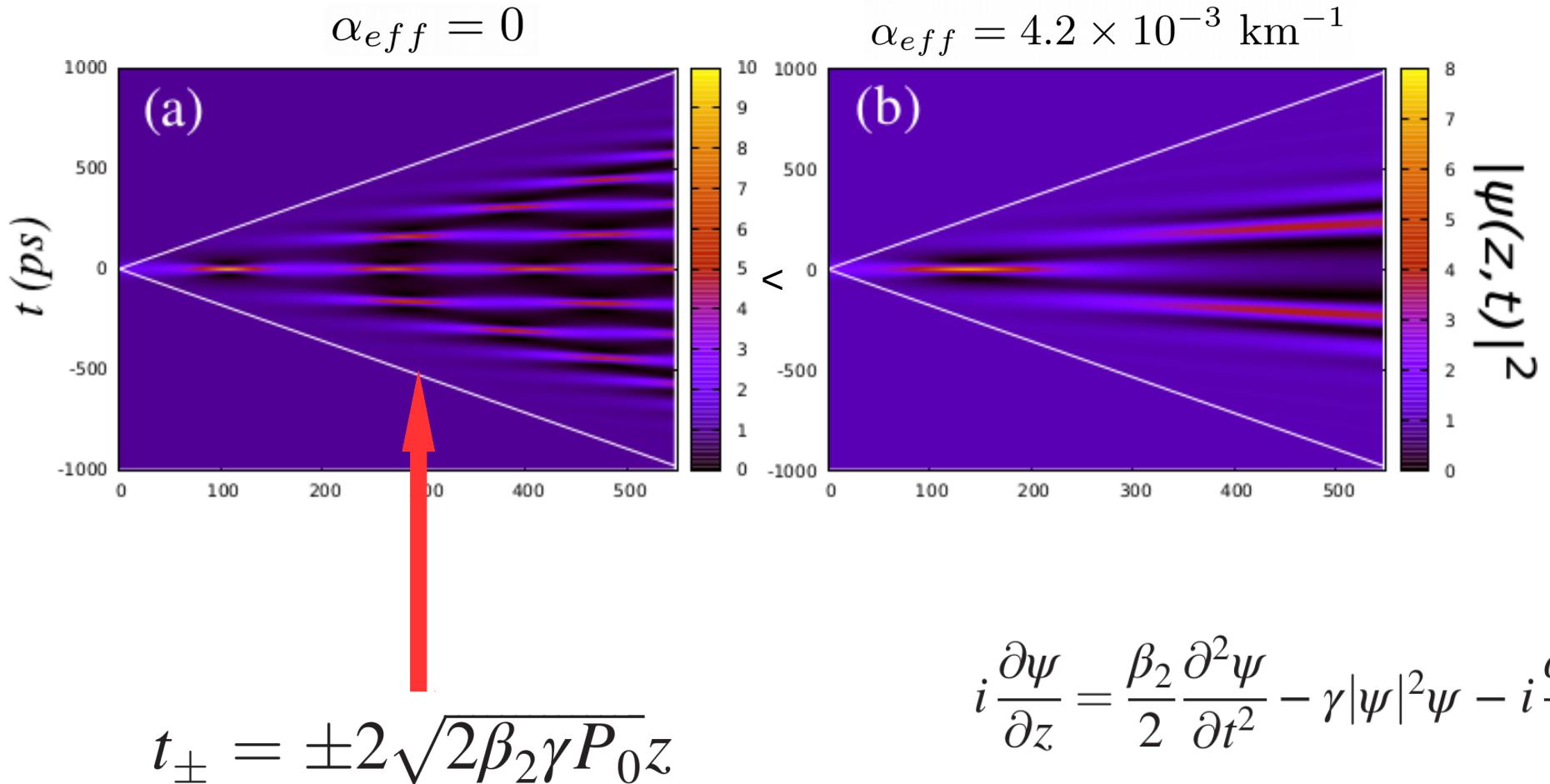
$$t_{\pm} = \pm 2\sqrt{2\beta_2\gamma P_0}z$$

## Numerical simulations

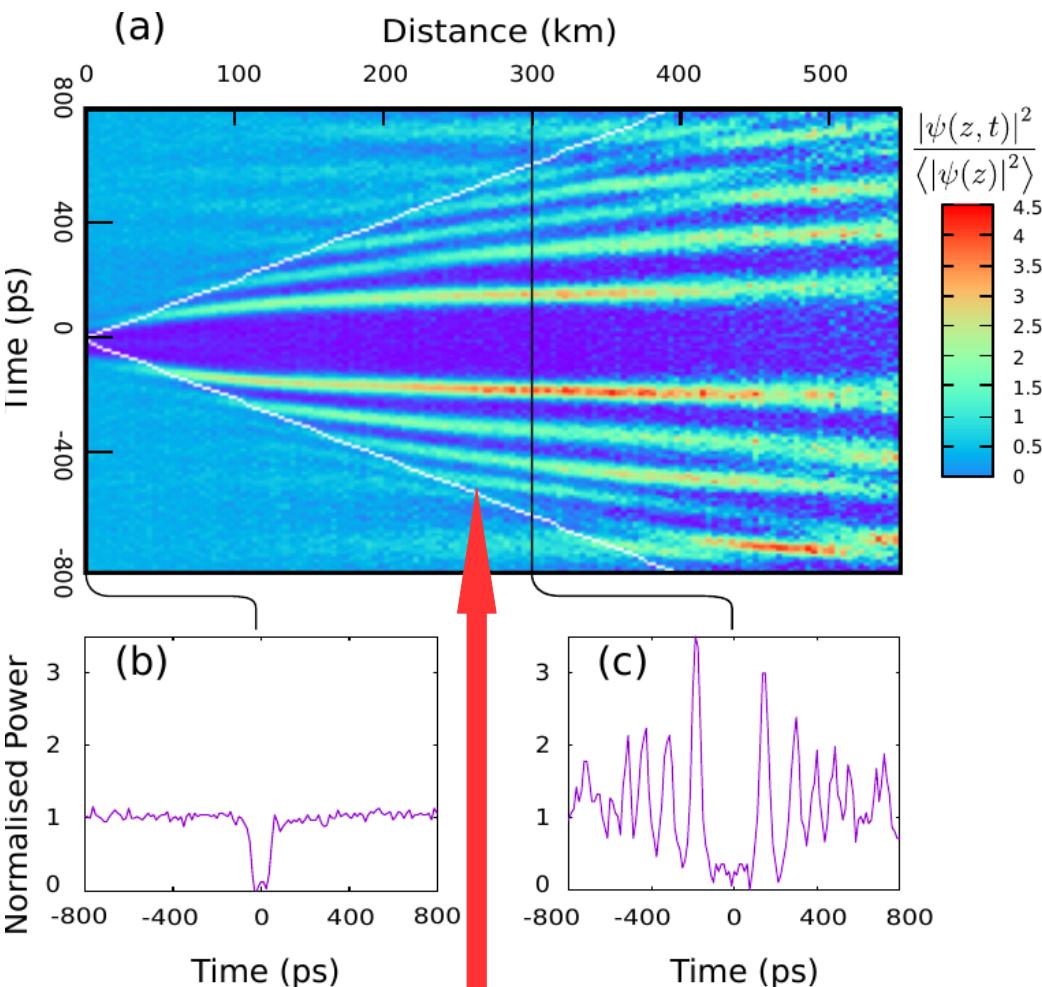


$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = \frac{\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \gamma |\psi|^2 \psi - i \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{2} \psi$$

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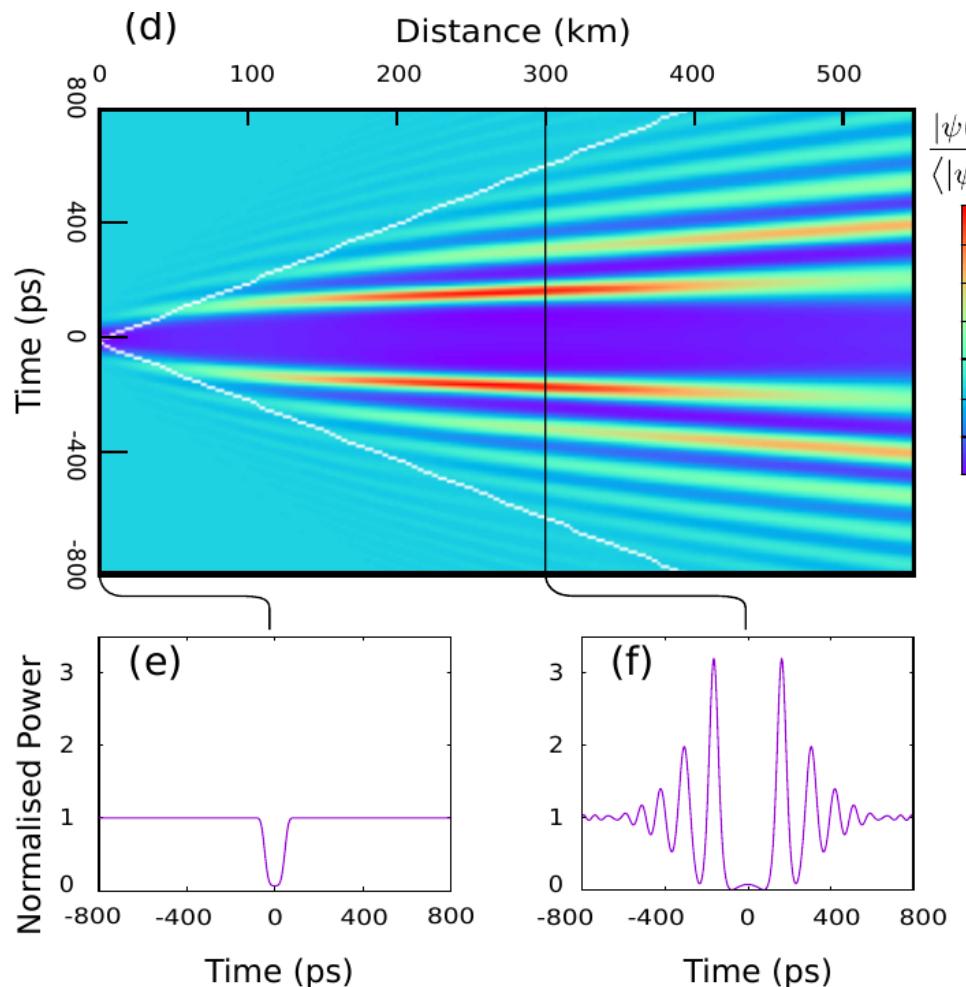


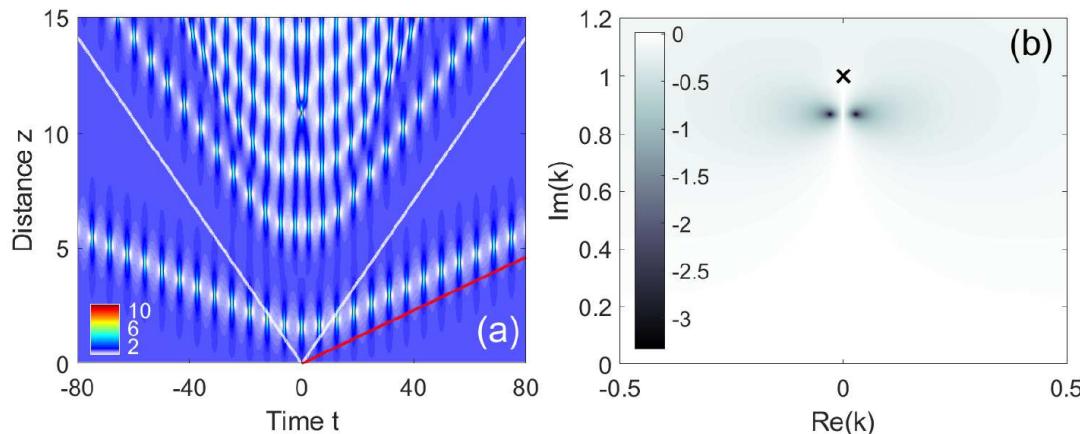
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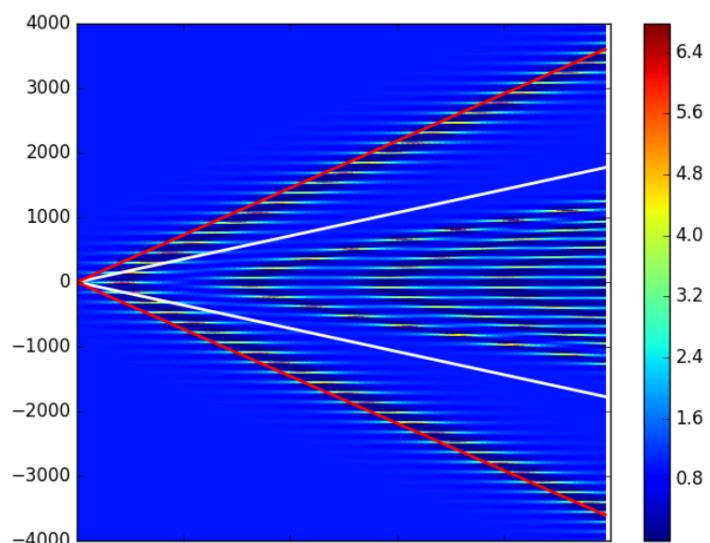
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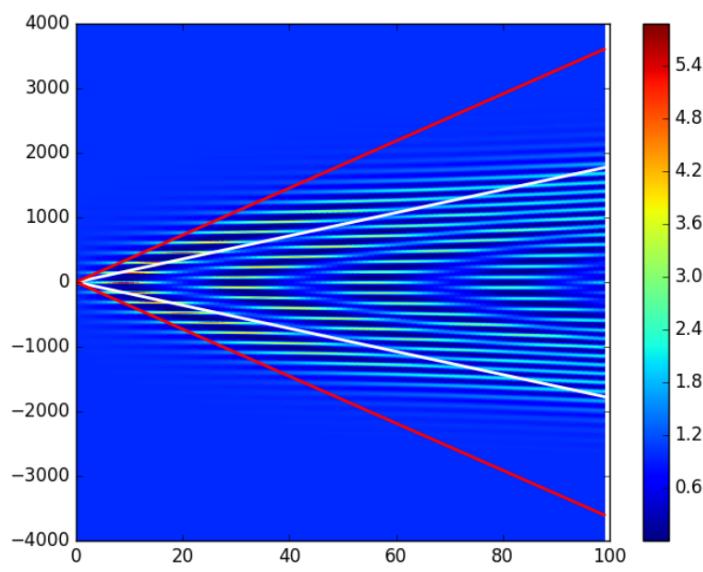


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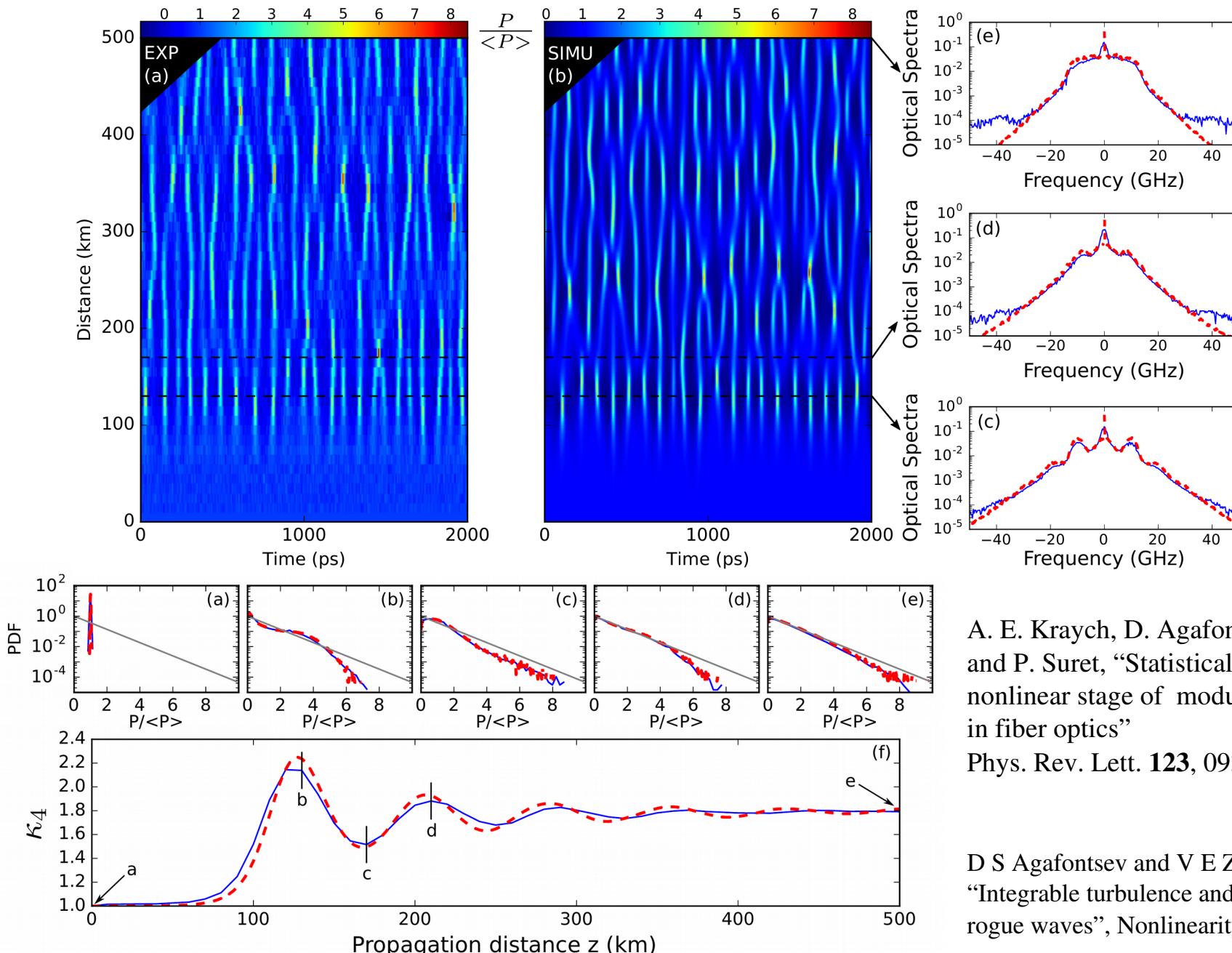
$$\alpha_{eff} = 0$$



$$\alpha_{eff} = 4.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ km}^{-1}$$

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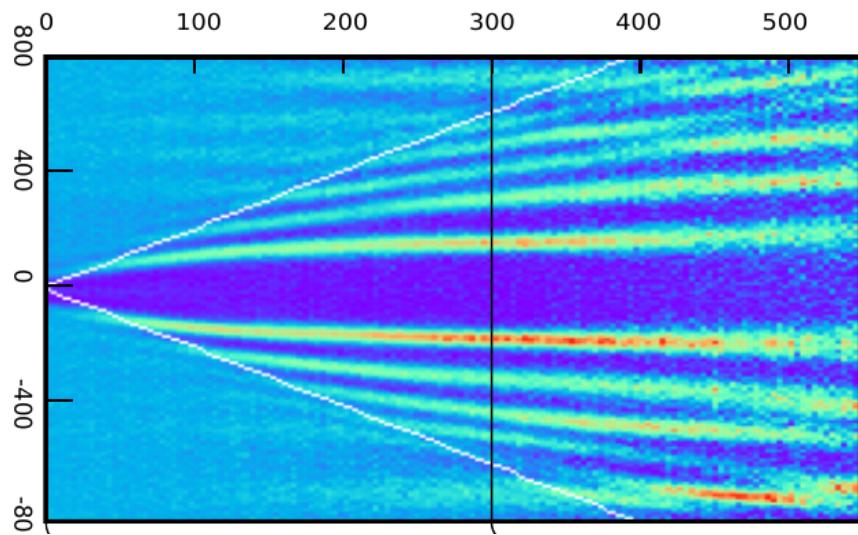
Without the localized perturbation : noise-driven modulational instability



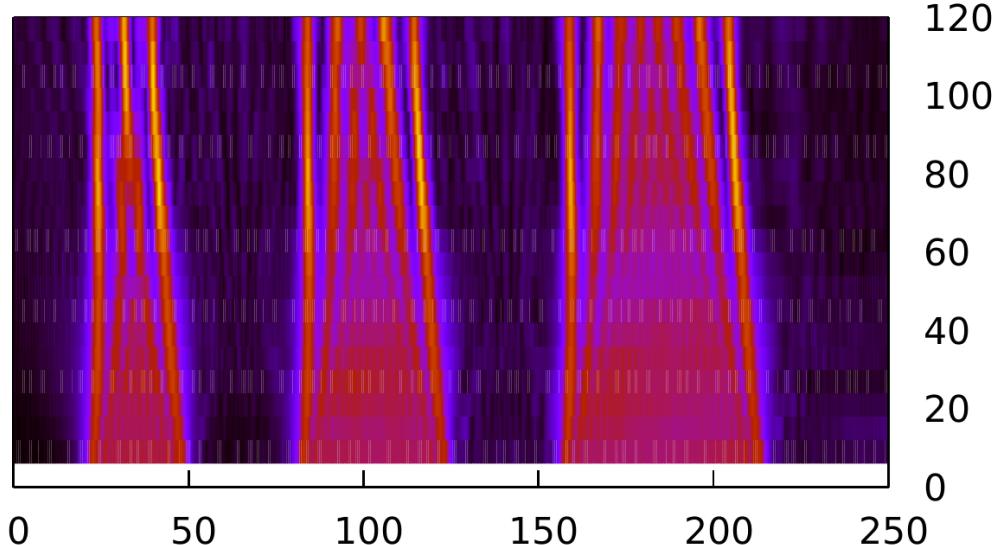
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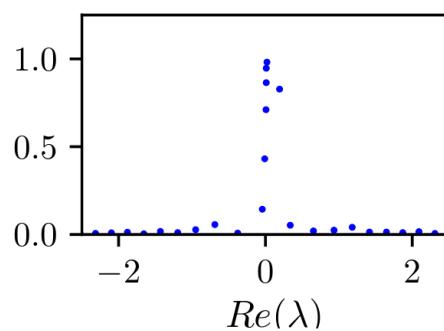
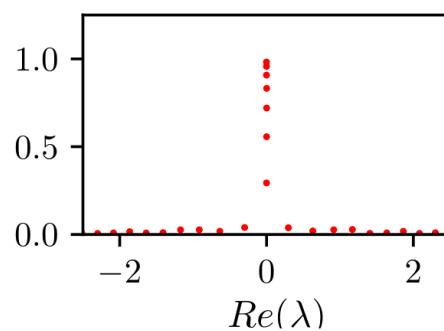
Optical fiber experiments



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Nonlinear spectral analysis (numerical IST)



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