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Time Reversal

Random heterogeneous media

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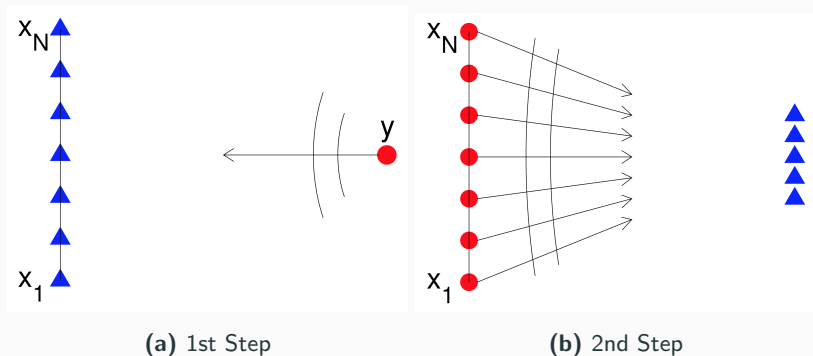


Figure 1: Time reversal experiment.

Paraxial Wave Equation

Paraxial Wave Equation

Due to the paraxial hypothesis the solution of a wave equation can be approximate as :

$$A(r) = \phi(r)e^{ikz}$$

where ϕ approximately solves :

$$\nabla^2 \phi + 2ik \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0$$

Schrodinger equation:

$$\partial_z \phi = \frac{i}{2k} \partial_x^2 \phi \quad (1)$$

The paraxial approximation is valid if:

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right| \ll \left| k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right| \quad (2)$$

Homogeneous medium

Propagation of time-harmonic waves : analytical solution

Solve the Schrodinger equation :

$$\partial_z \phi = \frac{i}{2k} \partial_x^2 \phi$$

With the initial condition at $z = 0$:

$$\phi(z = 0, x) = \phi_0(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{r_0^2}\right) \quad (3)$$

By Fourier transform on x , the equation becomes :

$$\partial_z \hat{\phi} = -\frac{i\omega^2}{2k} \hat{\phi}$$

The solution is the following form, where $C(w)$ only depends on w .

$$\hat{\phi}(z, w) = C(w) \exp\left(\frac{-i\omega^2}{2k} z\right)$$

Propagation of time-harmonic waves : analytical solution and simulation

$C(w)$ can be decided by the Equation 3, the solution becomes

$$\phi(z, x) = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}[\hat{\phi}_0 \exp(\frac{-iw^2}{2k} z)](z, x) \quad (4)$$

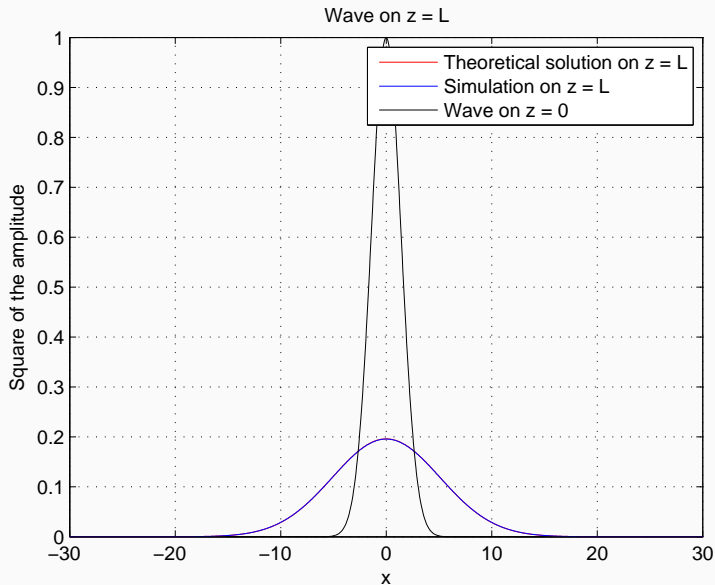
The equation 4 can be simulated easily, for the analytical form we simply apply the Fourier transform of a Gaussian function $f(x) = \exp(-ax^2)$ which is given by :

$$\mathfrak{F}(\exp(-ax^2))(w) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \exp(-\frac{w^2}{4a})$$

The final solution on $z = L$ is :

$$\phi_t(x) = \frac{r_0}{r_t} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{r_t^2}), \quad \text{with } r_t = r_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{4L^2}{k^2 r_0^4}}$$

Propagation of time-harmonic waves : result



Time reversal for time-harmonic

Denotes a time-reversal mirror χ_M at $z = L$, the time-reversal problem consists of solving the same equation but with different initial condition on $z = L$.

$$\partial_z \phi_{tr} = \frac{i}{2k} \partial_x^2 \phi_{tr}$$

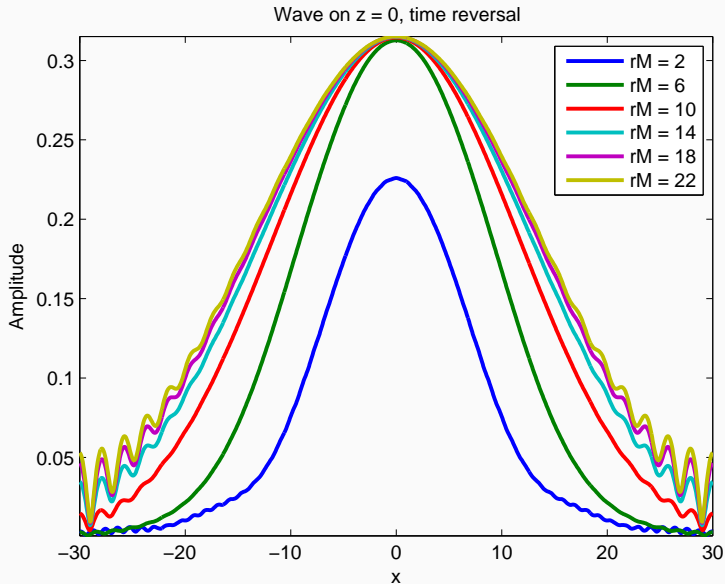
With

$$\phi_{tr}(z = L, x) = \overline{\phi}(z = L, x) \chi_M(x) = \overline{\phi_t} \chi_M$$

By exactly the same method, we can simulate the solution by Fourier transform.

$$\phi_{tr}(z, x) = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}[\mathfrak{F}[\overline{\phi_t} \chi_M] \exp(\frac{iw^2(L - z)}{2k})] \quad (5)$$

Result for $\chi_M(x) = [1 - (\frac{x}{2r_M})^2]^2 1_{[-2r_M, 2r_M]}(x)$



Analytical solution for $\chi_M(x) = \exp(-\frac{x^2}{r_M^2})$

The mirror function is the form Gaussian, and the solution can thus be analytical resolved :

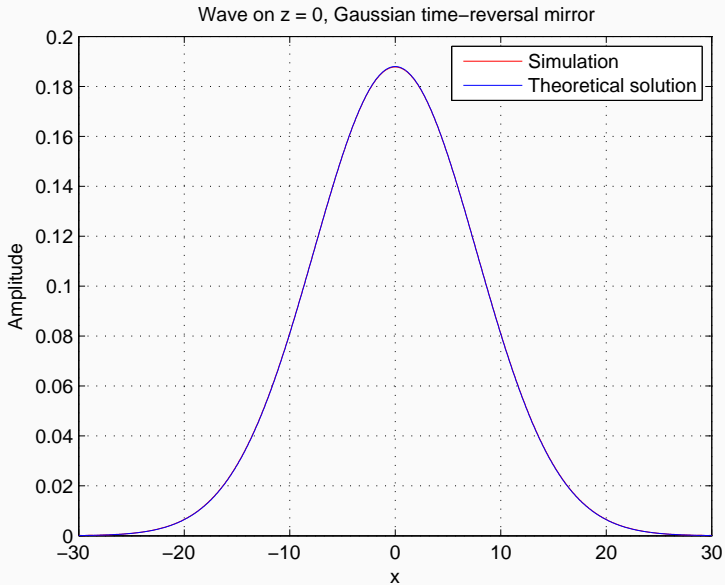
$$\phi_{tr}(z=0, x) = \frac{1}{a_{tr}} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{r_{tr}^2})$$

With

$$a_{tr} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4iL}{kr_0^2} - \frac{2iL}{kr_M^2} - \frac{4L^2}{k^2 r_0^2 r_M^2}}$$

$$r_{tr} = \left(\frac{1}{r_M^2} + \frac{1}{r_0^2 - \frac{2iL}{k}} \right)^{-1} - \frac{2iL}{k}$$

Result for $\chi_M(x) = \exp(-\frac{x^2}{r_M^2})$



Random medium

Schrodinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z \phi &= \frac{i}{2k} \partial_x^2 \phi + \frac{i}{2k} \mu(z, x) \phi \\ \mu(z, x) &= \mu_n(x) \text{ if } z \in [nz_c, (n+1)z_c]\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

with $\mu_0(x), \mu_1(x), \dots, \mu_{\lfloor L/z_c \rfloor}(x)$ independent realizations of a Gaussian Process with mean zero and covariance function

$$\mathbb{E}[\mu_n(x)\mu_n(x')] = \sigma^2 \exp(-(x - x')^2/x_c^2)$$

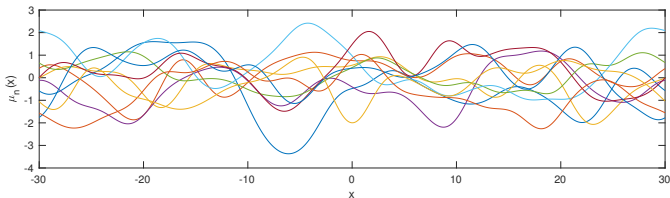


Figure 5: Gaussian processes samples.

Split-Step Fourier Method

Laplacian part:

$$\partial_z \phi(z, x) = \frac{ik}{2} \partial_x^2 \phi(z, x) \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(z + h, x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\exp\{-h \frac{i}{2k} (2\pi if)^2\} \mathcal{F}(\phi(z, x))) \quad (8)$$

Random medium part:

$$\partial_z \phi(z, x) = \frac{ik}{2} \mu_n(x) \phi(z, x) \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(z + h, x) = \exp\{h \frac{ik}{2} \mu_n(x)\} \phi(z, x) \quad (10)$$

Full step:

$$\phi(z + h, x) = \exp\{h \frac{ik}{2} \mu_n(x)\} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\exp\{-h \frac{i}{2k} (2\pi if)^2\} \mathcal{F}(\phi(z, x))) \quad (11)$$

Propagation of time-harmonic waves

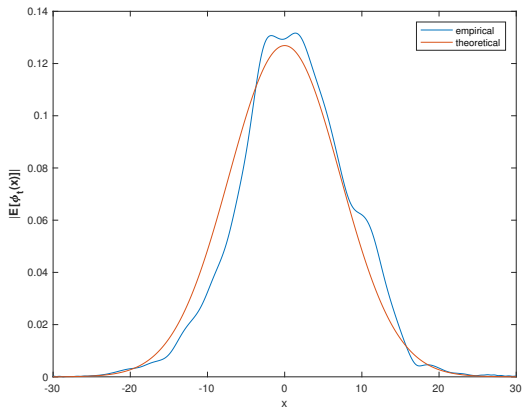
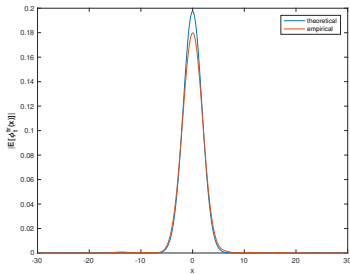


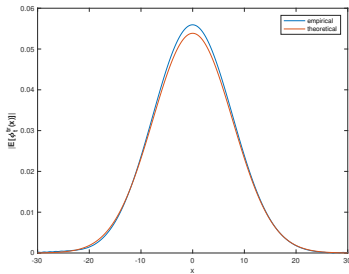
Figure 6: Mean transmitted wave profile $|\phi_t(x, z = L)|$ in random medium.

$$\mathbb{E}[\phi_t(x)] = \frac{r_0}{r_t} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{r_t^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_0 \omega^2 L}{8}\right)$$

Time reversal for time-harmonic waves



(a) Random, $r_M = 2$



(b) Homogeneous, $r_M = 2$

Figure 7: Mean refocused wave profiles ($z = 0$)

$$\mathbb{E}[\phi_r^{tr}(x)] = \frac{1}{a_{tr}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{r_{tr}^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{r_a^2}\right) \text{ (Figure (a))} \quad (12)$$

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Propagation of time-dependent waves

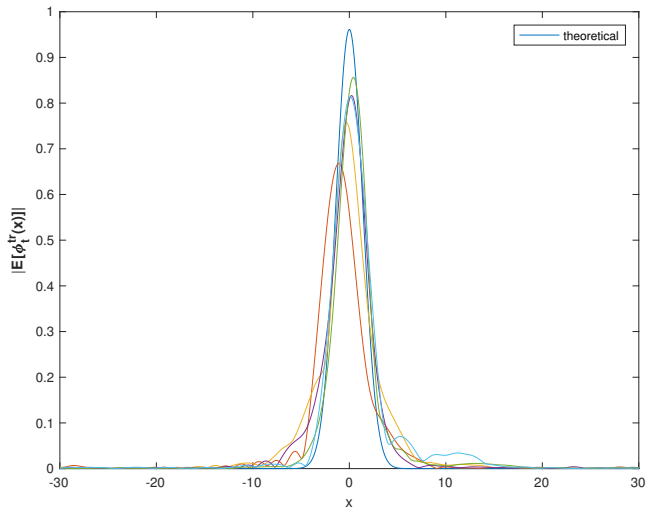


Figure 8: Refocused wave profile for a time-dependent initial condition.

Conclusion

Thank you for your attention !

Questions?