



Synchronization and Pattern Formation in Coupled Nonlinear Optical Systems

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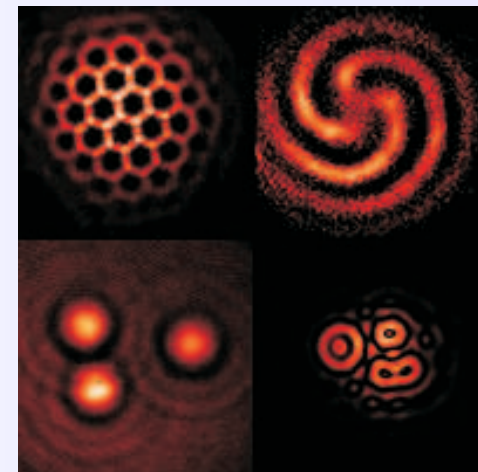
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Introduction

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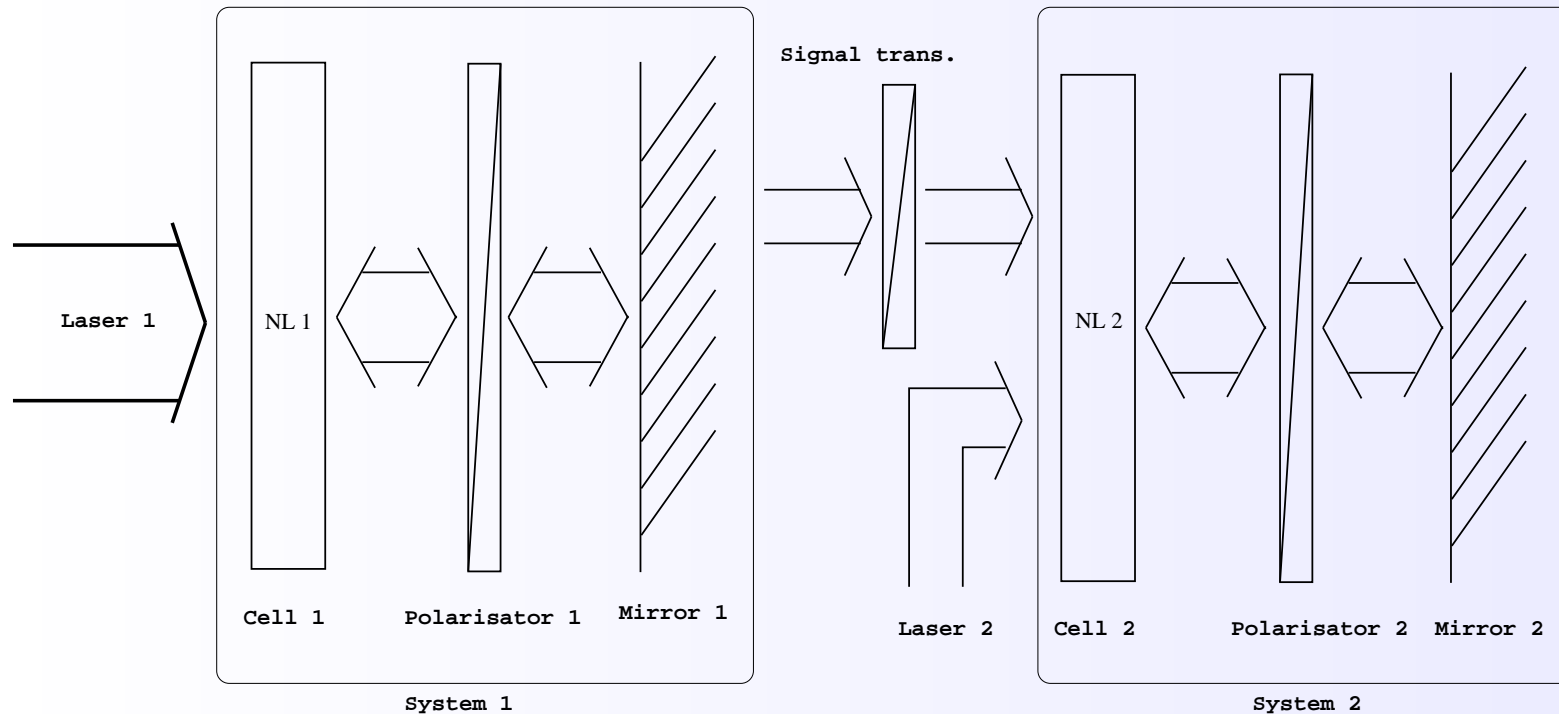
- Analyse coupled nonlinear optical systems
- Possible information transfer device
- Interaction of coupled solitary (localized) structures





Coupled Nonlinear Optical Systems with Pattern Formation

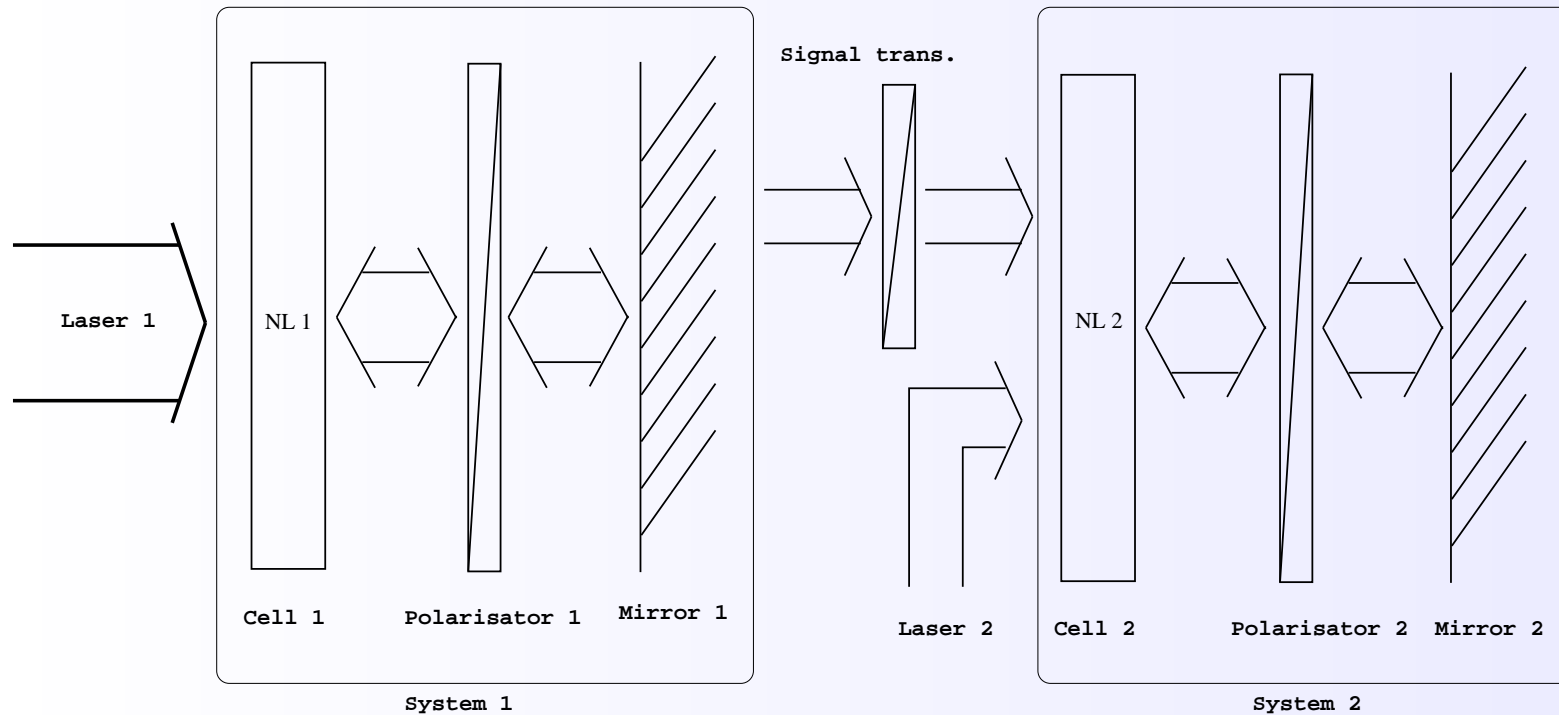
Defining the System



- Two pattern forming single feedback mirror systems
- Unidirectional coupling from system 1 to system 2
- Separation of refraction and diffraction

[Scroggie, Firth, PRA 53,2752 (1996)] [Mitschke et al., PRA 33,3219 (1986)]

Defining the System



Interesting points

- Synchronization of patterns (regular and chaotic)
- Transmission of patterns
- Solitary structures

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Theoretical Analysis - The Generalized Bloch Type Equation

- Generalized Bloch type equation for $\mathbf{m} = (u, v, w)$

$$(1) \quad \dot{\mathbf{m}} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{m} - \gamma_{\text{eff}} \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{P}$$

- $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = (\Omega_x, \Omega_y, \Omega_z)$: magnetic field
- γ_{eff} : effective relaxation rate
- \mathbf{P} : pumprate due to the injected electrical field (i.e. the laser)

- No magnetic field
- Equations uncouple
- Quasiskalar description

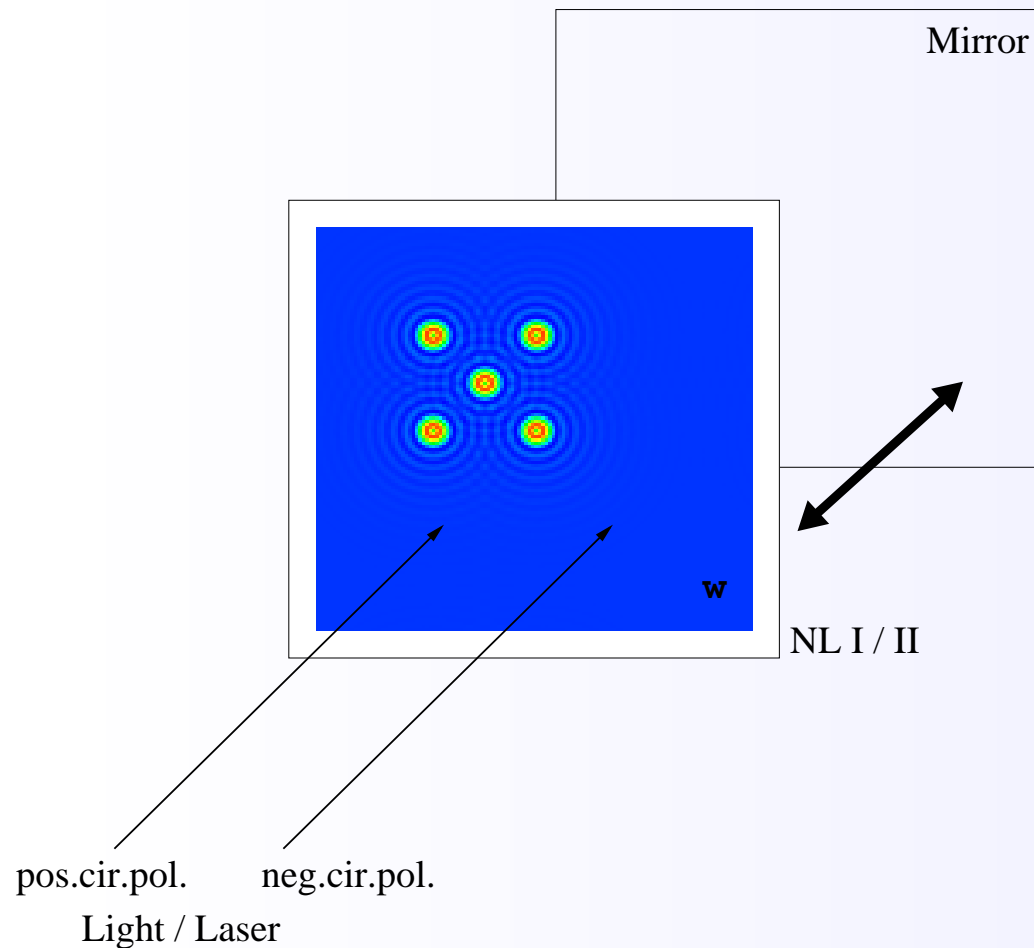
$$(2) \quad \dot{w} = -(\gamma - \text{Diff} \nabla_{\perp}^2) w + P_+(1 - w) - P_-(1 + w)$$

- w : magnetization of the medium
- P_{\pm} : pumprate of the positive / negative circular polarized light

[Mitschke et al., PRA 33,3219 (1986)] [Scroggie, Firth, PRA 53,2752 (1996)]



Theoretical Analysis - Where Are The Patterns?



- blue = positive magnetization
- red = negative magnetization
- w = magnetization of the medium (Na-vapor)
- magnetization \Leftrightarrow Intensity

ϕ Synchronization / Correlation

Synchronization

- Transfer fields $\phi_i \in \mathbb{R}(n \times n)$ to vectors $\phi_i \in \mathbb{R}(n * n)$
- subtract mean values, to only calculate the synchronization of the varying fields

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{u}_i = \phi_i - \langle \phi_i \rangle .$$

- The function to derive the synchronization rates is chosen to

$$(4) \quad \text{SyncRate}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Local Correlation

- Time series of one pixel $\phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \forall \mathbf{r}$
- subtract mean values (Correlation coefficient from Pearson)
- take last N timesteps $\rightarrow \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}) = (\phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t_n))_{n=1..N}$

$$(5) \quad \text{LocCorr}(u, v)(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$



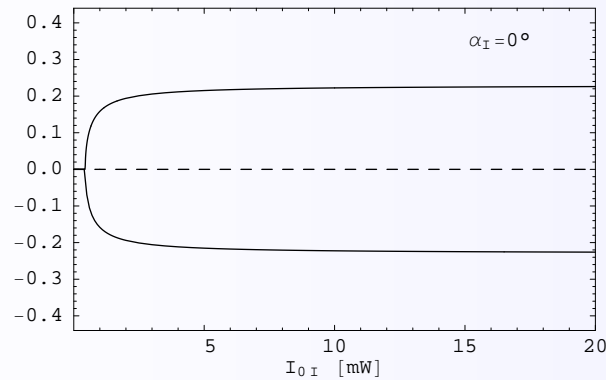
Numerical Results – One Cell

$\lambda/8$ -Case

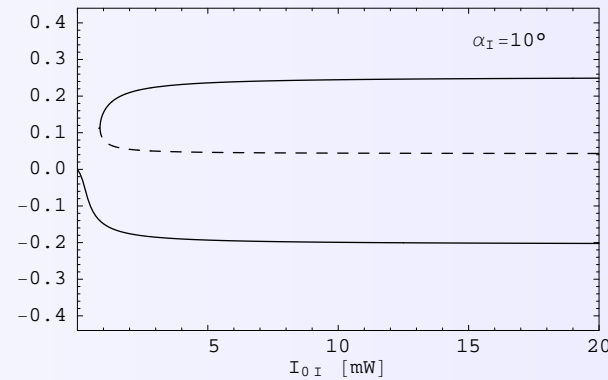


Numerical Results - Solitary Structures Region

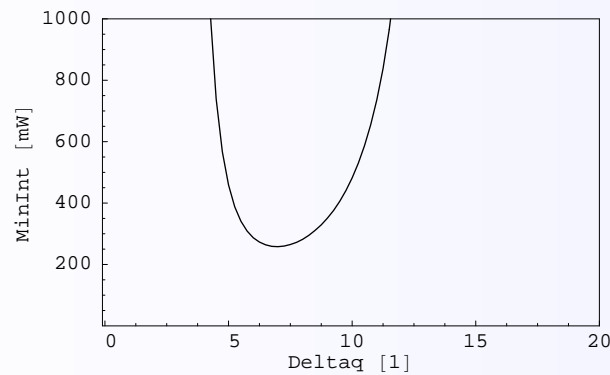
- $\lambda/8$ -Setting, Bistable system, Pitchfork-bifurcation



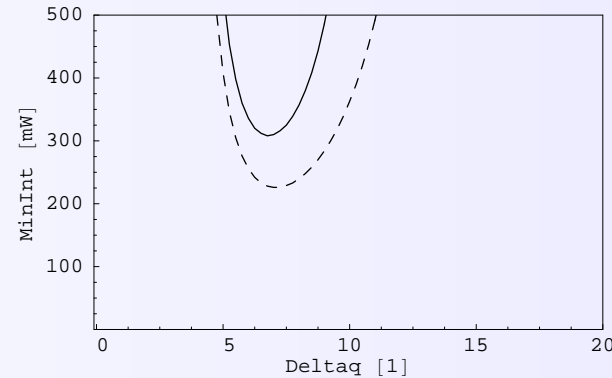
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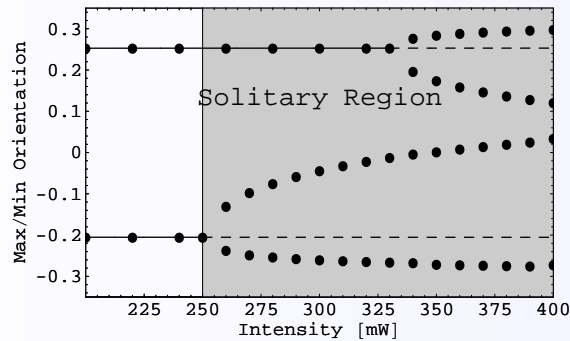


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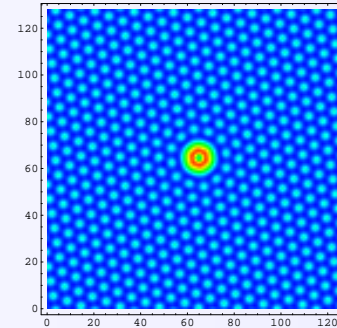
Homogenous state of the system (a) $\alpha = 0^\circ$, (b) $\alpha = 10^\circ$. Results of the linear stability Analysis (c) $\alpha = 0^\circ$, (d) $\alpha = 10^\circ$ (— positive branch, - - negative branch).



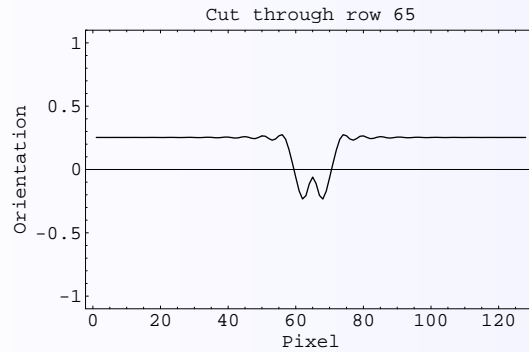
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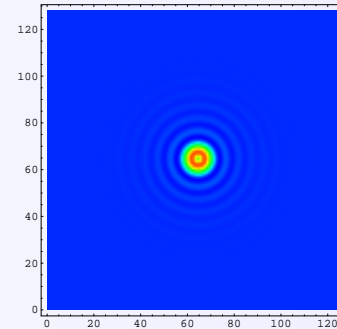
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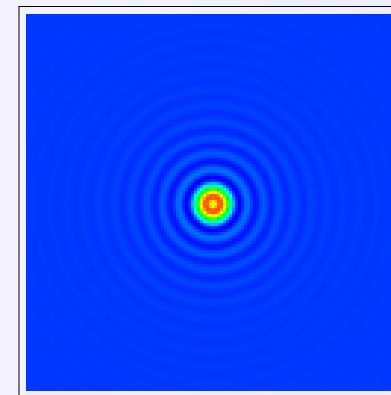
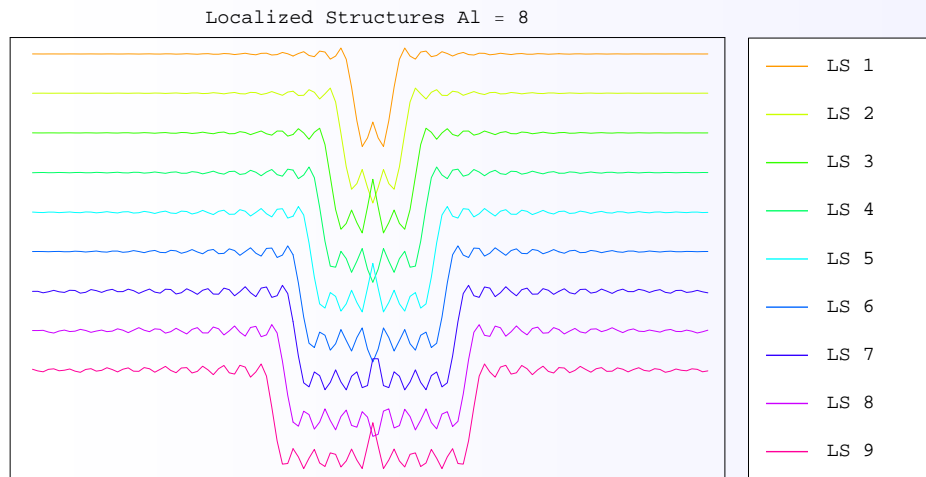


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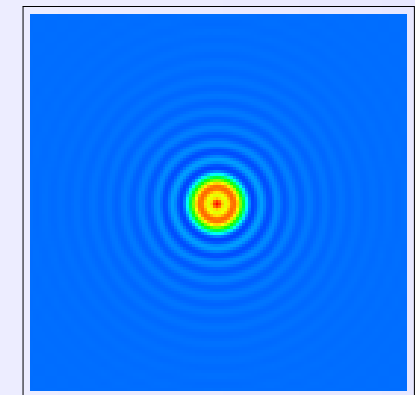
(a) Grey shaded is the region where solitary structures exist. (b) Solitary object in a patterned underground ($I_{0I} = 400\text{mW}$). (c),(d) Cut through, real image of a solitary object on a homogenous underground ($I_{0I} = 300\text{mW}$). The parameters are $\gamma = 200/\text{s}$, $D = 250\text{mm}^2/\text{s}$, $\alpha_0 = 2.2168$, $1/(2k_0) = 0.468\text{mm}$, $L = 15\text{mm}$, $d = 0.88\text{dm}$, $\alpha_I = 10^\circ$, $\alpha_{II} = -10^\circ$, $\varphi_I = \varphi_{II} = \pi/4$, $R_I = R_{II} = 0.99$, $s = 0.0$, $\bar{\Delta} = 6.0$.



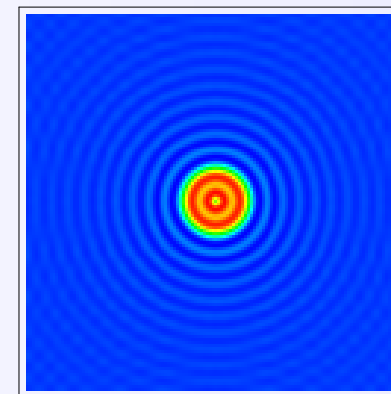
Numerical Results - Different Solitary Structures



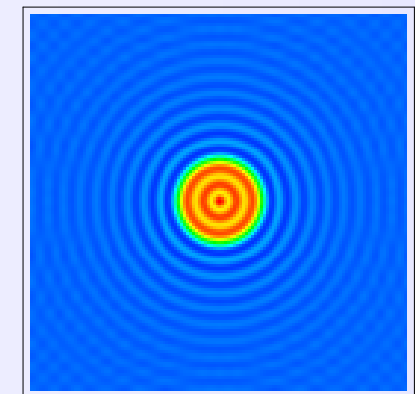
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LS 2



LS 3



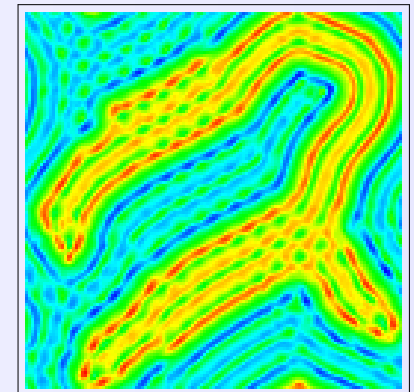
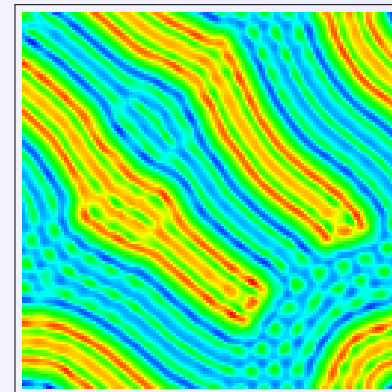
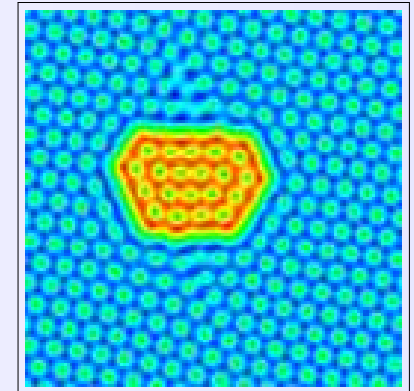
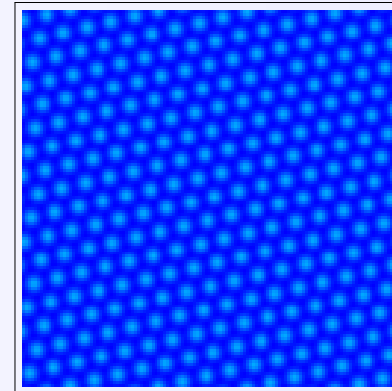
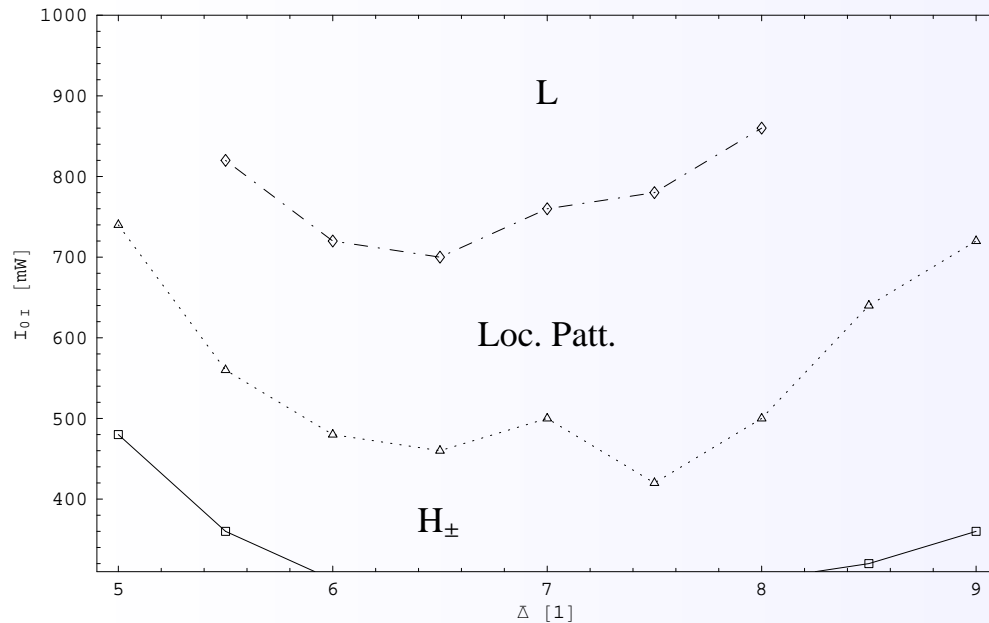
LS 4

- Different solitary structures stable
- Discrete Family of solitary structures

[Pesch et al., PRL 95,143906(2005)]



Numerical Results - Labyrinths



(right) Regions of existence for labyrinths and localized patterns.

(left) Hexagon, localized pattern (positive and negative Hexagon) and labyrinthine structures.

Parameters : like solitary structures, except $\alpha_I = 0^\circ$

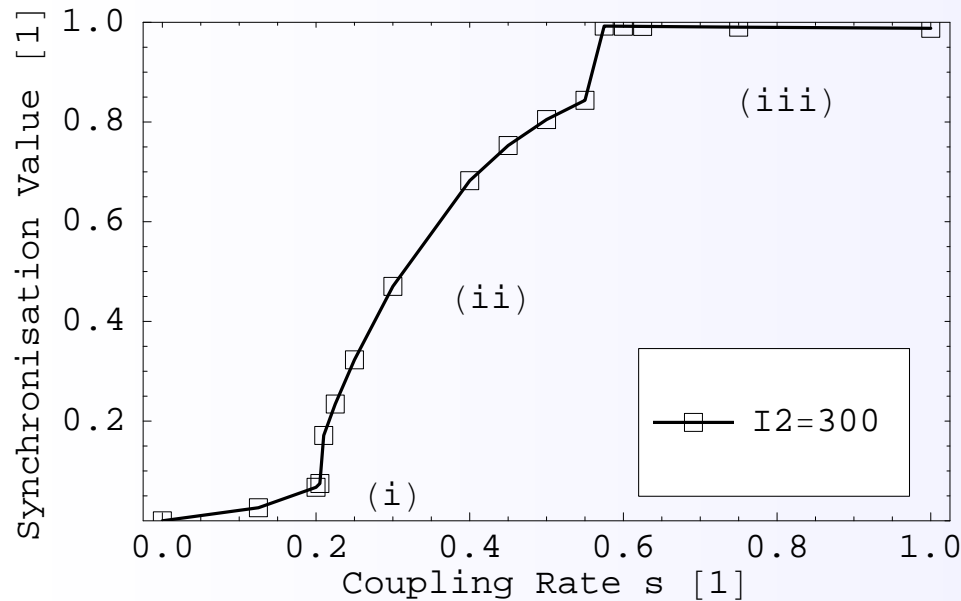
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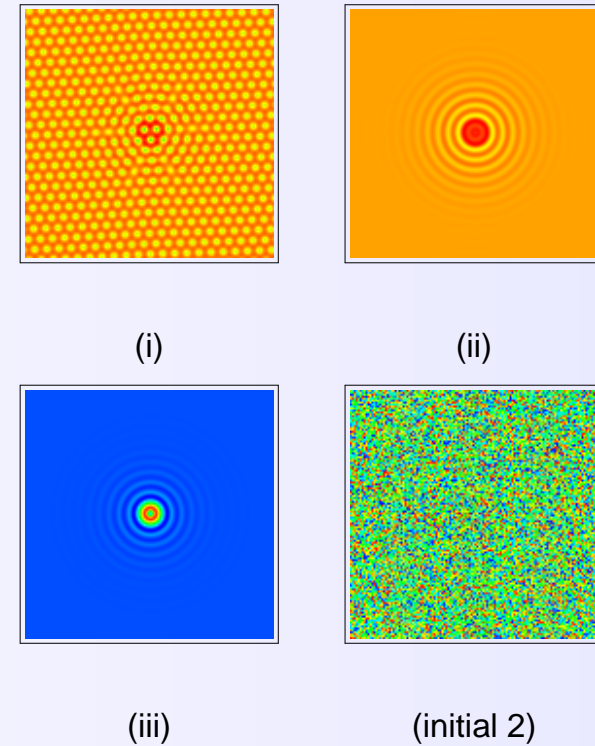
Numerical Results – Coupling solitons



Numerical Results - Solitary Structures on Random State



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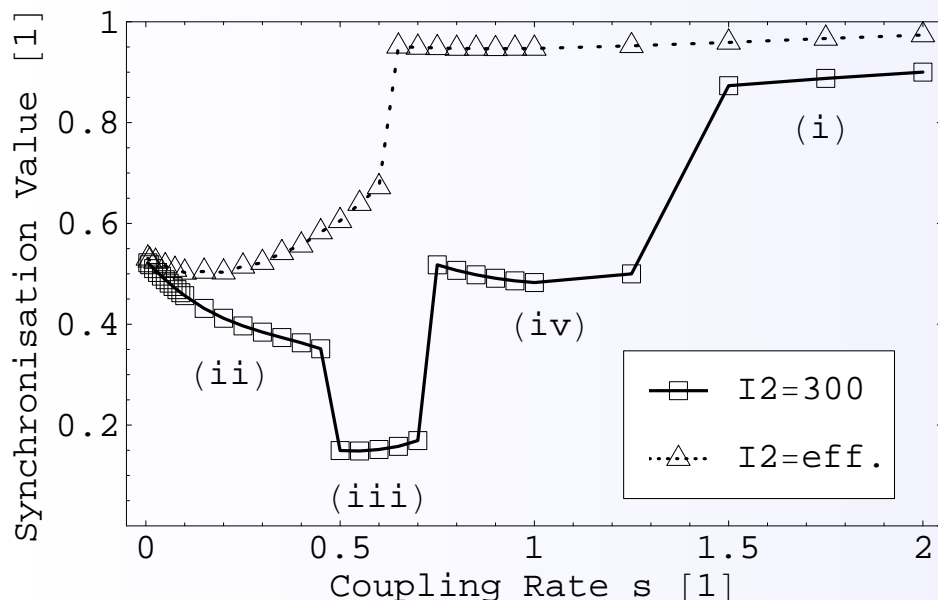


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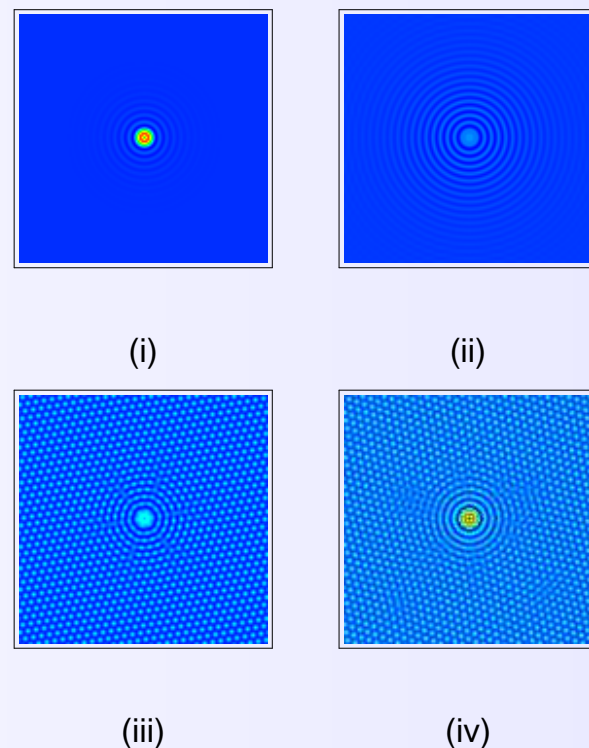
(a) Synchronisation rate against increasing coupling with $\lambda/8$ -plate in both systems, initial condition is a pos. solitary object in system 1 and a random state in system 2. Intensities $I_{0I} = 300\text{mW}$, Angles : $\alpha_I = \alpha_{II} = 10^\circ$. Lines drawn to guide the eye. (b)(i) Weak coupling leads to neg. hexagonal structures with weak imprint of sol. obj. in cell II . (ii) Medium coupling leads to imprint of sol. obj. in cell II on negative background. (iii) Initial positive solitary object of cell I and transmitted sol. obj. for very strong coupling ($I_{0II} = 300\text{mW}$).



Numerical Results - Transmission of Solitary Objects



(a)



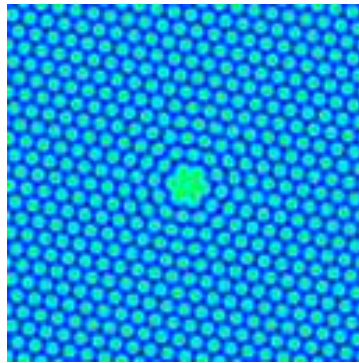
(b)

(a) Synchronisation rate against increasing coupling with $\lambda/8$ -plate in both systems, initial condition is a pos. solitary object in system 1 and a homogenous state in system 2. Intensities $I_{0I} = 300\text{mW}$, Angles : $\alpha_I = \alpha_{II} = 10^\circ$.

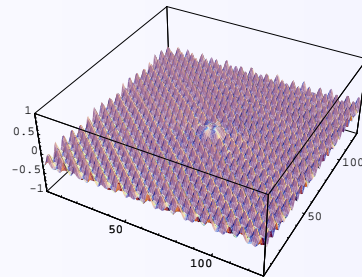
Lines drawn to guide the eye. (b)(i) Initial positive solitary object of cell I and transmitted sol. obj. for very strong coupling ($I_{0II} = 300\text{mW}$) or medium coupling ($I_{0II} = I_{II\text{eff}}$). (ii) Weak coupling leads to weak imprint of sol. obj. in cell II . (iii) Medium coupling leads to formation of hexagonal structures with weak imprint of sol. obj.. (iv) Strong coupling leads to hexagonal structures with transmitted sol. obj..



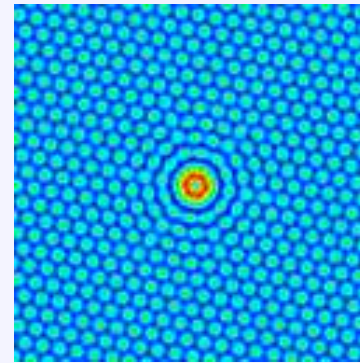
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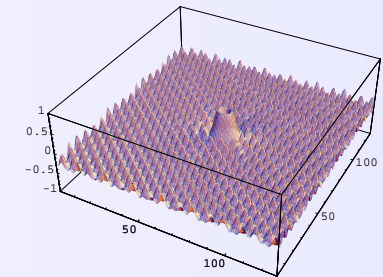
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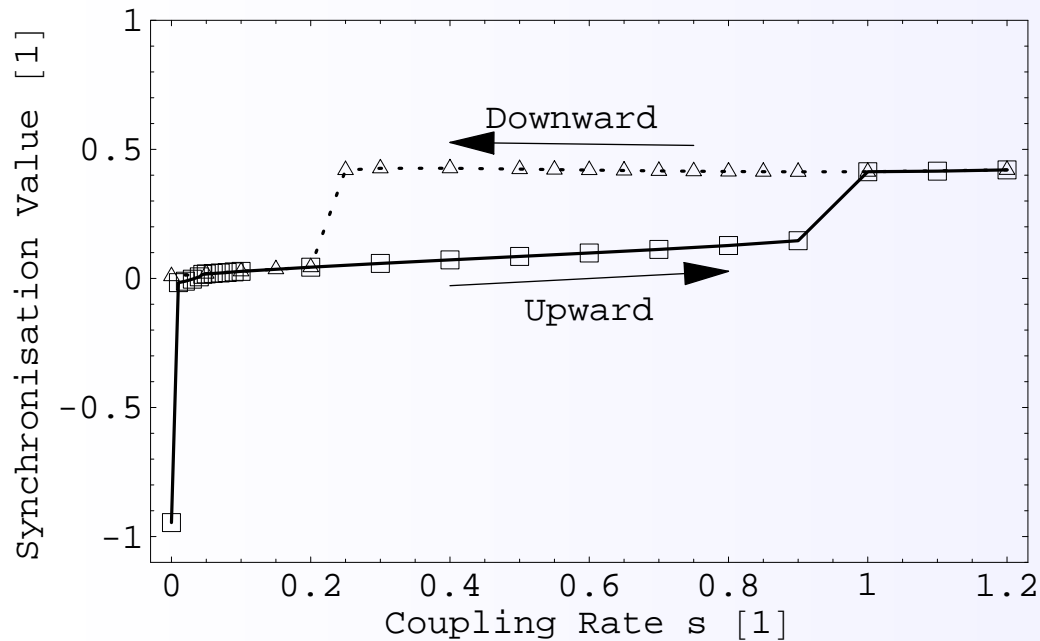


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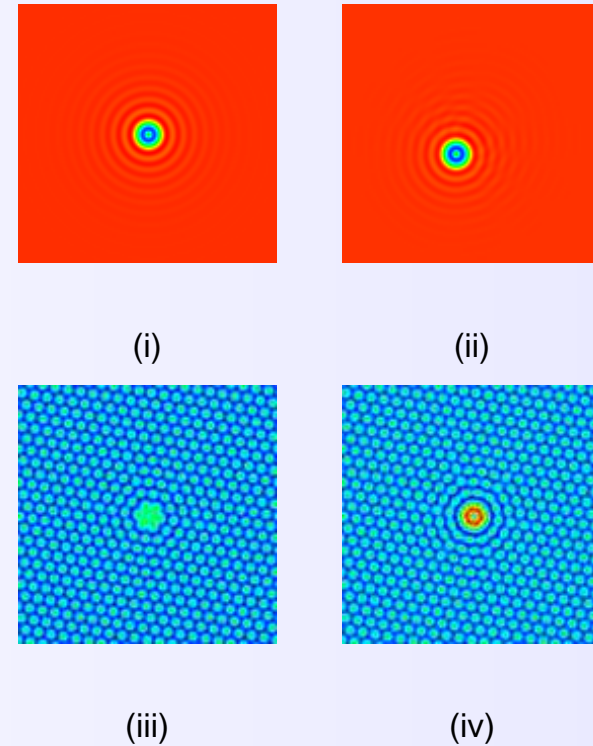
(a) Color coded 2D-plot of cell II with $s = 0.90$, (b) inverted corresponding 3D-plot (for better visibility).
(c) Color coded 2D-plot of cell II with $s = 1.00$, (d) inverted corresponding 3D-plot.



Numerical Results - Pos. Sol. Obj. on Neg. Sol. Obj.



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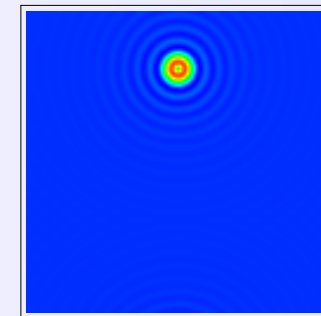
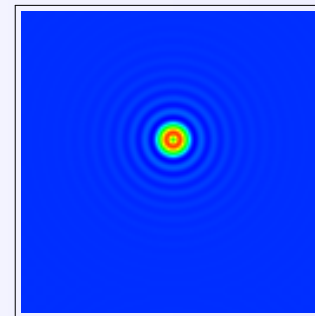
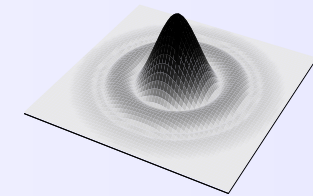
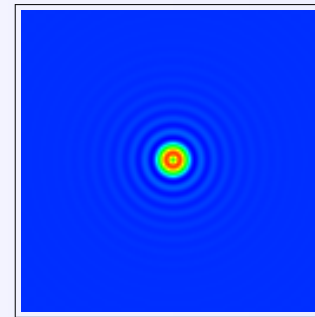
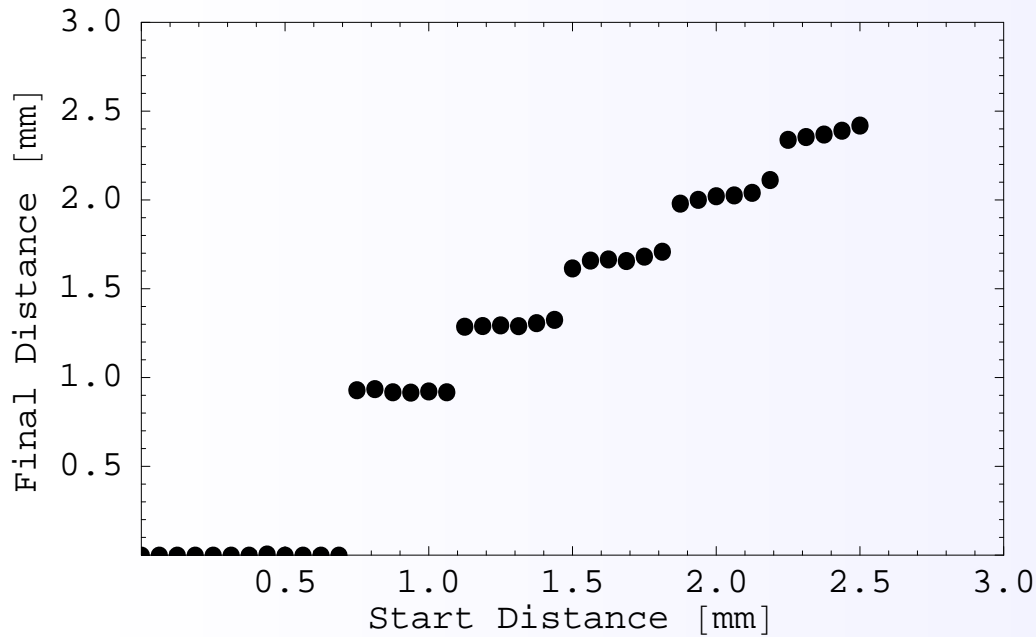


(b)

(a) Synchronisation rate with increasing coupling with $\lambda/8$ -plate in both systems, initial condition is a pos. solitary object in system 1 and a negative one in system 2. Intensities $I_{0I} = I_{0II} = 300\text{mW}$, Angles : $\alpha_I = -\alpha_{II} = 10^\circ$. Lines drawn to guide the eye. (b) (i) Initial negative solitary object of cell 2, (ii) "kicked" solitary objects with coupling strength $s = 0.03$, (iii) final field with $s = 0.90$ and (iv) final field with $s = 1.00$.

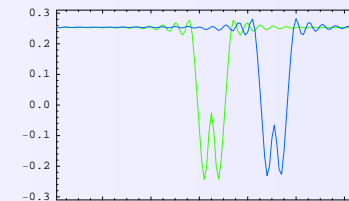
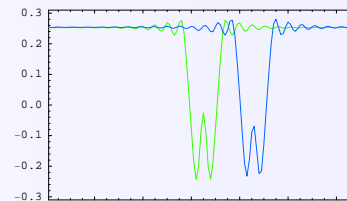
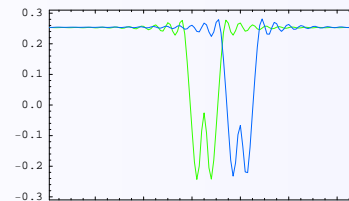
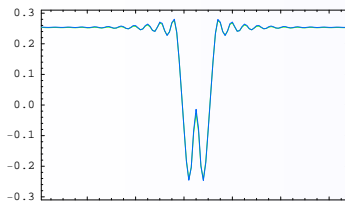


Numerical Results - Coupling identical solitons $s = 0.02$



Overview of stable distances

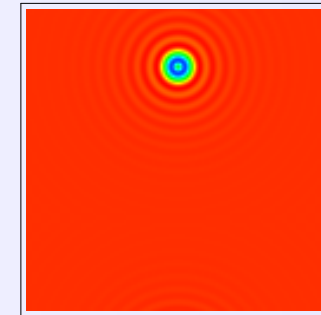
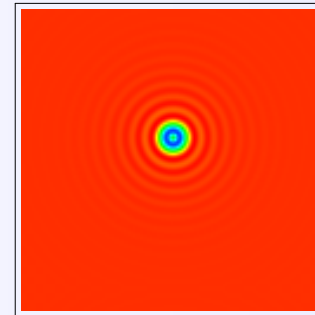
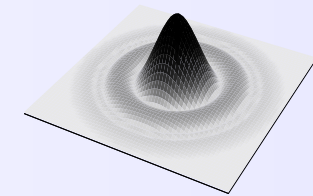
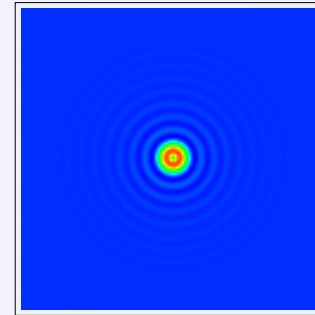
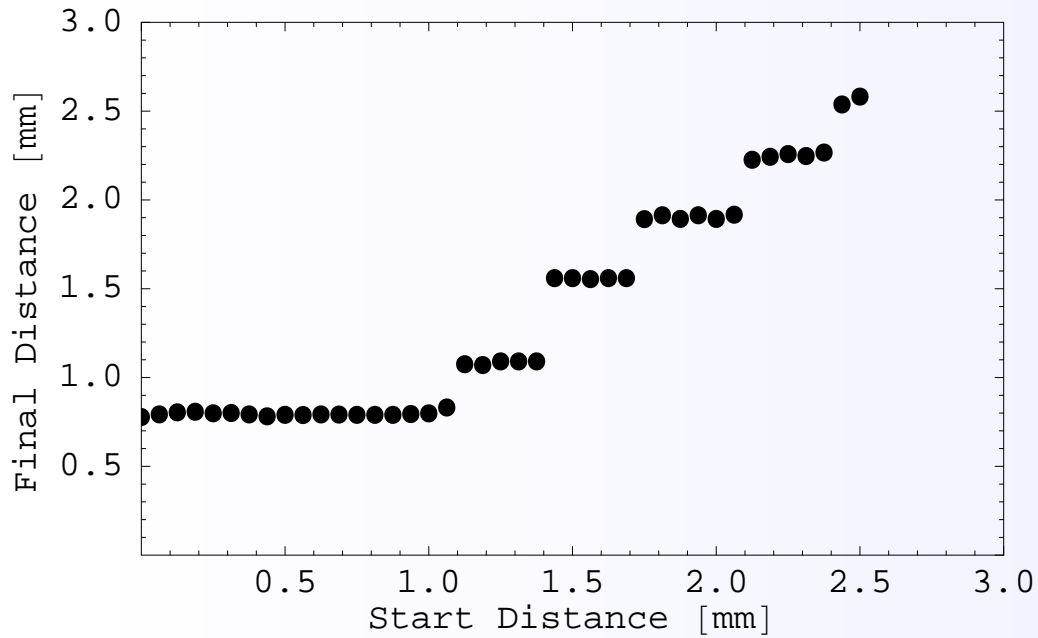
Initial fields : (top) Cell I (bottom) Cell II



1D-Cuts of stable distances along the connection line (green = Cell I, blue = Cell II)

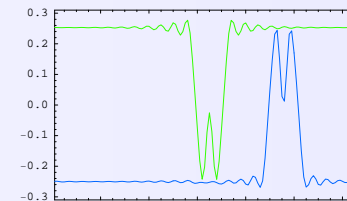
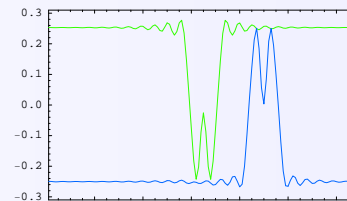
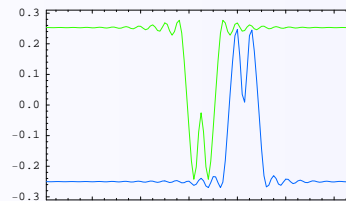
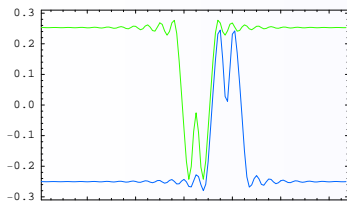


Numerical Results - Coupling inverse solitons $\varepsilon = 0.03$



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Numerical Results - Different Solitons - Mechanisms

- Coupling of solitons yields three basic mechanisms :

- **Destroying** - Soliton in the second cell is destroyed.

Resulting pattern :

- homogenous state
- generic hexagon

- **Moving** - Soliton in the second cell is moved.

Resulting pattern :

- shape of soliton in the second cell unchanged, position changed
- shape of soliton in the second cell slightly changed, position changed

- **Morphing** - Soliton in the second cell is morphed.

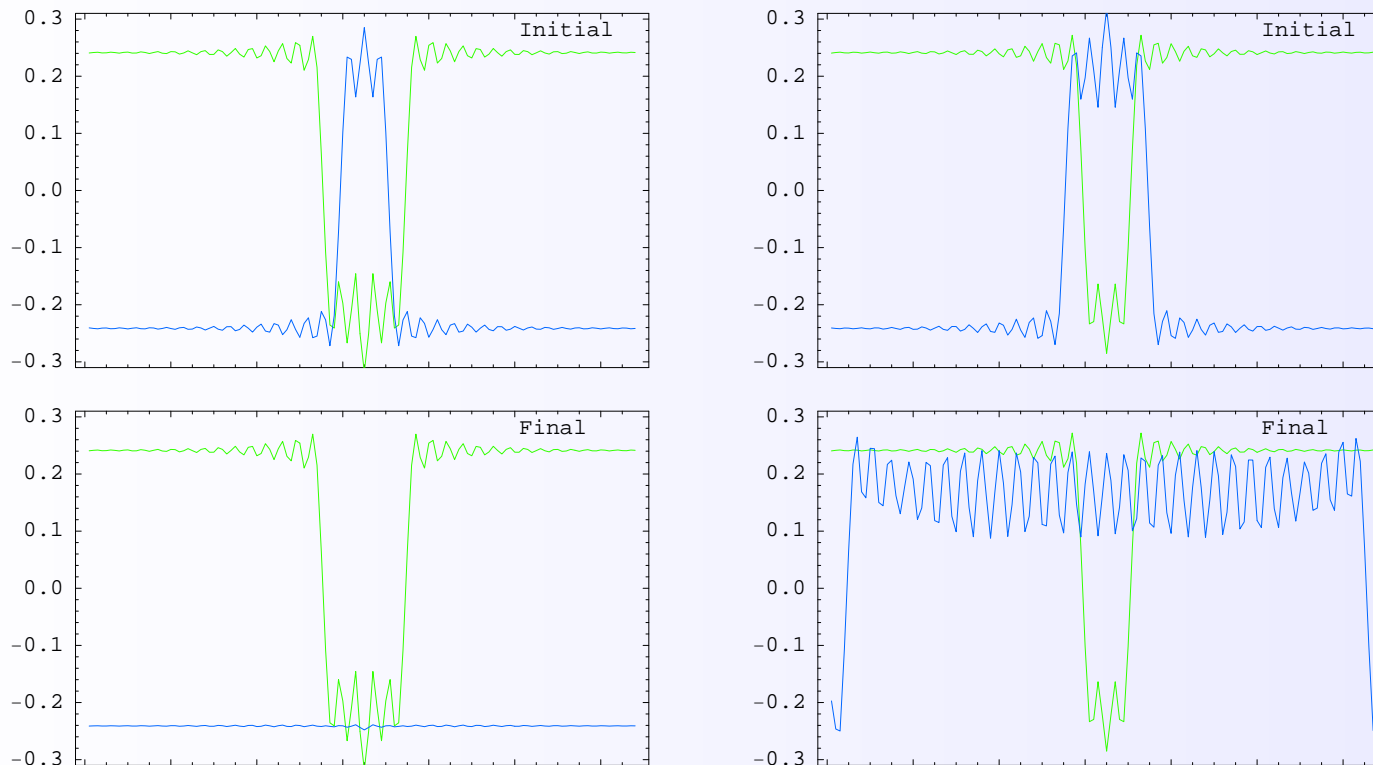
Resulting pattern :

- soliton in the second cell synchronizes with first soliton



Numerical Results - Different Solitons - Destroying

- solitons of different sizes
- solitons with different direction



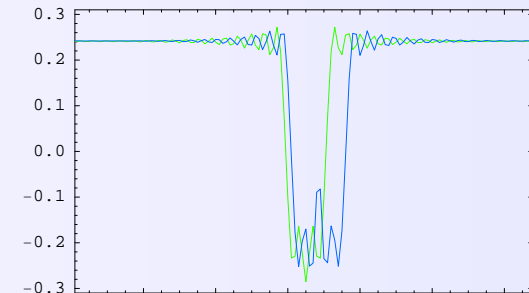
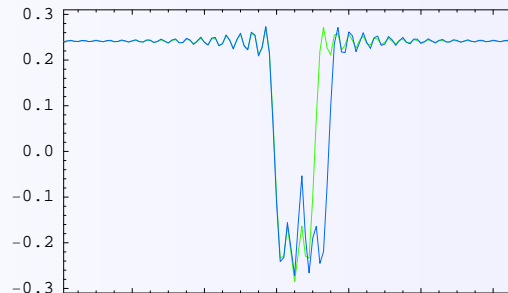
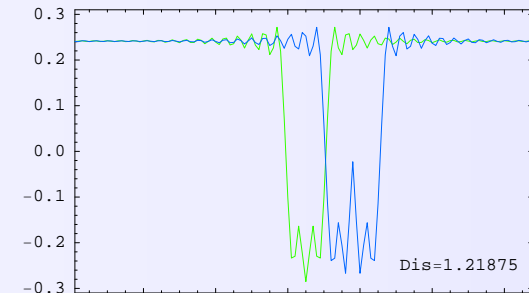
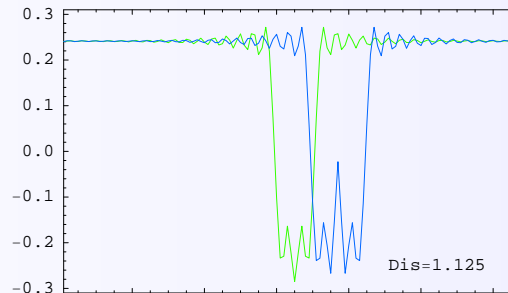
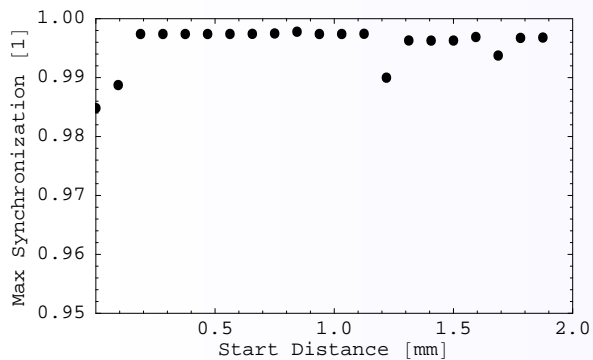
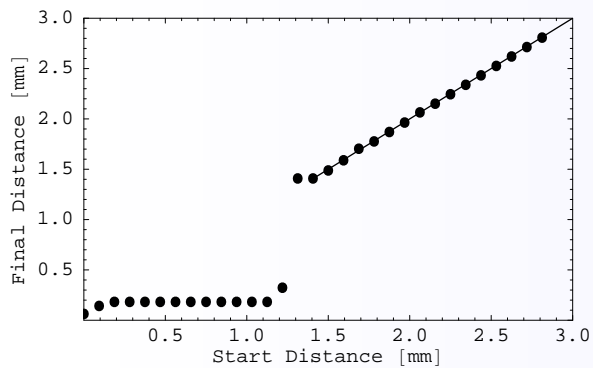
Coupling of different solitons with different direction. (left) LS4 positive - LS2 negative, (right) LS2 positive - LS4 negative.

Parameters : $\bar{\Delta} = 6.0$, $\alpha_I = -\alpha_{II} = 5^\circ$, $I_I = I_{II} = 300\text{mW}$. (green = Cell I, blue = Cell II)



Numerical Results - Different Solitons - Moving

- LS1 \pm - LS1 \pm
- different solitons, same direction
- small couplings
- LS2 - LS3

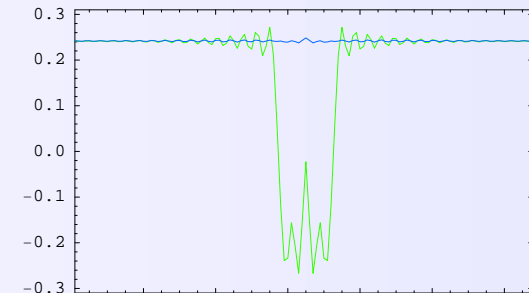
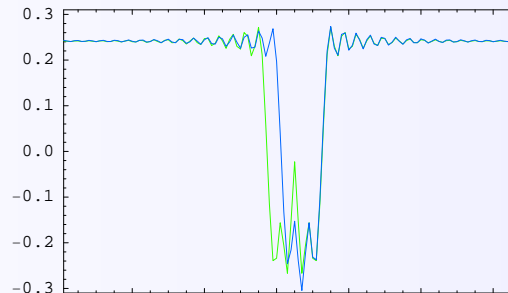
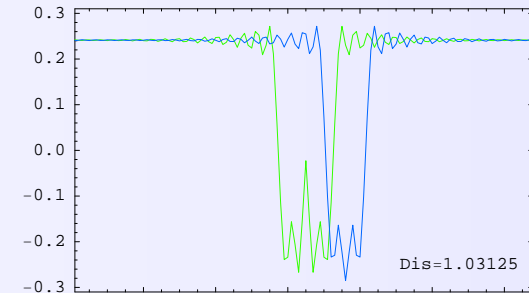
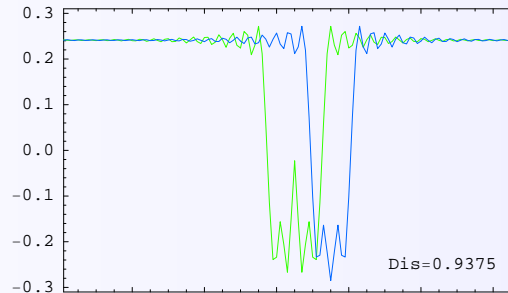
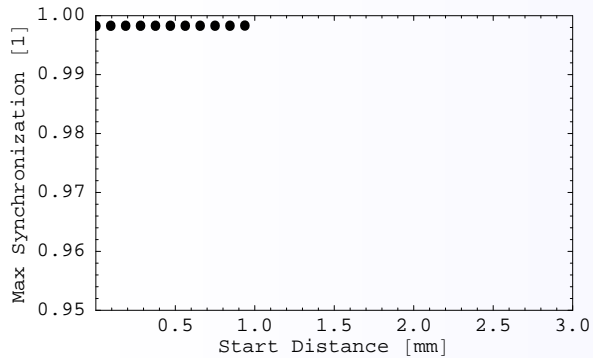
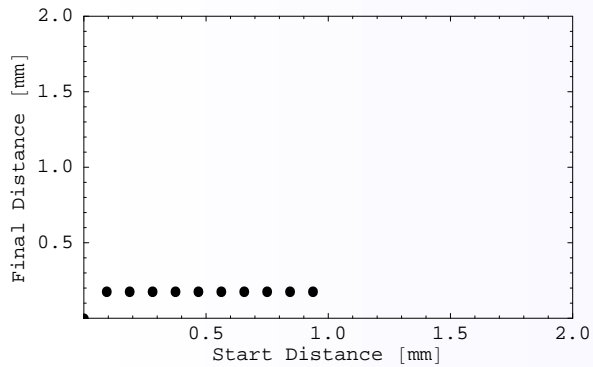


(left) Stable distances and max synchronization with initial solitons in the second cell. (right) 1D-Cuts at the connection line (stable distance, max deformation). Parameters : $\bar{\Delta} = 6.0$, $\alpha_I = -\alpha_{II} = 5^\circ$, $I_I = I_{II} = 300\text{mW}$. (green = Cell I, blue = Cell II)



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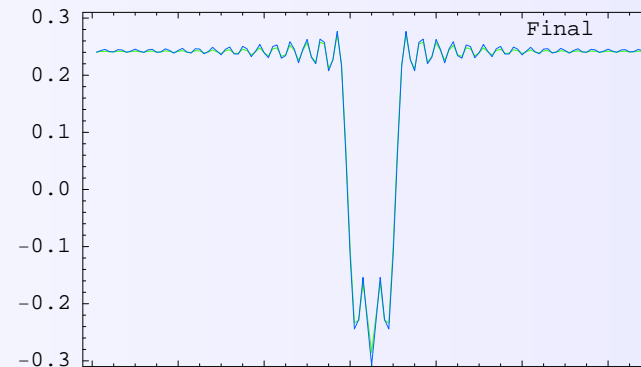
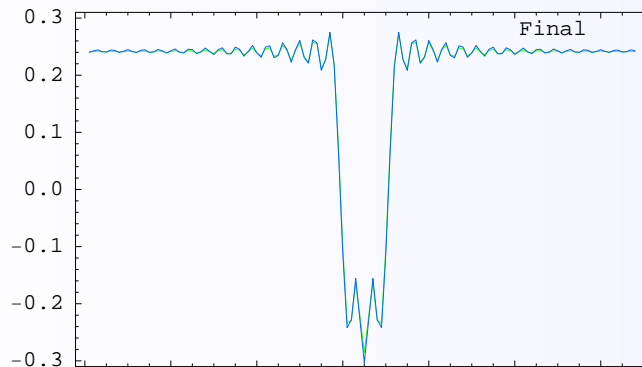
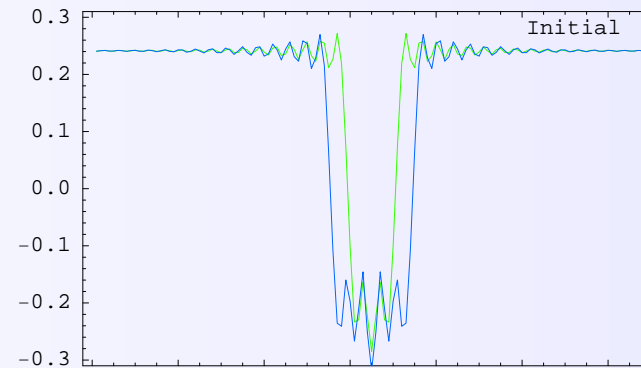
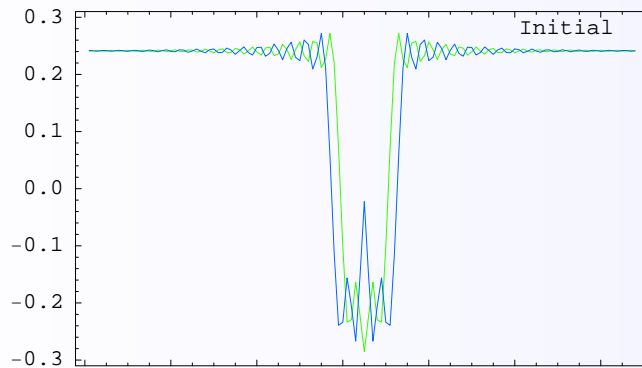


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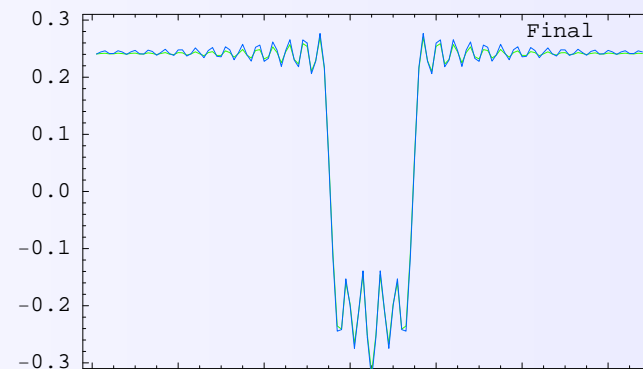
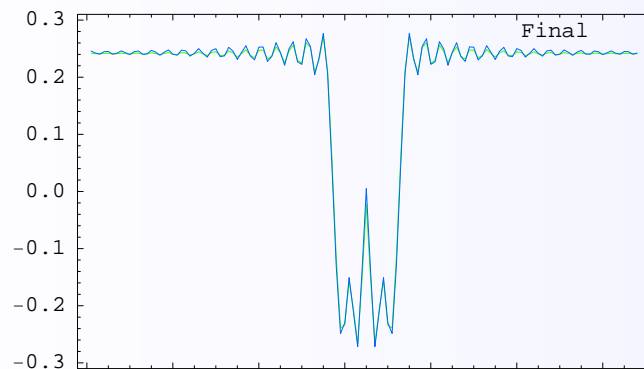
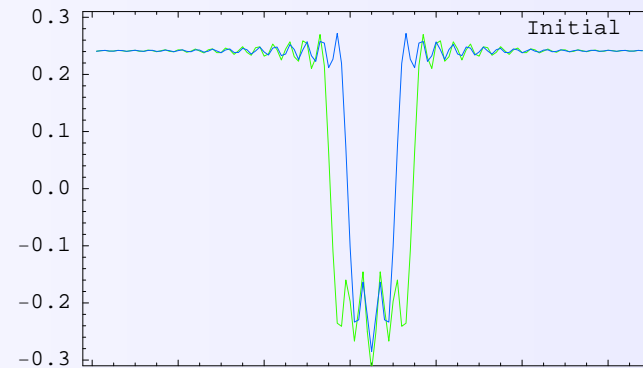
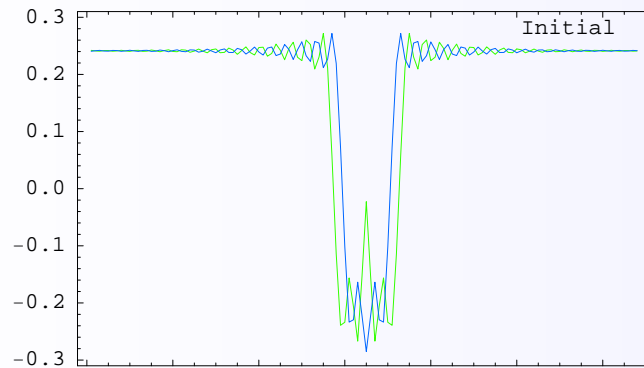


Morphing of solitons. (left) LS2 pos. - LS3 pos. $s = 0.010$, (right) LS2 pos. - LS4 pos. $s = 0.030$. Parameters : $\bar{\Delta} = 6.0$, $\alpha_I = -\alpha_{II} = 5^\circ$, $I_I = I_{II} = 300\text{mW}$. (green = Cell I, blue = Cell II)



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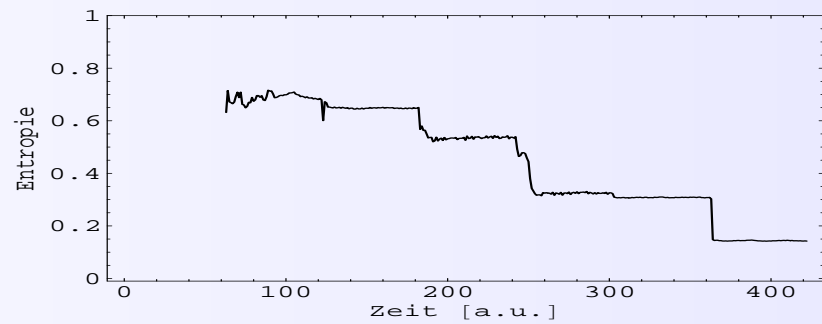
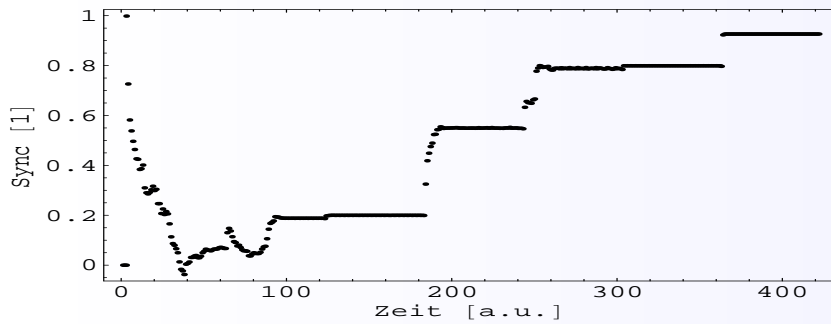
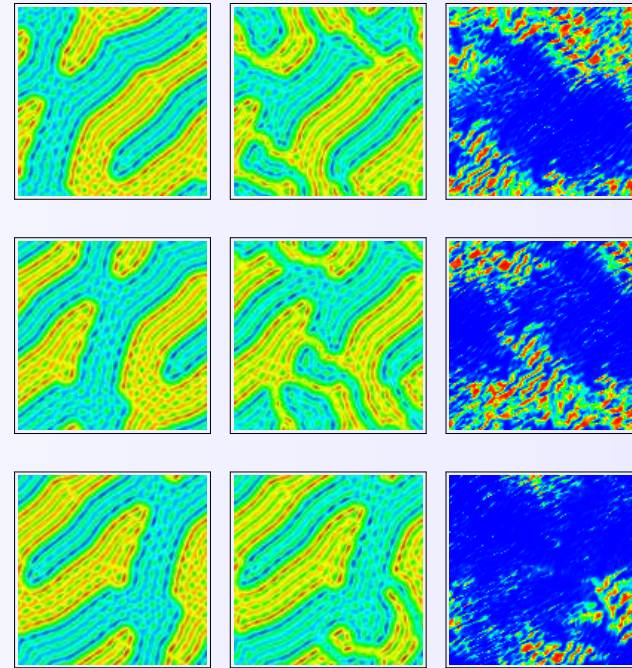
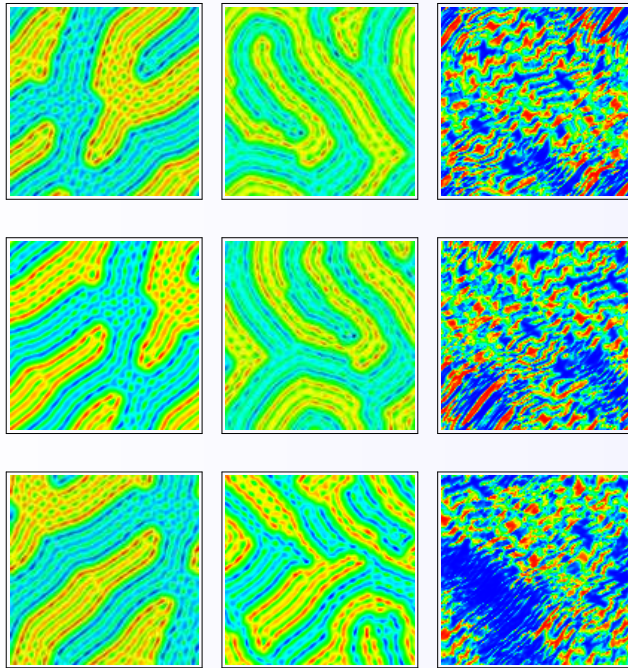


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$$\text{Entropy} = - \sum_k |c_k^{(2)}| \log \left(\frac{|c_k^{(1)}|}{|c_k^{(2)}|} \right) \quad \sum_k |c_k^{(i)}| = 1$$



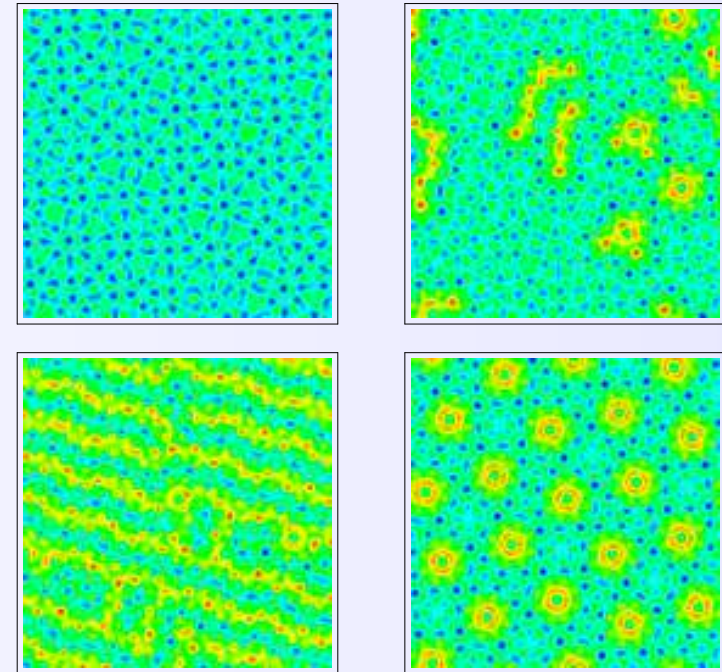
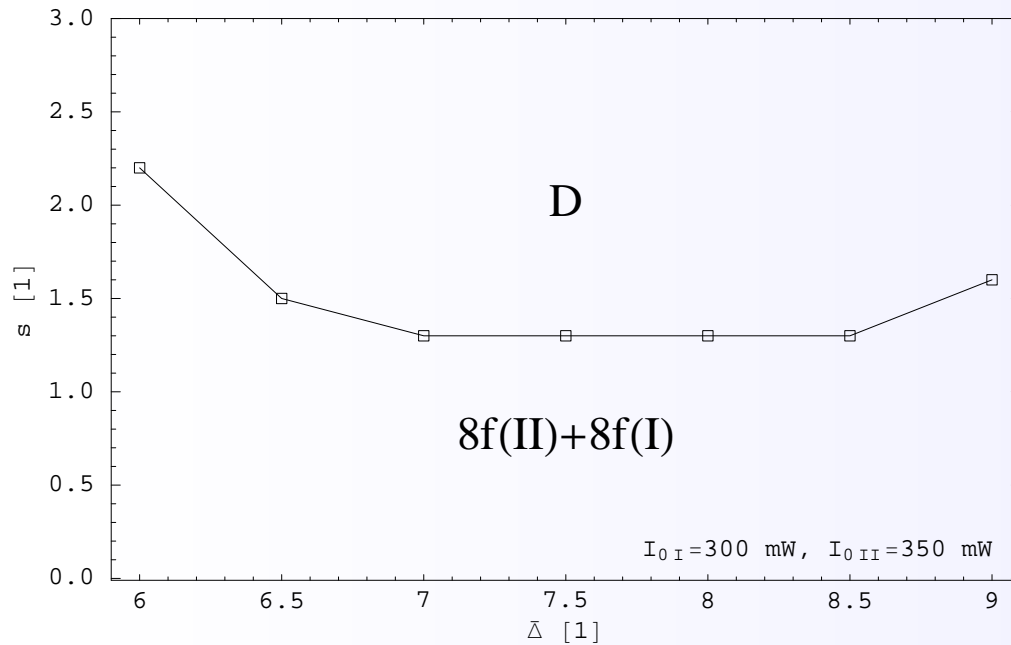
Numerical Results – Domains

$\lambda/4, \lambda/8$



Numerical Results - Domains

- L4.L8 case
- second cell bistable



(left) Region of existence of domain structures (right) Developing of domains with increasing coupling (top left) $8f(II) + 8f(I), s = 2.2$, (top right) domains and fronts $D, s = 2.5$ (bottom left) labyrinthine structure $s = 3.0$. (Parameter : $\bar{\Delta} = 6.0, I_{0I} = 300\text{mW}$ and $I_{0II} = 290\text{mW}$). (bottom right) pure circular domains (Parameter : $\bar{\Delta} = 5.5, I_{0I} = 355\text{mW}$ und $I_{0II} = 345\text{mW}$).



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Thank you for listening!

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$$\mathcal{P}_{FP}(x) = \exp[-ix\nabla_{\perp}^2/2k_0]$$

Propagation in the medium

$$\mathcal{P}_{\pm,M}(x, w) = \exp[i\alpha_0\bar{\Delta}x(1 \mp w)]$$

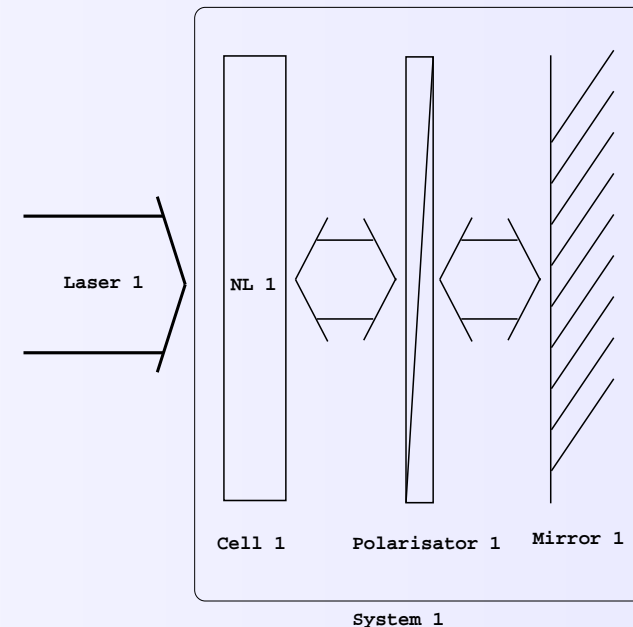
Matrixoperator λ/x -plate

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- Matrixoperator for the medium given by

$$(6) P_M(x, w) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}_{+,M}(x, w) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P}_{-,M}(x, w) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Combining the operators easily gives the pumprates at certain points



$$P_{\pm} \sim |\mathcal{E}_{\pm,f}(0, t)|^2 + |\mathcal{E}_{\pm,b}(0, t)|^2$$

$$(7) \sim |\mathcal{E}_{\pm}^0|^2 + R|M(\phi, \alpha)\mathcal{P}_{FP}(2d)P_M(L, w)\mathcal{E}_{\pm}^0|^2$$

[Grosse-Westhoff et al., J.Opt.B. 2,386 (2000)]



Theoretical Analysis - Inserting the Coupling

- Uncoupled systems gives two differential equations

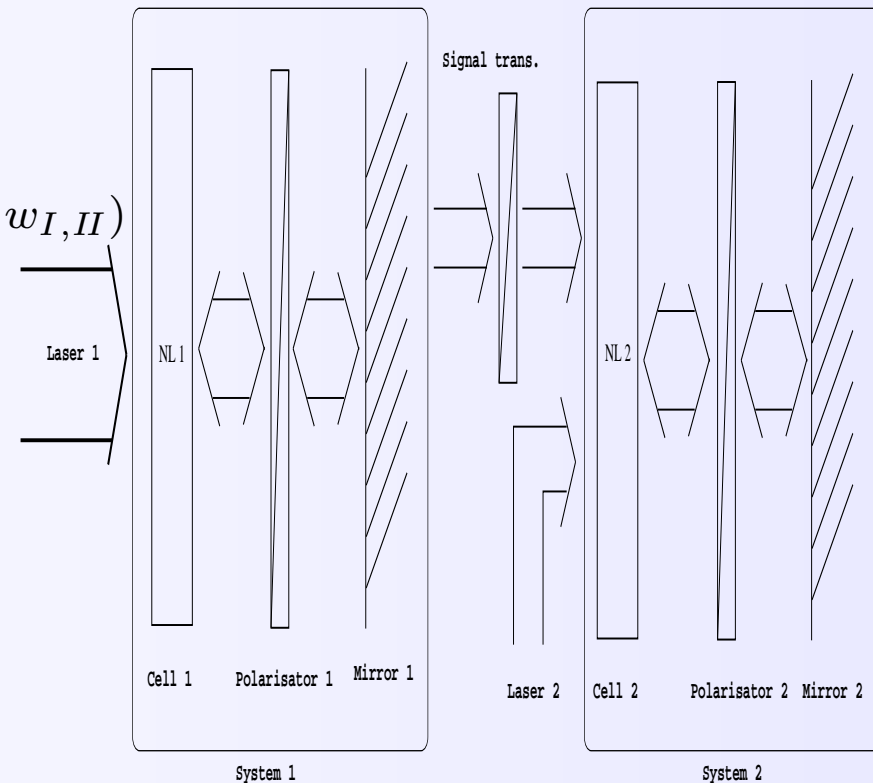
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w}_{I,II} &= -(\gamma - \text{Diff} \nabla_{\perp}^2) w_{I,II} \\ &\quad + P_{+I,II}(1 - w_{I,II}) - P_{-I,II}(1 + w_{I,II}) \\ (8) \quad &= \text{NL}_{I,II}(w_{I,II}) \end{aligned}$$

- Coupling the systems with coupling strength k
- Input in cell two is

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\pm,II}^0 + \mathcal{E}_{\pm,I,b}(L, t)$$

- Neglecting interference terms

$$\mathcal{E}_{\pm,II}^{0*} \mathcal{E}_{\pm,I,b}(L, t) \rightarrow 0, \mathcal{E}_{\pm,II}^0 \mathcal{E}_{\pm,I,b}(L, t)^* \rightarrow 0$$





Theoretical Analysis - Inserting the Coupling

- Coupled System gives rise to differential eq. system

$$(10) \quad \dot{w}_I = \text{NL}_I(w_I)$$

$$(11) \quad \dot{w}_{II} = \text{NL}_{II}(w_{II}) + k\text{NL}_{III}(w_I, w_{II})$$

- $\text{NL}_{II}(w_{II})$: Terms due to laser 2
- $\text{NL}_{III}(w_I, w_{II})$: Terms due to the coupling

- “Coupling” nonlinearity is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NL}_{III}(w_I, w_{II}) \sim & |\mathcal{E}_{\pm, I, b}(L, t)|^2 \\ & + R|M(\phi_{II}, \alpha_{II})\mathcal{P}_{FP}(2d)P_M(L, w_{II})\mathcal{E}_{\pm, I, b}(L, t)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

