

Organic microlasers

Two mechanisms for wave localization

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Localization induced by
disorder

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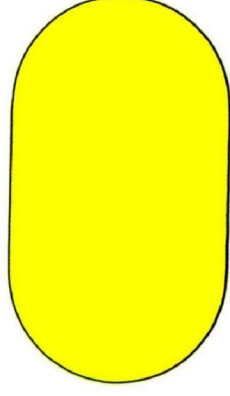


⇒ **Random laser**

*Patrick Sebbah & Bhupesh Kumar
Bar Ilan University (Israel).*

Localization induced by
an open system

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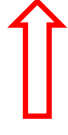
50 μm

⇒ **Quantum chaos**

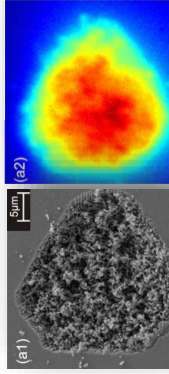
*Clément Lafargue, Joseph Zyss, ENS Paris-Saclay.
Stefan Bittner, LMOPS, Metz.
Dominique Decanini, Xavier Chécoury, C2N.*

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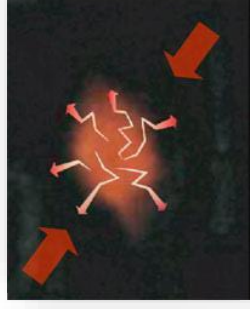
“Absence of diffusion in certain *random lattices*”,
 P.W. **Anderson**, *Phys. Rev. vol. 109, 1492 (1958)*.



Random lasers

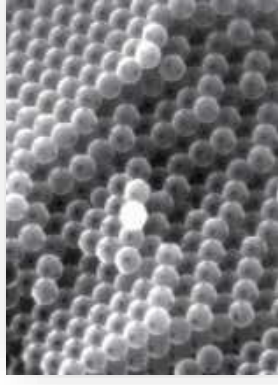


J. Fallert et al.
Nature Photonics, 279 (2009)

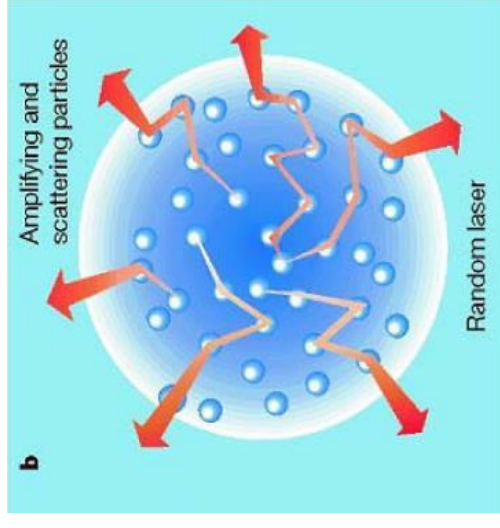
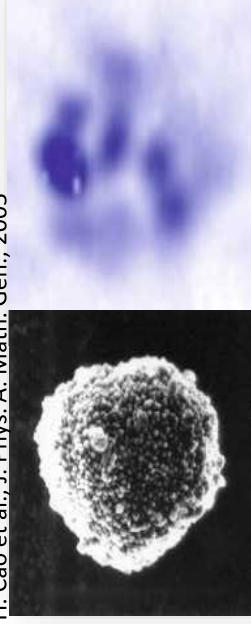


R. Kaiser, *Cold atoms*

C. López
 The Photonic Crystals Group

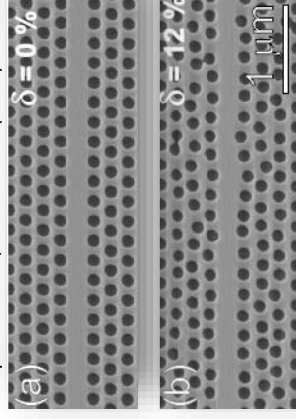


H. Cao et al., *J. Phys. A: Math. Gen.*, 2005



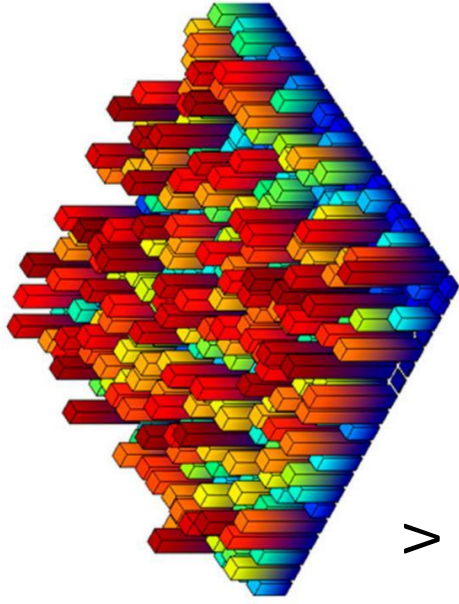
Wiersma, *Nature*,
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Sapienza et al., *Science* 327 (2010)



| Localization induced by disorder: the landscape

Filоче & Mayboroda, PNAS 37, 14761 (2012)



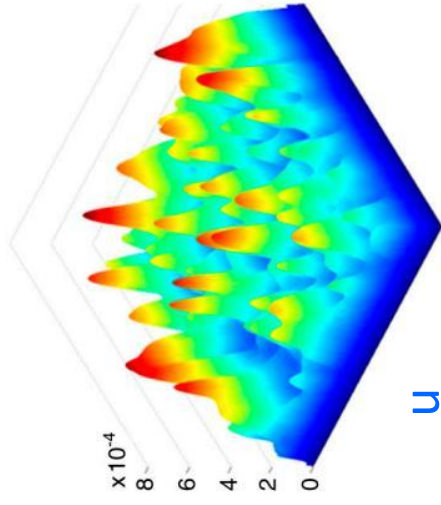
$$(-\Delta + V)\psi = E\psi \quad \text{Which consequence on } \psi ?$$

$$(-\Delta + V)u = 1 \quad \text{for } V > 0$$

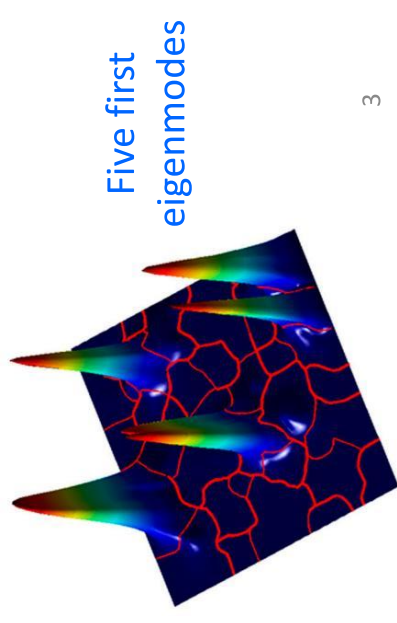
\$u\$ is called « the landscape » and is more or less the Green function

$$\Leftrightarrow |\psi(\vec{x})| \leq Eu(\vec{x}) \quad \text{for all } x$$

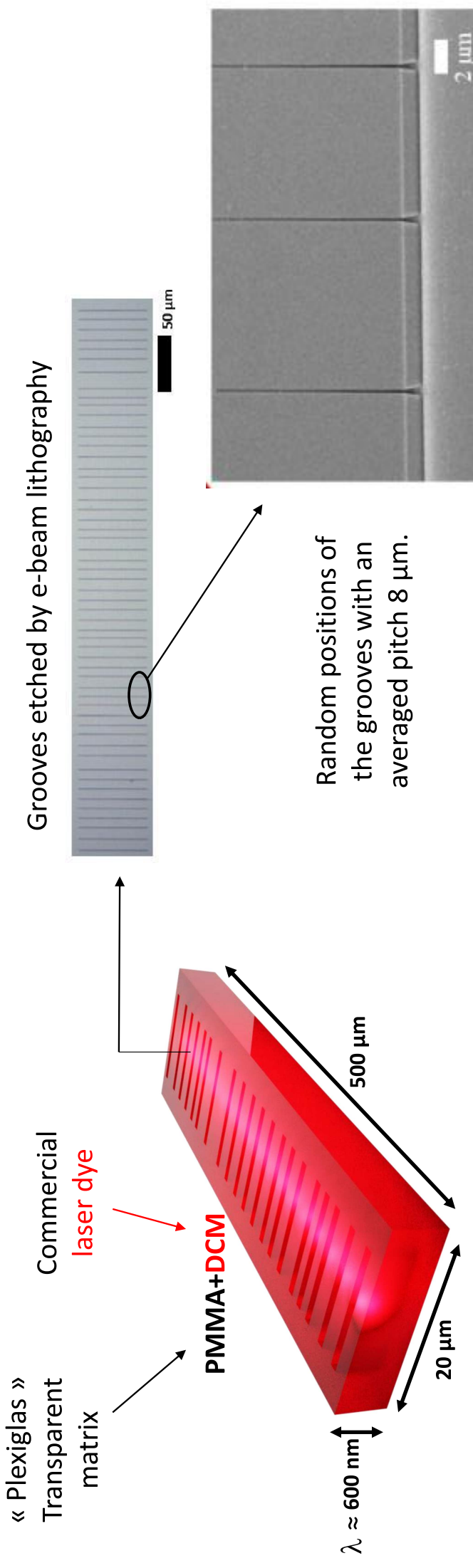
\$u\$ is independent on the wavefunction



The **red lines** are the deepest valleys of \$u\$.



| Random lasers with a fixed disorder

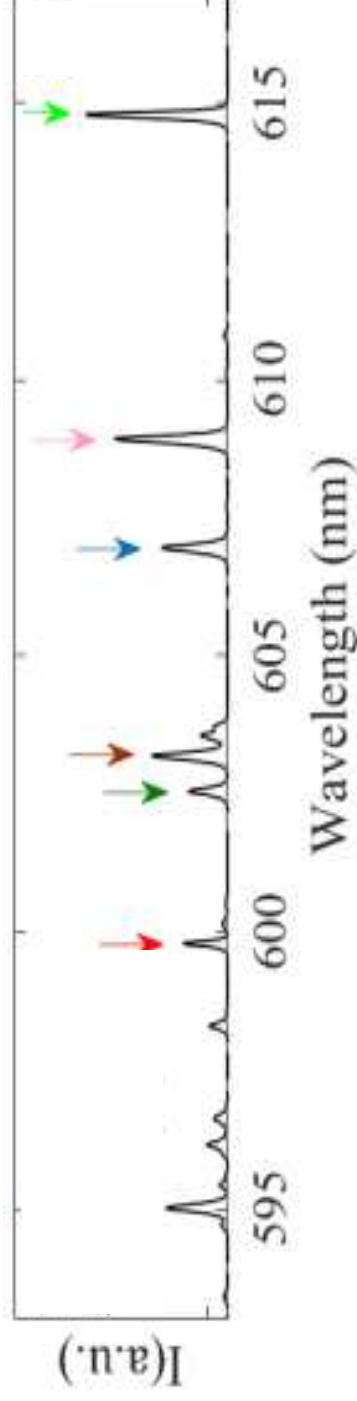


The light propagates and is amplified in the PMMA-DCM. It is scattered by the grooves.

⇨ **Random lasers**

I Random lasers with a fixed disorder

Typical experimental spectrum: a multimode spectrum



How to study each laser mode individually ?

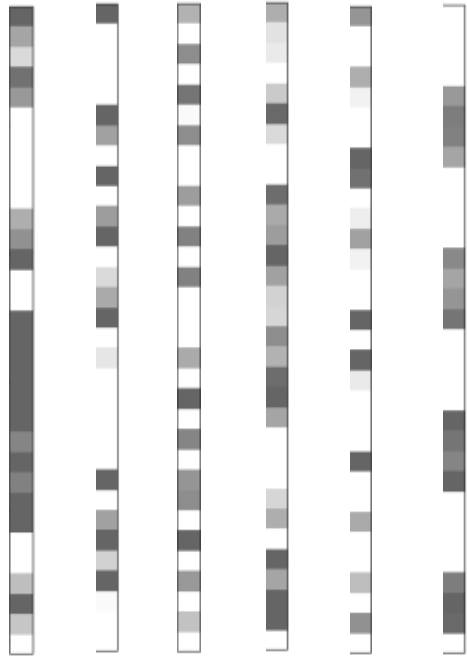
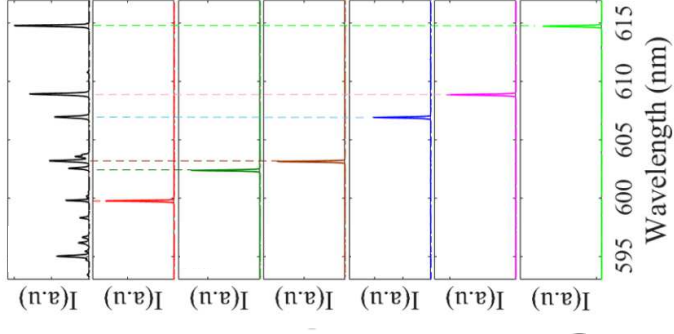
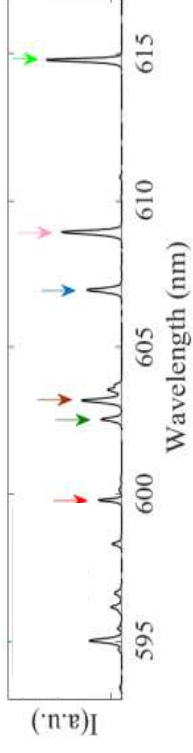
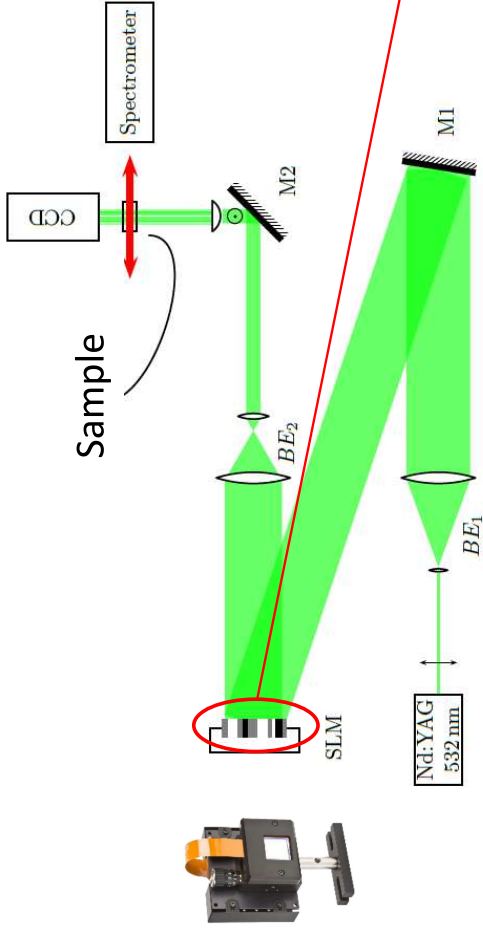
without non-linear interactions between modes (like spatial hole-burning)

⇨ Optimization of the spatial profile of the pump
to select a single laser mode

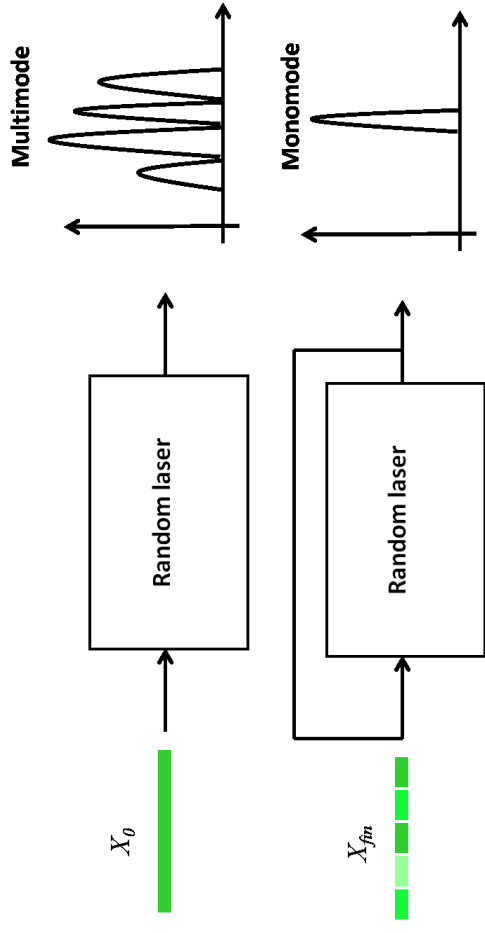
with a Spatial Light Modulator (SLM) and a specific algorithm.

N. Bachelard, S. Gigan, X. Noblin, P. Sebbah, Nat. Phys. 10, 426 (2014).

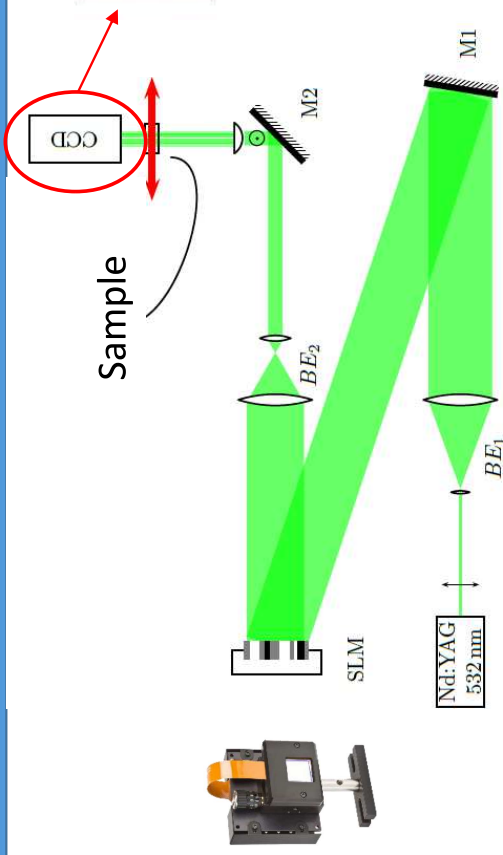
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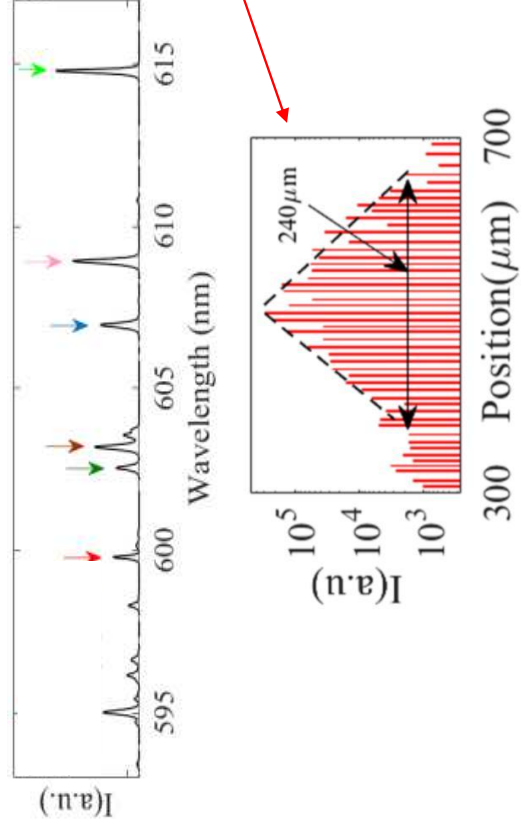
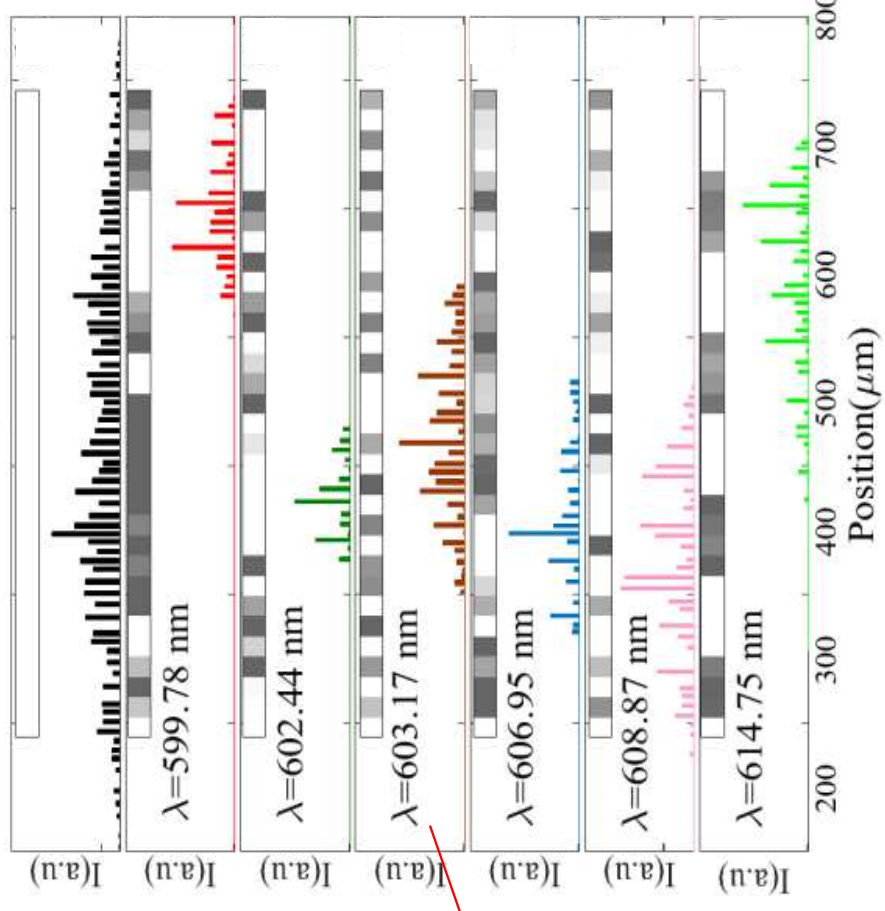
Spatial shaping of the pump beam



I Random lasers: localization length

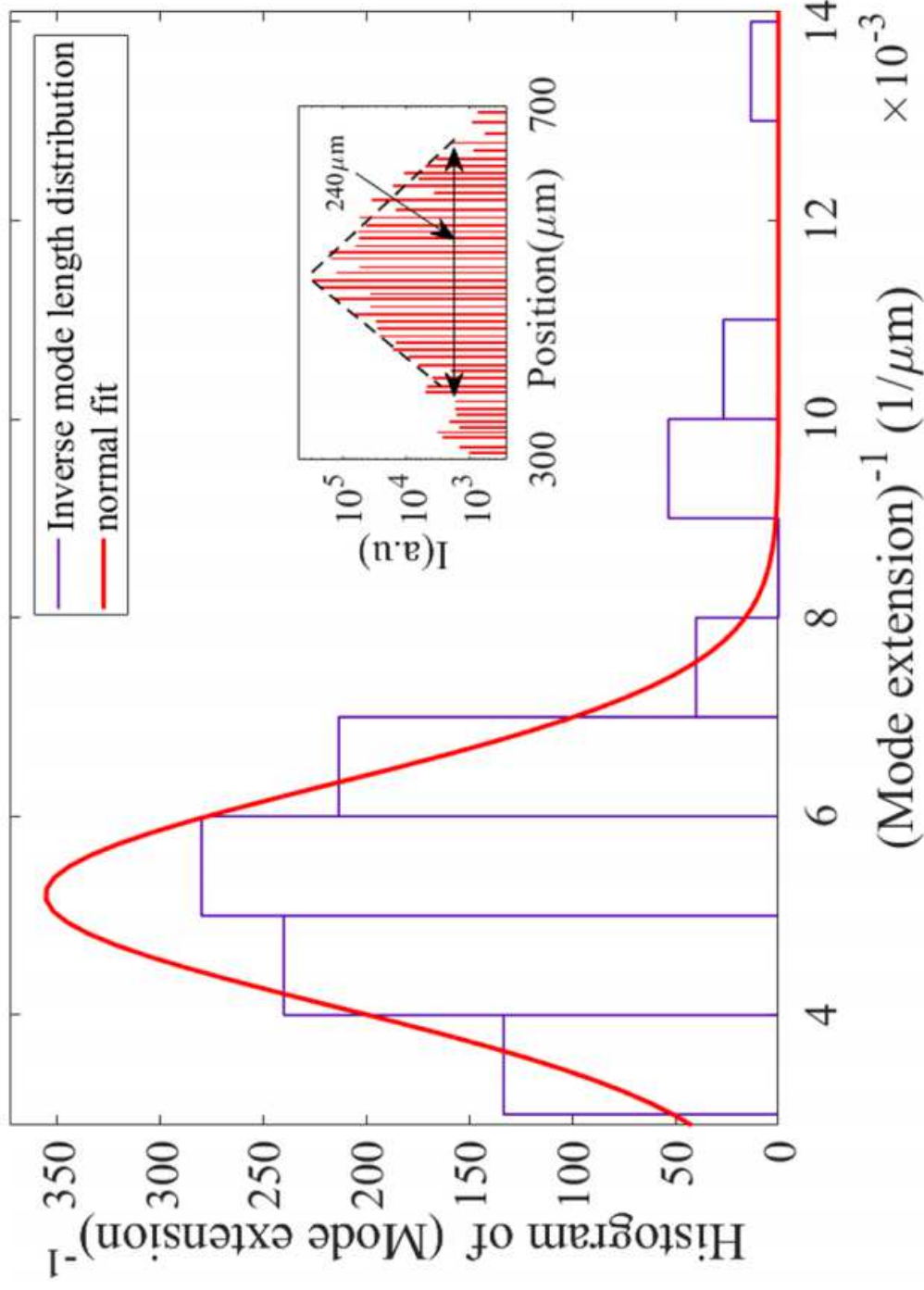


Scattering by the grooves. Spatial profile of the laser modes.



The localization length of this mode is about 120 μm.

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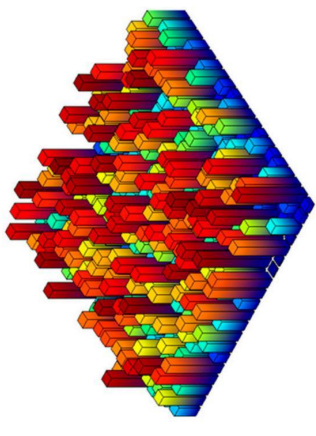
Histogram calculated from 75 individual laser modes of 10 different samples

Mean localization length: about 100 μm

Optica 8, 1033 (2021)

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Anderson localization



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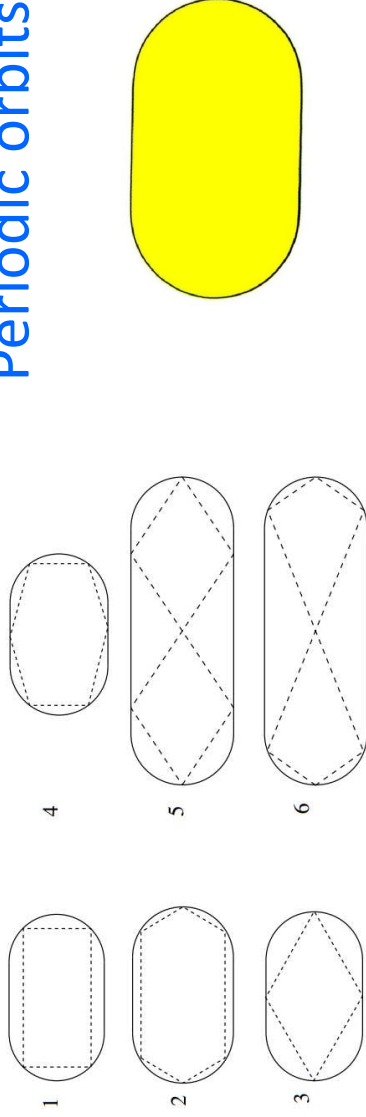
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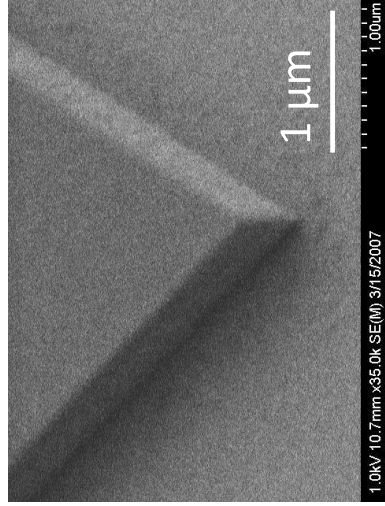
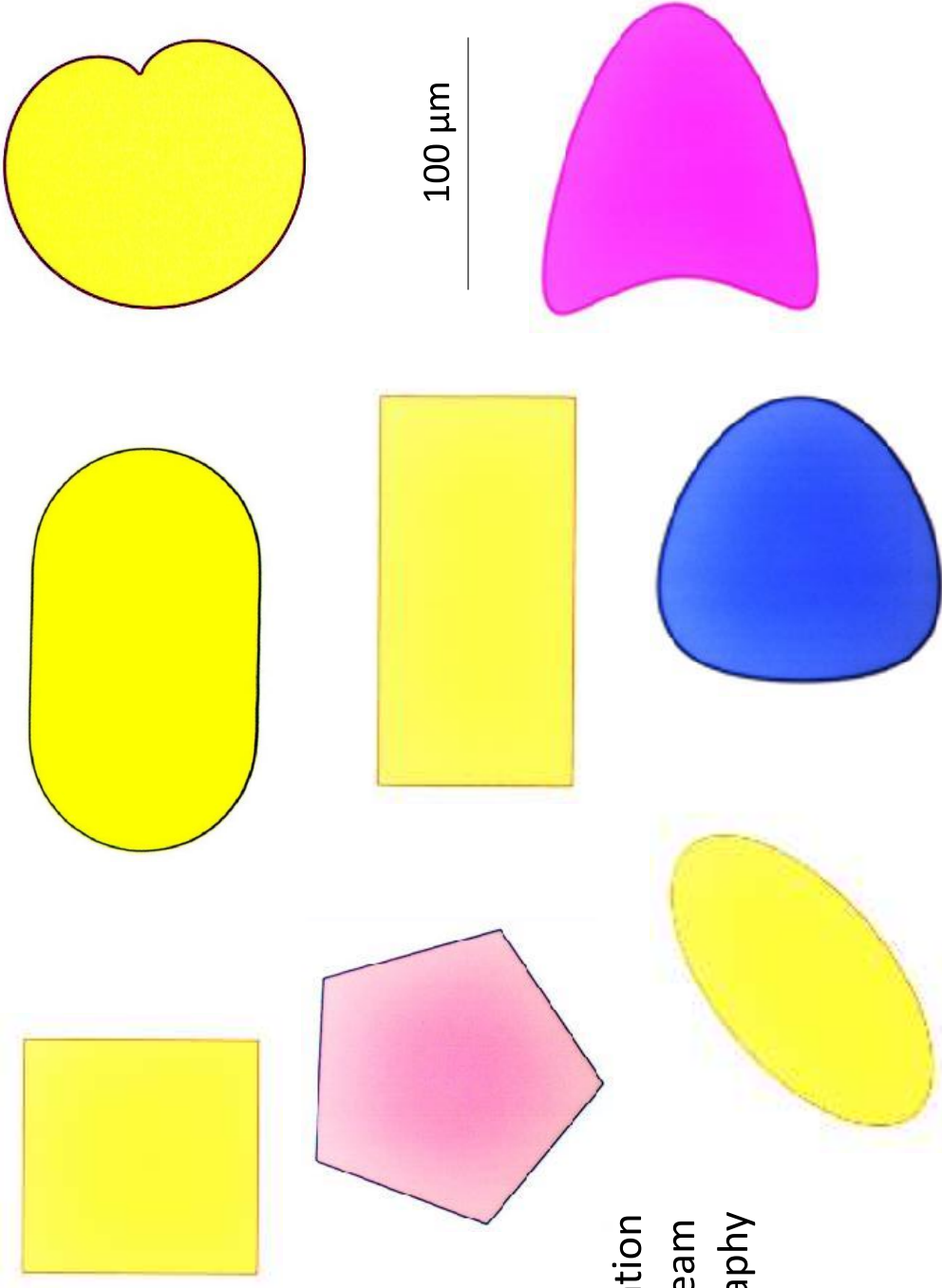
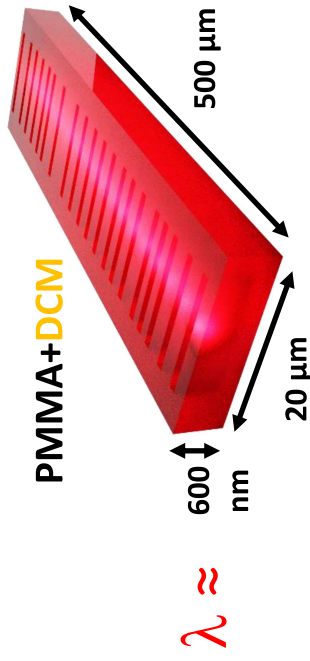
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Periodic orbits = classical periodic trajectories

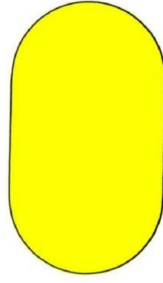


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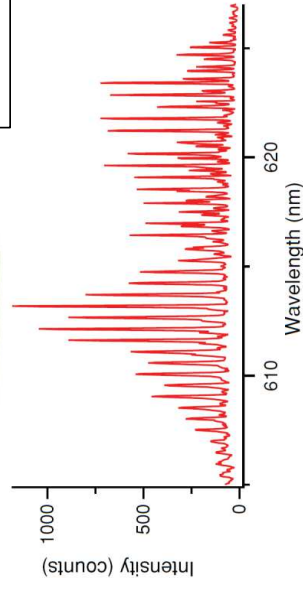
Photographs with an optical microscope,
real colors



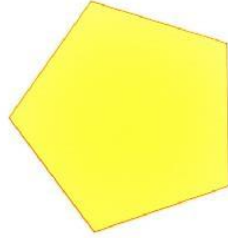
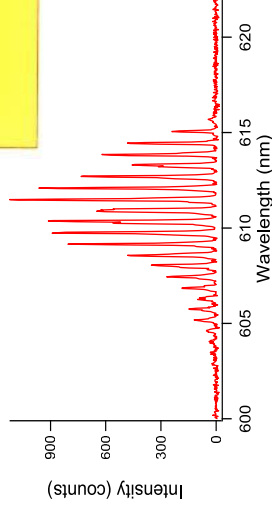
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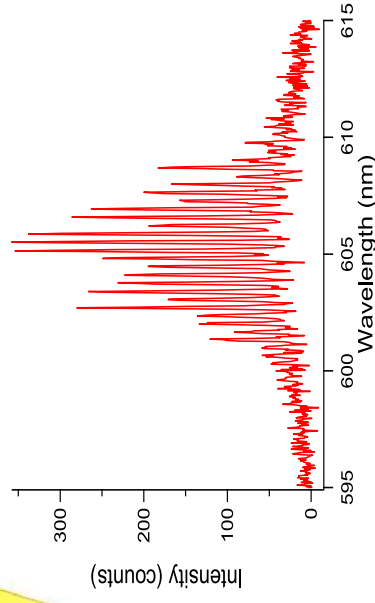
Stadium billiard
= **chaotic**



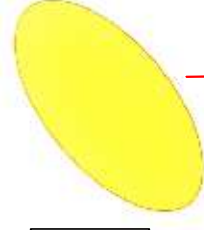
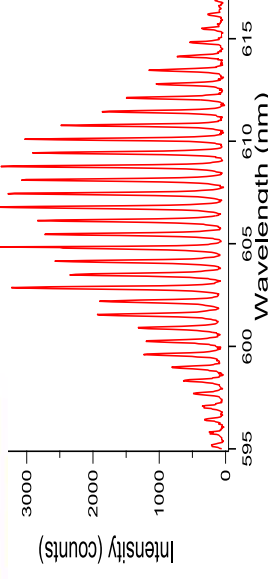
Rectangle billiard
= **integrable**



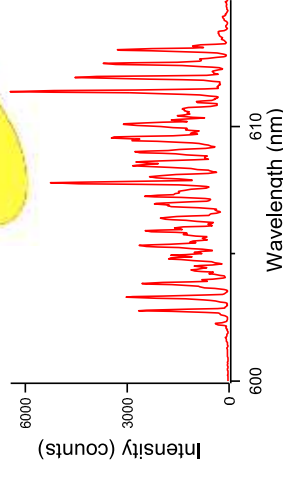
Pentagon billiard
= **pseudo-integrable**



Square billiard
= **integrable**

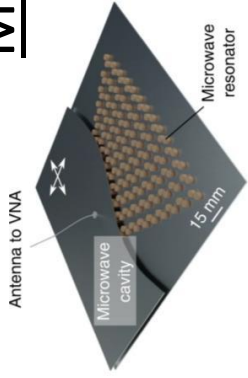


Elliptical billiard
= **integrable**

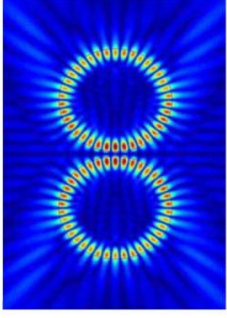


II Quantum (wave) chaos: classical ↔ quantum

Microwave billiards



Light: Science & Applications **9** 146 (2020)



Tera-Hertz resonators

OE **16**, 7339 (2010)

Acoustics

PRL **104** 164101 (2010)



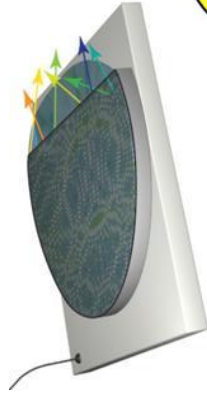
Loop quantum gravity

http://olemiss.edu/depts/physics_and_astronomy/research/gravitation.html

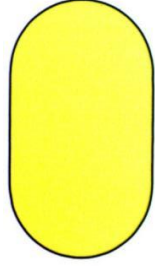


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Optical cavities

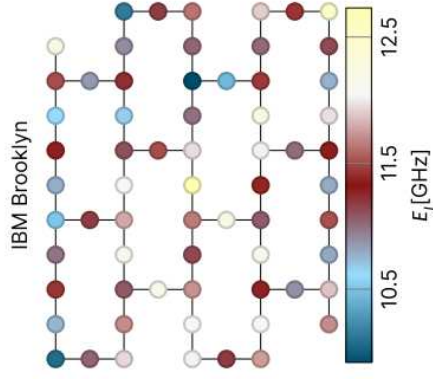


Science **361**, 1225 (2018)



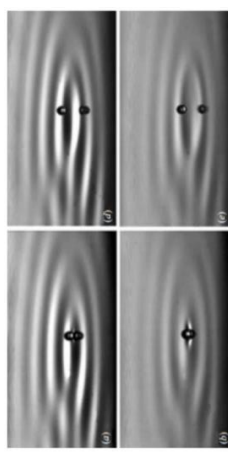
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Coupled Qubits



Nat. Com. **13** 2495 (2022)

Fluid dynamics

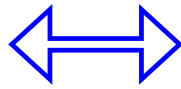


New J. Phys. **18**, 113037 (2016)

II Quantum chaos: trace formula

Density of states $d(k) = \sum_m \delta(k - k_m)$ Wave physics

Semi-classical limit
 $k \rightarrow \infty$



Integrable

Balian & Bloch, *Ann. Phys.* 60 401 (1970)

Chaotic

Gutzwiller, *Chaos in classical and quantum physics*, Springer (1980)

$$d(k) \propto \sum_p \mathbf{r}_p C_p \cos(\mathbf{n}k L_p + \varphi_p) \quad \text{Classical physics}$$

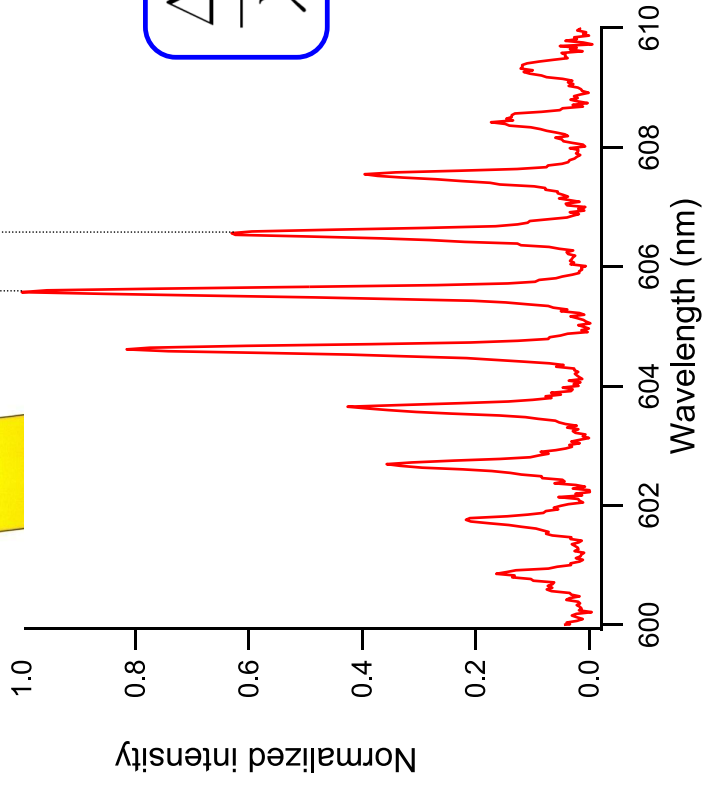
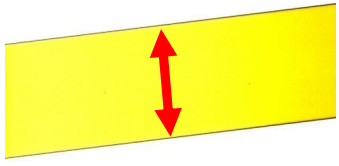
Periodic orbits

Geometric features

For a convex **dielectric** resonator
 PRE 83 032608 (2011)

If only one or two low-loss periodic orbits \rightleftarrows The modes are located along these periodic orbits.

II Periodic orbits:= periodic classical trajectories

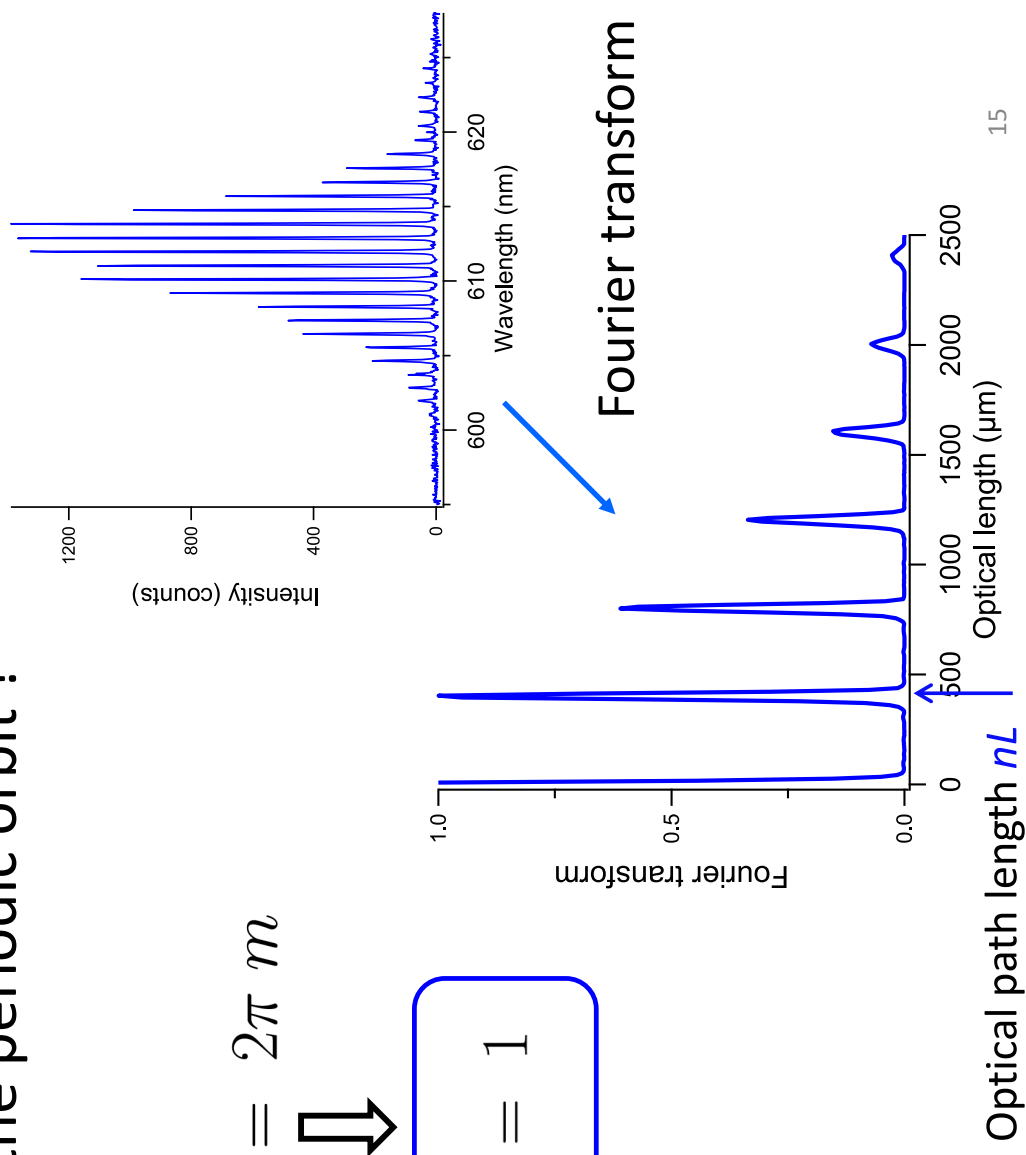


$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n L = 2\pi m$$



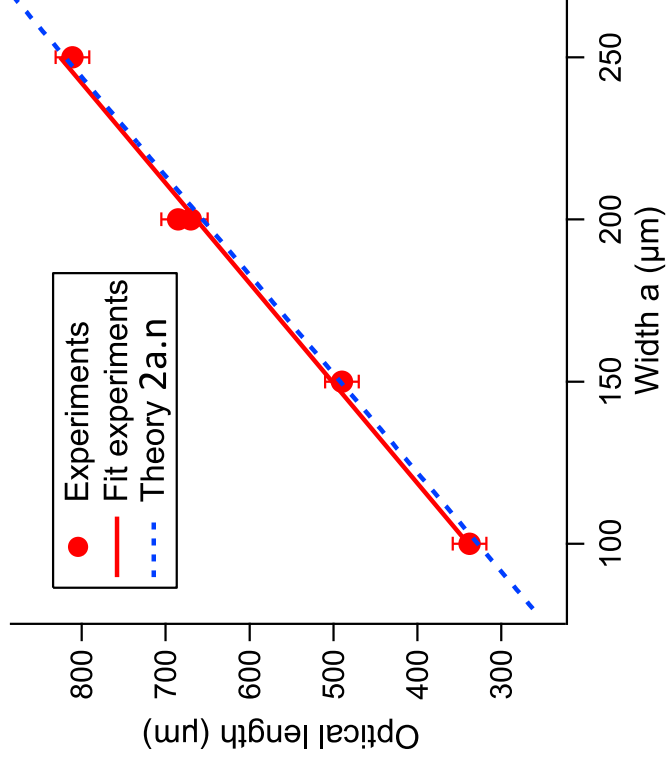
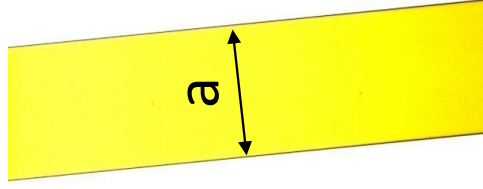
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda^2} n L = 1$$

Length L of the periodic orbit ?



II Periodic orbits

Test: the Fabry-Perot resonator

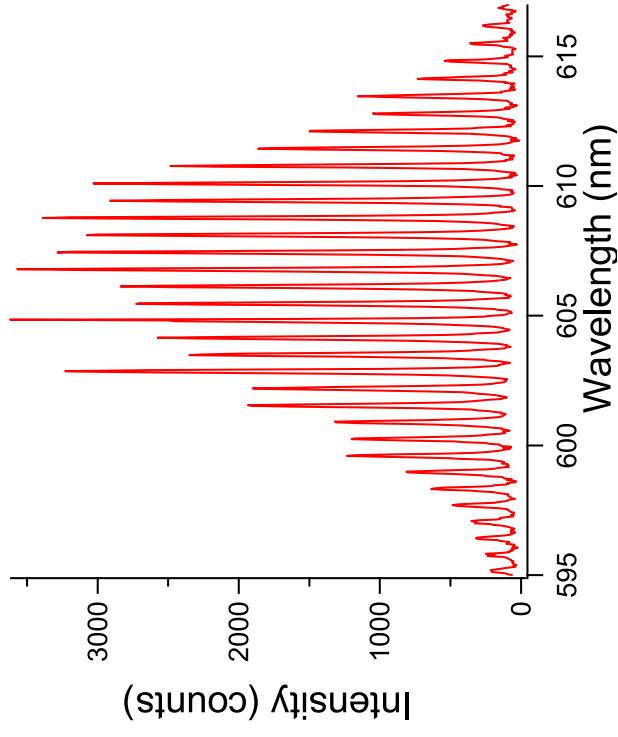
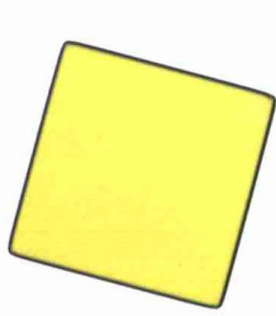


$$n = 1.64$$

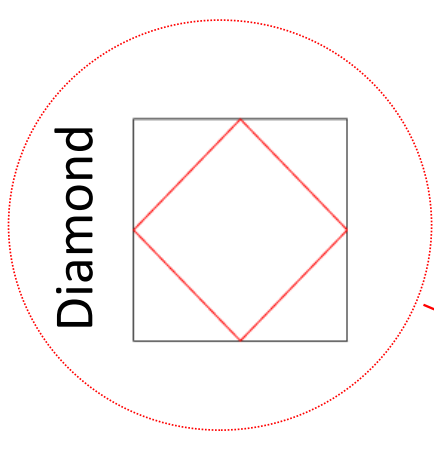
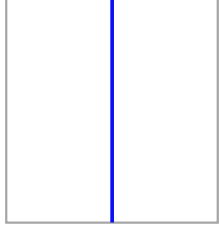
Effective index
+
dispersion

II Periodic orbits

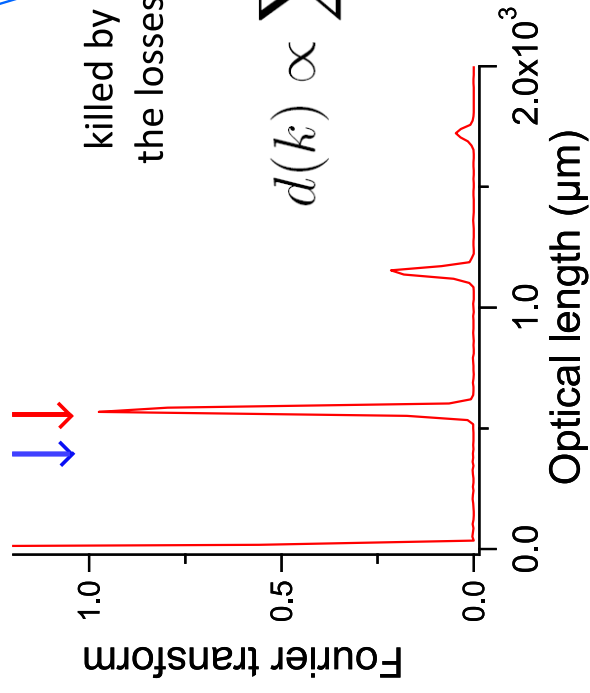
Square microlaser: Several periodic orbits



Fabry-Perot



Diamond

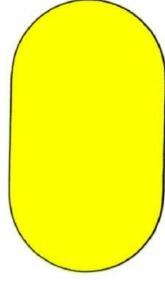


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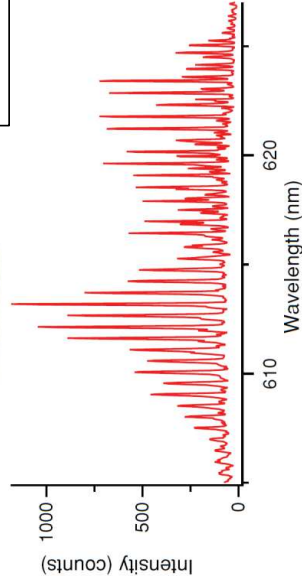
short orbits
favored

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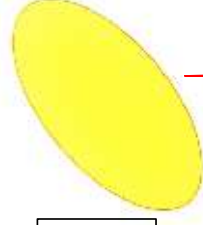
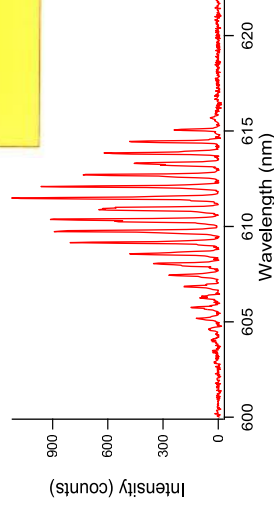
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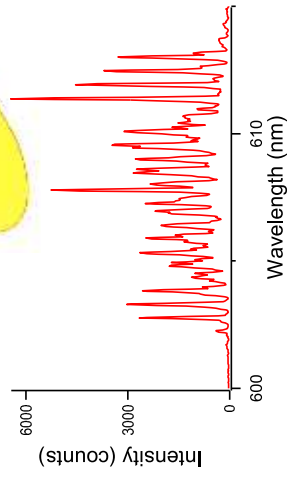
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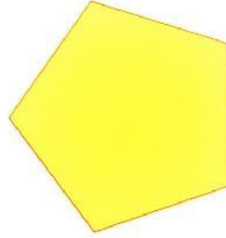
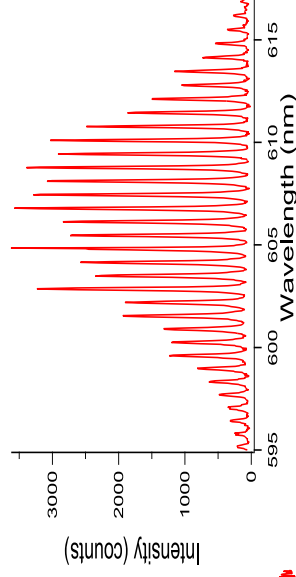
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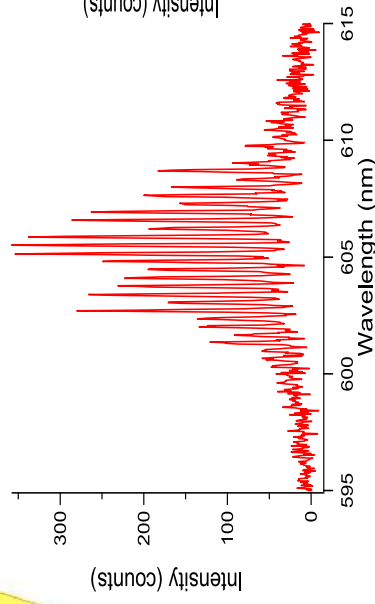
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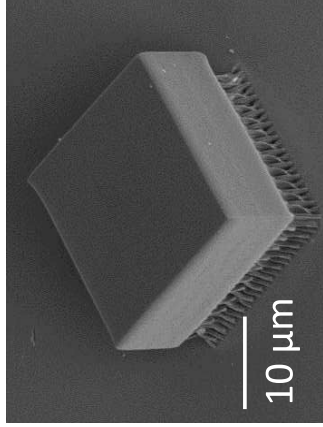


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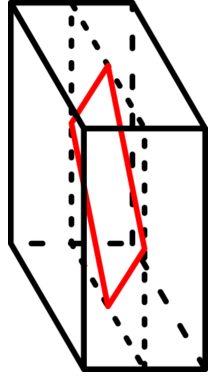


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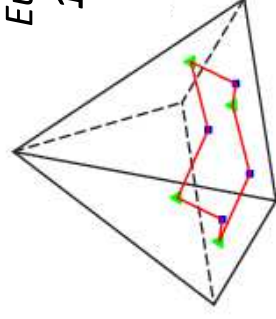
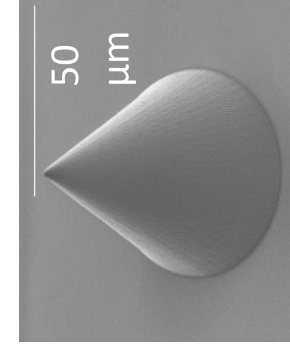
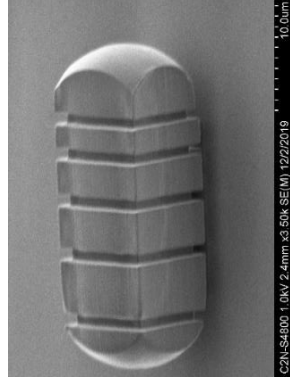
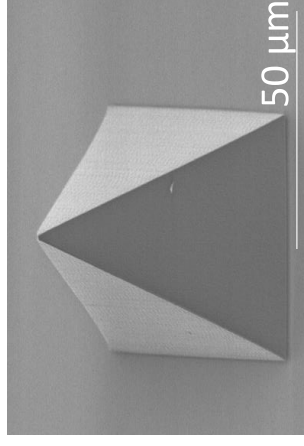
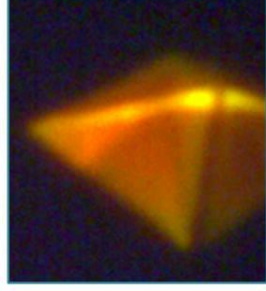
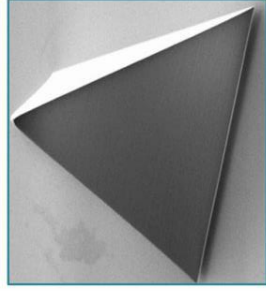
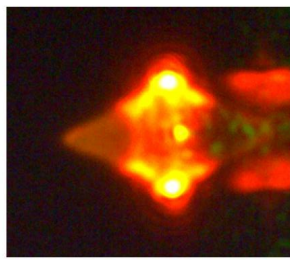
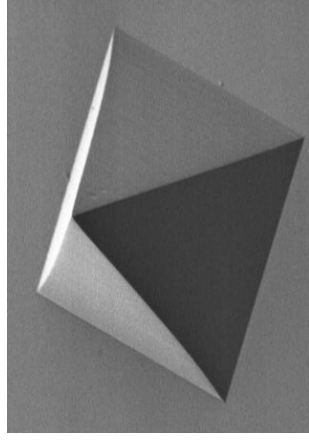
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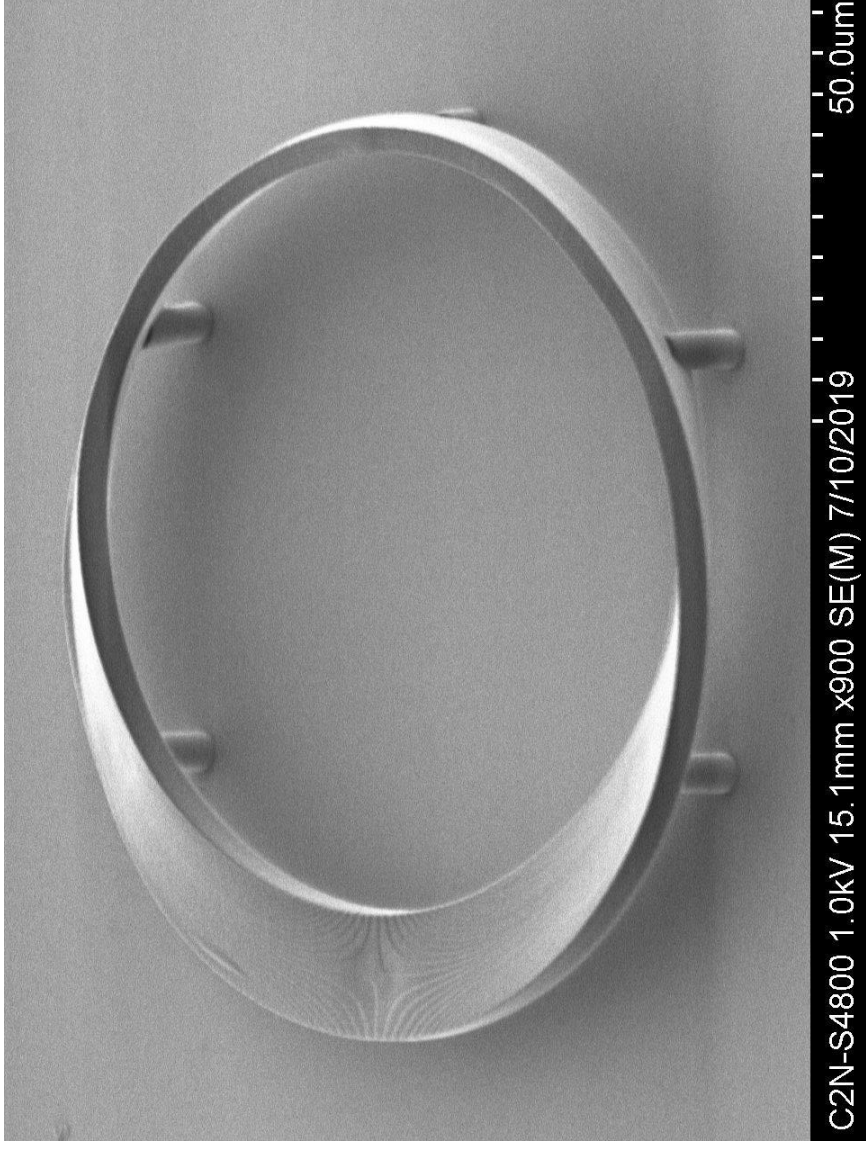


Fabrication by Direct Laser Writing with 2 photons
by Dominique Decanini C2N



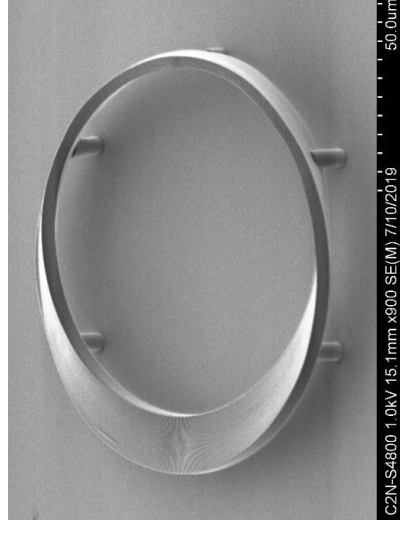
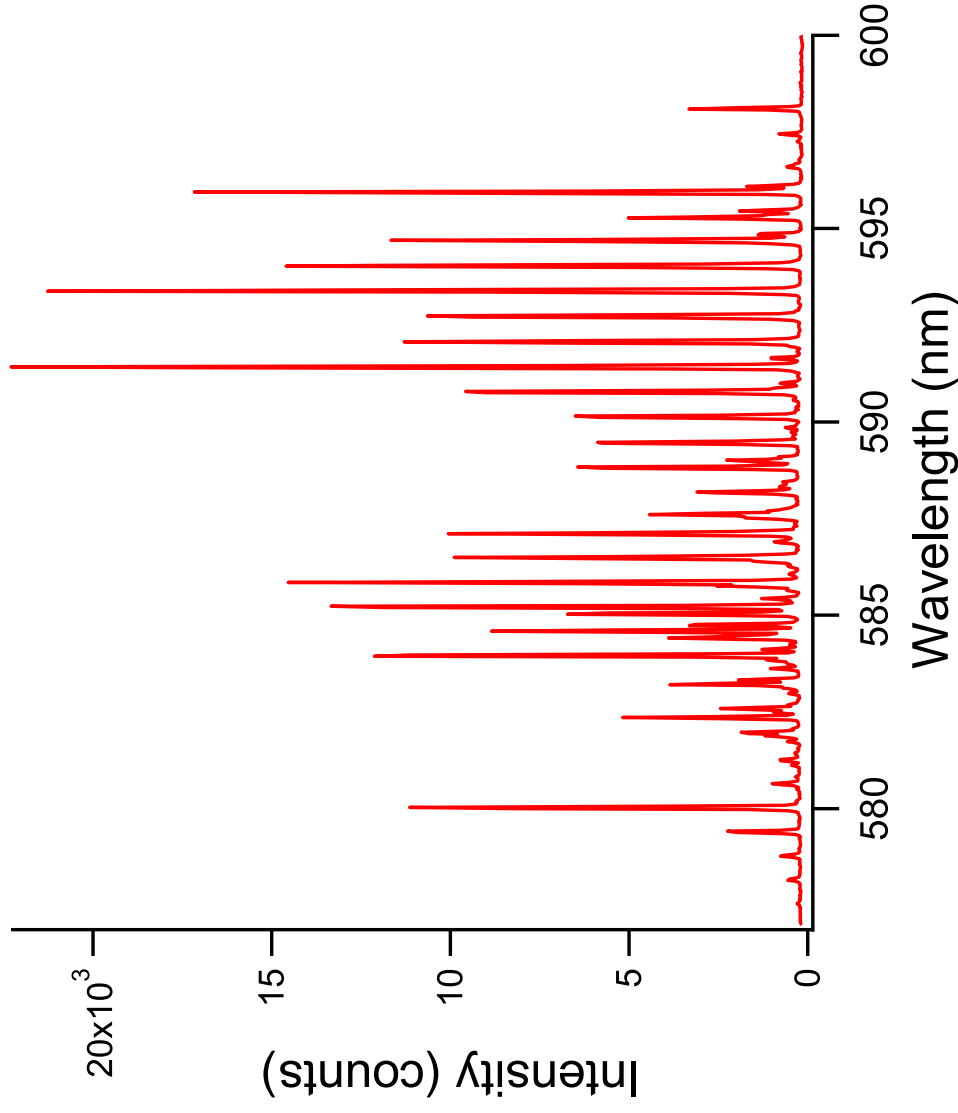
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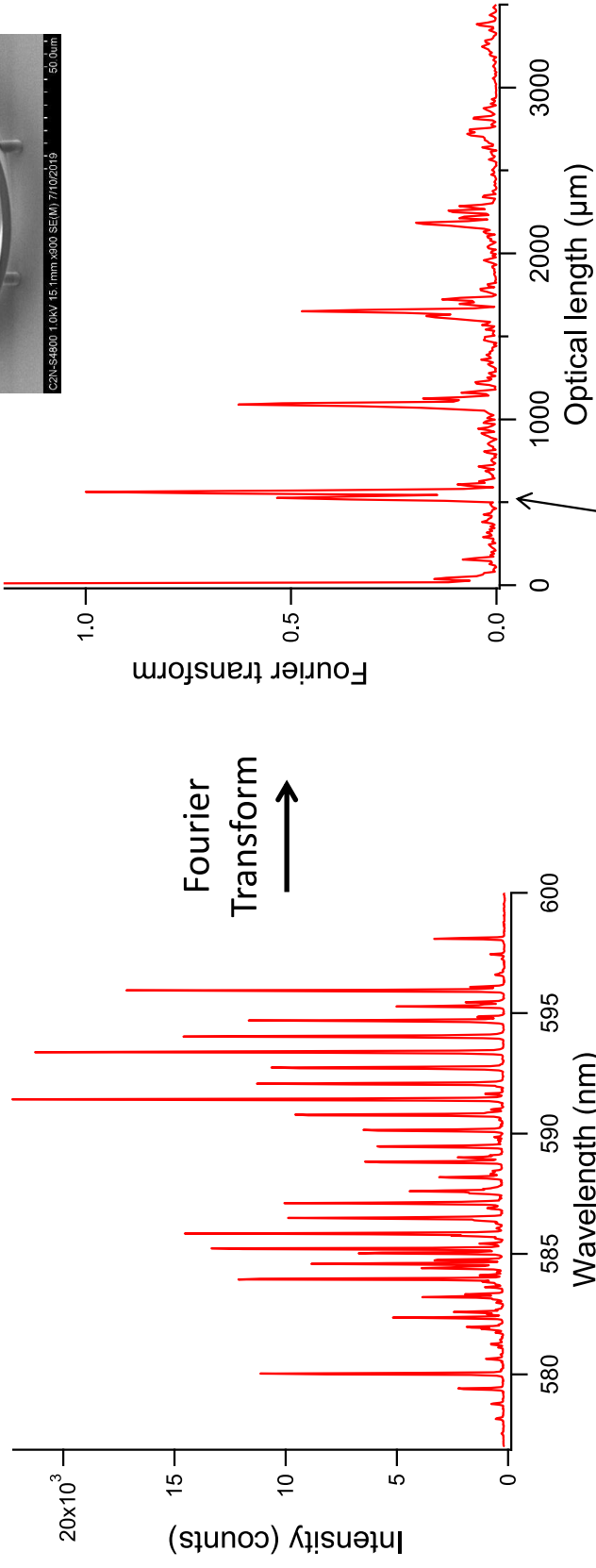
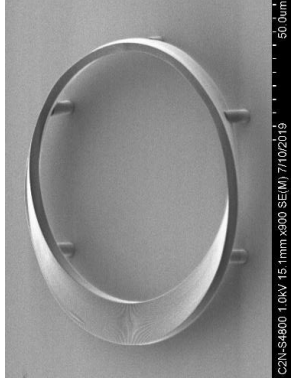


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Periodic geodesics

A geodesic:= The shortest path between two points on the surface.

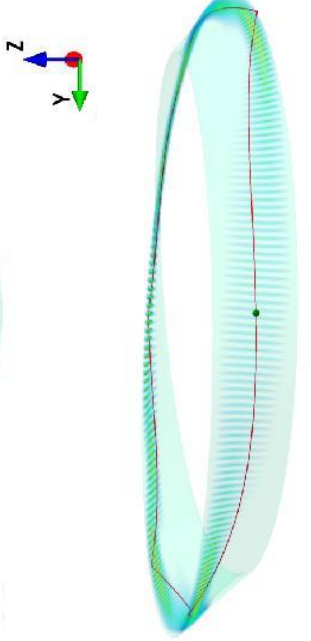
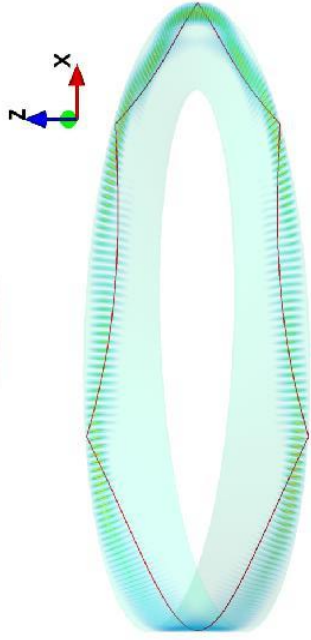
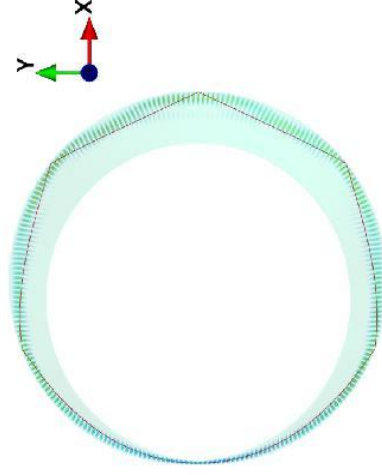
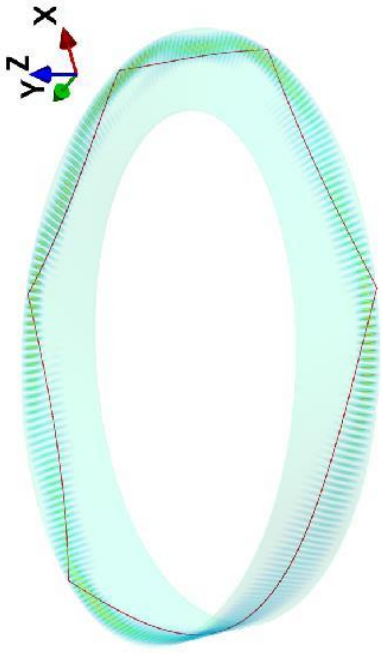
II Möbius strip microlaser: Spectrum and geodesics



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II Möbius strip microlaser: 3D FDTD simulations

Different views of a single wavefunction with $\text{Re}(kR) = 88.0$ and $\text{Im}(kR) = -0.00022$

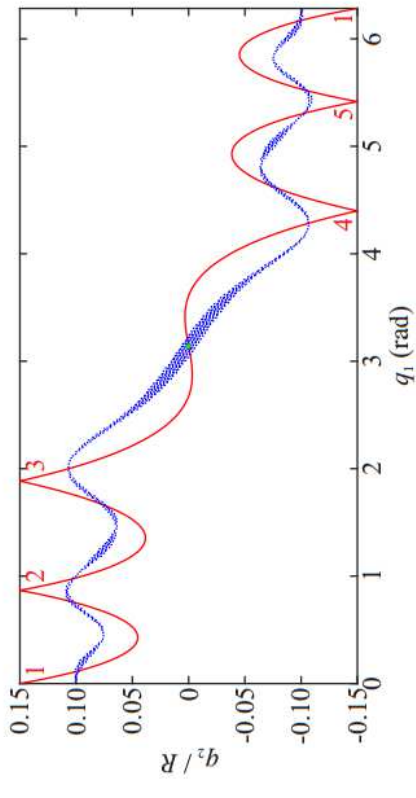


⇨ Red line = a periodic geodesic

— Average position of the wavefunction along W

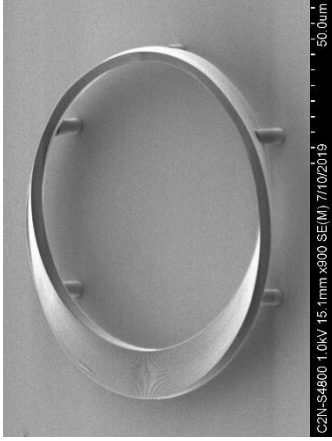
$$\langle w \rangle(\varphi) = \frac{\iint_{\text{Half-plane}} w \rho(w, \varphi, q_3) dw dq_3}{\iint_{\text{Half-plane}} \rho(w, \varphi, q_3) dw dq_3},$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r |\vec{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 |\vec{H}|^2$$



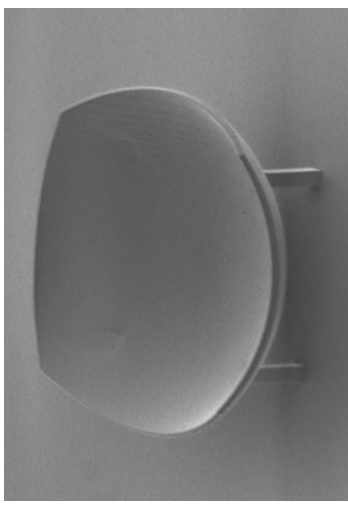
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The laser modes propagate along periodic geodesics.

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Spherical square

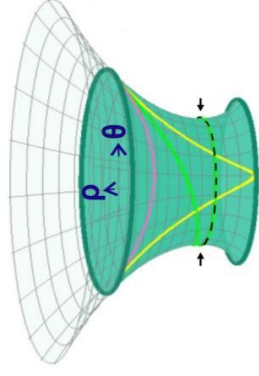
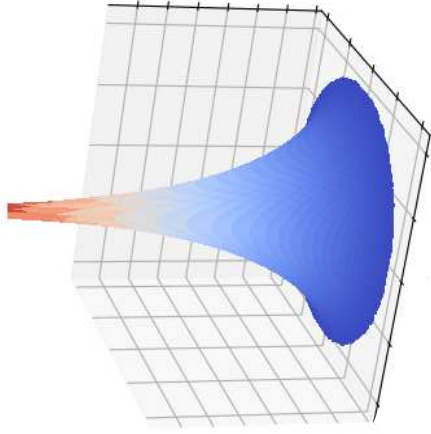
Gaussian curvature $K=1$

Stable

Pseudo-sphere

$K=-1$

Unstable



Schwarzschild metric + black hole
Light is trapped

⇔ **A black hole laser**

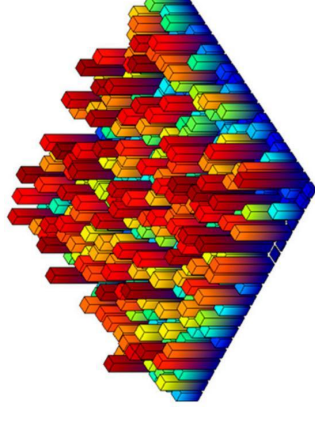
Conclusion

I Random lasers: Localization induced by disorder Anderson localization

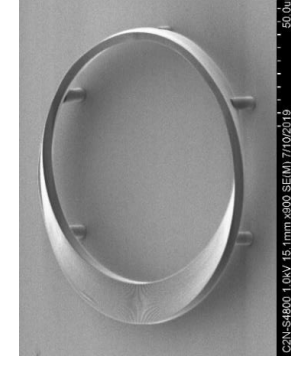
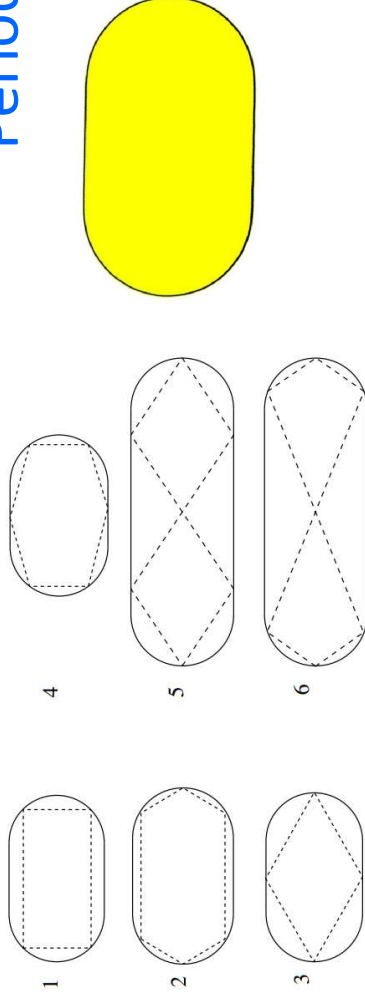


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II Quantum chaos: localization induced in open systems Periodic orbits



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