

Time Reversed Waves and Super-Resolution: From Acoustics to Electromagnetism



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Time-reversed acoustics in a non dissipative medium

$p(\vec{r}, t)$ acoustic pressure field (scalar)

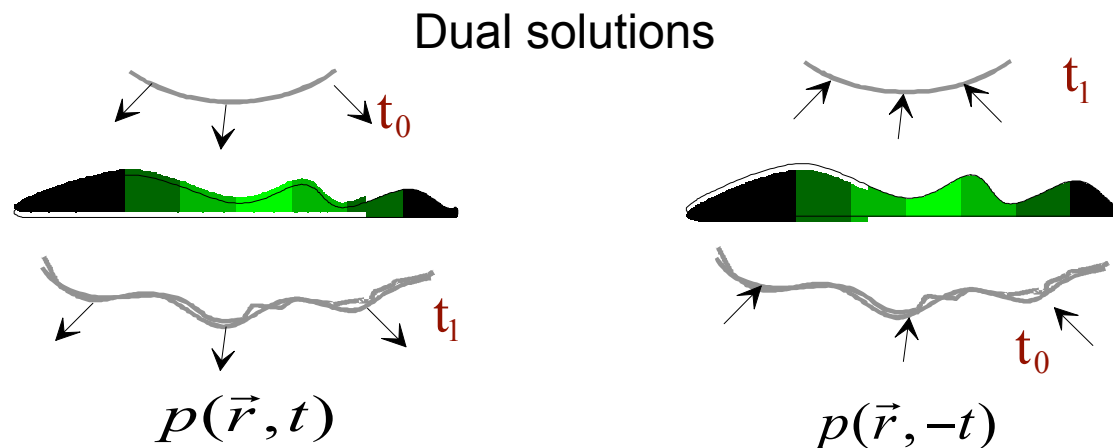
$\rho(\vec{r})$ is the density and $c(\vec{r})$ is the sound velocity in an heterogeneous medium

The wave equation in a domain **without source**

$$\text{div} \left\{ \frac{\text{grad}(p(\vec{r}, t))}{\rho(\vec{r})} \right\} - \frac{1}{\rho(\vec{r})c^2(\vec{r})} \frac{\partial^2 p(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Spatial Reciprocity

Time Reversal Invariance



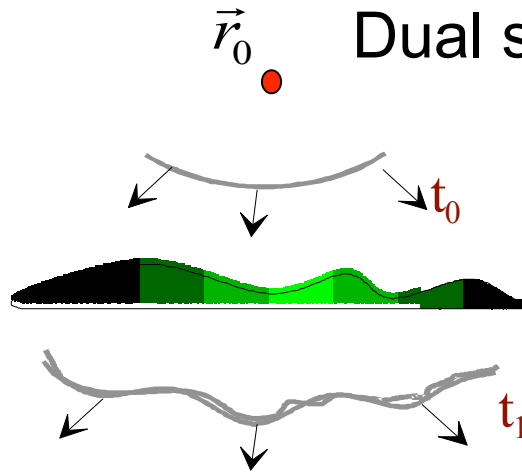
Time-Reversed Acoustics and Causality

The wave equation in a non dissipative domain with a **ponctual source**

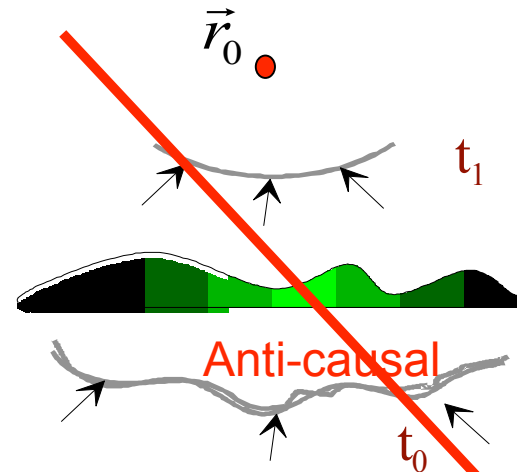
$$\left\{ \operatorname{div} \left[\frac{\operatorname{grad}}{\rho(\vec{r})} \right] - \frac{1}{\rho(\vec{r})c^2(\vec{r})} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right\} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t) = -\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)\delta(t)$$

Green's function

\vec{r}_0 Dual solutions



$$G_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t)$$



$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; -t) = G_{adv}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t)$$

**Wheeler and Feynman
: the absorbing universe**

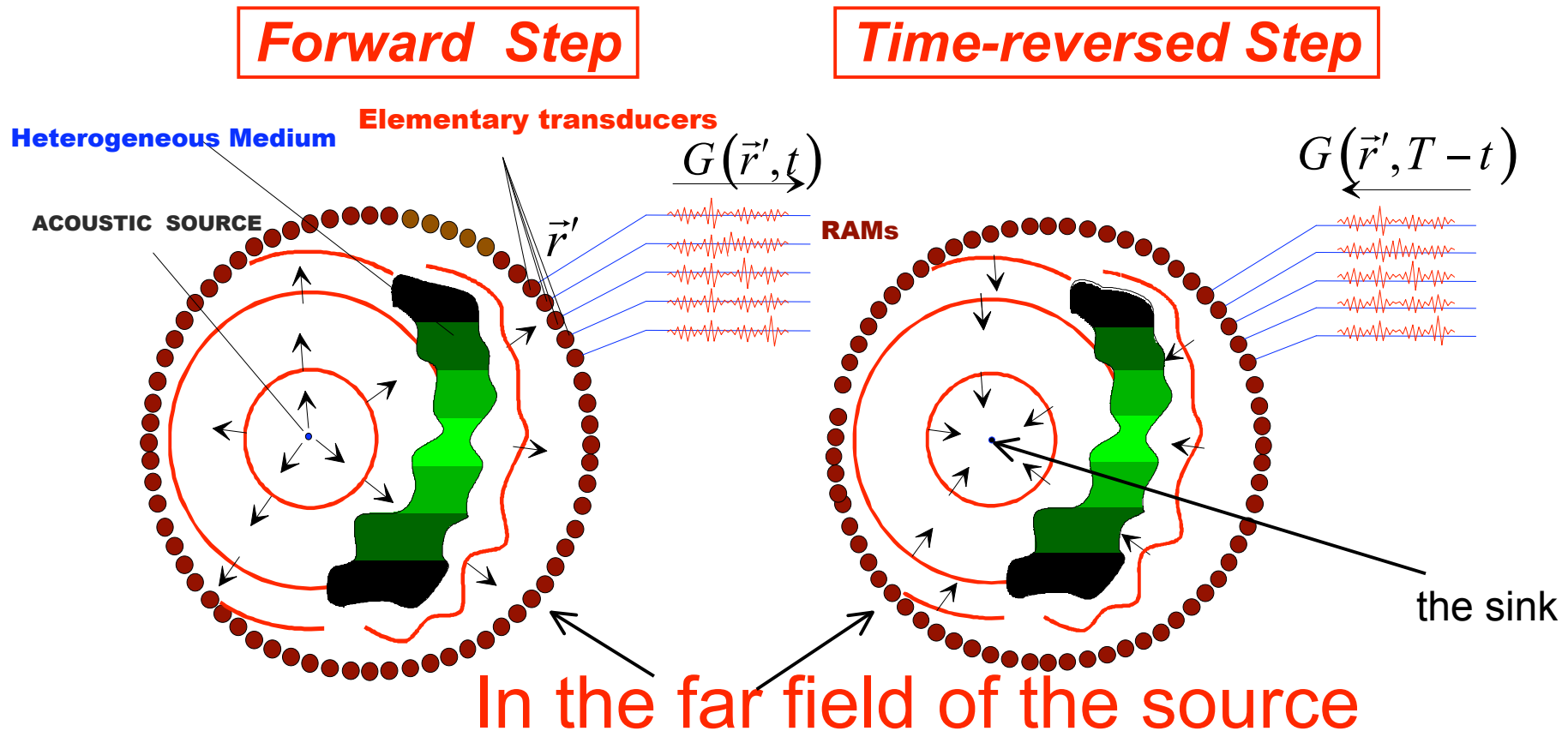
To build the causal field

$$\left\{ G_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t) + G_{adv}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t) \right\} / 2$$

and the

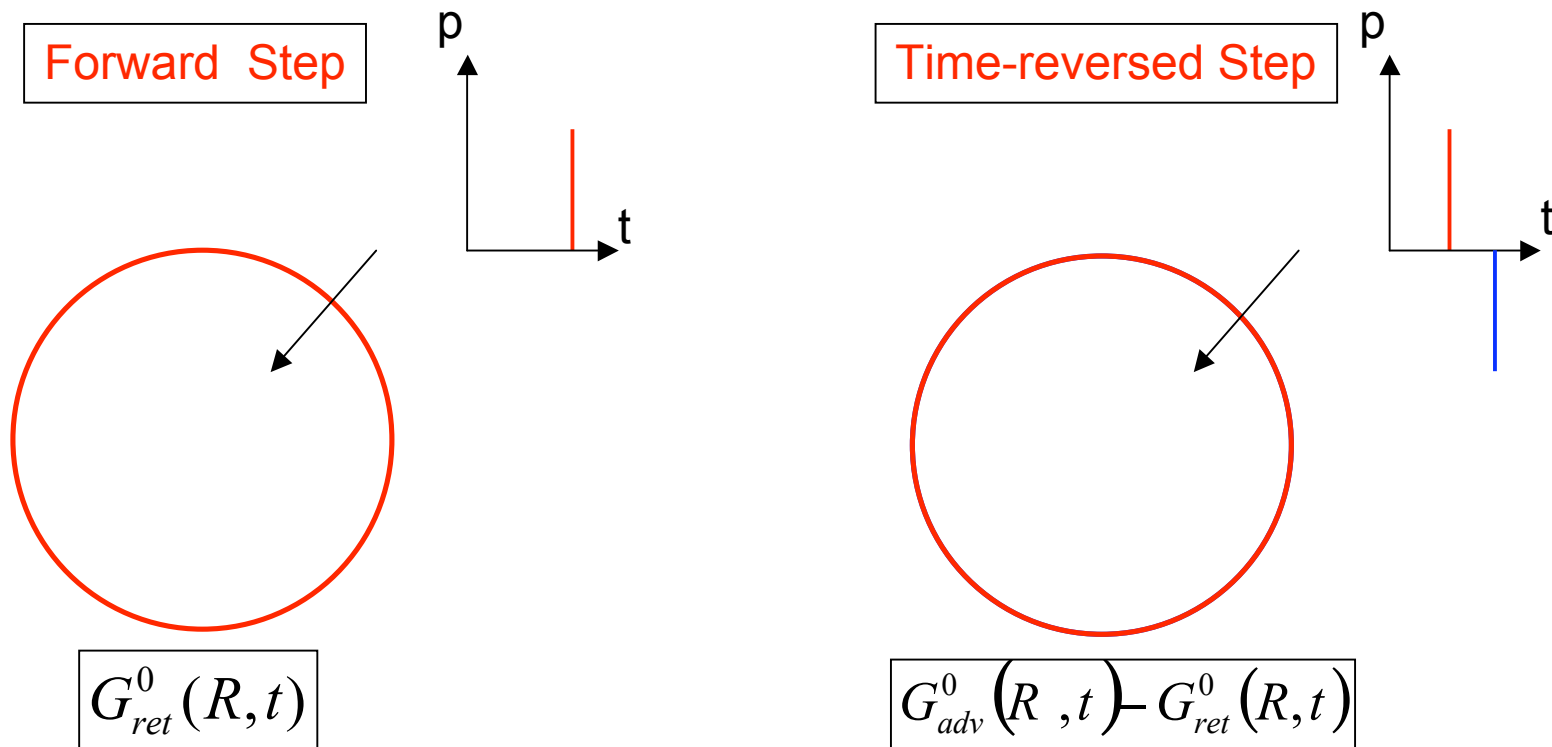
TR on the boundary : the TR Cavity

- record on the boundary $G(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_0; t); \partial_n G(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_0; t)$
- transmit from the boundary $G(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_0; T - t); \partial_n G(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_0; T - t)$



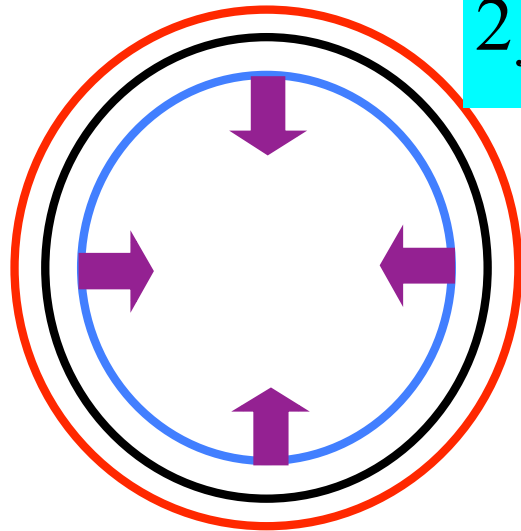
Origin of Diffraction Limits in Wave Physics

Pulsed mode – the homogeneous medium

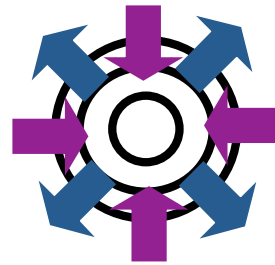


The time-reversed step for monochromatic waves : origin of the diffraction limits

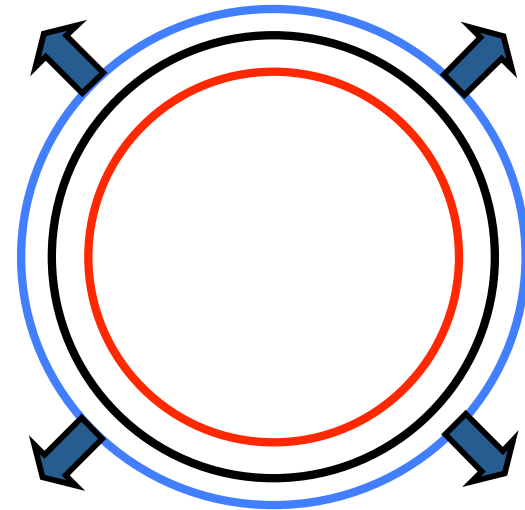
$$2j \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \hat{G}_{ret}^0 (R, \omega) \right\}$$



Converging only



Both converging and
diverging waves
interfere



Diverging only

$$\hat{G}_{adv}^0 (R, \omega) = \frac{\exp\{j(-kR - \omega t)\}}{R} \frac{\sin\{kR\}}{R} \exp(-j\omega t)$$

with a singularity

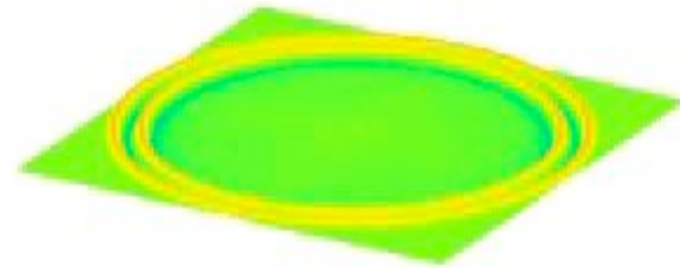
without singularity

Diffraction limit ($\lambda/2$)

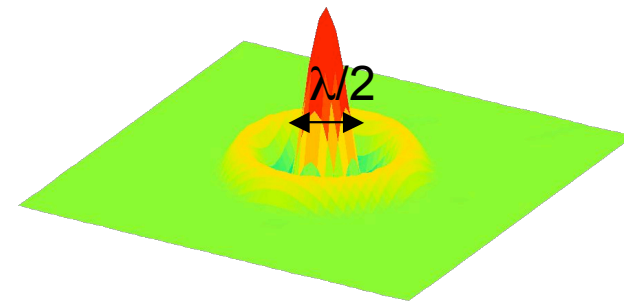
$$-\hat{G}_{ret}^0 = -\frac{\exp\{j(kR - \omega t)\}}{R}$$

with a singularity

Broadband Focusing



Instantaneous focal spot
at the focal time (collapse
time)



Theoretical description of an ideal time TR

Cavity.

For any heterogeneous medium

For a Dirac excitation

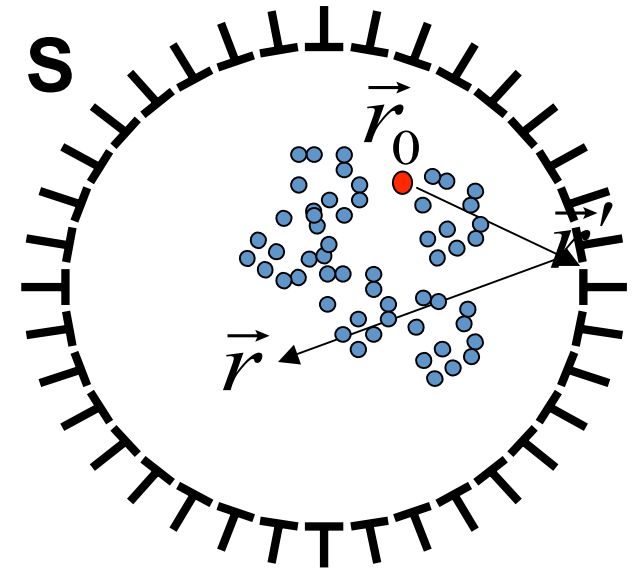
$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t) = G_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; -t) - G_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t)$$

For a monochromatic signal

$$\widehat{\Phi}_{tr}(\vec{r}; \omega) = -2j \operatorname{Im} \widehat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega)$$

For a limited bandwidth signal

$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t = 0) = -2j \int_{\Delta\omega} \operatorname{Im} \widehat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega) d\omega$$



Field at the focal time.

At $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0$
related to LDOS

The TR formula in Electromagnetism

For a monochromatic signal

Dipole source

$$\mathbf{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \mu_0 \omega^2 \vec{\mathbf{G}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) \mathbf{p}$$

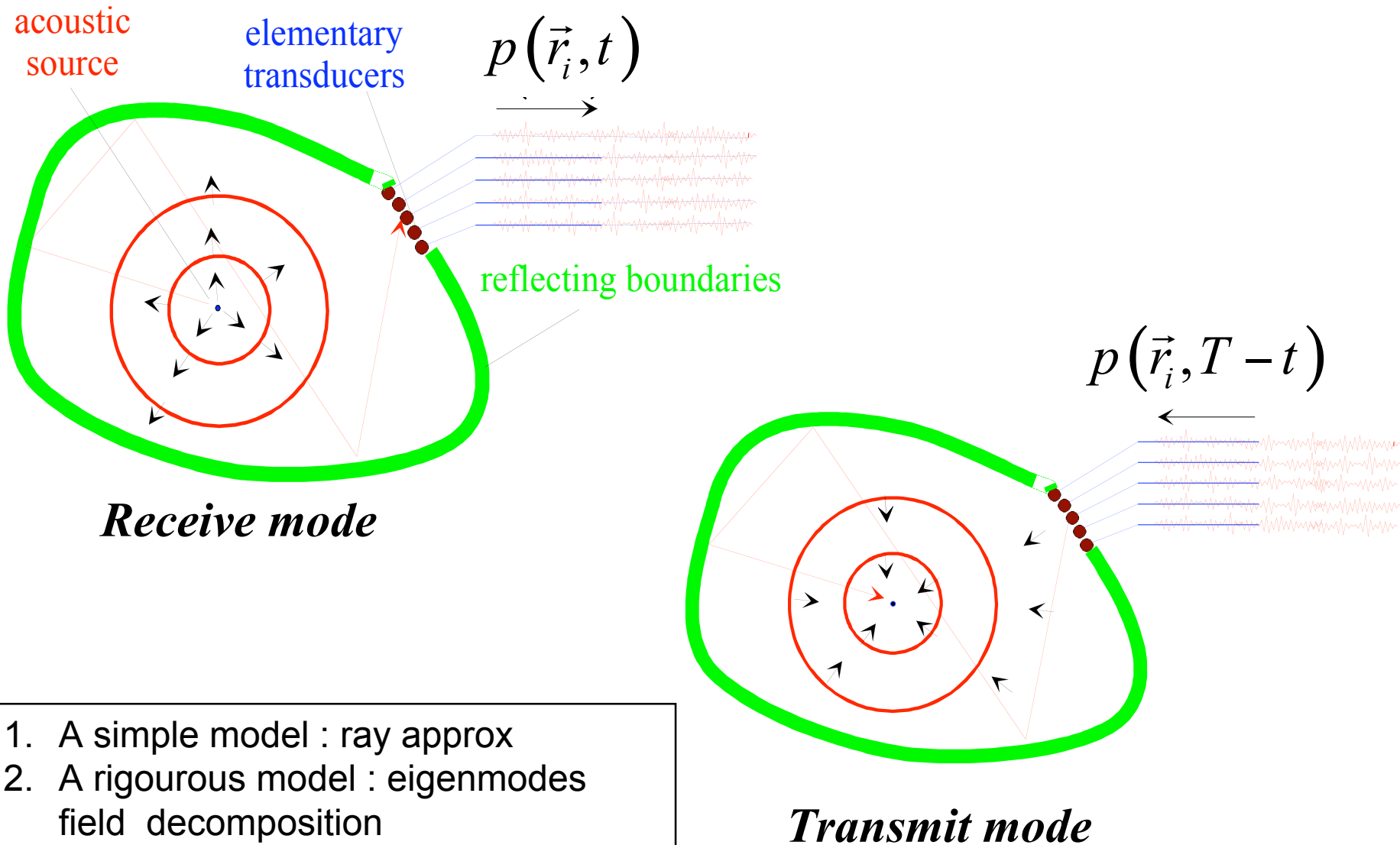
with $\nabla'_r \times \nabla'_r \times \vec{\mathbf{G}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\vec{r}, \omega) \vec{\mathbf{G}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) = -\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \vec{\mathbf{I}}$

Dyadic Green's Function

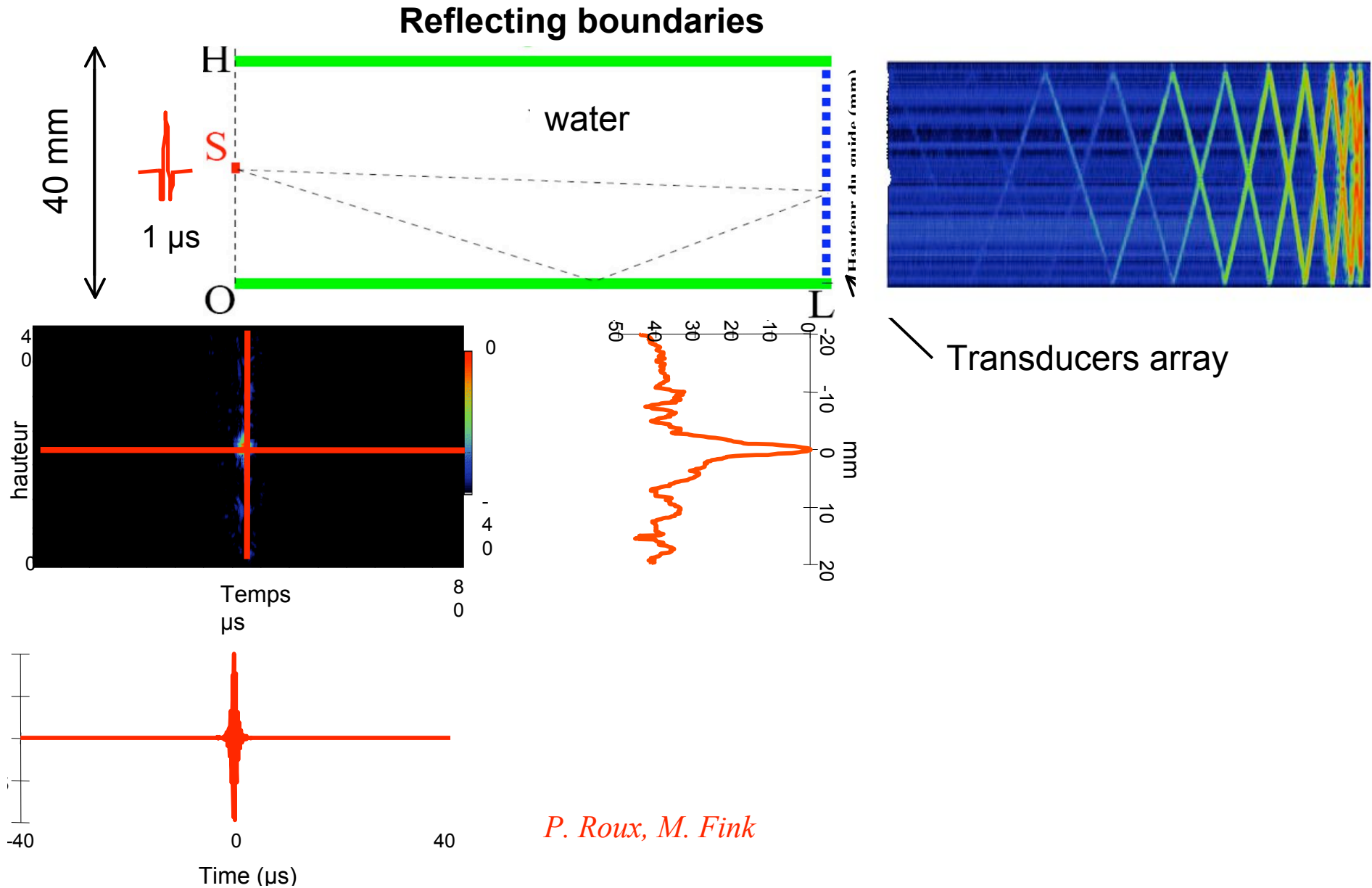
$$\mathbf{E}_{tr}(\vec{r}, \omega) = -2i \mu_0 \omega^2 \text{Im} [\vec{\mathbf{G}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega)] \mathbf{p}^*$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{tr}(\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0, \omega) = -2i \mu_0 \omega^2 \text{Im} [\vec{\mathbf{G}}(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}_0, \omega)] \mathbf{p}^* \prec LDOS$$

The effect of boundaries on Time-reversal Mirror



Time Reversal in an ultrasonic waveguide



A 78 m Long Time Reversal Mirror

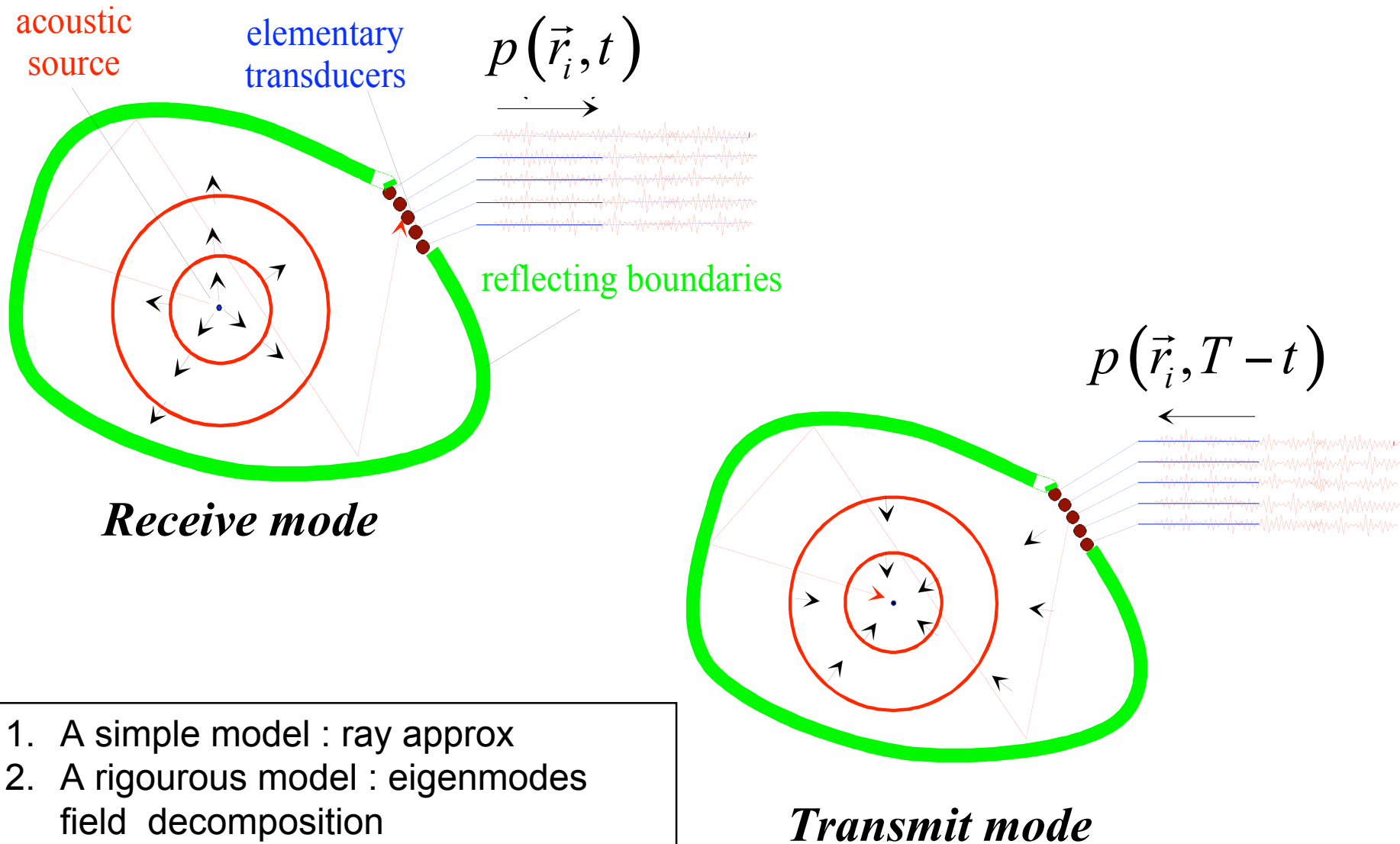


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N = 29



**3.5 kHz , $\lambda = 50$ cm
transducers**

The effect of boundaries on Time-reversal Mirror



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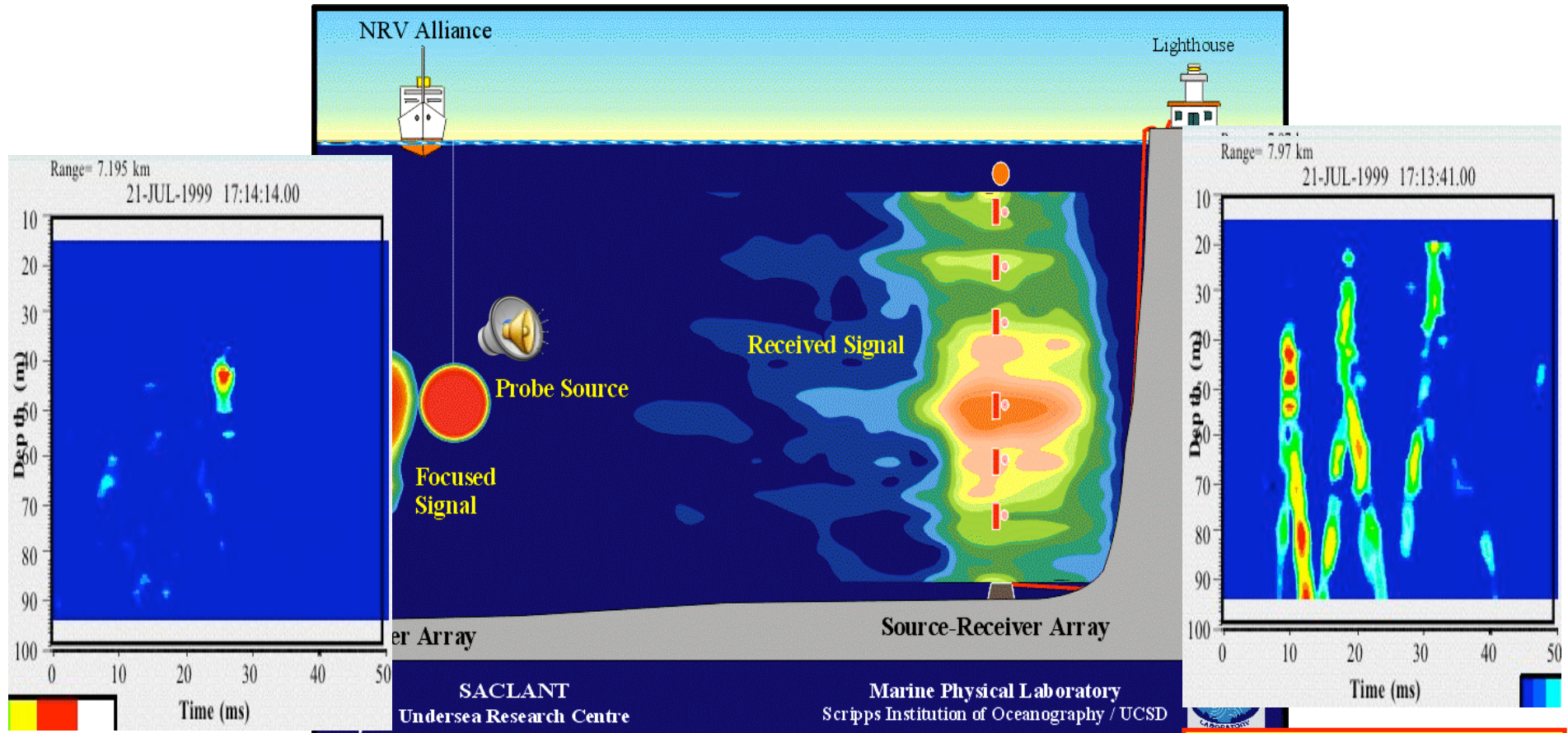


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Elba Island Experiment

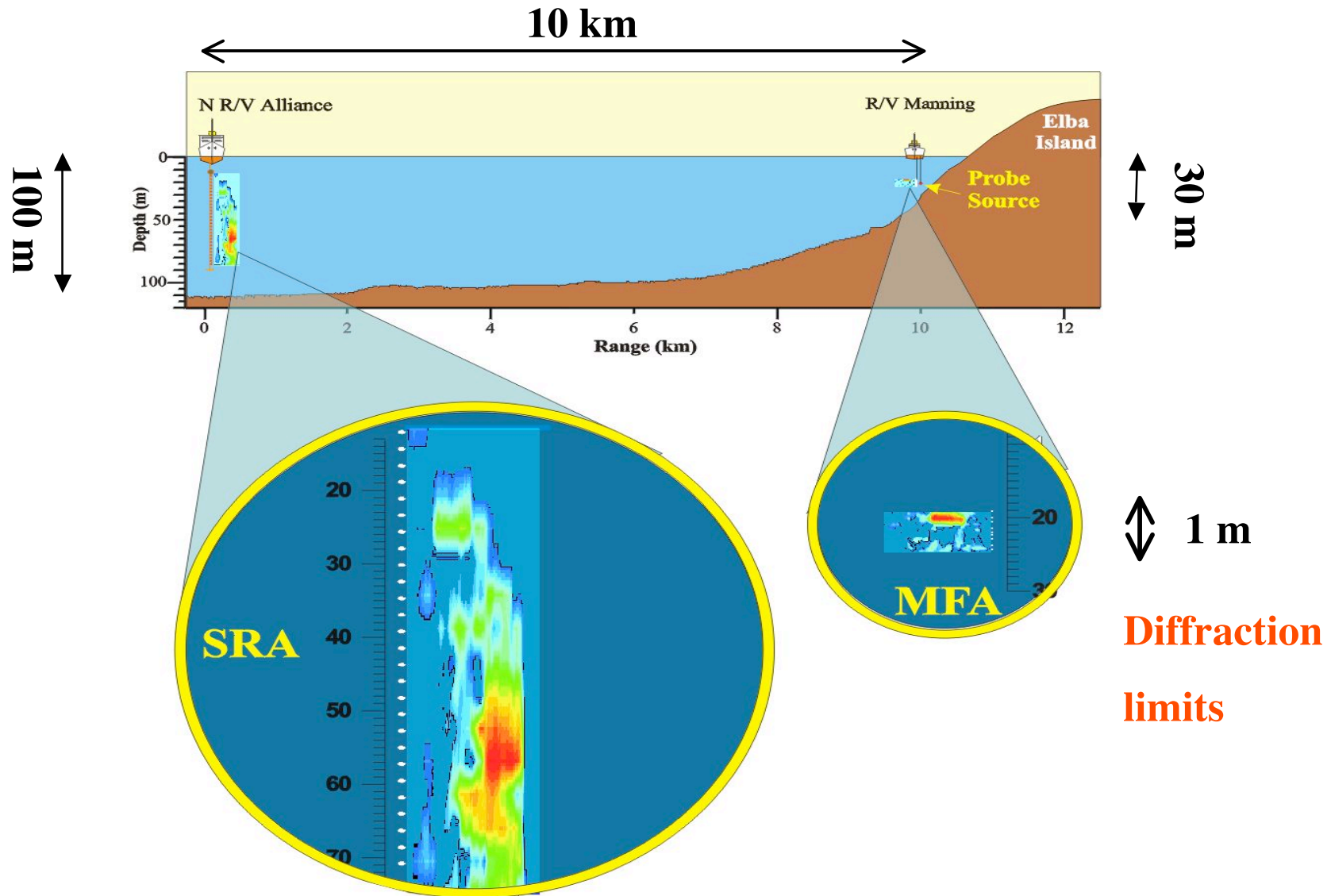


**Focused pulse
back at source**

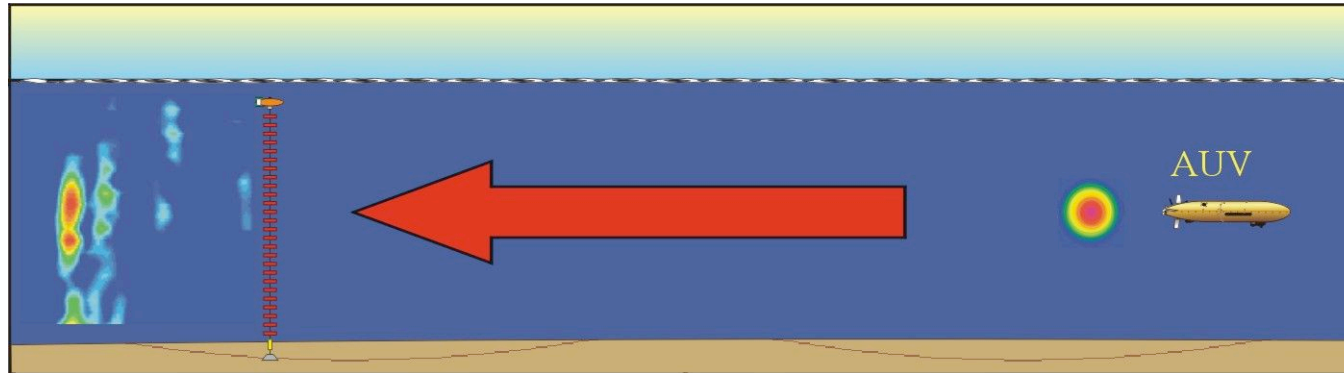
TR = last in first out

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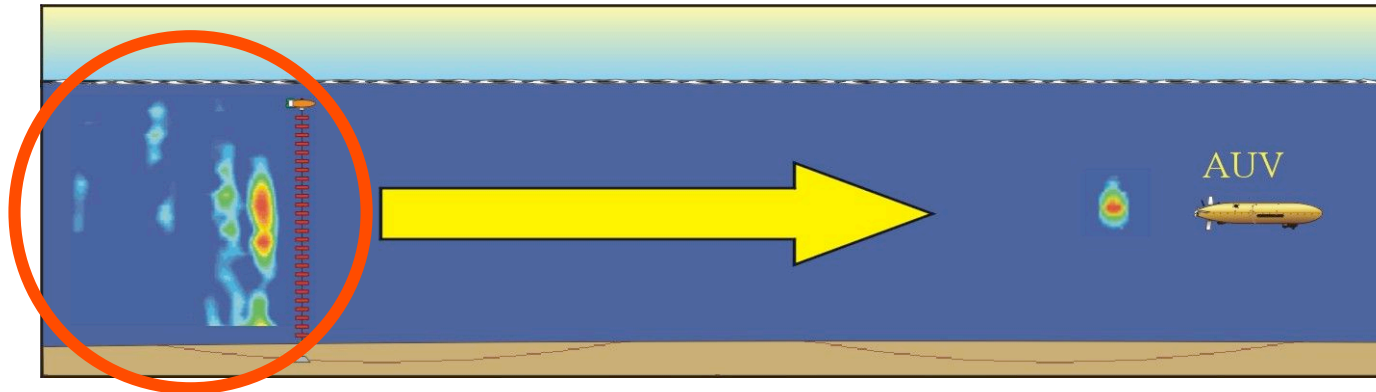
Elba Island Experiments



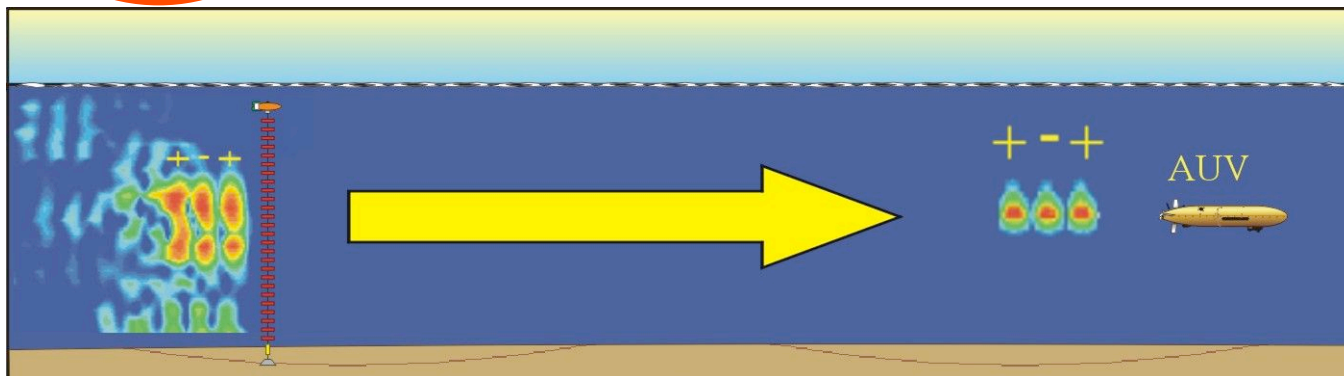
Underwater communications



**Reference
pulse**

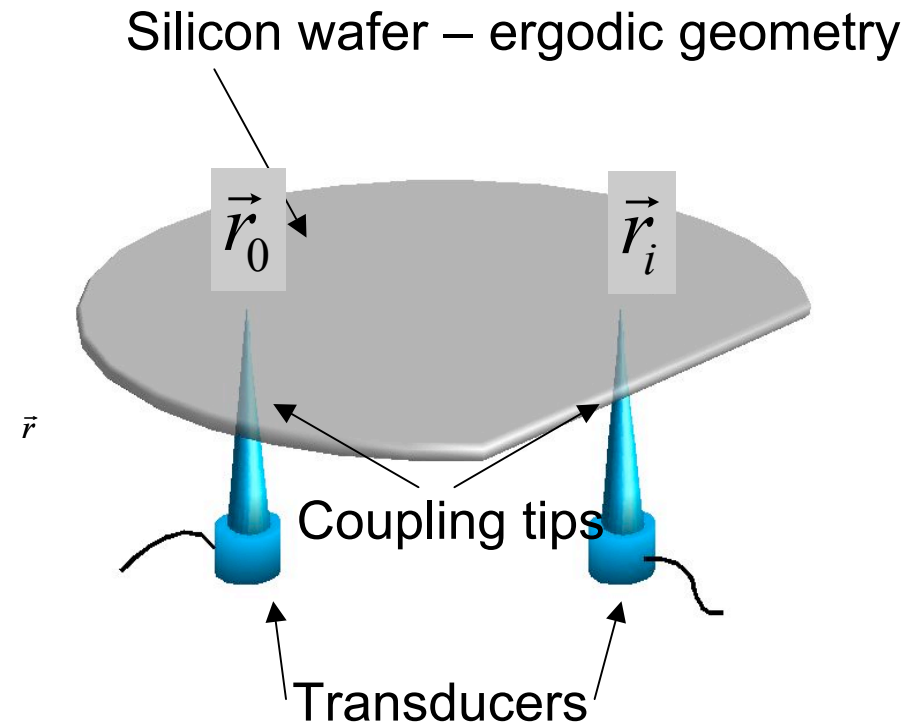
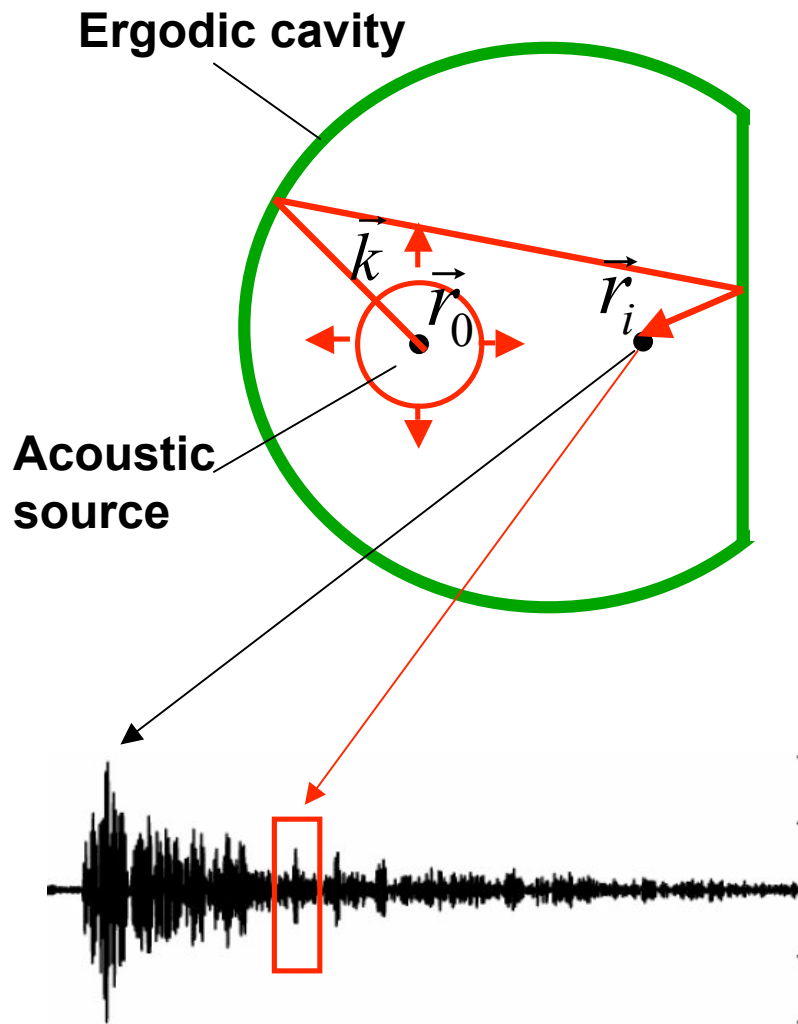


Time-reversal



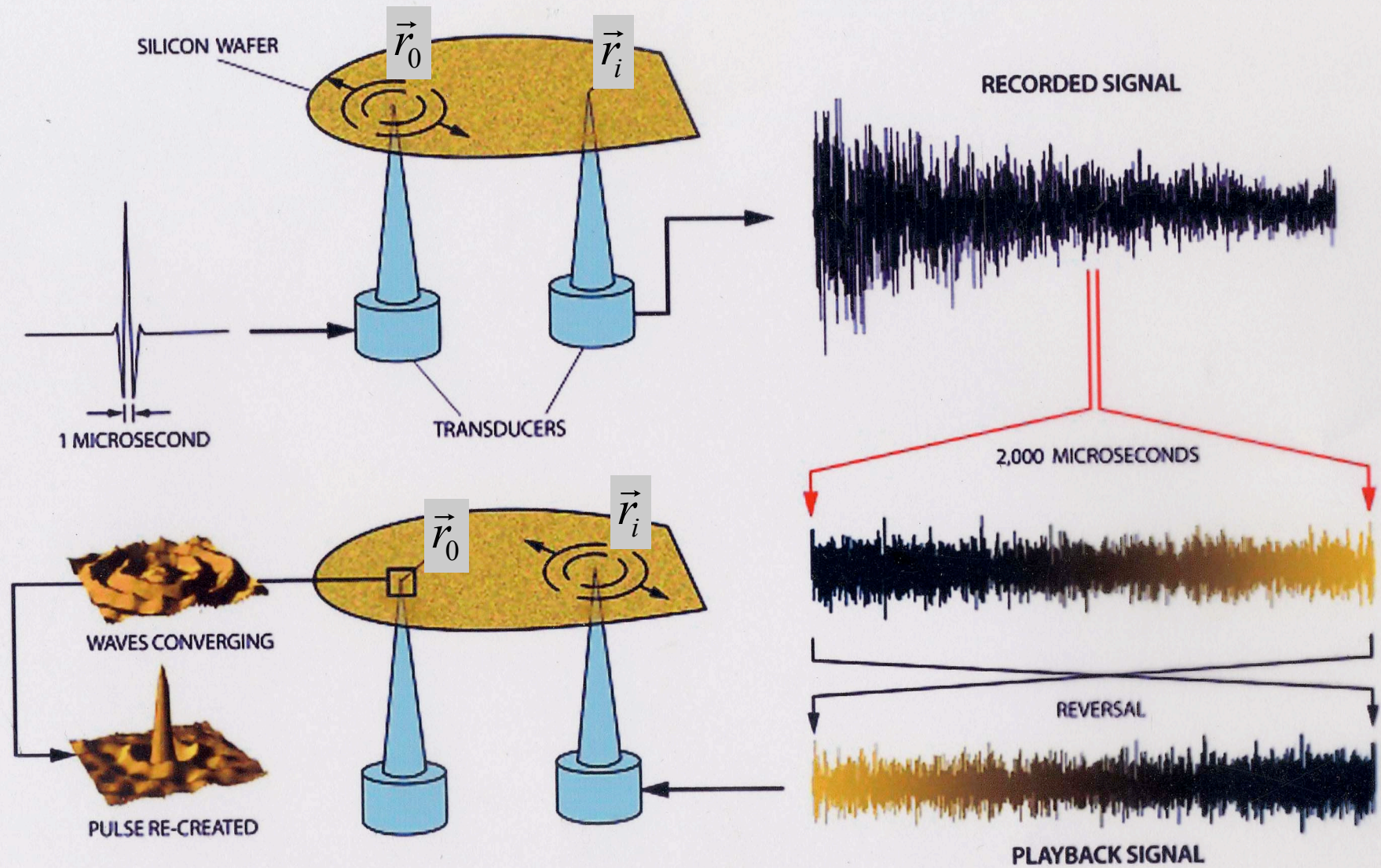
**Time-reversal
Communications**

Time-Reversal in a chaotic billiard with a one channel TRM



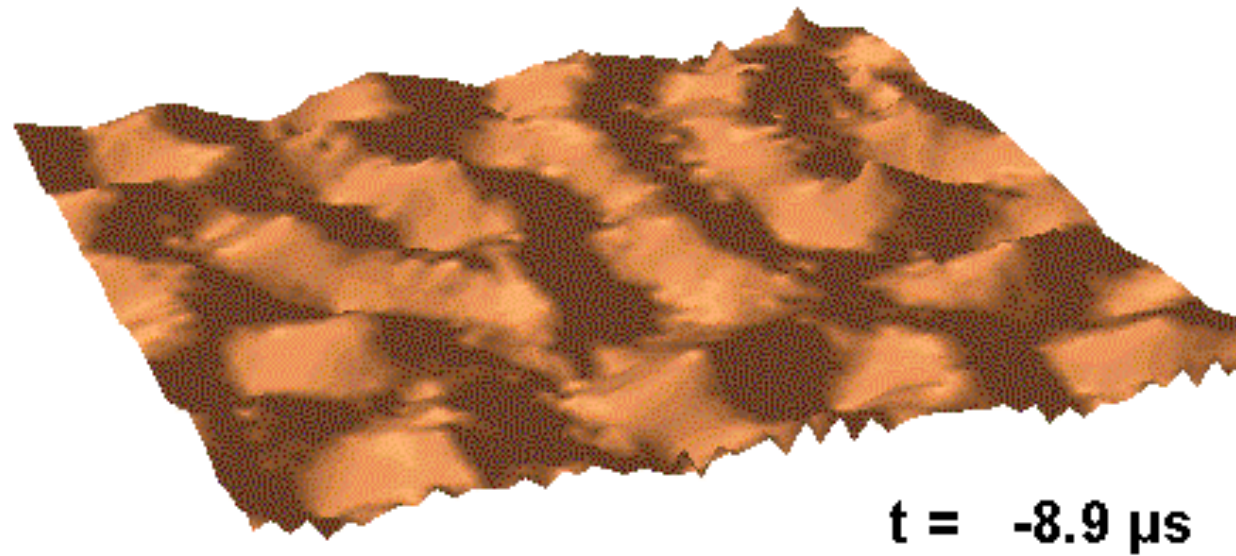
Space – time coupling
each \vec{k} is coded in a time t

$$\Delta k_i \cdot \Delta r_i \Rightarrow \Delta t \cdot \Delta \omega$$

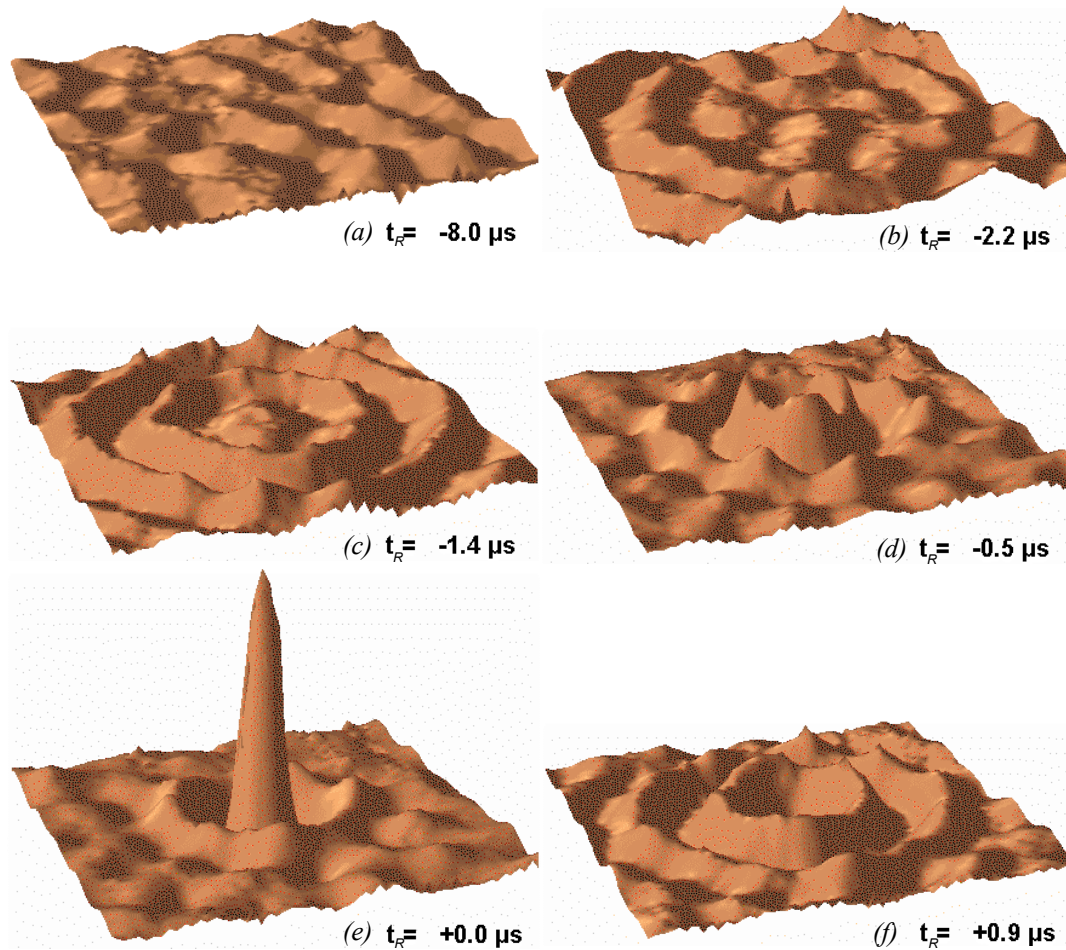
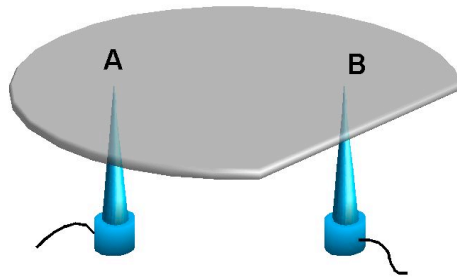
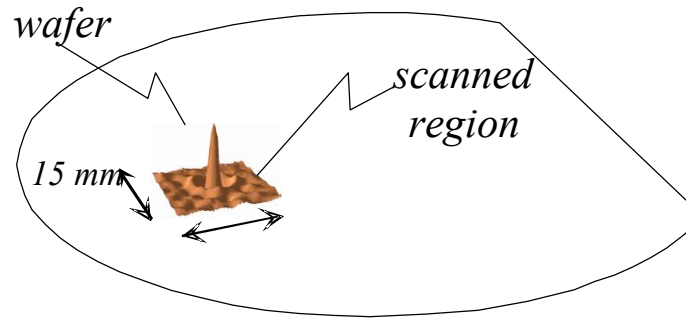


SINGLE TRANSDUCER can time-reverse a wave in an enclosed "cavity." A source transducer emits a pulse at location A on a small silicon wafer (*top*). A transducer at location B records chaotic reverberations of the pulse reflected off the wafer edges hundreds of

times. The transducer at B plays back a short segment of that signal in reverse (*bottom*). After many reflections, these recombine to re-create the short pulse focused again at location A, as was revealed by imaging the waves on the wafer near A (*bottom left*).



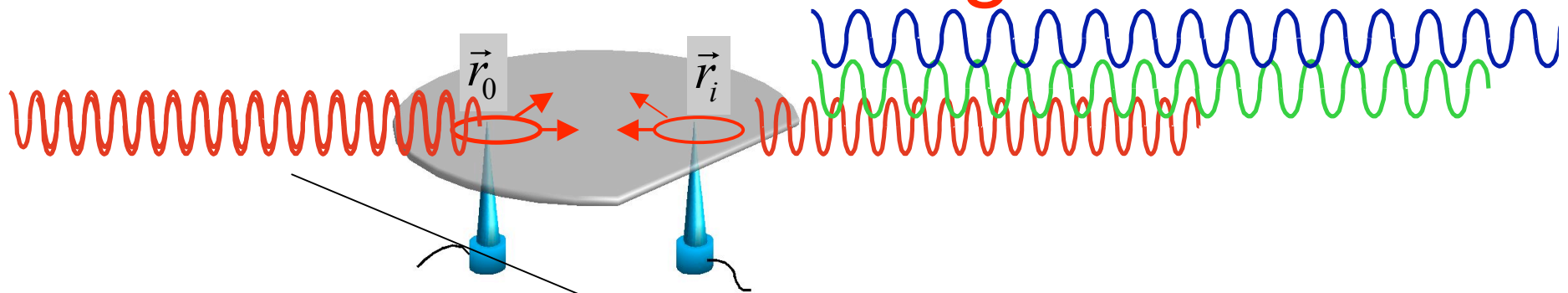
A 2ms window corresponds to the Heisenberg time of the cavity : $\tau_{Heis} = \frac{1}{\delta\omega}$
with $\delta\omega$ being the mean distance between modes



The signal to noise
 is proportional to the
 bandwidth square: $\sqrt{\frac{\Delta\omega}{\delta\omega}}$

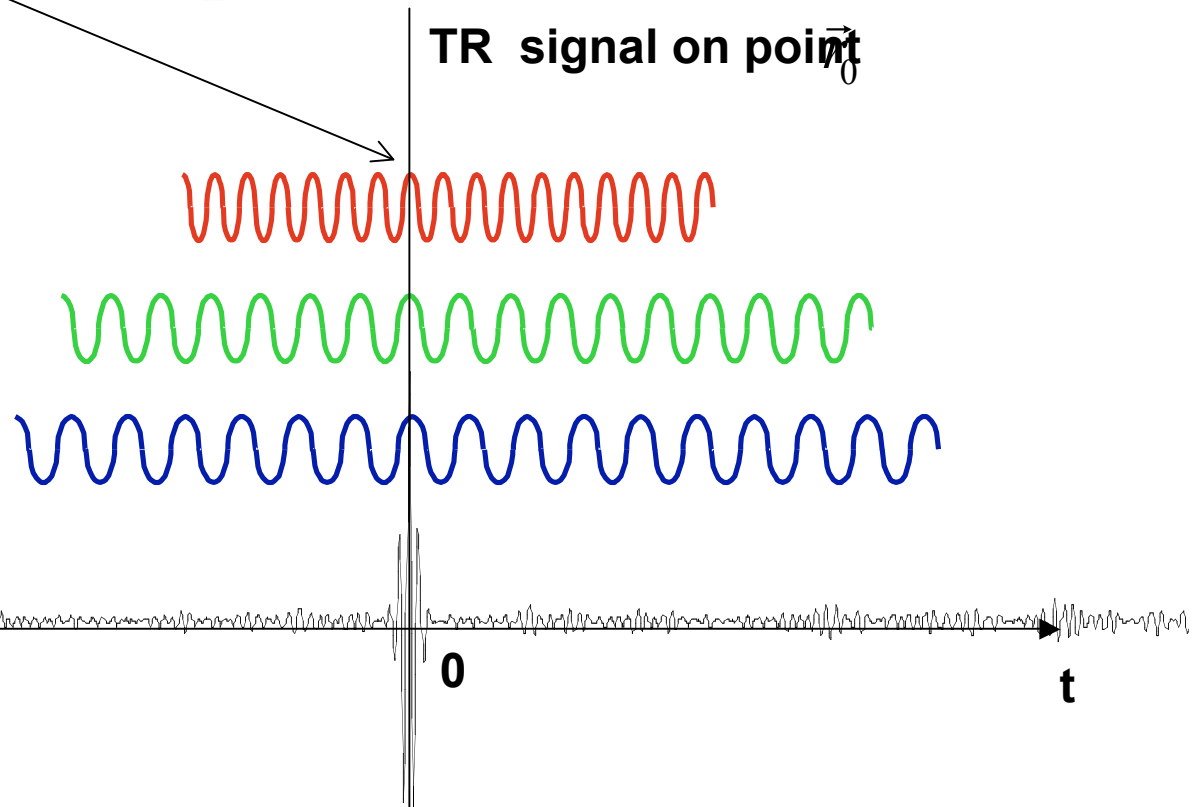
Indeed, a monochromatic
 source located at B will
 never focused at A

The one-channel TRM works only for broadband signal

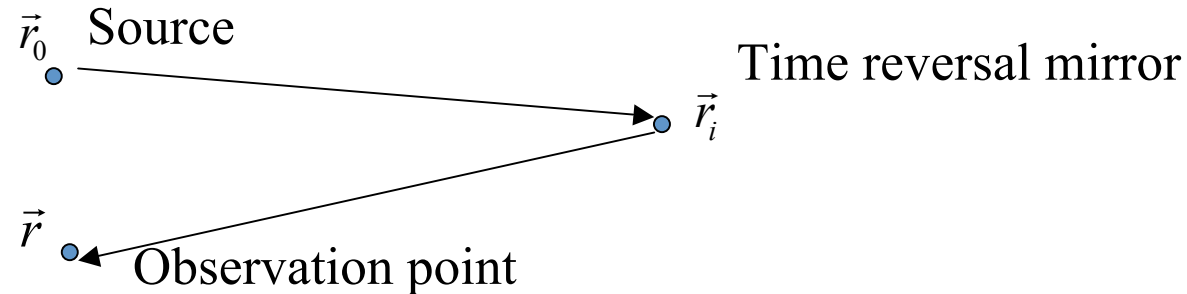


The signal to noise depends on the number of available modes in the experimental bandwidth

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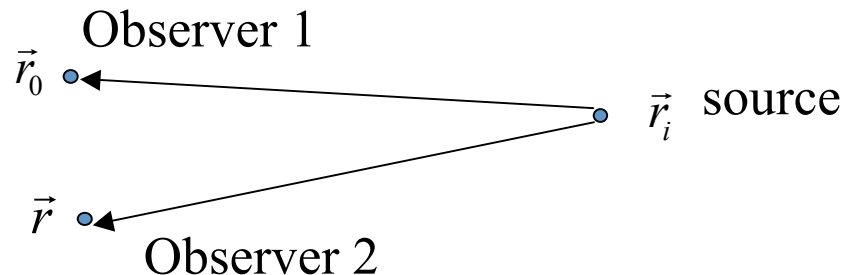


One channel TRM as a Spatial Correlator



$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t) \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0, -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}, t) \right\}$$

Time-reversed field observed at point \vec{r} from a source at \vec{r}_0

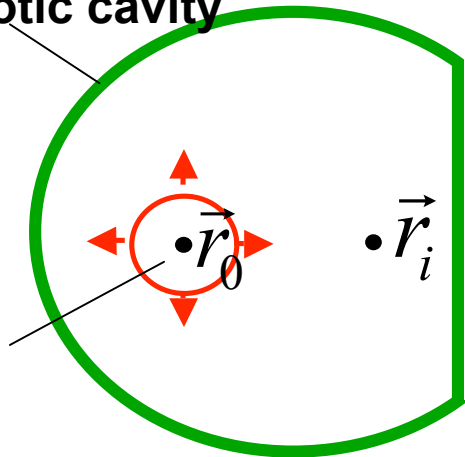


$$C(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}, t) = G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}_i, -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_i, t)$$

The time-reversed field is an estimate of the derivative of the **spatial correlation** of the field radiated by point \vec{r}_i

An important formula

Chaotic cavity



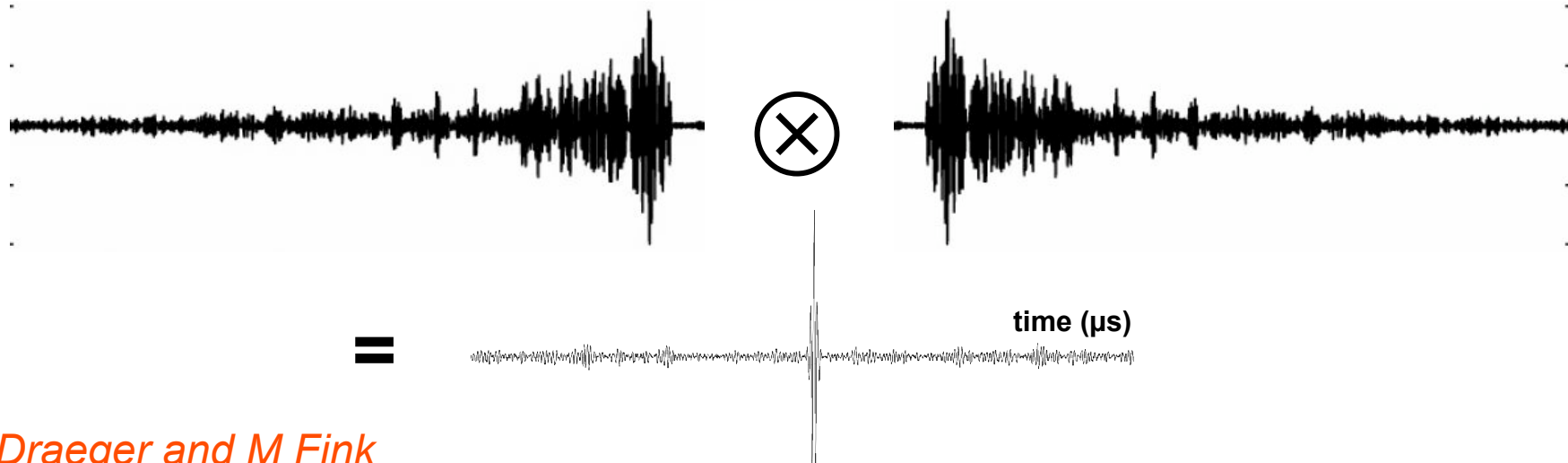
In terms of the cavity modes, \vec{r}_0 and \vec{r}_i cannot exchange all informations, because \vec{r}_0 and \vec{r}_i are always at the **nodes** of some modes.

$$G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0; t) = \sum_n u_n(\vec{r}_0) u_n(\vec{r}_i) \frac{\sin(\omega_n t)}{\omega_n}$$

eigenmodes u_n $\Delta u_n = -\frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} u_n$

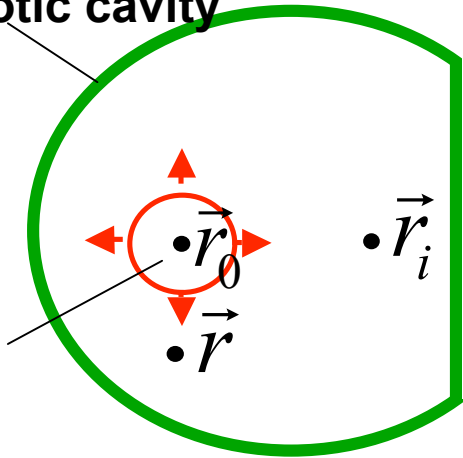
Mode repulsion

$$G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0; -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0; t) = G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}_0; -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_i; t)$$



The field at any \vec{r}

Chaotic cavity



$$G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0; t) = \sum_n u_n(\vec{r}_0) u_n(\vec{r}_i) \frac{\sin(\omega_n t)}{\omega_n}$$

eigenmodes u_n

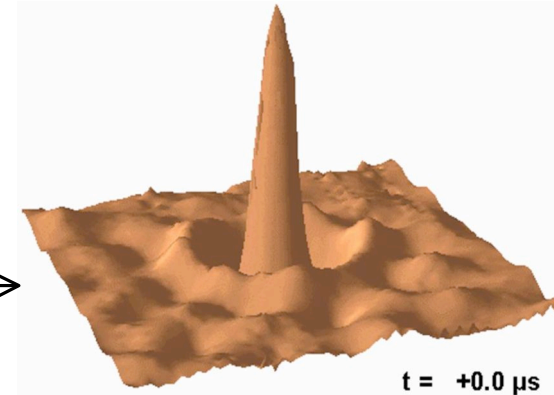
$$\Delta u_n = -\frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} u_n$$

$$G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0; -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}; t) = G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}; -t) \otimes G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_i; t)$$

The focal spot

$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t) \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_0, -t) \otimes^t G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}, t) \right\}$$

$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t = 0) \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_n \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} u_n(\vec{r}_0) u_n(\vec{r}) u_n^2(\vec{r}_i) \longrightarrow$$



Frequency Average

$$\langle u_n(\vec{r}_0) u_n(\vec{r}) u_n^2(\vec{r}_i) \rangle = \langle u_n(\vec{r}_0) u_n(\vec{r}) \rangle \langle u_n^2(\vec{r}_i) \rangle$$

$$J_0(2\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|/\lambda_n)$$

$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t = 0) \approx -2j \int_{\Delta\omega} \text{Im} \hat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega) d\omega$$

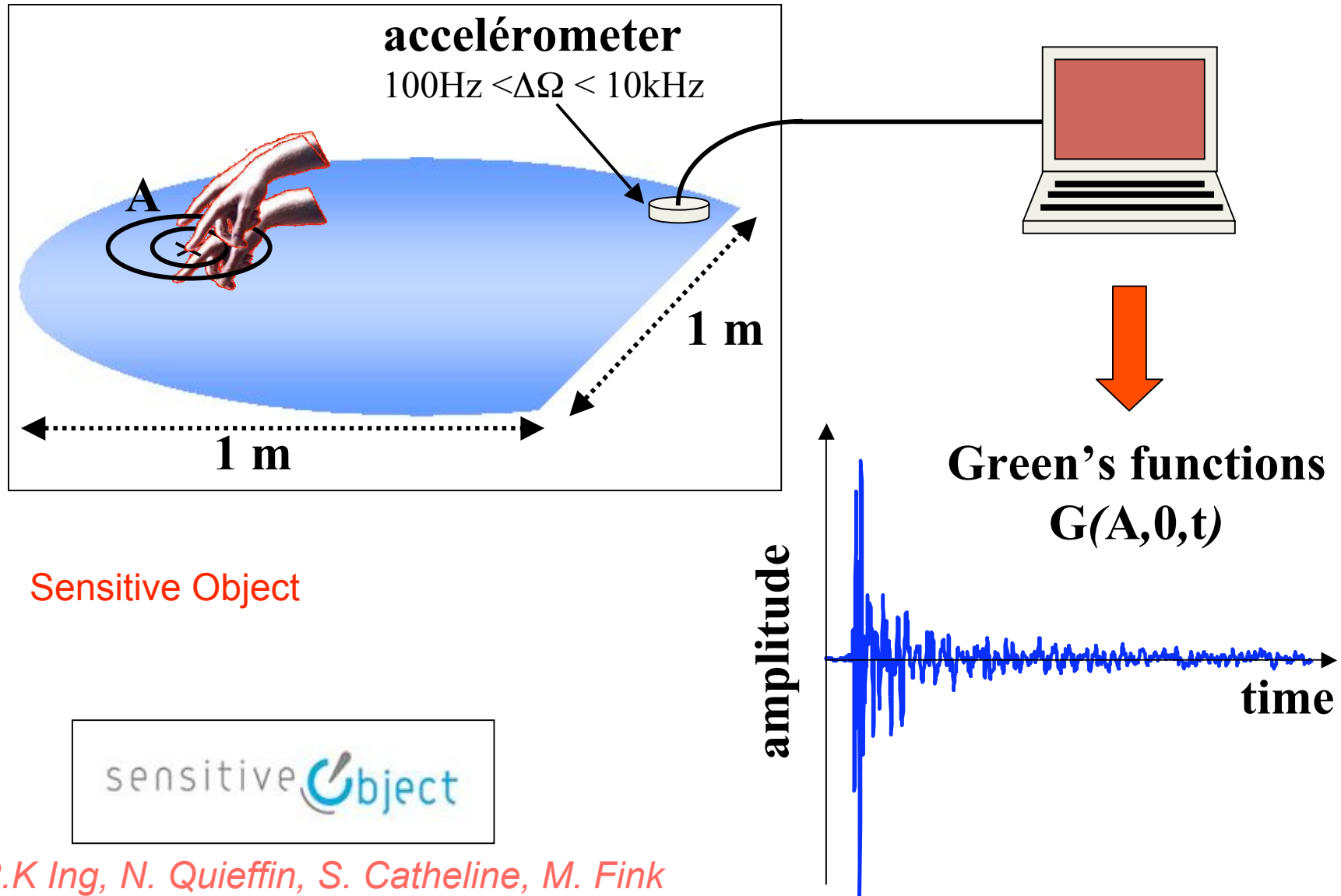
If chaotic rays support irregular modes, Berry Conjecture

Time Reversal is Self-averaging

many uncorellated eigenmodes =400

A nice application: Tactile objects

How to transform a solid object in a tactile screen ?

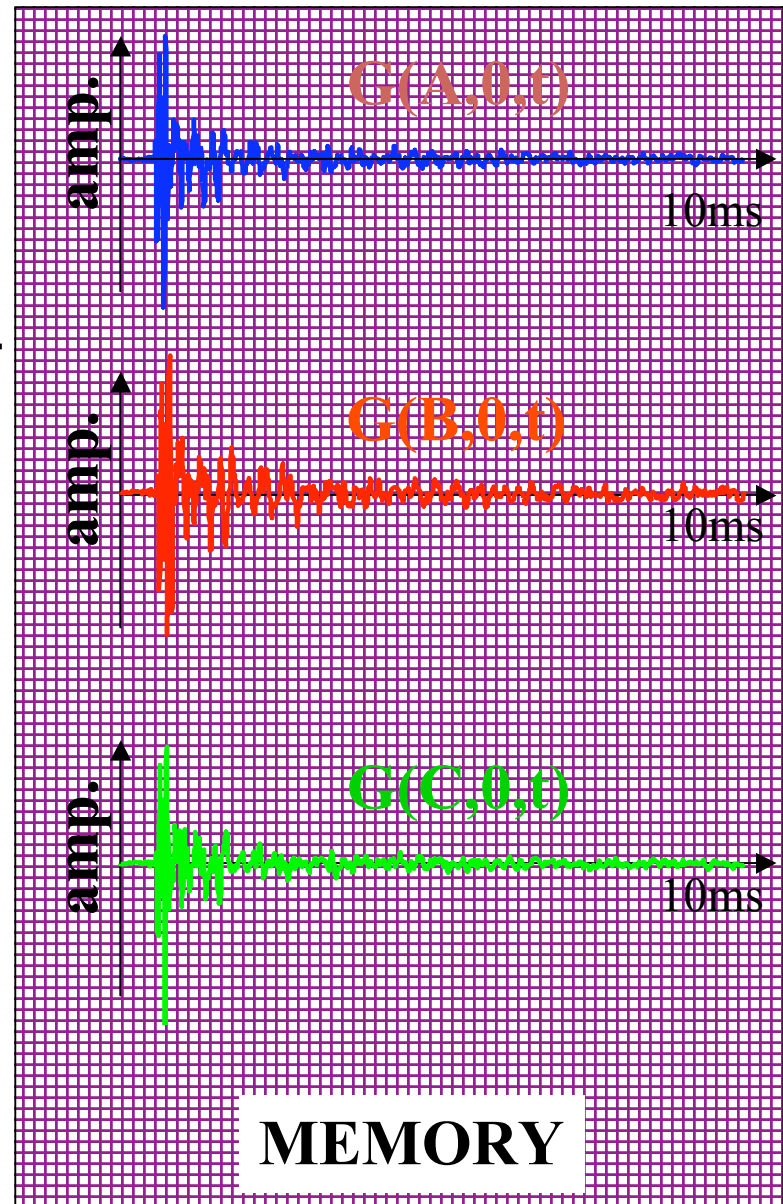
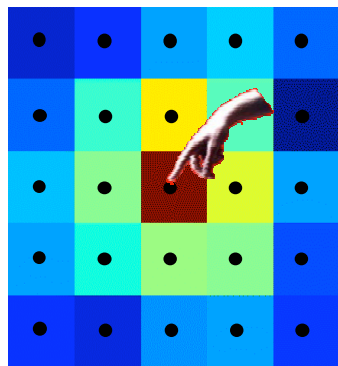
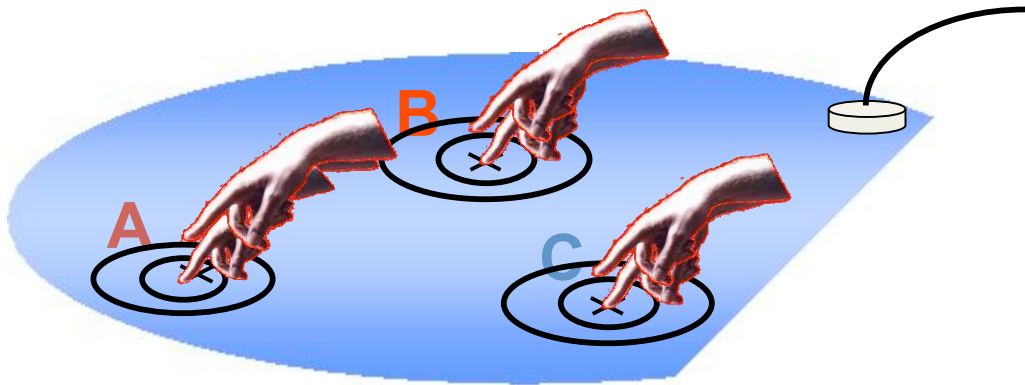


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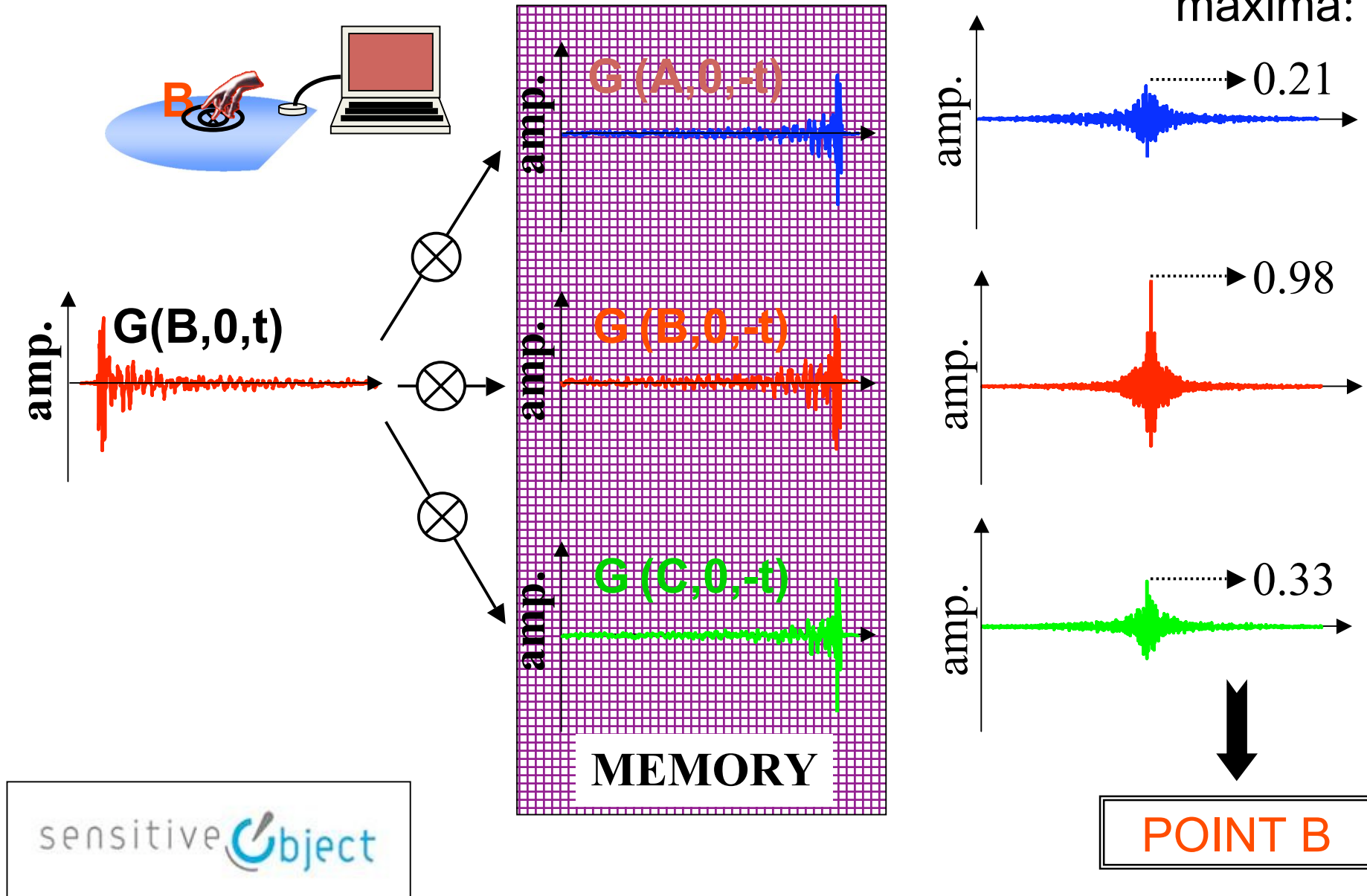
Teaching the Green's functions



sensitiveObject



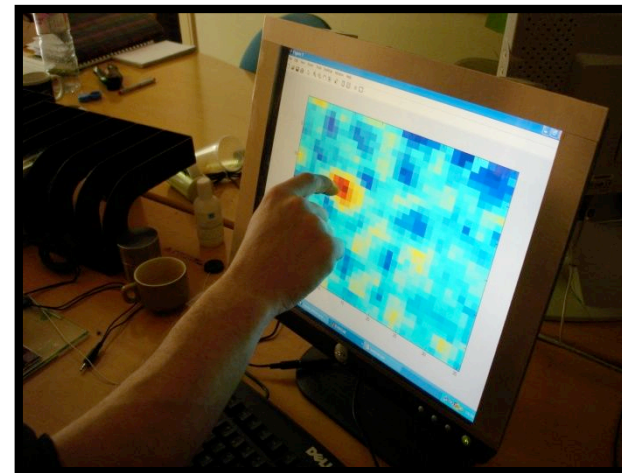
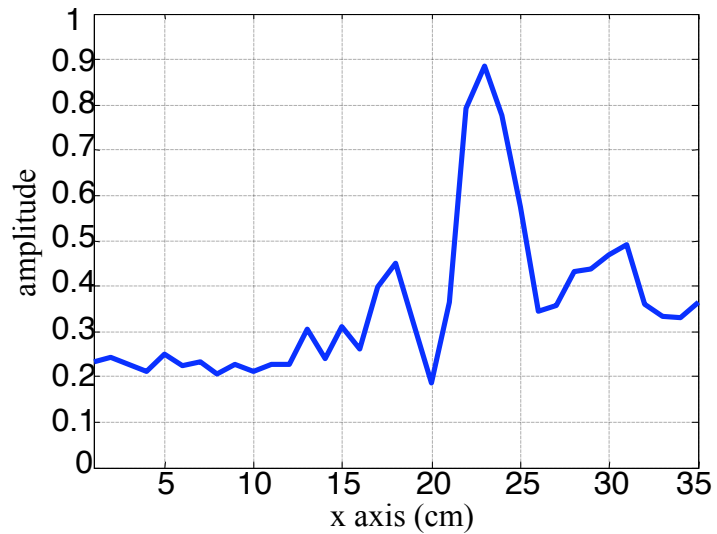
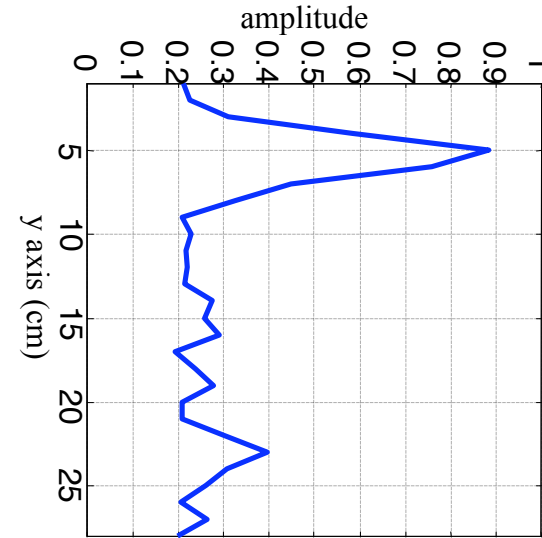
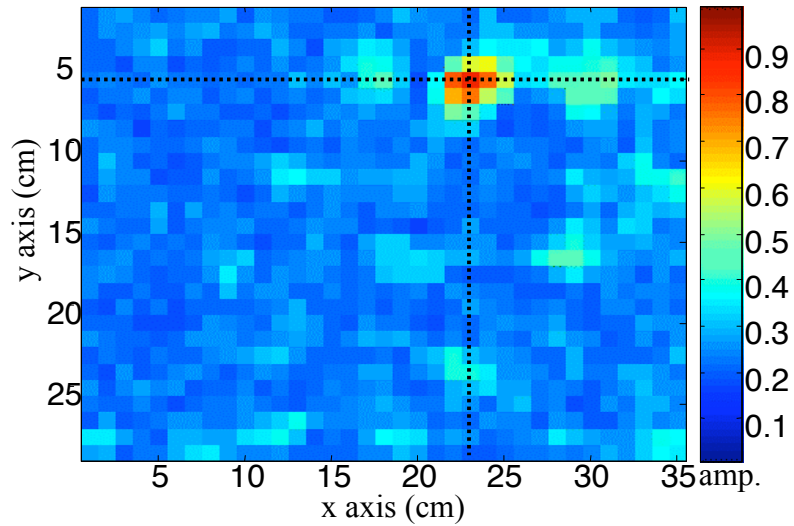
Source localisation by cross-correlation : numerical simulation of TR



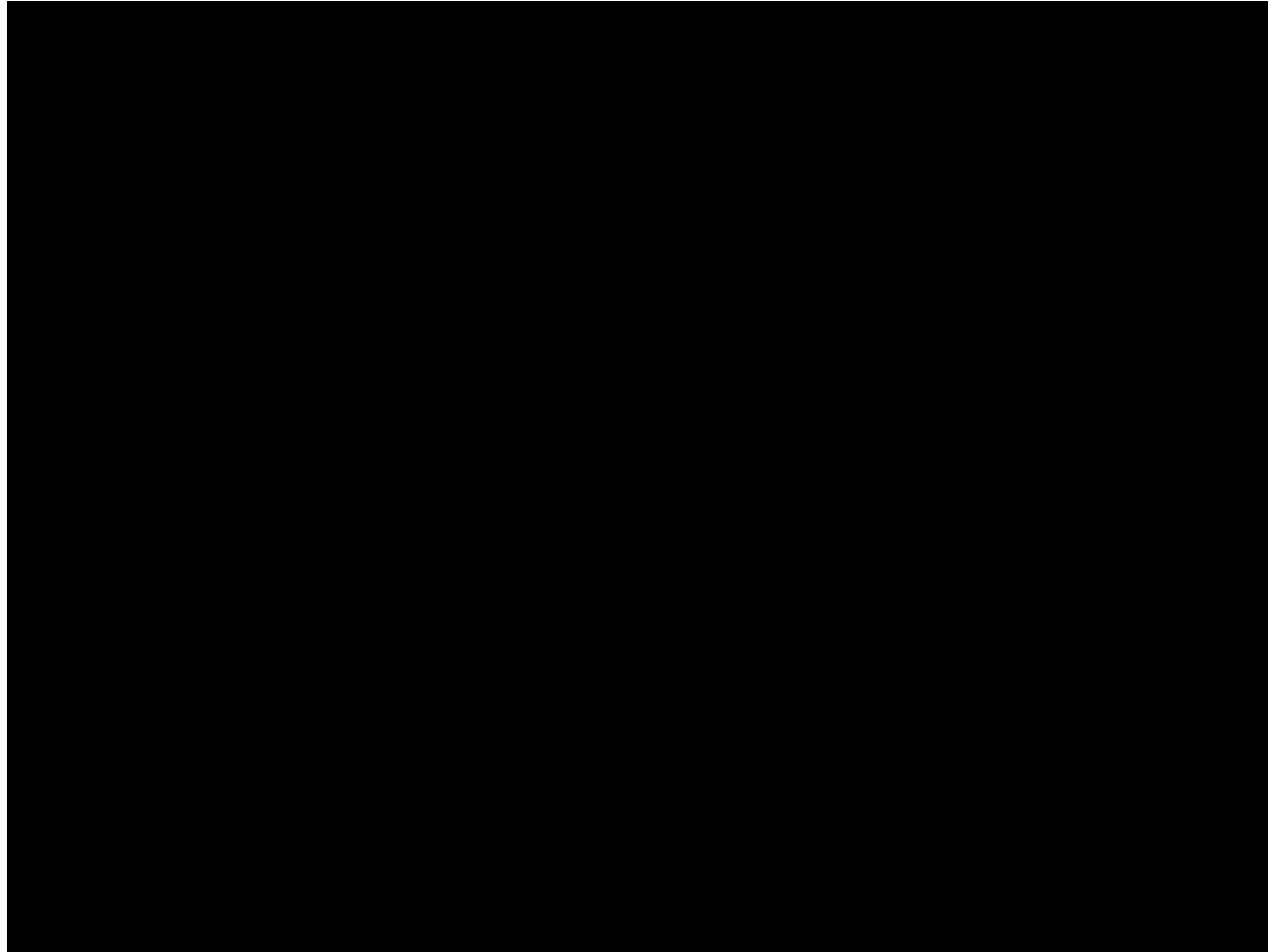


Focal spot

sensitiveObject



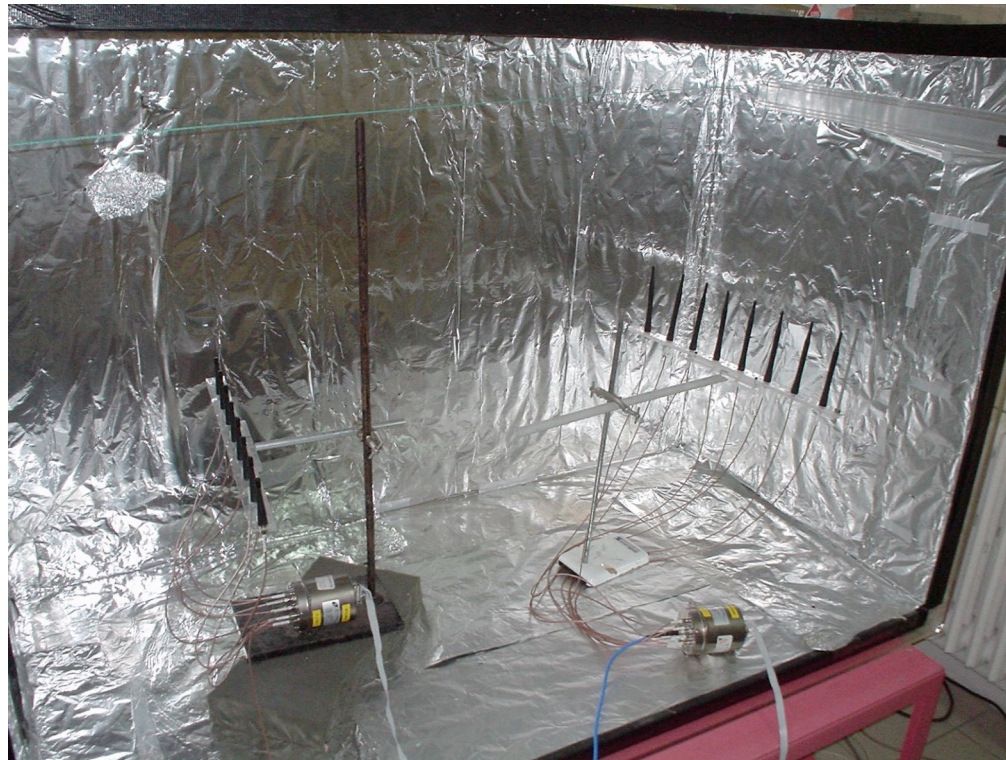
Products



Electromagnetic TRM

- 2 arrays of 8 antennas separated of approx 6.15 cm, i.e. half a wavelength (12.3cm @ 2.44 GHz)

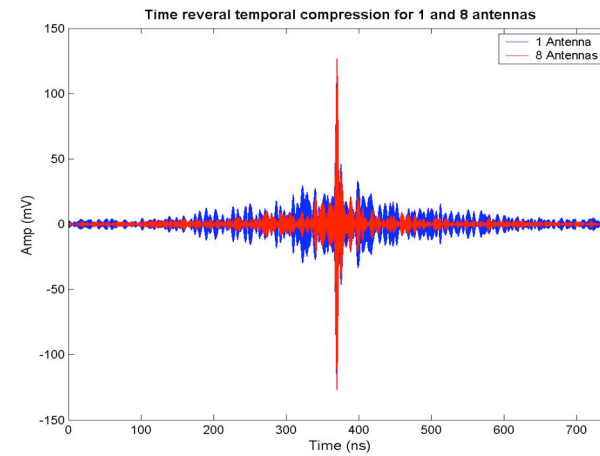
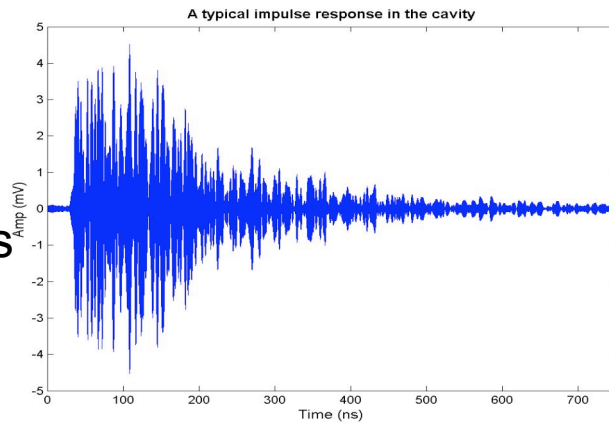
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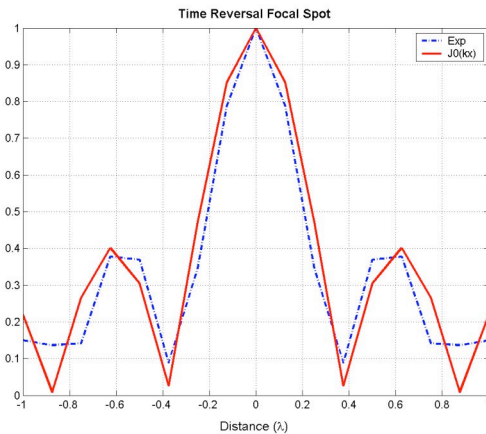
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Focalisation spatio-temporelle pour la communication à très haut débit

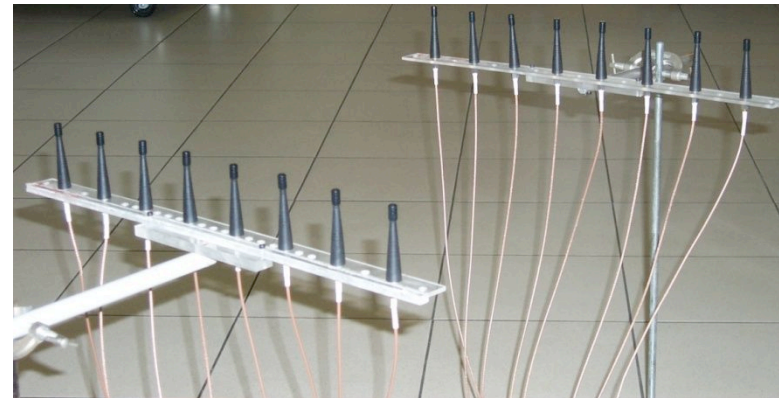
Impulsion initiale 10 ns



Compression temporelle



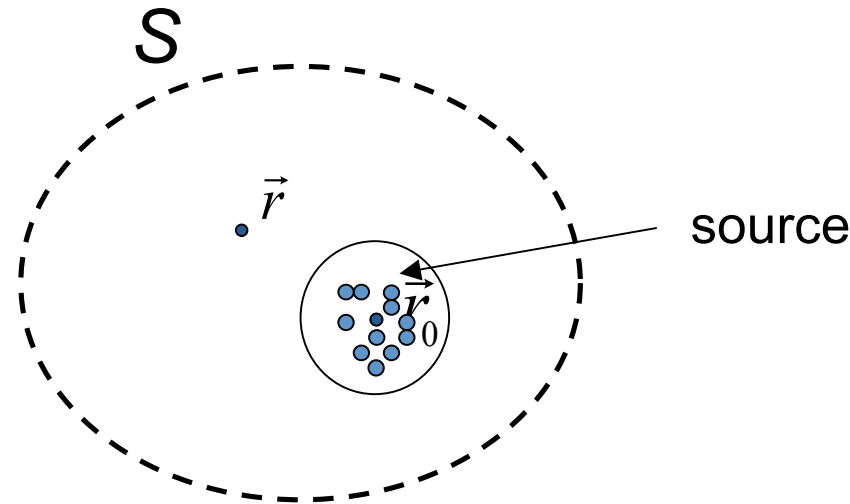
Focalisation spatiale $\lambda/2$



Super Resolution

2- Media with sophisticated Green's functions

Sophisticated Green's functions



- select a medium with $\text{Im} \left\{ \hat{G}_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) \right\}$ that oscillate faster than the wavelength

An homogenous medium is not interesting

$$\hat{G}_{ret}^0(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) = \frac{\exp(jk|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|)}{k|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|}$$

$$\text{Im} \left\{ \hat{G}_{ret}^0(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, \omega) \right\} \propto \frac{\sin(k|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|)}{k|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|}$$

Build media with complex pattern in the near field of the source : obstacles or antenna

$$\varphi_{tr}(\vec{r}, t=0) = -2j \int_{\Delta\omega} \text{Im} \hat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega) d\omega$$

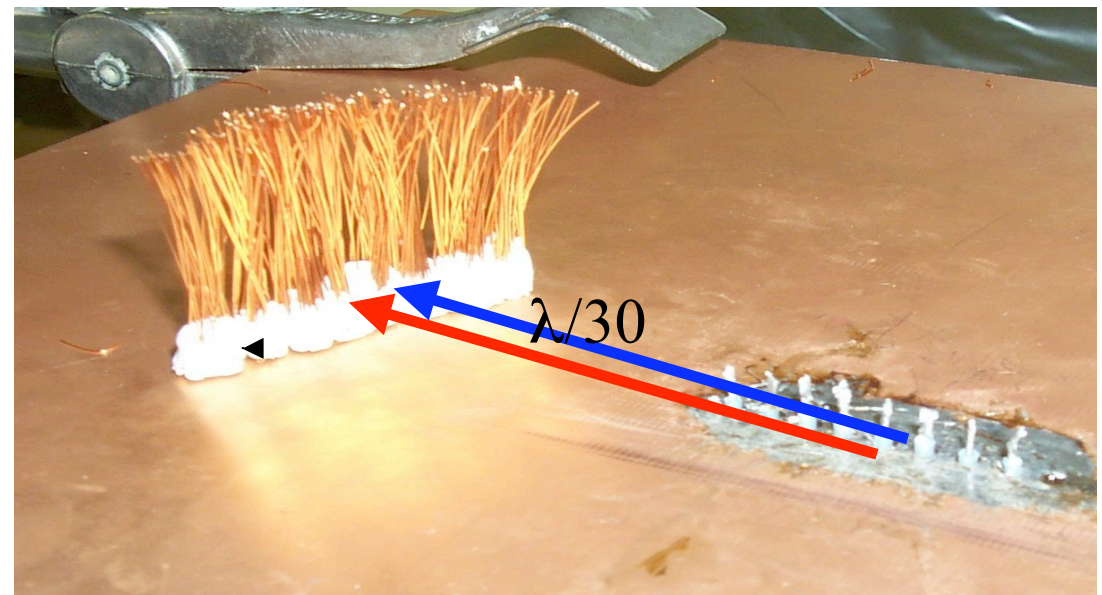
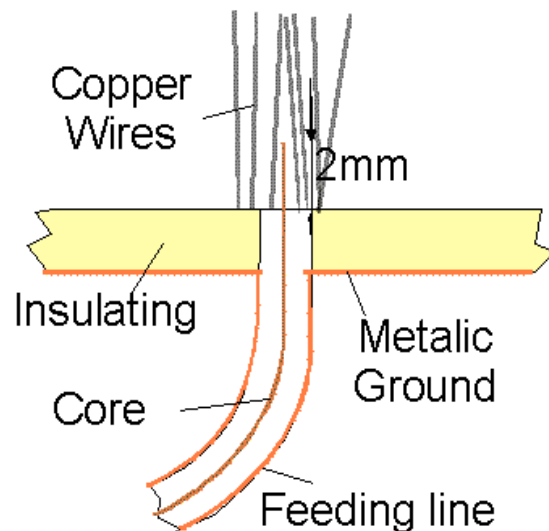
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Number of modes

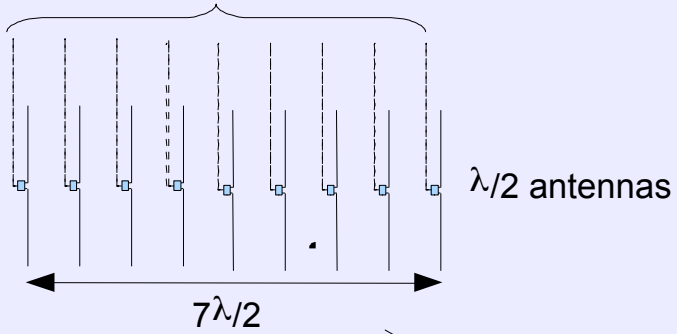
How to create a fast oscillating $\text{Im}\{G\}$ around the source ?

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An Electromagnetic Example



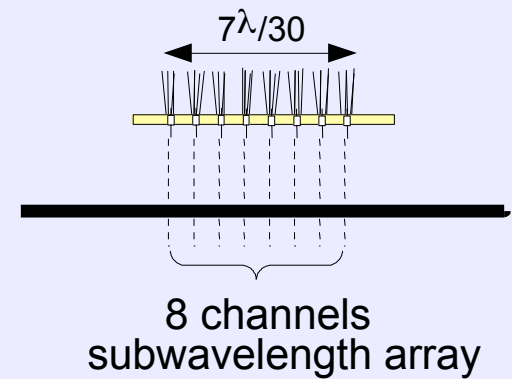
8 channels TR mirror

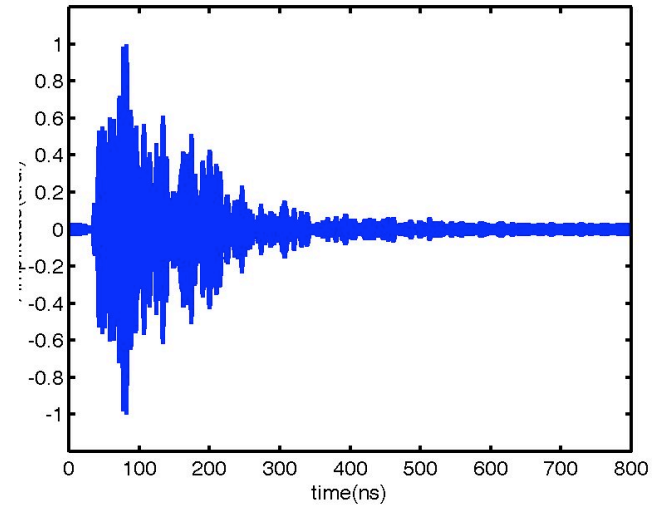
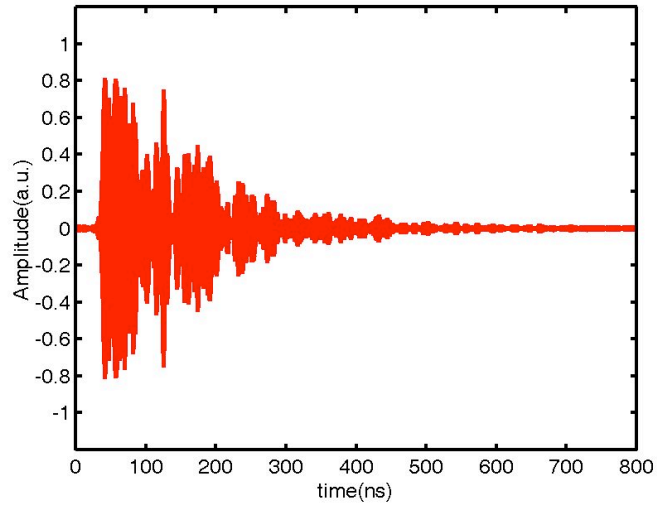
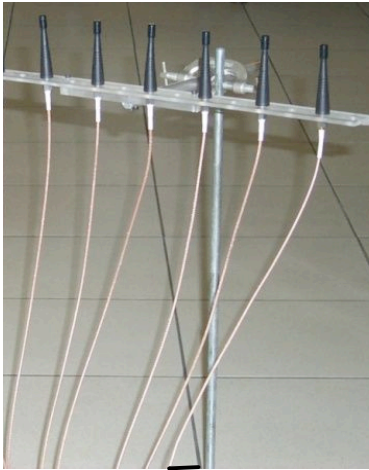


Far Field Subwavelength focusing

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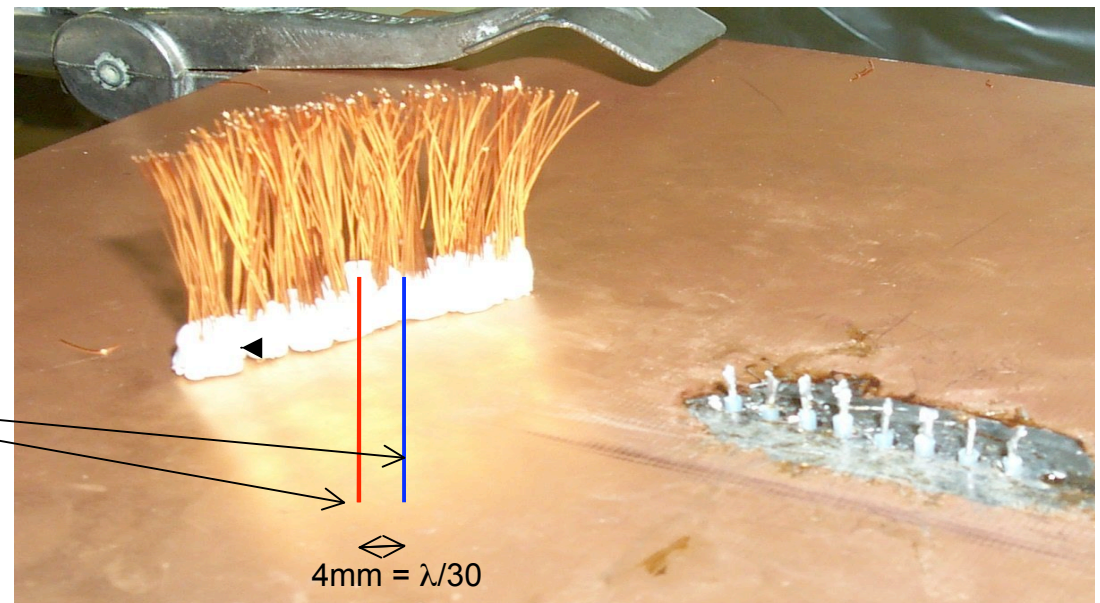
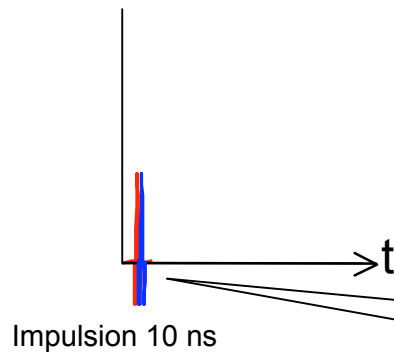
1.5 m^3 reverberating room





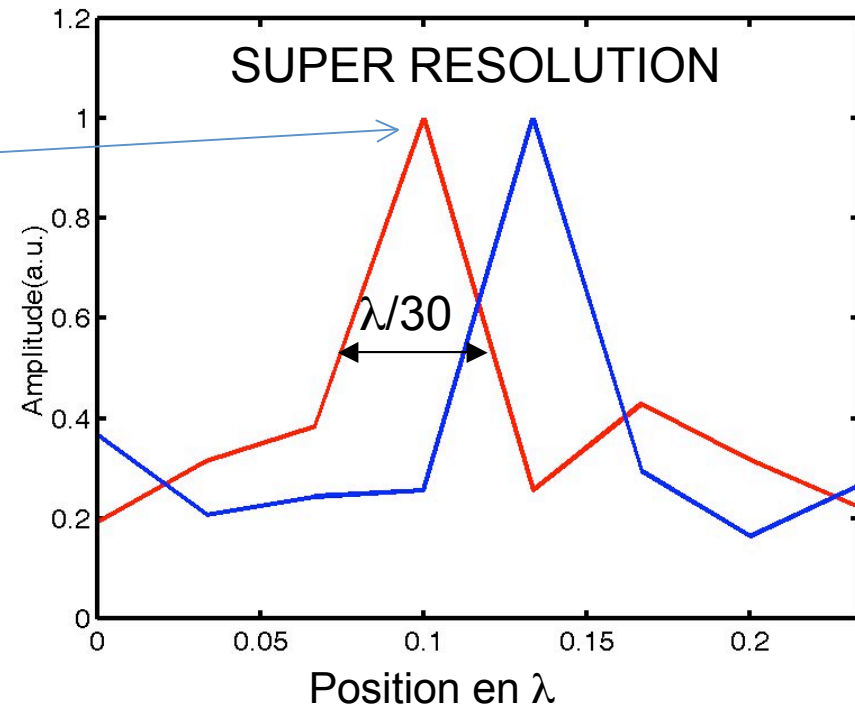
Signal recorded in far field
by
one antenna of the TRM

Bandwidth 100 MHz

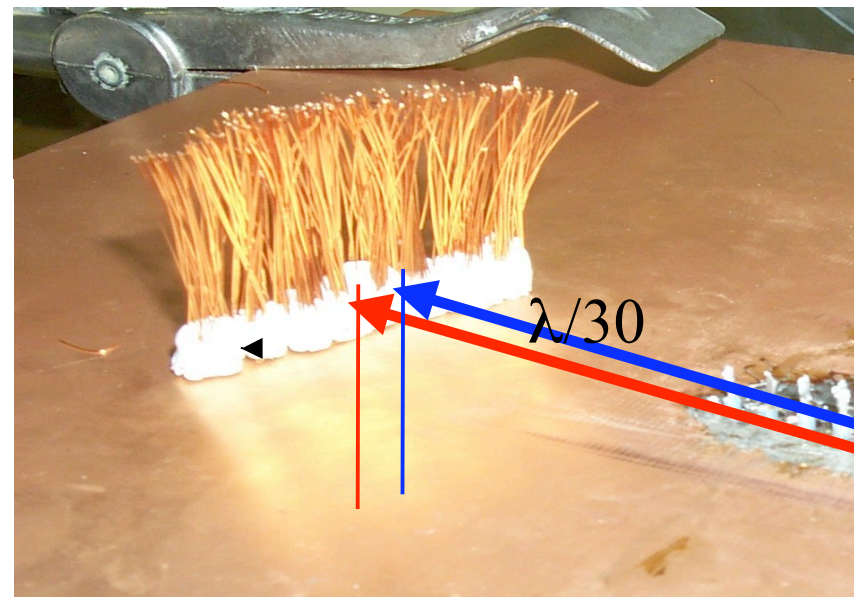
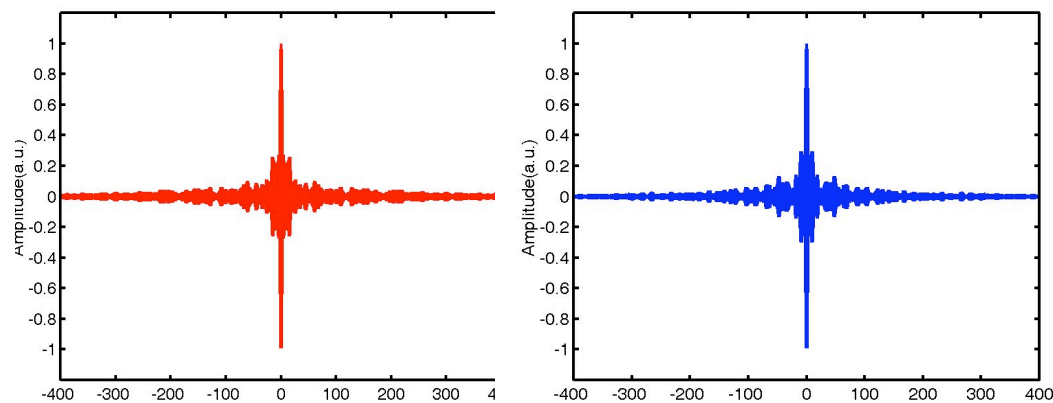


Sub-wavelength resolution with far field time reversal

Number of modes



Signals observed on wire red or I from the time-reversal signals



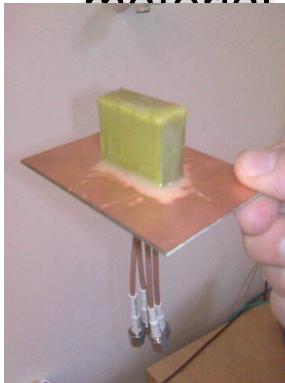
Telecommunications

3 bitstreams (RGB) with a data rate of 50 Mbits/s each.

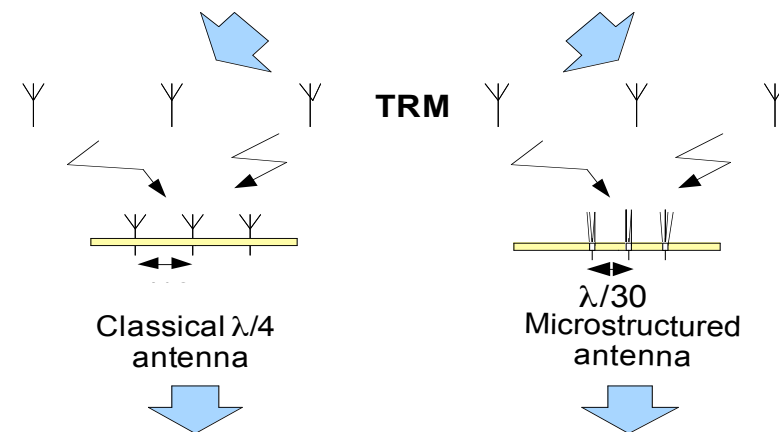
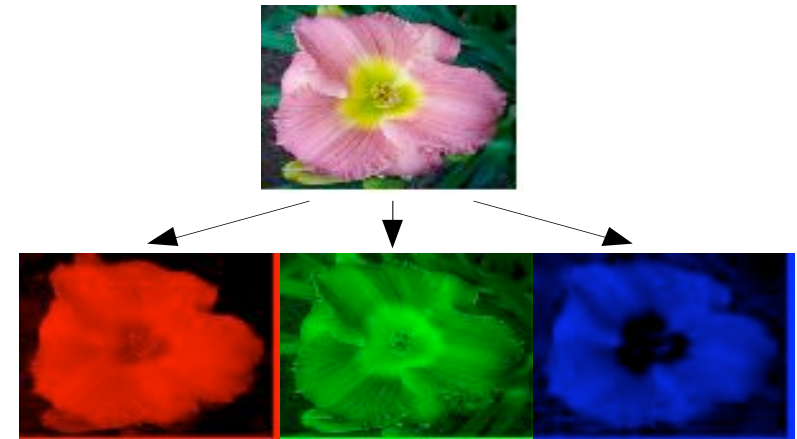
The intended global data rate is thus 150 Mbits/s.

The TRM is made of 3 antenna
2.45 GHz central frequency
180 MHz bandwidth

New prototype in PCB



SA Time Reversal
Communications

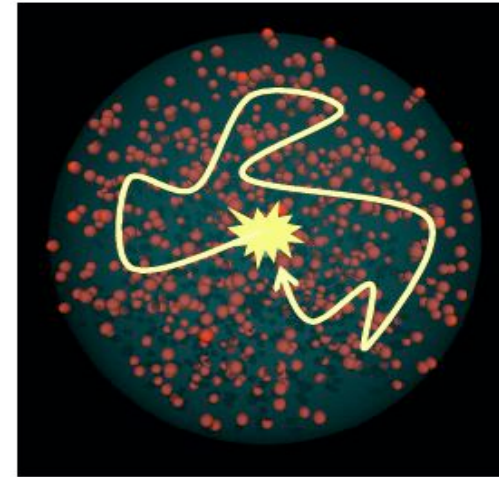
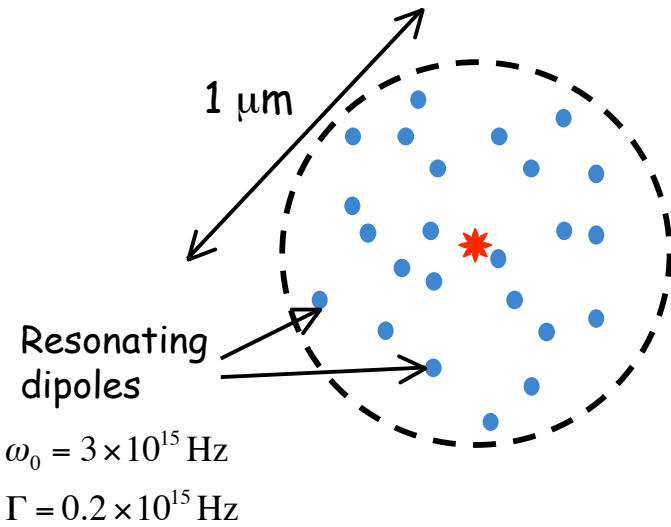


(a)



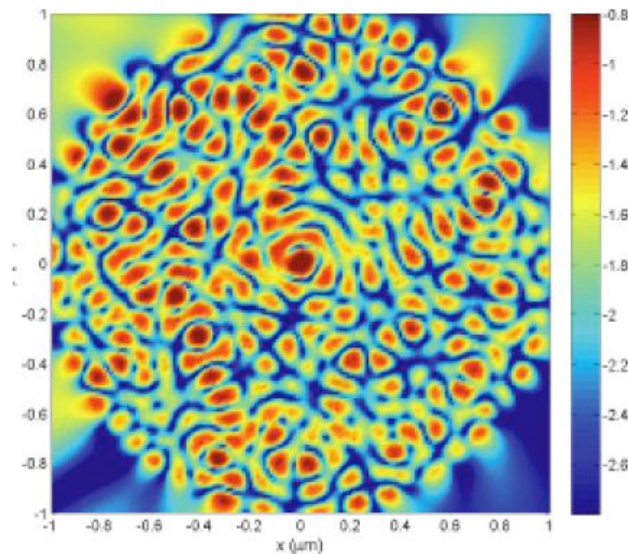
(b)

A numerical simulation of a random distribution of resonating dipoles

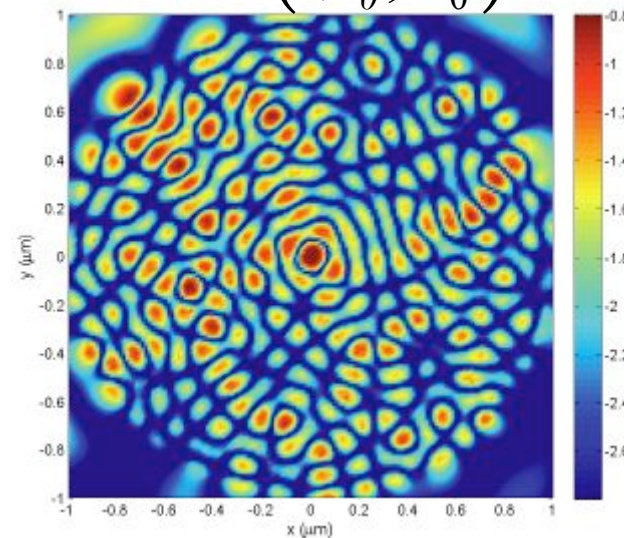


\vec{r}_0 can be at a zero LDOS point for ω_0

$$|\hat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega_0)|$$



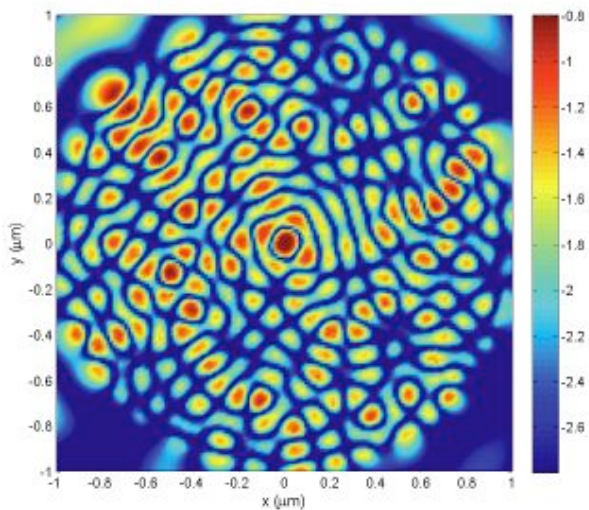
$$\text{Im } \hat{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega_0) \text{ at one frequency}$$



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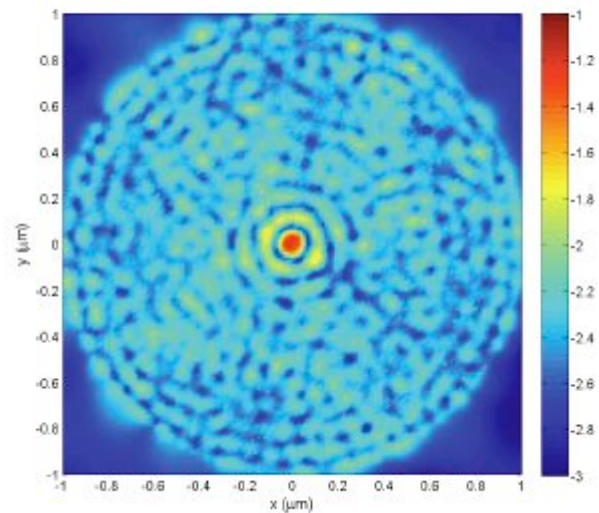
TR field at ω_0

Monochromatic



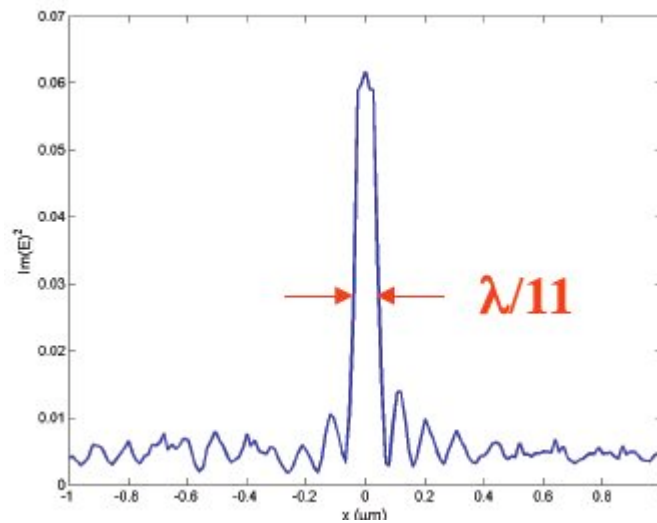
$$\text{Im } G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega_0)$$

$\Delta\omega = 0.25 \times 10^{15}$ Hz



$$\int_{\Delta\omega} \text{Im } G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; \omega) d\omega$$

Broadband time-reversed field at the focal time



Sub-wavelength control of nano-optical fields

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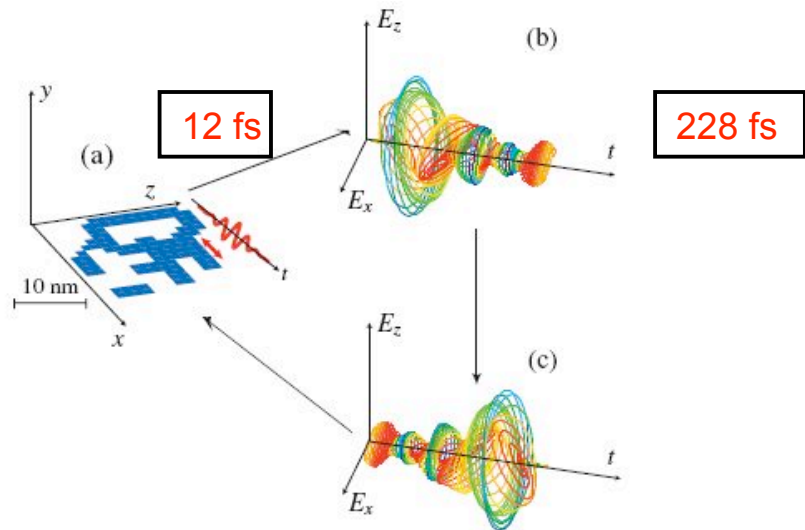
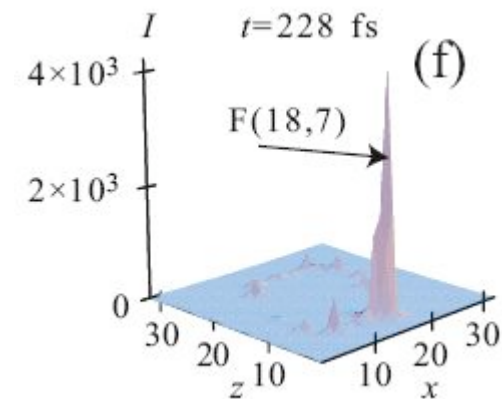


Figure 3. (a) Geometry of nanosystem, initial excitation dipole and its oscillation waveform. The nanosystem as a thin nanostructured silver film is depicted in blue. A position of the oscillating dipole that initially excites the system is indicated by a double red arrow, and its oscillation in time is shown by a bold red waveform. (b) Field in the far-field zone that is generated by the system following the excitation by the local oscillating dipole: vector $\{E_x(t), E_z(t)\}$ is shown as a function of the observation time t . The color corresponds to the instantaneous ellipticity as explained in the text in connection with (c), the same as in (b) but for a time-reversed pulse in the far zone that is used as an excitation pulse to drive the optical energy nanolocalization at the position of the initial dipole.

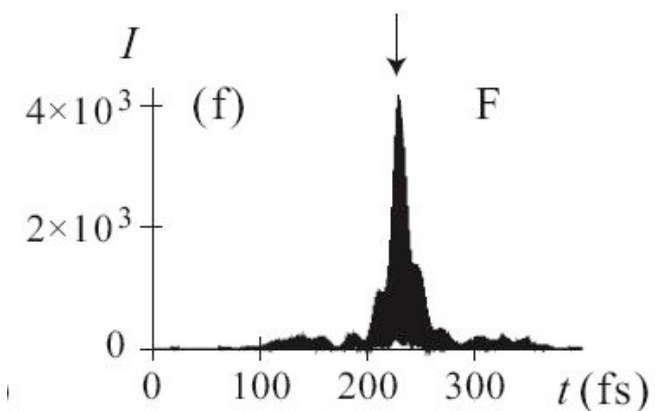
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Surface Plasmon modes

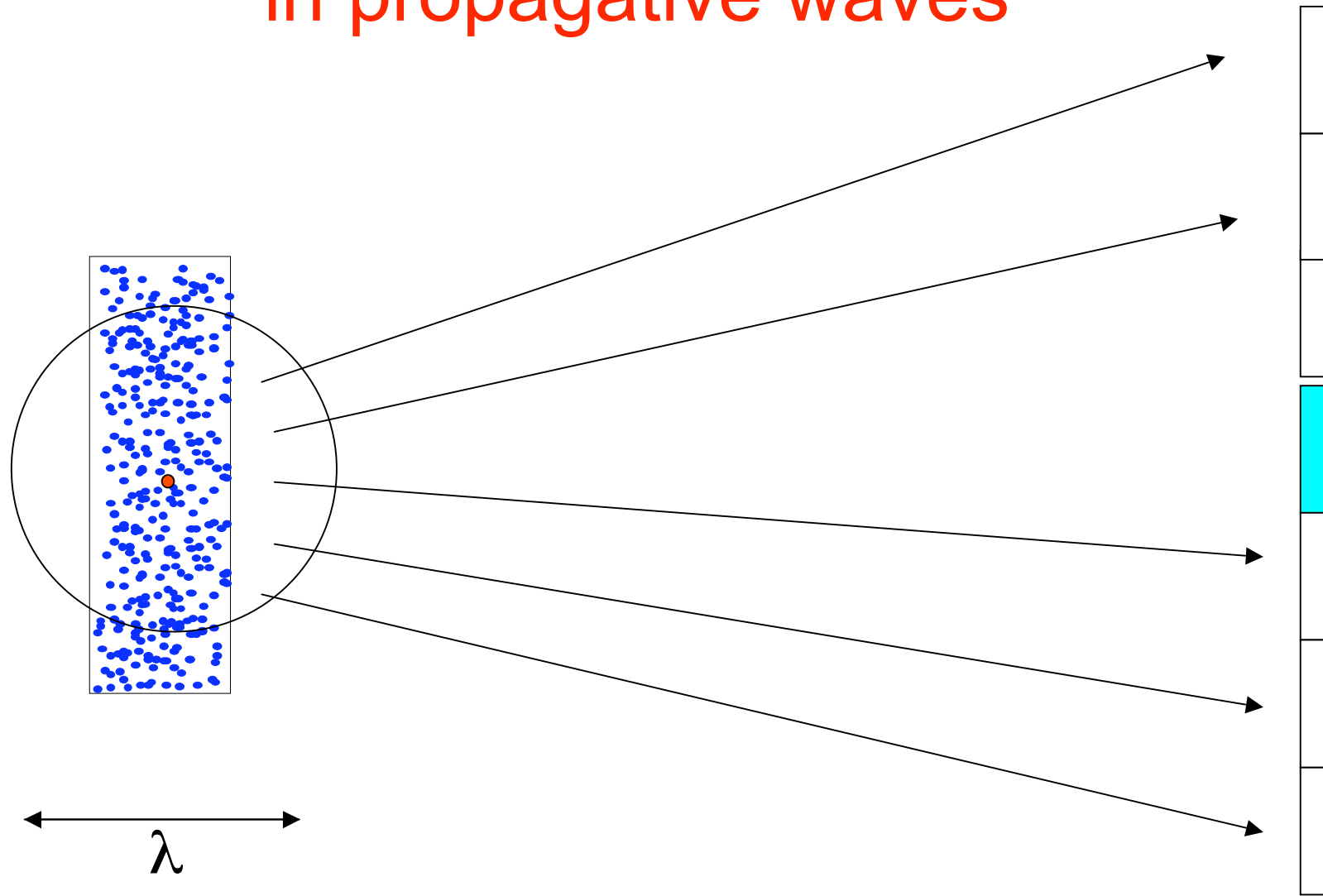
TR refocusing



Time compression



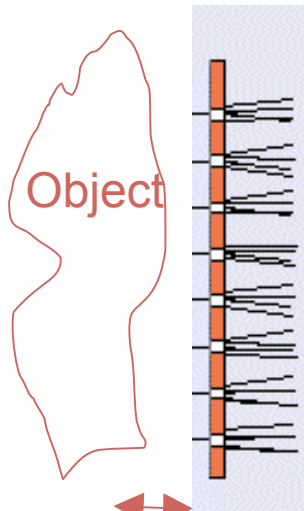
The evanescent field is converted
in propagative waves



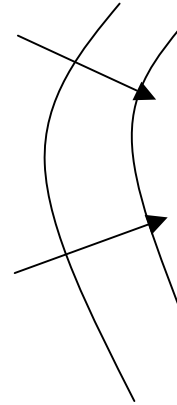
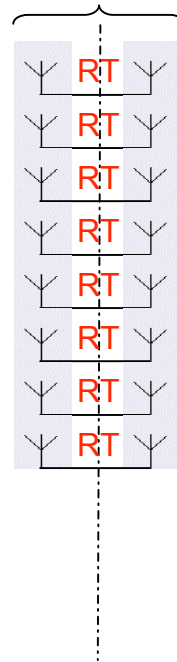
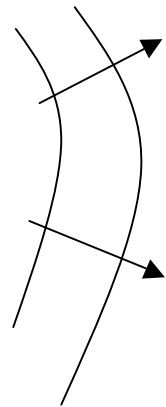
A time-reversal Hyperlens!!!

TR Lens

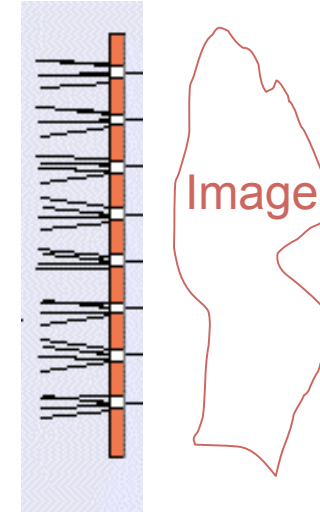
Microstructured medium



$D \ll \lambda$

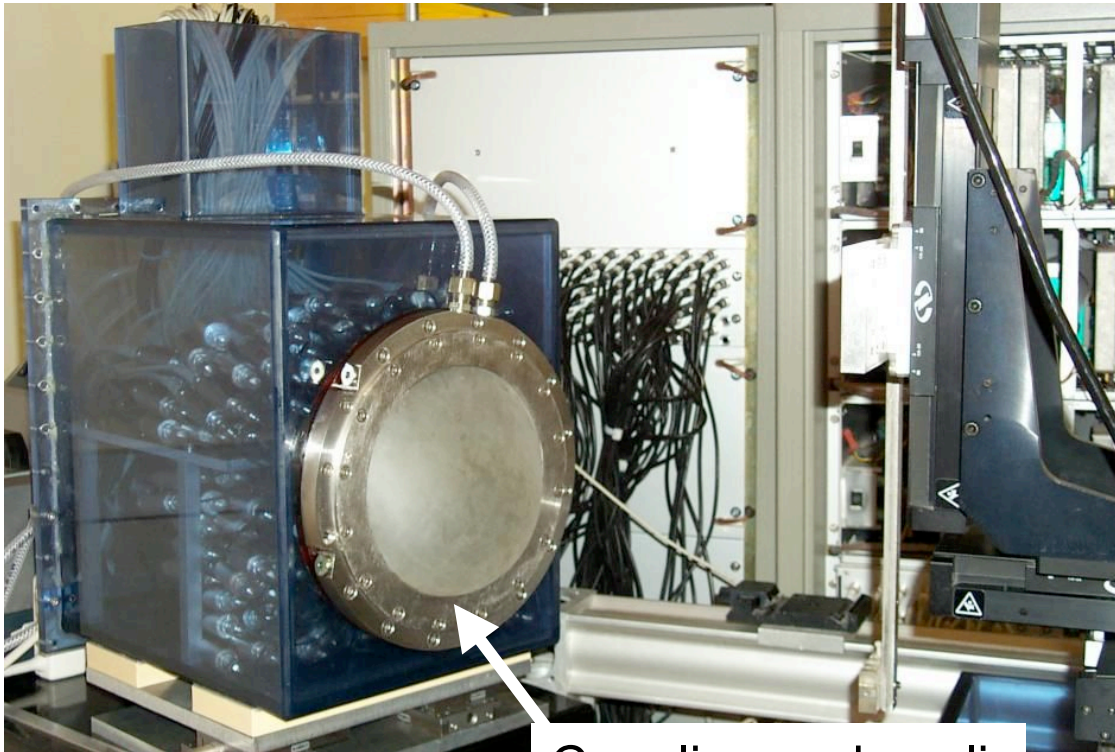


Microstructured medium



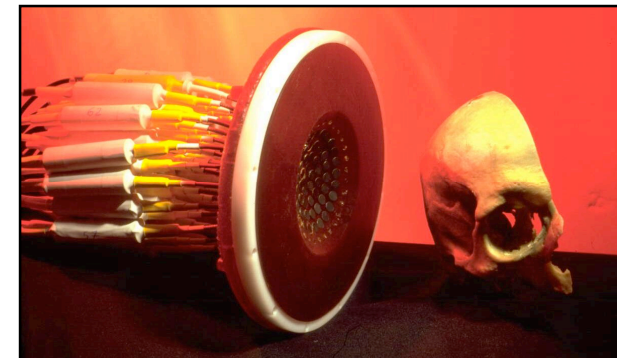
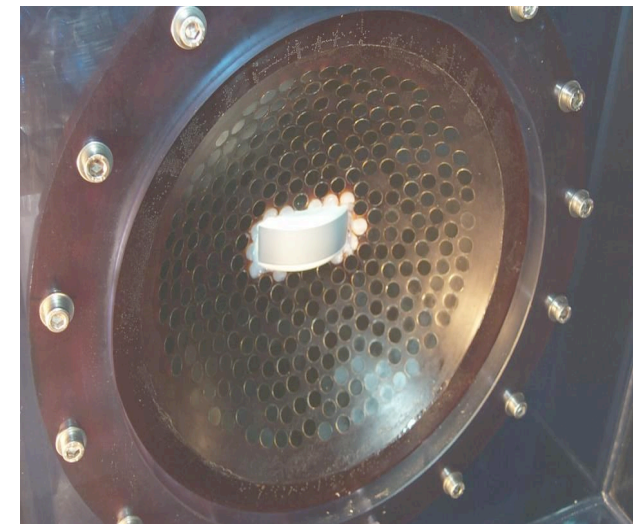
High power time-reversal mirror for ultrasound therapy

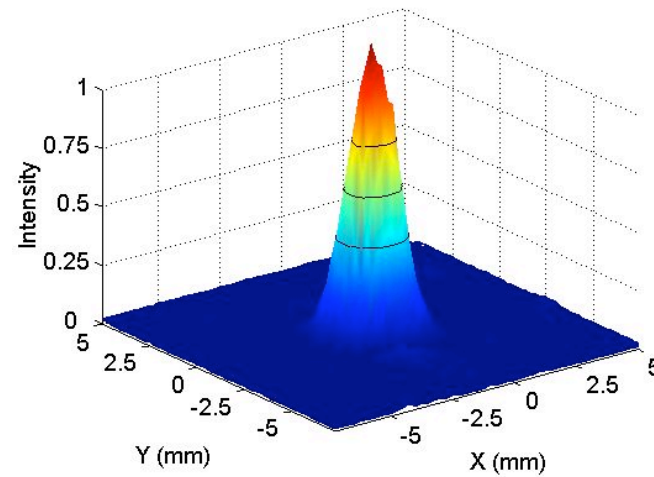
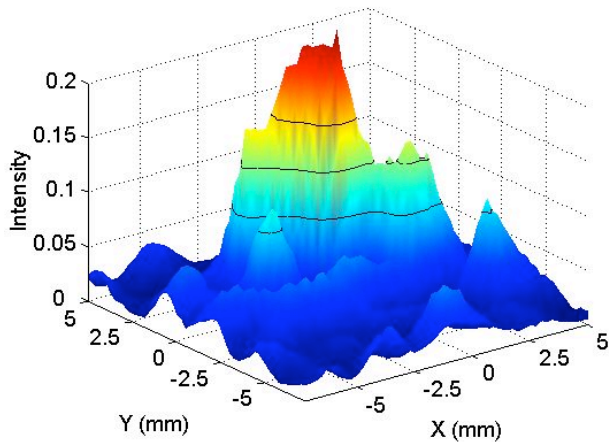
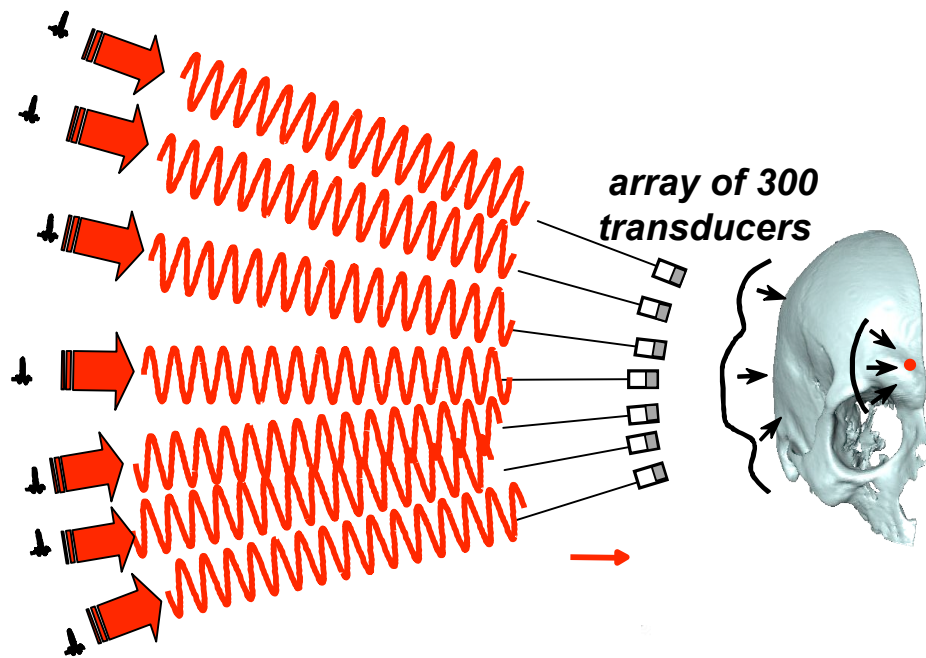
With high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) in sinusoidal mode (70 bars), a beam transmitted during **several seconds** induces a temperature increase sufficient to necrose tissue (proteins coagulation temperature)



Coupling and cooling system

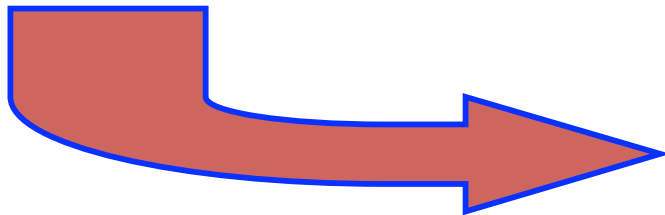
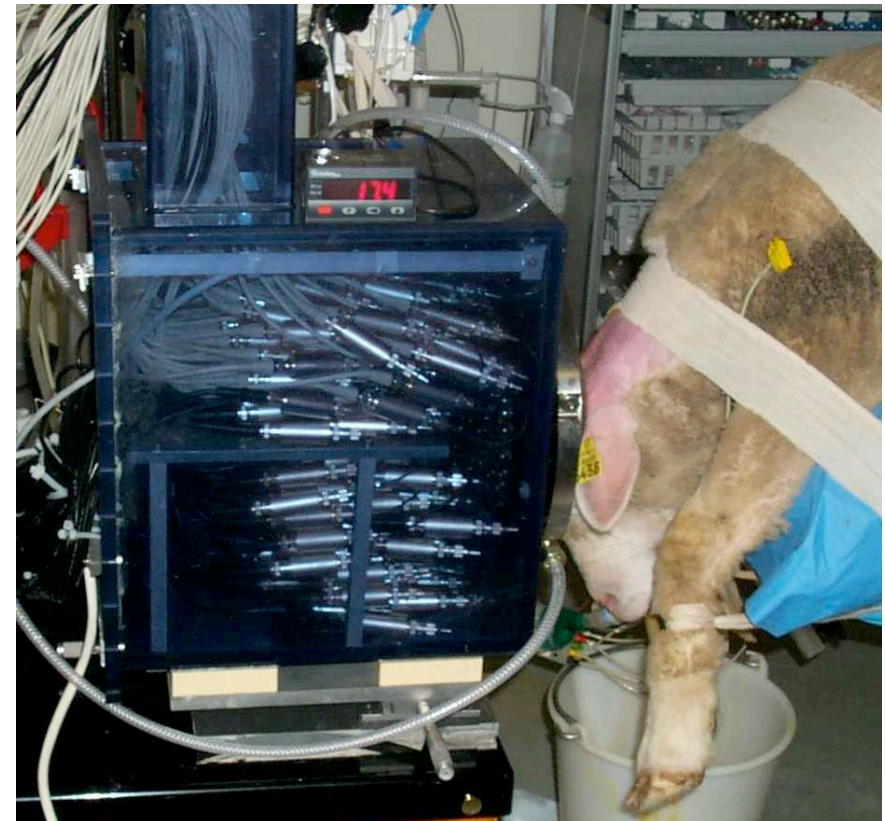
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Mathieu Pernot, Mathias Fink*





Acoustic pressure at focal point:
 - 70 Bars, 1600 W.cm⁻² (with TR)
 - 15 Bars, 80 W.cm⁻² (without
 correction)

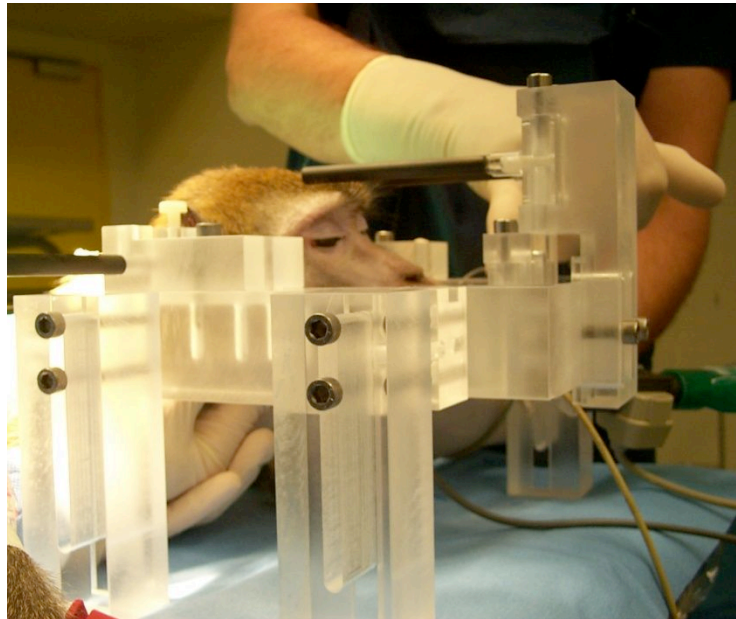
Experiment on sheep, Institut Montsouris



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Experiment on monkeys, Institut Montsouris

One use a 3D image of the skull obtained with X ray CT to deduce a 3D model of ultrasonic propagation. A numerical simulation of the time reversal from virtual sources is made.

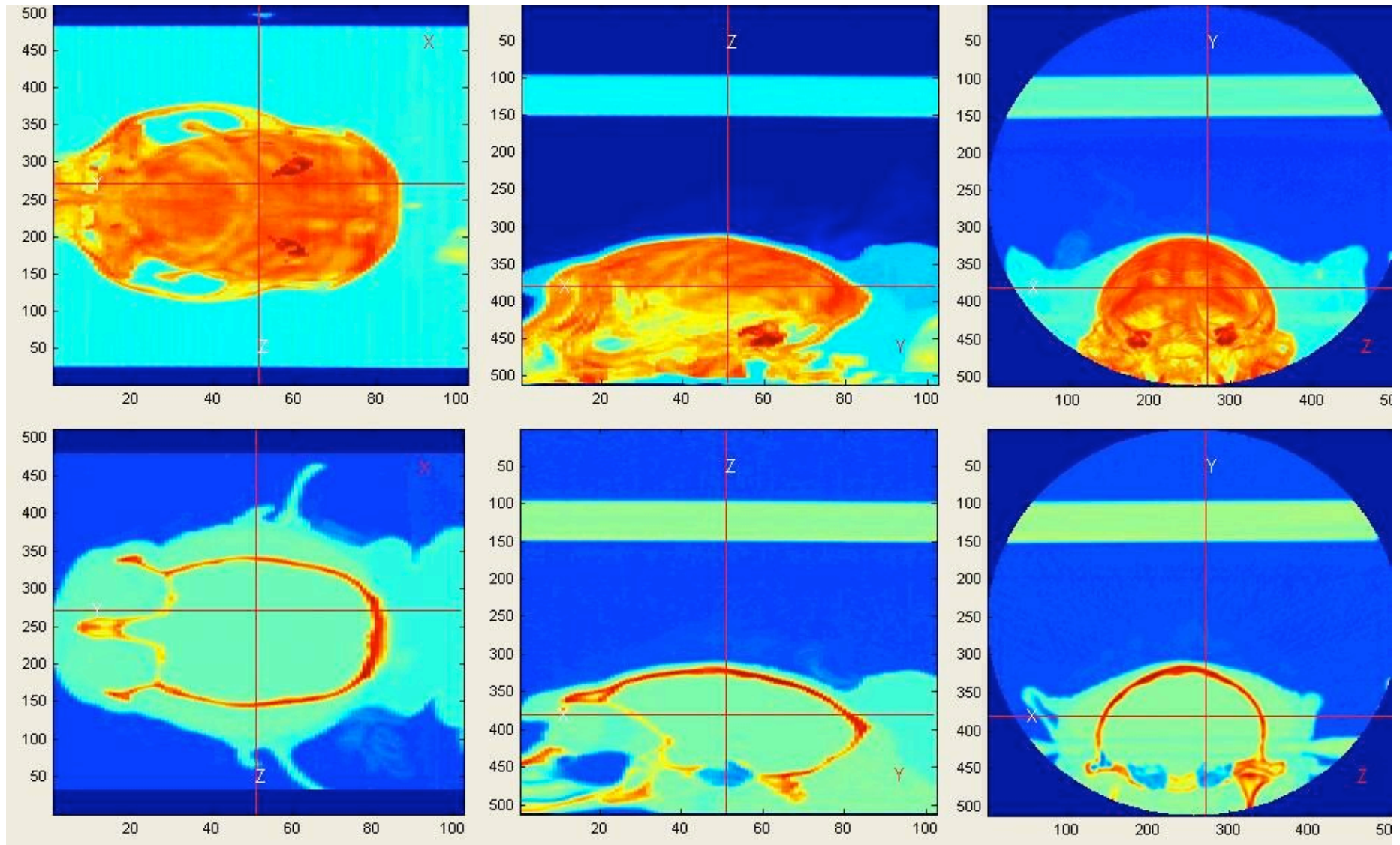


Stereotaxic frame

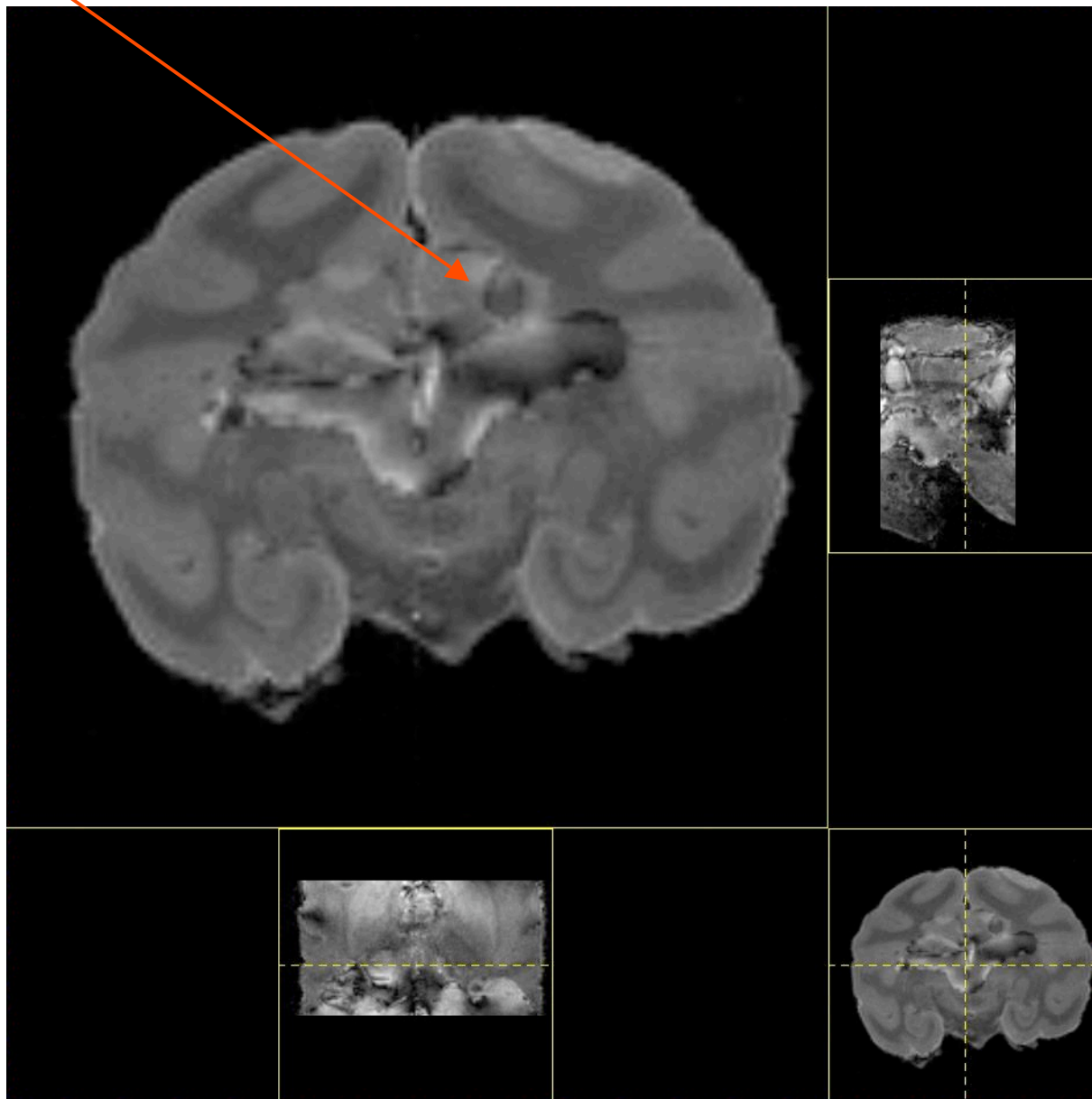


Monkey located in a CT scan

CT scan image from skull



Thermal necrosis obtained in vivo on monkey



New TRM, MR compatible, Supersonic Imagine

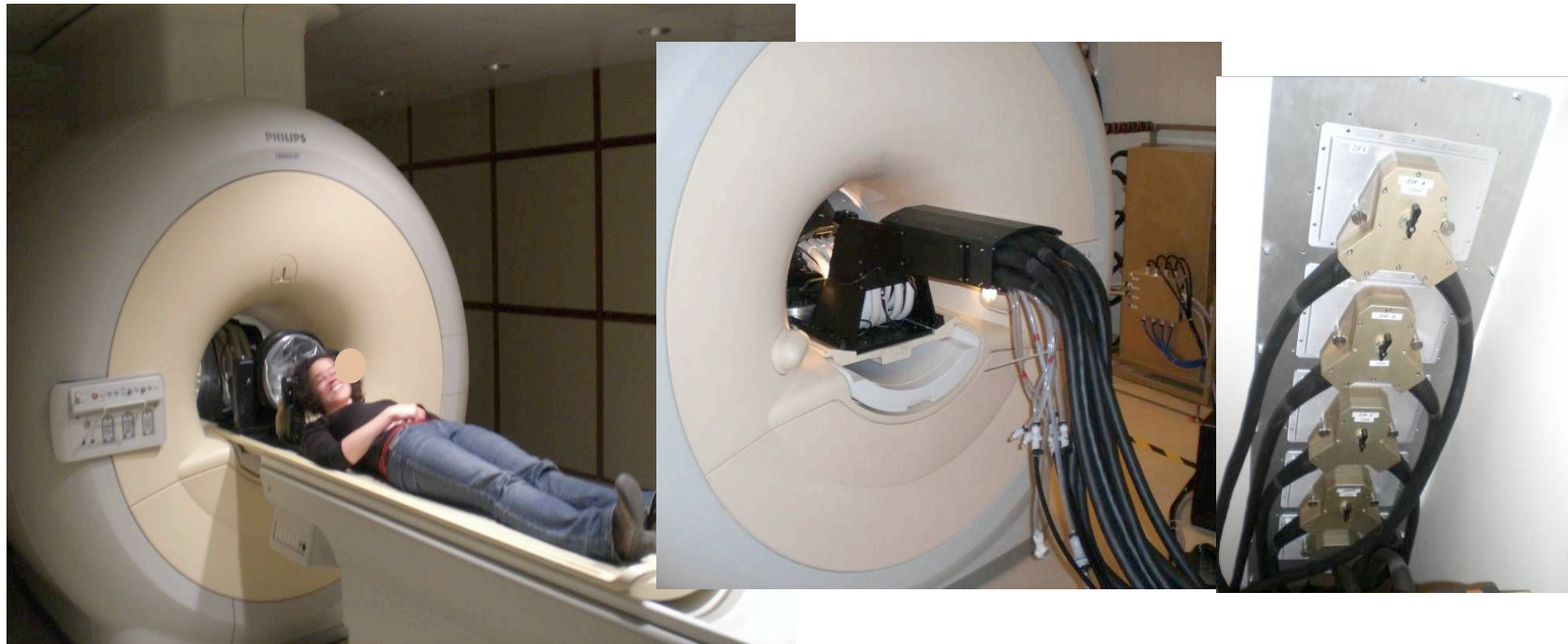


Location at CIERM (Kremlin Bicêtre) in April 2009

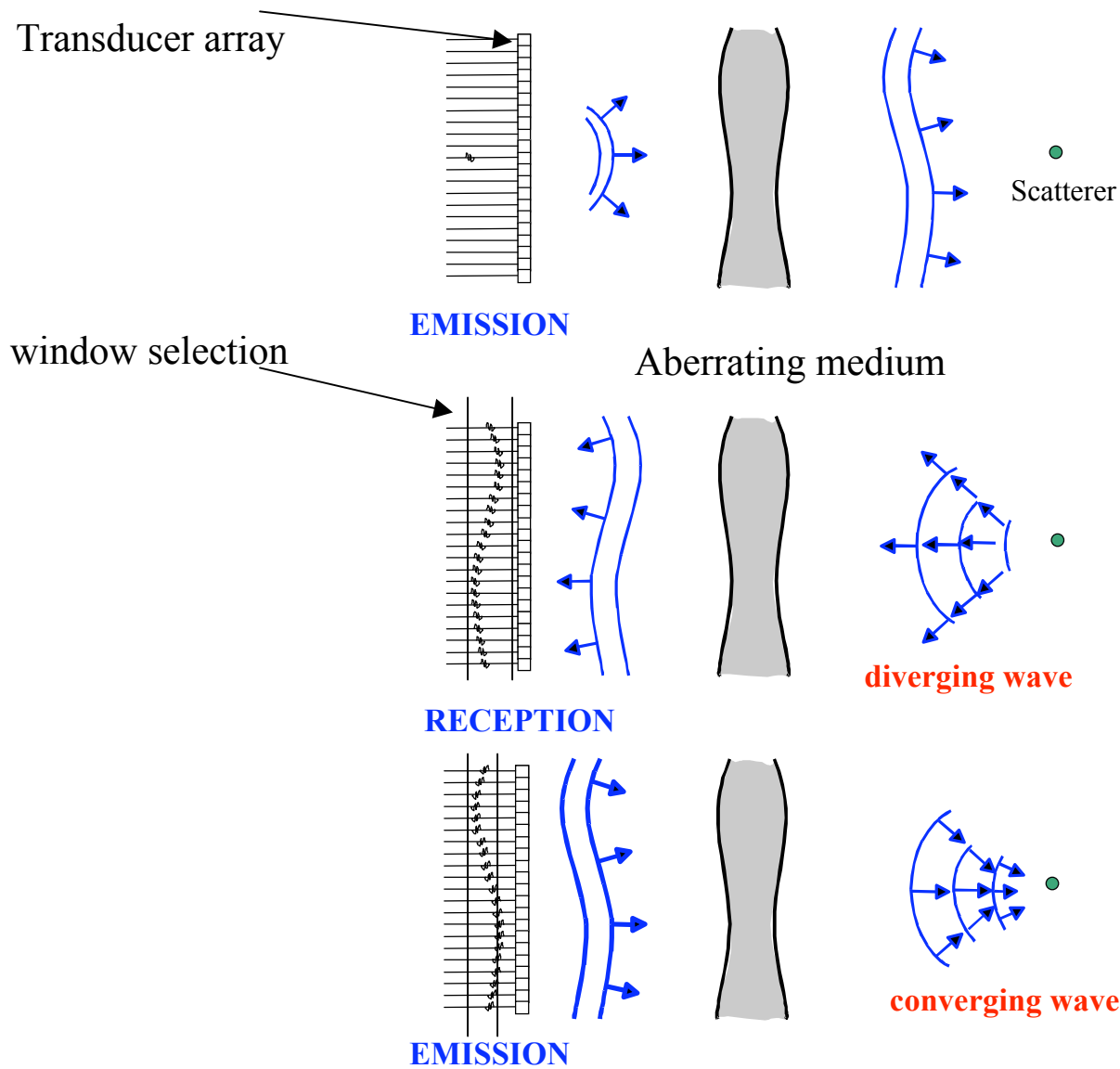
TRM, 512 éléments



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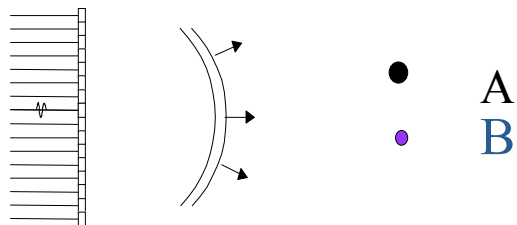
Radar et Sonar à retournement temporel : 1 cible



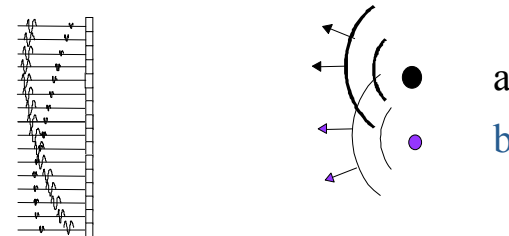
Retournement temporel iteratif : multi-cible

Multi target medium

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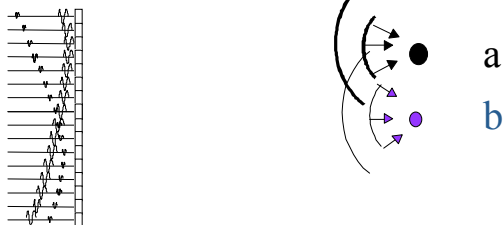


Reception 1 ←

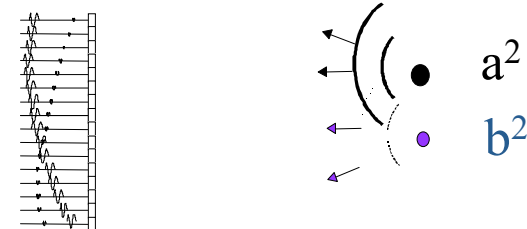


Transmission 2 →

Time reversal

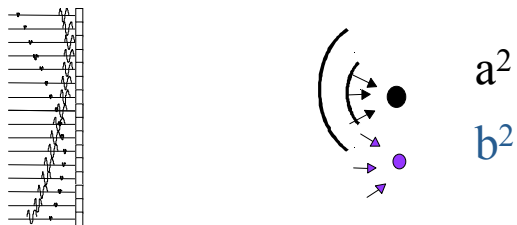


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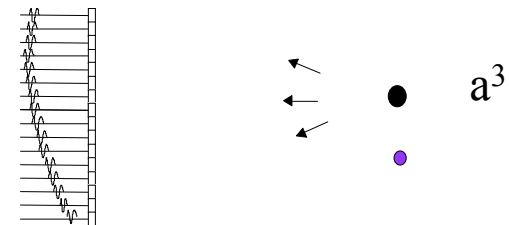


Transmission 3 →

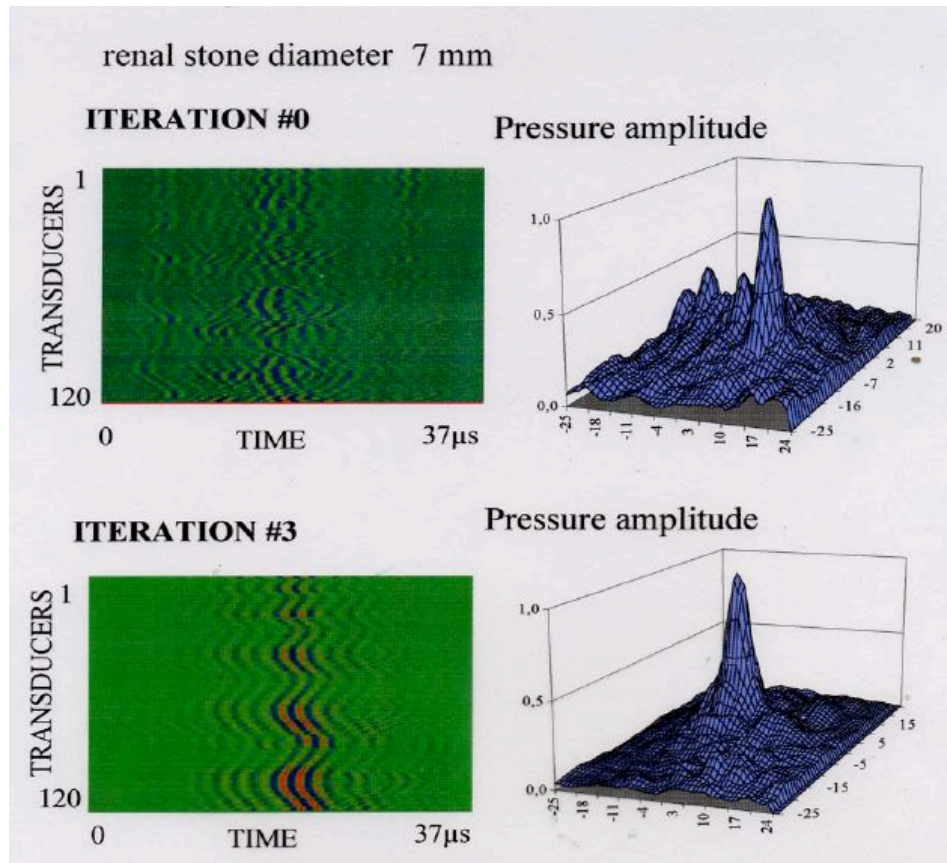
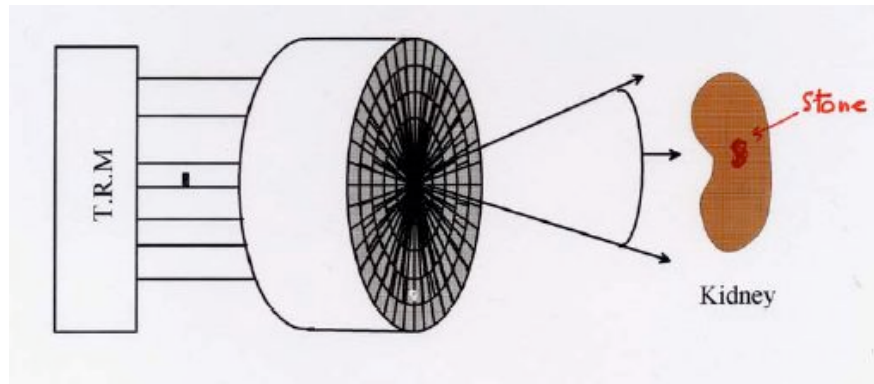
Time reversal



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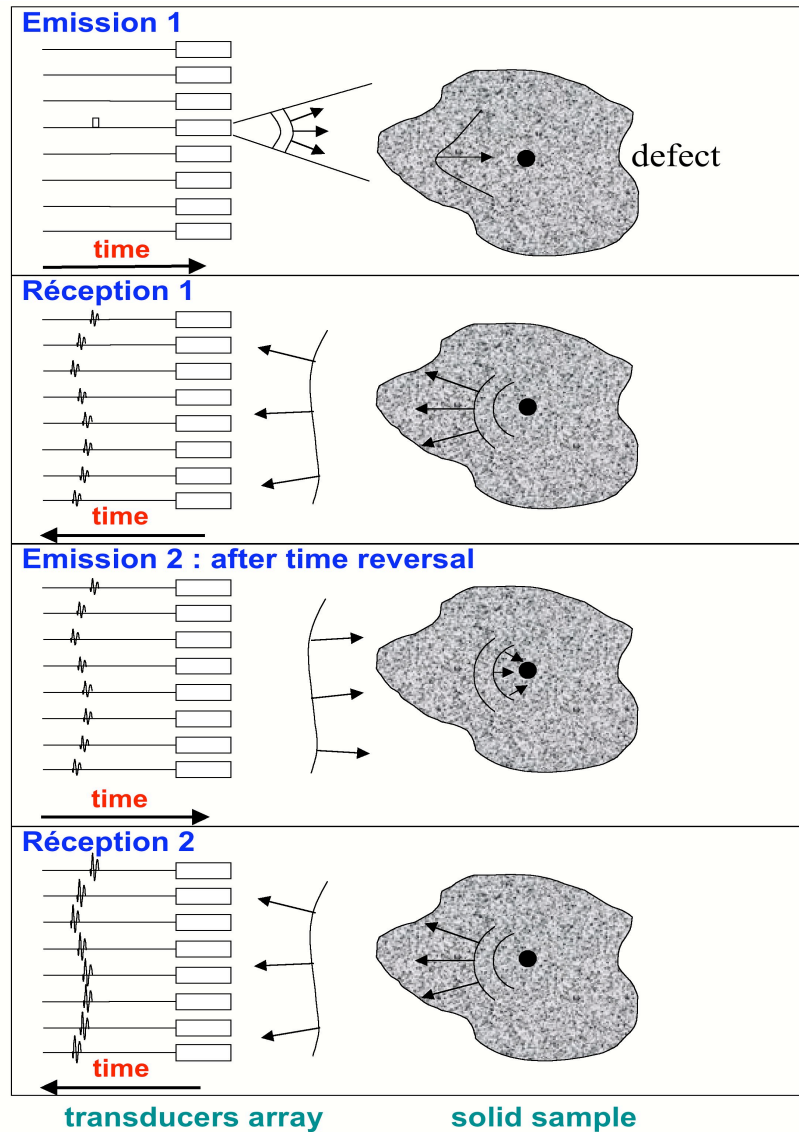


Application of TRM to Lithotripsy

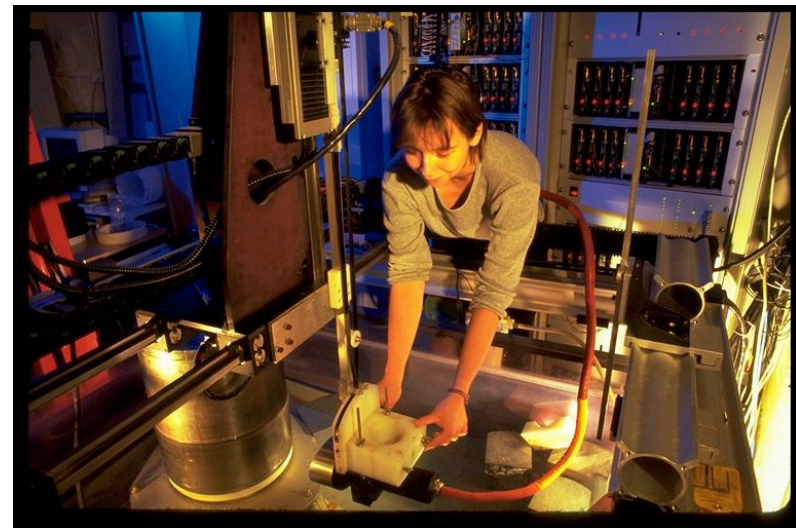
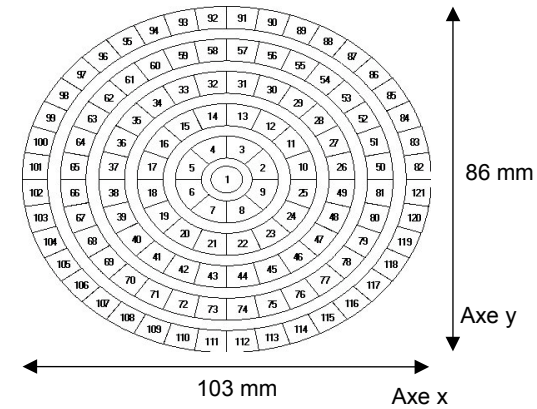


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Time Reversal Mirror in non-destructive testing



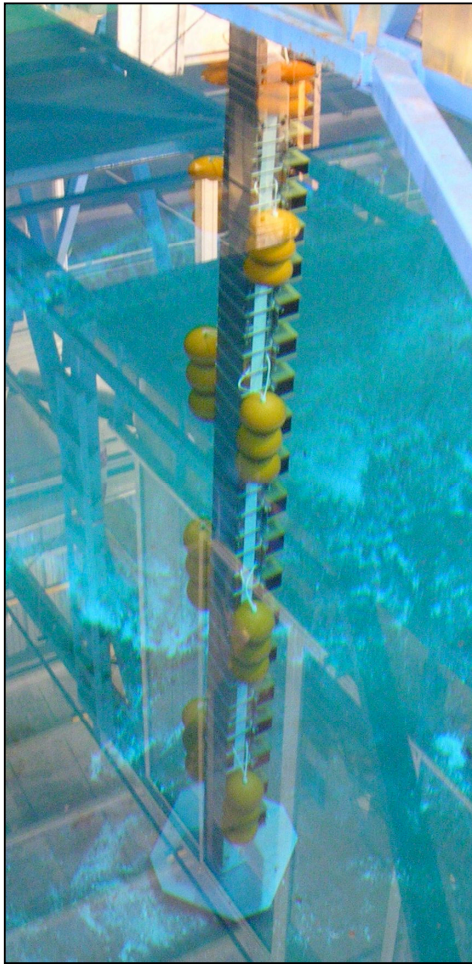
Applications to defect detection in titanium alloy (SNECMA)



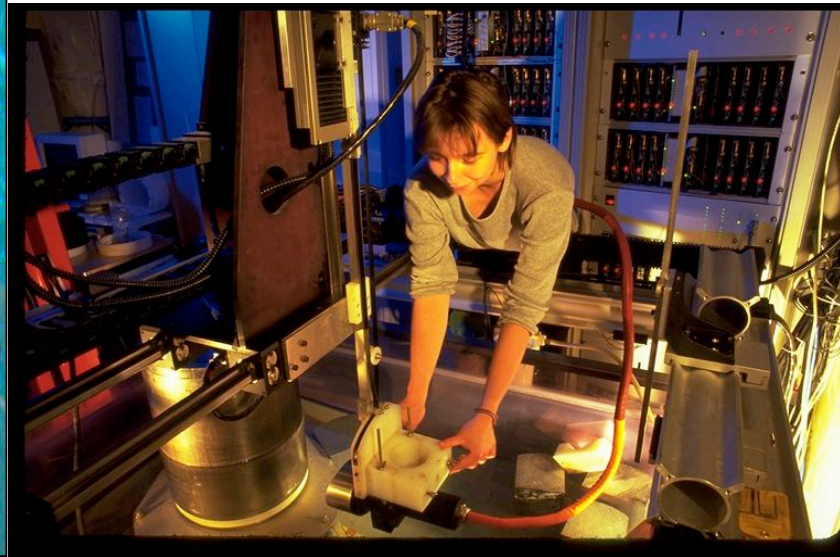
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Sonars à Retournement Temporel

Protection des ports
(DGA, Atlantide)



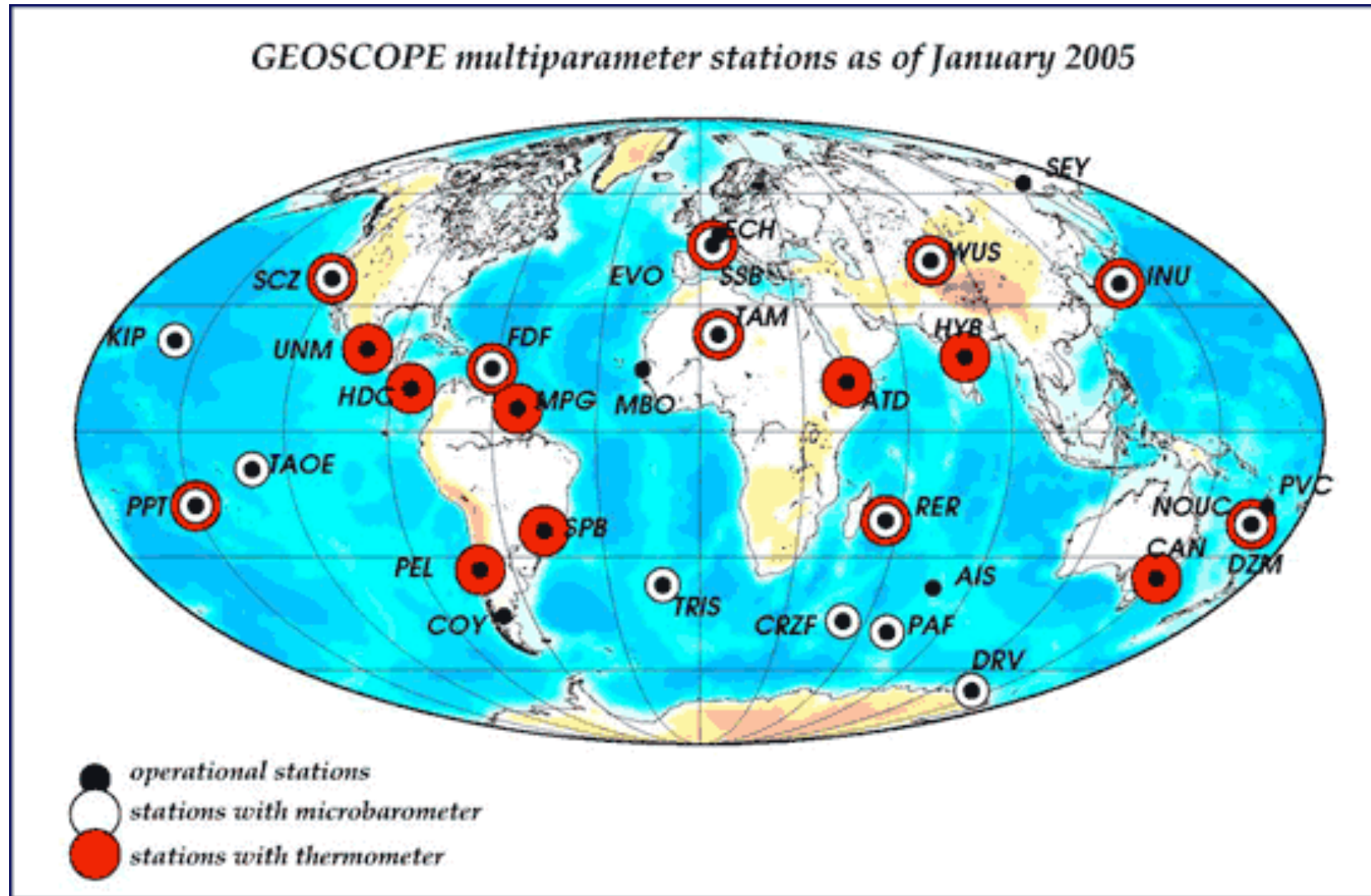
Détection de défauts dans les alliages
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Tracking et
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de calculs rénaux
(TECHNOMED)



TR en Sismologie

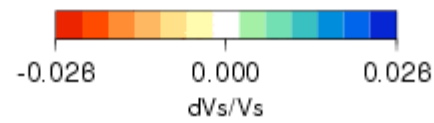
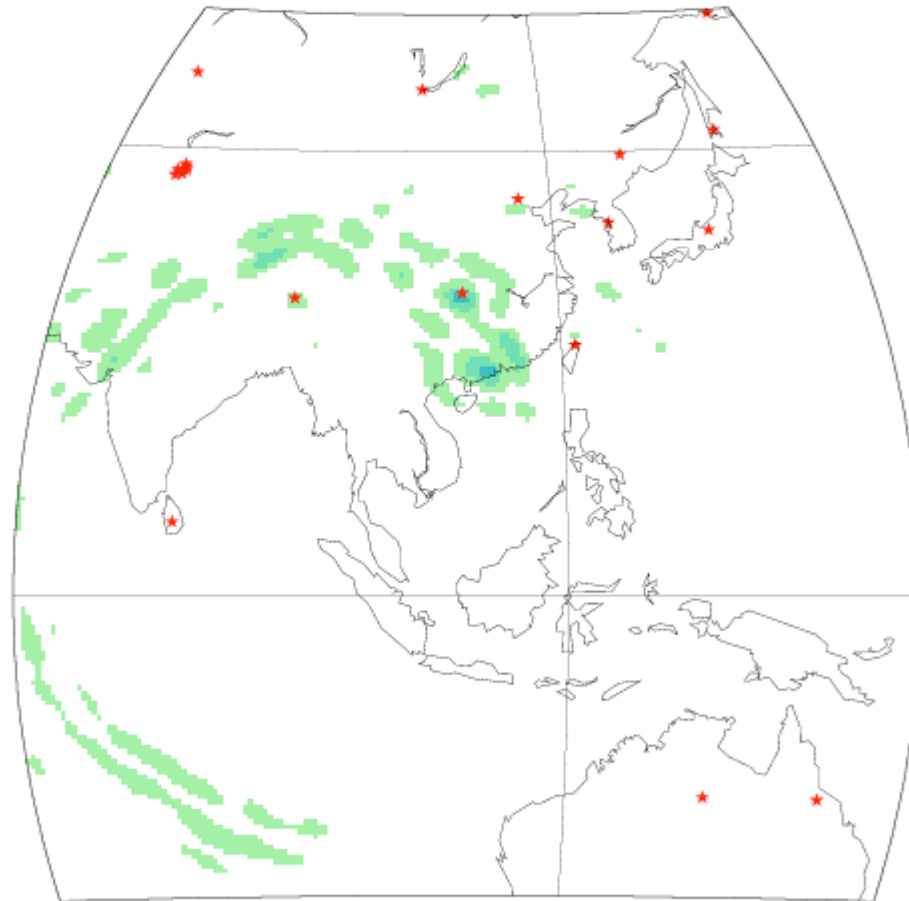


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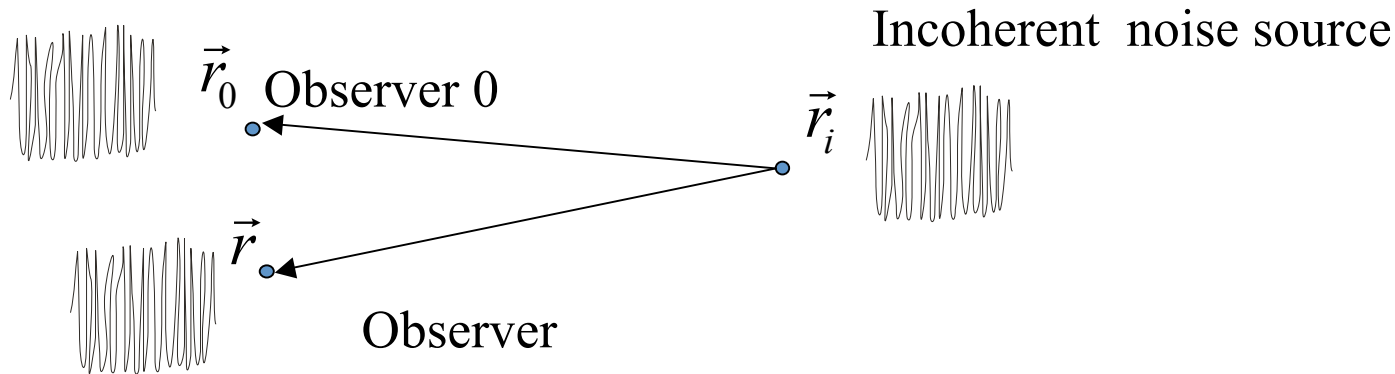
TIME REVERSAL IN SEISMOLOGY

- Application to real seismograms with broadband FDSN stations (165)
- Spatio-temporal Imaging of seismic source
- Detection of unknown seismic sources (“quiet” earthquakes, Seismic “Hum” of the Earth)
- Applications to seismic Tomography- Detection of mantle plumes

Time reversal of Sumatra traces



Spatial Correlation of Noise from a Point Source



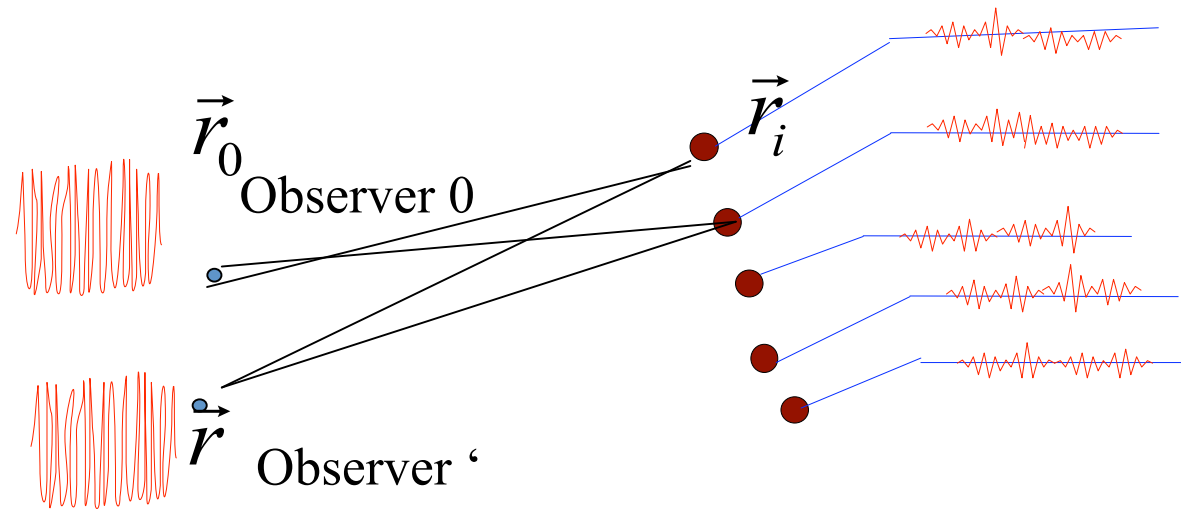
$$\text{Corr}(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}, t) \propto \{G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_i; t) \otimes n(t)\} \otimes \{G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}_i; -t) \otimes n(-t)\}$$

$$\text{If } n(t) \otimes n(-t) = \delta(t)$$

The noise correlation recorded by two observers gives, within a time derivative, the same result than a time-reversal experiment conducted with a one channel TRM

Spatially Distributed Source of Noise

with spatial correlation $\langle n(\vec{r}, t) n(-\vec{r}, -t) \rangle = \delta(\vec{r}, t)$



$$Corr(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}, t) \prec \iint \left\{ G(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}_i; t) \otimes n(\vec{r}_i, t) \right\} \otimes \left\{ G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_i; -t) \otimes n(-\vec{r}_i, -t) \right\} d^2 \vec{r}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Corr(\vec{r}_0, \vec{r}, t) \prec p_{tr}(\vec{r}, t) = G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; T - t) - G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0; t - T)$$

“By cross-correlating noise traces recorded at two locations, we can construct the wavefield that would be recorded at one locations if there was a source at the other”

Claerbout 's conjecture

- Helioseismology: (Solar impulse response) (<0.01Hz).
J. Claerbout & J. Rickett, Leading Edge, 1999.
- Geophysics: using coda arrivals or ambient seismic noise (0.1 – 0.3 Hz) . *Campillo & Paul, Science, 2003; Shapiro & Campillo, Geophys. Res. Lett. 2004.*
- Underwater Acoustics (70-130 Hz) *P. Roux and W. Kuperman, ASA 2003.*
- Ultrasonics: with diffuse and thermal noise in cavities (0.1 – 0.9 MHz) *R. Weaver & O. Lobkiss JASA 2001 & 2003.*
- Ultrasonics: in scattering medium with several sources (1MHz). *A. Derode, E. Larose, M. Campillo, M. Fink JASA 2003,*

Coherent signals from noise data

Experimental demonstration in ultrasonics (0.1 – 0.9 MHz)

R.L. Weaver & O.I. Lobkis, Phys. Rev. Lett., 2001

