

# Soliton Steering in Parity-Time Symmetric Nonlinear Couplers

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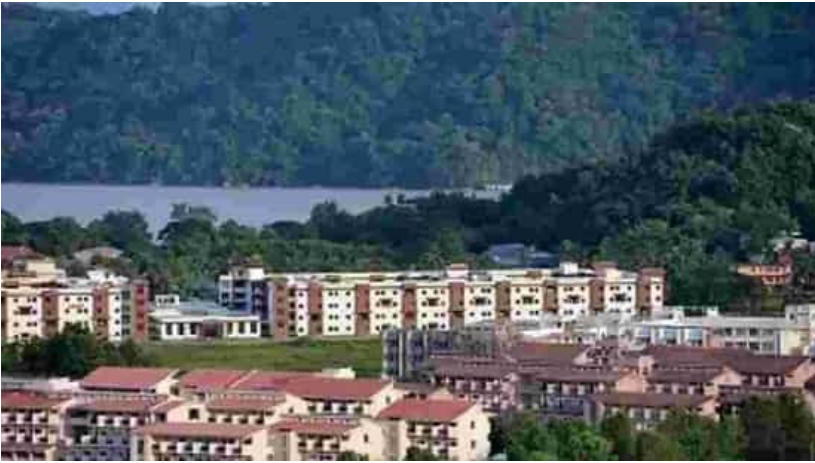
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Quantum Optics  
Nonlinear Optics  
PT-Physics  
Quantum Optomechanics  
Soliton Physics



# Our Recent Contributions to PT-Physics

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## **Continuous and discrete Schrödinger systems with parity-time-symmetric nonlinearities**

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## Dark soliton steering in $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers with third-order and intermodal dispersions

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# Outline

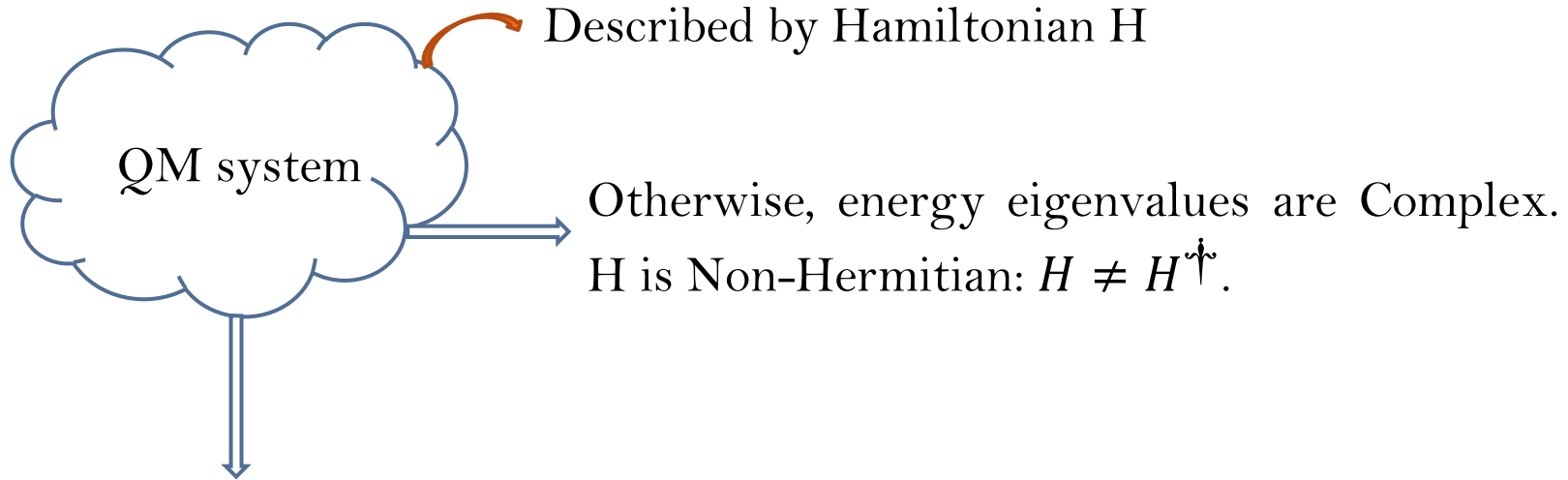
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- PT-symmetry in coupled waveguide system in Optics
- Nonlinear Coupler
- Soliton Steering in Nonlinear Coupler
- Troubles with Conventional Nonlinear Coupler
- Non-Hermitian Physics may be the saviour!
- Soliton Steering in Nonlinear Coupler
- Ultrashort pulse steering dynamics in PT-coupler with Kerr-nonlinearity
- Short pulse steering dynamics in PT-coupler with Saturating nonlinearity
- Conclusions



# Basics of QM

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If Energy is experimentally measurable,  
energy eigenvalues of the system are Real.

$H$  is assumed to be Hermitian:  $H = H^\dagger$ .

- ▶ Even a Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian can exhibit REAL eigenvalue, **if  $H$  is PT-symmetric!**

# PT-Symmetry in Quantum Mechanics

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## Real Spectra in Non-Hermitian Hamiltonians Having $\mathcal{PT}$ Symmetry

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The condition of self-adjointness ensures that the eigenvalues of a Hamiltonian are real and bounded below. Replacing this condition by the weaker condition of  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry, one obtains new infinite classes of complex Hamiltonians whose spectra are also real and positive. These  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetric theories may be viewed as analytic continuations of conventional theories from real to complex phase space. This paper describes the unusual classical and quantum properties of these theories. [S0031-9007(98)06371-6]

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# PT SYMMETRY IN QUANTUM PHYSICS: FROM A MATHEMATICAL CURIOSITY TO OPTICAL EXPERIMENTS

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## Observation of parity–time symmetry in optics

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One of the fundamental axioms of quantum mechanics is associated with the Hermiticity of physical observables<sup>1</sup>. In the case of the Hamiltonian operator, this requirement not only implies real eigenenergies but also guarantees probability

( $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_{\text{th}}$ ), the spectrum ceases to be real and starts to involve imaginary eigenvalues. This signifies the onset of a spontaneous *PT* symmetry-breaking, that is, a ‘phase transition’ from the exact to broken-*PT* phase<sup>7,50</sup>.

QM

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \psi$$

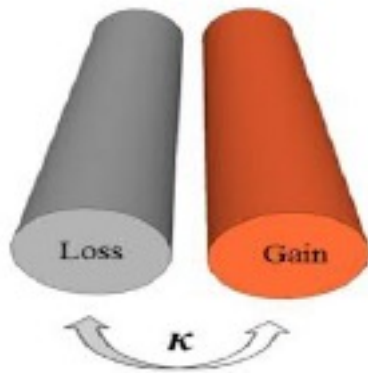
- PT-symmetric if  $V(x) = V^*(-x)$

Optics

$$i \frac{\partial E(x, z)}{\partial z} = \left[ -\frac{1}{2k_0 n_0} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \right] E(x, z)$$

- Optical Potential:  $V(x) = k_0(n_R(x) + in_I(x))$
- PT-symmetric if  $n_R(x) = n_R(-x)$  and  $n_I(x) = -n_I(-x)$

# COUPLED WAVEGUIDES



$$i\frac{da}{dt} - i\gamma a + \kappa b = 0, \quad i\frac{db}{dt} + i\gamma b + \kappa a = 0$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} i\gamma & -\kappa \\ -\kappa & -i\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \gamma^2}$$

$$|1\rangle_{belowEP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\Theta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |2\rangle_{belowEP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -e^{-i\Theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin\Theta = \gamma/\kappa$$

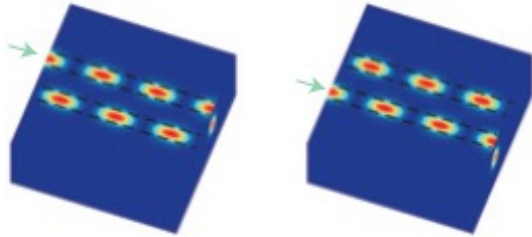
$$|1\rangle_{aboveEP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ ie^{\Theta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |2\rangle_{aboveEP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ ie^{-\Theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cosh\Theta = \gamma/\kappa$$

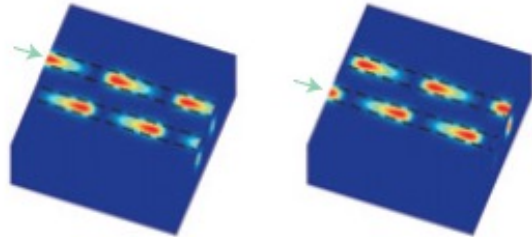
# Launch condition is important in $\mathcal{PT}$ Systems!

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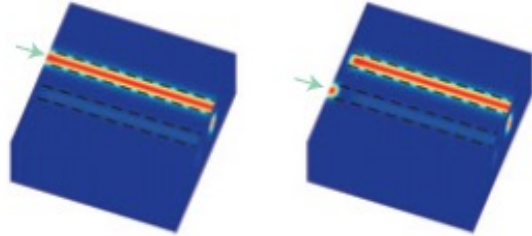
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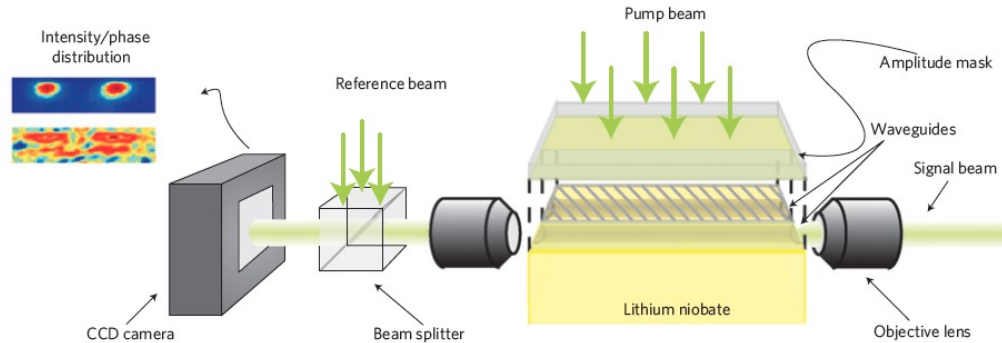
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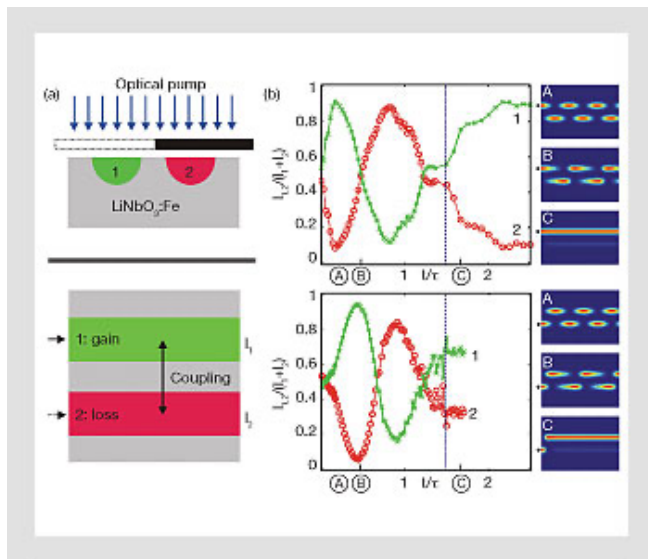
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# THE EXPERIMENT



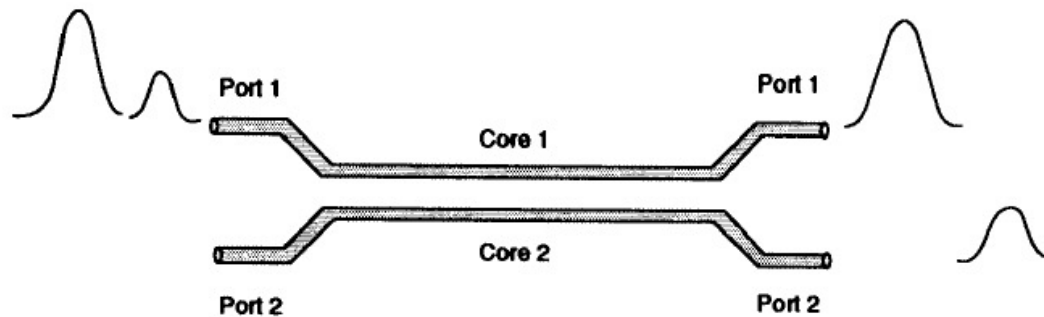
**Figure 2 | Experimental set-up.** An  $\text{Ar}^+$  laser beam (wavelength 514.5 nm) is coupled into the arms of the structure fabricated on a photorefractive  $\text{LiNbO}_3$  substrate. An amplitude mask blocks the pump beam from entering channel 2, thus enabling two-wave mixing gain only in channel 1. A CCD camera is used to monitor both the intensity and phases at the output.



(a) Front (top) and top (bottom) view of the PT-symmetric coupled system fabricated in  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ . (b) Measured (normalized) intensities  $I_{1,2}$  at the output facet during optical pumping as a function of time  $t$  (normalized by the time constant  $\tau$  for build-up of gain). The upper/lower panel shows the situation when light is coupled into channel 1 and 2, respectively. Clearly, with increasing gain, the system behaves in a nonreciprocal manner. Blue dashed lines mark the symmetry-breaking threshold. Above that, light is predominantly guided in channel 1—thus experiencing gain—and the intensity in both channels depends solely on the magnitude of the gain. The power evolution is also depicted (last column) at various times.



# NONLINEAR COUPLER

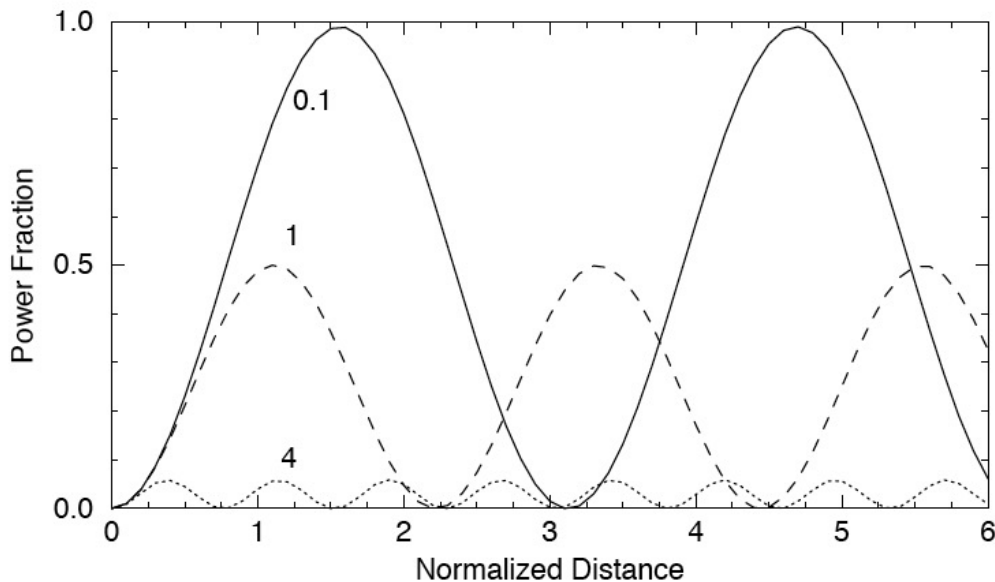


Input pulses appear at different output ports depending on their peak powers

$$\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial t} + \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_1}{\partial t^2} = i\kappa A_2 + i\gamma(|A_1|^2 + \sigma|A_2|^2)A_1,$$

$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial t} + \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_2}{\partial t^2} = i\kappa A_1 + i\gamma(|A_2|^2 + \sigma|A_1|^2)A_2,$$

# Coupler: Low power optical beams (CW )



Fraction of power transferred to the second core plotted as a function of  $kz$

$$\frac{dA_1}{dz} = i\kappa_{12}A_2 + i\delta_a A_1$$
$$\frac{dA_2}{dz} = i\kappa_{21}A_1 - i\delta_a A_2$$

$$P_1(L) = P_0 \cos^2(\kappa L)$$

$$P_2(L) = P_0 \sin^2(\kappa L)$$

Power transfer to the second core occurs in a periodic fashion. The maximum power is transferred at distances such that  $\kappa_e z = m\pi/2$ , where  $m$  is an integer. The shortest distance at which maximum power is transferred to the second core for the first time is called the *coupling length* and is given by  $L_c = \pi/(2\kappa_e)$



# Coupler: **Linear** Pulse Switching

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} + \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_1}{\partial T^2} &= i\kappa A_2, \\ \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} + \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_2}{\partial T^2} &= i\kappa A_1.\end{aligned}$$

For  $L \ll L_D$  with  $L_D = T_0^2 / |\beta_2|$

$$\kappa(\omega) \approx \kappa_0 + (\omega - \omega_0)\kappa_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega - \omega_0)^2\kappa_2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}A_1(z, T) &= \frac{1}{2} [A_0(T - \kappa_1 z) e^{i\kappa_0 z} + A_0(T + \kappa_1 z) e^{-i\kappa_0 z}] \\ A_2(z, T) &= \frac{1}{2} [A_0(T - \kappa_1 z) e^{i\kappa_0 z} - A_0(T + \kappa_1 z) e^{-i\kappa_0 z}]\end{aligned}$$

When  $\kappa_1 = 0$

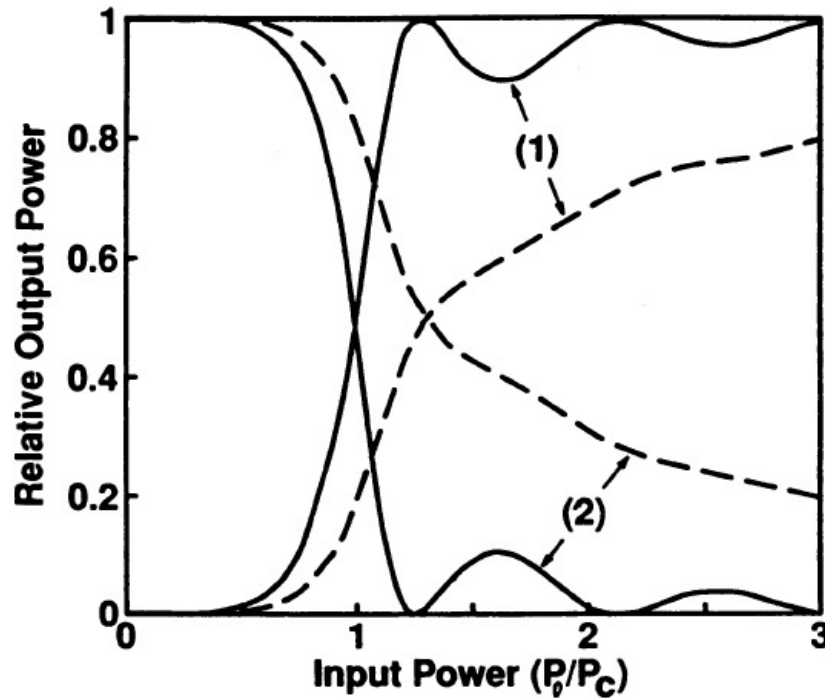
$$A_1(z, T) = A_0(T) \cos(\kappa_0 z), \quad A_2(z, T) = A_0(T) \sin(\kappa_0 z)$$



# Nonlinear Coupler: Quasi-CW Switching

$$\frac{dA_1}{dz} = i\kappa A_2 + i\gamma(|A_1|^2 + \sigma|A_2|^2)A_1$$

$$\frac{dA_2}{dz} = i\kappa A_1 + i\gamma(|A_2|^2 + \sigma|A_1|^2)A_2$$



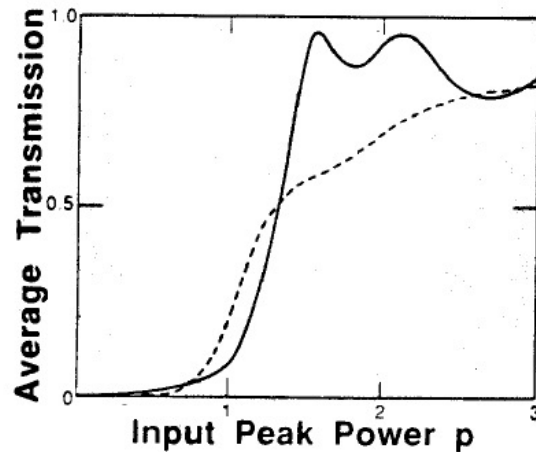
# Nonlinear Coupler: Nonlinear Switching

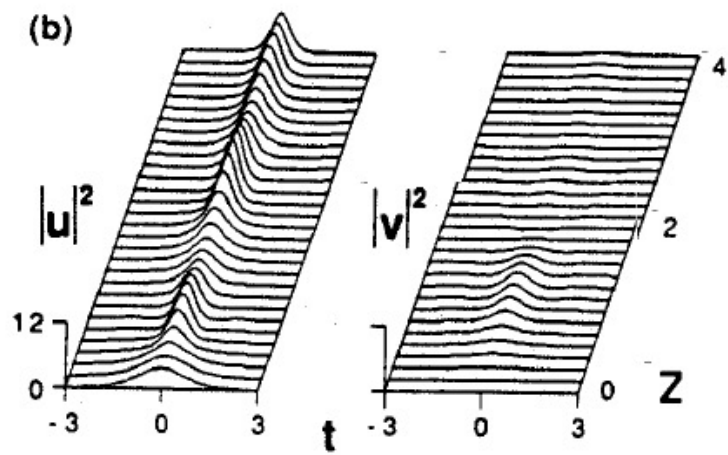
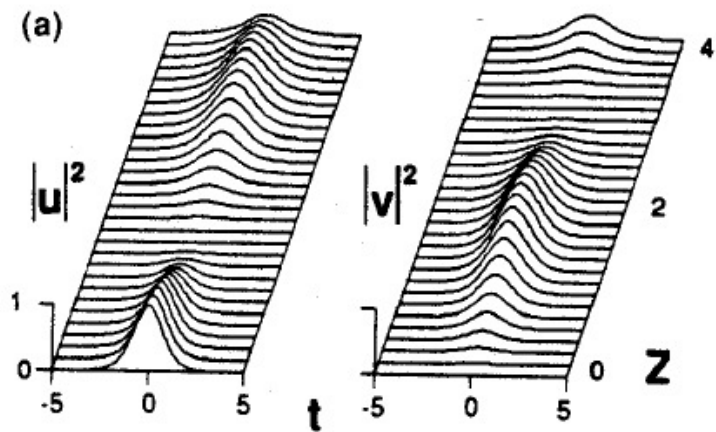
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$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} - \frac{s}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + |u|^2 u + K v = 0$$

$$i \frac{\partial v}{\partial \xi} - \frac{s}{2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tau^2} + |v|^2 v + K u = 0$$

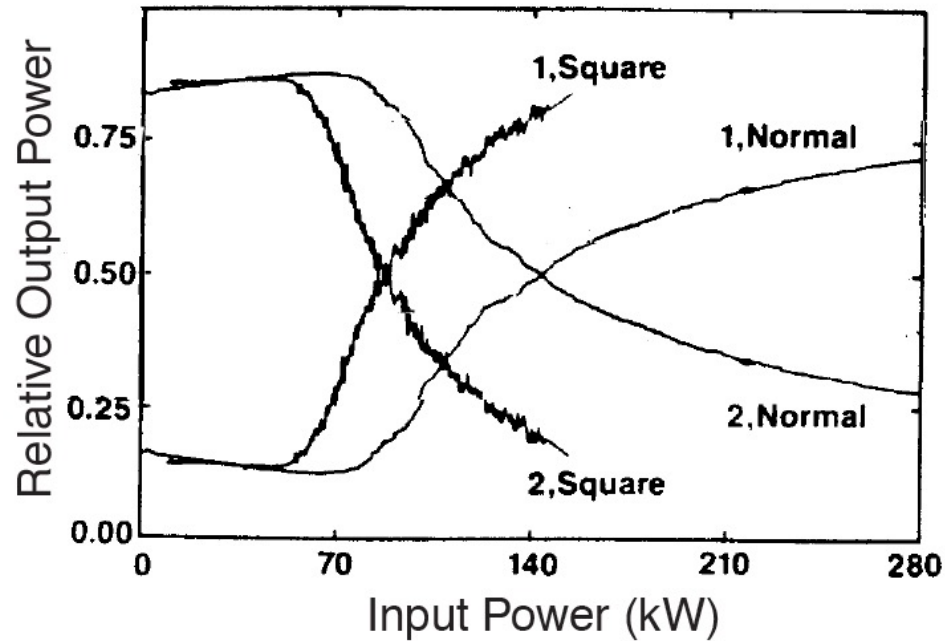
$$\xi = z/L_D, \quad \tau = T/T_0, \quad u = (\gamma L_D)^{1/2} A_1, \quad v = (\gamma L_D)^{1/2} A_2$$





# Troubles with Conventional Nonlinear Coupler

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Extremely High power levels are needed for nonlinear switching in Fiber Couplers



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Non-Hermitian Physics may be the saviour!



# Optics Letters

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Different configurations of  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric coupler: (a) Type-1, (b) Type-2 coupler.

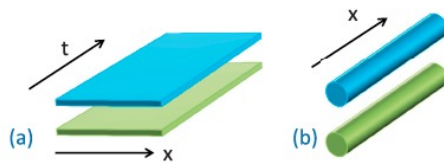
# Some notable works on Nonlinear $\mathcal{PT}$ -Coupler

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## Optical solitons in $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric nonlinear couplers with gain and loss

N. V. Alexeeva,<sup>\*</sup> I. V. Barashenkov,<sup>†</sup> Andrey A. Sukhorukov, and Yuri S. Kivshar  
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$$iu_t + u_{xx} + 2|u|^2u = -v + i\gamma u.$$

$$iv_t + v_{xx} + 2|v|^2v = -u - i\gamma v.$$

## Breathers in $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric optical couplers

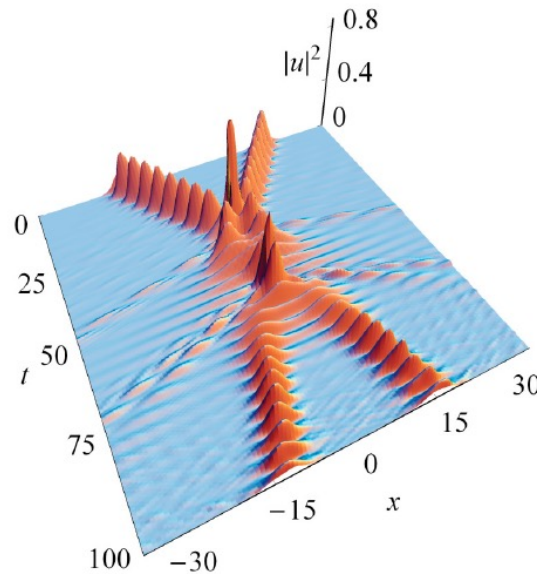
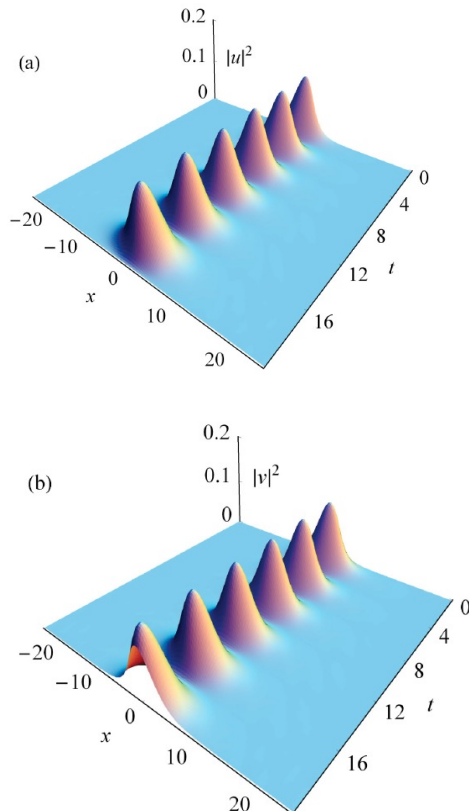
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# Stability of solitons in parity-time-symmetric couplers

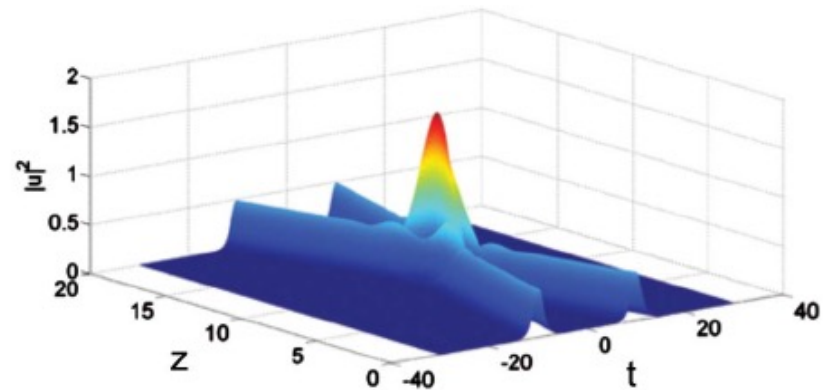
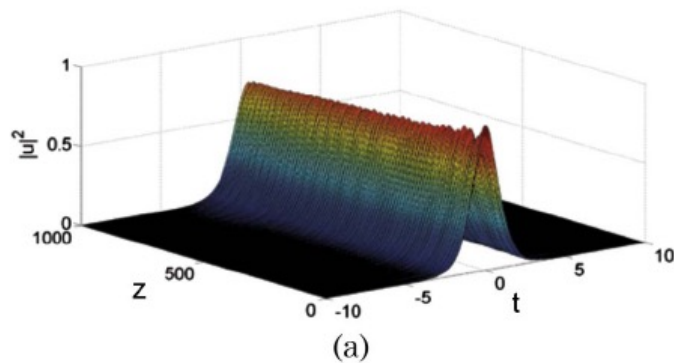
Rodislav Driben<sup>1,2,\*</sup> and Boris A. Malomed<sup>2</sup>

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$$iu_z + (1/2)u_{tt} + |u|^2u - i\gamma u + \kappa v = 0,$$

$$iv_z + (1/2)v_{tt} + |v|^2v + i\Gamma v + \kappa u = 0,$$



# PT-Nonlinear Coupler

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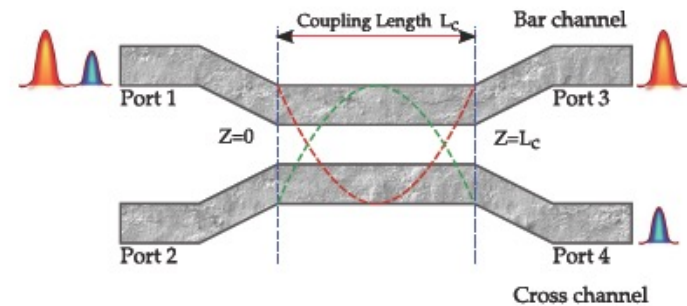
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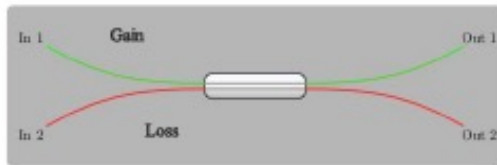
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$$i \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_1}{\partial \tau^2} + |\Psi_1|^2 \Psi_1 + \kappa \Psi_2 = i\Gamma \Psi_1, \quad (1)$$

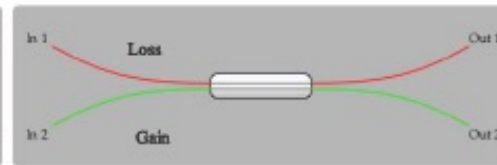
$$i \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_2}{\partial \tau^2} + |\Psi_2|^2 \Psi_2 + \kappa \Psi_1 = -i\Gamma \Psi_2, \quad (2)$$



(c) Steering dynamics of solitons in  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric dimers

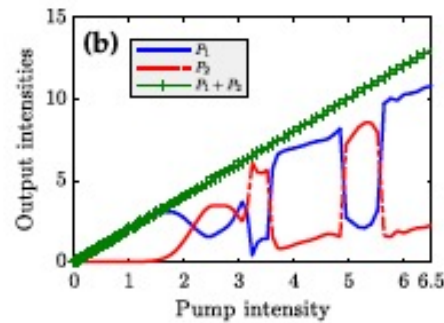
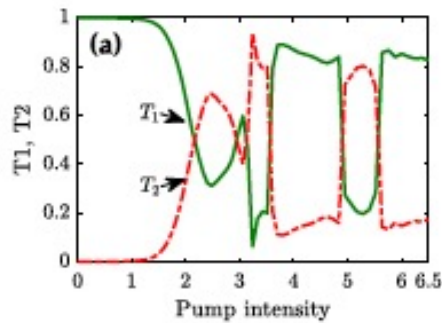


(a) Type 1  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric coupler

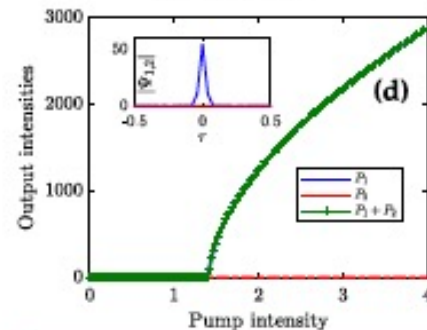
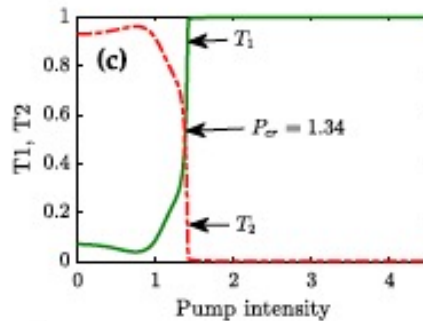


(b) Type 2  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric coupler

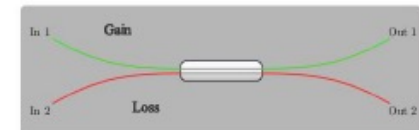
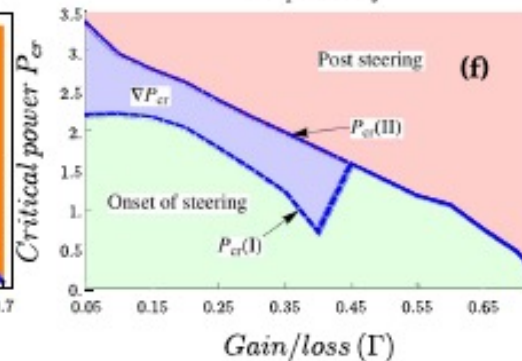
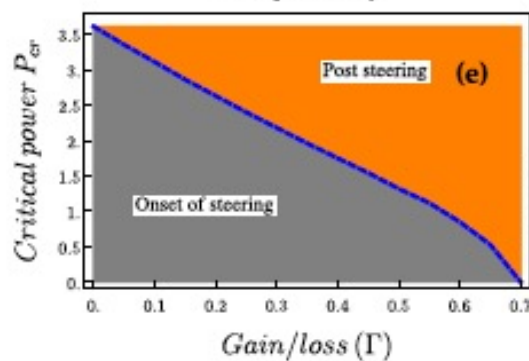
# Steering Dynamics of Solitons: Type 1



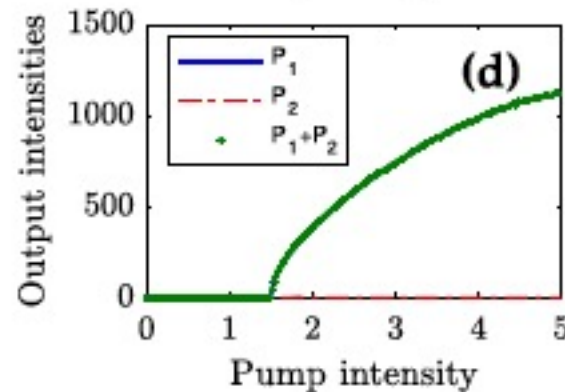
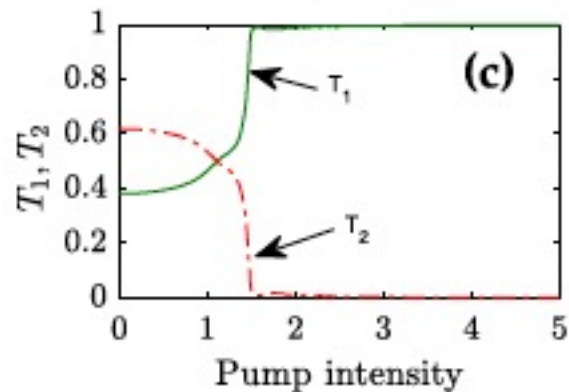
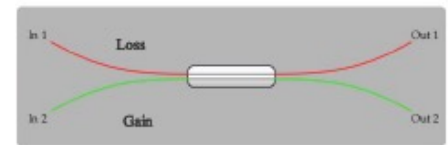
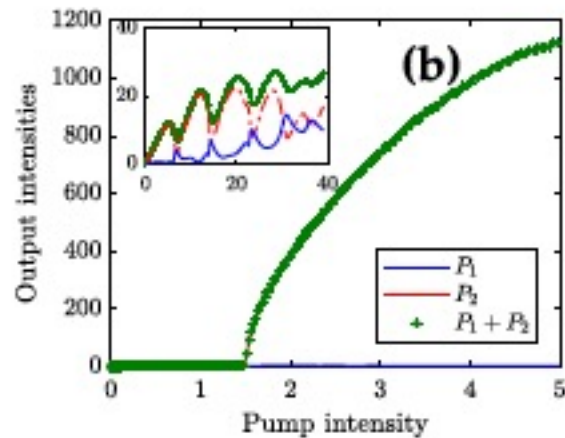
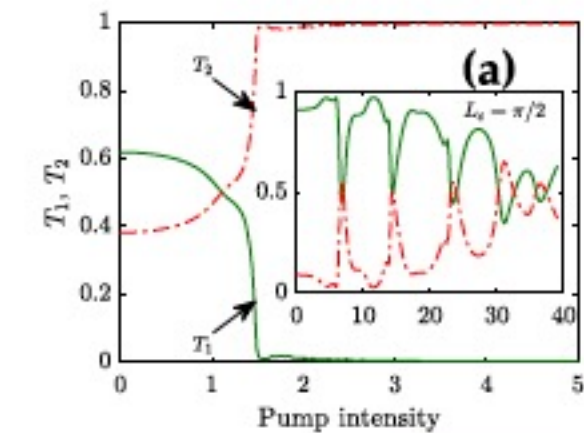
$2\pi$  conventional couplers



$2\pi$   $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers

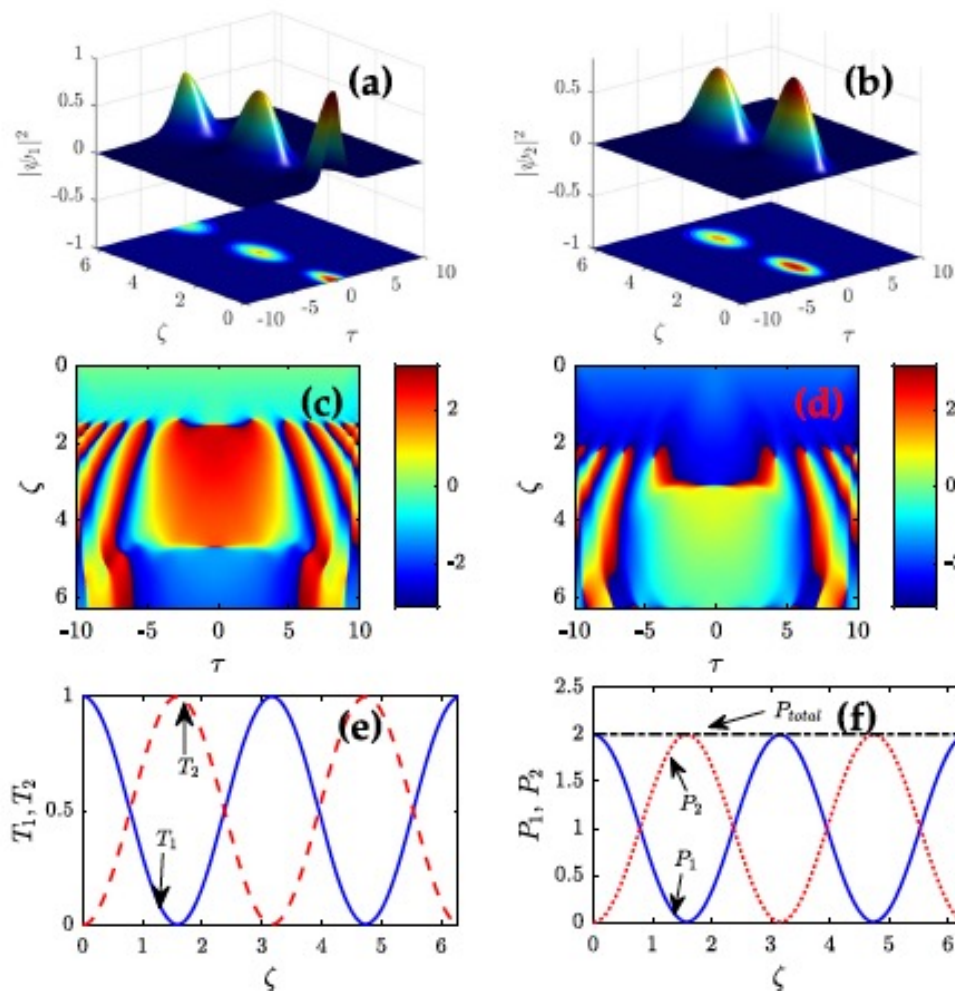


# Steering Dynamics of Solitons: Type 2



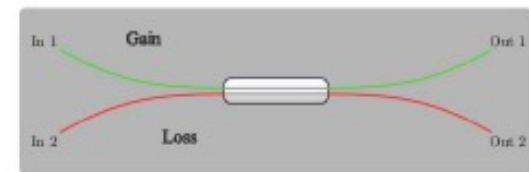
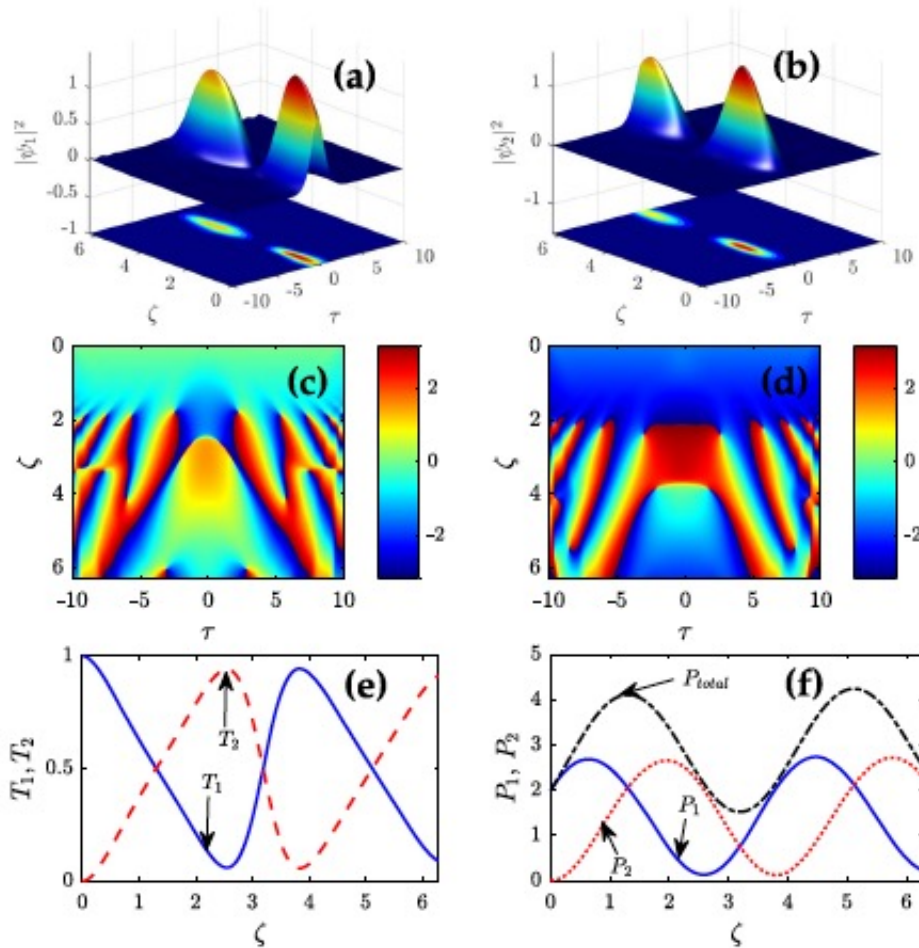
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# Soliton Propagation Dynamics: Conventional Coupler



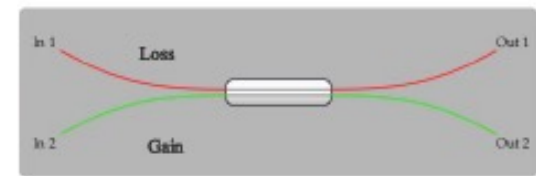
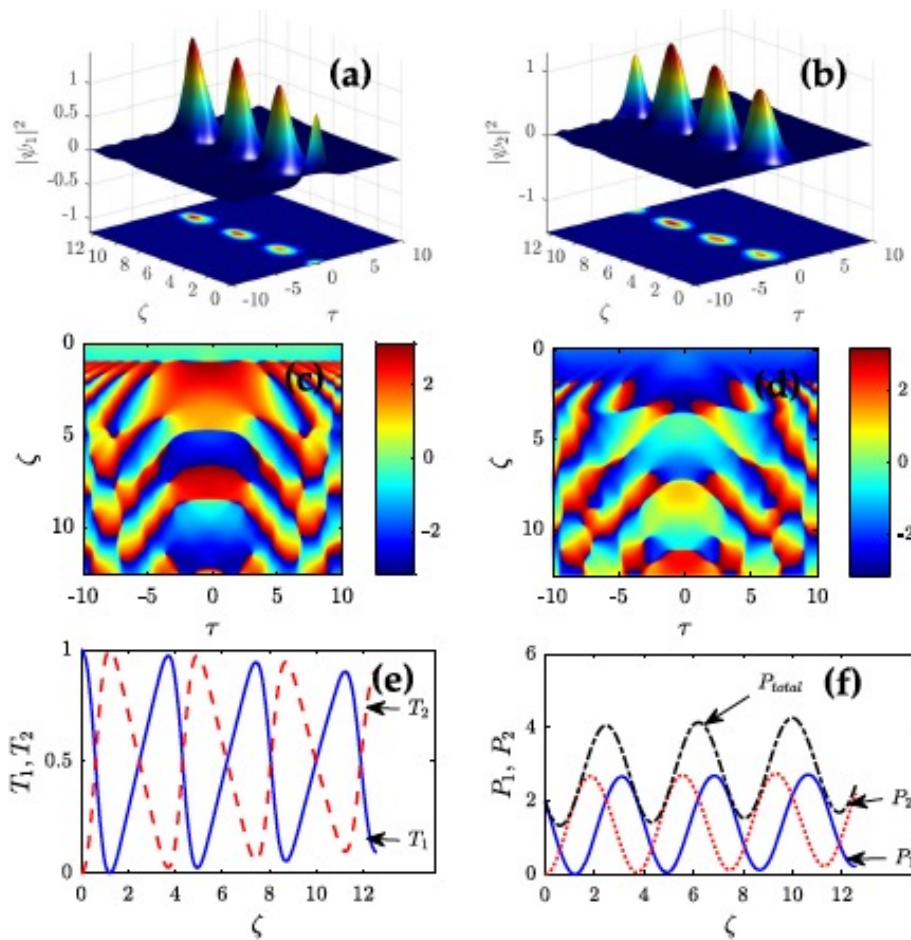


# Soliton Propagation Dynamics: PT Nonlinear Coupler Type 1



type 1  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry configuration

# Soliton Propagation Dynamics: PT Nonlinear Coupler Type 2



# Suggested Typical Parameters for Experimental Realizations

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$$\beta_2 = -20 \text{ ps}^2/\text{km}$$

$$\lambda = 1550 \text{ nm}$$

$$T_0 = 50 \text{ fs}$$

$$L_D = 12.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\gamma = 10 \text{ W}^{-1}/\text{km}$$

$$P_{cr} = 8.56 \text{ W}$$



# Dark Soliton Steering

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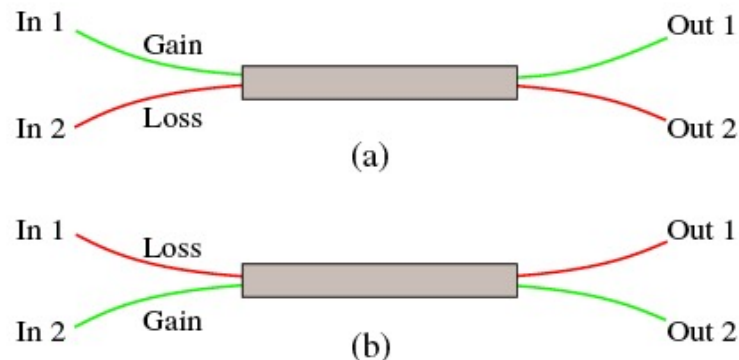
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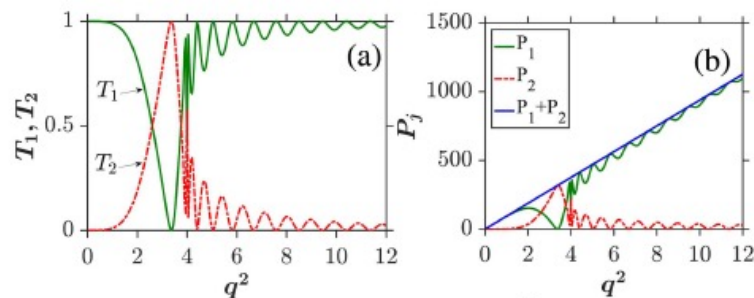
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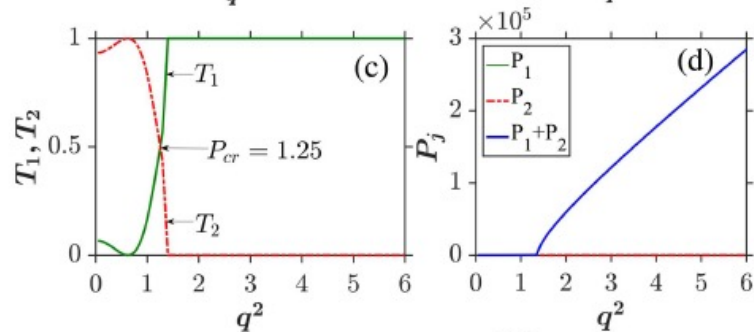
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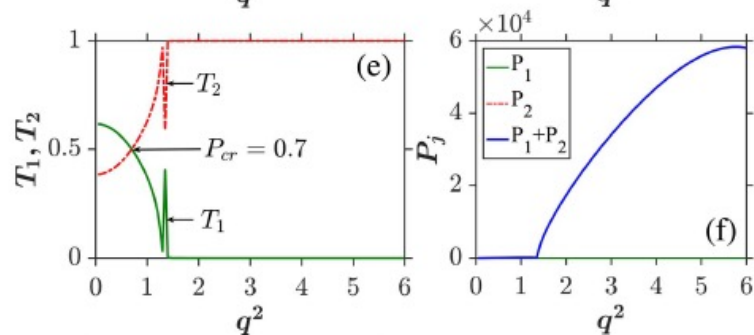
# Steering Dynamics of Dark Solitons



conventional coupler,



Type 1  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers.



Type 2  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers

# TO SUM UP:

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We demonstrate steering dynamics of dark solitons in a parity–time ( $\mathcal{PT}$ )-symmetric nonlinear directional coupler (NLDC) in the presence of third-order dispersion (TOD) and intermodal dispersion (IMD). A complete switch with an excellent efficiency at a very low critical power, even lower compared to the bright soliton switching, has been observed. The numerical results show that both TOD and IMD have no effect on soliton steering in  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers with coupling length  $\pi/2$ . But, as we increase the coupling length to  $2\pi$ , IMD shows marginal effects for dark soliton steering in  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers, while TOD shows no impact. Additionally, we have also studied the phase-controlled switching in  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric couplers with two different coupling lengths and demonstrated its advantage over the power-controlled one. © 2020 Optical Society of America

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# Ultrashort Soliton Steering in PT-Nonlinear Coupler

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The pulse propagation in a realistic PT-symmetric fiber-coupler is represented by generalised coupled NLSE:

$$i\frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \delta_n \left(i\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right)^n u - i\Gamma u + \left(1 + is\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right) \left(u(\xi, \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} R(\tau - \tau') |u(\xi, \tau')|^2 d\tau'\right) + \kappa v = 0,$$
$$i\frac{\partial v}{\partial \xi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \delta_n \left(i\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right)^n v + i\Gamma v + \left(1 + is\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right) \left(v(\xi, \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} R(\tau - \tau') |v(\xi, \tau')|^2 d\tau'\right) + \kappa u = 0.$$

- $u, v$  = field envelopes in the bar and cross channel
- $\delta_n$  = Normalised GVD and higher-order dispersion parameters
- $s$  = Self-steepening parameter
- $R(\tau)$  = Nonlinear response function
- $\kappa$  = Normalized linear coupling coefficient
- $\Gamma$  = **Gain/Loss**



# Which Model to Choose?

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha(\omega_0) + i\alpha_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) A - i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{i^n \beta_n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n A}{\partial t^n} \\ = i \left( \gamma(\omega_0) + i\gamma_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \left( A(z, t) \int_0^{\infty} R(t') |A(z, t-t')|^2 dt' \right) \end{aligned}$$

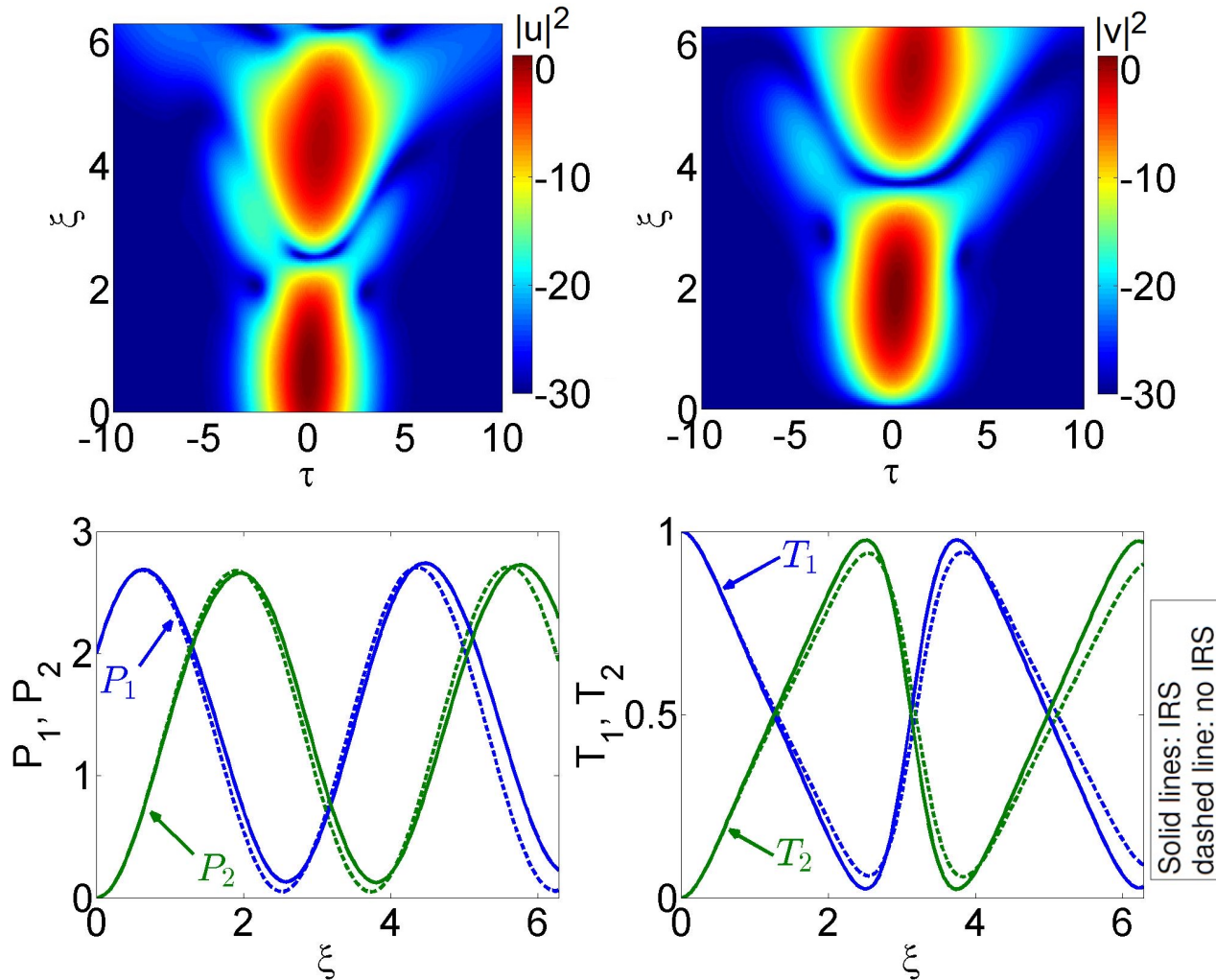
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\alpha}{2} A + \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial T^2} - \frac{\beta_3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 A}{\partial T^3} = i\gamma \left( |A|^2 A + \frac{i}{\omega_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (|A|^2 A) - T_R A \frac{\partial |A|^2}{\partial T} \right)$$



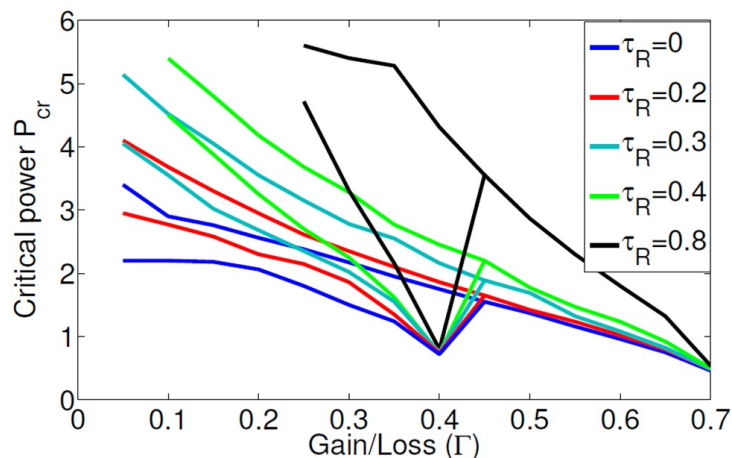
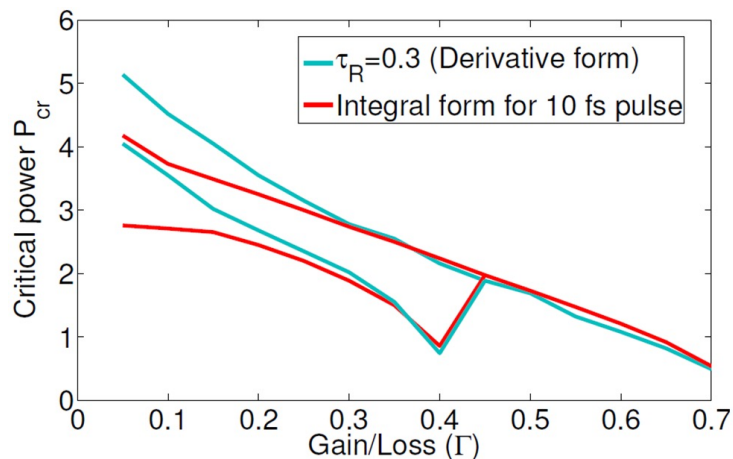
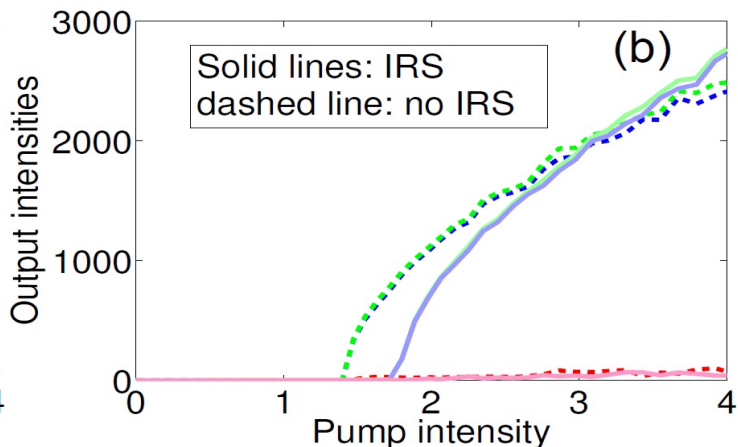
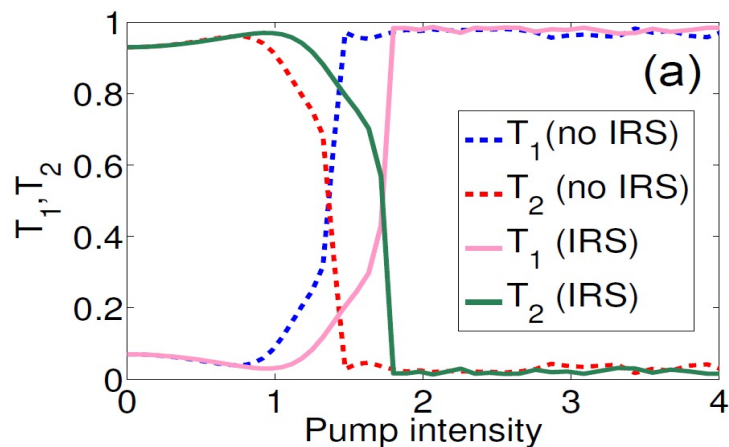


# Effect of Intrapulse Raman Scattering (IRS)

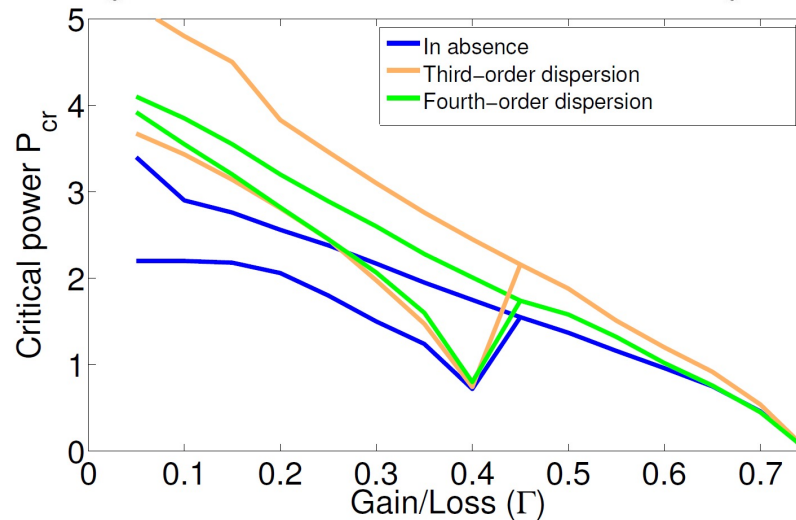
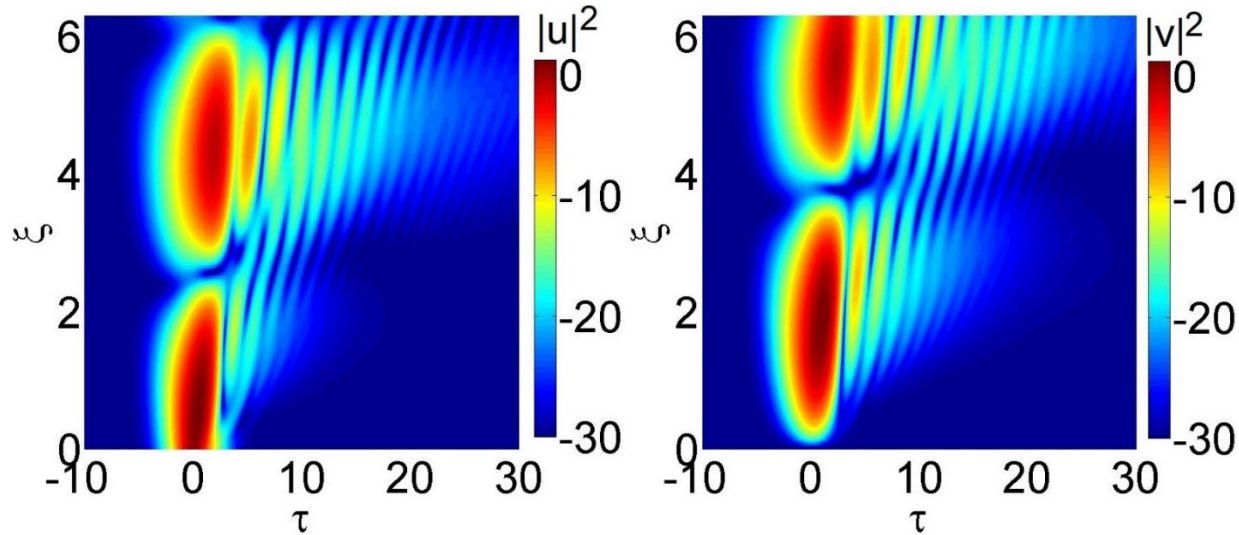
$t_0 = 10\text{fs}$



# Effect of Intrapulse Raman Scattering (IRS)

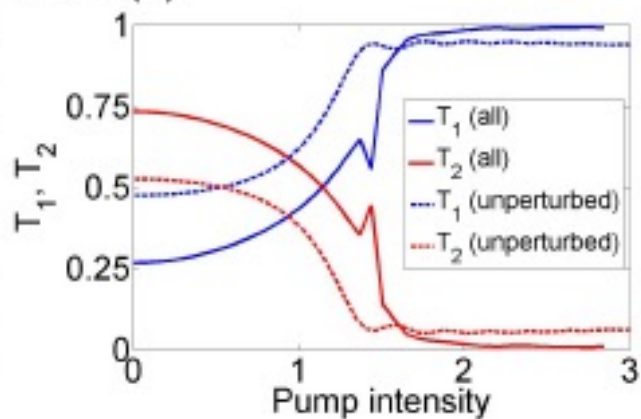
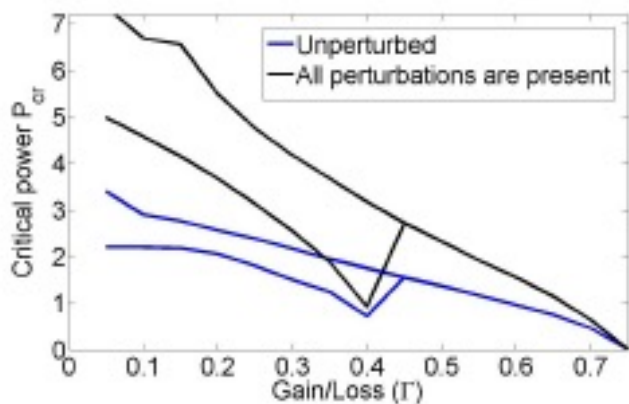
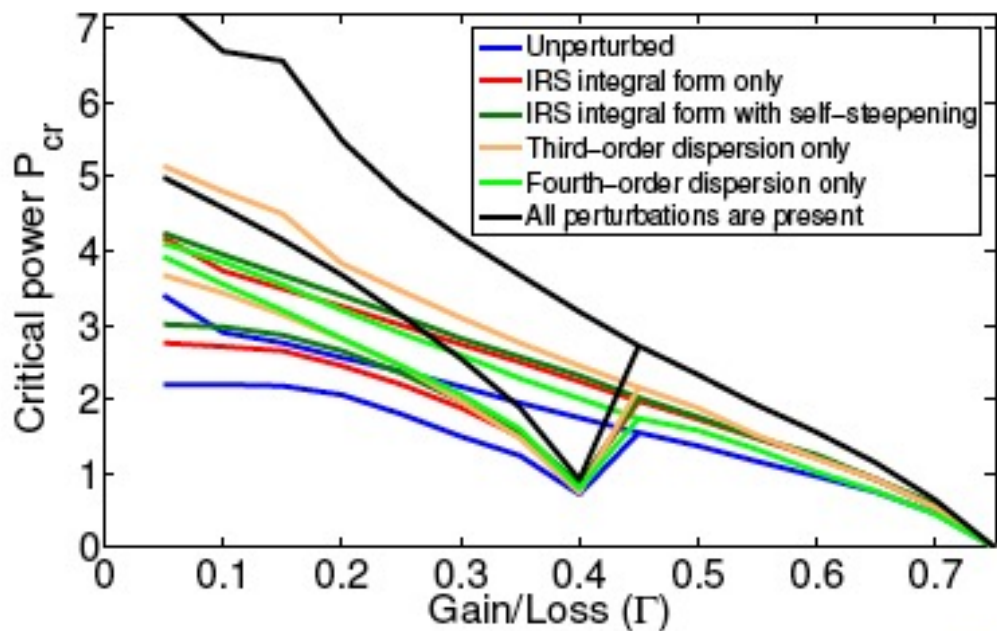


# Effect of Higher-order dispersion



$$\delta_3 = 0.3444$$

$$\delta_4 = 0.0447$$



# Saturating nonlinearity (SNL)

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Kerr-Nonlinear medium

$$\Delta n_{NL} = n_2 |E|^2$$

Saturating Nonlinear  
medium

$$\Delta n_{NL} = \frac{n_2 |E|^2}{1 + \frac{|E|^2}{I_{sat}}}$$

- Critical power of switching ( $P_{cr}$ ) depends on the input peak power.
- For Silica,  $n_2$  value is relatively low, thus input pulse with high peak power is required for switching from one channel to the other.
- Use of materials such as **Semiconductor doped Silica** and **organic polymers** with **high  $n_2$**  value can decrease the requirement of high input power.



# Mathematical Model

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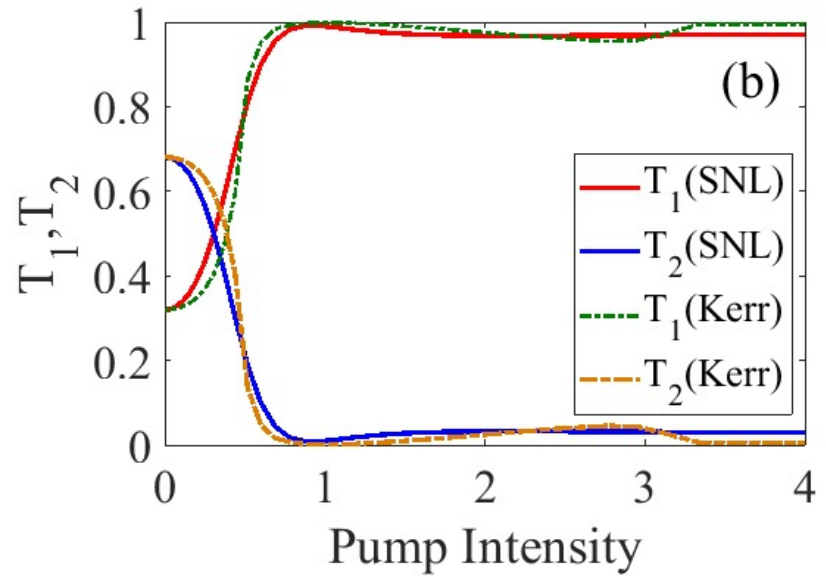
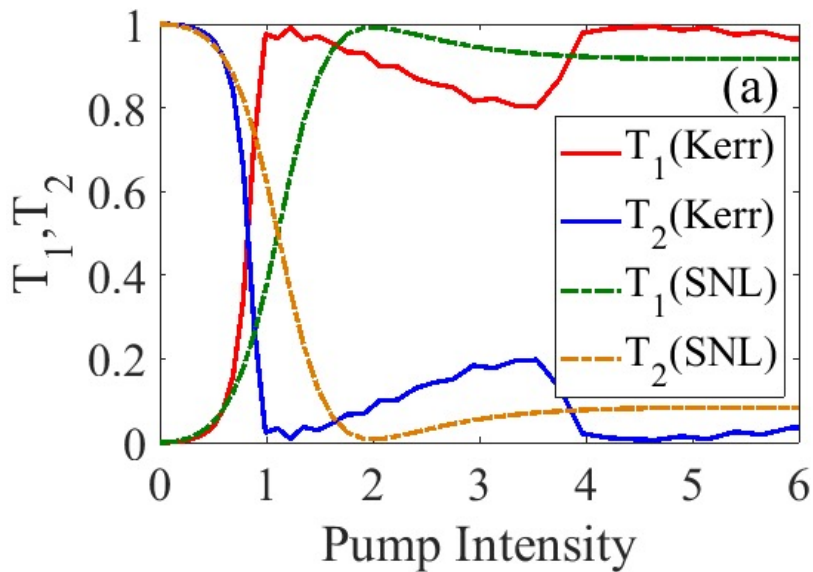
The pulse propagation in a PT-symmetric fiber-coupler with saturating nonlinearity is represented by coupled NLSE:

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tau^2} + f(|u|^2)u + \kappa v = i\Gamma u \quad (1)$$

$$i \frac{\partial v}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tau^2} + f(|v|^2)v + \kappa u = -i\Gamma v \quad (2)$$

- $f(|u|^2) =$  saturating nonlinearity function  $= \frac{|u|^2}{1+s|u|^2}$  (F-Model)
- Eqs. (1) and (2) are solved Numerically using SSFT method.
- All the results shown are for the Type-1 PT-symmetric coupler in the **Unbroken regime** with  $\kappa(0.1) > \Gamma(0.05)$ .





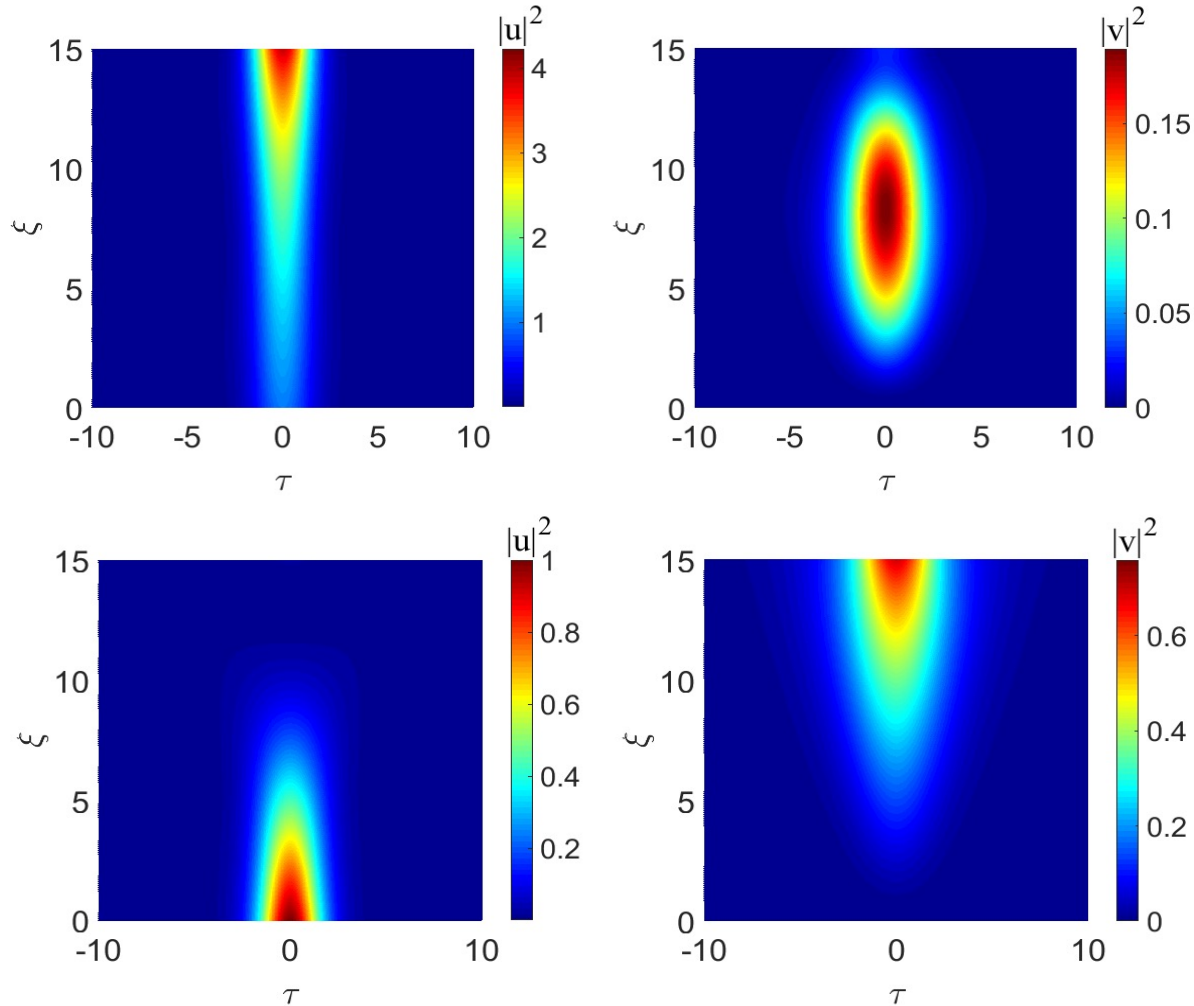
PT with Saturating Nonlinearity wins!

Coupling length = $\pi/2$ , $\kappa=0.1$	Conventional coupler	Type 1 PT-coupler	Type 2 PT-coupler <b>(not shown here)</b>
Kerr Nonlinearity	0.83	0.38	Incomplete
Saturating Nonlinearity	1.11	0.30	3.65, 16.77



# Soliton evolution inside Type-1 and Type-2 PT coupler

$K=0.1, \Gamma=0.05$

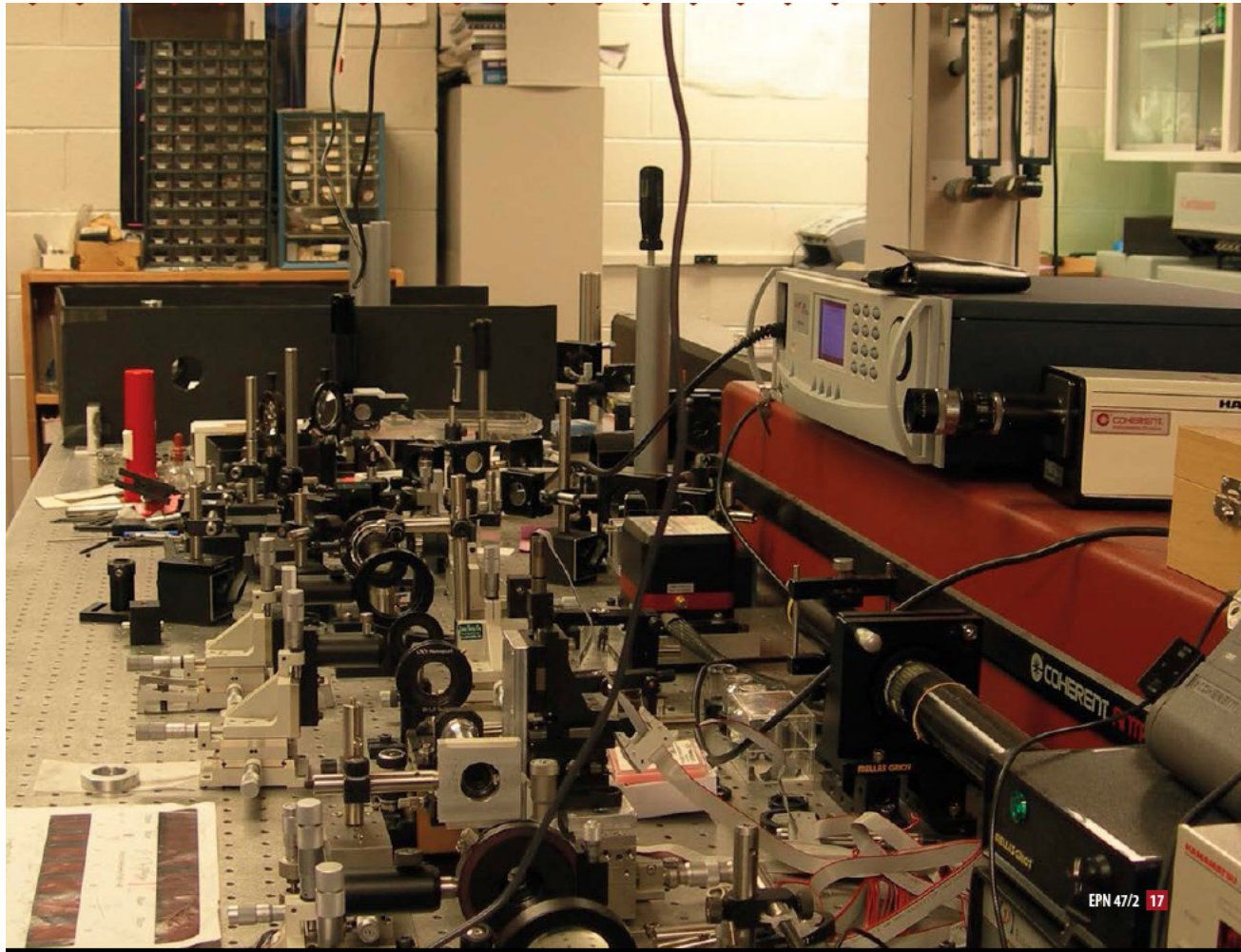




# Future Directions and Goals

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- ▶ To understand the physics of Nonlinear coupler more deeply
- ▶ To come up with practical schemes for facilitating experiments
- ▶ To go beyond Fiber Coupler
- ▶ Soliton Steering and Switching in Quantum Regime?



**THANK YOU!**