# Investigating extreme pulses in laser systems with nonlinear analysis tools

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### Semiconductor lasers (diode lasers)

- Nowadays are widely used in:
  - Telecom & datacom
  - Optical data storage (CDs, DVDs, Blu rays)
  - Barcode scanners, printers, mouse
  - Biomedical applications (imaging, sensing, etc)
- They emit a very stable output... if they are not optically perturbed.





 Optically perturbed semiconductor lasers provide an inexpensive setup to study chaos and nonlinear dynamics.





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## The dynamical complexity of optically injected semiconductor lasers

S. Wieczorek<sup>a,\*</sup>, B. Krauskopf<sup>b, d</sup>, T.B. Simpson<sup>c</sup>, D. Lenstra<sup>d, e</sup>

### Also optical rogue waves?



#### Instabilities in lasers with an injected signal

J. R. Tredicce, F. T. Arecchi, G. L. Lippi, and G. P. Puccioni

178 J. Opt. Soc. Am. B/Vol. 2, No. 1/January 1985



#### **Deterministic Optical Rogue Waves**

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Outline

#### What we have learned: in our system, ORWs can be

- deterministic, generated by a crisis-like process.
- controlled via noise and/or modulation.
- predicted with a certain anticipation time.

#### The challenge

- Data-driven approach to advance predictability.
- C. Bonatto et al, *Deterministic optical rogue waves*, PRL 107, 053901 (2011).
- J. Zamora-Munt et al, *Rogue waves in optically injected lasers: origin, predictability and suppression,* PRA 87, 035802 (2013).
- S. Perrone et al, Controlling the likelihood of RWs in an optically injected semiconductor laser via direct current modulation, PRA 89, 033804 (2014).
- J. Ahuja et al, Rogue waves in injected semiconductor lasers with current modulation: role of the modulation phase, Optics Express 22, 28377 (2014).



#### **Governing equations**

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- Complex field, E
- Carrier density, N



Spatial effects are not taken into account.

This is because this simple model provides good qualitative agreement with experimentally observed dynamical behaviors.



**Dynamical regimes** 

- Injection locking (cw output)
- Periodic oscillations
- o Chaos

Threshold: <H> + 8σ







J. Zamora-Munt et al, PRA 87, 035802 (2013)



#### What triggers a RW?

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#### Fixed points in the phase space







A RW is triggered whenever the trajectory closely approaches the stable manifold of S2 (the "RW door")

#### A similar mechanism generates extreme pulses in a model of a semiconductor Campus d'Excel·lència Internacional laser with optical feedback



Superposition of 50 pulses

J. A. Reinoso et al, PRE 87, 062913 (2013)

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#### **Deterministic simulations (** $\beta_{sp}$ **=0)**

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### Why chaos with RWs and chaos without them?

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An **external crises-like** process enables access to the region of phase space where the **stable manifold of S2 (x)** is.

#### Number of RWs vs



#### (pump current & detuning)

**Deterministic RWs (** $\beta_{sp}$ **=0)** 



White = No RWs



Weak noise ( $\beta_{sn}$ =0.0001)







#### **Pump current modulation:**

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#### **RW control in Point A (deterministic RWs)**

$$\mu = \mu_0 + \mu_{\rm mod} \sin(2\pi f_{\rm mod} t)$$



### Current modulation with appropriated amplitude and frequency can completely suppress the RWs.

S. Perrone, J. Zamora Munt, R. Vilaseca and C. Masoller, PRA 89, 033804 (2014)



#### **RW** control in Point A: influence of noise

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$$\mu = \mu_0 + \mu_{\rm mod} \sin(2\pi f_{\rm mod} t)$$



#### "safe parameter region" is robust to the presence of noise.

S. Perrone, J. Zamora Munt, R. Vilaseca and C. Masoller, PRA 89, 033804 (2014)



#### in Point B (no deterministic RWs)

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β<sub>sp</sub>=0



White = No RWs

#### Modulation can induce RWs "safe" parameter region is also robust to noise



#### Why RWs are suppressed?

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Threshold =  $\langle A \rangle + 6 \sigma$ 

RWs are suppressed because high pulses are not rare.



### When RWs are not suppressed: role of the modulation phase

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RWs occur during the first <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> of the modulation cycle.

The highest RWs occur just before the "safe" phase window.

J. Ahuja, D. Bhiku Nalawade, J. Zamora-Munt, R. Vilaseca and C. Masoller, Optics Express 22, 28377 (2014)



#### **RW predictability?**

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J. Zamora-Munt et al, PRA 87, 035802 (2013)

**Experiments** 



Superposition of 500 time series at the RW peak

### Data-driven approach for improving rogue wave predictability



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### Method of symbolic time-series analysis: ordinal patterns

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The OP probabilities allow to identify frequent patterns in the *ordering* of the data points

Random data  $\Rightarrow$  OPs are equally probable

- Advantage: the probabilities uncover temporal correlations.

- Drawback: we lose information about the actual values.



#### Example1: the logistic map x(i+1)=4x(i)[1-x(i)]

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Ordinal analysis provides complementary information.

Forbidden pattern



### Example 2: early warning of an abrupt transition



VCSEL polarizationresolved intensity when a control parameter varies (pump current)

Entropy computed from ordinal transition probabilities ('012' $\rightarrow$  '012', etc.) in a sliding window of 500 data points.

C. Masoller et al, New J. Phys. 17 (2015) 023068



### Example 3: Laminar – turbulent transition in a fiber laser

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Aragoneses et al, PRL 116, 033902 (2016)

E. G. Turitsyna et al, "The laminar-turbulent transition in a fibre laser", Nat. Phot. 7, 783 (2013)



#### Ordinal analysis allows to unveil "hidden" intrinsic time-scales

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 $\{I_i, I_{i+\tau}, I_{i+2\tau}, \ldots\}$ 

all data points, no threshold used





## Ordinal analysis applied to three pulse heights before a RW

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Time series (deterministic simulations), normalized to zero-mean and  $\sigma$ =1



N. Martinez et al., in preparation (2016)

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N. Martinez Alvarez et al., in preparation (2016)



#### Empirical data: low frequency fluctuations induced by optical feedback









#### Empirical data: fiber laser intensity in the turbulent regime

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### Empirical data: optically injected semiconductor laser

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#### Conclusions

- Take home message:
  - Optical rogue waves provide "big data" for testing novel analysis tools.
  - Nonlinear tools might capture relevant features in the data.
- A few specific conclusions: in our system
  - RWs are generated when the trajectory closely approaches a narrow channel ("RW door"); a crises-like mechanism allows access to the phase space region where the "RW door" is.
  - RW Control: noise and modulation affect the likelihood of RWs.
  - RW Predictability:
    - When modulation does not suppress RWs, they occur only in certain windows of the modulation cycle.
    - Preliminary results: more frequent (precursors) and less frequent ordinal patterns occurring before high pulses identified.
    - Could be useful for distinguishing different types of pulses?
- Ongoing work: characterizing the performance of these tools.



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