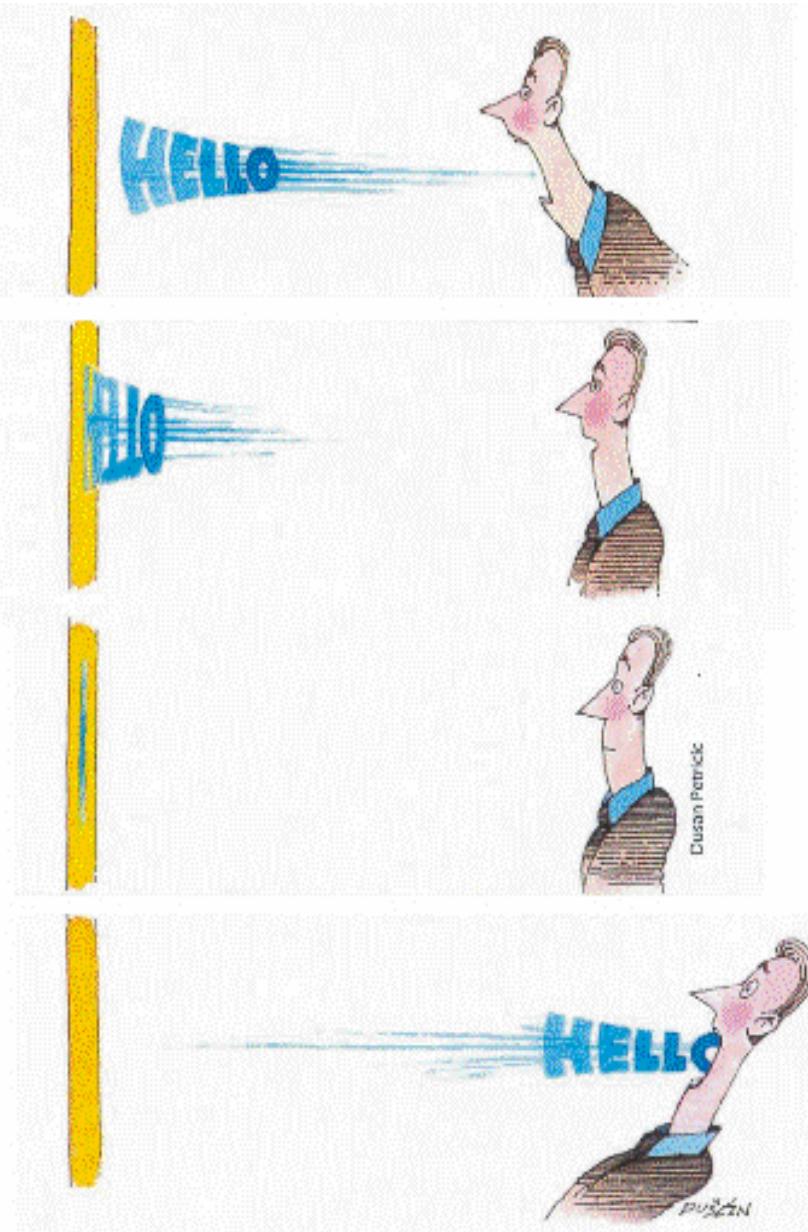


# Waves, Time Reversal and Super-resolution



# Acoustic propagation in a non dissipative fluid

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

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

In linear acoustics  
in a domain  
without source



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

Spatial Reciprocity

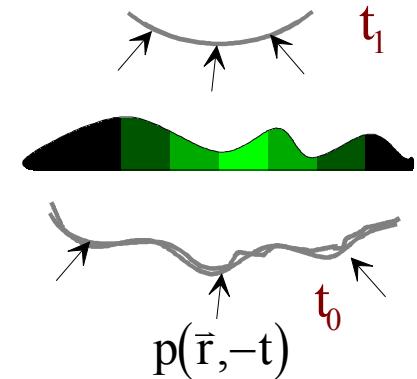
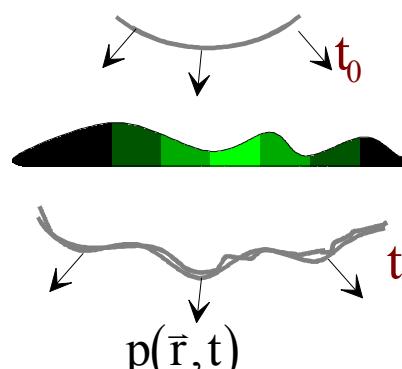
Time Reversal Invariance

This equation contains only  $\frac{\partial^2 p(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2}$

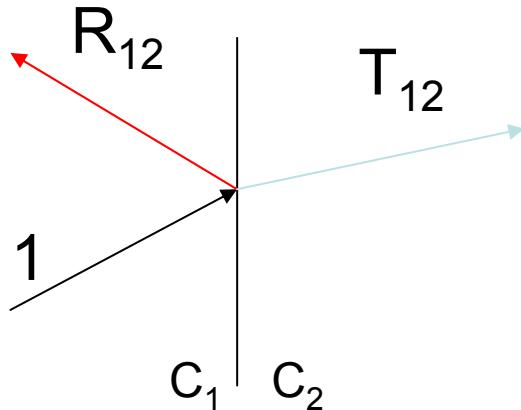
Then if  $p(\vec{r}, t)$  is a solution

$p(\vec{r}, -t)$  is also a solution

because  $\frac{\partial^2 p(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 p(\vec{r}, -t)}{\partial t^2}$



# Stokes Formula

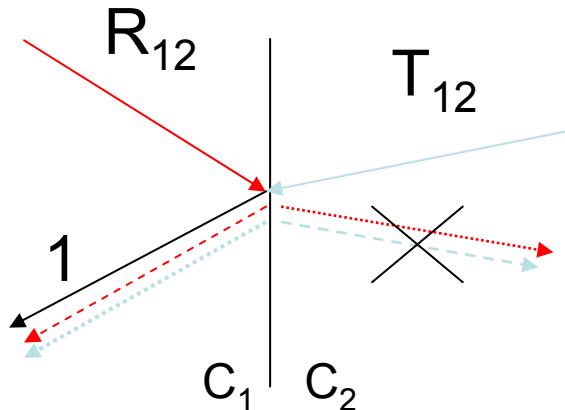


One incident plane wave : amplitude 1 :  
One reflected wave : R<sub>12</sub>  
One transmitted wave : T<sub>12</sub>

$$T_{12}T_{21} + R_{12}R_{12} = 1$$

The Time-Reversed Situation

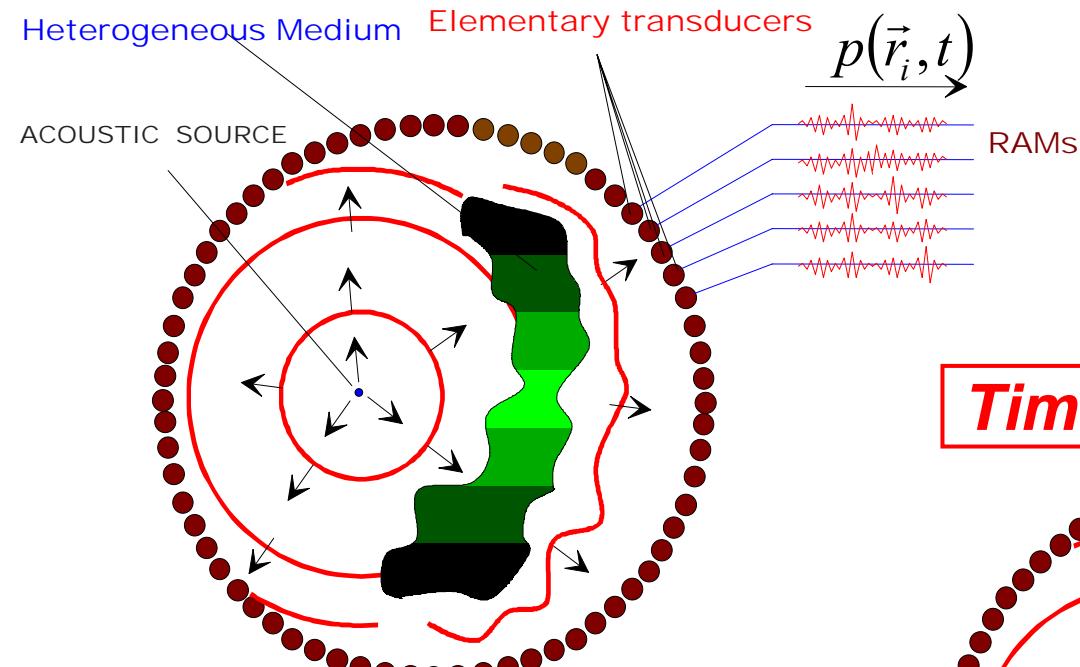
$$T_{12}R_{21} + R_{12}T_{12} = 0$$



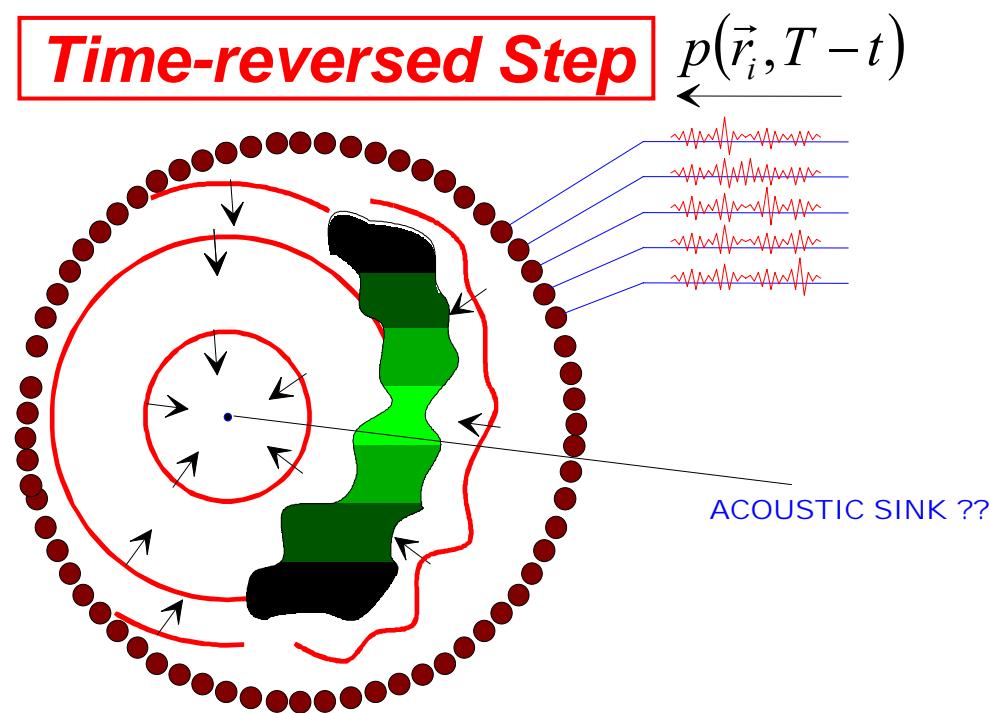
$$\begin{aligned}R_{12}^2 &= T_{12}T_{21} \\R_{12} &= -R_{21}\end{aligned}$$

# Time-Reversal Cavity

## Forward Step



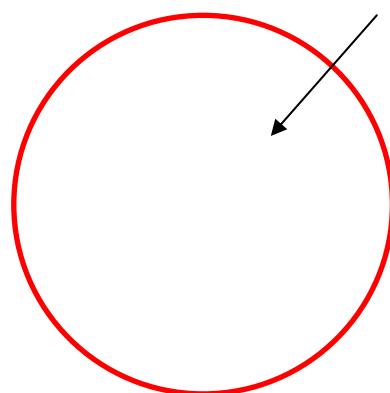
## Time-reversed Step



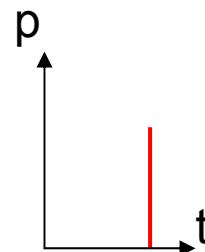
# Origin of Diffraction Limits in Wave Physics

Pulsed mode – the homogeneous medium

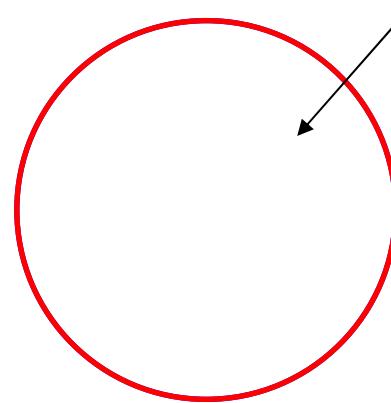
Forward Step



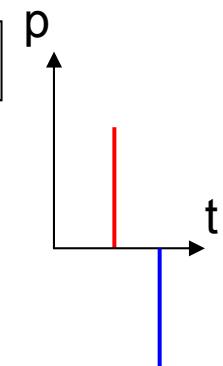
$$G_{ret}^0(R, t)$$



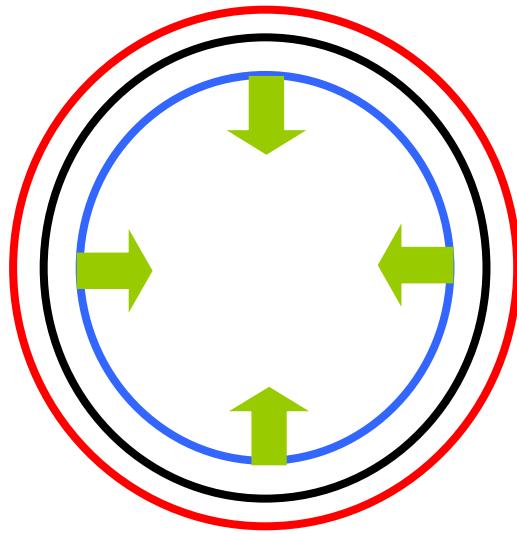
Time-reversed Step



$$G_{adv}^0(R, t) - G_{ret}^0(R, t)$$

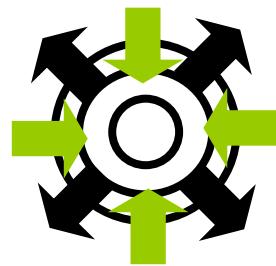


# The time-reversed step for monochromatic waves : origin of the diffraction limits

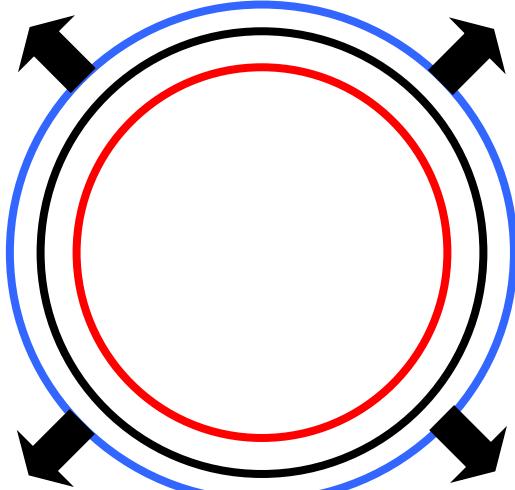


Converging only

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



Both converging and  
diverging waves  
interfere



Diverging only

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

with a singularity

$$\frac{\sin\{kR\}}{R} \exp(-j\omega t)$$

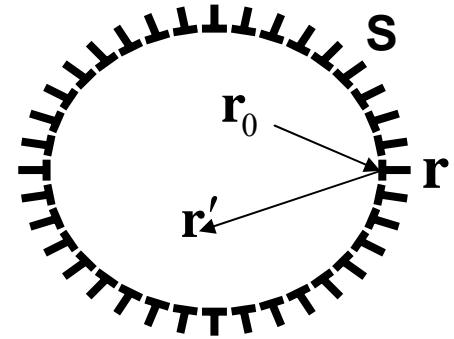
without singularity  
Diffraction limit ( $\lambda/2$ )

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

with a singularity

# In a Non Dissipative Heterogeneous Medium

$$\text{STEP 1} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} (L_r + L_t) G_{ret}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; t) &= -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \delta(t) \\ L_r &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \vec{\nabla} \right), L_t &= -\kappa(\mathbf{r}) \partial_{tt} \end{aligned} \right\}$$



## **STEP 2 Generating on the surface S monopole and dipole sources**

$$\varphi_s(\mathbf{r}, t), \partial_n \varphi_s(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi_s(\mathbf{r}, t) = G_{ret}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; T - t)$$

## Representation theorem

$$\varphi_{tr}(\mathbf{r}', t') = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \iint_S \left[ G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t' - t) \partial_n \varphi_s(\mathbf{r}, t) - \varphi_s(\mathbf{r}, t) \partial_n G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t' - t) \right] \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\rho(\mathbf{r})}$$

**monopole**
**dipole**

**Taking into account that**

$L_t = L_{T-t}$ , we obtain

$$\varphi_{tr}(\mathbf{r}', t') = G_{ret}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; T - t') - G_{ret}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; t' - T)$$

## A convolution approach

$$\iint_S \left[ G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes \partial_n G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) - G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) \otimes \partial_n G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \right] \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\rho(\mathbf{r})} = \\ G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) - G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; t-T)$$

## Paraxial Approximation

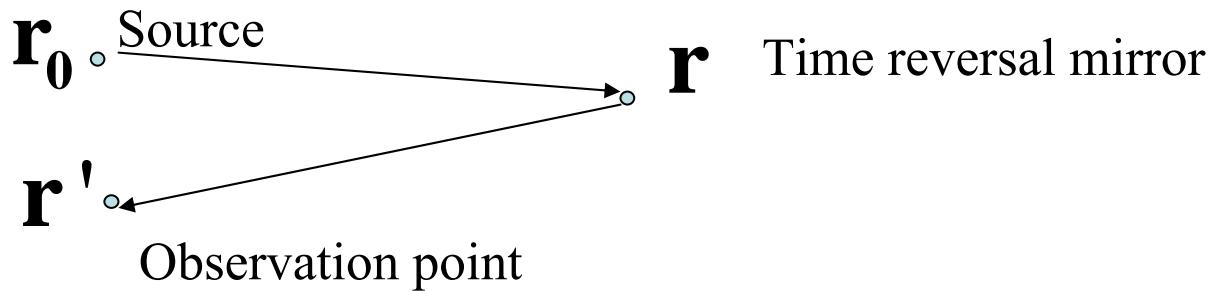
$$2 \frac{\partial}{c\partial t} \iint_S G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \simeq G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) - G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; t-T)$$

in monochromatic regime

$$\iint_S \left[ \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; \omega) \partial_n \hat{G}^*(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; \omega) - \hat{G}^*(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; \omega) \partial_n \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; \omega) \right] \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\rho(\mathbf{r})} =$$

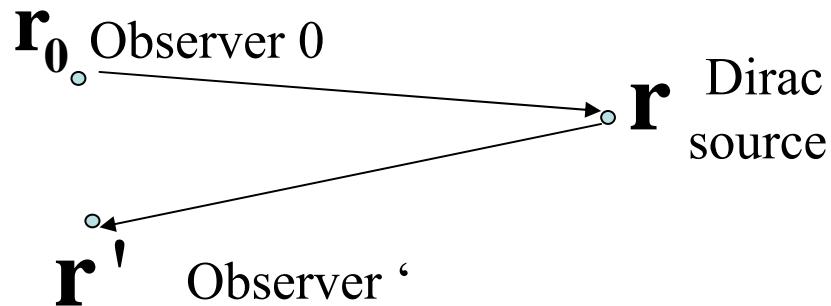
$$2j \operatorname{Im} \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; \omega) \simeq \frac{2j\omega}{c} \iint_S \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; \omega) \hat{G}^*(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; \omega) \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\rho(\mathbf{r})}$$

# A one channel time-reversal mirror as an estimate of a spatial correlator

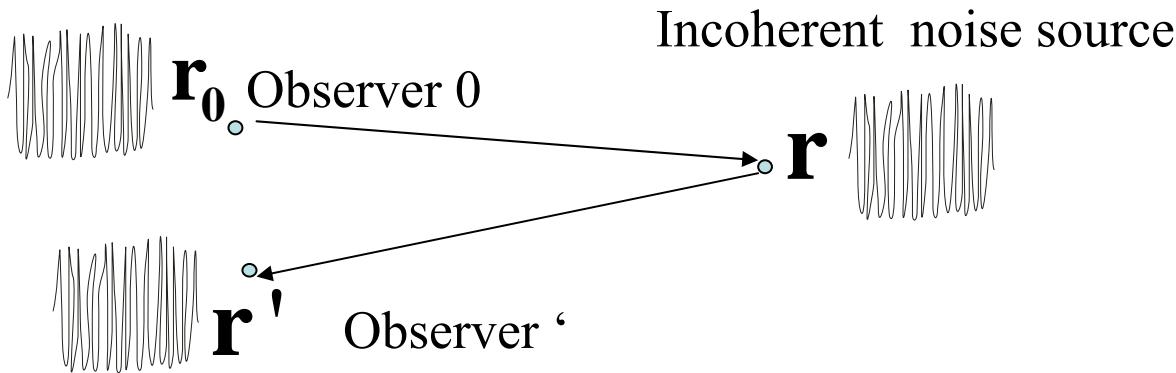


$$\varphi_{tr}(\mathbf{r}', t') \prec G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0; T - t)$$

**Time reversal field observed at point  $\mathbf{r}'$  coming from a source at  $\mathbf{r}_0$**



$$Corr(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}', t) \prec G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes G(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}; -t)$$



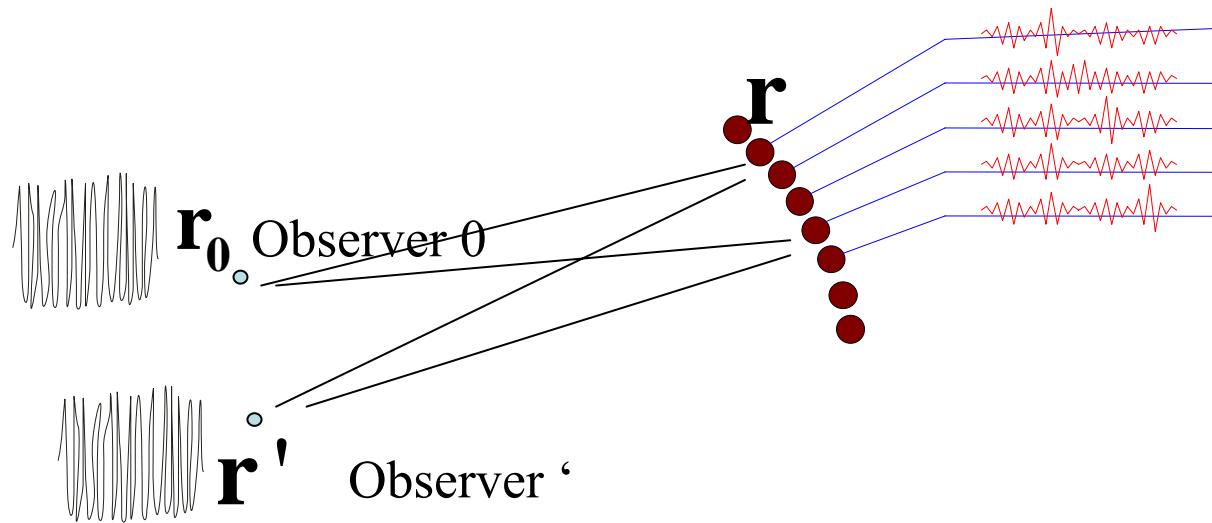
$$Corr(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}', t) \prec G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes G(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}; -t) \otimes n(t) \otimes n(-t)$$

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

**then the correlation of the noise between the two observers gives the same result than a time-reversal experiment conducted with a one channel TRM**

If the source of the noise is spread in space, with spatial decorrelation

$$\langle n(r, t) n(-r, -t) \rangle = \delta(r, t)$$

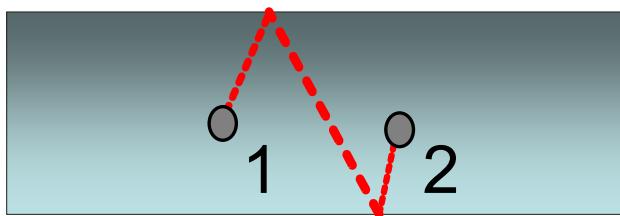


$$Corr(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}', t) \prec \iiint G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; t) \otimes G(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}; -t) \otimes n(\mathbf{r}, t) \otimes n(-\mathbf{r}, -t)$$

$$\prec \phi_{tr}(\mathbf{r}', t') \prec G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; T-t) - G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_0; t-T)$$

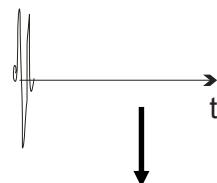
*"By cross-correlating diffuse fields recorded at two locations, the Green's function between these two locations can be reconstructed". (Farrar 97, Claerbout 1999, Weaver 2001, etc...)*

### ACTIVE



Sensor 1 broadcasts. Sensor 2 records.

Sensor #1



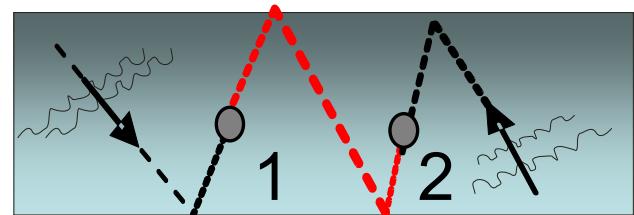
*Active transmission*



$1 \rightarrow 2$

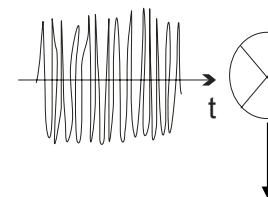
Green's Function ( - - - )

### PASSIVE

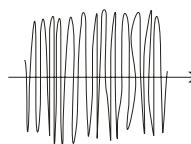


Diffuse field recorded at sensors 1 & 2.

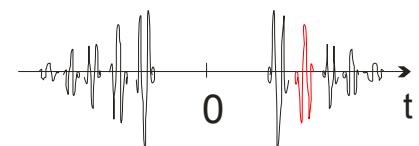
Sensor #1



Sensor #2



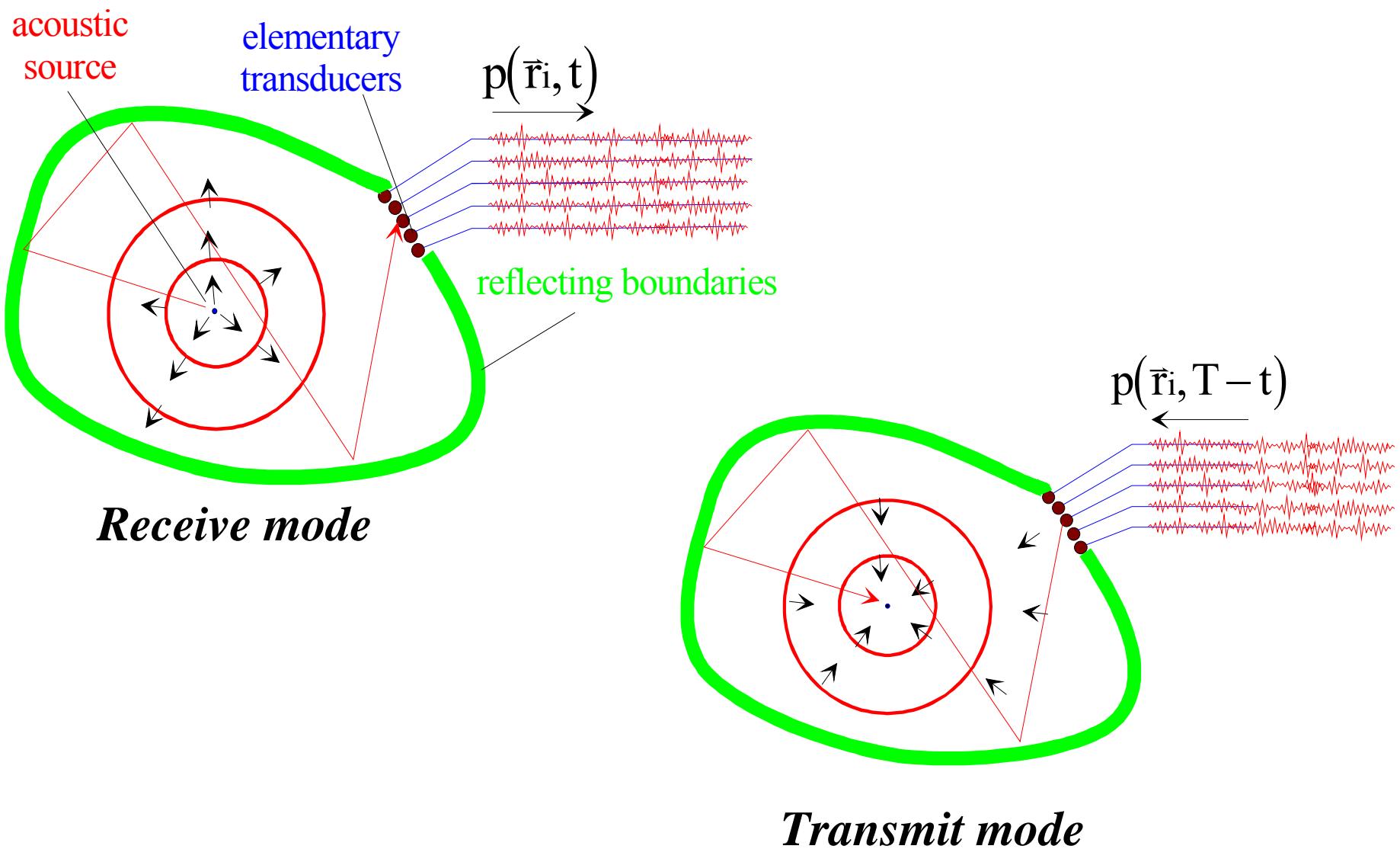
*Cross-correlation between 1 and 2*



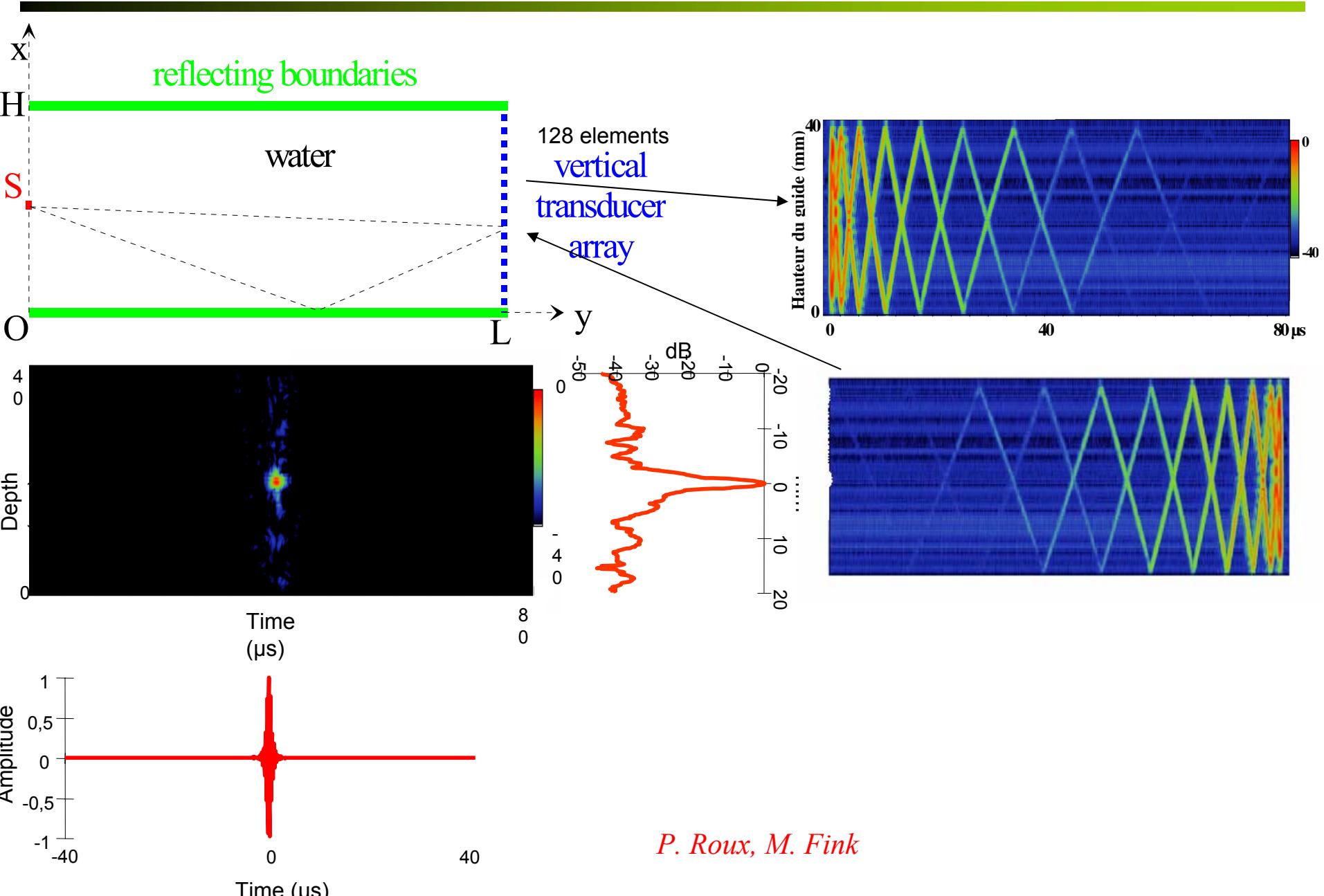
$2 \rightarrow 1$        $1 \rightarrow 2$

Green's Function Estimate ( - - - )

# Influence of boundaries on TR

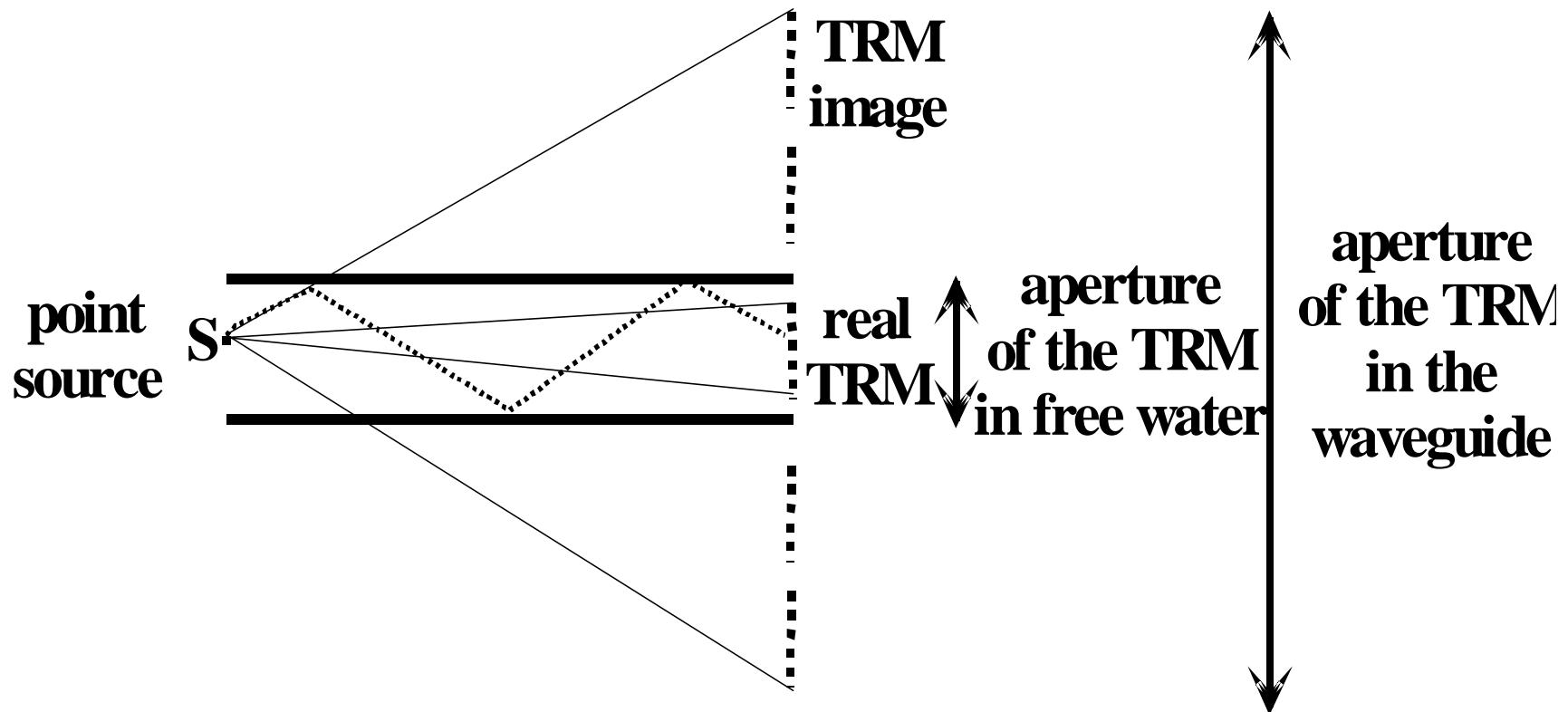


# Retournement temporel dans un guide d'onde



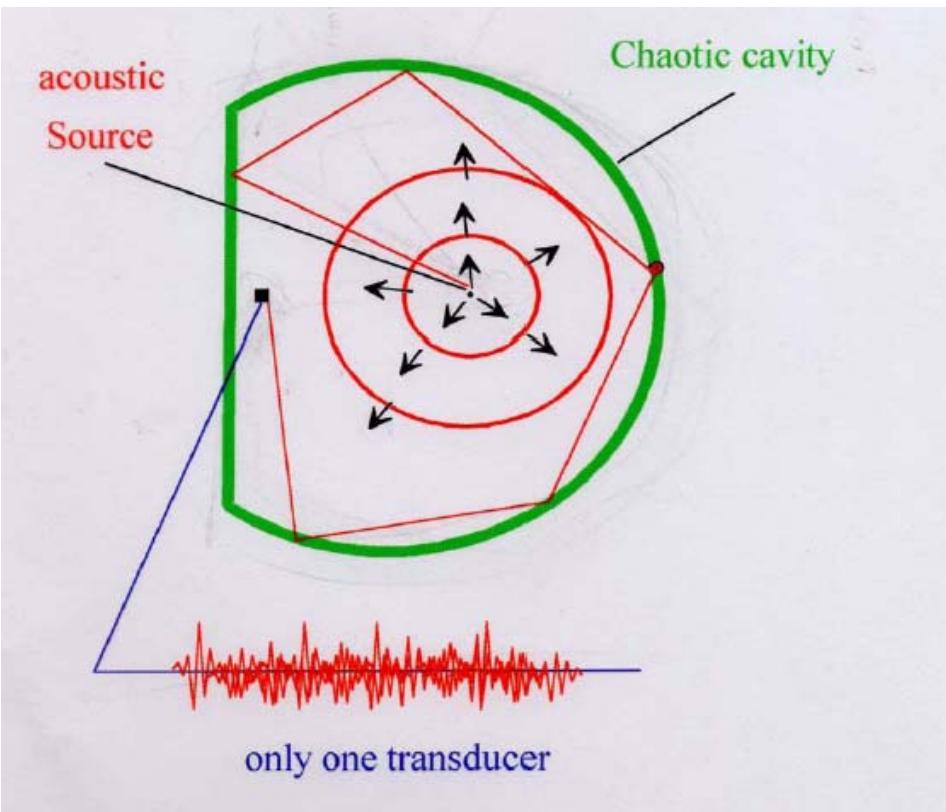
P. Roux, M. Fink

# L'effet Kaléidoscope : les transducteurs virtuels

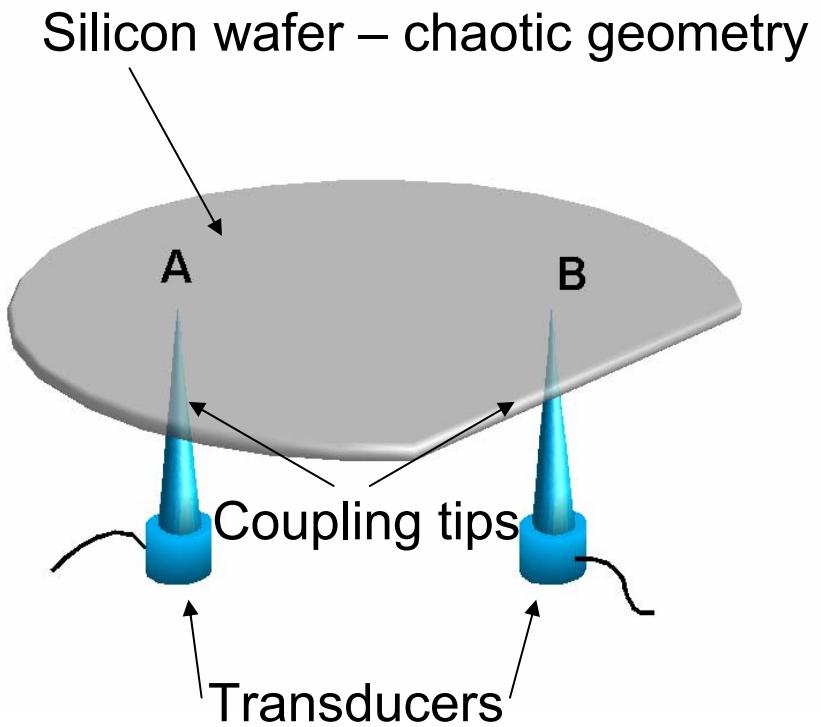


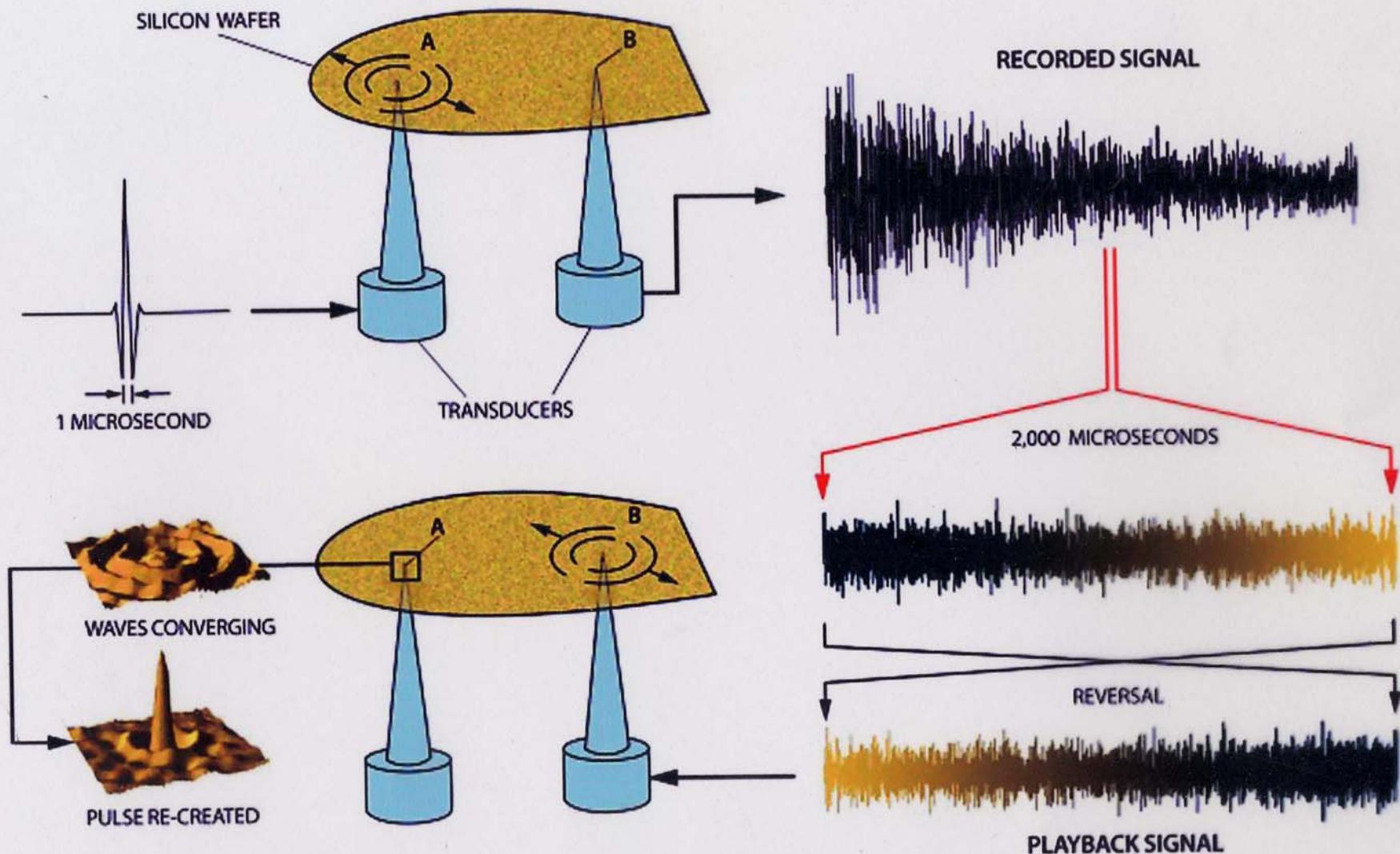
If the pitch is too large : grating lobes

# Time-Reversal in a Chaotic Billiard



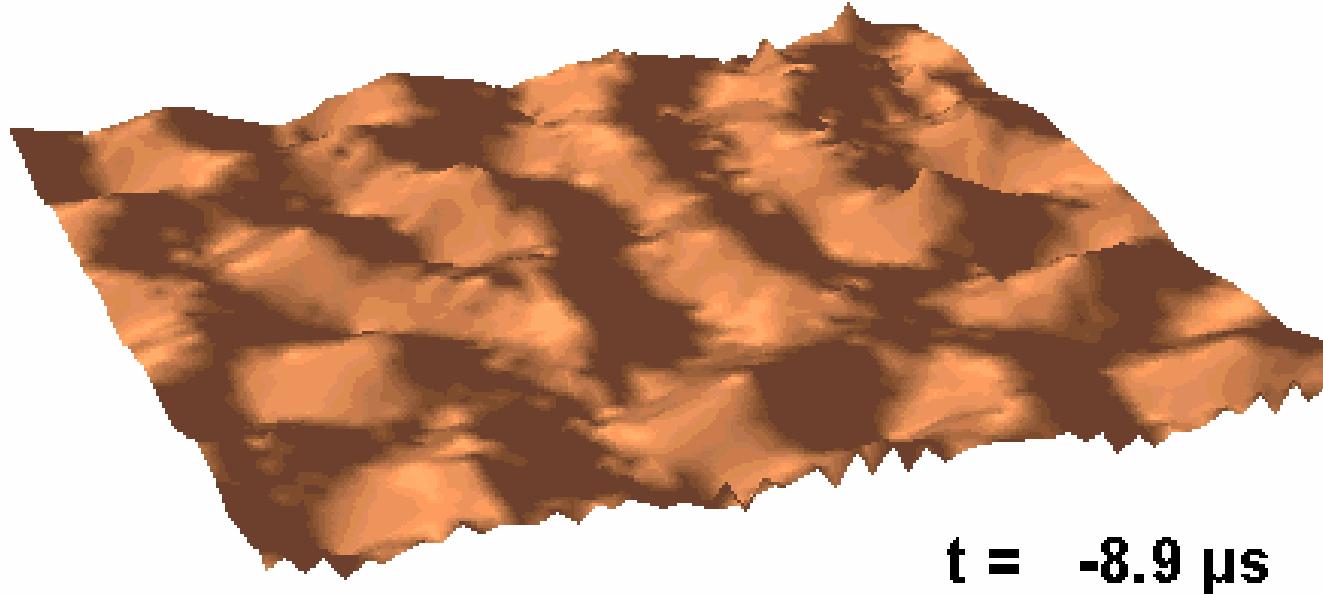
Ergodicity





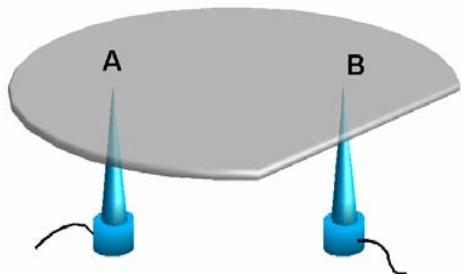
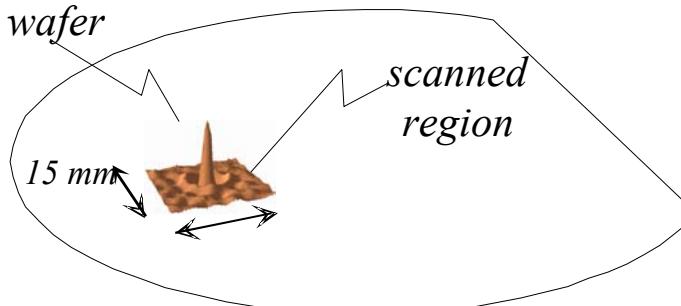
**SINGLE TRANSDUCER** can time-reverse a wave in an enclosed “cavity.” A source transducer emits a pulse at location A on a small silicon wafer (*top*). A transducer at location B records chaotic reverberations of the pulse reflected off the wafer edges hundreds of

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*).



$t = -8.9 \mu s$

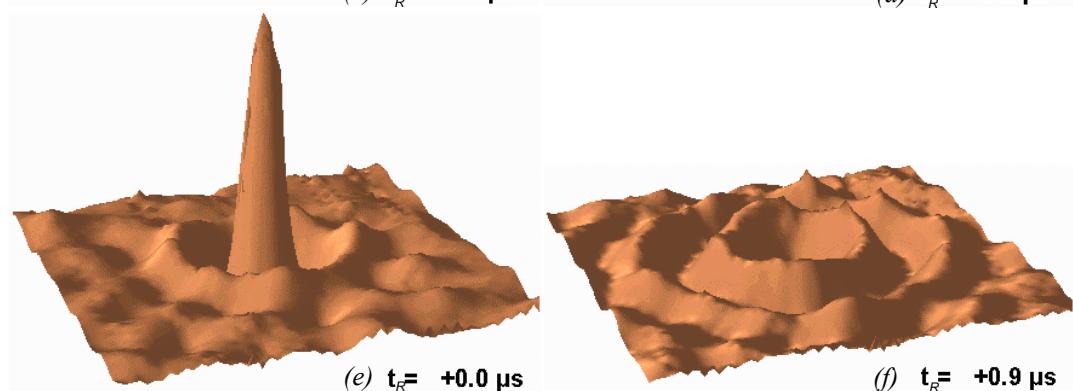
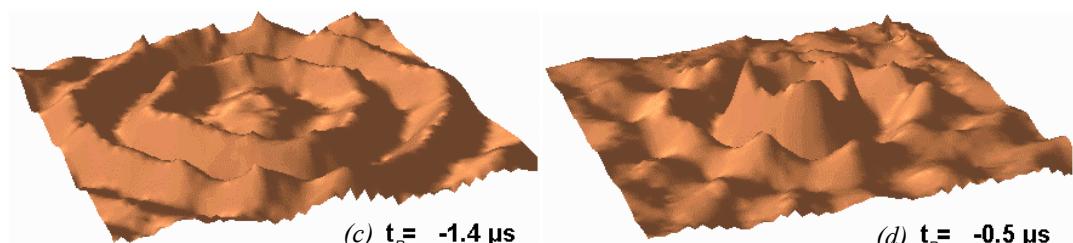
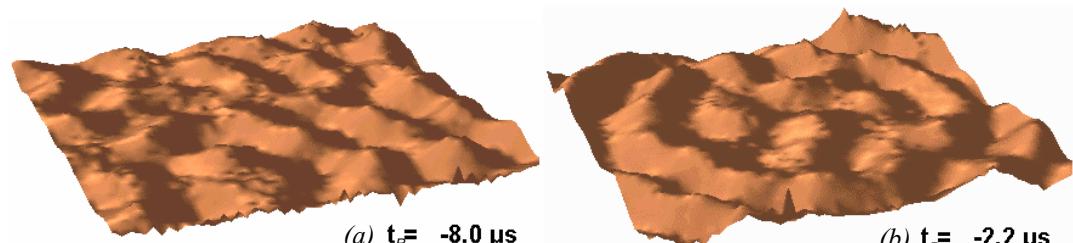
A 2ms window corresponds to the Heisenberg time of the cavity :  $\tau_{Heis} = \frac{1}{\delta\omega}$   
with  $\delta\omega$  being the mean distance between modes



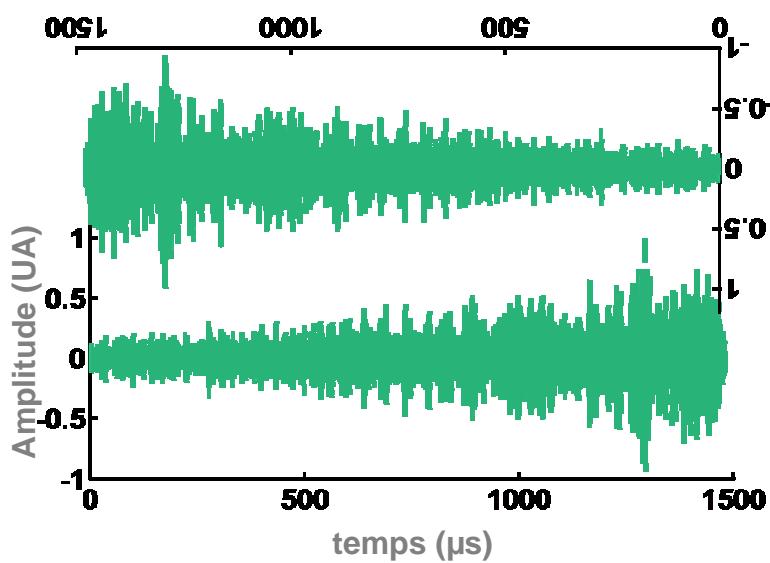
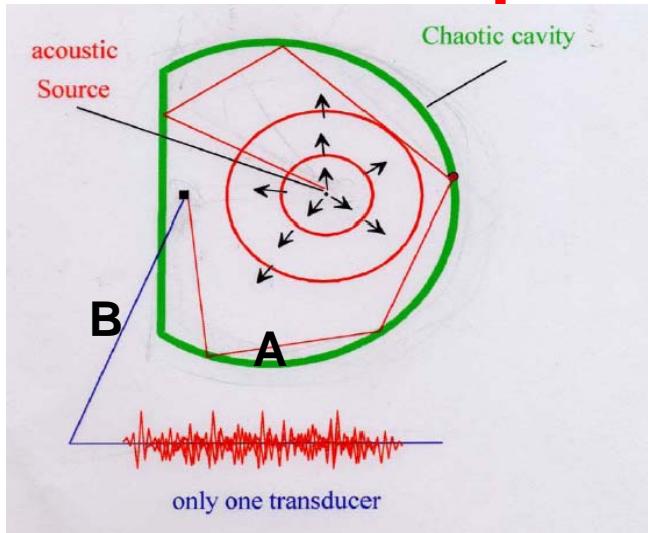
The signal to noise  
is proportional to the  
bandwidth square:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\Delta\omega}{\delta\omega}}$$

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



# An important formula

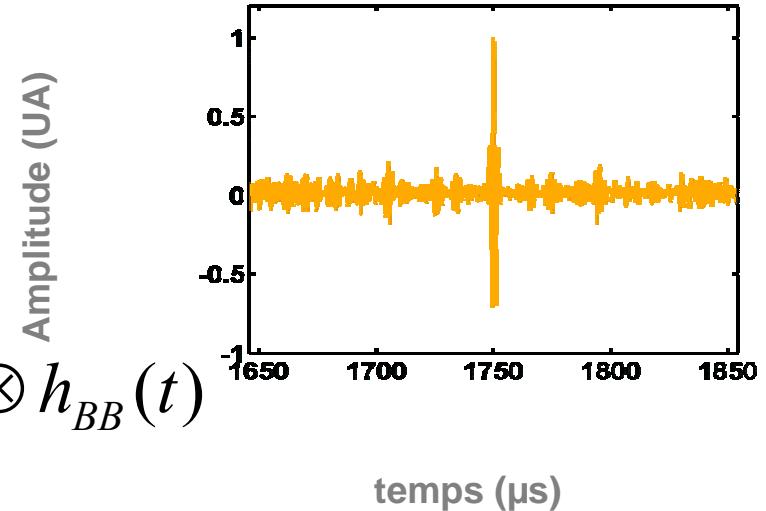


$$h_{AB}(-t) \otimes h_{BA}(t) = h_{AA}(-t) \otimes h_{BB}(t)$$

In terms of the cavity modes A and B cannot exchange all informations, because A and B are always at the antinodes of some modes

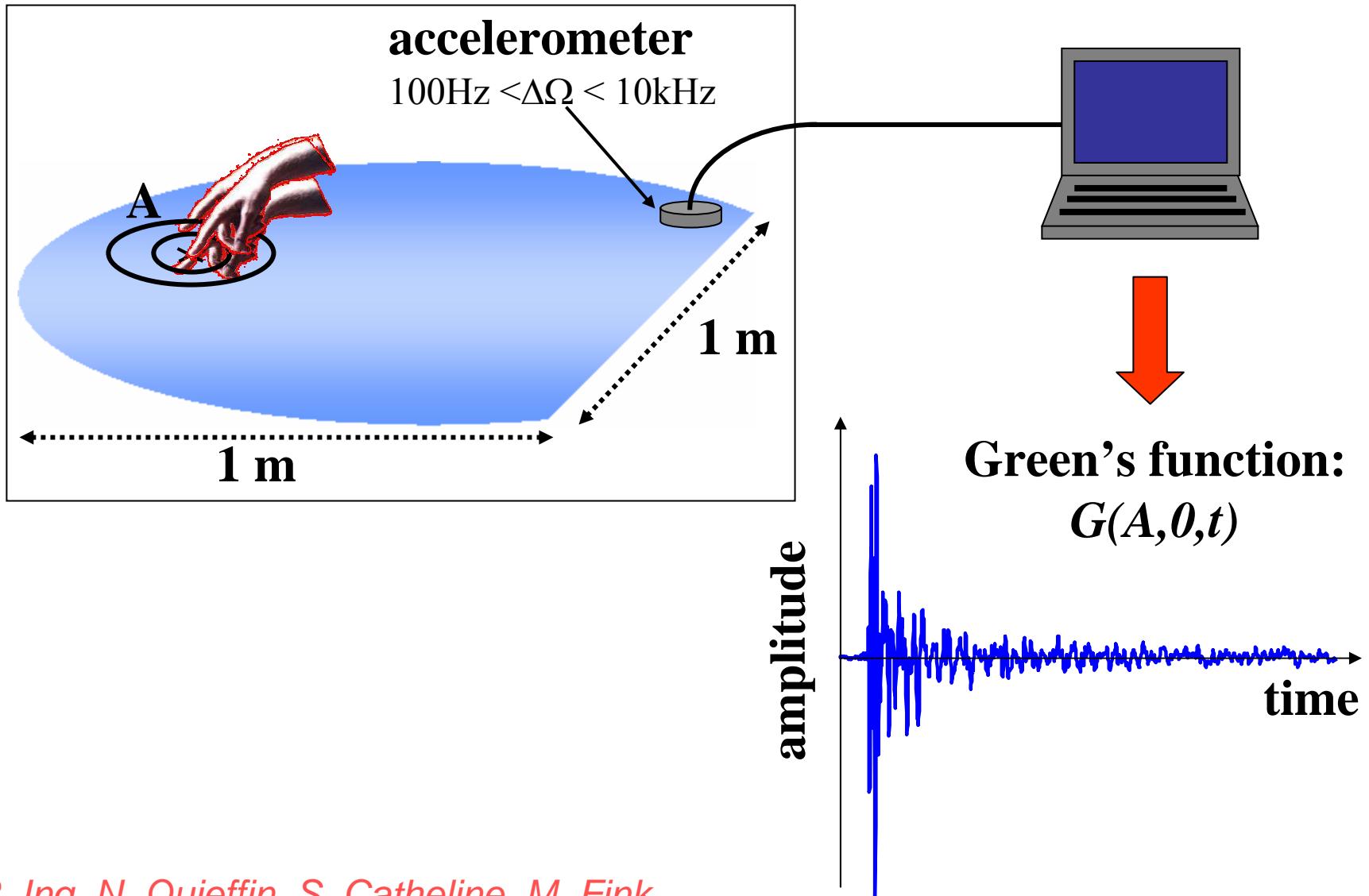
$$h_{AB}(t) = \sum_n \psi_n(A) \psi_n(B) \frac{\sin(\omega_n t)}{\omega_n}$$

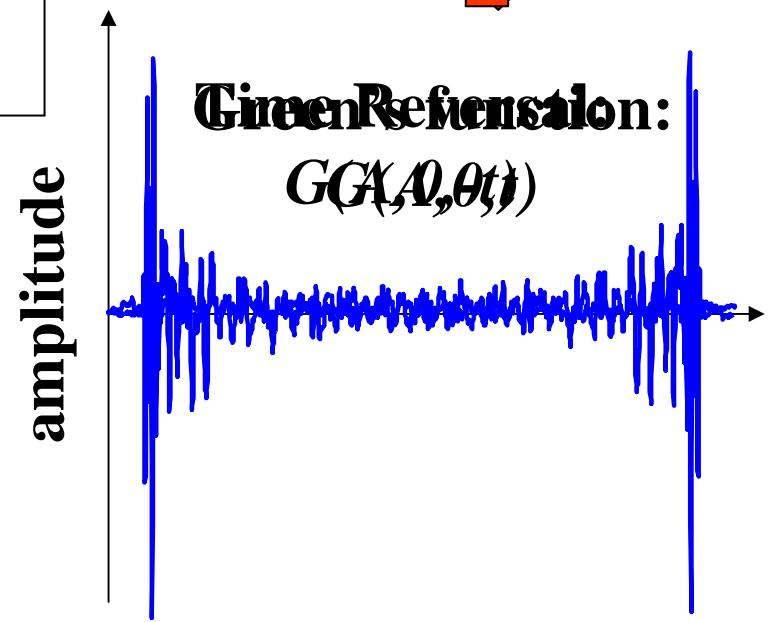
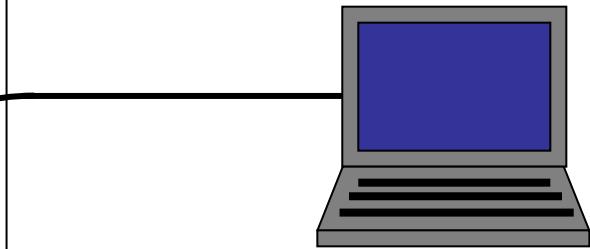
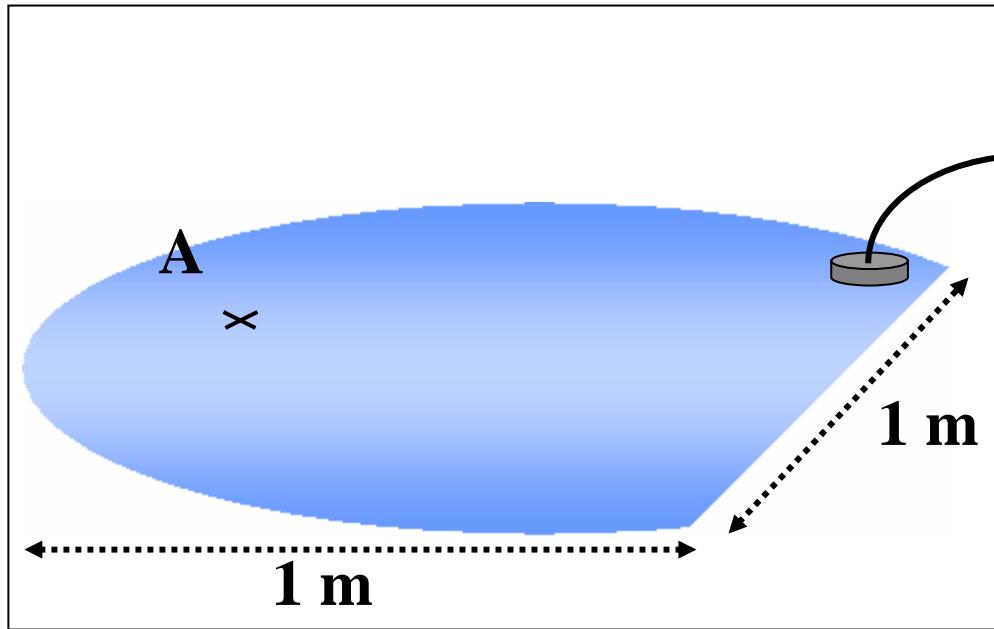
$\psi_n$  eigenmodes



# A nice application : Interactive Objects

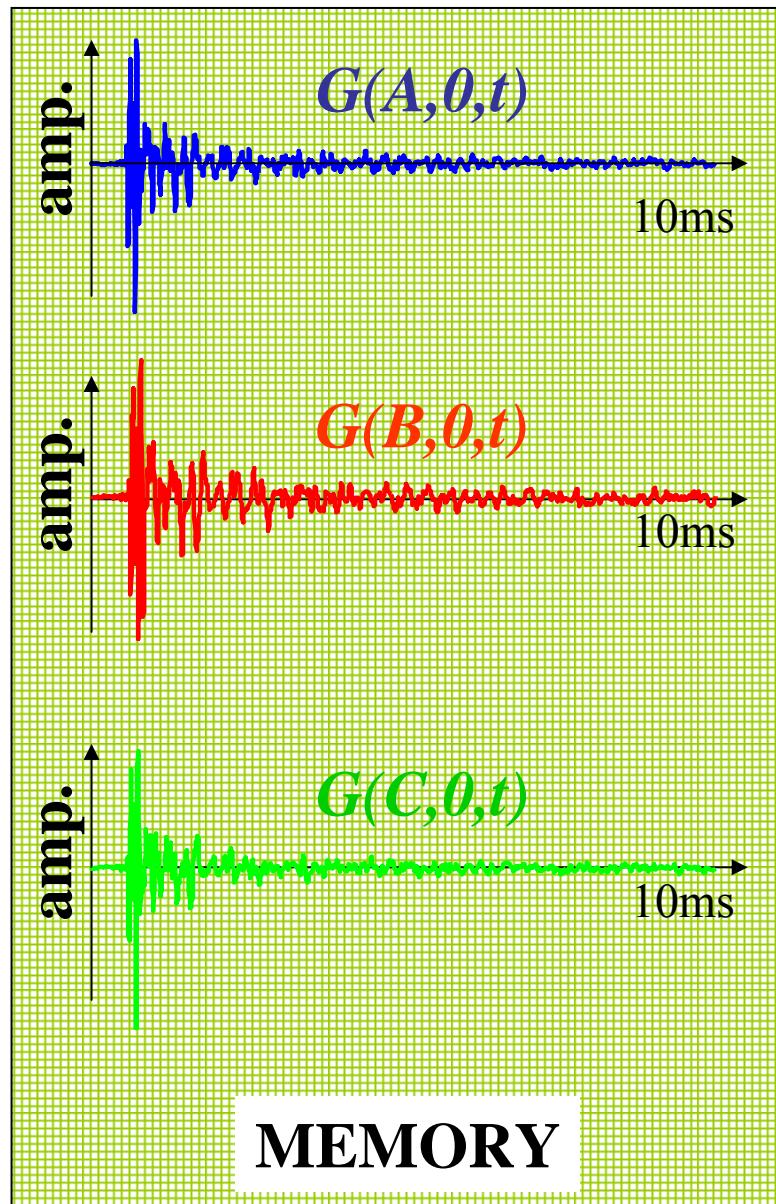
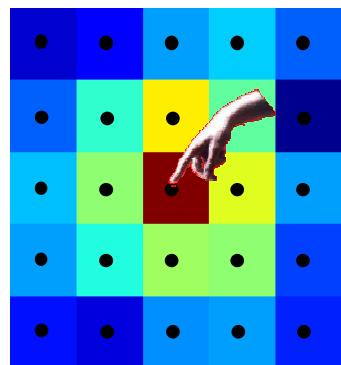
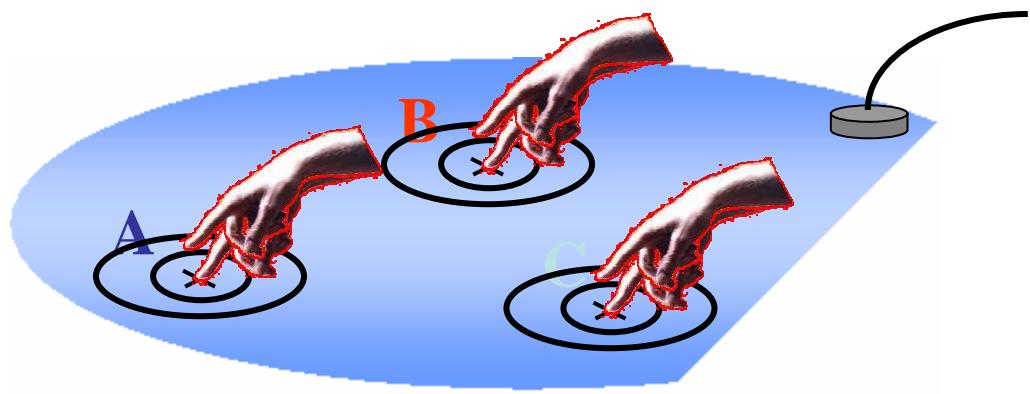
How to transform any object in a tactile screen ?





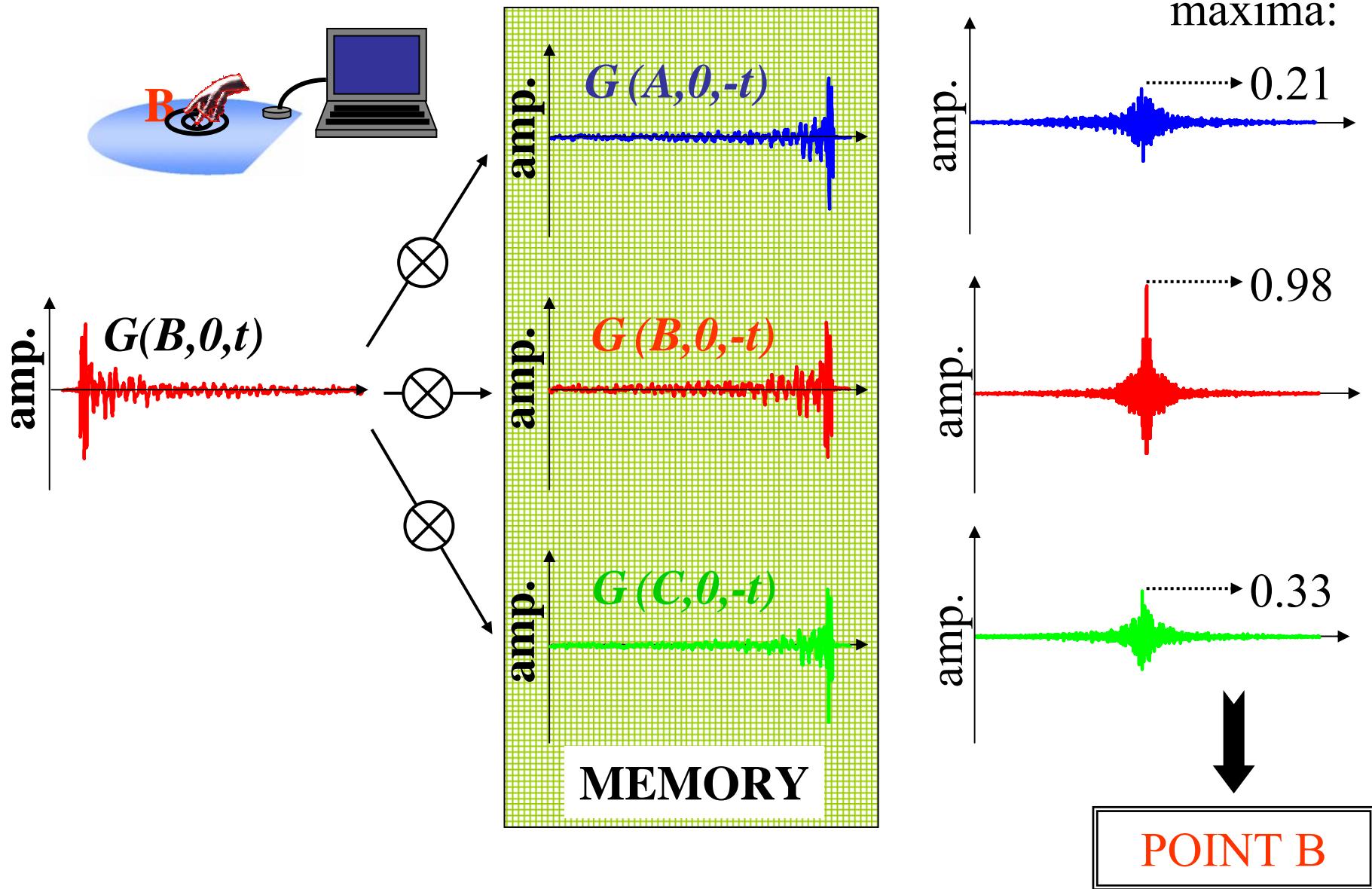


# Training step: library of Green functions

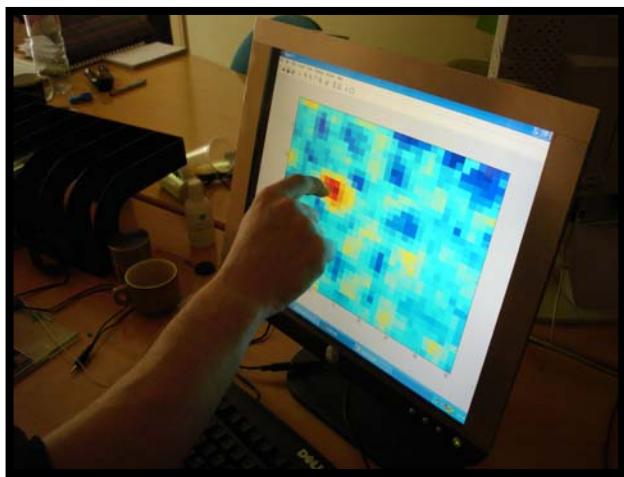
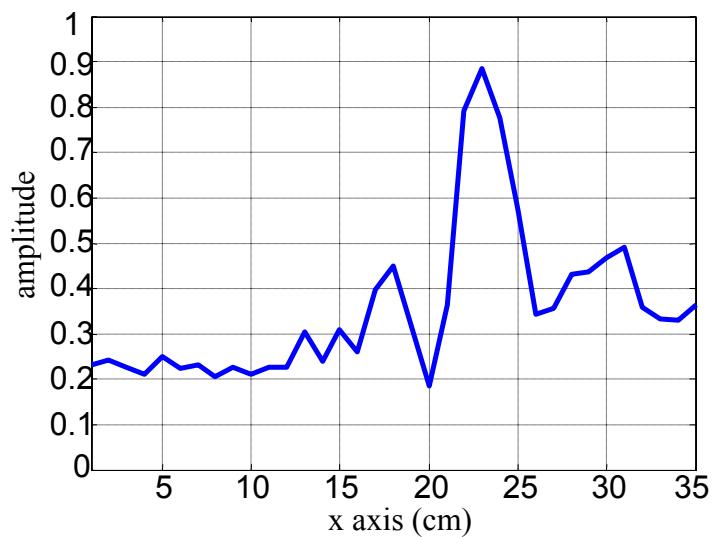
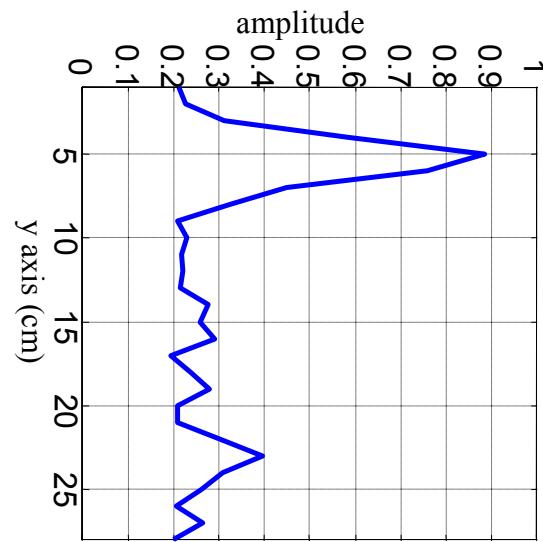
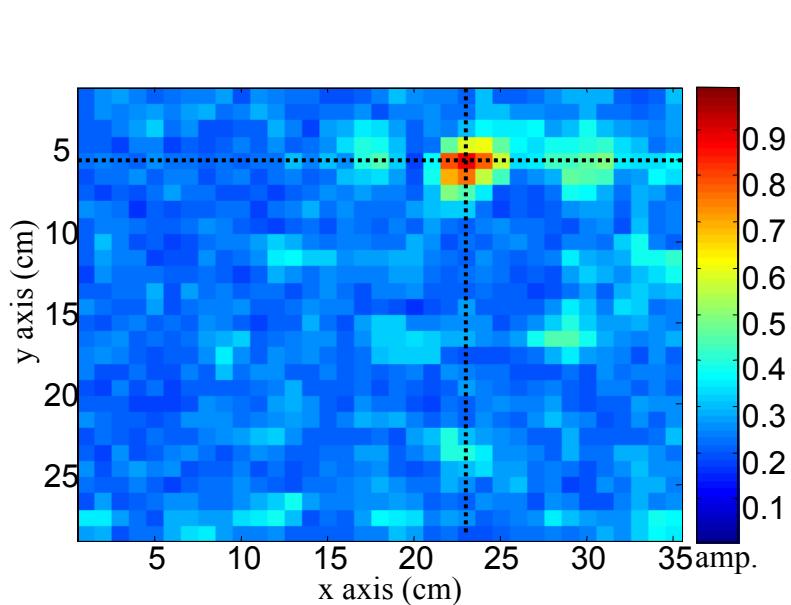




# Source Localisation by cross correlation mimicking a time reversal experiment



# Focusing pattern

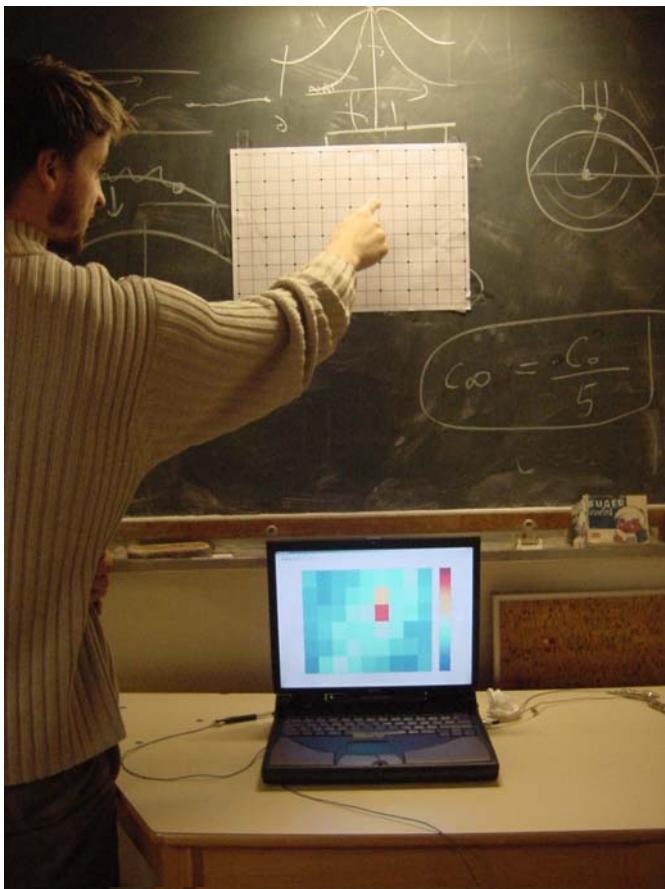


# Sensitive Object Technology



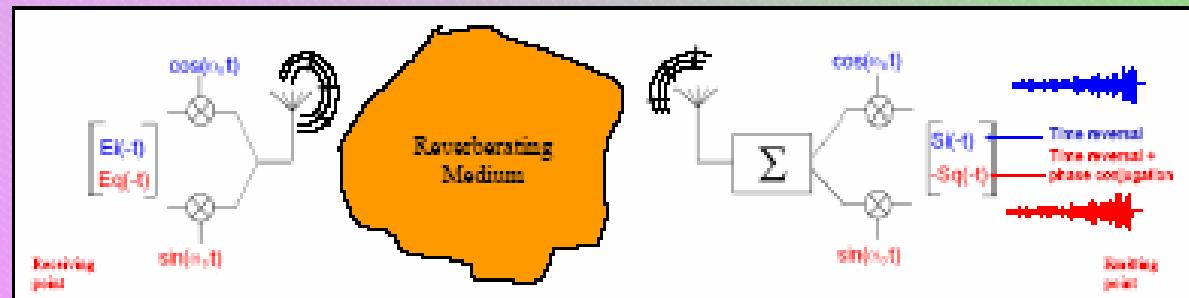
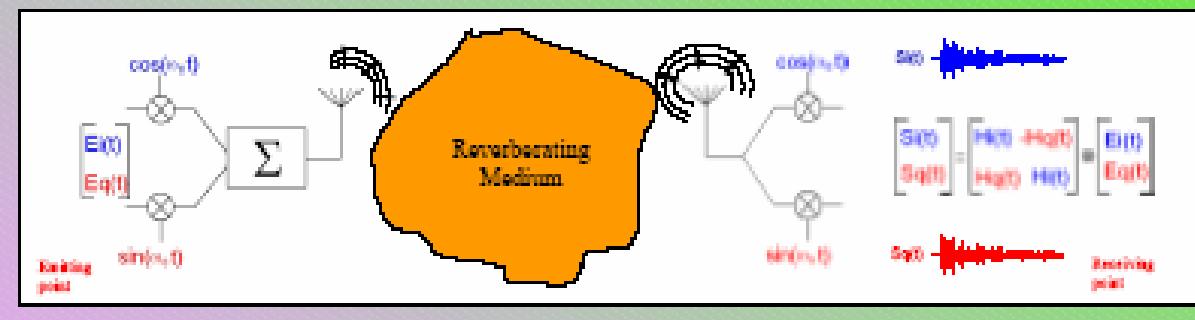


# Tactile Objects



# Time Reversal with Electromagnetic Waves (2.4 GHz)

Baseband time reversal with IQ modulation



I and Q signals in the 0 to 10 MHz frequency range.  
Everything achievable with basic laboratory electronics.

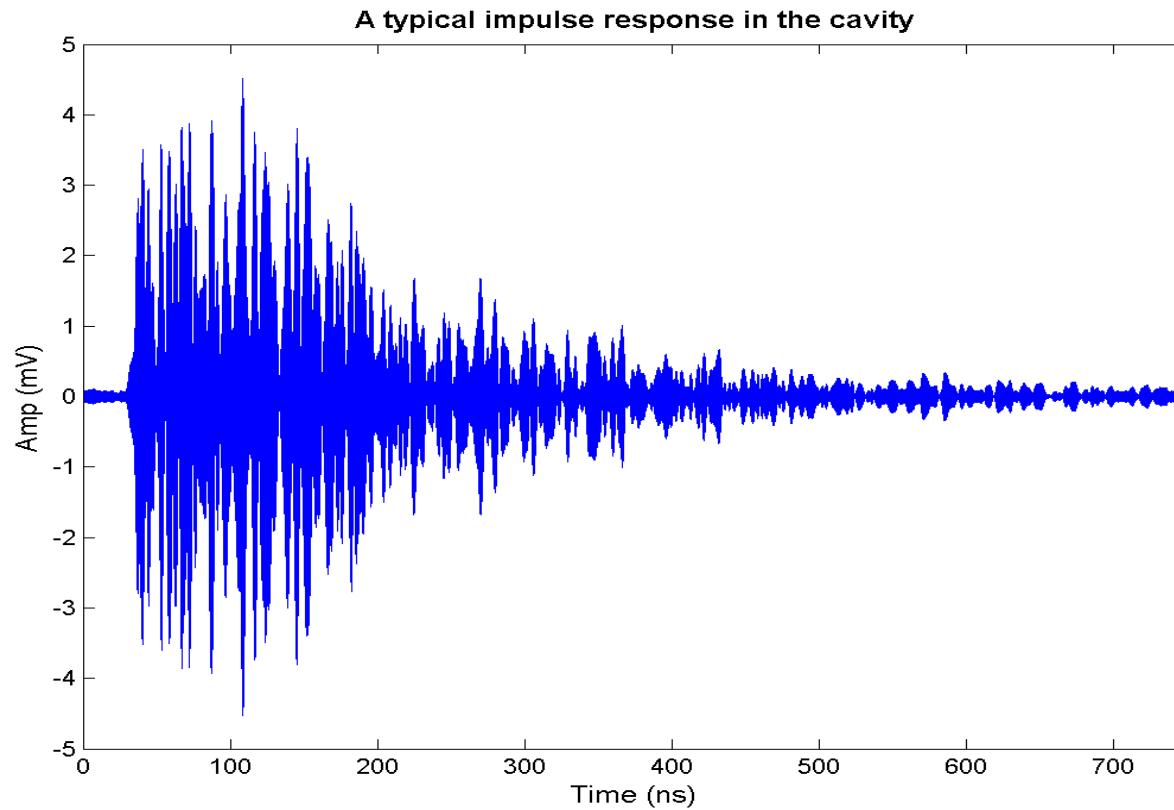
# Electromagnetic TRM

- 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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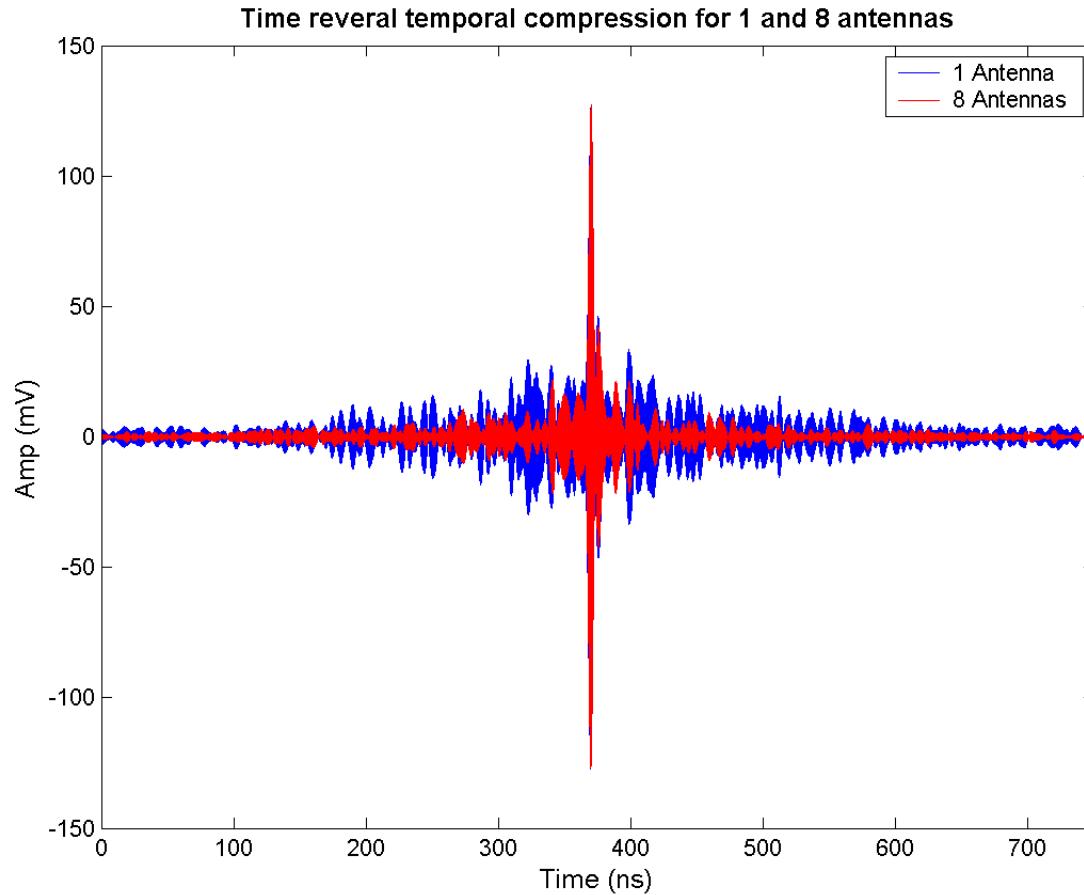


# Impulse response in cavity



- Original pulse sent: gaussian, 10 ns long on the I channel.
- Estimated RMS delay spread: 160 ns. (on 64 responses).

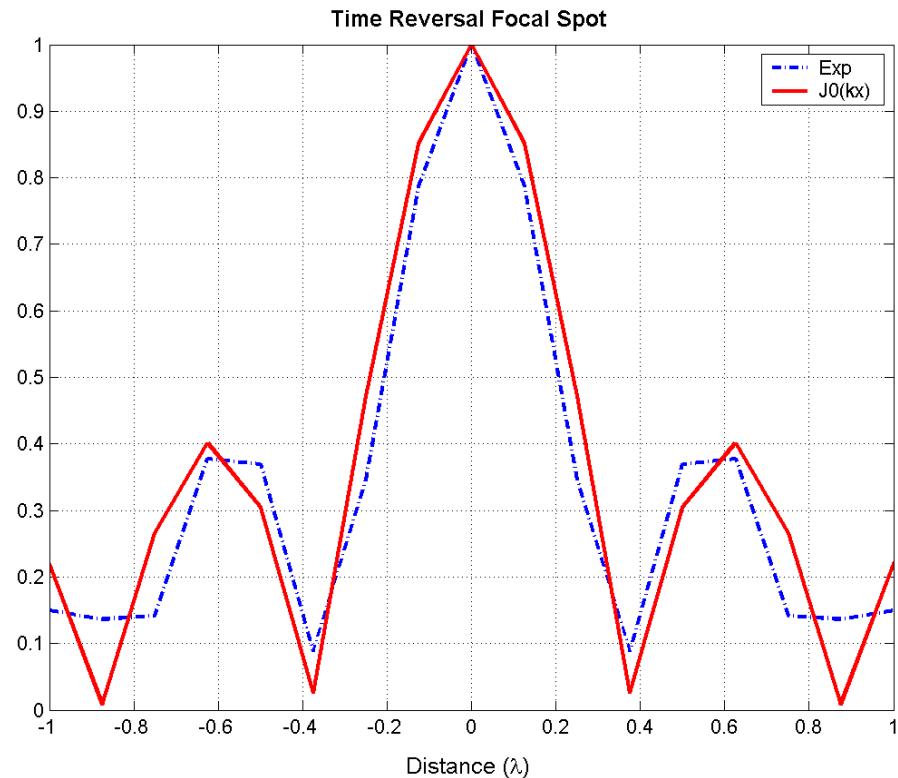
# Time reversal temporal compression



- Compression Amplitude Gain  $\sim \tau_{RMS}$
- Original pulse recovered.

# Spatial Focusing

- ⇒ Typical  $\lambda/2$  wide focal spot. Bessel like (2D approx, Jake, Clarke).
- ⇒ More precise (3D real study, De Doncker).



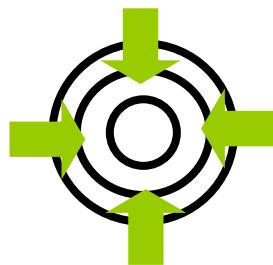
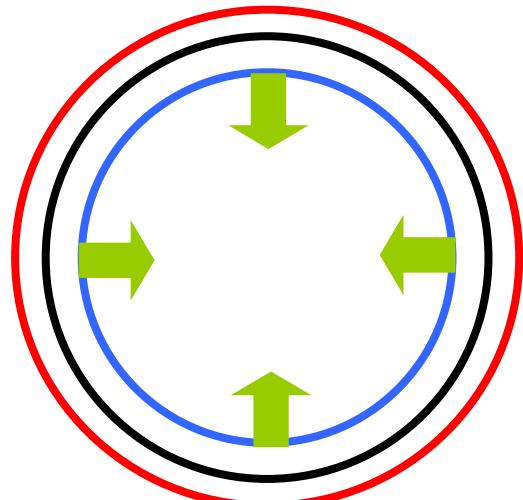
# And Super Resolution !!

1- The acoustic sink

2- Media with sophisticated Green's functions

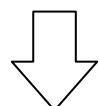
# The Acoustic Sink

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Converging only

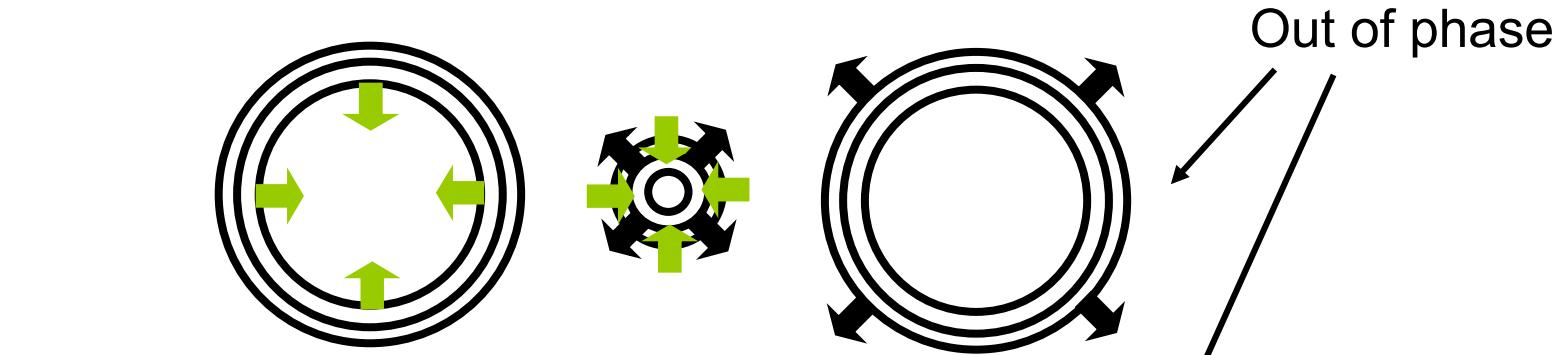
$$\hat{G}_{adv}^0(R, \omega) \propto \frac{\exp\{j(-kR - \omega t)\}}{R}$$



with a singularity

# Principle of the acoustic sink

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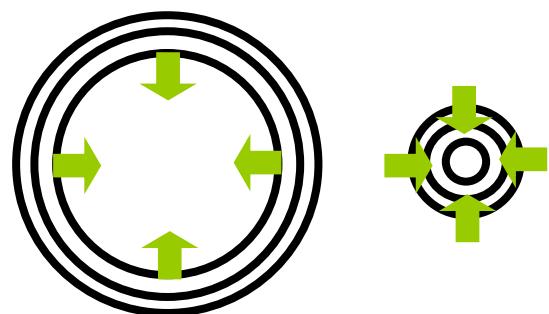


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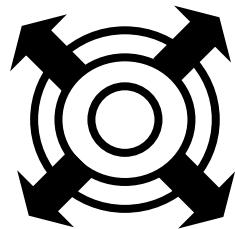


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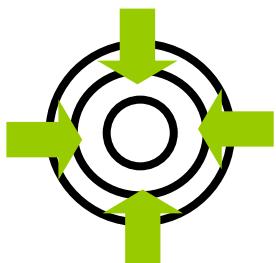
# The Acoustic Sink Formalism



$$\left( \Delta - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} \right) p(\vec{r}, t) = f(t) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

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Propagating  
term

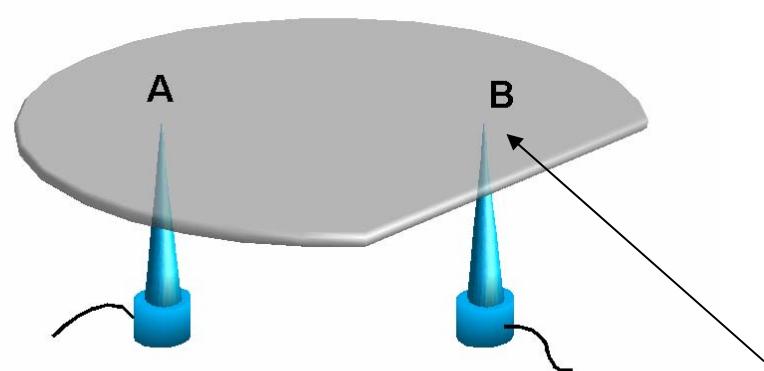
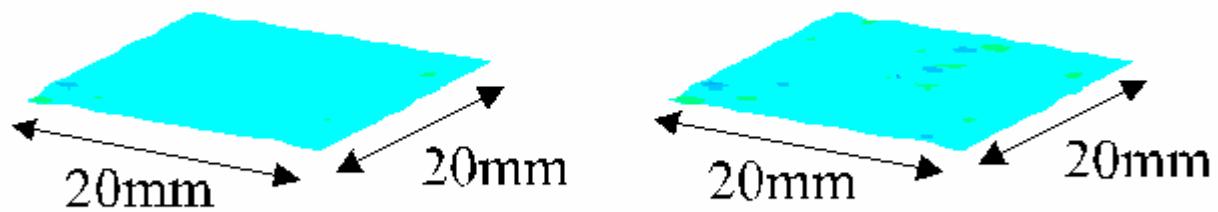
↑  
Point-like  
source



$$\left( \Delta - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t^2} \right) p(\vec{r}, -t) = f(-t) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

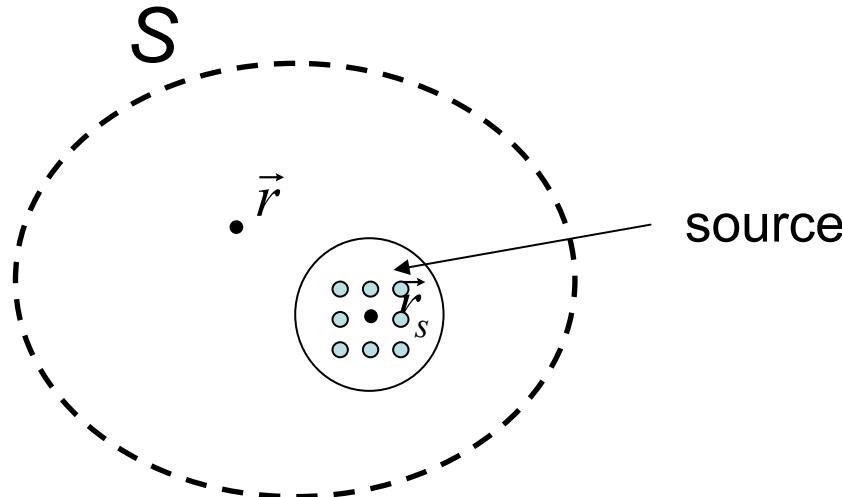
Converging  
wave

Source at  $\vec{r}_0$  excited by  $f(-t)$   
(TR source)



$\lambda/14$  tip

# Sophisticated Green's functions



- select a medium with  
than the wavelength

$$\text{Im}\left\{\hat{G}_{ret}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_s, \omega)\right\}$$

that oscillate faster

An homogenous medium is not interesting

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

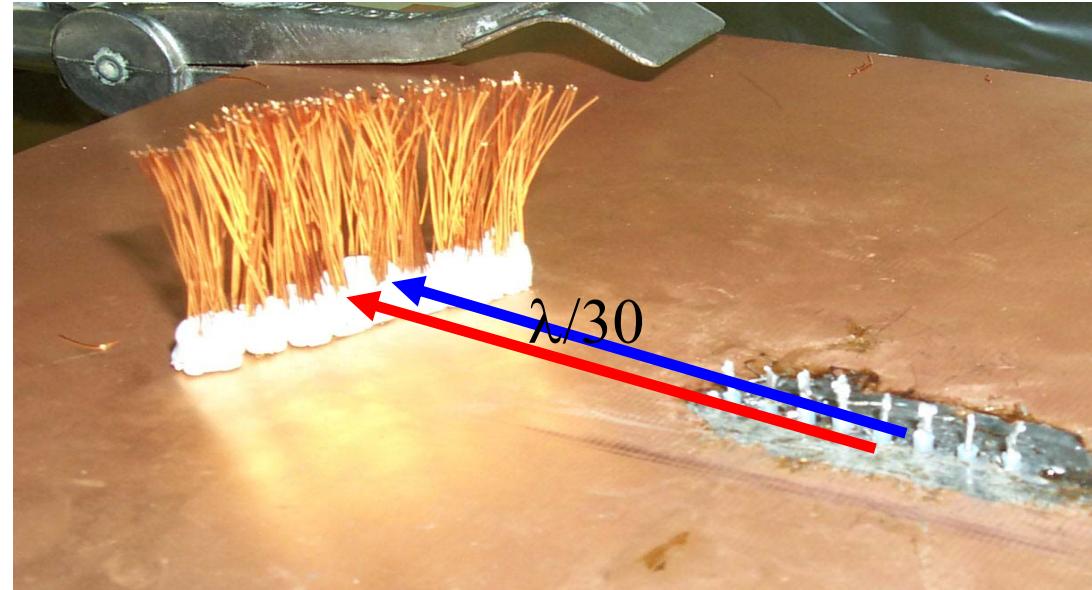
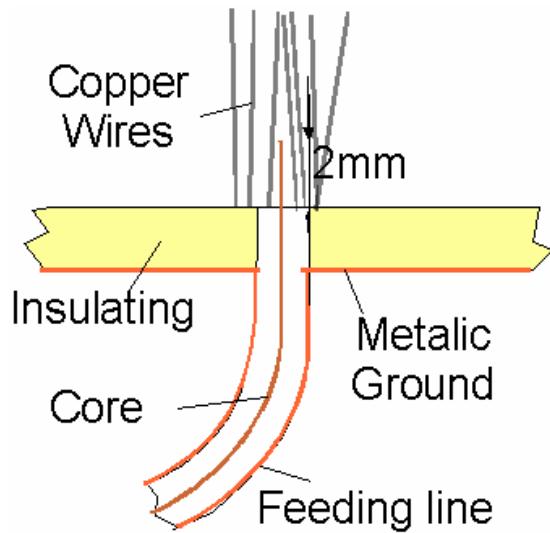
$$\text{Im}\left\{\hat{G}_{ret}^0(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_s, \omega)\right\} \propto \frac{\sin(k|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_s|)}{k|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_s|}$$

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

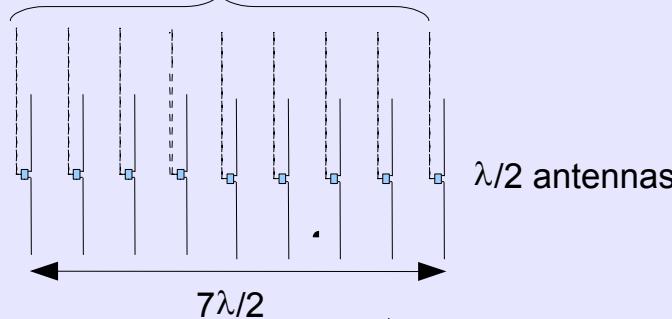
# How to create a fast oscillating $\text{Im}\{\mathbf{G}\}$ around the source ?

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## An Electromagnetic Example



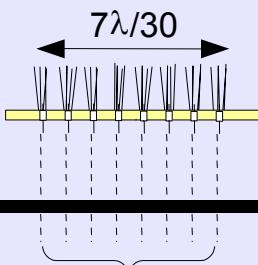
8 channels TR mirror



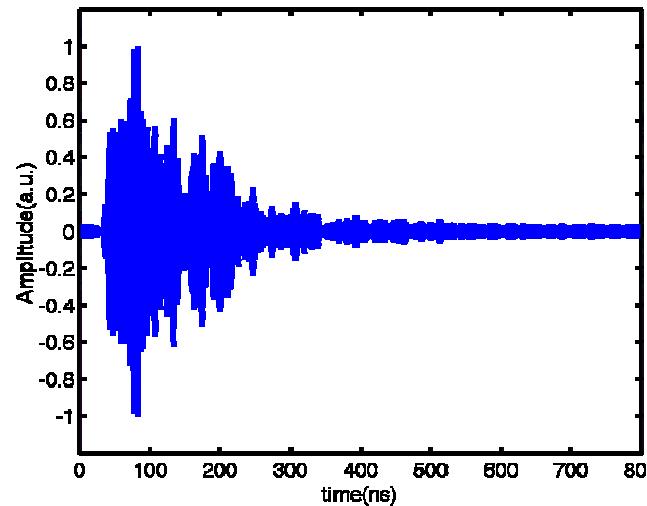
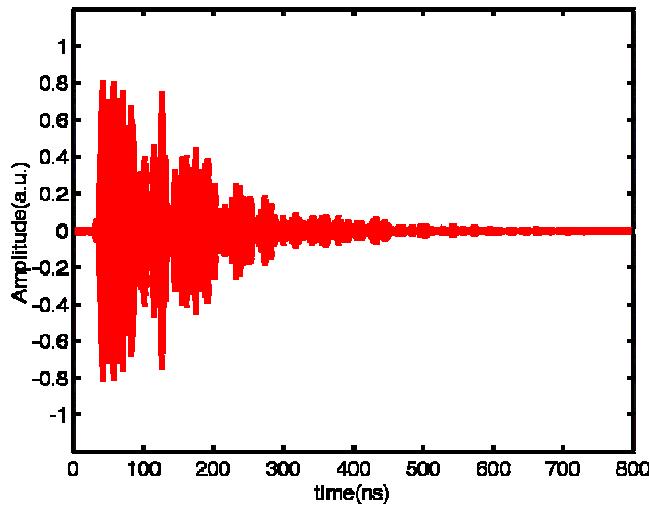
## Far Field Subwavelength focusing

1.5 m<sup>3</sup> reverberating room

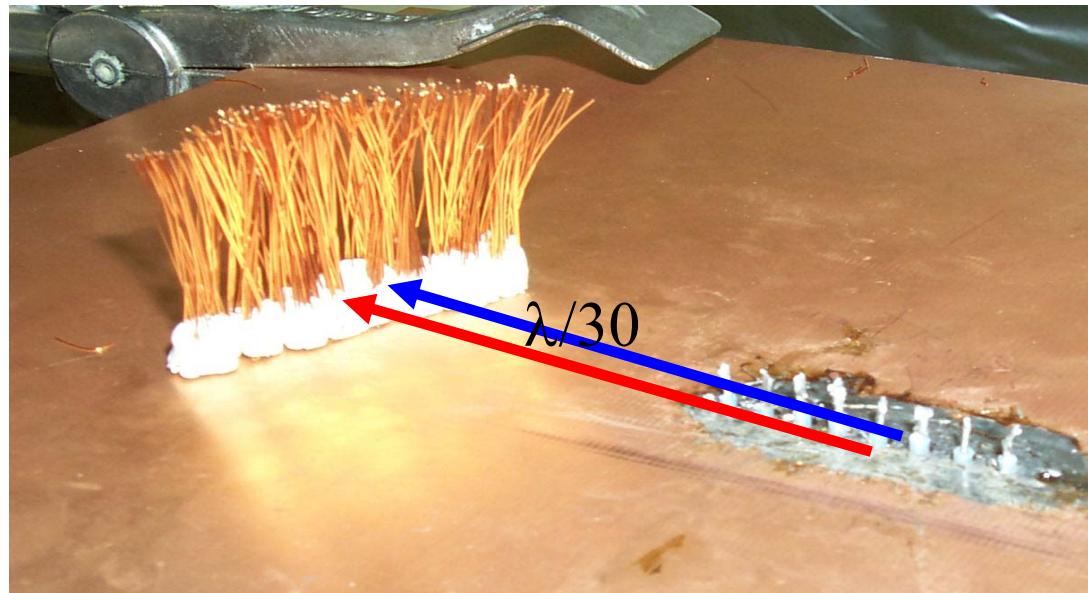
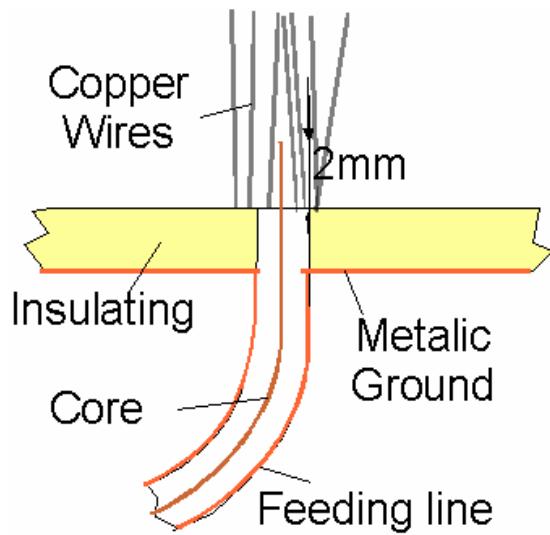
$10 \lambda$



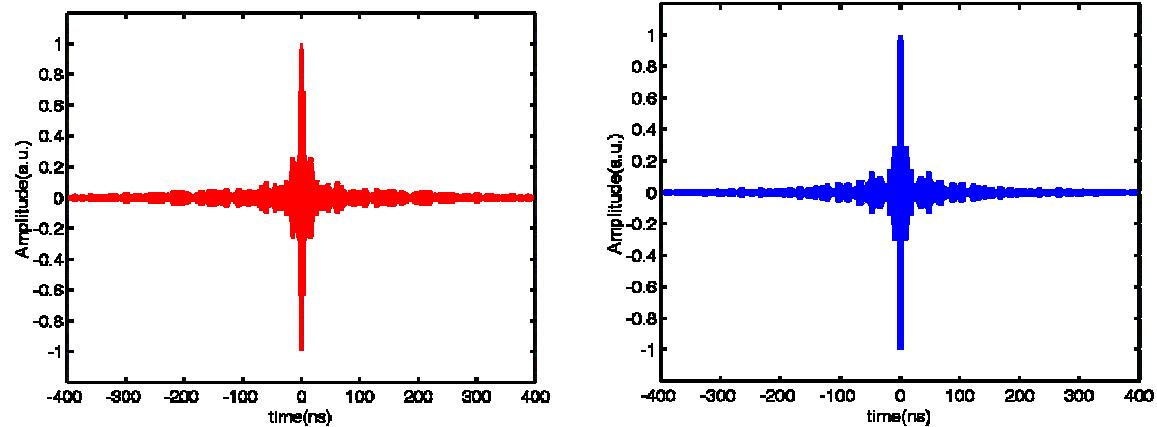
8 channels  
subwavelength array



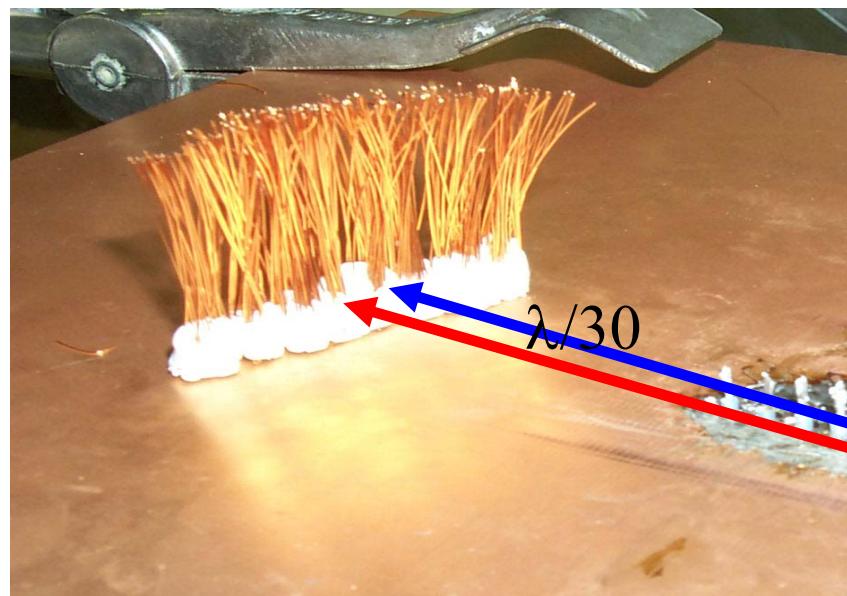
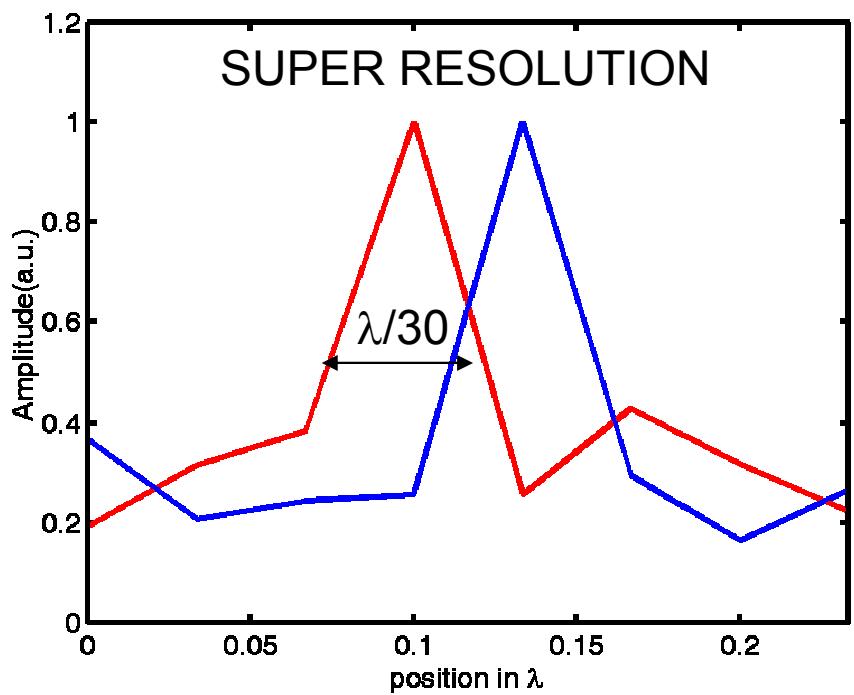
Signals received by one channel of the time reversal mirror



# FAR FIELD TR SUBWAVELENGTH FOCUSING



Time reversed signals observed on the red and the blue antenna



# 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

