

# Mesososcopic wave physics in fish shoals

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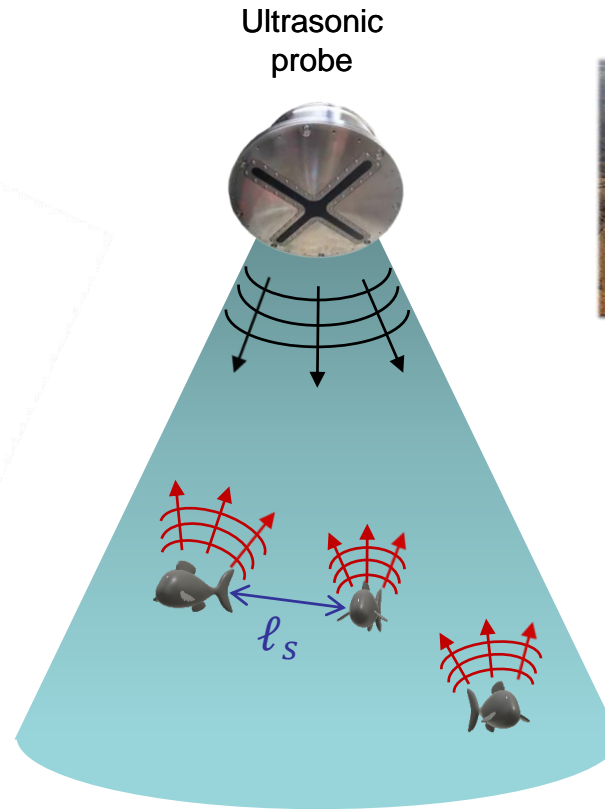
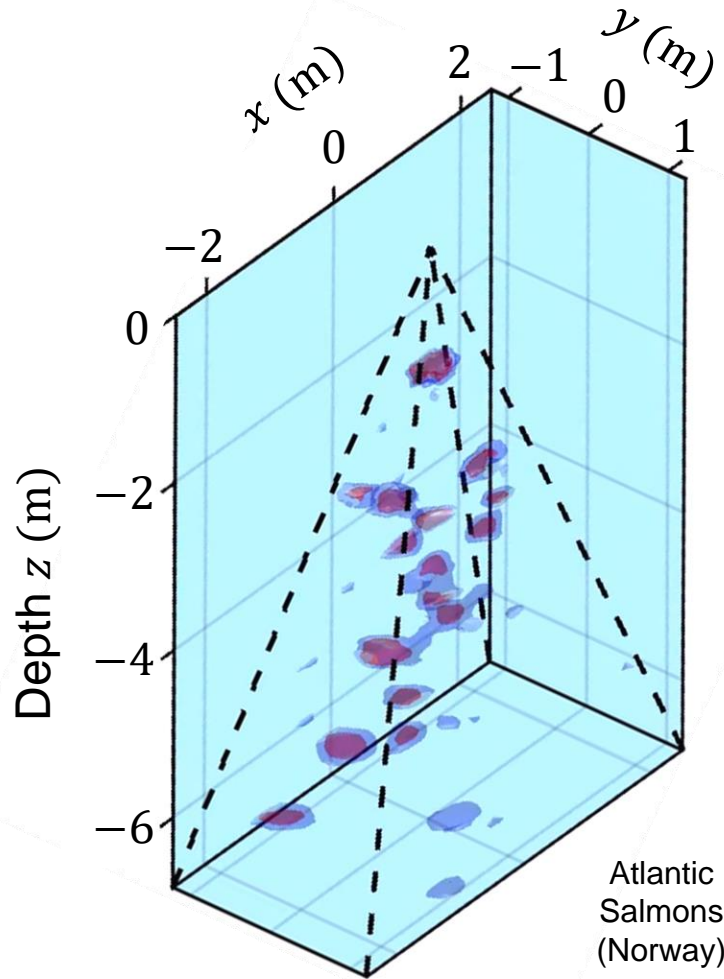
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# Ultrasonic fish counting

Low fish density

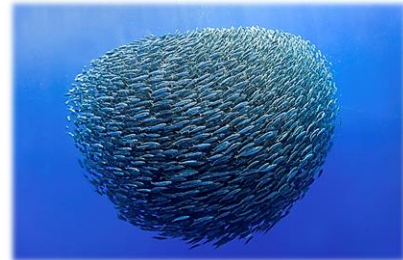
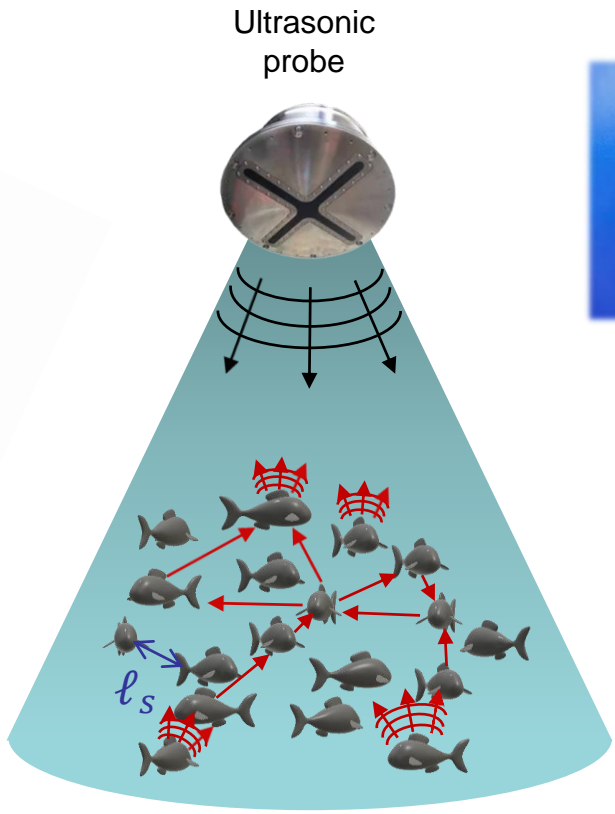
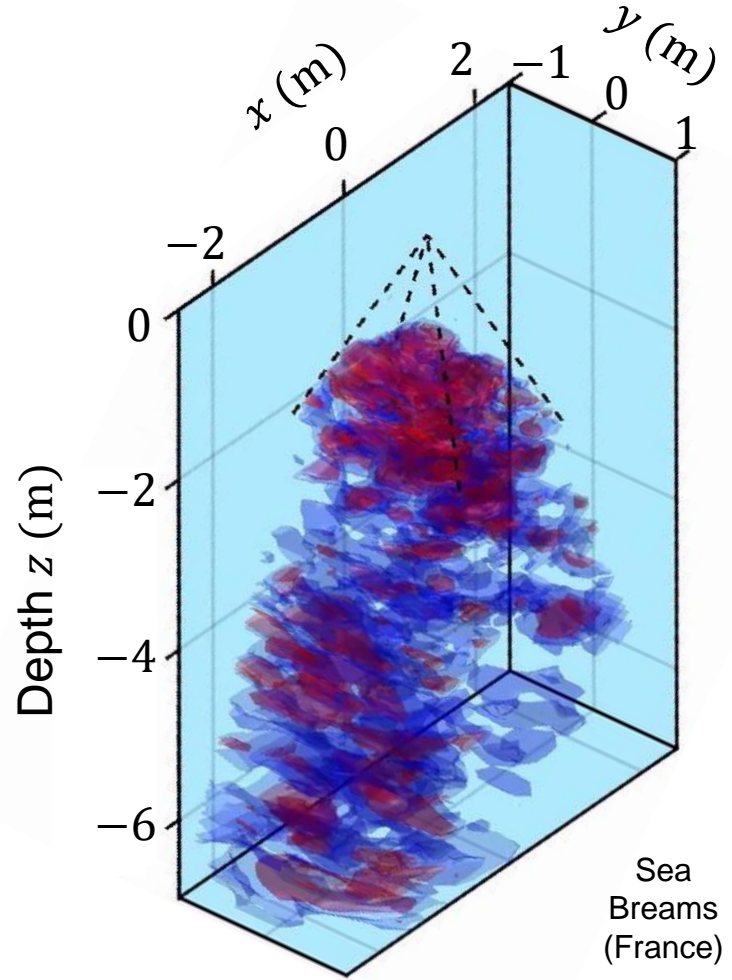


Atlantic Salmons (NOAA)

Single scattering regime

# Ultrasonic fish counting

High fish density

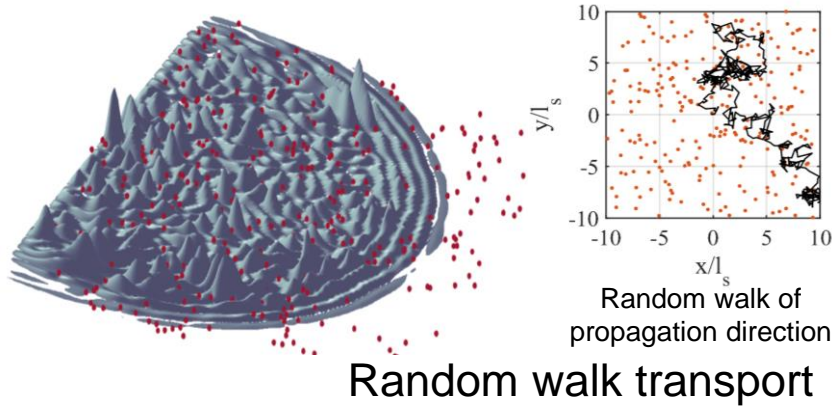


Herring school  
(Christopher Swann)

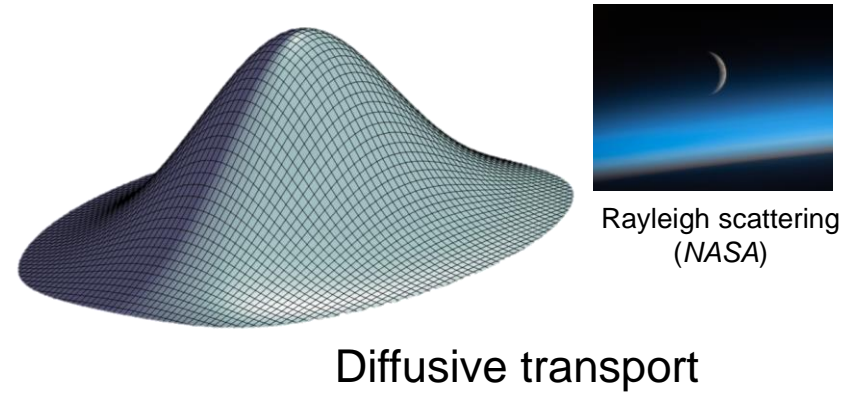
$$z \gg l_s$$

# Mesoscopic physics

Microscopic description (scale  $\sim \lambda$ ):

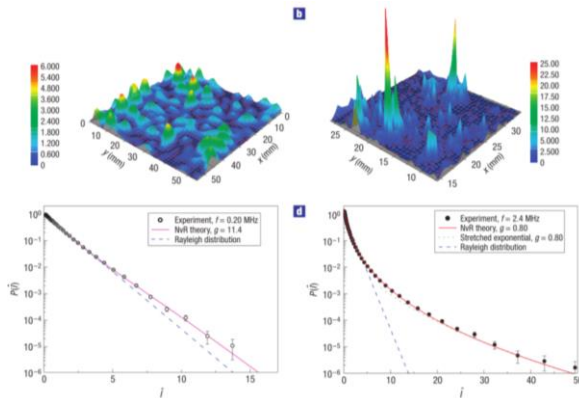


Macroscopic description (scale  $\gg \lambda$ ):

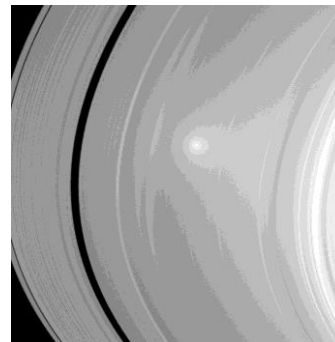


Mesoscopic physics ( $\lambda < \ell_s$ ):

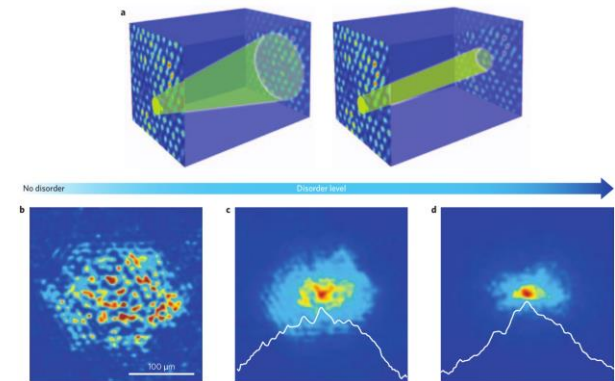
impact of microscopic interferences of the macroscopic description



Non Rayleigh distribution of ultrasonic speckle  
(H. Hu *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **4**, 2008)

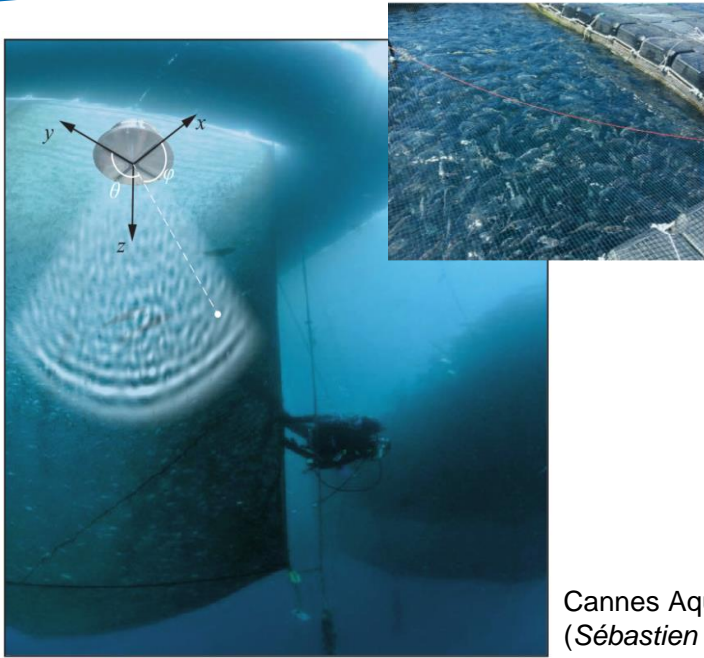


Coherent backscattering of light on Saturn's rings  
(JPL, Caltech)



2D Anderson localization of light  
(M. Segev *et al.*, *Nat. Photon.* **7**, 2013)

# Mesososcopic physics for biomass assessment



Cannes Aquaculture  
(Sébastien Pasta)

Organic certified farm:

- Fish raised under conditions close to their natural environment (selected species, densities, size...).
- Necessity of developing non-invasive monitoring methods.



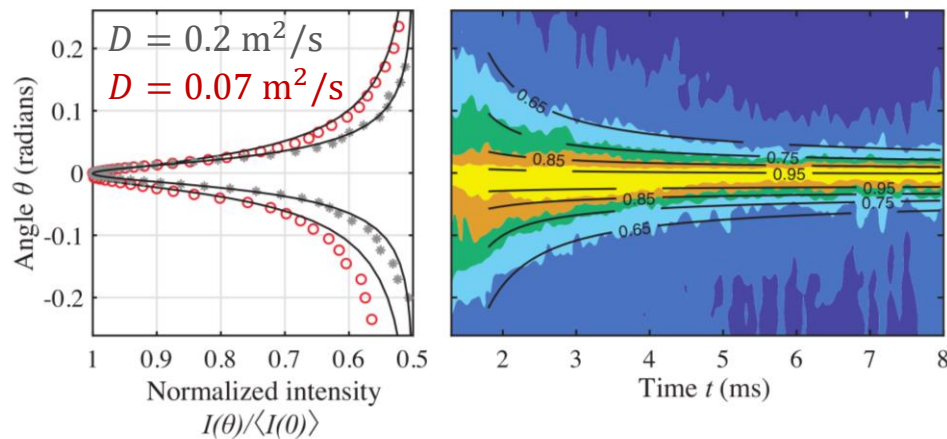
“Invasive” fish counting method  
(Email Gourmand)

	$N$	$W$	$\eta$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$V$ (m <sup>3</sup> )
C1 (sea breams, fry)	75,000	10	6	125
C3 (sea breams, adults)	10,080	284	23	125
C4 (sea breams, adults)	6,000	320	15	125
C5 (croakers, adults)	13,900	886	24	512

# Mesososcopic physics for biomass assessment

For high fish densities  $\Rightarrow$  mesoscopic phenomena

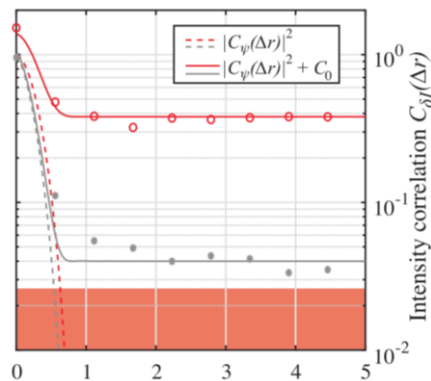
Coherent backscattering effect



	$W$ (g)	$\eta$ ( $kg/m^3$ )
C1	10	6
C3	284	23
C4	320	15
C5	886	24

Measurement of the “fish school diffusivity”

Correlations of the speckle pattern

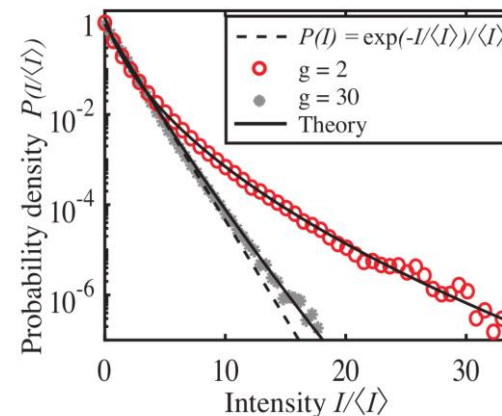


$$C_0 = 0.04$$

$$C_0 = 0.4$$

Long range correlations of the backscattered field

Non Rayleigh distribution of the speckle pattern



$$g = 30$$

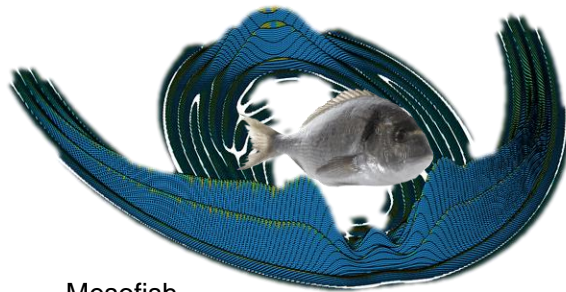
$$g = 2$$

Measurement of the “fish school conductance”

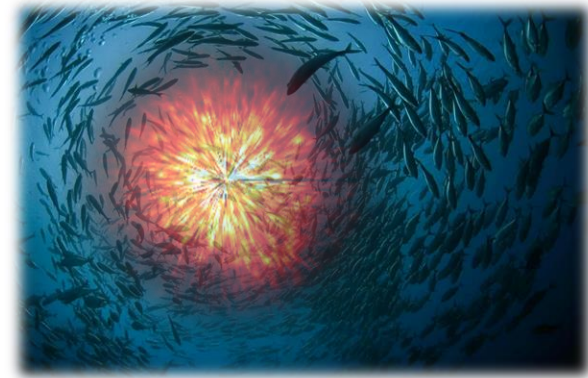
New “mesoscopic tools” for biomass assessment



# Thank you



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