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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of birth	June 6, 1969	Address	NTNU – Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Place of birth	Stavanger, Norway		Department of Physics
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EDUCATION

2011–2012	Pedagogic Development Program (PEDUP) Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway.
1996–2000	Dr. Scient. (PhD) in statistical physics : <i>New Light on Rough Surfaces: Theories of how they appear and consequences of that</i> The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
1992–1994	Cand. Scient. (MSc) in high-energy physics : <i>Supersymmetric Quantum Flavor Dynamics and constraints from the Muon anomalous magnetic moment</i> University of Trondheim, Norway.
1988–1992	Cand. Mag. (BSc) in physics and mathematics; University of Trondheim, Norway.

CURRENT AND PAST APPOINTMENTS

Regular academic appointments

Dec 07–present	Professor of Physics, Department of Physics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
Jan 16–Jun 21	Chair of Industrial Research and invited professor, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France.
Jan 15–Dec 17	Adjunct professor of Geophysics Department of Petroleum Engineering, University of Stavanger, Norway.

Oct 06–Dec 07 CNRS Senior Research Scientist (CR1),
Labo Mixte CNRS/Saint-Gobain, *Surface du Verre et Interfaces*,
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France.

Industrial appointments

2016–2021 Senior research scientist, SVI, Saint-Gobain Recherche, Aubervilliers, France.
2012–present Founder and owner ISICON — Ingve Simonsen Consulting
2011–present Scientific advisor, emseis AS, Norway
Sep 05–Oct 05 Ingenieur de recherche, Saint-Gobain Recherche, Aubervilliers, France.
Oct 02–Aug 05 Senior physicist, Electromagnetic Geoservices AS, Trondheim, Norway

Other appointments

Apr 06–Sep 06 Research fellow, Institute for Economics and Traffic,
Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, Germany.
Jan 06–Mar 06 CNRS Senior Research Scientist,
Labo Mixte CNRS/Saint-Gobain, *Surface du Verre et Interfaces*,
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France.
Nov 05–Dec 05 Researcher, Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics (NORDITA), Denmark.
2003–2006 Guest research scientist,
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway
Oct 00 –Sep 02 Post doc, Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics (NORDITA), Copenhagen, Denmark
May 00–Sep 00 Research fellow in physics,
The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway
Jan 00–Apr 00 Research fellow in physics, University of Californian, Irvine, USA
Jul 99–Dec 99 Research fellow in physics,
The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway
Jan 99–Jun 99 Research fellow, SINTEF Applied Physics, Trondheim, Norway
May 98–Dec 98 Chercheur associe au CNRS
Labo Mixte CNRS/Saint-Gobain, *Surface du Verre et Interfaces*
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France
1996–Apr 98 Research fellow, SINTEF Applied Physics, Trondheim, Norway
1995–1996 Research fellow in physics,
The Norwegian Institute of Technology (NTH), Trondheim, Norway
1994–1995 Research fellow in geophysics, Statoil Research Center, Trondheim, Norway

INVITED/VISITING POSITIONS

Jan–Jun 2019 UBB Advanced Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology,
Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj, Romania.

Jun 18–Sep 18	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Jul 17–Oct 17	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Jun 15–Sep 16	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
2014	Invited professor (1 month), University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, France. Hosted by Labo Mixte CNRS/Saint-Gobain (UMR 125).
Jun 14–Aug 14	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
May 13–Aug 13	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
May 12–Aug 12	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Jun 11–Aug 11	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
May 10–Sep 10	Invited professor, The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France. Institut des NanoSciences de Paris (INSP).
Jun 09–Jan 10	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Jun 08–Aug 08	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Jun 07–Sep 07	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
May 01–Aug 01	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Feb 01–Mar 01	Saint-Gobain Research, Labo Mixte CNRS/Saint-Gobain (UMR 125), Surface du Verre et Interfaces” Aubervilliers, France.
Feb 99–May 00	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Aug 99–Sep 99	University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil; International Centre for Condensed Matter Physics.
May 98–Dec 98	École Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles, Paris, France. Laboratoire de Physique et Mécanique des Milieux Hétérogènes.
Sep 97–Oct 97	University of California, Irvine, USA; Department of Physics and Astronomy.
1995–1998	Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics — NORDITA, Copenhagen, Denmark. (Several stays during the period)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	UBB Advanced Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj, Romania.
2015	Invited to an Industrial Chair position and scientific leader of the project FRAXOS (Fundamental electromagnetic approach to complex optical systems), Paris, France.
2014	The pedagogical prize of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology, NTNU
2014	Invited professor, University Pierre and Marie Curie (UPMC), Paris, France.
2010	The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters; Elected member
2010	Invited professor, Institut des NanoSciences de Paris (INSP) The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France.

2008	The Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences; Elected member
2002	The Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems (MPIPKS) Distinguished PKS Postdoctoral Fellow (declined)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Board memberships

2011–present	Board member emseis AS, Norway
2001–2002	Board member Nordic Institute of Theoretical Physics (NORDITA), Denmark

University services

2020–present	Leader of the research section “Astrophysics and theoretical physics”, Department of Physics, NTNU
2019–present	Leader of the study programs: “Bachelor of Science in Physics” (BFY); and the international program “Master of Science in Physics” (MSPHYS) at NTNU.
2019–present	Member of the “Education Committee” (Utdanningsutvalget) at Faculty of Natural Science, NTNU.
2018	Excursion leader for trip to Japan for about 20 3rd year physics and math students
2017	Excursion leader for trip to Japan for about 60 3rd year physics and math students
2016	Excursion leader for trip to Japan for about 60 3rd year physics and math students
2014	Excursion leader for trip to Singapore for about 50 3rd year physics and math students
2012	Excursion leader for trip to Singapore for about 50 3rd year physics and math students
2011–2014	Leader of the study programs: “Bachelor of Science in Physics” (BFY); and “Master of Science in Physics” (MFY) at NTNU.
2011–2014	Member of the “Education Committee” (Utdanningsutvalget) at Faculty of Natural Science and Technology, NTNU.
2011	Excursion leader for trip to China for about 50 3rd year physics and math students
2010-2012	Member of “Prosess utvalget”, NTNU (appointed by rector).
2009	Member of <i>IKT i sivilingeniørutdanningen</i> , NTNU (appointed by the rector of NTNU)
2008	Member of the evaluation committee for the <i>Study Programs in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences</i> , NTNU.

Committee membership

2019	Leader of the Linux-HPC workgroup at the Department of Physics, NTNU. The workgroup was tasked with giving recommendation to the department on the investments/use of the Linux and HPC infrastructures.
2011–present	“Resource Allocation Committee” for CPU-access at National HPC facilities (appointed by the Research Council of Norway); Committee member

2010 – 2011 Member of the national work group : *Computing in Science Education (CSE)*
(appointed by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research)

Other administrative experience

2020–present WP leader of EU-FET-Open project *nanoLace* (www.nanolace.eu), Horizon 2020, EU.

2016–2021 Scientific leader of *FRAXOS: Fundamental electromagnetic approach to complex optical systems* (anr.fr/Project-ANR-15-CHIN-0003) funded by ANR/Saint-Gobain, Paris, France

2014–2017 WP leader of *Quartz and Glass*, FRIPRO, RCN

2014–2017 WP leader of *A New Lithography Method*, FORNY2020, RCN

2012–2017 Project leader, “Multiscale physics on the Computer: A Norwegian Network” ISP-physics project financed by RCN (budget kNOK 22,000/k\$3600).

2013–2016 COST Action MP1205 “Advances in optofluidics: integration of optical control and photonics with microfluidics”: Management Committee member for Norway.

2010 Conference for Computational Physics 2010 (CCP2010), Trondheim, 23-26 Jun, 2010 : Local organization committee member.

2009–2012 COST Action MP0801 “Physics of Competition and Conflicts” : Management Committee member for Norway.

2007 Advisory board member for *International Workshop on Complex Systems* (Transylvanian Summer School Series), 15–20 July, Sovata, Romania.

2006 Work Package (WP) leader for WP2.1 of the EU project (FP6-2005-IST-4) IRRIS

2005 – 2008 COST Action P10 “Physics of Risk” : Management Committee member for Norway

2000 – present Administred various international industrial consultancy contracts on optics with companies like; Mitsubishi Chemical (Japan), SINTEF (Norway), Borealis (Norway/Denmark) and Saint-Gobain Recherche (France)

EDITORIAL AND REFEREEING SERVICES

Editorial Board Membership and Editorial Positions

2013–present Associate editor, “Frontiers in Physics”.

2013–2020 Topical editor, “Applied Optics”.

Journal paper reviewing

- Advances in Complex Systems
- Ann. Phys. (Berlin)
- Appl. Phys. A
- Appl. Surf. Sci.
- Energy Economics
- J. Opt. Soc. Am A
- J. Phys. A: Mathematical and Theoretical
- J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.
- J. Phys. Chem.

- New J. Phys.
- Opt. Lett
- Opt. Express
- Physica A
- Physica D
- Phys. Rev. A
- Phys. Rev. B
- Phys. Rev. E
- Phys. Rev. Lett.
- Quant. Fin.
- Remote Sensing
- Thin Solid Films
- Indian J. Phys.
- Int. J. Mod. Phys. B
- Int. J. Frac.
- JVST A: Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology A
- Journal of Nanoparticle Research
- Journal of the European Optical Society-Rapid Publications

Publishers (book proposals)

- IOP Publishing
- Elsevier
- John Wiley & Sons

Funding Agencies

- AXA Research Fund
- European Union, Cost Action

PhD evaluation committees

2014	<i>Statistical methods for scale-invariant and multifractal stochastic processes: With applications in finance and climate</i> , Ola Løvsetten, The Arctic University of Norway, Trondheim, Norway.
2014	<i>Stochasticity in biophysical systems: aging, searching and spreading</i> , Lloyd Sanders, Lund University, Sweden.
2013	<i>Statistical physics of opinions and social conflicts</i> , Gerardo Iñiguez González, Aalto University, Finland
2012	<i>Photonic crystals for light trapping in solar cells</i> , Jo Gjessing, University of Oslo, Norway
2008	<i>Complex Networks and Spectral Methods: An Econophysics Approach to Equity Markets</i> , Tapio Heimo, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland

RESEARCH GRANTS

2020–2024	“NanoLace – Mask Based Lithography for Fast, Large Scale Pattern Generation with Nanometer Resolution”, FET-Open Horizon 2020 EU-project EUR 3,357,000 www.nanolace.eu (Role: PI)
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2016–2021	“FRAXOS – Fundamental electromagnetic approach to complex optical systems”, French National Research Agency (ANR), Research Council of Norway, EUR 1,200,000 (with UMR 125 CNRS/Saint-Gobain, Paris, France)
2014–2017	“Quartz and Glass”, Research Council of Norway [FRIPRO]; Approximately EUR 650,000 (with Prof. Bodil Holst, UiB)
2014–2017	“A New Lithography Method”, Research Council of Norway [Forny2020]; Approximately EUR 400,000 (with Prof. Bodil Holst, UiB)
2014–2017	“Window Integrated Solar Collector”, Research Council of Norway, kNOK 351 (approximately \$57,500). (with Prof. Johannes Skaar)
2012–2017	“Multiscale physics on the computer; a Norwegian network” (partners NTNU, UiO, UMB), ISP-Physics Grant from the Research Council of Norway, kNOK 22,000 (approximately \$4,000,000).
2012–2013	Leiv Eirikson, kNOK 80 (approximately \$9,000).
2010–2012	Aurora research grant for French-Norwegian research collaboration, kNOK 80 (approximately \$9,000). Together with : R. Lazzari and J. Jupille
2011	NOTUR Advanced User Support Grant (High Performance Computing) \$20.000. RCN grant, Småforsk \$15,000
2010	RCN grant, Småforsk \$15,000
2009	RCN grant, Småforsk \$15,000
2008	NTNU mobility grant, \$20,000
2008	RCN grant, Småforsk \$12,000
2006	Personal research fellow grant from the Research Council of Norwegian (1.5 MNOK) Declined (due to other position)
2001	Aurora research grant for French-Norwegian research collaboration. Together with : D. Vandembroucq and S. Roux
1998	Total Norge AS, Research grant for doing research in France.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014–present	<i>TFY4235/FYS8904 — Computational Physics</i> , MSc and PhD course, NTNU. Instructor, exercises and projects.
2014	<i>FY8503 — Advanced Theoretical Physics</i> , PhD course, NTNU. Instructor and exercises
2008–2014	<i>TFY4275/FY8907 — Classical Transport Theory</i> , MSc and PhD course, NTNU. Instructor, exercises and projects.
2008–2013	<i>TFY4240 — Electromagnetic Theory</i> , advanced BSc course, NTNU. Instructor, exercises and projects
1993	<i>Quantum Mechanics I</i> , University of Trondheim (AVH) Instructor and exercises

1990–1993 University of Trondheim, Norway
Teaching assistant for various undergraduate courses

STUDENT ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Under my supervision, 7 graduate students have received their PhD and more than 50 their MSc. Currently I have 1 PostDoc, 2 PhD- and 2 MSc-students.

Current Doctor Student

2020– Hale, Nathan: *Topic: Surface Magnon Polaritons*
2013–present Kryvi, Jacob B.: *Topic: Electromagnetic scattering; Computational physics*

Graduated Doctor Students

2017–2020 Indrehus, Sunniva : *Plasmonic properties of supported nanoparticles.*
2013–2019 Storesund Hetland, Øyvind : *Theoretical and computational studies of the scattering of light from randomly rough dielectric surfaces, NTNU.*
2016–2018 Turbil, Colette : *Light scattering from complex rough surfaces, Sorbonne University, Paris, France.*
2013–2018 Banon, Jean-Philippe : *On the simulation of electromagnetic wave scattering by periodic and randomly rough layered structures based on the reduced Rayleigh equations : theory, numerical analysis and applications, NTNU.*
2013–2018 Nesse, Torstein : *Wave scattering theory applied to inversion and design, NTNU.*
2009–2013 Nordam, Tor : *Scattering of light from weakly rough surfaces, NTNU.*
2010–2013 Wei, Yingkang *Propagation of Electromagnetic Signal along a Metal Well in an Inhomogeneous Medium, NTNU (co-supervisor).*
2008–2012 Letnes, Paul Anton : *Optical Polarization Effects of Rough and Structured Surfaces, NTNU.*

Master Students

2015 Kringstad, Aleksander H. : *Approximating Haze in Reflection*
2015 Stein, Timo A. : *Development of a compact radiation monitor for space application*
2014 Lerstad, Stine Alm : *Matlab Based Music Analyses of Piano Recordings*
2013 Skrondal, Hans Marius : *Time Series Analysis of Shipping Rates*
2013 Eftevand, Mathias Sandvær : *Flytende tak i en konsertsal*
2013 Gu, Shangdong : *From Rock Scissor Paper to study and modeling of Chinese Five Elements Evolutionary Game Theory*
2013 Stavseng, Sindre Vegard : *Numerical Modelling of the Optical Properties of Truncated and Coated Prolate Spheroidal Nanoparticles*
2013 Hagen, Brede Andre Larsen : *Sensitivity Analysis of O& M Costs for Offshore Wind Farms*
2013 Suleng, Arne : *The Bak-Sneppen Model on coupled complex networks*

- 2013 Uthushagen, Kristian Siegel : *Entropy in Dynamical Networks*
- 2012 Aas, Rune Øistein : *Electromagnetic Scattering A Surface Integral Equation Formulation*
- 2012 Aursand, Eskil : *Optical Properties of truncated and coated spheroidal Nanoparticles on a Substrate*
- 2012 Ervik, Åsmund : *The Local Level-Set Extraction Method for Robust Calculation of Geometric Quantities in the Level-Set Method*
- 2012 Hansen, Eirik Schrøder : *Numerical modelling of marine icing on offshore structures and vessels*
- 2012 Marthinsen, Eirik : *Modellering av Termisk Stråling for Bruk i Brannsimuleringer. En teoretisk analyse og studie av noen aspekter*
- 2012 Persvik, Øyvind Othar Aunet : *Non-destructive Evaluation of Stress and Fatigue Damage in Welded Carbon Steel Specimens Using Ferrx Electromagnetic Method (FEMM)*
- 2011 Aanensen, Nina Sasaki : *Nonlinear Laser-induced Deformations and Forces at Liquid-Liquid Interfaces near the critical Point*
- 2011 Aursand, Peder Kristian : *Hyperbolic Conservation Laws with Relaxation Terms A Theoretical and Numerical Study*
- 2011 Brandsæter, Tord Bjørnevaagen : *Designing a Free-Form-Lens to Optimize the Illumination of Cylindrical Objects*
- 2011 Brende, Ole Martin : *Complex Networks Development of a three particle reaction-diffusion model on a complex network*
- 2011 Fosli, Carl Huseby : *Plasmonics for Light Trapping in Thin Silicon Solar Cells*
- 2011 Hansen, Christoffer Berge : *A random Matrix Approach to collective Trends of falling and rising Stock Markets*
- 2011 Haugan, Einar : *Colloidal Crystals as Templates for Light Harvesting Structures in Solar Cells*
- 2011 Hegge, Torstein Storflor : *Scalar wave scattering from two-dimensional, randomly rough surfaces*
- 2011 Håkonseth, Gunnar : *Diffusjon av vann i sotfylte kappematerialer for polymere sjøkabler*
- 2011 Jensen, Jens Tarjei : *Minimum Ignition Energy in a Hydrogen Combustible Mixture*
- 2011 Kiær, Anders Fredrik : *Trykkutvikling under CO₂-lagring Numerisk simulering på Sleipnerinspirert modell*
- 2011 Mersland, Mailinn Blandkjenn : *Asymmetriske Energivariasjoner i Turbulens Invers statistikk metode for beskrivelse av asymmetrisk energivariasjon*
- 2011 Daniel Strand : *Wave scattering from two-dimensional self-affine surfaces*
- 2011 Walle, Øystein : *Engineered Surfaces for Redirection of Light*
- 2011 Walter, Erik Løkken : *Time Series Analysis of Electricity Prices: A comparative study of power markets*
- 2011 Winjum, Ingebrigt : *Reconstruction of Images From a Compact Spectral Camera*

- 2010 Leif Amund Lie : *Optical properties of a thin Film of coated, truncated, spheres*
- 2010 Anders Langseth : *Lydhastighet i Væsker*
- 2010 Merete Jaarvik : *Analysis of CSEM data near salt*
- 2009 Henrik Enoksen : *Theoretical and Numerical Studies of Diffractive Scattering of Polarized Light from a Relaxing Periodic Nanostructured Highly Viscous Fluid Surface*
- 2009 Ole Martin Hansen : *Wave Scattering and Transmission from Penetrable Self-Affine Surfaces*
- 2009 Jørgen Kristoffersen : *Synchronization of pulse-coupled oscillators*
- 2009 Halvor Lund : *Epidemic Spreading on Complex Networks: A Reaction-Diffusion Approach*
- 2008 Paul Fredrik Sandvik Aas : *Electric dipole scattering by a conductive sphere in conductive background medium*
(Co-supervisor, jointly with Dr. Lars O. Løseth, StatoilHydro, Norway)
- 2008 Trygve Mongstad : *Scattering of light from dielectric films deposited on randomly rough substrates* (Principle supervisor)
- 2008 Amund Stokke : *Optical Response of Periodically Nanostructured Metal Surfaces: A Numerical Study* (Principle supervisor)
- 2007 Luba Magdenko : *Atomic optics* (Principle supervisor)
- 2006–2007 Peter T.H. Ahlgren : *Stochastic Finance*
(Co-supervisor, jointly with Prof. Mogens H. Jensen, Niels Bohr Institute, Denmark)
- 2005–2006 Thomas Berg : *Electromagnetic wave propagation*
(Co-supervisor, jointly with Prof. Ola Hunderi, NTNU, Norway)

CONSULTING

- Jan 14–present Ascent Geophysical AS, Norway.
Electromagnetics and wave propagation
- Oct 06–Dec 11 Saint-Gobain Recherche, Aubervilliers, France.
Optics of structured materials including photovoltaic
- Jan 06–Apr 06 Saint-Gobain Recherche, Aubervilliers, France.
Optics of structured materials (mainly applied to flat screen technology)
- Nov 01–Mar 02 Sintef (Material Technology) and Borealis, Oslo, Norway.
Polymer-films and their optical properties
- Dec 00–Jan 01 Mitsubishi Chemical, Yokohama Research Center, Yokohama, Japan.
Optical properties of LCD-screens

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

At present I have an H-index of 32.

An online version, from where many of the papers can be downloaded in printer friendly formats, can be found at <http://web.phys.ntnu.no/~ingves/Publications/>.

Published scientific material

- [1] C. Turbil, J. Cabrero, I. Simonsen, D Vandembroucq and I Gozhyk. *Statistically representative estimators of multi-scale surface topography: example of aluminum blasted rough samples*. (2021). Submitted.
- [2] N. Hale, I. Simonsen, C. Brüne and M. Kildemo. *Use of 4×4 transfer matrix method in study of surface magnon polaritons via simulated attenuated total reflection measurements on antiferromagnetic semiconductor MnF_2* . (2021). Submitted.
- [3] M. Tømterud, S. D. Eder, C. Büchner, M. Heyde, H.-J. Freund, I. Simonsen, J. R. Manson and B. Holst. *Observation of the Boson Peak in a 2D Material*. (2021). Submitted.
- [4] I. Simonsen, J.B. Kryvi and A.A. Maradudin. *Inversion of computer generated and experimental in-plane, co-polarized light scattering data in p and s polarization to obtain the normalized surface-height auto-correlation function and the rms-roughness of a two-dimensional randomly rough metal surface*. (2021). Submitted.
- [5] V.P. Simonsen, D. Bedeaux and I. Simonsen. *Nonparametric reconstruction of the statistical properties of penetrable, isotropic randomly rough surfaces from in-plane, co-polarized light scattering data: Application to computer generated and experimental scattering data*. Phys. Rev. A **104**, 043502 (2021).
- [6] J.-P. Banon, I. Simonsen and R. Carminati. *Perfect depolarization in single scattering of light from uncorrelated surface and volume disorder*. Opt. Lett. **45**, 6354–6357 (2020).
- [7] J.-P. Banon, I. Simonsen and R. Carminati. *Single scattering of polarized light by correlated surface and volume disorder*. Phys. Rev. A. **101**, 053847 (2020).
- [8] C. Turbil, T. S. HyukYoo, I. Simonsen, J. Teisseire, I. Gozhyk and E. Garcia-Caurel. *Experimental studies of the transmission of light through low coverage regular or random arrays of silica micropillars supported by a glass substrate*. Appl. Opt. **58** (33), 9267–9278 (2019).
- [9] J.-P. Banon, Ø. S. Hetland and I. Simonsen. *On the physics of polarized light scattering from weakly rough dielectric surfaces: Yoneda and Brewster scattering phenomena*. Phys. Rev. A **99**, 023834 (2019).
- [10] T. Nesse, I. Simonsen and B. Holst. *Nanometer resolution mask lithography with matter waves: Near-field binary holography*. Phys. Rev. Applied **11**, 024009 (2019).
- [11] T. S. Hegge, T. Nesse, A. A. Maradudin and I. Simonsen. *The scattering of a scalar beam from isotropic and anisotropic two-dimensional randomly rough Dirichlet or Neumann surfaces: The full angular intensity distributions*. Wave Motion **82**, 30–50 (2018).
- [12] D. Strand, T. Nesse, J. B. Kryvi, T. S. Hegge and I. Simonsen. *Wave scattering from two-dimensional self-affine Dirichlet and Neumann surfaces and its application to the retrieval of self-affine parameters*. Phys. Rev. A **97**, 063825 (2018).
- [13] A. A. Maradudin, V. Pérez-Chávez, A. Jędrzejewski and I. Simonsen. *Features in the diffraction of a scalar plane wave from doubly-periodic Dirichlet and Neumann surfaces*. Low Temp. Phys. **44**, 733–743 (2018).
- [14] J.-P. Banon, Ø. S. Hetland and I. Simonsen. *Selective enhancement of Selényi rings induced by the cross-correlation between the interfaces of a two-dimensional randomly rough dielectric film*. Ann. Phys. **389**, 352–382 (2018).

- [15] A. A. Maradudin and I. Simonsen. *Replacement of ensemble averaging by the use of a broadband source in scattering of light from a one-dimensional randomly rough interface between two dielectric media*. Int. J. Antennas. Propag. **2018**, 6768306 (2018).
- [16] M. Kildemo, J.-P. Banon, A. Baron, B. B. Svendsen, T. Brakstad and I. Simonsen. *Optical response of gold hemispheroidal lattices on transparent substrates*. Appl. Surf. Sci. **421**, 593–600 (2017).
- [17] T. Nesse, J.-P. Banon, B. Holst and I. Simonsen. *Optimal design of grid-based binary holograms for matter-wave lithography*. Phys. Rev. Applied **8**, 024011 (Aug 2017).
- [18] J.-P. Banon, T. Nesse, Z. Ghadyani, M. Kildemo and I. Simonsen. *Critical dimension metrology of a plasmonic photonic crystal based on Mueller matrix ellipsometry and the reduced Rayleigh equation*. Opt. Lett. **42** (13), 2631–2634 (Jul 2017).
- [19] T. Nesse, S. D. Eder, T. Kaltenbacher, J. O. Grepstad, I. Simonsen and B. Holst. *Neutral-helium-atom diffraction from a micron-scale periodic structure: Photonic-crystal-membrane characterization*. Phys. Rev. A **95**, 063618 (Jun 2017).
- [20] A. A. Maradudin and I. Simonsen. *Control of the coherence of light transmitted through a one-dimensional randomly rough interface that acts as a Schell-model source*. In 2017 International Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society Symposium – Italy (ACES) pages 1–2 March 2017. 2017 International Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society Symposium, Florence, Italy.
- [21] I. Simonsen and A. A. Maradudin. *A one-dimensional randomly rough interface that produces a specified angular distribution of the intensity of the light transmitted through it*. In 2017 International Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society Symposium – Italy (ACES) pages 1–2 March 2017. 2017 International Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society Symposium, Florence, Italy.
- [22] V. Pérez-Chávez, I. Simonsen, A. A. Maradudin, S. Blaize and E. R. Méndez. *Effective optical properties of supported silicon nanopillars at telecommunication wavelengths*. Opt. Commun. **399**, 127–134 (2017).
- [23] Ø. S. Hetland, A. A. Maradudin, T. Nordam, P. A. Letnes and I. Simonsen. *Numerical studies of the transmission of light through a two-dimensional randomly rough interface*. Phys. Rev. A **95**, 043808 (2017).
- [24] I. Simonsen and A. A. Maradudin. *The excitation and detection of a leaky surface electromagnetic wave on a high-index dielectric grating in a prism-coupler geometry*. Low Temp. Phys. **43**, 193 (2017).
- [25] A. K. González-Alcalde, J.-P. Banon, Ø. S. Hetland, A. A. Maradudin, E. R. Méndez, T. Nordam and I. Simonsen. *Experimental and numerical studies of the scattering of light from a two-dimensional randomly rough interface in the presence of total internal reflection: Optical Yoneda peaks*. Opt. Express **24**, 25995 – 26005 (2016).
- [26] J. B. Kryvi, I. Simonsen and A. A. Maradudin. *Determination of the normalized surface height autocorrelation function of a two-dimensional randomly rough dielectric surface by the inversion of light scattering data in p-polarization*. Proc. Int. Soc. Opt. Eng. **9961**, 99610F (2016).
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My research has mainly been focused on wave propagation, various surface phenomena, theoretical studies of surfaces, and complex systems. Extensive use of computer simulation methods has been required for large parts of this research. My expertise is in the fields of optics (statistical optics, nanoplasmonic), computational physics including computational electromagnetism, physics of complex systems, and statistical mechanics. In what follows, I briefly summarize my research and discuss my contributions to these fields.

Optics of disordered systems As students we learn that when light impinges onto the flat interface of a semi-infinite homogeneous medium, the scattered and transmitted fields are fully determined by the Fresnel formulae. However, if the interface has a nontrivial structure, and/or the medium shows some degree of bulk randomness, *i.e.* not being homogeneous, the distribution of the scattered light is much harder to predict. Lord Rayleigh, well over one hundred years ago, was probably the first to study this problem theoretically. Since then, partly because of the wide range of practical (and military) applications, large research resources have been allocated to the topic. After many years of research, the field is still vibrant and keeps fascinating mathematicians, physicists and engineers alike.

My research in this field has been concentrated around rough surface scattering, and in particular on multiple scattering phenomena and coherent effects that those give rise to. Given the scattering geometry and the surface topography — or more precisely its statistical properties — one wants to predict the angular distribution of the scattered light. This is called the forward scattering problem. To achieve this, one has in principle to solve the Maxwell's equations subjected to the appropriate boundary conditions at the surface. For a surface random system, this is presently too hard of a problem in general. It is almost like doing chemistry by always having to solve the Schrödinger equation; it is practically impossible. As a consequence, much of my research related to this problem has been devoted to finding approximate solutions to it, judging their quality, and to try to locate simple geometries where certain optical phenomena can be observed under favorable experimental conditions. One simplification that we have often applied is to study one-dimensional scattering geometries, *i.e.* scattering systems where the surface roughness is a function of one variable, $x_3 = \zeta(x_1)$, and the incident light being polarized either in, or out of, the incident x_1x_3 -plane. Under these conditions, the scattering problem still shows many of the characteristic features of the general problem. Moreover, it can be formulated by a scalar wave equation — resulting in dramatic simplifications, in particularly for numerical simulations.

Figure 1 depicts one of our simulation results for the angular distribution of the incoherently (diffusely) scattered light from a one-dimensional film geometry where the lower surfaces was rough and the incoming s -polarized light was incident at an angle of $\theta_0 = 5^\circ$ from the (mean) surface normal. The intensity distribution shows a rich structure; the peak at $\theta_s = -5^\circ$ is attributed to the *enhanced backscattering phenomenon*, while those located at $\theta_s = 12^\circ$ and -26° make out the *satellite peak phenomenon*. By various types of perturbation theories and numerical simulations, both these phenomena (and others) have been studied with the aim of uncovering their origin and to identify under which experimental conditions they can occur. The peak structure that can be observed from Fig. 1 is a result of constructive interference of multiple scattered light paths and their reciprocal partners (coherent effect). Such coherent interference effects will systematically only take place in certain well defined directions determined by the scattering geometry and the optical properties of the media involved.

Furthermore, we have extensively studied the properties of the so-called intensity-intensity correlation functions. These correlation functions tell us statistically how two intensities from two experiments conducted on one and the same scattering system are inter-

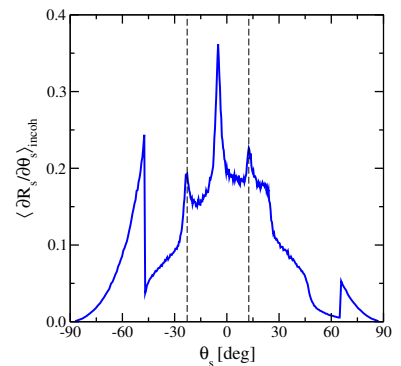


Figure 1: Angular distribution of the scattered light from a film geometry with a rough (West-O'Donnell) lower surface.

related. Similar to bulk random systems, these correlation functions can be classified as *short*, *long* and *infinitely* range correlation function. The former is independent of the length of the illuminated section of the rough surface and has been observed experimentally. The two latter, however, scale as one over the surface length and can therefore more difficultly be accessed experimentally. Surface random systems, in contrast to bulk random systems, do in addition give rise to *intermediate* range correlation functions. The various types of correlation functions show a rich (peak) structure, including the *memory effect* and the *reciprocal memory effect*. Our main finding on intensity-intensity correlations functions relates the statistical properties of the *scattered fields* to if certain correlation functions are non-zero or not. In particular, we can distinguish if the random process satisfied by the scattered (or transmitted) field is (i) Gaussian, (ii) complex circular Gaussian, (iii) or non-Gaussian.

Lately, together with industrial partners, we have been involved in an initiative trying to derive approximative expressions for parameters used in the optical industry to characterize optical materials. These expressions have been utilized to determine optimal production parameters in order to achieve certain optical properties of the resulting products. In particular, we have worked on the quantities haze and gloss. Crudely speaking, they are relative measures of how diffuse or specular, respectively, a material is (as “seen” by the incident light of given wavelength). Our analytic approximations were compared to rigorous computer simulation results, and good agreement was found over large regions of parameter space.

I have also been involved in optical inverse scattering problems that deal with the question of how to construct randomly rough surfaces with well defined scattering properties. This we refer to as a *designer surface problem*. The starting point of this research is the assumption that the rough surface can be written as an infinite sum of a characteristic profile or groove weighted by random amplitudes. The angular distribution of the scattered or transmitted light from such surfaces does depend on the distribution from which these amplitudes are drawn. After specifying a desired angular distribution for the scattered or transmitted light, we try to “design” a surface, by adjusting the distribution of the random amplitudes such that the resulting angular distribution coincides with the desired one. Technically, the geometrical optics limit of the Kirchhoff approximation enabled us to derive analytic expressions for the (often complicated) distributions satisfied by the amplitudes. These expressions were then used to generate ensembles of rough surfaces that were used in rigorous (Monte Carlo) simulations in order to judge the “quality of the design”. The results were often found to be quite satisfactory. Hence, we were able to design surfaces with well defined scattering properties, an often desired capability in practical applications. One example is given in Fig. 2 where the surface was designed to act as a two-dimensional uniform diffuser.

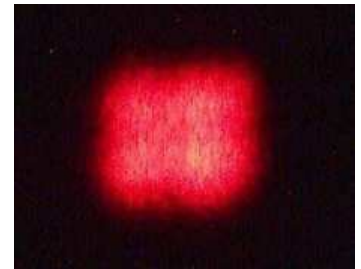


Figure 2: Experimental results for the scattered intensity from a *designed* rectangular uniform diffuser surface.

While with Electromagnetic Geoservices AS, I worked on forward modeling and inversion of extremely low frequency ($\nu \sim 1Hz$) electromagnetic data. The main application of their technology is in the petroleum industry where one tries to distinguish hydrocarbon filled reservoirs from those that are (salt) water filled. This can be achieved due to the pronounced difference in reservoir resistivity between the two situations.

Optics of granular thin films (nanoplasmonic)

When a metal, say, under ultra-high vacuum conditions is evaporated onto a dielectric substrate, *granular thin metal films* may result depending on the wetting properties. The result of Ag evaporated onto MgO is depicted in Fig. 3(a). Such thin discontinuous films are characterized by small nano-meter sized islands distributed over the entire surface of the substrate.

Optical techniques have the potential of being used as *in situ*, non-invasive monitoring tools that are inexpensive and easily adaptable to changing environments. In our research, we have focused on the optical properties of such

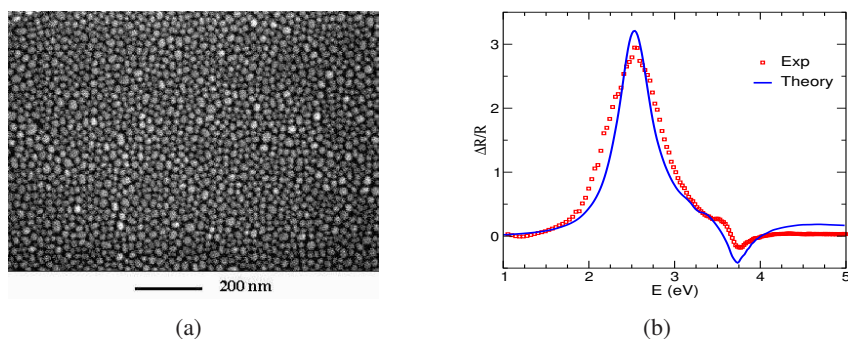


Figure 3: (a) SEM image of the surface resulting from Ag deposited onto MgO. (b) The relative specular reflectance $\Delta R/R$ vs. energy of the incident light.

nano-sized thin films. The goal was to be able to monitor the parameters characterizing the island film (particle sizes, aspect ratio, mean island-island separation *etc.*) during the growth process.

To this end, we focused on the positions of the plasmon resonances of the system. The degeneracy of the transverse and longitudinal modes of the free-standing particles were lifted due to the presence of the surface and the interaction between the islands. It turned out that the positions of these resonances were rather sensitive to the geometrical parameters. In order to be able to calculate the optical properties of such island films, one needs to know their polarizabilities. A pure dipole interaction was insufficient to reproduce the experimental spectra (Fig. 3(b)). However, mainly due to the interaction with the substrate, higher order multipoles had also to be taken into account. Retardation effects over the size of the particles could, however, be neglected to a good approximation. Hence the scattering problem is reduced to solving the Laplace equation for which a complete set of function exists when the particles have a spherical or spheroidal shape. Thus the problem amounted to finding the unknown coefficients of the *multipole expansion*. They are determined by a system of linear equations that results from imposing the boundary conditions on the interface of the particle and substrate.

To generate the coefficients matrix of this system in an accurate way turned out to be rather challenging. The cause of the problem was severe numerical cancellation taking place when integrating essentially the product of two highly oscillating associated Legendre functions (of high order). To handle these cancellations, extended precision had to be used in parts of the calculations (often using 30–40 significant digits!).¹ The reward, however, was that we in the end were able to extract accurate quantitative information about the layer structure by fitting the model to the experimental $\Delta R/R$ -spectra (Fig. 3(b)). The parameters characterizing the layer obtained in this way were later compared to the results of more costly *ex situ* synchrotron radiation measurements, and more than satisfactory agreement was found.

We also studied metal deposition on absorbing oxide substrates, like TiO_2 and ZnO . For the former system, we started with a numerical study, and found as expected two plasmon resonances. Here, first to our surprise, we in addition observed an additional third peak (Fig. 4(a)). After having rejected this as a numerical artifact, we realized by generating potential maps that this peak in fact could

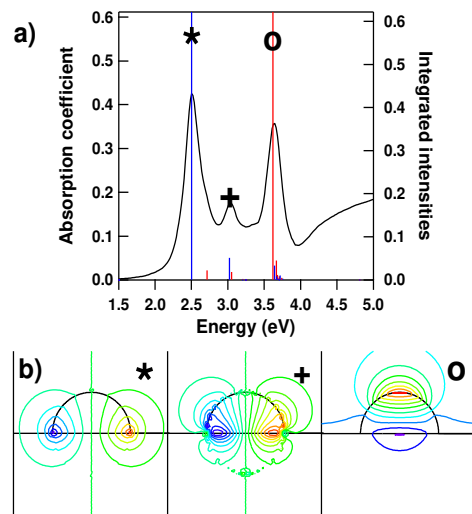


Figure 4: (a) The absorption spectrum associated with the island layer morphology. (b) Equipotential maps of the potentials at the position of the resonances.

¹The resulting software package, GRANFILM, has been made available by us in the public domain to the benefit of the research community. It can be found at www.phys.ntnu.no/~ingves/Software/GranFilm.

be attributed to a quadrupole resonance (Fig. 4(b)). The existence of this resonance was later confirmed experimentally.

Self-affine scale invariant structures

Nature is full of complex structures at all scales; from the scale of the universe down to the building blocks of how it is put together. Self-affinity is a term that is used to characterize a certain class of surfaces. In particular, if the surface height at position $\mathbf{x}$ is denoted $h(\mathbf{x})$, then the surface is said to be self-affine if the statistical properties of $h(\mathbf{x})$ and its rescaled version, $\lambda^{-H}h(\lambda\mathbf{x})$, are identical (scale invariance). Here H is a parameter characterizing this scale invariance and it is known as the *Hurst* or *roughness* exponent. Over the years, it has been apparent that self-affine surfaces are abundant in nature. What makes such an invariance particularly interesting, is the fact that the properties of the system can be studied at a given length scale, say, the laboratory scale, and the results obtained there rescaled (within the self-affine regime) to the scale of interest, typically beyond laboratory scales.

In order to take advantage of the powerful concept of rescaling, one does need to know the appropriate Hurst exponent of the system at hand and the range of scales over which it applies. To obtain such kind of information, we have developed a wavelet based technique for the determination of the Hurst exponent from numerical (experimental) data. This method we termed the *average wavelet coefficient method* (AWC), and it was tested for consistency against well-established self-affine structures with success. The methodology is particularly powerful when the self-affine scaling regime does not extend over all available scales, and/or the scaling shows some cross-over phenomena. Technically this cross-over detection ability is related to the fact that wavelets at different scales are orthogonal. With most other Hurst exponent measuring techniques, including detrended fluctuation analysis (dfa) and the Fourier spectrum method, this cross-over scale cannot be easily extracted since the behavior around this scale is smeared out. Later the AWC-method was generalized to handle scaling in higher dimensions, as well as multi-affine structures. Furthermore, based on wavelets, we developed a new *fast* algorithm for generating self-affine profiles. This method is, relative to other methods, most powerful for long profiles due to its speed and reliability in generation (extremely) long profiles with the desired scaling property extending over the *entire* range of scales without any need for additional modification of the algorithm.

The identification of physical systems showing self-affine scale invariance is not interesting in its own right. However, the ultimate interest of scientists is in the end to study the consequences of such an invariance on the physical parameters used to characterize the properties of the system. For instance, together with Drs. Stephane Roux and Damien Vandembroucq we studied wave scattering from self-affine surfaces. We were able to, within the single-scattering approximation, to solve for the angular distribution of the scattered intensity in *closed form*. This expression was given in terms of the Lévy (or stable) distribution known from statistics and the parameters defining the self-affinity and the scattering geometry. The prediction of this model was compared to rigorous Monte-Carlo simulations, and later to experimental scattering data obtained for self-affine rolled Aluminum surfaces (Figs. 5 and 6). The conclusion was that the model outperformed previous models, and it could be used to extract with confidence the Hurst exponent and the so-called topography of the underlying surface. For the future, we will try to also include multiple scattering

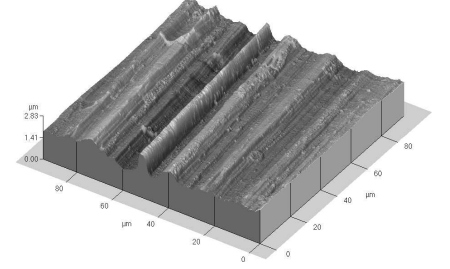


Figure 5: A self-affine cold rolled Aluminum surface.

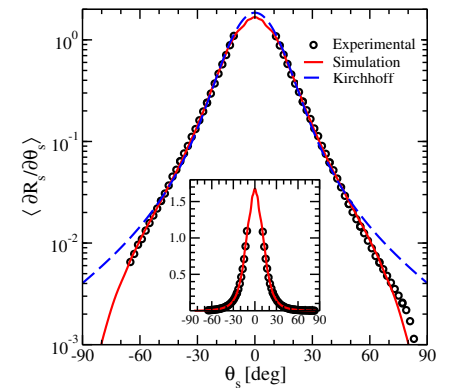


Figure 6: Wave scattering from the self-affine Aluminum surface of Fig.5. The open symbols are experimental data, the dashed line our approximation, and the solid line represents a rigorous simulation result.

into this model by introducing a truncation of the Lévy distribution. Empirically, we hope to be able to relate the degree of multiple scattering to the truncation parameter. Furthermore, we have studied the implications of scale invariance in economical systems and how such structures can be used to optimize portfolios and investment strategies (more on this below).

Complex random networks The word network we are familiar with from daily life in contexts like, say, computer networks and social networks. In technical terms it is used for a set of countable objects, called nodes or vertices, where relations or dependencies (links or edges) are defined among them (an example of a power grid network is given in Fig.8(a)). For instance, sociologists have studied such network structures for years. They are interested in, for instance, friendship-networks, where individuals are the nodes, and the existence of a friendship between them corresponds to the links. With the advent of the computer, however, the amount of data contained in typical networks of interest, became just too large for using the human eye as the analyzing tool. Up till then, the visual inspection of networks drawn on a piece of paper had been common, but such strategy is insufficient for large networks. It was at this point in the history of network analysis that the (statistical) physicist enter the arena equipped with his/her statistical physics toolkit.

In many real-world networks like the WWW, social networks, protein interaction networks *etc.* it is of interest to be able to find group of nodes (home-pages, friends, proteins), that are highly linked among themselves and less to the rest of the network. Such set of nodes is said to form a community or a cluster. For instance, within a cell such communities might represent proteins allocated specialized tasks or related functions. We have developed an algorithm, based on diffusion or the paradigm of the random walk, that gives an overview of the network structure at the global scale. Notice that in order to obtain such information, one needs a global measure; a local one is insufficient. Our algorithm prescribes in a systematic way a *walker current* (real number) to every node of the network. The main idea was that nodes belonging to the same cluster would have similar current values. It has been interesting to notice that the search engine Google seems (at least) initially to have use a similar random walk picture for their “Page Ranking”, a number used to define the order in which search results were presented. This feature has undoubtedly contributed substantially to the great success of this search engine. Technically the (outgoing) walker currents (per unit link weight) prescribed to the nodes come from the master equation obtained by considering the artificial random walk (diffusion) process on the network. This equation is the result of the conservation of walkers. Starting from any initial state, walkers will with time redistribute themselves throughout the network so that eventually the stationary state is reached. The time evolution of the system can be described in terms of decaying modes, that formally comes about as eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the transfer or diffusion matrices. By considering less and less slowly decaying modes (corresponding to smaller and smaller eigenvalues) more and more detailed community structures can be mapped out.

We applied, for instance, this algorithm to a coarse grained version of the Internet (autonomous system network) consisting of several thousand nodes. The two slowest decaying modes gave the star-like structure of Fig. 7. This structure could be identified as the geographical and political sub-division of nodes. The main structure of the network, signaled by different signs of $c_i^{(2)}$, was found to correspond to American and Russian nodes.

Furthermore, we have extended the algorithm to handle a higher number of decaying modes in a natural way. To this end, one needed a measure for deciding to accept a potential subdivision or not, and we ended up using the clustering coefficient $Q^{(\alpha)}$. The number of modes (α) was increased till no more clusters were identified (inset to

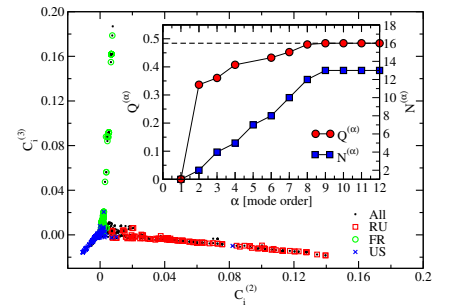


Figure 7: Analysis of an autonomous system network. Notice the geographical modules corresponding to the star like structure.

Fig. 7). For the autonomous system network, this number was found to be 13. Recently, the procedure was extended to weighted networks as well. We have found that the additional link weight information makes the identification of community structures more robust. In some cases, to include weighted links into the analysis is essential for the identification of the underlying community structure.

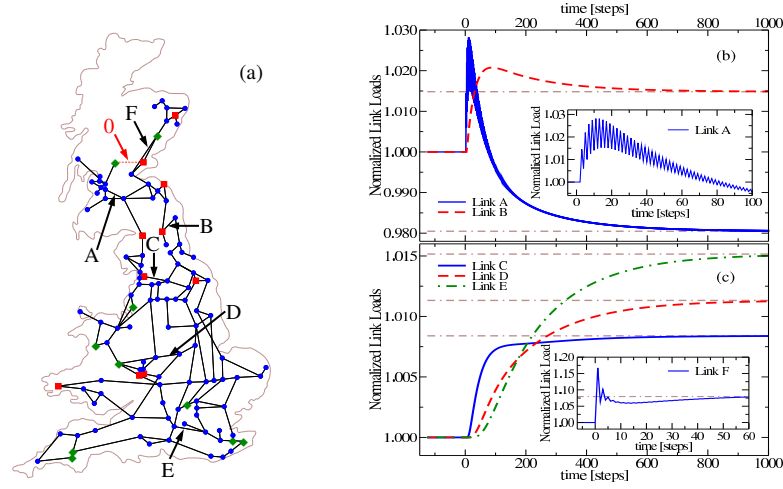


Figure 8: (a) The UK high-voltage power transmission grid (300–400 kV) consisting of 120 geographically correctly placed nodes (generators, utilities, and transmission stations) and 165 links (transmission lines). Fig. 8(b) and (c) depict the time-dependence of the (normalized) link loads for some selected link and show their reaction to the removal of the link marked 0 in Fig. 8(a) at time $t = 0$. For $t < 0$ it was assumed that the flow was in the stationary state, but the link removal brings the system out of the steady-state.

Following the increasing interest in the study of dynamical processes taking place on networks, we have adopted the above mentioned particle flow model as a simple and generic prototype model for flow on graphs. In particular, it was used to study the influence on dynamics on cascading failures (Figs. 8). It was found that the role of dynamics can be significant and should be included when evaluating network robustness.

Economical and social systems Social and economical systems are examples of complex systems known to everyone. It is, however, only recently that it has become mainstream for physicists to analyse and try to model such complicated and fascinating systems. The application of methodology from physics, particular taken from statistical physics, has created buzz words like “econophysics” and “sociophysics”.

In this field, I have experience from both the analysis of empirical data and the construction and study of (toy) models used to identify and analyze specific mechanisms. Quite a bit of our research in this field has been devoted to what we have called *inverse statistics*. It is a concept that was first developed fruitfully for turbulence. We later adapted it to economical time series. In contrast to using the return distribution as a (fixed time horizon) estimate of performance, the inverse statistics approach provides a time varying measure that is useful, for instance, in portfolio optimizations. In particular, if the desired performance goal is a return of, say, 5%, then the inverse statistics method describes this, using historic data, as the distribution of *waiting times* needed to achieve this goal. Such distribution for the DJIA is presented in Fig. 9 and one observes the pronounced asymmetry between positive and negative levels of returns (ρ). This means that one tends to loose money faster than one earns them in this marketplace.

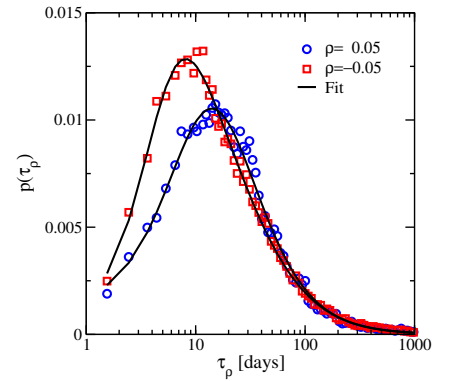


Figure 9: The (historic) waiting time distributions for the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) for return levels $\rho = \pm 0.05$.

The asymmetric behavior is found to be typical for stock indices. Moreover, this and other features of the inverse statistics point towards the non-geometrical Brownian motion character of stock fluctuations. As a paradox, we have established that within the statistical uncertainty, *no* similar well-expressed asymmetry is identifiable for (individual) stocks that are part of the DJIA index. How is it possible that such asymmetry appears in the index, but not in the stocks that the index is based upon? For the moment, we believed that this difference can be attributed to a kind of collective synchronization phenomenon taking place among the individual stocks of the index. However, we do not have the full detailed understanding of the matter yet, but work is in progress to resolve it.

Our works on deregulated power markets have established that the price process of these commodities are highly anti-persistent (mean reverting). Unlike in a stock market, this does not represent an arbitrage opportunity since produced electric power cannot presently be stored effectively and, therefore, money can not be gained directly from the knowledge of this additional information. Moreover, we have performed stylized facts studies of such markets, trying to uncover their typical characteristics. Furthermore, we have work in progress focusing on the development of pricing models for (Asian and exotic) power options. This is more challenging than for stock markets due to the mean reverting character (anti-correlation) and seasonality of the underlying price process. Recently we have started to study blackout dynamics in power systems. This phenomenon is important to fully understand (and prevent) due to the dependence of contemporary societies on a continuous and stable supply of electric power. It has been suggested that blackouts in power systems can be modeled by self organized criticality. We have, however, partly questioned this statement.