

# **Sergey A. Ponomarenko**

## **Education**

- Ph. D in Physics, University of Rochester, USA, April 2002  
Thesis: "Spatial Coherence of Optical Wavefields and Solitons."  
Advisor: Professor Emil Wolf.
- Five-year diploma in physics, Novosibirsk State University, Russia, May 1994  
Thesis: "Weak turbulence in systems with coupled wave modes"  
Advisor: Professor Sergei K. Nemirovskii.

## **Professional Experience**

- Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, Dalhousie Univ., September 2010-Date
- Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair, Dalhousie Univ., July 2006-July 2010
- Director's Postdoctoral Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratory Jan. 2004-July 2006.
- Postdoc. Associate, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, U of Rochester, Jan. 2002-Dec. 2003.
- Research Assistant, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, U of Rochester, Sep. 1998-Dec. 2001.
- Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, U of Rochester, Sep. 1997-Sep. 1998.

## **Funding Sources (Past and Current)**

- National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).
- Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).
- US Department of Energy.

## **Awards and Honors**

- Canada Research Chair Renewal, NSERC, Canada, September 2010.
- Canada Research Chair Award, NSERC, Canada, February 2006.
- Director's Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, Los Alamos National Lab., January 2004.
- Susumu Okubo Award for academic excellence, U of Rochester, May 1998.
- GAANN (Dept. of Education) Graduate Fellowship, U of Rochester, (1997-1999).
- First Degree Diploma of the International Scientific Student Conference, Novosibirsk, Russia, April 1995.
- Soros Foundation Grant for outstanding young scientists in Russia, September 1994.

## Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Training

### Postdoctoral Fellows:

- Weihong Huang (2006-2008)

### Doctoral students:

- Montasir Qasymeh (co-advised) (2010);
- Soodeh Haghgoo (2012);

### Master's students:

- Mengdi Li (2009);
- Gazi Habiba Akter (2011).
- Luyu Wang (2013)

## Research Interests

- Nonlinear optics
- Surface electromagnetic waves and plasmonics
- Optical coherence and statistical optics
- Singular optics
- Fiber optics
- Marine optics and acoustics

## Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals (HQP in bold font)

1. **L. Wang**, S. A. Ponomarenko, and Z. Z. Chen, "Spectral coherence anomalies," *Opt. Lett.*, **15**, 2557 (2013).
2. **L. Wang**, **F. Che**, S. A. Ponomarenko, and Z. Z. Chen, "Plasmon-enhanced spectral changes in sum-frequency generation with polychromatic light," *Opt. Express*, **21** 14159 (2013).
3. **S. Yang**, Z. D. Chen, Y. J. Yu, and S. Ponomarenko, "Efficient Implementation of the Divergence-Preserved ADI-FDTD Method," *IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propag. Lett.*, **11**, 1560 (2013).
4. **L. Mokhtarpour** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Ultrashort pulse coherence properties in coherent linear amplifiers," *J. Opt. Soc. Am. A* **30**, 627 (2013).
5. **S. Haghgoo** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Optical shocks in resonant media: The role of inhomogeneous broadening," *Opt. Commun.*, **286**, 344 (2013).
6. **L. Mokhtarpour**, **G. H. Akter**, and S. A. Ponomarenko, , "Partially coherent self-similar pulses in resonant linear absorbers," *Opt. Express*, **20**, 17816 (2012).
7. **L. Mokhtarpour** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Complex Area-Correlation Theorem for Statistical Pulses in Coherent Linear Absorbers," *Opt. Lett.*, **37**, 3498 (2012).

8. **S. Haghgoo** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Self-induced transparency quadratic solitons," *Opt. Express*, **20**, 13988 (2012).
9. **S. Haghgoo** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Shape-invariant pulses in resonant linear absorbers," *Opt. Lett.*, **37**, 1328 (2012).
10. S. A. Ponomarenko, "Degree of phase-space separability of statistical pulses," *Opt. Express*, **20**, 2548 (2012).
11. S. A. Ponomarenko, "Complex Gaussian Representation of Statistical Pulses," *Opt. Express*, **19**, 17086 (2011).
12. **S. Haghgoo** and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Self-similar pulses in coherent linear amplifiers," *Opt. Express*, **19**, 9750 (2011).
13. S. A. Ponomarenko and **S. Haghgoo**, "Self-similarity and optical kinks in resonant nonlinear media," *Phys. Rev. A, (Rapids)*, **82**, 051801(R) (2010).
14. S. A. Ponomarenko and **S. Haghgoo**, "Spatial similaritons in conservative nonintegrable systems," *Phys. Rev. A, (Rapids)*, **81**, 051801(R), (2010).
15. R. Borghi, F. Gori, and S. A. Ponomarenko, "On a class of electromagnetic diffraction free beams" *J. Opt. Soc. Am. A*, **26**, 2275 (2009).
16. **M. Qasymeh**, S. A. Ponomarenko, and M. Cada, "Ultrashort pulse polarization control in silicon waveguides," *Opt. Express*, **17**, 1795 (2009).
17. **M. Li**, S. A. Ponomarenko, **M. Qasymeh**, and M. Cada, "Electronic control of soliton power transfer in silicon nanocrystal waveguides," *Opt. Express*, **16** 9587 (2008).
18. **M. Qasymeh**, M. Cada, and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Applications of electro-optical Kerr effect to photonics devices" *IEEE, J. Quant. Electron.*, **44**, 740 (2008).
19. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Phase space quality factor for ultrashort pulsed beams", *Opt. Lett.*, **33**, 767 (2008).
20. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Nonlinear interaction of two or more similaritons in loss- and dispersion-managed fibers," *J. Opt. Soc. Am. B*, **25**, 983 (2008).
21. S. A. Ponomarenko, **W. Huang**, and M. Cada, "Dark and antidark diffraction-free beams," *Opt. Lett.*, **32**, 2508 (2007).
22. **W. Huang**, S. A. Ponomarenko, and M. Cada, "Polarization changes of partially coherent pulses propagating in optical fibers", *J. Opt. Soc. Am. A*, **24**, 3063 (2007).
23. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Optical similaritons in nonlinear waveguide amplifiers", *Opt. Lett.*, **32**, 1659 (2007).
24. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Interactions of chirped and chirp-free similaritons in fiber amplifiers", *Opt. Express*, **15**, 2963 (2007).
25. S. A. Ponomarenko, M. E. Sherrill, D. P. Kilcrease, and G. Csanak, "Statistical mean-field theory of finite quantum systems: canonical ensemble formulation", *J. Phys. A*, **39**, L499, (2006).
26. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Do Solitonlike Self-Similar Waves Exist in Nonlinear Optical Media?", *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **97**, 013901 (2006).

27. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Linear optical bullets," *Opt. Commun.*, **261**, 1 (2006).
28. S. A. Ponomarenko, H. Roychowdhury, and E. Wolf, "Physical Significance of Complete Spatial Coherence of Optical Fields," *Phys. Lett. A*, **345**, 10 (2005).
29. H. Roychowdhury, S. A. Ponomarenko, and E. Wolf, "Changes in polarization of partially coherent electromagnetic beams propagating through the turbulent atmosphere", *J. Mod. Opt.*, **52**, 1611 (2005).
30. S. K. Nemirovskii and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Multi-scale perturbation analysis in hydrodynamics of the superfluid turbulence: Derivation of the Dresner equation," *Cryogenics*, **45**, 408 (2005).
31. J. Ellis, A. Dogariu, S. Ponomarenko, and E. Wolf, "Degree of polarization of statistically stationary electromagnetic fields," *Opt. Commun.*, **248**, 333 (2005).
32. S. A. Ponomarenko, N. M. Litchinitser, and G. P. Agrawal, "Theory of incoherent solitons: Beyond the mean-field approximation," *Phys. Rev. E, Rapid Communication*, **70**, 015603(R) (2004).
33. J. Ellis, A. Dogariu, S. Ponomarenko, and E. Wolf, "Correlation matrix of a completely polarized, statistically stationary electromagnetic field," *Opt. Lett.*, **29**, 1536 (2004).
34. S. A. Ponomarenko and G. P. Agrawal, "Asymmetric incoherent vector solitons," *Phys. Rev. E*, **69**, 036604 (2004).
35. S. A. Ponomarenko, G. P. Agrawal, and E. Wolf, "The energy spectrum of nonstationary ensembles of pulses" *Opt. Lett.*, **29**, 394 (2004).
36. S. A. Ponomarenko, "Quantum harmonic oscillator revisited: A Fourier transform approach," *Am. J. Phys.*, **72**, 1259 (2004).
37. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "The spectral degree of coherence of fully spatially coherent electromagnetic beams," *Opt. Commun.*, **227**, 73 (2003)
38. G. V. Bogatyryova, C. V. Fel'de, P. V. Polyanskii, S. A. Ponomarenko, M. S. Soskin, and E. Wolf, "Partially coherent vortex beams with a separable phase," *Opt. Lett.*, **28**, 878 (2003).
39. G. S. Agarwal and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Minimum-correlation mixed quantum states," *Phys. Rev. A*, **67**, 032103 (2003).
40. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "A solution to the inverse scattering problem for strongly fluctuating random media using partially coherent light," *Opt. Lett.*, **27**, 1770 (2002).
41. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "Spectral anomalies in a Fraunhofer diffraction pattern," *Opt. Lett.*, **27**, 1211 (2002).
42. S. A. Ponomarenko, J-J. Greffet, and E. Wolf, "The diffusion of partially coherent beams in turbulent media," *Opt. Commun.*, **128**, 1 (2002).
43. S. A. Ponomarenko, "Linear superposition principle for partially coherent solitons," *Phys. Rev. E, Rapid Communication*, **65**, 055601(R), (2002).
44. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "Universal structure of field correlations within a fluctuating medium," *Phys. Rev. E*, **65**, 016602 (2001).
45. S. A. Ponomarenko, "Twisted Gaussian Schell-model solitons," *Phys. Rev. E*, **64**, 036618, (2001).
46. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "Correlations in an open quantum system and associated uncertainty relations," *Phys. Rev. A*, **63**, 062106, (2001).

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48. S. A. Ponomarenko, "A class of partially coherent beams carrying optical vortices," *J. Opt. Soc. Am. A*, **18**, 150 (2001).
49. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "Light beams with minimum phase-space product," *Opt. Lett.*, **25**, 663 (2000).
50. S. A. Ponomarenko and A. V. Shchegrov, "Spectral changes of light produced by scattering from disordered anisotropic media," *Phys. Rev. E*, **60**, 3310 (1999).
51. S. A. Ponomarenko and E. Wolf, "Coherence properties of light in Young's interference pattern formed with partially coherent light," *Opt. Commun.*, **170**, 1 (1999).
52. S. K. Nemirovskii and S. A. Ponomarenko, "Elimination of the fast mode in hydrodynamics of superfluid turbulence," *Czech. J. Phys.*, **46**, 21, Suppl. 1 (1996).

## Selected Invited Talks

- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Self-similarity in resonance nonlinear optics," the 5th International Conference on Advanced Optoelectronics, Crimea, Ukraine, September 2010.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Self-trapping and Self-induced Transparency in Semiconductor Optics" Institute for Research in Materials, Dalhousie University, Halifax, June 2008.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Optical solitons and bullets: Toward femtosecond nano-optics," Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, May 2005.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Optical solitons and bullets: Toward femtosecond nano-optics," Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada, April 2005.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Generating solitons with a flash-light," Department of Physics and Optical Science, University of North Carolina Charlotte, NC, February 2004.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Incoherent spatial solitons: A new concept in nonlinear statistical optics," Énergie, Matériaux et Télécommunications, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, Montréal, QC, Canada, March 2003.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Uncertainty relations for open quantum systems: More uncertainty with mixed states?" Center for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON Canada, March 2003.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko and Emil Wolf, "Singular optics with partially coherent, polychromatic light," Queens College of the City University of New York, NY, March 2003.
- Sergey A. Ponomarenko and Emil Wolf, "Singular optics: what is so singular about it?" Hunter College of the City University of New York, NY, March 2002.
- Emil Wolf, Greg Gbur, and Sergey A. Ponomarenko, "Forward and inverse scattering problems for turbulent media." OSA Annual Meeting, September 2002. "