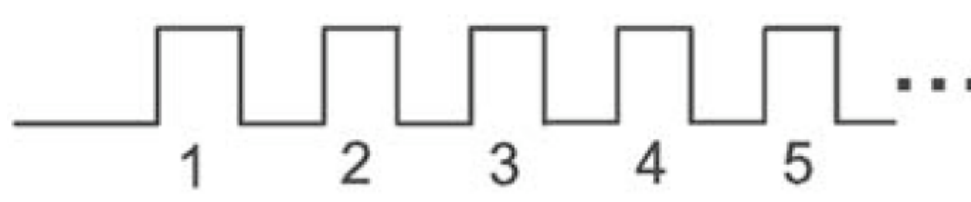




Surface Solitons



$$i \frac{dE_1}{dz} + \alpha E_1 + E_2 + \gamma |E_1|^2 E_1 = 0,$$

$$i \frac{dE_n}{dz} + \alpha E_n + (E_{n+1} + E_{n-1}) + \gamma |E_n|^2 E_n = 0$$

Stationary mode: $E_n(z) = \exp(i\beta z) E_n$

$$\gamma=0 : E_n \sim \sin(kn) \quad \beta = \alpha + 2 \cos(k) \quad k = \frac{m\pi}{N+1}$$

NO SURFACE MODE



Surface Solitons



$$\gamma \neq 0$$

Use Newton-Raphson + judicious
initial condition (antiadiabatic limit)

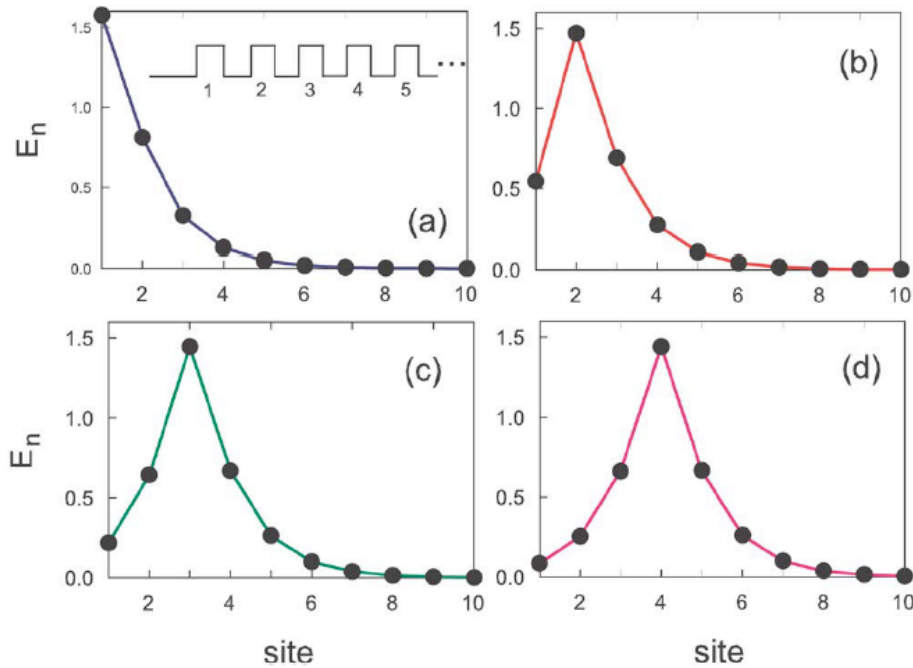


Fig. 1. (Color online) Examples of surface localized modes at $\beta=3$ in an array of focusing waveguides ($\gamma=+1$) centered at distances d of (a) 0, (b) 1, (c) 2, (d) 3 from the array edge.

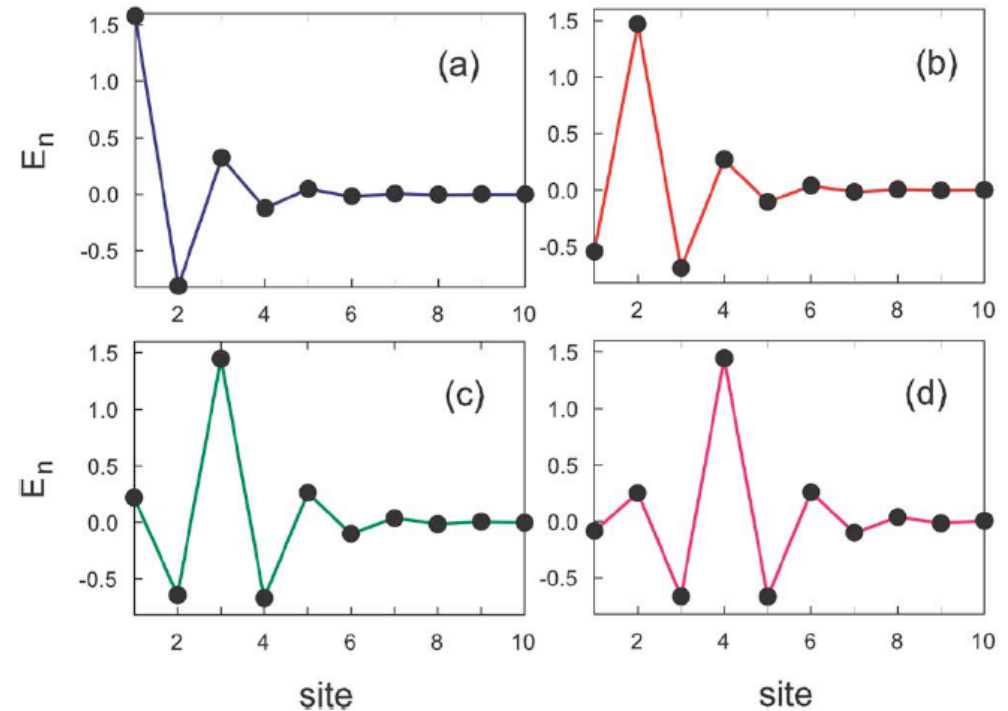


Fig. 2. (Color online) Examples of localized surface modes at $\beta=-3$ in an array of defocusing waveguides ($\gamma=-1$) located at distances d of (a) 0, (b) 1, (c) 2, (d) 3 from the array edge.



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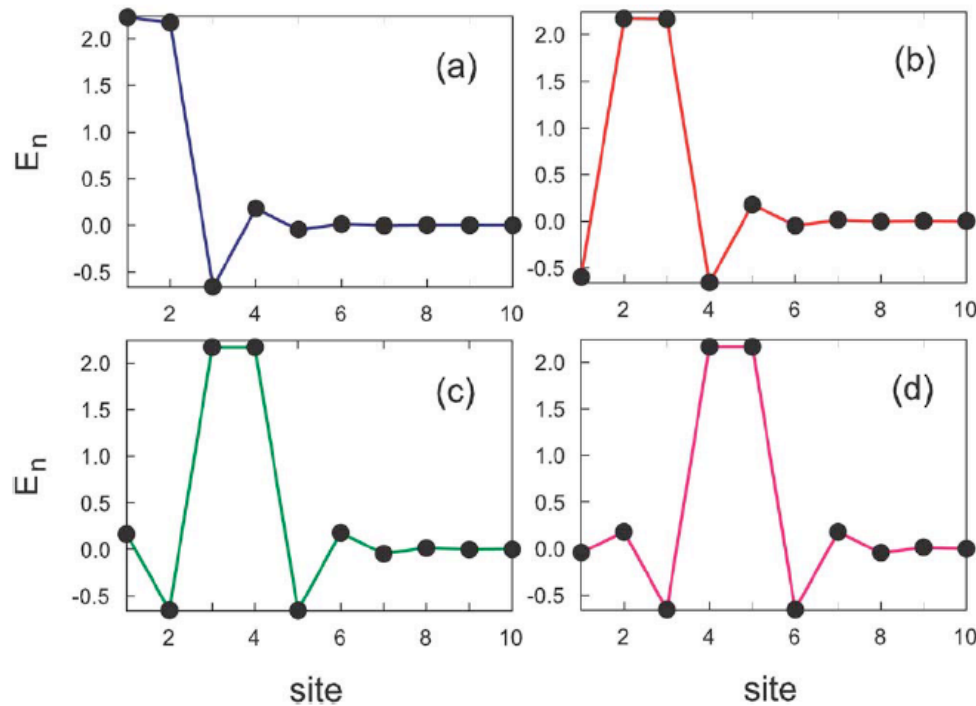


Fig. 5. (Color online) Examples of stable flat-topped localized surface modes at $\beta=-4$ in the array of defocusing waveguides ($\gamma=-1$) centered between various sites near the edge.

$$\text{Power} = \sum_n |E_n|^2$$

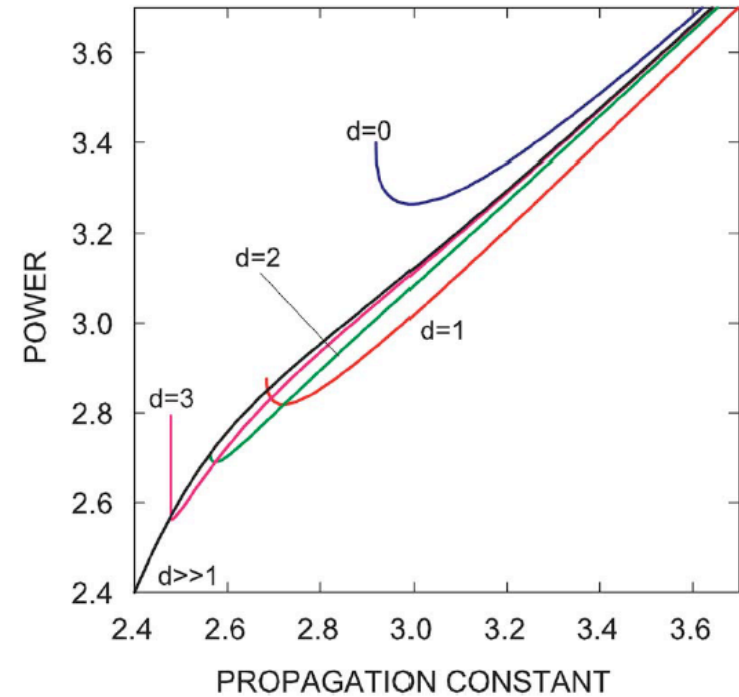


Fig. 3. (Color online) Normalized power versus propagation constant β for the surface modes shown in Fig. 1 located at distances $d=0,1,2,3$ from the surface. The darkest curve corresponds to the discrete soliton in an infinite array.



Surface Solitons



Existence and stability: The constraint method

$$H = - \sum_n (E_n E_{n+1}^* + E_n^* E_{n+1}) - (1/2) \sum_n |E_n|^4$$

$$X = \sum_n n |E_n|^2 / \sum_n |E_n|^2$$

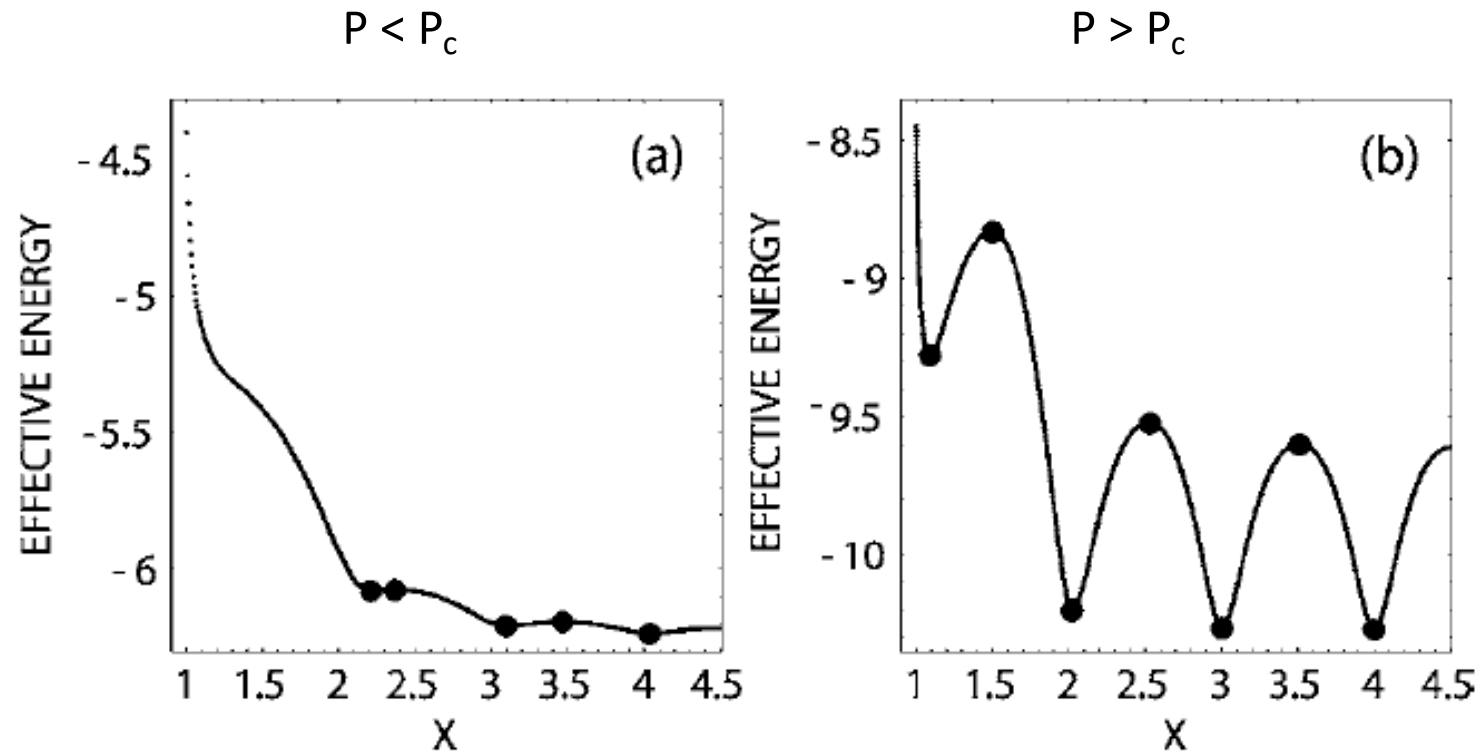
- (1) Compute an odd mode centered at n . Obtain all $\{E_n\}$ and power P
- (2) Fix amplitude at $n+1$ to be $E_{n+1} + \epsilon$
- (3) Solve all NR equations for E_m ($m \neq n+1$) keeping power fixed at P , arriving to intermediate state centered between n and $n+1$.
- (4) Obtain X and H for intermediate state.
- (5) increase ϵ and repeat procedure until amplitudes at sites n and $n+1$ coincide (even mode).

$$U_{\text{eff}} = H(X)$$
$$dH/dX=0$$

Stationary solutions



Surface Solitons



$P < P_c$: surface is repulsive
even modes unstable



Surface solitons

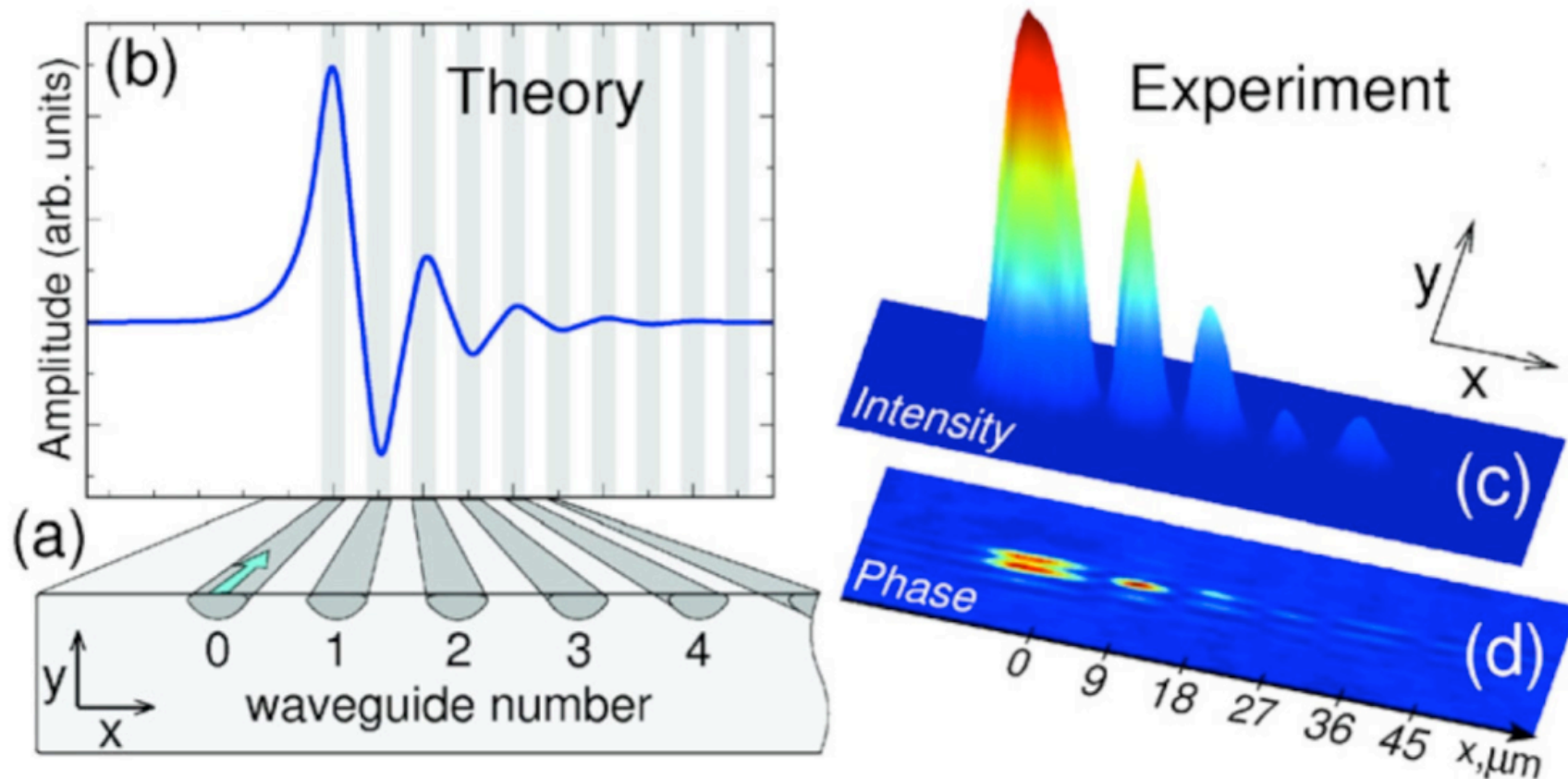


Fig.2: Theoretical prediction (a, b) and experimental observation (c, d) of nonlinear Tamm states in a truncated photonic lattice. (a) Schematic of the waveguide array geometry; (b) theoretical profile of a nonlinear Tamm state surface gap soliton. (c) three-dimensional representation of the nonlinear surface state observed above the localization threshold. (x,y) are the horizontal and vertical sample coordinates, respectively. (d) Experimental plane-wave interferogram demonstrating the staggered phase structure of the nonlinear Tamm state (from M. I. Molina and Y. S. Kivshar, ref [14]). **PRL 97, 083901 (2006)**