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«Synthetic photonic media with gain and loss»

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The theme of this talk is related to propagation of optical waves in non-hermitian systems. Such composite structures that combine gain and loss have novel functionalities-applications in lasers and integrated photonics. After a brief review of the recent advances in the area of parity-time (*PT*)-symmetric optics [1,2,3], we are going to focus on two new concepts: singular amplification in lossy amplifiers [4], and constant-intensity waves [5] in non-hermitian waveguides and cavities.

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