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# A New Image Encryption Algorithm Based on Modified Optically Injected Semiconductor Laser Chaotic System

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**ABSTRACT** Compared with general chaotic systems, laser chaotic systems have more complex dynamic behaviors and extremely high sensitivity to parameters and initial values. So far, there are few studies on the application of laser chaotic systems to image encryption. Therefore, this paper proposes a new image encryption scheme based on an optical injection semiconductor laser chaotic system. The encryption scheme mainly includes two processes of scrambling and diffusion. The scrambling process converts the pseudo-random sequences generated by the laser chaotic system into chaotic matrixes and scrambling each pixel through a random point scrambling algorithm. In the diffusion process, the chaotic sequences generated by the laser chaotic system are quantized into random numbers and applied to the improved gravitational model algorithm to achieve the effect of pixel diffusion. The experimental results and security analyses indicate that the proposed algorithm has good image encryption performance and can effectively resist various common attacks on image encryption systems.

**INDEX TERMS** Image encryption, laser chaotic system, random point scrambling, improved gravitation model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

With the rapid development of the communication industry, more and more information is transmitted through the Internet [1]. Digital images are one of the most important components of multimedia exchange [2]. The number of digital images distributed through social media or instant messaging tools has reached the highest level in history. However, there are huge security risks in the transmission of images in an open network environment [3]–[6], such as illegal theft of information, data tampering, and data deletion, and so on [7]. Therefore, the security of digital image transmission and storage has become a research hotspot [8]–[10]. Encryption is the simplest but most effective way to protect digital images. Currently, most of the image encryption algorithms are based on both scrambling and diffusion. By scrambling, the position information of the pixels in the plaintext image can be disrupted, making it

visually impossible to obtain the information of the plaintext image. However, the pixel value of the plaintext image cannot be changed only by the scrambling operation, so it cannot resist known-plaintext attacks. The diffusion process is used to replace the pixel values so that the correlation between adjacent pixels of the ciphertext image is greatly reduced and the security of the encryption is improved. However, the diffusion operation alone may lead to noise interference or corruption in the transmission of the ciphertext image and the information of the plaintext image cannot be decrypted properly. Combining the scrambling and diffusion operations on the plaintext image will effectively solve the problems arising from using them alone for encryption. The traditional encryption system is designed for text information. However, compared with text information, the image has features with visualization, high redundancy, and high relevance [11]. Therefore, the traditional text encryption methods are not suitable for image encryption [12]. Chaos [13]–[15], as a theoretical system sensitive to initial conditions, meets the needs of cryptography very well.

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In recent years, chaotic systems have been widely used in secure communication because of their complex nonlinear features [16]–[20]. Driven by Fridrich’s pioneering work, chaos theory became a satisfactory solution for image encryption [21]. Subsequently, researchers designed many cryptosystems based on chaos theory, such as compressed sensing [22]–[27], DNA encoding [28]–[33], S-box [34]–[36], neural network [37]–[40], and so on.

In previous studies, some simple chaotic maps, such as one-dimensional maps and two-dimensional maps, have weak key spaces [41]–[46]. Their chaotic sequence orbits are simple [47], [48] and can be predicted by techniques such as regression mapping, phase space reconstruction, and nonlinear prediction. At the same time, the randomness of chaotic mapping will be significantly reduced in the digital domain, and it will be vulnerable to selected plaintext or known-plaintext attacks [49]. With the rapid development of computer computing power and the continuous improvement of encryption technology requirements, the security of simple, low-level chaotic systems is declining.

The semiconductor laser chaotic systems have been paid close attention because of their more complex dynamic behavior changes and extremely high sensitivity to parameters [50], [51]. The application of semiconductor laser chaotic system to image secure communication can greatly improve the reliability of the encryption system. For example, a cryptosystem based on laser chaotic synchronization and Arnold cat mapping was proposed by Shu-Ying Wang *et al.* [52]. In [53], a chaotic laser was utilized to obtain a random key stream and scramble the original image in a pixel arrangement of the scanned image. To intensify the security of cryptosystem, a new image encryption scheme based on the modified optically injected laser chaotic system [54], [55] is proposed in this paper. This encryption scheme combines the random point scrambling algorithm and the improved gravitation model diffusion algorithm, and a good encryption effect can be obtained by performing a round of encryption on the plaintext image.

The rest of this paper is arranged as follows. The optical injected laser chaotic system is introduced in section 2. In section 3, the proposed cryptosystem is introduced in detail. In section 4, the security of the proposed cryptosystem is analyzed from various angles. The summarizes and prospects of this paper’s work are given in section 5.

## II. OPTICAL INJECTED SEMICONDUCTOR LASER CHAOTIC SYSTEM

A semiconductor laser with monochromatic light injection can be modeled by a three-dimensional velocity equation composed of a complex electric field  $P = P_u + iP_v$  and a normalized population inversion  $n$ . The proportional equation of the system can be described as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{P} = K + \frac{1}{2}(1 + i\alpha)n - i\omega P \\ \dot{n} = -2\Gamma n - (1 + 2Bn)(|P|^2 - 1). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

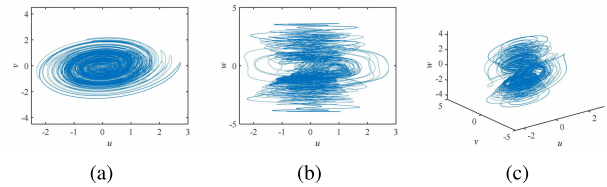


FIGURE 1. Phase diagrams with  $\alpha = 4, \varepsilon = 0.38, K = 0.4$  (a)  $u - v$  plane (b)  $u - w$  plane (c)  $u - v - w$  space.

Equation (1) can be rewritten into three ordinary differential equations. By separating the imaginary part and real part of the complex electric field, which can be directly used for integration:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dP_u}{dt} = K + \frac{1}{2}P_u n + (\omega - \frac{1}{2}\alpha n)P_v \\ \frac{dP_v}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}P_v n - (\omega - \frac{1}{2}\alpha n)P_u \\ \frac{dn}{dt} = -2\Gamma n - (1 + 2Bn)(P_u^2 + P_v^2 - 1), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $P^2 = P_u^2 + P_v^2$ , the dimensionless injected field strength is  $K$ , and the parameters  $B$  and  $\Gamma$  are obtained by the following formula:

$$B = \frac{\omega_R}{2\Gamma_0}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{\Gamma_N}{2\omega_R} + B \quad (3)$$

where  $\Gamma_0$  is the inverse lifetime of photons, and  $\Gamma_N$  is the inverse lifetime of electrons.

Modify equation (2) by  $B = \Gamma = \omega = 0$ . Firstly, removing the constant-coefficient “1/2”, and letting  $P_u \rightarrow u, P_v \rightarrow v, n \rightarrow w$ . Then add the damping constant  $-\varepsilon$  to the  $dv/dt$  equation. Finally, a simpler laser chaotic system is obtained:

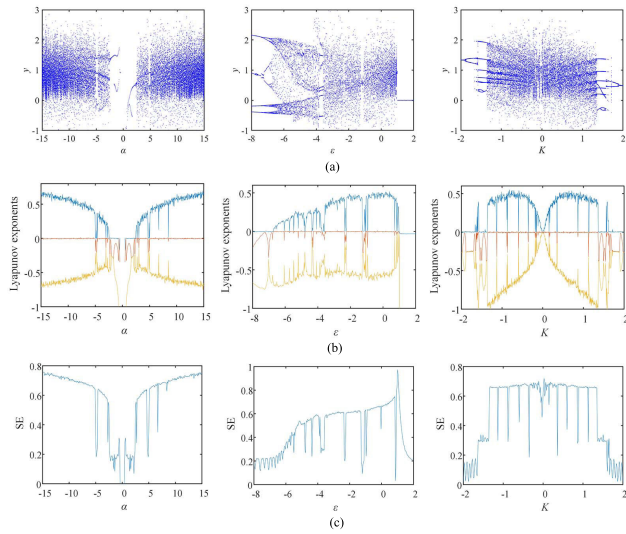
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = K + w(u - \alpha v) \\ \frac{dv}{dt} = w(\alpha u - \varepsilon v) \\ \frac{dw}{dt} = 1 - u^2 - v^2 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $u, v$ , and  $w$  denote system variables.  $\alpha, \varepsilon$  and  $K$  represent the parameters of the system. Assuming that the step length  $h = 0.01$ , the parameters  $\alpha = 4, \varepsilon = 0.38, K = 0.4$ , and the initial values  $u_0 = 0.1, v_0 = 0.1, w_0 = 0.1$ , then the attractor phase diagrams in this state are shown in Fig.1. Meanwhile, we can get the corresponding Lyapunov exponents  $LEs = (0.2331, 0, -0.3393)$ , and the Lyapunov exponent dimension  $D_L = 2.6870$ . Since the dimension of the system is fractional and the largest Lyapunov exponent is positive, the system is in chaotic state in this case.

### A. INFLUENCE OF SYSTEM PARAMETERS ON DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS

In this subsection, we analyze the dynamic characteristics of the laser chaotic system by bifurcation diagram, Lyapunov exponential spectrum, and complexity diagram.

Set parameters  $\alpha = 7, \varepsilon = 0.23, K = 0.5$ . Step length  $h = 0.01$ , initial values  $u_0 = 0.1, v_0 = 0.1,$



**FIGURE 2. Dynamic characteristics of parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $K$ , (a) Bifurcation diagrams (b) Lyapunov exponential spectrums (c) Complexity diagrams.**

$w_0 = 0.1$ . For parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $K$ , if only one of them is changed, then when  $\alpha \in (-15, 15)$ ,  $\epsilon \in (-8, 2)$ , and  $K \in (-2, 2)$ , the corresponding bifurcation diagrams, Lyapunov exponential spectrums, and complexity diagrams are shown in Fig.2. From the observation in Fig.2, it can be found that the traversal intervals of all parameters are relatively large and have high complexity, so the laser chaotic system is suitable for information security communication.

### III. ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION SCHEMES

#### A. IMAGE ENCRYPTION PROCESS

The encryption system mainly includes two processes of scrambling and diffusion. The processing flowchart of encryption algorithm is given in Fig.3, and it can be described as:

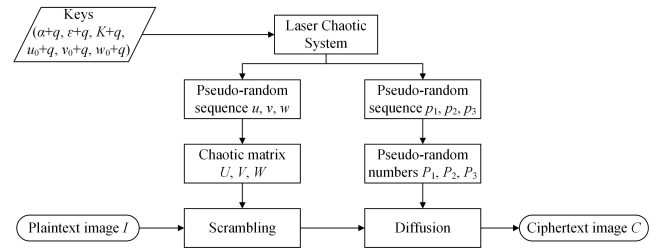
**Input:** Plaintext image  $I_{M \times N}$ .

**Step 1:** Set the keys. All pixels of the input image  $I_{M \times N}$  are summed and then quantized, and the quantized result is added to  $\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $K$ ,  $u_0$ ,  $v_0$ , and  $w_0$ . The quantification process and key setting can be described as:

$$\begin{cases} q = 10^{-13} \times \text{sum}(\text{sum}(I)) \\ \text{Keys} = [\alpha + q; \epsilon + q; K + q; u_0 + q; v_0 + q; w_0 + q]. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Step 2:** Iteratively generate 6 ( $m + M \times N$ ) chaotic pseudo-random sequences from the laser chaotic system, and abnegate the first  $m$  values to heighten the sensitivity of the system parameters. Among them, the chaotic pseudo-random sequences  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are used in the scrambling process, and the pseudo-random sequences  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$  are utilized in the diffusion operation.

**Step 3:** Quantify the pseudo-random sequences  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  to obtain the vectors  $C_u$ ,  $C_v$ , and  $C_w$ . Then convert the vectors



**FIGURE 3. Processing flowchart of the encryption algorithm.**

$C_u$ ,  $C_v$ , and  $C_w$  into  $M \times N$  matrices  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $W$ .

$$\begin{cases} C_u = \text{mod}(\text{floor}(\text{abs}(u \times 10^{16})), M \times N) \\ C_v = \text{mod}(\text{floor}(\text{abs}(v \times 10^{16})), M \times N) \\ C_w = \text{mod}(\text{floor}(\text{abs}(w \times 10^{16})), M \times N), \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{cases} U = \text{reshape}(C_u(m : M \times N), M, N) \\ V = \text{reshape}(C_v(m : M \times N), M, N) \\ W = \text{reshape}(C_w(m : M \times N), M, N). \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

**Step 4:** Apply the  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $W$  obtained in step 3 to the point random scrambling algorithm, and generate scrambling image  $I_1$ . The scrambling process is expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} g = \text{mod} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & U(i, j) \times W(i, j) \\ V(i, j) & U(i, j) \times V(i, j) + 1 \end{bmatrix} \right. \\ \left. [0.8pc] \begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} M \\ N \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ T = I_1(i, j); I_1(i, j) = I_1(g(1), g(2)); \\ I_1(g(1), g(2)) = T. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

**Step 5:** Quantify the pseudo-random sequences  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$  generated in step 2 to obtain 3 random numbers  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ .

$$\begin{cases} P_1 = (\text{sum}(\text{abs}(p_1) - \text{floor}(p_2)))/M \\ P_2 = (\text{sum}(\text{abs}(p_2) - \text{floor}(p_3)))/M \\ P_3 = (\text{sum}(\text{abs}(p_3) - \text{floor}(p_1)))/M. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

**Step 6:** Apply random numbers  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$  to the improved gravitational model to diffuse the scrambled image  $I_1$ . Finally, the ciphertext image  $C_{M \times N}$  is obtained.

$$\begin{cases} PP = \text{mod}(\text{round}(h * \frac{P_1 i^4 + P_2 j^2 + P_1 P_2 P_3^2}{(P_1 - i)^2 + (P_2 - j)^2 + P_3^2}, 256) \\ C_{M \times N} = \text{bitxor}(\text{uint8}(PP), I_1). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

**Output:** Ciphertext image  $C_{M \times N}$ .

#### B. IMAGE DECRYPTION PROCESS

Since each key is associated with the plaintext and related to the precision of quantification, it increases the difficulty of the attacker's deciphering and makes the cryptographic

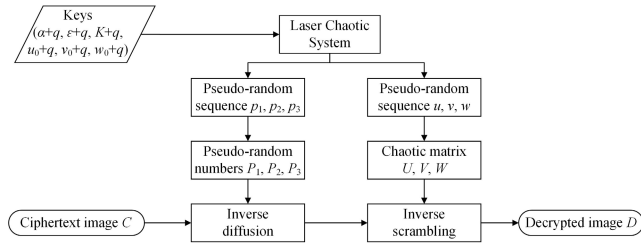


FIGURE 4. Processing flowchart of the decryption algorithm.

system more secure. The processing flowchart of decryption algorithm is given in Fig.4, and it can be expressed as:

**Input:** Ciphertext image  $C_{M \times N}$ .

**Step 1:** Generate 6 chaotic sequences  $S = \{u, v, w, p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  based on the keys  $(\alpha + q, \varepsilon + q, K + q, u_0 + q, v_0 + q, w_0 + q)$ .

**Step 2:** The quantized random numbers  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  are obtained from step 5 of the encryption process, and the reverse diffusion process is:

$$\begin{cases} PP = \text{mod}(\text{round}(h * \frac{P_1 i^4 + P_2 j^2 + P_1 P_2 P_3^2}{(P_1 - i)^2 + (P_2 - j)^2 + P_3^2}), 256) \\ D_1 = \text{bitxor}(\text{uint8}(PP), C_{M \times N}). \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

**Step 3:** Three chaotic matrices  $U, V$ , and  $W$  are generated from step 3 of the encryption process. According to the inverse scrambling rule of chaotic random point scrambling, the image  $D_1$  obtained by inverse diffusion is inversely scrambled. The inverse scrambling process is:

$$\begin{cases} g = \text{mod}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & U(i, j) \times W(i, j) \\ V(i, j) & U(i, j) \times V(i, j) + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} M \\ N \end{bmatrix}) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ T = D_1(i, j); D_1(i, j) = D_1(g(1), g(2)); \\ D_1(g(1), g(2)) = T. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

**Step 4:** Finally, the restored image  $D_{M \times N}$  is generated.

**Output:**Decryption image  $D_{M \times N}$ .

#### IV. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED ENCRYPTION SCHEME

##### A. SIMULATION RESULTS

The safety and feasibility of the proposed cryptosystem are analyzed in detail in this section. Set  $\alpha = 7, \varepsilon = 0.23, K = 0.5, u_0 = 0.1, v_0 = 0.1, w_0 = 0.1$ . Fig.5 (a), (d), (g) are “Camera”, “Couple”, and “Peppers” with a size of  $256 \times 256$ , and the corresponding encrypted images are shown in Fig.5 (b), (e), (h). When all the keys are correct, the restored images are shown in Fig.5 (c), (f), (i). As shown in the numerical simulation results, it can be seen that this encryption scheme can encrypt regular information into noise-like information, and attackers are impossible to get effective information from the ciphertext image.

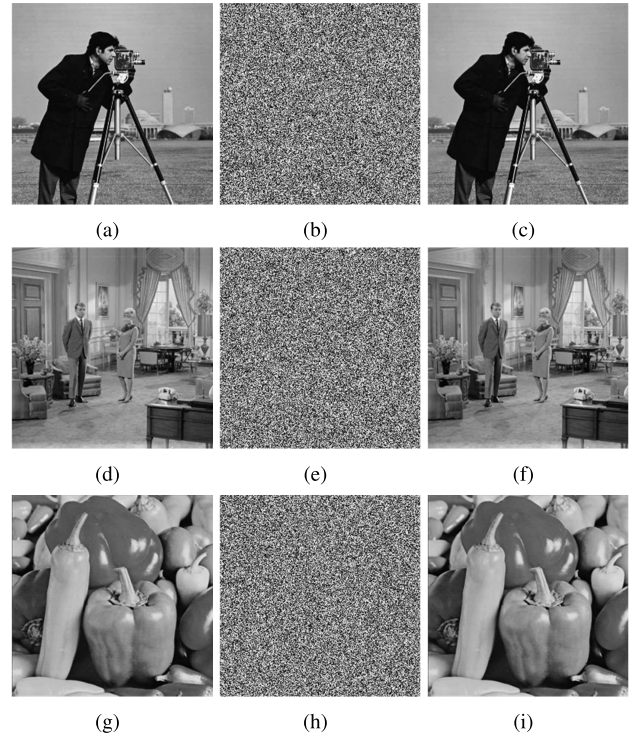


FIGURE 5. Simulation results of encryption and decryption.

TABLE 1. The accuracy of keys.

Accuracy	$10^{-15}$	$10^{-16}$	$10^{-17}$
Keys	$\alpha + q$	$\varepsilon + q, K + q, u_0 + q$	$v_0 + q, w_0 + q$

TABLE 2. Key space for different encryption schemes.

Encryption scheme	Ref. [7]	Ref. [32]	Ref. [45]	Ref. [47]	Ours
Key space	$2^{312}$	$2^{498}$	$2^{186}$	$2^{256}$	$2^{322}$

##### B. KEY SPACE ANALYSIS

The keys in this paper mainly include  $\alpha + q, \varepsilon + q, K + q, u_0 + q, v_0 + q$ , and  $w_0 + q$ , and the accuracies of all of them are shown in Tab.1. Hence, the total key space of the cryptosystem is  $10^{(15+16+16+16+17+17)} \approx 2^{322}$ , which is much larger than the theoretical requirement of  $2^{100}$ . Besides, compared with the key space of other encryption algorithms in Tab.2. The analysis result indicates that our key space is larger. That is to say, the proposed encryption scheme can resist brute force attacks.

##### C. KEY SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Taking “Camera” as an example, small changes of  $10^{-15}, 10^{-16}$ , and  $10^{-17}$  are added to the decryption keys  $(\alpha + q, \varepsilon + q, K + q, u_0 + q, v_0 + q, w_0 + q)$  in this paper respectively, and their decryption images are given in Fig.6. As shown in Fig.6 that the plaintext image cannot be recovered when decrypting with the illegal keys. It shows that the slight change of the key can generate two completely different sequences. The context of ciphertext image is changed

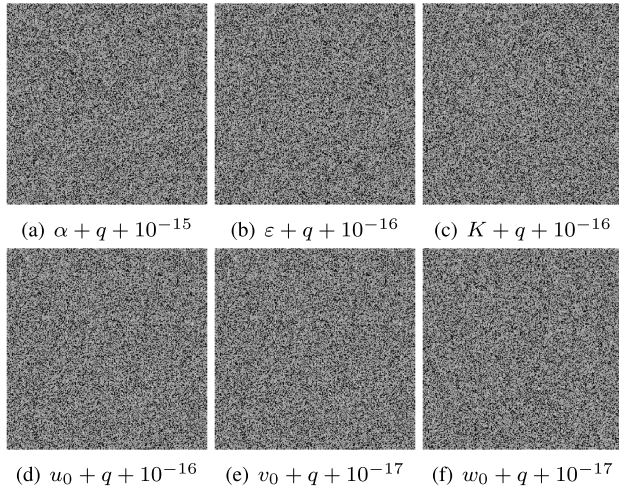


FIGURE 6. Sensitivity test results under different keys.

TABLE 3. Information entropy of different images.

Image (256 × 256)	Camera	Couple	Peppers	Girl	Woman
Plaintext image	7.0097	7.4000	7.5773	3.2981	7.1991
Ciphertext image	7.9972	7.9974	7.9973	7.9974	7.9971

because of the sequences. Hence, the proposed cryptosystem has high key sensitivity.

D. INFORMATION ENTROPY ANALYSIS

Information entropy is usually utilized to evaluate the uncertainty of pixel information. Mathematically, information entropy can be described as:

$$H(r) = - \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} p(r_j) \log_2 p(r_j) \tag{13}$$

where  $p(r_j)$  is the probability of  $r_j$ . The expectation of the information entropy of  $2^8$ -level gray image is equal to 8. The entropies of several standard images are given in Tab.3. As shown in the simulation results that the entropies of the ciphertext images are near to the expected value of 8. Therefore, the distributions of ciphertext images pixels are very irregular and have a good encryption effect.

E. DIFFERENTIAL ATTACK ANALYSIS

Differential attack analysis ensures that very small changes or modifications in ordinary images should bring significant differences in the encryption process. The number of pixels change rate (NPCR) and unified average changing intensity (UACI) are the two most commonly used test indicators, and they are expressed as

$$NPCR = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{H(i,j)}{M \times N} \times 100\% \tag{14}$$

$$UACI = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{|G(i,j) - G'(i,j)|}{255 \times M \times N} \times 100\% \tag{15}$$

$$H(i,j) = \begin{cases} 0, & G(i,j) = G'(i,j) \\ 1, & G(i,j) \neq G'(i,j) \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

where  $G(i,j)$  and  $G'(i,j)$  are the  $(i,j)$ -th pixel of image  $G$  and  $G'$  respectively. The test results of different images are shown in Tab.4 and Tab.5 that the NPCR and UACI in this paper are near to the expected value (99.6094% and 33.4635%). Therefore, the proposed cryptographic system can effectively propagate small differences in the ordinary image to the entire cryptographic image, and the cryptographic system has high plaintext sensitivity.

F. HISTOGRAM ANALYSIS

The histograms of “Camera”, “Couple” and “Peppers” are shown in Fig.7. Compared with the ups and downs of the plaintext images pixel distribution, the ciphertext images have a relatively uniform pixel distribution. In addition, the  $\chi^2$ -test can quantitatively measure the difference in pixel distribution between the plaintext and ciphertext images. As shown in Tab.6, the  $\chi^2$ -test values of different ciphertext images are all smaller than the critical values when the significance level is 0.1, 0.05, and 0.01, respectively. Therefore, the cryptosystem can hide the pixel information in the image very well.

G. CORRELATION ANALYSIS OF ADJACENT PIXELS

In general, plaintext images have high correlation in all directions, while the image encrypted by a security encryption system should have a low correlation. The correlation can be calculated as:

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \tag{17}$$

$$D(u) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [u_i - E(u)]^2 \tag{18}$$

$$Cov(u, v) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [u_i - E(u)][v_i - E(v)] \tag{19}$$

$$R_{uv} = \frac{|Cov(u, v)|}{\sqrt{D(u)D(v)}} \tag{20}$$

We randomly choose 10,000 groups of adjacent pixels of different direction from the plaintext image as samples to test the correlation. The test result of “Camera” is shown in Fig.8 that the plaintext image has a high correlation in different directions, while the encrypted image is almost randomly scattered. Moreover, the correlation coefficients(CCs) of several standard images are given in Tab.7. As shown in the test results that the CCs of the plaintext images are very high. After being encrypted by the proposed algorithm, the CCs of the ciphertext images are very close to zero. Therefore, the proposed scheme greatly destroys the correlation of the plaintext image.

H. ROBUSTNESS ANALYSIS

Because digital images are transmitted through the network or stored in physical media, they are susceptible to noise

TABLE 4. NPCR values of different images.

Image (256 × 256)	NPCR (%)	Critical Value (%)		
		$N_{0.05}^* = 99.5693$	$N_{0.01}^* = 99.5527$	$N_{0.001}^* = 99.5341$
Camera	99.6185	Pass	Pass	Pass
Couple	99.6063	Pass	Pass	Pass
Peppers	99.6170	Pass	Pass	Pass
Girl	99.6048	Pass	Pass	Pass
Woman	99.6078	Pass	Pass	Pass

TABLE 5. UACI values of different images.

Image (256 × 256)	UACI(%)	Critical Value (%)		
		$U_{0.05}^{*+} = 33.2824$ $U_{0.05}^{*-} = 33.6447$	$U_{0.01}^{*+} = 33.2255$ $U_{0.01}^{*-} = 33.7016$	$U_{0.001}^{*+} = 33.1594$ $U_{0.001}^{*-} = 33.7677$
Camera	33.4731	Pass	Pass	Pass
Couple	33.4702	Pass	Pass	Pass
Peppers	33.4704	Pass	Pass	Pass
Girl	33.4618	Pass	Pass	Pass
Woman	33.4831	Pass	Pass	Pass

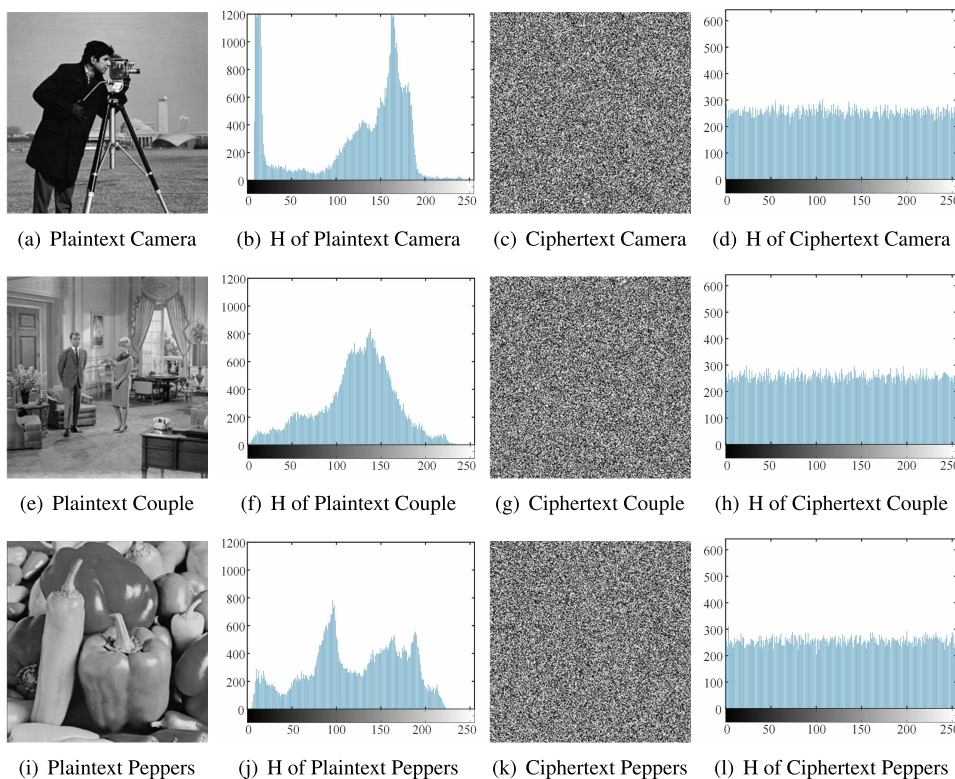


FIGURE 7. Histograms of different images.

TABLE 6.  $\chi^2$  test results of different images.

Image (256 × 256)	$\chi^2$ -value(Plaintext image)	$\chi^2$ -value(Ciphertext image)	Critical value( $2^8$ -level)		
			$\chi_{0.1}^2 = 284.3360$	$\chi_{0.05}^2 = 293.2478$	$\chi_{0.01}^2 = 310.4574$
Camera	$1.1097 \times 10^5$	254.6250	Pass	Pass	Pass
Couple	$5.4617 \times 10^4$	235.5234	Pass	Pass	Pass
Peppers	$3.1696 \times 10^4$	247.5703	Pass	Pass	Pass
Girl	$2.0847 \times 10^6$	236.8828	Pass	Pass	Pass
Woman	$6.5357 \times 10^4$	264.5313	Pass	Pass	Pass

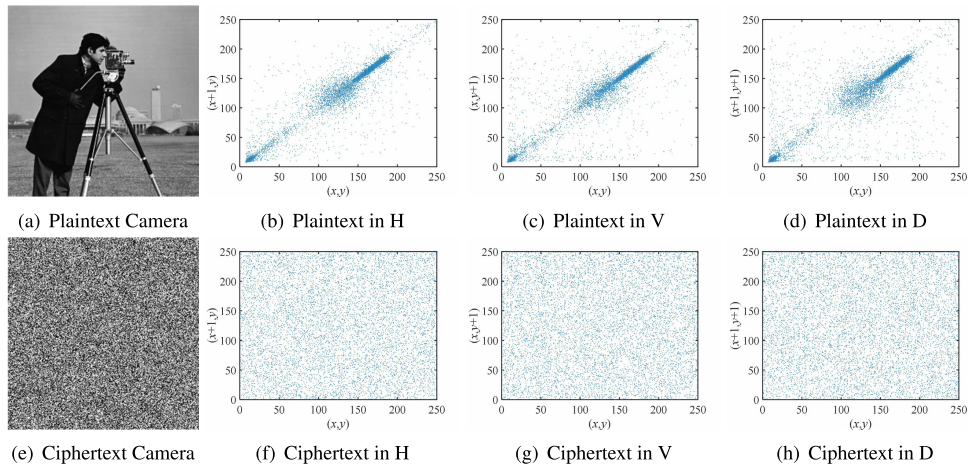


FIGURE 8. Correlation test of adjacent pixels.

TABLE 7. CCs of different images.

Image (256 × 256)	Plaintext image			Ciphertext image		
	Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal	Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal
Camera	0.9588	0.9338	0.9083	0.0003	-0.0011	-0.0035
Couple	0.9344	0.9262	0.8775	-0.0044	-0.0070	-0.0002
Peppers	0.9716	0.9650	0.9394	-0.0018	-0.0001	0.0015
Girl	0.9477	0.9615	0.9326	-0.0043	0.0035	-0.0008
Woman	0.9360	0.9051	0.8640	0.0016	-0.0044	-0.0034

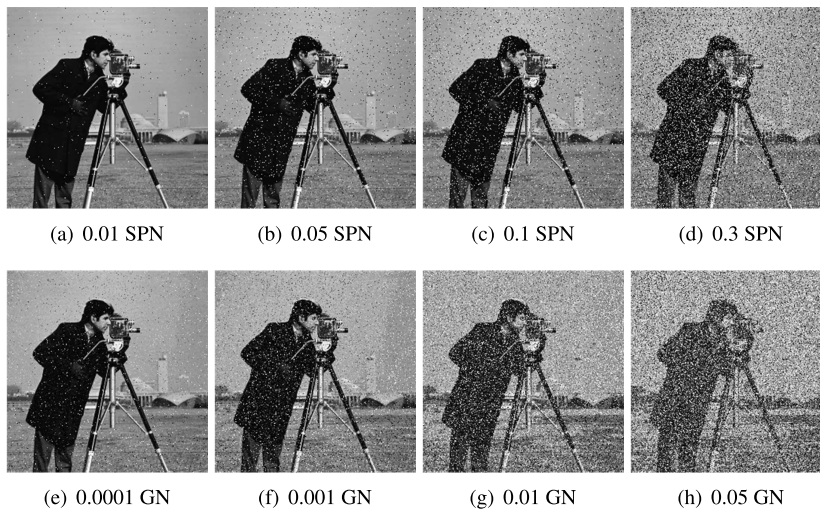


FIGURE 9. Analysis of SPN and GN attack with different intensity.

pollution or partial data loss. A good image encryption system should have good robustness performance against noise and partial data loss. This section will analyze the robustness of the proposed algorithm through Gaussian noise(GN), Salt & Pepper noise(SPN), and shear attack.

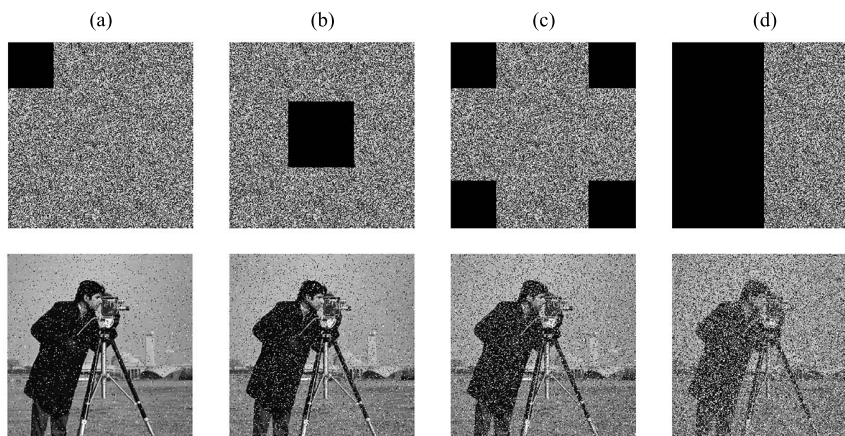
### 1) NOISE ATTACK ANALYSIS

A good image encryption system should have good robustness performance against noise attack. In order to simulate the noise interference that may occur during transmission, different intensities of SPN and GN are added into the

ciphertext images. Fig.9 shows the decrypted results after adding noise to the ciphertext images. As shown in Fig.9, the encrypted images can still be restored to the plaintext images after receiving different types of noise. Although the decrypted images contain some noise, most of the information of the plaintext image can still be identified.

### 2) SHEAR ATTACK ANALYSIS

By cutting part of the encrypted image information and restoring it to the original image. The results of 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 cut size and decryption are recorded in Fig.10.



**FIGURE 10.** Analysis of shear attack with different intensities (a) Shear size = 1/16 (b) Shear size = 1/8 (c) Shear size = 1/4 (d) Shear size = 1/2.

**TABLE 8.** Compare the security performance of different encryption algorithms.

Image (256*256)	Algorithm	CC(Ciphertext image)			NPCR(%)	UACI(%)	Entropy
		Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal			
Camera	Ref. [7]	0.0063	-0.0014	0.0168	99.5749	33.3691	7.9955
	Ref. [32]	0.0083	0.0080	0.0015	99.6193	33.3891	9.9968
	Ref. [45]	-	-	-	99.6261	33.4946	7.9973
	Ref. [47]	-0.0047	-0.0195	0.0279	99.6105	33.6862	7.9964
	<b>Ours</b>	<b>0.0003</b>	<b>-0.0011</b>	<b>-0.0035</b>	<b>99.6185</b>	<b>33.4731</b>	<b>7.9972</b>
Couple	Ref. [7]	-0.0122	0.0262	-0.0257	99.5606	33.3723	7.9951
	Ref. [32]	0.0043	0.0045	0.0033	99.6153	33.5017	7.9956
	Ref. [45]	0.0022	0.0066	0.0079	99.5834	33.3945	7.9972
	Ref. [47]	-0.0236	-0.0045	0.0016	99.6312	33.7252	7.9980
	<b>Ours</b>	<b>-0.0044</b>	<b>-0.0070</b>	<b>-0.0002</b>	<b>99.6063</b>	<b>33.4702</b>	<b>7.9974</b>
Peppers	Ref. [7]	0.0194	-0.0091	0.0123	99.5808	33.3540	7.9965
	Ref. [32]	-0.0013	0.0067	0.0020	99.5815	33.4946	7.9963
	Ref. [45]	0.0117	0.0171	0.0030	99.6139	33.5195	7.9972
	Ref. [47]	0.0071	-0.0065	-0.0165	99.6236	33.7386	7.9958
	<b>Ours</b>	<b>-0.0018</b>	<b>-0.0001</b>	<b>0.0015</b>	<b>99.6170</b>	<b>33.4704</b>	<b>7.9973</b>

As shown in Fig.10, although the qualities of the decrypted images decrease with the expansion of the cropping range, they can still be visually recognized. Therefore, the proposed encryption algorithm has high robustness.

**I. SAFETY PERFORMANCE COMPARISON**

In this subsection, we compare this algorithm with the algorithms Ref. [7], [32], [45], [47] from the three aspects of adjacent pixel correlation, anti-differential attack, and information entropy. As shown from the comparison with different schemes in Tab.8 that the ciphertext images encrypted by the proposed cryptosystem have a lower correlation, and the NPCR and UACI values are closer to the expected values. At the same time, the information entropies of the ciphertext images are near to the theoretical value 8. Therefore, the algorithm in this paper has better security performance.

**V. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, a new image encryption scheme based on a modified optically injected semiconductor laser chaotic

system, which is combined with random point scrambling and an improved gravitational model is proposed. In the proposed encryption system, since the system keys are associated with the plaintext image, different plaintext image inputs will get different keys, so that small changes in pixels in the plaintext image will result in two completely different ciphertext images. Therefore, it greatly improves the anti-differential attack capability of the encryption scheme. Secondly, the starting position of the scrambling process is random, and the process of different plaintext scrambling is different. Finally, the random numbers obtained from different plaintexts are inconsistent, and the calculation process of the gravitational model is nonlinear. Therefore, the proposed encryption algorithm exhibits good confusion and diffusion characteristics. The security performance analysis results show that the proposed encryption algorithm has good security and efficiency, can resist a variety of attacks, and has high robustness against noise. Therefore, this scheme is a better alternative to image encryption and can better meet today’s needs. In future work, we will study high-security and



high-efficiency image compression encryption algorithms to ease the pressure of network transmission.

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