

# Nonlinear Optical Engineering

## Nonlinear Pulse Propagation in Optical Fibers (2)

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NLSE:

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \beta_1 \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - i \frac{\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} A = -i\gamma |A|^2 A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow A(z, t) &= \int \underbrace{\Phi(z, \Omega) \exp\left\{[-i(\beta_1 \Omega + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \Omega^2) - \frac{\alpha}{2}]z\right\}}_{\text{Transfer Function}} \exp(i\Omega t) d\Omega \\ &= \int T(z, \Omega) \cdot \Phi(z, \Omega) \exp(i\Omega t) d\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

$$\leftarrow \Phi(0, \Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int A(0, t) \exp(-i\Omega t) dt$$

$$\rightarrow \gamma |A|^2 A = \int T(z, \Omega) G(z, \Omega) \exp(i\Omega t) d\Omega,$$

$$\leftarrow G(z, \Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int T^{-1}(z, \Omega) \gamma |A|^2 A \exp(-i\Omega t) dt$$

In result:

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \Phi(z, \Omega) = -iG(z, \Omega),$$

*← Predictor-corrector scheme or split-step Fourier method*

# Predictor-Corrector Scheme

For a first-order differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = f(z, y)$$

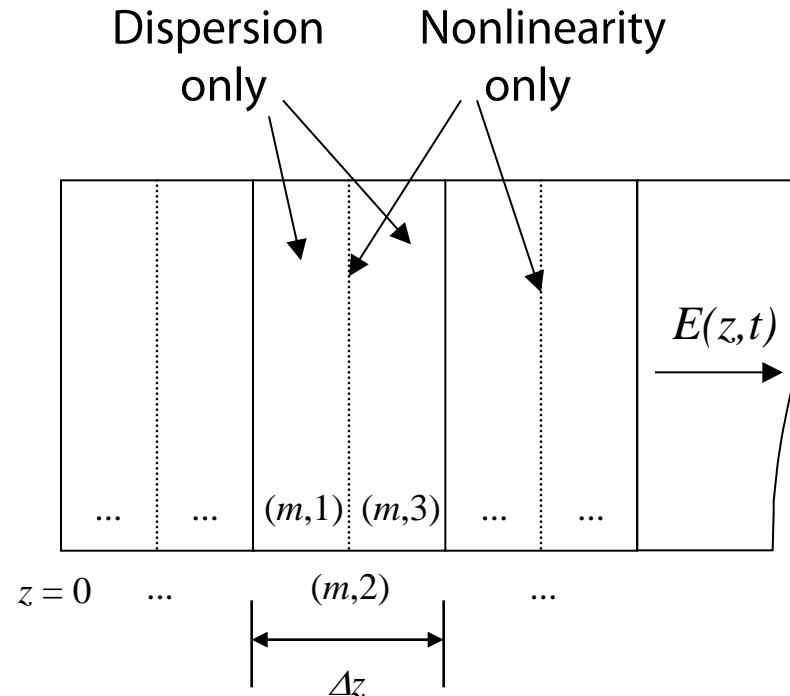
$$\rightarrow y_p(z + \Delta z) = y(z) + f[z, y(z)]\Delta z$$

$$\rightarrow y(z + \Delta z) = y(z) + \frac{1}{2}\{f[z, y(z)] + f[z, y_p(z + \Delta z)]\}\Delta z$$

*→ The value predicted by an initial rough estimation is to be corrected by iterations.*

# Split-Step Fourier Method

Separation of dispersion and nonlinear effects:



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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \beta_1 \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - i \frac{\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} A = 0 \\ \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = -i\gamma |A|^2 A \end{array} \right\}$$

# Nonlinear Phase Shift

Recall NLSE:

$$\begin{aligned} A(z, t) &= \int \tilde{A}(z, \Omega) \exp(i\Omega t) d\Omega \\ &= \int \Phi(\Omega) \exp\left[i(\Omega t - Bz) - \frac{\alpha}{2} z - i\gamma |A|^2 z\right] d\Omega \\ &= \int \Phi(\Omega) \exp\left[i\Omega t - i(\beta_1 \Omega + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \Omega^2 + \dots) z - \frac{\alpha}{2} z - i\gamma |A|^2 z\right] d\Omega \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \beta_1 \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - \frac{i\beta_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} A + \dots = -i\gamma |A|^2 A \end{aligned}$$

*Loss* (blue arrow pointing to  $-\frac{\alpha}{2} z$ )

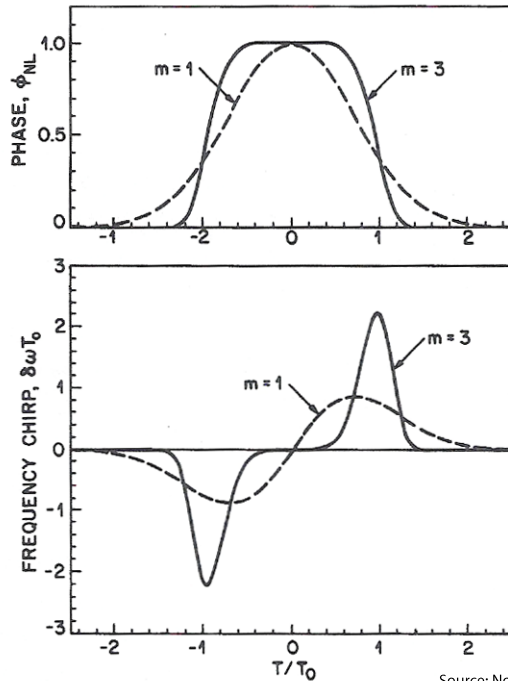
*Nonlinear phase shift due to  $\chi^{(3)}$*  (red arrow pointing to  $-i\gamma |A|^2 z$ )

Nonlinear phase shift:

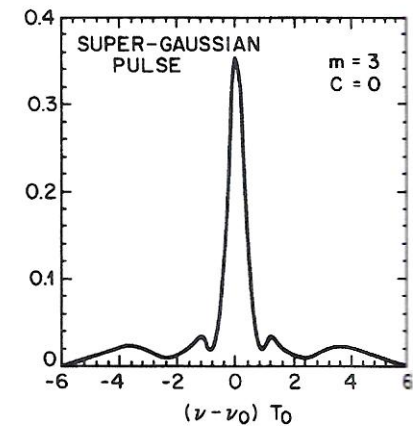
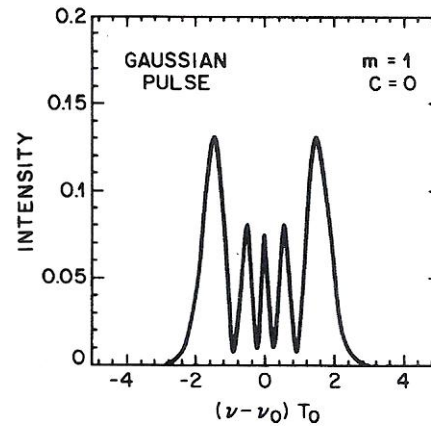
$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{NL}(z, t) &= -\gamma |A(z, t)|^2 z \\ &\rightarrow \delta\omega(z, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\gamma |A(z, t)|^2 z \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Self-Phase Modulation (SPM)

For Gaussian and super-Gaussian pulses:



Source: Nonlinear Fiber Optics, G. P. Agrawal



$$\phi_{NL, \max} = 4.5\pi$$

→ Frequency chirp incurred