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# NLO #12

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfc3IL9gAts>

# Nonlinear Schrödinger equation and solitons

## Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLSE)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A'(z, \tau) + \frac{1}{2} i k_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} A'(z, \tau) = i \gamma |A'(z, \tau)|^2 A'(z, \tau)$$

$k_2 > 0$ : normal group velocity dispersion

$k_2 < 0$ : anomalous group velocity dispersion

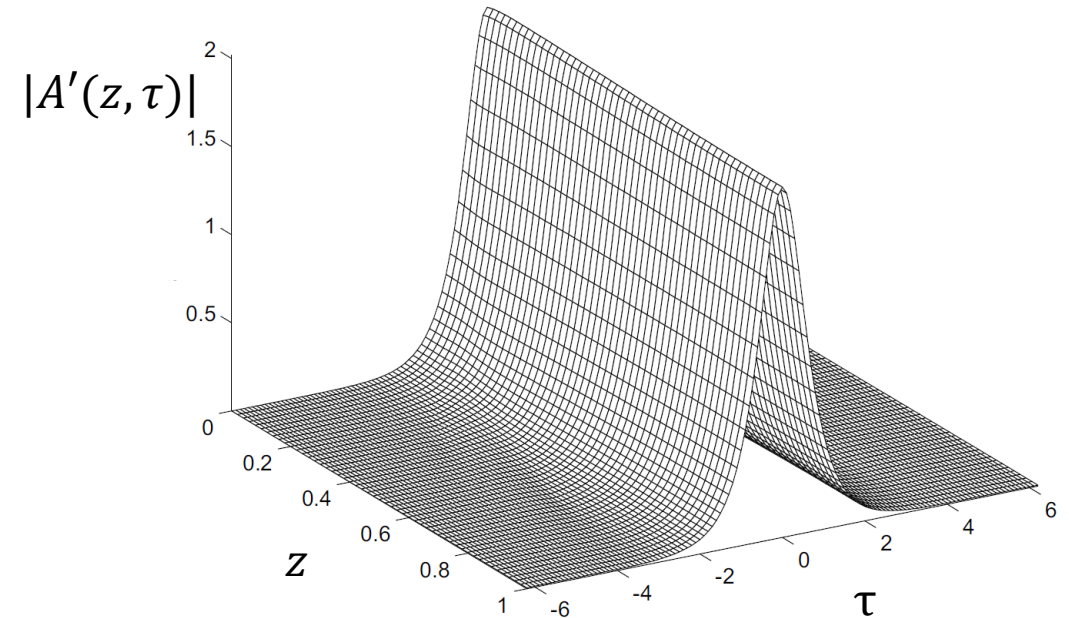
$$k(\omega) = k_0 + k_1(\omega - \omega_0) + \frac{1}{2} k_2(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \frac{1}{6} k_3(\omega - \omega_0)^3 + \dots$$

Solitons are solution to the NLSE:

$$A'(z, \tau) = A'_0 \operatorname{sech}(\tau/\tau_0) e^{i\kappa z}$$

$$|A'_0|^2 = \frac{-k_2}{\gamma \tau_0^2}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{-k_2}{2\tau_0}$$

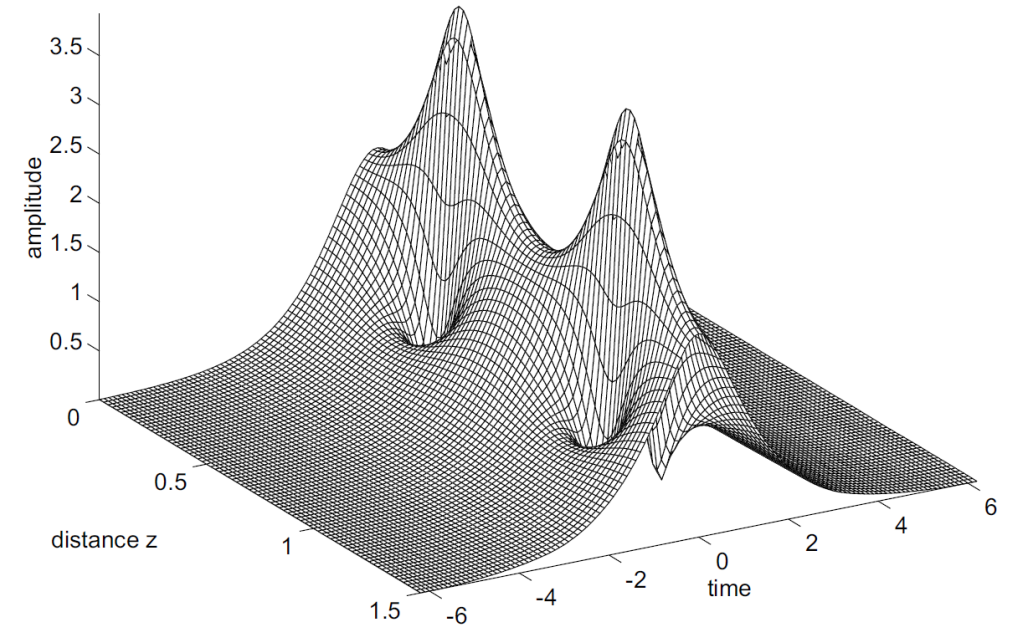
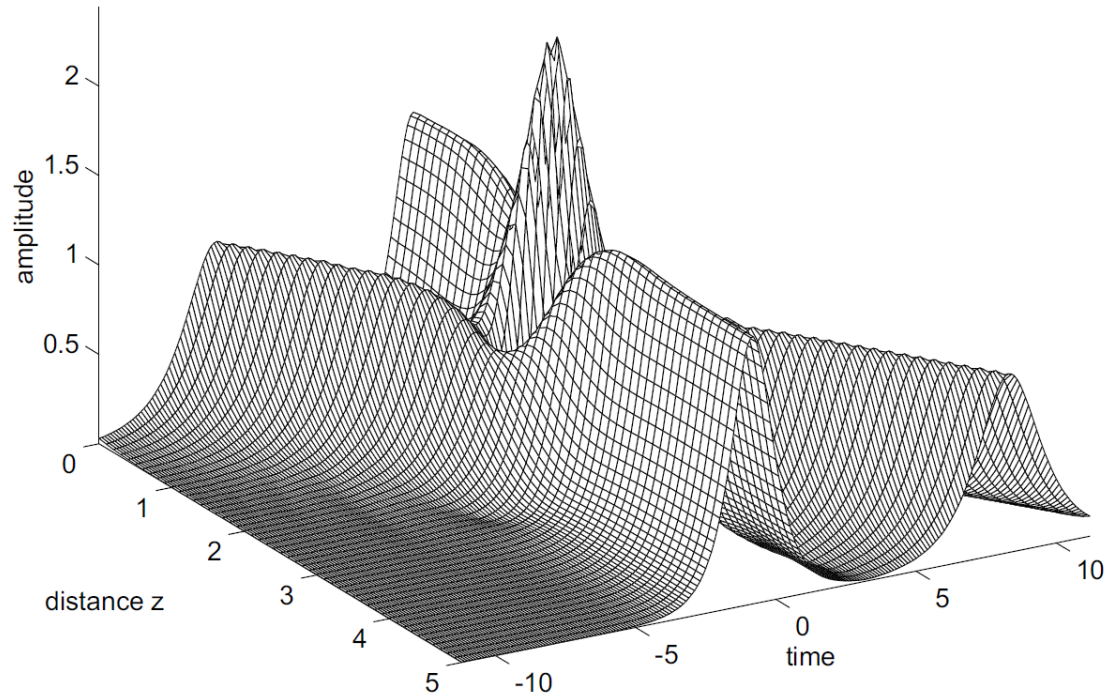


$$w = \int |A'(z, \tau)|^2 d\tau = 2\tau_0 |A'_0|^2$$

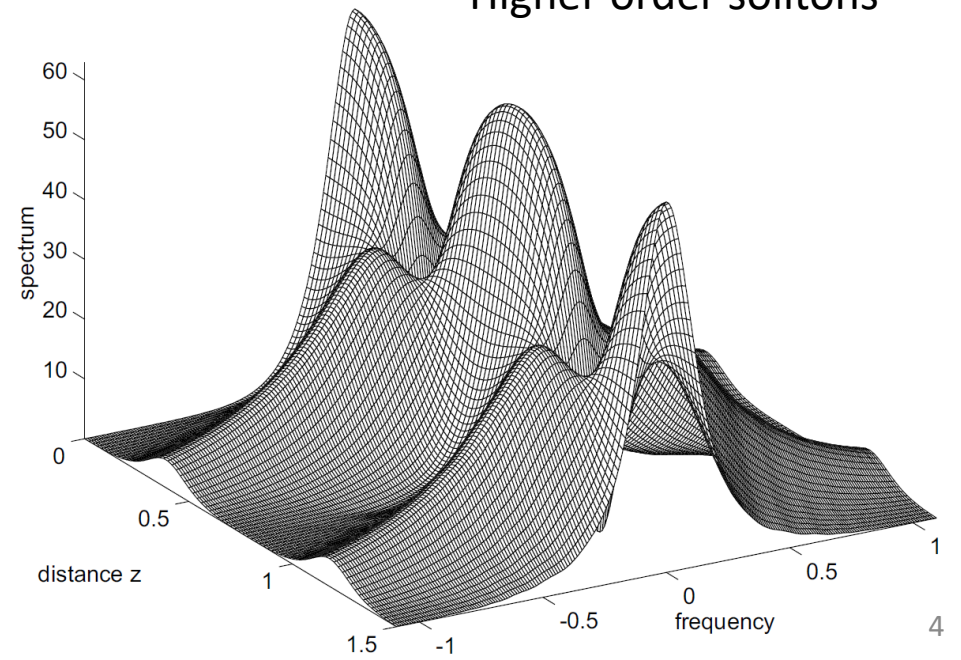
$$\text{area} = \int |A'(z, \tau)| d\tau = \pi A'_0 \tau_0 = \pi \sqrt{\frac{|k_2|}{\gamma}}$$

# Soliton phenomena

## Collision



## Higher order solitons



# Numeric solution of the NLSE (e.g. in Python)

This code is neither elegant nor efficient but hopefully easy to read

```
import numpy as np
import scipy.integrate as scint
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# discretized tau axis
tau = np.linspace(-tau_span/2, tau_span/2, ntau)
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```
# soliton
a0 = np.sqrt(-k2/gamma/tau0**2)
a_init = a0/np.cosh(tau/tau0)
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for z_idx, z in enumerate (z_save):
    solver.integrate(z)
    a_save[z_idx] = solver.y
```

```
def NLSE(z, a):

    # This function return the RHS of the NLSE according to:
    #  $d/dz a = -i/2 k_2 (d/d\tau)^2 a + i \gamma |a|^2 a$ 
    #  $d/dz$  does not depend on  $z$ , so the variable  $z$  is not used here
    # (but  $z$  is required for formal reasons to interface with the solver )

    # linear evolution (dispersion)
    da_dtau = np.gradient(a, dtau)
    d2a_dtau2 = np.gradient(da_dtau, dtau)
    da_dz_L = -1j*0.5*k2*d2a_dtau2

    # nonlinear evolution
    da_dz_NL = 1j*gamma*a*np.conj(a)*a

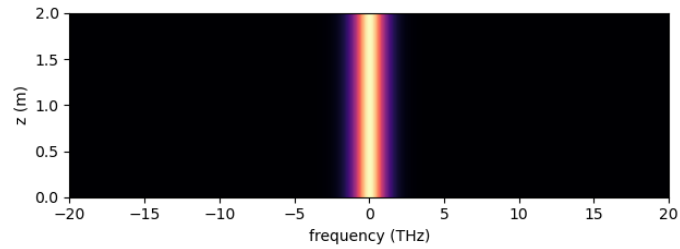
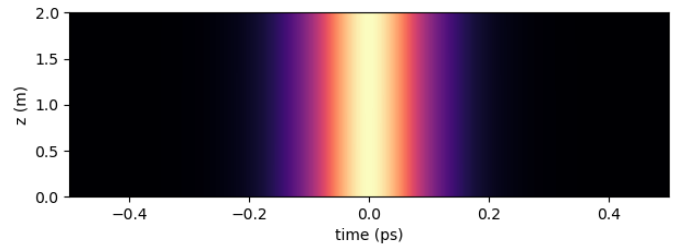
    # combined linear and nonlinear evolution
    da_dz = da_dz_L + da_dz_NL

    return da_dz

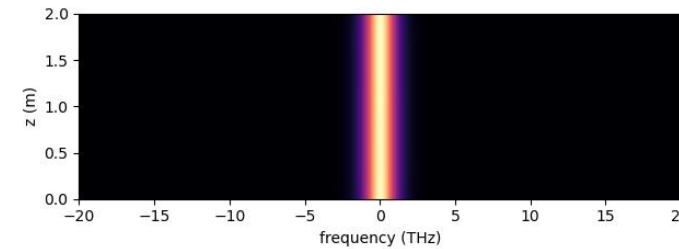
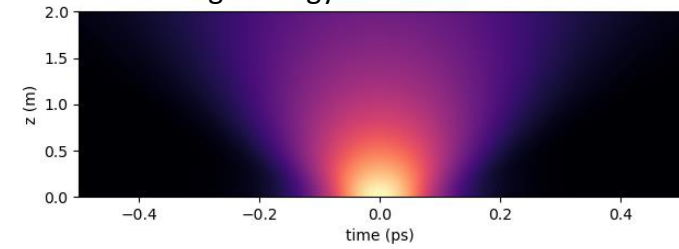
solver = scint.complex_ode(NLSE)
solver.set_integrator('dopri5', rtol = 1e-19)
solver.set_initial_value(a_init)
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# Simulation of soliton dynamics

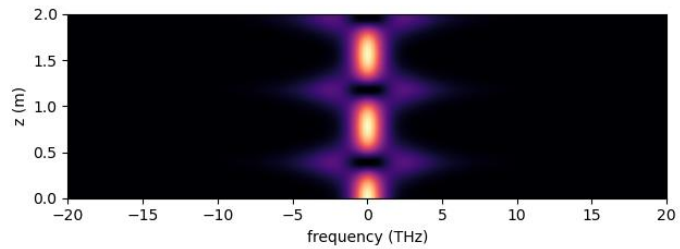
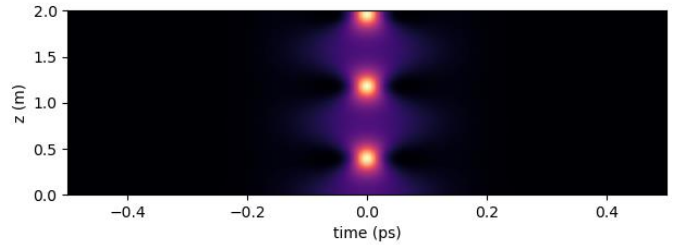
Fundamental soliton (soliton order = 1)



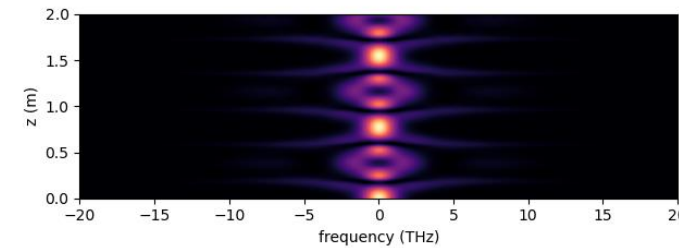
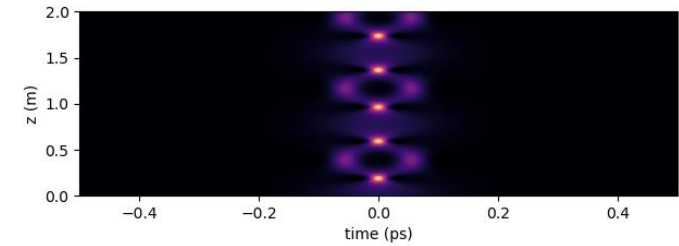
Not enough energy



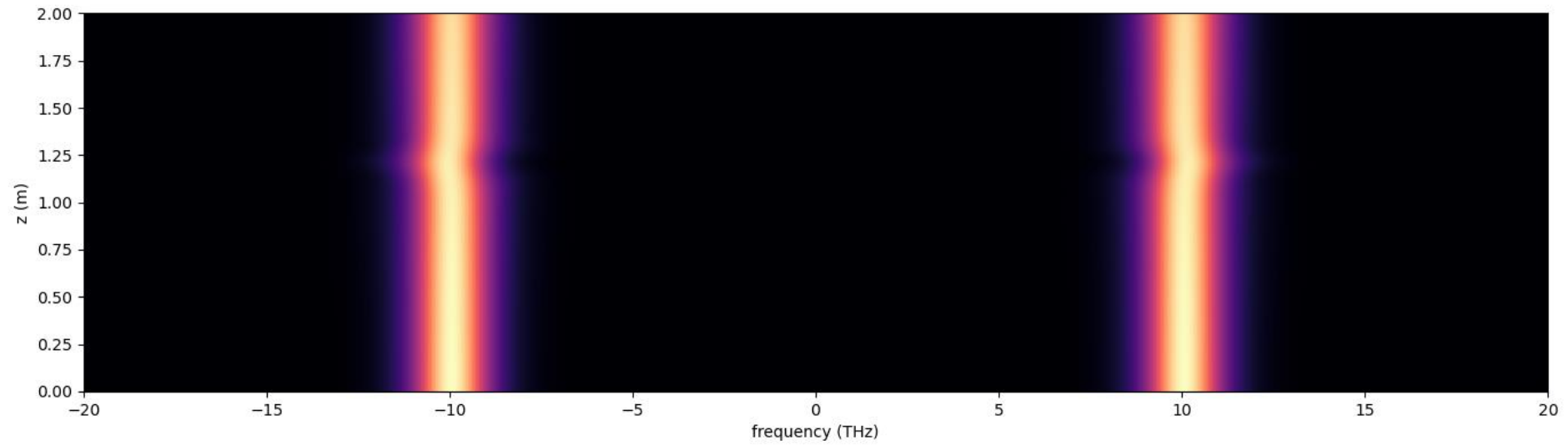
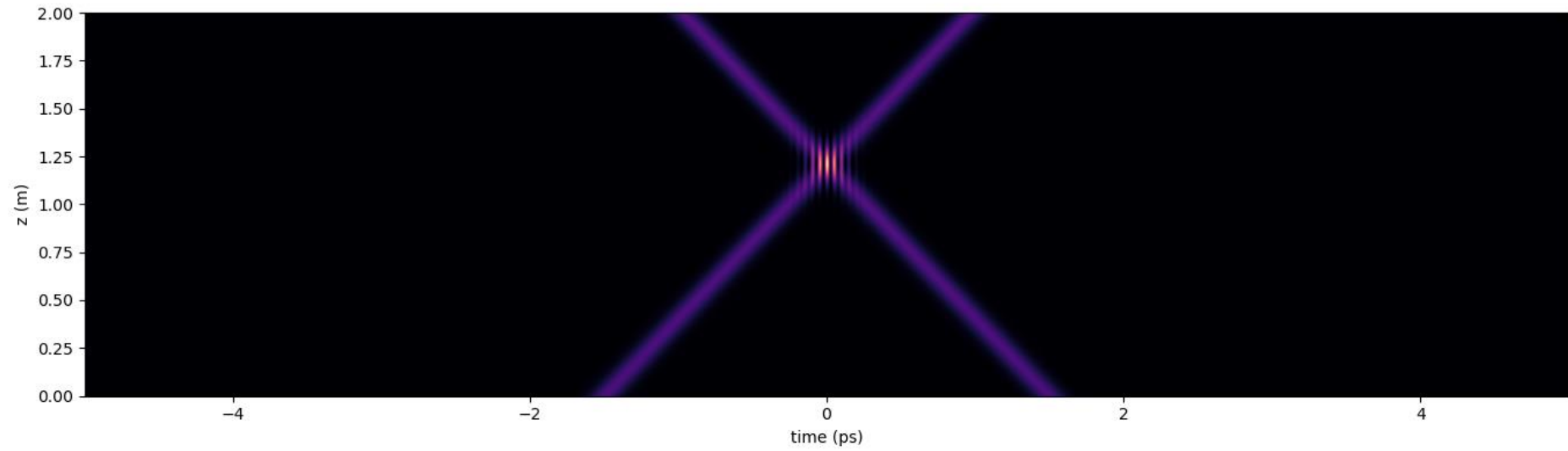
Soliton order = 2



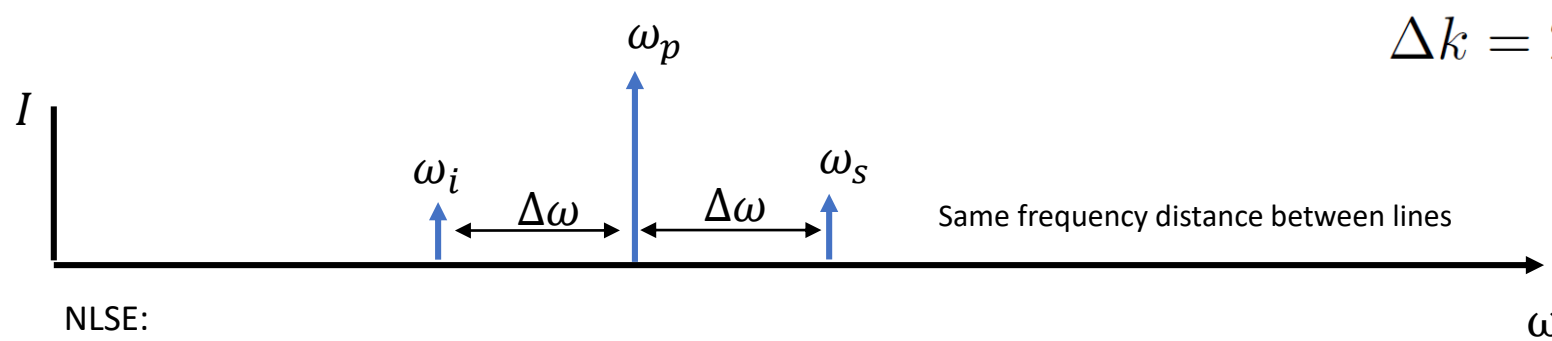
Soliton order = 3



# Soliton Collision



# Modulation instability (can we do things other than solitons with the NLSE?)



$$\Delta k = 2k_p - k_s - k_i = -2\gamma P - k_2 \Delta\omega^2$$

$$\Delta k = 0:$$

$$\Delta\omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-2\gamma P}{k_2}}$$

NLSE:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A(z, \tau) + \frac{1}{2} i k_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} A(z, \tau) = i \gamma |A(z, \tau)|^2 A(z, \tau)$$

Ansatz for a small perturbation:

$$A(z, \tau) = a_p(z) + \underbrace{a_s^0(z) e^{i\Delta\omega\tau}}_{a_s(z)} + \underbrace{a_i^0(z) e^{-i\Delta\omega\tau}}_{a_i(z)}$$

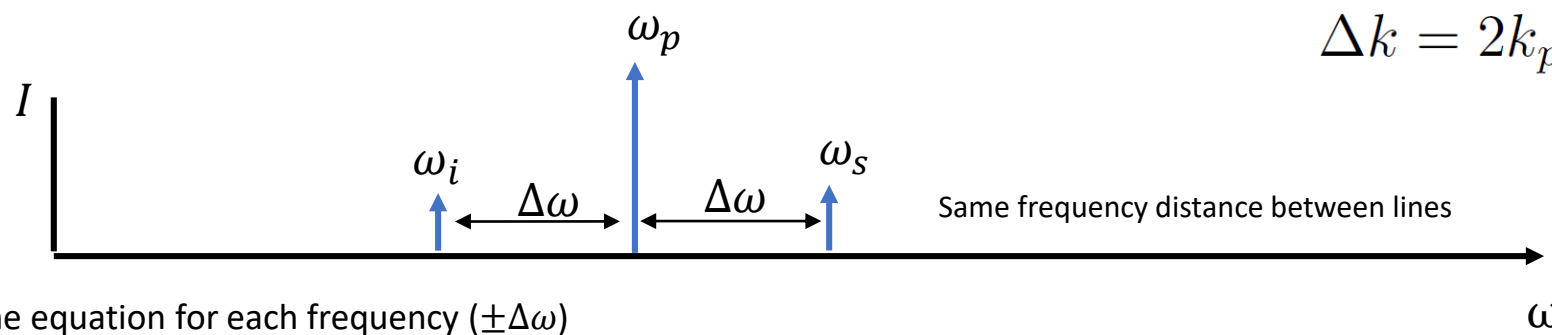
Here no factor 2. As we took out the pump field  $a_p$ , this term does not represent XPM but the difference XPM and SPM. Formally this is done by applying to each field a phase factor  $\exp(i\gamma|a_p|^2 z)$ .

Only keep terms linear in the weak field:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_s + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_i - \frac{1}{2} i k_2 \Delta\omega^2 (a_s + a_i) = i \gamma |a_p|^2 (a_s + a_i) + i \gamma a_p^2 (a_s^* + a_i^*)$$



# Modulation instability (can we do things other than solitons with the NLSE?)



$$\Delta k = 2k_p - k_s - k_i = -2\gamma|a_p|^2 - k_2\Delta\omega^2$$

$\Delta k = 0$ :

$$\Delta\omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-2\gamma|a_p|^2}{k_2}}$$

One equation for each frequency ( $\pm\Delta\omega$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_s - \frac{1}{2}ik_2\Delta\omega^2 a_s = i\gamma|a_p|^2 a_s + i\gamma a_p^2 a_i^*$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_i^* + \frac{1}{2}ik_2\Delta\omega^2 a_i^* = -i\gamma|a_p|^2 a_i^* - i\gamma a_p^{*2} a_s$$

Same thing in matrix form:

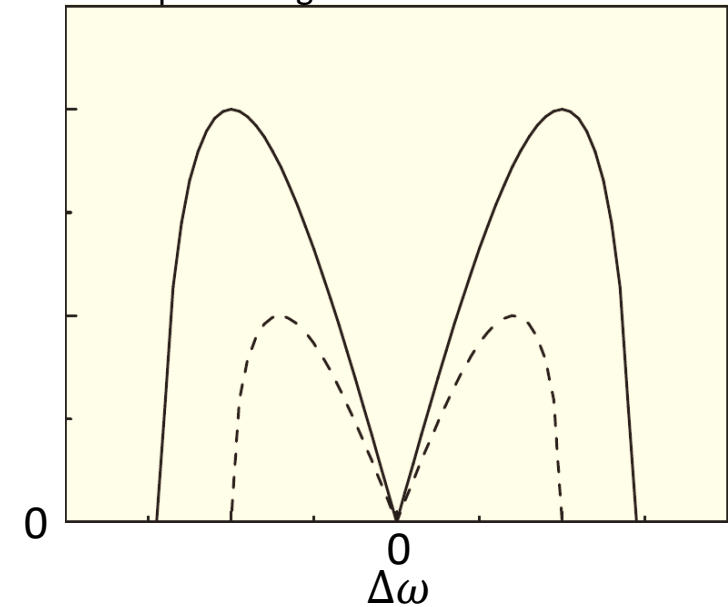
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_s \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_i^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}ik_2\Delta\omega^2 + i\gamma|a_p|^2 & i\gamma a_p^2 \\ -i\gamma a_p^{*2} & -\frac{1}{2}ik_2\Delta\omega^2 - i\gamma|a_p|^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_s \\ a_i^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues (describe growth of weak sidebands):

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2|a_p|^4 - \frac{1}{4}(k_2\Delta\omega^2 + 2\gamma|a_p|^2)^2}$$

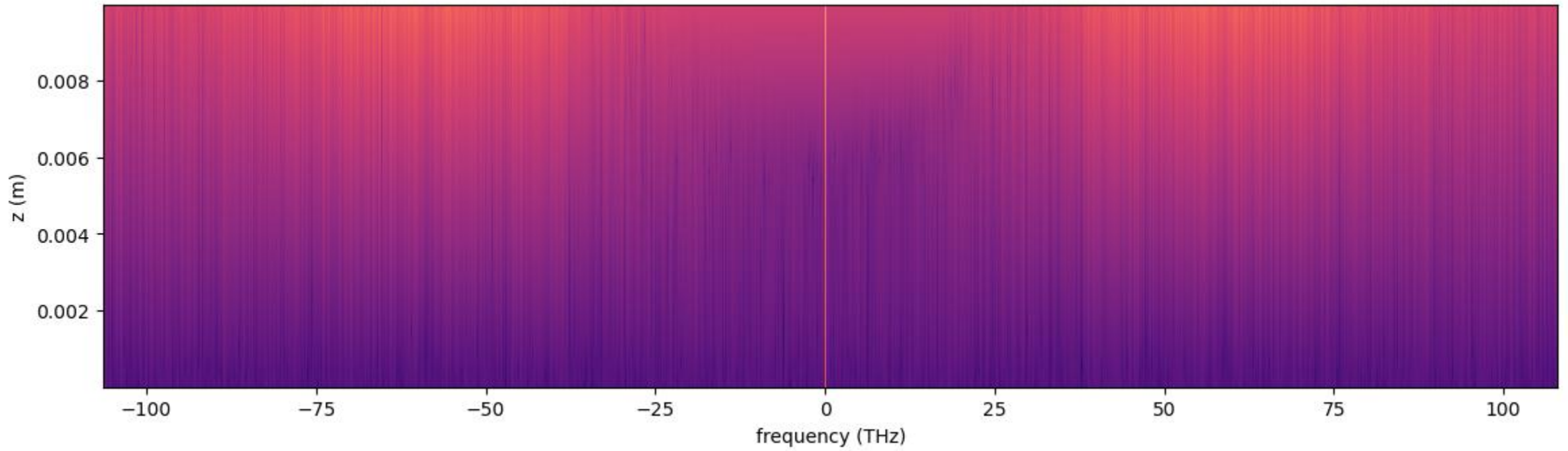
$k_2$  must be negative  
Fastest growth when ...

Real part of eigenvalue



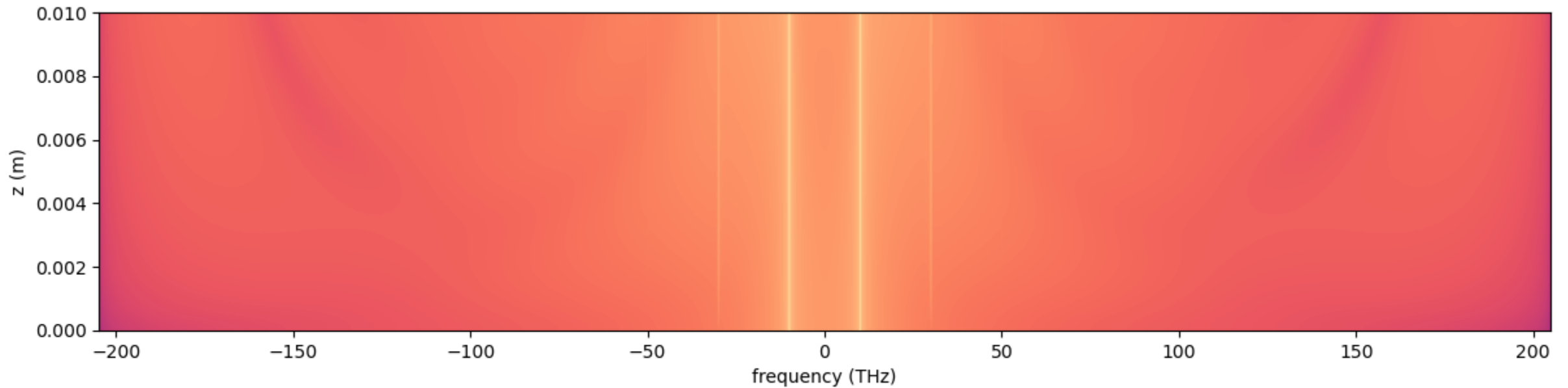
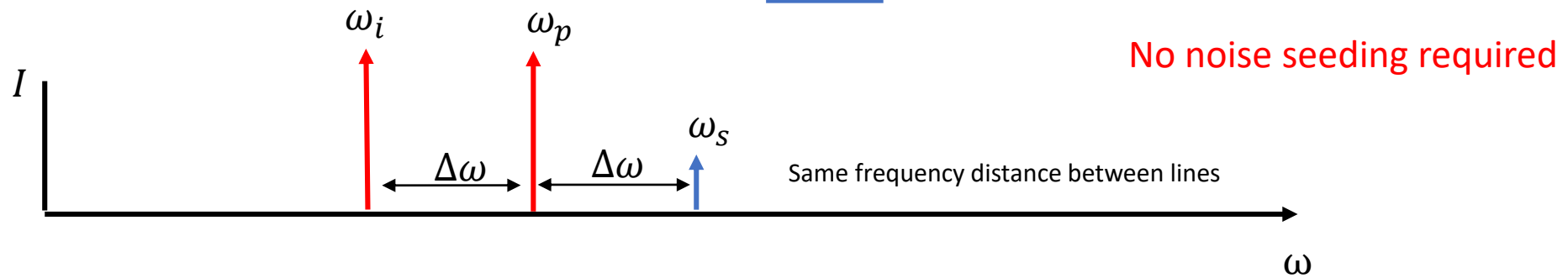
$$\text{Max. } \Delta\omega = \sqrt{\frac{-4\gamma|a_p|^2}{k_2}}$$

# Simulation of modulation instability

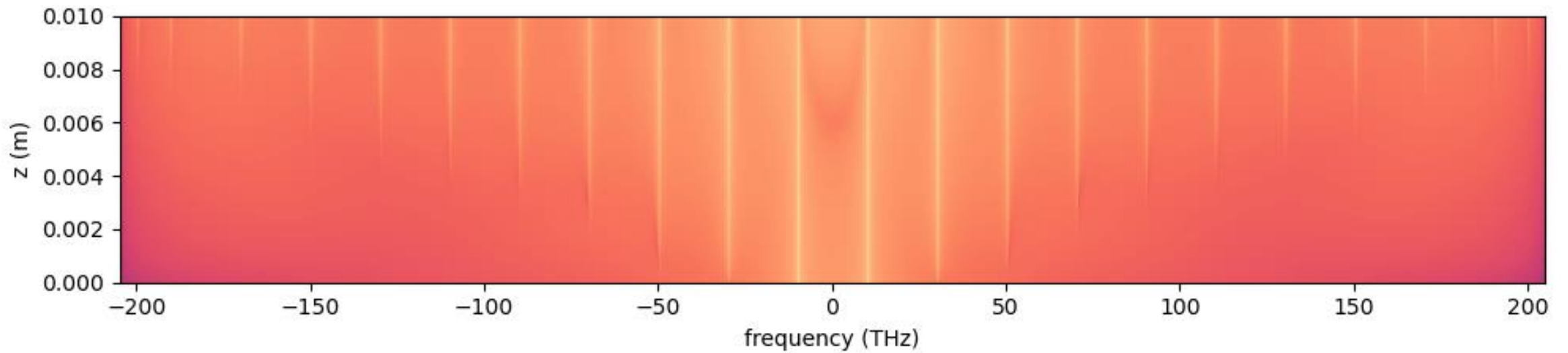
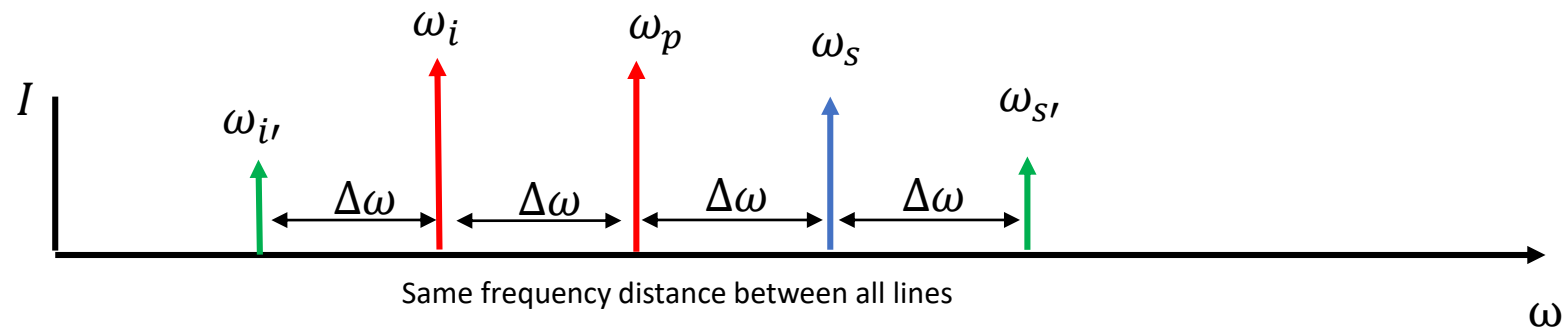


# Non-degenerate FWM

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} a_s - \frac{1}{2} i k_2 \Delta \omega^2 a_s = i \gamma |a_p|^2 a_s + \underline{i \gamma a_p^2 a_i^*}$$



# Cascaded non-degenerate FWM



# Upgrading the NLSE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A + \frac{1}{2} i k_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} A = i \gamma |A|^2 A$$

including loss and higher order dispersion

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\alpha}{2} A - \sum_{j \geq 2} \frac{i^{j+1}}{j!} k_j \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} A = i \gamma |A|^2 A$$

NLSE is limited:

- Neglects losses
- Chromatic dispersion only valid in small frequency range
- Neglects dispersion in the nonlinearity
- Assumes the nonlinearity is instantaneous

# $\chi^{(3)}$ arising from oriented anisotropic molecules (e.g. in liquids)

As defined:

$$\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 \underbrace{(n^2 - 1)}_{\chi^{(1)}} \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 N \langle \alpha \rangle \mathbf{E}_{local}$$

$N$ : number density of molecules

$$\mathbf{E}_{local} = \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{3\varepsilon_0} \mathbf{P}$$

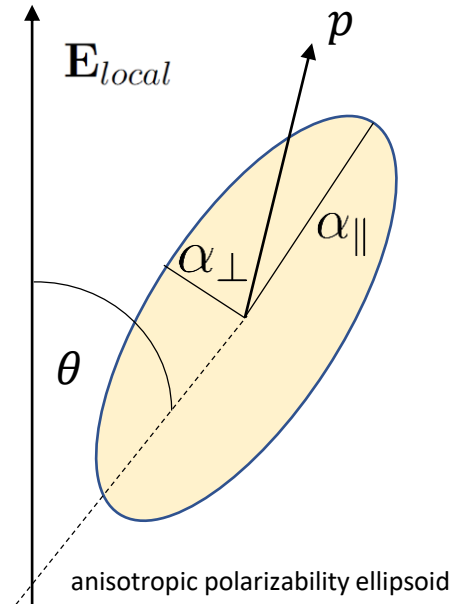
(assume void in medium and apply Gauss law on the polarization)

Lorentz-Lorenz /Clausius-Mossotti

$$\frac{N \langle \alpha \rangle}{3} = \frac{n_0^2 - 1}{n_0^2 + 2}$$

$$E_{local} = \left( \frac{n_0^2 + 2}{3} \right) E$$

E-field enhancement in medium



Mean polarization of medium in direction of  $E_{local}$

$$P = N [\alpha_{\parallel} \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle + \alpha_{\perp} \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle] E_{local}$$

Mean molecular polarizability

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = (\alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp}) \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle + \alpha_{\perp}$$

Energy and probability for specific  $\theta$ :

$$W = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{local} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha(\theta) |E_{local}|^2$$

$$p(\theta) \sim \exp \left[ -\frac{(\alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp}) |E_{local}|^2 \cos^2 \theta}{2k_B T} \right]$$

$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta p(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta \bigg/ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} p(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{45} \frac{(\alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp}) |E_{local}|^2}{2k_B T}$$

$$\Delta \langle \alpha \rangle = \frac{4}{45} \frac{(\alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp})^2 |E_{local}|^2}{2k_B T} = \frac{3}{N} \frac{6n_0 \Delta n}{(n_0^2 + 2)^2}$$

$$n_2^E = \left( \frac{n_0^2 + 2}{3} \right)^2 \frac{N}{45n_0} \frac{(\alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp})^2}{k_B T}$$

# $\chi^{(3)}$ arising from oriented anisotropic molecules (e.g. in liquids)

Non-instantaneous nonlinearity:

$$\dots = i\gamma A(z, \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R(\tau') |A(z, \tau - \tau')|^2 d\tau'$$

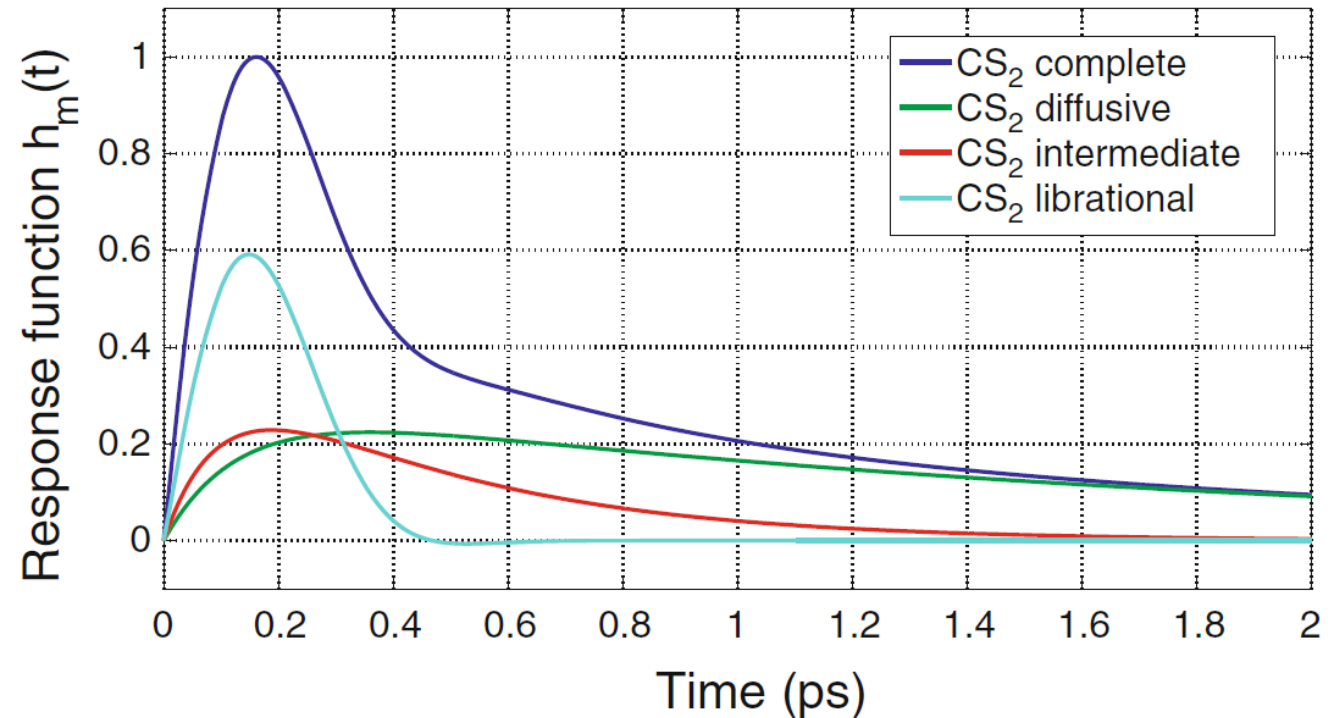
$$R(t) = (1 - f)\delta(t)fh(t)$$

$$h(t) = 0 \quad (t < 0)$$

For CS<sub>2</sub>:

$$h_m(t) = A_1 e^{(-t/t_{\text{diff}})} (1 - e^{(-t/t_{\text{rise},1})}) + A_2 e^{(-t/t_{\text{int}})} (1 - e^{(-t/t_{\text{rise},1})}) + A_3 e^{(-t^2/(2t_{\text{fast}}^2))} \sin(t/t_{\text{rise},2})$$

Kedenburg et al., Applied Physics B (2013)



# Upgrading the NLSE

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\alpha}{2}A - \sum_{j \geq 2} \frac{i^{j+1}}{j!} k_j \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} A = i\gamma |A|^2 A$$

↓ Including non-instantaneous nonlinearity

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\alpha}{2}A - \sum_{j \geq 2} \frac{i^{j+1}}{j!} k_j \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} A = i\gamma A(z, \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R(\tau') |A(z, \tau - \tau')|^2 d\tau'$$

↓ Including dispersion of nonlinearity

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\alpha}{2}A - \sum_{j \geq 2} \frac{i^{j+1}}{j!} k_j \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} A = i\gamma(1 + i\tau_{\text{shock}}) A(z, \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R(\tau') |A(z, \tau - \tau')|^2 d\tau'$$