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Quasi-analytical Perturbation Analysis of the Generalized Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation

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- Family of periodic solutions (Akhmediev and Korneev 1986)
- Integrability in more complex cases, but still a limited number of solutions

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## Why do we care?

- Exact solutions of simplified versions provide important insight
- They cannot give a precise description in general ⇒ the GNLSE is usually studied by means of simulations

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## Didn't I talk about this 2 years ago?

- Yes! @ Denver: first order linear perturbation (modulation instability MI)
- Problem 1: undepleted pump ⇒ short distances
- Problem 2: disregards cascading four-wave mixing effect

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**Linear term:** 
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• 
$$\tilde{\beta}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\gamma_0 P_0} \sum_{m=2}^{M} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!} \beta_m \Omega^m, \, \tilde{\gamma}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\gamma_0} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \gamma_n \Omega^n$$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{N}(\tilde{a}) &= \left[\tilde{a}(\zeta,\Omega) * \overline{\tilde{a}}(\zeta,-\Omega)\right] + \tilde{a}(\zeta,\Omega) * \left[\tilde{a}(\zeta,\Omega) + \overline{\tilde{a}}(\zeta,-\Omega)\right] + \\ \tilde{a}(\zeta,\Omega) * \left[\tilde{a}(\zeta,\Omega) * \overline{\tilde{a}}(\zeta,-\Omega)\right] \end{split}$$

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### Motivation

This result motivates the following perturbative ansatz

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## Simplifying assumptions

- $\langle e^{i\phi_n(x,\mu)} \rangle = 0$
- $\langle e^{i(\phi_n(x,\mu)-\phi_m(y,\nu))}\rangle = 0$  if either  $n \neq m, x \neq y$  or  $\mu \neq \nu \longrightarrow$  similar to the 'random phase' hypothesis in optical wave turbulence (Picozzi et al. 2014)

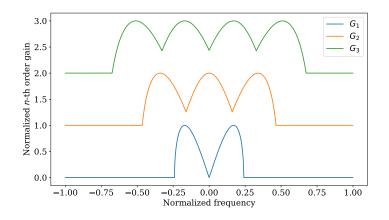
## Higher-order gain

#### Gain

$$G_n(\Omega) \approx \max_{\mu} \left[ G_1(\mu) + G_{n-1}(\Omega - \mu) \right]$$

- Arises from the convolutions in the nonlinear operator
- Largest gain dominates → simplification of the convolution integrals
- Incorporates the gain due to the perturbations amplified by  $G_n$  acting as n-th order 'pumps': cascading FWM effect

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## Spectrum

### Perturbation spectrum

$$|A_{1}(\Omega)|^{2} = \frac{\left(\frac{B(\Omega) + B(-\Omega)}{2}\right)^{2} + G_{1}^{2}(\Omega) + \tilde{\gamma}^{2}(\Omega)}{2G_{1}^{2}(\Omega)}$$
$$|A_{n}(\Omega)| \approx \Delta_{\Omega}^{n-1} J(G_{n}(\Omega), \Omega)$$
$$J(g, \Omega) = \frac{\sqrt{\left|\overline{B}(-\Omega) - ig\right|^{2} \left|\tilde{\gamma}(\Omega)\right|^{2} + \left|\overline{C}(-\Omega)\right|^{4}}}{\left|\overline{B}(\Omega) + ig\right| \left|\overline{B}(-\Omega) - ig\right| - \tilde{\gamma}(\Omega)\tilde{\gamma}(-\Omega)\right|}$$

## Experiment

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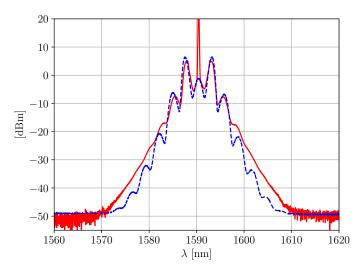
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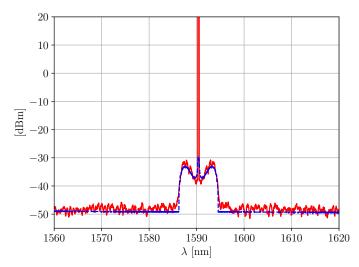
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- Same parameters as the experiment
- $\gamma_0 = 8.7 \text{ W}^{-1} \text{Km}^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_2 = -3.9198 \text{ ps}^2/\text{km}$ ,  $\beta_3 = 0.1267$  $ps^3/km$ ,  $\beta_4 = 1.7594 \times 10^{-4} ps^4/km$

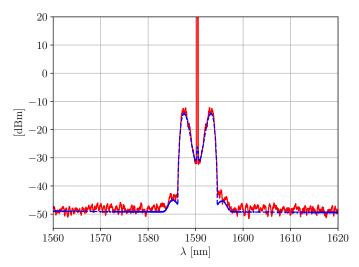
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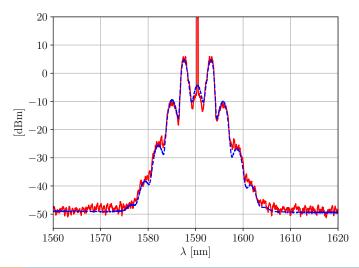
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## Numerical results - 500 m



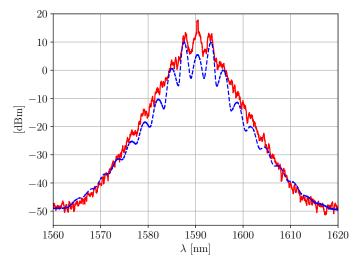
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## Numerical results - 1000 m



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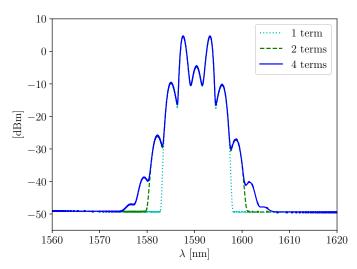
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Simplification: Is there a simple way to arrive to our results?



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