

Solution of the nonlinear Schrödinger equation using cuFFT

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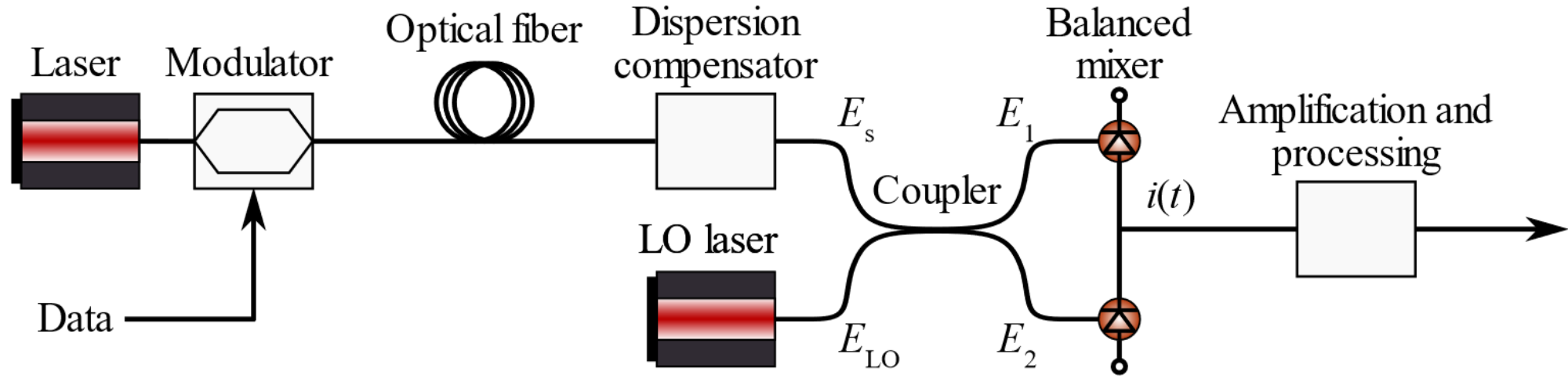
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Coherent communications



Fiber chromatic dispersion \rightarrow pulse broadening

Kerr nonlinearity ($n = n_0 + \alpha|E|^2$) \rightarrow phase distortion \Rightarrow errors after decoding.

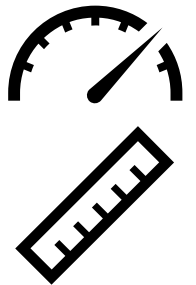
Nonlinearity is limiting system performance:

higher bit-rate or longer transmission distance

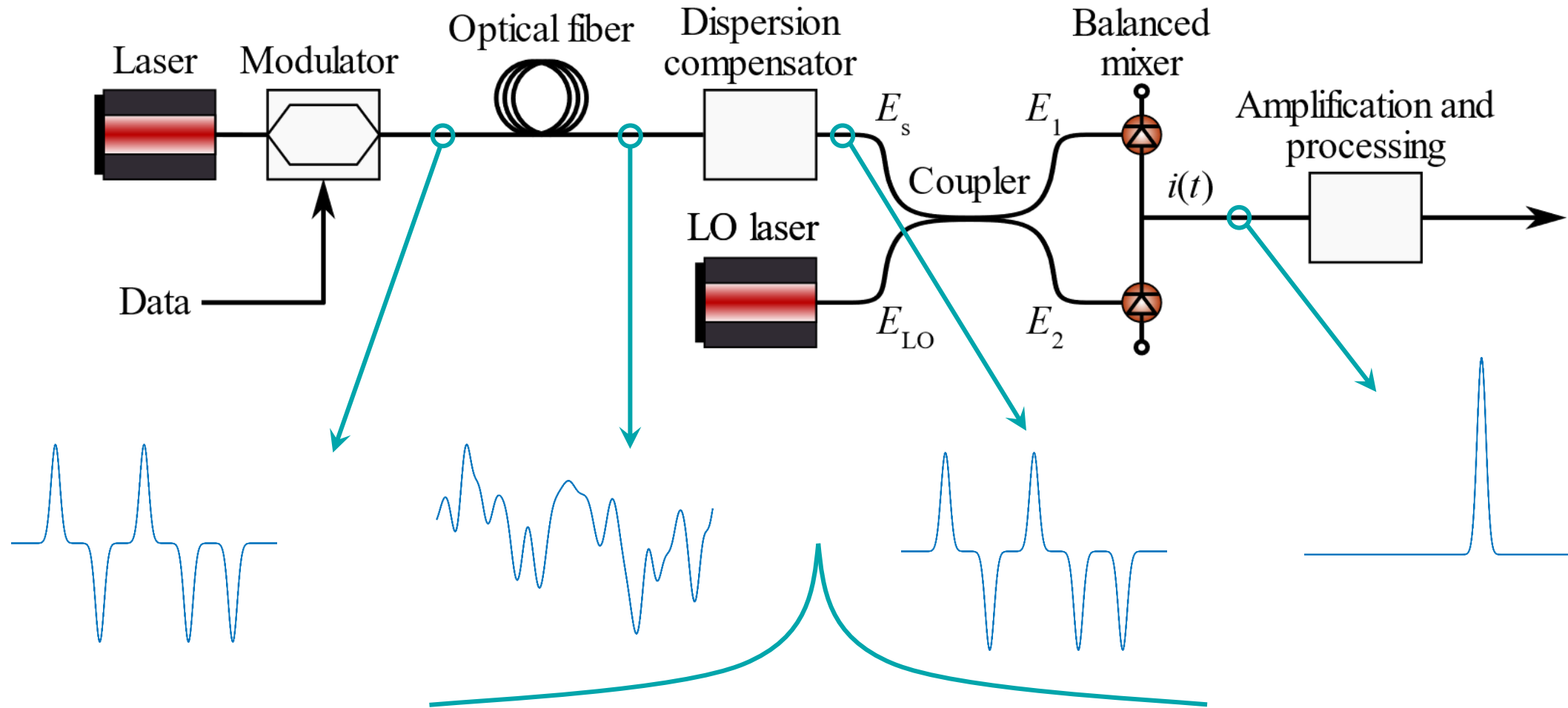
1. higher bit-rate: $\mathcal{E} \approx |E|^2 \tau_0 \approx |E|^2 / BR \geq \mathcal{E}_{cr} \Rightarrow |E|^2 \geq \mathcal{E}_{cr} BR$

2. Length of nonlinearity: $z_{nl} \approx (\alpha|E|^2)^{-1}$.

Nonlinearity becoming noticeable when $L \sim z_{nl}$



Waveform change during propagation



 Digital back propagation 

Modeling equation

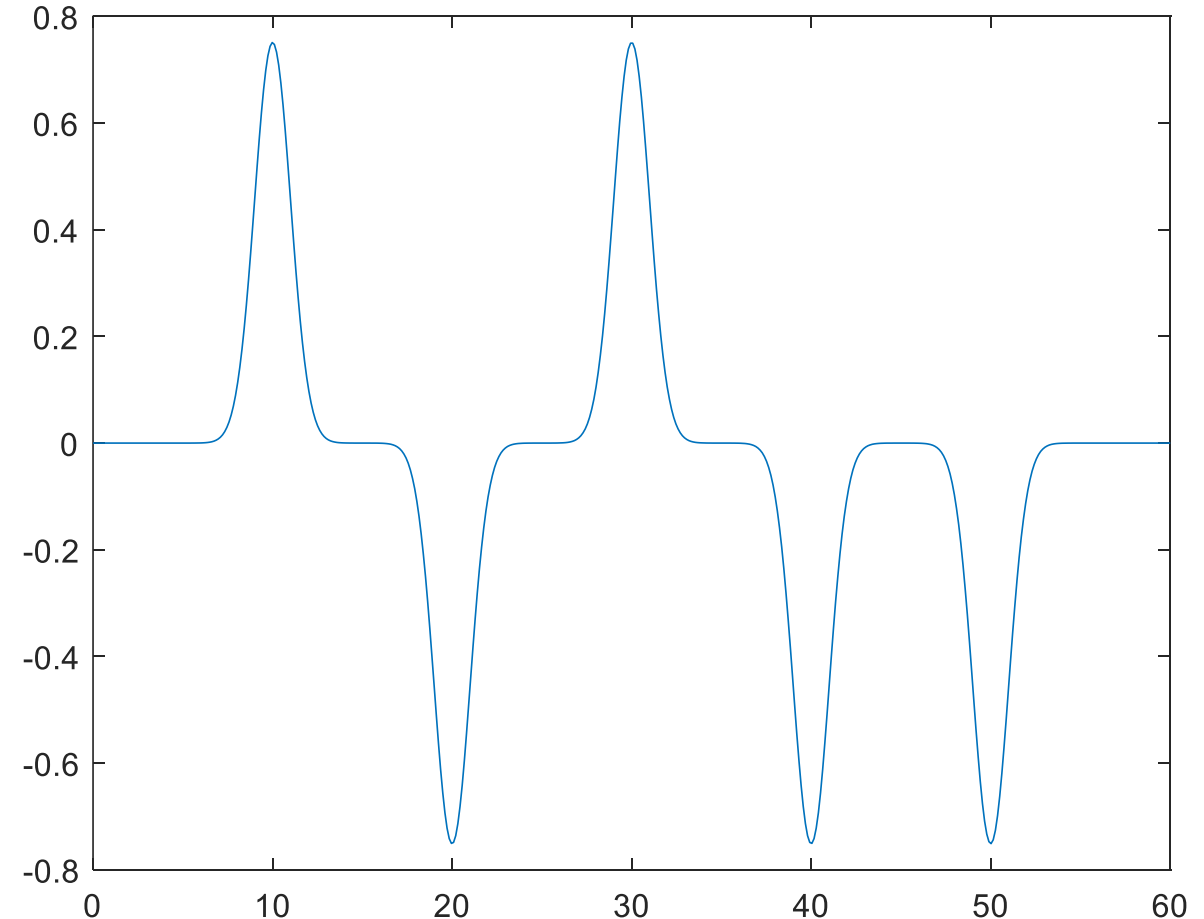
Dimensionless NLS:

$$iE_z + \frac{1}{2}E_{tt} + \varepsilon|E|^2 E = 0 \quad (1)$$

Bit-sequence launched at the front end of the system is represented by periodic train of **gaussian pulses** with Differential Phase Shift Keying (DPSK)

$$E(t, 0) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \pi^{-1/4} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(t - kT^2)\right] \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= 1 \quad \text{with probability} \quad p_1 = 1/2 \\ a_k &= -1 \quad \text{with probability} \quad p_2 = 1/2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$



Split-step method

$$E_z = i\frac{1}{2}E_{tt} + i\varepsilon|E|^2E = [\hat{D} + \hat{N}]E \quad (4)$$

The equation can be split into a linear part,

$$E_z = i\frac{1}{2}E_{tt} = \hat{D}E \quad (5)$$

and a nonlinear part,

$$E_z = i\varepsilon|E|^2E = \hat{N}E \quad (6)$$

- Half dispersion step

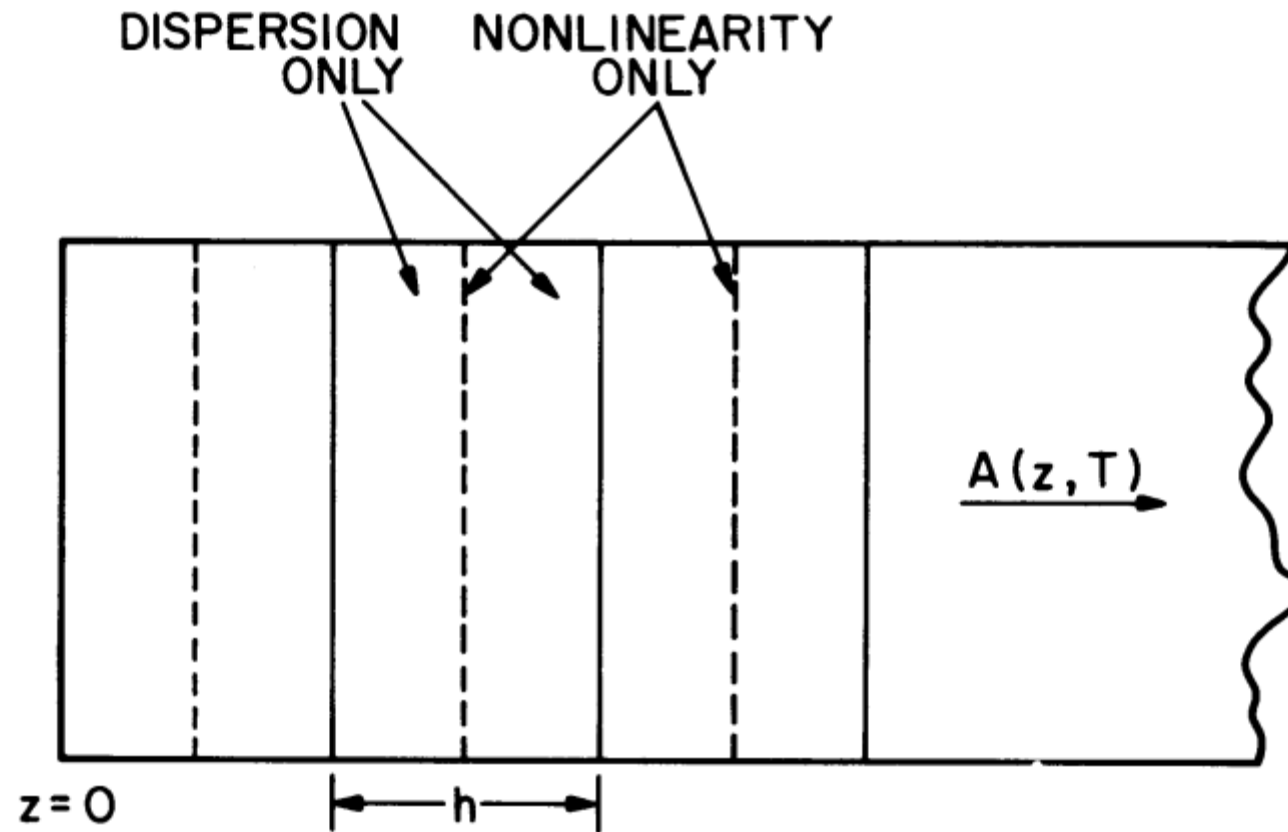
$$E(t, z + \frac{dz}{2}) = F^{-1}(F[E(t, z)] \cdot \exp[-i\frac{1}{2}\frac{dz}{2}w^2]), \quad (7)$$

where F and F^{-1} denotes forward and the reverse Fourier transform respectively.

- Nonlinear step

$$E(t, z + dz) = E(t, z) \cdot \exp[i\varepsilon dz|E|^2] \quad (8)$$

Split-step method



cuFFT some features

Complex type of variables and plan for Fourier transform

```
cufftDoubleComplex *d_LP, *d_u;  
  
cufftHandle plan;  
cufftPlan1d(&plan, dim_t, CUFFT_Z2Z, 1);
```

Forward and Inverse Fourier transform

```
cufftExecZ2Z(plan, input, output, CUFFT_FORWARD);  
cufftExecZ2Z(plan, input, output, CUFFT_INVERSE);
```

Main split-step loop

```
for (int i = 0; i < int(z_end/z_step); i++)  
{  
    half_lin(d_u, d_LP, plan, grid, block, dim_t);  
    nonlin<<grid, block>>>(d_u, nonlinearity, z_step, dim_t);  
    half_lin(d_u, d_LP, plan, grid, block, dim_t);  
}
```

Results



<https://github.com/CosmosRedshift7/NLSE-CUDA>

