

# CW- and pulse-pumped super-continuum generators

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#### □ SC applications

- Metrology and optical clock
- Optical coherence tomography
- Telecom (WDM, SRS amplifiers)
- Generation of ultra-short pulses

#### Dumping schemes : our analysis

- CW pumping ( $\beta_2 < 0$ )
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- Modulated CW pumping ( $\beta_2 < 0$ )
- Short-pulses pumping ( $\beta_2 < 0$ )
- Pumping with pulses,  $\beta_2 > 0$



- High pulse-to-pulse stability of supercontinuum amplitude and phase
- Octave-spanning spectrum





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Stochastic time structure due to modulation instability



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A regular train of wave packets with stochastic time structure inside each of them





#### **Modulated CW pumping**

Regular time structure due to induced modulation instability







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# Pumping with short pulses in anomalous dispersion regime

Regular train of wave packets with complex time structure which is reproduced from pulse to pulse





Pumping with short pulses in anomalous dispersion regime





# Pulse pumping in normal dispersion regime

Regular time structure



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#### **Conclusions**

|                               | CW pumping | Pumping with<br>long pulses,<br>anomalous<br>dispersion | Modulated CW pumping | Pumping with<br>short pulses,<br>anomalous<br>dispersion | Pulse pumping<br>in normal<br>dispersion |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Optical metrology & clock     | -          | -                                                       | —                    | +                                                        | -                                        |
| OCT                           | +          | +                                                       | +                    | +                                                        | +                                        |
| WDM                           | -          | -                                                       | +                    | -                                                        | +                                        |
| SRS amplifiers                | +          | +                                                       | +                    | +                                                        | +                                        |
| Ultra-short pulses generation | -          | -                                                       | +                    | +                                                        | +                                        |
| Time-resolved spectroscopy    | -          | -                                                       | +                    | +                                                        | +                                        |