

This movie shows the development of the spectrum of a the previous self-phase modulating pulse. The pulse is a Gaussian  $e^{-(t)^2}$ . The phase grows linearly with distance ( and thus as time evolves in the movie ) to a peak value of  $7\pi$ .

For a mode-locked laser the spectrum would be discrete with a frequency separation of  $\frac{c}{2L} + \delta$  where L is the cavity length and  $\delta$  is know as the carrier slippage.