

# PURE-QUARTIC STATIONARY OPTICAL BULLETS FOR (3+1)-DIMENSIONAL NONLINEAR SCHRÖDINGER'S EQUATION WITH FOURTH-ORDER DISPERSIVE EFFECTS AND PARABOLIC LAW OF NONLINEARITY

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**Abstract.** This work addresses a (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear Schrödinger's equation with three fourth-order dispersive terms that usually give pure-quartic bullets. It is known that pure-quartic bullets, balanced by fourth-order dispersion and nonlinearity, differ from traditional solitons. We derive various solutions in the form of bright and dark optically modulated bullets. The solutions obtained are useful for exploring the transmission of bullets through optical nanofibers.

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## 1. Introduction

In [1–6], pure-quartic solitons were examined and defined by shape-maintaining pulses that appear in optical materials with dominant fourth-order dispersion. This class of bright and dark soliton formation results purely from the exact balance between positive self-phase modulation and negative quartic dispersion [1–6]. A nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation arises while studying the nonlinear scientific fields in inhomogeneous and dispersive media. It is frequently used in nonlinear optics, soft-condensed matter physics, plasma physics, and so on [1–14]. Also, this equation was used to investigate the modulational instability of modulated envelope waves such as bright modulated envelope solitons, dark modulated envelope solitons, etc. Significant results have been reported in nonlinear optics by studying various NLS systems with different forms of nonlinearities and orders.

The cubic NLS reads:

$$iu_t + u_{xx} + u|u|^2 = 0, (1)$$

which is integrable [9–12]. Here, the function u(x, y, t) is a complex-valued function of the spatial variables x, y and the temporal variable t, and denotes the varying envelope wave.

Blanco-Redondo et al. [1] examined the quartic dispersion and showed that it plays an important role in constructing the pure-quartic solitons. The pure-quartic solitons arise from a balance between the negative quartic dispersion and the Kerr nonlinear effect. This is unlike the conventional solitons that appear due to a balance between weak nonlinear steepening and dispersion effect [15–22]. Moreover, pure-quartic solitons have the properties of decaying with oscillatory tails at edges. In other words, pure-quartic solitons

result from the interaction between fourth-order dispersion and self-phase modulation, resulting in oscillating tails [22–29].

Recently, the transmission of light beams through a pure-quartic diffraction material with Kerr nonlinearity [1–4] was given by the following NLS:

$$iu_t + \frac{\beta_4}{24}u_{xxx} + \sigma |u|^2 u = 0,$$
(2)

where u(x,t) is the complex envelope of the electric field, t is the temporal variable, x is the coordinate,  $\beta_4$  represents the fourth-order diffraction/dispersion coefficient, and  $\sigma$ denotes the cubic nonlinearity coefficient of  $|u|^2u$  [1–3]. This equation has been used to study the propagation dynamics of pure-quartic solitons in a silicon photonic crystal waveguide [1–3]. Recent works show that pure quartic solitons have merit in energy-width scaling over traditional solitons. The pure-quartic dispersive phenomena of weak nonlocality can support quartic bright solitons as well as quartic dark solitons, where both take different structural forms. Pure quartic soliton has recently attracted much research because of its applications in microresonators and amplifiers [2–8].

We aim in this work to construct an extended form of the NLS (2), where we propose an extended model, that also incorporates higher-order even terms in (3+1)-dimensions and one more nonlinear term, that takes the form:

$$iu_t + a_1 u_{xxxx} + a_2 u_{yyyy} + a_3 u_{zzzz} + b_1 |u|^2 u + b_2 |u|^4 u = 0,$$
(3)

where,  $u \equiv u(x, y, z, t)$  and the coefficients  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are real coefficients depending on the nature of the physical model under consideration. It is obvious that the extended form (3) admits three dispersion terms, namely  $u_{xxxx}$ ,  $u_{yyyy}$ , and  $u_{zzzz}$ , and two

nonlinear terms  $|u|^2 u$  and  $|u|^4 u$ .

In this work, we plan to use various schemes to study the extended NLSE (3) to furnish new optical modulated envelope soliton solutions. The employed techniques will enable us to get distinct modulated wave structures including bright solitons, dark solitons, periodic solutions, and others.

### 2. Stationary optical bullet solution

To obtain stationary bright optical bullet solutions for Eq. (3), we introduce the ansatz [28-31]:  $u = R \operatorname{sech}(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z) e^{i(kx+ry+sz-nt)},$ (4)

where  $(R, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, k, r, s)$  and n are arbitrary constants that will be determined. Here  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the direction ratios of the bullets while k, r, and s are the wave numbers along the x-, y- and z-direction respectively. Lastly, n is the frequency of the soliton and R is the width of the soliton. By combining Eqs. (3) and (4) and equating the coefficients of the resulting hyperbolic functions, we obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}\alpha^{2}k^{2} - \frac{1}{4}\alpha^{4} - \frac{1}{4}k^{4} \end{pmatrix} a_{1} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}\beta^{2}r^{2} - \frac{1}{4}\beta^{4} - \frac{1}{4}r^{4} \end{pmatrix} a_{2} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}\gamma^{2}s^{2} - \frac{1}{4}\gamma^{4} - \frac{1}{4}s^{4} \end{pmatrix} a_{3} - \frac{1}{3}n = 0, (\alpha^{3}k - \alpha k^{3})a_{1} + (\beta^{3}r - \beta r^{3})a_{2} + (\gamma^{3}s - \gamma s^{3})a_{3} = 0, (5\alpha^{4} - 3\alpha^{2}k^{2})a_{1} + (5\beta^{4} - 3\beta^{2}r^{2})a_{2} + (5\gamma^{4} - 3\gamma^{2}s^{2})a_{3} - \frac{1}{4}R^{2}b_{1} = 0, (\alpha^{3}a_{1}k + \beta^{3}a_{2}r + \gamma^{3}a_{3}s = 0, \qquad 6\alpha^{4}a_{1} + 6\beta^{4}a_{2} + 6\gamma^{4}a_{3} + \frac{1}{4}b_{2}R^{4} = 0.$$

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Solving system (5) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -\frac{\gamma k}{s}, \\ \beta &= -\frac{\gamma r}{s}, \\ a_1 &= -\frac{a_3 s^4 - a_2 r^4}{k^4}, \\ b_1 &= \frac{8 a_3 \gamma (5 \gamma^2 - 3 s^2)}{R^2}, \\ b_2 &= -\frac{48 a_3 \gamma^4}{R^4}, \\ n &= -2 a_3 (\gamma^4 - 6 \gamma^2 s^2 + s^4), \end{aligned}$$
(6)

where other parameters are left free. Substituting Eqs. (6) into Eq. (4) gives the bright bullet solution.

# 3. Singular optical bullet solutions

In order to obtain stationary singular solutions to Eq. (3), we introduce the ansatz:

$$u = R \operatorname{csch}(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z) \\ \times e^{i(kx + ry + sz - nt)},$$
(7)

where  $(R, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, k, r, s)$  and *n* are arbitrary constants and do not equal zero.

By combining Eqs. (7) and (3) and equating the coefficients of the resulting hyperbolic functions, we obtain the same results obtained earlier in Eq. (6), except for  $b_1$ , where we obtained:

$$b_1 = -\frac{8a_3\gamma(5\gamma^2 - 3s^2)}{R^2}.$$
 (8)

Substituting Eq. (8) into Eq. (7) gives the singular bullet solution.

## 4. Dark optical bullets solutions

To get some stationary dark bullet solutions to Eq. (3), we use the following ansatz:

$$u = R \tanh(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)$$

$$\times e^{i(kx+ry+sz-nt)},$$
(11)

where the constants  $(R, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, k, r, s)$  do not equal zero.

Inserting Eq. (11) into Eq. (3) and equating the coefficients of the hyperbolic functions in the obtained result, we get:

$$a_{1}k^{4} + a_{2}r^{4} + a_{3}s^{4} + b_{1}R^{2} + b_{2}R^{4} + N = 0,$$

$$(\alpha^{3}k - \frac{1}{4}\alpha k^{3})a_{1} + (\beta^{3}r - \frac{1}{4}\beta r^{3})a_{2} + a_{3}\gamma(\gamma^{2} - \frac{1}{4}s^{2}) = 0,$$

$$(\alpha^{4} - \frac{3}{2}\alpha^{2}k^{2})a_{1} + (\beta^{4} - \frac{3}{2}\beta^{2}r^{2})a_{2} + (\gamma^{4} - \frac{3}{2}\gamma^{2}s^{2})a_{3} + \frac{1}{4}R^{2}(b_{2}R^{2} + \frac{1}{2b_{2}}) = 0,$$

$$(12)$$

$$\alpha^{3}a_{1}k + \beta^{3}a_{2}r + \gamma^{3}a_{3}s = 0,$$

$$\alpha^{4}a_{1} + \beta^{4}a_{2} + \gamma^{4}a_{3} + \frac{1}{24}b_{2}R^{4} = 0.$$

Solving system (12) yields:

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$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -\frac{\gamma k}{s}, s \neq 0, \\ \beta &= -\frac{\gamma r}{s}, \\ a_1 &= \frac{a_3 s^4 - a_2 r^4}{k^4}, k \neq 0, \\ b_1 &= \frac{8a_3 \gamma^2 (10 \gamma^2 + 3s^2)}{R^2}, R \neq 0, \\ b_2 &= -\frac{48a_3 \gamma^4}{R^4}, \\ n &= a_3 (16 \gamma^4 + 12 \gamma^2 s^2 + s^4), \end{aligned}$$
(13)

where other parameters are left free. Substituting Eqs. (13) into Eq. (11) gives the dark bullet solution. Moreover, in a like manner, we show that Eq. (3) gives a stationary singular optical bullet solution given by:

$$u = R \coth(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)$$

$$\times e^{i(kx + ry + sz - nt)},$$
(14)

obtained under the same parameters obtained in (13).

#### 5. Conclusion

A (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear Schrödinger equation with fourth-order dispersive terms has been studied. Based on well-known schemes, a variety of distinct solutions in the form of bright and dark optical modulated solutions, are determined. Moreover, other solutions, including periodic, singular modulated solutions, and complex solutions, are obtained.

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Анотація. У цій роботі розглядається (3+1)-вимірне нелінійне рівняння Шредінгера з трьома дисперсійними членами четвертого порядку, яке зазвичай дає чисті квартичні кулі. Відомо, що чисті квартичні кулі, збалансовані дисперсією четвертого порядку і нелінійністю, відрізняються від традиційних солітонів. Ми отримали різні рішення у

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вигляді яскравих і темних оптично модульованих куль. Отримані рішення є корисними для дослідження поширення куль через оптичні нановолокна.

**Ключові слова**: оптичні солітони, нелінійне рівняння Шредінгера вищого порядку, дисперсія четвертого порядку, оптичні волокна