

# INFLUENCE OF THE RELATION BETWEEN HOMOGENEOUS AND INHOMOGENEOUS BROADENING ON THE OPTICAL BISTABILITY EFFECT

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## §1. INTRODUCTION

The homogeneous and inhomogeneous broadening take an important role in action of coherent lasers. Its characters of the laser output varies when these broadening change. This point is affirmed by many experimental and theoretical publications [1-4]. For lasers containing saturable absorber (LSA), the above effect has been seen also in many papers [5]. In one of our articles [10] we have studied the influence of the inhomogeneous broadening on the characteristics of the optical bistability effect (O. B.) but this research was till preliminary. In this paper we would like to examine simultaneously the influence of the relation between homogeneous and inhomogeneous broadening on the O. B. effect LSA. We shall take the case where the emission mode is the resonant mode, because this mode the OB effect is biggest as point in [11].

The problem is solved for a monomode LSA of ring resonator. Basic equations are presented in §2, the results in §3 and discussions in §4.

## §2. BASIC EQUATIONS

Action of a ring LSA with inhomogeneous broadening for resonant mode can be described by the following equation in Rate Equation Approximation:

$$\frac{dn_o}{dt} = -\chi_o n_o + \sum \beta g(\omega_\mu - \omega_o)(n_o + 1)[N_{\mu_a} - N_{\mu_b}] \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dN_{\mu_a}}{dt} = R_{\mu_a} - N_{\mu_a}[\beta g(\omega_\mu - \omega_o)n_0 + \gamma_a] \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dN_{\mu_b}}{dt} = R_{\mu_b} - N_{\mu_b}[\beta g(\omega_\mu - \omega_o)n_0 + \gamma_b] \quad (3)$$

where

$n_o$  - the photon density resonant mode.

$N_{\mu_a}, N_{\mu_b}$  - population inversion in active and absorptive medium.

$\beta$  - Einstein coefficient.

$\gamma_a, \gamma_b$  - relaxation coefficient of the upper level in two levels schema,  $\gamma_b = \xi \gamma_a$  with  $\xi$  means the saturation coefficient.  $\chi_o$  - the resonator loss of resonant mode of frequency

$$g(\omega_\mu - \omega_o) = \frac{\Gamma^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4(\omega_\mu - \omega_o)^2}, \quad \Gamma - \text{homogeneous broadening}$$

$$R_{\mu_a} = R_o \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + 4(\omega_\mu - \omega_o)^2} \quad \text{the pump energy for active medium,}$$

$\epsilon$  - inhomogeneous broadening.

- the pump energy for absorptive medium and supposed to be constant.

The sum over  $\mu$  exhibits the presence of inhomogeneous broadening at LSA action. We determine the photon intensity  $Q_o = \beta n_0 / \gamma$  ( $\gamma \equiv \gamma_a$ ) by solving the system equations (1) - (3) in stationary case

$$\frac{dn_o}{dt} = \frac{dN_{\mu_a}}{dt} = \frac{dN_{\mu_b}}{dt} = 0$$

Changing the sum over  $\mu$  by integral with the form

$$\sum_{\mu} f(\omega_{\mu}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\omega_{\mu}) d\mu$$

after a long calculation, we obtained the following equation for  $Q_o$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_o^3 + & [(1+2\xi) + \frac{1}{1+2\alpha} - \frac{\alpha\sigma_o}{1+2\alpha} + \alpha\sigma_b] Q_o^2 \\ & + [2\xi + \frac{2\xi}{1+2\alpha} - \frac{2\alpha\xi}{1+2\alpha}\sigma_o + \frac{2\alpha(1+\alpha)}{1+2\alpha}\sigma_b - \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma_o}{1+2\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma}\alpha\sigma_b] Q_o \\ & - 2\frac{\beta}{\gamma} [\frac{\alpha\xi}{1+2\alpha}\sigma_o - \frac{\alpha(1+\alpha)}{1+2\alpha}\sigma_b] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\alpha = \Gamma/\epsilon$  parameter characterizing the relation between homogeneous and inhomogeneous broadening.

$$\sigma_o = \frac{\beta R_o}{\gamma \chi_o}, \quad \sigma_b = \frac{\beta R_{\mu b}}{\gamma \chi_o}$$

Equation (5) is an equation of third degree. Taking all parameters, unless  $\sigma_o$ , being constant, we can obtain the expression of  $Q_o$  as a function of  $\sigma_o$  and determine the appearance of OB effect.

### §3. THE INFLUENCE OF THE RELATION BETWEEN HOMOGENEOUS AND INHOMOGENEOUS BROADENING

In order to examine this influence, we have to solve equation (5) by the variation method.

#### 3.1. Expressions of $Q_o$

Following variation method, we can receive three solutions as

$$Q_{01} = \frac{\frac{\beta}{\gamma}[\alpha\xi\sigma_o - \alpha(1+\alpha)\sigma_b]}{2\xi(1+\alpha) + \alpha + \alpha^2 - (\alpha\xi + \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma})\sigma_o + \frac{\beta\alpha}{2\gamma}(1+2\alpha)\sigma_b}$$

$$Q_{02,3} = \bar{Q}_{02,3} - \frac{d}{3a\bar{Q}_{02,3} + 2b\bar{Q}_{02,3} + c}$$

with

$$\bar{Q}_{02,3} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Where

$$a = 1$$

$$b = [1+2\xi + \frac{1}{1+2\alpha} - \alpha(\frac{\sigma_o}{1+2\alpha} - \sigma_b)]$$

$$c = \left\{ 2\xi + \frac{2\xi}{1+2\alpha} + \frac{2\alpha}{1+2\alpha}[(1+\alpha)\sigma_b - \xi\sigma_o] - \frac{\beta}{\gamma}[\frac{\sigma_o}{1+2\alpha} - \alpha\sigma_b] \right\}$$

$$d = -\frac{\beta}{\gamma}(\frac{2\alpha}{1+2\alpha})[\xi\sigma_o - (1+\alpha)\sigma_b]$$

ly  $Q_{01}, Q_{02}, Q_{03}$  are functions of parameters  $\alpha, \xi, \sigma_b, \sigma_o$ .

### 2.2 The OB interval $I_{OB}$

OB interval is the one where the two solutions  $Q_{02}$  and  $Q_{03}$  are positive. The considered of  $d$  is very small (order of  $\frac{\beta}{\gamma} \sim 10^{-11}$  for gas laser) the sign of  $Q_{02,3}$  are identical  $\bar{Q}_{02,3}$ . Following criteria of the positive solutions of an second degree equation, we obtain condition for  $\sigma_o$  in order to have OB effect:

$$\sigma_{01} < \sigma_o < \sigma_{02} \quad (9)$$

$$\sigma_{02} = (1 + \alpha) \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} + \frac{\sigma_b}{\xi} \right) + \frac{\beta (1 + 2\alpha) \sigma_b}{\gamma} \frac{2\xi}{2\xi} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{01} = & \frac{(1 + 2\alpha)}{\alpha} \left[ 1 - 2\xi + \frac{1}{1 + 2\alpha} + \alpha \sigma_b - 2 \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \right] + 2(1 + 2\alpha) \\ & \times \left[ -\frac{2\xi \sigma_b}{\alpha} + \frac{2(1 + \alpha)}{\alpha(1 + 2\alpha)} \sigma_b + 2 \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\xi}{\alpha^2} - \frac{1 + \alpha}{\alpha} \right) \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

interval is the difference between  $\sigma_{02}$  and  $\sigma_{01}$ .

$$I_{OB} = |\sigma_{02} - \sigma_{01}| \quad (12)$$

values of  $\sigma_o$  placed between  $\sigma_{01}$  and  $\sigma_{02}$  will give two positive values of  $Q_o$  i.e. the OB appears. Clearly that, OB interval transforms when  $\alpha = \Gamma/\epsilon$  varies.

### 3. Influence of the relation of $\alpha$

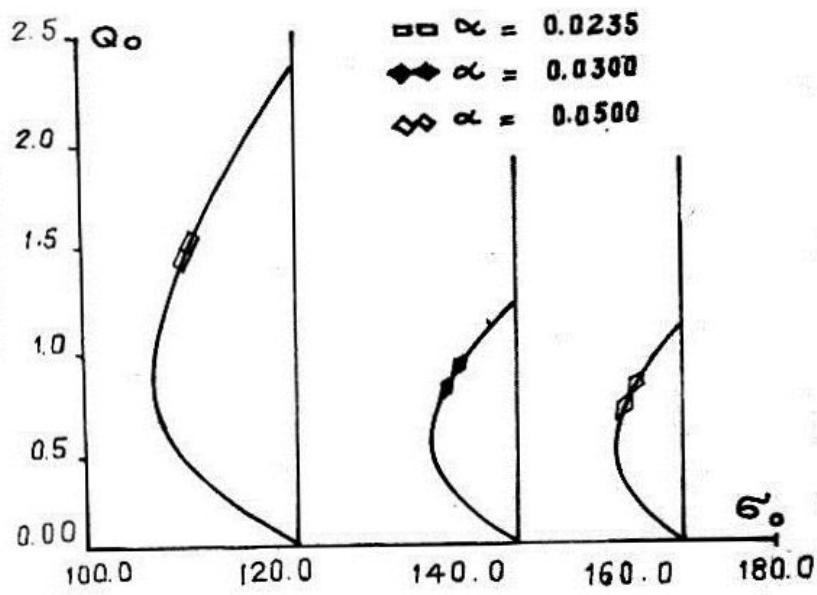
We determine numerically values of  $Q_o$  and draw the curves of function  $Q_o(\sigma_o)$  by using  $\sigma_b = 20, \xi = 0, 25$  and taking 3 value of  $\alpha$ .

$$\alpha = 0,0235 \quad 0,003 \quad 0,05$$

The numerical values of  $I_{OB}$  and  $Q_{01}, Q_{02}, Q_{03}$  are presented in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and in Fig. 1 are also shown the curves of hysteresis cycle.

Table 1.  $I_{OB}$  interval.

	$\sigma_{01}$	$\sigma_{02}$
0.0235	159,45	168,98
0.0300	137,96	151,02
0.0500	105,24	126,0



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Table 2.  $\alpha = 0,0125$ Table 3.  $\alpha = 0,03$ 

$\sigma_0$	$Q_{j_0}$	$Q_{j_1}$	$Q_{j_2}$	$\sigma_0$	$Q_{j_0}$	$Q_{j_1}$	$Q_{j_2}$
159,4	2,48	0,32	0,32	137,96	1,47	0,43	0,43
160	2,64	0,43	0,23	138	1,48	0,46	0,39
160,5	2,91	0,47	0,19	138,5	1,54	0,55	0,31
161	3,006	0,51	0,17	139	1,62	0,61	0,27
162	3,46	0,57	0,13	139,5	1,69	0,65	0,24
162,5	3,74	0,60	0,12	140	1,78	0,69	0,22
163	4,07	0,62	0,10	141	1,98	0,75	0,18
164	4,93	0,67	0,08	142	2,22	0,81	0,15
164,5	5,50	0,69	0,07	143	2,52	0,87	0,13
165	6,22	0,71	0,06	144	2,90	0,92	0,10
166	8,37	0,75	0,04	145	3,42	0,97	0,08
166,5	10,09	0,77	0,03	146	4,13	1,01	0,07
167	12,69	0,79	0,02	147	5,20	1,06	0,05
167,5	17,02	0,81	0,02	148	6,965	1,106	0,039
168,5	52,45	0,85	0,006	149	10,43	1,14	0,02
168,98	401,19	0,86	$8,21 \cdot 10^{-5}$	150,5	38,57	1,20	0,006
168,98	7560	0,86	$4,29 \cdot 10^{-5}$	151	329,39	1,22	0,0007
168,98	18500	0,86	$1,60 \cdot 10^{-5}$	151,01	387,56	1,11	0,0006

Table 4.  $\alpha = 0,05$ 

$\sigma_0$	$Q_{j_0}$	$Q_{j_1}$	$Q_{j_2}$	$\sigma_0$	$Q_{j_0}$	$Q_{j_1}$	$Q_{j_2}$
105,23	0,60	0,68	0,68	114	1,20	1,60	0,17
106,00	0,63	0,90	0,49	115	1,32	1,66	0,14
106,50	0,66	0,97	0,45	116	1,47	1,73	0,13
107	0,68	1,03	0,41	118	1,89	1,85	0,09
108	0,73	1,14	0,35	119	2,199	1,917	0,08
109	0,78	1,23	0,31	120	2,59	1,97	0,08
110	0,84	1,31	0,27	121	3,15	2,03	0,05
112	0,9	1,46	0,21	123	5,39	2,15	0,003
113	10,9	1,53	0,19	126	1399	2,31	0,0001

#### §4. DISCUSSIONS

rom the tables and curves presented above, we see that:

Homogeneous and inhomogeneous broadening influence clearly to OB interval as is the photon intensity  $Q_0$ . These parameters role as the relaxation coefficient  $\xi$  and  $g$  to the material constructing active and absorptive medium. These are interior parameters of OB effect.

The change of the relation  $\alpha = \Gamma/\epsilon$  shows that at large values of  $\alpha$ , we can obtain a big value  $I_{OB}$  as well as intense OB effect. This means that for receiving a good hysteresis one can either augment the homogeneous broadening or diminish the inhomogeneous broadening. In other words the OB effect is big for the dye laser of LSA but small for gas lasers of LS/A. Author is grateful to N. Benghalem for numerical values from electronical computer.

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