

1. A homogeneously broadened laser transition at $\lambda = 10.6 \mu\text{m}$ (CO_2) has the following characteristics:

$$A_{21} = 0.34 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad J_2 = 21 \quad J_1 = 20 \quad \Delta\nu_h = 1 \text{ GHz}$$

a) What is the stimulated line emission at line center?

$$g_h(\nu) = \frac{\Delta\nu_h}{2\pi[(\nu_0 - \nu)^2 + (\Delta\nu_h/2)^2]} \Rightarrow g_h(\nu_0) = \frac{2}{\pi \Delta\nu_h}$$

$$\sigma(\nu_0) = \frac{A_{21} \lambda_0^2 g(\nu_0)}{8\pi n^2} = \frac{A_{21} \lambda_0^2}{4\pi^2 n^2 \Delta\nu_h} = \frac{0.34 \text{ s}^{-1} (10.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m})^2}{4\pi^2 (1 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1})} = 9.7 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$$

b) What must be the population laser transition at $\lambda =$ inversion density $N_2 - (g_2/g_1)N_1$ to obtain a gain coefficient of $5\%/\text{cm}$ if the lifetime of the upper state is $10 \mu\text{s}$ and that of the lower state is $0.1 \mu\text{s}$ what is the saturation intensity?

$$g_0 = 0.05 \text{ cm}^{-1} = \sigma \Delta N$$

$$\Delta N = \frac{g_0}{\sigma} = \frac{0.05 \text{ cm}^{-1}}{9.7 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2} = 5.15 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$I_s = \frac{h\nu}{\sigma \tau_a} = \frac{hc}{\sigma \tau_a \lambda_0} = \frac{6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Js} \cdot 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}}{9.7 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 10 \mu\text{s}} = 10.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$I_s = 193.3 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$I_{\text{out}} - I_{\text{in}} = 0.5 [g_0 l_g I_s] = 30.3 \text{ W/cm}^2 \text{ with } \ln \frac{I_0}{I_{\text{in}}} + \frac{I_0 - I_{\text{in}}}{I_s} = g_0 l_g$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{I_0}{I_{\text{in}}} + \frac{1}{2} g_0 l_g = g_0 l_g \Rightarrow \ln \left(\frac{I_0}{I_{\text{in}}} \right) = \frac{2.704}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{I_0}{I_{\text{in}}} = 3.866$$

$$I_{\text{out}} = I_{\text{in}} (3.866 - 1) = 30.3 \Rightarrow I_{\text{in}} = 10.6 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$10 \log 10 \rightarrow 10 \text{ dB} \quad 10 \log (7.9) \rightarrow 9 \text{ dB}$$

$$G = 10 \quad G = 10 \log (7.9) = 7.9$$

8.2 An experiment involving a homogeneously broadened optical amplifier is depicted in the diagram.

$$I_{\text{in}} = 1 \text{ W/cm}^2 \quad G_0 = 10 \text{ dB}, \quad I_{\text{in}} = 2 \text{ W/cm}^2 \quad G_0 = 9 \text{ dB}$$



a) What is the small-signal gain ($I_{\text{in}} \rightarrow 0$) of this amplifier in dB?

$$\ln \frac{I_0}{I_i} + \frac{g(\nu)}{I_s} [I_2 - I_1] = g_0(\nu) l_g$$

G = net power gain

$$\ln \frac{I_0}{I_i} + \frac{g(\nu)}{I_s} \left[\frac{I_2}{I_s} - 1 \right] = g_0(\nu) l_g$$

g_0 = Small signal gain coefficient

$$\ln G + \frac{g(\nu)}{I_s} \left[\frac{I_2}{I_s} - 1 \right] = g_0(\nu) l_g$$

def $\bar{g}(\nu)$

line shape

near unity at ν_0

$$\ln G + \frac{I_2}{I_s} [G - 1] = \ln G + \frac{I_1}{I_s} [G' - 1]$$

$$\ln G - \ln G' = \frac{I_1 [G - 1] + I_2 [G' - 1]}{I_s}$$

$$I_s = \frac{I_1 [G' - 1] - I_2 [G - 1]}{\ln G/G'} = \frac{\ln(10/9)}{\ln(10/9)} = 33.5 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$I_s = 33.5 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$g_0 l_g = \ln G + \frac{I_2}{I_s} [G - 1] = \ln 10 + \frac{1}{33.5} [10 - 1] = 2.57$$

$$G_0 = e^{g_0 l_g} = e^{2.57} = 13.08$$

c) What is the maximum power/area that can be extracted?

$$(G_0 I_g) I_s = 10 \cdot 33.5 \text{ W/cm}^2 = 335 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

d) What must be the input intensity to extract 50% I_s ?

$$I_{\text{in}} = 10.6 \text{ W/cm}^2$$

8.4 The model of Section 8.2 assumed an atomic system with equal degeneracies $g_1 = g_2$. Use the same logic path as used there to find an expression for the small-signal gain coefficient γ_0 and for the saturation intensity I_s for the case where $g_1 \neq g_2$. steady-state

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} + \frac{\sigma I_2}{h\nu}\right) & -\frac{g_2 \sigma I_2}{g_1 h\nu} \\ -\left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{\sigma I_1}{h\nu}\right) & \left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{g_2 \sigma I_2}{g_1 h\nu}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_2 \\ N_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_2 \\ R_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha N_1 + \beta N_2 = R_1$$

$$\gamma N_1 + \delta N_2 = R_2$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \frac{\gamma}{\delta}\right) N_1 = R_1/\beta - R_2/\delta$$

$$\Rightarrow N_1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} N_2 = \frac{R_1}{\alpha}$$

$$-\frac{N_1 - \frac{\delta}{\gamma} N_2 = R_2/\gamma}{\beta \delta (\alpha \delta - \gamma \beta) N_1 = \beta \delta (\delta R_1 - \beta R_2)}$$

$$\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - \frac{\delta}{\gamma}\right) N_2 = \left(\frac{R_1}{\alpha} - \frac{R_2}{\gamma}\right)$$

$$\alpha \delta (\beta \gamma - \alpha \delta) N_2 = \alpha \delta (\gamma R_1 - \alpha R_2)$$

$$N_1 = \frac{\delta R_1 - \beta R_2}{(\alpha \delta - \gamma \beta)}$$

$$N_2 = \frac{-\gamma R_1 + \alpha R_2}{-\beta \gamma + \alpha \delta}$$

$$N_1 = \frac{-\beta R_2 + \delta R_1}{-\beta \gamma + \alpha \delta}$$

$$\Delta = \beta \delta + \alpha \delta = \frac{g_2 \sigma I_2}{g_1 h\nu} \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} + \frac{\sigma I_2}{h\nu}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} + \frac{\sigma I_2}{h\nu}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{g_2 \sigma I_2}{g_1 h\nu}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau_1 \tau_2} \left[1 + \frac{\sigma I_2}{h\nu} \left(\tau_2 \left(1 - \frac{g_2 \tau_2}{g_1 \tau_1} \right) + \tau_1 \right) \right]$$

$$N_2 = \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} + \frac{\sigma I_2}{h\nu} \right) R_2 + ($$