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Possibility of chaos in Rubidium Vapor

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ABSTRACT: We report on the possibility of occurrence of chaos in rubidium vapor based on theoretical model developed by Chamecheal et al. The presence of a strange attractor as the complex transmitted field amplitude evolves on a Figure suggestion such behaviour.

1. INTRODUCTION

The nature of chaos or equivalently of turbulence has been the subject of wide interest through the last 30 years and still¹, and has played a significant role in many disciplines² ranging from cosmology and hydrodynamics in physics to population genetics and evolutionary biology and medicine. Ikeda et al.³ have shown theoretically that instabilities and chaotic behaviour can occur in an optically bistable device due to the infinite round trip time (delayed feed-back) of an optical cavity. Chaos occurs in different types of laser systems⁴ too.

This article reports on numerical predictions on the possibility of chaos in rubidium based on self defocusing⁵ by solving the interactivity field equation in connection with the equation of population.

2. MATHEMATICS

Consider rubidium vapour in a cell 100 cm in length inside a ring cavity of 3 m length pumped unidirectionally by a beam from cw dye laser. The ring cavity delay differential equation which connect input and output fields is written as follows

$$E(t + (n+1)\tau) = E_i + RE(t, n\tau) \cdot \exp(nL/2) \cdot \exp(-i\theta)(1 - i\Delta) \cdot D(t + n\tau) \quad (2)$$

Where E_i represent the input electric field, nL is the linear susceptibility, n^2 and L are the off-resonance absorption length and cell length, $\Delta = 2\pi T_2(\nu_a - \nu)$ is the detuning between atomic and light frequency, $(2\pi T_2)^{-1}$ is the homogeneous half width (FWHM), T_2 is the transvers relaxation time, $\tau = l/c$ ($=t_R$), l is the cavity total length, θ is the cavity detuning, and $D(t)$ is given by

$$1 - D(t + n\tau) = |E(t + n\tau)|^2 (nL)^{-1} [1 - \exp((-nL) D(t + n\tau))] \quad (3)$$

The total electric field transmitted from the cavity is given by