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CHAOS IN LASERS AND BISTABILITY

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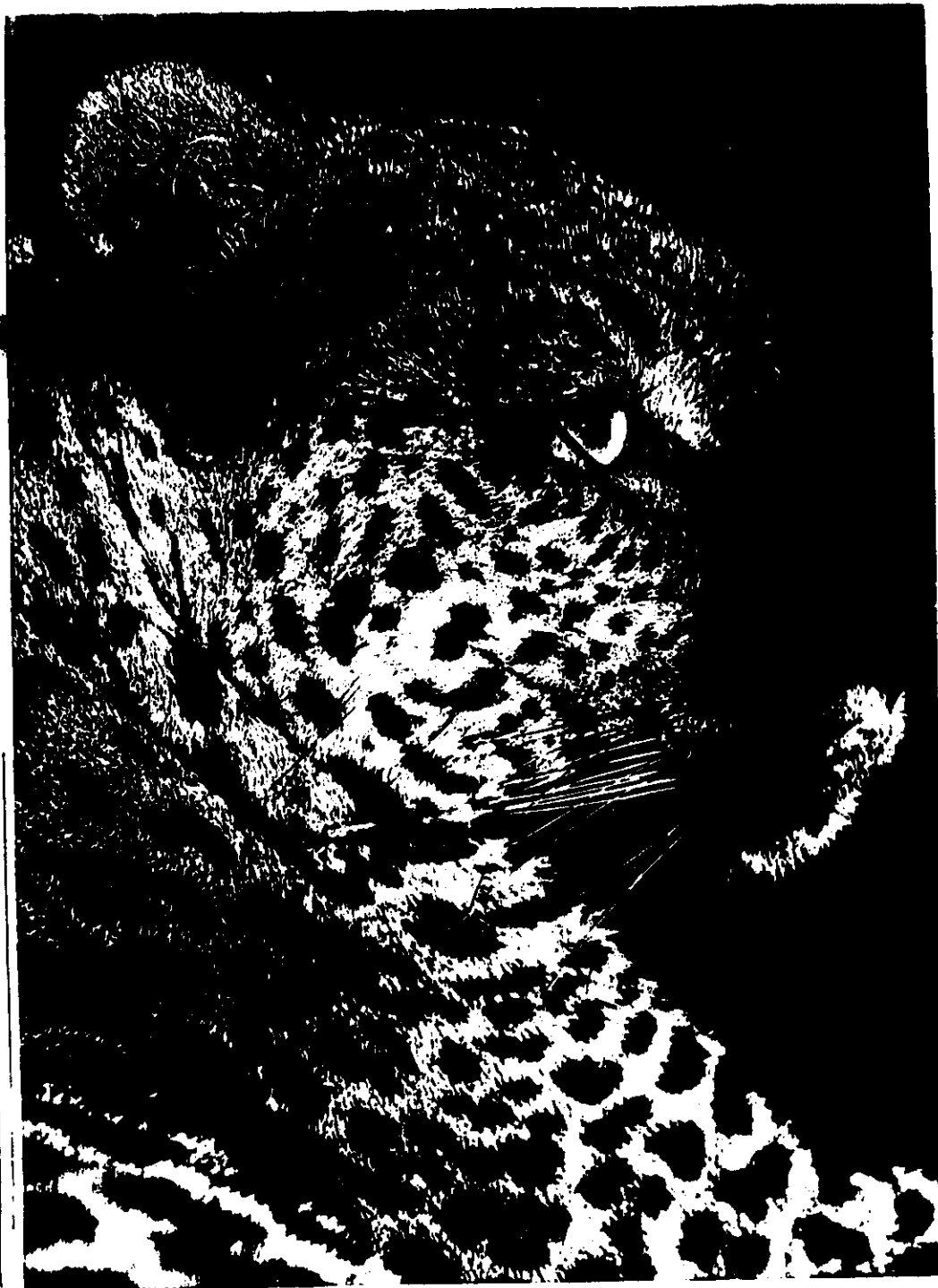
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13.2. Belousov-Zhabotinski Reaction



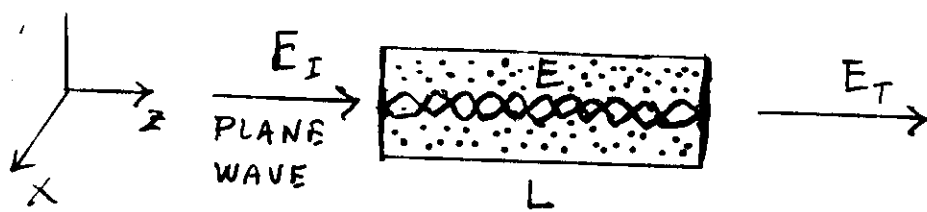
BELUSOV-
ZHABOTINSKI
REACTION



OPTICAL TURING

OPTICAL LEOPARD

OPTICAL TURING INSTABILITY



FIELD $E \sin(k_z z) e^{-i\omega_0 t} + c.c.$

$k_z = \frac{\pi}{L} n_z$ $\omega_0 =$ INPUT FIELD FREQUENCY

KERR MEDIUM

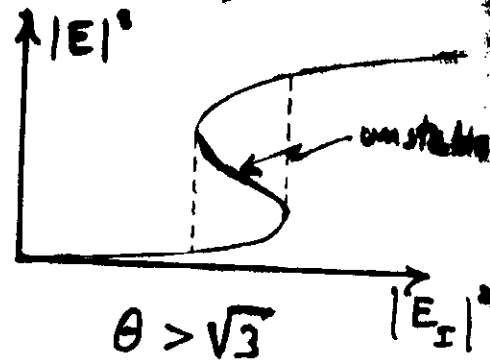
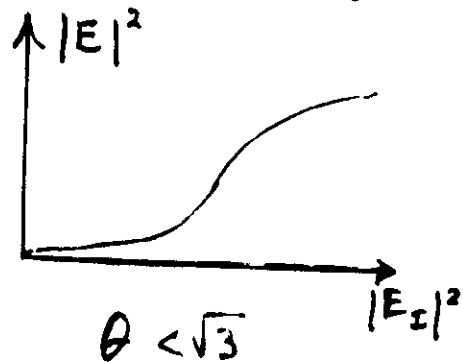
$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -K \left\{ E - E_I - i E (|E|^2 - \theta) \right\}$$

$K = \frac{cT}{2L}$ CAVITY DAMPING CONSTANT
 $=$ CAVITY LINEWIDTH

$T =$ TRANSMISSIVITY COEFFICIENT OF MIRRORS
 $\theta =$ DETUNING PARAMETER

STEADY-STATE EQUATION

$$|E_I|^2 = |E|^2 \left\{ 1 + (|E|^2 - \theta)^2 \right\}$$



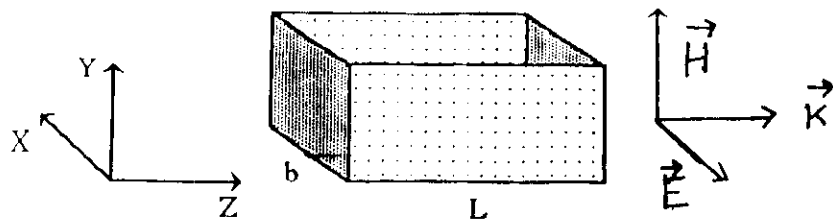
INCLUSION OF DIFFRACTION

$$E = \sum_k \left[E_k e^{-i(k_x x + k_y y)} + c.c. \right] e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

$$+ i \left[\frac{c}{2k_z} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} + \frac{c}{2k_z} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} \right] e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

THE TRANSVERSALLY HOMOGENEOUS STATIONARY SOLUTION MAY BECOME UNSTABLE UNDER TRANSVERSALLY NONUNIFORM PERTURBATIONS

WE ADD TO THE CAVITY 2 PERFECTLY REFLECTING MIRRORS ORTHOGONAL TO THE AXIS X



CAVITY MODES

$$k_x = \frac{n\pi}{b}$$

$$k_z = \frac{m\pi}{L}$$

INTEGER
NUMBERS

ONE LONGITUDINAL MODE : m FIXED

* TRANSVERSE MODES : $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$E(x, z, t) = E(x, t) e^{-i\omega_0 t} \sin(k_z z) + c.c.$$

$$E(x, t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} I(t) \cos(\pi n \frac{x}{b})$$

$$\omega = c (k_x^2 + k_z^2)^{1/2} = c k_z \left(1 + \frac{k_x^2}{k_z^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

FOR $k_x \ll k_z$ $\omega = c k_z \left(1 + \frac{k_x^2}{2k_z^2} \right)$

$$N_f = \frac{b^2}{\lambda L} \text{ FRESNEL NUMBER}$$

ONE OBTAINS ($a(n) = a \pi n^2$)

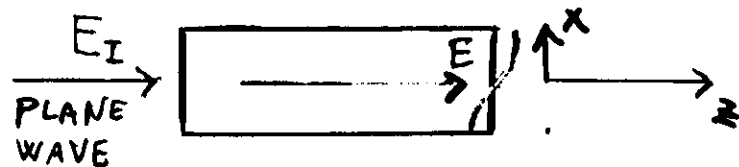
$$\omega = \underbrace{\frac{\pi c}{L} m_z}_{\text{LONGITUDINAL}} + k_z \underbrace{a(n)}_{\text{TRANSVERSE}}$$

$a = \frac{1}{2\pi f T}$



WE SHOW THAT UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS TRANSVERSE MODES WITH $n = 1, 2, \dots$ CAN BECOME UNSTABLE AND GIVE RISE TO A TRANSVERSALLY NONUNIFORM STATIONARY SOLUTION, OF TYPE

$$E = \sum_n f_n \left(\frac{\pi}{L} n x \right)$$



$$t' = \kappa t = \frac{cT}{2L} t, \quad x' = \frac{x}{b}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t'} = -E + E_I + iE(2|E_s|^2 - \theta) + i a \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x'^2}$$

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \quad a = \frac{1}{2\pi \beta T}, \quad \beta = \frac{b^2}{\lambda L} \quad \text{FRESNEL NUMBER}$$

LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

$$E = E_s + \delta E$$

$$E^* = E_s^* + \delta E^*$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta E}{\partial t'} = -\delta E + i(2|E_s|^2 - \theta)\delta E + iE_s^2 \delta E^* + i a \frac{\partial^2 \delta E}{\partial x'^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta E^*}{\partial t'} = -\delta E^* - i(2|E_s|^2 - \theta)\delta E^* - i(E_s^*)^2 \delta E - i a \frac{\partial^2 \delta E^*}{\partial x'^2}$$

$$\text{ANSATZ} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \delta E \\ \delta E^* \end{pmatrix} = e^{\lambda t'} \cos \pi n x' \begin{pmatrix} \delta E_n \\ \delta E_n^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda \mathbb{1}) \begin{pmatrix} \delta E_n \\ \delta E_n^* \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + i[2|E_s|^2 - \theta - a(n)] & iE_s^2 \\ -i(E_s^*)^2 & -1 - i[2|E_s|^2 - \theta - a(n)] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a(n) = a \pi^2 n^2$$

$$\det(A - \lambda \mathbb{1}) = 0$$

EIGENVALUE EQUATION

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + c [a(n), |E_s|^2, \theta] = 0$$

INSTABILITY FOR $\text{Re} \lambda > 0$

$$\lambda = -1 \pm (1-c)^{1/2}$$

INSTABILITY FOR $c < 0$: A REAL EIGENVALUE BECOMES POSITIVE

$$c = 1 + (|E_s|^2 - \theta) (2|E_s|^2 - \theta) + a(n) [a(n) - 2(2|E_s|^2 - \theta)]$$

LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

$$E = E_s + \delta E, \quad E^* = E_s^* + \delta E^*$$

$$\text{ANSATZ} \begin{pmatrix} \delta E \\ \delta E^* \end{pmatrix} = e^{\lambda t'} \cos(\pi n x') \begin{pmatrix} \delta E_n \\ \delta E_n^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a(n) = a \pi^2 n^2$$

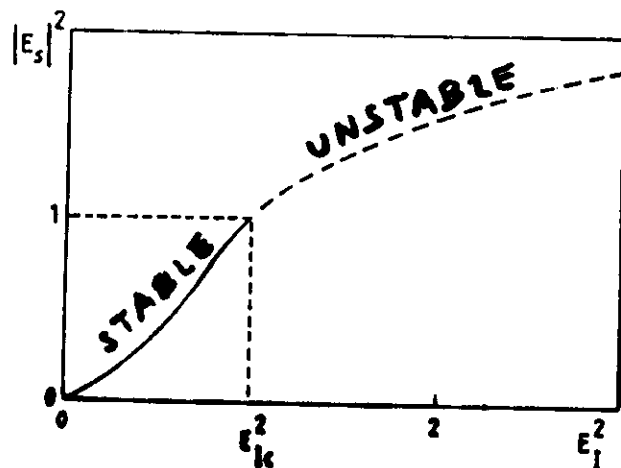
RESULT : FOR $|E_s|^2 > 1$ THE STATIONARY STATE IS UNSTABLE PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE OF THE NUMBERS $a(n)$ LIES IN THE RANGE

$$a^{(-)} < a(n) < a^{(+)}$$

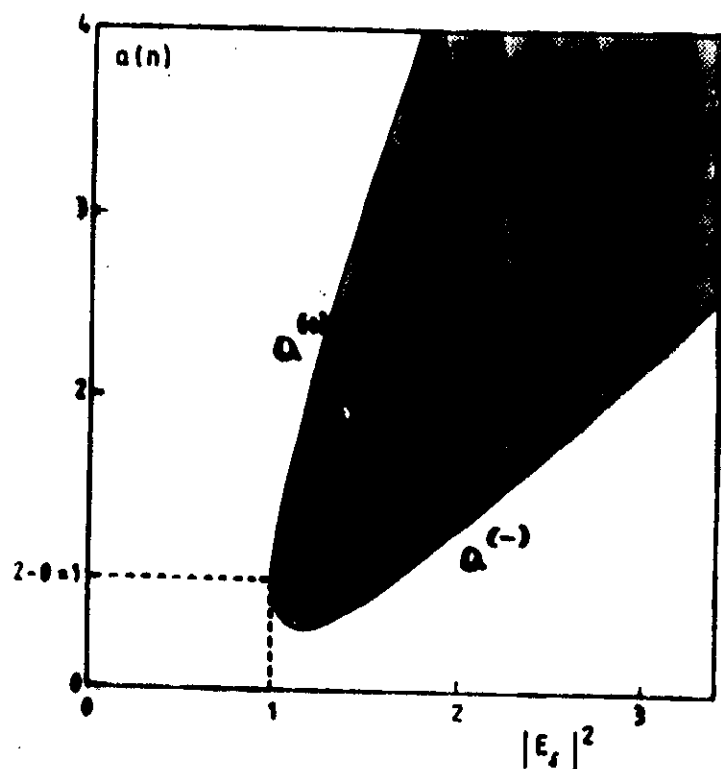
$$a^{(\pm)} = 2|E_s|^2 - \theta \pm (|E_s|^4 - 1)^{1/2}$$

TRANSVERSALLY HOMOGENEOUS STEADY-STATE

$$\theta = 1$$



$$\theta = 1 ; a^{(\pm)} = 2|E_s|^2 - \theta \pm \sqrt{|E_s|^4 - 1}$$



$$E_1 = \text{Re } E$$

$$E_2 = \text{Im } E$$

$$\begin{cases} E_{1,st} = \frac{E_1}{1 + (|E_{st}|^2 - \theta)^2} \\ E_{2,st} = E_{1,st} (|E_{st}|^2 - \theta) \end{cases}$$

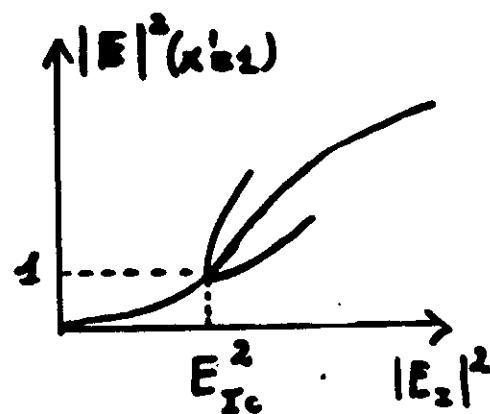
$$E_1 = E_{1,st} + u(x')$$

$$E_2 = E_{1,st} + v(x')$$

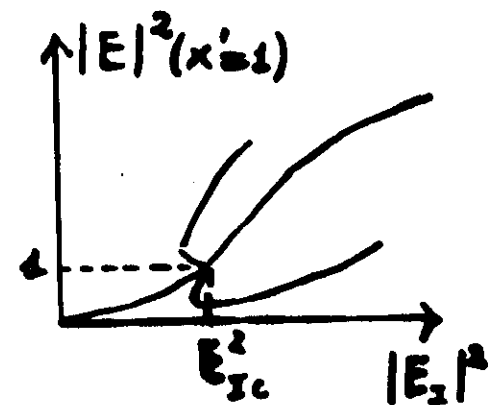
$$|E_{st}|_c^2 = 1$$

$$E_{1c}^2 = 1 + (1 - \theta)^2$$

$$(n_c \pi)^2 = \frac{2 - \theta}{a}$$



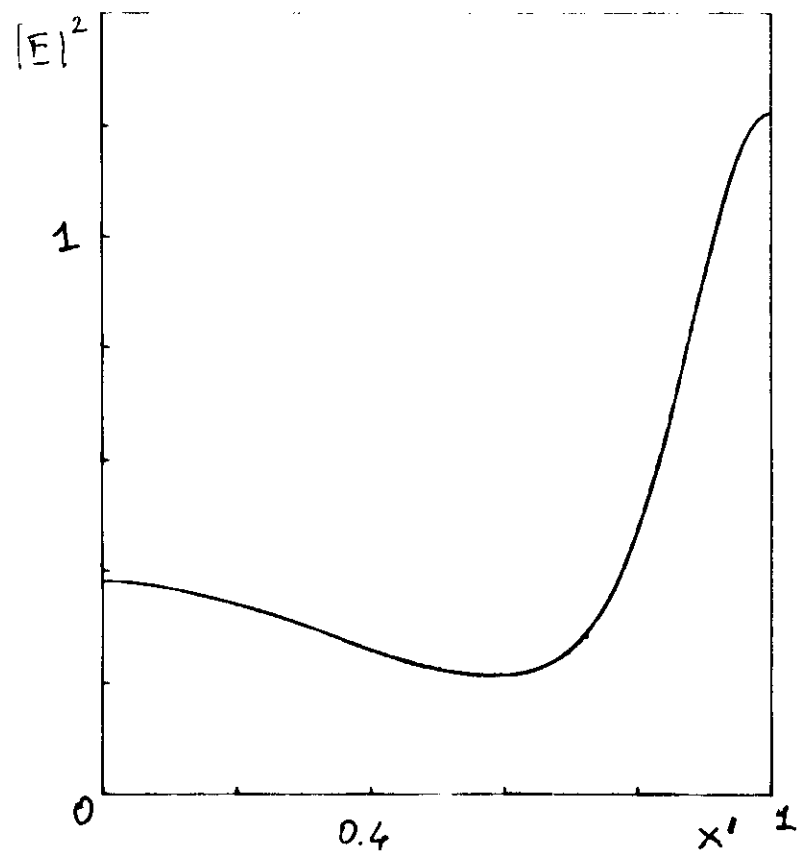
SUPERCritical



SUBCRITICAL

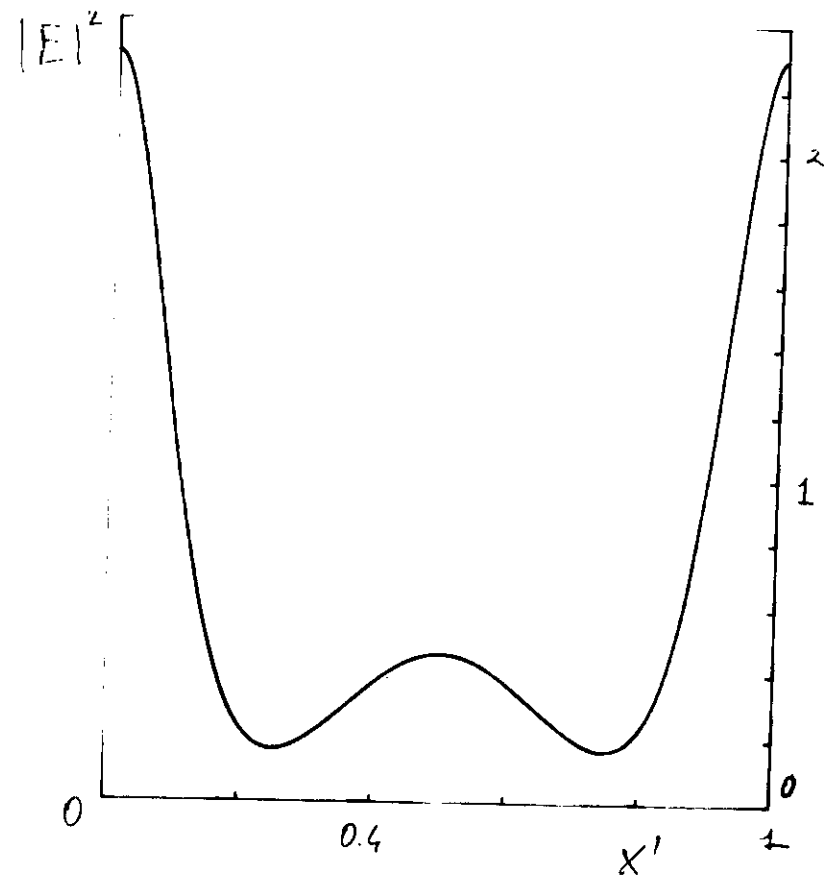
THE OPTICAL ZEBRA

$$\theta = 1.6, \quad \mu\pi^2 = 0.4, \quad |E_s|^2 = 1.4$$



OPTICAL TURING INSTABILITY

$$\theta = 1.6, \quad \mu\pi^2 = 0.4, \quad |E_s|^2 = 2.45$$



SPATIO-TEMPORAL INSTABILITIES IN LASERS

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1D

- SPONTANEOUS SPATIAL PATTERN FORMATION
(SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF THE
TRANSLATIONAL SYMMETRY)

- COOPERATIVE FREQUENCY LOCKING } THEORY
+ EXPS

- SPATIO-TEMPORAL OSCILLATIONS

2D

- SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF THE
CYLINDRICAL SYMMETRY

- SPATIAL MULTISTABILITY

- OPTICAL VORTICES

THE SINGLEMODE LASER MODEL

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\kappa \{ (1 - i\Delta) E - 2CP \}$$

$$\text{ATOMIC POLARIZATION } \frac{dP}{dt} = -\gamma_1 \{ (1 + i\Delta) P - ED \}$$

$$\text{POPULATION INVERSION } \frac{dD}{dt} = -\gamma_H \left\{ D - 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E^* P + E P^*) \right\}$$

κ = CAVITY LINEWIDTH

γ_1 = ATOMIC LINEWIDTH (HOMOGENEOUS
BROADENING)

C = PUMP PARAMETER

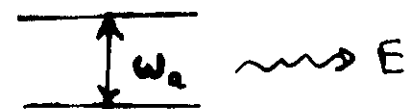
ELECTRIC FIELD $\mathcal{E}(z, t) = E(t) e^{-i\omega_0 t} \sin(K_2 z) + c.c.$

$$K_2 = \frac{\pi}{L} m_2$$


ω_0 = OSCILLATION FREQUENCY OF THE
LASER ABOVE THRESHOLD

$$\Delta = \frac{\omega_0 - \omega_c}{\kappa} = \frac{\omega_a - \omega_0}{\gamma_1} \quad \text{DETUNING PARAMETER}$$

$$\omega_a = c K_2$$



$$\omega_0 = \frac{\kappa \omega_a + \gamma_1 \omega_c}{1 + \frac{\kappa}{\gamma_1}}$$

MODE-PULLING FORMULA

STATIONARY SOLUTIONS

1) TRIVIAL SOLUTION $E=0, P=0,$
(NO LASER EMISSION) $D=1$

2) NONTRIVIAL SOLUTION

$$|E|^2 = 2C - 1 - \Delta^2 \quad P = \frac{1 - i\Delta E}{2C}$$

PHASE OF E ARBITRARY

$$D = \frac{1 + \Delta^2}{2C}$$

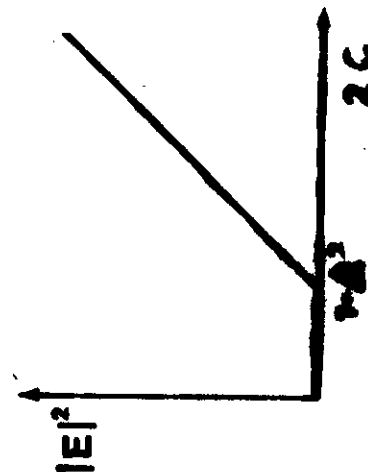
LASER THRESHOLD $2C = 1 + \Delta^2$

IN THE RESONANT CASE $\Delta=0$ THE
SINGLEMODE LASER MODEL IS EQUIVALENT
TO THE **LORENZ** MODEL (LORENZ-
HAKEN MODEL)

IF $\kappa > \gamma_{\perp} + \gamma_{\parallel}$ (BAD-CAVITY CONDITION)

AND $2C > 2C_{\text{crit}} = 1 + \frac{(\kappa + \gamma_{\perp} + \gamma_{\parallel})(\kappa + \gamma_{\perp})}{\gamma_{\perp}(\kappa - \gamma_{\perp} - \gamma_{\parallel})}$

THE LASER DEVELOPS SPONTANEOUS
OSCILLATIONS (LORENZ CHAOS)



IN THE PARAXIAL APPROXIMATION,
DIFFRACTION IS DESCRIBED BY
INCLUDING IN THE FIELD EQUATION
THE TERM

$$\frac{iC}{2k_z} \nabla_T^2 E$$

$$\nabla_T^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

LASER

PUMP PARAMETER

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -\kappa \left\{ (1-i\Delta) E - 2CP - i a \frac{\partial E}{\partial x'^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\gamma_L \left\{ (1+i\Delta) P - E \cdot D \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = -\gamma_H \left\{ D - 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E^* P + E P^*) \right\}$$

$$x' = \frac{x}{b} \quad a = \frac{1}{2\pi T \mathcal{E}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overline{\downarrow \uparrow} \\ \text{E} \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \text{TWO-LEVEL ATOM}$$

NEGLECTING DIFFRACTION ($a=0$)

$\Rightarrow$ HAKEN - LORENZ MODEL

TRANSVERSALLY HOMOGENEOUS STATIONARY SOLUTIONS

1) TRIVIAL SOLUTION $E=0$
(NO LASER EMISSION)

2) NONTRIVIAL SOLUTION $P = \frac{1-i\Delta}{2C} E$

$$|E|^2 = 2C - 1 - \Delta^2$$

PHASE OF E ARBITRARY

$$D = \frac{1+\Delta^2}{2C}$$

LASER THRESHOLD $2C = 1 + \Delta^2$

$$E(x', t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t) \cos(\pi n x')$$

THE TRANSVERSE MODES ARE LABELLED BY THE INDEX $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$

THE MODE $n=0$ IS TRANSVERSALLY HOMOGENEOUS

THE FREQUENCY OF MODE n IS

$$\omega_n = \omega_0 + \kappa a(n) \quad a(n) = a \pi^2 n^2$$

LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

$$E(x', t) = E_{st} + \delta E(x', t)$$

$$P(x', t) = P_{st} + \delta P(x', t)$$

$$D(x', t) = D_{st} + \delta D(x', t)$$

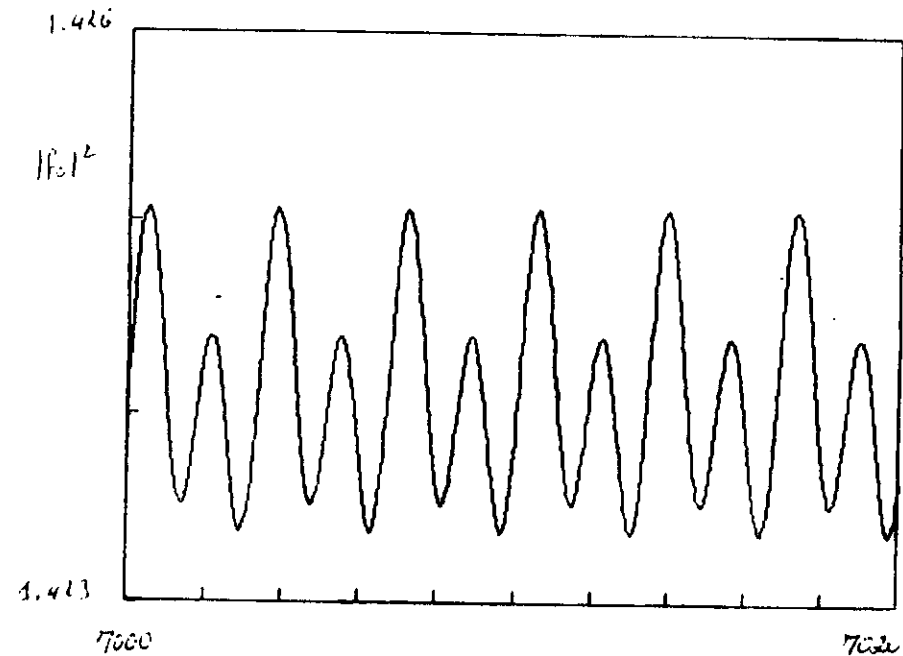
LINEARIZE THE SET OF DYNAMICAL EQUATIONS WITH RESPECT TO $\delta E, \delta P, \delta D$

$$\text{ANSATZ} \begin{pmatrix} \delta E \\ \delta P \\ \delta D \end{pmatrix} = e^{\lambda t} \cos(\pi n x') \begin{pmatrix} \delta E_n \\ \delta P_n \\ \delta D_n \end{pmatrix}$$

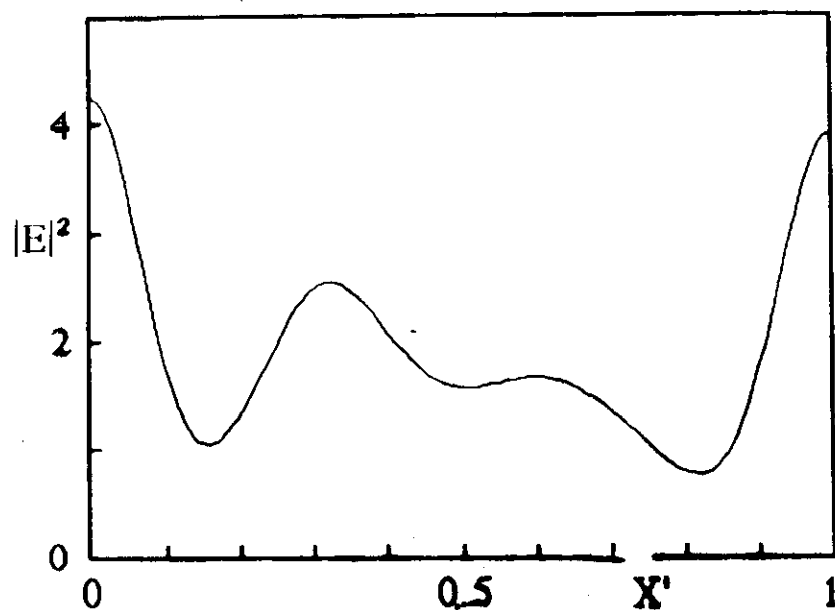
$\Rightarrow$ CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION FOR λ

$$\lambda^5 + c_1^{(n)} \lambda^4 + c_2^{(n)} \lambda^3 + c_3^{(n)} \lambda^2 + c_4^{(n)} \lambda + c_5^{(n)} = 0$$

THE COEFFICIENTS $c_i^{(n)}$ ($n=1, \dots, 5$) ARE FUNCTIONS OF $a(n) = a \pi^2 n^2$ AND OF THE PARAMETERS $C, \Delta, \kappa, d, \dots$



THE OPTICAL ZEBRA



$$\Delta = 0.6, 2C = 3.36$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{\delta_L} = 0.1, \frac{\delta_{11}}{\delta_L} = 1, m(4) = 0.05$$

Fig 6.D

Logarithmic

STATIONARY INTENSITY SOLUTIONS

$$E(x', t) = E_s(x') e^{-i\omega t}$$

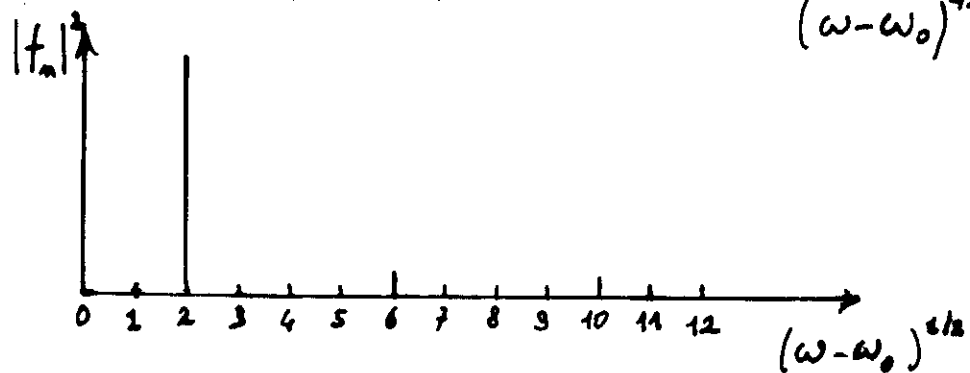
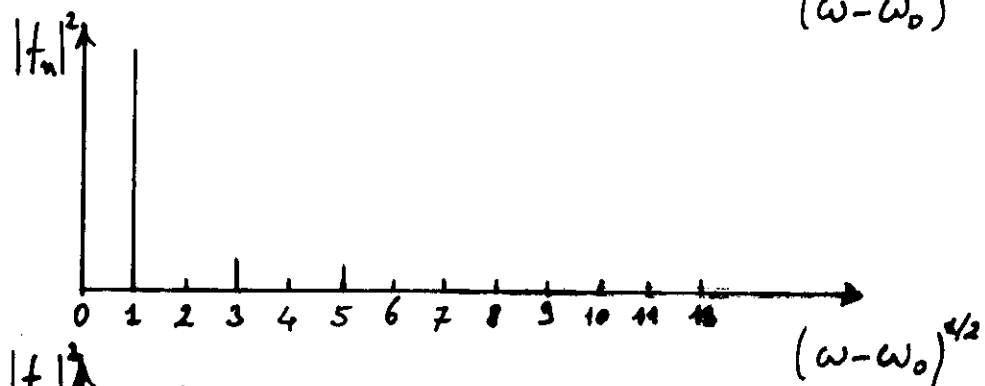
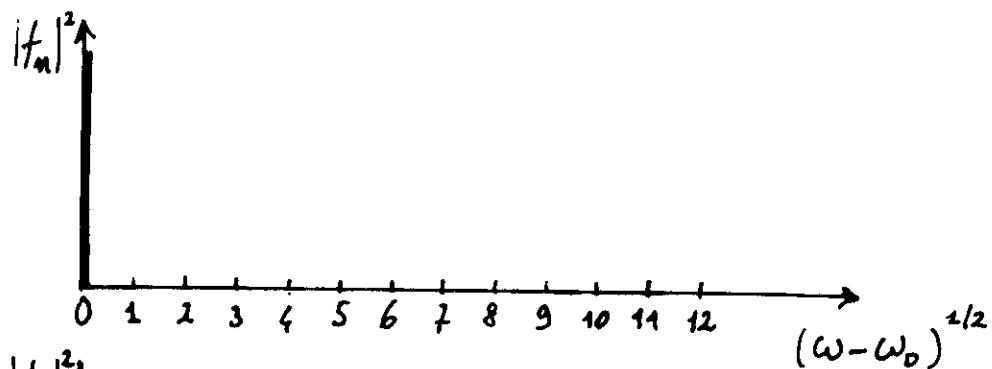
$$\text{INTENSITY} = |E(x', t)|^2 = |E_s(x')|^2 \text{ STATIONARY}$$

$$E(x', t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t) \cos(n\pi x')$$

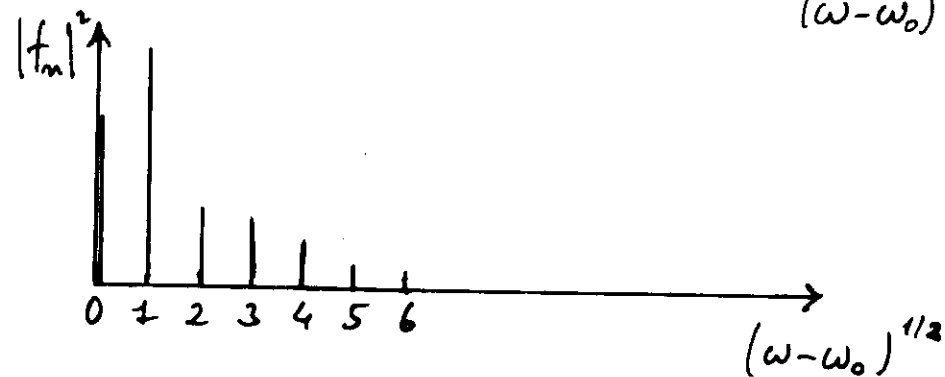
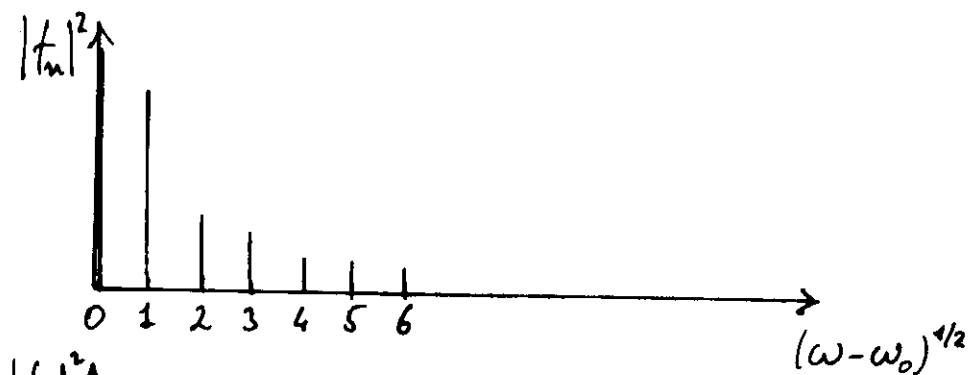
$$f_n(t) = f_{n,s} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$|f_n(t)|^2 = |f_{n,s}|^2 \text{ STATIONARY}$$

SINGLEMODE SOLUTIONS



MULTIMODE STATIONARY SOLUTIONS



COOPERATIVE FREQUENCY LOCKING

OSCILLATION FREQUENCY $\approx$ AVERAGE OF
THE MODAL FREQUENCIES WEIGHTED OVER
THE MODE INTENSITIES $|f_m|^2$

- SINGLE MODE OPERATION

$$E(x, t) = f_m g_m(x) e^{-i\omega_m t}$$

$$|E(x, t)|^2 = |f_m|^2 |g_m(x)|^2$$



- MULTIMODE OPERATION

$$E(x, t) = \sum_n f_n g_n(x) e^{-i\omega_n t}$$

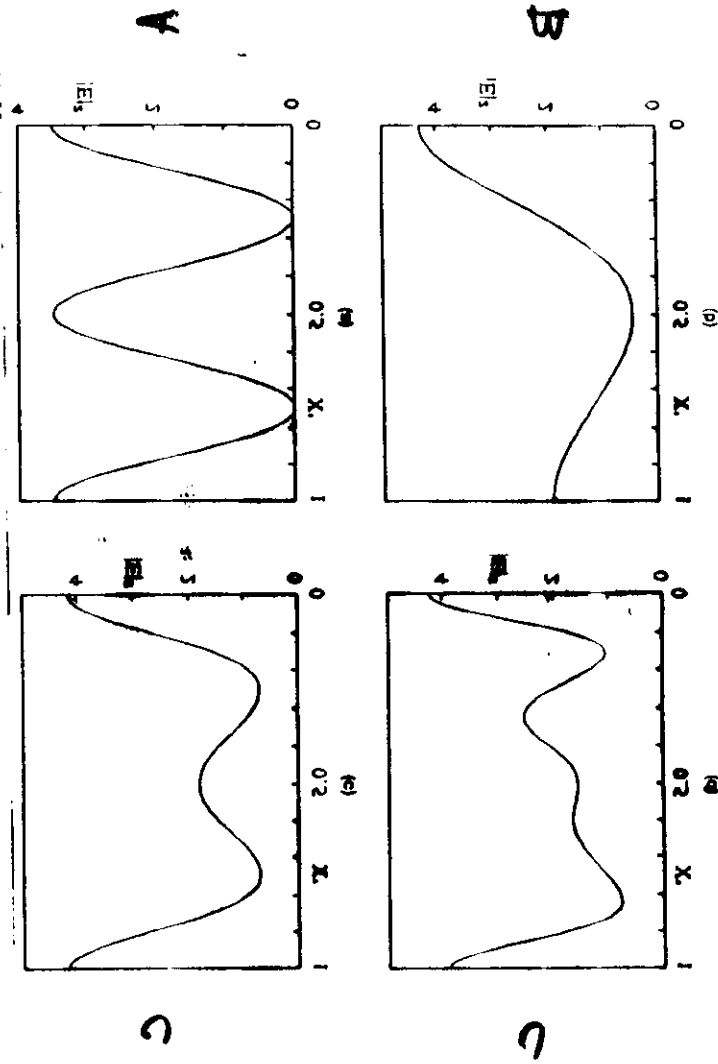
$$|E(x, t)|^2 = \sum_{n, n'} f_{n'}^* f_n g_{n'}^*(x) g_n(x) e^{-i(\omega_n - \omega_{n'})t}$$

- COOPERATIVE FREQUENCY LOCKING

$$E(x, t) = \sum_n f_n g_n(x) e^{-i\omega t}$$

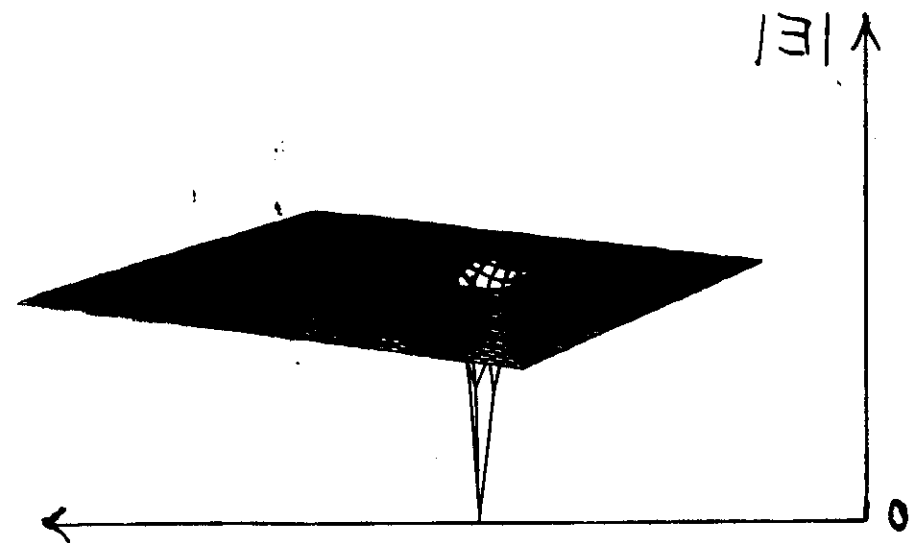
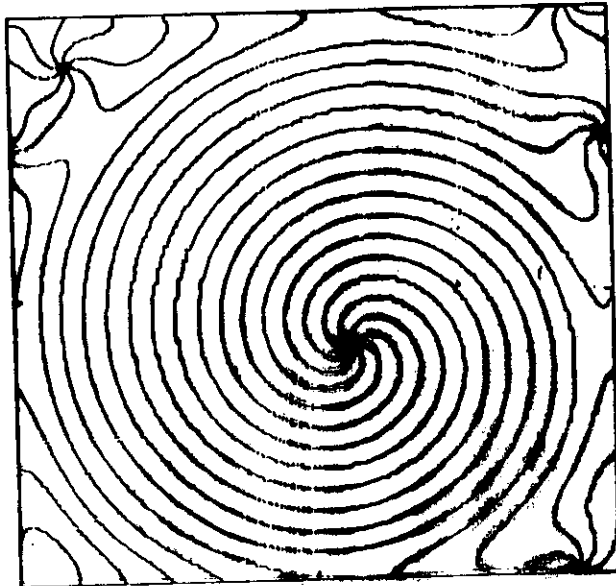
$$|E(x, t)|^2 = \sum_{n, n'} f_{n'}^* f_n g_{n'}^*(x) g_n(x)$$

STATIONARY!

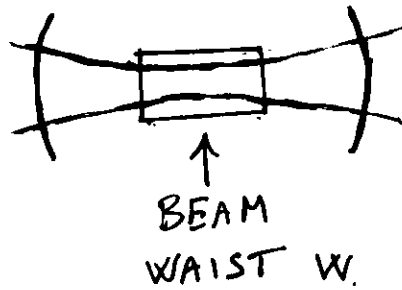


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OPTICAL VORTICES IN LASERS

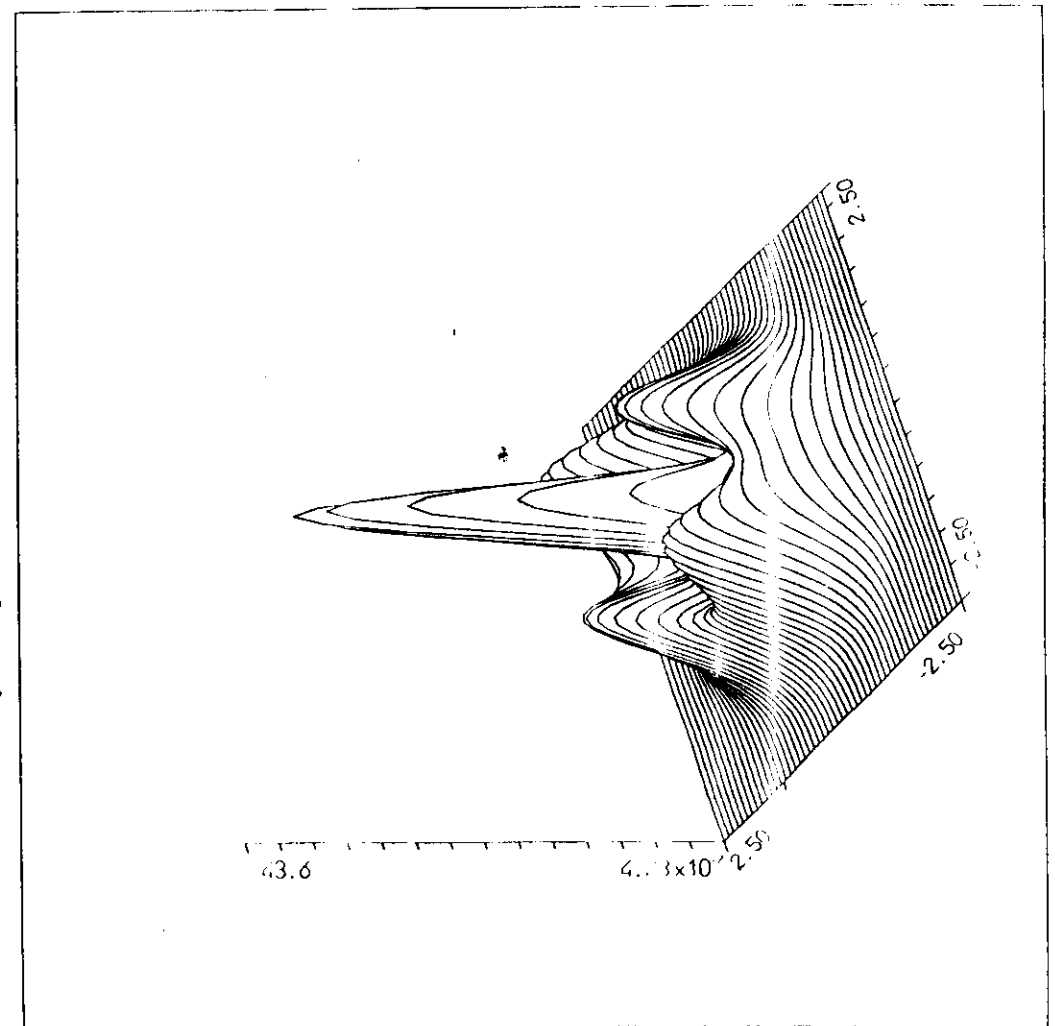


CAVITY WITH SPHERICAL MIRRORS AND NO LATERAL MIRRORS



LASER WITH SPHERICAL MIRRORS

$$E(r, t) = \sum_{p=0} f_p(t) \underbrace{e^{-\frac{r^2}{W^2}} L_p\left(2 \frac{r^2}{W^2}\right)}_{A_p(r)}$$



SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF CYLINDRICAL SYMMETRY

3 MODAL INDICES $\begin{cases} n_z \text{ LONGITUDINAL} \\ p \text{ RADIAL} \rightarrow r \\ l \text{ ANGULAR} \rightarrow \varphi \end{cases}$

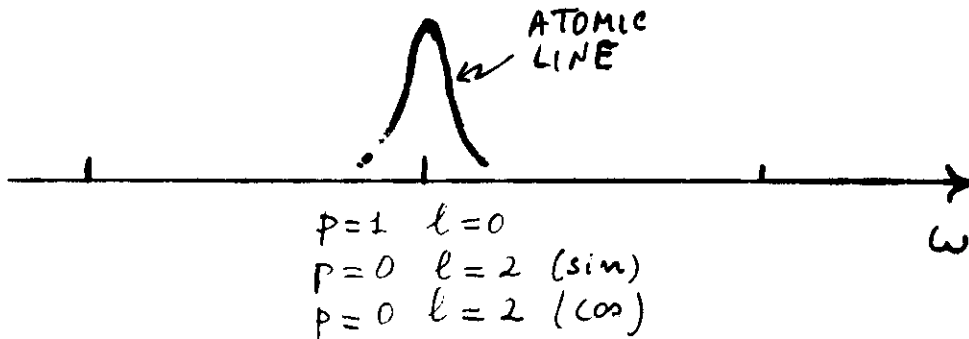
TRANSVERSE STRUCTURE OF MODES

$$A_{p\ell}(r, \varphi) = \left(\frac{r}{w}\right)^\ell L_p^\ell \left(2 \frac{r^2}{w^2}\right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{w^2}} \begin{cases} \sin \ell \varphi \\ \cos \ell \varphi \end{cases}$$

w = BEAM WAIST

MODE FREQUENCIES $c_1 n_z + c_2 (2p + \ell + 1)$

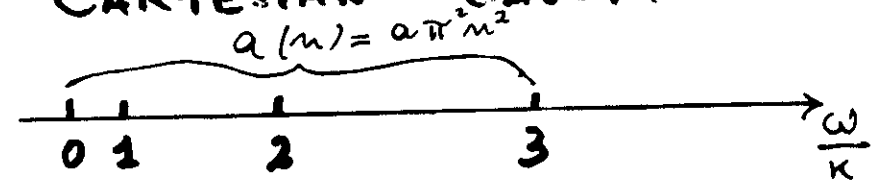
LASER WITH 3 DEGENERATE MODES



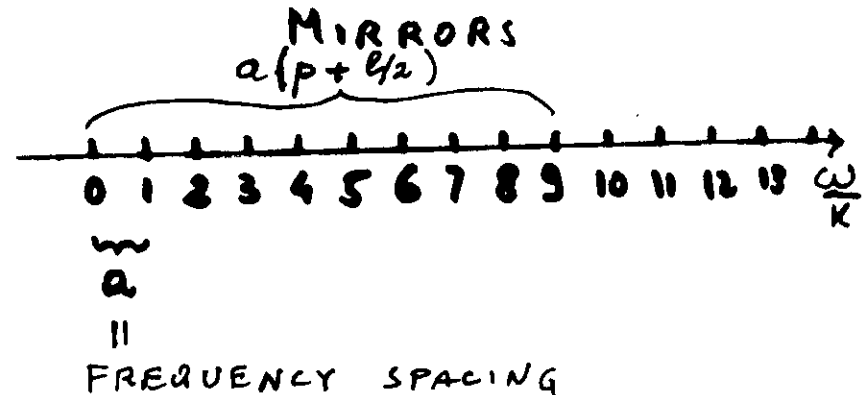
GAUSSIAN PUMP REGION

$$\exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R_p^2}\right) \quad \psi = 2 \frac{R_p}{w}$$

CARTESIAN CAVITY



CAVITY WITH SPHERICAL



THE MODEL

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -K \left\{ (1 - i\Delta) E - 2CP \right. \\ \left. - i \frac{a}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} \nabla_{\perp}^2 - p^2 + 1 \right) E \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \{ ED - (1 + i\Delta) P \}$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^* P + E P^*) + D - 1 \right\}$$

$$p = r/w, \nabla_{\perp}^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} + \frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

ELECTRIC FIELD

$$\mathcal{E}(z, p, \varphi, t) = E(p, \varphi, t) e^{-i\omega_0 t} \sin(K_z z) + c.c.$$

ω_0 = OSCILLATION FREQUENCY OF THE LASER
WHEN IT OPERATES WITH THE MODE $p=0$

$$K_z = \frac{\pi}{L} n_z$$



$P(p, \varphi, t) \propto$ ATOMIC POLARIZATION

$D(p, \varphi, t) \propto$ POPULATION INVERSION

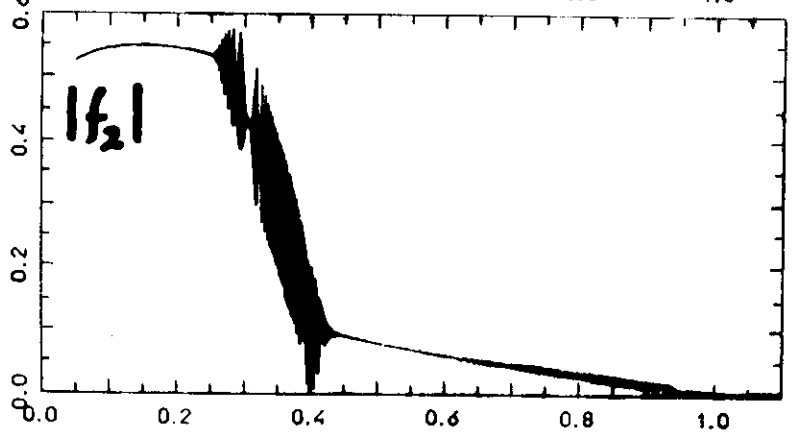
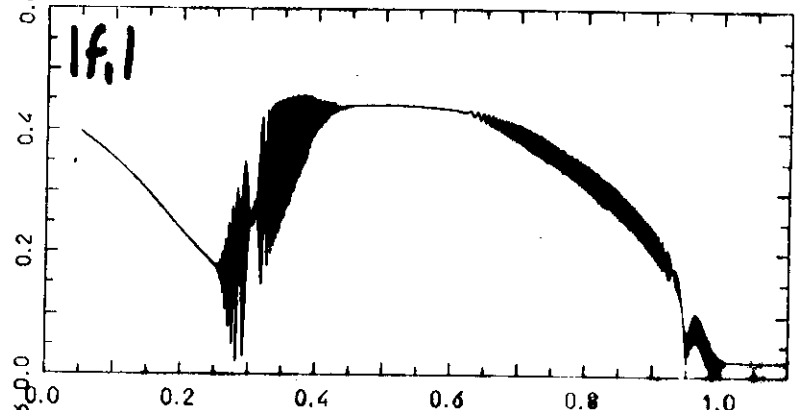
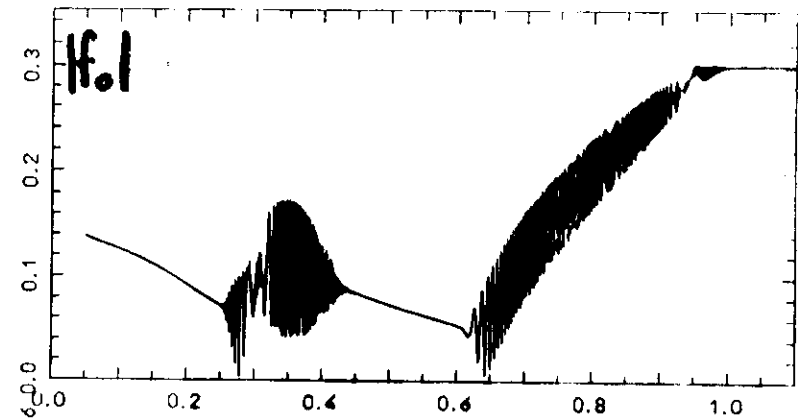


$$\Delta = \frac{\omega_a - \omega_0}{\delta_2} \quad \text{DETUNING PARAMETER}$$

δ_2 = FREQUENCY SPACING



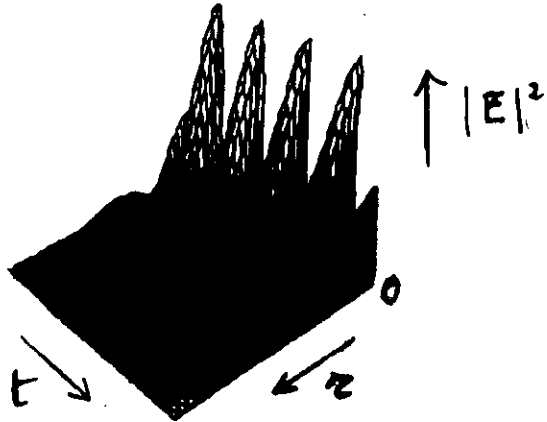
$$C = 0.6 \quad \frac{\kappa}{\delta_2} = 1 \quad \frac{\sigma n}{\delta_2} = 0.05 \quad \Delta = 0.1$$



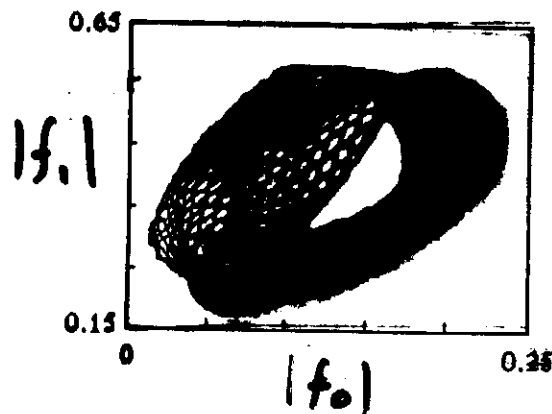
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$$\Delta = 0.1$$

PERIODIC Oscillations, $a = 0.7$



QUASIPERIODICITY, $a = 0.12$

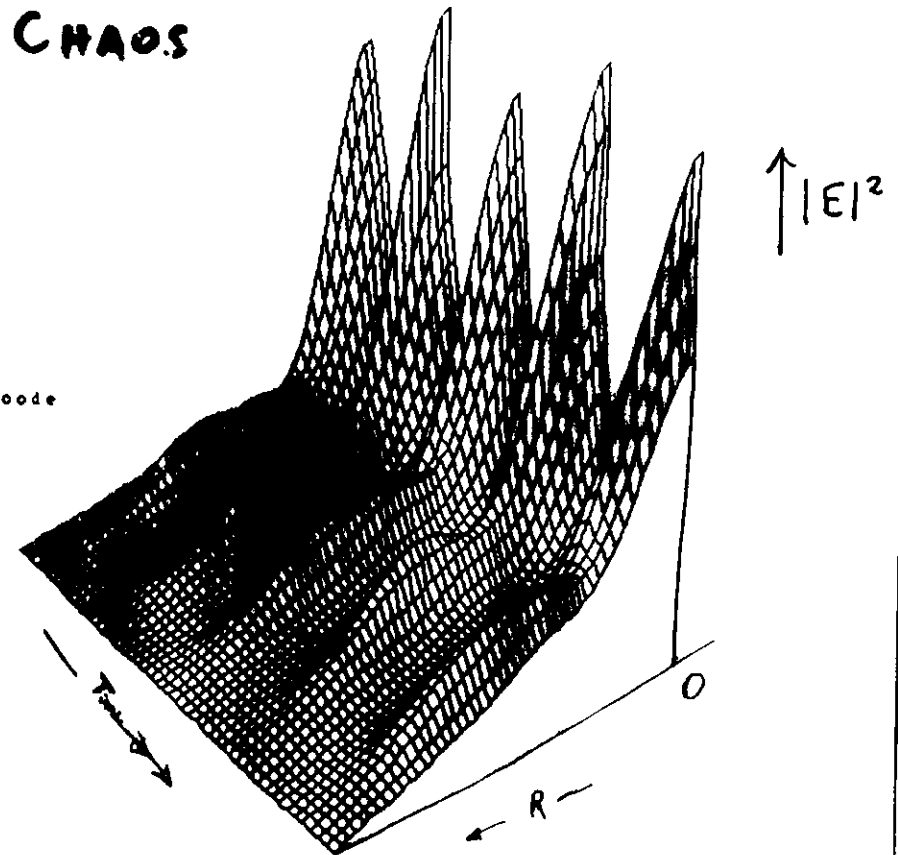


HOLLINGER
TUNG
WEBER

$$\frac{\kappa}{\delta_1} = 1 \quad \beta = 0.001 \quad \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2} = 0.05$$

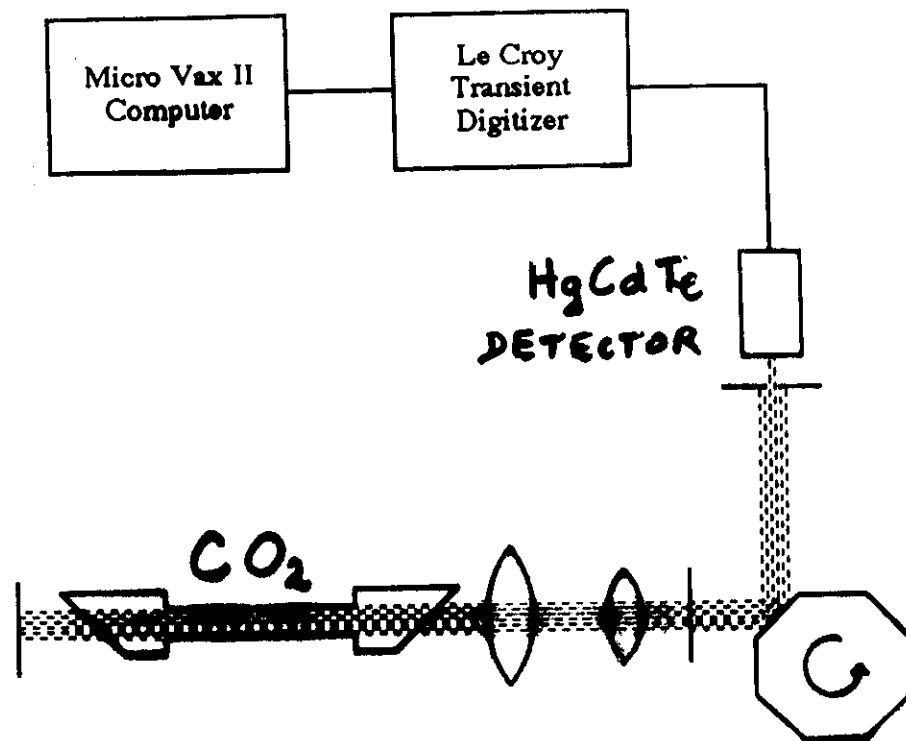
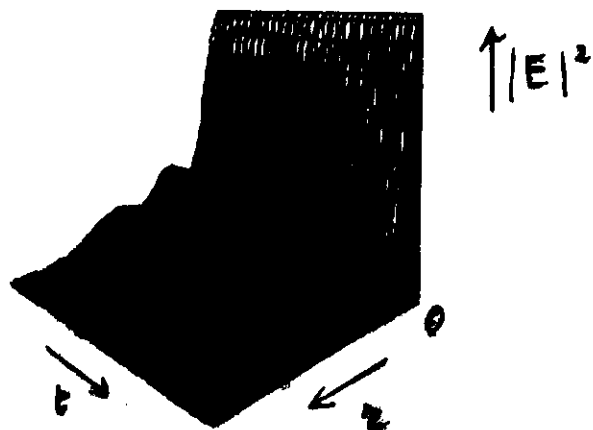
$$\Delta = 0 \quad 2C = 1.1 \quad a = 0.28$$

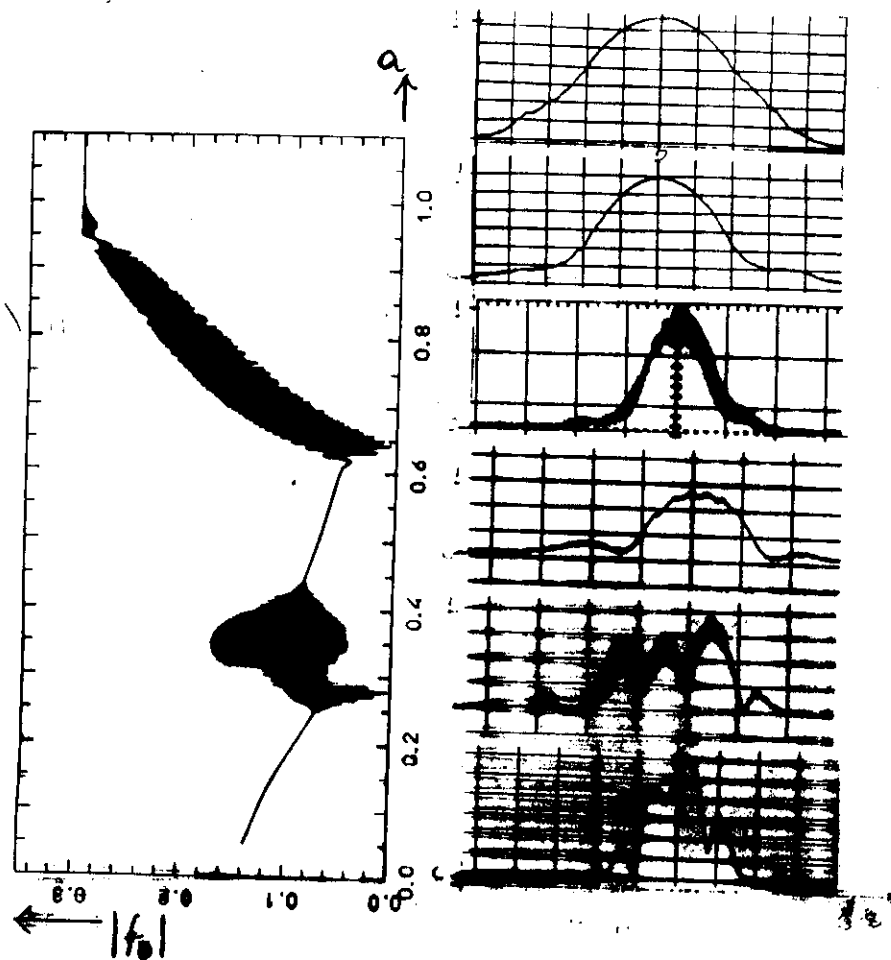
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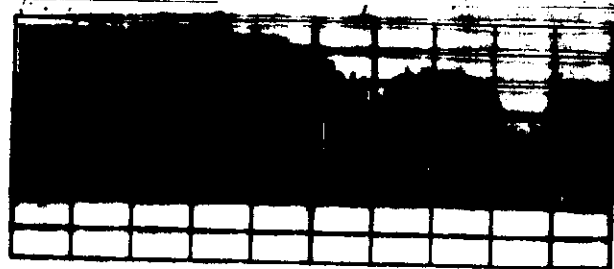
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COOPERATIVE FREQUENCY LOCKING , $a = 0.1$





AVERAGE
OUTPUT
POWER

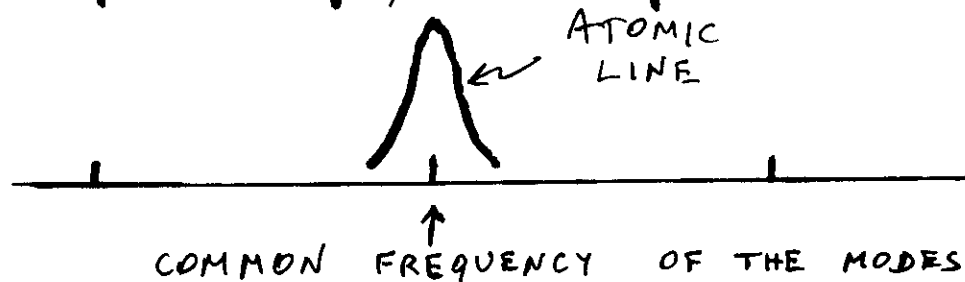


→ EFFECTIVE RADIUS
OF CURVATURE

← a

VARIATIONAL PRINCIPLE FOR TRANSVERSE PATTERN FORMATION IN LASERS

DEGENERATE FAMILY OF MODES
 $2p + l = q$, WITH q FIXED



$$E(r, \varphi) = \sum_{p, l} f_{p, l} A_{p, l}(r, \varphi)$$

GENERALIZED FREE ENERGY

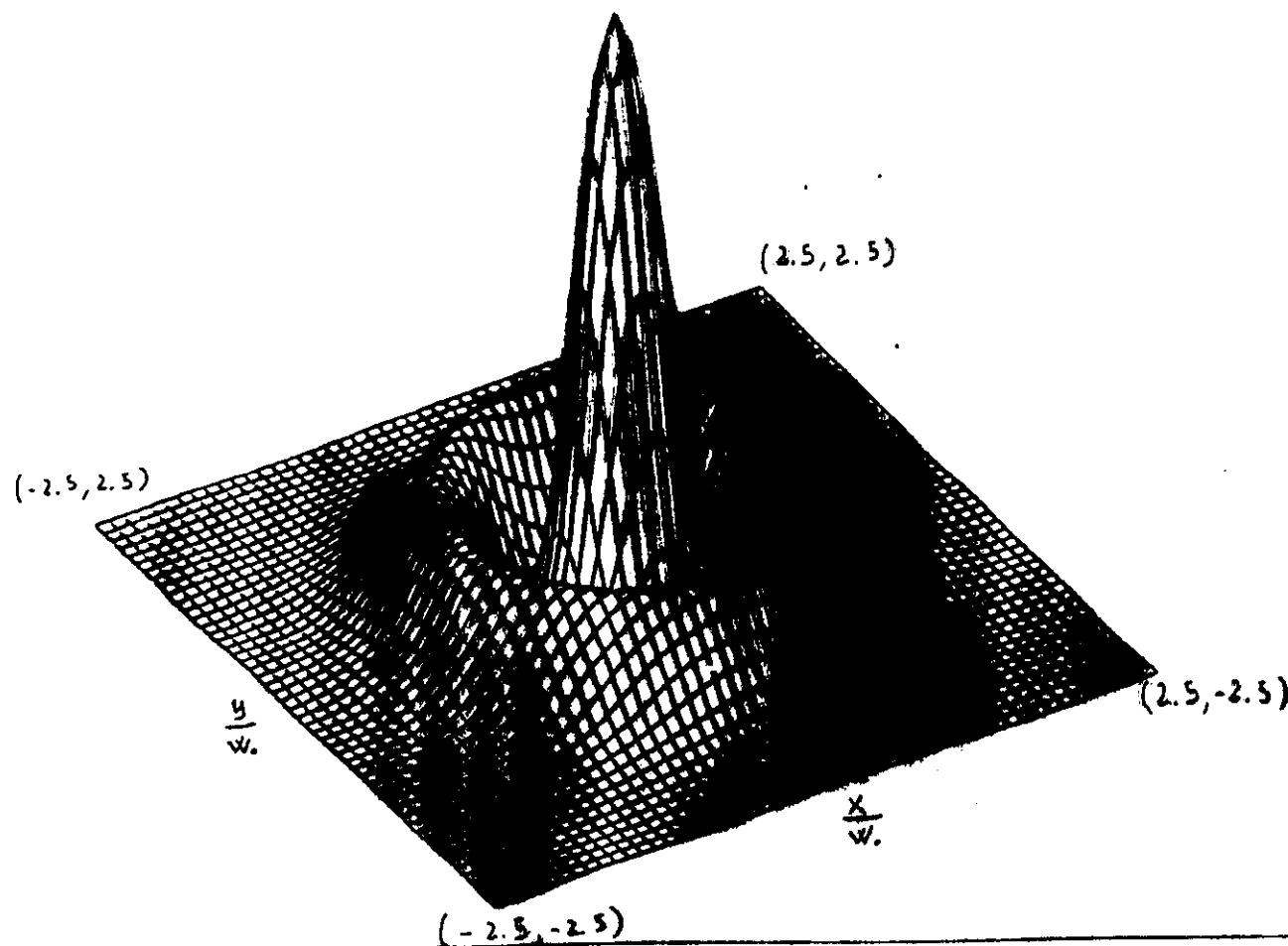
$$V = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^\infty dr r \left\{ |E(r, \varphi)|^2 - 2C \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R_p^2}\right) \ln[1 + |E(r, \varphi)|^2] \right\}$$

THE STABLE PATTERNS
REALIZED BY THE LASER
CORRESPOND TO THE MINIMA
OF V

$$\psi = 1.5$$

$$\frac{c}{c_{thr}} = 1.5$$

INITIAL CONDITION



$$\frac{c}{c_{thr}} = 1.50$$

$$t = 0$$

CONSIDERARE

la funzione

gli estremi per

x e y sono quantizzati
in tutti i graticci

Per l'asse z l'unità
di misura varia di
volta in volta.

$$P = 1 \quad e^{-\frac{z^2}{w^2}} L_1 \left(\frac{z^2}{w^2} \right)$$

$$l = 0$$

DEGENERATE WITH

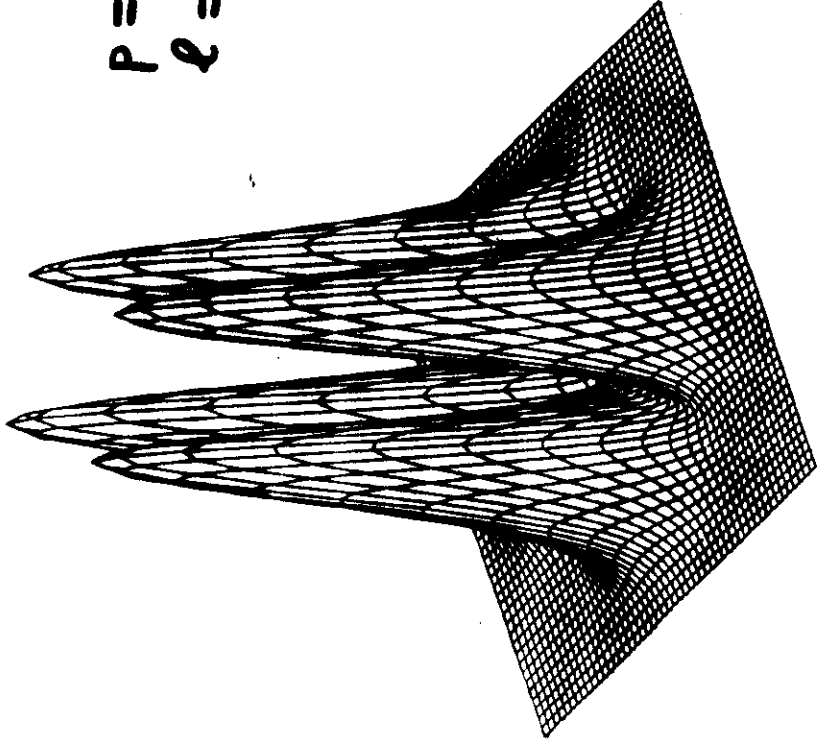
$$P = 0, \quad l = 2$$

$$\left(\frac{r}{w} \right)^2 e^{-\frac{r^2}{w^2}} \begin{cases} \cos 2\varphi \\ \sin 2\varphi \end{cases}$$

ASYMMETRICAL STATIONARY SOLUTION

$$p=0$$

$$\ell=2$$

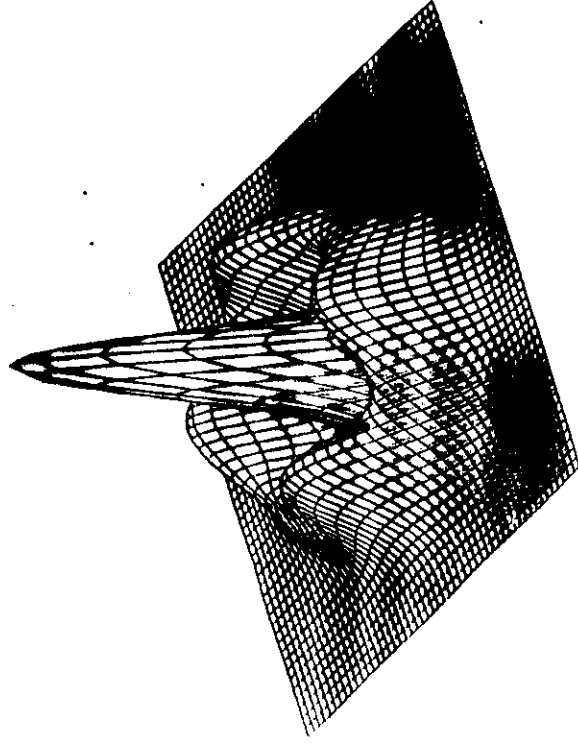


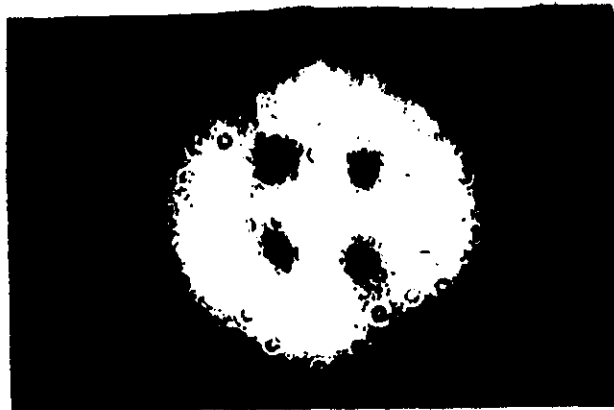
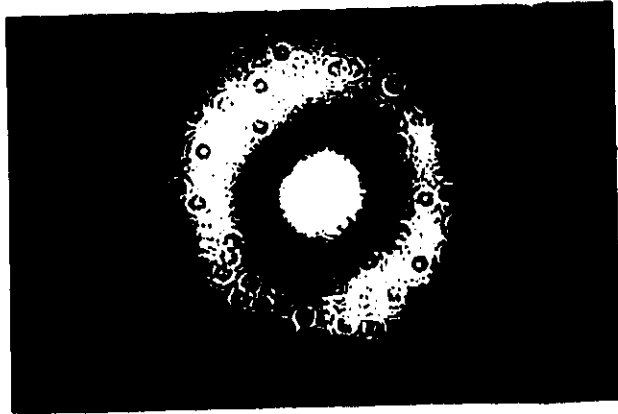
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$$\frac{c}{c^{(0)}}=1.50$$

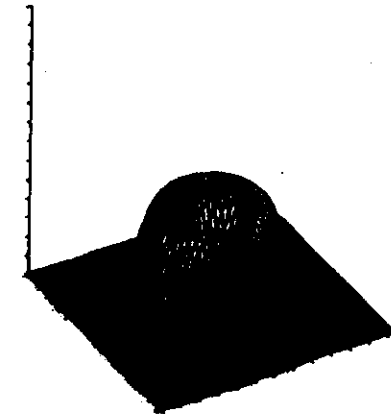
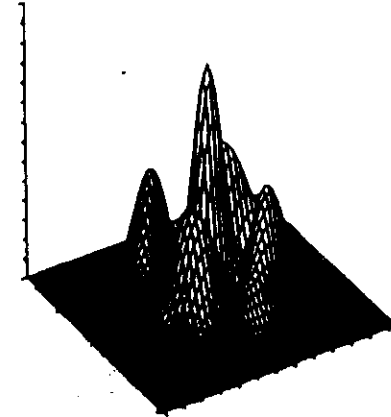
$$\chi t=300$$

THE OPTICAL LEOPARD





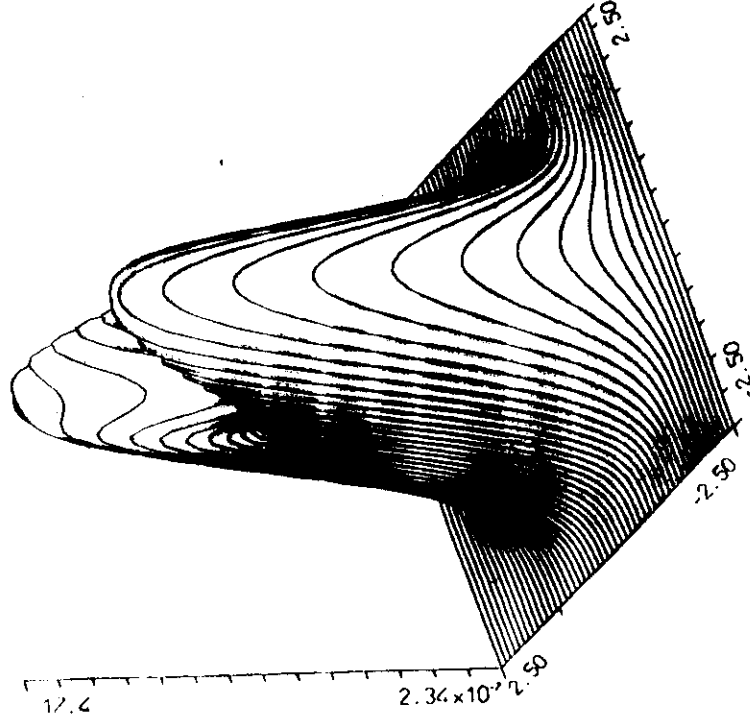
Brambilla, Lugiato, Prati, Tamm, Weiss : Transverse Optical Multistability...



Two different transverse configurations for the laser output intensity, obtained under the same operating conditions

SPATIAL

MULTISTABILITY



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$$\eta = \infty$$

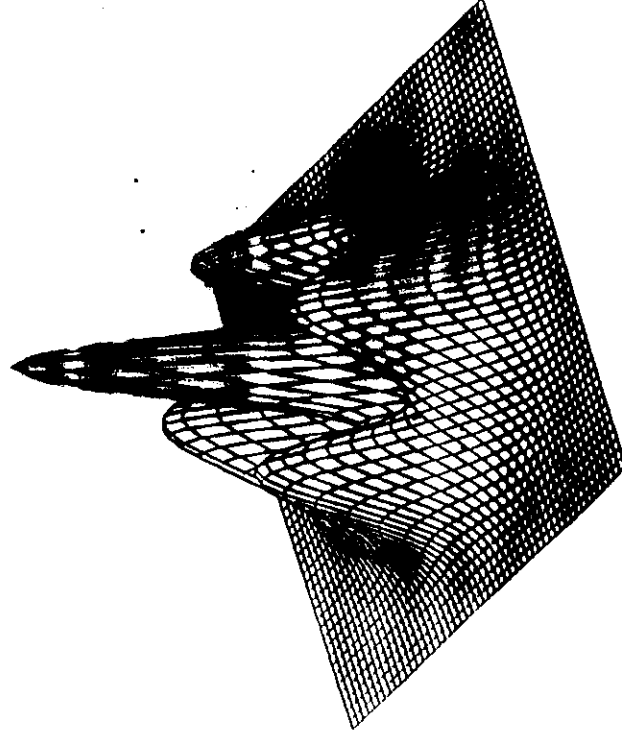
$$\frac{C}{C_{thr}} = 2.41$$

$$\frac{C}{C_{thr}} = 2.11$$

$$\chi_t = 300$$

SPATIAL

MULTISTABILITY



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