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Two-channel optical bistability and multistability in a degenerate four-level atomic medium under a static magnetic field

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In this paper, we study the formation of optical bistability (OB) and optical multistability (OM) in a degenerate four-level atomic system by an external magnetic field that is excited by a probe laser field, a coupling laser field and a signal laser field. The coupling field can cause electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT) for the probe field in the atomic medium, while the signal field and/or external magnetic field can switch between single-EIT and two-EIT regimes. Based on these properties, OB and OM effects can be formed at two different frequency regions of the probe field (two channels). By adjusting the magnetic field or the intensity and the frequency of laser fields, the threshold intensity and the width of OB or OM can also be changed simply. The model can be useful for experimental observations and applications in modern photonic devices.

As we know that optical bistability (OB) and optical multistability (OM) are essential element in photonic devices such as optical transistors, optical memories, optical logic gates, optical switches, and so on¹. Response speed and the sensitivity of the optical devices depend on the threshold intensity and width of the OB. Therefore, one is always looking for solutions to control the threshold intensity and the width of the OB, so that the operating characteristics of optical devices can be changed as desired.

In fact, the OB or OM effect depends on the dispersion and absorption properties of the material, so to change the characteristics of OB requires that the dispersion and absorption properties be adjusted. Currently, a simple method to change the optical properties of materials is to use electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT)². The simplest configuration of EIT is three-level atomic systems excited by a probe laser field and a coupling laser field according to lambda-, cascade- and V-type diagrams. According to these three-level configurations, a transparent spectral region (called the EIT window) is formed at the center of the absorption while on either side is the absorption maximum; at the same time, EIT window and dispersion are also easily changed by intensity and frequency coupling laser. In particular, to significantly change the probe response of the medium, one often introduce other external fields such as the magnetic field³, incoherent pumping field in the presence of spontaneously generated coherence (SGC)⁴ and so on. In the presence of the static magnetic field, the Zeeman effect separates the degenerate energy levels in the atomic levels and hence it shifts the EIT window into different frequency domains. This means that the response of the medium for the probe field can change from transparency to maximum absorption and thus the dispersion properties also change from normal dispersion to anomalous dispersion and vice versa.

By placing EIT materials with such variable absorption and dispersion properties in a ring cavity, one can easily create a low-threshold OB effect with the threshold intensity and width of the OB also being easily changed by external fields. Indeed, the first theoretical and experimental studies on the OB under EIT condition were performed in three-level atomic systems including three-level lambda-, V- and ladder-type configurations⁵⁻⁹. Because an EIT window is formed in three-level atomic configurations, the OB effect is also only present in a single spectral domain (single channel). Nevertheless, modern photonic systems require operation at multiple different frequency domains (multi-channel), so the operating medium of the devices is also required to respond at multiple frequency domains. To obtain OB at different frequency domains (multi-channel), one must use

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four-level or five-level atomic configurations with two or three EIT windows, respectively¹⁰. In particular, for such multi-level atomic media, one can easily obtain the OM effect in the presence of other combined effects such as SGC^{11–13}, or external fields such microwave field^{14,15}, degenerate field¹⁶, incoherent pumping field¹⁷ and static magnetic field^{18,19}. Besides the atomic medium, the OB effect is also realized in semiconductor quantum well systems under Fano-type interference^{20,21}. It is demonstrated that the threshold intensity and the hysteresis loop of the OB behaviors can be manipulated efficiently by tuning the coupling strength of the tunneling, the Fano-type interference, and the intensity and frequency detuning of the control field.

Among such methods controlling optical atomic properties, the method based on a static magnetic field is simpler and easier to perform in experiments, thus attracting the most attention from researchers. Recently, static magnetic field has been used to control absorption and dispersion^{22,23}, light propagation^{24,25}, Kerr nonlinearity²⁶ and magneto-optical switching^{27,28}. In this paper, we study the formation of two-channel OB and OM effects in a degenerate four-level atomic system under the presence of external magnetic field. The OB and OM effects can appear simultaneously at two different frequency domains and are controlled according to the laser parameters and the external magnetic field simply.

Theoretical model

Figure 1 shows the schematic of a four-level inverted-Y atomic system that is excited by a probe laser field, a coupling laser field and a signal laser field. The atom is placed in a longitudinal magnetic field B parallel to the propagation direction of the laser fields that removes the degeneracy of the ground-state sublevels, where the magnetic field B shifts $m_F = \pm 1$ levels by $\pm \Delta_B$ via the Zeeman effect. The left-circularly polarized probe field with Rabi frequency Ω_p and angular frequency ω_p drives the transition $|1\rangle$ ($m_F = +1$) \leftrightarrow $|3\rangle$ ($m_F = 0$). The right-circularly polarized coupling field with Rabi frequency Ω_c and angular frequency ω_c is applied to the transition $|2\rangle$ ($m_F = -1$) \leftrightarrow $|3\rangle$ ($m_F = 0$). The levels $|3\rangle$ ($m_F = 0$) and $|4\rangle$ ($m_F = 0$) are connected by the linearly polarized signal field with Rabi frequency Ω_s and angular frequency ω_s . The Zeeman shift of levels $|1\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$ is given by Ref.²⁷ $\hbar\Delta_B = \mu_B m_F g_F B$ where μ_B is the Bohr magneton, g_F is the Landé factor. The spontaneous decay rate from the upper state to the lower state is denoted by γ_{ij} .

Using the electric dipole and the rotating-wave approximations, the total Hamiltonian of the system can be given by:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\Omega_p & 0 \\ 0 & 2\Delta_B & -\Omega_c & 0 \\ -\Omega_p & -\Omega_c & \Delta_p + \Delta_B & -\Omega_s \\ 0 & 0 & -\Omega_s & \Delta_p + \Delta_s - \Delta_B \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

To describe the dynamical evolution of the proposed system, the density matrix approach is employed via Liouville equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, \rho] + \Lambda \rho, \quad (2)$$

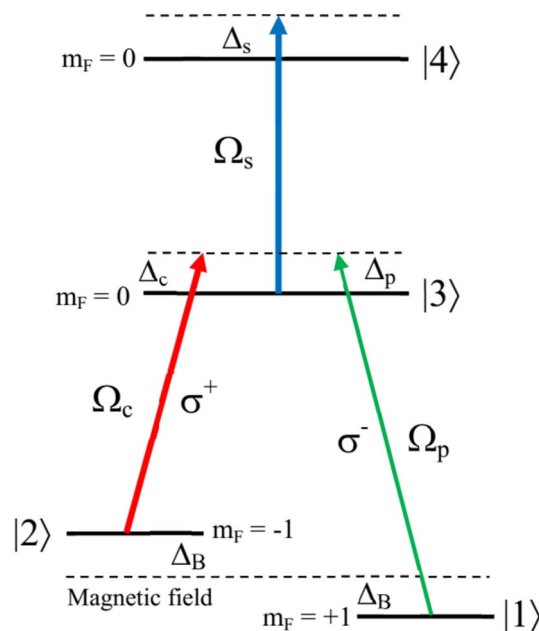


Figure 1. Degenerated four-level atomic system in an external magnetic field, where the state $|1\rangle$ is lowered while the state $|2\rangle$ is lifted by the same amount Δ_B corresponding to the Zeeman shift.

where the term $\Lambda\rho$ represents the decay part in the atom, with Λ is the Liouvillian operator acting on the density matrix ρ . Using Eqs. (1) and (2), the density matrix equations of motion are written as:

$$\dot{\rho}_{11} = -\gamma_{21}(\rho_{11} - \rho_{22}) + \gamma_{31}\rho_{33} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{31} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{13}, \quad (3a)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{22} = -\gamma_{21}(\rho_{22} - \rho_{11}) + \gamma_{32}\rho_{33} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{23} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{32}, \quad (3b)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{33} = -(\gamma_{32} + \gamma_{31})\rho_{33} + \gamma_{43}\rho_{44} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{13} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{31} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{23} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{32} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{43} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{34}, \quad (3c)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{44} = -\gamma_{43}\rho_{44} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{43} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{34}, \quad (3d)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{21} = -[\gamma_{21} - i(\Delta_p - \Delta_c - 2\Delta_B)]\rho_{21} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{23} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{31}, \quad (3e)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{31} = -[\gamma_{31} - i(\Delta_p - \Delta_B)]\rho_{31} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p(\rho_{33} - \rho_{11}) - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{21} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{41}, \quad (3f)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{32} = -[\gamma_{32} - i(\Delta_c + \Delta_B)]\rho_{32} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c(\rho_{33} - \rho_{22}) - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{42}, \quad (3g)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{41} = -[\gamma_{41} - i(\Delta_p + \Delta_s - \Delta_B)]\rho_{41} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{43} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{31}, \quad (3h)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{42} = -[\gamma_{42} - i(\Delta_c + \Delta_s + \Delta_B)]\rho_{42} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_c\rho_{43} - \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s\rho_{32}, \quad (3i)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{43} = -[\gamma_{43} - i\Delta_s]\rho_{43} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_p\rho_{41} + \frac{i}{2}\Omega_s(\rho_{44} - \rho_{33}), \quad (3j)$$

$$\rho_{nm} = \rho_{mn}^*, \quad (3k)$$

$$\rho_{11} + \rho_{22} + \rho_{33} + \rho_{44} = 1, \quad (3l)$$

where $\Delta_p = \omega_p - \omega_{31}$ and $\Delta_c = \omega_c - \omega_{32}$ are the frequency detuning of the probe and coupling beams, respectively. The Rabi frequencies are related to the corresponding electric field amplitude E_k ($k=p, c$ or s) by $\Omega_p = \frac{d_{31}E_p}{\hbar}$, $\Omega_c = \frac{d_{32}E_c}{\hbar}$ and $\Omega_s = \frac{d_{43}E_s}{\hbar}$ with d_{ij} being the electric-dipole matrix element associated with the transition from the state $|i\rangle$ to the state $|j\rangle$.

In order to compute the linear susceptibility, we solve the density matrix Eqs. (3a)–(3l) under the steady-state condition $\partial\rho/\partial t = 0$. We assume that initially the atomic population is in the ground states $|1\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$ with the same populations, namely, $\rho_{11}^{(0)} \approx \rho_{22}^{(0)} \approx 1/2$, and $\rho_{33}^{(0)} \approx \rho_{44}^{(0)} \approx 0$. Using the weak-probe approximation we found the solution of the matrix element ρ_{31} as:

$$\rho_{31} = \frac{-\frac{i}{4}\Omega_p}{\gamma_{31} - i(\Delta_p - \Delta_B) + \frac{\frac{1}{4}\Omega_c^2}{\gamma_{21} - i(\Delta_p - \Delta_c - 2\Delta_B)} + \frac{\frac{1}{4}\Omega_s^2}{\gamma_{41} - i(\Delta_p + \Delta_s - \Delta_B)}}. \quad (4)$$

It is well known that the response of the atomic medium to the probe field is governed by its polarization $P = Nd_{31}\rho_{31} \equiv -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0\chi_{31}E_p$, thus, we can obtain the probe susceptibility given by:

$$\chi_{31} = -\frac{Nd_{31}}{\epsilon_0 E_p}\rho_{31}, \quad (5)$$

with N being the atomic density. The absorption and dispersion coefficients are determined through the imaginary and real parts of χ_{31} , respectively.

Now we put a medium of length L composed of N atoms into a unidirectional ring cavity as shown in Fig. 2. Where, the reflection and transmission coefficients of mirrors M1 and M2 are R and T with $R + T = 1$. We assume that both mirrors M3 and M4 are perfect reflectors. In the ring cavity configuration, the probe field E_p is circulated in the ring cavity but not the coupling field E_c .

The total electromagnetic field can be written as

$$E = E_p e^{-i\omega_p t} + E_c e^{-i\omega_c t} + c.c. \quad (6)$$

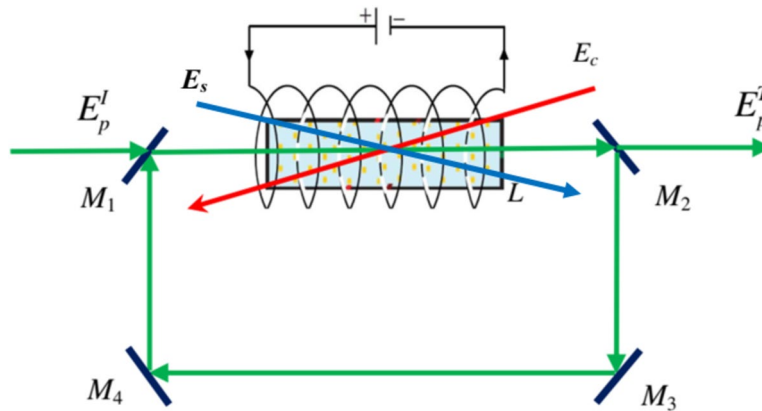


Figure 2. Unidirectional ring cavity with atomic sample of length L , where, mirrors M_1 and M_2 have the reflection and transmission coefficients as R and T with $R + T = 1$, whereas mirrors M_3 and M_4 are perfect reflectors. E_p^I and E_p^T denote the incident and transmitted probe field, respectively. E_c and E_s represent the coupling and signal fields that are not circulated inside the cavity.

Under the slowly varying envelop approximation, the dynamic response of the probe field governed by Maxwell equations as follows:

$$\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial z} = i \frac{\omega_p}{2\epsilon_0} P(\omega_p), \tag{7}$$

where $P(\omega_p)$ is induced polarization by the probe field in the transition $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$ and is given by:

$$P(\omega_p) = Nd_{31}\rho_{31}. \tag{8}$$

Substituting Eq. (8) into Eq. (7), we obtain the field amplitude relation in the steady state as:

$$\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial z} = i \frac{N\omega_p d_{31}}{2c\epsilon_0} \rho_{31}. \tag{9}$$

For a single circulation of the probe field in the cavity, we denote probe the field at the start and the end of the sample is $E_p(0)$ and $E_p(L)$, respectively (see Fig. 2). For a perfectly tuned cavity, the boundary conditions in the steady state for the incident (E_p^I) and transmitted (E_p^T) probe fields are given by:

$$E_p(L) = E_p^T / \sqrt{T}, \tag{10}$$

$$E_p(0) = \sqrt{T}E_p^I + RE_p(L), \tag{11}$$

where R is the feedback mechanism from the mirror M_2 , which is essential for the generation of bistability. We note that no bistability occurs if $R = 0$. In the mean-field limit and using of the boundary conditions, we obtain the following input–output relation for the transmitted probe field as:

$$Y = X - iC\rho_{31}, \tag{12}$$

where $Y = \frac{N\omega_p d_{31}}{2c\epsilon_0 \hbar \sqrt{T}} E_p^I / (\hbar \sqrt{T})$, $X = d_{31} E_p^T / (\hbar \sqrt{T})$ are normalized input and output probe fields, respectively, and $C = \frac{N\omega_p d_{31}}{2c\epsilon_0 \hbar T}$ is the cooperation parameter for atoms in the ring cavity. Thus, transmitted field depends on the incident probe field and the coherence term ρ_{31} via Eq. (12). Theoretically, the bistable behavior of medium can be determined by atomic variables through ρ_{31} which can be numerically solved from the density matrix Eqs. (3a)–(3l).

Results and discussion

In experimental performance, this configuration can be applied to the ^{87}Rb atom with the states $|1\rangle$, $|2\rangle$, $|3\rangle$ and $|4\rangle$ can be chosen as $5S_{1/2}(F = 1, m_F = +1)$, $5S_{1/2}(F = 2, m_F = -1)$, $5P_{1/2}(F = 1, m_F = 0)$ and $5D_{3/2}(F = 2, m_F = 0)$, respectively. The atomic parameters are^{23,24}: $N = 4.5 \times 10^{17}$ atoms/m³, $\gamma_{31} = \gamma_{32} = 2\pi \times 5.3$ MHz, $d_{31} = 1.6 \times 10^{-29}$ C.m. The Landé factor $g_F = -1/2$, and the Bohr magneton $\mu_B = 9.27401 \times 10^{-24}$ JT⁻¹. For simplicity, all quantities related to frequency are given in units γ that is of the order of MHz for rubidium atom. In this approach, when the Zeeman shift Δ_B is scaled by γ , then the magnetic field strength B should be in units of the combined constant $\gamma_c = \gamma \hbar / (\mu_B g_F)$.

Firstly, we demonstrate that our model can obtain both OB and OM at different probe frequency regions with an appropriate magnetic field strength. Indeed, in Fig. 3 we have obtained the OB and OM curves at the probe frequency detunings $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b). From Fig. 3 it can be seen that the appearance of OB and OM depends on different values of the magnetic field. In terms of physical principles, the OB effect depends mainly on

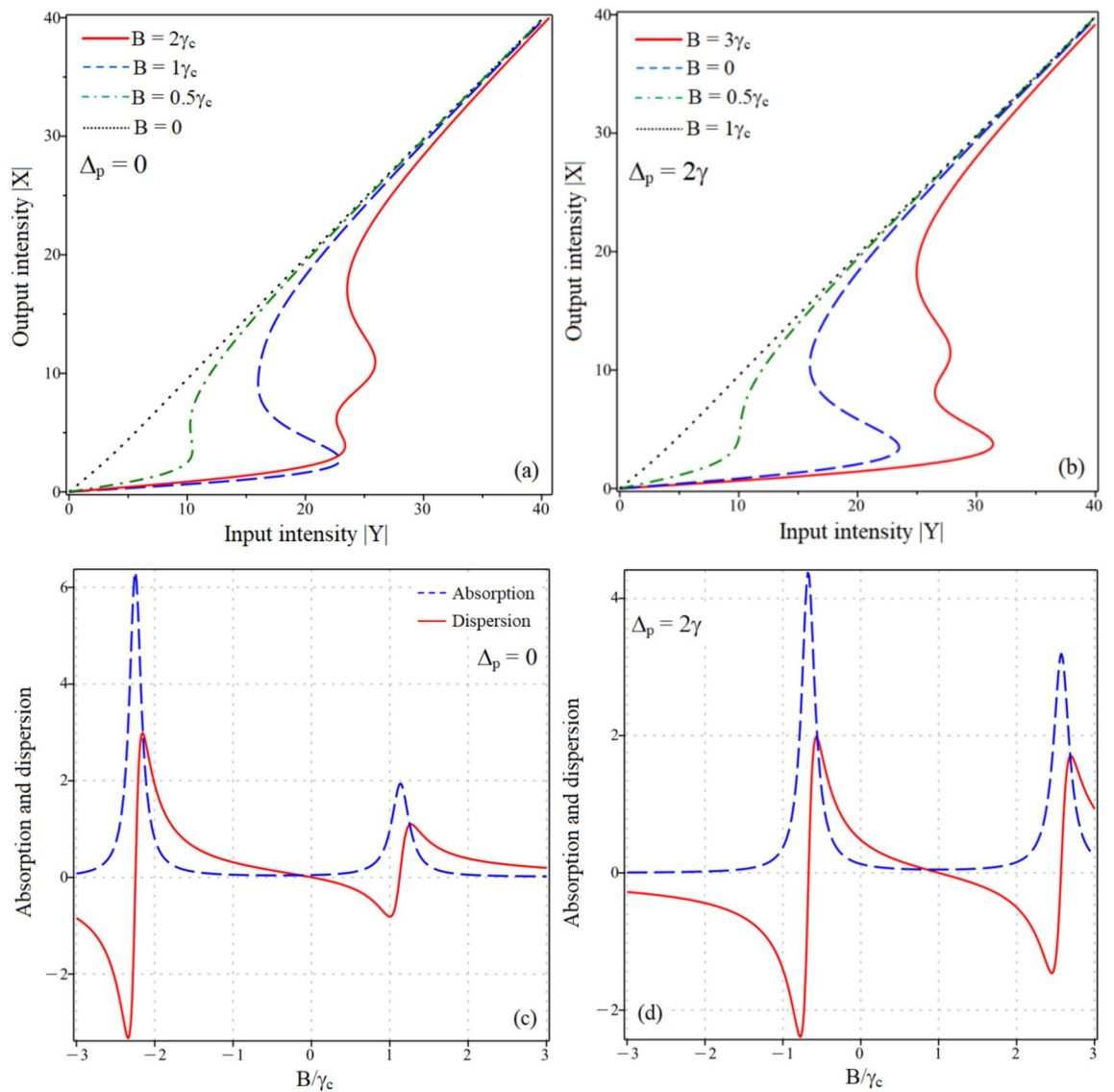


Figure 3. The appearance of OB and OM at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p=0$ (a) and $\Delta_p=2\gamma$ (b) when $\Omega_c=\Omega_s=5\gamma$, $\Delta_c=0$, $\Delta_s=5\gamma$ and $C=100\gamma$, while the magnetic strength is varied as indicated in the figures. Variations of absorption and dispersion versus the magnetic strength at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p=0$ (c) and $\Delta_p=2\gamma$ (d) with other parameters similar to those in figures (a,b).

the dispersion of the material, while the threshold intensity and the width of OB depend mainly on the absorption. In Fig. 3c,d, therefore, to explain the appearance of OB and OM we plotted the variations of absorption (dashed) and dispersion (solid) according to magnetic field strength with the parameters are similar to those in Fig. 3a,b, respectively. In Fig. 3a corresponding to probe frequency detuning $\Delta_p=0$, we can see that when $B=0$, OB does not appear because the dispersion of the material is very small (near zero); as increasing the magnetic field strength the dispersion also increases, so that OB has started to appear; as $B=1\gamma_c$, the OB appears clearly but the strong absorption leads to a large threshold intensity; with $B=2\gamma_c$, the absorption is significantly reduced due to the EIT effect, at the same time, the OM effect is formed. Similarly, in Fig. 3b with probe frequency detuning $\Delta_p=2\gamma$, OB does not appear with $B=1\gamma_c$ due to near-zero dispersion; OB appears when $B=0$ or $B=0.5\gamma_c$, while OM appears at $B=3\gamma_c$. Thus, by adjusting the magnetic field strength, the threshold intensity and width of the OB is also changed and can be switched between OB and OM. We also note that the appearance of OM allows us to obtain many stable output intensities for a given input intensity, however, it is more difficult to occur than OB; in fact, the appearance of OM requires not only large dispersion but also small absorption, for example, in Fig. 3c when B increases from 0 to $1\gamma_c$, the dispersion increases and OB is clearly established (see Fig. 3a), but the absorption also increases so the threshold intensity and the width of OB are also increased. If B continues to increase to a value of $2\gamma_c$, OM can appear (see solid line in Fig. 3a). To illustrate these phenomena, a 3D graph of input–output intensity versus magnetic field strength B at the probe frequency detuning $\Delta_p=0$ is constructed as shown in Fig. 4. In this case, OB gradually appears and its width also increases with the growth of magnetic field strength B from 0 to $1\gamma_c$, and then OM also begins to appear as B increases from $1\gamma_c$ to $2\gamma_c$. If B is increased

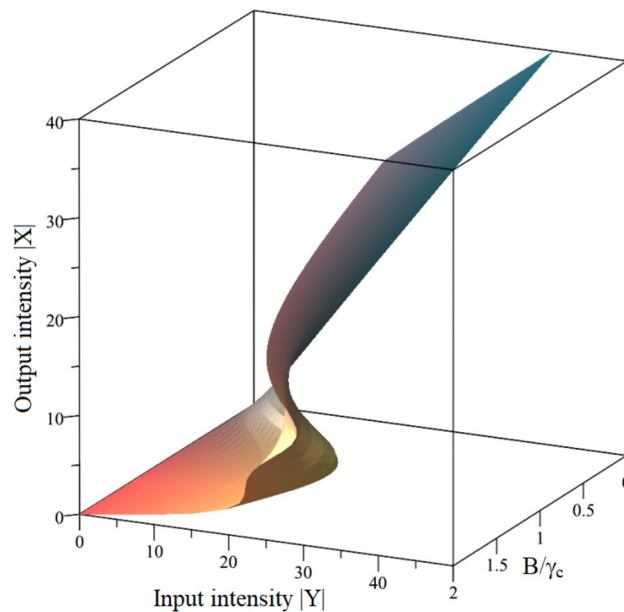


Figure 4. The 3D graph of input–output intensity versus magnetic field strength B for $\Delta_p = \Delta_c = 0$, $\Delta_s = 5\gamma$, $\Omega_c = \Omega_s = 5\gamma$ and $C = 100\gamma$.

further, both OB and OM may disappear because the probe beam is detuned far away from the atomic resonance frequency so its nonlinear response also becomes too small. We also note that $B = 2\gamma_c = 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T} \equiv 15 \text{ G}$ corresponds to the Zeeman shift $\Delta_B = 2\gamma \sim 2 \text{ MHz}$, which is quite small in experiment.

Next, in the following cases we fix the magnetic field strength at $B = 2\gamma_c$ and study the influence of the intensity and the frequency of the laser fields on OB and OM behaviors in two different probe frequency regions $\Delta_p = 0$ and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$. Specifically, the investigations in Fig. 5 describe the variation of OB with the intensity (Rabi frequency) of the signal laser field when the coupling laser parameters are fixed at $\Omega_c = 5\gamma$ and $\Delta_c = \Delta_s = 0$. From Fig. 5a,b we can easily observe that OB can occur simultaneously at two different frequency regions of the probe laser field $\Delta_p = 0$ and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ with the same set of laser parameters; however, at different values of signal laser intensity, the threshold strength and the width of the OB are also different. These phenomena are explained based on the absorption and dispersion varying with signal laser intensity as shown in Fig. 5c,d. In particular, the solid line in Fig. 5a corresponds to $\Omega_s = 2\gamma$, the threshold intensity and the width of OB are larger than the other cases, because at $\Omega_s = 2\gamma$ the absorption is strongest, even though the dispersion is quite large (see Fig. 5c); the same phenomenon is also observed in Fig. 5b that the threshold intensity and the width of OB at $\Omega_s = 0$ are smaller than those at $\Omega_s = 2\gamma$ because at $\Omega_s = 0$ dispersion is higher and absorption is smaller than that at $\Omega_s = 2\gamma$ (see Fig. 5d). In addition, by comparing Fig. 5a,b we also see that the threshold intensity of the OB curves in Fig. 5b is smaller than that in Fig. 5a because the absorption in Fig. 5d (corresponding to Fig. 5b) is much smaller than the absorption in Fig. 5c (corresponding to Fig. 5a).

Figure 6 depicts the dependence of the OB and OM curves on the intensity (Rabi frequency) of the coupling laser field at the two probe frequency regions $\Delta_p = 0$ and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ when fixing the parameters of the signal laser at $\Omega_s = 5\gamma$ and $\Delta_s = 5\gamma$. From the figure it can be seen that OM can be appeared in the probe frequency region $\Delta_p = 0$, while OB can be appeared in the region $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$. At the same time, the threshold intensity and the width of OB or OM curves also change significantly at different laser coupling intensities because of the variation of absorption and dispersion with the coupling intensity as shown in Fig. 6c,d.

In Fig. 7, we investigate the impact of coupling frequency detuning on the formation of OB and OM in two probe frequency domains. The survey results show that OM easily occurs in the probe frequency domain $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$, while OB appears in the probe frequency domain $\Delta_p = 0$. We also notice that there are significant changes in the OB and OM curves at different coupling frequency detunings. In this case, we do not show absorption and dispersion graphs varying with coupling frequency detuning, however such changes in OB and OM are also caused by changes in absorption and dispersion (similar to the analysis above).

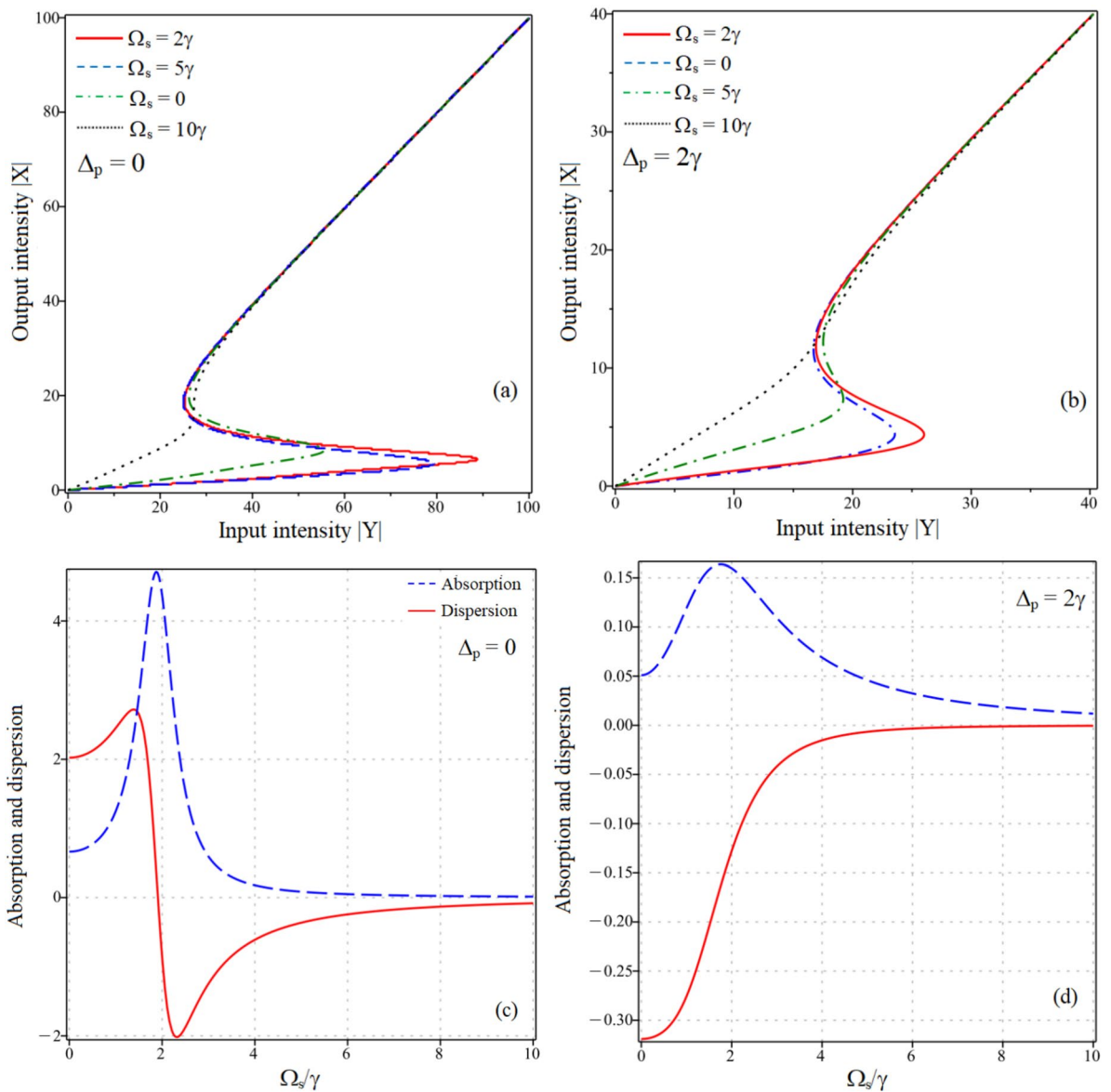


Figure 5. The appearance of OB at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b) when $\Omega_c = 5\gamma$, $\Delta_c = \Delta_s = 0$, $B = 2\gamma_c$ and $C = 100\gamma$, while the signal laser intensity is varied as indicated in the figures. Variations of absorption and dispersion versus the signal laser intensity at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (c) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (d) with other parameters similar to those in figures (a, b).

Finally, in Fig. 8 we study the dependence of the OB and OM curves on the signal frequency detuning at two probe frequency regions $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b). By changing the signal laser frequency detuning, we can find the OB and OM effects in the two probe frequency domains, and the threshold intensity and the width of OB are also changed according to the signal frequency detuning.

Conclusion

We have demonstrated the formation of OB and OM simultaneously at two different probe frequency regions in a degenerate four-level atomic system under an external magnetic field. By adjusting the magnetic field strength or the intensity and the frequency of laser fields, the absorption and dispersion properties of the atomic medium are also significantly changed, so that the threshold intensity and the width of OB and OM are also easily changed, and even the OB and OM effects can be converted. The model easily generates single- or two-channel OB and OM effects, which can be useful for experimental observations and applications such as multi-channel all-optical switches and logic-gate devices.

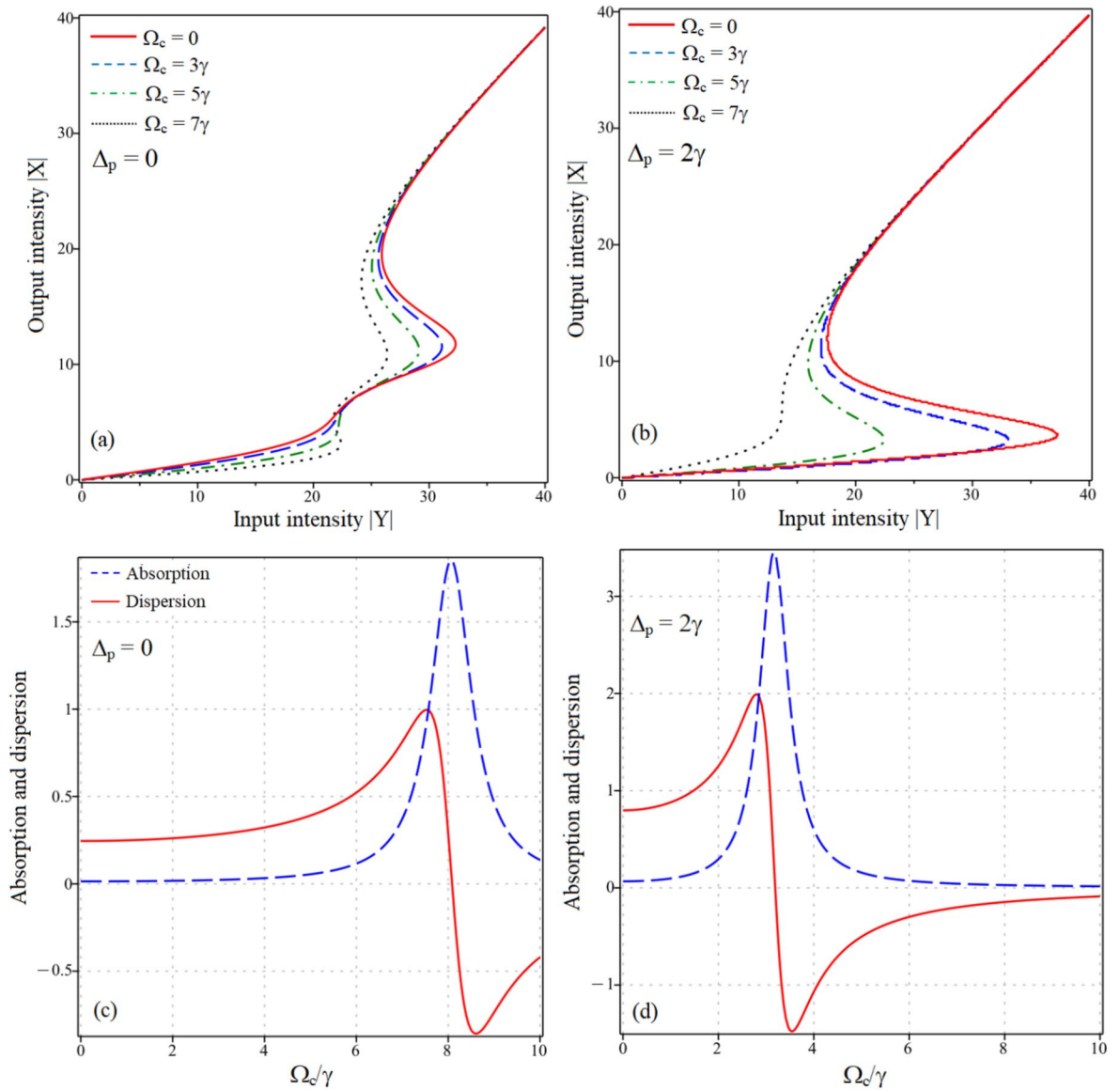


Figure 6. The appearance of OB and OM at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b). Other parameters are $\Delta_c = 0$, $\Omega_s = 5\gamma$, $\Delta_s = 5\gamma$, $B = 2\gamma_c$ and $C = 100\gamma$, while the coupling laser intensity is varied as indicated in the figures. Variations of absorption and dispersion versus the coupling laser intensity at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (c) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (d) with other parameters similar to those in figures (a,b).

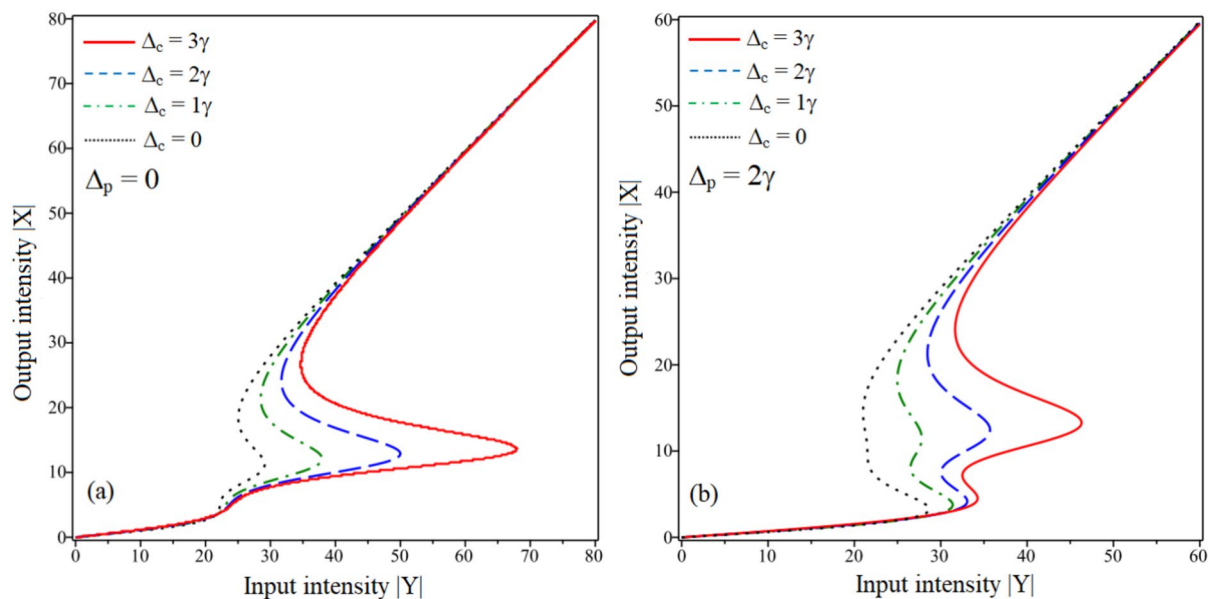


Figure 7. The appearance of OB and OM at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b). Other parameters are $\Omega_c = \Omega_s = 5\gamma$, $\Delta_s = 5\gamma$, $B = 2\gamma_c$ and $C = 100\gamma$, while the coupling frequency detuning is varied as indicated in the figures.

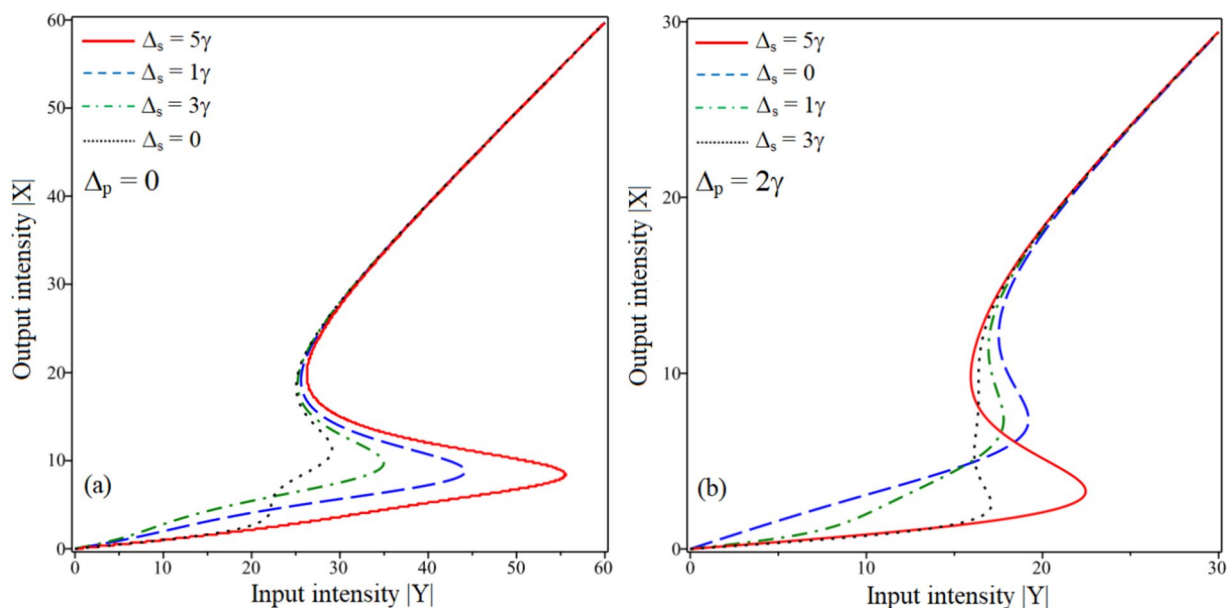


Figure 8. The appearance of OB and OM at two probe frequency regions: $\Delta_p = 0$ (a) and $\Delta_p = 2\gamma$ (b). Other parameters are $\Omega_c = \Omega_s = 5\gamma$, $B = 2\gamma_c$, $\Delta_c = 0$ and $C = 100\gamma$, while the signal frequency detuning is varied as indicated in the figures.

Data availability

All the data generated/analyzed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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