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The effect of a strong-probe field and transverse fields on the polarization properties of a four-level Doppler-broadened system with Spontaneously Generated Coherence (SGC)

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I. Introduction

The study of the strong probe field in an atomic system of a Doppler broadened in the presence of Spontaneously Generated Coherence (SGC) has been a subject of great interest in particularly when the fields are transverse mode. The transverse field is considered in a Doppler broadened molecular casade system using fluorescence detection ^[1]. Quantum coherence and quantum interference are the basic mechanisms for amending the optical response of the medium for the applied fields ^[2-4]. The intensity of a probe, coupling fields and relative phase between applied fields are the important parameters to control the atomic coherence^[5]. The effects of quantum interference (SGC) in different types of atomic systems have been discussed extensively recently. A lot of theoretical work has been devoted to discuss these effects ^[6-8]. It has been predicted that many interesting phenomena are enhanced due to the effects of quantum interference (SGC), such as a dark resonance and the narrowing of spontaneous emission, optical bistability/multistability and modification of absorption and dispersion properties of atomic systems ^[9-11]. On the other hand, the phenomenon of electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT) is an alteration of probe response on a given transition when a strong control laser is applied to an auxiliary transition of a multilevel system ^[12]. In recent years, EIT in Doppler broadened media has been studied theoretically and observed exp-

ABSTRACT

We study the polarization properties theoretically in a Doppler broadened N-type four-level atomic system under the effect of a strong-probe field. We calculate the polarization coherence of a system at exact analytical solution. The coherent holes are observed and controlled by adjusting the parameters of spontaneously generated coherence (SGC), transverse fields, the Doppler width and coherent coupling fields as well as the nonradiative decay rates. The three-dimension of the spectra are plotted to observe the coherent holes clearly when the probe polarization spectrum depends explicitly on the nonradiative decay rates.

erimentally using cw laser sources ^[13,14]. Also, electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT) has been applied in a four-level N-type system for several potential applications such as high-resolution spectroscopy ^[15,16]. We find that in the weak-probe limit. EIT has been studied in a wide variety of fields such as lasing without inversion, polarization control and slowing of light. When EIT is applied in non-linear processes, the response to any modifications is obtained when the probe is strong. So, it is important to see the effect of a strong probe field in several applications of the phenomenon of EIT such as the splitting of the EIT resonance and narrowing absorption peak (EIA) in ^[17,18]. Another phenomenon is called Coherent hole burning (CHB) which could be observed in a three-level ladder and Λ -type Doppler broadened medium ^[19-24]. The experimental realization of large fractional pulse delays in a hot, Doppler-broadened rubidium vapor and optical control of pulse delays in cesium vapor are demonstrated and observed resulting holes in the D₁ delay spectrum and also a hole is created in an inhomogeneously broadened electron spin transition and its spectrum is modified by driving hyperfine transitions ^[25-29]. When the perturbing laser copropagates with the probe laser, there are six (CHB) and two (EIT) that can be observed in a Doppler-broadened four level N-type atomic system by adjusting the perturbing Rabi frequency or the saturating detuning ^[30]. In previous reports ^[31-33], we presented the Doppler broadened of the imaginary part of

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the susceptibility of probe field which represent the absorption spectrum for the four-level N-type atomic system, we displayed a number of effects for the spectra behavior, the appearance of zero absorption points, controllability of EIT and EIA and also the spectral holes can be enhanced strongly by means of the transverse dependence of the electromagnetic fields in a Doppler broadened medium and presence of SGC. All the results are observed without including numerous hyperfine levels and Zeeman sublevels to the atomic system. The motivation of this paper, we report theoretically that the coherent holes phenomenon depends on a new condition when the probe field is strong as well as the presence of the spontaneously generating coherence (SGC) and the non radiative decay rates. We analyze the probe induced polarization spectra in a Doppler broadened four-level N-type atomic system when the transverse fields are taken into account with non-perturbative treatments of the density matrix elements solution. The paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II, Atomic model with strong probe field and transverse mode is obtained analytically. The discussion of the numerical results is given in Sec. III. Finally, a conclusion is obtained in Sec. IV.

II. Atomic model with strong probe field and transverse mode

The atomic system under consideration is shown in **Figure 1**. It can be described by a four-level N-type configuration. We consider an atom situated in transverse mode where the transverse profile of the beam's electric field distribution can be described with a Gaussian function:

$$\exp(-\frac{r^2}{w_i(z)^2})$$
 $(i = 1, 2, 3)$

Here, r is the distance from the beam axis, z is the coordinate along the propagation direction. The spot size of the Gaussian beam (the Gaussian beam radius) varies along the propagation direction according to

$$w_i(z): w_i^2(z) = w_{0i}^2(1+rac{z^2}{z_{0i}^2})$$

with the Rayleigh length:

$$z_{0i} = \frac{\pi w_{0i}^2}{\lambda_i}$$

and w_{0i} is called the beam waist.



Fig 1: Schematic energy of a four-level N-type atomic system interacting with a strong probe (Ω_2) and pump (Ω_1), control (Ω_3) fields.

The smallest value of the spot size $w_i(z)$ is at z = 0; where the spot size is equal to the beam waist parameter w_{0i} . In this scheme the three coherent transverse fields (pump, probe, control) have the amplitudes E_i (i = 1; 2; 3) and the same frequencies ω interact with the transition labeled $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$, $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$ and $|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$, respectively. The probe field is a strong field with the transition $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow$ $|4\rangle$. The Rabi frequencies of the three fields are represented by the transverse profile as: r^2

$$\Omega_i(r) = \Omega_{0i} \, \exp(-\frac{r^2}{w_{0i}^2}) \tag{1}$$

Where $\Omega_{01} = (d_{13}E_1/\hbar)$, $\Omega_{02} = |(d_{14}E_2/\hbar)$ and $\Omega_{03} = (d_{24}E_3/\hbar)$, d_{13} , d_{14} and d_{24} are the dipolar moment of the transitions from |i> to |j>. The radiative decay rates from the excited state |4> to the states |1>, |2> and |3> to |1> are $2\gamma_2$, $2\gamma_3$ and $2\gamma_1$, respectively. The nonradiative decay rate from the state |1> to the state |2> is γ_{00} and from the state |2> to the state |1> is γ_0 . The levels |1>, |2> and |3>, |4> are closely lying near-degenerate, so the quantum interference (SGC), due to the spontaneous emission, can be exist. Under the rotating-wave approximation, the density-matrix equations of motion ^[34,35] for the closed system take the form:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{11}}{\partial t} = i \Omega_1 \left(\rho_{12} - \rho_{31} \right) + i \Omega_2 \left(\rho_{14} - \rho_{41} \right) - 2\gamma_{00} \rho_{11} + 2\gamma_0 \rho_{22}$$
(2)

$$+ 2\gamma_1 \rho_{33} + 2\gamma_2 \rho_{44} + \gamma_{12} (\rho_{34} + \rho_{43})$$
(3)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{22}}{\partial t} = -2\gamma_0 \ \rho_{22} + 2\gamma_3 \rho_{44} + i \ \Omega_3 \left(\rho_{24} - \rho_{42}\right) + 2\gamma_{00} \rho_{11} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{33}}{\partial t} = -2\gamma_1 \rho_{33} - i \ \Omega_1 \left(\rho_{13} - \rho_{31}\right) - \gamma_{12} \left(\rho_{34} + \rho_{43}\right) \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{44}}{\partial t} = -2(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\rho_{44} - i \Omega_2 \left(\rho_{14} - \rho_{41}\right) - i \Omega_3 \left(\rho_{24} - \rho_{42}\right) - \gamma_{12}(\rho_{34} + \rho_{43}) \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{14}}{\partial t} = \left[-i\Delta_2 - \gamma_2 - \gamma_3 - \gamma_{00}\right]\rho_{14} + i\ \Omega_2\rho_{12} - i\ \Omega_1\rho_{34} + i\ \Omega_2\left(\rho_{11} - \rho_{44}\right) - \gamma_{12}\rho_{13} \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{12}}{\partial t} = \left[-i\Delta_1 - \gamma_1 - \gamma_{00}\right]\rho_{12} - i\ \Omega_2\rho_{42} + i\ \Omega_1\left(\rho_{11} - \rho_{33}\right) - \gamma_{12}\rho_{14} \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{12}}{\partial t} = \left[-i(\Delta_2 - \Delta_3) - \gamma_o - \gamma_{00}\right]\rho_{12} - i\ \Omega_1\rho_{32} - i\ \Omega_2\rho_{42} + i\ \Omega_3\rho_{14} + 2\gamma_{23}\rho_{44} \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{24}}{\partial t} = \left[-i\Delta_3 - \gamma_2 - \gamma_3 - \gamma_o\right]\rho_{24} + i\ \Omega_2\rho_{21} + i\ \Omega_3\left(\rho_{22} - \rho_{44}\right) - \gamma_{12}\rho_{23} \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{22}}{\partial r_2} = c_{24} + c_{24$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{22}}{\partial t} = \left[-i(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 + \Delta_3) - \gamma_1 - \gamma_0\right]\rho_{22} + i\ \Omega_1\rho_{21} - i\ \Omega_3\rho_{43} - \gamma_{12}\rho_{24} \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{34}}{\partial t} = \left[i(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2) - \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 - \gamma_3\right]\rho_{34} - i\ \Omega_1\rho_{14} + i\ \Omega_2\rho_{31} + i\ \Omega_3\rho_{32} - \gamma_{12}(\rho_{33} + \rho_{44})$$
(12)

the above equations are constrained by:

$$\rho_{11} + \rho_{22} + \rho_{33} + \rho_{44} = 1$$
 and $\rho_{ij} = \rho_{ji}^{*}$ (13)

The term $\gamma_{12} = p_1 \sqrt{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}$ represents the quantum interference (SGC) resulting from the cross coupling between the transitions $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$ and $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$. The term $\gamma_{23} = p_2 \sqrt{\gamma_2 \gamma_3}$ represents the effect of SGC resulting from the cross coupling between the transitions $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$ and $|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$. The parameters p_1 and p_2 are defined as: $p_1 = d_{13}:d_{14}/|d_{13}:d_{14}||$ and $p_2 = d_{14}:d_{24}/|d_{14}:d_{24}||$, where the parameter $p_1(p_2)$ denotes the alignment of the two dipole moments. The existence of SGC depends on the nonorthogonality of the dipole moments d_{14} and $d_{13}(d_{14}) = 1$ and disappear when $p_1(p_2) = 0$: Under consideration that one field acting on only one transition, the Rabi frequencies are modified and related to the SGC by the relations:

$$\Omega_1(r) = \Omega_{01} \exp(-\frac{r^2}{w_{01}^2}) \sqrt{1 - p_1^2}$$
(14)

$$\Omega_2(r) = \Omega_{02} \ \exp(-\frac{r^2}{w_{02}^2}) \sqrt{1 - p_1^2} \eqno(15)$$

$$\Omega_{3}(r) = \Omega_{03} \exp(-\frac{r^{2}}{m^{2}})\sqrt{1-p_{2}^{2}}$$
(16)

The Rabi frequencies Ω_{01} , Ω_{02} and Ω_{03} correspond to zero interference and without Gaussian effect. We take $w_{01} = w_{02} = w_{03} = w_0$. For an atom moving with velocity *v*; the coherent field frequency detunings from its atomic resonance with the same Doppler shift kv ($k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k$) are given by: (i = 1, 2, 3)

$$\Delta_i = \Delta_{0i} - kv \tag{17}$$

where: $\Delta_{01} = \omega_{13} - \omega$, $\Delta_{02} = \omega_{14} - \omega$ and $\Delta_{03} = \omega_{24} - \omega$, denoted the detunings for the atom at rest. ω_{ii} is the transition frequency from level i and j. The driving fields are propagating in the same direction as the probe field. Then the density matrix equations of motion (2 -12) can be solved at the steady state by exact analytical calculations to obtain the coherent term ρ_{14} under the effect of Doppler broadening. As is known, the response of the atomic medium to the probe field is governed by its atomic polarization: $P = \epsilon_0 \chi E_2$, where χ being the complex susceptibility of the atomic medium, and ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space. The induced atomic polarization is related to the density matrix element by: $P = N_0 d_{14} \rho_{14}$ where N_0 is the atom number density of the medium. The atomic polarization is to be averaged over the Maxwellian distribution for the atomic velocities and the transverse field profiles and is given by:

$$< P> = \frac{N_0 \ d_{14}}{\frac{w_0^2}{4} \left(1 - \exp(-\frac{2r_0^2}{w_0^2}\right) \left(\sqrt{\pi u^2} \int_0^{r_0} \exp(-\frac{r^2}{w_0^2}) r \ dr \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho_{14}(r, v) \exp[-\frac{v^2}{u^2}] \ dv \quad (18)$$

Where $u = \sqrt{2KT/m}$ represents the most probable atomic velocity, *m* being the mass of an atom, *K* is Boltzmann's constant, *T* is the absolute temperature and r_0 is the radial position with respect to the common axis of the beam.



Fig 2: The probe polarization spectrum (abs(<P>)) versus the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2), for $\gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_2$, $\Omega_{01}=4\gamma_2$, $\Omega_{03}=7\gamma_2$, $D/\gamma_2=ku/\gamma_2=10$, $\gamma_{00}=\gamma_0=0.01$, (p₁=0.99, p₂=0). Plot (**a**) for $\Omega_{02}=10\gamma_2$. Plot (**b**) for $\Omega_{02}=20\gamma_2$, at r₁=0.2, 1, 2.

III. Numerical Results

We now discuss the results for the strong probe spectra of a Doppler broadened four-level N -type atomic system via transverse fields in the presence of SGC by performing the numerical evaluations of the integrals in Eqn. (18). The strong probe and transverse field can significantly modify the optical properties of this atomic system. We focus on the dependence of the polarization of the strong probe field on the SGC to achieve coherent hole phenomenon without saturation field. We assume the parameters $\gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_2$, $\Delta_{01} = \Delta_{03} = 0$ and all Figures are plotted in the unit of γ_2 . The nonradiative decay rate from the state $|1\rangle$ to the state $|2\rangle$ (γ_{00}) is equal to that from the state $|2\rangle$ to the state $|1\rangle$ (γ_0), so ($\gamma_0 = \gamma_{00} = 0.01$ γ_2), and the Doppler width is $(D/\gamma_2 = ku/\gamma_2 = 10)$ unless another stated. The parameter $r_1(=\frac{ro}{wo})$ measures the transverse effect. The two-dimensional polarization spectrum is taken as a function of the probe detuning (Δ_2) in the Figures.

In **Figure 2**, we present the behavior of the polarization spectrum under the influence of the parameter of the transverse field. The parameters of SGC are taken as $(p_1=0.99, p_2=0)$ and $\Omega_{01}=4\gamma_2$, $\Omega_{03}=7\gamma_2$. In each plot, we have three curves for different values of the parameter $r_1(0.2, 1, 2)$ to measure the transverse effect. The solid curve for $r_1 = 0.2$, the dashed curve for $r_1 = 1$ and the dotted curve for $r_1 = 2$. We now investigate the effect of a strong probe field on the polarization spectrum. At first when the Rabi frequency of strong probe field is equal $\Omega_{02} = 10\gamma_2$ as in Plot (a), the solid curve $(r_1 = 0.2)$ shows EIT window with two holes around the resonance and for $r_1 = 1$, the two holes become small as in dashed curve, while the dotted curve has an EIT window only, when increasing the transverse field parameter at ($r_1 = 2$). The coherent holes are observed obviously when the Rabi frequency of strong probe field has an intensity: ($\Omega_{02}=20\gamma_2$) as in Plot (*b*), the two holes have great depth at $r_1 = 0.2$ (solid curve). The depth of the holes is decreased and the external wings of the holes ascend to the higher values when $r_1 = 1$. The polarization spectrum shows two holes which fall in the EIT window with increasing the transverse field parameter ($r_1 = 2$) in the dotted curve. The polarization spectra are modified for each value of the transverse field parameter, so we can control the quality of the coherent hole via the transverse field parameter.

Now, we investigate the effect of the spontaneously generated coherence (SGC) on the polarization spectrum in **Figure 3**, plots (a), (b) and (c) are used for $p_2 = 0.2$, 0.6, 0.8, respectively and $p_1 = 0.99$ and plots (d), (e) and (f) for $p_1 = 0.97$, 0.9, 0.6, respectively and $p_2 = 0$. The parameter of the transverse field is taken as $r_1 = 0.2$, the intensity of the Rabi frequency of probe fields are taken as: $\Omega_{02} = 20\gamma_2$ and the other data as in **Figure 2**. We observe from plots (a), (b) and (c) that the coherent holes disappear as the parameter of the (SGC) p_2 is increased (which results from the cross coupling the levels $|1\rangle$, $|2\rangle$ with level $|4\rangle$) where we obtain EIT window only in plot (c). Unlike the plots (d), (e) and (f) which show that holes disappear as the parameter of the (SGC) p_1 are decreased (which result from the cross coupling the levels $|3\rangle$, $|4\rangle$ with level $|1\rangle$). The striking point, we observed that the coherent holes are inside EIT window which has became wide (narrowness) when the parameter of (SGC) $p_1(p_2)$ decreased (increased).

We discuss the influence of the parameter of the Doppler width (D) on the polarization spectrum in Figure 4. The parameters of SGC are taken as $(p_1 = 0.99, p_2 = 0)$ in plot (a), $(p_1 = 0.9, p_2 = 3)$ in plot (b), $(p_1 = 0.9, p_2 = 0.9)$ in plot (c) and the other data as in Figure 3. We plot the two-dimensional polarization spectrum with different values for (D = 5, 20, 40), the solid curve is considered for D = 5, the dashed curve for D = 20 and the dotted curve for D = 40. At D = 5, we have three cases in plots (a), (b), (c): for $(p_1 = 0.99, p_2 = 0)$ as in plot (a), the polarization spectrum show two deep holes on the two sides of the EIT window. In plot (b), for $(p_1 = 0.9, p_2 = 3)$ the deep of the holes are reduced, but at $(p_1 = 0.9, p_2 =$ 0.9) as in plot (c), the holes disappear and we have only EIT window. We notice also that at the parameter of the Doppler width (D = 20; 40), the coherent holes became broad and wide as well as the polarization spectrum is suppressed.

Figure 5 exhibits the influence of coherent pumping and coupling fields on the probe polarization spectrum for various intensity of the pumping field with Rabi frequency ($\Omega_{01} = 6\gamma_2$, $26\gamma_2$, $36\gamma_2$) as shown in plots (a), (b) and (c), respectively and for various intensity of the Rabi frequency of coupling field ($\Omega_{03} = 4\gamma_2, 24\gamma_2, 34\gamma_2$) which displayed in plots (d), (e) and (f), respectively. The two parameters of SGC are taken as $(p_1 = 0.99, p_2 =$ 0) and the other data as in Figure 3. When we increase the intensity of the Rabi frequency of pumping field (Ω_{03}) , the coherent holes fall inside EIT window gradually until they disappear as in plots (a), (b) and (c). But when we increase the intensity of the Rabi frequency of coupling field (Ω_{03}), the coherent holes rise to the top of the polarization spectrum outside the EIT window as well as increasing the width of the EIT window.



Fig 3: The probe polarization spectrum (abs(<P>)) versus the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2), for $\Omega_{02}=20\gamma_2$, $r_1=0.2$, and other data as in **Figure 2**. Plots (**a**), (**b**), (**c**) for ($p_1=0.99$, $p_2=0.2$, 0.6, 0.8). Plots (**d**), (**e**), (**f**) for ($p_2=0$, $p_1=0.97$, 0.9, 0.6).



Fig 4: The probe polarization spectrum (abs(<P>)) versus the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2), ($p_1=0.99$, $p_2=0$) in plot (a), ($p_1=0.9$, $p_2=0.3$) in plot (b), ($p_1=0.9$, $p_2=0.9$) in plot (c), for (D = 5, 20, 40). The other data are as in **Figure 3**.



Fig 5: The probe polarization spectrum (abs(<P>)) versus the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2) , for $(\Omega_{01} = 6\gamma_2, 26\gamma_2, 36\gamma_2)$ in plots (a), (b) and (c). $(\Omega_{03} = 4\gamma_2, 24\gamma_2, 34\gamma_2)$ in plots (d), (e) and (f) for $(p_1=0.99, p_2=0)$. The other data are as in **Figure 3**.

The nonradiative decay rates are considered the main source of the coherent holes, we examine the effect of the nonradiative decay rates on the polarization spectrum in **Figure 6**. The Doppler width (D = 10) and the other data are as in **Figure 4**. In plot (*a*), enlarged spectrum is observed at small value of γ_0 (= 0.04) for the dotted curve, and we also obtain two deep coherent holes. When increasing the nonradiative decay rates at

 $(\gamma_0 = 0.6)$ in the solid curve, the depth of the coherent holes is reduced. At $(\gamma_{00} = 1.6)$, the two holes are dropped into the EIT window which are exhibited only as shown in the dashed curve. In plot (*b*), we present plot (*a*) in the three-dimensions to show the dependence and behavior of the probe polarization spectrum explicitly on the nonradiative decay rate.



Fig 6: In plot (**a**), the probe polarization spectrum (abs($\langle P \rangle$)) versus the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2), for ($\gamma_0 = 0.04, 0.6, 1.6$). Plot (**b**) for the 3D probe polarization spectrum (abs($\langle P \rangle$)) as a function of the nonradiative decay rate (γ_0) and the probe frequency detuning (Δ_2/γ_2), and other data as in **Figure 4**.

IV. Conclusion

We have studied theoretically the probe polarization spectra of a Doppler broadened four-level N - type atomic system driven with the transverse fields. The strong probe field has been used to produce the coherent holes which appear deeper and clearer in the probe polarization spectrum when we increase the strong probe The coherent holes become much more field. controllable in width and depth by the transverse field parameter. The parameters of the spontaneously generated coherence (SGC) are important in displaying the hole phenomenon. The nonradiative decay rates have a major role in the appearance the coherent holes. By adjusting the intensity of the Rabi frequency of pumping field (Ω_{01}) or the intensity of the Rabi frequency of coupling field (Ω_{03}); we can observe different behaviors of the coherent holes. The holes phenomenon can be observed clearly by the 3D polarization spectrum when the probe polarization spectrum depends upon the nonradiative decay rate parameters. Finally, the properties of the probe polarization spectra of a Doppler broadened four-level N - type atomic system as well as the coherent holes phenomenon are more significantly modified by the strong probe field and the transverse parameter.

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