

Optical Gain

In this tutorial we present how can be calculated the generated carriers upon optical irradiation. The irradiation parameters are the *poynthing vector magnitude*, *Mid energy of the irradiation*, *Line width*.

Physics model

The transition rate per volume element can be expressed with the following sum:
$$R = R_{ab} - R_{ba} = \frac{2}{V} \sum_{k_a} \sum_{k_b} \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |H_{ba}|^2 \delta(E_b - E_a - \hbar\omega)(f_a - f_b)$$

In order to make evaluate the sum much faster we calculate the H_{ba} matrix element at $k_a = 0$; $k_b = 0$ (Remark: $k_a = k_b$), and we neglect the k dependence of it. Then we can simplify the sum in the following form, if the irradiation has the $\gamma(E, w)$ broadening function, where E is the irradiation energy, and w is the line width.

$$R(E, w) = C |S| \int dE_a dE_b \gamma(E_a - E, w) \cdot H(E_a - E) \cdot [n(E_a) - p(E_b)]$$

Here C is an energy independent constant. and $|S|$ is the magnitude of the Poynting vector.

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