

What is Q switching?

Categories: light pulses, methods DOI: 10.61835/fdh Cite the article: BibTex plain text HTML Link to this page LinkedIn Q switching is a technique for obtaining energetic short (but not ultrashort) light pulses from a laser by modulating the intracavity losses and thus the Q factor of the laser resonator.

How does passive Q switching work?

For passive Q switching (sometimes called self Q switching), the losses are automatically modulated with a saturable absorber (Figure 2). Here, the pulse is formed as soon as the energy stored in the gain medium (and thus the gain) has reached a sufficiently high level to overcome the total losses per round trip.

What are the key steps of a Q-switching process?

Key steps of the Q-switching process include the Q-switch state (cavity loss), energy storage, and output power as a function of time (see Fig. 1). At the start of each cycle, the Q-switching element is set to prevent lasing.

What is Q switching in laser resonator?

Q switching is a technique for obtaining energetic short (but not ultrashort) light pulses from a laser by modulating the intracavity losses and thus the Q factor of the laser resonator. The technique is mainly applied for the generation of nanosecond pulses of high energy and peak power with solid-state bulk lasers.

Which saturable absorber material is used for passive Q switching?

A frequently used saturable absorber material for passive Q switching of 1-mm YAG lasers is Cr<sup>4+</sup>:YAG. For 1.5-mm erbium lasers, there are Co<sup>2+</sup>:MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Co<sup>2+</sup>:ZnSe and other cobalt-doped crystals, and glasses which are doped with PbS quantum dots. V<sup>3+</sup>:YAG crystals are suitable for the 1.3-mm region.

What is thermal energy storage based on phase change materials?

Thermal energy storage based on phase change materials (PCMs) is of particular interest in many applications, such as the heating and cooling of buildings, battery and electronic thermal management, and thermal textiles.

A Q-switched laser is a laser to which the technique of active or passive Q switching is applied, so that it emits energetic light pulses. Typical applications of such lasers are laser material processing (e.g. cutting, drilling, laser marking), ...

The working electrode is the core part at which the active material occurs energy converting and EC switching via the charge stores and releases in the redox reaction process, the main function of the counter electrode is to balance the charge and store the ion during the reaction, and the electrolyte is to ensure the ionic transport between ...

Laser: Q-switching o Methods of Q-switching: There are many ways to Q-switch a laser o Active Q-switching  
 1. Mechanical devices- shutters, chopper wheel or spinning mirror. 2. Electro-optic device: Pockel cells and  
 Kerr cells. 3. Acousto-optic device o Passive Q-switching 1. Q-switch is a saturable absorber. Preparatory  
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by (8.12), the total energy extraction from a Q-switched laser depends also on the fluorescence losses and ASE  
 depopulation losses prior to opening of the Q-switch. The overall efficiency of the Q-switch process was  
 defined in Sect. 3.4.1 as the product of the Q-switch extraction efficiency, storage efficiency and depopulation  
 efficiency.

To compare performance among different electrochromic materials and devices, researchers use the coloration  
 efficiency as a key parameter. Coloration efficiency (CE) is given by (1)  $CE (l) = DOD / Q = \log(T_b / T_c) / Q$   
 where Q is the electronic charge inserted into or extracted from the electrochromic material per unit area,  
 DOD is the change of optical density, ...

The energy storage capability of laser materials can be utilized to generate short pulses in the nanosecond  
 pulse regime. Peak powers of up to several hundred MW with pulse ...

Q-switching In order to store many atoms in an upper level, the flow to a lower level must first be limited.  
 Thus, stimulated emission must be prevented by placing an attenuator in the cavity to stop light from  
 travelling back and forth (note: this attenuator is usually a light modulator, rather than a mechanical shutter,  
 which reduces the ...

lasers using various active media types (crystals, glasses or ceramic) operated in Q-switching and/or  
 mode-locking techniques [1-10]. Among the short light pulses laser generators, those operated in Q-switching  
 regime and emitting pulses of nanosecond FWHM duration occupy a large part of civilian (material processing  
 - for example: nano-

Recently, perovskite materials have drawn the attention of researchers due to their promising properties in  
 energy conversion and energy storage applications. In this work, we ...

8.1. Q-Switch Theory 281 In (8.1) we expressed the photon lifetime  $\tau_c$  by the round-trip time  $\tau_r$  and the  
 fractional loss  $e$  per round trip according to (3.8). Also, a distinction is made between the length of the active  
 material  $l$  and the length of the resonator  $L$ . Q-switching is accomplished by making  $e$  an explicit function of  
 time (e.g., rotating mirror or Pockels cell Q-switch) or a ...

This work reviews all-fiber actively Q-switched oscillators' development and research status, introduces  
 various active Q-switching technologies and Q-factor optical modulators in chronological order, and looks  
 forward to future development. ... the excellent large-mode field gain fiber simultaneously achieves high

energy storage, high beam ...

Basically, Q-switching operation relies on a fast switching of laser resonator quality factor  $Q$  from a low value (corresponding to large optical losses) to a high one ...

In summary, this work uses a simple codoping method to improve the energy storage performance of BiT thin film and elucidates the polarization switching behavior of a ...

This energy can be used to generate electricity or be stored in batteries or thermal storage. Below, you can find resources and information on the basics of solar radiation, photovoltaic and concentrating solar-thermal ...

Increasing penetration of power generation from renewable energy sources (RES) promotes the development of energy conversion and storage technologies to smooth the fluctuations in power supply and demand [[1], [2], [3], [4]]. The key to realizing a high-proportioned RES supply system lies in integrating the growing share of intermittent sources into a power ...

However, conventional Q-switching techniques (e.g., in acousto-optic and electro-optic modulators) are based on periodic energy storage and depletion and therefore cannot be transplanted directly ...

Q switching is a method for generating intense short pulses (sometimes called "giant pulses") of light with a laser. The basic principle is as follows: In a first phase, the gain medium is pumped, while the extraction of energy as laser light is prevented by keeping the resonator losses high (that is, the  $Q$  factor is kept low). This can be done with active or passive means.

With the increasing population growth and economic development, sustainable and versatile energy is urgently needed to replace traditional fossil energy [1]. Lithium batteries, generally divided into lithium-ion batteries (LIBs), lithium-sulfur batteries (LSBs), and lithium metal batteries (LMBs) based on the different anode and cathode materials, have revolutionized ...

Switching of the cavity loss may be achieved using either passive or active means, e.g., slow saturable absorbers based on dye-doped polymer can be placed in the cavity to initiate passive Q-switching, and acousto-optic modulators are commonly used for active Q-switching. For maximum pulse energy, repetition rates are typically less than 1 kHz.

Tremendous efforts have been made for further improvement of the energy storage density of BTO ceramic. The nature of strongly intercoupled macrodomains in the FE state can be modified to nanodomains as a characteristic of the relaxor-ferroelectric (RFE) state that lowers the energy barriers for polarization switching, and gives rise to a slimmer ...

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Metal oxides based thermochemical energy storage materials own the features of high energy storage temperature and high energy density. Presently, the metal oxides with promising applications include  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CoO}$  redox pair [28],  $\text{CuO}/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  redox pair [29],  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$  redox pair [30] and other complex perovskite materials [31], [32] .

Materials to be used for phase change thermal energy storage must have a large latent heat and high thermal conductivity. They should have a melting temperature lying in the practical range of operation, melt congruently with minimum subcooling and be chemically stable, low in cost, non-toxic and non-corrosive.

Currently, several families of ceramic materials like perovskite, pyrochlore, fluorite, metal oxides, and glass-based dielectrics have been intensively investigated to be used as a dielectric medium for electrostatic capacitors [8, 9]. Among these, pyrochlores attained the attention of modern researchers due to their high structural stability and excellent energy ...

The main Li evolution process consists of the Li-S bond breaking in  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}$  and the leaving of lithium ion, [25], [26] both of which require high energy (Figs. 1 A-1B and S1). The energy barrier of pristine  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}$  is as high as 3.4 eV per chemical formula, while the energy barrier of  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}@\text{NC:SAFe}$  is merely 0.81 eV (Fig. 1 C).

The requirement for energy in many electronic and automotive sectors is rising very quickly as a result of the growing global population and ongoing economic development [1], [2], [3]. According to the data from the International Energy Agency, the world's energy needs have increased by more than twice in the last 40 years [4], [5], [6]. Green energy sources are now ...

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490 8. Q-Switching many instances Q-switches are so fast that no significant change of population inversion takes place during the switching process; in these cases  $z$  can be approximated by a step function. 8.1.1 Fast Q-Switch In the ideal case, where the transition from low Q to high Q is made instantaneously,

$g_0$  small-signal gain for a homogeneous gain material, where, in the steady-state,  $g = g_0/(1+2I/I_{\text{sat}})$  (with a factor of 2 for a linear standing-wave resonator) 8.1 Active Q-Switching 8.1.1 Fundamental Principle of Active Q-Switching The method of active Q-switching relies on the following considerations (see Fig. 8.1).

Cryogenic technologies are commonly used for industrial processes, such as air separation and natural gas

liquefaction. Another recently proposed and tested cryogenic application is Liquid Air Energy Storage (LAES). This technology allows for large-scale long-duration storage of renewable energy in the power grid.

Storing thermal energy by changing the aggregate state of matter, usually from solid to liquid (e.g., ice bank and most conventional PCMs), is the most common method. Such a phase transformation normally takes place within a relatively ...

a) An illustration of the phase-change process. b) The working phenomena of S-S phase-change transition. c) The comparative characteristics of S-S PCMs and S-L PCMs.

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