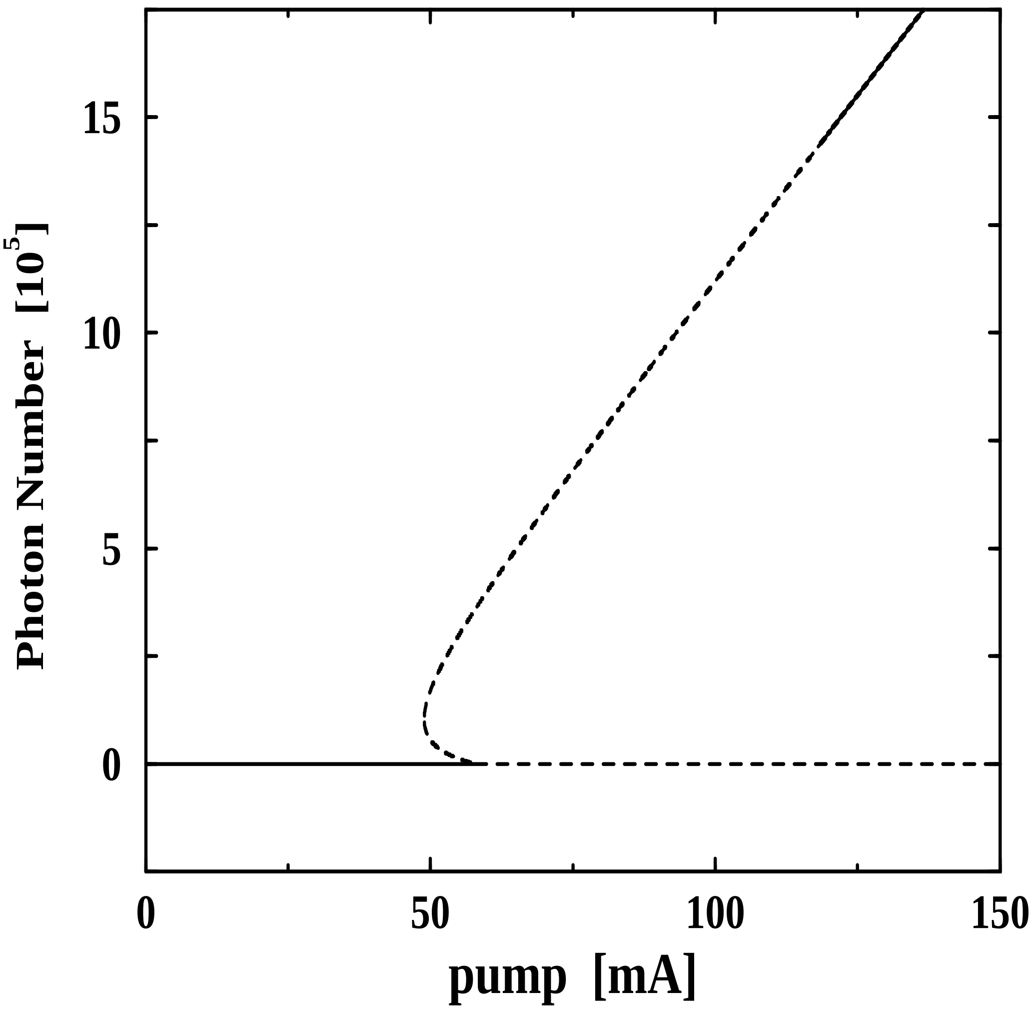

Figure 3: The light-current characteristic of the narrow-stripe laser with parameters as listed in Table I. Dashed lines indicate instability. Note that for currents smaller than the threshold current, at which the zero solution becomes unstable, already lasing solutions are possible.