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# НАНОСТРУКТУРЫ И НАНОМАСШТАБНЫЕ ЯВЛЕНИЯ

## Квантовая оптика с атомными поляритонами

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Physical Review, JETP, JETP Letts, Applied Physics, IOP etc.**

# Содержание курса

## Лекция 1. Термализация связанных атомно-оптических состояний.

- ✓ Введение: Критические явления и фазовые переходы в связанных состояниях среды и поля;
- ✓ Новые явления в атомных газах сверхвысокого давления;

## Лекция 2. Высокотемпературные фазовые переходы в атомно-оптических системах.

- ✓ Сверхизлучательный фазовый переход фотонов при ОС;
- ✓ 1D БЭК атомных поляритонов в микротрубках ;
- ✓ 2D БЭК фотонов.

## Лекция 3. Квантовые технологии со связанными состояниями среды и поля.

- ✓ Современные технологии для удержания и манипулирования атомами;
- ✓ Поляритонные кристаллы - новые квантовые материалы для хранения и обработки информации;
- ✓ Поляритонные солитоны- новые объекты для передачи информации.

## Общая информация

# Ultra-High Density Atomic Gases

Old question: *What happens to radiation when many atoms interact “collectively” with light and how we can implement that?*

## Dilute atomic gases

$n$  is atomic gas density,

$\lambda \simeq 1\mu m$  is light wavelength .

$$n\lambda^3 \ll 1$$
$$n \ll 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



**Such densities are typical for atomic BEC and EIT observation, for various schemes of quantum optical memory**

## Ultra-high density atomic medium

$$n\lambda^3 > 1,$$
$$n \simeq 10^{15} \div 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

# Plan of Lecture 1

1. Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC) phenomena.
2. Outlook of phase transitions and coherent effects for various coupled matter-field states in condensed matter physics.
3. Thermalization of coupled atom-field (dressed) states in the presence of optical collisions.
  - *atom-field interaction in dressed state picture;*
  - *the effect of optical collisions.*
4. Outlook

# Бозе-эйнштейновский конденсат (БЭК) - новое состояние материи

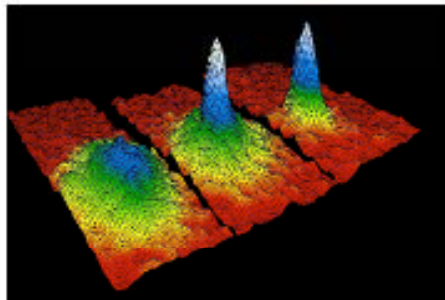
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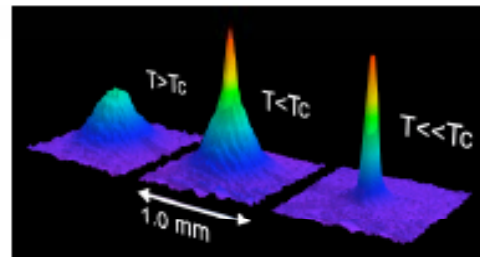
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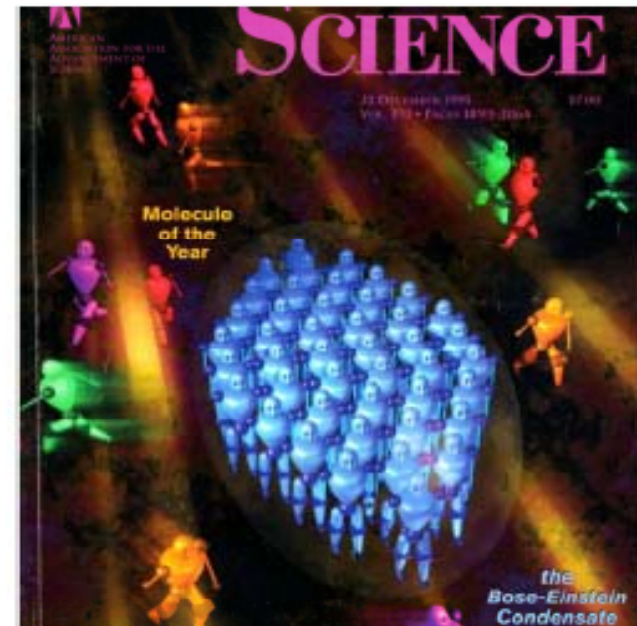


JILA  $^{87}\text{Rb}$



MIT  $^{23}\text{Na}$

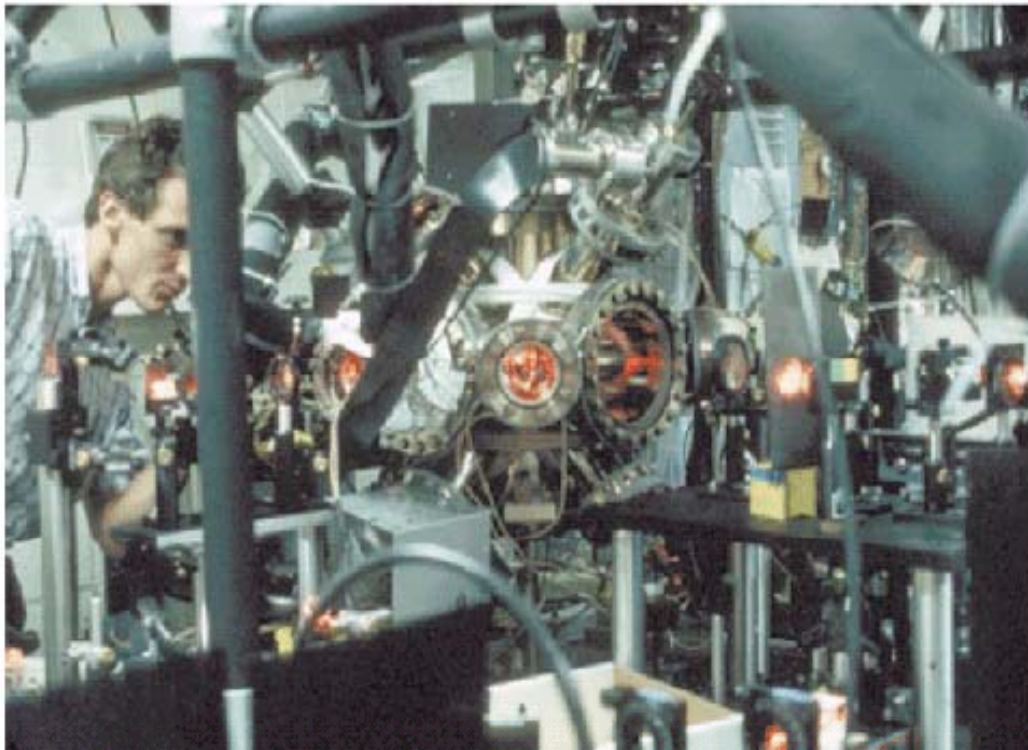
Все атомы в одном и том же  
состоянии



Атомы формируют одну  
большую материальную  
волну де Бройля

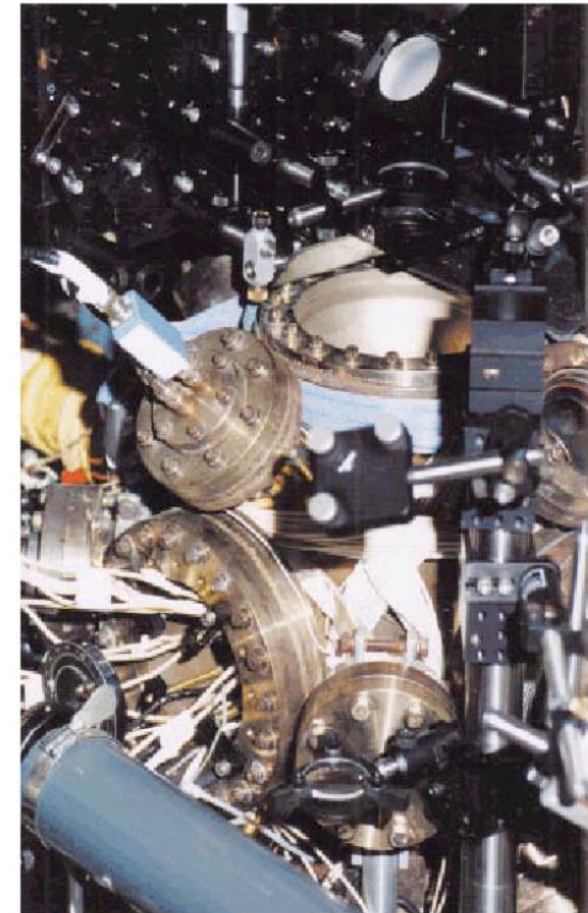
# Установка по получению атомных конденсатов

В.Кеттерле, УФН, т. 173, с. 1339 (2003)



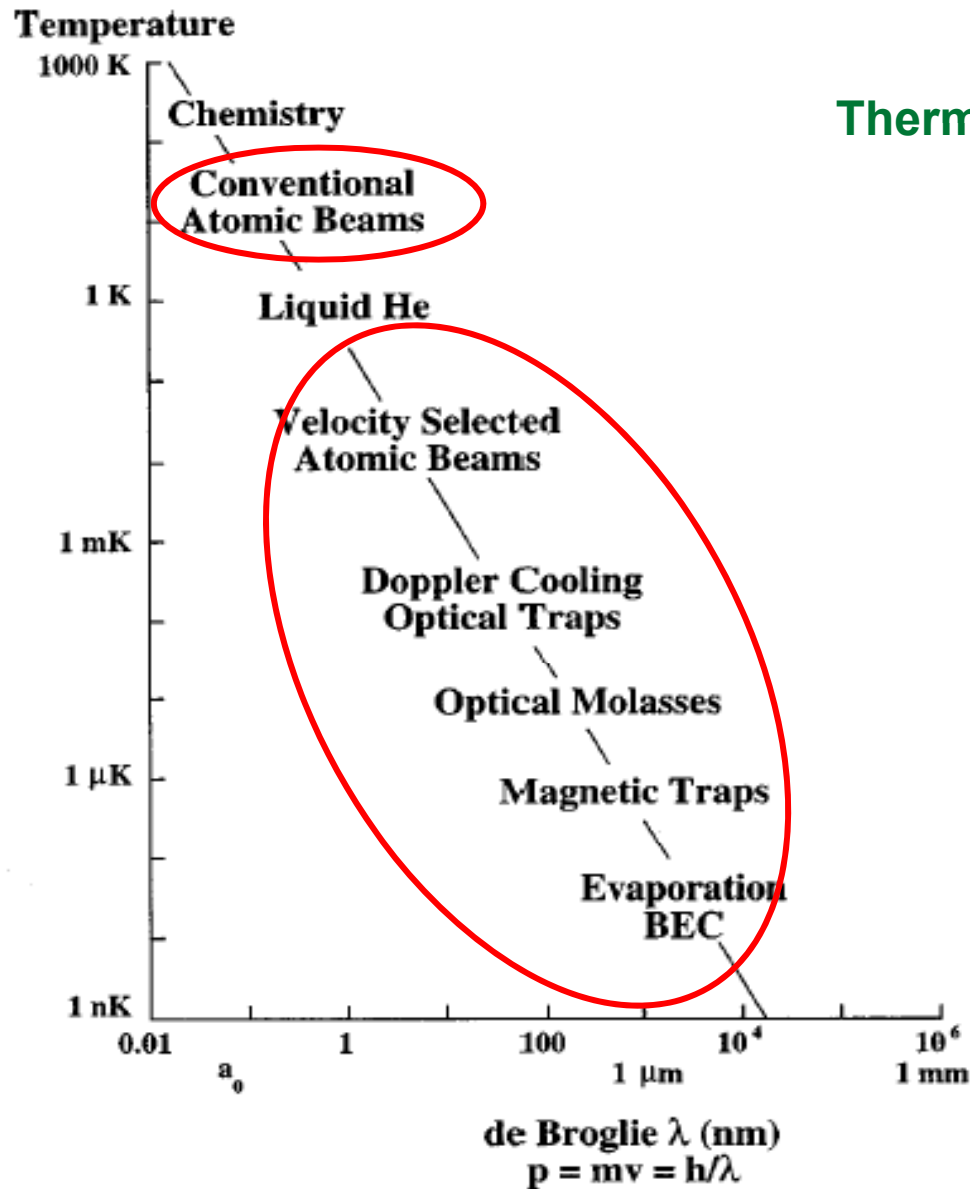
1. Глубокое лазерное охлаждение

2. Охлаждение испарением



Магнито-оптическая ловушка

# Понижение температуры - главный способ получения БЭК атомов



Thermal De Broglie wavelength

$$\lambda_{dB} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{mk_B T}}$$



Illustrative plot of various phenomena along a scale of temperature plotted against the de Broglie Wavelength



# Может ли Газ Атомов Быть Квантовым?

Magneto-optical trap

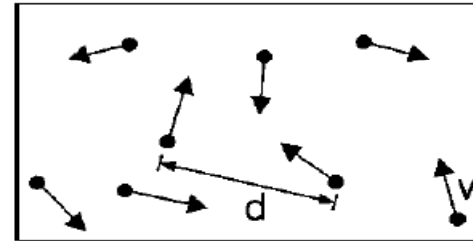
From room temperature to  
100  $\mu\text{K}$

Molasses

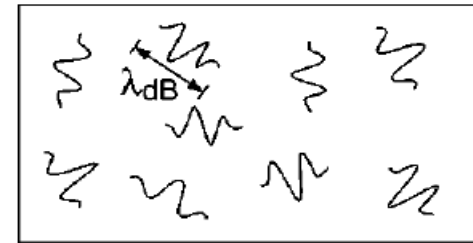
100  $\mu\text{K}$   $\longrightarrow$  10  $\mu\text{K}$

$$n\lambda^3 = 10^{-7}$$

Intrinsically limited because  
of the dissipative character of  
the MOT.



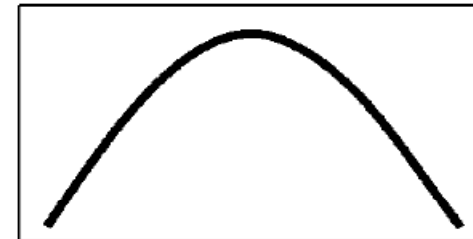
**High Temperature T:**  
thermal velocity  $v$   
density  $d^{-3}$   
"Billiard balls"



**Low Temperature T:**  
De Broglie wavelength  
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$   
"Wave packets"



**T = T<sub>c</sub>:**  
**BEC**  
 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$   
"Matter wave overlap"

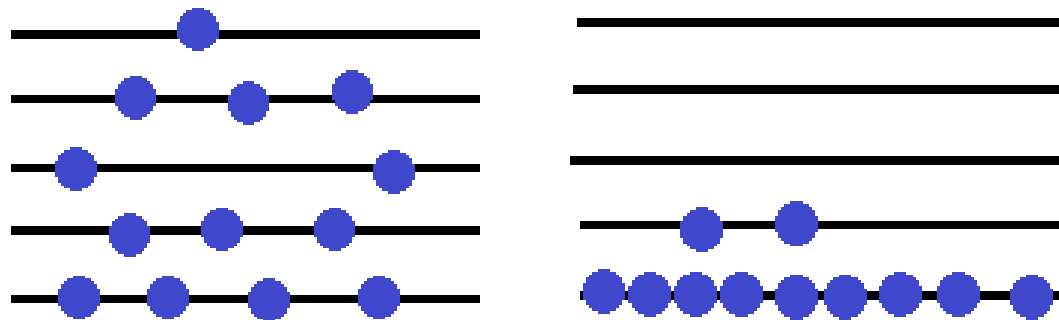


**T = 0:**  
**Pure Bose condensate**  
"Giant matter wave"

# Конденсация Бозе-Эйнштейна

В 1924г. индийский физик С. Бозе опубликовал статью по статистике газов, в которой показал, что при определенных условиях частицы газа могут занимать основное состояние.

Это происходит в условиях фазового перехода в конденсированное состояние.



$$T > T_c$$

$$T = T_c$$

Критическую температуру  $T_c$  можно определить из условия

$$\lambda_{dB} \approx r$$

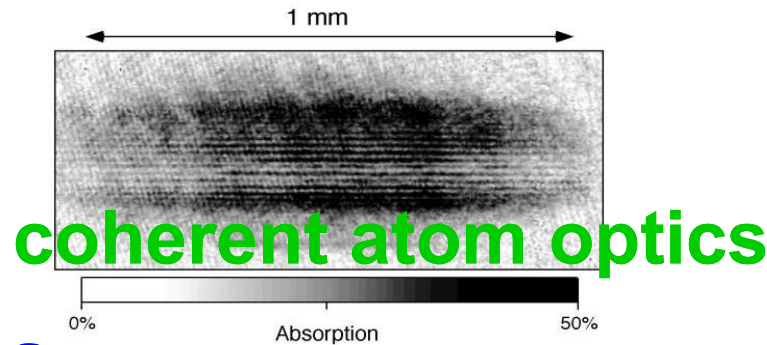
$$T_c \approx \frac{h^2 n^{2/3}}{3k_B m}$$

В эксперименте получают до  $10^9$  конденсированных атомов

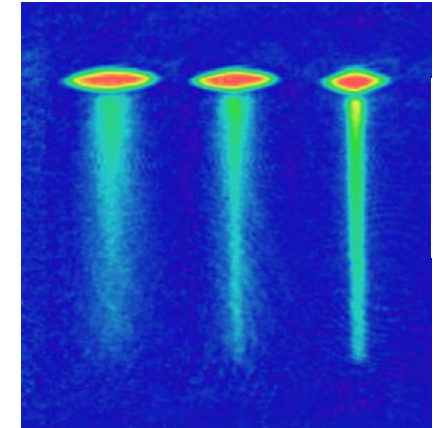
Для атомов критическая температура лежит в области десятков наноКельвин

# Bose-Einstein Condensate properties

matter-wave coherence

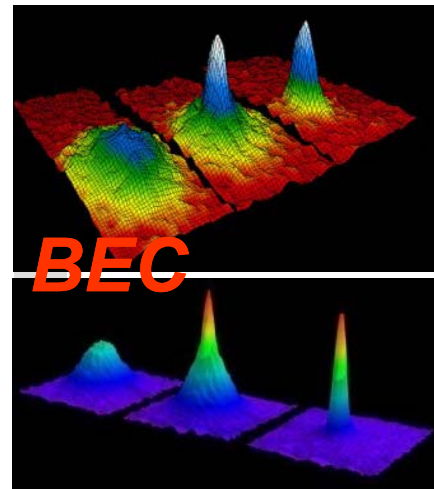


atom laser

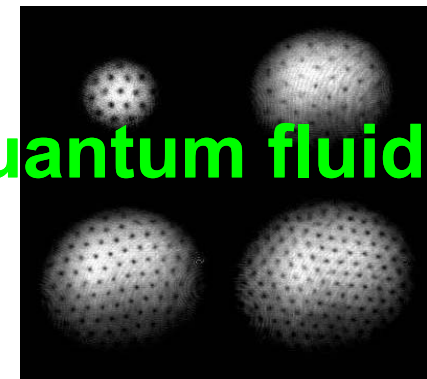


## Основные свойства

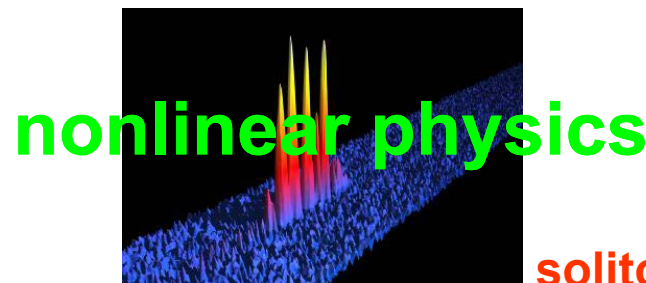
- 1) Термодинамически равновесное состояние,
- 2) Когерентное состояние, характеризуемое определенной фазой и описываемое макроскопической волновой функцией.



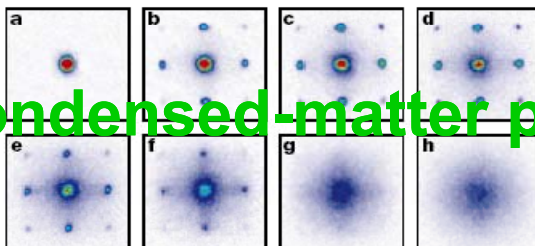
quantum fluids



vortices



condensed-matter physics



Mott insulator

# Theoretical Description of the Condensate

The Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_i) + \sum_{i<j} W(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

↓ Confining potential
 ↓ Interactions between atoms

➔ At low temperature, we can replace the real potential

$$W(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

$$W(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \longrightarrow g \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \quad g = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m}, \quad a : \text{scattering length}$$

➔ Hartree approximation:

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \approx \psi(\vec{r}_1) \psi(\vec{r}_2) \dots \psi(\vec{r}_N)$$

Treatment valid in the dilute regime:

**Gross-Pitaevski equation** (or non-linear Schrödinger's equation) :

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V(\vec{r}) + Ng |\psi(\vec{r})|^2 \right) \psi(\vec{r}) = \mu \psi(\vec{r})$$

**Complete analogy with laser beam propagation in optics!**

# Elementary Excitation Spectrum

Weakly interacting gas: Bogoliubov theory ,

Bogoliubov, N., 1947. *J. Phys. USSR* **11**, 23.



$$\hat{H} = \sum_p E_p \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_p + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} U_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} \hat{a}_{p_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p_3} \hat{a}_{p_4}$$

- Hamiltonian in momentum space

Diagonalization by using Bogoliubov transformation

$$\hat{a}_p = c_p \hat{A}_p + s_p \hat{A}_{-p}^\dagger \quad \hat{a}_p^\dagger = c_p \hat{A}_p^\dagger + s_p \hat{A}_{-p}$$

with  $c_p, s_p$  real numbers satisfying  $c_p^2 - s_p^2 = 1$ .

Now Hamiltonian is  $\hat{H} = E_0 + \sum_{p \neq 0} \mathcal{E}_p \hat{A}_p^\dagger \hat{A}_p$  where

$$E_0 = \frac{U_0 N(N-1)}{V} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \neq 0} \left( \mathcal{E}_p - \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{U_0 N}{V} \right), \quad \mathcal{E}_p = \sqrt{\left( \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{U_0 N}{V} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{U_0 N}{V} \right)^2}$$

Elementary excitation spectrum

$$\text{Or, } \mathcal{E}_k \simeq \begin{cases} \sqrt{4\pi a \rho} \hbar^2 k / m, & \text{for } k \rightarrow 0, \\ \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m, & \text{for } k \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

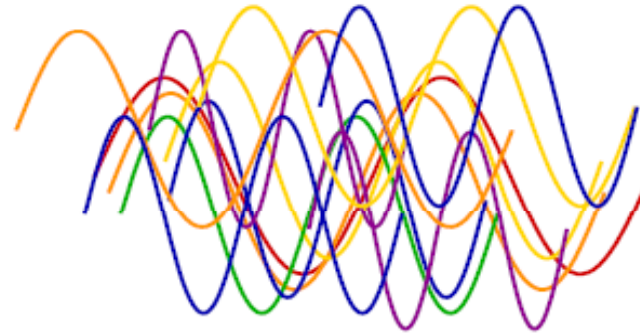
Sound velocity is  $c = \sqrt{4\pi a \rho} \hbar / m$

# Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation - LASERs



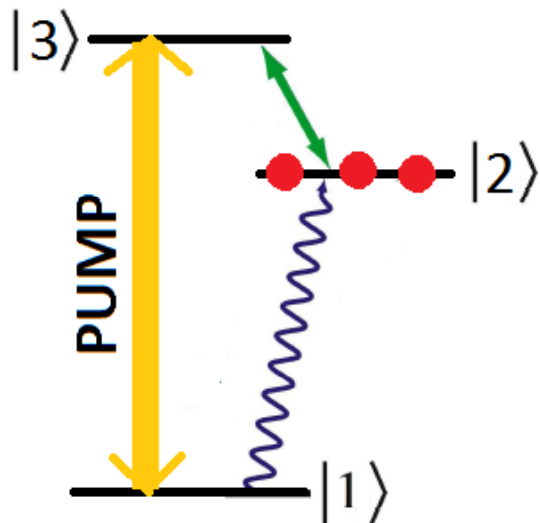
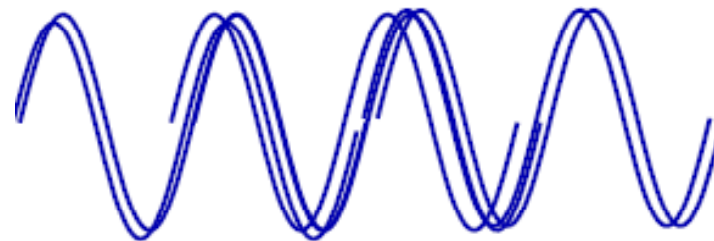
*А.М. Прохоров, Ч.Х. Таунс,  
Н.Г. Басов - 1954г.*

Белый свет (некогерентный)  
Состоит из фотонов **разных частот**;  
амплитуда и фаза **НЕ определены**



лазер

амплитуда и фаза **определены**



**Необходима инверсия населенностей!**

# Phase Transitions in C.M. Systems

Phase transition to superfluid state with superconductors;

*Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) states, 1957*

Second order phase transitions in ferromagnets –

↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑  
↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑

“spin up”, “spin down” - *L.P. Kadanoff, M.D. Fisher, 1967*

PHYSICAL REVIEW A

VOLUME 2, NUMBER 4

OCTOBER 1970

## Analogy between the Laser Threshold Region and a Second-Order Phase Transition

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TABLE I. Table summarizing the comparison between the laser and a ferromagnetic system treated in a mean-field approximation.

Order parameter	Reservoir variable	Coexistence curve	Symmetry-breaking mechanism	Critical isotherm (value of order parameter at critical point)	Zero-field susceptibility	Thermodynamic potential	Statistical distribution
Ferromagnet	$M$ $T$ (Temperature)	$M=0,$ $= \left[ \frac{c}{d} \left( \frac{T-T_c}{T} \right) \right]^{1/2},$ $T > T_c$ $T < T_c$	$H$ External field	$M = \left[ \frac{H}{dT_c} \right]^{1/3}$	$X \equiv \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} \Big _{H=0}$ $= [c(T-T_c)]^{-1},$ $= [2c(T_c-T)]^{-1},$ $T > T_c$ $T < T_c$	$F(M) = \frac{1}{2}c(T-T_c)M^2$ $+ \frac{1}{4}dT M^4 - HM$ $+ F_0$	$P(M) = N''$ $\exp[-F(M)/kT]$
Laser	$E$ $\sigma$ (Population inversion) $\sigma_t$ (Threshold inversion)	$E=0,$ $= \left[ \frac{a}{b} \left( \frac{\sigma-\sigma_t}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{1/2},$ $\sigma < \sigma_t$ $\sigma > \sigma_t$	$S$ Injected classical signal	$E = \left[ \frac{2S}{b\sigma_t} \right]^{1/3}$	$\xi \equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \Big _{S=0}$ $= [\frac{1}{2}a(\sigma_t-\sigma)]^{-1},$ $= [a(\sigma-\sigma_t)]^{-1},$ $\sigma < \sigma_t$ $\sigma > \sigma_t$	$G(xy) = -\frac{1}{4}a(\sigma-\sigma_t)$ $\times (x^2+y^2)$ $P(E) = N'$ $+ \frac{1}{8}b\sigma(x^2+y^2)^2$ $- Sx + G_0$	$\times \exp[-G(E)/K\sigma]$

Lasers are thermodynamically non-equilibrium systems!

# Coherent Effects and Phase Transitions in Coupled Atom-light Systems

## Dicke effect: Enhanced emission

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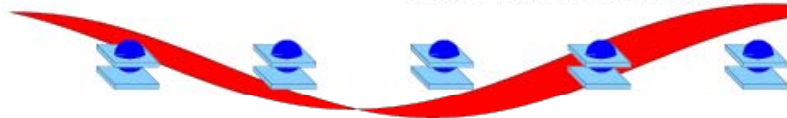
VOLUME 93, NUMBER 1

JANUARY 1, 1954

### Coherence in Spontaneous Radiation Processes

R. H. DICKE

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$$H_{\text{int}} = \sum_{k,j} g_k \left( \psi_k^\dagger S_j^- e^{-ik \cdot r_j} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

Intensity of radiation is  $I \propto N^2$ ;  
 $N$  is number of atoms

Фактически при сверхизлучении происходит синфазное сложение дипольных моментов излучающих атомов и возникает макроскопический дипольный момент, пропорциональный числу атомов.

## “Superradiant” phase transition (BEC of photons)

ANNALS OF PHYSICS: 76, 360–404 (1973)

### On the Superradiant Phase Transition for Molecules in a Quantized Radiation Field: the Dicke Maser Model

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AND

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# Main peculiarities

## Some early publications on superradiant PT

- ✓ Y.K. Wang, F.T. Hioe, Phys. Rev. A, 7, 831 (1973);
- ✓ K. Rzazewski, K.Wodkiewicz, W. Zakowicz, Phys. Rev.Lett., 35, 432 (1975),
- ✓ J.Brankov, V.A. Zagrebnov, N.S. Tonchev, Theor. And Math.Phys. 22, 13 (1975)
- ✓ V.I. Emeljanov, Yu. Klimontovich, Phys. Lett. A., 59 (1976),
- ✓ В.Ф. Елесин, Ю.В. Копаев, Письма в ЖЭТФ, 24, 78 (1976),
- ✓ J.Knight, Y.Aharonov, G.Hseih, Phys.Rev.A, 17, 1454 (1978)

## Основные свойства

- ✓ Возникновение макроскопической спонтанной поляризации на нулевой частоте – БЭК фотонов;
- ✓ Хим. потенциал = 0.

## Сложности модели

Противоречит правилу сумм, фиксирующее значение суммы *матричных элементов*, характеризующих переходы между состояниями рассматриваемой системы, Thomas-Kuhn-Reich, 1925

# Ранние схемы получения БЭК фотонов

SOVIET PHYSICS JETP

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JUNE, 1969

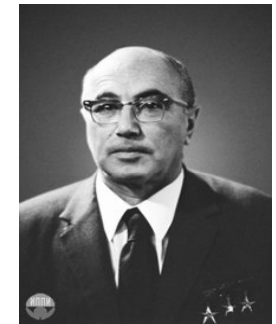
## BOSE CONDENSATION AND SHOCK WAVES IN PHOTON SPECTRA

Ya. B. ZEL'DOVICH and E. V. LEVICH

Institute for Applied Mathematics, USSR Academy of Sciences

Submitted July 12, 1968

Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 55, 2423–2429 (December, 1968)



The process of establishment of equilibrium in a system consisting of radiation and totally ionized plasma is investigated. By solving the kinetic equation it is shown that in the absence of absorption the photons undergo Bose condensation. The process depends essentially on the form of the initial distribution. For a certain form of the initial spectrum a shock wave occurs in the spectrum in the course of its temporal evolution. The process is substantially affected by absorption, in the presence of which Bose condensation is replaced by an accumulation with time of the photons in the region of low frequencies.

BEC of photons achieved by Compton scattering off a thermal electron gas

## Vital Questions

1. How it is possible to achieve thermodynamically equilibrium state for coupled atom-light system?
2. Is it possible to achieve high temperature PT?

## Centaur - Half-Human and Half-Animal Composition

In Greek mythology, a Centaur (from Greek: *Κένταυροι*) is a member of a composite race of creatures, part human and part horse.



A bronze statue of a Centaur, after the Giuseppe Alessandro Furietti *Centaur*.



Achilles educated by Chiron.  
Jean-Baptiste Regnault , 1782

# Polariton - Half-Matter and Half-Photon Composition in Physics

Polaritons are quantum Bosonic quasi-particles occurring at matter-field interface (J.J. Hopfield, 1959, V.M. Agranovich, et al, 1960)

$$\text{Polariton} = C \text{ photon} + X \text{ exciton}$$


$C$  and  $X$  are Hopfield coefficients

High temperature phase transitions is possible with low branch polaritons due to their small effective mass that is about  $10^{-35} \text{ kg}$

## Theory on polariton BEC, nonlinear properties and superfluidity

- P. R. Eastham and P. B. Littlewood, *Phys.Rev.B* 64, 235101(2001);
- A. Kavokin, G. Malpuech, F.P. Laussy, *Phys. Lett. A* 306, 187 (2003);
- I. Carusotto, C. Ciuti, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 93, 166401 (2004);
- O.L. Berman, Yu.E. Lozovik, D. W. Snoke, *Phys.Rev.B*, 77, 155317 (2008)

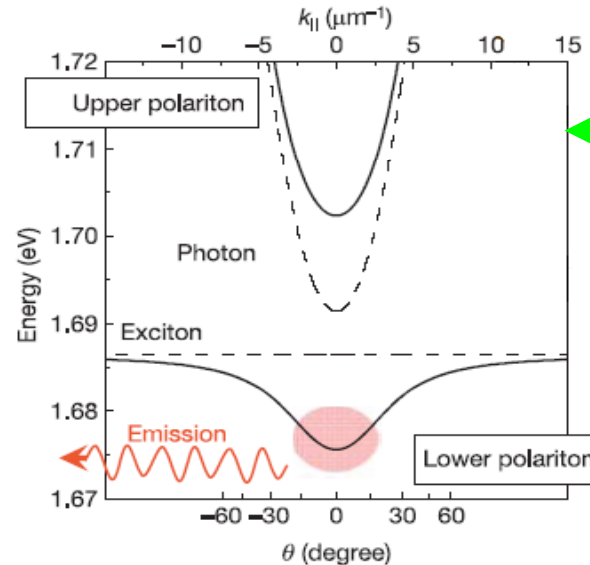
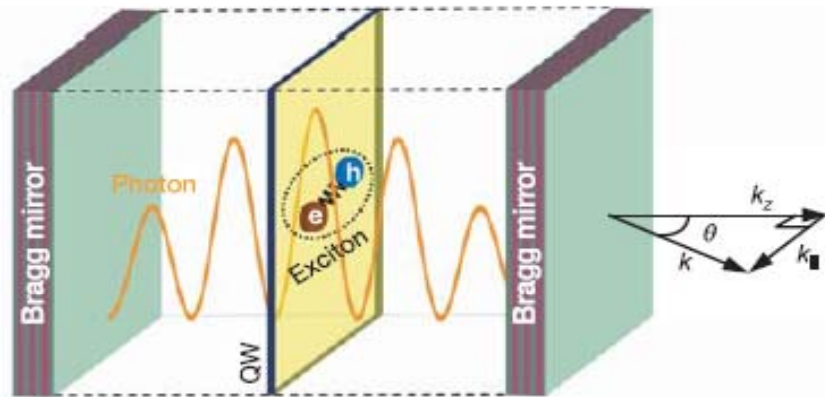
## Some recent experiments

- J. Kasprzak, et al, *Nature*, 443, p. 409 (2006) – evidence for BEC of polaritons;
- R. Balili, et al, *Science*, 316, p.1007 (2007) – polaritons in a harmonic potential trap;
- A. Amo, et al, *Nature*, 457, p.291 (2009) - collective fluid dynamics of a polaritons.

# Non-Equilibrium Low Threshold LB Polariton BEC

- ✓ Strong matter-field coupling condition is achieved;
- ✓ The thermalization time is ten of picoseconds and compatible with polariton lifetime

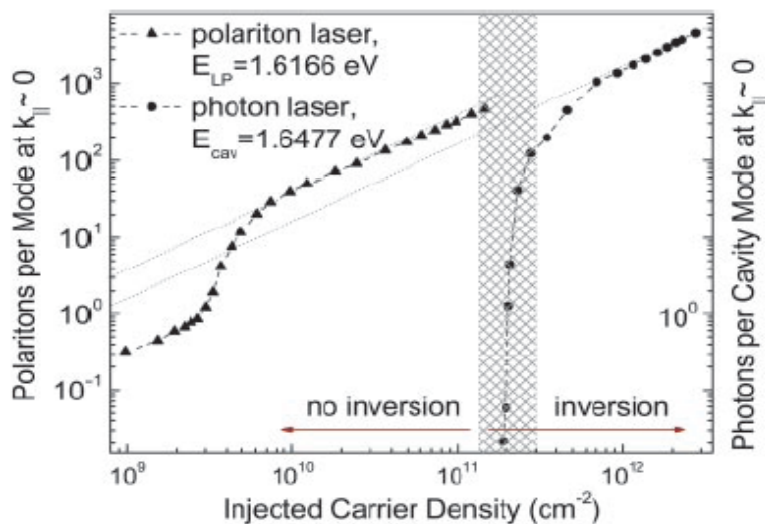
## Polaritons in the semiconductor QW structures placed in microcavity



Polariton dispersion in the in CdTe/CdMgTe cavity

## “BEC” of polaritons at 5 K

J. Kasprzak, et al, Nature, 2006



Number of LPs and cavity photons per mode vs. injected carrier density for a polariton laser in scheme I (triangles) and a photon laser in scheme II (circles), respectively. The gray zone marks the population inversion densities from band edge to 15 meV above the band edge.

Y.Yamamoto, et al, Ginzton Lab., Stanford Uni. (2003)

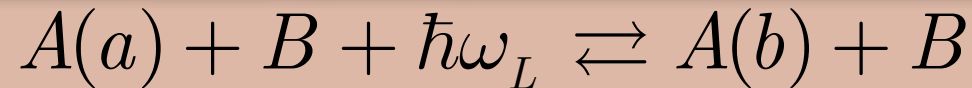
# Optical Collisions (OC's): Some Remarks

## First attempts to describe collisionally broadened spectral lines

**V. Weisskopf**, *Phys. Z.* 34, 1 (1933); **A. Jablonski**, *Phys. Rev.* 68, 78 (1945);

**P. W. Anderson**, *Phys. Rev.* 76, 647 (1949); **H. M. Foley**, *ibid.* 69, 616 (1946).

## Definition of OC's



where  $A$  is a two-level atom,  $B$  is a buffer gas atom,  $\omega_L$  is a frequency of light.

**L. I. Gudzenko and S. I. Yakovlenko**, *Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz.* 62, 1686 (1972),

**R. E. Hedges, D. L. Drummond, and A. Gallagher**, *Phys. Rev. A* 6, 1519 (1972).

## OCs properties at small Rabi frequencies $\hbar\Omega_R \ll k_B T$

**C. Cohen-Tannoudji, J. Dupont-Roc, G. Grynberg**, *Atom-Photon Interactions: Basic Processes and Applications* (Wiley, New York, 1998).

## OC's at large Rabi frequencies and relevant atom-field detunings

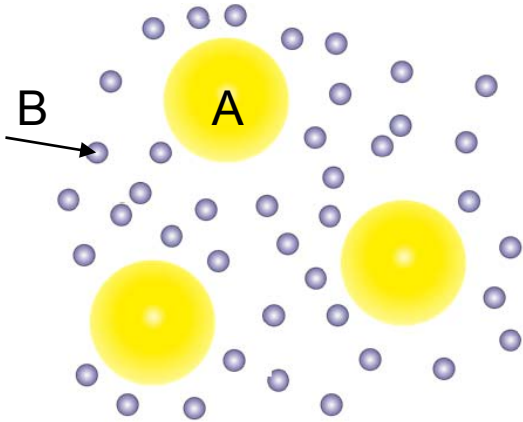
$$\hbar\Omega_R \simeq k_B T$$

**R. V. Markov, A. I. Plekhanov, A. M. Shalagin**, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 88, 213601 (2002);

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# Optical Collisions (OC's)

## Non-resonant absorption in a two-level atom

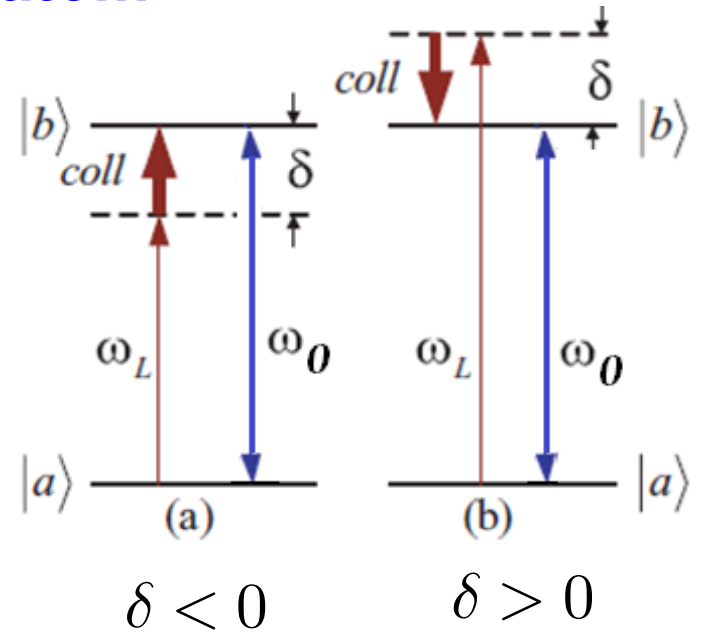
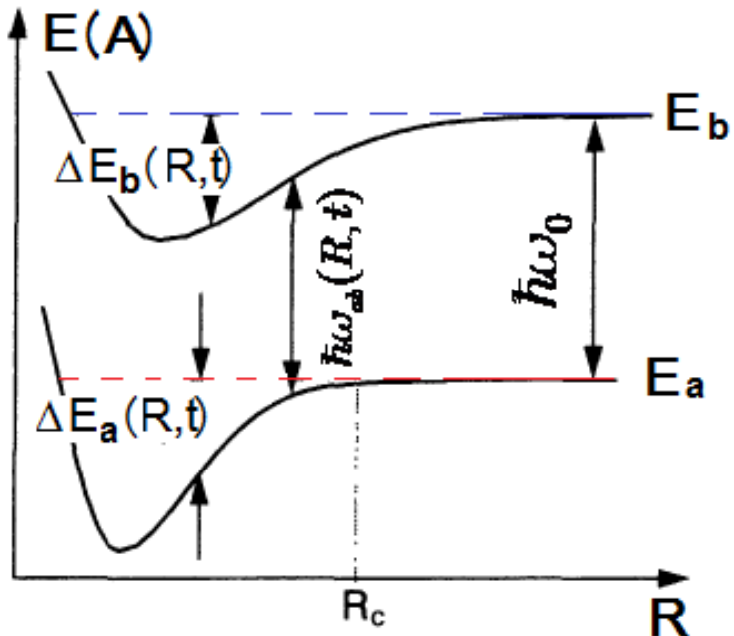


Typical densities are

$$n_A \approx 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3},$$

$$n_B \approx 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}.$$

Energy levels of the atom **A** in the presence of buffer gas atom at a distance **R**.



$\omega_0$  is atomic transition frequency;  
 $\delta = \omega_L - \omega_0$  - **atom-field detuning**

$\Delta E_{a,b}$  are energy shifts introduced by collision

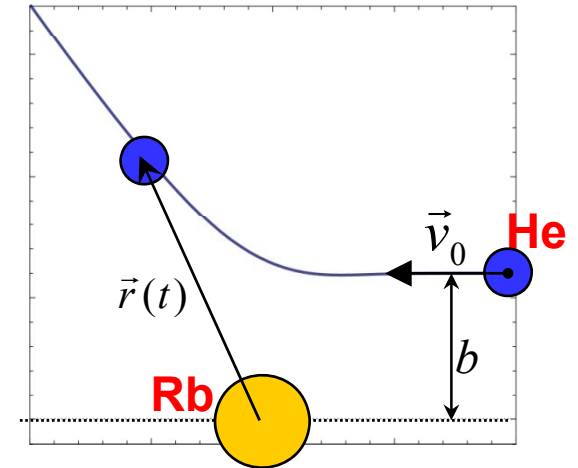
$2R_c$  is collision diameter

$\tau_{coll} = R_c / v$  is collisional time

# Основные подходы к ОС

**Основные предположения** (И. И. Собоelman, *Введение в теорию спектров*, ФИЗМАТЛИТ, 1963г.)

- ✓ Относительное движение атома и возмущающей частицы квазиклассично, что позволяет пользоваться понятием траектории возмущающей частицы;
- ✓ Основную роль в уширении играют взаимодействия с ближайшей возмущающей частицей (бинарные взаимодействия),
- ✓ Возмущение адиабатично, т. е. т. е. не вызывает переходов между различными состояниями атома без испускания и поглощения фотонов, что справедливо при  $k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_0$ .



**При пролете возмущающей частицы на атом накладывается внешнее поле**

$$U(R) = U \sqrt{r^2 + v^2 (t - t_0)^2}$$

$R$  — расстояние до возмущающей частицы в данный момент времени  $t$ ,  $r$  — прицельное расстояние,  $t_0$  — момент наибольшего сближения и  $v$  — относительная скорость.



# The Model of Optical Collisions

**Equation for atomic coherence** (C. Cohen-Tannoudji, et al, *Atom Photon Interactions: Basic Processes and Applications*, Wiley, 2004)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{ba}}{dt} = -\left(\gamma + i \cdot \eta\right)\sigma_{ba}$$

**Collisional (dephasing) rate**

$$\gamma = \langle 1 - \cos \phi \rangle_{coll}$$

**Collisional shift**

$$\eta = \langle \sin \phi \rangle_{coll}$$

$\phi$  is phase shift introduced by collision

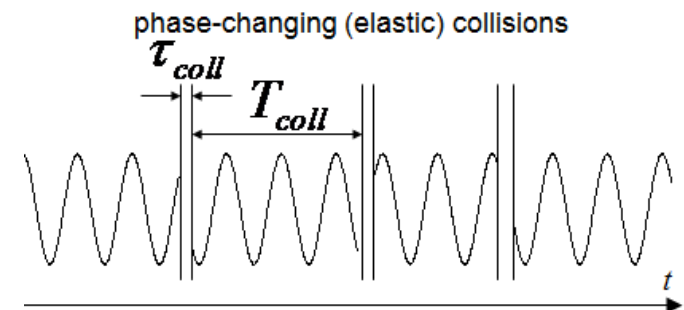
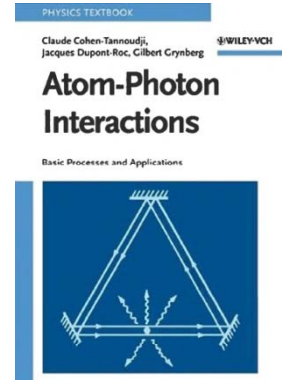
## Main approximation

$$\tau_{coll} \ll \Delta t \ll T_{coll}$$

$\Delta t$  is the time intervals;

$\tau_{coll}$  is the duration of collision;

$T_{coll}$  is the time interval separating two collisions;



## Master Equation for OC's

$$\left\{ \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right\}_{coll} = -\frac{\gamma}{2}\sigma + 2\gamma S_z \sigma S_z - i\eta [S_z, \sigma]$$

where  $S_z = \frac{1}{2}(|b\rangle\langle b| - |a\rangle\langle a|)$  is atomic population inversion operator

For accessible experimental conditions with  $\text{Rb}^{87}$  atoms and Ar high pressure (500 bar) buffer gas there is

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma / 2\pi &= 3.6 \text{ THz} \\ \eta / 2\pi &= -3 \text{ THz} \end{aligned}$$

# Theoretical Approach for Optical Collisions

## Master equation for density matrix $\sigma$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sigma = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H_{AL}, \sigma] + \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \sigma \right\}_{rad} + \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \sigma \right\}_{coll}$$

Atom-optical interaction characterizing by resonant Rabi frequency  $\Omega_0$

Spontaneous emission contribution characterizing by rate  $\Gamma$

Collisional processes characterizing by rate  $\gamma$

$$\Omega_0 / 2\pi = 0.1 \text{ THz}$$

$$\Gamma = 2\pi * 6 \text{ MHz, or } \tau_{spont} = 27 \text{ ns}$$

$$\gamma / 2\pi = 3.6 \text{ THz}$$

-for accessible experimental conditions with  $\text{Rb}^{87}$  atoms and  $\text{Ar}$  high pressure (500 bar) buffer gas.

# Radiative (spontaneous emission) processes

## Master equation term for spontaneous emission

$$\left\{ \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right\}_{rad} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2} (S_+ S_- \sigma + \sigma S_+ S_-) + \Gamma S_- \sigma S_+$$

where  $\Gamma = 1/\tau_{spont}$  is spontaneous emission rate.

In the current experiment with  $\text{Rb}^{87}$  atoms the numbers are

$$\Gamma = 2\pi * 6 \text{ MHz} \quad , \quad \text{or} \\ \tau_{spont} = 27 \text{ ns}$$

- ✓ About  $10^4$  collisions happen during the natural lifetime of rubidium atoms.
- ✓ Frequent collisions with buffer gas atoms lead to thermalization of coupled atom-light states.

# Uncoupled Atom+Field System Properties

Uncoupled Hamiltonian is

$$H_0 = \hbar\omega_L c^\dagger c + \hbar\omega_0 |b\rangle\langle b|$$

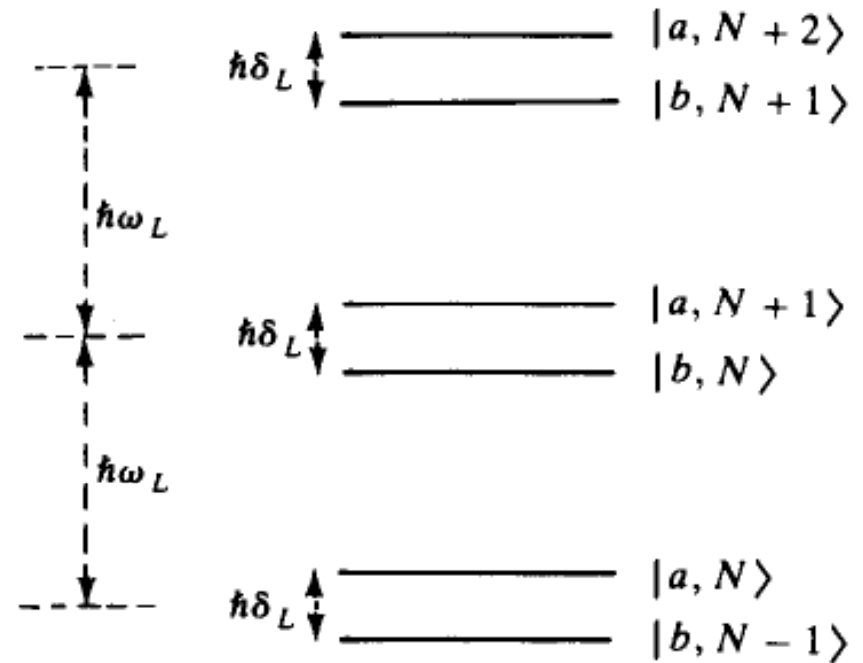
$\uparrow$   $H_L$

$\uparrow$   $H_{at}$

Free quantum photonic field with frequency  $\omega_L$

Atomic Hamiltonian with transition frequency  $\omega_0$

Manifolds of uncoupled states of the atom + laser photons system



where  $c$  ( $c^\dagger$ ) is annihilation (creation) operator for the photons,

$\sigma_b = |b\rangle\langle b|$  is upper level population operator.

$\delta_L = \omega_L - \omega_0$  is atom-light detuning

# Atom-Field Interaction

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \hbar\omega_L c^\dagger c + \hbar\omega_0 |b\rangle\langle b| + \hbar g (|b\rangle\langle a| c^\dagger + |a\rangle\langle b| c)$$

↑  $H_L$

Free quantum photonic field with frequency  $\omega_L$

↑  $H_{at}$

Atomic Hamiltonian with transition frequency  $\omega_0$

↑  $H_{int}$

Atom-field interaction term ;  $g$  is coupling constant

where  $c$  ( $c^\dagger$ ) is annihilation (creation) operator for the photons,

$S_+ = |b\rangle\langle a|$ ,  $S_- = |a\rangle\langle b|$  are operators of atomic transitions

In the current experiment with  $\text{Rb}^{87}$  atoms the numbers are

$$\omega_0 / 2\pi = 282 \text{ THz}, \quad \omega_L / 2\pi = 293 \text{ THz},$$

$\Omega_0 \simeq g\sqrt{N} = 2\pi \times 0.1 \text{ THz}$  is resonant Rabi frequency,

$N = \langle c^\dagger c \rangle$  is average photon number.

# The Dressed States (DS's)

**Definition of DS's** (C. Cohen-Tannoudji and S. Reynaud, *J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Phys.*, Vol. 10, No. 3, (1977))

$$\begin{aligned} |1(N)\rangle &= \sin \theta |a, N+1\rangle + \cos \theta |b, N\rangle \\ |2(N)\rangle &= \cos \theta |a, N+1\rangle - \sin \theta |b, N\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Eigenstates of  $H_L + H_{at}$

where 
$$\begin{cases} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{\delta}{\Omega_R}}, \\ \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 \mp \frac{\delta}{\Omega_R}}, \end{cases}$$

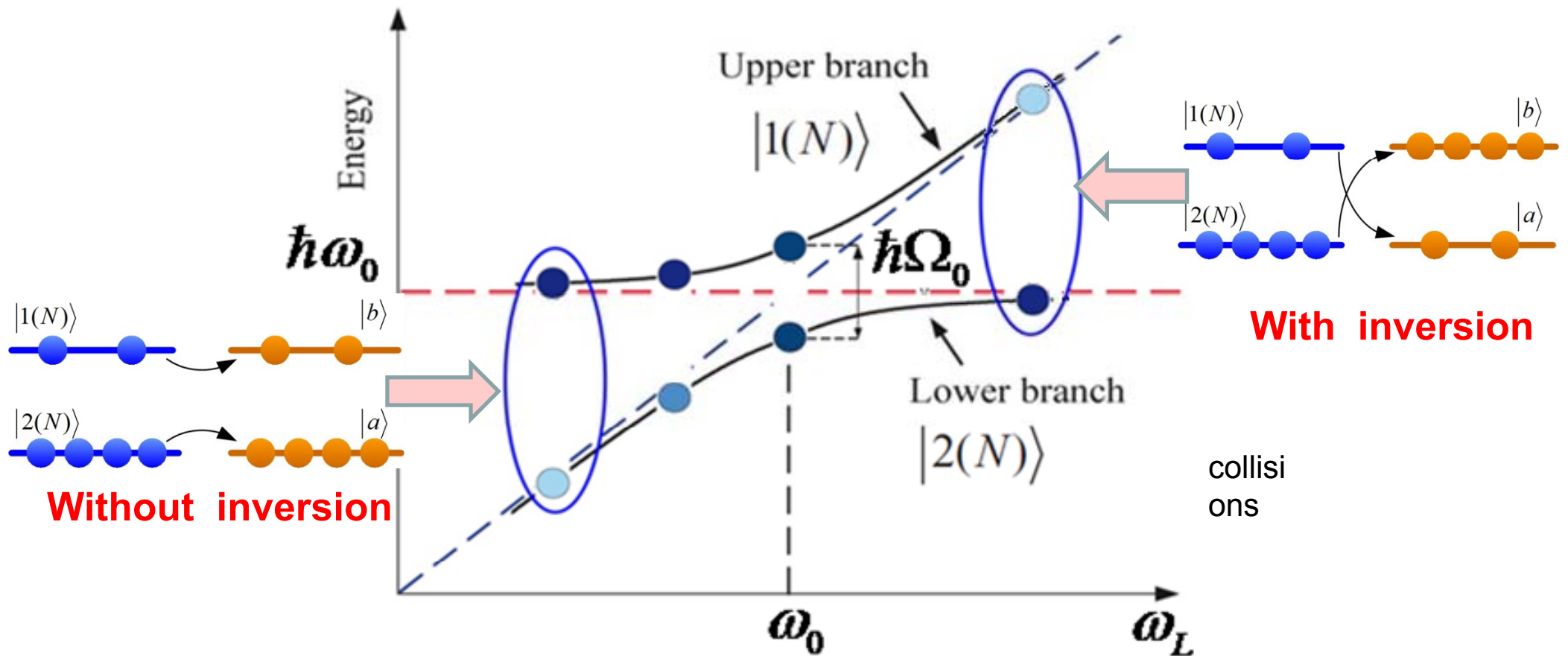
$\Omega_R = \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2}$  is Rabi splitting frequency



**DS's  $|1(N)\rangle$  and  $|2(N)\rangle$  are eigenstates of total  $H$**

# Properties of Dressed States

## Energies of dressed levels



Perturbative limit:  $\Omega_0 \ll k_B T / \hbar \leq |\delta|$



# Bloch Parameters in the DS Basis

## Definition of density matrix elements in the DS basis

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sum_N \langle i(N) | \sigma | j(N) \rangle \quad i, j = 1, 2, \quad N \text{ is average number of photons.}$$

## Pseudo-spin Bloch vector components

$$S_x = \sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21}, \quad S_y = i(\sigma_{12} - \sigma_{21}), \quad S_z = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$$

Defines coherent properties of DS's

Defines population imbalance for DS's

## Main approximations are

$$\Omega_R \tau_{\text{coll}} \ll 1$$

**Impact limit**

$$\Omega_R \gg \gamma \gg \Gamma$$

**Secular limit**

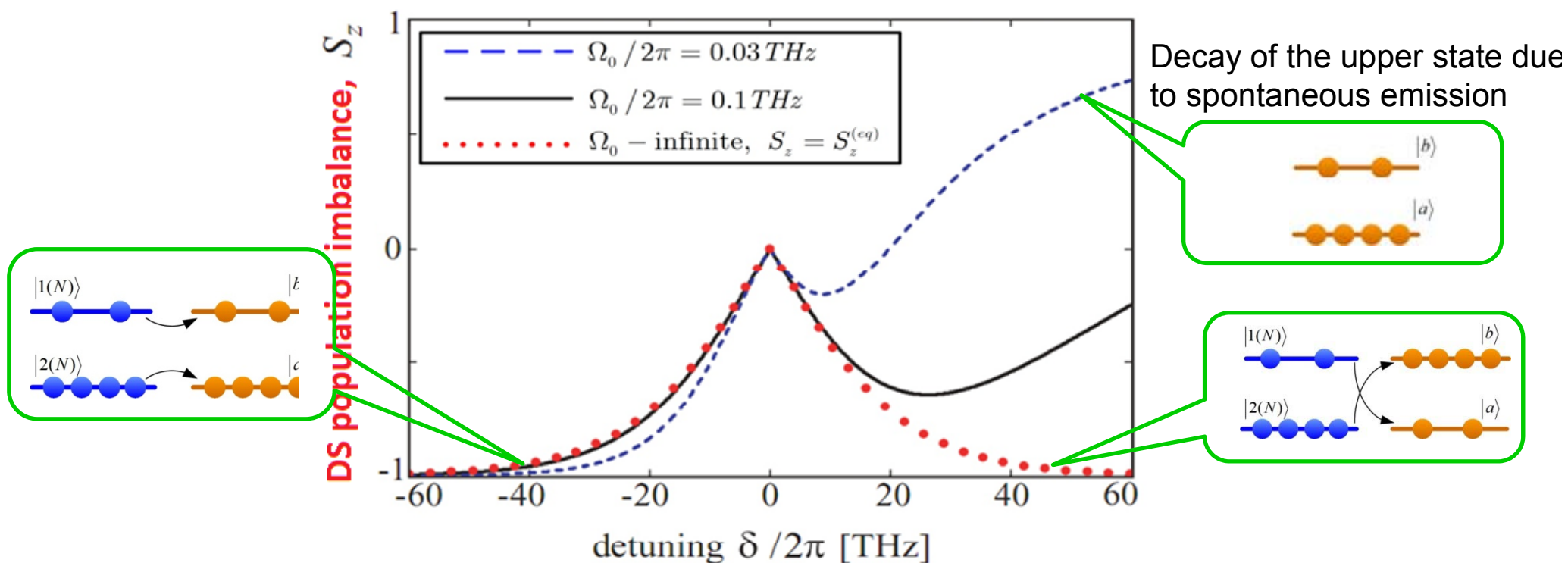
$$\Omega_0 \ll |\delta| \approx k_B T / \hbar$$

**Perturbative limit**

$\tau_{\text{coll}}$  is duration of elementary act of collision,  $\Omega_R$  is Rabi frequency

# DS Population Imbalance

Dependence of dressed-state population imbalance for argon gas collisional broadening  $S_z = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}$



Equilibrium population imbalance

$$S_z^{(eq)} = -\tanh(\hbar\Omega_R/2k_B T) \approx -\tanh(\hbar|\delta|/2k_B T)$$

Can be obtained only at  $\hbar\Omega_R \gg k_B T$  i.e. at  $\hbar|\delta| \gg \hbar\Omega_0 \gg k_B T$

# Thermalization Conditions



Thermalization occurs if thermalization rate is smaller than effective spontaneous emission rate  $\Gamma \ll w$

where  $w = \gamma\Omega_0^2/2\delta^2$  is thermalization rate.

Rigorous condition of thermalization is

$$\Gamma/\gamma \ll \Omega_0^2/\delta^2 \ll 1$$

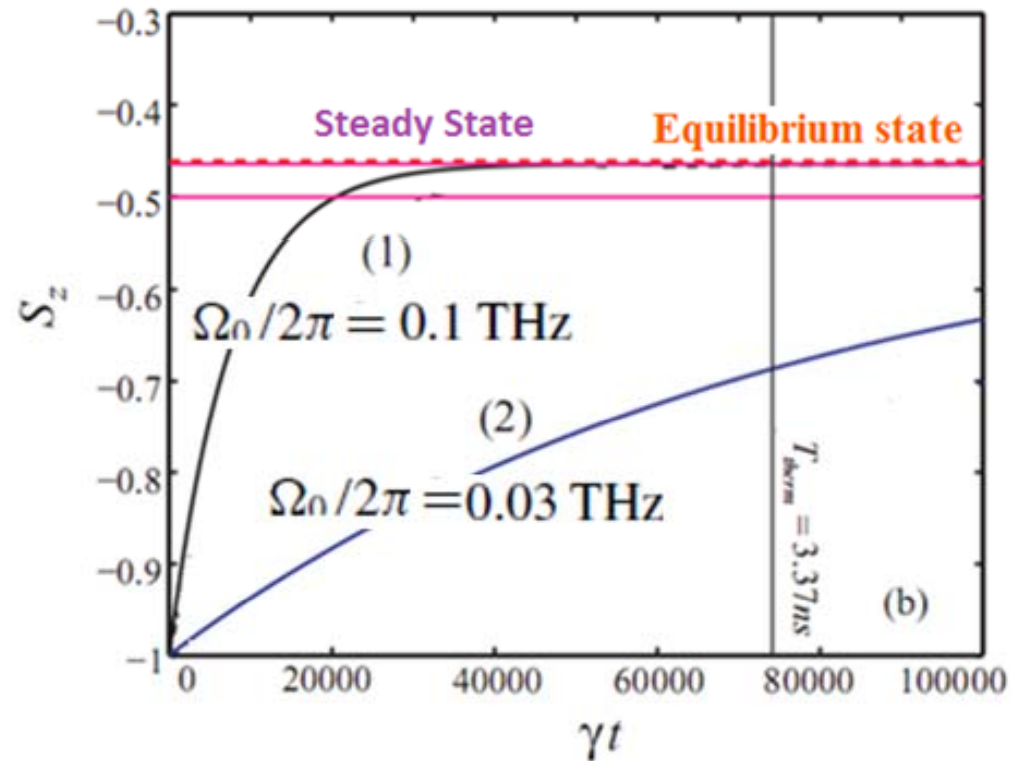
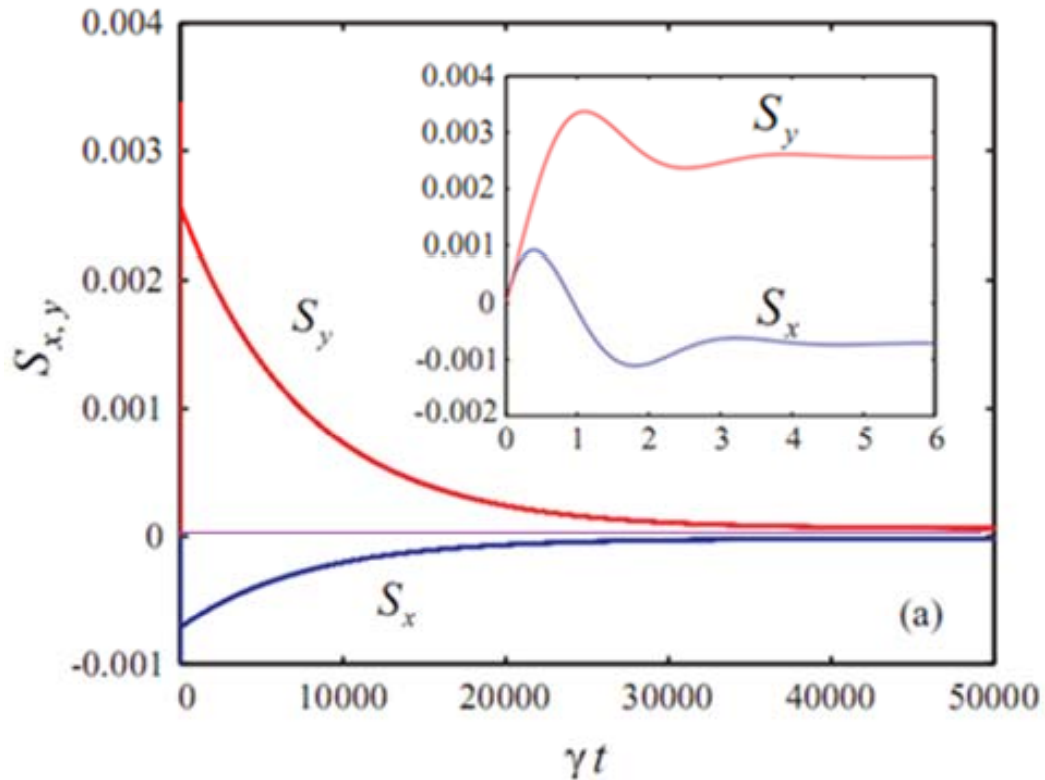
Or, in the time domain it is looks like

$$T_{therm} \ll \tau_{spont}$$

where  $T_{therm} = \frac{2\pi}{2w} \simeq \frac{2\pi\delta^2}{\gamma\Omega_0^2}$  is the time of thermalization;

$\tau_{pol}$  is spontaneous emission lifetime

# Pseudo-Spin Components



Dependences of (a) dressed-state pseudospin components  $S_{x,y}$  and (b) population imbalance  $S_z$  as a function of reduced time  $\gamma t$ . Parameters are  $\gamma/2\pi = 3.6$  THz,  $\eta/2\pi = -3$  THz,  $\Gamma \simeq 37$  MHz,  $\delta/2\pi = -11$  THz, and  $T = 530$  K. The resonant Rabi splitting frequency  $\Omega_0/2\pi$  is 0.1 THz for curves (1) and 0.03 THz for curves (2). Initial conditions are  $S_{x,y}(0) = 0$  and  $S_z(0) = -1$ .

# Fluorescence (Mollow) Triplet

## THE PHYSICAL REVIEW

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### Power Spectrum of Light Scattered by Two-Level Systems

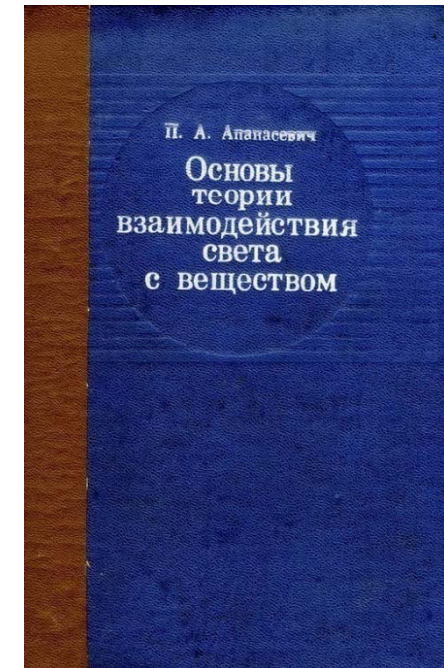
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The power spectrum of the light scattered by a two-level atom driven near resonance by a monochromatic classical electric field is evaluated. The atom is assumed to relax to equilibrium with the driving field via radiation damping, which is treated by explicitly coupling the atom to the quantized electromagnetic field modes. The power spectrum of the scattered field is directly obtainable from the two-time atomic dipole moment correlation function, which is evaluated by a method based on a Markoff-type assumption analogous to that used to evaluate the time evolution of single-time atomic expectation values.

*“The power spectrum of the scattered field has peaks centered at the incident field frequency  $\omega_L$  and the displaced frequencies  $\omega_L \pm \Omega_R$ , with widths proportional to the atomic relaxation rate”*



**P.A. Apanasevich, 1974**

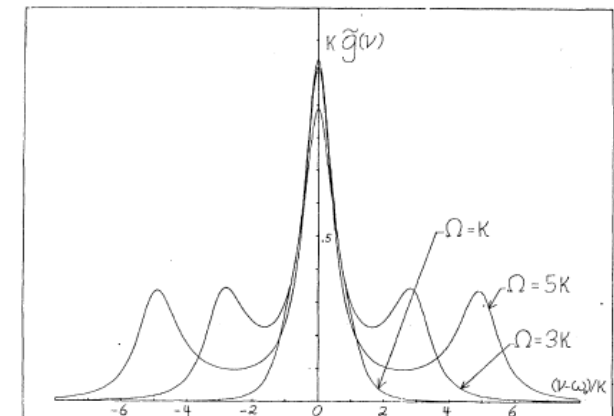


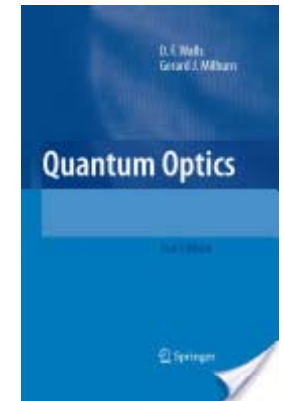
FIG. 1. Spectral density  $\bar{g}(\nu)$  for a two-level atom driven exactly on resonance.

# Fluorescence Spectrum

**Definition** ( D.F. Walls, G. Milburn, *Quantum Optics*, Springer, 2008 )

$$S(\omega) = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle \sigma_+(\tau) \sigma_-(0) \rangle_{ss} e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

$\sigma_+ = |b\rangle\langle a|$  is pseudospin operator.



**Normalization condition – total intensity**

$$I = \int S(\omega) d\omega = \Gamma \langle \sigma_+(0) \sigma_-(0) \rangle_{ss} = \Gamma \sigma_{bb}$$

**Intensity of fluorescence triplet in dressed state picture**

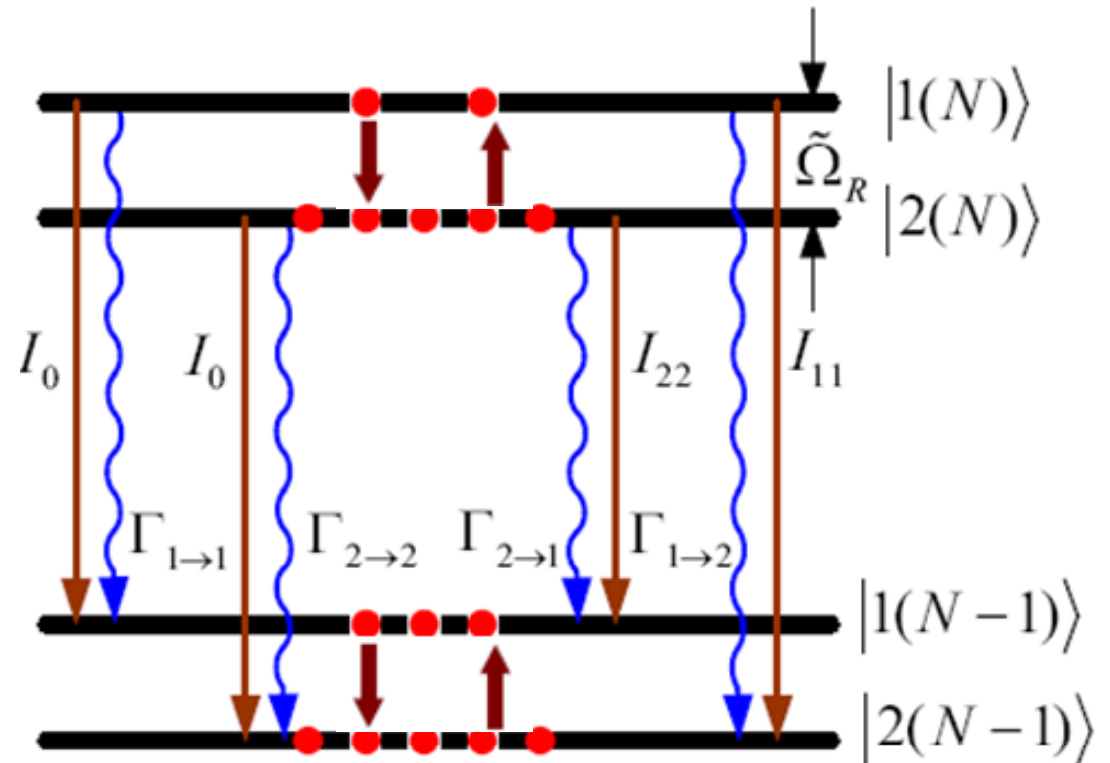
$$I = I_0 + I_{11}(T) + I_{22}(T) = \sigma_{11} \Gamma_{1 \rightarrow 2} + \sigma_{22} \Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 1} + \Gamma_{1 \rightarrow 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \omega_L, & \omega_L + \Omega_R, & \omega_L - \Omega_R \end{array}$$

# Manifolds of DS's in The Presence of Atom-Light Interaction

## Allowed spontaneous transitions for DS's

OC's lead to transitions between dressed states of the same manifold



### Transitions between DS's are

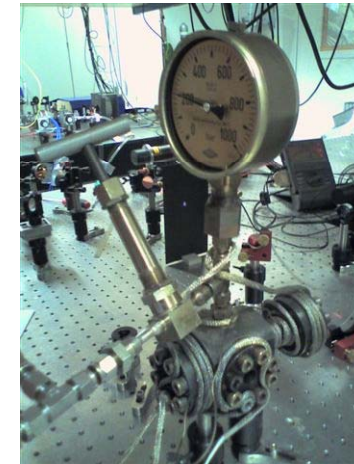
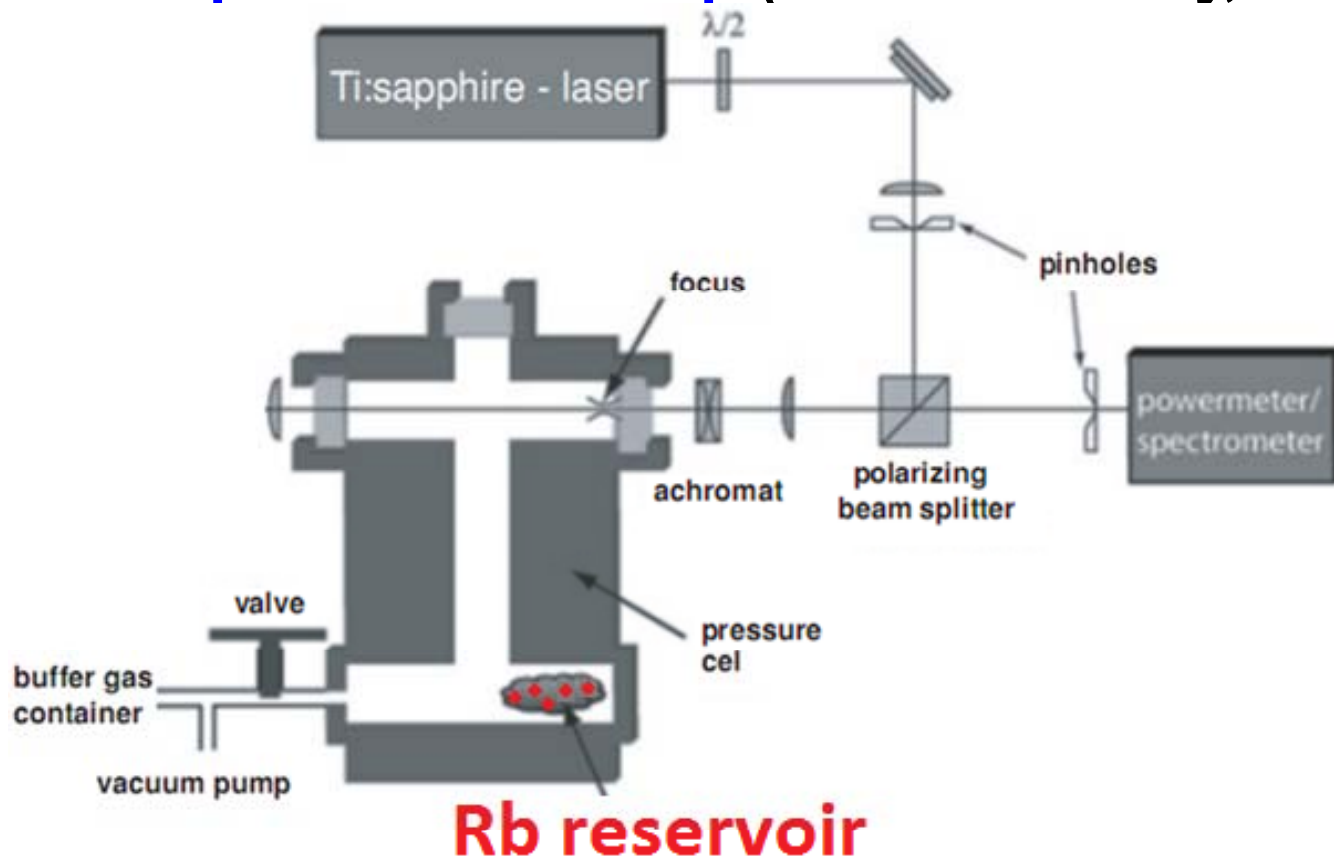
$|1(N)\rangle \rightarrow |2(N-1)\rangle$ : frequency  $\omega_L + \Omega_R$

$|2(N)\rangle \rightarrow |1(N-1)\rangle$ : frequency  $\omega_L - \Omega_R$

$|i(N)\rangle \rightarrow |i(N-1)\rangle$ : frequency  $\omega_L$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

# Experiment

## Experimental set up (Bonn University, Germany)



Temperature in the chamber

$$T=530 K$$

Maximal power of the laser irradiation is

$$300 mW$$

(resonant Rabi splitting is  $\Omega_0 / 2\pi = 0.1 THz$ )

As a buffer gas have been explored

Ar (under the 500 bar pressure)

He (under the 400 pressure)

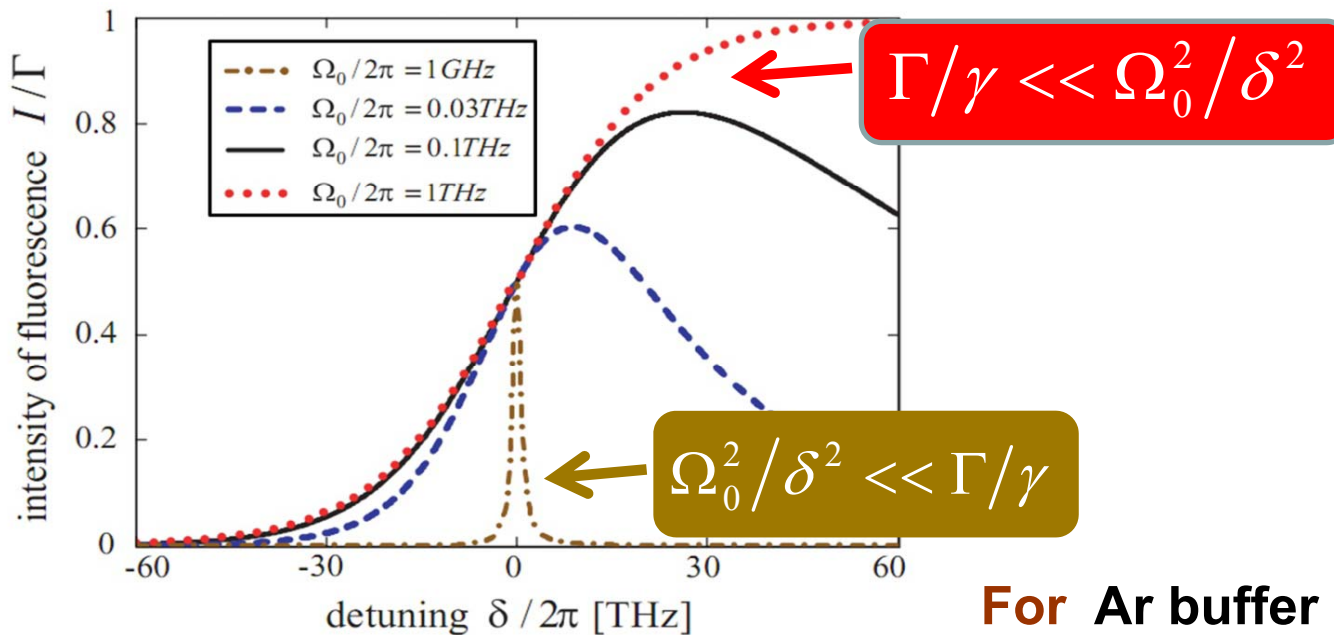
Rb atom density is  $10^{16} cm^{-3}$



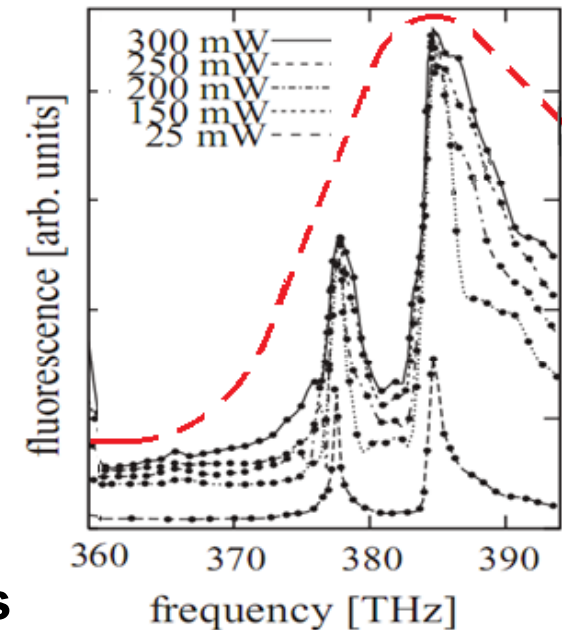
# Thermalization: Theory and Experiment

## Intensity of spectral components

### Theory



### Experiment, Bonn Uni.



For Ar buffer gas

At full thermal equilibrium we obtain

For OC experiment we have obtained

$$T_{therm} \approx 3.3\text{ns}, \quad \tau_{spont} \approx 27\text{ns}$$

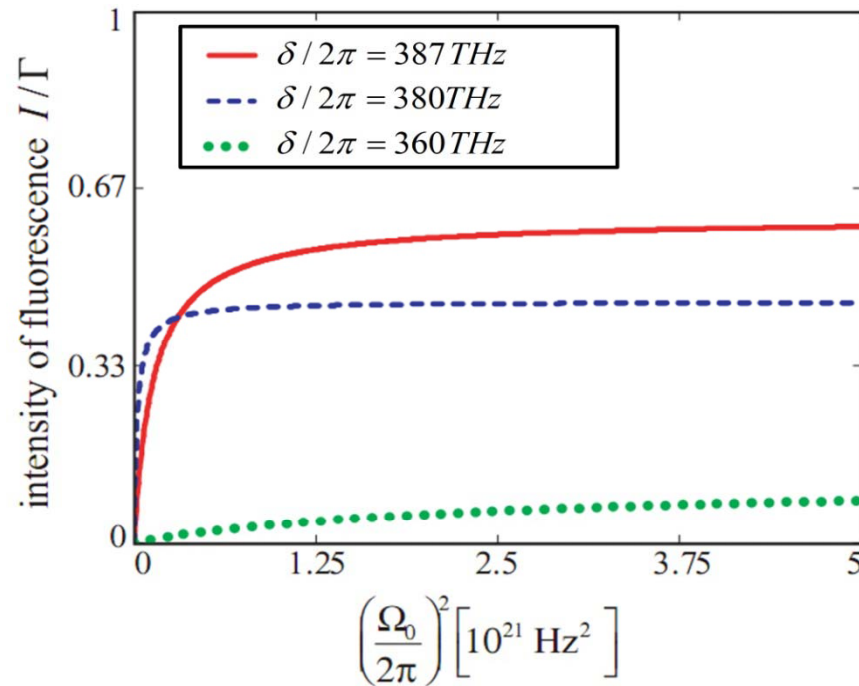
$$I = I_0 + I_{11}(T) + I_{22}(T) \approx \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\hbar\delta/k_B T}}$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $\omega_L, \quad \omega_L + \Omega_R, \quad \omega_L - \Omega_R$

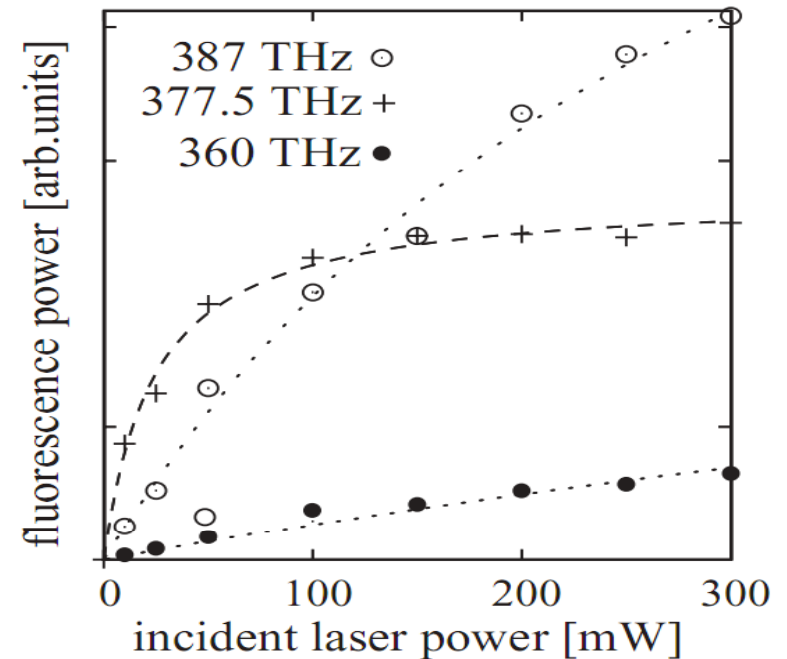
# Intensity of Spectral Components

The reduced intensity of fluorescence versus resonant Rabi frequency (incident laser power)

Theory



Experiment, Bonn Uni.



Saturation parameter  $K = \frac{\Omega_0^2 \gamma}{\delta^2 \Gamma}$  should be  $K \gg 1$



Full thermalization occurs at infinite resonant Rabi frequency

# Outlook

Проблема фазовых переходов для связанных состояний среды и квантованного поля неразрывно связана с физическими механизмами термализации в системе, которые могут быть совершенно разными для различных систем.

Когерентное состояние физической системы может быть получено совершенно различными способами: физические процессы, приводящие к его формированию могут иметь разную физику.

Термализация для связанной атомно-оптической системы может быть достигнута с помощью оптических столкновений, происходящих при высоких температурах с участием атомов буферного газа. Данный процесс существенно ограничивается временем спонтанных переходов двухуровневых атомов.

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**Thank you for attention !**