ECE770 T14/QIC 885: Quantum Electronics & Photonics

Lecture 10

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Abstract and Objectives of Lecture 10

By reviewing the photon number state (Fock state) and elaborating a single photon in Fock state,

we do the formal quantization of multi-mode EM radiation for various modes designated by their

wavevectors and polarizations. We establish the concept of Fock space for multi-mode EM field

similar to Fock space for many-body quantum systems. The coherent state of EM field is then

discussed in detail and its properties such as orthogonality and photon statistics are addressed. By

introducing the field quadrature fluctuation we will then focus on the Heisenberg uncertainty of

quadrature components in the EM field and introduce the squeezed state of the light briefly. The

focus then will placed on the Dirac formulation of photon number state by introducing short-hand

notation of $|\mathbf{k}\lambda\rangle$ and also polarization states. Using the rotation of polarization state, the concept of

total angular momentum of a photon will be addressed. Photon statistics of various EM radiation

will be categorized based on the coherent state of EM radiation as Poissonian, Super-Poissonian,

such as thermal radiation and sub-Poissonian such as photon number state. In the last part of

this lecture, we will discuss the second order correlation function of the EM radiation for various

quantum states. In light of the Hanbury Brown and Twiss (HBT) experiment, the EM radiation

fall into three categories as Bunched, coherent and anti-bunched ones. Anti-bunching in a typical

HBT experiment is discussed in more detail and ways to achieve that is briefly highlighted.

Topics of Lecture 10

7-13) Single Photon in Photon Number State

7-14) Quantization of Multi-mode EM Field

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- 7-15) Dirac Formulation of Photon Number State
- 7-16) Total Angular Momentum of Photon
- 7-17) Coherent State of EM Field
- 7-18) Squeezed State of EM Field
- 7-19) Photon Statistics
- 7-20) Photon Anti-bunching

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