

Field values for number states:

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$$|n_1=0, \dots, n_{j-1}=0, n_j, n_{j+1}=0, \dots\rangle \equiv |n_j\rangle$$

$$\langle n_j | \hat{E}_\perp(\vec{r}) | n_j \rangle = \langle n_j | \hat{B}(\vec{r}) | n_j \rangle = 0$$

$$c^2 \Delta \hat{B}^2 = \Delta \hat{E}_\perp^2 = \langle n_j | \hat{E}_\perp(\vec{r})^2 | n_j \rangle = (2n_j + 1) \epsilon_j^2$$

(so this is $(2n_j + 1)$ times the $\Delta \hat{E}_\perp^2$ in vacuum)

Coherent states (Quasi-classical states) Glauber

I want a state in which the E-field and B-field are as close to a classical state as possible.

$$\vec{E}_c = \sum_j \epsilon_j \vec{e} (\underbrace{a_j}_{\text{a number}} e^{-i\vec{k}_j \cdot \vec{r}} + \text{c.c.})$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{quantum}} = \sum_j \epsilon_j \vec{e} (\hat{a}_j e^{-i\vec{k}_j \cdot \vec{r}} + \text{c.c.})$$

\Rightarrow Define "coherent state" $|\alpha_j\rangle$ as an eigenstate of the annihilation operator with eigenvalue α_j

$$\boxed{\hat{a}_j |\alpha_j\rangle = \alpha_j |\alpha_j\rangle} \quad (\text{for one mode, say } j)$$

Expand over number states:

$$|\alpha_j\rangle = \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} C_{n_j} |n_j\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{a}_j |\alpha_j\rangle &= \sum_{n_j=1}^{\infty} C_{n_j} \sqrt{n_j} |n_j-1\rangle = \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} C_{n_j+1} \sqrt{n_j+1} |n_j\rangle \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} \alpha_j \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} C_{n_j} |n_j\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{n_j+1} \sqrt{n_j+1} = \alpha_j C_{n_j} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{n_j} = \frac{\alpha_j}{\sqrt{n_j}} C_{n_j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{n_j} = \frac{\alpha_j^{n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!}} C_{0_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha_j\rangle = C_0 \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j^{n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!}} |n_j\rangle$$

Normalisation: $\langle \alpha_j | \alpha_j \rangle = 1 = |c_0|^2 \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j^{n_j} \alpha_j^{*n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!} n_j!} \underbrace{\langle n_j | n_j \rangle}_{=1}$ ③

$$= |c_0|^2 \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha_j|^{2n_j}}{n_j!} = |c_0|^2 e^{|\alpha_j|^2}$$

$\Rightarrow c_0 = e^{-\frac{|\alpha_j|^2}{2}}$ up to a phase factor.

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha_j\rangle = e^{-\frac{|\alpha_j|^2}{2}} \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j^{n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!}} |n_j\rangle$$

Time evolution: Start at $t=0$ with $|\alpha_j\rangle$.

At t : $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\alpha_j\rangle$

$$= e^{-|\alpha_j|^2/2} \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j^{n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!}} e^{-i(n_j + \frac{1}{2})\omega_j t} |n_j\rangle$$

$$= e^{-i\frac{\omega_j t}{2}} e^{-|\alpha_j|^2/2} \sum_{n_j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_j e^{-i\omega_j t})^{n_j}}{\sqrt{n_j!}} |n_j\rangle$$

$$= e^{-i\frac{\omega_j t}{2}} |\alpha_j e^{-i\omega_j t}\rangle$$

Probability of finding the value $(n_j + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_j$ for the energy (or the value n_j for the photon number) is time independent:

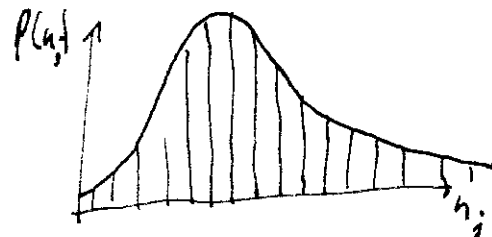
$$P(n_j) = |c_{n_j}|^2 = e^{-|\alpha_j|^2} \frac{|\alpha_j|^{2n_j}}{n_j!}$$

Mean photon number: $\bar{n}_j = \langle \hat{N}_j \rangle = \langle \alpha_j | \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j | \alpha_j \rangle = \alpha_j^* \alpha_j = |\alpha_j|^2$

(equivalently: $\langle \hat{N}_j \rangle = \sum_{n_j} n_j P(n_j) = \sum_{n_j} n_j e^{-|\alpha_j|^2} \frac{|\alpha_j|^{2n_j}}{n_j!} = |\alpha_j|^2 \sum_{n_j} e^{-|\alpha_j|^2} \frac{|\alpha_j|^{2n_j}}{n_j!} = |\alpha_j|^2$)

So $\bar{n}_j = |\alpha_j|^2$

and $P(n_j) = e^{-\bar{n}_j} \frac{\bar{n}_j^{n_j}}{n_j!}$ Poissonian Distribution



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta n_j^2 (\Delta N_j)^2 &= \langle N_j^2 \rangle - \langle N_j \rangle^2 = \langle \alpha_j | \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j | \alpha_j \rangle - |\alpha_j|^4 \\
 &= \langle \alpha_j | \hat{a}_j^\dagger (\hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j + 1) \hat{a}_j | \alpha_j \rangle - |\alpha_j|^4 \\
 &= |\alpha_j|^4 + \langle N_j \rangle - |\alpha_j|^4 \\
 &= \langle N_j \rangle = \bar{n}_j
 \end{aligned}
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So $\boxed{\Delta n_j^2 = \bar{n}_j}$ (as it should be for Poissonian)

Electric field: Use $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\frac{\omega_j t}{2}} |\alpha_j\rangle e^{-i\omega_j t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \psi(t) | \hat{E}_\perp(\vec{r}) | \psi(t) \rangle &= i \epsilon_j \vec{E}_j \left\{ |\alpha_j\rangle e^{i(\vec{k}_j \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_j t)} - |\alpha_j^*\rangle e^{-i(\vec{k}_j \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_j t)} \right\} \\
 \langle \psi(t) | \hat{E}_\perp(\vec{r})^2 | \psi(t) \rangle &= \langle \psi(t) | (\dots \hat{a}_j \dots - \hat{a}_j^\dagger \dots) (\dots \hat{a}_j \dots - \dots \hat{a}_j^\dagger \dots) | \psi(t) \rangle \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{ccc} \xleftarrow{\alpha_j^*} & & \xrightarrow{\alpha_j} \\ \hat{a}_j & & \hat{a}_j^\dagger \end{array} \\
 &\quad \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger = \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j + 1 \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{ccc} \xleftarrow{\alpha_j^*} & & \xrightarrow{\alpha_j} \\ \hat{a}_j & & \hat{a}_j \end{array} \\
 &= (\langle \psi(t) | \hat{E}_\perp(\vec{r}) | \psi(t) \rangle)^2 + \epsilon_j^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta \hat{E}_\perp^2 = \epsilon_j^2}$ just like in vacuum!

Orthonormality: $|\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle|^2 = \left| e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\beta|^2}{2}} \sum_{mn} \frac{\alpha^n \beta^{*m}}{\sqrt{n!} \sqrt{m!}} \langle m | n \rangle \right|^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{-|\beta|^2} |e^{2\beta^* \alpha}|^2 \\
 &= e^{-|\alpha - \beta|^2} \quad (\text{so they are not orthogonal})
 \end{aligned}$$

Closure: $\frac{1}{\pi} \underbrace{\int d(\text{Re } \alpha) d(\text{Im } \alpha)}_{d^2 \alpha} |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha| = \mathbb{1}$

Decomposition: $|4\rangle = \int d^2 z c_2 |z\rangle$ with $c_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle z|4\rangle$ (7)

This decomposition is not unique as

$\langle z|z'\rangle \neq 0$ but $|\langle z|z'\rangle|^2 = e^{-|z-z'|^2} \rightarrow 0$
if z and z' are widely separated

\Rightarrow basis z is over complete

Quasi-Probability:

Expand the density operator in the $|z\rangle$'s:

$$\rho = \int d^2 z P_{\rho}(z) |z\rangle \langle z|$$

Since $\rho^\dagger = \rho$ and $\text{Tr } \rho = 1$ We have

$$\int \frac{d^2 z}{\pi} \langle z|\rho|z\rangle = \int d^2 z P_{\rho}(z) = 1.$$

$$P_{\rho}(z) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \langle z|\rho|z\rangle.$$

Define $Q_{\rho}(z) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \langle z|\rho|z\rangle$

$$\langle z|\rho|z\rangle = \int d^2 z' Q_{\rho}(z') |\langle z|z'\rangle|^2.$$

$$= \int d^2 z' Q_{\rho}(z') e^{-|z-z'|^2}$$

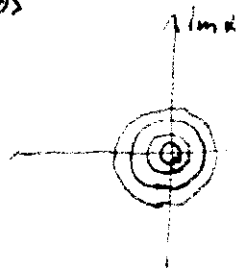
$$\approx Q_{\rho}(z) \underbrace{\int d^2 z' e^{-|z-z'|^2}}_{=\pi}$$

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peaked around $z=z'$

$$= \pi Q_{\rho}(z).$$

Example 1: $\rho = |0\rangle\langle 0|$ Vacuum

$$Q_{|0\rangle}(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\langle z|0\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-|z|^2}$$



Gaussian centered at $z=0$
with width of order $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.
Red (Reflecting $\Delta E_1^2 = E_1^2$)

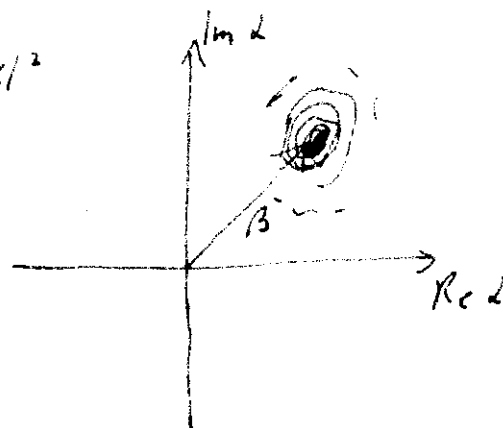
Example 2: Coherent state $Q_\beta(z)$

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$$\rho = |\beta \times \beta|$$

$$Q_\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\langle z | \beta \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-|z - \beta|^2}$$

\Rightarrow Gaussian centered at β



Example 3: Number state $|n\rangle$:

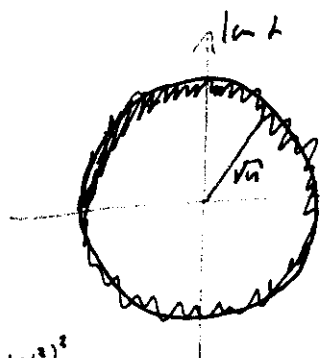
$$Q_n(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} |\langle n | z \rangle|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-|z|^2} \frac{|z|^{2n}}{n!}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}|z|^n} e^{-\frac{(n - |z|^2)^2}{2|z|^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} e^{-\frac{(|z|^2 - n)^2}{2n}}$$



a ring

radius \sqrt{n}

width 1 ($\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$ radius)

$$\approx \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} e^{-\frac{[(|z| - \sqrt{n})^2]}{2n}} \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} e^{-2(n - \sqrt{n})^2}$$

Example 4: Thermal state

in equilibrium

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{Z} = \sum_n \frac{e^{-n \hbar \omega / k_B T}}{Z} \ln X_n$$

$$Z = \sum_n e^{-n \hbar \omega / k_B T} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\hbar \omega / k_B T}}$$

$$S_{th} = \sum_n P_n \ln X_n$$

$$\text{with } P_n = e^{-n \hbar \omega / k_B T} (1 - e^{-\hbar \omega / k_B T})$$

This describes:

- reactive fragments
- gas discharges
- sun light
- "chaotic light"

mean excitation

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$$\langle n \rangle = \bar{n} = \text{Tr}(\rho a^\dagger a) = \sum_n n p_n = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1}$$

$$p_n = \frac{\bar{n}^n}{(1 + \bar{n})^{n+1}} \Rightarrow \text{Planck's law}$$

using density of modes

most probable n : $n = 0!$

Variance: $\langle \Delta n^2 \rangle = \langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = \sum n^2 p_n$$

$$\sum n(n-1) p_n = 2\bar{n}^2$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle - \bar{n} = 2\bar{n}^2$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = 2\bar{n}^2 + \bar{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta n^2 = \bar{n}^2 + \bar{n}$$

for poissonian it's $(\Delta n^2)_p = \bar{n}$

$$p_n = x^n (1-x) \quad \text{with } x = e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}$$

~~$$\frac{d}{dx} p_n = n x^{n-1} (1-x) - (n+1) x^n (1-x)$$~~

Trick: $n(n-1) p_n = (1-x) x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} x^n$

$$\sum n(n-1) p_n = x^2 (1-x) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sum x^n$$

$$= x^2 (1-x) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$= x^2 (1-x) \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^2} = 2 \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x} - 1\right)^2} = 2\bar{n}^2$$

Quasi-probability: $Q_n(z)$

$$p_n = \sum_m p_m |n\rangle \langle n|$$

$$Q_n(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle n | p_m | z \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_n p_n |\langle n | z \rangle|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\bar{n}+1} e^{-\frac{|z|^2}{\bar{n}+1}}$$

gaussian centered at origin, width $\sqrt{\bar{n}+1}$ $\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)$

Coherent state time dependence $e^{-iHt/\hbar} |z\rangle = e^{-i\omega t/2} |z e^{-i\omega t}\rangle$ (10)

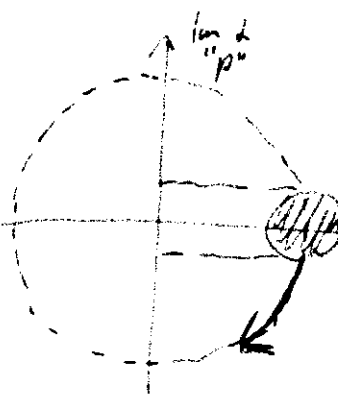
$Q_p(z, t)$

Displaced vacuum

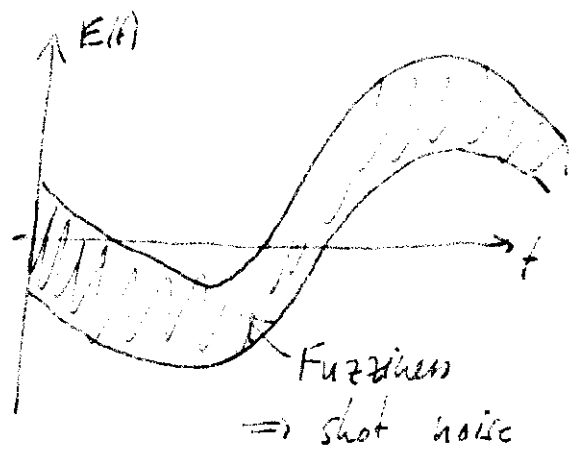
$$|z\rangle = \hat{D}(z) |0\rangle$$

$$\text{with } \hat{D}(z) = e^{za^\dagger - z^*a}$$

(like $\exp(-i\hat{p}\hat{x}_0/\hbar)$)



Re z
"x"



$$E\text{-field} \propto \langle z | a - a^\dagger | z \rangle = z - z^* \propto \text{Im } z$$

Other distributions:

$$Q_p(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle z | \rho | z \rangle$$

$$P_p(z) \text{ defined if } \rho = \int d^2z P_p(z) |z\rangle\langle z|$$

Glauber representation.

$$Q_p(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2z' P_p(z') |\langle z | z' \rangle|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2z' P_p(z') e^{-|z-z'|^2}$$

if $P_p(z')$ varies smoothly compared to $e^{-|z-z'|^2}$,

$$Q_p(z) \approx P_p(z) \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2z' e^{-|z-z'|^2}}_{1}$$

But careful, $P_p(z)$ can become negative!

Wigner distribution: W adapted to calculate mean values of symmetrized products: $b+b^\dagger$ and $(b-b^\dagger)$
 \Rightarrow want this for E-field!
 P adapted to normal order $(a^\dagger)^m a^n$
 Q " " anti-normal order $a^m (a^\dagger)^n$.

Fluctuations and Noise

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Heisenberg uncertainty principle

$$\Delta P \Delta Q \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

recall

$$P = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (a^\dagger - a) \cdot \sqrt{\hbar m \omega} = i \left(\frac{\hbar}{2 \epsilon_0 (\frac{2\pi}{c})^2 \omega} \right)^{1/2} (a^\dagger - a)$$

$$(P = -\epsilon_0 E_z) \quad Q = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2 m \omega}} (a^\dagger + a) = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2 \epsilon_0 (\frac{2\pi}{c})^2 \omega} \right)^{1/2} (a^\dagger + a)$$

$$(Q = A_z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 2 | P | 2 \rangle = i P_0 (2^* - 2)$$

$$\langle 2 | P^2 | 2 \rangle = -P_0^2 \langle 2 | (a^\dagger - a)(a^\dagger - a) | 2 \rangle$$

$$= -P_0^2 \langle 2 | (2^* - a)(a^\dagger - 2) | 2 \rangle$$

$$= -P_0^2 \langle 2 | -2^* 2 + 2^2 + 2^{*2} - a a^\dagger | 2 \rangle$$

$$= -P_0^2 \langle 2 | -2^* 2 + 2^2 + 2^{*2} - a^\dagger a - 1 | 2 \rangle$$

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$$= -P_0^2 \langle 2 | (2^* - 2)(2^* - 2) | 2 \rangle + P_0^2$$

$$= (\langle 2 | P | 2 \rangle)^2 + P_0^2$$

$$\langle 2 | Q | 2 \rangle = Q_0 (2^* + 2)$$

$$\langle 2 | Q^2 | 2 \rangle = (\langle 2 | Q | 2 \rangle)^2 + Q_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta P^2 = P_0^2 ; \quad \Delta Q^2 = Q_0^2$$

$$\Delta P \Delta Q = P_0 Q_0 = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Coherent states are minimum uncertainty states

in α ΔP

$\rightarrow \Delta Q$

$\rightarrow \text{Re } \alpha$

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area

$$\Delta P \Delta Q = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\Delta (\text{Re } \alpha) \Delta (\text{Im } \alpha) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Another useful measure

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$g^{(2)}(\tau)$ second order temporal coherence function

classical: $g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle I(t) I(t+\tau) \rangle}{\langle I \rangle^2}$

Homework #1: $g^{(2)}(\tau) > 0$

In quantum mechanics: Use operators

Instead of $I(t)$ use $\hat{E}^{(2)}(t)$?

Note: ~~also~~ Often, we are interested in processes where photons are absorbed by an atom initially in the ground state. The resonant part of that interaction involves exciting the atom and destroying a photon, i.e. it involves

$$\hat{E}^{(+)}(\vec{r}=\vec{0}, t) = i \sum_j \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_j}{2 \epsilon_0 V}} a_j e^{-i \omega_j t}$$

and not $\hat{E}^{(-)}(\vec{r}=\vec{0}, t) = -i \sum_j \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_j}{2 \epsilon_0 V}} a_j^\dagger e^{+i \omega_j t}$

So typically, correlation functions are defined in normal order, with the a 's to the right of the a^\dagger 's.

If one is interested in a spontaneous or stimulated emission, we define the corresponding correlators involving $\hat{E}^{(-)}$ on the right side, and $\hat{E}^{(+)}$ on the left.

Here: We ask for the probability of absorbing two photons (and consider 1 mode only here)

$$\sum_j |\langle \psi_f | a a | \psi_i \rangle|^2 = \langle \psi_i | a^\dagger a^\dagger a a | \psi_i \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle a^\dagger a^\dagger(t) a a \rangle}{\langle a^\dagger a \rangle^2} \stackrel{H.V.}{=} \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^2} \quad \text{independent of } \tau \text{ single mode.}$$

$$g^{(2)} = \frac{\langle a^\dagger a^\dagger a a \rangle}{\langle a^\dagger a \rangle^2} = \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle n \rangle^2}$$

$g^{(2)} < 1$ is now possible.

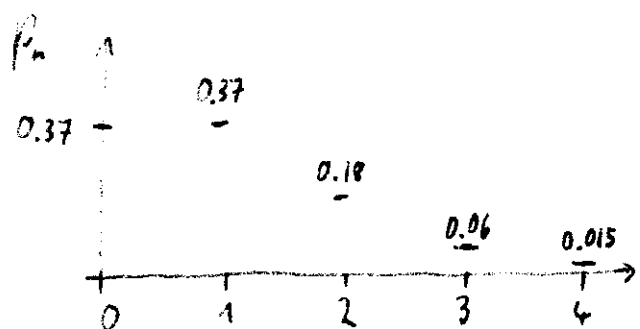
Fano factor $F = \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle n \rangle} - 1$

$= 1$ for poissonian distribution

	$\langle n^2 \rangle$	F		$g^{(2)}(0)$
thermal	$2\bar{n}^2 + \bar{n}$	\bar{n}	super poissonian	2
coherent	$\bar{n}^2 + \bar{n}$	0	poissonian	1
$ n\rangle$	\bar{n}^2	-1	sub-poissonian	$1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1$ [0 for $n=1$]

The single photon

$|2\rangle$ with $2=1$ is NOT a single photon

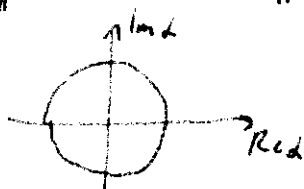


$$P_n = e^{-|2|} \frac{|2|^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{e} \frac{1}{n!}$$

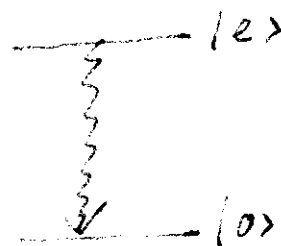
$|2\rangle$ is an eigenstate of $a^\dagger a$ with $n=1$.

single atoms emit single photons:

$$Q_{12}(2) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\langle 2|1\rangle|^2 = \frac{|2|^2}{\pi} e^{-|2|^2}$$



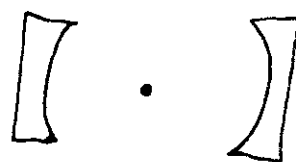
No phase $\langle E \rangle = 0$



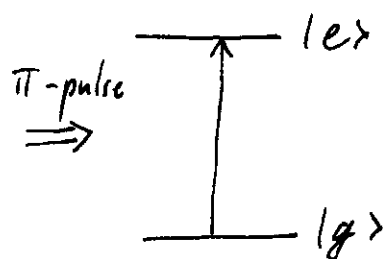
How to create single photons?

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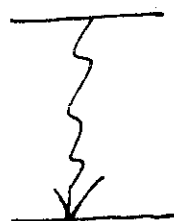
1 atom or ion



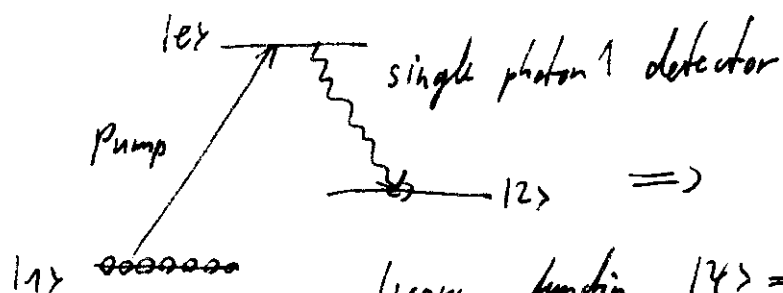
Cavity \rightarrow enhance probability to emit into cavity mode



within Γ^{-1}



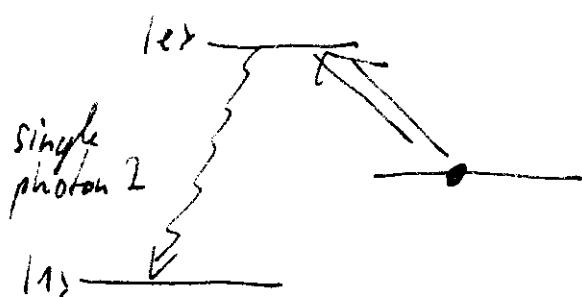
• Heralded Photon
Many Atoms



\Rightarrow 1 atom in state $|2\rangle$

(wave function $|2\rangle = \frac{(|1000\dots\rangle + |010\dots\rangle + |0010\dots\rangle)}{\sqrt{N}}$)

\Rightarrow gives you super-radiant enhancement of emission into one mode (in times stronger coupling to cavity)



heralded by photon 1

see Vuletic group

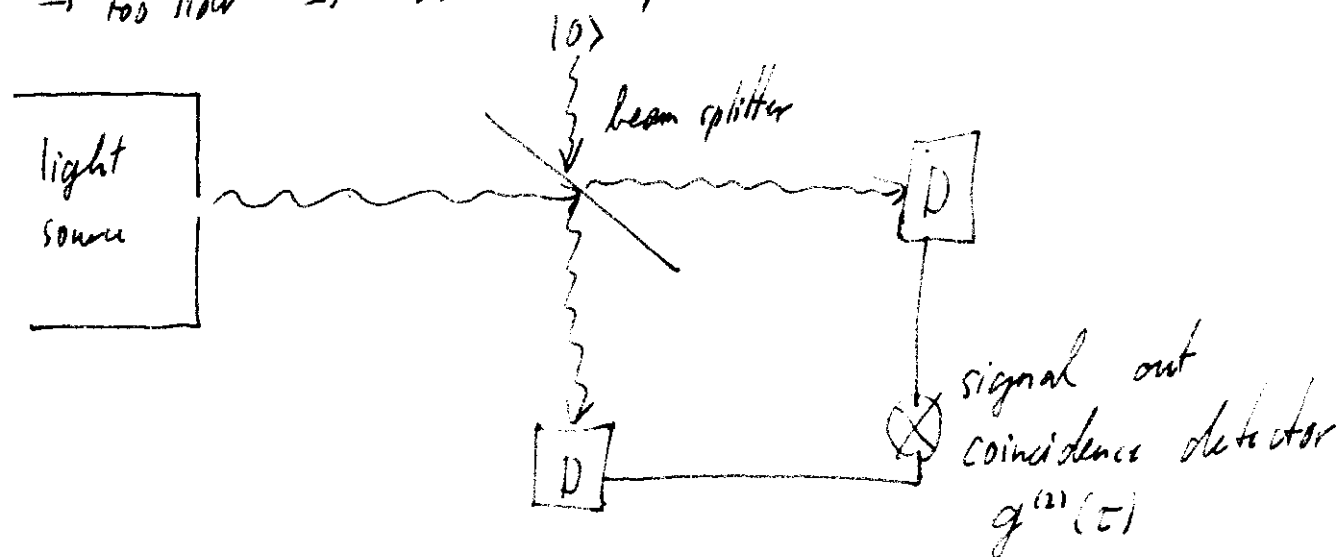
Hanbury Brown - Twiss experiment 1956

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Landmark experiment in the 1950's

first experiment to look at g_2

to look at successive photons cannot use single photomultiplier
→ too slow ⇒ use beam splitter and use two photodetectors.



classically:

intensity splits equally. $g^{(2)} = 1$ coherent state
 $g^{(2)} = 2$ thermal state

quantum mechanically:

$|n=1\rangle$: photon can only go to only one detector

$$g^{(2)}(0) = 0$$

see homework # 1.

Note: $g^{(2)} = 2$ is of q.m. origin, but comes out classically. Why? Because all we need is the superposition principle, deriving from the boson nature of photons, but already obeyed by classical fields.