# Open Quantum Systems Lecture I:

Dissipative Quantum Phase Transitions for Photons – Part A

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## Bose-Einstein condensation of photons in an optical microcavity

Jan Klaers, Julian Schmitt, Frank Vewinger & Martin Weitz

LETTER



By pumping the dye with an external laser we add to a reservoir of electronic excitations that exchanges particles with the photon gas, in the sense of a grand canonical ensemble. The pumping is maintained throughout the experiment to compensate for losses ...



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Here we realize the Dicke quantum phase transition in an open system formed by a Bose-Einstein condensate coupled to an optical cavity, and observe the emergence of a self-organized super-solid phase. The phase transition is driven by infinitely long-range interactions between the condensate atoms, induced by two-photon processes involving the cavity mode and a pump field.

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## DICKE SUPERRADIANCE – R. H. Dicke, Phys. Rev. 93, 99 (1954)

$$H_D = \frac{\hbar\omega_{ab}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j^z + \hbar\omega a^{\dagger}a + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N (\sigma_j^+a + \sigma_j^-a^{\dagger})$$

$$\left| \left\langle \frac{N}{2} - k, M - 1 \right| \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sigma_j^{-} \left| \frac{N}{2} - k, M \right\rangle \right|^2$$
$$= \left( \frac{N}{2} - k + M \right) \left( \frac{N}{2} - k - M + 1 \right)$$



Physical Review Letters 35, 432 (1975)

Phase Transitions, Two-Level Atoms, and the  $A^2$  Term R. Rzążewski, K. Wódkiewicz, W. Żakowicz

We show that the presence of the recently discovered phase transition in the Dicke Hamiltonian is due entirely to the absence of the  $A^2$  terms from the interaction Hamiltonian.

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$$H_M = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{1}{2m} \left( \vec{p}_j - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j) \right)^2 + V(\vec{r}_j) \right] + \hbar\omega a^{\dagger}a$$



#### **OPEN DICKE MODEL**



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#### ORDER-PARAMETER, SYMMETRY BREAKING & FLUCTUATIONS

$$d\bar{\alpha} = -\bar{\alpha}(1-p+p|\bar{\alpha}|^2)dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{\text{sat}}}} (dW_1 + idW_2)$$









#### SATURATION PHOTON NUMBER & "THERMODYNAMIC" LIMIT



#### NUMBER OF ATOMS & "THERMODYNAMIC" LIMIT



## LETTER

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#### Thresholdless nanoscale coaxial lasers

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#### A $\beta=0.95$ laser



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#### VOLUME 36, NUMBER 19

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

10 May 1976

#### Differential Gain and Bistability Using a Sodium-Filled Fabry-Perot Interferometer



#### H. M. Gibbs,\* S. L. McCall, and T. N. C. Venkatesan† Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974 (Received 9 February 1976)

Differential gain and large hysteresis have been seen in the transmission of a Fabry-Perot interferometer containing Na vapor irradiated by light from a cw dye laser. Nonlinear dispersion, neglected in earlier work, dominates over nonlinear absorption in Na. The apparatus uses only optical inputs and outputs. Similar apparatus may be useful as an optical amplifier, memory element, clipper, and limiter.



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#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

23 SEPTEMBER 1991



#### Optical Bistability and Photon Statistics in Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics

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The quantum statistical behavior of a small collection of N two-state atoms strongly coupled to the field of a high-finesse optical cavity is investigated. Input-output characteristics are recorded over the range  $3 \le N \le 65$ , with bistability observed for  $N \ge 15$  intracavity atoms and for a saturation photon number  $n_0 = 0.8$ . For weak excitation the transmitted field exhibits photon antibunching as a nonclassic cal manifestation of state reduction and quantum interference with the magnitude of the nonclassical effects largely independent of N.

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## MAXWELL-BLOCH EQUATIONS

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= -\left(\kappa - i\Delta\omega_{c}\right)\alpha + Ng\beta + \mathcal{E} & \text{cavity field} \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= -\left(\gamma_{h}/2 - i\Delta\omega_{A}\right)\beta + g\alpha\zeta & \text{atomic} \\ \frac{d\zeta}{dt} &= -\gamma(\zeta + 1) - 2g(\alpha^{*}\beta + \alpha\beta^{*}) & \text{atomic} \\ \text{inversion} \end{split}$$

$$\frac{(\mathcal{E}/\kappa)^2}{n_{\text{sat}}} = \frac{n}{n_{\text{sat}}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{2C}{1 + \delta^2 + n/n_{\text{sat}}} \right)^2 + \left( \phi - \frac{2C\delta}{1 + \delta^2 + n/n_{\text{sat}}} \right)^2 \right]$$
$$C = Ng^2/\gamma_h \kappa \qquad \delta = 2\Delta\omega_A/\gamma_h \qquad \phi = \Delta\omega_C/\kappa$$





Physical Review A 19, 2392 (1979)

First and Second-Order Phase TransitionsC. M. Bowdenin the Dicke Model:andRelation to Optical BistabilityC. C. Sung

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#### 8 PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

25 AUGUST 1997

#### Strongly Interacting Photons in a Nonlinear Cavity

A. Imamoglu,<sup>1</sup> H. Schmidt,<sup>1</sup> G. Woods,<sup>1</sup> and M. Deutsch<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106 <sup>2</sup>Department of Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544 (Received 12 November 1996)

We consider the dynamics of single photons in a nonlinear optical cavity. When the Kerr nonlinearities of *atomic dark resonances* are utilized, the cavity mode is well described by a spin-1/2 Hamiltonian. We show that it is possible to achieve coherent control of the cavity-mode wave function using  $\pi$  pulses for single photons that switch the state of the cavity with very high accuracy. The underlying physics is best understood as the nonlinearity induced anticorrelation between single-photon injection/emission events, which we refer to as *photon blockade*. We also propose a method which uses these strong dispersive interactions to realize a single-photon turnstile device. [S0031-9007(97)03903-3]

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To explain the strong antibunching of transmitted photons, we introduce the concept of *photon blockade* in close analogy with the phenomenon of Coulomb blockade for quantum-well electrons.





### PHOTON ANTIBUNCHING



bunched light e.g. laser below threshold

coherent light e.g. laser above threshold

antibunched light e.g. resonance fluorescence PHYSICAL REVIEW A

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
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#### Quantum trajectory simulations of the two-state behavior of an optical cavity containing one atom

L. Tian and H. J. Carmichael Department of Physics, Chemical Physics Institute, and Institute of Theoretical Science, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403 (Received 26 August 1992)

Under conditions of strong dipole coupling an optical cavity containing one atom acts as a two-state system when excited near one of the "vacuum" Rabi resonances.

#### L. Tian and H. J. Carmichael, Phys. Rev. A 46, R6801 (1992)





### JAYNES-CUMMINGS MODEL

$$H_{JC} = \hbar \omega_C a^{\dagger} a + rac{\hbar \omega_A}{2} (|\mathbf{e}\rangle \langle \mathbf{e}| - |\mathbf{g}\rangle \langle \mathbf{g}|)$$

$$+ \hbar g(a^{\dagger} | \mathrm{g} \rangle \langle \mathrm{e} | + a | \mathrm{e} 
angle \langle \mathrm{g} |)$$

#### free cavity + atom

#### dipole coupling



#### DRESSED STATES & THE MOLLOW TRIPLET



#### STRONG COUPLING – DRESSING THE DRESSED STATES



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Nature 436, 87 (2005)

## Photon blockade in an optical cavity with one trapped atom

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#### (coupling, cavity width, atom width)



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#### week ending 17 JUNE 2011

#### Observation of Resonant Photon Blockade at Microwave Frequencies Using Correlation Function Measurements

C. Lang,<sup>1</sup> D. Bozyigit,<sup>1</sup> C. Eichler,<sup>1</sup> L. Steffen,<sup>1</sup> J. M. Fink,<sup>1</sup> A. A. Abdumalikov, Jr.,<sup>1</sup> M. Baur,<sup>1</sup> S. Filipp,<sup>1</sup> M. P. da Silva,<sup>2</sup> A. Blais,<sup>2</sup> and A. Wallraff<sup>1</sup>

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#### Nature Physics 5, 105 (2009)

#### Nonlinear response of the vacuum Rabi resonance

Lev S. Bishop<sup>1</sup>, J. M. Chow<sup>1</sup>, Jens Koch<sup>1</sup>, A. A. Houck<sup>1</sup>, M. H. Devoret<sup>1</sup>, E. Thuneberg<sup>2</sup>, S. M. Girvin<sup>1</sup> and R. J. Schoelkopf<sup>1</sup>\*



#### field amplitude

 $rac{1+i\delta}{1+n/n_{
m sat}+\delta^2}$ 





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#### DRIVEN JAYNES-CUMMINGS MODEL

$$\begin{split} H_{JC}^{\text{driven}}(t) &= \hbar \omega_C a^{\dagger} a + \frac{\hbar \omega_A}{2} (|\mathbf{e}\rangle \langle \mathbf{e}| - |\mathbf{g}\rangle \langle \mathbf{g}|) & \text{free cavity + atom} \\ &+ \hbar g (a^{\dagger} |\mathbf{g}\rangle \langle \mathbf{e}| + a |\mathbf{e}\rangle \langle \mathbf{g}|) & \text{dipole coupling} \\ &+ \hbar \mathcal{E} (a e^{i\omega t} + a^{\dagger} e^{-i\omega t}) & \text{drive} \end{split}$$

RESONANCE —  $\omega = \omega_C = \omega_A$  — PLUS INTERACTION PICTURE:

 $H_{JC}^{\text{driven}} = \hbar g(a^{\dagger} |\mathbf{g}\rangle \langle \mathbf{e}| + a |\mathbf{e}\rangle \langle \mathbf{g}|) + \hbar \, \mathcal{E}(a + a^{\dagger})$ 

### QUASI-ENERGIES

$$E_{U,L}^{n} = \pm \sqrt{n}\hbar g \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{2\mathcal{E}}{g}\right)^2 \right]^{3/4}$$



#### MASTER EQUATION – OPEN JAYNES-CUMMINGS MODEL

input: coherent drive

output: cavity loss

 $rac{d
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output: spontaneous emission

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ho$ 

#### dipole coupling = $50 \times \text{cavity linewidth}$

#### photon number





#### MULTIPHOTON RESONANCE & BLOCKADE



#### BREAKDOWN OF BLOCKADE



#### MEAN-FIELD THEORY – MAXWELL-BLOCH EQUATIONS

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$$\alpha = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\kappa - i \left[ \Delta \omega \mp \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta \omega) \frac{g^2}{\sqrt{\Delta \omega^2 + 4g^2 |\alpha|^2}} \right]}$$



#### QUANTUM TRAJECTORY SIMULATION



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 $\gamma/\kappa=0$  $n_{\rm sat}=0$ 30 -10 28 -50 26 -200 350 24 -500 650 22 -800 20 --4 Λ 20 -0.0 0.5 drive amplitude 18 -1.0 16 -10.0 20.0 14 -40.0 100.0 12 -250.0 10 --16 16 10 0.00 0.05 8 0.15 0.25 6 0.35 4 0.70 1.40 2 2.80 0 -Т -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 detuning (cavity halfwidths)











#### LADDER SWITCHING

 $\gamma/\kappa=0 \ n_{
m sat}=0$ 







