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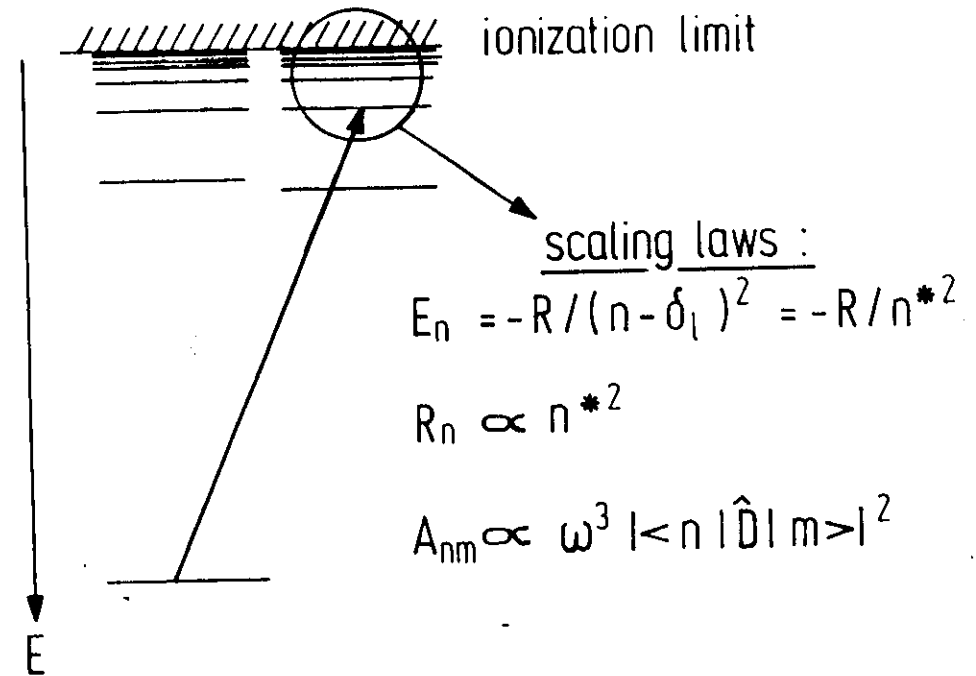
CAVITY QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

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Properties of Rydberg Atoms

CAVITY QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS



Hydrogen atom

	$n = 10$	$n = 100$	units
Energy	0.14	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	eV
Radius	100	10 000	a_0
Lifetime	0.51	510	μs
Frequency	6600	6.6	GHz

Properties of Rydberg Atoms

$$E_n = R/(n - \delta_e)^2 = R/n^{*2}$$

n^* effective quantum number

δ_e quantum defect

$$\text{Radius} \propto n^{*2}$$

Decay rate

$$A_{n \rightarrow m} \propto \omega^3 |\langle n | \hat{D} | m \rangle|^2$$

$$\text{If } m \ll n \rightarrow |\langle n | \hat{D} | m \rangle|^2 \ll 1$$

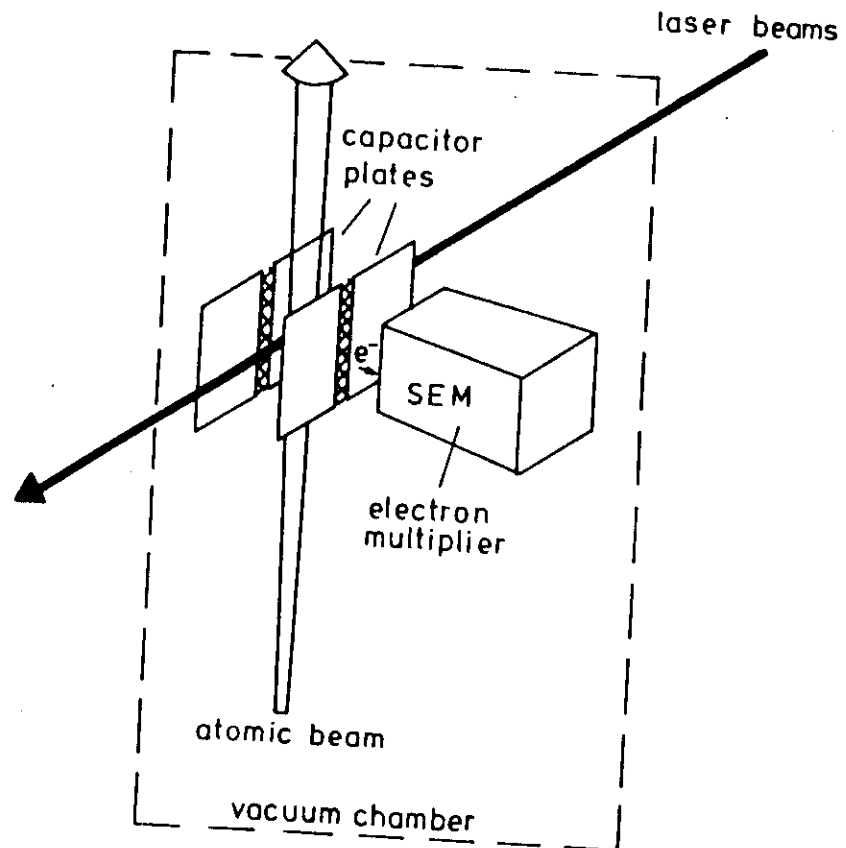
$$A_{n \rightarrow m} \propto n^{*-3}$$

$$\text{If } m \approx n \quad \hbar\omega = E_n - E_m \propto n^{*-3}$$

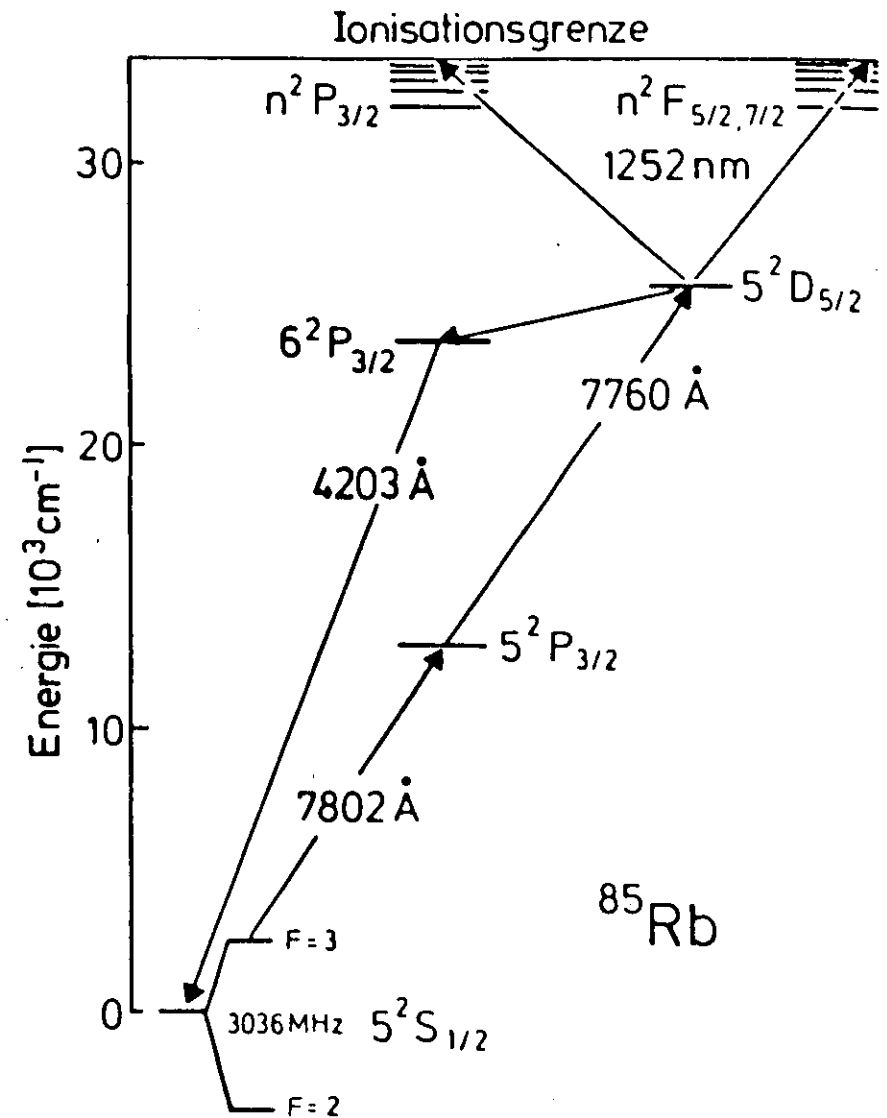
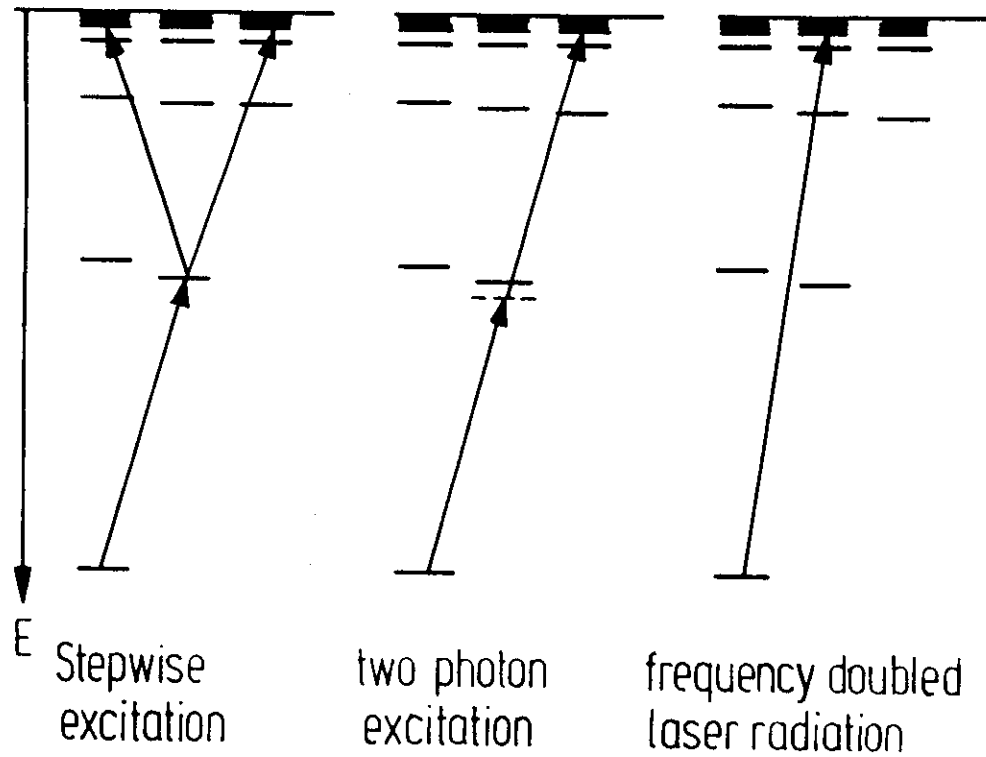
$$|\langle n | \hat{D} | m \rangle|^2 \propto n^{*4}$$

$$A_{n \rightarrow m} \propto n^{*-5}$$

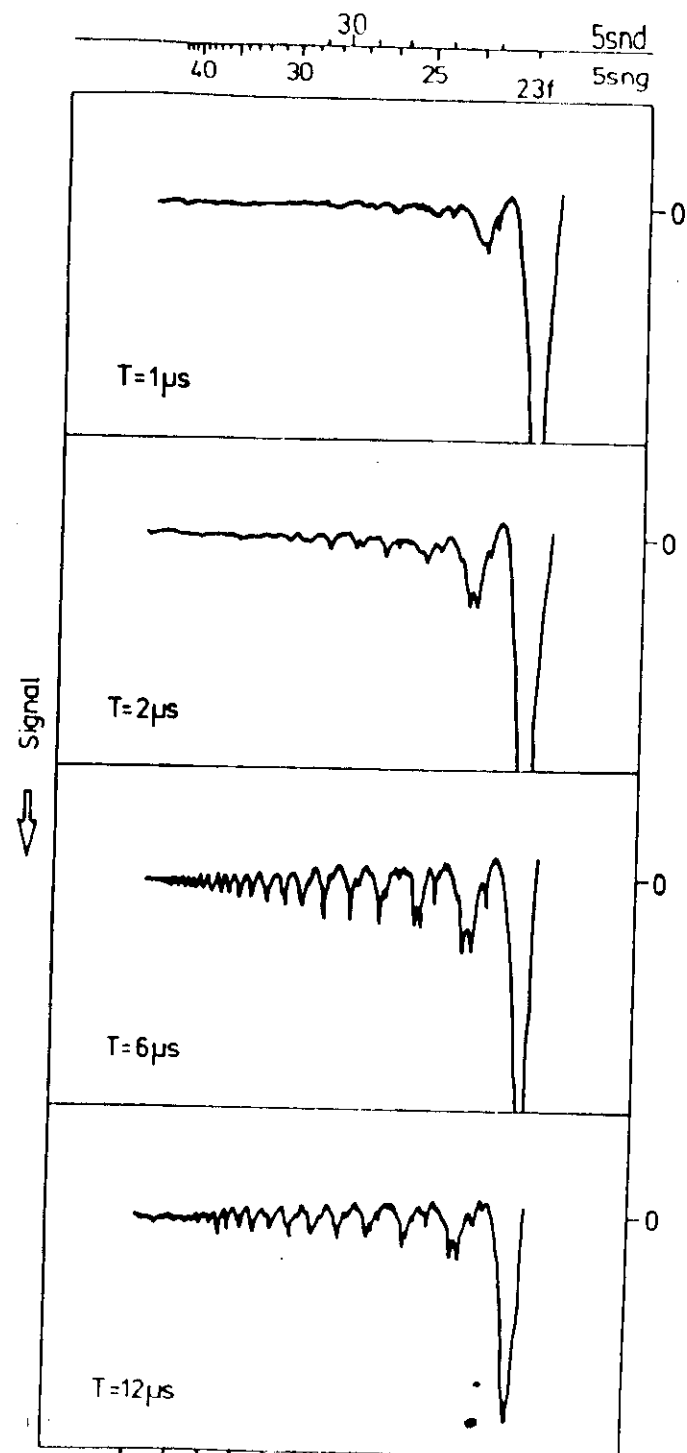
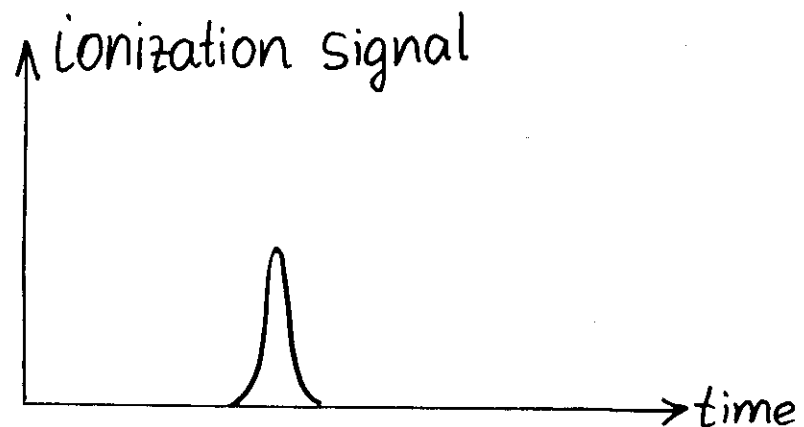
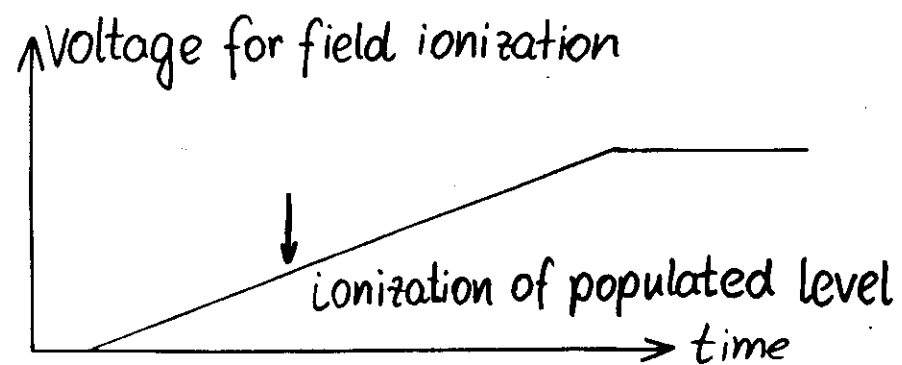
Detection of Rydberg Atoms



Excitation Schemes for Rydberg Atoms



State-selective detection of Rydberg atoms



Influence of blackbody radiation

Free atom versus atom in cavity

Energy flux (Rayleigh-Jeans limit):

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\nu} \propto \nu^2 \triangleq n^{*-6}$$

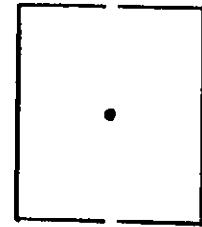
Induced transition rate:

$$B_{nm} \propto \underbrace{|\langle n | \hat{D} | m \rangle|^2}_{n^{*4}} \underbrace{\frac{d\phi}{d\nu}}_{n^{*-6}}$$

$$B_{nm} \propto n^{*-2}$$

Relative transition rate:

$$\frac{B_{nm}}{\Gamma_n} \propto \frac{n^{*-2}}{n^{*-3}} = n^*$$



Free atom versus atom in cavity

Modification of spontaneous emission rate

Modification of Lamb shift

(also (g-2) experiments)

also level shift due to direct interaction with cavity walls

Oscillatory energy exchange

(determined by photon statistics)

(E.T. Jaynes, F.W. Cummings, Proc. IEEE 51, 89 (1963))

Modification of spontaneous emission rate

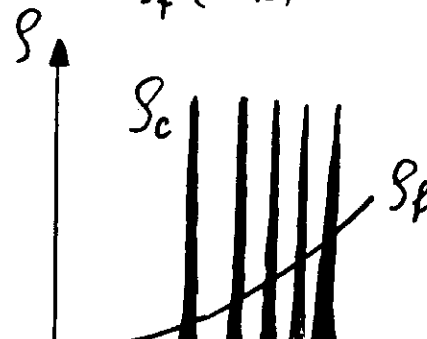
Γ : emission rate

$$\Gamma = 2\pi \int d\Omega_k (|V_{12}^k|^2 \rho(\omega_k))_{\omega_k = \omega_0}$$

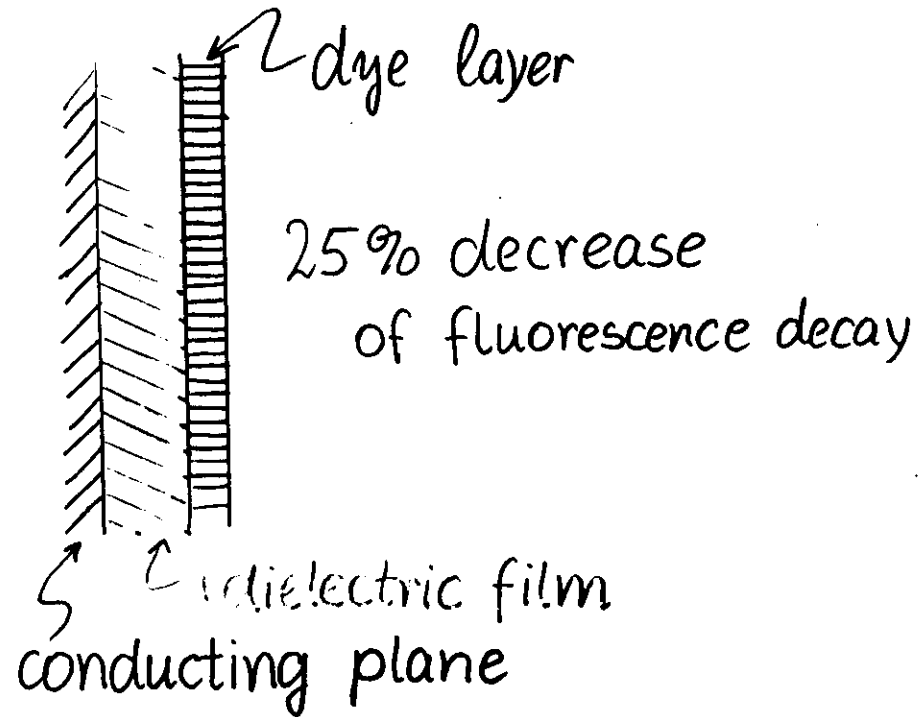
V_{12}^k dipole matrix element between states:
atom in excited state - no photon
and atom in ground state - photon in mode k

$$\rho(\omega_k) d\omega_k = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right) \frac{\omega_k^2 d\omega_k}{\pi^2 c^3}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{cav}} = \Gamma_f \frac{\rho_c(\omega_k)}{\rho_f(\omega_k)} \rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{cav}} \approx \Gamma_f Q$$

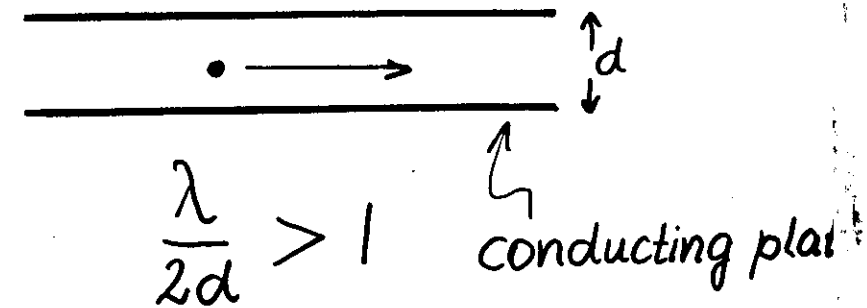


Fluorescence of dye molecules



Drexhage, Progress in Optics
(ed. E. Wolf) Vol. 20, 163 (1974)

Inhibited spontaneous emission of Rydberg atoms



circular states $|m| = n-1$
increase of lifetime observed
factor 20

Hulet, Hilfer, Kleppner

PRL 55, 2137 (1985)

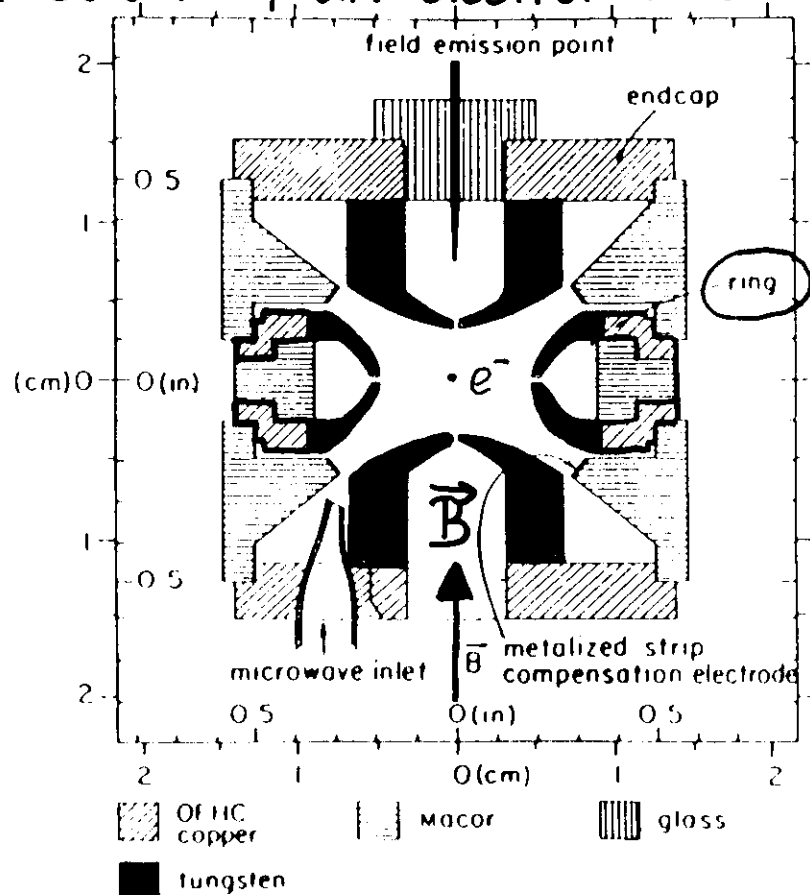
Observation of Inhibited Spontaneous Emission

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(Received 16 April 1985)

radiative decay of cyclotron
motion of an electron in a trap



decay rate 5 times smaller

Ihe, Anderson, Hinds, Meschede, Moi, Haroche,
PRL 58, 666 (1987)

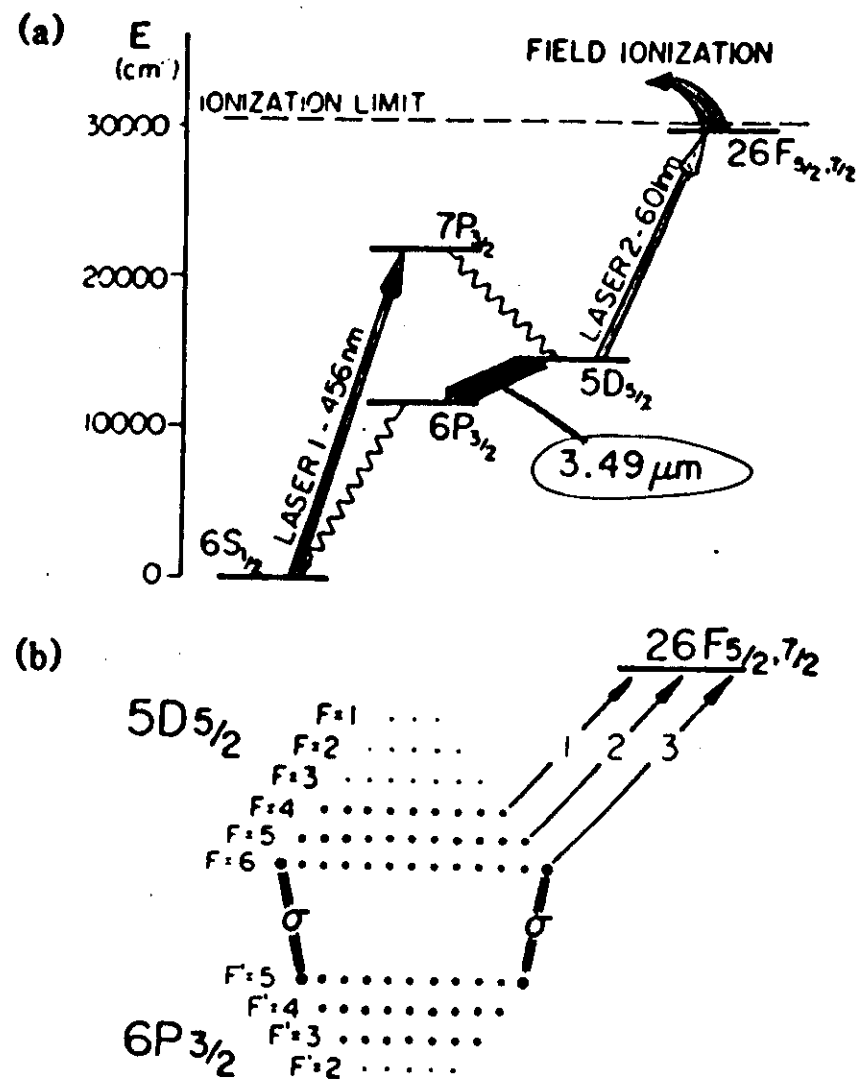
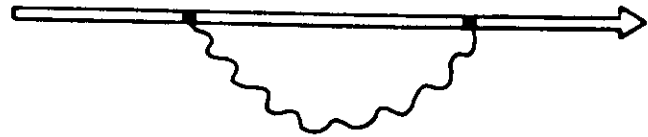
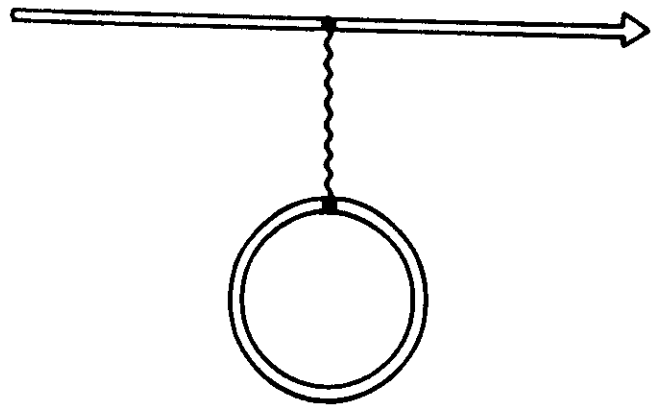


FIG. 1. (a) Cesium energy diagram showing the levels and optical transitions relevant to this experiment. (b) Closeup showing the hyperfine structure of the $5D_{5/2}$ and $6P_{3/2}$ states.

Lowest order radiative corrections
to bound electron

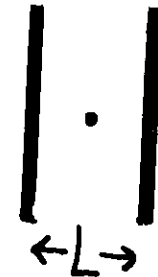


self-energy contribution



Vacuum polarization contribution

Level shifts
Rydberg atoms between
conducting planes



G. Barton
Proc. Roy. Soc.
A 410, 174 u. 175 (1987)

Scaling laws (hydrogen atoms)

$$L < n^3 a_0 / \alpha$$

Interaction basically electrostatic
(nonretarded)

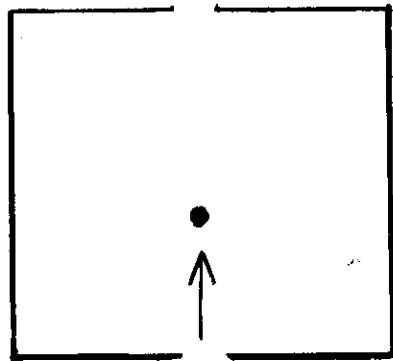
$$\Delta \approx (n^4 / L^3(\text{mm})) \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Hz}$$

$$L > n^3 a_0 / \alpha$$

Interaction basically radiative
(retarded)

$$\Lambda \approx (2 / n^2 L(\text{mm})) \cdot 10^4 \text{ Hz}$$

Interaction of a single atom with a single cavity mode



atom enters
cavity in excited
state

Atom
↕ coupling constant Ω (Rabi-frequency)
Cavity field
↕ coupling constant $\frac{\omega}{Q}$
Cavity walls

$\Omega > \frac{\omega}{Q}$ Maser operation

Rabi frequency: Ω

Damping rate of field: $\frac{\omega}{Q}$

1) $\Omega < \frac{\omega}{Q}$

photon emitted in the cavity mode
is absorbed much faster by cavity
walls than atom decays

2) $\Omega > \frac{\omega}{Q}$

self-induced Rabi nutation

(Jaynes, Cummings, Proc. IEEE 51,
89 (1963))

One-Atom Maser

D. Meschede, H. Walther, G. Müller
Phys. Rev. Lett. 54, 551 (1985)

Superconducting cavity
 $Q \approx 10^9$ at 2 K

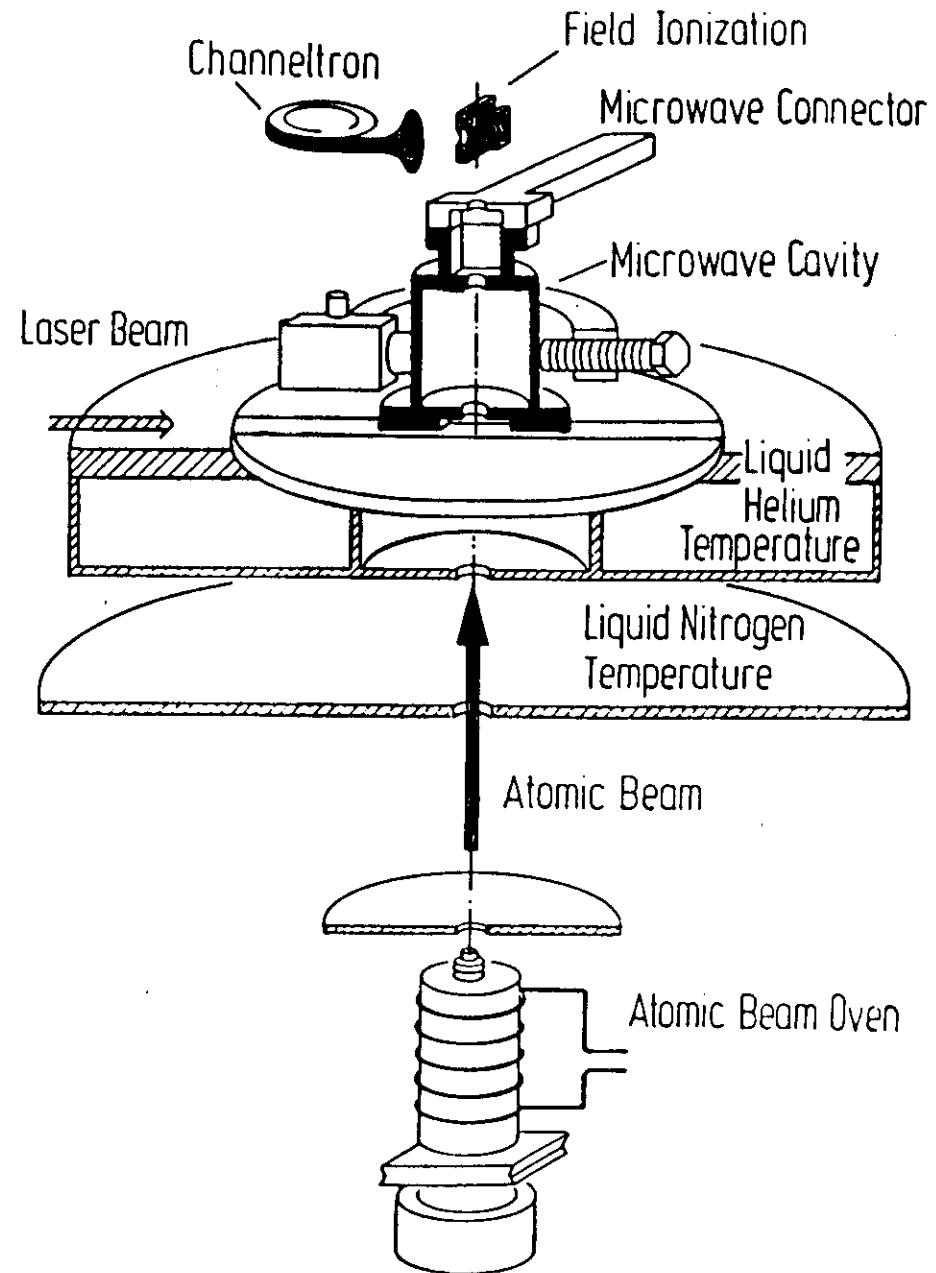
damping rate of field

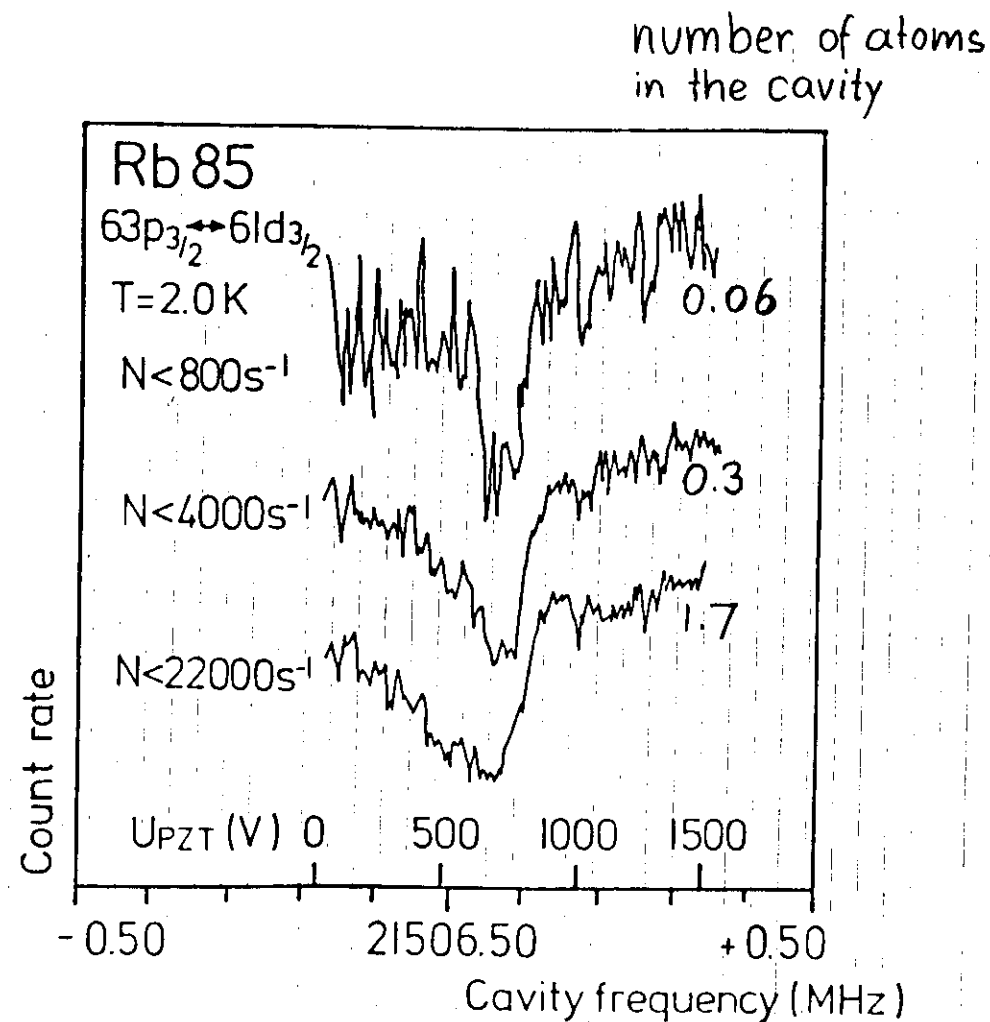
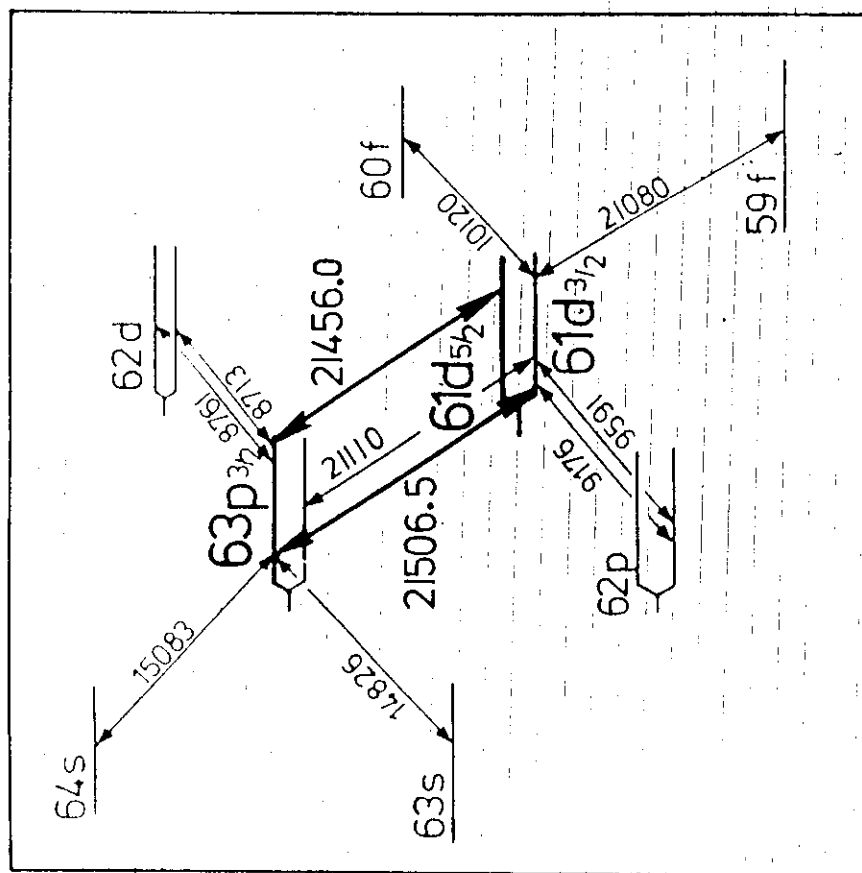
$$\frac{\omega}{Q} = 125 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

single photon Rabi-frequency

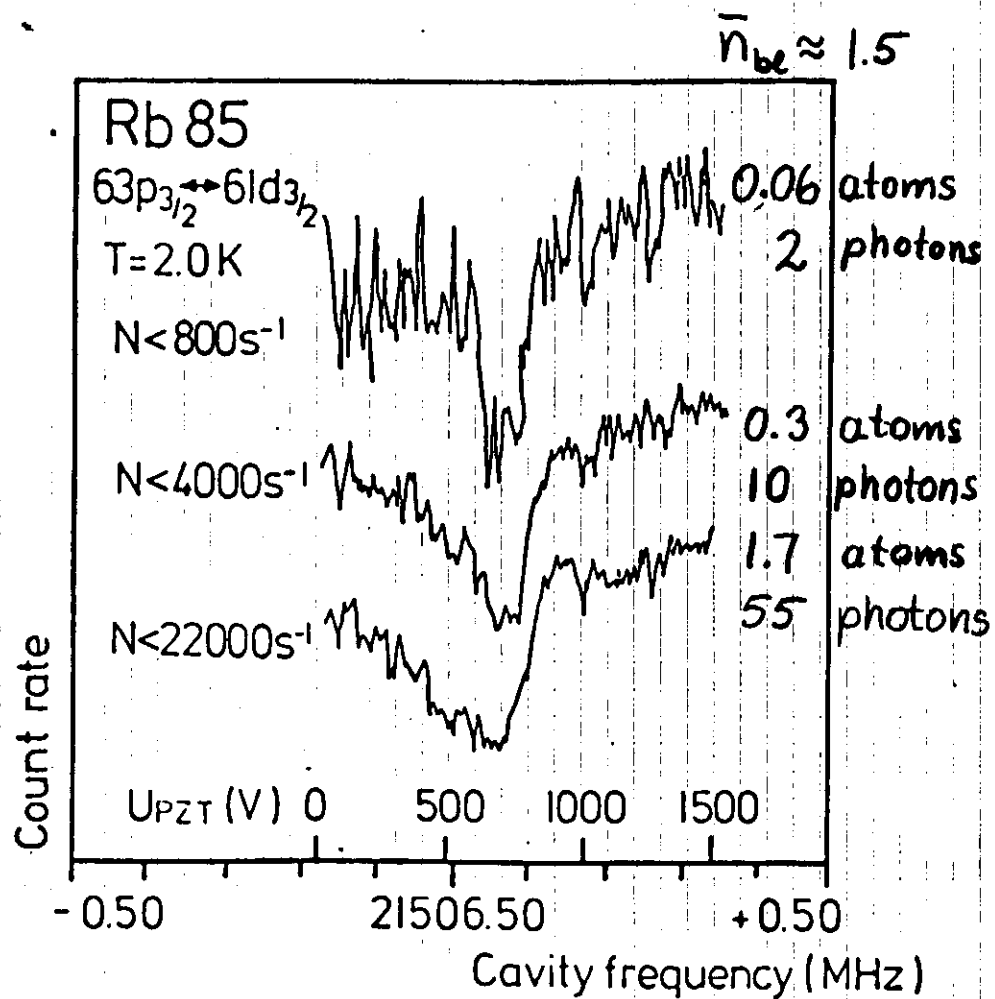
$$\Omega = 17\,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

D. Meschede, H. Walther, G. Müller, Phys. Rev. Lett.
54, 551 (1985)



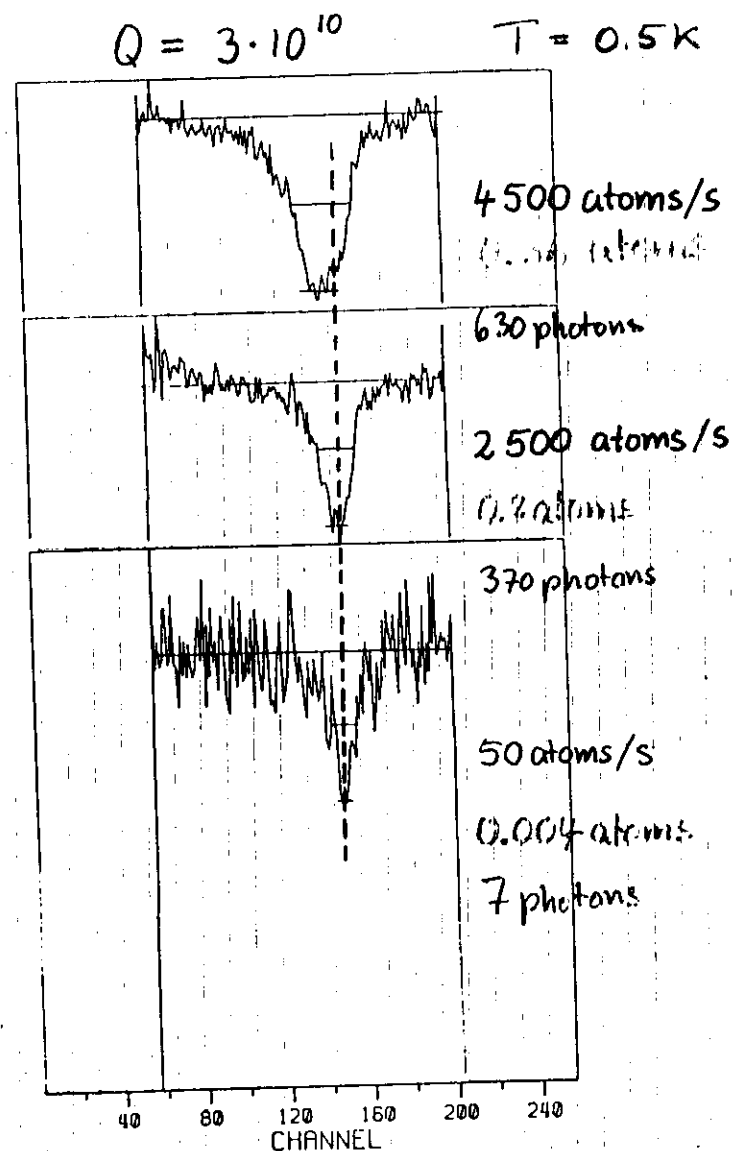


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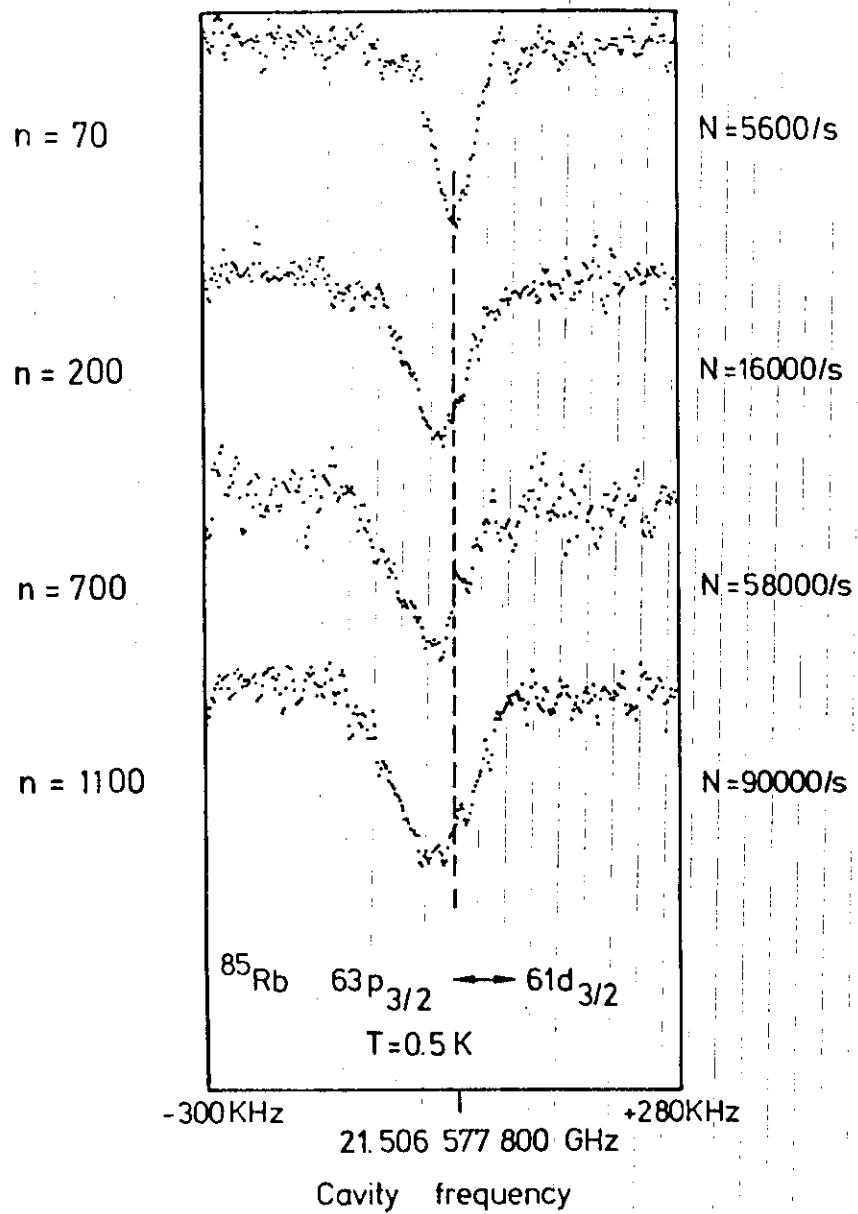
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Fig. 7



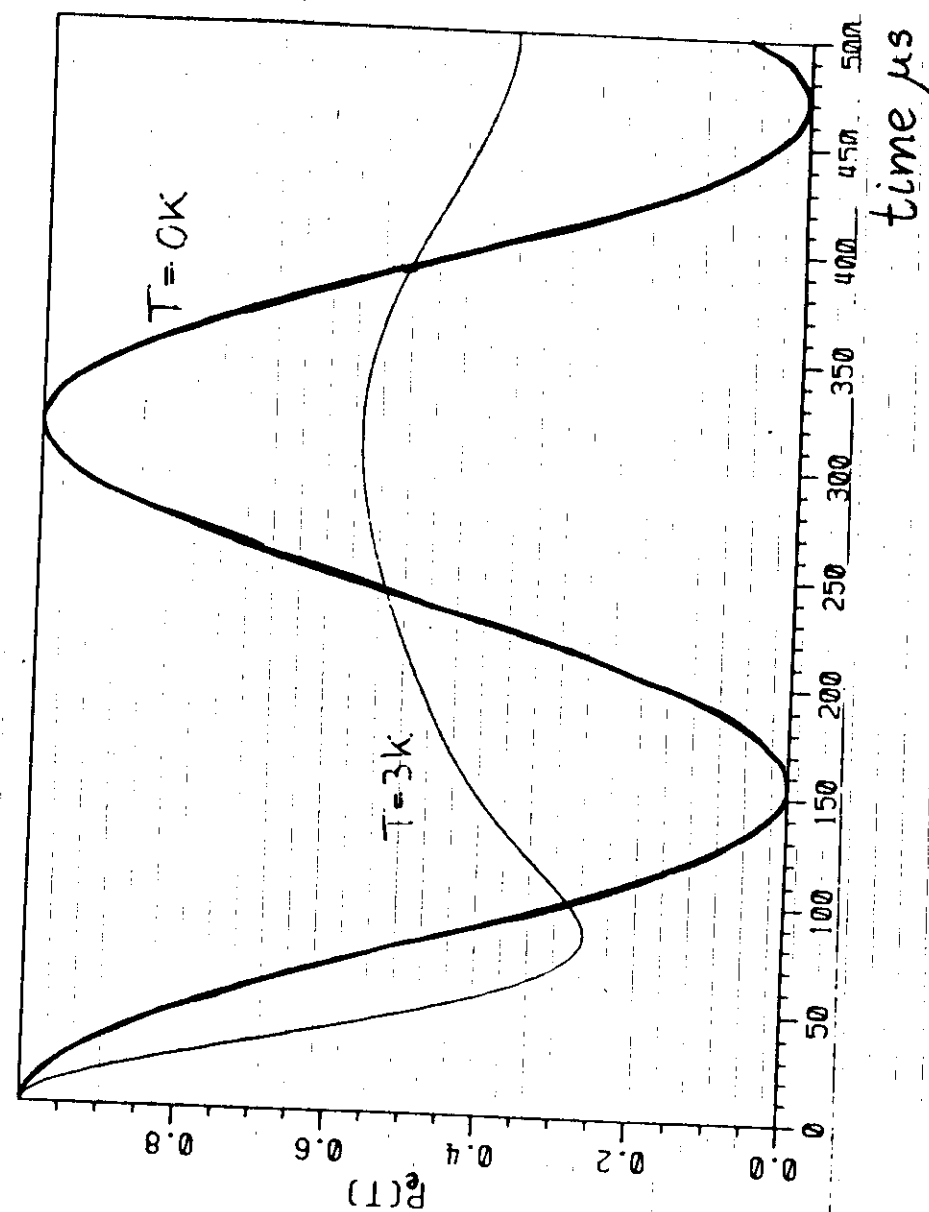
$\text{Rb}^{85} \quad 63p_{3/2} - 61p_{5/2}$

Resonance frequency : 21.456 GHz



$$Q = 2 \cdot 10^{10}$$

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Single atom - resonant cavity

$T=0$, n photons in cavity (Fock-state)

$$P_{e,n}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \cos(2\Omega\sqrt{n+1}t) \right\}$$

$T \neq 0$; Thermal field :

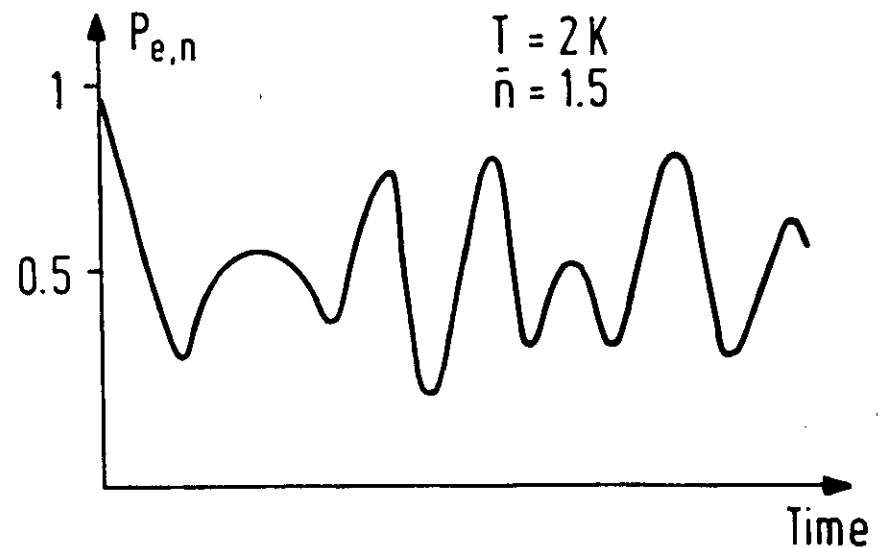
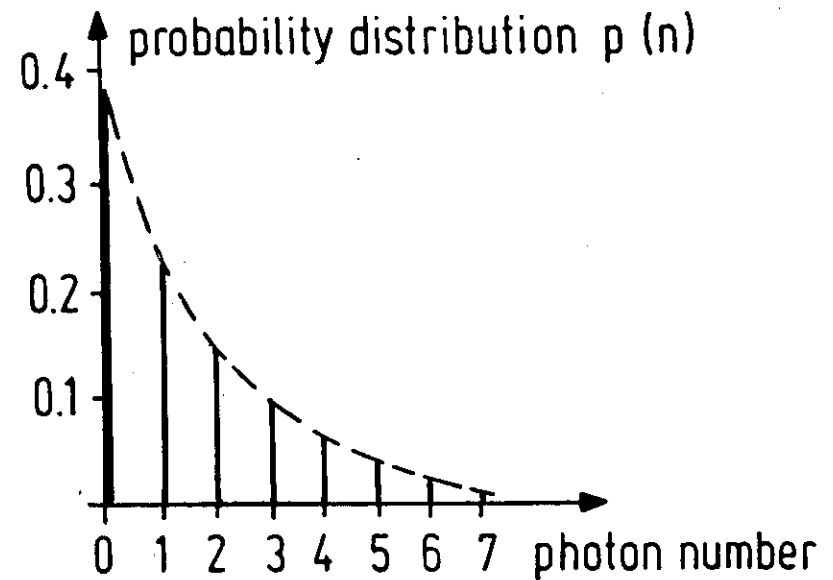
$$P_{e,n}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \sum_n \underbrace{\frac{\bar{n}^n}{(\bar{n}+1)^{n+1}}}_{p(n)} \cos(2\Omega\sqrt{n+1}t) \right\}$$

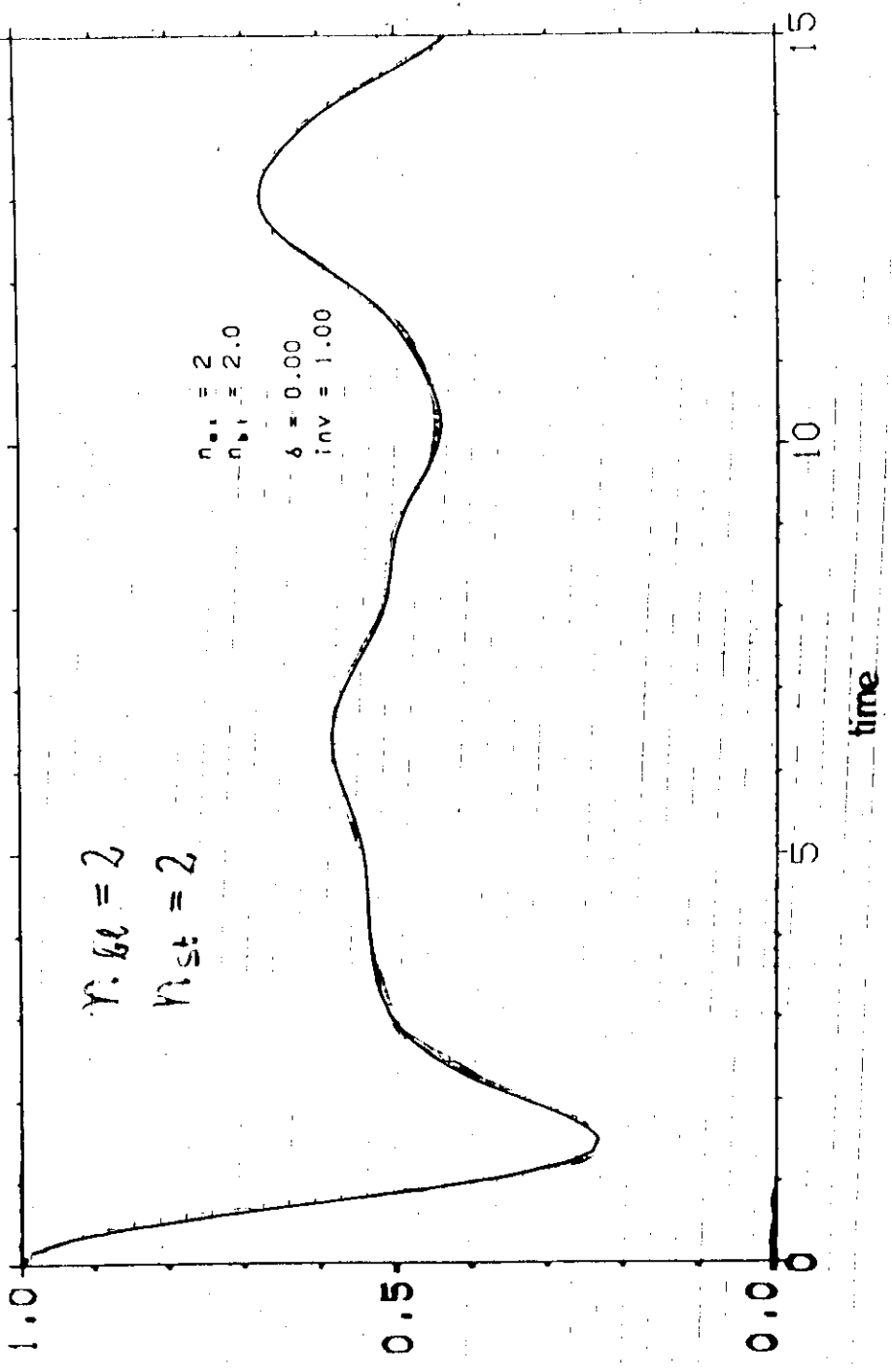
$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1}$$

$T=0$; Coherent field :

$$P_{e,n}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \sum_n \underbrace{e^{-\bar{n}} \frac{\bar{n}^n}{n!}}_{p(n)} \cos(2\Omega\sqrt{n+1}t) \right\}$$

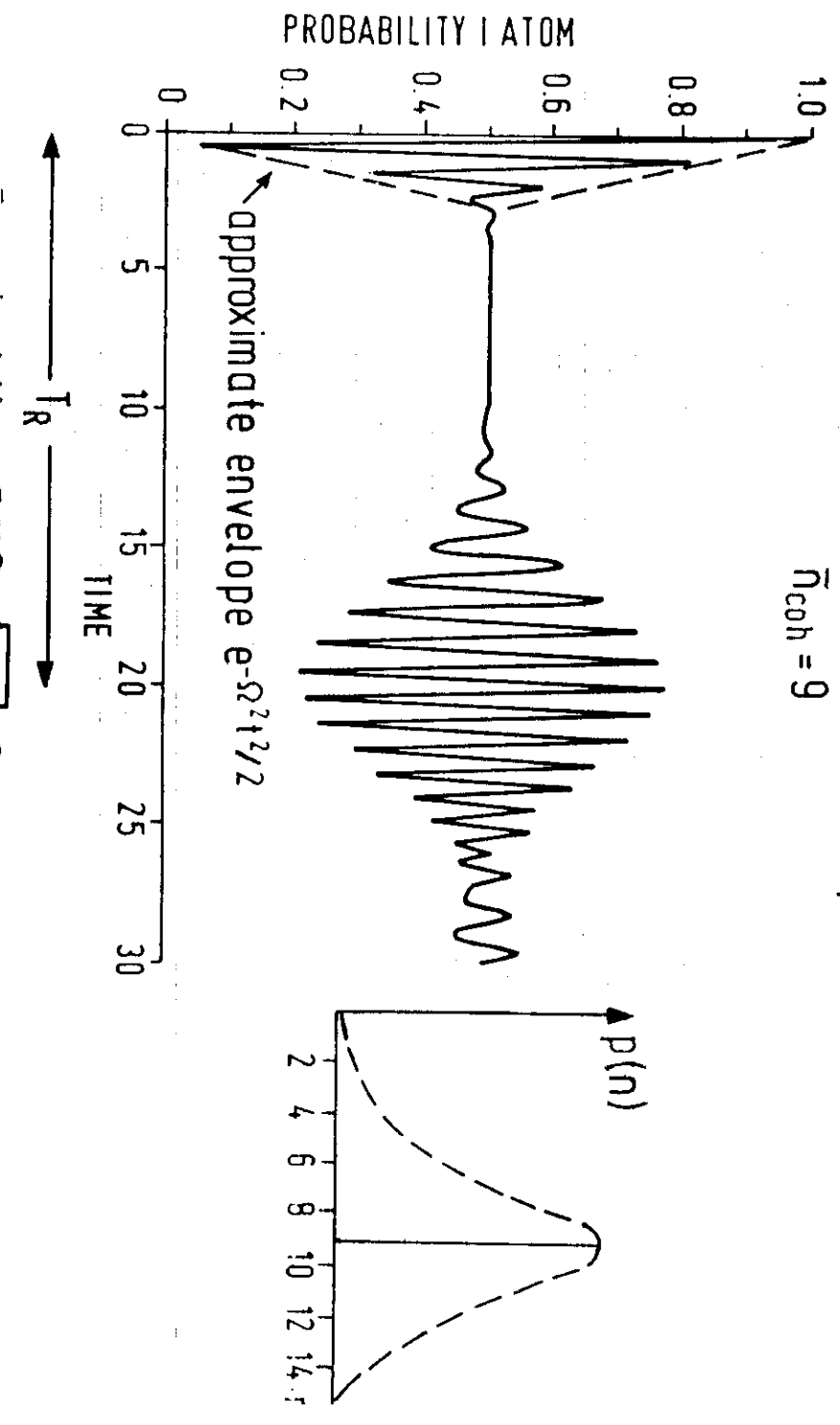
Thermal cavity field

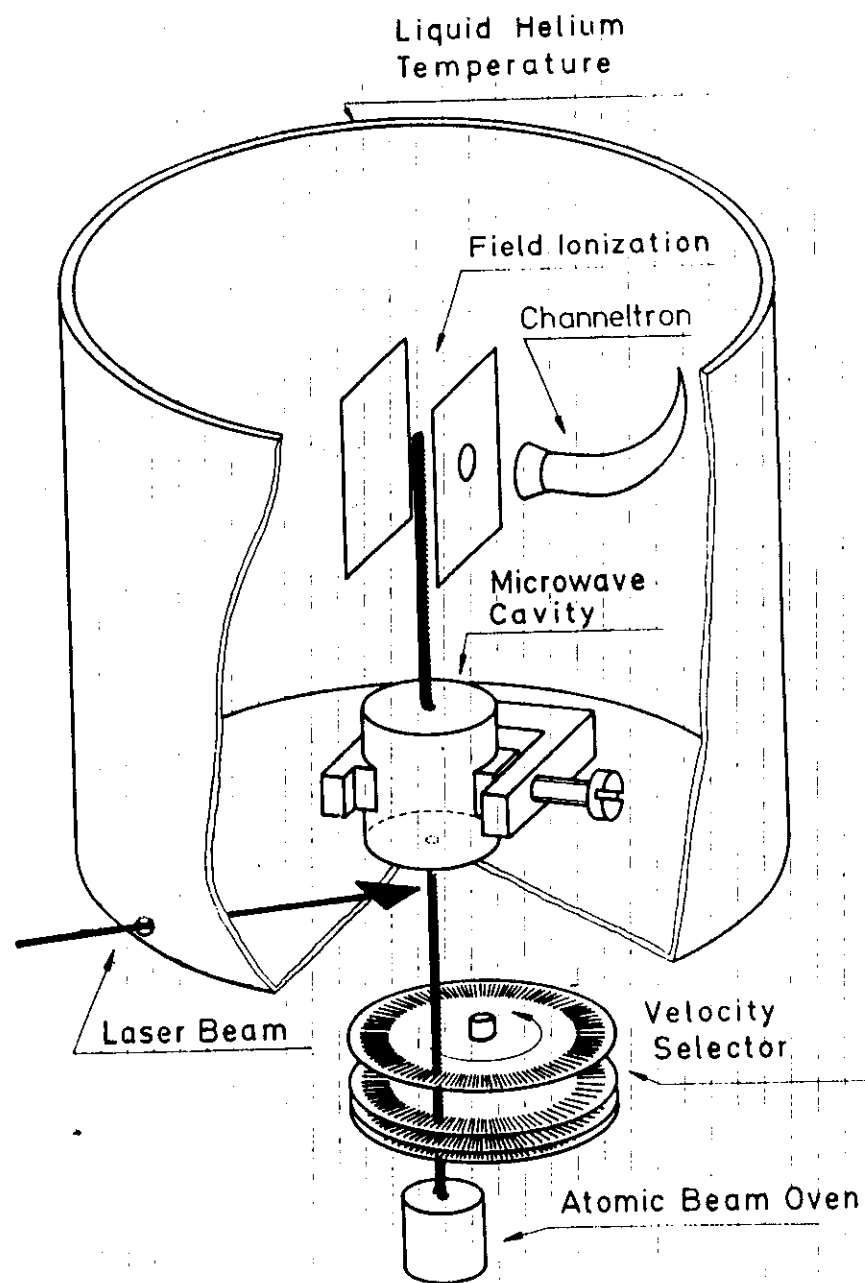
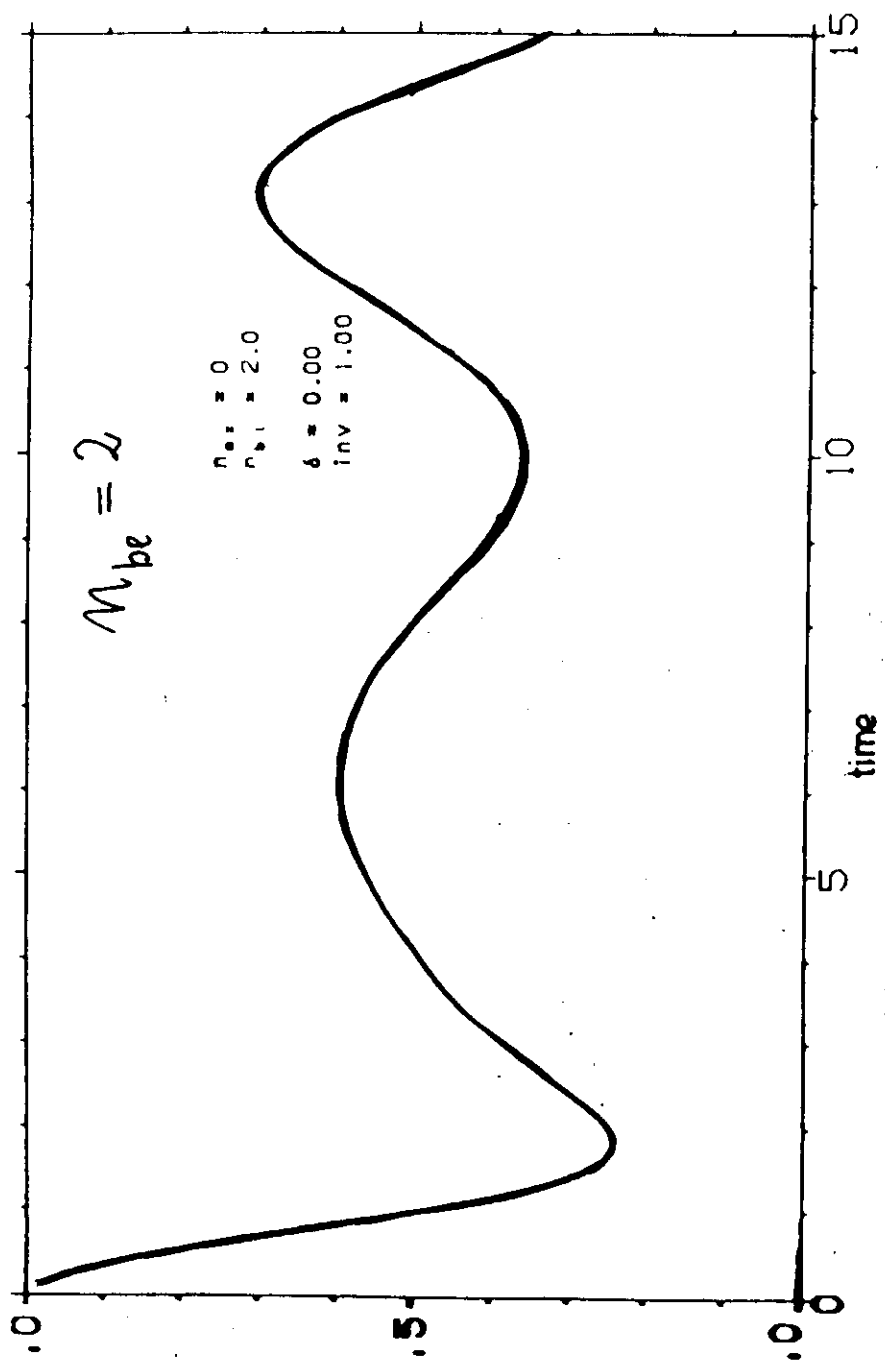


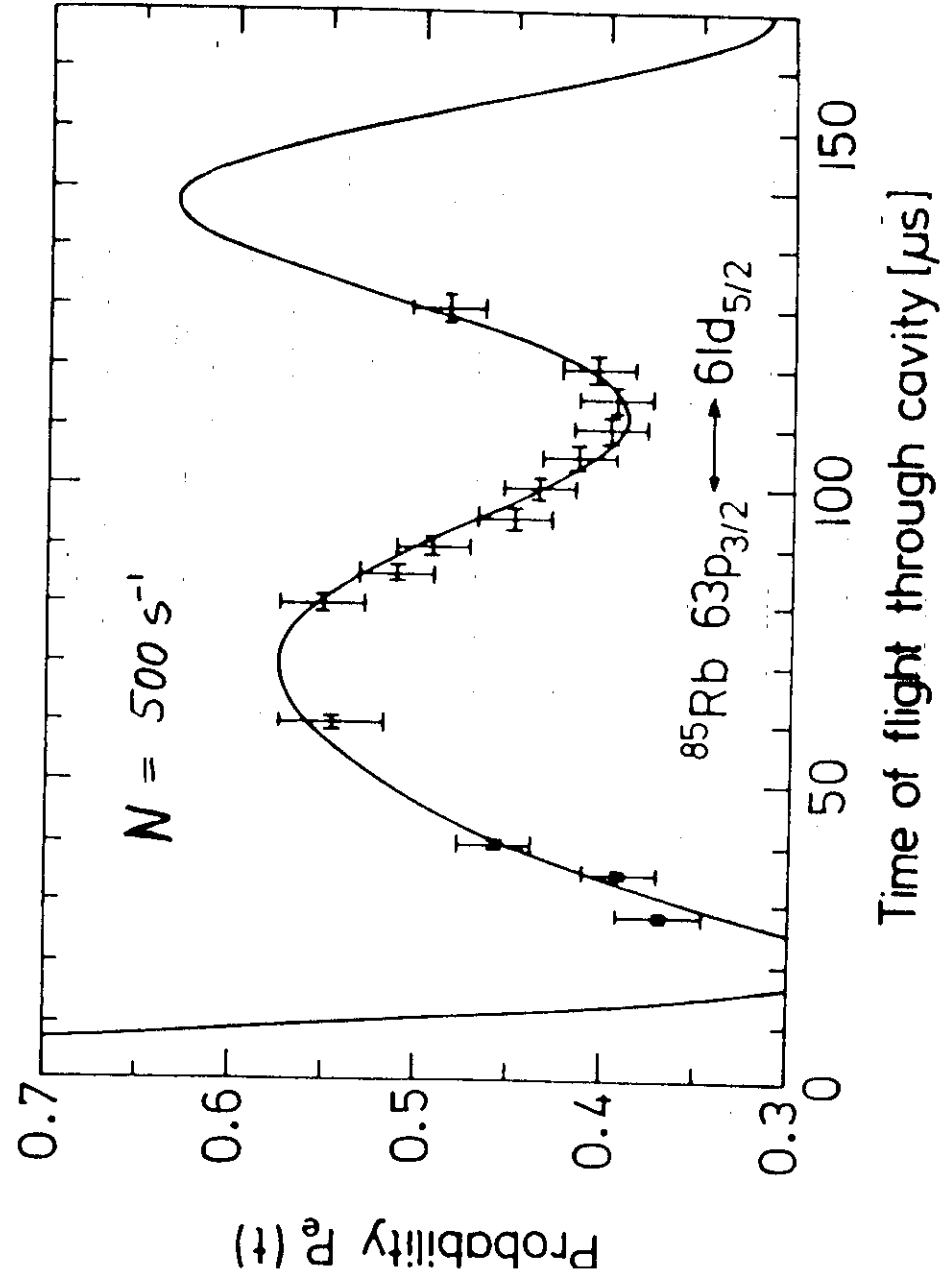
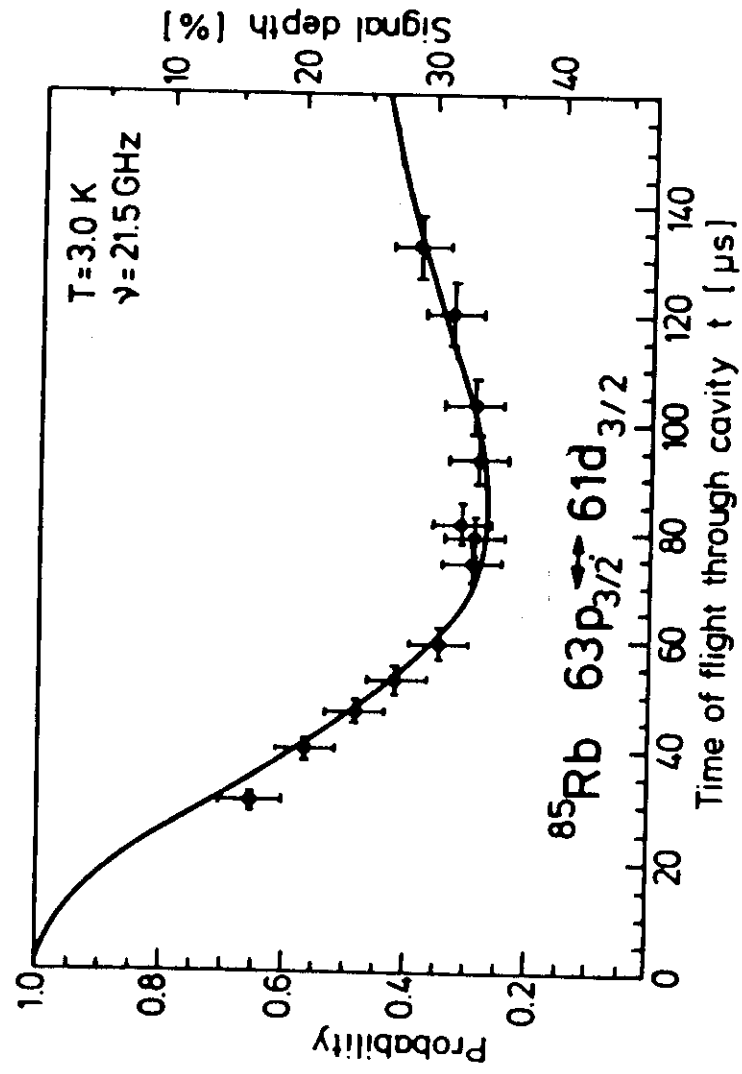


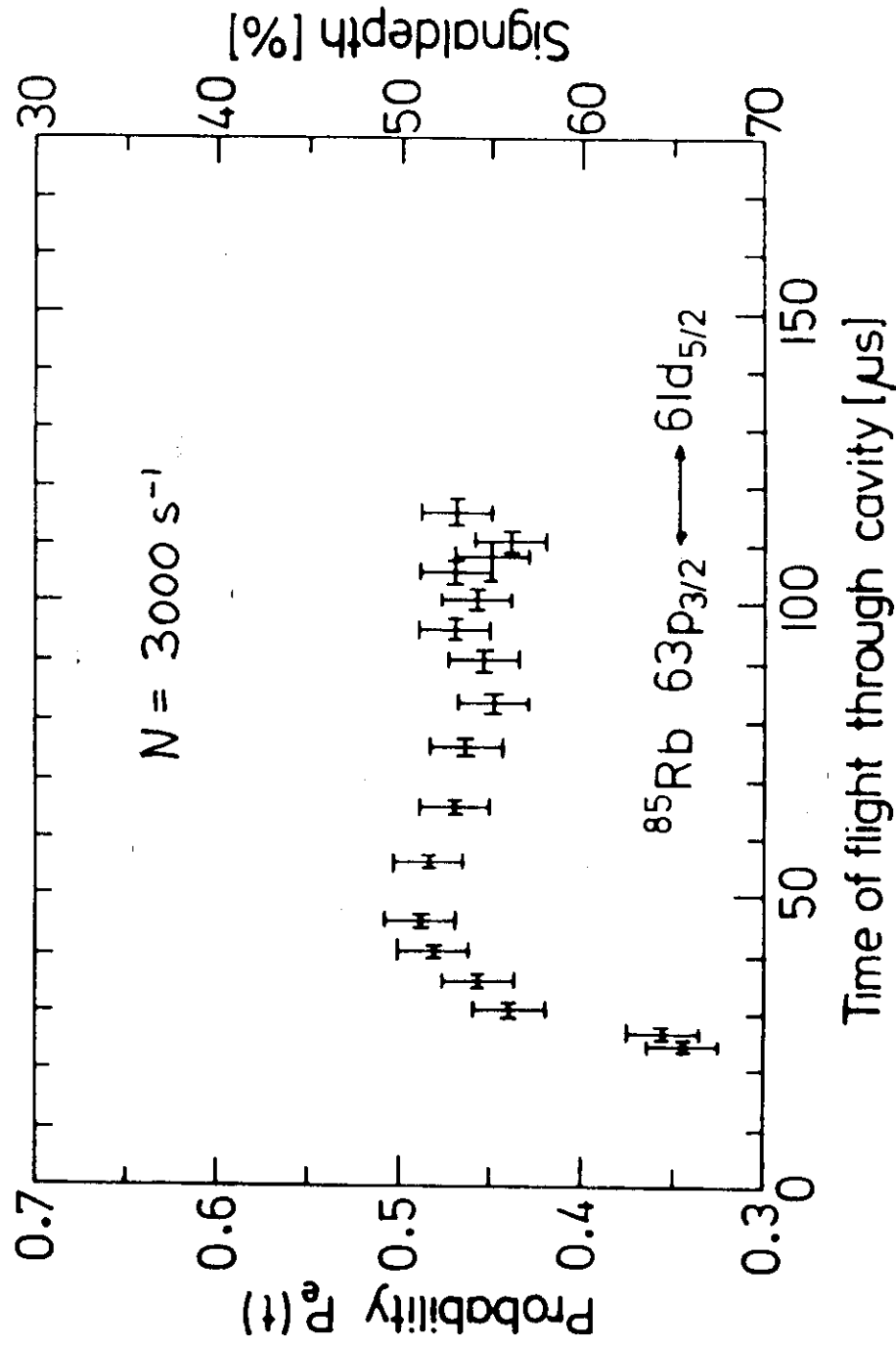
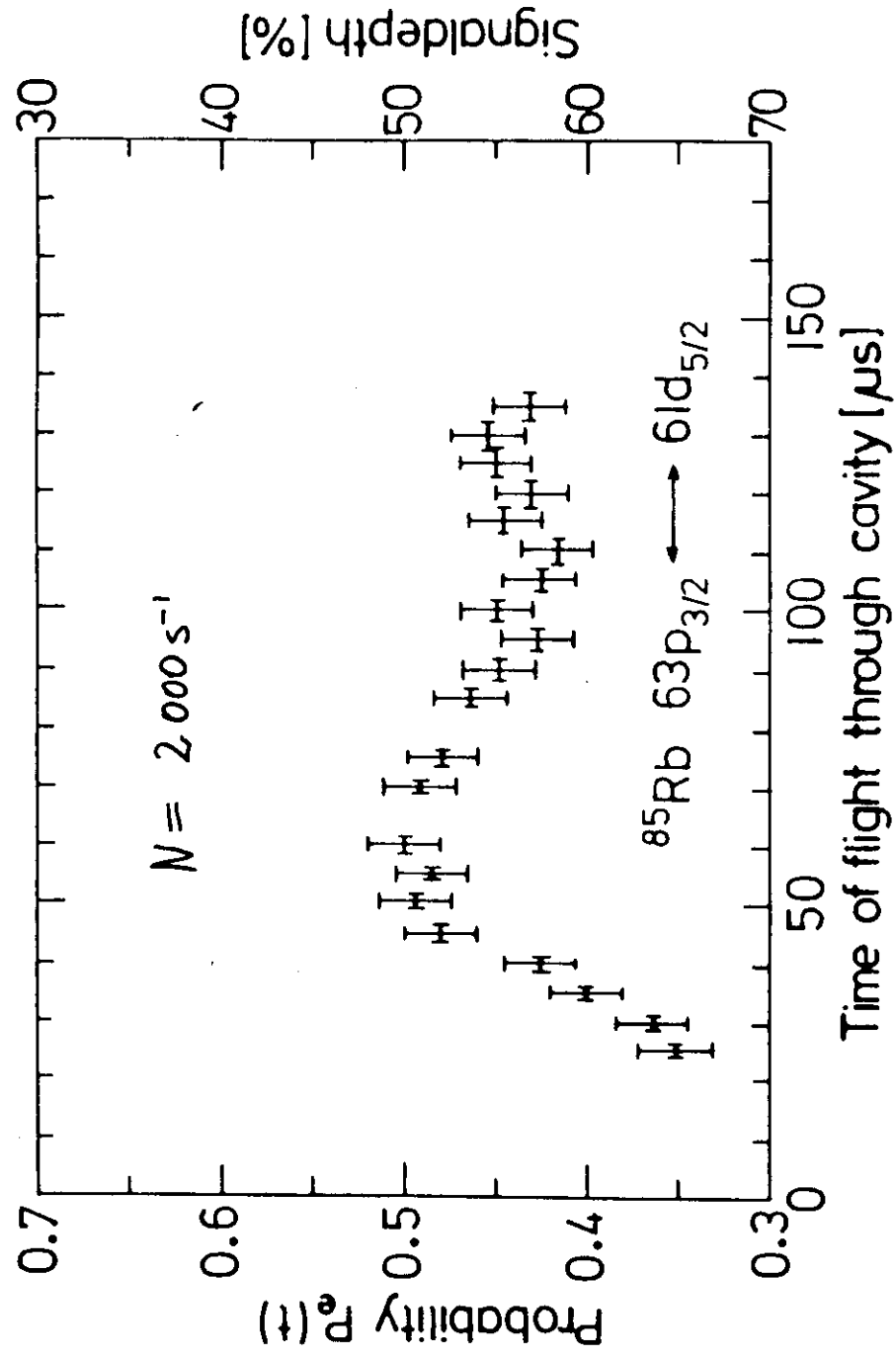
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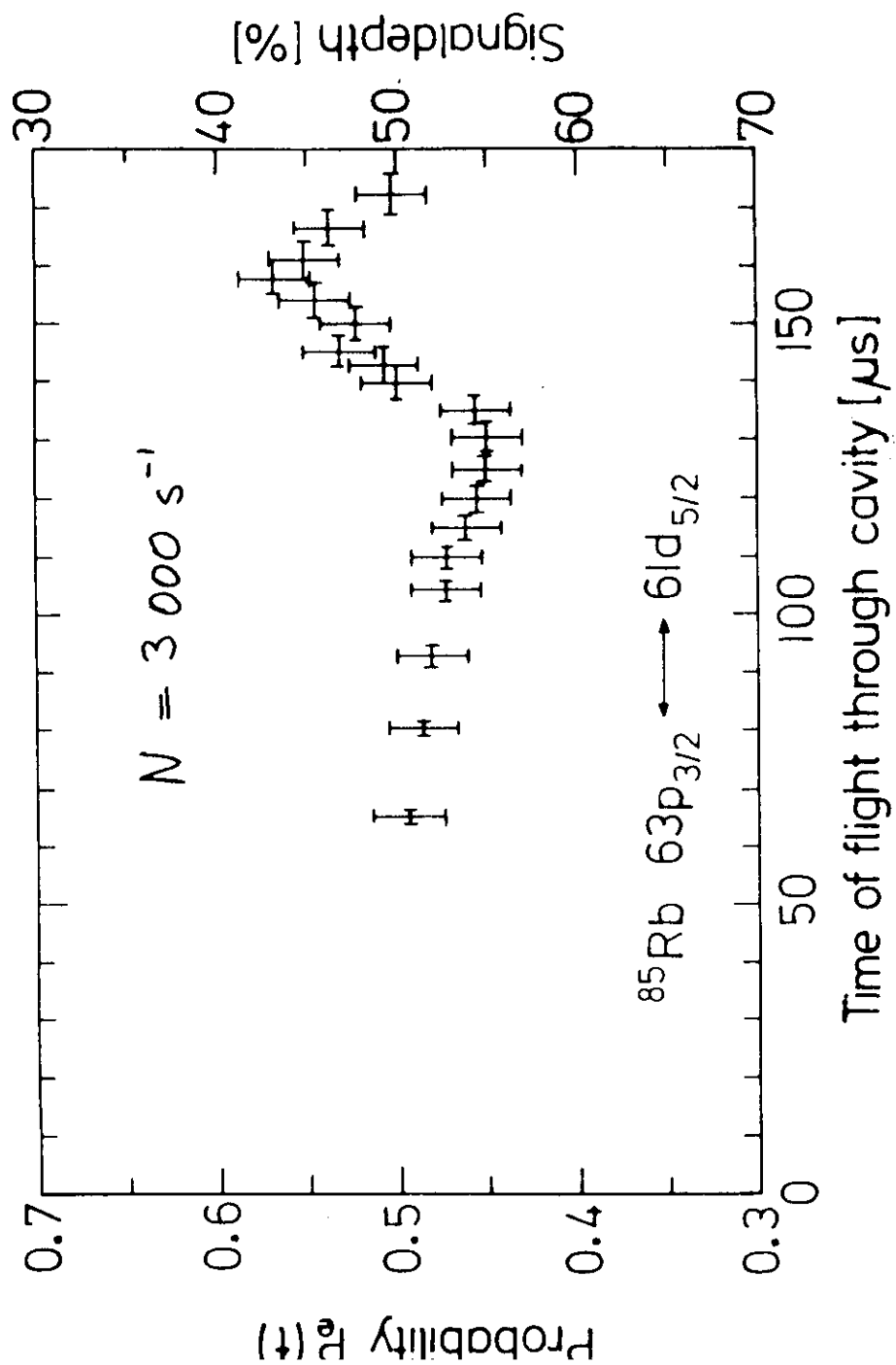
Quantum revival with coherent photons $\bar{n}_{coh} = 9$











Theory of the One-Atom Maser

1) P. Filipowicz, J. Javanainen, P. Meystre

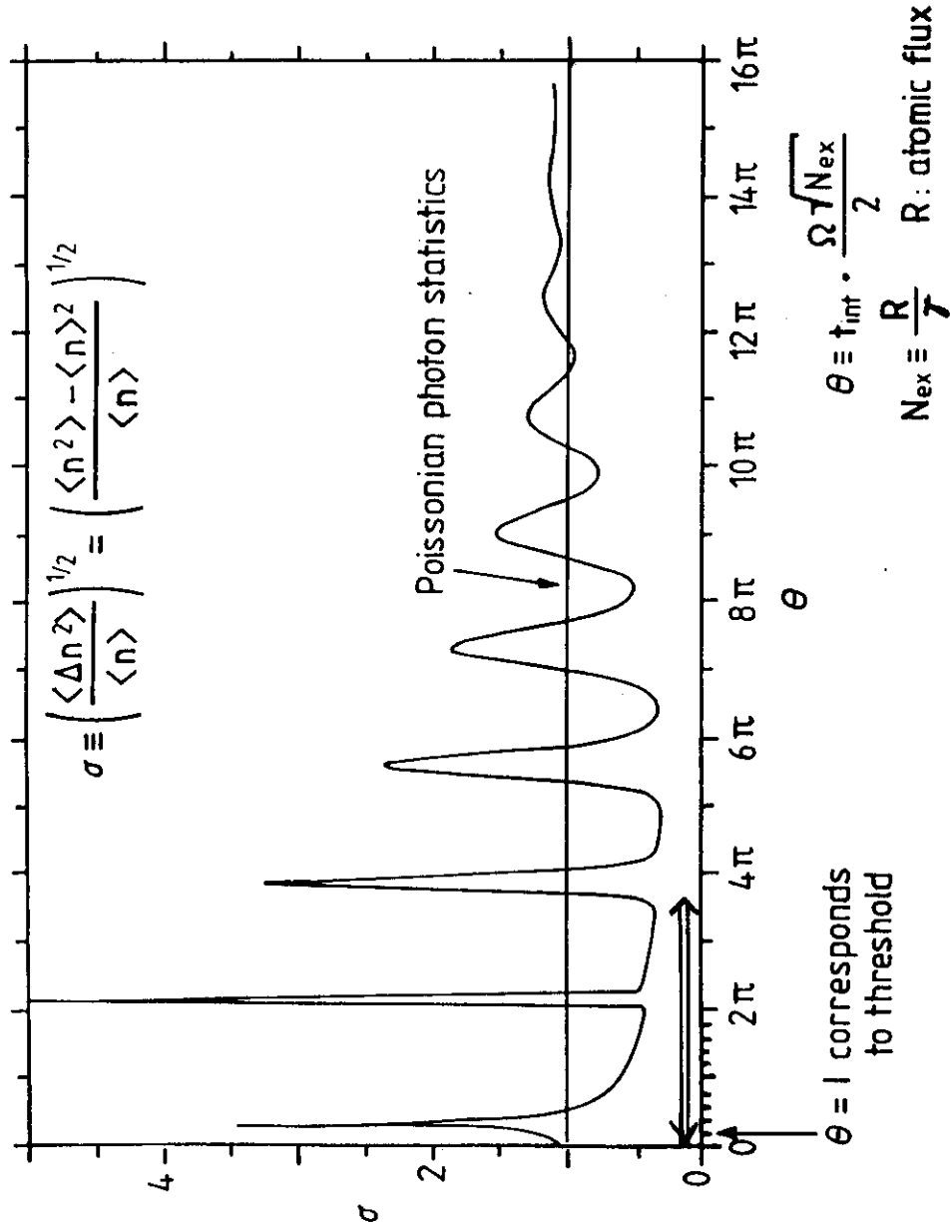
Phys. Rev. 34, 3077 (1986) (Oct 1986)

on the basis of Jaynes-Cummings model
and heuristic Fokker-Planck approach

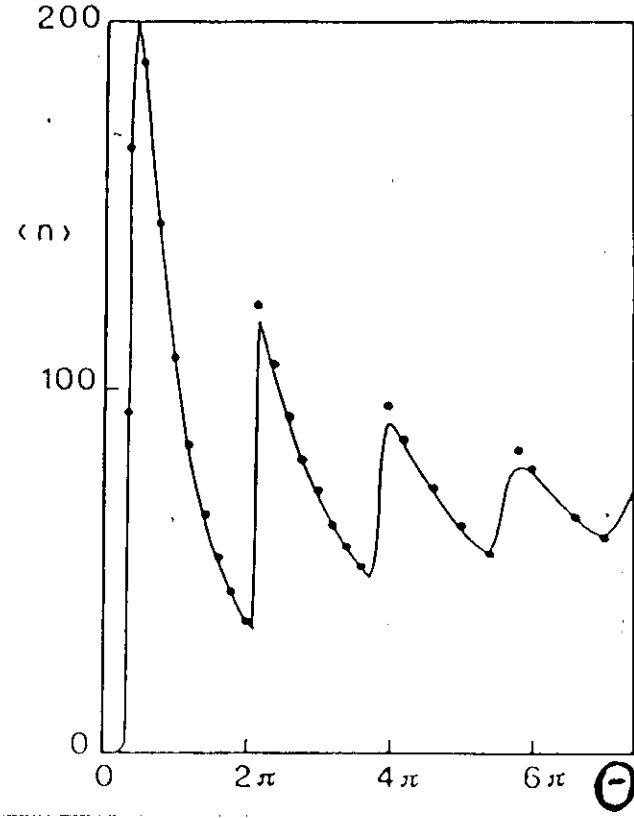
2) L. A. Lugiato, M. O. Scully, H. Walther

Phys. Rev. 36, July 1987

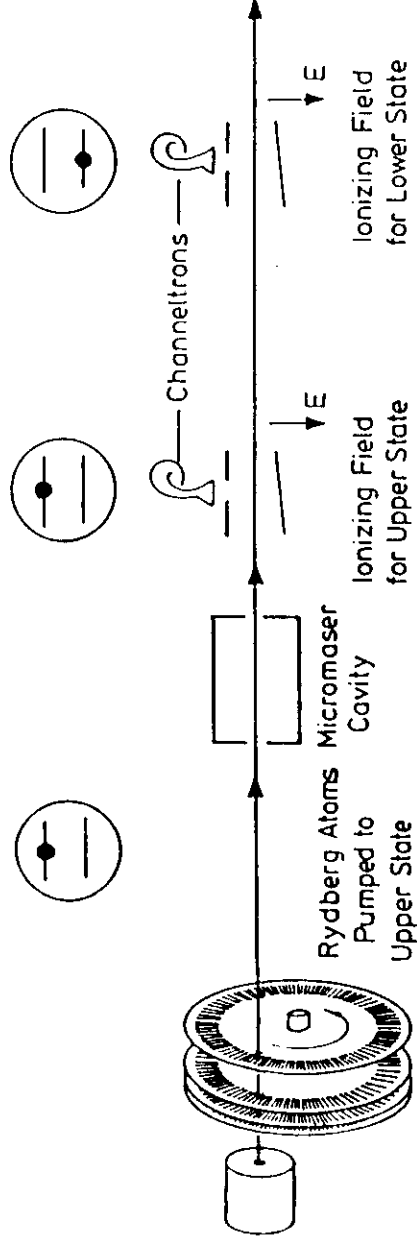
on the basis of quantum theory of laser



Average photon number in the micromaser

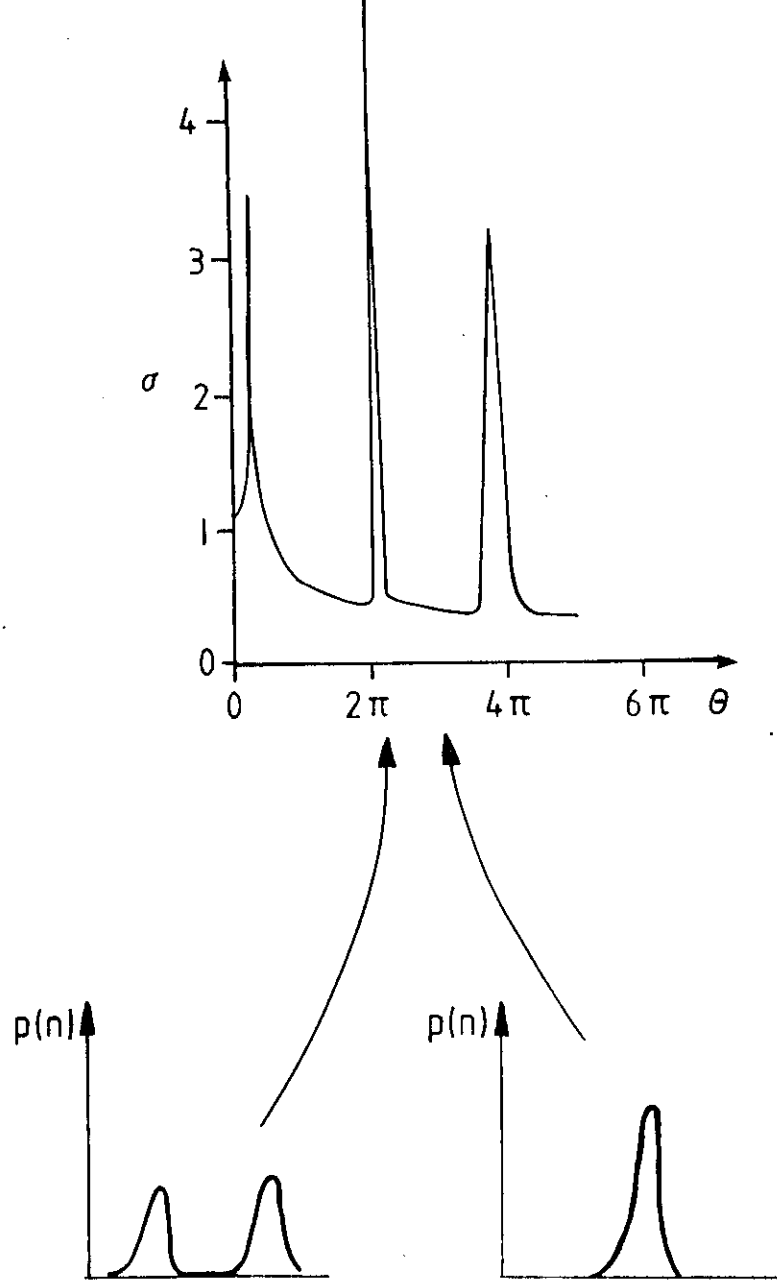


Photon statistics of the one-atom maser

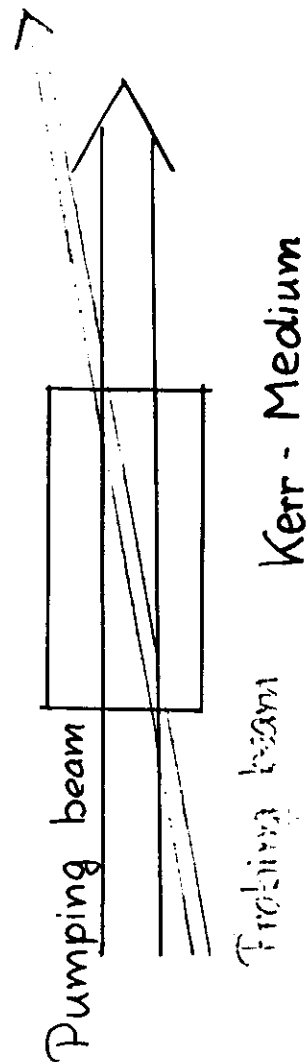


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atoms in the upper and lower maser level are measured as function of the interaction time of the atoms in the cavity



Quantum-non-demolition measurement



Photon statistics $\leftrightarrow$ Atom statistics

Photon statistics : n number of photons in the cavity

$$\sigma = \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle n \rangle}$$

$$Q_{ph} = \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle n \rangle} - 1$$

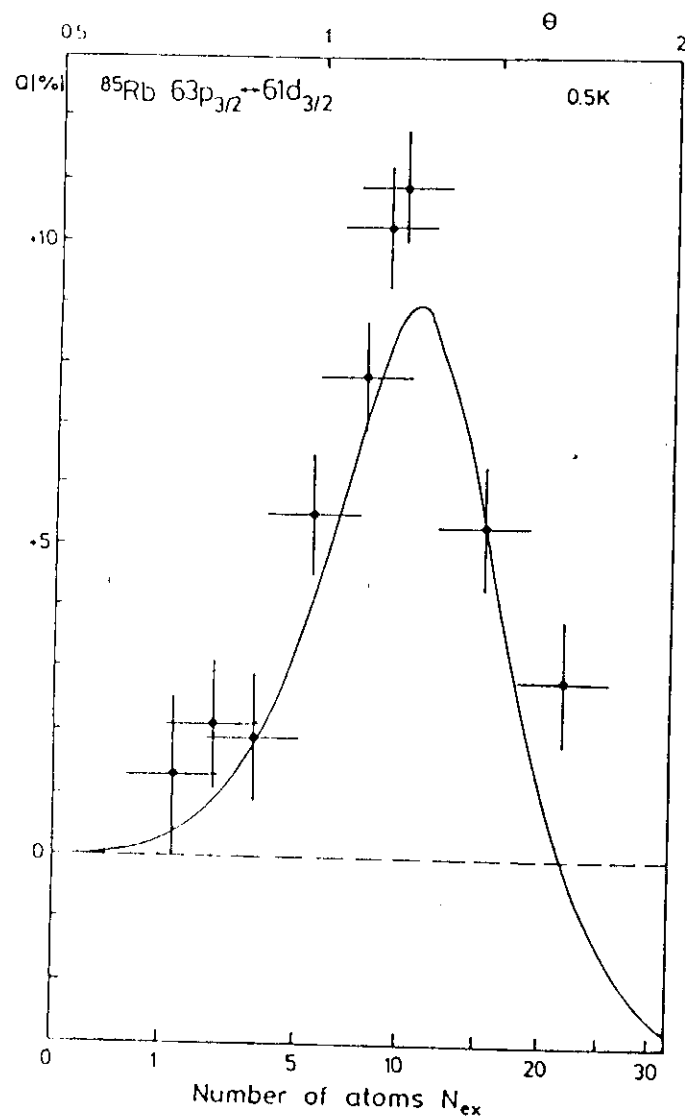
Atom statistics : N number of atoms in lower state measured in time interval T

$$Q_m = \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2}{\langle N \rangle} - 1 \quad T > T_{cav}$$

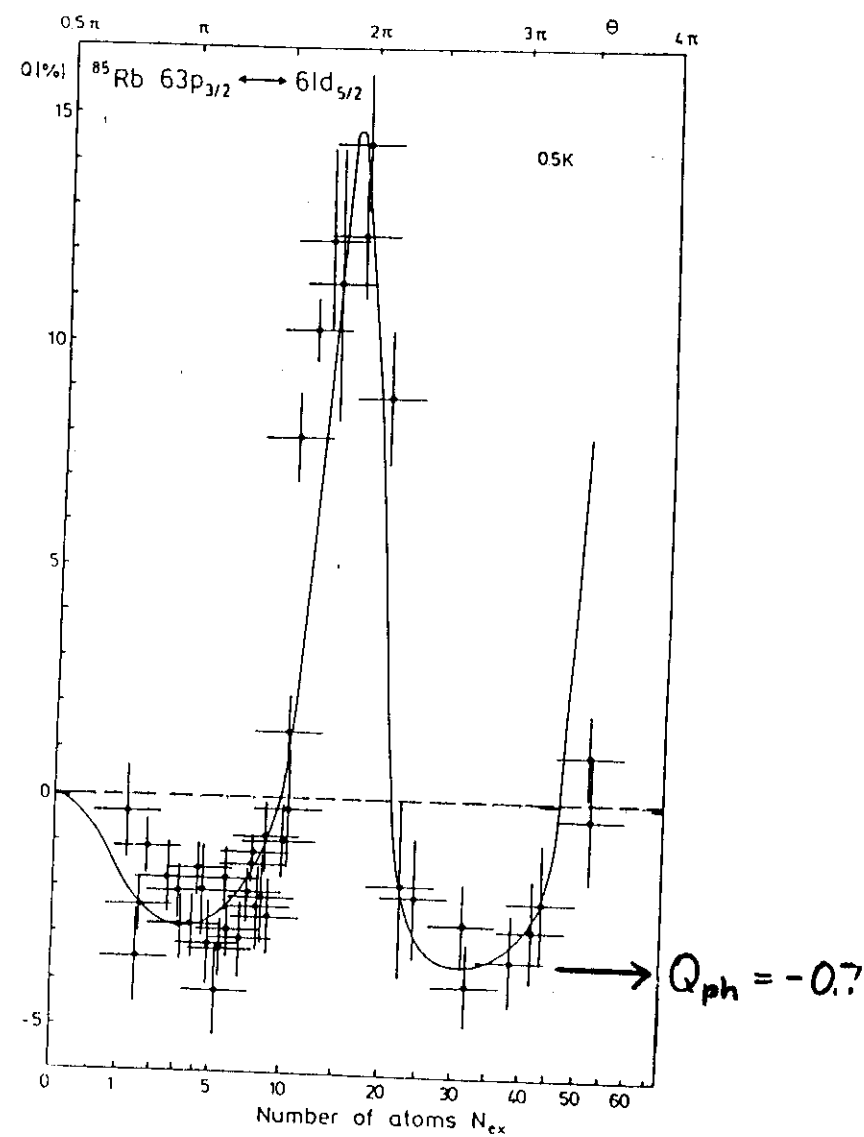
$$Q_m = \eta Q \quad \eta: \text{detection efficiency of Rydberg atom}$$

$$Q = P(\langle N \rangle) Q_{ph} [2 + Q_{ph}]$$

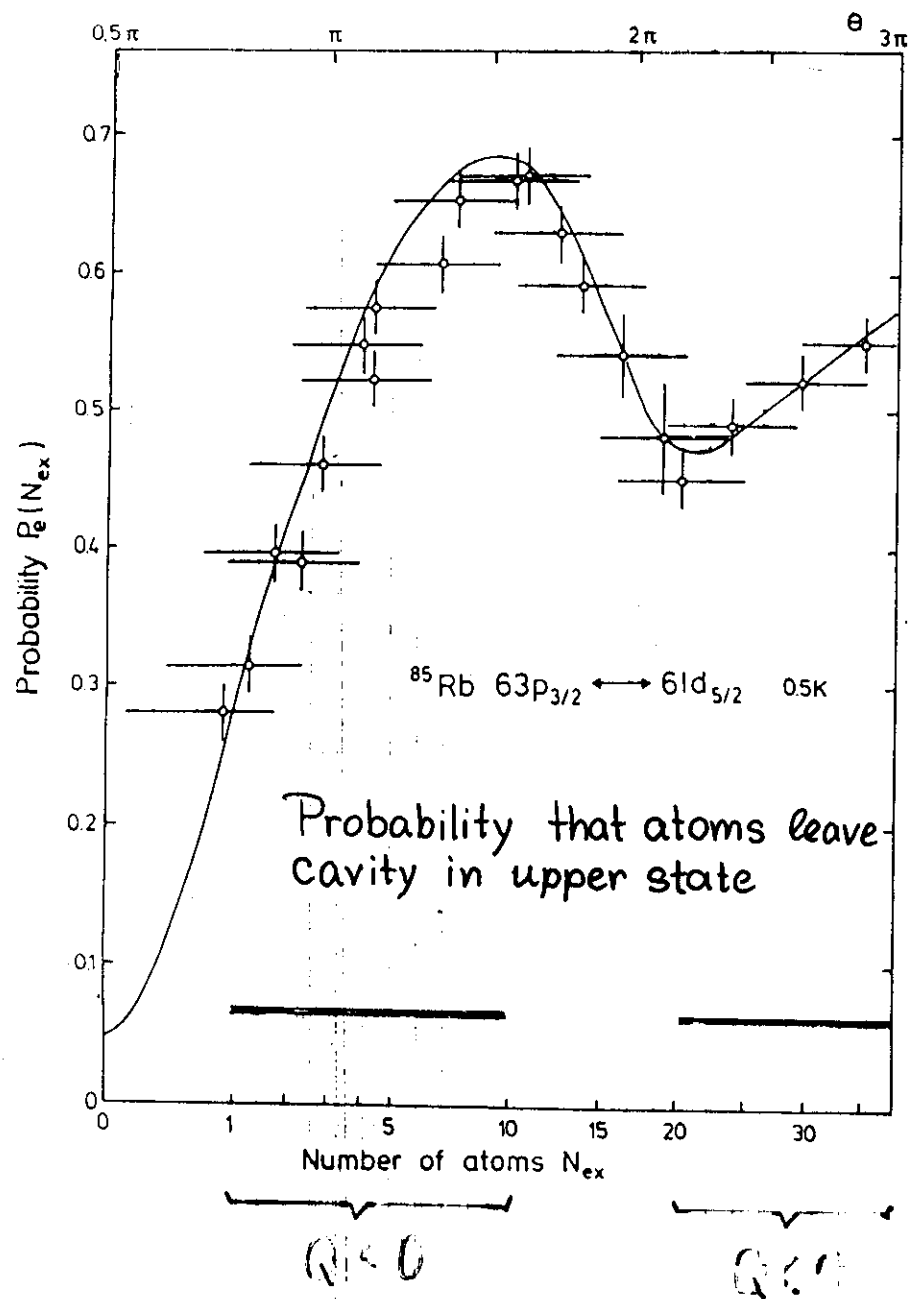
Fluctuation of the atomic number in the lower state



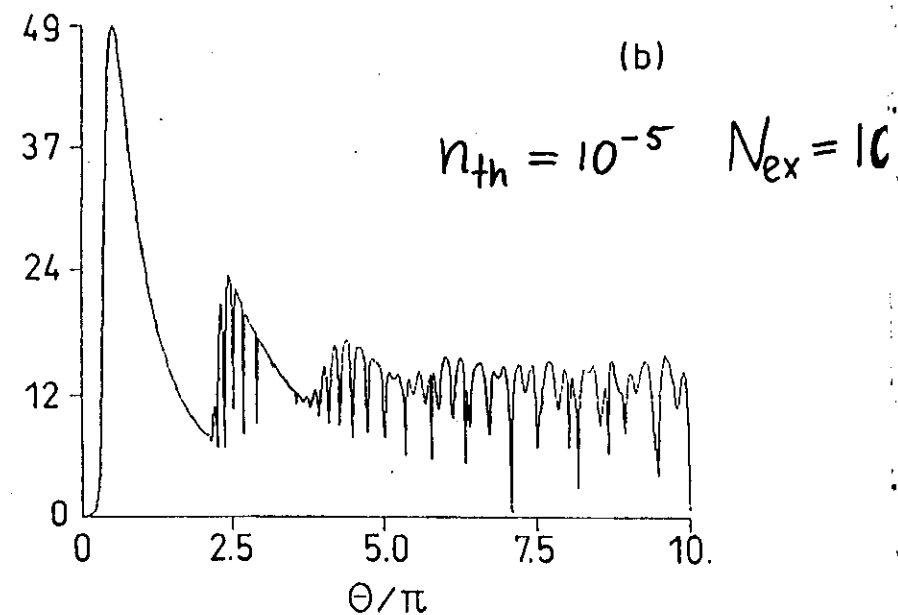
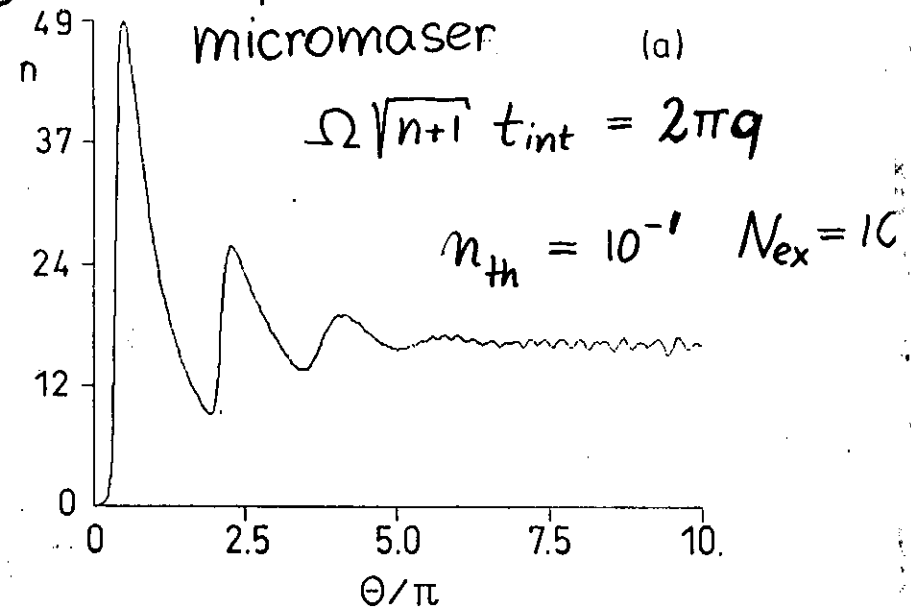
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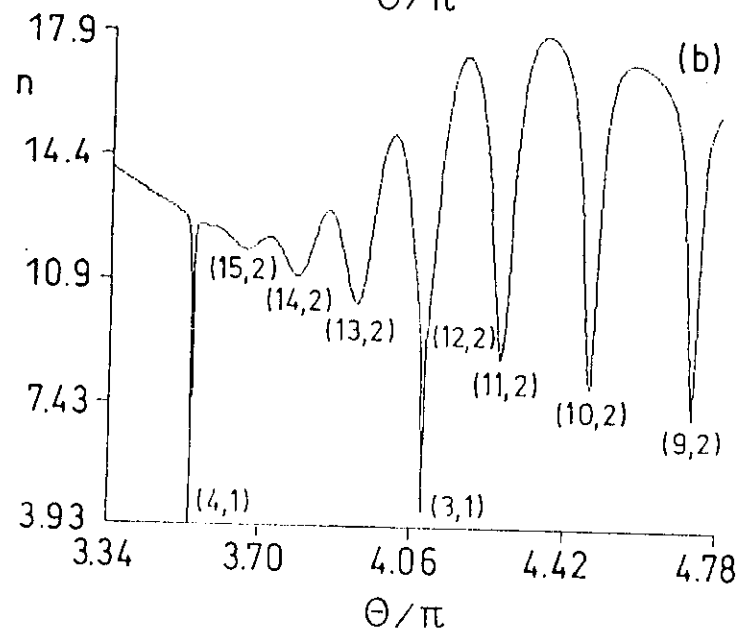
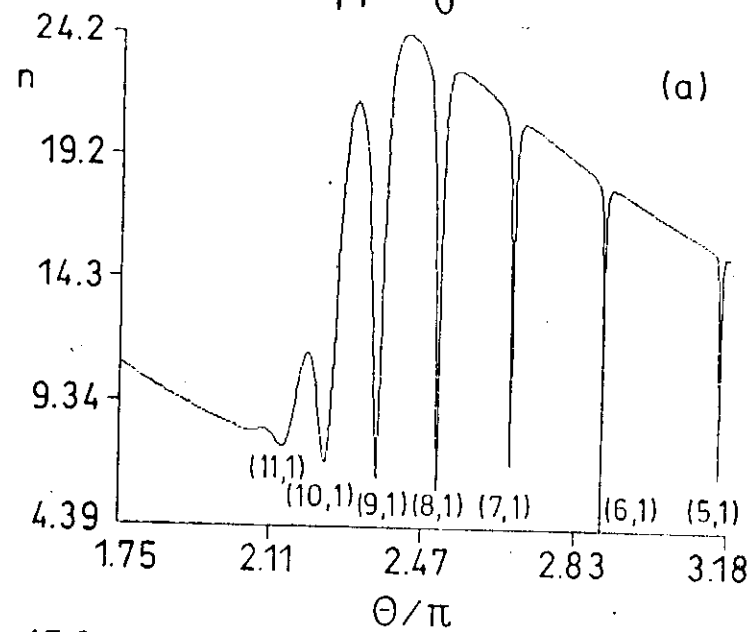


Very low temperature behaviour of the micromaser



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Trapping states $(n+1; q)$



P. Meystre, G. Rempe, H. Walther, Opt. Lett. 13, 1078 (1988)

