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Elastic scattering (Rayleigh)

Excitation (virtual)  $\hbar\omega$   $\rightarrow$  emission  $\hbar\omega$

Inelastic scattering (Raman)

Excitation (virtual)  $\hbar\omega$   $\rightarrow$  emission  $\hbar\omega'$

Spontaneous emission

Excitation (real)  $\hbar\omega$   $\rightarrow$  emission  $\hbar\omega'$

$$I(\omega') = I_0(\omega) \text{ [interaction term]} D(\omega')$$

Field  
Enhancement  
Factor

Spatial redistribution  
of EM-field for  $\omega$

Density  
of States Effects

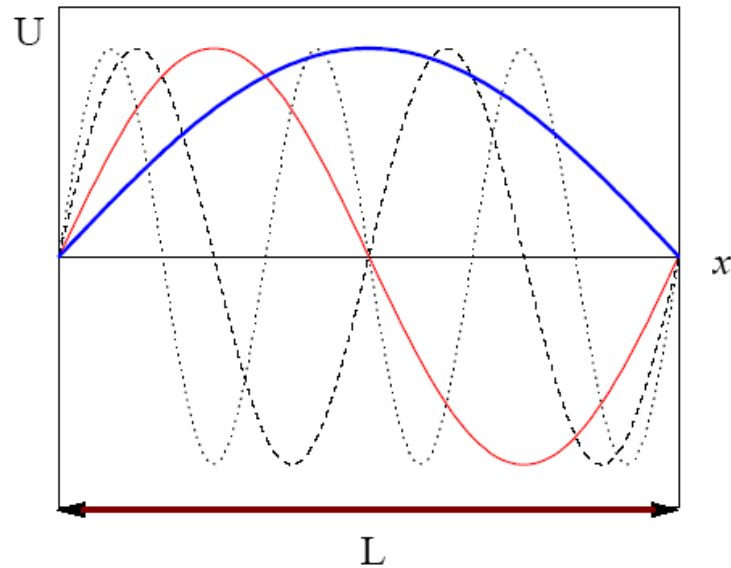
Spatial redistribution  
of EM-field for  $\omega'$



# Introduction:

A first attempt to clarify  
what is DOS

# Density of states: Definition



$$\Delta k = \pi/L$$

*Universal function*

*in 3d-space*

$$D(k) = \frac{k^2}{2\pi^2}$$

$$D(E) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dE}$$

$$N(E_1, E_2) = V \int_{E_1}^{E_2} D(E) dE$$

# DOS for different scales

$$D(p)dp = D(E)dE = D(\lambda)d\lambda = D(\omega)d\omega = D(k)dk,$$

$$D(p) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dp}; \quad D(\omega) = D(k) \frac{dk}{d\omega}; \quad D(\lambda) = \frac{dk}{d\lambda}, \quad D(E) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dE}$$

The result for DOS is independent of shape of a volume chosen for calculations:

“It is not possible to hear the shape of a drum”

(H. Weyl, 1930-ies)

Schroeder M *Fractals, Chaos, Power Laws* (NY: Freeman and Co, 1990)



# DOS for $m = 0$ and $m \neq 0$

$$D_3(k) = \frac{k^2}{2\pi^2} \cdot + \quad D(E) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dE}$$

Take dispersion relation  $w(k)$  and  $E(p)$

$$\omega = ck$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

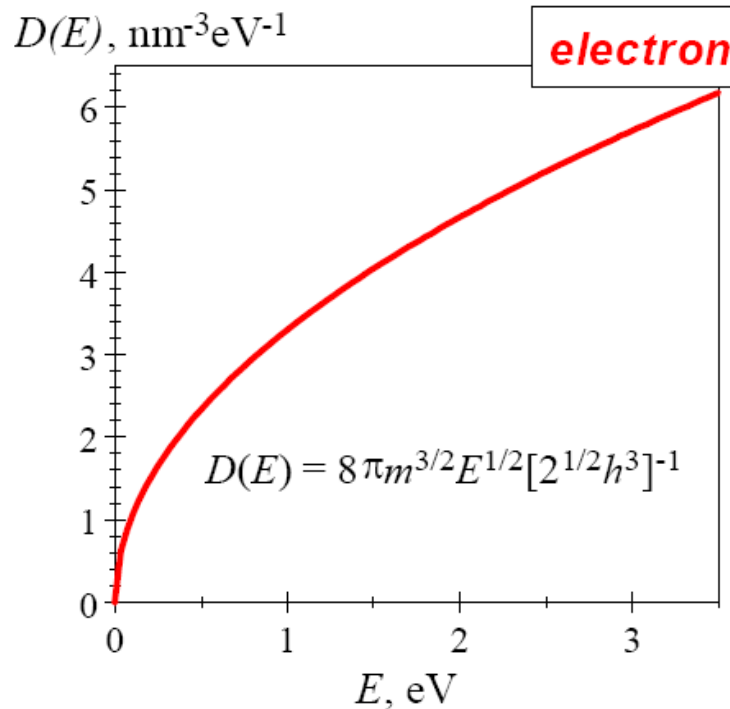
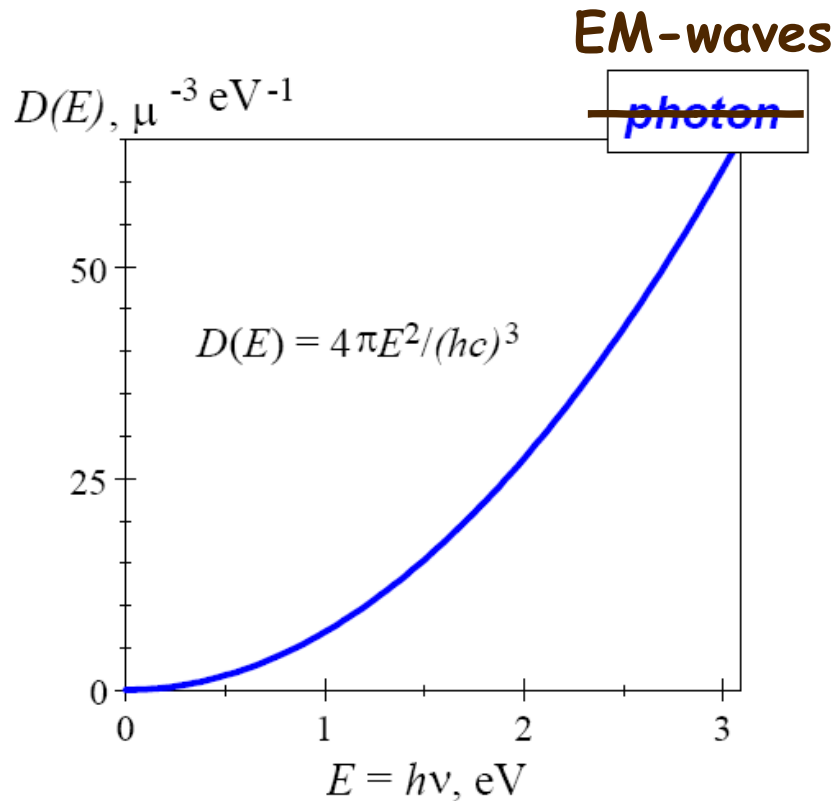
and arrive at

$$D_{3\gamma}(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2 n^3}{2\pi^2 c^3}$$

$$D_{3e}(E) = \frac{m^{3/2} E^{1/2}}{2^{1/2} \pi^2 \hbar^3}$$

# EM-waves

## DOS for ~~photons~~ and electrons in 3d-space



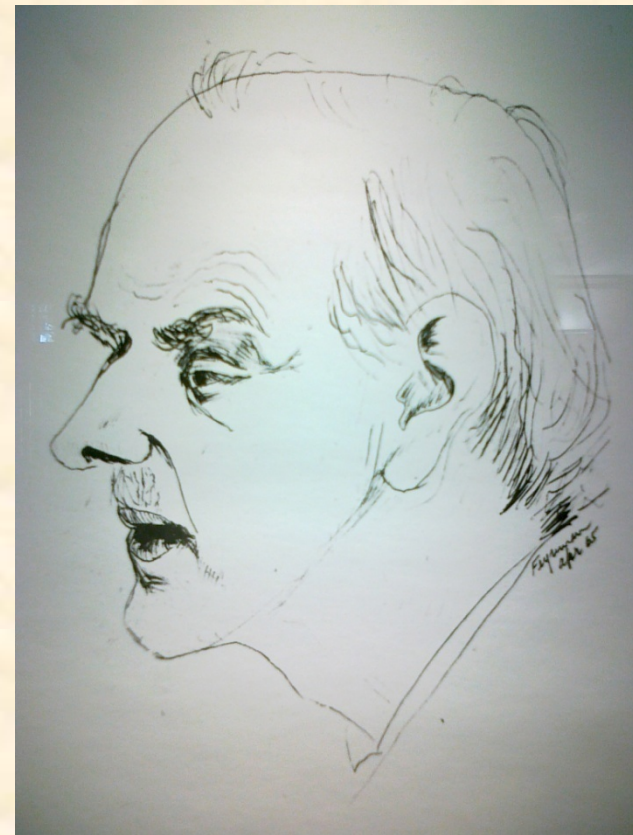
$$D(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \cdot \frac{\omega^2}{c^3}$$

$$D(E) = \frac{m^{3/2} E^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi^2} \hbar^3}$$

# Historical comments

“The physicist prefers  
to forget the way which  
led him to discovery”

P. A. M. Dirac, 1972



# Lord Rayleigh *Philos. Mag.* **49** 539 (1900)



**John Strutt (lord Rayleigh)**  
1842 - 1919

- Rayleigh was the first to propose counting of **standing EM-waves in a 3d-cavity** to get formula for equilibrium EM-radiation (black body radiation)
- It is now referred to as the Rayleigh-Jeans formula

Planck M *Ann. Phys.* **1** 69 (1900)



Max Planck  
(1858 - 1947)

$$U(\omega) = \frac{\hbar\omega^3}{\pi^2c^3} \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega / k_B T) - 1}$$

Planck did not count modes, instead he considered energy emitted by a classical cavity and found it proportional to  $\omega^2/c^3$

Only in 1924 Bose extended the Rayleigh's approach to get this formula in terms of statistical physics

What happened between the famous work by Rayleigh in 1900 and the ingenious paper by S. N. Bose in 1924?



Lui de Broglie  
1892-1987

**1906** Planck proposed to consider phase space in terms of elementary cells =  $h$

**1922** de Broglie took the Planck's idea and derived the Rayleigh -Jeans formula (*J. de Phys. Nov. 1922*)

**1924** de Broglie applied for the first time the concept of DOS not to EM-waves, but to **atoms, i.e. to the particles of matter**

(*Phil. Mag. and J. Sci.* 47 446, 1924)

**DOS** for quantum particles  $D(p)$  then is simply the number of cells  $h$  in the phase space interval  $dpdx$  for **1d space**.  
In 3d DOS is the number of cells  $h^3$  in a layer  $4\pi p^2 dp dx dy dz$



# N. Bose: The beginning of quantum statistic



**Shantiendrانات Bose**  
(1894-1974)

Equilibrium EM-radiation = gas of photons

$$N(\omega, T) = D(\omega) F(\omega, T) d\omega$$

$$U(\omega) = E(\omega) N(\omega, T)$$

$$F(\omega) = [\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1]^{-1}$$

$$U(\omega) d\omega = \frac{\hbar\omega^3}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1} d\omega$$

**Bose S. N. Z. Physik 26**  
**181, 1924**

# Extention of Bose's approach to atoms (bosons) and electrons (fermions)

**1924** application of DOS to statistic of atoms  
(Bose-Einstein statistic)

Einstein A *Sitz. Preuss. Akad. Wiss.* **22** 261  
(1924)

Fermi E *Z. Physik* **36** 902 (1926)

**1927** application of DOS to statistic of electrons  
(Fermi - Dirac statistic)

Dirac P A M *Proc. Royal Soc. London* **112** 661  
(1926)

Fermi E *Rend Lincei* **6** 602 (1927).

# DOS and the uncertainty relation

Take  $\Delta k = \pi/L$ , i.e.  $\Delta k L = \pi$  (Rayleigh 1900)

Multiple both parts  $h/2\pi$  to get  $h\Delta k L/2\pi = h/2$

Remember  $p = (h/2\pi)k$ , i.e.  $\Delta p = (h/2\pi)\Delta k$  (de Broglie 1923)

Consider  $L = \Delta x$  and arrive at  $\Delta p \Delta x = h/2$

Uncertainty relation comes immediately from mode discreteness in a cavity and ascribing wave properties to particles of matter.

It was contained in 1906 Planck's idea of the elementary cell  $h$  in phase space: For quantum particles phase space is discrete and consists of elementary cells  $h$ .

Number of cells per unit volume  $\rightarrow$  number of states.

Then DOS represents the number of states contained in a unit  $p$  interval, i.e.  $dN(p) = D(p)dp$

W. Heisenberg clearly understood that he follows the Planck's idea.

He wrote in his paper:

*“The uncertainty relation expresses explicitly the facts which have been treated previously in terms of breaking the phase space into elementary  $h$  cells”*

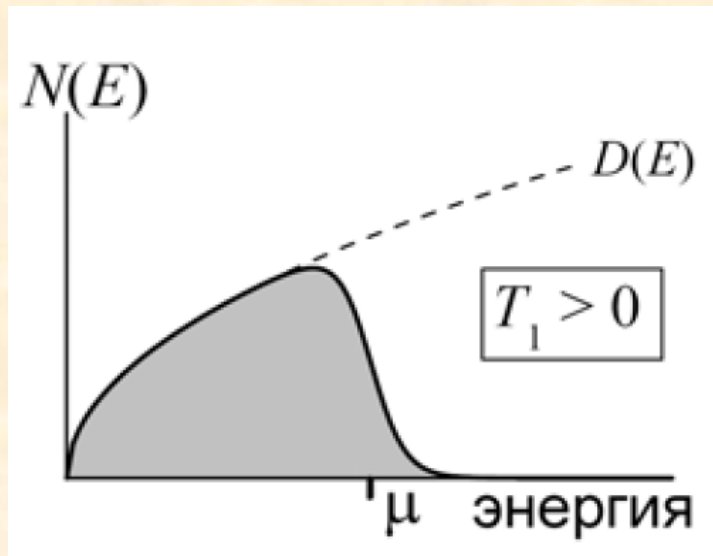
W. Heisenberg “*Über den anschaulichen Inhalt der quantentheoretischen Kinematik und Mekhanik*” *Z. Phys.* **43**, 172, 1927 (“On the visual content of quantum-theoretical kinematics and mechanics”)

# DOS in statistical physics

Radiation statistic (Bose 1924)

$$N(\omega, T) = D(\omega)F(\omega, T)d\omega$$

Particle statistic (atoms, molecules in gases, electron gas in semiconductors)



$$N_{E_1, E_2} = \int_{E_1}^{E_2} f(E, T)D(E)dE$$





**E. Shroedinger**  
1897-1961

Erwin Shroedinger did recognized great heuristic value of the DOS concept.

In his "Statistical Physics" he wrote that

it is very instructive to compare density of particles (atoms, molecules, electrons) with the density of states. If particle density in space is small as compared to DOS we can apply classical physics. If particle density is noticeable as compared to DOS or even approaches DOS value, then only quantum approach is adequate.



# DOS and probability of quantum transitions

# What is the "Fermi Golden Rule"?

If a quantum system experiences a transition from initial state to the final state belonging to a continuum of states then the probability of such a transition is proportional to the density of final states.

$$W = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |H|^2 D(E)$$

This statement is derived based on QM perturbation theory. The rate of transition is proportional to the number of ways in which the transition can be performed. This statement plays a big role in the theory of elementary particles collisions and scattering. It is for this reason Fermi called it "The Golden rule".

D(E) is the particle DOS. By no means spontaneous emission can be derived on that basis. The formula can be used if EM-field is considered as perturbation to calculate STIMULATED absorption and emission of photons but again DOS means number of particle states. E.g. in a semiconductor for absorption these are free electron states in the c-band, for emission these are hole states available in the v-band

Fermi did it in *Nuclear Physics* (Chicago: Univ. Chicago Press, 1950)



**Enrico Fermi**  
(1901-1954)

Schiff L I *Quantum Mechanics*  
(NY.: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1949, 1955):

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Returning to the nuclear reaction  $A + a \rightarrow B + b$ , we use a general principle of quantum mechanics to derive some essentially statistical results on the variation of the cross-section.

From quantum mechanics, the probability per unit time of

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Nuclear Reactions

Ch. VIII

transition = number of transitions per unit time =  $w$  is given by "Golden Rule No. 2": \*

$$w = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\mathcal{H}|^2 \frac{dn}{dE}$$

VIII.2

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the matrix element of the perturbation causing the transition, and  $dn/dE$  = energy density of final states, counting each degenerate state separately.

\* Derived in Schiff, *Quantum Mechanics*, p. 193. ("Golden Rule No. 1" is on page 148 of this text).

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Compound Nucleus

Ch. VIII

The explanation of this phenomenon is based on the assumption that the transition  $A + a \rightarrow B + b$  occurs through an intermediate state C:



State C is the "Compound nucleus". The idea of the compound nucleus is due to Bohr.\*

The idea of how resonances in cross section result from this assumption can be obtained from the quantum mechanics of second order transitions. The probability of transition, per unit time, is given by "Golden Rule No. 1":\*\*

$$\text{trans. prob./sec} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \frac{\mathcal{H}_{CA} \mathcal{H}_{BC}}{E_A - E_C} \right|^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{density of states}} \right) \quad \text{VIII.19}$$

provided there are no direct transitions from A to B. The cross

\* Bohr, *Nature* 137 344 (1936)

\*\* Schiff, p. 196, eq. (29.20)

Fermi ascribed notation "Golden rule" for **QM**-perturbational formula.

He never claimed he derived this formula.

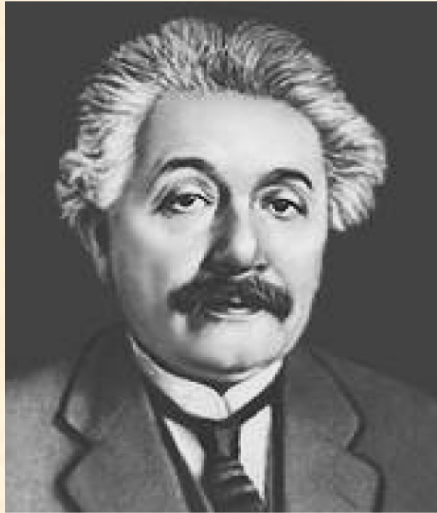
He never ascribed this notation to spontaneous optical transitions probability which is essentially a **QED**-problem.

Therefore the very notation "Fermi golden rule" in quantum mechanics is not justified at all. It is by no means can be applied to spontaneous transitions rates in QED.

This confusing situation gives rise to many discussions, e.g. in Phys. Today, Aug. 2001

**DOS in optics:  
Spontaneous emission and  
scattering of light**





Albert Einstein  
1879-1955

In 1916 in his pioneering paper Einstein introduced stimulated and spontaneous emission rates and derived Planck's formula for black body radiation in terms of balanced transitions between discrete energy levels. He found it is necessary to assume

$$A / B = \frac{\hbar \omega^3}{\pi^2 c^3}$$

*Verh. Deutsch. Phys. Ges.* 18 318 (1916)

Could Einstein formulate the so-called "Fermi Golden Rule" in 1916? **Yes, he could. But he didn't.**

Based on the Rayleigh's approach of counting modes and Planck's  $E=h\nu$ , Einstein in 1916 (!) could make the statement:

**"A is proportional to photon energy and number of EM-modes (photon states)"**

Instead only in 1927 Dirac made this statement



# 1927 - the beginning of Quantum Electrodynamics



Dirac quantized EM-field and introduced DOS of EM-field into spontaneous emission rate

the process. The probability of the absorption process is thus proportional to  $N_r'$ . In the same way the probability of a light-quantum in state  $r$  being emitted is proportional to  $(N_r' + 1)$ , and the probability of a light-quantum in state  $r$  being scattered into state  $s$  is proportional to  $N_r'(N_s' + 1)$ . Radiative

## **The Quantum Theory of the Emission and Absorption of Radiation**

P. A. M. Dirac

*Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A, Containing Papers of a Mathematical and Physical Character*, Vol. 114, No. 767 (Mar. 1, 1927), 243-265.



To establish a connection between the number of light-quanta per stationary state and the intensity of the radiation, we consider an enclosure of finite volume,  $A$  say, containing the radiation. The number of stationary states for light-quanta of a given type of polarisation whose frequency lies in the

range  $\nu_r$  to  $\nu_r + d\nu_r$  and whose direction of motion lies in the solid angle  $d\omega_r$  about the direction of motion for state  $r$  will now be  $A\nu_r^2 d\nu_r d\omega_r / c^3$ . The energy of the light-quanta in these stationary states is thus  $N_r' \cdot 2\pi h \nu_r \cdot A\nu_r^2 d\nu_r d\omega_r / c^3$ . This must equal  $Ac^{-1}I_r d\nu_r d\omega_r$ , where  $I_r$  is the intensity per unit frequency range of the radiation about the state  $r$ . Hence

$$I_r = N_r' (2\pi h) \nu_r^3 / c^2, \quad (28)$$

so that  $N_r'$  is proportional to  $I_r$  and  $(N_r' + 1)$  is proportional to  $I_r + (2\pi h) \nu_r^3 / c^2$ . We thus obtain that the probability of an absorption process is proportional to  $I_r$ , the incident intensity per unit frequency range, and that of an emission process is proportional to  $I_r + (2\pi h) \nu_r^3 / c^2$ , which are just Einstein's laws.\*



*Dirac at ICTP, 1968*



Do you feel the Dirac's spirit here?



# QUANTUM THEORY OF RADIATION\*

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For these reasons it is often more convenient to represent the field in the following way. Instead of considering the radiation in infinite space, let us consider the radiation enclosed in a cavity of finite volume  $\Omega$  with perfectly reflecting walls. If afterwards we let the cavity become infinite in every direction, we shall get as a limit the properties of radiation in free space.

The electromagnetic vibrations in a cavity of finite volume, just as the vibrations of an elastic body of finite volume, may be represented by the superposition of a discreet infinity of fundamental vibrations each one corresponding to a system of standing waves. The number of standing vibrations whose frequency lies between  $\nu$  and  $\nu + d\nu$  is given, for a very large volume  $\Omega$ , by:

$$dN = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \Omega \nu^2 d\nu \quad (1)$$

$c$  being the velocity of light.

$$\gamma = \frac{16\pi^3 e^2}{\Omega h} \sum_s \frac{\nu^2}{\nu_s} (A_s X)^2 \sin^2 \Gamma_s \frac{1 - e^{(\gamma - 2\pi i(\nu_s - \nu))t}}{-2\pi i(\nu - \nu_s) - \gamma}.$$

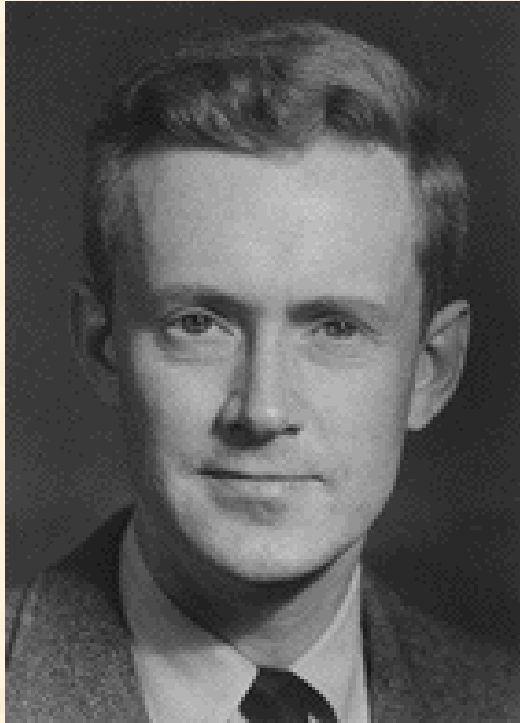
The sum may be calculated by the following method: since the phase, direction and polarization of the different radiation components are distributed at random, we may substitute for  $(A_s X)^2 \sin^2 \Gamma_s$  its mean value, taken over all phases, directions and polarizations; we replace then the sum by an integral over  $\nu_s$ , multiplying by the factor:

$$\frac{8\pi}{c^3} \Omega \nu_s^2 d\nu_s \tag{54}$$

which gives, according to (1) the number of radiation components with frequency between  $\nu_s$  and  $\nu_s + d\nu_s$ . We get then, observing



# 1946 - E. M. Purcell predicts modification of spontaneous emission rates in complex media



Edward M. Purcell  
b. 1912

*Phys. Rev.* **69**, 681 (1946)

B10. Spontaneous Emission Probabilities at Radio Frequencies. E. M. PURCELL, *Harvard University*.—For nuclear magnetic moment transitions at radio frequencies the probability of spontaneous emission, computed from

$$A_{\nu} = (8\pi\nu^2/c^3)h\nu(8\pi^3\mu^2/3h^2) \text{ sec.}^{-1},$$

is so small that this process is not effective in bringing a spin system into thermal equilibrium with its surroundings. At 300°K, for  $\nu = 10^7 \text{ sec.}^{-1}$ ,  $\mu = 1$  nuclear magneton, the corresponding relaxation time would be  $5 \times 10^{21}$  seconds! However, for a system coupled to a resonant electrical circuit, the factor  $8\pi\nu^2/c^3$  no longer gives correctly the number of radiation oscillators per unit volume, in unit frequency range, there being now *one* oscillator in the frequency range  $\nu/Q$  associated with the circuit. The spontaneous emission probability is thereby increased, and the relaxation time reduced, by a factor  $f = 3Q\lambda^3/4\pi^2V$ , where  $V$  is the volume of the resonator. If  $a$  is a dimension characteristic of the circuit so that  $V \sim a^3$ , and if  $\delta$  is the skin-depth at frequency  $\nu$ ,  $f \sim \lambda^3/a^2\delta$ . For a non-resonant circuit  $f \sim \lambda^3/a^3$ , and for  $a < \delta$  it can be shown that  $f \sim \lambda^3/a\delta^2$ . If small metallic particles, of diameter  $10^{-3}$  cm are mixed with a nuclear-magnetic medium at room temperature, spontaneous emission should establish thermal equilibrium in a time of the order of minutes, for  $\nu = 10^7 \text{ sec.}^{-1}$ .

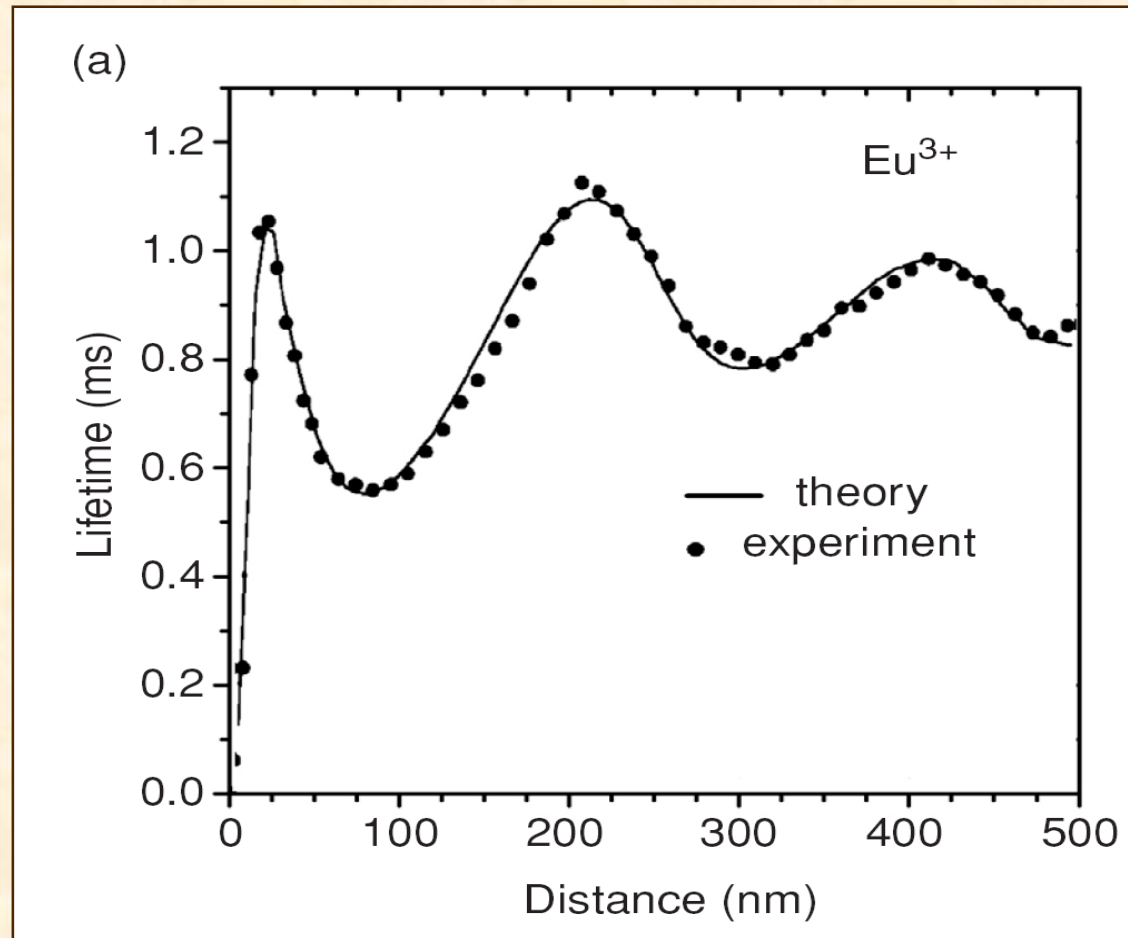
Modified DOS in mesoscopic structures due to confinement of EM-waves is generally recognized as basic physical phenomenon

Model mesoscopic structures in which this effect is being studied since 1970-ies:

- Media with  $n > 1$
- Thin layers
- Metal-dielectric interfaces
- Microcavities
- Photonic crystals (3d and 2d)
- Cell membranes
- Nuclear reactions

Fluorescent probes: molecules, ions, Q-dots

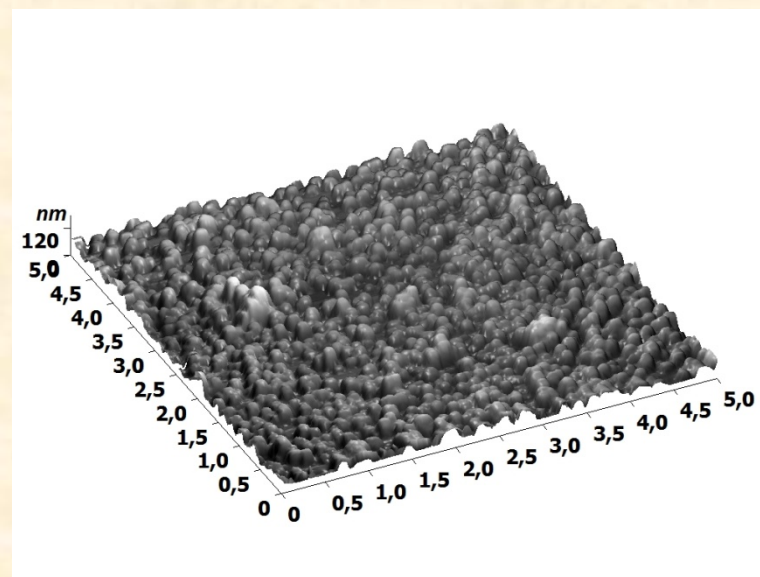
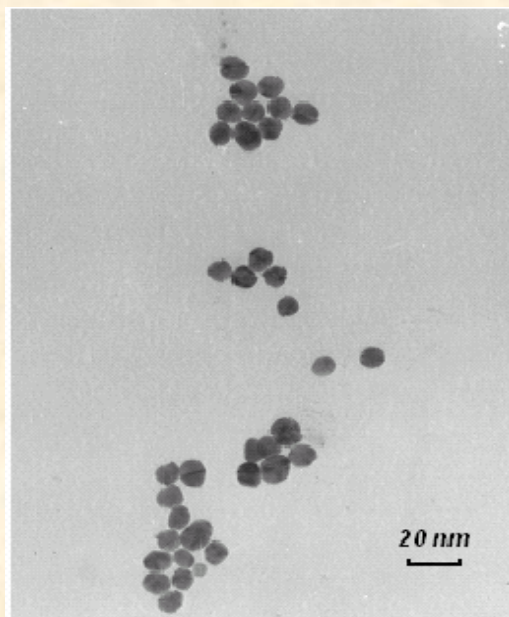
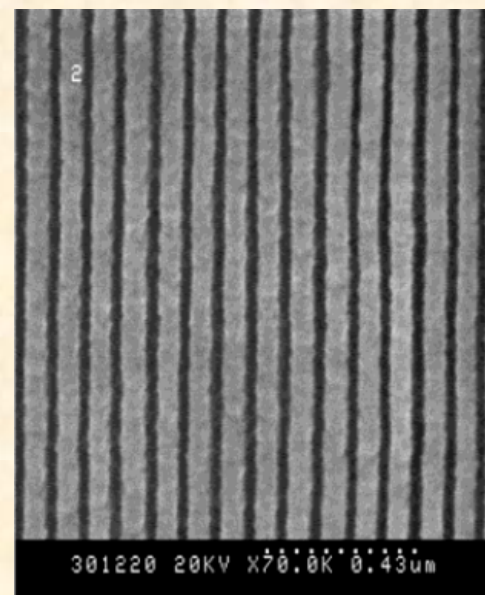
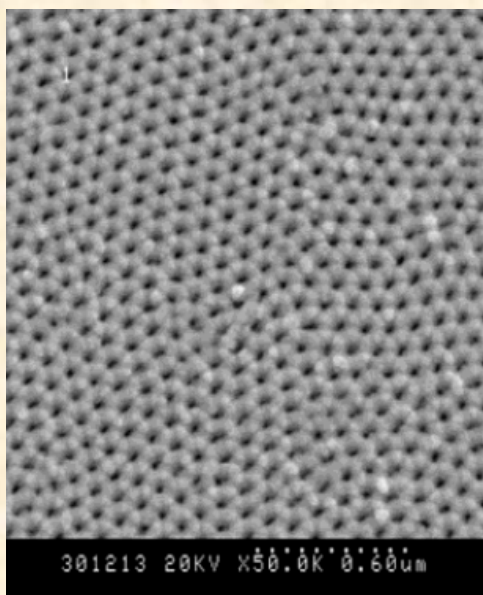
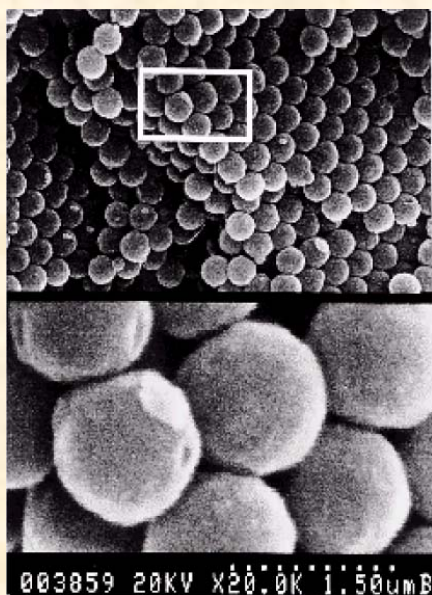
## An atom in front of a mirror



K. H. Drexhage. Influence of a dielectric interface on fluorescence decay time. *J. Luminescence*, **1–2** (1970), 693–701.



# Nanostructures with modified DOS



# Microcavities: spontaneous emission rates

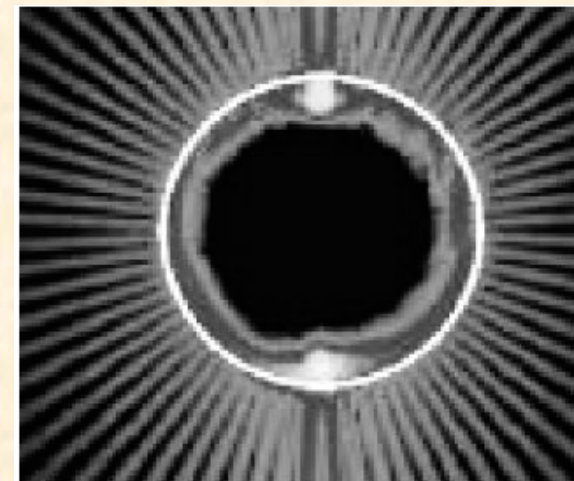
Purcell 1946

$$\gamma = \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \frac{\lambda^3}{V} Q \gamma_0$$

Bunkin and Oraevsky 1959

$$\gamma \sim \frac{Q}{V} \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega_c^2 + Q^2 (\omega_c - \omega_a)^2}$$

Woggon and coworkers, 2001



# Photonic crystals

Photonic crystals possess discontinuous DOS. This not only promises freezing of excited atomic/molecule states but makes us consider the decay process as essentially non-Markovian, i.e. probability can not be used to describe it correctly (number of events is not proportional to time of detection).

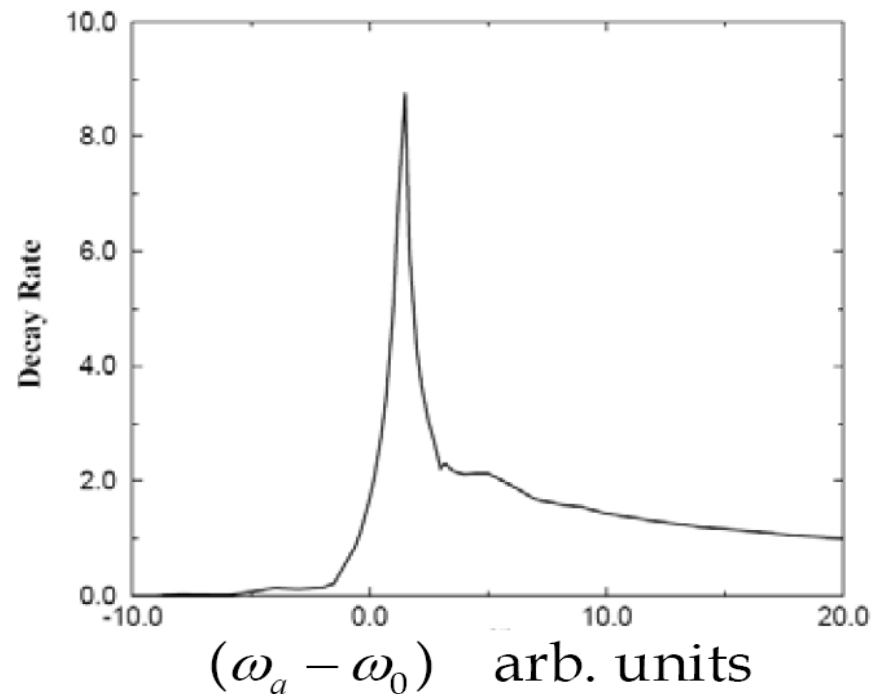
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Sakoda K  
Optical Properties of Photonic Crystals (Berlin 2001)





Lambropoulos et al.  
*Rep. Prog. Phys.* 63 455 (2000)

**Decay Distribution of Spontaneous Emission from an Assembly of Atoms  
in Photonic Crystals with Pseudogaps**

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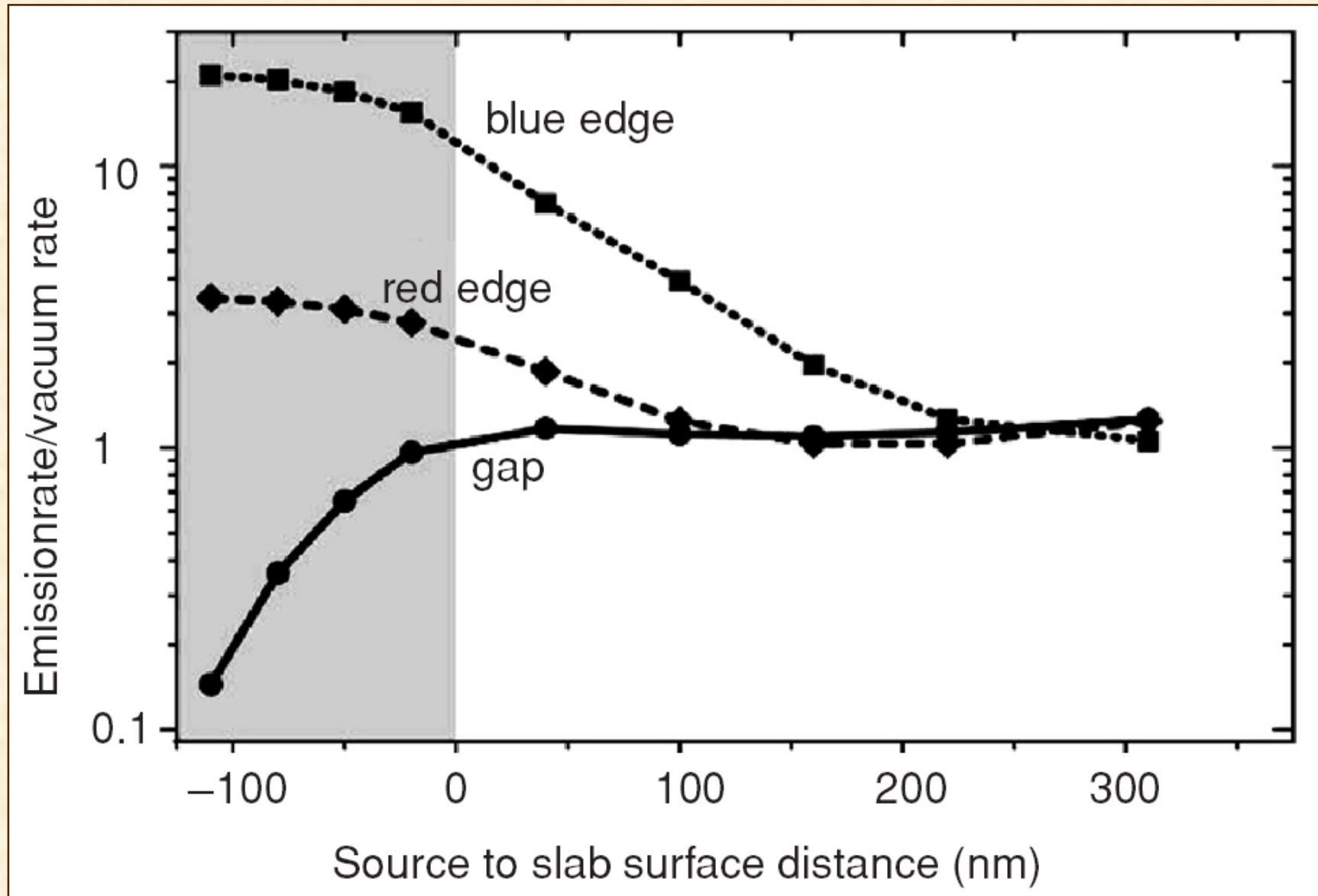
**Spontaneous emission from a two-level atom in a three-dimensional photonic crystal**

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# DOS effects on resonant and Raman scattering

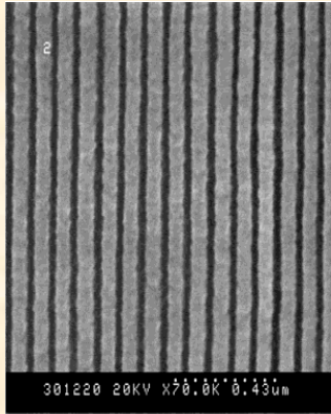
Elastic scattering (resonant, Rayleigh scattering)

is also proportional to DOS

Blue color of the sky

$$I(\omega) : \omega^4 \text{ (Rayleigh)}$$

includes DOS component  $\omega^2$

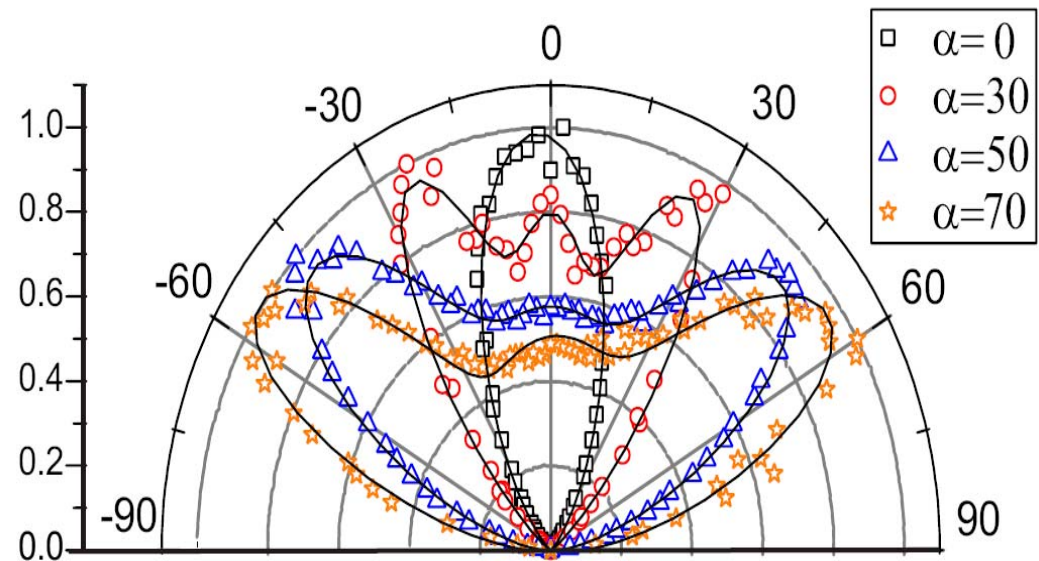
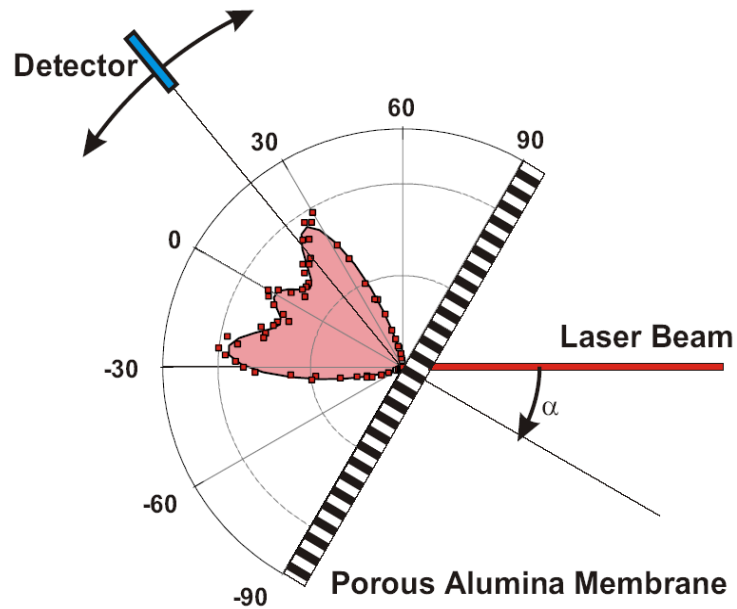


# Anisotropic Light Scattering in Nanoporous Materials: A Photon Density of States Effect

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The DOS effect results in predictable and controllable modification of scattering and can be purposefully used in certain light harvesting and illumination systems.

# Inelastic scattering (nonresonant, Raman scattering)

$$W(\omega', \omega) = \frac{2\pi^2}{\hbar^2} \omega' \omega N(\omega') |S|^2 D(\omega)$$

SERS contains contribution from DOS

Gaponenko S V *Phys. Rev. B* **65**, 140303 (R) (2002)

Zuev V.S., Franzesson A.V., *Opt. Spektr.* **93**, 117 (2002)



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**Effects of photon density of states on Raman scattering in mesoscopic structures**

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Photon density of states (DOS) effects on spontaneous Raman scattering in certain mesoscopic structures are outlined. Similar to spontaneous emission spontaneous Raman scattering should experience modification if DOS redistribution over frequency and solid angle occurs. In continuous media DOS dependence on dimensionality  $d=3,2,1$  results in different power dependencies of scattering rate on refraction index  $n$  and frequency  $\omega$  in the form  $(n\omega)^d$ . Photon DOS effects can be purposefully used to enhance Raman signals in molecular spectroscopy using purely dielectric structures.

# Understanding DOS via optical tunnelling

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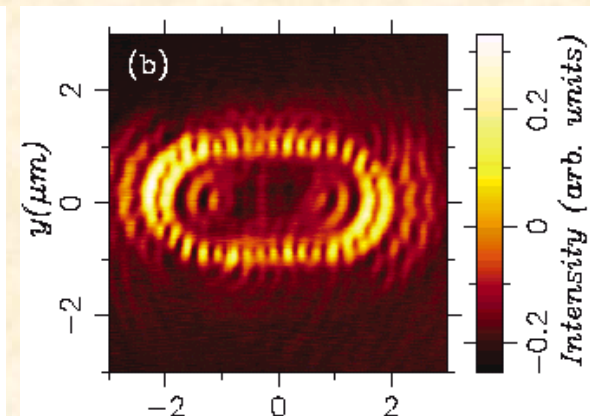
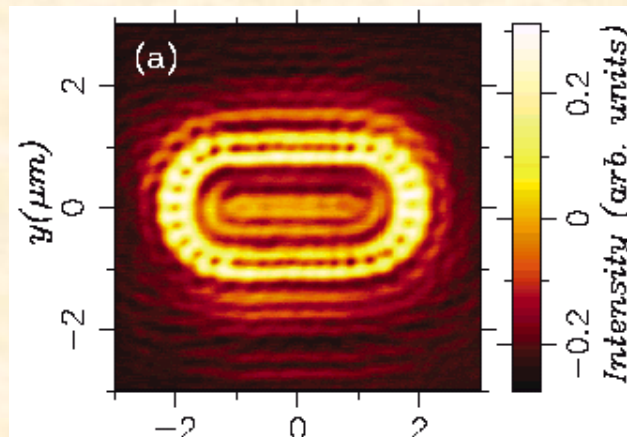
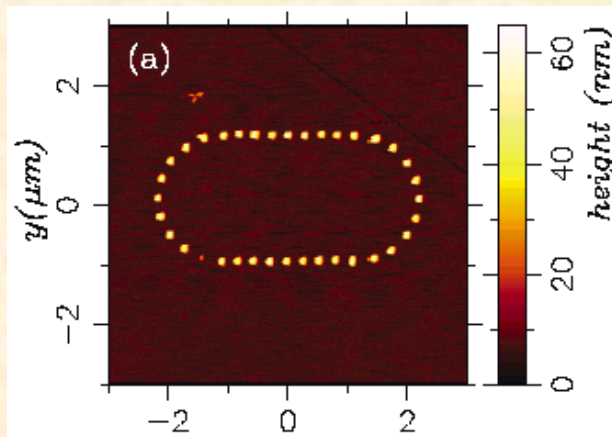
## Imaging the Local Density of States of Optical Corrals

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# Integral and Local DOS

# Barnett-Loudon sum rule

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## Sum Rule for Modified Spontaneous Emission Rates

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$$\int_0^{\infty} d\omega_a \frac{\Gamma_m(\mathbf{r}, \omega_a) - \Gamma_0(\omega_a)}{\Gamma_0(\omega_a)} = 0$$

# Integral and Local DOS

- For continuous dielectric media DOS is well-defined function of dimensionality and refraction index
- For certain mesoscopic structures like microcavities or photonic crystals DOS is understood
- In a general case of a complex inhomogeneous structures we have to introduce **local DOS** with a determination region on the order of  $\lambda/n$

# Local DOS problem

"Begin by deciding how much of the universe needs to be brought into the discussion. Decide what normal modes are needed for an adequate treatment of the problem under consideration".

Lamb W E Appl. Phys. B60 77 (1995)



## Electromagnetic density of modes for a finite-size three-dimensional structure

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- “Quite surprisingly, the concept of the density of states for a finite-size structure still lacks a simple, concise definition”

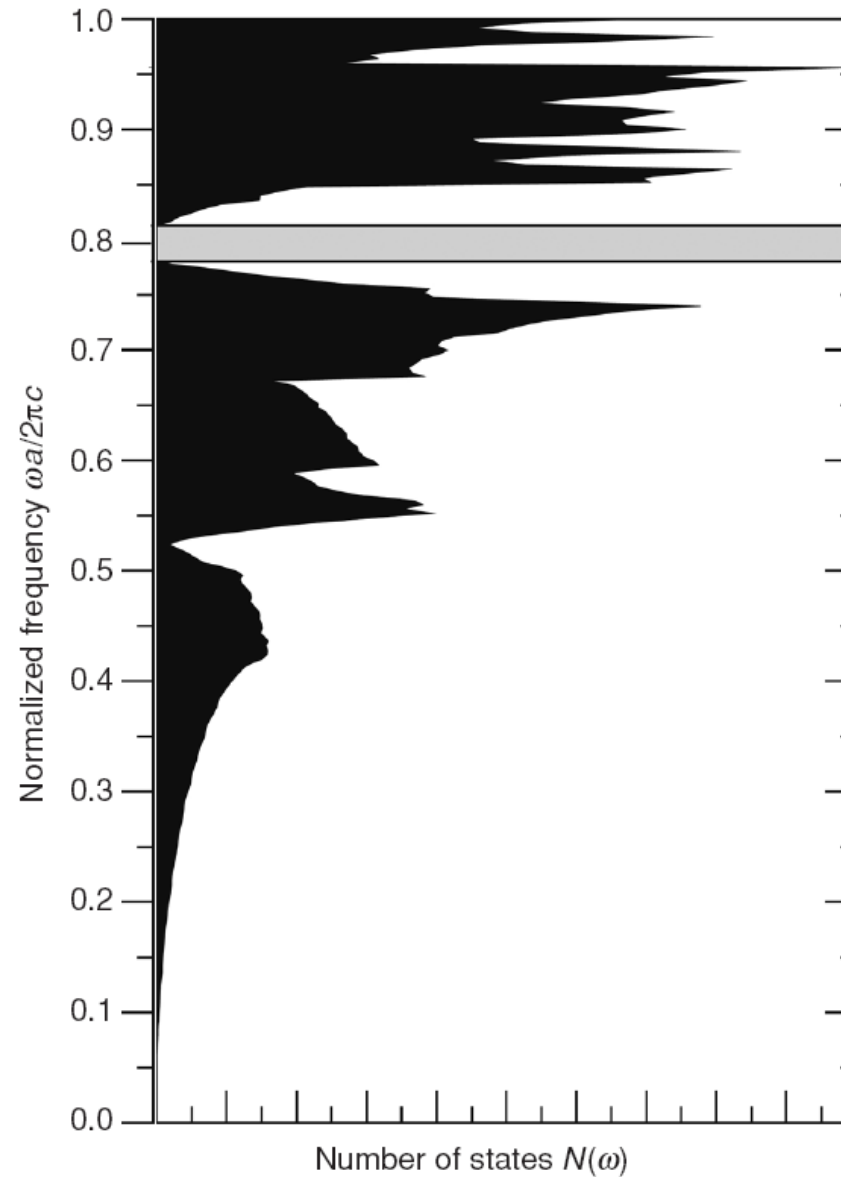
$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\omega} &\equiv \rho_{\omega, \text{free space}} \frac{\langle \overline{W}_{\text{emitted}}(\vec{r}) \rangle}{W_{\text{emitted, free space}}} \\ &= -\frac{6\pi c}{\omega} \rho_{\omega, \text{free space}} \langle \text{Im}[G_{\omega, \hat{x}\hat{x}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r})] \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

## Sum rule for the local density of states

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{D(\mathbf{r}, \omega) - D_{free}(\omega)}{D_{free}(\omega)} d\omega = 0, \quad D_{free}(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3}$$

Clear analog in solid state physics:

Impurity electron states in band gap develop by the expense of intrinsic electron states in c-band



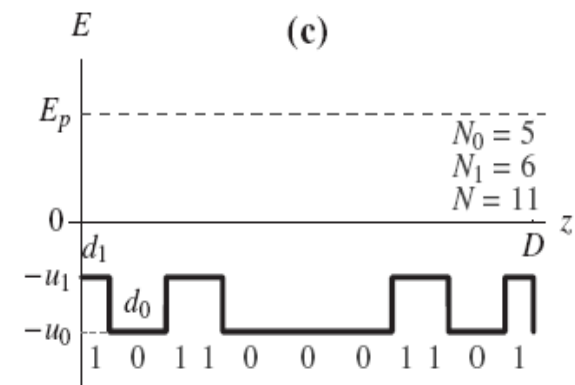
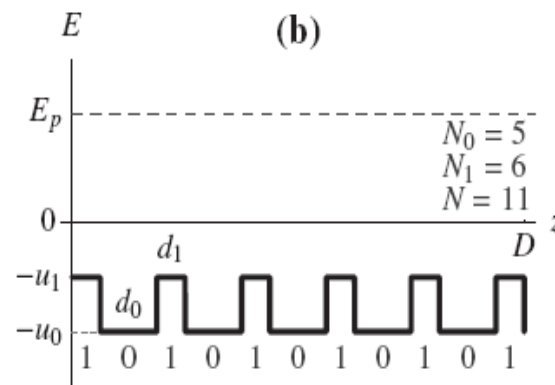
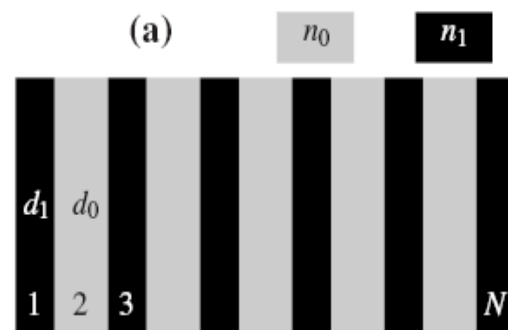
- 3 Calculated photon density of states for a three-dimensional photonic crystals whose design and band structure were presented in Figure 7.23. Gray band indicates the band gap. Reprinted with permission from [70]. Copyright 2007, Elsevier B.V.

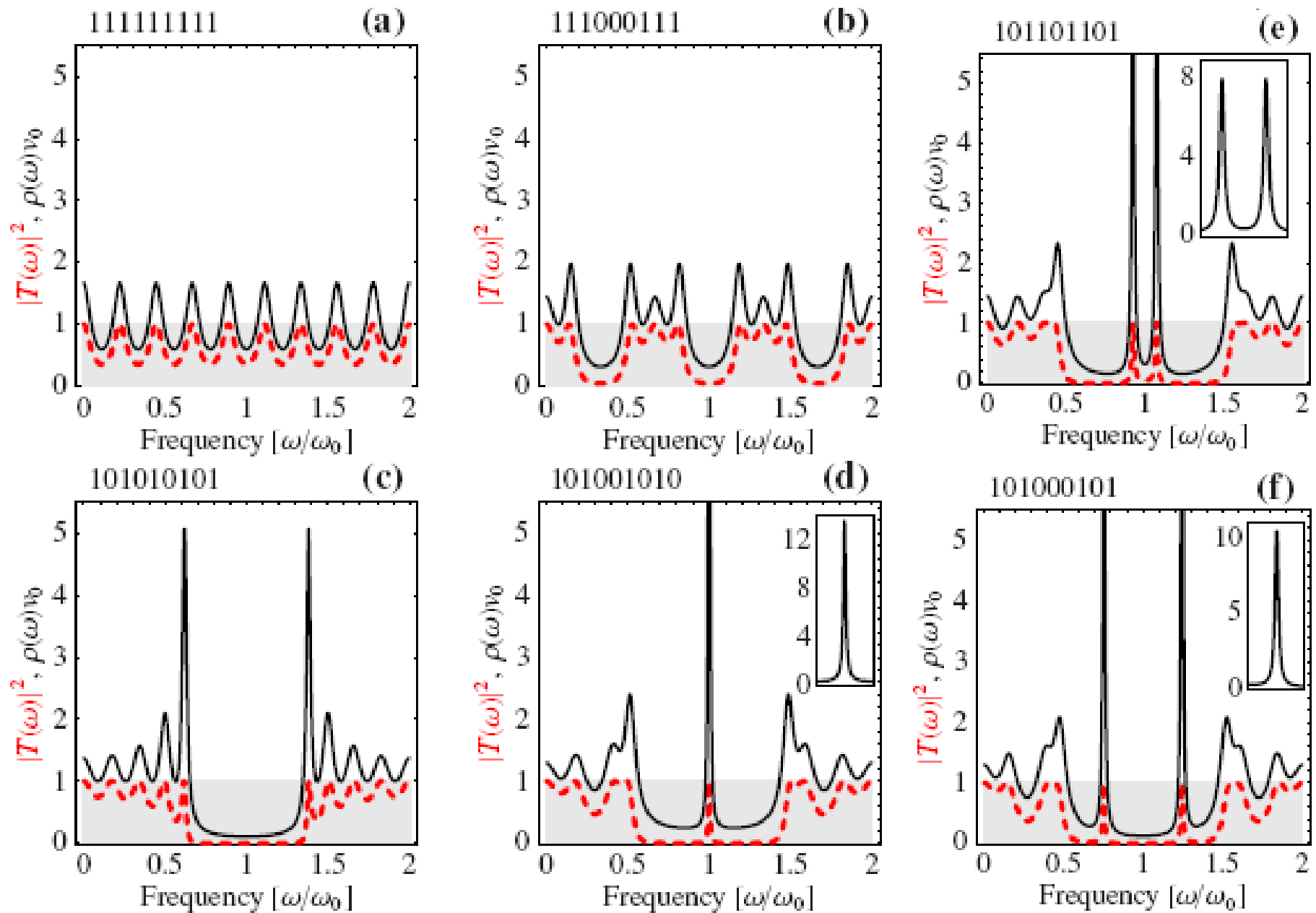
## Constraints on transmission, dispersion, and density of states in dielectric multilayers and stepwise potential barriers with an arbitrary layer arrangement

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High transmission in complex structures correlates with higher DOS



# Conclusion

- Since 1900 DOS contribution in quantum physics and optics has been recognised
- Photon DOS contributes to emission and scattering of light providing strong enhancement in mesoscopic systems
- Total DOS can not be modified
- Local photon DOS needs further research