

Quantum entanglement  
and  
light propagation  
through Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC)

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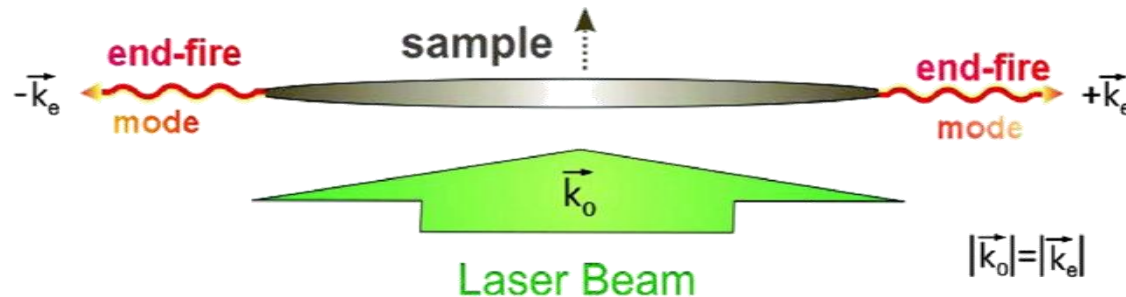
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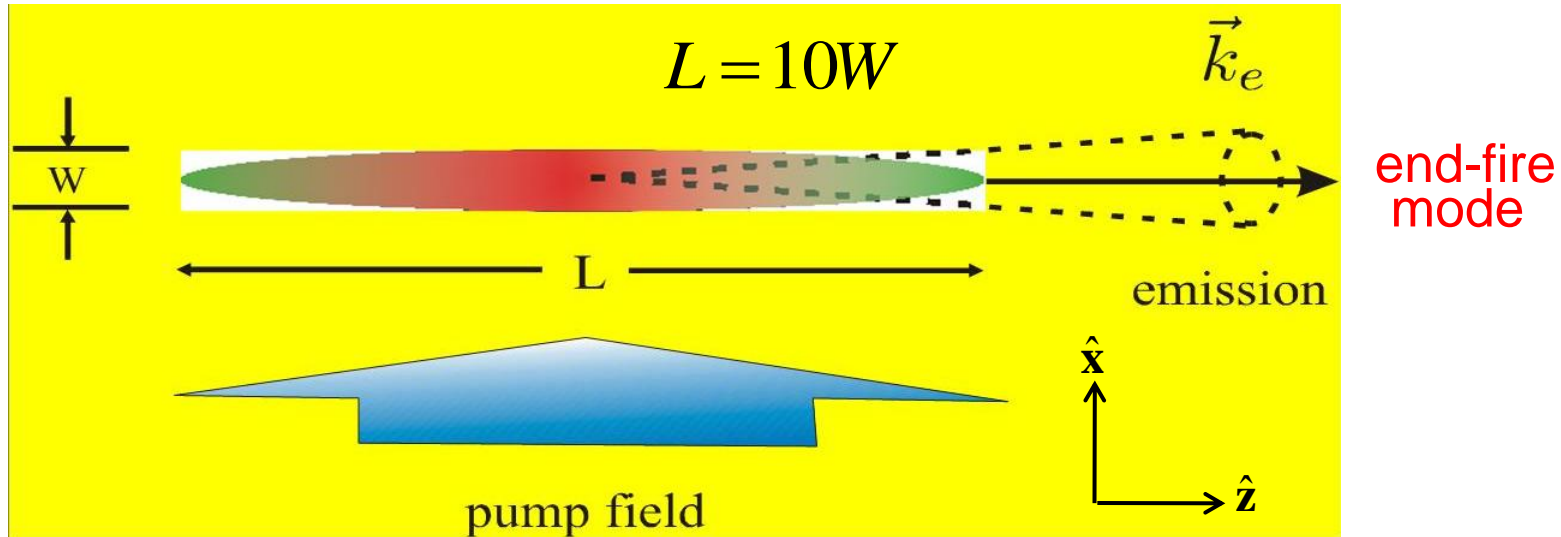


# Superradiance (SR)

- SR: Collective spontaneous emission  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow I_{Nor} \sim N \\ \rightarrow I_{SR} \sim N^2 \end{cases}$
- Must  $\rightarrow$  excite very quickly  $\rightarrow$  strong pump

- Scattered radiation  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow$  Intense  $\rightarrow$  Coherent  $\rightarrow$  Directional \end{cases}



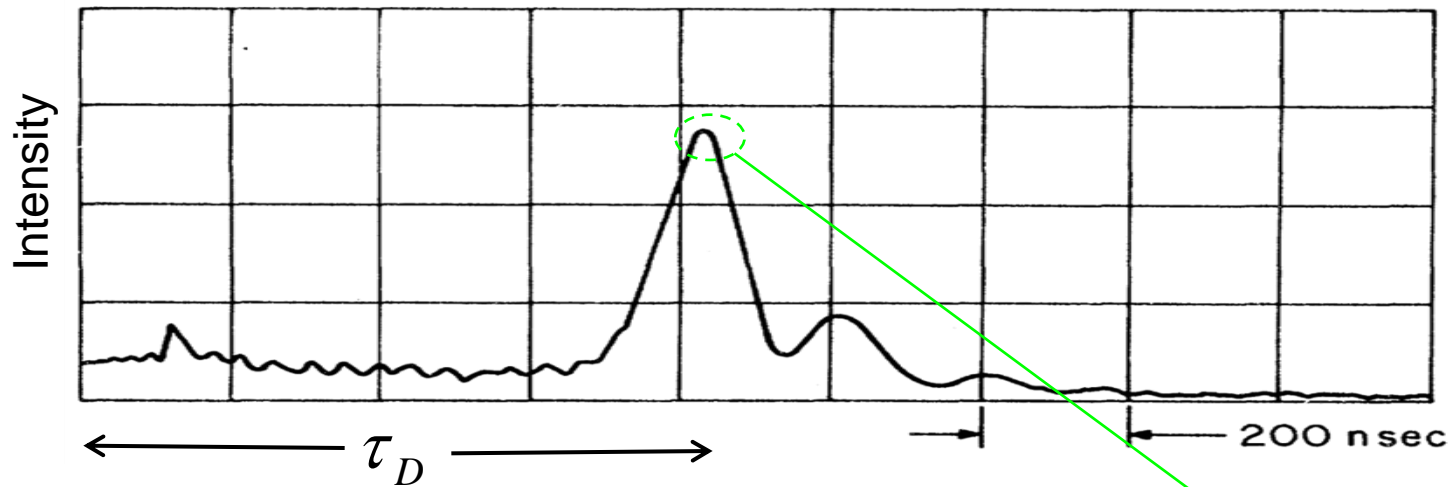


- Elongated sample  $\Rightarrow$  SR is directional.
- Modes along the long-direction ( $\mathbf{z}$ ) is occupied by more atoms.

$$\frac{I_{\mathbf{x}}}{I_{\mathbf{z}}} = \left( \frac{N_{\mathbf{x}}}{N_{\mathbf{z}}} \right)^2 \sim \left( \frac{W}{L} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{100}$$

$N_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z}}$ : # of atoms on  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}$  line.

$$L = 10W$$



Delay time

Establishment of atomic coherence.

Decay time  $\sim \frac{T_1}{N}$

at peak

First experiment:

[N. Skribanowitz *et al.*, PRL **30**, 309 (1973).]

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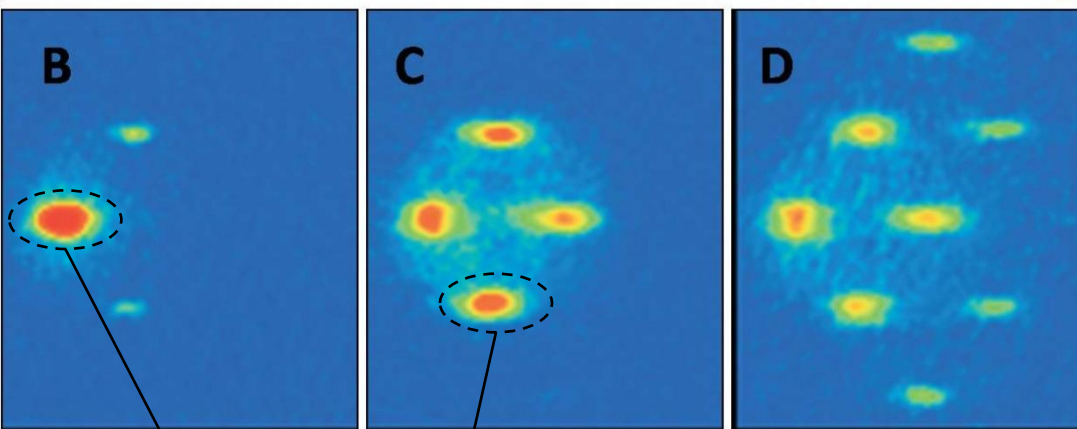
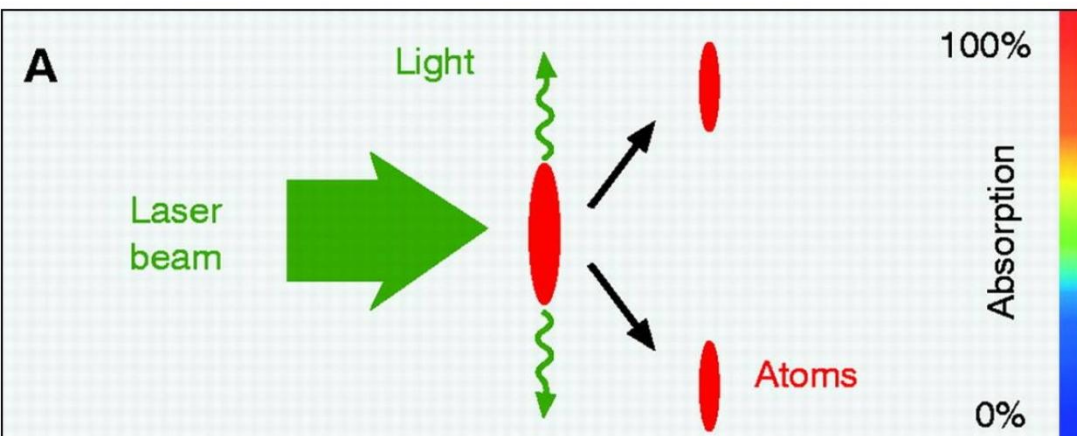


# BEC Superradiance (SR)

(experiment\*)

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Absorption Images: ( in  $\mathbf{p}$ -space )



BEC  $\mathbf{p}=0$

Many-atoms in the same  $\mathbf{p}$ -state

\*[S. Inouye *et al.*, Science **285**, 571 (1999).]

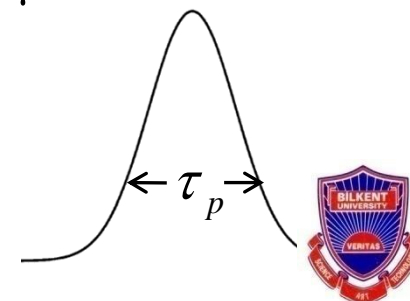
•fan-shaped pattern

Different pulse times:

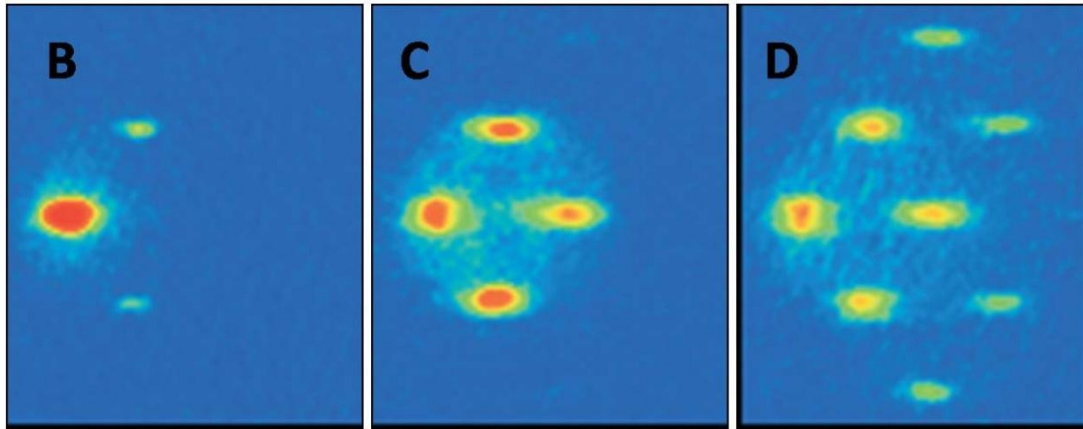
B)  $\tau_p = 35\mu\text{s}$

C)  $\tau_p = 75\mu\text{s}$

D)  $\tau_p = 100\mu\text{s}$

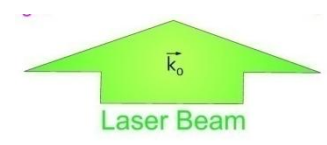
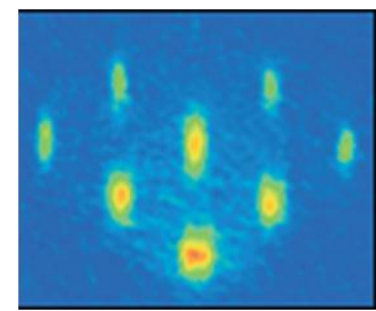
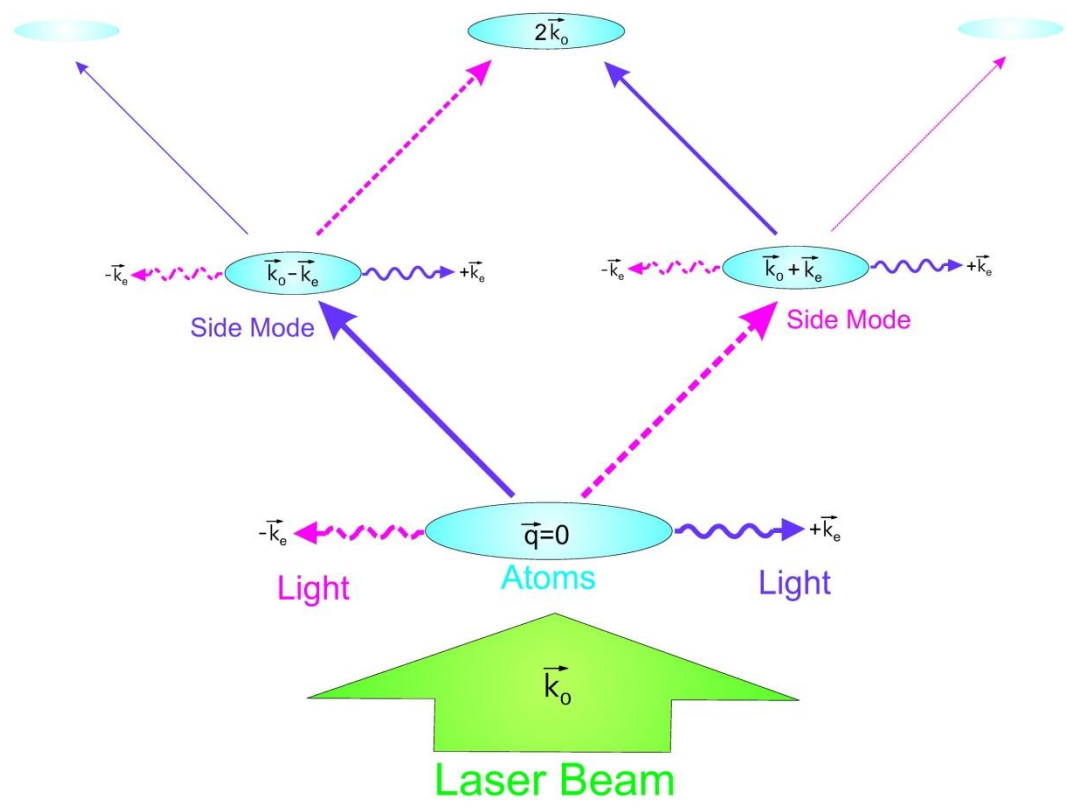




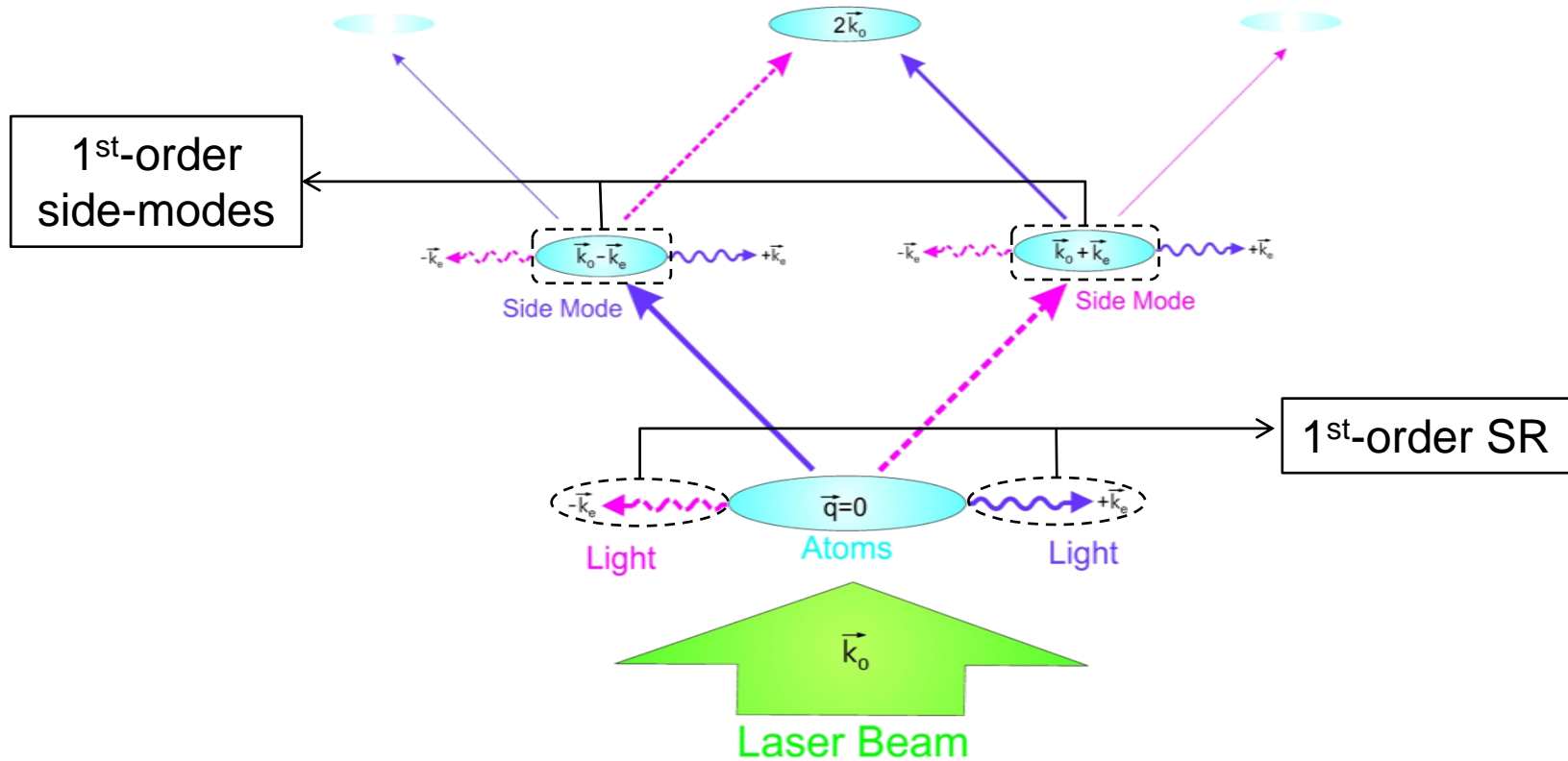


- SR emission:
  - collective
  - coherent
  - directional (end-fire mode)

- Atom scattering:
  - collective
  - coherent
  - same-momentum (side-mode)



- End-fire mode (  $\rightarrow +\vec{k}_e$  )  $\longleftrightarrow$  Atomic side-mode (  $\vec{k}_0 - \vec{k}_e$  )
- End-fire mode (  $\leftarrow -\vec{k}_e$  )  $\longleftrightarrow$  Atomic side-mode (  $\vec{k}_0 + \vec{k}_e$  )



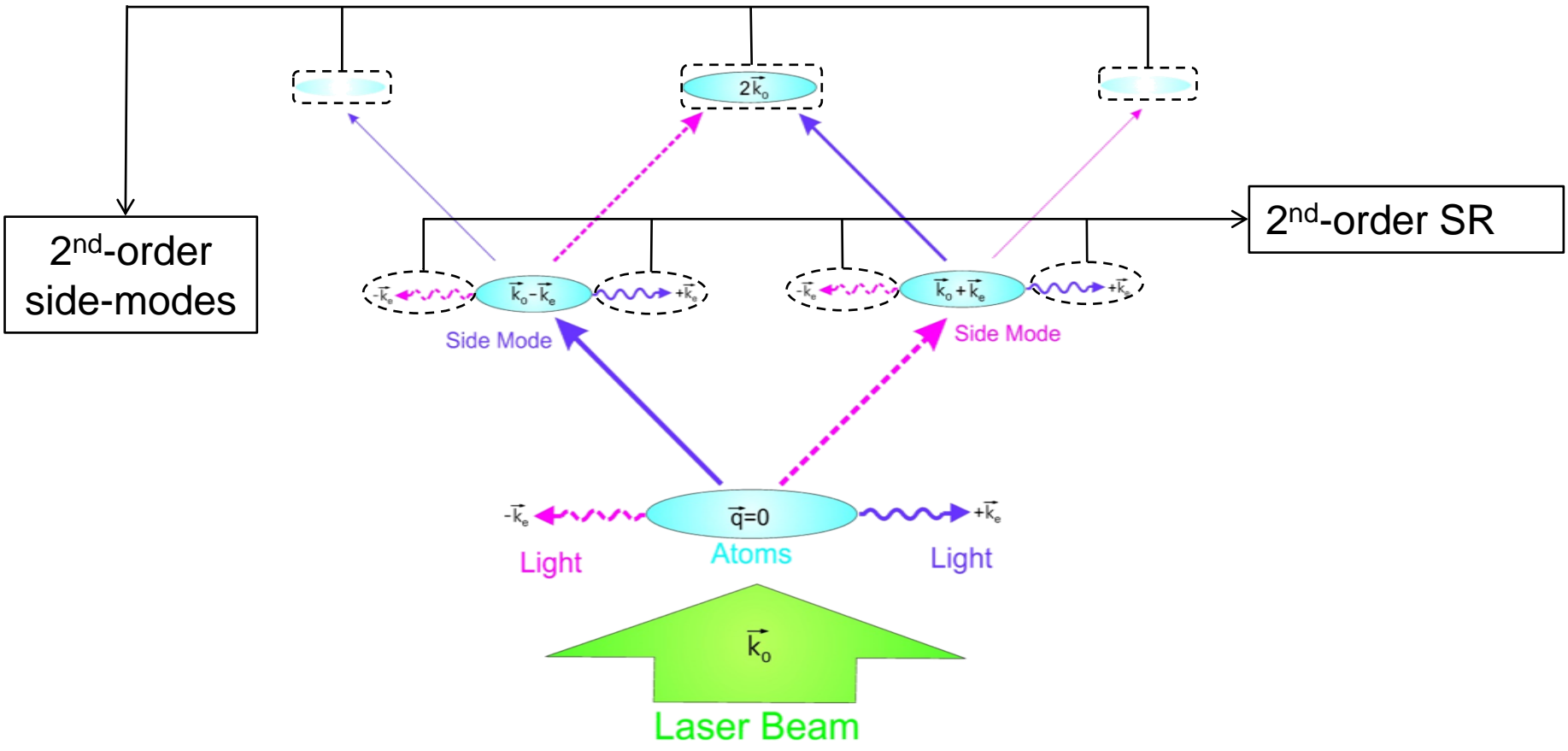
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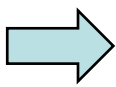
# BEC Superradiance

(sequential SR)

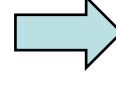
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1<sup>st</sup>-order side-modes highly occupied



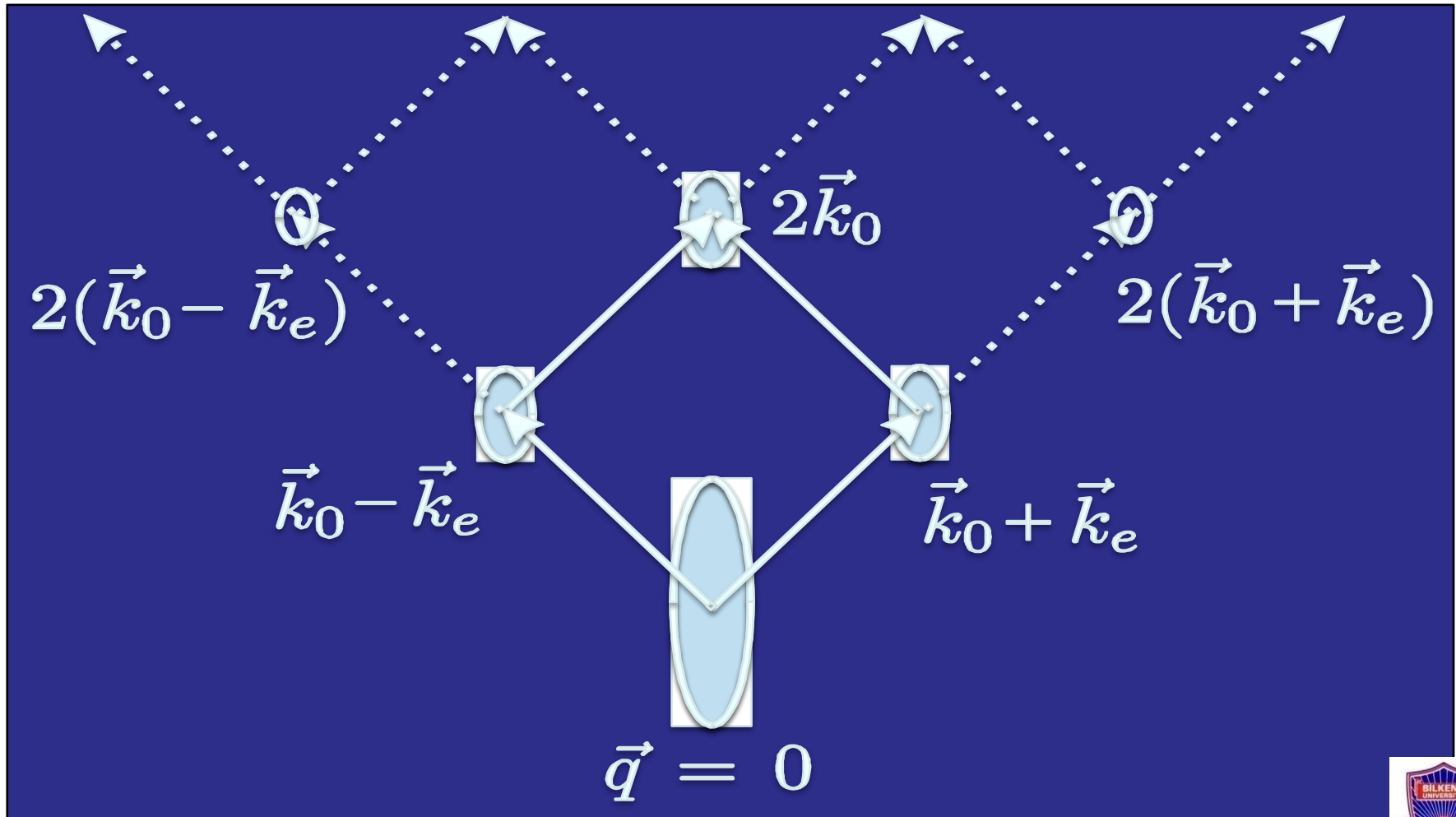
1<sup>st</sup>-order side-modes superradiates

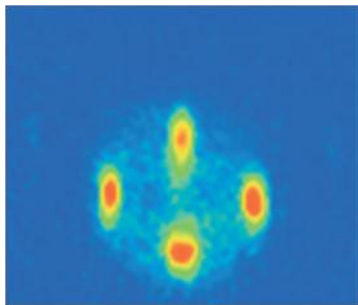
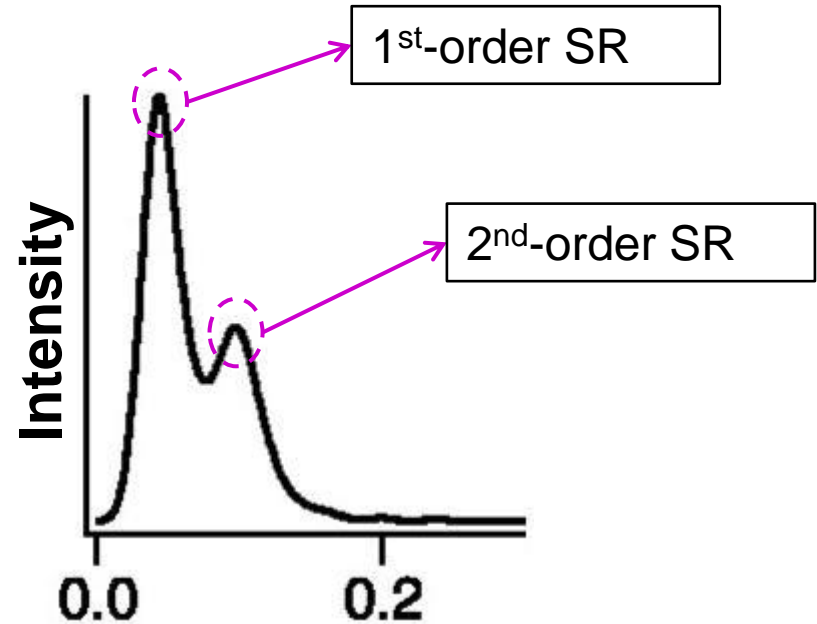
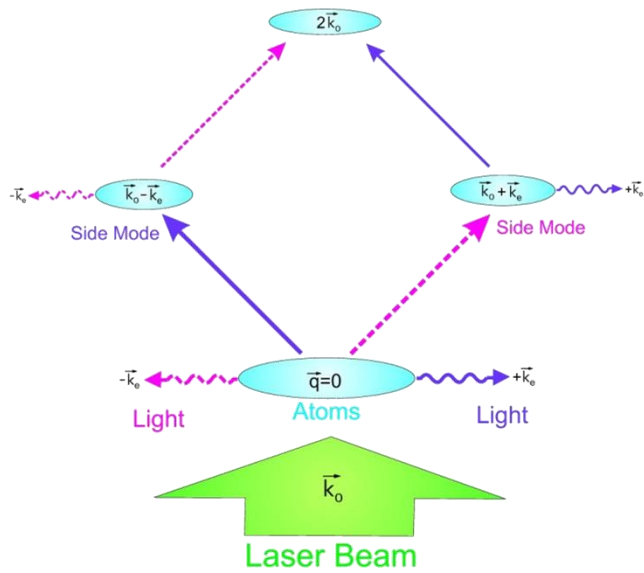


forms 2<sup>nd</sup>-order side-modes



Lattice of side-modes  $\mathbf{p}$ -space





$$\tau_p = 75\mu\text{s}$$

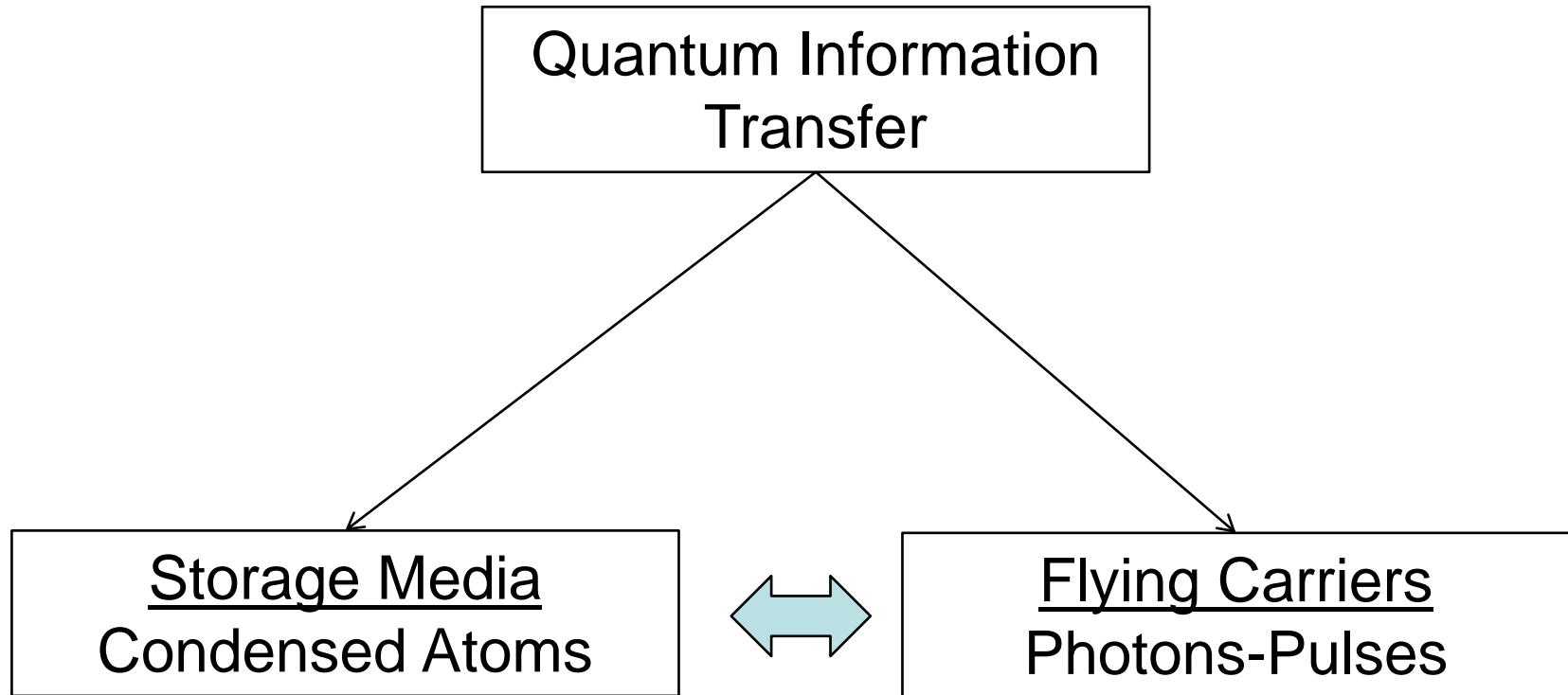
- normal SR: Single peak
- sequential SR: Two peaks

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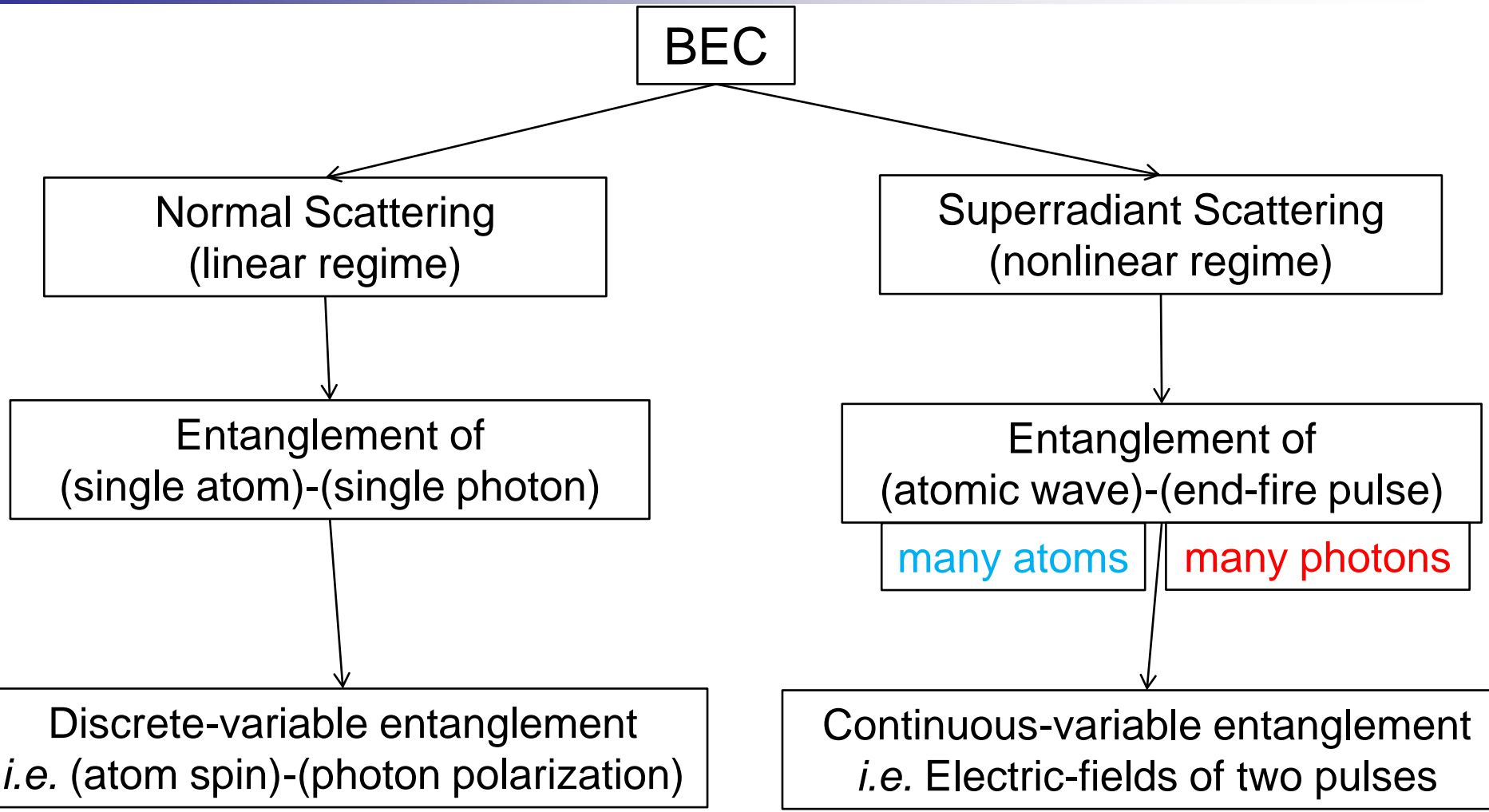
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[M.G. Moore and P. Meystre, PRL **85**, 5026 (2000).]

[M.E. Taşgın, M.Ö. Oktel, L. You, and Ö.E. Müstecaplıoğlu, PRA **79**, 0536 (2009).]

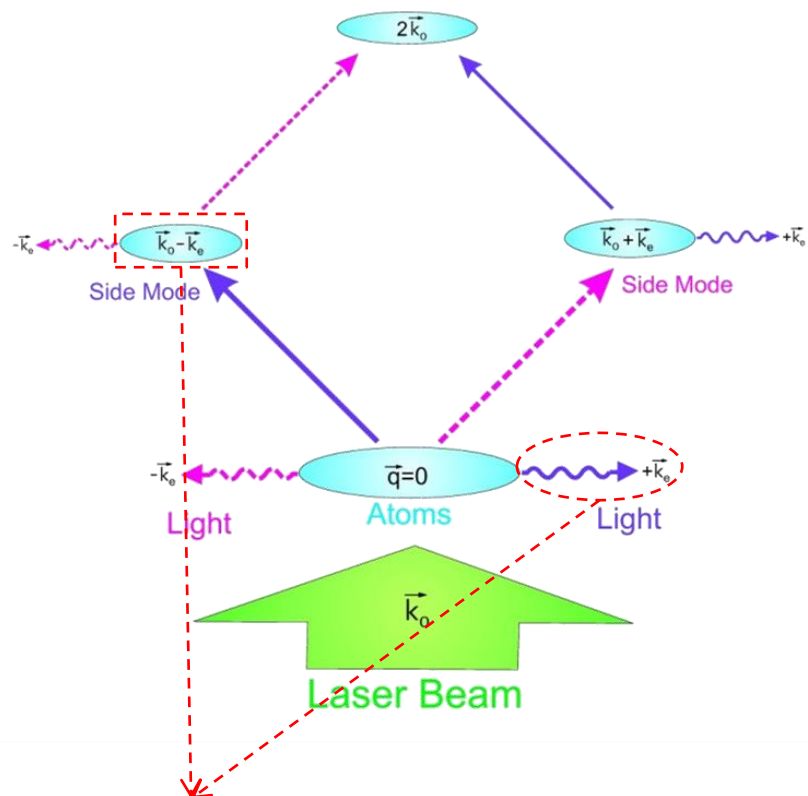


Interested in the  
Continuous-Variable ( $\vec{E}$ -fields) Entanglement  
of  
cross-propagating end-fire pulses.



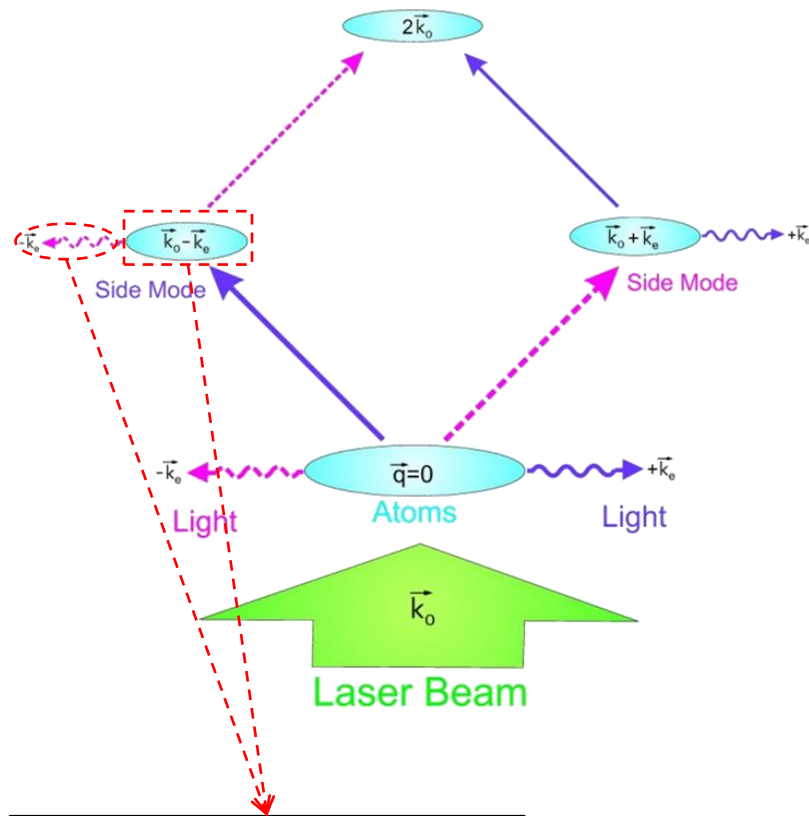
# Motivation (entanglement-swap)

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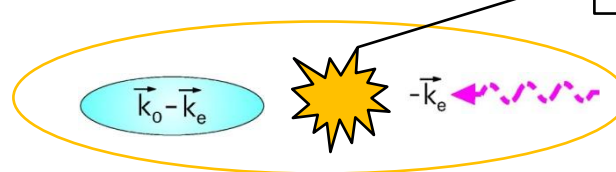
Interacts in the 1<sup>st</sup> SR sequence

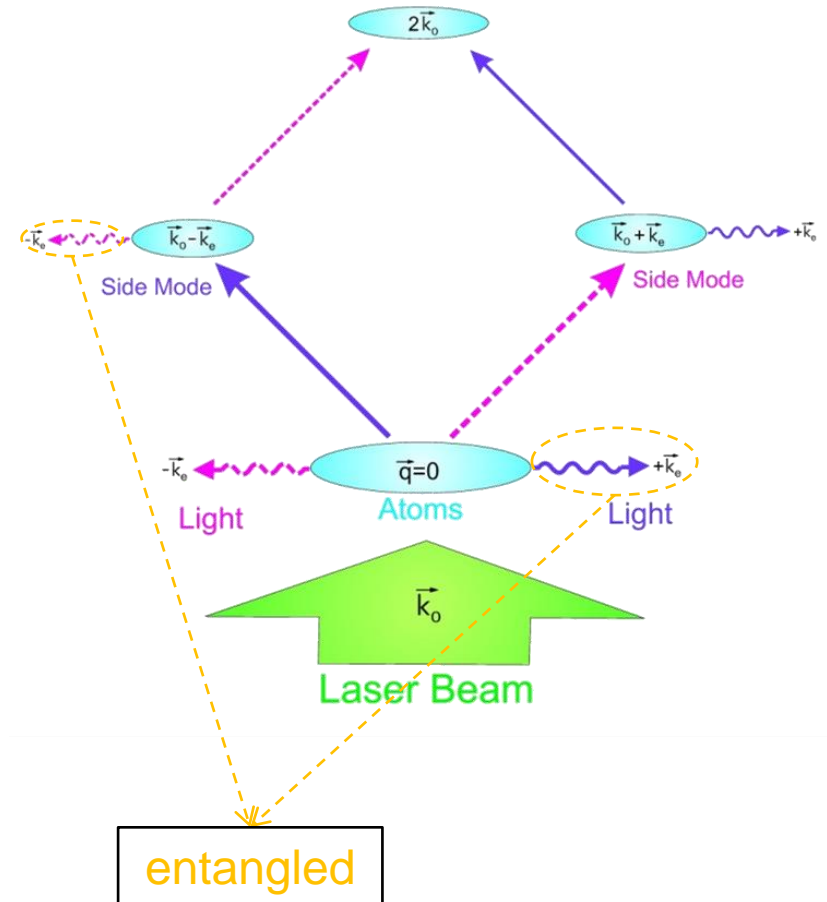
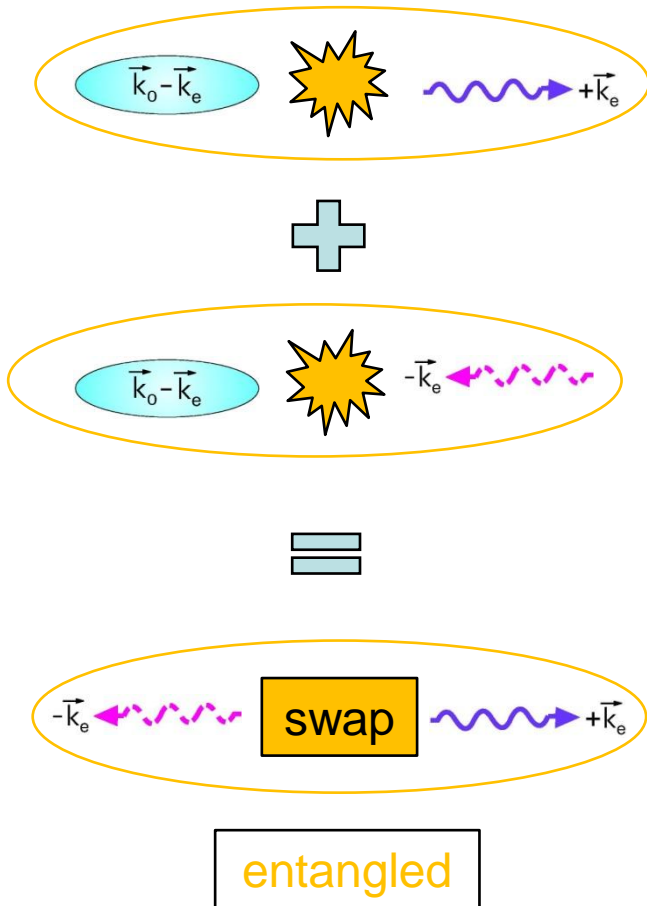
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Interacts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> SR sequence

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Entanglement swap:

Entangle systems that never before interacted.



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Full second-quantized Hamiltonian of Laser-BEC:

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \hbar \omega(\mathbf{k}) \hat{a}(\mathbf{k})^\dagger \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{q}} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$- \frac{g(\mathbf{k}_0)}{\Delta} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'} \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \rho_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'}(\mathbf{k}) \hbar g^*(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_0} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{q}'}$$

$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger$  : creates photon of momentum  $\vec{\mathbf{k}}$ , energy  $\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = ck$ .

$\hat{c}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger$  : creates atom(boson) in side-mode  $\vec{\mathbf{q}}$ , energy  $\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2M}$ .

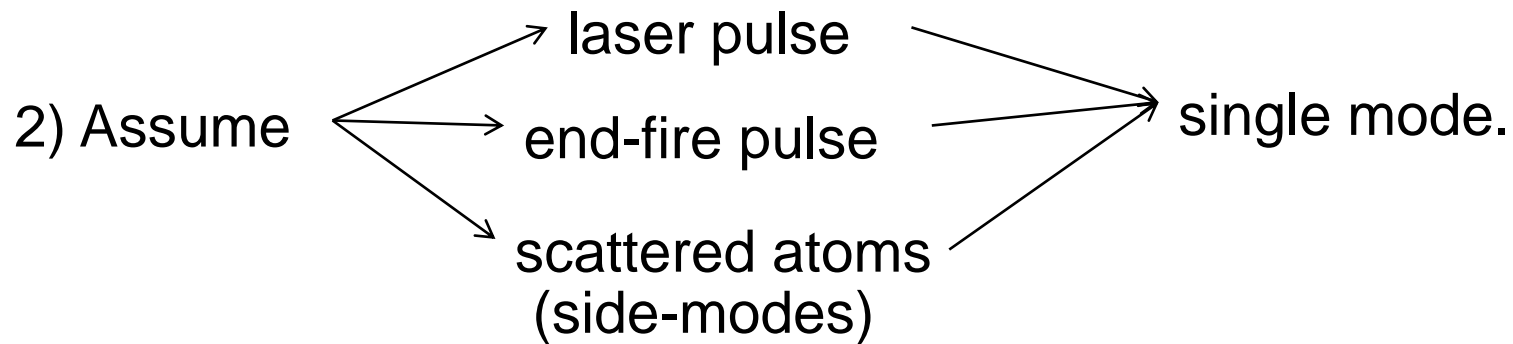
$g(\mathbf{k}) = (ckd^2 / 2\hbar\epsilon_0)^{1/2}$  : dipole coupling

$\Delta$  : laser detuning

$\rho_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \int d\mathbf{r} |\phi_0(\mathbf{r})|^2 e^{i[(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q})-(\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}')]\cdot\mathbf{r}}$  : structure factor of BEC.



1) Move rotating frame.



effective Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = -\hbar \frac{g^2}{\Delta} (\hat{c}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_0 + \hat{c}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_0 + \hat{c}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_- + \hat{c}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_+) + H.c.$$

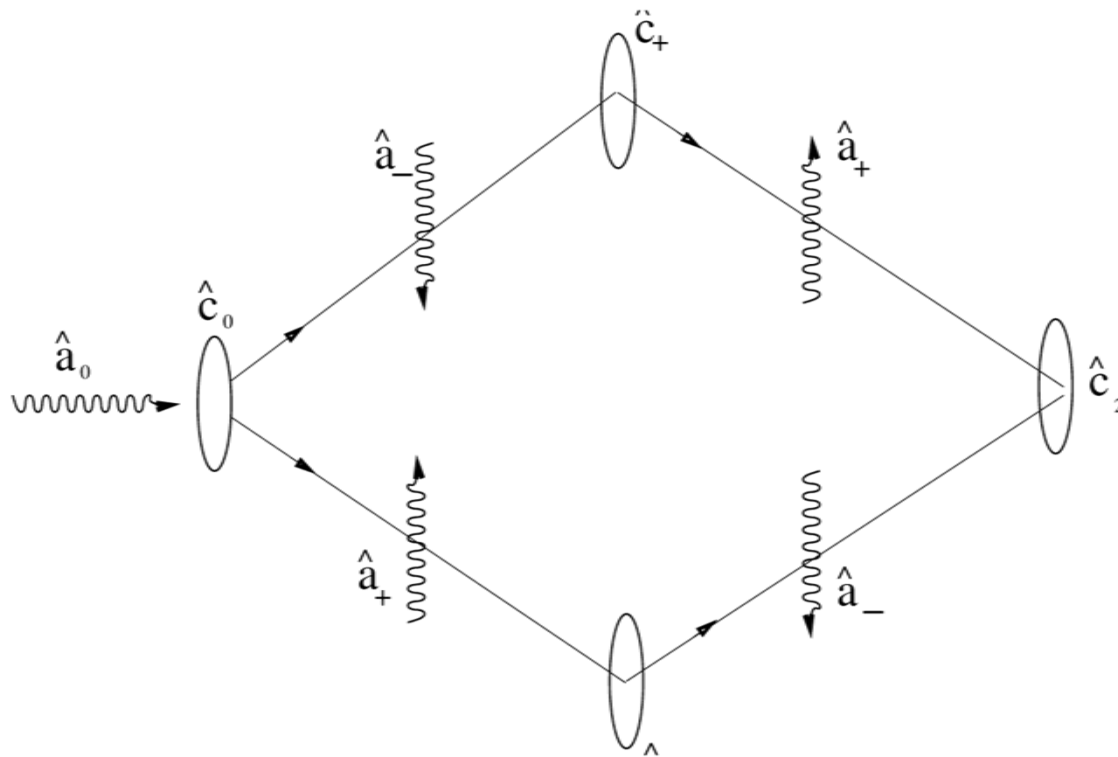
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## Schematic acts of operators:

$$\hat{H} = -\hbar \frac{g^2}{\Delta} (\hat{c}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_0 + \hat{c}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_0 + \hat{c}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_- + \hat{c}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{a}_0 \hat{c}_+) + H.c.$$



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## Separability and Entanglement

If density-matrix is inseparable

⇒ it cannot written as  $\rho = \sum_r p_r \rho_r^1 \otimes \rho_r^2$

⇒ subsystems 1,2 are entangled.

Aim : Define a parameter to test entanglement.



## Separability and Entanglement

[L.M. Duan *et al.*, PRL **84**, 2722 (2000).] showed:

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density-matrix  
separable



subsystems  
not entangled

$$\left| c^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \right| \leq \langle \Delta \hat{u}^2 \rangle + \langle \Delta \hat{v}^2 \rangle \leq \left( c^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \Rightarrow$$

density-matrix  
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subsystems  
entangled

uncertainty  
limit

separability  
limit

$$\hat{u} = |c| \hat{x}_1 + \hat{x}_2 / c$$

$$\hat{v} = |c| \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 / c$$

are EPR operators with

$$\hat{x}_{1,2} = (\hat{a}_{\pm} + \hat{a}_{\pm}^{\dagger}) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\hat{p}_{1,2} = (\hat{a}_{\pm} - \hat{a}_{\pm}^{\dagger}) / i\sqrt{2}$$



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$\underbrace{\left| c^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \right|}_{\text{uncertainty limit}} \quad \underbrace{\left( c^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)}_{\text{separability limit}}$

$$\lambda(t) = \langle \Delta \hat{u}^2 \rangle + \langle \Delta \hat{v}^2 \rangle - \left( c^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

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$$\hat{a}_+ \leftrightarrow \hat{a}_- \text{ symmetry} \quad \Rightarrow \quad c^2 = 1$$

lowest possible  $\lambda$  is:  $\lambda_{\text{low}} = -2$   $\rightarrow$  (uncertainty limit)

$$c^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} x &\equiv \vec{\mathbf{E}} \text{ - field} \\ p &\equiv \vec{\mathbf{H}} \text{ - field} \end{aligned}$$



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Seems innocent,

but not exactly solvable.

Even numerical simulation is hard.  
(Keep lots of analytical expressions by hand.)

➡ First, investigate H approximately. (general behavior)

➡ Illustrate swap mechanism, analytically.



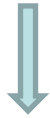


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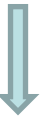
**Approximation**

**Initial Times**

$$\hat{a}_0 \rightarrow \sqrt{M} e^{i\theta_0}, \quad \hat{c}_0 \rightarrow \sqrt{N} e^{i\phi_1}$$



$$\hat{H}_1 = -\hbar \chi_1 \left[ e^{i\theta_1} (\hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{c}_-^\dagger + \hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{c}_+^\dagger) + H.c. \right]$$



**couples**

$$|\hat{c}_-\rangle \leftrightarrow |\hat{a}_+\rangle$$

**Later Times**

$$\hat{a}_0 \rightarrow \sqrt{M} e^{i\theta_0}, \quad \hat{a}_2 \rightarrow \sqrt{N_2} e^{i\phi_2}$$



$$\hat{H}_2 = -\hbar \chi_2 \left[ e^{i\theta_2} (\hat{a}_-^\dagger \hat{c}_- + \hat{a}_+^\dagger \hat{c}_+) + H.c. \right]$$



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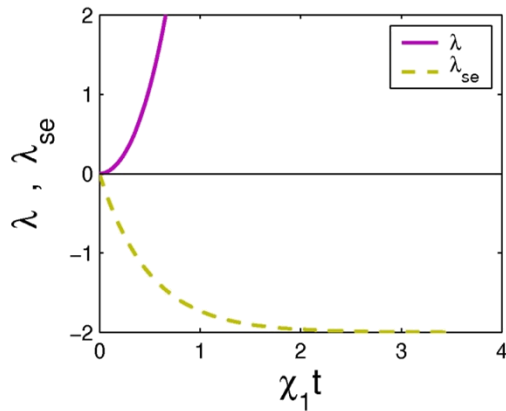
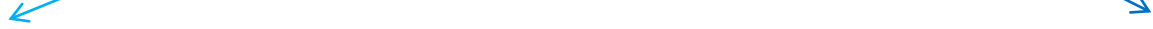
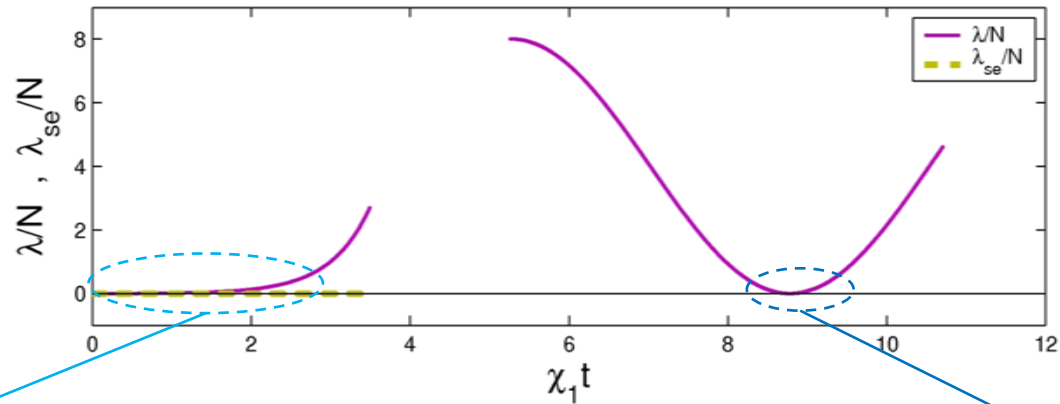
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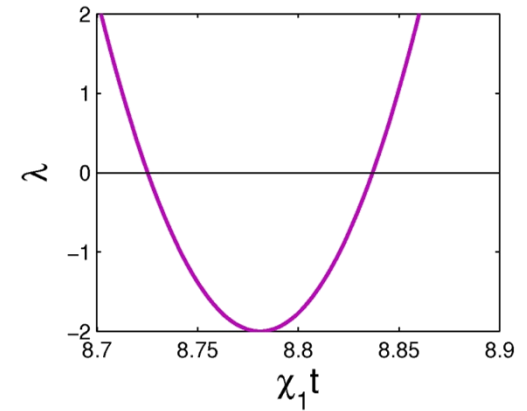


# Swap Mechanism (analytical treatment)

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$\lambda_{se}$  --- (side-mode)-(end-fire)  
 $\lambda$  — (end-fire)-(end-fire)



Initial  
atom-photon  
entanglement

$$\lambda_{se} < 0$$

is  
swapped  
to

Later  
photon-photon  
entanglement

$$\lambda < 0$$



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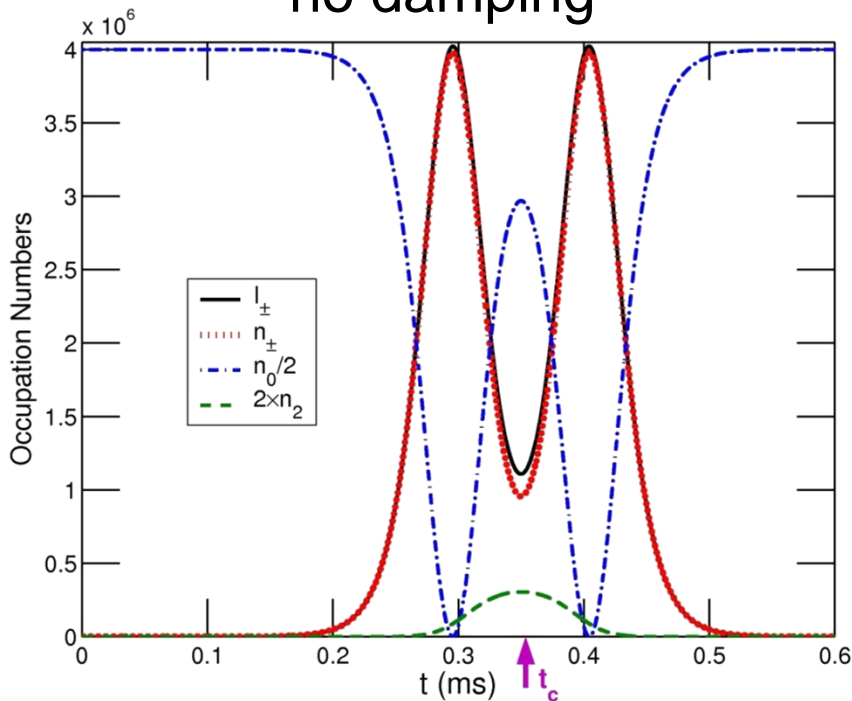
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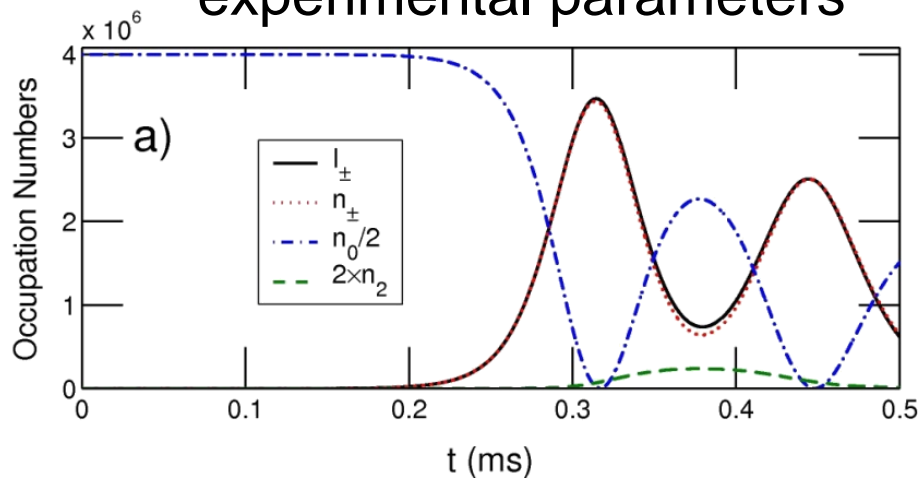


## End-fire Intensity and Side-mode Occupations

no damping



experimental parameters



decoherence:  $\gamma_{\perp} = 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ Hz}$

$I_{\perp}$  : Intensity of end-fire modes

$n_0, n_{\pm}, n_2$  : Occupation of side-modes

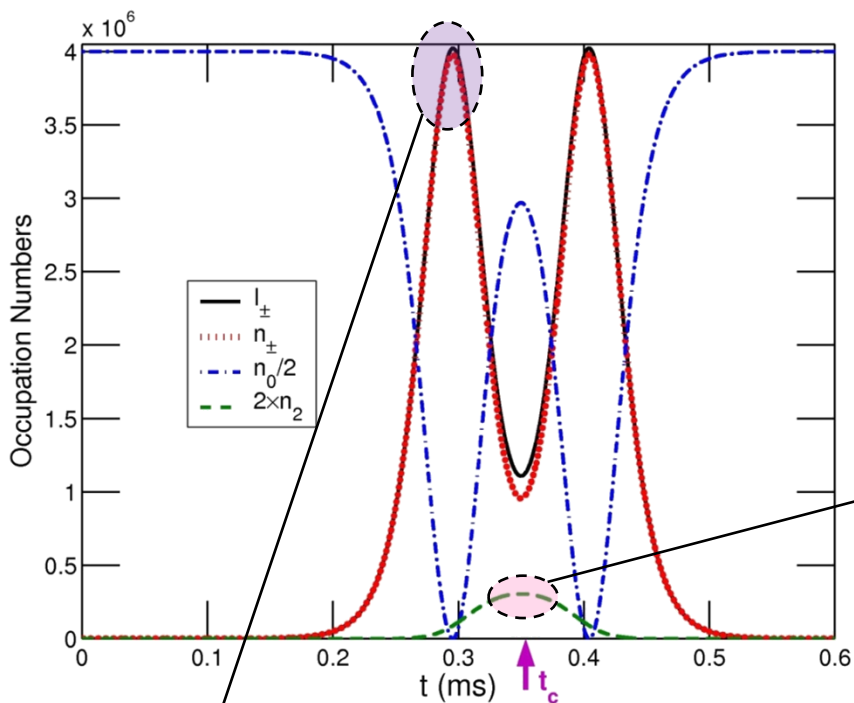
MIT 1999 experiment

$$N = 8 \times 10^6$$

$$M = 2 \times 10^8$$



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 $n_0, n_{\pm}, n_2$  : Occupation of side-modes

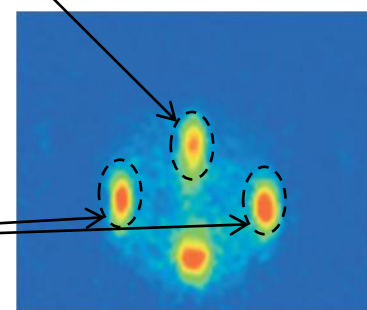


1<sup>st</sup>-order SR

1<sup>st</sup>-order side-modes occupied

2<sup>nd</sup>-order SR

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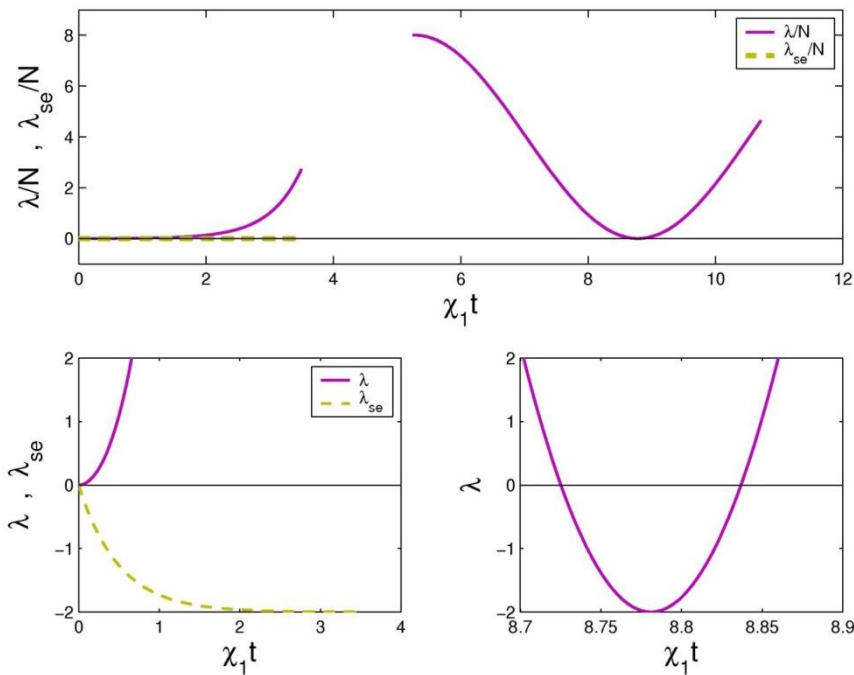


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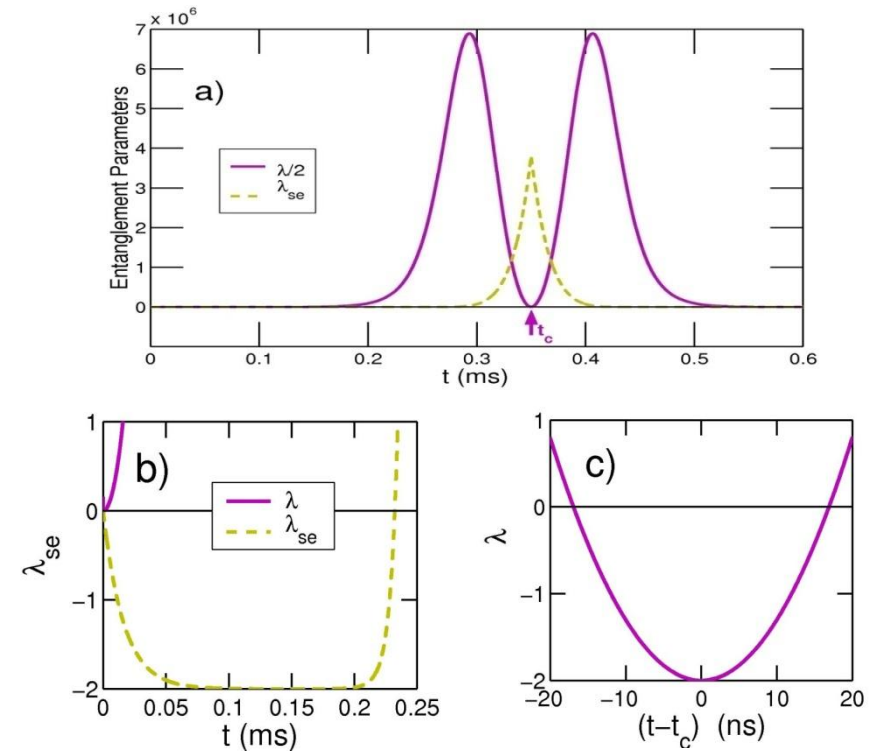
• Similar behavior when decoherence introduced.



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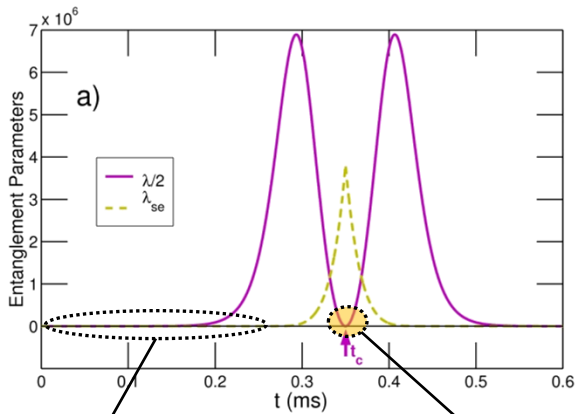


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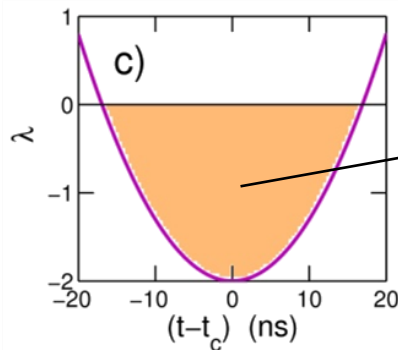
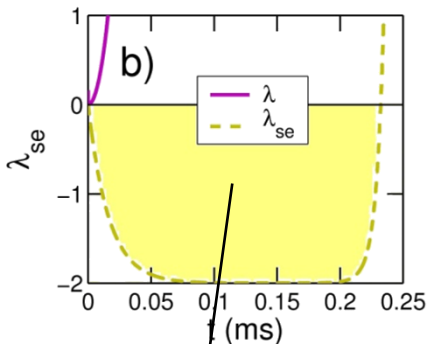


- (Numerical simulations) parallel (analytical predictions).
- Simulations only fill in the blanks.

## Evolution of Quantum Correlation

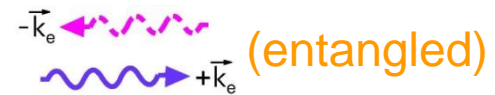


$\lambda_{se}$  (side-mode)-(end-fire) entang.  
 $\lambda$  (end-fire)-(end-fire) entang.



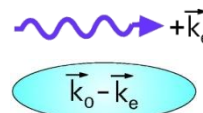
Later on

$$\lambda(t) < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \Delta t = 30\text{ns}$$



Initially

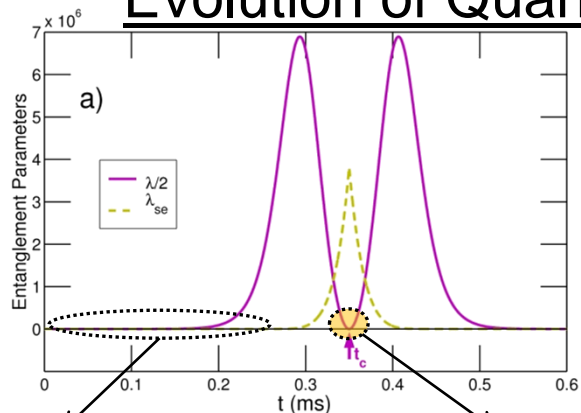
$$\lambda_{se}(t) < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \Delta t = 23\text{ms}$$



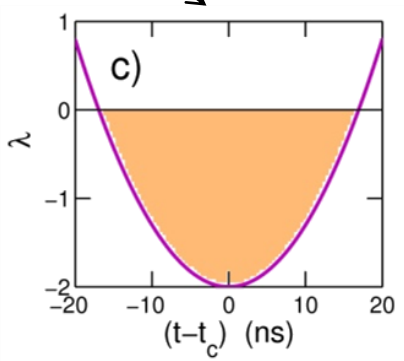
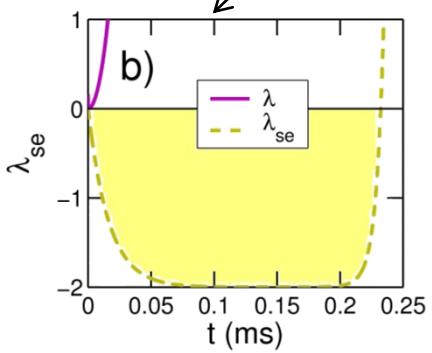
(entangled)



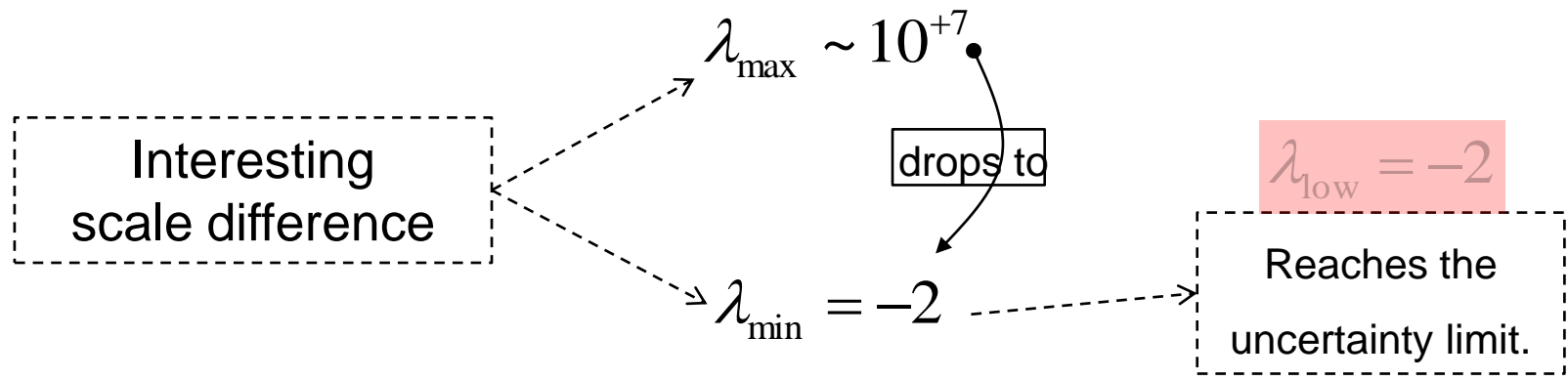
## Evolution of Quantum Correlation



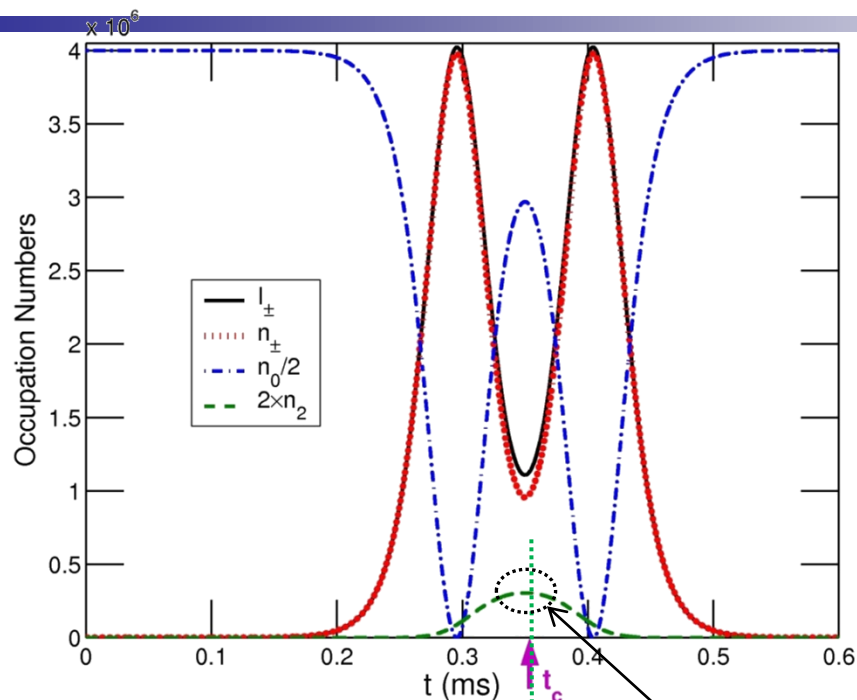
$\lambda_{se}$  (side-mode)-(end-fire) entang.  
 $\lambda$  (end-fire)-(end-fire) entang.



- $\lambda$  takes on the lowest possible value.





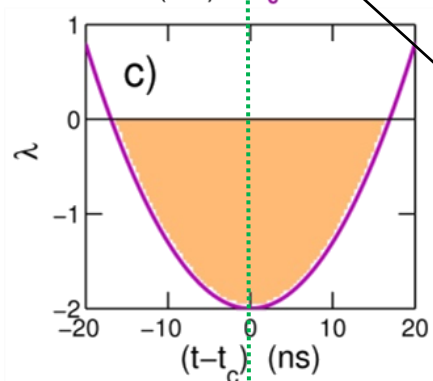


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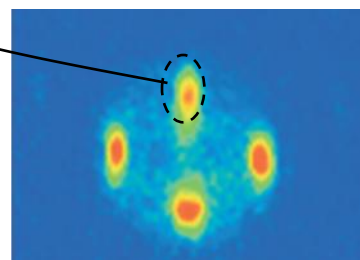
(end-fire)-(end-fire) entanglement ( $\lambda(t) < 0$ ) takes place

after

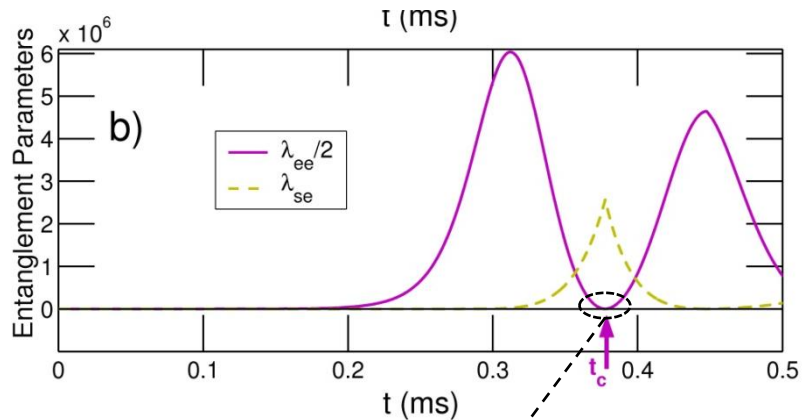
$|c_2\rangle$  side-mode occupied or 2<sup>nd</sup>-order SR occurs.



$\max(n_2)$  coincides with  $\lambda_{\min}$

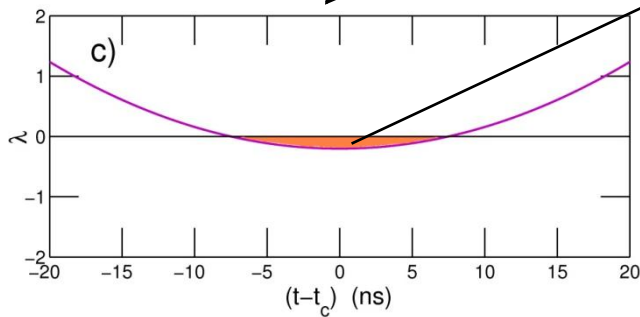


## Correlations with decoherence



$\lambda_{se}$  --- (side-mode)-(end-fire) entang.  
 $\lambda$  --- (end-fire)-(end-fire) entang.

$$\lambda(t) < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \Delta t = 10\text{ns}$$



$$\lambda_{\min} = -0.2 \quad \neq \lambda_{\text{low}} = -2$$

- Smaller entanglement time.
- Less negative  $\lambda$ .

➤ Decoherence destroys entanglement.

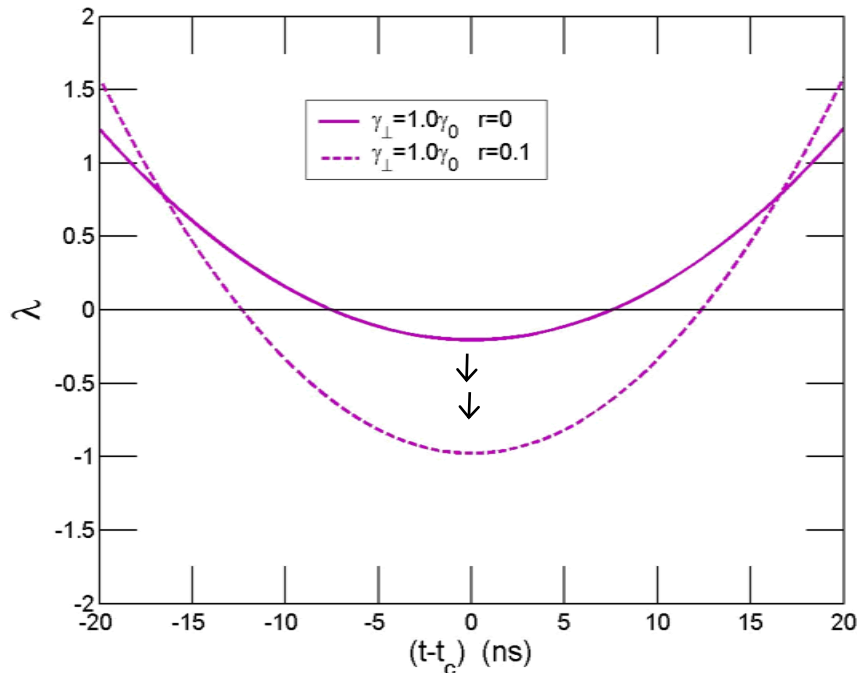


$$|\xi\rangle = e^{\xi^* \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 - \xi \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2^\dagger} |\text{vacuum}\rangle, \quad \xi = r e^{i\theta} \quad r : \text{squeezing strength}$$

squeezed-vacuum
Fock-vacuum

- Initialize in two-mode (two end-fire modes) squeezed vacuum.

## (squeezed-vacuum) vs. (decoherence)



$$\lambda_{\min} = -0.2 \xrightarrow{\text{shifts to}} \lambda_{\min} = -1$$

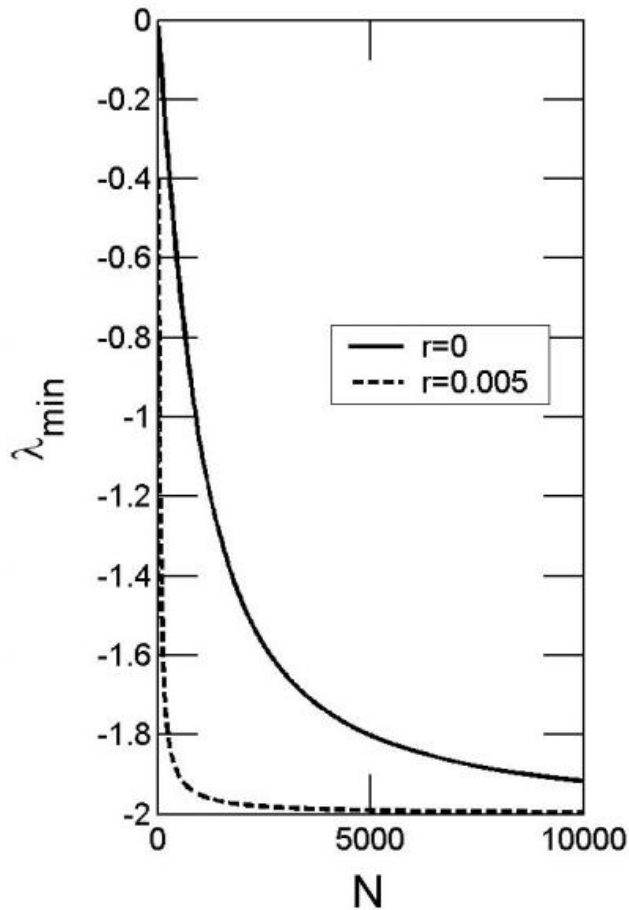
Entanglement **enhanced**  
against  
decoherence



$$|\xi\rangle = e^{\xi^* \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 - \xi \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2^\dagger} |\text{vacuum}\rangle,$$

$$\xi = r e^{i\theta}$$

$r$  : squeezing strength



Increase number of atoms in BEC enhances entanglement.



Squeezing further enhances entanglement.

# Outline

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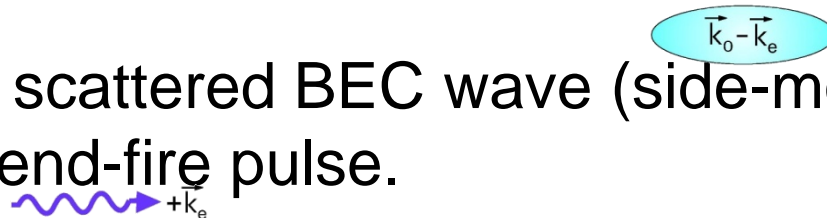
- Superradiance and BEC Superradiance
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- Our Model Hamiltonian
- Entanglement parameter
- Swap Mechanism
- Simulations
- **Conclusions**




# Conclusions

❖ We investigated the quantum-correlations in a Superradiant(SR) BEC.

❖ Initially; scattered BEC wave (side-mode) entangles with the SR end-fire pulse.



❖ Later-times; two end-fire pulses become entangled due to entanglement-swap.



❖ Decoherence destroys the entanglement.

❖ Squeezed vacuum injection for the two end-fire modes, and increasing number of condensate atoms enhances the entanglement.



Thanks

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Thank you  
for your  
attention!

