Collective phenomena in semiconductor microcavities

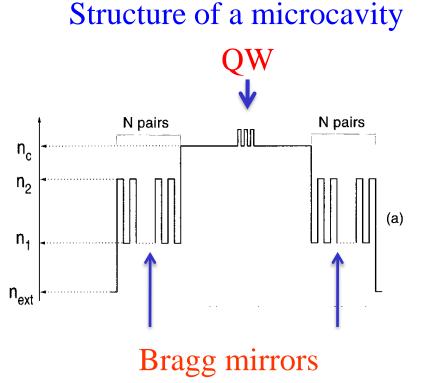
Exciton-Polaritons. Brief overview

Outline

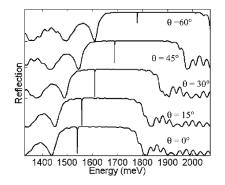
- 1°) Microcavities and cavity polaritons.
- **2°)** Polarization and spin of cavity polaritons.
- **3°) Polariton BEC and superfluidity**
- 4°) Bistability and multistability phenomena in microcavities
- 5°) Polariton- induced superconductivity.

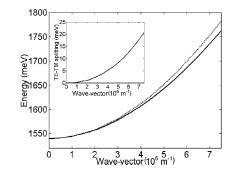
Quantum microcavities

How can we increase light- matter coupling?



The role of the Bragg mirrors: confinement of electromagnetic field. For infinite number of the layers the photonic bandgap is formed in the mirrors, and photon becomes perfectly confined inside a cavity.



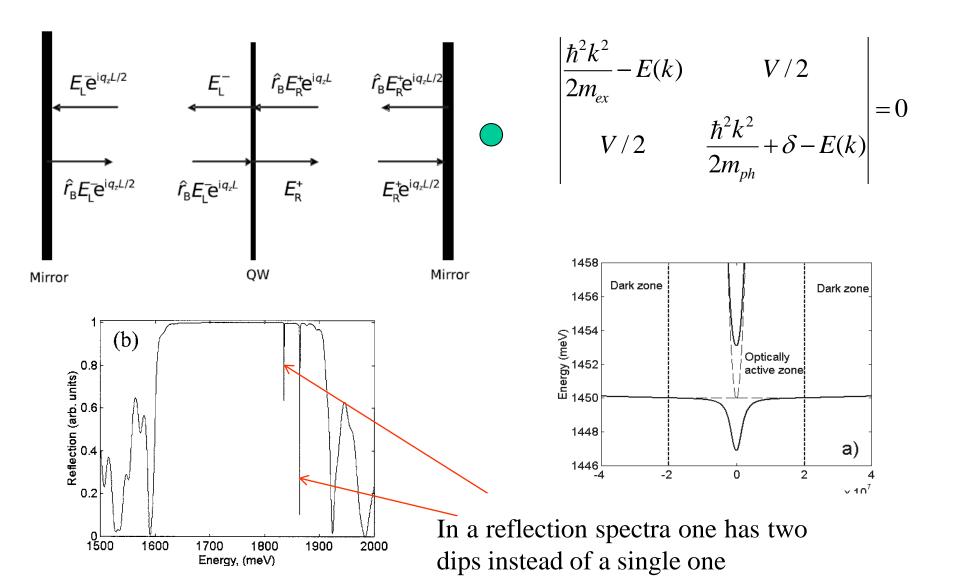


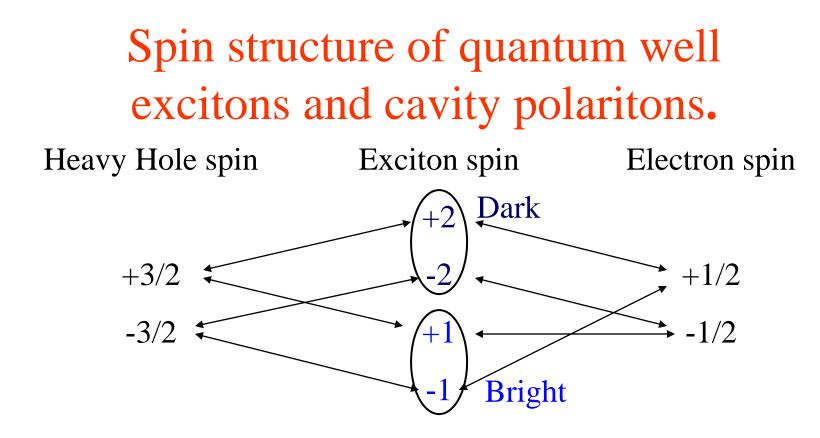
Confined photon aquires a mass

$$\hbar\omega_c = \hbar \frac{c}{n_c} \sqrt{q^2 + k_z^2} \approx \hbar \frac{c}{n_c} k_z \left(1 + \frac{q^2}{2k_z^2}\right) \equiv \frac{hc}{n_c L_c} + \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2m_{ph}}$$

$$m_{ph} = \frac{hn_c}{cL_c} \sim 10^{-4} \div 10^{-5} m_e$$

Quantum microcavities with embedded QWs





1°) Elliot Yaffet: Hole spin flip. $+2 \leftrightarrow -1 \quad -2 \leftrightarrow +1$

2°) **D'yakonov Perel:** Electron spin flip due to spin orbit interaction.

3°) **Bir Aronov Pikus:** spin flip exchange interaction of electrons and holes.

 $+1 \leftrightarrow -1$

 $+2 \leftrightarrow +1 \quad -2 \leftrightarrow -1$

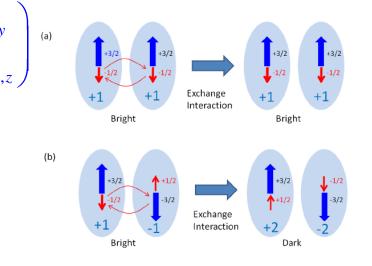
+ nonlinear effects

Pseudospin and Poincare sphere

We take into account only +1 and -1 states (two-component wave function) which can be represented as a pseudo spin vector lying on the Poincaré sphere.

Density matrix of a two level system

Polariton-polariton interactions are spin-anisotropic:



$$n = n_{\uparrow} - n_{\downarrow}; \quad S_z = \frac{n_{\uparrow} - n_{\downarrow}}{2}$$

Imbalance between spin populations provokes an energy splitting between z- polarized polaritons

$$\Delta E = (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(n_{\uparrow} - n_{\downarrow})$$

 $\rho_{\vec{k}} = \frac{N_{\vec{k}}}{2}I + \vec{S}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} N_{\vec{k}}/2 + S_{\vec{k},z} & S_{\vec{k},x} - iS_{\vec{k},y} \\ S_{\vec{k},x} + iS_{\vec{k},y} & N_{\vec{k}}/2 - S_{\vec{k},z} \end{pmatrix}^{(a)}$ **Right-circular** polarization s, 🗡 Linear polarizations Left-circular polarization

How microcavities can be used?

- Polaritons are bosons- **BEC**
- Polaritons interact with each other-superfluidity and nonlinear phenomena (multistability)
- Polaritons have "spin"- spinoptronics applications
- Polariton- mediated superconductivity
- Novel sources of THz radiation

Which particles to condense?

"Each mathematician is a special case, and in general mathematicians tend to behave like "fermions" i.e. avoid working in areas which are too trendy whereas physicists behave a lot more like "bosons" which coalesce in large packs andare often "overselling" their doings, an attitude which mathematicians despise"

A. Connes, French mathematician

Only composite particles- the "elementary" bosons are quite exotic.

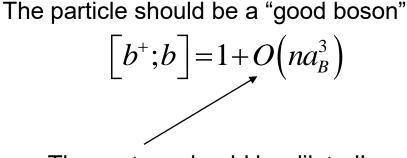
Candidates:

- 1. Atoms with integer spin- e.g. ⁴He, ⁸⁶Rb
- 2. Excitons- bound electron- hole pairs
- 3. Exciton polaritons (explanations later...)

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Shortcoming:



The system should be diluted!

"for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates"





Wolfgang Ketterle



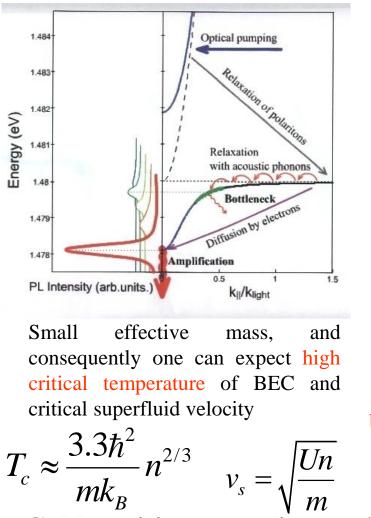
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2001

 $T_c \approx \frac{3.3\hbar^2}{mk_p} n^{2/3}$

 $T_c \ll 1K$

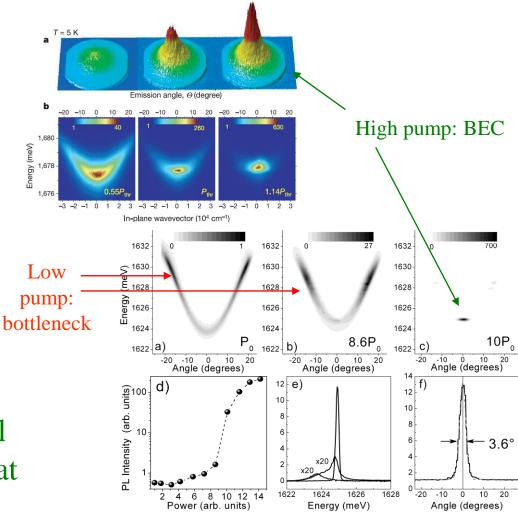
Critical temperature is inversly proportional to the mass of the condensing particles.

Polariton BEC



GaN cavities: experimental evidence of polariton BEC at room temperature

The group of Le Si Dang claimed the **existence of the polariton BEC** in Cd Te cavity at 20K (Kasprzak et al. Nature. 2006)

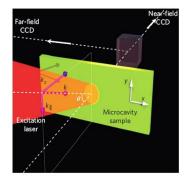


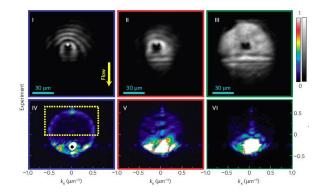
Superfluidity of cavity polaritons

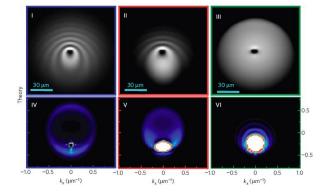
$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{U}{2V} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_{1} + \mathbf{p}_{2} = \mathbf{p}_{3} + \mathbf{p}_{4}} b_{\mathbf{p}_{3}}^{+} b_{\mathbf{p}_{2}} b_{\mathbf{p}_{1}} \approx \frac{UN^{2}}{2V} + \sum_{p \neq 0} \left[\left(E_{0}(k) + \frac{UN}{V} \right) \left(b_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} b_{\mathbf{p}} + b_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} b_{\mathbf{p}} \right) + \frac{UN}{V} \left(b_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} b_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} + b_{\mathbf{p}} b_{\mathbf{p}} \right) \right]$$

$$b_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - |A_{\mathbf{p}}|^{2}}} \left(\beta_{\mathbf{p}} + A_{\mathbf{p}} \beta_{-\mathbf{p}}^{+} \right) \qquad b_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - |A_{\mathbf{p}}|^{2}}} \left(\beta_{\mathbf{p}}^{+} + A_{\mathbf{p}} \beta_{-\mathbf{p}} \right) \qquad \mathcal{V}_{S} = \sqrt{\frac{Un}{M}}$$

$$E_{b}(k) = \sqrt{E_{0}^{2}(k) + 2UnE_{0}(k)} \approx \hbar k v_{s}, \quad k \to 0 \qquad \text{The smaller the}$$
A.Amo et al, Nature 2009 The smaller the Maximum 2009 mass the better!







Polarization of the condensate and dispersion of its elementary excitations for polariton BEC

Polarization of the condensate can be found by the minimization of the density of Free energy on pseudospin sphere

$$\left(\frac{n^2}{4} - S_z^2\right) \left(\Omega_z - \left(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2\right)S_z\right)^2 = 0$$
$$S_{\Box} = \sqrt{n^2/4 - S_z^2}$$

To get the dispersion

$$i\frac{\partial\psi_{+}}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta\psi_{+}^{*}} = \left(T(i\nabla) - \Omega_{z}\right)\psi_{+} + \left[\alpha_{1}\left|\psi_{+}\right|^{2} + \alpha_{2}\left|\psi_{-}\right|^{2}\right]\psi_{+}$$
$$i\frac{\partial\psi_{-}}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta\psi_{-}^{*}} = \left(T(i\nabla) + \Omega_{z}\right)\psi_{-} + \left[\alpha_{1}\left|\psi_{-}\right|^{2} + \alpha_{2}\left|\psi_{+}\right|^{2}\right]\psi_{-}$$

Spinor GP equations

 $\vec{\psi}(\mathbf{r},t) = \left(\sqrt{n\vec{e}} + \vec{A}e^{i(\mathbf{kr} - \omega t)} + \vec{B}^* e^{-i(\mathbf{kr} - \omega t)}\right)e^{-i\mu t}$

Then represent the solution as

$$\vec{e} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1/2 + s_z} \\ \sqrt{1/2 - s_z} \end{pmatrix}$$

And then linearize GP equations respect the small amplitudes of excitations **A** and **B**

$$H = -2\Omega S_{z} + \frac{1}{4} (\alpha_{1} + \alpha_{2}) n^{2} + (\alpha_{1} - \alpha_{2}) S_{z}^{2}$$

$$n = |\psi_{+}|^{2} + |\psi_{-}|^{2} \qquad \mu = \frac{\partial H}{\partial n}$$
$$S_{z} = \frac{|\psi_{+}|^{2} - |\psi_{-}|^{2}}{2}$$

Dispersions of elementary excitations:

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No magnetic field: polarization is linear, $S_{7}=0$

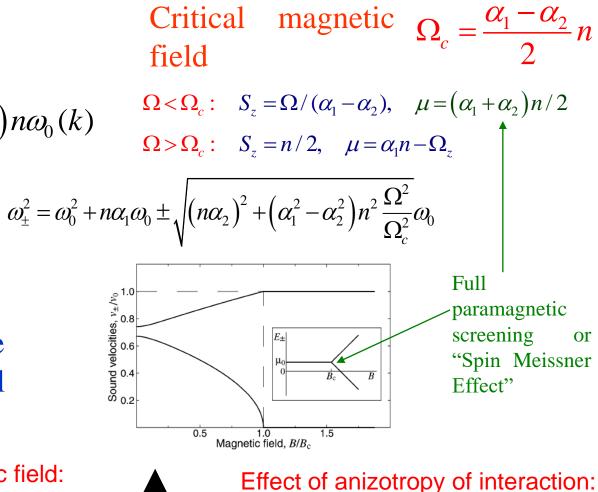
$$\omega_{+}^{2}(k) = \omega_{0}^{2}(k) + \left(\alpha_{1} \pm \alpha_{2}\right) n \omega_{0}(k)$$

 $\mu = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)n/2$

Sound velocity depends on polarization

 $v_{s\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{(\alpha_1 \pm \alpha_2)n}{2m}}$

With magnetic field the polarization is elliptical



Effect of z-directed magnetic field:

Nonlinear polarization phenomena

- 1. Bogoliubov renormalizati on of the dispersion
- 2. Superfluidity and supression of the Rayleigh scattering
- 3. Soliton-like propagation
- 4. Formation of vortices and half vortices
 - 5. Parametric scattering
- 6. Optical Spin Hall Effect

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_0(k) & \beta(k_x - ik_y)^2 \\ \beta(k_x + ik_y)^2 & H_0(k) \end{pmatrix} = H_0(k)\mathbf{I} + \Omega_{LT} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$\Omega_{LT} = |\Omega_{LT}| (\mathbf{e}_x \sin 2\varphi + \mathbf{e}_y \cos 2\varphi)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi_-) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^2} \nabla^2 - \mu + \alpha_1 |\psi_+|^2 + \alpha_2 |\psi_-|^2 & \beta(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^2 \\ \beta(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^2 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^2} \nabla^2 - \mu + \alpha_1 |\psi_-|^2 + \alpha_2 |\psi_+|^2 \end{pmatrix} (\psi_+)$$

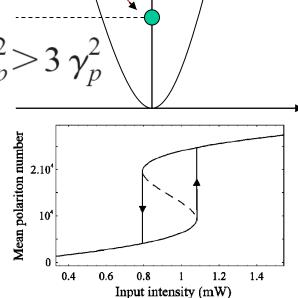
Nonlinear polarization phenomena under resonant pump: bistability

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_{\pm}}{\partial t} = -\hbar \gamma \psi_{\pm} + H_{LP} (-i\hbar \nabla) \psi_{\pm} + (\alpha_1 |\psi_{\pm}|^2 + \alpha_2 |\psi_{\pm}|^2) \psi_{\pm} + P_{\pm} e^{i\omega t} \qquad \alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$$
Consider the case when pump is spatially
homogenious and neglect the polarization.
The dynamics of a scalar polariton field is
described in this case by a following
equation
$$\delta_p^2 > 3 \gamma_p^2$$

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = (\delta_p - i\gamma)\psi + \alpha|\psi|^2\psi + \sqrt{\gamma}P$$

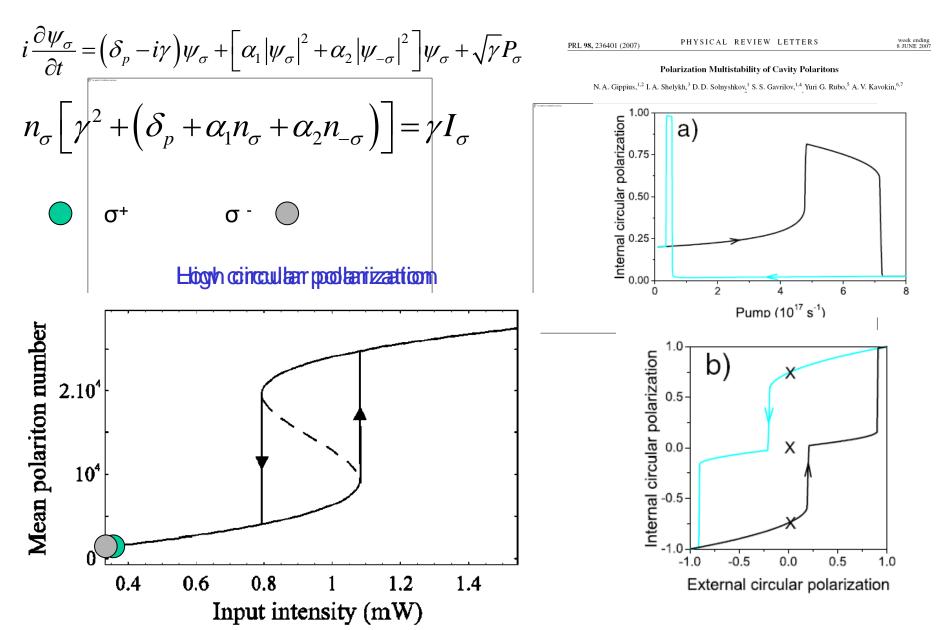
$$n\left[\gamma^2 + (\delta_p + \alpha n)^2\right] = \gamma I$$

$$n = |\psi|^2, I = |P|^2$$
This for



This term leads to a variety of interesting nonlinerar effects including bistability

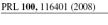
Including polarization: multistability



Effects of multistability in the real space

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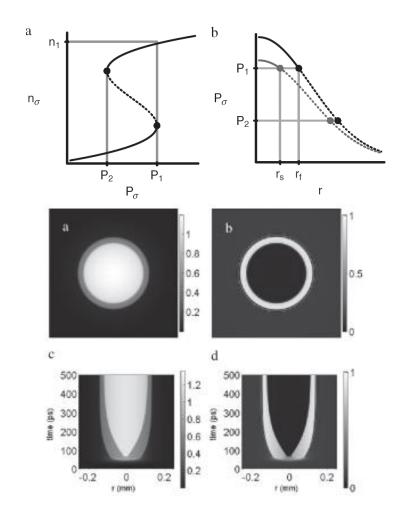


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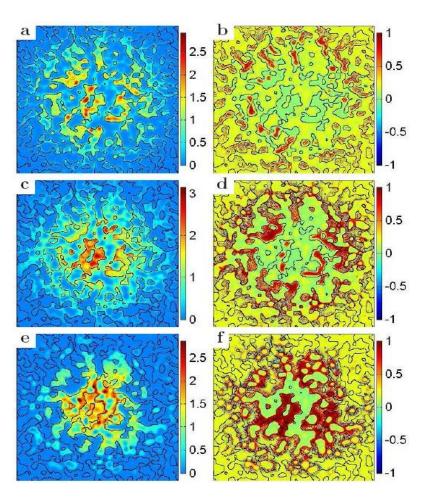


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Polarization phenomena in resonantly pumped disordered semiconductor microcavities

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Polariton neurons and integrated circuits

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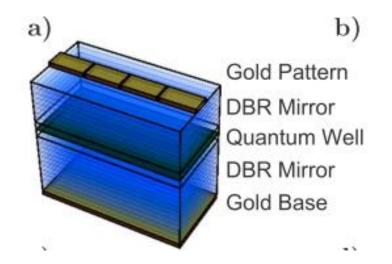
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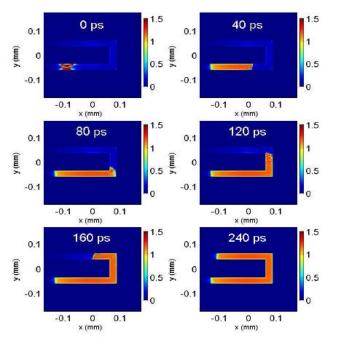
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Optical Circuits Based on Polariton Neurons in Semiconductor Microcavities

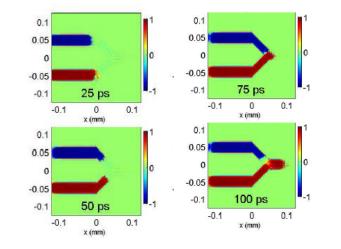
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The propagation of the "domain wall" between the regions of strong and weak circular polarizations in a system of spatially confined polaritons





Background: bias towards σ +. Pulses: σ - and σ +



After the junction only σ + continue

The system behaves as OR logic gate

Real space density matrix approach

What we need to determine the dynamics of the polariton system in the real space?

The dynamic equation for

$$n(\mathbf{r},t) = \lim_{\mathbf{r}\to\mathbf{r}} \rho(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',t) = \lim_{\mathbf{r}\to\mathbf{r}'} \left\langle \psi^+(\mathbf{r},t)\psi(\mathbf{r}',t) \right\rangle$$

The density matrix in the real space can be found as a Fourier transfer of the density matrix in the reciprocal space

$$\rho(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r},t) = \left(\frac{A}{4\pi^2}\right) \lim_{\mathbf{r}\to\mathbf{r}'} \int e^{i(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{r}')} \rho(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',t) d\mathbf{k}d\mathbf{k}',$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',t) = \left\langle a_{\mathbf{k}}^+ a_{\mathbf{k}'} \right\rangle$$

Boltzmann

$$\rho(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',t) = n_{\mathbf{k}} \delta(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'),$$

The diagonal matrix elements of the density matrix in k- representation are occupation numbers. But for description of the dynamics of spatially inhomogenipous system we need off- diagonal elements as well

Fully coherent limit:

limit:

 $\rho(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r},t) = const$ $\rho(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',t) = \langle a_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle^* \langle a_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle$ $\rho(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r},t) = \langle \psi(\mathbf{r},t) \rangle^* \langle \psi(\mathbf{r},t) \rangle$

How it is possible to write the dynamic equations for both occupation numbers and coherencies accounting for the non- energy conserving processes of the phonon scattering?

Real space density matrix approach

Divide the total Hamiltonian of the system into "coherent part" H_1 and "incoherent part" H_2

$$H = H_1 + H_2$$

 $+\sum_{\mathbf{q}',E_{\mathbf{k}}>E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}'}}W(\mathbf{q}')\left[-\rho(\mathbf{k}\!+\!\mathbf{q}',\mathbf{k}\!+\!\mathbf{q}')-n_{\mathbf{q}'}^{ph}-1\right]+$

 $+\sum_{\mathbf{q}', E'_{\mathbf{k}} < E_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}'}} W(\mathbf{q}') \left[\rho(\mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{q}') - n_{\mathbf{q}'}^{ph} \right] +$

 $+ \sum_{\mathbf{q}', E'_{\mathbf{k}} > E_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}'}} W(\mathbf{q}') \left[-\rho(\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}', \mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}') - n^{ph}_{\mathbf{q}'} - 1 \right] \Biggr\}$

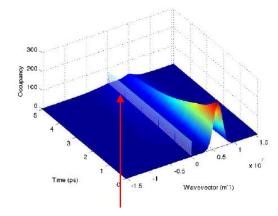
$$H_{1} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} E_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^{+} a_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_{1}, \mathbf{k}_{2}, \mathbf{p}} a_{\mathbf{k}_{1}}^{+} a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}}^{+} a_{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{p}} a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}-\mathbf{p}} \qquad i\partial_{t}^{(1)} \rho = \begin{bmatrix} H_{1}; \rho \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{H}_{2}(t) = H^{-}(t) + H^{+}(t) = (\partial_{t}^{(2)} \rho = -\int_{-\infty}^{t} dt' \begin{bmatrix} H_{2}(t); [H_{2}(t'); \rho(t')] \end{bmatrix} = \int_{-\infty}^{t} dt' \begin{bmatrix} H_{2}(t); [H_{2}(t'); \rho(t)] \end{bmatrix} = \int_{-\infty}^{t} dt' \begin{bmatrix} H_{2}(t); [H_{2}(t); \rho$$

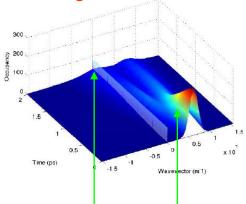
$$+ iU \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{p}} \rho(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}) \left[\rho(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}') - \rho(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{p}) \right]$$

Analog of Gross- Pitaevskii equation written for the density matrix

Dynamics of the system at finite temperature

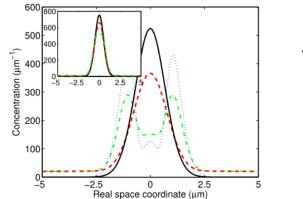


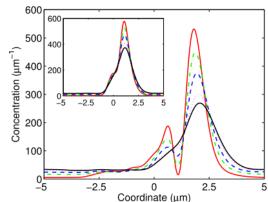
Low pump: bottleneck effect, occupancy of k=0 state almost does not grow



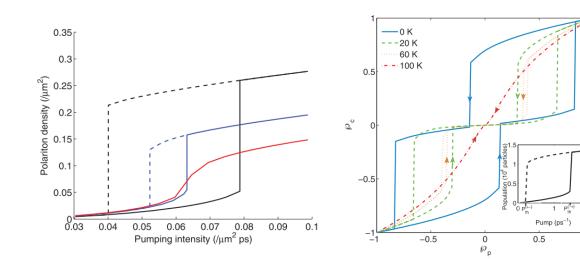
High pump: overcoming of the bottleneck effect, additional maximum of the population appears at higher k

Real space dynamics





Effects of multistability

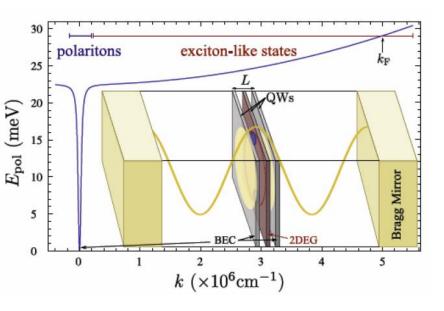


Polariton- mediated superconductivity

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BCS Mechanism: Formation of the Cooper pairs due to phonon- mediated attraction. Can phonon be replaced by other quasiparticle???

Geometry of the device:



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Exciton-Polariton Mediated Superconductivity

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$$\begin{split} H &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[E_{\mathrm{el}}(\mathbf{k}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}} + E_{\mathrm{pol}}(\mathbf{k}) a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}} \right] + \\ &+ \sum_{\mathbf{k}_{1}, \mathbf{k}_{2}, \mathbf{q}} \left[V_{\mathrm{C}}(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{1} + \mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{2} - \mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{1}} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{2}}, \end{split}$$

+
$$XV_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{q})\sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{1}}^{\dagger}\sigma_{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{q}}a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}} + Ua_{\mathbf{k}_{1}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{q}}a_{\mathbf{k}_{2}}$$

$$V_{\rm X}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{16e^2}{A\epsilon a_{\rm B}^3} \frac{\pi e^{-|\mathbf{q}|L/2}}{|\mathbf{q}| + \kappa_{\mathbf{q}}} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta_h^2} \frac{1}{\left(|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \frac{4}{a_{\rm B}^2\beta_h^2}\right)^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{\beta_e^2} \frac{1}{\left(|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \frac{4}{a_{\rm B}^2\beta_e^2}\right)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} E_{el}(\mathbf{k}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} E_{bog}(\mathbf{k}) b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \left(b_{-\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} + b_{\mathbf{q}} \right)$$

Frolich type Hamiltonian

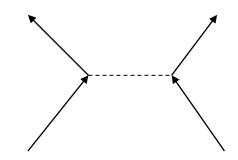
Using mean field approximation and Bogoliubov transformation

$$a_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}_1} \approx \langle a_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} \rangle a_{\mathbf{k}_1} + a_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} \langle a_{\mathbf{k}_1} \rangle$$

$$\langle a_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \approx \sqrt{N_0 A} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{0}}$$

One reduces Hamiltonian to:

 $H = \sum E_{\rm el}(\mathbf{k})\sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}\sigma_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum E_{\rm bog}(\mathbf{k})b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}b_{\mathbf{k}} +$

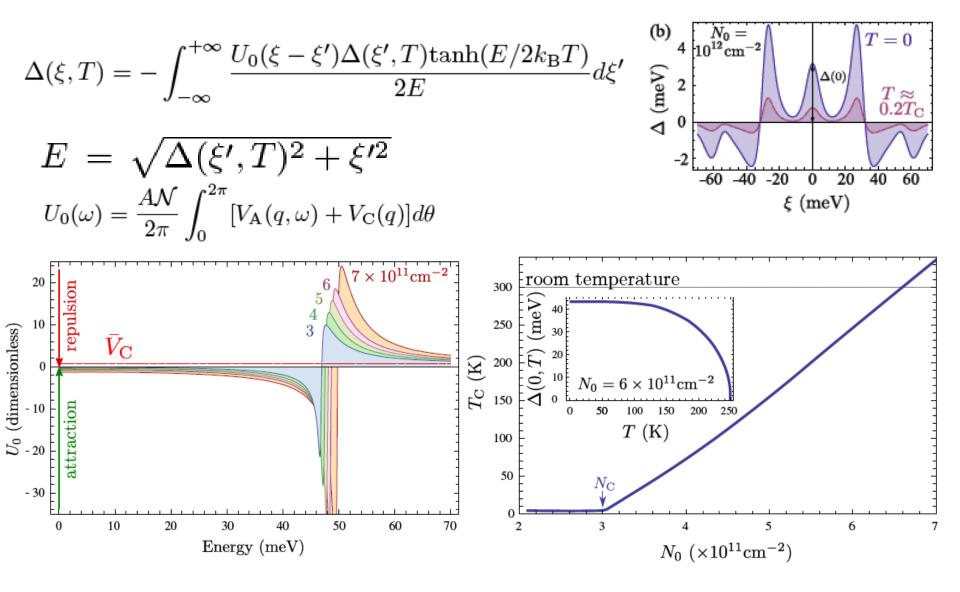


Frolich term: gives Bogolon-/ mediated attraction proportional to N₀

$$\frac{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{k}}}{\mathbf{k}} + H_{\mathbf{C}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{k}} M(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} (b_{-\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} + b_{\mathbf{q}}) + H_{\mathbf{C}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{k}} M(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} (b_{-\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} + b_{\mathbf{q}}) + V_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{q},\omega) = \frac{2M(\mathbf{q})^2 E_{\text{bog}}(\mathbf{q})}{(\hbar\omega)^2 - E_{\text{bog}}(\mathbf{q})^2}$$

$$E_{\text{bog}}(\mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{\tilde{E}_{\text{pol}}(\mathbf{k})(\tilde{E}_{\text{pol}}(\mathbf{k}) + 2UN_0A)} \qquad M(\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{N_0A} X V_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{q}) \sqrt{\frac{E_{\text{bog}}(\mathbf{q}) - \tilde{E}_{\text{pol}}(\mathbf{q})}{2UN_0A - E_{\text{bog}}(\mathbf{q}) + \tilde{E}_{\text{pol}}(\mathbf{q})}}$$

Gap and critical temperature



Conclusions

1°) Semiconductor microcavity is a unique laboratory for study of different collective phanomena

2°) Polaritons exhibit high- temperature BEC and superfluidity

3°) Polariton-polariton interactons are spin-anizotropic which leads to a variety of polarization- dependent nonlinear effects such as polarization multistability

4°) In hybrid polariton- electron structures polariton-mediated superconductivity can appear.