

Invitation

Directed Spontaneous Emission from an Extended Ensemble of NAtoms: Timing is everything

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A collection of N static atoms is fixed in a crystal at a low temperature and prepared by a pulse of incident radiation of wave vector \vec{k}_0 . The N atoms are well described by an entangled Dicke-like state, in which each atom carries a characteristic phase factor $\exp(i\vec{k}_0\cdot\vec{r}_j)$ where \vec{r}_j is the atomic position in the crystal. It is shown that a single photon absorbed by the N atoms will be followed by spontaneous emission in the same direction. Furthermore, phase matched emission is found when one photon is absorbed by N atoms followed by two-photon down-conversion.

and an additional related short talk

Similar experiments with resonant gamma-radiation

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