# **Quantum Optics**



# Content

1. Introduction

#### 2. Quantization of Maxwell Field:

- Canonical field quantization
- Quantum fluctuation effects: electric field vacuum correlations, Casimir effect, Lamb shift

#### 3. Quantum States of Radiation Field:

- Fock, coherent, squeezed, and thermal states
- Density operator and quasi-probability distribution in phase space

#### 4. Emission and Absorption of Light by Matter:

- Non-relativistic treatment of matter
- Perturbative treatment: Einstein processes
- Rabi model: classical light-matter interaction
- Jaynes-Cummings model: quantum mechanical light-matter interaction

#### 5. Quantum Mechanical Equations of Light Field and Atoms:

- Without and with coupling to environment providing losses/pumping
- Semiclassical and quantum mechanical laser theory

#### 6. Theory of Photon Bose-Einstein Condensation:

- Experimental set-up, paraxial approximation in microcavity
- Kerr and thermo-optic interaction
- Open dissipative quantum many-body systems: Lindblad dynamics

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## **Organizational Remarks**

- Lectures:
  - -4 hours per week  $\hat{=} 8$  ECTS credits
  - Certificate for active participation:
    - $\ast\,$  Seminar talk of 15 minutes at semester end
    - \* Suggestions for topics announced around middle of June
- Exercises:
  - -2 hours per week  $\hat{=} 4$  ECTS credits
  - Certificate for active participation:
    - \* 50 % from all points of all exercise sheets
    - \* Five times calculations at black board
- Oral module exam possible
- Further organizational information: https://www-user.rhrk.uni-kl.de/~apelster/Vorlesungen/SS23/qo.html