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Bose-Einstein Condensation of Dipolar Excitons in Quantum Wells



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- BEC in diluted Bose gases (N a^D << 1, N –density, a linear size of Bose-particle, **D** – system dimensionality) occurs when thermal de Broglie wavelength $\lambda_{dB} = (h^2 / 2\pi m k_B T)^{1/2}$ exceeds the interparticles **A.EINSTEIN (1924-25)** separation
- BEC is accompanied by
 - a. macroscopic occupation of the ground state with momentum **D=0**
 - b. appearance of the order parameter (coherence, ξ) destroyed by fluctuations
- In 3D Bose-system BEC takes place when $N\lambda_{dB}^3 = 2.612$

- F.London *Nature* N3571, 643 (1938) The λ -Phenomenon of Liquid Helium and the Bose-Einstein Degeneracy ⁶ Burton, E. F., NATURE, 135, 265 (1935); Kapitza, P., NATURE, 141, 74 (1938); Allen, J. F. and Misener, A. D., NATURE, 141, 75 $T_{\lambda} \cong 2.17 K$ $T_{\tau} \cong 3.09 K$ (1938).
- In atomic Bose-gases BEC occurs at $T \le 1\mu K$ (1995) ٠ E.Cornell, W.Ketterle and C.E.Wieman, Nobel Prize (2001)

Excitonic scales in semiconductors

$$\underline{\underline{R}}_{ex} = 1/\varepsilon_0^2 (\mu_{ex} / m_0) \underline{\underline{R}}_H$$

(Ge, GaAs: $R_{ex} \approx 4 \text{ meV}$)

$$\underline{a}_{\underline{ex}} = \varepsilon_0 (m_0/\mu_0) \underline{a}_{\underline{H}}$$

(Ge, GaAs : $\underline{a}_{\underline{ex}}^{\ B} \approx 10^{-6} \text{ cm}$)

$$\frac{\mu_{ex}}{\chi_{ex}^{dia}} \approx \frac{0.1 \ m_e}{10^5 - 10^6} \chi_H^{dia} \approx \frac{10^5 - 10^6}{\chi_H}$$

BEC (Bose-gases Rb, Na, H...) in magnetic traps, $T_C \leq 10^{-6} K$

In the case of GaAs/AlGaAs QWs 2Dexcitons reaches a value $T_C \approx 3K$ for exciton density per spin $N/g = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ $(a_B \approx 20 \text{ nm}, m_{ex} \approx 0.25m_0, \text{ spin}$ degeneracy g = 4)

Exciton condensation in semiconductors



Outline

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- Schottky-diodes heterostructures with double and single QWs
- Electrostatic lateral traps for dipolar excitons and compensation of extra charges
- Bose-Einstein condensation of dipolar excitons in a lateral trap exhibited in bimodal luminescence spectra (observation in a far zone)
- Patterned photoluminescence structure in real space above condensation threshold
- Linear polarization of Bose-condensate photoluminescence and spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Long-range coherence of dipolar exciton Bose-condensate: correlator g⁽¹⁾(r) and two-photon correlator g⁽²⁾(τ)
- Conclusions



Lozovik and Yudson (1976), Shevchenko (1976) Fukuzawa et al. (1990), Kash et al. (1992) Butov et al. (1994-2008), Snoke et al. (2002-2008)) Rapaport et al. (2003-2008)

Spatial separation of electrons and holes → spatially indirect dipolar excitons with large dipole momentum in the ground state → dipole-dipole repulsion → no multiexciton complexes. Reduced electron-hole overlap → increased radiative decay time → opportunity to accumulate such excitons and to cool them. Wide Single Quantum Well



Solov'ev, Kukushkin et al (2006) Gorbunov, Timofeev (2006)

SQW GaAs/AlGaAs 250Å: no thin interwell barrier layer → structural perfection is much higher → the charge of the system under study can be controlled and the condition of neutrality can be fulfilled

BEC of 2D excitons can occur only under spatial restriction ! → a lateral potential trap is needed.



Critical charge separation in units of the bulk exciton Bohr radius \mathbf{a}_{B} plotted vs mass ratio $\sigma = m_{e}/m_{h}$ Schindler and Zimmermann (PR B, 2008) We investigate dipolar exciton systems where biexciton formation is impossible ($\sigma \equiv m_{e}/m_{h} = 0.32$ $d/a_{B} = 0.53$)

(n-i-n) - diod heterostructure with DQW







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Ловушки, связанные с крупномасштабными флуктуациями случайного потенциала



Непрозрачная маска с отверстиями микронных размеров на поверхности образца для отбора одиночных доменов в случайном распределении



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Circular lateral trap for dipolar excitons appears within perimeter of the circle window in Schottky gate (heterostructures with DQW or SQW).



Calculated radial profiles of the potential circular trap for dipolar excitons (potential trap along perimeter of a circle window in Schottky gate)



Fig. 2. A radial profile of the exciton potential energy V in nonuniform electric field as a function of the ratio ρ/r_0 at different values of the parameter z/r_0 . The pulling force $\lambda = 30$ is for all curves

N.A.Gippius (2006)

V.I.Sugakov, A.A.Chernyuk JETP Lett. (2007)

L.A.Maksimov (2006)

Спектр люминесценции внутри отверстия ø5 µm с пространственным разрешением вдоль щели: одиночная GaAs/AlGaAs квантовая яма 250Å







Far field bimodal evolution of PL spectra



PL 3D pseudo images of BEC luminescence from 5 μ m circular trap



2.5 μ**Wt**

Temperature behavior of the luminescence spatial structure from 5 μm window P= 20μWt (in plane pseudo images)





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Threshold of BEC of Dipolar Excitons at Different Temperature



The Phase Diagram of BEC of Dipolar Excitons



 $I_{\rm T} \sim (1 - T/T_{\rm C})$

Linear polarization of luminescence at the Bose condensation of dipolar excitons: spatial distribution



Linear polarization of luminescence at the Bose condensation of dipolar excitons: angular dependence



Linear polarization of luminescence at the Bose condensation of dipolar excitons: spectral measurements





Direct exciton line remains unpolarized.



Polarization degree γ is maximal (~70%) at the condensation threshold. It diminishes gradually with stronger pumping due to the heating-induced condensate depletion.

Anisotropic e-h exchange as a reason of linear polarization

The heavy hole dipolar exciton is fourfold degenerate:

 $m = S_{e,Z} + J_{h,Z} = \pm 1, \pm 2$

 $\mathcal{H} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{h},\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{e},\mathbf{Z}} + \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{J}^{3}_{\mathbf{h},\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{e},\mathbf{i}}$

The states with $m = \pm 1$ and $m = \pm 2$ are split by :

 $E_{ex} = 1.5 a_{Z} + 3.375 b_{Z}$

An asymmetry of the confinement potential leads to the anisotropic e-h exchange $(b_x \neq b_y)$. The spin states are linear combinations of the m = ± 1 excitons:

 $|L_{1/2}> = 1/\sqrt{2} \ (\alpha|+1>\pm\beta|-1>), \ \alpha/\beta \approx 1$

The mixing results finally in a linear polarization of dipolar exciton emission.

The directions of split components are related to the random potential fluctuations, i.e. to crystallography.

The energy splitting between two orthogonally polarized components is extremely small: $\Delta_{exc} \leq 50 \mu eV \ll k_B T \rightarrow$ polarization should not be observed in normal situation. However, at Bose condensation the lowest split state is preferentially occupied \rightarrow Linear polarization appears.

We suppose that the observed phenomenon is an additional evidence of Bose-Einstein condensation of dipolar excitons.



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Fourier-transformations with evidence demonstrate the destructive interference. It means that

1.collective state of dipolar excitons is spatially coherent,

2.luminescence of condensate is directed in a cone with an opening angle around

$$\Delta \varphi \approx \lambda / D \cong 0.23 rad$$

3.the whole pattern of equidistant spots is described by a common wave function



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Patterning of dipolar exciton luminescence both in real and k-space: optical Fourier-transform



Interference from two selected spots in the frame (analogue of Young experiment)



Interference of two coherent sources



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Корреляции между фотонами возникают только <u>при некогерентном смешивании или суперпозиции</u> <u>когерентных состояний.</u> Поэтому корреляционная функция для одномодового лазера в точности равна единице, ибо такой лазер, по сути, проистекает из единого квантового состояния. В таком же смысле коррелятор второго порядка для бозе-конденсата (конденсата бозе-атомов, экситонного бозе-конденсата и т.д.) также должен быть равен единице, (Glauber, 1963)

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Hanbury Brown-Twiss – interferometer for two-photon correlation, $g^2(\tau)$, measurements



Two-photon correlator of the luminescence, $g^2(\tau)$, in the regime of BEC T = 0.45 K





Two-beam interference from pair of spots in the frame Excitation power behavior. T = 1.7 K.



Conclusion

condensation of laterally trapped Bose gas of interacting dipolar excitons is manifested by

- 1. exciton accumulation at K ≈ 0: appearance of a sharp line of condensed part of excitons, power low decrease of line intensity on temperature growth ;
- 2. a sequence of temporal coherence of exciton condensate : increasing of radiative decay rate and decreasing of spin relaxation rate of excitons in condensate ;
- 3. patterned structure of equidistant luminescence spots of exciton condensate in a ring lateral trap in real and K-space is the signature of quantum bosonic state;
- 4. found collective state is coherent (the large-scale spatial coherence is equal to the perimeter of a ring trap), we assume that this state is described by a common wave function;
- 5. macroscopically coherent Bose-condensate of dipolar exciton appears *spontaneously* in the reservoir of interacting excitons;
- 6. observed linear polarization of PL patterned structure is an exhibition of *spontaneous symmetry* breaking
- 7. spatial long-range coherence appears with a time delay with respect to excitation pulse; time delay is determined by the effect of thermalization of photoexcited e-h system

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Time-resolved interference

(combined excitation: pulsed above-barrier (100ps/10MHz) + CW in-barrier)



Time-resolved interference (2)

Time delay





Hanbury Brown Twiss Effect for Ultracold Quantum Gases

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M. Schellekens, et al. Science 310, 648 (2005);



Fig. 1. Schematic of the apparatus. The trapped cloud has a cylindrical symmetry with oscillation frequencies of $\omega_{\chi}/2\pi = 47$ Hz and $\omega_{\chi}/2\pi = \omega_{\chi}/2\pi = 1150$ Hz. During its free fall toward the detector, a thermal cloud acquires a spherical shape. A 1- μ K temperature yields a cloud with an rms radius of about 3 cm at the detector. Single particle detection of the neutral atoms is possible because of each atom's 20-eV internal energy that is released at contact with the MCP. Position sensitivity is obtained through a delay-line anode at the rear side of the MCP.

correlation functions along the vertical (z) axis for thermal gases at three different temperatures and for a BEC. For the thermal clouds, each plot corresponds to the average of a large number of clouds at the same temperature. Error bars correspond to the square root of the number of pairs, a.u., arbitrary units. (B) Normalized correlation functions in the $\Delta x - \Delta y$ plane for the three thermal gas runs. The arrows at the bottom show the 45° rotation of our coordinate system with respect to the axes of the detector. The inverted ellipticity of the correlation function relative to the trapped cloud is visible.



Comparison of the Hanbury Brown–Twiss effect for bosons and fermions

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Figure 2 | Normalized correlation functions for ⁴He^{*} (bosons) in the upper plot, and ³He^{*} (fermions) in the lower plot. Both functions are measured at the same cloud temperature (0.5 μ K), and with identical trap parameters. Error bars correspond to the square root of the number of pairs in each bin. The line is a fit to a gaussian function. The bosons show a bunching effect, and the fermions show antibunching. The correlation length for ³He^{*} is expected to be 33% larger than that for ⁴He^{*} owing to the smaller mass. We find 1/e values for the correlation lengths of 0.75 \pm 0.07 mm and 0.56 \pm 0.08 mm for fermions and bosons, respectively.

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Photon Statistics of Semiconductor Microcavity Lasers

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We present measurements of first- and second-order coherence of quantum-dot micropillar lasers together with a semiconductor laser theory. Our results show a broad threshold region for the observed high- β microcavities. The intensity jump is accompanied by both pronounced photon intensity fluctuations and strong coherence length changes. The investigations clearly visualize a smooth transition from spontaneous to predominantly stimulated emission which becomes harder to determine for high β . In our theory, a microscopic approach is used to incorporate the semiconductor nature of quantum dots. The results are in agreement with the experimental intensity traces and the photon statistics measurements.







3 μ m fundamental pillar mode under varying cw excitation, the 3 (4 μ m) pillars under nonresonant pulsed excitation. Strong clearly revealing photon bunching $\tilde{g}^{(2)}(0) > 1$. Inset: Coher- photon bunching $\tilde{g}^{(2)}(0) > 1$ is found from corresponding correence time fit to the 5.0 mW trace under convolution with the lation measurements (top) over a broadened regime around the temporal IRF ($\Delta t_{IRF} \approx 600 \text{ ps}$). (b) Power-dependent autocorre- threshold. lation series of the same micropillar under pulsed excitation, again reflecting a strong bunching effect at $\tau = 0$.

FIG. 2 (color online). (a) $\tilde{g}^{(2)}(\tau)$ correlation series for the FIG. 3 (color online). (a),(b) Integrated intensities (bottom) for FIG. 5 (color online). (a),(b) Calculated output curves (bottom) and $g^{(2)}(0)$ (top) for various β . (c),(d) Calculated results vs experimental data (pulsed) from Fig. 3(a) for the 3 μ m pillar. In (c), a convolution (solid line) with the experimental temporal resolution τ_c is shown. (d) Corresponding I/O curves, explicitly indicating the effects of pump saturation.

FWHM (M₁) and centre of weight (M₂) of the narrow line of condensate under variation of pumping



 $M_1/M_2 \cong 1.25$

The above condensate excitations and the temperature of dipolar exciton gas



Rectangular hole D2 (5 x 10 µm)



Triangular hole (C3), side length 6µm







Exciton PL in the central part of a window is homogeneous

Compensation of extra charges in SQW with the use of in- and above barrier photoexcitations







Пространственное распределение люминесценции непрямого (диполярного) экситона внутри отверстия ø5µm в непрозрачном электроде на поверхности двойной (DQW) GaAs/AlGaAs 120/12/120Å и одиночной (SQW) GaAs/AlGaAs 250Å квантовой ямы



Excitations in BEC are under thermal quasi equilibrium



The temperature of excitations can be found from high energy exponential tail of exciton line $I(E) \sim N_a \sim exp(-E/kT)$, at E>kT

Momentum conservation is fulfilled due to collisions and recoil processes

> Condensation occurs under thermal quasi equilibrium

> > Bath T = 1.9K

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K-space imaging – Fourier transformation



Confining energy $U_{dc}\left(r_{\parallel}\right)$ of circular electrostatic trap for dipolar excitons





 $< d_{ex} > = 115 \text{ A} (\text{F}=20 \text{ kV/cm})$

The potential profile of the trap can be described near bottom as: $V(r) = \alpha r_{II}^2$, with force constant $\alpha \approx 2.2$ meV/µm². Barrier height $\Delta V \approx 5$ meV>>kT.

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Luminescence spectra measured under projection of circular window ($ø5 \ \mu$ m) on the entrance spectrometer slit for DQW and SQW



Luminescence spectra of interwell excitons in SQW from 5 μ m window under excitation power variation



Found FWHM of the line $\delta E=180\mu eV$ is less than kT

Narrowing of exciton distribution in a far zone (K-space)







Condensed dipolar exciton system confined in a ring trap with 4 vortexes. Theoretical calculations of angular profile of luminescence – I(K), which is proportional to the moment distribution of excitons (i.e. to Fourier-transformed density matrix within Thomas-Fermi approximation).

By Yu.E.Lozovik and A.G.Semenov (2006)



Hanbury Brown and Twiss (HBT), 1956

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Для бозонов амплитуды $\langle D_1 | S_1 \rangle \langle D_2 | S_2 \rangle$ и $\langle D_1 S_2 \rangle \langle D_2 | S_1 \rangle$ складываются и дают результирующий фактор 2 в комбинированной вероятности детектирования фотонов при условии, что эти две амплитуды имеют одну и ту же фазу (!). Здесь термин амплитуда подразумевает амплитуду квантового состояния $|a_k \rangle$. Суммирование амплитуд по всем парам точек ($S_1 S_2$) в источнике стирает интерференцию, если разность расстояний между детекторами и источником начнет превосходить длину когерентности. НВТ использовали этот факт для измерения углового размера звезд (в частности Сириуса, 1956 г.)

Результирующая плотность вероятности регистрации фотонов детектором D_1 в момент времени t_1 и детектором D_2 в момент t_2 равна $W(t_1,t_2) = w_1 w_2 \cdot C(r_1 t_1 r_2 t_2)$ <u>Roy J.Glauber (1963)</u> С – корреляционная функция, ее отличие от единицы выражает тенденцию двух событий быть коррелированными (т.е. отличаться от пуассоновского распределения при регистрации двух событий в случае испускания стохастическим источником; например, при регистрации α -частиц при радиоактивном распаде)

Если состояние поля определяется оператором плотности поля в форме $\Pi_k |a_k > \langle a_k |$ (здесь a_k –квантовая амплитуда поля), то корреляционная функция тождественно равна единице, C = 1.

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