

Photoinduced Phase Transitions

“DYCE” Optical Physics



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- Optical science using dynamically correlated electrons and holes (DYCE)
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- Cavity-polariton condensation and photon condensation (lasing)

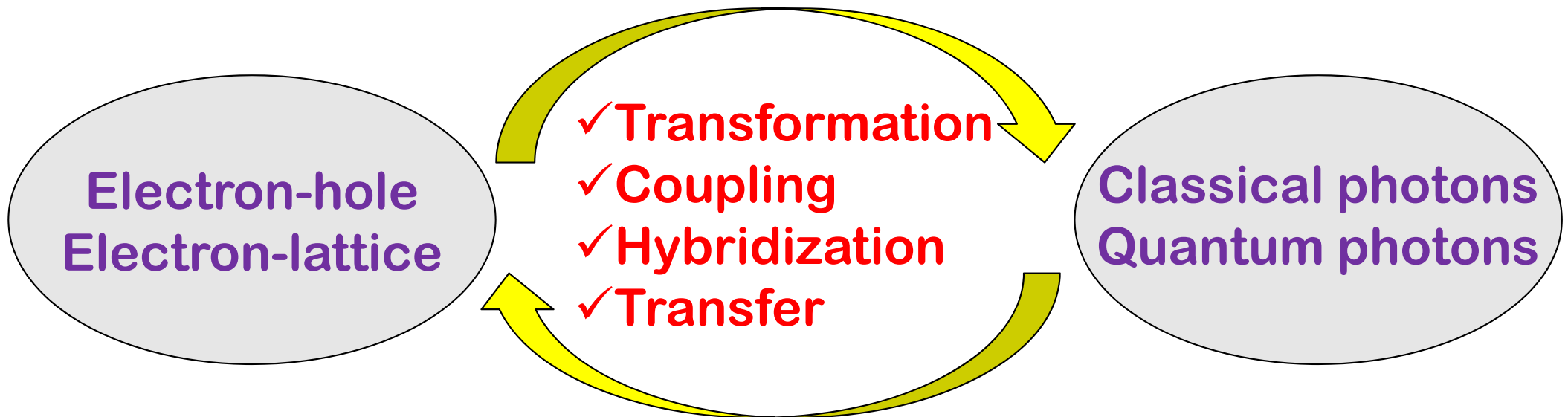


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From Matter to Light / From Light to Matter

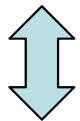


Cooperative phenomena in matter systems
"Photoinduced phase transitions (PIPT)"

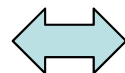
Cooperative phenomena
in photon systems

Cooperative phenomena
in photon-matter coupled systems

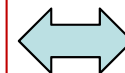
Exciton Mott transition
e-h BCS



Exciton BEC



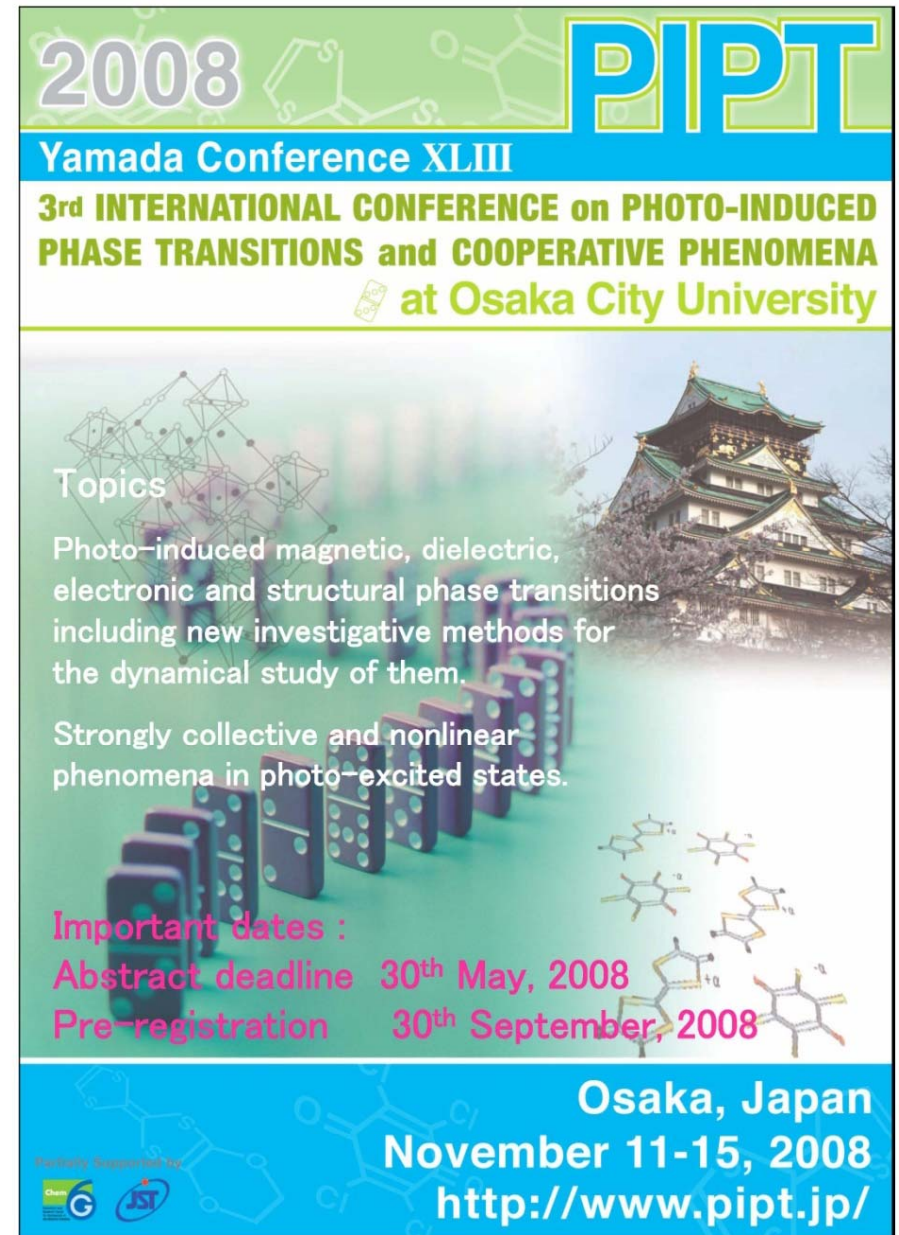
Cavity polariton BEC



Laser oscillation

PHOTOINDUCED PHASE TRANSITIONS (PIPT)

- ✓ Light is not necessarily a probe in condensed-matter physics.
- ✓ Creation and control of new states of matter by light irradiation:
 - Electronic phase transitions
 - Structural phase transitions
- ✓ Two types of PIPT process:
 - “Phase” transitions in photoexcited states
 - Phase transitions **via** photoexcited states





2008 **PIPT**
Yamada Conference XLIII
3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on PHOTO-INDUCED
PHASE TRANSITIONS and COOPERATIVE PHENOMENA
at Osaka City University

Topics
Photo-induced magnetic, dielectric, electronic and structural phase transitions including new investigative methods for the dynamical study of them.
Strongly collective and nonlinear phenomena in photo-excited states.

Important dates :
Abstract deadline 30th May, 2008
Pre-registration 30th September, 2008

Osaka, Japan
November 11-15, 2008
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QUANTUM COOPERATIVE PHENOMENA

By changing temperature, pressure, particle density, interaction strength, ...

Phase transition

ex): gas-liquid-solid, metal-insulator, localization-delocalization, ...

In e-h systems: **Exciton Mott transition** (e-h plasma – exciton gas)

Quantum condensation (“Macroscopic (long-range) quantum order”)

ex): Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC), superconductivity, superfluidity, ...

In e-h systems: **Exciton BEC, e-h BCS-like state, BEC-BCS crossover**

One body \Leftrightarrow Many body

Importance of interparticle interaction: **dynamical screening, X-X interaction**

N -particle system \neq 1-particle system $\times N \rightarrow$ “nonlinearity”, “cooperation”

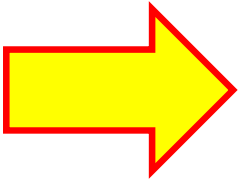
Classical \Leftrightarrow Quantum

Quantum statistics: Pauli exclusion, BEC (“interactionless phase transition”)

Quantum fluctuation (particle-wave duality): material coherence vs optical coherence, ...

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OUTLINE OF OUR STUDY

KEYWORDS:

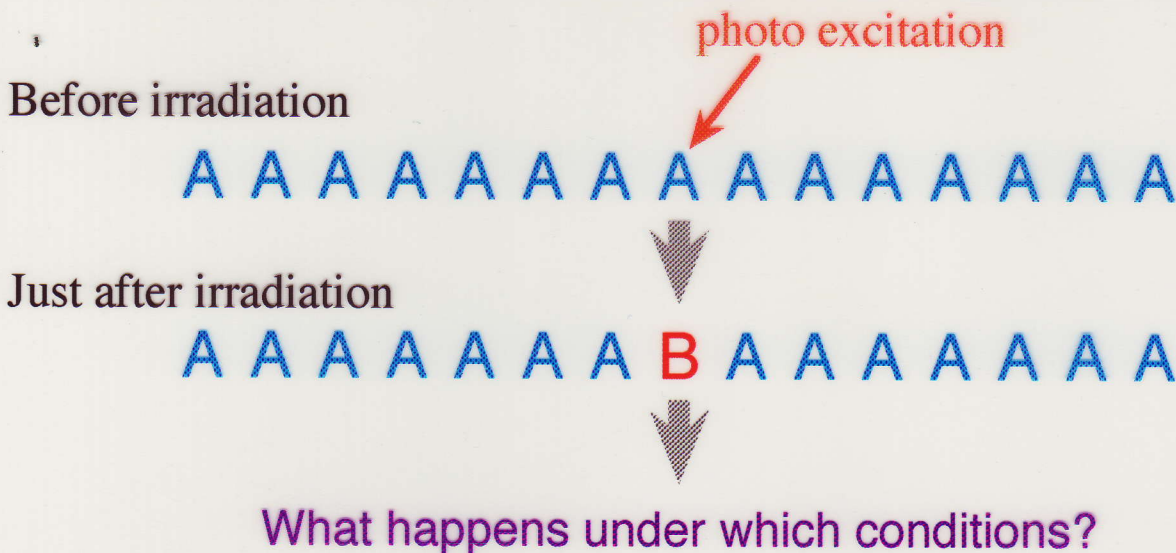
Global (cooperative, nonlocal) phase changes
Photoinduced phenomena
Intersite (intermolecule) couplings

EXPERIMENTS:

Photoinduced structural transitions in PDA crystals
Photoinduced HS/LS transitions in spin-crossover compounds
Photoinduced ferromagnetism in (In,Mn)As/GaSb

MODEL SYSTEM & PHENOMENA:

A molecule (site) has **two locally-stable** structures: **A** and **B**
One-dimensional stacking
Intersite (intermolecule) elastic interaction
One-site excitation by irradiation (photoinduced nucleation)



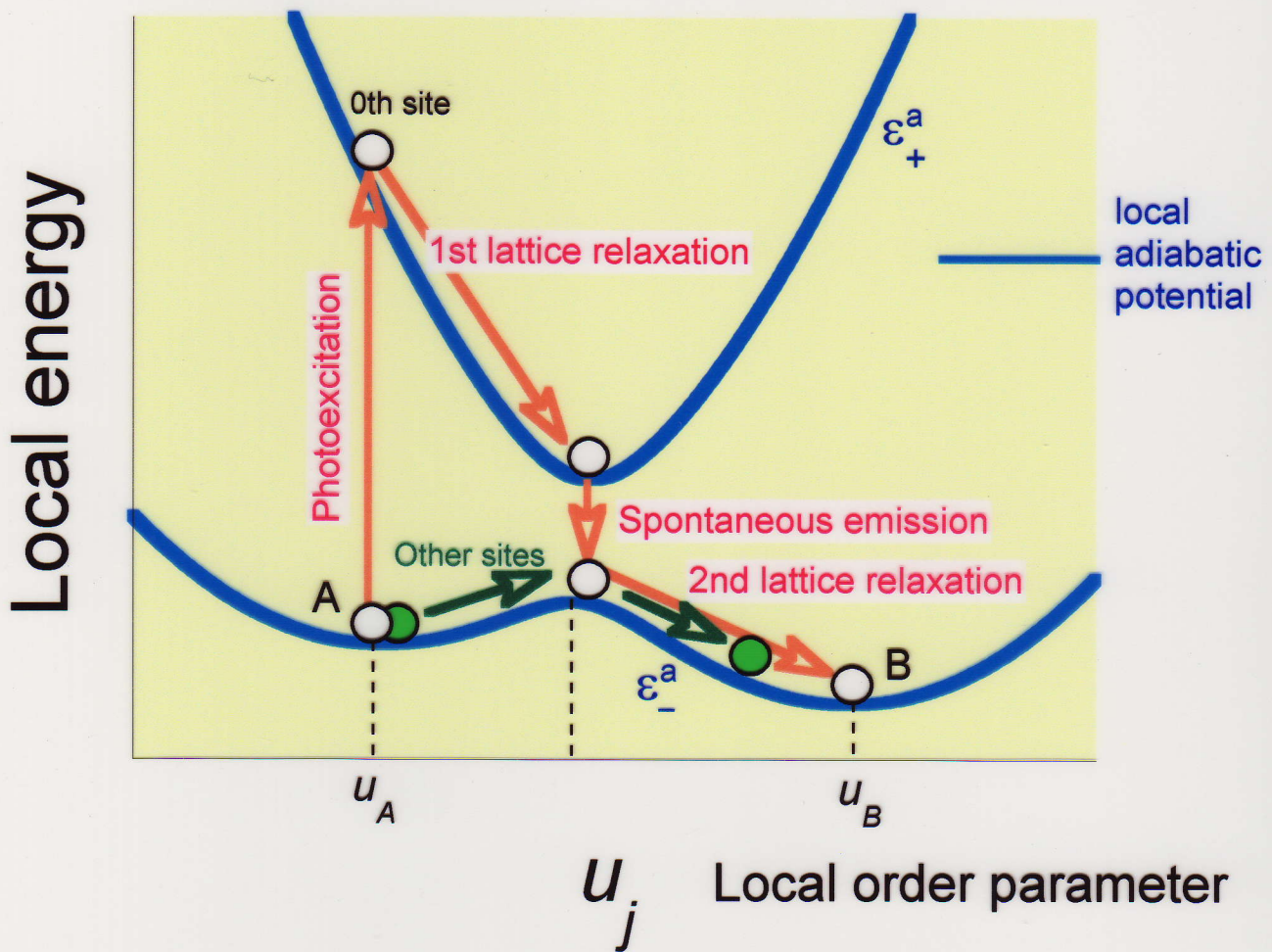
OUR GOAL:

To clarify **spatiotemporal dynamics** of photoinduced **nucleation**
To clarify the role of **intersite interactions**
To distinguish between **adiabatic and diabatic** regimes
To compare nucleation picture with **mean-field description**

Deterministic Domino mechanism

starting at the spontaneous emission

The strong friction case



Phase Diagram on (μ, k) plane

Adiabatic limit

Single-site excitation

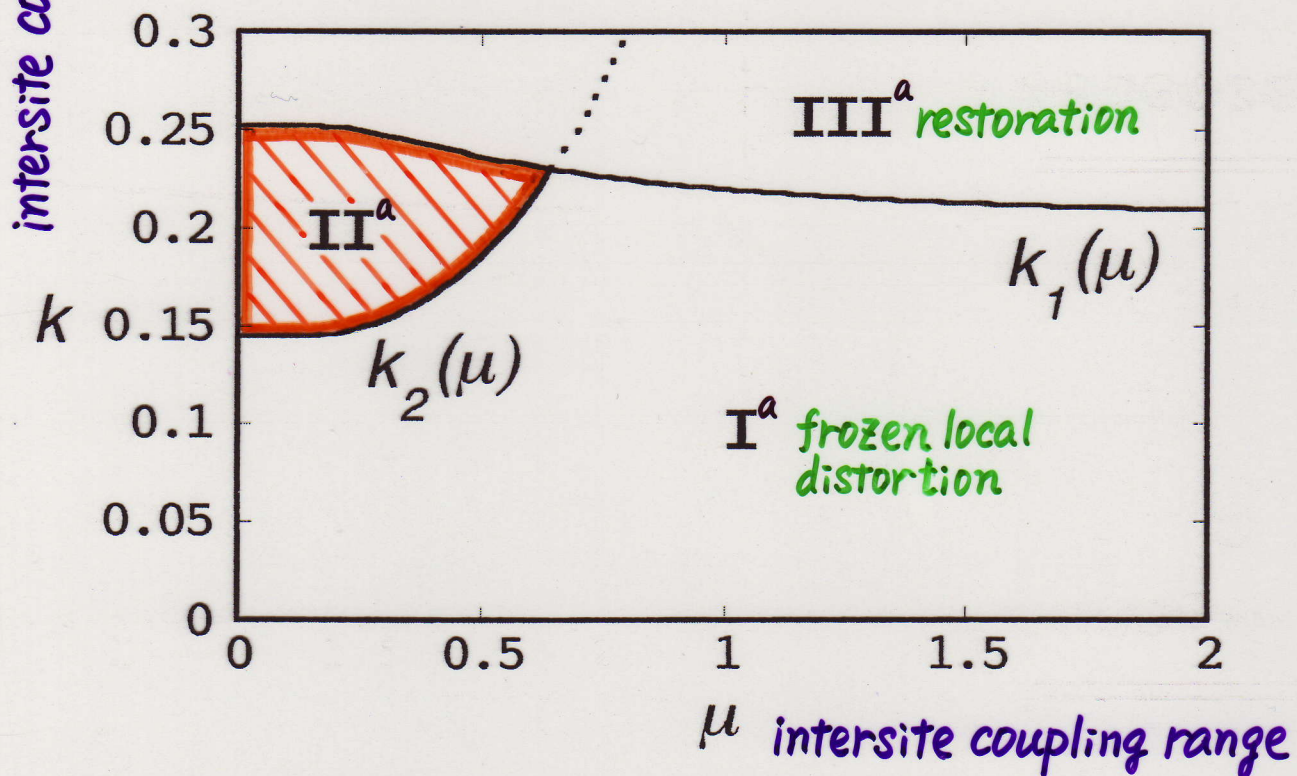
$$\epsilon = -0.5$$

The strong friction case

$$\gamma = 1$$

$$t = 1.1$$

intersite coupling strength



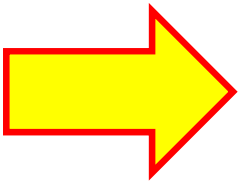
Only in **Phase II^a**, global structural transition is induced by **single-site stimulation**.

- Short-range intersite coupling
- Intermediate coupling strength

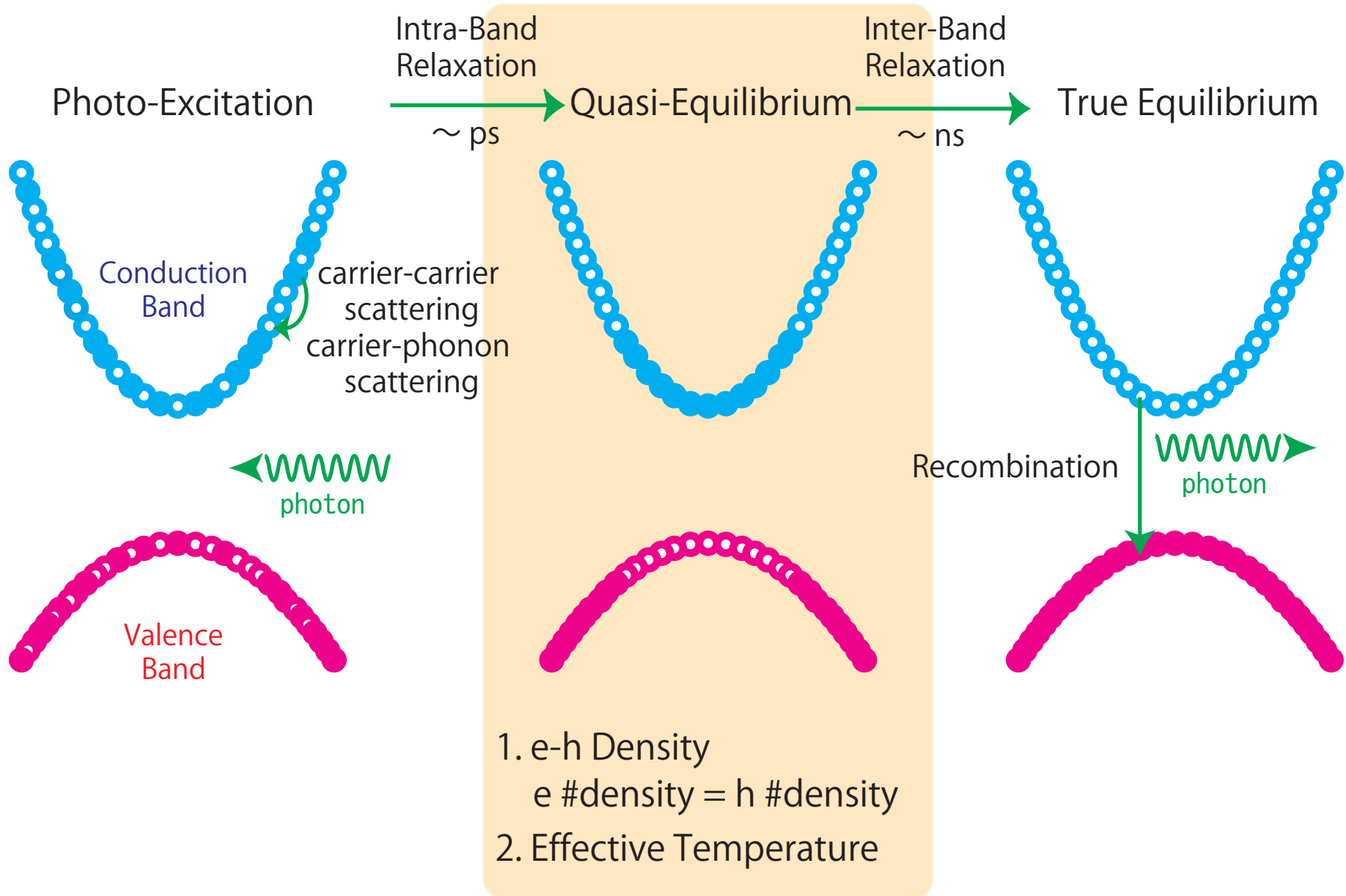
→ **Deterministic (periodic) Domino mechanism**
only one spontaneous emission

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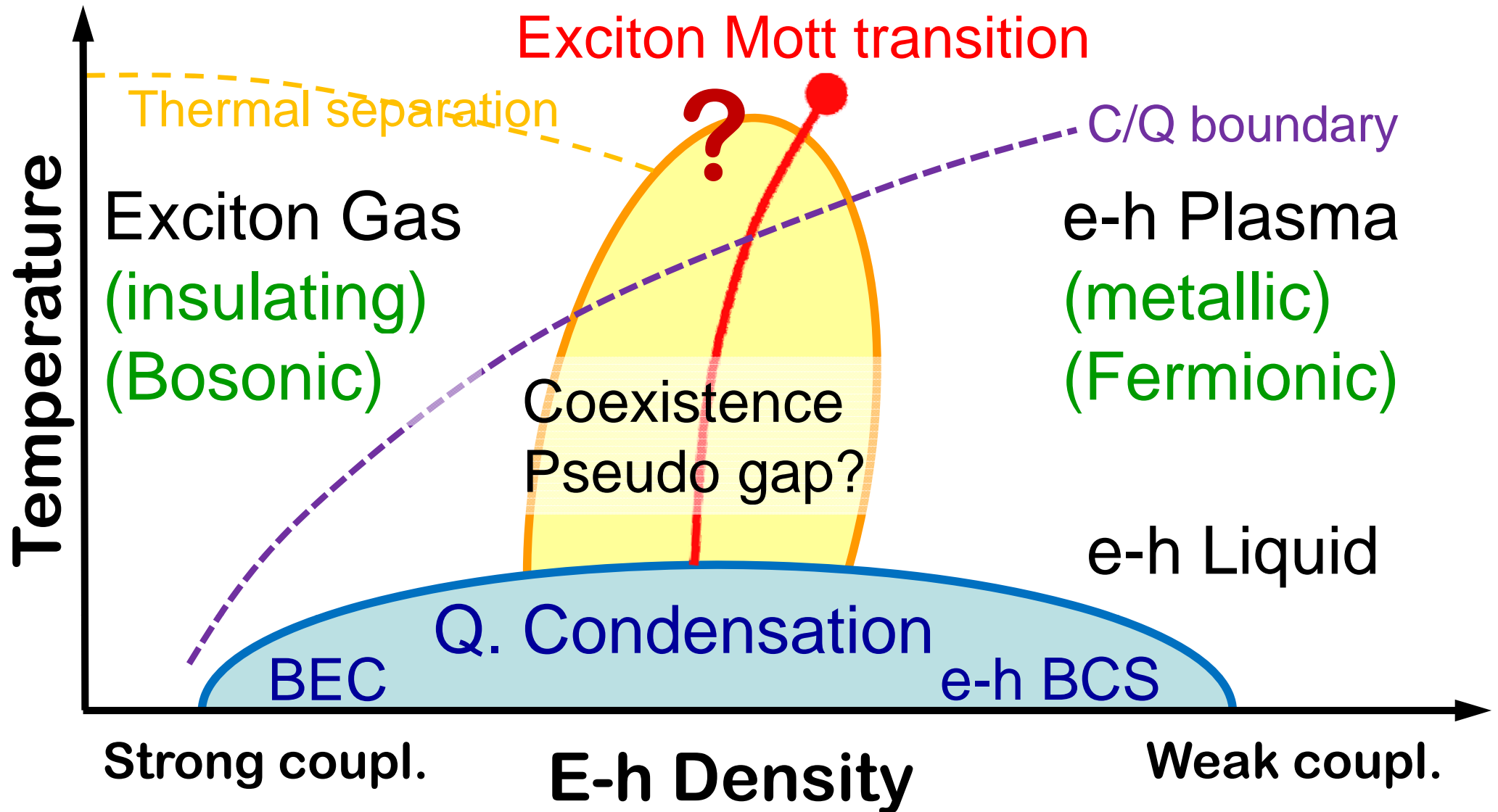
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Electron-hole system as an excited electronic state



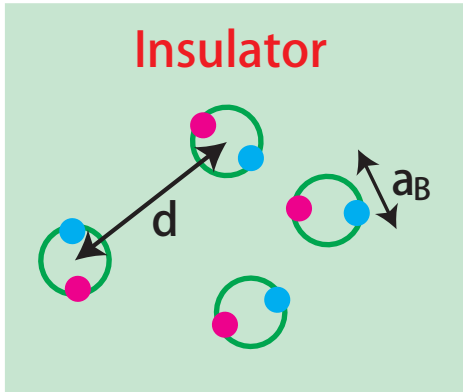
Electron-hole systems



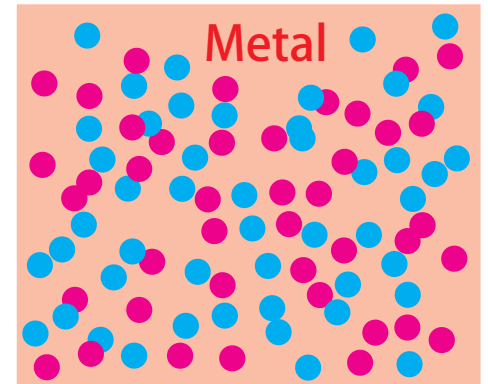
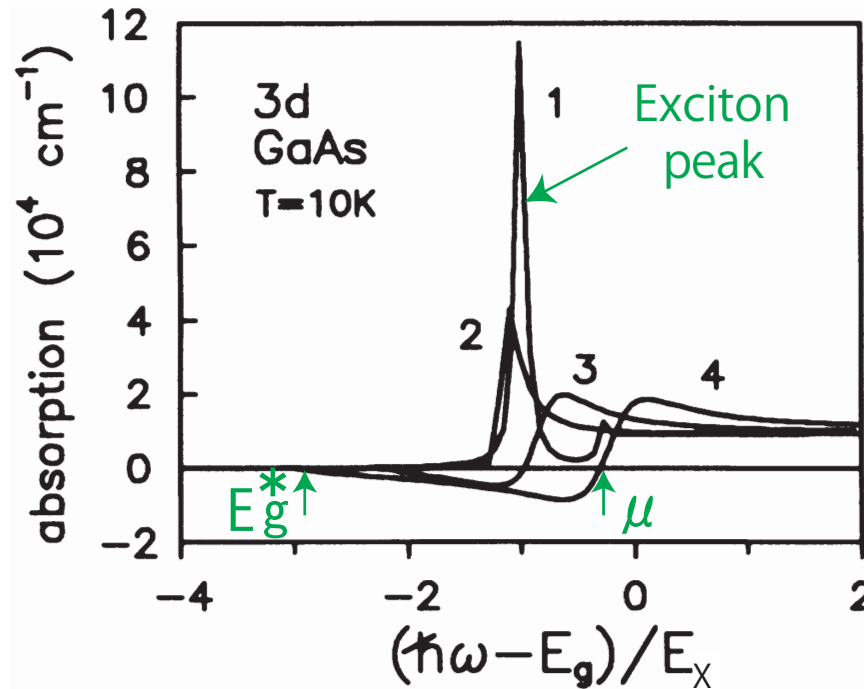
Relation between exciton Mott transition & optical gain/absorption

Low density

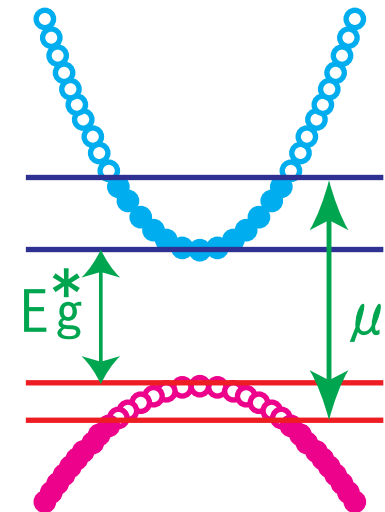
High density



Exciton gas



e-h plasma/liquid



1. $n_{eh}=0$
2. $n_{eh}=5 \times 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}$
3. $n_{eh}=3 \times 10^{16} \text{cm}^{-3}$
4. $n_{eh}=8 \times 10^{16} \text{cm}^{-3}$

Negative absorption = Gain

The e-h (two-band) Hubbard Model

Previous studies cover only local parts of the whole phase diagram.

⇒ We need to obtain globally the phase diagram.

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{\alpha=e,h} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow\downarrow} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} t_{\alpha} c_{i\alpha\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\alpha\sigma} + U \sum_{\alpha=e,h} \sum_i n_{i\alpha\uparrow} n_{i\alpha\downarrow} - U' \sum_{\sigma\sigma'=\uparrow\downarrow} \sum_i n_{ie\sigma} n_{ih\sigma'}$$

Kinetic Term Repulsive Interaction (Intraband) Attractive Interaction (Interband)

Minimal model of the e-h system

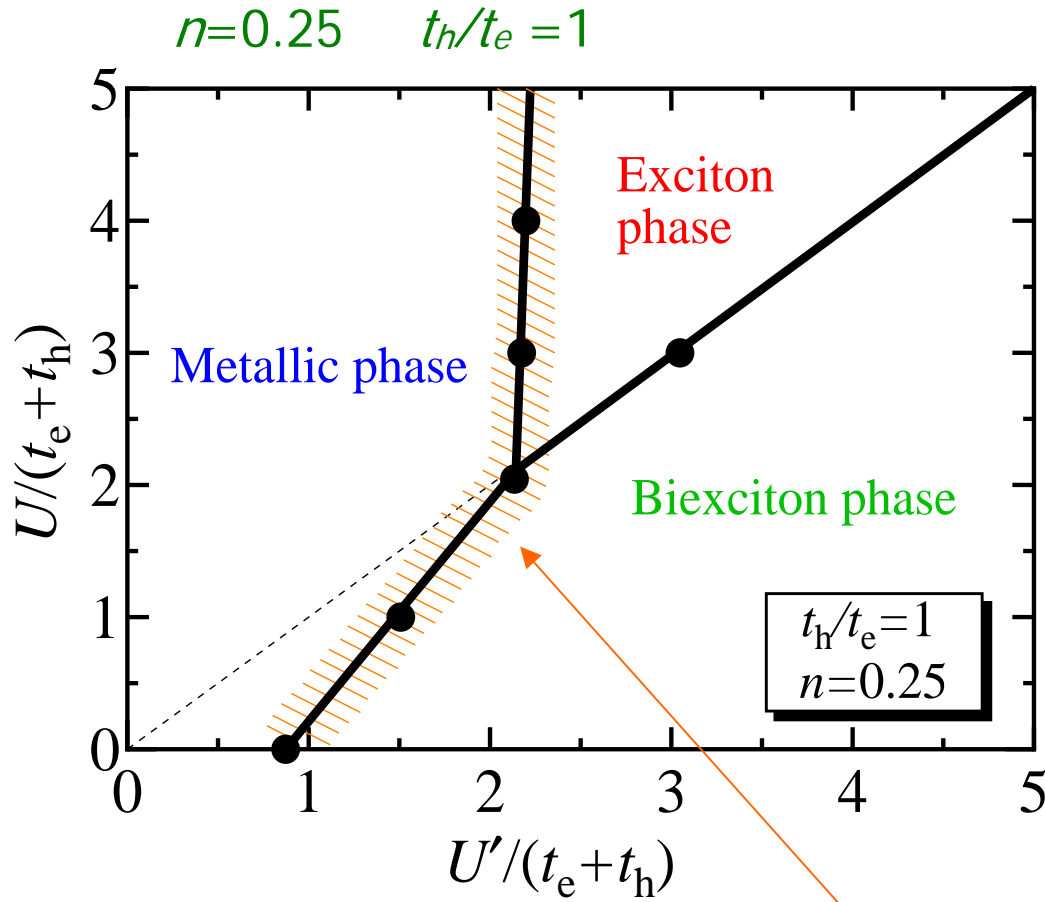
the **lattice fermion model** (in the tight-binding picture)

- different masses of electron and hole
- **screened on-site interactions as parameters independent of density**
- **Frenkel-type excitons** without co-transfer
- **modern theoretical tools applicable**

cf.) the **continuum-space model** (in the nearly-free electron picture)

- effective-mass and envelope fn. approximations
- (long-range) Coulomb interactions **dependent on density**
- Wannier-type excitons with finite bandwidth

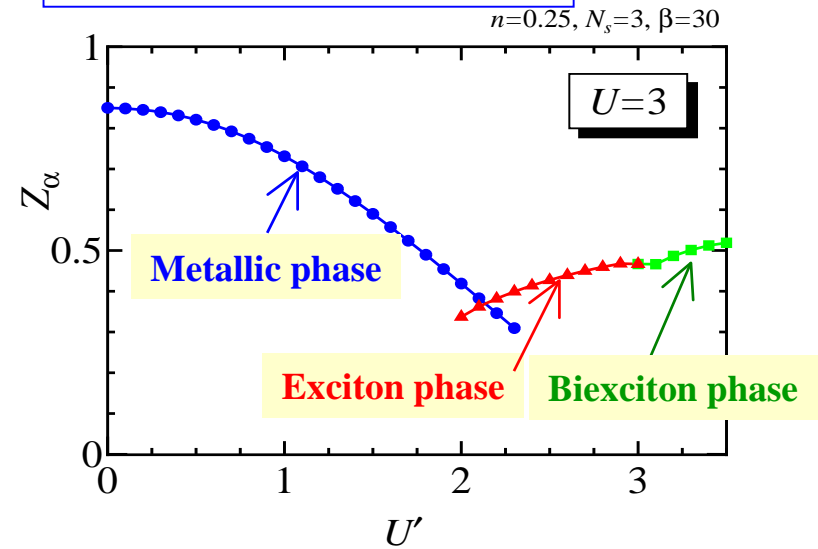
Phase diagram for 2-band Hubbard model at $T=0$



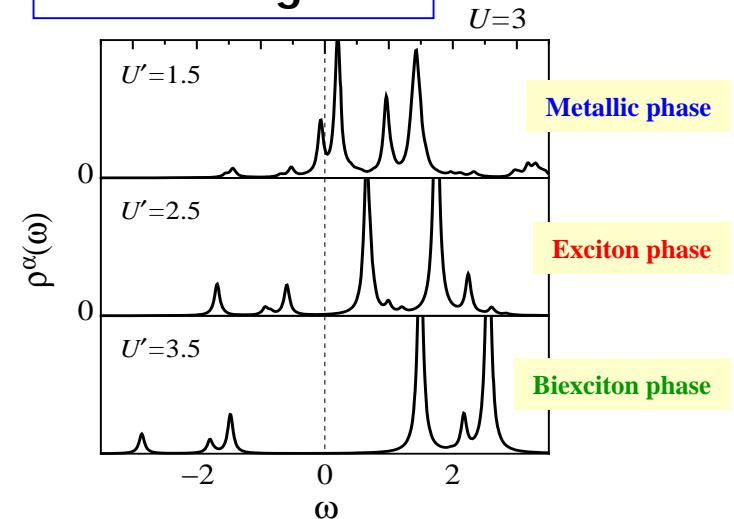
Metal \leftrightarrow Exciton/Biexciton phase : **1st-order transition**

exciton Mott transition

Quasiparticle weights

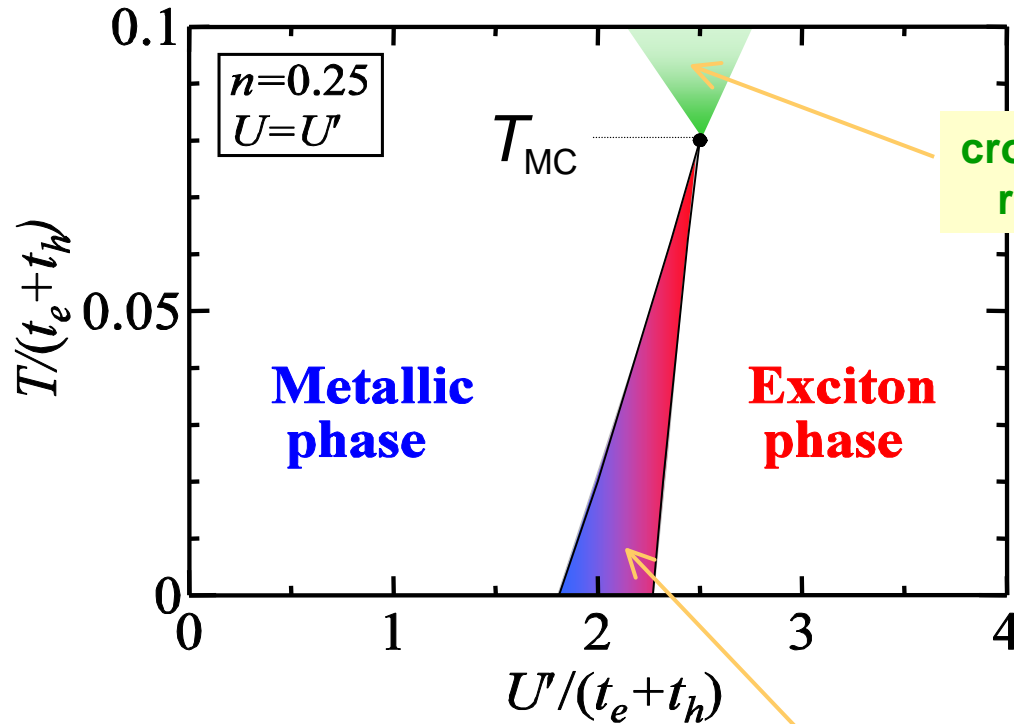


Interacting DOS

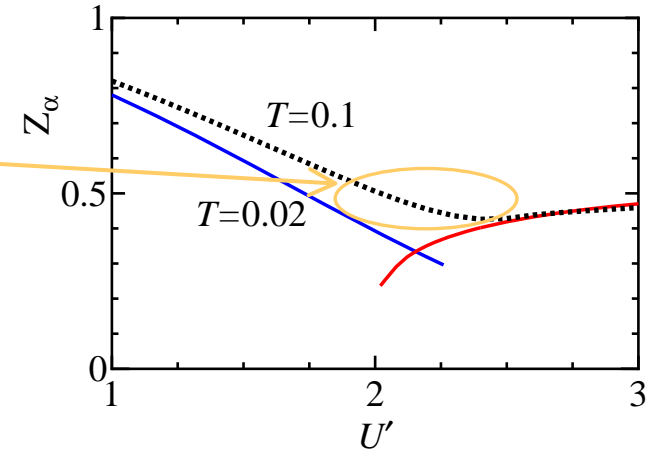


Phase diagram for 2-band Hubbard model at $T > 0$ (Tomio)

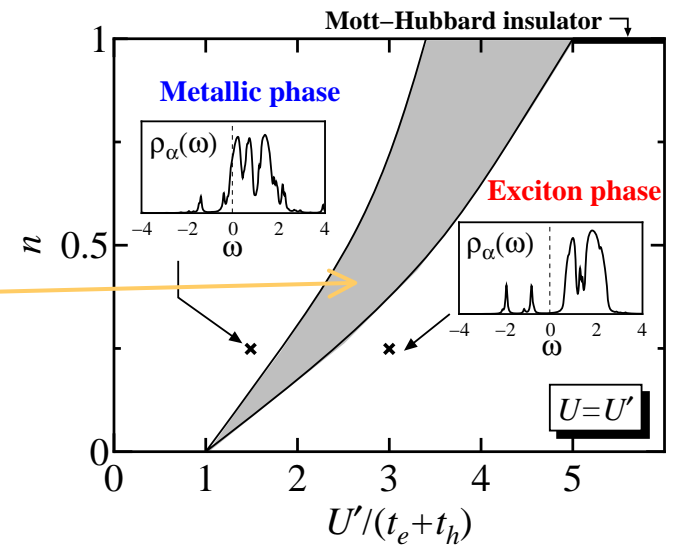
$U=U'$ $n=0.25$ $t_h/t_e=1$



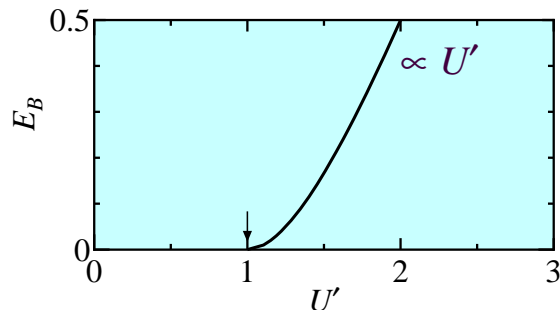
quasiparticle weights



$U'-n$ phase diagram at $T=0$



cf. binding energy of a free exciton
→ phase diagram in low-density limit



BIEXCITON CRYSTAL in 1D



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Instability toward biexciton crystallization in one-dimensional electron–hole systems

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- High-density electron-hole system in 1D
- Bosonization
- Forward and backward scatterings
- Long-range Coulomb interaction

Character of the Ground State

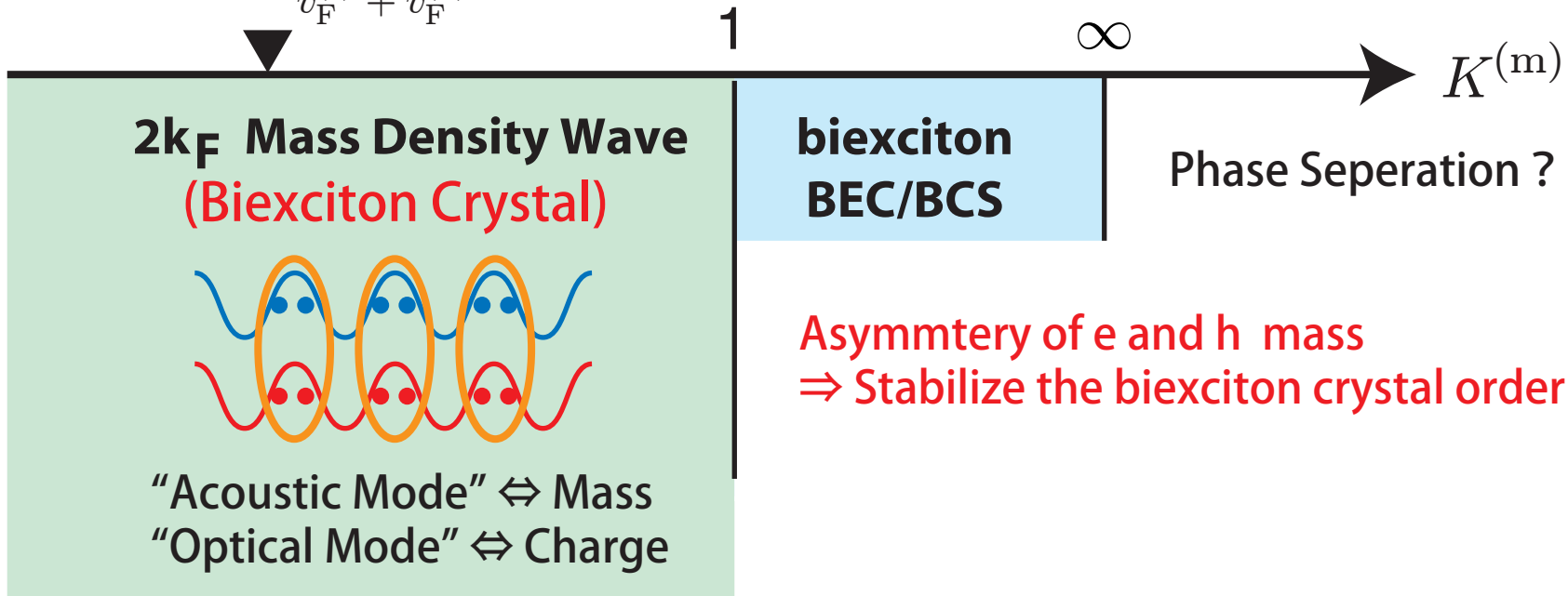
Mass Density $\Leftrightarrow \Phi_{\rho}^{(m)} \propto m^{(e)} \Phi_{\rho}^{(e)} + m^{(h)} \Phi_{\rho}^{(h)}$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rho}^{(m)} = \frac{v^{(m)}}{2\pi} \int dx \left[K^{(m)} \left(\partial_x \Theta_{\rho}^{(m)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{K^{(m)}} \left(\partial_x \Phi_{\rho}^{(m)} \right)^2 \right] \Rightarrow \text{Short-range part}$$

$g_{\rho} = g_{\rho}^{(e)} + g_{\rho}^{(h)}$

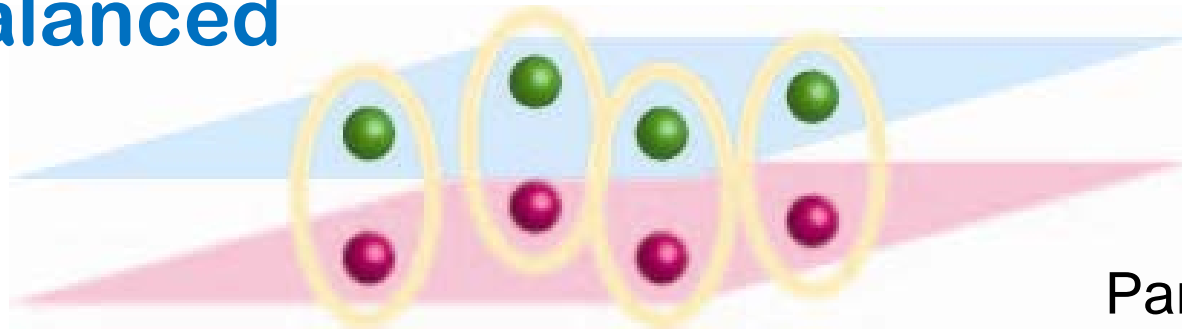
$$K^{(m)} = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{v}}{v_F^{(e)} + v_F^{(h)} - g_{\rho}/\pi}} \quad v^{(m)} = \sqrt{\bar{v} \left[v_F^{(e)} + v_F^{(h)} - g_{\rho}/\pi \right]} \quad \bar{v} = \frac{v_F^{(e)} v_F^{(h)}}{v_F^{(e)} + v_F^{(h)}}$$

$$K_{\text{free}}^{(m)} = \frac{\sqrt{v_F^{(e)} v_F^{(h)}}}{v_F^{(e)} + v_F^{(h)}} \sim 0.3 \text{ (Bulk GaAs)}$$



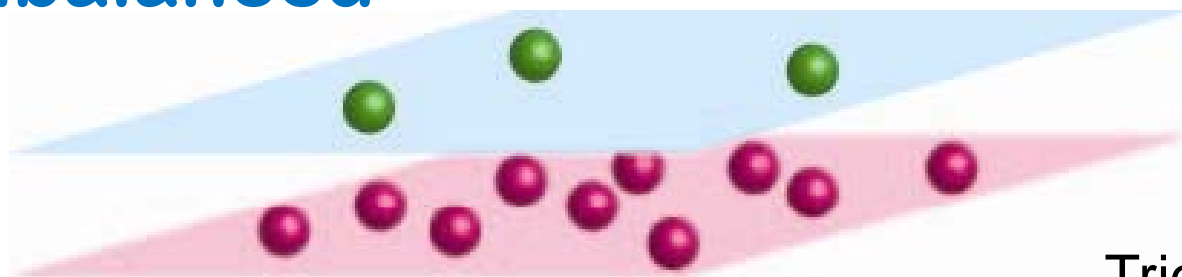
Double layer e-h systems

Charge balanced



Parallel dipoles
Repulsive?
Exciton BEC?

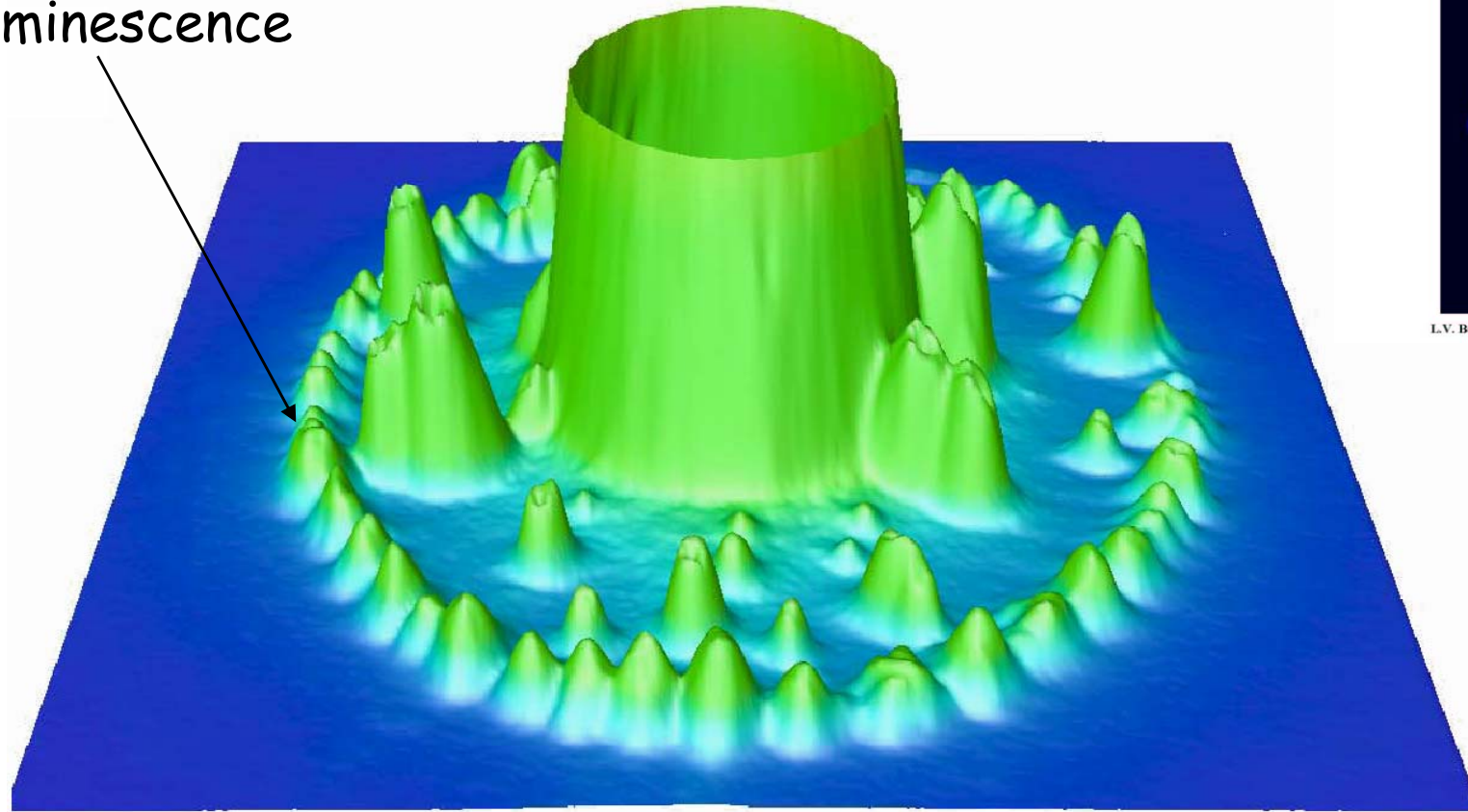
Charge imbalanced



Trions
FFLO?

Exciton luminescence from quantum wells: central spot and fragmented ring

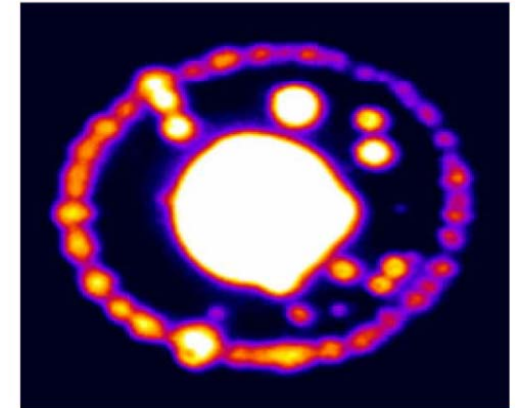
fragments of
luminescence



← 260 μm →

$T=1.8$ K
 $P_{ex}=390$ μW

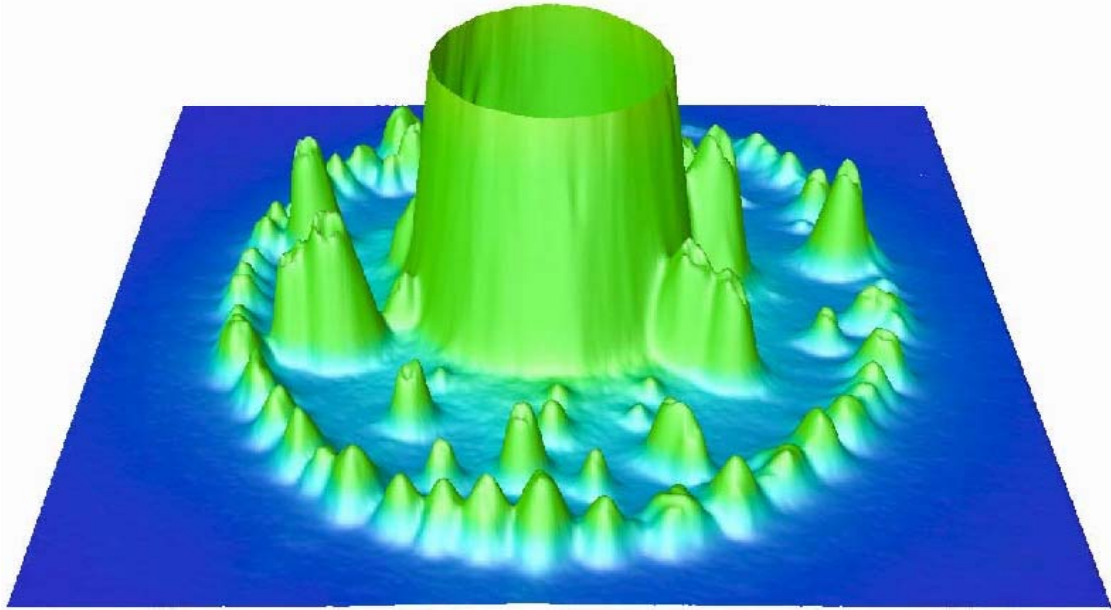
2D image of indirect exciton PL vs P_{ex}



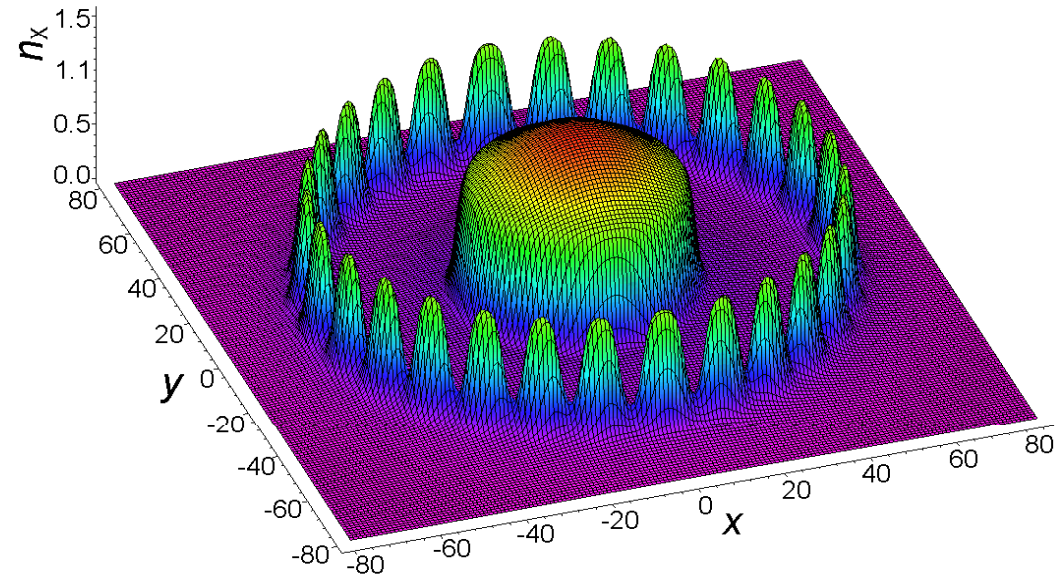
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View from above

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Nature 418 (2002),
PRL 92 (2004)



**Exciton luminescence Butov et al.,
Nature 418, 751 (2002)**



**Chernyuk A.A., Sugakov V.I.:
PRB 74, 085303 (2006),**

Exciton front propagation in photoexcited GaAs quantum wells

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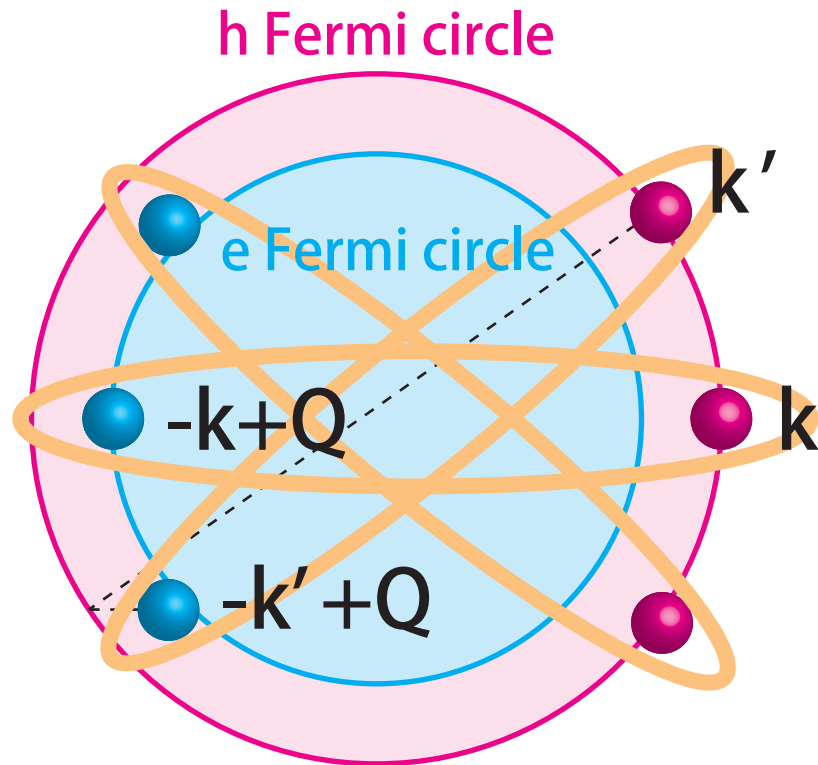
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We report on the study of spatiotemporal self-organization of carriers in photoexcited GaAs quantum wells. Propagating interfaces between electron-rich and hole-rich regions are seen as expanding and collapsing exciton rings in exciton emission patterns. The interfaces preserve their integrity during expansion, remaining as sharp as in the steady state, which indicates that the dynamics is controlled by carrier transport. The front propagation velocity is measured and compared to theoretical model. The measurements of expanding and collapsing exciton rings afford a contactless method for probing the electron and hole transport.

Quantum Condensations in Imbalanced e-h Systems

Fulde-Ferrell Phase



e-h pair with CM momentum Q

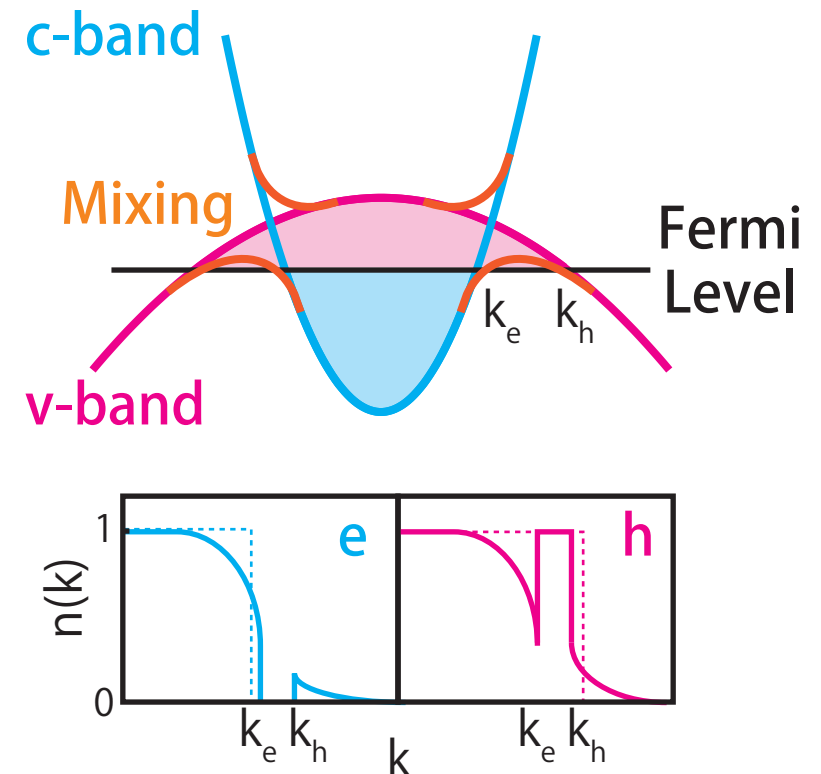
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A. I. Larkin and Y. N. Ovchinnikov,
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Sarma Phase

(Breached pair phase)



Condensation of e-h pair with $Q=0$
+ Normal hole liquid

Sarma: J. Phys. Chem. Sol. **24**, 1029 (1963).

W.V. Liu and F. Wilczek: PRL**90**, 047002 (2003).

Phase Diagram at Zero Temperature

Parameters

Mass ratio

$$\frac{m^{(h)}}{m^{(e)}} = 4.3$$

Interlayer distance

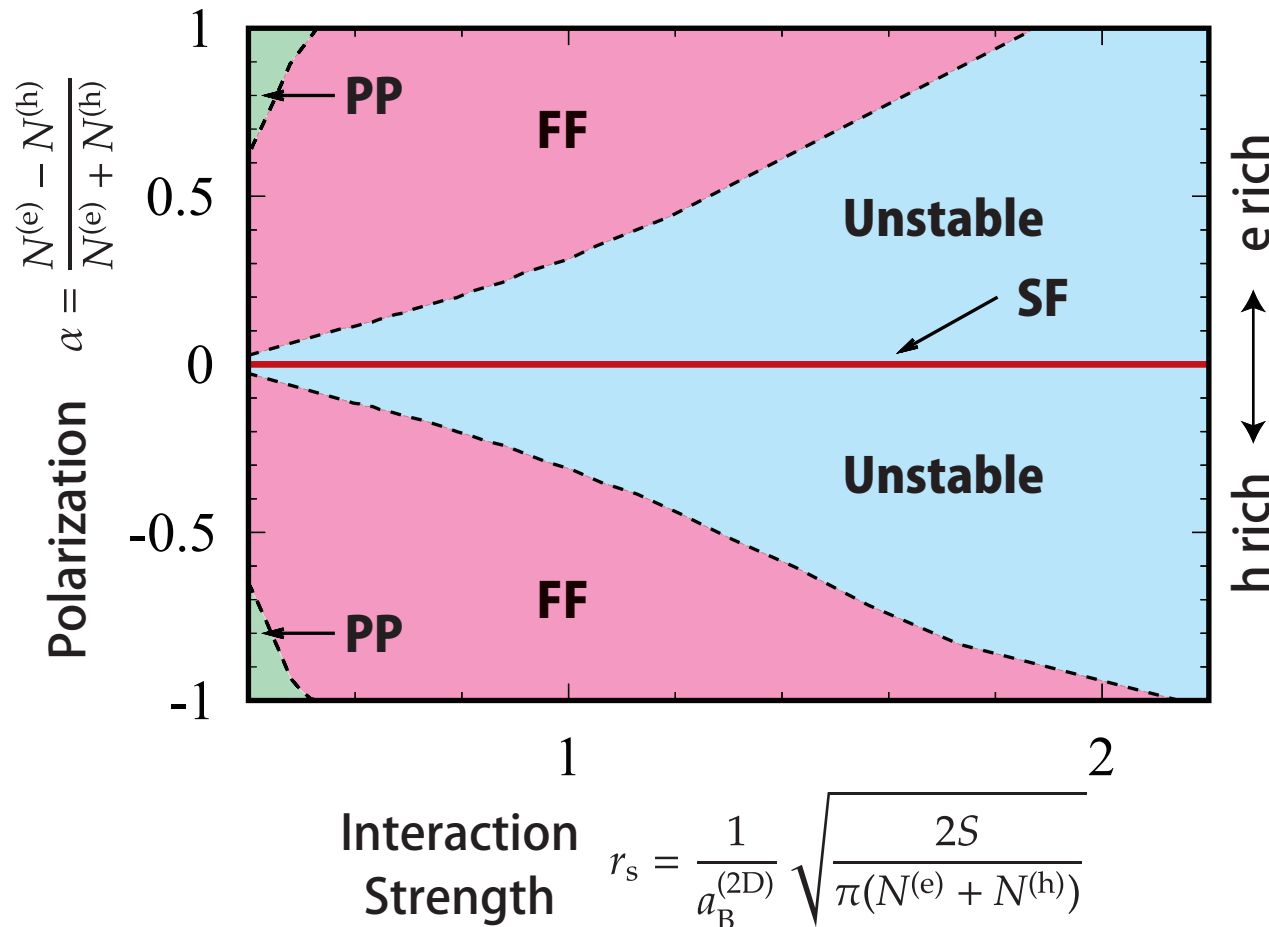
$$d = 2a_B^{(2D)} = \frac{\epsilon}{e^2 m_r}$$

SF: superfluid phase
(excitonic insulator)

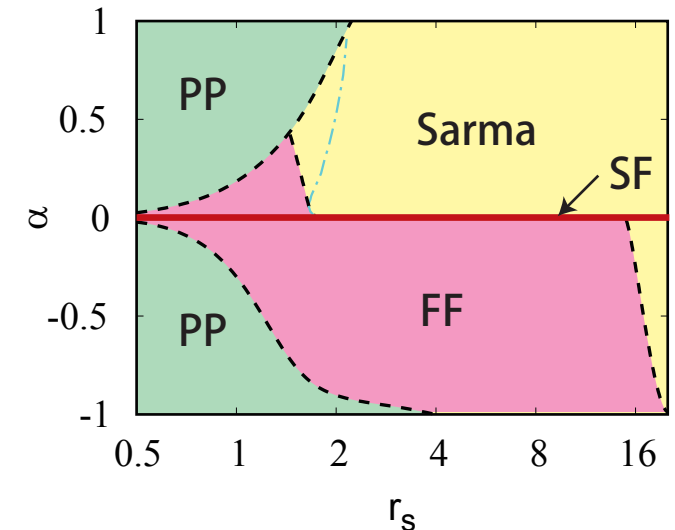
FF: Fulde-Ferrell phase

PP: partially polarized normal phase

Unstable: no uniform solution



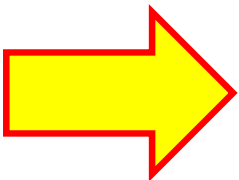
c.f. Previous calculation
Instability of Sarma phase
toward FF phase



Pieri et al. PRB75,113301 (2007).

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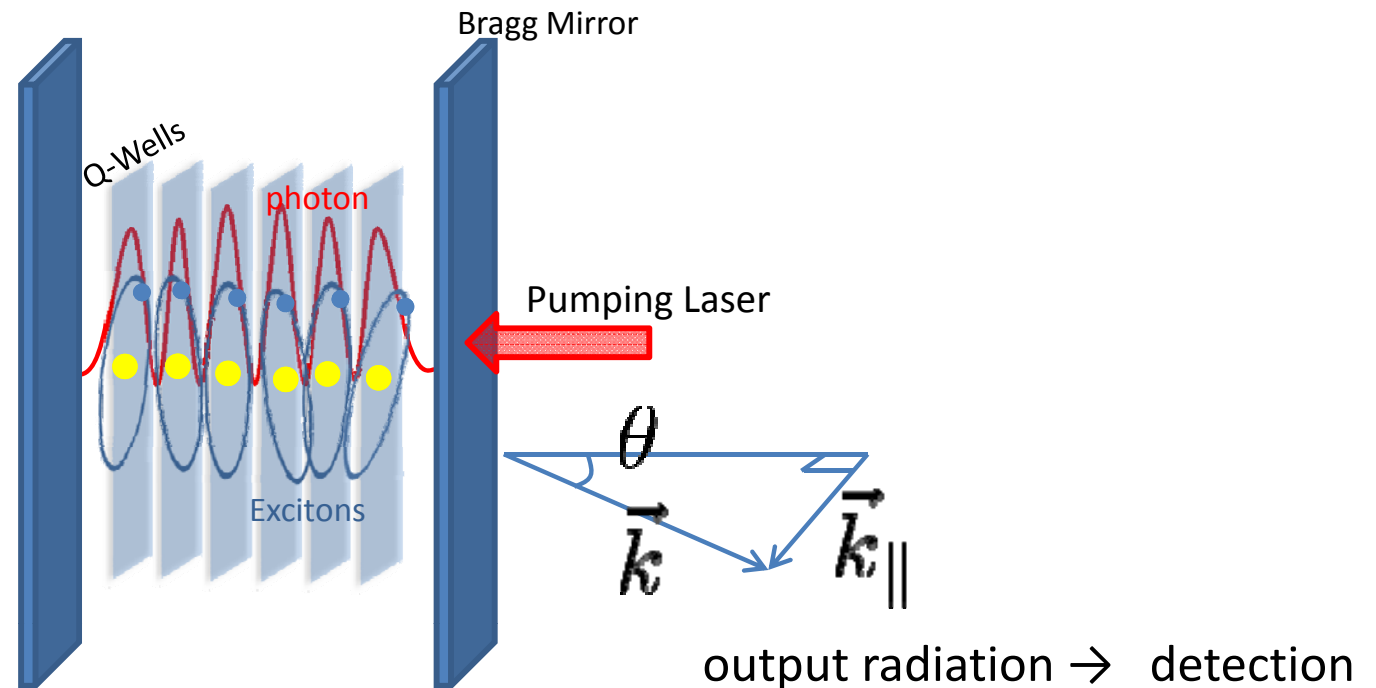
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Polariton BEC in a microcavity

N-layers of semiconductor quantum wells in distributed Bragg reflectors

- single photon mode
- strong coupling with excitons $g \propto \sqrt{N}$



Observation of the BEC

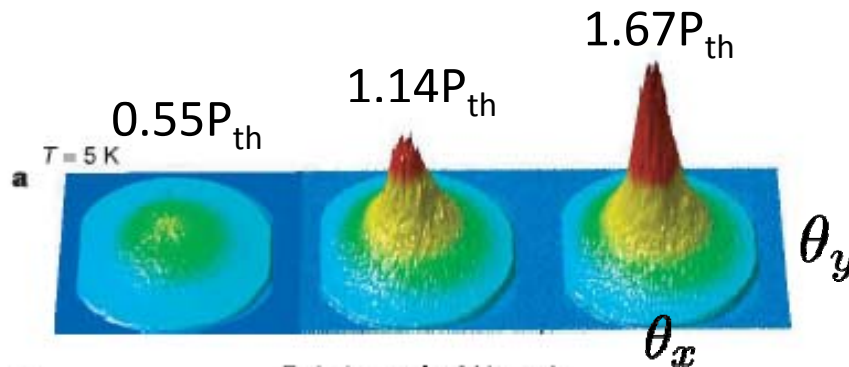
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Condition: non-resonant pumping + 16 CdTe Q-wells

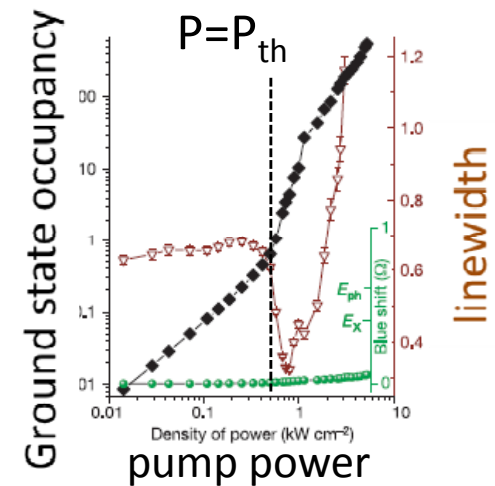
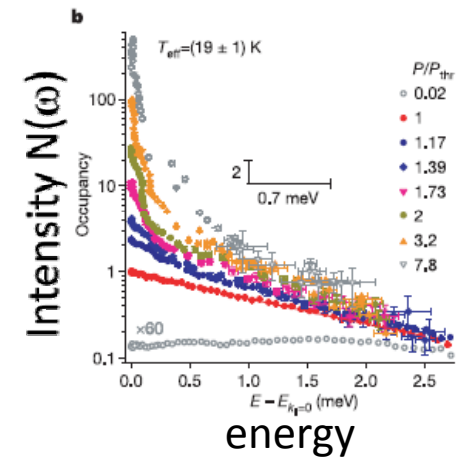
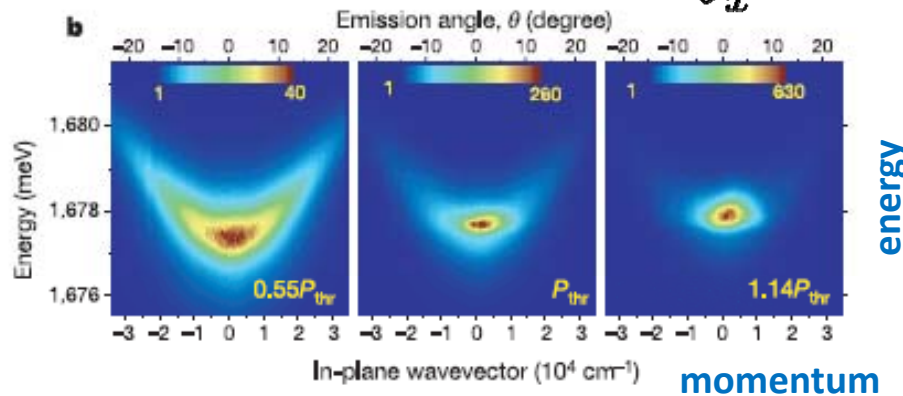
Detection: angle resolved emission spectrum (far-field)

Bose narrowing in the momentum and energy space

Angular distribution

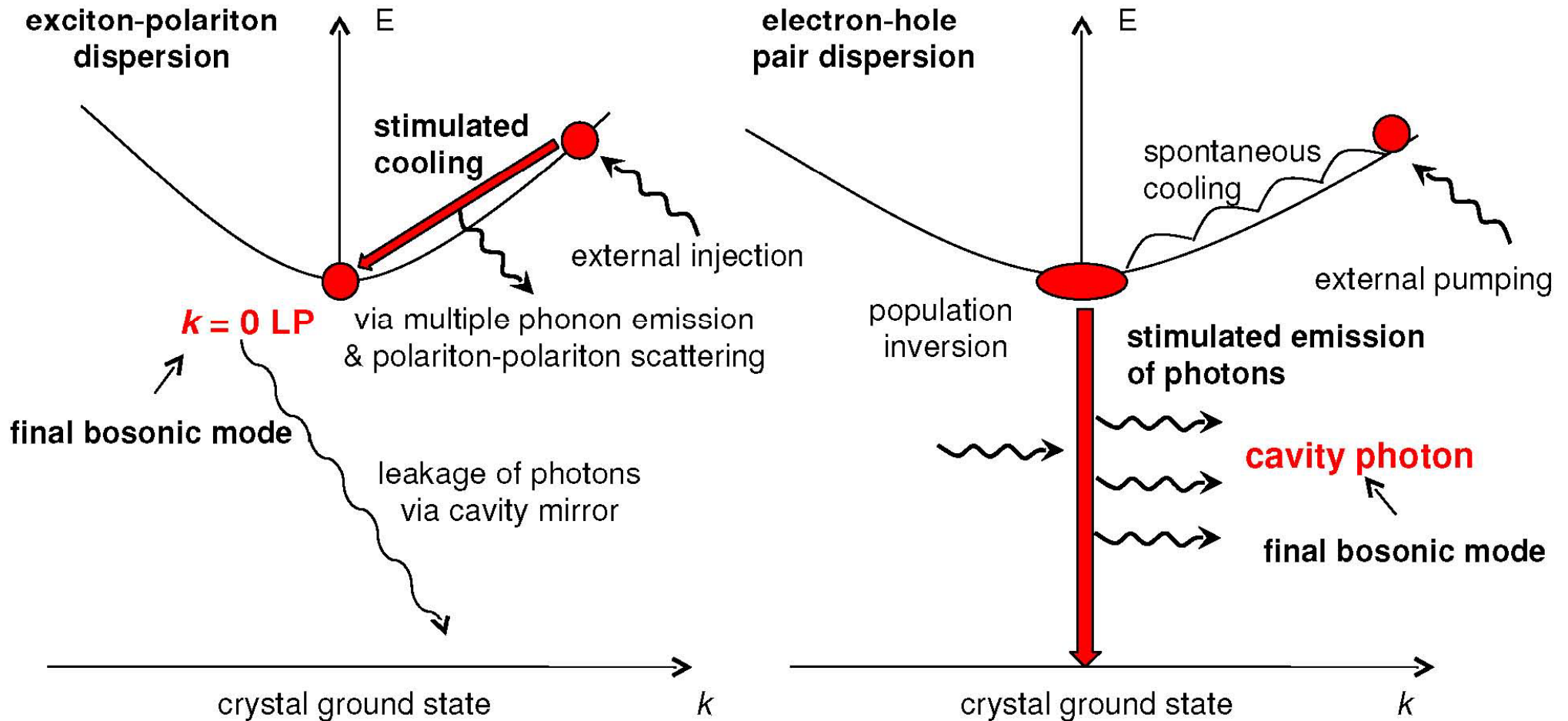


Emission Spectrum



Polariton BEC is similar to Bose-Einstein Condensation of atomic gases in a thermal equilibrium!

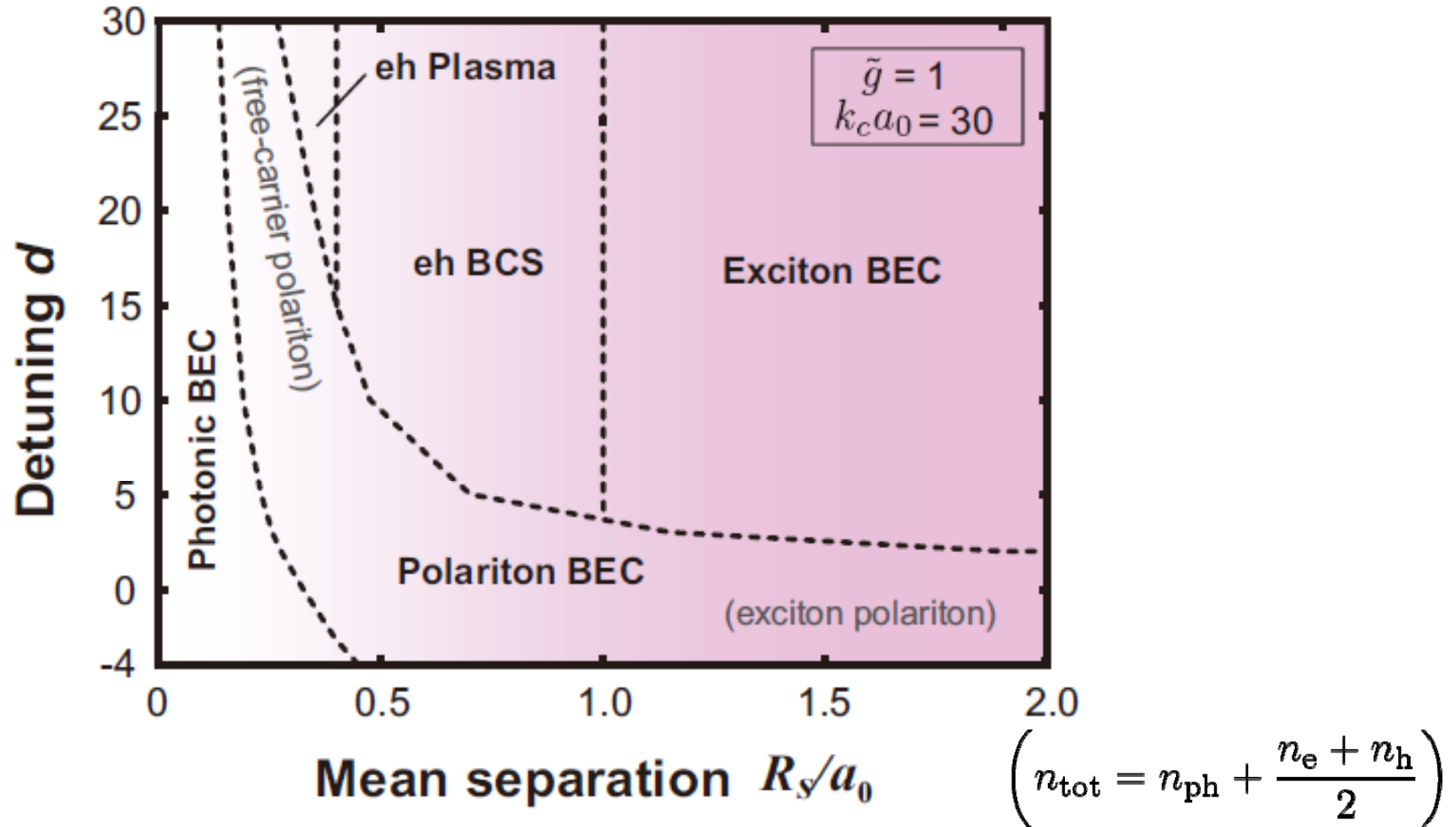
Exciton-Polariton Condensation vs. Photon Laser



Exciton-Polariton Condensation

Photon Laser

Phase diagram



Different ground states are expected to occur depending on the detuning and the pump power (total excitation density n_{tot}).

Composite many-body systems

exciton eh	Cooper pair ee	meson $q\bar{q}$	diquark qq
charged exciton eeh		baryon qqq	anti-baryon $\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$
biexciton $eehh$	positronium $e\bar{e}$	tetraquark $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$	
polariton $eh+b$	metal hydrogen HH	pentaquark $qqqq\bar{q}$	
	Bose atom mol. gas AA	hexaquark $qqqqqq$	

Even-odd mixture in imbalanced systems

- Exciton-trion mixture
- Meson-baryon mixture
- Atom-molecule mixture

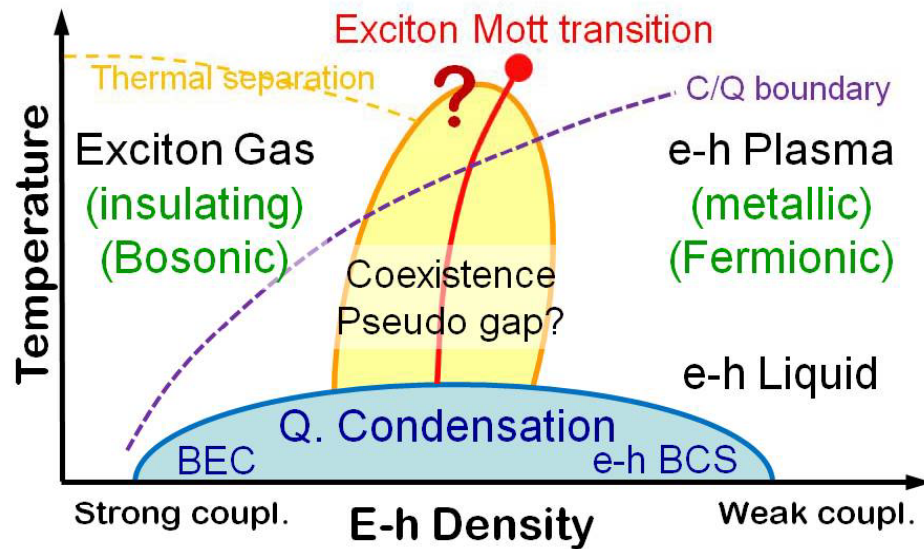
Even-even mixture in balanced systems

- “Unitary limit” of BEC-BCS crossover
- Exciton-biexciton mixture
- Meson-tetraquark mixture

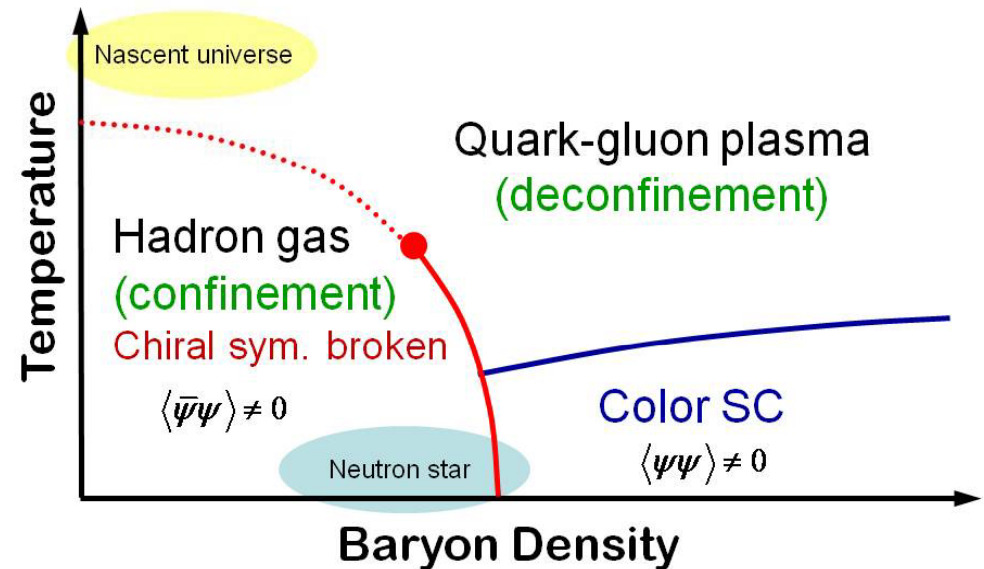
Charge-balanced/imbalanced electron-hole systems are good stages for exploiting the roots of matter.

Comparison of electron-hole systems with

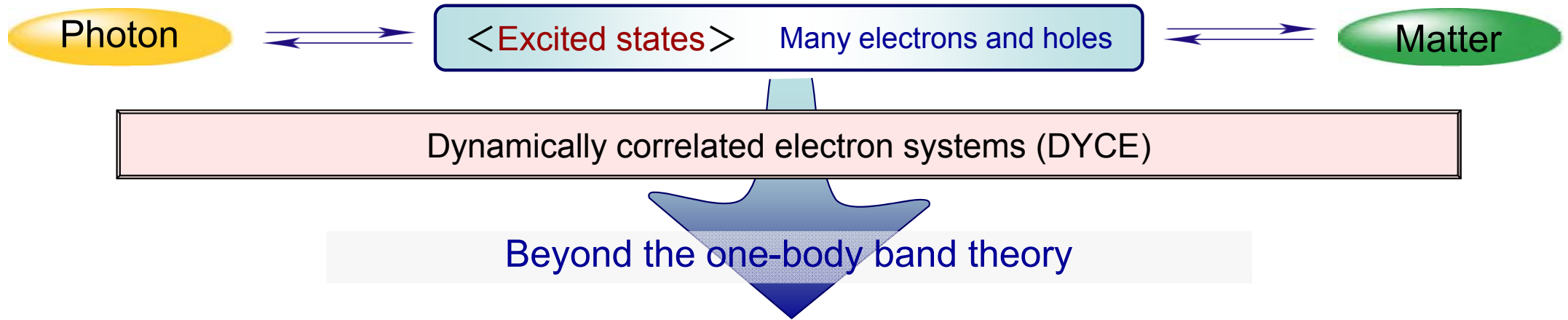
Electron-hole systems



Hadron QCD systems



Toward COE of DYCE Optical Physics



New Optical Science, Materials Science, and Electronics

Ogawa group in OU is the **unique and best place** for theoretical study of DYCE optical physics to combine quantum many-body physics and quantum nonlinear optics.

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