Quantum Lithography

- Entangled photons can be used to form an interference pattern with detail finer than the Rayleigh limit
- Process "in reverse" performs sub-Rayleigh microscopy, etc.
- Resolution $\approx \lambda / 2N$, where N = number of entangled photons



- No compelling laboratory demonstration to date
- Primary difficulty: need extremely sensitive recording material

Quantum "Lithography" – How to Observe?





BOPF-TP $C_{81}H_{80}N_2O_2$

4,4'-(1E,1'E)-2.2'-(9,9-bis(4-(octyloxy)phenyl)-9*H*-flourene-2,7-diyl)bis(ethene-2,1-diyl)bis(*N*,*N*-diphenylaniline

Excitation wavelength = 800 nm Fluorescence wavelength = 459 nm

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Quantum Lithography – Materials Issues

What are the sensitivities of typical recording materials? Silver halide holographic plates: 1 mJ/cm² Dichromated gelatin holographic plates: 100 mJ/cm² Two-photon photopolymer (Kawata): 1 MJ/cm²

What typical values of multiphoton cross sections? $\sigma^{(2)}$ typically 1 GM where 1 GM = 10⁻⁵⁰ cm² s/photon For a good molecular two-photon absorber, $\sigma^{(2)} = 1000$ GM For a SC QD two-photon absorber (Webb), $\sigma^{(2)} = 47,000$ GM We estimate that for PMMA $\sigma^{(3)} = 10^{-85}$ cm⁴ s²/photon

Can we do even better?

Good evidence that $\sigma^{(2)}$ and $\sigma^{(3)}$ can be enhanced by as much as 500-fold by coupling to a plasmonic resonance! [Kano and Kawata, Opt. Lett, 21, 1848 1996; Cohanoschi and Hernández, J. Phys. Chem. B 109, 14506 2005]

Enhanced Nonlinear Response through Microscopic Cascading

- High-order NLO effects are typically much weaker than low-order effects We can sythesize high-order response from repeated low-order response This procedure is known as cascading, e.g., $\chi_{eff}^{(3)} = \text{const} \times \chi^{(2)}$: $\chi^{(2)}$
- Cascading can be either macroscopic, which involves propagation effects Example $\omega + \omega$ creates 2ω ; then $2\omega + \omega$ creates 3ω
- Or it can be microscopic: two adjacent atoms can interact by means of "local field effects" to create a high-order response.
- We have recently predicted a new consequence of local field effects which could lead to efficient high-order NLO processes, and now have data demonstrating this effect. [Dolgaleva, Boyd, Sipe, PRA 76, 063806 (2007)]
- We hope to create efficient three-photon absorbers out of two-photon absorbers! Recall $\sigma^{(2)}$ is proportional to $\chi^{(3)}$; $\sigma^{(3)}$ proportional to $\chi^{(5)}$.





Experimental Separation of Microscopic Cascading Induced by Local-Field Effects

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Lorentz Local Field



correction factor



J. D. Jackson, "Classical Electrodynamics"

Local Field in Nonlinear Optics

-Local-field-corrected

 $P = \chi E = \chi^{(1)} E + 3 \chi^{(3)} |E|^2 E + 10 \chi^{(5)} |E|^4 E + \dots$

Local Field in Nonlinear Optics

 $\chi^{(1)} = N \gamma^{(1)}_{at} L;$

 $\chi^{(3)} = N \gamma_{at}^{(3)} |L|^2 L^2.$

 $\gamma_{at}^{(i)}$ - *i*-th nonlinear microscopic hyperpolarizability

Local Field in Nonlinear Optics

Since

$$\chi^{(3)} = N \gamma^{(3)}_{\rm at} |L|^2 L^2,$$

one would think that

 $\chi^{(5)} = N \gamma_{\rm at}^{(5)} |L|^4 L^2.$

Microscopic Cascading by Local-Field Effects

 $\chi^{(5)} = N \chi^{(5)}_{at} |L|^4 L^2$

 $+\frac{24\pi}{10}N^{2}(\gamma_{at}^{(3)})^{2}|L|^{4}L^{3}+\frac{12\pi}{10}N^{2}|\gamma_{at}^{(3)}|^{2}|L|^{6}L.$

"direct" contribution from fifth-order hyperpolarizability $\gamma_{at}^{(5)}$

"microscopic cascaded" contributions from third-order hyperpolarizability $\gamma_{at}^{(3)}$

K. Dolgaleva, R. W. Boyd, J. E. Sipe, Phys. Rev. A **76**, 063806 (2007).

Experiment on Separation of Microscopic Cascaded Contribution

Changing the concentration of fullerene C_{60} in CS_{2} , we measured $\chi^{(5)}$ as a function of N.





Conclusions

- There is a microscopic cascaded contribution to $\chi^{(5)}$ induced purely by local-field effects.
- We performed an experiment to identify the microscopic cascaded contribution to $\chi^{(5)}$ and found that, under certain conditions, the value of this contribution can be larger than that of the macroscopic cascaded term.
- Microscopic cascading can induce high-order nonlinearities useful for quantum information.

Coherence and Indistinguishability in Two-Photon Interference

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What are the relevant degrees of freedom of a biphoton? What are the generic features of two-photon interference?

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Two-Photon Interference -- How to Understand?

Biphotons Are Created by Parametric Downconversion (PDC)

Length of two-photon wavepacket ~ coherence length of pump laser ~ 10 cm Coherence length of signal/idler photons ~ c/ $\Delta\omega$ ~ 100 μ m.

What Are Coherence Requirements for Two-Photon Interference ?

$$\Delta L \equiv l_1 - l_2$$

Biphoton path-length

 $\Delta L' \equiv l_1' - l_2'$

Biphoton path-asymmetry length

$$R_{\rm AB} = C \left[1 + \gamma' \left(\Delta L' \right) \gamma \left(\Delta L \right) \cos \left(k_0 \Delta L \right) \right]$$

Jha et al., PRA 77, 021801(R) (2008)

Necessary conditions for two-photon interference:

$$\Delta L < l_{\rm coh}^p \qquad l_{\rm coh}^p \sim 10 \text{ cm}$$
$$\Delta L' < l_{\rm coh} \qquad l_{\rm coh} = \frac{c}{\Delta \omega} \sim 100 \ \mu \text{m}$$

Our Experiment: Generalization of the Hong-Ou-Mandel Effect

Jha et al., PRA 77, 021801(R) (2008).

We see either a dip or a hump (depending on the value of ΔL) in both the single and coincidence count rates as we scan $\Delta L'$.

Bell Inequality for Energy-Time Entanglement Controlled by Geometric (Berry's) Phase

$$R_{\rm AB} = C[1 + \cos(\phi_s + \phi_i)]$$

Violation of CHSH Bell Inequality using dynamic phase

 $R_{AB} = C \{ 1 - \cos[k_0(x_s + x_i) + 2\beta_s + 2\beta_i] \}$

Violation of CHSH Bell Inequality using geometric (Pancharatnam, Berry) phase

Jha, Malik, Boyd, PRL 101, 180405 (2008).