

Erratum

Micromaser, inversion and measurement

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Due to an error in the numerical calculations, we have claimed that in the case of testing the final state of the outgoing atom, the steady state of the micromaser depends on the time of the measurement. This statement is incorrect. In fact, one can check that two operations: the measurement of the atom and the decay of the field in the cavity commute.

The correct result in the case of the measurement is given by the “near” curves in our Figs. 1–3.

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