

OPERATOR OF PHOTON DENSITY IN THE PHASE SPACE

O. Chumak^{1,2}, N. Sushkova²

¹Institute of Physics, Nat. Acad. of Sci. of Ukraine
(46, *Prosp. Nauky, Kyiv 03028, Ukraine;*
e-mail: chumak@iop.kiev.ua),

²Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
(2, *Skovoroda Str., Kyiv 04070, Ukraine*)

S u m m a r y

The possibility to describe the evolution of an electromagnetic field by means of the photon distribution function in the phase space (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q} -space) is studied. This function defined by analogy with the coarse-grained Mandel operator of photon density in the configuration space is used to characterize the local density of photons with a given momentum. Approximate eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of the distribution function, corresponding to one-photon localized states of the electromagnetic field, are obtained. It is shown that the photon transport is governed by the Newton mechanics if the “external force” acting on photons is a slowly varying function of spatial variables. It is shown that the distribution function at any time can be expressed via the initial distribution and photon’s trajectories.