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Summary points

- Spontaneous emission; absorption and stimulated emission (N+1); scattering
- Multiphoton processes (nonlinear optics)
- Radiative corrections
- Photon exchange

Discussion points

- Electric field "per photon" and absorption cross-section
- $\langle E \rangle$ and spontaneous emission
- Laser cooling orders of magnitude
- Doppler-free versus Doppler broadened absorption in Hydrogen
- Photon statistics and two-photon absorption
- Van der Waals/Casimir, virtual transitions versus dipole fluctuations