

Chapter 12

Absorption and Emission of Radiation: Time Dependent Perturbation Theory Treatment

Want Hamiltonian for Charged Particle in E & M Field
Need the potential U .

Force on Charged Particle:

$$\vec{F} = e \left[\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{V} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

Force (generalized form in Lagrangian mechanics)

j^{th} component:

$$F_j = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial q_j} + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right)$$

U is the potential
 q_j are coordinates

Example:

$$F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{V}_x} \right)$$

since:

$$V_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}$$

Use the two equations for F to find U ,
the potential of a charged particle in an E & M field

Once we have U , we can write:

$$\underline{H} = \underline{H}^0 + \underline{H}'$$

Where \underline{H}' is the time dependent perturbation

Use time dependent perturbation theory.

Using the Standard Definitions from Maxwell's Eqs.

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$\vec{A} \equiv$ vector potential

$\phi \equiv$ scalar potential

Force on Charged Particle:

$$\vec{F} = e \left[\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{V} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

Then:

$$\vec{F} = e \left[-\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \right]$$

Components of \vec{F} , F_x , etc...

$$(\nabla \phi)_x = \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

$$\left(\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \right)_x = V_y \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) - V_z \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

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Adding and Subtracting $V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x}$

$$(\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_x = V_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + V_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} + V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} - V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} - V_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - V_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z}$$

Total time derivative of A_x is

$$\frac{d A_x}{d t} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} + \left(V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + V_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} + V_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right)$$

Due to explicit variation of A_x with time.

**Due to motion of particle -
Changing position at which A_x is evaluated.**

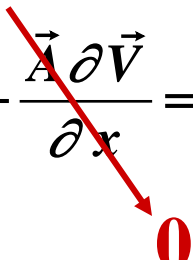
Then:

$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} - \frac{dA_x}{dt} = -V_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - V_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x}$$

Using this

$$\left(\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}\right)_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}) - \frac{dA_x}{dt} + \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t}$$

Since:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}) = \vec{V} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} + \vec{A} \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} = V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + V_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + V_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}$$


Substituting these pieces into equation for F_x

$$F_x = e \left[-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_x \right]$$

← cancels

$$(\vec{V} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}) - \frac{dA_x}{dt} + \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t}$$

Then $F_x = e \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\phi - \frac{1}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V} \right) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{dA_x}{dt} \right]$

$$A_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V})$$

← substitute

because $\frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} (A_x V_x + A_y V_y + A_z V_z)$

$$= A_x \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial V_x} + V_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial V_x} + A_y \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial V_x} + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + \dots$$

**A not function of V &
 V_y V_z independent of V_x**

Therefore

$$F_x = e \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\phi - \frac{1}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V} \right) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}) \right) \right]$$

$$F_x = \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(e\phi - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V} \right) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} \left(e\phi - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right) \right]$$

Since ϕ is independent of V , can add in.

Goes away when taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial V_x}$

The general definition of F_x is:

$$F_x = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} U + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} U \right) \quad U \rightarrow \text{potential}$$

Therefore:

$$U = e\phi - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}$$

Lagrangian:

$$L = T - U$$

$T \equiv$ Kinetic Energy

For charged particle in E&M Field:

$$L = T - e\phi + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

The i^{th} component of the momentum is give by

$$P_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

where:

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{dq_i}{dt} = V_i$$

$$\dot{q}_x = \dot{x} = V_x$$

Therefore,

$$P_x = m\dot{x} + \frac{e}{c} A_x$$

The classical Hamiltonian:

$$H = P_x \dot{x} + P_y \dot{y} + P_z \dot{z} - L$$

$$(P_x = m\dot{x} + \frac{e}{c}A_x, \text{ etc.})$$

$$L = T - e\phi + \frac{e}{c}\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

Therefore

$$H = \left(m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{e}{c}A_x\dot{x} \right) + \left(m\dot{y}^2 + \frac{e}{c}\dot{y}A_y \right) + \left(m\dot{z}^2 + \frac{e}{c}\dot{z}A_z \right) - \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{e}{c}(\dot{x}A_x + \dot{y}A_y + \dot{z}A_z) + e\phi$$

This yields:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + e\phi$$

Want H in terms of momentum P_x, P_y, P_z

since we know how to go from classical momentum to QM operators.

Multiply by m/m

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left((m\dot{x})^2 + (m\dot{y})^2 + (m\dot{z})^2 \right) + e\phi$$

Using:

$$P_i = m\dot{q}_i + \frac{e}{c} A_i \quad \text{then} \quad m\dot{q}_i = P_i - \frac{e}{c} A_i$$

Classical Hamiltonian for a charged particle in any combination of electric and magnetic fields is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left[\left(p_x - \frac{e}{c} A_x \right)^2 + \left(p_y - \frac{e}{c} A_y \right)^2 + \left(p_z - \frac{e}{c} A_z \right)^2 \right] + e\phi$$

QM Hamiltonian

Make substitution: $p_x \Rightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

Then the term:

$$\left(p_x - \frac{e}{c} A_x \right)^2 \Rightarrow -\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{e^2}{c^2} |A_x|^2 + i \frac{\hbar e}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x + i \frac{\hbar e}{c} A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

The operator operates on a function, ψ .
Using the product rule:

$$i \frac{\hbar e}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x \psi(x) = i \frac{\hbar e}{c} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} \psi(x) + i \frac{\hbar e}{c} A_x \frac{\partial \psi(x)}{\partial x}$$

**Same. Pick up
factor of two**



$$\left(p_x - \frac{e}{c} A_x \right)^2 \Rightarrow -\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{e^2}{c^2} |A_x|^2 + i \frac{\hbar e}{c} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + 2i \frac{\hbar e}{c} A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

The total QM Hamiltonian in three dimensions is:

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \left(-\hbar^2 \nabla^2 + \frac{e^2}{c^2} |\vec{A}|^2 + \frac{i\hbar e}{c} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + 2 \frac{i\hbar e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) + e\phi$$

This is general for a charged particle in any combination of electric and magnetic fields

For light → E & M Field

$$\phi = 0 \quad (\text{no scalar potential})$$

And since

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\text{Lorentz Gauge Condition})$$

Then:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Weak field approximation: $|\vec{A}|^2$ is negligible

Therefore, for a weak light source

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \left(-\hbar^2 \nabla^2 + \frac{2i\hbar e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right)$$

↙ kinetic energy of particle

For many particles interacting through a potential V ,
add potential term to Hamiltonian.

Combine potential energy term with kinetic energy term to get normal many particle Hamiltonian for an atom or molecule.

$$\underline{H}^0 = -\sum_j \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_j} \nabla_j^2 + V \quad \text{Time independent}$$

The remaining piece is time dependent portion due to light.

$$\underline{H}' = \sum_j \frac{e}{m_j c} i \hbar \vec{A}_j \cdot \vec{\nabla}_j$$

The total Hamiltonian is

$$\underline{H} = \underline{H}^0 + \underline{H}'$$

Use $\underline{H}^0 + \underline{H}'$ in time dependent perturbation calculation.

E & M Field → Plane wave propagating in z direction (x-polarized light)

unit vectors $\vec{i} \Rightarrow x$

$\vec{j} \Rightarrow y$

$\vec{k} \Rightarrow z$

$$\vec{A} = \vec{i}A_x \quad \text{with} \quad A_x = A_x^0 \cos \left[2\pi\nu \left(t - \frac{z}{c} \right) \right]$$

vector potential

To see this is E & M plane wave, use Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} = \vec{i} \frac{2\pi\nu}{c} A_x^0 \sin 2\pi\nu \left(t - \frac{z}{c} \right)$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{j} \frac{2\pi\nu}{c} A_x^0 \sin 2\pi\nu \left(t - \frac{z}{c} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Equal amplitude \vec{B} and \vec{E} fields,
perpendicular to each other,
propagating along z.

To use time dependent perturbation theory we need:

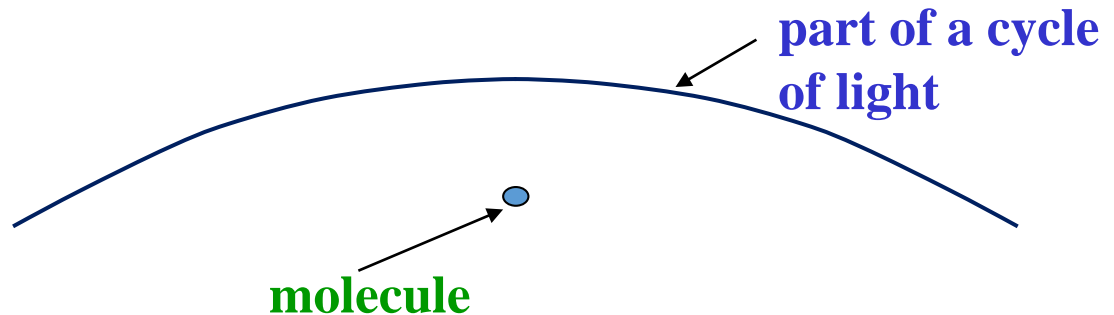
$$\langle \Psi_m^0 | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_m^0 | - \sum_j \frac{e}{m_j c} \underline{A}_{xj} \underline{P}_{xj} | \Psi_n^0 \rangle$$

Dipole Approximation:

Most cases of interest, wavelength of light much larger than size of atom or molecule

$$\lambda > 2 \times 10^3 \text{ \AA} = 200 \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{atom, molecule} \approx 1 - 10 \text{ \AA}$$



Take A_x constant spatially \rightarrow two particles in different parts of molecule will experience the same A_x at given instant of time.

Dipole Approximation:

Pull A_x out of bracket since it is constant spatially

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_m^0 | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0 \rangle &= -\frac{e}{c} A_x \sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} \langle \Psi_m^0 | \underline{P}_{xj} | \Psi_n^0 \rangle \\ &= i \frac{e\hbar}{c} A_x \sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} \langle \Psi_m^0 | \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} | \Psi_n^0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ doesn't operate on time dependent part of ket, pull time dependent phase factors out of bracket.

$$\langle \Psi_m^0(q,t) | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0(q,t) \rangle = i \frac{e\hbar}{c} A_x e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} \sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} \langle \psi_m^0(q) | \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} | \psi_n^0(q) \rangle$$

Need to evaluate $\langle \psi_m^0 | \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} | \psi_n^0 \rangle$

Can express in terms of x_j rather than $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$

First for one particle ψ 's can write following equations:

$$(1) \quad \frac{d^2 \psi_m^{0*}}{d x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E_m - V(x)] \psi_m^{0*} = 0$$

**complex conjugate of
Schrödinger equation**

$$(2) \quad \frac{d^2 \psi_n^0}{d x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E_n - V(x)] \psi_n^0 = 0$$

Left multiply (1) by $x\psi_n^0$

Left multiply (2) by $x\psi_m^{0*}$

$$(1) \quad x\psi_n^0 \frac{d^2 \psi_m^{0*}}{d x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} x\psi_n^0 \psi_m^{0*} E_m - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(x) x\psi_n^0 \psi_m^{0*} = 0$$

$$(2) \quad x\psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2 \psi_n^0}{d x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} x\psi_m^{0*} \psi_n^0 E_n - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(x) x\psi_m^{0*} \psi_n^0 = 0$$

Subtract

$$x\psi_n^0 \frac{d^2 \psi_m^{0*}}{d x^2} - x\psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2 \psi_n^0}{d x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \psi_m^{0*} x\psi_n^0 (E_m - E_n) = 0$$

$$x\psi_n^0 \frac{d^2\psi_m^{0*}}{dx^2} - x\psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2\psi_n^0}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \psi_m^{0*} x\psi_n^0 (E_m - E_n) = 0$$

Transpose

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E_n - E_m) \psi_m^{0*} x\psi_n^0 = x\psi_n^0 \frac{d^2\psi_m^{0*}}{dx^2} - x\psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2\psi_n^0}{dx^2}$$

Integrate

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E_n - E_m) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m^{0*} x\psi_n^0 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(x\psi_n^0 \frac{d^2\psi_m^{0*}}{dx^2} - x\psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2\psi_n^0}{dx^2} \right) dx$$

This is what we want. $\langle \psi_m^0 | x | \psi_n^0 \rangle$

Need to show that it is equal to $\langle \psi_m^0 | \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} | \psi_n^0 \rangle$

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E_n - E_m) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m^{0*} x \psi_n^0 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(x \psi_n^0 \frac{d^2 \psi_m^{0*}}{dx^2} - x \psi_m^{0*} \frac{d^2 \psi_n^0}{dx^2} \right) dx$$

Integrate right hand side by parts:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = x \psi_n^0 \\ dv = \frac{d^2 \psi_m^{0*}}{dx^2} dx \end{array} \right. \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u dv = uv \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v du \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}} \right\} \quad \text{and collecting terms}$$

Because wavefunctions vanish at infinity, this is 0, so we have:

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{d}{dx} (x \psi_n^0) \frac{d \psi_m^{0*}}{dx} + \frac{d}{dx} (x \psi_m^{0*}) \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} \right] dx$$

using product rule

$$= -\psi_n^0 \frac{d \psi_m^{0*}}{dx} - x \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} \frac{d \psi_m^{0*}}{dx} + \psi_m^{0*} \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} + x \frac{d \psi_m^{0*}}{dx} \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} \quad \text{2nd and 4th terms cancel}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\psi_n^0 \frac{d \psi_m^{0*}}{dx} + \psi_m^{0*} \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} \right) dx = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m^{0*} \frac{d \psi_n^0}{dx} dx$$

Integrating this by parts → equals second term

Therefore, finally, we have:

$$\langle \psi_m^0 | \frac{d}{dx} | \psi_n^0 \rangle = -\frac{m}{\hbar^2} (E_m - E_n) \langle \psi_m^0 | \underline{x} | \psi_n^0 \rangle$$

This can be generalized to more than one particle by summing over x_j .

Substituting into

$$\langle \Psi_m^0(q,t) | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0(q,t) \rangle = i \frac{e \hbar}{c} A_x e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} \sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} \langle \psi_m^0(q) | \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} | \psi_n^0(q) \rangle$$

gives

$$\langle \Psi_m^0(q,t) | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0(q,t) \rangle = -i \frac{1}{c \hbar} A_x (E_m - E_n) x_{mn} e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar}$$

with:

$$x_{mn} = \langle \psi_m^0 | e \sum_j \underline{x}_j | \psi_n^0 \rangle$$

Operator – (charge × length) - dipole

x-component of "transition dipole."

Absorption & Emission Transition Probabilities

$$\frac{dC_m}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n C_n \langle \Psi_m^0(\mathbf{q}, t) | \underline{H}' | \Psi_n^0(\mathbf{q}, t) \rangle$$

Equations of motion
of coefficients

Time Dependent Perturbation Theory:

Take system to be in state $|\Psi_n^0(\mathbf{q}, t)\rangle$ at $t = 0$

$$C_n = 1 \quad C_{m \neq n} = 0$$

Short time $\rightarrow C_{m \neq n} \approx 0$

Using result for E&M plane wave:

$$\frac{dC_m}{dt} = -\frac{1}{c\hbar^2} A_x (E_m - E_n) x_{mn} e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar}$$

No longer coupled equations.

$$x_{mn} = \langle \Psi_m^0 | e \sum_j \underline{x}_j | \Psi_n^0 \rangle$$

Transition dipole bracket.

For light of frequency ν :

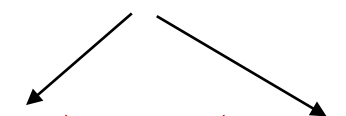
$$A_x = A_x^0 \cos(2\pi\nu t)$$

vector potential

$$= \frac{1}{2} A_x^0 \left(e^{i2\pi\nu t} + e^{-i2\pi\nu t} \right)$$

Therefore:

note sign difference

$$\frac{dC_m}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2c\hbar^2} A_x^0 x_{mn} (E_m - E_n) \left(e^{i(E_m - E_n + h\nu)t/\hbar} + e^{i(E_m - E_n - h\nu)t/\hbar} \right)$$


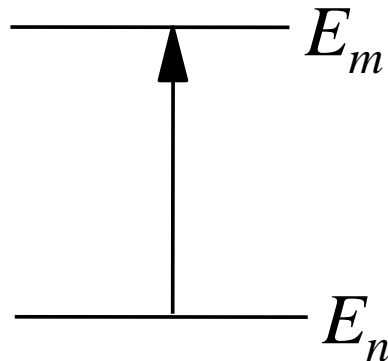
Multiplying through by dt , integrating and choosing constant of integration such that $C_m = 0$ at $t = 0$

note sign differences

$$C_m = \frac{i}{2c\hbar} A_x^0 x_{mn} (E_m - E_n) \left[\frac{e^{i(E_m - E_n + h\nu)t/\hbar} - 1}{(E_m - E_n + h\nu)} + \frac{e^{i(E_m - E_n - h\nu)t/\hbar} - 1}{(E_m - E_n - h\nu)} \right]$$

Rotating Wave Approximation

Consider Absorption $E_m > E_n$



This term large, keep.
Drop first term.

$(E_m - E_n - h\nu) \rightarrow 0$ as $h\nu \rightarrow (E_m - E_n) \Rightarrow$ denominator goes to 0

For Absorption – Second Term Large \rightarrow Drop First Term

Then,

Probability of finding system in $|\Psi_m^0\rangle$ as a function of frequency, $\nu \rightarrow C_m^* C_m$

Using the trig identities:

$$(e^{ix} - 1)(e^{-ix} - 1) = 2(1 - \cos x) = 4\sin^2 x / 2$$

Get:

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{1}{c^2 \hbar^2} |A_x^0|^2 |x_{mn}|^2 (E_m - E_n)^2 \frac{\sin^2 \left[\frac{(E_m - E_n - h\nu)t}{2\hbar} \right]}{[(E_m - E_n - h\nu)]^2}$$

$E_m - E_n = E$ energy difference between two eigenkets of \underline{H}^0

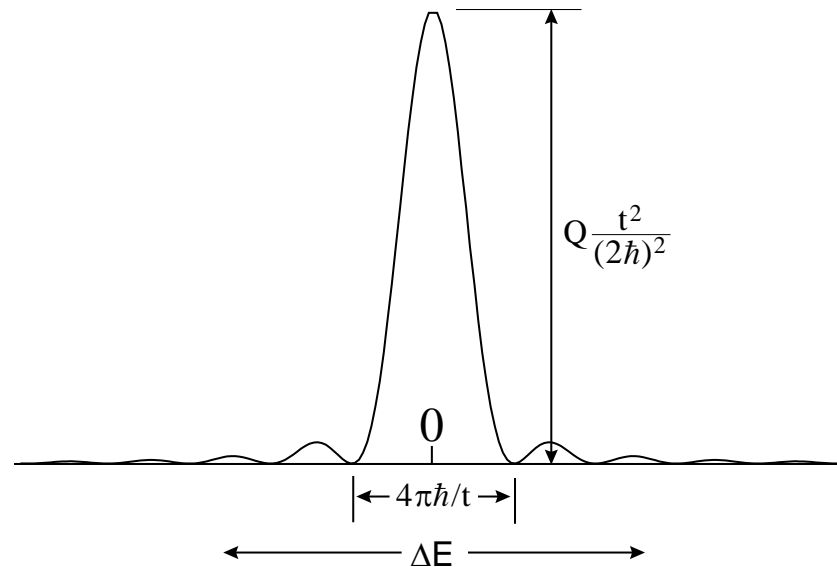
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Plot of $C_m^* C_m$ vs ΔE :

Maximum at $\Delta E=0$



$$|C_m|_{\max}^2 = Q \frac{t^2}{(2\hbar)^2}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{c^2 \hbar^2} |A_x^0|^2 |x_{mn}|^2 (E_m - E_n)^2$$

Maximum probability $\propto t^2$ – square of time light is applied.

Probability only significant for width $\sim 4\pi\hbar/t$ 1 ps \rightarrow 67 cm^{-1}

Determined by uncertainty principle. For square pulse: $\Delta\nu\Delta t = 0.886$

1 ps \rightarrow 30 cm^{-1} from uncertainty relation

The shape is a square of zeroth order spherical Bessel function.

t increases \rightarrow Height of central lobe increases, width decreases.
Most probability in central lobe

10 ns pulse \rightarrow Width $\sim 0.03\text{cm}^{-1}$, virtually all probability

$t \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow C_m^* C_m \rightarrow$ Dirac delta function $\delta(\Delta E=0)$; $h\nu = (E_m - E_n)$

Total Probability \rightarrow Area under curve

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_m^* C_m d\Delta\nu = \frac{1}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_m^* C_m d\Delta E = \frac{Q}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(\Delta E t / 2\hbar)}{(\Delta E)^2} d\Delta E$$

$$= \frac{Q}{h} \frac{t}{2\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx \quad Q = \frac{1}{c^2 \hbar^2} |A_x^0|^2 |x_{mn}|^2 (E_m - E_n)^2$$

$$= \frac{Qt}{4\hbar^2}$$

Probability linearly proportional to time light is applied.

Since virtually all probability at $\Delta E = 0$,

evaluate $|A_x^0|^2$ (in Q) at frequency $(E_m - E_n)/\hbar = \nu_{mn}$

Therefore:

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{\pi^2 \nu_{mn}^2}{c^2 \hbar^2} |A_x^0(\nu_{mn})|^2 |x_{mn}|^2 t$$

Related to intensity of light
as shown below.

↑
transition dipole bracket

Probability increases linearly in t .

Can't let $C_m^* C_m$ get too big if time dependent perturbation theory used.

Limited by excited state lifetime.

Must use other methods for high power, “non-linear” experiments (Chapter 14).

Have result in terms of vector potential, A_x^0 .

Want in terms of intensity, I .

Poynting vector:

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

For plane wave:

$$\vec{S} = \vec{k} \frac{c}{4\pi} \frac{4\pi^2 \nu^2}{c^2} |A_x^0|^2 \sin^2 2\pi\nu(t - z/c)$$

Intensity \rightarrow time average magnitude of Poynting vector

Average \sin^2 term over t from 0 to $2\pi \rightarrow 1/2$

Therefore:

$$I_x = \frac{\pi\nu^2}{2c} |A_x^0|^2$$

and

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{2\pi}{c \hbar^2} I_x |x_{mn}|^2 t$$

**Linear in intensity.
Linear in time.**

This is the big result.

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{2\pi}{c \hbar^2} I_x |\mathbf{x}_{mn}|^2 t$$

Linear in intensity.
Linear in time.

$\mathbf{x}_{mn} = \langle m | \underline{\mathbf{x}} | n \rangle$ Transition dipole bracket for x polarized light.

Can have light with polarizations x , y , or z , i. e., I_x, I_y, I_z

Then:

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{2\pi}{c \hbar^2} \left[I_x |\mathbf{x}_{mn}|^2 + I_y |\mathbf{y}_{mn}|^2 + I_z |\mathbf{z}_{mn}|^2 \right] t$$

$\mathbf{x}_{mn}, \mathbf{y}_{mn},$ and \mathbf{z}_{mn} are the transition dipole brackets for light polarized along $x, y,$ and $z,$ respectively

Another definition of “strength” of radiation fields

radiation density:

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \overline{E^2(\nu_{mn})}$$

average

$$\overline{E^2(\nu_{mn})} = \frac{2\pi^2 \nu_{mn}^2}{c^2} |A^0(\nu_{mn})|^2$$

Then

$$|A^0(\nu_{mn})|^2 = \frac{2c^2}{\pi \nu_{mn}^2} \rho(\nu_{mn})$$

Isotropic radiation

$$|A_x^0(\nu_{mn})|^2 = |A_y^0(\nu_{mn})|^2 = |A_z^0(\nu_{mn})|^2 = \frac{1}{3} |A^0(\nu_{mn})|^2$$

For isotropic radiation

$$C_m^* C_m = \frac{2\pi}{3\hbar^2} \left\{ |x_{mn}|^2 + |y_{mn}|^2 + |z_{mn}|^2 \right\} \rho(\nu_{mn}) t$$

Einstein “*B* Coefficients” for absorption and stimulated emission

Probability of transition taking place in unit time (absorption)
for isotropic radiation

$$B_{n \rightarrow m} \rho(\nu_{mn}) = \frac{2\pi}{3\hbar^2} |\mu_{mn}|^2 \rho(\nu_{mn})$$

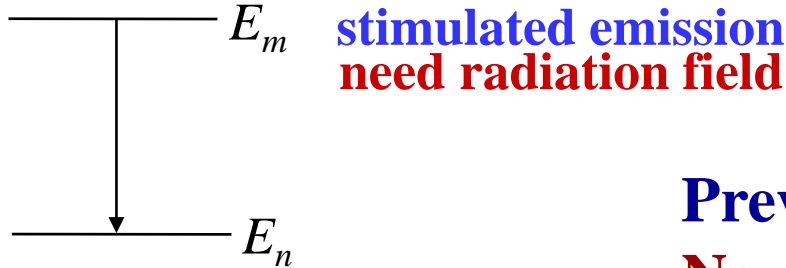
where

$$|\mu_{mn}|^2 = |x_{mn}|^2 + |y_{mn}|^2 + |z_{mn}|^2$$



transition dipole bracket

For emission (induced, stimulated) everything is the same except keep first exponential term in expression for probability amplitude.



Previously, initial state called n .
 Now initial state m , final state n .
 $E_m > E_n$.

$$C_n = \frac{i}{2c\hbar} A_x^0 x_{mn} (E_n - E_m) \left[\frac{e^{i(E_n - E_m + h\nu)t/\hbar} - 1}{(E_n - E_m + h\nu)} + \frac{e^{i(E_m - E_m - h\nu)t/\hbar} - 1}{(E_n - E_m - h\nu)} \right]$$

Rotating wave approximation. Keep this term.

$$B_{m \rightarrow n} \rho(\nu_{mn}) = B_{n \rightarrow m} \rho(\nu_{mn})$$

Einstein B coefficient for absorption equals B coefficient for stimulated emission.

Restrictions on treatment

1. Left out spontaneous emission
2. Treatment only for weak fields
3. Only for dipole transition
4. Treatment applies only for $C_m^* C_m \ll 1$
5. If transition dipole brackets all zero

$$|\mu_{mn}| = 0$$

Higher order terms lost when we took vector potential constant spatially over molecule:

Lose → Magnetic dipole transition

Electric Quadrupole

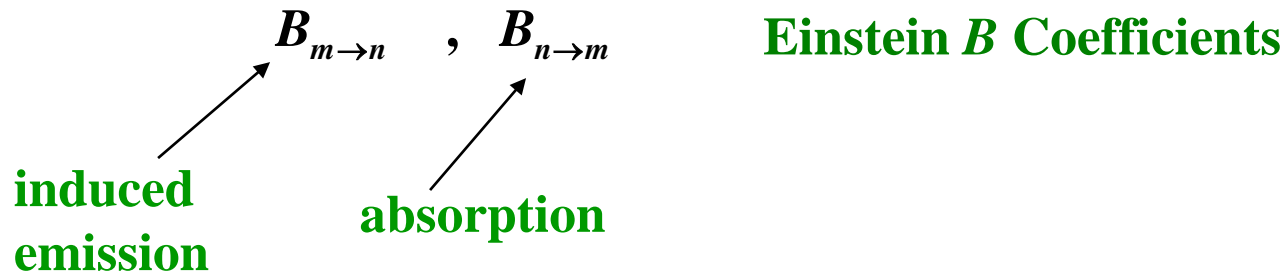
Magnetic Quadrupole

Electric Octapole

etc...

Only important if dipole term vanishes.

Einstein “A coefficient” – Spontaneous Emission



Want: $A_{m \rightarrow n}$ **spontaneous emission coefficient**

N_m = number of systems (molecules) in state of energy E_m (upper state)

N_n = number of systems (molecules) in state of energy E_n (lower state)

At temp T , Boltzmann law gives:

$$\frac{N_m}{N_n} = \frac{e^{-E_m/k_B T}}{e^{-E_n/k_B T}} = e^{-h\nu_{mn}/k_B T}$$

At equilibrium:

rate of downward transitions = rate of upward transitions

$$N_m \{ A_{m \rightarrow n} + B_{m \rightarrow n} \rho(\nu_{mn}) \} = N_n B_{n \rightarrow m} \rho(\nu_{mn})$$

spontaneous emission

stimulated emission

absorption

Using

$$\frac{N_m}{N_n} = \frac{e^{-E_m/k_B T}}{e^{-E_n/k_B T}} = e^{-h\nu_{mn}/k_B T}$$

$$e^{-h\nu_{mn}/k_B T} = \frac{B_{n \rightarrow m} \rho(\nu_{mn})}{A_{m \rightarrow n} + B_{m \rightarrow n} \rho(\nu_{mn})}$$

Solving for $\rho(\nu_{mn})$

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = \frac{A_{m \rightarrow n} e^{-h\nu_{mn}/k_B T}}{-B_{m \rightarrow n} e^{-h\nu_{mn}/k_B T} + B_{n \rightarrow m}}$$

$$B_{n \rightarrow m} = B_{m \rightarrow n}$$

Then:

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = \frac{\frac{A_{m \rightarrow n}}{B_{m \rightarrow n}}}{e^{h\nu_{mn}/k_B T} - 1}$$

Take “sample” to be black body, reasonable approximation.
Planck’s derivation (first QM problem)

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = \frac{8\pi h\nu_{mn}^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu_{mn}/k_B T} - 1}$$

Gives

$$A_{m \rightarrow n} = \frac{8\pi h\nu_{mn}^3}{c^3} B_{m \rightarrow n}$$

$$A_{m \rightarrow n} = \frac{32\pi^3 \nu_{mn}^3}{3c^3 \hbar} |\mu_{mn}|^2$$

Spontaneous emission – no light necessary,
 $I = 0$, ν^3 dependence.

Spontaneous Emission:

ν^3 dependence

No spontaneous emission - NMR

$\nu \cong 10^8$ Hz

Optical spontaneous emission

$\nu \cong 10^{15}$ Hz

Typical optical spontaneous emission time, 10 ns (10^{-8} s).

$$\left(\frac{\nu_{NMR}}{\nu_{optical}} \right)^3 = \left(\frac{10^8}{10^{15}} \right)^3 = 10^{-21}$$

NMR spontaneous emission time – 10^{13} s ($>10^5$ years).

Actually longer, magnetic dipole transition much weaker than optical electric dipole transition.

Quantum Treatment of Spontaneous Emission (Briefly)

Radiation Field → Photons

State of field $|n\rangle$ ← **same as Harmonic Oscillator kets**

Number operator

$$a^+ a |n\rangle = n |n\rangle$$

↑
number of photons in field

Absorption:

↖ $a |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle$

annihilation operator

Removes photon – probability proportional to bracket squared
 $\propto n \propto$ intensity
need photons for absorption

Emission

$$a^+ |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle$$

one more photon in field

creation operator

Probability $\propto n + 1$

when n very large $n \gg 1$, $n \propto$ Intensity

However, for

$$n = 0 \quad a^+ |0\rangle = \sqrt{1} |1\rangle$$

Still can have emission from excited state in absence of radiation field.

QM E -field operator:

$$\underline{E}_{\vec{k}} = i(\hbar\omega_{\vec{k}}/2\varepsilon_0 V)^{1/2} \underline{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}} \left\{ \underline{a}_{\vec{k}} \exp(-i\omega_{\vec{k}}t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}) - \underline{a}_{\vec{k}}^+ \exp(i\omega_{\vec{k}}t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}) \right\}$$

Even when no photons, E -field not zero. Vacuum state. All frequencies have E -fields. “Fluctuations of vacuum state.”

Fourier component at $\Delta E = \hbar\omega$ induces spontaneous emission.