

PH 585

Lecture # 20

(1)

Interaction of many-electron atoms with EM fields

Need to solve $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(X,t)}{\partial t} = H(t) \Psi(X,t)$

$X = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N)$ ← N electrons

$$H(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + V}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\frac{e}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{A}(\vec{r}_i, t) \cdot \vec{p}_i + \frac{e^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{A}(\vec{r}_i, t)^2}_{H_{int}} - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i} + \sum_{i < j=1}^N \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}}$$

all steps same as for hydrogenic atoms

transition rate for absorption $\rightarrow W_{ba} = \frac{4\pi^2}{m^2 c} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{I(\omega_{ba})}{\omega_{ba}^2} |M_{ba}(\omega_{ba})|^2$

$$M_{ba} = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \Psi_b | e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}_i} | \Psi_a \rangle$$

Electric dipole approximation:

$$M_{ba}^D = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{E} \cdot \langle \Psi_b | \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}_i} | \Psi_a \rangle =$$

$$= -\frac{m\omega_{ba}}{\hbar} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{\epsilon} \cdot \underbrace{(\vec{r}_i)_{ba}}_{\langle \psi_b | \vec{r}_i | \psi_a \rangle} = -N \frac{m\omega_{ba}}{\hbar} \vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{r}_{ba} \quad (2)$$

since e^- are indistinguishable

$$= \frac{m\omega_{ba}}{\hbar e} \vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{D}_{ba} \Rightarrow \text{selection rules}$$

electric dipole moment operator of the atom

$$\vec{D} = -e \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{r}_i = -e\vec{R}$$

$$1) \Delta J = 0, \pm 1$$

(except for $J=0 \leftrightarrow J=0$)

$$2) \Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$$

$$3) \text{1a) \& 1b) must have opposite parity}$$

$$\vec{D}_{ba} = \langle \gamma' J' M_{J'} | \vec{D} | \gamma J M_J \rangle$$

$$\langle \gamma' J' M_{J'} | \vec{D} | \gamma J M_J \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2J+1}} \langle J \pm M_J | 1 | J M_J \rangle \langle \gamma' J' || \vec{D} || \gamma J \rangle$$

$M_{J'} = M_J + q$

$1q \Leftrightarrow L$

$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$

$|J-1| \leq J' \leq J+1$

Laporte's rule

If spin-orbit coupling is weak (L-S coupling regime) work in $|\gamma L S M_L M_S\rangle$ basis

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$$\Delta L = 0, \pm 1 \quad (\text{except } L=0 \leftrightarrow L'=0)$$

$$\Delta S = 0$$

$$\Delta M_L = 0, \pm 1$$

Oscillator strength $\Rightarrow f_{ka} = \frac{2m\omega_{ka}}{3\hbar} \left| \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{r}_i)_{ka} \right|^2$ (3)

$\sum_k f_{ka} = N$

If expand $e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}_i} = 1 + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}_i + \dots$

electric quadrupole \Rightarrow magnetic dipole

\Downarrow
between states
(a) & (b) of
same parity

Example:

Spectra of the alkalis \leftarrow Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Fr

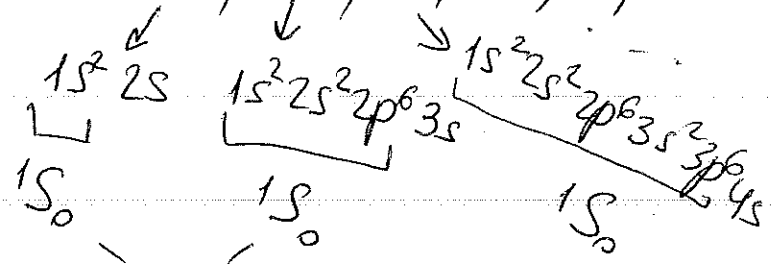
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$E_{ne} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{Z^2}{[N - \alpha(r)]^2}$

$Z = Z - N + 1$
 \uparrow
net charge
of the nucleus
and core electron

\uparrow
quantum
defect
($\alpha(r) \downarrow$ as $l \uparrow$)

spherically symmetric
core + 1 s-electron
moving in central
effective potential $V(r)$



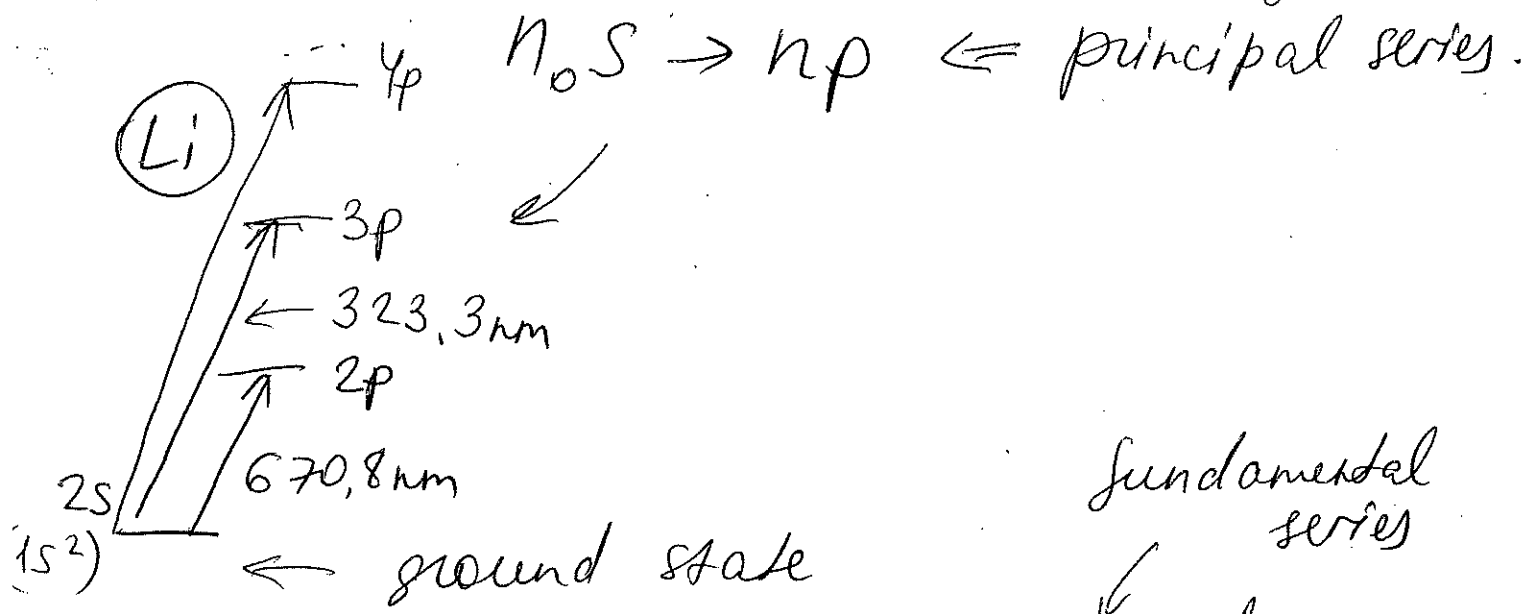
\Rightarrow neutral atoms: $Z = 1$

Rydberg const

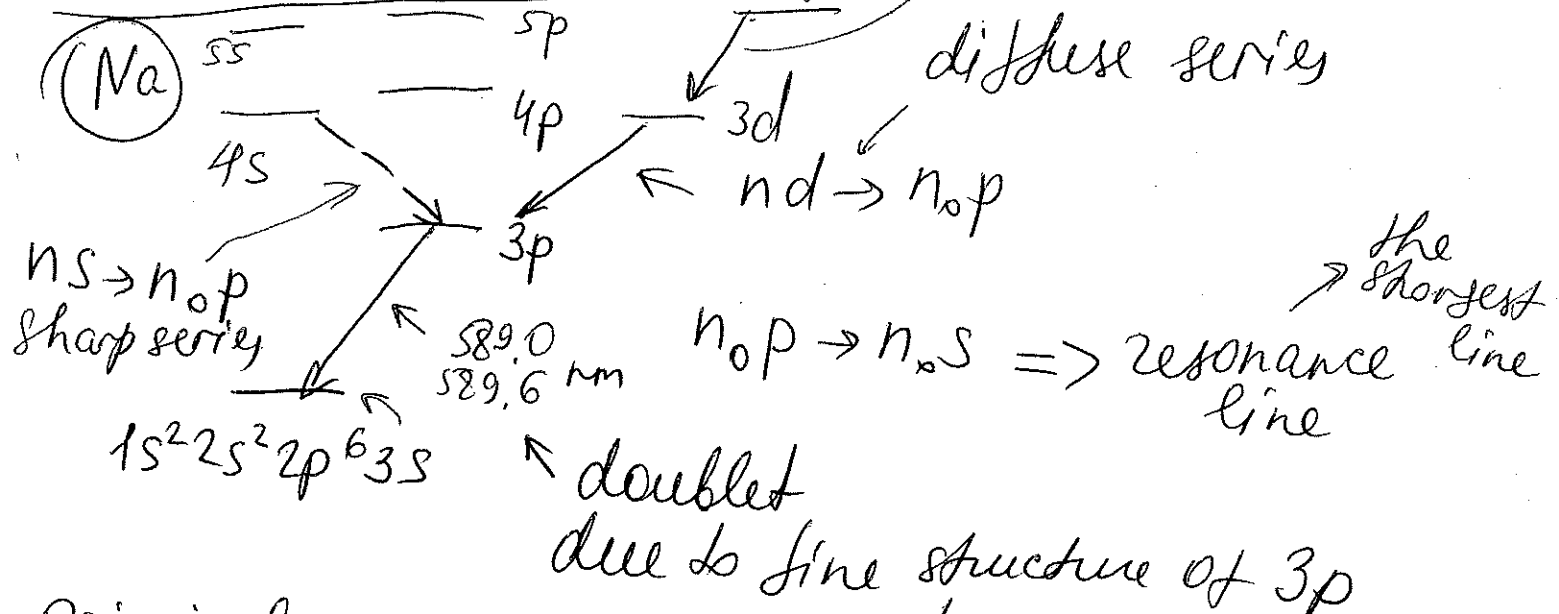
Absorption spectra $\Rightarrow \nu = R \left[\frac{1}{n_{ns}^2} - \frac{1}{n_{np}^2} \right]$

$n_0 = \frac{2}{3}$ for Li \Leftarrow ground state of valence e^-
 $n_0 = \frac{3}{3}$ for Na

Excited states: valence $e^- \Rightarrow$ transition to (4) higher states.



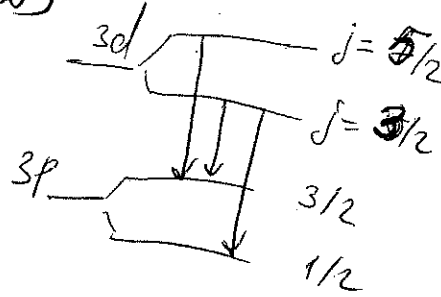
Emission spectra



Principal s sharp \Rightarrow doublets

diffuse & fundamental \Rightarrow triplets

$$j = l \pm \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \Delta E = \frac{\lambda_{nes}}{2} \left[j(j+1) - l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4} \right]$$



$$\Delta j = 0, \pm 1$$