

Roadmap transitions

- **Einstein coefficients A_{21} , B_{12} and B_{21} (H2, #31)**

Foot Ch 1.7, SP 7.4, 7.5

- **Basic conditions for laser action**

- **Much more about lasers (not covered here):**

Spectrophysics Ch. 14

Wikipedia,

Atomic Physics Home page (Popular description in Swedish)

<http://www.atomic.physics.lu.se/research/>,

Lecture by Prof Anne L'Huillier (Monday 11/2)

Many elective courses given by the division

- **Lifetime and Intensity**

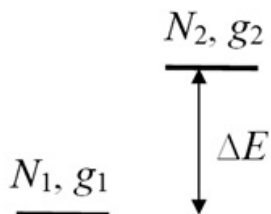
- **Selection rules**

Foot Table 5.1, SP 2.4.4

- **Relative intensities in LS multiplets**

(H2, #33) and two-electron lab

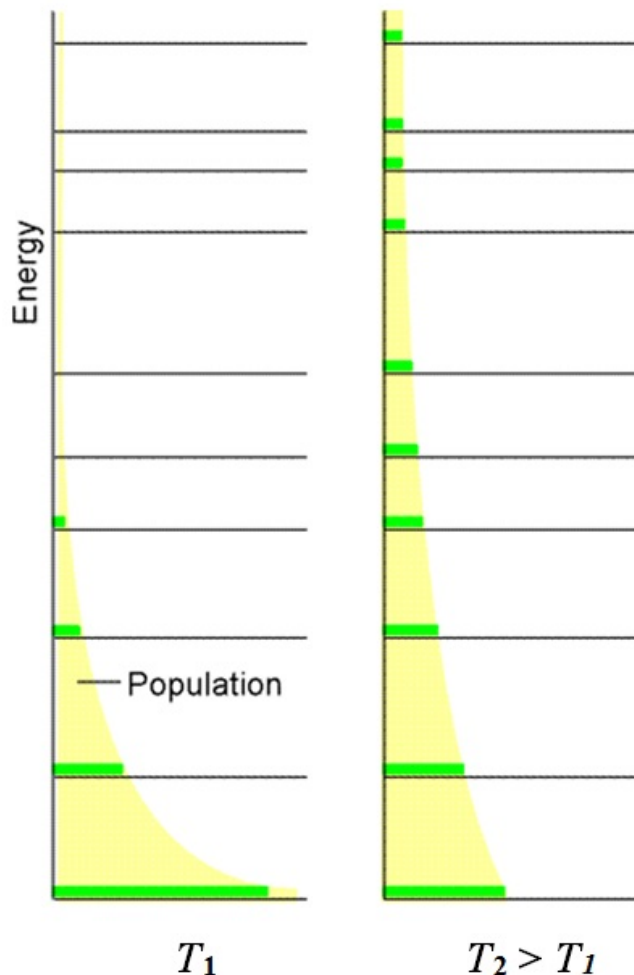
Boltzmann population distribution at thermal equilibrium



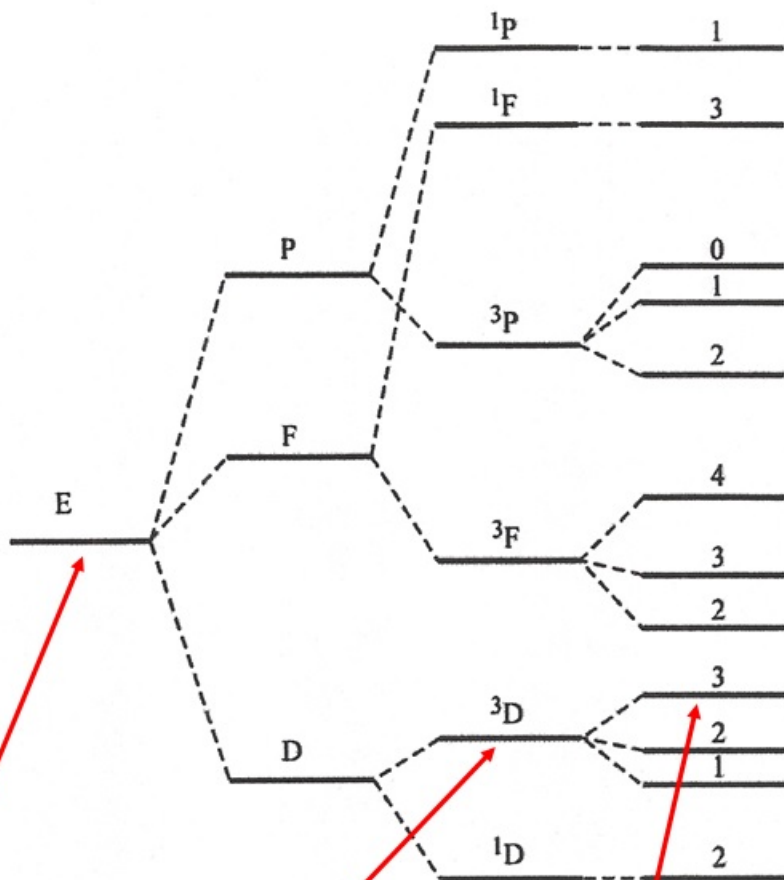
$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{g_2}{g_1} \cdot e^{-\Delta E/kT}$$

g = statistical weight

e.g. $2J + 1$ or $2F + 1$



Degeneracy – statistical weight, g , in a pd-configuration.



$$g(E) = 60,$$

$$g(^3D) = (2L + 1) \cdot (2S + 1) = 15$$

$$g(^3D_3) = 2J + 1 = 7$$

Planck's Radiation Law

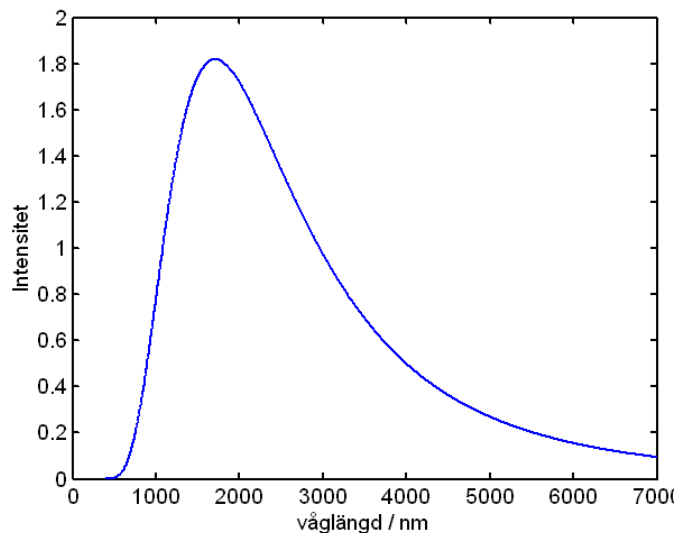
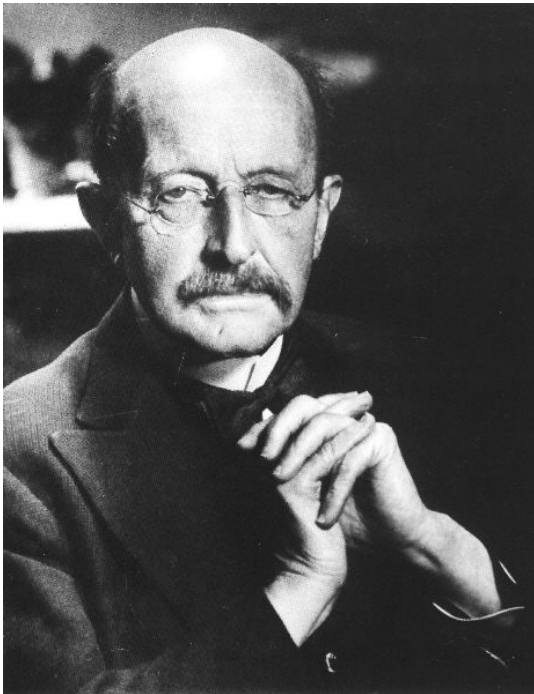
Assume that light can only be absorbed or emitted in discrete quantities (photons) where the energy depends on frequency as:

$$E = h \cdot f = h \cdot \frac{c}{\lambda}, \quad h = 6,62 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

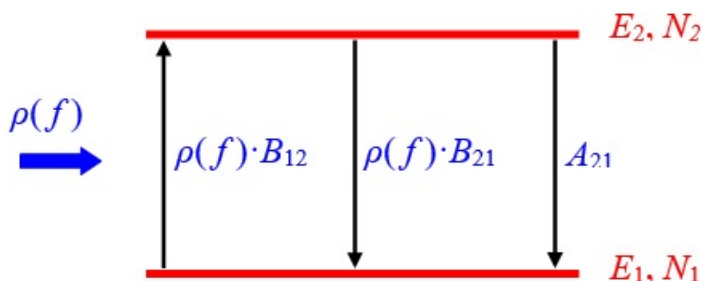
The energy density per frequency interval, ρ , is then given by:

$$\rho(f) = \frac{8\pi h f^3}{c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{hf/kT} - 1},$$

$$[\rho] = 1 \text{ J}/(\text{m}^3 \times \text{Hz}) = 1 \text{ Js}/\text{m}^3$$



Einstein coefficients



$$A_{21}N_2 + \rho B_{21}N_2 = \rho B_{12}N_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \begin{cases} g_2 B_{21} = g_1 B_{12} \\ g_2 A_{21} = \frac{8\pi h f^3}{c^3} g_1 B_{12} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Exercise 32})$$

If $g_1 = g_2$ then $\begin{cases} B_{21} = B_{12} \\ A_{21} \sim f^3 \cdot B_{21}, \sim f^3 \cdot B_{12} \end{cases}$

Consequences:

- Drive hard and *saturate* a transitions, i.e. $N_1 = N_2$
- Laser actions requires $N_2 > N_1$ i.e. an *inverted* population
- Difficult to obtain laser action at short wavelengths due to the f^3 scaling

Selection rules and metastable levels in He

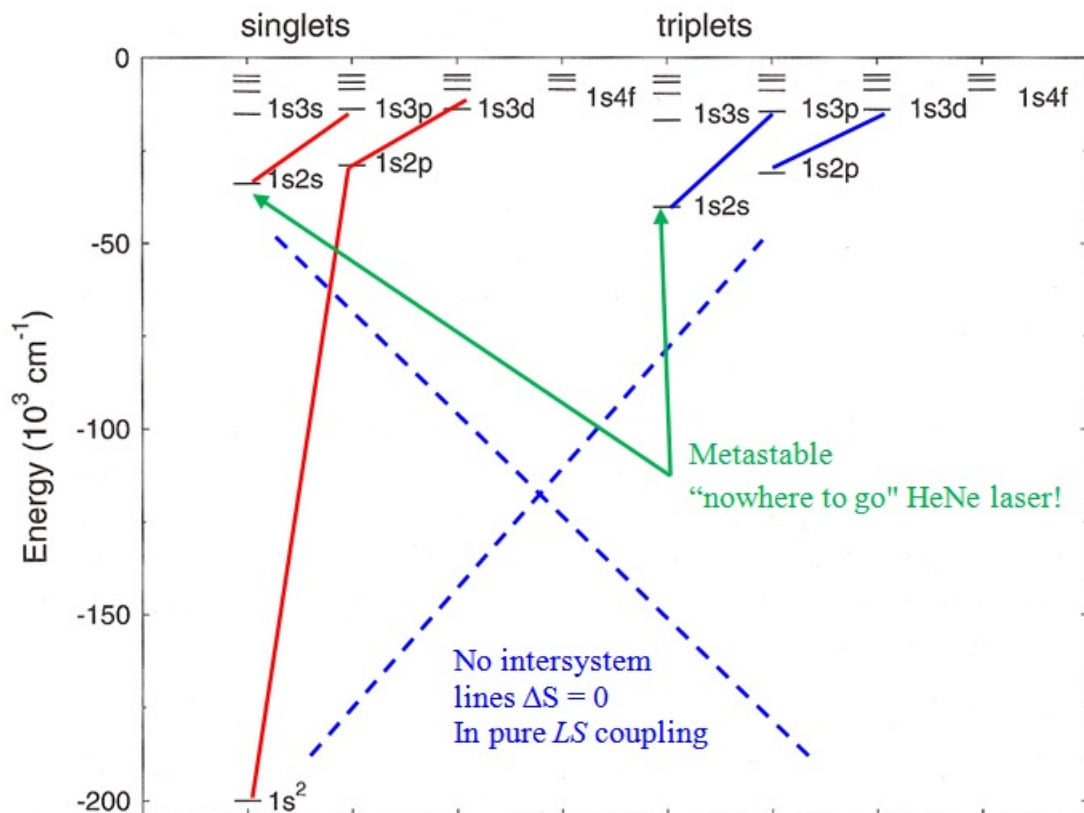


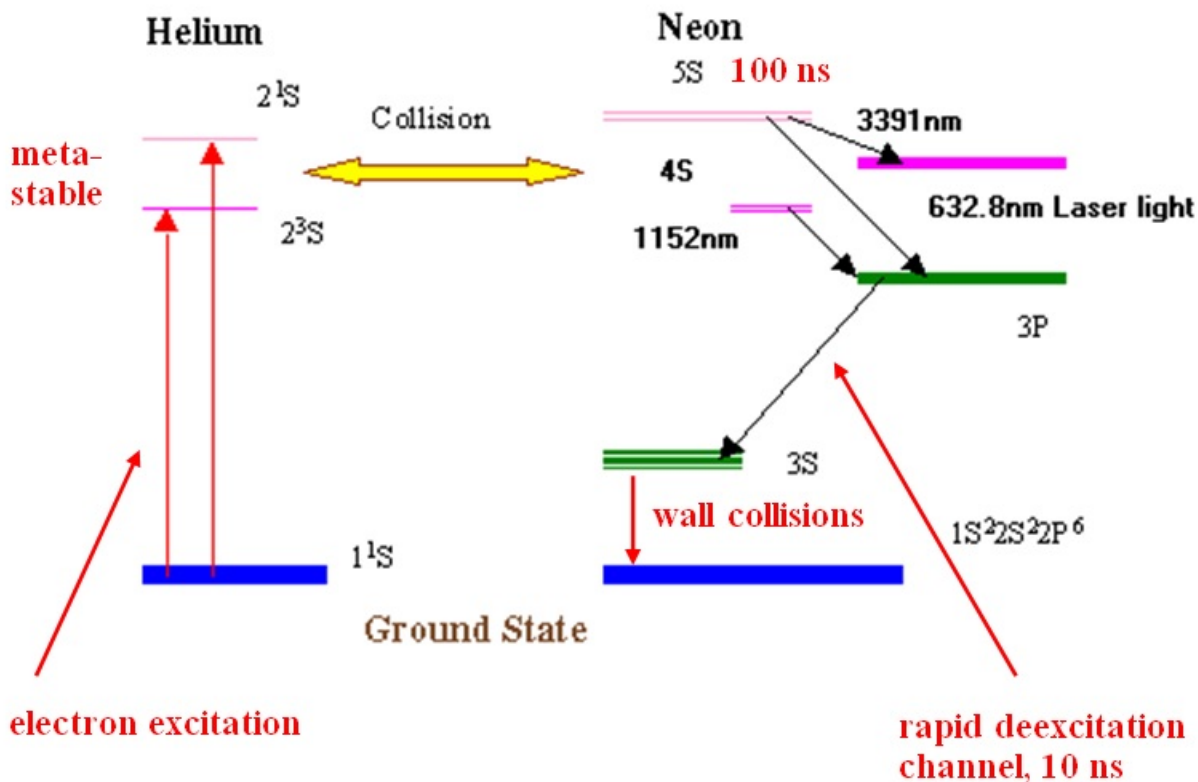
Fig. 2.9. The energy level structure of He.

Observations of so-called spin forbidden transitions, i.e. where $\Delta S \neq 0$, is one sign of intermediate coupling effects. The $1s^2 \ ^1S_0 - 1s2p \ ^3P_1$ has indeed been observed in all He-like systems.

Laser problem 1: Inverted population

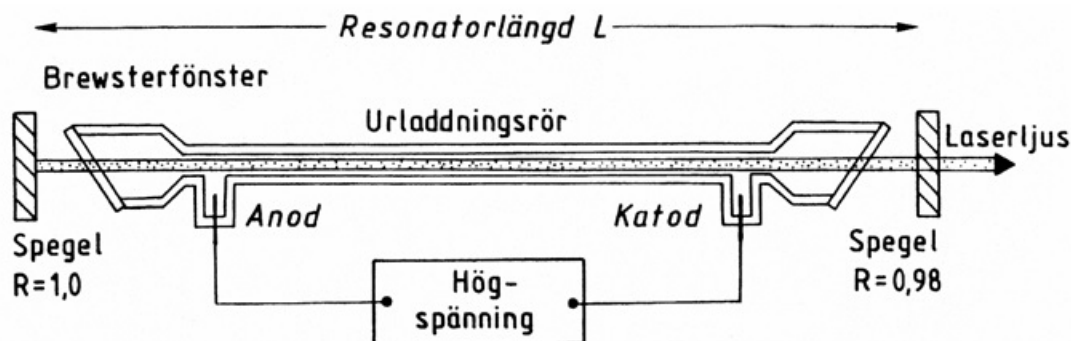
Always some "trick".

For example optical pumping or the HeNe-scheme. The latter uses a near coincidence in energy between $2s\ ^1,^3S$ in He and $4s$ and $5s$ in Ne which opens a selective collisional excitation of the latter levels in Ne, thereby obtaining an inverted population relative to lower lying levels.

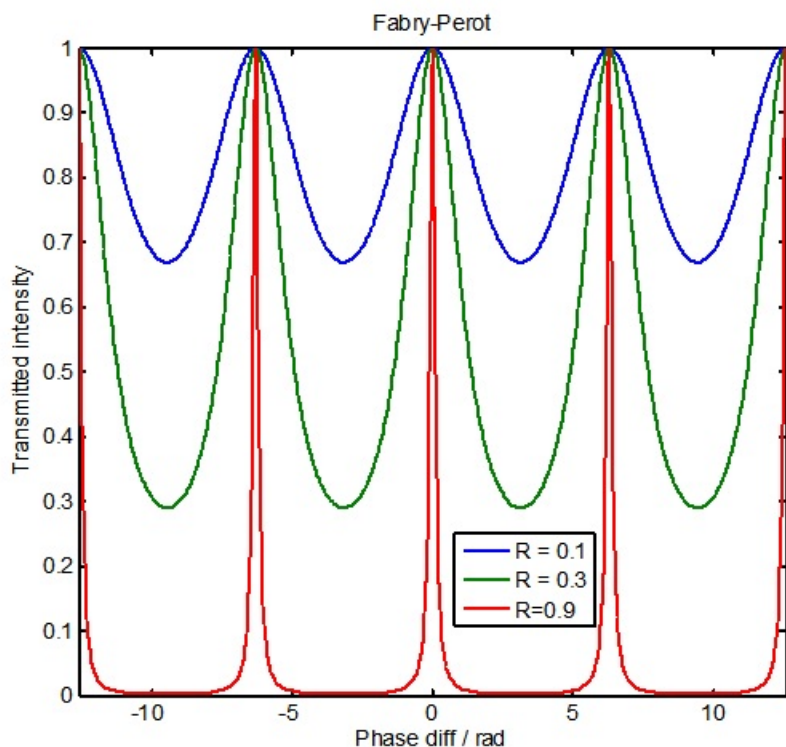


Laser problem 2: High intensity

(Fabry-Perot lecture in lab preparation)

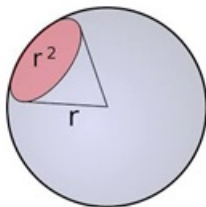
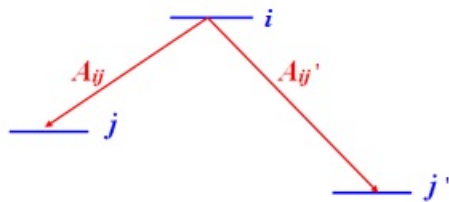


$$\Delta\sigma_{fr} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot L \cdot n},$$
$$(\Delta\delta)_{\min} = 2 \cdot \frac{1-R}{\sqrt{R}}$$



Spectral line intensity.

$$n_{ij} = A_{ij} \cdot N_i$$



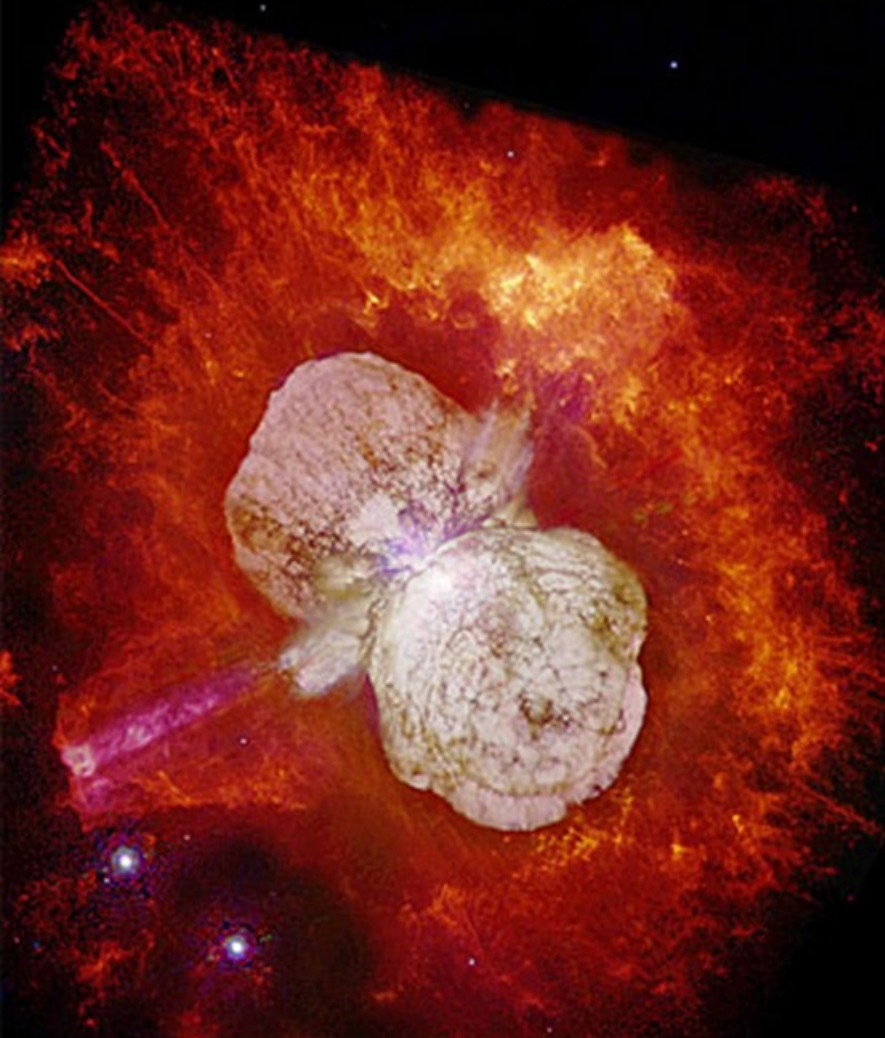
Where n_{ij} is the number of emitted photons per second in 4π steradian (full sphere).

The number of **detected** photons, the *intensity*, is then

$$I_{ij} = \varepsilon(\lambda_{ij}) \cdot A_{ij} \cdot N_i$$

where $\varepsilon(\lambda)$ takes care of the solid angle subtended by the detector and all, wavelength dependent, detector efficiencies. Here the intensity is measured in number of photons per second and unit area, meaning that the normal unit W/m^2 is obtained by multiplying by the energy hf of one photon.

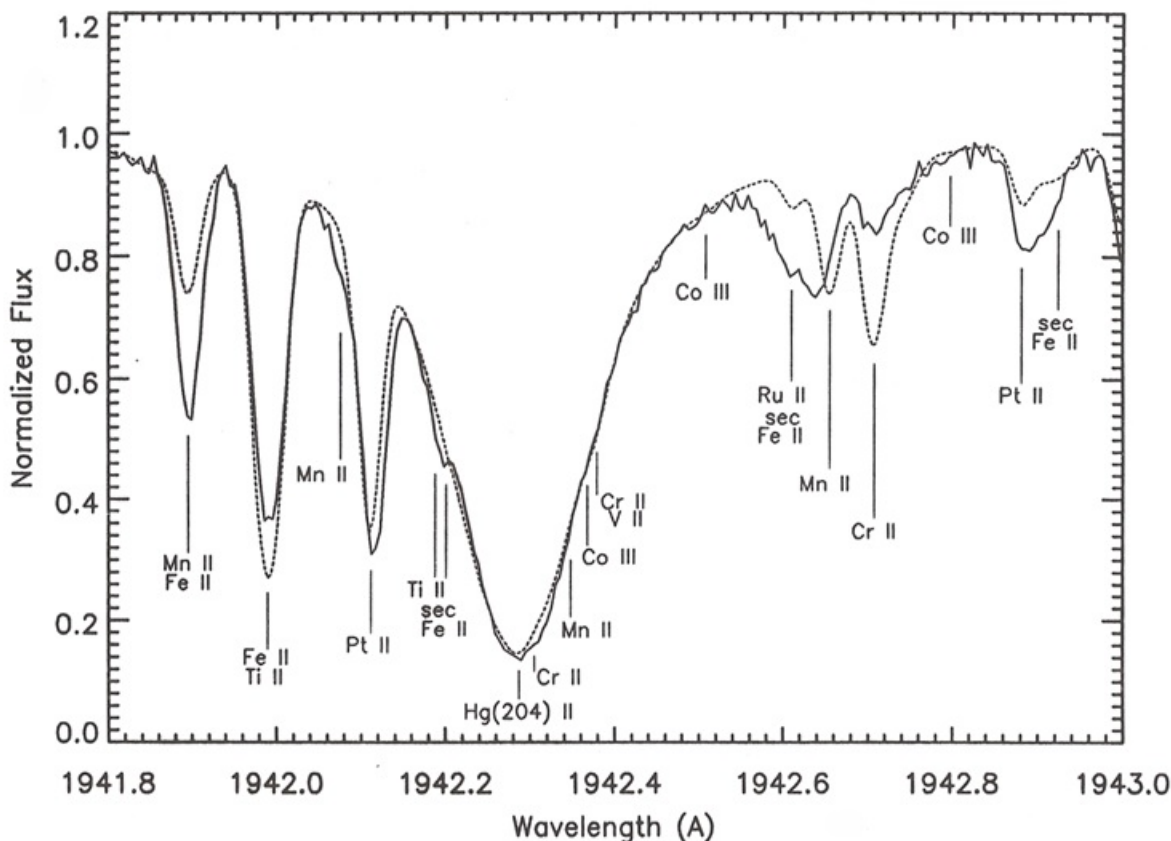
Eta Carinae



**Almost all information we have about
our surroundings comes from the
analysis of light**

Astrophysical application

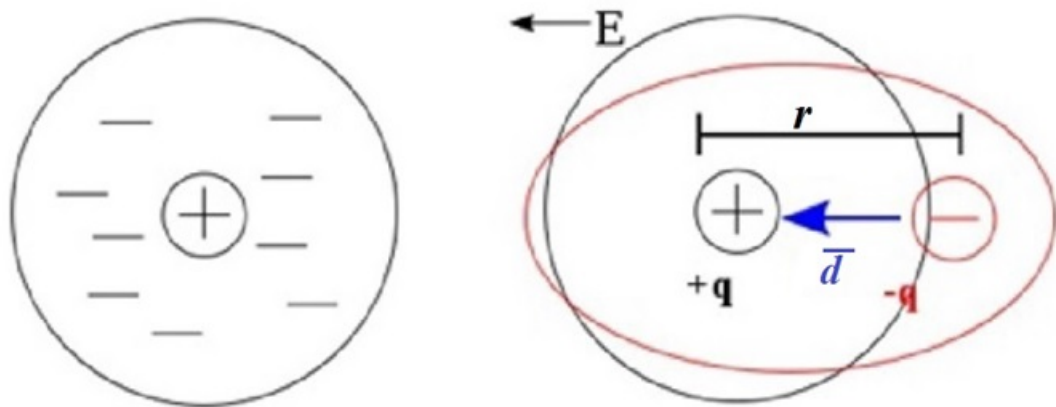
Chi Lupi is a blue giant star in the constellation Lupus, 195 light years away



Isotope anomaly of Hg in the atmosphere of χ -Lupi.
Leckrone, Wahlgren and Johansson Ap J 377, L37 (1991)

Absorption - classical.

The incoming light (electric field) induces an oscillating electric dipole moment $\vec{d} = -q \cdot \vec{E}$

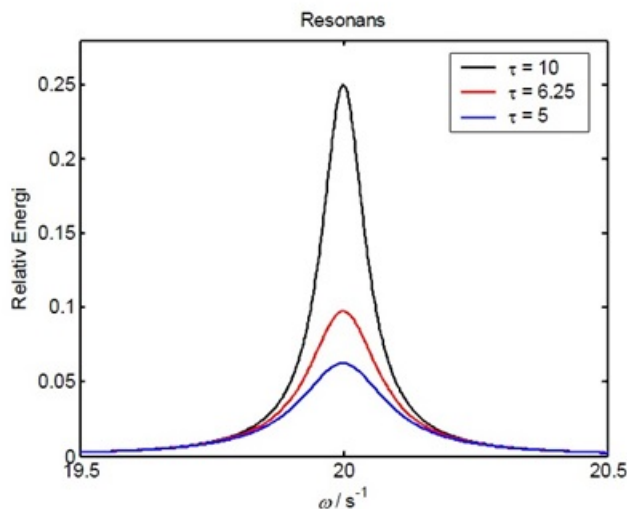


Damped and driven harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} + \frac{b}{m} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} + \omega_0^2 \cdot r = \frac{qE_0}{m} \cdot \cos \omega t$$

$$r(t) = A \cdot \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

$$A = \frac{qE_0}{\sqrt{m^2(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + b^2\omega^2}}$$



Selection rules E1 (electric dipole) transitions

$$\Delta J = 0, \pm 1 \text{ not } 0 \text{ to } 0$$

Exercise 17

Only one electron can change orbital, i.e. $n\ell$

Highly unlikely that two electrons would rearrange themselves simultaneously

$\hat{r}$ = one-electron operator

$$\Delta \ell = \pm 1$$

$\hat{r}$ has odd parity and $Y_{\ell,m}(\theta,\varphi)$ has $(-1)^\ell$

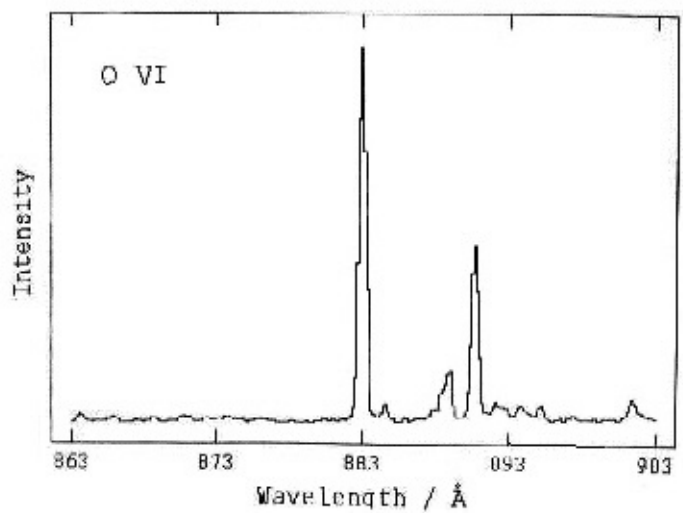
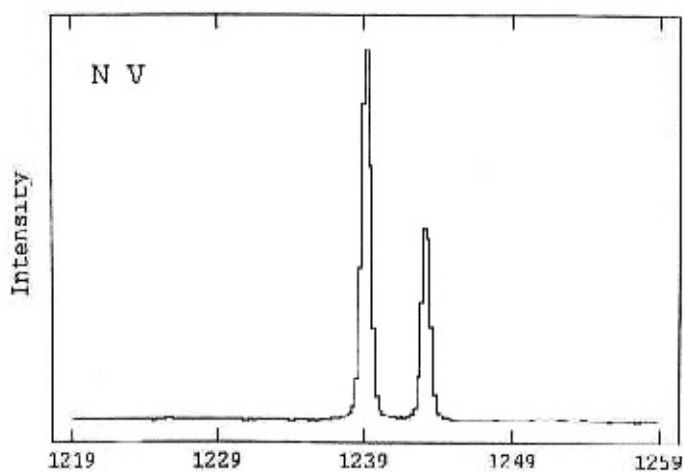
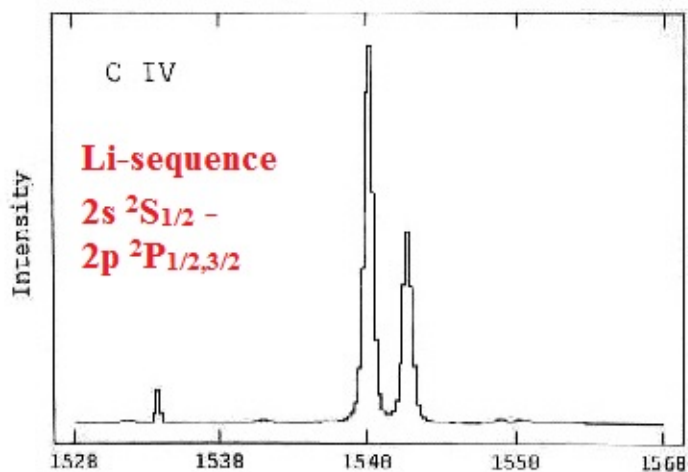
If perfect LS-coupling, i.e. real states = basis states

$$\Delta S = 0$$

$\hat{r}$ does not include spin, thus can't change it

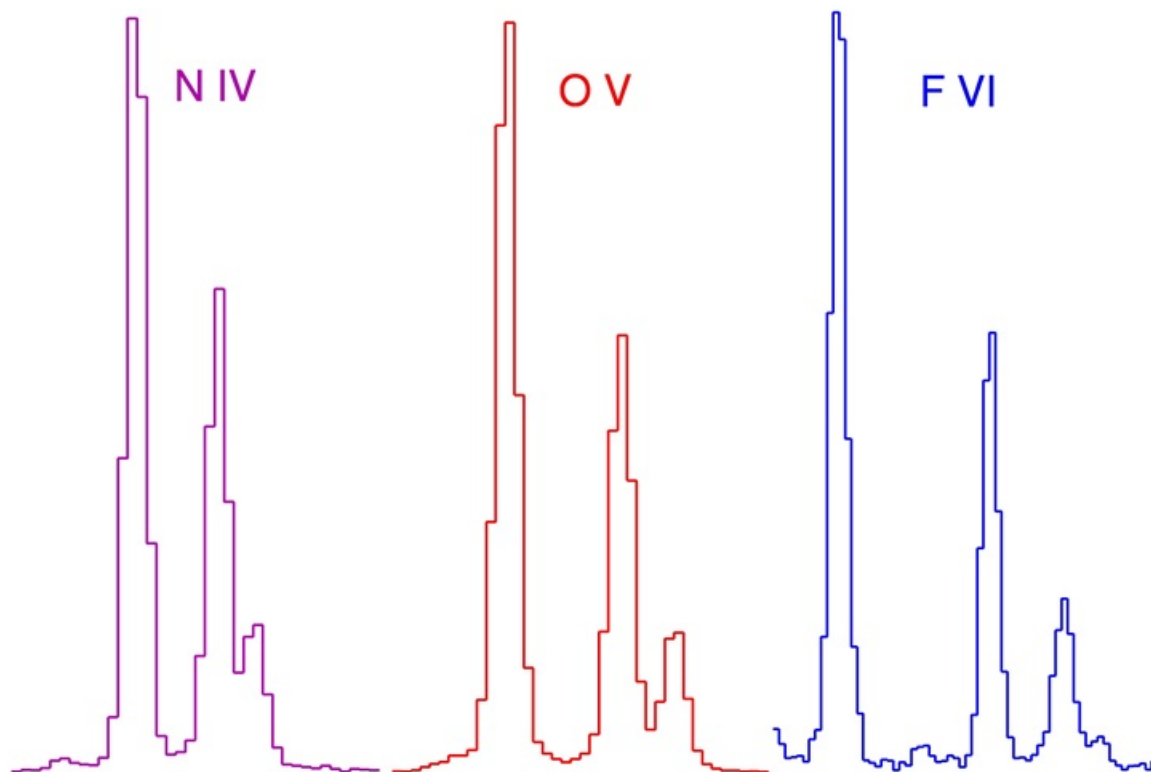
$$\Delta L = 0, \pm 1 \text{ ej } 0 \text{ till } 0$$

Follows from ΔJ and ΔS



Relative intensities in the Be-sequence

$2s3s\ ^3S_1 - 2s3p\ ^3P_{0,1,2}$ transitions



Relative intensities in some LS multiplets

The (normally) very intense “diagonal” in the multiplets is shown in red

	$^2S_{1/2}$	$^2P_{1/2}$	$^2P_{3/2}$	$^2D_{3/2}$	$^2D_{5/2}$
$^2P_{1/2}$	1	2	1	5	---
$^2P_{3/2}$	2	1	5	1	9

	$^2D_{3/2}$	$^2D_{5/2}$	$^2F_{5/2}$	$^2F_{7/2}$	$^2G_{7/2}$	$^2G_{9/2}$
$^2F_{5/2}$	14	1	20	1	27	--
$^2F_{7/2}$	--	20	1	27	1	35

	3S_1	3P_0	3P_1	3P_2	3D_1	3D_2	3D_3
3P_0	1	--	4	--	20	--	--
3P_1	3	4	3	5	15	45	--
3P_2	5	--	5	15	1	15	84

	3D_1	3D_2	3D_3
3D_1	81	27	--
3D_2	27	125	28
3D_3	--	28	224

	3D_1	3D_2	3D_3	3F_2	3F_3	3F_4	3G_3	3G_4	3G_5
3F_2	189	35	1	640	80	--	720	--	--
3F_3	--	280	35	80	847	81	63	945	--
3F_4	--	--	405	--	81	1215	1	63	1232

Relative intensities in a $^3D - ^3F$ multiplet and the LS sum rules

	3D_1	3D_2	3D_3	$\Sigma \text{ int.}$	$g_L = 2J+1$	$(\Sigma \text{ int.})/g_L$
3F_2	189	35	1	225	5	45
3F_3		280	35	315	7	45
3F_4			405	405	9	45
$\Sigma \text{ int.}$	189	315	441			
$g_U = 2J+1$	3	5	7			
$(\Sigma \text{ int.})/g_U$	63	63	63			

The sum of all intensity TO a given LOWER level is proportional the statistical weight ($2J+1$) of the level.

The constant is the same for all levels of the lower LS term.

The sum of all intensity FROM a given UPPER level is proportional the statistical weight of the level.

The constant is the same for all levels of the upper LS term

