



Lectures and Workshop on:

"ATOMIC STRUCTURE AND TRANSITIONS: THEORY AND USE OF SUPERSTRUCTURE PRO-GRAM"

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• Textbook: "Atomic Astrophysics and Spectroscopy" A.K. Pradhan & S.N. Nahar (Cambridge U Press, 2011)

• Computation: Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) '

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Study the UNIVERSE through RADIATION: Most Complete 3D Map of the universe (Created: By 2MASS - 2-Micron All Sky Survey over 3 decades)



- Includes 43,000 galaxies extended over 380 million light years y
- Redshifts, or measurements of galaxy distances, were added
- Missing black band in the middle because of invisibility behind our Milky Way

## The MILKY WAY, Our Galaxy



• Has 200-400 billion stars

Astronomical Objects: Anything beyond our earth

- How do we study them? Analyzing the light coming from them
- Light is emitted by excited or "HOT" atoms, molecules in them

The Plasma Universe PLASMA COVERS VAST REGION (99%) IN T- $\rho$  PHASE SPACE (AAS, Pradhan & Nahar, 2011)



BLR-AGN (broad-line regions in active galactic nuclei), where many spectral features are associated with the central massive black hole
Laboratory plasmas - tokamaks (magnetic confinement fusion devices), Z-pinch machines (inertial confinement fusion (ICF) devices)





Hot Dense Matter (HDM): - Sun's ρ-T track, Supernovae, Stellar Interiors, Accretion Disks, Blackhole environments
- Lab plasmas in fusion devices: inertial confinement - laser produced (NIF) & Z pinches (e.g. Sandia), magnetic confinement (tokamaks)
Warm Dense Matter (WDM): - cores of large gaseous planets

## STUDYING ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS

- 99% of known matter is plasma ASTRONOMICAL objects are studied in three ways:
- Imaging:

- Beautiful pictures of astronomical objects, Stars, Nebulae, Active Galactic Nuclei, Blackhole Environments, etc  $\rightarrow$  Provides information of size and location of the objects

• Photometry:

- Low resolution spectroscopy - Bands of Electromagnetic Colors ranging from X-ray to Radio waves  $\rightarrow$  macroscopic information

• Spectroscopy:

- Taken by spectrometer - Provides most of the detailed knowledge: temperature, density, extent, chemical composition, etc. of astronomical objects

Spectroscopy is underpinned by Atomic & Molecular Physics

### ETA CARINAE: Photometric image .



...• Consists of 2 massive bright (5M times the sun) stars, heavier one .went under a near supernova explosion

.• Explosion produced two polar lobes, and a large but thin equatorial .disk, all moving outward at 670 km/s. Mass indicates future eruptions ..• HST image shows the bipolar Homunculus Nebula surrounds it ..

### Photometry - Low resolution analysis: Supernova Remnant CASSIOPIA A



Photometric Observation: Spitzer (Infrared - red), Hubble (Visible - yellow), Chandra (X-ray - green & blue)

- Heavier elements Supernova explosion, Kilonova (recent finding)
- Solar system made from debris of supernova explosions

### SPECTRUM of the Wind of Black hole: GRO J1655-40 Binary Star System



- Materials from the large star is sucked into companion black hole form wind as they spiral to it. Spectrum of the wind (BLUE):
- Highly charged Mg, Si, Fe, Ni lines.RED: Elements in natural widths
- Doppler Blue Shift Wind is blowing toward us
- Information from analysis of light produced from atomic transitions

## ATOMIC STRUCTURE

• Atomic structure - i) Organization of electrons in various shells and subshells, ii) Determinations of electron energies and wave functions  $\rightarrow$  transition probabilities

• Fermions, unlike Bosons, e.g. electrons form *structured* orbital arrangements, known as configuration, bound by the attractive nuclear potential. Li configuration:  $1s^22s$ 

• Electrons move in quantized orbitals with orbital L and spin S angular momenta. L and S give rise to various atomic states. Transitions among those states involve photons which are seen as lines in observed spectra



## SPECTRUM

• The combination of orbital angular momentum L and spin angular momentum S follow strict coupling rules, known as selection rules

- Each atom gives out its own set of photons or colors
- Spectrum is the lines of colors,





Left: Carbon spectrum, Right: Rainbow: Solar spectrum

• Light is a mixture of colors - Spectrum: splitting of colors

- We study the dynamic state of an atom by Schrodinger equation - quantum equivalence of classical Newton's eq
- The solution for Schrodinger equation is exact only for HYDROGEN ATOM
- Approximation begins from 2-electrons systems

## SOLAR SPECTRA: ABSORPTION & EMISSION LINES

- Absorption line forms as an electron absorbs a photon to jump to a higher energy level
- Emission line forms as a photon is emitted due to the electron dropping to a lower energy level
- For the same transition levels, both lines form at the same energy position



• Fraunhofer (1815) observed lines in the solar spectrum & used alphabet for designation

• Later, following Russel and Saunders (1925) LS coupling designation, spectroscopy with quantum mechanics identified them: A (7594 Å,O), B (6867 Å,O) (air), C (6563 Å H), D1 & D2 (5896, 5890 Å Na, yellow sun), E(5270 Å, Fe I), F (4861 Å, H), G(4300 Å, CH), H & K (3968, 3934 Å, Ca II)

### HYDROGEN ATOM

Schrodinger equation of hydrogen, with  ${\rm KE}={\rm P}^2/(2m)$  and nuclear potential energy  ${\rm V}(r),$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathbf{m}} \left( \nabla^2 \right) & + & V(r) \end{bmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi \quad (1)$$
  
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \nabla_r^2 + \nabla_\perp^2 \right) & + & V(r) \end{bmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi$$
$$V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2}{r} = -\frac{2Z}{r/a_0} \operatorname{Ry}$$

In spherical coordinates

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{2}} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)$$
(2)  
$$\nabla_{\perp}^{2} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} \left( \sin \vartheta \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

The solution or wavefunction has independent variables r,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , each will correspond to a quantum number,

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r},\vartheta,\varphi) = R(r) Y(\vartheta,\varphi)$$

HYDROGEN WAVEFUNCTION WITH QUANTUM NUMBERS

• With quantum numbers n, l, m, the complete solution for the bound states of hydrogen may be written as

$$\langle |\mathbf{nlm}\rangle \equiv \psi_{\mathbf{nlm}}(\mathbf{r},\vartheta,\varphi) = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{nl}}(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{lm}}(\vartheta,\varphi) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}}\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{nl}}(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{lm}}(\vartheta,\varphi)$$
(3)

### The radial function is

$$\mathbf{P_{nl}(r)} = \sqrt{\frac{(n-l-1)!Z}{n^2[(n+l)!]^3a_0}} \ \left[\frac{2Zr}{na_0}\right]^{l+1} \mathrm{e}^{\frac{-Zr}{na_0}} \times \mathrm{L} \ \frac{2l+1}{n+l} \Big(\frac{2Zr}{na_0}\Big),$$

where the Laguerre polynomial is  $L_{n+l}^{2l+1}(\rho) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-l-1} \frac{(-1)^{k+2l+1}[(n+l)!]^2 \rho^k}{(n-l-1-k)!(2l+1+k)!k!}.$ 

The angular solution of normalized spherical harmonic:

$$\mathbf{Y_{lm}}(\vartheta,\varphi) = \mathbf{N_{lm}} \ \mathbf{P_l^m}(\cos\vartheta) \ \mathbf{e^{im\varphi}}$$
(5)

(4)

where

$$\mathbf{N_{lm}} = \epsilon \left[ \frac{\mathbf{2l+1}}{4\pi} \; \frac{(\mathbf{l} - |\mathbf{m}|)!}{(\mathbf{l} + |\mathbf{m}|)!} \right]^{1/2}, \tag{6}$$

HYDROGEN WAVEFUNCTION WITH QUANTUM NUMBERS  $\epsilon = (-1)^m$  for m > 0 and  $\epsilon = 1$  for  $m \le 0$ . The solutions are associated Legendre polynomials of order l and m,

$$P_{l}^{m}(\mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{w}^{2})^{|\mathbf{m}|/2} \frac{\mathbf{d}^{|\mathbf{m}|}}{\mathbf{d}\mathbf{w}^{|\mathbf{m}|}} P_{l}(\mathbf{w}),$$
(7)

 $m = l, l - 1, \ldots - l$ .  $m = 0 \rightarrow P_l(w) = Legendre polynomial of order l.$ 

The energies E are given by,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\mathbf{Z}^2}{\mathbf{n}^2} \times \operatorname{Ry}; = -\frac{\mathbf{Z}^2}{2\mathbf{n}^2} \times (a.u.)\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{Z}^2/\mathbf{n}^2) \times \operatorname{Ry}; \quad (8)$$

n is a positive integer & defined as the *principal quantum number*. The energy difference between two levels gives the spectral line and is given by Rydberg formula as.

$$\Delta \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{n}'} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{\mathbf{n}^2} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{n}'^2} \right] \quad (\mathbf{n}' > \mathbf{n}), \tag{9}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{H} = 109,677.576 \,/\mathrm{cm} = 1/911.76 \,\mathrm{\AA}$  is

### QUANTUM DESIGNATION OF A STATE

- Atomic Shells:  $n = 1,2,3,4 \dots = K,L,M,N$
- No of electrons =  $2n^2$  Closed shell,  $< 2n^2$  Open Shell
- Orbital angular momentum: l=0,1,2,3,4...(n-1) = s,p,d,f,.
- Total Angular Momentum:  $L=0,1,2,3,4, \dots, = S,P,D,F,\dots$
- No of nodes in a wavefunction= n-l-1
- Magnetic angular momentum:  $m_l = 0,\pm 1,\pm 2,\pm 3,4..\pm l$ (2l+1) values - angular multiplicity
- Spin angular momentum S was introduced due to electron spin. It is inherent in Dirac equation. S = integer or 1/2integer depending on number of electrons with spin s=1/2• Spin magnetic angular momentum  $= m_s = \pm S - (2S+1)$ values - spin multiplicity
- Spin multiplicity = 1, 2, 3, ... = singlet, doublet, triplet ...
- $\bullet$  Total angular momentum: J = |L  $\pm$  S|, J<sub>M</sub> = 0,  $\pm$  1,  $\pm$  2,  $\pm$  3, 4 ..  $\pm$  J, J multiplicity = 2J + 1
- Parity (introduced from wavefunction) =  $\pi = (-1)^l = +1$ (even) or -1 (odd)
- Symmetry of a state:  $^{(2S+1)}L^{\pi}$  (LS),  $^{(2S+1)}L_{J}^{\pi}$  (LSJ)

**MULTI-ELECTRON ATOM** A many-electron system requires to sum over (i) all oneelectron operators, that is KE & attractive nuclear Z/rpotential, (ii) two-electron Coulomb repulsion potentials

$$\mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\Psi} = [H_0 + H_1]\boldsymbol{\Psi},\tag{10}$$

$$H_{0} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ -\nabla_{i}^{2} - \frac{2Z}{r_{i}} \right], H_{1} = \sum_{j < i} \frac{2}{r_{ij}}$$
(11)  
$$H = \sum_{i} f_{i} + \sum_{j \neq i} g_{ij} \equiv F + G$$
(12)

•  $H_0$ : one-body term, stronger,  $H_1$ : two-body term, weaker, can be treated perturbatively

• Start with a trial wave function  $\Psi^{t}$  in some parametric form, Slater Type Orbitals

$$\mathbf{P_{nl}^{STO}}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r^{l+1}e^{-ar}}$$

• A trial function should satisfy variational principle that through optimization an upper bound of energy eigenvalue is obtained in the Schrödinger equation.

HARTREE-FOCK EQUATION (Book AAS) • The *N*-electron wavefunction in the determinantal representation

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_{1}(1) & \psi_{1}(2) & \dots & \psi_{1}(N) \\ \psi_{2}(1) & \psi_{2}(2) & \dots & \psi_{2}(N) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \psi_{N}(1) & \psi_{N}(2) & \dots & \psi_{N}(N) \end{vmatrix}$$
(13)

This is called the *Slater determinant*.  $\Psi$  vanishes if coordinates of two electrons are the same. Substitution in Schrodinger equation results in Hartree-Fock equation. Simplification gives set of one-electron radial equations,

$$\begin{split} \left[ -\nabla_i^2 - \frac{2\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{r}_i} \right] \mathbf{u}_k(\mathbf{r}_i) + \left[ \sum_l \int \mathbf{u}_l^*(\mathbf{r}_j) \frac{2}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}} \mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}_j) d\mathbf{r}_j \right] \mathbf{u}_k(\mathbf{r}_i) \\ - \sum_l \delta_{\mathbf{m}_L^k, \mathbf{m}_L^l} \left[ \int \mathbf{u}_l^*(\mathbf{r}_j) \frac{2}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}} \mathbf{u}_k(\mathbf{r}_j) d\mathbf{r}_j \right] \mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}_i) = \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{u}_k(\mathbf{r}_i) \,. \end{split}$$

1st term= 1-body term, 2nd term= Direct term, 3rd term= Exchange term.The total energy is given by

$$\mathbf{E}[\boldsymbol{\Psi}] = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \sum_{\mathbf{j}} [\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{ij}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{ij}}].$$
(14)

Central Field Approximation for a Multi-Electron System

 $\bullet$   $\mathbf{H}_1$  consists of non-central forces between electrons which contains a large spherically symmetric component

• We assume that each electron is acted upon by the averaged charge distribution of all the other electrons and construct a potential energy function  $V(r_i)$  with one-electron operator. When summed over all electrons, this charge distribution is spherically symmetric and is a good approximation to actual potential. Neglecting non-radial part,

$$\mathbf{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 + \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}).$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{e}^2 \mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{r}_i} + \left\langle \sum_{i \neq j}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{e}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}} \right\rangle.$$
(15)

• V(r) is the *central-field potential* with boundary conditions

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{r}} \quad \text{if } r \to 0, \quad = -\frac{z}{r} \text{ if } \mathbf{r} \to \infty$$
(16)

- One most useful procedure (implemented in program SS):
- Treats electrons as Fermi sea: Electrons, constrained by Pauli exclusion principle, fill in cells up to a highest Fermi level of momentum  $p = p_F$  at T=0

• As T rises, electrons are excited out of the Fermi sea close to the 'surface' levels & approach a Maxwellian distribution  $\rightarrow$  spatial density of electrons:

$$o = rac{(4/3)\pi \mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{F}}^{\mathbf{3}}}{\mathbf{h}^{\mathbf{3}}/\mathbf{2}}$$

• Based on quantum statistics, the TFDA model gives a continuous function  $\phi(x)$  such that the potential is

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{\text{eff}}(\lambda_{\mathbf{nl}}, \mathbf{r})}{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{r}}\phi(\mathbf{x}),$$

where

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\mathbf{Zr}/2} + \lambda_{\mathbf{nl}}(\mathbf{1} - e^{-\mathbf{Zr}/2}), \ \mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\mu}$$

$$\mu = 0.8853 \left( \frac{\mathrm{N}}{\mathrm{N}-1} \right)^{2/3} \mathrm{Z}^{-1/3} = \mathrm{constant}.$$

• The function  $\phi(x)$  is a solution of the potential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\phi(\mathbf{x})}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{x}}}\phi(\mathbf{x})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

 $\bullet$  The boundary conditions on  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  are

$$\phi(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{1}, \quad \phi(\infty) = -\frac{\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{Z}}.$$

 $\bullet$  The one-electron orbitals  $\mathbf{P}_{nl}(\mathbf{r})$  can be obtained by solving the wave equation

$$\left[ \frac{\mathbf{d^2}}{\mathbf{dr^2}} - \frac{\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{l+1})}{\mathbf{r^2}} + \mathbf{2V}(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_{\mathbf{nl}} \right] \mathbf{P_{nl}}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

• This is similar to the radial equation for the hydrogenic case, with the same boundary conditions on  $P_{nl}(r)$  as  $r \to 0$  and  $r \to \infty$ , and (n - l + 1) nodes.

The second order radial is solved numerically since, unlike the hydrogenic case, there is no general analytic solution.
It may be solved using an exponentially decaying function appropriate for a bound state, e.g. Whittaker function

• The solution is normalized Whittaker function

$$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathbf{z}\mathbf{r}/\nu} \left(\frac{2\mathbf{z}\mathbf{r}}{\nu}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{a}_k}{\mathbf{r}^k}\right) \ \mathcal{N}$$

where  $\nu = \mathbf{z}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  is the effective quantum number and  $\epsilon$  is the eigenvalue. The coefficients are

-1

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{a_1} &= \nu \ \left\{ \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{l+1}) - \nu(\nu-1) \right\} \ \frac{\mathbf{l}}{2\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{a_k} &= \mathbf{a_{k-1}} \ \nu \ \left\{ \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{l+1}) - (\nu-\mathbf{k})(\nu-\mathbf{k+1}) \right\} \ \frac{\mathbf{1}}{2\mathbf{kz}} \end{split}$$

and the normalization factor is

$$\mathcal{N} = \left\{ rac{
u^2}{\mathbf{z}} \, \Gamma(
u + \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{1}) \, \Gamma(
u - \mathbf{1}) 
ight\}^{-1/2}$$

The one-electron spin orbital functions then assume the familiar hydrogenic form

$$\psi_{\mathbf{n},\ell,\mathbf{m}_{\ell},\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{s}}}(\mathbf{r},\theta,\phi,\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{s}}) = \phi(r,\theta,\phi)\zeta_{m_s}$$

- TFDA orbitals are based on a statistical treatment of the free electron gas, & hence neglect the shell-structure

• However, in practice configuration interaction accounts for much of the discrepancy that might otherwise result.

• Configuration interaction - when wavefunction includes more than one configuration

## **CONFIGURATION INTERACTION**

• A multi-electron system is described by its configuration and a defined spectroscopic state.

• All states of the same  $SL\pi$ , with different configurations, interact with one another - configuration interaction. Hence the wavefunction of the  $SL\pi$  may be represented by a linear combination of configurations giving the state.

• Example, the ground state of Boron is  $1s^22s^22p({}^{2}P^{o})$ .  ${}^{2}P^{o}$  state can also form from  $2s^23p({}^{2}P^{o})$ ,  $2s2p3d(...,{}^{2}P^{o})$ .  $2p^{3}({}^{2}P^{o})$  and so on. These 4 configurations contribute with different amplitudes or mixing coefficients  $(a_i)$  to form the four state vectors  ${}^{2}P^{o}$  of a  $4 \times 4$  Hamiltonian matrix. THOMAS-FERMI-DIRAC-AMALDI (TFDA) APPROXIMATION Hence for the optimized energy and wavefunction for each  ${}^{2}P^{o}$  state all 4 configurations should be included,

$$\Psi(^{2}\mathbf{P}^{o}) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} a_{i}\psi[C_{i}(^{2}\mathbf{P}^{o})] = \left[a_{1}\psi(\mathbf{2s}^{2}\mathbf{2p}) + a_{2}\psi(\mathbf{2s}^{2}\mathbf{3p}) + a_{3}\psi(\mathbf{2s}^{2}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{3d})\right]$$
$$+ a_{3}\psi(\mathbf{2p}^{3}) + a_{3}\psi(\mathbf{2s}\mathbf{2p}\mathbf{3d})\right]$$

• The wave function will result in 4 energies. Each energy level will be designated by the configuration for which the mixing coefficients  $a_i$  has the highest value.

• When we calculate the transition matrix for the electron going from one state to another state, these configurations interfere and impact on the results.

• Typically the more configurations we have for a mulitelectron system, the more accurate wave function and energies we get, and the more accurate transition parameters are obtained. **RYDBERG FORMULA FOR ENERGIES & QUANTUM DEFECT** 

• General Rydberg formula is similar to that of H-like ions, but accounts for the screening effect on the valence electron by the core electrons

• The outer/interacting electron experiences an *effective* charge z = Z - N + 1, N = no of electrons

• Departure from a pure Coulomb form effectively *reduces* the principal quantum numbers n in Rydberg formula as

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{nl}) = \frac{\mathbf{z^2}}{(\mathbf{n} - \mu)^2} = \frac{\mathbf{z^2}}{\nu^2}$$

where  $\mu \ge 0 = quantum \ defect, \ \nu = n - \mu = effective \ quantum \ number$ . While *n* is an integer and changes by 1,  $\nu$  is a fractional number and changes  $\sim 1$ 

• The amount of screening ( $\mu$ ) depends on the orbital angular momentum  $\ell$  such that  $\mu_s > \mu_p > \mu_d...\& \mu$  is a constant for each  $\ell$ . We can write,

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{nl}) = \frac{\mathbf{z^2}}{(\mathbf{n} - \mu_\ell)^2} = \frac{\mathbf{z^2}}{\nu_l^2}$$

 $\bullet$  Energy levels from Rydberg formula  $\rightarrow$  "Rydberg levels"

### Relativistic Breit-Pauli Approximation (Textbook AAS) For a multi-electron atom, the relativistic Breit-Pauli Hamiltonian is:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{BP}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{NR}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{mass}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{Dar}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{so}} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\neq j}^{N}\left[g_{ij}(so+so')+g_{ij}(ss')+g_{ij}(css')+g_{ij}(d)+g_{ij}(oo')\right]$$

where the non-relativistic Hamiltonian is

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{N}\mathbf{R}} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{\mathbf{N}} \left\{ -
abla_i^2 - rac{2\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{r}_i} + \sum_{j>i}^{\mathbf{N}} rac{2}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}} 
ight\} 
ight]$$

and one-body correction terms are  $H_{mass} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} \sum_i p_i^4, \ H_{Dar} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4} \sum_i \nabla^2 \left(\frac{Z}{r_i}\right), \ H_{so} = \frac{Ze^2\hbar^2}{2m^2c^2r^3}L.S$  and the Breit interaction is

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{B}} = \sum_{i > j} [\mathbf{g}_{ij}(\mathbf{so} + \mathbf{so}') + \mathbf{g}_{ij}(\mathbf{ss}')]$$

SS includes all these terms and partial contributions from the last 3 terms. Wave functions and energies are obtained solving

 $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{\Psi} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{\Psi}$ 

• The accuracy is comparable to that of Dirac-Fock approximation for most ions

### ANGULAR MOMENTA COUPLINGS

• Total L and S angular momenta may couple differently for the total angular momentum J - depends on Z • Multi-electron elements may be divided as, 'light' (Z  $\leq$ 18) and 'heavy' (Z > 18) (although not precise) • LS coupling (typically  $Z \leq 18$ ): Vector summation of orbital and spin angular momenta is done separately  $L = |L_2 - L_1|, ..., |L_2 + L_1|, L Multiplicity = 2L+1$  $S = |S_2 - S_1|, ..., |S_2 + S_1|, S Multiplicity = 2S+1$ Then the total angular momentum quantum numbers: J = |L - S|, ..., |L + S|, J Multiplicity = 2J+1 • The J-values  $\rightarrow$  finestructure levels. Each LS can correspond to several finestructure J levels

• The symmetry of a state is  $\mathbf{J}\pi$  or  $^{(\mathbf{2S+1})}\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{J}}^{\pi}$ 

• Coulomb force between an electron and nucleus becomes stronger for large Z and highly charged ions and can increase the velocity of the electron to relativistic level. Angular coupling changes

• Intermediate or LSJ coupling (typically  $19 \le Z \le 40$ ): Consideration of full relativistic effects is not necessary

### ANGULAR MOMENTA COUPLINGS

• For the total angular momentum J, the angular momenta l and s = 1/2 of an interacting electron are added to the total orbital & spin angular momenta,  $J_1$  of all other electrons, as:

$$\mathbf{J_1} = \sum_i \mathbf{l_i} + \sum_i \mathbf{s_i}, \qquad \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{J_1} + \mathbf{l}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{s}\,,$$

• jj coupling (typically for Z >40): When relativistic effect is more prominent, the total J is obtained from sum of individual electron total angular momentum  $j_i$  from its angular & spin angular momenta:

$$\mathbf{j_i} = \mathbf{l_i} + \mathbf{s_i}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{j_i},$$
 (17)

For any 2 electrons, J ranges from  $|\mathbf{j}_1 + \mathbf{j}_2|$  to  $|\mathbf{j}_1 - \mathbf{j}_2|$ • States designation=  $(j_i j_2)_J$  Ex; (pd) configuration-  $j_1(1 \pm 1/2)=1/2$ , 3/2, and  $j_2(2 \pm 1/2)=3/2$ , 5/2. The states are:  $(1/2 \ 3/2)_{2,1}$ ,  $(1/2 \ 5/2)_{3,2}$ ,  $(3/2 \ 3/2)_{3,2,1,0}$ ,  $(3/2 \ 5/2)_{4,3,2,1}$  NON-EQUIVALENT & EQUIVALENT ELECTRON STATES

 $\bullet$  Equivalent electron state  $\rightarrow$  Number of valence electrons in the outer orbit: >1

**Non-equivalent electron state**  $\rightarrow$  1 valence electron

• Non-equivalent electron states: All possible states allowed by the vectorial sum. Ex. Find  ${}^{(2S+!)}L^{\pi}_{i}$  states of a 3-electron configuration: nsn'pn''d (different orbitals): Total S: For nsn'p:  $|1/2 \pm 1/2| = [0,1]$ . Add 1/2 of n''d to them ightarrow (1/2,3/2,1/2) ightarrow 2S+1 = 2,4,2 Total L: For nsn'p,  $|0 \pm 1| = 1$ , Add 2 for n''d:  $|1 \pm 2| = 1, 2, 3$ Net parity  $\pi$ :  $(-1)^{\sum_i l_i} = (-1)^{0+1+2} = -1$  (odd parity) Total J:  $|L \pm S$ ; Ex:  $|1 \pm 1/2| = 1/2, 3/2$ ns n'p (<sup>1</sup>P<sup>o</sup>)  $n''d \longrightarrow {}^{2}P^{o}$ ,  ${}^{2}D^{o}$ ,  ${}^{2}F^{o}$  - 3 states ns n'p (<sup>3</sup>P<sup>o</sup>) n''d  $\longrightarrow (2,4)(P,D,F)^{o}$  - 6 tates. Ex:  ${}^{(2S+!)}L_{i}^{\pi} = {}^{2}P_{1/2}^{o}, {}^{2}P_{3/2}^{o},$ 

• Equivalent electron state: Less number of LS states. Ex: configuration,  $np^2$ . For different orbitals,  $npn'p \rightarrow 1,^{3}S,^{1,3}P,^{1,3}D$  (6 states). For n=n', Pauli exclusion principle eliminates some -reducing 6 to 3 states,  ${}^{1}S,^{3}P,^{1}D$ ,

## 1. "PHOTO-EXCITATION" Photo-Excitation & De-excitation:



- Atomic quantities
- $B_{12}$  Photo-excitation, Oscillator Strength (f)
- $A_{21}$  Spontaneous Decay, Radiative Decay Rate (A-value)
- $B_{21}$  Stimulated Decay with a radiation field
- $P_{ij}$ , transition probability,

$$\mathbf{P_{ij}} = 2\pi \frac{\mathbf{c^2}}{\mathbf{h^2}\nu_{ji}^2} | < \mathbf{j} | \frac{\mathbf{e}}{\mathbf{mc}} \mathbf{\hat{e}} \cdot \mathbf{p} \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{ik} \cdot \mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{i} > |^2 \rho(\nu_{\mathbf{ji}}).$$
(18)

$$\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{r} + [\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{r}]^2/2! + \dots,$$

• Various terms in  $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rightarrow \mathbf{various}$  transitions 1st term E1, 2nd term E2 and M1, ...

### **ALLOWED & FORBIDDEN TRANSITIONS**

Determined by angular momentum selection rules

i) <u>Allowed:</u> Electric Dipole (E1) transitions - same-spin & intercombination (different spin) transition ( $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \Delta L = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ ; parity changes)

### Forbidden:

ii) Electric quadrupole (E2) transitions

 $(\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \text{ parity does not change})$ 

iii) Magnetic dipole (M1) transitions  $(\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \text{ parity does not change})$ 

iv) Electric octupole (E3) transitions  $(\Delta J = \pm 2, \pm 3, \text{ parity changes})$ 

v) Magnetic quadrupole (M2) transitions  $(\Delta J = \pm 2, \text{ parity changes})$ 

Allowed transitions are much strongher than Forbidden transitions

Transition Matrix elements with a Photon

- 1st term: Dipole operator:  $\mathbf{D} = \sum_i \mathbf{r}_i$ :
- Transition matrix for Photo-excitation & Deexcitation:

 $<\Psi_B||D||\Psi_{B'}>$ 

Matrix element is reduced to generalized line strength (length form):

$$\mathbf{S} = \left| \left\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{f}} | \sum_{\mathbf{j}=1}^{\mathbf{N}+1} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{j}} | \Psi_{\mathbf{i}} \right\rangle \right|^{2}$$
(19)

• There are also "Velocity" & "Acceleration" forms Allowed electric dipole (E1) transitions The oscillator strength  $(f_{ij})$  and radiative decay rate  $(A_{ji})$ for the bound-bound transition are

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{f}_{ij} &= \left\lfloor \frac{\mathbf{E}_{ji}}{3\mathbf{g}_i} \right\rfloor \mathbf{S}, \\ \mathbf{A}_{ji}(sec^{-1}) &= \left[ \mathbf{0.8032} \times \mathbf{10^{10}} \frac{\mathbf{E}_{ji}^3}{3\mathbf{g}_j} \right] \mathbf{S} \end{split}$$

### FORBIDDEN TRANSITIONS

i) Electric quadrupole (E2) transitions ( $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pi$  - same)

$$A_{ji}^{E2} = 2.6733 \times 10^3 \frac{E_{ij}^5}{g_j} S^{E2}(i,j) s^{-1},$$
 (20)

ii) Magnetic dipole (M1) transitions ( $\Delta$  J = 0,±1,  $\pi$  - same)

$$\mathbf{A_{ji}^{M1}} = 3.5644 \times 10^4 \frac{\mathbf{E_{ij}^3}}{\mathbf{g_j}} \mathbf{S}^{M1}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}) \ \mathrm{s}^{-1},$$
 (21)

iii) Electric octupole (E3) transitions ( $\Delta J = \pm 2, \pm 3, \pi$  changes)

$$\mathbf{A_{ji}^{E3}} = \mathbf{1.2050} \times \mathbf{10^{-3} \frac{E_{ij}^{7}}{g_{j}} S^{E3}(i,j) s^{-1}},$$
(22)

iv) Magnetic quadrupole (M2) transitions ( $\Delta J = \pm 2, \pi$  changes)

$$\mathbf{A}_{ji}^{M2} = \mathbf{2.3727} \times \mathbf{10^{-2} s^{-1} \frac{E_{ij}^{5}}{g_{j}} S^{M2}(i, j)}.$$
 (23)

LIFETIME:

$$\tau_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{i}}(\mathbf{s}^{-1})}.$$
(24)

EX: ALLOWED & FORBIDDEN TRANSITIONS Diagnostic Lines of He-like Ions: w,x,y,z

 $\begin{array}{ll} w(E1): & 1s2p(^{1}P_{1}^{o})-1s^{2}(^{1}S_{0}) \ (Allowed \ Resonant) \\ x(M2): & 1s2p(^{3}P_{2}^{o})-1s^{2}(^{1}S_{0}) \ (Forbidden) \\ y(E1): & 1s2p(^{3}P_{1}^{o})-1s^{2}(^{1}S_{0}) \ (Intercombination) \\ z(M1): & 1s2s(^{3}S_{1})-1s^{2}(^{1}S_{0}) \ (Forbidden) \\ \textbf{NOTE: } 1s-2p \ are \ the \ K_{\alpha} \ transitions \end{array}$ 



### PROCYON: w,x,y,z DIAGNOSTIC LINES

Procyon, a star similar to the Sun, is a binary with a white dwarf companion. Figure shows w, i(x,y), z lines of He-like oxyge O VII in the spectrum of Procyon corona. '('Triplet' for 3 observed lines nor spin multiplicity). Here 'i' corresponds to overlapped x,y lines. All these lines are the primary diagnostics for density, temperature, and ionization balance in high temperature.



### Atomic transitions in PLASMA OPACITY



• Opacity is a fundamental quantity for radiation transfer in plasmas. It is caused by repeated absorption and emission of the propagating radiation by the constituent plasma elements.

1. Photoexcitation: Atomic parameter - Oscillator Strength  $(f_{ij})$ 

$$\kappa_{\nu}(\mathbf{i} \rightarrow \mathbf{j}) = \frac{\pi \mathbf{e}^2}{\mathbf{mc}} \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{j}} \phi_{\nu}$$

 $N_i$  = ion density in state i,  $\phi_{\nu}$  = profile factor (Gaussian, Lorentzian, or combination of both)

• Total monochromatic  $\kappa_{\nu}$  is obtained from summed contributions of all possible transitions

Monochromatic Opacities  $\kappa_{\nu}$  of Fe II on Sun's Surface

• Monochromatic opacity  $(\kappa_{\nu})$  depends on  $f_{ij}$ 

$$\kappa_{\nu}(\mathbf{i} \rightarrow \mathbf{j}) = \frac{\pi \mathbf{e}^2}{\mathbf{mc}} \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{j}} \phi_{\nu}$$

• Increased opacity over 3000Å explains missing radiation from solar surface TOP:  $\kappa_{\nu}$  of Fe II (Nahar & Pradhan 1993). BOTTOM: solar black body radiation in 2 - 3.5 ×10<sup>3</sup>Å.

