

Degen. perturbation theory applied to angular momentum system

Read McIntyre 11.4

PH451/551

Recap -degenerate perturbation theory

- 1. Diagonalize the perturbation Hamiltonian in the degenerate subspace! (and the first correction pops up on the diagonal)**
2. => mix up the degenerate states to get the “right” basis that removes the infinities that would result if we blindly applied non-degen pert theory
3. Physics: the states with no component along the field remain unchanged. The ones with up and down components mix and change

Recap: Stark effect in H ($n = 2$ states)

1. Dipole energy: $H' = -\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E} = eEr \cos \theta$

2. Perturbation: $H' \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3eEa_0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3eEa_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 200 \\ 210 \\ 211 \\ 21,-1 \end{matrix}$

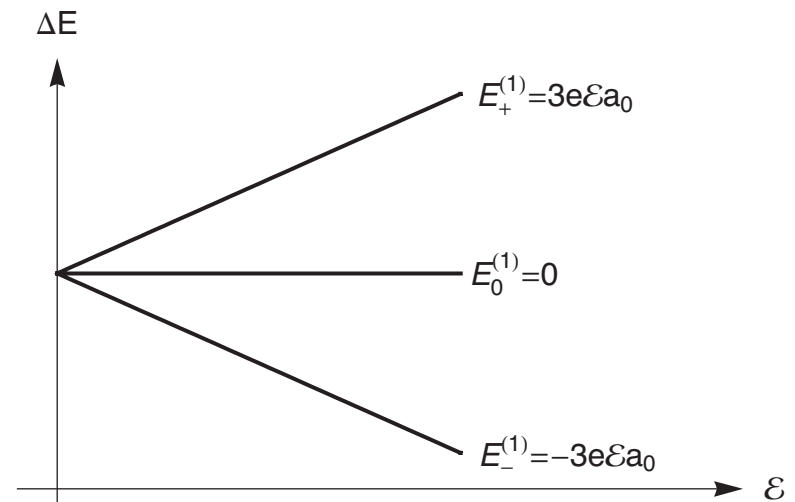
$$E = +3eEa_0, -3eEa_0, 0, 0$$

$$|\psi_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|200\rangle - |210\rangle]$$

$$|\psi_-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|200\rangle + |210\rangle]$$

$$|\psi_3\rangle = |211\rangle$$

$$|\psi_4\rangle = |21,-1\rangle$$



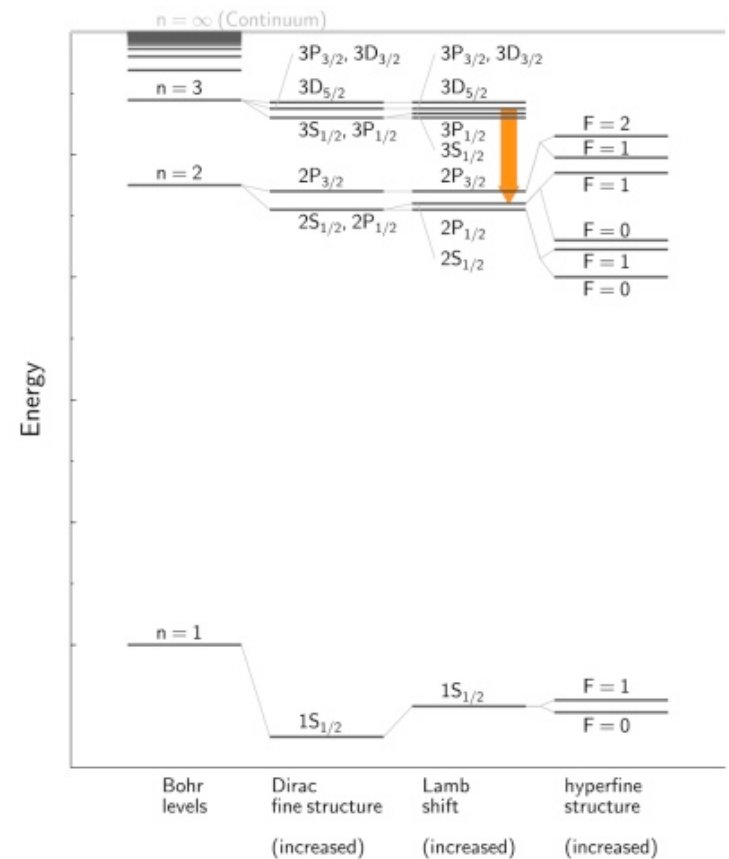
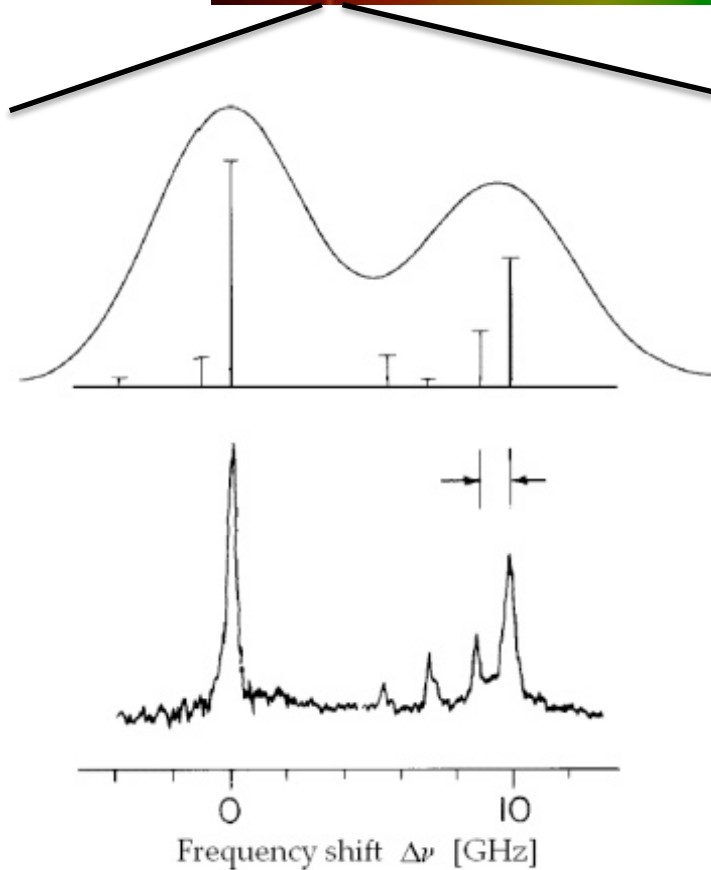
Reading Quiz

Hyperfine interaction?

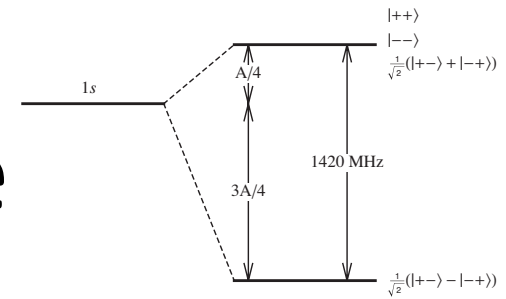
1. An electron in hydrogen makes a transition from the $n=3 \rightarrow n=2$ level. What is the energy, the wavelength and the frequency? Need numbers (and units)
2. What are “common” or “sensible” units?

Fine structure: beyond "1/n²"

1. <http://backreaction.blogspot.com/2007/12/hydrogen-spectrum-and-its-fine.html>



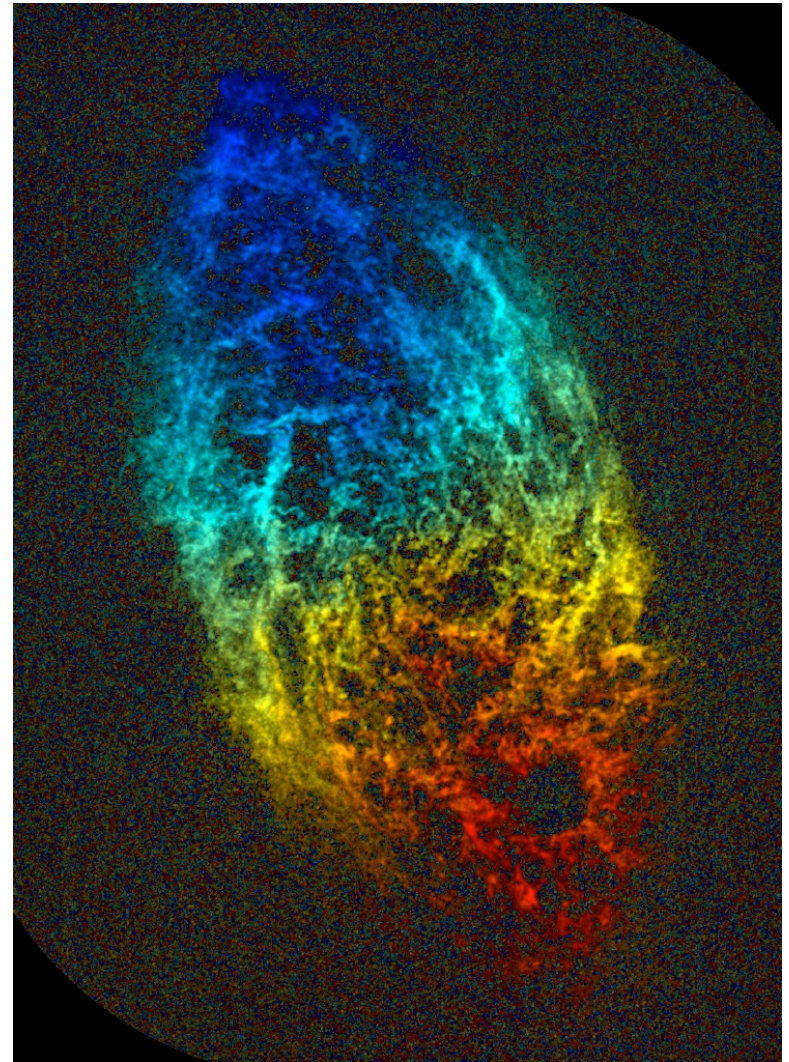
The 21 cm line ... hyperfine



1. Forbidden transition $s \rightarrow s$. Lifetime ≈ 11 million yr
2. Can see galaxies obscured in visible by dust
3. 1.42 GHz = 21 cm
= ?eV = ?K
4. *The HI radial velocity field of the nearby spiral galaxy M33 is shown here by colors corresponding to Doppler redshifts and blueshifts relative to the center of mass; brightness in this image is proportional to HI column density.*

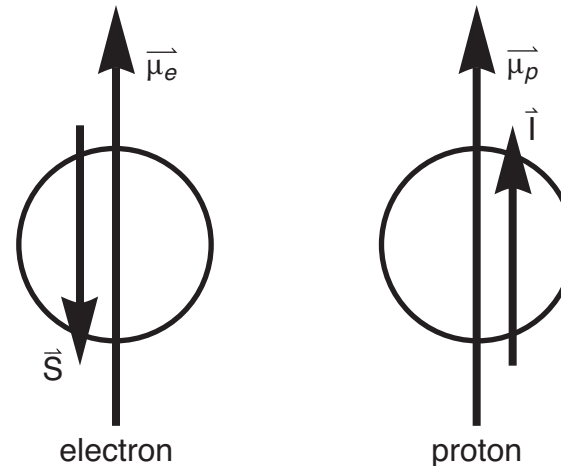
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Hyperfine interaction

- The spins of the electron and proton introduce additional energy beyond the Coulomb interaction:



- In symbols:

$$H'_{hf} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{g_e \mu_B g_p \mu_N}{\hbar^2} \left[\frac{1}{r^3} \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{L} - \frac{1}{r^3} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} + \frac{3}{r^5} (\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{r}) + \frac{8\pi}{3} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} \delta(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

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Hyperfine interaction

1. Now we have something new – a system of TWO spins!
 - What are the spin operators?
 - Is there a total spin that is the sum?
 - What are the quantum numbers?
 - In other words, how do we add two spins, or more generally, two angular momenta?

A system of 2 spins – e and p

1. How do we write the states?

$$|e \text{ up}\rangle |p \text{ up}\rangle \equiv |+\rangle_e |+\rangle_p \equiv |++\rangle$$

What are the spin operators?

$$S_z \doteq \begin{matrix} |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\ \left(\begin{array}{cccc} _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \end{array} \right) & \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \quad I_z \doteq \begin{matrix} |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\ \left(\begin{array}{cccc} _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \\ _ & _ & _ & _ \end{array} \right) & \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
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 S_z \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \hbar/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hbar/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\hbar/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\hbar/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{array}
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A system of 2 spins: e and p

1. Recall
$$H'_{hf} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{g_e \mu_B g_p \mu_N}{\hbar^2} \frac{8\pi}{3} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} \delta(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

2. ?
$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} = S_x I_x + S_y I_y + S_z I_z$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ I_- + S_- I_+) + S_z I_z$$

3. What do you think S_+ and S_- are? I_+ and I_- ? What are their actions on the states?

Ladder operators in angular mom.

1. Recall

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left(\hat{x} + i \frac{\hat{p}}{m\omega} \right)$$

$$J_+ = (J_x + iJ_y)$$

$$J_- = (J_x - iJ_y)$$

$$a^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left(\hat{x} - i \frac{\hat{p}}{m\omega} \right)$$

$$[J_+, J_-] = 2\hbar J_z$$

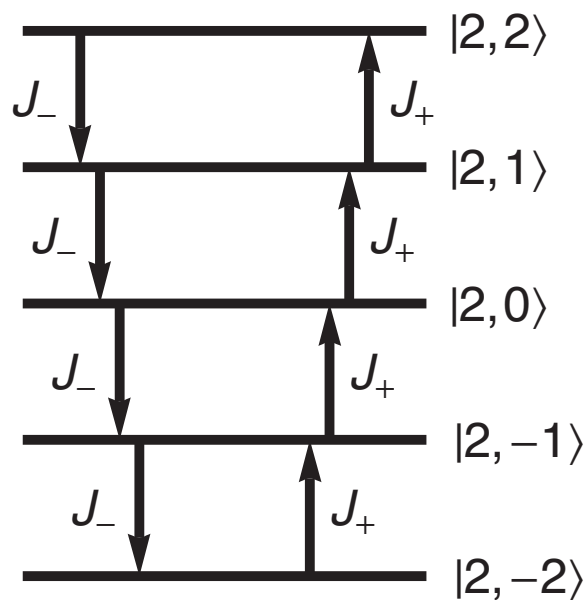
$$[a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

2. "J" is "S" or "I"

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ I_- + S_- I_+) + S_z I_z$$

Ladder operators in angular mom.

1. Ladders within a particular j subspace!



$$J_+ = (J_x + iJ_y)$$

$$J_- = (J_x - iJ_y)$$

$$[J_+, J_-] = 2\hbar J_z$$

2. HW: $J_{\pm} |j, m_j\rangle = \hbar [j(j+1) - m_j(m_j \pm 1)]^{1/2} |j, m_j \pm 1\rangle$

Matrices for hyperfine Hamiltonian?

1. S_z and I_z (remember J can stand for S, I, its sum, or any a.m.)

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\
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 \end{array}$$

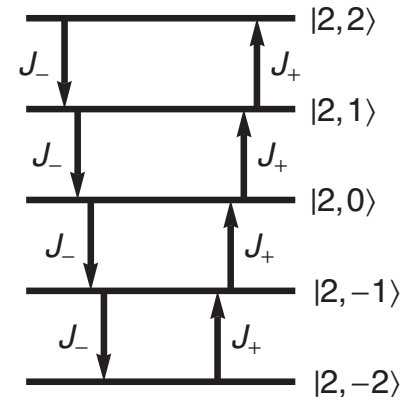
$$S_z \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \hbar/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hbar/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\hbar/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\hbar/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{array}$$

$$I_z \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \hbar/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\hbar/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +\hbar/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\hbar/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ I_- + S_- I_+) + S_z I_z$$

$$J_{\pm} |j, m_j\rangle = \hbar [j(j+1) - m_j(m_j \pm 1)]^{1/2} |j, m_j \pm 1\rangle$$

$$J_+ |j, j\rangle = 0; \quad J_- |j, -j\rangle = 0$$



Matrices for hyperfine Hamiltonian?

1. “extreme” states

$$S_z I_z |++\rangle = S_z \frac{\hbar}{2} |++\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} S_z |++\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \frac{\hbar}{2} |++\rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |++\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{2} S_+ I_- |++\rangle = \frac{1}{2} I_- S_+ |++\rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} S_- I_+ |++\rangle = S_+ 0 = 0$$

$$S \cdot I |--\rangle = S_z I_z |--\rangle + \frac{1}{2} S_+ I_- |--\rangle + \frac{1}{2} S_- I_+ |--\rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |--\rangle$$

$$S \cdot I \doteq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\ \hline 1 & \text{---} & \text{---} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \text{---} & \text{---} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \text{---} & \text{---} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \text{---} & \text{---} & 1 \\ \hline \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix}$$

Matrices for hyperfine Hamiltonian?

1. "inner" states

$$\begin{aligned}
 S \cdot I | - + \rangle &= S_z I_z | - + \rangle + \frac{1}{2} S_+ I_- | - + \rangle + \frac{1}{2} S_- I_+ | - + \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{4} | - + \rangle + \frac{1}{2} S_+ \hbar \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^{1/2} | - - \rangle + 0 \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{4} | - + \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \hbar \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^{1/2} \hbar \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^{1/2} | + - \rangle \\
 &= \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (-1 | - + \rangle + 2 | + - \rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S \cdot I \doteq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{1} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{2} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{-1} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{0} & \underline{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++ | \\ \langle +- | \\ \langle -+ | \\ \langle -- | \end{matrix}$$

$$J_{\pm} | j, m_j \rangle = \hbar \left[j(j+1) - m_j(m_j \pm 1) \right]^{1/2} | j, m_j \pm 1 \rangle$$

Matrix for hyperfine Hamiltonian

1. With all the constants ...

$$H'_{hf} = S \cdot I \doteq \underbrace{\frac{2\mu_0}{12} g_e \mu_B g_p \mu_N |\varphi_{1s}(0)|^2}_{\frac{A}{4}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |++\rangle \\ |+-\rangle \\ |-+\rangle \\ |--\rangle \end{matrix}$$

$$E_1 = A/4, \quad |E_1\rangle = |++\rangle$$

$$E_2 = A/4, \quad |E_2\rangle = |--\rangle$$

$$E_3 = A/4, \quad |E_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle]$$

$$E_4 = -3A/4, \quad |E_4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle]$$

