

Lecture 6E&M and Quantum MechanicsOutline:

## • Classical E&amp;M

- Maxwell's Eqs
- gauge invariance with quantum matter
- energy & momentum density
- Bohm-Aharonov effect

## • Atom - E&amp;M interaction (classical)

- $A \cdot p + \frac{1}{2}A^2 \rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot \vec{r}$  dipolar approx.

- photoelectric effect via Fermi golden rule

- Einstein's A & B coefficients (laser)

## • Quantization of E&amp;M radiation

- $[A_i^{(n)}, E_j^{(m)}] = i\hbar \delta_{ij} \delta_{nm} \delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$

- $H = \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r [E^2 + (\nabla \times A)^2]$  or  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}B\mu^2$

- spontaneous emission via F.G. rule ...  
 $\Rightarrow$  A & B coeffs.

## • Classical E&M

- Maxwell's eqns:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi\rho, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{E} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} + \partial_t \rho = 0 \quad \text{local charge conservation}$$

Solve  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  &  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{B} = 0$

Via  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  &  $\nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{A}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \mathbf{A} - \nabla \phi$$

- Gauge invariance:

$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}$  are invariant under gauge transform on  $\mathbf{A}, \phi$ :

$$\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A} - \nabla \chi, \quad \phi' = \phi + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \chi$$

- Maxwell's Eqn  $\rightarrow$  Wave eqn (transverse) + Coulomb's law (longitudinal)

$$\Delta \phi + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) = -4\pi\rho$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{c} \partial_t^2 \mathbf{A} - \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \phi) = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j}$$

For nonrelativistic probs. Coulomb gauge is conven.

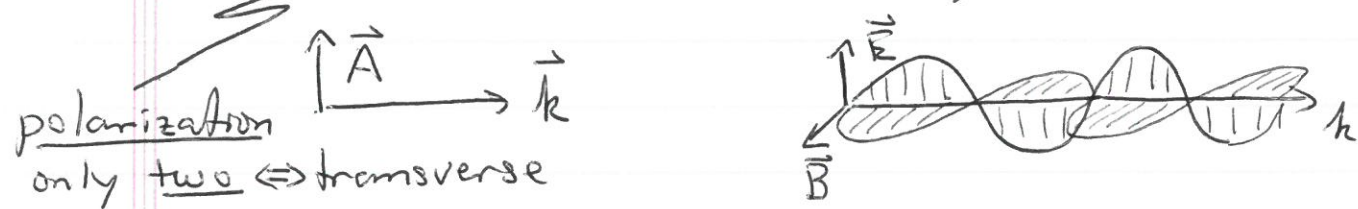
$$\rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0, \quad \phi = 0 \quad (\rho = j = 0)$$

others e.g. Lorentz gauge  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \phi = \partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ .  
otherwise  $\phi$  coulomb  $\rightarrow$  t-indepnd.

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \vec{A} = 0$$

transverse wave with  $\omega_n = ck$

$$\vec{A} = \hat{e} A_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t), \quad \hat{e} \perp \vec{k}$$



$$\bullet H_{EM} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [E^2 + B^2] = \int_r \mathcal{H}_{EM}$$

$$\bullet \vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = c \hat{k} \mathcal{H}_{EM}$$

*energy current density*

cf  $neV=j$   
 $\uparrow$   
*charge current density*

• E & M - Matter coupling:

$$\vec{F} = q \left( \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right) \quad \text{Classical matter}$$

$\uparrow$  equivalent to:  $\rightarrow$  gauge invariant!

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \vec{p} - \frac{q}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 + q\phi(\vec{r})$$

*"minimal" coupling*  $\uparrow$  scalar forces/potentials.

Note: all known forces of nature (EM, weak, strong, gravity) arise from gauge fields that couple to matter through such gauge/minimal coupling.

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( p - \frac{q}{c} A \right)^2 + q\phi \iff L = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{q}{c} v \cdot A - q\phi$$

Hamilton's eqns  $\iff$  Lagrange's Eqns

$\Rightarrow$  classical trajectories  $\vec{r}(t)$  - gauge invariant.

- Quantum matter

Schrodinger's Eqn for  $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$

Path integral for evolution op.  $U(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t)$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2m} (\hat{p} - \frac{q}{c} \vec{A})^2 + q\phi \right] \psi = i\hbar \partial_t \psi \quad \left| \quad U(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int L dt'}$$

Note: not gauge invariant, i.e. after gauge transt.  $A \rightarrow A'$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow \phi'$ ,

$\psi(r, t)$  &  $U(r, r', t)$  change!

$$\psi' = e^{\frac{-i(q/c)\chi}{\hbar}} \psi$$

↑  
inverse unit of magnetic flux

cf. classical physics.

$$U'(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t) = e^{\frac{i q}{\hbar c} [\chi(\vec{r}, t) - \chi(\vec{r}', t)]} \cdot U(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t)$$

$$\frac{q}{\hbar c} \equiv \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0}$$



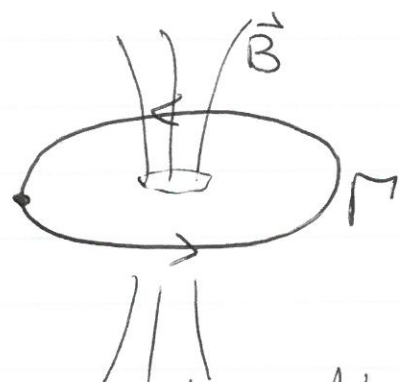
## - Aharonov-Bohm effect.

▲ gauge invariant effects other than  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$ :

"Wilson loop" 
$$e^{i \frac{q}{\hbar c} \oint_{\Gamma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} = W_{\Gamma}$$

$$W_{\Gamma} = e^{i 2\pi \frac{1}{\Phi_0} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}}$$

} fraction of flux  
 $\frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$  piercing area  
 spanned by  $\Gamma$

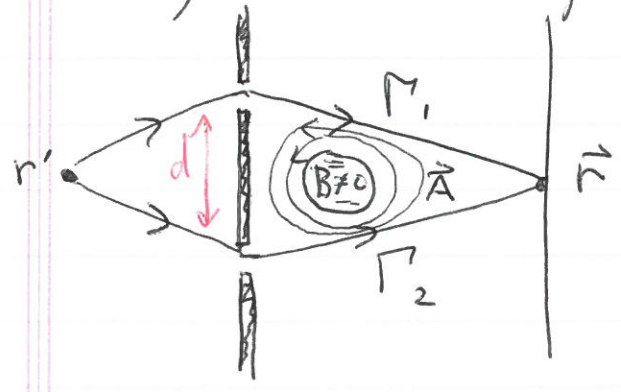


Note: does not directly depend on  $\vec{B}$  on path  $\Gamma$ !

Eg.  $\vec{B}$  is confined to solenoid, s.t.  $\vec{B}=0$  on path  $\Gamma$ . Classically no Lorentz force, i.e. no effect on particle confined to  $\Gamma$  (where  $\vec{B}=0$ ).  
 QM'ly phase factor  $W_{\Gamma} = e^{i 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}} \neq 1$

$2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} = \gamma_{\text{Berry's}}$ , for  $\psi'$  after gauge transformation to eliminate  $\vec{A}$  from SEqn.

▲ Physical consequences: A-B effect.



$$U(r, t; r', 0) = \sum_{\text{paths}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' (L_0 + L_{EM})}$$

↑  
 $\frac{q}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{v}$

$$= \sum e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L_0} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} +$$

(A) paths above solenoid

$$+ \sum e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L_0} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}}$$

(B) paths below solenoid

$$= e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} \left[ \sum_{\{A\}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0 + i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} + \right.$$

$\oint_{\Gamma_1} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Sigma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$   
 $\Phi_{B \neq 0}$

$$\left. + \sum_{\{B\}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0 + i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint_{\Gamma_2} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} \right]$$

$\oint_{\Gamma_2} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\Phi_{B \neq 0}$

$$= e^{i\gamma} \left[ \psi_A(r) + e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} \oint_{\Gamma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} \psi_B(r) \right]$$

shift interference pattern!

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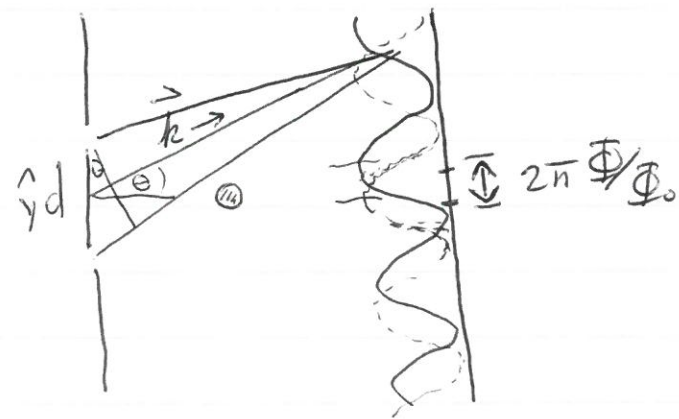
Interference pattern shifts by  $2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$  :

$$|\Psi|^2 = \text{const} + \cos \left[ \vec{k} \cdot d \hat{y} - 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right]$$

Note: periodic in  $\Phi$  with period  $\Phi = \frac{hc}{q}$

Classical particle only senses local effect of  $\vec{A}$  i.e.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B}$  on classical trajectory.

Quantum particle "measures" global props of  $\vec{A}$  as well e.g.  $\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$



EM field (classical) - matter interaction

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \vec{p} - \frac{q}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 + V(\vec{r})$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m} p^2 + V(\vec{r})}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\frac{-q}{2mc} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p}) + \frac{q^2}{2mc^2} A^2}_{H_1}$$

$$H_1 \Psi = -\frac{q}{2mc} \left[ \underbrace{(-i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} \Psi))}_{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \Psi} + \vec{A} \cdot (-i\hbar \nabla \Psi) \right] + \frac{q^2}{2mc^2} A^2 \Psi$$

// 0 in Coulomb gauge  
 diamagnet term small for weak intensity since  $A^2$  vs.  $A$

$$H_1 \approx -\frac{q}{2mc} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p})$$

$$H_1(r,t) = -\frac{q}{mc} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$= -\frac{q}{2mc} \left[ e^{i(k \cdot r - \omega t)} + e^{-i(k \cdot r - \omega t)} \right] \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p}$$

feed into 1<sup>st</sup> order p.t.

$$d_f(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' \langle f | H_1 | i \rangle e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (E_f - E_i) t'}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left( \frac{-q}{2mc} \right) \int_0^t dt' \left[ \langle f | e^{ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega) t'} + \langle f | e^{-ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (E_f - E_i + \hbar\omega) t'} \right]$$

absorption:  $E_f = E_i + \hbar\omega$       emission:  $E_f = E_i - \hbar\omega$



$$\Rightarrow R_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | \left( \frac{-q}{2mc} \right) e^{ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega) + \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | \left( \frac{-q}{2mc} \right) e^{-ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i + \hbar\omega)$$

Comments:

1. rate of stimulated (proportional to  $|A_0|^2$ ) absorption



ensured by  $H_1^+ = H_1$

more explicitly:

absorption  $|\langle f | e^{ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega)$

emission  $|\langle i | e^{-ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | f \rangle|^2 \delta(E_i - E_f + \hbar\omega)$

$$|\langle f | e^{ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p}^+ | i \rangle|^2 - (E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega) \checkmark$$

$$= |\langle f | e^{ik \cdot r} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega) \checkmark$$

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$$2. \langle e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rangle \approx \langle 1 + i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2!} (i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} (i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})^n + \dots \rangle$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 Electric dipole approx    E2, M2 quadrupole    n+1-pole

note:  $\langle \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} \rangle \approx ka_0 \ll 1$  in atom

why?  $\hbar\omega \approx \frac{e^2}{a_0} = E_{Ry}$ .

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \frac{1}{a_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow ka_0 \approx \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} = \alpha \approx \frac{1}{137} \ll 1$$

more physically  $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \approx 1$  over extent of atom



$$\langle \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} \rangle \approx 2\pi \frac{a_0}{\lambda} \ll 1.$$

also: Zeeman energy is small, ignored:

$$\frac{\frac{q}{2mc} \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle}{\frac{q}{mc} \langle \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p} \rangle} \approx \frac{\langle \hbar \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \rangle}{\langle \vec{A} \cdot \hbar \vec{\nabla} \rangle} = \frac{\hbar k}{P} \ll 1$$

$\swarrow$   $\vec{V}$ 's momentum  
 $\swarrow$  electron's momentum

3. Dipole approximation:  $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \approx 1$

$$R_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left( \frac{q^2}{4m^2c^2} \right) |\langle f | \hat{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 |A_0|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i \pm \hbar\omega)$$

(if vanishes by selection rules e.g.  $|1s\rangle \rightarrow |2s\rangle$  then need to go to higher multipole order. Also for high energy photon  $\rightarrow$  high  $E$  electron).

• Connection to  $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\mu}_e = q \vec{E} \cdot \vec{r}$  coupling:

$$\rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} = \frac{i\omega}{2c} \vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$H_{\text{dipole}} = -\vec{E} \cdot q\vec{r} = -i\omega \frac{q}{2c} e^{-i\omega t} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{r}$$

compare:

$$H_{A \cdot p} = -\frac{q}{2mc} \vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t} \cdot \vec{p} = -\frac{q}{mc} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p} \\ = -\frac{q}{mc} \vec{A} \cdot m \partial_t \vec{r} = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} \cdot (q\vec{r})$$

$$H_{A \cdot p} = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\mu}_e \quad \checkmark \quad \text{integrate by parts (under } \int^t \text{ in p.t.)}$$

$\rightarrow$  more generally:  $H_i = -\frac{q}{mc} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p}$

Coulomb gauge:

$$\vec{p} = \left[ \vec{r}, \frac{p^2}{2m} \right] \frac{m}{i\hbar}$$

$$\vec{p} = \frac{m}{i\hbar} [\vec{r}, H_0] = \frac{m}{i\hbar} [\vec{r} H_0 - H_0 \vec{r}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle f | \vec{p} | i \rangle = \frac{m}{i\hbar} \underbrace{(E_i - E_f)}_{-\hbar\omega} \langle f | \vec{r} | i \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{A.p} = -\frac{q}{2mc} \vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$= -\frac{q}{2mc} \vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t} \cdot \frac{m}{i\hbar} [\vec{r}, H_0]$$

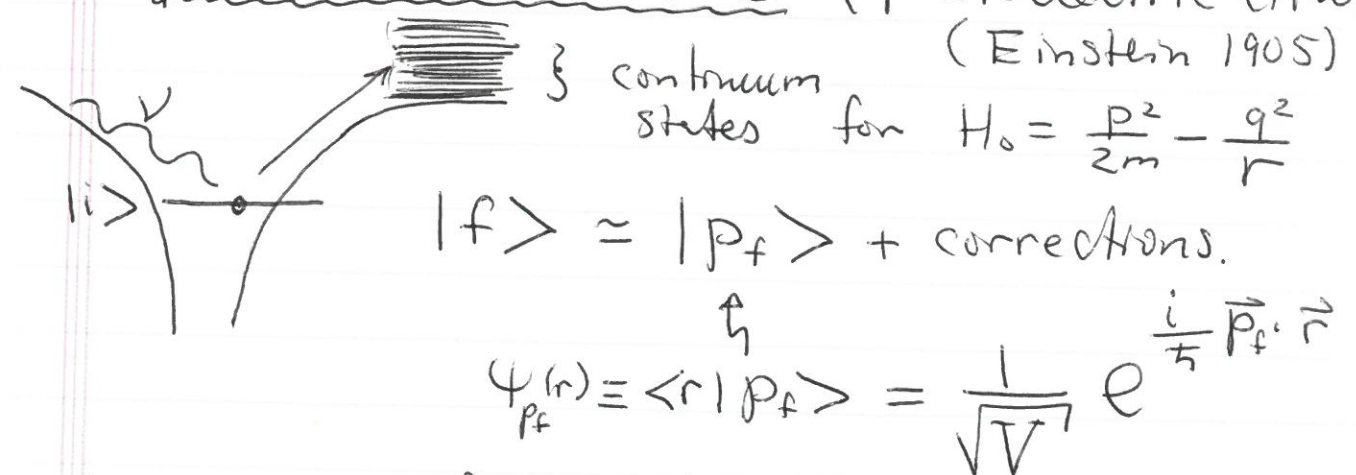
$$\Rightarrow \langle f | H_{A.p} | i \rangle = -\frac{q}{2mc} \vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t} i m \omega \cdot \langle f | \vec{r} | i \rangle$$

$$= \frac{q}{c} \partial_t (\vec{A}_0 e^{-i\omega t}) \cdot \langle f | \vec{r} | i \rangle$$

$$= \langle f | -\vec{E} \cdot q \vec{r} | i \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

4. Full transition rate  $R_{i \rightarrow ?}$  constructed from  $R_{i \rightarrow f}$  depending on physical situation:

A. photoemission of e (photoelectric effect, Einstein 1905)



$|i\rangle$  - one of bound states of interest (e.g.  $|nlm\rangle$ )

e.g. for Hydrogen  $\langle r | i \rangle = \psi_{100}(r) = \left(\frac{1}{\pi a_0^3}\right)^{1/2} e^{-r/a_0}$

Must sum over final states of ejected e.

$$R_{i \rightarrow d\Omega_{p_f}} = \sum_{p_f} R_{i \rightarrow p_f}$$



$$R_{|100\rangle \rightarrow |p_f\rangle} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \frac{q^2}{4m^2c^2} |\langle p_f | \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | 100 \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{p_f} - E_0 - \hbar\omega)$$

$$\langle p_f | \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | 100 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} \int e^{-i\vec{p}_f \cdot \vec{r}/\hbar} \vec{A}_0 \cdot (-i\hbar\nabla) e^{-r/a_0} d^3r$$

integrate by parts

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{V a_0^3 \pi}} \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p}_f \underbrace{\int e^{-i\vec{p}_f \cdot \vec{r}/\hbar - r/a_0} d^3r}_{\frac{8\pi/a_0}{[(1/a_0)^2 + (p_f/\hbar)^2]^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{|100\rangle \rightarrow d\Omega_{p_f}} = \sum_{p_f} \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left(\frac{e}{2mc}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{V a_0^3 \pi}} \frac{|\vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p}_f|^2 (8\pi/a_0)^2}{[ \dots ]^4}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{32\pi^2 e^2 a_0^3 |\vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p}_f|^2 \delta(\frac{p_f^2}{2m} - E_0 - \hbar\omega)}{\hbar m^2 c^2 [1 + (p_f a_0/\hbar)^2]^4}$$

$$R_{|100\rangle \rightarrow d\Omega_{p_f}} = \int_{\omega} d\Omega_{p_f} \frac{4a_0^3 e^2 p_f^3 |A_0|^2 \cos^2\theta}{m\pi\hbar^4 c^2 [1 + (p_f a_0/\hbar)^2]^4} = \frac{m}{p_f} \delta(p_f - \sqrt{2m(E_0 + \hbar\omega)}) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |H'| m p_f dR$$

$$R_{|100\rangle \rightarrow \text{all}} = \int d\Omega_{p_f} R_{\rightarrow d\Omega_{p_f}} d\phi d(\cos\theta) \quad |\vec{S}| = \frac{c}{4\pi} |\vec{E} \times \vec{B}|$$

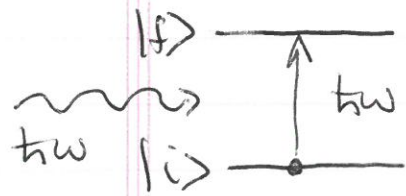
$$\frac{dE_{\text{abs}}}{dt} = \hbar\omega \cdot R_{i \rightarrow \text{all}} = \int d\sigma_{\text{abs}} \frac{\omega^2}{8\pi c} |A_0|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow d\sigma_{\text{abs}} = d\Omega_{p_f} \frac{32 a_0^3 e^2 p_f^3 \cos^2\theta}{m \omega \hbar^3 c [1 + (p_f a_0/\hbar)^2]^4}$$

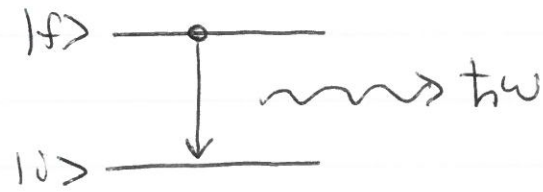
where  $p_f = \sqrt{2m(E_0 + \hbar\omega)}$

B. Transitions between discrete energy levels  
(as in a laser)

absorption:



emission:



$$dR_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \frac{e^2}{4m^2c^2} |\langle f | \vec{A}_0 \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi e^2}{4m^2c^2\hbar} |\langle f | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 |\vec{A}_0|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega)$$

$$\vec{A} = A_0 \hat{\epsilon} \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} \equiv I(\omega) d\omega = |\vec{S}| = \frac{c}{4\pi} |\vec{E} \times \vec{B}|$$

$$I(\omega) d\omega = \frac{\omega^2}{8\pi c^3} |A_0|^2$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \\ \frac{i\omega}{c} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times A \\ ik \frac{A}{c} \end{array}$

$$dR_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle}^{\omega} = \frac{4\pi^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3 \hbar \omega^2} I(\omega) d\omega |\langle f | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i - \hbar\omega)$$

$$R_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle} = \int dR_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle}^{\omega} = \frac{4\pi^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3 \hbar \omega^2} I(\omega) |\langle f | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{p} | i \rangle|^2$$

where  $\hbar\omega = E_f - E_i$  power spectrum of radiation

$$R_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle} \equiv B_{fi} I(\omega_{fi})$$

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Emerson's B coefficient.

$$R_{|f\rangle \rightarrow |i\rangle} = B_{if} I(\omega_{fi}) (+ A)$$

↑  
missing in classical EdH theory.

### Einstein's A & B coefficient:

in equilibrium:

$$\underbrace{n_i R_{|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle}}_{\text{absorption}} = \underbrace{n_f R_{|f\rangle \rightarrow |i\rangle}}_{\text{emission}}$$

$$n_i B I(\omega_{fi}) = n_f ( \underbrace{B I(\omega_{fi})}_{\text{stimulated emission}} + \underbrace{A}_{\text{spontaneous emission}} )$$

$n_{i,f}$  - # of atoms in state  $|i\rangle, |f\rangle$  at temperature  $T$

$$\frac{n_f}{n_i} = e^{-(E_f - E_i)/k_B T}$$

$$B I(\omega_{fi}) \left( 1 - \frac{n_f}{n_i} \right) = \frac{n_f}{n_i} A$$

$$\underline{I(\omega_{fi})} = \frac{A/B}{\frac{n_i}{n_f} - 1} = \frac{(A/B)}{e^{E_{fi}/k_B T} - 1}$$

Bose-Einstein distribution: # of photons with freq.  $\omega$ .

$$\int I(\omega) d\omega = \int_k \hbar \omega_k n_{BE}(\omega) \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} c \equiv \int dS = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}}$$

(Intensity)

$$I(\omega) d\omega = \frac{\hbar \omega c \omega^2}{8\pi^3 c^3} \frac{4\pi d\omega}{e^{\hbar \omega/k_B T} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A/B = \frac{\hbar \omega^3}{2\pi^2 c^2}$$

To have laser action (amplification), need population inversion  $n_f \gg e^{-E_{fi}/k_B T} n_i$



- E&M field quantization: QFT (QED)

- unification: quantum treatment of radiation as well as matter

- experiments: finite rate of spontaneous (free space) emission/decay rate in atoms. eg.  $|2lm\rangle \rightarrow |100\rangle$   
 $R \approx 10^9 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ , due to quantum nature of  $\vec{A}$ ,  
 i.e. zero-point fluctuations of E&M field  
 of oscillator  $\langle x \rangle = \langle p \rangle = 0$  but not  $\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle, \langle \Delta p^2 \rangle$   
 (definite  $\vec{A}$  is not an eigenstate)  $\neq 0$ .

- canonical quantization of a field  $A(\vec{r})$ :

- ▲ field  $A(\vec{r})$  - infinite # of d.o.f., one at each point in space, best thought of as discrete.  
 ( $\vec{r}$  is just a label for these d.o.f., not operator)

- ▲ identify canonical momentum field  $\Pi(\vec{r})$  through Lagrangian:

$$\Pi(\vec{r}) = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta(\partial_t A(\vec{r}))}$$

- ▲ impose canonical commutation relation

$$[\hat{A}(\vec{r}), \hat{\Pi}(\vec{r}')] = i\hbar \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

- ▲ express  $H[\hat{A}, \hat{\Pi}]$  and decouple (if necessary) via canonical transformation  $(\hat{A}, \hat{\Pi} \rightarrow \hat{A}', \hat{\Pi}')$  so that  $H$  is a sum of independent oscillators  $\Rightarrow H = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k a_k^\dagger a_k$ .



see HW4, prob. 4, for a typical example, demonstrated through phonons.

▲ E & M field (as other gauge fields) is slightly more complicated due to gauge-fixing constraint

→ Path-integral quantization of  $A(r)$ :

$$U(A_f(\vec{r}), t_f; A_i(\vec{r}), t_0) = N \int_{A_i(r)}^{A_f(r)} \mathcal{D}A(\vec{r}, t) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[A(\vec{r}, t)]}$$

→ Fields "coordinates"  $\phi(r), \vec{A}(r)$   
(complication: not fully physical due to gauge freedom)

→ conjugate momentum field:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int (|\vec{E}|^2 - |\vec{B}|^2) d^3r = \frac{1}{8\pi} (F_{\mu\nu})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int \left( \left| -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \phi \right|^2 - |\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}|^2 \right) d^3r \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_t \vec{A}} = \vec{\Pi}_A = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \left( \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \phi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\Pi}_A = -\frac{1}{4\pi c} \vec{E}} \Rightarrow \vec{E}, \vec{A} \text{ canonically conjugate!}$$

$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_t \phi} = \Pi_\phi = 0 \Rightarrow$  no dynamics for  $\phi$   
just a constraint:

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_t \phi}}_{=0} - \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} = 0$        $L$  does not depend on  $\partial_t \phi$   
 $\Rightarrow \Pi_\phi = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (-\nabla^2 \phi - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A}) = 0$

•  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \nabla \cdot \vec{\Pi}_A = 0$  ← (Coulomb's law)

•  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_t \vec{A}} - \frac{\delta L}{\delta \vec{A}} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{E}}_{(4\pi \vec{j})} = 0$  ← (Ampere's law)

$\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \phi) = 0$

•  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  &  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{B} = 0$  automatically satisfied due to  $\vec{A}$

Note: Ampere's law  $\Rightarrow$  by taking  $\nabla \cdot$

$\nabla^2 \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \nabla^2 (\nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \phi) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \partial_t [\nabla \cdot (\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} + \nabla \phi)] = 0$

i.e. constraint  $\nabla \cdot \vec{\Pi}_A = -\frac{1}{4\pi c} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \underline{\text{const}}$

const. specified by <sup>background</sup> charge density <sup>of motion</sup>  $4\pi \rho(\vec{r})$   
Coulomb's law  $\rightarrow$  const. of motion, constraint on longit. comp.

- implement constraints:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\Pi}_A = 0$   
 in Fourier space, i.e.  $\vec{A}$  &  $\vec{\Pi}_A$  are  
 transverse to  $\vec{k}$  (pick gauge  $\phi = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow [A_i^T(\vec{r}), \Pi_j^T(\vec{r}')] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}^T \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

$$A_i^T(k) \equiv \underbrace{(\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j)}_{P_{ij}^T(k)} A_j \quad (\text{T} \leftarrow \text{transverse components only})$$

$P_{ij}^T(k)$  — transverse (to  $\vec{k}$ ) projection operator.

$$H_{EM} = \int d^3r [\vec{\Pi} \cdot \partial_t \vec{A} - L]$$

$$H_{EM} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [16\pi^2 c^2 |\vec{\Pi}|^2 + |\nabla \times \vec{A}|^2] = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [E^2 + (\nabla \times \vec{A})^2]$$

cf.  $H_{oscill.} = \left(\frac{1}{2m}\right) p^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2\right) q^2$

$$H_{EM} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [16\pi^2 c^2 \Pi_i^+ \Pi_i + \underbrace{A_i^+ (-\nabla^2) A_j}]$$

- Normal modes, decouple oscillators  
 are Fourier coeff. of  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}), \vec{\Pi}(\vec{r})$ :

$\nabla^2$  couples A's at  
 different points in space  
 $\vec{A}(\vec{r})$  not normal modes

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{\Pi}(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{\tilde{\Pi}}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$[A_i^T(\vec{r}), \Pi_j^T(\vec{r}')] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}^T \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \Rightarrow \underbrace{[\tilde{A}_i^T(\vec{k}), \tilde{\Pi}_j^T(\vec{k}')] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}^T (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}')}_{!}$$



Note: b.c.  $\vec{A}(\vec{r})$  is a real field, Hermitian,

$$\vec{A}^\dagger(\vec{r}) = \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow \underline{\vec{A}(\vec{k}) = \vec{A}(-\vec{k})}$$

i.e.  $k, -k$  not independent complex fields.

In terms of  $\vec{A}(\vec{k}), \vec{\Pi}(\vec{k})$   $H_{EM}$  decomposes: fields.

$$H_{EM} = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \underbrace{(2\pi c^2)}_{\equiv \alpha/2} \vec{\Pi}_i^\dagger(\vec{k}) \vec{\Pi}_i(\vec{k}) + \underbrace{\left(\frac{k^2}{8\pi}\right)}_{\equiv \beta/2} \vec{A}_i^\dagger(\vec{k}) \vec{A}_i(\vec{k}) \right]$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \hbar \sqrt{\alpha\beta} \left[ \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \vec{\Pi}_i^\dagger \vec{\Pi}_i + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}} \vec{A}_i^\dagger \vec{A}_i \right]$$

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

• Introduce creation & annihilation ops.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{a}_k &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{1/4} \vec{A}_k + i \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}} \vec{\Pi}_k \right) \\ \vec{a}_k^\dagger &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{1/4} \vec{A}_k^\dagger - i \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}} \vec{\Pi}_k^\dagger \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{A}_k &= \frac{(\vec{a}_k + \vec{a}_k^\dagger) \hbar}{2} \\ \vec{\Pi}_k &= \frac{(\vec{a}_k^\dagger - \vec{a}_k) \hbar}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{[a_{ik}, a_{jk'}^\dagger] = \delta_{ij} \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')} \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{EM} = \sum_i \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \hbar c k \frac{1}{2} [a_{ik} a_{ik}^\dagger + a_{ik}^\dagger a_{ik}]$$

$\omega_k$

$$H_{EM} \Rightarrow \sum_i \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \hbar \omega_k [a_{ik}^\dagger a_{ik} + \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k} = 0)]$$

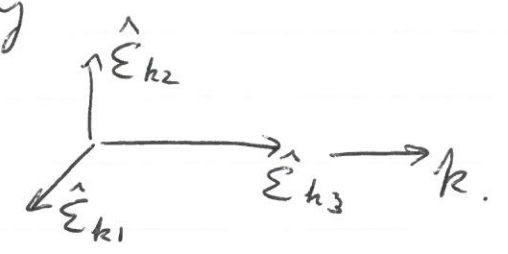
$$\underline{H_{EM} = \sum_i \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \hbar \omega_k a_{ik}^\dagger a_{ik} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \hbar \omega_k \underbrace{2}_{\substack{2 \text{ transv.} \\ \text{modes.}}} \hbar \omega_k}$$

zero-point energy.



impose transversality

$$\vec{a}_k = \sum_{\lambda=1}^3 a_{k\lambda} \hat{\epsilon}_{k\lambda}$$



⇒ take  $a_{k3} = 0$

$$H_{EM} = \sum_{\lambda=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \hbar \omega_k a_{k\lambda}^+ a_{k\lambda} + \sum_k \hbar \omega_k$$

states of EM field:

$$| \{n_{k\lambda}\} \rangle \text{ where } a_{k\lambda}^+ a_{k\lambda} | \{n_{k\lambda}\} \rangle = n_{k\lambda} | \{n_{k\lambda}\} \rangle$$

Vacuum:  $|0\rangle$

$$\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle \sim \langle 0 | a + a^+ | 0 \rangle = 0 ;$$

$$\langle 0 | \Pi | 0 \rangle \sim \langle 0 | a - a^+ | 0 \rangle = 0$$

but  $\langle 0 | A^2 | 0 \rangle ; \langle 0 | \Pi^2 | 0 \rangle \neq 0$

state of  
laser field is  
coherent state  
 $\hat{E} | \vec{E} \rangle = \vec{E} | \vec{E} \rangle$

$$a_{k\lambda}^+ |0\rangle = |k\lambda\rangle$$

creates a photon with momentum  $\hbar k$ , polariz.  $\hat{\epsilon}_{k\lambda}$

$$\vec{P} = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \int d^3r (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \leftarrow \text{momentum operator.}$$

$$= \sum_{\lambda} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} a_{k\lambda}^+ a_{k\lambda} \hbar \vec{k} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{P} |k\lambda\rangle = \hbar \vec{k} |k\lambda\rangle$$

$$a_{k_1\lambda_1}^+ a_{k_2\lambda_2}^+ \dots a_{k_n\lambda_n}^+ |0\rangle \equiv |k_1\lambda_1, k_2\lambda_2, \dots\rangle$$

$\sum_i n_i \hbar \vec{k}_i$        $n$  photon state

$$\vec{P} | \{k_i\lambda_i\} \rangle = \left( \sum_i \hbar \vec{k}_i \right) | \{k_i\lambda_i\} \rangle$$

$$H | \{k_i\lambda_i\} \rangle = \left( \sum_i n_i \hbar \omega_i \right) | \{k_i\lambda_i\} \rangle$$

$$\langle k_1\lambda_1 | k_2\lambda_2 \rangle = \delta_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2)$$

$$\langle r, s | k\lambda \rangle = \frac{\hat{E}_{k\lambda}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$\vec{k} \parallel \hat{E}_{k3} \Leftrightarrow S_z = 0$  state since  $e^{\frac{iL_z}{\hbar} \text{mvmt}}$

$S_z = \pm \hbar$  ,  $S_z = 0$  is not an allowed state due to  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  constraint  $\Leftrightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{A}_k = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow$  only helicity of  $\pm \hbar$  allowed  
i.e., positive & negative circularly polarized.

• Emission/Absorption.

$$H_1 = \frac{e}{mc} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}} = \left( \frac{e}{mc} \int d^3r \hat{\mathbf{A}}(\vec{r}) \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}} \right)$$

↑ label
↑ operator

$$= \frac{e}{mc} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}$$

↑ state of EM field

Emission:  $|i^0\rangle = |2lm\rangle \otimes |\{n_{k\lambda}\}\rangle$

↑ electronic state

$$|f^0\rangle = |100\rangle \otimes |\{n_{k\lambda} + \delta_{k\lambda}, k\lambda\}\rangle$$

↑ increase occupation of mode  $k\lambda$  by 1.

$$E_f^0 - E_i^0 = (E_{100} + \hbar\omega) - (E_{2lm})$$

Fermi's golden rule:

$$R_{2lm \rightarrow 100} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f^0 | \frac{e}{mc} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}} | i^0 \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{100} + \hbar\omega - E_{2lm})$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int \left( \frac{\hbar c^2}{4\pi^2 \omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right)^{1/2} [a_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + h.c.] \int d^3r \psi_{100}^* e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \cdot (-i\hbar \vec{\nabla}) \psi_{2lm} \right|^2 \delta(\dots) \propto (n_{k\lambda} + 1)$$

Absorption:

$$R_{100 \rightarrow 2lm} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \left( \frac{\hbar c^2}{4\pi^2 \omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right)^{1/2} \int d^3r \psi_{2lm}^* e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \cdot (-i\hbar \vec{\nabla}) \psi_{100} \right|^2 \delta(\dots) \propto (n_{k\lambda})$$

$$R^{\text{emission}} - R^{\text{absorp.}} \propto (n_{k\lambda} + 1) - (n_{k\lambda}) \neq 0.$$

↑ spontaneous emission.

For more details see Shankar, pg 519.

→ dipole approx  $\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{p} \rightarrow \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{r} i m \omega$

→ selection rule  $l=1$  (parity)

→  $\epsilon \cdot r = \sum_{-1}^1 (-1)^q \epsilon_1^q r_1^{-q} = -\epsilon_1^1 r_1^{-1} + \epsilon_1^0 r_1^0 - \epsilon_1^{-1} r_1^{+1}$

→ average over 3 state  $m=\pm 1, 0$  in initial electronic state.  $\frac{-(\epsilon_x + i\epsilon_y)}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\frac{4\pi}{3} r^2$ ,  $\epsilon_z$ ,  $Y_1^0$ ,  $Y_1^{\pm 1}$

→ integrate over final photon momenta  $k$  & 2 polarizations  $\lambda = 1, 2$ .

$$\int \delta(E_{100} + \hbar\omega - E_{2lm}) k^2 dk d\Omega = \frac{4\pi k^2}{\hbar c}$$

⇒  $R_{i \rightarrow all} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 \alpha^5 \frac{mc^2}{\hbar}$   
 $\equiv \frac{1}{\tau} \approx 0.6 \times 10^9 \text{ sec}^{-1}$



with  $k = \frac{1}{\hbar c} (E_{2lm} - E_{100})$   
 $k = \frac{3e^2}{8a_0 \hbar c} \frac{e^2}{2a_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)$