

Lecture 2: Atom-field interaction

Static field:

Magnetic field:

Zeeman effect

Electric field:

DC polarizability

Time dependent field (light):

Light shift:

Optical potential

Scattering:

Radiation force

Zeeman effect

$$V = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = -\mu_B (g_S \vec{S} + g_L \vec{L} + g_I \vec{I})$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$g_S = 2.002$$

$$L = 0$$

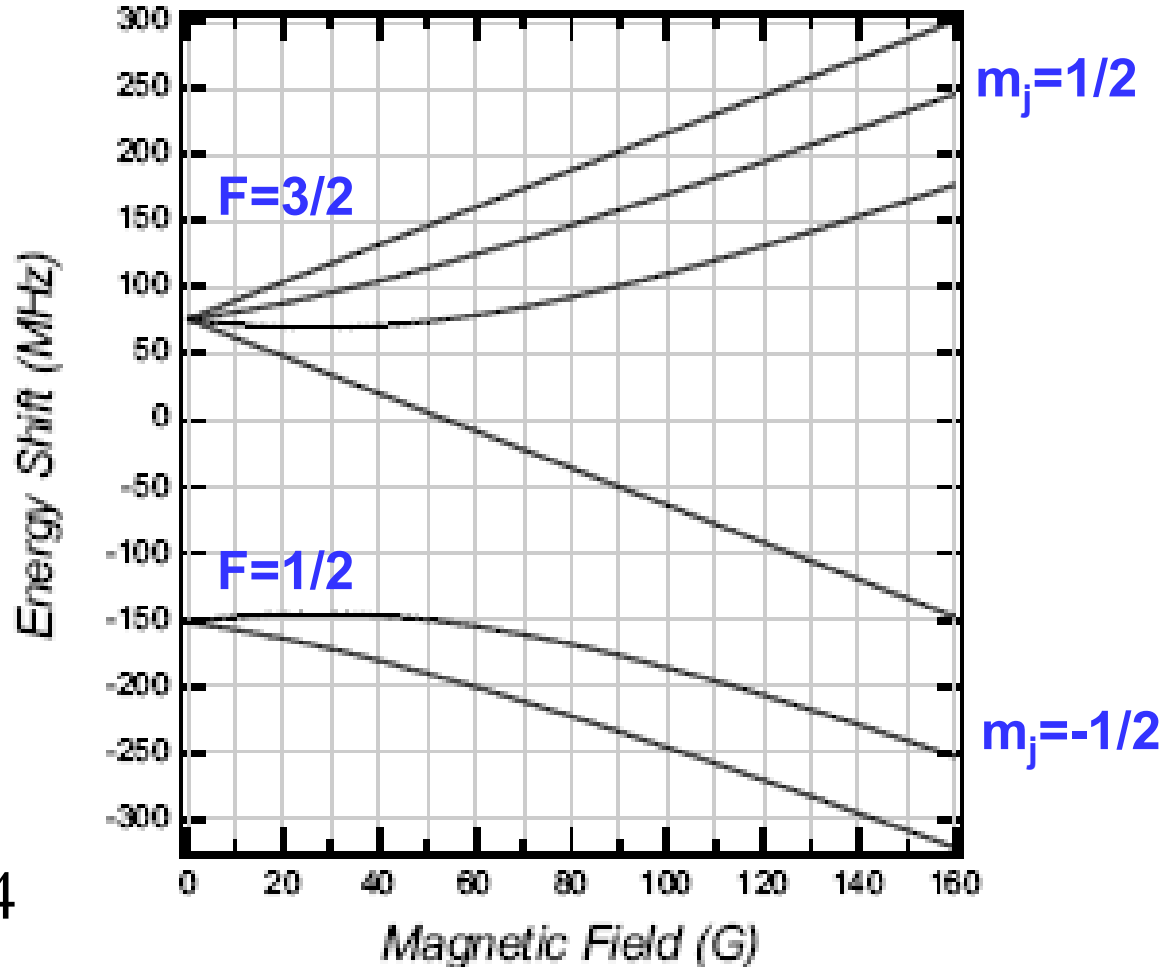
$$g_L = 1.000$$

$$I = 1$$

$$g_I = 0.0004$$

$$F = L + S + I$$

${}^6\text{Li}$
 $2^2\text{S}_{1/2}$



Zeeman effect in the ground state

$$H = A \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + B \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = -\frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} (g_s \mathbf{S} + g_L \mathbf{L} + g_i \mathbf{I})$$

${}^6\text{Li}$

$2^2\text{P}_{3/2}$

$F=1/2$

$F=3/2$

$F=5/2$

$$S = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$g_s = 2.002$$

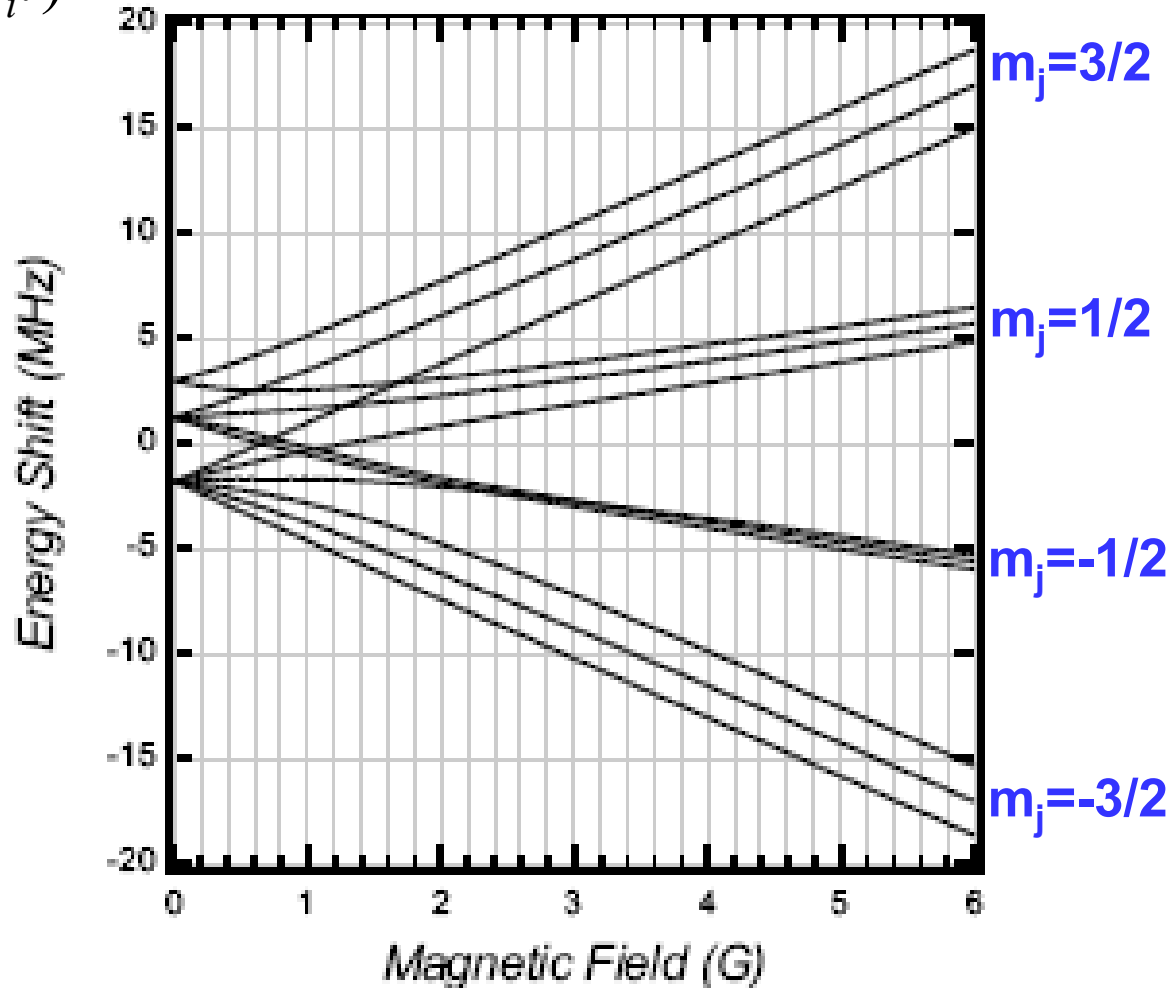
$$L = 1$$

$$g_L = 1.000$$

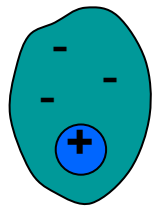
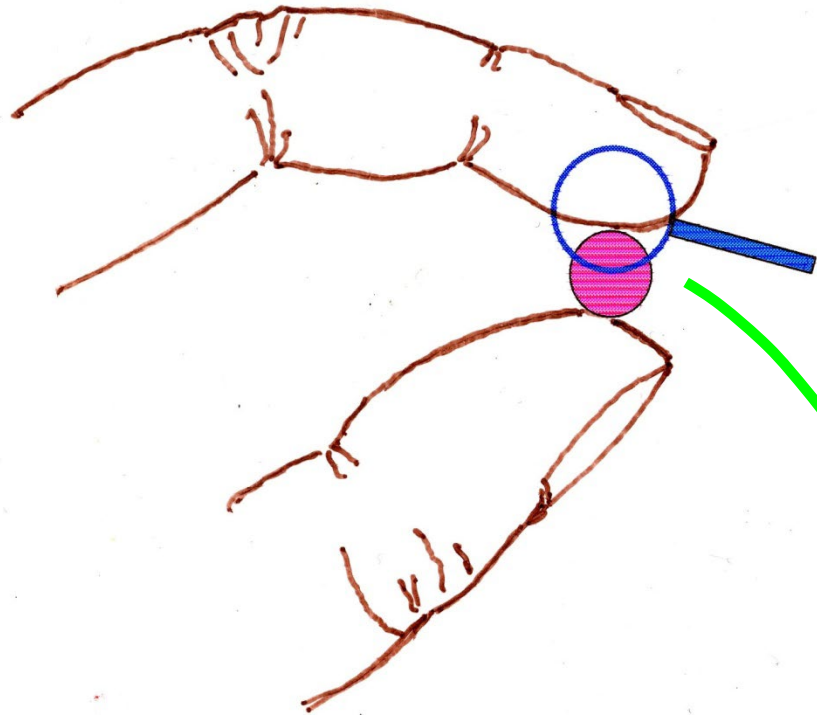
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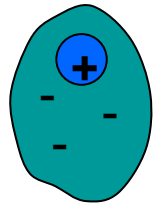
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Electrostatic force

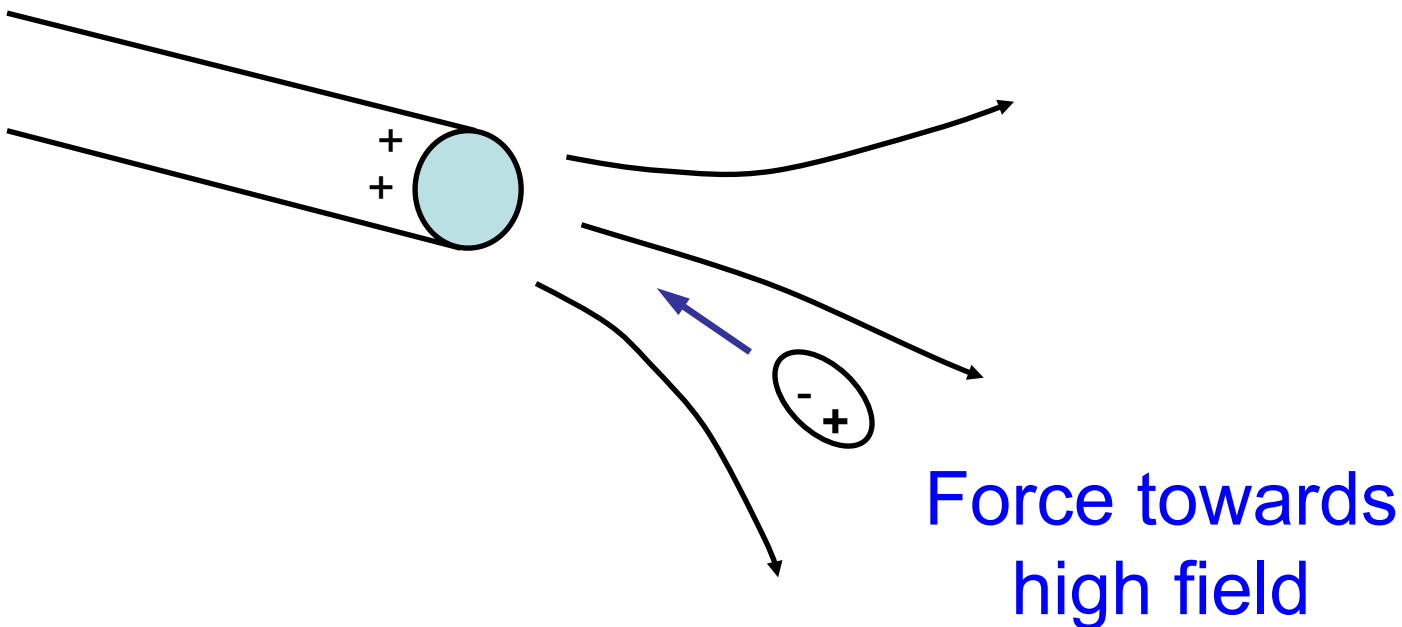


Atom on finger

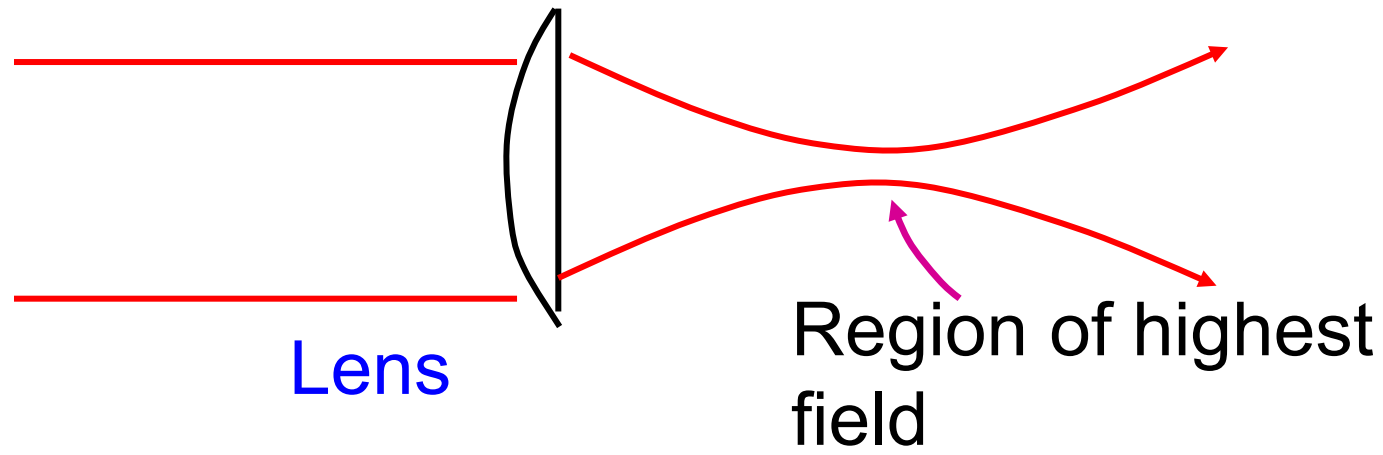


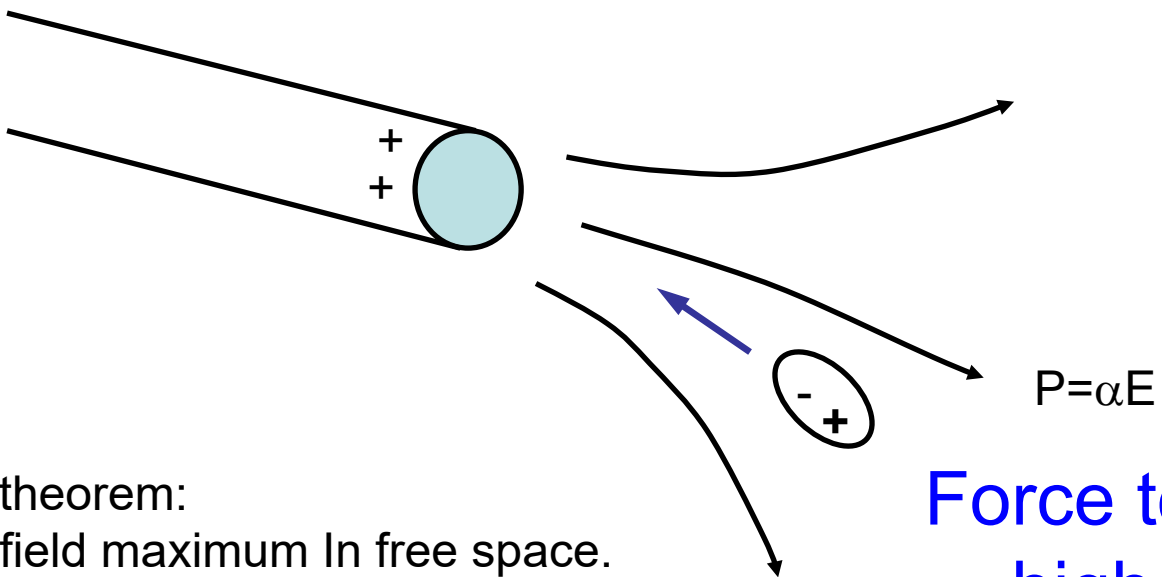
Atom on object

Courtesy of Steven Chu



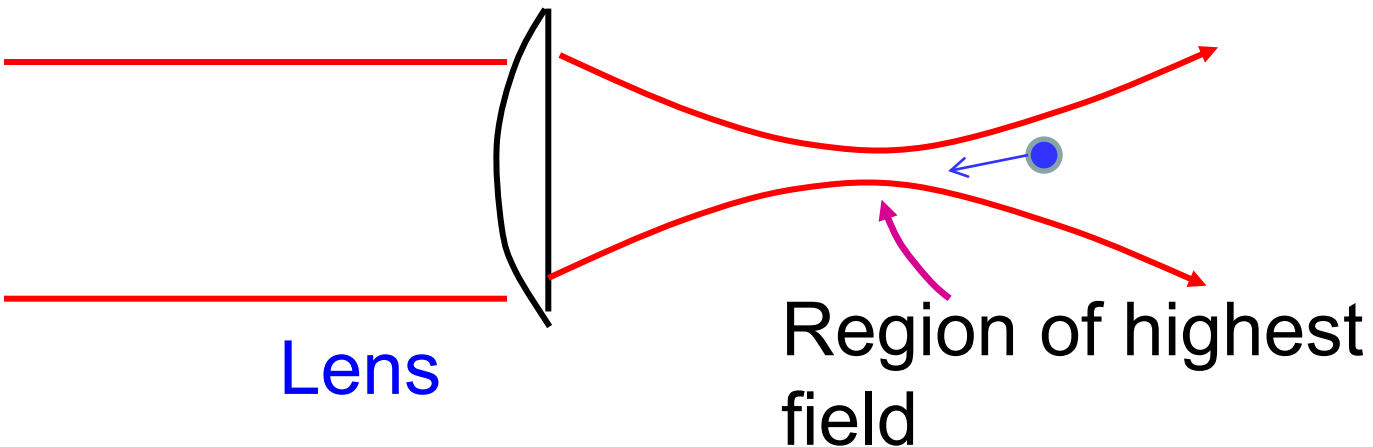
Optical tweezer





Force towards high field

Earnshaw's theorem:
No 3D local field maximum in free space.



Lens

Region of highest field

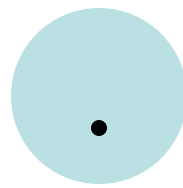
Is the atom-light interaction attractive?

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Attraction or repulsion?

↑ E: electric field

Lorentz Model :



↑ x: charge displacement

$$m\ddot{x} = F = eE(t) - m\omega_0^2x - 2\beta\dot{x}$$

Dipole moment: $p \equiv ex = \alpha(\omega)E$

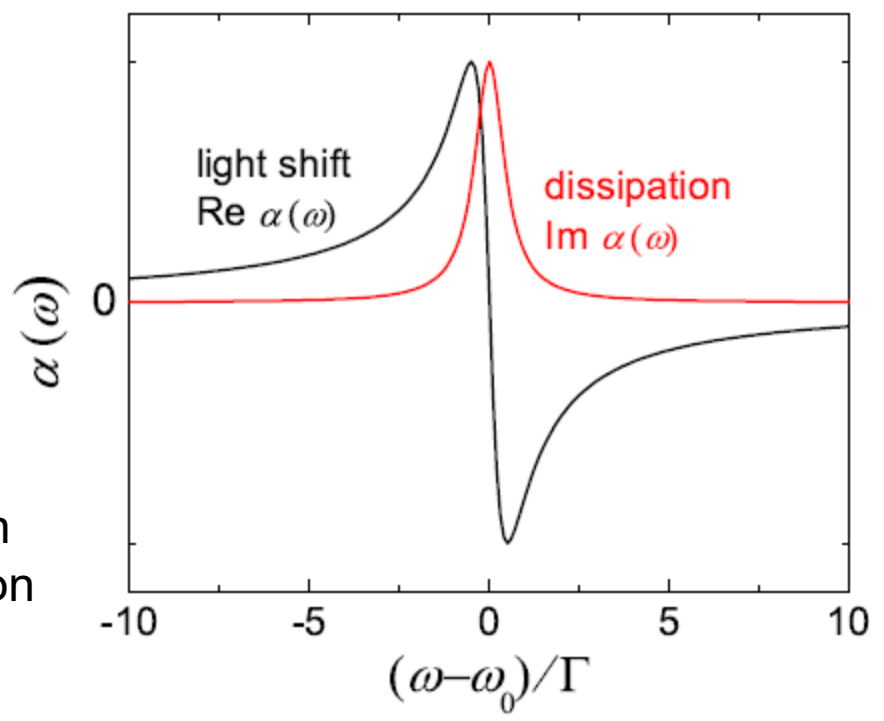
Dipole energy:

$$E = -p \cdot E = -Re[\alpha(\omega)]E^2$$

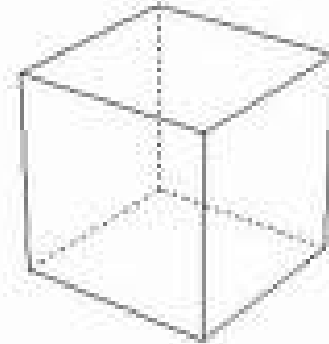
$$\equiv -\alpha_{AC}I$$

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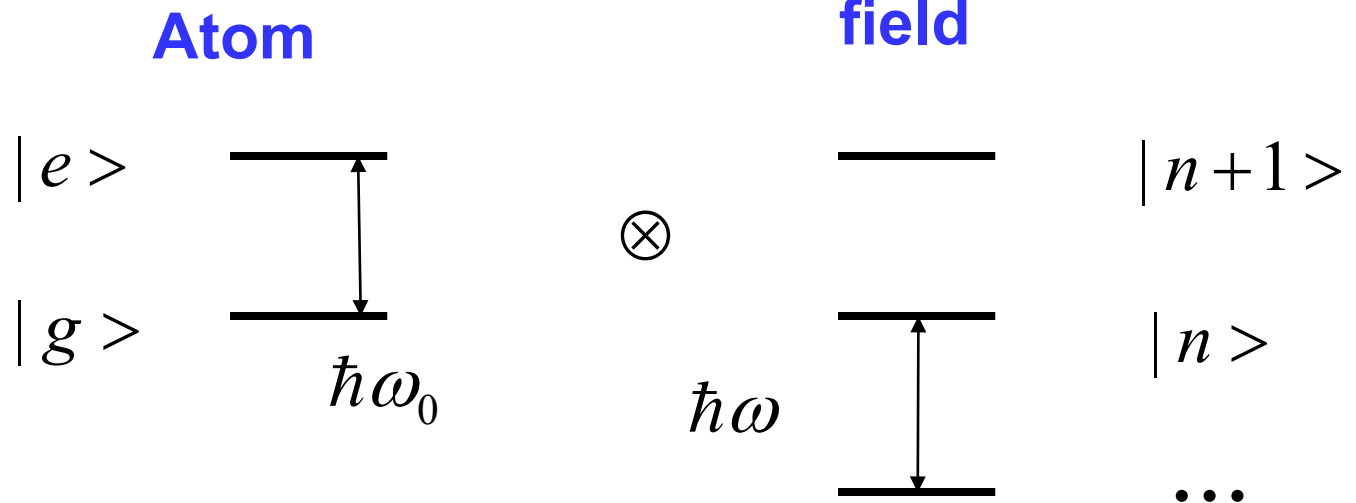
Below resonance (red detuned): attraction
 Above resonance (blue detuned): repulsion



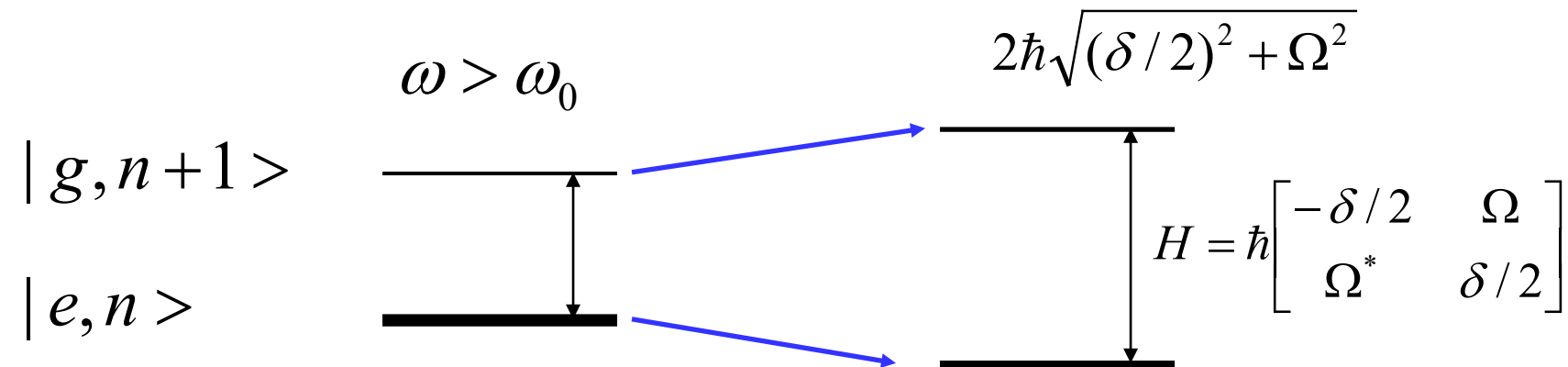
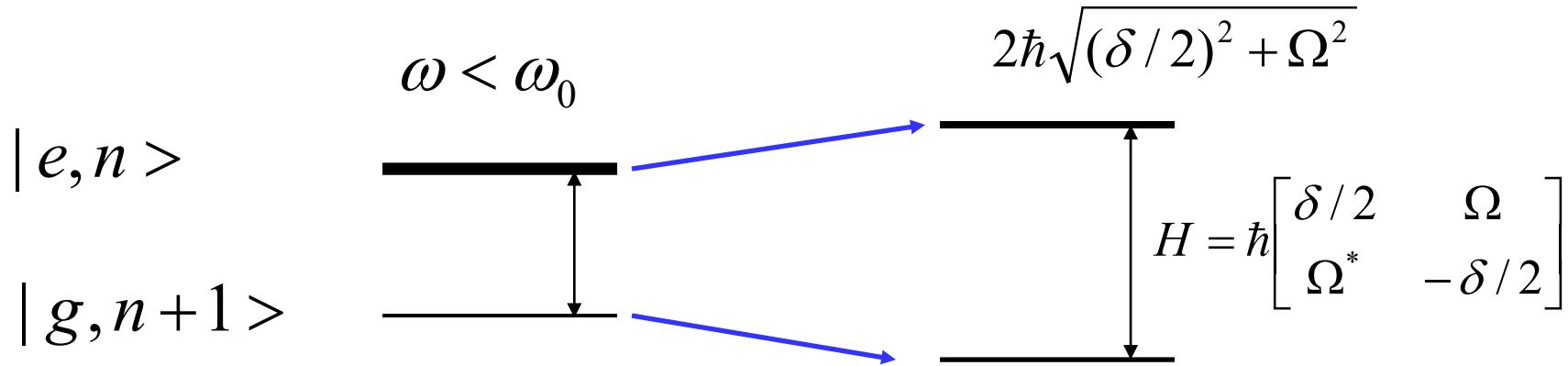
Full Quantum treatment: Dressed atom picture



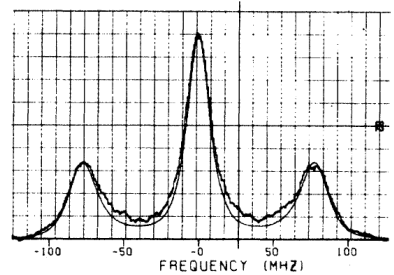
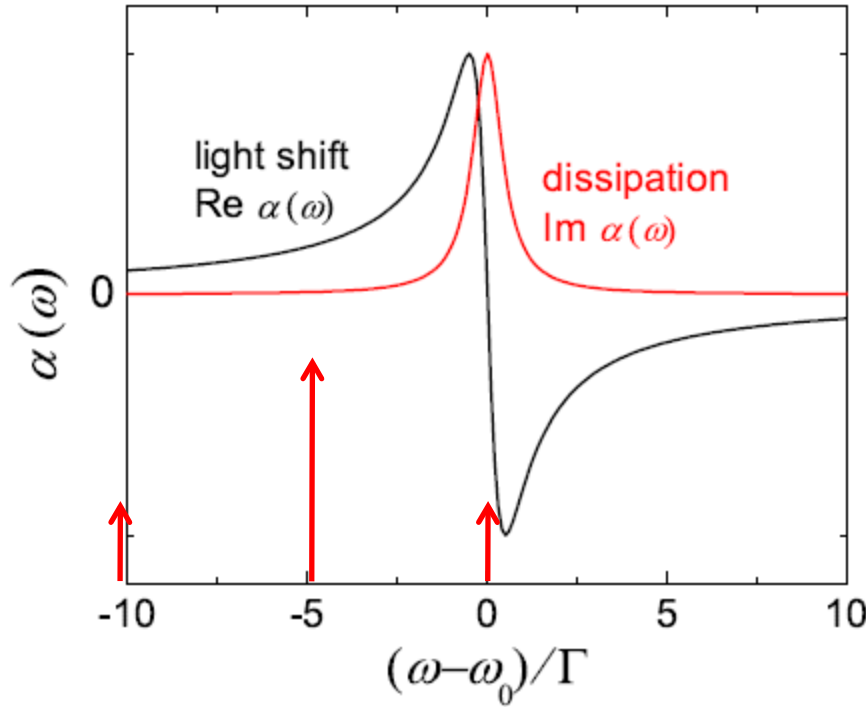
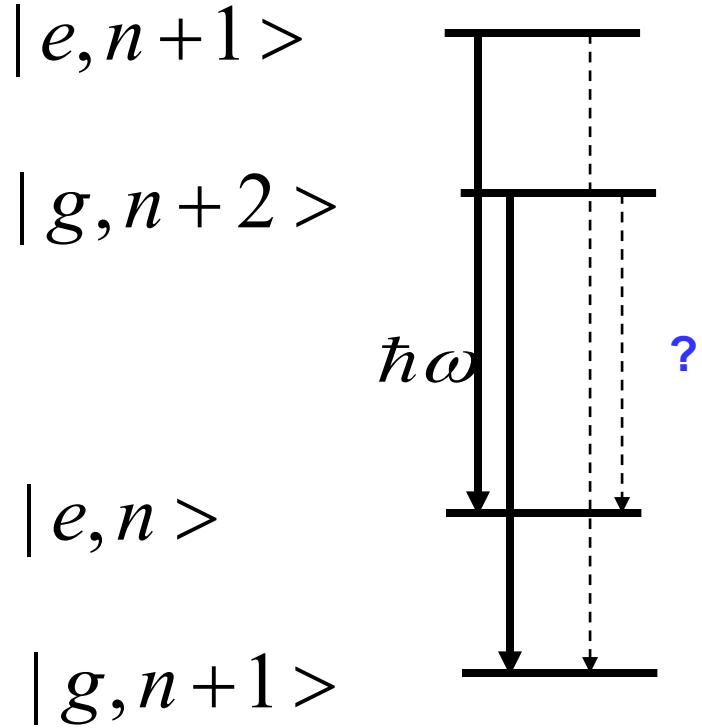
$$|system\rangle = |atom\rangle \otimes |field\rangle$$



Light shift with laser detuning $\delta = \omega - \omega_0$



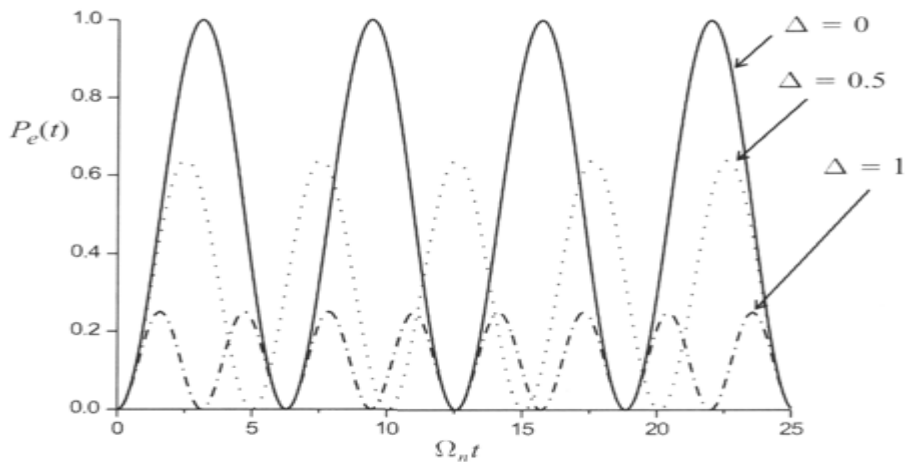
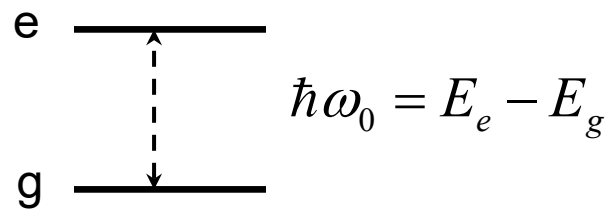
Spontaneous Emission



Mollow triplet
 Grove et al., PRA
 15, 227 (1977)

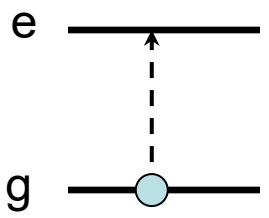
$$H = H_0 + \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}(t)$$

$$= H_0 + \hbar\Omega \cos \omega t$$

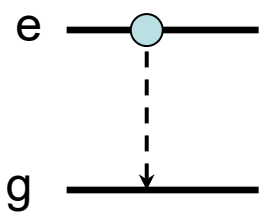


(no decay is assumed here)

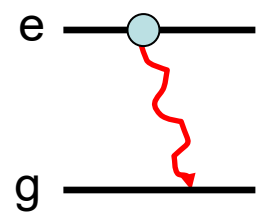
Stimulated absorption



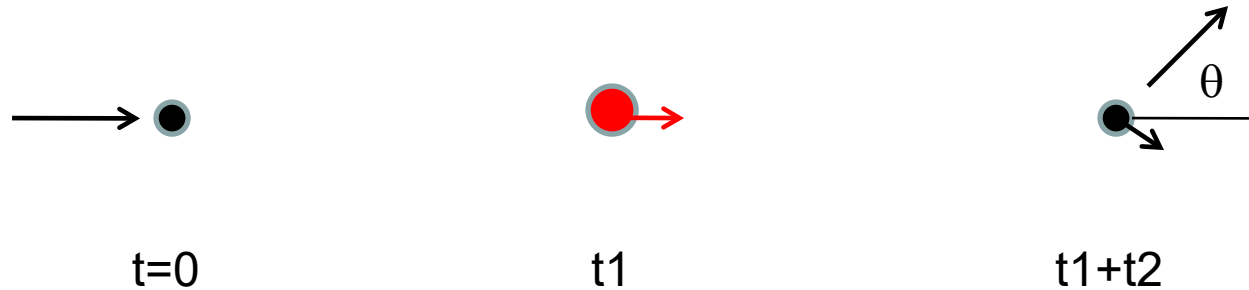
Stimulated emission



Spontaneous emission



Scattering \approx absorption + emission



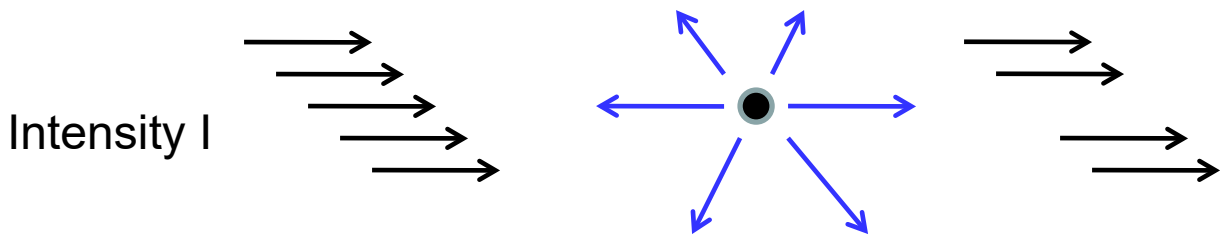
$$E_{\text{recoil}} = p^2/2m$$

$$E_{\text{recoil}} = E_{\text{recoil}} (1 - \cos \theta)^2$$

$t_2 = 1/\Gamma$: natural lifetime of the excited state (typically 30 ns)

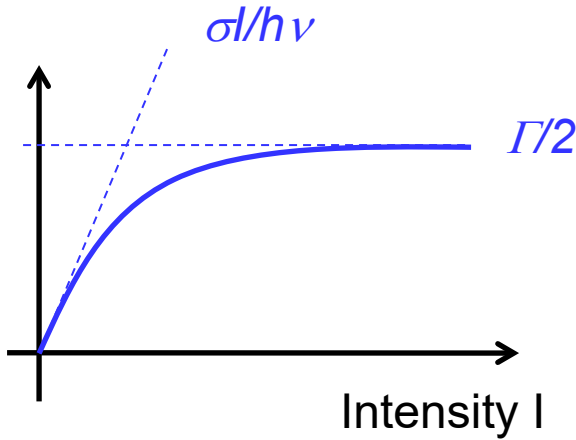
$t_1 = ?$

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Scattering rate $s = n_e \Gamma = \sigma / h\nu$

n_e : excited state population
 σ : cross section
 $h\nu$: photon energy



$$s = \Gamma n_2 = \frac{\Gamma}{2} \frac{p}{1+p}$$

p : saturation parameter

Saturation parameter $p = \frac{I}{I_s} \frac{1}{1 + 4\Delta^2 / \Gamma^2}$

I_s : saturation intensity