

Radiation transport and polarized line profile formation

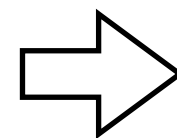
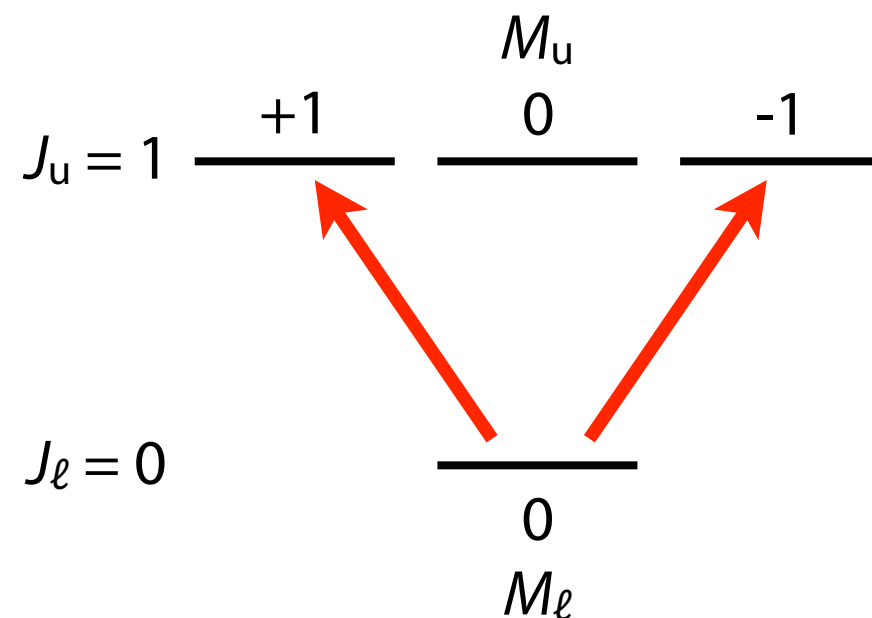
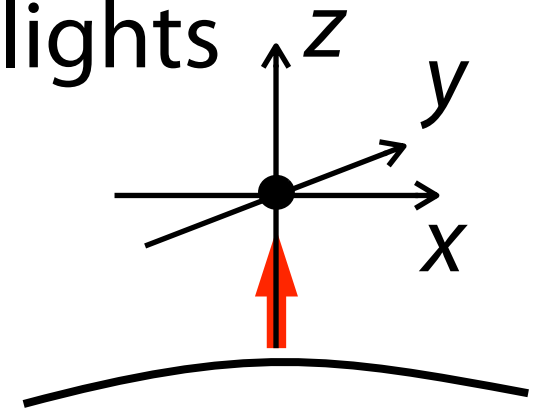
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intuitive understanding

- two level atom ($J_\ell = 0$ and $J_u = 1$) is taken as example
- density matrix is set up for atoms under anisotropic irradiation (incoherent)
- rotation of coordinate gives rise to coherence between magnetic sublevels
- equation of motion due to magnetic field perturbation is solved for density matrix
- Stokes parameters are derived from density matrix

anisotropic photo-excitation

- unpolarized σ -light can be understood to consist of incoherent two circularly polarized lights
- excitation gives rise to anisotropic excited level



$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} +1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{matrix}$$

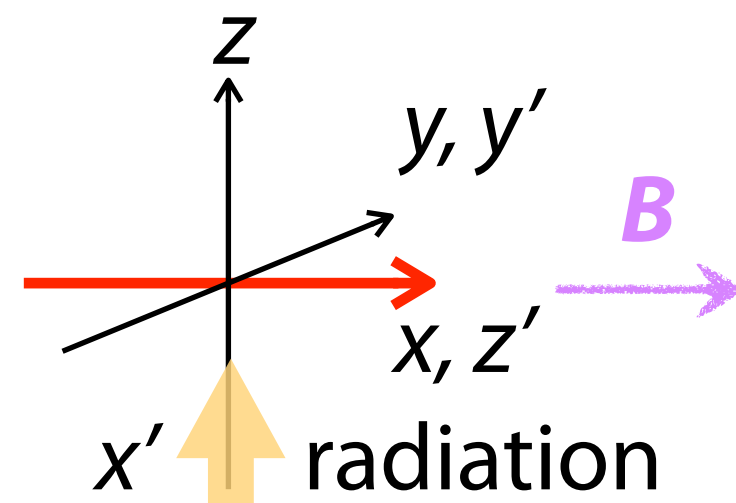
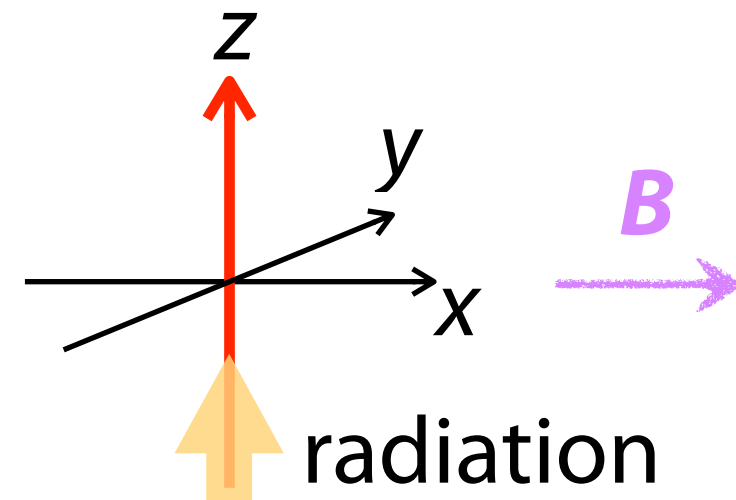
- there is no coherence (non-diagonal component) at this moment

- coordinates are rotated so that quantization axis points to **B** direction

$$\rho_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\rho_x = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



- coherence appears between $M = +1$ and $M = -1$ states

role of magnetic field

- equation of motion for density matrix

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_x = [H_F, \rho_x]$$

- Hamiltonian H_F consists of perturbation due to magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned}\langle M|H_F|N\rangle &= -\mu_B g_J B \langle M|J_x|N\rangle \\ &= -\mu_B g_J B M \delta_{MN} \\ &= -\hbar \omega_0 M \delta_{MN}\end{aligned}$$

- μ_B and g_J are Bohr magneton and Landé g -factor, respectively, and ω_0 corresponds to Larmor angular frequency

- H_F is explicitly written as

$$H_F = -\hbar\omega_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- right hand side of equation of motion is calculated as

equation of motion

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_x = [H_F, \rho_x]$$

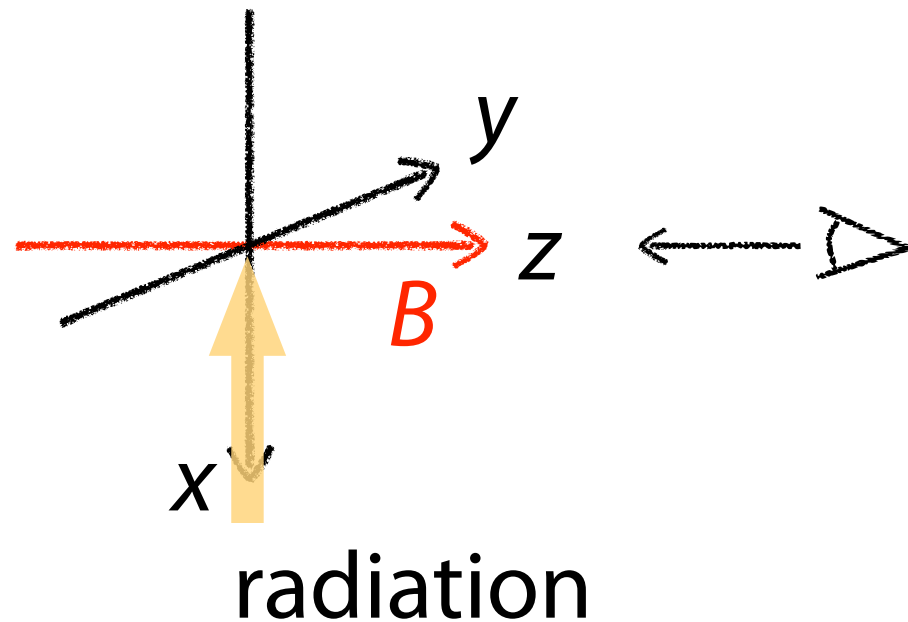
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{10} & \rho_{1-1} \\ \rho_{01} & \rho_{00} & \rho_{0-1} \\ \rho_{-11} & \rho_{-10} & \rho_{-1-1} \end{pmatrix} = -\hbar\omega_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho_{10} & 2\rho_{1-1} \\ -\rho_{01} & 0 & \rho_{0-1} \\ -2\rho_{-11} & -\rho_{-10} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } \rho_x(0) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

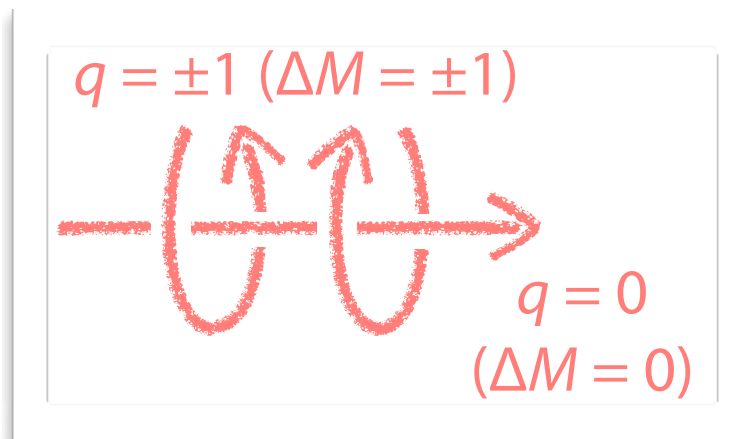
- $\rho_x(t)$ is readily obtained with initial condition

$$\rho_x(t) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & e^{2i\omega t} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ e^{-2i\omega t} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- line intensity is derived from density matrix obtained



line intensity

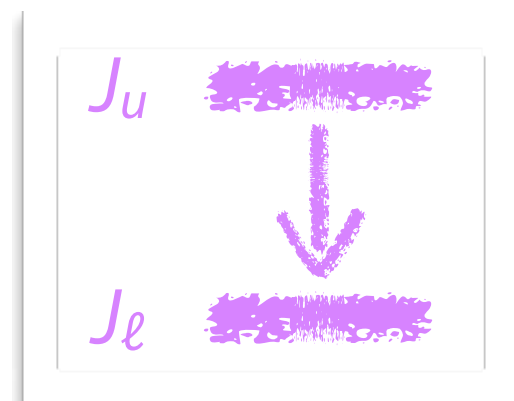
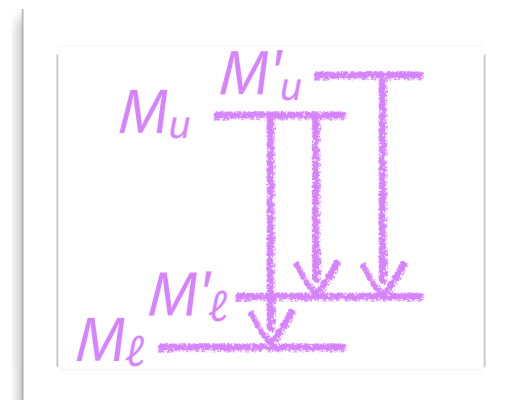


spherical components

$$I_{M_u M_\ell}^q = C_D |\langle u J_u M_u | d_q | \ell J_\ell M_\ell \rangle|^2$$



$$I_{u\ell}^q = C_D \sum_{M_u, M_\ell} w_{M_u} |\langle u J_u M_u | d_q | \ell J_\ell M_\ell \rangle|^2$$



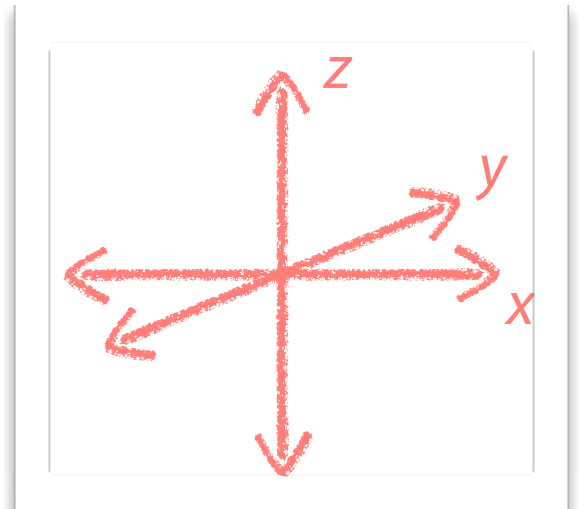
- measurable intensity is summation over all combinations of magnetic sublevels

linear polarization components

$d_q \rightarrow d_x$ and d_y

$$d_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(d_{-1} - d_1)$$

$$d_y = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(d_{-1} + d_1)$$



$$I_{u\ell}^x = \frac{C_D}{2} \sum_{M'_u, M''_u, M_\ell} \langle uJ_u M'_u | \rho_u | uJ_u M''_u \rangle$$

$$\times \langle uJ_u M''_u | \underline{d_{-1} - d_1} | \ell J_\ell M_\ell \rangle \langle \ell J_\ell M_\ell | \underline{d_{-1}^\dagger - d_1^\dagger} | uJ_u M'_u \rangle$$

$$I_{u\ell}^y = \frac{C_D}{2} \sum_{M'_u, M''_u, M_\ell} \langle uJ_u M'_u | \rho_u | uJ_u M''_u \rangle$$

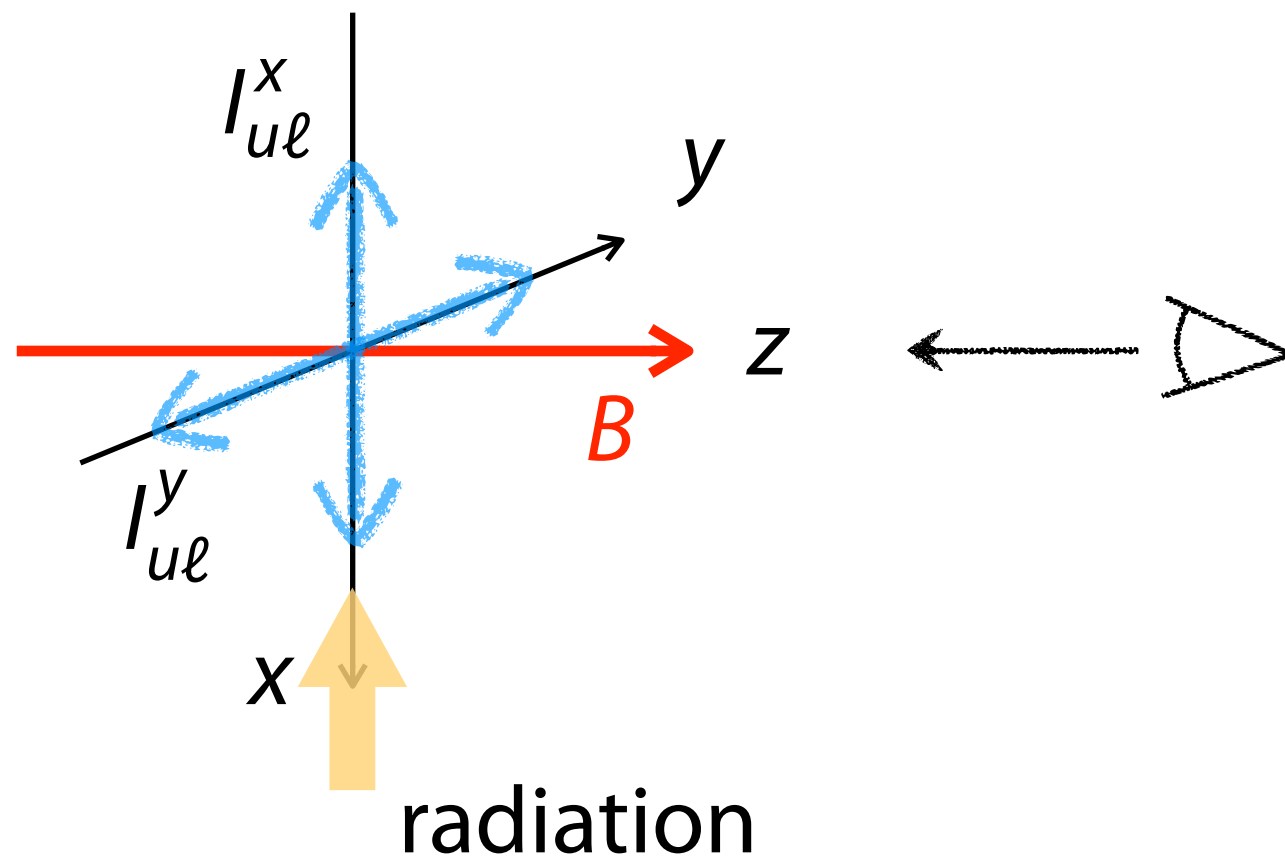
$$\times \langle uJ_u M''_u | \underline{d_{-1} + d_1} | \ell J_\ell M_\ell \rangle \langle \ell J_\ell M_\ell | \underline{d_{-1}^\dagger + d_1^\dagger} | uJ_u M'_u \rangle$$

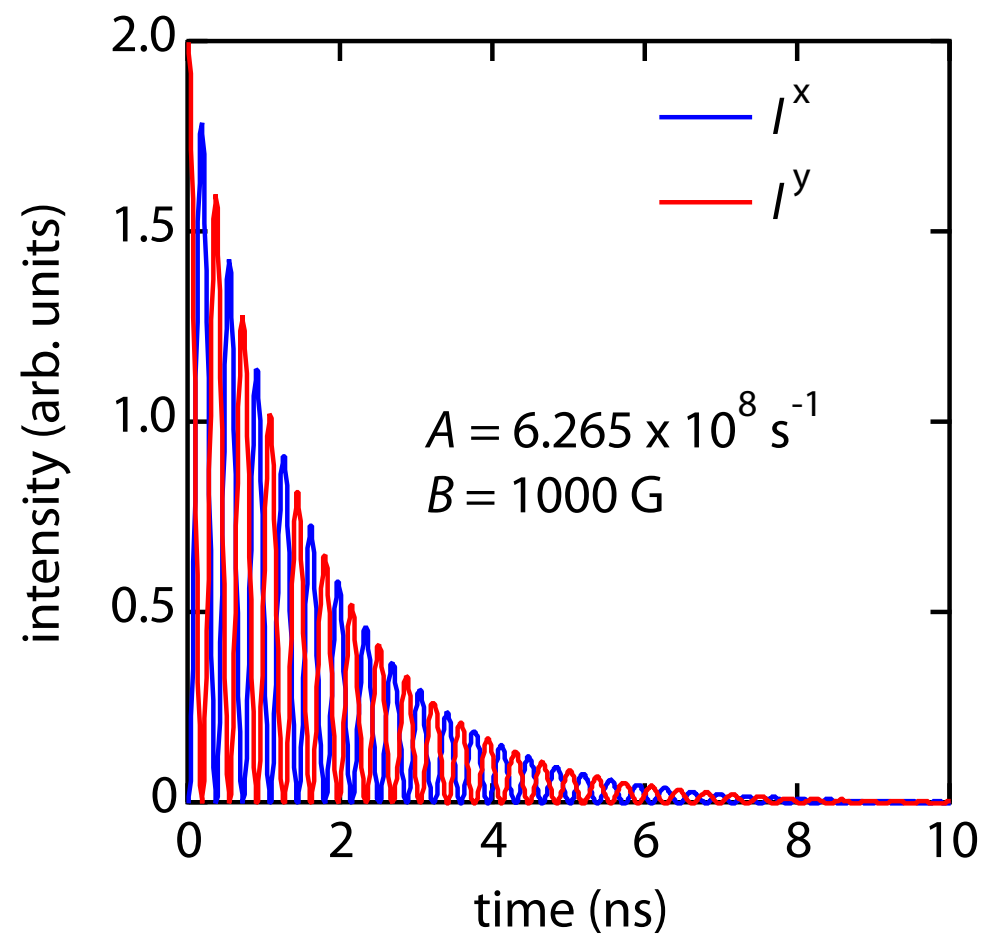
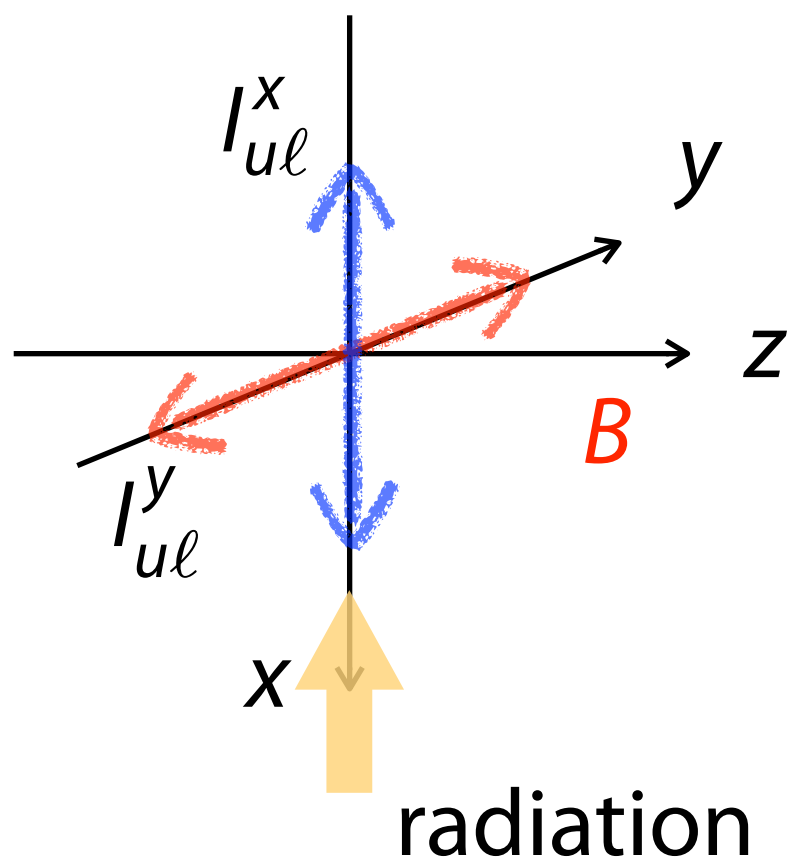
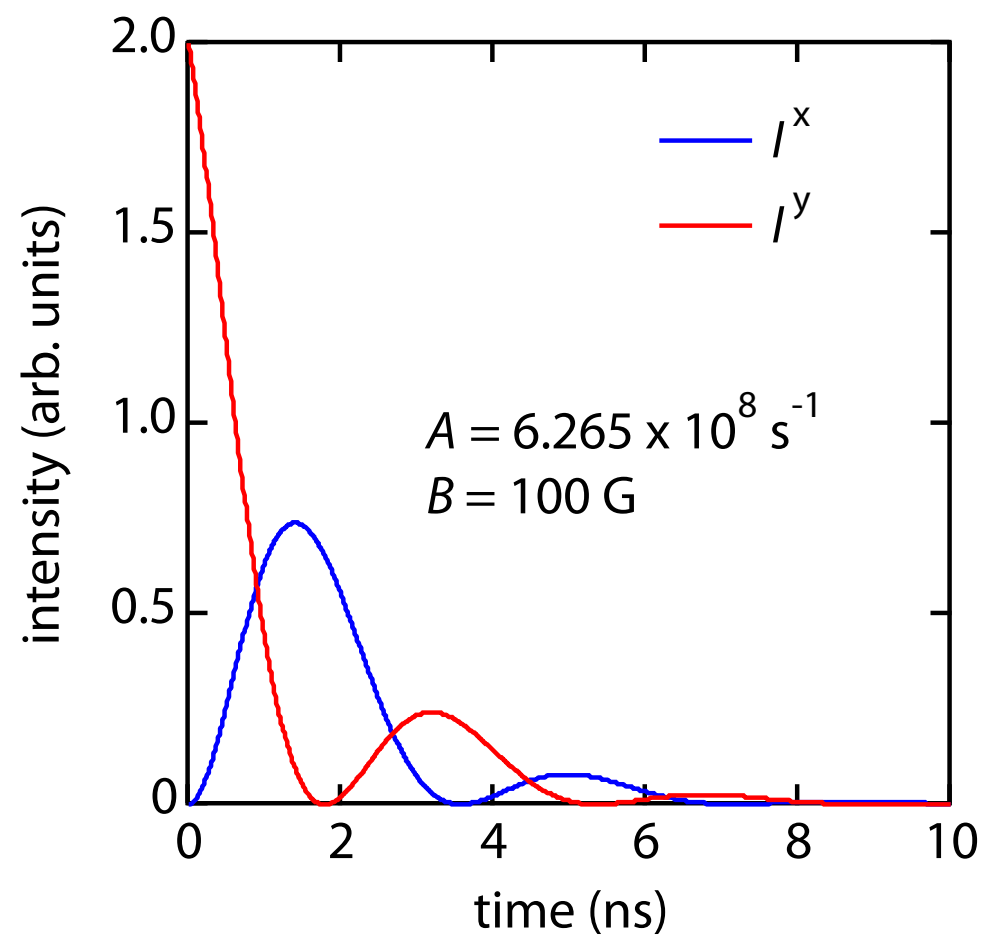
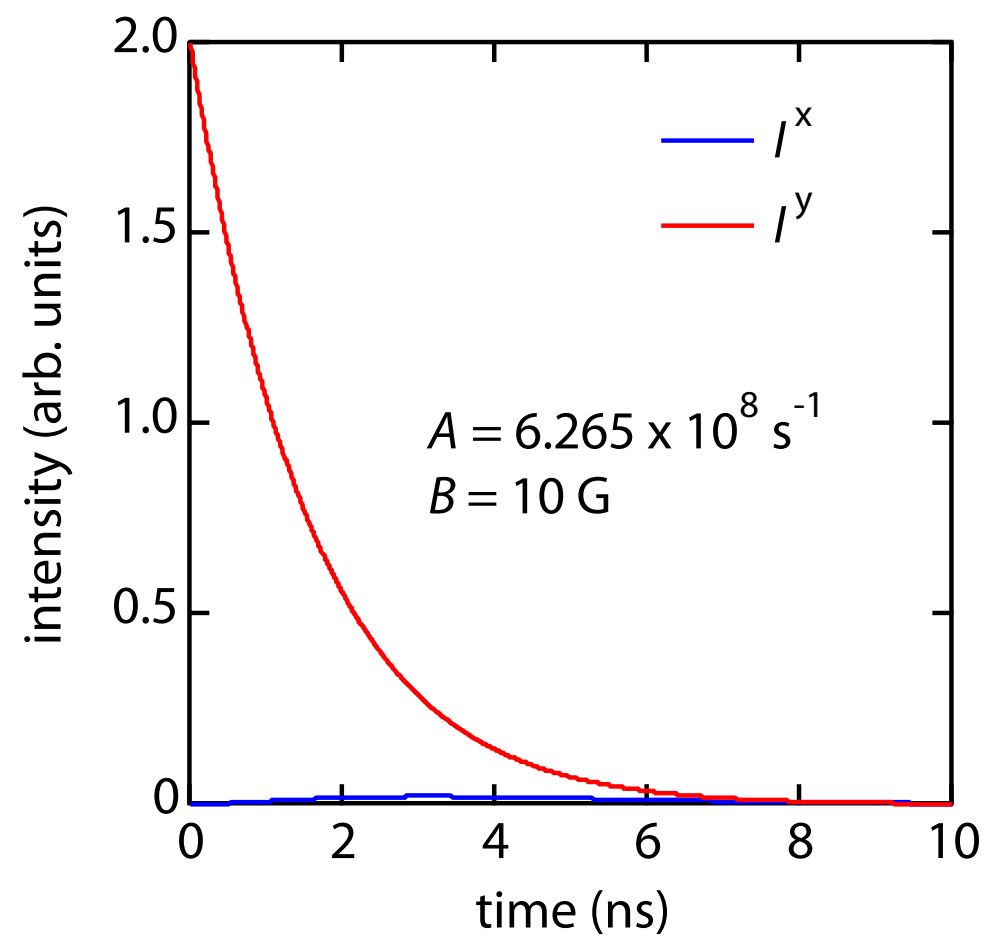
$$I_{u\ell}^x = \frac{C_D}{12} (1 - \cos 2\omega t) |\langle u1 || \mathbf{d} || \ell 0 \rangle|^2 \times \exp(-A_{\alpha\beta} t)$$

$$I_{u\ell}^y = \frac{C_D}{12} (1 + \cos 2\omega t) |\langle u1 || \mathbf{d} || \ell 0 \rangle|^2 \times \exp(-A_{\alpha\beta} t)$$

$$\omega = \frac{e}{2m} g_J B$$

spontaneous decay





statistical equilibrium equations

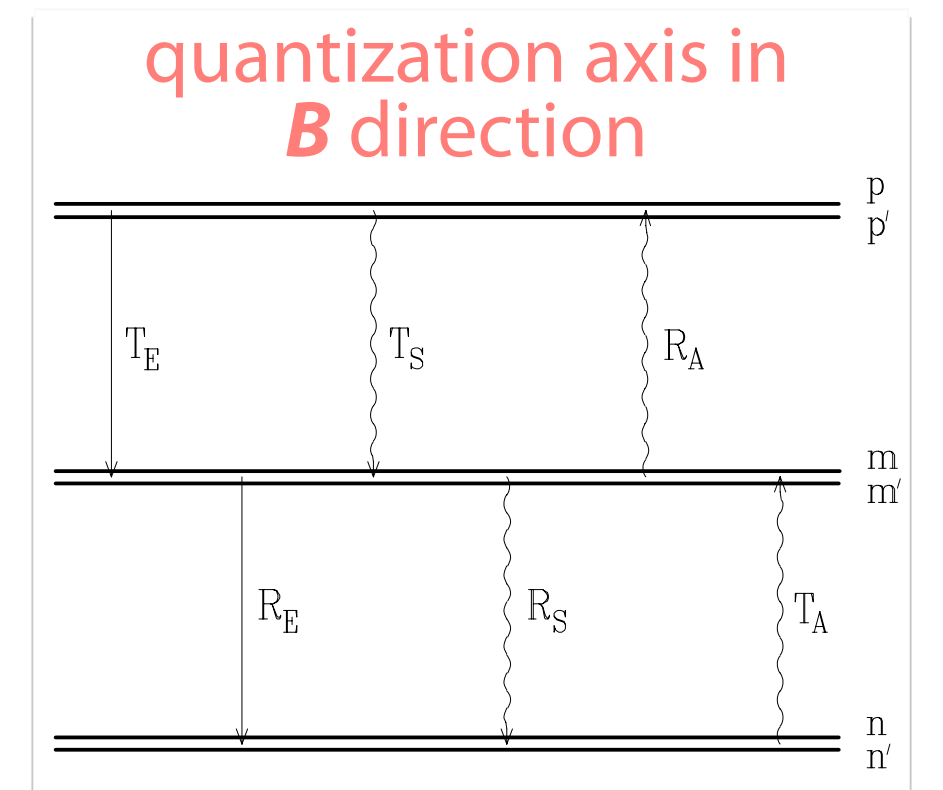
- density matrix and Stokes parameters are derived following "*Polarization in Spectral Lines*" by E. Landi Degl'Innocenti and M. Landolfi
- correspondence to the intuitive method of the results is considered

equation of motion

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho = \frac{2\pi}{i\hbar} [H, \rho]$$

- Hamiltonian can involve atomic processes in addition to magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \rho_{\alpha J}(M, M') = & -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha J} (M - M') \rho_{\alpha J}(M, M') \\ & + \sum_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell} \sum_{M_\ell M'_\ell} \rho_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell}(M_\ell, M'_\ell) T_A(\alpha J M M', \alpha_\ell J_\ell M_\ell M'_\ell) \\ & + \sum_{\alpha_u J_u} \sum_{M_u M'_u} \rho_{\alpha_u J_u}(M_u, M'_u) \left[T_E(\alpha J M M', \alpha_u J_u M_u M'_u) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + T_S(\alpha J M M', \alpha_u J_u M_u M'_u) \right] \\ & - \sum_{M''} \left\{ \rho_{\alpha J}(M, M'') \left[R_A(\alpha J M' M'') + R_E(\alpha J M'' M') \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + R_S(\alpha J M'' M') \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \rho_{\alpha J}(M'', M') \left[R_A(\alpha J M'' M) + R_E(\alpha J M M'') \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + R_S(\alpha J M M'') \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$



← standard representation

spherical tensors

- spherical representation of density matrix is obtained from standard matrix as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_Q^K(\alpha J, \alpha J) &= \rho_Q^K(\alpha J) \\ &= \sum_{MM'} (-1)^{J-M} \sqrt{2K+1} \begin{pmatrix} J & J & K \\ M & -M' & -Q \end{pmatrix} \rho_{\alpha J}(M, M') \end{aligned}$$

where $K = 0, 1, \dots, 2J$ and $Q = -K, \dots, K$

- the transformation is understood as change of matrix *basis*, e.g., for $J = 1/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\alpha J}(M, M') &: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho_Q^K(\alpha J) &: \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

advantages

- standard representation requires two rotation matrices in rotation of coordinates,

$$\left[\rho_{\alpha J}(M, M') \right]_{\text{new}} = \sum_{N N'} \mathcal{D}_{NM}^J(R)^* \mathcal{D}_{N'M'}^J(R) \left[\rho_{\alpha J}(N, N') \right]_{\text{old}}$$

while spherical representation needs just one rotation matrix

$$\left[\rho_Q^K(\alpha J, \alpha' J') \right]_{\text{new}} = \sum_{Q'} \left[\rho_{Q'}^K(\alpha J, \alpha' J') \right]_{\text{old}} \mathcal{D}_{Q'Q}^K(R)^*$$

- many components vanish when there exists some symmetry

spherical representation

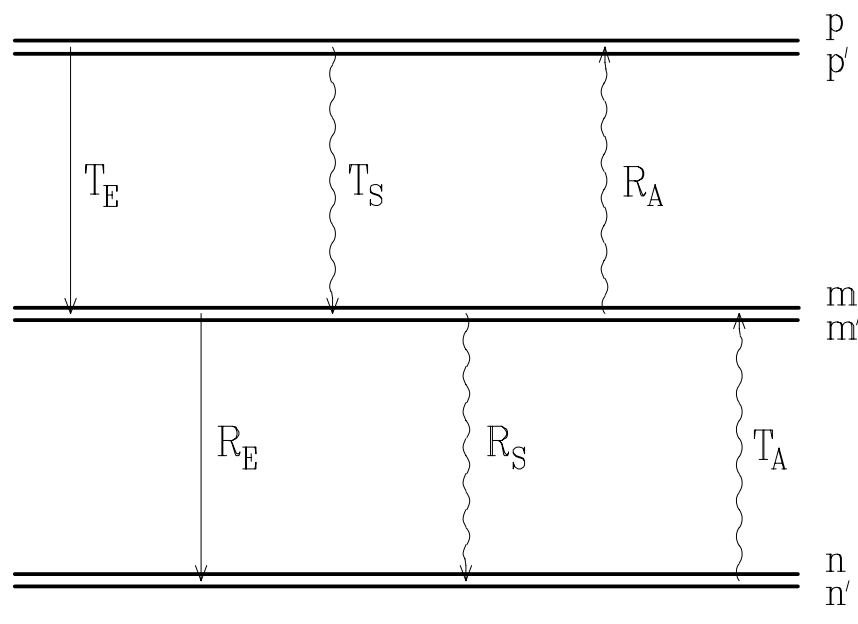
- multiplying both sides in equation of motion by

$$(-1)^{J-M} \sqrt{2K+1} \begin{pmatrix} J & J & K \\ M & -M' & -Q \end{pmatrix}$$

and carrying out summation over M and M' give

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_Q^K(\alpha J) = -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha J} Q \rho_Q^K(\alpha J)$$

quantization axis in
B direction



$$\begin{aligned} & + \sum_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell} \sum_{K_\ell Q_\ell} \rho_{Q_\ell}^{K_\ell}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell) \mathbb{T}_A(\alpha J K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell K_\ell Q_\ell) + \\ & + \sum_{\alpha_u J_u} \sum_{K_u Q_u} \rho_{Q_u}^{K_u}(\alpha_u J_u) \left[\mathbb{T}_E(\alpha J K Q, \alpha_u J_u K_u Q_u) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \mathbb{T}_S(\alpha J K Q, \alpha_u J_u K_u Q_u) \right] \\ & - \sum_{K' Q'} \rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha J) \left[\mathbb{R}_A(\alpha J K Q K' Q') + \mathbb{R}_E(\alpha J K Q K' Q') \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \mathbb{R}_S(\alpha J K Q K' Q') \right] \end{aligned}$$

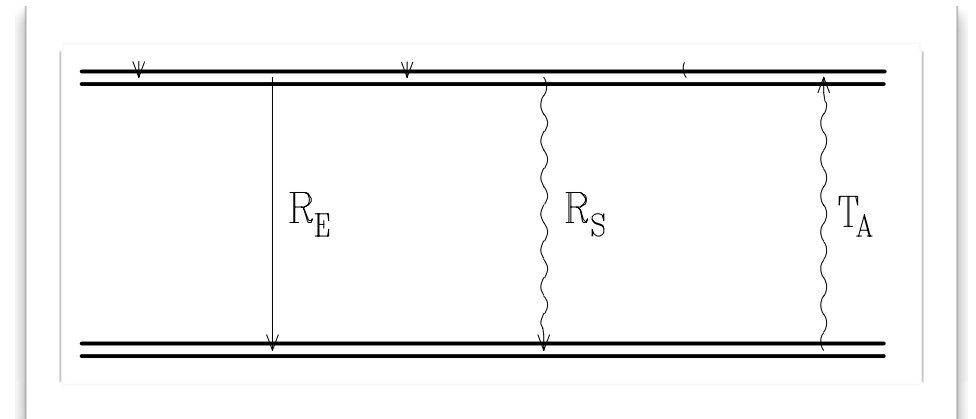
two-level atom

- upper level

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u} Q \rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) + \sum_{K'Q'} \mathbb{T}_A(\alpha_u J_u KQ, \alpha_\ell J_\ell K'Q') \rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

$$- \sum_{K'Q'} \left[\mathbb{R}_E(\alpha_u J_u KQK'Q') + \mathbb{R}_S(\alpha_u J_u KQK'Q') \right] \rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_u J_u)$$

$$\delta_{KK'} \delta_{QQ'} \sum_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell} A(\alpha J \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

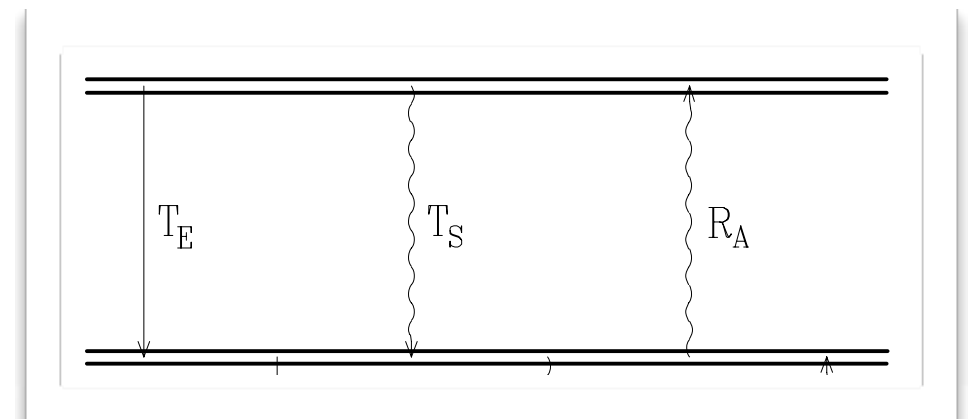


- lower level

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_Q^K(\alpha_\ell J_\ell) = -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell} Q \rho_Q^K(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

$$+ \sum_{K'Q'} \left[\mathbb{T}_E(\alpha_\ell J_\ell KQ, \alpha_u J_u K'Q') + \mathbb{T}_S(\alpha_\ell J_\ell KQ, \alpha_u J_u K'Q') \right] \rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_u J_u)$$

$$- \sum_{K'Q'} \mathbb{R}_A(\alpha_\ell J_\ell KQK'Q') \rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$



ignored

- when stationary and lower level is unpolarized

only this term remains

$$\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = \frac{\mathbb{T}_A(\alpha_u J_u K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell 0 0)}{2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u} Q + A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)} \times \rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

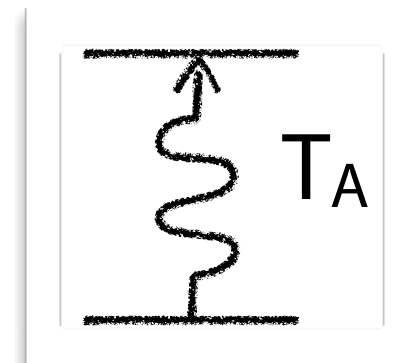
$$\mathbb{T}_A(\alpha J K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell \overset{0}{\cancel{K}} \overset{0}{\cancel{Q}}_\ell) = (2J_\ell + 1) B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha J)$$

$$\times \sum_{K_r Q_r} \sqrt{3(2K + 1)(\overset{0}{\cancel{2K}}_\ell + 1)(2K_r + 1)}$$

$$\times (-1)^{\overset{0}{\cancel{K}}_\ell + \overset{0}{\cancel{Q}}_\ell} \begin{Bmatrix} J & J_\ell & 1 \\ J & J_\ell & 1 \\ K & \overset{0}{\cancel{K}}_\ell & K_r \end{Bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K & \overset{0}{\cancel{K}}_\ell & K_r \\ -Q & \overset{0}{\cancel{Q}}_\ell & -Q_r \end{pmatrix} \underline{J_{Q_r}^{K_r}(\nu_{\alpha J, \alpha_\ell J_\ell})}$$

$$K_r = K, Q_r = -Q$$

radiation field tensor



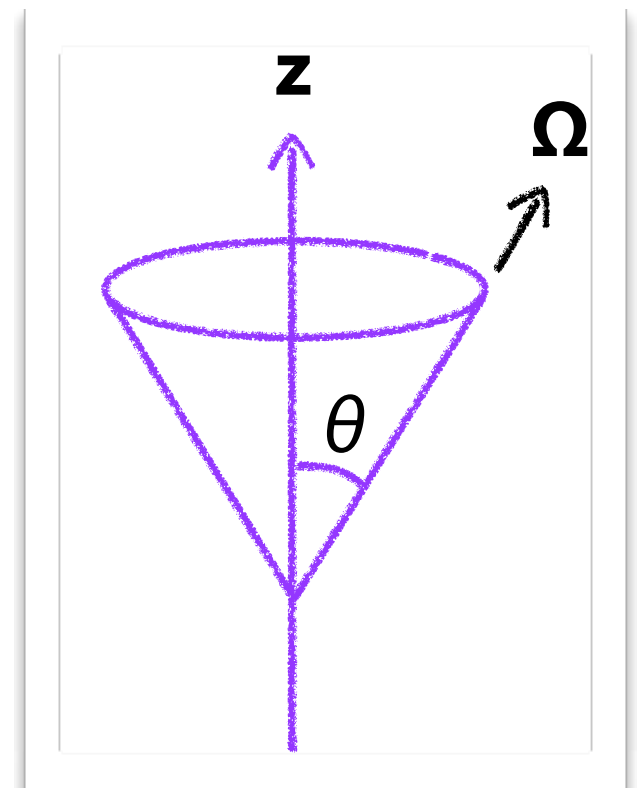
$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{T}_A(\alpha_u J_u K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell 0 0) \\
&= (2J_\ell + 1) B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha_u J_u) \times \sqrt{3(2K + 1)^2} \\
&\quad \times \begin{Bmatrix} J_u & J_\ell & 1 \\ J_u & J_\ell & 1 \\ K & 0 & K \end{Bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K & 0 & K \\ -Q & 0 & Q \end{pmatrix} \underline{J_{-Q}^K(\nu_{\alpha_u J_u, \alpha_\ell J_\ell})} \\
&= \sqrt{3(2J_\ell + 1)} B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha_u J_u) \\
&\quad \times (-1)^{1+J_u+J_\ell+Q} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & K \\ J_u & J_u & J_\ell \end{Bmatrix} \underline{J_{-Q}^K(\nu_{\alpha_u J_u, \alpha_\ell J_\ell})}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{J_Q^K(\nu)} = \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \mathcal{I}_Q^K(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) = \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \sum_{i=0}^3 \underbrace{\mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega})}_{\text{Stokes parameters}} \underbrace{S_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega})}_{\text{geometrical factors}}$$

for unpolarized radiation having z-axis symmetry

$$J_0^0(\nu) = \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} I(\nu, \theta)$$

$$J_0^2(\nu) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) I(\nu, \theta) \quad (= 0 \text{ for isotropic field})$$



$$\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = \sqrt{\frac{2J_\ell + 1}{2J_u + 1}} \frac{B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha_u J_u)}{A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell) + 2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u} Q} \\ \times w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} (-1)^Q J_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) \rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

$$w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} = (-1)^{1+J_\ell+J_u} \sqrt{3(2J_u + 1)} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & K \\ J_u & J_u & J_\ell \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = \frac{1}{1 + i Q H_u} \left[\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) \right]_{B=0}$$

essence of Hanle effect

$$H_u = \frac{2\pi \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u}}{A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)}$$

$$\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = \frac{1}{1 + i Q H_u} \left[\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) \right]_{B=0}$$

- if QH_u is expressed to be $\tan(\alpha)$, $\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)$ is rewritten as

$$\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) = e^{-i\alpha} \cos \alpha \left[\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u) \right]_{B=0}$$

- effect of magnetic field is to **reduce** by factor of

$$\cos \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + Q^2 H_u^2}}$$

and to **dephase** by

$$\tan^{-1} Q H_u$$

e.g.

$$\rho_x(t) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & e^{2i\omega t} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ e^{-2i\omega t} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

application: stellar atmospheres

- two-level model (J_ℓ, J_u)
- negligible stimulated emission due to weak radiation field
- isotropic lower level, i.e., $\rho_Q^K(\alpha_\ell J_\ell) = \rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell) \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0}$
- complete redistribution

$$J_Q^K(\nu_0) \rightarrow \bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \, p(\nu_0 - \nu) J_Q^K(\nu)$$

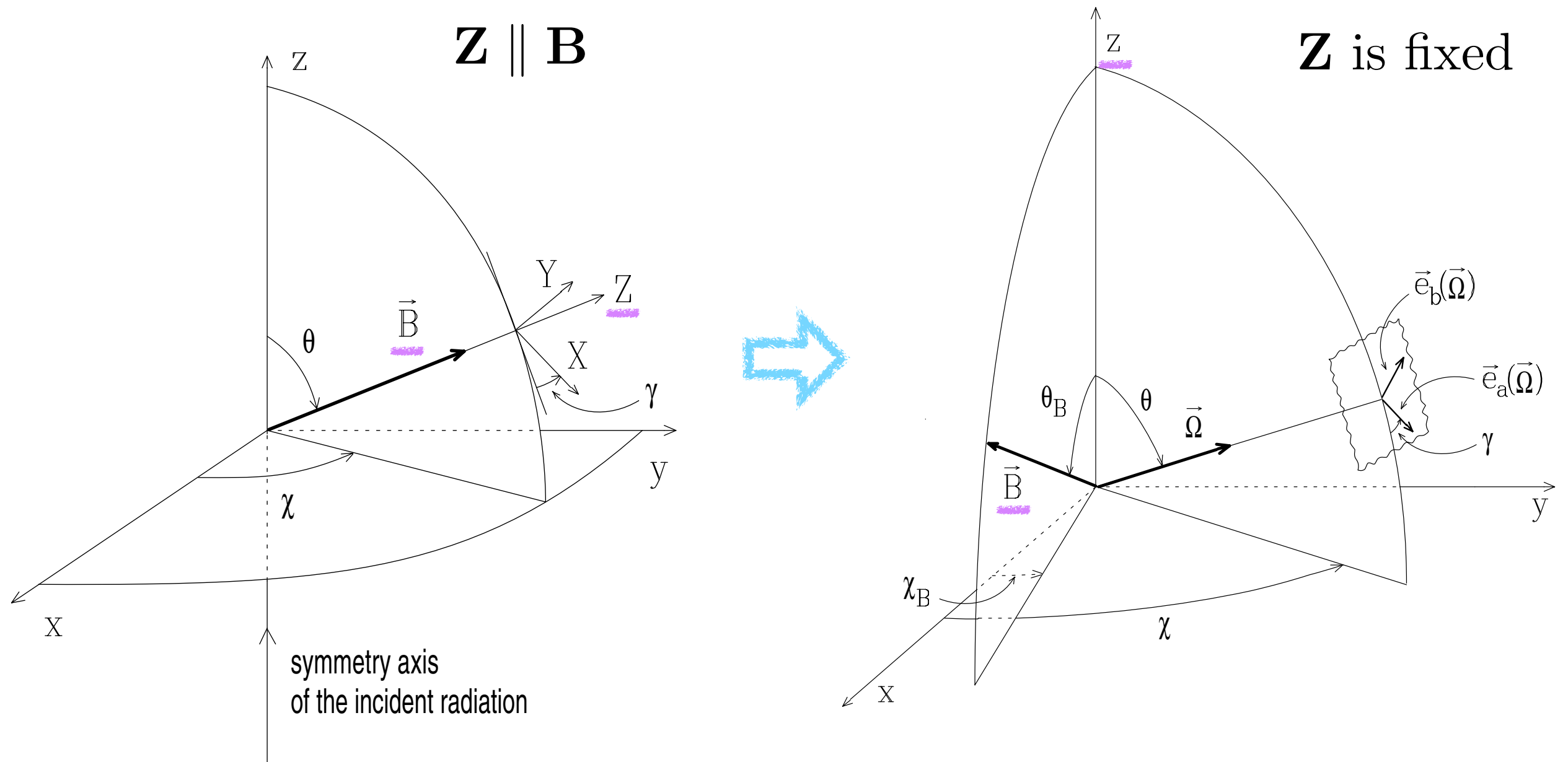
- plane-parallel atmosphere

$$f(\vec{x}) \rightarrow f(z) \quad dt_L = -\frac{k_L^A}{\Delta\nu_D} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_L^A &= k_L^A \int p(\nu_0 - \nu) d\nu \\ &= (k_L^A \bar{p}) \Delta\nu_D \end{aligned}$$

t_L : line optical depth

fixed quantization axis



SEE with fixed Z-axis

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} = & -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u} \sum_{Q'} \underbrace{\mathcal{K}_{QQ'}^K}_{\text{rotation}} [\rho_{Q'}^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} \\
 & + \sum_{K'Q'} \underbrace{\mathbb{T}_A(\alpha_u J_u K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell K' Q')}_{\text{absorption}} [\rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}} + \\
 & - \sum_{K'Q'} \left[\underbrace{\mathbb{R}_E(\alpha_u J_u K Q K' Q')}_{\text{emission}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{R}_S(\alpha_u J_u K Q K' Q')}_{\text{stimulated emission}} \right] [\rho_{Q'}^{K'}(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} \\
 & + \left. \begin{aligned}
 & + \sqrt{\frac{2J_\ell + 1}{2J_u + 1}} \underbrace{C_I^{(K)}(\alpha_u J_u, \alpha_\ell J_\ell)}_{\text{excitation}} [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}} \\
 & - \left[\underbrace{C_S^{(0)}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell, \alpha_u J_u)}_{\text{de-excitation}} + \underbrace{D^{(K)}(\alpha_u J_u)}_{\text{de-polarization}} \right] [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} ,
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{collisions}
 \end{aligned}$$

emission and absorption

$$\mathbb{R}_E(\alpha J K Q K' Q') = \delta_{K K'} \delta_{Q Q'} \sum_{\alpha_\ell J_\ell} A(\alpha J \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)$$

Einstein's
A coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{T}_A(\alpha_u J_u K Q, \alpha_\ell J_\ell 0 0) &= \sqrt{3(2J_\ell + 1)} B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha_u J_u) \\ &\times (-1)^{1+J_\ell+J_u+Q} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & K \\ J_u & J_u & J_\ell \end{matrix} \right\} J_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) \end{aligned}$$

radiation field
tensor

$$J_Q^K(\nu_0) \rightarrow \bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \, p(\nu_0 - \nu) J_Q^K(\nu)$$

complete redistribution

expression of SEE

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} &= -2\pi i \nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u} \sum_{Q'} \mathcal{K}_{QQ'}^K [\rho_{Q'}^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} \\
 &- \left[A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell) + C_S^{(0)}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell, \alpha_u J_u) + D^{(K)}(\alpha_u J_u) \right] [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} \\
 &+ \sqrt{\frac{2J_\ell + 1}{2J_u + 1}} \left[B(\alpha_\ell J_\ell \rightarrow \alpha_u J_u) w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} (-1)^Q \bar{J}_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0} C_I^{(0)}(\alpha_u J_u, \alpha_\ell J_\ell) \right] [\rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}} ,
 \end{aligned}$$

with $w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} = (-1)^{1+J_\ell+J_u} \sqrt{3(2J_u + 1)} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & K \\ J_u & J_u & J_\ell \end{matrix} \right\}$

$$C_I^{(0)}(\alpha_u J_u, \alpha_\ell J_\ell) = \frac{2J_u + 1}{2J_\ell + 1} e^{-\frac{h\nu_0}{k_B T_c}} C_S^{(0)}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell, \alpha_u J_u)$$

Einstein-Milne relation

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[1 + \underline{\epsilon} + \underline{\delta_u^{(K)}} \right] [\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} + \underline{iH_u} \sum_{Q'} \mathcal{K}_{QQ'}^K [\rho_{Q'}^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}} = \\
& = \frac{c^2}{2h\nu_0^3} \sqrt{\frac{2J_u + 1}{2J_\ell + 1}} \left[w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} (-1)^Q \bar{J}_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) + \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0} \underline{\epsilon B_P(T)} \right] [\rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}} ,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\underline{\epsilon} = \frac{C_S^{(0)}(\alpha_\ell J_\ell, \alpha_u J_u)}{A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)} , \quad \underline{\delta_u^{(K)}} = \frac{D^{(K)}(\alpha_u J_u)}{A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)} , \quad \underline{H_u} = \frac{2\pi\nu_L g_{\alpha_u J_u}}{A(\alpha_u J_u \rightarrow \alpha_\ell J_\ell)} , \quad \underline{B_P(T)} = \frac{2h\nu_0^3}{c^2} e^{-\frac{h\nu_0}{k_B T}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[1 + \epsilon + \delta_u^{(K)} \right] \underline{S_Q^K(\vec{x})} + iH_u \sum_{Q'} \mathcal{K}_{QQ'}^K S_{Q'}^K(\vec{x}) = \\
& = w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} (-1)^Q \bar{J}_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) + \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0} \epsilon B_P(T) .
\end{aligned}$$

with $\underline{S_Q^K(\vec{x})} = \frac{2h\nu_0^3}{c^2} \sqrt{\frac{2J_\ell + 1}{2J_u + 1}} \frac{[\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}}}{[\rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}}} ,$

kind of source function

radiative transfer equation

$$\frac{d}{ds} I_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) = - \sum_{j=0}^3 K_{ij}^A I_j(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) + \varepsilon_i \quad (i = 0, \dots, 3)$$

propagation matrix

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \eta_I^A & \eta_Q^A & \eta_U^A & \eta_V^A \\ \eta_Q^A & \eta_I^A & \rho_V^A & -\rho_U^A \\ \eta_U^A & -\rho_V^A & \eta_I^A & \rho_Q^A \\ \eta_V^A & \rho_U^A & -\rho_Q^A & \eta_I^A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_I \\ \varepsilon_Q \\ \varepsilon_U \\ \varepsilon_V \end{pmatrix}$$

lower level
is isotropic

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_I^A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_I^A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta_I^A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \eta_I^A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta_I^A = k_L^A p(\nu_0 - \nu)$$

$$\varepsilon_i = k_L^A p(\nu_0 - \nu) \sum_{KQ} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_Q^K(\vec{x})$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} = (-1)^{1+J_\ell+J_u} \sqrt{3(2J_u+1)} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & K \\ J_u & J_u & J_\ell \end{array} \right\} \\ S_Q^K(\vec{x}) = \frac{2h\nu_0^3}{c^2} \sqrt{\frac{2J_\ell+1}{2J_u+1}} \frac{[\rho_Q^K(\alpha_u J_u)]_{\vec{x}}}{[\rho_0^0(\alpha_\ell J_\ell)]_{\vec{x}}} \end{array} \right)$$

- RTE becomes uncoupled four equations

$$\frac{d}{ds} I_i(s) = \eta_I^A(\vec{x}) I_i(s) + \varepsilon_i(\vec{x}) \quad (i = 0, \dots, 3)$$

$$\eta_I^A(\vec{x}) = k_L^A(\vec{x}) p(\nu_0 - \nu)$$

$$\varepsilon_i(\vec{x}) = k_L^A(\vec{x}) p(\nu_0 - \nu) \sum_{KQ} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_Q^K(\vec{x})$$

- they are readily solved as

$$I_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) = \int_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{x}} p(\nu_0 - \nu) k_L^A(\vec{x}') e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} \sum_{KQ} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_Q^K(\vec{x}') ds' + e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0)} I_i^{(b)}(\nu, \vec{\Omega}),$$

external

internal

where

$$\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \int_{\vec{x}'}^{\vec{x}} p(\nu_0 - \nu) k_L^A(\vec{x}'') ds''$$

$$\bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0) = [\bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0)]_I + [\bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0)]_E$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0)]_I &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \, p(\nu_0 - \nu) \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) \int_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{x}} ds' p(\nu_0 - \nu) \\ &\quad \times k_L^A(\vec{x}') e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} \sum_{K'Q'} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K')} \mathcal{T}_{Q'}^{K'}(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_{Q'}^{K'}(\vec{x}') \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \, [p(\nu_0 - \nu)]^2 \int d^3 \vec{x}' \frac{k_L^A(\vec{x}') e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')}}{4\pi(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) \sum_{K'Q'} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K')} \mathcal{T}_{Q'}^{K'}(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_{Q'}^{K'}(\vec{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$$d^3 \vec{x}' = (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2 d\Omega ds'$$

$$[\bar{J}_Q^K(\nu_0)]_E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \, p(\nu_0 - \nu) \oint \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_0)} I_i^{(b)}(\nu, \vec{\Omega})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[1 + \epsilon + \delta_u^{(K)} \right] S_Q^K(\vec{x}) + i H_u \sum_{Q'} \mathcal{K}_{QQ'}^K S_{Q'}^K(\vec{x}) = \\
& = \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0} \epsilon B_P(T) + w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} (-1)^Q \left[\bar{J}_{-Q}^K(\nu_0) \right]_E \\
& + \int d^3 \vec{x}' \frac{k_L^A(\vec{x}')}{4\pi(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2} \sum_{K'Q'} \underline{G_{KQ,K'Q'}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} S_{Q'}^{K'}(\vec{x}')
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{G_{KQ,K'Q'}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \left[p(\nu_0 - \nu) \right]^2 e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} \\
&\times w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K')} \sum_{i=0}^3 (-1)^Q \mathcal{T}_{-Q}^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) \mathcal{T}_{Q'}^{K'}(i, \vec{\Omega})
\end{aligned}$$

multipole coupling coefficient

- equation for plane-parallel, semi-infinite stellar atmosphere is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[1 + \epsilon + \delta_u^{(K)}\right] S_Q^K(t_L) + iH_u \sum_{Q'} \kappa_{QQ'}^K S_{Q'}^{K'}(t_L) = \\ & = \delta_{K0} \delta_{Q0} \epsilon B_P(T) + \sum_{K'=0,2} \int_0^\infty \mathcal{G}_{KQ,K'Q}(|t'_L - t_L|) S_Q^{K'}(t'_L) dt'_L \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{G}_{KQ,K'Q}(|t'_L - t_L|) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \int_{-\infty}^\infty dy' \frac{\Delta\nu_D}{4\pi(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2} G_{KQ,K'Q}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{KQ,K'Q}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu [p(\nu_0 - \nu)]^2 e^{-\tau_\nu(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')} \\ &\quad \times w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K')} \sum_{i=0}^3 (-1)^Q \mathcal{T}_{-Q}^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) \mathcal{T}_{Q'}^{K'}(i, \vec{\Omega}) \end{aligned}$$

- Stokes parameters $I_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega})$ are derived from S_Q^K as

$$I_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(v) e^{-\frac{t_L \varphi(v)}{\mu}} \sum_{K=0,2} \sum_Q w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) S_Q^K(t_L) \frac{dt_L}{\mu}$$

or

$$I_i(\nu, \vec{\Omega}) = \sum_{K=0,2} \sum_Q w_{J_u J_\ell}^{(K)} \mathcal{T}_Q^K(i, \vec{\Omega}) \int_0^\infty e^{-\tau_\nu} S_Q^K\left(\frac{\mu \tau_\nu}{\varphi(v)}\right) d\tau_\nu$$

