

Hydrogen Atom in electromagnetic field of incoming light wave continued

Starting with

$$\widehat{H}_p = \frac{e}{2mc} \vec{A}_o \cdot \vec{P} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})}$$

we now calculate

$$H_{fi} = \frac{e}{2mc} \vec{A}_o \langle \vec{P}_f | \vec{P} | 100 \rangle = \frac{e}{2mc} \vec{A}_o \vec{P}_f \langle \vec{P}_f | 100 \rangle$$

Where $\langle \vec{P}_f | 100 \rangle$ is the Fourier transform of the ground state wave function which is given by the following,

$$\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi a_o}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_{-1}^1 d \cos \theta \int_0^\infty r^2 dr e^{-i\vec{P}_f \cdot \vec{r} / \hbar} e^{-r/a_o}$$

Choosing \vec{P}_f in the z-direction

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi a_o}} 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 d \cos \theta \int_0^\infty r^2 dr e^{-iP_f r \cos \theta / \hbar} e^{-r/a_o} \\ = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi a_o}} \frac{2\pi\hbar}{-iP_f} \int_0^\infty r dr \left(e^{-iP_f r / \hbar} - e^{iP_f r / \hbar} \right) e^{-r/a_o} \end{aligned}$$

In the end we get,

$$H_{fi} = \frac{e}{2mc} \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{(2\hbar a_o)^{3/2}} \vec{A}_o \cdot \vec{P}_f \frac{8\pi/a_o}{\left(\frac{P_f^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{a_o^2} \right)^2}$$

$$H_{fi} = \frac{e}{mc} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\hbar}{a_o} \right)^{3/2}} \vec{A}_o \cdot \vec{P}_f \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\left(\frac{a_o^2 P_f^2}{\hbar^2} + 1 \right)^2}$$

Now we can write the rate as using,

$$R(i \rightarrow f) = \frac{2\pi m P_f}{\hbar} |H_{fi}|^2 \Delta\Omega$$

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$$R(i \rightarrow f) = \frac{a_o^3 P_f \Delta\Omega 4e^2 (\vec{A}_o \cdot \vec{P}_f)^2}{\pi m c^2 \hbar^4} \frac{1}{\left[\left(\frac{a_o P_f}{\hbar}\right)^2 + 1\right]^4}$$

Let's assume a detector at an angle of θ from the source,

What is the probability that an electron get kicked out and the detector detect it

$\Delta\Omega = \sin\theta \Delta\theta \Delta\varphi = \Delta\cos\theta \Delta\varphi$. If we cover the whole azimuth ($\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$)

$$Rate(\cos\theta \dots \cos\theta + \Delta\cos\theta) = \frac{8a_o^3 P_f^3 e^2 A_o^2}{mc^2 \hbar^4} \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\left[\left(\frac{a_o P_f}{\hbar}\right)^2 + 1\right]^4} \Delta\cos\theta$$

So we get maximum probability at $\theta = 0$ and 180

What is the total probability that an electron gets kicked out per unit time ?

$$Rate(|100\rangle \rightarrow |P_f\rangle) = \frac{16a_o^3 P_f^3 e^2 A_o^2}{3mc^2 \hbar^4} \frac{1}{\left[\left(\frac{a_o P_f}{\hbar}\right)^2 + 1\right]^4}$$

Is this a reasonable rate ? See homework.

The pointing vector for this problem,

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

Using what we found earlier,

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 A_o^2 \cos^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

To average,

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{\omega^2}{8\pi c} A_0^2$$

So we can write the energy per unit time equals to pointing vector in some area

$$\frac{E_{out}}{\Delta t} = R(|100\rangle \rightarrow |P_f\rangle) \hbar \omega_p = S \cdot \Delta \sigma$$

$$\Delta \sigma = \frac{E_{out}/t}{S}$$

Using what we found earlier we can finally write this as,

$$\Delta \sigma = \frac{E_{out}/t}{S} = \frac{128\pi e^2 a_0^3 P_f^3}{3mc \omega_p \hbar^3} \frac{1}{\left[\left(\frac{a_0 P_f}{\hbar} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^4}$$