

**PHY 742 Quantum Mechanics II**  
**1-1:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 3**

**Quantum particle interacting with classical electromagnetic fields**

**Reading: Chapter 9 in Carlson's textbook**

- a. Example of charged particle in a magnetostatic field**
- b. Example of a hydrogen atom in a magnetostatic field**

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## Course schedule for Spring 2020

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

	Lecture date	Reading	Topic	HW	Due date
1	Mon: 01/13/2020	Chap. 9	Quantum mechanics of electromagnetic forces	<a href="#">#1</a>	01/22/2020
2	Wed: 01/15/2020	Chap. 9	Quantum mechanics of particle in electrostatic field	<a href="#">#2</a>	01/24/2020
3	Fri: 01/17/2020	Chap. 9	Quantum mechanics of particle in magnetostatic field	<a href="#">#3</a>	01/27/2020
	Mon: 01/20/2020	No class	Martin Luther King Holiday		
4	Wed: 01/22/2020				
5	Fri: 01/24/2020				
6	Mon: 01/27/2020				
7	Wed: 01/29/2020				
8	Fri: 01/31/2020				

**For electrostatic and/or magnetostatic fields, the time dependence of the fields becomes trivial, and we expect stationary state solutions to the Schrödinger equation**

$$\text{Hamiltonian: } H(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2m} \left( -i\hbar\nabla - q\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \right)^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) + qU(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\text{Time-dependent Schrödinger Eq: } i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = H(\mathbf{r})\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\text{Stationary state solution at energy } E: \quad \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi(\mathbf{r})e^{iEt/\hbar}$$

$$\text{Time-independent Schrödinger Eq: } E\psi(\mathbf{r}) = H(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r})$$

Consideration of effects of a static magnetic field on quantum states of a charged free particle. First consider the spatial degrees of freedom (ignoring intrinsic spin).

Assume particle has charge  $q$  and mass  $m$ ;  $V(\mathbf{r}) = 0$  and  $U(\mathbf{r}) = 0$

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (-i\nabla - q\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}))^2$$

For a constant and uniform magnetic field  $B_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  can choose  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -B_0y\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + qB_0y \right)^2 + \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

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Constants of the motion:  $p_x, p_z$

$$\Psi(x, y, z) = e^{i(p_x x + p_z z)/\hbar} \psi(y)$$

Energy eigenstates:

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

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$$H\Psi = e^{i(p_x x + p_z z)/\hbar} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(y)}{dy^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} m \omega_c^2 (y - y_0)^2 + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} \right) \psi(y) \right) = E\Psi$$

Differential equation for  $\psi(y)$ :

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(y)}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_c^2 (y - y_0)^2 \psi(y) = \left( E - \frac{p_z^2}{2m} \right) \psi(y)$$

$$\text{where } \omega_c \equiv \frac{qB_0}{m} \quad y_0 = -\frac{p_x}{qB_0}$$

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Eigenfunctions

$$\psi_n(y) = \mathcal{N} e^{-(y-y_0)^2/(2\alpha^2)} H_n((y-y_0)/\alpha)$$

 Hermite polynomial

$$\text{where } \alpha \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{qB_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_c}} \quad y_0 = -\frac{p_x}{qB_0}$$



## Notion of density of states

$$\text{DOS}(\epsilon) = \sum_{\text{states}} \delta(E - \epsilon)$$

For discrete spectrum:  $\text{DOS}(\epsilon) = \sum_n \delta(E_n - \epsilon)$

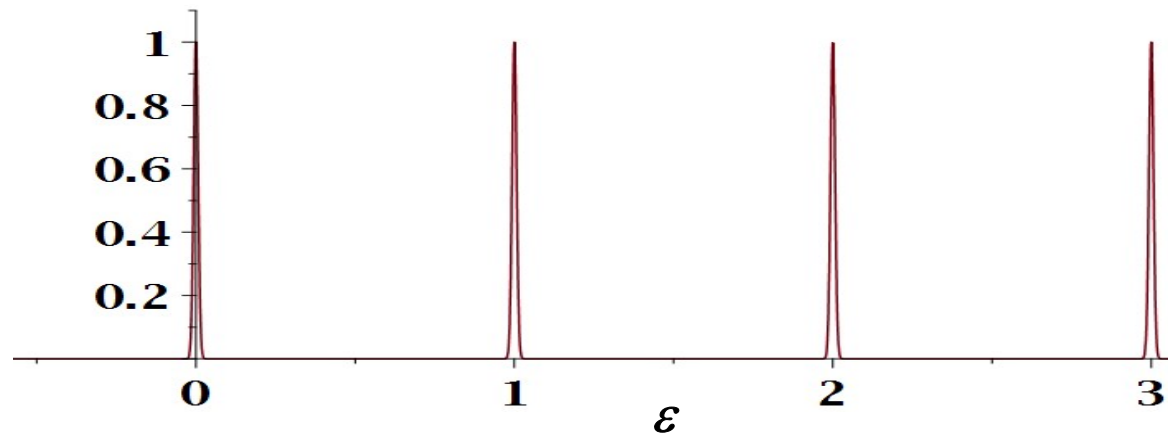
For continuum spectrum such as 3-dimensional free-particle:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOS}(\epsilon) &= \sum_{p_x, p_y, p_z} \delta\left(\frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{p_y^2}{2m} + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} - \epsilon\right) \\ &= C \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_z \delta\left(\frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{p_y^2}{2m} + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} - \epsilon\right) \end{aligned}$$

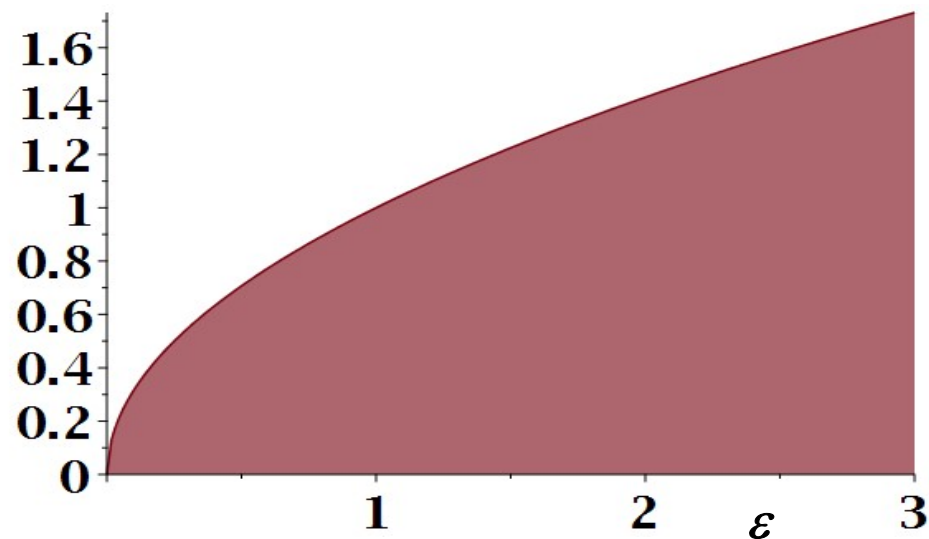
For isotropic case:

$$\text{DOS}(\epsilon) = C4\pi \int_0^{\infty} p^2 dp \delta\left(\frac{p^2}{2m} - \epsilon\right) = C4\pi (2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

DOS plots –  
Discrete spectrum



Continuous spectrum  
for a free particle in  
three dimensions

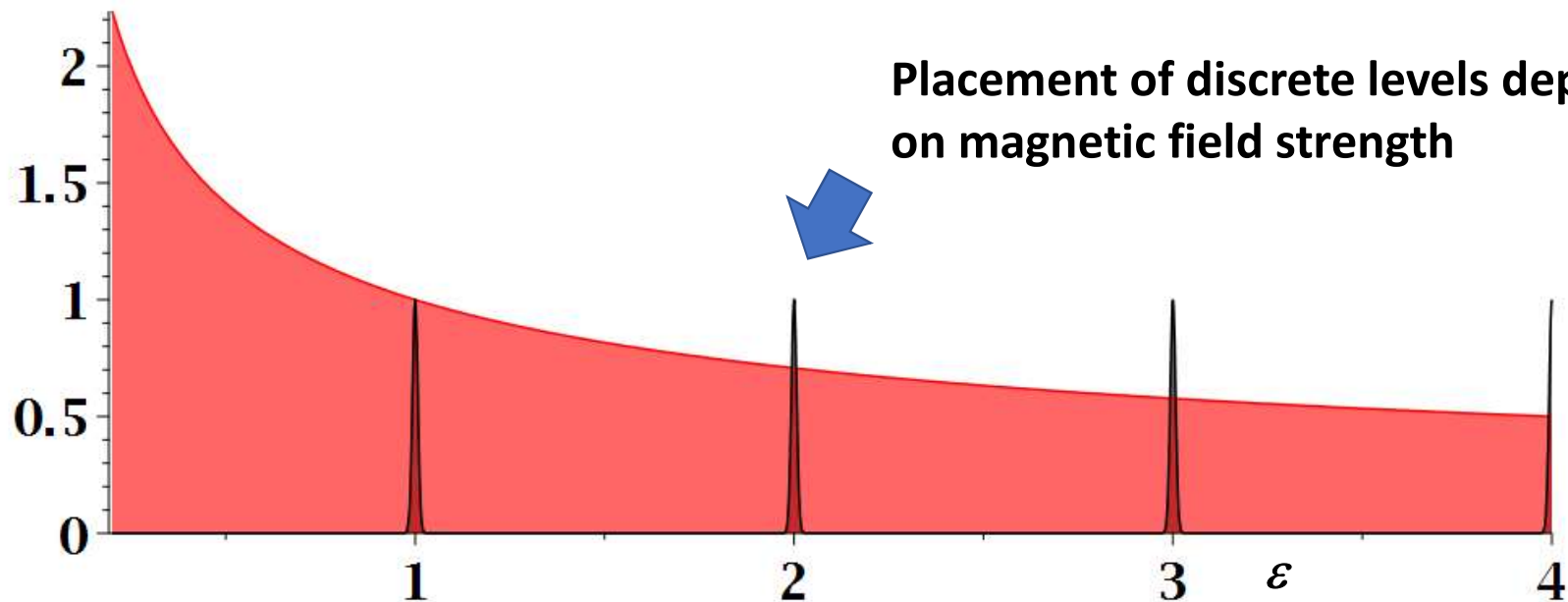


## DOS plot for magnetostatic acting on charged particle

Energy eigenvalues:

$$E_n(p_z) = \hbar\omega_c \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} \quad \text{where } \omega_c \equiv \frac{qB_0}{m}$$

Note that this is an approximate model of an ideal metal in a magnetic field which results in oscillatory resistivity for example.



Treating the same problem with a different Gauge:

$$\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) = -\frac{1}{2}(y\hat{\mathbf{x}} - x\hat{\mathbf{y}})B_0$$

In cylindrical coordinates:

$$\mathbf{A}(\rho, \phi, z) = \frac{1}{2}\rho \hat{\phi}B_0$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) - \frac{i\hbar\omega_c}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{8} m_e \omega_c^2 \rho^2 \right\} \Psi(\rho, \phi, z) = \left( E - \frac{p_z^2}{2m_e} \right) \Psi(\rho, \phi, z)$$

Here  $m_e$  is electron mass rather than integer azimuthal eigenvalue  $m$ .

$$\Psi(\rho, \phi, z) = R(\rho) e^{im\phi} e^{ip_z z/\hbar}$$

Eigenvalues in cylindrical coordinates

$$E_{\nu m}(p_z) = \hbar\omega_c \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(m + |m|) \right) + \frac{p_z^2}{2m_e}$$

Note that (with a non-trivial proof) it can be shown that this spectrum is equivalent to Cartesian gauge; full solution includes intrinsic spin

**Full solution including eigenfunctions are worked out in Landau and Lifshitz. It is shown that the eigenstates are related to harmonic oscillator eigenstates.**

## Effects of magnetostatic fields on particles' intrinsic magnetic moment.

If a particle has an intrinsic magnetic moment  $\mathbf{m}$ , its interaction potential with a magnetostatic field is  $-\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ . For an electron,  $\mathbf{m} = -g\mu_B \mathbf{S} / \hbar$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  the spin angular momentum operator of the electron with eigenvalues

$\pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar$ ,  $\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$ , and  $|g| = 2.00231930436256$ . This adds an interaction

to the Hamiltonian  $\Delta H_{spin} = g\mu_B \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} / \hbar$ . This formalism is appropriate for all particles with intrinsic spin, each with its own gyromagnetic ratio. For example, there is also an interaction of the magnetic field with a proton, with a smaller factor by  $10^{-3}$ .

**Interaction of magnetostatic field  $\mathbf{B}$  with a hydrogen atom (including contribution of intrinsic electron spin, omitting contribution of intrinsic proton spin).**

Isolated H atom: 
$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

H atom in magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  and vector potential  $\mathbf{A} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}$

$$H = \frac{(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})^2}{2m} + V(r) + g\mu_B \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar = H^0 + H^1 + H^2$$

Terms of linear order in  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\frac{e}{2m}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}) = -\frac{e}{4m}(\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{p}) = \frac{e}{2m}(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{e}{2m} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$H^1 = \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m} \quad |g| = 2.00231930436256$$

**Analysis of magnetostatic effects on atomic structure using perturbation theory, also including the effects of spin-orbit interaction**



$$H = \frac{(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})^2}{2m} + V(r) + G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + g\mu_B \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} / \hbar$$

$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

Keeping terms of linear order in  $\mathbf{B}$  and spin-orbit interaction :

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$= \frac{G(r)}{2} (\mathbf{J}^2 - \mathbf{L}^2 - \mathbf{S}^2) + \mu_B (\mathbf{J} + (g-1)\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$



Perturbation theory treatment of uniform and constant magnetic fields on atomic states -- continued

$$H = H^0 + H^1$$

$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

For the effects on a H atom in the  $n = 2$  states:

$\Rightarrow 8 \times 8$  perturbation matrix:

$$\langle 2lmm_s | H^1 | 2lm'm_s' \rangle = \left( \begin{array}{c} \color{red}{\square} \\ \color{blue}{\square} \end{array} \right)$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\langle 2lmm_s | H^1 | 2lm'm_s' \rangle = \left( \begin{array}{c} \boxed{l=0} \\ \boxed{l=1} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\langle 200m_s | H^1 | 200m_s' \rangle = \begin{array}{c} m_s' = \frac{1}{2} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \\ m_s = \frac{1}{2} \\ m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g\mu_B B}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{g\mu_B B}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\langle 21mm_s | H^1 | 21m'm_s' \rangle =$$

$$m'm_s' = \begin{matrix} 1\frac{1}{2} & 1-\frac{1}{2} & 0\frac{1}{2} & 0-\frac{1}{2} & -1\frac{1}{2} & -1-\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}$$

$$mm_s = \begin{matrix} 1\frac{1}{2} \\ 1-\frac{1}{2} \\ 0\frac{1}{2} \\ 0-\frac{1}{2} \\ -1\frac{1}{2} \\ -1-\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} X & & & & & \\ & X & X & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & X & X & & & \\ & & & X & X & \\ & & & X & X & \\ & & & & & X \end{array} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{2}(S_-L_+ + S_+L_-) + S_zL_z$$

$$J_{\pm} |jm\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{j^2 - m^2 + j \mp m} |j(m \pm 1)\rangle$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\text{Let } \gamma \equiv \frac{\langle 21 | G(r) | 21 \rangle}{2\hbar^2}$$

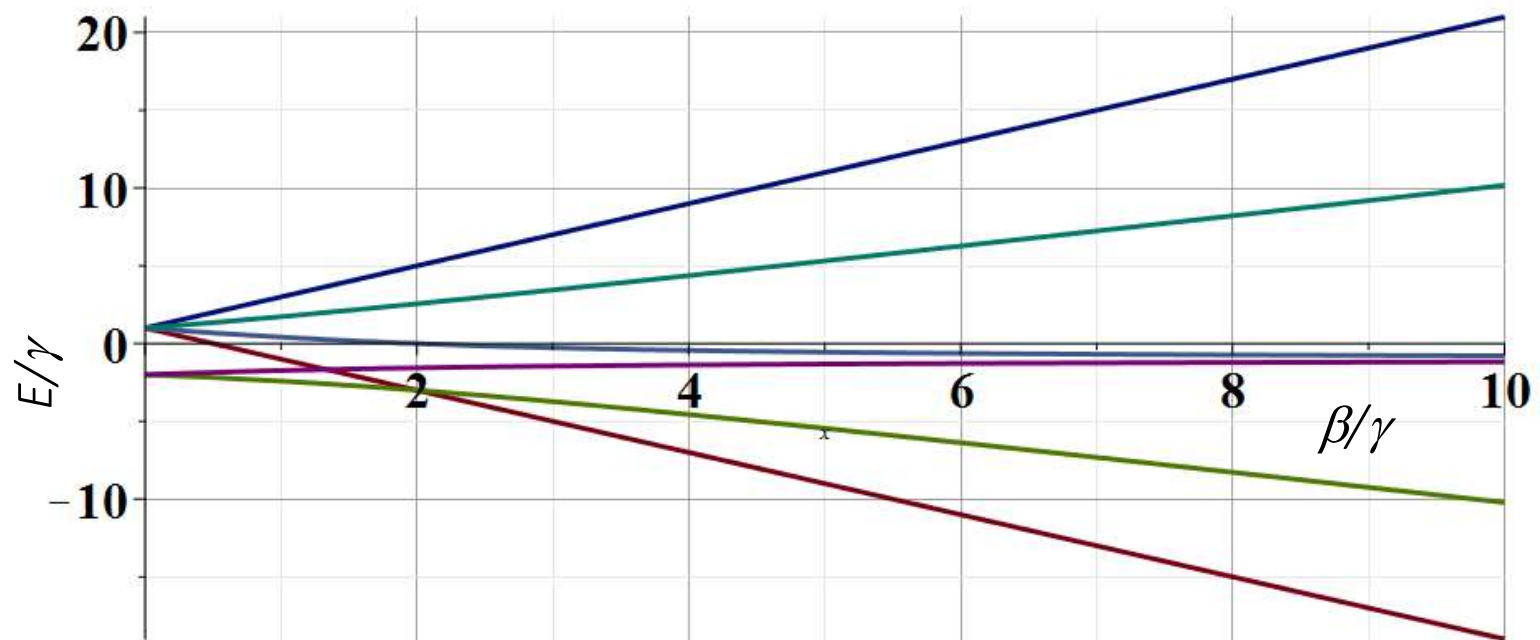
$$\beta \equiv \mu_B B_0$$

$$\langle 21 m m_s | H^1 | 21 m' m_s' \rangle =$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m' m_s' = 1 \frac{1}{2} \\
 1 - \frac{1}{2} \\
 0 \frac{1}{2} \\
 0 - \frac{1}{2} \\
 -1 \frac{1}{2} \\
 -1 - \frac{1}{2}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 m m_s = 1 \frac{1}{2} \\
 1 - \frac{1}{2} \\
 0 \frac{1}{2} \\
 0 - \frac{1}{2} \\
 -1 \frac{1}{2} \\
 -1 - \frac{1}{2}
 \end{array}
 \left( \begin{array}{cccccc}
 \gamma + \beta(1+g/2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -\gamma + \beta(1-g/2) & \sqrt{2}\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & \beta g/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -\beta g/2 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & -\gamma - \beta(1-g/2) & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma - \beta(1+g/2)
 \end{array} \right)$$

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

Evaluated for degenerate states  $|nlmm_s\rangle = |21mm_s\rangle$



**Zeeman effect**

**Paschen-Back effect**