

Lasers

* Laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation)

* Chars of Laser

- 1) Directionality is very high. Laser is unidirectional light which emits radiation in one particular direction. Used in LASIK to cure retina of eye.
- 2) Extremely high intensity. Eg:- Nuclear exp. and welding ^{purpose}
- 3) Laser lights are monochromatic
- 4) Highly Coherence having both temporal & spatial coherence

* Coherency:- Two waves are coherent, they have a phase diff. which is constant over a time

1) Temporal or Longitudinal :- beam is said to be temp. if phase diff. of wave crossing 2 points say P & Q at any instant is constant.

2) Spatial / Lateral / Transverse :- If the phase diff. of waves of 2 diff. points in a plane \perp to the direction of propagation is constant.

→ Applications of Laser

Medical prop. Communication Material processing
Military ^{purpose} ~~process~~ Nuclear rxns.

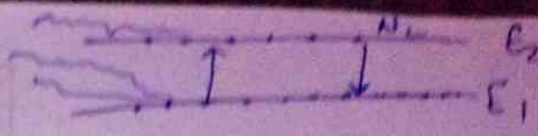
* Absorption:- It occurs when an atom/molecule absorbs a photon of light and gains energy. This causes e^- in the atom or molecule to turn to a higher energy level

Spontaneous

Stimulated

- 1) Pure atom deexcite to lower energy state naturally
- 2) after ending its lifetime
- 2) In this process, higher energy level has smaller lifetime

- 1) Photon is required to induce a transition from higher energy level to lower energy level
- 2) Transition occurs b/w metastable higher energy level & lower energy level



3) Emitted photons are incoherent
 4) Prob. of sp. emission doesn't depend on energy density of incident radiation

$$\left(\frac{dN_2}{dt}\right)_{sp} = A_{21} N_2$$

Transition Probability = A_{21}

Abs: $\frac{dN_1}{dt} = -W_{12} N_1$

5) Emitted photons are coherent
 6) Prob. of ... depends on energy density of incident radiation

$$\left(\frac{dN_2}{dt}\right)_{st} = W_{21} N_2$$

Trans. Prob = $B_{21} E(\nu)$

[$W_{12} = B_{12} E \rightarrow$ Flux.]
 Einstein coefficients

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = B_{12} E(\nu)$$

$\rightarrow N_2 [A_{21} + B_{21} E(\nu)] = N_1 [B_{12} E(\nu)]$

$$N_2 A_{21} + N_2 B_{21} E(\nu) = N_1 B_{12} E(\nu)$$

$$N_2 A_{21} = N_1 B_{12} E(\nu) - N_2 B_{21} E(\nu)$$

$$E(\nu) = \frac{N_2 A_{21}}{N_1 B_{12} - N_2 B_{21}}$$

$$E(\nu) = \frac{\frac{A_{21}}{B_{21}}}{\frac{N_1}{N_2} \left(\frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}}\right) - 1}$$

Acc. to Boltzmann eqn

$$N_1 \propto N_0 e^{-\frac{E_1}{kT}}, N_2 \propto N_0 e^{-\frac{E_2}{kT}}$$

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{\frac{E_2 - E_1}{kT}} = e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}}$$

On comparison

$$E(\nu) = \frac{A_{21}}{B_{21}} \left(\frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} \left(\frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}}\right) - 1} \right)$$

On comparing Planck law of radiation

$$E(\nu) = \frac{8\pi h \nu^3}{c^3} \times \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{A_{21}}{B_{21}} = \frac{8\pi h \nu^3}{c^3}}, \quad \frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}} = 1, \quad [B_{12} = B_{21}]$$

* Population inversion

No. of atom per unit volume that occupy a given energy level is called its population.

$$N_1 \gg N_2 \therefore \text{Abs} > \text{Emission}$$

$$N_1 < N_2 \therefore \text{Stimulated Emission} > \text{Absorption}$$

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{\frac{E_2 - E_1}{kT}}$$

$$N_2$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{\frac{-(E_2 - E_1)}{kT}}$$

Temp. (-ve) (-ve temp. state)

Pop. Inversion - Condition in which there are more no. of particles in higher energy level as compared to lower energy level.

* Metastable state - There exist such excited states where atom can stay more than its life-time. These states are called meta-stable state.

(10^{-3} sec to 10^{-6} sec)

For achieving lasing action, a metastable state is required. It is readily available when there is a impurity atom in a crystal.

* Active medium - Medium where pop. inversion can be achieved. Eg:- Ruby, CO_2 , Ne.

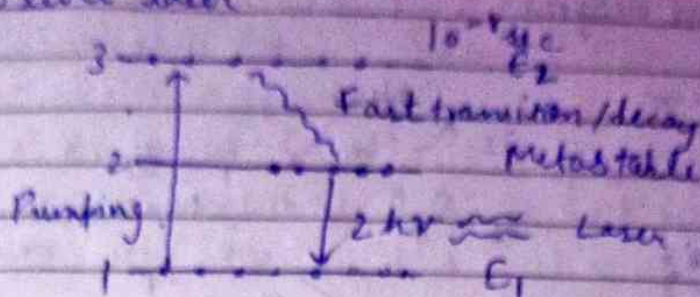
• Pumping - Process of supplying energy to laser medium in order to achieve population inversion state in it.

Optical - Flash Lamp, Laser diode

Electrical pumping - Electrical discharge

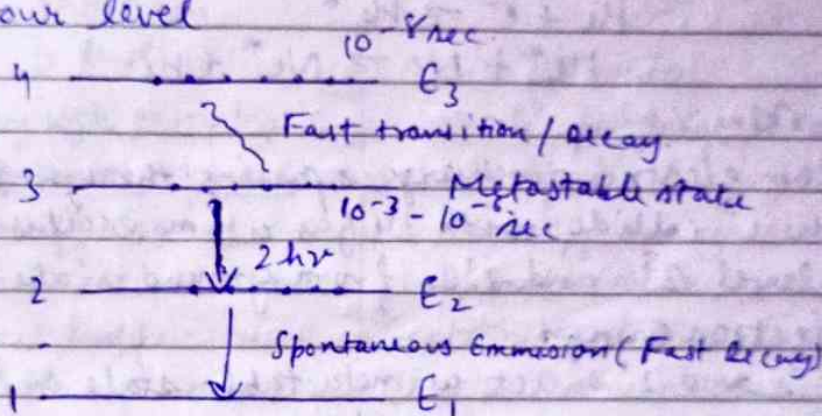
• Optical cavity - It consists of 2 mirrors facing each other. One of mirror is fully reflective and other one is partially reflective. Used to stimulate more no. of atoms in active medium.

* 3 level laser



$1 \rightarrow 3$ (pumping), $(3 \rightarrow 2)$ Spontaneous,
Pop. inversion b/w 2 & 1, \checkmark Stimulated emission
Eg: Ruby laser. Laser is emitted b/w 2 & 1 by

* Four level



$(1-4)$ Pumping, $(4 \rightarrow 3)$ Spontaneous Emission,
 $3 \rightarrow 2$ (Pop. inversion) (Stimulated Emission, $2 \rightarrow 1$) (Spontaneous Emission)
Eg: He-Ne

* He-Ne laser

He-Ne gas used as active medium.

4 level laser

~~Wavelength~~ of radiation = 632.8 nm.

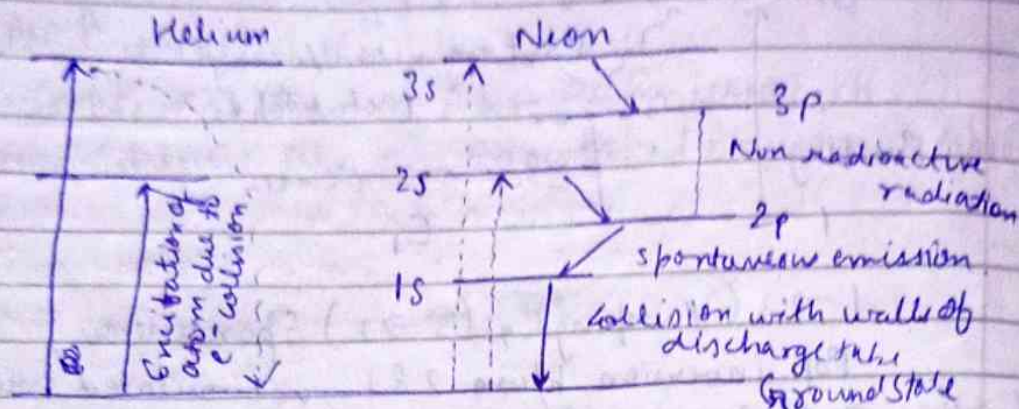
He: Ne = 10:1

Electric discharge used for Pumping

He at 1 mm of Hg

Ne at 0.1 mm of Hg

Energy level diagram



$$3s \rightarrow 3p \approx 3.39 \mu\text{m}, 3s \rightarrow 2p \approx 6328 \text{ \AA}, 2s \rightarrow 2p \approx 1.15 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{He} + e^- \rightarrow \text{He}^*$$

$$\text{He}^* + \text{Ne} \rightarrow \text{Ne}^* + \text{He}$$

Working -

When electric discharge is passing through gas mixture, the e^- collide with He gas atoms excites into higher level 2^3s and 2^1s from ground state by absorbing electron energy

2^3s and 2^1s act as metastable state so He atom can't return to ground state through spontaneous emission. So, there is a max. possibility of energy transfer b/w He and Ne atoms through atomic collision.

When they collide with Ne atoms present at ground state Ne atoms get excited to higher energy level

He atoms are used to pump ground state Ne atoms as He atoms are lighter in mass. Hence it is much more readily excited by e^- discharge than Ne-atoms.

In e^- impact on

* Ruby Laser

Solid-state laser, 3 level, Optical pumping, Works in pulse mode.

Ruby crystal (Kod) is $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ mixed in such a way that 0.05% Al^{3+} ions are separated by Cr^{3+} ions



Cr ions get excitation by absorbing 5600 Å of radiation

3 level

Very high pumping power is required
Low efficiency
Operates in pulse mode and happens as population inversion condition is required to achieve after some time.

4 level

Small pumping power is required
high efficiency.
Operates in continuous mode as atom comes back to ground state from intermediate state go back to highly excited state for pumping & cycle goes on.