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Synchrotron radiation and lasers in atomic and molecular physics

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Synchrotron Radiation

- Energy loss

$$\Delta E = \frac{88.5}{R} E^4 \quad (\text{keV})$$

- Radiated Power

$$P = 88.5 E^4 I / R \quad (\text{k.W})$$

- Radiated Power by each relativistic electron

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 c}{R^2} \left(\frac{E}{m_e c^2} \right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \quad (\text{W})$$

- Critical wavelength

$$\lambda_c = \frac{19}{(B E^2)}$$

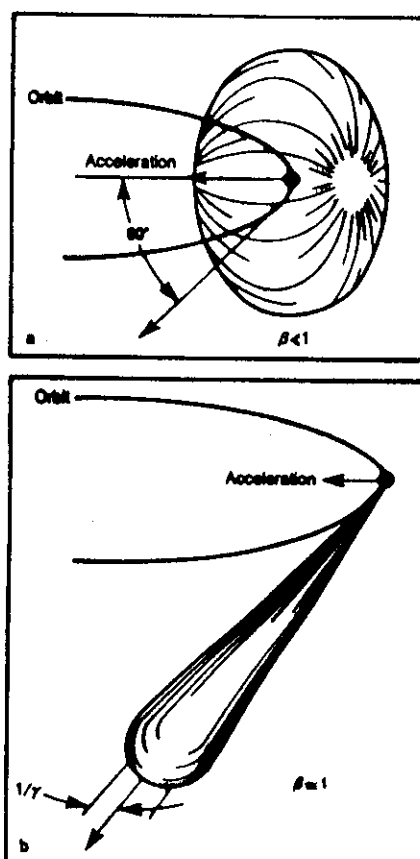
- Photon flux

$$N(\lambda) = 2.5 \times 10^{14} E G \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c} \right) I$$

$$\lambda_c = 3.9 \text{ \AA} ; E = 2 \text{ GeV} ; I = 300 \text{ mA}$$

$$\approx 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ Photon } \text{S}^{-1} \text{ mrad}^{-2}$$

$\approx 31 \text{ W}$
Land Pow.



Radiation pattern of electrons in a circular orbit. The upper diagram shows the pattern for nonrelativistic electrons predicted by Joseph Larmor. The lower diagram shows the pattern for highly relativistic electrons: the radiation is concentrated in a narrow cone; the spectrum also extends to very high frequencies.

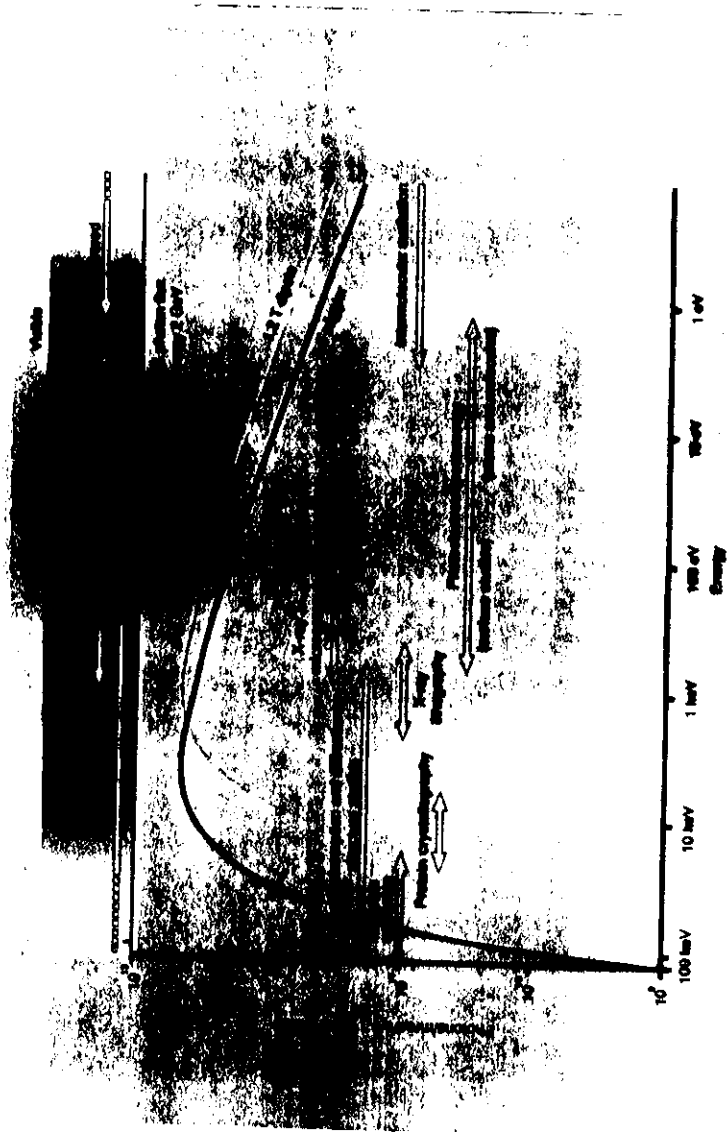


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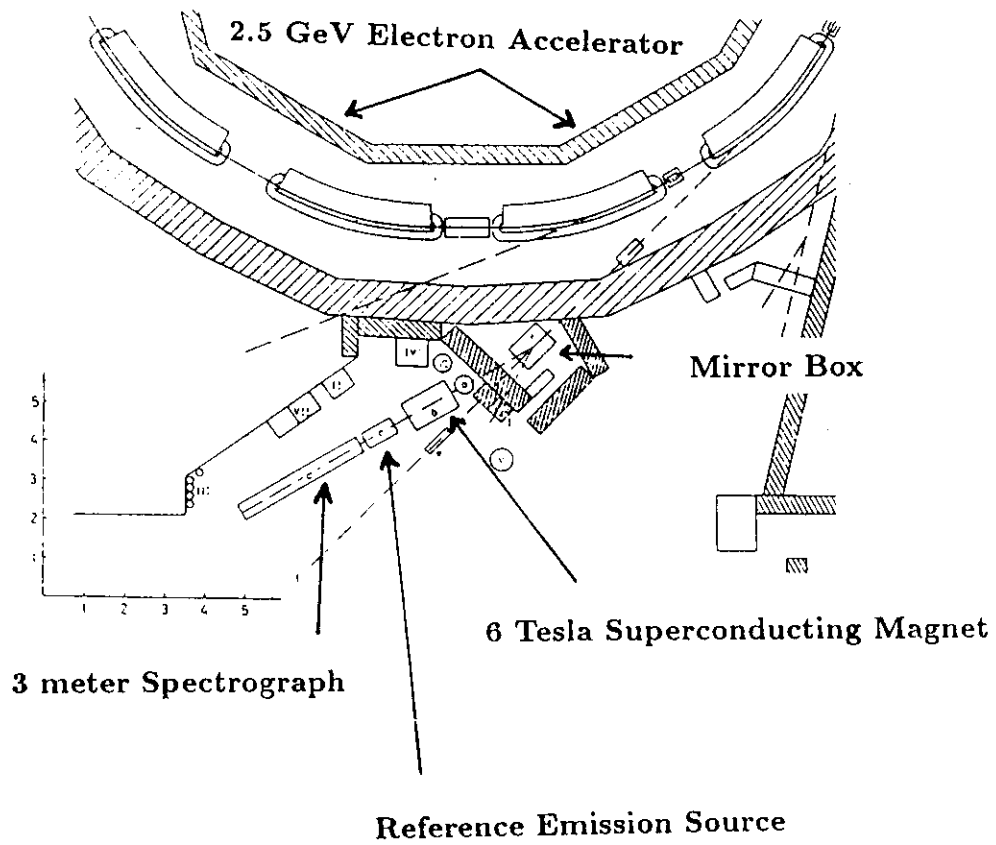
Laboratori di ricerca con luce di sincrotrone

<u>Anelli di accumulazione (1)</u>	<u>Energia</u>	<u>Corrente</u>	<u>Raggio di curvatura</u>	<u>Energia critica (2)</u>
	(GeV)	(mA)	(m)	(KeV)
DORIS, Hamburg, Germania	1,5-4,0	250	12,2	11,6
SPEAR, Stanford, USA	1,5-4,0	5-35	12,7	11,1
VEPP-3, Novosibirsk, URSS	2,25	200	6,0	4,2
VEPP-2M, Novosibirsk, URSS	67	100	1,22	54
ACO, Orsay, Francia (DLS)	54	100	1,1	32
INS-SOR, Tokyo, Giappone (DLS)	30	100	1,0	059
TANTALUS I, Wisconsin, USA (DLS)	24	100	64	048
SURF II, NBS, Washington DC, USA (DLS)	24	50	84	036
DCI, Orsay, Francia	1,8	500	3,8	3,4
PACHRA, Moscow, URSS	1,3	10-300	4,0	1,1
IPP, Moscow, URSS (DLS) (3)	1,35	100	2,5	2,2
Daresbury, Gran Bretagna (DLS) (4)	2,0	500-1000	5,55	3,2
Brookhaven, USA (DLS) (3)	2,0	500-1000	8,1	2,2
Wisconsin, USA (DLS) (3)	2-2,5	500-1000		
Photon Factory, Giappone (DLS) (3)	2,5			
ADONE, Frascati, Italia (5)	1,5	60	5,0	1,5
Amsterdam, Olanda (DLS) (3)	1-2			
ALADDIN, Wisconsin, USA (DLS) (3)	75	500	2,0	46
<u>Sincrotroni</u>				
Cornell, USA	12	2	100	38
DESY, Hamburg, Germania	7,5	10-30	31,7	29,5
ARUS, Yerevan, URSS	6,0	20	24,6	19,5
NINA, Daresbury, Gran Bretagna (6)	5,0	40	20,8	13,3
BONN I, Germania	2,5	30	7,6	4,6
INS-SOR, Tokyo, Giappone	1,3	30	4,0	1,22
Frascati, Italia	1,1	10	3,6	82
C-60, Moscow, URSS	68	10	1,6	44
BONN II, Germania	5	30	1,7	16

Note

- (1) Le macchine destinate unicamente a ricerche con luce di sincrotrone sono indicate con DLS.
- (2) In genere si possono fare esperienze fino ad energie dell'ordine di 4-5 volte l'energia critica.
- (3) In fase di progettazione.
- (4) In fase di costruzione.
- (5) Laboratorio in costruzione.
- (6) Chiusura nel 1977.

EXPERIMENTAL SET UP



ABSORPTION STUDIES:

- Precise Energy Level Measurements
- Photoionization Cross Section
- Many- Body Effects / Double Excitation
- Configuration Interaction

ZEEMAN SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES:

- Total Angular Momentum Assignments
- Wavefunction Mixing Determinations
- g - values
- Inter n,l- Mixing
- Quasi Landau Resonances

MAGNETO - OPTICAL STUDIES:

- Oscillator Strengths Measurements
- Relative f-values Measurements

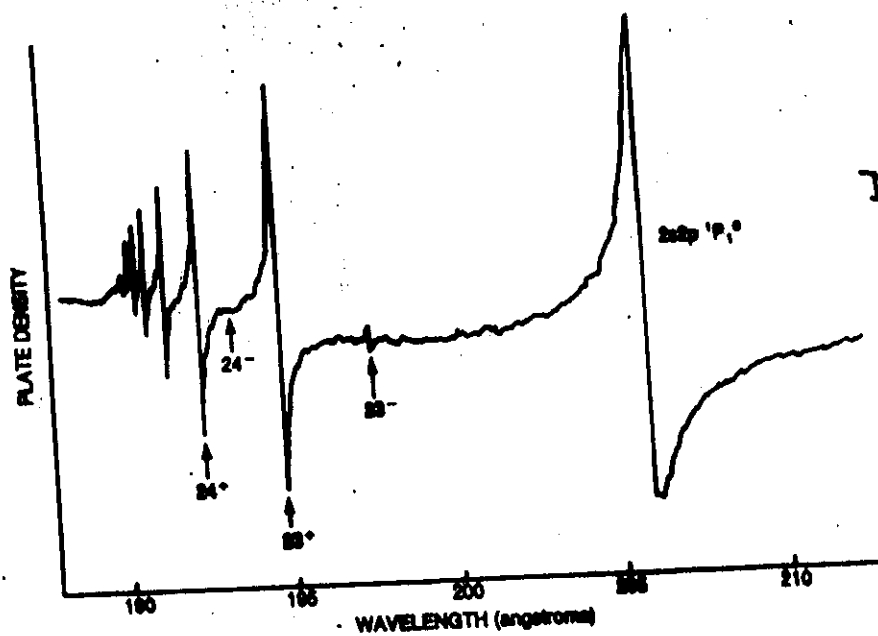
PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:

- Chemical abundances determinations:

Absorption spectrum of Helium 'Doubly excited States'



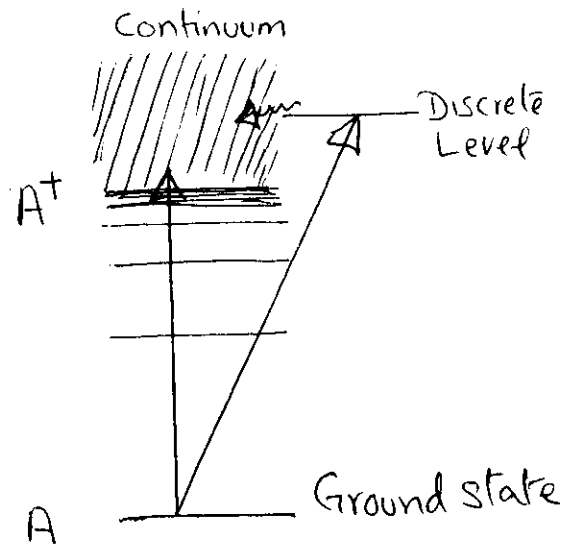
Photograph

Densitometric
Trace

Isolated Autoionizing Resonance

(9)

The absorption line profiles in the ionization continuum of atomic spectra are represented as: (Fano, 1961)



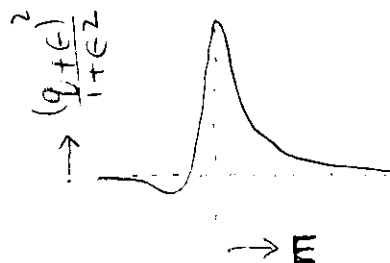
$$\sigma(E) = \sigma_a \left[\frac{(q+E)^2}{1+E^2} \right] + \sigma_b$$

Here $E = \frac{(E - E_R)}{\frac{1}{2}\Gamma}$

q = line profile index.

σ_a = part of the continuum which interacts with the discrete level

σ_b = part of the continuum which does not interact with the discrete level.



Double Excitation in Helium

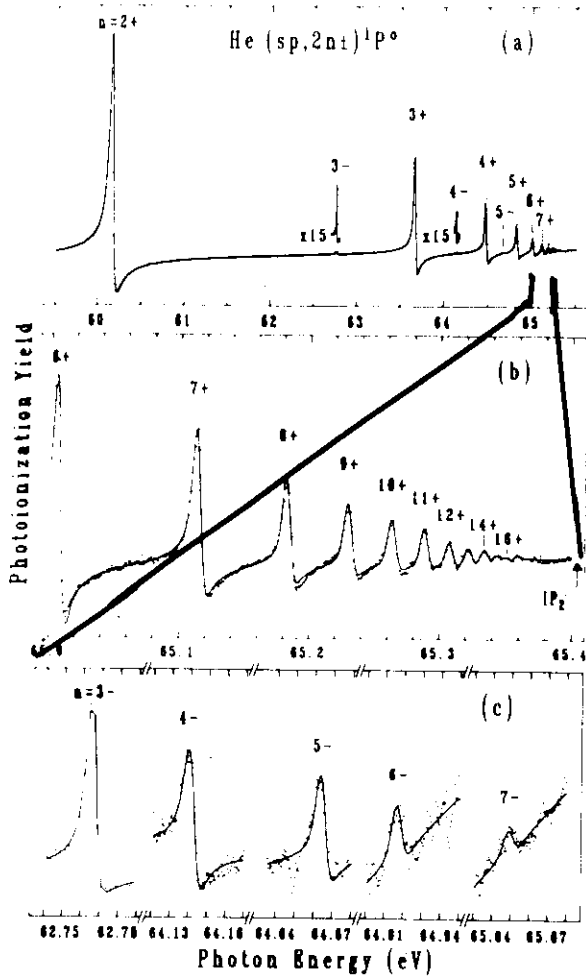


FIG. 1. Autoionizing states of double-excited He below the $N=2$ threshold (IP_2) of He: (a) overview, (b) magnification of the $n \geq 6$ region, and (c) " $2n-$ " states.

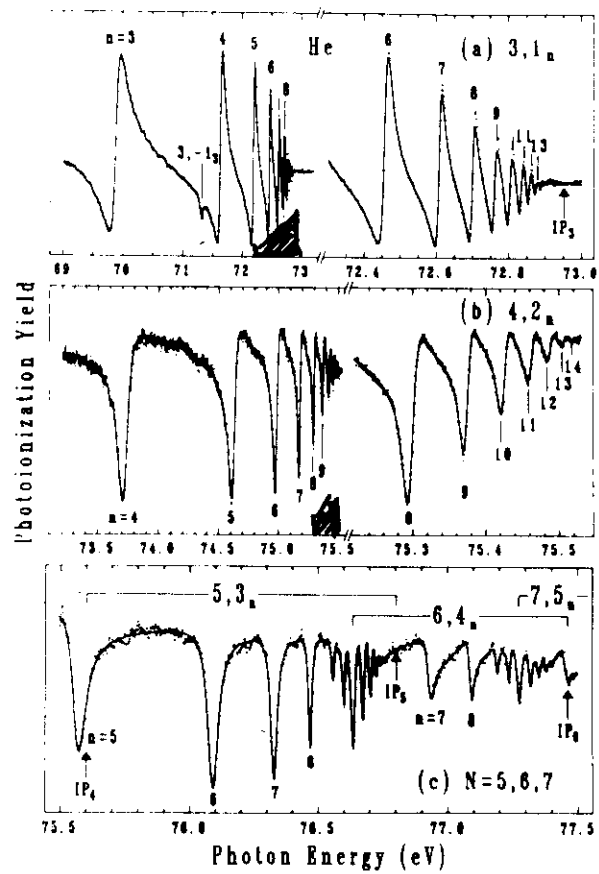
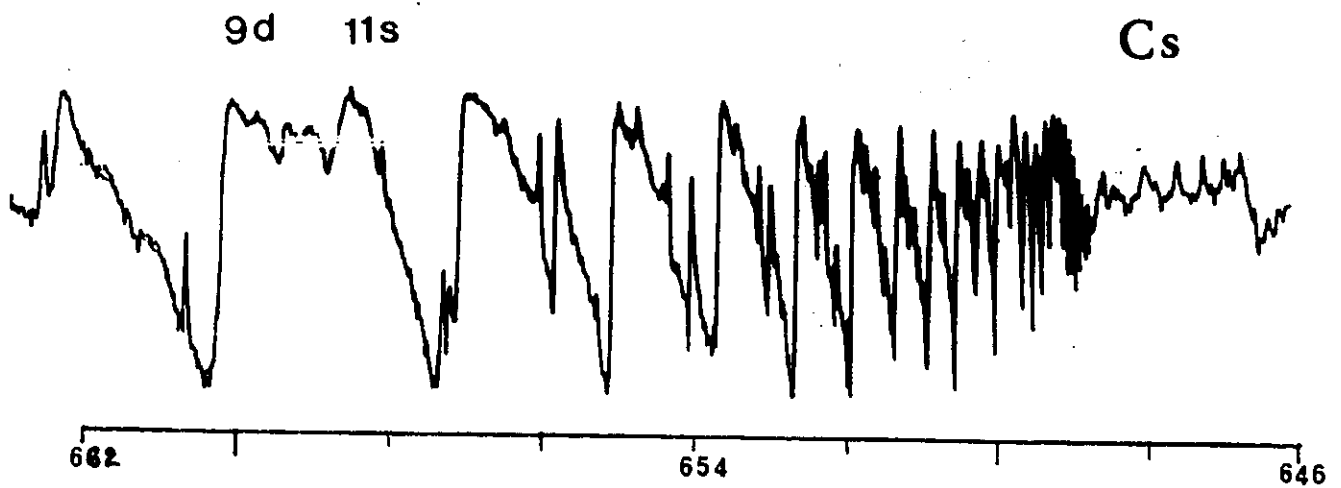
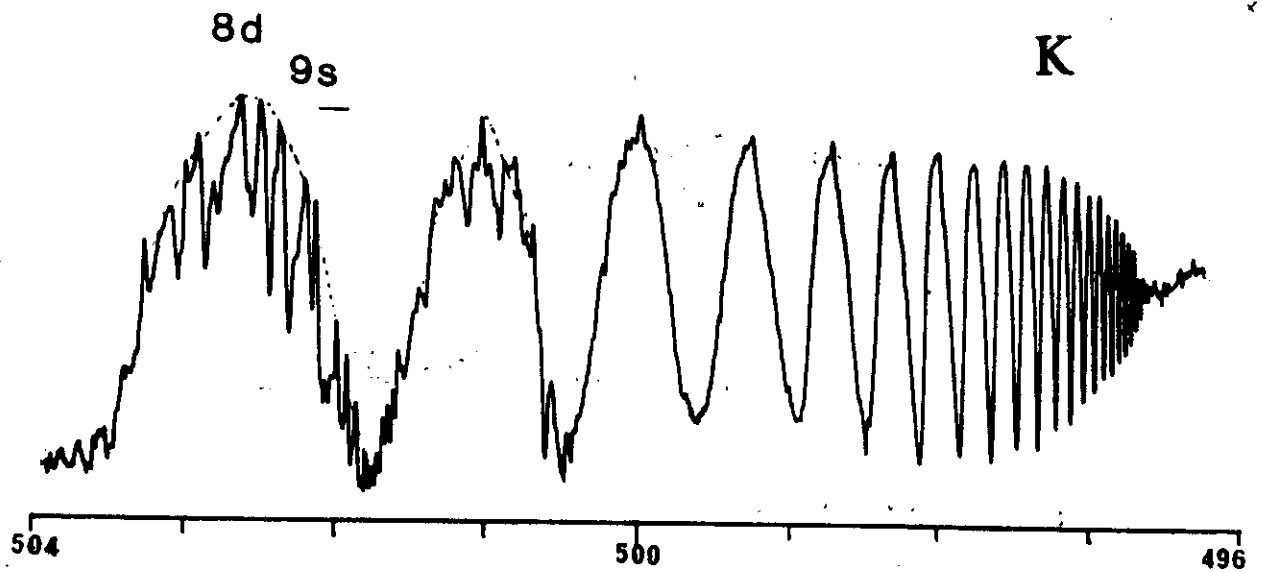
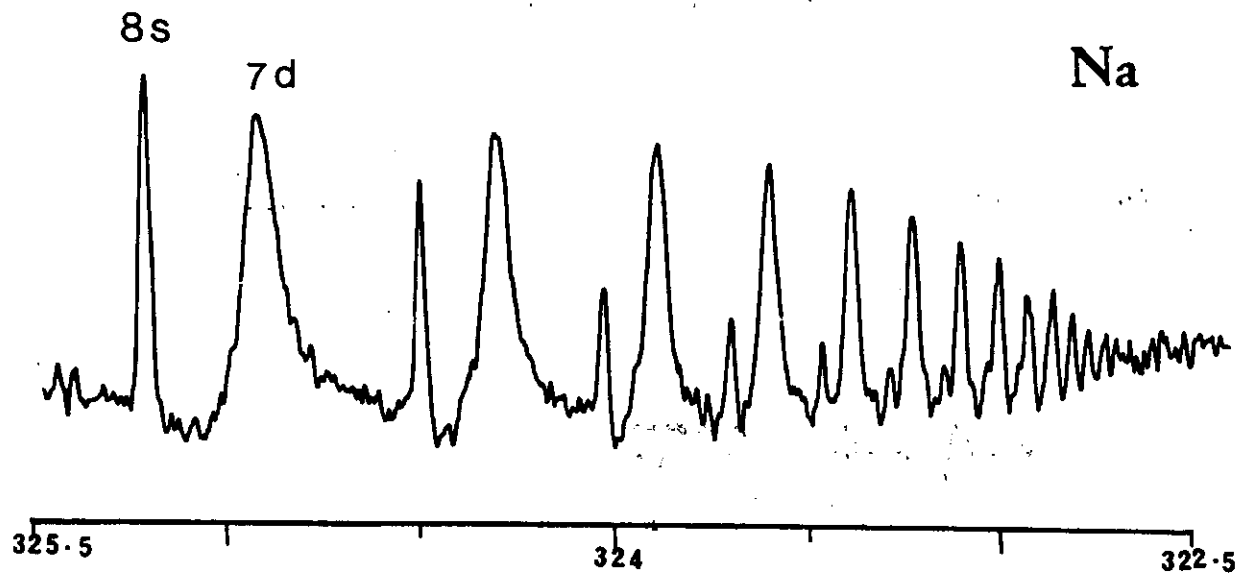
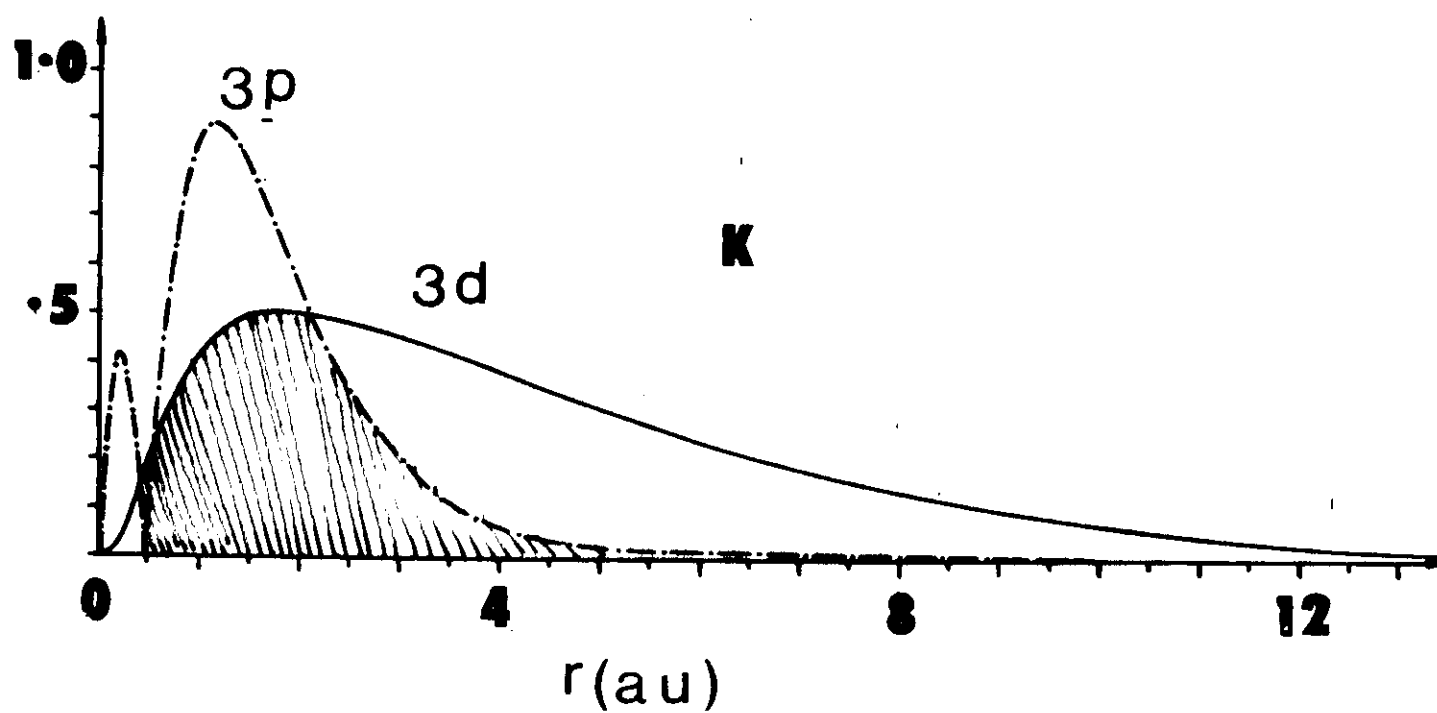
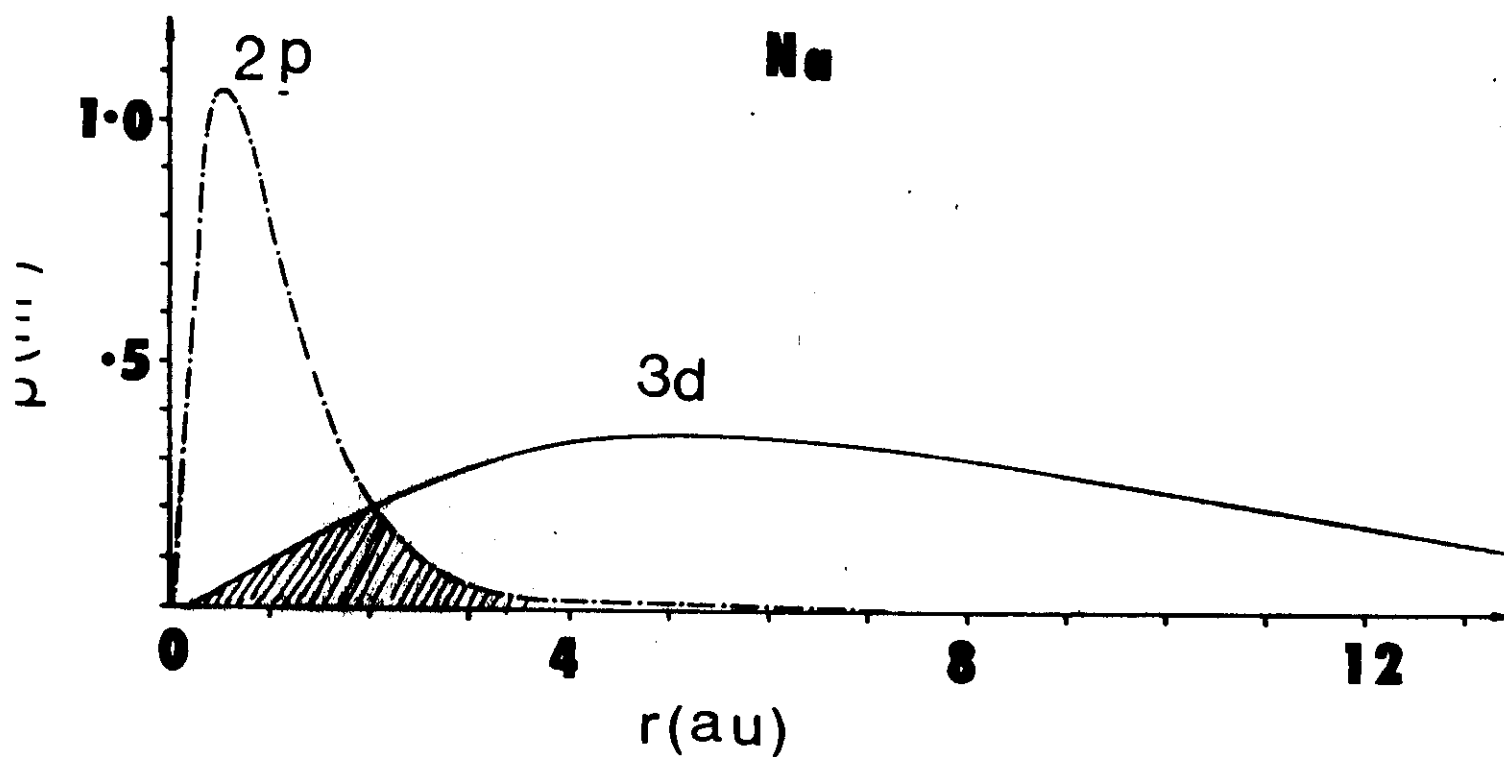


FIG. 2. Autoionizing states of He: (a) below the $N=3$ threshold (IP_3), (b) below the $N=4$ threshold (IP_4), and (c) below the $N=5$ and 6 thresholds (IP_5 , IP_6). The high- n regions are shown magnified on the right-hand sides in (a) and (b). Note the overlapping of series in (c).



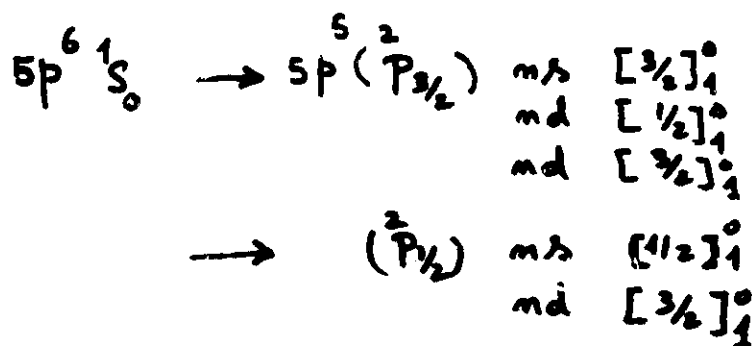
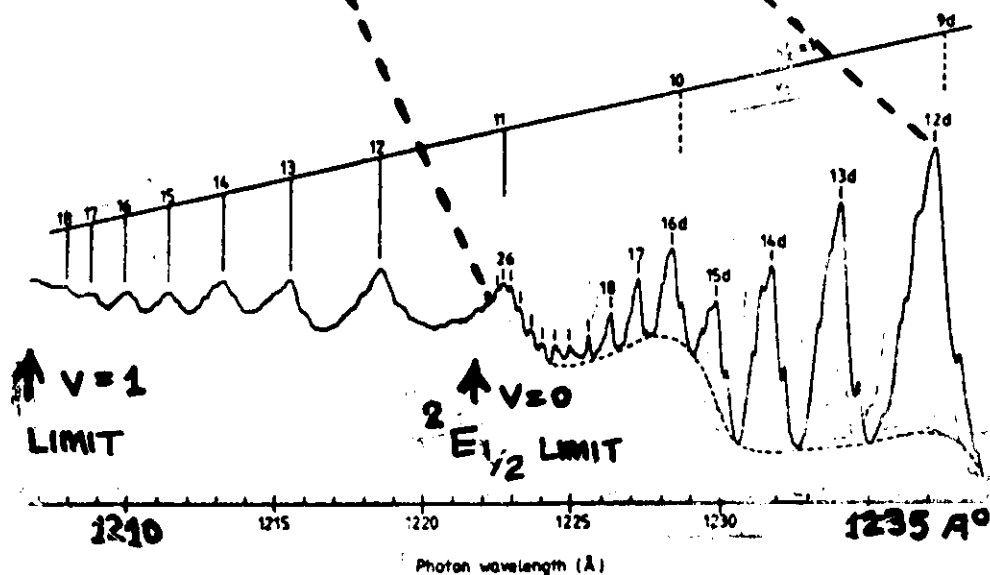
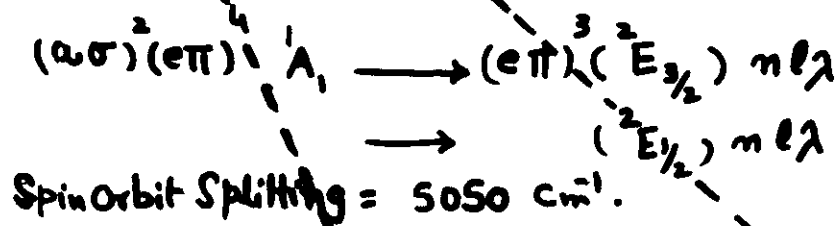
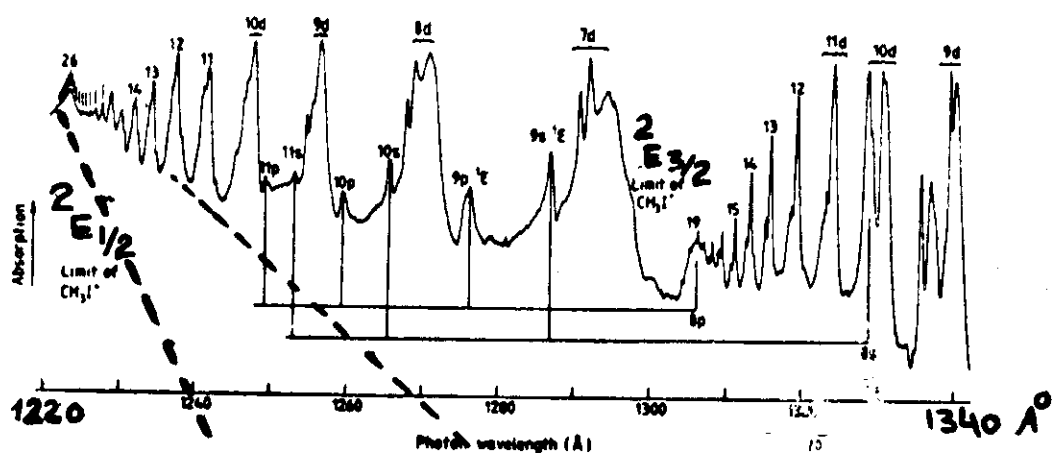
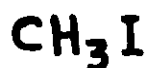


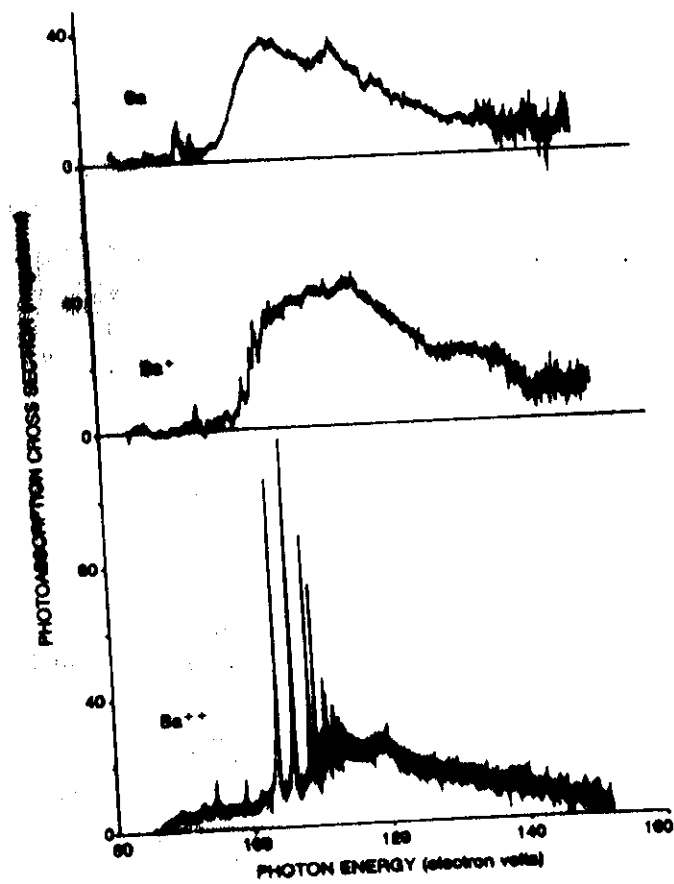
single configuration 4s¹ and 3d⁵ electrons.

Effective Ground numbers:

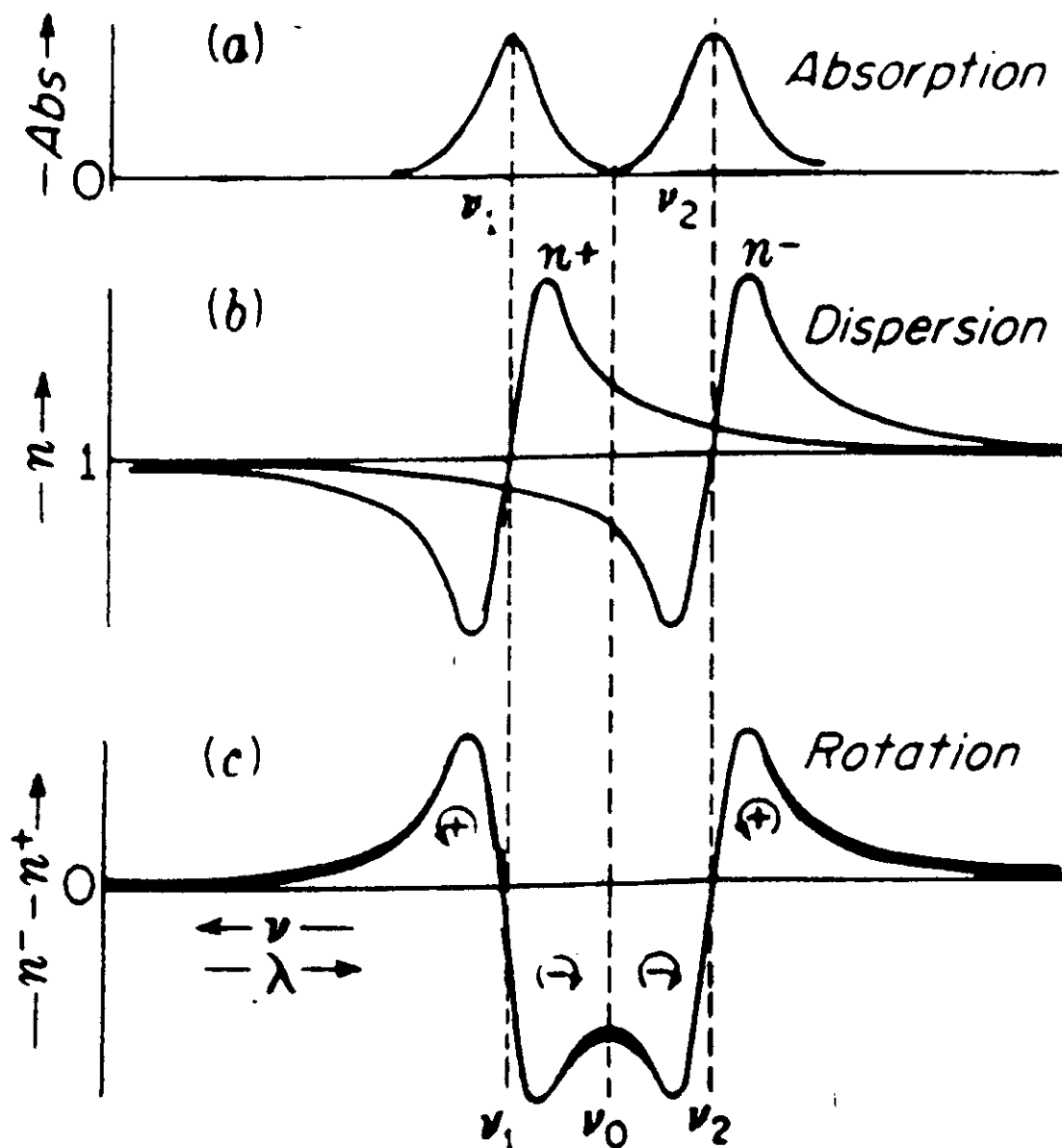
NaI	7d	6.72		88	6.35
	8d	7.68		98	7.27
KI	9d	7.55		108	7.55
	10d	8.58		118	8.69
RbI	10d	7.40		118	7.62
	11d	8.35		128	8.64
CsI	9d	6.32		118	6.75
	10d	7.36		128	7.75
	11d	8.36			

QUASI-ATOMIC RYDBERG STATES





Magneto-optical Rotation



Zeeman Splitting: $\Delta \omega_{\text{zee}} = \frac{e}{2m} B_0$

Diamagnetic Zeeman effect: $\Delta \omega_{\text{zee}} = \frac{e^2 a_0^2}{m \hbar} \cdot \frac{B^2}{Z^2} (n^+ - n^-)$

FARADAY ROTATION

Propagation of plane polarized light in an optically active medium is treated by assuming that the electric and magnetic fields are plane waves of frequency ω travelling in the z direction:

$$E_{\pm} = E_0 (\hat{i} \pm i\hat{j}) \exp [i\omega(t - \hat{n}_{\pm} z/c)] \quad \dots (1)$$

$\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are unit vectors

\hat{n}_{\pm} is the complex refractive index.

$$\hat{n}_{\pm} = n_{\pm} - ik_{\pm}$$

$$E = E_+ + E_- = E_x \hat{i} + E_y \hat{j} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$E_x = E_0 \exp [i\omega(t - \hat{n}_+ z/c)] = E_0 \exp [i\omega(t - (n_+ - ik_+)z/c)] = E_0 \exp [i\omega(t - n_+ z/c + k_+ z/c)]$$

where $\bar{z} = z\omega/c$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \underbrace{\phi - i\theta}_{\text{Two different contributions.}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}(n_+ - n_-)\bar{z} \quad (\text{Faraday Rotation})$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(k_+ - k_-)\bar{z} \quad (\text{Circular birefringence})$$

The incident intensity I_0 is related to E_0 by letting $z=0$ thus:

$$I_0 = 4E_0^2 \quad \dots (4)$$

Considering the incident plane wave as a superposition of plane waves of frequency ω travelling in the z direction:

$$E_y E_y^* = E_0^2 \{ [\exp(-k_+ \bar{z}) - \exp(-k_- \bar{z})]^2 + 4 \exp[-(k_+ - k_-)\bar{z}] \cdot \sin^2(n_+ - n_-)\bar{z}/2 \}$$

Let $\alpha_{\pm} = 2\omega k_{\pm}/c$

intensity absorption coefficient

To use this relation for practical calculation, we express a_+ , a_- , n_+ & n_- as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\pm} &= \frac{e^2 N f}{m c} \frac{\Gamma/4\pi}{(\nu_0 - \nu \pm \alpha)^2 + (\Gamma/4\pi)^2} \\ n_{\pm} &= \frac{e^2 N f}{4\pi m} \frac{1}{(\nu_0 \pm \alpha)} \cdot \frac{\nu_0 - \nu \pm \alpha}{(\nu_0 - \nu \pm \alpha)^2 + (\Gamma/4\pi)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \frac{e}{4\pi m c} \cdot B$$

Substituting eq(6) into eq(5) with $\nu_0 = \nu$ to calculate the magnetic-optical path difference for Faraday crossed polarizer & analyzer.

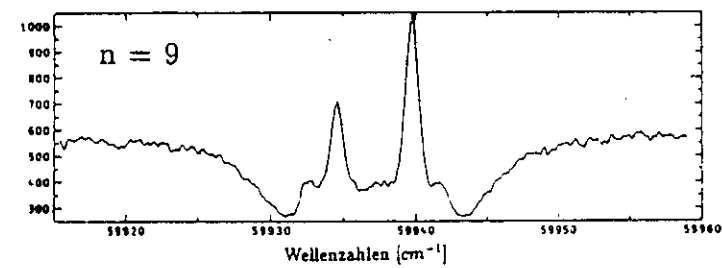
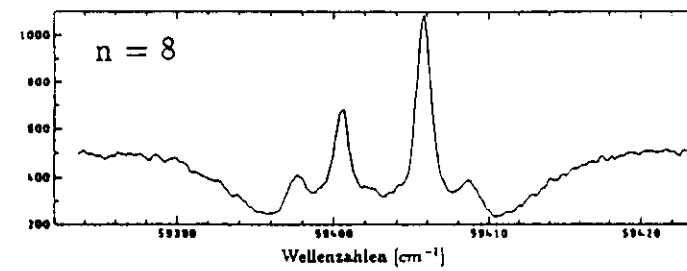
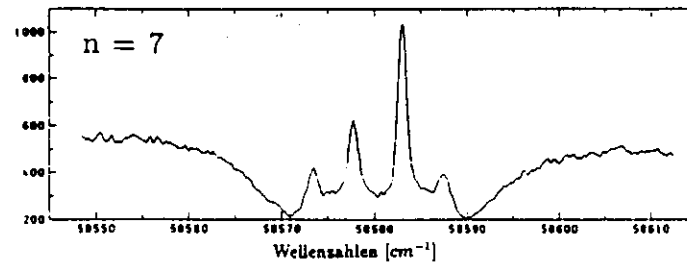
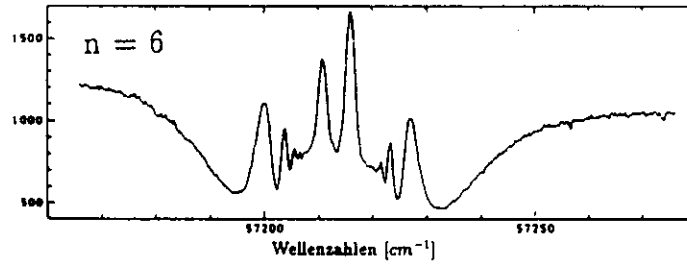
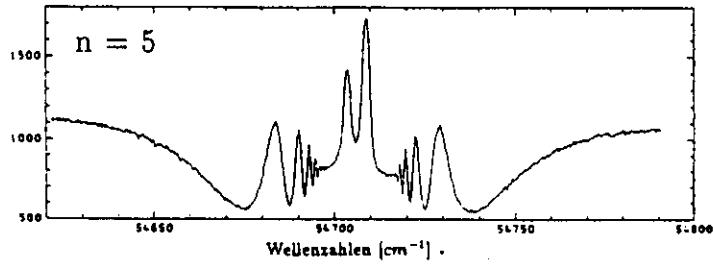
$$\phi = - \frac{N f l B e^3}{8\pi m^2 c^2} \frac{(2\nu_0 \nu - \nu^2)[(\nu_0 - \nu)^2 - \alpha^2] - \nu^2 (\Gamma/4\pi)^2}{(\nu^2 - \alpha^2)[(\nu_0 - \nu + \alpha)^2 + (\Gamma/4\pi)^2][(\nu_0 - \nu - \alpha)^2 + (\Gamma/4\pi)^2]} \quad (7)$$

As the frequency of the light is varied, starting from the far wing of a line and moving in towards the zero field line centre, the rotation angle grows from zero to high values, and crossed polarisers transmit a series of "beats" which correspond to maxima and minima in the function $\sin^2 \phi$.

Neglecting all effects due to absorption, to treat them as maxima and minima in the function $\sin^2 \phi$, and assuming $\alpha \ll \nu$, then eq(7) reduces to the far wing formula (Mitchell & Zemansky)

$$\phi = \frac{N f l B e^3}{8\pi m^2 c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(\nu - \nu_0)^2} \quad (8)$$

Rydberg states of MgI.



oscillator strengths of SrI Principal series

n	$\lambda_0 (\text{\AA})$	n^*	f (present)	f (PS) [†]	f (PRT) [‡]
11	2253.954	8.372	0.008 51 \pm	0.008 91 \pm 15%	0.008 51 \pm 12%
12	2238.350	9.346	0.005 31 \pm 0.6%	0.005 25 \pm 15%	0.005 13 \pm 12%
13	2226.997	10.330	0.003 51 \pm 0.7%	0.003 72 \pm 15%	0.003 63 \pm 12%
14	2218.507	11.319	0.002 58 \pm 0.8%	0.002 57 \pm 15%	0.002 57 \pm 12%
15	2211.999	12.311	0.001 87 \pm 1.3%	0.002 09 \pm 15%	0.001 86 \pm 12%
16	2206.927	13.302	0.001 41 \pm 1.5%	0.001 48 \pm 15%	0.001 45 \pm 15%
17	2202.863	14.302	0.001 10 \pm 1.7%	—	0.001 07 \pm 15%
18	2199.579	15.301	0.009 24 \pm 1.8%	—	0.000 98 \pm 15%
19	2196.900	16.294	0.000 696 \pm 1.9%	—	0.000 78 \pm 15%
20	2194.663	17.292	0.000 555 \pm 2.0%	—	0.000 66 \pm 15%
21	2192.788	18.290	0.000 447 \pm 2.2%	—	0.000 58 \pm 15%
22	2191.196	19.293	0.000 378 \pm 2.6%	—	0.000 50 \pm 20%
23	2189.841	20.288	0.000 309 \pm 3.2%	—	0.000 42 \pm 20%
24	2188.673	21.286	0.000 268 \pm 3.6%	—	0.000 33 \pm 20%
25	2187.652	22.288	0.000 218 \pm 3.7%	—	0.000 31 \pm 20%
26	2186.776	23.273	0.000 179 \pm 5.6%	—	0.000 26 \pm 20%
27	2186.046	24.281	0.000 149 \pm 6.7%	—	—
28	2185.389	25.273	0.000 119 \pm 8.3%	—	—

[†] PS denotes Penkin and Shabanova (1962).

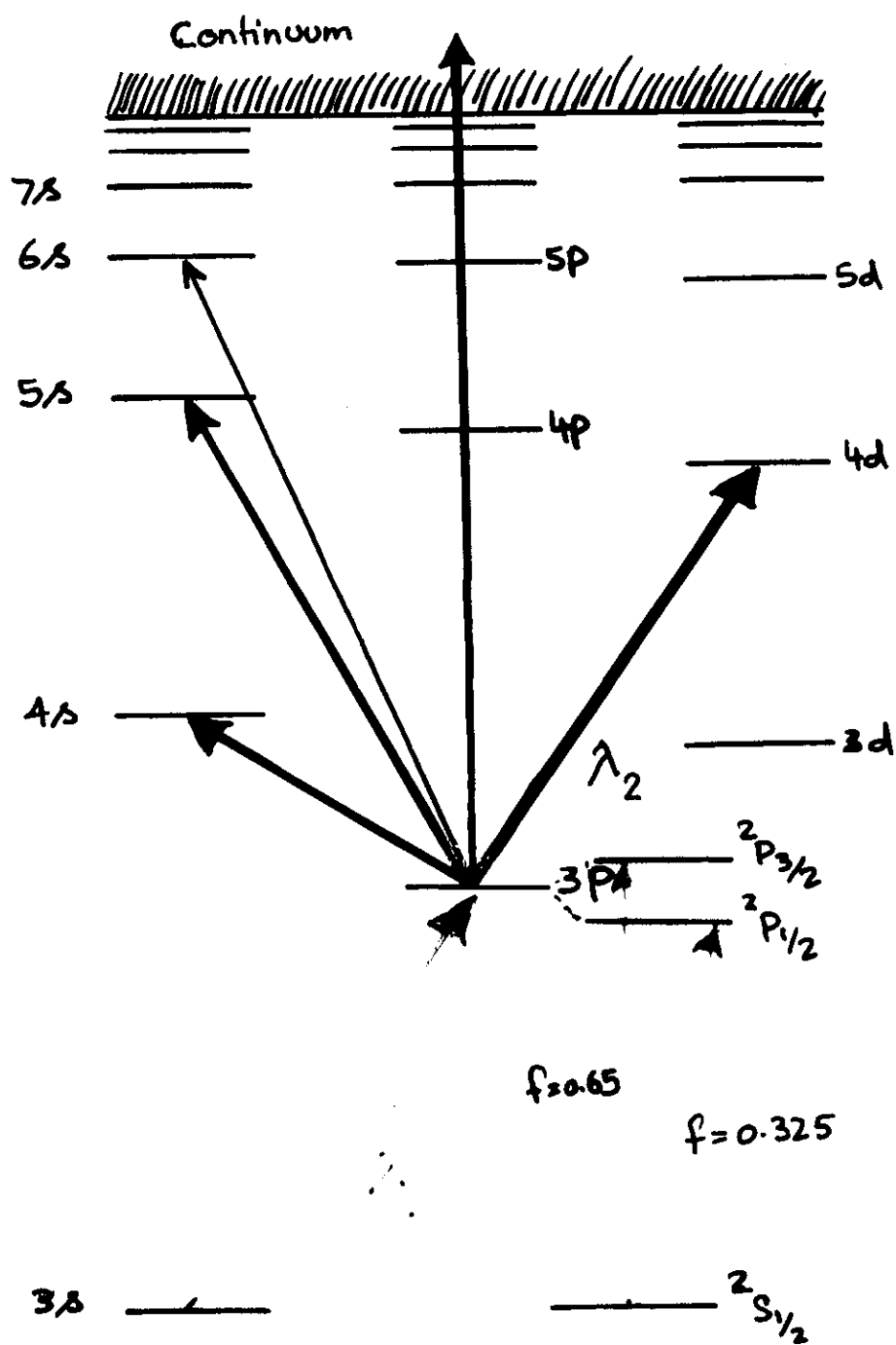
[‡] PRT denotes Parkinson, Reeves and Tomkins (1976).

[§] All the present values are normalised onto the $n = 11$ f value given by PRT which is regarded as exact when specifying the error bars in the column of present measurements.

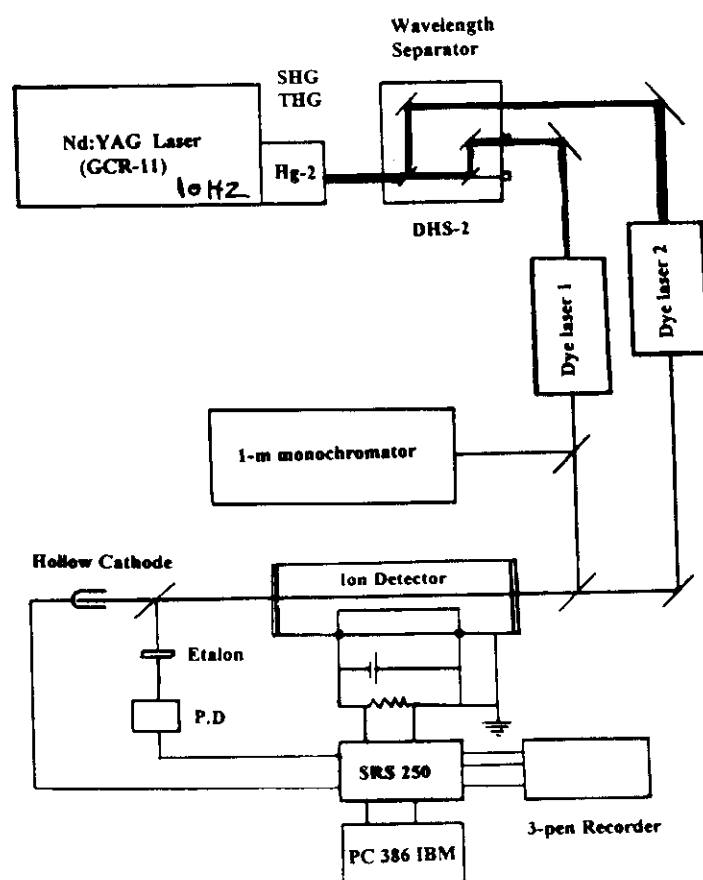
MgI 3snp 1P_1 series

n	n^*	ΔE	Nfl [10^{14}cm^{-2}]	ΔNfl [%]	$f \cdot 10^4$	$\frac{f \cdot n^3}{2R} \cdot (\text{eV})$	$f^{-1/3}$
5	3.9694	-0.863	86.401	0.4	556.1	1278.7 \pm 5.1	2.62 \pm 0.02
6	4.9624	-0.552	28.44	0.8	183.1	822.6 \pm 6.6	3.79 \pm 0.03
7	5.9584	-0.383	6.385	2	41.10	319.3 \pm 9.6	6.24 \pm 0.04
8	6.9561	-0.281	3.900	2	25.10	310.6 \pm 9.3	7.36 \pm 0.05
9	7.9546	-0.215	2.535	3	16.32	302.0 \pm 9.0	8.49 \pm 0.1
10	8.9533	-0.170	1.505	3	9.69	255.7 \pm 7.7	10.1 \pm 0.1
11	9.9527	-0.137	1.197	5	7.71	279.5 \pm 14.0	10.9 \pm 0.2
12	10.9516	-0.113	0.761	5	4.90	236.6 \pm 11.8	12.7 \pm 0.2
13	11.9513	-0.095	0.682	8	4.39	275.5 \pm 22.0	13.2 \pm 0.4
14	12.9507	-0.081	0.525	8	3.38	269.9 \pm 21.6	14.4 \pm 0.4
15	13.9507	-0.070	0.493	10	3.17	316.4 \pm 31.6	14.7 \pm 0.5
5*	3.9694			5	241.8	556.0 \pm 27.8	3.46 \pm 0.06
6*	4.9624			5	79.6	357.6 \pm 17.9	5.01 \pm 0.09

Second Lecture



Experimental setup

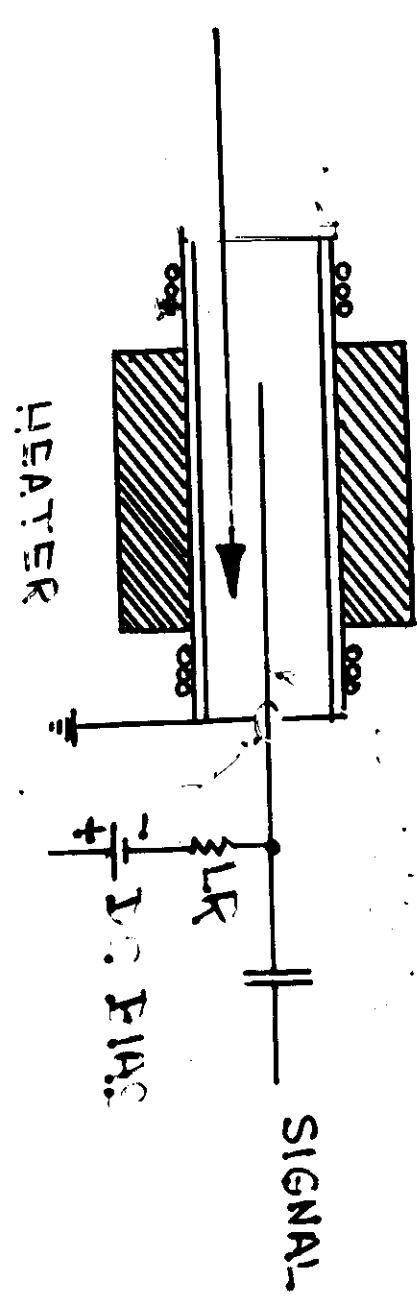


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 100 K

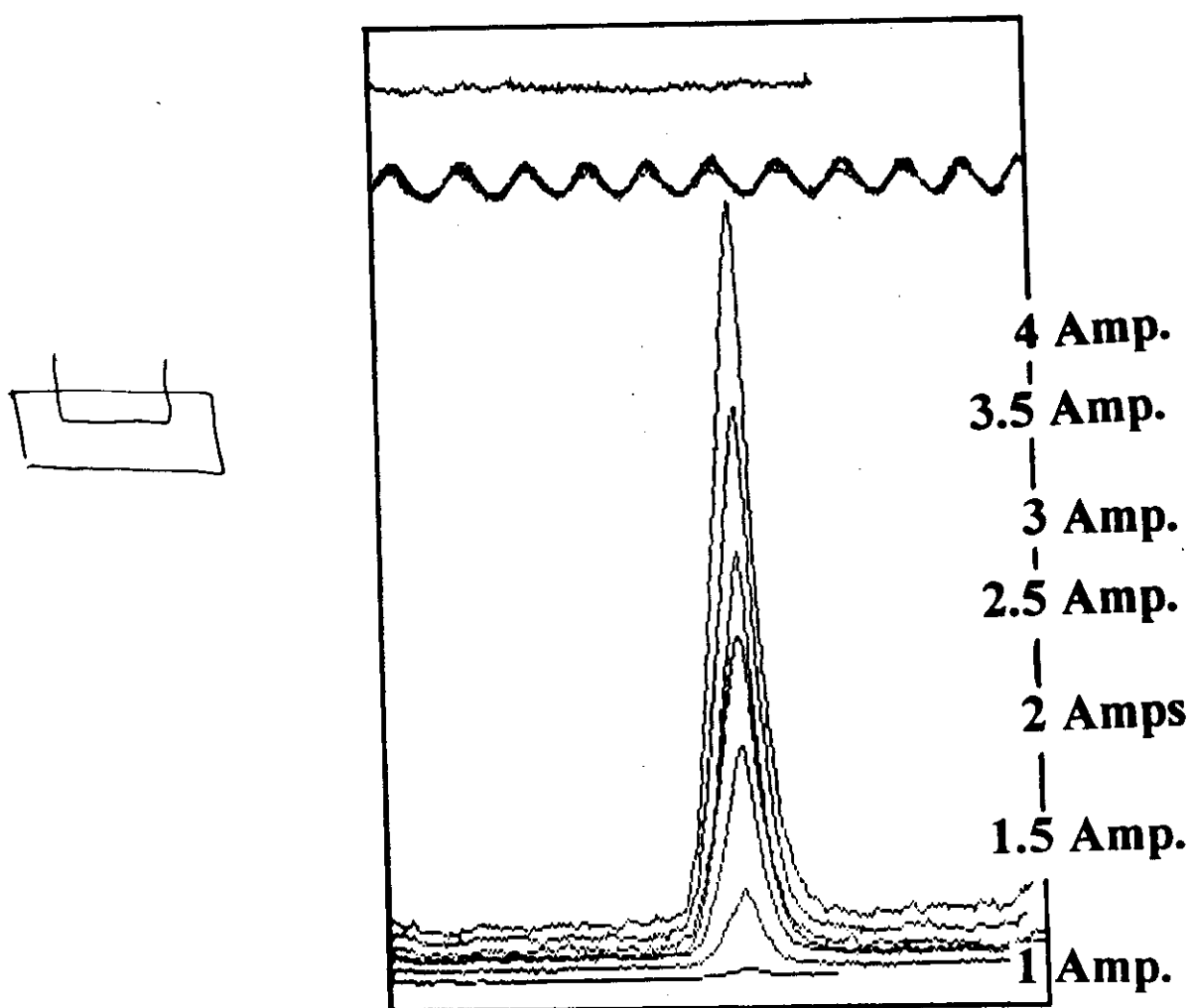
Na_2
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mode current = 3.5 Amp
 Ar Buffer gas = 3 m Torr

LASER
PEAM



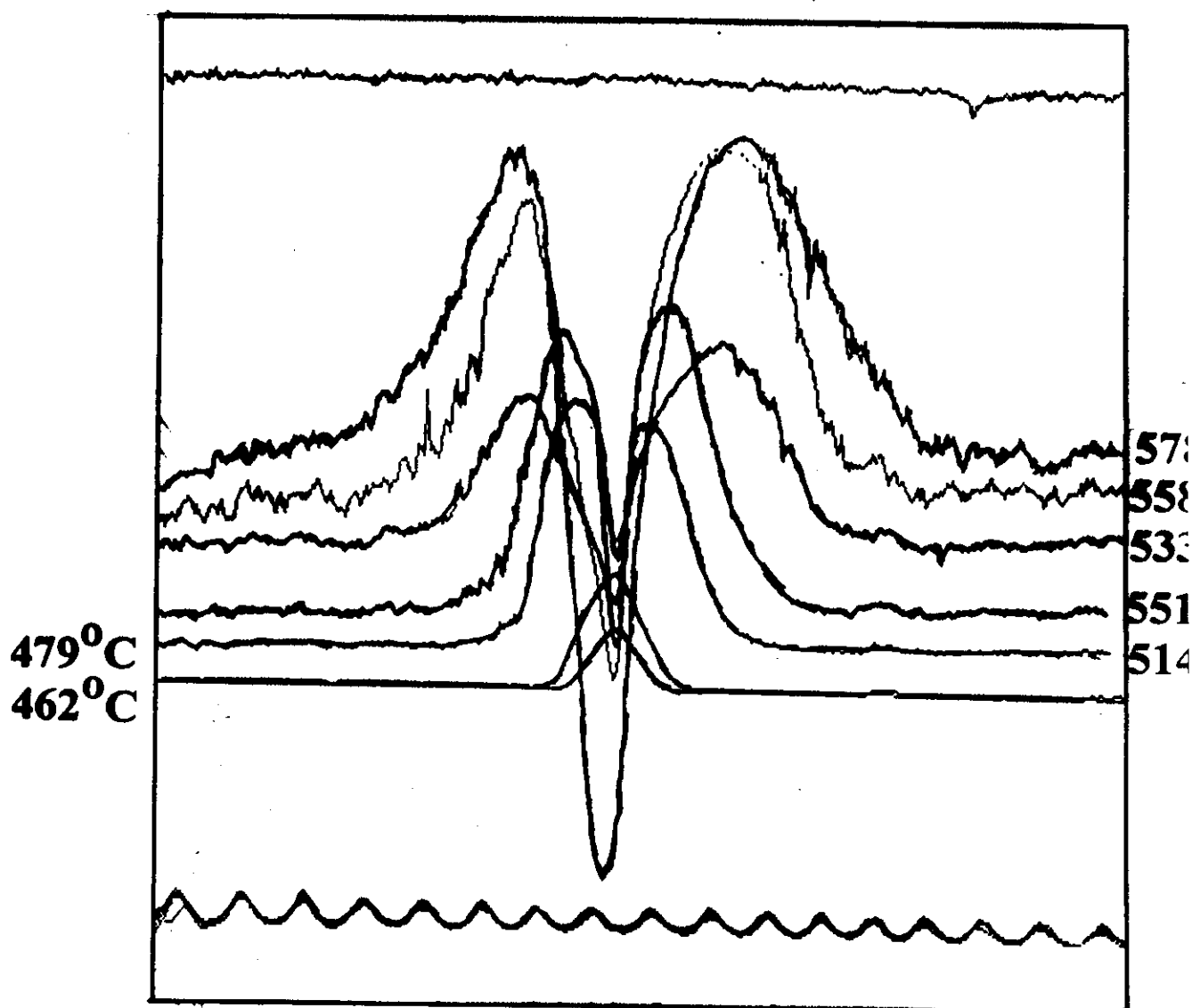
Cathode Current Dependence
(Temperature = 450 °C)



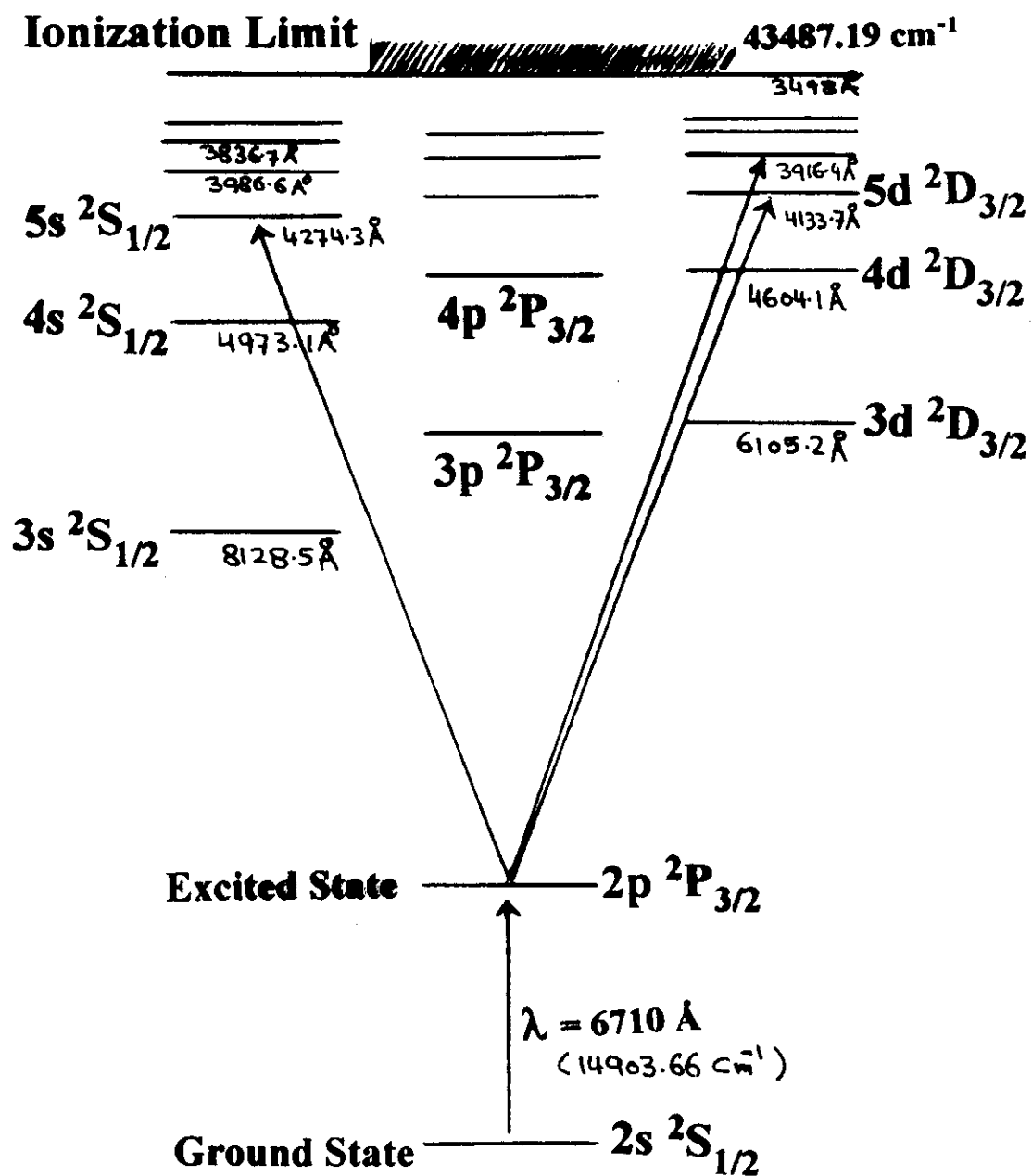
Lithium Resonance Transition ($\lambda = 6710 \text{ \AA}$)
 $2s \text{ } ^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow 2p \text{ } ^2P_{3/2}$

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Vapor Pressure Dependence
 (Cathode current = 2.8 Amp.)

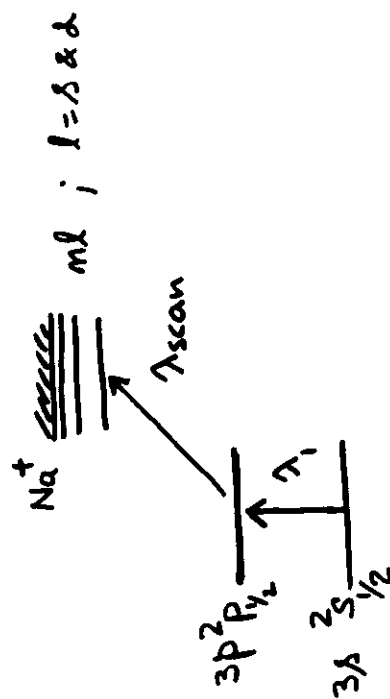
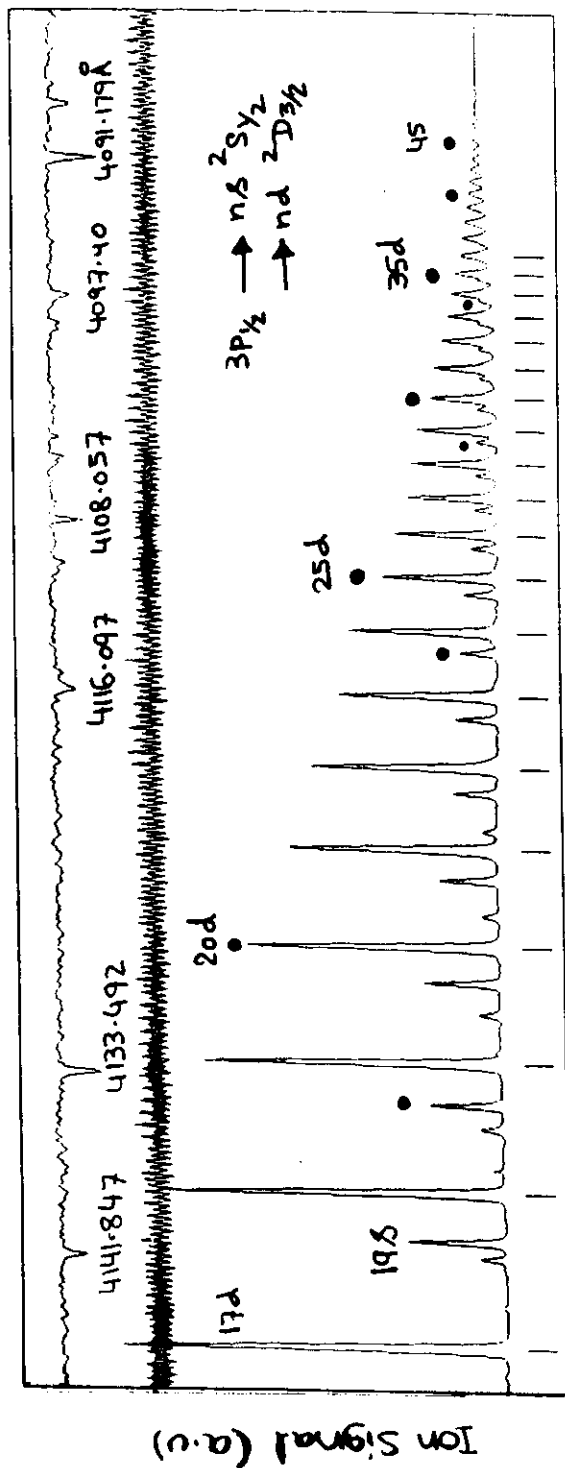


Energy Level Diagram of Lithium



NaI

Two step Excitation

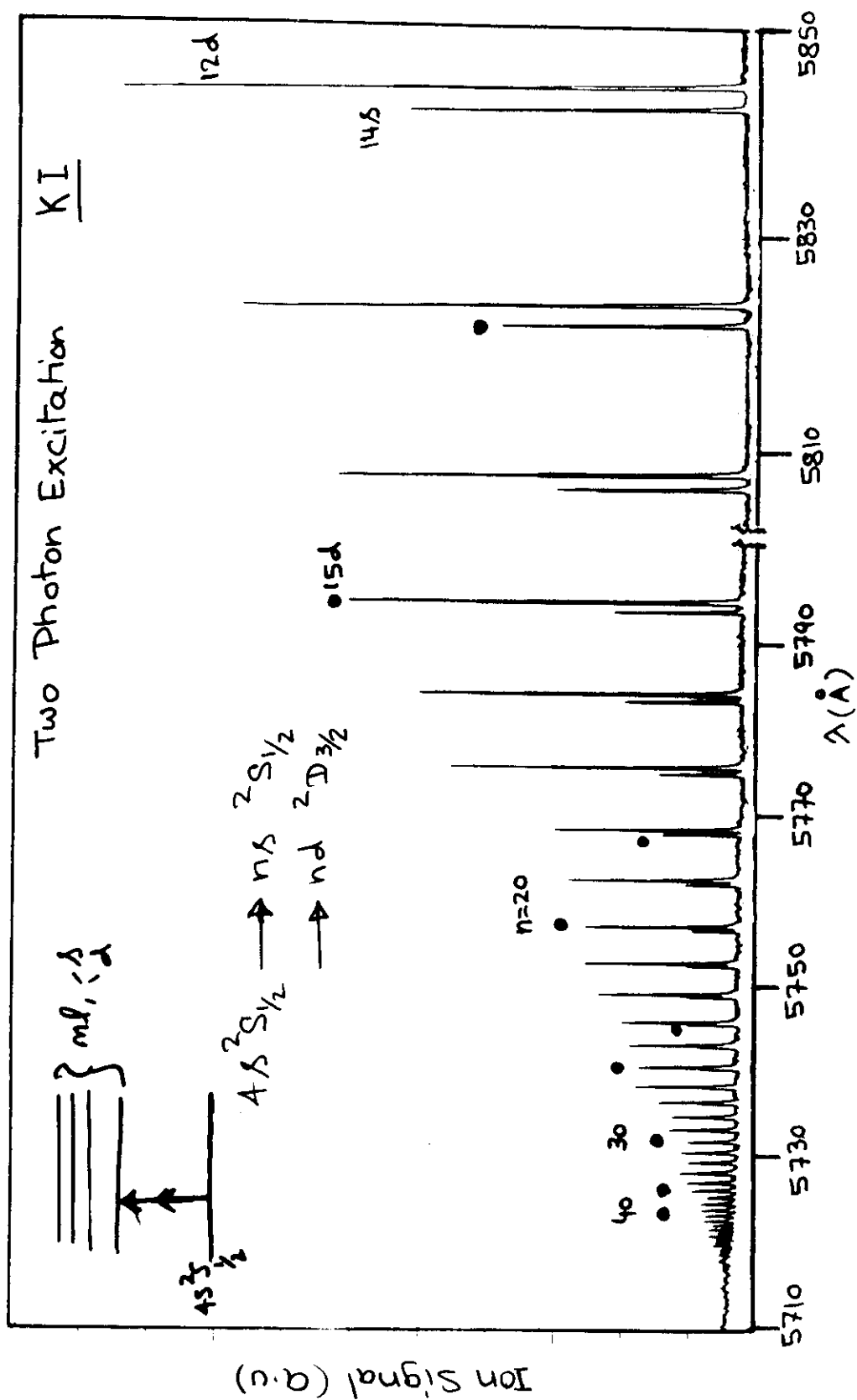


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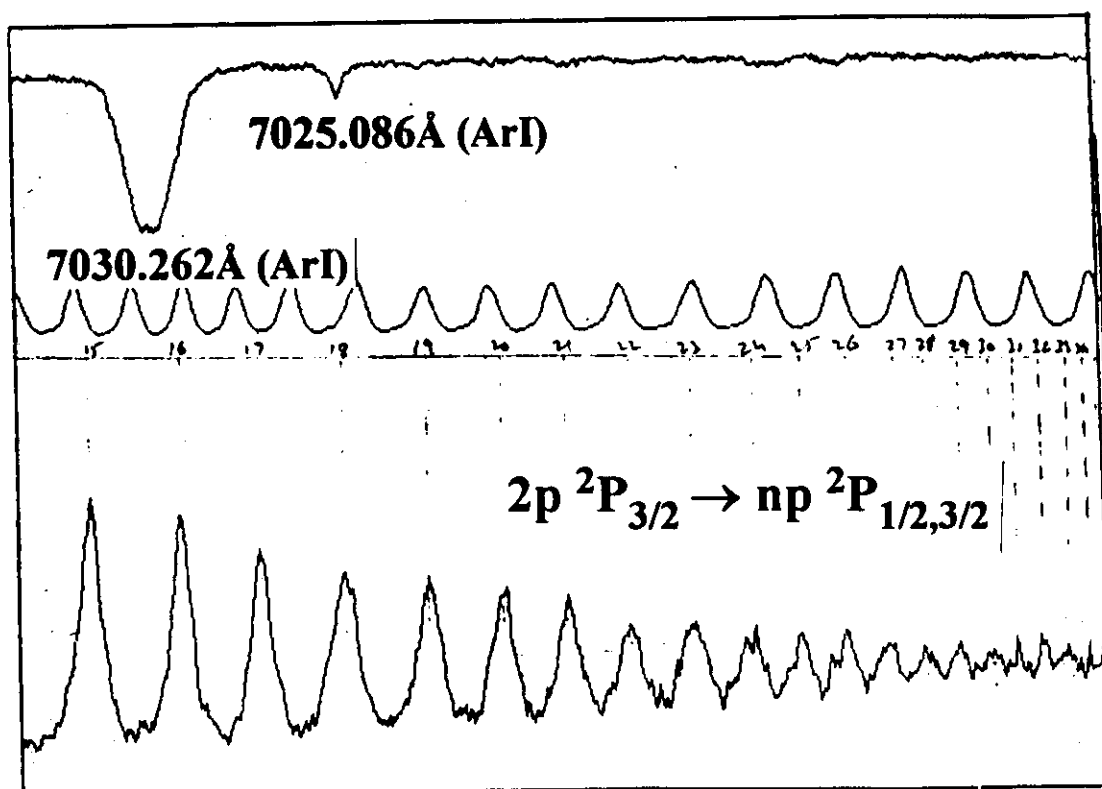
$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

$$\Delta s = 0$$

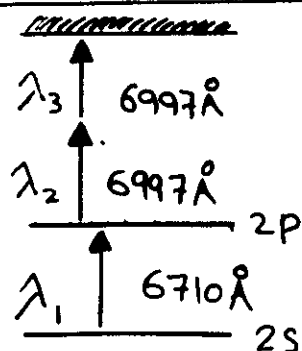
$$\Delta j = 0, \pm 1$$



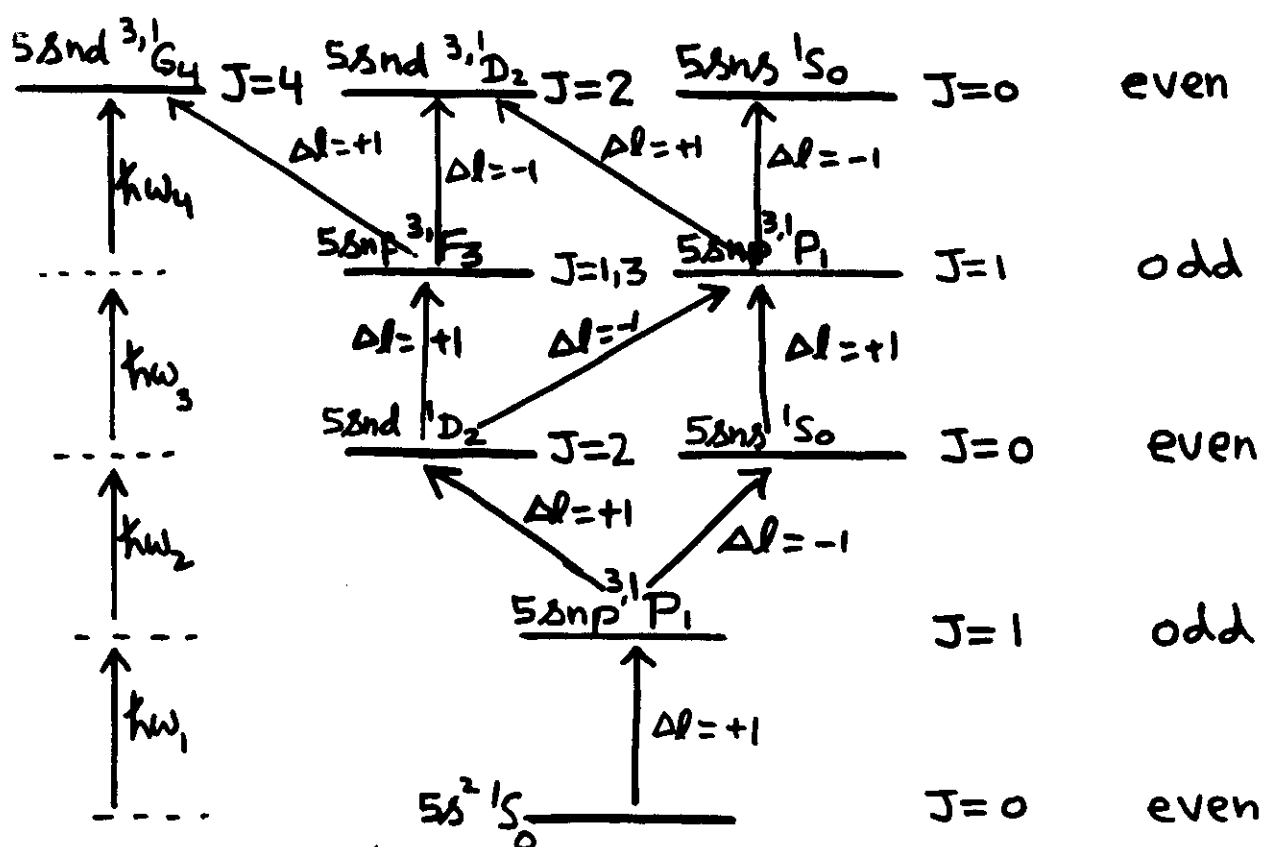
Two Color Three Photon Resonance Ionization of Li

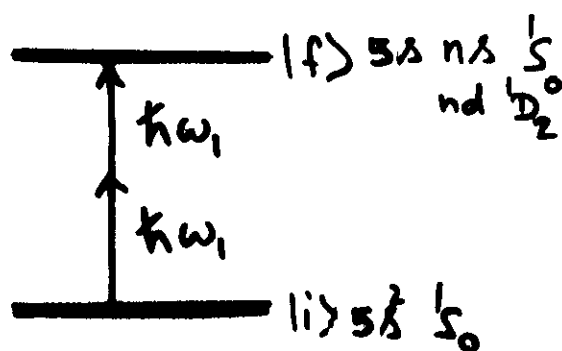
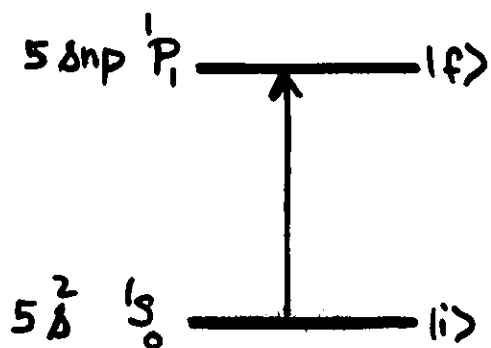
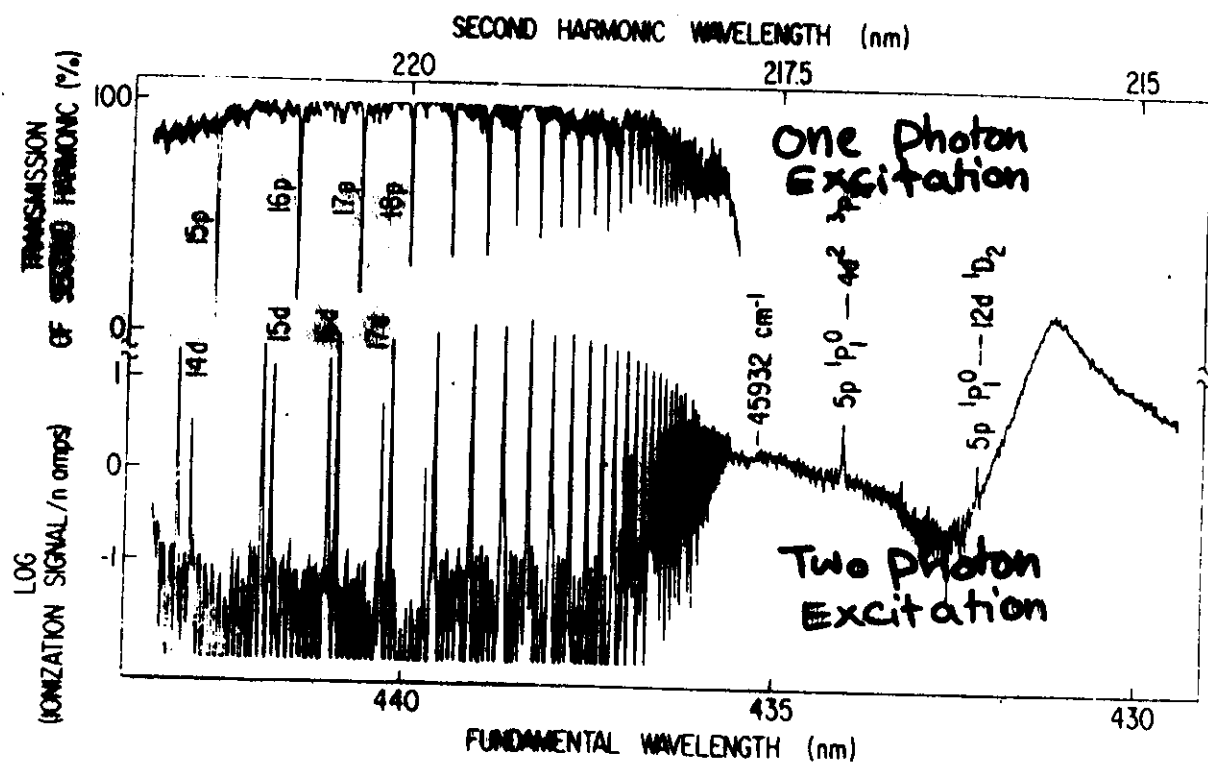


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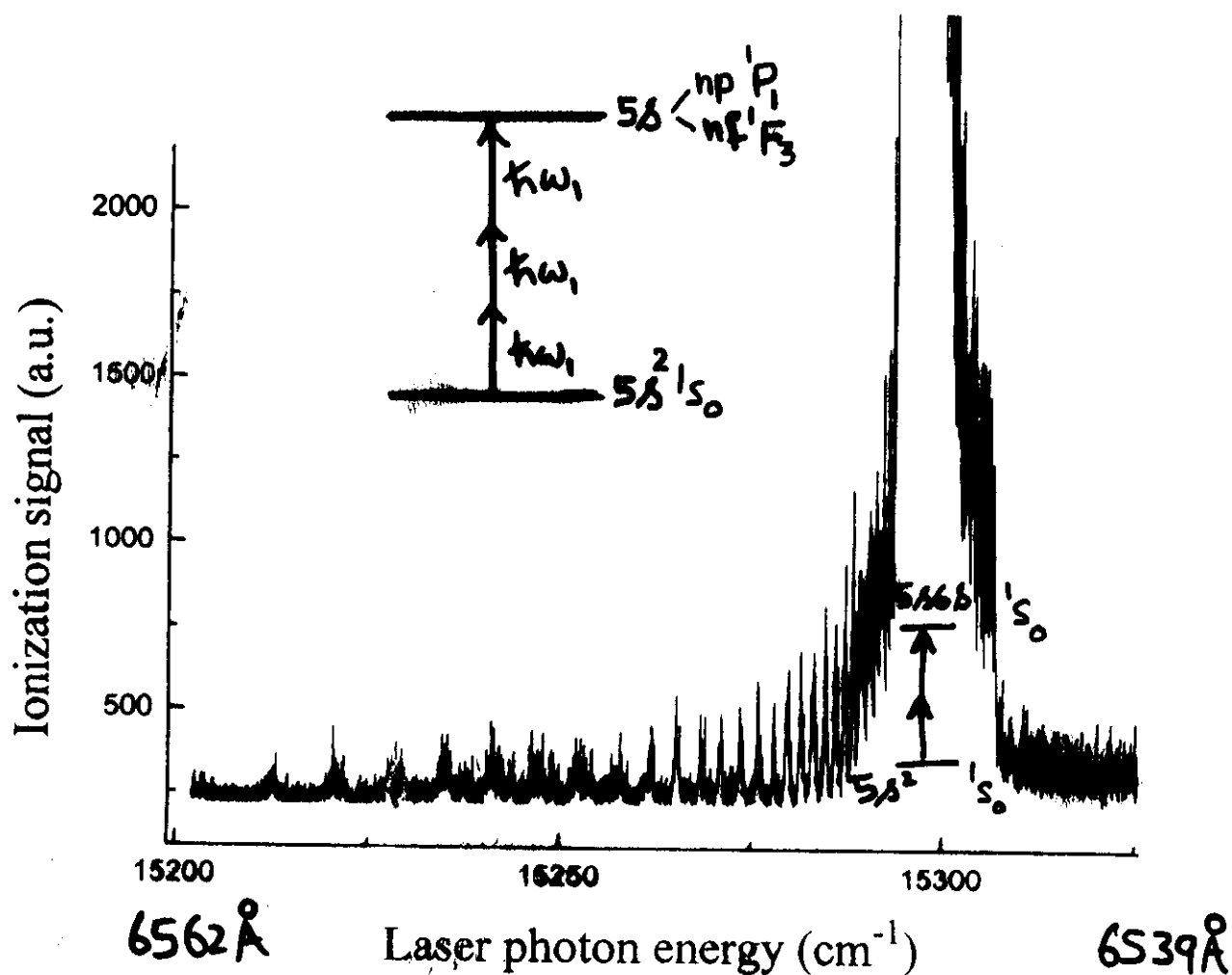


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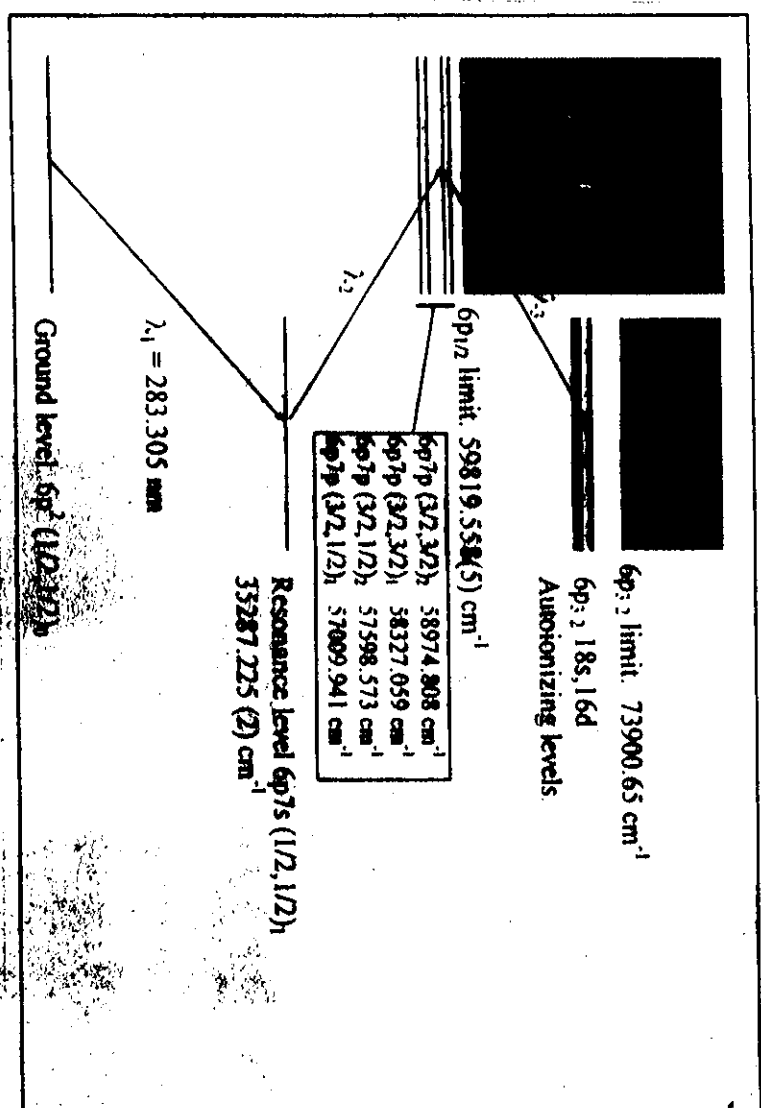
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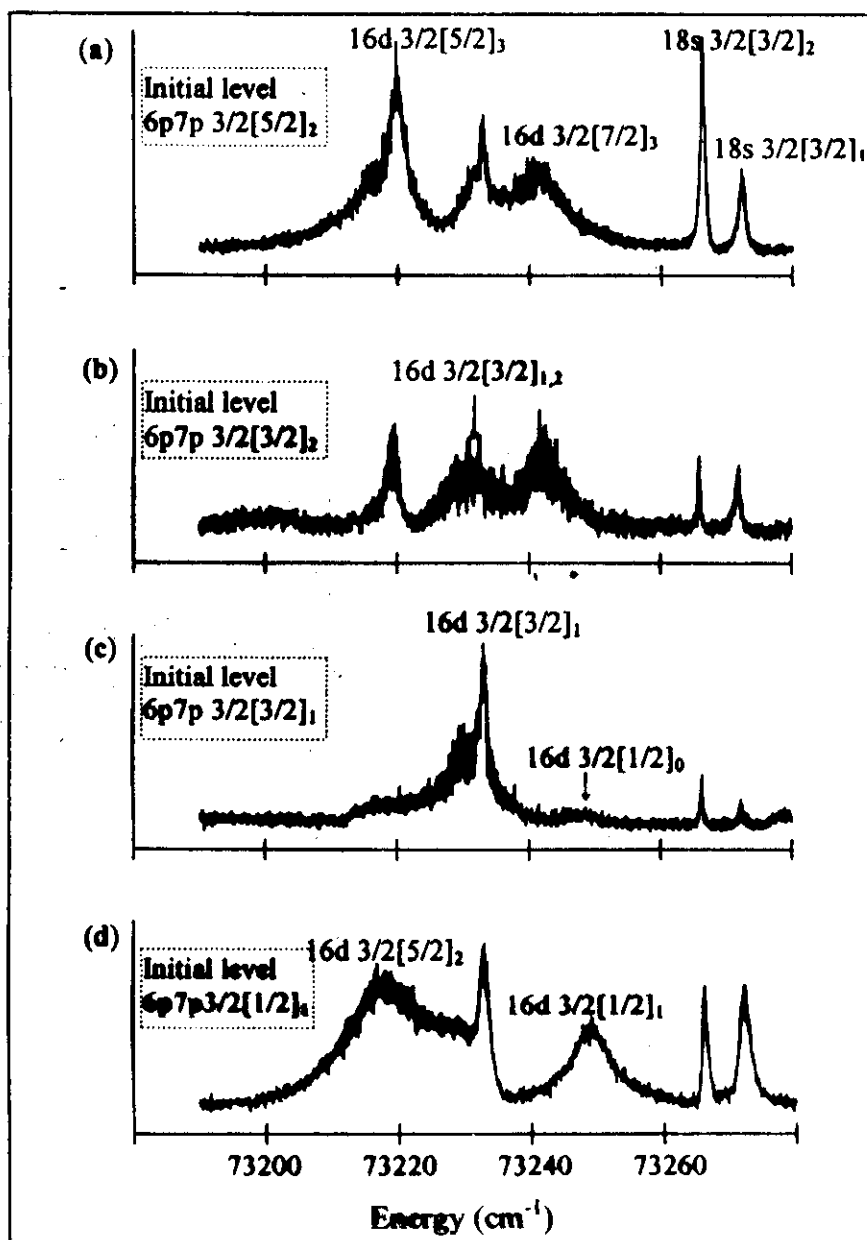


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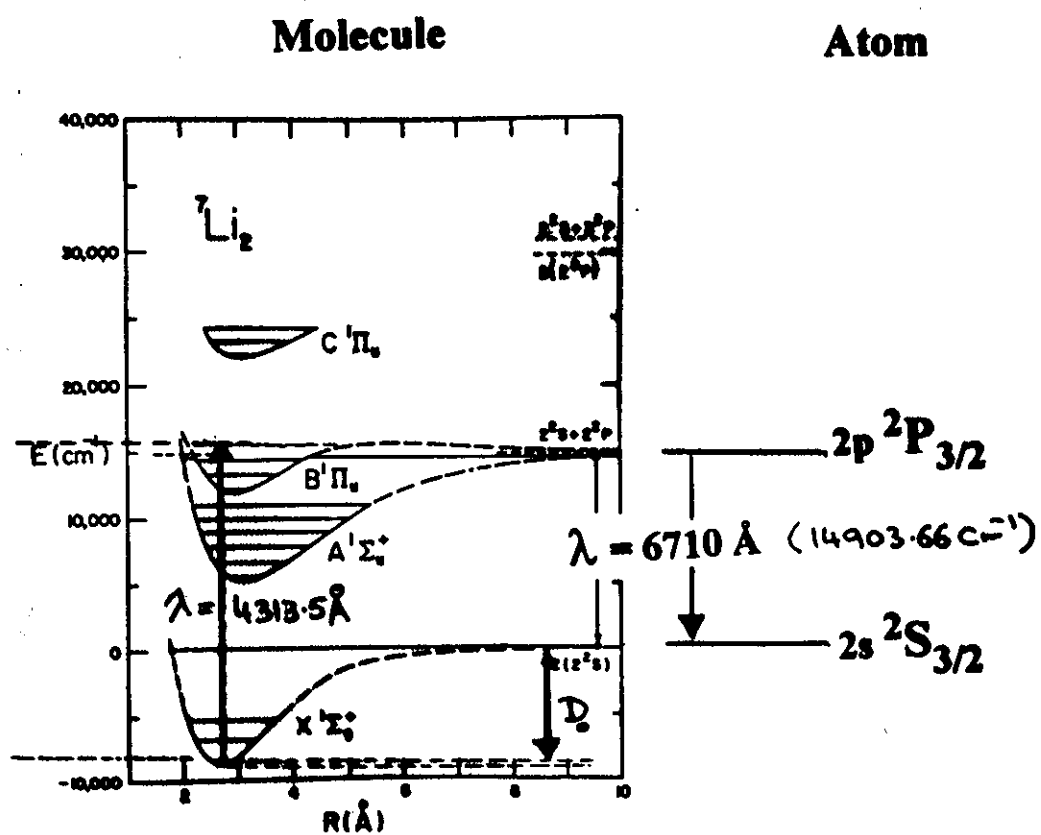
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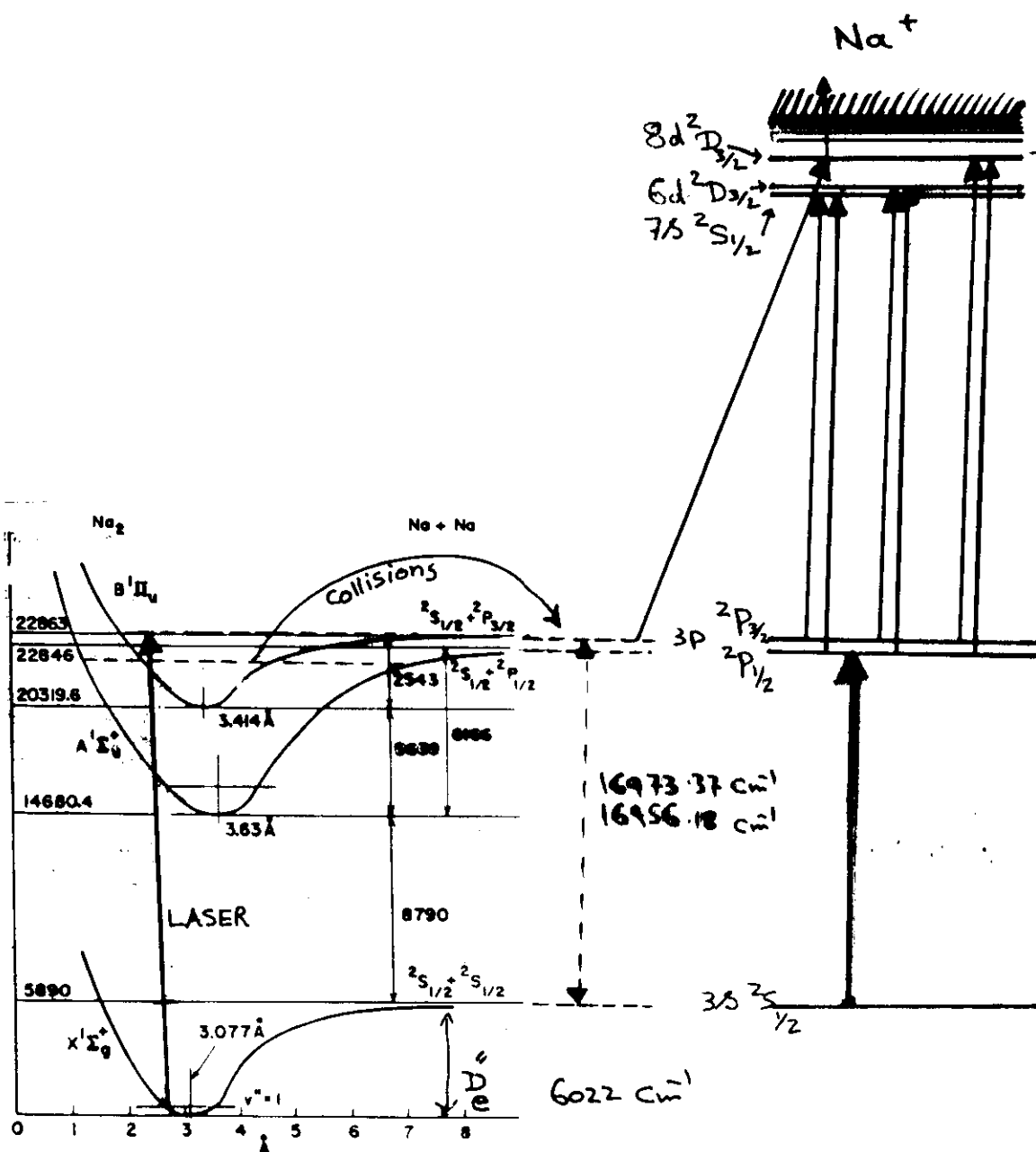


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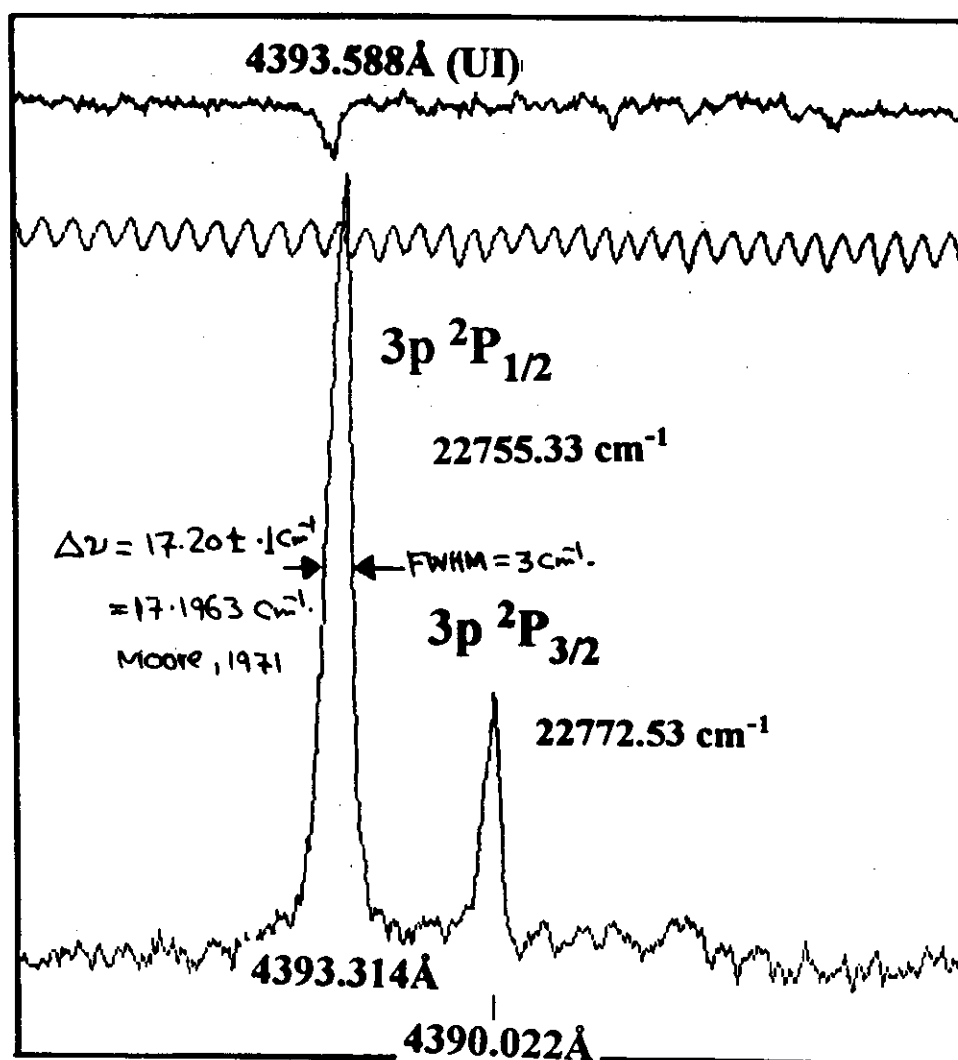
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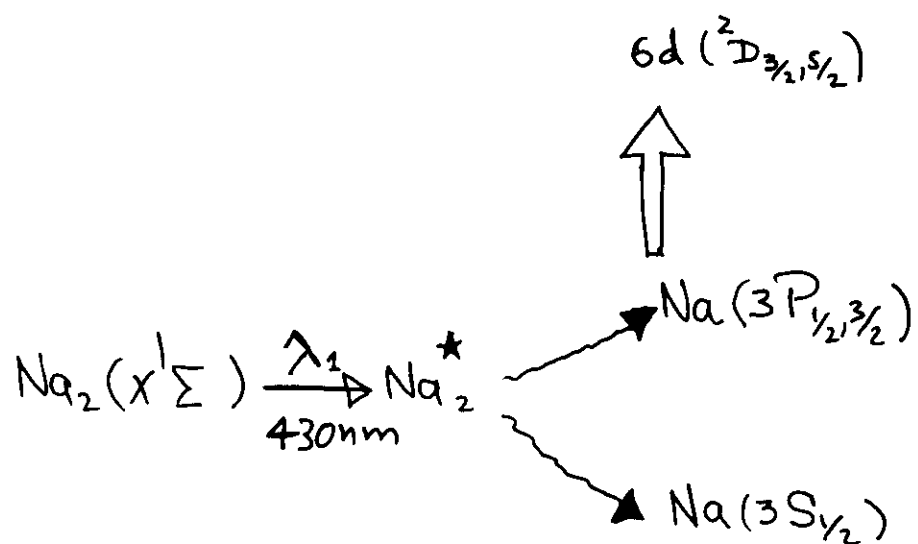
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_0'' &= E_{\text{Laser}} - E_{\text{Atom}} \\ &= 23183 - 14903.66 \\ \tilde{D}_0' &= 8279 \pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



Laser Induced Dissociation of Na₂



$$\frac{I(^2P_{1/2})}{I(^2P_{3/2})} = 2.9$$



$$3P_{1/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2} \quad 21056 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \sim 475.3 \text{ nm}$$

$$3P_{3/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2} \quad 21039 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$3P_{1/2} \rightarrow 6d^2D_{3/2} \quad 21431 \quad \sim 466.9 \text{ nm}$$

$$3P_{3/2} \rightarrow 6d^2D_{5/2} \quad 21414$$

$$3P_{1/2} \rightarrow 8d^2D_{3/2} \quad 22772 \quad \sim 439.5 \text{ nm}$$

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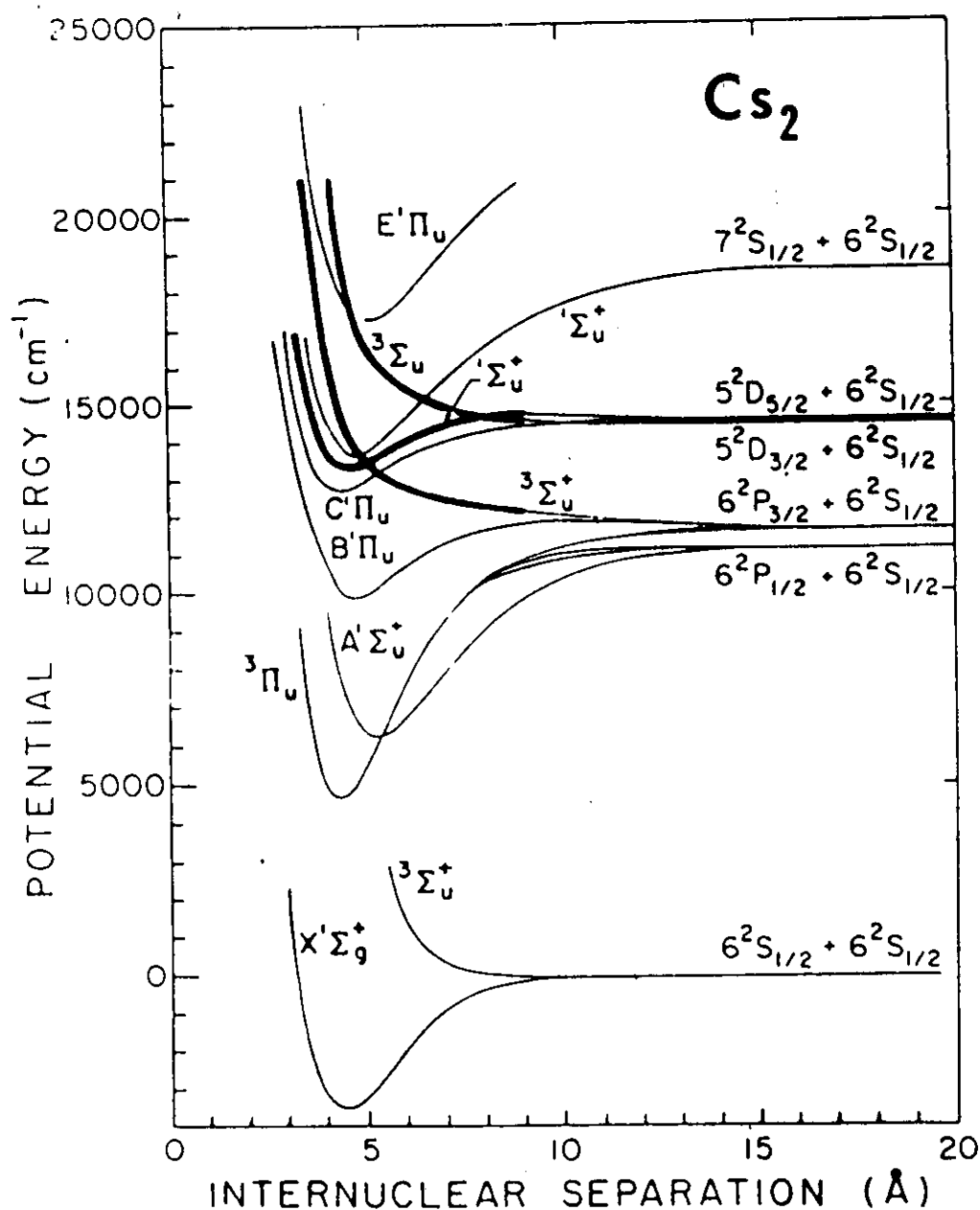


FIG. 3. Potential curves for the excited states of Cs₂. Light lines show potentials that were constructed from molecular constants obtained from the literature sources summarized in Table I. Heavy lines plot potentials approximated from the results of this work.

High-resolution photoabsorption measurement and multichannel quantum-defect-theory of the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1) ns, nd$ autoionizing series of sodium

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We measured the photoabsorption spectrum of sodium in the $2p$ subshell excitation region using synchrotron radiation and a 3-m spectrograph at a resolution of $\pm 0.008 \text{ \AA}$. In spite of the large number of overlapping structure due to the four ionization limits $2p^5 3s(^3P_{210})$ and 1P_1 , well separated autoionizing Rydberg series are detected converging to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ threshold. A three-channel quantum-defect-theory analysis is performed for the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ and $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ autoionizing resonances. A simple n -channel multichannel quantum-defect-theory formula in terms of cofactors is presented for the calculation of the photoionization cross section for one open and $(n-1)$ bound channels.

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The $2p$ inner-shell excitation in sodium leads to four ionic states $2p^5 3s(^3P_{210})$ and 1P_1 which serve as series limits for the Rydberg series according to the dipole-allowed photoabsorption from the $2p^6 3s(^2S_{1/2})$ ground state. Accordingly, there are four groups of Rydberg series converging on these pertinent ionic levels: four Rydberg series $2p^5 3s(^3P_2) ns [2]_{3/2}^0, nd[0]_{1/2}^0, nd[1]_{1/2,3/2}^0$ and $nd[2]_{3/2}^0$ to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_2)$ limit at $306\,377.65 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, three series $2p^5 3s(^3P_1) ns[1]_{1/2,3/2}^0, nd[1]_{1/2,3/2}^0, nd[2]_{3/2}^0$ to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_1)$ limit at $307\,142.94 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, two series $2p^5 3s(^3P_0) ns[0]_{1/2}^0, nd[2]_{3/2}^0$ to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_0)$ limit at $307\,735.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and three series $2p^5 3s(^1P_1) ns[1]_{1/2,3/2}^0, nd[1]_{1/2,3/2}^0, nd[2]_{3/2}^0$ to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ limit at $310\,216.32 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Due to the small spin-orbit interaction parameter $\zeta_p = 980 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the $2p^5 3s$ parent-ion configuration, the 3P fine-structure levels lie very close in energy, whereas the 1P level lies about 2481 cm^{-1} above the triplet levels. Consequently, the Rydberg series to the 1P limit are well isolated in energy from the series to the 3P limits. Indeed we have observed strong Rydberg series of ns and nd character to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ limit and very weak series to all the $2p^5 3s(^3P_{210})$ limits. Since all the observed transitions lie above the first ionization threshold, they can decay into the underlying $2p^6 ep$ continuum; as a result, the lines show Beutler-Fano- [1] type autoionizing resonances. We have observed the strongly autoionizing Rydberg series $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ up to $n=20$. The $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ series can be resolved from the nd series up to $n=15$, a considerable extension from the previous observation of these series up to $n=10$ and 5, respectively [2,3].

In this paper we present the analysis of the autoionizing $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ and $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ resonances to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ limit based on the phase-shifted reaction-matrix multichannel quantum-defect theory (MQDT) of Cooke and Cromer [4] and Giusti-Suzor and Fano [5]. We also present a simple n -channel MQDT expression in terms of cofactors to calculate the photoionization cross section for the case of one open and $(n-1)$ bound chan-

nels. The existing relations for calculating the ionization cross section for one open and one bound [5] and one open and two bound channels [6] derived from the general MQDT formula.

The spectra were recorded in the first order vacuum spectrograph equipped with a 50-holographic grating. The equipment is delivering a resolution of the order of 0.008 \AA μm slit width and the reciprocal dispersion is $1/400 \text{ \AA}$. Synchrotron radiation emitted from MeV electron accelerator provided the source of continuum. An absorption column of approximately 1000 mm long was achieved by vaporizing sodium in a resistively heated furnace of inner diameter 2 cm and 1 mm wall thickness. The furnace operated at temperatures in the range of 1000–1100 K which correspond to vapor pressure of sodium of 1 Torr, respectively. The spectra were corrected for energy by superposing the absorption spectra of neon [9] and neon [10], both of which contain well-defined lines in the spectral region investigated in the experiment.

The spectra were recorded on Kodak SWR 647 exposure times ranging from 5 to 10 min. The spectra were measured on an Abbe comparator with an accuracy of $\pm 0.008 \text{ \AA}$ for sharp lines. The curve was fitted by a third-order Chebyshev polynomial to an internal consistency of $\pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$. The spectra recorded on the photographic plates were digitized using a computer-controlled microdensitometer in which a slit width of $10 \mu\text{m}$ at the photomultiplier was used.

A densitometer trace of the photoabsorption spectrum is presented in Fig. 1, which shows the structure of Rydberg series in the vicinity of the ionization limits, marked as arrows. The observed series converge to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ singlet-based limit are well resolved, whereas the series to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_{210})$ triplet limits are too weak to be detected near the limit. The feature of the observed $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ and

the nd lines have broad, typical Beutler-Fano profiles, whereas the ns lines are relatively sharp, a close similarity with the autoionizing Rydberg series observed in inert gases [10-15], where the $mp^5(^2P_{1/2})$ ($m=2, 3, 4$, and 5 for neon, argon, krypton, and xenon, respectively) based on $[3/2]_1$ series show autoionization and the $ns[1/2]_1$ series remain sharp. Another interesting observation is that the $2p^53s(^1P_1)6d$ line, which lies just above the $2p^53s(^3P_2)$ limit, shows pronounced autoionization effect, whereas the adjacent lower member of this series $2p^53s(^1P_1)5d$, which lies below the $2p^53s(^3P_2)$ limit, exhibits very strong and sharp resonance. The $2p^53s(^1P_1)7s$ line also shows some broadening effects but remains relatively sharp (see Fig. 1). This abrupt change in the line shapes of the nd -series members across the $2p^53s(^3P_2)$ limit indicates that the $2p^53s(^1P_1)nd$ channel is strongly coupled to the $2p^53s(^3P_2)\epsilon l$ channel and only weakly coupled to the $2p^6(^1S_0)\epsilon p$ channel. The coupling of the $2p^53s(^1P_1)ns$ series to the $2p^53s(^3P_2)\epsilon l$ open channel is small and, consequently, the lines of the $2p^53s(^1P_1)ns$ Rydberg series remain sharp.

In order to analyze the line shapes of the observed autoionizing resonances, we have used the phase-shifted channel quantum-defect theory reaction-matrix formalism given by Cooke and Cromer [4]. The MQDT takes a matrix form

$$C_{11}a = 0, \quad (1)$$

where C_{11} is the interaction matrix whose diagonal elements are zero, the off-diagonal elements R_{ij} describe the coupling between the i th and j th channels, and ϵ is the energy matrix whose components for the bound channels are

$$\epsilon_i = \epsilon_i + \mu_i, \quad (2)$$

where ϵ_i is the quantum defect, ν_i is the effective quantum number of the i th bound channel with respect to the ionization threshold, $\nu_i = [Ry/(I_i - E_n)]^{1/2}$, and a is the column vector given as

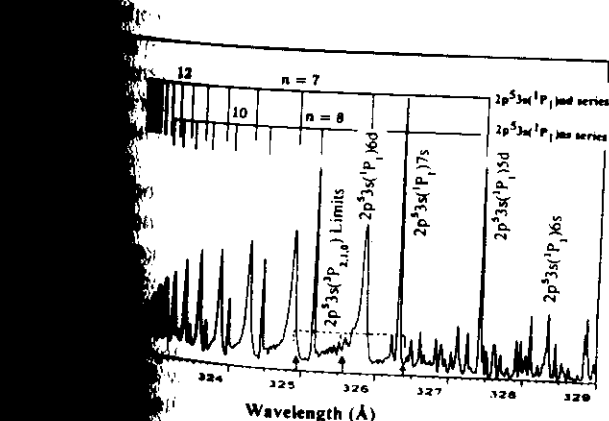


Figure 1. Photoabsorption spectra in the region between 290-320 Å showing overlap of the four limits of the $2p^53s$ series. The ionization thresholds $2p^53s(^3P_{210})$ are indicated by arrows. The change in the linewidth of the adjacent member $2p^53s(^1P_1)6d$ is indicated by the arrow. The $2p^53s(^3P_2)$ threshold.

the column vector given as

$$a_i = A_i \cos[\pi(\nu_i + \mu_i)], \quad (3)$$

where A_i are the amplitudes of the i th dissociation channel. For the open channels ϵ_{ij} are the phase shifts which are equal to ϵ_0 and a is normalized such that

$$\sum_0 a_0^2 = [1 + \epsilon_0^2]^{-1}. \quad (4)$$

In the autoionization region the atomic spectra can be well described by one generalized continuum and $(n-1)$ bound channels. The MQDT compatibility equation takes a particularly simple form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & R_{12} & R_{13} & \cdots & R_{1n} \\ R_{12} & \epsilon_2 & R_{23} & & R_{2n} \\ R_{13} & R_{23} & \epsilon_3 & & R_{3n} \\ & & & \ddots & \\ R_{1n} & R_{2n} & R_{3n} & & \epsilon_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (5)$$

Considering channel 1 open and channels from 2 to n as bound, a nontrivial solution of the MQDT equation (5) requires the determinant of the coefficient matrix to vanish. The determinant is equal to

$$\epsilon_1 C_{11} + \sum_2^n R_{1i} C_{1i} = 0. \quad (6)$$

Here the determinant has been expanded by the first row and the summation is over the bound channels. The C_{1i} are the cofactors of the first row of the MQDT matrix. This immediately yields

$$\epsilon_1 = -(1/C_{11}) \sum_2^n R_{1i} C_{1i}. \quad (7)$$

Substituting it in the normalization condition for the open channel, $a_1^2 = [1 + \epsilon_1^2]^{-1}$, it yields

$$a_1^2 = C_{11}^2 / C_{11}^2 + \left| \sum_2^n R_{1i} C_{1i} \right|^2. \quad (8)$$

The next step is to write the last $(n-1)$ equations in the matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_2 & R_{23} & \cdots & R_{2n} \\ R_{23} & \epsilon_3 & & R_{3n} \\ & & \ddots & \\ R_{2n} & R_{3n} & & \epsilon_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_2/a_1 \\ a_3/a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n/a_1 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} R_{12} \\ R_{13} \\ \vdots \\ R_{1n} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

The quantities we will need are the square of the ratio of the amplitudes in the dissociation channels. All the (a_i/a_1) can be calculated from the above relation using the Cramer's rule for solving the set of simultaneous inhomogeneous equations:

$$a_i/a_1 = -C_{1i}/C_{11}. \quad (10)$$

The denominator determinant is the cofactor C_{11} , while the numerator is the cofactor C_{1i} with the negative sign.

The photoionization cross section is calculated using the expression [4-7]

$$\sigma = K \left| \sum_1^n a_i D_i \right|^2, \quad (11)$$

where $K = 4\pi^2 \alpha \hbar \omega$ which does not change appreciatively over the energy range covered by a typical single-photon autoionizing spectra. Here $\hbar \omega$ is the photon energy and α is the fine-structure constant. The short-range parameters D_i are the transition dipole moments between the initial state and the i th channel. Substituting the values of a_i in this equation, the photoionization cross section can be expressed as

$$\sigma = K (a_1^2 / C_{11}^2) \left| \sum_1^n C_{1i} D_i \right|^2. \quad (12)$$

Incorporating the value of the a_1^2 from Eq. (8) in the above relation, a generalized expression for the photoionization cross section with one open and $(n-1)$ bound channels is obtained:

$$\sigma = K \left| \sum_1^n C_{1i} D_i \right|^2 / C_{11}^2 + \left| \sum_2^n C_{1i} R_{1i} \right|^2. \quad (13)$$

Note that the summation in the numerator is over all the n channels involved, while in the denominator the summation is only over the $(n-1)$ bound channels.

From this general expression, we can derive the existing relations [4,5] to calculate the photoionization cross section. The simplest case is with one open and one bound channel. The MQDT matrix for this situation is

$$\sigma = K \frac{|(\epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 - R_{23}^2) D_1 - (\epsilon_3 R_{12} - R_{13} R_{23}) D_2 - (\epsilon_2 R_{13} - R_{12} R_{23}) D_3|^2}{(\epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 - R_{23}^2)^2 + |(\epsilon_2 R_{13}^2 + \epsilon_3 R_{12}^2 - 2R_{12} R_{13} R_{23})|^2}.$$

This expression is identical to but much simpler than the relation derived by Giusti-Suzor and Lefebvre-Brion [6], Ueda [7], and Hieronymus, Neukammer, and Rinneberg [8]. One can similarly write the expressions for the $(n-1)$ bound channels interacting with one open channel. The main advantage of the general expression for calculating the photoionization cross section in terms of cofactors [Eq. (13)] is that the computer code remains as simple as for the one open and one bound channel problem.

For the quantitative analysis of the observed autoionizing resonances, the generalized quantum-defect-theory expression (13) was used for three channels. The open channel is $2p^5 3s(^3P_2)\epsilon l$ and the two bound channels are $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ and $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$, respectively. There also exists the $2p^6(^1S_0)\epsilon p$ open channel which should be taken into account for the MQDT analysis. However, the energy difference between the $2p^6(^1S_0)$ threshold and the $2p$ inner-shell excitation structure is about 30 eV; therefore, its contribution can be neglected. Furthermore, there is no observed background due to the direct excitation in the $2p^6(^1S_0)\epsilon p$ continuum channel (see Fig. 1). The two Rydberg series $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ and $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ both terminate to the same ionization threshold; thus, $I_2 = I_3 = 310\,212.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The quantum defects calculated with respect to the ionization limit are 0.618 ± 0.008 and 0.275 ± 0.008 for the ns and the nd series, respectively,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & R_{12} \\ R_{12} & \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\epsilon_2 = \tan[\pi(\nu_2 + \mu_2)]$. The cofactors of the matrix are $C_{11} = \epsilon_2$ and $C_{12} = -R_{12}$. Substituting these in the expression (13), the relation for the photoionization cross section becomes

$$\sigma = K \frac{|\tan[\pi(\nu_2 + \mu_2)] D_1 - R_{12} D_2|^2}{\tan^2[\pi(\nu_2 + \mu_2)] + R_{12}^2}.$$

This is the same expression as derived by Giusti-Suzor and Fano [5] and Cooke and Cromer [4].

For the three-channel problem, one open and two bound channels, the MQDT matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{12} & \epsilon_2 & R_{23} \\ R_{13} & R_{23} & \epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\epsilon_2 = \tan[\pi(\nu_2 + \mu_2)]$ and $\epsilon_3 = \tan[\pi(\nu_3 + \mu_3)]$. The cofactors of the first row are

$$C_{11} = (\epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 - R_{23}^2), \quad C_{12} = -(\epsilon_3 R_{12} - R_{13} R_{23})$$

$$C_{13} = -(\epsilon_2 R_{13} - R_{12} R_{23}).$$

The photoionization cross-section expression is then

which remain nearly constant, an indication of negligible interchannel interaction among these bound channels; thus, we put $R_{23} = 0$.

The results of our calculations are presented in Fig. 1. The upper curve shows the calculated spectrum and the lower curve shows the experimentally observed spectrum. We have an experimental bandwidth of about 5 cm^{-1} for all the calculated data. The calculated spectrum shows a remarkable reproduction of the experimental spectrum, demonstrating the power of the MQDT to analyze autoionizing resonances.

From the parameters in Table I it can be seen that the coupling of the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ series to the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ open channel is nearly three times stronger than the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ series. The observed widths (full width at half maximum) of the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)6d$ resonance is $110 \pm 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and that of the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)7s$ resonance is 326.3 Å ($40 \pm 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) also follow a similar trend. These parameters can be extended in the discrete spectrum below the $2p^5 3s(^3P_2)$ threshold by using the L₁ graphical technique [16] as has been done in barium. There are at least 12 possible overlapping Rydberg series in this region: three nd and one ns series built up to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_2)$ limit, two nd and one ns series built up to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_1)$ limit, one nd and one ns series built up to the $2p^5 3s(^3P_0)$ limit, and two nd and one ns series built

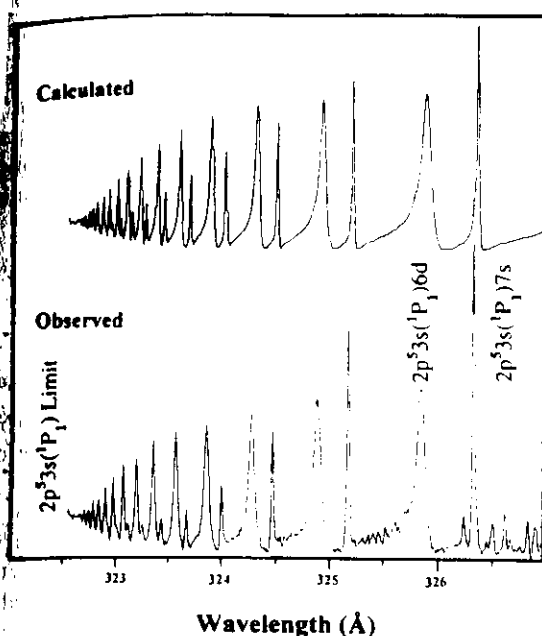


Fig. 2. The calculated and the observed $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns, nd$ series of autoionizing resonances in the absorption spectrum of sodium covering the spectral region between 322–327 Å. The MQDT parameters used to reproduce the observed structure are listed in Table I. An experimental bandwidth of 5 cm^{-1} was used to average the calculated spectra in order to match the observed spectrum.

the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)$ limit, within the framework of the $J_c K$ -coupling scheme [18,19]. The interchannel interactions among these overlapping resonances seems to perturb the spectrum. In order to extract some meaningful parameters and a reliable interpretation, one must include all the channels in the MQDT analysis. We have not been able to perform this extensive analysis because of the complex nature of the observed structure in this region. A investigation of this part of the spectrum at a higher precision and resolution will be very beneficial for extending the MQDT analysis.

In the inert gases, the $(^2P_{1/2})nd[3/2]_1$ series shows similar-Fano-type autoionizing resonances because the quantum number in the $(^2P_{3/2})ed[3/2]_1$ continuum

TABLE I. Three-channel MQDT parameters for the analysis of the autoionizing $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns, nd$ Rydberg series in sodium.

i, j	1	2	3
$ i\rangle$	$2p^5 3s(^3P_2)\epsilon l$	$2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ $R_{12}=0.13$	$2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ $R_{13}=0.35$ $R_{23}=0$
μ_i	0	0.618	0.275
D_i	-3.0	2.2	4
I_i	$306\,377.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$310\,212.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$310\,212.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

channel and the discrete channel is identical. The $(^2P_{1/2})ns[1/2]_1$ series remains sharp because the K quantum numbers differ in the discrete and the $(^2P_{3/2})\epsilon s[3/2]_1$ continuum channels. The situation in sodium is more complicated due to the existence of four thresholds as a result of the fine-structure splitting in the $2p^5 3s$ parent-ion configuration. An analogous analysis, therefore, cannot be extended for the interpretation of the autoionization in the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ series in sodium because numerous open channels $2p^5 3s(^3P_{2,1,0})\epsilon s$ and ϵd possessing $K=[1]_{1/2,3/2}$ and $[2]_{3/2}$ are present which can cause autoionization for both the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd[1]_{1/2,3/2}$ and the $2p^5 3s(^3P_1)ns[1]_{1/2,3/2}$ series. The reason only the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ series is broadened and the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ series remains relatively sharp is not clear.

In conclusion, we have demonstrated that the $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)nd$ and $2p^5 3s(^1P_1)ns$ autoionizing resonances observed in the photoabsorption spectrum of sodium in the $2p$ -subshell excitation region show remarkable similarity to that of the autoionizing resonances $mp^5(^2P_{1/2})nd[3/2]_1$ and $ns[3/2]_1$ in inert gases. The observed overlapping series of autoionizing resonances have been parametrized using a three-channel quantum-defect-theory approach, one open and two bound channels. A simple n -channel MQDT relation in terms of cofactors is presented to calculate the photoionization cross section for one open and $(n-1)$ bound channels. As the generalized expression is derived in terms of cofactors, the computer code for a higher number of interacting channels remains practically the same and runs almost as fast as for the two or three interacting channels model.

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