

why population inversion is not possible in 2-level laser

$$N_2 > N_1$$



Absorption rate



$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = N_1 B_{12} P(\omega)$$

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = N_{12} = N_1 \underbrace{B_{12} P(\omega)}_{W_{12}} \quad W_{12} = B_{12} P(\omega)$$

$$N_{12} = N_1 W_{12}$$

stimulated emission rate

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = N_{21} = N_2 B_{21} P(\omega)$$

dynamic equilibrium  
steady state condition

$$B_{12} \approx B_{21}$$

$$W_{12} \approx W_{21}$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = N_{21} = N_2 W_{21}$$

$$W_{21} = B_{21} \rho(\omega)$$

$$N_{21} = W_{12} N_2$$

spontaneous emission rate

$A_{21}$  = radiative transition coefficient

$S_{21}$  = non radiative transition

$$T_{21} = A_{21} + S_{21}$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = N_{21}^{sp} = N_2 T_{21}$$

$$N_{21}^{sp} = N_2 (A_{21} + S_{21})$$

Rate equation of ~~absorption~~ population inversion  $E_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_2}{dt} &= W_{12} N_1 - W_{12} N_2 - N_2 T_{21} \\ &= W_{12} (N_1 - N_2) - N_2 T_{21} \end{aligned}$$

Rate equation  $E_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_1}{dt} &= -W_{12} N_1 + W_{12} N_2 + N_2 T_{21} \\ &= -W_{12} (N_1 - N_2) + N_2 T_{21} \end{aligned}$$

total number of atoms =  $N$

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$$N = N_1 + N_2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(N_1 + N_2) = 0 \quad N_1 + N_2 = \text{constant}$$

Steady state or Dyna equili

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = \frac{dN_2}{dt}$$

$$-W_{12}(N_1 - N_2) + N_2 T_{21} = W_{12}(N_1 - N_2) - N_2 T_{21}$$

$$\cancel{2W_{12}(N_1 - N_2)} \quad \cancel{2} N_2 T_{21} = \cancel{2} W_{12}(N_1 - N_2)$$

divide with  $N_1$  on both sides

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} T_{21} = \frac{W_{12}(N_1 - N_2)}{N_1}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} T_{21} = W_{12} \left( 1 - \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right)$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} T_{21} = W_{12} - W_{12} \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

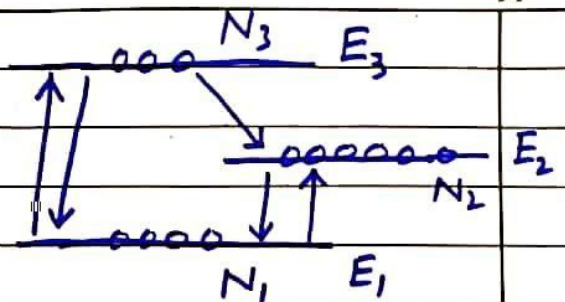
$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} (T_{21} + W_{12}) = W_{12}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{W_{12}}{T_{21} + W_{12}}$$

$N_2 < N_1$   
always

total number of atoms =  $N$

$$N = N_1 + N_2 + N_3$$



Spontaneous emission

Radiative spont emission coefficient =  $A$

non radiative " " " =  $S$

total spont " " =  $T$

$$3 \text{ to } 1 \quad T_{31} = S_{31} + A_{31} \rightarrow \text{neglect}$$

$$3 \text{ to } 2 \quad T_{32} = S_{32} + A_{32}$$

$$2 \text{ to } 1 \quad T_{21} = S_{21} + A_{21}$$

$T_{31}$  is neglected because probability of spont transition from  $3 \rightarrow 1$  is very very small

Absorption rate from  $1 \rightarrow 3$

$$= N_1 B_{13} \rho(\omega)$$

denote

$$= N_1 W_{13}$$

$$W_{13} = W_p$$

$$= N_1 W_p$$

stimulated emission from  $3 \rightarrow 1$   
Rate

$$= N_3 B_{31} \rho(\omega)$$

$$\text{as } B_{13} = B_{31}$$

$$= N_3 W_{31}$$

$$\text{so } W_{13} = W_{31}$$

$$= N_3 W_{13}$$







$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) - T_{21}N_2 + T_{32}N_3$$

Rate of change of population of level 1

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = W_p N_3 - W_p N_1 + W_{12} N_2 - W_{12} N_1 + T_{21} N_2$$

↓  
stimu emiss  
3 → 1

↓  
absorption  
1 → 3

↓  
stimu emiss  
2 → 1

↓  
absorption  
1 → 2

↓  
spont emiss  
2 → 1

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = W_p(N_3 - N_1) + W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) + N_2 T_{21}$$

Steady state condition

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = \frac{dN_2}{dt} = \frac{dN_3}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = \frac{dN_1}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = 0$$

$$-W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) - T_{21}N_2 + T_{32}N_3 = 0$$

$$W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) = T_{32}N_3 - T_{21}N_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = \frac{dN_1}{dt}$$

$$W_p(N_1 - N_2) - T_{32}N_3 = W_p(N_3 - N_1) + W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) + N_2 T_{21}$$

$$-T_{32}N_3 + W_p(N_1 - N_3) + W_p(N_1 - N_3) = W_{12}(N_2 - N_1) + N_2T_{21}$$

put value of  $W_{12}(N_2 - N_1)$  from ①

$$\cancel{W_p(N_1 - N_3)} = \cancel{2T_{32}N_3} - \cancel{T_{21}N_2} + \cancel{N_2T_{21}}$$

$$W_p N_1 - W_p N_3 = T_{32} N_3$$

$$W_p N_1 = N_3 (W_p + T_{32})$$

$$N_3 = \frac{W_p N_1}{W_p + T_{32}}$$

Three level lasing system

$$N_3 \equiv \frac{N_1 W_p}{T_{32} + W_p}$$

rate of change of population for level  $E_2$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = W_{12}(N_1 - N_2) + N_3 T_{32} - N_2 T_{21}$$

at steady state condition

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = 0 = \frac{W_{12}(N_1 - N_2)}{1} + \frac{N_1 W_p T_{32}}{T_{32} + W_p} - \frac{N_2 T_{21}}{1}$$

$$0 = \frac{W_{12}(N_1 - N_2)(T_{32} + W_p) + N_1 W_p T_{32} - N_2 T_{21}(T_{32} + W_p)}{T_{32} + W_p}$$

$$0 = (W_{12} N_1 - W_{12} N_2)(T_{32} + W_p) + N_1 W_p T_{32} - N_2 T_{21}(T_{32} + W_p)$$

$$0 = W_{12} N_1 T_{32} + W_{12} N_1 W_p - W_{12} N_2 T_{32} - W_{12} N_2 W_p + N_1 W_p T_{32} - N_2 T_{21} T_{32} - N_2 T_{21} W_p$$

$$0 = N_1 (W_{12} T_{32} + W_{12} W_p + W_p T_{32}) - N_2 (W_{12} T_{32} + W_{12} W_p + T_{21} T_{32} + T_{21} W_p)$$

$$N_1(T_{32}W_{12} + W_{12}W_p + W_pT_{32}) = N_2(W_{12}T_{32} + W_{12}W_p + T_{21}T_{32} + T_{21}W_p)$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{T_{32}W_{12} + W_{12}W_p + W_pT_{32}}{W_{12}T_{32} + W_{12}W_p + T_{21}T_{32} + T_{21}W_p}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{T_{32}W_{12} + W_{12}W_p + W_pT_{32}}{(W_{12} + T_{21})(T_{32} + W_p)}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} - 1 = \left( \quad \right) - 1$$

$$= \cancel{T_{32}W_{12}} + \cancel{W_{12}W_p} + W_pT_{32} - \cancel{W_{12}T_{32}} - \cancel{W_{12}W_p}$$

$$\frac{N_2 - N_1}{N_1} = \frac{-T_{21}T_{32} - T_{21}W_p}{(W_{12} + T_{21})(T_{32} + W_p)}$$

$$\frac{N_2 - N_1}{N_1} = \frac{W_pT_{32} - T_{21}T_{32} - T_{21}W_p}{(W_{12} + T_{21})(T_{32} + W_p)}$$

$$\frac{N_2 - N_1}{N_1} = \frac{W_p(T_{32} - T_{21}) - T_{21}T_{32}}{(W_{12} + T_{21})(T_{32} + W_p)} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

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for positive  $N_2 - N_1 = +ve$

if  $T_{32} > T_{21}$

$\downarrow$   
 $N_2 > N_1$

population inversion  
condition

minimum pumping

power

$$N_2 = N_1$$

$$N_2 - N_1 = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{0}{N_1} = \frac{W_p (T_{32} - T_{21}) - T_{32} T_{21}}{(W_{12} + T_{21})(T_{32} + W_p)}$$

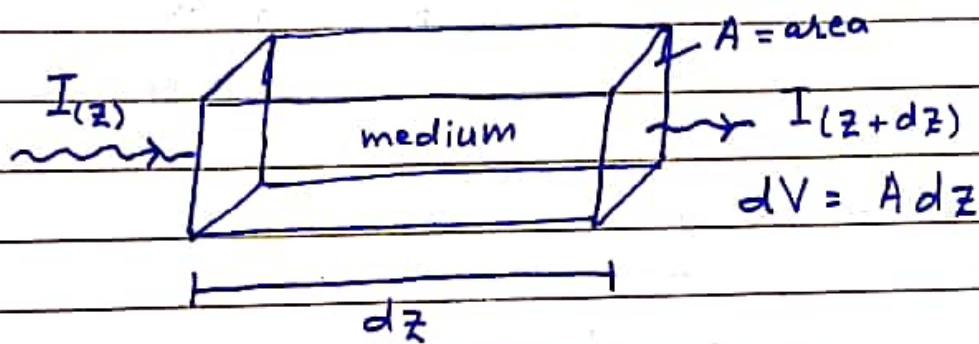
$$0 = W_p (T_{32} - T_{21}) - T_{32} T_{21}$$

$$T_{32} T_{21} = W_p (T_{32} - T_{21})$$

$$\frac{T_{32} T_{21}}{(T_{32} - T_{21})} = W_p$$

$$W_p = \frac{T_{32} T_{21}}{(T_{32} - T_{21})}$$

Gain coefficient of Laser



Energy absorption rate of the medium

$$= B \rho(\omega) dz A \cdot N_1$$

Energy rate emitted from the medium =

$$B \rho(\omega) Adz N_2$$

Net emitted Energy per unit

time (rate)

$$= B \rho(\omega) Adz N_2 - B \rho(\omega) Adz N_1$$



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$$= B \rho(\omega) A dz (N_2 - N_1)$$

$$= B \rho(\omega) A dz (\Delta N)$$

$$I_{(z+dz)} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} dz + I_{(z)} \quad \text{Taylor expansion}$$

we know

$$I = \frac{E}{At}$$

$$IA = \frac{E}{t} = \text{Energy rate}$$

Net energy emitted rate .

$$= B \rho(\omega) A dz (\Delta N) = I A$$

$$B \rho(\omega) A dz \Delta N = \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} dz A$$

$$\frac{\partial I_{(z)}}{\partial z} = B \rho(\omega) \Delta N$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = B \rho(\omega) \Delta N$$

We know the relation b/w coefficients A & B

$$B = \frac{\pi^2 c^3}{h \omega^3} A \quad \therefore A = \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$B = \frac{\pi^2 c^3}{h \omega^3} \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = \frac{\pi^2 c^3}{h \omega^3 \tau} \rho(\omega) \Delta N \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

As

$$I = \frac{E}{At}$$

refractive index = n

$$I = \frac{E}{As \frac{1}{v}}$$

$$\therefore s = vt$$

$$\frac{s}{v} = t$$

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n}$$

$$I = \frac{E v}{\text{Volu}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume} = A \times s$$

$$I = \rho(\omega) v$$

$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{E}{\text{Volu}}$$

$$I = \rho(\omega) \frac{c}{n}$$

put  $\rho(\omega)$  in eq (i)

$$\frac{I n}{c} = \rho(\omega)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = \frac{\pi^2 c^2}{h \omega^3 \tau} \frac{I_n \Delta N}{\rho}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2 c^2 I_n \Delta N}{h \omega^3 \tau}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2 c^2 n \Delta N}{h \omega^3 \tau} I_{(z)}$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = G(\omega) I_{(z)} \quad G(\omega) = \frac{\pi^2 c^2 n \Delta N}{h \omega^3 \tau}$$

$$\int \frac{dI}{I} = G(\omega) \int dz$$

$$\ln I = G(\omega) z + C$$

$$\ln I = G(\omega) z + \ln(I_0) \quad C = \ln(I_0)$$

$$\ln I - \ln I_0 = G(\omega) z$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right) = G(\omega) z$$

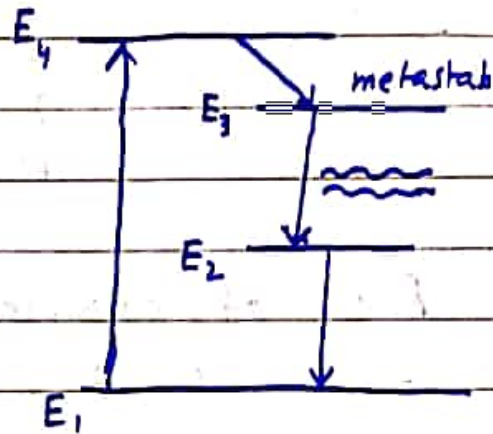
$$I/I_0 = e^{G(\omega) z}$$

$$I_{(z)} = I_0 e^{G(\omega) z}$$

## 4 - level lasing system

↳ rapidly

transition from level  $E_2$  to level  $E_1$  (spontaneous)



we are interested in the rate equations of level  $E_3$  and level  $E_2$

$E_3 - E_2 =$  energy of laser

$R_3 =$  rate at which atoms are pumped to level  $E_4$ , these atoms make quick ~~to~~ non radiative transition to level  $E_3$

So

→  $R_3$  represents the rate at which the atoms reach to level  $E_3$

Rate of change of population of level  $E_3$  (on next page)

→  $R_2$  denote the rate at which atoms are pumped to level  $E_2$



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$$R_2 + R_3 = T_{21} N_2$$

$$R_3 = T_{21} N_2 \quad R_3 \gg R_2$$

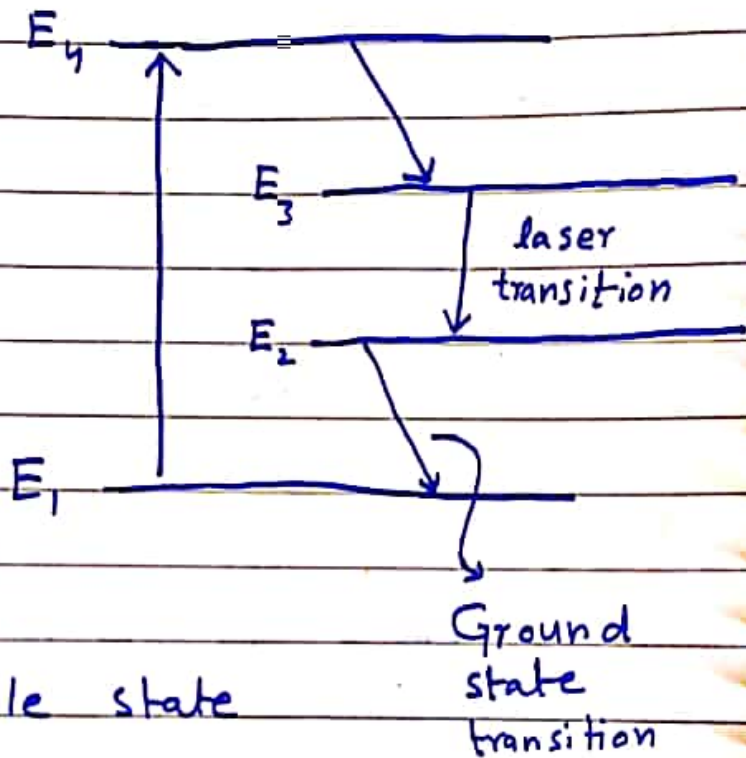
$$N_2 = R_3 / T_{21} \quad R_2 \approx 0$$

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = R_3 - W_{32} (N_3 - N_2) - T_{32} N_3$$

$$0 = R_3 - W_{32} \left( N_3 - \frac{R_3}{T_{21}} \right) - T_{32} N_3$$

4-level

lasing system

 $E_3 =$  metastable state $E_3 \rightarrow E_2$  laser transition $E_4 =$  pumping level

atoms are pumped from  $E_1$  to  $E_4$   
 they make quick non-radiative  
 transition to level  $E_3$

atoms do not accumulate at  $E_2$   
 level otherwise sustained

population inversion will not be possible

For this purpose it is important

i) level  $E_2$  has very small life time

ii) Normal thermal processes do not populate this level  $E_2 \gg kT$

it means, this level has to be sufficiently above the ground level

We are interested only in level  $E_3$  and  $E_2$ , whose transition gives laser

$R_3$  be the rate at which atoms are pumped to level  $E_4$  and from there atom make quick transition to level  $E_3$ . So effectively  $R_3$  represents the rate at which the atoms reach level  $E_3$ .

Now we can write

Rate of change of population of level  $E_3$

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = R_3 - W_{32}N_3 + W_{32}N_2 - T_{32}N_3$$



$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = R_3 - W_{32} N_3 + W_{23} N_2 - T_{32} N_3$$

$\swarrow$                        $\swarrow$                        $\swarrow$   
 3→2                      2→3                      3→2  
 stimulated                      absorption                      spontaneous  
 emission

$$= R_3 - W_{32} (N_3 - N_2) - T_{32} N_3$$

Similarly we can write eq rate equation for level  $E_2$

The rate of change of population of level  $E_2$  is

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = +W_{32} N_3 - W_{23} N_2 + T_{32} N_3 - T_{21} N_2$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = W_{32} (N_3 - N_2) + T_{32} N_3 - T_{21} N_2$$

At steady state condition

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = \frac{dN_2}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = 0 = R_3 - W_{32}(N_3 - N_2) - T_{32}N_3 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

also

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = 0 = W_{32}(N_3 - N_2) + T_{32}N_3 - T_{21}N_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

add eq (i) and (ii)

$$0 = R_3 - T_{21}N_2$$

$$R_3 = T_{21}N_2$$

$$R_3 = T_{21}N_2$$

$$N_2 = \frac{R_3}{T_{21}}$$

put the value of  $N_2$  in equation

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt}$$

we get

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = R_3 - W_{32}(N_3 - N_2) - T_{32}N_3$$

$$0 = R_3 - W_{32}\left(N_3 - \frac{R_3}{T_{21}}\right) - T_{32}N_3$$

$$R_3 = W_{32}\left(\frac{N_3 T_{21} - R_3}{T_{21}}\right) + T_{32}N_3$$

$$R_3 = (W_{32} T_{21} N_3 - W_{32} R_3 + T_{32} T_{21} N_3) / T_{21}$$

$$\frac{T R_3}{21} = N_3 (W_{32} + T_{32}) T_{21} - W_{32} R_3$$

$$R_3 (T_{21} + W_{32}) = N_3 (W_{32} + T_{32}) T_{21}$$

$$R_3 \left( \frac{T_{21} + W_{32}}{T_{21}} \right) = N_3 (W_{32} + T_{32})$$

$$R_3 \left( \frac{T_{21} + W_{32}}{T_{21}} \right) \frac{1}{(W_{32} + T_{32})} = N_3$$

As we know that  $N_2 = \frac{R_3}{T_{21}}$

$$N_3 - N_2 = \left[ R_3 \left( \frac{T_{21} + W_{32}}{T_{21}} \right) \frac{1}{(W_{32} + T_{32})} \right] - \frac{R_3}{T_{21}}$$

$$= R_3 \left( \frac{1}{T_{32} + W_{32}} \right) \left[ \frac{T_{21} + W_{32}}{T_{21}} - \frac{(T_{32} + W_{32})}{T_{21}} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{T_{21} + W_{32} - T_{32} - W_{32}}{T_{21}} \right]$$

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$$N_3 - N_2 = R_3 \left( \frac{1}{T_{32} + W_{32}} \right) \left[ \frac{T_{21} - T_{32}}{T_{21}} \right]$$

for  $N_3 - N_2 > 0$  or positive

$$T_{21} \gg T_{32}$$

$$A_{21} \gg A_{32} \quad \therefore A_{21} = \frac{1}{\tau_{21}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{21}} \gg \frac{1}{\tau_{32}} \quad A_{32} = \frac{1}{\tau_{32}}$$

$$\tau_1 \ll \tau_{32} \quad \therefore T_{21} = A_{21} + S_{21}$$

for  $S_{21} \approx 0$

$$T_{21} \approx A_{21}$$