

Sisyphus cooling

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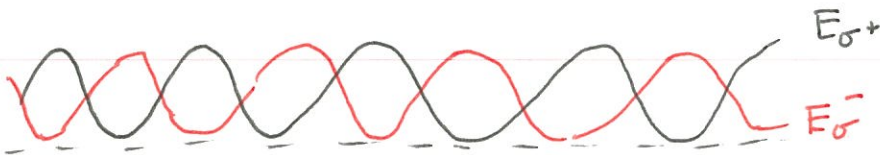
→ Simplified picture in 1D,

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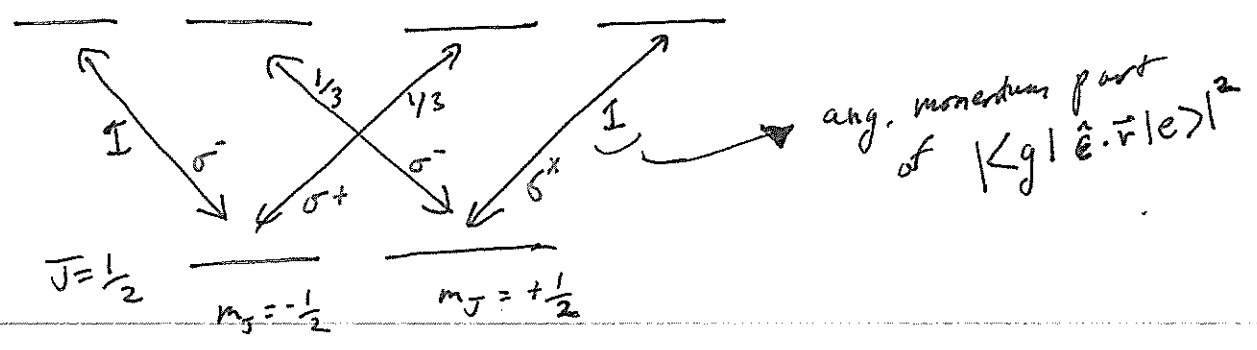
$$\vec{E}_R = E_y \cos(kz - \omega t) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{E}_L = E_x \cos(-kz - \omega t) \hat{x}$$



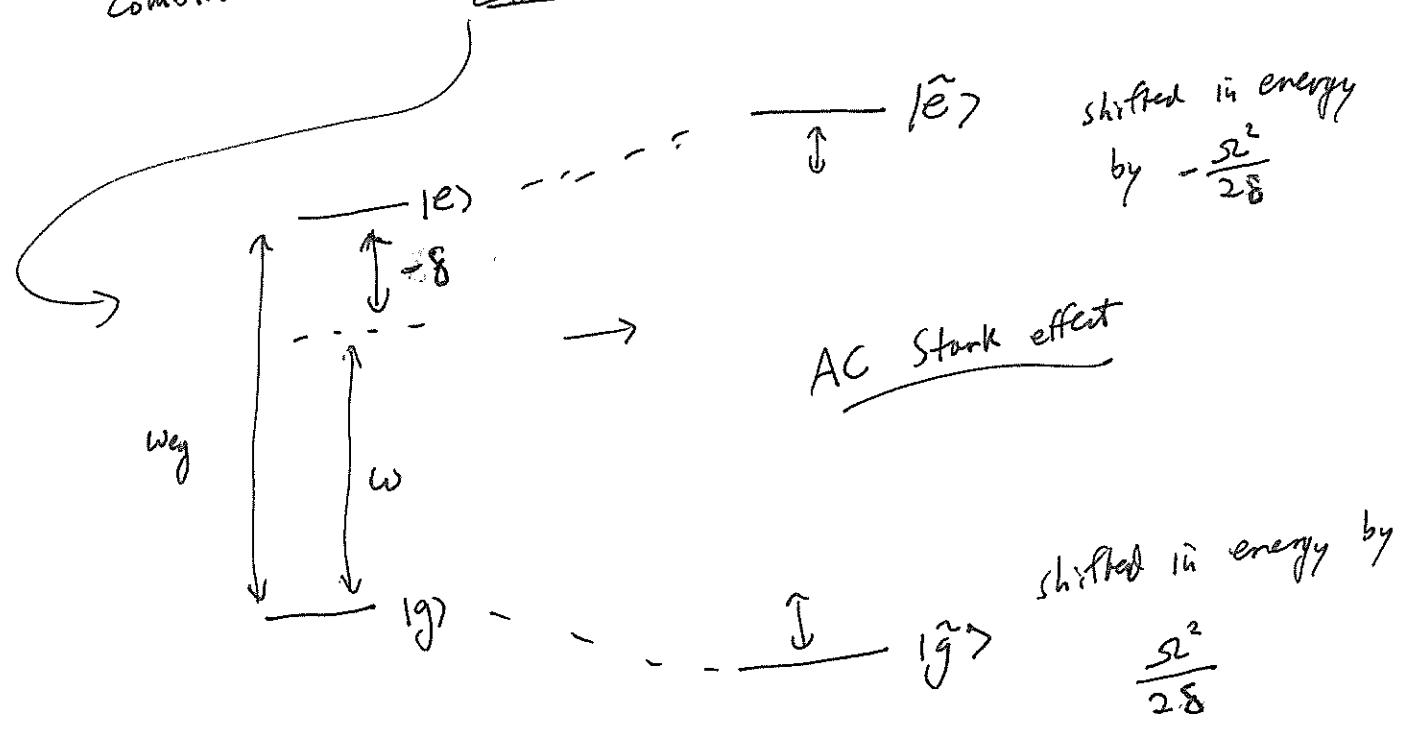
\vec{E}_{TOT} can be written in terms of \hat{x}, \hat{y} linear polarizations, which have uniform amplitude (along z), or in terms of σ^+ and σ^- polarizations, which have sinusoidally varying and complementary amplitudes (along z).

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Because of the form of the transition strengths, the states $m_J = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ are more strongly coupled to σ^\pm light

When $\delta < 0$ ($\omega < \omega_{eg}$), one gets cooling due to combination of light shifts + optical pumping.

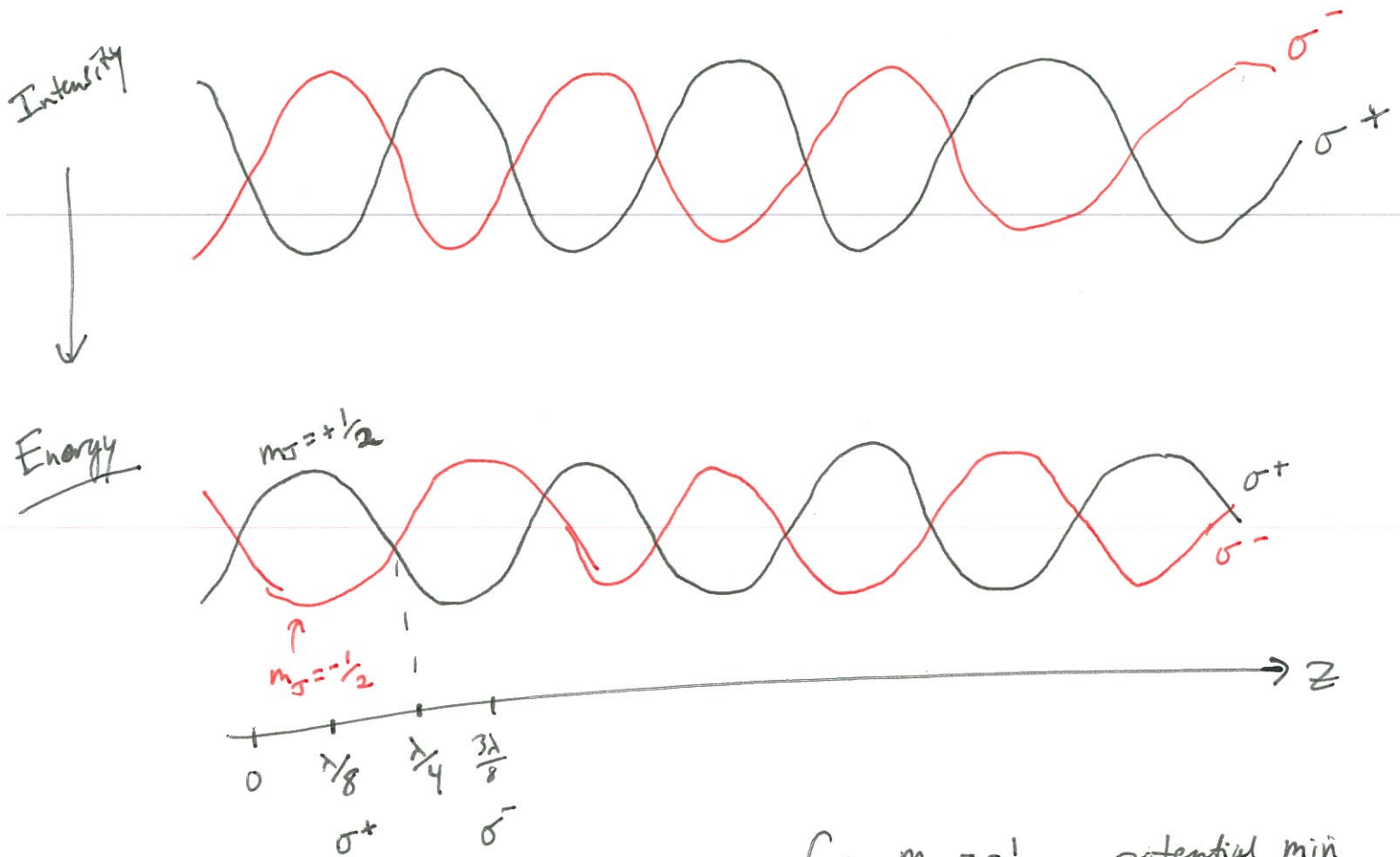


assume large detuning $|\delta| \gg \Omega$

(lower if $\delta < 0$)
 $\omega < \omega_{eg}$

Intensity ($\propto |\Omega|^2$) is proportional to light shift or energy of the m_J states

$\Delta E_{q_j} \propto -I$
for $g < 0$



for $m_J = -1/2$, potential min,
when σ^- is
strongest.

potential max when σ^+ is
strongest (most intense).

optical pumping to $m_J = +1/2$ is

strongest when σ^+ is maximized
(i.e. @ top of hill).

So, atoms go up hill (lose energy)
and then get optically pumped
to bottom of the hill

[reverse is true for $m_J = +1/2$]

So, energy is lost as particles go up the hill.

$$\text{For } |\delta| \gg \Omega, \quad \Delta E \sim \frac{\hbar |\Omega|^2}{2\delta} \propto \frac{I}{\delta}$$

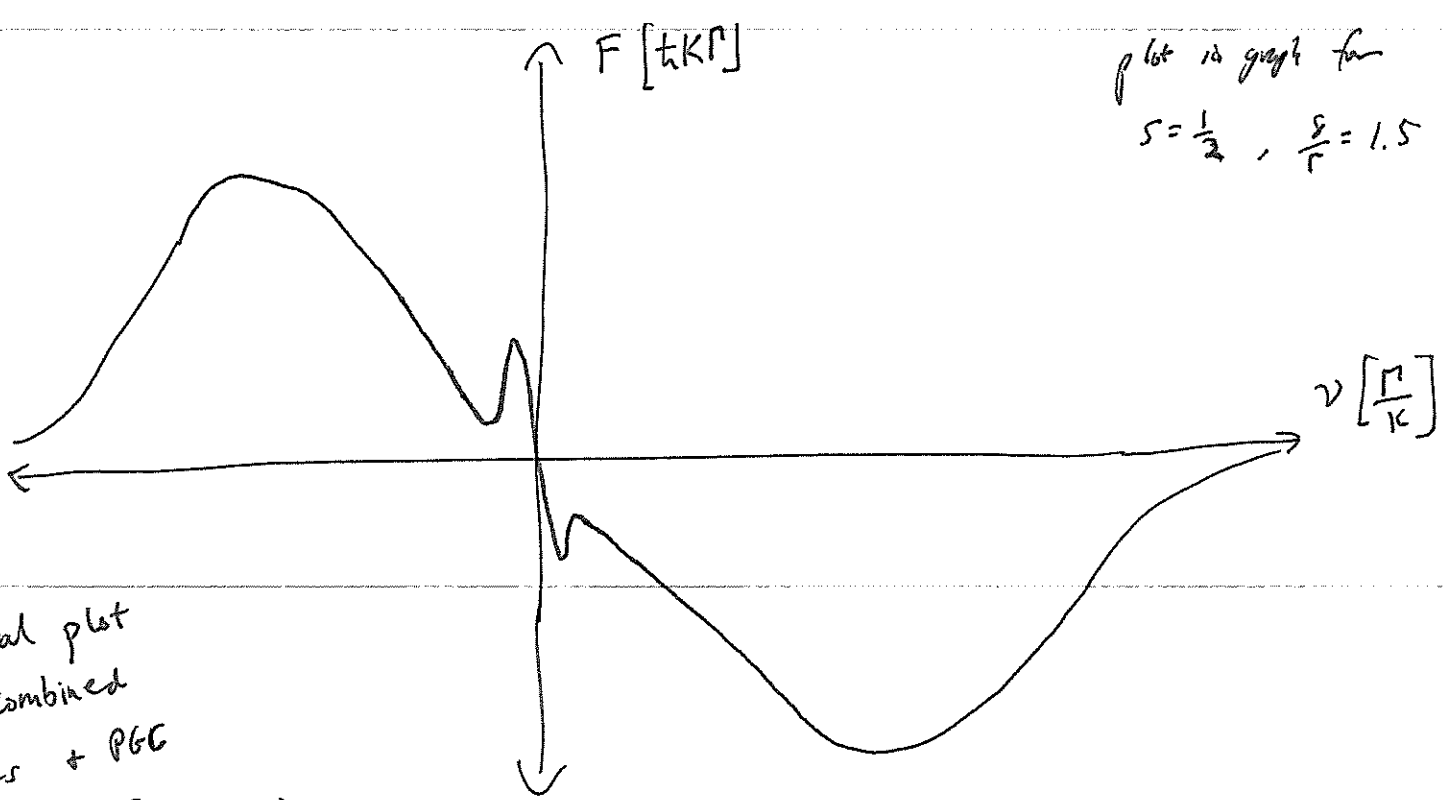
$$\sim \frac{\hbar I^2 s}{4\delta} \quad \text{w/ } s = \frac{I}{I_{\text{sat}}}$$

called "Sisyphus cooling," associated w/ endless rolling up the hill. Entropy is lost (removed) to the light field via spontaneous emission (Spont. Raman scattering)

^{pol. ground. cooling}
The P6C force is dominant @ small velocities,
 $v < v_c^{\text{P6C}} \sim \frac{R}{k}$
← optical pumping rate
← spatial frequency relating to polarization change ($2k_{\lambda}$)

The cooling coefficient associated w/ P6C can be much larger than for molasses, and so it can achieve much lower temperatures (when considering the limitation of recoils due to spontaneous decay)

plot is graph for
 $s = \frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{\sigma}{F} = 1.5$



general plot
of combined
molasses + PGC
forces vs.
velocity (Doppler shift)

larger $|B|$, lower equilibrium temperature

\Rightarrow close to recoil limit for some alkalis

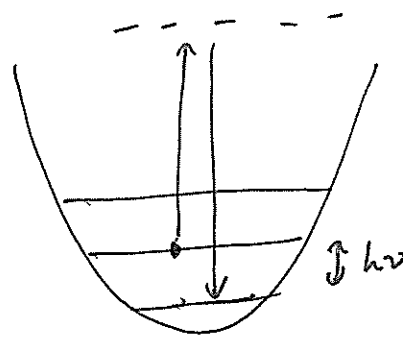
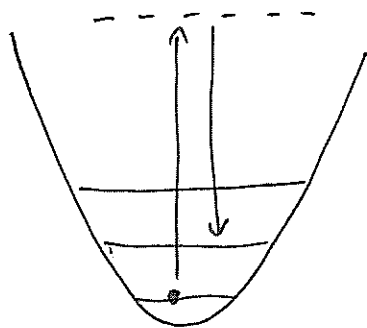
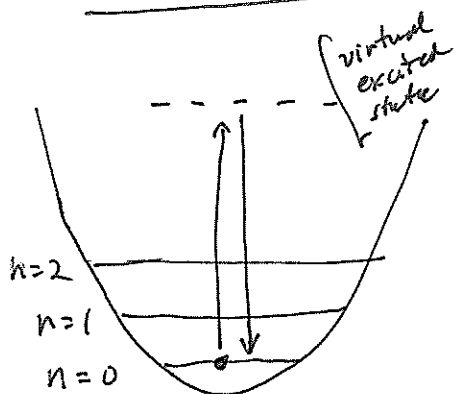
$\sim 10 \times T_{\text{rec}}$ for Cs where $T_{\text{rec}} \sim 200 \text{ nK}$,

$T_{\text{PGC}} \sim \text{few } \mu\text{K}$ (similar for ^{87}Rb)

$$\left[T_{\text{rec}} = \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \right]$$

Stokes + anti-Stokes scattering

~ harmonic oscillator, relevant to molecules, vibrations in solids, etc.



Rayleigh scattering

$$\Delta n = 0$$

Stokes scattering

$$\Delta n = +1$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{light}} = -h\nu$$

anti-Stokes scattering

$$\Delta n = -1$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{light}} = +h\nu$$

The rates of these ^{spontaneous} scattering processes depend on distribution of n_v population

(if $P_v \propto e^{-E_v/kT}$, then depends on temperature).

in thermal equil., $P_{n-1} > P_n$,

such that Stokes peak is stronger than anti-Stokes

[scattering rates can be used for thermometry!]

Some considerations for Raman sideband cooling

initial $\underline{KE} \sim k_B T$ compared to trap depth U_0 .

only works if potential looks harmonic
for states that are occupied.

$$\Delta E (n+1 \rightarrow n) \approx \Delta E (n \rightarrow n-1)$$

Lamb-Dicke regime

$$\eta^2 (2n+1) \ll 1$$

w/ n the quantized motional state index

$$\eta_x \equiv \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right) X_0$$

Also \vec{k}_{Raman} needs some projection onto the direction being cooled \Rightarrow to couple

$|n\rangle_x, |n-1\rangle_x$, need

$$k_x \neq 0$$

approximate the potential

$$U_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$



or $\frac{1}{2} m \omega_{ho}^2 X^2$, near minimum

\hookrightarrow g.s. harmonic oscillator length $X_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m \omega_{ho}}}$

$$X_0 \approx \frac{\lambda}{2\pi S^{1/4}}$$

$$w/ S = \frac{U_0}{E_R}$$

$$E_R = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$$