

# ISYA 2024 – THE INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM (ISM): LECTURE 2. Atoms, Molecules & Dust

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Credit: adapted from Dopita & Sutherland (2003, Chap. 2) and Tielens (2005, Chap. 2).

Fine-structure constant: 
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#### Spectroscopic notation

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•  $A_{21} = 2.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$  $\simeq 1 \text{ every } 11 \text{ Myr.}$ 

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$$g_1 = 1 \& g_2 = 3.$$

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See e.g. Zeegers et al. (2017) & Rogantini et al. (2020).



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- A reminder of atomic physics
- The neutral gas
- The ionized gas

### 2 MOLECULES IN SPACE

- The quantum molecular modes
- Molecular bonding
- Astrophysical molecular lines and features

### INTERSTELLAR DUST GRAINS

- Optical properties
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