

4) Atoms

a) Spectroscopic notation

- atoms: nucleus (heavy) with charge $Z e$ surrounded by Z electrons
- positively charged ions: same except for scaling factor
- negatively charged ions: bound much weaker
- Quantum numbers:

main: n

angular momentum: $\begin{cases} l, m & (\text{single electron}) \\ J, M_J & (\text{whole outer shell}) \end{cases}$

nuclear I

each J has $2J+1$ values of M_J : $M_J = -J, -J+1, \dots, +J$

L : orbital ang. mom., S : spin of e^-

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

- atoms are designated by "term":

$$(n)^{2s+1} L_J$$

where S, J are written numerically

$L = 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad \dots$

"S" "P" "D" "F" "G"

"sharp" "principal" "diffuse" "fundamental"

examples)

$$3^2 S_{1/2}$$

$$\left(\leftarrow n=3, S=\frac{1}{2}, L=0, J=\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

→ spectral lines of $1e^-$ -atoms

- or in terms of "configuration"
product of symbols $n l^k$ for k electrons in
 $n l$ -shell,

e.g. Ca: $(1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s) 3d$

often only most significant

(as "term": 1D_2 , $^3D_{1,2,3}$ split significantly in energy)

Term is usually more important (it determines behavior of atom in fields)

- "selection rules" \Rightarrow

allowed ΔJ , ΔL , ΔS under transition

NB: "configuration" might not be pure: if two configurations give same term, often intra-atom electrostatic interaction mixes them: "configuration interaction" \Rightarrow results in level shifts and line intensity changes.

b) Bohr atom

$$\text{Schw Eq: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \psi = E \psi$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_e m_n}{m_e + m_n} (\neq m_e) \text{ "reduced mass"}$$

Spherical symm. \Rightarrow choose polar coordinates

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r - \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{L}^2$$

$$\hat{L}^2 = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \partial_\vartheta \sin^2 \vartheta \partial_\vartheta - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \partial_\varphi^2$$

$$\hat{L}_\pm = e^{\pm i\varphi} (\pm \partial_\vartheta + i \cot \vartheta \partial_\varphi)$$

$$\hat{L}_z = -i \partial_\varphi$$

Separation of variables:

$$\psi(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = R(r) Y(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r R - \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} r^2 (V-E) = \lambda \quad (1a)$$

$$\hat{L}^2 Y = \lambda Y \quad (1b)$$

Angular part (Y):

$$Y(\vartheta, \varphi) = \Theta(\vartheta) \Phi(\varphi)$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \vartheta}{\Theta} \partial_\vartheta \sin^2 \vartheta \partial_\vartheta \Theta + \lambda \sin^2 \vartheta = m^2 \quad (2a)$$

$$\partial_\varphi^2 \Phi = -m^2 \Phi \quad (2b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = A e^{im\varphi} + B e^{-im\varphi}$$

$$\text{with } \Phi(\varphi) \stackrel{!}{=} \Phi(\varphi + 2\pi) \Rightarrow m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

"magnetic q. numbers"

→ $L_z \phi = m \phi$ and
 $[\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_z] = [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_z] = 0$

⇒ $Y, \hat{L}_z Y, \hat{L}_x Y$ are all eigenfunctions of \hat{L}^2 with same eigenvalue

$\hat{L}_\pm (\propto e^{\pm i\varphi})$: "raising / lowering" operators

∃ $m_{\max} \equiv l$ (w/o proof, cf to harm. osc.)

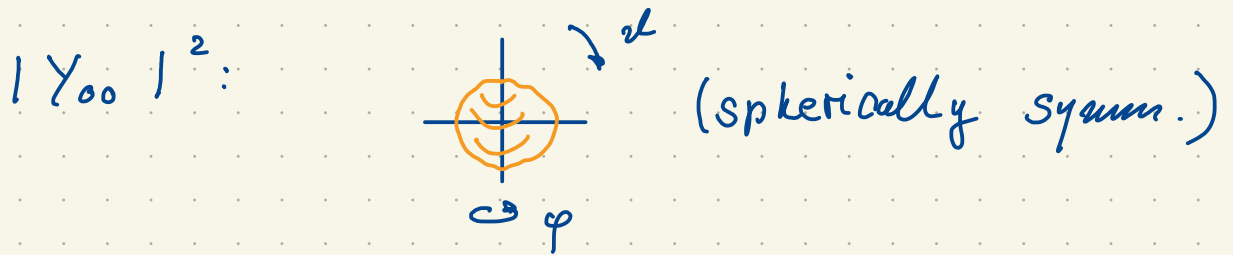
⇒ $\hat{L}_+ Y_l \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ ⇒ spherical harmonics (see page from Foot)

→ into (1b) ⇒ $\lambda = l(l+1)$

l : "orbital q. number"

(same argument for $m_{\min} \Rightarrow m = -l$)

$Y = Y_{lm}(r, \varphi)$



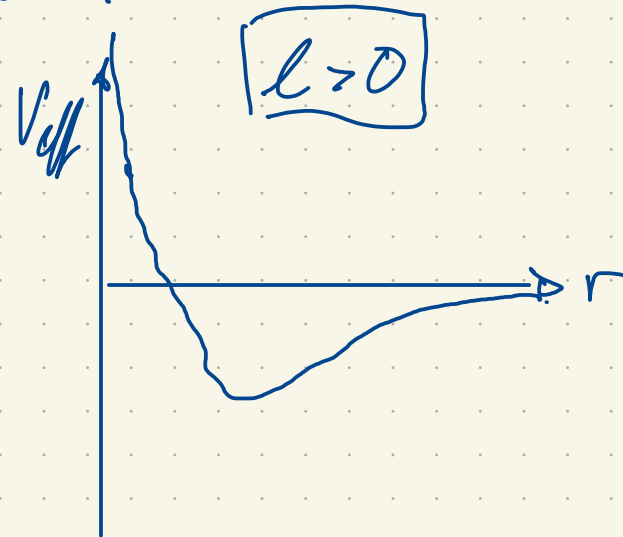
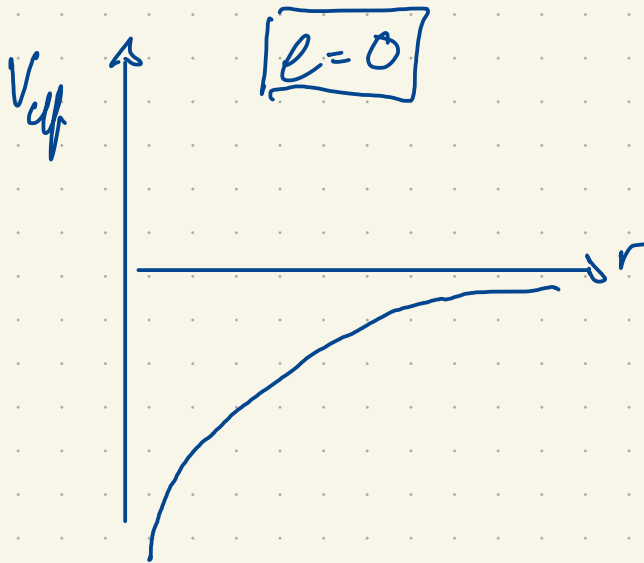
Radial equation:

$$P(r) \equiv r R(r)$$

$$g^2 \equiv \frac{2\mu |E|}{\hbar^2} r^2 \quad V_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\partial_s^2 P(s) + \left(+ \frac{l(l+1)}{g^2} - \frac{b}{g} + 1 \right) P(s) = 0 \quad (3)$$

where: $b = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 |E|}}$



- = 0. only for $l=0$ finite prob. density @ $r=0$
- all l have bound states

Solve (3) using series \Rightarrow solution diverges

only for $E < 0$ \rightarrow unless $b = 2n$ (i.e. even integers) $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
(Bound states)

$$\Rightarrow E = - \frac{2\mu \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{b^2} = - \frac{R_y}{n^2}$$

n : principle q number

→ for atomic number Z (but only one e^-)

$$E_Z = -Z^2 \frac{R_y}{n^2}$$

$$R_{nl}(r) \propto r^{m-1} e^{-r/2} L_{n-l-1}(r)$$

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"Laguerre polynomials"

normalized: $\int_0^{\infty} |R(r)|^2 r^2 dr = 1$