

Hydrogenic atoms

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PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY I

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 - Hamiltonian
 - Energy levels
 - Atomic orbitals
 - Electronic spin
 - Pauli exclusion principle



Hamiltonian

- Hydrogenic atoms $\Rightarrow$ Only one electron. Ej. $\text{H}, \text{He}^+, \text{Li}^{2+}, \dots$
- Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}(x, y, z) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) - k \underbrace{\frac{Ze^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}}_r$$

- Point particles
- Nucleus fixed at the origin of coordinates $m_{\text{nucleus}} \gg m_e$

$$\mu = \frac{m_{\text{nucleus}} m_e}{m_{\text{nucleus}} + m_e} \simeq m_e$$

- Spherical polar coordinates

$$\hat{H}(r, \theta, \phi) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\hat{L}^2(\theta, \phi)}{2\mu r^2} - k \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$



Quantum numbers

- Eigenfunctions $\Rightarrow \hat{H}\psi_{n,l,m}(r, \theta, \phi) = E\psi_{n,l,m}(r, \theta, \phi)$

$$\psi_{n,l,m}(r, \theta, \phi) = \underbrace{R_{n,l}(r)}_{\text{radial}} \underbrace{Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)}_{\text{angular}}$$

- Origin of the quantum numbers

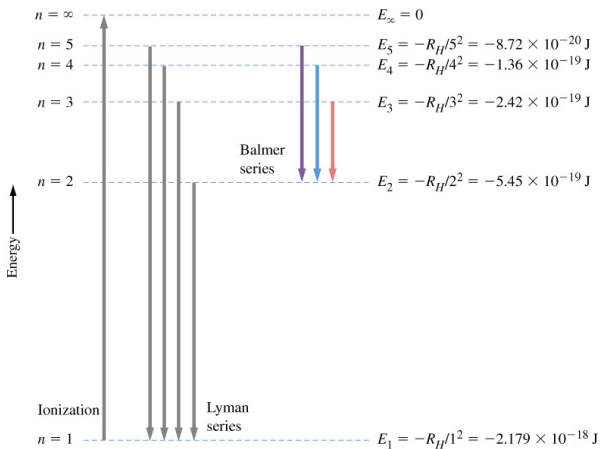
- $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi(r, \theta + 2\pi, \phi)$
- $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi(r, \theta, \phi + 2\pi)$
- $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = 0$

- Discrete values

- $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \Rightarrow \hat{H}\psi = E\psi \Rightarrow E = -\frac{\mu e^4 k^2}{2\hbar^2} \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$
- $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \Rightarrow \hat{L}^2\psi = L^2\psi \Rightarrow L^2 = l(l+1)\hbar^2$
- $m = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, \dots, l-1, l \Rightarrow \hat{L}_z\psi = L_z\psi \Rightarrow L_z = m\hbar$



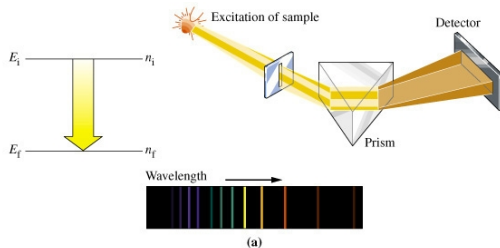
Energy levels



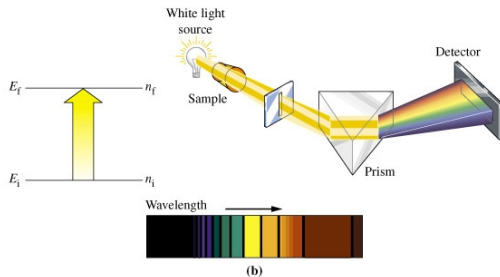
$$\bullet E_n = - \underbrace{\frac{\mu e^4 k^2}{2 \hbar^2}}_{R_H} \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$$



Spectroscopy



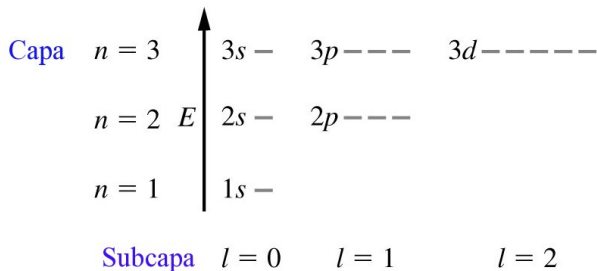
• Emission



• Absorption



Shells and subshells



- Subshell degeneracy $\Rightarrow 2l + 1$
- Shell degeneracy $\Rightarrow \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (2l + 1)$



Atomic orbitals

- Probability density

$$|\psi_{n,l,m}(r, \theta, \phi)|^2 = \underbrace{|R_{n,l}(r)|^2}_{\text{radial}} \underbrace{|Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)|^2}_{\text{angular}}$$

- Radial functions

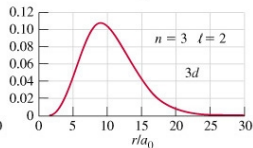
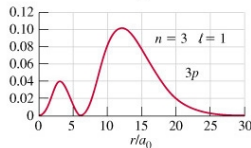
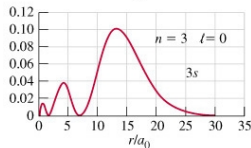
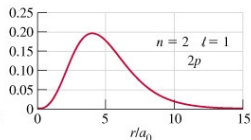
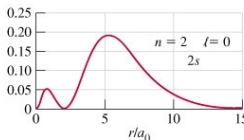
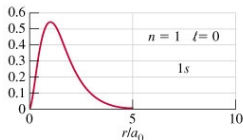
n	l	$R_{n,l}(r)$
1	0	$2 \left(\frac{Z}{a'_o} \right)^{3/2} e^{-Zr/a'_o}$
2	0	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{Z}{a'_o} \right)^{3/2} \left(2 - \frac{Zr}{a'_o} \right) e^{-Zr/2a'_o}$
2	1	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{Z}{a'_o} \right)^{3/2} \frac{Zr}{a'_o} e^{-Zr/2a'_o}$
$a'_o = \hbar^2 / k\mu e^2 = a_o m_e / \mu$		



Radial distribution

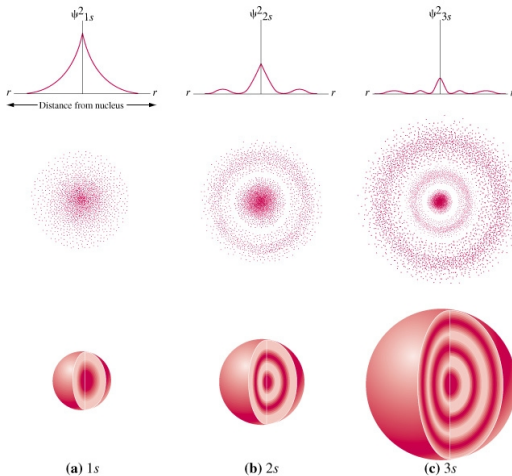
- Radial distribution function $\Rightarrow |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 r^2$

$$P(r \in (a, b)) = \int_a^b |R_{n,l}(r)|^2 r^2 dr$$



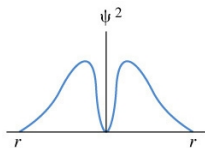


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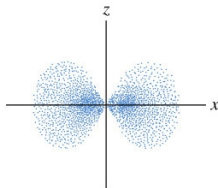




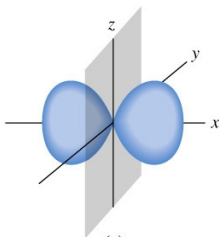
p orbitals



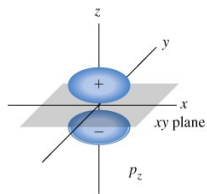
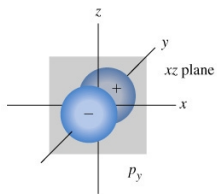
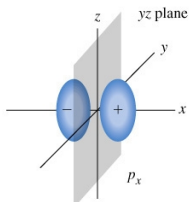
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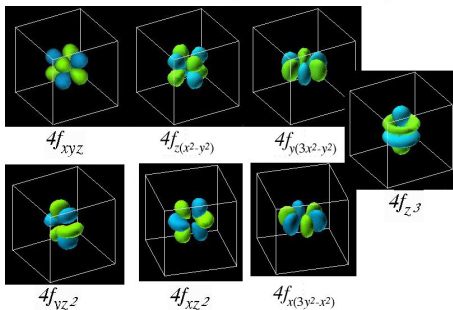
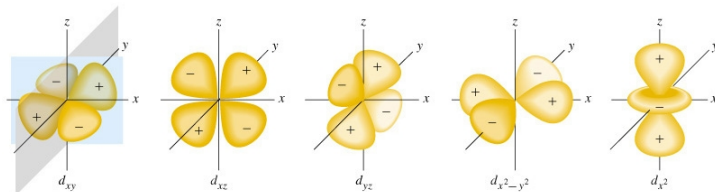


(c)





d and f orbitals





Electronic spin

- Experimental measurements of energy level splitting
- Dirac $\Rightarrow$ Relativistic effects $\Rightarrow$ Intrinsic angular momentum

$$\hat{S}^2 = \hat{S}_x^2 + \hat{S}_y^2 + \hat{S}_z^2$$

$$\hat{S}^2 f = s(s+1)\hbar^2 f; \quad s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{bosons} \Rightarrow \text{integer} \\ \text{fermions} \Rightarrow \text{half-integer} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\hat{S}_z f = m_s \hbar f; \quad m_s = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s$$

$$\bullet \quad e^- \Rightarrow s = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{S}_z \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ \hat{S}_z \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \beta \end{array} \right.$$

$$\psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = \psi_{n,l,m}(r, \theta, \phi) S_{m_s}$$



Pauli exclusion principle

- Indistinguishable particles $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1, m_{s,1}) \\ q_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2, m_{s,2}) \\ \vdots \\ q_n = (x_n, y_n, z_n, m_{s,n}) \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n) & & \psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ |\psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n)|^2 & \equiv & |\psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)|^2 \end{array}$$

- The state function of a system of electrons (fermions) must be antisymmetric with respect to the exchange of any two electrons.

$$\psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n) = -\psi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$$



Pauli exclusion principle

- Consequence. If the electron $e^- 2$ has the same spacial coordinates than electron $e^- 1$ then

$$\psi(q_1, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n) = -\psi(q_1, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n)$$

$$\psi(q_1, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n) = 0$$

$$|\psi(q_1, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_j, \dots, q_n)|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Pauli's repulsion}$$