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LAST TIME: Hydrogen Spectrum and Bohr Atom

TODAY: Atomic Transitions

- Modifications required for >1 electron
- Atomic Structure
- Selection Rules; Atomic “Terms”
- Measuring Line Strength

NEXT: Line Strength and Line Profiles

- Calculating Line Luminosity
- Bound-Bound Rate Coefficients
- Broadening Mechanisms

Important QM Fundamentals

- Classical physics breaks down on the size scale of atoms, but the following are still conserved
 - mass-energy
 - momentum
 - angular momentum
 - charge
- Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle
 - \hbar serves as a quantum of “action” ($E \cdot t$ or $p \cdot x$)
 - $\Delta p \Delta x \sim \hbar$ and $\Delta E \Delta t \sim \hbar$
 - for an atom $\Delta x \sim \lambda_D \rightarrow$ electron “clouds”

- Schrödinger equation

- $H\psi = E\psi$
- H is Hamiltonian operator ($T+U$)
- E are Energy eigenvalues
- ψ is “wave function” describing probability of finding electron in a particular “state”
 - $\{ \hbar^2/2m \nabla^2 + E + Ze^2 \sum 1/r_j - \sum e^2/r_{ij} \} \psi = 0$
- electron K.E.; E ; nuclear potential; e-e potential
- Simplifications: time-independent, central-field (so angular momentum is constant)
- $\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$ then separable
 - radial part: R_{nl} (requires 2 quantum #'s)
 - angular part: P_l^m (requires a 3rd quantum #)

- Relativistic solution (Dirac equation) introduces a 4th quantum # (spin)
- Pauli Exclusion Principle: no 2 particles with half-integer (times \hbar) spin angular momentum (“fermions”) can exist in the same state; not a problem for particles with integer spin (“bosons”)
- With all of this information, it is now possible for us to construct multi-electron atoms and understand the periodic table...

Electron Configuration

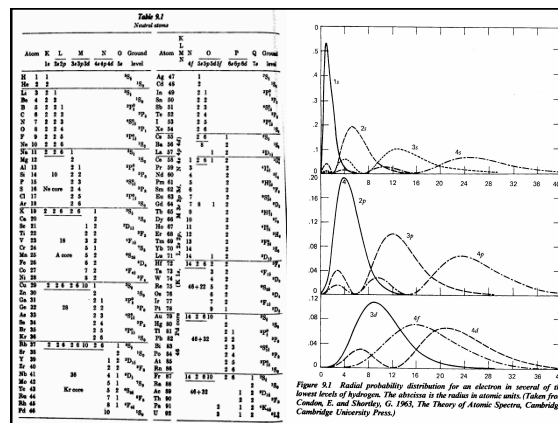
- Quantum numbers: $n \ l \ m_l \ m_s$
 - n = “principal” 1, 2, 3, ...
 - l = “orbital a.m.” 0, 1, ... , $n-1$
 - m_l = “magnetic moment” $-l, -l+1, \dots, l-1, l$
 - m_s = “spin” $-1/2$ or $+1/2$
- $j = l + m_s$ = total angular momentum
- “configuration” $n l_j^x$

n	shell	l	
1	K	0	s “sharp”
2	L	1	p “principal”
3	M	2	d “diffuse”
4	N	3	f “fundamental”

DEGENERACY

- degenerate states in a single-electron atom:
 - for each n , there are $2n^2$ “degenerate” states
 - for each l , there are $2(2l+1)$ “degenerate” states
- degeneracy removed by multi-electron interactions (“spin-orbit coupling”), external magnetic fields, nuclear spin, etc.
- let’s practice building atoms according to these rules....

ELECTRON	ENERGY LEVEL <i>n</i>	ANGULAR MOMENTUM <i>l</i>	DESIGNA- TION	MAGNETIC MOMENT <i>m</i>	SPIN	SHELL
1st	1	0	1s	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	K
2nd	1	0	1s	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	K
3rd	2	0	2s	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	L ₁
4th	2	0	2s	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	L ₁
5th	2	1	2p	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
6th	2	1	2p	-1	$+\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
7th	2	1	2p	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
8th	2	1	2p	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
9th	2	1	2p	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
10th	2	1	2p	1	$+\frac{1}{2}$	L ₂
11th	3	0	3s	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	M ₁
12th	3	0	3s	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	M ₁
13th	3	1	3p	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
14th	3	1	3p	-1	$+\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
15th	3	1	3p	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
16th	3	1	3p	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
17th	3	1	3p	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
18th	3	1	3p	1	$+\frac{1}{2}$	M ₂
19th	4	0	4s	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	N ₁
20th	4	0	4s	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	N ₁
21st	3	2	3d	-2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	M ₃
22nd	3	2	3d	-2	$+\frac{1}{2}$	M ₃
etc.						



Which Transitions are Possible?

- Well, almost all of them CAN happen, but the rates break them into “allowed” and “forbidden”
- $\Delta l=1$: photon carries integer spin, so any transition involving a photon must also involve a change in angular momentum of precisely \hbar !
- $\Delta m_l = -1, 0, \text{ or } 1$
- These two “selection rules” fully specify hydrogenic atoms, but much more happens in multi-electron atoms