

Chap 7

The hydrogen atom

- Angular momentum, spherical harmonics
- Schrödinger equation and the H atom
- Quantum numbers
- Electron distribution
- Zeeman effect
- Selection rule
- Electron spin

Central force problem

First, recall that in classical mechanics

Planetary motion

- Velocity $\dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi}$

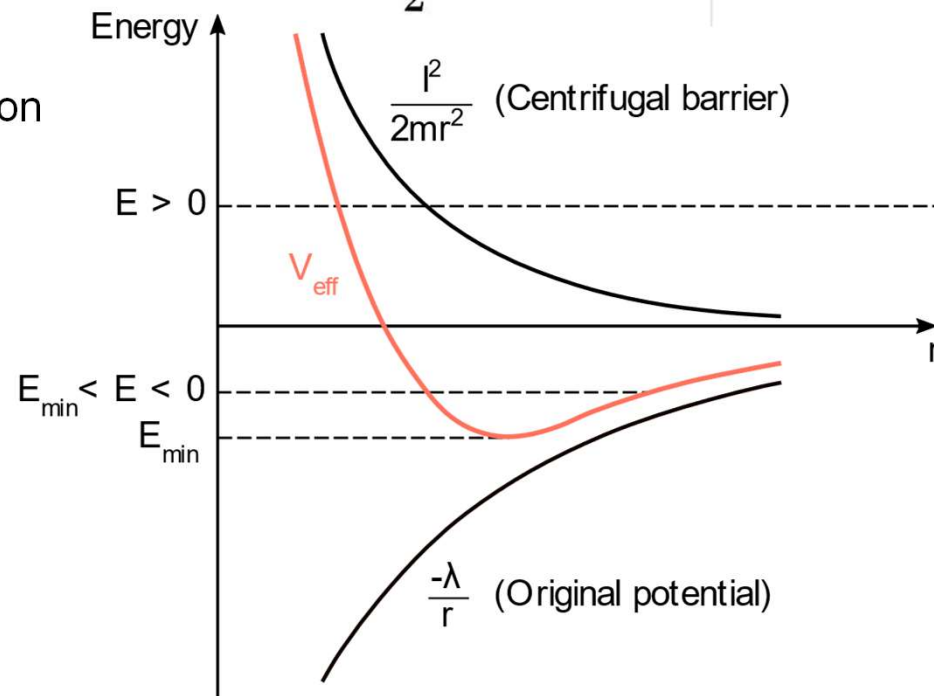
- Energy
$$E_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mr^2\dot{\phi}^2 + U(r) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} + U(r)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + U_{\text{eff}}(r)$$

Angular momentum

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v} = mr^2\dot{\phi}\hat{z}$$

Effective potential for radial motion

$$U_{\text{eff}}(r) = U(r) + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2}$$

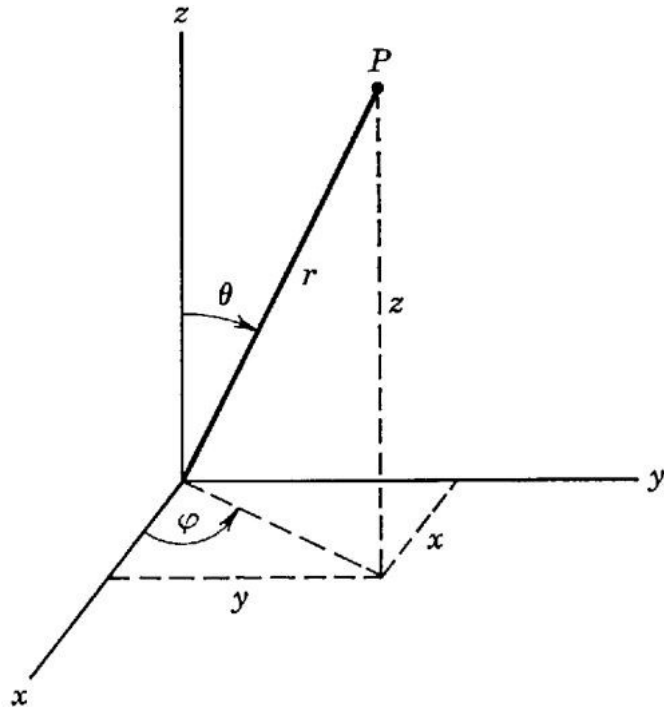


Orbital angular momentum operator

- Cartesian coordinate

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_x = yp_z - zp_y \\ L_y = zp_x - xp_z \\ L_z = xp_y - yp_x \end{array} \right. \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_{x_{op}} = -i\hbar \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \\ L_{y_{op}} = -i\hbar \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \\ L_{z_{op}} = -i\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

- Spherical coordinate



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_{x_{op}} = i\hbar \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \\ L_{y_{op}} = i\hbar \left(-\cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \\ L_{z_{op}} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \end{array} \right.$$

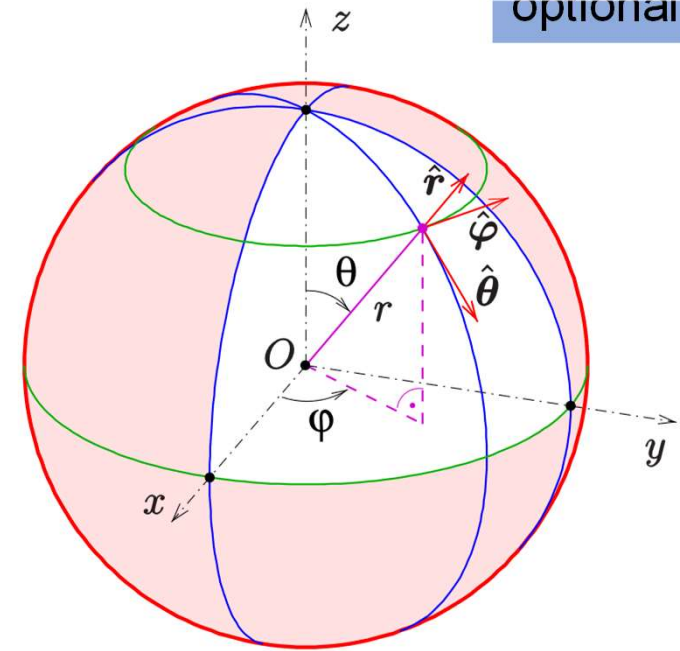
$$L^2 = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right)}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x} = \hat{r} \sin \theta \cos \varphi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \cos \varphi - \hat{\phi} \sin \varphi \\ \hat{y} = \hat{r} \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \sin \varphi + \hat{\phi} \cos \varphi, \\ \hat{z} = \hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \hat{L} &= \hat{R} \times \hat{P} = (-i\hbar r) \hat{r} \times \vec{\nabla} \\ &= (-i\hbar r) \hat{r} \times \left[\hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right] \\ &= -i\hbar \left(\hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\hat{\theta}}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{L}_x = \hat{x} \cdot \vec{L} = i\hbar \left(\sin \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \cos \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) \\ \hat{L}_y = i\hbar \left(-\cos \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \sin \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) \\ \hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}. \end{cases}$$



Schrödinger eq $\hat{H}\psi(\vec{r}) = E\psi(\vec{r})$

- Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(\vec{r})$

- Laplacian in spherical coordinate

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

however $\mathbf{L}^2 = -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right)$

therefore $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + V(\vec{r}) + \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2mr^2}$

This applies to **all** central force problems.

- What's the eigenfunctions of L^2 ?

➡ Spherical harmonics $Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)$

Review:

Spherical harmonics

associated Legendre polynomials

$$Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) = NP_\ell^m(\cos \theta)e^{im\phi} \quad \ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$m = \ell, \ell - 1, \dots, -\ell$$

TABLE 6.2

The first few associated Legendre functions $P_\ell^{|m|}(x)$

$$P_0^0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1^0(x) = x = \cos \theta$$

$$P_1^1(x) = (1 - x^2)^{1/2} = \sin \theta$$

$$P_2^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

$$P_2^1(x) = 3x(1 - x^2)^{1/2} = 3 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$P_2^2(x) = 3(1 - x^2) = 3 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$P_3^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x) = \frac{1}{2}(5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)$$

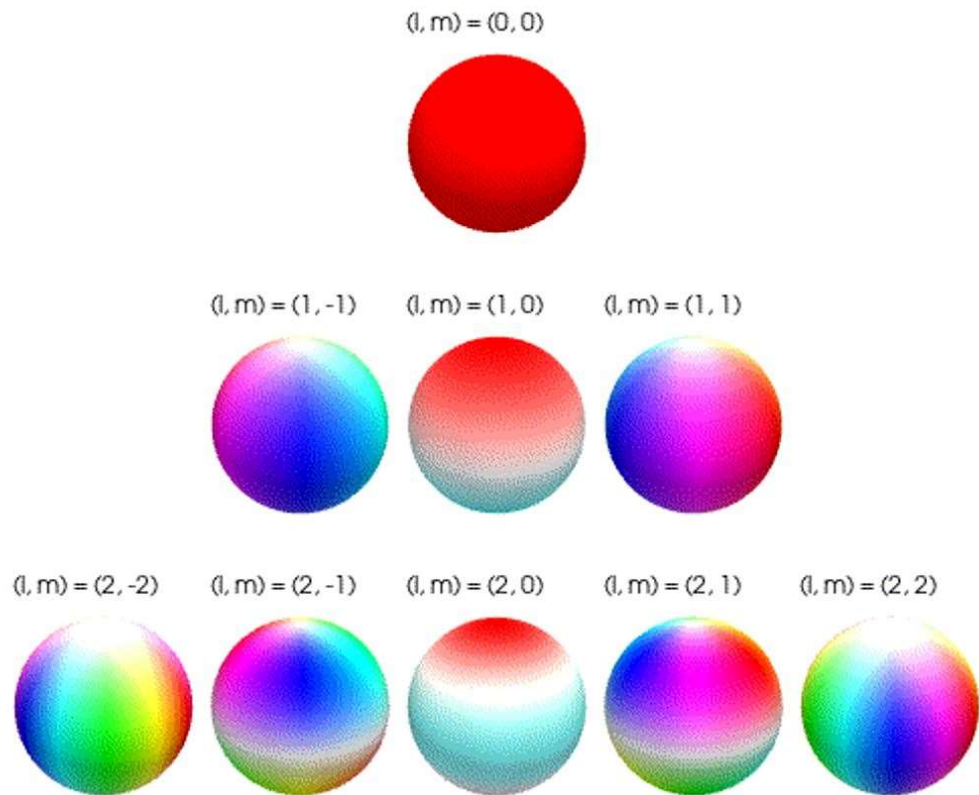
$$P_3^1(x) = \frac{3}{2}(5x^2 - 1)(1 - x^2)^{1/2} = \frac{3}{2}(5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta$$

$$P_3^2(x) = 15x(1 - x^2) = 15 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$P_3^3(x) = 15(1 - x^2)^{3/2} = 15 \sin^3 \theta$$

Table 7.2 Normalized Spherical Harmonics $Y(\theta, \phi)$

ℓ	m_ℓ	$Y_{\ell m_\ell}$
		$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$
		$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \cos \theta$
		$\mp \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
		$\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$
		$\mp \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
		$\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$



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Ex 7.1:

Show that the spherical harmonic function $Y_{11}(\theta, \phi)$ satisfies the angular Equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) Y_1^1 = -2Y_1^1$$

Solution

$$Y_{11}(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$$

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$$\rightarrow -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) Y_1^1 = 2\hbar^2 Y_1^1$$

In general, $\hat{L}^2 Y_\ell^m = \ell(\ell + 1)\hbar^2 Y_\ell^m$

also $\hat{L}_z Y_\ell^m = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} P_\ell^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi} = m\hbar Y_\ell^m$

Spherical harmonics are eigenstates of L^2 and L_z

$$\begin{cases} \hat{L}^2 Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) = \ell(\ell + 1)\hbar^2 Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) \\ \hat{L}_z Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) = m\hbar Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) \end{cases}$$

eigenvalues

- Why $L^2 = \ell(\ell + 1)\hbar^2$?

A heuristic explanation (Thornton and Rex):

We expect the average of the angular momentum components squared to be $\langle L_x^2 \rangle = \langle L_y^2 \rangle = \langle L_z^2 \rangle$.

$$\rightarrow \langle L^2 \rangle = 3\langle L_z^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} m^2 \hbar^2 = \ell(\ell + 1)\hbar^2$$

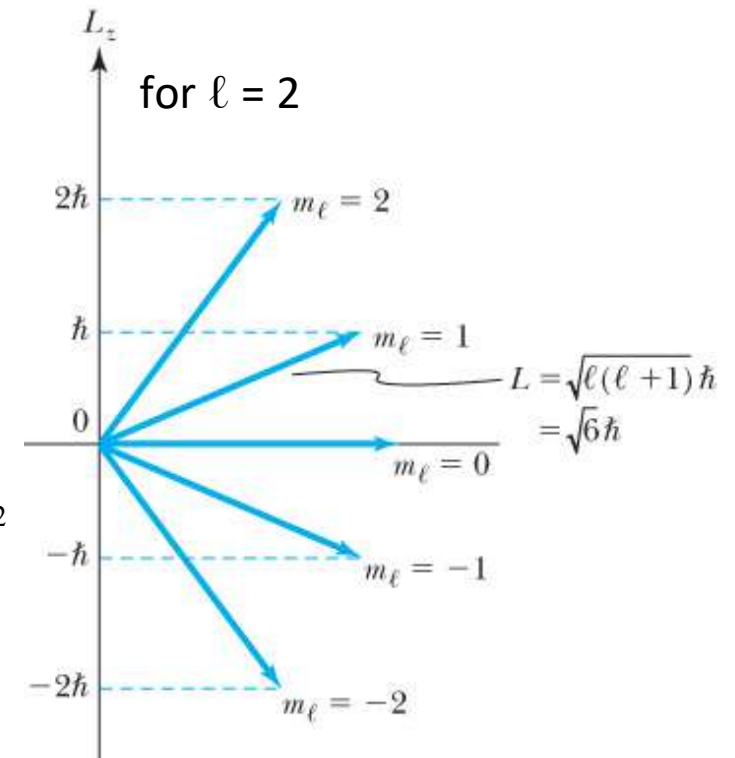
$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n + 1)(2n + 1)}{6}$$

Cf: Bohr model: $L = n\hbar$

Angular momentum quantum numbers:

$$\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$m = \ell, \ell - 1, \dots, -\ell$$



Called ‘space quantization’, or ‘azimuthal quantization’

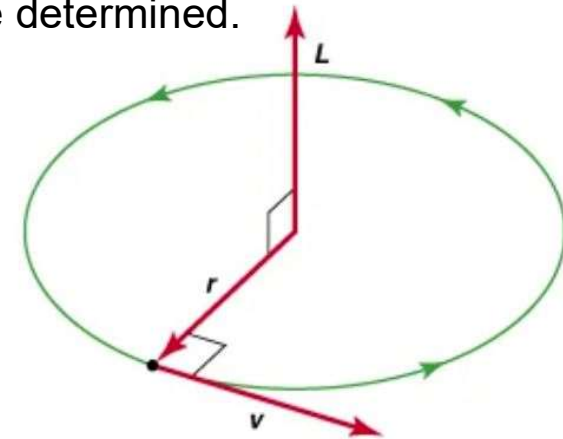
- The choice of the z axis is arbitrary unless there is **an external magnetic field B to define a preferred direction**. It is customary to **choose the z axis to be along B** . This is why m is called the **magnetic quantum number** (Thornton).
- How about the values of L_x and L_y ?

After knowing L^2 and L_z , if we also know L_x , then L_y can be determined.

This would violate **the uncertainty principle**:

If L is certain, then the electron is confined to a plane. The electron's momentum component along L is *exactly* zero.

This simultaneous knowledge of z and p_z is forbidden.



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Commutation relations:

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z, \quad [L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x, \quad [L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y,$$

$$[L^2, L_x] = [L^2, L_y] = [L^2, L_z] = 0.$$

Compatible observables

(\rightarrow can have simultaneous eigenstates)

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Back to the Schrödinger eq for hydrogen atom

$$\hat{H}\psi(\vec{r}) = E\psi(\vec{r})$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + V(\vec{r}) + \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2mr^2}$$

Use separation of variables

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = R(r)Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)$$

It is known that $\hat{L}^2 Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) = \ell(\ell + 1)\hbar^2 Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi)$

➔ **Radial equation**

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \left[\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + E \right) - \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{r^2} \right] R = 0$$

Special case: **ground state** of H atom

Assume the ground state has $\ell = 0$ and this requires $m = 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left(E + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right) R = 0 \quad \mu: \text{reduced mass}$$

For the ground state, try

$$R = A e^{-r/a_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} A \text{ is a normalization constant.} \\ a_0 \text{ is a constant with the dimension of length.} \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{a_0^2} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} E \right) + \left(\frac{2\mu e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} - \frac{2}{a_0} \right) \frac{1}{r} = 0$$

two expressions in parentheses need to be zero.

$$\rightarrow E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a_0^2} = -E_0 = -13.6 \text{ eV} \quad a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{\mu e^2} = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$$

Ground state energy **Bohr radius**

- In general • Eigenenergies $E_n = -\frac{E_0}{n^2}$ $n=1,2,3, \dots$
 (principle quantum number)

Note: for H atom, the eigenenergies do not depend on ℓ .
 In general, for non-Coulomb central force system, the energy would depend on ℓ .

- Eigenstates $\psi_{n\ell m_\ell}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{n\ell}(r) Y_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta, \phi)$
 For a given n , $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$

• Table 7 . 1 Hydrogen Atom Radial Wave Functions

n	ℓ	$R_{n\ell}(r)$
1	0	$\frac{2}{(a_0)^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$
2	0	$\left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0}\right) \frac{e^{-r/2a_0}}{(2a_0)^{3/2}}$
2	1	$\frac{r}{a_0} \frac{e^{-r/2a_0}}{\sqrt{3}(2a_0)^{3/2}}$

Summary: the quantum states of Hydrogen atom are specified by **3** quantum numbers

Principal quantum number $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Orbital quantum number $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$

Magnetic quantum number $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm l$

Different eigenstates with the same eigenenergy

spectroscopic notation:

$l = 0$	1	2	3	4	5	6	...
s	p	d	f	g	h	i	...

Degeneracy of eigenstates:

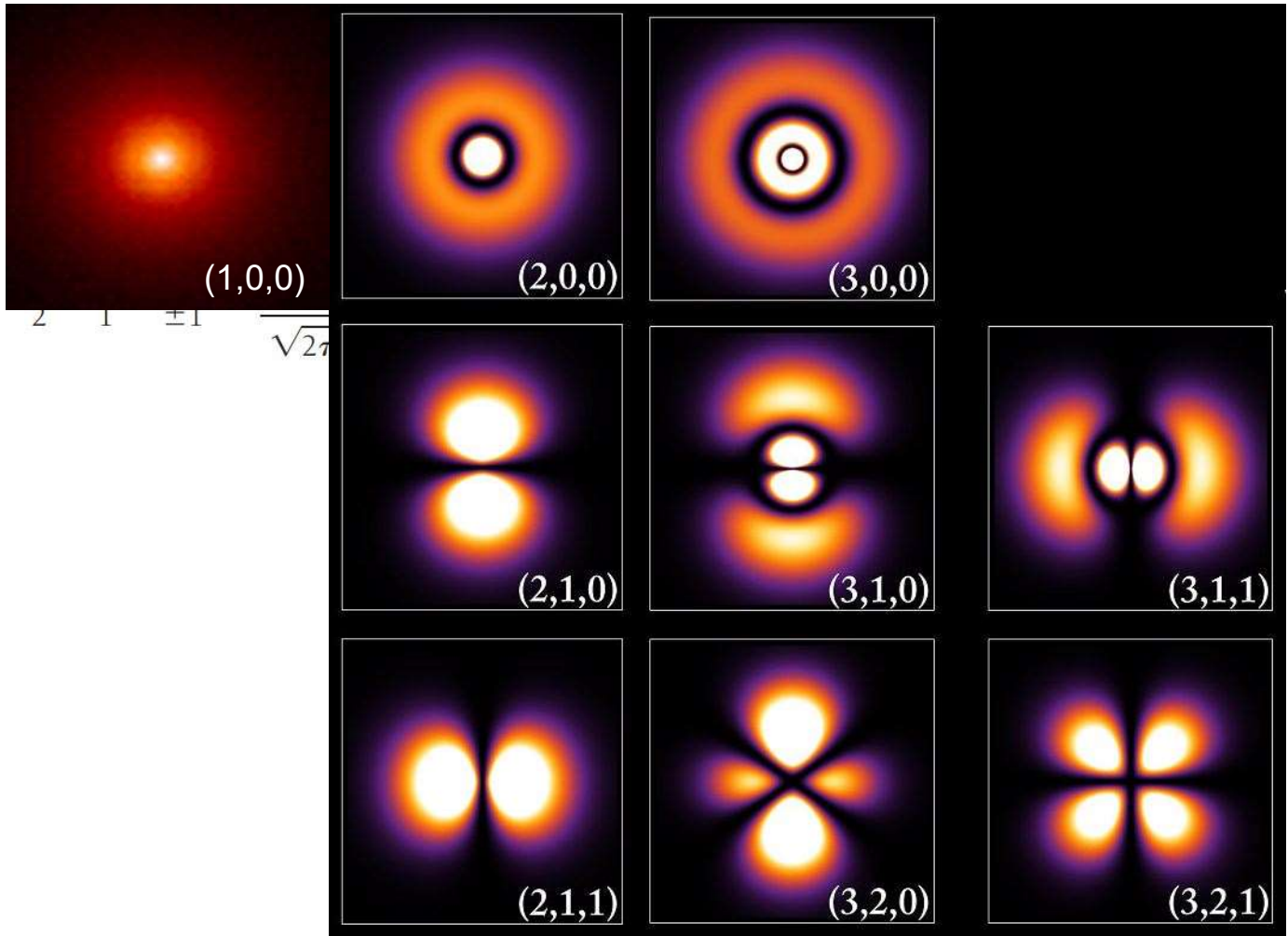
Table 6.2 Atomic Electron States

	$l = 0$	$l = 1$	$l = 2$	$l = 3$
$n = 1$	1s			
$n = 2$	2s	2p		
$n = 3$	3s	3p	3d	
$n = 4$	4s	4p	4d	4f
$n = 5$	5s	5p	5d	5f
$n = 6$	6s	6p	6d	6f

$$\psi = R_{nl} \Theta_{lm_l} \Phi_{m_l}$$

Table 6.1 Normalized Wave Functions of the Hydrogen Atom for $n = 1, 2$

n	l	m_l	$\Phi(\phi)$	$\Theta(\theta)$	$R(r)$	$\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$
1	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{2}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$



$$\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi} a_0^{3/2}} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi} a_0^{3/2}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi} a_0^{3/2}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

Ex 7.2: Show that the hydrogen wave function ψ_{211} is normalized.

$$\int \psi_{n\ell m_\ell}^* \psi_{n\ell m_\ell} d\tau = 1$$

Solution $\psi_{211} = R_{21} Y_{11} = \left[\frac{r}{a_0} \frac{e^{-r/2a_0}}{\sqrt{3}(2a_0)^{3/2}} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \int \psi_{211}^* \psi_{211} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{64\pi a_0^5} \int_0^\infty r^4 e^{-r/a_0} dr \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{64\pi a_0^5} [24a_0^5] \left[\frac{4}{3} \right] [2\pi] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 7.12:

Calculate the average orbital radius of a 1s electron in the hydrogen atom.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\langle r \rangle &= \int \psi^*(r, \theta, \phi) r \psi(r, \theta, \phi) d\tau = \int r P(r) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{4}{a_0^3} e^{-2r/a_0} r^3 dr \\ &= \frac{4}{a_0^3} \frac{3a_0^4}{8} = \frac{3}{2} a_0\end{aligned}$$

Example

Verify that the average value of $1/r$ for a 1s electron in the hydrogen atom is $1/a_0$.

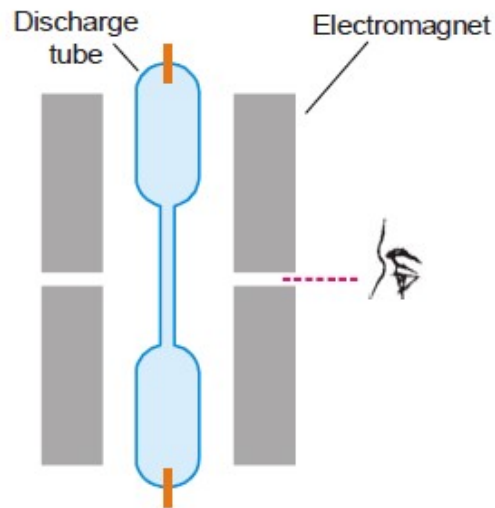
Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\psi &= \frac{e^{-r/a_0}}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{r} \right\rangle &= \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) |\psi|^2 dV \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \int_0^\infty r e^{-2r/a_0} dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \right) \left(\frac{a_0^2}{4} \right) (2)(2\pi) = \frac{1}{a_0}\end{aligned}$$

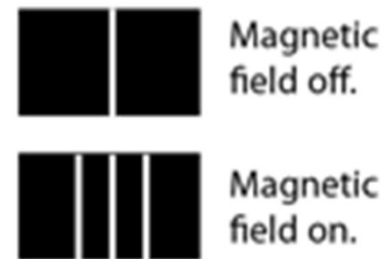
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Magnetic Effects on Atomic Spectra

- 1845, Faraday found the connection between magnetic field and light
- Would the atomic spectrum be affected? With [prism spectroscopy](#), Faraday failed to find any effect.
- 1896, with [diffraction grating](#), Zeeman showed the spectral lines in a magnetic field split into multiple energy levels (called **Zeeman effect**).



"Normal" Zeeman effect



Level splitting by B field

Zeeman effect.

To understand this [shift of energy levels](#) using quantum mechanics, we need to consider the [magnetic moment](#) of a circulating electron.

Orbital magnetic moment

The circulating electron is similar to a current loop, which has a **magnetic moment**

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= IA = \frac{q}{T}A = \frac{(-e)\pi r^2}{2\pi r/v} \\ &= \frac{-erv}{2} = -\frac{e}{2m}L\end{aligned}$$



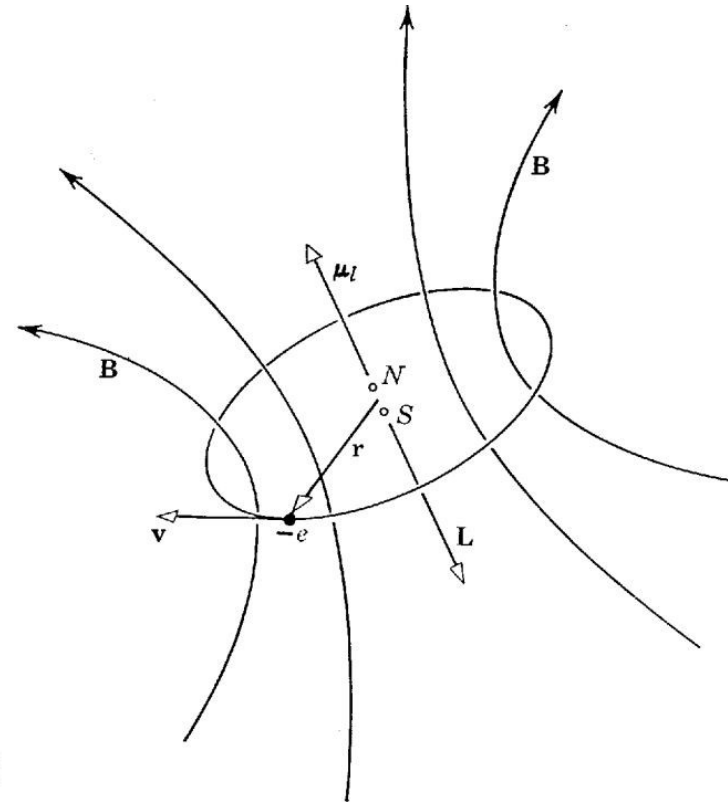
$$\vec{\mu} = -\frac{e}{2m}\vec{L}$$

$$\mu_z = -\frac{e}{2m}m_\ell\hbar = -\mu_B m_\ell$$

Bohr magneton

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$$\begin{aligned}\mu_b &= \frac{e\hbar}{2m} = 0.927 \times 10^{-23} \text{ amp}\cdot\text{m}^2 \\ &\quad \text{(or J/T)} \\ &= 0.058 \text{ meV/T}\end{aligned}$$

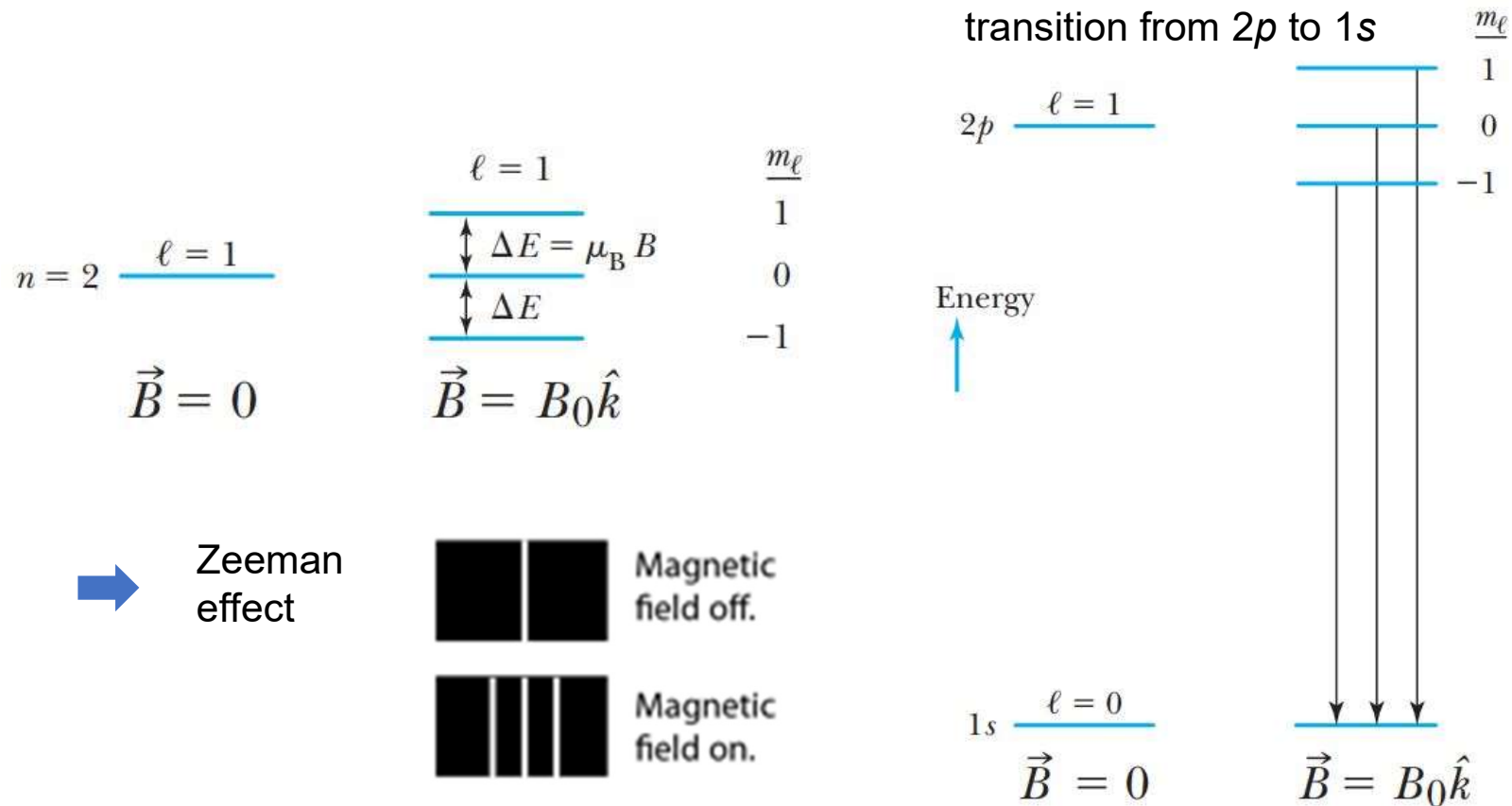


Tesla: an unit of magnetic field (proposed by Avčín at 1960).

- The potential energy is quantized due to the **magnetic quantum number m**

$$V_B = -\mu_z B = +\mu_B m_\ell B$$

- For example, when a magnetic field is applied, the $2p$ level of hydrogen is split into 3 energy levels (if spin – to be introduced later – can be ignored)



Ex 7.7:

calculate the energy difference between the $m_\ell = 0$ and $m_\ell = +1$ components in the $2p$ state of atomic hydrogen placed in an external field of 2.00 T.

Solution

$$\Delta E = \mu_B B \Delta m_\ell$$

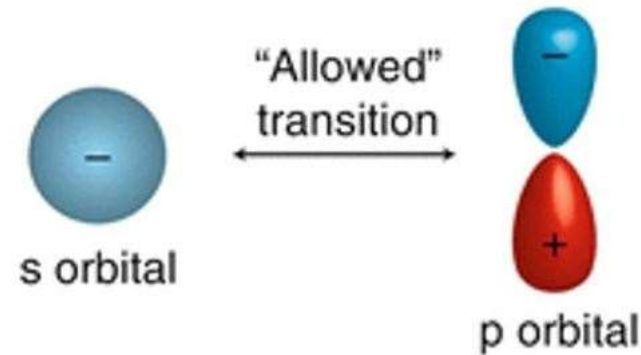
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Delta E &= (9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T})(2.00 \text{ T}) = 1.85 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} \\ &= 1.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

選擇定則 **Selection rule in radiative transitions**
(first found in observation)

Transition is allowed when

$$\Delta \ell = \pm 1$$

This is called **selection rule**



Explanation: the angular momentum of a photon is $\pm \hbar$, and total angular momentum has to be conserved,

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The transition probability is related to electric dipole moment

$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} \propto \left| \int d^3v \psi_f^*(\vec{r}) (-e\vec{r}) \psi_i(\vec{r}) \right|^2$$

Under space inversion:

$$Y_\ell^m(-\mathbf{r}) = (-1)^\ell Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{r}).$$



$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \Delta \ell \neq \pm 1$$

The transition is **forbidden**

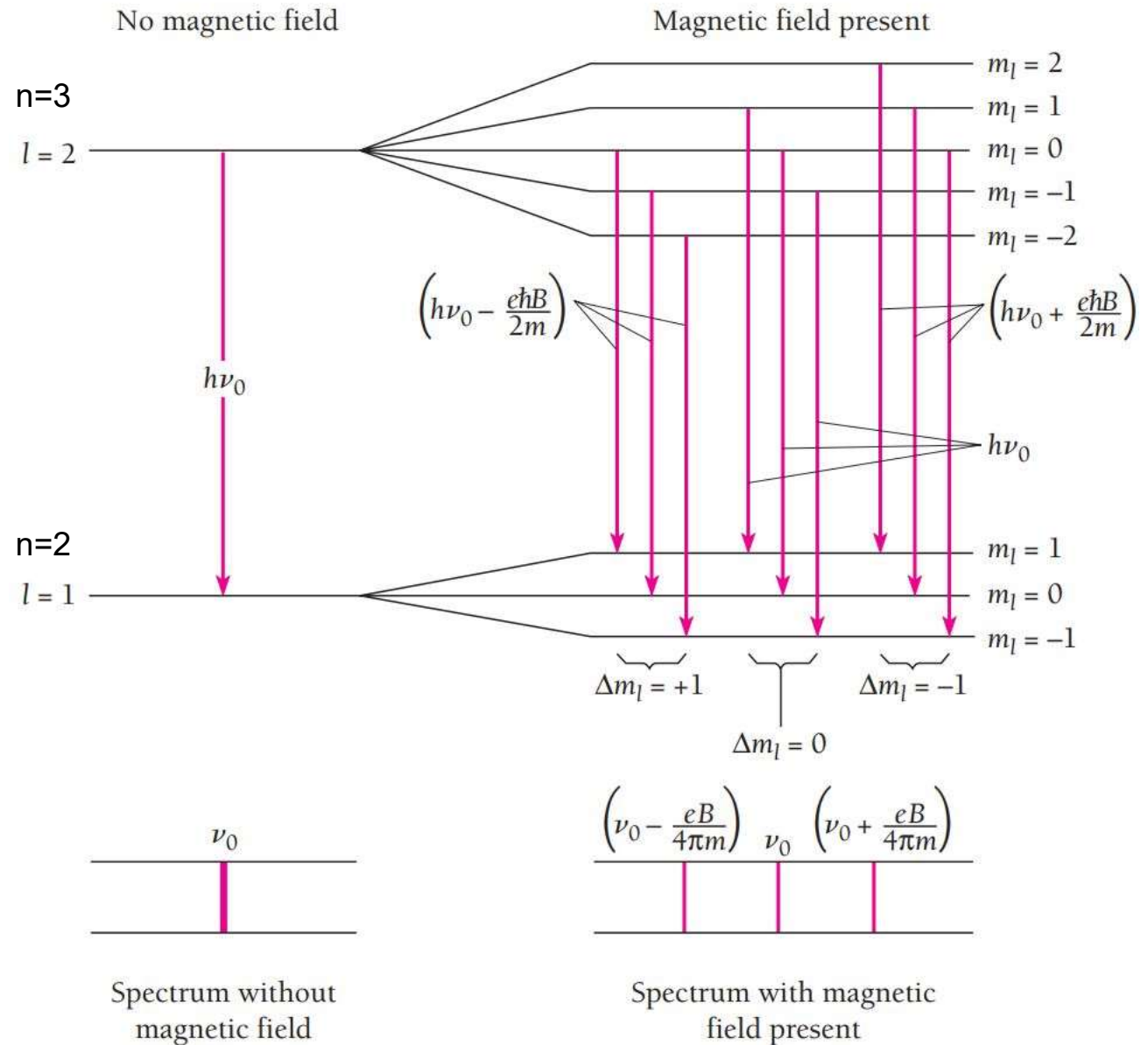
Selection rule
(with magnetic field)

$$\Delta \ell = \pm 1$$

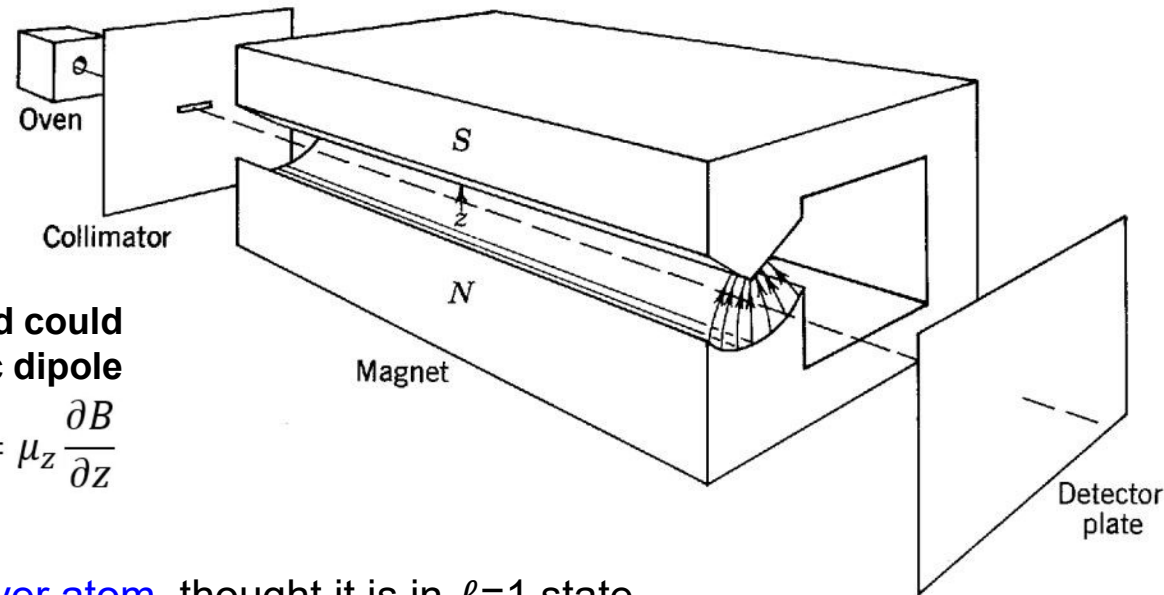
$$\Delta m_\ell = 0, \pm 1$$

(no restriction on Δn)

Note: Other transitions are possible but with much smaller probabilities
(magnetic dipole transitions 10^{-4} , electric quadrupole transitions 10^{-6} ... etc)



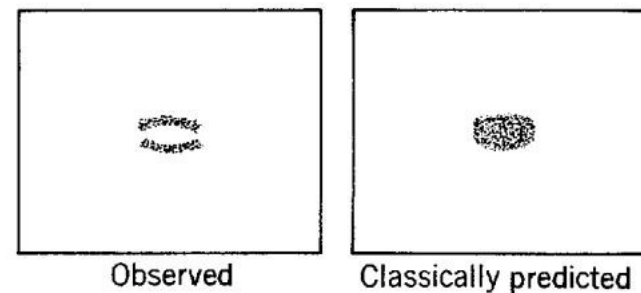
In order to **denounce** the space quantization from m ,
Stern and Gerlach carried out an experiment (1922)



Nonuniform B field could deflect a magnetic dipole

$$F_z = -\nabla(-\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}) = \mu_z \frac{\partial B}{\partial z}$$

- They used **silver atom**, thought it is in $\ell=1$ state, but observed just 2 lines.
- Ag[4d¹⁰5s¹] atom is actually in $\ell=0$ state. So what happened?
- Even though the **azimuthal quantization** is observed. Our understanding of quantum theory is incomplete.

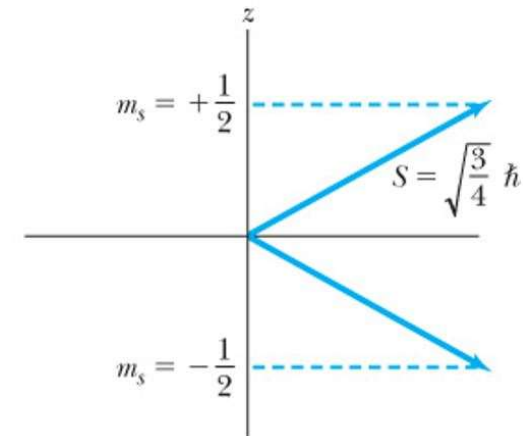
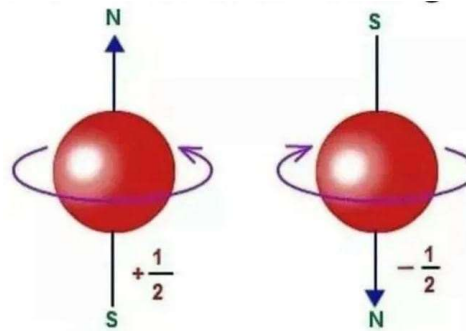


(independent of the choice of the z-direction)

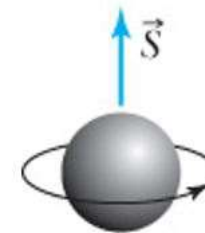
Uhlenbeck and Goudsmit's proposal (1925):

- In order to explain experimental data, they proposed that the electron must have the 4th quantum number (first suggested by Pauli) related to electron spin with spin quantum number $s = 1/2$.
- The magnetic spin quantum number m_s has only two values, $m_s = \pm 1/2$.

$$S_z = m_s \hbar = \pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$



- However, electron radius $r <$ Compton wavelength, so the surface of the spinning electron should be moving faster than the speed of light!



- Magnitude of spin $|\vec{S}| = \sqrt{s(s+1)}\hbar = \sqrt{3/4}\hbar$
 $S_z = m_s\hbar = \pm \frac{1}{2}\hbar$

$$(s, m_s) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

- Recall that for **orbital** magnetic moment

$$\vec{\mu} = -\frac{e}{2m}\vec{L}$$

But for **spin** magnetic moment
(measured from SG experiment)

$$\vec{\mu}_s = -\frac{e}{m}\vec{S} = -g\frac{e}{2m}\vec{S}$$

i.e., **gyromagnetic ratios** $g=2$ (2.00231930436092(36) to be precise)

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Q: Why not just choose $s=1$ ($s_z = \pm\hbar$, no 0), and $g_s=1$?

- If $s=1$, then m_s would be +1, 0, -1 (3 levels)
- Spin **magnetic moment** and spin **angular momentum** in principle can be measured independently
- Later, Dirac's relativistic quantum mechanics would automatically give $g_s=2$

Ex 7.10:

Which of the following transitions for quantum numbers (n, ℓ, m_ℓ, m_s) are allowed for the hydrogen atom, and for those allowed, what is the energy involved?

- (a) $(2, 0, 0, 1/2) \rightarrow (3, 1, 1, 1/2)$
- (b) $(2, 0, 0, 1/2) \rightarrow (3, 0, 0, 1/2)$
- (c) $(4, 2, -1, -1/2) \rightarrow (2, 1, 0, 1/2)$

Solution

- (a) $\Delta\ell = +1, \Delta m_\ell = 1$; allowed.

$$\Delta E = E_3 - E_2 = -13.6 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} \right)$$

= 1.89 eV, corresponding to absorption
of a 1.89-eV photon

- (b) $\Delta\ell = 0, \Delta m_\ell = 0$; not allowed, because $\Delta\ell \neq \pm 1$.

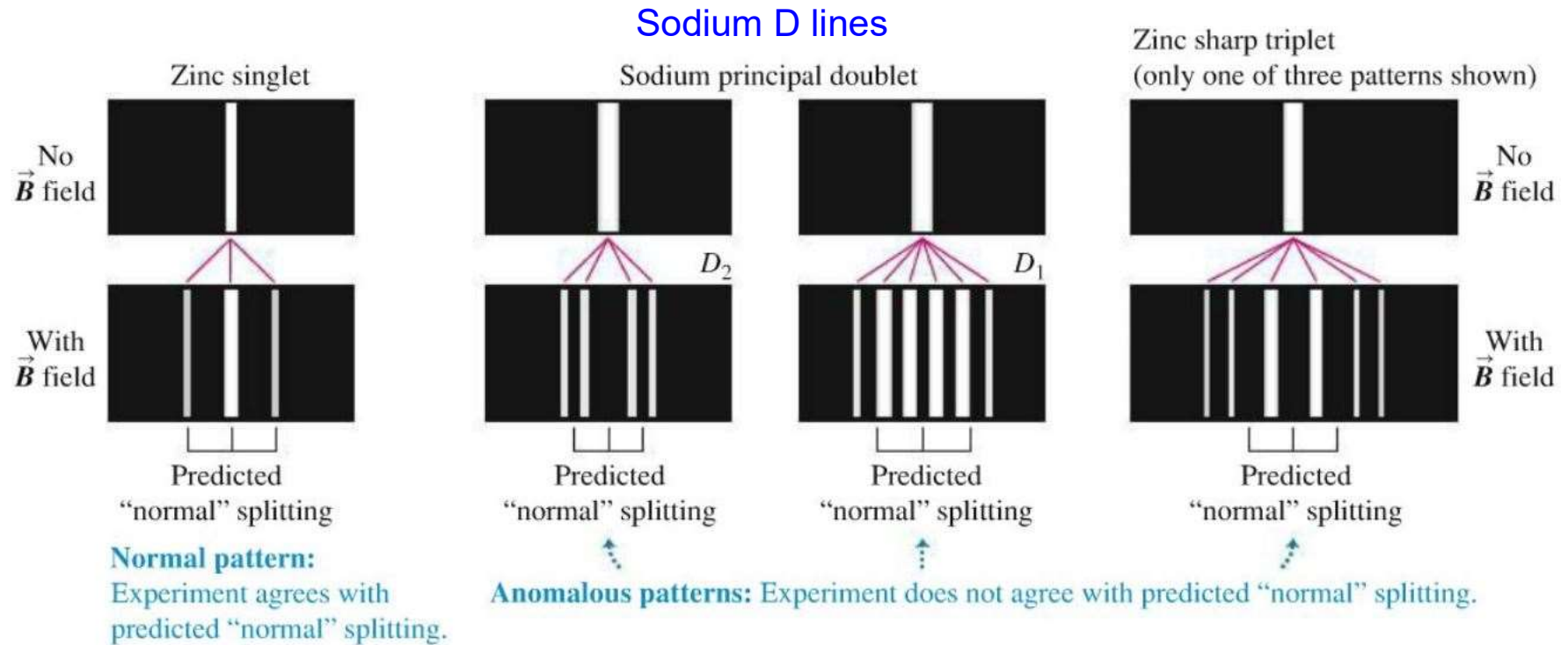
- (c) $\Delta\ell = -1, \Delta m_\ell = 1$; allowed. Notice that $\Delta n = -2$ and $\Delta m_s = +1$ does not affect whether the transition is allowed.

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_4 = -13.6 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} \right)$$

= -2.55 eV, corresponding to
emission of a 2.55-eV photon

$\Delta m_s = 0$
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More on Zeeman splittings



Without spin

with spin

To explain it, we need to consider **spin-orbit coupling** (next Chap)