

Review of hydrogenic atoms

Hydrogenic atoms - isotopes of hydrogen (deuterium, tritium), ions ( $\text{He}^+$ ,  $\text{Li}^{++}$ , ...), positronium ( $e^+e^-$ ), muonium, muonic atoms, etc.  $\Rightarrow$  Core  $Ze$  ( $\mu^+e^-$ ),

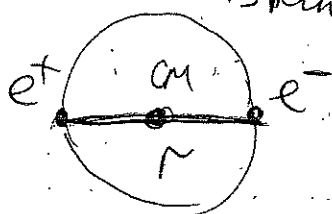
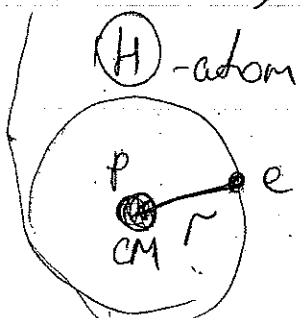
1 electron (or muon)  $e^-$  (or  $\mu^-$ )  
 mass of electron (or particle 1)  
 $\downarrow$   
 $M \leftarrow$  core (nucleus) (or particle 2)  
 $\mu = \frac{mM}{m+M}$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\mu = \frac{mM}{m+M}$$

reduced mass

distance between particles



Recall:  $H = \frac{M\dot{\vec{r}}_1^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{\vec{r}}_2^2}{2} + V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$ ; then introduce  $\vec{r}_{CM}, \vec{r}$  instead of  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2$

$$H = H_{CM} + H$$

$\frac{\vec{p}_{CM}^2}{2(M+m)}$

convenient  $\Leftarrow$

since,  $V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = V(|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|) = V(r)$

central potentials

motion of a "relative" particle

motion of center of mass

Time-independent Schrödinger equation  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right] \Psi(\vec{r}) = E \Psi(\vec{r})$$

Solve in spherical coordinates ;  $\Psi_{n\ell m}(r, \theta, \varphi) =$

$$= R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$\uparrow$  principal quantum number  
 $\uparrow$  orbital angular momentum quantum number  
 $\uparrow$  magnetic quantum number

normalization  $\downarrow$

$$\int_0^\infty |R_{n\ell}|^2 r^2 dr \int_0^\pi |Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)|^2 \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi = 1$$

$$\vec{L}^2 Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) = \hbar^2 \ell(\ell+1) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$L_z Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) = \hbar m Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \right) - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r} \right] - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right) R_{n\ell}(r) = E R_{n\ell}(r)$$

$$R_{n\ell}(r) = - \left[ \left( \frac{2z}{na_\mu} \right)^3 \frac{(n-\ell-1)!}{2n[(n+\ell)!]^3} \right]^{1/2} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^\ell L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(\rho)$$

$$a_\mu = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{\mu e^2} = a_0 \frac{m}{\mu} ; \quad \rho = \frac{2z}{na_\mu} r$$

$\uparrow$  Bohr radius

$\uparrow$  associated Laguerre polynomial  
 $n-\ell-1$

Examples of  $R_{nl}(r)$ :

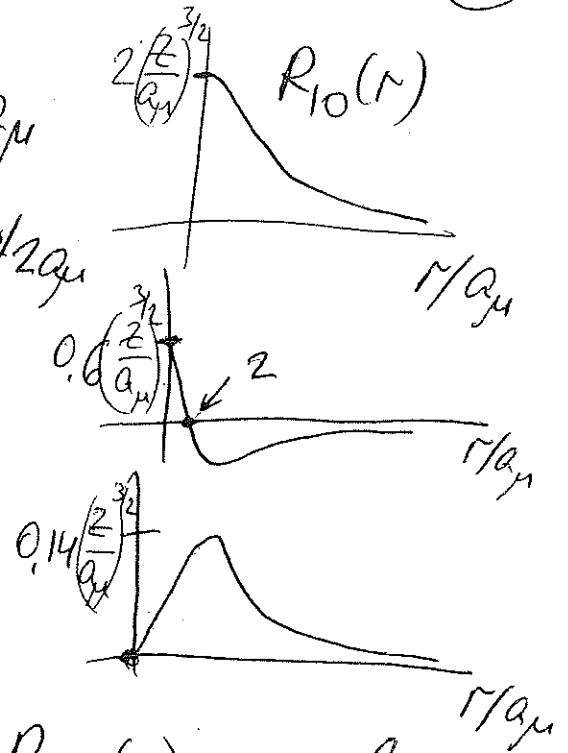
(3)

$$R_{10}(r) = 2a_0^{-3/2} z^{3/2} e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$R_{20}(r) = \frac{z^{3/2}}{(2a_0^3)^{1/2}} \left(1 - \frac{zr}{2a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

$$R_{21}(r) = \frac{z^{3/2}}{\sqrt{6}a_0^3} \frac{r}{2a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}$$

etc.



Overall: at small  $r$ 's  $\Rightarrow R_{nl}(r) \sim r^l$   
 only at  $l=0$  (s-states)

$$R_{nl}(0) \neq 0$$

at large  $r$ 's  $\Rightarrow$

$$R_{nl}(r) \sim r^l \cdot \underbrace{r^{n-l-1}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{highest power} \\ \text{of } L_{n+l}^{2l+1}}} e^{-\frac{r}{na_0}} \sim$$

$$\sim e^{-\frac{r}{na_0}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 dominated by exponent

Spherical harmonics  $\Rightarrow -l \leq m \leq l \Rightarrow$

associated  
 Legendre  
 polynomials

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m \left[ \frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!} \right]^{1/2} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$

$$Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m Y_{lm}^*(\theta, \varphi)$$

$m \geq 0$

Examples of  $Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$ :

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$$Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \quad ; \quad Y_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta$$

$$Y_{1\pm 1} = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\varphi}$$

Energy levels:

$$E_n = - \left( \frac{e^2 z^2}{2a_0 (4\pi\epsilon_0)} \right) \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad n = 1, \dots, \infty$$

"  $E_I \leftarrow$  ionization

For each  $n \Rightarrow l = 0, \dots, n-1$

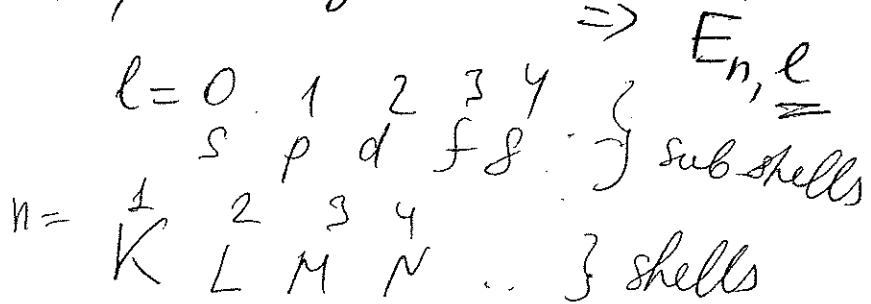
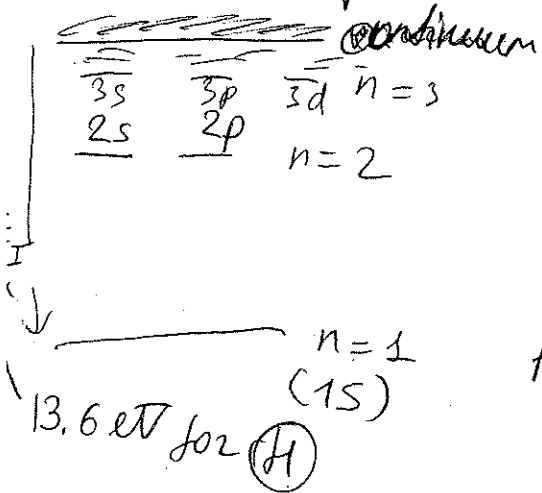
$$g_n = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (2l+1) = n^2$$

For each  $l \Rightarrow 2l+1$  m's

↑  
degeneracy of  $n$ th level

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 $2n^2$  if spin is included

Note: degeneracy with respect to  $l$  is "accidental" (due to the particular form of Coulomb potential); in any other central potential



Also note:  $a = \left( a_0 \frac{m}{M} \right) \frac{1}{Z}$   
 extent of wave function