

PHYS 2170
General Physics 3 for Majors
Fall 2021

Lecture 40
The periodic table

December 6

1 Review bosons and fermions, and the independent particle approximation.

2 types of indistinguishable particles

INDEPENDENT:

bosons

spin

$S=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

no
exclusion

ground state =
put all bosons in
lowest \uparrow single-p. state
energy

fermions

spin

$S = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$

Pauli excl:

2 fermions
can't be in
same state
[both position/orbital
and spin]

add fermions
one at a time.

- start w/ lowest E state unoccupied
- make sure all states used.

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Review the hydrogen atom spectrum, and describe the multi-electron atom problem.

energy levels in H atom:

$$E_{nlm} = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

$$\vec{L}^2 = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2 = \hbar^2 l(l+1)$$

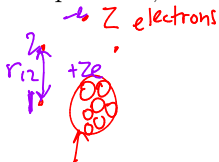
$$l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \leq n$$

$$L_z = \hbar m: \quad |m| \leq l$$

$$m = -l, \dots, +l$$

if nucleus has $+Ze$:

$$E_{nlm} = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} \times Z^2$$



$$E = \frac{p_1^2}{2M} + \frac{p_2^2}{2M} + \dots + \frac{p_Z^2}{2M}$$

$$-\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_2} \dots - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_Z}$$

~~$$+\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}} + \dots$$~~

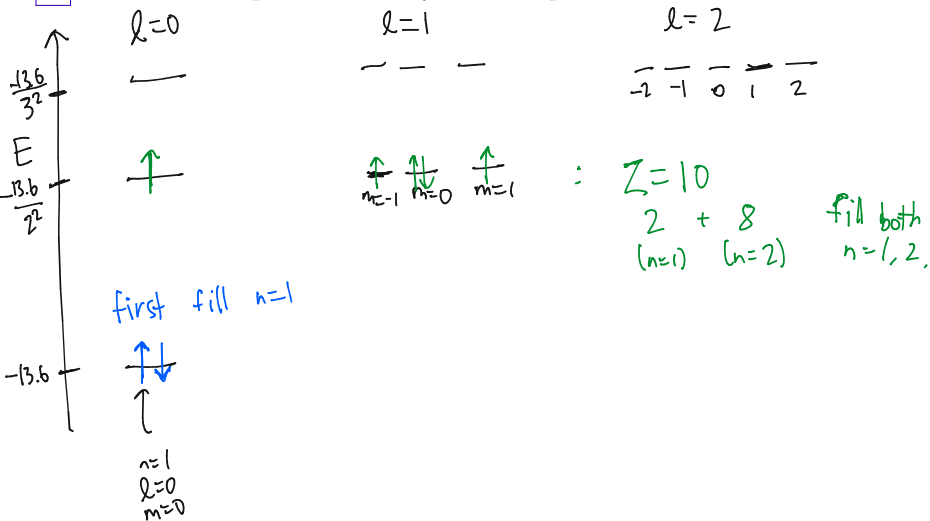
single-particle

elec-elec repulsion
try to ignore them...

$$E = \left[\frac{p_1^2}{2M} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} \right] + \dots + \left[\frac{p_Z^2}{2M} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_Z} \right]$$

$$E = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_Z$$

3 What is the periodic table you would predict?

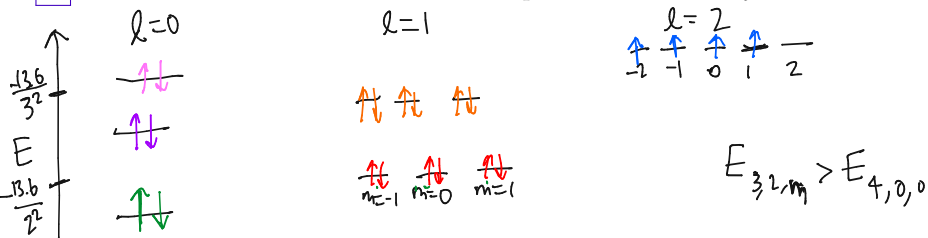


\uparrow : $S_z = +\frac{1}{2}$

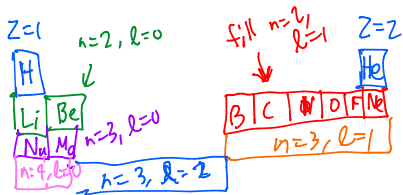
\downarrow : $S_z = -\frac{1}{2}$

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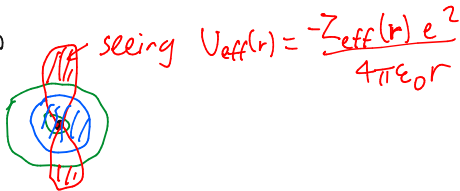
What is the actual structure of the periodic table. Why does it differ?



first fill $n=1$



$n=1$
 $l=0$
 $m=0$



5 Estimate the size of an atom with Z electrons.

Recall: in our problem, modifying Bohr model:

$$E_n \sim -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n}$$

$$E_n = -Z^2 \cdot \frac{13.6}{n^2}$$

$$n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$r_n \sim n^2 r_1$$

$$r_n \sim \frac{n^2}{Z} r_1$$

→ Every time we add an electron:

- fill up one (n, l, m, s_z)

$$Z \rightarrow Z-1$$

Largest value of n ?

Lec 37: at fixed n , $2n^2$ available states.

Want $Z \sim 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + \text{change}$

$$Z \sim 2 \int_0^{n_{\max}} dk \cdot k^2 \sim \frac{2}{3} n_{\max}^3$$

$$n_{\max} \sim Z^{1/3}$$

$$r_n \sim \frac{n_{\max}^2}{Z} r_1$$
$$r_n \sim Z^{2/3} r_1$$