

# PHY127 FS2023

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Today: quantum levels of hydrogen atom.  
spherical potential in 3-D.

## Review from recent lectures:

Particle trapped in 1-D box

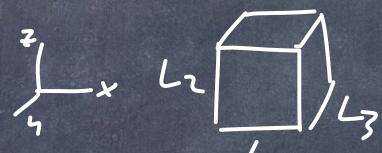
has a wave function like a standing wave



$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 h^2}{8mL^2}, n=1,2,3,\dots$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \text{ for } n=1,2,3,\dots$$

Particle in 3-D box:



$$\psi(x,y,z) = A (\sin k_1 x)(\sin k_2 y)(\sin k_3 z)$$

$$E_{n_1, n_2, n_3} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left( \frac{n_1^2}{L_1^2} + \frac{n_2^2}{L_2^2} + \frac{n_3^2}{L_3^2} \right)$$

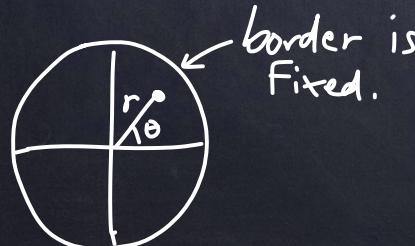
for  $n_1 = 1, 2, \dots$

$n_2 = 1, 2, \dots$

$n_3 = 1, 2, \dots$

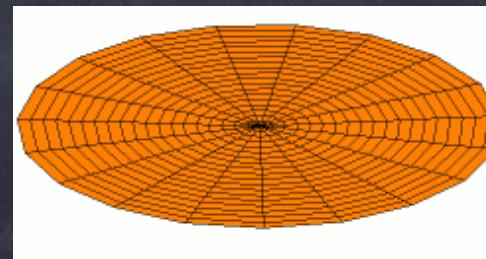
Standing waves

on a 2-D drum



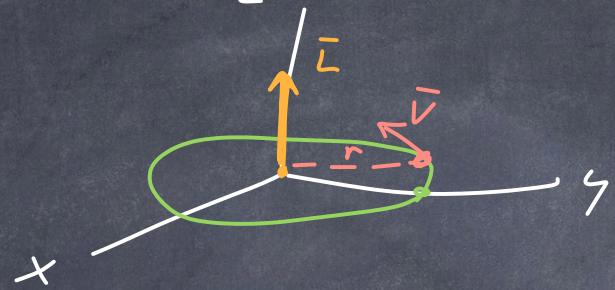
Solutions to 2D circle: Bessel functions

$$\psi(r, \theta) = \psi(r) \psi(\theta)$$



2 "quantum" numbers  
 $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

# Angular momentum review (see script 1)



A particle moving in a circle in the  $xy$ -plane with a velocity  $\vec{v}$ . Its speed  $|\vec{v}|$  is constant.

Use the right-hand rule to get the angular momentum vector.

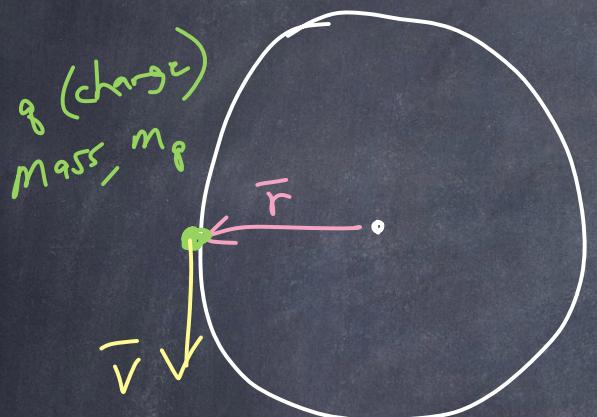
$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{r} \times (m\vec{v}) \quad (\text{In our example, } \vec{L} \text{ points in } z\text{-direction})$$

If the particle has electric charge, we know that a moving electric charge generates a magnetic field. \* Electric charge moving in a circle generates a magnetic moment. The magnetic moment vector  $\vec{\mu}$  points in the same direction as the angular momentum  $\vec{L}$  (if charge is positive)

The magnetic moment  $\mu$  is the product of the area of the circle and the electric current (A) (I)

$$\mu = IA$$

$$I = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{time}} = \frac{q}{t}$$



$q$ : charge  
 $m_q$ : mass  
 $v$ : velocity  
 $r$ : radius

The angular momentum is

$$L = m_q v r \quad (1)$$

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = |a||b| \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

The magnetic moment is  $\mu = IA = I(\pi r^2)$

The current is  $I = \frac{q}{T}$

where  $T$  is the time it takes the particle to move in a circle.

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2\pi r}{T} \quad \text{so} \quad T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$

$$\text{so the current is } I = \frac{q}{T} = \frac{qv}{2\pi r}$$

Then the magnetic moment is

$$M = IA = \frac{qv}{2\pi r} \cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{1}{2} qvr$$

Using ① to get  $\boxed{M = \frac{q}{2m_q} \bar{l}}$  ②

magnetic moment of a charged particle depends on its angular momentum, charge, & its mass.

It is conventional to write ② as

$$\bar{M} = \frac{g\hbar}{2m_g} \left( \frac{\bar{L}}{\hbar} \right)$$

For an electron,  $m_g = m_e$  and  $g = -e$

so  $\bar{M} = -\frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \frac{\bar{L}}{\hbar}$

we define a constant  $M_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$

$M_B$ : Bohr magneton

Then the magnetic moment of an atom is

$$\boxed{\bar{M} = -M_B \frac{\bar{L}}{\hbar}} \quad ③$$

(Negative because electrons are negatively charged)

Last time:

### Hydrogen atom

$$E_0 = \frac{k^2 e^4 m}{2\pi^2} \approx 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

ground state energy constant

$$E_n = -\frac{Z^2}{n^2} E_0$$

Negative because electrons are bound to atom  
so lowest energy state is  $n=1 \Rightarrow -13.6 \text{ eV}$

These are the allowed energy levels of the hydrogen atom ( $Z=1$ )

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

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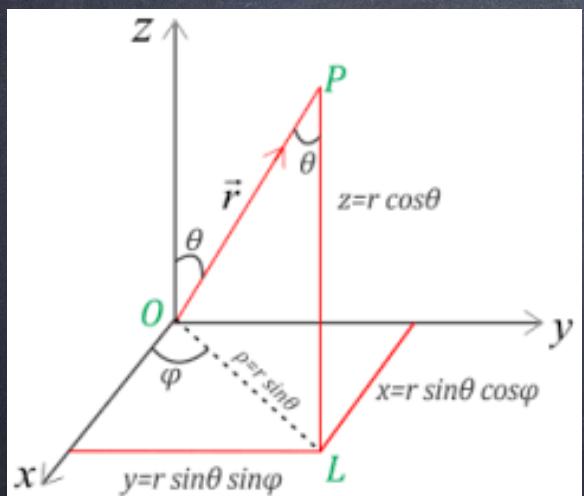
We consider an electron stuck in a atom.  
The atom is 3-D. The potential  $U = -\frac{kZ e^2}{r}$   
(This is a spherical potential)

# Schroedinger wave equation in 3-D

$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial z^2} \right) + U \Psi = E \Psi} \quad ①$$

$$\Psi = \Psi(x, y, z) = \Psi(x) \Psi(y) \Psi(z)$$

But  $U$  is a spherical potential. we need to write ① in spherical coordinates.  $(r, \theta, \phi)$



$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

In spherical coordinates, the Schroedinger wave equation becomes:

$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial \phi^2} \right] + U \Psi = E \Psi}$$

Looks complicated, but like the particle in a 3D box, we get solutions that factorize

$$\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \Psi_r(r) \Psi_\theta(\theta) \Psi_\phi(\phi)$$

As in the case of the 3-D box, we will get 3 quantum numbers, but they ~~are~~ are interdependent.

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

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

$$m = -l, -l+1, \dots, +l$$

$m$  has  
 $2l+1$   
options

So  $n$  is an integer, and  $l+m$  depend on it.

IF  $n=1$ , then the allowed quantum numbers  
are  $n=1, l=0, m=0$

IF  $n=2, \begin{cases} l=0, m=0 \\ l=1, m=-1, 0, +1 \end{cases}$

IF  $n=3, \begin{cases} l=0, m=0 \\ l=1, m=-1, 0, \text{ or } 1 \\ l=2, m=-2, -1, 0, +1, +2 \end{cases}$

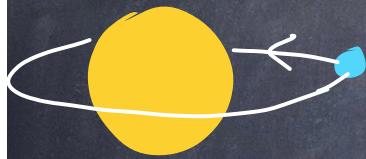
$n$ : principle quantum number, has to do with  $\psi_{r(r)}$ ,  
wave function that describes the amplitude  
as a function of distance in  $r$  of the electron  
moving in a circle

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{-e^2 \epsilon_0}{n^2} \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The quantum numbers  $\ell + m$  have to do with angular momentum of the electron, and the angular dependence of the probability of finding the electron.

$\ell$ : orbital quantum number

analogy:



The orbital angular momentum of the electron is  $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \hbar$

From ①, we see that  $M = -M_b \frac{L}{\hbar}$

so  $M = -\sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} M_b$  is also quantized.

If we put the atom in a magnetic field,



The  $L_z$  component of the  $\vec{L}$  points along the magnetic field direction

$L_z$  can also only take on integer values.

$$L_z = m\hbar$$

sketch is for the case of  $\ell=2$ :

$$L = \hbar \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} = \hbar\sqrt{6}$$

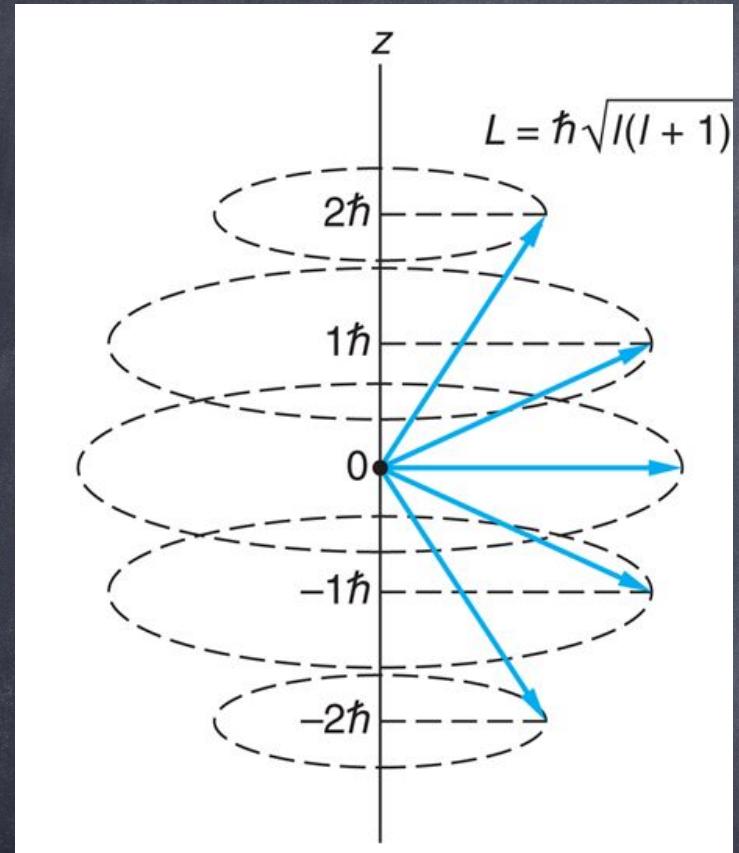
$$L_z = 2\hbar$$

$$L_z = 1\hbar$$

$$L_z = 0$$

$$L_z = -1\hbar$$

$$L_z = -2\hbar$$



$m$  : is known as the magnetic quantum number

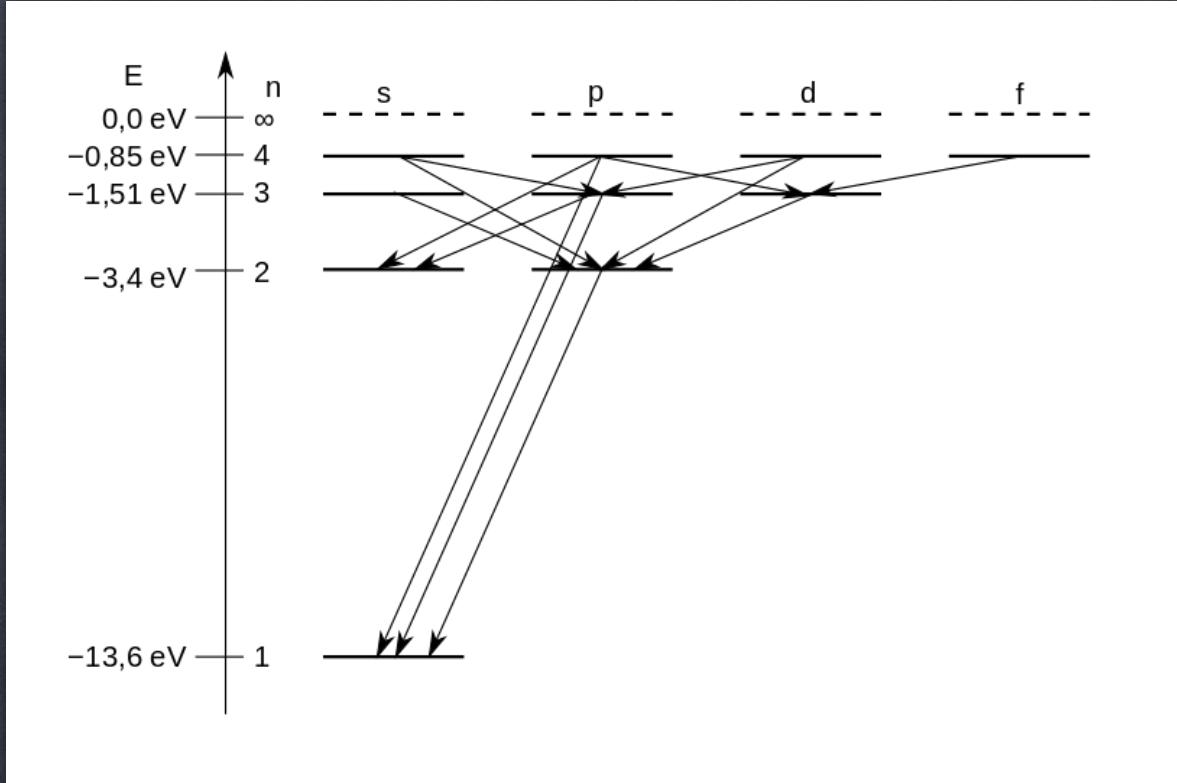
$$M_z = M_B \frac{L_z}{\hbar} = -m M_B$$

$$E_n = -\frac{e^2 \epsilon_0}{n^2} \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The fact that the energy doesn't depend on  $l$  is only true for the hydrogen atom.

For more complicated atoms with multiple electrons,  $E$  can depend on  $l$ .

The energy doesn't depend on  $m$  unless the atom is in a magnetic field.



$\ell = 0 \Rightarrow s\text{-level}$   
 $\ell = 1 \Rightarrow p\text{-level}$   
 $\ell = 2 \Rightarrow d\text{ level}$   
 $\ell = 3 \Rightarrow f\text{ level}$

Transitions of the electron obey selection rules:

$$\Delta m = 0, \pm 1$$

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

when we absorb or emit a photon, it has ~~an~~ an angular momentum of  $\pm \hbar$ .

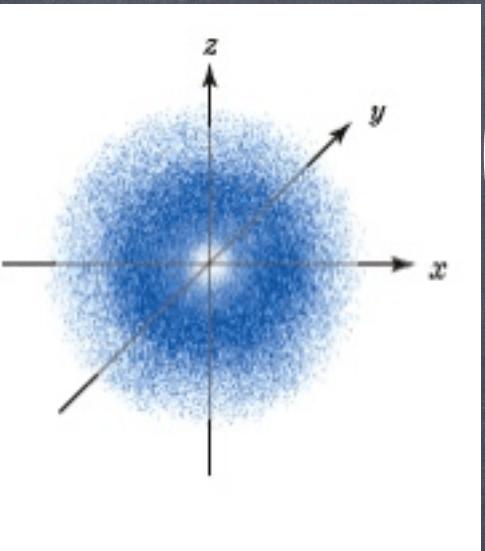
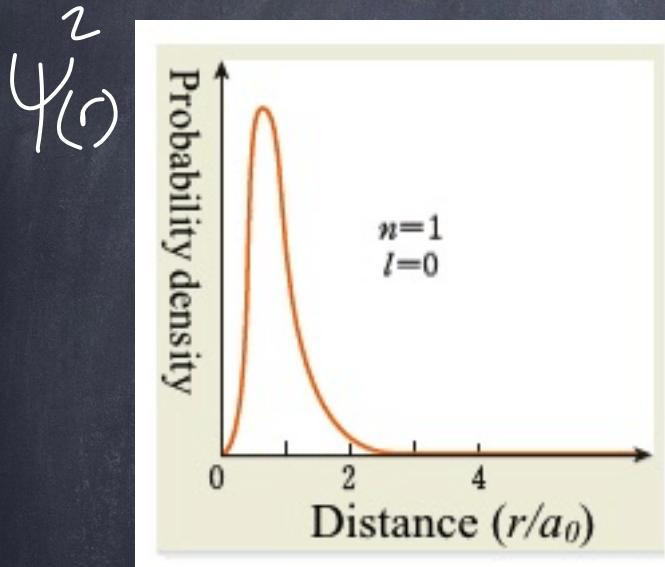
These photons have an energy released that is  $E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

The energy transitions  $E_f - E_i = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

Where is the electron in our 3-D atom?  
(spherical electric potential)

$$\text{Probability} = \psi^2(r)$$

of the electron to be  
at a distance  $r$



$$\psi_{100} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{z}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-z/a_0}$$

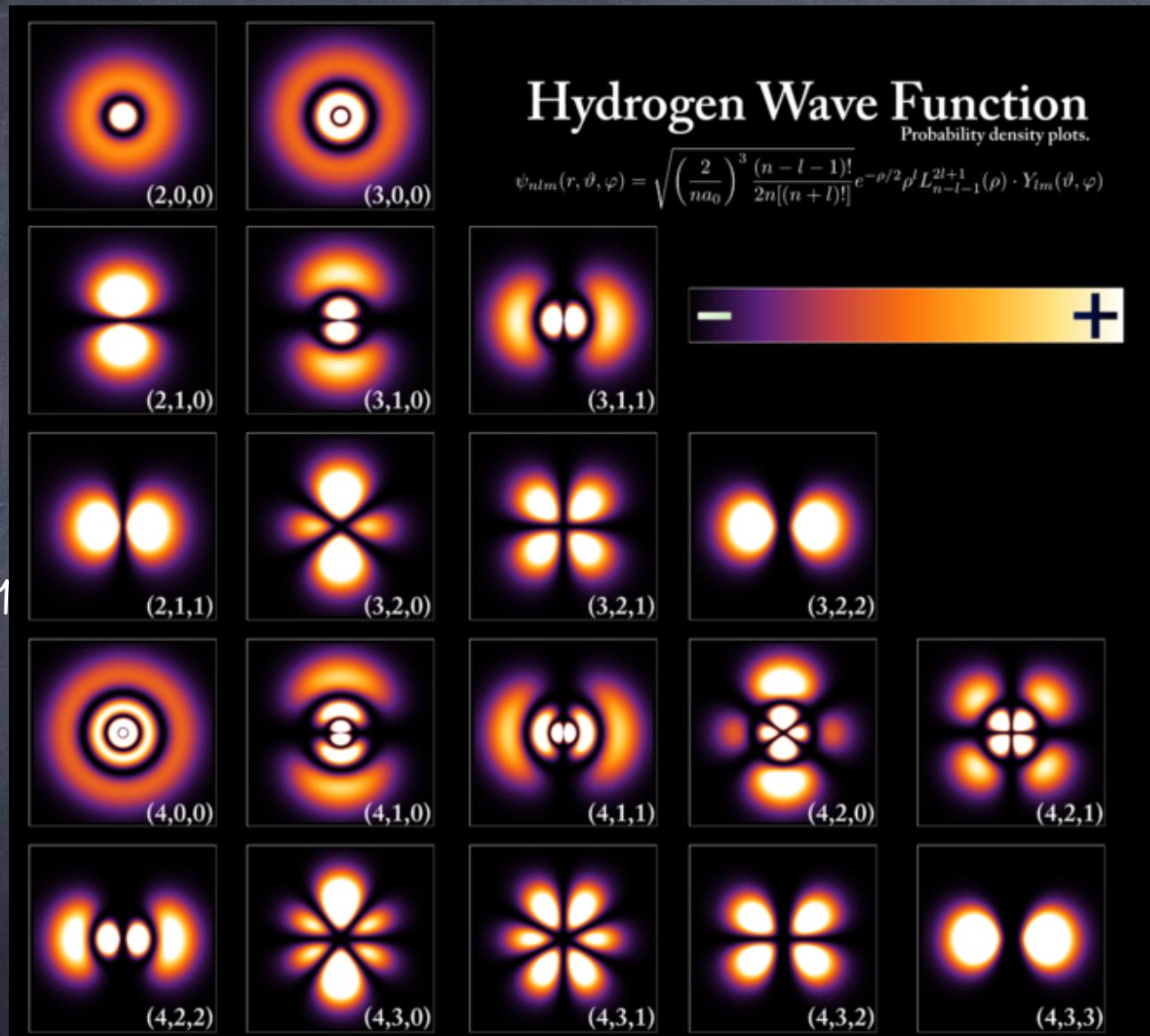
$\begin{pmatrix} n=1 \\ l=0 \\ m=0 \end{pmatrix}$

The probability of  
finding the electron  
depends only on  $r$   
(for  $n=1, l=0, m=0$ )

Here, we see the quantized electron standing waves in a hydrogen atom that come from the 3-D Coulomb potential and have 3 quantum numbers:

$$\Psi(r, \theta, \phi)$$

Depends on  $n, l, m$   
and probability depends  
on  $r, \theta$  and  $\phi$



$$(n, l, m)$$

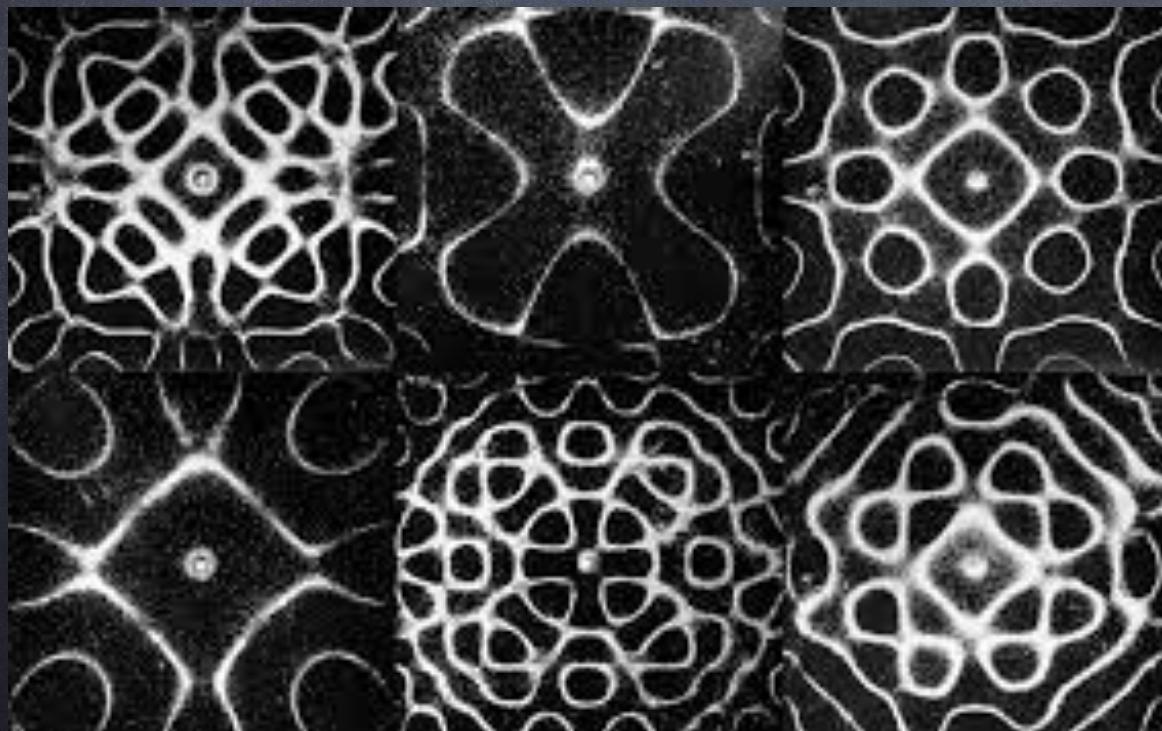
Probability of finding electrons  
is given by brightness

Experiment : Chladni plate  
2D

interesting frequencies

150.0 Hz  
208.0  
313.6  
482.3  
815.0  
979.9  
3428  
4978

rich pattern of standing waves  
dependent on frequency

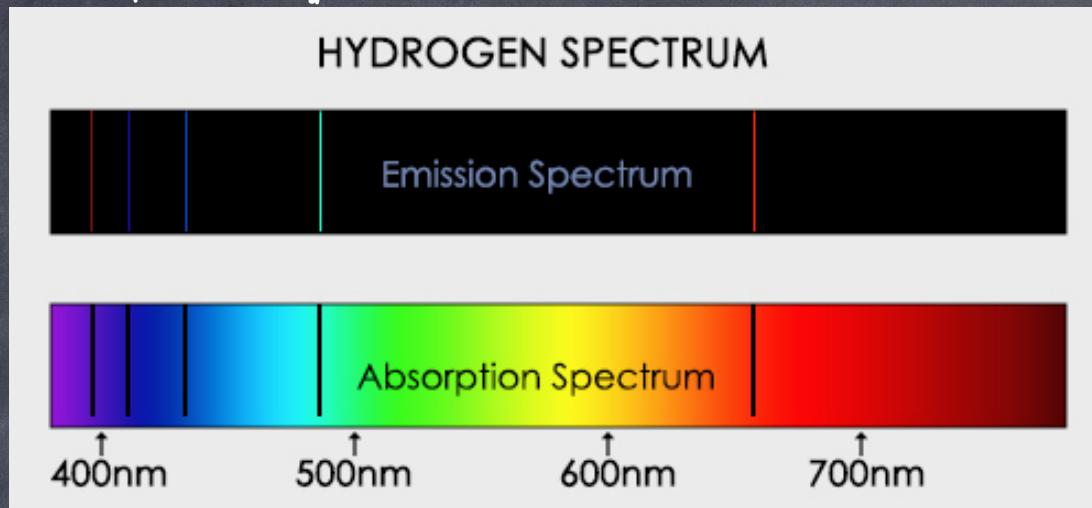


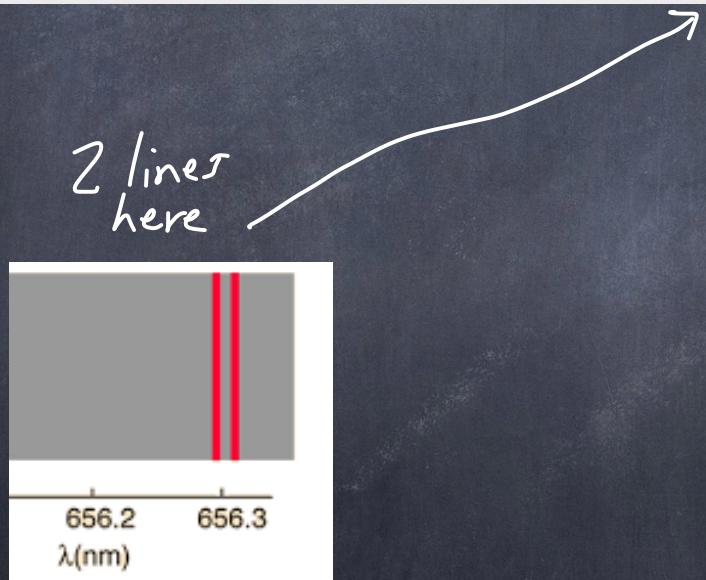
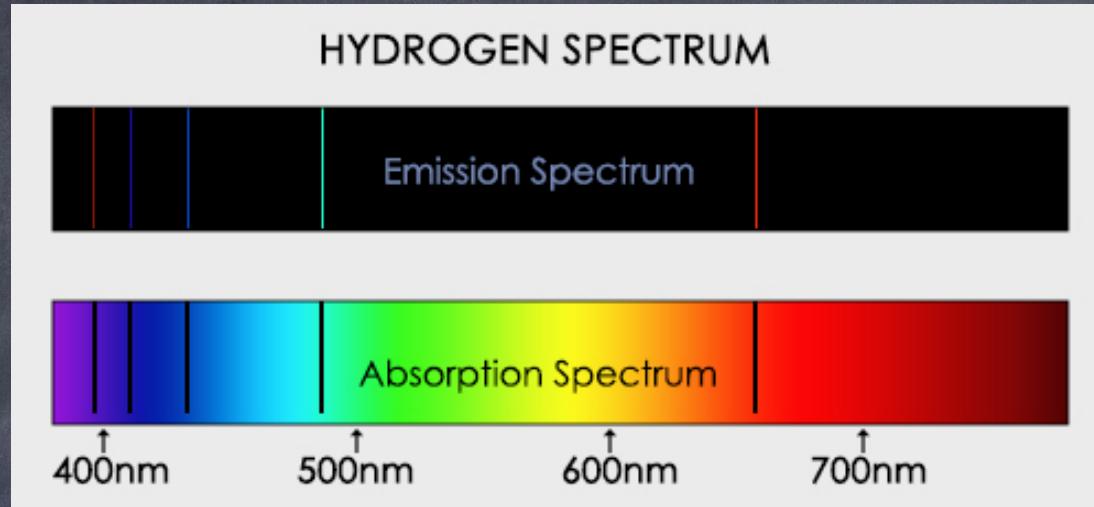
These are 2D  
standing waves  
described by  
~~the~~ two  
"quantum number"

Balmer series

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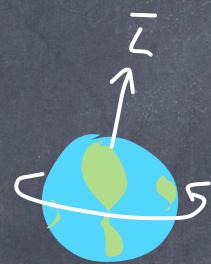
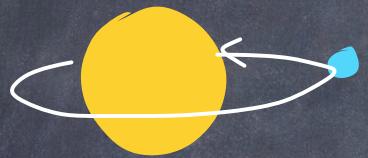
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The electron has something called spin.  
Spin is intrinsic angular momentum.

The earth has orbital  
angular  
momentum.



The earth also  
has spin.

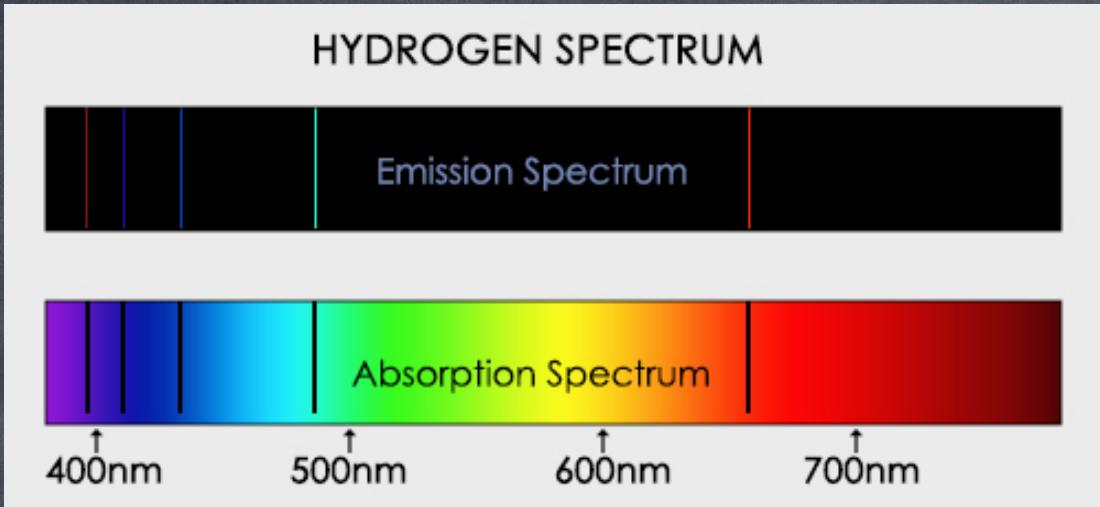
Similarly, the electron has spin.



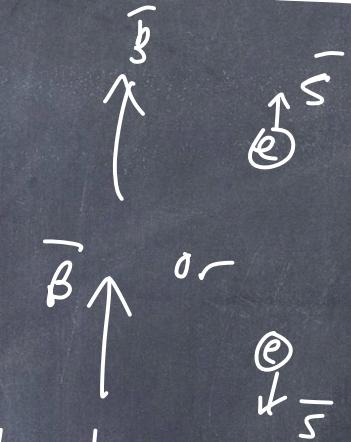
$$S = \frac{1}{2}\hbar \quad \text{has values } -\frac{1}{2}\hbar \quad \text{or} \quad +\frac{1}{2}\hbar$$

~~In~~ In addition to  $n, l, m_l$ ,  
the atom has an additional quantum  
number to describe the electron  
spin  $m_s = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $-\frac{1}{2}$

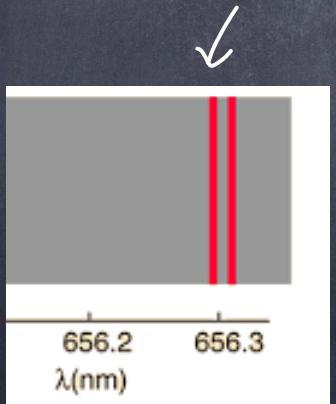
Fine Structure is 4th quantum number,  $m_s$



from spin of electron  
when atom is in magnetic field.



correspond to  
either  $m_s = \frac{+1}{2}$  or  $\frac{-1}{2}$



$2_p$  line is actually split into two energy levels

