

Spatial quantization

Angular momentum is a vector $\vec{L}$

Both the magnitude and the components of $\vec{L}$ are quantized

$$L = l\hbar \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$L_z = m\hbar$$

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

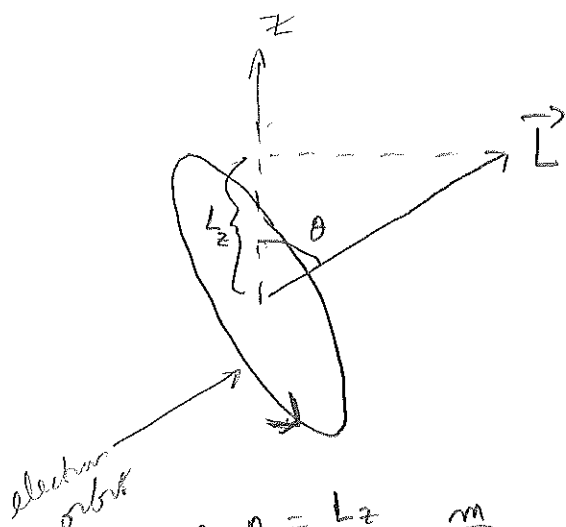
$$\text{since } |L_z| \leq L$$

(do not
confuse with
mass)

$2l+1$ possible values (multiplicity)

(It might seem impossible for both magnitude & all components to be integer multiples of $\hbar$, but we'll see that only one component at a time can have a well-defined value)

let's pick L_z



$$\cos\theta = \frac{L_z}{L} = \frac{m}{l}$$

$\Rightarrow$ only certain directions of orbital plane allowed
"spatial quantization"

[see AEC logo]

But directions w.r.t. what?? Also, ϕ is not determined.
Don't take this picture literally! but result is valid

Correspondence principle: as $l \rightarrow \infty$, all directions allowed
as per classical expectation

l	name	m	multiplicity	
0	s (sharp)	0	singlet	
1	p (principal)	-1, 0, 1	triplet	} always odd
2	d (diffuse)	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	quintet	
3	f (fundamental)	-3... 3	septet	

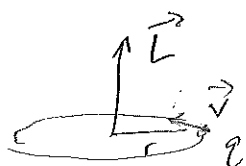
Experimental Evidence for spatial quantization

1) Zeeman effect: the splitting of spectra emitted by atoms in a uniform magnetic field

2) Stern-Gerlach experiment: deflection of the trajectories of atoms in a non-uniform magnetic field

[Atoms act like little magnets.]

Bohr model



A circulating charge q acts as an electromagnet
of dipole moment $\mu = IA$



$$A = \pi r^2, \quad I = \frac{q}{T}, \quad T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$

← classical results

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{qvr}{2} = \frac{q}{2m_e} L$$

$\vec{\mu}$ & $\vec{L}$ are both vectors so

$$\vec{\mu} = \left(\frac{q}{2m_e} \right) \vec{L}$$

called gyromagnetic ratio

Since L is quantized in Bohr model, so is μ

$$\mu = \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \right) l$$

$\mu_B =$ Bohr magneton = smallest unit of dipole moment

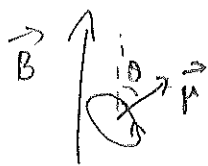
↳ typical magnetic moment of an atom (xc noble gases)

↳ of French & Taylor p 441

[Gaussian: $\mu = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$]

[paramagnetic $\Rightarrow$ perm. dipole moment, eg Ag, H]

A magnetic dipole ~~tries~~ ^{external} to align with an external magnetic field
 $\Rightarrow \vec{B}$ exerts a torque on $\vec{\mu}$



$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = -\mu B \cos\theta \quad (\text{min. energy when aligned})$$

[Unlike a compass needle, an atom will precess around $\vec{B}$ axis (like a gyroscope)]

↓
will derive later

Energy of Bohr atom in an external magnetic field

$$E = E_n - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

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

energy level w/o B field

$$= E_n + \frac{e}{2m_e} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{L}$$

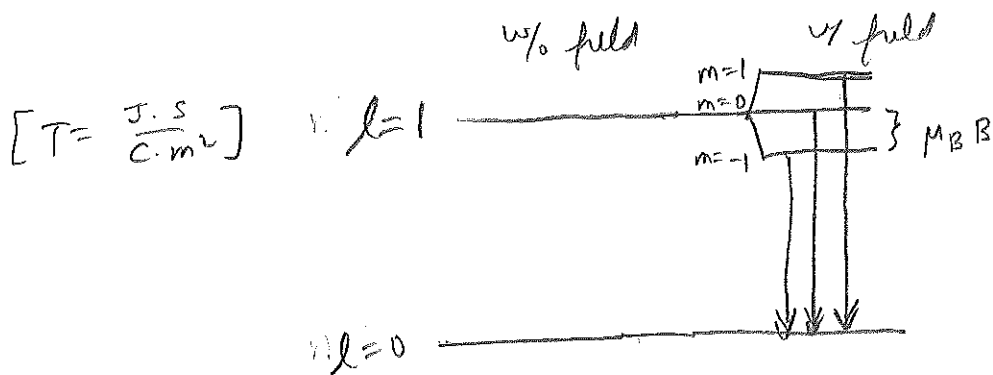
$$\text{Let } \vec{B} = B \hat{z}$$

$$= E_n + \frac{eB}{2m_e} L_z$$

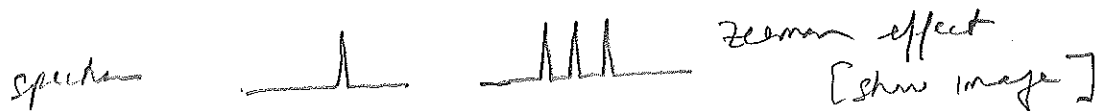
Spatial quantization $L_z = m\hbar$

$$E = E_n + (\mu_B B) m$$

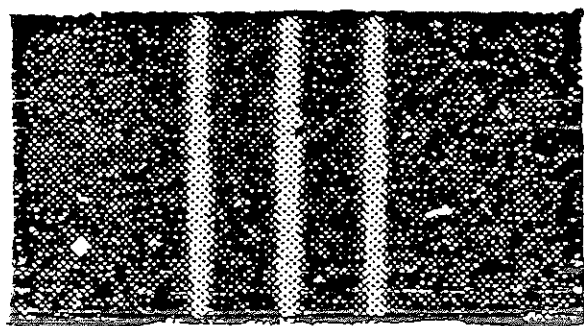
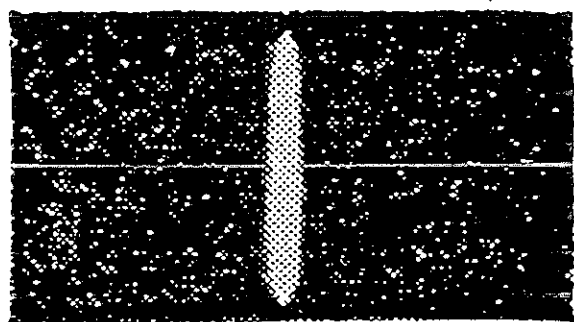
$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = 5.8 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{Tesla}} \Rightarrow (\mu_B B) m \text{ is a small perturbation}$$



[If no spatial quantization then line broadening not splitting]



Zinc Singlet



Normal Triplet