

# **PHY 742 Quantum Mechanics II**

**12-12:50 PM MWF Olin 103**

## **Plan for Lecture 5**

**Approximate solutions for stationary states**

**Perturbation theory examples (Chap. 13) –**

- 1. The Van der Waals interaction**
- 2. The Zeeman and Paschen-Back effects**
- 3. The hyperfine interaction**

# Course schedule for Spring 2022

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

|   | Lecture date    | Reading        | Topic  | HW | Due date   |
|---|-----------------|----------------|--|----|------------|
| 1 | Mon: 01/10/2022 | Chap. 12       | Approximate solutions for stationary states --<br>The variational approach       | #1 | 01/14/2022 |
| 2 | Wed: 01/12/2022 | Chap. 12 C     | Approximate solutions for stationary states --<br>Perturbation theory            | #2 | 01/19/2022 |
| 3 | Fri: 01/14/2022 | Chap. 12 D     | Approximate solutions for stationary states --<br>Degenerate perturbation theory | #3 | 01/21/2022 |
|   | Mon: 01/17/2022 |                | MLK Holiday -- no class  |    |            |
| 4 | Wed: 01/19/2022 | Chap. 12 C & D | Approximate solutions for stationary states --<br>Additional tricks              | #4 | 01/24/2022 |
| 5 | Fri: 01/21/2022 | Chap. 13       | Examples of the use of perturbation theory                                       | #5 | 01/26/2022 |
| 6 | Mon: 01/24/2022 | Chap. 12 B     | WKB approximation  |    |            |
| 7 | Wed: 01/26/2022 | Chap. 14       | Scattering theory  |    |            |

# PHY 742 -- Assignment #5

January 21, 2022

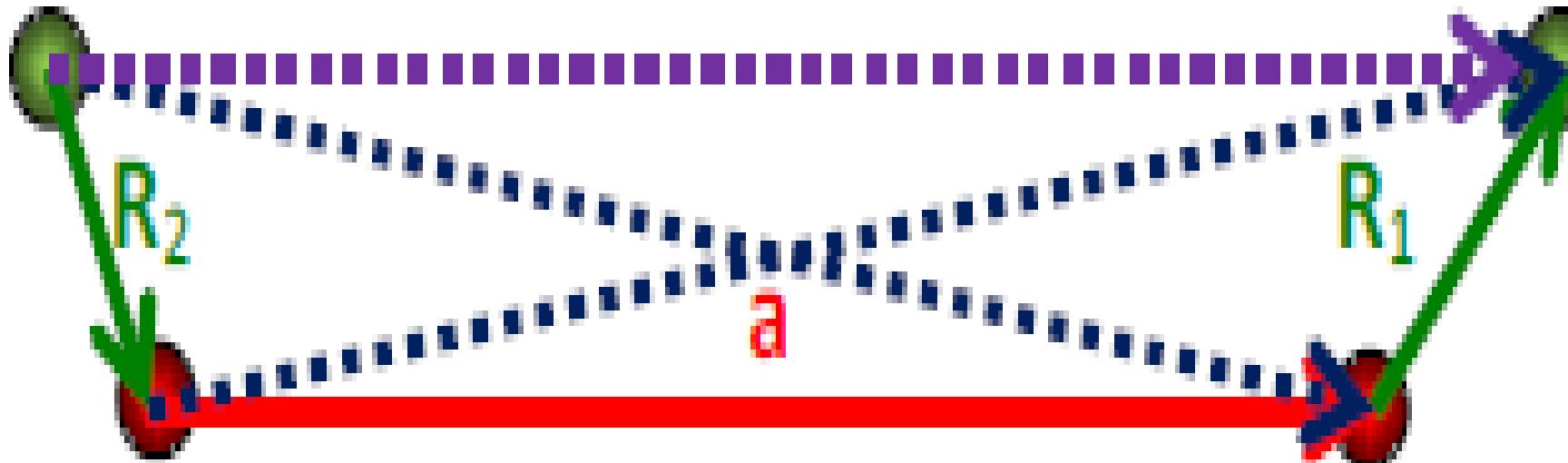
Read Chapter 13 in **Carlson's** textbook.

1. Derive some of the steps for estimating the Van der Waals interaction for two ground state H atoms separated by a distance  $a$  as discussed in your text book and in class.

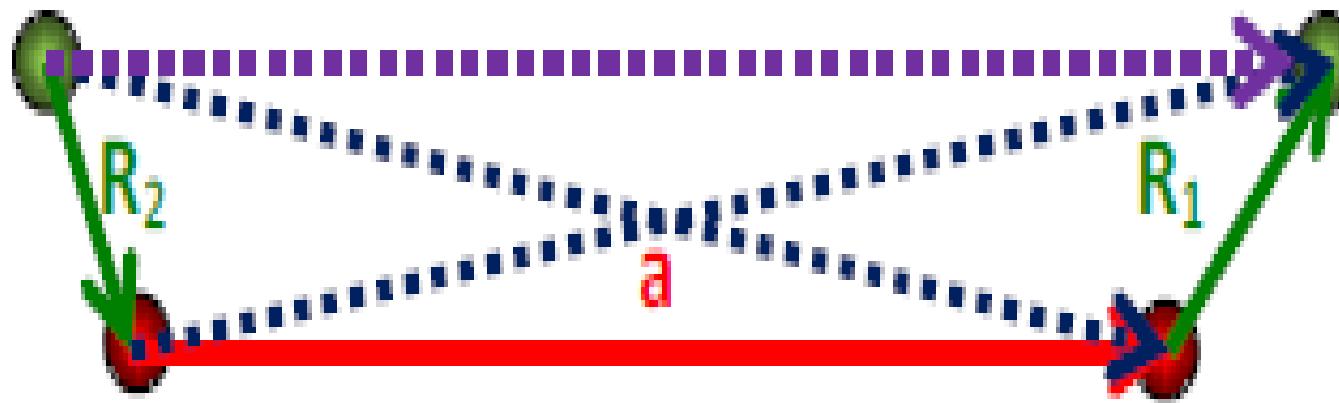
## The Van der Waals interaction –

→ The dominant interaction between two neutral but polarizable systems

$$W_{\text{VdW}} = -\frac{A}{R^6} \quad \text{approximately due to two induced dipoles at distance } R$$

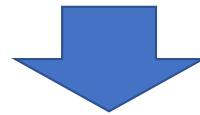


$$H = \frac{\mathbf{P}_1^2 + \mathbf{P}_2^2}{2m} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_2|} + \left( \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a}|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_2|} + \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2|} \right)$$



**Figure 13-3:** The various distances involved in the interaction of two atoms. The nuclei (red) are separated by  $\mathbf{a}$ , and the electrons (green) are separated from their respective nuclei. The nuclei repel each other, (red arrow), and they attract their respective electrons (green arrows). They also attract the distant electrons (dashed blue arrow) and the electrons repel each other (dashed purple arrow).

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{P}_1^2 + \mathbf{P}_2^2}{2m} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_2|} + \left( \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a}|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_2|} + \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2|} \right)$$



$$H_0 = \frac{\mathbf{P}_1^2 + \mathbf{P}_2^2}{2m} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_2|}$$

$$W = \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a}|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_2|} + \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2|}$$

**Zero order Hamiltonian**

**Perturbation Hamiltonian**

Zero order wavefunction

$$|0\rangle = |100;100\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} e^{-R_1/a_0 - R_2/a_0}$$

## Leading contributions to perturbing Hamiltonian

$$W = \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a}|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_2|} + \frac{k_e e^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2|}.$$

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R}|} = \left[ (a + Z)^2 + X^2 + Y^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{a} \left[ 1 + \frac{2Z}{a} + \frac{\mathbf{R}^2}{a^2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{a} \left[ 1 - \frac{Z}{a} - \frac{\mathbf{R}^2}{2a^2} + \frac{3Z^2}{2a^2} \right] + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{k_e e^2}{a} \left\{ 1 - 1 + \frac{Z_1}{a} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_1^2 - 3Z_1^2}{2a^2} - 1 + \frac{Z_2}{a} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_2^2 - 3Z_2^2}{2a^2} + 1 - \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{a} - \frac{(\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2)^2 - 3(Z_1 + Z_2)^2}{2a^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_e e^2 a^{-3} (6Z_1 Z_2 - 2\mathbf{R}_1 \cdot \mathbf{R}_2) = k_e e^2 a^{-3} (2Z_1 Z_2 - X_1 X_2 - Y_1 Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Estimating leading term of perturbation energy --

$$\tilde{W} = \frac{k_e e^2}{a^3} (2Z_1 Z_2 - X_1 X_2 - Y_1 Y_2)$$

Zero-order wavefunction:  $|0\rangle = |100;100\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} e^{-R_1/a_0 - R_2/a_0}$

First order energy:  $E_0^1 = \langle 0 | \tilde{W} | 0 \rangle = 0$

Second order energy:  $E_0^2 = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\langle 0 | \tilde{W} | n \rangle \langle n | \tilde{W} | 0 \rangle}{E_0 - E_n}$

Your textbook uses several approximations to estimate

$$-\frac{8k_e e^2 a_0^5}{a^6} \leq E_0^2 \leq -\frac{8k_e e^2 a_0^5}{a^6} \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^{10}$$

**HW #5 involves examining this result**

Generalization of this result concludes that the dominant interaction of two induced dipoles at distance  $R$  takes the form:

$$W_{\text{VdW}} = -\frac{A}{R^6}$$

**Now consider the effects of a uniform magnetic field on atom which has angular momentum and spin --**

## Degenerate perturbation theory example for effects of a constant magnetic field $\mathbf{B}$ on an atom

$$H = \frac{\left(\mathbf{p} + \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{A}\right)^2}{2m} + V(r) + g\mu_B \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} / \hbar$$

$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

Keeping only terms to linear order in  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$H^1 = \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

Detail:

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Vector potential  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B}$

$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2mc}$$

$$|g| = 2.00231930436182$$

**What is missing from the total perturbation?**

## Degenerate perturbation theory example for effects of a constant magnetic field $\mathbf{B}$ on an atom – including the effects of spin-orbit interaction

$$H = \frac{\left(\mathbf{p} + \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{A}\right)^2}{2m} + V(r) + G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + g\mu_B\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} / \hbar$$



$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

Keeping only terms to linear order in  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$H^1 = G(r)\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

Where:  
 $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

$$= \frac{G(r)}{2} (\mathbf{J}^2 - \mathbf{L}^2 - \mathbf{S}^2) + \mu_B (\mathbf{J} + (g-1)\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

Note that, as will be discussed in more detail in a later lecture and mentioned in Chap. 13, the coefficient  $G(r)$  in the expression for the spin-orbit interaction is given by:

$$G(r) = \frac{g}{2m^2c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV_c(r)}{dr}$$

## Perturbation theory treatment of uniform and constant magnetic fields on atomic states -- continued

$$H = H^0 + H^1$$

$$H^0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V(r)$$

$$H^1 = G(r) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

For the effects on a H atom in the  $n = 2$  states:

$\Rightarrow 8 \times 8$  perturbation matrix:

$$\langle 2lm m_s | H^1 | 2l'm' m'_s \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & \text{Red Box} \\ & \\ & \text{Blue Box} \\ & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^1 = G(r) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\langle 2lm m_s | H^1 | 2lm' m'_s \rangle = \begin{cases} l=0 \\ l=1 \end{cases}$$

$$m'_s = \frac{1}{2} \quad -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\langle 200m_s | H^1 | 200m'_s \rangle = \begin{matrix} m_s = \frac{1}{2} \\ m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g\mu_B B}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{g\mu_B B}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^1 = G(r) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\langle 21mm_s | H^1 | 21m'm_{s'} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} m'm_{s'} & 1\frac{1}{2} & 1-\frac{1}{2} & 0\frac{1}{2} & 0-\frac{1}{2} & -1\frac{1}{2} & -1-\frac{1}{2} \\ mm_s & 1\frac{1}{2} & X & & & & \\ & 1-\frac{1}{2} & & X & X & & \\ & 0\frac{1}{2} & & & X & X & \\ & 0-\frac{1}{2} & & & & X & X \\ & -1\frac{1}{2} & & & & X & X \\ & -1-\frac{1}{2} & & & & & X \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{2} (S_- L_+ + S_+ L_-) + S_z L_z$$

$$J_{\pm} |jm\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{j^2 - m^2 + j \mp m} |j(m \pm 1)\rangle$$

$$H^1 = G(r) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

$$\text{Let } \gamma \equiv \frac{\langle 21 | G(r) | 21 \rangle}{2\hbar^2}$$

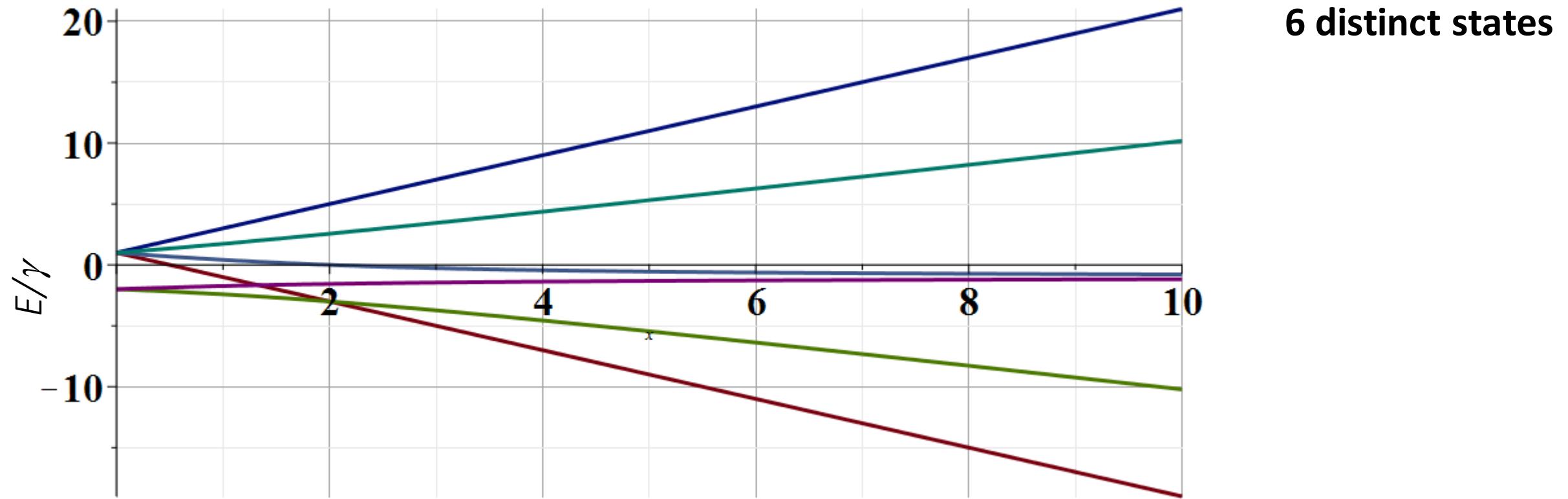
$$\beta \equiv \mu_B B_0$$

$$\langle 21mm_s | H^1 | 21m'm_{s'} \rangle =$$

$$\begin{matrix}
 & m'm_{s'} = 1\frac{1}{2} & 1\frac{-1}{2} & 0\frac{1}{2} & 0\frac{-1}{2} & -1\frac{1}{2} & -1\frac{-1}{2} \\
 mm_s = & 
 \left( \begin{array}{cccccc}
 1\frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\gamma + \beta(1-g/2) & \sqrt{2}\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1\frac{-1}{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & \beta g/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\beta g/2 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & 0 & 0 \\
 0\frac{-1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\gamma & -\gamma - \beta(1-g/2) & 0 & 0 \\
 -1\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma - \beta(1+g/2) & 0 \\
 -1\frac{-1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma - \beta(1+g/2)
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{matrix}$$

$$H^1 = G(r) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{B} / \hbar$$

Evaluated for degenerate states  $|nlmm_s\rangle = |21mm_s\rangle$



**Now consider internal magnetic fields within an atom**

**In PHY 712 we will derive the famous hyperfine interaction potential --**

$$\mathbf{B}_{\mu_e}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{3\hat{\mathbf{r}}(\mu_e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) - \mu_e}{r^3} + \frac{8\pi}{3} \mu_e \delta(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

Magnetic field near nucleus due to orbiting electron:

$$\mathbf{B}_O(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{e}{m_e} L_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left\langle \frac{1}{r^3} \right\rangle$$

"Hyperfine" interaction energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{HF} &= -\mu_N \cdot (\mathbf{B}_{\mu_e}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{B}_O(\mathbf{r})) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{3(\mu_N \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})(\mu_e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) - \mu_N \cdot \mu_e}{r^3} + \frac{8\pi}{3} \mu_N \cdot \mu_e \delta(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{e}{m_e} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{L} \cdot \mu_N}{r^3} \right\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Notation in your textbook:**

$$\mathbf{m}_p = \frac{g_p e}{2m_p} \mathbf{I}, \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mu_N$$

**Here the quantum operator  $\mathbf{I}$  references the nuclear spin**

**Hyperfine Hamiltonian discussed in your textbook**

$$W_{\text{HF}} = \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{8\pi m m_p} \left\{ \frac{1}{R^3} \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \frac{1}{R^3} \left[ 3(\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{S})(\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{I}) - \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{S} \right] + \frac{8\pi}{3} \delta^3(\mathbf{R}) \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{S} \right\}.$$

**To be continued on Monday --**