

Structural Chemistry-2009 update -- Engel Ch. 12,
also: Atkins Ch.9, alternate: Hanna, House, Blinder

To understand structure must come to terms with
atoms \leftrightarrow make molecules and of course then with
electrons/nuclei \leftrightarrow make up atoms!

Study of interaction of small particles \Rightarrow

Quantum Mechanics \rightarrow

Here **“Quantum Chemistry”** \rightarrow Molecular scale theory

Also explains: Spectroscopy, Dynamics, Binding,
Conformation...

big issue particles \leftrightarrow waves frequency $\nu = c/\lambda$ wavelength

Why a special mechanics for small particles?

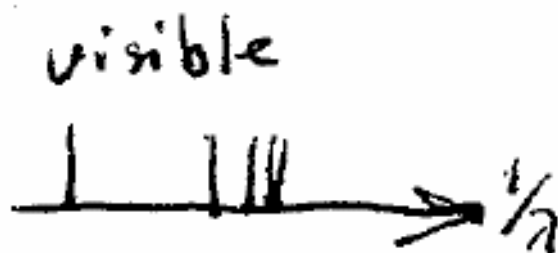
19th century “everything worked out”

Newton mechanics – continuous

Maxwell relations (E & M)

Some little problems:

a. Excite elements in discharge –
emission spectra, only at
specific wavelengths



H-atom: $1/\lambda = R (1/n_1^2 - 1/n_2^2)$ vis- Balmer $n_1 = 2$

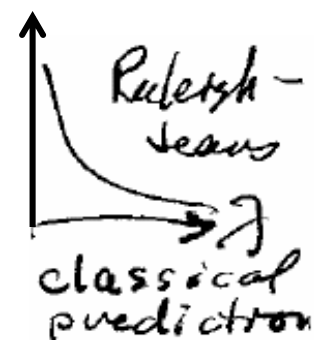
Others: Lyman – uv $n_1=1$, Paschen near IR etc.

$R = 109,677 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ – why discrete?

b. Black-body radiation



— if all possible wavelengths possible, probability would **blow up at short λ**



Concept—can get more short waves in a cavity

If all λ equally probable

Actual Shape (energy distribution with λ) observed rises with dec. λ to **maximum**, then steep fall off at short λ



Observations:

Stefan-Boltzmann – **Energy density** $\sim T^4$

$$M = \sigma T^4 \quad \sigma \sim 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Wm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$$

Wein – distribution **maximum depend inversely on T**

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = \text{constant} = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$$

Several people tried to derive it classically – fail

Planck \rightarrow assume oscillators could only have energies

$E \sim 0, h\nu, 2h\nu, 3h\nu, \dots$ – restriction, non-classical

h – constant – function to distributions

$\nu = c/\lambda$ \rightarrow frequency

Then used Statistical-Thermo ideas to get distribution

$$\rho(\lambda) = \left(\frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \right) \left(\frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} \right)$$

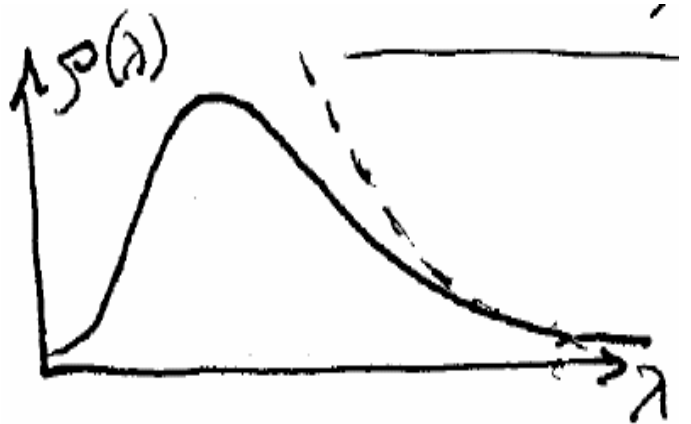
Test:

energy density from “hole” as function λ (and T)
long λ – $h\nu/kT \rightarrow 0$

Mult. top/bot. by $e^{-hc/\lambda kT}$, expand $e^{-x} = 1 - x + 1/2x^2$ etc.

$$\rho(\lambda) \sim \left(\frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \right) \left(\frac{1 - hc/\lambda kT + \dots}{1 - 1 + hc/\lambda kT + \dots} \right)$$

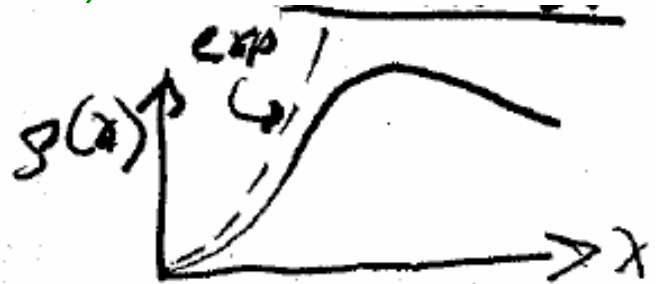
$$\sim \left(\frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \right) \left(\frac{\lambda kT}{hc} - \dots \right)$$



$\sim 8\pi kT/\lambda^4 \Rightarrow$ This is classical (Wein displacement) result fits long λ behavior

Short λ -- $\rho(\lambda) \cong (8\pi hc/\lambda^5)(e^{-hc/kT\lambda})$

as λ increased exponential term builds from zero to be much greater than 1-simplify



In between long - short λ ,

$\rho(\lambda)$ must have a maximum

$$\text{max: } (d\rho/d\lambda) = 0 = [-5/\lambda^6 - (hc/kT\lambda^5)(-1/\lambda^2)]$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_{\text{max}} T = \text{constant} = hc/5k \text{ -- Stefan-Boltzmann}$$

Result:

a) $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J's - note: this is an angular momentum

b) form of $\rho(\lambda)$ fits observation "perfectly"

Justify assumption $E = 0, h\nu, 2h\nu$, etc. by fitting observation (not "proven")

Photoelectric Effect – Einstein explain-- light on metal,
electrons emitted

K.E. of electrons

depend on ν

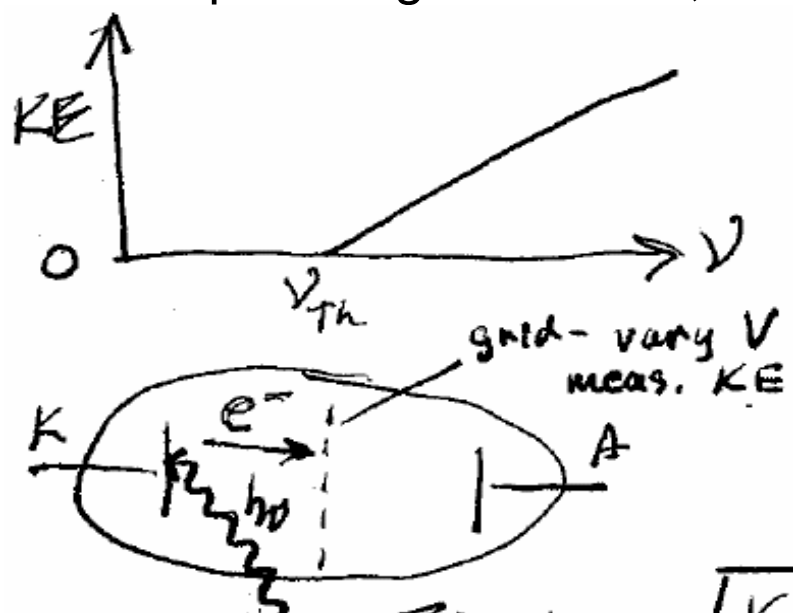
– long $\lambda \rightarrow$ no elect.

– ν_{th} – threshold for
appearance

-- K.E. linear dep. on ν

– Intensity not affect E,
just number of
electrons (current)

\rightarrow light acting like a particle



$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v_e^2 = h(\nu - \nu_{Th}) = h\nu - \Phi$$

Φ – work function

So far: Energy limited to discrete values – Planck $h\nu$

Light (wave) behave particle – Einstein photoelectric

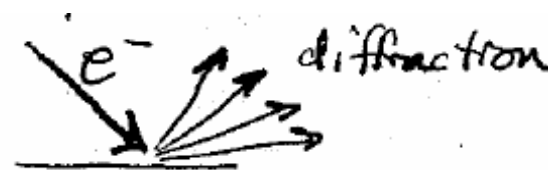
key – threshold – frequency \Leftrightarrow energy

– intensity (classically E-field)

\Rightarrow number of electrons, not energy

Complement: **Davisson-Germer**

e-beam – fixed energy onto
(metal) ordered surface



diffract \rightarrow at specific angles due to periodic structure

\rightarrow analogous to diffract x-rays or light from grating

electrons are particles \rightarrow behave as a wave

Combine → **Louis de Broglie**: $\lambda = h/p$ or $p = h/\lambda$
momentum of particle relate to $1/\lambda = v/c$
 (or frequency of light relate to its momentum)

$$v \longleftrightarrow p$$

Wave-Particle Duality – Central to Schrödinger QM
 – property of small particles / high energies

Catch: a wave has no position so specify $\lambda \rightarrow x$ problem
 Also: if particle localize can't oscillate $\rightarrow v$ problem

Heisenberg propose this to be fundamental limit

$$\Delta p_x \Delta x \geq \hbar / 2$$

position and momentum
 complementary variables

Uncertainty principle – cannot know both x, p_x precisely

So now: have **energy limited (quantized)**
 have light behave like particles
 particle like light (quantized)

Big Deal – not continuous like classical

So what about those line spectra?
 Somehow light / frequency limited -- discrete

Atoms (Rutherford) became clear dense nucleus (+)
 electrons must be outside – postulate in “orbits”?

Bohr postulate (we moved back a decade – 1913)

a) Energy (light) emit only when change orbits

b) Frequency of light jump orbits

$$\Delta E/h = \nu \quad (\text{relate to energy, } E \text{ – like Einstein})$$

c) “Orbit” → relate electrostatic attraction e^- and p^+ to centripetal force

* d) Angular momentum restricted $nh/2\pi$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Look up **derivation** – fairly simple

$$E = T + V = 1/2mv^2 - Ze^2/r$$

c) equate coulomb-centripetal forces: $-Ze^2/r^2 = m(-v^2/r)$
 solve: $mv^2 = Ze^2/r$ then plug in: $E = -Ze^2/2r$

d) substitute angular moment. assump: $r \cdot p = r \cdot mv = n\hbar$
 $r = n^2 \hbar^2 / Ze^2 m$ where: $\hbar = h/2\pi$ & $mv^2 = Ze^2/r = n^2 \hbar^2 / mr^2$

$$E = -Z^2 e^4 m / 2n^2 \hbar^2 \Rightarrow \Delta E = h\nu = R(1/n_1^2 - 1/n_2^2)$$

For $Z=1$ Rydberg: $R = e^4 m / 2 \hbar^2$ in J (norm. in cm^{-1})

Bohr result explain **H-atom discrete line spectra**

$$E \sim 1/n^2 \quad \Delta E \sim R(1/n_1^2 - 1/n_2^2)$$

Also worked for He^+ , Li^{2+} etc. 1-e atoms

Depended on assuming **angular momentum quantized**

This is same as assume – fixed orbits

Recall de Broglie $\lambda = h/p = h/mv$ for particle

if particle on a ring $2\pi r = n\lambda$

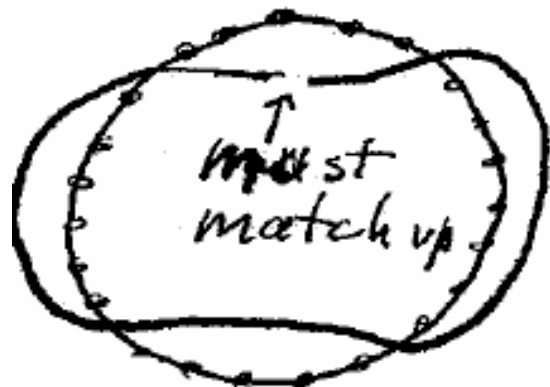
circumference have **integer**

number wave lengths

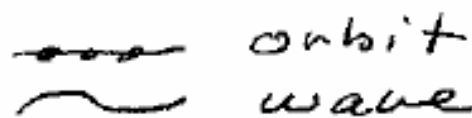
plug in: $2\pi r = n(h/mv)$

$\rightarrow mvr = n\hbar$ matches

Bohr's assumption (10 years later)



Again **waves** \leftrightarrow **particles** are key



With this set-up time was right to generalize Bohr model great for H / fail for He⁰

Problem \rightarrow **assumption pseudo classical**

1926

Schrödinger developed a **wave – mechanics**

treat particles with wave properties

(relate to wave equation of Maxwell but different)

Heisenberg same time did a **matrix – mechanics**

fully consistent but judged more difficult concept

[**Dirac** later added **relativity** – source of **spin**]

Postulates – simplest approach - wave–quantum mech.
idea just like Thermo – postulate set of rules
 – derive properties
 – test against observables

Catch – initially must just accept, no rationale, then test
 → little physical picture → See Atkins QM book

Postulate 1: State of a system fully described by a
wavefunction: $\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, t)$

> variables ($\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2$ - xyz coord. particle 1, 2, t = time)
 > Anything not in wave fct. cannot be known in QM

Shorthand – **represent state by quant. num.** $\psi_{n,\ell,m,\dots}$
 – or observables $\psi_{a,b,c}$ - *helpful for us, not w/f*

Alternative: $|n \ell m_\ell \dots\rangle$ **vector bracket** from Heisenberg

Postulate 2: Observables correspond to operators Ω

summary: constant: $c \rightarrow c \bullet$ *concept: mult. ψ*
 variable: $x \rightarrow x \bullet$ e.g. position
 function: $f(x) \rightarrow f(x) \bullet$ e.g. PE: $V(x)$
momentum: $p_x \rightarrow -(i\hbar/2\pi)d/dx \bullet = -i\hbar d/dx$

Operators act on w/f – typical: multiplication, derivation

$[\alpha, \beta] = [\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha]$ – **commutator**,

Constraint is that $[x, p_x]\psi = [xp_x - p_x x]\psi = i\hbar \psi$

recall: $d/dx(y\psi) = (y d/dx)\psi + (dy/dx)\psi$

here x, p_x **do not commute**, since $[x, p_x]\psi \neq 0$

Properties: if $\Omega f(x) = w f(x) \rightarrow$ eigenvalue equation
 if operate Ω or $f(x)$ and result is w , a **constant** * $f(x)$
 f is **eigenfunction** of Ω with **eigenvalue** w

Many possibilities \rightarrow **examples:**

a) let $\mathbf{A} = d/dx$

$$\mathbf{A}e^{ax} = ae^{ax}$$

$$\mathbf{A}e^{ax^2} = 2ax e^{ax^2}$$

$f = e^{ax}$ eigenfunction of \mathbf{A}

$f' = e^{ax^2}$ not eigenfunction of \mathbf{A}

$2ax$ not a constant

b) or $\mathbf{B} = d^2/dx^2$

$\mathbf{B} \sin bx = -b^2 \sin bx$ $g = \sin bx$ is eigenfunction \mathbf{B}

$\mathbf{B} e^{ax} = a^2 e^{ax}$ $g' = e^{ax}$ also eigenfunction \mathbf{B}

Could also do **linear combinations**

$\{f_n\}$ set of eigenfunction of Ω

if complete set $g(x) = \sum_{n=1} c_n f_n$ and let $\Omega f_n = w_n f_n$

then $\Omega g = \Omega \sum c_n f_n = \sum_n c_n \Omega f_n = \sum_n c_n w_n f_n$

This is not an eigenfct relation unless $w_n = w$ all w_n

$$\Omega g = \Omega \sum c'_n f_n \neq cg$$

$$= w \sum c_n f_n = wg \quad \text{if all } w_n \text{ equal}$$

\Rightarrow degenerate (product of symmetry)

Evaluating Observables

Postulate 3: If system is described by ψ_i and ψ_i is an eigenfunction of α , where α is operator corresponding to observable a

Then every measurement yield a_i the eigenvalue

$$\alpha\psi_i = a_i\psi_i$$

ψ_i – set of eigenfunction

a_i – corresponding eigenvalue, for operator α

Postulate 4: If ψ is not eigenfunction then the average observed value is “expectation value”

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \frac{\int \psi^* \alpha \psi d\tau}{\int \psi^* \psi d\tau} \quad \psi^* \text{ -- complex conjugate } \psi, \text{ change } i \rightarrow -i$$

τ – integrate over all variables

ex: a) let $\psi = e^{ax}$ evaluate p_x – momentum

$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} e^{ax} = (-i\hbar a) e^{ax}$$

this is eigenvalue equation $\rightarrow \langle p_x \rangle = -i\hbar a$

b) let $\psi = \cos ax$

$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \cos ax = i\hbar a \sin ax \quad \text{not eigenvalue}$$

$$\langle p_x \rangle = \frac{\int (\cos ax) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} (\cos ax) dx}{\int \cos^2 ax dx} = \frac{-a\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos ax \sin ax dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos^2 ax dx} = 0$$

(numerator odd function, symmetric integral zero)

[meaning: p_x is \rightarrow or \leftarrow so average cancels out]

Schrödinger equation – many ways to get
 – here use postulates --> create an **Energy operator**
 “Hamiltonian” – classical operator for total Energy
 $H = T + V = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + V(x) = p^2/2m + V(x) \rightarrow \text{KE+PE}$

Quantum Mechanics

$$H = T + V = (-\hbar^2/2m) d^2/dx^2 + V(x) \rightarrow \text{1-D}$$

$$H = -\hbar^2/2m \nabla^2 + V(x,y,z) \quad \text{3-D Hamiltonian operator}$$

$$\nabla^2 = d^2/dx^2 + d^2/dy^2 + d^2/dz^2 \quad \text{Laplacian} = \nabla \cdot \nabla$$

$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \nabla = d/dx \mathbf{i} + d/dy \mathbf{j} + d/dz \mathbf{k} \text{ - vector op.}$$

$$\boxed{H\psi = E\psi = [(-\hbar^2/2m) \nabla^2 + V(x,y,z)]\psi = E\psi} \quad \text{"gradient"}$$

If ψ is eigenfct of H then eigen values (E) \rightarrow total energy

Use these eigenvalue properties:

Expand arbitrary wavefcts in eigenfct of operator α

$$\alpha f_n = a f_n \quad \{f_n\} \rightarrow \text{complete set}$$

$$\psi = \sum_n c_n f_n$$

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \int \psi^* \alpha \psi d\tau / \int \psi^* \psi d\tau \quad \rightarrow \text{expectation value}$$

but f_n are normalized and orthogonal (**orthonormal**--later)

$$\int \psi^* \psi d\tau = \sum_n \sum_m \int (c_n^* f_n^*) (c_m f_m) d\tau$$

$$= \sum_n \sum_m c_n^* c_m \int f_n^* f_m d\tau$$

$$= \sum_n |c_n|^2 = 1$$

$$\int f_n^* f_m d\tau = \delta_{nm} \begin{cases} = 1 & n = m \\ = 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\int \psi^* \alpha \psi \, d\tau &= \sum_n \sum_m \int c_n^* f_n^* \alpha c_m f_m \\ &= \sum_{n,m} c_n^* c_m a_m \delta_{nm} \\ \langle \alpha \rangle &= \sum_n |c_n|^2 a_n\end{aligned}$$

→ weighted sum of eigenvalues → expectation value

(Note: integral not necessary, if know eigenvalues)

Note 2: time is not in the above equation as given so →

Postulate 5: Time evolution of $\psi(x,y,z, \dots t)$ is

$$i\hbar \partial\psi/\partial t = H\psi$$

H → total Hamiltonian

time dependent Schrödinger → equ. for spectroscopy

if $H \neq H(t)$ let $\psi_i(x,y,z,t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi(x,y,z)$

$$i\hbar \partial/\partial t e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi = H e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi$$

$$i\hbar(-iE/\hbar) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi = e^{-iEt/\hbar} H \phi \quad \rightarrow \text{cancel } e^{-iEt/\hbar}, \text{ out of op.}$$

result, get back: $E\phi = H\phi$ – time independent

so in general for H without time dependence

can just use time independent result

Spectroscopy → light interaction is time dependent

Properties of operators

Hamiltonian operators – have **real eigenvalues** (i.e. can be measured) hence all **observables** correspond to **Hermitian operators** (not vice versa)

Hermitian definition: $\int \psi_m^* \Omega \psi_n d\tau = \left\{ \int \psi_n^* \Omega \psi_m d\tau \right\}^*$
 equivalent to: $\int \psi_m^* \Omega \psi_n d\tau = \int (\Omega \psi_m)^* \psi_n d\tau$

to simplify \rightarrow $\langle m | \Omega | n \rangle = \int \psi_m^* \Omega \psi_n d\tau$
 change notation $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 bracket – Dirac notation

Orthonormality $\langle n | m \rangle = \delta_{nm} = \int \psi_n^* \psi_n d\tau$

Hermiticity $\langle m | \Omega | n \rangle = \langle n | \Omega | m \rangle^*$

a) Prove: eigenvalues of Hermitian operator are real

$$\Omega |n\rangle = \omega_n |n\rangle \quad \text{operator left by } \langle n|$$

$$\omega_n = \langle n | \Omega | n \rangle = \langle n | \Omega | n \rangle^* = \omega_n^* \quad \rightarrow \text{real}$$

b) Prove: eigenfunction of Hermitian op. are orthogonal

$$\Omega |n\rangle = \omega_n |n\rangle \quad \Omega |m\rangle = \omega_m |m\rangle$$

$$\langle m | \Omega | n \rangle = \omega_n \langle m | n \rangle \quad \langle n | \Omega | m \rangle = \omega_m \langle n | m \rangle$$

c.c. and subtract (recall, c.c \rightarrow take neg. of all i)

$$\langle m | \Omega | n \rangle - \langle n | \Omega | m \rangle^* = (\omega_n - \omega_m) \langle n | m \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_n = \omega_m \quad \text{or} \quad \langle n | m \rangle = 0 \quad \text{– orthogonal}$$

important result - generalize operator form

Important

c) If two operators have simultaneous, arbitrarily precise eigenvalues in one state, then this is an eigenfunction of both and the operators commute.

$$\text{i.e. } \mathbf{A}\psi = a\psi \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}\psi = b\psi$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\psi = \mathbf{A}b\psi = b\mathbf{A}\psi = ba\psi = ab\psi = a(\mathbf{B}\psi) = \mathbf{B}(a\psi) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}\psi$$

$$\therefore [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 0$$

* prove to yourself the converse –

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 0 \rightarrow \psi \text{ eigenfunction of both } \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$$

Relate back to Uncertainty

This proves that momentum, position cannot be measured with arbitrary accuracy because $[x, p_x] = i\hbar$

however since $[x, y] = 0 \rightarrow$ can be measured

\therefore complementary operators do not commute