

Relativistic Correction

$$T = E_{\text{tot}} - mc^2 = \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2} - mc^2 =$$

$$= mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m^2 c^2}} - mc^2 \approx$$

$$\sqrt{1+x} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2$$

$$T = mc^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{m^2 c^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^4 c^4} \right) - mc^2 =$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2} \sim \frac{p^2}{2m} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

Relativistic Correction

$$\Rightarrow H_0 = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2m}}_{T_0} + H_{\text{Rel}} - \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

$$H_{\text{Rel}} = -\frac{1}{8} \frac{p^4}{m^3 c^2} = -\frac{1}{8m} \frac{p^4}{m^2 c^2} = -\frac{1}{2mc^2} T_0^2$$

$$H_{\text{Rel}} = -\frac{1}{2mc^2} T_0^2$$

in Natural Units

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Rel}} = -\frac{1}{2m} \hat{T}_0^2 \equiv \hat{H}_{\text{Kin}}$$

1st order Correction

$$\Delta_{\text{Kin}} = \langle \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} | \hat{H}_{\text{Kin}} | \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} \rangle =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2m} \langle \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} | H_0 - V | \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \phi | H_0^2 - H_0 V - V H_0 + V^2 | \phi \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} | H_0^2 | \phi_{j,m}^{n,e} \rangle = E_n^{2,0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi | H_0 V | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi | H_0 | \phi \rangle \langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle$$

$$= E_n^{1,0} \langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle$$

$$\langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle = ?$$

Virial Theorem

$$2 \langle \phi | T | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi | \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} V | \phi \rangle$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} V = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$2 \langle \phi | T | \phi \rangle = - \langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle \quad \text{2) } \langle V \rangle$$

$$2 \langle \phi | T + V_0 | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle$$

$$2 \langle \phi | H_0 | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle$$

$$\langle \phi | V | \phi \rangle = 2 E_n^0$$

$$\langle \phi | H_0 | \phi \rangle = 2 E_n^0$$

$$3) \langle \phi_0 | V H_0 | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi_0 | H_0 V | \phi \rangle$$

$$4) \langle \phi | V^2 | \phi \rangle = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \langle \phi | \frac{1}{r} | \phi \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\partial^4}{\partial r^4} \frac{1}{r}}{n^3 (n+\frac{1}{2})}$$

Combining 1) 2) 3) 4) Terms $E_n^0 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \frac{1}{r}$

$$\Delta_{kin} = -\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial r^4} \frac{1}{r} \right) =$$

$$= -\frac{\partial^4}{2m} \left(-\frac{3}{4n^4} + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial r^4} \frac{1}{r} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{\partial^4}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{(n+\frac{1}{2})} \right)$$

Fine Structure Constant

$$\Delta_{FS} = \Delta_{kin} + \Delta_{LS} =$$

$$\frac{\partial^4}{4n^3} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{(n+\frac{1}{2})} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{r^4} \right) + \frac{\partial^4}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{(n+\frac{1}{2})} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^4 \mu_B}{2n^4} \left(\frac{n}{2(l+1)(l+\frac{1}{2})} \left(-l(l+1) \right) + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{(l+\frac{1}{2})} \right)$$

Term

a) if $l = l + \frac{1}{2}$ $l = j - \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Term} &= \left(\frac{n}{2(j-\frac{1}{2})(j+\frac{1}{2})j} \left(j(j-\frac{1}{2}) \right) + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{j} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2(j+\frac{1}{2})j} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{j} \right) = \left(\frac{3}{4} - n \left(\frac{2j+1}{2j(j+\frac{1}{2})} - 1 \right) \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n}{2j+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

b) if $j = l - \frac{1}{2}$ $l = j + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Term} &= \left(\frac{-n(j+\frac{1}{2})}{2(j+\frac{1}{2})(j+\frac{3}{2})(j+1)} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{j+1} \right) = \\ &= \left(\frac{-n}{2(j+\frac{1}{2})(j+1)} - \frac{n}{j+1} + \frac{3}{4} \right) = \left(\frac{-n(2j+1)}{(2j+1)(j+1)} + \frac{3}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n}{2j+1} \rightarrow \text{The same as Term (a)} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Therefore

$$\Delta_{FS} = \frac{\alpha^4 \mu_B}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n}{2j+1} \right)$$

Splitting
Depends on j

$2P_{3/2}$ $2P_{1/2}$ - Split $E_n = -\frac{3^2 \alpha^2 \mu_B}{2n^2}$

$2S_{1/2}$ $2P_{1/2}$ - not splitting

$\Rightarrow$ Fine Structure of Hydrogen Atom

$$\Delta_{FS} = \frac{\alpha^4 \mu_B}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2n}{2j+1} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} j = l + \frac{1}{2} \\ j = l - \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}$$

$l < n-1$

- Splitting between $j = \frac{1}{2}$ $j = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\Delta_{FS}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\alpha^4 \mu_B}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - n \right)$$

$$\Delta_{FS}^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{\alpha^4 \mu_B}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$L_{10} = \frac{2n^4}{4} = 2n^4$$

$$\Delta F_{FS}^{J=\frac{3}{2}} - \Delta F_{FS}^{J=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\alpha^4 m}{2n^3} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\alpha^4 m}{4n^3}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Splitting starts to appear at $n=2$

$$\text{For } n=2 \quad \Delta F_{FS}^{\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\alpha^4 m}{32} = 4.528 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Excitation of $n=1 \rightarrow n=2$

$$\frac{\alpha^2 m}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3\alpha^2 m}{8} = 10.2 \text{ eV}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Energy Shift for $n=1$

$$\Delta F_{FS}(n=1) = \frac{\alpha^4 m}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} - 1\right) = -\frac{\alpha^4 m}{8} = -\frac{\alpha^4 m}{8}$$

$$\Delta F_{FS}(n=1) = 1.13 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$$

$$E_g = -\frac{\alpha^2 m}{2} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$