

- Hydrogen radial wave function  $R_{nl}(r)$ 
  - energy levels  $E_n$
  - degeneracy
- Full Hydrogen wave function
- Hydrogen fine-structure
- Atoms other than Hydrogen

## → Spherical Harmonics

Recap

→ are eigenfunctions of  $\hat{L}^2$ :

$$\hat{L}^2 Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = l(l+1)\hbar^2 Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

→ and are eigenfunctions of  $\hat{L}_z$  with  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\hat{L}_z Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = m\hbar Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

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

→ Degeneracy due to spherical symmetry:

for each  $l$ -value:  $(2l+1)$  states with different  $m$ -value, but same energy

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

→ Spin: angular momentum intrinsic to fundamental particles

$$\text{total angl. momentum } \vec{J} = \text{orb. angl. mom. } \vec{L} + \text{spin } \vec{S}$$

→ intrinsic: • not associated with orbital dynamics

• particle does not rotate about its "center of mass"

⇒ total angular momentum = orbital angular momentum + spin angular momentum

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

→ 1925, Uhlenbeck and Goudsmit: postulated that  $e^-$  have intrinsic angular momentum (spin), described by operators similar to orbital angular momentum operators:

$$\hat{S}^2 |s m_s\rangle = \hbar^2 s(s+1) |s m_s\rangle$$

↑ spin state
↑ spin quantum #

$$\hat{S}_z |s m_s\rangle = m_s \hbar |s m_s\rangle$$

$$[\hat{S}_x, \hat{S}_y] = i\hbar \hat{S}_z \dots$$

for electrons:  $S = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m_s = -\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}$  (not integer!)

(cesium:  $55 e^-$ : 54 paired such that their spin and orb. ang. momentum cancel; last unpaired  $e^-$ :  $l=0, s=\frac{1}{2}, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  2 beams  $\downarrow$   $\rightarrow$

• Spin  $1/2$  particles (electron, proton, ...)

$S = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m_s = \pm 1/2$  allowed  $\Rightarrow$  two spin eigenstates

- "spin up"  $|S m_s\rangle = |\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$  represented by  $\chi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- "spin down"  $|S m_s\rangle = |\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$  represented by  $\chi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{S}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = S(S+1)\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   
spinor

$$\hat{S}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = S(S+1)\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   $S^2$  operator  $\rightarrow$  matrix!  $\hat{S}^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$  similarly:

$$\hat{S}_z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = +\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{S}_z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{S}_z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = +\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hat{S}_z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \hat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\equiv \sigma_z$ : Pauli spin matrix  
(there are two more:  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$ , ...)

# VI<sub>6</sub> Hydrogen radial wave function $R_{nl}(r)$ and energy levels $E_n$ :

→ hydrogen wave function:  $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) Y_e^m(\theta, \phi)$

→ radial S.E. (2):

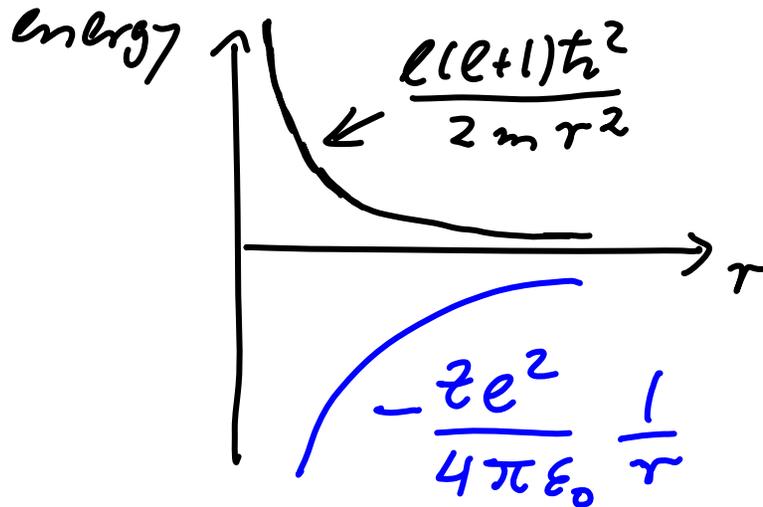
$$u(r=0) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \frac{u(r)}{r} Y_e^m(\theta, \phi)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u(r)}{dr^2} + \left\{ \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m r^2} - \frac{z e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \right\} u(r) = E u(r)$$

like 1-D S.E.!

Coulomb potential

$V_{\text{eff}}$ : effective potential  
with  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

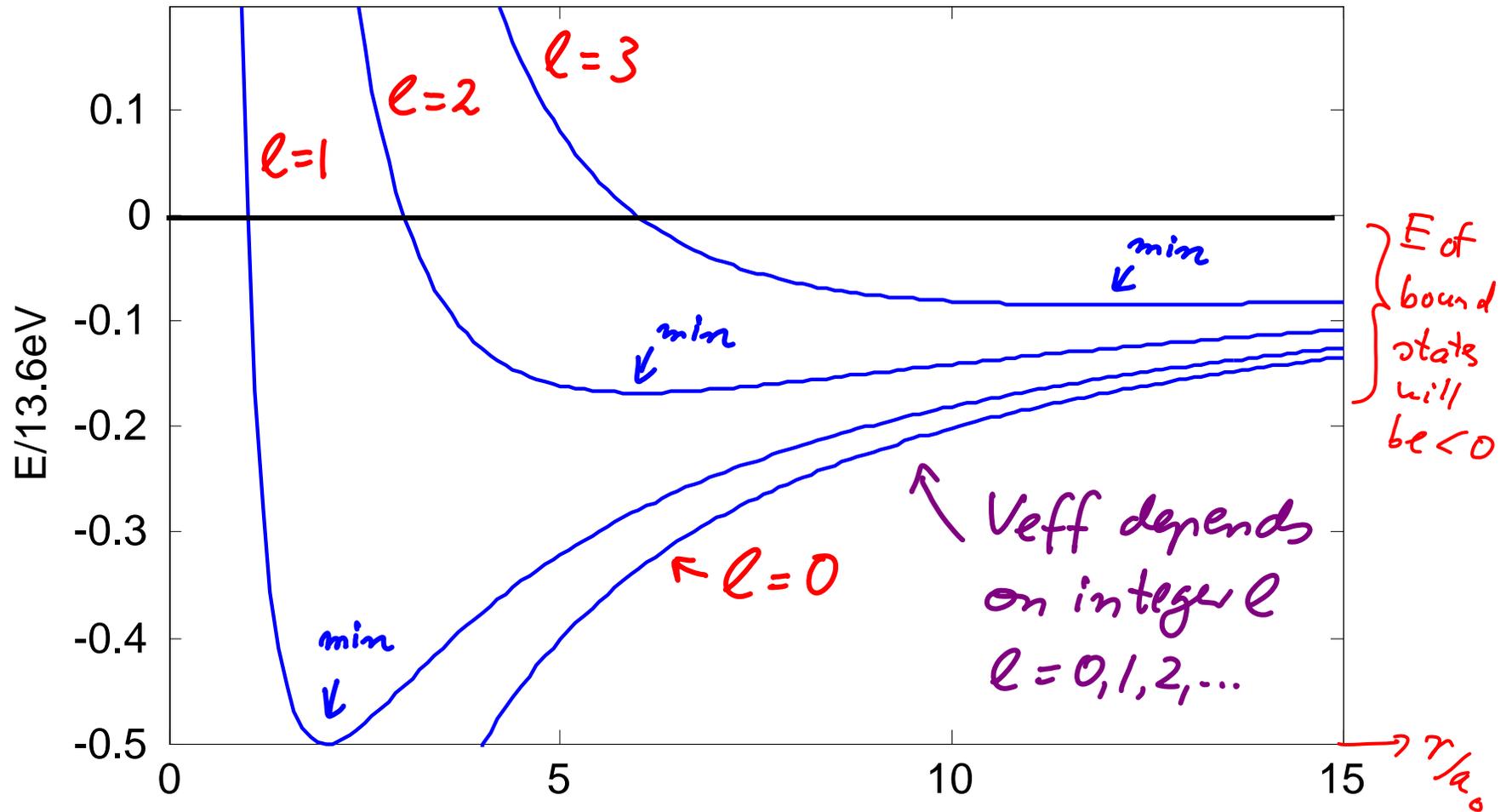


Note: as  $r \rightarrow 0$ :

$\frac{1}{r^2}$  diverges faster than  $\frac{1}{r}$

$\Rightarrow V_{\text{eff}} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} \infty$  for  $l > 0$

Effective Potential for Hydrogen:  $V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2m r^2} - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$



$\Rightarrow$  for each value of  $\ell$ : whole sequence of energy levels!

- solve radial equation ② for  $u(r)$ :

path: (similar to simple harmonic oscillator)

1) study asymptotic behavior for large  $r$  and  $r \rightarrow 0$

2) try:  $u(r) = (\text{asymptotic form}) \cdot \left( \begin{matrix} \text{power} \\ \text{series in } r \end{matrix} \right)$

$\Rightarrow$  gives recursion formula for coefficients  $c_j$  of power series

3) need to terminate power series to avoid  $u(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  gives  $E_n$ : allowed, quantized energies

step 1) Asymptotic behavior:

→ equation (2) for large  $r$ :

$$\text{as } r \rightarrow \infty : V_{\text{eff}}(r) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} \approx - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E u(r) \quad \leftarrow \text{note: } E < 0 \text{ here} \quad (\text{for large } r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{solution: } u(r) \propto e^{-\alpha r} \quad \text{with } \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar} \quad \leftarrow E < 0!$$

[  $u(r) \propto e^{+\alpha r}$  is also a solution, but not normalizable, since  $e^{+\alpha r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \infty$  ]

→ equation (2) for  $r \rightarrow 0$  (assume  $l > 0$ )

as  $r \rightarrow 0$ :  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  - term in  $V_{\text{eff}}$  dominates  
over  $\frac{1}{r}$  - term or  $E$  - term

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 u(r)}{dr^2} \approx \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} u(r) \quad (\text{for } r \rightarrow 0)$$

⇒ solution:

$$u(r) \propto r^{l+1}$$

$u(r=0) = 0 \Rightarrow \psi \propto \frac{u(r)}{r}$   
needs to be normalizable!

[  $u(r) \propto r^{-l}$  is also a solution, but blows up  
as  $r \rightarrow 0$  ]

step 2: peel of the asymptotic behavior:

$$u(r) = r^{\ell+1} e^{-\alpha r} \underbrace{V(r)}_{\text{new function}}$$

(not the potential energy!)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du(r)}{dr} = r^{\ell} e^{-\alpha r} \left\{ (\ell+1 - \alpha r) V(r) + r \frac{dV(r)}{dr} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2u(r)}{dr^2} = r^{\ell} e^{-\alpha r} \left\{ \left[ \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r} - 2\alpha - 2\alpha\ell + \alpha^2 r \right] V(r) + 2(1+\ell - \alpha r) \frac{dV(r)}{dr} + r \frac{d^2V(r)}{dr^2} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  insert into radial S.E. (2):

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left\{ r \frac{d^2V(r)}{dr^2} + 2(\ell+1 - \alpha r) \frac{dV(r)}{dr} + \left[ \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r} - 2\alpha - 2\alpha\ell + \alpha^2 r \right] \right. \\ \left. \cdot V(r) + \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2 \ell(\ell+1)}{2m r^2} - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} - E \right\} r V(r) = 0 \right.$$

Annotations:  $\alpha^2 = -2mE/\hbar^2$  (blue), "cancel" (red arrows pointing to  $\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r}$  and  $-2\alpha\ell$ )

Equation (3):

$$\Rightarrow 0 = r \frac{d^2 V(r)}{dr^2} + 2(\ell - 1 - \alpha r) \frac{dV(r)}{dr} + \left[ (-2\alpha)(\ell + 1) + \frac{ze^2 \hbar^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar^2} \right] V(r)$$

now: express  $V(r)$  as power series in  $r$ :

$$V(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_j r^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV(r)}{dr} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j C_j r^{j-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+1) C_{j+1} r^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 V(r)}{dr^2} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j(j+1) C_{j+1} r^{j-1}$$

insert into equ. (3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j(j+1) C_{j+1} r^j + 2(\ell+1) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_{j+1} C_{j+1} r^j \\ & - 2\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_{j+1} C_{j+1} r^{j+1} + \left[ \frac{ze^{22m}}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2} - 2\alpha(\ell+1) \right] \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_j r^j = 0 \\ & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{-2\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j C_j r^j} \end{aligned}$$

↖ for all r

⇒ coefficients of each power of r must vanish!

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & j(j+1) \underline{C_{j+1}} + 2(\ell+1) \underline{C_{j+1}} \underline{C_{j+1}} - 2\alpha j \underline{C_j} \\ & + \left[ \frac{ze^{22m}}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2} - 2\alpha(\ell+1) \right] \underline{C_j} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ recursion formula:

$$C_{j+1} = \left\{ \frac{2\alpha(j+l+1) - \frac{ze^2 2m}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}}{(j+1)(j+2l+2)} \right\} C_j$$

⇒ start with  $C_0$  (to be fixed later by normalization) ⇒  $C_1$  ⇒  $C_2$  ⇒ ...

step 3: As for the simple harmonic oscillator:  
need to terminate the power series at some  $j = j_{\max}$  to avoid that the wave function blows up ( $\psi(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ )

⇒ require:  $C_{j_{\max}+1} = 0$

Proof that this is required:

- for large  $j$  (these terms dominate at large  $r$ )

$$c_{j+1} \approx \frac{2j\alpha}{j(j+1)} c_j = \frac{2\alpha}{j+1} c_j$$

- suppose this were exact:

$$\Rightarrow c_j = \frac{(2\alpha)^j}{j!} c_0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_0 \frac{(2\alpha)^j}{j!} r^j = c_0 e^{2\alpha r}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(r) = c_0 r^{\ell+1} e^{-\alpha r} e^{2\alpha r} = c_0 r^{\ell+1} \underline{\underline{e^{\alpha r}}} \text{ for large } r$$

which blows up at large  $r \Rightarrow$  not normalizable

$\Rightarrow$  power series must terminate!

$$\Rightarrow C_{j_{\max}+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha(j_{\max} + \ell + 1) - \frac{ze^2 2m}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} = 0$$

define "principle quantum number"  $n$ :

$$n \equiv j_{\max} + \ell + 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha n = \frac{ze^2 2m}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} = 2 \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}}_{\alpha} n$$

*max of  $e^-$*

$$\Rightarrow \left\| E_n = - \left( \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2} \right\| \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{allowed energy} \\ \text{values for stationary} \\ \text{states} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  quantized!

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

with Bohr radius  $a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{mze^2}$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 2a_0} \frac{1}{n^2} = -13.6 \text{ eV} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{for } z=1$$

$\Rightarrow$  same as in Bohr model!

$\Rightarrow$  recursion formula:

$$c_{j+1} = \frac{2\alpha(j+l+1-n)}{(j+1)(j+2l+2)} c_j$$

depends on  $n$  and  $l$   
 $\Rightarrow$  so will the radial  
 function

$$R_{nl}(r) = u_{nl}(r)/r$$

• Energy-level chart and energy degeneracy:

$$E_n = - \left( \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2} = - \left( \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{(j_{\max} + \ell + 1)^2}$$

$(n, \ell, m)$  representation

$(j_{\max}, \ell, m)$  representation

Principle quantum number

$$n \equiv j_{\max} + \ell + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq \ell + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\ell \leq n - 1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  same  $E_n$  for all states with different  $\ell \leq n - 1$  for given  $n$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} n &= 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \ell &= 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ m &= -\ell, -\ell+1, \dots, +\ell \end{aligned}$$

quantum numbers:

$$j_{\max} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

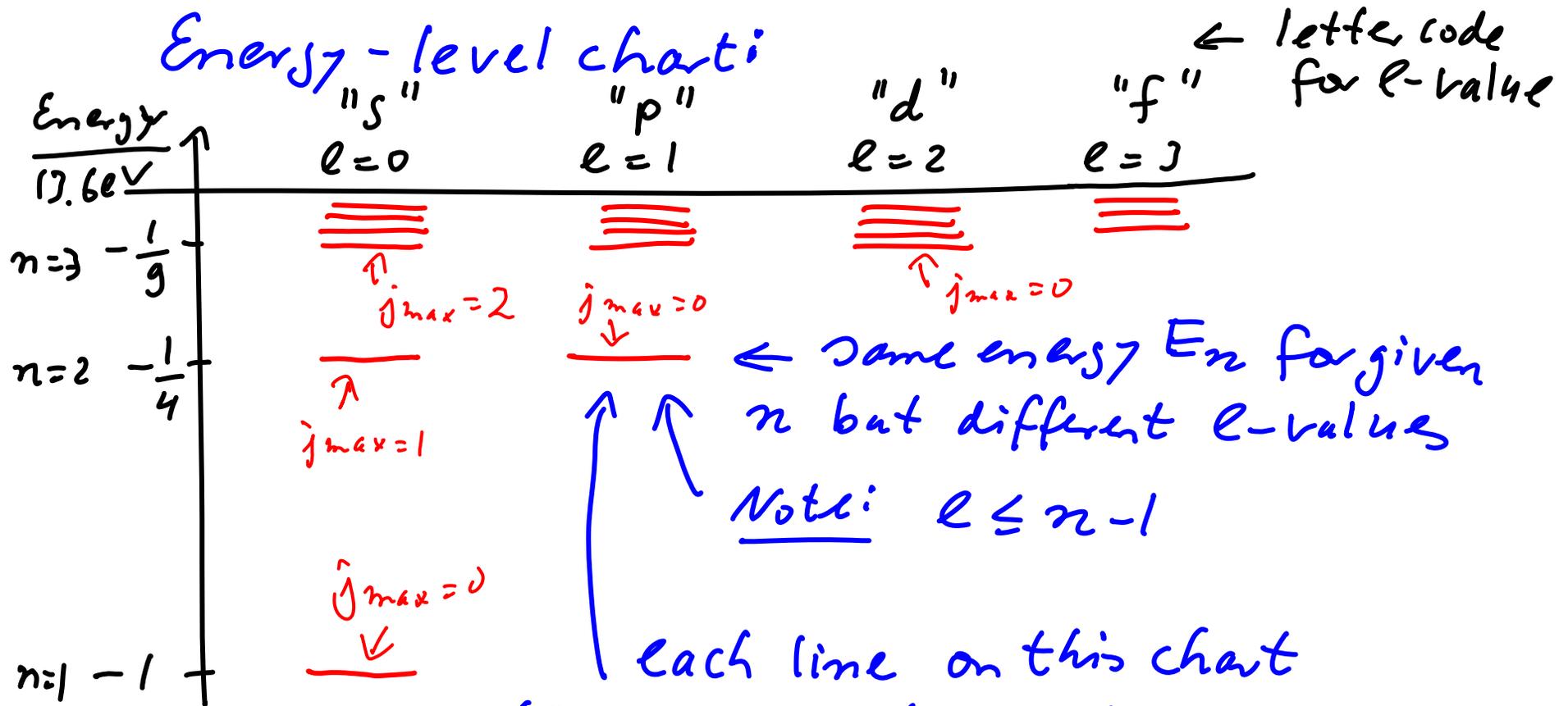
$$m = -\ell, -\ell+1, \dots, +\ell$$

$\Rightarrow$  whole series of energy values for each  $\ell$ -value

$\Rightarrow$  degeneracy: lowest energy state with  $\ell = n$  has same energy as  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  state with  $\ell = 0, \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  this is a special feature of the  $1/r$  Coulomb potential!

# Energy-level chart:



each line on this chart corresponds to a different solution of the radial S.E.

=> different radial wave functions:

$$R_{nl}(r) = \frac{u_{nl}(r)}{r}$$

What is the total degeneracy of each energy level  $E_n$  in Hydrogen?

for given  $n$ :

allowed  $l$ 's

0  
1  
2  
⋮  
 $n-1$

orbital degeneracy  
of each  $l$ :  $2l+1$   
 $m$ -values! ( $-l \dots +l$ )

1  
3  
5

$$\underline{2(n-1)+1}$$

total:

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (2l+1) = \underline{\underline{n^2}}$$

in addition: electron can have spin up ( $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$ )  
or spin down ( $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  total degeneracy for given  $E_n$ :  $2n^2$

- Radial wave function

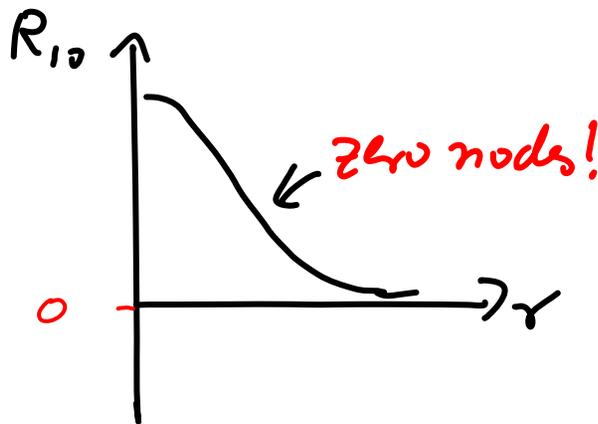
$$R_{ne}(r) = \frac{U_{ne}(r)}{r} = r^l e^{-\alpha r} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j r^j$$

with  $c_j$  from recursion formula

Examples:

→  $n=1, l=0$  :

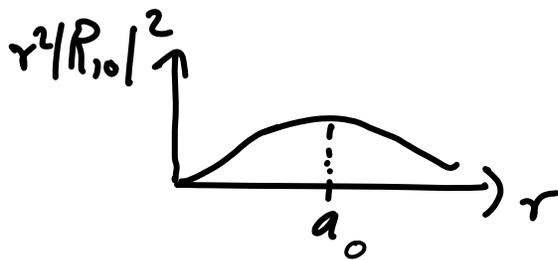
$$R_{10}(r) = 2 a_0^{-3/2} e^{-r/a_0}$$



**Ground state!**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r \rangle_{n=1, l=0} &= \int_{\text{all space}} d\theta d\phi dr \sin\theta r^2 \psi_{100}^* r \psi_{100} \\ &= 1 \cdot \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 r |R_{10}(r)|^2 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} a_0 \neq \text{radius in Bohr model} \\ &\quad (\text{ } a_0 \text{ for } n=1) \end{aligned}$$

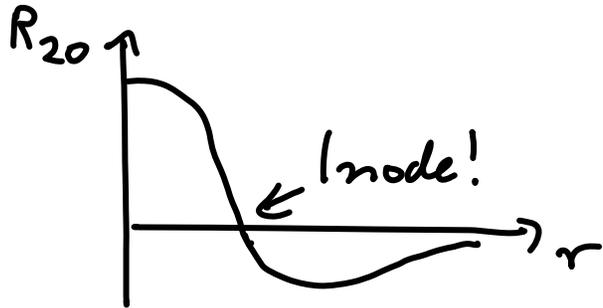
Can think about  $r^2 |R_{ne}(r)|^2 = |u(r)|^2$   
as radial probability density. (= probability  
of measuring electron between  $r$  and  $r+dr$ )



$r^2 |R_{10}|^2$  has maximum at  $r = a_0 \dots$

→  $n=2, l=0$  :

$$R_{20} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_0^{-3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r}{a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0}$$

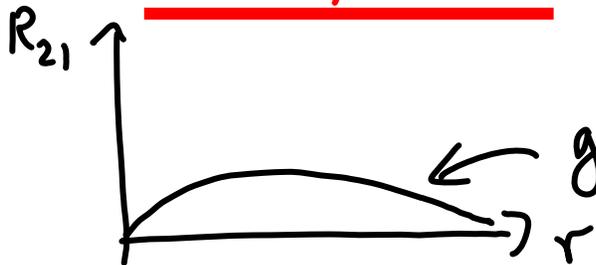


$\langle r \rangle_{20} = 6a_0 \neq 4a_0$  as in Bohr model

$r^2 |R_{20}|^2$  has maximum at  $(3 + \sqrt{5})a_0$

→  $n=2, l=1$

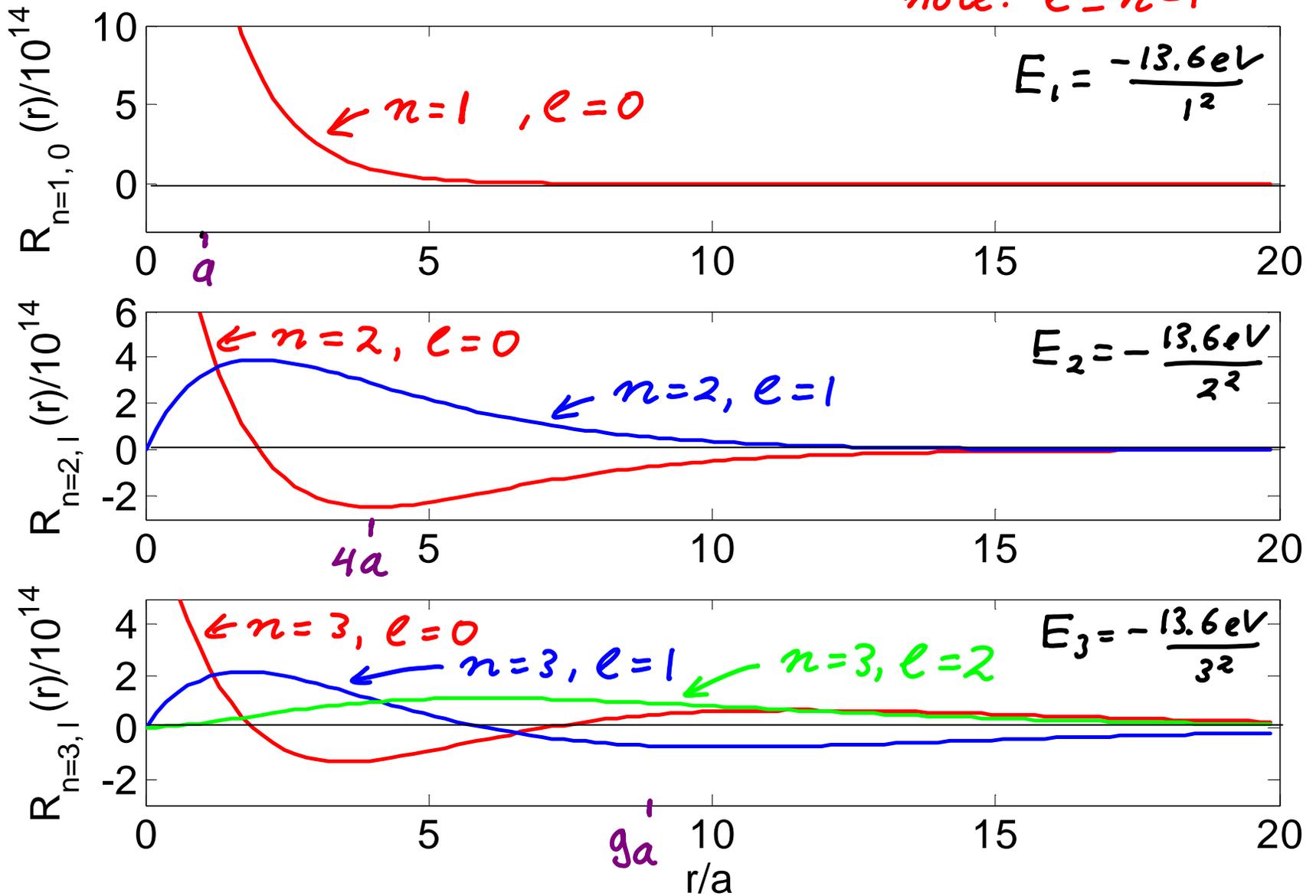
$$R_{21} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} a_0^{-3/2} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}$$



ground state for  $l=1$  effective potential  $\Rightarrow$  zero nodes!

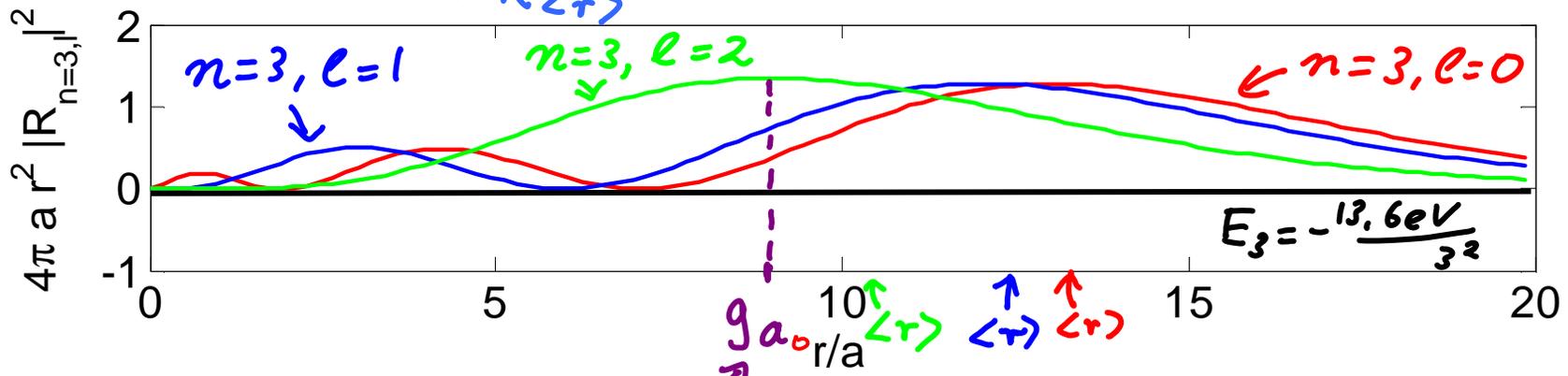
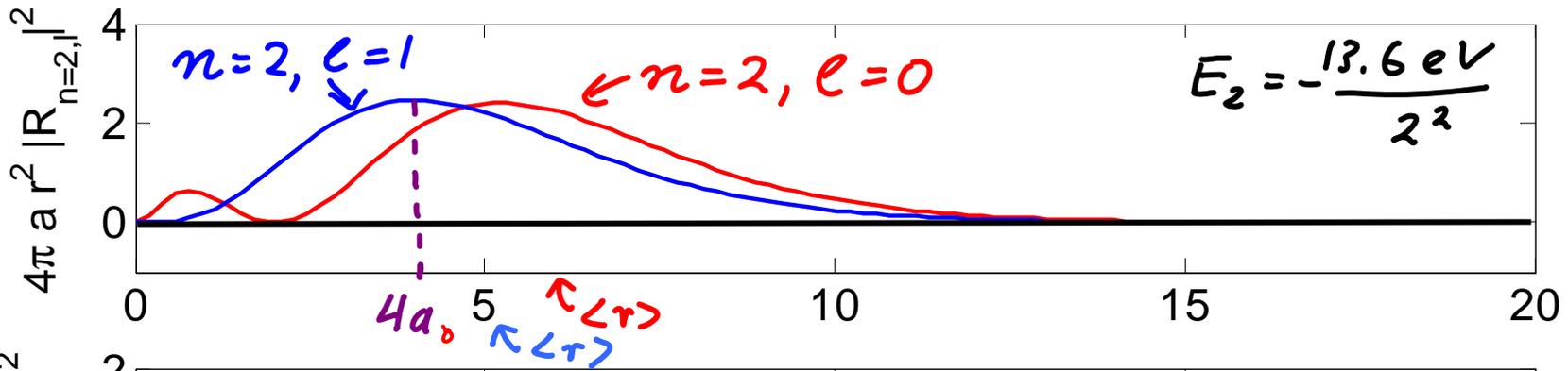
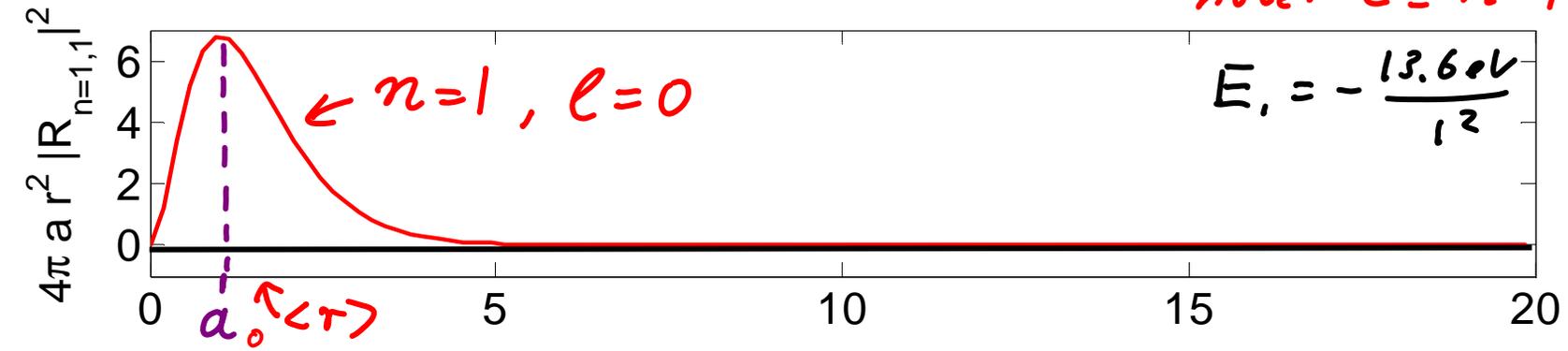
# Hydrogen radial wave functions: $R_{nl}(r)$

note:  $l \leq n-1$



# Hydrogen radial probability distributions: $4\pi r^2 |R_{ne}(r)|^2$

note:  $l \leq n-1$



Bohr model radius for  $n=3$

- Full wave function for the electron in the Hydrogen atom:

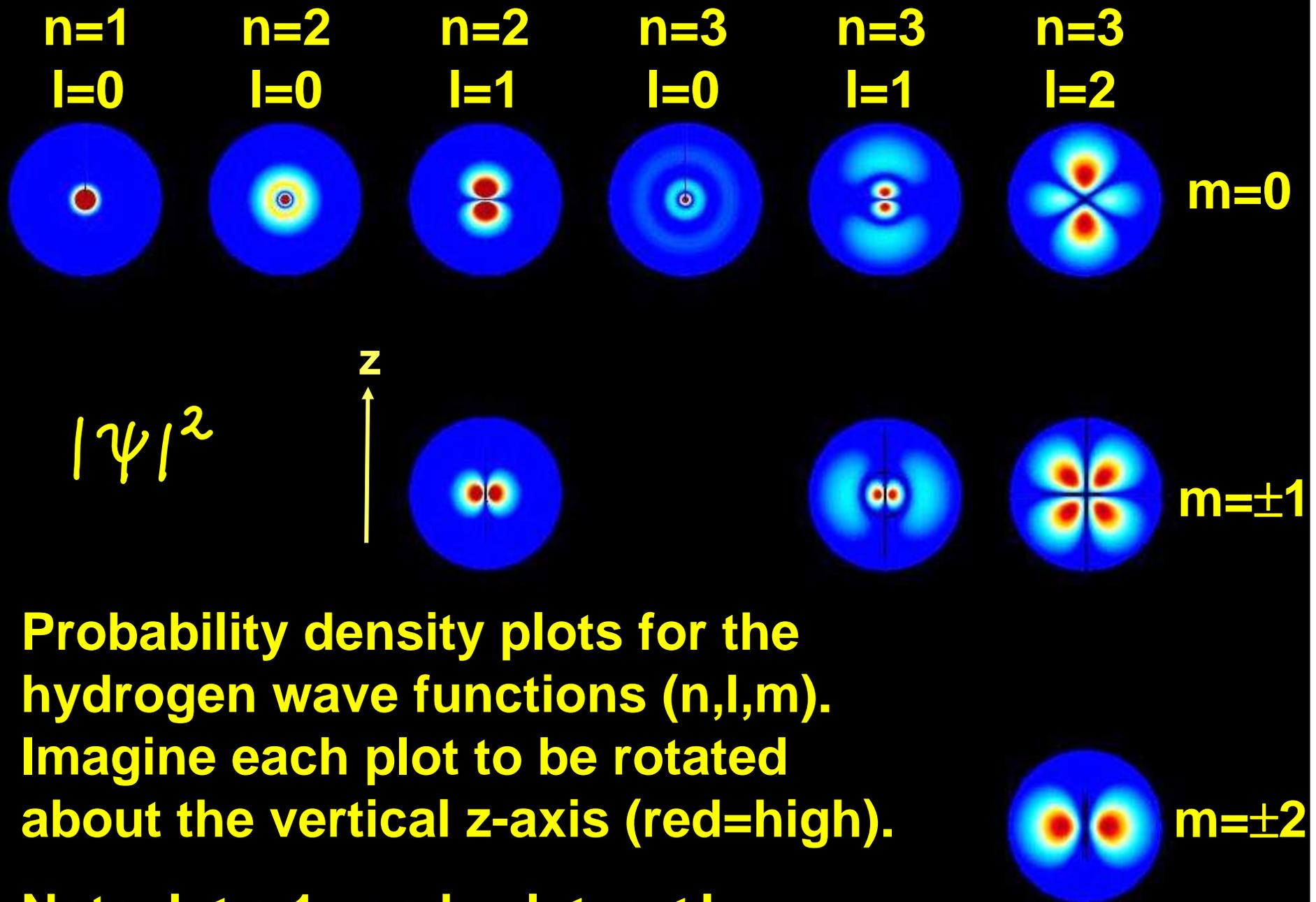
stationary  
states:

$$\Psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

with  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$        $l \leq n - 1$   
 $m = -l, -l + 1, \dots, +l$       and  $E_n = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$

Note:

- full quantum mechanical theory solves problems of the Bohr model:
- no patchwork between classical physics and some postulates
  - electron does not orbit around the nucleus: stationary probability density! no need for the electron to radiate in the ground state as it should in the Bohr model (due to acceleration!)
  - correct angular momentum:  $L = 0$  in ground state ( $n = 1, l = 0, m = 0$ ) not  $L = \hbar$  as in Bohr model



**Probability density plots for the hydrogen wave functions (n,l,m).  
Imagine each plot to be rotated about the vertical z-axis (red=high).**

**Note:  $l \leq n-1$  and  $-l \leq m \leq l$**

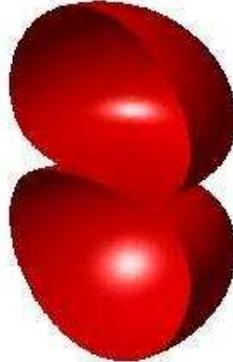
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 $l=0$



$n=2$   
 $l=0$



$n=2$   
 $l=1$



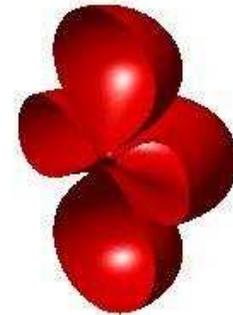
$n=3$   
 $l=0$



$n=3$   
 $l=1$

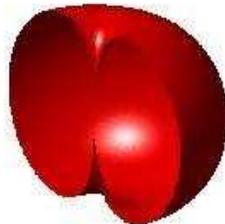


$n=3$   
 $l=2$



$m=0$

$|\psi|^2$



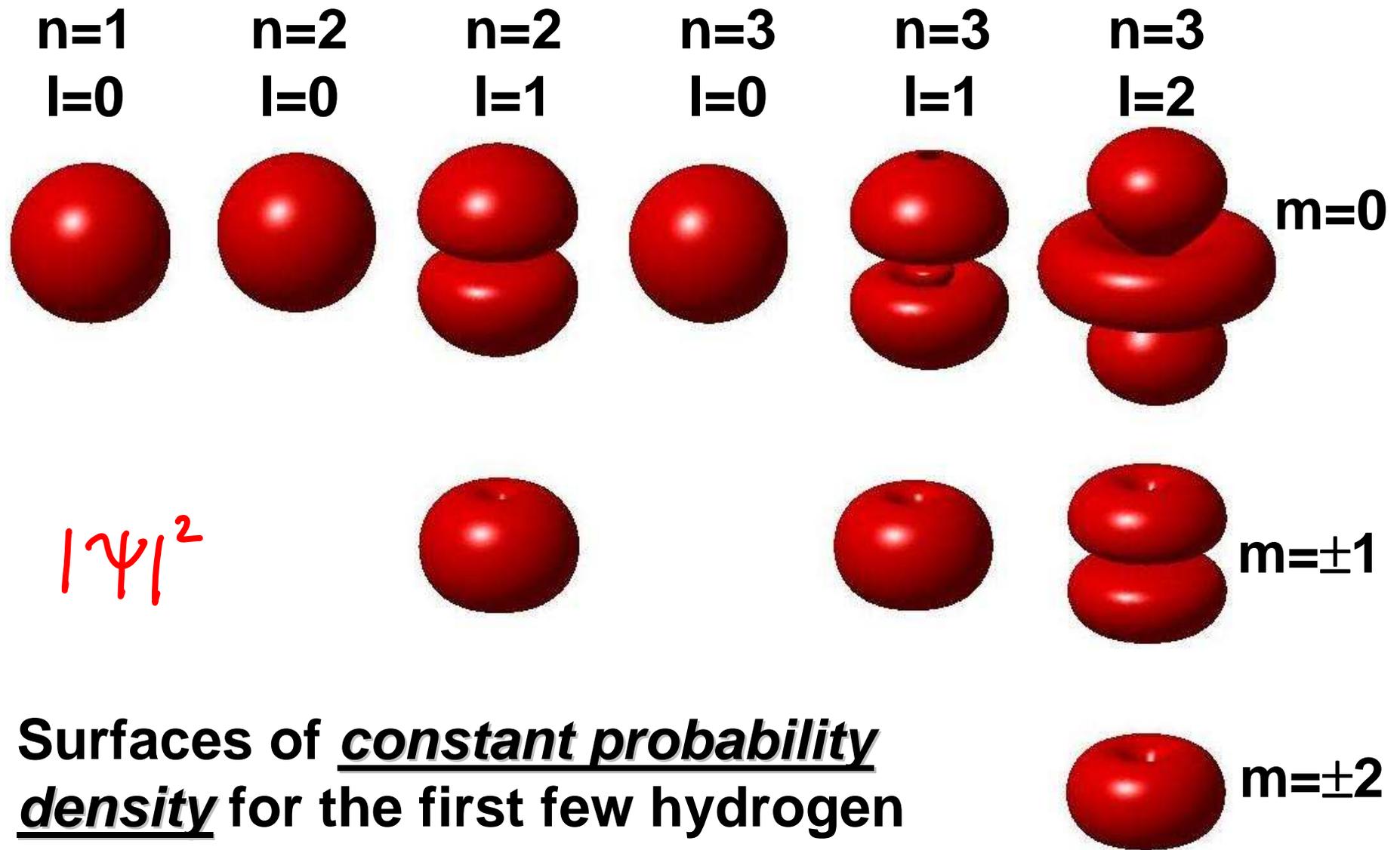
$m=\pm 1$

Surfaces of constant probability density for the first few hydrogen wave functions (cutaway view)



$m=\pm 2$

Note:  $l \leq n-1$  and  $-l \leq m \leq l$



$|\psi|^2$

Surfaces of constant probability density for the first few hydrogen wave functions

Note:  $l \leq n-1$  and  $-l \leq m \leq l$

## VI<sub>7</sub> Outlook

- Are these states of the Hydrogen atom exactly right?  
⇒ No! (but quite close...)

→ There are several small corrections:

- 1) there is a weak spin-orbit interaction in addition to the Coulomb force:

$$E_{s.o} \propto \hat{L} \cdot \hat{S} = \hat{L}_x \hat{S}_x + \hat{L}_y \hat{S}_y + \hat{L}_z \hat{S}_z$$

⇒ energy operator:

$$\hat{E} = \frac{\hat{p}_r^2}{2m} + \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + A \hat{L} \cdot \hat{S}$$

⇒  $\hat{E}$  and  $\hat{L}^2$  still commute, but  $\hat{E}$  and  $\hat{L}_z$  or  $\hat{S}_z$  no longer commute

but: total angular momentum in z-direction

$$\hat{J}_z = \hat{L}_z + \hat{S}_z \text{ and } \hat{J}^2 \text{ both still commute with } \hat{E}$$

⇒ label stationary states by  $E, L^2, J^2$  and  $J_z$ -value!

- 2) in addition: weak interaction between the angular momentum of the electron and the spin of the nucleus  $\Rightarrow$  hyper-fine structure
- 3) relativistic corrections (Schrödinger-equ. is non-relativistic!)

- Atoms other than Hydrogen:

=> more complicated (see Phys 317...)

- 2 or more electrons =>  $\Psi = \Psi(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{electron 1}}}{\vec{r}_1}, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{electron 2}}}{\vec{r}_2}, \dots)$

- need to include electron-electron interaction  
=> dynamics of different electrons are correlated

- electrons are indistinguishable particles!

=> wave function has to have certain symmetry properties:

$$|\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)|_{\uparrow}^2 = |\Psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)|^2$$

prob. density can not depend on which electron is labeled 1, and which is 2

=> for fermions, like electrons:  $\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = -\Psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)$

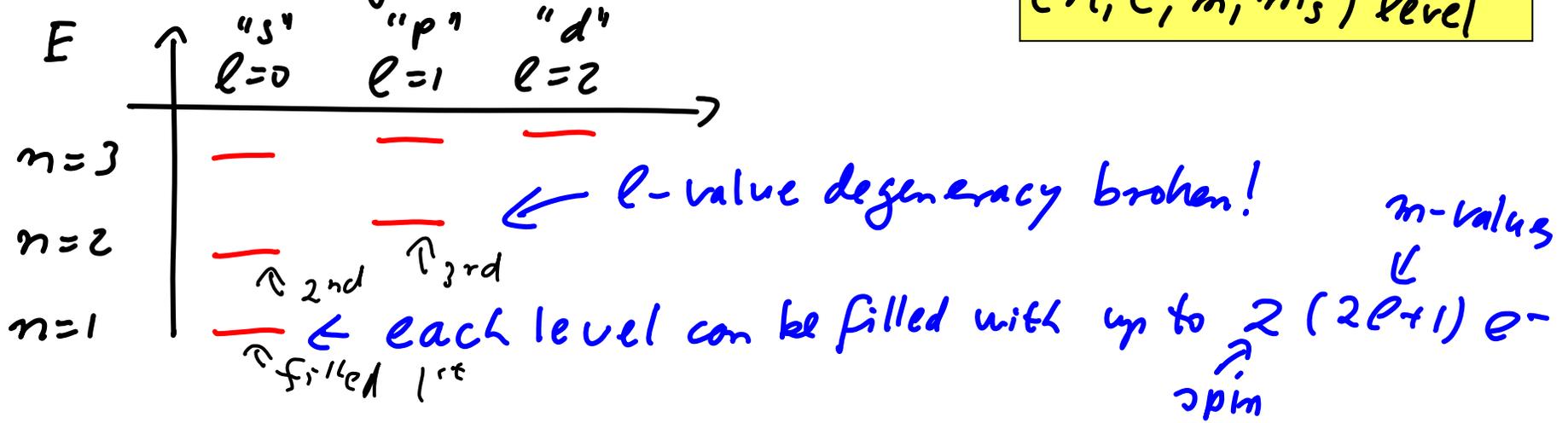
→ can make some simple approximations to get a rough estimate:

- (1) compute energy levels of one electron assuming an average time-independent interaction with all other electrons in the atom ⇒ effective potential for 1-electron:  $V(r) \propto \begin{cases} e^2/r & \text{far from nucleus} \\ Ze^2/r & \text{very close to nucleus} \end{cases}$

- (2) indistinguishable particles ⇒

**Pauli exclusion principle:** at most one electron in any  $(n, l, m, m_s)$  level

⇒ can draw approximate energy-level diagram for each atom:



# Alkali Atom Energy Levels:

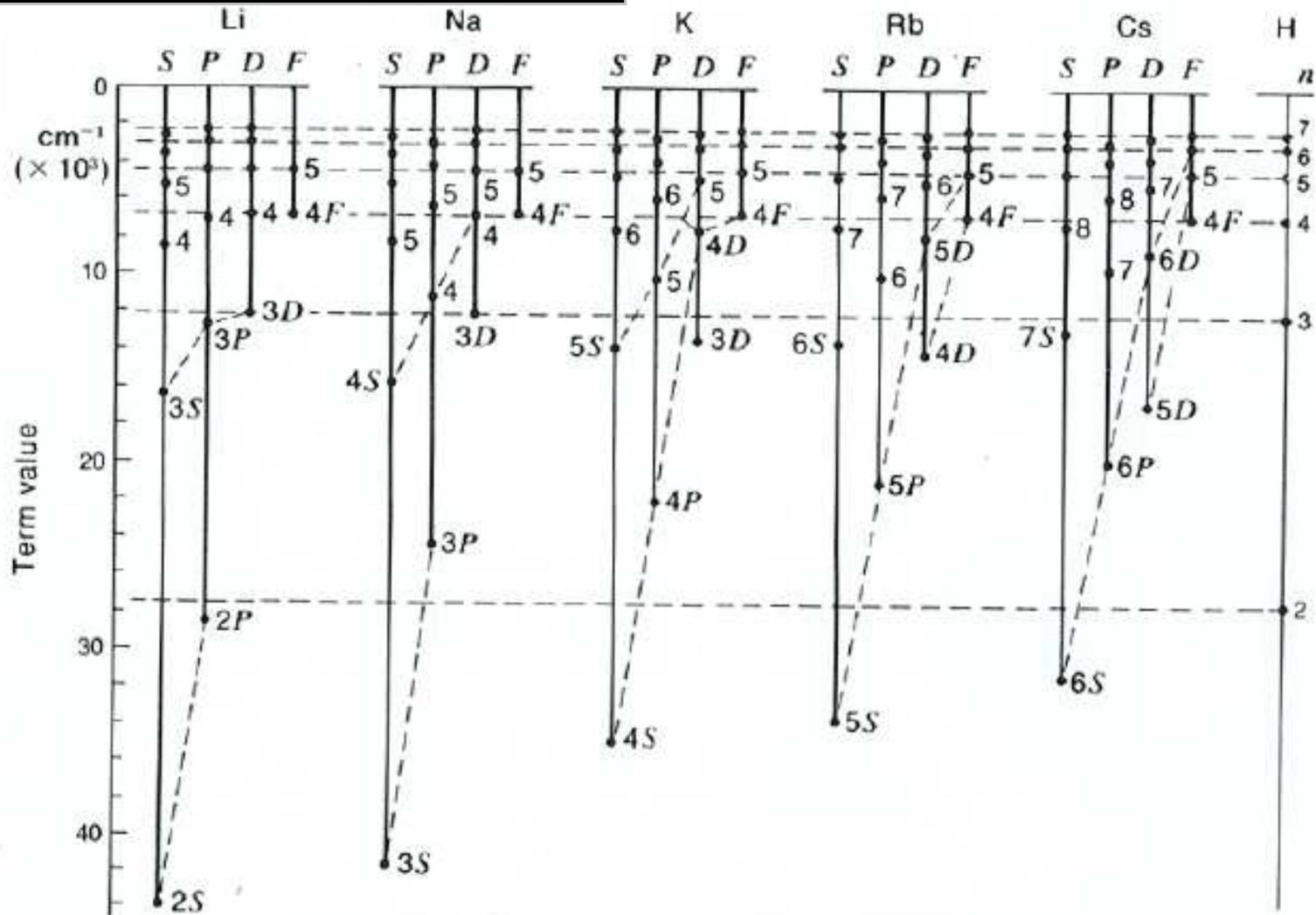


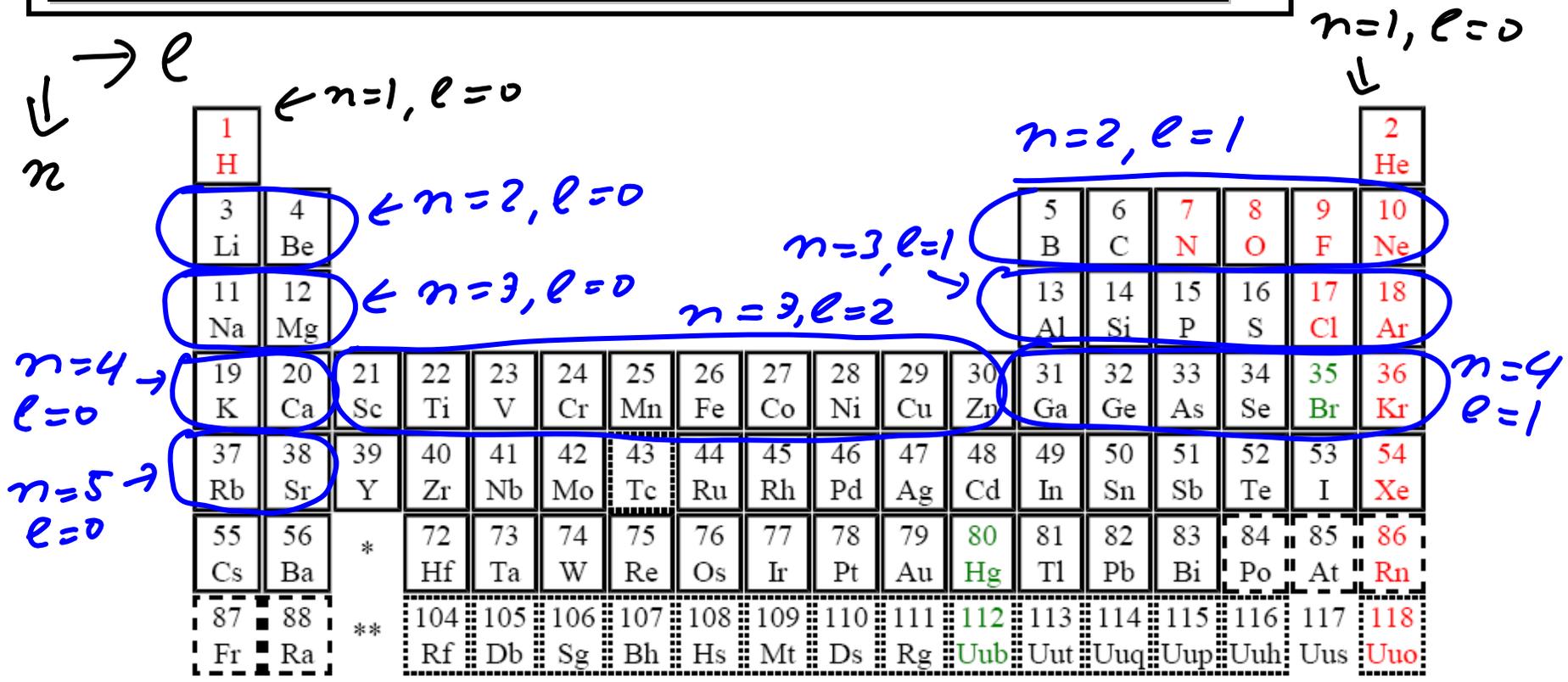
Fig. 12-12 Comparison of alkali atom energy levels with energy levels for hydrogen (right-hand column). Notice that for higher angular momentum states the energies approach those of the hydrogen atom for the same principal quantum number. (After F. K. Richtmeyer, E. H.

→ Fill pattern of outermost electrons:

fill	↓ first	$n=1, l=0$	up to $2e^-$	H, He
		$n=2, l=0$	" " $2e^-$	Li, Be
		$n=2, l=1$	" " $6e^-$	B ... Ne
		$n=3, l=0$	" " $2e^-$	Na, Mg
		$n=3, l=1$	" " $6e^-$	Al ... Ar
next:	↓	$n=4, l=0$	" " $2e^-$	K, Ca
		(has lower energy generally than $n=3, l=2$ )		
		$n=3, l=2$	" " $10e^-$	Sc ... Zn
		$n=4, l=1$	" " $6e^-$	
		$n=5, l=0$	" " $2e^-$	
		$n=4, l=2$	" " $10e^-$	
		$n=5, l=1$	" " $6e^-$	

↖ periodic table  
reflects this...

# Periodic table and $n, l$ values of "outermost" e<sup>-</sup>



	* Lanthanides														
	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
	** Actinides														
	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

The End

