### **Evaluation of the energy shift for the Pauli-forbidden X-ray transitions**

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#### **The Fermi golden rule: transition-matrix elements**

**Typical values of absorption edges (X-ray data booklet)**





A typical emission process from state  $\phi_g$  to state  $\phi_f$ : where:  $\hat{O} = (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{\varepsilon} + i \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \times \vec{\varepsilon}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$  so that:  $\begin{bmatrix} \langle f|\hat{O}_{E}|g \rangle = \langle f(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{\varepsilon})(1) + i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})^2 + \cdots \rangle |g \rangle \\ \langle f|\hat{O}_{B}|g \rangle = \langle f |i\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \times \vec{\varepsilon}(1 + i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}(\$ 

**Only pick up**  $\bigcirc$  and rewrite it:  $\langle f | \hat{\partial}_{Ed} | g \rangle = \langle f | \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\varepsilon} | g \rangle = i \frac{m}{\hbar} (E_f - E_g) \langle f | \vec{\varepsilon} \cdot \vec{r} | g \rangle$ with:  $\vec{P}.\vec{\varepsilon} = \frac{m}{4} [\vec{\varepsilon}.\vec{r}, H_0]$  and:  $\langle f | [\vec{\varepsilon}.\vec{r}, H_0] g \rangle = (E_{\varepsilon} - E_f) f |\vec{\varepsilon}.\vec{r}| g \rangle$ 

**By summing over all states:**  $\sigma = 4\pi^2 \alpha \hbar \omega \sum_{r} |\langle \varphi_f | o | \varphi_g \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_g - \hbar \omega)$  with  $o = \varepsilon$ .

**We remind that:**  $\langle \varphi_n | \hat{O} | \varphi_g \rangle = \iiint_{\text{esspace}} \varphi_n^*(r, \Omega) \hat{O}(r, \Omega) \varphi_g(r, \Omega) r^2 dr d\Omega$  a space integral

#### **The many-body wave-function and the Schrödinger equation**

**The ultimate goal of most approaches in solid-state physics and quantum chemistry is to solve the time-independent problem (usually with Schrödinger Hamiltonian):**

 $\hat{H}\Psi_i(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, ..., \vec{x}_N, \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2, ..., \vec{R}_M) = E_i \Psi_i(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, ..., \vec{x}_N, \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2, ..., \vec{R}_M)$ 

**where (M=number of nuclei, N=number of electrons):**

$$
\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A=1}^{M} \frac{1}{M_A} \nabla_A^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{A=1}^{M} \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j>i}^{N} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{A=1}^{M} \sum_{B>A}^{M} \frac{Z_A Z_B}{R_{AB}}
$$

In the Born-Oppenheimer approximation we need to solve the problem:  $\hat{H}_{elec} \Psi_{elec} = E_{elec} \Psi_{elec}$ 

$$
\text{with} \qquad \hat{H}_{elec} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{Ne} + \hat{V}_{ee}
$$

And the total energy is given by:  $E_{tot} = E_{elec} + E_{nuc}$ 

$$
\quad \text{where} \quad E_{nuc} = \sum_{A=1}^{M} \sum_{B>A}^{M} \frac{Z_A Z_B}{R_{AB}}
$$

#### **The effect of antisymmetrization: the exchange interaction**

**In order to impose the antisymmetrization of the electrons, we need to write the total wave function as a Slater determinant (or as a linear combination of Slater determinants):**

$$
\Psi_0 \approx \Psi_{HF} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(\vec{x}_1) & \psi_2(\vec{x}_1) & \dots & \psi_N(\vec{x}_1) \\ \psi_1(\vec{x}_2) & \psi_2(\vec{x}_2) & \dots & \psi_N(\vec{x}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \psi_1(\vec{x}_N) & \psi_2(\vec{x}_N) & \dots & \psi_N(\vec{x}_N) \end{vmatrix}
$$

**here each** <sup>y</sup>*<sup>i</sup>* **represents a spin-orbital, single particle wave function**

The Hartree-Fock approximation is a method to find the single-particle orthogonal orbitals  $\psi_i$  that **minimize the total energy**  $E_{HF}$  **of the wave-function**  $\Psi_{HF}$ **. The expectation value is:** 

$$
E_{HF} = \langle \Psi_{HF} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{HF} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} (J_{ij} - K_{ij})
$$

where  $H_i \equiv \int \psi_i^*(\vec{x}) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - V_{ext}(\vec{x}) \right] \psi_i(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$  represents the kinetic + the electron-nucleus energy

$$
J_{ij} = \int \int \psi_i(\vec{x}_1) \psi_i^*(\vec{x}_1) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \psi_j^*(\vec{x}_2) \psi_j(\vec{x}_2) d\vec{x}_1 d\vec{x}_2
$$
 is the Coulomb integral >0  
and 
$$
K_{ij} = \int \int \psi_i^*(\vec{x}_1) \psi_j(\vec{x}_1) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \psi_i(\vec{x}_2) \psi_j^*(\vec{x}_2) d\vec{x}_1 d\vec{x}_2
$$
 is the exchange integral

#### **The Hartree-Fock approximation**

The minimization of the previous energy functional with the normalization conditions  $\int \psi_i^*(\vec x)\psi_j(\vec x)d\vec x=\delta_{ij}$ **leads to the Hartree-Fock equations:**  $\hat{f} \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i$  ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., N$  with  $\hat{f} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_i^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + V_{HF}(i)$ 

**In spite of their apparent Schrödinger-like form, the Hartree-Fock equations are non-linear, as:**

$$
V_{HF}(\vec{x}_1) = \sum_{j}^{N} (\hat{J}_j(\vec{x}_1) - \hat{K}_j(\vec{x}_1)) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \quad \hat{J}_j(\vec{x}_1) = \int |\psi_j(\vec{x}_2)|^2 \frac{1}{r_{12}} d\vec{x}_2 \\ \quad \hat{K}_j(\vec{x}_1) \ \psi_i(\vec{x}_1) = \int \psi_j^*(\vec{x}_2) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \psi_i(\vec{x}_2) d\vec{x}_2 \ \psi_j(\vec{x}_1) \end{cases}
$$

**The exchange interaction Kj (x<sup>i</sup> ) has no classical analog and depends on the spin and orbital variables** 

#### The Hartree-Fock potential  $V_{HF}$  is non-local and non-linear (it depends on  $\psi$ ): **the equations must be solved self-consistently**

**This is what is done by the MCDF code, except that it works with the Dirac hamiltonian and it uses multiconfiguration (linear combinations of) Slater determinants**

#### **The relativistic Multi-Configuration Dirac-Fock code**

*From J.P. Desclaux and collaborators, PRA 17, 1804 (1978) & PRA 42, 5139 (1990)*

**Hamiltonian up to order**  $\alpha^2$ 

$$
\widehat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{h}_{D}(i) + \sum_{i> j}^{n} \frac{1}{j f_{ij}}
$$

$$
= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [\phi(r_i) + c\widehat{\alpha}(i) \cdot \widehat{p}(i) + mc^2] + \sum_{i> j}^{n} \frac{1}{f_{ij}}
$$

**with the addition of the Breit term:**

$$
\widehat{\boldsymbol{g}}^B\!\left(i\,,\right)\!=\!-\!\frac{1}{r_{ij}}\!\!\left(\alpha_i\cdot\!\alpha_j+\!\frac{\left(\alpha_i\cdot r_{ij}\right)\!\!\left(\alpha_j\cdot r_{ij}\right)}{r_{ij}^2}\!\right)
$$

**The other main difference with the non-relativistic case is due to the bi-spinor form of the single-particle wave-functions**

 $\phi_i^{j,m_j}(+) = \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{p_i(r) \chi_i^{(+)}}{i q_i(r) \chi_j^{(-)}} \right)$ 

$$
\varphi_i^{j,m_j}(-)=\frac{1}{r}\hspace{-1mm}\begin{pmatrix}-p_i\hspace{0.04cm}(r)\chi_i^{(-)}\\iq_i\hspace{0.04cm}(r)\chi_i^{(+)}\end{pmatrix}
$$

**Relativistic corrections to the Hartree-Fock equations tend to be largest in the region immediately surrounding the nucleus (bigger kinetic energy). Therefore core orbitals are usually much more affected than valence orbitals**

### **The relativistic MCDF code**

**http://www.lkb.upmc.fr/metrologysimplesystems/mdfgme-a-general-purpose-multiconfiguration-dirac-foc-program/**

#### **Transitions for Copper**



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#### **Transitions for Gold**



#### **Transitions for Lead**



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**An example of input file…**

Sample input file  $k_a$ , transition

**\*501 Cu Trial** sefmdf max hdimdf max maelam max pncgme maX podmdf max poemdf max mod lightspeed=n  $nz=29$ mdf do ener=y keep ener=n binary ener=y do scf=y Breit=full mag scf=n diag afterSCF=n vacpol scf=y Electric mulpol=1 use mcdfener=y sub offset=n opt relax=y ret lorentz=n opt qedel=y: mod mesh=n exotic=y tstf mod nuc=n nbeli=29 nbelf=29 def config=given 1s2 2s2 2p6 (2p@])1 3s2 3p6 3d10 : end 1s2 (1s@])1 2s2 2p6 3s2 3p6 3d10 :

end  $j$ iiti=1 mjti=1  $j$ itf=1 mjtf=1 iflagp=y  $neigv=1$ #initial state parameters icmul=0 iprt energ=1 NORBSC=0: NSTEP=0 lregul=n modtest=n modsolv orb=n mod\_odlm=n #final state parameters  $neigv=1$ icmul=0 iprt energ=1  $NORSC=0$ : NSTEP=0 lregul=n modtest=n modsolv orb=n mod odlm=n

#### **A simple estimation of the energy shift**

The case of  $K_\alpha$  emission for copper



#### **A simple estimation of the energy shift**

**The case of**  $K_{\beta}$  **<b>emission for copper:** as before, but  $\Delta E' = 8905$  eV and  $V_{\beta p-3p} = 20$  eV. So:

$$
\Delta E = \Delta E' = (V_{1s\_1s} - V_{3p\_3p}) \approx 8442 \text{ eV}.
$$

**The case of K-edge emission for copper**



# What about the 'new' ('fresh') electrons ?



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N. 3, 1967

### Model of a Dynamical Theory of the Pauli Principle.

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(ricevuto il 4 Marzo 1967)

This note does not question the fact that nature seems to order systems of « identical » bosons and fermions in a special way which we describe by means of symmetric and antisymmetric wave functions. Our only aim is to show that this ordering may be conceived as a dynamical process of which only the final stage is normally observed.

## **Premise**

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Consider the 2-particle Lagrangian of the conventional non-relativistic theory:

$$
\mathscr{L} = -\frac{\hslash^2}{2m} \left( \nabla_1 \psi^{\dagger} \cdot \nabla_1 \psi + \nabla_2 \psi^{\dagger} \cdot \nabla_2 \psi \right) - V \psi^{\dagger} \psi + \ldots + \frac{\hslash}{2i} \left( \frac{\partial \psi^{\dagger}}{\partial t} \psi - \psi^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right)
$$

And add to it the following non-linear term (written here for fermions):

$$
\mathcal{L}_{non-lin} = \frac{1}{2} \Big( \Psi^+(1,2) + \Psi^+(2,1) \Big) \Big( \Psi(1,2) + \Psi(2,1) \Big) (i \ln \xi)^3
$$

where: 
$$
\xi = \frac{(\Psi^+(1,2) + \Psi^+(2,1))(\Psi(1,2) - \Psi(2,1))}{(\Psi^+(1,2) - \Psi^+(2,1))(\Psi(1,2) + \Psi(2,1))}
$$
 is a phase!

Notice that the non-linear term is zero for both non-overlapping fermions ( $\xi=1$ , so  $\ln \xi =0$ ), and for symmetrized wave-functions, because  $\Psi(1,2) = -\Psi(2,1)$  (!!!)

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Define: 
$$
N^{(sym)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \left( \Psi^+(1,2) - \Psi^+(2,1) \right) \left( \Psi(1,2) - \Psi(2,1) \right) d^3 x_1 d^3 x_2
$$

$$
N^{(no-sym)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \left( \Psi^+(1,2) + \Psi^+(2,1) \right) \left( \Psi(1,2) + \Psi(2,1) \right) d^3 x_1 d^3 x_2
$$

In this framework, the equation of motion leads to the interesting properties:

**1) When the two wave-packets do not overlap, then:**   $N^{(sym)} = N^{(no-sym)} = 1$ 

**2) When the two wave-packets start overlapping, then:** 

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{dN^{(sym)}}{dt} \ge 0 & \text{up to:} \\
\frac{dN^{(no-sym)}}{dt} \le 0 & N^{(no-sym)} = 0\n\end{cases}
$$

**with the property (conservation of probability) :** 

$$
\frac{dN^{(sym)}}{dt} + \frac{dN^{(no-sym)}}{dt} = 0
$$

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# *A note for future purposes…*

**Wave-like behaviour should not be identified with** Y **!**

 $(\vec{r}, t)$  $2m \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$  $(\vec{r}, t)$  $(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$ 2  $(\vec{r}, t)$   $\hbar^2 \nabla^2$   $\mathbf{W}(\vec{r}, t)$   $\mathbf{W}(\vec{r}, t)$   $\hbar^2 \nabla^2$  $\vec{r}$ , t  $m|\Psi(\vec{r},t)$  $\vec{r}$ , t  $\vec{r}$ , *t*) +  $V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$ *t m*  $\vec{r}$ , t *i*  $\rightarrow$  $\frac{1}{x}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\hbar^2 \nabla^2$  we can be the set of  $\hbar$  $\rightarrow$  $\hbar \frac{\partial^2 L(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2 V}{2} \Psi(\vec{r},t) + V(\vec{r},t) \Psi(\vec{r},t) + \frac{\hbar^2 V}{2} \frac{|\vec{r}(t)|^2 V}{2} \Psi(t)$ Y  $\nabla^2 |\Psi$  $\Psi(\vec{r},t) + V(\vec{r},t)\Psi(\vec{r},t) +$  $\nabla$  $=$   $\partial$  $\partial \Psi$ **(in Hamilton-Jacobi form for a statistical set)**

$$
\frac{i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \Psi(\vec{r},t) + V(\vec{r},t) \Psi(\vec{r},t)}{\Psi(\vec{r},t) \Psi(\vec{r},t)}
$$

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# *A note for future purposes…*

# Schrödinger's equation can be written non-linearly:

**See Holland, "The Quantum Theory of Motion", Cambridge 1993** 

$$
i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(r,t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \Psi(r,t) + V(r,t) \Psi(r,t)
$$

If we put:  $\Psi(\vec{x}, t) = R(\vec{x}, t)e^{iS(\vec{x}, t)/\hbar}$  and separate Re and Im:

$$
\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{(\nabla S)^2}{2m} + V(r) + Q \equiv E \quad \text{(Hamilton-Jacobi equation)}
$$
\n
$$
\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{(continuity)} \quad \begin{cases} \rho = \Psi^* \Psi = R(\vec{x}, t)^2 \\ \vec{j} = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} (\Psi \vec{\nabla} \Psi^* - \Psi^* \vec{\nabla} \Psi) \end{cases}
$$
\nwhere:  $Q = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 R}{2m}$  is called quantum potential

where:  $Q = -\frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$  is called quantum potential

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## *Reminder of classical electromagnetism*

**Expression of the Lienard-Wieckert retarded electric field at q<sup>2</sup> :**

$$
\vec{E}(R,t) = \frac{q_1(1-\beta^2)(\hat{R}-\vec{\beta}(t_r))}{R^2(1-\hat{R}\cdot\vec{\beta}(t_r))^3} + \frac{q_1\hat{R}\times[(\hat{R}-\vec{\beta}(t_r))\times\dot{\vec{\beta}}(t_r)]}{cR(1-\hat{R}\cdot\vec{\beta}(t_r))^3}
$$

The rate of work done by  $q_1$  on  $q_2$  to order  $\beta^4$  is: *c*  $q_1q_2a$ *W*  $\pi$  $\mu_{\scriptscriptstyle (}$ 6  $_0$  $q_1$  $q_2$  $v_2' =$ 

Oscillating dipoles: Lineard/Wiechert emitting power 
$$
p_{emit} = \frac{\mu_0 q_1^2}{6\pi c} \frac{a^2 - \frac{(\vec{v} \times \vec{a})^2}{c^2}}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}
$$

$$
\Rightarrow p_{abs} = W_1 + W_2 \cong 2 \frac{\mu_0 q_1 q_2}{6\pi c} a^2
$$

$$
\Rightarrow \text{ If } \vec{v} \perp \vec{a} \Rightarrow p_{emit} = \frac{\mu_0 q_1^2}{6\pi c} a^2
$$

 **Total radiated power of the system proportional to the square of the dipole moment:**

$$
p_{rad} = \frac{\mu_0 (q_1 - q_2)^2}{6\pi c} a^2
$$

 $\Rightarrow$   $p_{rad} = p_{emit} - p_{ab}$ 



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# *Retarded differential equations*

General characteristics of RDE:

 **1) Solutions are quantized due to retardation (no scale invariance)**

**Instead of an algebraic associated equation, you end up with a transcendental (trigonometric) associated equation**  $\rightarrow$  **quantized solutions** 

**2) Need for a whole set of past data in the interval [0,t<sup>r</sup> ]**

For example: 
$$
\dot{x}(t) = x(t - \frac{\pi}{2})
$$
  
\n $\Rightarrow x(t) = a \cos t + b \sin t$ ...for any a and b!

# *Ping-pong motion in hydrogen atom*

*L. Page and N. Adams, American Journal of Physics 13, 141 (1945)*

#### **The infinite proton-mass limit is a singular condition that cannot be treated perturbatively (it does not allow retardation effects)**

**Angular momentum is not conserved !** *(purely under the action of internal forces)*

### **Results of Lyapunov stability analysis:**

**Jayme De Luca, Phys. Rev. E 73, 026221 (2006)**

- *1) Resonant orbits are quantized naturally because of delay*
- *2) Angular momenta are ~ integer multiples of a constant*



 $\Rightarrow$  Ping-pong phenomenon is a non-trivial feature absent in ODE

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 $r_{12r}$ 



**Beatings of modes leads to a no-radiation Poynting condition !**

# *Dirac equation & ZBW (Hestenes' interpretation)*

*D. Hestenes, J. Math. Phys. 8, 798-808 (1967), 14, 893-905 (1973), 16, 556-572 (1975), 16, 573-583 (1975), Am. J. Phys., 47, 399-415 (1979), Foundations of Physics, Vol. 40, 1-54 (2010)*

**Dirac equation:** 
$$
\left(\alpha_0 mc^2 + \sum_{j=1}^3 \alpha_j p_j c \right) \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t)
$$
  
with  $\alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu + \alpha_\nu \alpha_\mu = 2\delta_{\mu\nu}$ 

Zitterbewegung: 
$$
\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \vec{x}] = c\vec{\alpha}
$$

 $\vec{\alpha} \Rightarrow$  free particle (p & H constant):  $\vec{\alpha}$   $\alpha \neq 0$  $i\hbar \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = -2c\vec{p} + 2H$ dt d  $=-2c\vec{p}+2H\vec{\alpha} \Rightarrow$  free particle (p & H constant):  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dx} = c^2H^{-1}\vec{p} + c\vec{\alpha}_0e^{-2iHt/\hbar}$  $\overline{a}$  $2$ *iHt* / 0  $2 \mathbf{L} \mathbf{I}^{-1}$ dt  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dx}$   $\qquad$   $\frac{2}{H}$   $\frac{1}{H}$   $\qquad$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dx}$   $\qquad$   $\frac{-2iHt}{2}$  $=c^{2}H^{-1}\vec{p}+c\vec{\alpha}_{0}e^{-}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  from which we get:  $\vec{x}$ 

$$
\vec{x}(t) = \frac{(\vec{x}_0 + c^2 H^{-1} \vec{p}t) + \frac{1}{2}i\hbar c\vec{\alpha}_0 H^{-1}e^{-2iHt/\hbar}}{\vec{x}_A(t) + \vec{\xi}(t)}
$$

with 
$$
\omega_{ZBW} = \frac{H}{\hbar} = \frac{2mc^2}{\hbar}
$$
 Moreover:  $\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} - e\vec{A}(\vec{x},t)$ 

## *From Dirac to Schrodinger equation*

Non-relativistic limit of Gordon decomposition:

$$
m\rho \vec{v} = m\rho \vec{u} + \vec{\nabla} \times (\rho \vec{S}) \implies \vec{v} = \vec{u} + \vec{w}
$$

usual definition of momentum:  $\vec{p} = i\hbar [\Psi^*(\vec{\nabla}\Psi) - (\vec{\nabla}\Psi^*)\Psi]$  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$  $\hbar$  $\rightarrow$  $\vec{p} = \vec{i}$ 

However: 
$$
\begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot m\rho \, \vec{v} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot m\rho \, \vec{u} \quad \text{and} \\ \langle \vec{r} \times m\rho \, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{r} \times m\rho \, \vec{u} \rangle + 2\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \langle \vec{L} \rangle + 2\langle \vec{S} \rangle \end{cases}
$$

 $\Rightarrow$  v = charge velocity; u = velocity of the center of mass

## *From Dirac to Schrodinger equation*

Kinetic energy of u, v and w: 
$$
\frac{mv^2}{2} = \frac{m u^2}{2} + \frac{m w^2}{2}
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow \text{ if the spin is independent of position: } \vec{S}(\vec{r}) = \vec{S}
$$
  
\nthe contribution of the  $\alpha$ -ZBW motion  $\vec{w} = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \rho \times \vec{S}}{m\rho}$   
\nin the Hamiltonian is: 
$$
\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{S^2(\nabla \rho)^2}{2m\rho^2} = \frac{\hbar^2(\nabla \rho)^2}{8m\rho^2} = Q
$$

**See Holland, "The Quantum Theory of Motion", Cambridge 1993 and Recami and Salesi, PRA 57, 98 (1998)**

**This shows that, in the Schrödinger equation, stands for twice the spin**

# *Non-relativistic hydrogen atom*

Given the Hamilton-Jacobi equation:

$$
-\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{(\nabla S)^2}{2m} + V(r) + Q \equiv E
$$

where: 
$$
Q = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 R}{R}
$$
 and:  $\Psi(\vec{x}, t) = R(\vec{x}, t)e^{iS(\vec{x}, t)/\hbar}$ 

the spin kinetic energy term Q is responsible for H-atom eigenvalues:

$$
Q(100) = E_{1s} - V(r) \left[ Q(200) = E_{2s} - V(r) \right] Q(210) = E_{2s} - V(r)
$$

$$
Q(21\pm 1) = E_{2s} - V(r) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2mr^2 \sin^2 \theta} = E_{2s} - V(r) - \frac{(\nabla S)^2}{2m}
$$

the spin velocity field **w**(**r**) stabilizes only "true" orbitals

## *Dirac-relativistic hydrogen atom (I)*

$$
\Psi_{1s}(\vec{r},t) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{1s}(\vec{r}) \\ f_{1s}(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix} e^{-iWt/\hbar} \quad \text{with: } W = mc^2 \sqrt{1 - (Z\alpha)^2} \cong mc^2 (1 - \frac{1}{2} (Z\alpha)^2)
$$

$$
g_{1s} = \sqrt{\frac{8Z^3}{a_0^3}} \sqrt{\frac{W + mc^2}{2mc^2 \Gamma(3)}} e^{-Zr/a_0} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{1s} = \sqrt{\frac{8Z^3}{a_0^3}} \sqrt{\frac{W - mc^2}{2mc^2 \Gamma(3)}} e^{-Zr/a_0}
$$

$$
\implies \left\langle \vec{p}_{cl}\right\rangle_{1s} = \left\langle p_{cl}^2\right\rangle_{1s} = 0 \text{ and } \vec{p}_{nc} = \frac{\hbar}{2\rho(\vec{r})}\left(\vec{\nabla}\times(\overline{\Psi}\vec{\sigma}\Psi) - \frac{1}{c}\partial_t(\overline{\Psi}i\vec{\alpha}\Psi)\right)
$$

with: 
$$
\overline{\Psi} \sigma_z \Psi = g_{1s}^2 + f_{1s}^2
$$
 and  $\overline{\Psi} i \alpha_y \Psi = 2g_{1s} f_{1s}$ 

We average over ZBW and get the same result as for Schrodinger equation... what if we did not average?

# *Dirac-relativistic hydrogen atom (II)*

Two oscillatory motions determined by W:  $\Psi_{1s}(\vec{r},t) = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \delta_{1s} \zeta' \\ \delta_{1s} \end{array} \right| e^{-iWt/\hbar}$  $\rightarrow$  $\vec{f}$  +  $\left( g_{1s}(\vec{r}) \right)$   $e^{-iWt/\tau}$ 1 1  $f_{1s}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{1s}(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix}$  $(\vec{r})$  $(\vec{r}, t) = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{1s} & \delta_{1s} \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} e^{-iWt}$ *s s*  $e_s(\vec{r},t) = \frac{\delta \ln \langle \cdot \rangle}{f} e^{-\frac{\delta \ln \langle \cdot \rangle}{f}}$  $f_{1s}(\vec{r})$  $g_{1s}(\vec{r})$  $\vec{r}$ , t) =  $\frac{\delta_{1s}^{(1)}\prime}{\delta_{1s}^{(1)}}$   $e^{-}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\int$  $\bigg)$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\mathsf{I}$  $\setminus$  $\bigg($  $\Psi_{1s}(\vec{r},t) =$ 

Composition of two frequencies:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\hbar \omega_{\text{free}} = 2mc^2 \\
\hbar \omega_{\text{ls}} = Z^2 \alpha^2 mc^2\n\end{cases}
$$

$$
(W \cong 2mc^2(1-\frac{1}{2}(Z\alpha)^2))
$$

The 2 energies sum up as if the two motions were orthogonal

A possible composition:



*Toroidal pattern*

## **Dirac equation and the zitterbewegung (summary)**

**1) The motion of the electron is determined by the composition of two momental momenta:**  $\vec{p} = \vec{p}_{cl} + \vec{p}_{nc}$ 

**2)**  $p_{cl}$  is the motion of the center of mass and  $p_{nc}$  is the motion of a massless **charge (moving at speed c)** 

**3) both Schrodinger and Dirac equations (if properly interpreted) agree with this description: their expectation values correspond to averages on the ZBW frequency** 

**4) Interestingly, the relativistic time-dilation and length-contraction are determined by the c.o.m. velocity, u.** 

**5) The toroidal motion is responsible of the spin (and might be related to highfrequency parity-violation effects)** 



# *Back to PEP: two-electron atoms*

*How to extend this ZBW picture to the case of 2 electrons ?*

$$
P_{nc}^{(1)} = P^{(1)} - \hbar \nabla_{x_1} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(2)} = P^{(2)} - \hbar \nabla_{x_2} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(3)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_3} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(4)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_4} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(5)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_5} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(6)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_2} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(7)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_3} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(8)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_2} S(x_1, x_2)
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{nc}^{(9)} = \hbar \nabla_{x_3} S(x_1, x_2)
$$

### **Action and Reaction Between Moving Charges**

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$$
G_a = \frac{e_1 e_2}{2c^2} \bigg\{ R_2 \times \bigg( \frac{v_1}{r} + \frac{v_1 \cdot r_{12} r_{12}}{r^3} \bigg) + R_1 \times \bigg( \frac{v_2}{r} + \frac{v_2 \cdot r_{12} r_{12}}{r^3} \bigg) \bigg\}
$$

Comparing with Eq. (8) we see that the portion of the linear momentum involving the velocity  $v_1$ of the first particle is to be considered as located at the second particle, and vice versa.

FIG. 1. Two moving charges.

 $|h_{12}|$ 

Ω

 $eN_i$ 

AJP, 1945

R2

 $\overline{R}_{I}$ 

# **Is it possible to detect a transient violation of the Pauli principle at the subattosecond scale ?**

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