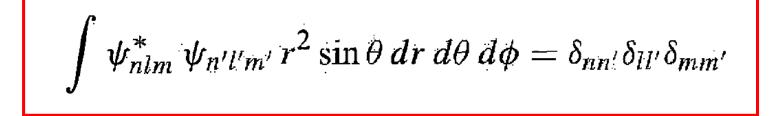


And as usual, the wave functions are orthonormal:

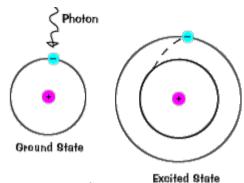


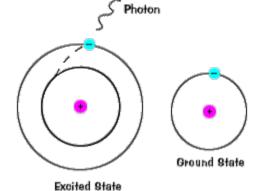
Because of radial equation.

Because of spherical harmonics.

4.2.2: The Spectrum of Hydrogen

 $n_i=1$, $n_f=2$, absorption





 $n_i=2$, $n_f=1$ emission

Emission of photons:

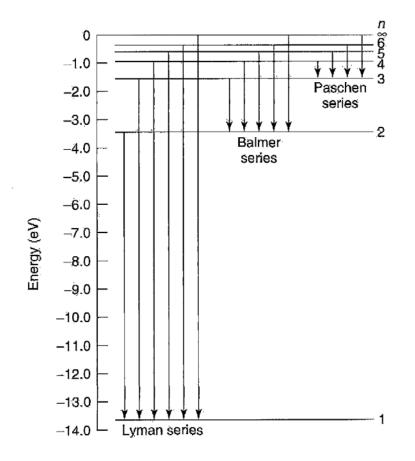
$$E_{\gamma} = E_i - E_f = -13.6 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right)$$

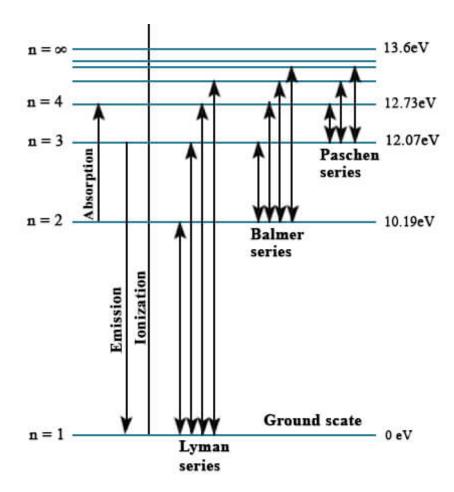
$$E_{\gamma} = \hbar \nu$$
 $\lambda = c/\nu$

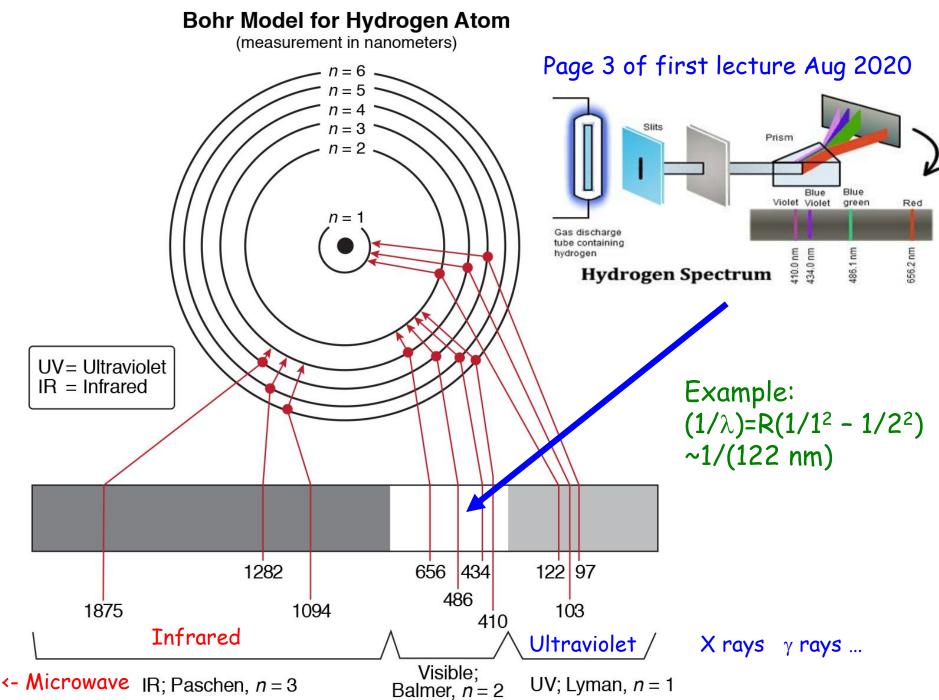
$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R\left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2}\right)$$

$$R \equiv \frac{m}{4\pi c \hbar^3} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0}\right)^2 = 1.097 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{m}^{-1}$$

R= Rydberg constant; formula found before Sch Eq, just empirically.







4.3: Angular Momentum

We wish to find out what is the meaning of "I" and "m" in the quantum numbers (n,l,m).

Let us start with the classical formula for angular momentum:
$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$
 $p_x p_y p_z$

Component by component in Cartesian coordinates this is:

$$L_x = yp_z - zp_y$$
, $L_y = zp_x - xp_z$, $L_z = xp_y - yp_x$.

To move into quantum mechanics we follow the usual recipe:

$$p_x \rightarrow -i\hbar\partial/\partial x, \ p_y \rightarrow -i\hbar\partial/\partial y, \ p_z \rightarrow -i\hbar\partial/\partial z$$

Do these operators commute? (HW)

$$\begin{split} [L_x, L_y] &= [yp_z - zp_y, zp_x - xp_z] \\ &= [yp_z, zp_x] - [yp_z, xp_z] - [zp_y, zp_x] + [zp_y, xp_z] \\ yp_x[p_z, z] & yx[p_z, p_z] - [p_yp_x[z, z] + [zp_y, xp_z]] \\ &= yp_x[p_z, z] + xp_y[z, p_z] = i\hbar(xp_y - yp_x) = i\hbar L_z \\ -i\hbar & +i\hbar & L_z \end{split}$$

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z;$$
 $[L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x;$ $[L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y$

If operators do not commute, then we cannot know them simultaneously, as shown in the general theorem of Ch. 3. For example:

$$\sigma_{L_x}^2 \sigma_{L_y}^2 \ge \left(\frac{1}{2i} \langle i\hbar L_z \rangle\right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \langle L_z \rangle^2$$

However, something special happens with the square of the angular momentum:

$$L^2 \equiv L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2$$

It commutes with L_x (and with L_y and with L_z):

$$[L^2, L_x] = [L_x^2, L_x] + [L_y^2, L_x] + [L_z^2, L_x]$$

... we need a "mini theorem" now ...

$$[L_{y}^{2}, L_{x}] = L_{y}^{2} L_{x} - L_{x} L_{y}^{2}$$
 $L_{y} [L_{y}, L_{x}] = L_{y} (L_{y}L_{x} - L_{x}L_{y})$
 $[L_{y}, L_{x}] L_{y} = (L_{y}L_{x} - L_{x}L_{y}) L_{y}$
 $[L_{y}^{2}, L_{x}] = L_{y} [L_{y}, L_{x}] + [L_{y}, L_{x}] L_{y}$ used in HW

In general $[A^2, B] = A[A,B] + [A,B]A$. You will use this theorem in HW. Applying this theorem multiple times:

$$[L^{2}, L_{x}] = [L_{x}^{2}, L_{x}] + [L_{y}^{2}, L_{x}] + [L_{z}^{2}, L_{x}]$$

$$= (L_{y}[L_{y}, L_{x}] + [L_{y}, L_{x}]L_{y}) + (L_{z}[L_{z}, L_{x}] + [L_{z}, L_{x}]L_{z})$$

$$= L_{y}(-i\hbar L_{z}) + (-i\hbar L_{z})L_{y} + L_{z}(i\hbar L_{y}) + (i\hbar L_{y})L_{z}$$

$$= 0.$$

The same holds for all components:

$$[L^2, L_x] = 0, \quad [L^2, L_y] = 0, \quad [L^2, L_z] = 0$$

Because L^2 commutes with at least one component (usually chosen to be L_z) then we should find eigenstates of both operators simultaneously.

$$L^2 f = \lambda f \qquad L_z f = \mu f$$

Then our mission is to find λ and μ and f.

To solve this problem we will use a procedure very similar to that of the Harmonic Oscillator with the lowering and raising operators.