

# 331(1): Spin-Spin and Spin-Orbit Hamiltonians in ESR and NMR.

The Hamiltonians developed in preceding notes and papers are augmented in the usual approach to spin-spin and spin-orbit splitting, which is the most useful analytical feature of ESR and NMR. In the  $o(3)$  basis the usual Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + U \quad (1)$$

In the presence of a magnetic field this Hamiltonian becomes:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) + U \quad (2)$$

In quantum field theory this comes from the minimal prescription:

$$p^\mu \rightarrow p^\mu - eA^\mu \quad (3)$$

where

$$p^\mu = \left( \frac{E}{c}, \underline{p} \right) \quad (4)$$

and

$$A^\mu = \left( \frac{\phi}{c}, \underline{A} \right) \quad (5)$$

(L.H. Ryder, "Quantum Field Theory", Cambridge University Press, 1996)

In QED theory  $A^\mu$  becomes proportional to

the spin curvature. Some authors use a positive  $e\underline{A}$  in eqn. (2),

which can be developed as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (\underline{p}^2 - e \underline{A} \cdot \underline{p} - e \underline{p} \cdot \underline{A} + e^2 A^2) + U \quad - (3)$$

In almost all the textbooks this term is developed non-relativistically, but in the Dirac equation  $\underline{p}$  is the relativistic momentum:

$$\underline{p} = \gamma \underline{p}_0 \quad - (4)$$

where

$$\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{\underline{p}_0^2}{m^2 c^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (5)$$

is the Lorentz factor.

In the non relativistic development:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (\underline{p}_0^2 - e \underline{A} \cdot \underline{p}_0 - e \underline{p}_0 \cdot \underline{A} + e^2 A^2) + U \quad - (6)$$

The non relativistic quantization is:

$$\underline{p}_0 \phi = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \phi \quad - (7)$$

where  $\phi$  is the non relativistic wave function. From  
vs (6) and (7):

$$H\phi = \frac{1}{2m} \left( -\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \phi + i e \hbar \underline{A} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \phi + i e \hbar \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{A} \phi) + e^2 A^2 \phi \right) + U\phi \quad - (8)$$

3) which:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{A}\psi) = \psi \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{A} + \underline{A} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \quad - (9)$$

Therefore:

$$H\psi = \frac{1}{2m} \left( -\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \psi + 2ie\hbar \underline{A} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi + ie\hbar \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{A} \psi + e^2 A^2 \psi \right) + U\psi \quad - (10)$$

There are expectation value such as:

$$H_1 = \frac{ie\hbar}{m} \langle \underline{A} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \psi \rangle \quad - (11)$$

which corresponds to the classical:

$$H_1 = - \frac{e}{m} \underline{A} \cdot \underline{p}_0 \quad - (12)$$

The usual development uses the vector potential for a static magnetic field:

$$\underline{A} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{B} \times \underline{r} \quad - (13)$$

so

$$H_1 = - \frac{e}{2m} \underline{B} \times \underline{r} \cdot \underline{p}_0 \quad - (14)$$

$$= - \frac{e}{2m} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{r} \times \underline{p}_0$$

$$= - \frac{e}{2m} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{L}_0$$

where:

$$\underline{L}_0 = \underline{r} \times \underline{p}_0 \quad \text{--- (15)}$$

i.e. classical orbital angular momentum.

However, the correctly relativistic term is

$$H_1 = -\frac{e}{2m} \underline{L} \cdot \underline{B} \quad \text{--- (16)}$$

where

$$\underline{L} = \gamma \underline{L}_0 \quad \text{--- (17)}$$

i.e. relativistic angular momentum. So:

$$H_1 = -\frac{e}{2m} \left(1 - \frac{p_0^2}{m^2 c^2}\right)^{-1/2} \underline{L}_0 \cdot \underline{B} \quad \text{--- (18)}$$

which:

$$H_0 \psi = \left(\frac{p_0^2}{2m} + U\right) \psi \quad \text{--- (19)}$$

The classical orbital angular momentum is quantized as:

$$\hat{L}_0^2 \psi = L(L+1) \hbar^2 \psi \quad \text{--- (20)}$$

$$L_{0z} \psi = m \hbar \psi \quad \text{--- (21)}$$

However, eqs. (18) and (19) introduces a new potential effect which will be developed in the following note.