

# Spin

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In classical mechanics, a rigid object admits two kinds of angular momentum: orbital ( $L = r \times p$ ), associated with the motion of the center of mass, and spin ( $S = I\omega$ ) associated with motion about the center of mass.

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Also in quantum mechanics, in addition to orbital angular momentum, associated with the motion of the electron around the nucleus (for the H atom), the electron also carries another form of angular momentum.

But, it has nothing to do with motion in space :  
elementary particles carry intrinsic angular momentum ( $S$ ) in addition to their "extrinsic" angular momentum ( $L$ ).

# Spin operators

The algebraic theory of spin is identical to the theory of orbital angular momentum, including commutator rules:

$$[S_x, S_y] = i\hbar S_z, \quad [S_y, S_z] = i\hbar S_x, \quad [S_z, S_x] = i\hbar S_y$$

We can represent the magnitude squared of the spin angular momentum vector by the operator:

$$S^2 = S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2$$

It is not surprising that:

$$[S^2, S_x] = [S^2, S_y] = [S^2, S_z] = 0$$



# Spin operators

By analogy with Orbital a.m., spin operators satisfy:

$$S_z |s, m\rangle = \hbar m |s, m\rangle$$

$$S^2 |s, m\rangle = \hbar^2 s(s+1) |s, m\rangle$$

# Spin operators

But here the eigenvectors are not spherical harmonics, and there is no a priori reason to exclude the half-integer values of  $s$  and  $m$ :

$$s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots; \quad m = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s$$

Every elementary particle has a specific and immutable value of  $s$ , which we call the spin of that particular species: pi mesons have spin 0; electrons have spin 1/2; photons have spin 1; deltas have spin 3/2; gravitons have spin 2; and so on...

# Spin 1/2

By far the most important case is  $s = 1/2$ , for this is the spin of the particles that make up ordinary matter such as protons, neutrons, and electrons.

There are just two eigenstates:

$$\text{Spin up } (\uparrow) \\ \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Spin down } (\downarrow) \\ \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

A general state of a particle with spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , called spinor is:

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a \chi_+ + b \chi_-$$

$$\text{with } \chi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{spin up}$$

$$\chi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{spin down}$$

# Spin 1/2

We can derive the spin operator by investigating their effects on the eigen-spinor:

since  $S^2 |s, m\rangle = \hbar^2 s(s+1) |s, m\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow S^2 \chi_+ = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \chi_+ \quad \text{and} \quad S^2 \chi_- = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \chi_-$$

Let's write  $S^2 = \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ e & f \end{pmatrix}$

then from  $S^2 \chi_+$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ e & f \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c \\ e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 \hbar^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c &= \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \\ e &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Thus: } S^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Spin 1/2

Similarly for  $S_z$ :

$$S_z \chi_+ = \frac{\hbar}{2} \chi_+ \quad S_z \chi_- = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \chi_-$$

One can derive:

$$S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

And exploiting  $S_x \pm i S_y = \hbar \sqrt{s(s+1) - m(m \pm 1)} |s, (m \pm 1)\rangle$

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Spin 1/2

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Because they all have  $\hbar/2$  factor, it's convenient to write:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \sigma \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sigma_x \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

These are the famous Pauli spin matrices

# Spin 1/2

Thus, we have the eigenspinor of  $S_z$ :

$$\chi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with eigenvalue } \frac{1}{2} \hbar \quad \chi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with eigenvalue } -\frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

Because of:

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = e_1 \chi_+ + e_2 \chi_- \Rightarrow e_1 = a \quad e_2 = b$$
$$p_1 = |a|^2 \quad p_2 = |b|^2$$

If you measure  $S_z$  on a particle in the general state  $\chi$  you could get  $+\hbar/2$ , with probability  $|a|^2$ , or  $-\hbar/2$ , with probability  $|b|^2$ .

# Spin 1/2

One can show that the eigenvalue of  $S_x$  are still  $\frac{1}{2}\hbar$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}\hbar$  with eigenvectors:

$$\chi_+^x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \frac{1}{2}\hbar \quad \chi_-^x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } -\frac{1}{2}\hbar$$

Thus

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c_1 + c_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{c_1 - c_2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = a\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow a\sqrt{2} = c_1 + c_1 - b\sqrt{2} \\ c_1 - c_2 = b\sqrt{2} \end{cases} \Downarrow c_1 = \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}$$

and we have  $\frac{1}{2}|a+b|^2$  probability to get  $+\frac{1}{2}\hbar$  and  $\frac{1}{2}|a-b|^2$  for  $-\frac{1}{2}\hbar$

# Spin 1/2

One can show that the eigenvalue of  $S_y$  are still  $\frac{1}{2}\hbar$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}\hbar$  with eigenvectors:

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Thus ---

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# Spin magnetic moment

According to classical physics, a small current loop possesses a magnetic moment of magnitude:

$$|\vec{\mu}| = i S$$

↓                      ↘  
current              Surface area

In a magnetic field  $B$  there, the magnetic dipole moment will experience a torque  $\mu \times B$ , which tends to line up the dipole to the field. The energy associated to this torque is:

$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

↑  
Energy

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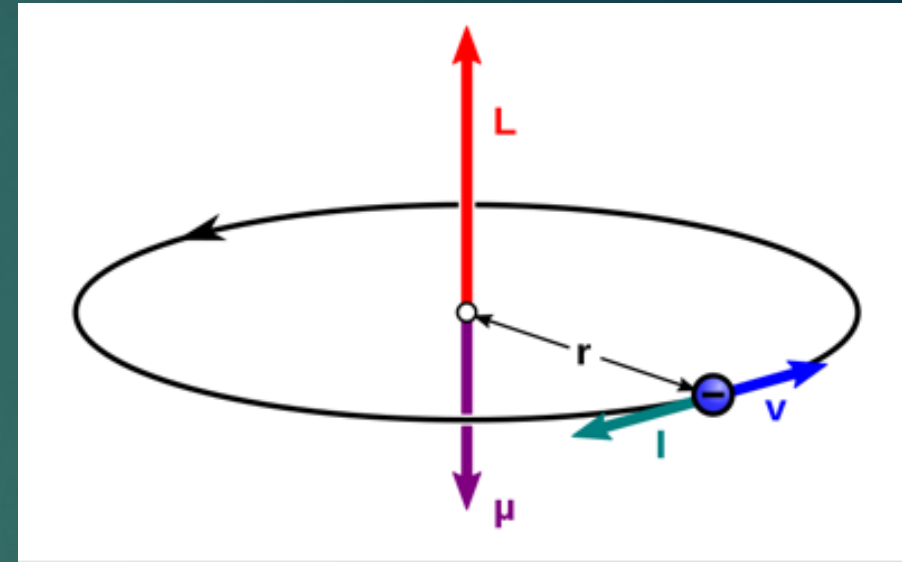
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$\downarrow$  current       $\nearrow$  Surface area

In a semi-classic picture the electron orbiting in the atom can be considered as a current loop:

$$T = \frac{\text{Circumf.}}{\text{velocity}} = \frac{2\pi R}{v} \quad i = \frac{-e}{t} = \frac{-e v}{2\pi R}$$

$$\text{but } |\vec{\mu}| = i S_A = -\frac{e v}{2\pi R} \pi R^2 = -\frac{e v R}{2}$$



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but

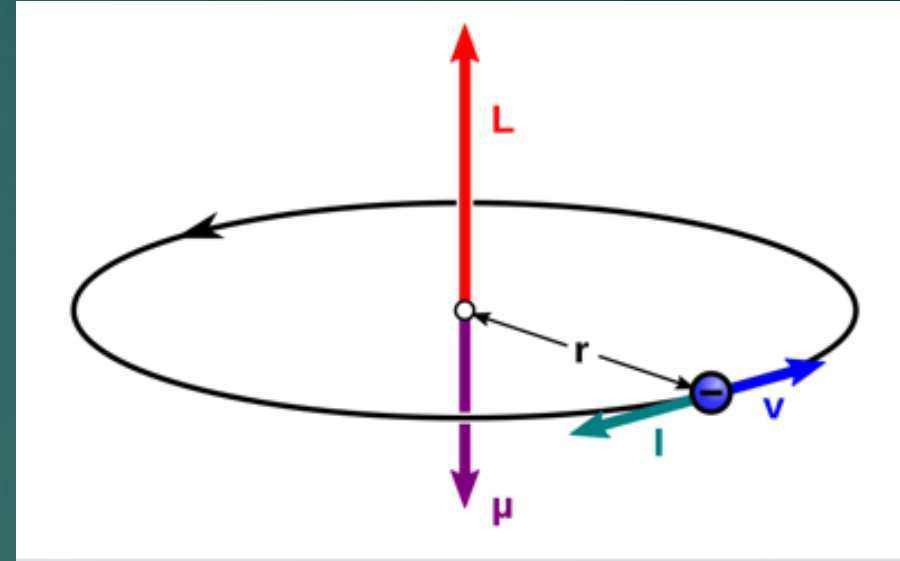
$$L = I\omega = mR^2 \frac{v}{R} = mRv$$

Thus

$$|\vec{\mu}_L^*| = \frac{-eL}{2m_e}$$

and

$$\vec{\mu}_L = \frac{-e\vec{L}}{2m_e}$$



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$$\vec{\mu}_L = \frac{-e L}{2 m_e} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{quantum physics}} \quad \hat{\mu}_L = -\frac{e \hat{L}}{2 m_e}$$

If a magnetic field B is present, I can calculate the energy linked to this magnetic moment:

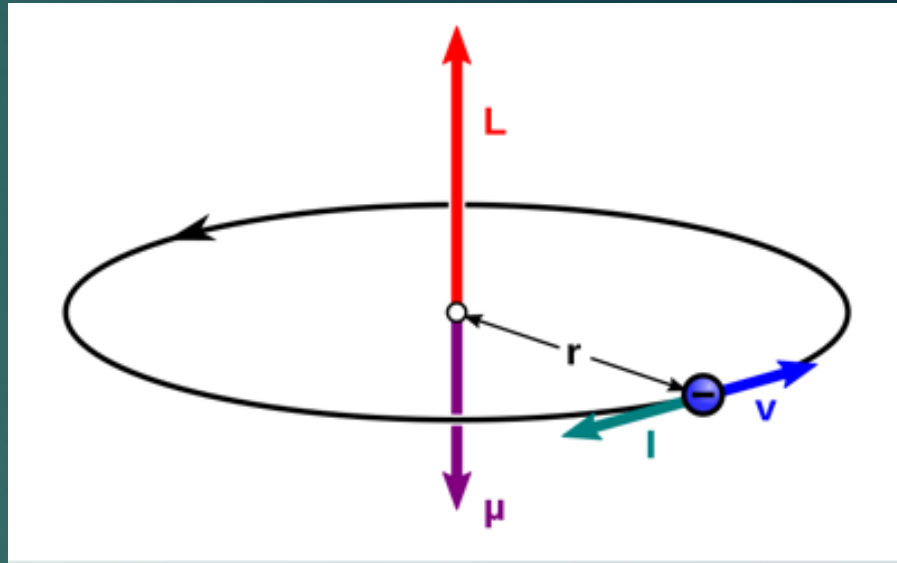
$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

↑  
Energy

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H} = \frac{e}{2 m_e} \hat{L}_z B \quad \rightarrow \text{we will see that} \quad \hat{H} = \frac{e \hbar m}{2 m_e} \uparrow$$

L reduces to L<sub>z</sub> because B oriented along z

↑  
"split" for m ≠ 0





# Spin magnetic moment

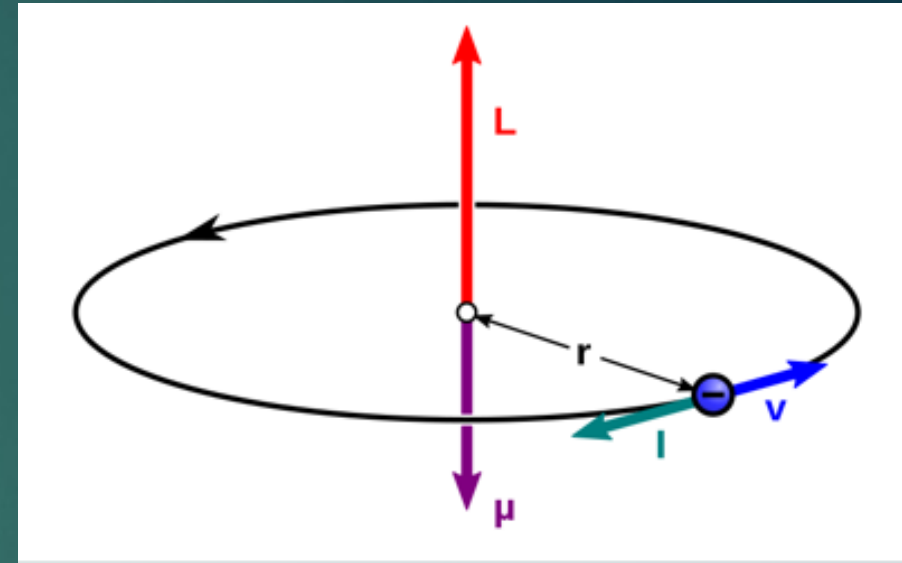
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The analogy between spin and orbital angular momentum suggests that there may be a similar relationship between magnetic moment and spin angular momentum. We can write:

$$\mu_s = -\frac{g e \vec{S}}{2 m_e}$$

Spin magnetic moment



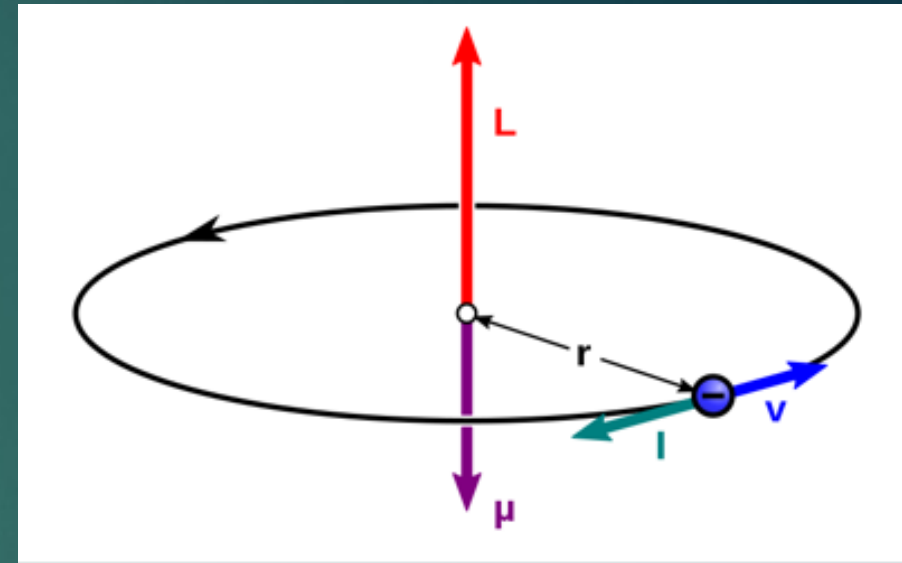


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$$\mu_s = - \frac{g_s e \hbar \vec{S}}{2 m_e}$$

where  $g$  is called the  $g$ -factor. Classically, we would expect  $g=1$  but for reasons that could be explained by relativistic theory, here

$$g_s = 2.0023192$$



We can also write:

$$\mu_s = \gamma_s \vec{S}$$

$$\text{with } \underbrace{|\gamma_s|}_{\uparrow} = \frac{|-e\hbar|}{2 m_e} g_s \quad (\approx 2 \text{ times } \gamma \text{ in classical systems})$$

gyromagnetic ratio

# Spin magnetic moment

$$\mu_s = \gamma S$$

Also in this case we can find the energy associated to the dipole in presence of the magnetic field  $B$ :

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Imagine a particle of spin  $1/2$  at rest in a uniform magnetic field, which points in the  $z$ -direction:

$$B = B_0 \hat{z} \quad \Rightarrow \quad H = -\gamma B_0 S_z =$$
$$= -\frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Spin magnetic moment

$$H = -\frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenstates are the same of  $S_z$ , and the eigenvalues will have just an extra multiplicative term  $\gamma B_0$

$$\chi_+ \xrightarrow{\text{energy}} -\frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{2}$$

$$\chi_- \xrightarrow{\text{energy}} +\frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{2}$$

# Spin magnetic moment

The general solutions must satisfy the t.d.S.E.:

$$i\hbar \frac{d\chi}{dt} = H\chi$$

And can be written in term of linear combination of stationary states:

$$\chi(t) = a \chi_+ e^{-iE_+ t/\hbar} + b \chi_- e^{-iE_- t/\hbar}$$

Which can be written in the Pauli's notation as;

$$\chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \\ b e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Spin magnetic moment

$$\chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \\ b e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t=0 \quad \chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$  for the normalization condition of  $\chi$

so I could write

$$a = \cos(\alpha/2)$$

$$b = \sin(\alpha/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha/2) e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \\ \sin(\alpha/2) e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Spin magnetic moment

$$\chi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(d/2) e^{i \gamma B_0 t/2} \\ \sin(d/2) e^{-i \gamma B_0 t/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_+ \\ c_- \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's calculate the expectation value of Spin

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_x \rangle &= \chi(t)^\dagger S_x \chi(t) = (c_+^*, c_-^*) \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_+ \\ c_- \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} (c_+^*, c_-^*) \begin{pmatrix} c_- \\ c_+ \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} (c_+^* c_- + c_-^* c_+) \end{aligned}$$

# Spin magnetic moment

Let's calculate the expectation value of  $S_x$

$$\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} (c_+^* c_- + c_-^* c_+) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left( \cos(\alpha/2) e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} \sin(\alpha/2) e^{-i\gamma B_0 t/2} + \sin(\alpha/2) e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \cos(\alpha/2) e^{i\gamma B_0 t/2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \underbrace{\sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\alpha/2)}_{\downarrow \frac{1}{2} \sin(\alpha)} \underbrace{(e^{-i\gamma B_0 t} + e^{i\gamma B_0 t})}_{\downarrow [\cos(\gamma B_0 t) - i \sin(\gamma B_0 t) + \cos(\gamma B_0 t) + i \sin(\gamma B_0 t)]}$$

# Spin magnetic moment

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle S_x \rangle &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \underbrace{\sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\alpha/2)}_{\frac{1}{2} \sin(\alpha)} \underbrace{\left( e^{-i\gamma B_0 t} + e^{i\gamma B_0 t} \right)}_{\left[ \cos(\gamma B_0 t) - i \sin(\gamma B_0 t) + \cos(\gamma B_0 t) + i \sin(\gamma B_0 t) \right]} \\
 &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \sin(\alpha) \cos(\gamma B_0 t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\langle S_y \rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \sin(\alpha) \sin(\gamma B_0 t)$$

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos(\alpha)$$

note that  $\langle S_z \rangle$  is time independent

# Spin precession

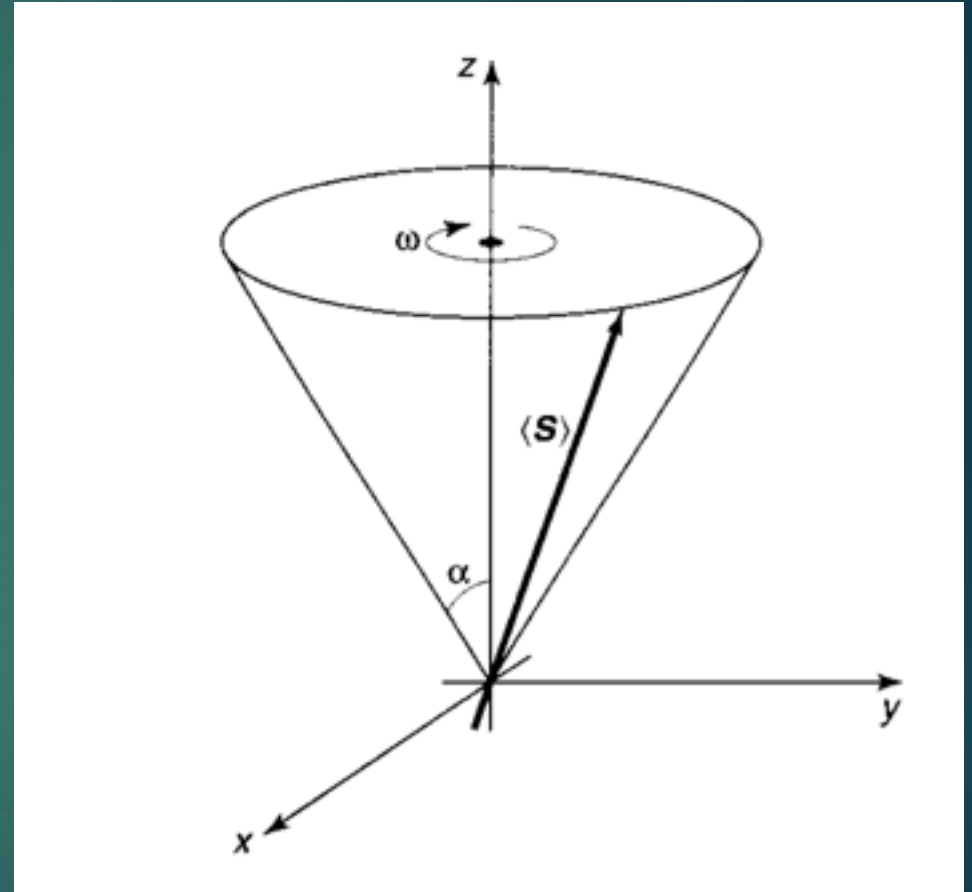
$$\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sin(\alpha) \cos(\gamma B_0 t)$$

$$\langle S_y \rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \sin(\alpha) \sin(\gamma B_0 t)$$

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos(\alpha)$$

The expectation value of the spin angular momentum vector subtends a constant angle  $\alpha$  with the z-axis, and precesses about this axis at the frequency

$$\omega = \gamma B_0 \approx \frac{e \beta_0}{m_e}$$



Larmor Frequency



# Spin precession

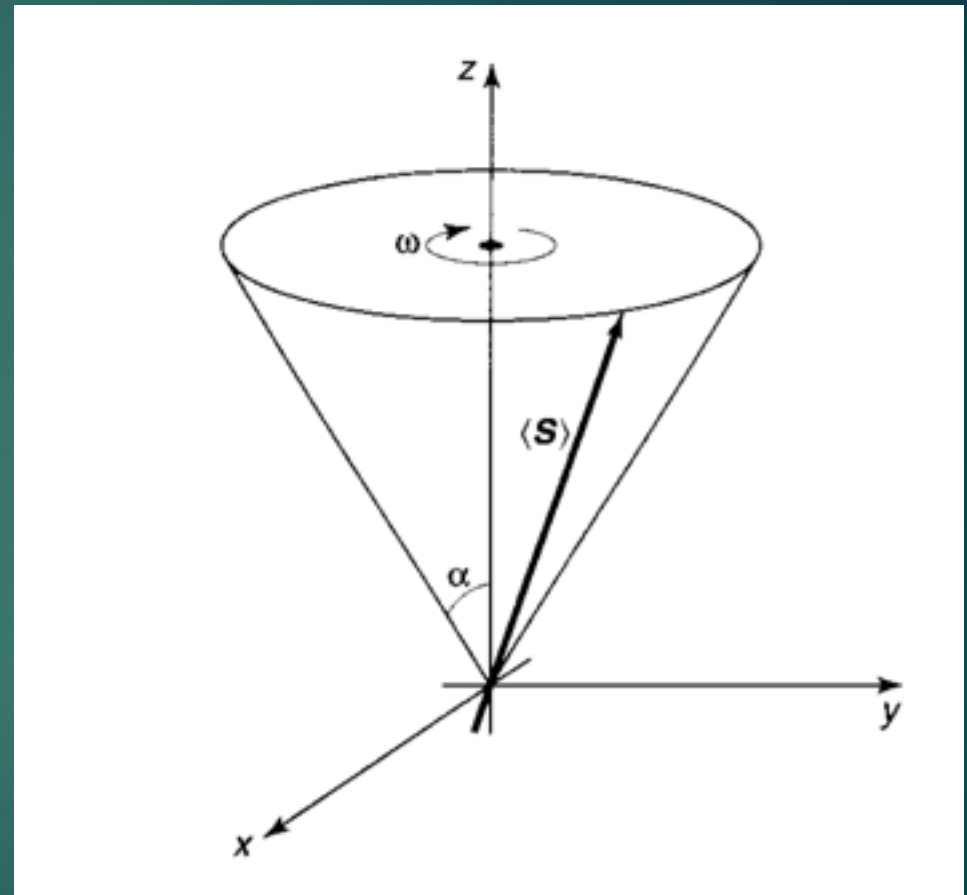
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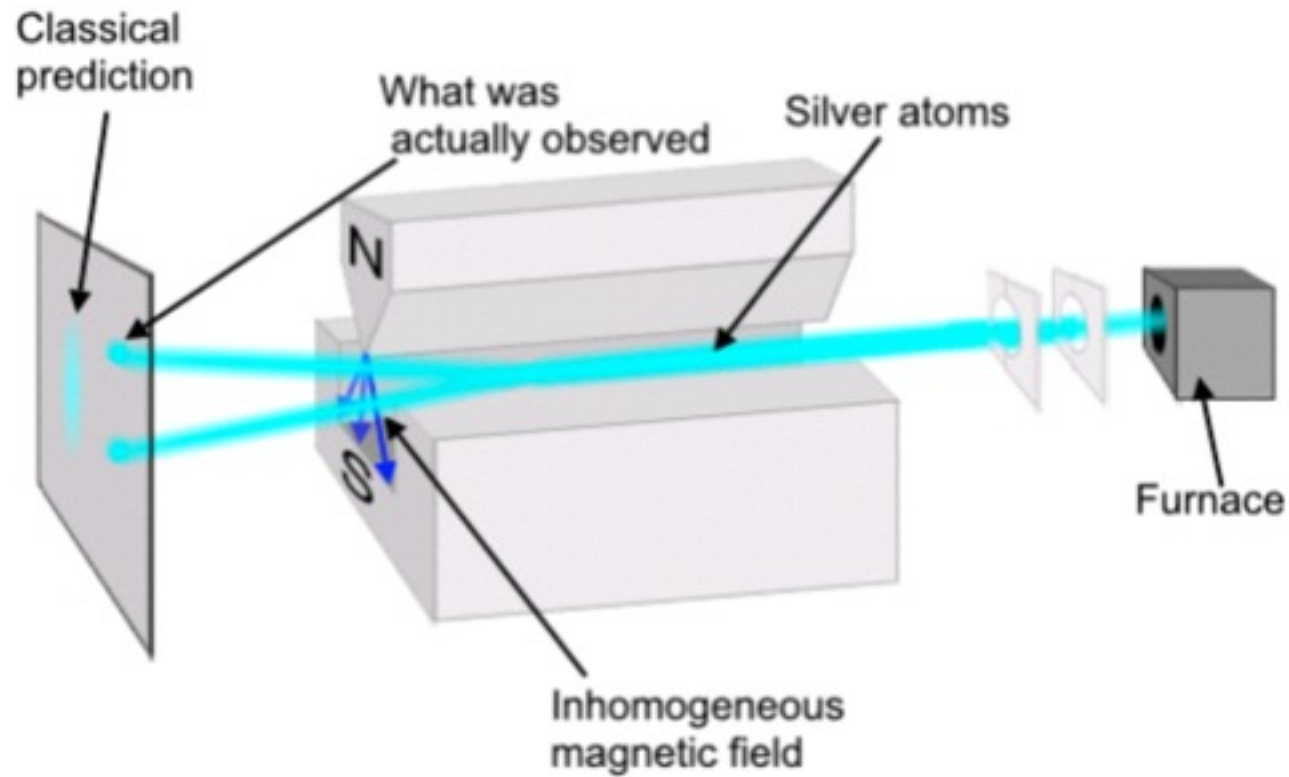
$$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos(\alpha)$$

$$\omega = \gamma B_0$$

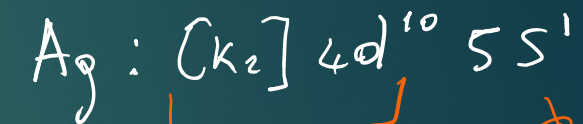
This result is what one would expect classically, but with the expectation value of  $S$  instead of the classical momentum vector.



- The Stern-Gerlach experiment (1922):



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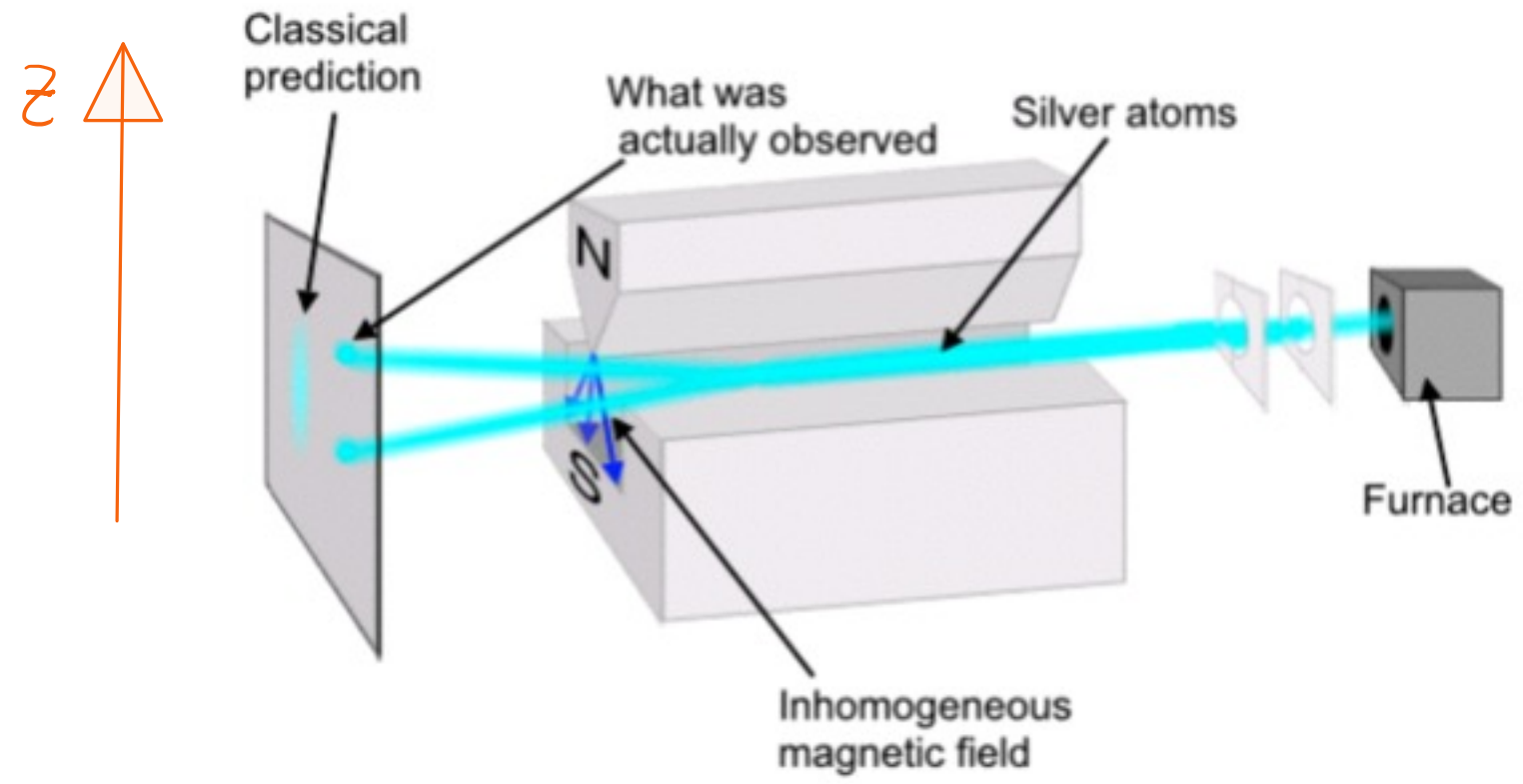
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Beam of Silver atoms:  
 $Ag: [Kr] 4d^{10} 5s^1$   
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 ↳ Like H case in term of  $L$  and  $S$   
 ↳ their  $\hat{S}$  and  $\hat{L}$  cancel

In inhomogeneous magnetic field

$$E = -\mu_z B \quad - \frac{\delta E}{\delta z} = F_z \neq 0$$

"  $\mu_z B_I$

with  $B = -B_I \times \hat{x} + (B_0 + B_I z) \hat{z}$

↳ we must have it to satisfy  $\nabla \cdot B = 0$

# The Stern Gerlach experiment

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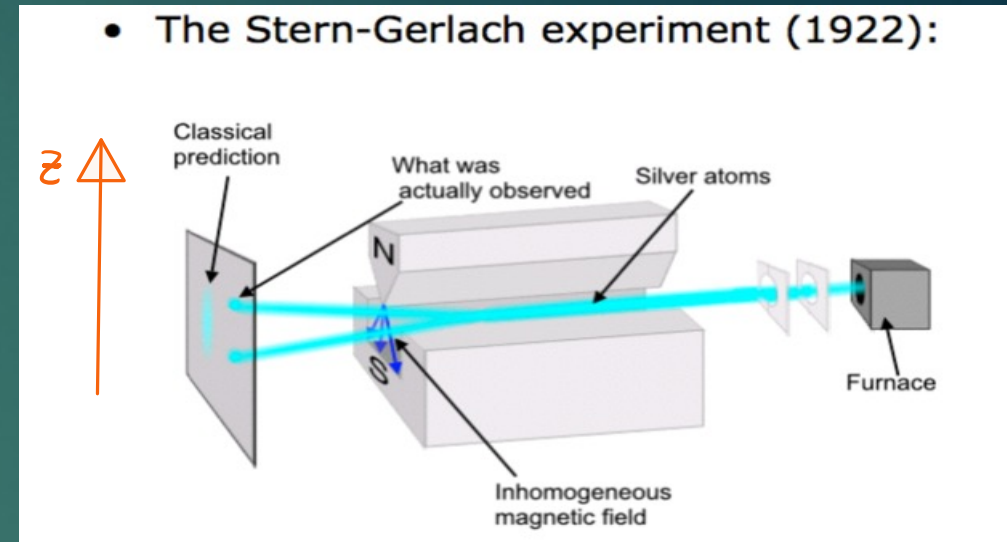
with  $B = -B_x \hat{x} + (B_0 + B_i z) \hat{z}$

$$\mu_z = -\frac{e}{2m} L_z B$$

$\Downarrow$

$$F_z = -\frac{e}{2m} L_z B_i \rightarrow$$

Classically, because  $L$  of atoms in the Furnace is oriented randomly, I would expect any value for  $L_z$  and thus  $F_z$  can have any value





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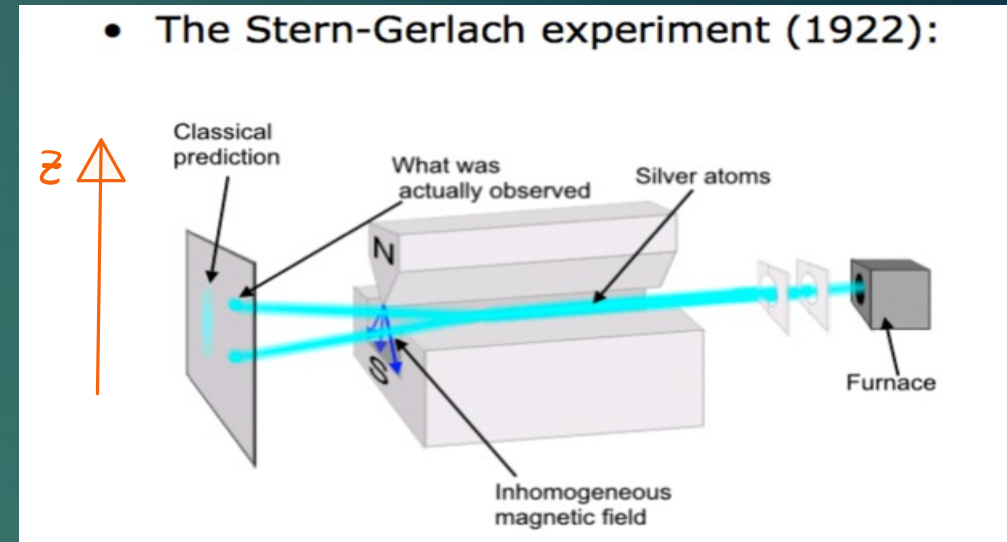
$$\mu_L = -\frac{e}{2m_e} L_z$$

↳

Even considering quantization of  $L_z$ ,

$$\hat{H} = \frac{e}{2m_e} \hat{L}_z (B_0 + B_i z) \Rightarrow E = \frac{e}{2m_e} \hbar m (B_0 + B_i z)$$

$$F_z = -\frac{e}{2m_e} \hbar m B_i$$





# The Stern Gerlach experiment

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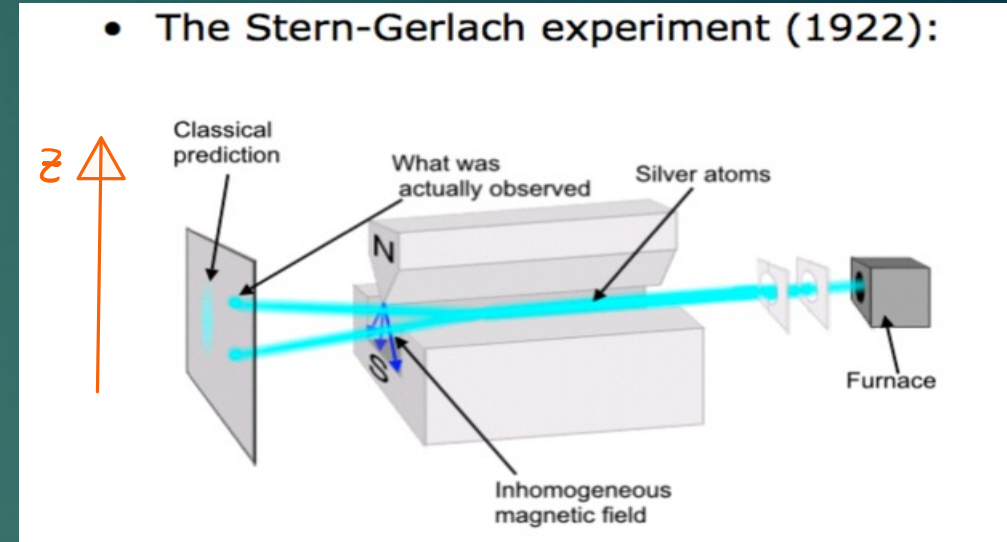
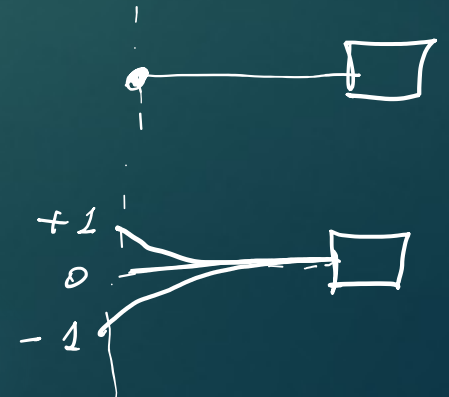
$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{e}{2m_e} \hbar m (B_0 + B_i z)$$

$$F_z = -\frac{e}{2m_e} \hbar m B_i$$

for  $m=0$  1 spot

for  $m=0, \pm 1$  3 spot

$2n+1$  spot



# The Stern Gerlach experiment

In inhomogeneous magnetic field

Considering the net spin of the atoms,  
that of the outer shell electron ( $5s^1$ )

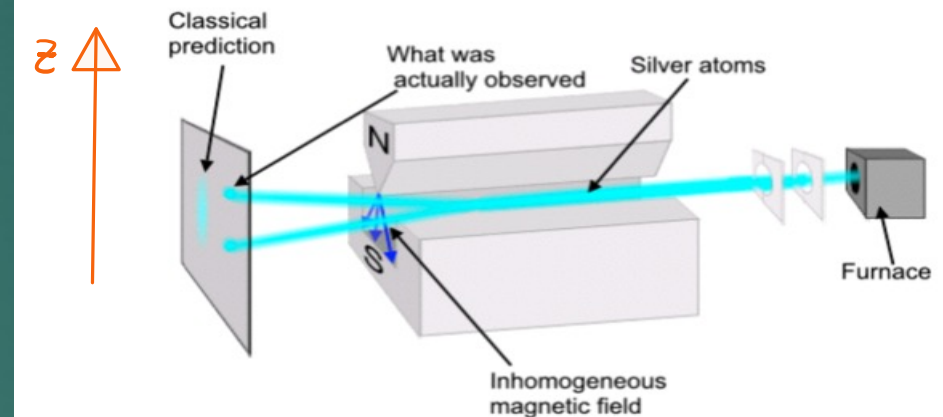
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \quad m_s = -\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}$$

$$E_{\pm} = \pm \gamma (B_0 + B_i z) \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\Downarrow F_z = \gamma B_i S_z \begin{matrix} \nearrow \gamma B_i \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ \searrow -\gamma B_i \frac{\hbar}{2} \end{matrix}$$

**2 BEAMS**  
expected

- The Stern-Gerlach experiment (1922):



# Spin-Orbit

The three components of the orbital angular momentum operator,  $L_x$ ,  $L_y$ , and  $L_z$ , obey the commutation relations that we have seen previously, which can be written in the convenient vector form:

$$\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{L} = i\hbar \mathbf{L}$$

↓  
eg.  $[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z$

Similarly for spin angular momentum operators:

$$\mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{S} = i\hbar \mathbf{S}$$

One can also see that:

$$[L_i, S_j] = 0 \quad \text{with } i, j = 1, 2, 3 \rightarrow x, y, z$$

N.B. the two types of "motion" represented by the angular momentum operators are unrelated, thus it is reasonable to suppose that the two sets of operators commute with one another..

# Spin-Orbit

Let us now consider the electron's total angular momentum vector:

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

One can show that:

$$\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{J} = i \hbar \mathbf{J}$$

It is thus evident that the three components of the total angular momentum operator obey analogous commutation relations to the corresponding orbital and spin angular momentum operators...it is obvious that the total angular momentum has similar properties to the orbital and spin angular momenta. Thus, it is only possible to simultaneously measure the magnitude squared of the total angular momentum vector, and only one of its single components:

$$[\mathbf{J}^2, J_z] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J}^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2$$



# Spin-Orbit

Simultaneous eigenstates of  $J_z$  and  $J^2$  satisfy:

$$J_z \Psi_{j, m_j} = m_j \hbar \Psi_{j, m_j}$$

$$J^2 \Psi_{j, m_j} = j(j+1) \hbar^2 \Psi_{j, m_j}$$

$$m_j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm j$$

identical to the spin operators

$L$	an	$S$	$\rightarrow$	$J$
$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$
$l$		$s$		$j$
$m$		$m_s$		$m_j$



# Spin-Orbit

We can also write:

$$\mathbf{J}^2 = [\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}] \cdot [\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}] = L^2 + S^2 + 2 \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

And one can show that:

$$[\mathbf{J}^2, S^2] = 0 \quad [\mathbf{J}^2, L^2] = 0 \quad [\mathbf{J}^2, L_z] \neq 0 \quad [\mathbf{J}^2, S_z] \neq 0$$

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$$L_z \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = m\hbar \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s}$$

$$S_z \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = m_s\hbar \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s}$$

degeneracy  
in  $l, m, s$   
↓

$$\begin{aligned} |n, l, s, m, m_s\rangle &= \\ &= |n, l, \frac{1}{2}, m, m_s\rangle = \\ &= |n, l, m, m_s\rangle \end{aligned}$$

↓  
 $\Psi_{n,l,m,m_s}$

Thus:  $J_z \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = (L_z + S_z) \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = (m + m_s)\hbar \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s} = m_j\hbar \Psi_{n,l,m,m_s}$

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# Spin-Orbit Hydrogen atom

Simultaneous eigenstate for  $L^2$   $S^2$   $S_z$  and  $L_z$  in separable form:

$$\Psi_{m,l,m,\frac{1}{2}} = R_{m,l}^{(2)} Y_{l,m}(\sigma, \varphi) \chi_+$$

$$\Psi_{m,l,m,-\frac{1}{2}} = R_{m,l}^{(2)} Y_{l,m}(\sigma, \varphi) \chi_-$$

we can express the eigenstates  $\psi_{n,l,1/2;j,m_j}$  as linear combinations of them  
(let me omit the Radial Part and index  $n$ , which are common to all these states)

$$\Psi_{l,j,m+\frac{1}{2}} = \alpha \Psi_{l,m,\frac{1}{2}} + \beta \Psi_{l,m,-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $m_j$

with  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$

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Finally I obtain:

$$\psi_{l+1/2, m+1/2} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{l+m+1}{2l+1}\right)^{1/2}}_{\uparrow} \psi_{m, 1/2} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{l-m}{2l+1}\right)^{1/2}}_{\uparrow} \psi_{m, -1/2}$$

$$\psi_{l-1/2, m+1/2} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{l-m}{2l+1}\right)^{1/2}}_{\uparrow} \psi_{m, 1/2} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{l+m+1}{2l+1}\right)^{1/2}}_{\uparrow} \psi_{m, -1/2}$$

↙ eigen state  $\vec{J}$ 
Clebsch-Gordon coefficients
↘ eigen state  $L, S$

We will see them better in a while



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$$H' = H + H_z \quad \text{but still}$$

$$H' |n, l, m, m_s\rangle = E_n |n, l, m, m_s\rangle$$

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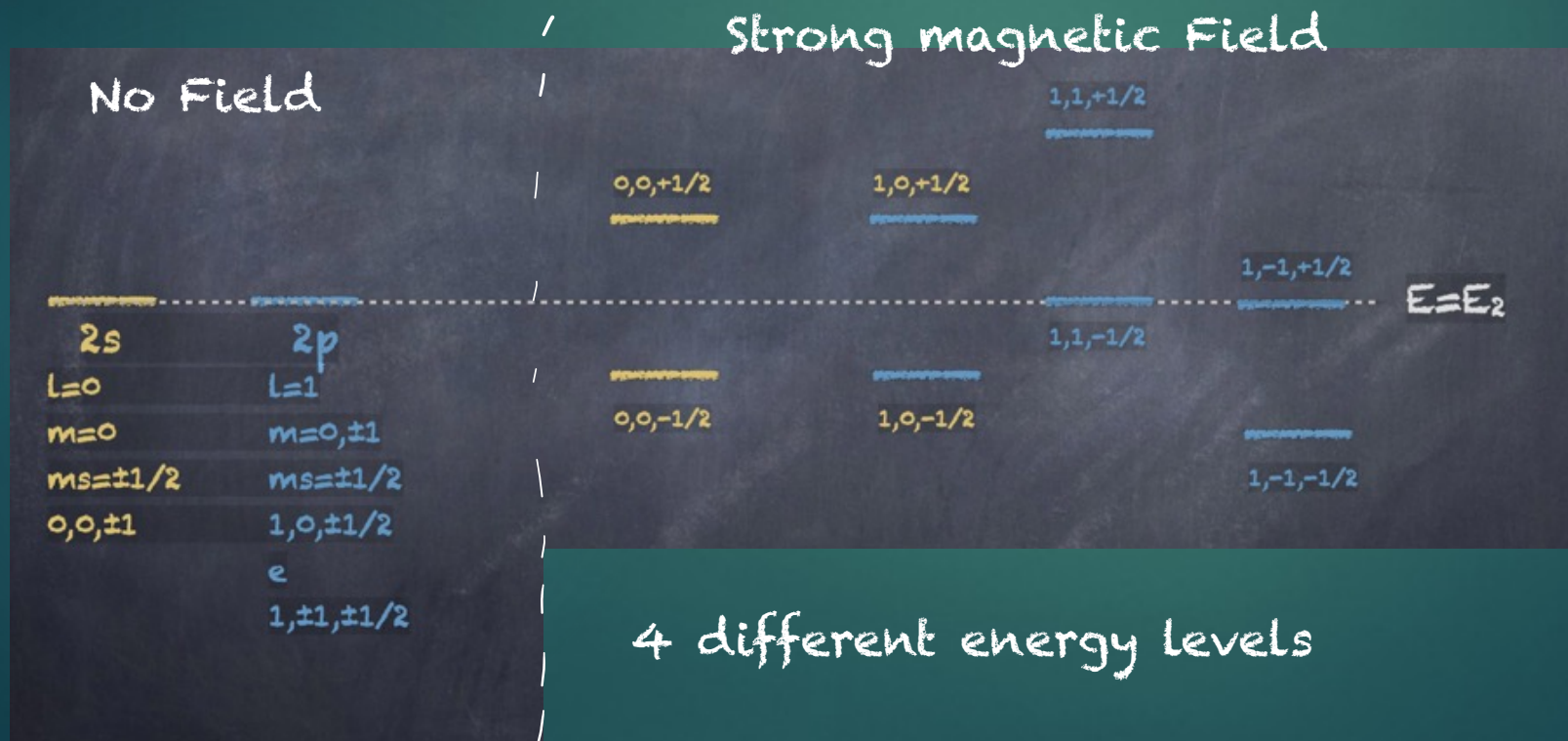
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$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \rightarrow \text{Bohr magneton}$$

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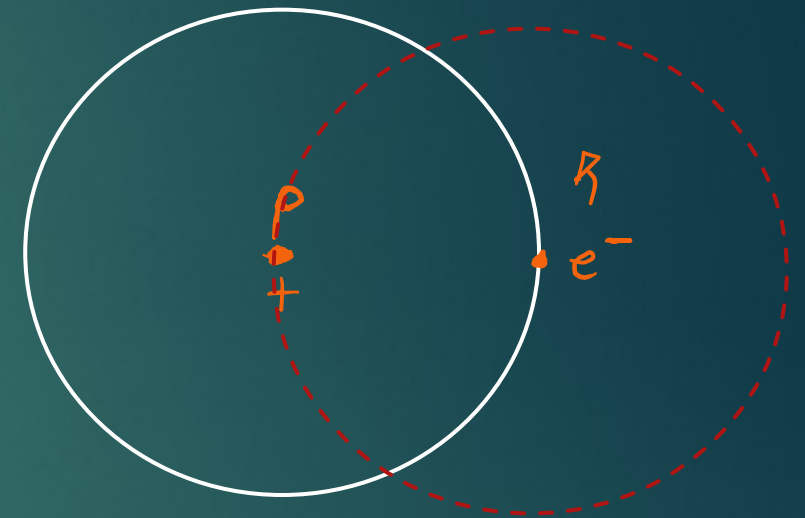


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$$L = m_e v R$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi R}{v}$$

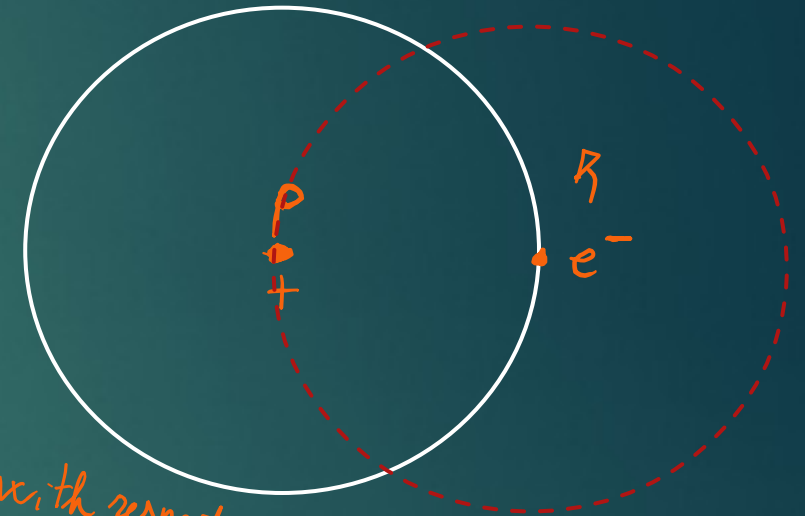


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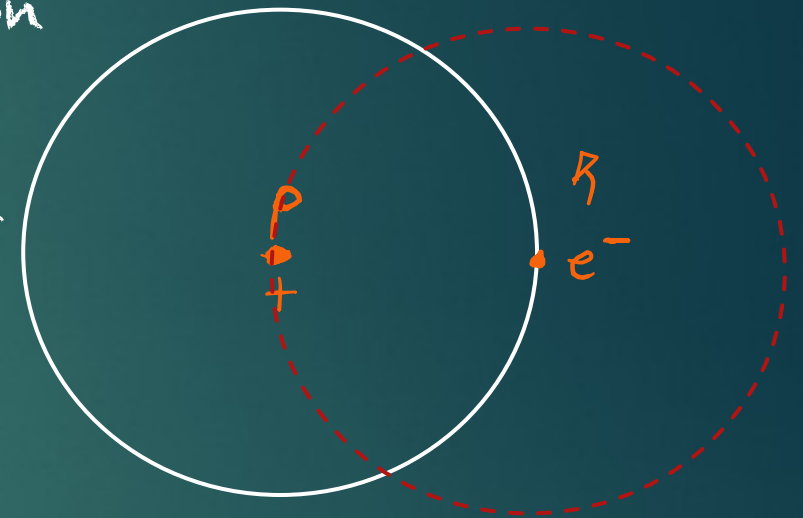
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# Spin-Orbit Hydrogen atom

...Thus

Even without any external magnetic field, the electron of the H atom will experience the "internal" magnetic field due to its motion around the positive charge of nucleus. This internal field will be coupled to the spin angular momentum:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{e \vec{L}}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^3 m_e c^2}$$



$$H_{so} = \frac{e}{m_e} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{m_e^2 c^2 r^3} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} = f(r) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}$$

↓  
spin-orbit interaction

# Spin-Orbit Hydrogen atom

The total Hamiltonian will be:

$$H = H_0 + H_{SO}$$



term we  
have seen without  
Spin consideration

And what about the new energy values?

$$H_{SO} = \hbar^2 \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} \quad , \quad \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L} = S_x L_x + S_y L_y + S_z L_z$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{while } [H_0, L_z] = 0 \quad [H, L_z] \neq 0$$
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And what about the new energy values?  
I would need for good quantum states of H...  
One can easily check that

$$[\vec{J}_z, H_{SO}] = 0 \quad [\vec{J}^2, H_{SO}] = 0$$

$j, m_j$  are "good" quantum numbers!

# Spin-Orbit

More in general we can write a new basis set for  $J$ , as:

$$|l, \frac{1}{2}, j, m_j\rangle = \sum_{\substack{m, m_s \\ m_j = m + m_s}} C_{m, m_s, m_j}^{l, j} |l, m, \frac{1}{2}, m_s\rangle$$

$\downarrow$  eigenstate  $J$   $\downarrow$  eigenstate  $L, S$

note that

$$m_j = m + m_s \quad \text{and} \quad -j \leq m_j \leq j$$

$$\text{but } m \in [-l, +l] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \min[m_j] &= -j = -l + \frac{1}{2} & m_s = \frac{1}{2} \\ \max[m_j] &= j = l + \frac{1}{2} & m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

or  $-l - \frac{1}{2}$   
 $l - \frac{1}{2}$



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More in general:

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Thus

$$j \in [-l - \frac{1}{2}, l + \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$m_j \in [-j, j]$$

# Sum of angular momenta

Let's generalize even more, and suppose that we have two angular momenta operators:

$$\hat{J}_1 \text{ and } \hat{J}_2$$

And let's build a new operator, being the total angular momentum operator:

$$\hat{J} = \hat{J}_1 + \hat{J}_2$$

$\swarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$

$j$        $j_1$        $j_2$        $\rightarrow$  eigenvalues  $J_1^2, J_2^2$

$m_j$        $m_1$        $m_2$        $\rightarrow$       "       $J_{z1}, J_{z2}$

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with  $\left. \begin{array}{l} J_1 = L \\ J_2 = S \end{array} \right\}$  we have same as before

# Sum of angular momenta

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, how to read the table:

**Table 4.7:** Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. (A square root sign is understood for every entry; the minus sign, if present, goes *outside* the radical.)

The table displays Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for various combinations of angular momentum states. Each entry is a small table with its own header and body. The headers indicate the angular momentum values being combined and the resulting state. The entries contain numerical values, some with square roots and signs.

Examples of entries from the table:

- 1/2 × 1/2:**

1	0
+1/2 +1/2	1 0
-1/2 +1/2	1/2 1/2
-1/2 -1/2	1/2 -1/2
-1/2 -1/2	1
- 1 × 1/2:**

3/2	1/2
+3/2	+1/2 +1/2
+1 +1/2	1
0 +1/2	1/3 2/3
0 -1/2	2/3 -1/3
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- 2 × 1/2:**

5/2	3/2
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$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
 $j_1 = s_1$      $j_2 = s_2$      $m_j = m_{s_1} + m_{s_2}$      $s_2$      $s_1$

$$M_j = M_{s_1} + M_{s_2} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \max[m_j] &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \\ \min[m_j] &= -1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow -j < m_j < j$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\max[j] = 1$

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$$j \in [0, 1] \quad m_j \in [j, j-1, \dots, -j]$$

Case 1:  $J=1 \quad m_j=1$

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1\rangle = ? \quad |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle \equiv \uparrow \uparrow$$

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$1/2 \times 1/2$	$1$			
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$-1/2$	$+1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1$
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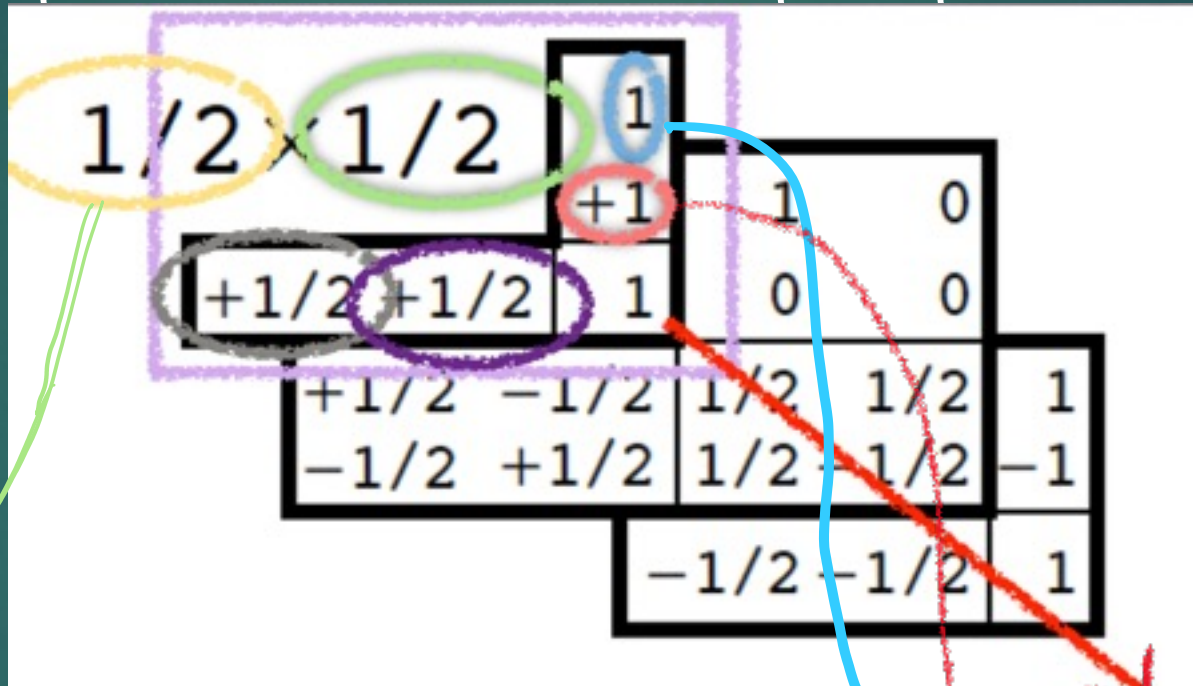
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Case 2:  $J=1 \quad m_j = -1$

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$\equiv \downarrow\downarrow$

$1/2 \times 1/2$				1		
				+1	1	0
+1/2 +1/2		1	0	0		
+1/2 -1/2		-1/2 +1/2		1/2	1/2	1
				1/2	-1/2	-1
-1/2 -1/2		-1/2 -1/2		-1		(1)
				-1		

# Sum of angular momenta

Suppose that the two operators  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are spin operators with  $s=1/2$  :

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, j, m_j\rangle = \sum_{m_{s1}, m_{s2}} C_{m_{s1}, m_{s2}, m_j}^j |\frac{1}{2}, m_{s1}, \frac{1}{2}, m_{s2}\rangle$$

$m_j = m_{s1} + m_{s2}$

$j_1 = s_1$        $j_2 = s_2$

$$j \in [0, 1] \quad m_j \in [j, j-1, \dots, -j]$$

Case 3:  $J=1 \quad m_j=0$

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 0\rangle = ? \quad |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle \Rightarrow |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$\equiv \downarrow \uparrow \quad \text{or} \quad \uparrow \downarrow$

$$\Rightarrow |1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow \downarrow + \downarrow \uparrow)$$

$1/2 \times 1/2$

		1		
	+1	1	0	
+1/2 +1/2	1	0	0	
+1/2 -1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
-1/2 +1/2	1/2	-1/2	-1	
	-1/2 -1/2		1	

# Sum of angular momenta

Suppose that the two operators  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are spin operators with  $s=1/2$  :

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, j, m_j\rangle = \sum_{m_{s_1}, m_{s_2}} C_{m_{s_1}, m_{s_2}, m_j}^j |\frac{1}{2}, m_{s_1}, \frac{1}{2}, m_{s_2}\rangle$$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 $j_1 = s_1$   $j_2 = s_2$   $m_j = m_{s_1} + m_{s_2}$   $s_2$   $s_1$

$j \in [0, 1]$        $m_j \in [j, j-1, \dots, -j]$

Case 4:  $J=0$        $m_j=0$

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0\rangle = ? \quad |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle \Rightarrow |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$\equiv \downarrow \uparrow \quad \text{or} \quad \uparrow \downarrow$

$$\Rightarrow |0, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow \downarrow - \downarrow \uparrow)$$

$1/2 \times 1/2$

		1		
	+1	1	0	
+1/2 +1/2	1	0	0	
+1/2 -1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
-1/2 +1/2	1/2	-1/2	-1	
	-1/2 -1/2		1	



# Sum of angular momenta

Suppose that the two operators  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are spin operators with  $s=1/2$  :

Thus, if  $S = S = 1$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m_j = 1 \quad |1\ 1\rangle = \uparrow\uparrow \\
 m_j = 0 \quad |1\ 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) \\
 m_j = -1 \quad |1\ -1\rangle = \downarrow\downarrow
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} m_j = 1 \\ m_j = 0 \\ m_j = -1 \end{array}} \right\} \text{triplet state}$$

if  $S = S = 0$

$$m_j = 0 \quad |0\ 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow) \left. \vphantom{m_j = 0} \right\} \text{Singlet state}$$