

The Wave and the Quantum State

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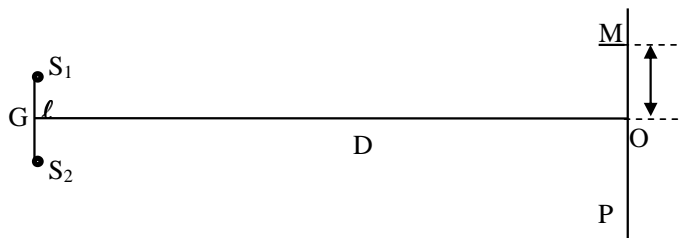
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Abstract: After the beginning of the corpuscular model, the de Broglie wave function has seemed a better approach to describe the atom and has been the basis of the Copenhagen School. The adherents of this conception up to now have not managed to convince all the researchers. Among the difficulties, the “interference of a single photon” where the photons arrive successively on the screen of observation. In these experiments one photon considered as a wave, is supposed to go through both holes apart of about a distance of the order of one centimeter. This situation leads to the idea that the photon necessarily associated to a wave which implies the existence of a wave function. This situation lead to research an alternative approach. That suppose exchanges between the photon and the electron which are the alone manifestation of the wave.

1 Introduction

One hundred years ago Bohr proposed the first quantum model based on the quantization of electrons in the atom [1]. With the discovery of the wave properties of the electron, the Bohr model has now lost almost right to be cited. In an attempt to understand the origin of the quantum state I would start by recalling the origin of the concept of wave, then interference. This will seem to establish the corpuscular approach of matter.



microscope, the radio and television, the light wave approach is far from explanation of interference. In the classical experiment, known as Young's experiment, beams of light are observed on a screen and its explanation based on the wave theory of light, does not seem to give any difficulty. However it is known for more than a century that it is possible to significantly reduce the intensity of the two beams while observing interference by increasing the duration of the light received. This type of interference is called interference of photons one by one. Proponents of the wave model think that each photon passes through the two holes of Young. This assumption remains unproven from an experimental point of view.

Explanation of interference in fact forgets to consider the possibility that photons may be absorbed on the screen where they are observed. With this assumption, photons do not wait to be in sufficient numbers to be subsequently remitted, but they are observed on their position M on the screen, which gives interference. The periodic motion is actually that of the periodic motion of electrons that absorb photons [4].

2 Landé factor or g factor

The study of Dirac's article [5] shows that the quantum number k of the subshell, supposed characteristic of angular momentum, could take either positive or negative values characteristic of the two subshells. Furthermore Dirac emphasized that the Landé factor remained the same for $k = \ell$ and $k = -(\ell + 1)$. This remark shows that the difference between the Dirac's model and that of Schrödinger where one finds the positive values are considered [6]. In the second part of this Dirac's article on the theory of spectral decomposition, also called factor of Landé, the expression:

$$g = k(k + 1/2)^{-1}$$

Thus the g factor depends in this approach of the subshell. These remarks help us to understand the physical meaning of the number k and Landé factor. The Landé factor in quantum mechanics. The g factor is also at the origin of understanding in quantum mechanics.

3 The quantum mechanics in its corpuscular approach

Bohr in 1913 suggested the first quantum interpretation of the movement of electrons in the atom, with his theory of the hydrogen atom [1]. At that time Rutherford proposed an atomic model with a positive nucleus containing most of the mass, the electrons on the periphery [10]. He introduced the Planck constant h , as *quantum of action* [11]. This constant is defined as the product of the Planck constant h and the frequency ν of the radiation emitted or absorbed by the atom. This constant is also the quantum of action, the minimum amount of action that can be exchanged between the atom and the radiation.

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the accuracy with which these equations, with relativistic corrections, give energy levels and lines of the hydrogen spectrum [12]."

Wilson [13] and Sommerfeld offered virtually independently about 1915 to quantify the different degrees of freedom. They thus quantify in the plane r and radial momentum:

$$\oint p_{\varphi} d\varphi = kh$$

$$\oint p_r dr = rh$$

where k and r take only integer values. Solutions of these two equations lead to the relationship:

$$k + r = n$$

For atoms, regarded as hydrogen-like, this approach allows to calculate energy levels. However the quantification of the movement of an electron is confined to only two degrees of freedom; to resolve this aspect of the quantum is place to introduce a third quantum number. It is the spatial quantization. Sommerfeld imagines the atom in a uniform magnetic field H . Let then C this field perpendicular to the equatorial plane containing axes Ox , Oy (φ) corresponding to the component parallel to the Oz axis of motion is quantified in integer number of quanta that characterize this movement. The quantum number

$$\oint p_r dr = rh, \quad \oint p_{\theta} d\theta = th, \quad \oint p_{\varphi} d\varphi = mh$$

with

$$k = t + m$$

and

$$-k \leq m \leq k$$

Excluding the value of $m = 0$, this approach gives the right number of different integer values of k . However this model does not explain the fine structure furthermore the introduction of branch Oz to quantify the magnetic moment. One has to seek to quantify space without arbitrariness in a more general way. The three quantum numbers n , k and m are interdependent.

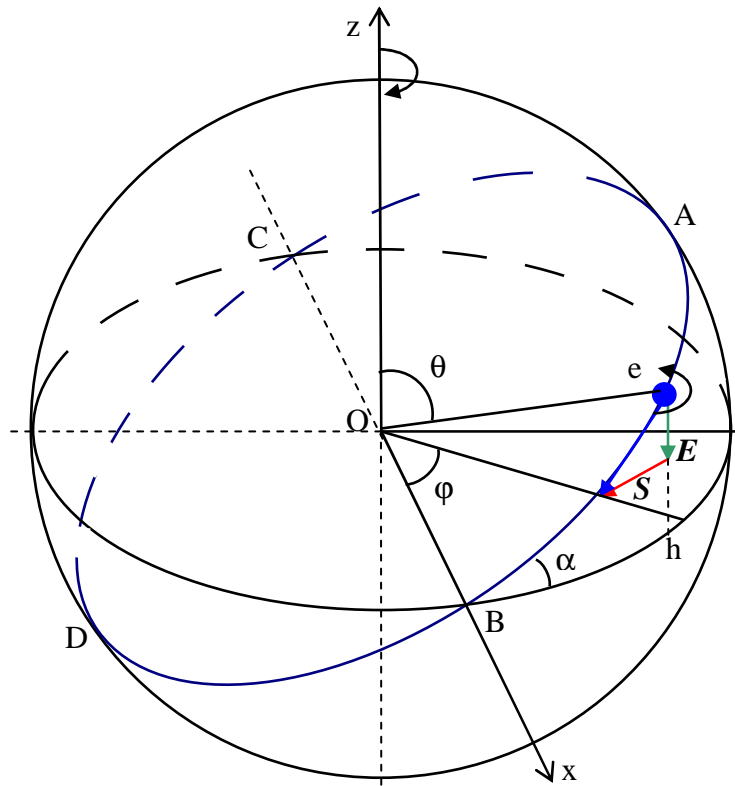


Figure 2. The movement of the electron to a state "1s". The point O is the center of the movement ABCD, the equatorial plane Ox, Oy . The "e" circle represents the electron's path. The arrow on the semicircle at the top of the z axis identifies the direction of rotation, which is reverse to that of the electron e. The vectors E and S represent the momentum of the flow and the flow amount, respectively.

4 The space

Einstein in 1905 with his study of relativity showed that there is no absolute space and time. He stated that *physical laws should be independent of the place of observation*, which is a fundamental principle in physics [14]. As a result it did not come to anybody the idea that there could be a deeper analysis. Yet the difficulties encountered by the corpuscular approach of quantum mechanics are well related to the notion of space. Indeed there is no absolute space and time, and how the space is built. On the macroscopic scale it is easy to define it in terms of objects which occupy it, without forgetting the gas that fill volumes between objects, like the sound for example. But what about the scale of the atom? Up to now quantum mechanics has allowed us to write the motion of the electron around the nucleus.

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a fluid whole and it is the motion of one in connection with the other that them. It is the two fluxes which are the support of the notion of wave. The is that of the quantum state of the electron, it is very small before the ma particles. This approach allows to be in agreement with the conclusion of the electron is at the infinite it has received the energy that linked it to total inert mass and there is no more wave function to consider.

This approach leads to consider the volume of the electron and consider the volume of the particles is important because it gives phy existence of an axis of rotation in the movement. Furthermore this need conscience not only of the relative motion of rotation between the proton also of the fact there is necessarily a relative motion of translation parallel. Indeed these two motion impose themselves to distinguish the two p directions of the space as their respective masses.

To describe the motion of the electron around the proton we consider Ra, formed of a system of orthogonal axes, the center of gravity O of the origin (*figure2*). This center O is also the center of the potential that acts intensity of the potential at a point P is inversely proportional to the dista of matter which is used to describe the potential is itself subsequently inv this distance. Let then γ be the center of gravity of the electron. *Phy independent of the place of observation as a result*, as for the potential v volume of the electron the density of matter that is used to describe the c is inversely proportional to the distance of the center γ of gravity of the that delimits the volume of proton and that of the electron is subse corresponds to the minimum density. It is through this surface that determine the action and trajectory. In a coordinate system where the cen fixed, the rotation of the proton is represented by an arrow of direct symbolizing the rotation of the electron, (*figure 2*). In the approach of variables describing the time and space one considers the relationship $E =$ the period of the movement, then in the orbital plane radial distance; trajectory is a circle, in other cases it is an ellipse. It misses the perpen Sommerfeld knew. Among the attempts to solve this absence one has to G. Mastrocinque who introduces the oscillations of Bernoulli supposing f and variations of mass [16].

Assuming that the vacuum cannot transmit the interaction and that form of grains which passes it, there is a place to quantify all directions the axis of rotation of the movement may also contribute to the quantifi the electron moves around the proton; apart from variations in the radia interval of time, there are three degrees of freedom: the rotation, the tran

own movements. There is therefore to count negatively, that is $-h$ momentum, if the proper rotation is counted positive. Let us underline that also generating the translation motion parallel to the rotation axis is equivalent to an intrinsic action.

If the electron receives additional momentum, it will be quantified in additional degrees of freedom space: rotation, translation, and the radial distance; It is the mass that allows the increase in the number of quanta. The angular momentum is positive or negative depending on the direction of rotation relative to the original one. Thus the first shells are states "ns" with only two states; then the number of states from n equals two. Additional states may be added to the rotation or to the translation, giving birth to two sub-shells.

For orbital movement, each additional quantum generates a moment that can be added or subtract to the original half-quantum and that introduces a g factor in the calculation of the angular momentum of each quantum state. Indeed compared to the Sommerfeld one has to take into account that half of the quantum of action is induced movement along the axis of rotation. It comes:

$$g(k + 1/2) = k$$

We find the relationship (1) of Dirac. In this relationship k is an integer for the states "ns"; for the other states they are generated by absorption of a photon, k can be negative for " n " > 1. It is this relation which gives access to the theoretical calculation of the magnetic moment of the metals and various compounds [8]-[9].

Thus, the quantum of action appears acting as well on the direction of movement as on the rotation itself, it thus quantifies all directions of space. Interactions in mass, the trajectory can be changed so as to keep the number of quanta constant. *which allows to understand the stability of the quantum properties of the elements and their compounds. It is that testify the calculus of the magnetic momentum and the periodic table of the elements.*

5 The Quantum Mechanics in its wave approach

In describing the interactions between the proton and the electron wave mechanics becomes natural that variations of this mass can be described by a differential equation. Schrödinger in 1926, taking support of the wave associated with the electron by Louis de Broglie, who first proposed such an equation. Then Dirac in 1928 of relativistic quantum mechanics which has all the levels of energy i.e. doublets levels in addition to those of the non-relativistic quantum mechanics.

material reality remains the discontinuous. It was in noting that light can therefore emitted from a finite set of atoms, that Einstein was brought to postulate the photon. Come back then to the symmetry between the motion and the propagation of a wave which led de Broglie to associate a wave to the electron. It is possible to associate a flow of material particles in the wave, for example with the hypothesis of the photon of Einstein [15]. However if the number of photons is finite then the support of the continuum which is the wave can no longer interfere. One has then to consider the stocking of the photons where the interferences are observed.

6 Research and Paradox

The wave particle duality remained an enigma for me. The algebraic formalism that used by Dirac was hermetic. Without a clear physical meaning to many of the operators remained mysterious and Bohr Sommerfeld model has always been a mystery. With it several questions related to the Crystal structure of the compounds remained. For example the reduction of the freezing temperature of water in the presence of a solute (Raoult's law), similarly found in paramagnetism with the decrease of the magnetic susceptibility. This property, if we accept the existence of a periodic motion for bond electrons, can be seen as a perturbation of the synchronous movement of these electrons by impurities.

As we have seen repeatedly the notion of point is a significant barrier to achieving a better understanding of atomic physics. Behind this difficulty there is a philosophy prevailing in physics as master while it is physics or in a broader way mathematics. It is allowed to build mathematics. The result is the difficulties of the Copenhagen interpretation. Members who do not take into account the fact that at the atomic scale the concept of point almost lost much of its value. The language of quantum mechanics is remarkable and I always liked it; I remember Professor Laurent S. Bréchet's symbolic algebra where operators can be manipulated as numbers through the same equations, I was full of admiration and I still remain so. But despite the elegance, the difficulties of continuous and infinite remain. I hope that these difficulties will be solved by researchers. There is a whole field of research that I recommend to my young colleagues.

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