

# Magnetic Moments and Spin

- Still have several Homeworks to hand back
- Finish up comments about hydrogen atom and start on magnetic moment + spin.
- Eleventh Homework Set is due today and the last one has been posted.
- On Wednesday we will do FCQs – will appreciate a volunteer to take the forms back to the Department of Physics.
- Chapter 8.7-8.9, Chapter 9.3-9.4

# Summary of hydrogen wave function

The hydrogen wave function is

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r)\Theta_{lm}(\theta)e^{im\phi} \quad \text{or} \quad \psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r)Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

The quantum numbers are:

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  = principal quantum number

$$E_n = -Z^2 E_R / n^2$$

$\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  = angular momentum quantum number  
= s, p, d, f, ...

$$L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)}\hbar$$

$m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm \ell$  is the z-component of angular momentum quantum number

$$L_z = m\hbar$$

# Hydrogen energy levels

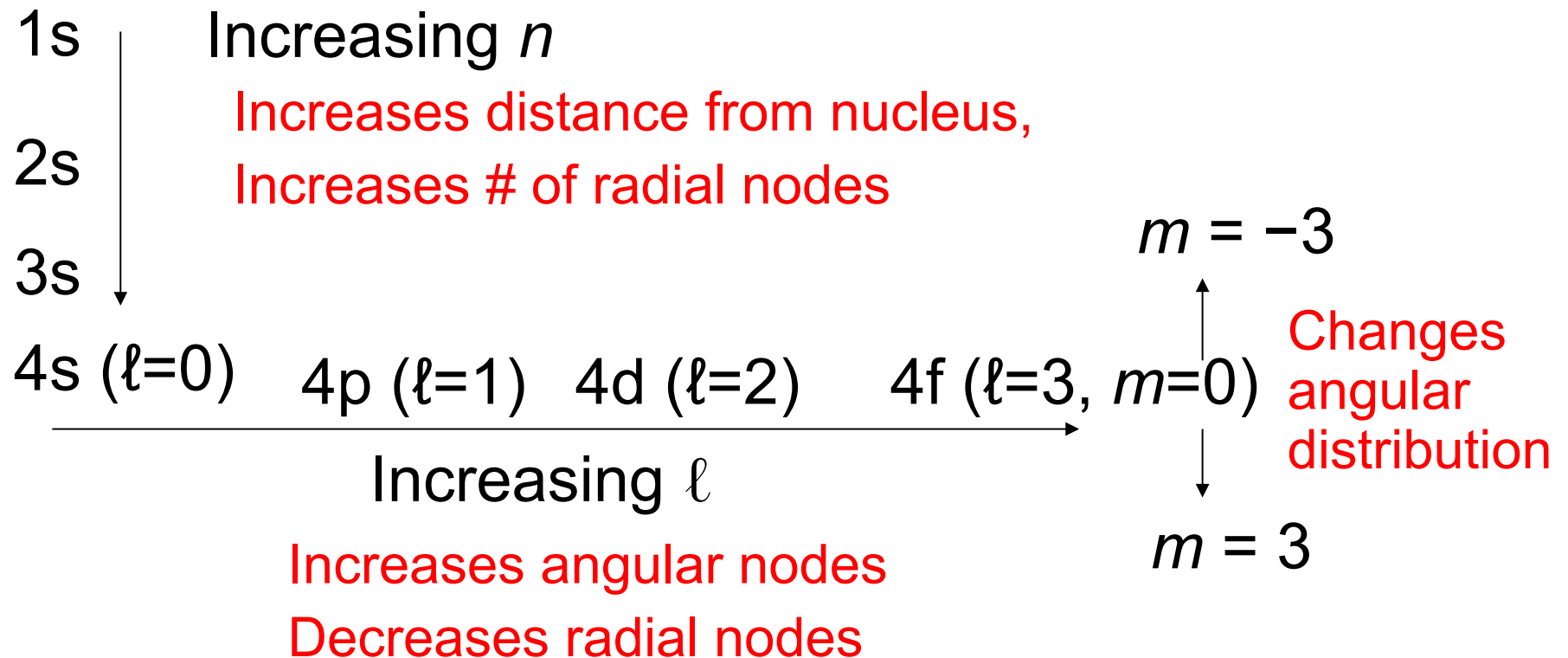
	$\ell = 0$ (s)	$\ell = 1$ (p)	$\ell = 2$ (d)	
$n = 3$	$\overline{3s}$	$\overline{3p}$	$\overline{3d}$	$E_3 = -E_R / 3^2 = -1.5 \text{ eV}$
$n = 2$	$\overline{2s}$	$\overline{2p}$		$E_2 = -E_R / 2^2 = -3.4 \text{ eV}$
$n = 1$	$\overline{1s}$			$E_1 = -E_R = -13.6 \text{ eV}$

# What do the wave functions look like?

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\ell$  (restricted to  $0, 1, 2 \dots n-1$ )

$m$  (restricted to  $-\ell$  to  $\ell$ )



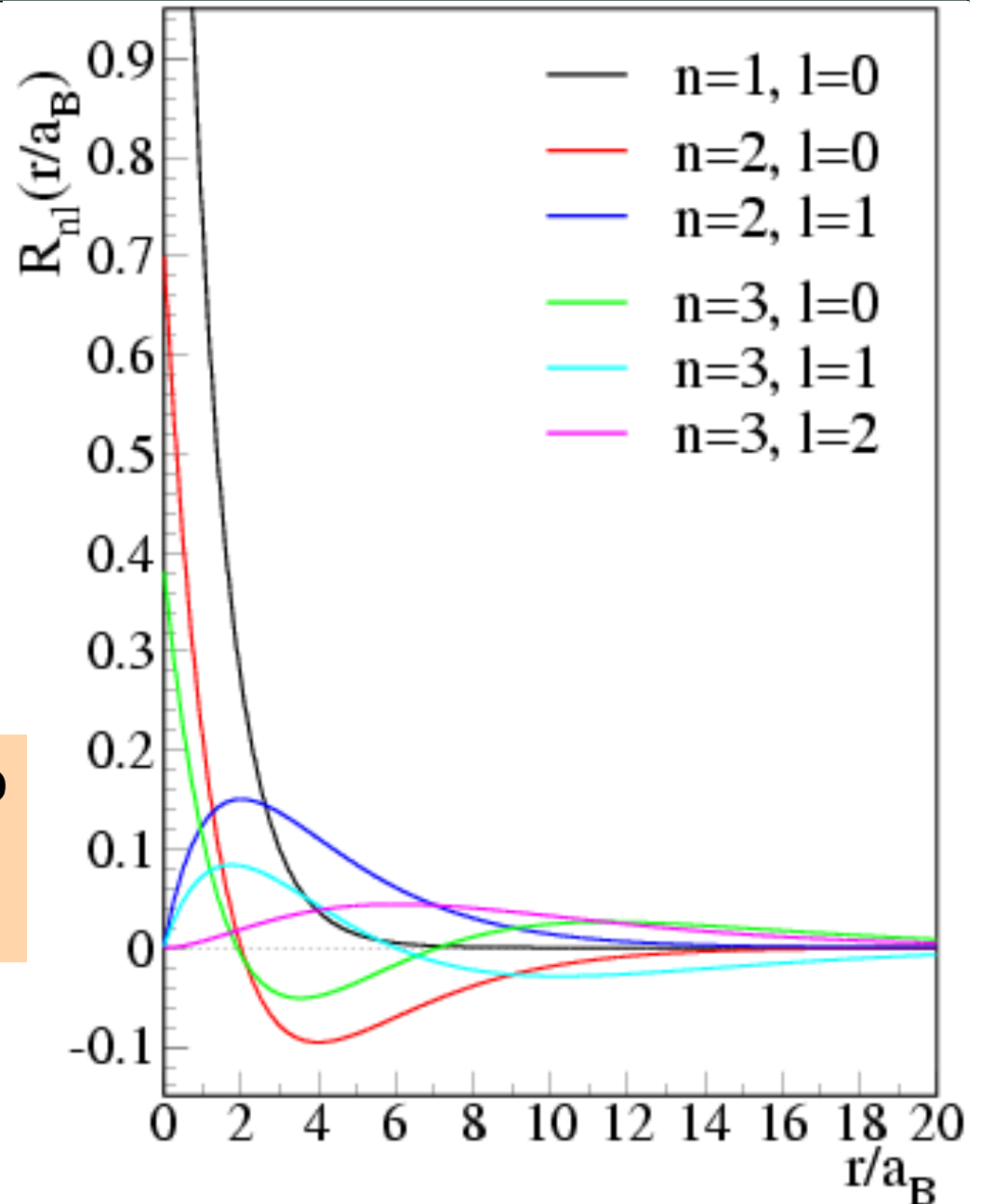
# Radial part of hydrogen wave function $R_{nl}(r)$

Radial part of the wave function for  $n=1$ ,  $n=2$ ,  $n=3$ .

x-axis is in units of the Bohr radius  $a_B$ .

Number of radial nodes ( $R(r)$  crosses x-axis or  $|R(r)|^2$  goes to 0) is equal to  $n-l-1$

Quantum number  $m$  has no affect on the radial part of the wave function.



$$|R_{nl}(r)|^2$$

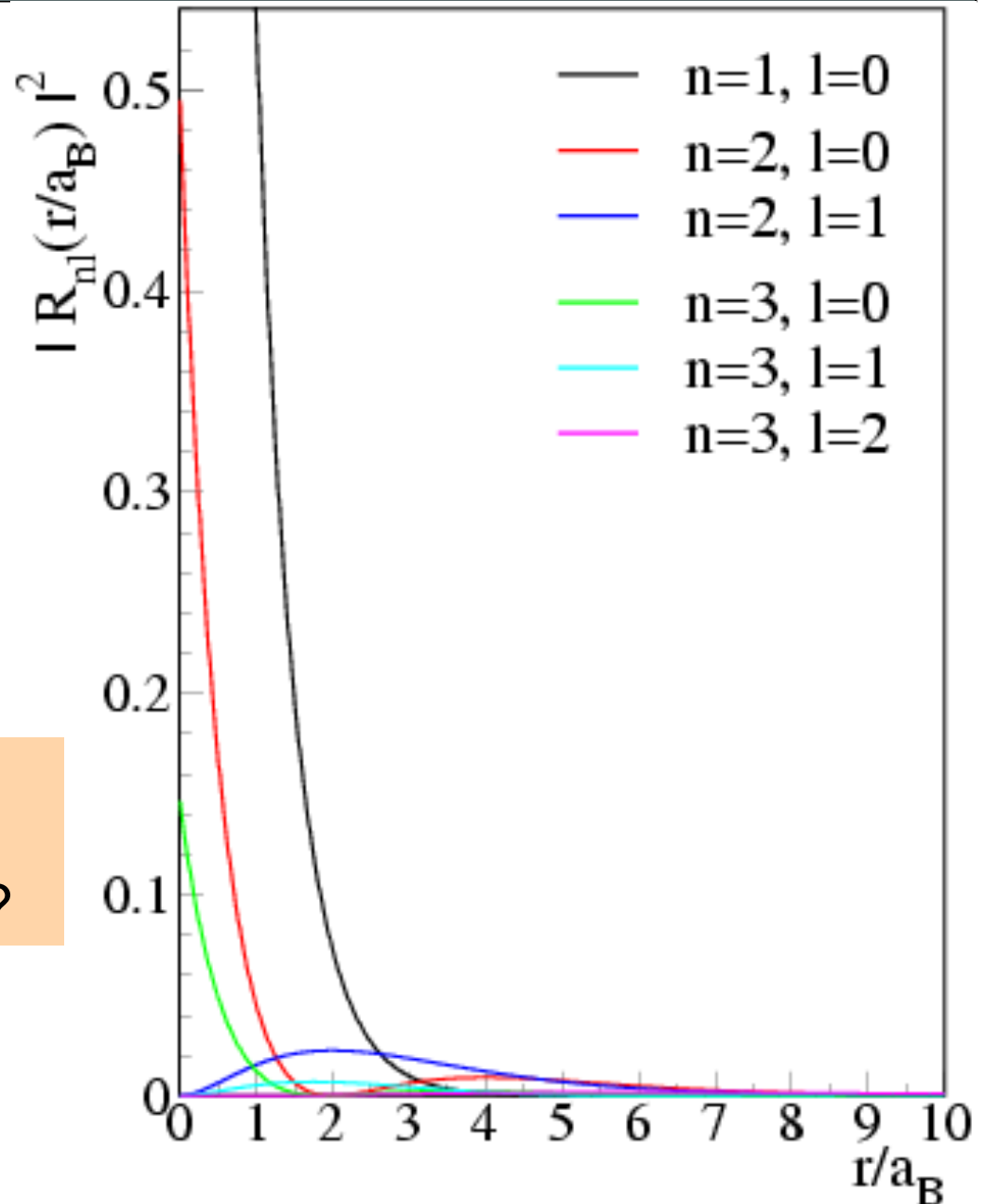
The radial part of the wave function squared

Note that all  $\ell=0$  states peak at  $r=0$

Since angular momentum is  $\vec{r} \times \vec{p}$  the electron *cannot* be at  $r=0$  and have angular momentum.

Does this represent the probability of finding the electron near a given radius?

Not quite.



# Probability versus radius: $P(r) = |R_{nl}(r)|^2 r^2$

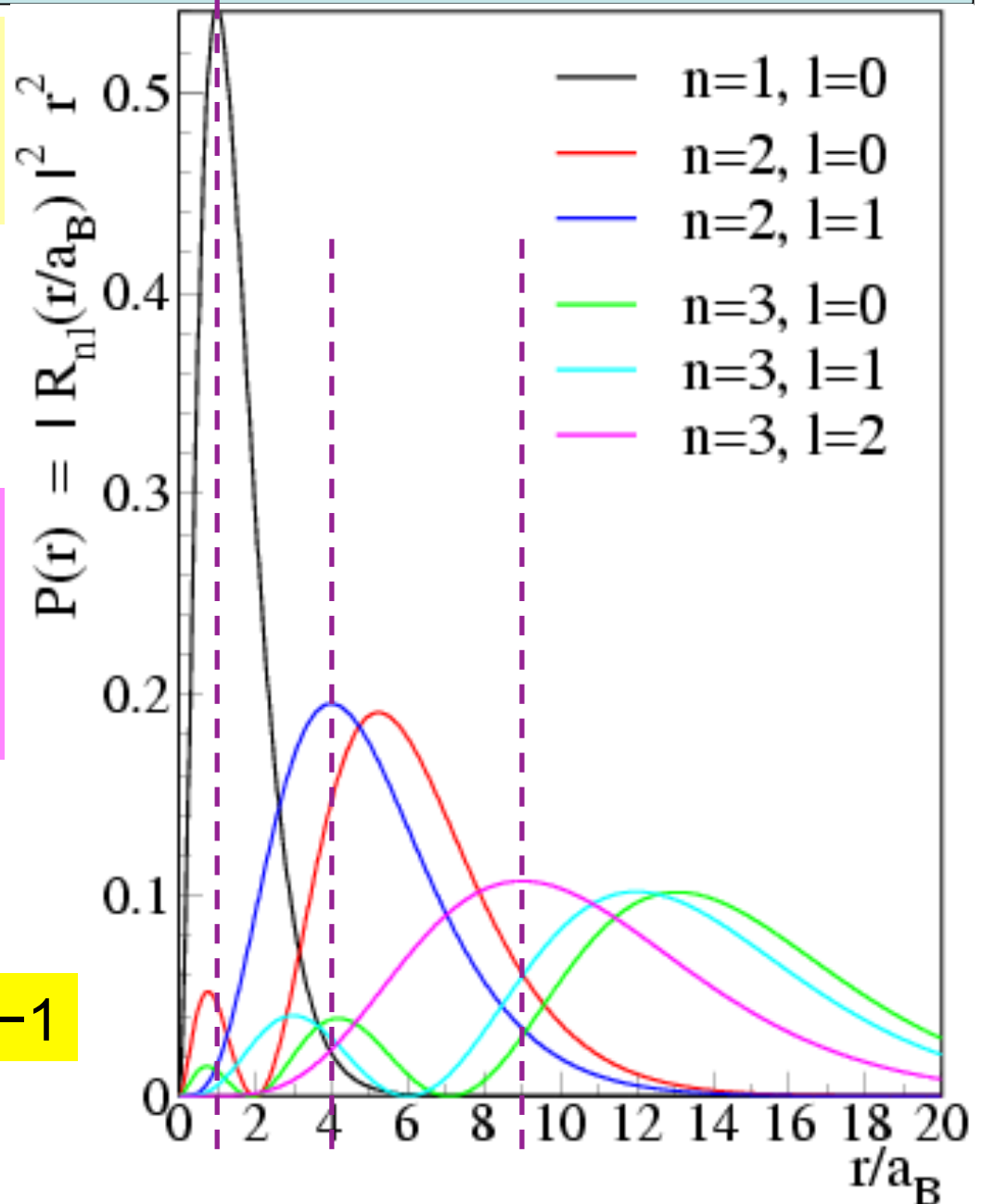
In spherical coordinates, the volume element  $\propto r^2$  so probability increases with  $r^2$ .

Most probable radius for the  $n = 1$  state is at the Bohr radius  $a_B$ .

Most probable radius for all  $\ell = n - 1$  states (those with only one peak) is at the radius predicted by Bohr ( $n^2 a_B$ ).

Note the average radius increases as  $n$  increases.

Number of radial nodes =  $n - \ell - 1$

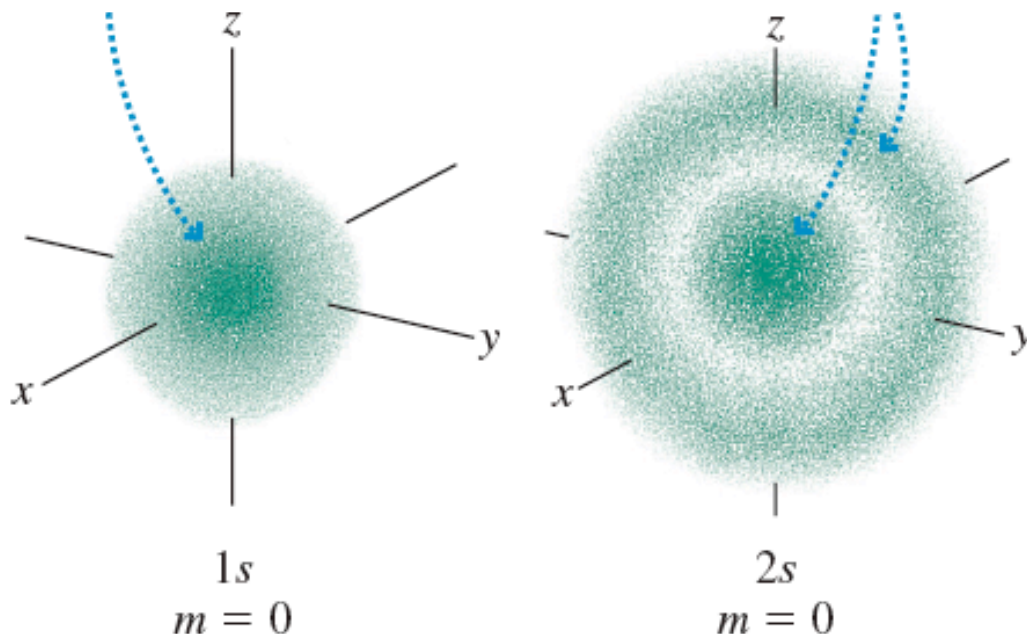


# Visualizing the hydrogen atom

## S states: $\ell = 0$

s states have no angular momentum and are thus spherically symmetric.

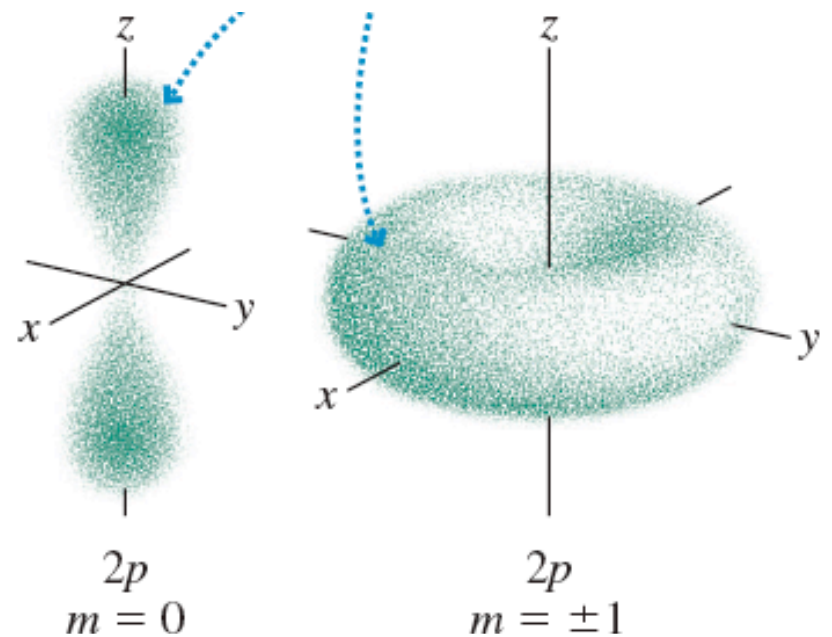
There are  $n - \ell - 1$  radial nodes.  
Nodes are where  $|\psi|^2 \rightarrow 0$ .



## P states: $\ell = 1$

For  $m=0$ ,  $L_z=0$  so no rotation about the z axis

For  $m=\pm 1$ ,  $L_z=\pm\hbar$  so there is rotation about the z axis (either clockwise or counter clockwise)





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Set frequency to DA

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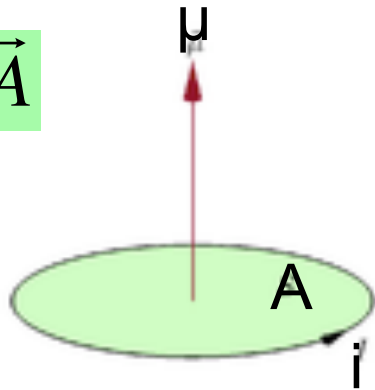
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Bohr got the energy right, but said angular momentum was  $L = n\hbar$ , and thought the electron was a point particle orbiting around nucleus at a fixed distance.

# Spin + Magnetic Moments

$$\vec{\mu} = i\vec{A}$$

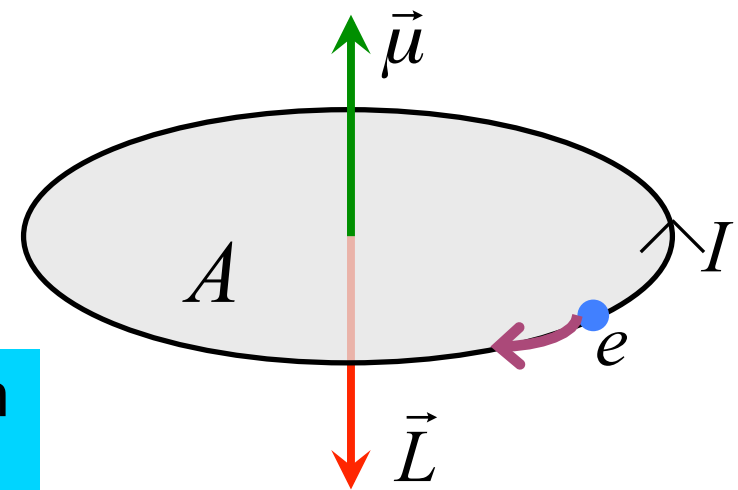


Much is known about electron's spin, but most of it is indirect! It comes from its atoms angular momentum and its magnetic moment. Consider first it's magnetic moment.

If you place a current carrying loop in a magnetic field then it experiences a torque given by  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$   
The torque tends to turn the loop so it points in the same direction as the magnetic field  $B$

# Magnetic moment

Magnetic field which behaves like a magnetic dipole with a magnetic dipole moment of  $\vec{\mu} = IA$ . Direction is given by the right hand rule.



An orbiting electron creates a current (in the opposite direction) around an area.

The current depends on electron velocity and the area size depends on the orbit radius.

$$I = \frac{e}{T} = e \frac{v}{2\pi r}$$

Magnetic moment =

$$\mu = IA = \frac{ev}{2\pi r} \pi r^2 = \frac{1}{2} evr$$

Same quantities go into angular momentum:  $\vec{L} = m\vec{r} \times \vec{v}$

$$\frac{\mu}{L} = \frac{e}{2m_e}$$

called gyromagnetic ratio

# Magnetic Moments

Turns out we can write the magnetic moment of an atom in terms of the electron's angular momentum:

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

The potential energy for a current loop in a magnetic field  
Can be calculated from the work done by a torque as it  
turns through an angle  $d\theta$

$$W = -\int \tau d\theta = -\mu B \int \sin \theta d\theta = \mu B \cos \theta + \text{const.}$$

Potential Energy is defined as the negative of this work and  
we set the constant equal to zero

$$U = -\mu B \cos \theta = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Note PE is a minimum  
when aligned with B

# Magnetic Moments cont.

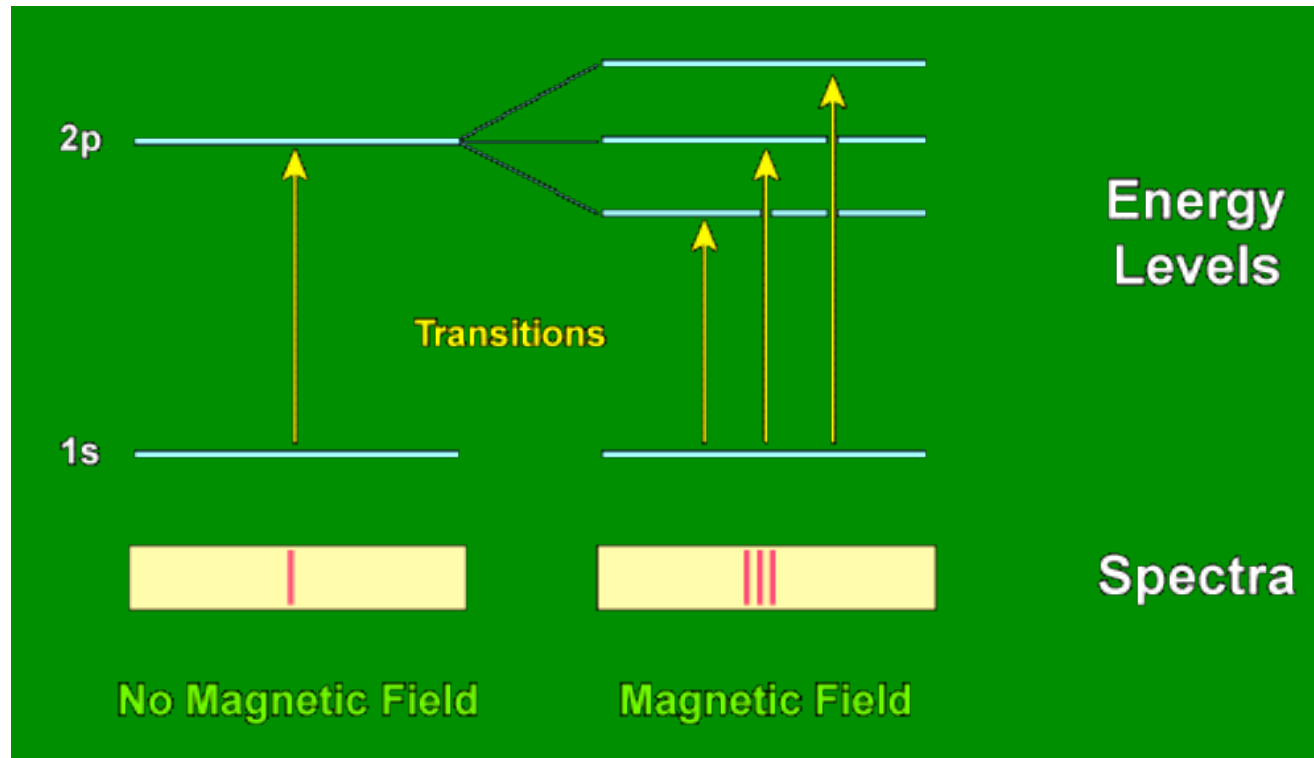
We have derived the magnetic moment using classical arguments, but we get the right answer for the moment if we use the quantum values for L

For a given L, the magnitude is given by  $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)}\hbar$

This means the magnetic moment  $\mu$  of the orbiting electron has  $2\ell + 1$  possible orientations.

# Zeeman Effect

Place an atom in a magnetic field and what happens?



Remember PE changed, so  $E = E_0 + \Delta E$ ;  $\Delta E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$

# Zeeman cont.

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

$$\Delta E = \left( \frac{e}{2m_e} \right) \vec{L} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Pick magnetic field in the z direction

$$\Delta E = \left( \frac{e}{2m_e} \right) L_z B = \left( \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \right) m B$$

$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$\Delta E = m \mu_B B$$

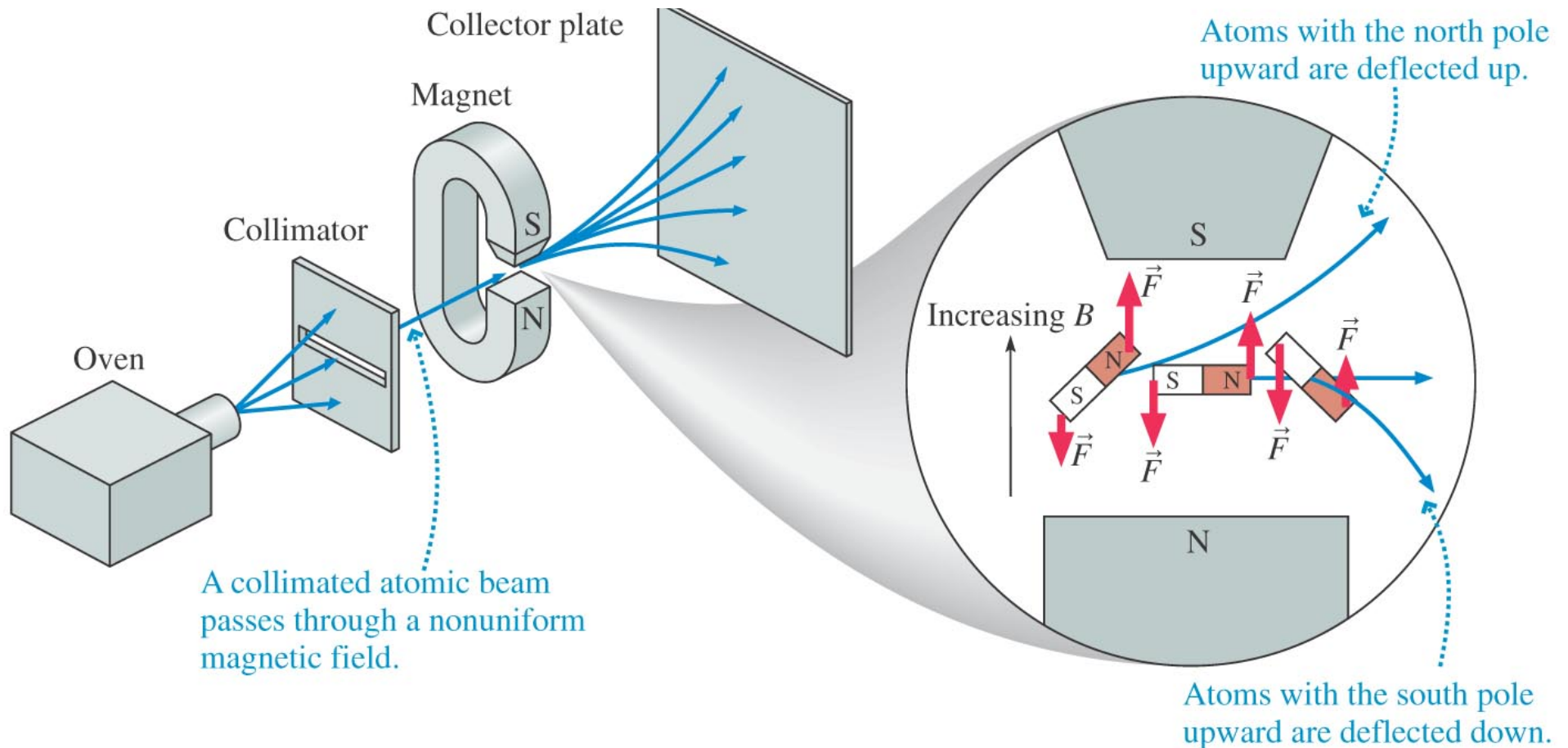
$$\mu_B = 5.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T}$$



# Stern-Gerlach experiment

Placing a magnetic dipole in an external uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  causes a torque on the dipole  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$  but no net force.

A Stern-Gerlach experiment sends atoms through a nonuniform magnetic field which can exert a net force on a magnetic dipole.

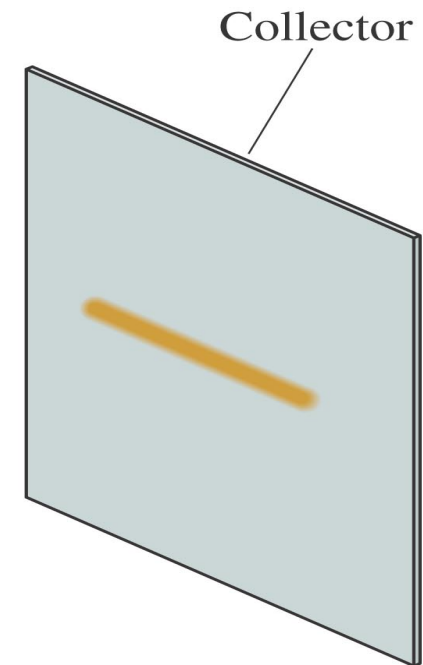


## Clicker question 2

## Set frequency to DA

The Stern-Gerlach magnet is oriented so deflections occur in the  $z$  direction. Based on what we know so far, if the atoms passing through have no angular momentum ( $\ell = 0$  so  $L = 0$ ) what will happen?

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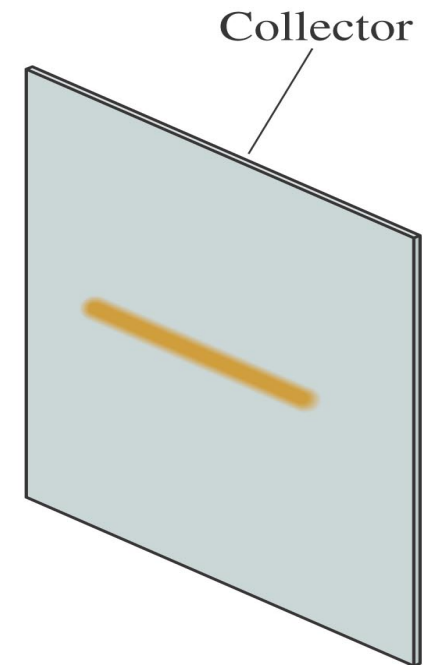
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- D. Atoms will not be deflected**
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Atoms with no angular momentum have no magnetic dipole moment

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



Therefore, they are not affected by the magnet (no torque or force)

## Clicker question 3

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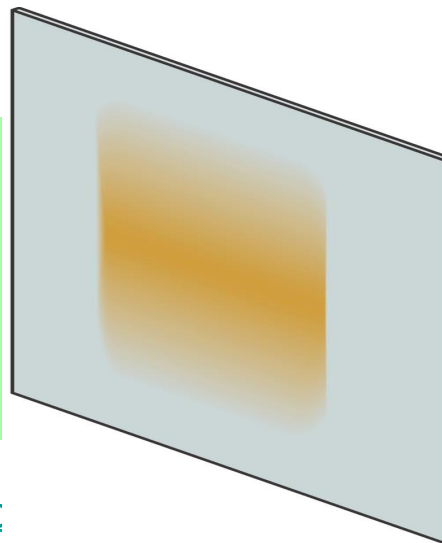
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- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. Infinite

$$L_z = -\hbar, 0, \text{ or } \hbar$$

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Classically, an atom with  $L = \sqrt{2}\hbar$  can have any value of  $L_z$  as long as  $|L_z| \leq \sqrt{2}\hbar$



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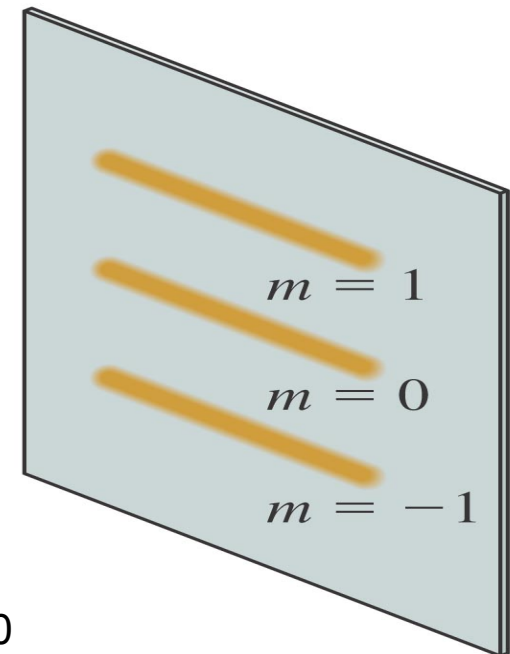
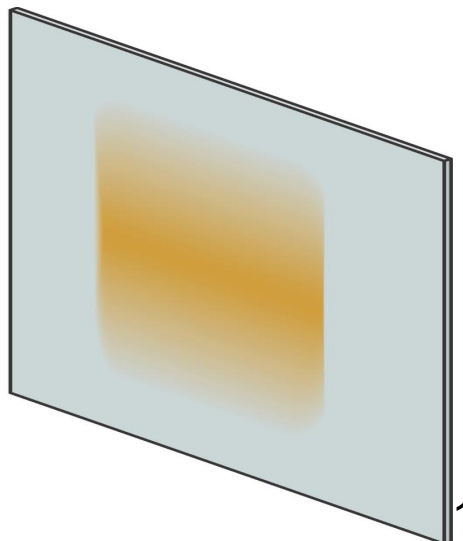
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When  $\ell=1$ , the quantum number  $m$  can only have three possible values  $(-1, 0, 1)$  so  $L_z = -\hbar, 0, \text{ or } \hbar$

The  $m = -1$  and  $m = 1$  atoms are deflected in opposite directions and the  $m = 0$  atoms are not deflected at all.

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B.  $\frac{1}{2}$

C. 1

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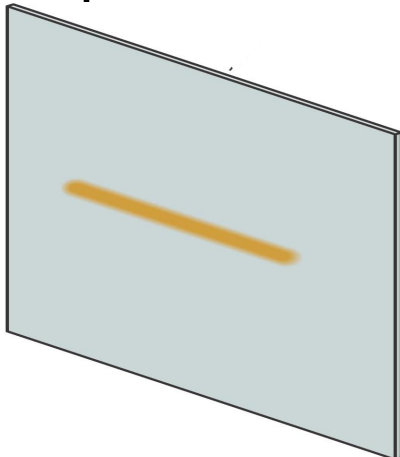
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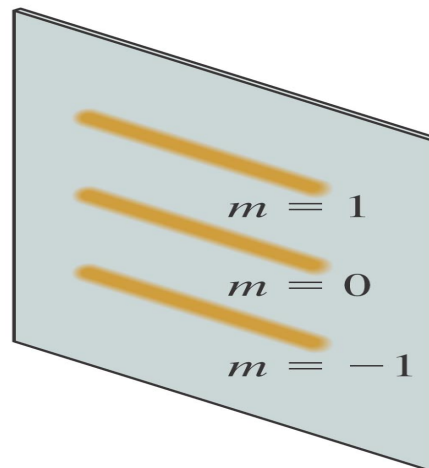
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# Result of Stern-Gerlach

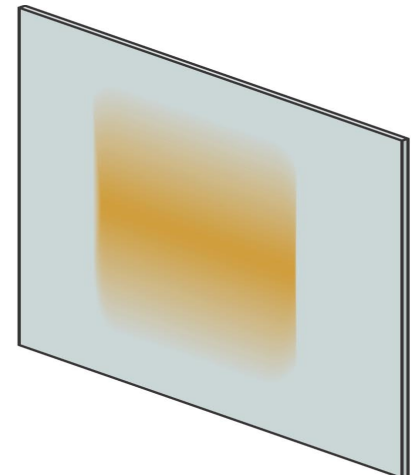
Sending in (ground state) hydrogen atoms which were believed to have  $\ell=0$ , one expects no deflection.



If  $\ell \neq 0$ , would find  $2\ell+1$  bands (odd number)

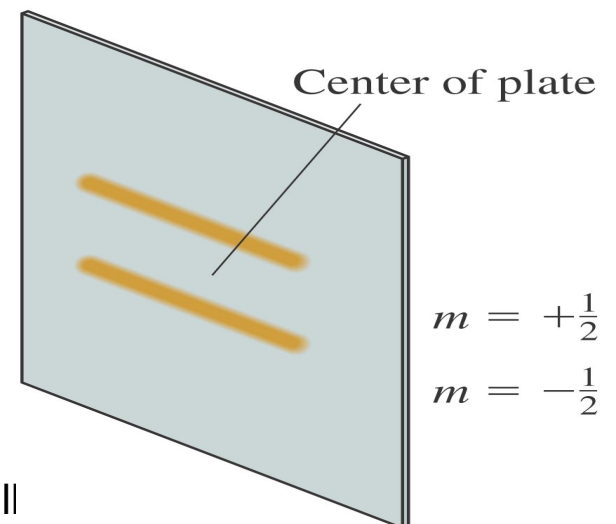


Classically, one would see a broad band



Doing the experiment gave two lines.

Interpretation:  $\ell=0$  but the electron itself has some *intrinsic* angular momentum which can either be  $-\hbar/2$  or  $\hbar/2$ .





# Electron spin

$\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  = orbital angular momentum quantum number

$m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm \ell$  is the z-component of orbital angular momentum

$$L_z = m\hbar$$

$$L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)}\hbar$$

$s =$  spin (or intrinsic) angular momentum quantum number. The actual spin angular momentum is

$$S = \sqrt{s(s + 1)}\hbar$$

Electrons are  $s = \frac{1}{2}$  (spin one-half) particles. Since this never changes, it is often not specified.

$m_s =$  z-component of spin angular momentum and can have values of  $m_s = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s$ . The actual z-component of spin angular momentum is

$$S_z = m_s\hbar$$

For an electron only two possibilities:  $m_s = \pm s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

An electron with  $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$  is called spin-up or  $\uparrow$

An electron with  $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$  is called spin-down or  $\downarrow$