

L73-Helium

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$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2 + V_{12} \quad \mathcal{H}_i = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i} \quad V_{12} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

$$E_{gs} = -78.95 \text{ exp.}$$

recall: $E_1 = -\frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \sim Z^2$
 $a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.529 \text{ \AA} \sim \frac{1}{Z} \quad \psi_{100} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} a^3} e^{-r/a}$

solution of $\mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2$:

$$\psi_0(r_1, r_2) = \psi_{100}(\vec{r}_1) \psi_{100}(\vec{r}_2) \chi_{\text{sing}}(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2) = \frac{8}{\pi a^3} e^{-2(r_1+r_2)/a} \cdot \chi_{\text{sing}}(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2)$$

$$E_{gs}^{(0)} = 8 E_1 = -109 \text{ eV}$$

* Apply the variational principle with ψ_0 as our trial wavefunction:

$$\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = \langle \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2 \rangle + \langle V_{12} \rangle$$

$$\langle V_{12} \rangle = \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 |\psi_0|^2 \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{8}{\pi a^3} \right)^2 \int \frac{e^{-4(r_1+r_2)/a}}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d^3r_1 d^3r_2$$

$\vec{r}_2$ integral: $|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2| = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos\theta}$ (r_1 along $\hat{z}'$)

$$I_2 \equiv \int \frac{e^{-4r_2/a}}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d^3r_2 = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-4r_2/a}}{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos\theta}} r_2^2 dr_2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin\theta d\theta}{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos\theta}} = \frac{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos\theta}}{r_1 r_2} \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{1}{r_1 r_2} [(r_1 + r_2) - |r_1 - r_2|] = 2/r_1 \quad r_1 = \begin{cases} r_1 & r_1 > r_2 \\ r_2 & r_2 > r_1 \end{cases}$$

$$I_2 = 4\pi \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \int_0^{r_1} e^{-4r_2/a} r_2^2 dr_2 + \int_{r_1}^\infty e^{-4r_2/a} r_2 dr_2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi a^3}{8 r_1} \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{2r_1}{a} \right) e^{-4r_1/a} \right]$$

$\vec{r}_1$ integral: $\langle V_{12} \rangle = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{8}{\pi a^3} \right)^2 \frac{\pi a^3}{8 r_1} \int \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{2r_1}{a} \right) e^{-4r_1/a} \right] r_1^2 dr_1 d\Omega$

$\frac{5a^2}{128} \quad 4\pi$

$$= \frac{5}{4a} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) = -5/2 E_1 = 34 \text{ eV}$$

thus $\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = -109 \text{ eV} + 34 \text{ eV} = -75 \text{ eV}$ much closer!

note: this was also 1st order perturbation theory!

* what about minimization? (above was a 0-parameter fit)

Assume the mean field of electric charge will modify Z_{eff} .

Don't modify $\mathcal{H}$, just ψ_0 !

$$\psi_1 = \frac{Z^3}{\pi a^3} e^{-Z(r_1+r_2)/a}$$

Hamiltonian with nuclear charge Z :
 $\mathcal{H}_Z |\psi_1\rangle = 2Z^2 E_1 |\psi_1\rangle$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_Z + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{Z-2}{r_1} + \frac{Z-2}{r_2} + \frac{1}{|r_1-r_2|} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle &= 2Z^2 E_1 + 2(Z-2) \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \underbrace{\langle \frac{1}{r} \rangle}_{Z/a} + \underbrace{V_{ee}}_{a \rightarrow a \cdot \frac{2}{Z}} \\ &= [2Z^2 - 4Z(Z-2) - \frac{5}{4}Z] E_1 = [-2Z^2 + \frac{27}{4}Z] E_1 \end{aligned}$$

* minimize energy of ground state:

$$\frac{d}{dZ} \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = [-4Z + \frac{27}{4}] E_1 = 0 \quad Z = \frac{27}{16} = \frac{3^3}{2^4} \approx 1.69$$

$$\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = (-2Z^2 + \frac{27}{4}Z) E_1 = -\frac{3^6}{2^7} E_1 = -77.5 \text{ eV} \quad 2\% \text{ off}$$