

1. **Magnetic susceptibility** (2 p.)

Atomic diamagnetic susceptibility can be evaluated as

$$\chi = -\frac{n_{\text{at}}}{6m_e} e^2 \mu_0 \sum_i \langle \psi_i | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle. \quad (1)$$

We have to evaluate the  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  matrix elements. The wave function is defined as

$$\psi(r) = N e^{-cr}. \quad (2)$$

Let's normalize them (using the  $\Gamma$ -function identities):

$$1 = \int \psi^* \psi = \int_0^\infty N^2 e^{-2cr} 4\pi r^2 dr = 4\pi N^2 \frac{\Gamma(3)}{(2c)^3} \quad (3)$$

$$N^2 = \frac{c^3}{\pi} \quad (4)$$

Expectation value of  $r^2$  is then

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty r^2 N^2 e^{-2cr} 4\pi r^2 dr = 4\pi N^2 \int_0^\infty r^4 e^{-2cr} dr = 4\pi N^2 \frac{\Gamma(5)}{(2c)^5} = \frac{3}{c^2}$$

Inserting this into Eq. 1, where the sum over electrons gives just an additional factor of 2 and  $n_{\text{at}} = \rho/(4m_u)$ , we obtain  $\chi^{\text{volume}} = -9.23 \cdot 10^{-10}$  in pretty good agreement with the experiment. Molar diamagnetic susceptibility is obtained by using  $N_A$  instead of  $n_{\text{at}}$  and yields  $\chi^{\text{molar}} = -2.0710^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{mole}$ .

## 2. Dipole-dipole interactions (1 p.)

The vector potential of magnetic field produced by magnetic moment  $m$  is

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{m} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} \quad (5)$$

and magnetic flux density is

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}|^5} - \frac{\mathbf{m}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} \right) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}|^3} (3(\mathbf{m} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbf{m}). \quad (6)$$

Thus the magnetic field in the plane perpendicular to the the magnetic moment ( $\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r}=0$ ) is

$$B = -\mu_0 \frac{\mu_B}{4\pi r^3} \quad (7)$$

(or  $B = \mu_0 2\mu_B/4\pi r^3$  when  $\mathbf{r}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{m}$ ), where  $m = \mu_B$ . The interaction energy  $E = -\mu_B \cdot \mathbf{B}$  has maximum value  $E^{\max} = \mu_B B \approx 2 \mu\text{eV}$ , which should be less than  $k_B T$  to be significant:

$$T < \mu_B B/k_B \approx 23 \text{ mK}. \quad (8)$$

### 3. Heisenberg Hamiltonian

The electron spins are  $S_1 = S_2 = 1/2$ . Thus, the total spin is either  $S = 0$  or  $S = 1$ . The spin wave function for the singlet state ( $S = 0$ ) is

$$|\chi_s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \quad \text{with } S_z = 0 \quad (9)$$

and for the triplet state ( $S = 1$ )

$$|\chi_t\rangle = \begin{cases} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle & \text{with } S_z = +1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) & \text{with } S_z = 0 \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle & \text{with } S_z = -1 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Consider  $\mathbf{S}^2 = (\mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2)^2 = \mathbf{S}_1^2 + \mathbf{S}_2^2 + 2\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2$ . Thus the Hamiltonian can be rewritten

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{4}(E_S + 3E_T) - (E_S - E_T)\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(E_S + 3E_T) - \frac{1}{2}(E_S - E_T)(\mathbf{S}^2 - \mathbf{S}_1^2 - \mathbf{S}_2^2). \quad (12)$$

In general, it holds that  $\mathbf{L}^2 |L\rangle = L(L+1) |L\rangle$ . In the present case,

$$\mathbf{S}_i^2 |\chi_j\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) |\chi_j\rangle = \frac{3}{4} |\chi_j\rangle$$

for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $j \in \{s, t\}$ . So,

$$(\mathbf{S}_1^2 + \mathbf{S}_2^2) |\chi_j\rangle = \frac{3}{2} |\chi_j\rangle.$$

For the total spin

$$\mathbf{S}^2 |\chi_s\rangle = 0(0+1) |\chi_s\rangle = 0$$

and

$$\mathbf{S}^2 |\chi_t\rangle = 1(1+1) |\chi_t\rangle = 2 |\chi_t\rangle.$$

Thus,

$$\hat{H} |\chi_s\rangle = \left[ \frac{1}{4}(E_S + 3E_T) - \frac{1}{2}(E_S - E_T) \left( 0 - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] |\chi_s\rangle = E_S |\chi_s\rangle$$

and

$$\hat{H} |\chi_t\rangle = \left[ \frac{1}{4}(E_S + 3E_T) - \frac{1}{2}(E_S - E_T) \left( 2 - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] |\chi_t\rangle = E_T |\chi_t\rangle.$$

Consider operator  $-J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2$  (this is the Hamiltonian after neglecting the constant term).  $J = E_S - E_T$  corresponds to exchange splitting. Like above, we get

$$\langle \chi_s | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_s \rangle = \langle \chi_s | -J \frac{1}{2} \left( 0 - \frac{3}{2} \right) | \chi_s \rangle = \frac{3}{4} J$$

and

$$\langle \chi_t | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_t \rangle = \langle \chi_t | -J \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 - \frac{3}{2} \right) | \chi_t \rangle = -\frac{1}{4} J.$$

If  $J > 0$ , then  $\langle \chi_t | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_t \rangle < \langle \chi_s | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_s \rangle$ , i.e., triplet state (e.g.,  $\uparrow\uparrow$ , ferromagnet) is ground state.

If  $J < 0$ , then  $\langle \chi_s | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_s \rangle < \langle \chi_t | -J\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 | \chi_t \rangle$ , i.e., singlet state ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ , antiferromagnet) is ground state.