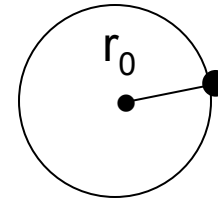
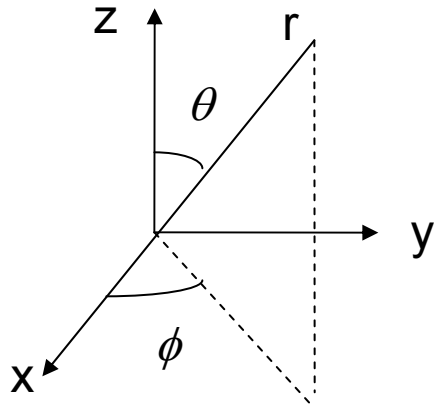


On to 3 dimensions:  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (r, \theta, \phi)$



motion of particle on  
the surface of a sphere

$\equiv$  3D Rigid rotor

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq r \leq \infty \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \\ 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi \end{array} \right\}$$

volume element  $r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu r_0^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} \right] = EY$$

$Y(\theta, \phi) = \text{wave function}$

$$\beta = \frac{\partial \mu r_0^2}{\hbar^2} E$$

$$\underbrace{\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta Y}_{\text{depends only on } \theta} = \underbrace{-\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2}}_{\text{depends only on } \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$$

separation of variables  
spherical harmonics

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\Theta} \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta}_{\text{depends only on } \theta} = \underbrace{\frac{-1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2}}_{\text{depends only on } \phi}$$

$\Rightarrow$  this must be equal to a constant

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\Theta} \sin \theta \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \beta \sin^2 \theta = m_\ell^2 \\ \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = -m_\ell^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Phi_{m_\ell} = A e^{im_\ell \phi}, \quad m_\ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (\text{but see below})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \beta = \ell(\ell + 1), \quad \ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ m_\ell = -\ell, -\ell + 1, \dots, 0, \dots, \ell - 1, \ell \end{array} \right\} \text{quantization conditions}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \ell = 0 & \rightarrow m_\ell = 0 & \text{s} \\ \ell = 1 & \rightarrow m_\ell = -1, 0, 1 & \text{p} \\ \ell = 2 & \rightarrow m_\ell = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 & \text{d} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \ell = 0 \\ \ell = 1 \\ \ell = 2 \end{array}} \right\} \text{H atom}$$

$$Y(\theta, \phi) = Y_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta, \phi) = \Theta_\ell^{m_\ell}(\theta) \Phi_{m_\ell}(\phi)$$

$\theta, \phi$  equations  $\rightarrow$  two quantum #s

$$\beta = \frac{2\mu r_o^2 E}{\hbar^2} = \frac{2I}{\hbar^2} E$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} \ell(\ell + 1), \quad \ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\hat{H}Y_\ell^{m_\ell} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} \ell(\ell + 1)Y_\ell^{m_\ell}$$

$$\hat{\ell}^2 Y_\ell^{m_\ell} = \hbar^2 \ell(\ell + 1)Y_\ell^{m_\ell} \quad \uparrow \text{ degeneracy} = 2\ell + 1$$

$\hat{\ell}^2$  and  $\hat{H}$  obviously commute

$\hat{\ell}^2$  : “angular momentum”  
operator

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

components of the angular momentum operator

$$\hat{l}_x = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( -\sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \cot \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{l}_y = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \cot \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{l}_z = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\left[ \hat{l}_x, \hat{l}_y \right] = i\hbar \hat{l}_z$$

$$\left[ \hat{l}_y, \hat{l}_z \right] = i\hbar \hat{l}_x$$

$$\left[ \hat{l}_z, \hat{l}_x \right] = i\hbar \hat{l}_y$$

$$\hat{l}_z Y_\ell^{m\ell} = m_\ell \hbar Y_\ell^{m\ell}$$

Can simultaneously know the magnitude of the angular momentum and one of its components

## Spherical harmonics

$$Y_0^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \quad \text{spherically symmetric} \longrightarrow s$$

$$Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta \quad \longrightarrow p_z$$

$$Y_1^{\pm 1} = \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad \longrightarrow p_x \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \longrightarrow p_y \end{array} \right.$$

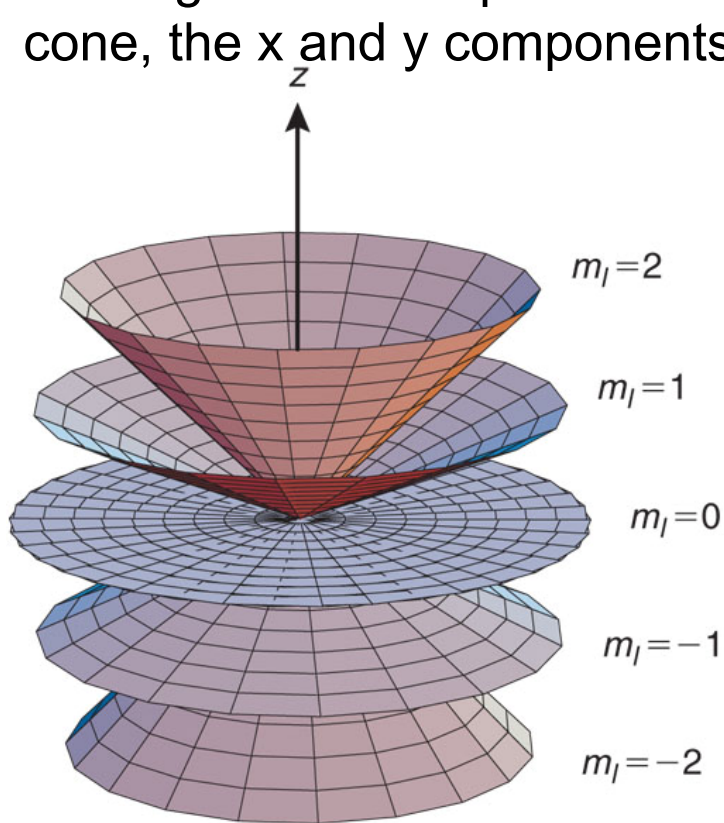
$$Y_2^0 = \left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) \quad \longrightarrow d_z^2$$

$$Y_2^{\pm 1} = \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm i\phi} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{15}{4\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi \quad \longrightarrow d_{xz} \\ \sqrt{\frac{15}{4\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \quad \longrightarrow d_{yz} \end{array} \right.$$

$$Y_2^{\pm 2} = \left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{15}{16\pi}} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \quad \longrightarrow d_{x^2-y^2} \\ \sqrt{\frac{15}{16\pi}} \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi \quad \longrightarrow d_{xy} \end{array} \right.$$

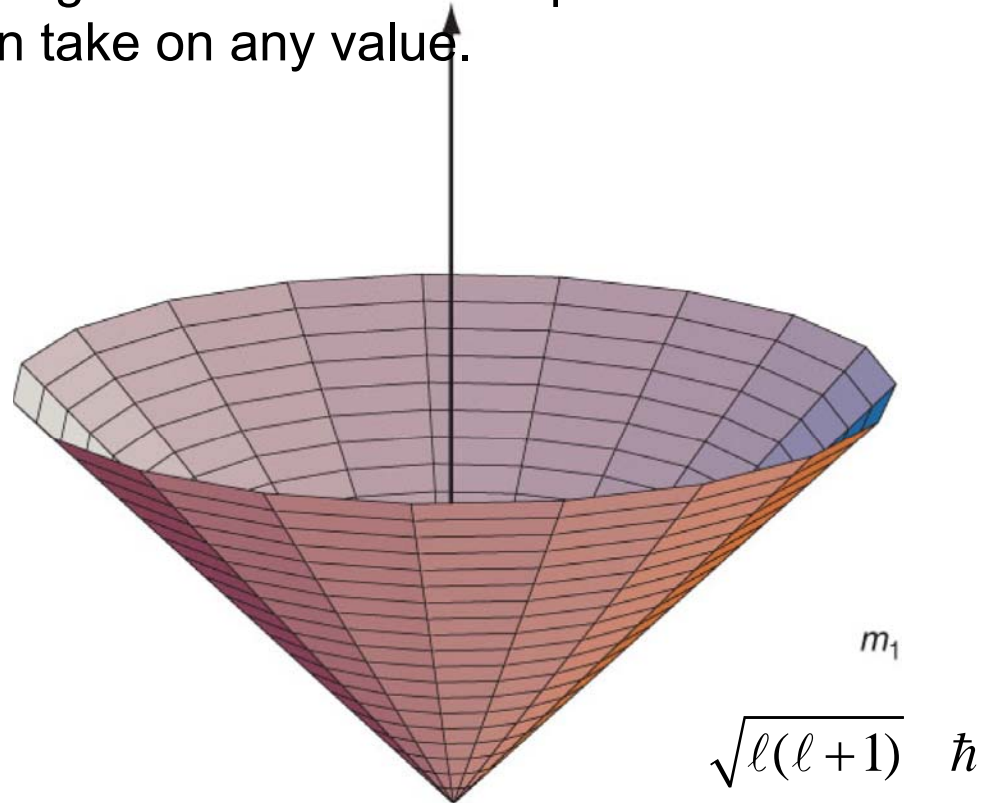
Consider a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)}\hbar$

For  $\ell=2$ , the allowed solutions can be represented as 4 cones and 1 disk. Although the z component of the angular momentum is specified for each cone, the x and y components can take on any value.



$$\ell = 2$$

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