

266(3) John Sommerfeld Quantization from a Theory  
 Consider the infinitesimal line element of a theory:

$$ds^2 = c^2 d\tau^2 = (c^2 - v^2) dt^2 \\ = c^2 dt^2 - dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 \quad - (1)$$

It follows that the orbital velocity is:

$$v^2 = v_r^2 + v_\theta^2 = \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 \quad - (2)$$

and that:

$$mc^2 = mc^2 \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau}\right)^2 - m \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 - r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\tau}\right)^2 \quad - (3)$$

Rearranging eq. (3) gives the relativistic kinetic energy in the form:

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left( \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\tau}\right)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) mc^2 \quad - (4)$$

Defining the potential energy by  $U$ , the relativistic Hamiltonian and Lagrangian are:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\tau}\right)^2 \right) + U = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) mc^2 + U \quad - (5)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\tau}\right)^2 \right) - U = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) mc^2 - U \quad - (6)$$

The relativistic velocity is:

2)

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{d\tau} \quad (7)$$

and the relativistic momentum is:

$$p = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \underline{v}} = \gamma m \underline{v} \quad (8)$$

The Lorentz factor is:

$$\gamma = \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-1/2} \quad (9)$$

where  $v$  is defined in Eq (2).

The Hamiltonian and Lagrangian can be defined as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 m v^2 + U = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) m c^2 + U \quad (10)$$

and 
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 m v^2 - U = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) m c^2 - U \quad (11)$$

The relativistic Euler Lagrange equations are:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \underline{r}} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\underline{r}}} \quad (12)$$

and 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \quad (13)$$

These give:

$$m \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{d\tau^2} - \underline{r} \left( \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} \right)^2 = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial \underline{r}} = \underline{F} \quad (14)$$

3) where  $F$  is the relativistic force, and

$$L = m r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (15)$$

where  $L$  is the relativistic total angular momentum.  
Eq. (14) can be reexpressed as:

$$F(r) = -\frac{L}{m r^2} \left( \gamma^2 \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \right) \quad - (16)$$

So:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)_{rel} = \gamma^2 \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)_{nonrel} \quad - (17)$$

The relativistic force is  $\gamma^2$  multiplied by the non relativistic force.

The Bohr Sommerfeld model of the atom is based on the Hamiltonian:

$$H = (\gamma - 1) m c^2 - \frac{k Z e^2}{r} \quad - (18)$$

in conventional notation.

In the limit  $v \ll c$  the definition (5)

and (18) give the same result:

$$T = \frac{m c^2}{2} (\gamma^2 - 1) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1} - 1 \right) \right) m c^2$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \quad - (19)$$

and:

$$4) \quad T = mc^2(\gamma - 1) = mc^2 \left( \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2} - 1 \right) \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \quad - (20)$$

From eq. (18):

$$\gamma = 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} + \frac{kZe^2}{mc^2} \frac{1}{r} \quad - (21)$$

Rearranging eq. (21) gives:

$$\frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right) + \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \cdot \frac{kZe^2}{mc^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \\ = \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \gamma \quad - (22)$$

$$\therefore \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right) + \frac{k^2 Z^2 e^4}{c^2 L^2} \frac{1}{r} \\ = \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \gamma \quad - (23)$$

Using Eq. (16), the right hand side of eq. (23) can be expressed as:

$$- \frac{mr^2 F(r)}{L^2} = \frac{d^2}{dr^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \\ = \frac{mkZe^2 \gamma}{L^2} \quad - (24)$$

5) It follows that :

$$F(r) = - \frac{\gamma k Z e^2}{r^2} \quad - (25)$$

which is the relativistic force, Q.E.D.

Therefore the equation of motion of the Bohr-Sommerfeld atom is :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) &= - \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 Z^2 e^4}{c^2 L^2} \right) \frac{1}{r} + \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right) \\ &:: = - \frac{\omega_0^2}{r} + \kappa \quad - (26) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\omega_0^2 = 1 - \frac{k^2 Z^2 e^4}{c^2 L^2} \quad - (27)$$

and

$$\kappa = \frac{mkZe^2}{L^2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right) \quad - (28)$$

A solution of Eq. (26) is :

$$\frac{1}{r} = \kappa + A \cos(\omega_0 t) \quad - (29)$$

which is found by twice integrating :

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = - A \omega_0^2 \cos(\omega_0 t) \quad - (30)$$

b) and adding  $K$  as a constant of integration.

Therefore:

$$r = \frac{1}{K + A \cos(\omega_0 \theta)}$$

$$r = \frac{1/K}{1 + A \cos(\omega_0 \theta)}$$

 - (31)

This is a precessing ellipse of  $x$  theory, where

$$x = \omega_0 = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 Z^2 e^4}{c^2 L^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad - (32)$$

The half right latitude is:

$$\alpha = 1/K \quad - (33)$$

and the eccentricity is:

$$e = A \quad - (34)$$

The quantum conditions are defined by:

$$\oint L d\theta = 2\pi L = n_L h \quad - (35)$$

and

$$\oint p_r dr = L \oint \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 d\theta = n_r h \quad - (36)$$

This procedure may be repeated for

gravitation as follows:

$$H = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 - \frac{mMG}{r}, \quad (37)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = - \left( 1 - \frac{m^2 MG^2}{c^2 L^2} \right) \frac{1}{r} + \frac{m^2 MG}{L^2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right) \quad (38)$$

Therefore:

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cos(x\theta)} \quad (39)$$

where

$$d = \frac{1}{1/r} = \frac{L^2}{m^2 MG} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{mc^2} \right)^{-1} \quad (40)$$

and

$$A = \epsilon. \quad (41)$$

The  $x$  factor is:

$$x = \omega_0 = \left( 1 - \frac{m^2 MG^2}{L^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad (42)$$

Therefore  $x$  theory as defined in eqs. (39) to (42) produces quantization. For example the well known petal orbitals of the Bohr Sommerfeld theory emerge from eq. (39)

