

$$\langle T \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{2b}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \left( -2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} b^{1/2} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} b^{1/2} \frac{1}{b^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\langle T \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 b}{2m}}$$

$$-\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} b^{1/2} +$$

$b \uparrow$ , wavefunction smaller

$$\langle T \rangle \uparrow$$

(vice versa)

$$\langle V \rangle = K \left( \frac{2b}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^n e^{-2bx^2} dx$$

$$\xi = \sqrt{2b} x$$

$$x = \xi (2b)^{-1/2} \quad dx = d\xi (2b)^{1/2}$$

$$\langle V \rangle = K \left( \frac{2b}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} (2b)^{-n/2} (2b)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\xi|^n e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$$

$$= \frac{K}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{(2b)^{n/2}} \times \nu(n) \quad \text{pure \#}, \nu(n)$$

$$\# = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\xi|^n e^{-\xi^2} d\xi = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \xi^n e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$$

$$2 \int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x^2} dx = \Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$$

known as the  $\Gamma$  function, finite when  $\frac{n+1}{2} > 0$   
 $n > -1$

Here, lets keep that... usually  $n > 0$

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$$\Gamma(n+1) = n \Gamma(n) = n(n-1) \Gamma(n-1) \dots$$

when  $n = \text{integer}$ ,  $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$

$$\Gamma(2) = 1! = 1 \quad \Gamma(1) = 0! = 1$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} \quad (\text{work!})$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \quad (\text{WIKI!})$$

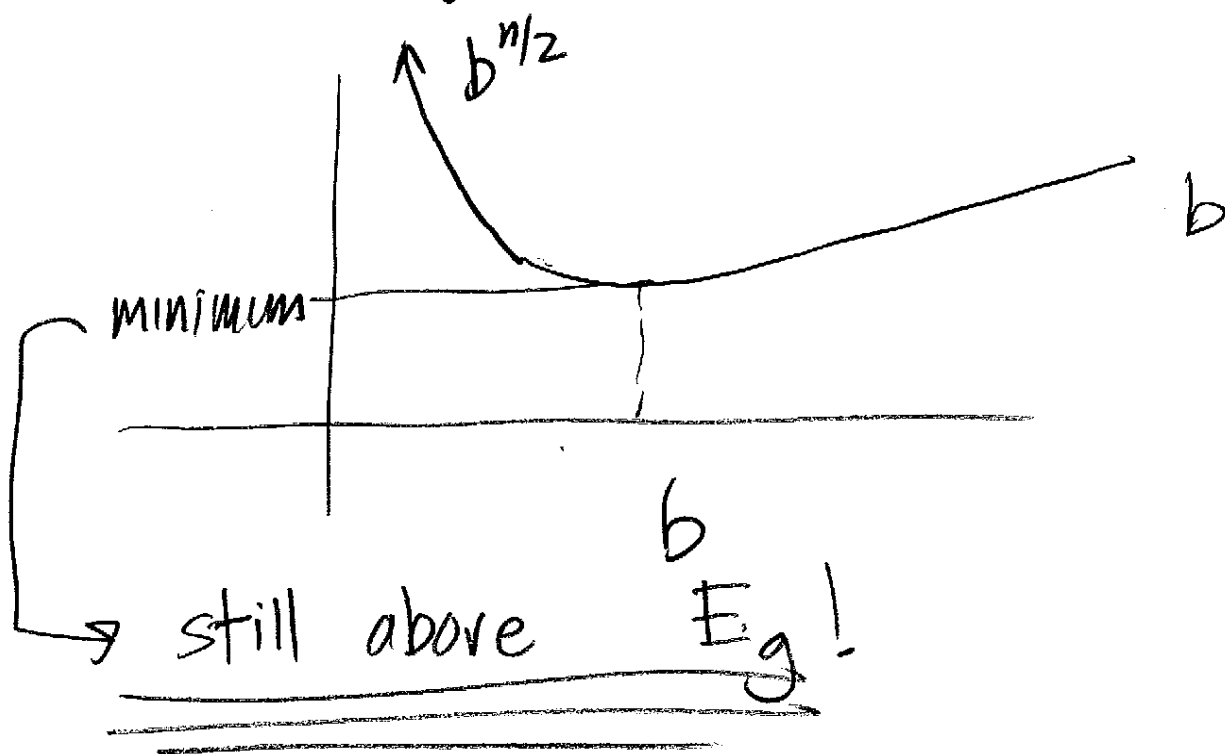
$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{K}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{(2b)^{n/2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$$

$b \uparrow$   
 $\langle V \rangle \downarrow$

$$\langle \Psi_g | H | \Psi_g \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 b}{2m} + \left( \frac{K \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{n/2}} \right) \frac{1}{b^{n/2}}$$

↑  
dominates  
at  
large  $b$

↑  
dominates  
at small  $b$ .



$$\frac{\partial \langle \Psi_g | H | \Psi_g \rangle}{\partial b} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} - \frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{K \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{n/2}} \right) \frac{1}{b^{(n/2)+1}}$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} = \frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{K \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{n/2}} \right) \frac{1}{b^{\frac{(n+2)}{2}}}$$

$$b = \left[ \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{K \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{n/2}} \right] \frac{2}{n+2}$$

Case: SHO  $n=2$

$$k = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2$$

$$b = \left[ \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi/2}} \right]^{\frac{2}{2+2}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{4} \frac{m^2 \omega^2}{\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{m \omega}{2\hbar}$$

Don't forget to

PLUG back into  $\langle \psi_g | H | \psi_g \rangle \dots$

$$n=2$$

$$\langle \psi_g | H | \psi_g \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 m \omega}{2m 2\hbar} + \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}{\sqrt{\pi/2}} \right) \left( \frac{2\hbar}{m \omega} \right)$$

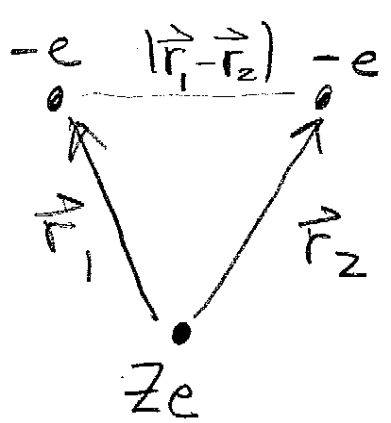
$$= \frac{1}{4} \hbar \omega + \frac{1}{4} \hbar \omega$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega \quad \text{hits the spot!}$$

## 2 Classic Cases of Variational Calcs

- ① Helium  $\rightarrow$  electron-electron repulsion
- ②  $H_2^+$   $\rightarrow$  electron glues the protons together.

Helium (charge  $Z$  at origin,  $Z=2$  <sup>actually</sup>)



$$H = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{2}{r_1} + \frac{2}{r_2} \right) + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

- new + different
- repulsive.

• neglecting repulsive term, one would guess

$$E_{gs} = 2 \times \left( -\frac{1}{2} Z^2 \alpha^2 m_e c^2 \right)$$

# electrons      Rydberg,  $= -13.6 \text{ eV}$

$$\bar{E}_{gs} \approx 2 \times (2)^2 \times (-13.6) \text{ eV}$$

$$\approx -109 \text{ eV}$$

Measurement:

$$E_{gs} = -78.975 \text{ eV}$$

higher due to repulsion of electrons

$\langle V_{ee} \rangle = ?$       $\underbrace{\Psi_0(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)}_{\substack{\text{hydrogenic} \\ \text{about } Ze}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi(\frac{a}{Z})^3}} e^{-\frac{r_1}{(a/Z)}} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi(\frac{a}{Z})^3}} e^{-\frac{r_2}{(a/Z)}}$

$a \rightarrow$  Bohr Radius

Ground state

$$\Psi_0(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{Z^3}{\pi a^3} e^{-Z(r_1+r_2)/a}$$

$$\langle V_{ee} \rangle = \underbrace{\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \left(\frac{Z^3}{\pi a^3}\right)^2}_{\text{scaling with } Z/a \text{ heart of matter}} \int d^3\vec{r}_1 d^3\vec{r}_2 \frac{e^{-\frac{Z(r_1+r_2)}{a}}}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

$$\vec{s}_1 = \frac{\vec{r}_1}{(a/Z)} \quad \vec{s}_2 = \frac{\vec{r}_2}{(a/Z)}$$

$$\langle V_{ee} \rangle = \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{Z}{a}\right) \underbrace{\int d^3\vec{s}_1 d^3\vec{s}_2 \frac{e^{-(s_1+s_2)}}{|\vec{s}_1 - \vec{s}_2|}}_{\text{pure number!}}$$

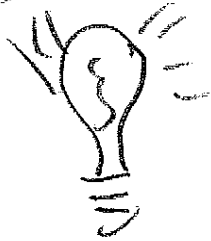
(Book)

$$= +Z \cdot \left(\frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m c^2\right)$$

$$Z=2$$

$$\langle V_{ee} \rangle = 34 \text{ eV}$$

$$\langle H \rangle = -109 \text{ eV} + 34 \text{ eV} = -75 \text{ eV}$$



leave  $Z$  as a parameter  
in the wave function

WARNING

NOT  $Z!$

$$H = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{Z}{r_1} + \frac{Z}{r_2} \right) + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

Think of it the following way

$$= \left[ \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla_1^2 + \nabla_2^2) - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{Z}{r_1} + \frac{Z}{r_2} \right) \right] \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} Z^2 a^2 m c^2$$

$$+ \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( (Z-2) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} \right)$$

gotta do!                      done

$$\frac{e^2(z-2)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{z^3}{\pi a^3}\right)^2 \int d^3\vec{r}_1 d^3\vec{r}_2 e^{-\frac{z(r_1+r_2)}{a}} \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}\right)$$

$$\int \xi_1 = \frac{z}{a} \vec{r}_1 \quad \xi_2 = \frac{z}{a} \vec{r}_2$$

$$\frac{e^2(z-2)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{a} \int d^3\xi_1 d^3\xi_2 e^{-\frac{z}{a}(\xi_1+\xi_2)} \left(\frac{1}{\xi_1} + \frac{1}{\xi_2}\right)$$

$$\# = 2$$

Putting terms together

$$\langle H \rangle = \left[ 2z^2 - 4z(z-2) - \frac{5}{4}z \right] \left[ -\frac{1}{2}a^2 m c^2 \right]$$

$$= \left[ -2z^2 + \frac{27}{4}z \right] \left[ -\frac{1}{2}a^2 m c^2 \right]$$

