

Diamagnetism is change in orbital moment due to applied magnetic field

## Diamagnetic Susceptibility

- Classical Argument gives correct formula
- All materials show diamagnetism, but it is often masked by other magnetic responses
- Diamagnetic Susceptibility is always negative and small  $\sim 10^{-5}$
- T independent

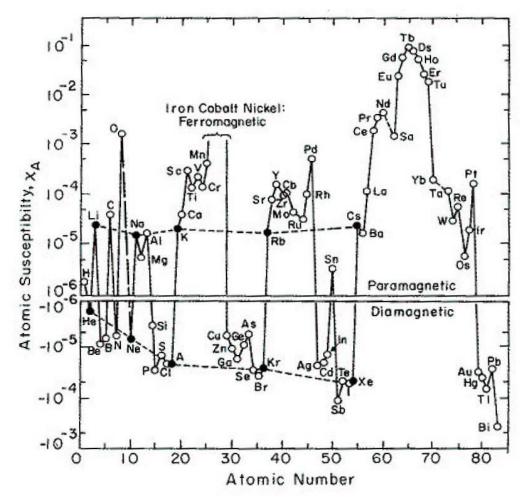


Figure 3.4 Magnetic susceptibilities of the elements in atomic units. Negative values of  $\chi$  indicate that the diamagnetic part of the susceptibility is greater than the paramagnetic part [After Bozorth, copyright IEEE Press (1993)].

## Quantum Diamagnetism

$$H = \frac{\left(p + e\mathbf{A}\right)^2}{2m} + V(r)$$
  
**B** =  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  (Because  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ )

A from current distribution:  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \iint \frac{j(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r'})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r'}|} dv'$ 

Compare to scalar potential from charge distribution:  $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \oint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r'})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r'}|} dv$ 

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + \frac{ie\hbar}{2m} \left( \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \right) + \frac{e^2}{2m} A^2 + V(r)$$
  

$$\mathbf{A} = \left(\frac{-yB}{2}, \frac{xB}{2}, 0\right) \quad \text{for uniform } B \text{ in } z \text{ direction (check by taking } \nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$
  

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + \frac{ie\hbar}{2m} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{e^2 B^2}{8m} \left( x^2 + y^2 \right) + V(r)$$

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