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we had so far:

- binding in clusters and their appearances in mass spectra
 a) undirected van-der-Waals bonding
 b) ionic bonding
 - c) covalent bonds

today:

d) metallic bonding

Mackay icosahedra





magic numbers

Fig. 5. The first five Mackay icosahedra. N = 13, 55, 147, 309, and 561, respectively.

ionic bonding in alkali halides





Ionic lattice structure

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Fig. 5. Mass spectrum of $Na(NaI)_n^+$ clusters. The interval between the oscillations corresponds to the number of atoms needed to cover one face of cuboid-shaped clusters.

covalent bonds: Buckminster-Fulleren







"Buckminister-Fulleren"





Lanthan Atom in C_{60}

mass spectrum of carbon clusters



mass spectra of silicon clusters

Charged clusters show magic number n=6, 10, 16 and 32, but a maximum in the spectrum is not followed by a deep minimum for n+1 atoms ! (Photofragmentation shows no monomer evaporation).



binding in clusters

a) undirected bonding (Van-der-Waals)

b) ionic

c) covalent

d) metal bonding

Schematics of metal binding in a cluster



A cluster of simple metal atoms can be considered as a metallic quantum dot. In the corresponding bulk materials the electrons need much more space.



The spherical jellium model: basic idea



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c.f. nuclear physics

Woods Saxon potential

compare: potential energy function for atomic nucleus



Fig. 81 Realistische Darstellung der Verhältnisse beim Schalenmodell. Neutronenniveaus eines Kerns mit N=80 im Kernpotential; R und a sind Parameter des Woods-Saxon-Potentials Gl. (6.8); nach [Bei 64]

Mayer-Kuckuk

The spherical jellium model: role of the potential like in *nuclear physics*



Explains the magic numbers of neutral alkali clusters : 2, 8, 20, 40, 58, 70, 92 ...

Also explains the magic numbers for divalent metals such as zinc or cadmium, at 4,9,10,17,20,29 ... atoms.

$$2(2l+1)$$

electrons

After: Mayer-Kuckuk, Kernphysik

in the atomic nucleus: additional influence of spin-orbit interaction.

Can be neglected in clusters





The jellium model for clusters: density functional theory



(Nearly) free electrons in a small volume. The electronic properties can either be described by a simple jellium model or more sophisticated by the density functional theory. In all cases the electron distribution extends over large parts of the jellium sphere. The corresponding eigenfunctions lead to the shell structure.



larger clusters: self-consistent spherical jellium-background model



W. Ekardt Physical Review B Vol.29, Nr. 4 15Feb.1984

for very large clusters: close to bulk



compare: metal surfaces - resulting electron density

- electron density n(z) shows oscillations (Friedel oszillations)
- n(z) spills out beyond the ionic charge (electron spill-out)
- spill-out produces a surface dipole





Ursache der Oszillation:

Elektronen mit festen Wellenvektor versuchen pos. Hintergrundladung abzuschirmen; hieraus folgen leichte Verschiebungen der einzelnen Atomlagen im Bereich der Oberfläche

Zangwill, page 58

jellium fingerprint in the mass spectra



⁾ Knight et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 52, 2141 (1984)

Small Magnesium clusters as another example for a jellium system. Now each atom contributes with two electrons



Electronic vs. geometrical shell Example: large Mg_N



Diederich et al., Rostock



how to measure the electronic structure? by photoelectron spectroscopy



technical challenge: extremely low target density as it is necessary to work with a *charged* cluster beam. Only charged clusters can be mass selected

Magnetic bottle electron spectrometer



in the limit of a strong gradient and a long drift area, the flight times of electrons with the same energy are independent of the emission angle. detection efficency of about 50 %

technical realization of a magnetic-bottle electron spectrometer



Aubildung 11: Schnitt durch den neuen Hochfeldmagneten



Calibration mag. bottle spectrometer with Au₁⁻



Photoelectron spectra from Ag_N^-

