### **lecture 19.1.2012**

we had so far:

binding in clusters and their appearances in mass spectra
 d) metallic bonding

today

- more to metallic bonding
- photoelectron spectroscopy
- trends in photoionization and detachment energies

## 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

#### the jellium model



#### 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





<u>Ursache der Oszillation:</u>

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)



M. Kappes, R. W. Kunz, und E. Schumacher, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* 91, 413(1982)

#### like a periodic table: the shell model for Na clusters



in Metal Clusters at Surfaces, KH Meiwes-Broer, Springer 2000

#### sub shells through distortion: the Clemenger-Nielsson model



#### deformations explain the sub-shell closings



Knight et al.

#### early direct evidence for electronic shells: ionization energies of Na clusters



H. Haberland: Cluster. in Lehrbuch der Experimentalphysik, W. Raith, de Gruyter, 1992

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



### Electronic vs. geometrical shell Example: large $Mg_N$ show both, electronic and geom. shells



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 Au<sub>1</sub><sup>-</sup>



#### photoelectron spectra from Ag<sub>N</sub><sup>-</sup>



#### comparison with the jellium model



pronounced energy gaps after 8 and 20 electrons, but there are more gaps due to lifting of degeneracy





fine details of the electronic structure can be resolved

# comparison PES with jellium calculations

Density of states from KS single-particle energy eigenvalues



G. Wrigge, M. Astruc Hoffmann, and B. v. Issendorff PRA65, 063201(2002)

#### Al<sub>20</sub> PES vs. calc.

in this case: mainly one isomer contributes

dashed curve: measured spectrum

Akola et al., PRB 62, 13 216 (2000)



#### close-lying isomers



here: all three isomers contribute to the experimental spectrum

#### **PES on coinage metal clusters**







chemically similar systems may have similar PE spectra. Exception: Gold, due to relativistic effects

> Hannu Hakkinen, Michael Moseler, Oleg Kostko, Nina Morgner, Margarita Astruc Hoffmann, and Bernd v. Issendorff, PRL 93 093401(2004)

### Trends in photoemission threshold energies



generally:

- IPs <u>decrease</u> with increasing N
- electron detachment en.
   or EAs <u>rise</u> with increasing N

Ionization potentials (top, by R. Whetten) and electron affinities (bottom, Meiwes-Broer group) of Aluminium clusters

#### threshold energies: electron detachment



#### Cu<sub>N</sub><sup>-</sup> PE thresholds rise with increasing cluster size





Taylor, Smalley, et al., JCP 96, 3319 (1992)

#### $Cu_N^- PES$

threshold energies increase with N





Taylor, Smalley, et al., JCP 96, 3319 (1992)

#### N-dependent shift of low-lying levels: 3d in Cu<sub>N</sub>



Cheshnovsky, Smalley et al.

#### photoionization thresholds of neutral clusters



Na<sup>+</sup> photoelectron spectra

Wrigge et al. PRA, 65, 063201 2002



DFT calculations Fennel et al., Rostock, measurements von Issendorff et al., Freiburg





Meiwes-Broer, Appl. Phys. A55 (1992) 430; also Bergmann/Schaeffer

generally:

- the IPs decrease with increasing N
- the EAs rise with increasing N

Parametrization:

$$IP(R) = WF + \alpha \frac{e^2}{R} \quad \text{with } \alpha = 3/8 \dots \frac{1}{2}$$
$$EA(R) = WF - \beta \frac{e^2}{R} \quad \text{with } \beta = \frac{1}{2} \dots \frac{5}{8}$$

 $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$  corresponds to the charging energy of a jellium sphere, deviations arise from QM exchange and correlation

#### let us evaluate IP and EA simultaneously

$$IP(R) = WF + \alpha \frac{e^2}{R} \quad \text{with } \alpha = 3/8 \dots \frac{1}{2}$$
$$EA(R) = WF - \beta \frac{e^2}{R} \quad \text{with } \beta = \frac{1}{2} \dots \frac{5}{8}$$

 $\alpha$  -  $\beta$  is small

solve for WF: 
$$WF_{cal} = \frac{1}{2}(IP + EA) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{e^2}{R}(b-a)$$
  
 $WF_{cal} \approx \frac{1}{2}(IP + EA)$ 

thus the work function should be the mean value of IP and EA!

#### differences between measured IP and EA and bulk values



Small or no differences hint at free electron (or: ideal metal droplet) behaviour Meiwes-Broer in Advances in Metal and Semiconductor Clusters, Vol. 1 M. Duncan, Ed., JAI Press Inc., 1993