

31 Atomic Physics

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31-3 Bohr's Model of the Hydrogen Atom

Bohr's model of Hydrogen Atom

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

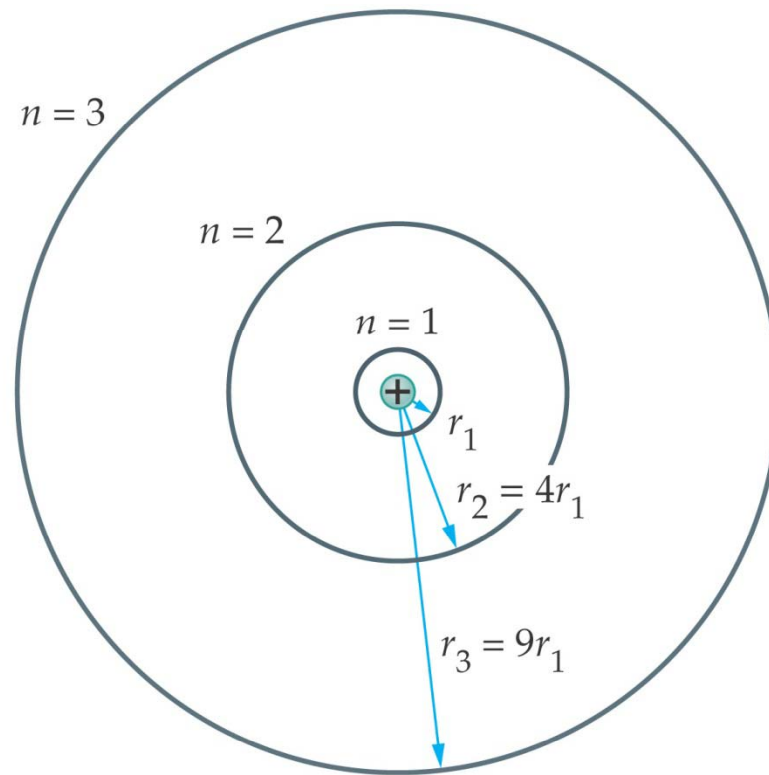


Figure 31-7. The First Three Bohr Orbits

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The spectrum of Hydrogen

How to create spectrum?

- Electron jumps from one orbit to the another: it gives up or absorbs photons (as a result of energy difference).
- Different orbit has different energy level.
- The photon wavelength is determined by hf .

Electron Energies include:

- Electric Potential energy.
- Kinetic energy.

31-3 Bohr's Model of the Hydrogen Atom

Assumptions of the Bohr model:

- The electron in a hydrogen atom moves in a circular orbit around the nucleus.
- Only certain orbits are allowed, where the **angular momentum** in the n th allowed orbit is

$$L_n = nh/2\pi$$

- Electrons in allowed orbits do not radiate photons. Radiation is emitted when an electron changes from one orbit to another, with frequency given by the **energy difference**:

$$|\Delta E| = hf$$

31-3 Bohr's Model of the Hydrogen Atom

In order for an electron to move in a circle of radius r at speed v , the electrostatic force must provide the required centripetal force. Hence: $(\frac{mv^2}{r} = k \frac{e^2}{r^2})$

$$mv^2 = k \frac{e^2}{r_n} \quad 31-3$$

Adding the angular momentum requirement gives:

According Eq.11-12 $L = rmv$,

$$mr_n v_n = nh / 2\pi,$$

$$v_n = \frac{nh}{2\pi m r_n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad 31-4$$

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Solving for r_n and v_n from these two equations, the allowed radii are:

$$r_n = \left(\frac{h^2}{4\pi^2 m k e^2} \right) n^2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad 31-5$$

The speeds at the allowed radii are:

$$v_n = \frac{2\pi k e^2}{nh}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad 31-6$$

Example 1

Find the radius of the Hydrogen at the smallest orbit (Bohr Orbit).

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &= \left(\frac{h^2}{4\pi^2 m k e^2} \right) n^2, & \text{with } n &= 1 \\ &= \left(\frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34})^2}{4\pi^2 (9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N.m}^2 / \text{C}^2)(1.602 \times 10^{-19})^2} \right) \times 1^2 \\ &= 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Examples

Find the speed and kinetic energy of the electron in the Second Bohr orbit (n=2).

Solution:

$$v_n = \frac{2\pi ke^2}{nh}, \quad \text{with } n = 2$$
$$v_2 = \frac{2\pi(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2)(1.60 \times 10^{-19})^2}{2 \times (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s})}$$
$$= 1.09 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}$$

1) Speed

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2) Kinetic energy

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.09 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s})^2 = 5.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

31-3 Bohr's Model of the Hydrogen Atom

The total mechanical energy of an electron in a Bohr orbit is **the sum of its kinetic and potential energies.**

After some algebraic manipulation, and substituting known values of constants, we find for hydrogen atom:

$$E_n = -(13.6 \cdot eV) \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joule}$$

The lowest energy is called the ground state. Most atoms at room temperature are in the ground state.

The Origin of Spectral Series in Hydrogen: Lyman Series

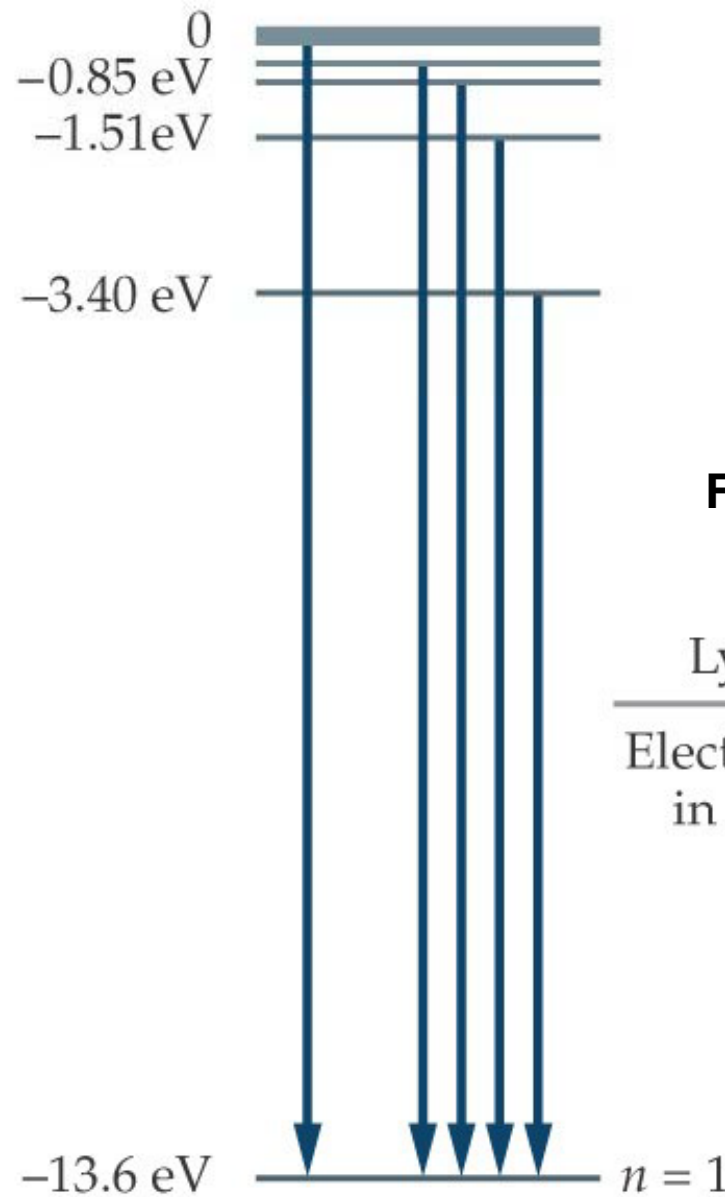


Figure 31-9a

Lyman Series

Electron jumps end
in ground state

The Origin of Spectral Series in Hydrogen: Balmer Series

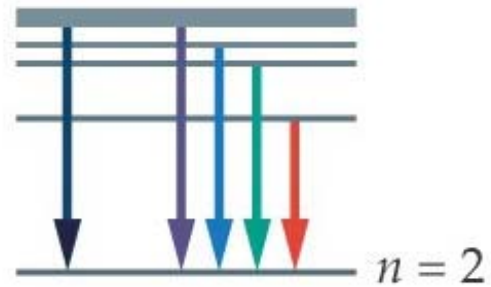


Figure 31-9b

Balmer Series

Electron jumps end
in first excited
state

The Origin of Spectral Series in Hydrogen: Paschen Series

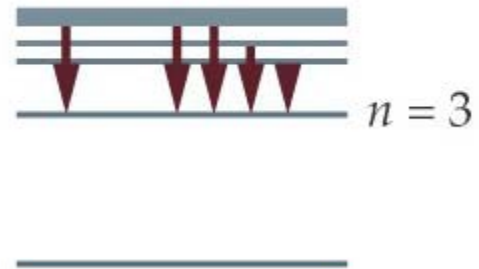


Figure 31-9c

Paschen Series

Electron jumps end
in second excited
state

Active Exam 31-2 Absorbing a photon and what is the wavelength?

Find the wavelength of a photon that will be absorbed, if a electron is to raise in a hydrogen atom from the $n=3$ state to the $n=5$ state.

Solution:

1) The energy at $n=5$ state is

$$\begin{aligned} E_5 &= -(13.6 \cdot eV) \frac{1}{n^2} = -(13.6 \cdot eV) \frac{1}{5^2} = -0.544 \text{ eV} \\ &= -0.544 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = -0.87 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

2) The energy at $n=3$ state is

$$E_3 = -(13.6 \cdot eV) \frac{1}{3^2} = -2.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

3) The energy difference is

$$\Delta E_{5,3} = 1.55 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

4) The wavelength is

$$\begin{aligned} hf &= \Delta E_{5,3} = 1.55 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \Rightarrow f = 2.34 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \\ f\lambda &= c \Rightarrow \lambda = 1.28 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Chapter Summary

The total mechanical energy of an electron in a Bohr orbit is the sum of its kinetic and potential energies. For Hydrogen atom, the total energy is

$$E_n = -(13.6 \cdot eV) \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$