

## Chapter 7: Quantum Theory of the Atom

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**Drop a stone in a quite pond and watch the up / down wave motion.**

**Electromagnetic radiation** includes visible light, x-rays and radio waves.

A **Wave** is a continuously repeating change or oscillation in matter or in a physical field.

Visible light, x-rays, radio waves are forms of **Electromagnetic Radiation**

**Wavelength**, the Greek letter **lambda**  $\lambda$  is the distance between any two adjacent identical points of a wave

**Frequency** is the Greek letter **nu**  $\nu$  is the number of wavelengths that pass in one second.

**Unit of freq** is /s or  $s^{-1}$  called hertz ( Hz ).

**Relation between Wavelength and Frequency** is:  $c = \lambda * \nu$

Where  $c = \text{speed of light} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$       **Speed of light = Wavelength \* Frequency**

**Electromagnetic Spectrum** is the range of frequencies or wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation

**1 Nanometer = 1 nm =  $10^{-9}$  meter**

**Exercise 7.1** What is wavelength of yellow sodium emission if the frequency is  $5.09 \times 10^{14} /s$

$$c = \lambda * \nu \quad \lambda = c / \nu \quad = \quad \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{5.09 \times 10^{14} /s} \quad = 5.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m or } \mathbf{589 \text{ nm}}$$

**Exercise 7.1b** The frequency of the red line in the spectrum of Potassium is  $3.91 \times 10^{14} /s$ . What is its wavelength?

$$\nu = c / \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3.91 \times 10^{14} /s} = 7.67 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 767 \text{ nm}$$

**Example 7.2** The color violet has the wavelength of 408 nm. What's it's frequency?

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{408 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 7.35 \times 10^{14} / \text{sec}$$

**Example 7.2** Cesium has two bright blue spectral lines. One has a wavelength of 456 nm, What is it's frequency?  
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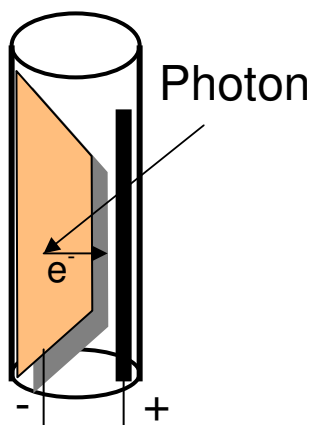
Description	Frequency	Wavelength Start	Wavelength End	
<i>Gamma Rays</i>		<i>1 ppm</i>	<i>10 ppm</i>	
<i>X-Rays</i>		<i>10 ppm</i>	<i>10 nm</i>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
<i>Far UV</i>		<i>10 nm</i>	<i>100 nm</i>	
<b>Near UV</b>		<b>100 nm</b>	<b>400 nm</b>	$1.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$
<b>VISIBLE</b>		<b>400 nm [ purple ]</b>	<b>750 nm [ red ]</b>	
<b>Near Infrared</b>		<b>1 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b>	<b>10 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b>	$1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$
<i>Far Infrared</i>		<i>100 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></i>	<i>1 mm</i>	
<i>Microwave</i>		<i>1 mm</i>	<i>100 + mm</i>	
<i>Radar</i>				
<i>TV FM AM Radio Waves</i>				

<u>Color</u>	<u>Wavelength of light</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Energy</u>	
<i>Ultra-Violet</i>	<i>350 – 200 nm</i>			
<b>Blue</b>	<b>440 – 490 nm</b>	<b>Shortest Wavelength</b>	70 – 58 kcal/mole	<b>Most E</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>490 – 570 nm</b>		58 – 50 kcal/mole	
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>570 – 585 nm</b>		50 – 49 kcal/mole	
<b>Orange</b>	<b>585 – 620 nm</b>		49 – 46 kcal/mole	
<b>Red</b>	<b>620 – 780 nm</b>	<b>Longest Wavelength</b>	46 – 37 kcal/mole	<b>Least E</b>
<i>Infrared</i>				

## 7.2 Quantum Effects & Photons

**Diffraction** is a property of waves in which the waves spread out when they encounter an obstruction or small hole about the size of the wavelength.

**Photoelectric effect:** light has both wave and particle properties. PE is the ejection of electrons from the surface of a metal when light shines on it. Photon strikes the metal plate. If it has the proper energy, it ceases to exist as a particle, it's absorbed and an electron is ejected. The electron is attracted to the + pole and thus conducts and electric current. Light is said to have both a wave and a particle characteristics, it consists of quanta or photons and particles of electromagnetic radiation.



Atoms oscillate at a definite frequency and can have only certain energies as defined by:

**Planks Constant:  $E = n h \nu$**

$n = \text{integer}, \nu = \text{frequency}, h = \text{Planks Constant} = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$

Einstein stated that light consists of quanta or photons or particles of electromagnetic energy and has an energy  $E$  proportional to the observed frequency of the light.

$$E = h \nu$$

**Example 7.3** The red spectrum of lithium is at 671 nm, what is its energy?

From  $c = \lambda \cdot \nu$  we get:

$$\text{Frequency} = \nu = c / \lambda = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{6.71 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = 4.47 \times 10^{14} / \text{s}$$

$$E = h \nu = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \cdot 4.47 \times 10^{14} / \text{s} = \mathbf{2.96 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

**Exercise 7.3** What is the energy of the following:

Infrared  $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$

UltraViolet  $1.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$

X-Ray  $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

## Atomic Line Spectrum

**Continuous Spectrum** is a spectrum containing light of all wavelengths

**Line Spectrum** is a spectrum showing only certain colors or specific wavelengths of light.

**The Line Spectrum of Hydrogen.** J.J. Balmer showed the wavelengths  $\lambda$  in the visible spectrum of Hydrogen is calculated from:

$$1 / \lambda = 1.097 \times 10^7 / \text{m} \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right]$$

$N = 3 = 656 \text{ nm}$

Find  $n = 4, 5, 6$  [ Possible Test Question ]

## Bohr's Postulates:

To get to a higher energy level, an electron must gain energy or be excited.

Bohr's Postulates also explains absorption of light – why materials have color [ good test question ]

**1. Energy-level:** an electron can have only specific energy values in an atom and these are called energy levels.

**Bohr's rule for quantization =  $E = R_H / n^2$**   $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  [ for the Hydrogen atom ]

$n$  = the principal quantum number

$R_H = 2.179 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$

**2. Transitions between energy levels:** An electron in an atom can change energy only by going from one energy level to another energy level via an **electron transition**.

When an electron loses energy, it emits a photon.

$$\Delta E = -R_H \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

**Example. 7.4** An electron goes from  $n = 4$  to  $n = 2$  energy levels, how much energy is emitted:

$$\Delta E = -R_H \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) = -2.179 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[ \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} \right] = -4.086 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Negative sign = energy is emitted.

Since Energy =  $E = h \nu$

$$\text{then Frequency} = \nu = E / h = \frac{-4.086 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}} = 6.17 \times 10^{14} / \text{s}$$

$$\text{and since } \nu = c / \lambda, \text{ then } \lambda = c / \nu = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{6.17 \times 10^{14} / \text{s}} = 4.86 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m or } 486 \text{ nm}$$

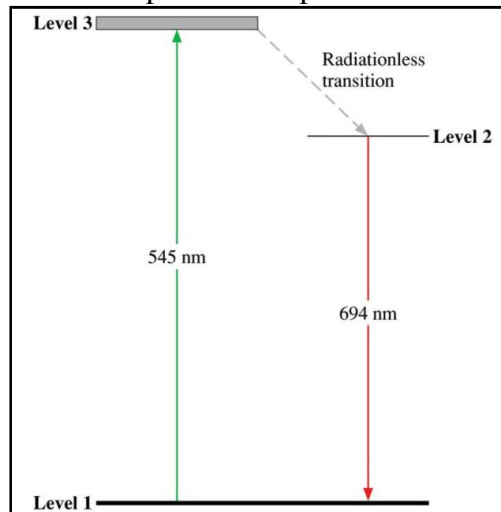
**and Color = ?**

To gain energy, an electron is excited. It gains energy by collision of two hydrogen atoms.

**Exercise 7.4** Calculate the wavelength of light emitted from a Hydrogen Atom for the transition of  $n=3$  to  $n=1$ .  
**HAVE SOMEONE IN THE CLASS DO THIS ONE.**

### Laser Disk Players.

The ruby laser consists of aluminum oxide with a small amount of Chromium III  $\text{Cr}^{+3}$  ions. The laser [ Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation ] emits an intense beam of monochromatic light. [ description BSOC ]. The laser is aimed at the CD and hits pits of digital data. The back reflected light is then merged via a prism with light that did not hit the CD. The light is either in or out of sync, depending on a pit or no pit. This signal goes to a A/D converter and amplifier to a speaker.



### De Broglie Relation [ BSOC ]

Light has wave particle properties. So light, as a particle, can have wave properties depending on the mass of the object:

$$\lambda = h / m \nu$$

An electron will have a wavelength of  $100 \times 10^{-12}$  m, which due to the size of the electron is appreciable. A baseball has a wavelength of  $10^{-34}$  m which is too small to see. A 145 g baseball is moving at 60 mph [ 27 m/s ].

$$\lambda = h / m \nu = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}}{145 \text{ g} * 27 \text{ ms}} = 1.69 \times 10^{-34} \text{ m} \quad \text{Note: } 1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 / \text{s}^2$$

**Example 7.5** Calculate the wavelength in meters of a 1.00 kg mass moving at 1.00 km/hr?

Convert:  $100 \text{ km/hr} * 1 \text{ hr} / 3600 \text{ s} * 10^3 \text{ m} / 1 \text{ km} = 0.278 \text{ m/s}$

$$\lambda = h / m v = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}}{1.00 \text{ kg} * 0.278 \text{ m/s}} = 2.38 \times 10^{-33} \text{ m}$$

**Exercise 7.6** Calculate the wavelength in picometers of an electron moving at  $2.19 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$ ?  
The mass of an electron,  $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ , and Planck's constant ( $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$ , or  $6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ )

## Wave Functions

**Erwin Schrödinger** worked in the branch of physics that mathematically describes the wave properties of submicroscopic particles called **Quantum Mechanics** or **Wave Mechanics**.  
He stated that at any moment, you cannot know the precise position and the precise momentum of an electron.  
[ good test question ]

An electron does not have a precise orbit.

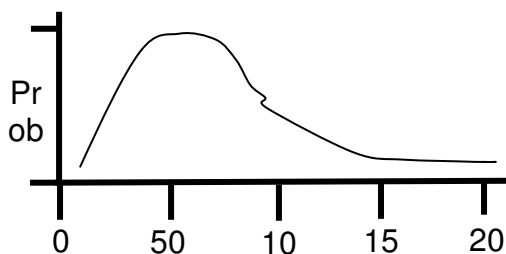
**Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle:** The product of the uncertainty in position and the uncertainty in momentum of a particle can be no smaller than Planck's constant divided by  $4\pi$ . You can know very well where a particle is, but you cannot know where it is going. [ good test question ]

Or, if you really want to know the math:  $\Delta x / \Delta p \geq h / 4\pi$

The more precise you know the position, the less well you know the momentum of a particle

## Quantum Numbers and the Atomic Orbitals

The **Schrödinger** wave function says an electron is likely to be at a position [  $\psi = \Psi$  ] where  $\psi^2 =$  probability of finding an electron within a region of space.



Per **Schrödinger** the wave function in an atom is called an atomic orbital.

**1. Principal Quantum Number:** This quantum number describes the energy of an electron.  $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$   
The larger the value of  $n$ , the larger the orbital.

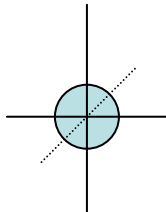
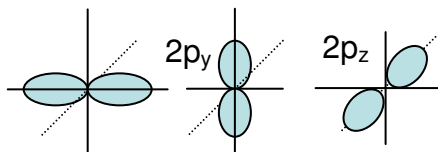
**2. Angular Momentum Quantum Number:**  $l$

The Quantum Number distinguishes orbitals of **given  $n$  having different shapes**.

$l$  is an integer value of  $0 \rightarrow n - 1$

$l = s, p, d, f, g$

Discuss shapes of  $s, p, d, f,$

**s Orbital:****p Orbital****d Orbital**    BSOC**3. Magnetic Quantum Number:** ( which shape is it ) $m_l = \text{from } -l \text{ to } 0 \text{ to } +l$ There are  $2l + 1$  orbital's in each subshell of quantum number  $l$ .

The Magnetic Quantum Number describes which of the p or d orbital's we have

**4. Spin Quantum Number:** $m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } +\frac{1}{2} \text{ spin}$ **Permissible Values of Quantum Number for the Atomic Orbitals\**

<u>n</u>	<u>l</u>	<u>m<sub>l</sub></u>	<u>Subshell</u>	<u># of Orbitals</u>
1	0	0	1s	1
2	0	0	2s	1
2	1	-1, 0, +1	2p	3
3	0	0	3s	1
3	1	-1, 0, +1	3p	3
3	2	-2, -1, 0, +1, +2	3d	5
4	0	0	4s	1
4	1	-1, 0, +1	4p	3
4	2	-2, -1, 0, +1, +2	4d	5
4	3	-3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3	4f	7

**Exercise 7.6**

Which are permissible:

a.  $n = 1$      $l = 1$      $m_l = -2$      $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

b.  $n = 3$      $l = 1$      $m_l = 0$      $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$

c.  $n = 2$      $l = 1$      $m_l = 0$      $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

d.  $n = 2$      $l = 0$      $m_l = 0$      $m_s = 1$

**Exercise 7.7**

Which are permissible:

a.  $n = 0$      $l = 1$      $m_l = 0$      $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

b.  $n = 2$      $l = 3$      $m_l = 0$      $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$

c.  $n = 3$      $l = 2$      $m_l = 3$      $m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

d.  $n = 4$      $l = 2$      $m_l = 2$      $m_s = 0$

**Practice Questions:**

**Review Questions:** All Example Problems in the chapter

**Concept Questions:** 7.19, 7.23, 7.27

**Practice Problems:** 7.33, 7.35, 7.41

7.43, 7.45, 7.51

7.57, 7.59, 7.61, 7.63