

LECTURE #11, Mon., 10/24

* Bohr model of H-atom

- Balance of Coulomb attractive force, $\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$, and centrifugal outward force, $m_e v^2/r$, AND
- Quantization of angular momentum, $m_e v r = n h/2\pi$, $n=1, 2, \dots$, LEADS TO

$$r_n = \frac{\epsilon_0 h^2}{\pi e^2 m_e} \frac{n^2}{Z} \equiv a_0 \frac{n^2}{Z}$$

$a_0 = 0.53 \text{ \AA}$

- From $m_e v r = n h/2\pi$, it follows that

$$v_n = \frac{e^2}{2\epsilon_0 h} \frac{Z}{n}$$

- Finally, substituting for r_n and v_n in

$$E = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = -\frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \frac{Z^2}{n^2}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

R

$$R = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = 1310 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mole}}$$

DRAW ON BOARD, AND DISCUSS, E_n - SPECTRUM,
i.e., discrete (but infinite!) set of possible
energies for bound states of electron

* ionization energy

* absorption and emission "lines"

* SO FAR, "WE" HAVE QUANTIZED:

→ energies of vibrations in solid (PLANCK)
[to account for spectrum of black-body radiation]

→ energies of EM waves (EINSTEIN)
[to account for photoelectric effect]

→ energies of electrons in H-like atoms (BOHR)
[to account for line spectra of atoms]

WE NEED A REAL THEORY { LESS AD HOC }
{ MORE GENERAL }
rather than a bunch of different hypotheses

This was provided by the "wave equation" theory of Schrödinger, in 1926, which in turn was partially inspired/motivated by the views of de Broglie on "wave-particle duality" ¹⁹²⁴

• More explicitly, de Broglie viewed the electrons in Bohr's orbits (bound states) as standing waves whose wavelengths λ have to be contained an integral number of times in their orbit's circumference, $2\pi r$:

$$n \lambda = 2\pi r$$

• But Bohr's condition on the angular momentum, $m_e v r = n h / 2\pi$, also imposed a special (quantization?) condition on the electron orbit's circumference:

$$2\pi r = n \left(\frac{h}{m_e v} \right),$$

THEREBY IMPLYING A FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ELECTRON'S WAVELENGTH AND MOMENTUM.

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{h}{p}$$

→ DE BROGLIE PROPOSED THAT THIS RELATION SHOULD HOLD -- not only for electrons, but also -- FOR ALL PARTICLES, AND FOR LIGHT...! ^{WAVES!}

→ A typical e velocity in H-atom is about 1.0×10^6 m/s. This implies a (de Broglie) wavelength of about 7 \AA ($\gg a_0 \approx 0.5 \text{ \AA} \approx$ size of atom)

→ A baseball, with a speed of 70 mi/hr ($\leftrightarrow \approx 30$ m/s) and mass of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb ($\leftrightarrow \approx 0.15$ kg), on the other hand, has a de Broglie wavelength of about 1.5×10^{-24} \AA ($\ll \dots \ll 10^9 \text{ \AA} \approx$ size of ball $\ll 10^{12} \text{ \AA} \approx$ size of field)

\therefore We don't see the wave-like properties of baseballs (or of any other macroscopic -- e.g., visible to the naked eye -- objects)

[Similarly, we will learn -- from "particle in a box" model, say, that energy differences between quantized energies of baseballs (and other macroscopic systems) are far too small to see (measure)!]

NOTE: The wavelength properties of electrons are especially apparent, and useful, in the instance of determining crystal structures (particularly, of their surfaces) via e -diffraction (e.g., LEED)