

Atomic Structure

1. Bohr's theory of Hydrogen like atoms:-

(Bohr postulates):

- (i) An atom consists of positively charged nucleus responsible for the entire mass of the atom.
- (ii) Electrons revolve around the nucleus in certain permitted circular orbits of definite radii
- (iii) The permitted orbits are those for which the angular momentum of an electron is an integral multiple of $h/2\pi$, where h = Planck's constant
If m is the mass and v is the velocity of the electron in a permitted orbit of radius, then $L = mvr = n(h/2\pi)$; $n = 1, 2, 3$
 n = principal quantum number. This equation is known as the Bohr quantization postulate.
- (iv) When electrons move in postulate permitted discrete orbits they do not radiate energy. Such orbits are called stationary or non-radiating orbits.
- (v) The energy is radiated when the electron jump from higher to lower orbit and the energy is absorbed when it jumps from lower to higher orbit.

If E_i & E_f are the energies associated with orbits of principal quantum numbers n_i and n_f respectively ($n_i < n_f$) the frequency of the radiation emitted is given by
 $h\nu = \Delta E = E_f - E_i \rightarrow$ Bohr frequency condition

Let the charge on nucleus be $+ze$. The electron with charge $-e$ revolves around the nucleus of radius r with velocity v . The electrostatic force of attraction between nucleus & electrons is given by

$$F_c = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Ze^2}{r^2}$$

Centripetal force, F_c , acquired by the electron is given by

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$F_c = F_c$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Ze^2}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow mv^2 = (1/4\pi\epsilon_0) \left(\frac{Ze^2}{r} \right) \quad (1)$$

According to Bohr quantization condition

$$L = mvr = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\text{or, } v = \frac{nh}{2\pi mr} \quad (2)$$

Substituting for v in eqn. (1) we have

$$m \left(\frac{nh}{2\pi mr} \right)^2 = (1/4\pi\epsilon_0) (Ze^2/r)$$

Hence the radius r_n of the n^{th} orbit is given by

$$r_n = \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 h^2}{\pi m e^2} \right) \frac{n^2}{z}$$

$$= (0.529 \text{ \AA})$$

1.1. Energy of the electron:

Let E_k & E_p be the k. E. and the P.E. respectively, of the electron in nth orbit. Then the total energy is equal to sum of E_k and E_p i.e.

$$E = E_k + E_p = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{z e^2}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 r} \left[\text{-ve sign due to attraction} \right]$$

From equation (1) $m v^2 = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \left(\frac{z e^2}{r} \right)$: condition of stationary orbit

$$E_k = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \frac{z e^2}{2r}$$

Hence:

$$E = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \frac{z e^2}{2r} - \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \frac{z e^2}{r}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \frac{z e^2}{2r} \quad \text{---(3)}$$

Substituting value of r from above

$$E_n = - \left(\frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{2 \pi^2 z^2 m e^4}{n^2 h^2}$$

$$E_n = \frac{-m e^4}{8 \epsilon_0^2 h^2} \left(\frac{z^2}{n^2} \right)$$

$$E_n = (-13.6 \text{ eV}) \frac{z^2}{n^2}$$

First hydrogen atom

$$E = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$

Note : Energy of the electron in $n = 1$ orbit is called ground state energy. $n = 2$ called first excited state.

1.2. Spectrum of Hydrogen atom:

Spectrum arises when an electron in the initial stationary orbit of principal quantum number n_i jumps to the final stationary orbit of principal quantum number n_f ($n_i > n_f$) so that difference of the energy associated with these orbits is emitted as a photon of frequency ν accordingly

$$h \nu = E_i - E_f$$

$$= - \left(\frac{1}{(4 \pi \epsilon_0)^2} \right)^2 \frac{2 \pi^2 z^2 m e^4}{n_i^2 h^2} - \left(\frac{-1}{(4 \pi \epsilon_0)^2} \right) \frac{2 \pi^2 z^2 m e^4}{n_f^2 h^2}$$

$$h \nu = \frac{1}{(4 \pi \epsilon_0)^2} \frac{2 \pi^2 m e^4}{h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) z^2$$

$$\text{Or } v = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{2\pi^2 m e^4}{h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n^2 f} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) z^2$$

$$\text{or } = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{2\pi^2 m e^4}{h^3 c} \left(\frac{1}{n^2 f} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) z^2 = \tilde{\nu}$$

2. Particle and wave character:

Einstein had suggested that light has dual character; as wave and also as particle.

Louis de Broglie suggested proposed that matter also has a dual character; as wave and as particle.

2.1. Derivation:

De Broglie equation can be easily derived by using mass-energy relationship viz.

Equating this energy with the energy of a photon, we have $h\nu = mc^2$

Since

$$v = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = mc^2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mc}$$

Replacing c by the velocity of the electron v_1 we have

$$\lambda = h / mv = h / p$$

Where p is the momentum of electron

waves & electromagnetic waves:

- (i) Speeds of matter waves are not same as that of electromagnetic waves. It is less. EM waves travel with speed c .
- (ii) Matter waves can not be radiated in empty space.
- (iii) Wave length of matter waves are generally very small as compared to the wavelength of electromagnetic waves.

Derivation of the Bohr angular momentum postulate from de Broglie's relation. Electron moving in a circular orbit of radius r around a nucleus. Evidently if the wave is to remain continually in phase, the circumference of the circular orbit must be an integral multiple of the wavelength λ , that is

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

$$2\pi r = \frac{nh}{mv}$$

$$mvr = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

Q. What is wavelength of the electron in the n^{th} Bohr orbit. [for Hydrogen atom]

Ans. circumference of the orbit is an integral multiple of wavelengths i.e. $2\pi r = n\lambda$

Further radius of the orbit is directly proportional to n^2 therefore $2\pi r$ is proportional to n^2 . In case of Hydrogen, the radius of the first orbit is 0.529 \AA the radius of the n^{th}

orbit

$(0.529 \times n^2) \text{ \AA}$. The circumference of this orbit is

$$2\pi r_n = 2\pi \times 0.529n^2$$

$$n\lambda = 2\pi \times 0.529n^2$$

$$\lambda = (0.529 \times 2\pi)n \text{ (\AA)}$$

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3. Heisenberg's uncertainty principle:

Also called principle of indeterminacy & it is the fundamental basis of quantum mechanics.

3.1. Popular statement:

It is not possible to determine simultaneously and precisely the momentum and the position of a microscopic particle. According to Heisenberg the product of uncertainty in these quantities

is given as $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$ in other words the product $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x$ is of the order of the Planck's const.

In case of macroscopic body the wavelength is extremely small, so that uncertainty is little

It is impossible to specify simultaneously with orbital precision, both the momentum and the position of a particle, and more generally any pair of observables with operators that do not commute.

$$\Delta J \Delta \theta \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}, \Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

➤ Quantitatively, $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$ [It is derived by combining de Broglie relation $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$ and Einstein relation $E = hv$]

Where Δp is the 'uncertainty' in linear momentum. Parallel to the axis x , and Δx is the uncertainty in position along that axis.

These 'uncertainties' are precisely defined, for they are the root mean square deviations of the properties from their mean values

$$\Delta p = \left\{ \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } \Delta x = \left\{ \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

If there is complete certainty about the position of the particle ($\Delta x=0$), then there will be complete uncertainty about momentum.

Conversely, if the momentum parallel to an axis is known exactly ($\Delta p=0$), then the

position along that must be completely uncertain ($\Delta x=0$).

Whereas simultaneous specification of the position on the x -axis and momentum

parallel to the x -axis are restricted by the uncertainty relation, simultaneous location of position on x and motion parallel to y or z are not restricted.

For any two observables which do not commute we have

$$\Delta A \Delta B \geq \frac{1}{2} | \langle [A, B] \rangle |$$

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It is important to realize that the uncertainty relations are not experimental errors that are dependent in the quantity of measurement apparatus, but are inherent in quantum mechanics. Because of this uncertainty the results of quantum mechanical calculations are expressed in terms of probabilities.

The de-Broglie wave length of macroscopic systems is extremely small so the uncertainty is negligible, for all practical purposes, for macroscopic systems.

For ex:

A projectile of 1 gm with speed $1 \mu\text{m}/\text{sec}$ then calculate the uncertainty in its position.

$$\Delta x = \frac{\hbar}{2m\Delta v} = 5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ m.}$$

Example:

What must be the mass of a particle which must provide a binding for the nucleons within

Assume velocity of particle = c If Δx is the size of the nucleus then velocity of particle is

$$c = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

$$\Delta E \times \Delta t \approx h / 4\pi$$

Further

$$\therefore \Delta E \times \frac{\Delta x}{c} \approx h / 4\pi$$

If the mass of the particle is m , then

$$\Delta E \approx mc^2$$

$$(mc^2) \times \frac{\Delta x}{c} \approx h$$

$$\therefore m \approx \frac{h}{c \Delta x 4\pi}$$

$$= 2.2 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm.}$$

$$\frac{m}{m_e} = \frac{22 \times 10^{-24}}{9 \times 10^{-28}} = \frac{2.2 \times 10^4}{9} \approx 2444$$