

Physics II

Quantum Mechanics

Equations of the Bohr model

Radius of an orbit $r = \frac{n^2}{Z} a_0$, where $a_0 = 0.529 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Energy level of a hydrogenic atom $E = -\frac{Z^2}{n^2} (13.6 \text{ eV})$

Emitted wavelength for an electronic transition:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right) R_y, \text{ where } R_y = 1.09 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Problem 1.- What is the ionization potential of He^+ ?

Solution: We find the energy to get the electron from the ground state to $n=\infty$:

$$E = -\frac{2^2}{\infty^2} (13.6 \text{ eV}) - \left(-\frac{2^2}{1^2} (13.6 \text{ eV}) \right) = \mathbf{54.4 \text{ eV}}$$

Problem 2.- Calculate the wavelength of the light emitted by a hydrogen atom when it changes from the $n=4$ state to the $n=3$ state. What kind of radiation is this, ultraviolet, visible, or infrared?

Solution: We use the Rydberg equation:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right) R_y = 1^2 \left(\frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} \right) 1.09 \times 10^7 \rightarrow \lambda = \mathbf{1.88 \text{ } \mu\text{m (infrared)}}$$