

Light, electrons, quantum model  
Why are there no blue fire works?  
LM 14, 15, 16

The simplest atom - Hydrogen  
- use light as a tool to probe electrons  
- e<sup>-</sup> have discrete energy levels

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550nm

$$E = h\nu$$

$$= (6.626 \times 10^{-34}) (5.44 \times 10^{14}) = 3.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

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

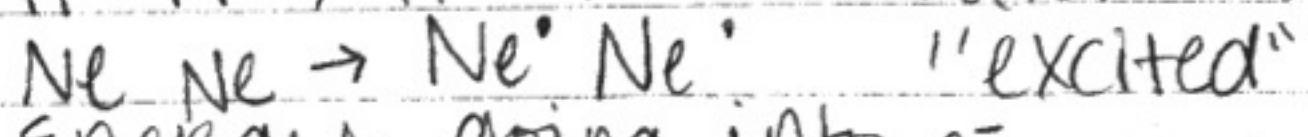
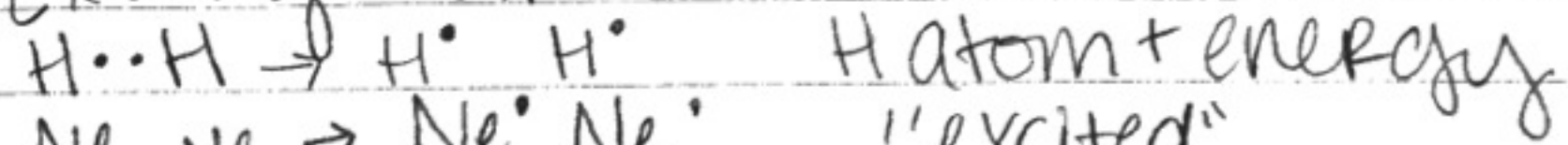
$$= \frac{3 \times 10^8}{550 \times 10^{-9}}$$

$$= 5.44 \times 10^{14}$$

Absorption Light IN  $\rightarrow$  low  $E \rightarrow$  high  $E$   
Emission Light OUT  $\rightarrow$  high  $E \rightarrow$  low  $E$

Exciting electrons demo  
Add electrical energy to various elements:  
Noble gases. Each gas  $\rightarrow$  discrete lines  
different gas  $\rightarrow$  different colors  
Each atom has its own pattern  
Each element - distinct pattern of lines

Exciting electrons



Energy going into e<sup>-</sup>

Light  $E = h\nu$

discrete lines  $\equiv$  fixed  $\nu \rightarrow$  e<sup>-</sup> have discrete energy

If you put a grating between you & the light source - emission spectrum

H: shortest  $\lambda$ , highest  $\nu$  - high  $\epsilon$

$\epsilon \propto \frac{1}{n^2}$   
★ Lowest energy state - most stable

$\epsilon = 0$  when the electron is far away

$\epsilon < 0$   $e^-$  closer to nucleus

$n=1$  ground state - lowest  $\epsilon$  possible.

$n > 2$  excited state

Red:  $n=3 \rightarrow n=2$

Blue:  $n=4 \rightarrow n=2$

Rydberg formula

Empirical model from data

$$\Delta\epsilon = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Be careful  
w/ units

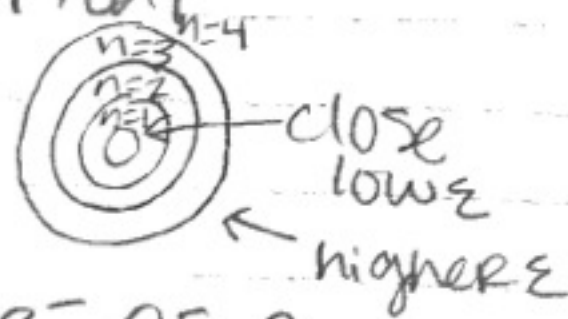
$\frac{1}{\lambda}$

discrete lines = discrete energies  
★ NOT all energies are possible! ★

Energies of electrons must be quantized!

discrete  
units

Bohr's model - solar system - empirical  
allowed for calculation of  
energy level



★ Bohr model - problem: treated  $e^-$  as a  
particle. Electrons have wave properties  
(Schrödinger)

Wave-particle duality

Small (low mass) "particles" have wave  
like properties.

Neither particles or waves - they have



CHARACTERISTICS OF CARB.  
- Same issue for "light"  
- Seems like a wave but the  $\epsilon$  (photon) appears particle like

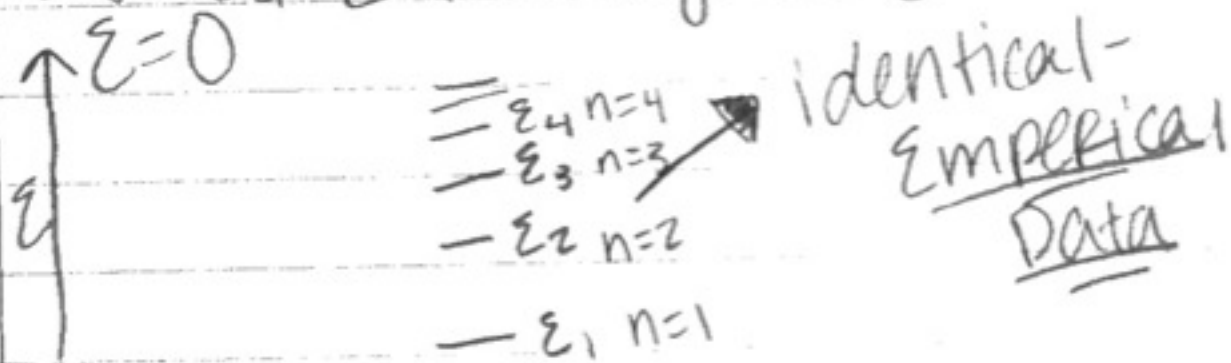
Quantum Mechanics  
doesn't make sense!  $e^- \rightarrow$  wavelike, NOT particle  
It is what it is.

Schrödinger equation allows us to solve for all possible wavefunctions & energies.  
"where"  $\epsilon$   $\leftarrow$  solve!

Each wave function is paired w/  $\epsilon$ .

Lowest possible  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  ground state

Lowest  $\epsilon$  to highest  $\epsilon$ .



$$\epsilon \propto \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Energies are negative.

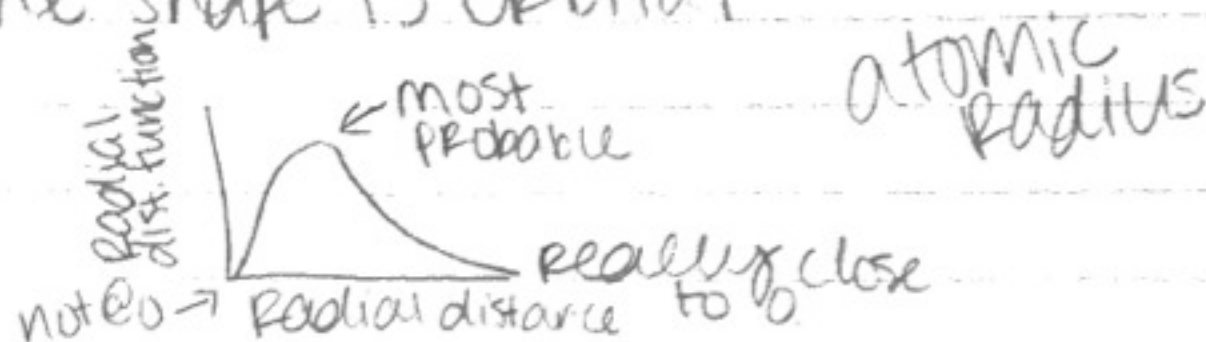
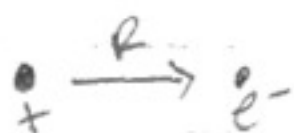
Where is the particle?

- wave functions
- energies

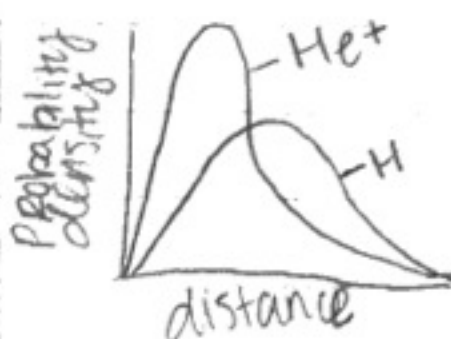
Wave function (3D)

- $\psi$  ( $\psi_1$ )
- we look at  $(\psi)^2$  a probability density

- Solutions: Atomic Orbitals
- link online to the orbitron
  - $n$  - size & energy
  - $l$  - shape
  - $m_l$  - orientation
  - Sphere - the shape is orbital



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He<sup>+</sup> has 2 protons, so the electron will be even closer to the proton!

Atomic orbitals - defined by quantum #'s

$n$  = energy

$l$  = "shape" - angular momentum

$l=0$

$l=1$

$l=0$  is s orbital.

$l=1$  is p orbital

$l=2$  d

$l=3$  f

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Why are there no blue fireworks? - Initial question

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$$\lambda = 550 \text{ nm} \quad E = h\nu$$
$$c = \lambda\nu$$

The energy in electrons are at fixed, discrete levels. Discrete lines: Discrete Energy - Quantized.

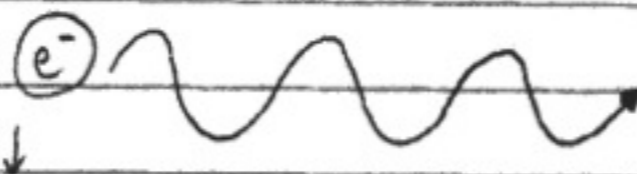
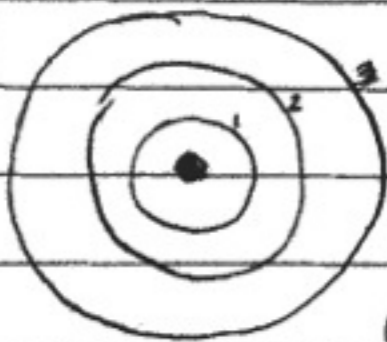
$E$  is proportional to  $1/n^2$ . The most stable energy level is the lowest energy level.  
lowest energy possible - ground state

The light we see is just electrons jumping from one energy level to another.

$$\Delta E = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left( \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Bohr's model - downside  $\rightarrow$  electrons are not like particles.

$e^-$  has<sup>o</sup> wave-like nature.



Neither a wave nor particle.

Quantum numbers - code for math functions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n = \text{size and energy} \\ l = \text{shape} \\ m = \text{orientation} \end{array} \right.$$

No elements Royal spectrum  $\rightarrow$  blue