
Bohr's Hydrogen Atom

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$$E_1 = -2.17 * 10^{-18} J$$

$$1 eV = 1.6 * 10^{-19}$$

$$-2.17 * 10^{-18} J * \frac{1 eV}{1.6 * 10^{-19}} = 13.6 eV = E_1$$

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$$E_2 = \frac{-13.6}{2^2} = -3.4 eV$$

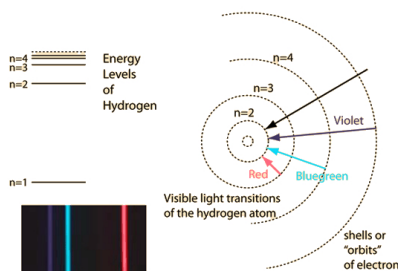
$$E_3 = \frac{-13.6}{3^2} = -1.51 eV$$

The Bohr model is used to describe the structure of hydrogen levels. The amount of energy in each level is written in eV and the maximum energy is the ionization energy. This calculation show how much energy needed to jump between levels where the energy is the difference in eV.

1.1 HYDROGEN SPECTRUM

The movement of electrons between these energy levels produces a spectrum. The Balmer equation is used to describe the four different wavelengths of Hydrogen which are present in the visible light spectrum. These wavelengths are at 656=red, 486=blue-green, 434=blue-violet, and 410=violet nm. These correspond to the emission of photons as an electron in an excited state transitions down to energy level $n=2$.

The emission spectrum of a chemical element or chemical compound is the spectrum of frequencies of electromagnetic radiation emitted by an atom's electrons when they are returned to a lower energy state.



1.2 RYDBERG FORMULA

The energy differences between levels in the Bohr model, and hence the wavelengths of emitted/absorbed photons, is given by the Rydberg formula

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R \frac{1}{n_0^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}$$

where n is the upper energy level, n_0 is the lower energy level, and R is the Rydberg constant ($1.097373 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$). Meaningful values are returned only when n is greater than n_0 and the limit of one over infinity is taken to be zero.

1.3 TRANSITION

$$\lambda - m = \frac{91}{Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)}$$