

- 15 Niels Bohr developed an early model of the atom where electrons could only exist in fixed orbits around a nucleus.

When an atom is ionised, an electron moves from its orbit around the nucleus to be free of the atom. Bohr derived an expression for the ionisation energy E , in joules, for a hydrogen atom:

$$\left(\frac{e^2}{kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{m}{8}$$

where

m = mass of electron

e = charge of electron

$k = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C V}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$

h = Planck constant

- (a) Calculate E for a hydrogen atom, in eV.

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$E = \dots\dots\dots \text{ eV}$



- (b) The Bohr model can also be used to predict an approximate radius for an atom.
The equation for the radius r of the hydrogen atom is:

$$r = \frac{h^2 k}{\pi m e^2}$$

where

m = mass of electron

A student suggests that, for a speed of $1.4 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, neutrons would have a wavelength similar to the radius of a hydrogen atom.

Determine whether the student is correct.

mass of neutron = $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

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