

a) The 1s binding energy (and all the other energy scales) of the  $1ze, e^-$  system scales as  $Z^2$ , so for  $C^{5+}$ , we expect

$$\begin{aligned} IP C^{5+} &= Z^2 \cdot 13.6 \text{ eV} \\ &= \boxed{489.6 \text{ eV}} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Carbon K-edge is only at 284.2 eV, substantially lower. The electron is less tightly bound in a real neutral carbon atom than  $C^{5+}$  because the other 5 electrons (1) screen the nuclear charge and (2) have repulsive interactions w/ the electron "in" the 1s orbital

b) For Uranium,  $Z=92$  and we expect

$$\begin{aligned} IP U^{91+} &= Z^2 \cdot 13.6 \text{ eV} \\ &= (92)^2 \cdot 13.6 \text{ eV} \\ &= \boxed{115 \text{ keV}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

c) The NIST database lists the binding energies

U	XCI	131.821 keV
C	VI	489.9 eV

and

The Hydrogenic result for carbon is off by

$$\frac{0.3 \text{ eV}}{489.9 \text{ eV}} = 6 \times 10^{-4} = 0.06\%$$

For Uranium

$$\frac{17 \text{ keV}}{115 \text{ keV}} = 15\% \quad \text{much worse}$$



The Unam result is quite a bit off because we are using a result from nonrelativistic quantum mechanics on this very heavy system. The Virial theorem tells us that  $\langle T \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle V \rangle$  so

$$\langle T \rangle \approx 66 \text{ keV} \approx 0.13 m_e c^2 \quad (4)$$

and we see error on this level. A relativistic treatment is required either via perturbation theory (see for example Griffiths) or via Dirac and/or Dirac-Fock equations.

d) First convert the proton radius to atomic units

$$r_p = 8.78 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m} = 1.66 \times 10^{-5} \text{ a.u.}$$

So from this we can see this will be a small effect. In atomic units, the 1s orbital is

$$\psi_{100} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-r}$$

The probability that we are inside the proton is

$$P = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{r_p} r^2 dr |\psi_{100}|^2 \quad (5)$$

since  $\psi_{100}$  does not depend on  $\theta$  or  $\phi$   $\int d\Omega \rightarrow 4\pi$



So we have  $P_e = 4 \int_0^{r_p} r^2 dr e^{-2r}$

Now since  $r_p \ll 1$ , we can to a good approximation neglect the exponential in the integrand and set  $e^{-2r} \approx 1$ , so then we get the intuitive result

$$P_e \approx \frac{4}{3} r_p^3 = 6 \times 10^{-15} \quad (6)$$

e) Now for muonic hydrogen we need to look at the mass dependence of the Bohr radius

$$a_0^{(e^-)} = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{m_e e^2}$$

so now the orbital will be rescaled by the factor

$$\gamma = \frac{a_0^{(\mu)}}{a_0^{(e^-)}} = \frac{M_e}{m_\mu} = \frac{1}{207}$$

so since the proton size is the same there will be  $(207)^3$  more muon wave function inside of it.

More formally, in atomic units, the muonium wavefunction is

$$\psi_{100}^{(\mu)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} 3^3} e^{-r/3}$$

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and

$$p_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\pi a^3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^a dr r^2 e^{-2r/a}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{\pi a^3} \int_0^a dr r^2 e^{-2r/a}$$

$$\approx \frac{4}{3} a^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \boxed{(207)^3 p_e}$$