# Phyx 320 Modern Physics

March 1, 2021

Reading: 38.5 - 38.7

Homework #5 and Reading Reflection Tuesday 11:59 pm

Radii of electron orbit in hydrogen is quantized

$$r_n = a_B n^2$$
  $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$ 

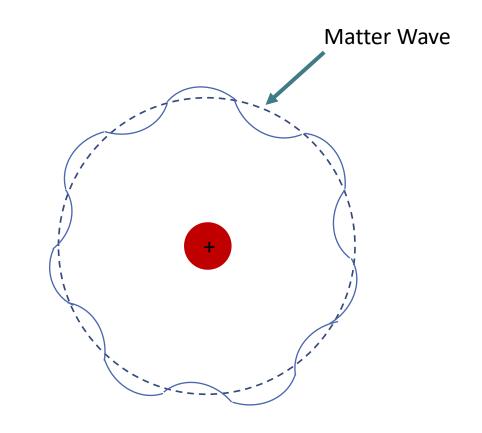
Defined Bohr radius

$$a_B = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.0529 \ nm$$

Examples of electron radius:

$$r_1 = 1a_B = 0.053 nm$$
  
 $r_2 = 4a_B = 0.212 nm$   
 $r_3 = 9a_B = 0.476 nm$ 

Hydrogen atoms at other radii can not exist



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Can describe hydrogen states by one quantum number: *n* 

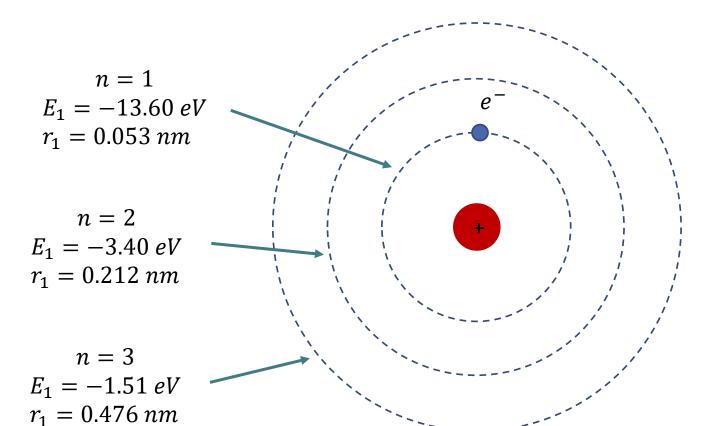
Energy follows  $\sim 1/n^2$ 

Radius follows  $\sim n^2$ 

Each n corresponds to a unique energy and radius

Energy is negative since the electric potential energy is only zero when  $r \to \infty$ 

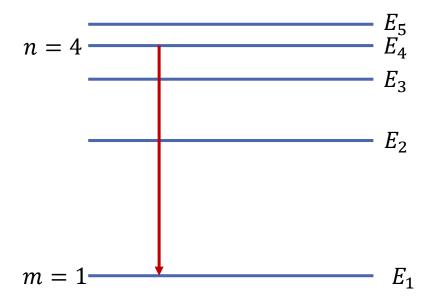
Requires energy to pull the electron away from the proton



What about angular momentum?

# Hydrogen Spectrum

Does this model describe the hydrogen spectrum?



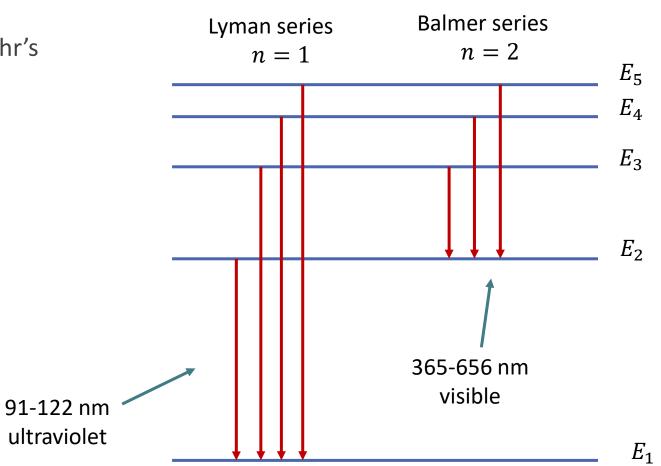
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Derived the Balmer formula from Bohr's model of hydrogen:

$$\lambda = \frac{8\pi\epsilon_0 a_B hc}{e^2} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}}$$

Lyman series final state: n = 1

Balmer series final state: n = 2



## Hydrogen Like Atoms

Bohr model can be used for other elements as long as they have only one electron

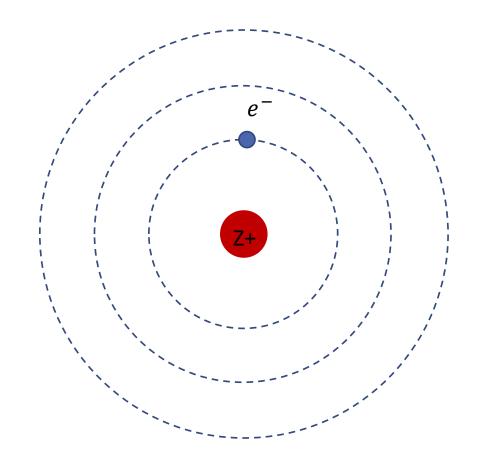
Atomic number = number of protons

$$U_e = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Shifts all equations that we've derived

Energy and emission spectrum:

$$E = -13.60 \text{ eV} \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$$
$$\lambda_0 = \frac{91.18 \text{ nm}}{Z^2}$$



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