## *Chapter 30*

# *The Nature of the Atom*

## *30.1 Rutherford Scattering and the Nuclear Atom*



In its natural state, an atom is electrically neutral.

## *30.1 Rutherford Scattering and the Nuclear Atom*



A Rutherford scattering experiment.

## *Conceptual Example 1* **Atoms are Mostly Empty Space**

In the planetary model of the atom, the nucleus (radius  $= 10^{-15}$ m) is analogous to the sun (radius  $= 7x10<sup>8</sup>m$ ). Electrons orbit (radius =  $10^{-10}$ m) the nucleus like the earth orbits (radius  $= 1.5x10^{11}$ m) the sun. If the dimensions of the solar system had the same proportions as those of the atom, would the earth be closer to or farther away from the sun than it actually is?

#### *30.2 Line Spectra*

The individual wavelengths emitted by two gases and the continuous spectrum of the sun.



Solar absorption spectrum (Fraunhofer lines)

#### *30.2 Line Spectra*

## The Line Spectrum of Hydrogen

*Lyman series Balmer series Paschen series*  $n = 2, 3, 4, ...$ 1  $1^{3}$  $1 \n\begin{array}{c} \n\end{array}$  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2}$   $n =$  $\int$  $\left.\rule{0pt}{10pt}\right)$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\setminus$  $\bigg($  $= R\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$  n *n R*  $\lambda$  $n = 3, 4, 5, ...$ 1 2  $1\quad p(1$  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2}$   $n =$  $\int$  $\bigg)$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\setminus$  $\bigg($  $= R\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  n *n R*  $\lambda$  $n = 4, 5, 6, ...$ 1 3  $1\quad p(1$  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2}$   $n =$  $\int$  $\bigg)$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\setminus$  $\bigg($  $= R\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$   $\qquad$  *n n R*  $\lambda$ 





In the Bohr model, a photon is emitted when the electron drops from a larger, higher-energy orbit to a smaller, lower energy

## THE ENERGIES AND RADII OF THE BOHR ORBITS





Angular momentum is quantized.



$$
L_n = m v_n r_n = n \frac{h}{2\pi} \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, ...
$$
  

$$
r_n = \left(\frac{h^2}{4\pi^2 m k e^2}\right) \frac{n^2}{Z} \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, ...
$$

*Radii for Bohr orbits*

$$
r_n = (5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{m}) \frac{n^2}{Z}
$$
  $n = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 





## *Example 3* **The Ionization Energy of Li2+**

Li2+ is a lithium atom (*Z=3*) with only one electron. Obtain the ionization energy of Li<sup>2+</sup>.

$$
E_n = -(13.6 \,\text{eV}) \frac{Z^2}{n^2} = -(13.6 \,\text{eV}) \frac{3^2}{1^2} = -122 \,\text{eV}
$$

Ionization energy  $= +122$  eV

## THE LINE SPECTRA OF THE HYDROGEN ATOM



#### *30.4 De Broglie's Explanation of Bohr's Assumption About Angular Momentum*



De Broglie suggested standing particle waves as an explanation for Bohr's angular momentum assumption.

Quantum mechanics reveals that four different quantum numbers are required to describe each state of the Hydrogen atom.

**1. The principal quantum number** *n.* This number determines the total energy of the atom and can have only integer values.

$$
n=1,2,3,\ldots
$$

**2. The orbital quantum number** *l.* This number determines the orbital angular momentum of the electron integer values.

$$
\ell = 1, 2, 3, ..., (n-1)
$$

$$
L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \frac{h}{2\pi}
$$

angular momentum

**3. The magnetic quantum number**  $m_l$ **.** This number determines the effect of a magnetic field on the energy of the atom.

$$
m_{\ell}=-\ell,\ldots-2,-1,0,1,2,\ldots,+\ell
$$

$$
L_z = m_\ell \frac{h}{2\pi}
$$

*z* component of the angular momentum

**4. The spin quantum number** *m<sup>s</sup> .* This number is needed because the electron has an intrinsic property called spin.

$$
m_s = +\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{1}{2}
$$



## Table 30.1 Quantum Numbers for the Hydrogen Atom

## *Example 5* **The Bohr Model Versus Quantum Mechanics**

Determine the number of possible states for the hydrogen atom when the principal quantum number is (a)  $n=1$  and (b)  $n=2$ .



 $q = \frac{1}{2}$ 



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## *Conceptual Example 6* **The Bohr Model Versus Quantum Mechanics**

Consider two hydrogen atoms. There are no external magnetic fields present, and the electron in each atom has the same energy. According to the Bohr model and to quantum mechanics, is it possible for the electrons in these atoms (a) to have zero orbital angular momentum and (b) to have different angular momenta?







Generally, the energy increases with increasing n. There are exceptions to the general rule.

## THE PAULI EXCLUSION PRINCIPLE

No two electrons in an atom can have the same set of values for the four quantum numbers.

## *Example 8* **Ground States of Atoms**

Determine which of the energy levels in the figure are occupied by the electrons in the ground state of hydrogen, helium, lithium, beryllium, and boron.









Table 30.2 The Convention of Letters Used to Refer to the Orbital Quantum Number

Orbital Quantum Number $\ell$	Letter
	p
2	d
3	
	g
	h







#### *30.7 X-Rays*



Electrons are emitted from a heated filament and accelerated through a large voltage.

When they strike the target, X-rays are emitted.

*30.7 X-Rays*



The sharp peaks are called *characteristic X-rays* because they are characteristic of the target material.

## *30.7 X-Rays*



 $\left(a\right)$ 

 $\left(b\right)$ 





 $(b)$ 



Spontaneous emission versus stimulated emission.



An external energy source populates the higher level with electrons.





### *30.9 Medical Applications of the Laser*



Lasers being used to change the shape of the cornea.

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## *30.10 Holography*



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