# Atomic Emission and Quantum Mechanics

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#### Line Spectrum

- Electromagnetic spectrum consisting of discrete lines.
- Thermal light  $\rightarrow$  Line spectrum is continuous peaking at a particular wavelength.
- Gas  $\rightarrow$  Line spectrum consists of discrete, well-defined components.





#### Spectral Width





#### Spectroscope

- An instrument used to measure properties of light over a specific portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.
- The variable measured is usually wavelength.

 $m\lambda = d\sin\theta$ 

- $m \rightarrow$  order of diffraction
- $\lambda \rightarrow$  wavelength
- $d \rightarrow$  spacing between lines on the grating
- $\theta \rightarrow \text{angle}$  at which light is diffracted



#### Einstein and Planck Relation







#### Photoelectric Effect



#### Bohr's Atomic Model

- Electrons around an atom orbit in a number of possible discrete energy states.
- Atoms do not radiate energy as long as they are fixed in that orbit.
- Atoms may jump from one energy state to another and in doing so will absorb or emit radiation in the form of a photon.



# Bohr's Atomic Model (Ctd.)

Radius of Bohr Orbit:  $r = n^2 a_0$  $a_0 \rightarrow$  Bohr radius (5.29 × 10<sup>-11</sup> m)

Energy of an electron in a particular orbit:  $E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2}$  (eV)

$$E_1 = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$
  
 $E_2 = -3.4 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_3 = -1.5 \text{ eV}$   
 $E_4 = -0.85 \text{ eV}$ 

**Balmer Series:** 

$$n_{f} = 2$$

$$n_{i} = 3 \Rightarrow E_{3} - E_{2} = 1.9 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda = 656.3 \text{ nm}$$

$$n_{i} = 4 \Rightarrow E_{4} - E_{2} = 2.55 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda = 486.1 \text{ nm}$$



 $n_f = 1 \Rightarrow$  Lyman Series  $n_f = 3 \Rightarrow$  Paschen Series  $n_f = 4 \Rightarrow$  Brackett Series  $n_f = 5 \Rightarrow$  Pfund Series



#### Frank-Hertz Experiment



Accelerating Potential

Collector Current

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#### Fluorescence

- Emission of light by a substance that has absorbed light or other electromagnetic radiation.
- Fluorescent Tube: Used to convert otherwise useless ultraviolet emissions into useful visible light.





#### **Types of Solids**





#### **Electron-Hole Pair**





#### p-n Junction



#### **Types of Semiconductors**





### Light Emitting Diode











# Light Emitting Diode (Ctd.)



- Emission wavelength should follow  $hc/\lambda = E_g = E_c E_v$ .
- Peak occurs at  $\left(E_c + \frac{1}{2}kt\right) \left(E_v \frac{1}{2}kt\right) = E_g + kT.$
- Peak emission wavelength,  $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E_g + kT}$ .
- Minimum energy difference =  $E_g$ .
- Maximum possible wavelength corresponds to E<sub>g</sub>.



### Light Emitting Diode (Ctd.)



#### Limitations of the Bohr Model

- Suitable for atoms with single valence electron (e. g. Hydrogen); inadequate for complex atoms such as neon (6 electrons in outer shell) or even helium (2 electrons in outer shell).
- Line spectra for such multiple electrons atoms cannot be explained.
- Angular momentum for ground state (n = 1) of hydrogen is  $\frac{h}{2\pi}$ .

But experimentally it has been found to be zero.

#### There must be something besides shell number, n.



### Wave Particle Duality

Planck-Einstein relation for photons:  $E = h\nu$ .

• Einstein's mass-to-energy equivalency:  $E = mc^2$ .

- Wavelength and frequency relation:  $c = \nu \lambda$ .
- Momentum, p = mc.
- Combining them altogether,

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$



# Evidence of Wave Properties in Electrons



**Diffraction Pattern** 

# Angular Momentum

- Charged electron has two types of angular momentum:
  - Orbital
  - Spin
- Analysis of hyperfine structure of hydrogen line shows a series of very closely spaced lines in each line!
- Orbital Quantum Number:
  - Represents the magnitude of the orbital angular momentum.
  - Represented by *l*.
  - Values of l = 0 to n 1.
  - Example:
  - $n=2 \Rightarrow l=0,1.$
  - $l = 0 \Rightarrow$  Zero angular momentum; Circular orbit.
  - $l = 1 \Rightarrow$  Some discrete value of angular momentum; Elliptical orbit.



# Angular Momentum (Ctd.)

Orbital Quantum Number	Description	Notation	Maximum Number of Electrons
l = 0	Sharp	S	2
l = 1	Principal	Р	6
l = 2	Diffuse	d	10
l = 3	Fundamental	f	14



Electron Configuration Example:  $Na(II) = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ 

Transitions can occur between any energy state to yield photon emission. Each level of n will now have n possible values of l.

# Angular Momentum (Ctd.)

- Bohr theory: all electrons in an n = 2 state have exactly the same energy, regardless of orbital configuration.
- But, electrons in various orbital configurations do indeed have different energies.



# Magnetic Quantum Number

- An electron: analogous to a current loop and will exhibit a magnetic moment.
- Denoted by: m.
- Represents the direction of angular momentum of an electron.
- Values of m = all integers from -l to +l. (Example:  $l = 1 \Rightarrow m = -1,0,1$ )
- Can be thought of as the three-dimensional tilt of an elliptical orbit.



#### The Stern-Gerlach Experiment



**Experimental Setup** 

- Neutral silver atoms emerging from a hot oven.
- Deflection via a magnetic field.
- Target: a photographic plate.



Classical Prediction: Magnet On



Experimental Result: Magnet On

# Spin Quantum Number

- Spin: rotation of a particle around some axis.
- Denoted by s.
- Two possible values:  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $+\frac{1}{2}$ .
- When s is added and subtracted from l, the effects of spin on energy levels can be seen. --- l - s coupling





#### Effect of Spin





#### The Sodium Spectrum

 $Na(II) = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ 





#### The Mercury Spectrum



Energy Levels in Mercury





# Carbon Dioxide Molecule

• A single carbon atom chemically bonded to two oxygen atoms with double covalent bonds acting as springs leading to vibrational modes.



