

Physics 212 - Quiz #3
Chapter 3

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1. A hydrogen atom is in its third excited state ($n = 3$). What is the speed of the electron in this orbit? ($a_0 = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$, $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2$, $m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$, $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$).

$$L = m_e v r = n \hbar \quad \text{and} \quad r_n = n^2 a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_n = \frac{n \hbar}{m_e r_n} = \frac{n \hbar}{m_e a_0 n^2} = \left(\frac{\hbar}{m_e a_0} \right) \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{Third orbit} \Rightarrow n = 3 \Rightarrow v_3 = \frac{\hbar}{3 m_e a_0} = \frac{1.055 \times 10^{-34}}{3 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 0.529 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$\boxed{v_3 = 7.3 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}}$$

2. What is the photon wavelength of the emitted electromagnetic radiation when the electron in a Be^{3+} ion jumps from the $n = 3$ state to the $n = 1$ state. (For Be atom, $Z = 4$)

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right) Z^2$$

$$= R_H \left(1 - \frac{1}{9} \right) (16)$$

$$= \frac{8 \times 16 \times R_H}{9} = 14.2 R_H$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{14.2 R_H} = \frac{1}{14.2 \times 1.097 \times 10^7} = 6.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 6.4 \text{ nm}}$$