

Chapter 1 – The Dawn of Quantum Theory

- * By the Late 1800's
 - Chemists had
 - generated a method for determining atomic masses
 - generated the periodic table based on empirical observations
 - resolved the structure of benzene
 - elucidated the fundamentals of chemical reactions
 - Physicists had
 - generated the relationship between heat and work
 - developed the first two laws of thermodynamics
 - demonstrated the wavelike nature of light
 - applied statistical mechanics to chemical systems

- * *Sounds great so what's the problem?*
 - The general scientific community believed:
 - atoms are the basic constituents of matter
 - Newton's Laws were universal
 - all the phenomenon in the world is deterministic
 - There were several experiments which could not be explained based on this dogma and here are a few of them:
 - black body radiation
 - the photoelectric effect
 - discrete atomic spectra
 - What conclusions do these experiments lead to?
 - atoms are not the smallest/most microscopic object
 - we need something beside Newtonian physics to explain these experiments

- * And then came quantum mechanics ...
 - explains these unsolved issues
 - explains bonding, structure and reactivity
 - uses probability instead of determinism
 - generates rules for electrons in atoms and molecules

- * Let's talk about these persnickety experiments
 - Black Body Radiation
 - What is it?*
 - Objects when heated will turn from red to white to blue which is an increase in energy/frequency
 - the exact frequency emitted is dependent upon the composition of the body
 - an ideal body absorbs/emits all frequencies and hence is also called a blackbody and the radiation that is emitted blackbody radiation
 - Classical Physics Breakdown*
 - classical physics assumed this emission of light was a result of oscillating e-'s which act as antennae and can oscillate equally well at any frequency, ν
 - Rayleigh-Jeans Law: used classical physics to generate the relationship between

spectral density, $\rho(\nu, T)$, and ν

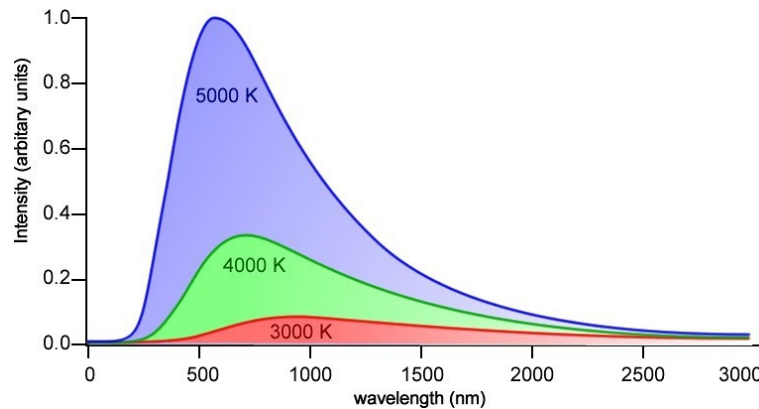
$$d\rho(\nu, T) = \rho_\nu(T) d\nu = \frac{8\pi k_B T}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu \rightarrow \boxed{\rho_\nu(T) \propto \nu^2}$$

where $\rho_\nu(T) d\nu$ is the radiant energy density btwn ν and $\nu + d\nu$

$$k_B = \frac{R}{N_A} = \frac{8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \frac{\text{particles}}{\text{mol}}} = 1.380 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}} \text{ (Boltzmann constant)}$$

$$T = \text{absolute temperature (K)} \quad c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \text{ (speed of light)}$$

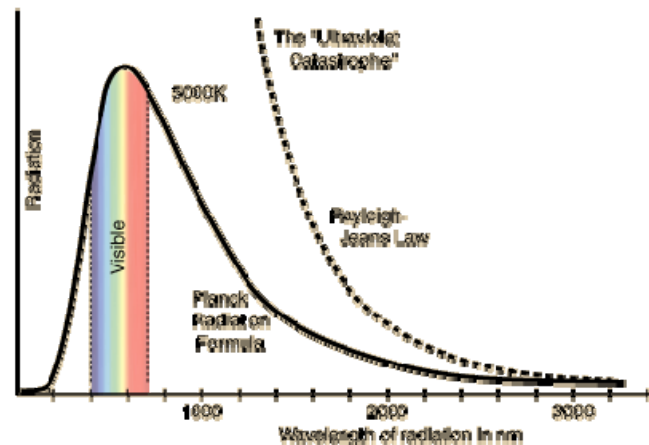
--- Experimentally we should see the graphs below: Similar to Figure 1.1 from the text



<http://www.topmarksed.com/blog/2015/06/05/a-comprehensive-guide-to-black-body-radiation-in-the-hsc/>

---- As T is increased you can see the color change

--- Unfortunately, we actually see a break down with Rayleigh-Jeans Law called the UV-Vis catastrophe where as energy increased/wavelength reduced the RJL goes to infinity rather than back to zero



<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/mod6.html#c4>

--- the dashed line is ν^2 and is consistent with the Rayleigh-Jeans Law at low T

--- this relationship does not work at high temperatures – called the **UV catastrophe** --- **classical physics failure!**

So, how do we fix this? Planck to save the day

--- Planck proposed the energy of these oscillating electrons \propto frequency or

$E = nh\nu$ where $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and h is proportionality constant

---- PLOT TWIST: Planck was one of the first to recognize variables may not have a continuum of values but instead be quantized

---- Blackbody radiation according to Planck

$$d\rho(\nu, T) = \rho_\nu(T) d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} d\nu \rightarrow \boxed{\rho_\nu(T) \propto \nu^3}$$

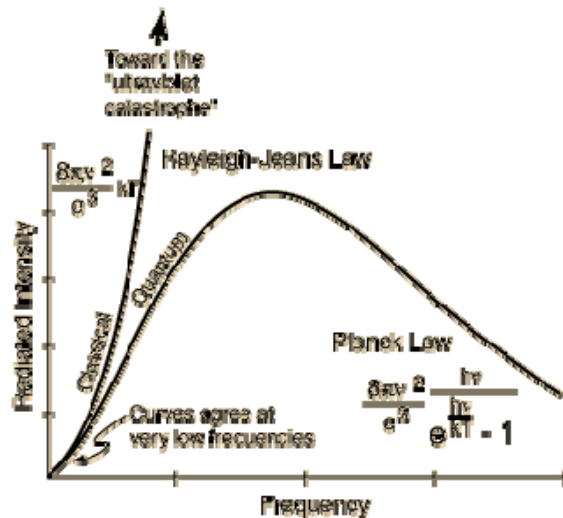
----- This expression can reproduce the RJ Law at low frequencies or for $h\nu \ll k_B T$

Recall the Taylor Series for $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$

$$\therefore e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1 = 1 + \frac{h\nu}{k_B T} + \left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2!} + \dots - 1$$

$$\text{as } h\nu \rightarrow 0 \quad e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1 = 1 + \frac{h\nu}{k_B T} + \left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2!} + \dots - 1 \sim \frac{h\nu}{k_B T}$$

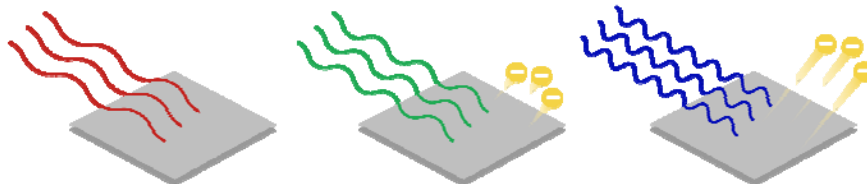
$$\rho_\nu(T) d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \cancel{h} \frac{\nu^{\cancel{3}2} k_B T}{\cancel{h} \cancel{\nu}} d\nu = \boxed{\frac{8\pi k_B T}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu} \leftarrow \text{RJ Law}$$



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- Photoelectric Effect

-- definition: electrons are emitted from a metallic surface when exposed to UV radiation



<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/quantum-physics/photons/a/photoelectric-effect>

-- Classical physics states

that light is an electric field, \vec{E} , oscillating \perp to its direction of propagation and the intensity of the radiation $\propto \vec{E}^2$

--- the e-'s should oscillate along with the field and as the intensity

increases so should these oscillations which will eventually lead to the ejection of an e- from the surface of the metal – **WRONG!**

--- the photoelectric should occur for any frequency as long as the intensity of the incident radiation is sufficiently high – **WRONG!**

-- Experimentally:

--- the kinetic energy of the ejected e- is independent of the intensity of the incident radiation

--- there is a threshold frequency, ν_0 , which is dependent upon the metal

---- below this threshold no e-'s will be ejected from the surface

---- above this threshold the K.E. of the e-'s varies linearly with ν

-- Einstein to the rescue, he proposed:

--- light is made up of energy packets aka photons aka quanta

--- the energy of a photon is proportional to the light frequency, $E = h\nu$

$$E = h\nu \rightarrow \text{K.E.} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = h\nu - \Phi$$

--- Φ is called the work function and is analogous to the ionization energy of an isolated metallic atom (remember we are taking away an e-)

--- since $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$ must be ≥ 0 , then $h\nu \geq \Phi$ or $h\nu_0 = \Phi$ hence $\text{K.E.} = h\nu - h\nu_0$

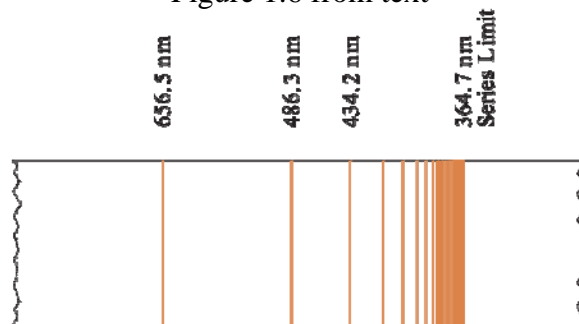
--- the constant h that Einstein predicted matched that of Planck's –

SUCCESS!

- Hydrogen Atom Spectrum

-- In the 19th century scientists knew that each atom possessed a characteristic emission spectrum

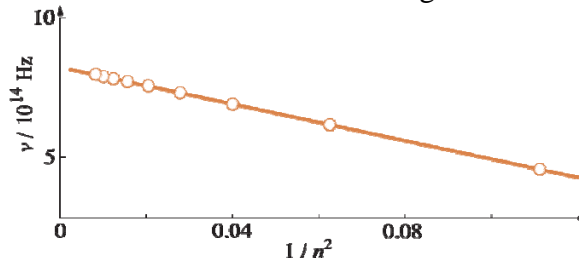
Figure 1.6 from text



--- these are called line spectra since they emit energy at a select number of frequencies – once again the spectrum is **not continuous** but **discrete -- quantized**

-- Balmer was the first one to show that these line spectra followed a particular pattern, $\nu \propto n^{-2}$ where $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$

Figure 1.7 from the text – demonstrating this relationship



--- From this pattern he derived the relationship:

$$\nu = 8.2202 \times 10^{14} \left(1 - \frac{4}{n^2}\right) \text{Hz} \text{ and } \tilde{\nu} = 109680 \left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \text{cm}^{-1} \quad n = 3, 4, 5 \dots$$

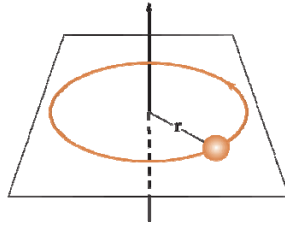
--- This relationship will give rise to all of the visible emissions for H, but what about the rest? Here comes Rydberg

-- Rydberg develops a formula which includes all of the possible emission lines of hydrogen

$$\tilde{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2}\right) \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ where } n_2 > n_1$$

* Angular Momentum – Spinning Right Round

Figure 1.9 from text



- If we rotate a single particle around a fixed point with radius r we can write the kinetic energy T as:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mr^2\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 \quad \text{where } I \text{ is the moment of inertia}$$

- When we write the K.E. in terms of momentum: *linear* : $T = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ *angular* : $T = \frac{l^2}{2I}$

* Bohr, the hydrogen atom and Rydberg

- the hydrogen atom

-- consists of a massive positive nucleus and a smaller negative e^- which is in a fixed orbit about the centrally located nucleus

-- A tale of two forces

--- Coulomb's law: force of attraction btwn an e^- and a proton (the nucleus of hydrogen)

$$f = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad \text{where } -e \text{ is the charge of an } e^-, e \text{ the charge of a proton, } r \text{ is the radius}$$

$$\text{and } \epsilon_0 \text{ is the permittivity } \approx 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{J}\cdot\text{m}$$

--- Centrifugal force: $f = \frac{m_e v^2}{r}$ where m_e is the mass of an e^-

--- these two must be equal in order to ensure the e^- doesn't speed toward nucleus

---- Solving for r we will reproduce the Bohr radius of hydrogen:

$$\frac{m_e v^2}{r} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Bohr's orbit - forcing angular momentum to be quantized:

$$m_e v r = n \frac{h}{2\pi} = n\hbar \rightarrow v = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e r}$$

$$\frac{m_e v^2}{r} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \rightarrow \frac{m_e}{r} \left(\frac{n\hbar}{m_e r} \right)^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{m_e} n^2 \hbar^2}{m_e^{\cancel{2}} r^{\cancel{2}}} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \cancel{r^2}}$$

$$\rightarrow r = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 n^2 \hbar^2}{m_e e^2} = \frac{\epsilon_0 n^2 h^2}{\pi m_e e^2}$$

for $n = 1$, $r = 52.92$ pm the Bohr radius

- Bohr's Assumptions:

-- there are stable atomic states in which atoms do not radiate

--- these states are given by E_n with $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ where $n = 1$ is the lowest energy state or ground state and is the most negative

-- angular momentum is quantized or these stationary orbits require an integer number of de Broglie wavelengths

- Total E of our e-:

P.E. for an e- and a proton separated by distance r is $-\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

$$E = K.E. + P.E. = T + V = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\text{recall } \frac{m_e v^2}{r} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2 = \frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\therefore E = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\text{substituting } r = \frac{\epsilon_0 n^2 h^2}{\pi m_e e^2} \text{ yields } E_n = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\pi m_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 h^2 n^2} = -\frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- Relationship btwn E_n and Rydberg

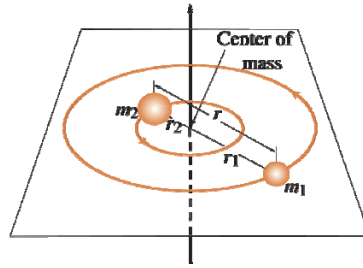
$$\Delta E_n = E_f - E_i = h\nu = -\frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \frac{1}{n_f^2} + \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \frac{1}{n_i^2} = \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right)$$

-- This expression looks suspiciously like the Rydberg expression

$$h\nu = hc\tilde{\nu} \text{ or } \tilde{\nu} = \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 ch^2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right) \therefore \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 ch^2} \sim R_H$$

- Meet Reduced Mass

Figure 1.11 from text



- at the center of mass $m_1 r_1 = m_2 r_2$
- as we have said previously: $T = \frac{1}{2} I \omega$
- where our moment of inertia can be written in terms of reduced mass:

$$\text{reduced mass } \mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \text{ \& } I = \mu r^2$$

- looking back at our H-atom the reduced mass turns out to be m_e
- Overall, the Bohr model works great for any H-like system (He^+ or Li^{2+})
- Limitations of this lovely description
 - does not work for a system containing more than one e-
 - fails when a magnetic field is applied to the system

* Wave-particle duality – here comes de Broglie

- classical optics supports the idea of light as a wave, e.g. refraction, etc.
- the photoelectric effect suggests that it can also be thought of as a particle
- enter de Broglie: he proposed that if light which is clearly a wave can act as particle then why can't a particle act as a wave
- Einstein proved that wavelength, λ , and momentum, p , are inversely proportional:

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

- de Broglie claimed matter would also follow this relationship
 - for matter $p = mv$ where $m = \text{mass}$ and $v = \text{velocity}$
 - therefore the de Broglie wavelength is given by $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$
 - but if matter acts like a wave then why aren't we all oscillating?
- Example: What is the de Broglie wavelength of 75 kg boy and an electron each traveling at 10 mph?

$$\lambda_{\text{boy}} = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{75 \text{ kg} \times 10 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}}{75 \text{ kg} \times 10 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}} \times \frac{1.6093 \text{ km}}{\text{miles}} \times \frac{\text{hour}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{\text{km}}} = 1.98 \times 10^{-36} \text{ m}$$

Too small to be detectable

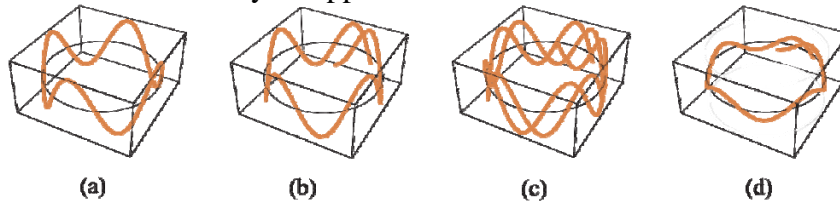
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On the order of UV

* de Broglie Applied to Bohr's H-atom Model

- Figure 1.12 text: (a) represents the Bohr assumption and (b) –

(d) show what happens if the integer assumption is not in place – the wave will eventually disappear



$$2\pi r = n\lambda \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{since } \lambda = \frac{h}{p}, \text{ then } 2\pi r = n \frac{h}{p} = \frac{nh}{m_e v}$$

$$v = \frac{nh}{2\pi m_e r} = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e r} \text{ where } \hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

* de Broglie In Real Life

- X-ray Diffraction

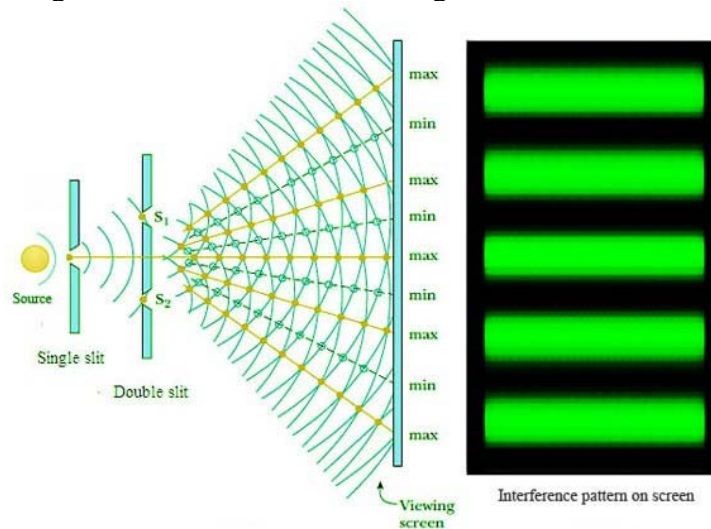
- occurs when X-rays are fired at a crystalline substance and is due to the interatomic spacing being on the order of the X-rays
- this phenomenon is another example of wave-particle duality

- Electron Microscopes

- Uses applied voltage through an electromagnetic field and are able to generate a much sharper images than their forefathers

* Two-Slit Experiments

- a light wave is initially allowed to pass through one slit and either hit or pass through two slits as shown in the figure to the left



<https://practicallawandjustice.liberty.me/the-double-slit-experiment-a-rational-explanation/>

- what results in a pattern of bands in which the light spaces are where the wave have acted in a constructive way and the dark is where they have acted destructively as shown on the right

- Below is a video of what happens when we allow only one particle at time to pass in our experiment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT-uCLwKhQ>

* More Uncertainty - Heisenberg

- Heisenberg uncertainty principle: the exact momentum and the position of e- cannot be known simultaneously or $\Delta x \Delta p \geq h$

-- if we wish to know the location of an e- within a certain distance Δx we need a light source whose resolution is on the order of Δx or $\Delta x \approx \lambda$

-- unfortunately as soon as we shine this light on our e- we change its momentum, Δp

-- using the de Broglie relationship we obtain the Heisenberg uncertainty principle

-- we will be revisiting this later

- Consequences of this uncertainty

-- we do not know what the velocity is if we know the e- is in the atom

-- Bohr assumed that the e- was a particle with known velocity and position

-- in order to complete the picture we need a true wavelike description of e-'s