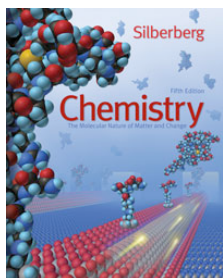


Unit II - Lecture 6

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Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure

7.1 The Nature of Light

7.2 Atomic Spectra

7.3 The Wave-Particle Duality of Matter and Energy

The Wave Nature of Light

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Wavelength = distance per cycle  
 $\lambda_A = 2\lambda_B = 4\lambda_C$

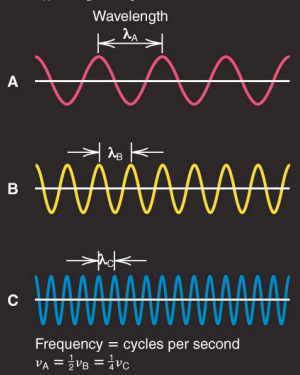


Figure 7.1

Frequency and Wavelength

$c = \lambda \nu$

Frequency = cycles per second  
 $\nu_A = \frac{1}{2}\nu_B = \frac{1}{4}\nu_C$

Figure 7.2 Amplitude (intensity) of a wave.

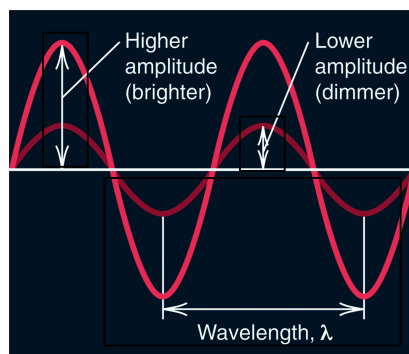
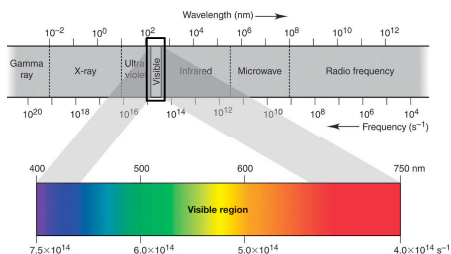


Figure 7.3 Regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.



Sample Problem 7.1 Interconverting Wavelength and Frequency

**PROBLEM:** A dental hygienist uses x-rays ( $\lambda = 1.00\text{\AA}$ ) to take a series of dental radiographs while the patient listens to a radio station ( $\lambda = 325\text{ cm}$ ) and looks out the window at the blue sky ( $\lambda = 473\text{ nm}$ ). What is the frequency (in  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) of the electromagnetic radiation from each source? (Assume that the radiation travels at the speed of light,  $3.00 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}$ .)

**PLAN:** Use  $c = \lambda \nu$

wavelength in units given

**SOLUTION:**

$$1.00\text{\AA} \frac{10^{-10}\text{ m}}{1\text{\AA}} = 1.00 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m}$$

$$\nu = \frac{3 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}}{1.00 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m}} = 3 \times 10^{18}\text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$1\text{\AA} = 10^{-10}\text{ m}$$

$$1\text{ cm} = 10^{-2}\text{ m}$$

$$1\text{ nm} = 10^{-9}\text{ m}$$

wavelength in m

$$\nu = c/\lambda$$

frequency ( $\text{s}^{-1}$  or Hz)

$$325\text{ cm} \frac{10^{-2}\text{ m}}{1\text{ cm}} = 325 \times 10^{-2}\text{ m}$$

$$\nu = \frac{3 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}}{325 \times 10^{-2}\text{ m}} = 9.23 \times 10^7\text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$473\text{ nm} \frac{10^{-9}\text{ m}}{1\text{ nm}} = 473 \times 10^{-9}\text{ m}$$

$$\nu = \frac{3 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}}{473 \times 10^{-9}\text{ m}} = 6.34 \times 10^{14}\text{ s}^{-1}$$

Figure 7.4

Different behaviors of waves and particles.

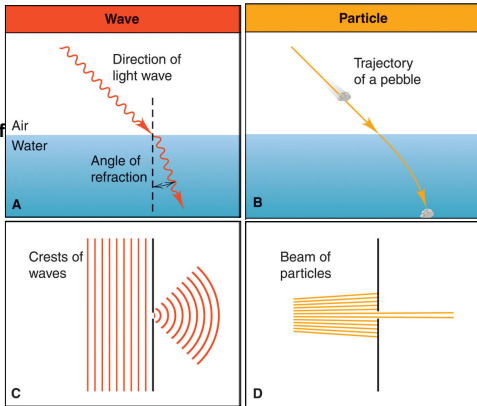


Figure 7.5 The diffraction pattern caused by light passing through two adjacent slits.

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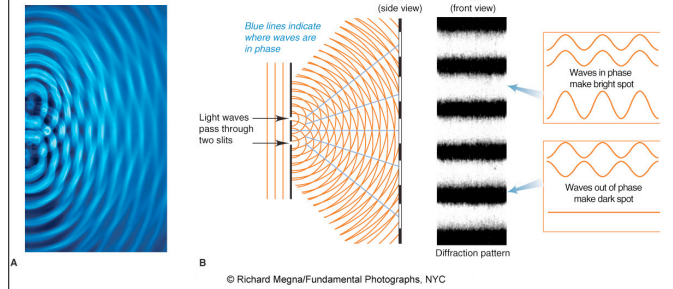
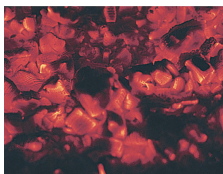


Figure 7.6 Blackbody radiation



Smoldering coal



Electric heating element



Lightbulb filament

$$E = n h \nu$$

$$\Delta E = \Delta n h \nu$$

$$\Delta E = h \nu$$

when  $n = 1$

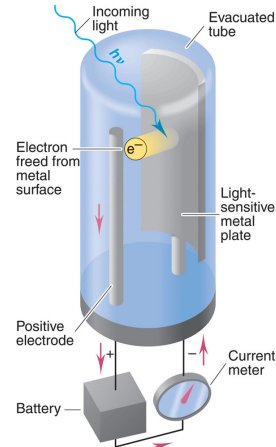


Figure 7.7

Demonstration of the photoelectric effect.

Sample Problem 7.2 Calculating the Energy of Radiation from Its Wavelength

**PROBLEM:** A cook uses a microwave oven to heat a meal. The wavelength of the radiation is 1.20 cm. What is the energy of one photon of this microwave radiation?

**PLAN:** After converting cm to m, we can use the energy equation,  $E = h\nu$  combined with  $\nu = c/\lambda$  to find the energy.

**SOLUTION:**  $E = hc/\lambda$

$$E = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1.20 \text{ cm} \times \frac{10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ cm}}} = 1.66 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}$$

Figure 7.8

The line spectra of several elements.

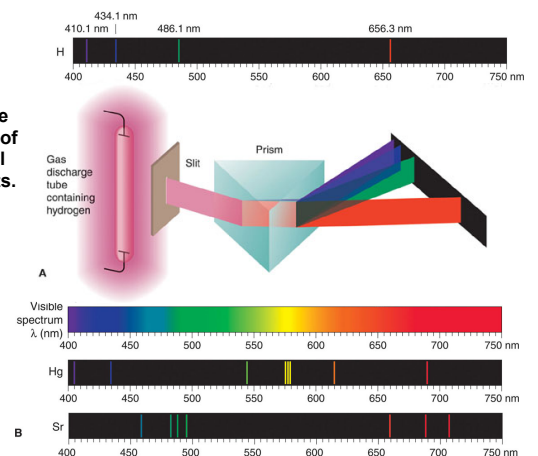
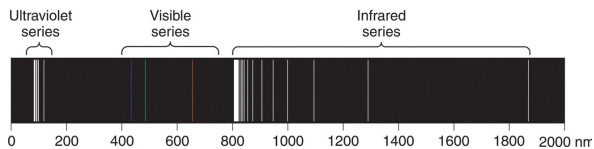


Figure 7.9 Three series of spectral lines of atomic hydrogen.



$$\text{Rydberg equation} \quad \frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$$

$R$  is the Rydberg constant =  $1.096776 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$

for the visible series,  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 = 3, 4, 5, \dots$

Figure 7.10

Quantum staircase.

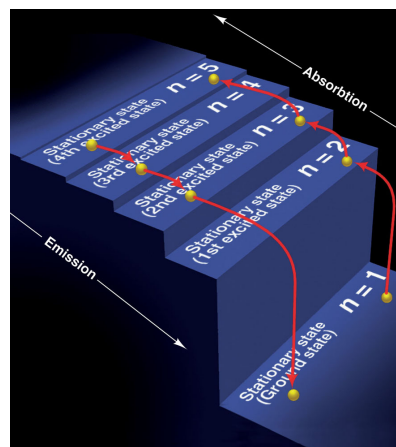


Figure 7.11 The Bohr explanation of three series of spectral lines.

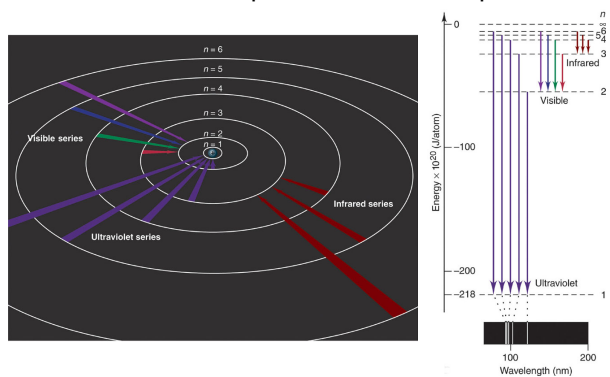
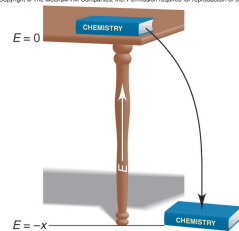


Figure 7.12

A tabletop analogy for the H atom's energy.

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$$\Delta E = E_{\text{final}} - E_{\text{initial}} = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[ \frac{1}{n_{\text{final}}^2} - \frac{1}{n_{\text{initial}}^2} \right]$$

Sample Problem 7.3 Determining  $\Delta E$  and  $\lambda$  of an Electron Transition

**PROBLEM:** A hydrogen atom absorbs a photon of visible light (see Figure 7.11) and its electron enters the  $n = 4$  energy level. Calculate (a) the change in energy of the atom and (b) the wavelength (in nm) of the photon.

**PLAN:** The H atom absorbs energy, so  $E_{\text{final}} > E_{\text{initial}}$ . Visible light is absorbed when  $n_{\text{initial}} = 2$ . Calculate  $\Delta E$  using equation 7.4. (b) Use equations 7.2 and 7.1 to calculate wavelength and convert to nm.

**SOLUTION:** (a)

$$\Delta E = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[ \frac{1}{n_{\text{final}}^2} - \frac{1}{n_{\text{initial}}^2} \right] = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[ \frac{1}{4^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} \right]$$

$$= -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[ \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = 4.09 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

(b)

$$\lambda = hc/\Delta E = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{4.09 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = 4.86 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ nm}}{10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 486 \text{ nm}$$

Figure B7.1 A

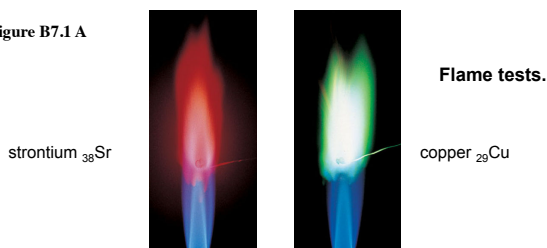


Figure B7.2 Emission and absorption spectra of sodium atoms.

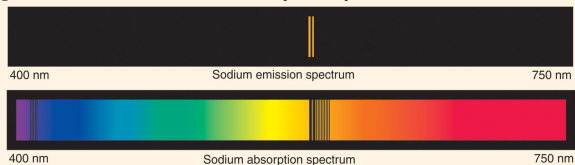


Figure B7.1 B



Figure B7.3 The main components of a typical spectrometer.

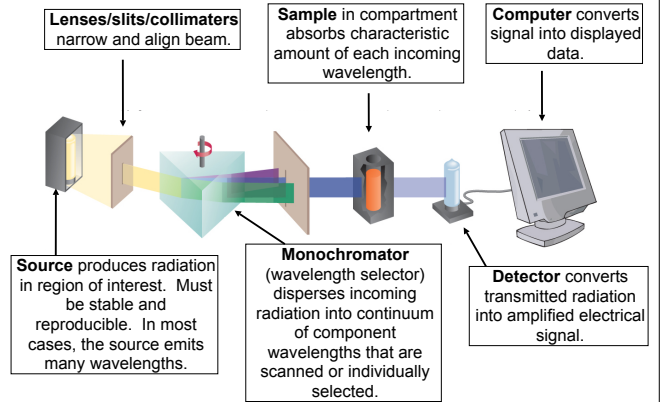


Figure B7.4 Measuring chlorophyll a concentration in leaf extract.

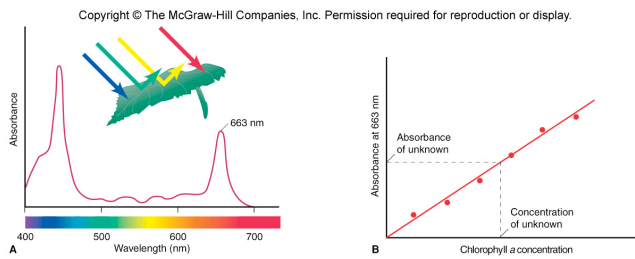


Figure 7.13

Wave motion in restricted systems.

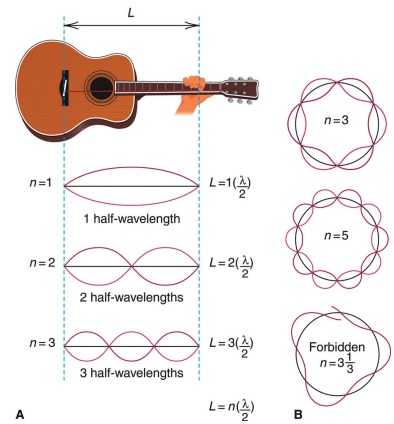


Table 7.1 The de Broglie Wavelengths of Several Objects

Substance	Mass (g)	Speed (m/s)	$\lambda$ (m)
slow electron	$9 \times 10^{-28}$	1.0	$7 \times 10^{-4}$
fast electron	$9 \times 10^{-28}$	$5.9 \times 10^6$	$1 \times 10^{-10}$
alpha particle	$6.6 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.5 \times 10^7$	$7 \times 10^{-15}$
one-gram mass	1.0	0.01	$7 \times 10^{-29}$
baseball	142	25.0	$2 \times 10^{-34}$
Earth	$6.0 \times 10^{27}$	$3.0 \times 10^4$	$4 \times 10^{-63}$

$$\lambda = h / mu$$

Sample Problem 7.4 Calculating the de Broglie Wavelength of an Electron

**PROBLEM:** Find the deBroglie wavelength of an electron with a speed of  $1.00 \times 10^6$  m/s (electron mass =  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg;  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  kg $\cdot$ m $^2$ /s).

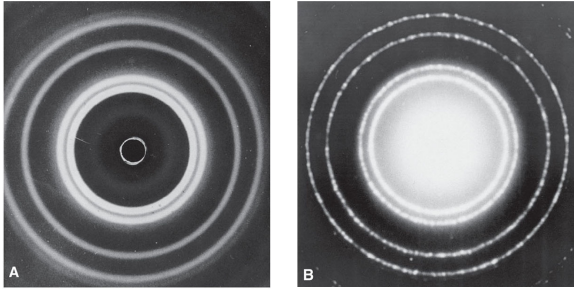
**PLAN:** Knowing the mass and the speed of the electron allows to use the equation  $\lambda = h/mu$  to find the wavelength.

**SOLUTION:**

$$\lambda = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \times 1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

Figure 7.14

Comparing the diffraction patterns of x-rays and electrons.



x-ray diffraction of aluminum foil

electron diffraction of aluminum foil

Figure 7.15

CLASSICAL THEORY

Matter particulate, massive	Energy continuous, wavelike
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Summary of the major observations and theories leading from classical theory to quantum theory.

Since matter is discontinuous and particulate perhaps energy is discontinuous and particulate.

Observation	Theory
blackbody radiation	Planck: Energy is quantized; only certain values allowed
photoelectric effect	Einstein: Light has particulate behavior (photons)
atomic line spectra	Bohr: Energy of atoms is quantized; photon emitted when electron changes orbit.

Figure 7.15 continued

Since energy is wavelike perhaps matter is wavelike

Observation	Theory
Davison/Germer: electron diffraction by metal crystal	deBroglie: All matter travels in waves; energy of atom is quantized due to wave motion of electrons

Since matter has mass perhaps energy has mass

Observation	Theory
Compton: photon wavelength increases (momentum decreases) after colliding with electron	Einstein/deBroglie: Mass and energy are equivalent; particles have wavelength and photons have momentum.

QUANTUM THEORY

Energy same as Matter  
particulate, massive, wavelike

The Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

$$\Delta x \cdot m \Delta u \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

Sample Problem 7.5 Applying the Uncertainty Principle

**PROBLEM:** An electron moving near an atomic nucleus has a speed  $6 \times 10^6 \pm 1\%$ . What is the uncertainty in its position ( $\Delta x$ )?

**PLAN:** The uncertainty ( $\Delta x$ ) is given as  $\pm 1\%$  (0.01) of  $6 \times 10^6$  m/s. Once we calculate this, plug it into the uncertainty equation.

**SOLUTION:**

$$\Delta u = (0.01)(6 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}) = 6 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta x \cdot m \Delta u \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

$$\Delta x \geq \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}}{4\pi (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(6 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s})} \geq 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$