

# HYDROGEN SPECTRUM

## Bohr's model

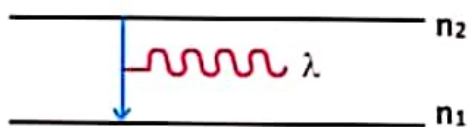
Niels Bohr proposed a model for the hydrogen atom that explained the spectrum of the hydrogen atom. The Bohr model was based on the following assumptions.

- The electron in a hydrogen atom travels around the nucleus in a circular orbit.
- The energy of the electron in an orbit is proportional to its distance from the nucleus. The further the electron is from the nucleus, the more energy it has.
- Only a limited number of orbits with certain energies are allowed. In other words, the orbits are quantized.
- The only orbits that are allowed are those for which the angular momentum of the electron is an integral multiple of Planck's constant divided by  $2\pi$ .

$$L = \frac{nh}{2\pi} \text{ (where } h = \text{planck's constant)}$$

- Light is absorbed when an electron jumps to a higher energy orbit and emitted when an electron falls into a lower energy orbit.
- The energy of the light emitted or absorbed is exactly equal to the difference between the energies of the orbits
- When electron in an excited atom comes back from higher energy level ( $n_2$ ) to lower energy level ( $n_1$ ) then it emits a photon, having energy equal to difference in energy levels.

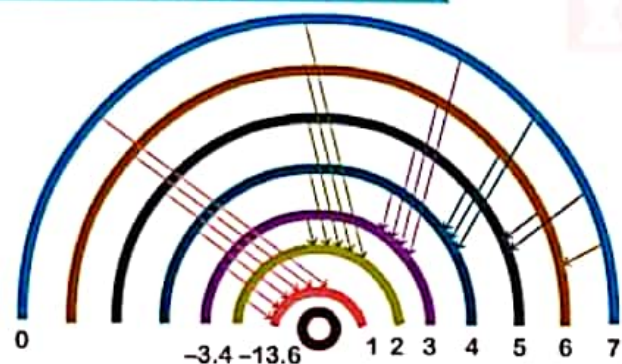
○  $h\nu = \Delta E = E_{n_2} - E_{n_1}$



Wavelength or wave no. of any line of any one electron species can be calculated as

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H Z^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right], \quad \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \Delta E$$

## Different series



## Successes

- Combining successfully Rutherford's solar system's model, with the Planck hypothesis on the quantified energy states at atomic level and Einstein's photons
- Explaining the atomic emission and absorption spectra
- Explaining the general features of the periodic table
- First working model for the atom

### LYMAN SERIES

$n_f = 1$   
 $n_i = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

ULTRAVIOLET

### BALMER SERIES

$n_f = 2$   
 $n_i = 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$

VISIBLE

### PASCHEN SERIES

$n_f = 3$   
 $n_i = 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots$

INFRARED

### BRACKETT SERIES

$n_f = 4$   
 $n_i = 5, 6, 7, \dots$

INFRARED

### PFUND SERIES

$n_f = 5$   
 $n_i = 6, 7, \dots$

FAR INFRARED

### HUMPHREY SERIES

$n_f = 6$   
 $n_i = 7, 8, \dots$

FAR INFRARED