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Good Luck!

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DEPARTMENT:

DURATION: 120 minutes

- ◇ Answer all the questions.
- ◇ Write the solutions explicitly and clearly.
Use the physical terminology.
- ◇ Calculator is allowed.
- ◇ You are not allowed to use any other electronic equipment in the exam.

Question	Grade	Out of
1A		10
1B		10
2		30
3A		10
3B		10
4		20
5A		10
5B		10
TOTAL		110

1. A) The work function of a tungsten surface is 5.4 eV. When the surface is illuminated by light of wavelength 175 nm, the maximum photo-electron energy is 1.7 eV. Find Planck's constant from these data.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi &= 5.4 \text{ eV} \\
 \lambda &= 175 \text{ nm} \\
 KE_{\text{max}} &= 1.7 \text{ eV}
 \end{aligned}
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 \begin{aligned}
 KE_{\text{max}} &= h\nu - \phi = h \frac{c}{\lambda} - 5.4 \text{ eV} = 1.7 \text{ eV} \\
 \rightarrow h &= \frac{\lambda}{c} (7.1 \text{ eV}) = \frac{175 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} 7.1 \text{ eV} \\
 &= \frac{175 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} (7.1 \text{ eV}) (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}) \\
 &= 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \\
 &= 4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}
 \end{aligned}$$

- B) An electron has a de Broglie wavelength equal to the diameter of the hydrogen atom. What is the kinetic energy of the electron? How does this energy compare with the ground-state energy of the hydrogen atom?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diameter of the hydrogen atom: } 2a_0 &= 1.06 \text{ \AA} = 10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} \\
 \lambda &= 2a_0 = 10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = \frac{h}{p} \\
 p &= \frac{h}{\lambda} \Rightarrow KE = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{2m\lambda^2} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})^2}{2(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(10.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})^2} \\
 &= 2.15 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J} = 0.0134 \text{ eV}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ground state of hydrogen atom: } E_1 &= 13.6 \text{ eV} \\
 \Rightarrow \text{Comparing } \frac{0.0134 \text{ eV}}{13.6 \text{ eV}} &\sim \frac{1}{1000}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. An x-ray of wavelength 0.050 nm scatters from a gold target.
- Can the x-ray be Compton-scattered from an electron bound by as much as 62 keV ?
 - What is the largest wavelength of scattered photon that can be observed?
 - What is the kinetic energy of the most energetic recoil electron?

i) x-ray: $\lambda = 0.050 \text{ nm} \rightarrow E = h\nu = (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{0.050 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$
 (initial photon energy) $= \frac{hc}{\lambda} = 3.972 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}$
 $= 24.825 \times 10^3 \text{ eV} = \underline{24.8 \text{ keV}}$

This is the energy of the x-ray and less than the bond energy 62 keV. NO. it can not

ii) The longest wavelength occur when $\Delta\lambda$ is a maximum or when $\theta = 180^\circ$

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos 180^\circ) = \frac{2h}{mc}$$

$$\lambda' = 0.050 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} + 2 \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})}{(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}$$

$$= 0.050 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} + 0.00485 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = \underline{0.055 \text{ nm}}$$

$$\rightarrow E' = h\nu' = \frac{hc}{\lambda'} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{0.055 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$$

$$= \underline{3.63 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}} = \underline{22.65 \text{ keV}} \text{ (final photon energy)}$$

iii) $E - E' = KE_{\text{electron}}$
 $= (24.8 - 22.65) \text{ keV} = \underline{2.15 \text{ keV}}$

3. A) A particle of charge q and mass m is accelerated from rest through a small potential difference V .
- Find its de Broglie wavelength, assuming that the particle is nonrelativistic.
 - Calculate λ if the particle is an electron and $V=50$ V.

charge q
mass m
from rest
 V

a) $KE = PE \rightarrow \frac{m^2 v^2}{2m} = qV$
 $\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = qV$
 $\lambda = ? \frac{h}{p}$
 $\frac{p^2}{2m} = qV$
 $\rightarrow \lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mqV}}$

b) particle: e^- & $V=50$ V
 $\lambda = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{\sqrt{2(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(50 \text{ V})}}$
 $= 1.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = \underline{\underline{17 \text{ nm}}}$

- B) A proton has a kinetic energy of 1.0 MeV. If its momentum is measured with an uncertainty of 5.0%, what is the minimum uncertainty in its position?

$$KE_{\text{proton}} = \frac{m_p v^2}{2} = \frac{p^2}{2m_p} \rightarrow p^2 = 2(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(1 \times 10^6 \text{ eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})$$

$$\rightarrow p = \underline{\underline{2.312 \times 10^{-20} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta p = 0.05p = \underline{\underline{1.160 \times 10^{-21} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{2} \rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})/2\pi}{2 \times 1.160 \times 10^{-21} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}} = \boxed{4.56 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}}$$

4. An atom in an excited state normally remains in that state for a very short time ($\sim 10^{-8}$ s) before emitting a photon and returning to a lower energy state. The "lifetime" of the excited state can be regarded as an uncertainty in the time Δt associated with a measurement of the energy of the state. This, in turn, implies an "energy width", namely, the corresponding energy uncertainty ΔE . Calculate

a) the characteristic "energy width" of such a state,

b) the uncertainty ratio of the frequency $\Delta\nu/\nu$ if the wavelength of the emitted photon is 300 nm.

$$i) \Delta t = 10^{-8} \text{ s} \quad \& \quad \Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar/2$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta E = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})/2\pi}{2(10^{-8} \text{ s})} = \frac{5.3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J}}{2} = \underline{\underline{3.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ eV}}}$$

$$ii) \lambda = \frac{c}{\nu} = 300 \text{ nm} \rightarrow \nu = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{300 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 10^{15} \frac{1}{\text{s}} = 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\Delta E = h \Delta \nu \rightarrow \Delta \nu = \frac{5.3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}} = 8 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu} = \frac{8 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}}{1 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}} = \underline{\underline{8 \times 10^{-9}}}$$

5. A) Show that the speed of an electron in the n^{th} Bohr orbit of hydrogen is $\alpha c/n$, where α is the fine structure constant, equal to $e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c$. What would be the speed in a hydrogen-like atom with a nuclear charge of Ze ?

a nuclear charge of Ze :

$$E = pc = h\nu \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c = \lambda\nu \\ p\lambda = h \end{array} \right. \rightarrow p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = m\upsilon \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } \upsilon, F_c = F_{\text{Coulomb}} \\ \text{Condition for orbital stability} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{m\upsilon^2}{r} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \rightarrow \upsilon = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m r}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{m\upsilon} = \frac{h}{m} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 m r}{e^2}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n\lambda = 2\pi r_n \\ n \frac{h}{e} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 m r_n}{e^2}} = 2\pi r_n \end{array} \right. \rightarrow r_n = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m e^2} = a_0 n^2$$

$$\upsilon_n = \frac{h}{m\lambda} = \frac{h}{m} \frac{1}{h} \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m r_n}} \rightarrow \upsilon_n = \frac{e^2}{2\epsilon_0 h n}$$

when the nuclear charge is Ze , we must replace e^2 with $Ze^2 \Rightarrow \upsilon_n = \frac{Ze^2}{2\epsilon_0 h n}$

we are given $\upsilon_n = \frac{\alpha c}{n} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c n}$

They are equal $\checkmark \rightarrow \upsilon_n = \frac{e^2}{2\epsilon_0 h n}$

- B) The electron in a hydrogen atom at rest makes a transition from the $n=2$ energy state to the $n=1$ ground state. Find the wavelength, frequency, and energy (eV) of the emitted photon.

$$\begin{aligned} n=2 &\rightarrow n=1 \\ \bullet \frac{1}{\lambda} &= \frac{-E_1}{ch} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} \right) = \frac{(-13.6 \text{ eV}) (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}{(3 \times 10^8)(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} &= 8.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1} \rightarrow \lambda = \underline{\underline{1.22 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 122 \text{ nm}}} \\ \bullet \nu &= \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1.22 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = \underline{\underline{2.46 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}}} \\ \bullet E &= h\nu = (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(2.46 \times 10^{15} \text{ 1/s}) = \underline{\underline{1.6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{10.2 \text{ eV}}} \end{aligned}$$