

7 • Atomic Structure

STUDY QUESTIONS

“Natural science does not simply describe and explain nature, it is a part of the interplay between nature and ourselves.”
Werner Heisenberg (1901 – 1976)

- Calculate the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation that has a frequency of 5.56 MHz.
 - Calculate the frequency of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength equal to 667 nm.
- Electromagnetic radiation at the blue end of the visible spectrum has a wavelength of 400 nm.
 - Calculate the frequency of the radiation.
 - Calculate the energy of one photon of this radiation.
 - Calculate the energy of one mole of photons of this radiation.
- Examine the emission spectrum for hydrogen (Figure 7.9 page 304, Figure 7.10 page 305, or Figure 7.12 page 309).
 - How many lines appear in the visible region (Balmer series)?
 - Why so few?

The Lyman series occurs in the UV region.

- How many lines would you expect in the Lyman series?
 - How many other series would you expect beyond the blue end of the visible spectrum?
 - How many different series would you expect beyond the red end of the visible spectrum?
- Calculate the frequency of the line in the hydrogen spectrum corresponding to the electron transition from $n=9$ to $n=8$. Whereabouts in the electromagnetic spectrum does this line occur?
 - The ionization energy of an element is the energy required to remove the most loosely held electron from atoms of the element in the gaseous state (*cf.* page 357). It is usually expressed in units of kJ/mol. Given that
R, the Rydberg constant, is $1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$
h, Planck's constant, is $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
c, the speed of light, is $2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
calculate from these data the ionization energy of hydrogen in kJ/mol. Compare the results of your calculation with the value in your text (Appendix F).
 - Describe the electron density pattern for a
 - 2s orbital
 - $3p_x$ orbital
 - $3d_{xy}$ orbital
 - Which statements are incorrect? Explain why.
 - If $m_l = 1$, the orbital must be a p orbital.
 - If $n = 2$, only two orbitals are allowed, one s and one p.
 - If $l = 3$, there are 3 possible values for the quantum number m_l .
 - If $m_l = 0$, the value of l must equal 0.