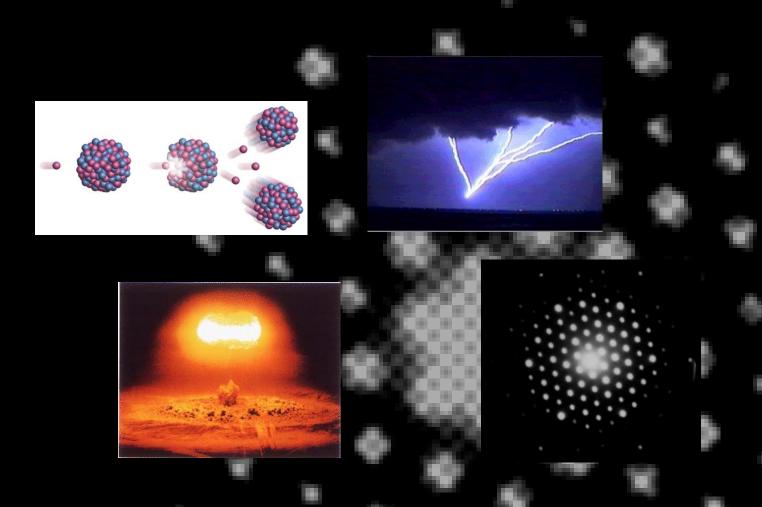
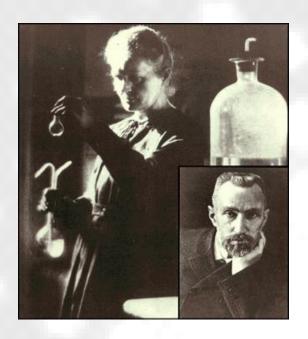
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Structure of matter

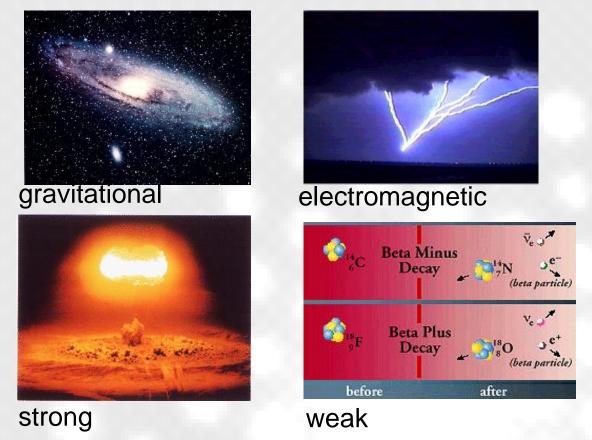
Matter and Energy

- Everything is made up of basic particles of matter and fields of energy / force, which also means that the fundamental structural elements of the organic and inorganic world are identical.
- ➤ Living matter differs from non-living matter mainly by its much higher level of organisation.

Elementary Particles of Matter

- The elementary (i.e. having no internal structure) particles of matter are leptons and quarks
- Leptons electrons, muons, neutrinos and their antiparticles – light particles without internal structure
- Quarks (u, c, t, d, s, b) heavier particles without internal structure
- Hadrons heavy particles formed of quarks e.g., proton (u, u, d), neutron (d, d, u)

The Four Fundamental Energy / Force Fields



Strong: weak: electromagnetic: gravitational force - 1: 10^{-5} : 10^{-2} : 10^{-39} at interaction distance of about 10^{-24} m; 10^{-7} : ~ 0 : 10^{-9} : 10^{-46} at a distance of about 10^{-18} m (1/1000 of atom nucleus dimension). In the distance equal to 5 nucleus dimension goes to zero also strong interaction.

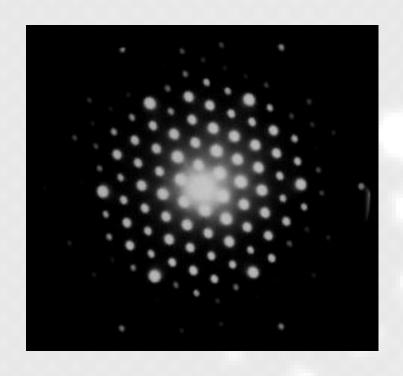
Photons

- Photons energy quanta of electromagnetic field, zero mass
- Energy of (one) photon: E = hf = hc/λ
 h is the Planck constant (6.62·10⁻³⁴ J·s),
 f is the frequency,
 c is speed of light in vakuum,
 λ is the wavelength.

Particles and Field Energy Quanta

particles of matter and field energy quanta are capable of mutual transformation (e.g., an electron and positron transform to two gamma photons in the so-called annihilation – this is used in PET imaging)

Quantum Mechanics

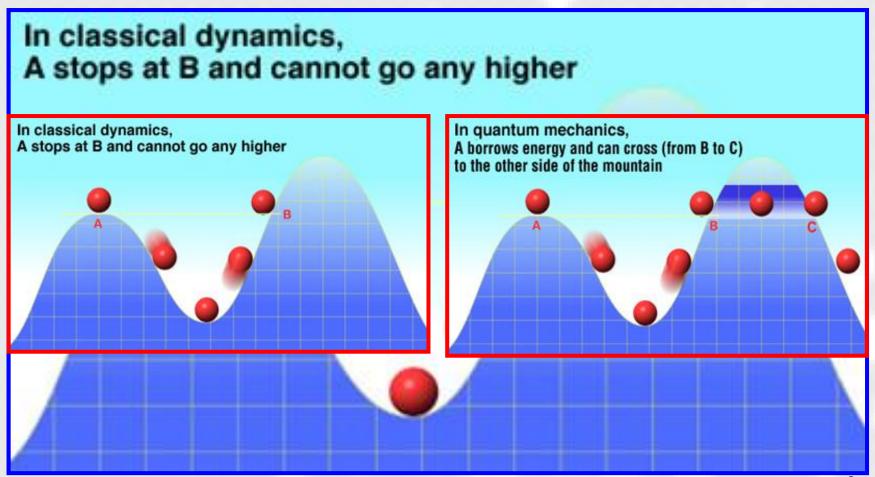


The behaviors of ensembles of a given type of particle obey equations which are similar to wave equations.

On the left pattern formed on a photographic plate by an ensemble of electrons hitting a crystal lattice. Notice that it is very similar to the diffraction pattern produced by a light wave passed through optical grating.

Quantum Mechanics

tunnel effect:



Quantum Mechanics: Heisenberg uncertainty relations

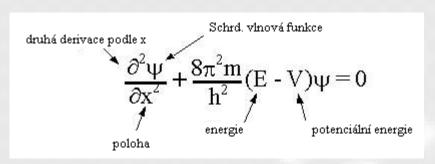
$$\delta r \delta p \ge h/2\pi$$

 $\delta E \delta t \ge h/2\pi$

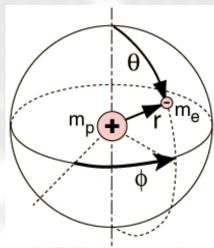
The position r and momentum p of a particle cannot be simultaneously measured with independent precision (if the uncertainty of particle position $-\delta r$ – is made smaller, the uncertainty of particle momentum $-\delta p$ – automatically increases). The same holds for the simultaneous measurement of energy change δE and the time δt necessary for this change.

Schrödinger equation

(to admire)



"one-dimensional" S. equation



Radial coordinates of an electron in a hydrogen atom

$$\begin{split} \frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \\ -U(r) \Psi(r, \theta, \phi) &= E \, \Psi(r, \theta, \phi) \end{split}$$

Ψ - wave function

S. equation for the **electron** in the **hydrogen** atom

Solution of the Schrödinger Equation

- The solution of the Schrödinger equation for the electron in the hydrogen atom leads to the values of the energies of the orbital electron.
- The solution of the Schrödinger equation often leads to numerical coefficients which determine the possible values of energy. These numerical coefficients are called quantum numbers

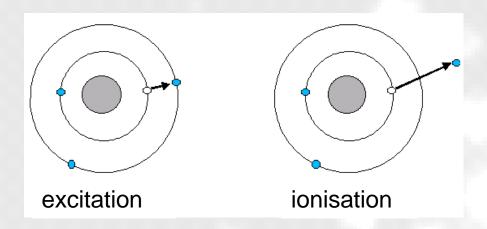
Quantum numbers for Hydrogen

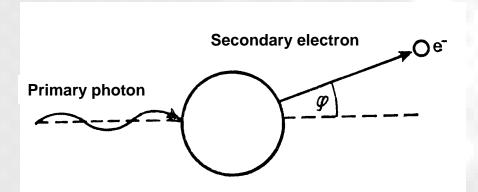
- ightharpoonup Principal n = 1, 2, 3 (K, L, M,)
- ➤ **Orbital** for each n I = 0, 1, 2, ..., n 1 (s, p, d, f ...)
- > Magnetic for each I $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \pm I$
- > Spin magnetic for each m $s = \pm 1/2$

➤ Pauli exclusion principle — in one atomic electron shell there cannot be present two or more electrons with the same set of quantum numbers.

Ionisation of Atoms

The binding energy of an electron E_b is the energy that would be required to liberate the electron from its atom – depends mainly on the principal quantum number.

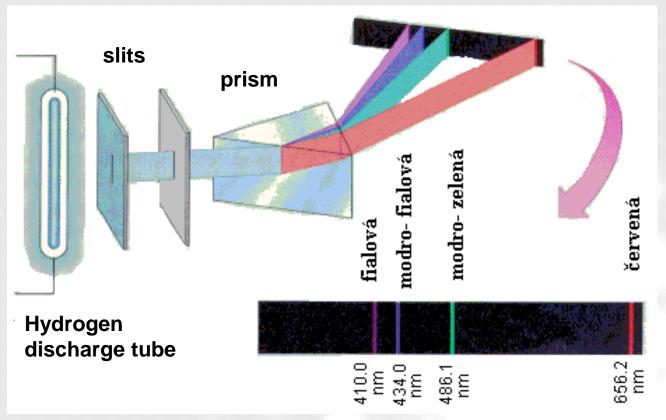




Example of ionisation: photoelectric effect

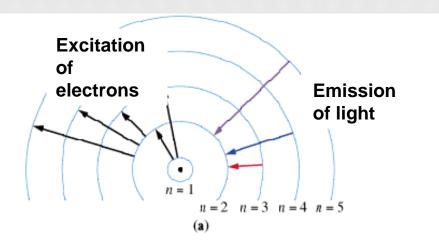
$$hf = E_b + \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

Emission Spectra

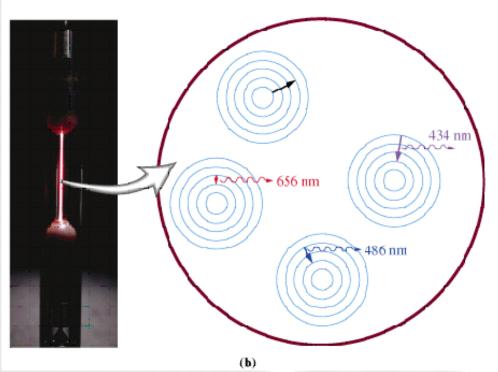


Visible emission spectrum of hydrogen.

Dexcitations between discrete energy levels result in emitted photons with only certain energies, i.e. radiation of certain frequencies / wavelengths.



Hydrogen spectrum again



magenta, cyan and red line

according

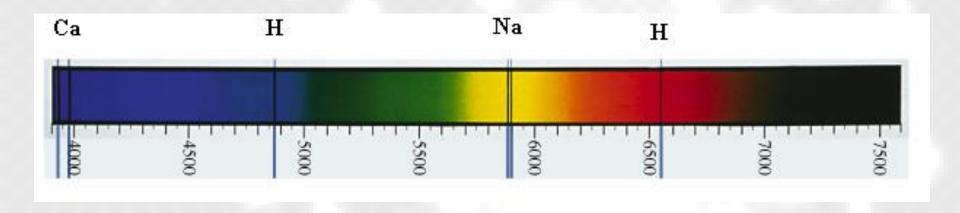
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Excitation (absorption) Spectra for Atoms

Absorption lines in visible spectrum of sun light.

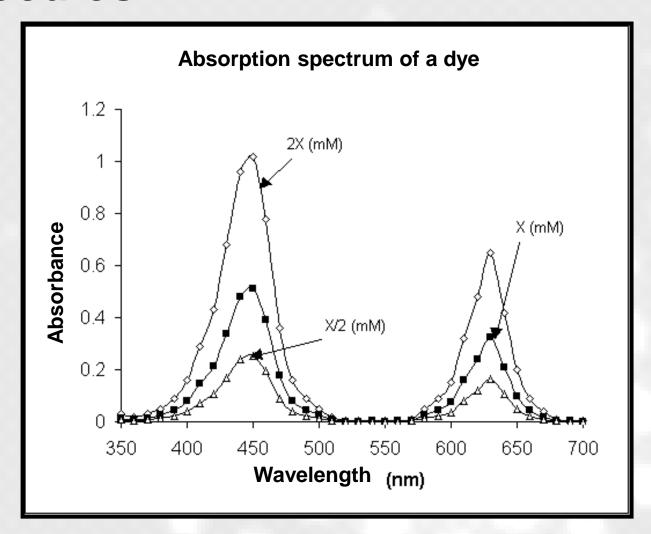
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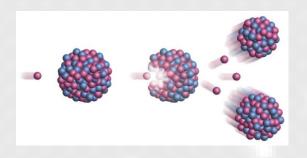


Transitions between discrete energy states of atoms!!

Excitation (Absorption) Spectrum for Molecules



Atom nucleus





Proton (atomic) number -Z

Nucleon (mass) number – A

Neutron number – N = A - Z

Atomic mass unit $u = 1.66 \cdot 10^{-27}$ kg, i.e. the 1/12 of the carbon C-12 atom mass

Electric charge of the nucleus $Q = Z1.602 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

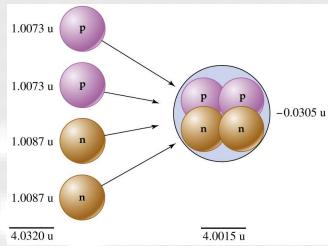
If relative mass of electron = 1

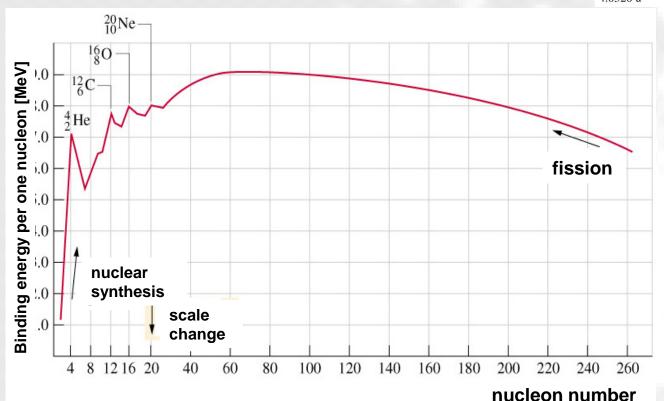
- ⇒ Relative mass of proton = 1836
- ⇒ Relative mass of neutron = 1839

Mass defect of nucleus

= measure of nucleus stability:

$$\delta m = (Zm_p + Nm_n) - m_{nuc}$$





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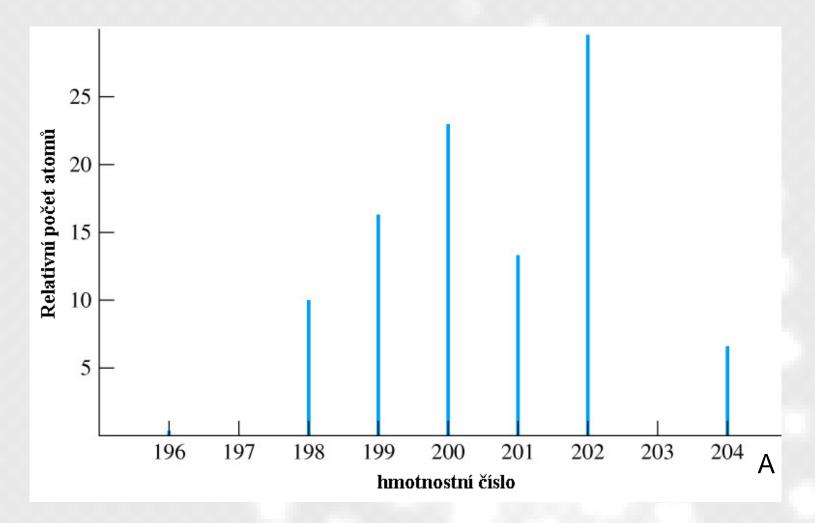
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Nuclides

- > nuclide a nucleus with a given A, Z and energy
- > Isotopes nuclides with same Z but different A
- > Isobars nuclides with same A but different Z

▶ Isomers – nuclides with same Z and A, but different energy (e.g., Tc^{99m} used in gamma camera imaging)

Isotope composition of mercury % of Hg atoms vs. isotope nucleon number (A)



What else is necessary to know?

Radionuclides – nuclides capable of radioactive decay

> Nuclear spin:

Nuclei have a property called spin. If the value of the spin is not zero the nuclei have a magnetic moment i.e, they behave like small magnets - NMR – nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in radiology are based on this property.

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