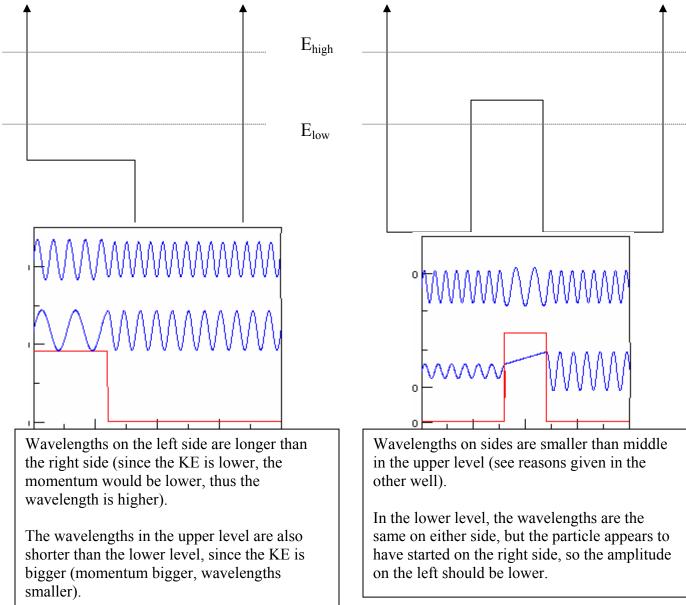
Contemporary Physics – Fall 2007 – Test 2 – 10/24/07

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a) Calculate all of those energy levels from n=2 to n=6.

$$E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} = -3.4, -1.51, -0.85, -0.544, -0.378 \text{ eV}$$

b) Calculate the largest and smallest of the wavelengths that are released.

Large wavelength goes with smallest energy gap, smallest wavelength with largest gap:  

$$\lambda_{\text{large}} = \frac{1240}{(-0.378 - (-3.4))} = 410 \text{ nm} \qquad \lambda_{\text{small}} = \frac{1240}{(-0.378 - (-0.544))} = 7459 \text{ nm}$$

c) Can you shine light of wavelength **1282.17 nm** on this candybar and have it absorbed by an electron in the **n=3** energy level? Defend your answer.

It will be absorbed only if it can jump to a higher level ... with the right amount of energy: This wavelength gives an energy change of:  $\Delta E = \frac{1240}{1282.17} = 0.967 \ eV$ If you add this energy to the 3<sup>rd</sup> energy level, you get E=-0.544 eV ... the 5<sup>th</sup> energy level! **Yes, the electron can be absorbed.** 

d) According to the discussion in the text, what is one success of the Bohr model, and two failures of the model.

Many answers – as an example: CORRECTLY identifies the energy levels of the Hydrogen atom FAILS to account for the "doublets" in the wavelength spectrum FAILS to predict probabilities of dropping between specific levels

**3)** Holy new candybar, Batman! Here is a brand new ISW candybar (infinite square well) with the square packages with the infinite walls (yeah, try and sneak that out of the store without paying!). You can again shake the electrons between the n=2 and n=6 energy levels, and watch the wavelengths that are emitted. Wait, what is that written on the side ... the width of the well is **0.2 nm**, and remember that an electron has a rest energy of 511,000 eV. a) What is the energy of the n=2 level?

$$E_n = n^2 \frac{(1240)^2}{8E_0 L^2} = n^2 \frac{(1240)^2}{8(511,000)(0.2)^2} = n^2 (9.4eV) = 37.6eV$$

b) How many unique wavelengths will come from this part of the system?  $5 \text{ levels} \Rightarrow 5(4)/2 = 10 \text{ unique}$ c) What is the biggest wavelength in this part of the system?

Biggest => n=2 -> n=3 levels [different from Bohr!] 
$$E_3 = 9(9.4) = 84.6eV$$
  $\lambda_{big} = \frac{1240}{84.6-37.6} = 26.4 nm$ 

d) What is the deBroglie wavelength of the electron in the n=2 energy level?

Consider the wavefunction for this particular level – one wavelength fits into the width L, so the wavelength is exactly 0.2 nm!!

We could also calculate it ... but I would use the conceptual answer!

$$pc = \sqrt{2E_0KE} = \sqrt{2(511000)(37.6)} = 6199eV$$
  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{pc} = \frac{1240}{6200} = 0.2 \ nm$ 

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a) what quantum number combinations of **n** and *l* will give the "Bohr states" for the Hydrogen atom? Oh, yeah, also explain what is so special about those "Bohr states"?

If l is one less than n [l=n-1], then we have the "Bohr state" where the peak of the probability curve is the Bohr radius for that energy level.

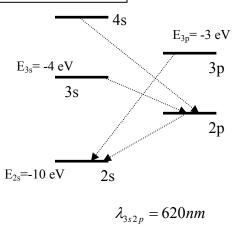
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$$U = \frac{2r}{3a_0} P(U) \propto U^6 e^{-U} \qquad \frac{dP}{dU} = -U^6 e^{-U} + 6U^5 e^{-U} = 0 \qquad U = 6 \qquad r = 9a_0$$

**5)** As I was unwinding after a sugar rush, I discovered the following energy diagram, with wavelengths of transitions as indicated (the 3s-2p transition wavelength is indicated, and the 3s, 2s, and 3p level energies are given).

a) in no particular order, find the transition wavelengths between 2p2s and 3p2s, and the energy level of 2p.

Using the 3s2p wavelength:  $\Delta E_{3s2p} = \frac{1240}{620} = 2 \ eV$   $E_{2p} = \frac{1240}{620} = -6 \ eV$ For the 2p2s wavelength:  $\Delta E_{2p2s} = 4 \ eV$   $\lambda_{2p2s} = \frac{1240}{4} = 310 \ nm$ For the 3p2s wavelength:  $\Delta E_{3p2s} = 7 \ eV$   $\lambda_{3p2s} = \frac{1240}{7} = 177 \ nm$ 



b) What can be said about the 4s2p transition wavelength (not knowing the exact 4s level, you can't specify it directly, but what **can** you calculate about it)?

The 4s level has to be above the 3p level ... so we could calculate the "non allowed" 3p to 2p transition, just to get a maximum wavelength:  $\Delta E_{3p2p} = 3 \ eV$   $\lambda_{3p2p} = \frac{1240}{3} = 413 \ \text{nm}$  (Thus wavelength must be **LESS** than 413 nm)

c) Are there any other possible transition wavelengths that are "allowed" in that diagram above that were not labeled - if so, indicate them (you don't have to draw them - just explain).

Two other possibilities: 4s-3p and 3p-3s transitions – vertical transitions are not "allowed" (not likely).

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The **3d** level is a "bohr orbit", thus more circular .. but the **4s** level is very elongated (elliptical), thus spends more time near the nucleus .. thus larger average force, thus lower energy level

b) Contrast the ionization energy for Xe with the ionization energy for Cs - explain the difference.

Xe is on the far right of the chart .. it has a completely filled energy level – quite happy – hard to rip off an electron ... Cs is at the far left .. it has a "free" 6s electron that could be easily removed – thus low ionization energy.

c) Write down the **complete (not abbreviated)** electronic configuration (i.e. 1s<sup>-</sup>2s<sup>+</sup>, etc.) for Ni (nickel) and Cu (copper). [Nickel should be created using the "standard" rules for creating the electronic configurations, and the Copper one is partially shown in your chart.] Compare these two configurations and explain why one is different – and what results from that difference?

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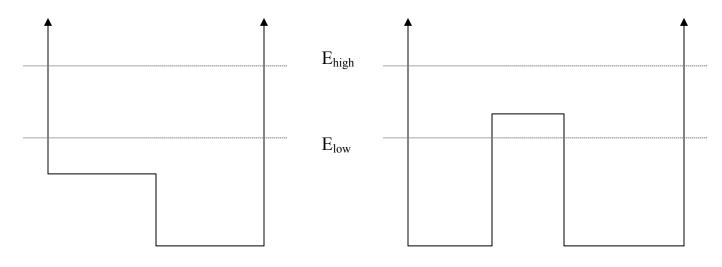
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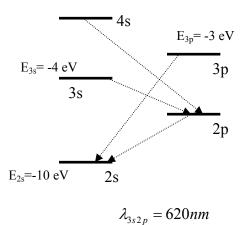
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