

THE LINE SPECTRA
OF THE
HYDROGEN ATOM

Creation of Photon

According to the third postulate of Bohr's model, when an atom makes a transition from the higher energy state with quantum number n_i to the lower energy state with quantum number n_f ($n_f < n_i$), the difference of energy is carried away by a photon of frequency ν_{if}

$$\text{That is } h\nu_{if} = E_{n_i} - E_{n_f}$$

Frequency of emitted Photon

$$h \nu_{if} = \frac{me^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

$$\nu_{if} = \frac{me^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^3} \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Rydberg Constant = $1.03 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$

$$R = \frac{m e^4}{8 \epsilon_0^2 h^3 c}$$

Or

$$\bar{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Is the **Wave number**

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