

Points To Remember
Class: XI
Ch 2: Structure O Atom

Top Concepts

1. Atomic theory of matter was proposed by John Dalton
2. Electrons were discovered by Michael Faraday.
3. Electrons were discovered using cathode ray discharge tube experiment.
4. Cathode ray discharge tube experiment: A cathode ray discharge tube made of glass is taken with two electrodes. At very low pressure and high voltage, current starts flowing through a stream of particles moving in the tube from cathode to anode. These rays were called cathode rays. When a perforated anode was taken, the cathode rays struck the other end of the glass tube at the fluorescent coating and a bright spot on the coating was developed
Results:
 - a. Cathode rays consist of negatively charged electrons.
 - b. Cathode rays themselves are not visible but their behavior can be observed with help of fluorescent or phosphorescent materials.
 - c. In absence of electrical or magnetic field cathode rays travel in straight lines
 - d. In presence of electrical or magnetic field, behaviour of cathode rays is similar to that shown by electrons
 - e. The characteristics of the cathode rays do not depend upon the material of the electrodes and the nature of the gas present in the cathode ray tube.
5. Charge to mass ratio of an electron was determined by Thomson. The charge to mass ratio of an electron as $1.758820 \times 10^{11} \text{ C kg}^{-1}$
6. Charge on an electron was determined by R A Millikan by using an oil drop experiment. The value of the charge on an electron is $-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$.
7. The mass on an electron was determined by combining the results of Thomson's experiment and Millikan's oil drop experiment. The mass of an electron was determined to be $9.1094 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$.
8. Discovery of protons and canal rays: Modified cathode ray tube experiment was carried out which led to the discovery of protons.

9. Canal rays are positively charged particles called protons

10. Characteristics of positively charged particles:

- a. Charge to mass ratio of particles depends on gas from which these originate
- b. The positively charged particles depend upon the nature of gas present in the cathode ray discharge tube
- c. Some of the positively charged particles carry a multiple of fundamental of electrical charge.
- d. Behaviour of positively charged particles in electrical or magnetic field is opposite to that observed for cathode rays

11. Neutrons were discovered by James Chadwick by bombarding a thin sheet of beryllium by α - particles. They are electrically neutral particles having a mass slightly greater than that of the protons.

12. Thomson model of an atom: This model proposed that atom is considered as a uniform positively charged sphere and electrons are embedded in it.

13. An important feature of Thomson model of an atom was that mass of atom is considered to be evenly spread over the atom.

14. Thomson model of atom is also called as Plum pudding, raisin pudding or watermelon model

15. Thomson model of atom was discarded because it could not explain certain experimental results like the scattering of α - particles by thin metal foils

16. Observations from α - particles scattering experiment by Rutherford:

- a. Most of the α - particles (nearly 99 %) passed through gold foil undeflected
- b. A small fraction of α - particles got deflected through small angles
- c. Very few α - particles did not pass through foil but suffered large deflection nearly 180°

17. Observations Rutherford drew from α - particles scattering experiment:

- a. Since most of the α - particles passed through foil undeflected, it means most of the space in atom is empty
- b. Since some of the α - particles are deflected to certain angles, it means that there is positively mass present in atom
- c. Since only some of the α - particles suffered large deflections, the positively charged mass must be occupying very small space

d. Strong deflections or even bouncing back of α -particles from metal foil were due to direct collision with positively charged mass in atom

18. Rutherford's model of atom: This model explained that atom consists of nucleus which is concentrated in a very small volume. The nucleus comprises of protons and neutrons. The electrons revolve around the nucleus in fixed orbits. Electrons and nucleus are held together by electrostatic forces of attraction.

19. Drawbacks of Rutherford's model of atom:

a. According to Rutherford's model of atom, electrons which are negatively charged particles revolve around the nucleus in fixed orbits. Thus, the electrons undergo acceleration. According to electromagnetic theory of Maxwell, a charged particle undergoing acceleration should emit electromagnetic radiation. Thus, an electron in an orbit should emit radiation. Thus, the orbit should shrink. But this does not happen.

b. The model does not give any information about how electrons are distributed around nucleus and what are energies of these electrons

20. Atomic number (Z): It is equal to the number of protons in an atom. It is also equal to the number of electrons in a neutral atom.

21. Mass number (A): It is equal to the sum of protons and neutrons.

22. Isotopes: These are the atoms of the same element having the same atomic number but different mass number.

23. Isobars: Isobars are the atoms of different elements having the same mass number but different atomic number.

24. Isoelectronic species: These are those species which have the same number of electrons.

25. Electromagnetic radiations: The radiations which are associated with electrical and magnetic fields are called electromagnetic radiations. When an electrically charged particle moves under acceleration, alternating electrical and magnetic fields are produced and transmitted. These fields are transmitted in the form of waves. These waves are called electromagnetic waves or electromagnetic radiations.

26. Properties of electromagnetic radiations:

- a. Oscillating electric and magnetic field are produced by oscillating charged particles. These fields are perpendicular to each other and both are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave.
- b. They do not need a medium to travel. That means they can even travel in vacuum.

27. Characteristics of electromagnetic radiations :

- a. Wavelength: It may be defined as the distance between two neighbouring crests or troughs of wave as shown. It is denoted by λ .
- b. Frequency (ν): It may be defined as the number of waves which pass through a particular point in one second.
- c. Velocity (v): It is defined as the distance travelled by a wave in one second. In vacuum all types of electromagnetic radiations travel with the same velocity. Its value is $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m sec}^{-1}$. It is denoted by v
- d. Wave number: Wave number ($\bar{\nu}$) is defined as the number of wavelengths per unit length.

28. Relationship between velocity, frequency and wavelength

$$\text{Velocity} = \text{frequency} \times \text{wavelength}$$

$$c = \nu\lambda$$

29. Black body: An ideal body, which emits and absorbs all frequencies, is called a black body. The radiation emitted by such a body is called black body radiation.

30. Planck's quantum theory: Max Planck suggested that atoms and molecules could emit or absorb energy only in discrete quantities and not in a continuous manner. Planck gave the name quantum, meaning 'fixed amount' to the smallest quantity of energy that can be emitted or absorbed in the form of electromagnetic radiation.

$$E \propto \nu$$

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

Where:

E is the energy of a single quantum

ν is the frequency of the radiation

h is Planck's constant

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

31. Quantisation of energy: Energy is always emitted or absorbed as integral multiple of this quantum.

$$E = nh\nu$$

Where $n=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

- 32.** Photoelectric effect: The phenomenon of ejection of electrons from the surface of metal when light of suitable frequency strikes it is called photoelectric effect. The ejected electrons are called photoelectrons.
33. Experimental results observed for the experiment of Photoelectric effect observed Hertz:
- When beam of light falls on a metal surface electrons are ejected immediately i.e. there is not time lag between light striking metal surface and ejection of electrons
 - Number of electrons ejected is proportional to intensity or brightness of light
 - Threshold frequency (ν_0): For each metal there is a characteristic minimum frequency below which photoelectric effect is not observed. This is called threshold frequency.
 - If frequency of light is less than the threshold frequency there is no ejection of electrons no matter how long it falls on surface or how high is its intensity.
34. Photoelectric work function (W_0): The minimum energy required to eject electrons is called photoelectric work function.
- $$W_0 = h\nu_0$$
35. Energy of the ejected electrons :
- $$h(\nu - \nu_0) = \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2$$
36. When a white light is passed through a prism, it splits into a series of coloured bands known as spectrum.
37. Spectrum is of two types: continuous and line spectrum
- The spectrum which consists of all the wavelengths is called continuous spectrum.
 - A spectrum in which only specific wavelengths are present is known as a line spectrum. It has bright lines with dark spaces between them.
38. Electromagnetic spectrum is a continuous spectrum. It consists of a range of electromagnetic radiations arranged in the order of increasing wavelengths or decreasing frequencies. It extends from radio waves to gamma rays.

39. Spectrum is also classified as emission and line spectrum.

- c. Emission spectrum: A substance absorbs energy and moves to a higher energy state. The atoms, molecules or ions that have absorbed radiation are said to be excited. Since the higher energy state is unstable they return to the more stable energy state by emitting the absorbed radiation in various regions of electromagnetic spectrum. The spectrum of radiation emitted by a substance that has absorbed energy is called an emission spectrum.
- d. Absorption spectrum is the spectrum obtained when radiation is passed through a sample of material. The sample absorbs radiation of certain wavelengths. The wavelengths which are absorbed are missing and come as dark lines.

40. The study of emission or absorption spectra is referred as spectroscopy.

41. Spectral Lines for atomic hydrogen:

Series	n_1	n_2	Spectral Region
Lyman	1	2, 3, 4, 5 ...	Ultraviolet
Balmer	2	3, 4, 5 ...	Visible
Paschen	3	4, 5 ...	Infrared
Brackett	4	5, 6 ...	Infrared
Pfund	5	6, 7...	Infrared

42. Rydberg equation: It allows the calculation of the wavelengths of all the spectral lines of hydrogen.

$$\bar{\nu} = 109,677 \left(\frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

43. Bohr's model for hydrogen atom:

- a. An electron in the hydrogen atom can move around the nucleus in a circular path of fixed radius and energy. These paths are called orbits or energy levels. These orbits are arranged concentrically around the nucleus.
- b. As long as an electron remains in a particular orbit, it does not lose or gain energy and its energy remains constant.
- c. When transition occurs between two stationary states that differ in energy, the frequency of the radiation absorbed or emitted can be calculated.

$$\nu = \frac{\Delta E}{h} = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{h}$$

ν = Frequency of radiation

h = Planck's constant

E_1 = Energy of lower energy state

E_2 = Energy of higher energy state

d. An electron can move only in those orbits for which its angular momentum is an integral multiple of $h/2\pi$

$$m_e v r = n \cdot \frac{h}{2\pi} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

43. Bohr's theory for hydrogen atom:

- Stationary states for electron are numbered in terms of Principal Quantum numbered as $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$
- For hydrogen atom: The radii of the stationary states is expressed as $r_n = n^2 a_0$ where $a_0 = 52.9 \text{ pm}$
- Energy of stationary state

$$E_n = -R_H \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)$$

where $R_H = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J (Rydberg constant)}$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$E_n = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \text{ J}$$

d. For ions containing only one electron:

$$E_n = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \left(\frac{Z^2}{n^2} \right) \text{ J}$$

where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$r_n = \frac{n^2 a_0}{Z} \text{ pm}$$

Where Z is the atomic number

44. Limitations of Bohr's model of atom:

- a. Bohr's model failed to account for the finer details of the hydrogen spectrum. For instance splitting of a line in the spectrum into two closely spaced lines.
- b. Bohr's model was also unable to explain spectrum of atoms containing more than one electron.
- c. Bohr's model was unable to explain Zeeman effect i.e. splitting of spectral line in presence of magnetic effect.
- d. Bohr's model also failed to explain Stark effect i.e. splitting of spectral line in presence of electric field.
- e. Bohr's model could not explain the ability of atoms to form molecules by chemical bonds

45. Dual behavior of matter: de Broglie proposed that matter exhibits dual behavior i.e. matter shows both particle and wave nature.

1. de Broglie's relation:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{h}{p}$$

Where:

- λ - Wavelength
- p - Momentum
- v - Velocity
- h - Planck's constant

2. According to de Broglie, every object in motion has a wave character. Wavelengths of macroscopic objects cannot be detected but for microscopic particles it can be detected. This is because for microscopic objects, the mass is less. Since mass and wavelength are inversely proportional to each other, the wavelength will be more. But for macroscopic objects, the mass is large. Therefore, wavelength will be too short to be detected.
3. Heisenberg's uncertainty principle: It states that it is impossible to determine simultaneously, the exact position and exact momentum (or velocity) of an electron.

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p_x \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta(m v_x) \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta v_x \geq \frac{h}{4\pi m}$$

Where

Δx - Uncertainty in position

Δv_x - Uncertainty in velocity

Δp_x - Uncertainty in momentum

This means that if the position of electron is known, the velocity of electron will be uncertain. On the other hand, if the velocity of electron is known precisely, the position of electron will be uncertain.

4. Heisenberg's uncertainty principle rules out the existence of definite paths or trajectories of electrons and other similar particles
5. Failure of Bohr's model:
 - a. It ignores the dual behavior of matter.
 - b. It contradicts Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.
46. Classical mechanics is based on Newton's laws of motion. It successfully describes the motion of macroscopic particles but fails in the case of microscopic particles.
Reason: Classical mechanics ignores the concept of dual behaviour of matter especially for sub-atomic particles and the Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.
47. Quantum mechanics is a theoretical science that deals with the study of the motions of the microscopic objects that have both observable wave like and particle like properties.
48. When quantum mechanics is applied to macroscopic objects (for which wave like properties are insignificant) the results are the same as those from the classical mechanics.
49. Quantum mechanics is based on a fundamental equation which is called Schrodinger equation.
50. Schrodinger's equation: For a system (such as an atom or a molecule whose energy does not change with time) the Schrödinger equation is written as:

$$\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

Where:

\hat{H} is the Hamiltonian operator

E is the total energy of the system

Ψ represents the wave function which is the amplitude of the electron

Wave

51. When Schrödinger equation is solved for hydrogen atom, the solution gives the possible energy levels the electron can occupy and the corresponding wave function(s) of the electron associated with each energy level.

Out of the possible values, only certain solutions are permitted. Each permitted solution is highly significant as it corresponds to a definite energy state. Thus, we can say that energy is quantized. That is, it can have only certain specific values.

52. Ψ gives us the amplitude of wave. The value of ψ has no physical significance.
53. Ψ^2 gives us the region in which the probability of finding an electron is maximum. It is called probability density.
54. Orbital: The region of space around the nucleus where the probability of finding an electron is maximum is called an orbital.
55. Quantum numbers: There are a set of four quantum numbers which specify the energy, size, shape and orientation of an orbital. These are:
- Principal quantum number (n)
 - Azimuthal quantum number (l)
 - Magnetic quantum number (m_l)
 - Electron spin quantum number (m_s)
56. Principal quantum number (n): It determines the size and to a large extent the energy of the orbital.

n	1	2	3	4
Shell no.:	K	L	M	N
Total number of orbitals in a shell = n^2	1	4	9	16
Maximum number of electrons = $2n^2$	2	8	18	32

- It can have positive integer values of 1, 2, 3 and so on.
- It also identifies the shell.
- As the value of n increases, the energy also increases. Hence, the electron will be located far away from the nucleus.

57. Azimuthal quantum number (l): Azimuthal quantum number. ' l ' is also known as orbital angular momentum or subsidiary quantum number. It identified the shell and the three dimensional shape of the orbital.
- It also determines the number of subshells or sub levels in a shell. Total number of subshells in a particular shell is equal to the value of n .
 $l = 0, 1, 2... (n-1)$

- Each subshell corresponding to different values of l are represented by different symbols:

Value of l	0	1	2	3
Notation of symbol	s	p	d	f

58. Magnetic quantum number or Magnetic orbital quantum number (m_l): It gives information about the spatial orientation of the orbital with respect to standard set of co-ordinate axis.

For any sub-shell (defined by ' l ' value) $2l+1$ values of m_l are possible.

For each value of l ,

$$m_l = -l, -(l-1), -(l-2)\dots 0, 1\dots (l-2), (l-1), l$$

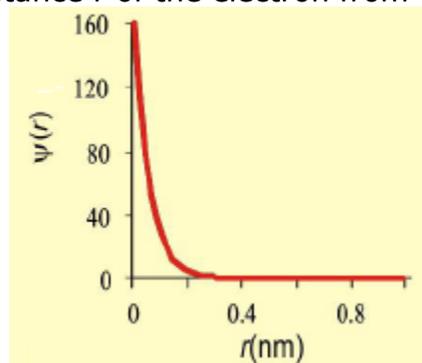
59. Electron spin quantum number (m_s): It refers to orientation of the spin of the electron. It can have two values $+1/2$ and $-1/2$. $+1/2$ identifies the clockwise spin and $-1/2$ identifies the anti-clockwise spin.

60. An orbital is identified by the set of 3 quantum numbers: Principal quantum number, Azimuthal quantum number and magnetic quantum number.

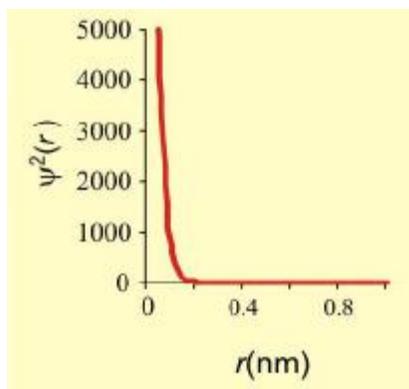
61. An electron is identified by a set of four quantum numbers: Principal quantum number, azimuthal quantum number, magnetic quantum number and spin quantum number.

62. Sub-shell notation: Notation of a sub-shell is written as the Principal quantum number followed by the symbol of the respective sub-shell.

63. Plots of the orbital wave function $\Psi(r)$ and probability density $\Psi^2(r)$ Vs distance r of the electron from the nucleus for 1s orbital:

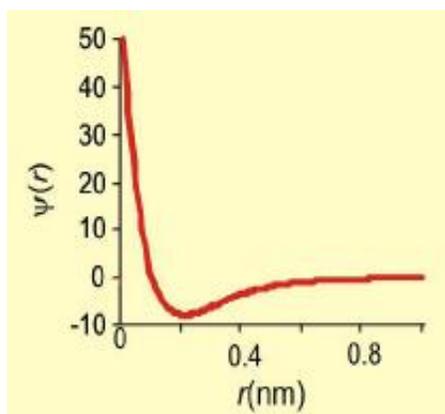


- For 1s orbital the probability density is maximum at the nucleus and it decreases sharply as we move away from it (which is not possible). Hence plot of probability density $\Psi^2(r)$ Vs distance r of the electron from the nucleus was drawn as shown below.

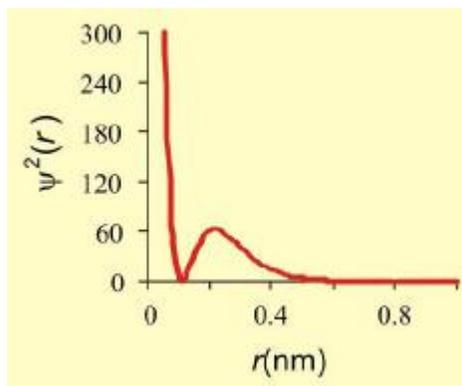


- The orbital wave function Ψ for an electron in an atom has no physical meaning. It is simply a mathematical function of the coordinates of the electron.

64. Plots of the orbital wave function $\Psi(r)$ and probability density $\Psi^2(r)$ Vs distance r of the electron from the nucleus for 2s orbital:



- For 2s orbital the probability density is maximum at the nucleus and it decreases sharply as we move away from it (which is not possible). Hence plot of probability density $\Psi^2(r)$ Vs distance r of the electron from the nucleus was drawn as shown below.



- For 2s orbital, the probability density first decreases sharply to zero and again starts increasing. After reaching small maxima it decreases again and approaches zero as the value of r increases further.

65. The region where this probability density function reduces to zero is called nodal surfaces or simply nodes.

66. Charge cloud diagrams: In these diagrams, dots represent the electron probability density. The density of the dots in a region represents electron probability density in that region.

67. Boundary surface diagram: In this representation, a boundary surface or contour surface is drawn in space for an orbital on which the value of probability density $\Psi^2(r)$ is constant. However, for a given orbital, only that boundary surface diagram of constant probability density is taken to be good representation of the shape of the orbital which encloses a region or volume in which the probability of finding the electron is very high, say, 90%.

68. Radial nodes: Radial nodes occur when the probability density wave function for the electron is zero on a spherical surface of a particular radius. Number of radial nodes = $n - l - 1$

69. Angular nodes: Angular nodes occur when the probability density wave function for the electron is zero along the directions specified by a particular angle. Number of angular nodes = l

70. Total number of nodes = $n - 1$

71. Degenerate orbitals: Orbitals having the same energy are called degenerate orbitals.

72. The stability of an electron in a multi electron system is because of:

- The repulsive interaction of the electrons in the outer shell with the electrons in the inner shell.
- The attractive interactions of electron with the nucleus. These attractive interactions increase with increase of positive charge (Z_e) on the nucleus.
- The stability of an electron in multi-electron atom is because total attractive interactions are more than the repulsive interactions.

73. Shielding effect or screening effect: Due to the presence of electrons in the inner shells, the electron in the outer shell will not experience the full positive charge on the nucleus.

So due to the screening effect, the net positive charge experienced by the electron from the nucleus is lowered and is known as effective nuclear charge.

Effective nuclear charge experienced by the orbital decreases with increase of azimuthal quantum number (l).

74. Orbitals have different energies because of mutual repulsion between electrons in a multi- electron atom.
75. Orbitals with lower value of $(n+l)$ are filled first as they have lower energy.
76. If two orbitals have the same value of $(n+l)$ then orbital with lower value of n will have lower energy.
77. Energies of the orbitals in the same subshell decrease with increase in atomic number.
78. Filling of electrons: The filling of electrons into the orbitals of different atoms takes place according to Aufbau principle, Pauli's exclusion principle, the Hund's rule of maximum multiplicity
79. Aufbau Principle: In the ground state of the atoms, the orbitals are filled in order of their increasing energies. The order in which the orbitals are filled is as follows:
 $1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p, 5s, 4d, 5p, 4f, 5d, 6p, 7s...$
It is based on $(n+l)$ rule. It states that the orbital with lower value of $(n+l)$ has lower energy.
80. Pauli Exclusion Principle: No two electrons in an atom can have the same set of four quantum numbers. Only two electrons may exist in the same orbital and these electrons must have opposite spin.
81. Hund's rule of maximum multiplicity: Pairing of electrons in the orbitals belonging to the same subshell (p, d or f) does not take place until each orbital belonging to that subshell has got one electron each i.e., it is singly occupied.
82. Electronic configuration of atoms: The electronic configuration of different atoms can be represented in two ways.
 - a. **$s^a p^b d^c$ notation:** In the first notation, the subshell is represented by the respective letter symbol and the number of electrons present in the subshell is depicted, as the super script, like a, b, c, \dots etc. The similar subshell represented for different shells is differentiated by writing the principal quantum number before the respective subshell.
 - b. **Orbital diagram:** In the second notation, each orbital of the subshell is represented by a box and the electron is represented by an arrow (\uparrow) a positive spin or an arrow (\downarrow) a negative spin.

83. Stability of completely filled and half filled subshells:
 - a. Symmetrical distribution of electrons
 - b. Exchange energy