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A H atom model able to predict line series, fine structures, Fraunhofer and Fulcher spectra using a finite number of transversal electron orbits.

The atom radius size effect on hyperfine structure lines.

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Abstract

A novel H atom model is devised using electron orbits located in planes not passing through the proton and are transversal or perpendicular to an axis originating at the proton center, and hence they are orthogonal to the longitudinal planes used in Bohr H atom model. The physical foundations for the proposed model are described and a straightforward expression for calculating the electron allowed energy levels is presented. A few calculation examples are provided and the obtained emission spectral lines are compared to the H spectral lines series, to the Fraunhofer absorption lines, to lines inside Fulcher bands and to the NREL AM0 irradiance spectrum. The transversal orbit model is shown to predict the appearance of the fine and

hyperfine electron emission structures. This is also the case if the atom radius, and consequently, the electron orbits are not considered rigid.

Keywords: Bohr model, emission line series, Rydberg energy, Fraunhofer spectrum, fine structure lines, Fulcher bands, NREL AM0 spectrum, the astronomical H lines, the non-rigid H atom.

Introduction

A brief summary of the H atom Bohr model [1] is given in the Appendix. Some shortcomings of the model are discussed in [2,3]. In the search of a possible fix, an alternative H model will be given here.

Foundation of the model

Let's start by developing an expression for the Rydberg energy or, equivalently, the H atom ionization energy, Ry (eV), in terms of the Coulomb force $F_{\rm C}$ (N) between the electron and the proton in the H atom. For this, the following physical interpretations of the Sommerfeld's or fine-structure constant, α , will be used

$$\alpha = \frac{v_1}{c} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mathrm{Ry}}{E_\mathrm{e}}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} = k_\mathrm{e} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} = \frac{4\pi a_0}{\lambda_\infty} \tag{1}$$

where v_1 (m/s) is the electron orbital limit speed, c (m/s) is the speed of light in vacuum, a_0 (m) is the H Bohr radius, $E_e = m_e c^2$ (eV) is the electron energy-mass equivalent with m_e (kg) being the electron rest mass, e (C) is the electron charge, ε_0 (F/m) is the free space permittivity, k_e (N·m²/C²) is the Coulomb force constant, λ_{∞} (m) is the Rydberg wavelength unit and \hbar (J·s/cy) is the Planck constant divided by 2π . From (1), it follows that

$$Ry = \alpha^2 \frac{E_e}{2e} = \left(\frac{v_1}{c}\right)^2 \frac{E_e}{2e} = \frac{m_e v_1^2}{2e} \quad (eV)$$

and also from (1)

$$Ry = \alpha^{2} \frac{E_{e}}{2} = \frac{v_{1}}{c} \frac{e^{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}\hbar c} \frac{m_{e}c^{2}}{2} \frac{a_{0}^{2}}{a_{0}^{2}} = \frac{e^{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}a_{0}^{2}} \frac{a_{0}v_{1}m_{e}}{2\hbar}a_{0} = \frac{a_{0}\alpha m_{e}c}{\hbar} \frac{a_{0}}{2e} \frac{a_{0}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}a_{0}^{2}} = \frac{1}{e} \left[\frac{a_{0}}{2}F_{c}\right] \quad (eV)$$

where $F_{\rm C}$ (N) is the magnitude of the electrostatic centripetal force between the proton and the electron for a separation of a_0 ; above, the following expression in <u>Classical Bohr radius</u> [4] was used

$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar}{\alpha m_e c} = \frac{\hbar}{m_e v_1} \quad (m) \tag{4}$$

Then, merging (2) and (3), we obtain

$$Ry = \frac{m_e v_1^2}{2e} = \frac{a_0 F_C}{2e} \quad (eV).$$
 (5)

This implies that the Rydberg unit of energy is equal to the electron kinetic energy with an orbital escape speed of v_1 and, equivalently, to the electron moment of the Coulomb force with an arm length of only $a_0/2$.

Proposed model

Then, the possible electron orbits radii ought to be equal or shorter than $a_0/2$ which can be possible only if orbits are transversal, or orthogonal, to an axis along the proton center. This orbital concept is illustrated in Figure 1a) for the case of the electron longest possible orbit, or, atom ionization threshold. The Figure shows terms whose definitions are obtained by elaborating in (5) as follows

$$Ry = \frac{m_e v_1^2}{2e} = 13.60569 \quad (eV).$$
(6)

and

$$\operatorname{Ry} = \frac{a_0 F_{\rm C}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}e} = \frac{a_0 \sin(\beta_M) F_{\rm C} \sin(\beta_M)}{e} = \frac{a_{0\rm V} F_{\rm CV}}{e} \quad (eV).$$
(7)

where $-F_{CV} = F_C \sin(\beta_M)$ (N) is the centripetal Coulomb force acting upon the electron and $a_{0V} = a_0 \sin(\beta_M)$ (m) is the electron orbit radius. $a_{0H} = a_0 \cos(\beta_M)$ (m) is the center point of the electron orbit and also represents the distance from the transversal orbital plane to the atom center. β_M represents the maximum cone angle established by the electron orbit, any other β -angle ought to be smaller. Figure 1*b*) depicts the a_{0V} and a_{0H} normalized functions for the β continuous case.

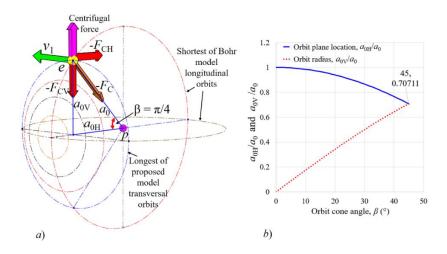


Figure 1. a) Schematics of the electron Coulomb forces and its speed for the longest of the proposed H transversal orbit model, that is, the brink of the atom ionization. b) β-dependence on the a₀-normalized distance of the orbit plane to the atom origin and the electron orbit radius.

Now, given that (6) and (7) on their left side have the maximum value of a quantized energy parameter and on its right side have constant valued parameters whose numerical value matches Ry; in (7) this happens owing to the help of the trigonometric terms which also ought to be quantized. This implies that the electrostatic force components and the transversal arm radial components are also quantized; the same can be said for the electron speed.

For the conditions described above, the Bohr model inverse squared dependence [1] on the quantum number n of the electron allowed energy levels E_n expression (e) in the Appendix would not be appropriate for the proposed model here. Instead, we'll suppose that the number of allowed energy levels is not infinite and establish a finite M number of transversal orbits and energy levels as follows

$$E_n = \operatorname{Ry}(\frac{n}{M})^2 = \frac{m_{\rm e}v_1^2}{2e}(\frac{n}{M})^2 = \frac{a_0F_{\rm C}}{2e}(\frac{n}{M})^2 = \frac{F_{\rm C}}{2em_{\rm e}v_1}\hbar(\frac{n}{M})^2 \quad (\text{eV}) \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M$$
(8)

where a_0 in (4) was used in last equality to remind the fundamental Bohr assumption on the electron angular momentum quantization is also present and write it as

$$L_n = 2e \frac{E_n}{F_C} m_e v_1 = \hbar (\frac{n}{M})^2 \quad (J \cdot s) \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M$$
(9)

see (a) in Appendix.

From (8) and (7), follows

$$r_{n} = a_{0V} \frac{n}{M} = a_{0} \sin(\beta_{M}) \frac{n}{M} \text{ (m), } s_{n} = v_{1} \frac{n}{M} \text{ (m), } F_{CV,n} = F_{CV} \frac{n}{M} = F_{C} \sin(\beta_{M}) \frac{n}{M} \text{ (N), } n = 1,2,3,..,M$$
(10)

where r_n (m) is the *n*-orbit radius, s_n (m/s) is the corresponding electron speed, and $F_{CV,n}$ is the centripetal electrostatic force component acting on the electron along the *n*-orbit radius.

Using (10) in (9), it follows that, for any n quantum number, the electron centripetal and centrifugal forces are equal, that is

$$E_{c,n} = \frac{m_e s_n^2}{r_n} = F_{CV,n} \quad (N) \quad n = 1, 2, 3, ..., M$$
(11)

where $E_{c,n}$ (N) is the electron centrifugal force for the *n*-orbit. For the sake of clarification clarification, F_C , defined in (3), does not change for this model because the electron to proton distance is always a_0 . (11) is an equivalent expression to (b) in Appendix.

Emitted wavelengths

In order to calculate the emitted photon wavelengths for electron transitions from an n = i > 1initial level to a final n = f level with f < i, let's write the corresponding level energies as follows

$$E_i = Ry\left(\frac{i}{M}\right)^2$$
 and $E_f = Ry\left(\frac{f}{M}\right)^2$ (eV) for $i = 2, 3, ..., M$ and $f < i$ (12)

so that, the involved energy gap between the two levels is

$$E_{f,i} = E_i - E_f = \operatorname{Ry} \frac{i^2 - f^2}{M^2}$$
 (eV) for $i = 2, 3, ..., M$ and $f < i$ (13)

Then, using the Einstein energy-wavelength equation in $eV \leftrightarrow nm$ units, it follows that the electron transition produces a photon wavelength of

$$\lambda_{f,i} = \frac{hc/e}{E_{f,i}} 10^9 \approx \frac{1239.84}{Ry} \frac{M^2}{i^2 - f^2} = \lambda_{\infty} \frac{M^2}{i^2 - f^2} 10^9 \approx 91.1267 \frac{M^2}{i^2 - f^2} \quad \text{(nm) for } i = 2, 3, \dots, M \text{ and } f < i$$
(14)

where $\lambda_{\infty} = 9.11267951 \times 10^{-8}$ (m).

Calculation examples

For a H system with M = 2, the possible energy levels are $E_2 = 13.6022$ and $E_1 = 3.4014$ eV, Figure 2 depicts the corresponding electron orbit location and force diagrams. This system will emit only one wavelength of magnitude of $\lambda_{2,1} = 121.53$ (nm) which is known as Lyman- α .

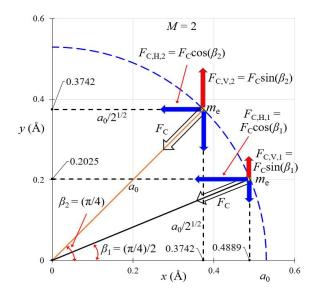


Figure 2. Electron force diagram for a 2-transversal orbit H model.

Orbit locations and corresponding energy levels for M = 4 and 24 are illustrated in Figure 3. Note that all labeled energy levels appear in Table I of the Appendix.

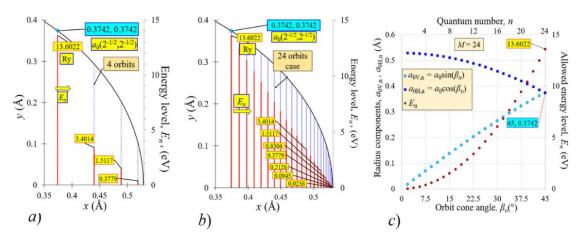
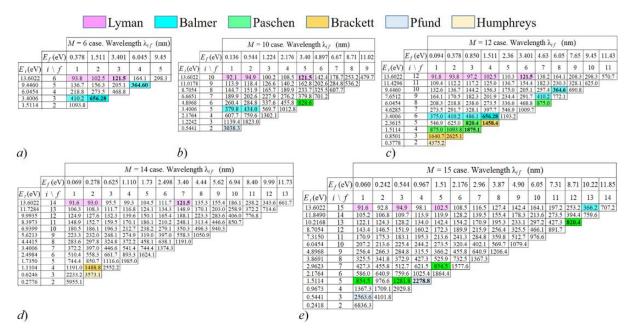


Figure 3. Transversal orbits and corresponding electron allowed energy levels for M = 4, a), and for M = 24, b). c) shows the orbit radius components and electron allowed energy levels for M = 24 as a function of the quantum number n and the orbit cone angle β_n .

Wavelength inventories for a few small M cases

To evaluate the capability of the proposed model on regards to matching the observed H wavelengths, five M values were considered, namely, 6, 10, 12, 14, and 15. Table A presents the five obtained wavelengths inventories. As can be observed, the M = 6, 12 cases provide wavelengths relating to five of the six H line series including 6 of their extreme values. An Ry value of 13.022 eV was used seeking to make the Balmer- α line equal to 656.28 nm, as in Fraunhofer C-line spectrum. The forthcoming calculation examples will all have a multiple of 6 M value.

Table A. Wavelengths inventories for M = 6, a), 10, b), 12, c), 14, d), and 15, e), transversal orbit models. Bold-typed data correspond to H line series extreme values.





a) Comparison with H line series, Fraunhofer spectrum and Fulcher bands.

The electron allowed energy levels for a maximum transversal orbit number of M = 48 are plotted in Figure 4 *a*) and compared against the first 48 energy levels for the H Bohr model. Note the big difference in energy span for reaching the first 24 energy levels for each model. For the Bohr model the energy delta is $E_{24} - E_1 = -0.024 - (-13.602) = 13.58$ eV - very near to the ionization energy level - while for the transversal orbit model the energy shift is $E_{24} - E_1 = 3.401 - 0.0059 =$ 3.395 eV only. Figure 4. *b*) gives a comparison of how the quantum number impacts the electron orbit radius for the Bohr H atom model and the electron transversal radius for the M = 48 model case. For n = 1to 48, the Bohr model calls for a radius increase of 2304 times and the electron energy is short to the ionization level by 0.0059 eV; for the proposed model, the increment of the electron transversal radius case is of only 43.22 times for m = 1 to M and the electron energy is Ry.

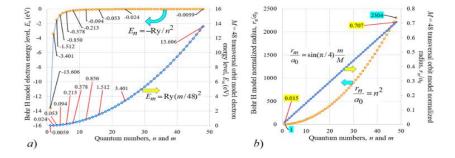


Figure 4. *a*) Comparison of the allowed electron energy levels for the Bohr H atom model up to n = 48 and all the energy levels in the proposed transversal orbit model for M = 48. *b*) Corresponding electron normalized orbit radius for each quantum number and model case.

Figure 5.*a* portrays the Bohr model emitted photon wavelengths for electron transitions into end quantum levels f = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 which correspond to Lyman, Balmer, Paschen, Brackett, Pfund and Humphreys line series, respectively. Note that for each line series there is a continuum wavelength range whose experimental evidence has not yet been provided. Figure 5.*b* plots the emitted photon wavelengths involving only electron transitions between even quantum numbers for the transversal orbit model with M = 48 to which was added a near zero level to obtain 5 wavelength

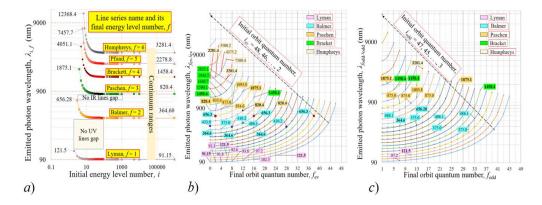


Figure 5. a) Plot of emitted photon wavelengths in common line series of Bohr H atom model. Photon wavelengths involving electron transitions only between even quantum numbers for the proposed model with M = 48; a near zero (2.3E-5 eV) level was added for the sake of comparison with line series extreme values in Figure 4 b). b) Photon wavelengths involving electron transitions only between odd quantum numbers.

(short) limits appearing in above mentioned H line series; note that 4 of these wavelength limits show at least a two-fold multiplicity without involving the added near zero level. Figure 5.c depicts the emitted photon wavelengths involving only odd to odd quantum numbers electron transitions. It's worth mentioning that none of the Pfund line series limits appear for this M value; the only three Pfund series wavelengths values are not indicated in Figure 5. Other M values for this model, for example multiples of 15 or 20, provide both Pfund line series limits and several other of its lines.

Table B gives the inventory of emitted photon wavelengths for electron transitions with an even initial quantum number for the M = 48 transversal orbit model case. Similarly, Table C provides all the wavelengths for electron transitions starting in an odd quantum number. Without considering transitions into the "zero" energy level, the M = 48 transversal orbit model case gives rise to only 1128 allowed electron transitions (47*24); while for M = 96 the electron transitions amount to 4656.

Table B. M = 48 transversal orbit model inventory of wavelengths for electron transitions involving an even initial quantum number. Data in $f_{ev} = "0"$ eV row don't correspond to the model and are just for the sake of reference.

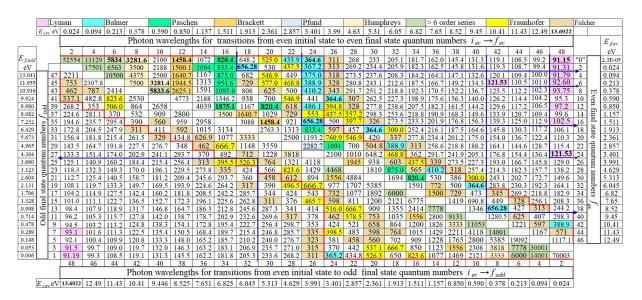
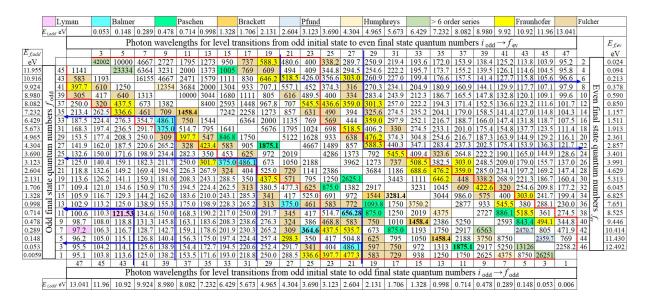


Table C. M = 48 transversal orbit model inventory of wavelengths for electron transitions involving an odd initial quantum number.



In Table B, the zigzagged red lines demark transitions with either a maximum initial quantum number of 24 (3.4 eV highest electron excitation energy) or a number of energy levels among the transitions equal or lower than 6. In Figure Table C, the red lines demark transitions with either a maximum initial quantum number of 23 or to a number levels among the transitions equal or lower than 6.

It is worth noting that even to even (top to right) transitions in top triangle of Table B and odd to odd (bottom to left) transitions in bottom triangle of Table C have numerous bold data which identify H line series limits, mostly appearing inside the red line demarcation; on the contrary, none of these wavelengths appear on the opposite triangles of both tables where *even* \Leftrightarrow *odd* quantum numbers transitions are involved. Three notorious cases are the four-fold multiplicity observed for the Balmer series lines known as $H\alpha = 656.28$ nm and $H\beta = 486.1$ nm and also the five-fold multiplicity for the shortest wavelength of the Bracket line series 1458.4 nm.

Data in yellow-colored cells in Tables B and C correspond, within \pm 1.5 nm, to absorption lines in Fraunhofer spectrum [5,6] while data in tortilla-colored cells are lines appearing in emitting Fulcher bands [7,8,9,10,11], see Figure 6. There are a few other Fulcher band under 400 nm

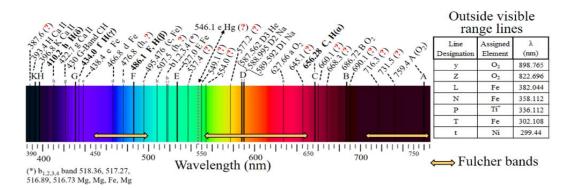


Figure 6. Fraunhofer solar visible spectral lines from data in and approximate location and extension of ranges of H emission Fulcher bands. Symbol (?) means none or partial line identification; the added 546.073 nm line with e-designation and assigned to Hg is tabulated but was missing in the spectrum.

From Tables B and C, it is possible to establish viable electron photon emitting transition sequences starting from any excitation energy level. Figure 7 portrays a partial inventory of such sequences for the Bohr model, a), and for the transversal orbit model with M = 48 levels, b) and c); for this case, the transition type involved is indicated at the top. It is patent the preponderance of the Fulcher bands electron transitions obtained with the transversal orbit model and the scarcity of them for the Bohr model.

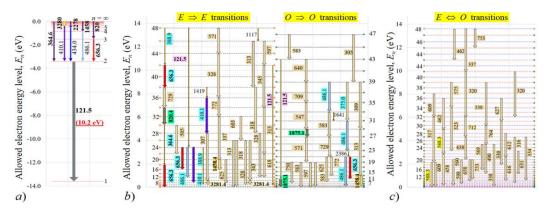


Figure 7. Electron emitting transition sequences for the H Bohr model, *a*), and for the transversal orbit model, *b*) and *c*).

Another outstanding difference among the two models is related to the number of possible transitions for a given excitation energy. In Bohr's model, for an exciting energy of about 12.1 eV the electron will reach just up to level n = 3 and will be able to undergo only 3 different emitting level transitions. For the transversal orbit model, the same exciting energy would make

the electron to reach the n = 45 energy level so that the possible emitting level transitions amount to 990.

b) Comparison with NREL AM0 solar spectrum.

Figures 8 to 10 provide a three segment comparison of the full presence inventory of the obtained wavelengths with the H transversal orbit model involving M = 48 energy levels with respect to the NREL AM0 solar irradiance [12]. H line series, Fraunhofer absorption line designations, and Fulcher band lines are highlighted with the same background color code as above.

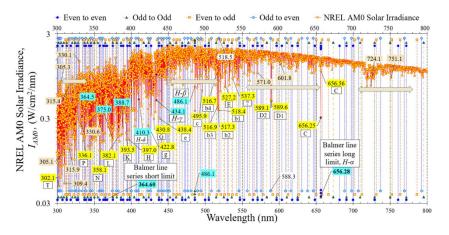


Figure 8. *M* = 48 transversal orbit model emitted photon wavelength line presence for all four electron transition types compared to the near UV-near IR range of the NREAL AM0 solar irradiance. H Balmer line series, Fraunhofer absorption lines, see Fig. 6, and locations of Fulcher main bands are highlighted.

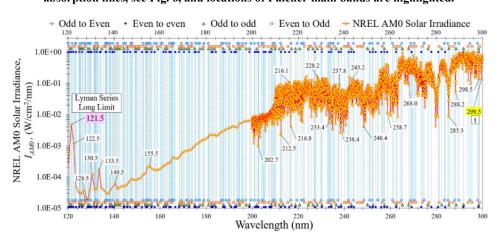


Figure 9. M = 48 transversal orbit model emitted photon wavelength line presence for all four electron transition types compared to UV data from two merged NREL AM0 solar irradiance spectra [3]; for wavelengths under 200 nm, the data step is 1.0 nm, above 200 nm, the data step is in the range of 0.024-0.054 nm. Of the Bohr H model, only the long limit of the Lyman spectral series appears on this wavelength range. Also, the shortest Fraunhofer absorption line is indicated.

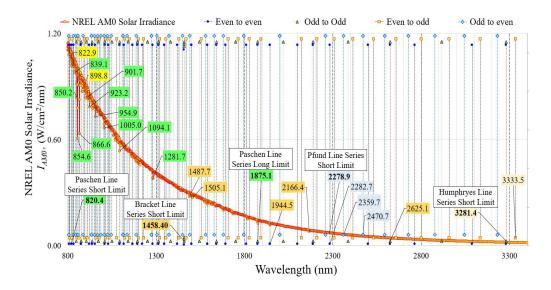


Figure 10. M = 48 transversal orbit model wavelengths line presence for the 800-3400 nm range compared to the NREL AM0 solar spectral irradiance, I_{AM0} , H line series, and the two longest Fraunhofer lines.

M = 144 and M = 216 level systems with fine structure line cases

From Table C and Figs. 6 and 8, it can be observed that the Fraunhofer three D lines and four b lines are poorly matched by the M = 48 model case; the nearest b1 wavelength is 518. 54 nm obtained with transitions $\lambda_{21,6} = \lambda_{27,18} = \lambda_{43,38}$; while inside the D band appears only the line of 588.26 nm for transitions $\lambda_{19,2} = \lambda_{29,22}$. An improved match to these bands can be obtained for systems with higher *M* values. This is exemplified for the cases M = 144 and M = 216 in Table D.

Table D. Fine structure lines on Fraunhofer lines D1, D2, D3 and b _{1,2,3,4} for transversal orbit systems for	
M = 144, a), and for $M = 216, b$).	

	Γ	D1, D2, D3 b	and			b _{1,2,3,4} ban	d				D1, D2,	D3 b	oand	1					b _{1,2,3,4}	ban	ıd		
i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	i	f	$\lambda_{if}(nm)$	$E_{if}(eV)$	i	f	$\lambda_{if}(nm)$	$E_{if}(eV)$	i	f	$\lambda_{if}(nm)$	$E_{if}(eV)$	i	f	$\lambda_{if}(nm)$	$E_{if}(eV)$
62	25	607.17	21116	76	46	516.42	2.4009	191	171	587.389	2.1108	132	101	588.772	2.1058	100	42	516.355	2.4011	117	74	517.801	2.3944
70	41	587.17	2.1116	61	8	516.84	2.3989	200	181	587.471	2.1105	85	2 110	588.935	2.1052	114	69 37			106	55		
79	55	587.71	2.1096	91	68	510.84	2.3989	92	35	587.471	2.1105	139	110	366.935	2.1052	98	37	516.418	2.4009	190		517.927	2.3939
140	55 128	567.71	2.1090	116	99	517.12	2.3976	94	40	587.714	2.1096	114	76	589.017	2.1049	166	139			206	185	317.927	2.3939
103	86			64	21	517.12	2.3970	210	192	307.714	2.1090	85	3			119	77	516.606	2.4000	94	25		
57	6	588.26	2.1076	94	72	517.55	2.3956	129	97	588.039	2.1084	104	60	589.343	2.1038	91	7	510.000	2.4000	93	21		
73	46	588.20	2.1070	65	24	517.97	2.3936		126	588.365	2.1073	175	153			125	86	516.794	2.3991	103	49		
87	66			62	14			126	93	588.446	2.1070	116 88	79 23			198 138	176	516.857	2.3988	132	96	518.116	116 2.3930
84	62	588.45	2.1070	67	29	518 12	18.12 2.3930							589.425	2.1035			510.057	9	92	16	510.110	2.3950
130	117	588.63	2.1063	88	64	510.12		157	132	588.609	2.1064	112	73			111				127	89		
94	75	10000000	1040104045	73	41			85 1	1		8	85	4	589.915	2.1017		100			183			
98	80	589.92	2.1017	129	114				115	588.690	2.1061	147	120	1.10			152			156		518.180	2.3927
				63	18	518.54	2.3910	107	65			123	89	589.997	2.1014	152	122	517.360	2.3965	99	40	518.559	2.3909
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																105 171	53 145	517.612	2.3953	215	195		
																148 104	117	517 675	2.3950	1			
a)								b)										<i>.</i>		1			

Table E provides, for the same set of *M* values, the Lyman series α -line and closer lines; the involved energy change in all transitions, E_{if} (eV), is also shown and has a mean energy step of \approx

0.9 meV which compares well to the level of the relativistic correction for the ground level given in [13,14].

Table E. *a*) gives the three-fold Lyman series α -line data for the M = 48 case discussed above and some close lines. Much closer lines to the Lyman series α -line appear for transversal orbit systems with M = 144, b), and with M = 216, c).

		Lyman-o	C			Lyman-α		Lyman-a				
i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	
42	5	120.76	10.2666	134	49	121.51	10.2036	195	55	121.51	10.2040	
45	17	120.97	10.2489	126	18			216	108	121.53	10.2017	
42	6			127	24	121.53	10.2017	189	27			
43	11	121.53	10.2017	129	33	121.55	10.2017	215	106	121.54	10.2008	
48	24			144	72			188	19	121.56	10,1990	
47	22	121.74	10.1839	143	70	121.56	10.1997	208	91		10.1550	
				125			10.1964	214	104	121.58	10,1982	
				128	29			198	65	1010050002		
								199	68	121.59	10.1973	
								205	84	121.61	10.1949	
								187 203	1 79	121.62	10.1947	
<i>a</i>)				<i>b</i>)				c)				

For the M = 144 and M = 216 cases, Table F portrays the fine structure lines corresponding to the Fraunhofer C-line or Balmer series α -line [14] along with the corresponding energy change among the involved transition levels.

Table F. *a*) Gives the ten-fold Balmer H α -line data for the M = 144 case showing also three close lines. *b*) Three two-fold lines appear close to a nine-fold H α -line for the transversal orbit systems with M = 216.

	C-li	ne (Balme	r Hα)		C-li	ne (Balme	er Ha)	
i	f	λ_{if} (nm)	E _{if} (eV)	i	ſ	λ_{if} (nm)	E_{if} (eV)	
55	12	656.053	1.88985	83	20	655.371	1.89182	
54	6			165	144	055.571	1.09102	
56	16			81	9			
58	22			84	24			
61	29			87	33			
63	33	656.281	1.88919	101	61	656.281	1.88919	
72	48		1.00919	108	72			
82	62			123	93			
89	71			147	123			
98	82			172	152			
126	114			189	171			
62	31	655.598	1.89116	180	161	656.382	1.88890	
79	58	656.965	1.88723	120	89	050.582	1.00090	
				89	38	656.585	1.88832	
				199	182	050.505	1.00052	
				142	117			
				110	75	656.788	1.88774	
				106	69			
a)				<i>b</i>)				

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The hyperfine structure line cases. The H galactic spectral lines.

The existence of a H astronomical line of 21 cm wavelength was first theoretically figured out by the Dutch astronomer H.C. Van de Hulst in 1945 [15] based on calculating the electron spin energy change when flipping its rotation orientation with respect to the proton rotation. For this to happen, the electron must be in its ground orbit energy level; then, it has to receive somehow enough magnetic energy to toggle its spin state from the lower energy anti-parallel rotation into the higher energy parallel rotation, which is about 5.8 μ eV; finally, the electron has to swap back to its original spin state by releasing the excess energy via the emission of a photon whose wavelength is approximately 21.1 cm. This prediction was experimentally confirmed in 1951 by Ewen and Purcell [16] and by C.A. Muller and J.H. Oort, [17]

It turns out that the transversal orbit model with a high enough number of states; for example, an M = 2636 system predicts the presence of the 21.1 cm line for an electron transition among the two lowest energy states, see Table G. *a*); for M = 7908, this line appears in two transitions along with two other lines in the cm range; all of them involve electron allowed energy levels of less than 100 µeV; the accompanying transversal orbit radii are about 10⁻³ to 10⁻⁴ lower than a_0 . Table G shows the calculated data for these two cases and are compared to the H Bohr model equivalent wavelengths. All the energy levels involved for these transitions are near the ionization energy of the atom and the corresponding electron orbit radii are about 10⁴ to 10⁵ higher than a_0 .

Table G. a) 21.1 cm line earliest detection for the transversal obit model is obtained with M = 2636. b) M
= 7908 provides two 21.1 cm lines along with the 28.3 cm and the 2.8 cm lines. c) the H Bohr model prediction of these lines. An Ry value of 13.60569 eV, (6), was used for these calculations.

n _i , n _f	Energy level, E_n (eV)	Energy gap, $E_{if}(\mu eV)$	Wavelength, $\lambda_{i,f}(cm)$	
2	7.8323E-06	5.87	21.106	
1	1.9581E-06	3.8/		

n _i , n _f	Energy level, E_n (eV)	Energy gap, $E_{if}(\mu eV)$	Wavelength, $\lambda_{i,f}(cm)$		
18	7.0491E-05	44.17	2,807		
11	2.6325E-05	44.17	2.807		
14	4.2643E-05	5.87	21,106		
13	3.6768E-05	3.87	21.100		
6	7.8323E-06	5.87	21 106		
3	1.9581E-06	5.87	21.106		
6	7.8323E-06	4.25	28 404		
4	3.4810E-06	4.35	28.494		

n_{f}	Energy level,	Energy gap,	Wavelength,		
ni	E_n (eV)	$E_{if}(\mu eV)$	$\lambda_{if}(cm)$		
106	-1.2109E-03	44.43	2.790		
108	-1.1665E-03	44.45			
209	-3.1148E-04	5.00	21.097		
211	-3.0560E-04	5.88	21.097		
231	-2.5497E-04	1.26	00.117		
233	-2.5062E-04	4.36	28.447		
364	-1.0269E-04	1.27	20.277		
372	-9.8318E-05	4.37	28.377		

a)

The radius size effect on the fine and hyperfine structure lines.

An alternative approach to derive the H astronomical lines can be devised by supposing that the H atom radius is not rigid and can be contracted or expanded upon an external stress. Then, using (5), (3) and (1) and elaborate as follows

$$Ry = \frac{a_0 F_C}{2e} = \frac{a_0}{2e} \frac{e^2}{4\pi e_0 a_0^2} = \frac{ek_e}{2} \frac{1}{a_0} \Rightarrow \frac{ek_e}{2} = a_0 Ry \quad (eV)$$
(15)

Differentiating (15) provides

$$\Delta Ry = \frac{ek_e}{2} \Delta \{\frac{1}{a_0}\} = -\frac{ek_e}{2} \frac{\Delta a_0}{a_0^2} = -Ry \frac{\Delta a_0}{a_0} = -Ry \frac{a_{0,new} - a_0}{a_0} \quad (eV)$$
(16)

where $a_{0,new}$ is a higher or lower value of the H atom radius produced as a result of an energy exchange with its surroundings. Let's define a new Rydberg energy as Ry_{new} so (16) becomes

$$Ry_{new} = Ry + \Delta Ry = Ry(1 + \frac{a_0 - a_{0,new}}{a_0}) = Ry(\frac{2a_0 - a_{0,new}}{a_0}) = Ry(\frac{2a_0 - a_0(1 + \delta)}{a_0}) = Ry(1 - \delta) \quad (eV).$$
(17)

where the a_0 contraction /expansion factor δ was introduced. (17), using (7), provides

$$\operatorname{Ry}_{new} = \frac{a_{0V}F_{CV}}{e}(1-\delta) \qquad (eV).$$
(18)

Then, when factor δ is negative, the atom contracts, so Ry_{new} is higher than Ry and the electron ought to increase its potential energy by this amount. When the atom restores to its initial radius, the electron would emit a photon having the input stress energy.

When the external stress is such that the atom radius increases, that is, $\delta > 0$, Ry_{new} is smaller than Ry. This time, the electron drops its potential energy by emitting a photon. When the stress is removed, the atom relaxes back to its normal radius and the electron recovers its original higher potential energy; obviously, no photon absorption takes place. Also, note that the above described processes occur only in non-ionized atoms and involve a single energy level. For electron transitions involving two stressed energy levels, it is necessary to reshape them using (18) in (8) and (12 to 14).

Example plots obtained using (18) are shown in Fig. 12 where δ is supposed to vary continuously and so do the output variables, namely, the energy level change, Fig. 12 *a*), and the emitted photon wavelength among any pair of quantum numbers; a few cases are given in Figs. 12 *b*) and *c*).

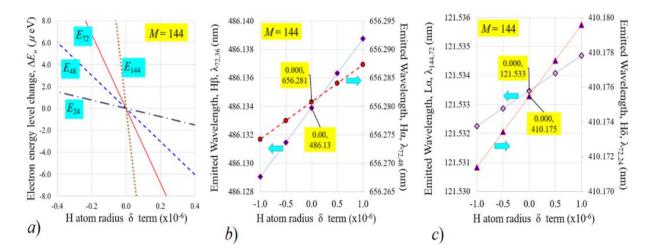


Figure 12 *a*) Electron allowed energy level change versus the H atom radius δ variation for the M = 144transversal orbit model and n = 144, 72, 48, and 24. *b*) Effect of level energy change on the emitted wavelength for transitions among n = 72 to 36 (H β) and n = 72 to 48 (H α). *c*) Shows the cases for n = 144to 72 (Lyman- α) and for n = 72 to 24 (H δ).

The needed $a_0 \delta$ values to produce the 21 and 28 cm radio astronomy lines for the transversal orbit model with M = 48 and M = 144 are given in Table H for *n*-energy values of M, M/2, M/4, M/24, M/48 and n = 1 for M = 144. For this emissions to happen, the electron thermal energy 1.5kT/e (eV), where k (J/°K) is Boltzmann constant and T (°K) is the absolute temperature, must be equal or higher than the energy level occupied by the electron, E_n , when the H atom radius is made to contract. The 21 and 28 cm photon energies relate to thermal energies changes corresponding to temperatures variations lower than 0.05 °K. That is why their experimental detection is not an easy task.

Table H. Use of (18) to derive the 21 and 28 cm H lines for M = 48 and M = 144 transversal orbit systems using selected energy *n*-levels given by M, M/2, M/4, M/24, M/48 and n = 1 for M = 144. For this model,

M = 48	M = 144					M = 48	M = 144		
n = 48	<i>n</i> = 144	E step	Emitted		a S tama	<i>n</i> = 2	n = 6	E step	Emitted
E (eV)	E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)		a_0 o term	<i>E</i> (eV)	E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)
13.602200000		11	11		0	0.023614931		11	11
13.602204372		4.372E-06	28.3586		-1.85140E-04	0.02	3619303	4.372E-06	28.3582
13.602205874		5.874E-06	21.1062		-2.48754E-04	0.02	3620805	5.874E-06	21.1062
n = 24	<i>n</i> = 72	E step	Emitted		a & term	<u>n</u> = 1	<i>n</i> = 3	E step	Emitted
E (eV)	E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)			E (eV)	E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)
3.400552500		11	11		0	0.005903733		11	11
3.400	0556872	4.372E-06	28.3587		-7.40560E-04 0		0.005908105		28.3582
3.400	0558374	5.874E-06	21.1062		-9.95000E-04	0.005909607		5.874E-06	21.1065
		E step	Emitted		a & term		n = 1	E step	Emitted
E (eV)	E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)				E (eV)	(eV)	λ (cm)
1.511	355556	11	//		0.00000E+00		0.000655970	11	//
1.51	1359928	4.372E-06	28.3564		-6.66500E-03		0.000660342	4.372E-06	28.3584
1.511361430		5.874E-06	21.1061		-8.95520E-03		0.000661845	5.874E-06	21.1060
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the thermal activation energy is equal to the electron energy level.

Equation (18) can also be applied to the electron energy levels given by the H Bohr model. The exact same results as above are obtained, see Table I. However, from the electron thermal energy point of view, conditions are quite different; the needed thermal excitation for the electron to reach a given n > 1 energy level, $\Delta E_{T,n}$ (eV), is much higher in Bohr model than for the transversal orbit model ; see values in Table I head line. For example, $\Delta E_{T,3} = 12.091$ eV is associated to a thermal energy which implies a temperature of 93,540 °K.

Table I. Derivation of the 21 and 28 cm H lines for the H Bohr model for quantum numbers *n* = 1,2,3 and 24

$a_0 \delta$ term	n = 1 $\Delta E_{T,1} = 0.0 \text{ eV}$	E step (eV)			$a_0 \delta$ term	$n = 3$ $\Delta E_{T,3} = 12.091 \text{ eV}$	E step (eV)	Emitted λ (cm)
0	13.602200000	11	11		0	1.511355556	11	11
-3.21420E-07	13.602204372	4.372E-06	28.359		-2.89300E-06	1.511359928	4.372E-06	28.356
-4.31864E-07	13.602205874	5.874E-06	21.106		-3.88680E-06	1.511361430	5.874E-06	21.106
a Storm	n = 2	E step	Emitted	S to m		<i>n</i> = 24	E step	Emitted
$a_0 \delta$ term	$\Delta E_{T,2} = 10.202 \text{ eV}$	(eV)	λ (cm)	8	$a_0 \delta$ term	$\Delta E_{T,24} = 13.579 \text{ eV}$	(eV)	λ (cm)
0	3.400550000	11	11		0	0.023614931	11	11
-1.28568E-06	3.400554372	4.372E-06	28.359		-1.85140E-04	0.023619303	4.372E-06	28.358
-1.72746E-06	3.400555874	5.874E-06	21.106		-2.48754E-04	0.023620805	5.874E-06	21.106

Conclusions

It has been unveiled a H atom model based on a finite number of electron transversal orbits which can provide a good alternative to the Bohr model which is built upon an infinite quantum number implying an infinite radius orbit limit and an electron speed limit of zero. With a system of just M = 48 levels, the proposed model is able to predict the presence of the H emissions related to the well-known line series. Additionally, it delivers an excellent match to most lines appearing in Fraunhofer spectrum. Furthermore, the model predicts the presence of the emission lines which give rise to the so-called Fulcher bands within which numerous electron transition sequences would be produced. The 1128 calculated emission wavelengths of the 48 level model were presence-wise compared - showing a fairly good fit - against three segments of the NREL AM0 irradiance spectrum from the ultraviolet to the infrared ranges whose total data set amounts to 8813 spectral lines. Systems with M = 144 and M = 216 levels are shown to produce the level splitting or fine structure lines corresponding to the D_{1,2,3} and b_{1,2,3,4} bands in Fraunhofer spectrum; the same happens for the fine structures for the Lyman- α line and Balmer H- α line. The hyperfine structure galactic H lines with wavelengths of 21 and 28 cm can be detected for the transversal orbit model systems with M = 2636, partially, and up to M = 7908, fully. Finally, it was established that the hyperfine structure lines can be also produced in all allowed electron energy levels based on considering that the H atom is not rigid and its radius can be made to vary by external means. This holds true for both models considered here.

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Appendix. The H Bohr Model.

The Bohr fundamental assumption on the H atom electron angular momentum quantization affirms that

$$L_n = m_e v_n r_n = n\hbar$$
 (J · s) $n = 1, 2, 3, ..., \infty$ (a)

where *n* is the quantum number, L_n (J·s) is *n*-orbit angular momentum, m_e (kg) is the electron rest mass, r_n (m) is the *n*-orbit radius, v_n (m/s) is the *n*-orbit electron velocity, \hbar (J·s) is the Planck constant divided by 2π . The balance of the acting forces on the electron establishes that its centrifugal force, $E_{c,n}$ (N), equals its centripetal Columbian force, $F_{C,n}$ (N), and reads as

$$E_{c,n} = \frac{m_e v_n^2}{r_n} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r_n^2} = F_{C,n} \quad (N) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$
 (b)

where e (C) is the electron charge and ε_0 (C²/N/m²) is the vacuum permittivity. Solving (a) for v_n , inserting it in (b) and rearranging conduces to

$$r_n = \frac{\hbar}{m_e \{e^2 / 4\pi\varepsilon_0\hbar\}} n^2 = \frac{\hbar}{m_e v_1} n^2 = a_0 n^2 \quad \text{(m) for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$
 (c)

where v_1 (m/s) is the electron first orbit speed. (c), used back in (a), gives

$$v_n = \frac{n\hbar}{m_e a_0 n^2} = \frac{v_1}{n}$$
 (m/s) for $n = 1, 2, 3, ..., \infty$ (d)

Then, the allowed electron kinetic energy levels, E_n (eV), are given, after dividing by -e, by

$$-E_n = \frac{m_e v_n^2}{2e} = \frac{m_e v_1^2}{2en^2} = \frac{\text{Ry}}{en^2} \quad (\text{eV}) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$
(e)

Table I gives an inventory of allowed electron energy levels E_n using (e) and the corresponding photon wavelength emitted when the electron transits into the *n*-energy level from the most separated initial energy level, or $n = \infty$, $\lambda_{\infty,n}$ and from its closest higher energy level n = n + 1, $\lambda_{n+1,n}$. For electron transitions into final energy levels with n = 1 to 6, these pairs of wavelengths represent the extreme values of the well-known H emission line series Lyman, Balmer, Paschen, Pfund and Humphreys, respectively. Only the Balmer series has a few lines in the visible range and are shown in italics.

The equations used for calculating the data presented in Table I are: 1) for the energy gap among an initial state i and a final state f is

$$E_{i,f} = \frac{Ry}{e} \frac{1 - (f/i)^2}{f^2} \quad (eV) \text{ for } i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty; i > f = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \tag{f}$$

and 2) for the corresponding electron transition, the emitted photon wavelength is obtained with

$$\lambda_{i,f} = \frac{hc}{E_{i,f}} 10^9 = \frac{1239.842}{E_{i,f}} \quad (nm) \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty; i > f = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \tag{g}$$

n	$-E_n(eV)$	$\lambda_{\infty,n}(\mathbf{nm})$	$\lambda_{n+1,n}$ (nm)	Lyman	Balmer	Paschen	Bracket	Pfund	Humphreys
1	13.6022	91.15	121.53	121.5					
2	3.4006	364.6	656.3	102.5	656.28				
3	1.5114	820.4	1875.1	97.2	486.1	1875.1			
4	0.8501	1458.4	4051.1	94.9	434.0	1281.8	4051.1		
5	0.5441	2278.8	7457.7	93.8	410.2	1093.8	2625.1	7457.7	
6	0.3778	3281.4	12368.4	93.0	397.0	1004.9	2165.5	4652.5	12368.4
7	0.2776	4466.4	19056.4	92.6	388.9	954.6	1944.5	3739.5	7500.4
8	0.2125	5833.6	27795.4	92.3	383.5	922.9	1817.4	3296.1	5906.5
9	0.1679	7383.2	38858.7	92.1	379.8	901.5	1736.2	3038.3	5127.2
10	0.1360	9115.0	22325.2	91.9	377.1	886.3	1680.6	2872.2	4671.2
11	0.1124	11029.2	13677.0	91.8	375.0	875.0	1640.7	2757.5	4375.2
12	0.0945	13125.6	13127.5	91.7	373.4	866.5	1610.9	2674.4	4169.6
24	0.0236	5.25E+04	6.70.E+05	91.30	366.95	832.3	1496.72	2373.70	3481.97
1000	1.36E-05	9.12E+07	4.56.E+10	91.15	364.60	820.4	1458.42	2278.81	3281.52
10000	1.36E-07	9.12E+09	4.56E+13	91.15	364.60	820.35	1458.40	2278.75	3281.41

Table I. Main Hydrogen line series in Bohr model. Selected inventory of the electron allowed *n*-energy levels and corresponding emitted photon wavelengths for $\lambda_{\infty,n}$ and $\lambda_{n+1,n}$ transitions.

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