

14. A single electron orbits a lithium nucleus that contains three protons (+3e). The radius of the orbit is $1.76 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$. Determine the kinetic energy of the electron.

$$\sum F_R = F_{El} = k \frac{q_{nucleus} q_{e^-}}{r^2} = k \frac{(3e)(e)}{r^2} = 3k \frac{e^2}{r^2} = m_e \frac{v^2}{r}$$

Solve for mv^2

$$m_e \frac{v^2}{r} = 3k \frac{e^2}{r^2}$$

$$m_e v^2 = 3k \frac{e^2}{r}$$

So kinetic energy is

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2 = \frac{3}{2} k \frac{e^2}{r} = \frac{3}{2} \left(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2 \right) \frac{(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{1.76 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}}$$

$$K = \left(1.349 \times 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2 \right) \left(1.4545 \times 10^{-27} \text{ C}^2/\text{m} \right) = 1.962 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$$

$$K = 1.962 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ eV}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} \right) = 122.6 \text{ eV}$$

$K = 1.96 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J} = 123 \text{ eV}$

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