

Solution

Consider an electron around a nucleus that has two protons, like an ionized Helium atom.

1. Compare the "effective Bohr radius" $a_{0,He}$ with the usual Bohr radius for hydrogen, a_0 :

Look at how a_0 depends on the charge:

a. $a_{0,He} > a_0$

b. $a_{0,He} = a_0$

c. $a_{0,He} < a_0$

$$a_0 \equiv \frac{\hbar^2}{m\kappa e^2} \Rightarrow a_{0,He} \equiv \frac{\hbar^2}{m\kappa(2e)e} = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

This should make sense:

more charge \rightarrow stronger attraction

\rightarrow electron sits closer to the nucleus

2. What is the ratio of ground state energies $E_{0,He}/E_{0,H}$?

a. $E_{0,He}/E_{0,H} = 1$

b. $E_{0,He}/E_{0,H} = 2$

c. $E_{0,He}/E_{0,H} = 4$