# The Bohr Model of the Hydrogen Atom





#### Atomic Emission Spectrum (Emission-Line Spectrum)

The line spectrum produced when excited electrons return to lower energy levels and emit photons characteristic of the element.

#### Hydrogen Emission (Line) Spectrum



Blue:  $5 \rightarrow 2$ Green:  $4 \rightarrow 2$ Draw this diagram! Red:  $3 \rightarrow 2$ 



## The Bohr Model

- 1. Electrons orbit the nucleus only within allowed energy levels.
- 2. Each energy level is at a specific distance from the nucleus.
- 3. Within an energy level, electrons do not lose energy.
- When electrons are in the lowest energy levels available, the atom is in its "<u>ground</u> <u>state</u>."

## The Bohr Model (cont.)

- When electrons absorb energy and move to a higher energy level, the atom is said to be in an "<u>excited state</u>."
- 6. When an electron returns to a lower energy level it will give off electromagnetic radiation with energy exactly equal to the difference found between those energy levels.

#### What did the Bohr Model explain?

- 1. Explained how electrons could orbit the nucleus without losing energy.
- 2. Explained the emission spectrum of hydrogen.

## What were the shortcomings of the Bohr Model?

 Did NOT explain the emission spectra of elements other than hydrogen.
Did NOT explain the chemical properties of the elements.