

Question 3. The ground state energy of the hydrogen atom is -13.6 eV. Consider an electronic state ψ of He^+ whose energy, azimuthal quantum number and magnetic quantum number are -3.4 eV, 2 and 0, respectively. Which of the following statement(s) is(are) true for the state ψ ?

- A. It is a 4d state
- B. The nuclear charge experienced by the electron in this state is less than $2e$, where e is the magnitude of the electronic charge
- C. It has 2 angular nodes
- D. It has 3 radial nodes

Solution: (A, C)

$$E_{\text{He}^+} = -13.6 \times (2)^2 / n^2 = -3.4 = -13.6 / 4$$

$$n^2 = 16 \text{ so } n = 4$$

Quantum number is

$$n = 4, \ell = 2, m = 0$$

So, subshell is = d

$$\text{Angular node} = \ell = 2$$

$$\text{Radial node} = [n - \ell - 1] = 4 - 2 - 1 = 1$$