

THE WATT UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE

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Abstract: Not only we have the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, but also a power based (watt) Uncertainty Principle holds.

$\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \geq \hbar/2$
$\Delta E \cdot \Delta t \geq \hbar/2$

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$\Delta p \cdot \Delta a \geq \hbar_w/2$
$\Delta E \cdot \Delta f \geq \hbar_w/2$

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(\hbar_w has the same value of \hbar , but in watt)

Let's start from the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle (taken with the equal sign, out of simplicity):

$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta x = \hbar/2 \quad (\hbar/2 = h/4\pi = 0,527 \cdot 10^{-34} J \cdot s)$$

($m_e c \cdot r_e = \hbar \cdot \alpha$, where $\alpha = 1/137,0359 \cong 1/137$ is the Fine Structure Constant and r_e is the classic radius

of the electron: $r_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{m_e \cdot c^2} \cong 2,8179 \cdot 10^{-15} m$)

About the units: $[kg \cdot m/s][m] = [J \cdot s]$.

We know that $[J \cdot s]$ is an angular momentum. If now we replace it by a power $[W]$, we will see that the Uncertainty Principle is still standing, but what about the other quantities?

If we hold $\Delta p = m_e c$, then: $[kg \cdot m/s][?] = [W]$ and we can say that $[?]$ must be an acceleration; in fact:

$$[kg \cdot m/s][m/s^2] = [W]$$

We see that the following formula holds:

$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta a = \hbar_w/2 = 0,527 \cdot 10^{-34} W \quad (\hbar_w \text{ has the same value of } \hbar, \text{ but in watt) if:}$$

$$\Delta a = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{Gm_e}{r_e^2}, \text{ which is exactly an acceleration related to the electron.}$$

If now we want to take the energy-time uncertainty, according to Heisenberg we know that:

$$\Delta E \cdot \Delta t = \hbar/2 \quad ([J][s] = [J \cdot s]), \text{ but once again, if we replace } [Js] \text{ with } [W], \text{ we have:}$$

$$[J][?] = [W] \quad \text{and } [?] \text{ must be } [Hz], \text{ a frequency:}$$

$$[J][Hz] = [W]$$

Once again, if we hold ΔE ($\Delta E = m_e c^2$), then:

$$\Delta E \cdot \Delta f = m_e c^2 \cdot \Delta f = \hbar_w/2 = 0,527 \cdot 10^{-34} W$$

but, once again, we immediately realize that $\Delta f = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha\hbar} \frac{Gm_e^2}{r_e}$ and this quantity is a frequency strictly related to an electron.

Thank you.

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