

Derivation from position momentum uncertainty principle. To obtain the time energy uncertainty principle from position momentum uncertainty relation consider the case of an electron of mass m moving with a velocity v so that its kinetic energy

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

Taking the mass of the electron to be constant, the uncertainty in the measurement of E_k is given by

$$\Delta E_k = \Delta \left(\frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) = m v \Delta v = v \Delta p$$

Now the velocity

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta E_k = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \Delta p$$

or

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p = \Delta E_k \cdot \Delta t \geq h$$

More accurately

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p = \Delta E_k \cdot \Delta t \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{h}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar.$$

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