

# Chemistry 9724y: Materials analysis using synchrotron radiation

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Course outline	see handout	
Course evaluation	problem sets	55%
	essay/research proposal	25%
	oral presentation	20%

## Essay topics:

You can select **any topic that is relevant to this course** (e.g. XAFS studies of Hg in the environment etc.) or write a **research proposal** on the analysis of systems of your own research. Send your topic with a couple of key references to me **not later than December 4, 2013**.

The essay/research proposal (5 pages max, single line space, 12 point, 1 page appendix allowed) is due after the new year and the presentation (12 min + 3 min questions) is scheduled for the winter term not later than the end of the reading week.

# Course Objectives

To familiarize students with the principles and the applications of synchrotron techniques for materials analysis.

Emphasis: spectroscopy using X-rays with tunable wavelength (energy)

## References:

**J. Stöhr**, NEXAFS Spectroscopy (Springer, 1992)

**D. Koningsberger & R. Prins**, (eds), X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy: Principles, Applications and Techniques of EXAFS, SEXAFS and XANES (Wiley, 1988)

**T.K. Sham** (ed) Chemical Applications of Synchrotron Radiation (World Scientific, 2002)

**Frank de Groot and Akio Kotani**, Core Level Spectroscopy of Solids (Taylor & Francis CRC press, 2008)

**Grant Bunker** Introduction to XAFS Cambridge University press, 2012

# Some relevant questions

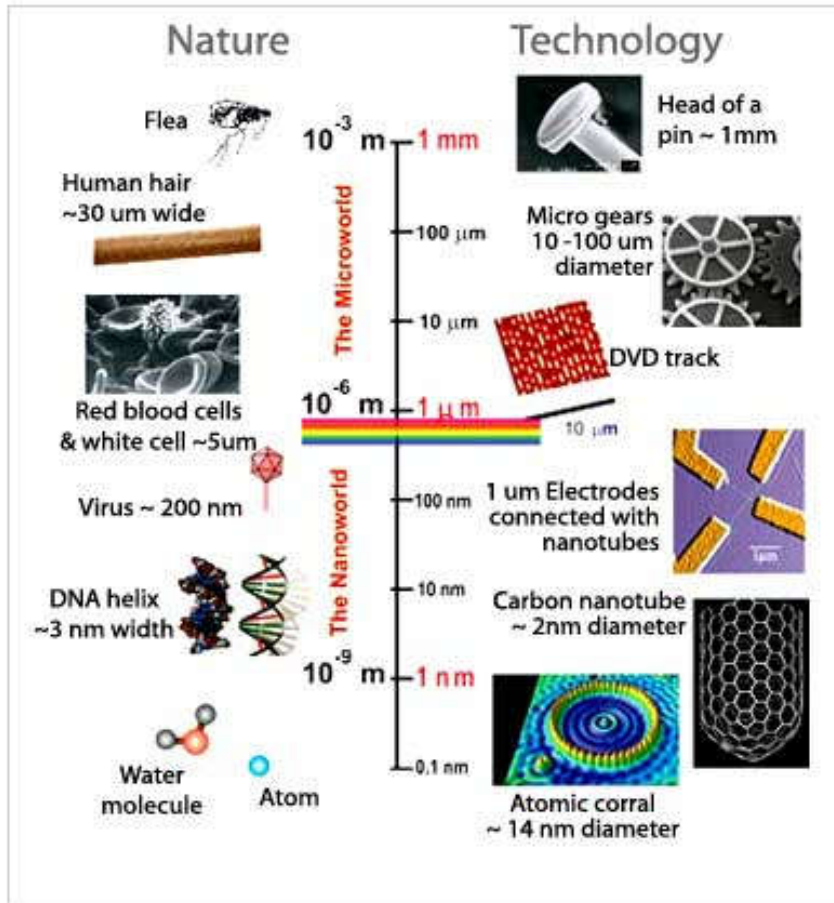
- What is material ?
- Why do we want to analyze materials ?
- What is synchrotron radiation ?
- Why is synchrotron useful in materials analysis ?
- How do we analyze materials using SR?

Perspective: Science of length scale in size,  
energy and time

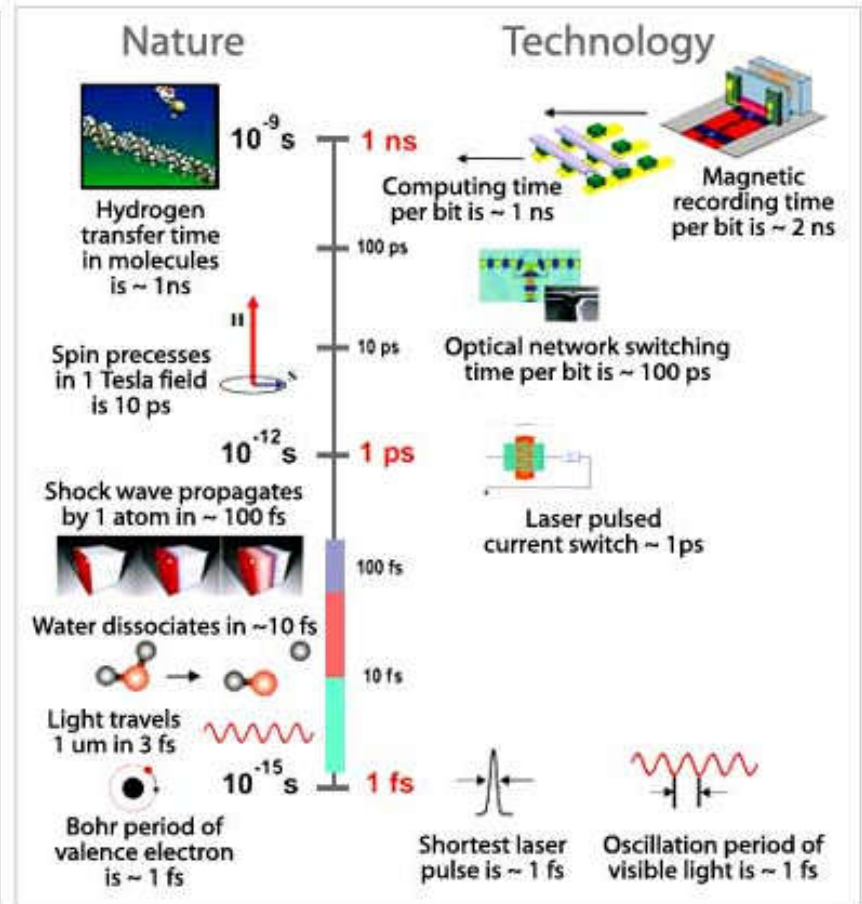
- The **ruler** must have divisions comparable or smaller than the dimension of the object
  - The **clock** must have a time response faster than the duration of the event it is measuring

# Scale of things in size and time

## Ultra-Small

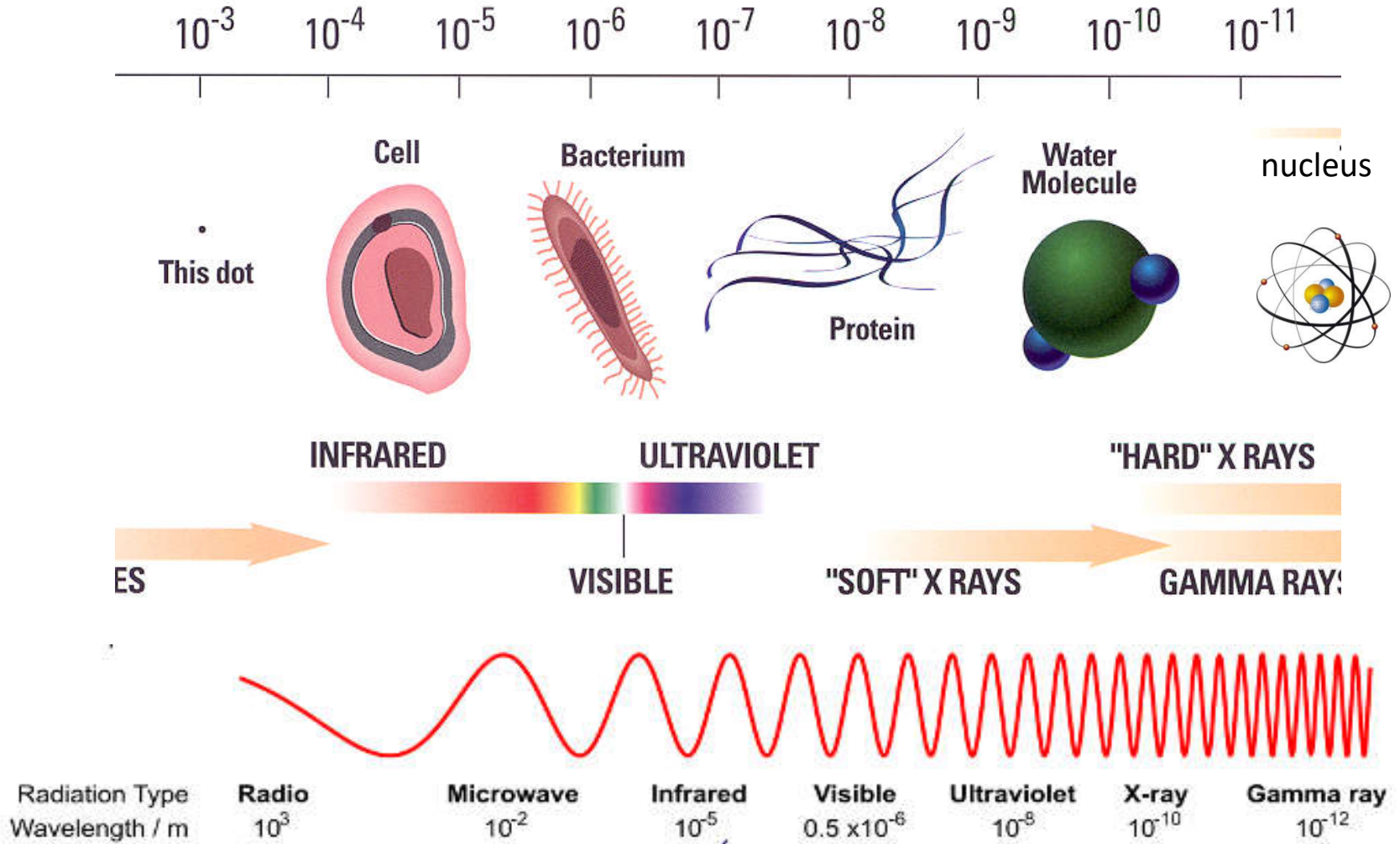


## Ultra-Fast

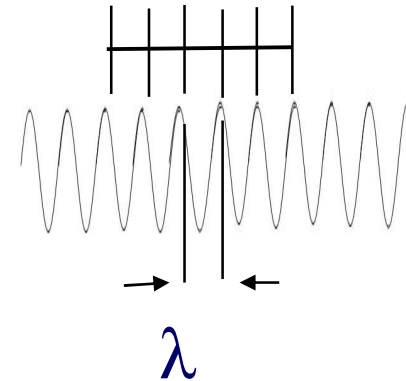
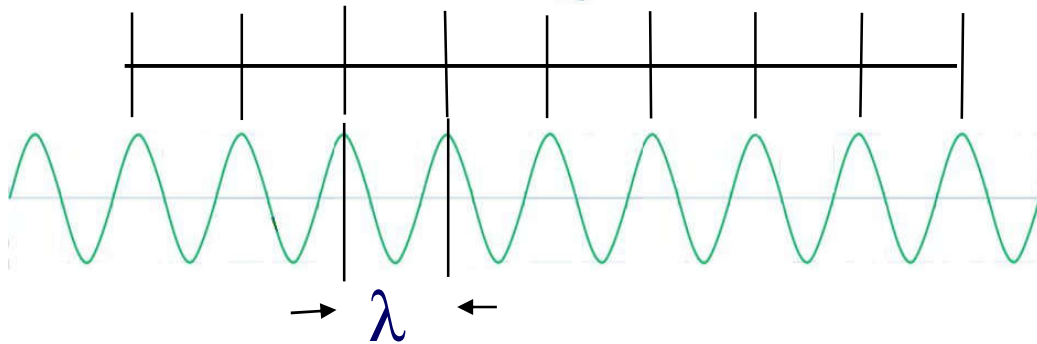
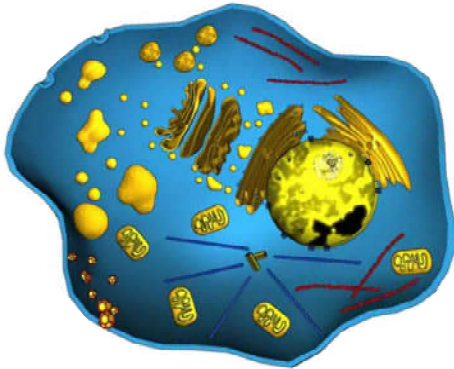


**Synchrotron is a powerful tool for these studies**

# Matching of object dimension and wavelength



# “Rulers” for small length scale: Photons and Electrons



Synchrotron radiation: photons with tunable wavelength,  $\lambda$  ( $10^4$  nm –  $10^{-3}$  nm)

de Broglie wavelength of electrons can also be tuned with its energy 200 kV TEM  $\lambda_e = 2.5$  pm  
 $= 0.025\text{\AA}$



# **Materials: matter with desired functionality**

## **General considerations**

- Materials can be classified by
  - a) phase: gas, liquid and solid (crystalline, amorphous, polymer)
  - b) properties: metal, semiconductor, insulator, soft matter, etc.
  - c) composition: pure substance, composite
  - d) functionalities: biomaterials, nanomaterials, LED materials, superconductor, energy materials, nuclear materials, soft matter etc.

# Issues in materials analysis

## Microscopic:

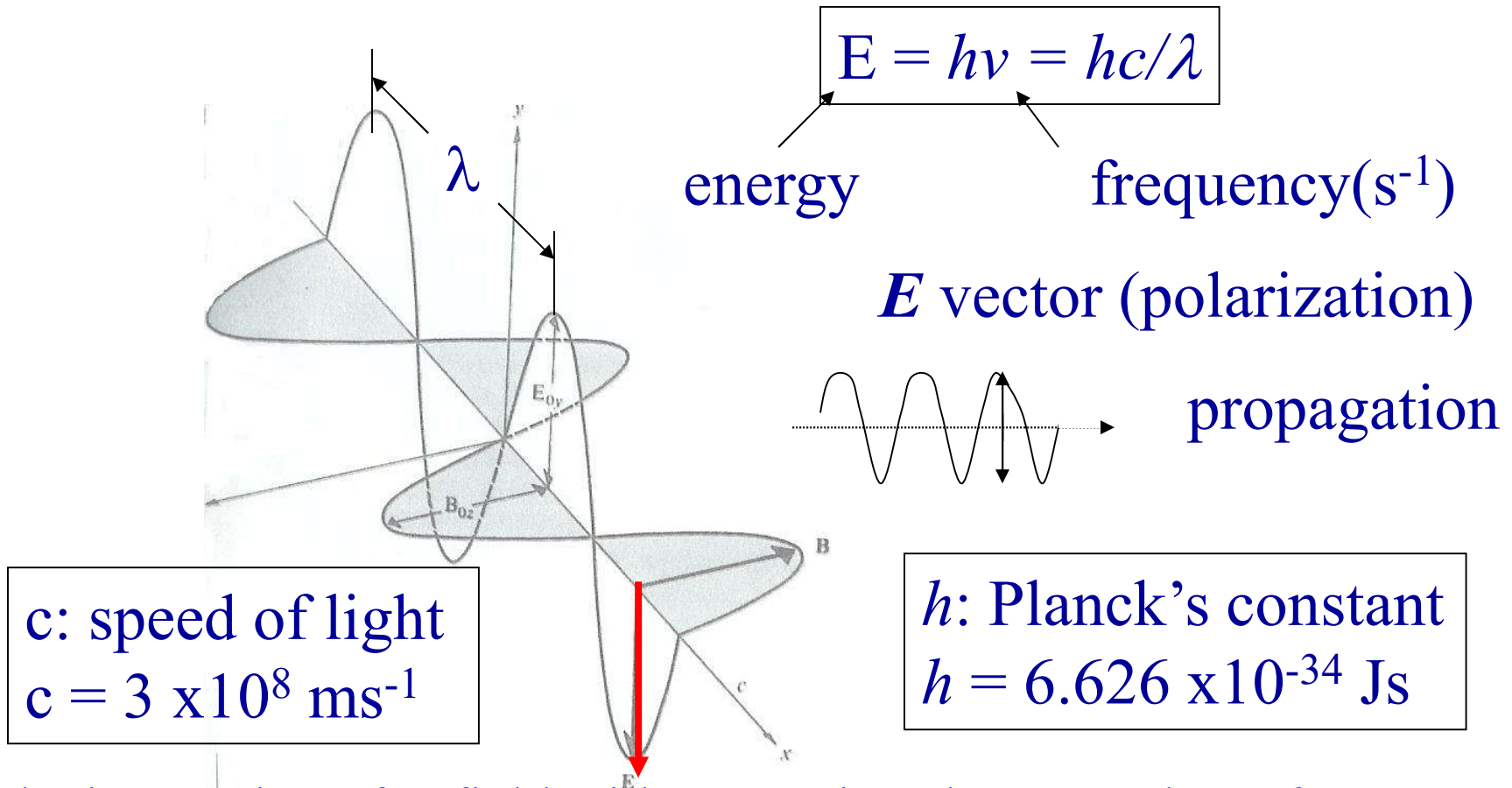
- Structure (arrange of atoms in space)
- Bonding (oxidation state, electronic structure/distribution)

## Macroscopic:

- Chemical, mechanical, electrical, magnetic, optical, physiochemical biocompatibility properties, etc.

# Probing matter with SR, a versatile *light source*

What is *light* ? (wave and particle dual behavior)

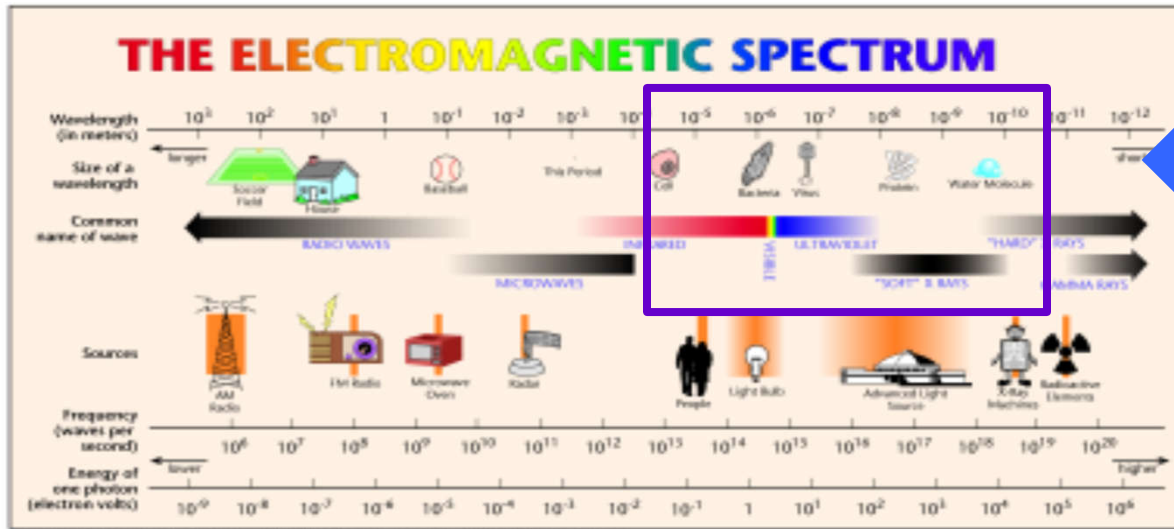


The interaction of  $B$  field with matter is at least 2 orders of magnitude weaker than the  $E$  field

# Electromagnetic wave spectrum

$$\lambda(\text{\AA}) = 12398.5 / E(\text{eV})$$

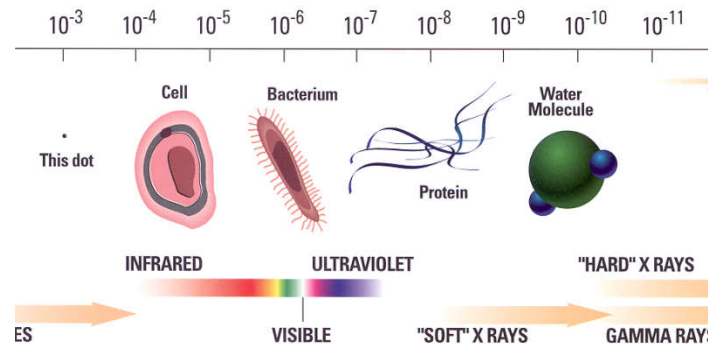
$\lambda$



object size

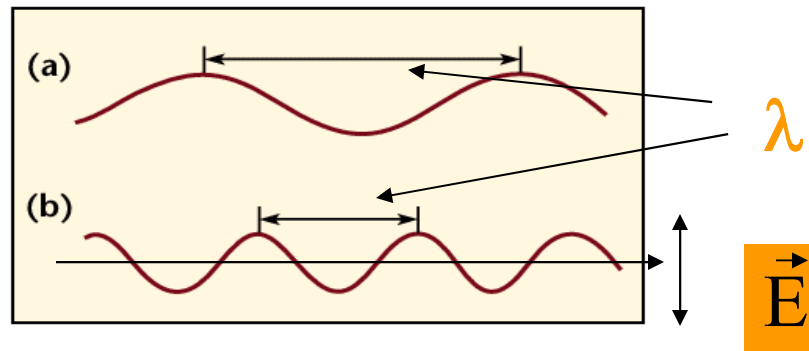


Light sees object with dimension comparable to its wavelength



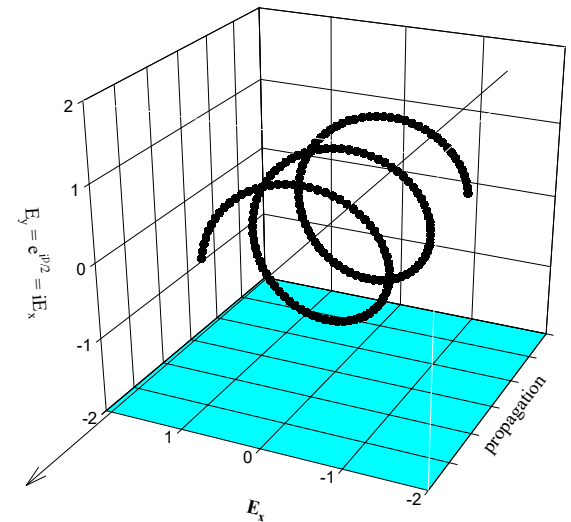
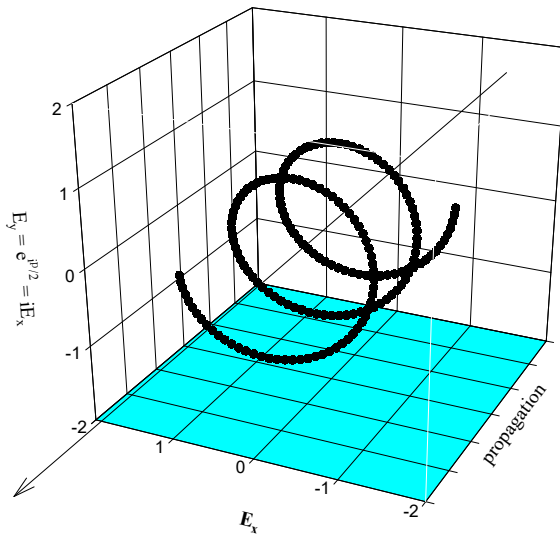
# What is light?

Light is a particle with spin = 1, 0 mass and behaves like a wave



linear polarized

$\vec{E}$  precesses to  
the left or right  
along the  
direction of  
propagation



circular polarized light

# How is light produced ?

## “Acceleration of charge particles”

- Linear acceleration of charge particles
- Electric dipole oscillations
- Synchrotron radiation (centrifugal acceleration)

# How is light produced ?

## “Radiative transitions”

Line spectrum (single frequency):

- Transition between valence and inner valence/shallow core level yields visible and UV light
- Deep core levels yields X-rays
- Energy levels of the nucleus yields  $\gamma$  rays

**How is light produced ?**

**“Acceleration of charge particles”**

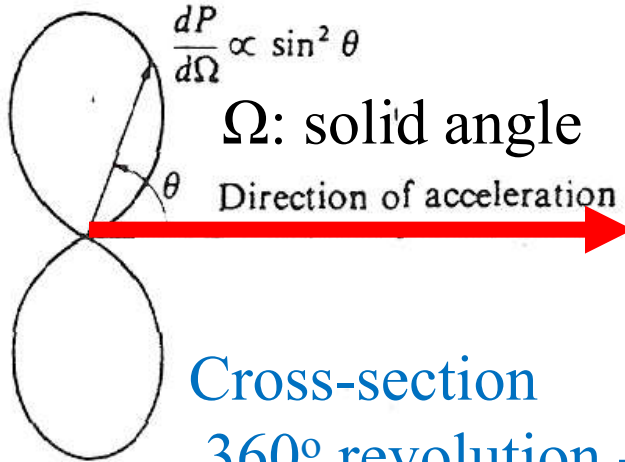
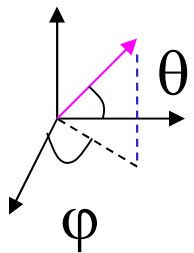


# Linear acceleration of a charge particle

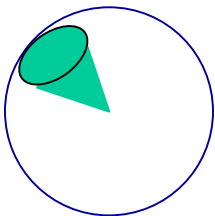
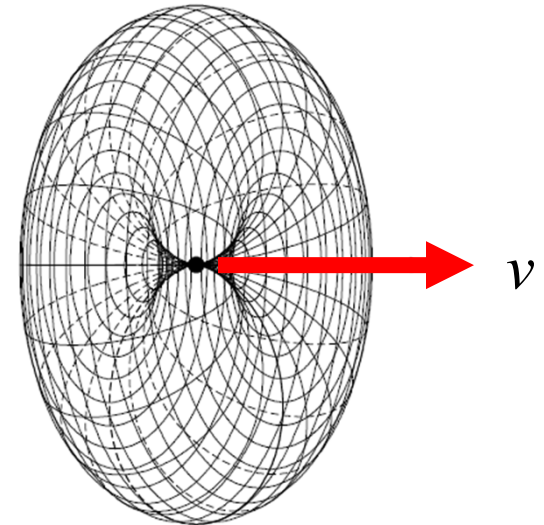
Instantaneous power radiated (energy per unit time)

**Larmor equation**  $P = (2/3) (e^2/m^2c^3) (dp/dt)^2$   
 $dp/dt = m(dv/dt) = ma$

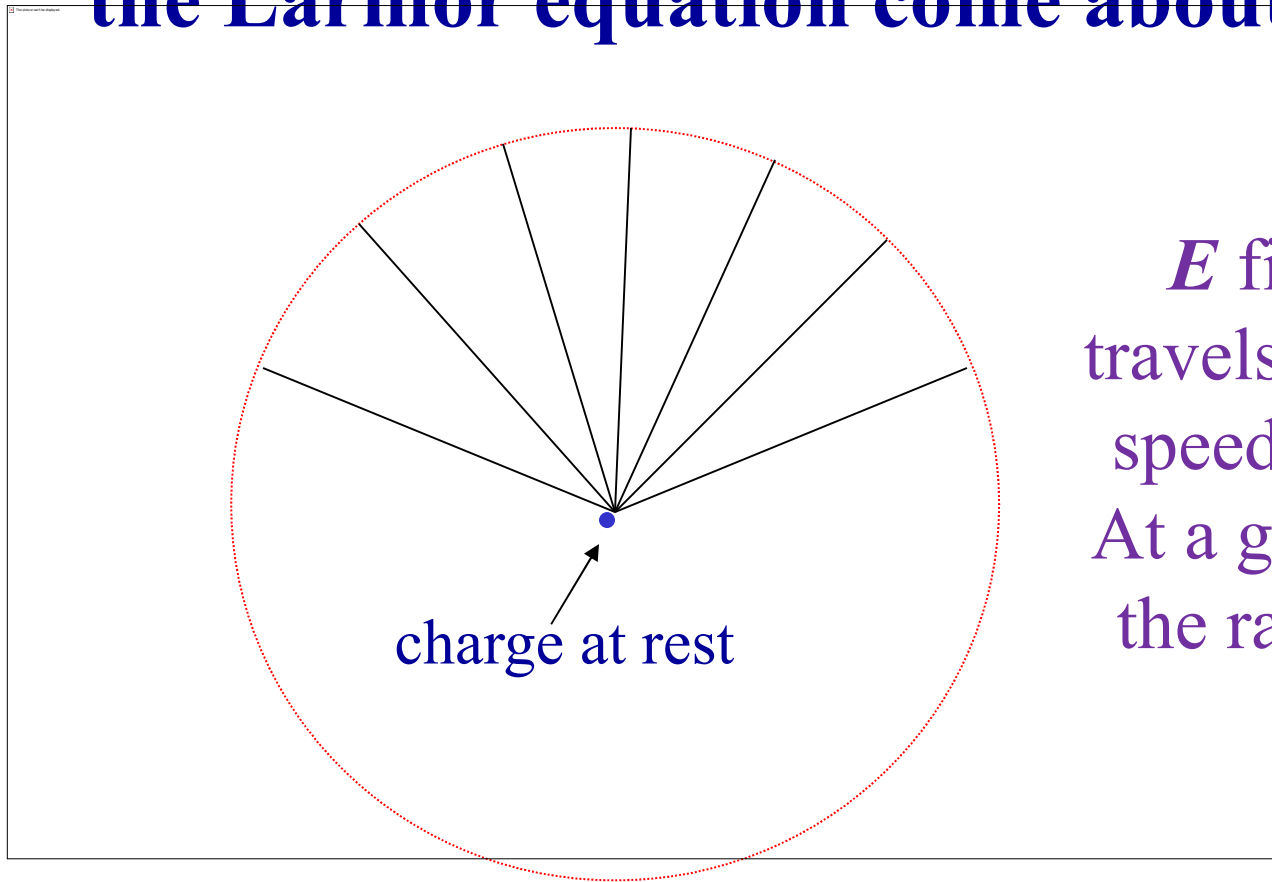
$p$ : momentum ( $mv$ );  $m$ , mass;  $c$ , speed of light;  
 $e$ , electron charge,  $a$ : **acceleration**



Cross-section  
 360° revolution → donut shape



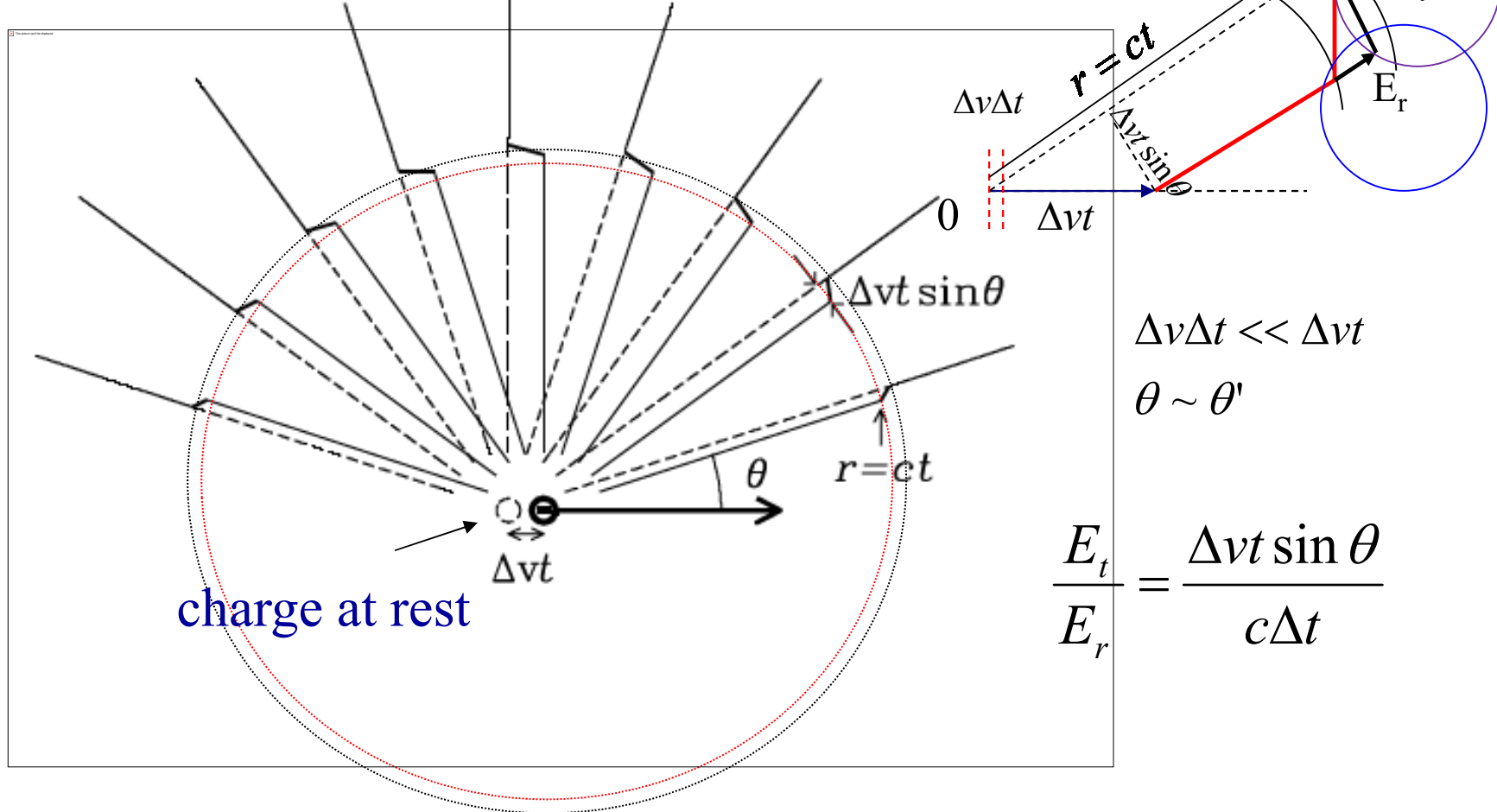
# How does an electron radiate? How does the Larmor equation come about?



*E* field lines  
travels outward at  
speed of light  $c$ ;  
At a given time  $t$ ,  
the radius  $r = ct$

charge accelerates to a velocity  $\Delta v$  within a very short time interval  $\Delta t$ , what is the *E* field line after a time  $t$

# How does an electron radiate?



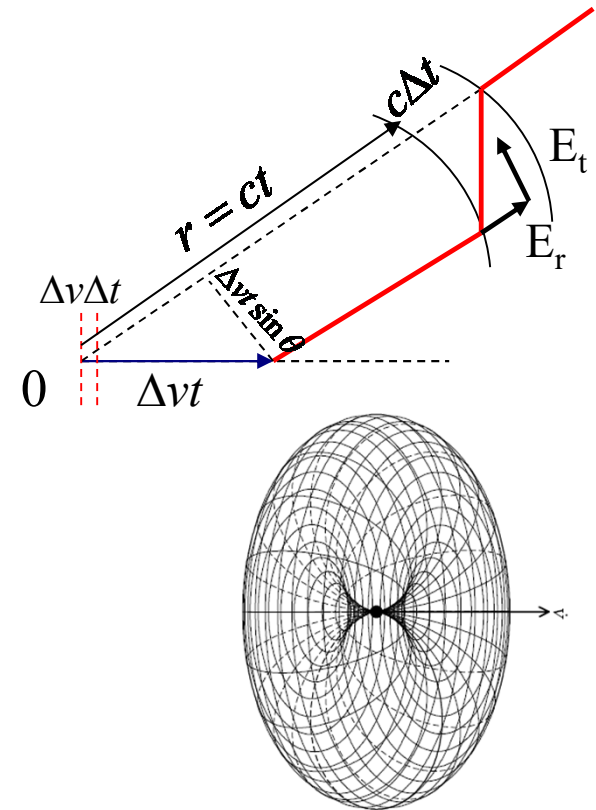
charge at rest is accelerated to a slow velocity  $\Delta v$  within a very short time  $\Delta t$ , ( acceleration  $= \dot{v} = \Delta v / \Delta t$  ) the field line  $E$  after time  $t$

# How does e radiate?

$$\frac{E_t(\text{transverse})}{E_r(\text{radial})} = \frac{\Delta v t \sin \theta}{c \Delta t}$$

$$E_r = \frac{q}{r^2}, \quad E_t = \frac{q}{r^2} \left( \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \right) \frac{r \sin \theta}{c^2},$$

$$E_t \propto \frac{1}{r}; \quad E_r \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$



For large  $r$ ,  $E_r$  becomes negligible only  $E_t$  remains, thus at large distance, we shall be left with a pulse of a transverse field traveling outward with velocity  $c$

# How much energy per unit time (power) is radiated as light in each direction?

In a vacuum, the Poynting flux, or power per unit area (erg s<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> )

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{H}, \text{ in cgs units} \quad |\vec{E}| = |\vec{H}|, \quad |\vec{S}| = \frac{c}{4\pi} E^2$$

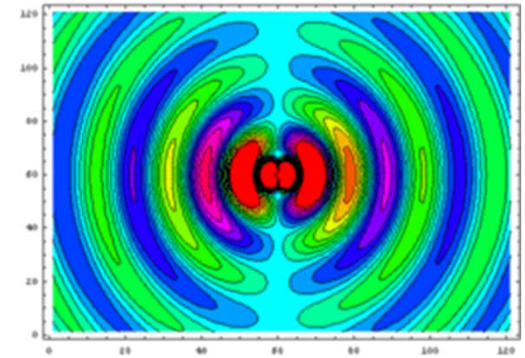
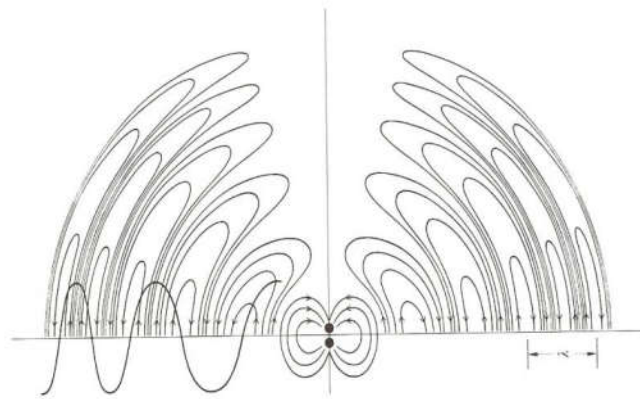
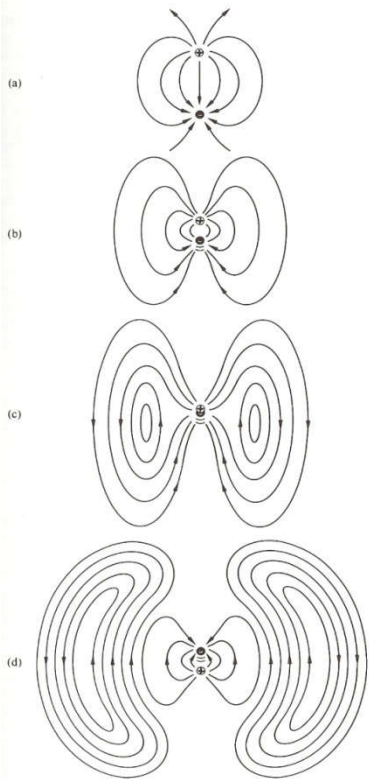
$$|\vec{S}| = \frac{c}{4\pi} E_t^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \right)^2 \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{c^3 r^2}$$

$$P = \int |\vec{S}| dA = \frac{q^2 \dot{v}^2}{4\pi c^3} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} r \sin \theta d\theta r d\phi$$

**Larmor  
equation**

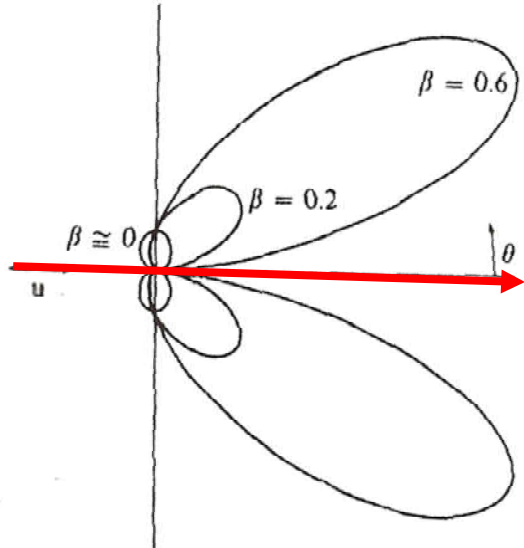
$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2 \dot{v}^2}{c^3} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2 \dot{p}^2}{m^2 c^3} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{m^2 c^3} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)^2$$

# Electric dipole oscillation



The **E** field of an oscillating dipole

# Linear acceleration of a charge particle traveling at nearly the speed of light (**relativistic**)



$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{m^2 c^3} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)^2,$$

$$p = \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, \quad E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

For **relativistic particles**,

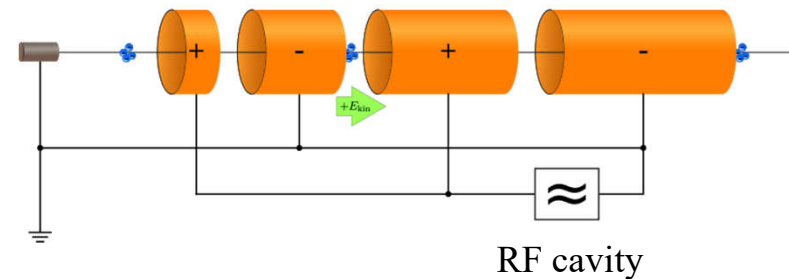
$\beta = v/c \sim 1$ ,  $\gamma = \text{mass (m) / rest mass (m}_0)$  only true

For electrons, the rest mass = 0.511 MeV for fast e

For e,  $\gamma = E/m_0 c^2 = 1 / \sqrt{1-(v/c)^2} = 1957 E \text{ (GeV)}$

# Energy loss to radiation in linear acceleration

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{m^2 c^3} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{m^2 c^3} \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)^2$$

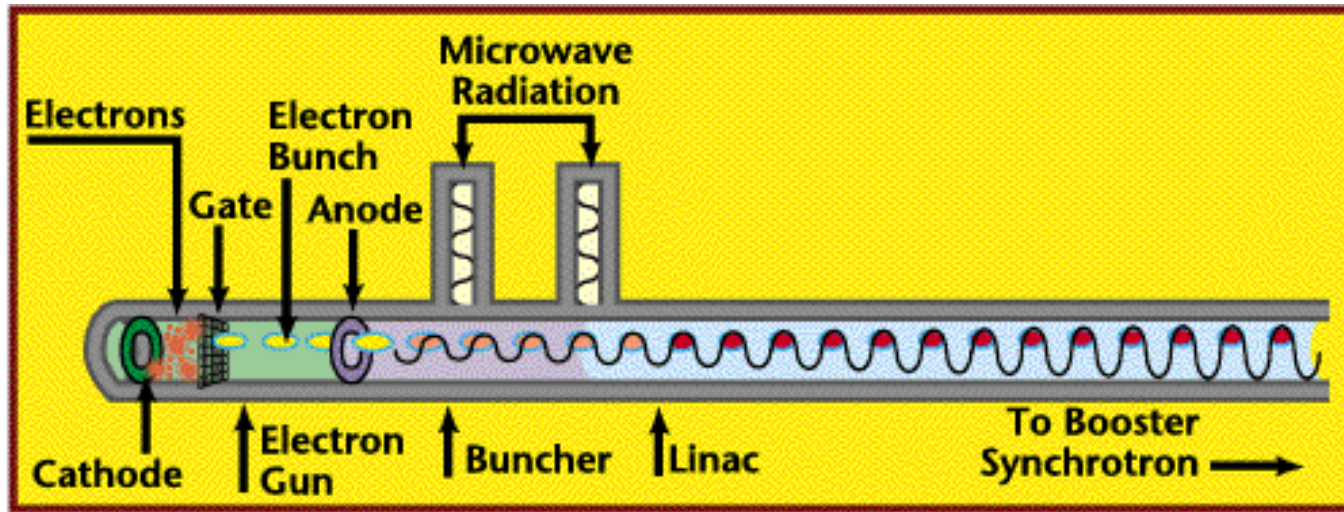
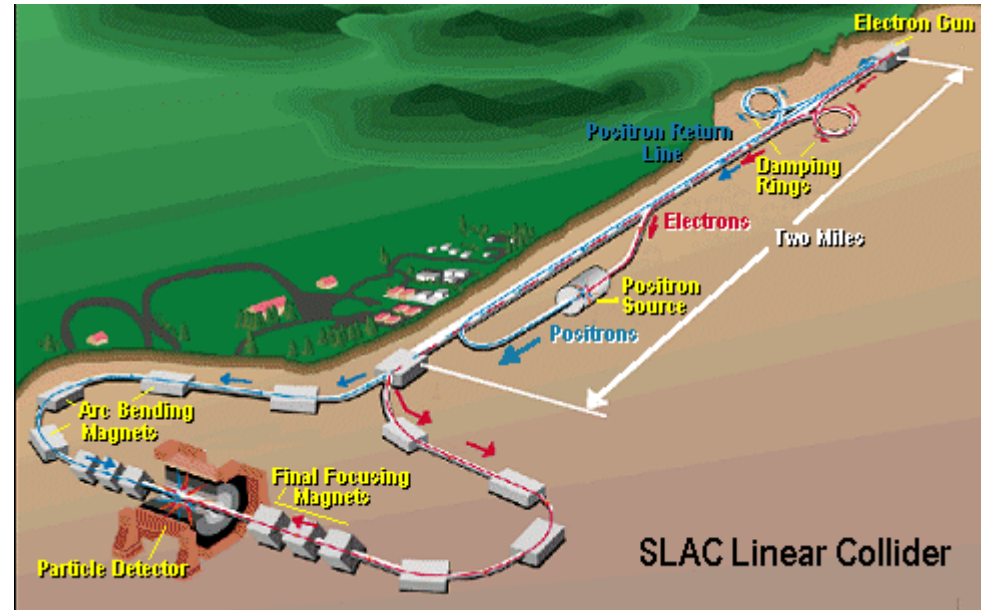
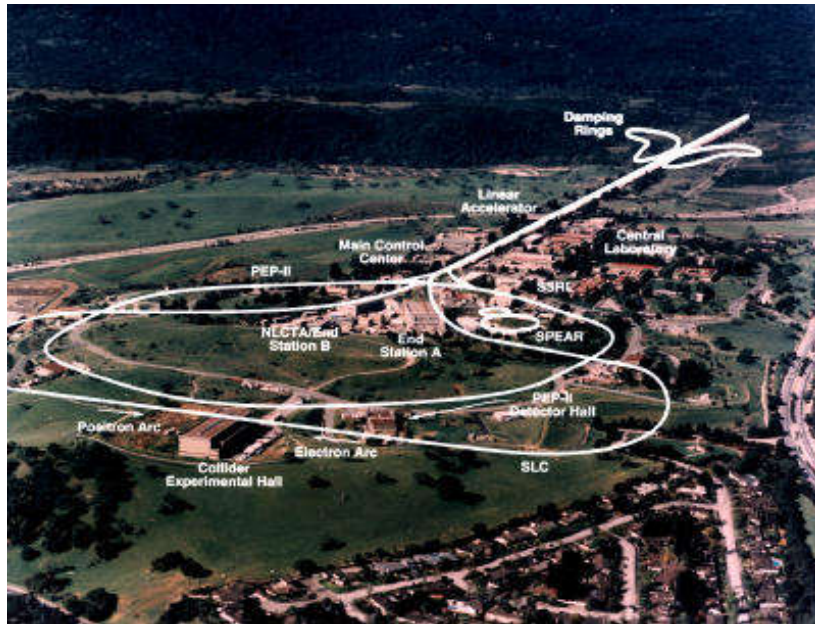


The energy loss via radiation  $P$ , compares with the energy gained per unit length  $dE/dx$  is

$$\frac{P}{dE/dx} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{mc} \frac{dE/mc^2}{dx}$$

The loss for high energy electron is very small, show it!

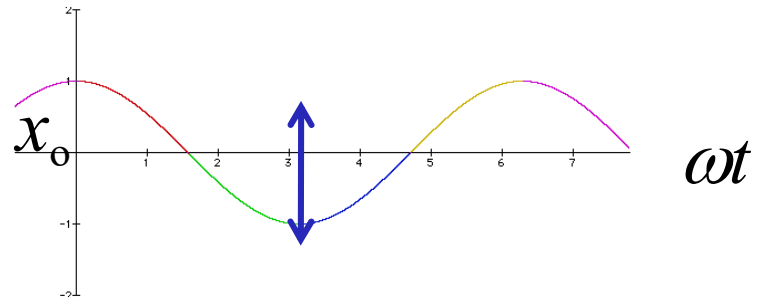




## Example

Consider an electron moving in the x direction with the motion described by

$$x = x_0 \cos \omega t$$



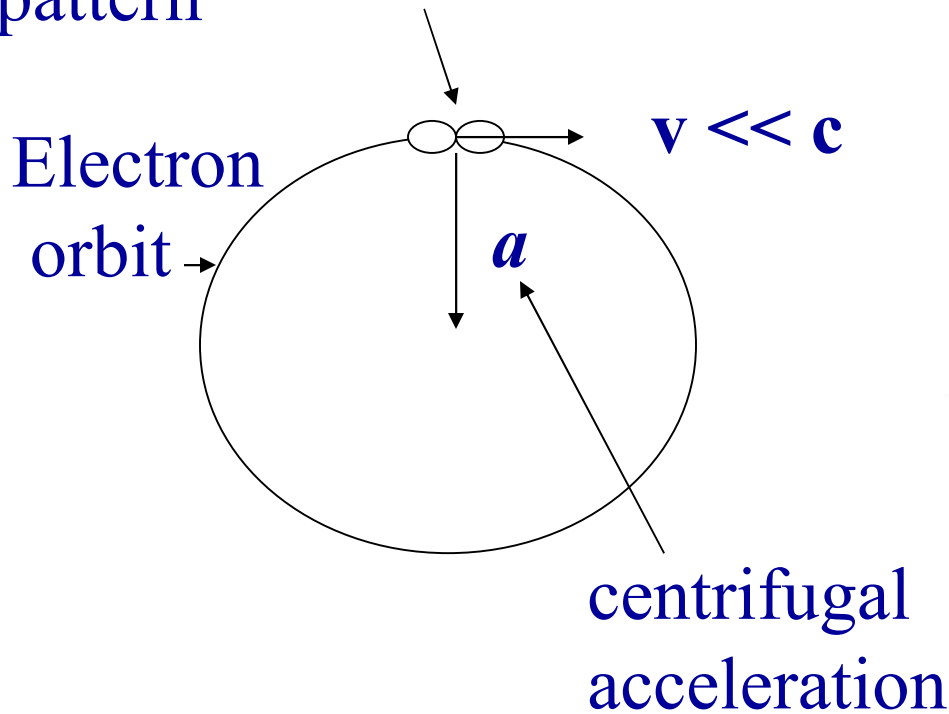
This corresponds to an oscillatory electric dipole with amplitude of  $x_0$  and angular frequency  $\omega$ . If the acceleration  $a = -\omega^2 x$ , we have

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{m^2 c^3} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 a^2}{c^3} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 x^2 \omega^4}{c^3}$$

$$P_{average} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 x^2 \omega^4}{c^3} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^2 x_0^2 \omega^4}{c^3} \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} x_0^2$$

# Synchrotron Radiation

Non-relativistic radiation pattern



For relativistic electrons,  $\beta = v/c \sim 1$

$\beta = \text{speed } (v) / \text{speed of light } (c)$

$\gamma = \text{mass } (m) / \text{rest mass } (m_0)$

the e rest mass = 0.511 MeV

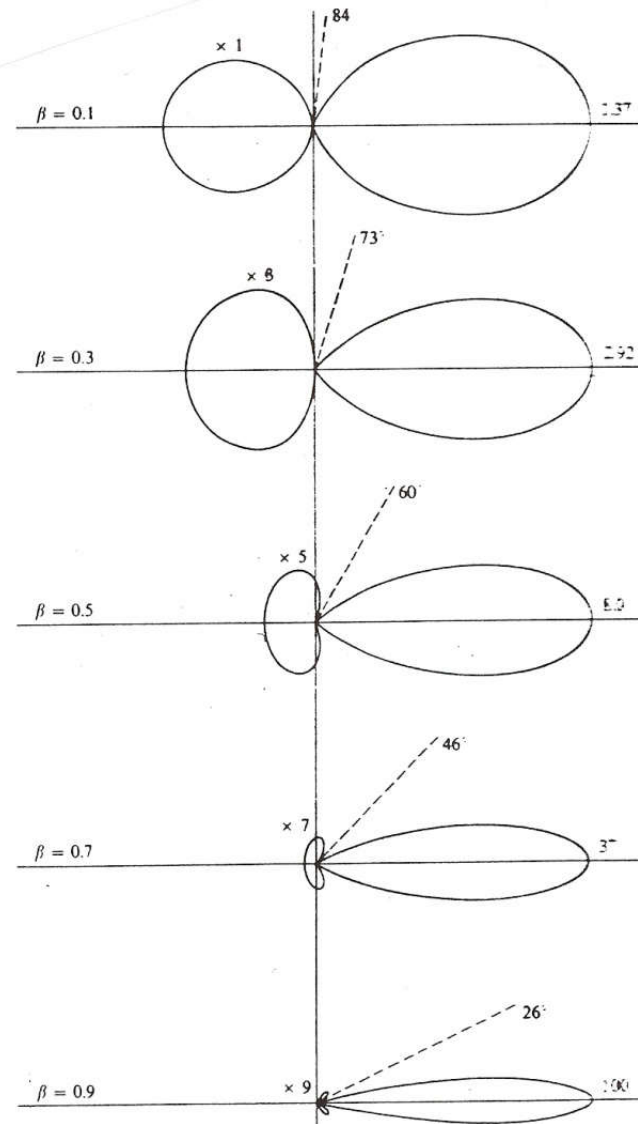
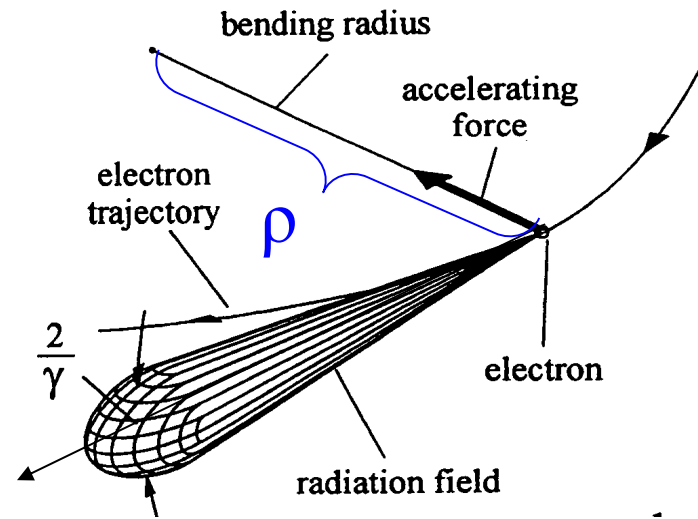


FIG. 7-7

# Synchrotron radiation

- A relativistic electron with energy  $E$ , bent by a **magnetic field  $H$** , with a radius of curvature  $\rho$  in a circular path will radiate energy *per turn* with radiated power,  $P$ .
- $P = (2/3) (e^2 c / \rho^2) \beta^4 \gamma^4$
- $\rho$  is the radius of curvature
- $1/\gamma$  is the opening angle



## Example: $\rho$

If the energy of the  $e$  is in GeV ( $10^9$  eV) and the radius in metre, the power radiated per turn for ring current  $I$  in ampere is

$$P = 88.5 I E^4 / \rho \quad (\text{kw})$$

## Example

- The Synchrotron Radiation Center in Wisconsin has the following parameters

**$E = 0.8 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\rho = 2.0833 \text{ m}$** , what is the energy loss of the electron per turn to synchrotron radiation?

**Solution:**

From  **$P = 88.5 I E^4/\rho$  (kw)**

we get  **$P = 17.4 I$  (kw)**

Energy loss (for a single  $0.8 \text{ GeV } e^-$ ):  **$\delta E = 17.4$  keV/turn**

**[show this!]**

hint:  $W = J/s$ ,  $J = AVs$

# How is light produced ?

## “Radiative transitions”

### **X- ray line spectrum:**

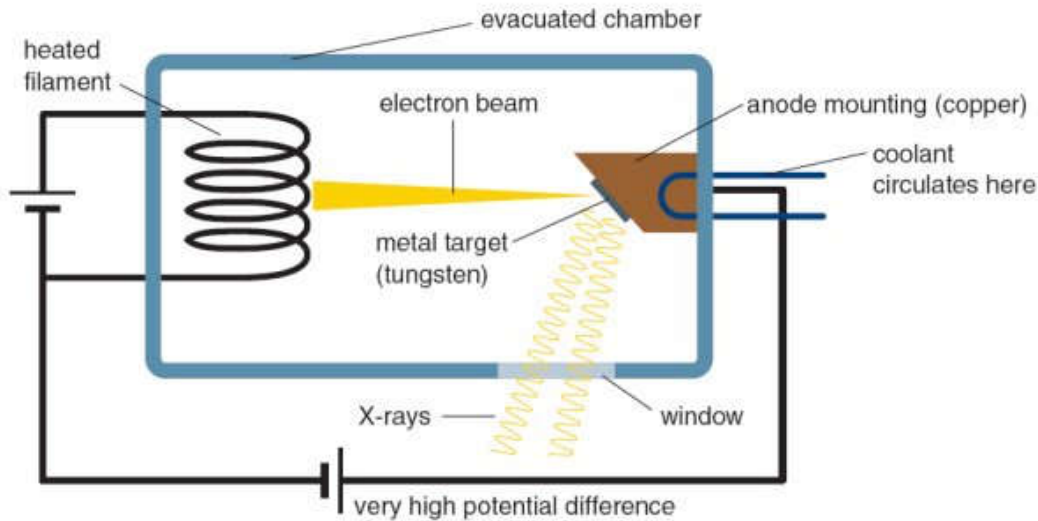
Transition of electrons from shallower levels to fill the core hole in deeper core levels yields X-rays of characteristic energy which is equal to the binding energy of the levels involved.



# X-rays

**November 8, 1895: Roentgen's  
Discovery of X-Rays**

<http://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/200111/history.cfm>



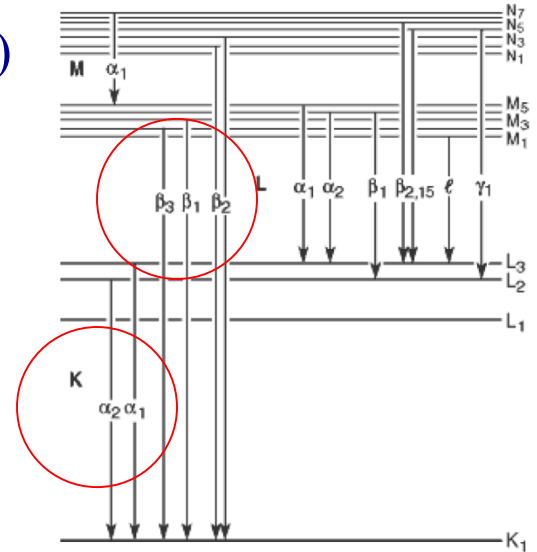
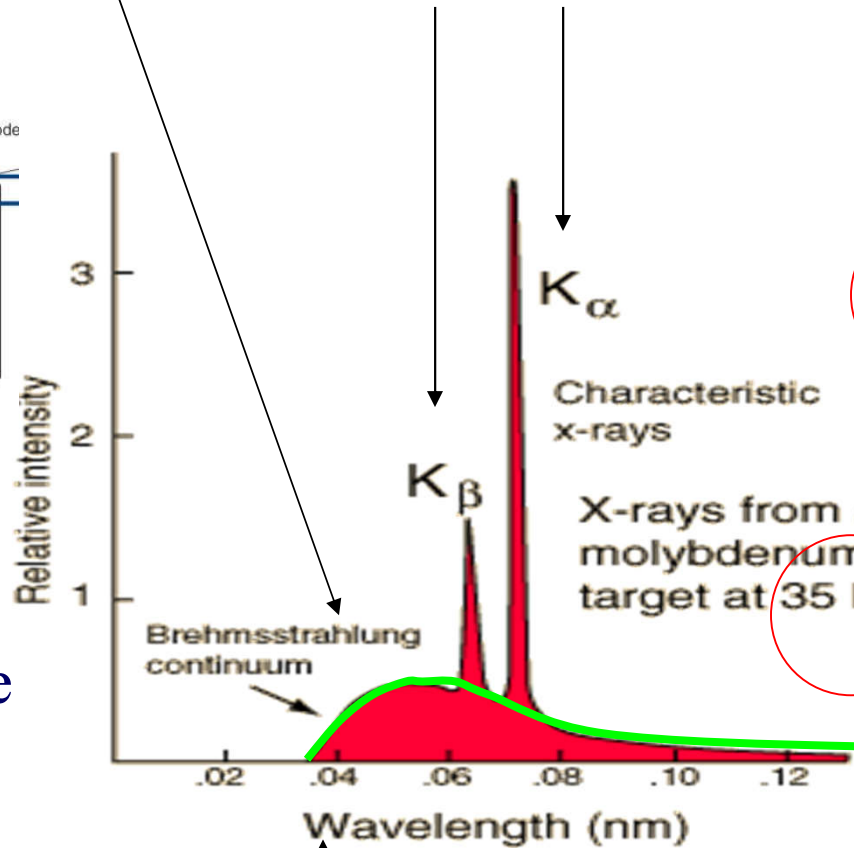
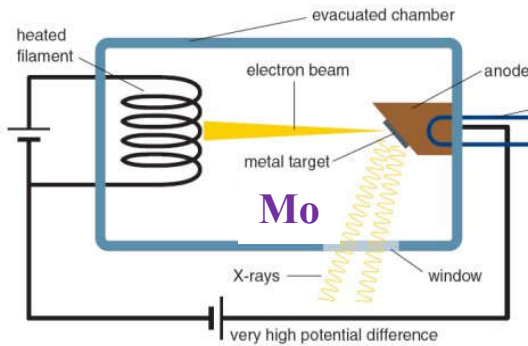
What does the X-ray spectrum look like?

# X-ray spectrum (conventional instrument)

## Continuum and Characteristic Line spectrum

Bremsstrahlung (braking radiation)

Characteristic of element (Mo) and core level (K, 1s)



V determines the high energy cut-off of the Bremsstrahlung

V must be higher than the energy of the line X-rays

$$K_{\alpha 1} = 17.479 \text{ keV} \quad (0.071 \text{ nm})$$

cutoff

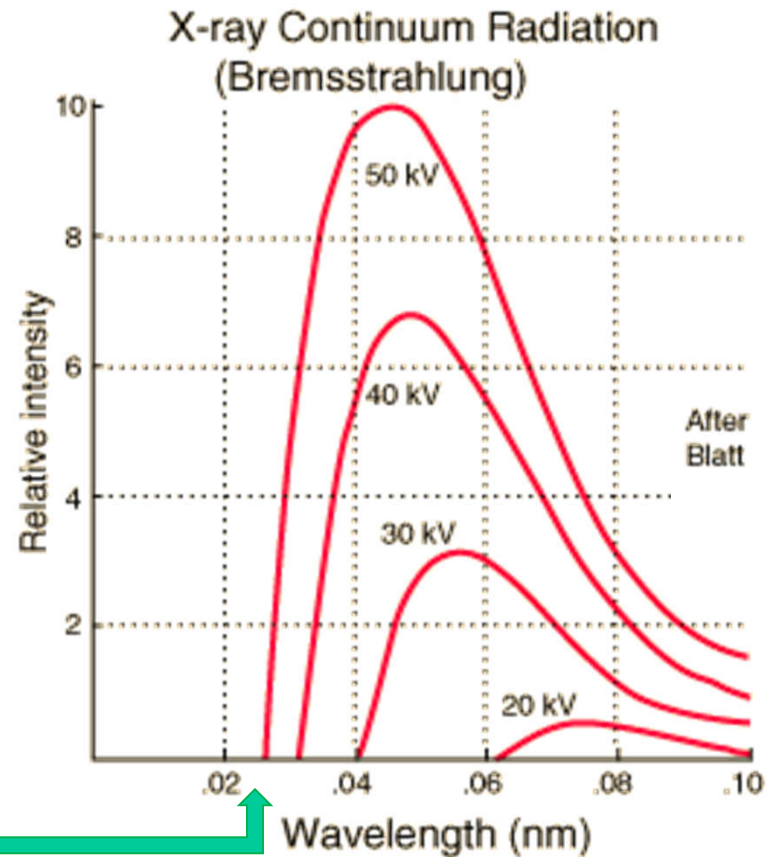
How is the measurement made?



# Bremsstrahlung (braking radiation): the continuum

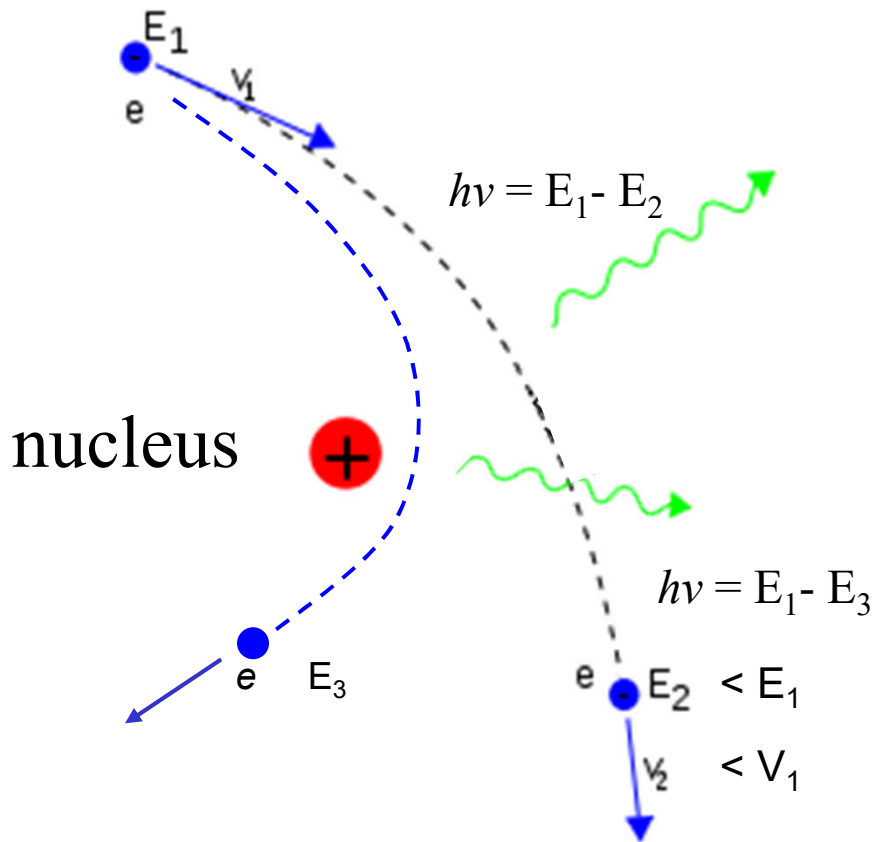
- A broad continuum with a short wavelength cut-off
- The higher the Voltage (energy), the more intense the X-ray and the shorter wavelength the cut-off

$$\lambda_{\text{cut-off}} (\text{nm}) = \frac{1239.85}{E(\text{eV})}$$



Before synchrotron radiation, Bremsstrahlung was the only way to produce tunable X-rays

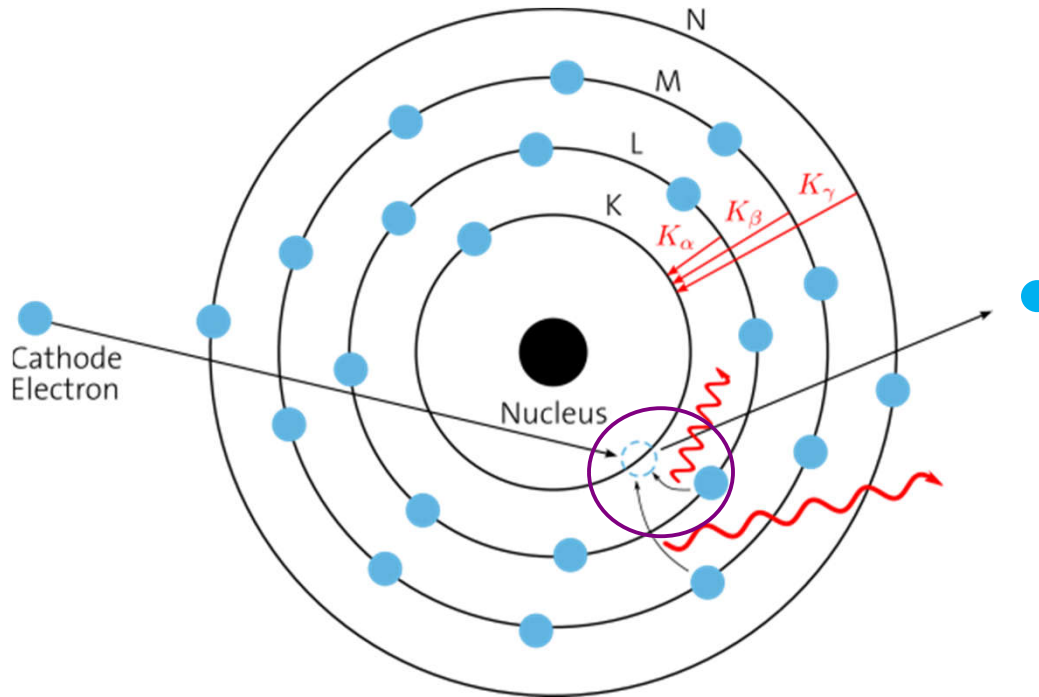
# How does Bremsstrahlung, the continuum come about ?



The closer the electron to the nucleus, the bigger the bent, the bigger the energy loss to radiation

# X-ray: the characteristic line emission

Characteristic X- rays are emitted when outer shell **electron fills** the inner shell **hole** left behind when the inner shell electrons are knocked off by the energetic incoming electron



# Nomenclature: characteristic X-ray line emission

Where the core hole is designated by

The principal quantum #:  $n$

$n = 1$ , K shell

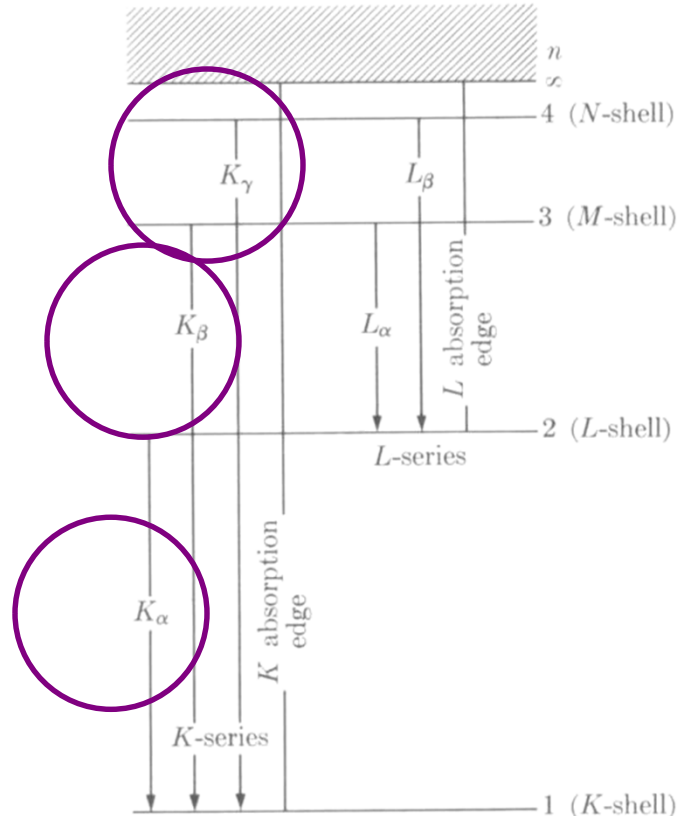
$n = 2$ , L shell

$n = 3$ , M shell

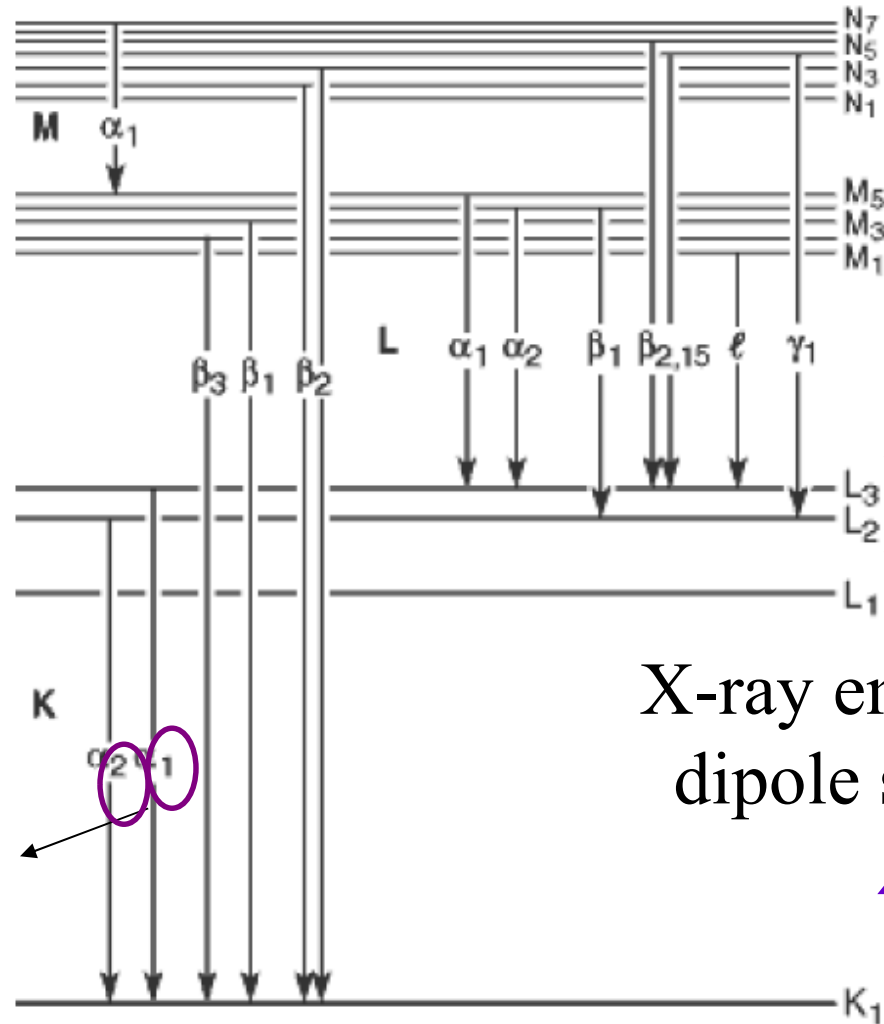
etc.

$K_{\alpha}, K_{\beta}; L_{\alpha}, L_{\beta};$   
**etc.**

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  etc., refers to the closest, the second closest *shell*, etc. above the core hole



# Detailed assignment of X-ray lines (X-ray data booklet)



higher energy,  
shorter  
wavelength

$l = 1$  ( $2p_{3/2,1/2}$ )

X-ray emission follows  
dipole selection rules

$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

$l = 0$  ( $1s$ )

# Some representative X-ray lines

- The nomenclature was developed before the electronic structure of atom was fully understood

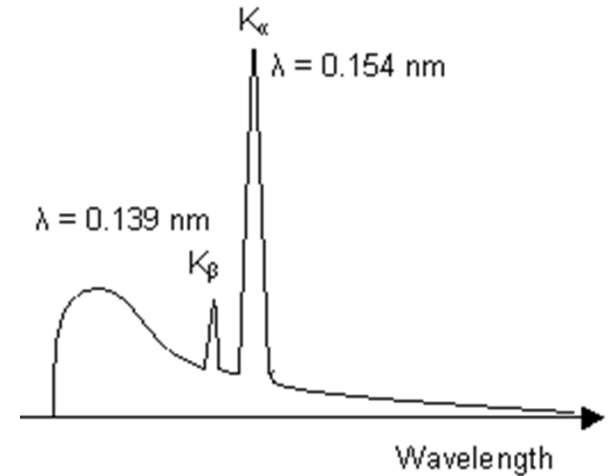
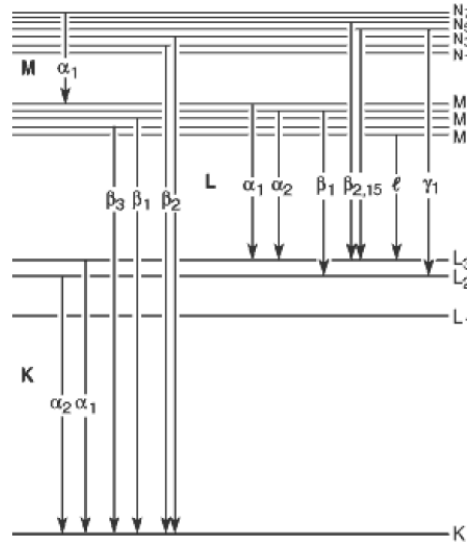
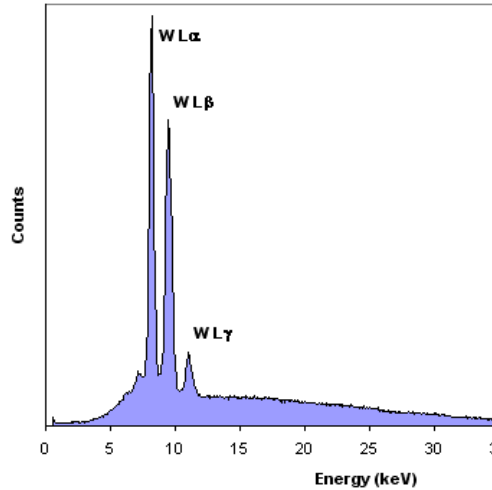
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L <sub>I</sub>							
L <sub>II</sub>	K $\alpha_2$ (50)						
L <sub>III</sub>	K $\alpha_1$ (100)						
M <sub>I</sub>			L $\eta$ (1)	L $\iota$ (2)			
M <sub>II</sub>	K $\beta_3$ (1)	L $\beta_4$ (5)		L $\iota$ (0.01)			
M <sub>III</sub>	K $\beta_1$ (20)	L $\beta_3$ (6)	L $\beta_{17}$	L $\varsigma$ (0.01)			
M <sub>IV</sub>	K $\beta_{5'}$	L $\beta_{10}$	L $\beta_1$ (50)	L $\alpha_2$ (10)			
M <sub>V</sub>	K $\beta_{5^*}$	L $\beta_9$		L $\alpha_1$ (100)			
N <sub>I</sub>			L $\gamma_5$ (0.1)	L $\beta_8$ (0.1)			
N <sub>II</sub>	K $\beta_{2^*}$ (5)	L $\gamma_2$ (1)					
N <sub>III</sub>	K $\beta_{2'}$	L $\gamma_3$ (2)					
N <sub>IV</sub>	K $\beta_4$		L $\gamma_1$ (10)	L $\beta_{15}$ (1)	M $\gamma_2$ (1)		
N <sub>V</sub>	K $\beta_4$			L $\beta_2$ (20)	M $\gamma_1$ (1)		
N <sub>VI</sub>			L $\nu$			M $\beta_1$ (50)	M $\alpha_2$ (100)
N <sub>VII</sub>			L $\nu$				M $\alpha_1$ (100)
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O <sub>III</sub>	K $\delta_1$ (0.1)						
O <sub>IV</sub>			L $\gamma_6$	L $\beta_5$			
O <sub>V</sub>				L $\beta_5$			

value in parenthesis are intensity, 100 means most intense line (see x-ray data book for more details)

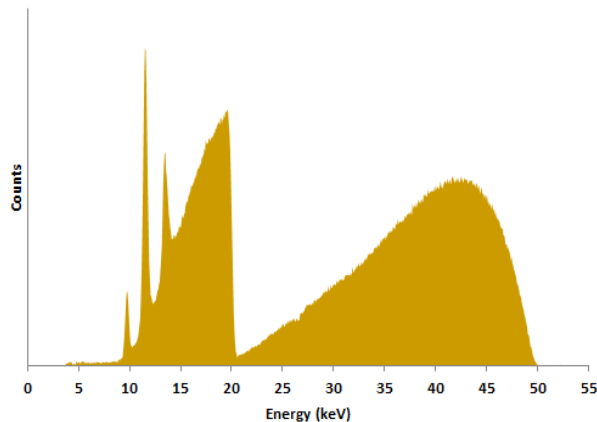
Al K $\alpha$  used in XPS has K $\alpha_1$  and K $\alpha_2$  line 1486.295 eV & 1486.708eV, respectively; use monochromator to get rid of K $\alpha_2$  to get better energy resolution

# Representative X-ray spectrum

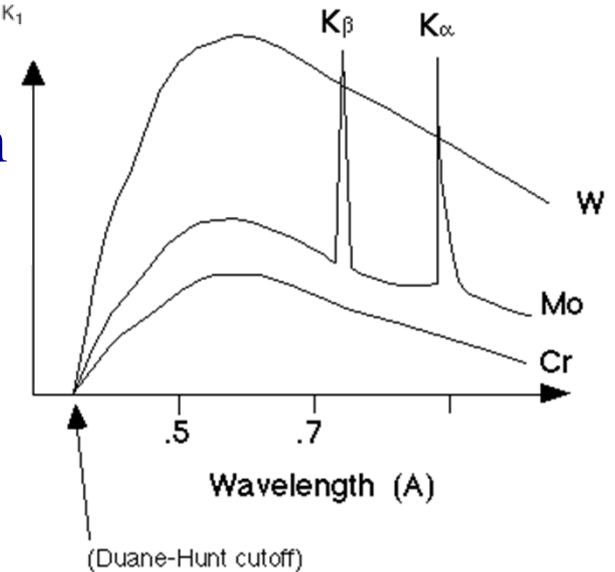
Mini-X Output X-Ray Spectrum: W Target @ 40 kV



Mini-X Gold (Au) Output Spectrum with 2 mil Mo Filter



Exercise: assign the sharp peaks





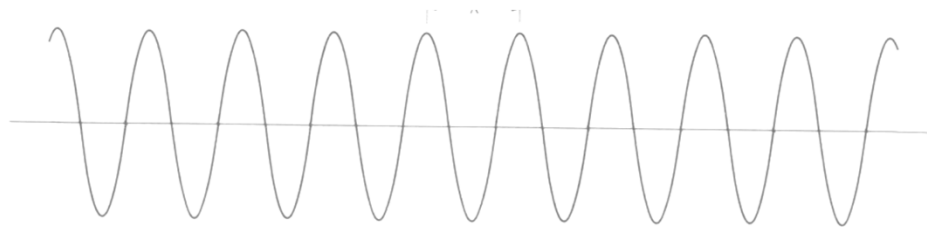


# Materials Properties

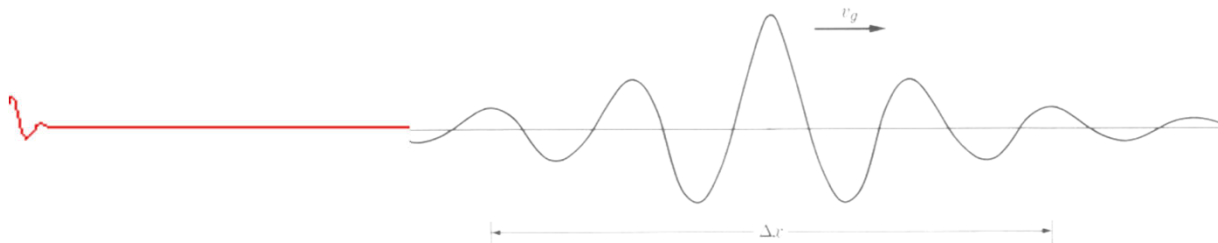
- Material properties are determined by the electronic structure of the materials
- The electronic structure is determined by the behavior of the electron in its environment, technically the *potential* (coulomb and exchange) set up by the nuclei and other electrons (structure and bonding)

# Properties of electrons

- Smallest charge particle that carries a - ve charge
- Exhibits wave behavior  $\lambda = h / p$  (de Broglie) where  $h$  is the Planck's constant and  $p$  the linear momentum
- Posses a spin of  $\frac{1}{2}$  (**fermions**, exchange interaction) in contrast to **bosons** which has integral spin
- Absorbs light when it is bound by a potential
- Free electron does not absorb light but scatters light



Plane wave



Wave packet



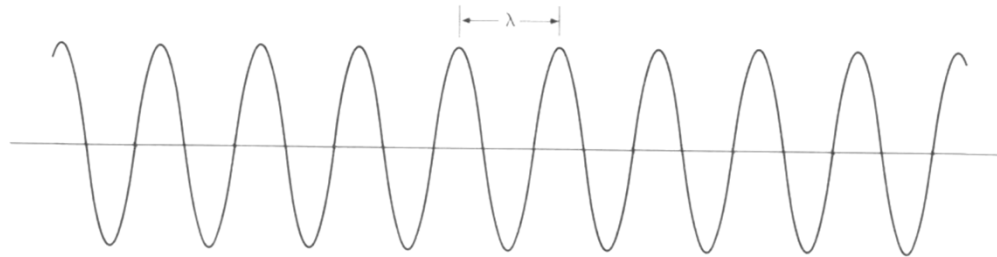
# Free particle $V(x) = 0$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = E\psi(x)$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m}, \quad p = \hbar k; \quad \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + k^2\psi = 0 \quad k: \text{ wave vector}$$

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(x) = e^{-ikx}$$

Solution:  $\psi(x) = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$  *plane wave*



$$k = 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)$$

# Math note

$$i = \sqrt{-1}; \quad z = x + iy; \quad z^* = x - iy$$

**Imaginary #**

**Complex  
number**

**Complex  
conjugate**

**Euler's formula**

$$e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$$

$$z = x + iy = |z|(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi) = r e^{i\varphi}$$

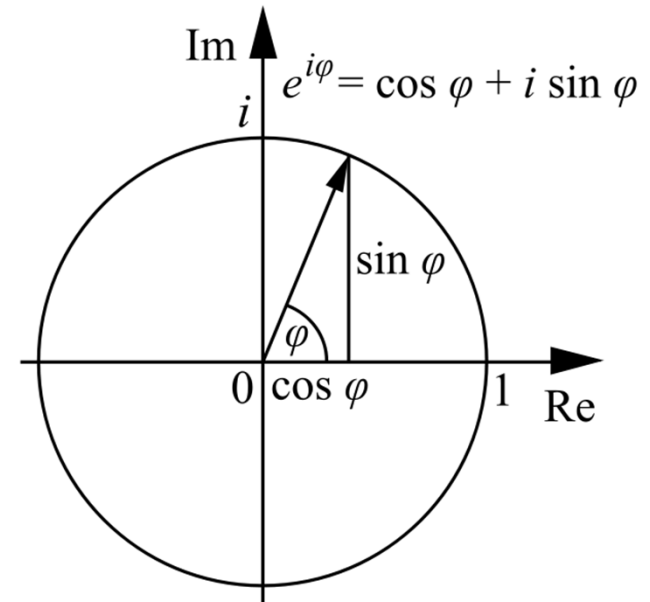
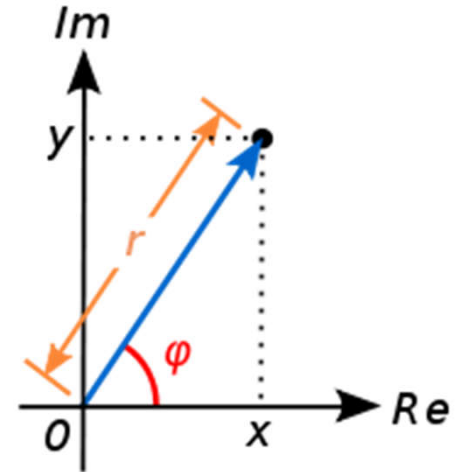
$$z = x - iy = |z|(\cos \varphi - i \sin \varphi) = r e^{-i\varphi}$$

$x = \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$ , *real part*;

$y = \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$ , *imag. part*

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{magnitude of } z$$

$$\varphi = \arg z = \arctan(y / x)$$



# Potentials (a review)

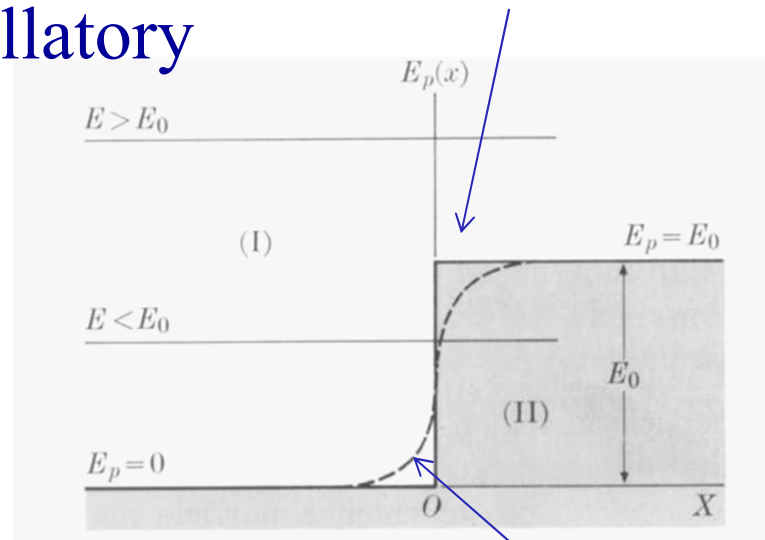
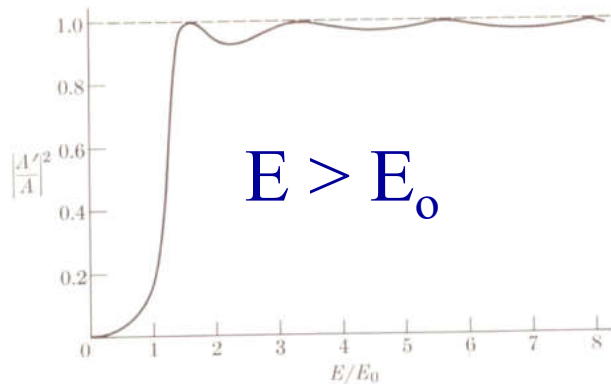
- Particle in a box
- Atomic: coulomb (asymptote) plus centrifugal term (due to no zero angular momentum,  $l > 0$ )
- Molecule: molecular potential
- Solid: periodic potential (crystals)
- These potentials support discrete energy electronic states (core/valence levels in atoms and small molecules) and closely spaced states (bands in solids, polymers)
- Synchrotron spectroscopy studies the transitions between these states providing info on structure and bonding

For a brief review of potentials, see Alonso –Finn Fundamental University Physics Vol III Addison-Welsely 1966 or any quantum mechanics text book

# Potential step

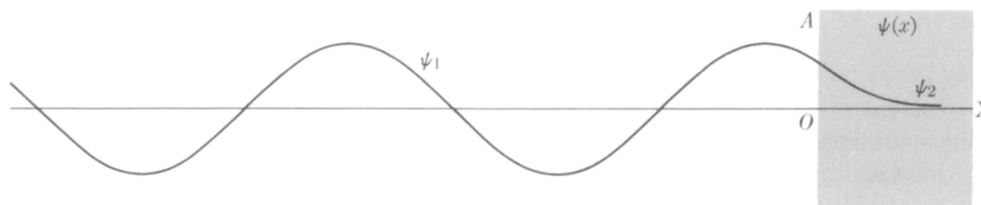
Math: step function

The transmission is oscillatory



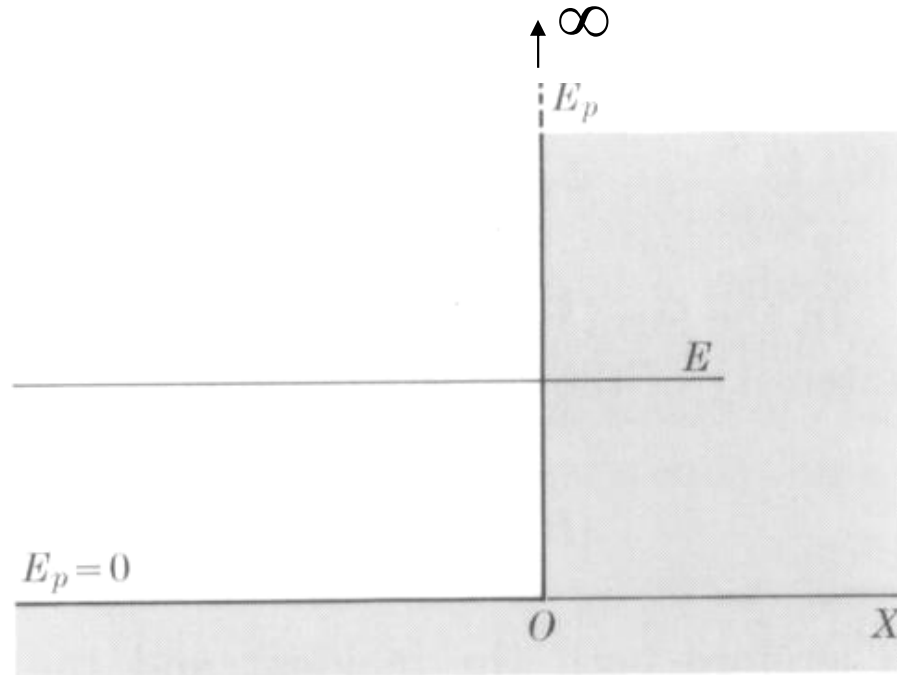
Dashed curve: physically meaningful step (Fermi edge in metals)

$E < E_0$

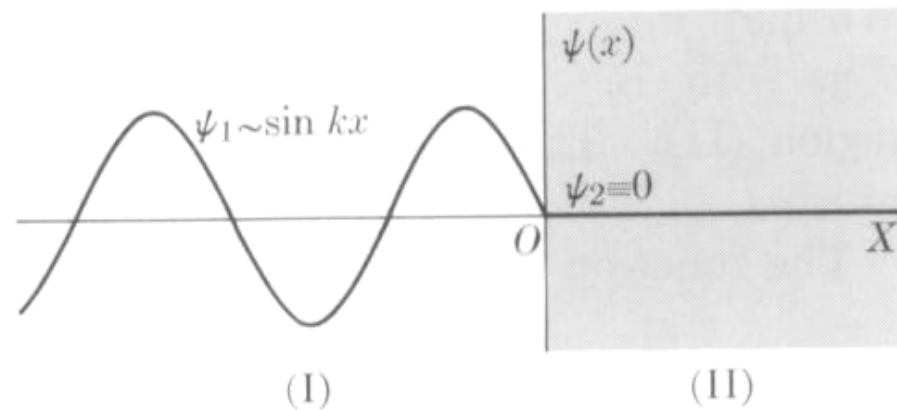


The particle can penetrate the potential wall

# Potential wall ( $E_p \rightarrow \infty$ )



The particle can no longer penetrate the wall as in the case of a potential step





# Potentials and electronic states

1-D particle in a box;  
 electronic states are discrete  
 (quantized),  $V=0$  inside the box

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + k^2\psi = 0 \quad k = 2\pi/\lambda; \hbar = h/2\pi; E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$$

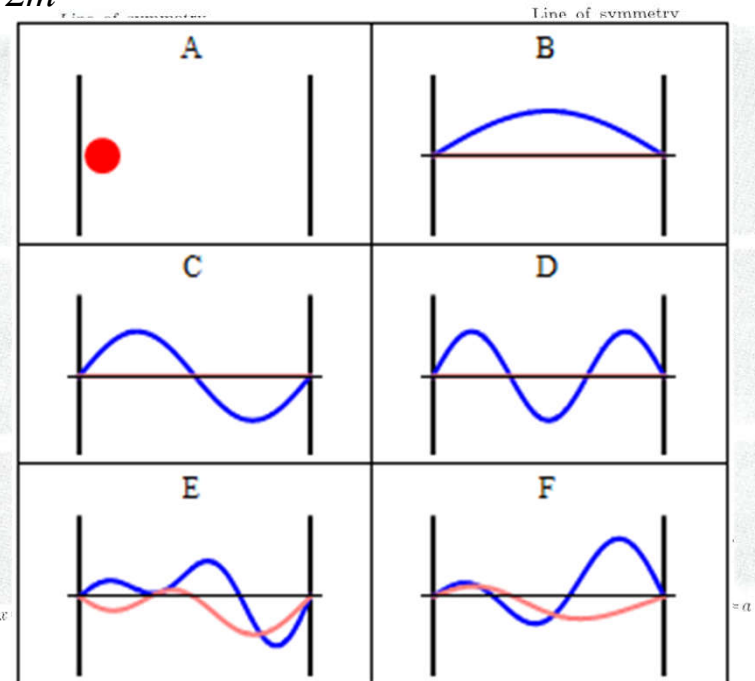
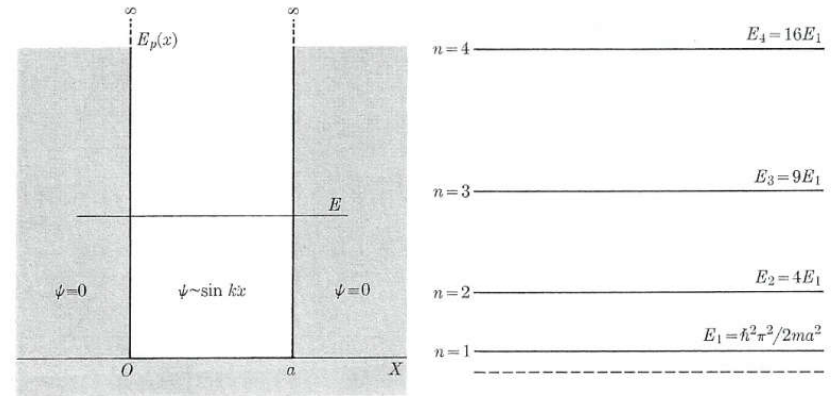
$k$ : wave vector

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin kx;$$

$$\psi(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = 0, a$$

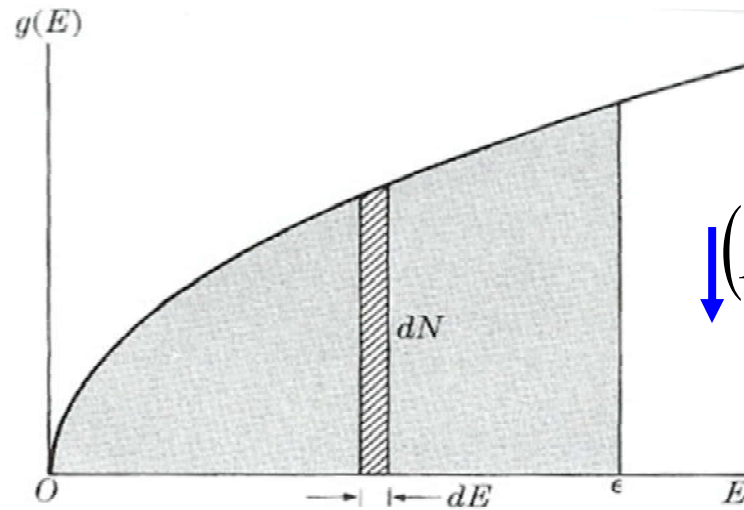
$$E_n = \frac{(n\pi\hbar)^2}{2ma^2}; \quad n = 1, 2, 3$$



# Potentials and electronic states in a large box

As the length of the box increases, the energy separation between states becomes smaller

$$g(E) = \frac{dN}{dE}$$
$$= \frac{4\pi V (2m^3)^{1/2}}{3h^3} E^{1/2}$$

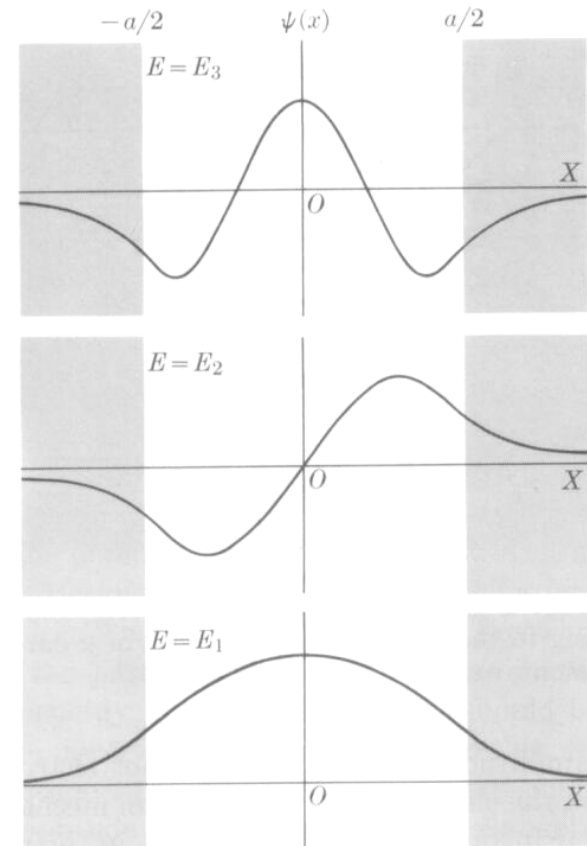
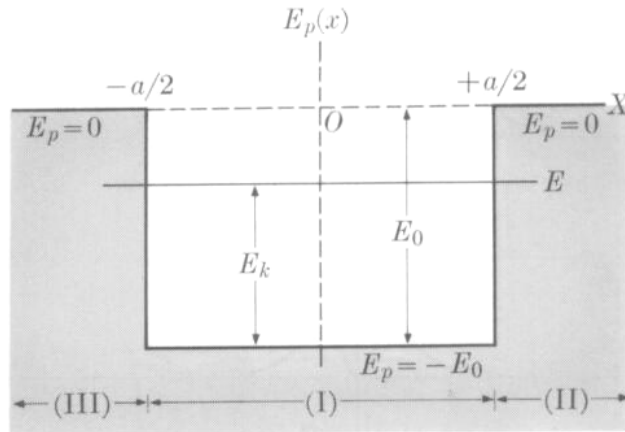


$$\downarrow (E_{n+1} - E_n) = \frac{(\pi\hbar)^2}{2ma^2} \uparrow$$

As  $a$  gets larger, the separation between state becomes smaller

Density of energy states in a large cubic box (3D)  
e.g. atoms forming solids, polymers, etc.

# Potential well

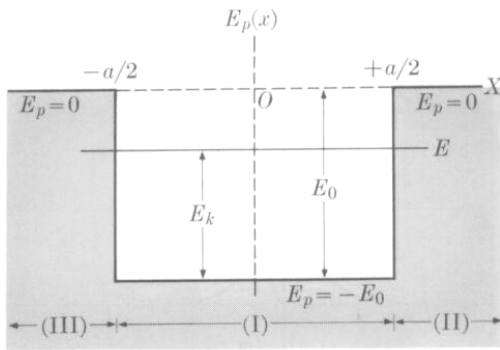
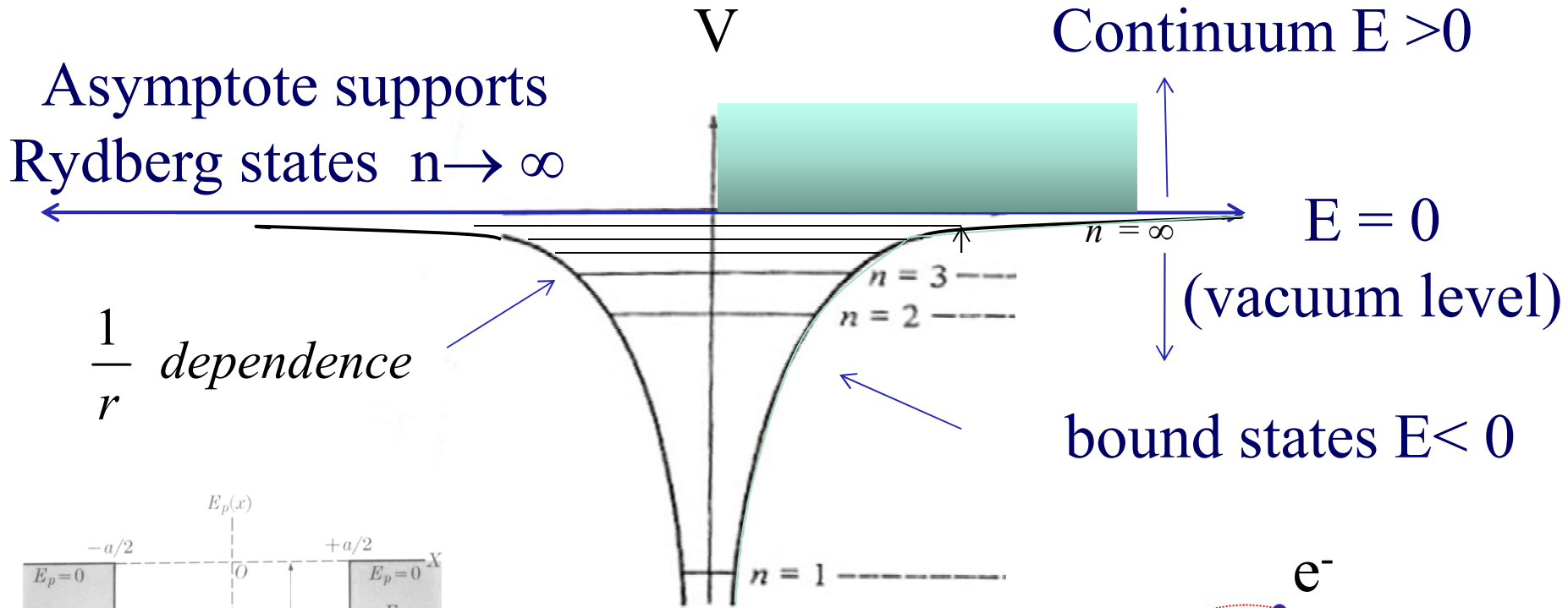


One dimensional well with  
width  $a$  and depth  $E_0$   
(2 opposing steps)

Potential wells can  
support discrete energy  
states

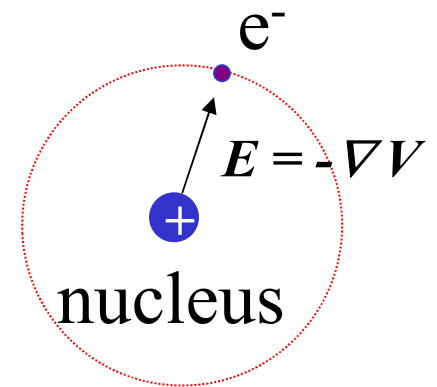


# Atomic potential

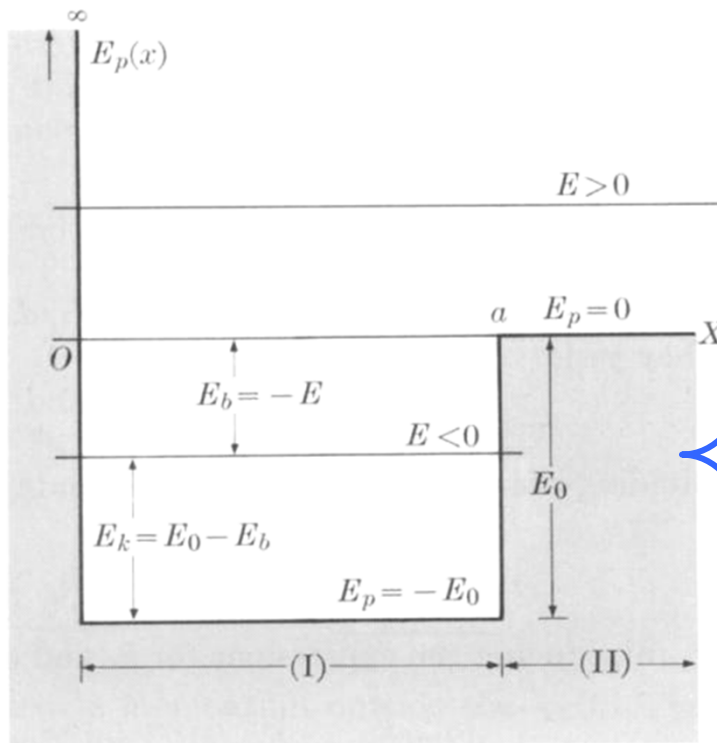


Coulomb potential

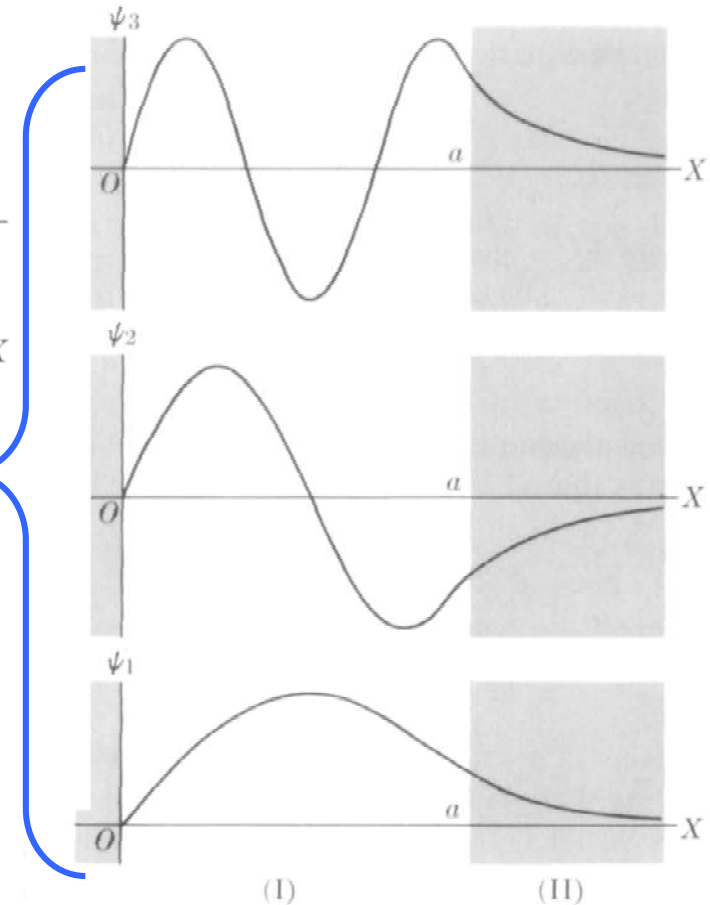
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q}{r} \propto \frac{1}{r}$$



# Rectangular potential well



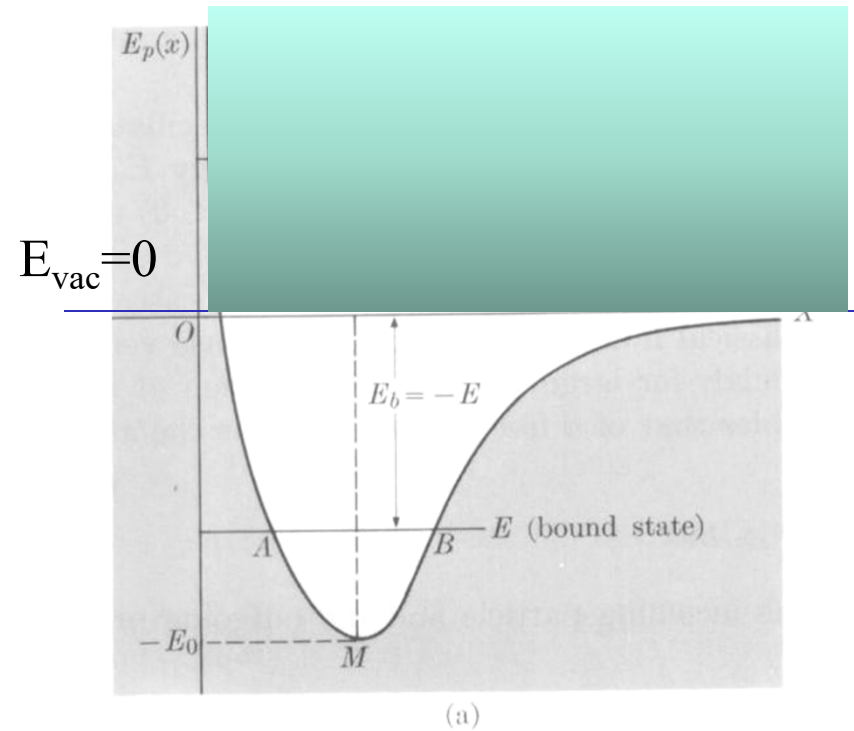
Rectangular potential well states



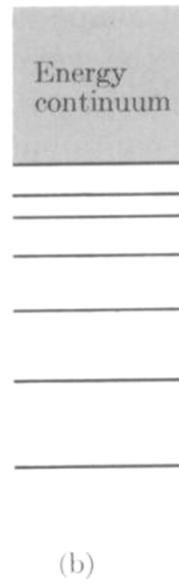
First 3 bound state wave function

# General potentials

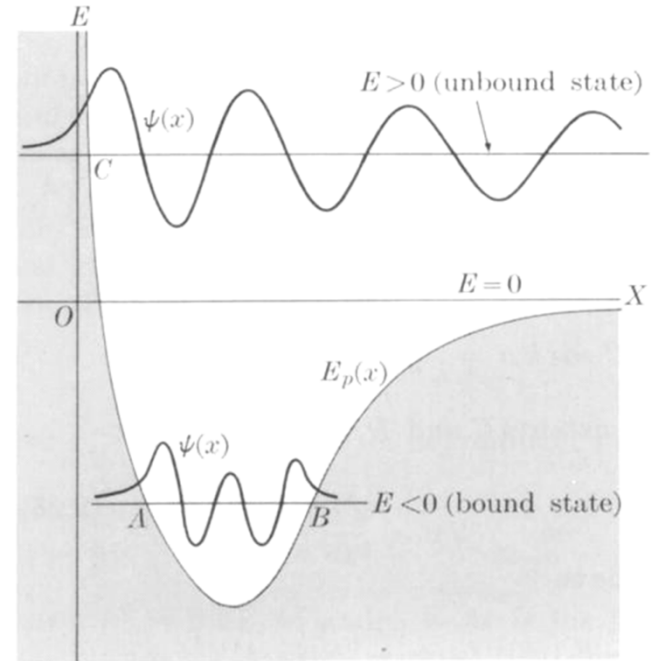
## Continuum state wave function



(a) Potential curve for strong repulsion at small  $x$  and negligible interaction at large  $x$  (e.g. diatomic molecule)

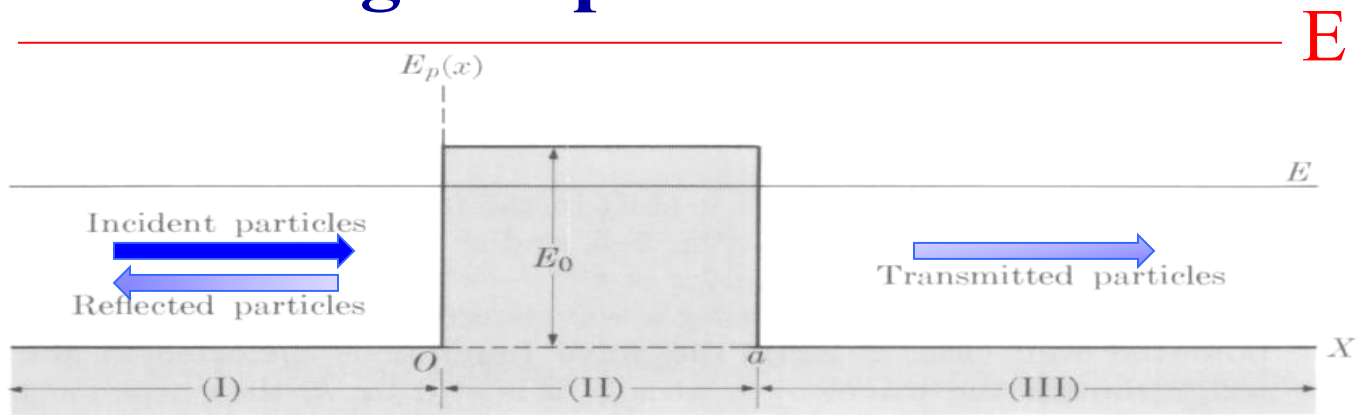


(b) Discrete energy levels and continuum

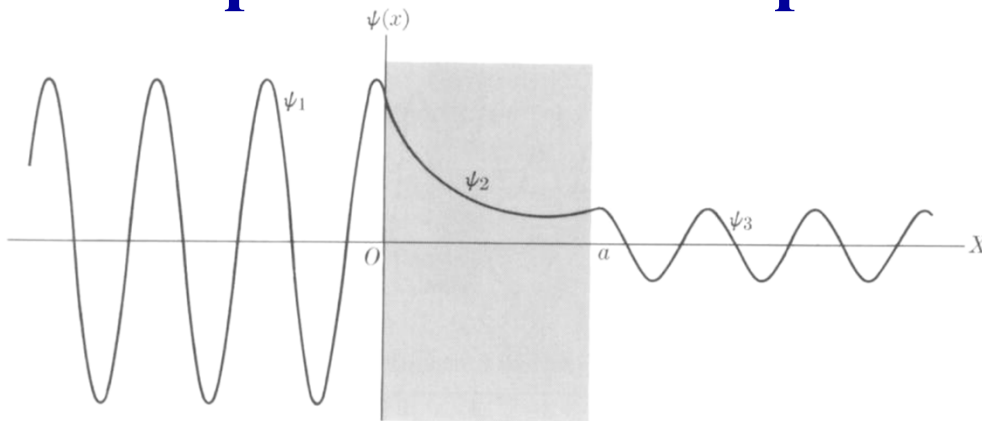


Wave function of bound and continuum states

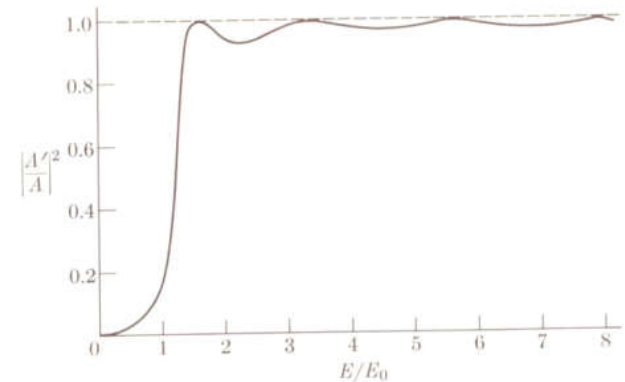
# Rectangular potential barrier



## potential barrier penetration - tunneling



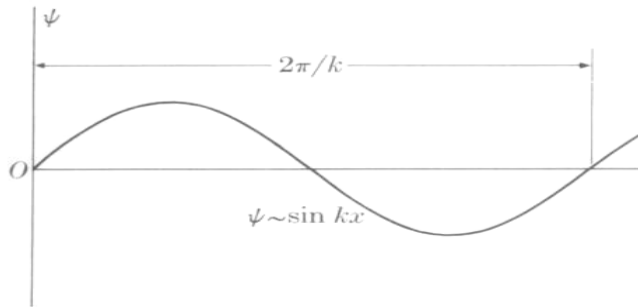
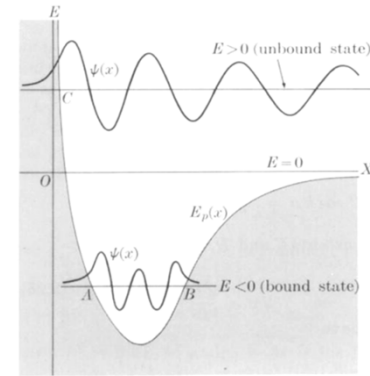
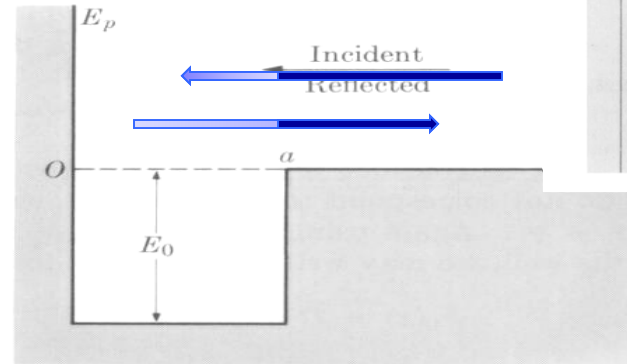
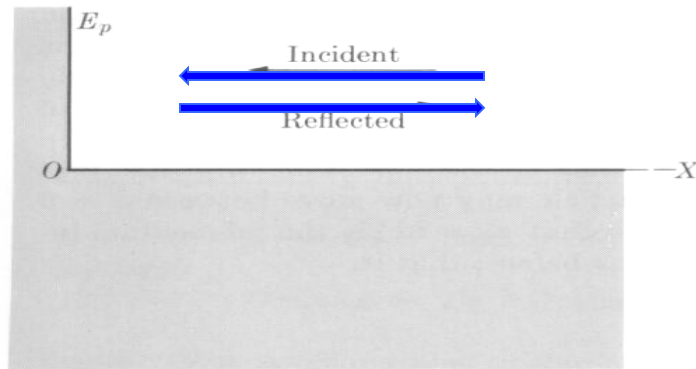
Wavefunction of an energy less than the height of the barrier,  $E < E_0$



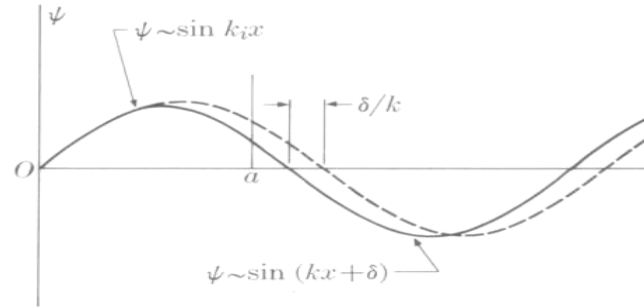
Transmission of a particle with  $E > E_0$



# Phase shifts



(a)

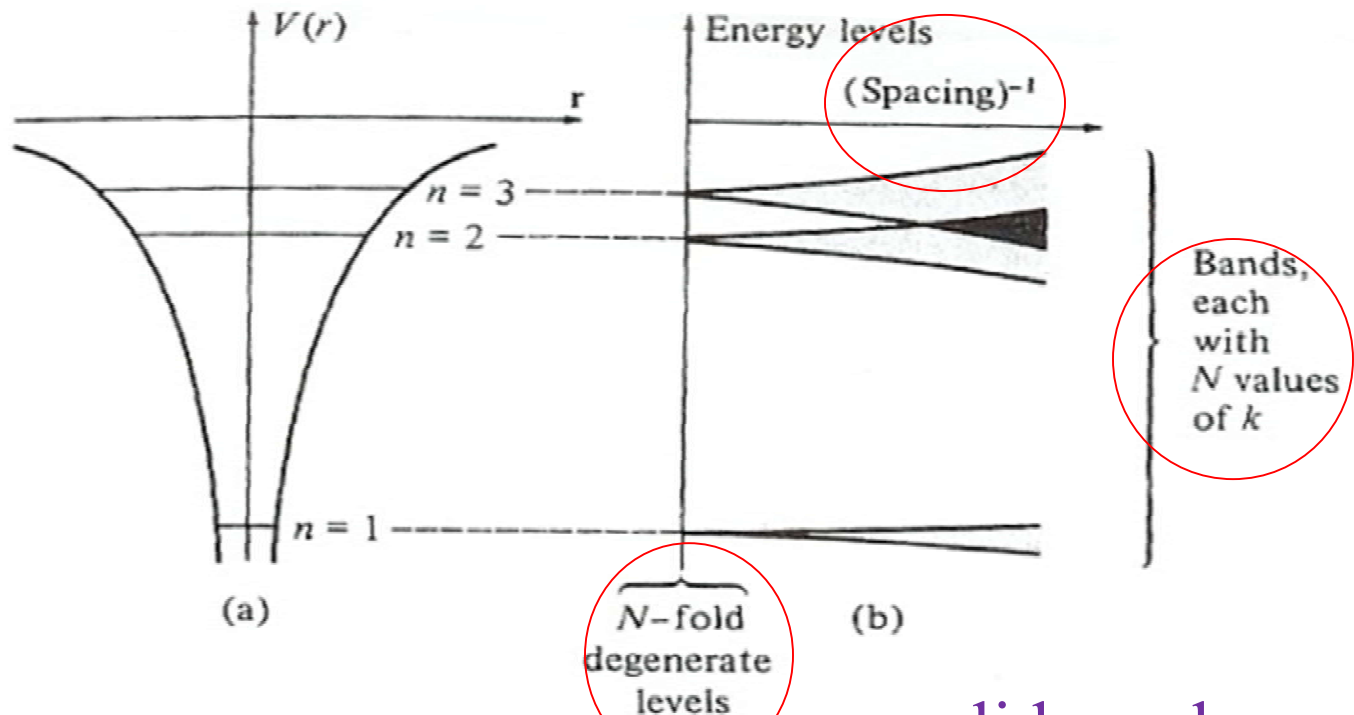


(b)

When  $e^-$  is scattered by a **potential**, its wavefunction is distorted (experiences a phase shift,  $\delta$ )

the wave function outside the area of  $x = a$  is modified by  $\delta/k$  so that it smoothly joins the wavefunction at  $x = a$  inside the potential well; a local modification of the potential  $x=0$  to  $x=a$  affects the wavefunction at  $x > a$ , expresses in phase shift,  $\delta$

# Potentials and electronic states: from atom to condensed matter



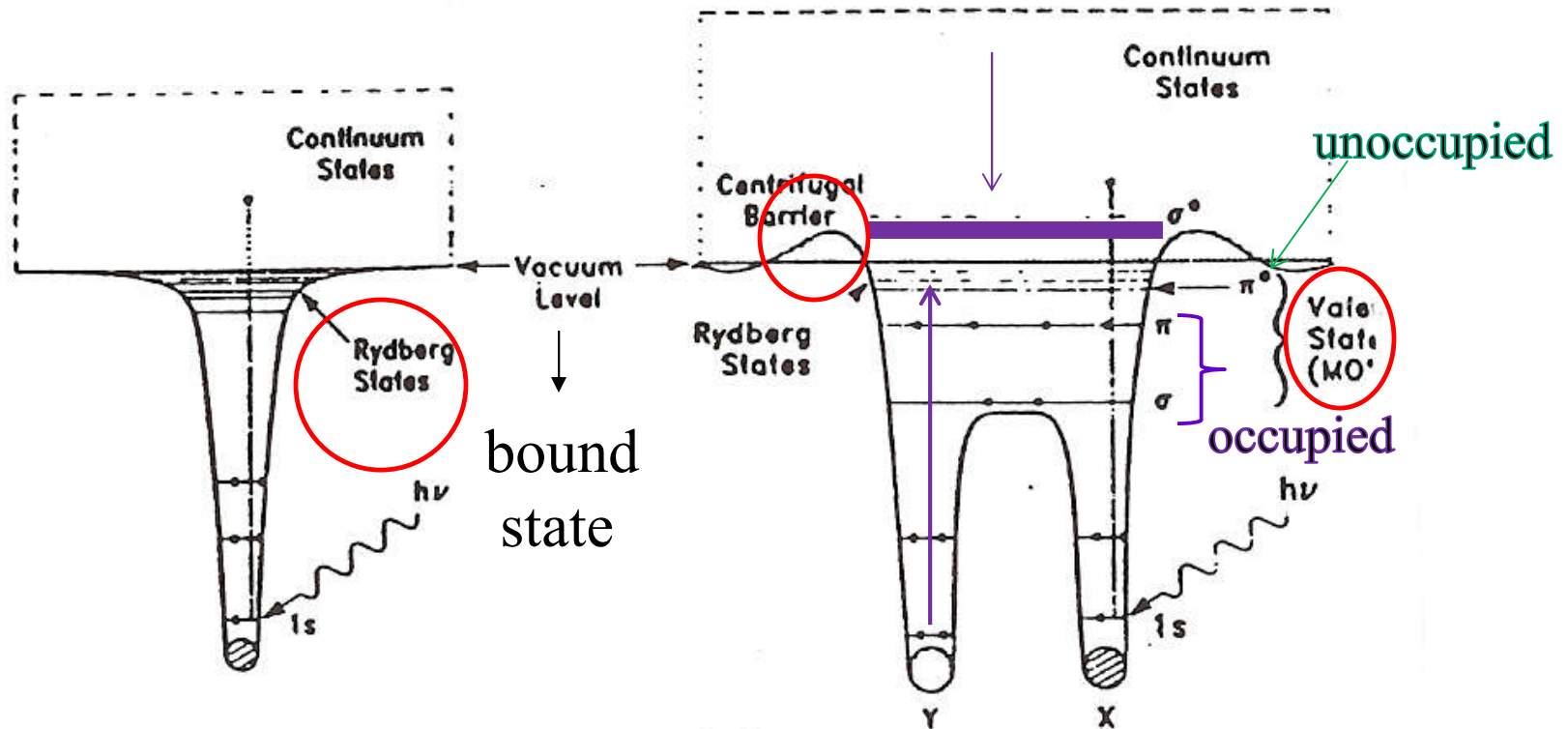
1 atom

$N$  atoms

solids, polymers

# Potential in diatomic molecule

Quasi bound states, potential barrier states, electron in these states will eventually tunnels out into the continuum (short lifetime)



free atom

diatomic molecule

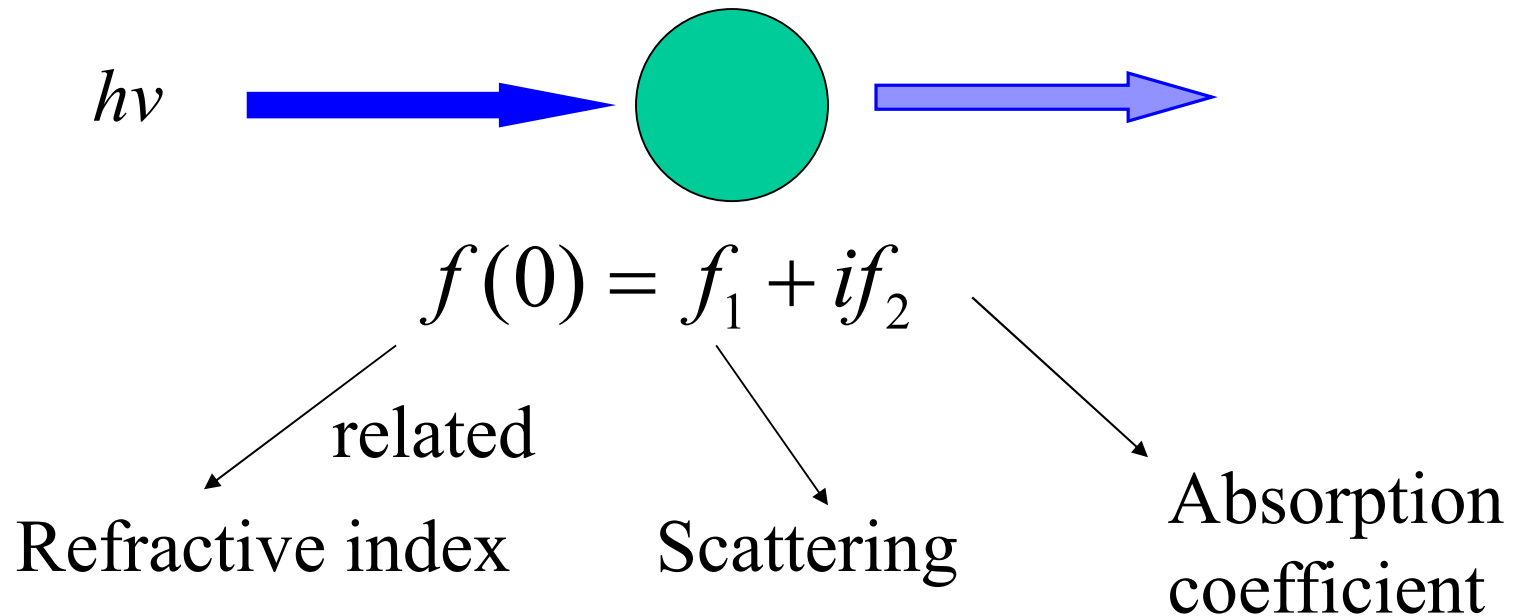
**Atomic to valence (MO) transitions**

# Interaction of light with matter

- Scattering (elastic and inelastic)
- Absorption (annihilation of the photon)
- Scattering and absorption are taking place simultaneously
- Scattering amplitude / Absorption cross-sections (coefficient) of atoms

# Atomic scattering factors

- The interaction of light and atom for photons in the energy range of VUV to hard x-rays ( $> 30$  eV) can be expressed in terms of their scattering factor **in the forward scattering position ( $\theta = 0$ )**



# the X-ray calculator

1. Go to the web: <http://www-cxro.lbl.gov/>
2. Click “X-ray Database” on the left panel
3. You will find “ X-ray interaction with matter ” from which you can calculate X-ray properties of elements, attenuation length, transmission of gas and solid, etc. that are most relevant to X-ray spectroscopy.

***Exercise:*** Use the calculator to calculate the x-ray properties of the materials relevant to your research

## X-Ray Attenuation Length

- Choose from a list of common materials:
- Chemical Formula:
- Density:  gm/cm<sup>3</sup> (enter negative value to use tabulated values.)
- Scan  from  to  in  steps (< 500).  
(NOTE: Energies must be in the range 30 eV < E < 30,000 eV, Wavelength between 0.041 nm < Wavelength < 41 nm, and Angles between 0 & 90 degrees.)
- At fixed  =

one absorption length

$$I_t = I_o e^{-\mu t}$$

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### Explanation

#### Attenuation Length

The depth into the material measured along the surface normal where the intensity of x-rays falls to 1/e of its value at the surface.

**Material**  
The chemical formula is required here. Note that this is case sensitive.

**Density**  
If a negative value is entered, the chemical formula is checked against a list of some [common materials](#). If no match is found then the density of the first element in the formula is used.

**Grazing Angle**  
In keeping with the standard notation for the x-ray region the incidence angle is measured relative to the surface (NOT the surface normal).

**Output**  
A GIF plot may be generated for quick viewing of the results. If you need anything fancier, the results are provided as a text file for use with your favorite plotting package. An encapsulated postscript file is also offered for printing out the results.

The value of  $t$   
when  $\mu t = 1$ ,  
 $I_t/I_o = 1/e \sim 34\%$   
transmission  
63% absorption

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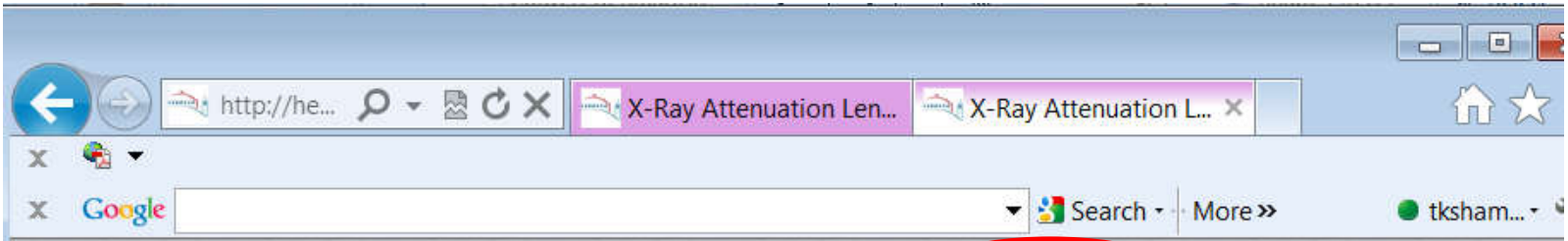
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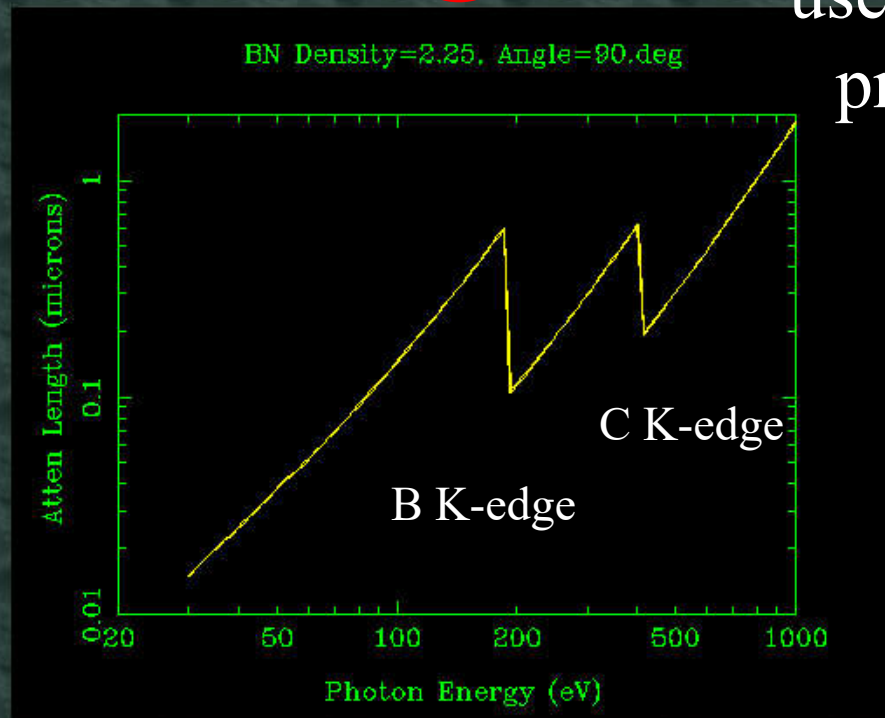




**X-Ray Attenuation Length: [data file here](#)**

Print

useful for your  
problem set





# Attenuation length of Mo

this value is incorrect;  
correct value is 10.22

**X-Ray Attenuation Length**

- Choose from a list of common materials: Enter Formula
- Chemical Formula: Mo
- Density: 1.4 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> (enter negative value to use tabulated values.)
- Scan Photon Energy (eV) from 30 to 25000 in 500 step (< 500).  
(NOTE: Energies must be in the range 30 eV < E < 30,000 eV, Wavelength between 0.041 nm < Wavelength < 41 nm, and Angles between 0 & 90 degrees.)
- At fixed Angle (deg) = 90

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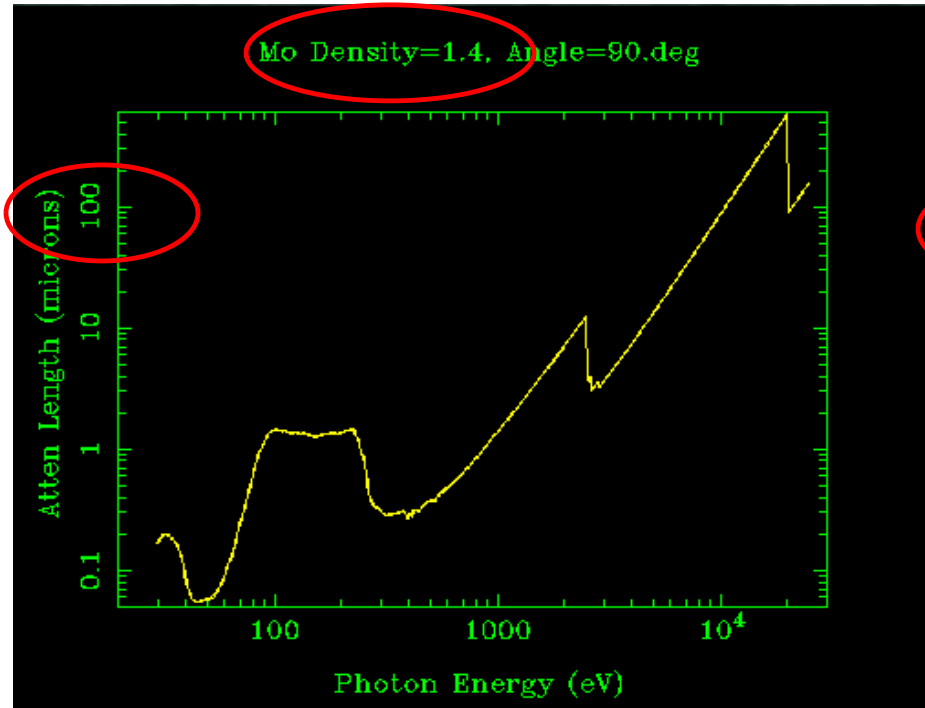
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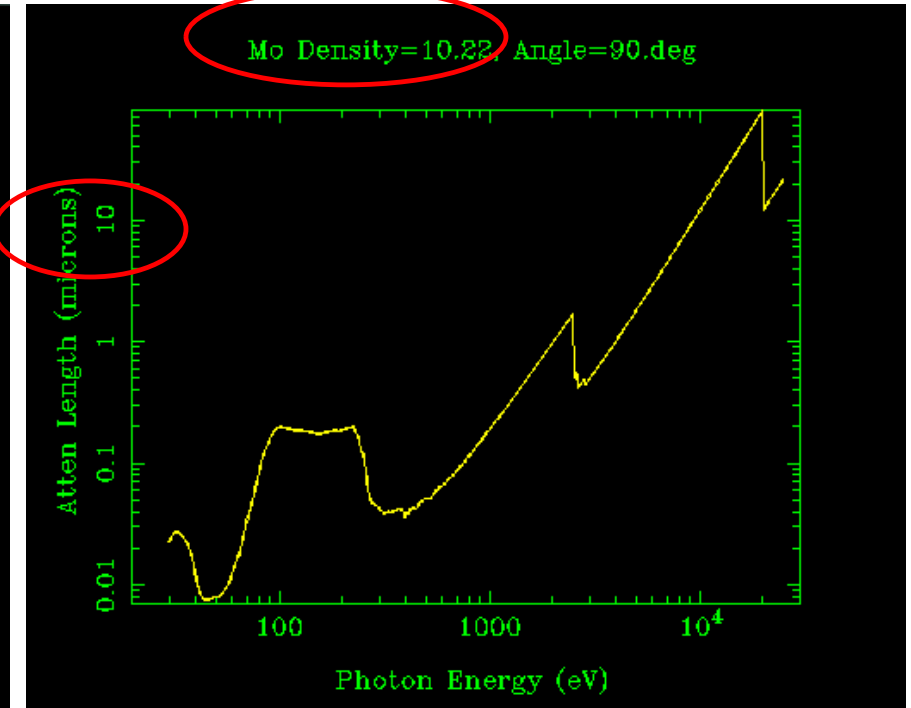
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# Attenuation length of Mo

incorrect density



correct density



Use this to explain the Au X-ray spectrum with a Mo filter (slide 33)