

Essential Physics II

英語で物理学の
エッセンス II

Lecture 12: 21-12-15

News



Next lecture:

Tuesday 12th January (1月12日)

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Essay

250 word essay



Read a physics article
(in English) on a topic that
interests you

This can be one we have
covered in class, or a new
one.

Describe its main points in
250 words. Use your own
words (don't copy!)

Hand in BOTH essay and
article


Due 2016/1/18

BBC NEWS
SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

8 August 2012 Last updated at 05:33 GMT

Nasa's Curiosity rover successfully lands on Mars

[COMMENTARY](#)



By Jonathan Amos
Science correspondent, BBC News, Pasadena

The US space agency has just landed a huge new robot rover on Mars.

The [one-tonne vehicle, known as Curiosity](#), was reported to have landed in a deep crater near the planet's equator at 06:32 BST (05:32 GMT).

It will now embark on a mission of at least two years to look for evidence that Mars may once have supported life.

A signal confirming the rover was on the ground safely was relayed to Earth via Nasa's Odyssey satellite, which is in orbit around the Red Planet.

Sample Excerpts of Essay: Medical Science 1

Reflective writing is the narrative mode of analysis of the processes outlined – it explores not only what the experience was, but considers the meaning the writer attached to it at the time and subsequently, and how this meaning is likely to influence action in the future. Thus reflective writing may contribute to continued professional development in a number of ways. The process of writing reflectively may in itself be an important step in an individual's attempt to make sense of her/his practice (Coles, 2002).

In this paper, three reflective writing models namely by Gibbs (1998), David Kolb, and Jenny Moon will be discussed. Throughout the discussion, the elements of these models as well as their pros and cons will be illustrated together. The pros and cons of the different models are set in cases where there is under the supervision and without. In each case setting, pros and cons are in the context for classroom sizes of one, two and many. This is applicable for the models and the best singled out for the healthcare industry.

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... Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California.

... and views to the horizon. A first colour image of Curiosity
... ed the air and hugged each other.

... I IN YOU!"

... ed as the "seven minutes of terror" - the time it would

... to make their way back to Earth.

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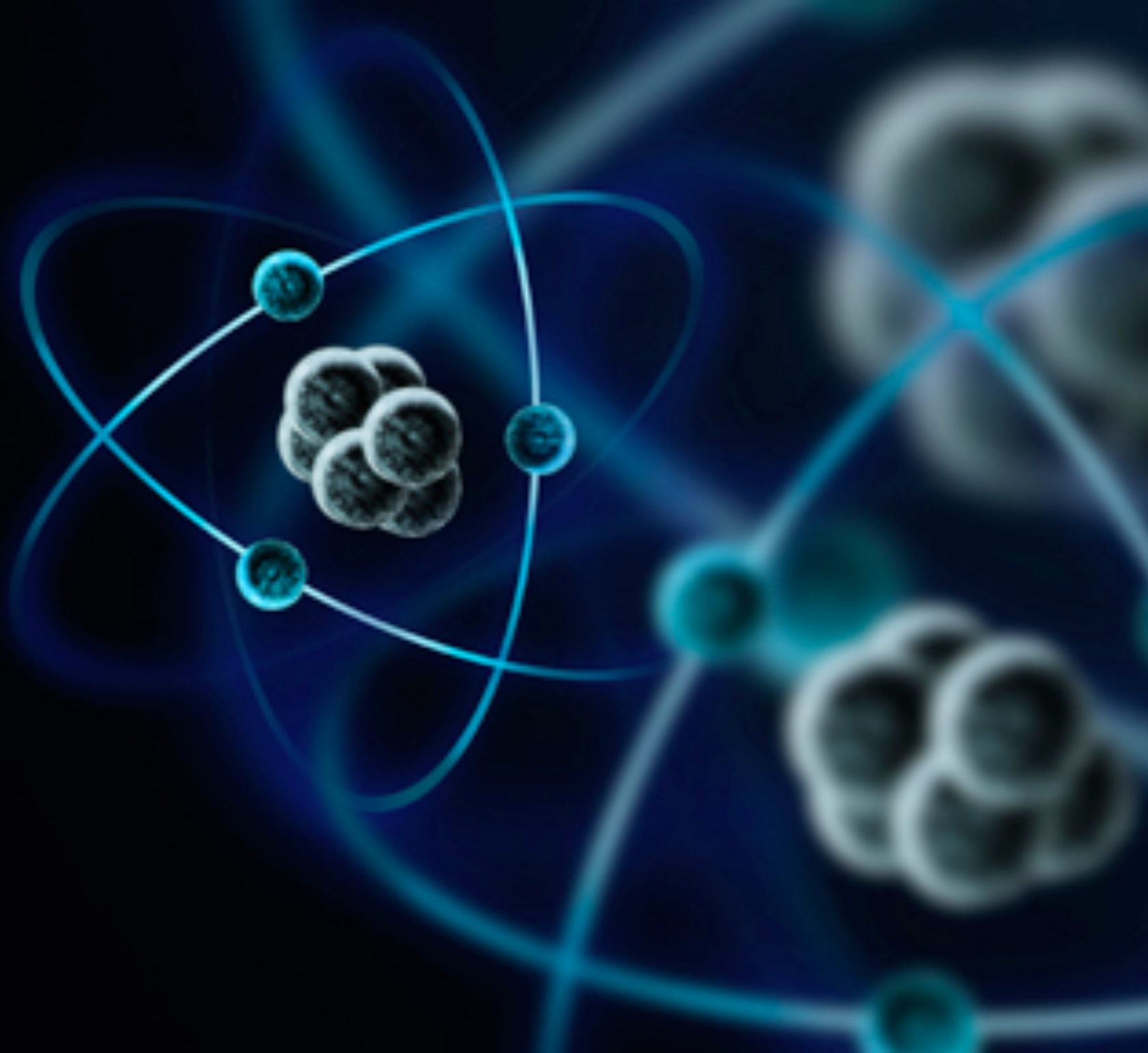
... adviser, John Holdren.

... is the most challenging mission ever attempted in the

... there's a one tonne automobile-sized piece of America

... six months.

Modern Physics

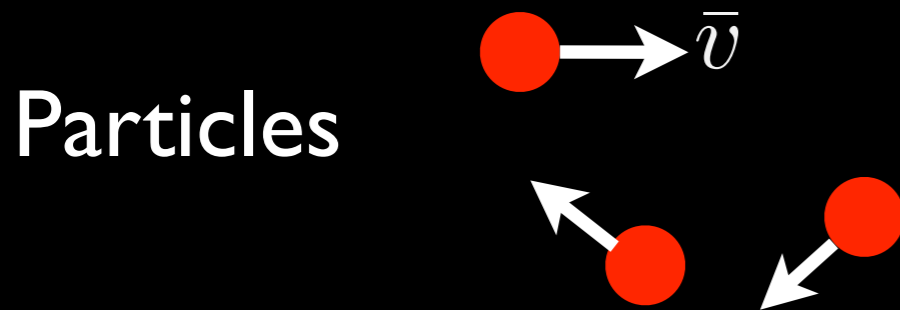


The problem with Physics....

Physics until 1900:

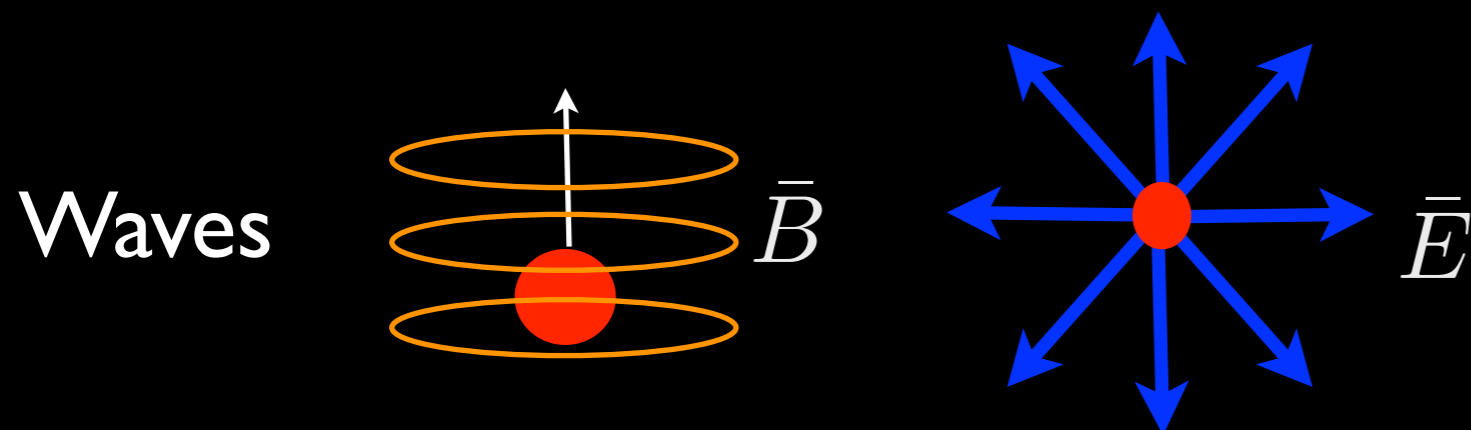
The Universe consists of:

Matter: Newton's Laws of motion $\vec{F} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{a}$



Momenta and position of particles at single time, t , gives motion

Electromagnetic radiation: Maxwell's equations



Light is a wave of electric and magnetic fields.

Physics until 1900:

But...

There were a few *minor* problems that were not explained

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Blackbody radiation

2

Photoelectric effect

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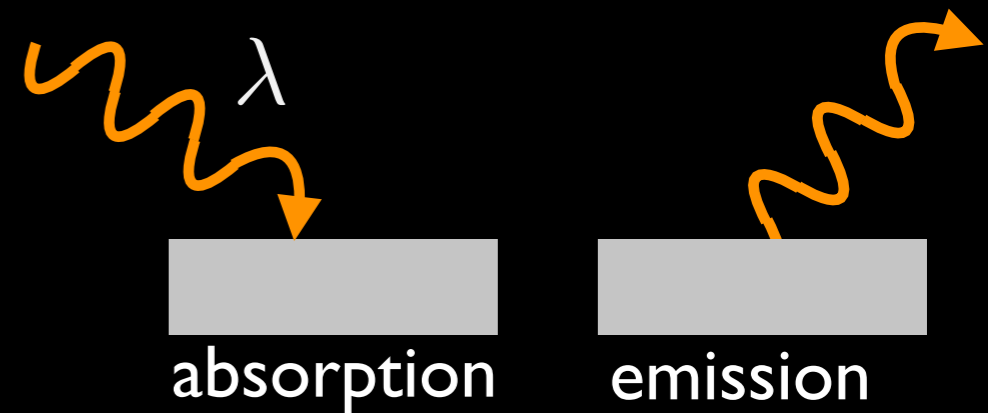
Stability and atom size

1 Blackbody radiation

What is blackbody radiation?

Every body (object) emits and absorbs electromagnetic radiation at all λ .

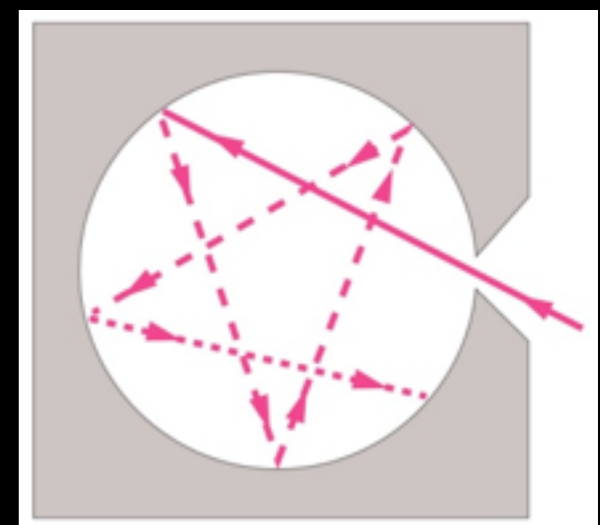
(If you heat an object, it glows)



A **blackbody** absorbs **ALL** radiation → looks black

Cavity with a small hole is a good blackbody →

Radiation gets reflected many times.
Finally absorbed.



Blackbody radiation

When a blackbody is heated, it emits **blackbody radiation**.

Sun, electric stove ~ blackbodies

From experiment:

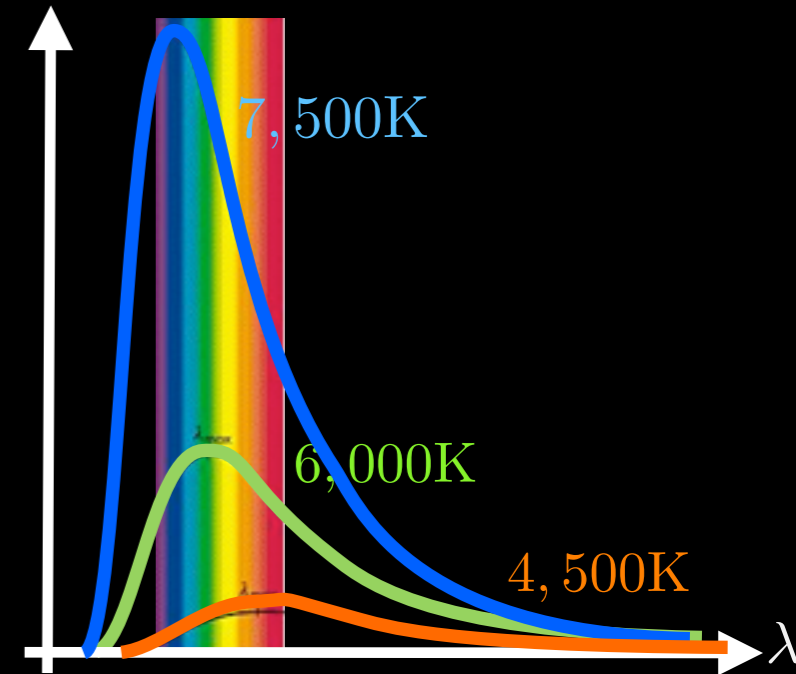
Spectrum depends only on temperature, T

Peak at wavelength: $\lambda_{\text{peak}} \propto \frac{1}{T}$



$$\lambda_{\text{peak}} T = 2.898 \text{mm} \cdot \text{K}$$

(Wien's law)



Total power from all λ : $P_{\text{blackbody}} = \sigma AT^4$

(Stefan-Boltzmann law)

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{Js}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} \text{J}^{-5}$$

Blackbody radiation

Quiz

2 identical blackbodies are heated until A's temperature is twice B's
How do their radiated power compare?

(A) $P_A = 2P_B$

$$P_{\text{blackbody}} = \sigma AT^4$$

(Stefan-Boltzmann law)

(B) $P_A = 8P_B$

(C) $P_A = 4P_B$

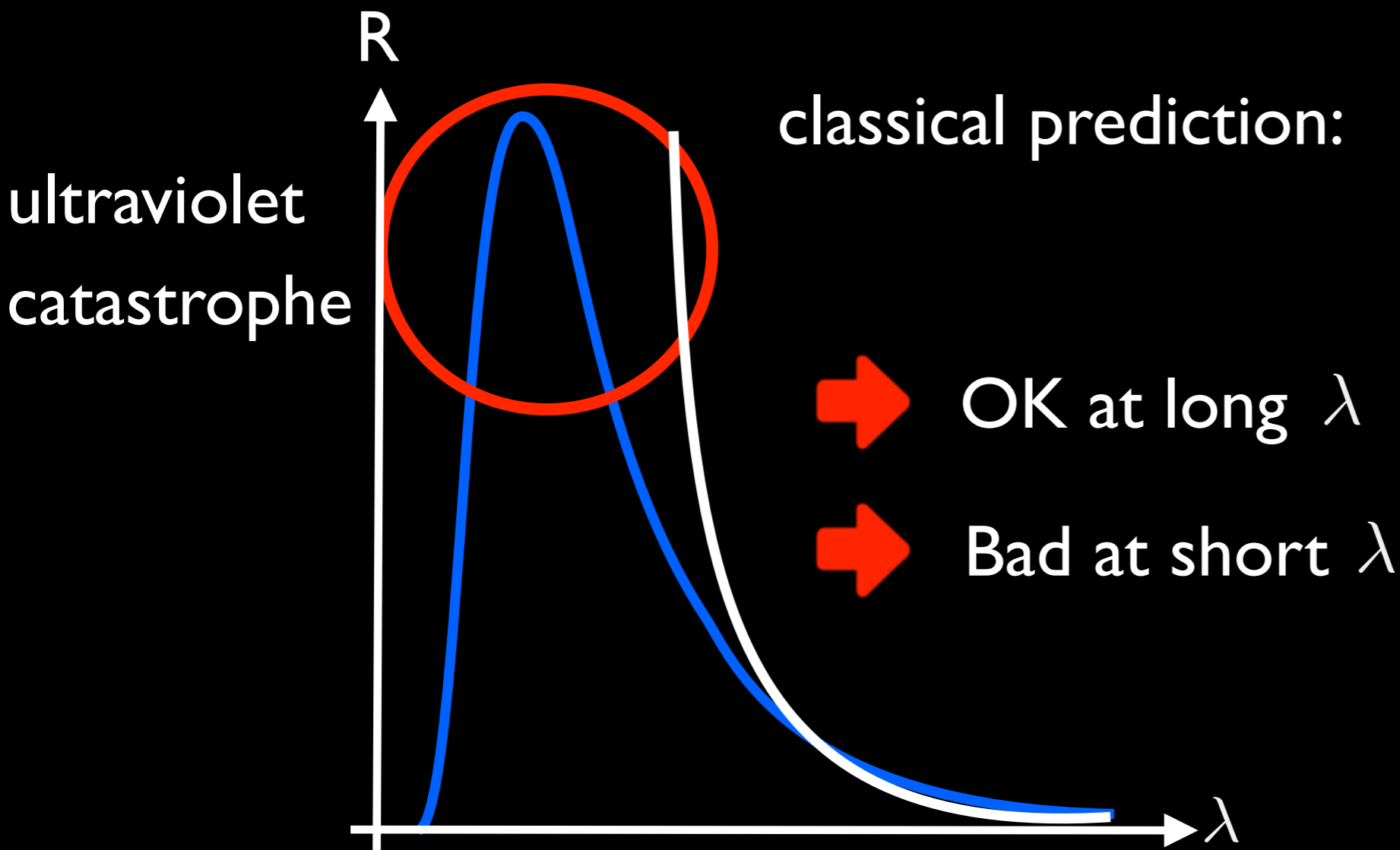
(D) $P_A = 16P_B$

Blackbody radiation

Physicists tried to explain the shape of blackbody radiation ...

using electromagnetism and statistics...

and **failed**.



Blackbody radiation

In 1900, Physicist Max Planck produced:

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}$$

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

$$c = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s}$$

new constant

Planck's constant, $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$

It fit the data, but Planck called it an 'empirical formula'.

↑
based on observation, not underlying theory

Why? Because the physical meaning was unbelievable...

Blackbody radiation

To derive this formula

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}$$

Planck HAD TO assume:

$$E = nhf \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

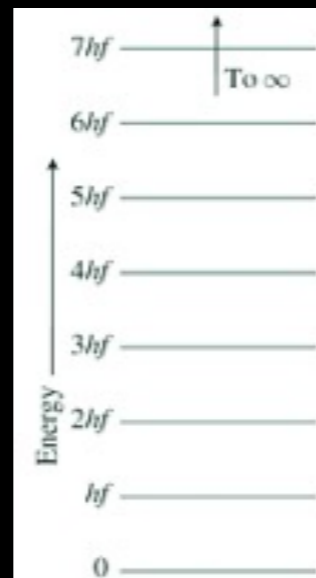
Energy absorbed/emitted from a molecule can only take certain values



Energy is **quantized!**



Classical
physics



Planck's
theory

Blackbody radiation

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}$$

When $\frac{hc}{\lambda} (= hf) \gg kT$

$$e^{hf/kT} - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{hf}{kT} + \dots \right) - 1$$

series expansion for $e^{hf/kT}$

$$\approx \frac{hf}{kT} = \frac{hc}{\lambda kT}$$

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi ckT}{\lambda^4} \quad \text{classical result!}$$

Blackbody radiation

Example

A lightbulb's filament temperature is 3000 K.



(a) Find wavelength of peak radiance

(b) compare radiance (R) at 550 nm with peak radiance.

Wien's law: $\lambda_{\text{peak}}T = 2.898\text{mm} \cdot \text{K}$

$$\lambda_{\text{peak}} = \frac{2.898\text{mm} \cdot \text{K}}{3000\text{K}} = 966\text{nm}$$

Blackbody radiation

Example

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$$\text{Planck: } R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}$$

$$\frac{R(\lambda_2, T)}{R(\lambda_1, T)} = \frac{\lambda_1^5 (e^{hc/\lambda_1 kT} - 1)}{\lambda_2^5 (e^{hc/\lambda_2 kT} - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{(966\text{nm})^5 (e^{hc/966kT} - 1)}{(550\text{nm})^5 (e^{hc/550kT} - 1)} = 0.38$$

Blackbody radiation

Example

For a 2.0 kK blackbody, by what percentage is the Rayleigh-Jeans (classical) law in error at a wavelength of 1.0 mm?

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)} \quad R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi ckT}{\lambda^4}$$

$$\frac{R_{\text{RJ}}}{R_{\text{p}}} = \frac{(2\pi ckT/\lambda^4) \lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}{2\pi hc^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}{hc/\lambda kT}$$

$$T = 2000\text{K}$$

$$\lambda = 1\text{mm}$$

$$= \frac{e^{7.245 \times 10^{-3}} - 1}{7.245 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.00363$$



$$0.36\%$$

Blackbody radiation

Quiz

For a 2.0 kK blackbody, by what percentage is the Rayleigh-Jeans (classical) law in error at a wavelength of $1\mu m$?

(A) 30%

$$\frac{R_{\text{RJ}}}{R_{\text{p}}} = \frac{(2\pi ckT/\lambda^4)\lambda^5(e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)}{2\pi hc^2}$$

(B) 0.36%

$$= \frac{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}{hc/\lambda kT}$$

(C) 0.5%

$$= \frac{e^{7.245} - 1}{7.245} = 193$$

(D) $1.9 \times 10^4\%$

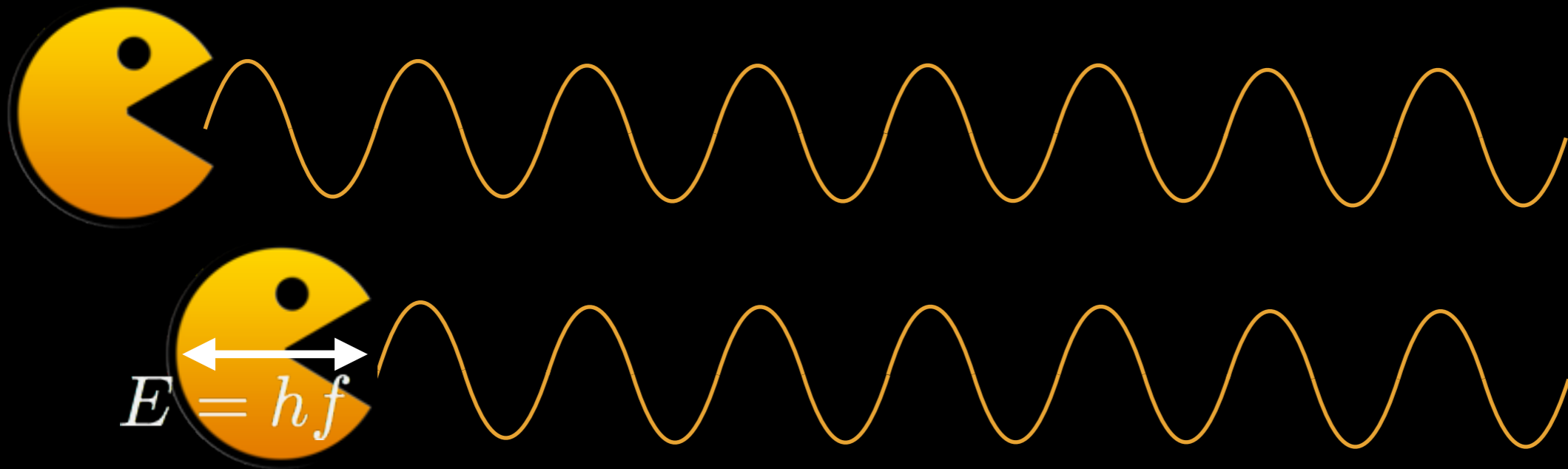
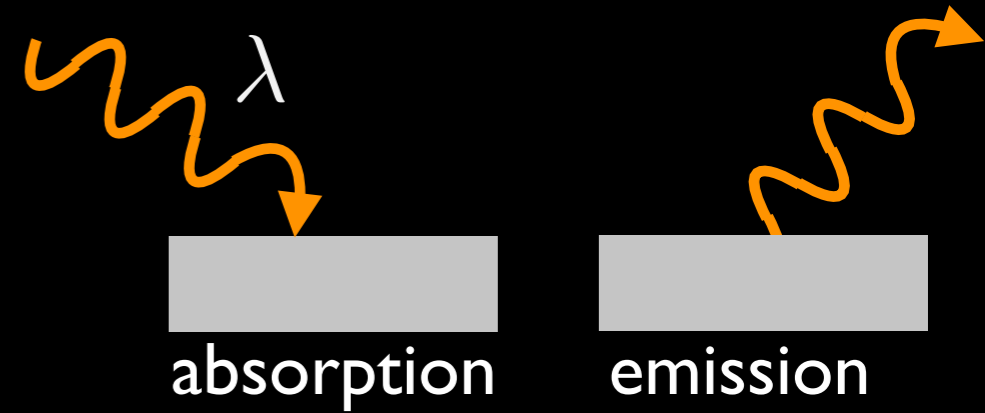


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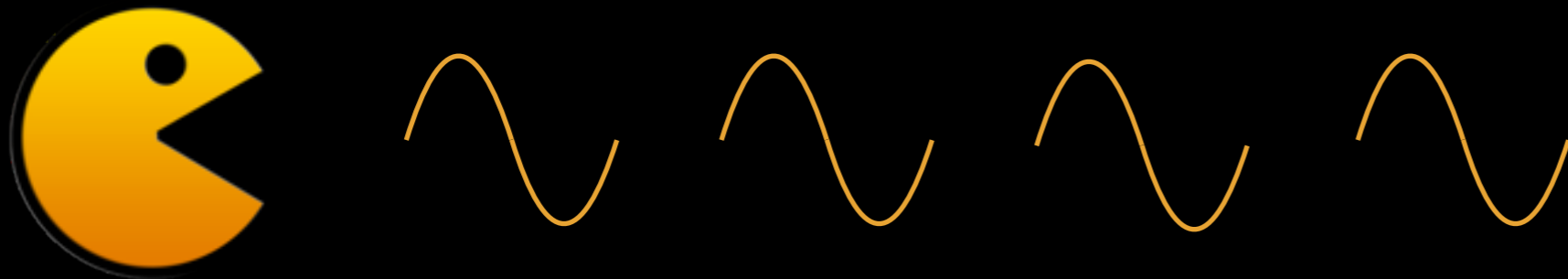
Blackbody radiation

So...

Bodies (objects) absorb / emit EM radiation in quantized amounts of size hf .



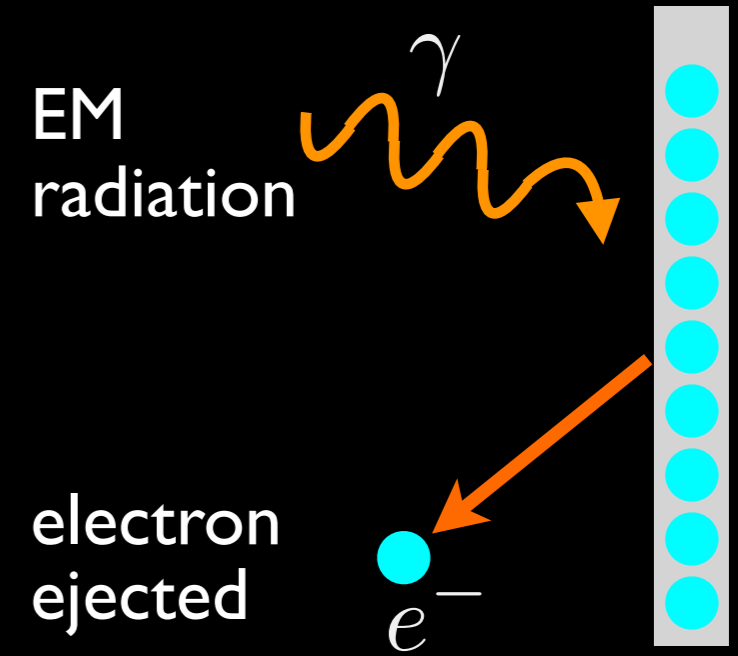
Is the actual radiation quantized too?



2 Photoelectric Effect

What is the photoelectric effect?

Metals emit electrons when struck by light.

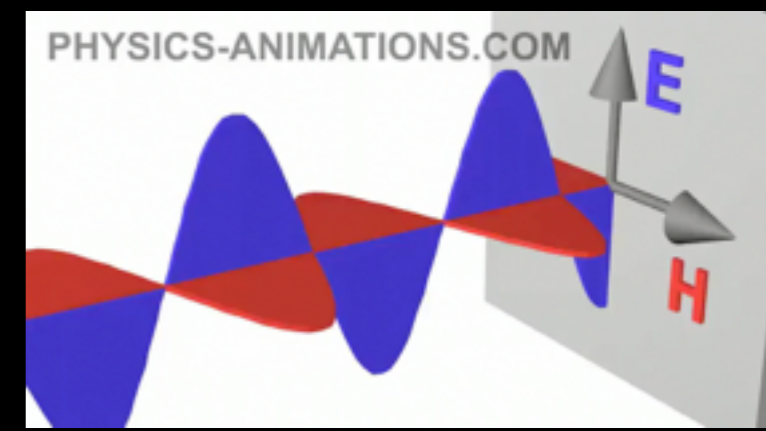


Classical explanation:

Electron feels a force in light's oscillating electric field

Electron absorbs the wave's energy and *eventually*, has enough energy to escape.

But is this what is happening?



Photoelectric Effect

Experiment:

Electric circuit

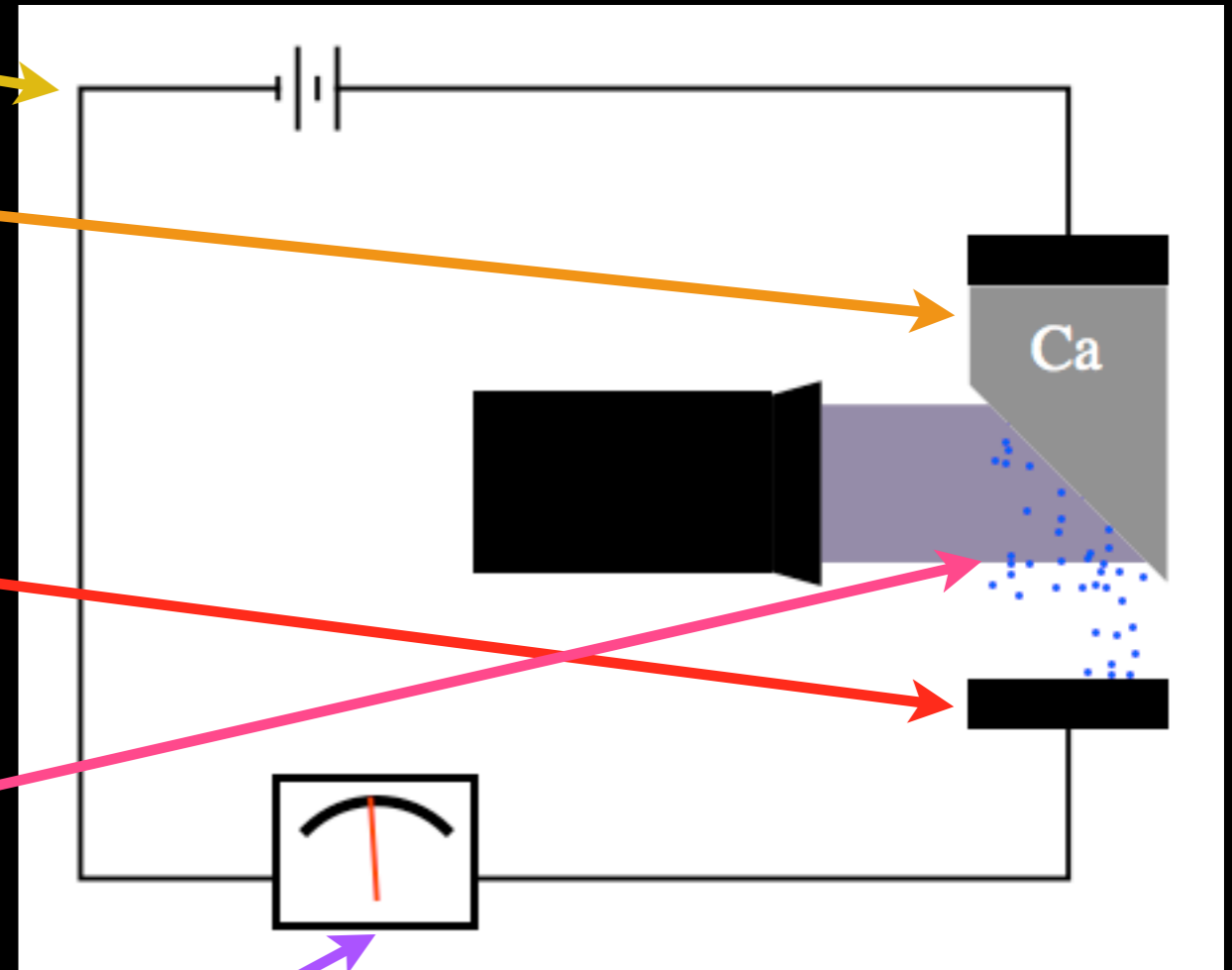
Illuminate metal with light
(eject electrons)

Give +ve charge to attract
electrons

Current flows with ejected
electrons

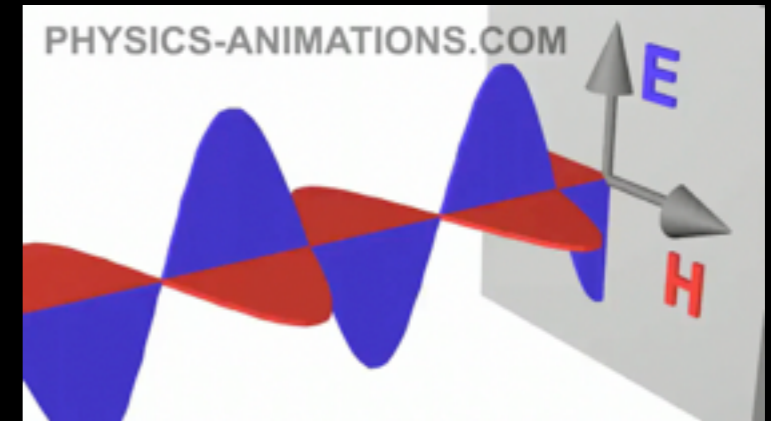
Voltage needed to stop current:
stopping potential

Measures maximum energy of electrons: $K_{\max} = eV_s$



Photoelectric Effect

If the classical explanation is right...



Increasing light **intensity** should increase electric field

➔ e^- Electron **escape quicker** and **move faster**

current, I , starts faster

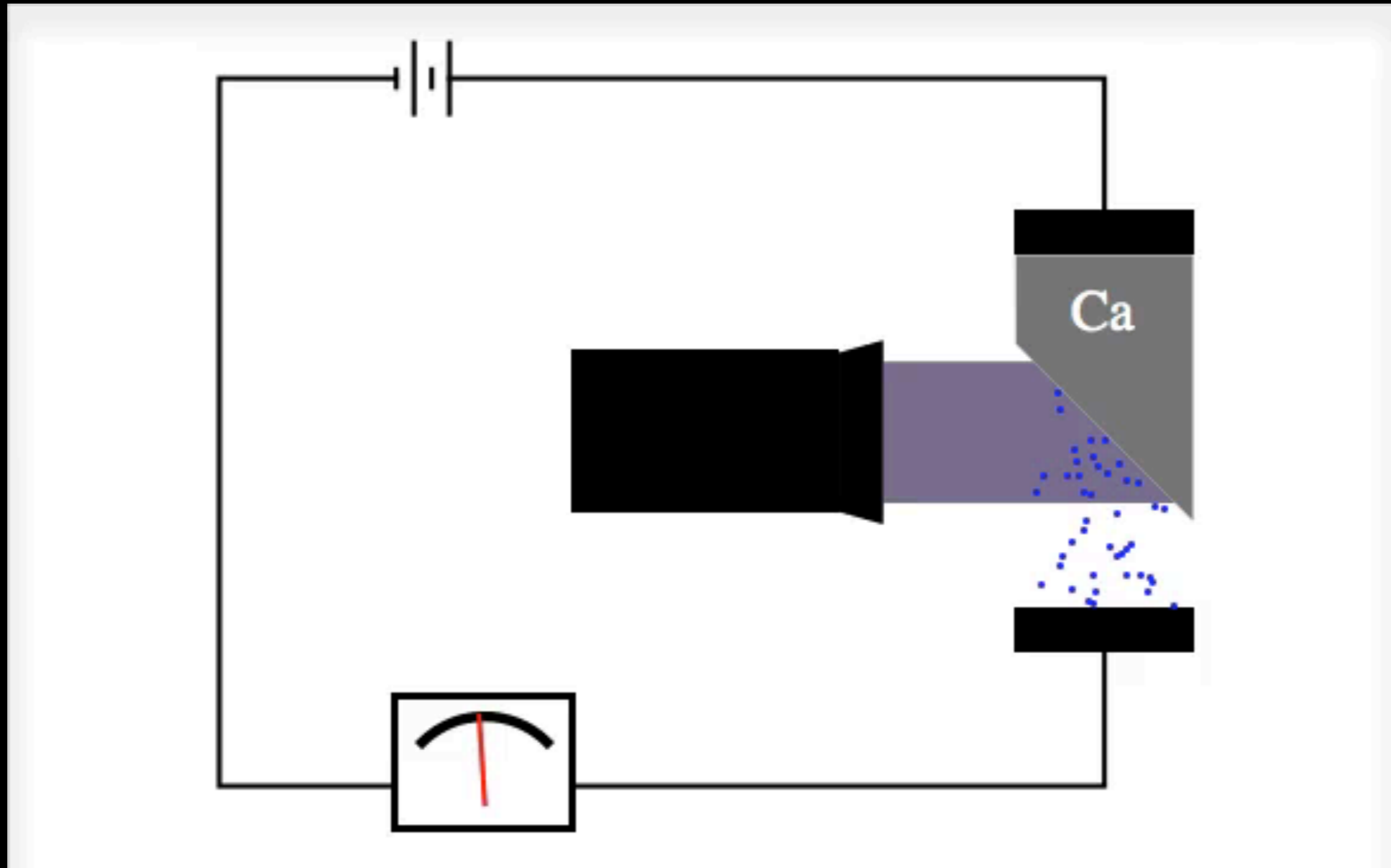
$$K_{\max} = eV_s$$

higher

Independent of wave **frequency**

➔ same result with UV ... red ... blue ... etc

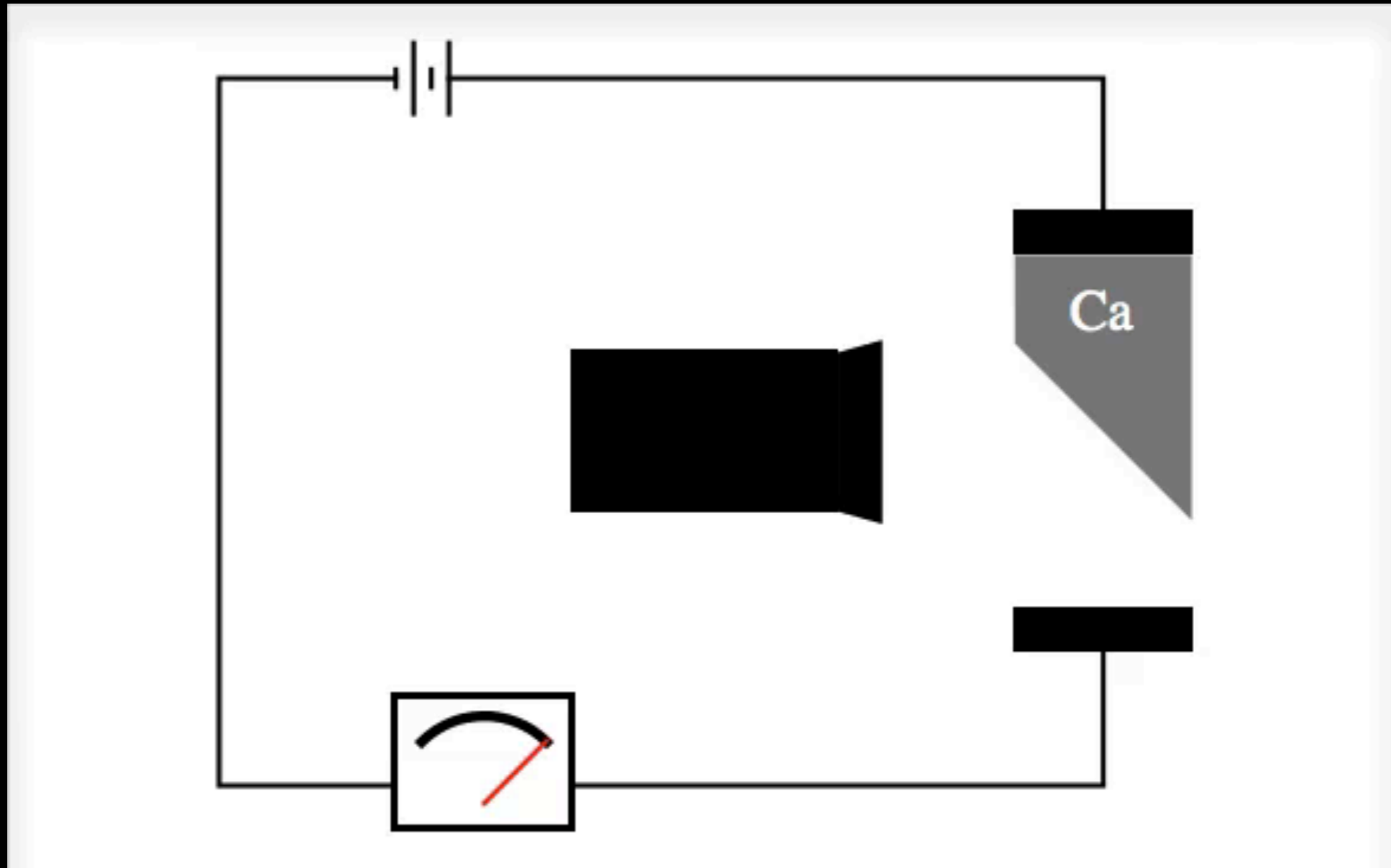
Photoelectric Effect



Let's change the light wave **frequency**....

Classical theory: frequency **DOES NOT** change the result

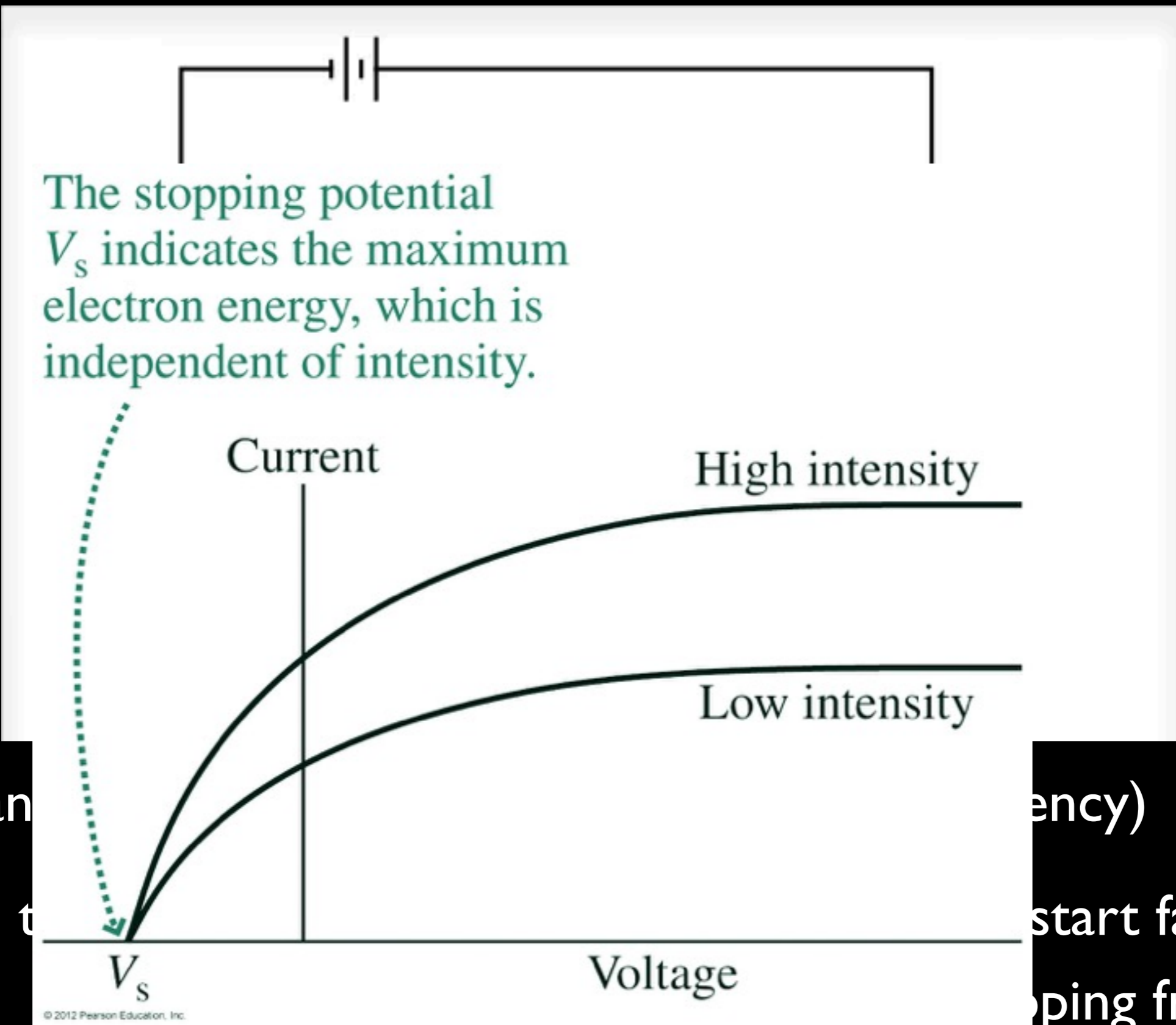
Photoelectric Effect



Let's change the light wave **intensity**... (Fixed frequency)

Classical theory: higher intensity causes current to start faster
causes higher stopping frequency

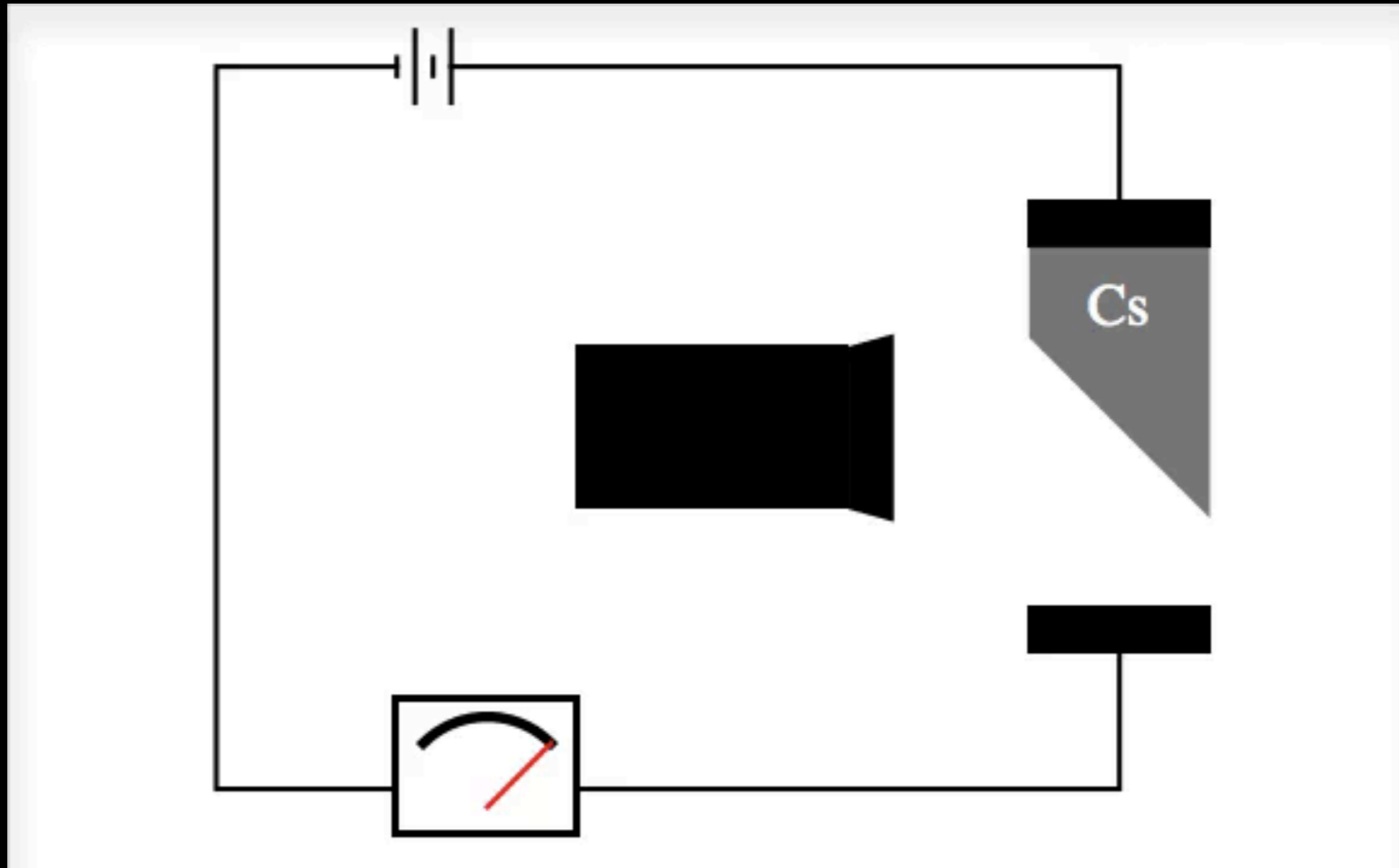
Photoelectric Effect



Let's change
Classical theory

(frequency)
start faster
stopping frequency

Photoelectric Effect



What about at a lower frequency...

How does intensity affect the current?

Photoelectric Effect

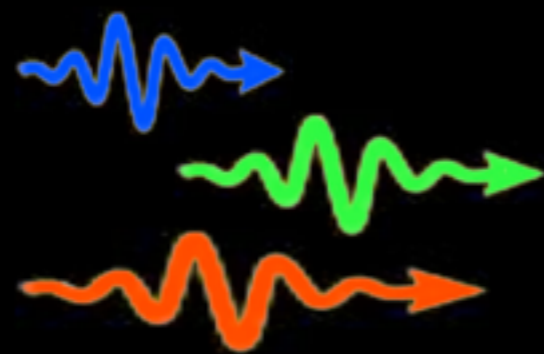
Oh dear... 3 major disagreements with classical theory:

- 1 Current, I , starts *immediately*
➔ electrons escape immediately, even in dim light
- 2 The maximum electron energy, K_{\max} , *doesn't change* with *intensity*
measured by stopping potential V_s
- 3 Below a cut-off frequency, *no electrons* escape at any intensity.
Above a cut-off frequency, electrons escape with a K_{\max} that increases with frequency.

Photoelectric Effect

Einstein's explanation:

EM wave's energy made up of small packages of energy



↑
“photons”

or “quanta”

Photon energy in light of frequency, f :

$$E = hf$$

Higher intensity → more photons, same energy

In 1921, Einstein won the Nobel Prize for this explanation

Photoelectric Effect

Oh dear... 3 major disagreements with classical theory:

1 Current, I , starts at zero for any frequency of light
Photon gives all energy to electron
Energy doesn't 'add up' to eject electron

2 The maximum electron energy, K_{\max} , doesn't change with intensity
Higher intensity gives more photons
Photons all have the same energy

Below a cut-off frequency, no electrons are ejected
At low frequency, no photon has enough energy to eject electron

3 Higher frequency means higher energy photons, giving the electron more speed
Electrons are ejected with a K_{\max} that increases with frequency

Photoelectric Effect

If the frequency is too low, photons do not have enough energy to remove electrons



Minimum energy needed to remove electrons



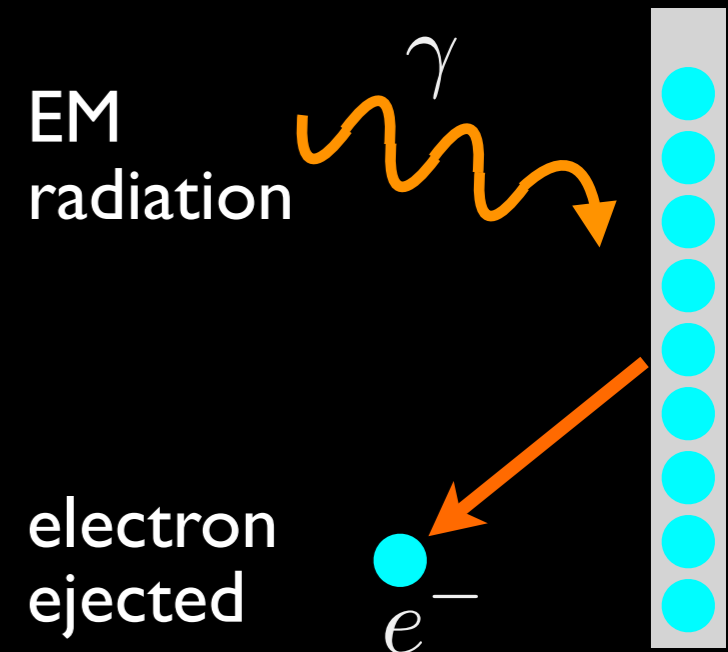
work function, ϕ

Cut-off frequency  Photon energy = work function

$$E = \phi$$

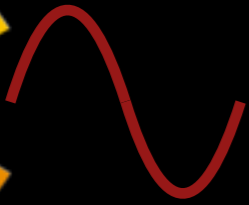
$f > f_{\text{cut-off}}$  Electrons gain energy

$$K_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi$$



Photoelectric Effect

electron



photon



Metal

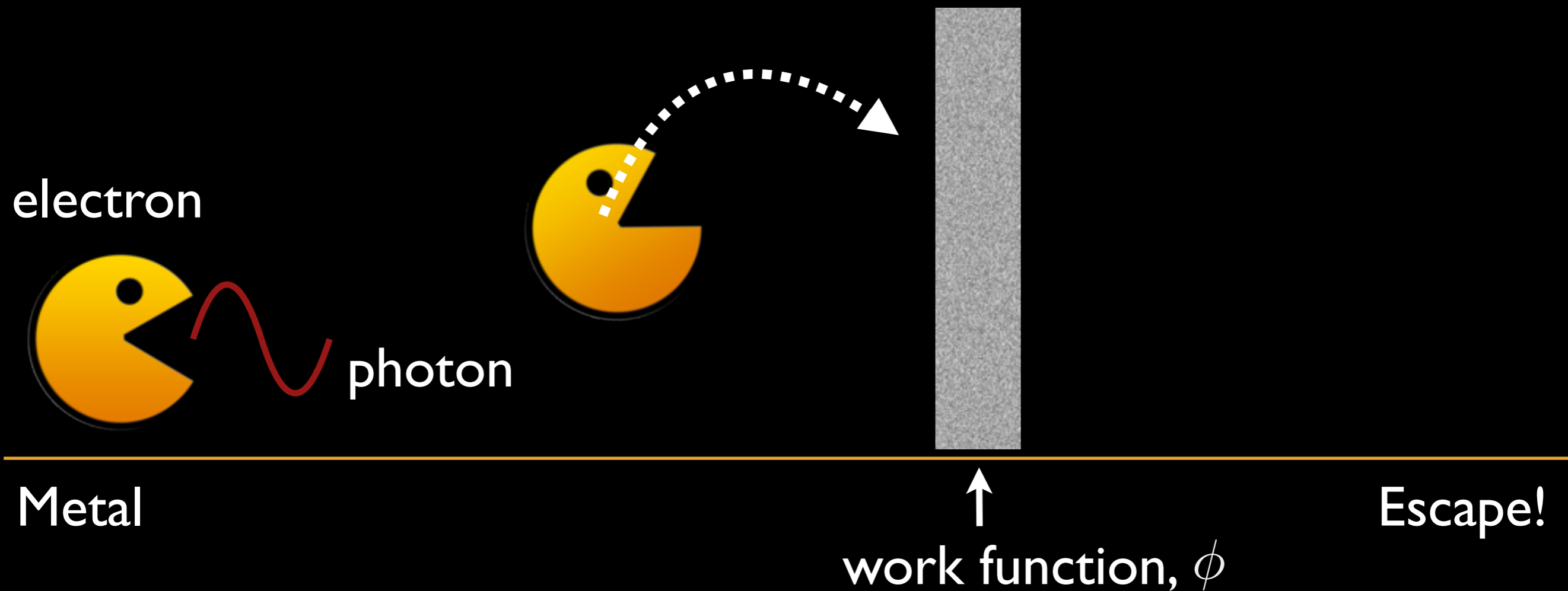


work function, ϕ

Escape!

Low frequency photon absorbed

Photoelectric Effect



Low frequency photon absorbed

Energy < work function: $E < \phi$

Cannot escape!

Photoelectric Effect

electron



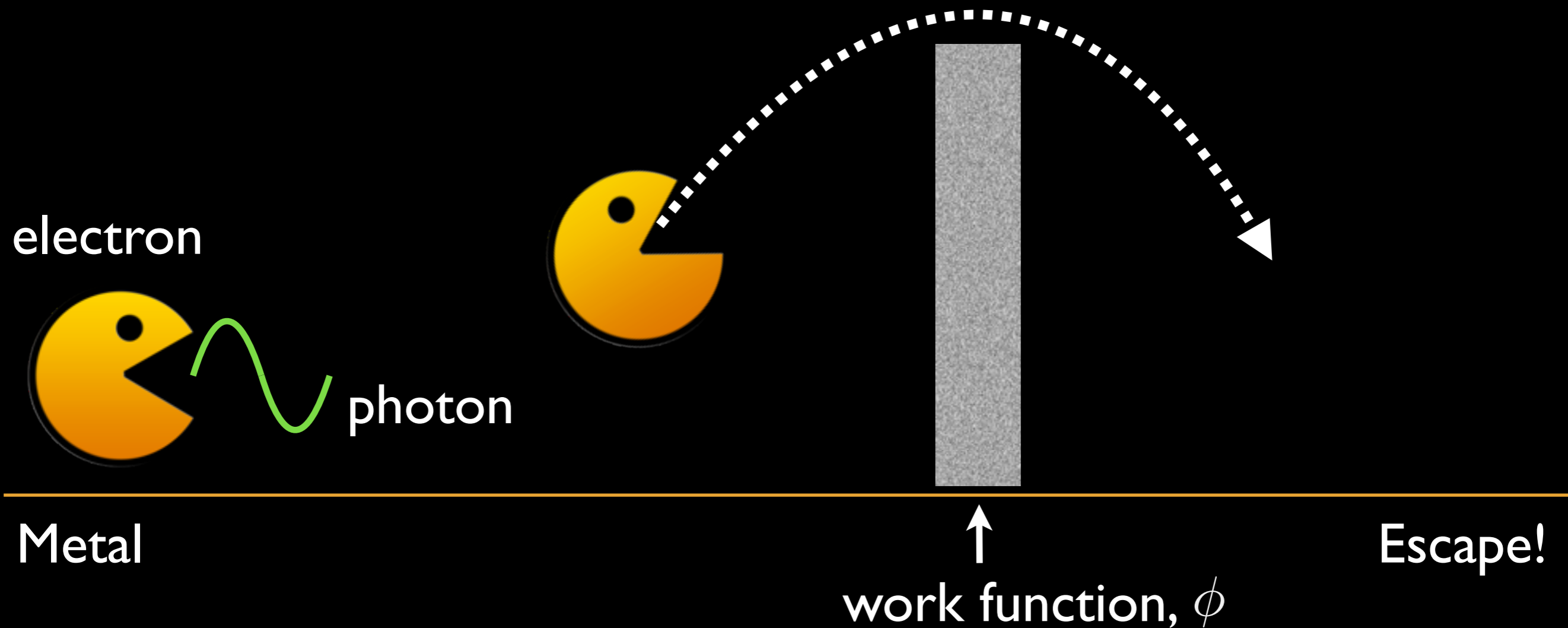
Metal

↑
work function, ϕ

Escape!

higher frequency photon absorbed

Photoelectric Effect



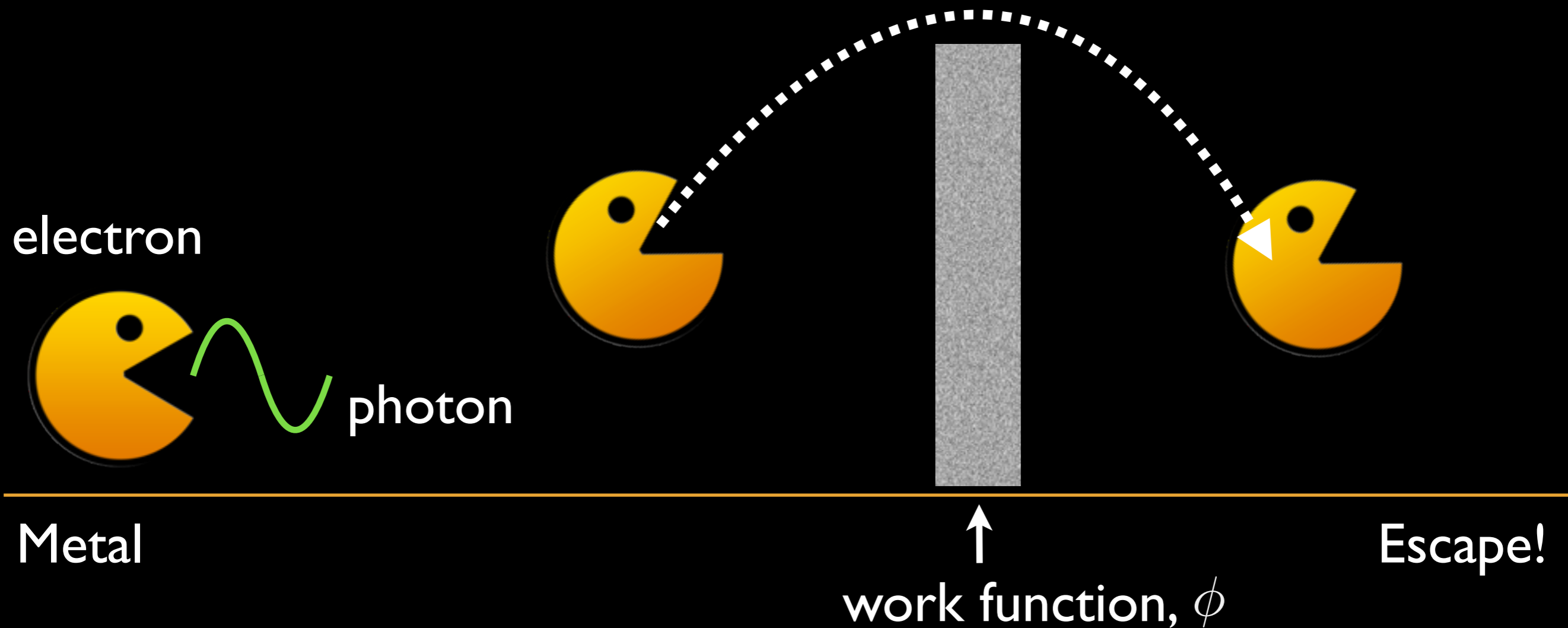
Metal

Escape!

higher frequency photon absorbed

Energy = work function: $E = \phi$

Photoelectric Effect

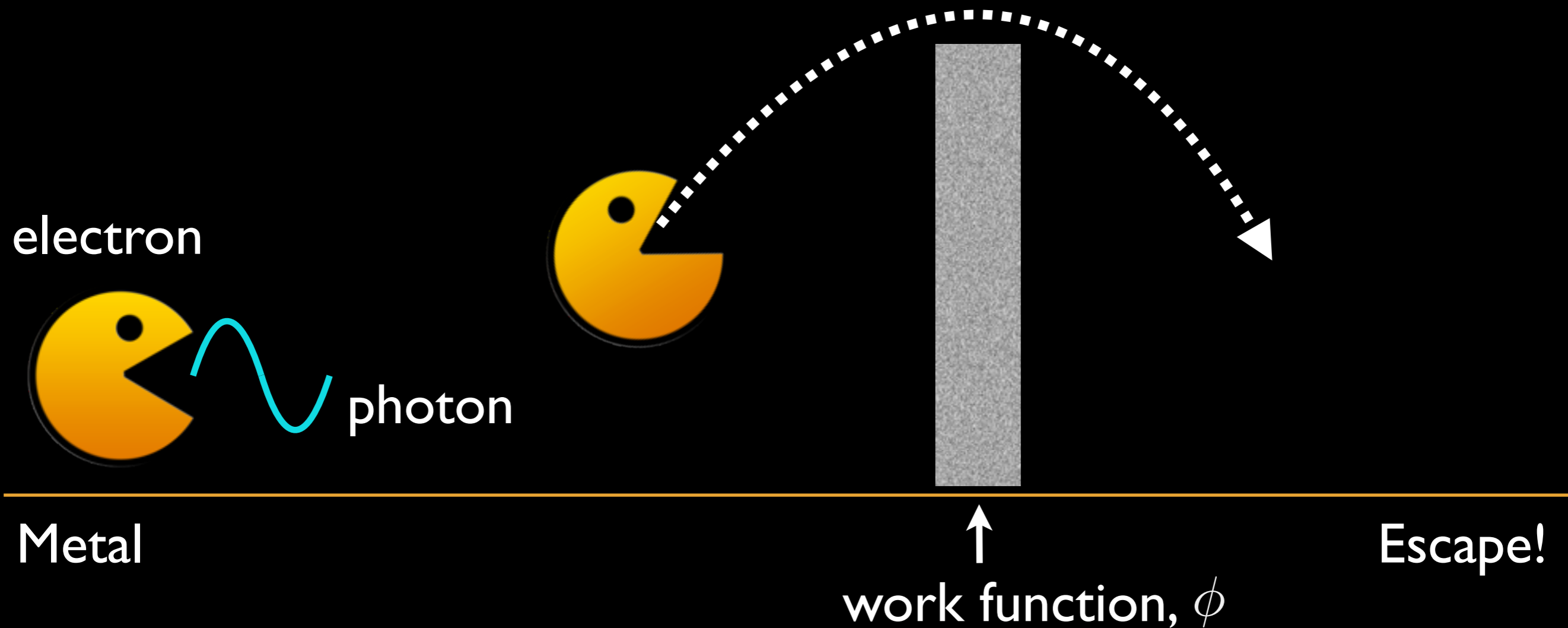


higher frequency photon absorbed

Energy = work function: $E = \phi$

Just escapes!

Photoelectric Effect



Metal

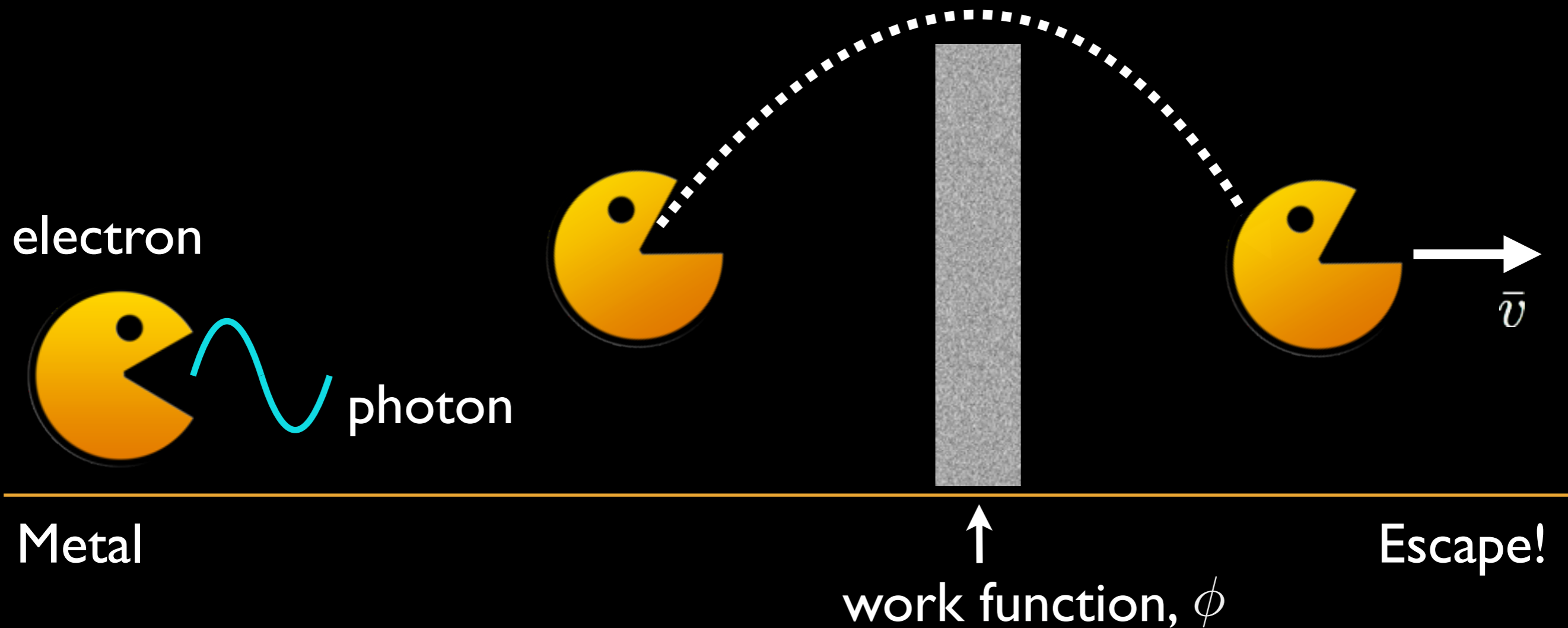
Escape!

work function, ϕ

high frequency photon absorbed

Energy > work function: $E > \phi$

Photoelectric Effect



high frequency photon absorbed

Energy > work function: $E > \phi$

Escapes and moves ('spare' energy becomes kinetic energy)

Photoelectric Effect

electron



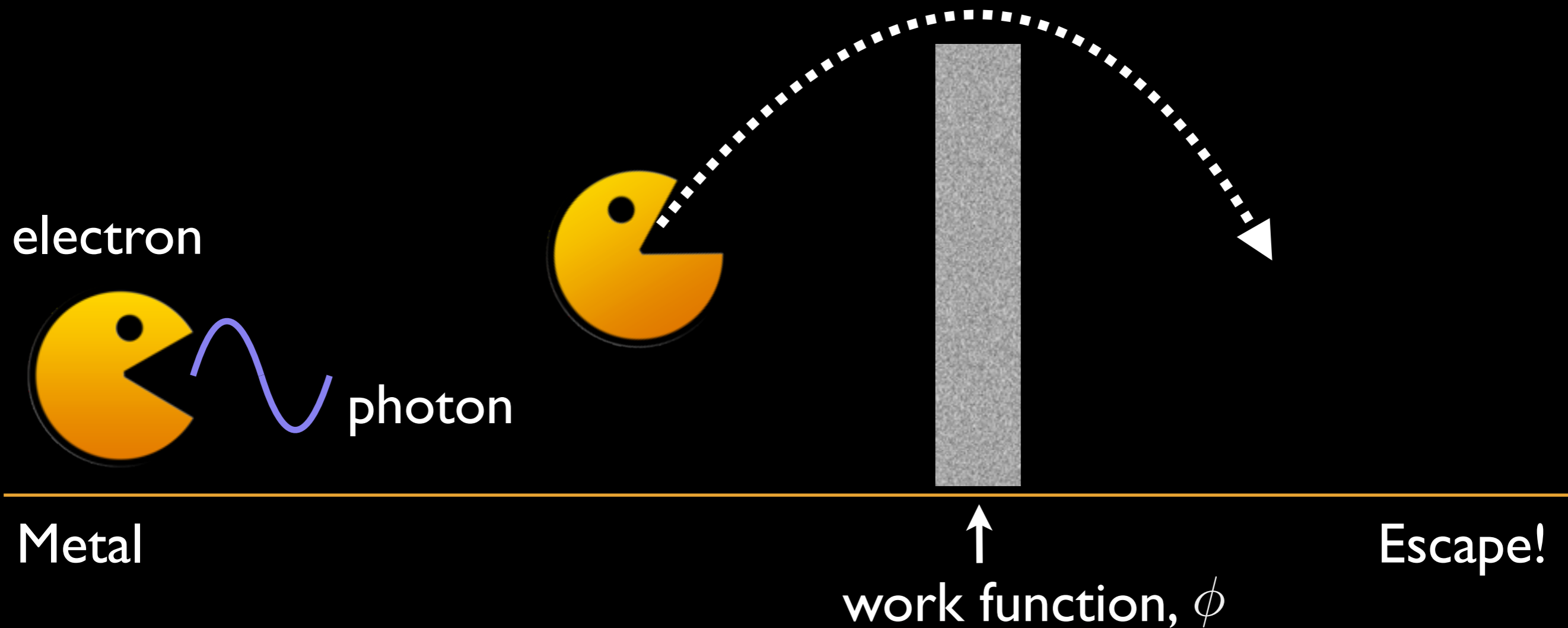
Metal

↑
work function, ϕ

Escape!

Even higher frequency photon absorbed

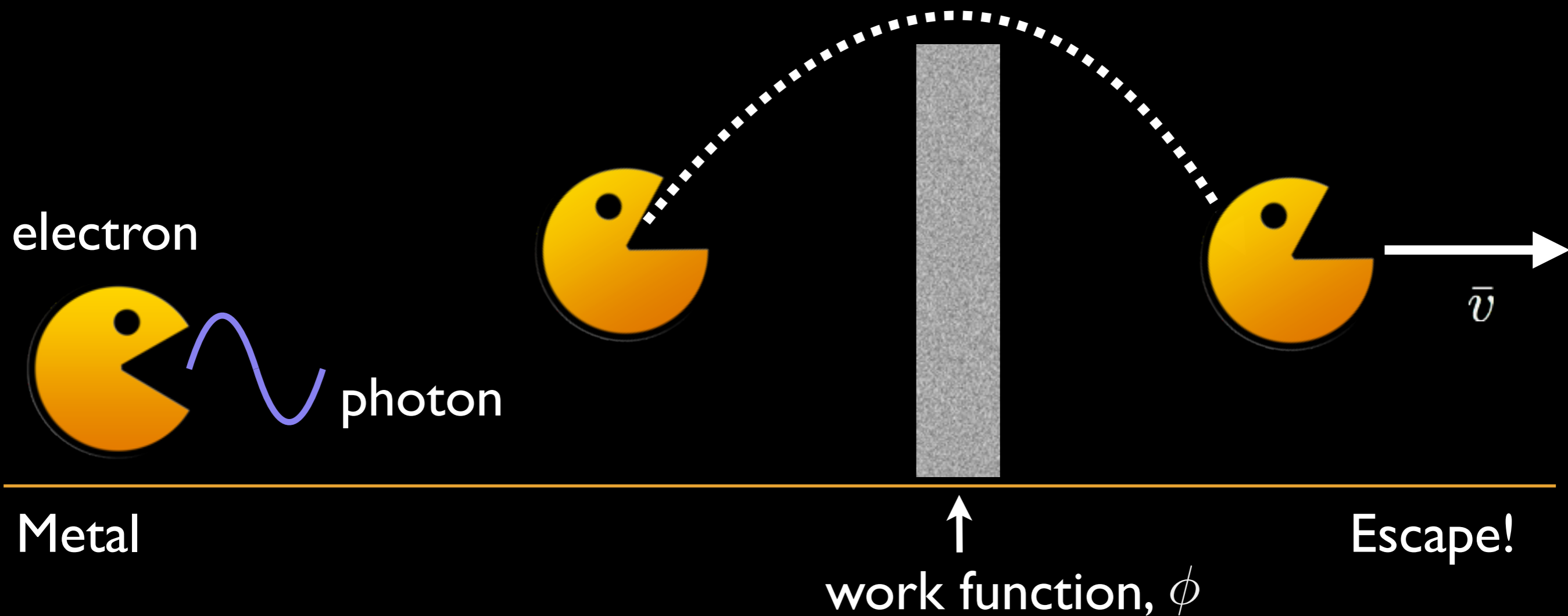
Photoelectric Effect



Even higher frequency photon absorbed

Energy > work function: $E > \phi$

Photoelectric Effect



Even higher frequency photon absorbed

Energy > work function: $E > \phi$

Escapes and moves with higher speed (higher K energy)

Photoelectric Effect

Table 34.1 Work Functions

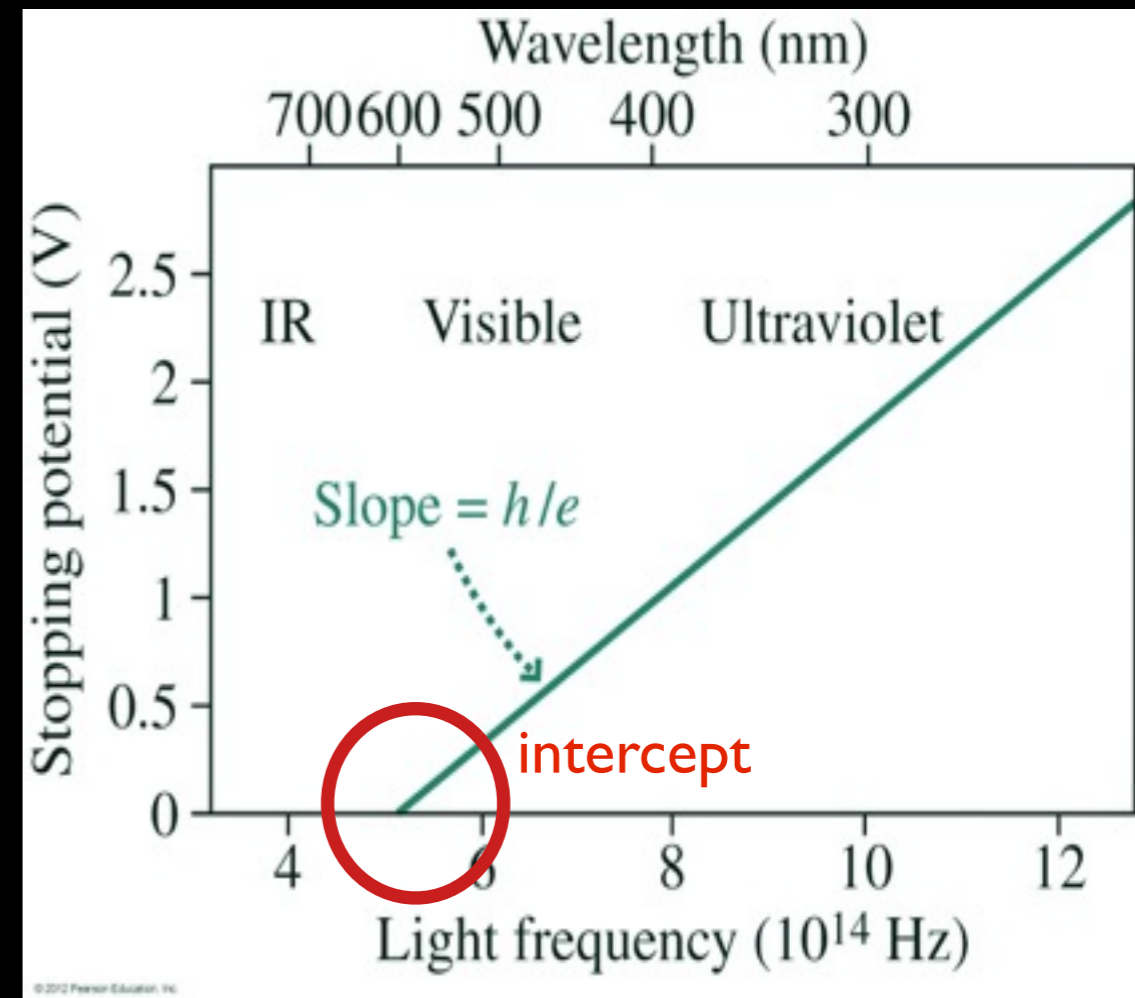
Element (Symbol)	ϕ (eV)
Silver (Ag)	4.26
Aluminum (Al)	4.28
Cesium (Cs)	2.14
Copper (Cu)	4.65
Potassium (K)	2.30
Sodium (Na)	2.75
Nickel (Ni)	5.15
Silicon (Si)	4.85

Photoelectric Effect

Quiz

If you re-plot the graph for a material with a different work function, ϕ , what will happen to the gradient and x-axis intercept?

- (A) Gradient changes, intercept unchanged
- (B) Both gradient and intercept change
- (C) Gradient unchanged, intercept changes



- (D) Gradient and intercept unchanged.

Photoelectric Effect

Quiz

When light of $\lambda = 300\text{nm}$ is incident on potassium, the emitted electrons have a $K_{\text{max}} = 2.03\text{eV}$.

What is the work function for potassium? $1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$

(A) 2.03eV

$$K_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi = h\frac{c}{\lambda} - \phi$$

(B) 4.1eV

$$\phi = h\frac{c}{\lambda} - K_{\text{max}}$$

(C) 2.1eV

$$= 6.63 \times 10^{-34}\text{J} \cdot \text{s} \frac{2.99 \times 10^8\text{m/s}}{300 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}}$$

$$- (2.03\text{eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{J})$$

(D) 3.5eV

$$= 3.36 \times 10^{-19}\text{J} = 2.1\text{eV}$$



The problem with atoms

Problem 1: Atom model

Atom: Electrons orbit the nucleus



accelerating charge



changing electric field



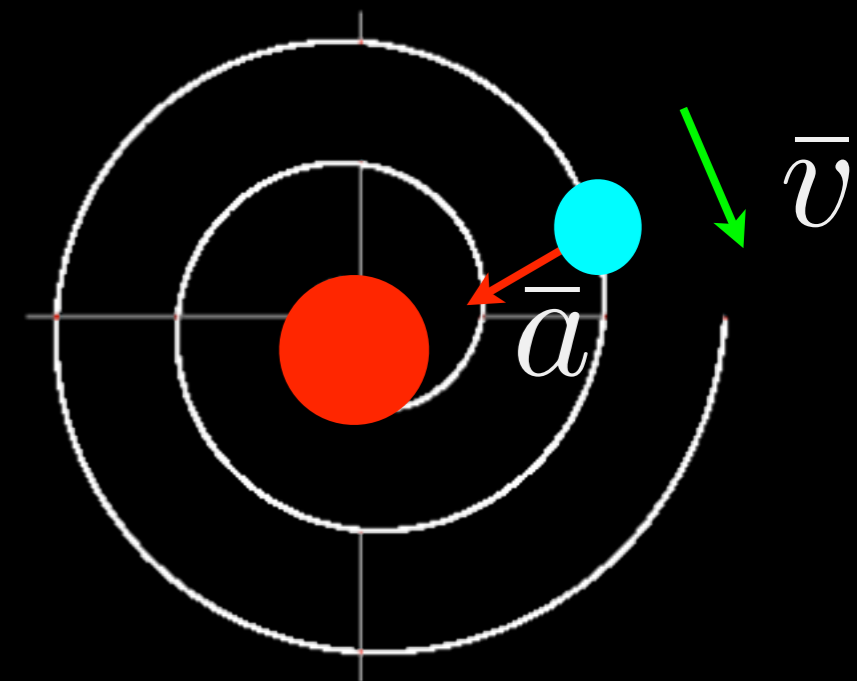
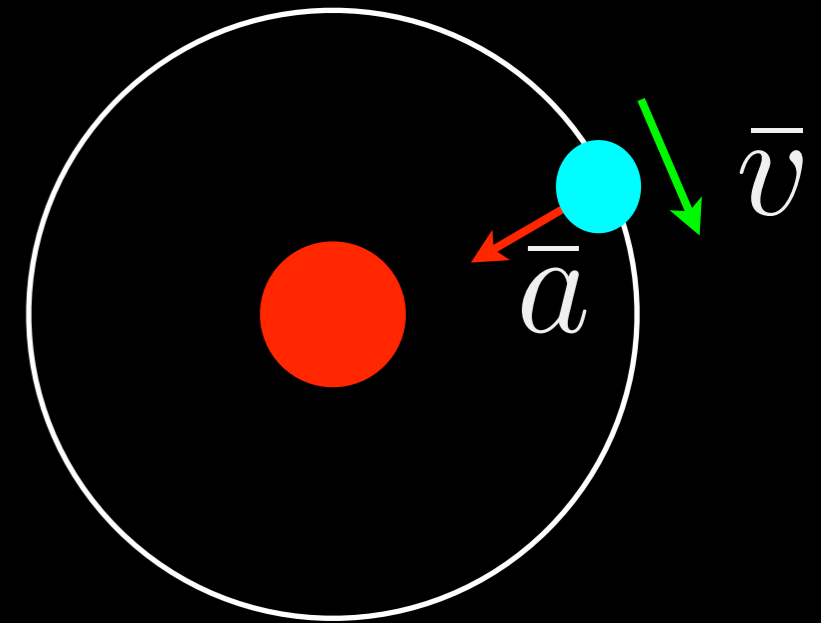
Produce an EM wave



Electron will radiate away all energy!



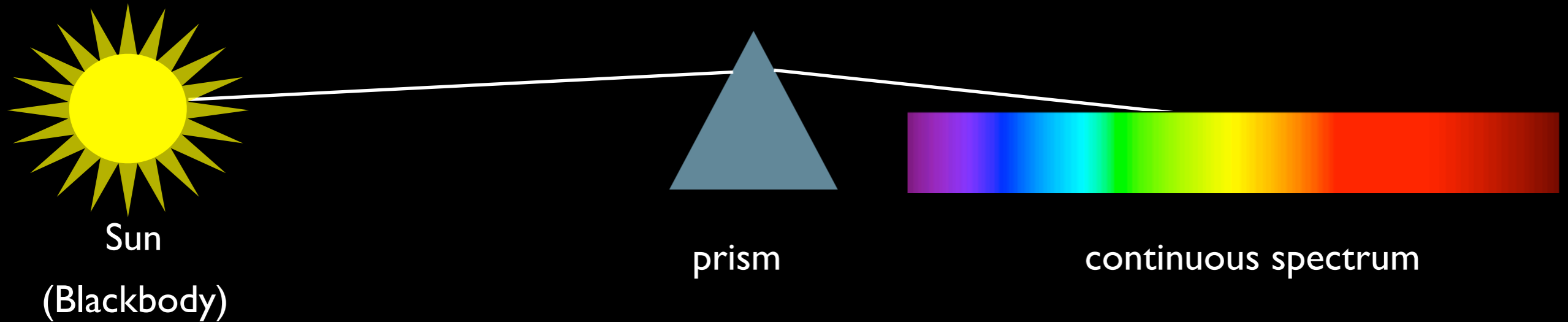
Spiral towards atom's centre



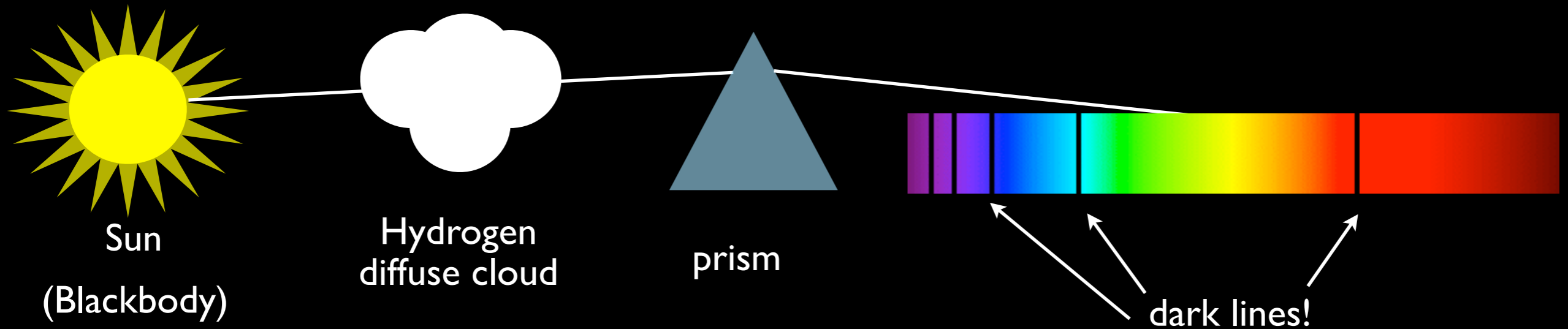
The problem with atoms

Problem 2: The Hydrogen Spectrum

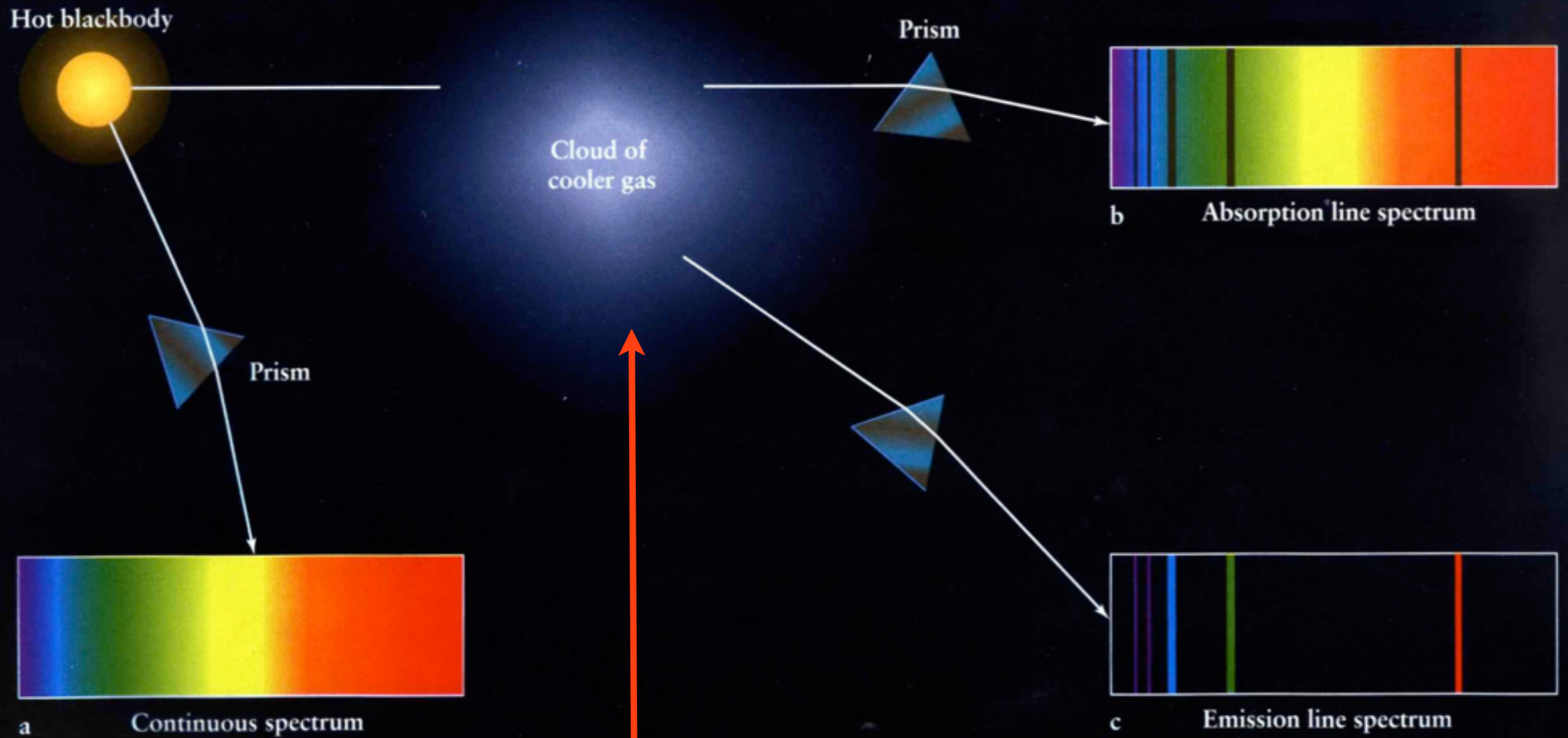
Expected:



Seen:

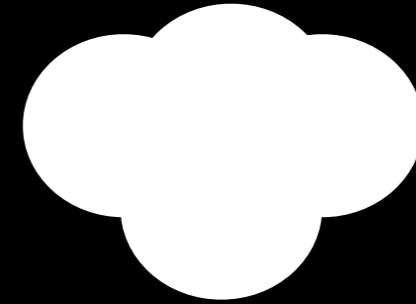
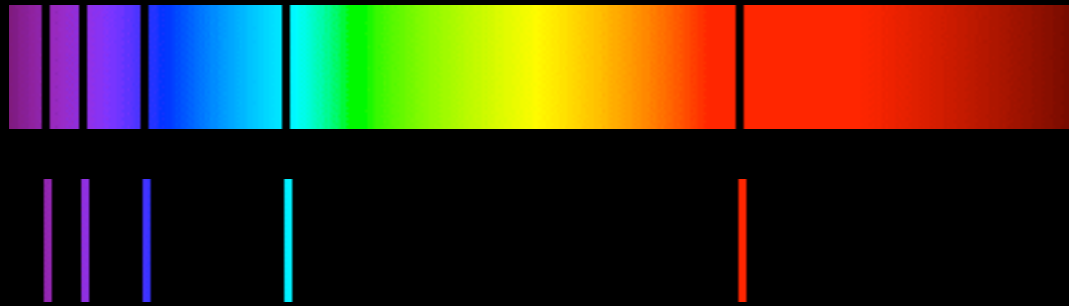


The problem with atoms

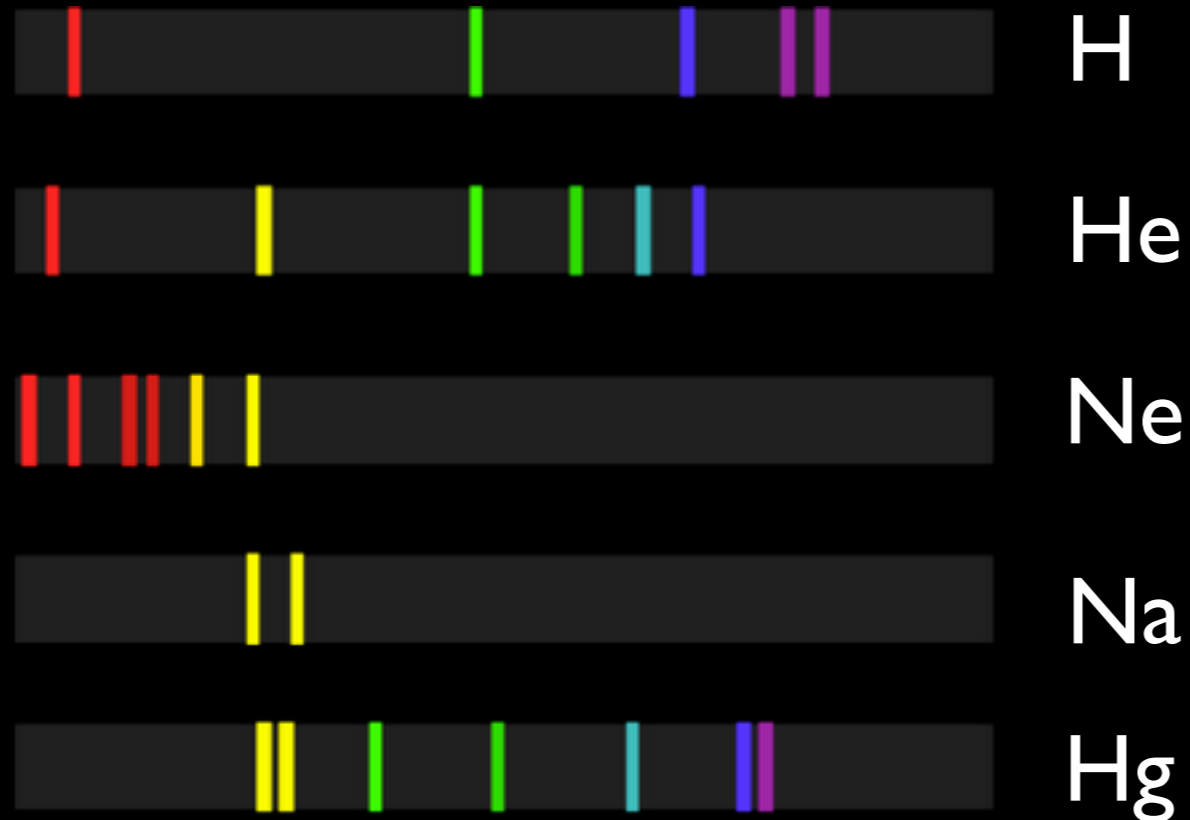


What is happening?

The problem with atoms



Diffuse (low density) gases absorb / emit specific frequencies.



Which frequencies (or 'lines') depend on the element

The problem with atoms

In 1884, Johann Balmer found that for Hydrogen:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \quad \text{1st 4 lines in visible spectrum}$$

$$n = 3, 4, 5, 6 \dots$$

$$R_H = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1} \quad \text{Rydberg constant}$$



generalised form

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

all lines in Hydrogen spectrum

$$n_2 = 1 \quad \text{Lyman series} \quad \text{IR}$$

$$n_2 = 2 \quad \text{Balmer series} \quad \text{visible}$$

$$n_2 = 3 \quad \text{Paschen series} \quad \text{UV}$$

$$n_1 = n_2 + 1, n_2 + 2, \dots$$

The problem with atoms

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$$R_H = 1$$

But why do these lines exist?

↓ generalised form

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

$$n_1 = n_2 + 1, n_2 + 2, \dots$$

all lines in Hydrogen spectrum

$n_2 = 1$ Lyman series IR

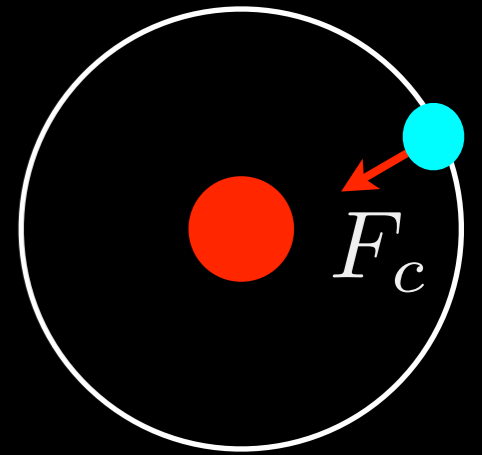
$n_2 = 2$ Balmer series visible

$n_2 = 3$ Paschen series UV

The problem with atoms

The Bohr model

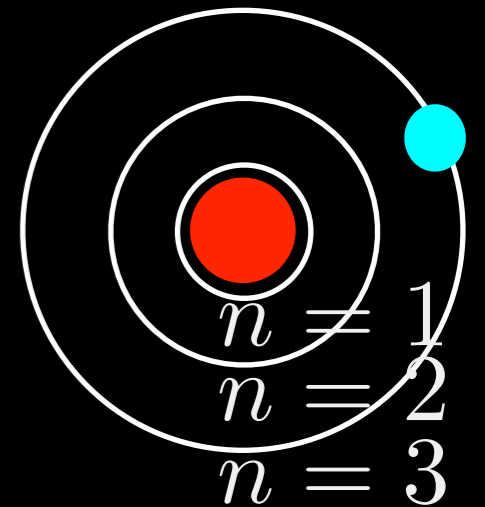
1 Electrons move in circular orbits, held by Coulomb electric force.



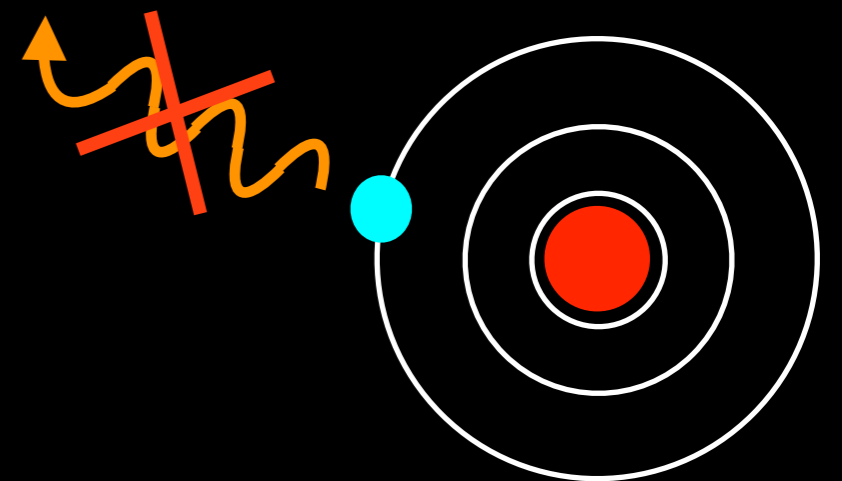
2 Only certain orbits are allowed:

$$L = mvr = n \frac{h}{2\pi} = n\hbar \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

angular momentum integer multiples $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$

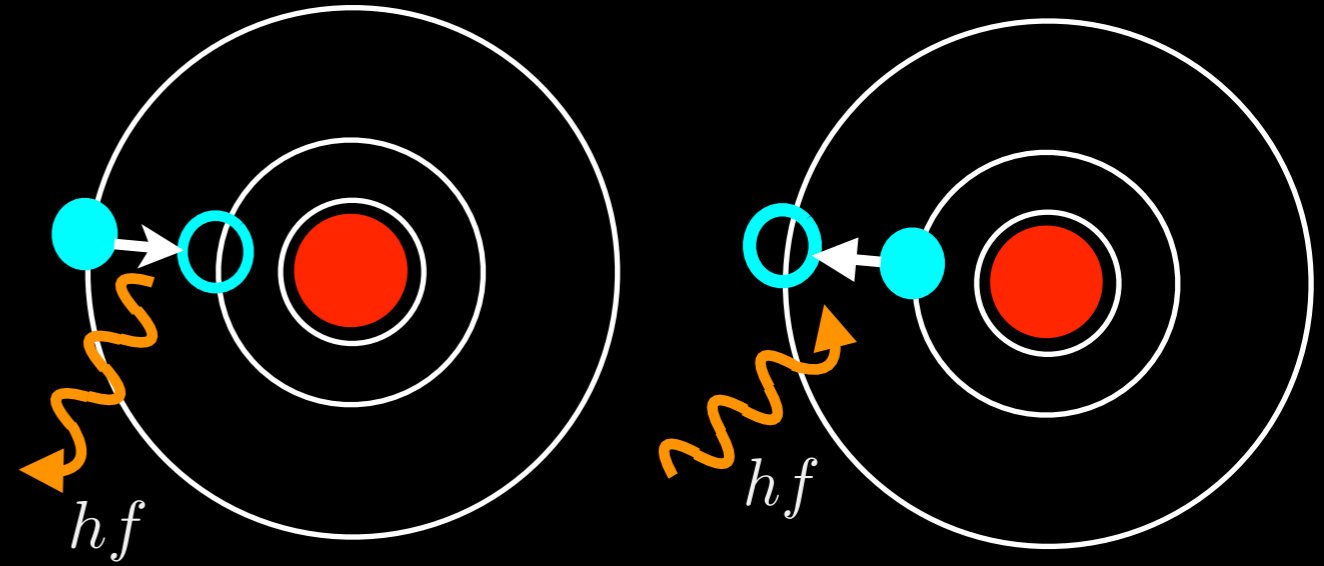


3 Electrons do not radiate in orbit



The problem with atoms

- 4 Moving between orbits causes photon to be emitted or absorbed.



The problem with atoms

What orbits are allowed?

Balance forces: $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{kq_pq_e}{r^2}$

centripetal
force

Coulomb
force

$$= -\frac{ke^2}{r^2}$$

$(q_e = -q_p = e)$

Rearrange: $mv^2r = ke^2$

From:

$$mvr = n\hbar$$



$$v = \frac{n\hbar}{mr}$$



$$r = \frac{n^2\hbar^2}{mke^2}$$

Define:

$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{mke^2} = 0.0529\text{nm}$$

Bohr radius



$$r = n^2a_0$$

allowed orbits

The problem with atoms

Total energy: $E = KE + U(r)$

kinetic $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

point source potential $U(r) = \frac{ke^2}{r}$
(lecture 7)

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{ke^2}{r}$$

From
last slide

$$mv^2r = ke^2$$

$$mvr = n\hbar$$

$$v = \frac{ke^2}{n\hbar}$$

and

$$r = \frac{n^2\hbar^2}{mke^2}$$

$$E = -\frac{k^2e^4m}{2\hbar^2n^2}$$

$$E = -\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)$$

The problem with atoms

$$E = -\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \quad \text{energy levels, Bohr atom}$$

for $n = 1$: $E_1 = -2.18 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$

Simpler to write: $E = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

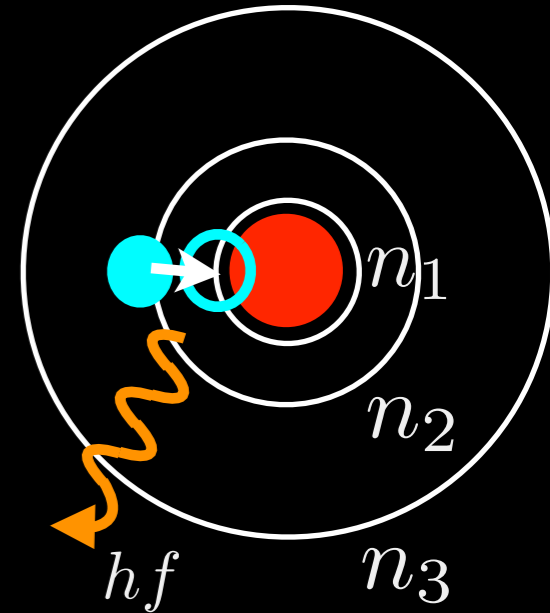
$n = 1$ is the **ground state**.

$n > 1$ are the **excited states**.

The problem with atoms

So...

When an electron changes orbits, it emits/absorbs a photon.



Photon energy = difference in orbit energies

$$\Delta E = -\frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right) = \frac{ke^2}{2a_0} \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

energy of the emitted photon

But photon energy is: $E = hf = h\frac{c}{\lambda}$

Therefore:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{ke^2}{2a_0hc} \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

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R_H



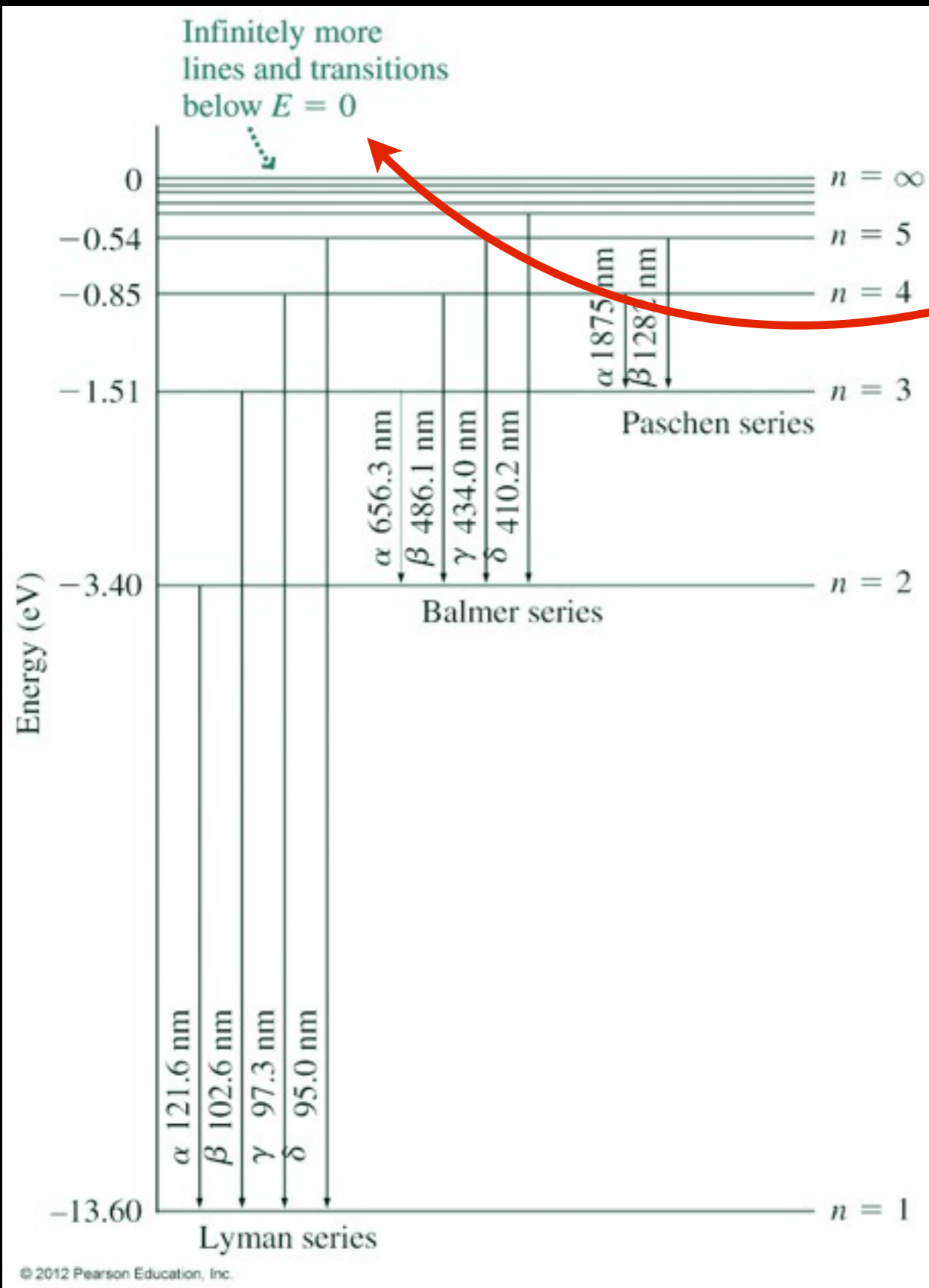
$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

Balmer spectrum!

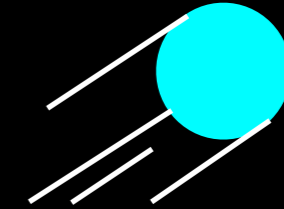
$$\frac{ke^2}{2a_0hc} = 1.09 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

slight difference from measured value because assumed proton did not move.

The problem with atoms



Above $E = 0$, electron is no longer bound to the proton.



Removing an electron is **ionisation**.

To remove an electron from the ground state of Hydrogen:

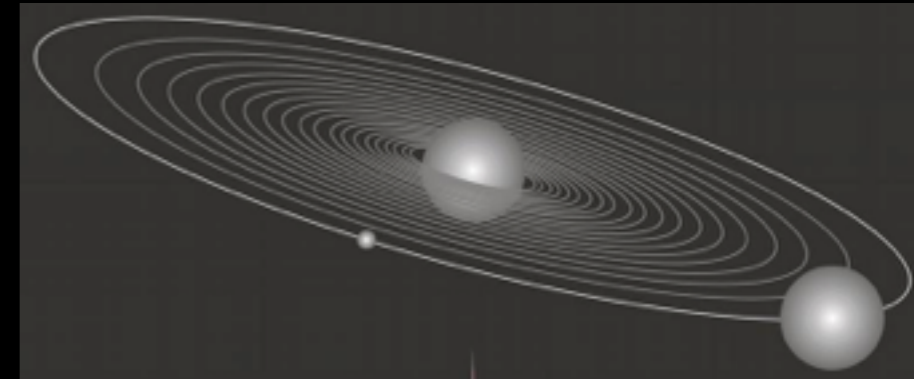
$$E = 13.6\text{eV}$$

Ionisation energy

The problem with atoms

Example

Found in diffuse gas in space, Rydberg atoms have electrons in a highly excited state.



What is the diameter of the hydrogen atom in the $n = 273$ state?

What wavelength of photon would be emitted in the $n = 273$ to $n = 272$ transition?

$$r = n^2 a_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad d = 2(273)^2 a_0 = 7.9 \mu\text{m} \quad \begin{array}{l} 75,000 \times \text{Hydrogen ground state atom} \\ \sim \text{size of red blood cell} \end{array}$$

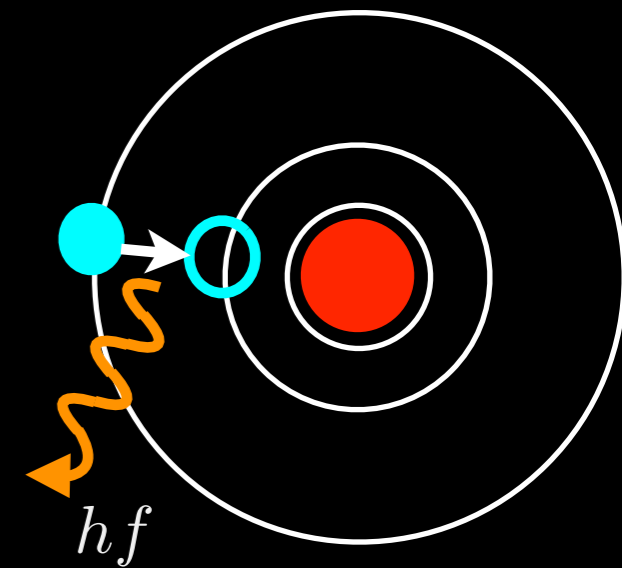
$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \lambda = \left[R_H \left(\frac{1}{272^2} - \frac{1}{273^2} \right) \right]^{-1} = 92 \text{cm}$$

radio wave!

The problem with atoms

Limitation of the Bohr Model

VERY successful model for Hydrogen-like atoms.
(1 electron atoms, or with 1 less bound electron)



... not as good for more complicated atoms.

Does not say *when* a orbit change will occur

... or intensity of spectral lines

Mix of classical and non-classical ideas.

The problem with atoms

Quiz

Which spectral line of the Paschen series ($n_2 = 3$) has $\lambda = 1282\text{nm}$?

$$R_H = 0.01097\text{nm}^{-1}$$

(A) 6

$$n_2 = 3 \quad n_1 = 4, 5, 6, \dots$$

(B) 5

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_2^2} - \frac{1}{n_1^2} \right)$$

(C) 4

$$\lambda = 1282\text{nm}$$

(D) 2



$$n_1 = \sqrt{\frac{9 \times 14.1}{14.1 - 9}} = 5$$

Particles or waves?

THIS lecture:

Light is a **particle** of energy called a photon

To explain blackbody radiation, photoelectric effect and the atomic structure...

... it **MUST** be a discrete package, not a continuous wave.

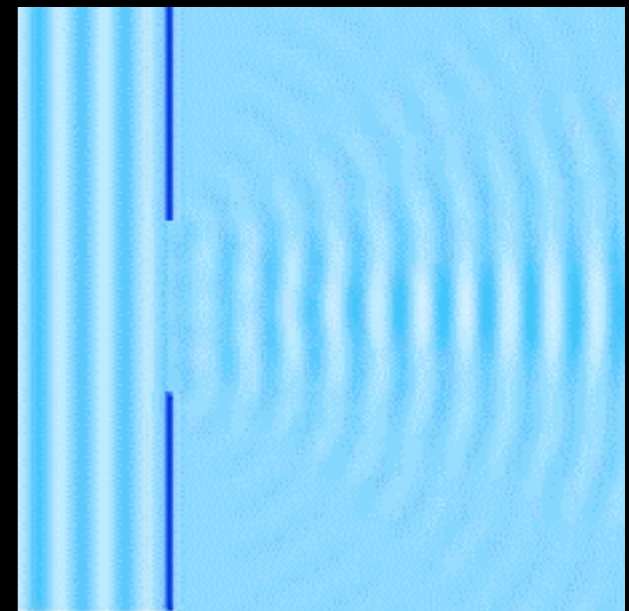
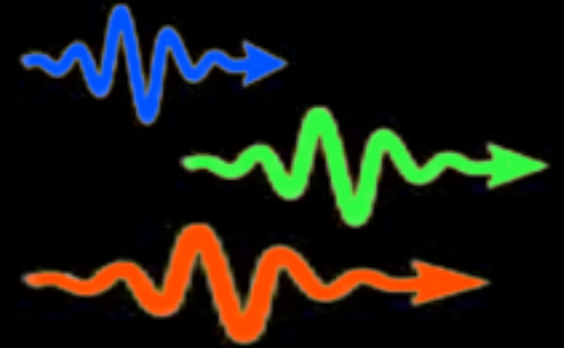
But LAST lecture

Light is an electromagnetic **WAVE**.

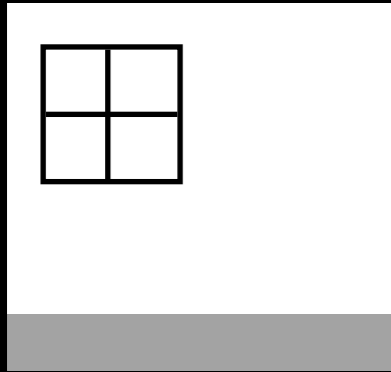
It undergoes diffraction and interference.

... it **MUST** be a continuous wave.

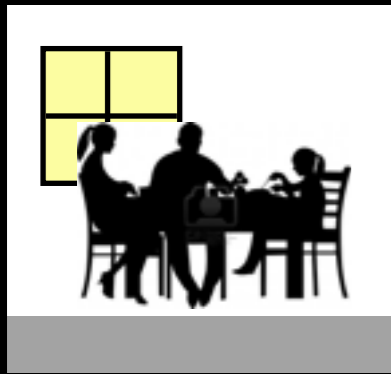
Is light a **WAVE** or a **PARTICLE**?



Analogy...



Imagine an empty room...



In the morning ... it's a dining room



In the evening ... it's a ballroom

Is the room a **dining room** or a **ballroom**? It depends how you use it.

Is light a **particle** or a **wave**? It depends how you measure it.

(analogy from the book 'Uncle Albert and the Quantum Quest')

Particles or waves?

Diffraction experiment

measures wave properties → light is a wave

Photoelectric effect

measures particle properties → light is a particle

→ **Wave-particle duality**

Bohr's correspondence principal:

When the size of the quanta is very very small compared to what you measure → classical physics → light is a wave.

e.g. 1000-W radio beam; contains many photons / length with $E = hf$
→ continuous wave

1000-W X-ray beam; photon energy much higher.
→ quantised particles

Matter Waves

1923, Louis de Broglie (pronounced “de Broy”):

If light can be both particle and wave....

can matter be both particle and wave too?

For both particles and waves:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \quad (\text{de Broglie wavelength})$$

momentum mv

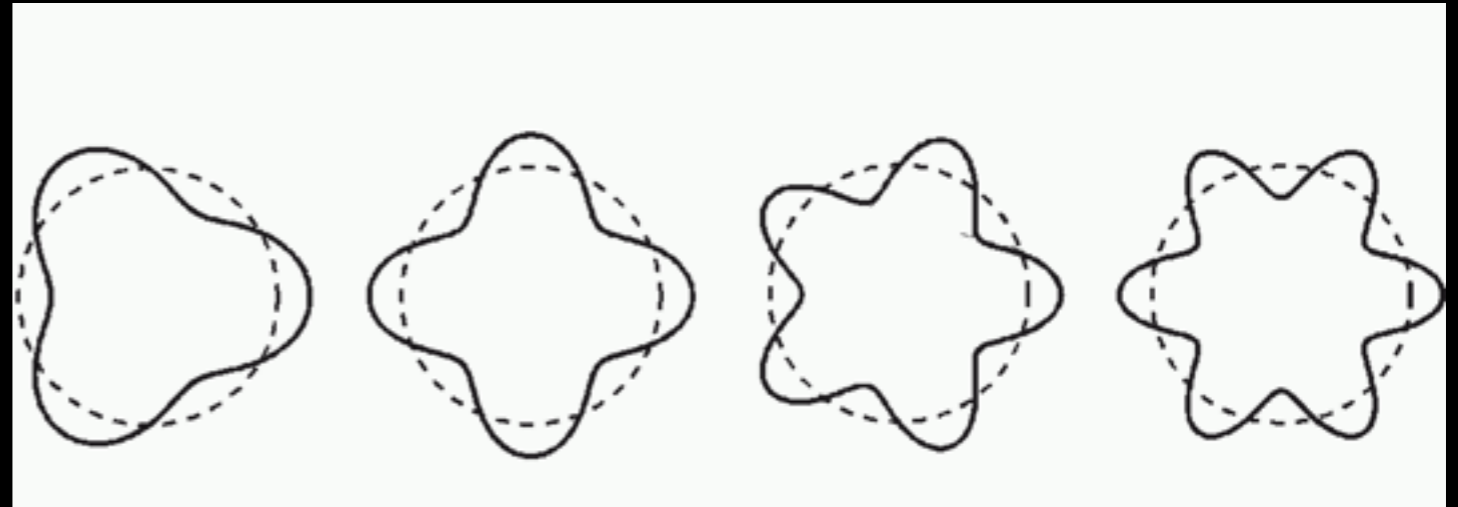


Matter Waves

Apply this to the electron

↓ electron is a wave

atomic orbits are electron standing waves



n full wavelengths around circumference of orbit:

$$n\lambda = n \left(\frac{h}{p} \right) = 2\pi r$$

$\searrow \times \frac{mv}{2\pi}$

$$mvr = \frac{nh}{2\pi} = n\hbar$$

Bohr's quantisation condition

Matter Waves

Example

Find the de Broglie wavelength of a 150-g baseball pitches at 45 m/s

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{0.150 \times 45} \\ \simeq 10^{-34} \text{ m}$$

tiny compared to pitch!
particle effect dominates



Find the de Broglie wavelength of an electron with velocity 1 Mm/s

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{1 \times 10^{-30} \times 1 \times 10^6} \simeq 0.7 \text{ nm}$$

several times size of atom
wave effect dominates

Matter Waves

Quiz

An electron with kinetic energy of 1000 eV has a de Broglie wavelength of 0.04 nm.

If the energy is increased by x 10 the wavelength will be...:

(A) increased by a factor of 10

$$E_2 = 10E_1$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

(B) decreased by a factor of 1/10

$$v_2 = \sqrt{10}v_1$$

(C) decreased by a factor of 100

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

(D) decreased by a factor of $1/\sqrt{10}$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \frac{h}{mv}$$

Down the rabbit hole

Curious facts about
quantised particles



Uncertainty Principal

It is impossible to know both **position** and **momentum** of a particle

error in
position

error in
momentum

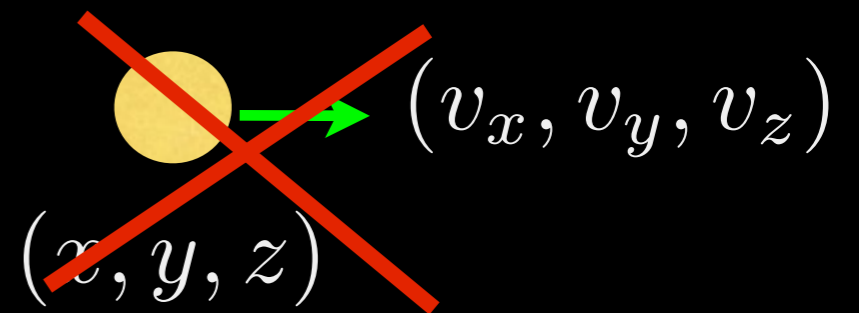
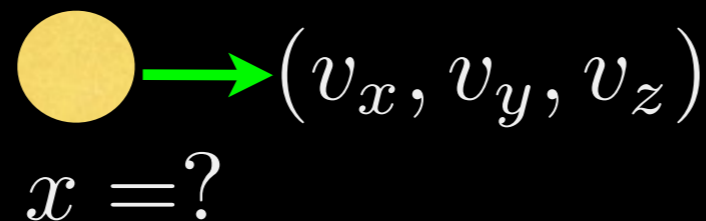
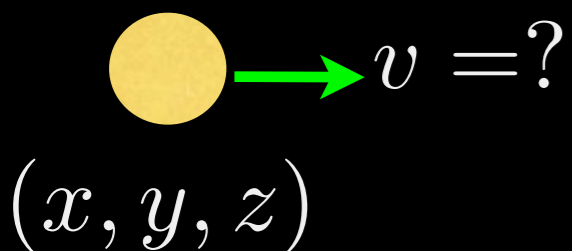
$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \hbar$$

uncertainty principal

Either you
know position
very accurately
 $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

OR momentum
 $\Delta p \rightarrow 0$

but not both



You can know where something is, but not how fast it's going

Uncertainty Principal

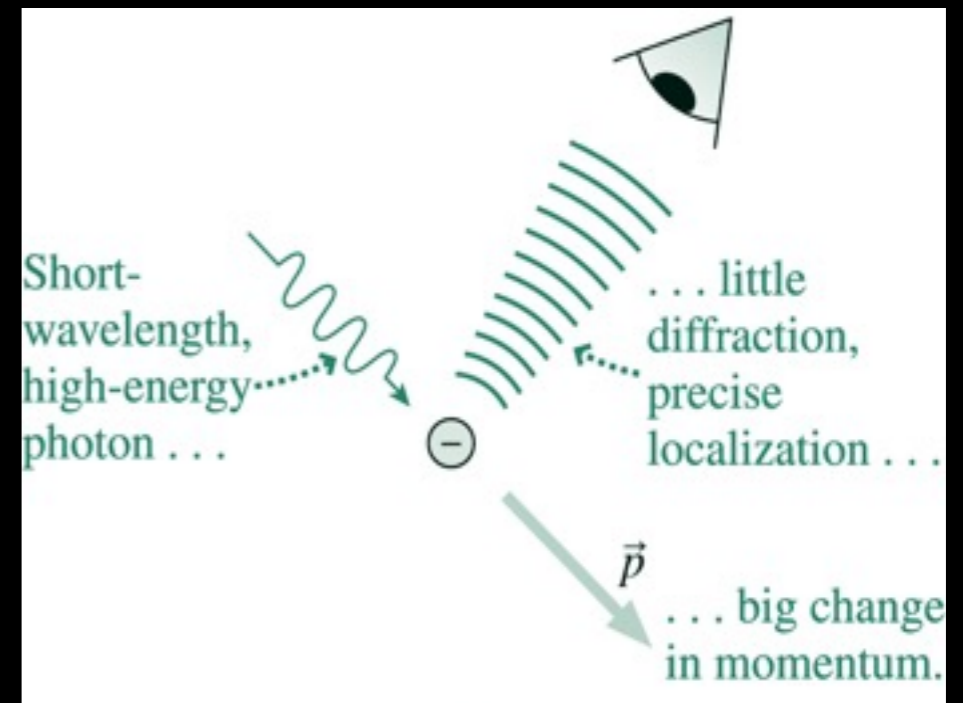
Why?

Use a single light photon to observe an electron.

Short wavelength photon



precise location of electron



high energy photon changes electron's momentum



accuracy of electron's momentum decreases



Uncertainty Principal

Why?

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long wavelength photon



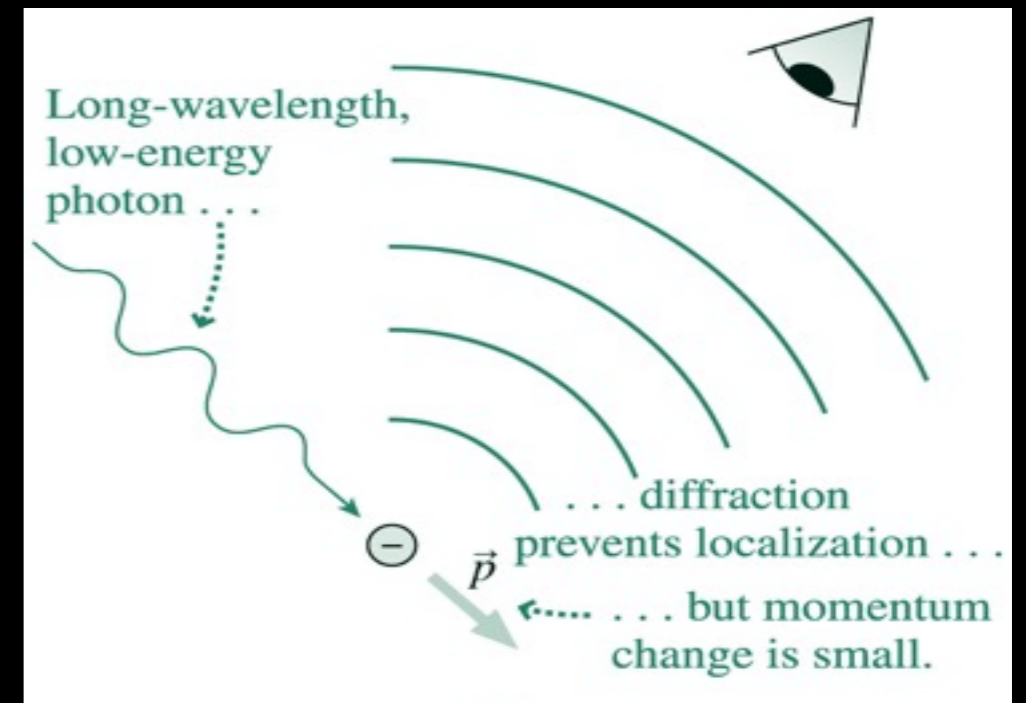
low energy photon does not disturb electron: momentum known



Diffraction of long wavelength photon → limit resolution



accuracy of electron's position decreases



Uncertainty Principal

Example

A beam of Al atoms have a velocity known within 0.2 m/s.

How accurately can they be positioned?

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \hbar$$

$$m = 26.98u$$

$$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/u} \quad \text{universal mass unit (u)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p &= m \Delta v = (26.98u)(1.66 \times 10^{-27})(0.20 \text{ m/s}) \\ &= 9 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{\hbar}{\Delta p} = 12 \text{ nm}$$

Uncertainty Principal

Quiz

An electron is moving at 50 Mm/s, accurate to $\pm 10\%$

What is the minimum uncertainty in its position?

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

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(B) 146pm

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(C) 23pm

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$$= 12 \text{ pm}$$