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Lecture Presentation

Chapter 7

The Quantum-Mechanical Model of the Atom

The Beginnings of Quantum Mechanics

- Until the beginning of the twentieth century it was believed that all physical phenomena were deterministic.
- Work done at that time by many famous physicists discovered that for subatomic particles, the present condition does not determine the future condition.
 - Albert Einstein, Neils Bohr, Louis de Broglie, Max Planck, Werner Heisenberg, P. A. M. Dirac, and Erwin Schrödinger

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The Beginnings of Quantum Mechanics

- Quantum mechanics forms the foundation of chemistry.
 - Explains the periodic table
 - The behavior of the elements in chemical bonding
 - Provides the practical basis for lasers, computers, and countless other applications

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The Behavior of the Very Small

- Electrons are incredibly small.
 - A single speck of dust has more electrons than the number of people who have ever lived on Earth.
- Electron behavior determines much of the behavior of atoms.
- Directly observing electrons in the atom is impossible; the electron is so small that observing it changes its behavior.
 - Even shining a light on the electron would affect it.

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A Theory That Explains Electron Behavior

- The **quantum-mechanical model** explains the manner in which electrons exist and behave in atoms.
- It helps us understand and predict the properties of atoms that are directly related to the behavior of the electrons:
 - Why some elements are metals and others are nonmetals.
 - Why some elements gain one electron when forming an anion, whereas others gain two.
 - Why some elements are very reactive, while others are practically inert.
 - Why, in other periodic patterns, we see the properties of the elements.

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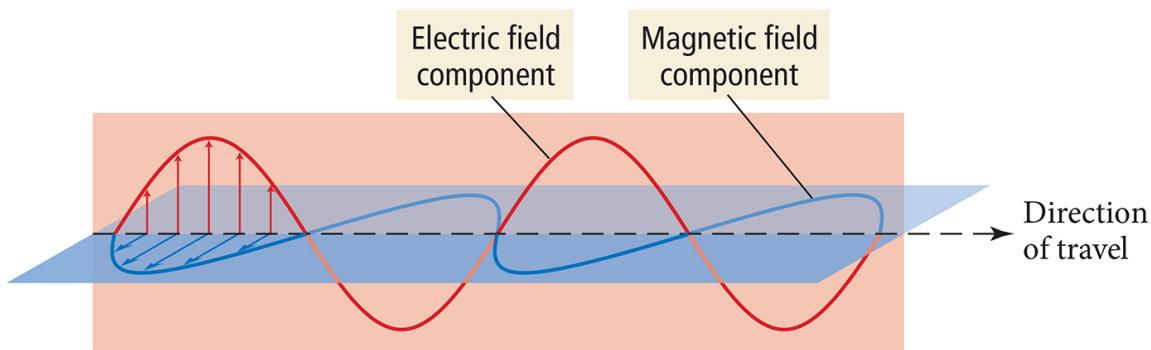
The Nature of Light: Its Wave Nature

- Light: a form of **electromagnetic radiation**
 - Composed of perpendicular oscillating waves, one for the electric field and one for the magnetic field
 - An electric field is a region where an electrically charged particle experiences a force.
 - A magnetic field is a region where a magnetized particle experiences a force.
- All electromagnetic waves move through space at the same constant speed.
 - 3.00×10^8 m/s = **the speed of light**

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Electromagnetic Radiation

Electromagnetic Radiation



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Speed of Energy Transmission



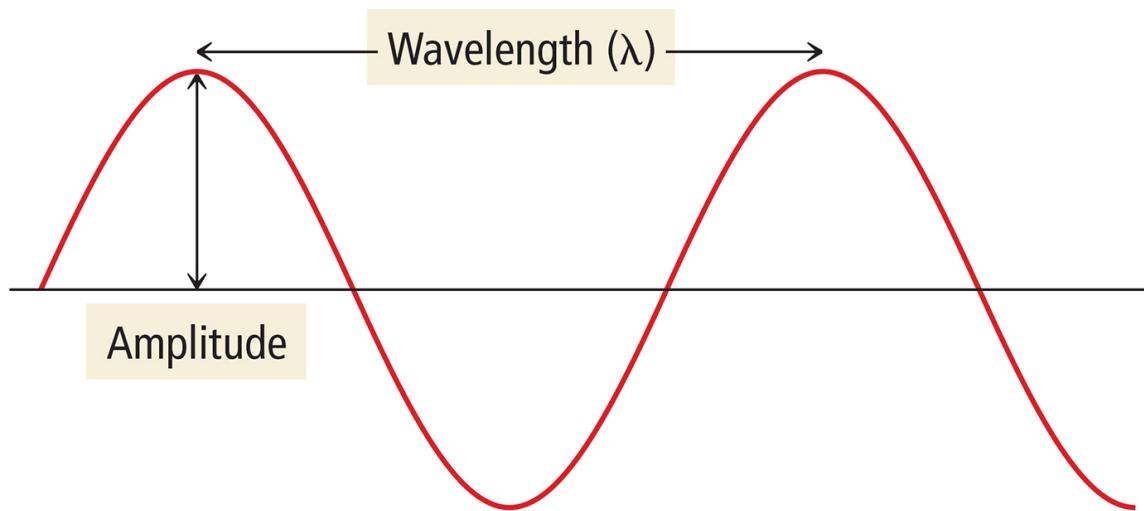
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Characterizing Waves

- The **amplitude** is the height of the wave.
 - The distance from node to crest or node to trough.
 - The amplitude is a measure of light intensity—the larger the amplitude, the brighter the light.
- The **wavelength (λ)** is a measure of the distance covered by the wave.
 - The distance from one crest to the next
 - The distance from one trough to the next, or the distance between alternate nodes

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Wave Characteristics



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Characterizing Waves

- The **frequency (ν)** is the number of waves that pass a point in a given period of time.
 - The number of waves = the number of cycles.
 - Units are hertz (Hz) or cycles/s = s^{-1} (1 Hz = 1 s^{-1}).
- The total energy is proportional to the amplitude of the waves and the frequency.
 - The larger the amplitude, the more force it has.
 - The more frequently the waves strike, the more total force there is.

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The Relationship between Wavelength and Frequency

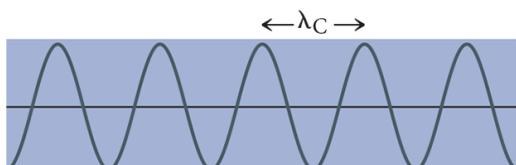
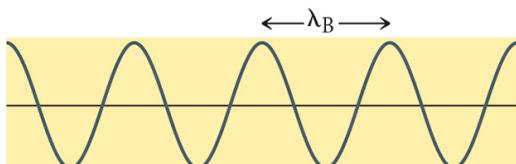
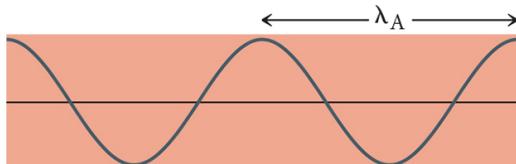
- For waves traveling at the same speed, the shorter the wavelength, the more frequently they pass.
- This means that the wavelength and frequency of electromagnetic waves are inversely proportional.
 - Because the speed of light is constant, if we know wavelength we can find the frequency, and vice versa.

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

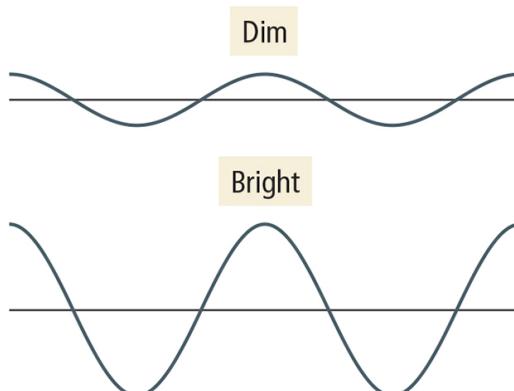
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Amplitude and Wavelength

Different wavelengths,
different colors



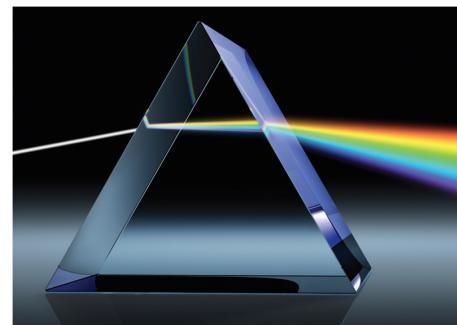
Different amplitudes,
different brightness



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Color

- The color of light is determined by its wavelength or frequency.
- White light is a mixture of all the colors of visible light.
 - A **spectrum**
 - Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Indigo Violet
- When an object absorbs some of the wavelengths of white light and reflects others, it appears colored; the observed color is predominantly the colors reflected.



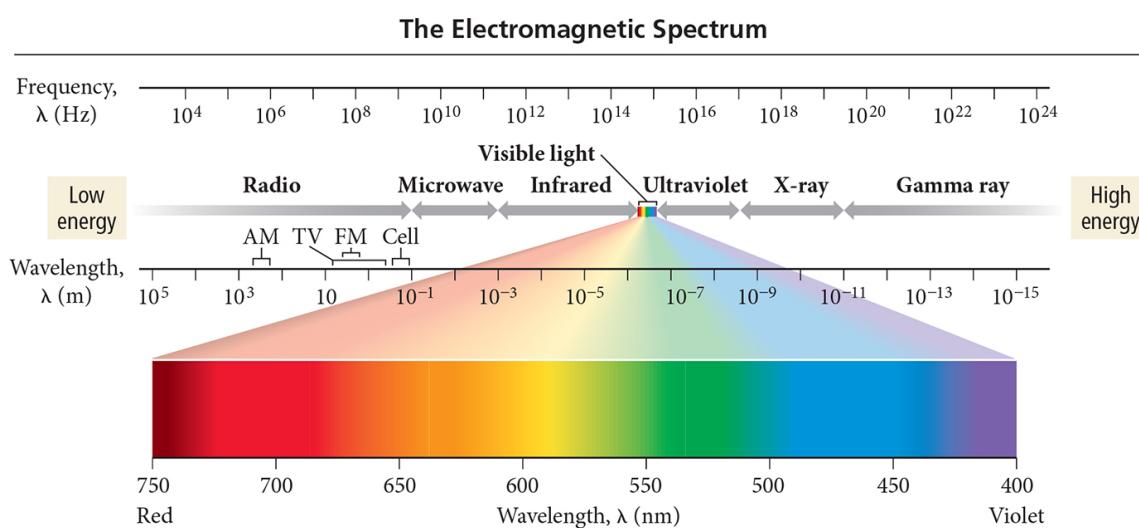
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The Electromagnetic Spectrum

- Visible light comprises only a small fraction of all the wavelengths of light, called the **electromagnetic spectrum**.
- Shorter wavelength (high-frequency) light has higher energy.
 - Radio wave light has the lowest energy.
 - Gamma ray light has the highest energy.
- High-energy electromagnetic radiation can potentially damage biological molecules.
 - Ionizing radiation

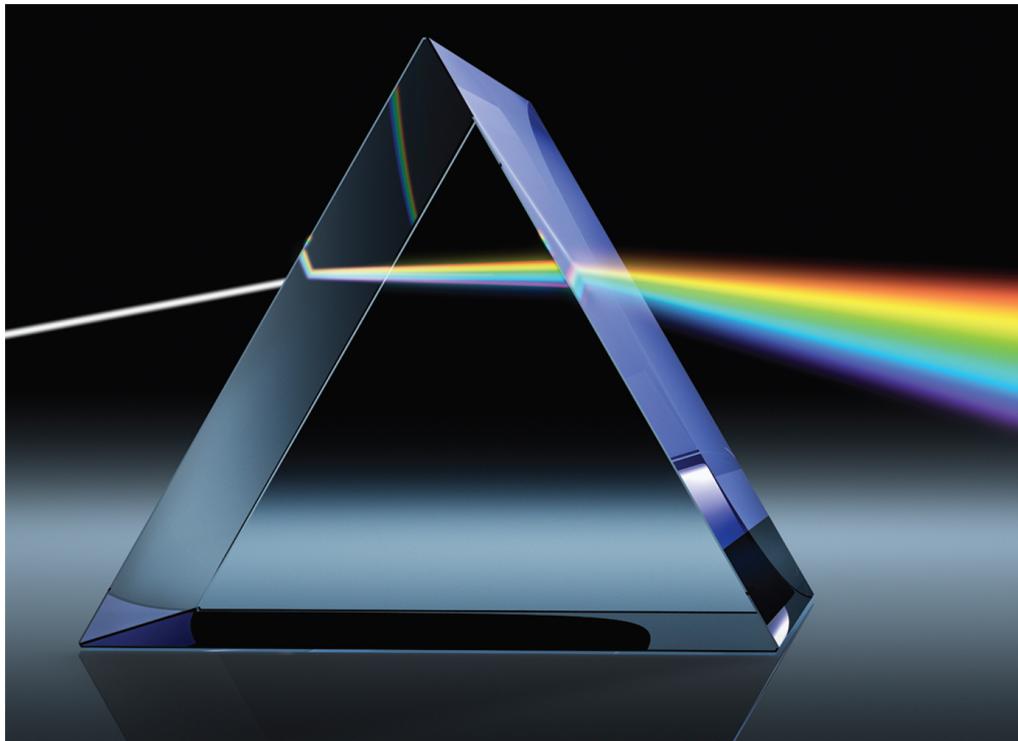
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Electromagnetic Spectrum



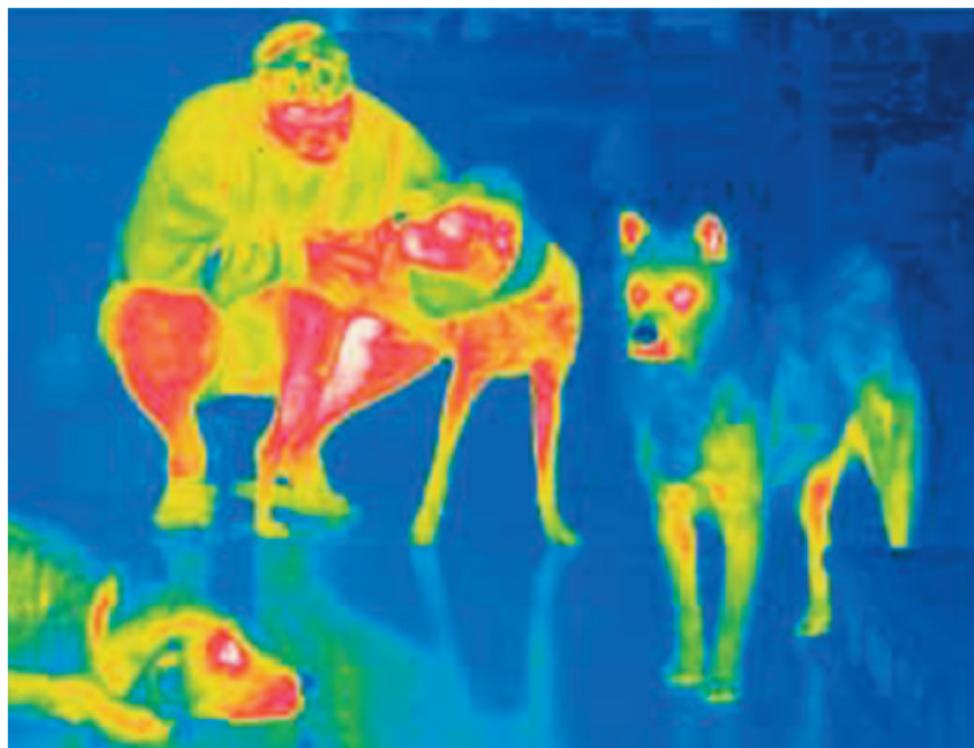
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Continuous Spectrum



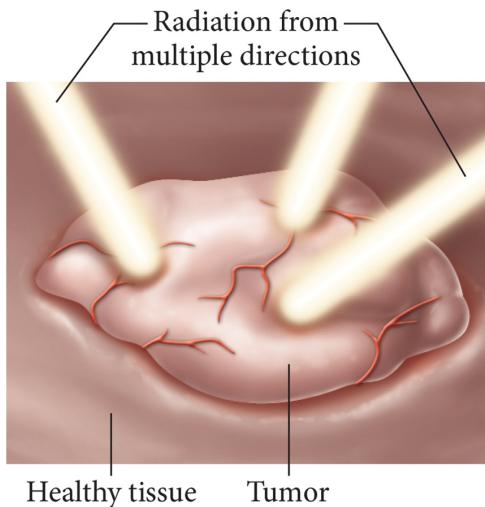
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Thermal Imaging Using Infrared Light



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Using High-Energy Radiation to Kill Cancer Cells



During radiation therapy, a tumor is targeted from multiple directions in order to minimize the exposure of healthy cells while maximizing the exposure of cancerous cells.

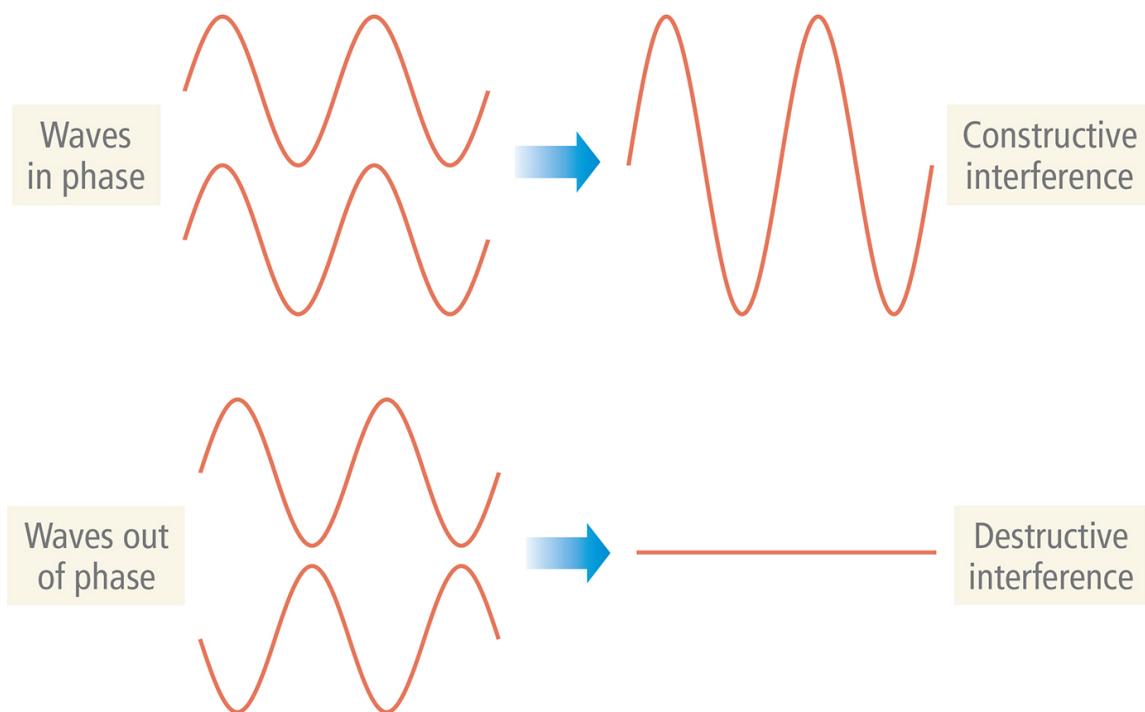
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Interference

- The interaction between waves is called **interference**.
- **Constructive interference:** When waves interact so that they add to make a larger wave, it is called **in phase**.
- **Destructive interference:** When waves interact so that they cancel each other, it is called **out of phase**.

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Interference



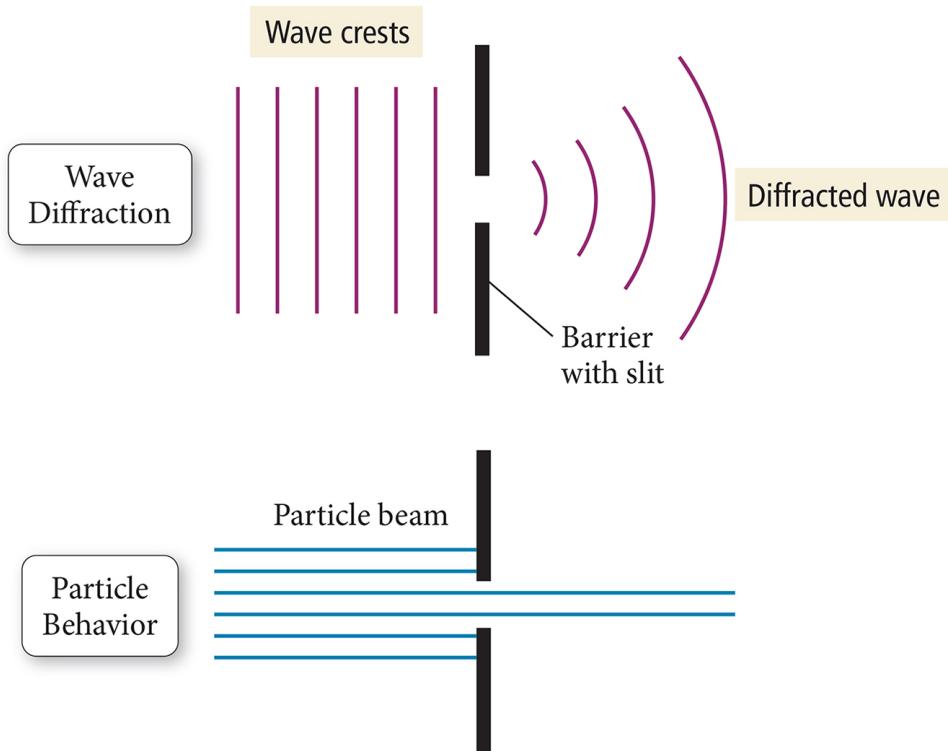
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Diffraction

- When traveling waves encounter an obstacle or opening in a barrier that is about the same size as the wavelength, they bend around it; this is called **diffraction**.
 - Traveling particles do not diffract.
- The diffraction of light through two slits separated by a distance comparable to the wavelength results in an **interference pattern** of the diffracted waves.
- An interference pattern is a characteristic of all light waves.

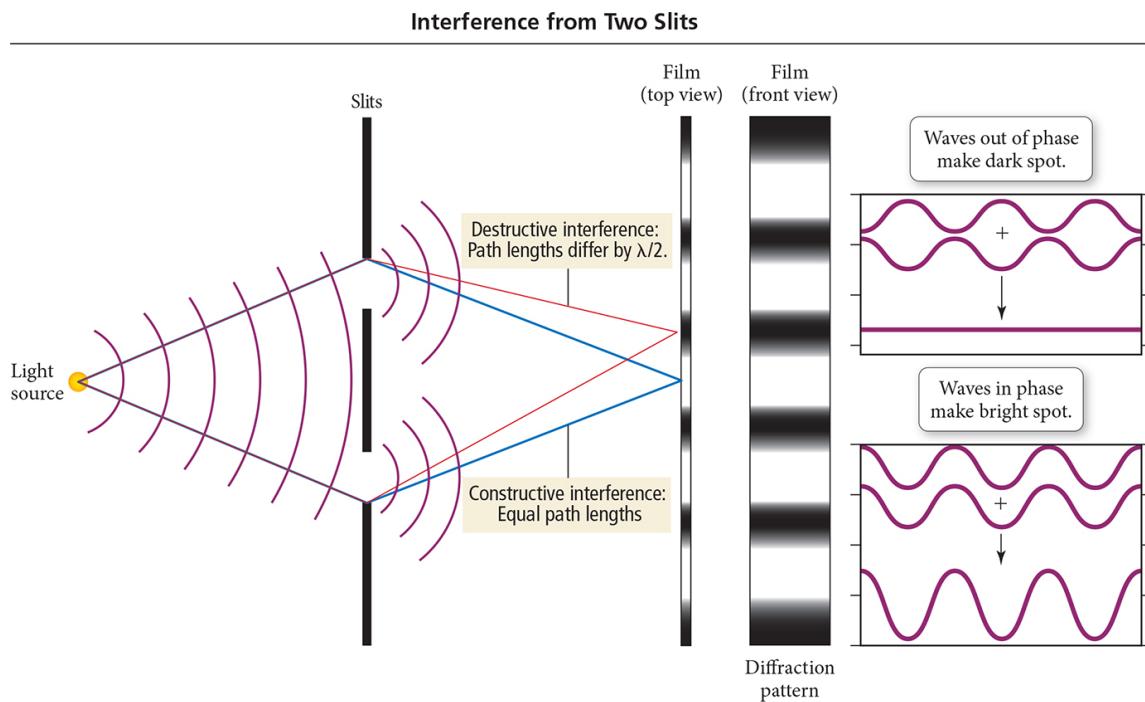
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Diffraction



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Two-Slit Interference



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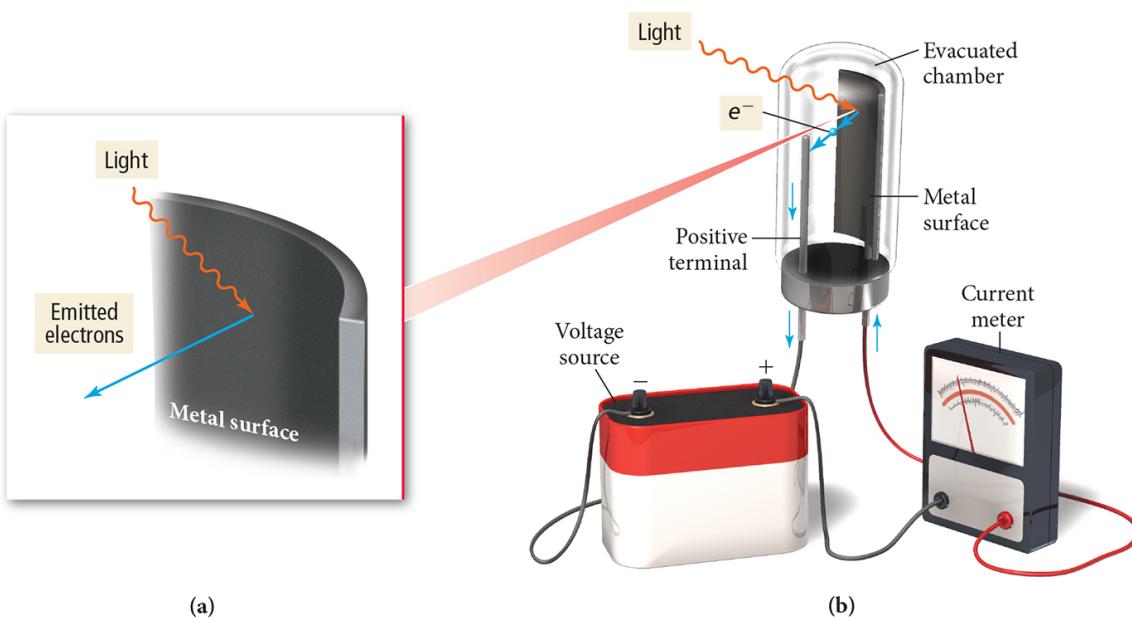
The Photoelectric Effect

- It was observed that many metals emit electrons when a light shines on their surface.
 - This is called the **photoelectric effect**.
- Classic wave theory attributed this effect to the light energy being transferred to the electron.
- According to this theory, if the wavelength of light is made shorter, or the light wave's intensity made brighter, more electrons should be ejected.
 - Remember that the energy of a wave is directly proportional to its amplitude and its frequency.
 - This idea predicts if a dim light were used there would be a *lag time* before electrons were emitted.
 - To give the electrons time to absorb enough energy

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The Photoelectric Effect

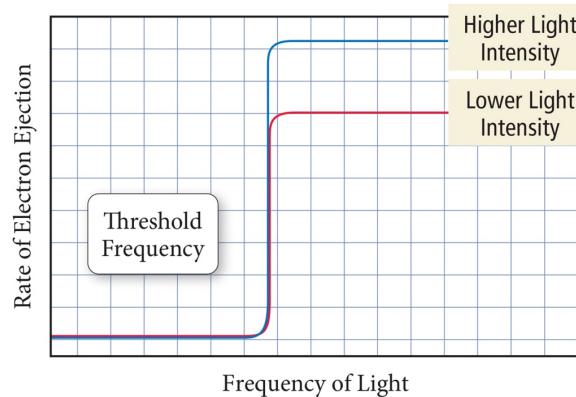
The Photoelectric Effect



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The Photoelectric Effect: The Problem

- Experimental observations indicate the following:
 - A minimum frequency was needed before electrons would be emitted, regardless of the intensity, called the **threshold frequency**.
 - High-frequency light from a dim source caused electron emission *without* any lag time.



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Einstein's Explanation

- Einstein proposed that the light energy was delivered to the atoms in packets, called **quanta** or **photons**.
- ***The energy of a photon of light is directly proportional to its frequency.***
 - Inversely proportional to its wavelength
 - The proportionality constant is called **Planck's Constant, (h)** and has the value $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$.

$$E = hv \quad E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

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Ejected Electrons

- One photon at the threshold frequency gives the electron just enough energy for it to escape the atom.
 - **Binding energy, ϕ**
- When irradiated with a shorter wavelength photon, the electron absorbs more energy than is necessary to escape.
- This excess energy becomes kinetic energy of the ejected electron.

$$\text{Kinetic Energy} = E_{\text{photon}} - E_{\text{binding}}$$

$$KE = h\nu - \phi$$

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Question

Suppose a metal will eject electrons from its surface when struck by yellow light. What will happen if the surface is struck with ultraviolet light?

- a. No electrons would be ejected.
- b. Electrons would be ejected, and they would have the same kinetic energy as those ejected by yellow light.
- c. Electrons would be ejected, and they would have greater kinetic energy than those ejected by yellow light.
- d. Electrons would be ejected, and they would have lower kinetic energy than those ejected by yellow light.

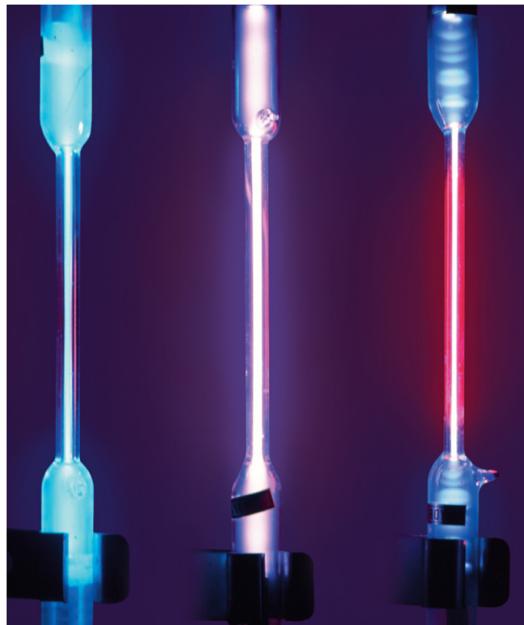
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Spectra

- When atoms or molecules absorb energy, that energy is often released as light energy.
 - Fireworks, neon lights, etc.
- When that emitted light is passed through a prism, a pattern of particular wavelengths of light is seen that is unique to that type of atom or molecule; the pattern is called an **emission spectrum**.
 - Noncontinuous
 - Can be used to identify the material
 - Flame tests

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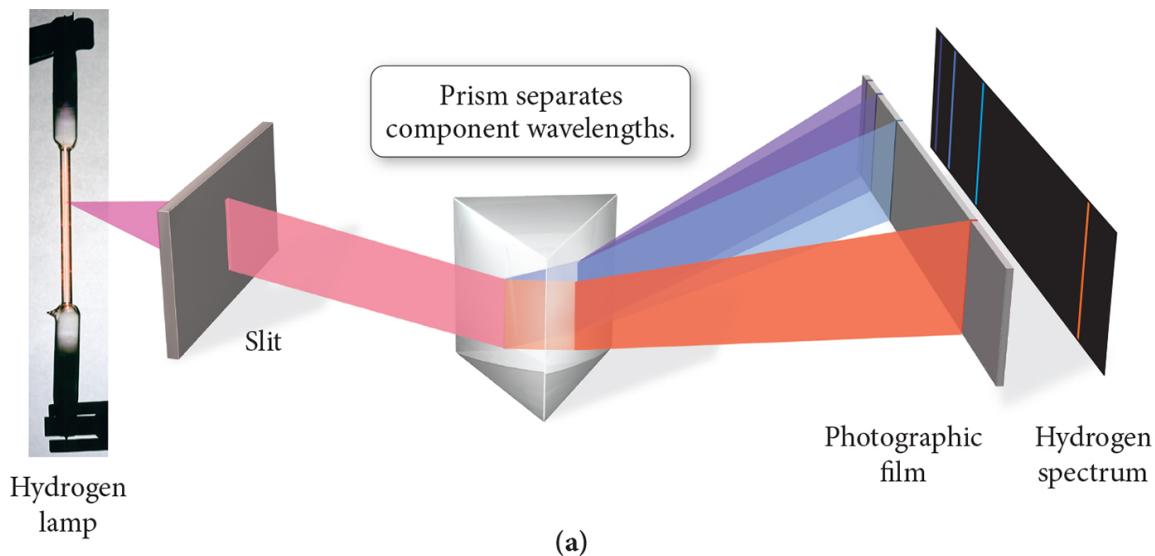
Exciting Gas Atoms to Emit Light



- Light is emitted when gas atoms are excited via external energy (e.g., electricity or flame).
- Each element emits a characteristic color of light.

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Emission Spectra



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Examples of Spectra



Helium spectrum



Barium spectrum

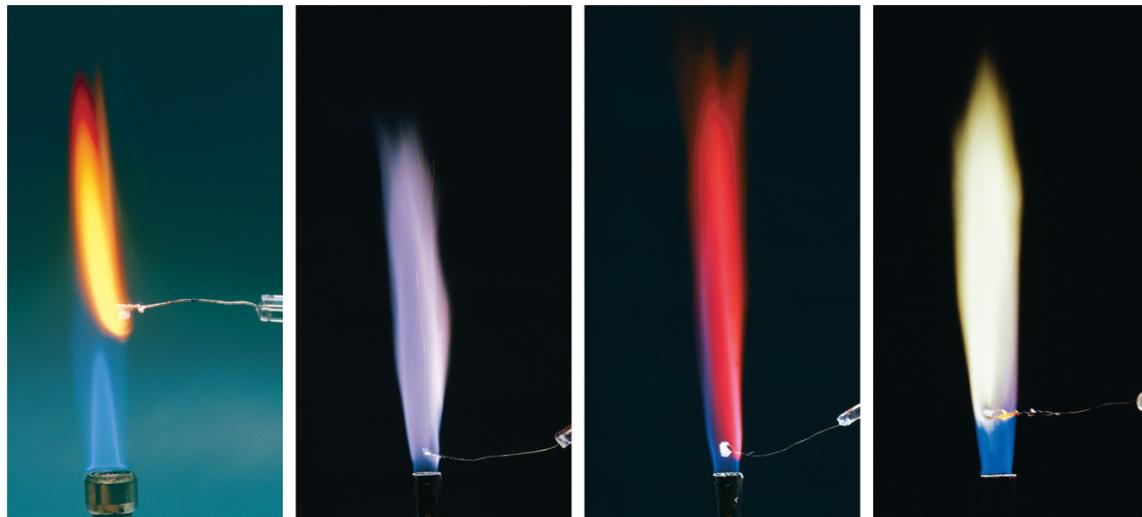


White light spectrum

(b)

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Identifying Elements with Flame Tests



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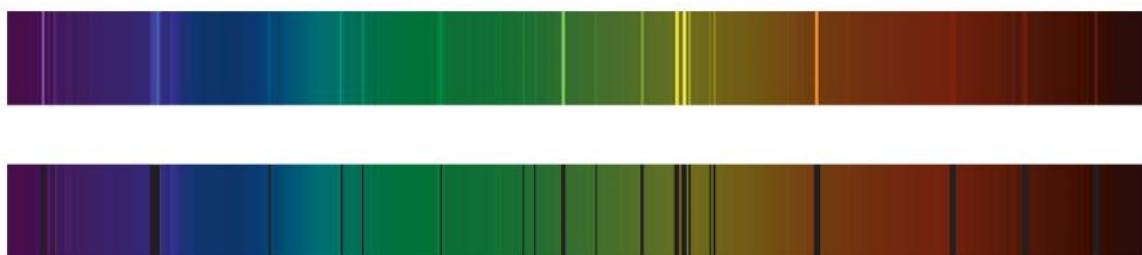
K

Li

Ba

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Emission versus Absorption Spectra



Spectra of Mercury

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Rydberg's Spectrum Analysis

Johannes Rydberg (1854–1919)

- Rydberg analyzed the spectrum of hydrogen and found that it could be described with an equation that involved an inverse square of integers.

$$1/\lambda = R(1/m^2 - 1/n^2)$$

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The Bohr Model of the Atom

Neils Bohr (1885–1962)

- The nuclear model of the atom does not explain what structural changes occur when the atom gains or loses energy.
- Bohr developed a model of the atom to explain how the structure of the atom changes when it undergoes energy transitions.
- Bohr's major idea was that the energy of the atom was **quantized** and that the amount of energy in the atom was related to the electron's position in the atom.
 - **Quantized** means that the atom could have only very specific amounts of energy.

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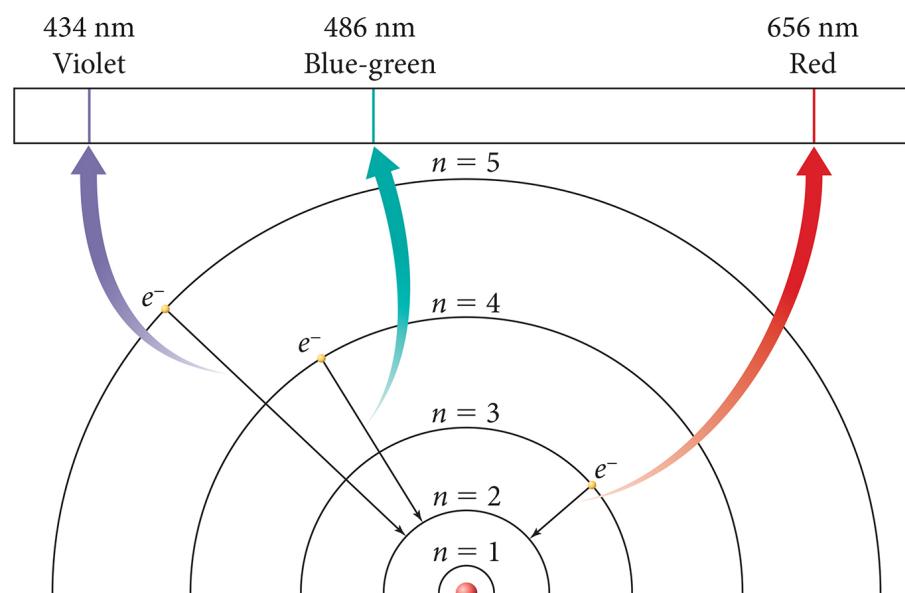
Bohr's Model

- The electrons travel in orbits that are at a fixed distance from the nucleus.
 - **Stationary states**
 - Therefore, the energy of the electron was proportional to the distance the orbit was from the nucleus.
- Electrons emit radiation when they “jump” from an orbit with higher energy down to an orbit with lower energy.
 - The emitted radiation was a photon of light.
 - The distance between the orbits determined the energy of the photon of light produced.

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Bohr Model of H Atoms

The Bohr Model and Emission Spectra



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Wave Behavior of Electrons

Louis de Broglie (1892–1987)

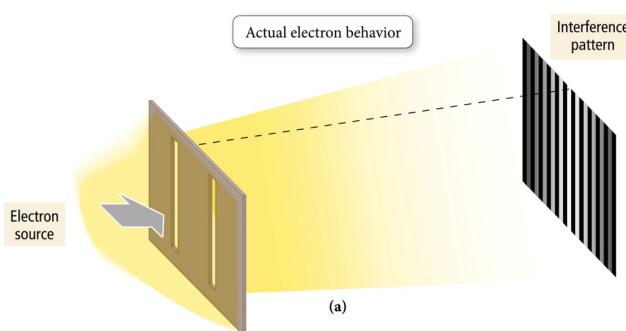
- De Broglie proposed that particles could have wavelike character.
- De Broglie predicted that the wavelength of a particle was inversely proportional to its momentum.
- Because it is so small, the wave character of electrons is significant.

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

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Electron Diffraction

- Proof that the electron had wave nature came a few years later with the demonstration that a beam of electrons would produce an interference pattern the same as waves do.

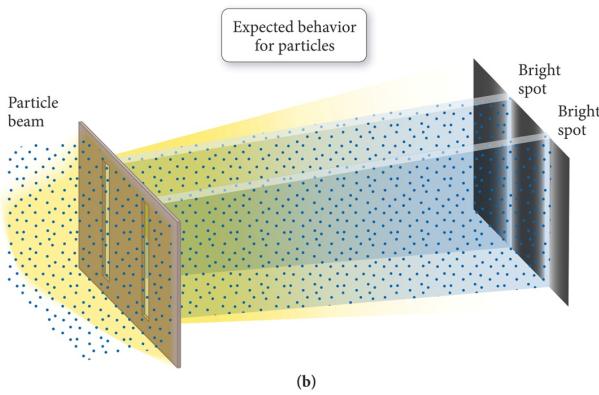


However, electrons actually present an interference pattern, demonstrating they behave like waves.

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If electrons behave only like particles, there should be only two bright spots on the target.

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Complementary Properties

- When you try to observe the wave nature of the electron, you cannot observe its particle nature, and vice versa.
 - Wave nature = interference pattern
 - Particle nature = position, which slit it is passing through
- The wave and particle nature of the electron are **complementary properties**.
 - As you know more about one you know less about the other.

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Uncertainty Principle

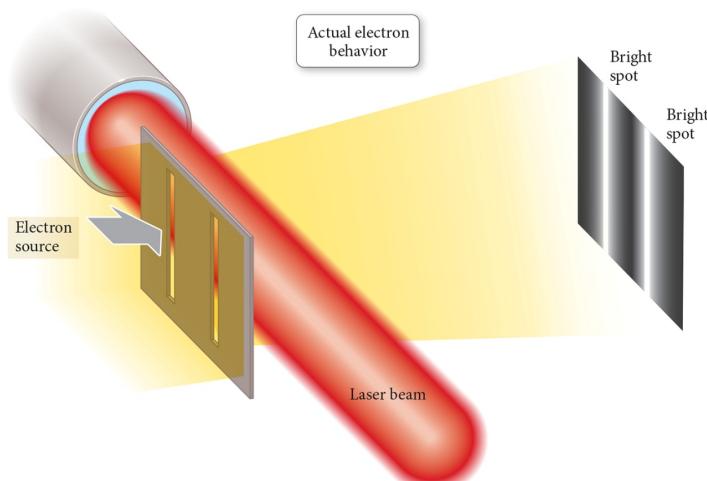
- Heisenberg stated that the product of the uncertainties in both the position and speed of a particle was inversely proportional to its mass.
 - x = position, Δx = uncertainty in position
 - v = velocity, Δv = uncertainty in velocity
 - m = mass

$$\Delta x \times m\Delta v \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

- This means that the more accurately you know the position of a small particle, such as an electron, the less you know about its speed, and vice versa.

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Uncertainty Principle Demonstration



Any experiment designed to observe the electron results in detection of a single electron particle and no interference pattern.

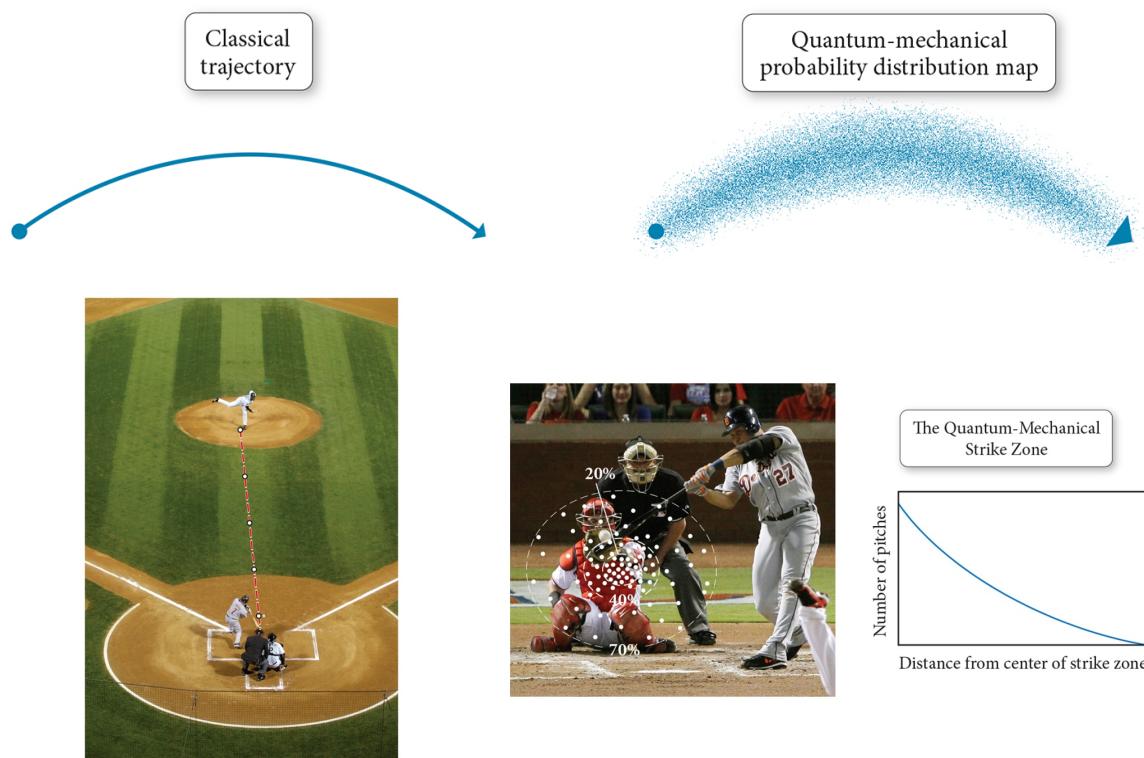
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Determinacy versus Indeterminacy

- According to classical physics, particles move in a path **determined** by the particle's velocity, position, and forces acting on it.
 - Determinacy = definite, predictable future
- Because we cannot know both the position and velocity of an electron, we cannot predict the path it will follow.
 - Indeterminacy = indefinite future, can predict only probability
- The best we can do is to describe the probability an electron will be found in a particular region using statistical functions.

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Trajectory versus Probability



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Electron Energy

- Electron energy and position are complementary.
 - $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- For an electron with a given energy, the best we can do is describe a region in the atom of high probability of finding it.
- Many of the properties of atoms are related to the energies of the electrons.

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Schrödinger's Equation

- Schrödinger's equation allows us to calculate the probability of finding an electron with a particular amount of energy at a particular location in the atom.
- Solutions to Schrödinger's equation produce many wave functions, Ψ .
- A plot of distance versus Ψ^2 represents an **orbital**, a probability distribution map of a region where the electron is likely to be found.

$$\mathcal{H}\psi = E\psi$$

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Solutions to the Wave Function, Ψ

- Calculations show that the size, shape, and orientation in space of an orbital are determined to be three integer terms in the wave function.
 - Added to quantize the energy of the electron
- These integers are called **quantum numbers**.
 - Principal quantum number, n
 - Angular momentum quantum number, l
 - Magnetic quantum number, m_l

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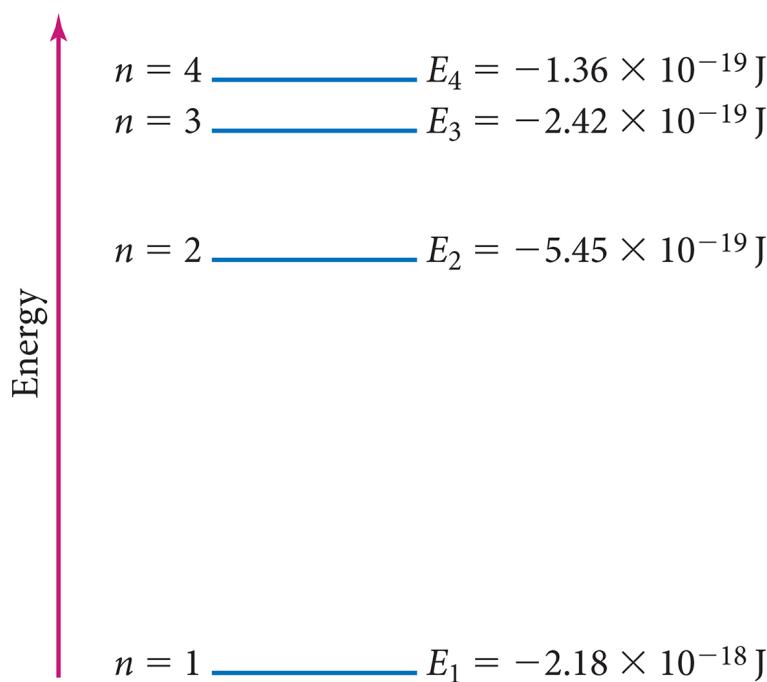
Principal Quantum Number, n

- Characterizes the energy of the electron in a particular orbital
 - Corresponds to Bohr's energy level
- n can be any integer ≥ 1 .
- The larger the value of n , the more energy the orbital has.
- Energies are defined as being negative.
 - An electron would have $E = 0$ when it escapes the atom.
- The larger the value of n , the larger the orbital.
- As n gets larger, the amount of energy between orbitals gets smaller.

$$E_n = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} J \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

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Principal Energy Levels in Hydrogen



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Angular Momentum Quantum Number, l

- The angular momentum quantum number determines the shape of the orbital.
- l can have integer values from 0 to $(n - 1)$.
- Each value of l is called by a particular letter that designates the shape of the orbital.
 - **s** orbitals are spherical.
 - **p** orbitals are like two balloons tied at the knots.
 - **d** orbitals are mainly like four balloons tied at the knots.
 - **f** orbitals are mainly like eight balloons tied at the knots.

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Angular Momentum Quantum Number, l

Value of l	Letter Designation
$l = 0$	s
$l = 1$	p
$l = 2$	d
$l = 3$	f

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Magnetic Quantum Number, m_l

- The magnetic quantum number is an integer that specifies the orientation of the orbital.
 - The direction in space the orbital is aligned relative to the other orbitals
- Values are integers from $-l$ to $+l$
 - Including zero
 - Gives the number of orbitals of a particular shape
 - When $l = 2$, the values of m_l are $-2, -1, 0, +1, +2$, which means there are five orbitals with $l = 2$.

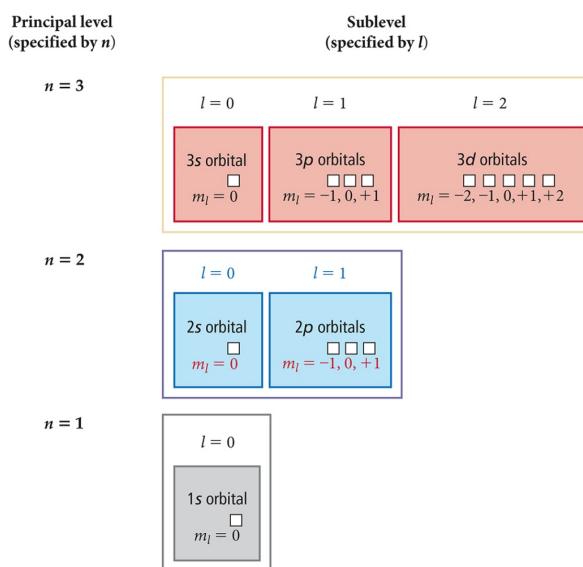
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Describing an Orbital

- Each set of n , l , and m_l describes one orbital.
- Orbitals with the same value of n are in the same **principal energy level**.
 - Also called the principal shell
- Orbitals with the same values of n and l are said to be in the same **sublevel**.
 - Also called a subshell

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Energy Levels and Sublevels



The $n = 2$ principal energy level contains two sublevels:

- a. The $l = 0$: $2s$ sublevel with one orbital with $m_l = 0$
- b. The $l = 1$: $2p$ sublevel with three p orbitals with $m_l = -1, 0, +1$

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Energy Levels and Sublevels

- In general,
 - the number of sublevels within a level = n .
 - the number of orbitals within a sublevel = $2l + 1$.
 - the number of orbitals in a level = n^2 .

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Atomic Spectroscopy Explained

- Each wavelength in the spectrum of an atom corresponds to an electron transition between orbitals.
- When an electron is **excited**, it transitions from an orbital in a lower energy level to an orbital in a higher energy level.
- When an electron **relaxes**, it transitions from an orbital in a higher energy level to an orbital in a lower energy level.
- When an electron relaxes, a photon of light is released whose energy equals the energy difference between the orbitals.

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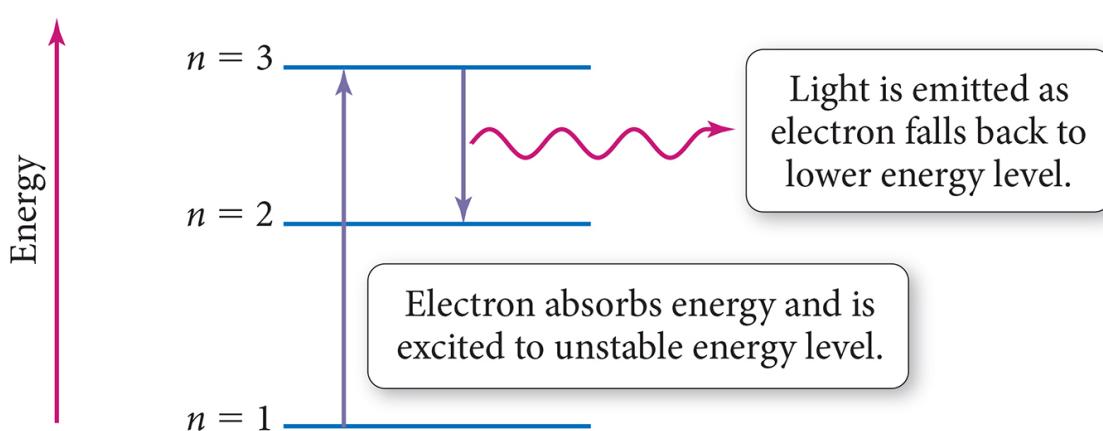
Electron Transitions

- To transition to a higher energy state, the electron must gain the correct amount of energy corresponding to the difference in energy between the final and initial states.
- Electrons in high energy states are unstable and tend to lose energy and transition to lower energy states.
- Each line in the emission spectrum corresponds to the difference in energy between two energy states.

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Quantum Leaps

Excitation and Radiation



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Predicting the Spectrum of Hydrogen

- The wavelengths of lines in the emission spectrum of hydrogen can be predicted by calculating the difference in energy between any two states.
- For an electron in energy state n , there are $(n - 1)$ energy states to which it can transition. Therefore, it can generate $(n - 1)$ lines.
- Both the Bohr and quantum mechanical models can predict these lines very accurately for a one-electron system.

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Energy Transitions in Hydrogen

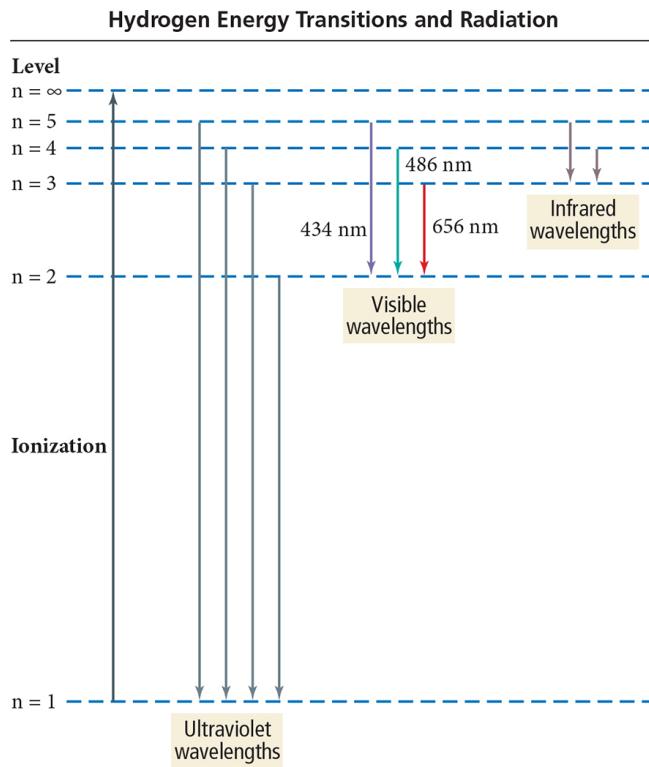
- The energy of a photon released is equal to the difference in energy between the two levels between which the electron is jumping.
- It can be calculated by subtracting the energy of the initial state from the energy of the final state.

$$\Delta E_{\text{electron}} = E_{\text{final state}} - E_{\text{initial state}} \quad E_{\text{emitted photon}} = -\Delta E_{\text{electron}}$$

$$E_{\text{photon}} = -\left[\left(-2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left(\frac{1}{n_{\text{final}}^2} \right) \right) - \left(-2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left(\frac{1}{n_{\text{initial}}^2} \right) \right) \right]$$
$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = E_{\text{photon}} = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n_{\text{final}}^2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{n_{\text{initial}}^2} \right) \right]$$

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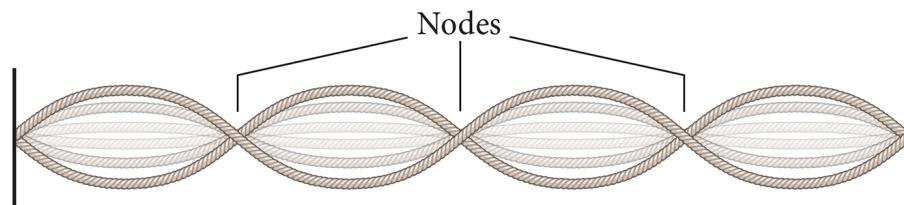
Hydrogen Energy Transitions and Radiation



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Probability and Radial Distribution Functions

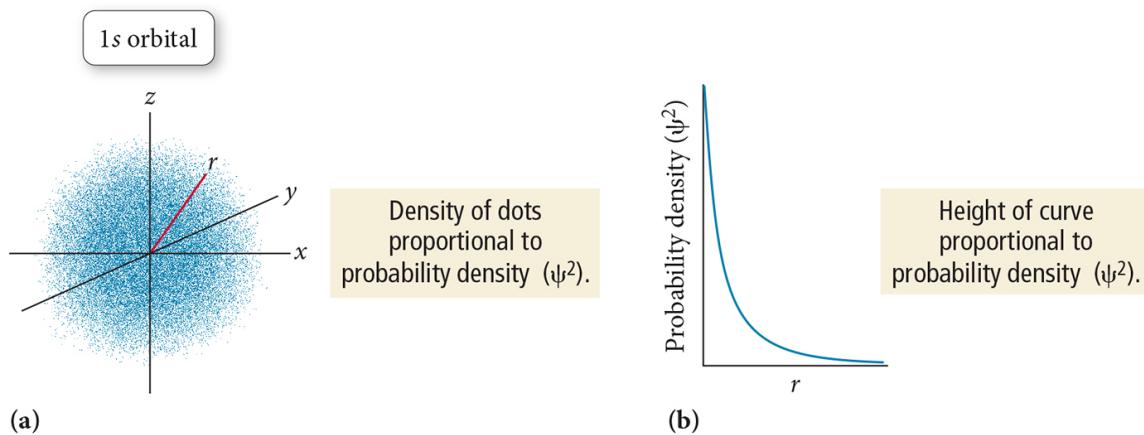
- ψ^2 is the probability density.
 - The probability of finding an electron at a particular point in space
 - For **s** orbital maximum at the nucleus
 - Decreases as you move away from the nucleus
- The radial distribution function represents the total probability at a certain distance from the nucleus.
 - Maximum at most probable radius
- **Nodes** in the functions are where the probability drops to 0.



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Probability Density for s Orbitals ($l = 0$)

The probability density function represents the total probability of finding an electron at a particular point in space.



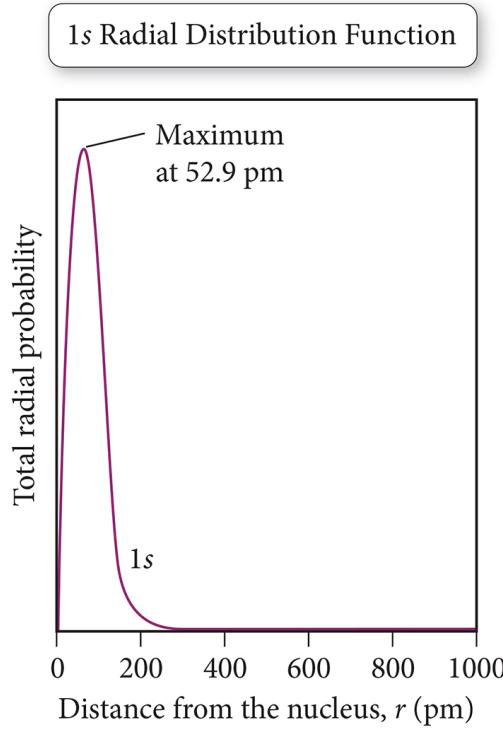
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Radial Distribution Function

The radial distribution function represents the **total probability** of finding an electron within a thin spherical shell at a **distance r** from the nucleus.

The probability at a point decreases with increasing distance from the nucleus, but the volume of the spherical shell increases.

The net result is a plot that indicates the most probable distance of the electron in a 1s orbital of H is 52.9 pm.

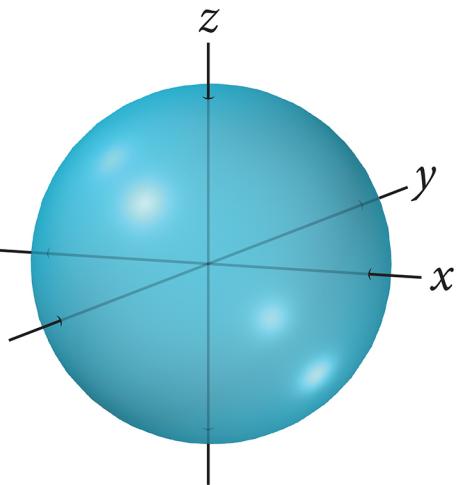


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$l = 0$, the s Orbital

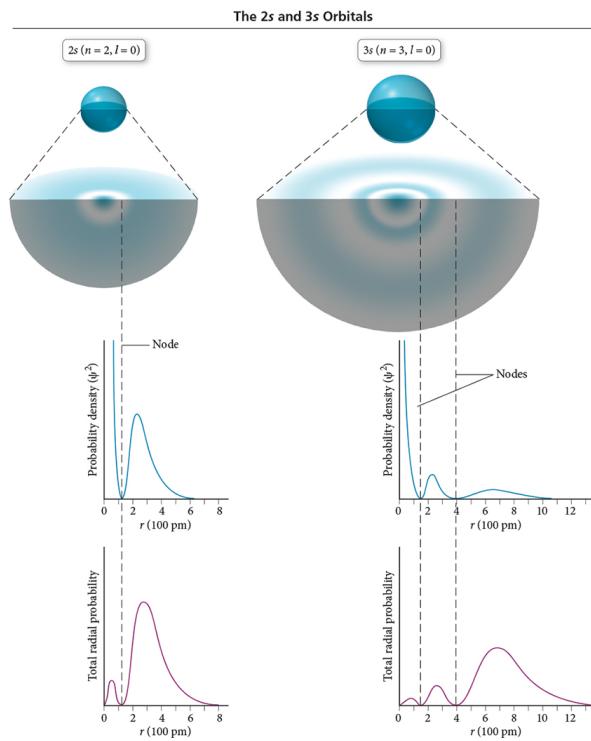
- Each principal energy level has one **s** orbital.
- Lowest energy orbital in a principal energy state
- Spherical
- Number of nodes = $(n - 1)$

1s orbital surface



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Probability Densities and Radial Distributions for 2s and 3s Orbitals



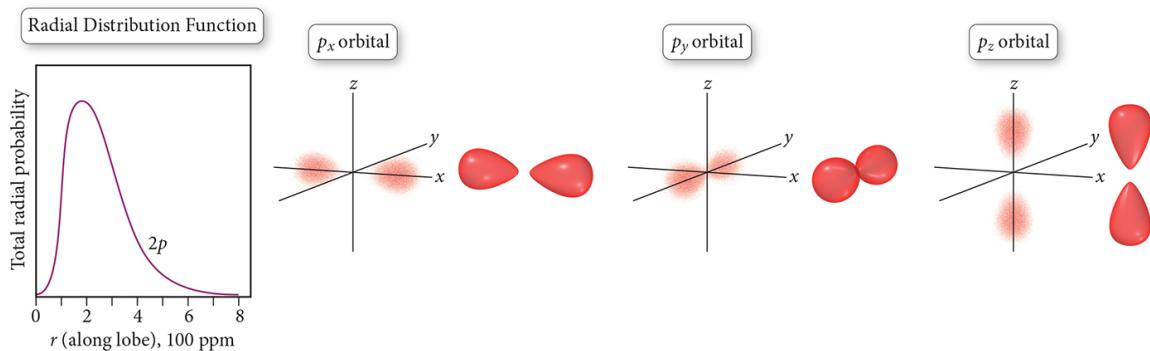
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$I = 1, p$ orbitals

- Each principal energy state above $n = 1$ has three p orbitals.
 - $m_I = -1, 0, +1$
- Each of the three orbitals points along a different axis.
 - p_x, p_y, p_z
- The second-lowest energy orbitals in a principal energy state
- Two-lobed
- One node at the nucleus; total of n nodes

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p Orbitals ($I = 1$)



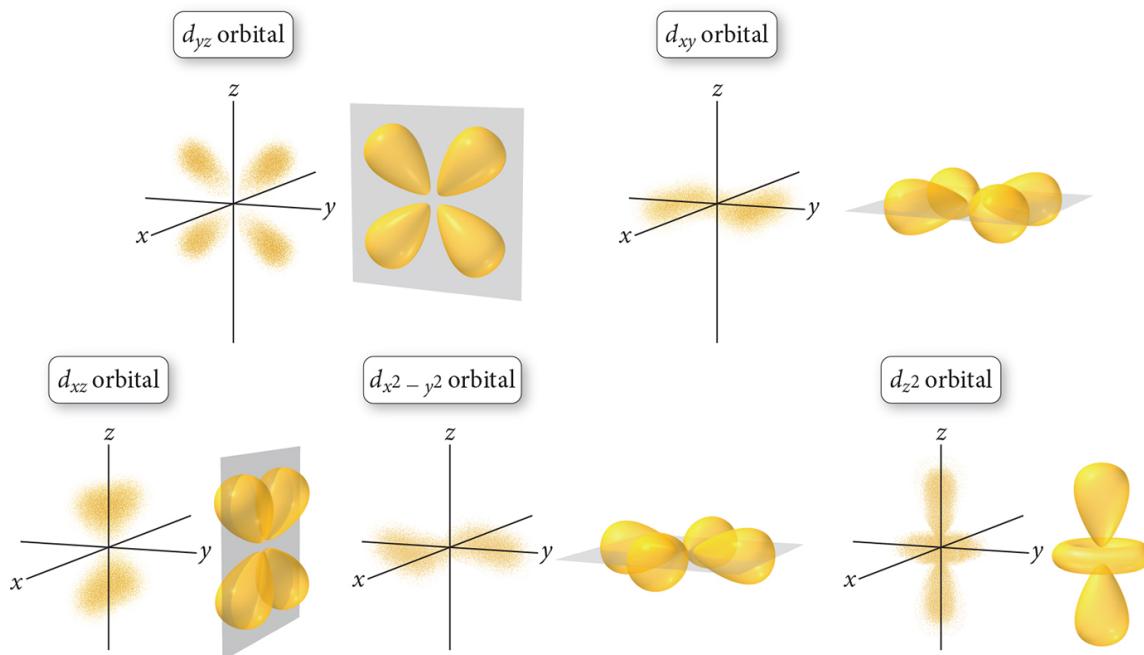
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$I = 2$, d Orbitals

- Each principal energy state above $n = 2$ has five d orbitals.
 - $m_I = -2, -1, 0, +1, +2$
- Four of the five orbitals are aligned in a different plane.
 - The fifth is aligned with the z axis, $d_{z \text{ squared}}$.
 - d_{xy} , d_{yz} , d_{xz} , $d_{x^2 - y^2}$
- The third-lowest energy orbitals in a principal energy level
- Mainly four-lobed
 - One is two-lobed with a toroid
- Planar nodes
 - Higher principal levels also have spherical nodes.

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d Orbitals ($I = 2$)



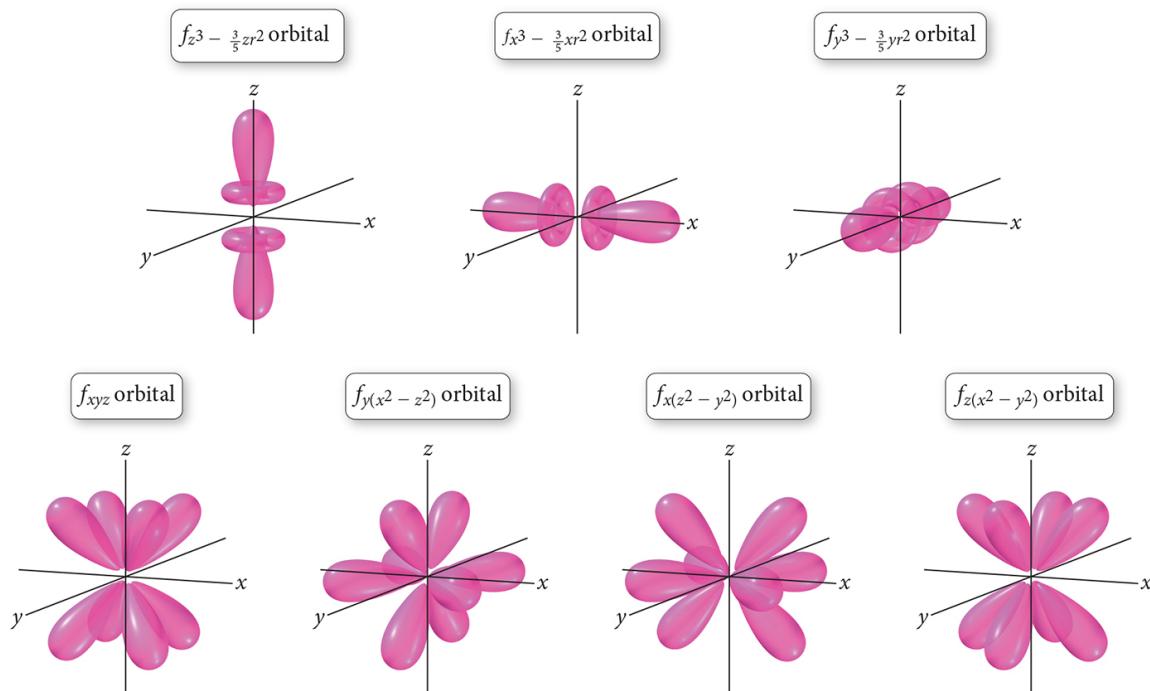
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$I = 3, f$ Orbitals

- Each principal energy state above $n = 3$ has seven **d** orbitals.
 - $m_I = -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3$
- The fourth-lowest energy orbitals in a principal energy state
- Mainly eight-lobed
 - Some two-lobed with a toroid
- Planar nodes
 - Higher principal levels also have spherical nodes.

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f Orbitals ($I = 3$)



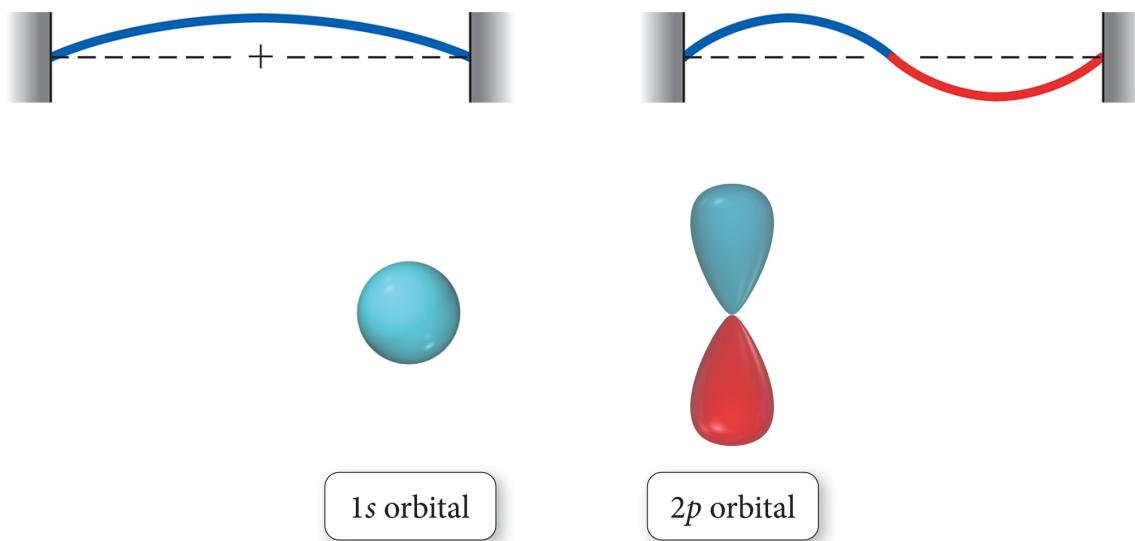
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The Phase of an Orbital

- Orbitals are determined from mathematical wave functions.
- A wave function can have positive or negative values.
 - As well as nodes where the wave function = 0
- The sign of the wave function is called its **phase**.
- When orbitals interact, their wave functions may be in phase (same sign) or out of phase (opposite signs).
 - This is important in bonding, as will be examined in a later chapter.

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Phases



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Why Are Atoms Spherical?



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