

EXAM 2 is next week

Time: 8:00-9:30 pm Wed Mar 7

Place: Elliott Hall

Material: lectures 1-15, HW 1-15, Recitations 1-8, Labs 1-8
focus will be on second half of material (not on Exam 1)

Problems: multiple choice, 10 questions (70 points)
write-up part, hand graded (30 points)

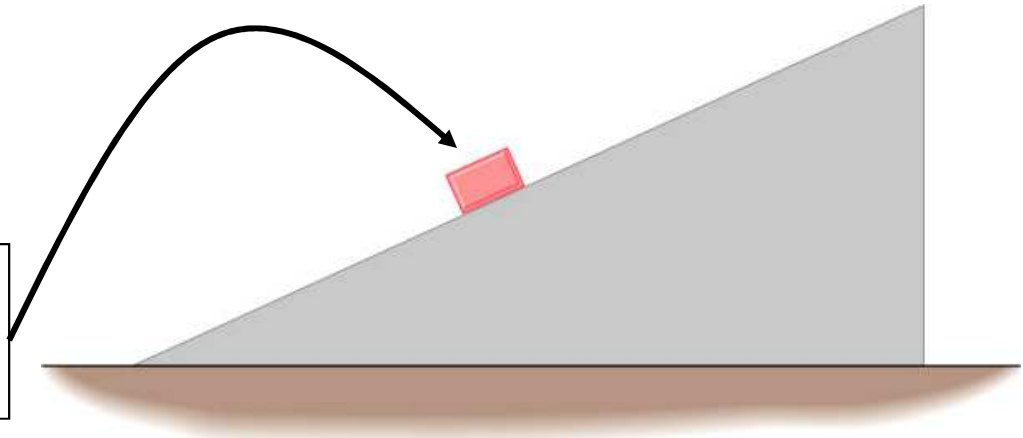
Equation sheet: provided with exam

Practice exam + equation sheet: will be posted at the end of this week

Note: no lecture on Thursday Mar 8 !

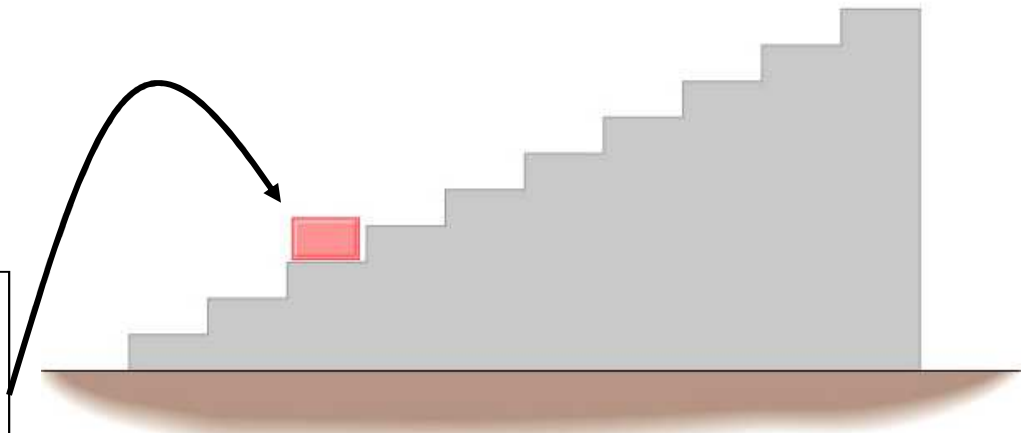
Quantization

• Classical Physics:
quantities are continuous.



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• Quantum Physics:
Some quantities are limited
to a discrete set of values.



Example: charge, $Q = N \cdot e$

Quantum means quantized

Answers come in whole numbers

Example: The number of unopened Coke cans in your refrigerator is quantized.



Quantum Waves are Quantized

There are discrete vibrational modes (normal modes)

1D: One Dimension

Violin string, jump rope

2D: Two Dimensions

Modes of a drumhead, coffee sloshing in your mug

<http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/NormalModesOfACircularDrumHead/>

3D: Three Dimensions

Electron Waves around Atomic Nuclei!

<http://www.daugerresearch.com/orbitals/index.shtml>

Higher Frequency = Higher Energy

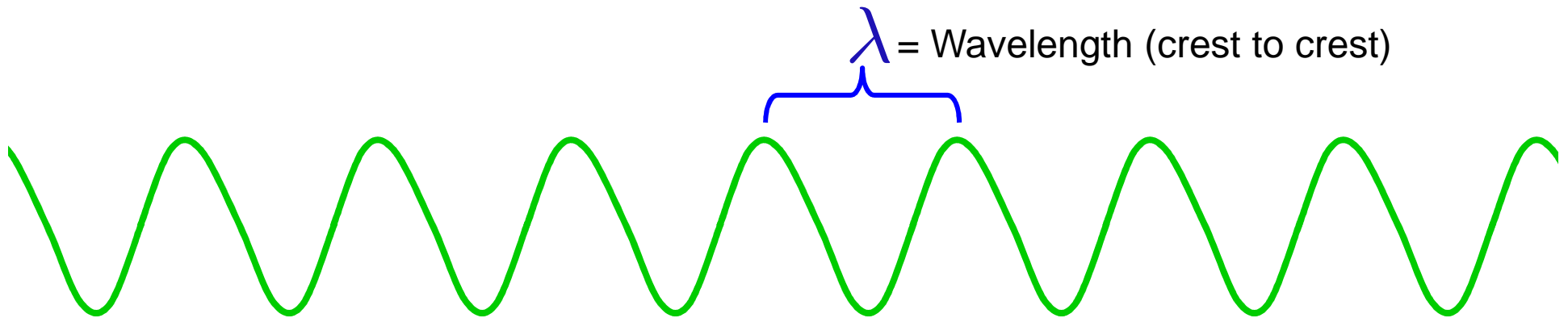


Photons

Photons come in discrete particles, or packets of energy.

One PHOTON = One packet of light

And yet it's still a **wave**:



$$\lambda \nu = c$$

λ

wavelength [m]

ν

frequency [1/s]

c

speed of light [m/s]

Number of wavelengths
which go by per second

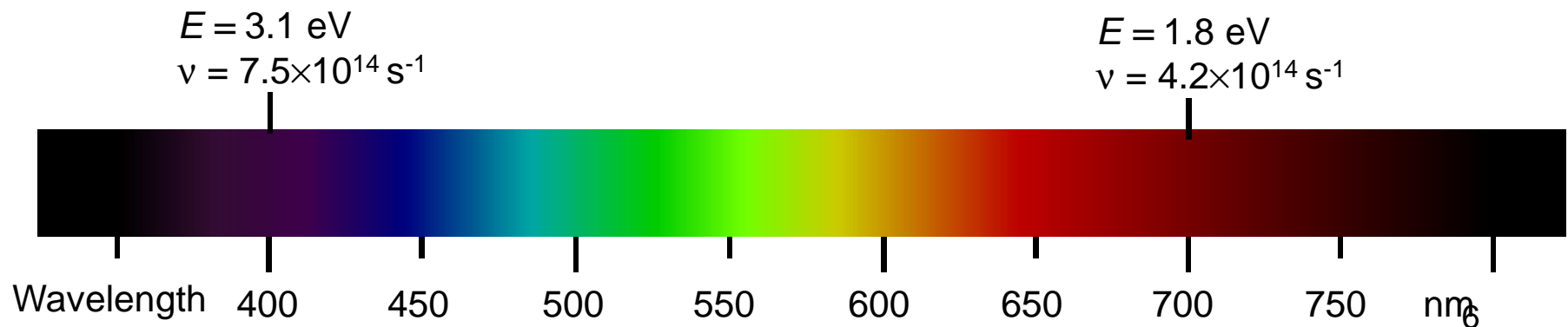
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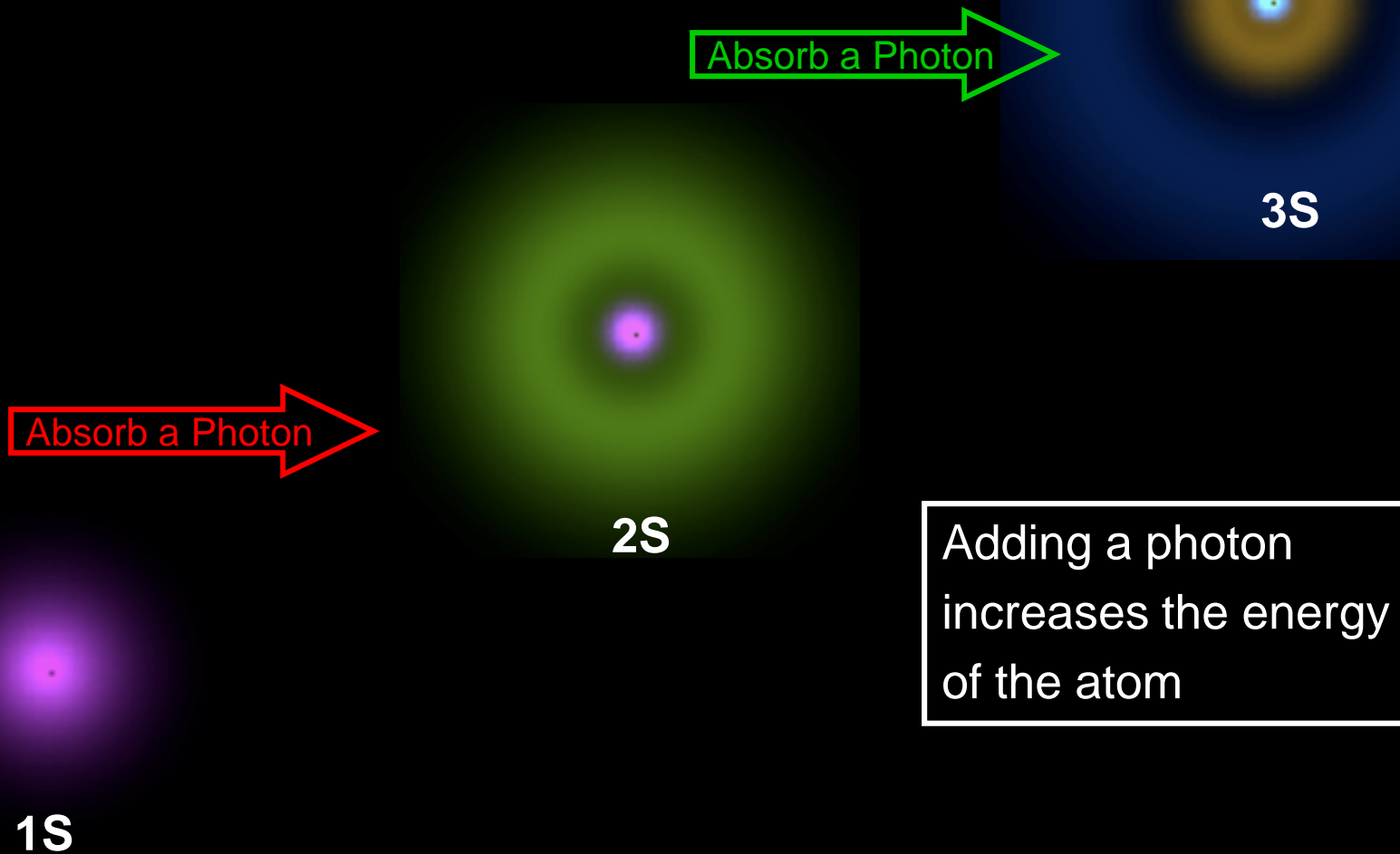
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Photon energy and wavelength: $E_{\text{photon}} = h\nu_{\text{light}} = \frac{hc}{\lambda_{\text{light}}}$

Visible light Electromagnetic spectrum



Atoms and Light



Atoms and Light

3S

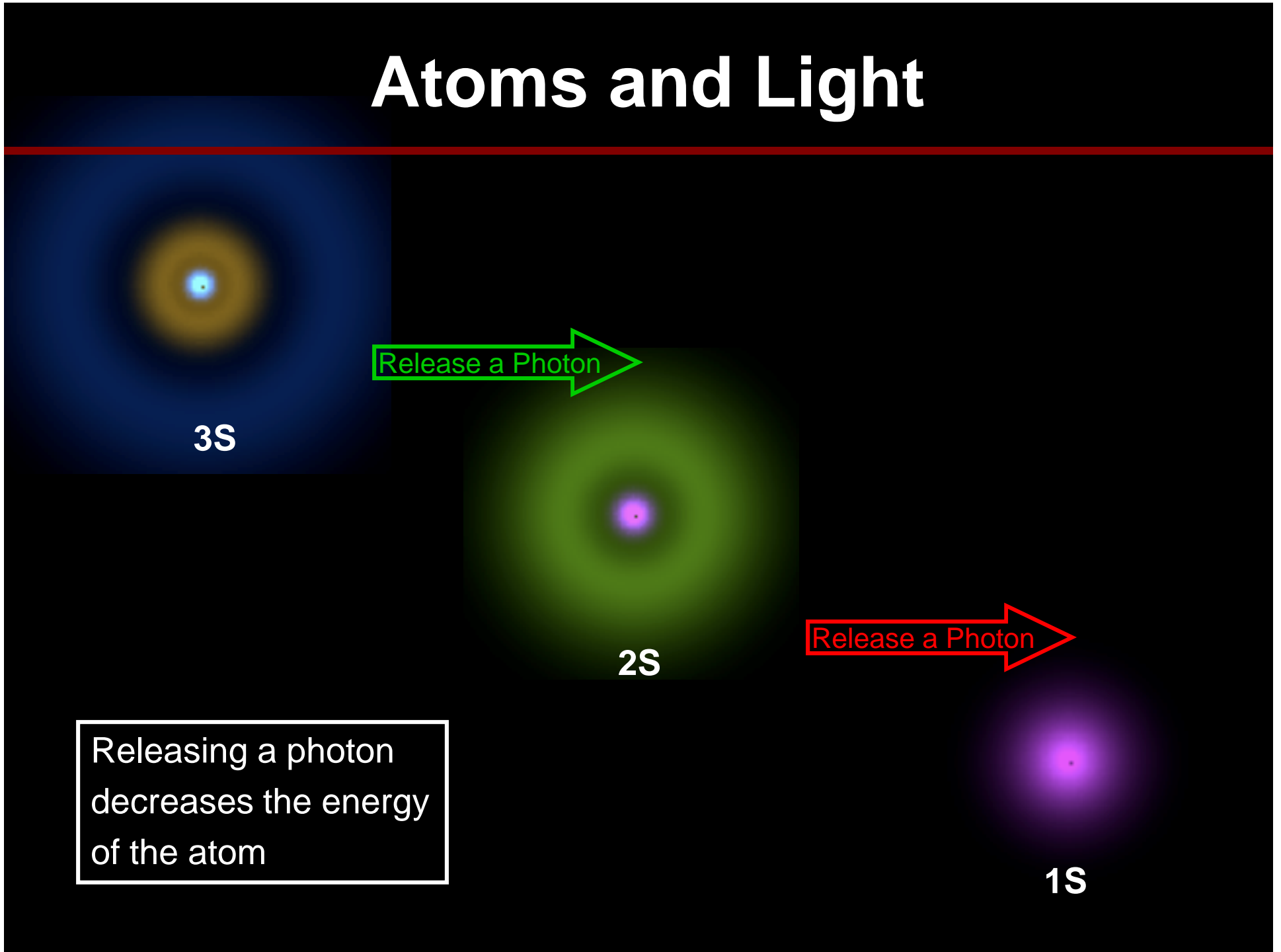
Release a Photon

2S

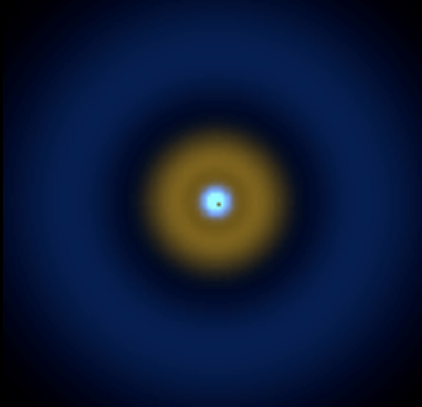
Release a Photon

Releasing a photon
decreases the energy
of the atom

1S

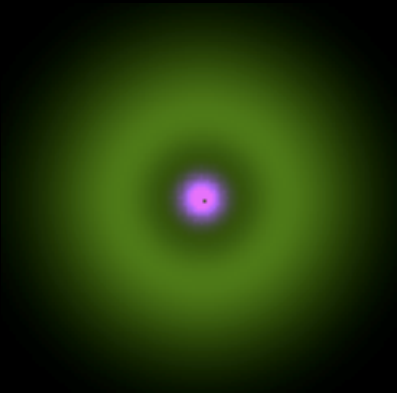


Atoms and Light



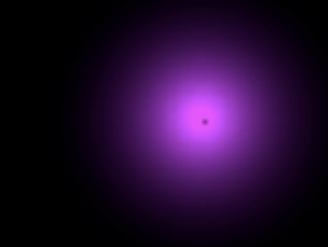
QUANTUM MECHANICS

says each ELEMENT (type of atom)
can only have specific, *QUANTIZED* energies.



Each atomic transition has a

CHARACTERISTIC COLOR

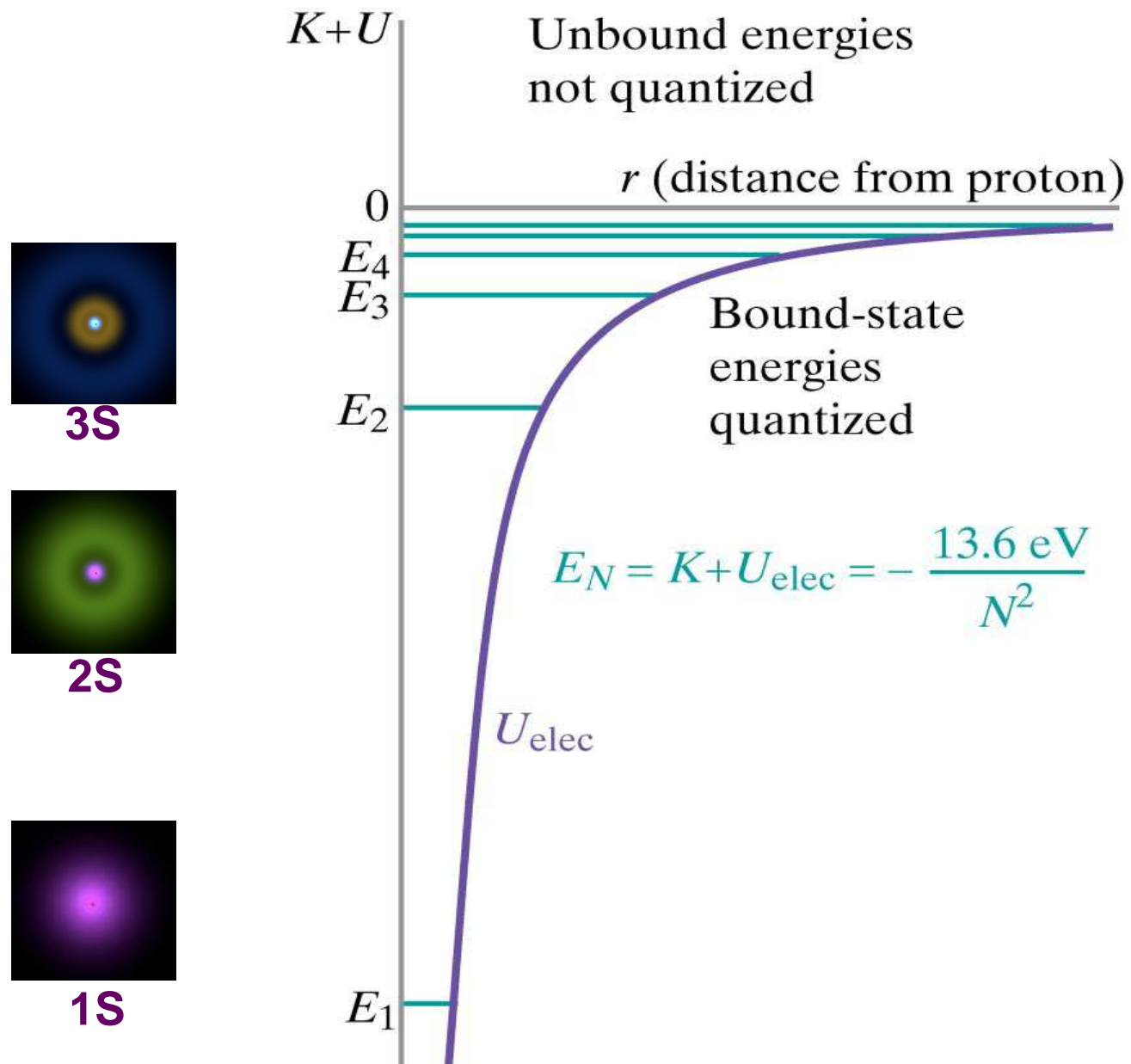


Photon Energy = Frequency = Color

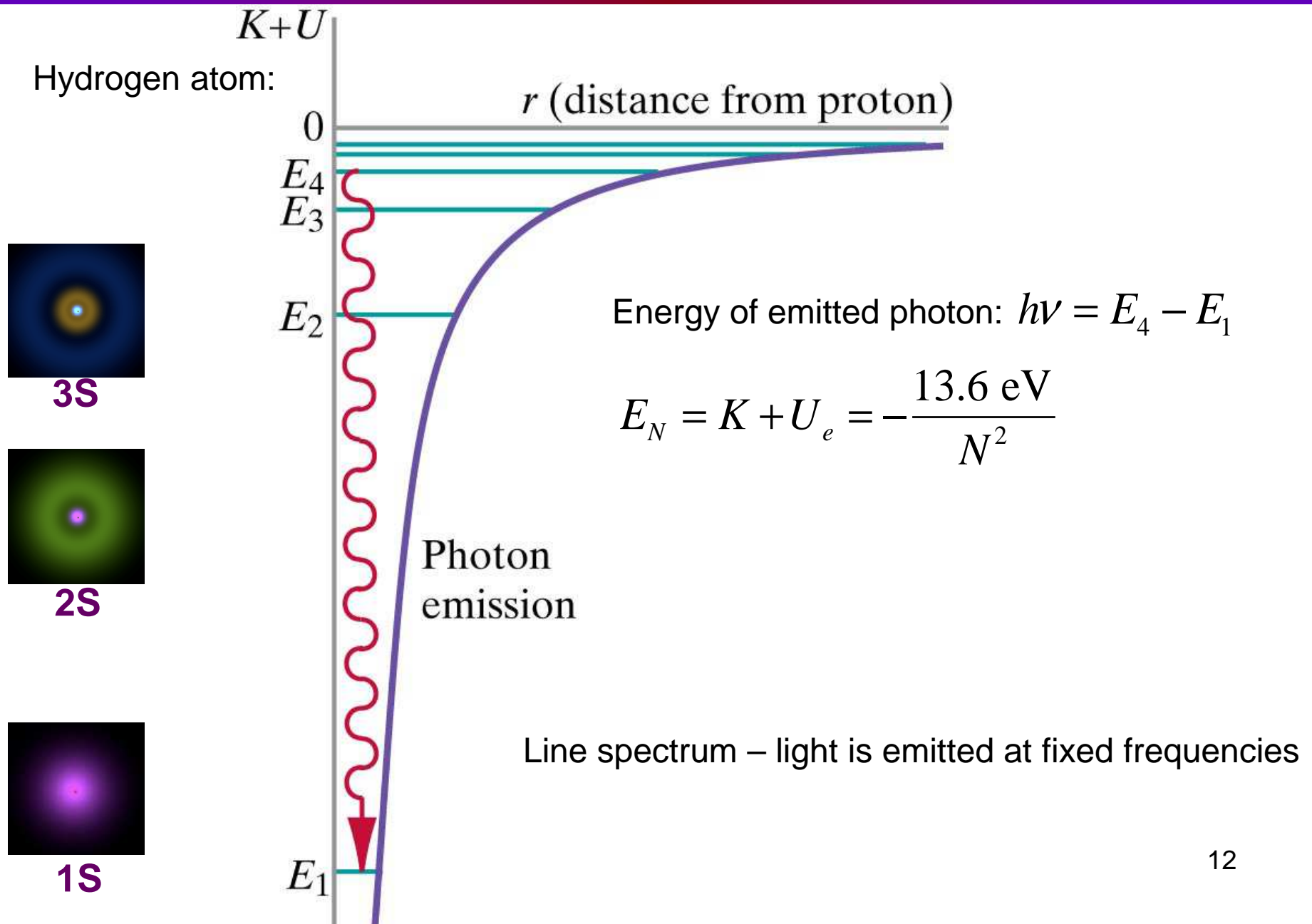
The Sun

*Dark lines correspond to specific atomic transitions,
such as “1s to 2s in Hydrogen”,
or “1s to 2p in Helium”.*

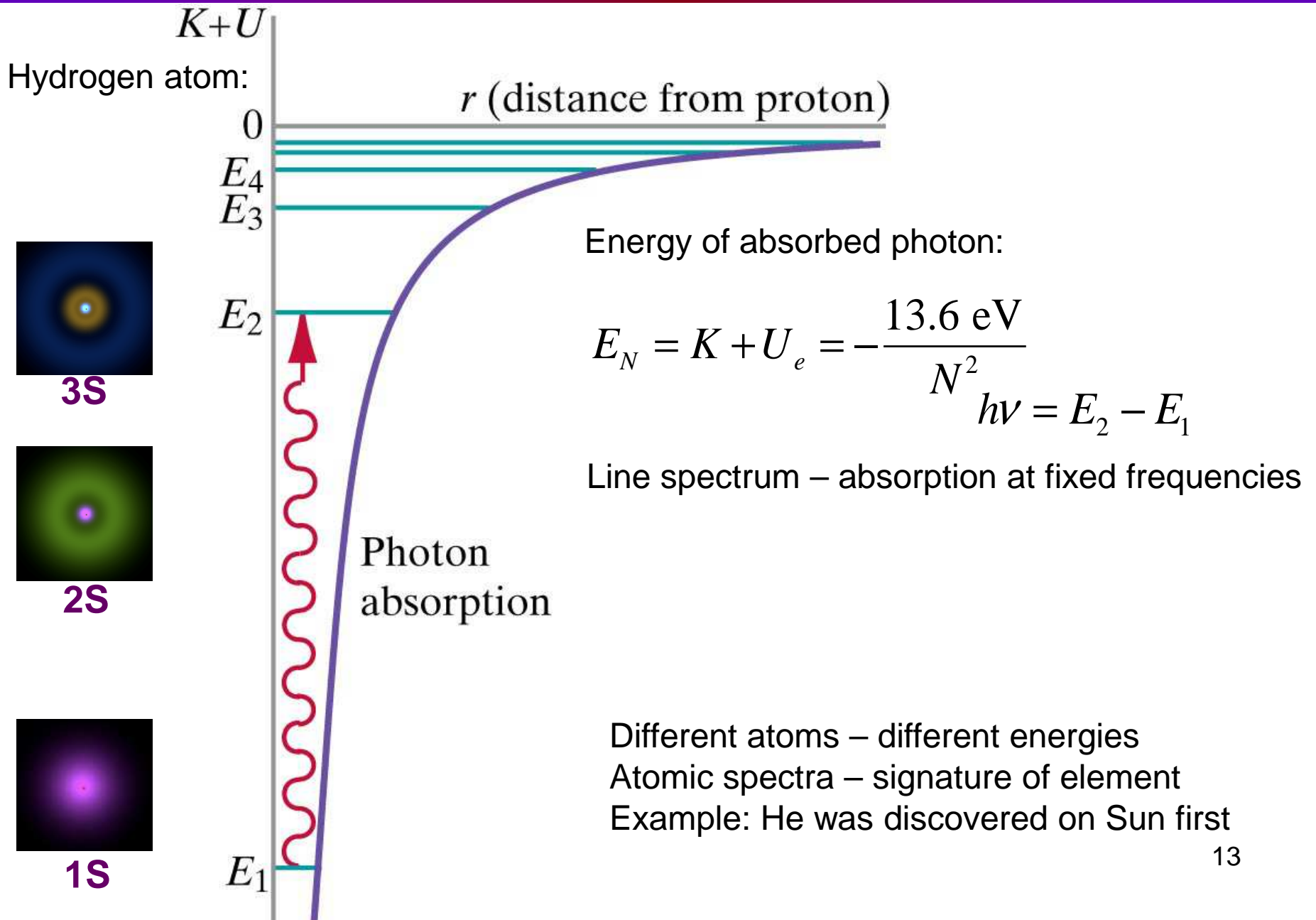
Hydrogen atom: electron energy



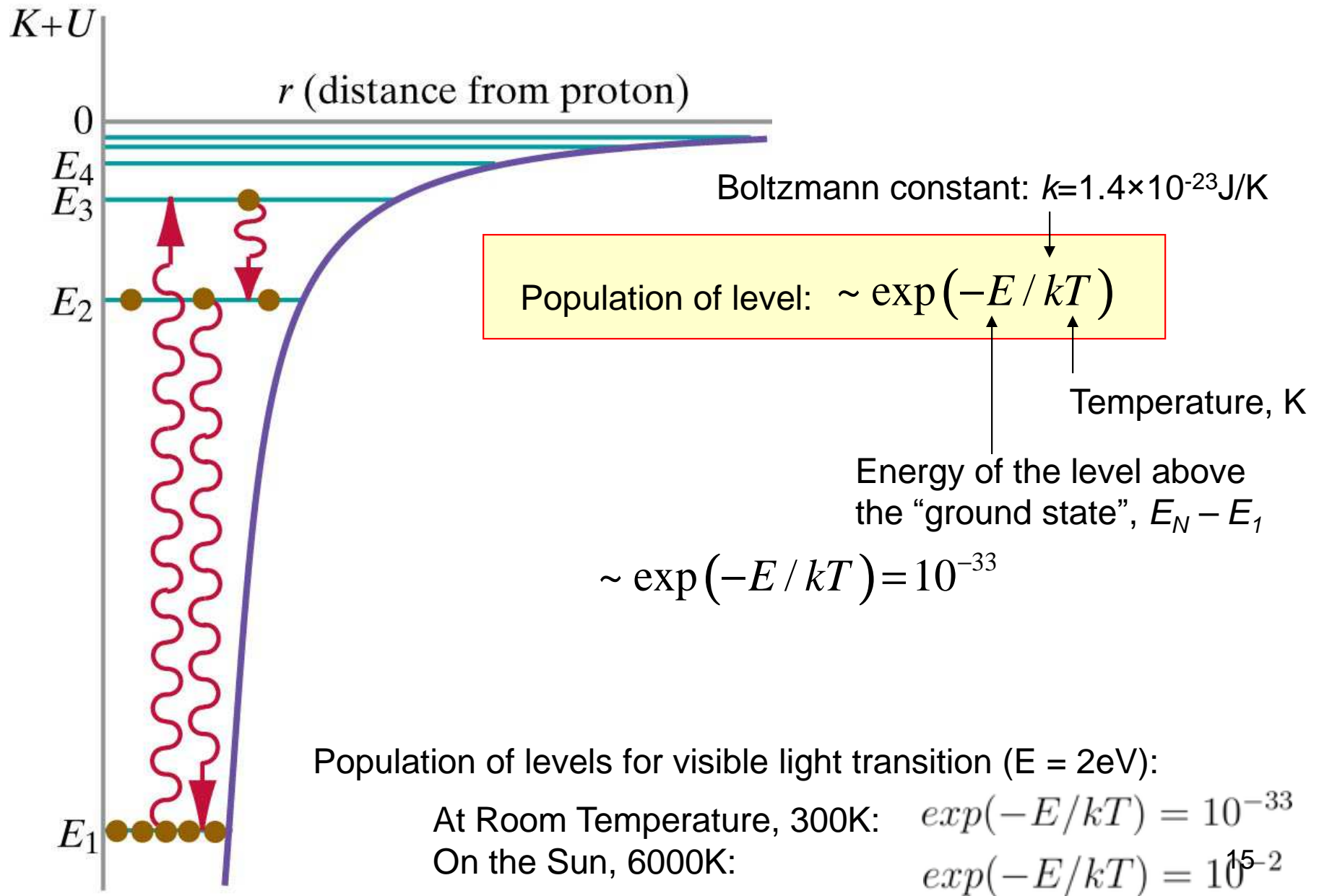
Emission spectra



Absorption spectra



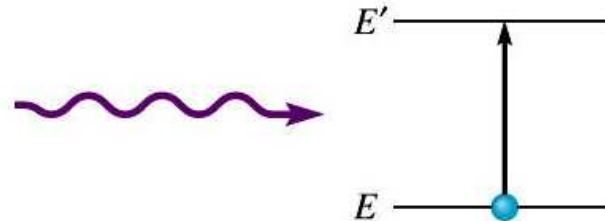
Effect of temperature



Energy conversion: light and matter

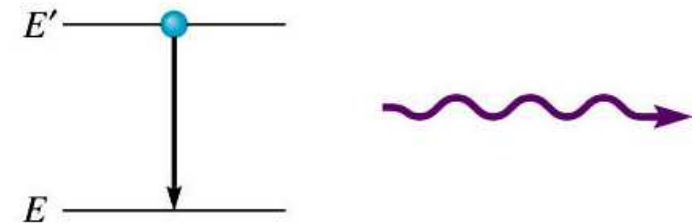
Absorption:

- photon is *absorbed*
- electron jumps to *higher* level



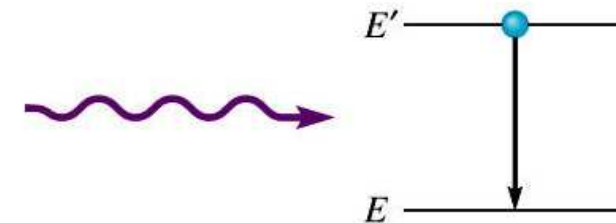
Spontaneous emission:

- photon is *emitted*
- electron jumps to *lower* level



Stimulated emission:

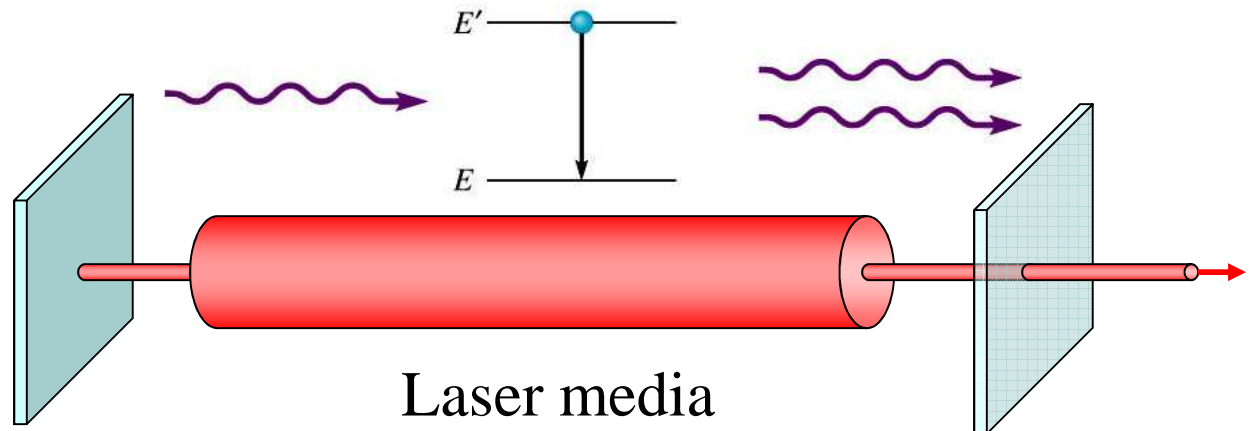
- external photon causes electron jump to *lower* level
- a photon is emitted
- the original photon is *not* absorbed!



← Makes laser work!

Laser

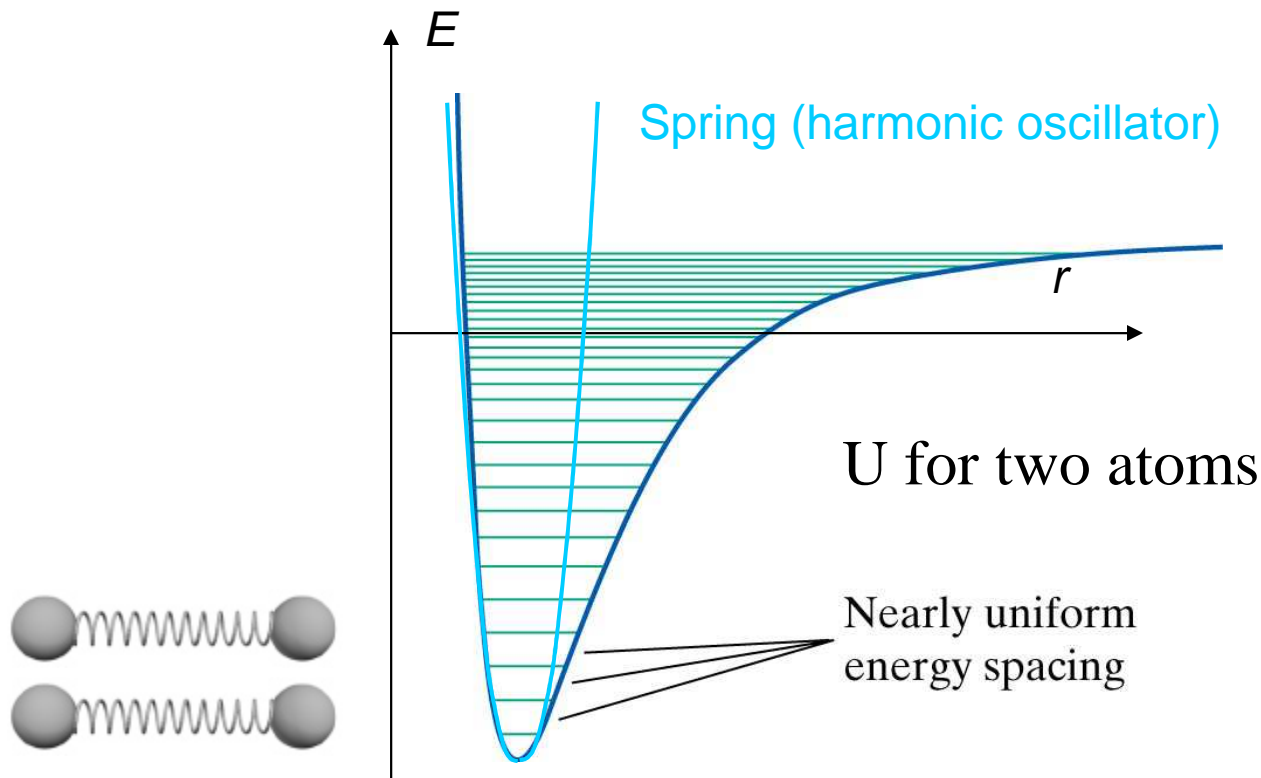
Light
Amplification by
Stimulated
Emission of
Radiation



Requirement:

inverted population, more atoms must be in excited state E' than in state E .

Quantizing two interacting atoms

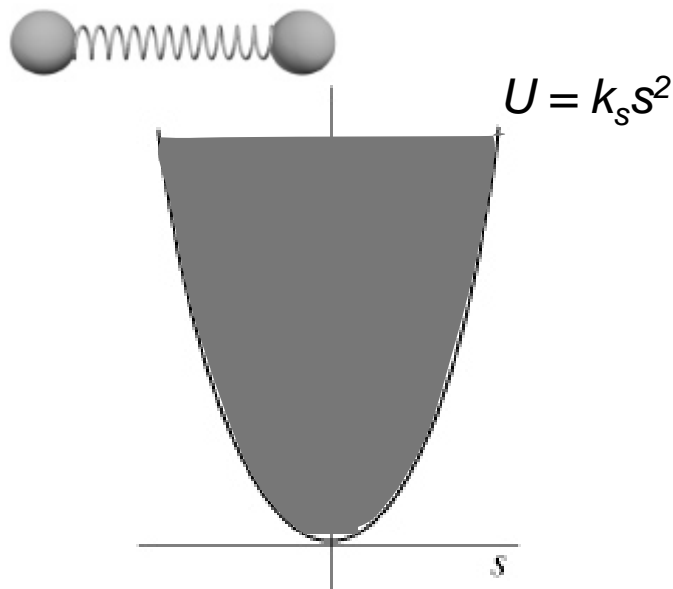


If atoms don't move too far from equilibrium, U looks like U_{spring} .

Thus, energy levels should correspond to a quantized spring . . .

Quantizing two interacting atoms

Classical harmonic oscillator:

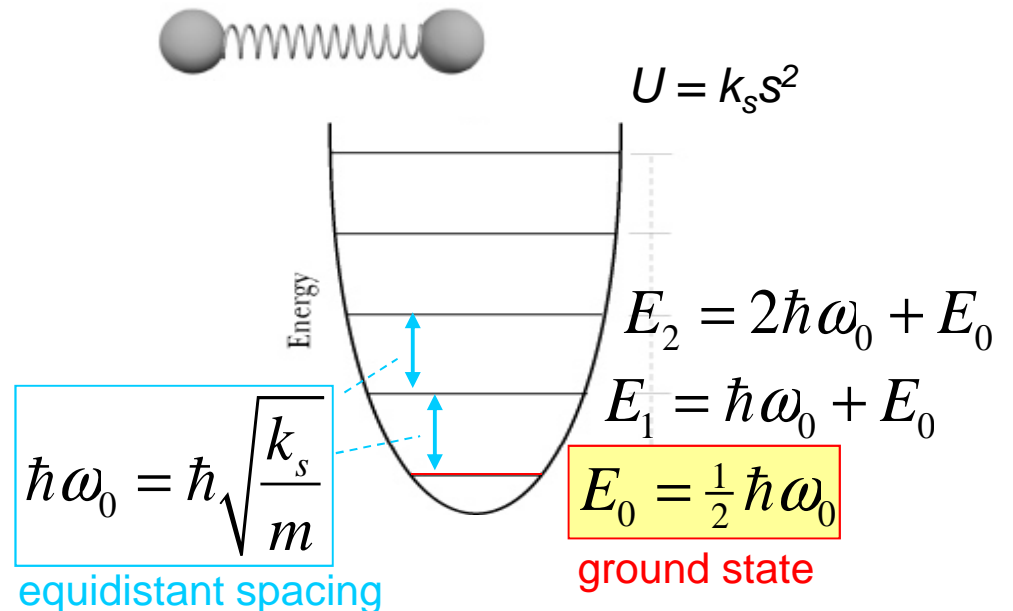


$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA_{\max}^2$$

Any value of A is allowed

→ any E is possible.

Quantum harmonic oscillator:



$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{k_s / m}$$

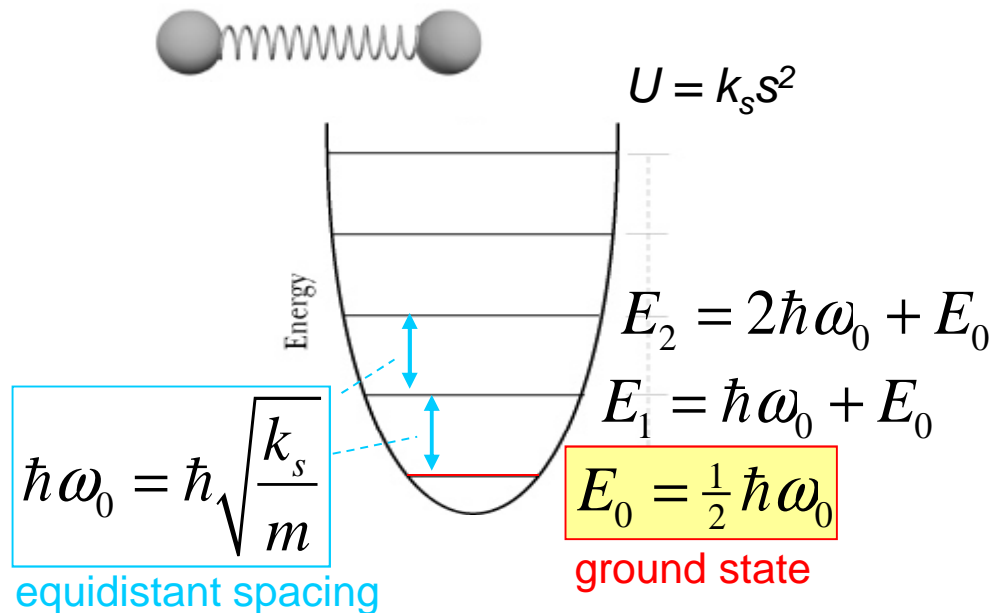
$$\hbar \equiv \frac{h}{2\pi} = 1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

Energy levels:

$$E_N = N\hbar\omega_0 + \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_0$$

Yes, Tiny Harmonic Oscillators are Quantized

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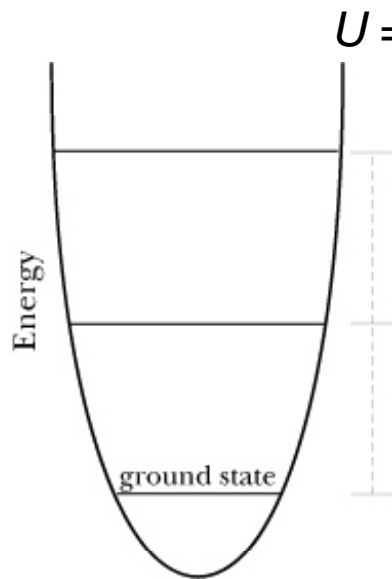
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WEB DEMO:

<http://web.ift.uib.no/AMOS/MOV/HO/>

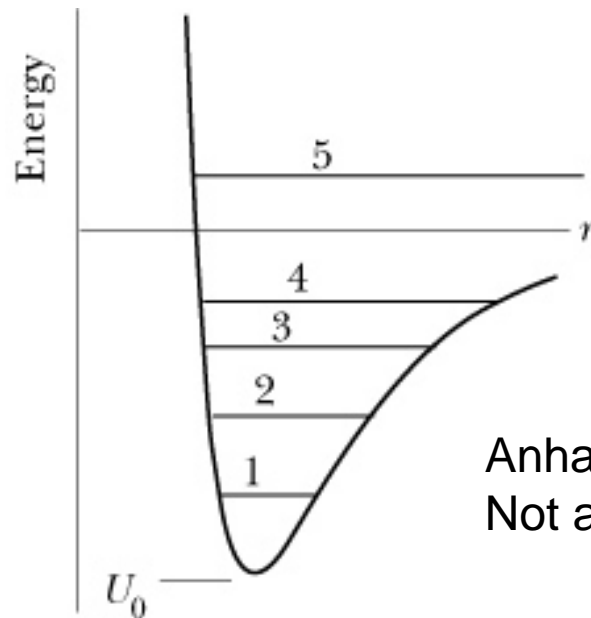
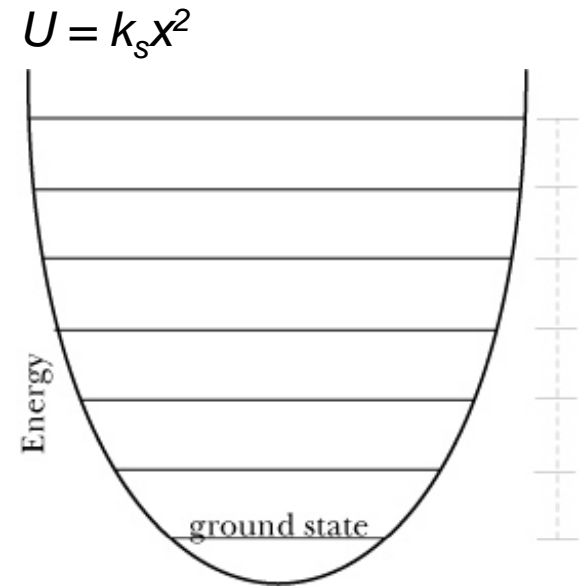
Quantized vibrational energy levels



$$E_N = N\hbar\omega_0 + E_0$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{k_s / m}$$

Larger resonance frequency –
larger level separation



Anharmonic oscillator:
Not an equidistant spacing of levels

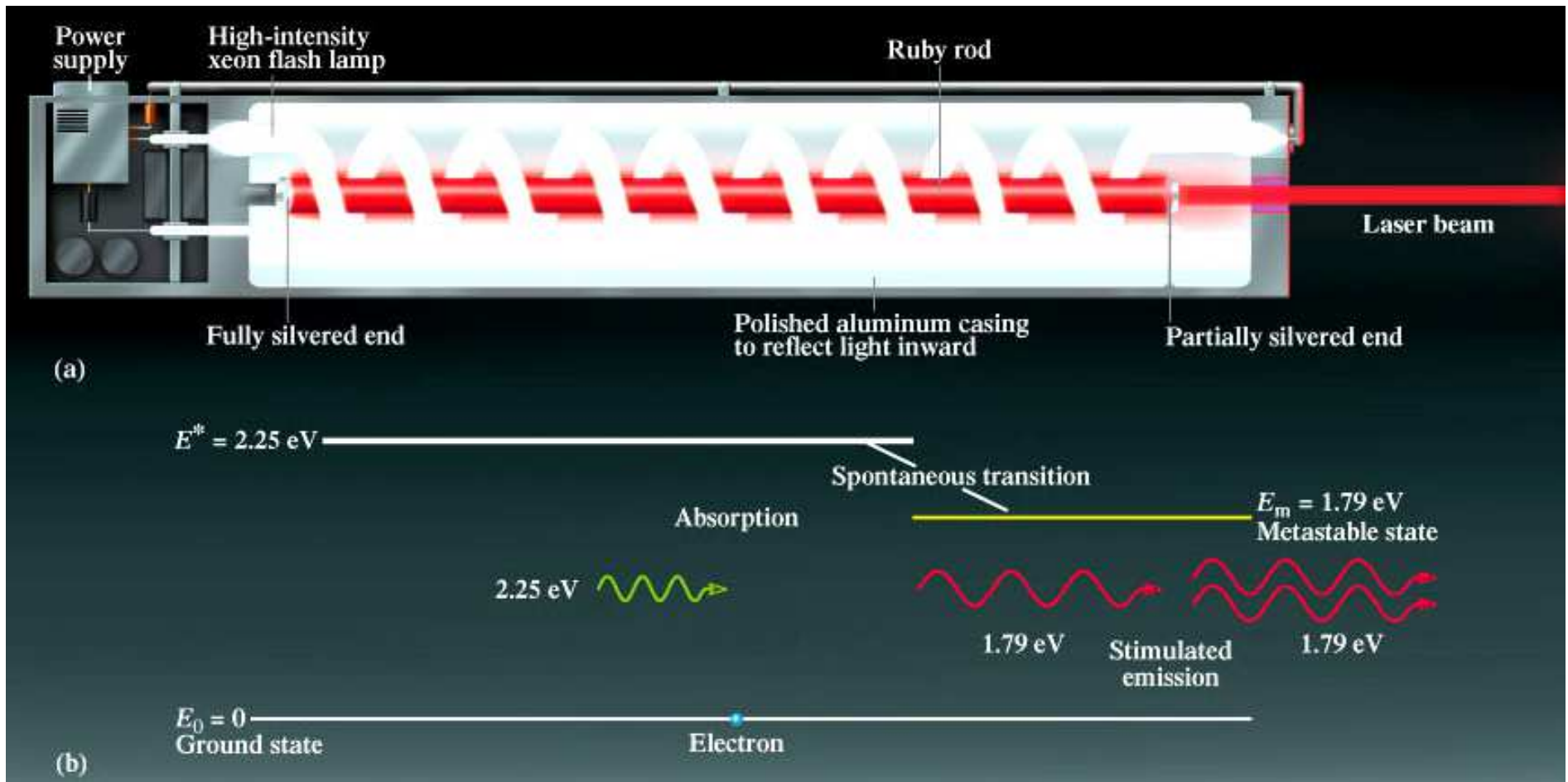
Home study:

Rotational energy levels (8.5,page 338)

Nuclear & Hadronic energy levels (8.6)

Comparison of energy level spacing (8.7)

Laser



Ruby: aluminum oxide crystal (sapphire) where some Al were replaced by Cr