

Outlines of Quantum Physics

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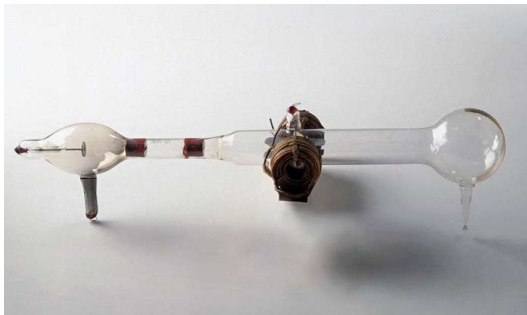
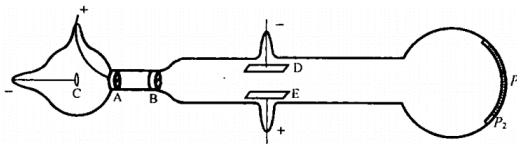
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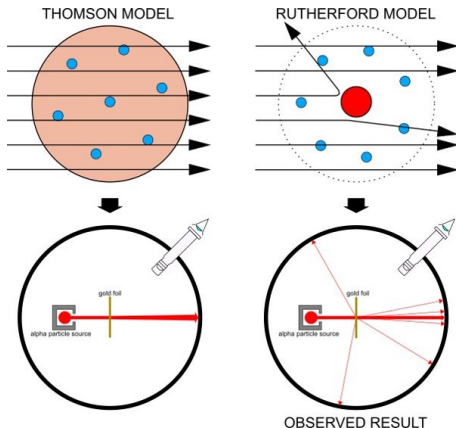
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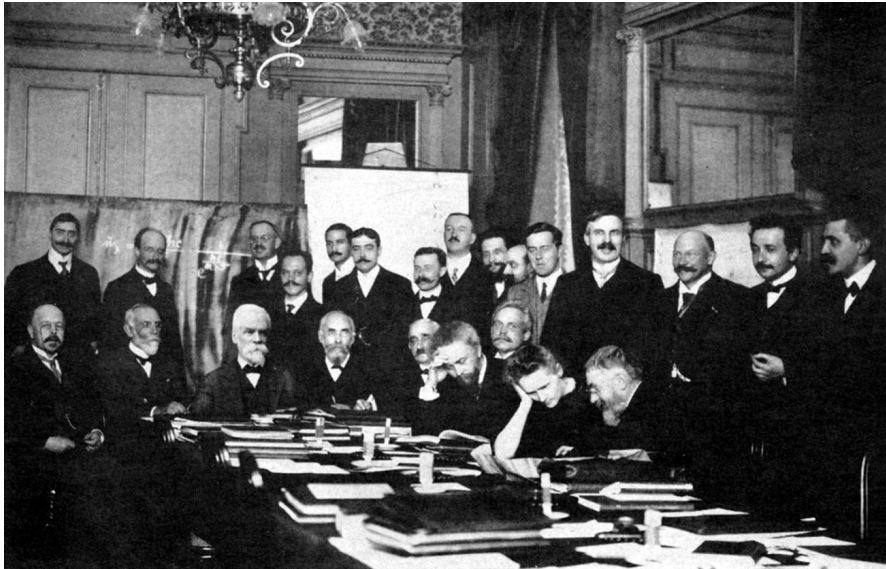
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E. Rutherford_{NC1908}
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First Solvay Conference, 1911

Walther Nernst, Marcel Brillouin, Ernest Solvay, Hendrik Lorentz, Emil Warburg, Jean Baptiste Perrin, Wilhelm Wien, Marie Curie, and Henri Poincaré

Robert Goldschmidt, Max Planck, Heinrich Rubens, Arnold Sommerfeld, Frederick Lindemann, Maurice de Broglie, Martin Knudsen, Friedrich Hasenörl, Georges Hostelet, Edouard Herzen, James Hopwood Jeans, Ernest Rutherford, Heike Kamerlingh Onnes, Albert Einstein, Paul Langevin

Photograph by Benjamin Coupré, 1911

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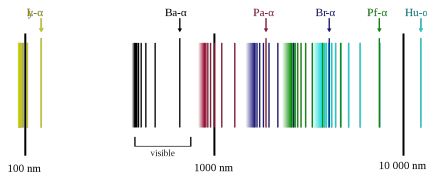
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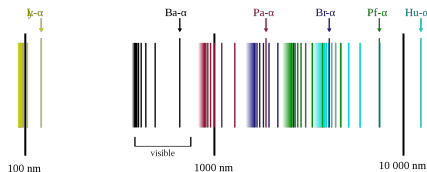
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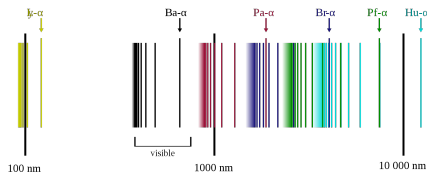
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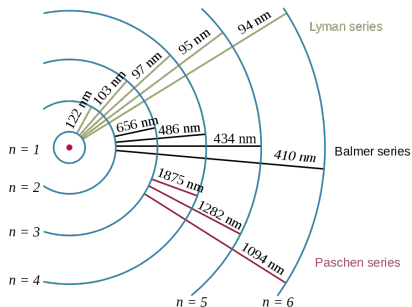
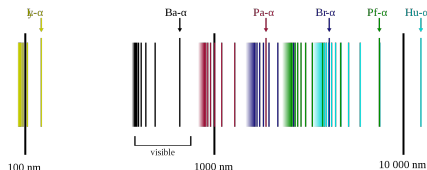
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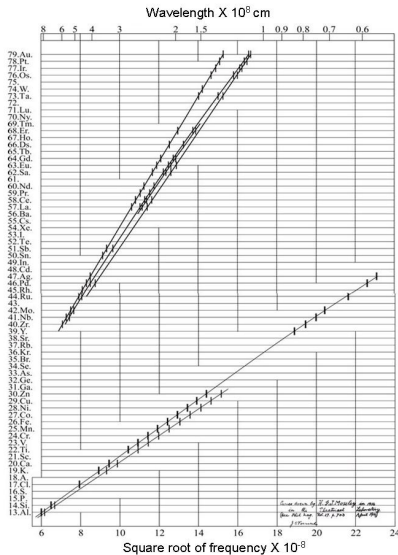
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Henry Moseley (1887-1915)

$$\sqrt{f} \propto Z$$

K- to L-shell transitions,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(Z - \sigma_K)^2}{1^2} - \frac{(Z - \sigma_L)^2}{2^2} \right\}$$

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• Speed of electron constant, $v = \frac{e\hbar}{m_e a_0} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar}$

• Electron in elliptical orbits with semi-major axis a and eccentricity e

• $\oint p dr = 2\pi m_e v a (1 - e^2) = 2\pi\hbar n$ Sommerfeld's 1916 paper

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- An electric dipole moment $-eD$ oscillating at angular frequency ω radiates a power P ,
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- No stable periodical orbital is allowed!
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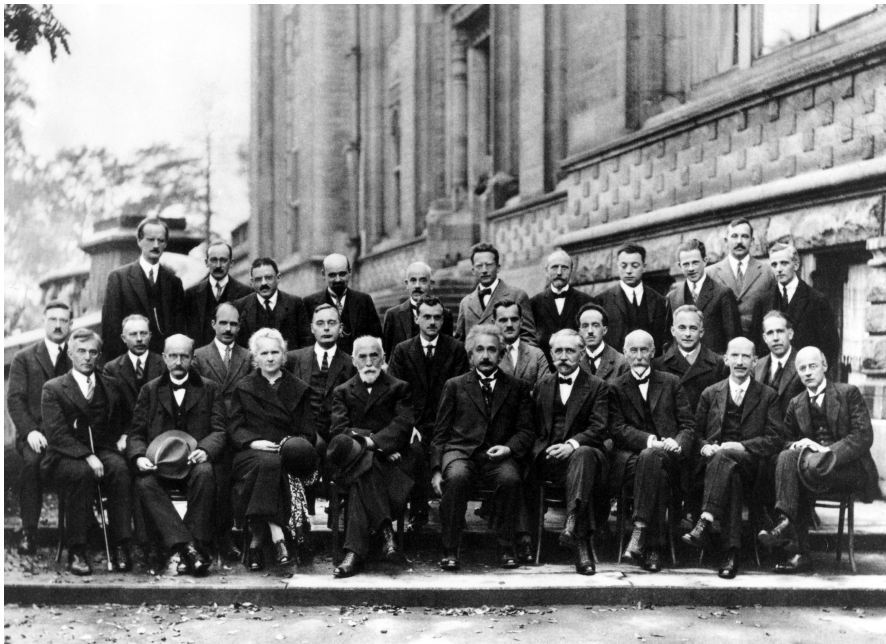
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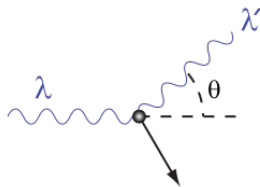
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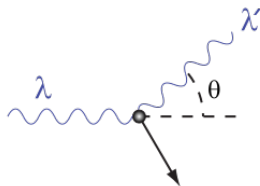
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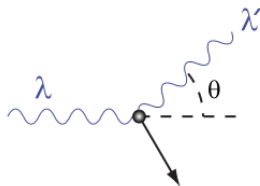
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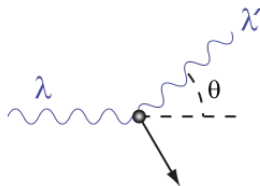
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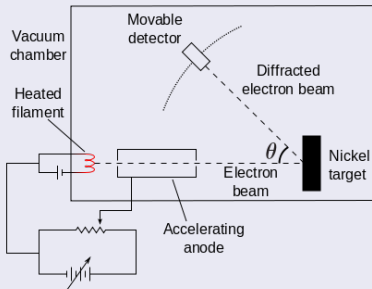


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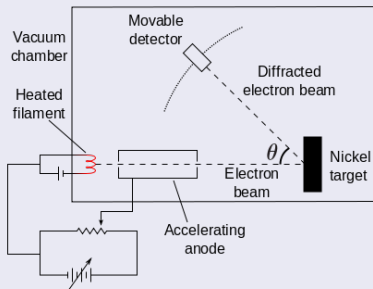


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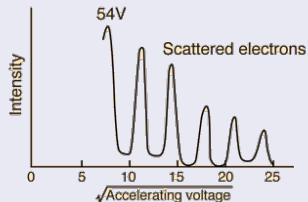
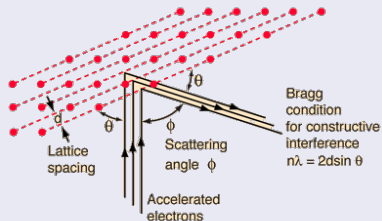
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de Broglie's matter waves



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物质波 Wave Structure of Matter, 1923

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

Plane wave:

$$e^{i(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} - Et)/\hbar}$$

Determination of the stable motion of electrons in the atom introduces integers, and up to this point the only phenomena involving integers in physics were those of interference and of normal modes of vibration. This fact suggested to me the idea that electrons too could not be considered simply as particles, but that frequency (wave properties) must be assigned to them also.

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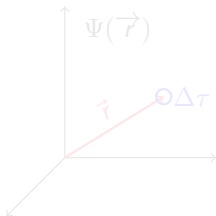
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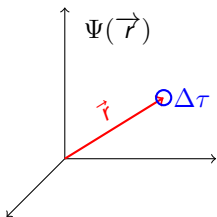
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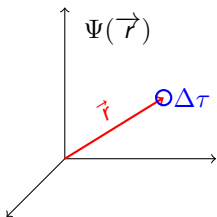
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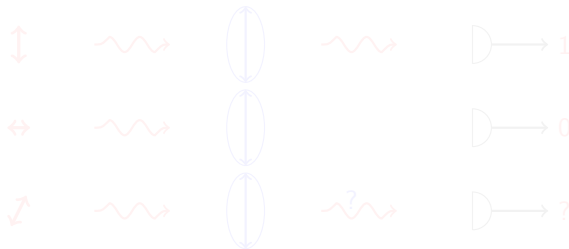
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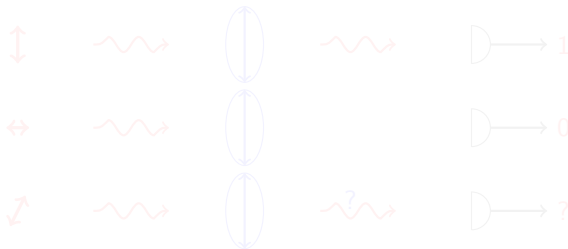
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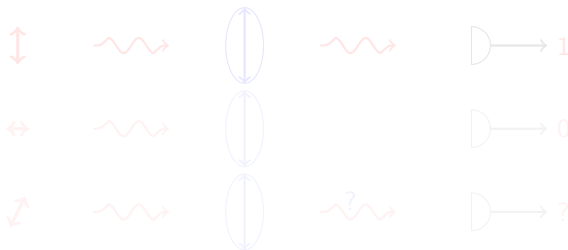
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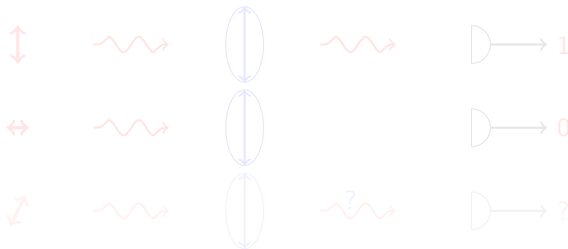
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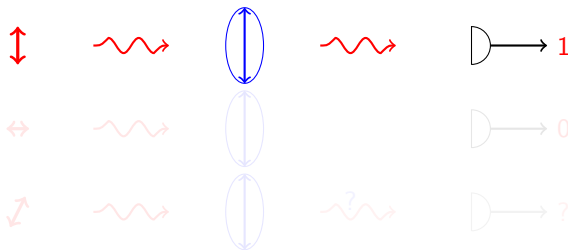
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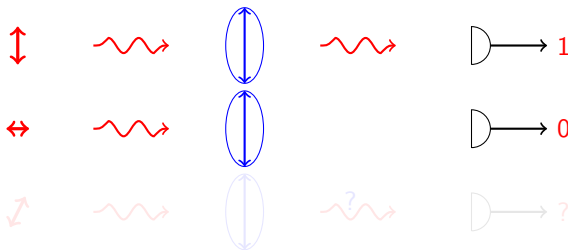
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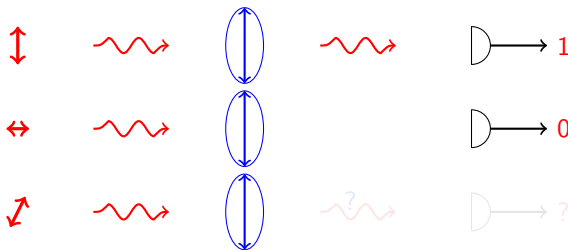
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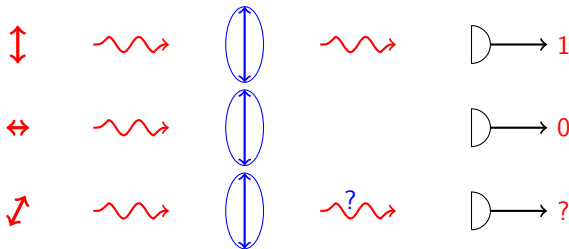
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