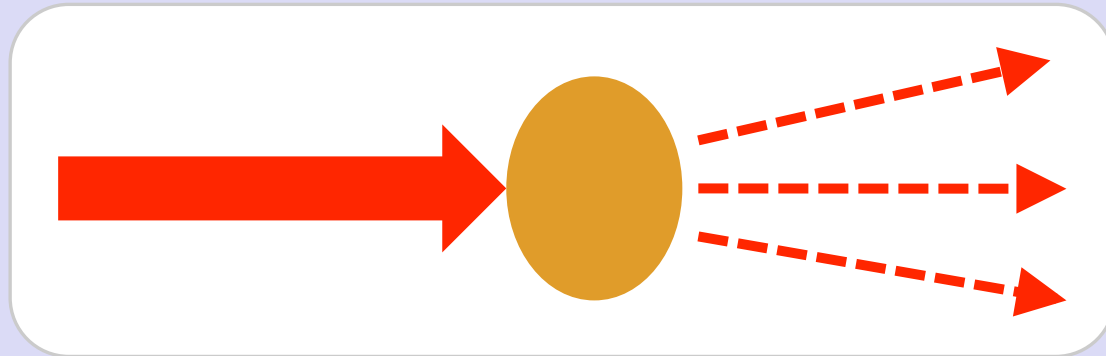


# Elastic scattering from atoms

- Structural probes: X-rays, neutron, electrons
- Basics of scattering
- X-ray Thomson scattering
- Interference
- Deviations from classical treatment
  - ✓ electronic distribution
  - ✓ Compton effect
  - ✓ electron binding
- Neutron and electron scattering



## Probes

### Electromagnetic radiation

- microwaves
- infrared
- visible
- UV
- **X-rays**



**Electrons**



Positrons

**Neutrons**



Ions

.....

Wave-particle  
duality

## Info on:

### Structural properties

- macroscopic
- .....
- **atomic level**

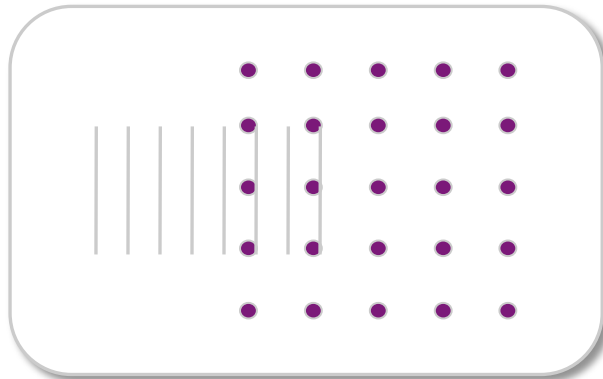
### Electronic properties

### Vibrational properties

# Atomic-level structural probes

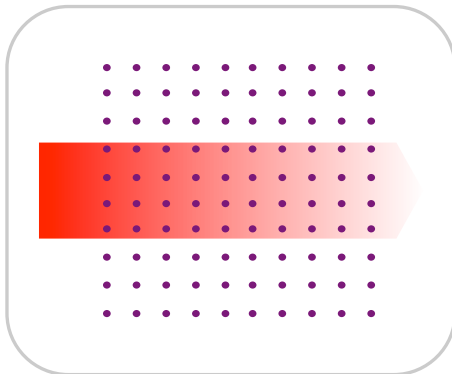
Basic requirement:

Wavelength  $\leq$  inter-atomic distances



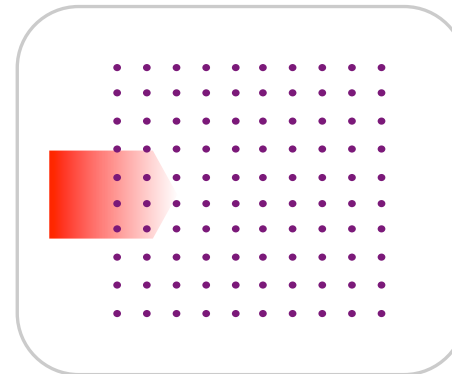
- X-rays
- Thermal neutrons
- Low-energy electrons

Weak interaction  
High penetration depth



Bulk probes

Strong interaction  
Low penetration depth

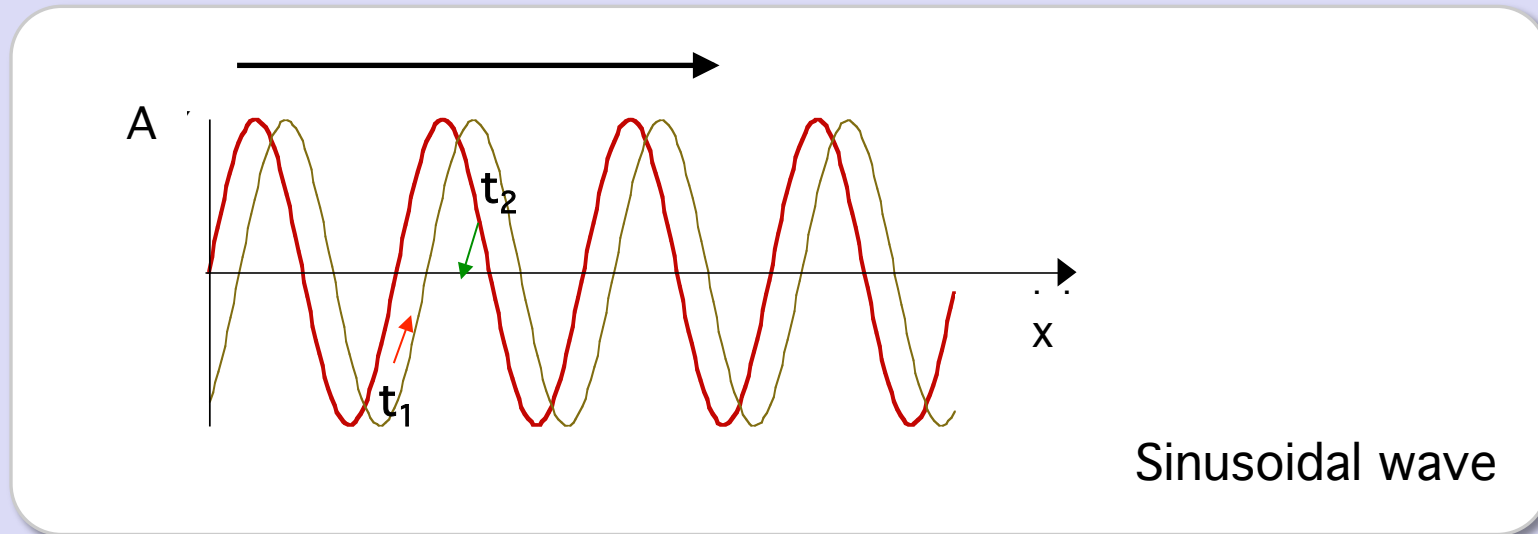


Surface probes

**> Properties X-rays, neutrons, electrons**



# Plane waves equation – 1 dimension



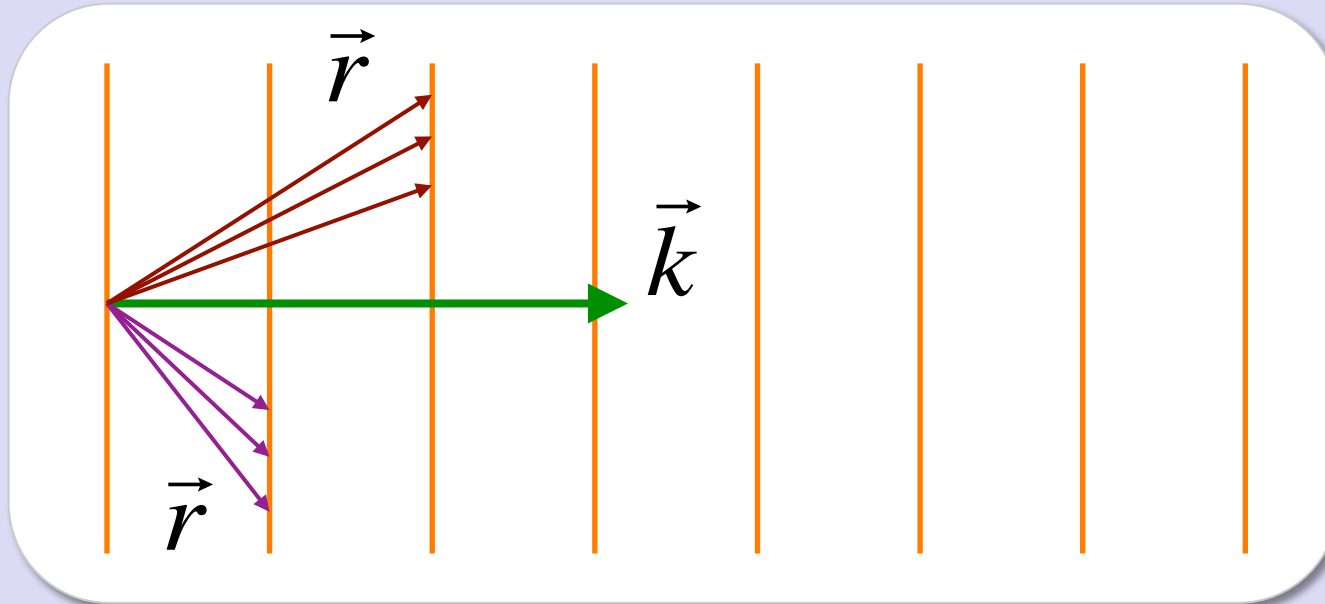
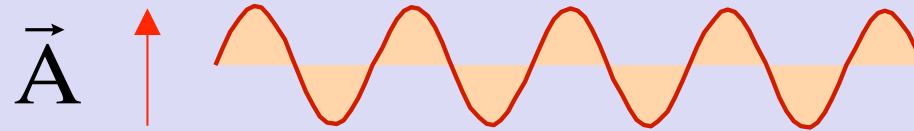
Electromagnetic fields

$$\begin{aligned} A(x,t) &= \text{Re}\left\{ A_0 \exp\left[i(kx - \omega t)\right] \right\} \\ &= \text{Re}\left\{ A_0 \exp\left[i 2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right] \right\} \\ &= A_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

Matter wavefunctions

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# Plane waves – 3 dimensions



$$\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{s}$$

Wavevector

Electromagnetic fields

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) &= \text{Re}\left\{A_0 \exp\left[i\left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t\right)\right]\right\} \\ &= \text{Re}\left\{A_0 \exp\left[i2\pi\left(\frac{\hat{s} \cdot \vec{r}}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right]\right\}\end{aligned}$$

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$$E^2 = (m_0 c^2)^2 + (pc)^2$$

$E$

energy

$$1 \text{ eV} \cong 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$\vec{p}$

linear momentum

$$c \cong 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$m_0$  rest mass

Connection particle – wave properties

$$E = \hbar\omega = h\nu$$

$$\vec{p} = \hbar\vec{k} = (h/\lambda) \hat{s}$$

# Particle and wave properties

Electromagnetic fields

$$E = pc = \hbar kc$$

(non-relativistic)

Matter

$$E_k = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$\omega = kc$$

$$E = \hbar\omega$$

$$\omega = \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m}$$

in vacuum

$$v_\phi = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \frac{\omega}{k} = c$$

Phase velocity

$$v_\phi = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\hbar k}{2m} = \frac{p}{2m}$$

in vacuum

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c$$

Group velocity

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{\hbar k}{m} = \frac{p}{m} = v$$

# Wave – particle properties

$$E_{\text{tot}}^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0c^2)^2$$

$$m = 0$$

$$E = pc$$

$$m_0c^2 \gg E_k$$

$$E_k = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

X-ray Photons

$$E[\text{keV}] = \frac{12.4}{\lambda[\text{\AA}]}$$

$$E = 12.4 \text{ keV}$$

Electrons

$$E[\text{eV}] = \frac{150}{\lambda^2[\text{\AA}^2]}$$

$$E = 150 \text{ eV}$$

Thermal neutrons

$$E[\text{meV}] = \frac{81.7}{\lambda^2[\text{\AA}^2]}$$

$$E = 81.7 \text{ meV}$$

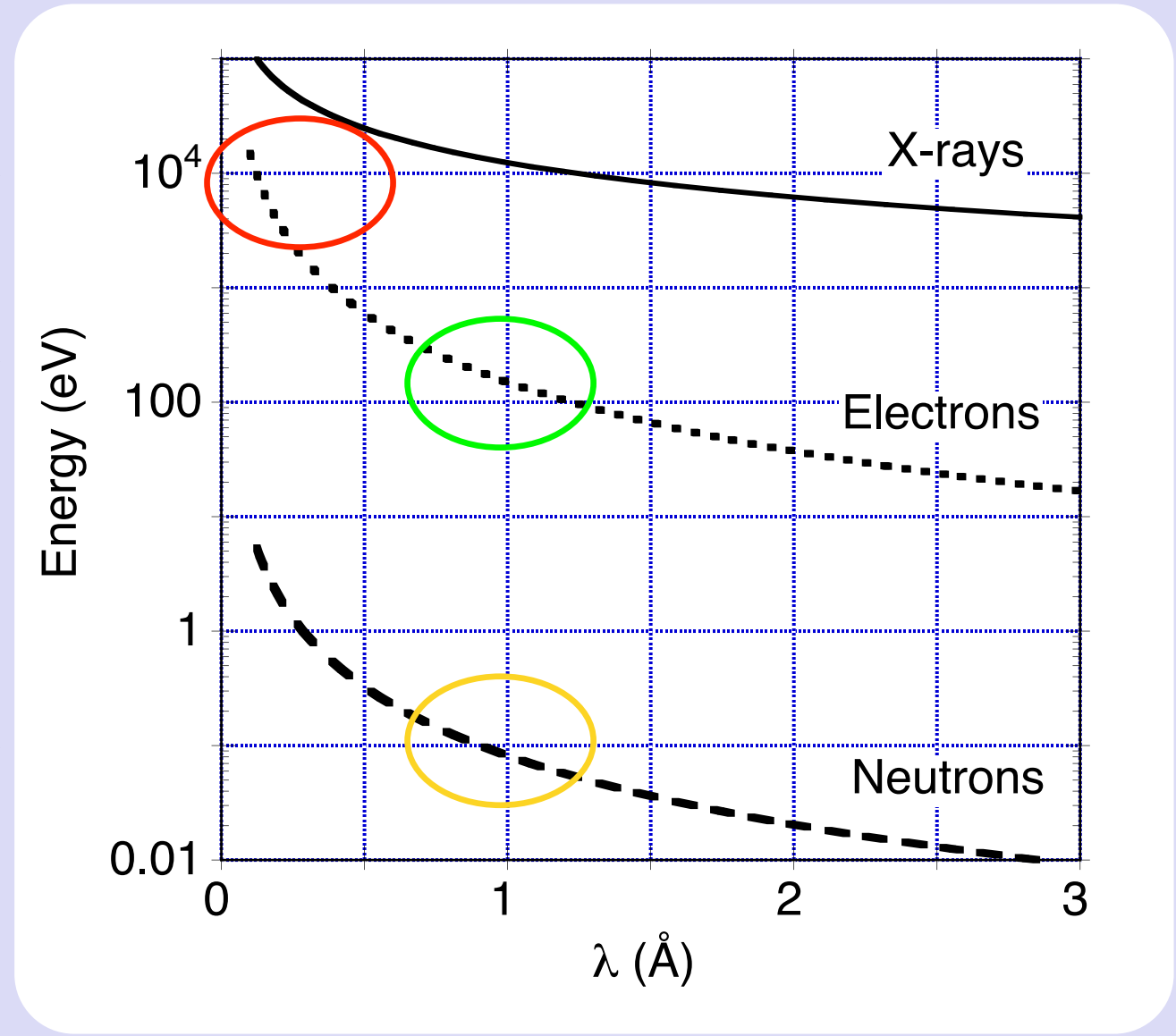
$$\lambda = 1 \text{\AA}$$

# Energy – wavelength relation

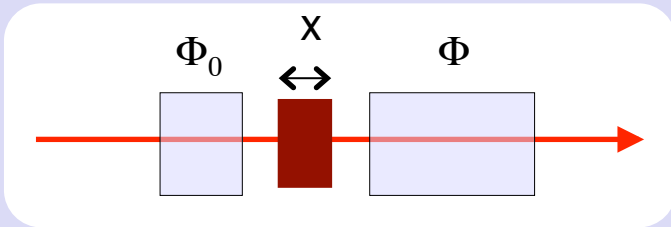
High-energy electrons →

Low-energy electrons →

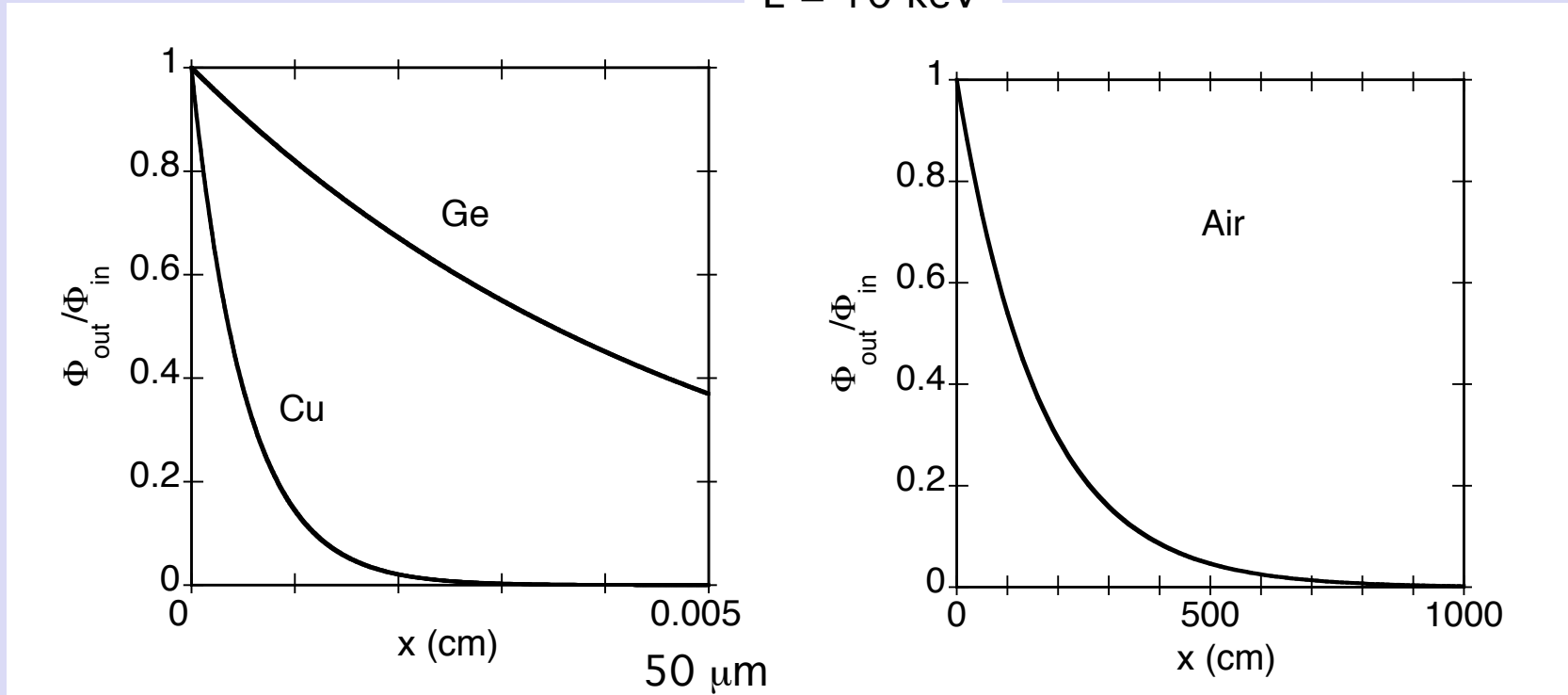
Thermal neutrons →



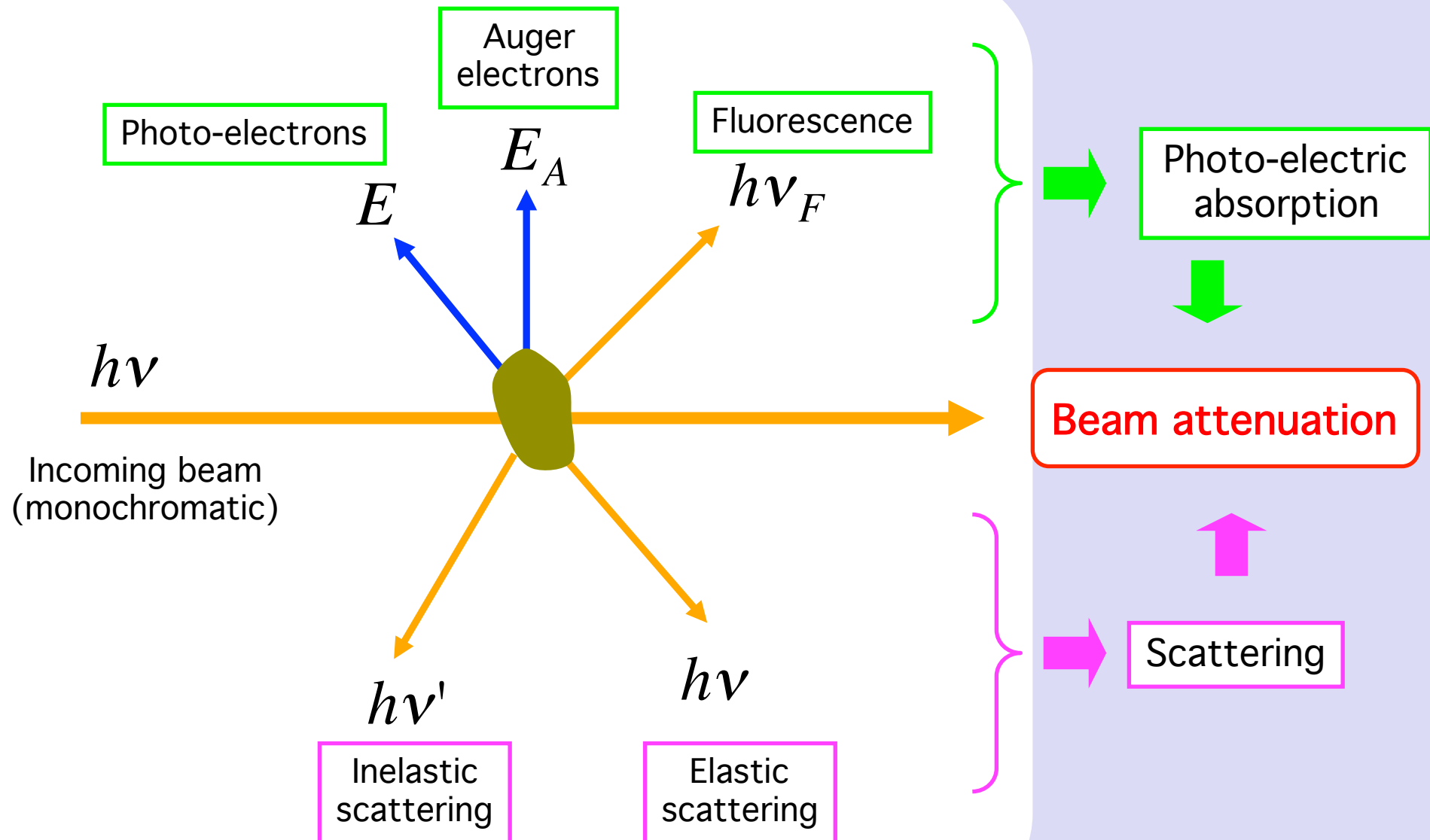
# X-ray penetration



$E = 10 \text{ keV}$

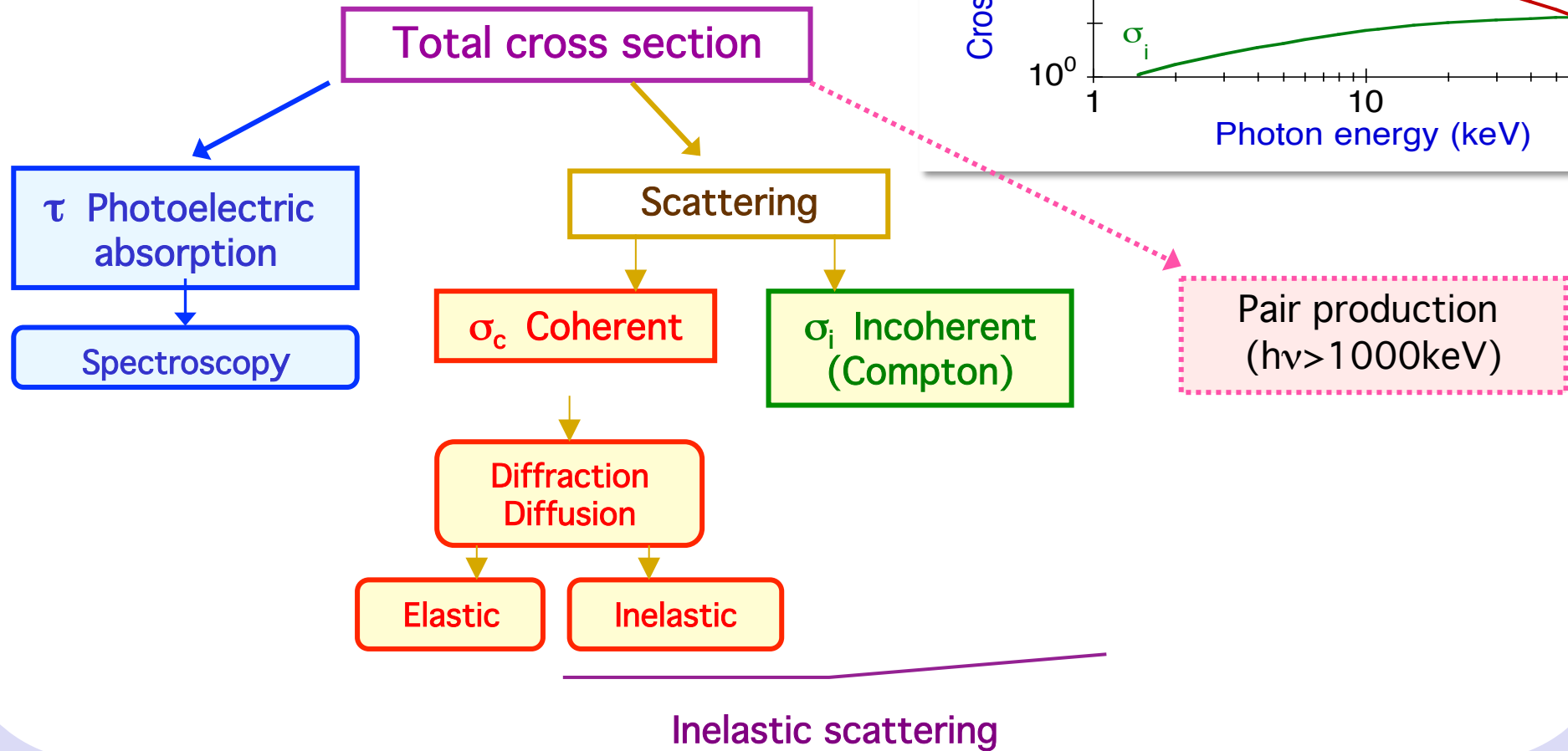
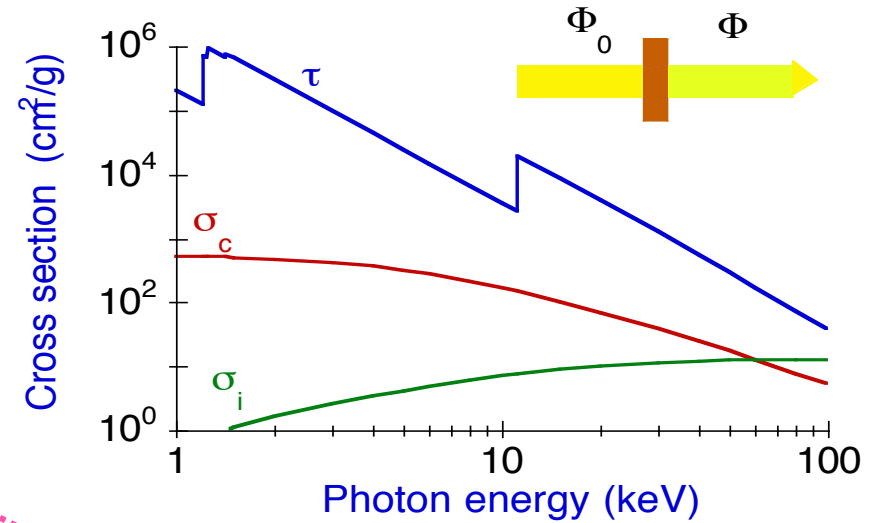


# Interaction of x-rays with matter

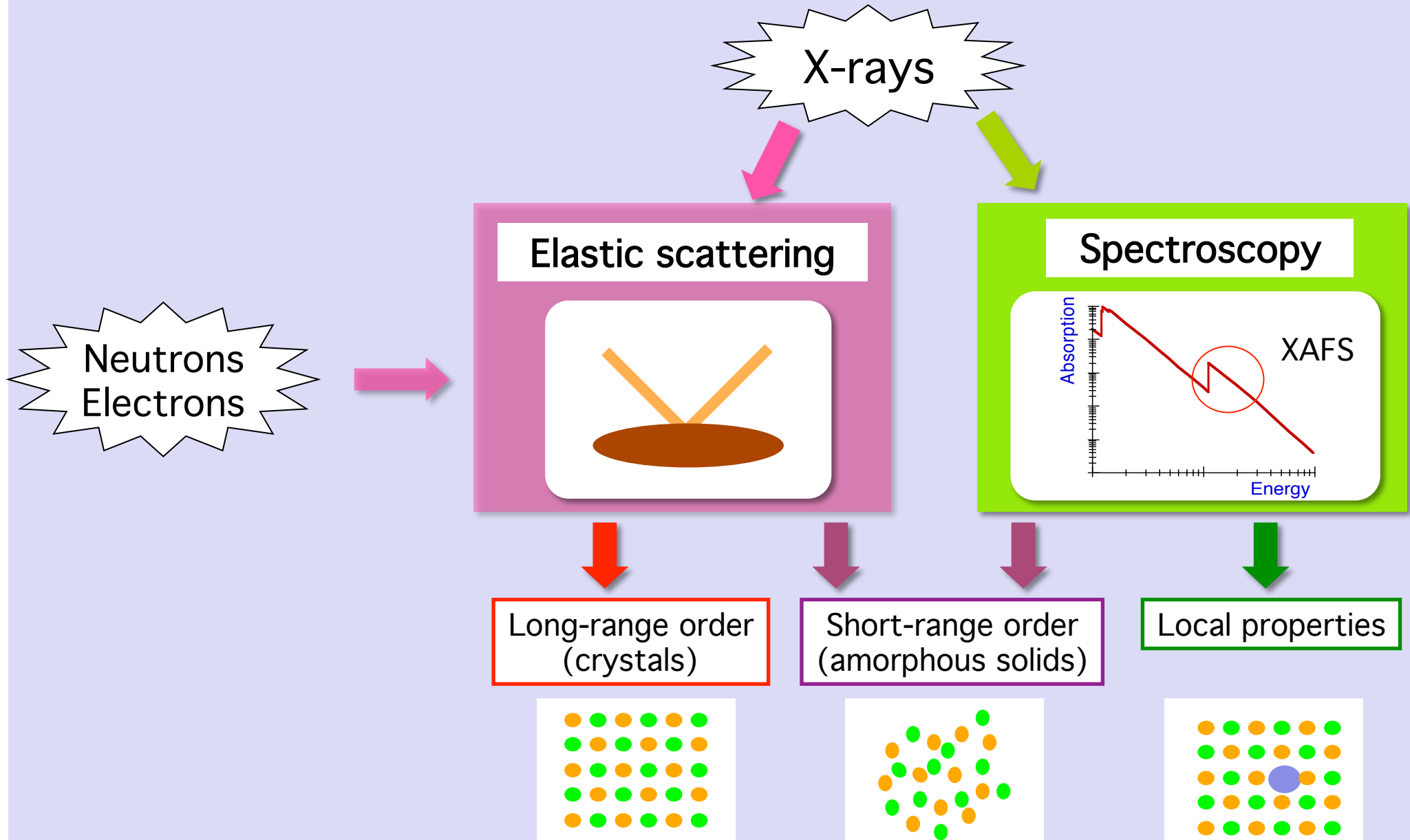




# Attenuation of X-Rays

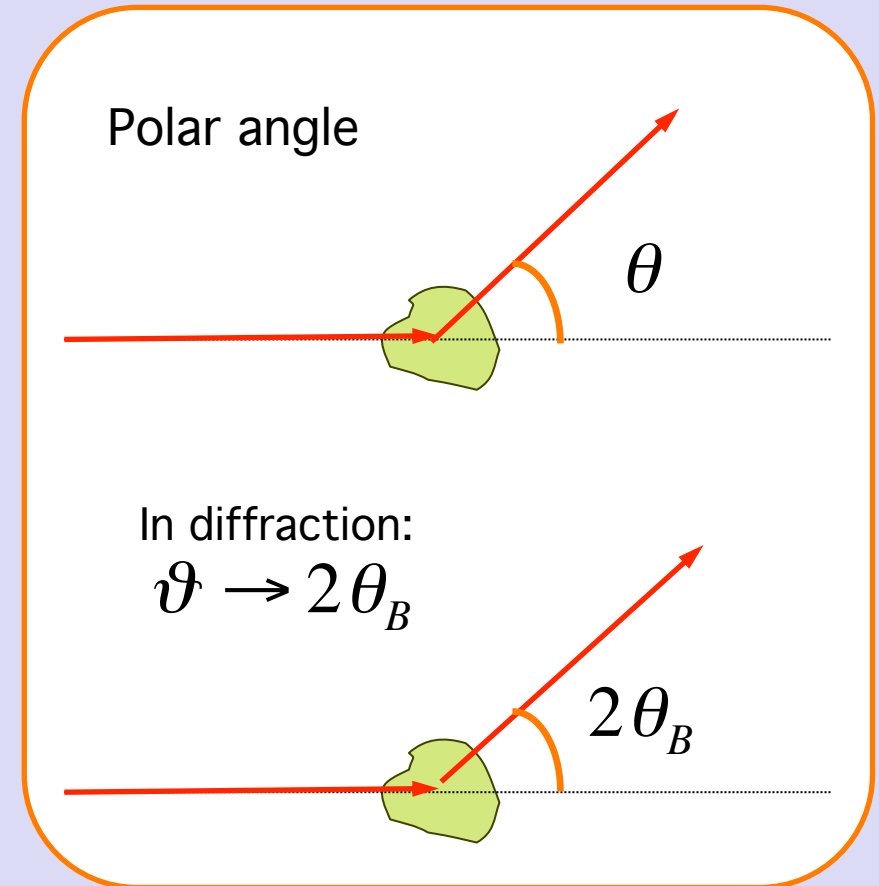
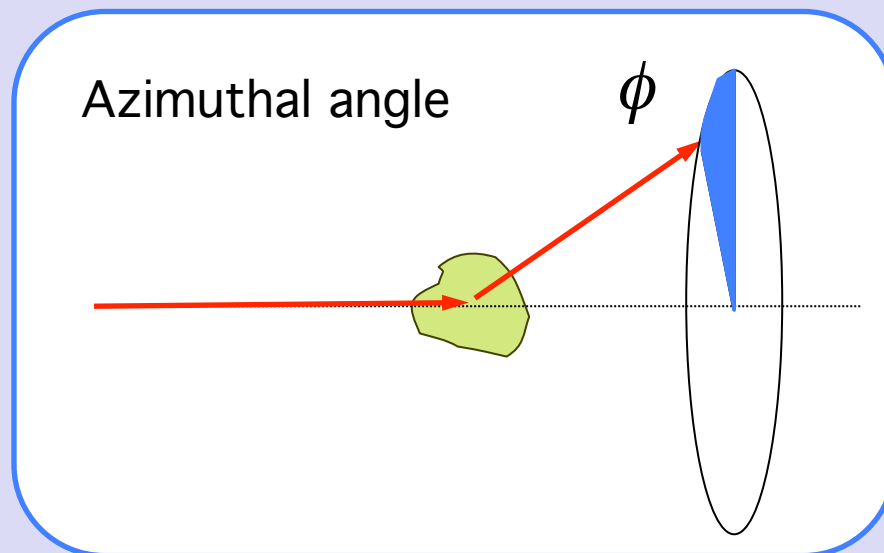
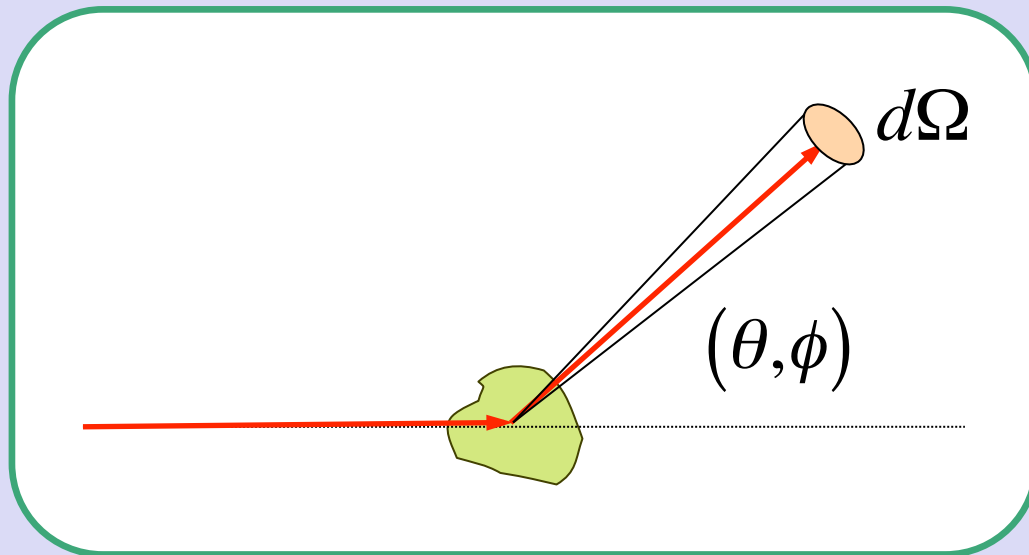


# Structural techniques



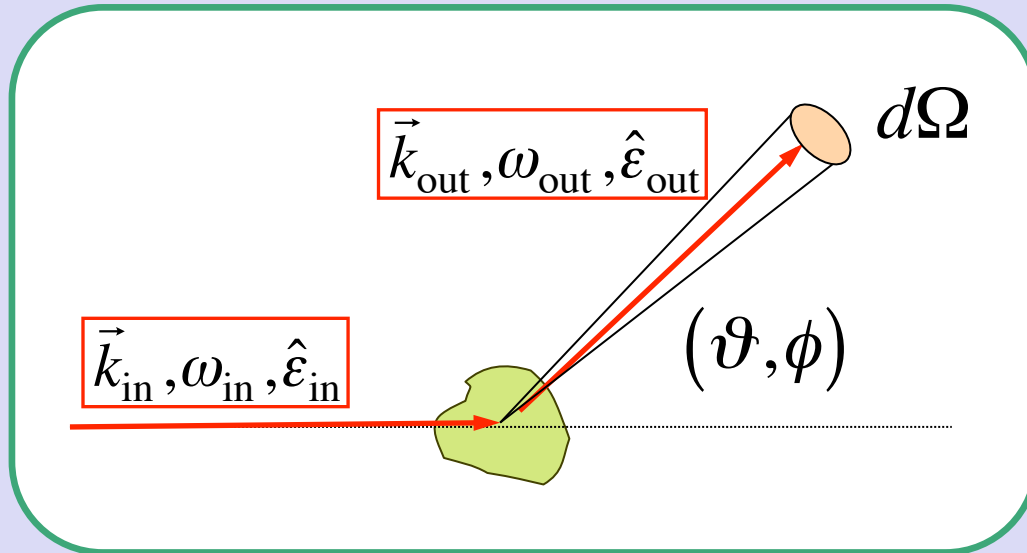
**> Basics of scattering**

# Scattering angles



$\theta_B$  = Bragg angle

# Nomenclature of scattering



$$\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \hat{s}$$

$$E = \begin{cases} pc = \hbar kc = \hbar \omega & \text{X-rays photons} \\ \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{(\hbar k)^2}{2m} & \text{electrons, neutrons} \end{cases}$$

Exchanged energy

$$E = E_{out} - E_{in}$$

Exchanged momentum

$$\hbar \vec{K} = \hbar (\vec{k}_{out} - \vec{k}_{in})$$

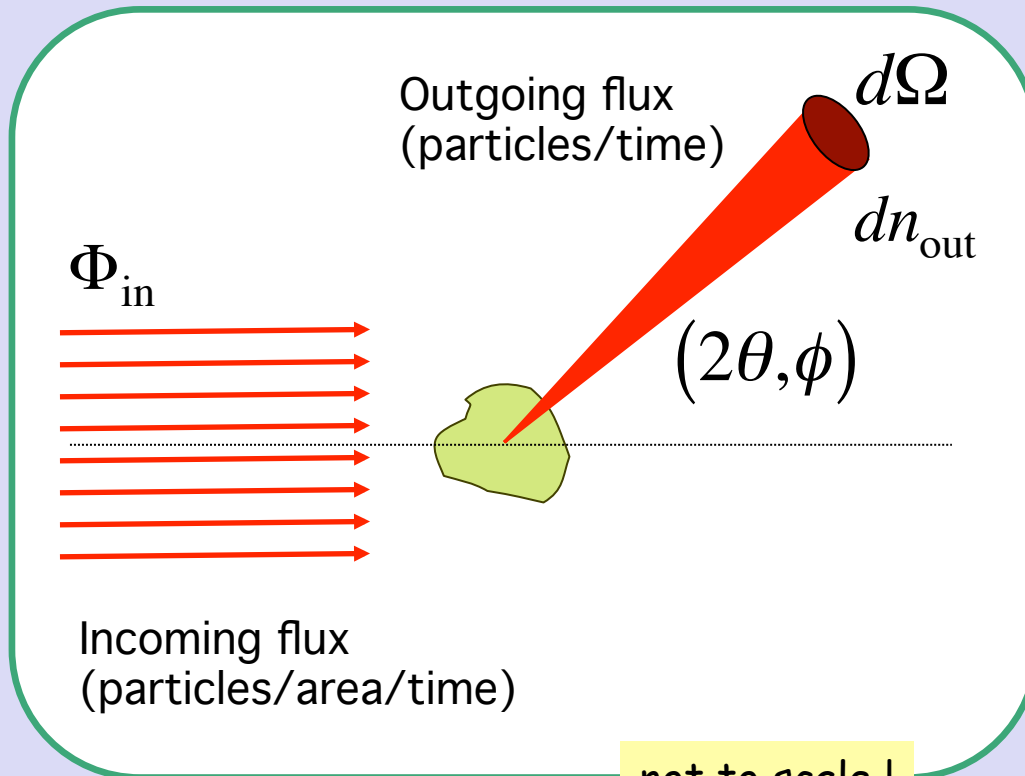
**Elastic scattering**

$$E = 0, \quad E_{out} = E_{in}, \quad |\vec{k}_{out}| = |\vec{k}_{in}|$$

**Inelastic scattering**

$$E \neq 0, \quad E_{out} \neq E_{in}, \quad |\vec{k}_{out}| \neq |\vec{k}_{in}|$$

# Scattering cross-sections



## Elastic scattering

$$dn_{out} = \begin{cases} \Phi_{in} \sigma(2\theta, \phi) d\Omega \\ \Phi_{in} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) d\Omega \end{cases}$$

differential cross-section

## Inelastic scattering

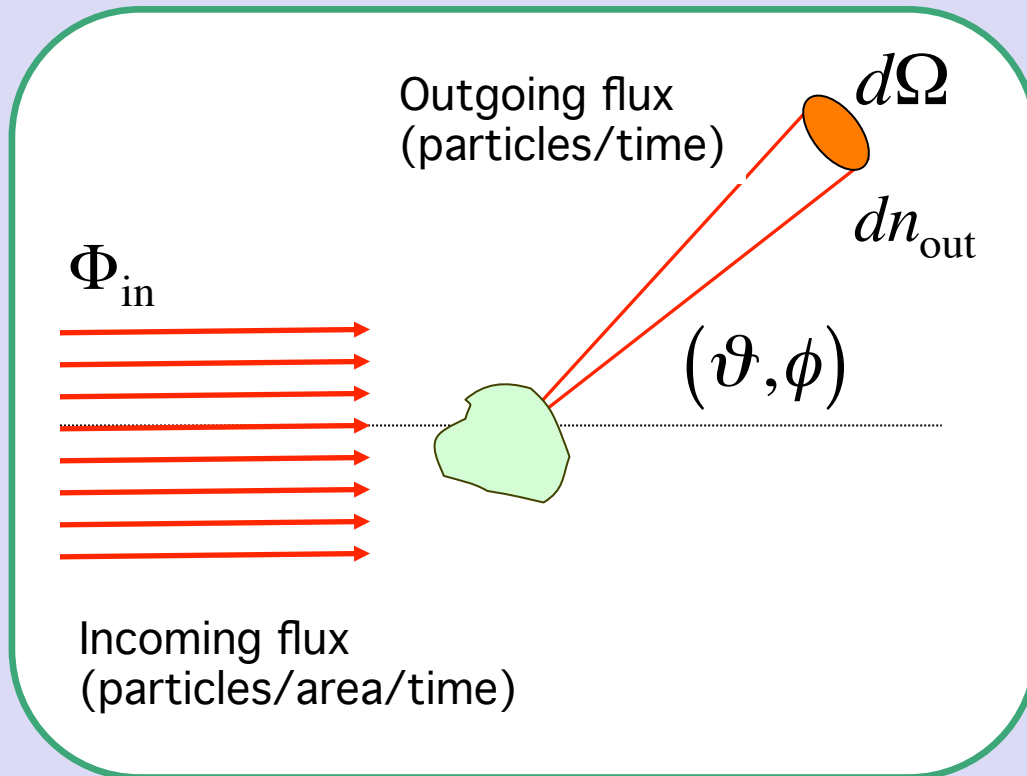
$$dn_{out} = \begin{cases} \Phi_{in} \sigma(2\theta, \phi, E) d\Omega dE \\ \Phi_{in} \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE} \right) d\Omega dE \end{cases}$$

double differential cross-section

Total cross-section:  $\sigma_{tot} = \int \sigma(2\theta, \phi) d\Omega$

$\sigma$  depends on incoming energy

# Elastic scattering cross-section



Differential cross-section

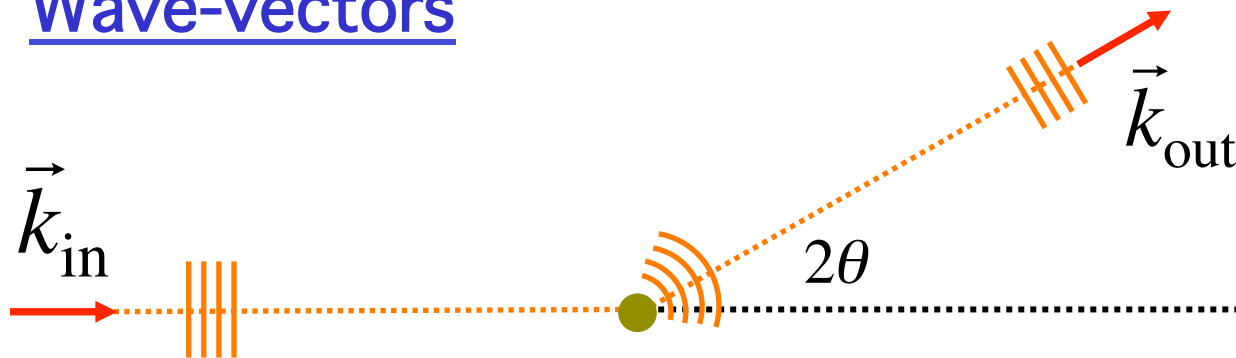
$$dn_{out} = \begin{cases} \Phi_{in} \sigma(\vartheta, \phi) d\Omega \\ \Phi_{in} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) d\Omega \end{cases}$$

Total cross-section

$$\sigma_{tot} = \int \sigma(\vartheta, \phi) d\Omega$$

The cross section can depend on the energy of incoming particles (say on wavelength).

## Wave-vectors



$$\vec{k}_{in} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \vec{s}_{in}$$

$$\vec{k}_{out} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \vec{s}_{out}$$

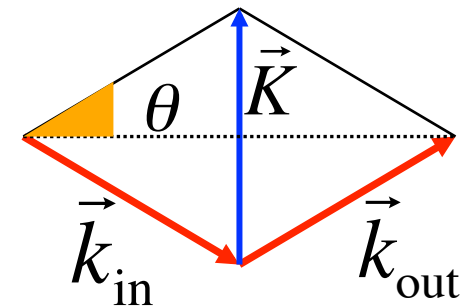
Elastic scattering

$$|\vec{k}_{in}| = |\vec{k}_{out}| = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

## Scattering vector

$$\vec{K} = \vec{k}_{out} - \vec{k}_{in}$$

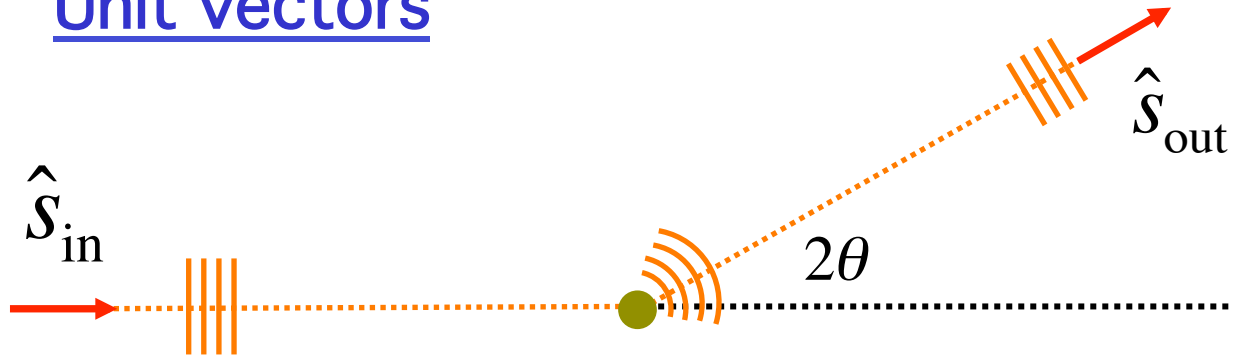
$$|\vec{K}| = 4\pi \frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}$$





# Scattering vector (alternative convention)

## Unit vectors



Elastic scattering

$$\lambda_{in} = \lambda_{out} = \lambda$$

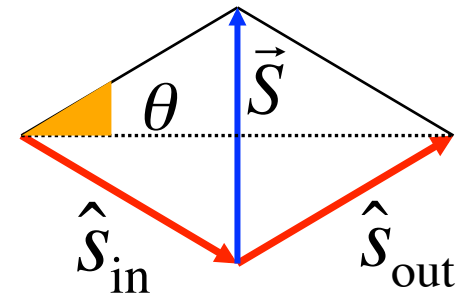
Connection

$$\vec{K} = 2\pi \vec{S}$$

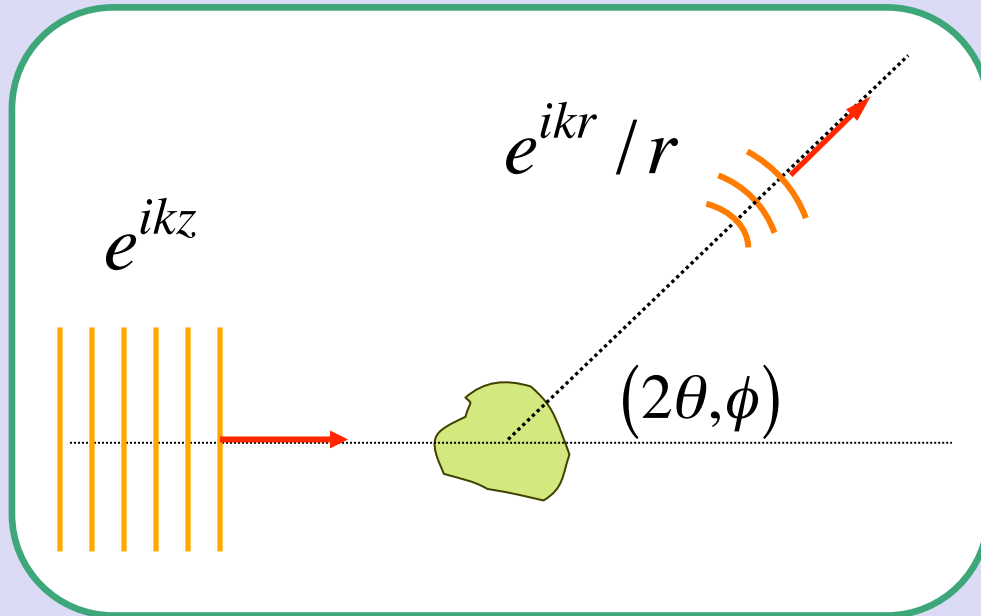
## Scattering vector

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\hat{S}_{out} - \hat{S}_{in}}{\lambda}$$

$$S = 2 \frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}$$



# Stationary states of elastic scattering



## Elastic scattering

scattering  
amplitude

$$\Psi_k^{(\text{scatt})}(\vec{r}) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} e^{ikz} + f_k(2\theta, \phi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

Differential cross-section:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sigma(2\theta, \phi) \\ \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) \end{array} \right\} = |f_k(2\theta, \phi)|^2$$

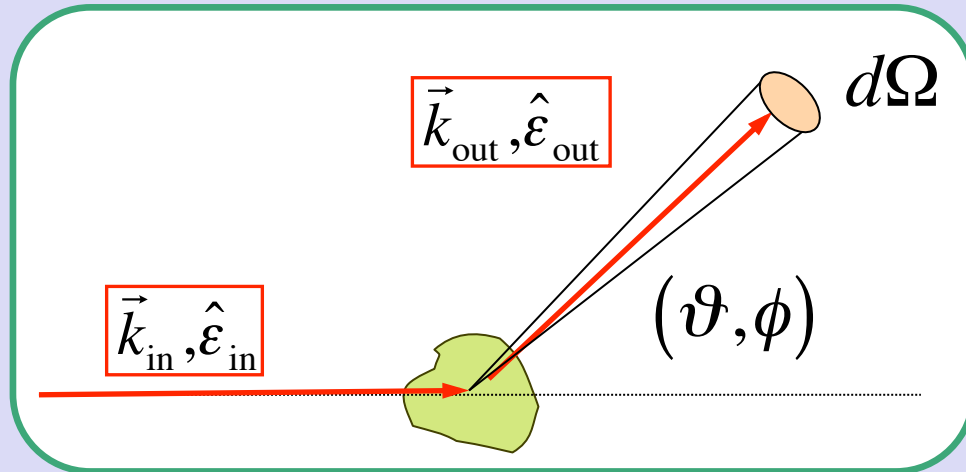
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X-rays

electrons

neutrons

# Elastic scattering, intrinsic cross-section



**Static scattering function**  
Sample properties

Differential scattering cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 s(\vec{K})$$

**Intrinsic cross-section**  
Beam - sample coupling

- ?
- X-rays
  - electrons
  - neutrons

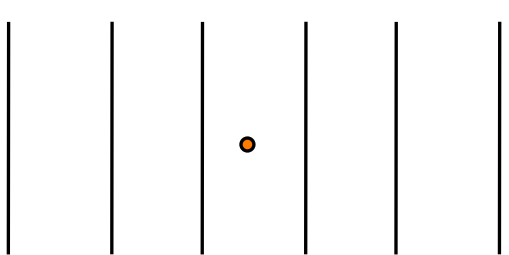
# Scattering mechanisms

X-rays

Thermal neutrons

Electrons

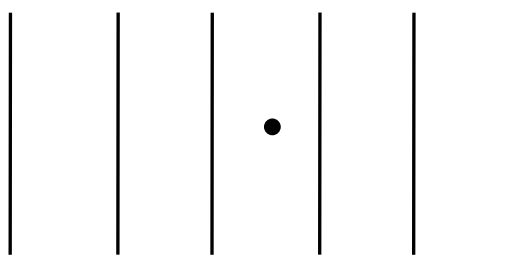
$\lambda$



Electrons, classical picture

$\lambda \gg r$

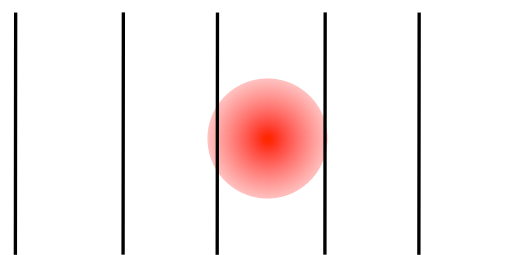
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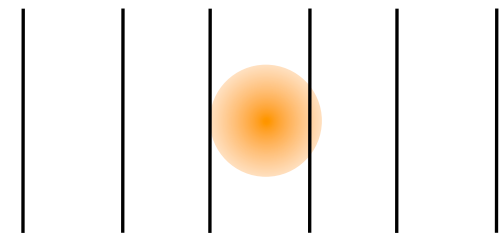
Nuclear potential

$\lambda \gg r$

$\lambda$

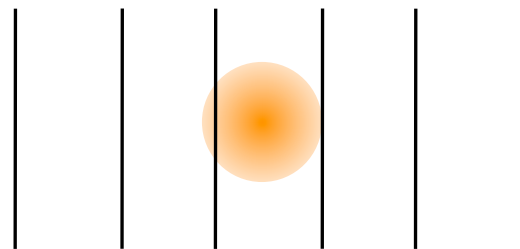


Coulomb potential  
from nucleus



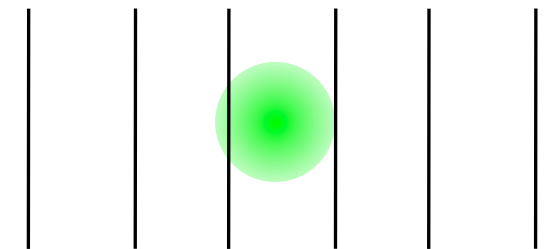
Electrons, quantum picture:

$\lambda \cong R$



Electrons (magnetic atoms)

$\lambda \cong R$



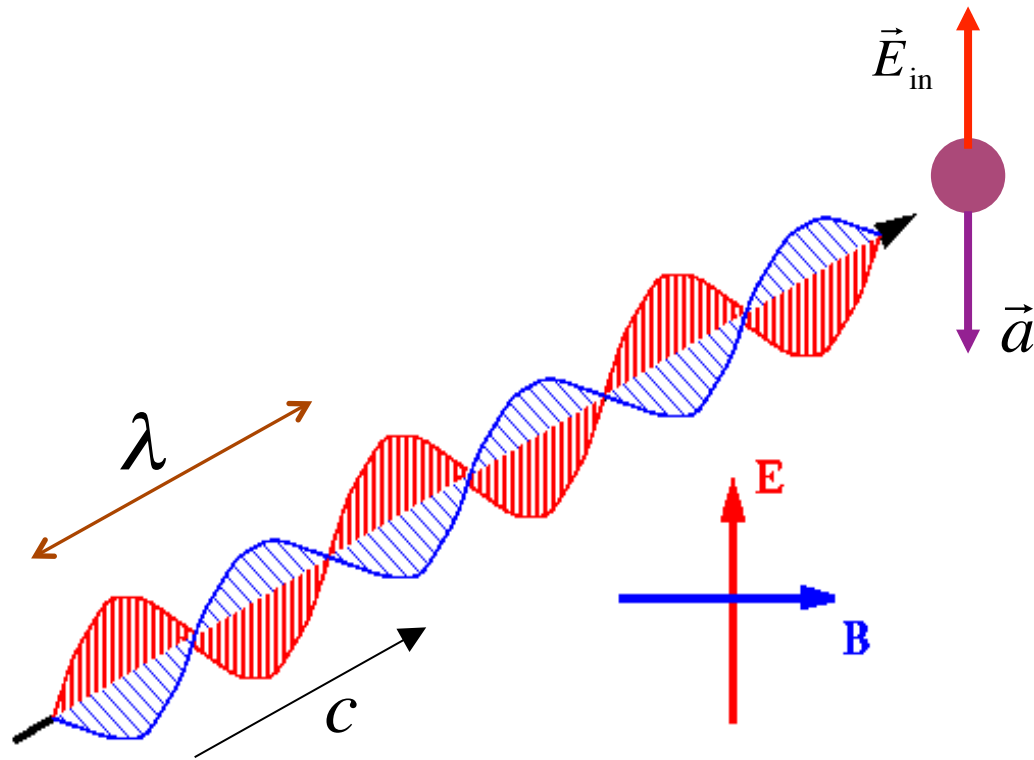
Coulomb potential  
from electrons

# Elastic scattering of X-rays

- 1 Classical theory of scattering from a free electron (Thomson scattering)
- 2 Basic interference effects
- 3 Correction for quantum effects:
  1. Probabilistic distribution of the electronic charge
  2. Compton effect for free electrons
  3. Effects of binding

**> Thomson scattering**

# Electromagnetic wave impinging on a free electron



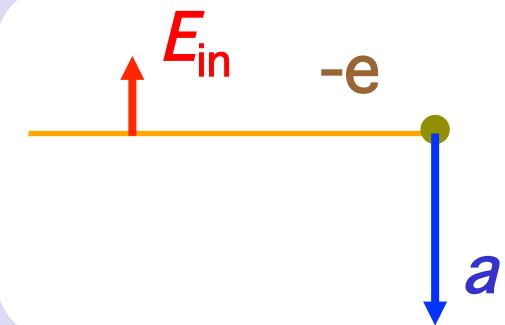
Incoming electric field

$$\vec{E}_{in}(t) = \vec{E}_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

Electron acceleration

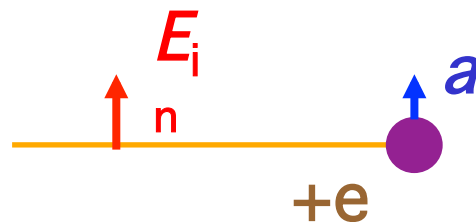
$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{-e}{m} \vec{E}_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$\pi$  phase-shift



Negligible:

- magnetic effects
- proton acceleration



# Dipole emission of radiation

## Accelerating charge $\Rightarrow$ electromagnetic field

- charge velocity:  $v \ll c$
- charge distribution:  $d \ll \lambda$
- observer distance:  $r \gg \lambda$

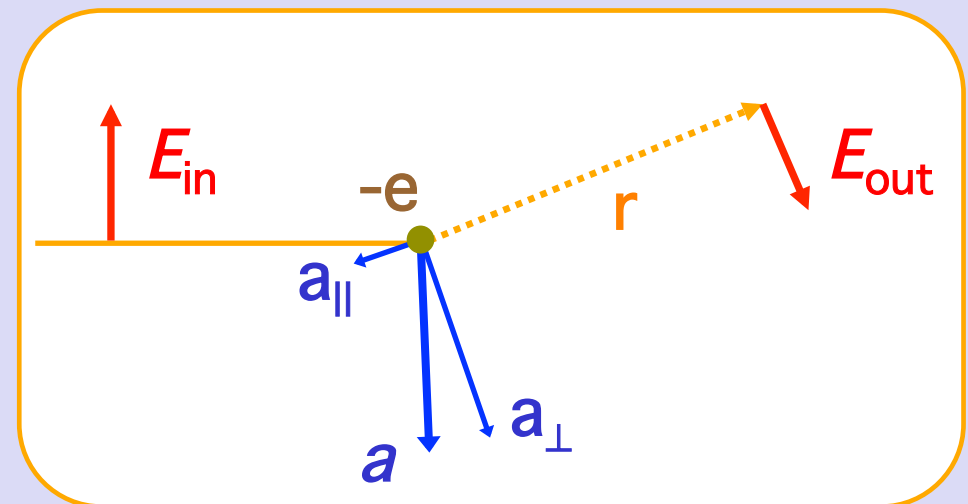
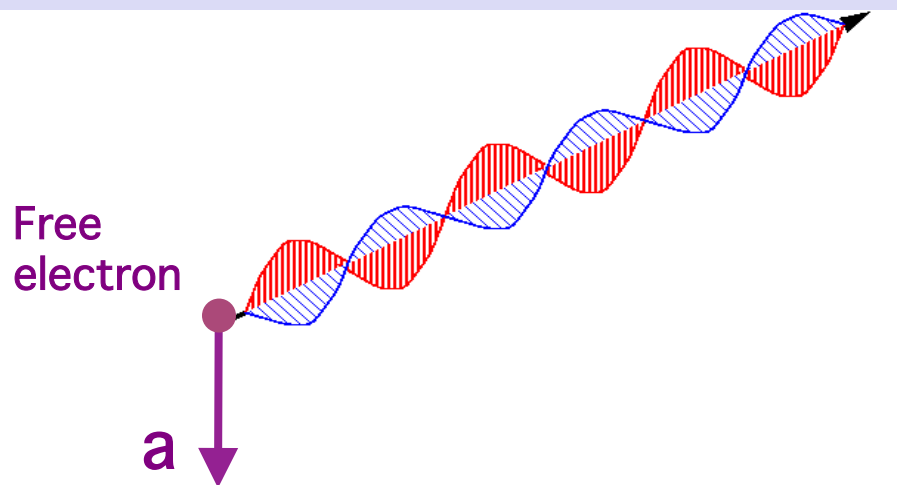
Dipole approximation:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{-e}{m} \vec{E}_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

Electron:

$$q = -e$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{e \vec{a}_{\perp}(t')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r c^2}$$

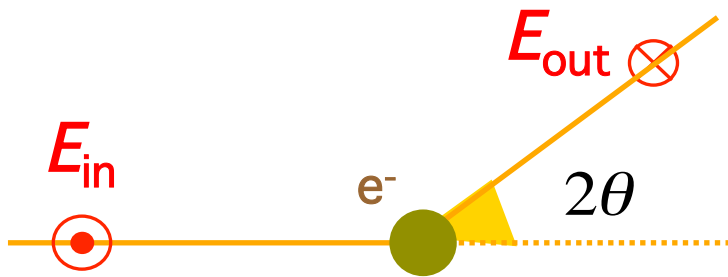




# Electric field polarization

$\pi$  polarisation

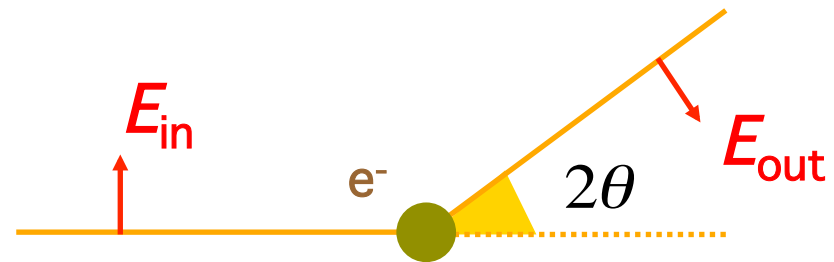
$$a_{\perp} = a$$



$$E_{out}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{r_e}{r} E_0(t')$$

$\sigma$  polarisation

$$a_{\perp} = a \cos(2\theta)$$



$$E_{out}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{r_e}{r} E_0(t') \cos(2\theta)$$

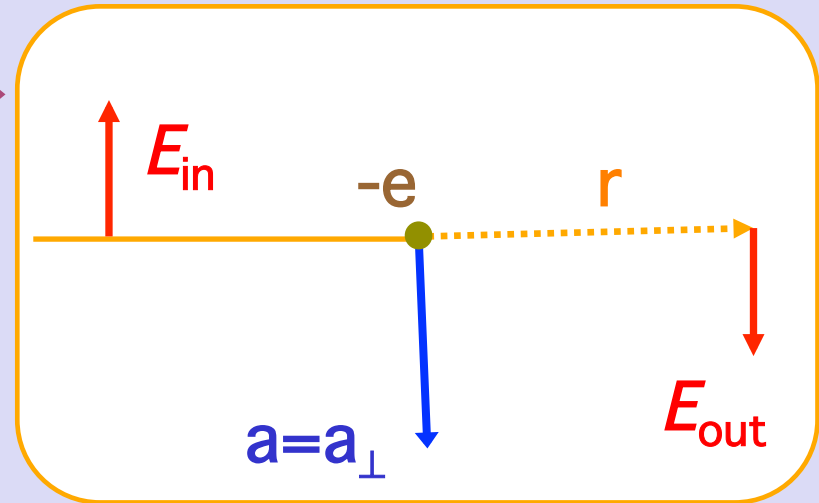
$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m} = 2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ \AA}$$

Thomson scattering length

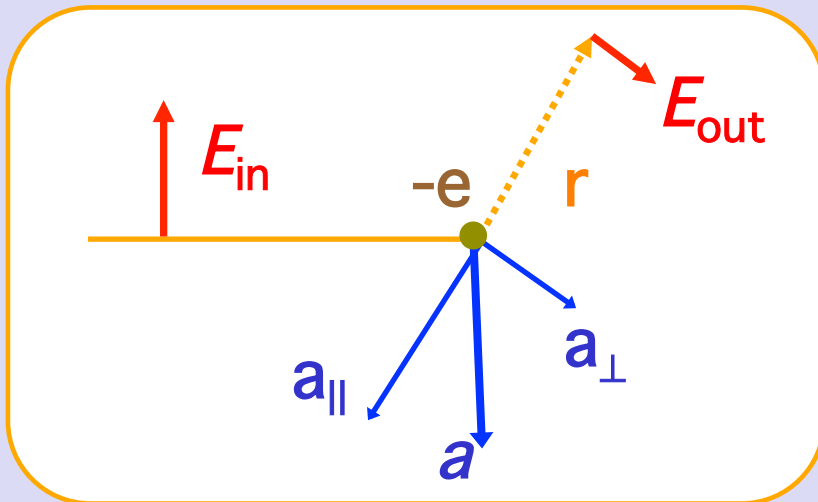
Classical electron radius

# More on $\sigma$ polarization

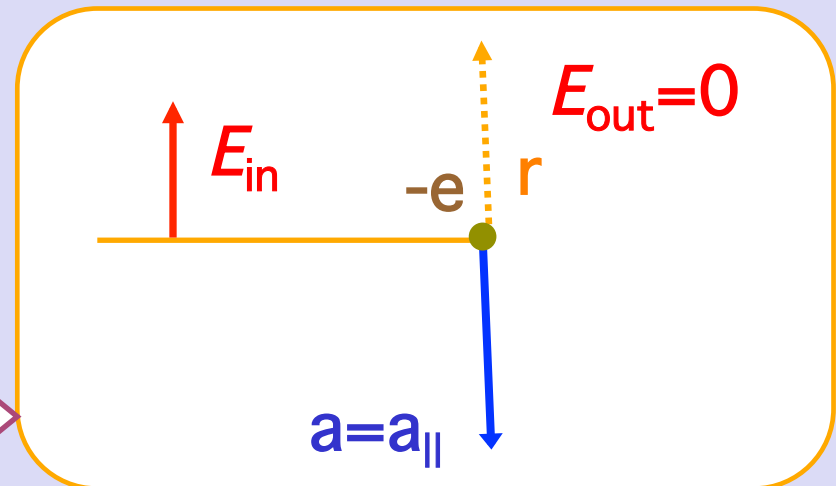
Forward scattering



General case



Normal scattering



# Classical electron radius

Energy of a uniformly charged:

➤ spherical shell

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{r_e} \right)$$

➤ spherical volume

$$U = \frac{3}{5} \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{r_e} \right)$$

Electron

$$U \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r_e} = mc^2$$

Relativistic  
rest energy

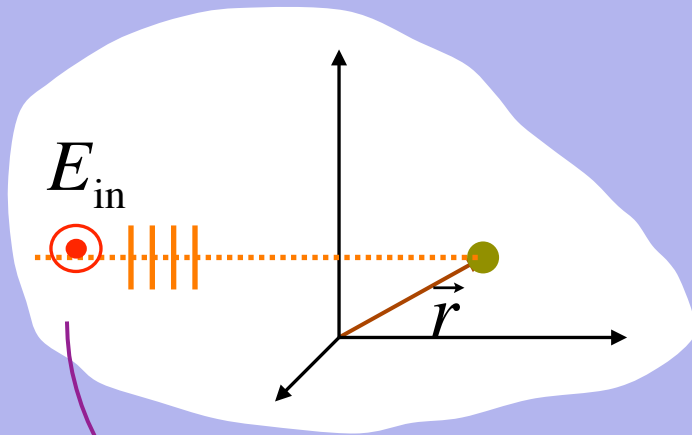


$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m} = 2.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ \AA}$$

= Thomson scattering length

# Incoming wave: input amplitude

$\pi$  polarisation



Mathematical machinery  
useful for treating  
interference phenomena.

$$E_{\text{in}} = E_0 \cos(\omega t - \vec{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{r})$$
$$= \text{Re} \left\{ E_0 e^{i(\omega t - \vec{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{r})} \right\}$$

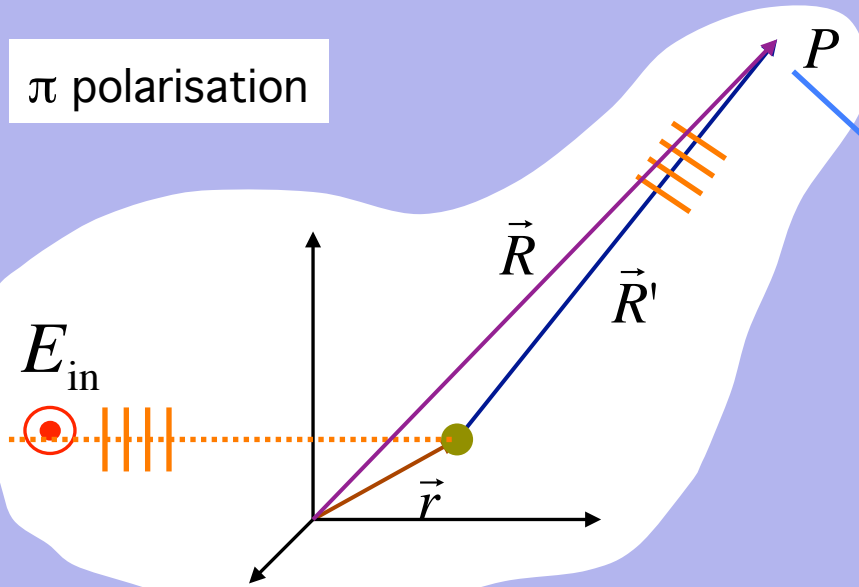
Complex notation

$A_{\text{in}}$

Input amplitude

# Outgoing wave: scattered amplitude

$\pi$  polarisation



$$E_{\text{out}} = \text{Re} \left\{ \overbrace{E_0 e^{i(\omega t - \vec{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{r})}}^{A_{\text{in}}} \underbrace{(-r_e) \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R'}}{R'}}_A \right\}$$

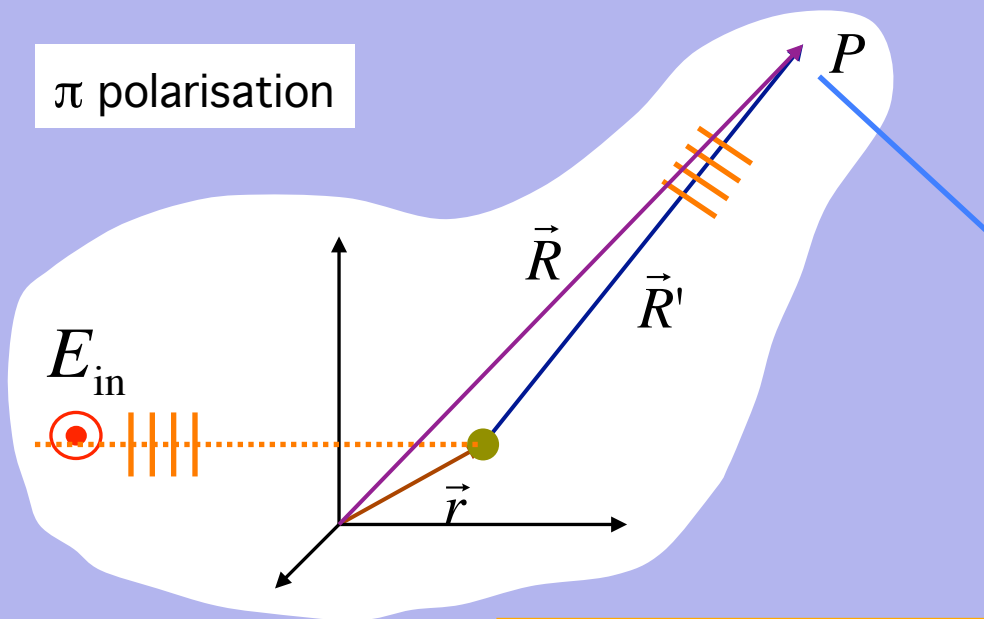
$A$

Scattered amplitude

Scattering from one electron.  
Far-field limit, outgoing wave approximate as a plane wave.

# Scattered amplitude

$\pi$  polarisation



$$E_{\text{out}} = \text{Re} \left\{ E_0 e^{i(\omega t - \vec{k}_{\text{in}} \cdot \vec{r})} (-r_e) \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R'}}{R'} \right\}$$

$$\frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R'}}{R'} \approx \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R}}{R} e^{ik_{\text{out}} r (\vec{k}_{\text{out}} \cdot \vec{r})} = \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R}}{R} e^{i\vec{k}_{\text{out}} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Scattered amplitude

$$A(\vec{K}) = -E_0 r_e \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}} R}}{R} e^{i\omega t} e^{i(\vec{k}_{\text{out}} - \vec{k}_{\text{in}}) \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Phase factor

# Amplitude and intensity (1 electron)

Amplitude ( $\pi$  polarisation)

$$A(\vec{K}) = -E_0 r_e \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}}R}}{R} e^{i\omega t} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} = A_{\text{el}} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = \text{Re} \{ A(\vec{K}) \}$$

Cannot be measured !

Intensity

$$I = |A(\vec{K})|^2 = |A_{\text{el}}|^2$$

$$E_0^2 r_e^2 \frac{1}{R^2}$$

( $\pi$  polarisation)

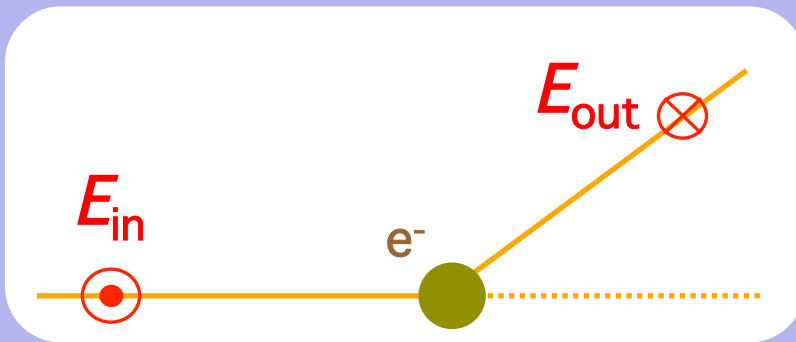
$$E_0^2 r_e^2 \frac{1}{R^2} \left[ \frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta_B)}{2} \right]$$

un-polarized beam

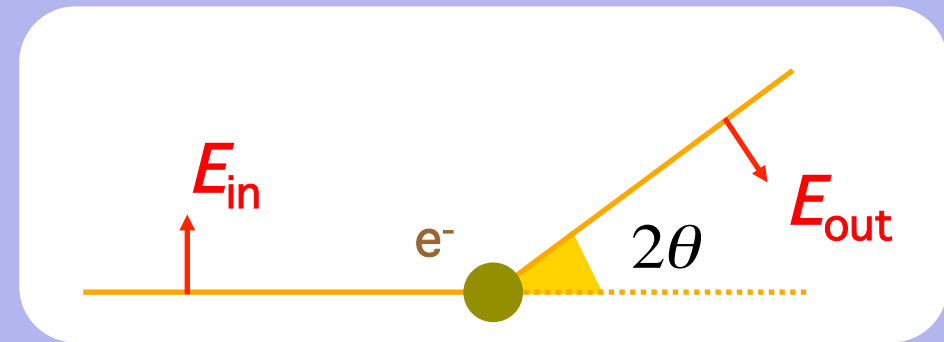
Is actually measured

# Polarisation factor

$\pi$  polarisation



$\sigma$  polarisation



$E_{out}^2$

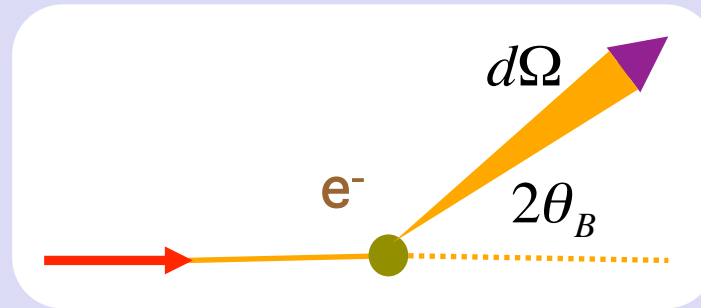
Un-polarised beam

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos^2(2\theta)}{2} \right]$$

Laboratory x-ray sources produce unpolarized beams.



# Radiated power, unpolarized beam



Incoming power flux

Emitted power

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{\text{in}} &= \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 E_0^2 c = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 |A_0|^2 c \quad [\text{W/m}^2] \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_0 E_0^2 c}{2\hbar\omega} \quad [\text{photons/s/m}^2]\end{aligned}$$

$$P(\vec{K}) d\Omega = \Phi_{\text{in}} r_e^2 \left[ \frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2} \right] d\Omega$$

$$\sigma(2\theta_B, \phi) = |f(2\theta_B, \phi)|^2$$

Differential  
cross-section

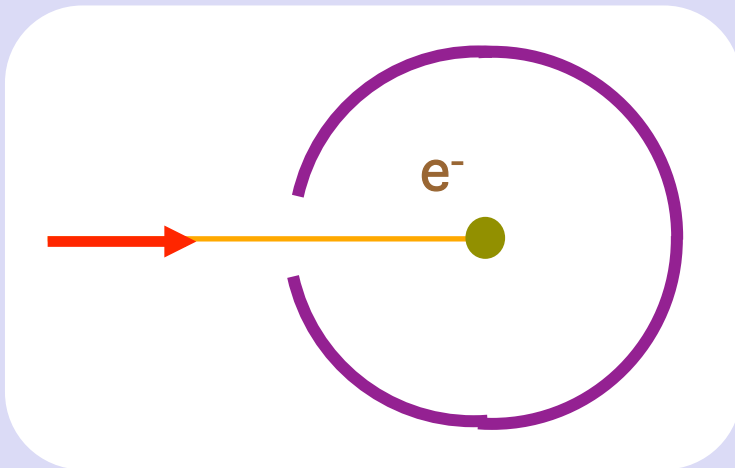
Independent of radiation wavelength

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 c^2 m} = 2.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

# Total electron cross-section (1)

Un-polarized beam

$$\sigma_{\text{Th}} = \int \sigma(2\theta_B, \phi) d\Omega = \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2 = 6.66 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$$



Total radiated power

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2 P_{\text{in}}$$

Independent of radiation wavelength

# Total electron cross-section (2)

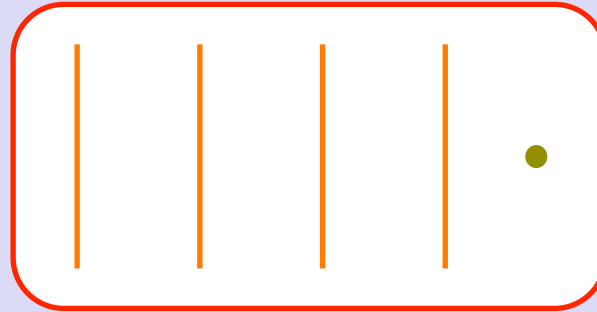
Un-polarized beam

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_e &= \int_{\Omega} \sigma(2\theta, \phi) d\Omega = r_e^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2\theta) \frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2} d(2\theta) \\ &= 2\pi r_e^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2\theta) d(2\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2\theta) \cos^2(2\theta) d(2\theta) \right] \\ &= \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2 \\ &= 66.6 \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^2 = 66.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ \AA}^2 = 66.6 \text{ fm}^2 = 0.66 \text{ barn}\end{aligned}$$

Independent of radiation wavelength

# Beyond classical treatment

Thomson scattering:



Free electron

Elastic scattering

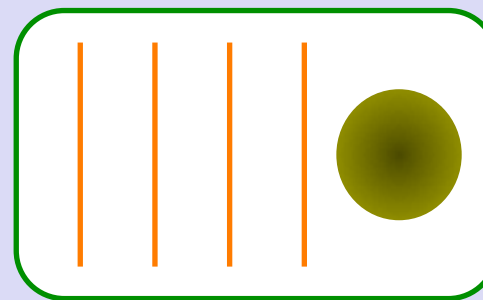
$$r_e \ll \lambda$$



Free electron  $\Rightarrow$  Inelastic scattering (Compton)

Electrons are bound in atoms

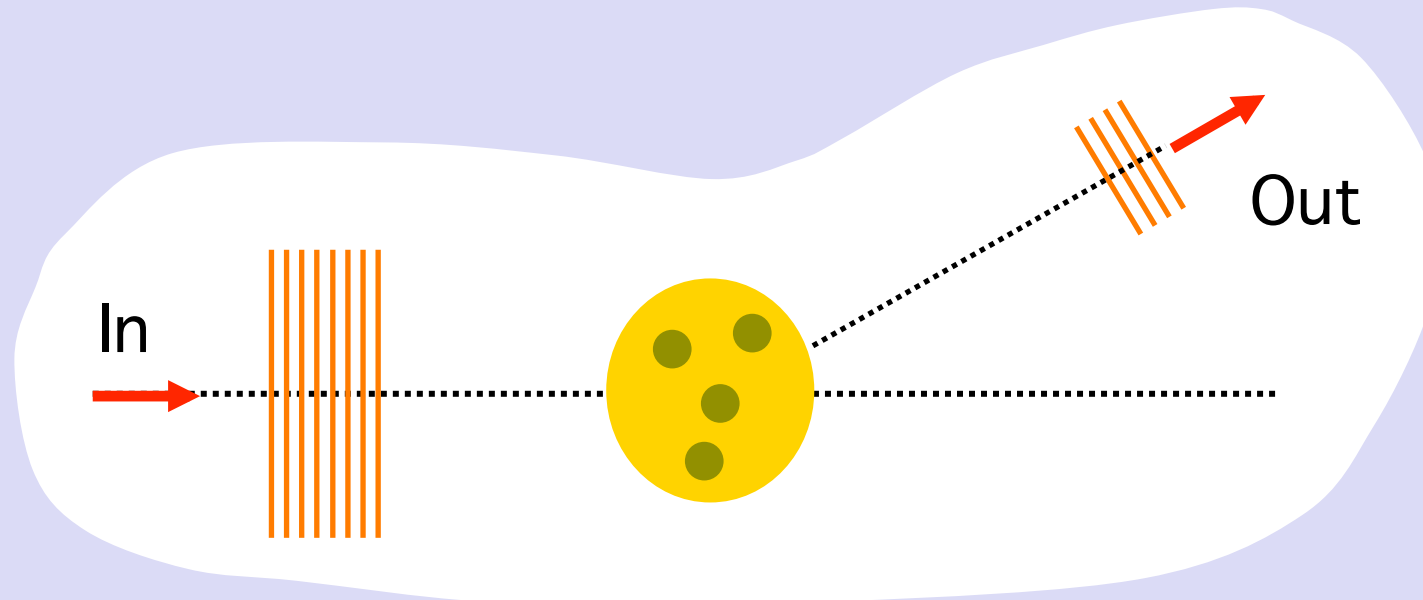
Probabilistic distribution of  $e^-$  charge



Interference

**> Interference**

# Scattering from many electrons



Waves scattered  
by  
different electrons



**Interference**

Depending on radiation wavelength

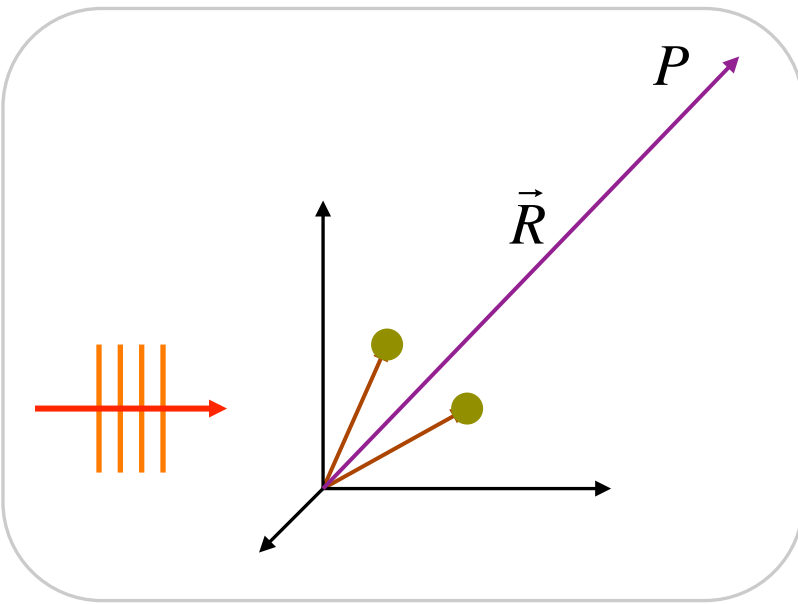
# Interference: scattering from 2 electrons

1 electron

$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$I = |A(\vec{K})|^2 = |A_{\text{el}}|^2$$

2 electrons



$$A(\vec{K}) = A_1(\vec{K}) + A_2(\vec{K})$$

$$= A_{\text{el}} \left[ e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}_1} + e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}_2} \right]$$

$$I(\vec{K}) = |A(\vec{K})|^2$$

$$= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2 \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_{12}) \right]$$

Independent

Interference

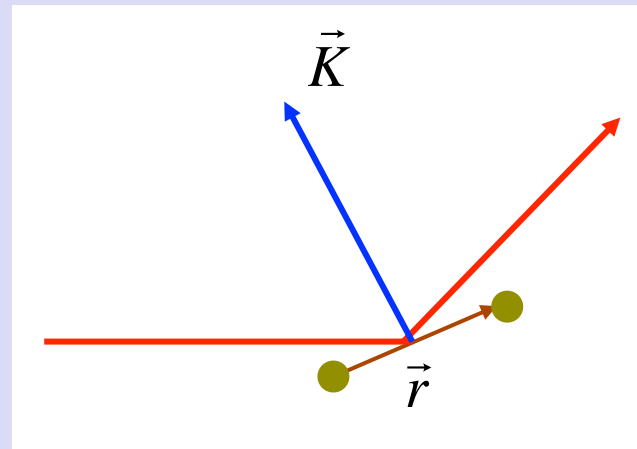
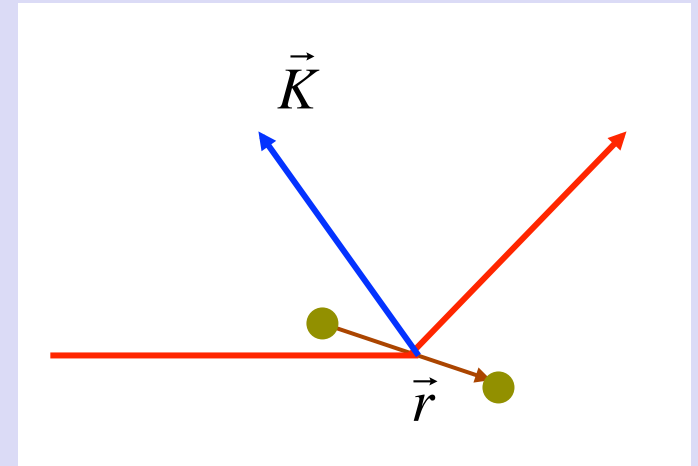
$$\vec{r}_{12} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$$

# Thomson scattering by 2 electrons (a)

$$\begin{aligned} I(\vec{K}) &= |A(\vec{K})|^2 = (A_1(\vec{K}) + A_2(\vec{K})) (A_1^*(\vec{K}) + A_2^*(\vec{K})) \\ &= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left( e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_1} + e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_2} \right) \left( e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_1} + e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_2} \right) \\ &= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2 \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}) \right] \quad \vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Independent

Interference



Particular case:

$$\vec{K} \perp \vec{r}$$

$$I(\vec{K}) = 4 A_{\text{el}}^2$$



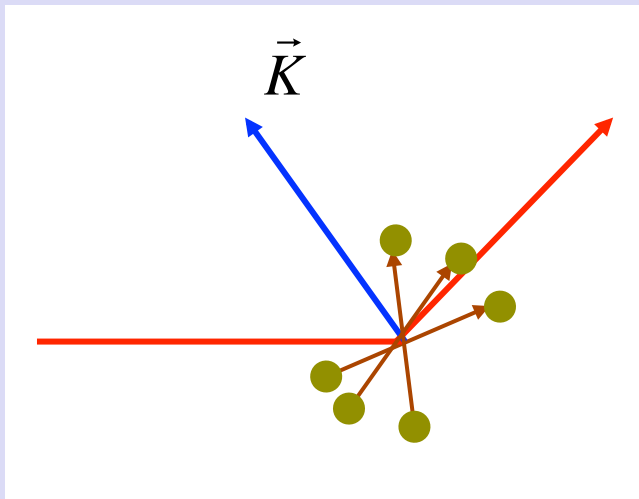
# Thomson scattering by 2 electrons (b)

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2\cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}) \right]$$

Independent

Interference

Random orientation of  $\vec{r}$  ( $r$  fixed)



Average over the orientations of  $r$

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2\langle \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}) \rangle \right]$$
$$= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2\frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} \right]$$

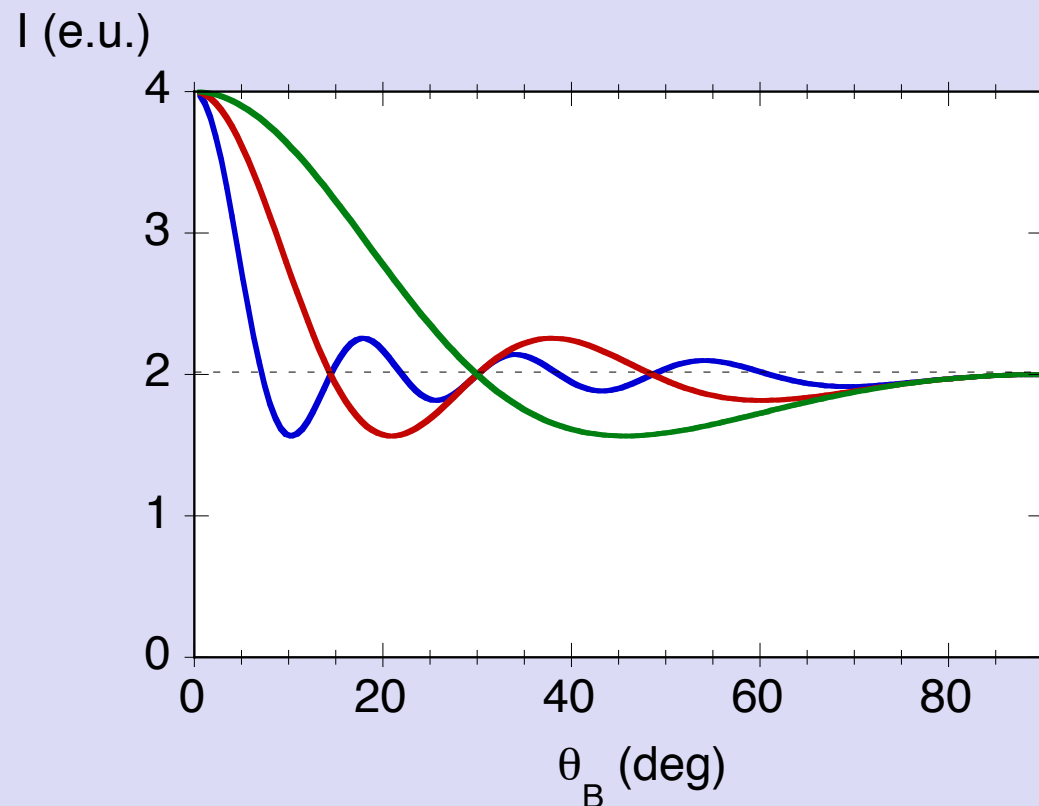
# Thomson scattering by 2 electrons (c)

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ 2 + 2 \frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} \right]$$

Independent

Interference

2 electrons: at fixed distance  $r$   
random orientation



- $r=0.5 \text{ \AA}, \lambda=1 \text{ \AA}$
- $r=1 \text{ \AA}, \lambda=1 \text{ \AA}$
- $r=2 \text{ \AA}, \lambda=1 \text{ \AA}$

Relation between  
> inter-electron distance,  
> wavelength  
> frequency of oscillations

# Thomson scattering by Z electrons

$$I(\vec{K}) = |A(\vec{K})|^2 = \left( \sum_i A_i(\vec{K}) \right) \left( \sum_j A_j^*(\vec{K}) \right)$$

$$= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left( \sum_i e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_i} \right) \left( \sum_j e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right)$$

$$= A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ Z + \underbrace{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})}_{j \neq i} \right]$$

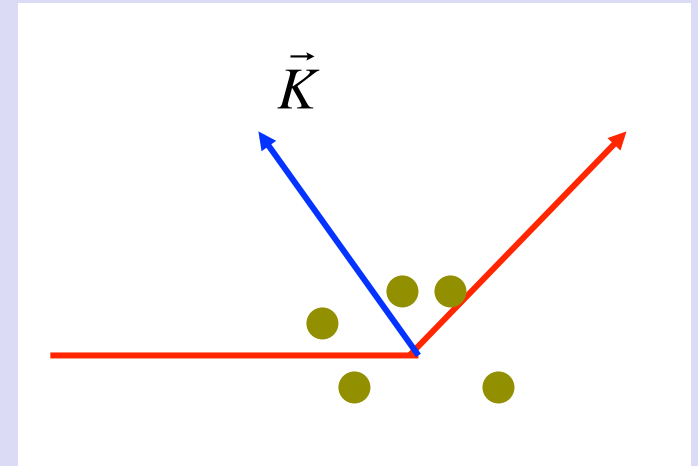
$j = i$

Independent scattering  
by single electrons

$j \neq i$

Interference:  
 $Z(Z-1)$  terms

$$\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i$$



# Planar distribution of $Z$ electrons

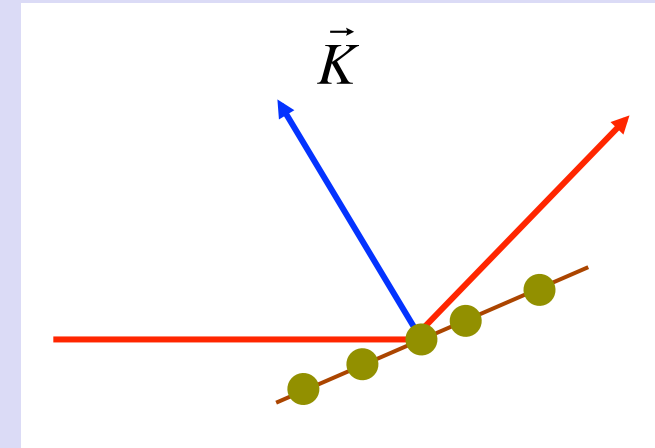
Maximum intensity for  $\vec{K} \perp \vec{r}_i$

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ Z + \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}) \right]$$

$$\vec{K} \perp \vec{r}_i$$

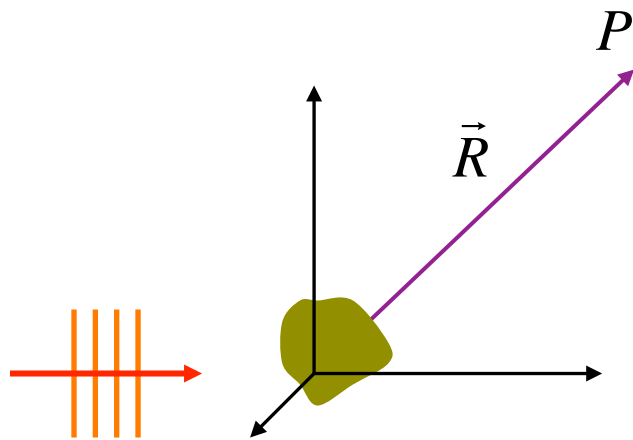
$$\cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}) = 1$$

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 [Z + Z(Z-1)] = A_{\text{el}}^2 Z^2$$



# Interference: continuous distribution

$\rho$  = number density



$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}} \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

$A(\vec{K}) = \text{Fourier Tr. of } \rho(\vec{r})$

$$\begin{aligned} I(\vec{K}) &= |A(\vec{K})|^2 \\ &= |A_{\text{el}}|^2 \left| \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Continuous distribution of charge - Fourier transform (a)

The **scattered amplitude**

is the Fourier transform

of the **electron density**

$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{e1} \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

(number density)

# Continuous distribution of charge - Fourier transform (b)

The **scattered intensity**

is the Fourier transform

of the **density-density autocorrelation function**

$$I(\vec{K}) = |A_{\text{el}}|^2 \int \langle \rho_e(\vec{r}) \rho_e(\vec{r} + \vec{r}') \rangle e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}'} dV$$

(number density)

# Amplitude and intensity (b)

## Amplitude

$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}} \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

Cannot be measured !

## Intensity

$$I(\vec{K}) = |A(\vec{K})|^2 = |A_{\text{el}}|^2 \left| \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV \right|^2$$

Is measured,  
but  
phase information  
is lost !

Structural info

$$|A_{\text{el}}|^2 = r_e^2 E_0^2 \frac{1}{R^2} \left[ \frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2} \right]$$

Polarisation factor  
for unpolarised beam

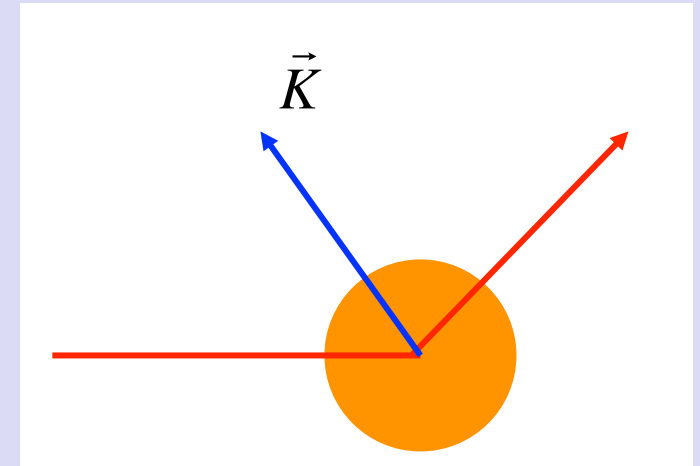


# Z randomly distributed point-like electrons

$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ Z + \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \cos(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}) \right]$$



$$f_e(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$
$$= 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho_e(r) \frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} dr$$



Spherical random distribution  
of each point-like electron

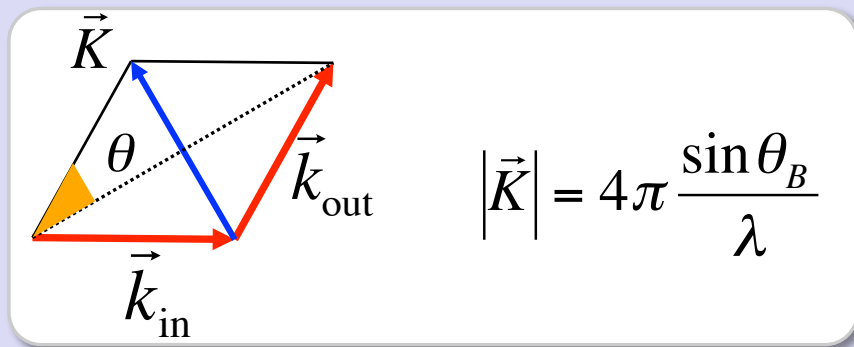
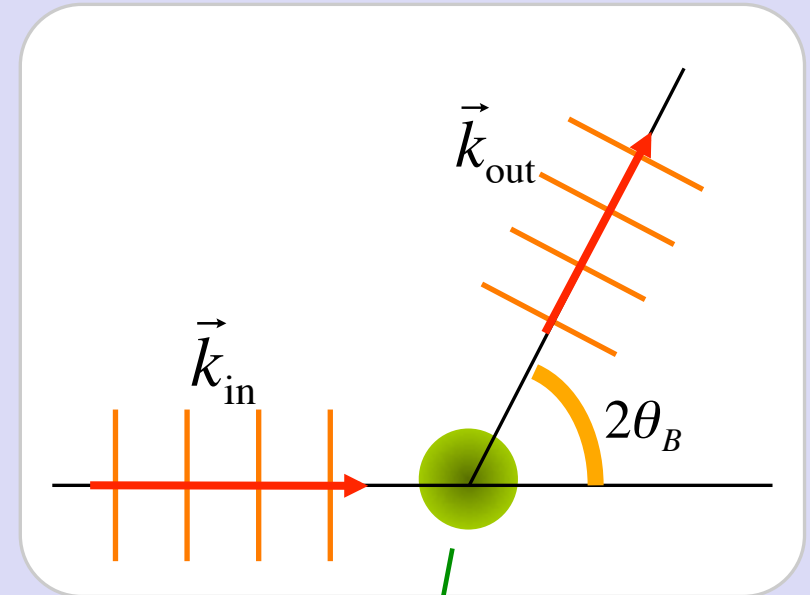
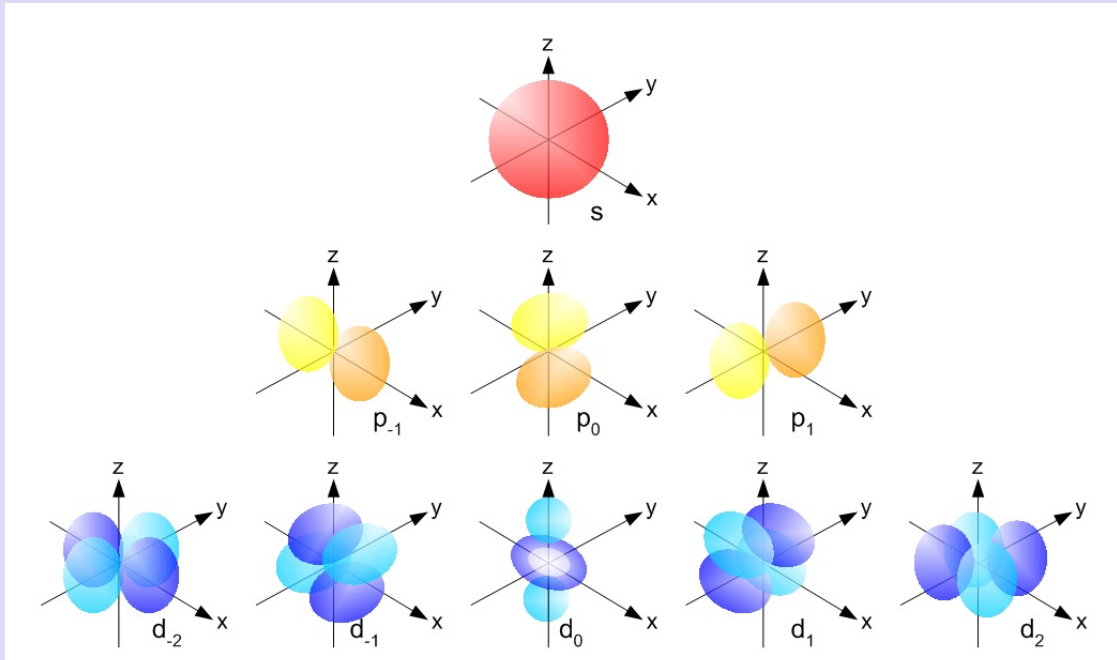
$$I(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}}^2 \left[ Z + \underbrace{Z(Z-1) f_e^2}_{\text{Interference: } Z(Z-1) \text{ terms}} \right]$$

Independent scattering  
by single electrons

Interference:  
 $Z(Z-1)$  terms

**> Deviations from classical treatment  
Electrons distribution**

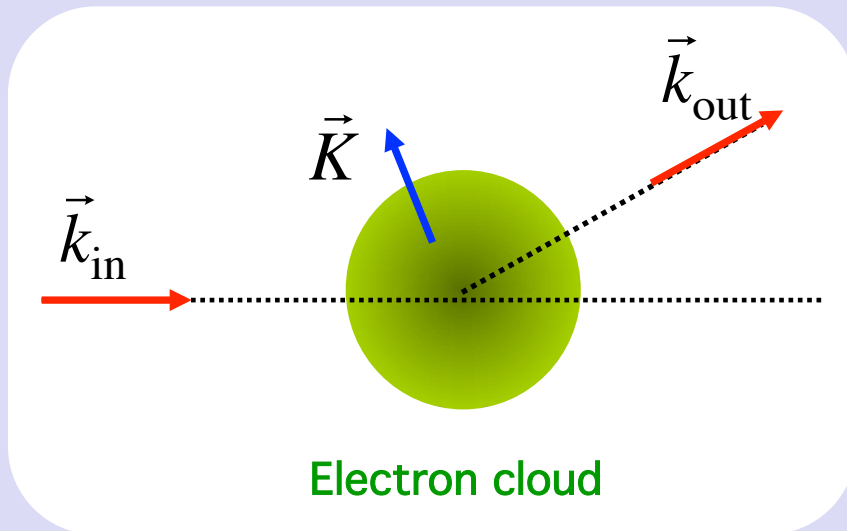
# Atomic orbitals



$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{el} \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} dV$$

Interference !

# Electron scattering factor – electronic units



$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{el} \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

$$f_e(\vec{K})$$

$$I(\vec{K}) = |A(\vec{K})|^2 = |A_{el}|^2 |f_e(\vec{K})|^2$$

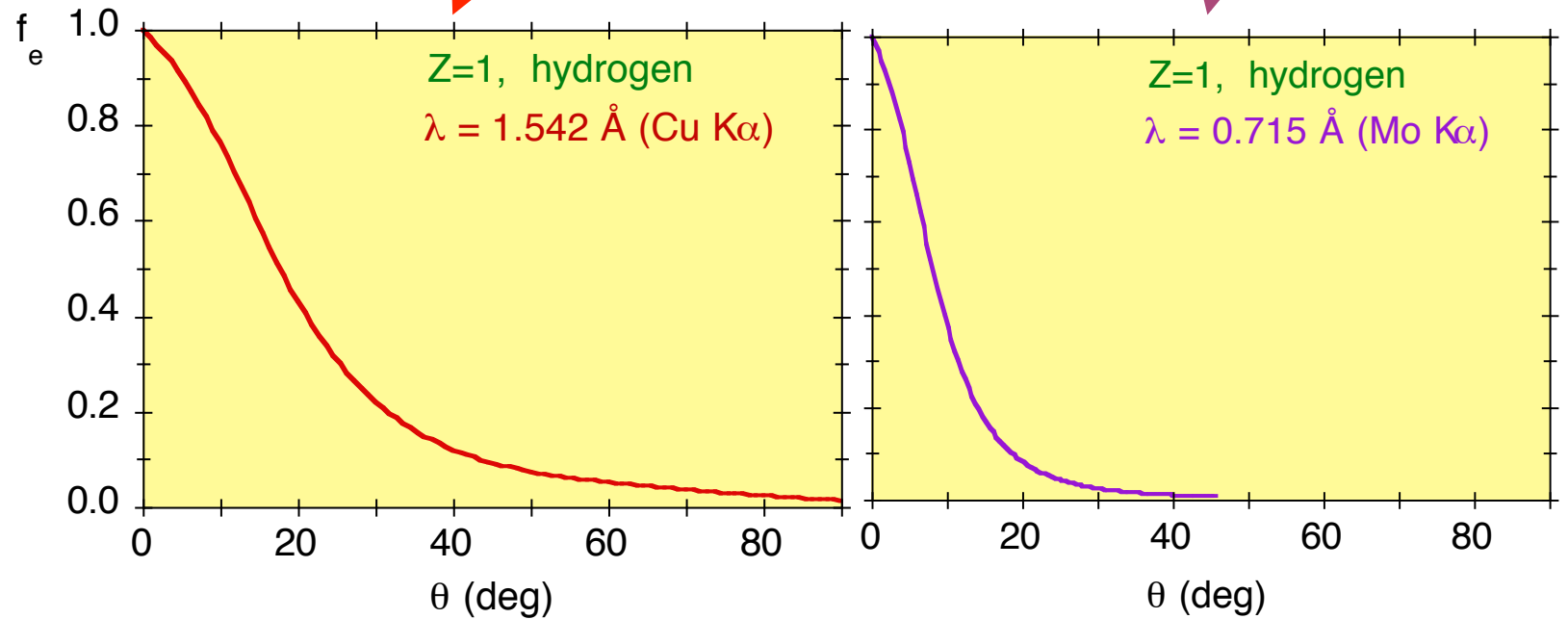
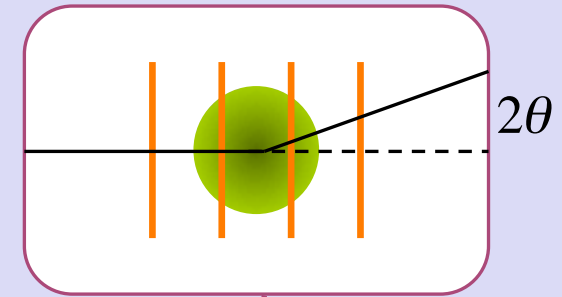
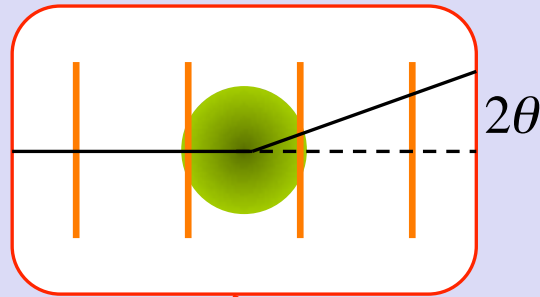
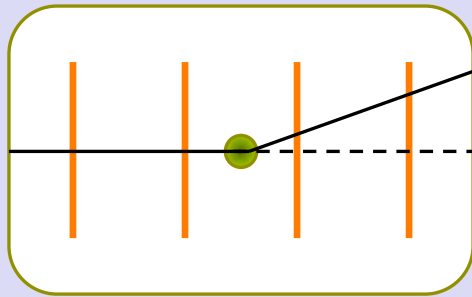
Electronic units

$$A_{e.u.}(\vec{K}) = \frac{A(\vec{K})}{A_{el}} = f_e(\vec{K})$$

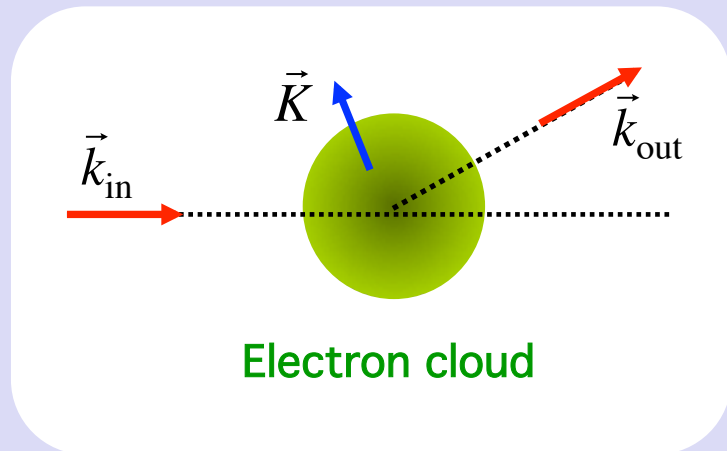
$$I_{e.u.}(\vec{K}) = \frac{|A(\vec{K})|^2}{|A_{el}|^2} = |f_e(\vec{K})|^2$$

# Interference depends on wavelength

Point-like scatterer

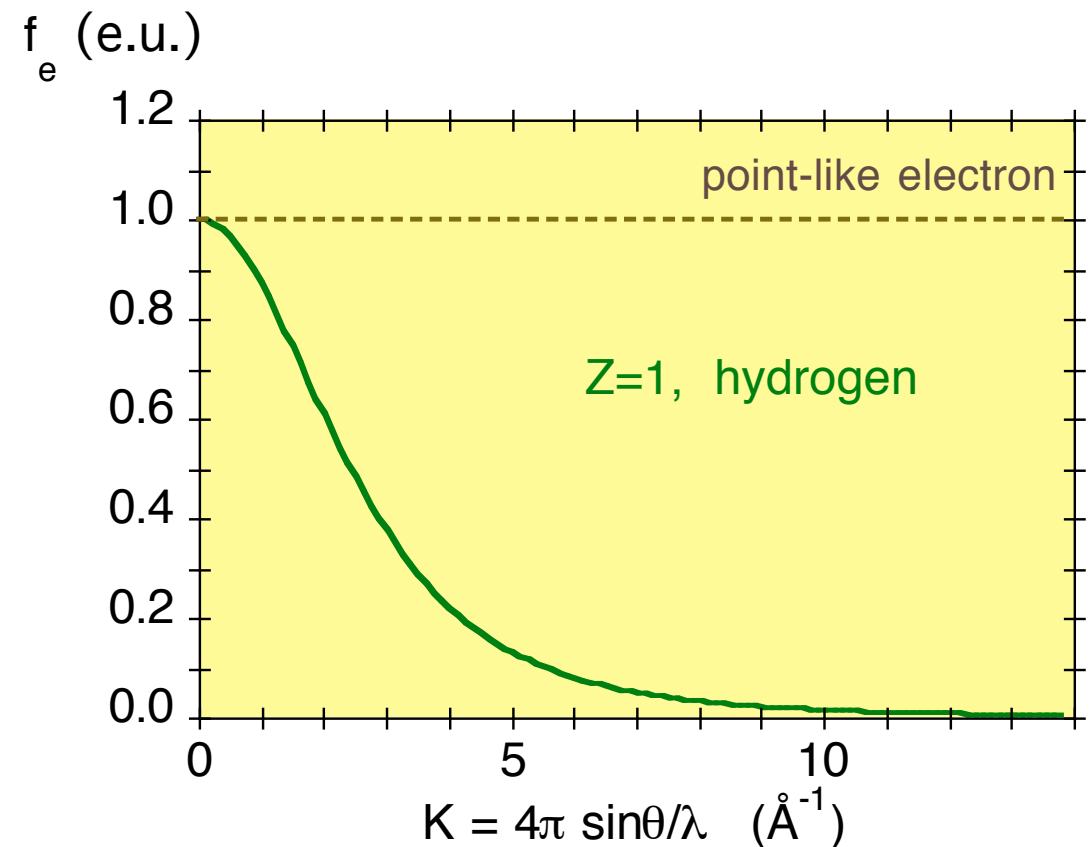


# Hydrogen scattering factor



$$f_e(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$
$$= 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho_e(r) \frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} dr$$

for spherical symmetry



Plot independent of wavelength

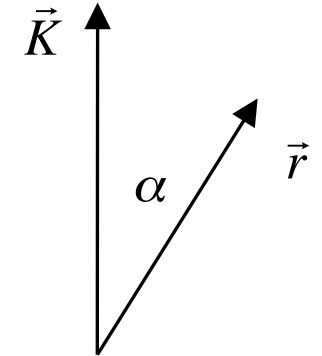
# Spherical symmetry

$$f_0(\vec{K}) = \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$



$$\begin{aligned} dV &= (dr) (2\pi r \sin \alpha) (r d\alpha) \\ &= 2\pi r^2 \sin \alpha dr d\alpha \end{aligned}$$

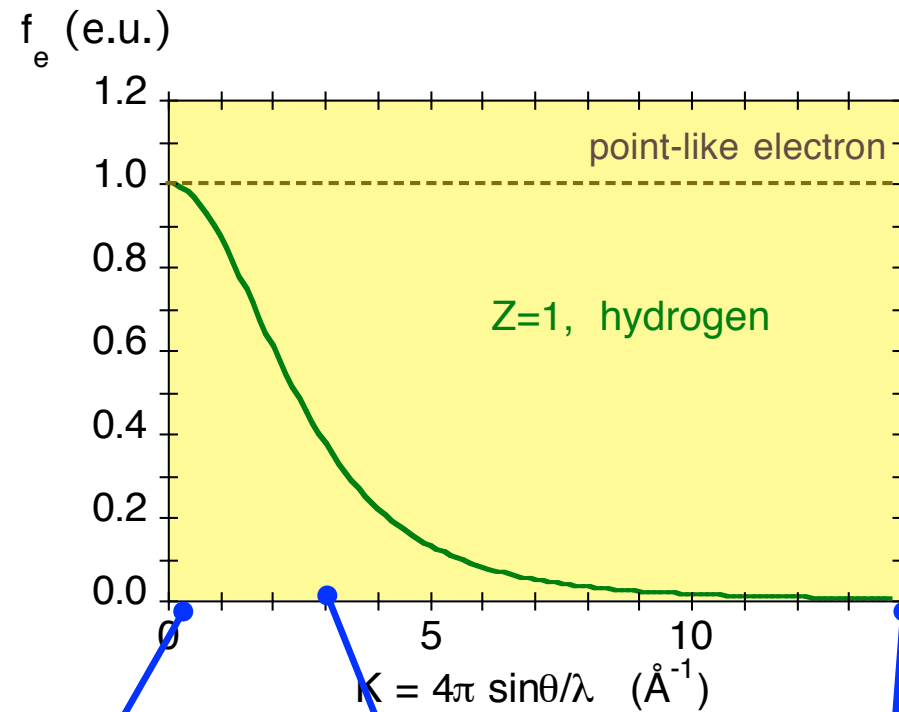
$$0 \leq r < \infty \text{ and } 0 \leq \alpha < \pi.$$



$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\vec{K}) &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho(r) dr \int_0^\pi e^{iKr \cos \alpha} \sin \alpha d\alpha \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho(r) dr \left[ \int_0^\pi \cos(Kr \cos \alpha) \sin \alpha d\alpha + i \int_0^\pi \sin(Kr \cos \alpha) \sin \alpha d\alpha \right] \\ &= 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho(r) \frac{\sin(Kr)}{Kr} dr = f_0(K), \end{aligned}$$

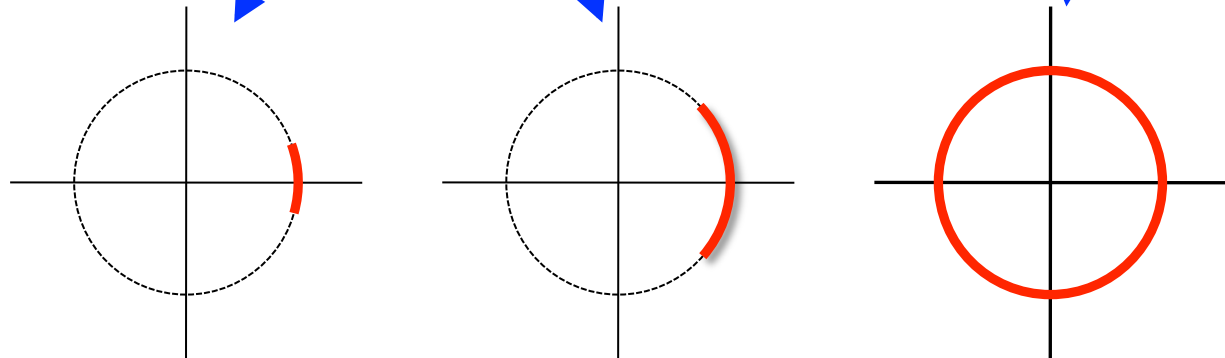
# K-dependence

$$f_e(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$



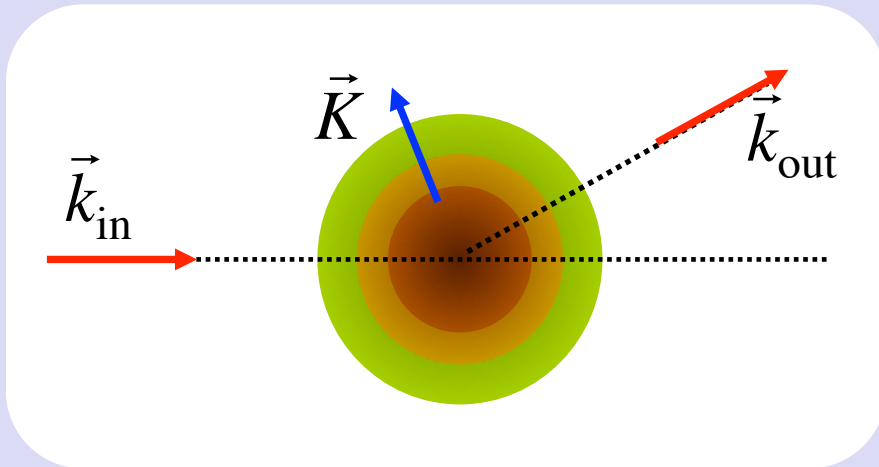
Imaginary plane

$$e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}}$$





# The atomic scattering factor



$$A_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = f_0(\vec{K})$$

$$I_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = |f_0(\vec{K})|^2$$

sum over electrons

$$f_0(\vec{K}) = \sum_n f_{e,n}(\vec{K})$$

$$= \sum_n \int \rho_{e,n}(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

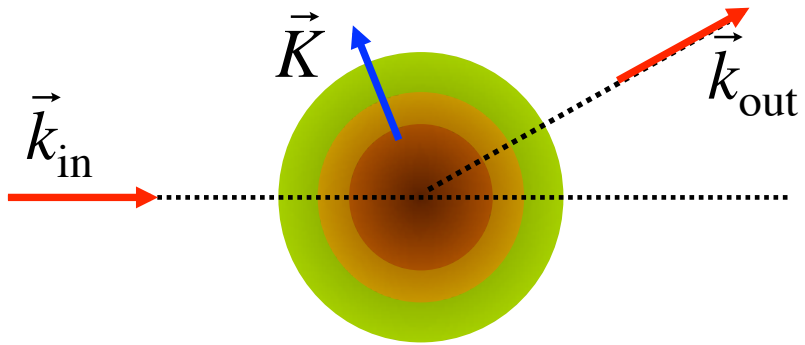
$$= \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

total  
electronic  
density

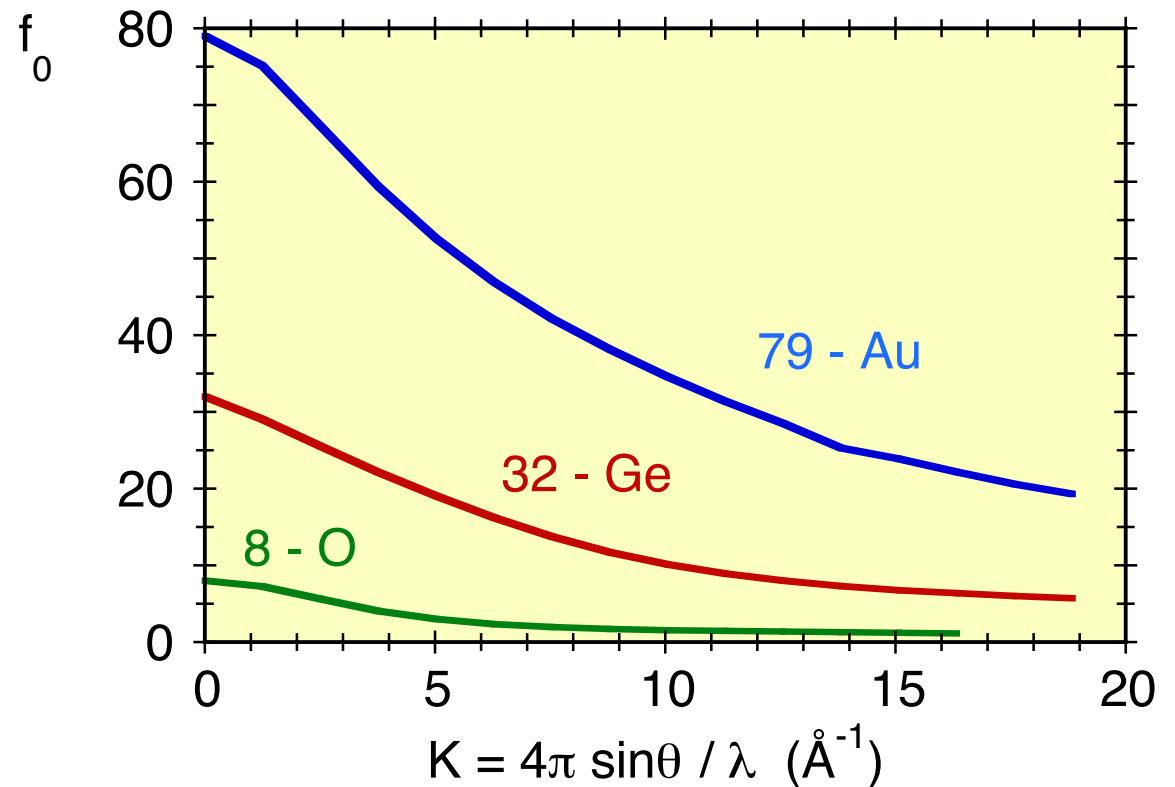
$$= 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho_e(r) \frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} dr$$

for spherical symmetry

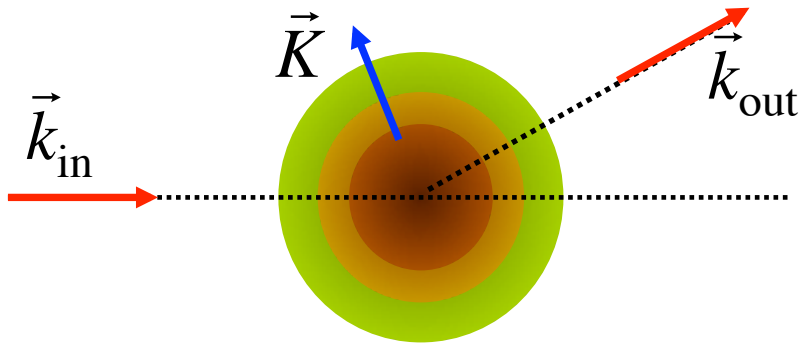
# Scattering amplitudes



$$A_{\text{e.u.}}(\vec{K}) = f_0(\vec{K})$$

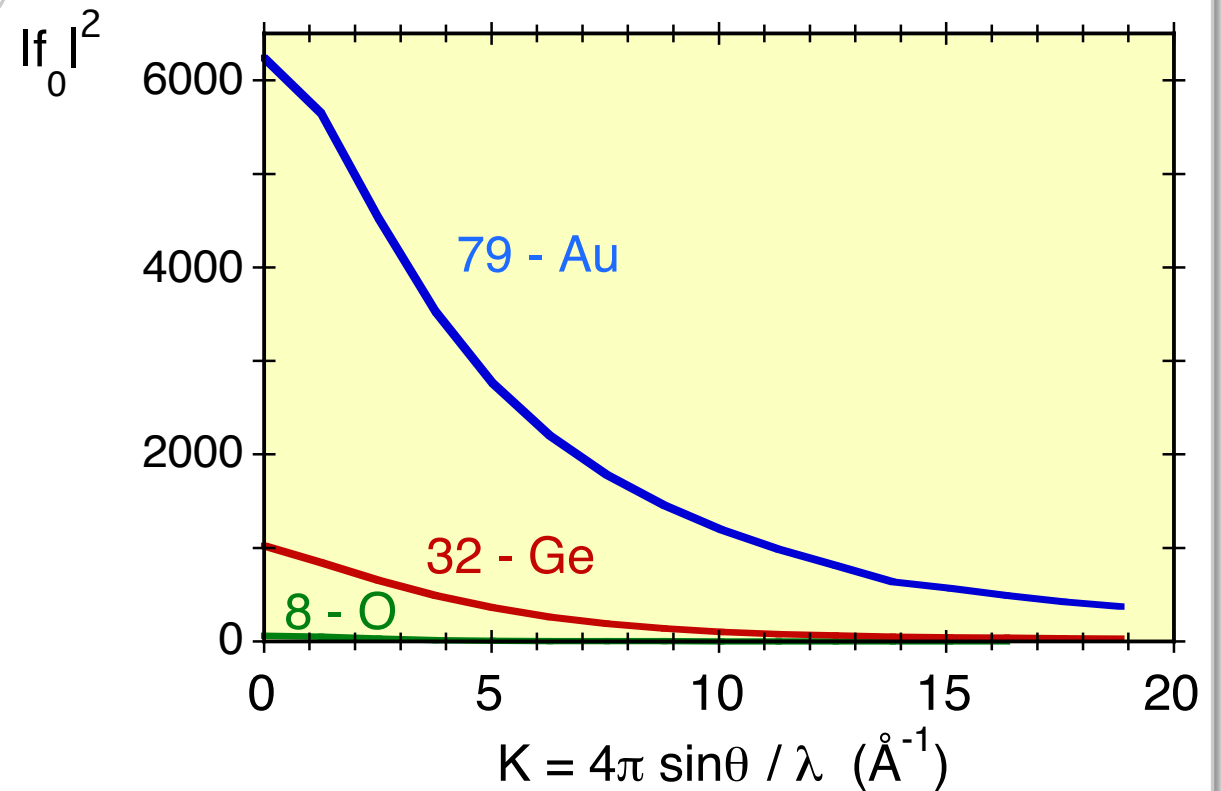


# Scattering intensities

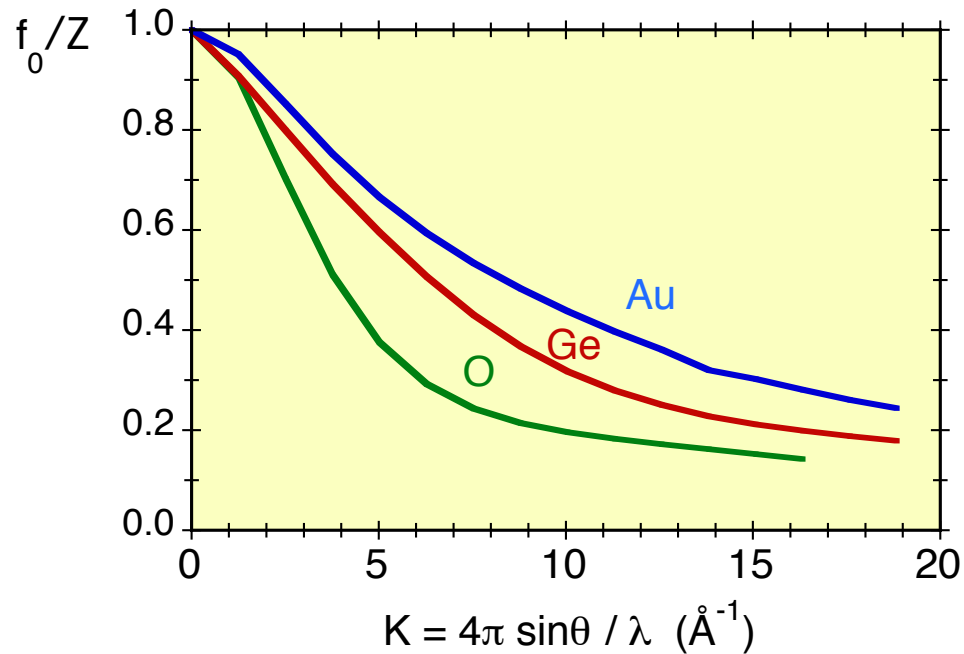


$$I_{e.u.}(\vec{K}) = |f_0(\vec{K})|^2$$

Sensitivity to heavier atoms  
K-dependence of intensity



# Scattering factors and electron densities

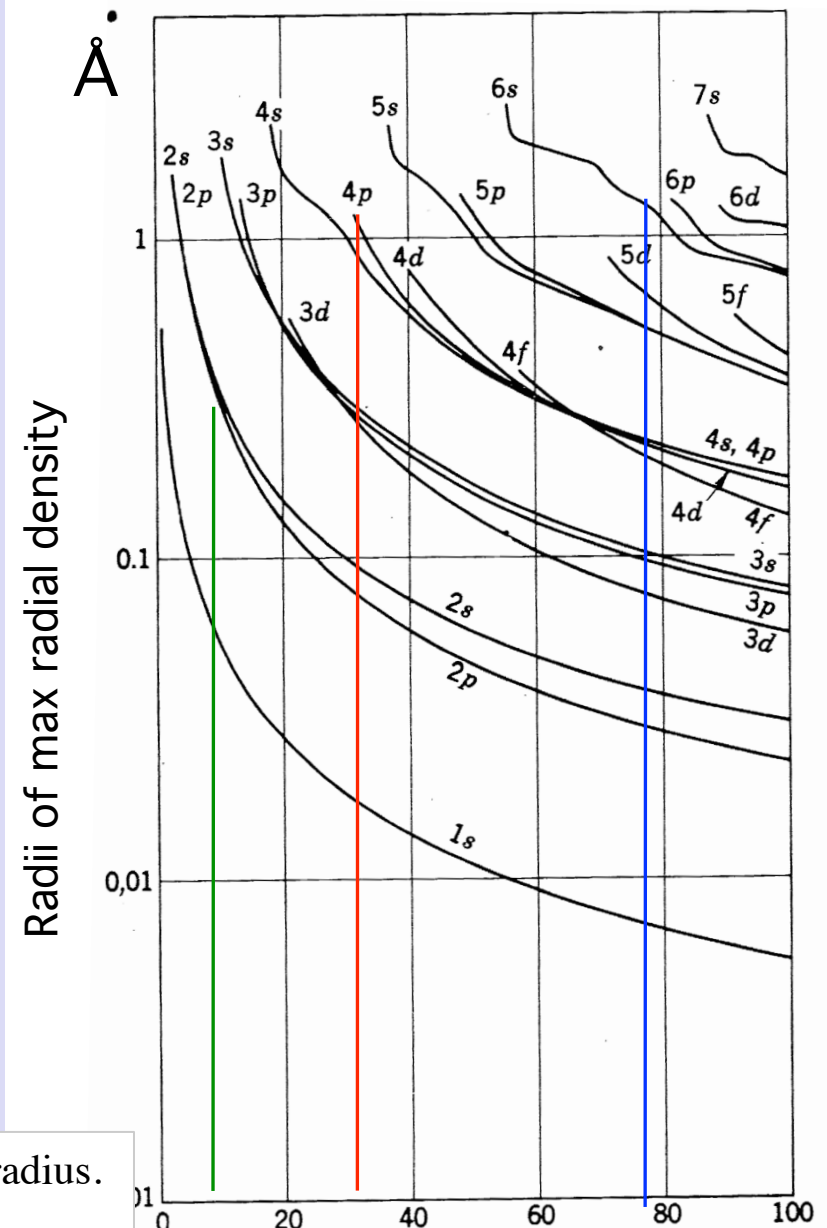


$$f_0(K) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 \rho_e(r) \frac{\sin Kr}{Kr} dr$$

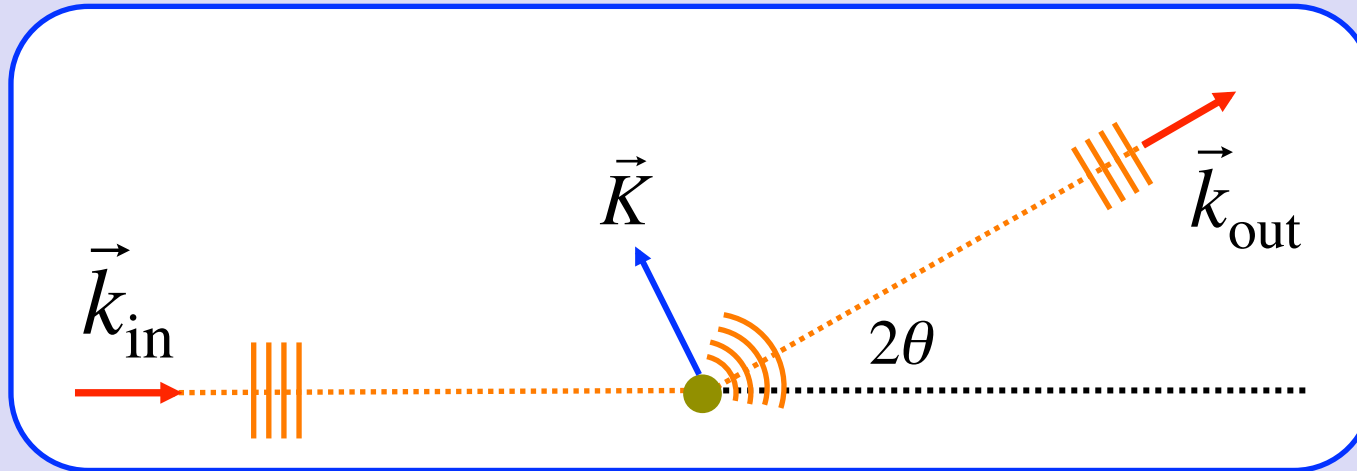
Atomic radii

8 - O	0.48 Å	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$
32 Ge	1.25 Å	$[\text{Ar}] 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^2$
79 Au	1.74 Å	$[\text{Xe}] 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^1$

The scattering factor of Au is broader in spite of the larger atomic radius.  
The electron density of Au is concentrated at short distances.



# X-ray scattering intensity



$$|\vec{K}| = 4\pi \frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

$$I(\vec{K}) \propto \begin{cases} r_e^2 \\ r_e^2 |f_0(\vec{K})|^2 \end{cases}$$

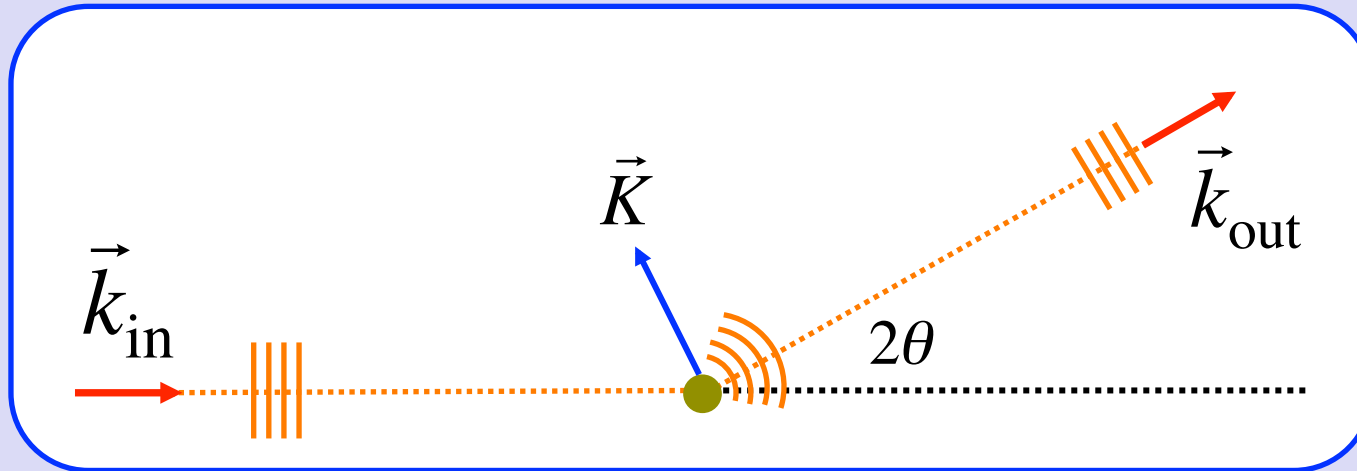
Point-like electron

(independent of  $\theta, \lambda$ )

Atom

(depending on  $\theta, \lambda$  and  $Z$ )

# X-ray scattering cross-section



$$|\vec{K}| = 4\pi \frac{\sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \begin{cases} r_e^2 \\ r_e^2 |f_0(\vec{K})|^2 \end{cases}$$

Point-like electron

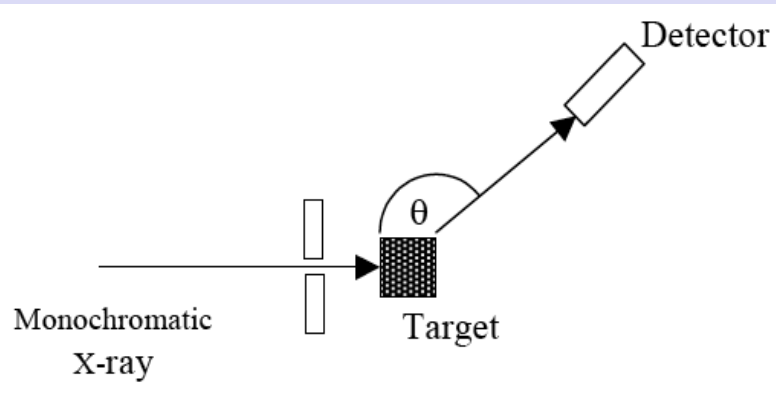
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Atom

(depending on  $\theta, \lambda$  and  $Z$ )

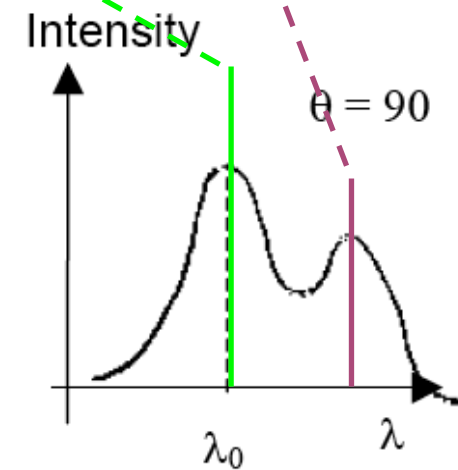
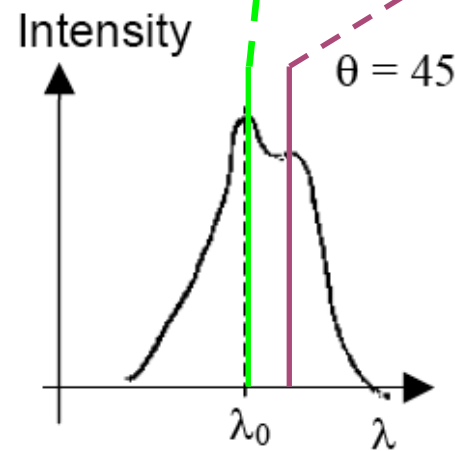
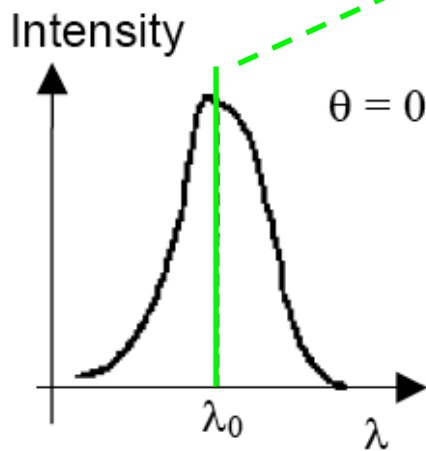
**> Deviations from classical treatment  
Compton scattering**

# Compton experiment (1922)



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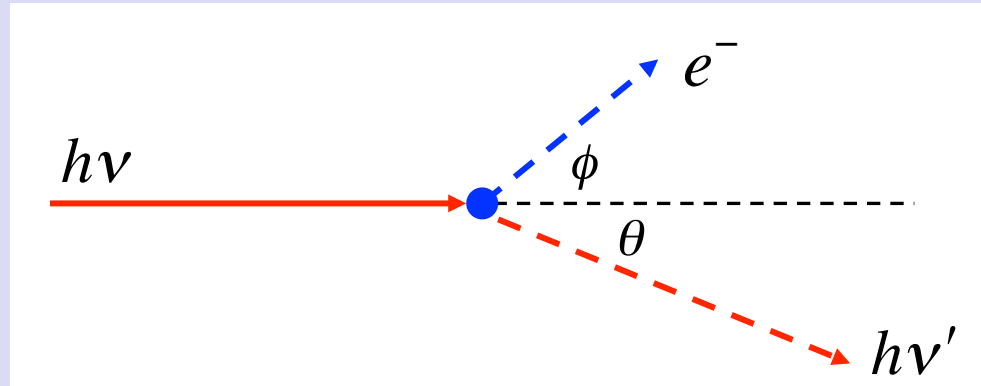
Modified





# Compton scattering from free electrons (a)

Incoming photon



Recoil electron

Scattered photon

$$\frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \cos\theta + P_e \cos\phi$$

$$0 = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \sin\theta + P_e \sin\phi$$

Conservation of linear momentum

$$h\nu = h\nu' + mc^2(\gamma - 1)$$

Conservation of energy

$$mc^2(\gamma - 1) = E_k$$

Electron kinetic energy

Assuming that the electron is initially at rest.

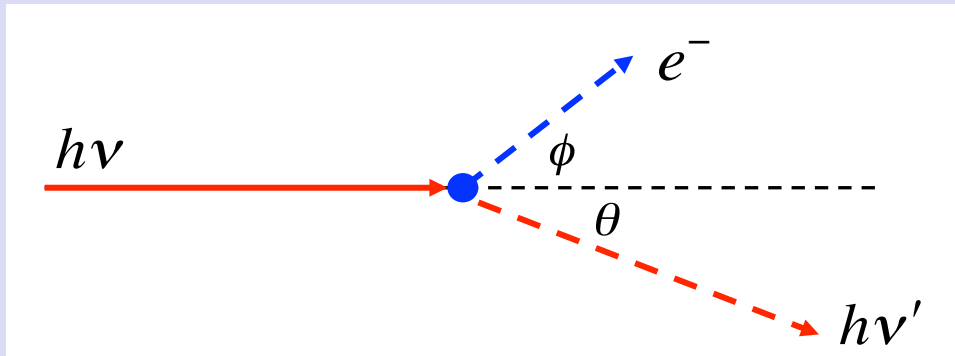


$\nu', E_k, \phi$

as a function of

$\nu, \theta$

# Compton scattering from free electrons (b)



$\nu', E_k, \phi$

as a function of

$\nu, \theta$



$\lambda' = c/\nu'$



$\lambda = c/\nu$

Scattered photon

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos\theta) = \lambda_c(1 - \cos\theta)$$

- Dependent on angle
- Independent of wavelength

0.02426 Å  
(Compton wavelength)

$$mc^2 = h\nu_c = \frac{hc}{\lambda_c}$$

Recoil electron

$$E_k = h\nu \frac{(h\nu/mc^2)(1 - \cos\theta)}{1 + (h\nu/mc^2)(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

$$\cot\phi = -\left[1 + (h\nu/mc^2)\right] \tan(\theta/2)$$

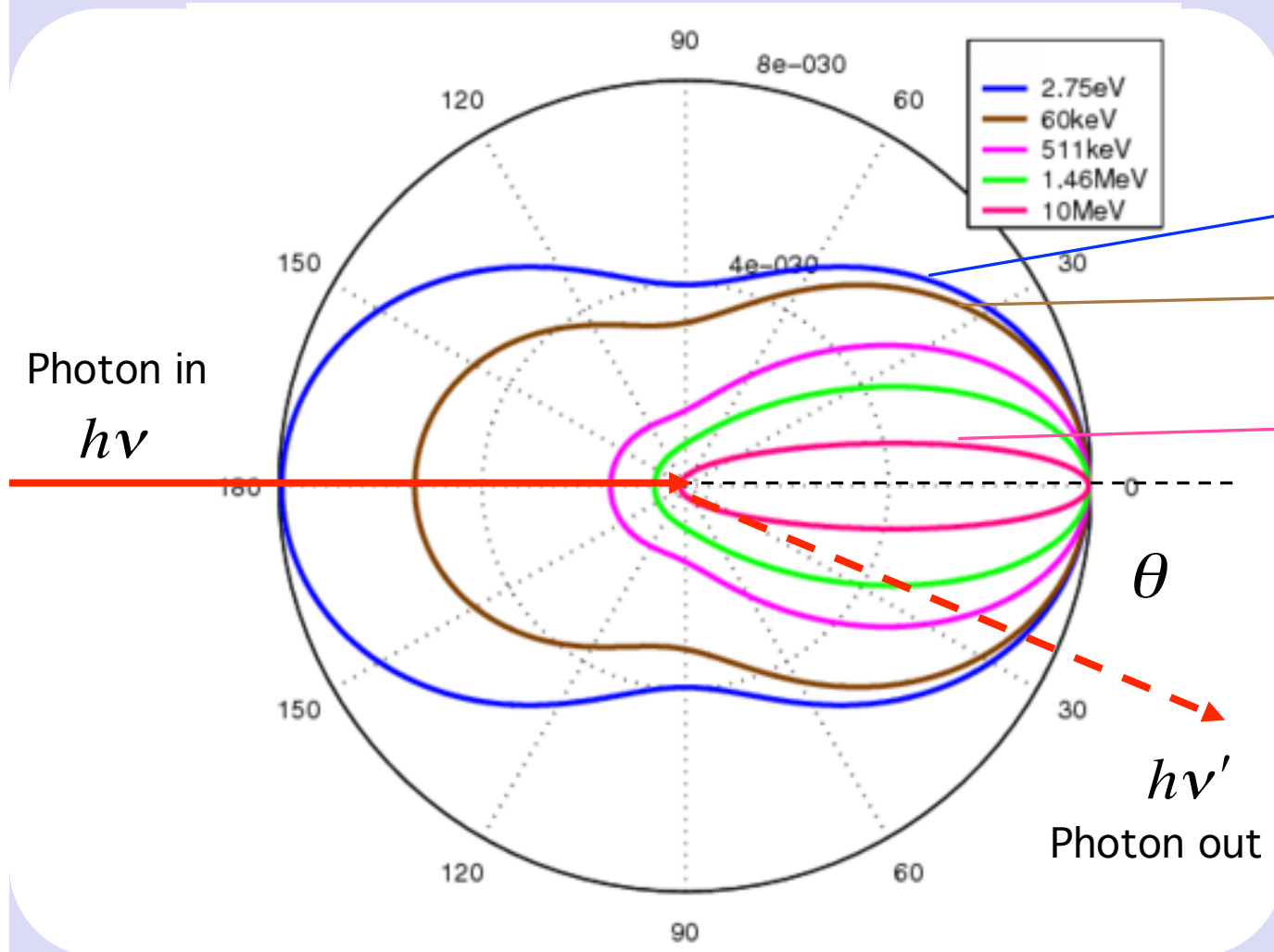
Assuming that the electron is initially at rest.

# Klein-Nishina scattering cross section

From Q.E.D.

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{KN} = \frac{1}{2} r_0^2 \frac{1}{[1 + a(1 - \cos\theta)]^2} \left[ 1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{a^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 + a(1 - \cos\theta)} \right]$$

$$a = \frac{h\nu}{m_e c^2}$$



2.75 keV

60 keV

10 MeV

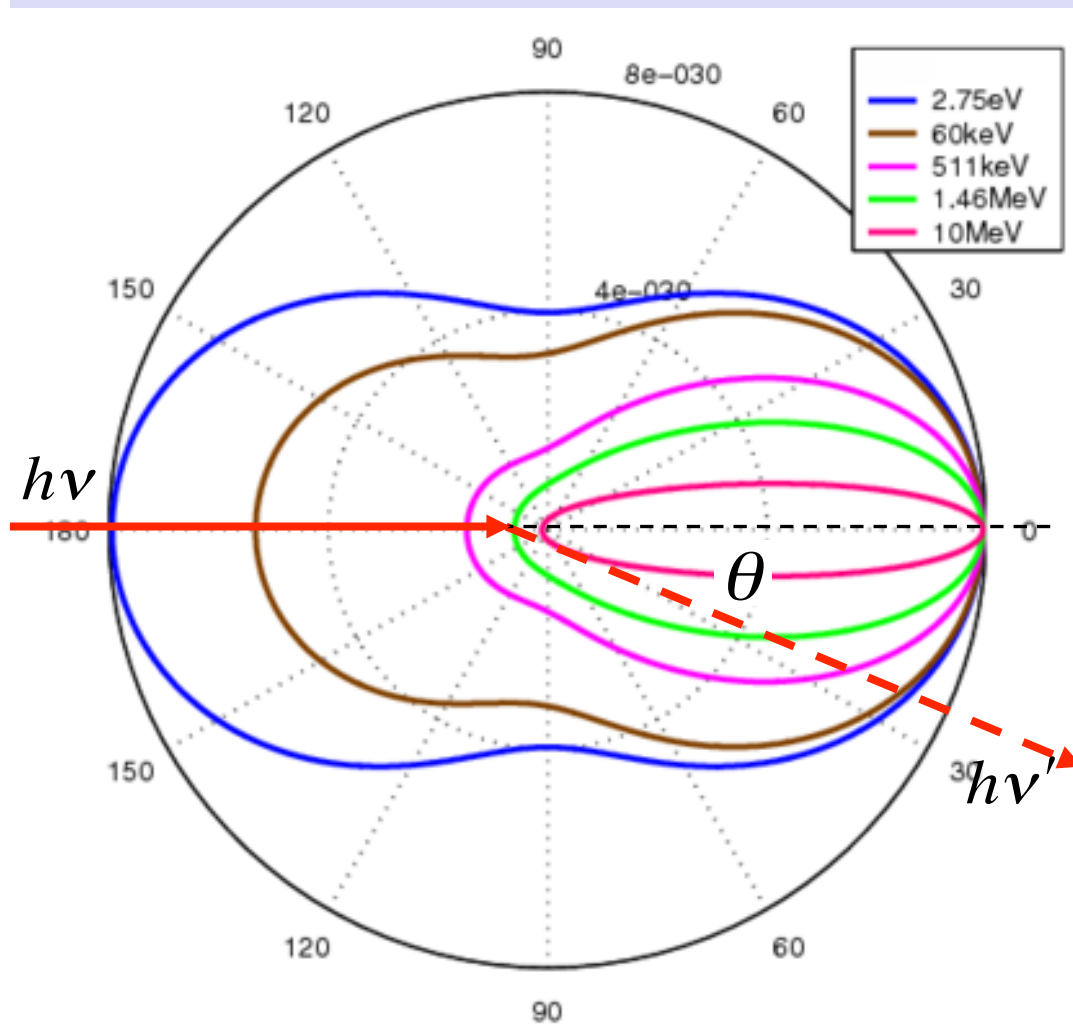
Scattering from free electrons

Forward peaked at high energies

# Klein-Nishina cross-section at low energies

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{KN} = \frac{1}{2} r_0^2 \frac{1}{[1 + a(1 - \cos\theta)]^2} \left[ 1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{a^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 + a(1 - \cos\theta)} \right]$$

$$a = \frac{h\nu}{m_e c^2}$$



Klein-Nishina formula

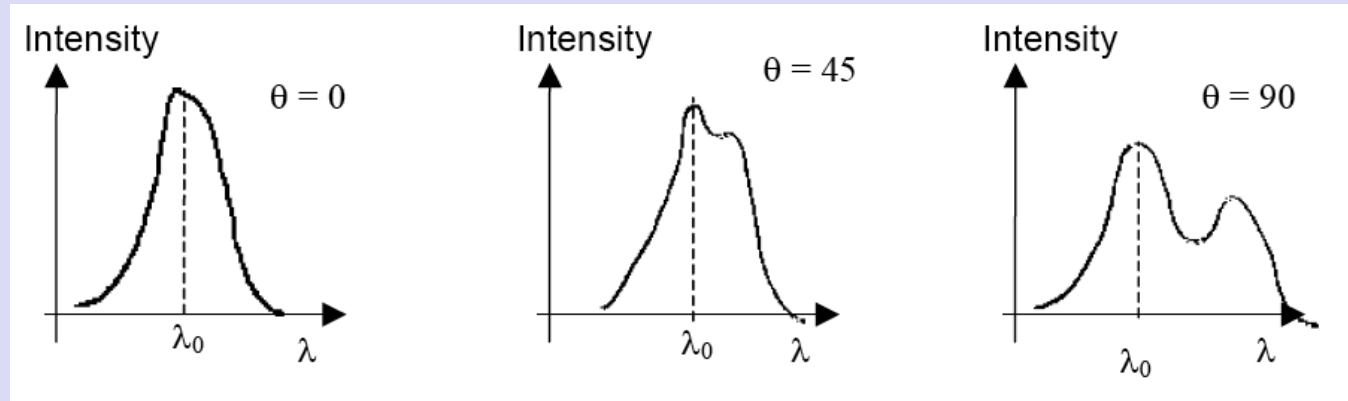
$$h\nu \ll m_e c^2$$



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{KN} \rightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TH} = r_0^2 \frac{1 + \cos^2\theta}{2} = 1 \quad (\text{in e.u.})$$

Isotropic scattering

# Scattering by atomic electrons



Scattering from electrons bound to atoms:

- both Compton and Thomson scattering can coexist
- balance: ratio (electron binding energy)/(Compton  $\Delta E$ )

For rest electrons

$$\Delta E_{\text{compton}} = \hbar\omega_0 - \hbar\omega' = hc \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_0} - \frac{1}{\lambda'} \right] \approx \hbar\omega_0 \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0}$$

# Modified scattering - 1 electron

From Q.E.D. (Klein-Nishina at low energies):

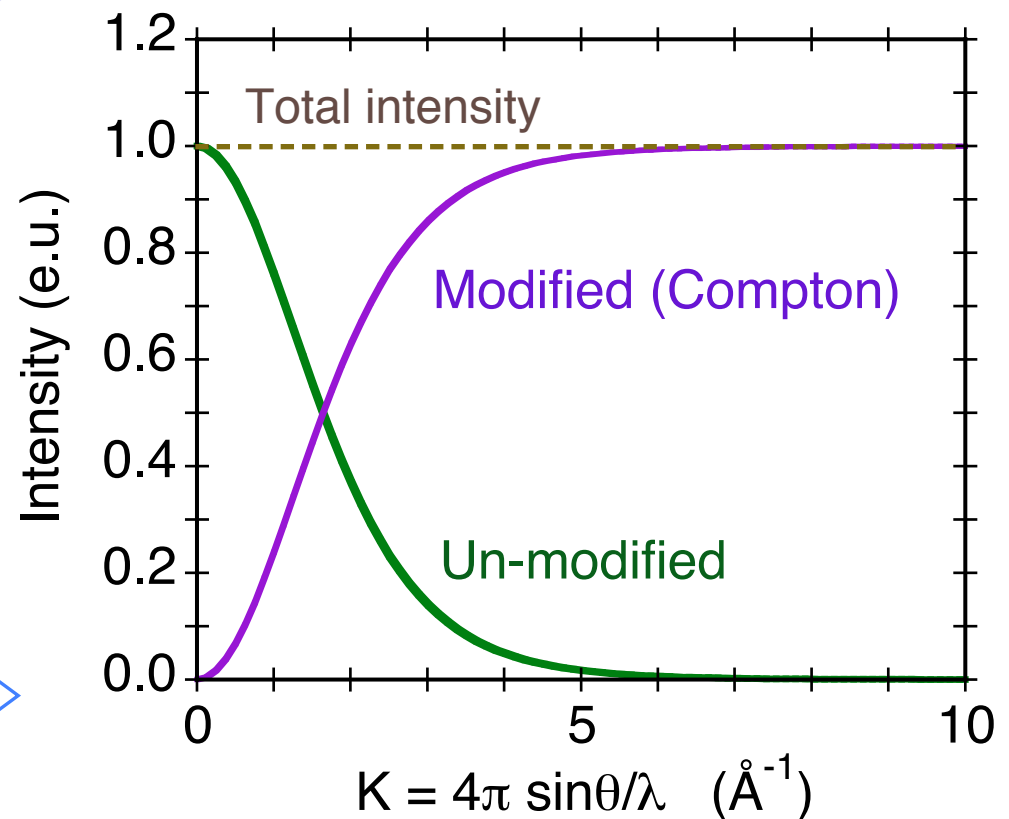
$$I_{e,\text{unmod}} + I_{e,\text{mod}} = 1$$

Intensity from a point-like classical electron (in e.u.)

$$f_e^2 + I_{e,\text{mod}} = 1$$

$$I_{e,\text{mod}} = 1 - f_e^2$$

Hydrogen



# Modified scattering - atoms

Unmodified

$$I_{\text{unmod}} = \left| \sum_{n=1}^Z f_{e,n} \right|^2 \quad \leq Z^2$$

coherent scattering  
(sum of amplitudes)

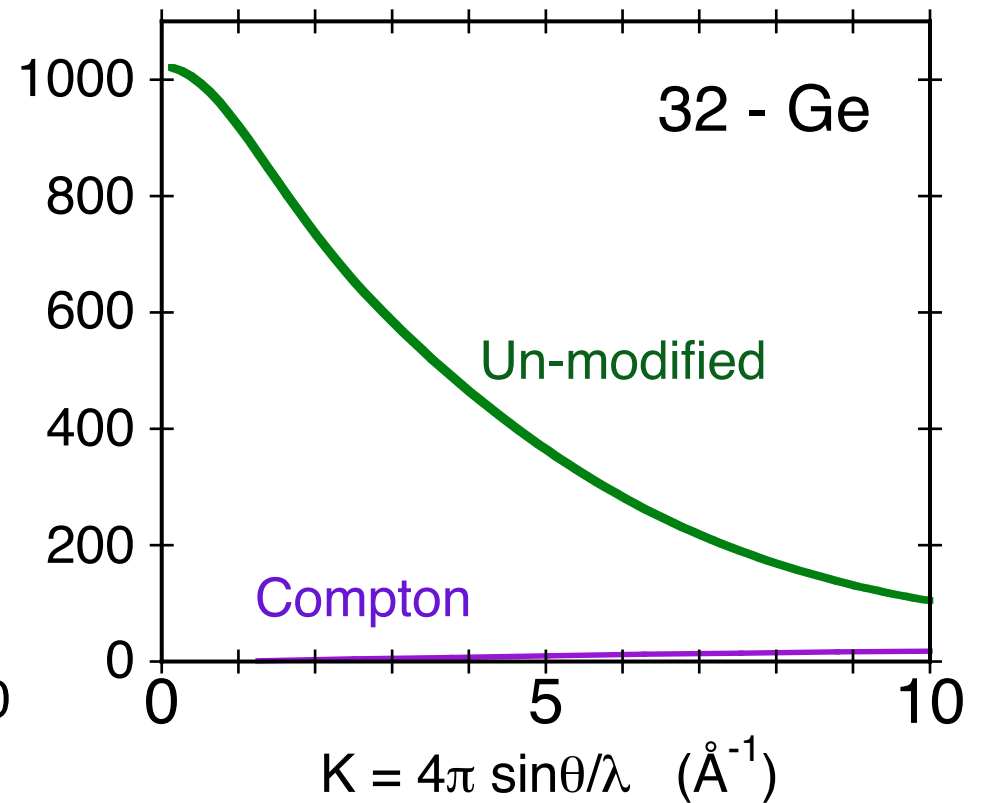
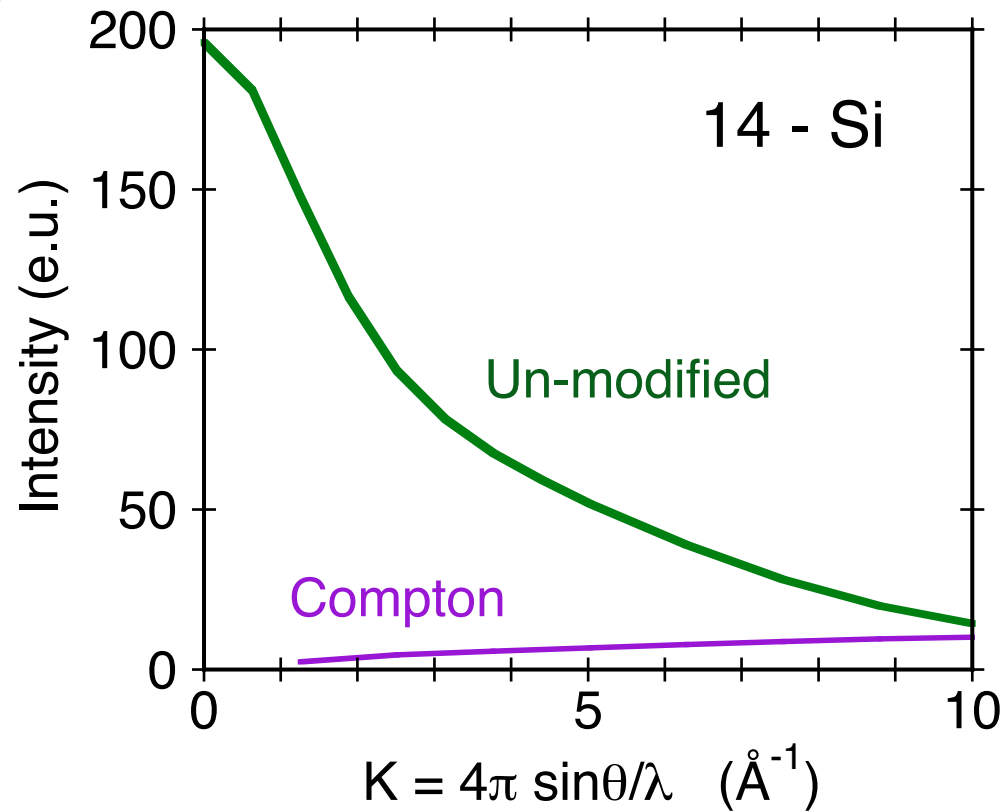
Modified  
(Compton)

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{mod}} &= \sum (I_{e,\text{mod}})_n \\ &= \sum (1 - f_{e,n}^2) \\ &= Z - \sum_{n=1}^Z f_{e,n}^2 \quad \leq Z \end{aligned}$$

incoherent scattering  
(sum of intensities)

Intensities in electronic units !

# Thomson .vs. Compton





# Connection with Thomson theory

Scattering from Z independent electrons (see above)

Total

equal electrons

$$I_{\text{tot}}(\vec{K}) = \left| \sum_{m=1}^Z e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_m} \right|^2 = Z + Z(Z-1) f_e^2 = Z + Z^2 f_e^2 - Z f_e^2$$

different orbitals

$$I_{\text{tot}}(\vec{K}) = \left| \sum_{m=1}^Z e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}_m} \right|^2 = Z + \left| \sum_{n=1}^Z f_n \right|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^Z |f_n|^2$$

Unmodified

$$I_{\text{unmod}}(\vec{K}) = I_{\text{coherent}}(\vec{K}) = \left| \sum_{n=1}^Z f_n \right|^2$$

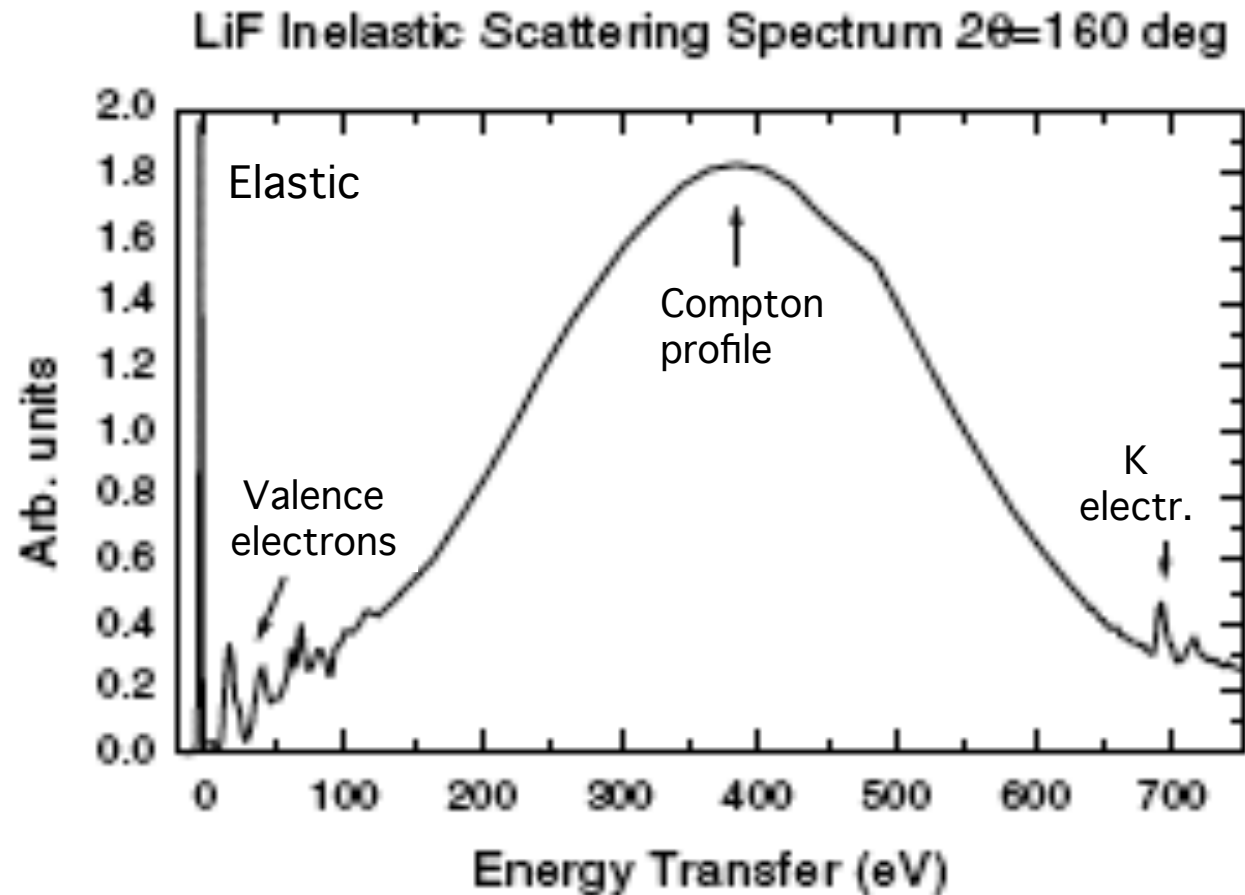
Modified (Compton)

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{mod}}(\vec{K}) &= I_{\text{incoherent}}(\vec{K}) \\ &= I_{\text{tot}}(\vec{K}) - I_{\text{coherent}}(\vec{K}) \\ &= Z - \sum_{n=1}^Z |f_n|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Intensities in electronic units !

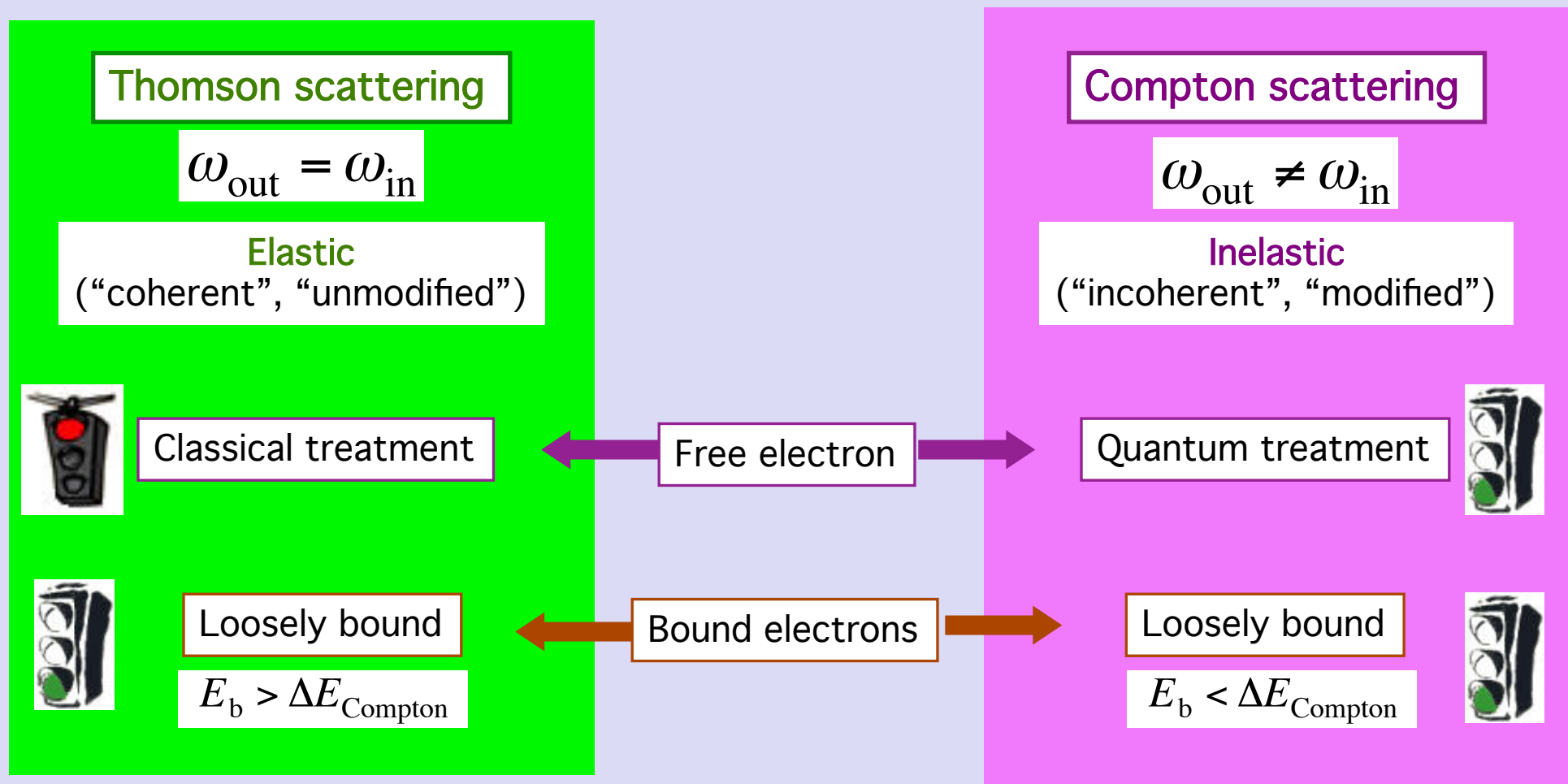
# Compton profile

The electrons are not at rest initially. Compton radiation is scattered around the nominal wavelength.



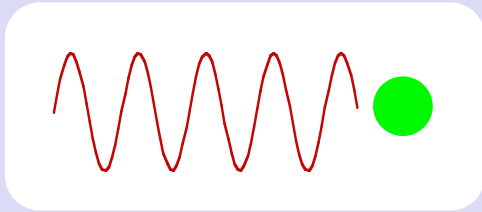
Info on electron momentum distribution.  
The profile is wider, the more strongly the electron is bound.

# Scattering of X-rays from an electron



**> Deviations from classical treatment  
Electron binding**

# Classical oscillator model (a)

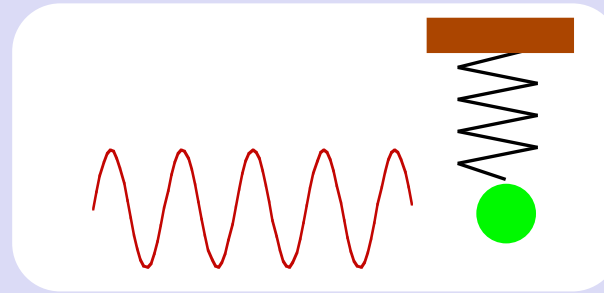


Free electron

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

E field

Thomson model



Bound electron

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \omega_0^2 \vec{r} = -\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Damping  
force

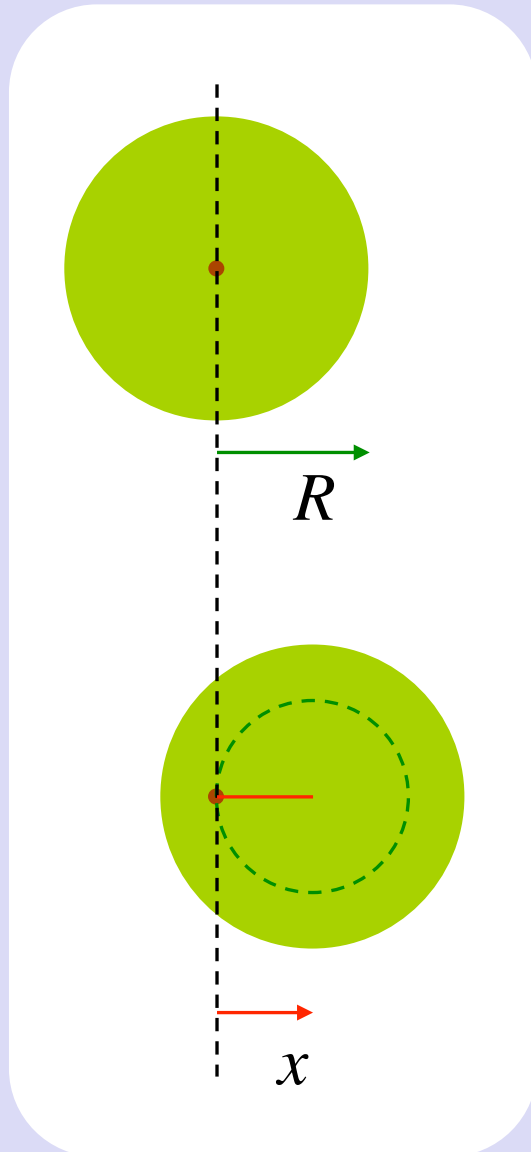
Elastic  
force

E field

Complex  
notation

Damped and forced oscillator model

# Oscillator model of bound electron



Spherical distribution of negative charge centered on the positive nucleus

Displacement  $x$

Restoring force

$$|F| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq_x}{x^2} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{x^2} \frac{x^3}{R^3}$$

$$|F| \propto x$$

# Classical oscillator model (b)

Free electron

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Bound electron:

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \omega_0^2 \vec{r} = -\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Oscillating solution

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Complex notation

$$\vec{r}_0 = \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

Amplitude of oscillation

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_0 &= -\frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega} \\ &= \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \end{aligned}$$

Complex amplitude

# Complex displacement amplitude

Free electron

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_0 &= \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \\ &= \vec{R}_0 e^{i\phi}\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l}\vec{E} \quad \longrightarrow \\ \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{a} \quad \longleftarrow \\ \vec{r} \quad \longrightarrow\end{array}$$

Bound electron

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_0 &= \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \\ &= \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} \\ &= \vec{R}_0 e^{i\phi}\end{aligned}$$

$$R_0 = \frac{eE_0}{m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{2\gamma\omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

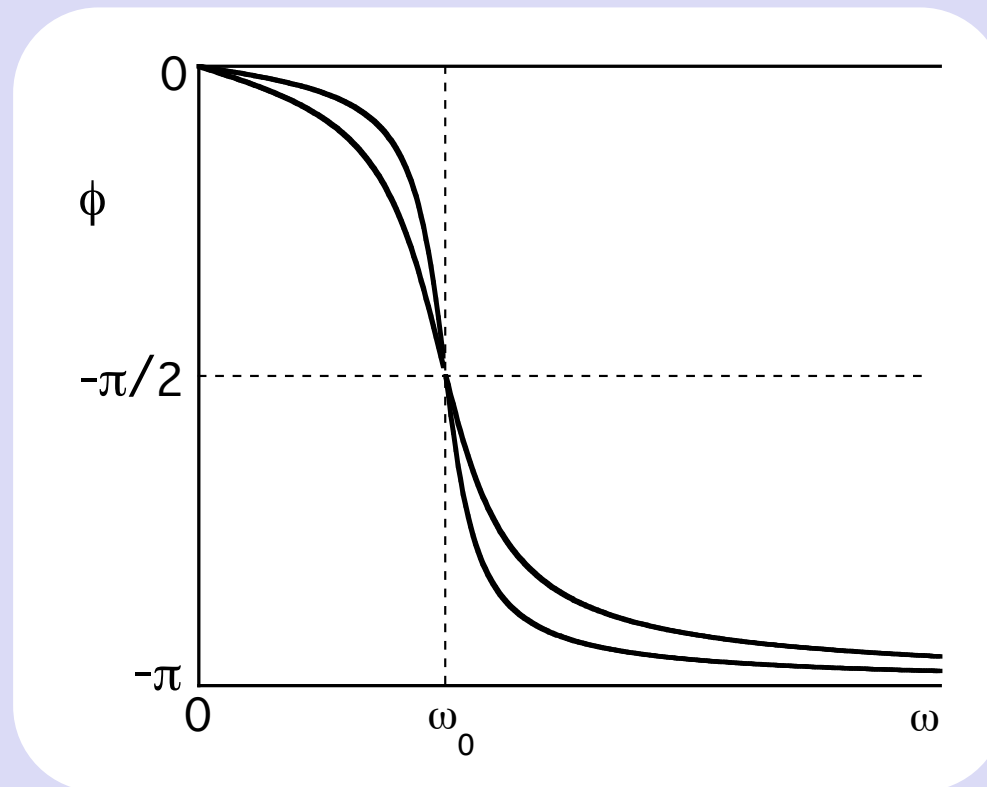
Resonance



# Phaseshift

Displacement .vs. electric field  
phaseshift

$$\tan \phi = \frac{2\gamma\omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2}$$



Thomson  
model

$$\gamma = \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\phi = 0$$

# Polarizability – 1 electron

Macroscopic electric field

$$P = \epsilon_0 \chi E$$

Electric susceptibility

Microscopic local electric field

$$p = \epsilon_0 \alpha E$$

Electric polarisability of an atom

Polarisation

$$\vec{p}(t) = -e\vec{r}(t) = \vec{p}_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Free electron

$$\vec{p}_0 = -\left(\frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right) \vec{E}_0 = \alpha(\omega) \vec{E}_0$$

$$\alpha(\omega) = -\frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

Bound electron:

$$\vec{p}_0 = -\left(\frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega}\right) \vec{E}_0 = \alpha(\omega) \vec{E}_0$$

$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}\right)$$

# Polarizability – many electrons

Total atomic polarizability

oscillator strengths

$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}$$

sum over the frequencies  
of the electromagnetic spectrum

Susceptibility

atoms per unit volume

$$\chi(\omega) = n\alpha(\omega) = \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}$$

# Dielectric constant and refractive index

Complex dielectric constant

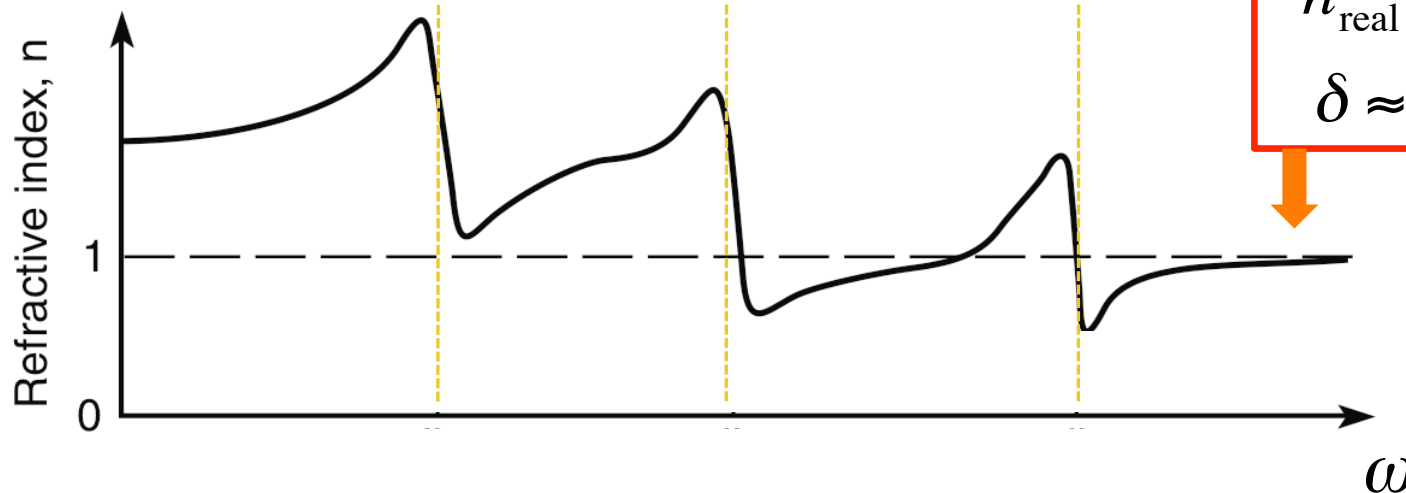
$$\epsilon_r(\omega) = 1 + \chi(\omega) = 1 + \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}$$

Real part

$$\epsilon_{\text{real}}(\omega) = 1 + \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{(\omega_i^2 - \omega^2)f_i}{(\omega_i^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}$$

Refractive index real part

$$n_{\text{real}}(\omega) \approx \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{real}}(\omega)}$$



X-rays

$$n_{\text{real}}(\omega) \approx 1 - \delta$$

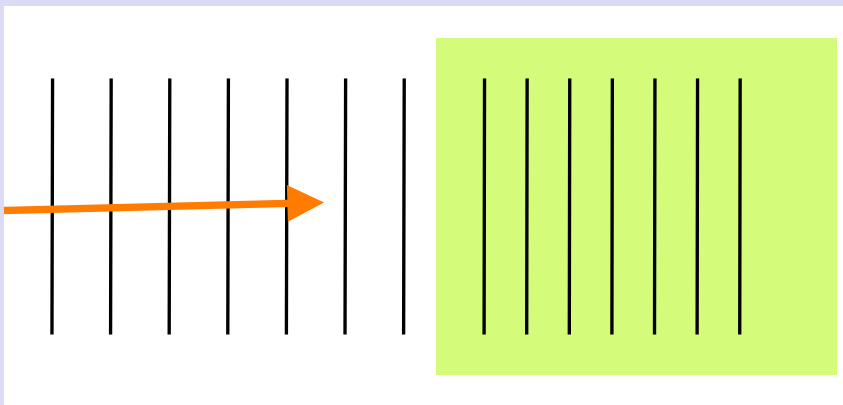
$$\delta \approx 10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$$

# Refractive index and phase velocity

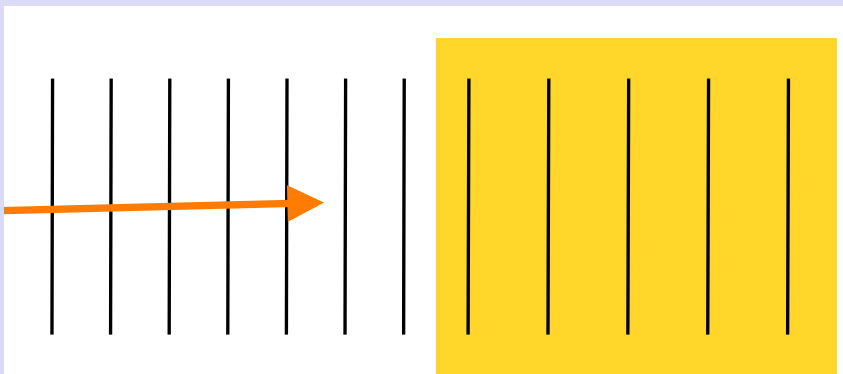
$$n_{\text{real}}(\omega) = \frac{c}{v(\omega)}$$

Interference between incoming wave and waves scattered by all atoms

Phase velocity



$$\omega \ll \omega_0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi \approx 0 \\ n > 0 \end{array} \right.$$



$$\omega \gg \omega_0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi \approx -\pi \\ n < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Very difficult rigorous treatment.

See:  
> Feynman 1, ch. 31  
> Als-Nielsen, McMorrow ch. 3

# Dielectric constant and absorption

Complex dielectric constant

$$\epsilon_r(\omega) = 1 + \chi(\omega) = 1 + \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}$$

Imaginary part

$$\epsilon_{\text{imag}}(\omega) = \sum_i \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{\gamma\omega f_i}{(\omega_i^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}$$

Refractive index

$$n = n_{\text{real}} + i\beta$$

$$\beta(\omega) \approx \frac{\epsilon_{\text{imag}}(\omega)}{2n_{\text{real}}}$$

Attenuation coefficient

$$\mu(\omega) = \frac{2\beta(\omega)\omega}{c} = \frac{4\pi\beta(\omega)}{\lambda}$$

# Acceleration and emitted field

## Free electron

$$\vec{r}(t) = \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -\frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{out}} = -\frac{\vec{E}_0}{r} r_e$$

## Bound electron:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -\frac{e\vec{E}_0}{m} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{out}} = -\frac{\vec{E}_0}{r} r_e \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega}$$

Acceleration

Out field  
 $\pi$  polarisation

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2 m}$$

# Scattering amplitude (one point-like electron)

$$A(\vec{K}) = -E_0 \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}}R}}{R} e^{i\omega t} r_e \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \boxed{1} \\ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \end{array} \right\} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Free electron

Point-like electron

Bound electron

$A_{\text{el}}$

$A$



# Resonant terms (one point-like electron)

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A_{\text{el}} \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \right] \\ &= A_{\text{el}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_0^2 + 2i\gamma\omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \right] \approx A_{\text{el}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \right] \\ &= A_{\text{el}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) + 2i\gamma\omega\omega_0^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} \right] \\ &= A_{\text{el}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} + i \frac{2\gamma\omega\omega_0^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

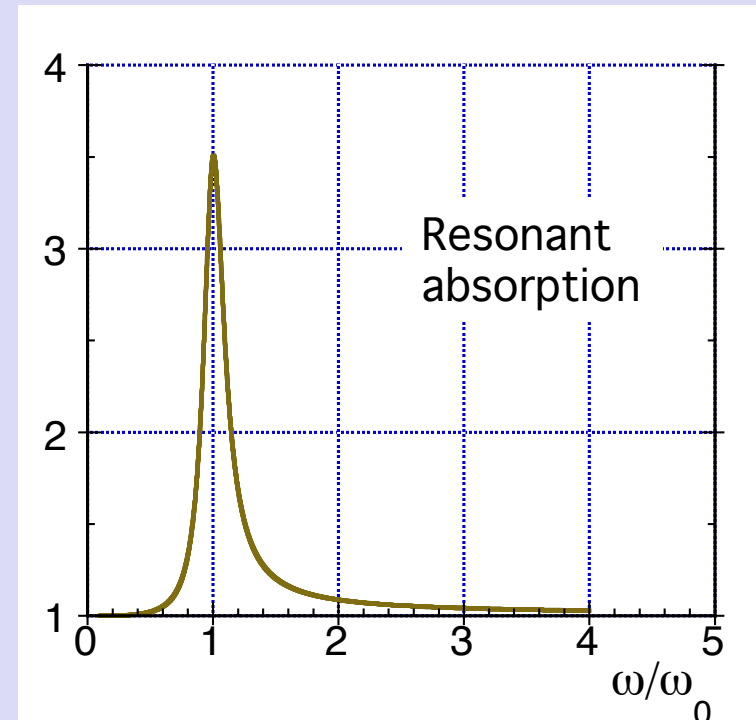
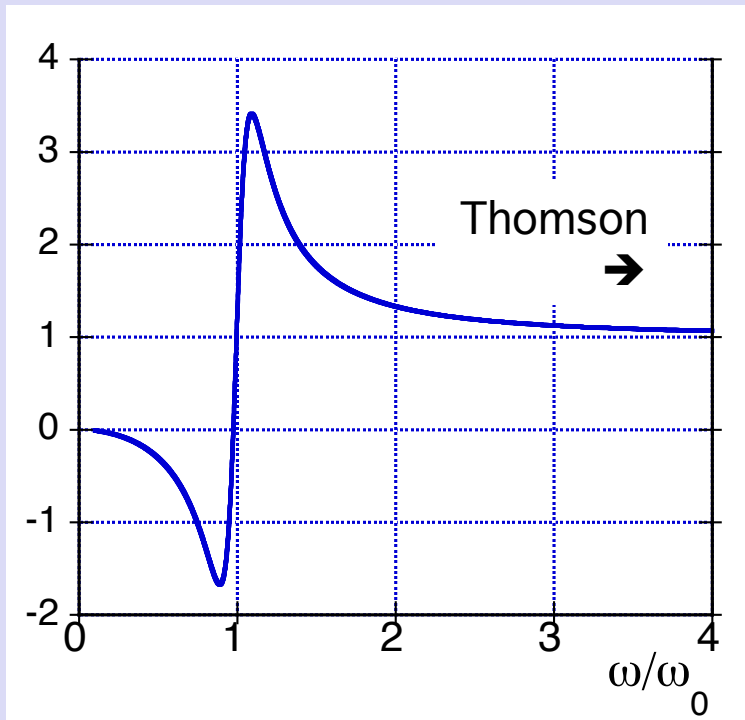
↑  
Thomson  
term

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Real  
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term

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Imaginary  
resonant  
term

# Resonant terms (one point-like electron)

$$A = A_{\text{el}} \left[ \underbrace{1 + \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}}_{\text{Thomson}} + i \underbrace{\frac{2\gamma\omega\omega_0^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}}_{\text{Resonant absorption}} \right]$$



connection with  
refractive index

$$\propto 2 - \epsilon_{\text{real}} = 2 - n_{\text{real}}^2$$

# Resonant absorption (one point-like electron)

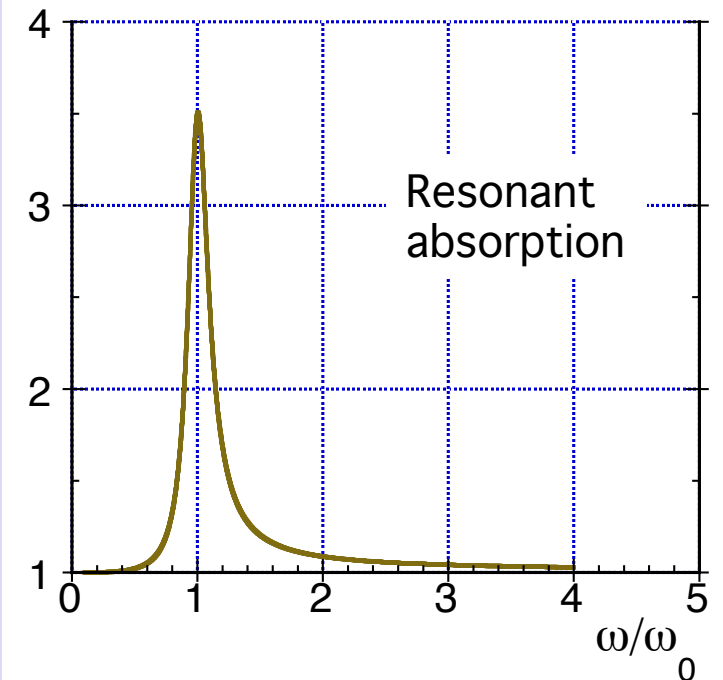
Absorption coefficient  
(imaginary part of the refractive index)

$$\mu(\omega) = \frac{2\omega}{c} \beta(\omega) \approx \frac{2\omega}{c} \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{imag}}(\omega)}{2} \propto \frac{\gamma\omega^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}$$



Imaginary part  
of scattering amplitude

$$A_{\text{imag}} \propto \frac{2\gamma\omega\omega_0^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}$$



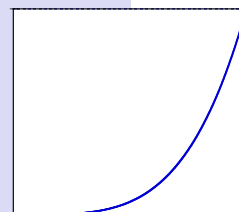
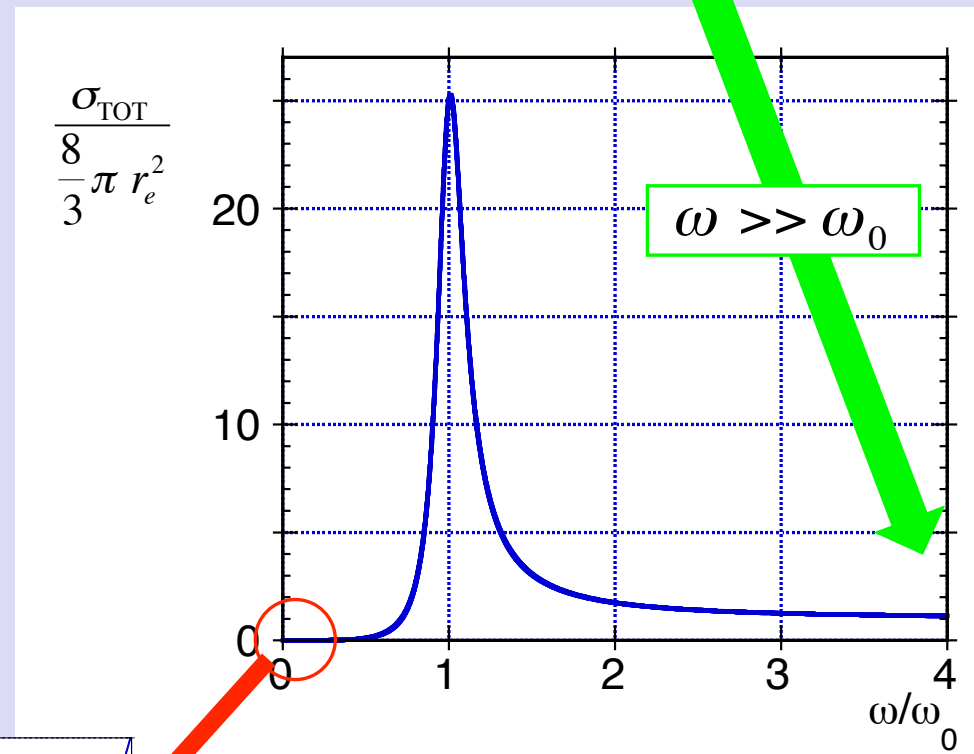
# Total cross-section (one point-like electron)

## Total Thomson cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{Th}} = \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2$$

### Including the resonant factor

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{TOT}} &= \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2 \left| \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2 \frac{\omega^4}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$\omega \ll \omega_0$$

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}} \propto \omega^4$$

Rayleigh scattering

# One-electron atomic scattering factor

$$A(\vec{K}) = -E_0 \frac{e^{-ik_{\text{out}}R}}{R} e^{i\omega t} r_e \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$A_{\text{el}}$$

Electronic  
charge distribution

$$f_e(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}} f_e(\vec{K}) \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - 2i\gamma\omega} \right]$$

$$= A_{\text{el}} \left[ f_e(\vec{K}) + f_e(\vec{K}) \frac{\omega_0^2(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} + i f_e(\vec{K}) \frac{\gamma\omega\omega_0^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2} \right]$$

$$A(\vec{K}) = A_{\text{el}} \left[ f_e(\vec{K}) + f'_e(K, \omega) + i f''_e(K, \omega) \right]$$

Resonant terms

# Many-electrons atoms, quantum picture

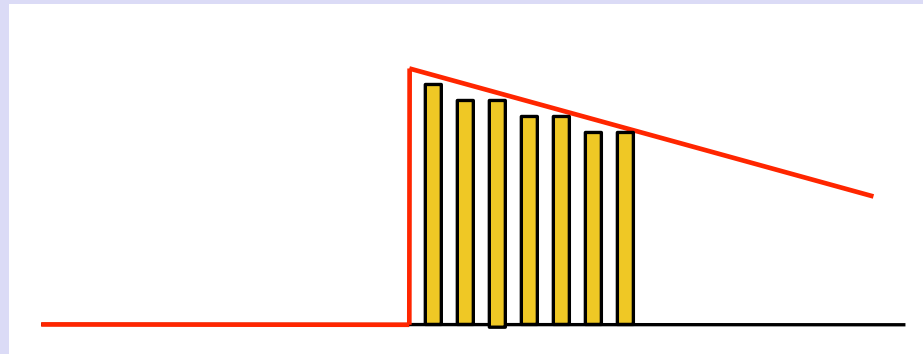
Classical oscillator frequencies  
Oscillations damping



Bohr frequencies, transitions between stationary states  
> large number of bound and  
> infinite free states

Photo-electric absorption

$$\mu(\omega) \propto \sum_s g(\omega_s) \delta(\omega - \omega_s)$$



X-rays:  
resonance for localised inner shells,  
peaked density  $\rho(r)$

$$f_e''(\omega, Z)$$

$$f_e'(\omega, Z)$$

largely independent of K

# Resonant scattering factor (a)

Atom = assembly of oscillators at different frequencies

Normal term  
(dep. on angle)

Resonant ('anomalous') terms  
(~ indep. of angle)

$$f(\vec{K}, Z) = f_0(\vec{K}, Z) + f'(\hbar\omega, Z) + i f''(\hbar\omega, Z)$$

Sum of contributions  
from all electrons

Real

Imaginary

Absorption

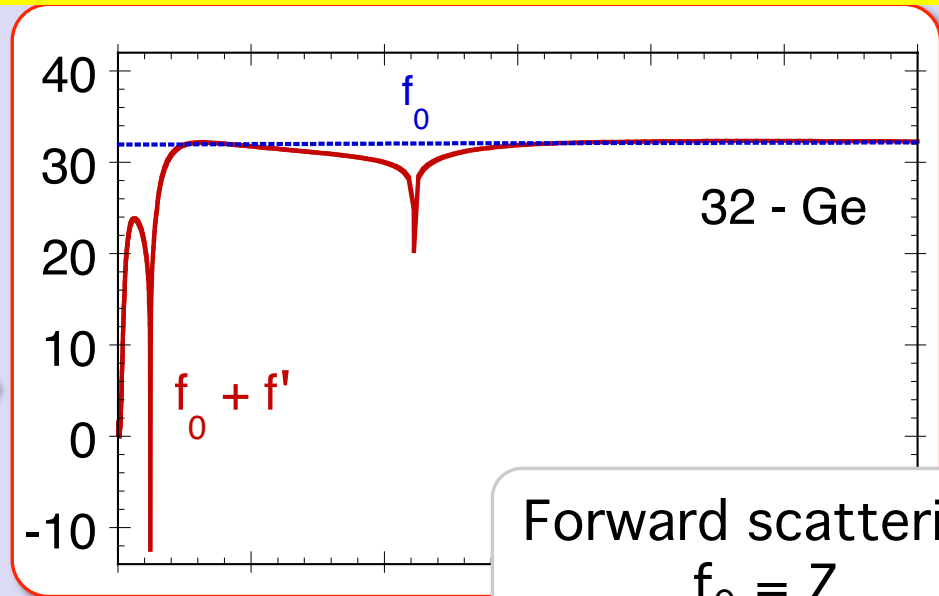
# Resonant scattering factor (b)

$$f(\vec{K}, Z) = f_0(\vec{K}, Z) + f'(\hbar\omega, Z) + i f''(\hbar\omega, Z)$$

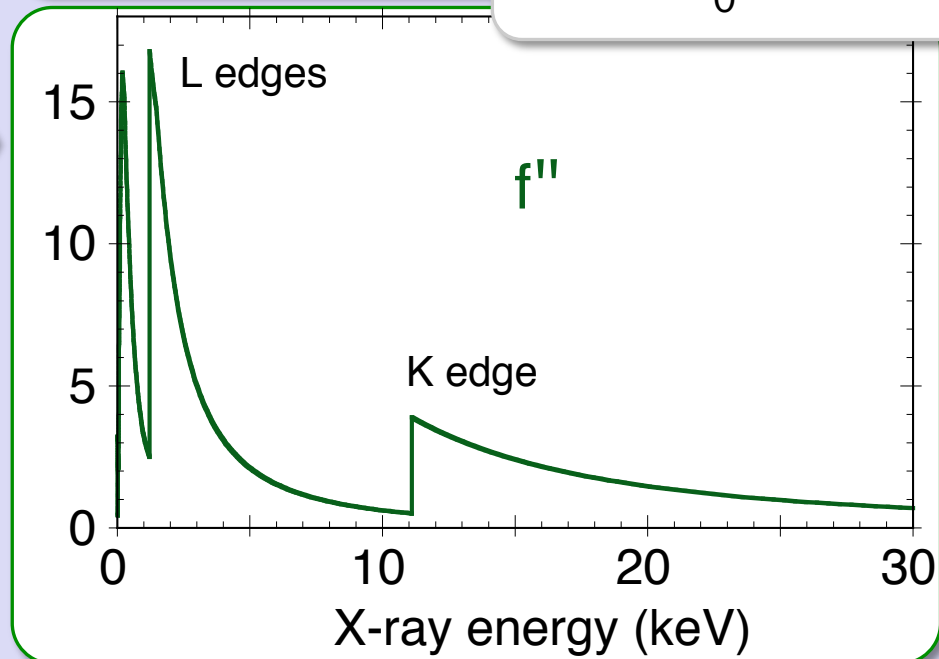
Real

Imaginary

For  $K \neq 0$ ,  $f_0$  diminishes and the resonant terms become more relevant



Forward scattering  
 $f_0 = Z$





**> Thermal neutrons and electron scattering**

## X-rays

(neglecting polarisation factor)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 = r_e^2 |f_0(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$
$$= |f_X(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

Radiation – matter interaction

$$f_0(\vec{K}) = \int \rho_e(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

## Electrons

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 = |f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

Central potential scattering  
– Born approx.

$$f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}) \approx \int \Phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV$$

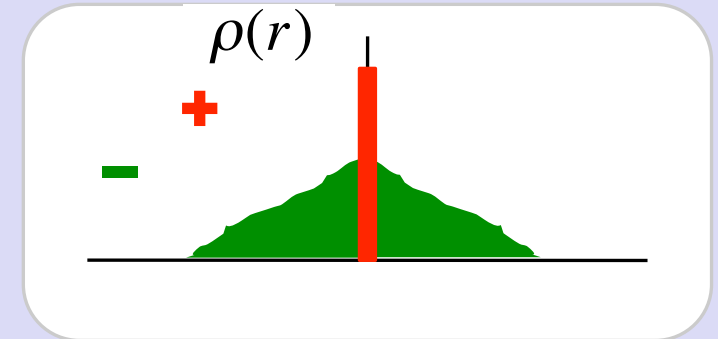
Scattering lengths  
(form factors)

Fourier transforms

# Electron scattering: Poisson equation

Poisson equation:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = - \left[ \frac{\rho_+(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\rho_-(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} \right]$$



... for spherical symmetry:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi(r)}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi(r)}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} [\rho_+(r) - \rho_-(r)]$$

Potential:

$$\Phi(r) = \Phi_+(r) + \Phi_-(r)$$

Boundary condition:

$$\Phi(r) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for} \quad r \rightarrow \infty.$$

Potential energy

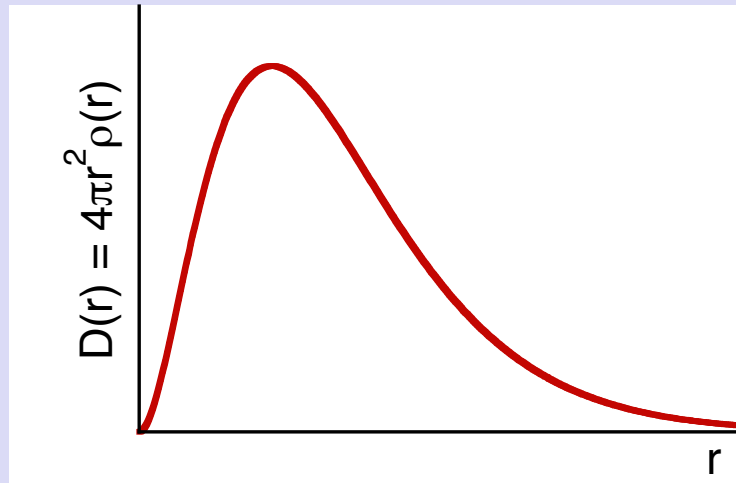
$$E_p(r) = -e\Phi(r).$$

# Electron scattering: potential energy

Electrons negative charge

Radial distribution

$$D(r) = 4\pi r^2 \rho_-(r)$$

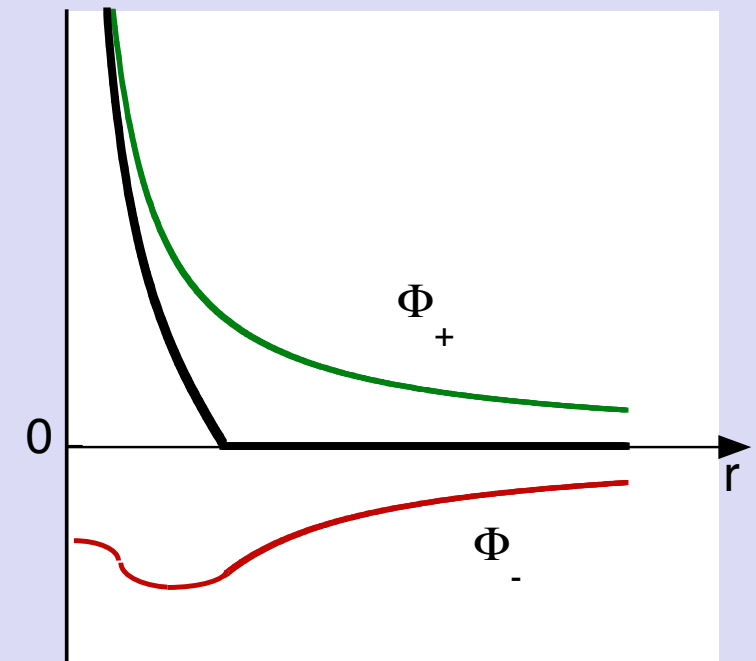


$$\Phi_-(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \int_0^r \frac{D(r')}{r'} dr' + \int_0^\infty \frac{D(r')}{r'} dr' \right]$$

Nuclear positive charge

$$\rho_+(r) = +Ze\delta(r)$$

$$\Phi_+(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Ze}{r}$$



# Electron scattering: Mott-Bethe formula

Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = - \left[ \frac{\rho_+(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\rho_-(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} \right]$$

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) \propto \int f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}) e^{-i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV_k$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) \propto \int K^2 f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}) e^{-i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV_k$$

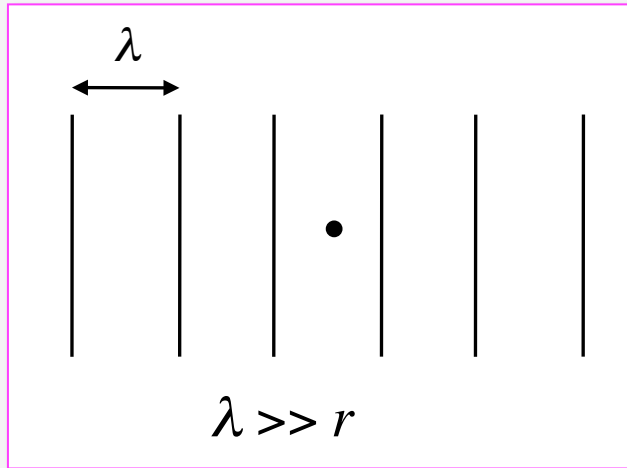
$$\rho_-(\vec{r}) \propto \int f_0(\vec{K}) e^{-i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV_k$$

$$\rho_+(\vec{r}) = Z \delta(\vec{r}) = \int Z e^{-i\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}} dV_k$$

Mott-Bethe

$$f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}, Z) = \frac{me^2}{2\pi\hbar^2\epsilon_0} \frac{Z - f_0(\vec{K}, Z)}{K^2}$$

# Thermal neutrons: interaction with matter



Nuclear interaction with nuclei

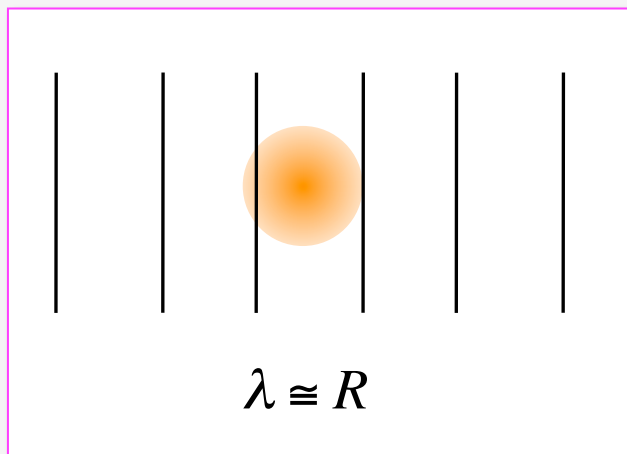
Strong interaction

- > no classical approximation
- > no perturbative treatment

Very short range ( $\sim 10^{-15}$  m)

- > isotropic scattering

Structural  
info



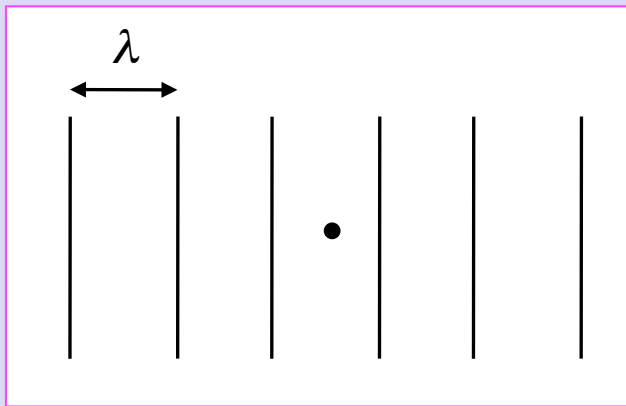
Magnetic interaction  
of neutron spin  
with unpaired electrons

Only for magnetic atoms

Extended electron clouds  
> anisotropic scattering

Magnetic  
info

# Thermal neutrons as structural probe



Interaction with nuclei:

$\lambda \gg r$  → Isotropic scattering

[cfr. X-ray Thomson scattering  
from point-like electrons]

Thomson scattering length

$r_e$



Neutrons scattering length

$b$

- independent of scattering angle
- independent of neutron wavelength

- different for different isotopes
- depending on nuclear spin
- no correlation with Z

- experimentally determined

- Fermi pseudopotential  $V(r) \propto b \delta(r)$

# Nuclear scattering intensity



For one isotope:

$$I(\vec{K}) \propto |b|^2 = b^* b$$

Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |b|^2 = b^* b$$

Total cross section

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 4\pi |b|^2$$



For different isotopes  
of the same atomic species  
randomly distributed within the material.

$$I(\vec{K}) \propto \langle b_i b_j \rangle$$

i,j label atomic sites (including i=j)

$$K = Q = \frac{4\pi \sin \theta_B}{\lambda}$$



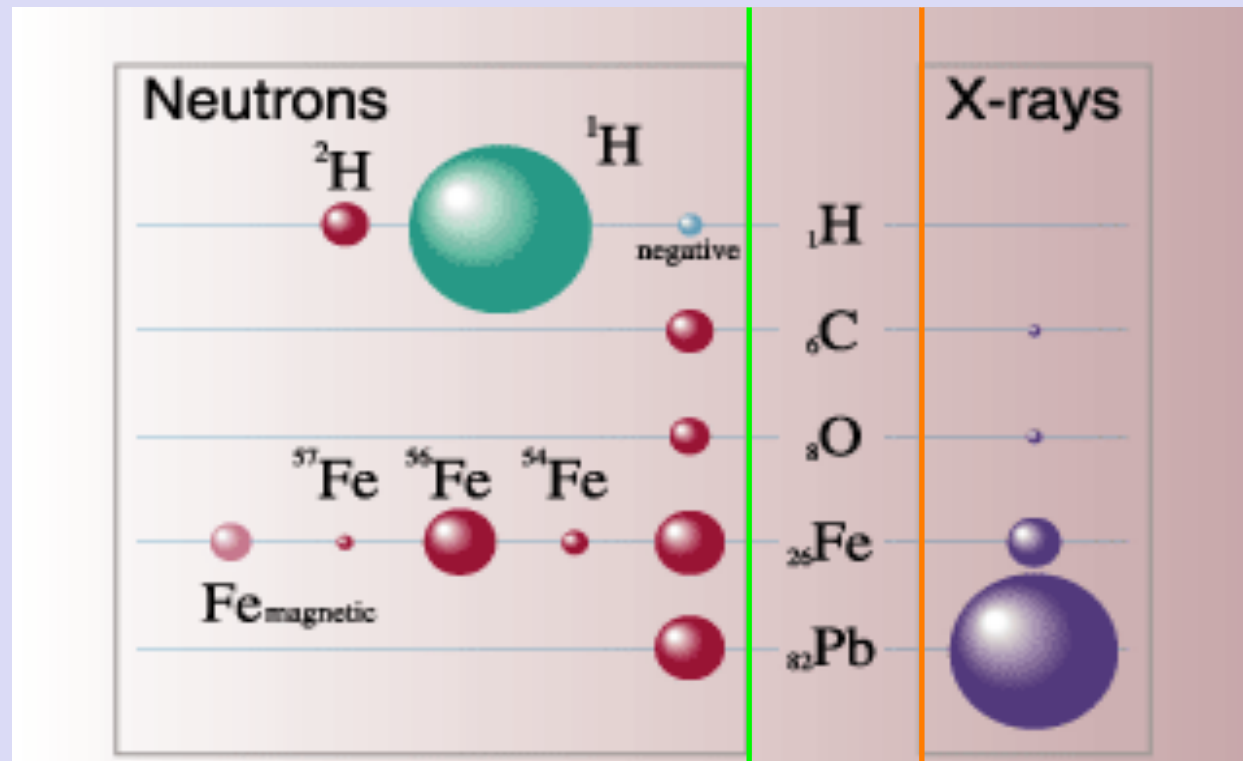
# Neutron scattering lengths

Isotope	Z	A	b ( $10^{-15}$ m)
Hydrogen	1	1	-3.74
Deuterium	1	2	+6.67
Tritium	1	3	+4.94
Silicon	14	28	+4.11
Germanium	32	70	+8.4
Lanthanum	57	139	+8.2
Gold	79	197	+7.63

$b < 0 \Rightarrow$  no  $\pi$  phase change on scattering

# Scattering lengths (n .vs. X)

## Scattering cross sections (proportional to sphere volume)



Scattering lengths  
(indep. of scattering angle)

Atomic scattering factors  
(dep on scattering angle)

# Atomic cross sections

## X-rays

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 = |f_x(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

$$= r_e^2 |f_0(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

Thomson cross-sec.

atomic scattering factor

- dep. on K
- increasing with Z

## Electrons

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 = |f_{el}(\vec{K}, Z)|^2$$

Mott-Bethe

$$\frac{me^2}{2\pi\hbar^2\epsilon_0} \frac{Z - f_0(\vec{K}, Z)}{K^2}$$

## Thermal neutrons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |b|^2$$

neutron scattering length

- indep. of K
- dep. on isotope
- dep. on atomic spin
- no relation with Z

# X-rays, electrons, neutrons

Electrons

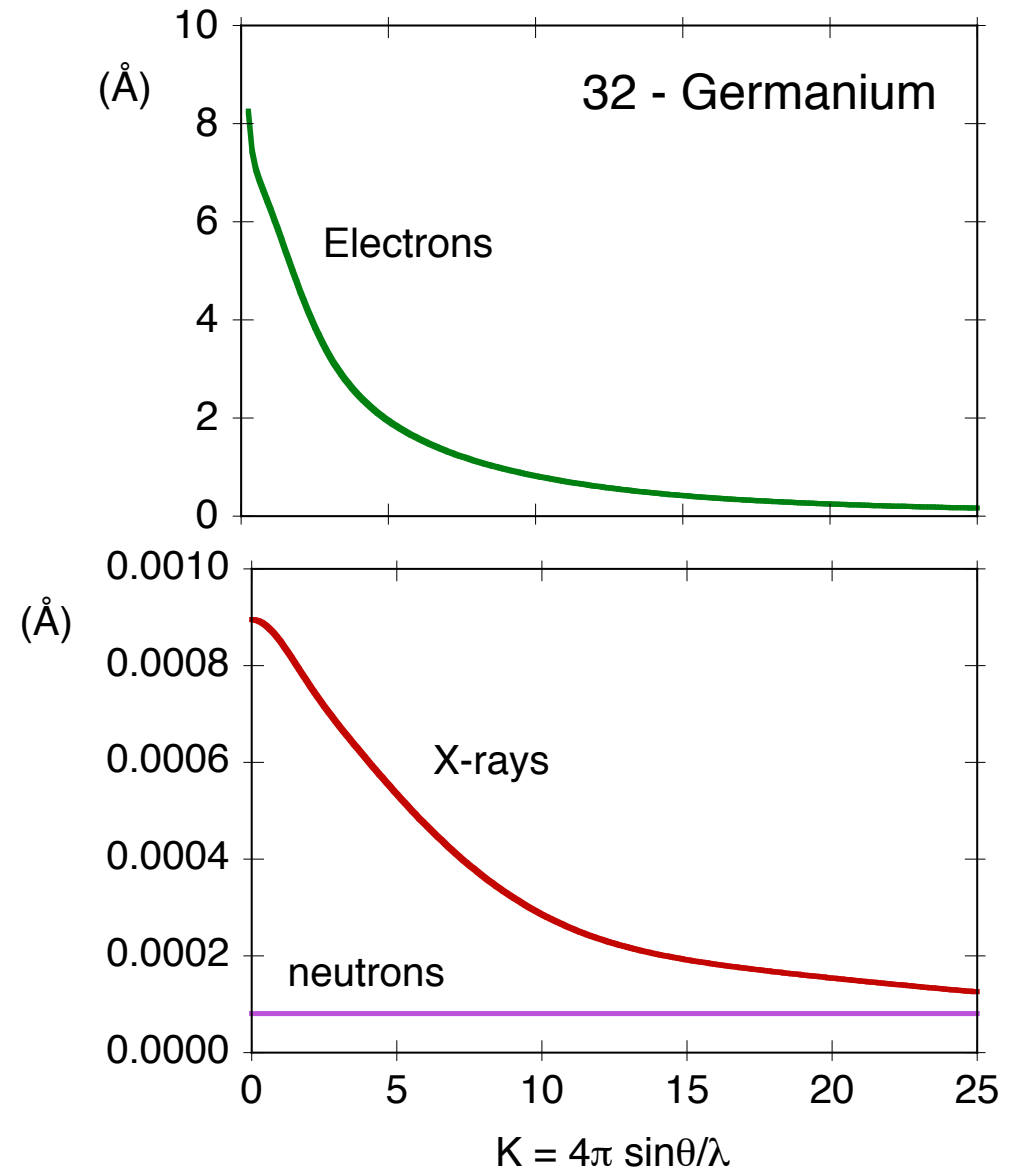
$$f_{\text{el}}(\vec{K}, Z) = \frac{me^2}{2\pi\hbar^2\epsilon_0} \frac{Z - f_0(\vec{K}, Z)}{K^2}$$
$$= 3.77 [\text{\AA}^{-1}] \frac{Z - f_0(\vec{K}, Z)}{K^2 [\text{\AA}^{-2}]}$$

X-rays

$$f_{\text{X}}(\vec{K}, Z) = r_e f_0(\vec{K}, Z)$$

Neutrons

$$b_{\text{coh}}(Z)$$



# Comparisons

## X-rays

Scattered by  
electron cloud

Sensitivity to  
electron distribution

Increases with  $Z$

Weak interaction

Strong penetration

Kinematical theory  
generally OK

## Electrons

Scattered by  
Coulomb potential  
(long ranged)

Sensitivity to  
electron distribution

Increases with  $Z$

Strong interaction

Weak penetration

Dynamical theory  
often necessary

## Thermal neutrons

Scattered by  
nuclear potential  
(short ranged)

Sensitivity only to  
nuclear position

No correlation with  $Z$   
Isotope-dependent

Weak interaction

Strong penetration

Kinematical theory  
generally OK

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