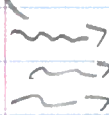


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Photons



### Bound Bound Absorption

Electron Absorbs

Photon & jumps to higher energy level in Atom

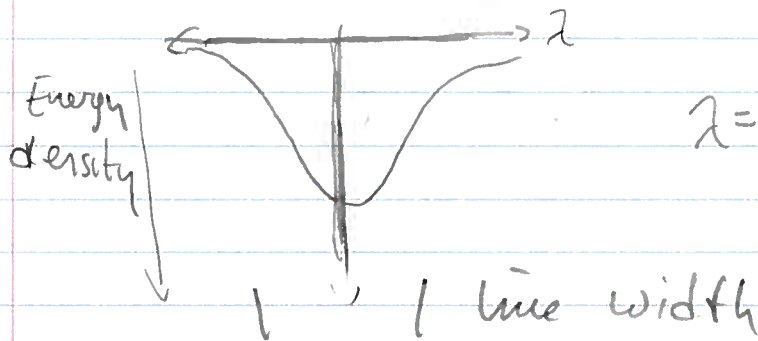
Absorption  
of



EMISSION

Inverse Absorption is Emission  $\Rightarrow$  Electron Emits / Releases Photon & Jumps down Energy Level

$$\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{\Delta E}$$

IF light has enough energy it can pick electron out of Atom completely

Possibilities  
of:

ionization

ionization  $\leftrightarrow$  recombination

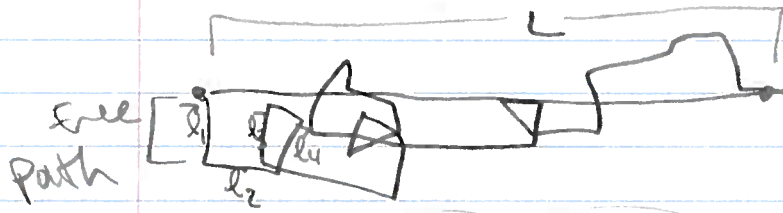
free electron moves faster when absorbs photon

electron emits photon & slows down

nearly free absorption  $\leftrightarrow$  bremsstrahlung

Free scattering

electron absorbs photon & immediately emits photon in different direction (Compton / Thompson scattering)



Mean Free Path  $l$

$$\left[ \tau \Rightarrow \text{optical depth} = \frac{L}{l} \right] \text{ multiply Absorption}$$

How many  $l$  paths on Average does it take ~~at~~ photon to travel Length  $L$ ?

$$|\vec{l}_1 + \vec{l}_2| = \sqrt{l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1l_2 \cos \theta} = \text{scalar product is } 0$$

$$l^2 + l^2 = 2l^2$$

$$L^2 = N \cdot l^2$$

# of steps needed

$$\frac{L^2}{l^2} = N$$

$$L = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$l = .001 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{1^2}{.001^2} = .0000$$

Density of particles

$$\text{Probability (hit)} \sim \rho \cdot d \cdot k$$

Cross section

$$I = \rho \cdot d \cdot k$$

$$[\text{opacity}] \bar{k} \quad l = \frac{1}{\rho k}$$

opacity Depends on: 1) what Matter is Made of (Chemical) 2) Temp