As you come into class make sure to pick up a Linear Diffraction Grating!

Make sure it says 500 lines/mm.

- Next homework is #6– due Friday at 11:50 am.

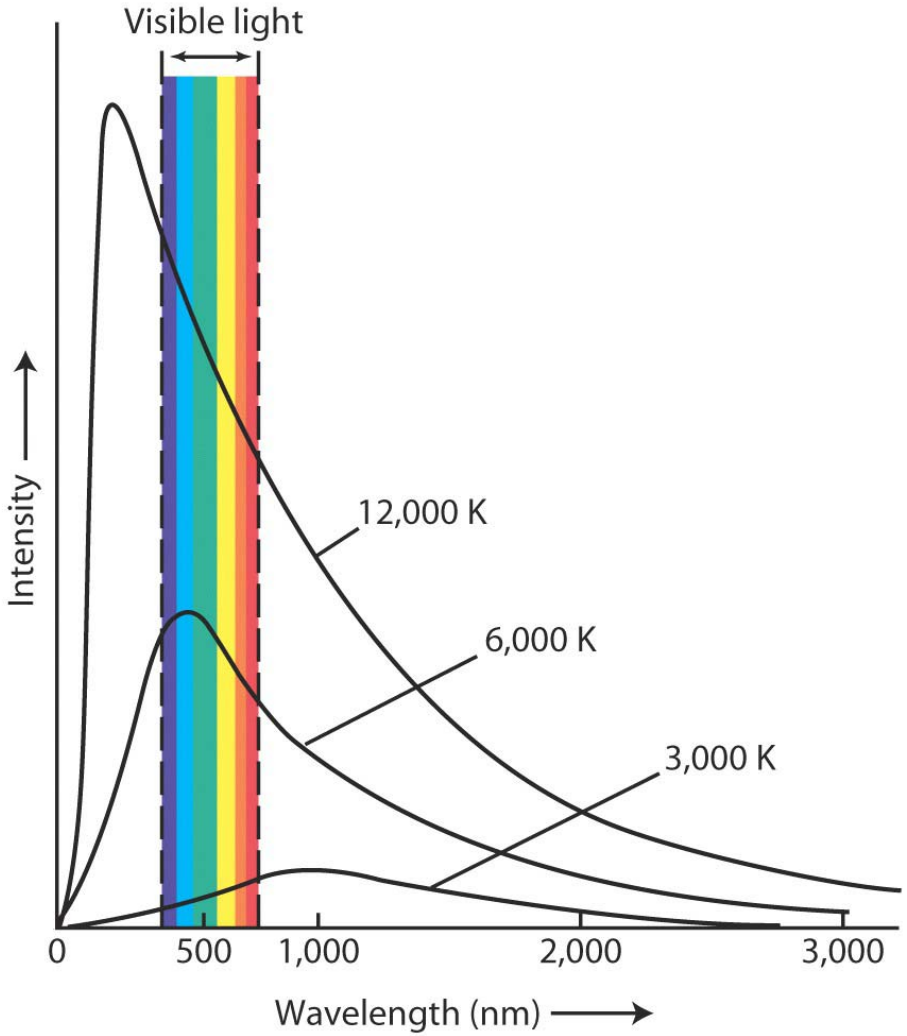
- There will be another make-up nighttime observing session in November. Stay tuned.

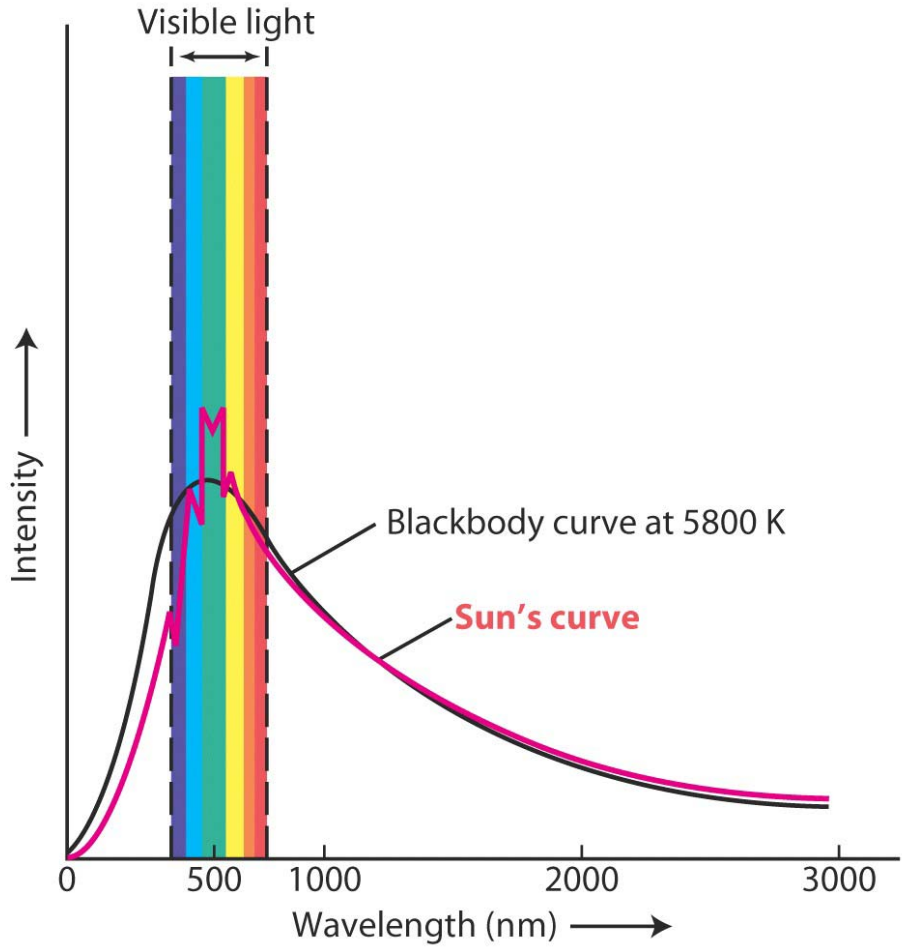
Outline

- Have we said enough about Blackbody radiation yet?
  - – Wein's Law
  - – Stephan-Boltzmann Law
- Back to atoms– again
- Quantum mechanical properties of the Atom– things get quantized
- How atoms absorb and emit light– Quantum Leaps
- Looking at atoms emit in class– Voyeurism
- The fingerprints or barcodes of atoms
- The Doppler effect– weeee weee

The Spectrum of Blackbody Radiation

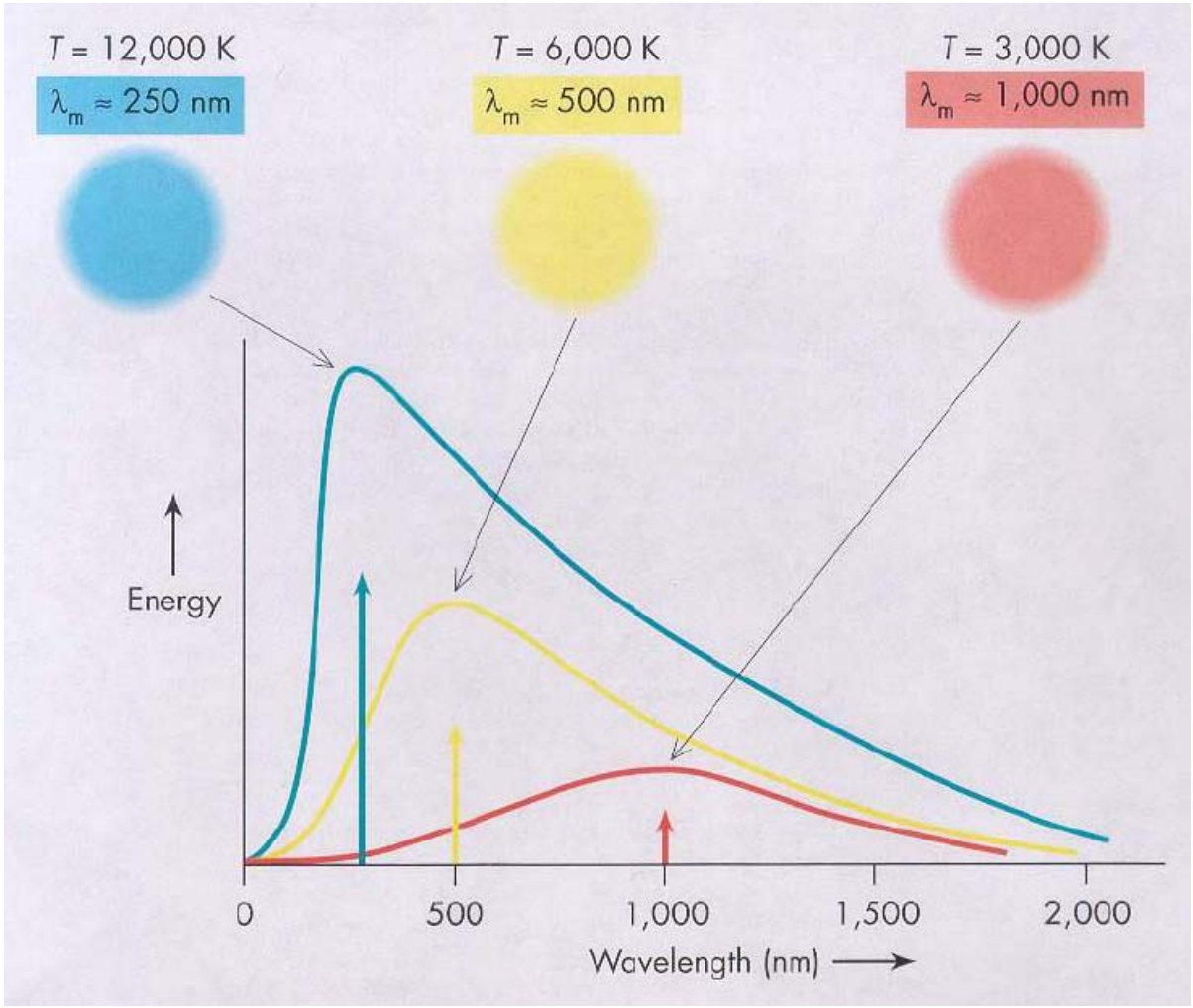
- As temperature increases, peak shifts to shorter wavelengths
- The Sun's spectrum looks almost like a 5800 K blackbody





Wein's Law

- The peak of the blackbody emission is inversely related to the temperature
- The hotter the object, the stronger it emits light in the shorter wavelengths.
- The Sun's Photosphere is around 5800 K
- Red hot? Or Blue hot? Color of stars?



Stephan-Boltzmann Law

- For blackbodies, the brightness, or intensity, or output energy, is proportional to T^4 (in Kelvin).
- If a star was the same size as the Sun, but was twice as hot, it would be 16 times as bright.

A Glass of Water

10 cm

Water molecules
1 nm = 10^{-9} m

Oxygen atom
0.1 nm

Oxygen nucleus
1 fm = 10^{-15} m

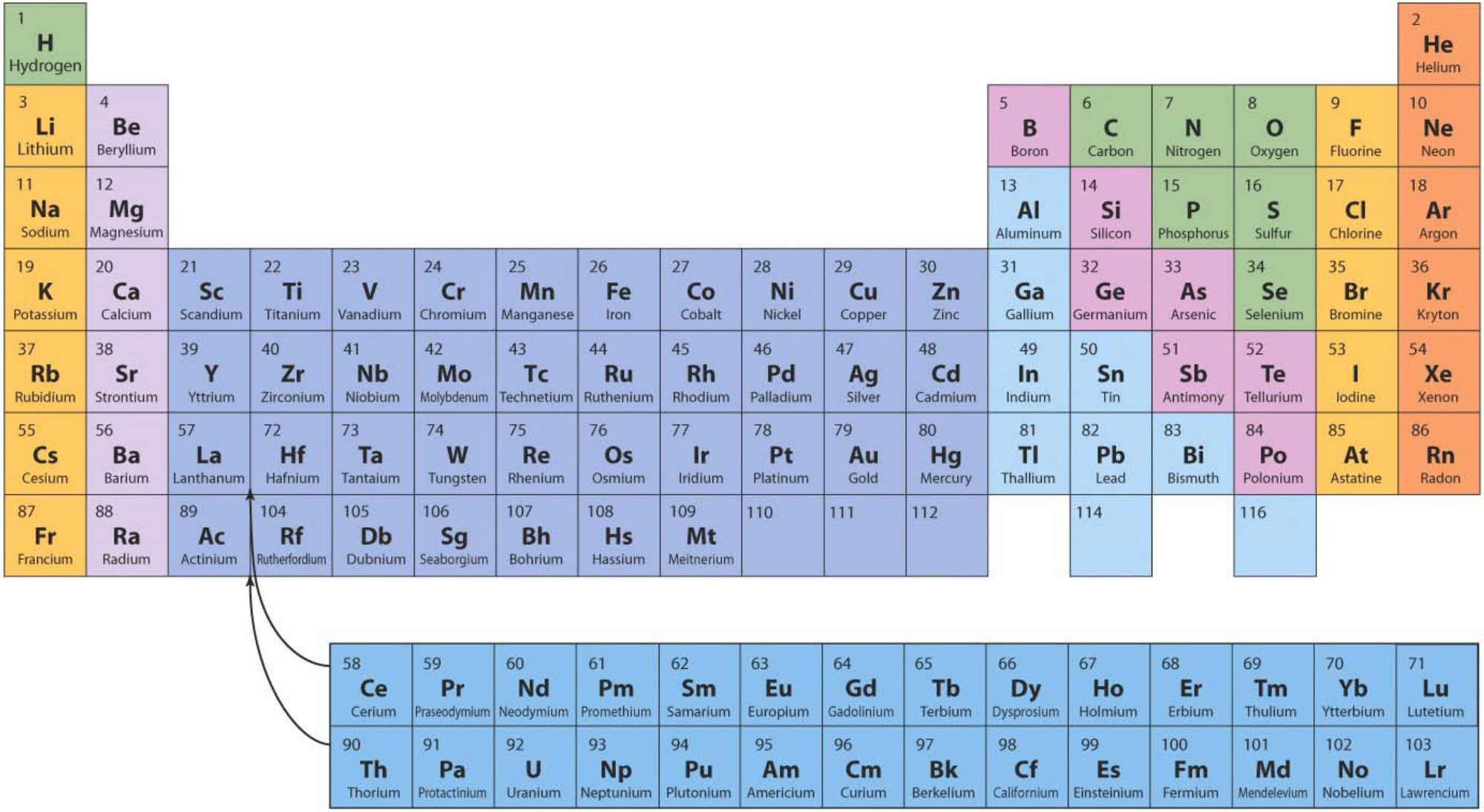
Protons, neutrons, and electrons

- **Electrons**
  Negatively charged (charge -1)
  Lightweight (mass 9.110×10^{-28} g)

- **Protons**
  Positively charged (charge +1)
  1832 times as massive as an electron (mass 1.673×10^{-24} g)

- **Neutrons**
  No electric charge
  A little more massive than a proton (mass 1.675×10^{-24} g)

The Periodic Table of the Elements



The number of protons in an atom determines the type of element

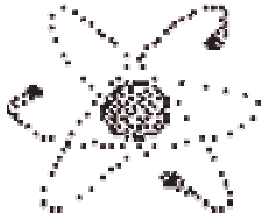
Quantum Atoms

At small distances– the size of atoms

- Newton's laws ***fail***
- Atoms & light obey ***quantum mechanics***

Electron orbits nucleus + electron: like solar system?

- No: in quantum mechanics electrons are not really like a planet. It isn't gravity.
- In atom, the electron acts like wave !?!
- And not all orbits are allowed



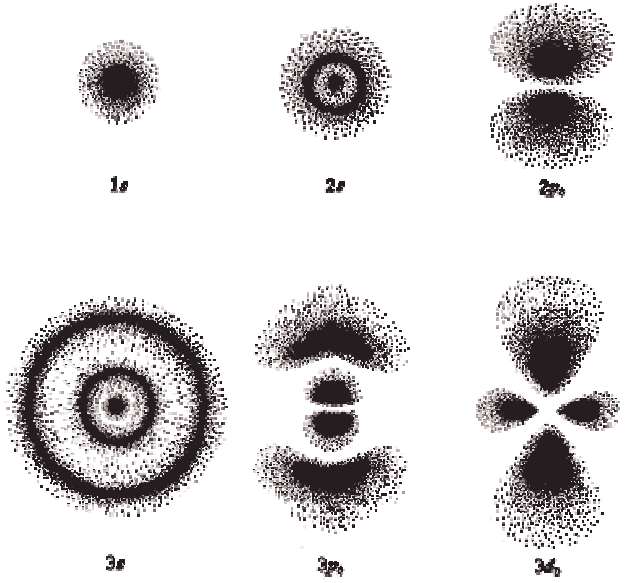


Figure 6-12. Probability density plots of some hydrogen atomic orbitals. The density of the dots represents the probability of finding the electron in that region.
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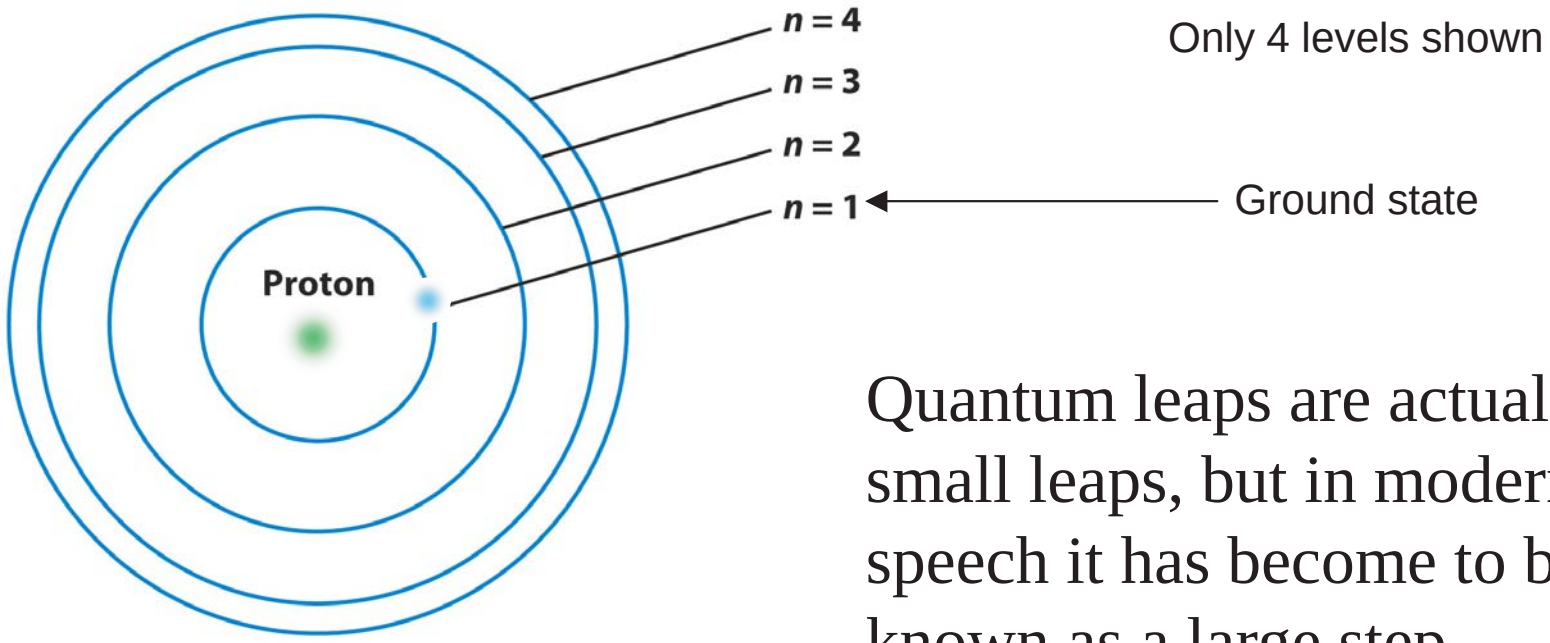
Quantum Atomic Structure

Allowed orbits ⇒ energy levels

- Lowest energy ⇒ stable orbit
- Closest to nucleus
- ***Ground state***



Hydrogen atom

Quantum leaps are actually small leaps, but in modern speech it has become to be known as a large step.

Question 1

Today, we are going to look at different emissions. What does the heater do?

1. Emits a continuous spectrum of light
2. Emits discrete colors of light
3. Emits only reddish color light

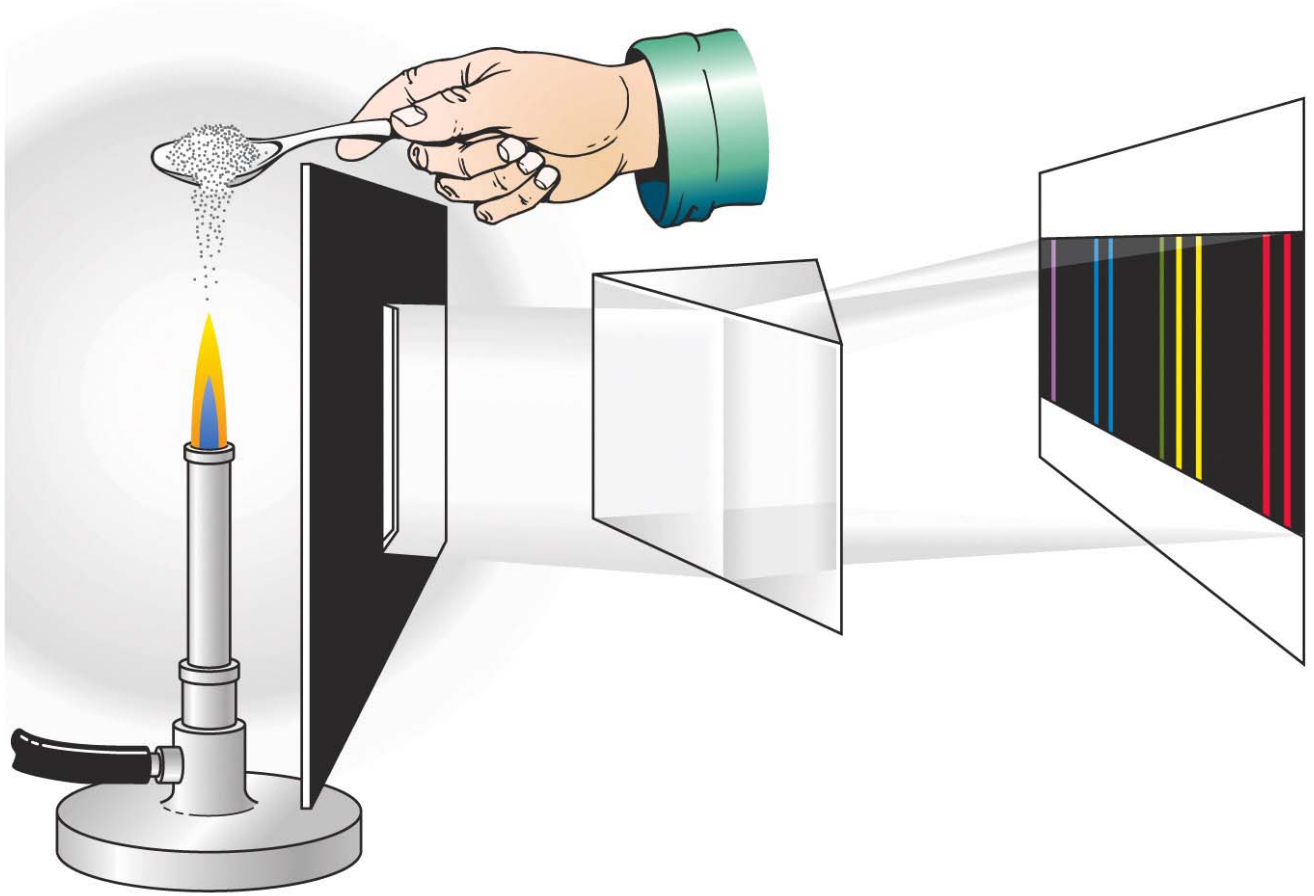
Question 2

Today, we are going to look at different emissions. What does atom lamps do? These are “Neon” lamps with electrified gas and energized (“excited”) atoms.

1. Emit a continuous spectrum of light
2. Emit discrete colors of light
3. Emit only white light

Emission Lines in the Laboratory

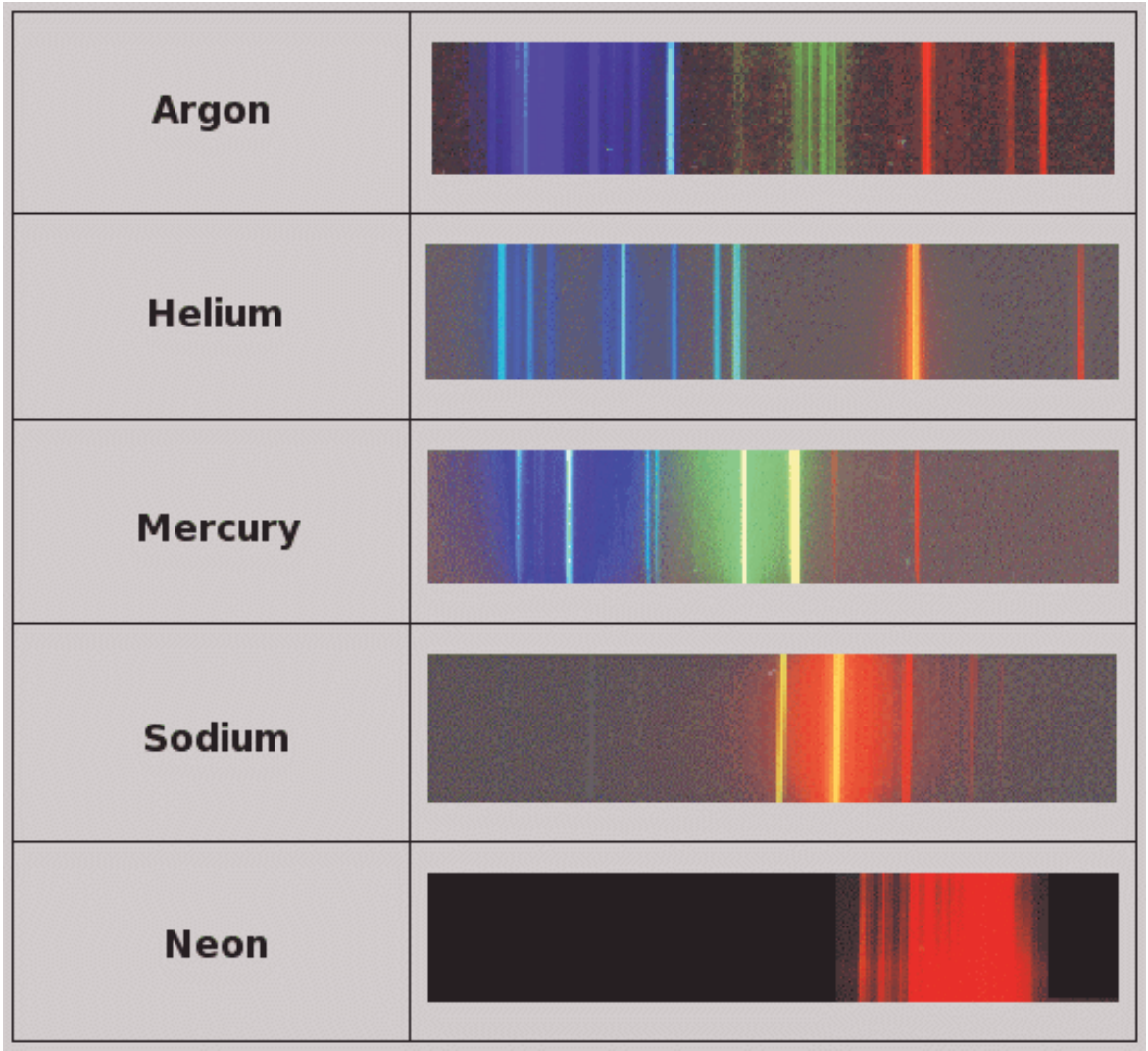
- Spectral lines produced and studied in the laboratory by Robert Bunsen and Gustav Kirchhoff beginning around 1857
- Discovered that burning different chemical elements produced different patterns of lines



The Spectrum is a fingerprint!

The pattern of spectral lines produced by (or absorbed by) a gas depends on the chemical composition of the gas.

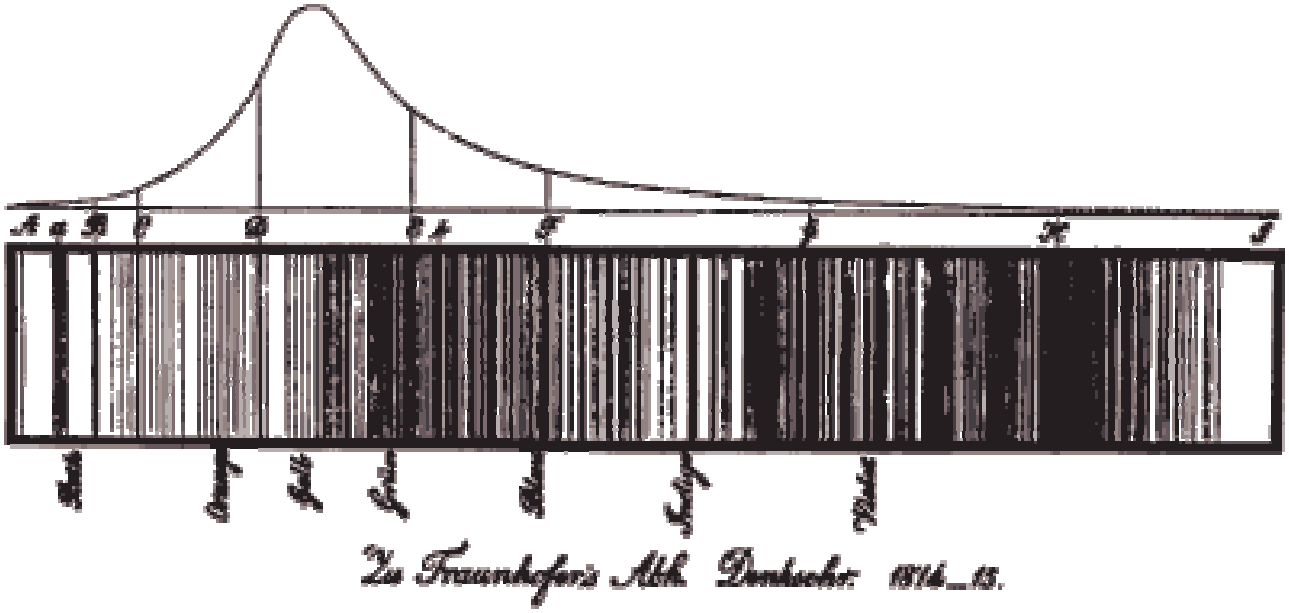
Or a barcode!



Emission spectrum

Fraunhofer and Spectral Lines

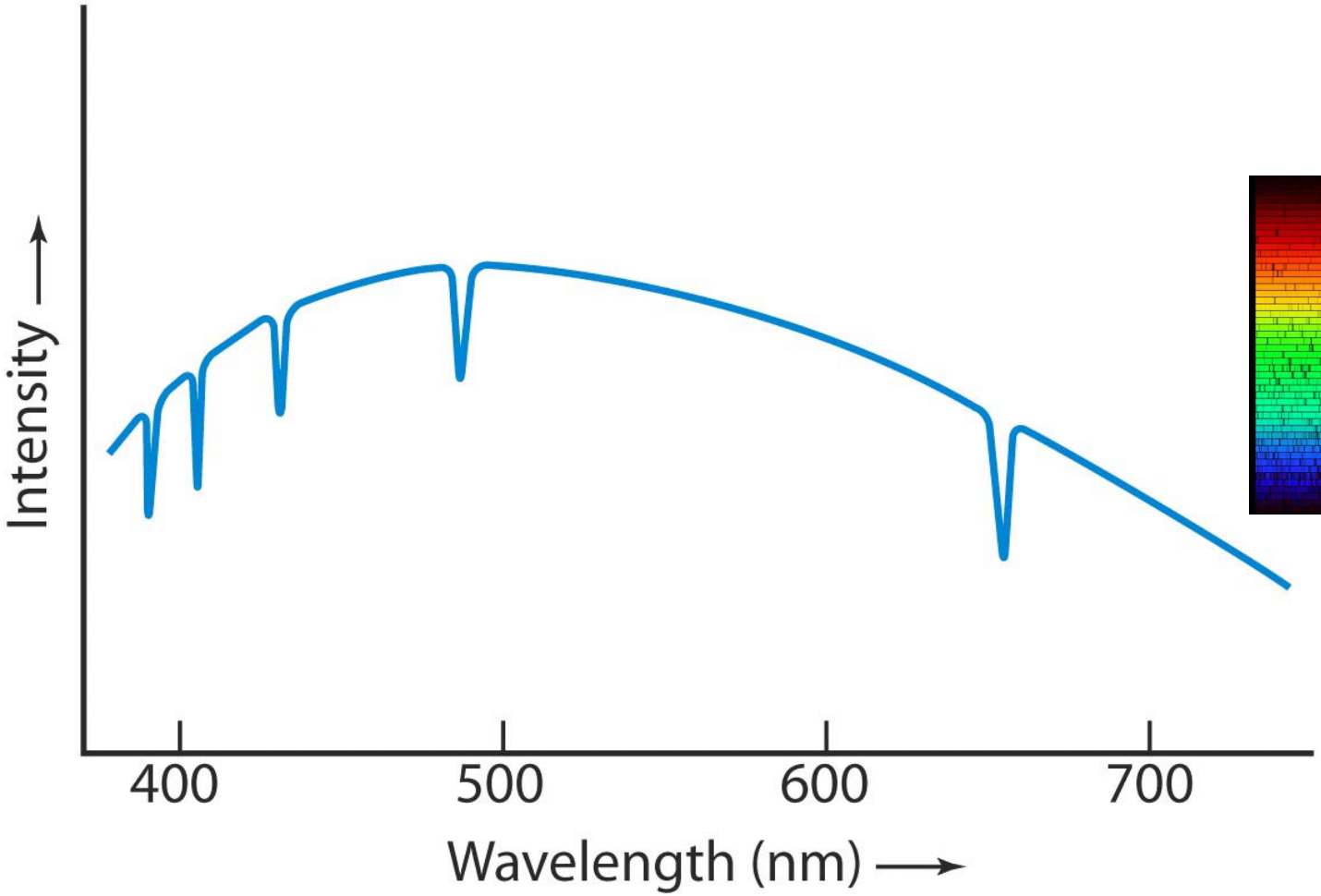
Discovered that Sun's spectrum contained narrow gaps (**spectral lines**) when viewed at high resolution (1814)

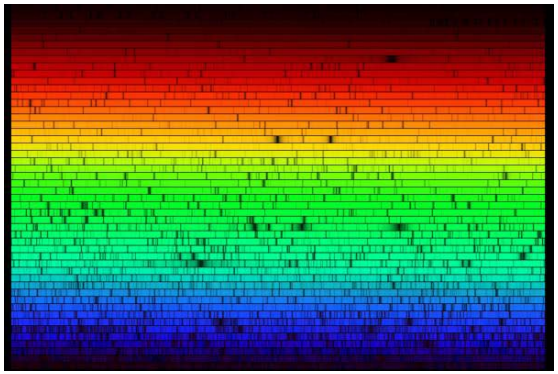


Joseph von Fraunhofer
(1787-1826)

Prism spectrograph

Absorption Spectrum of the Sun





Quantum Light: Photons

As we discussed before, just as electrons can sometimes act like waves light can sometimes act like particles– Photons

On small scales or low intensities

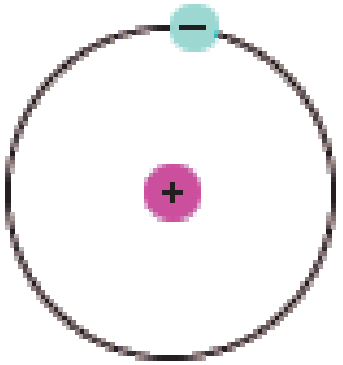
- Light acts like particle: ***"photon"***
- Discrete "packet" of energy"
- Different colors ⟹ different energies
- Smaller λ, higher E

- These packets of energy can effect the electron in an atom.

Light and Atoms

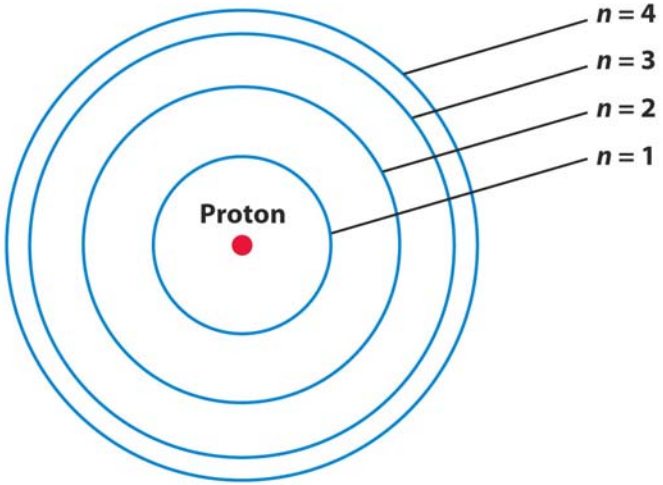
If light hits an atom in ground state
and photon energy = atom energy level ***exactly***

1. atom absorbs photon
2. Electron jumps to higher level
3. Atom in "excited" state



But excited = unstable
And after time,

1. Electron jumps back to ground state
2. Emits photon with energy
   =difference between levels



Online demo

Atoms absorb/emit light

- atom structure sets energies

Atomic Interpretation of Spectral Lines

- Spectral lines correspond to transitions between levels in an atom
- **Absorption:** light energy absorbed by atom, electron jumps to higher energy level
- **Emission:** electron spontaneously drops down to lower energy level; releases energy as light

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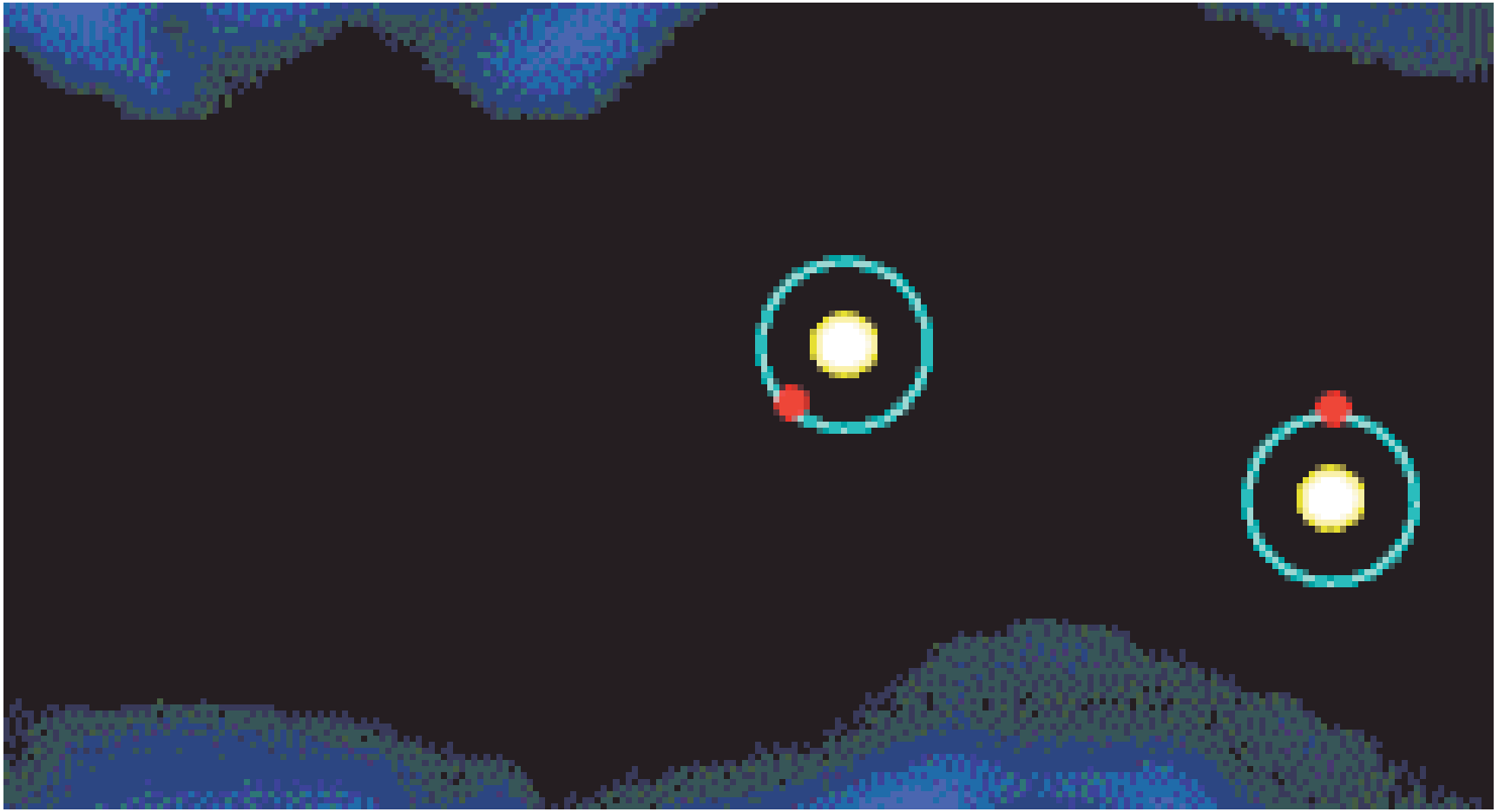
Collisional Excitation of Atoms

How do atoms get excited in the first place?

- By **absorbing** photons; or
- By **colliding** with other atoms



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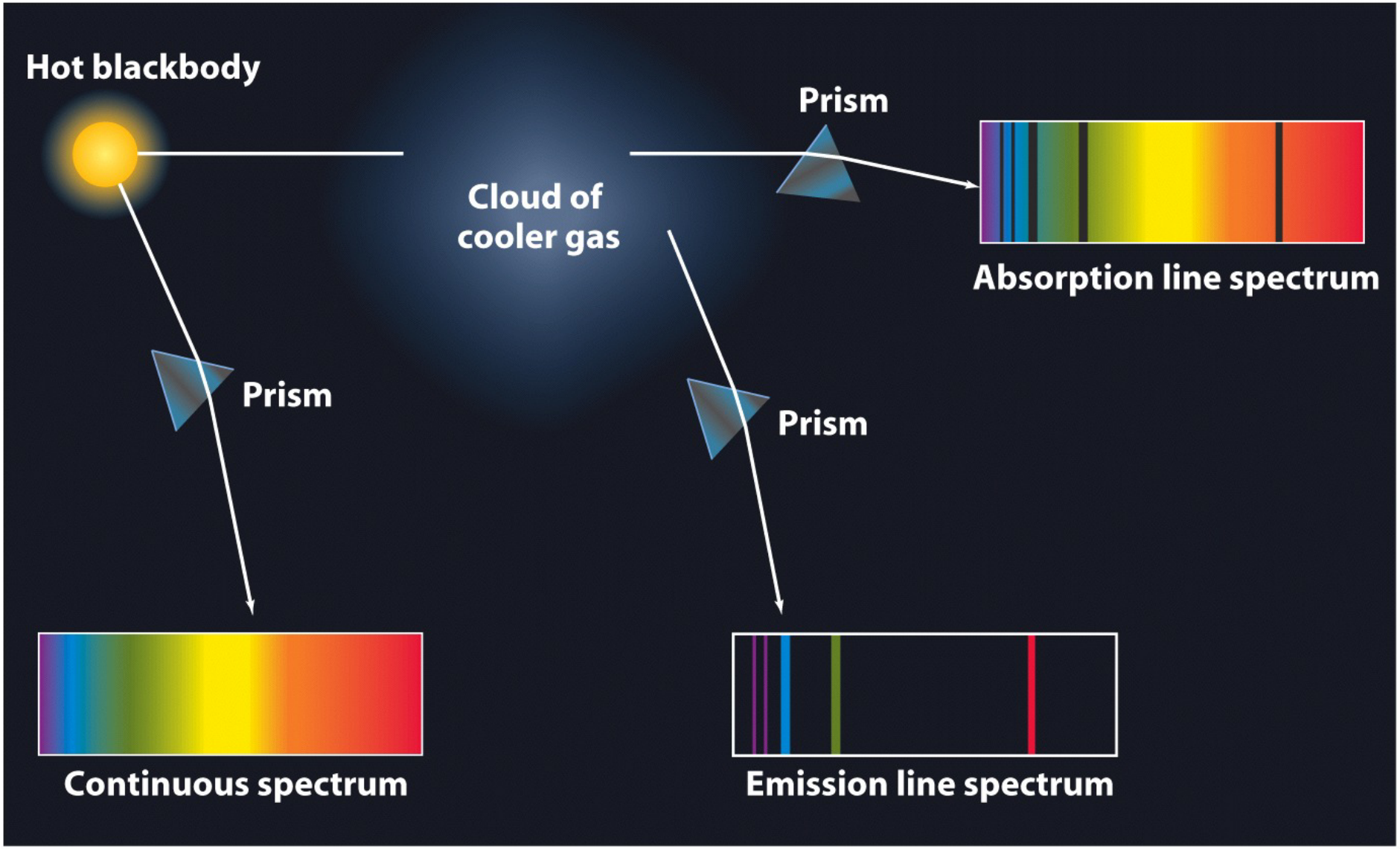
Connection between Lines and Continuous Spectra



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Implications: Spectra

Light spectrum gives atom "fingerprint" or "barcode"

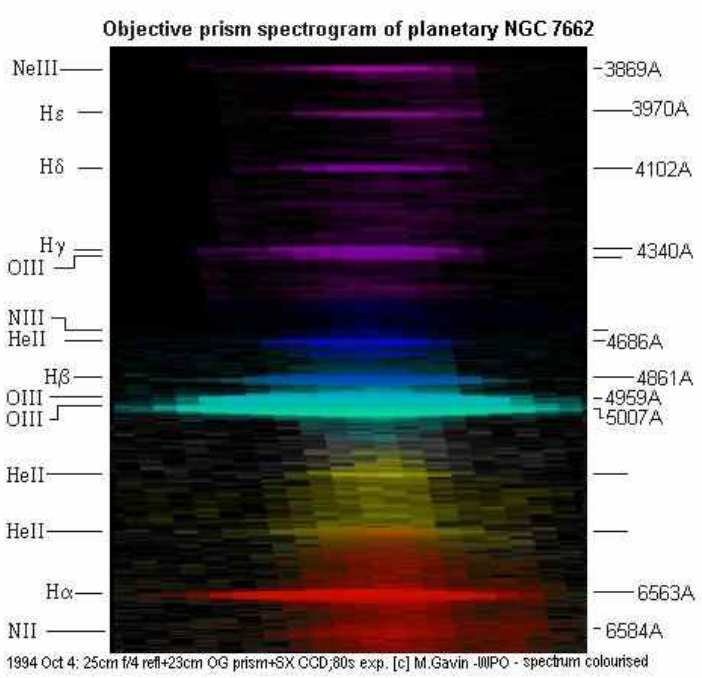
So, the spectrum gives atomic composition

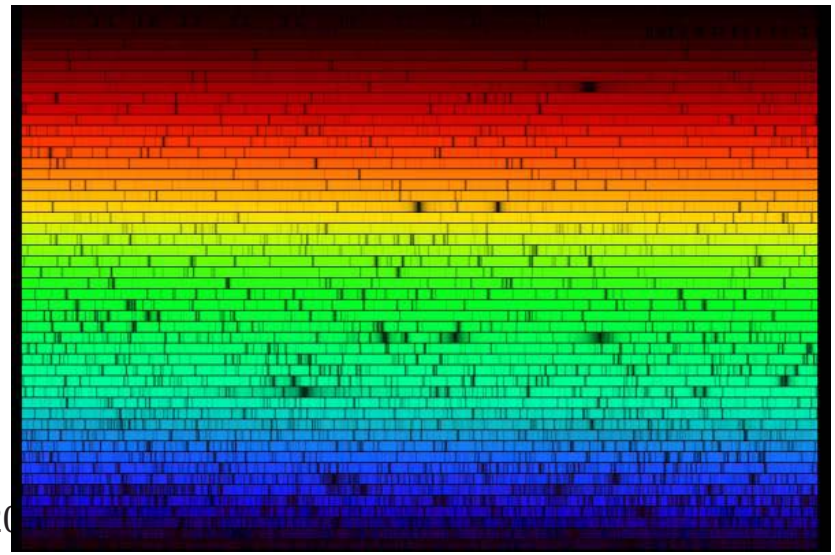
Planetary nebula:

- Colors: *lines=elements*
- See newly created material!

Solar spectrum:

- Dark lines: elements
- Tells *composition* of Sun



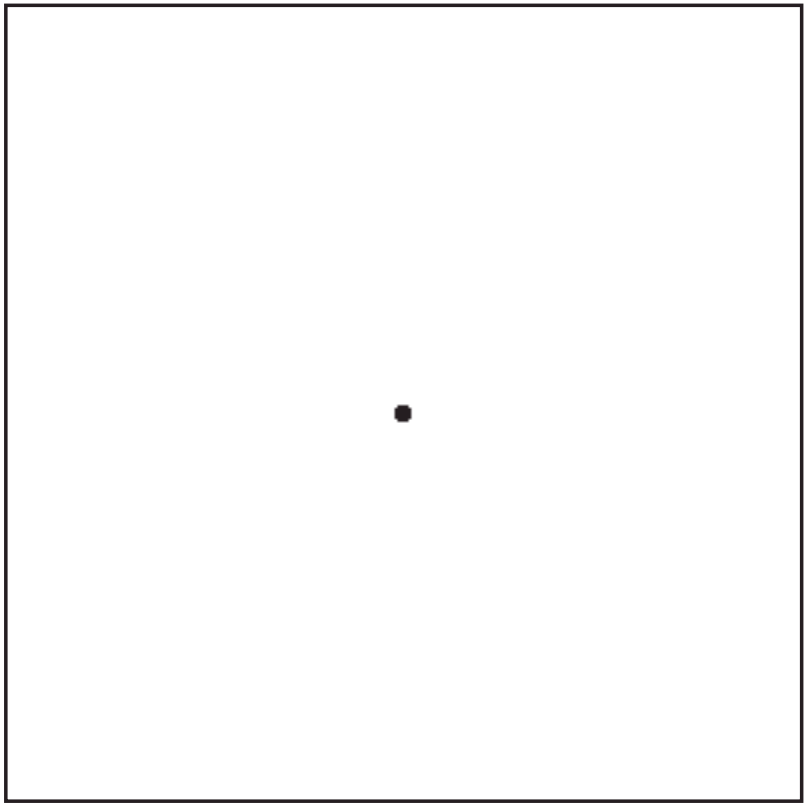


Doppler Effect

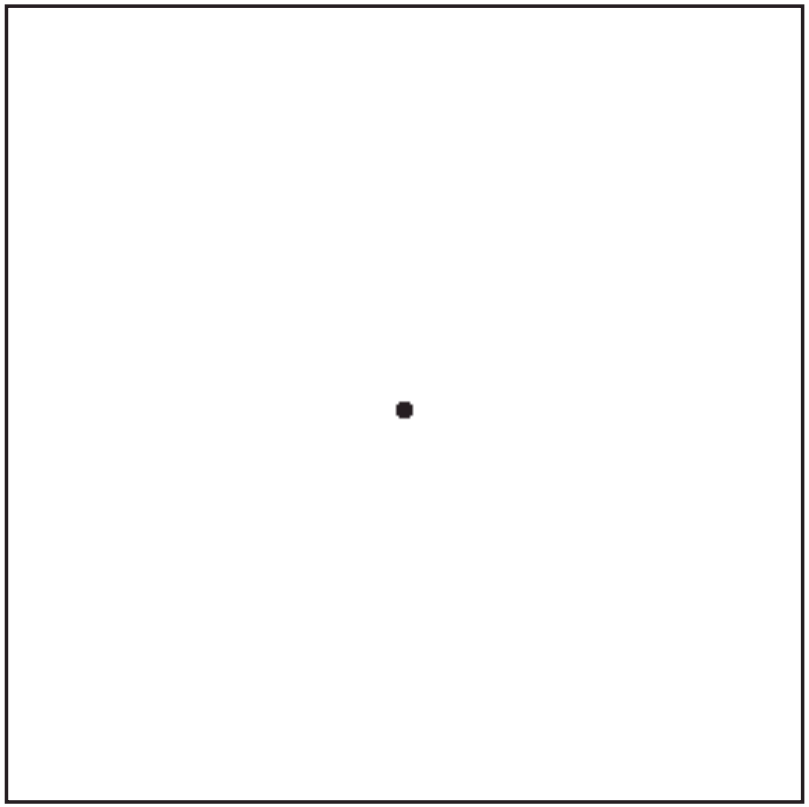
Those of you use to racing events like the Indy 500, or the sound of a police siren, are use to the Doppler effect.

The Doppler Effect

The effect arises from the relative motion of the observer and the source of light, sound, etc. The waves get squashed in the direction of motion and stretched in the opposite direction.



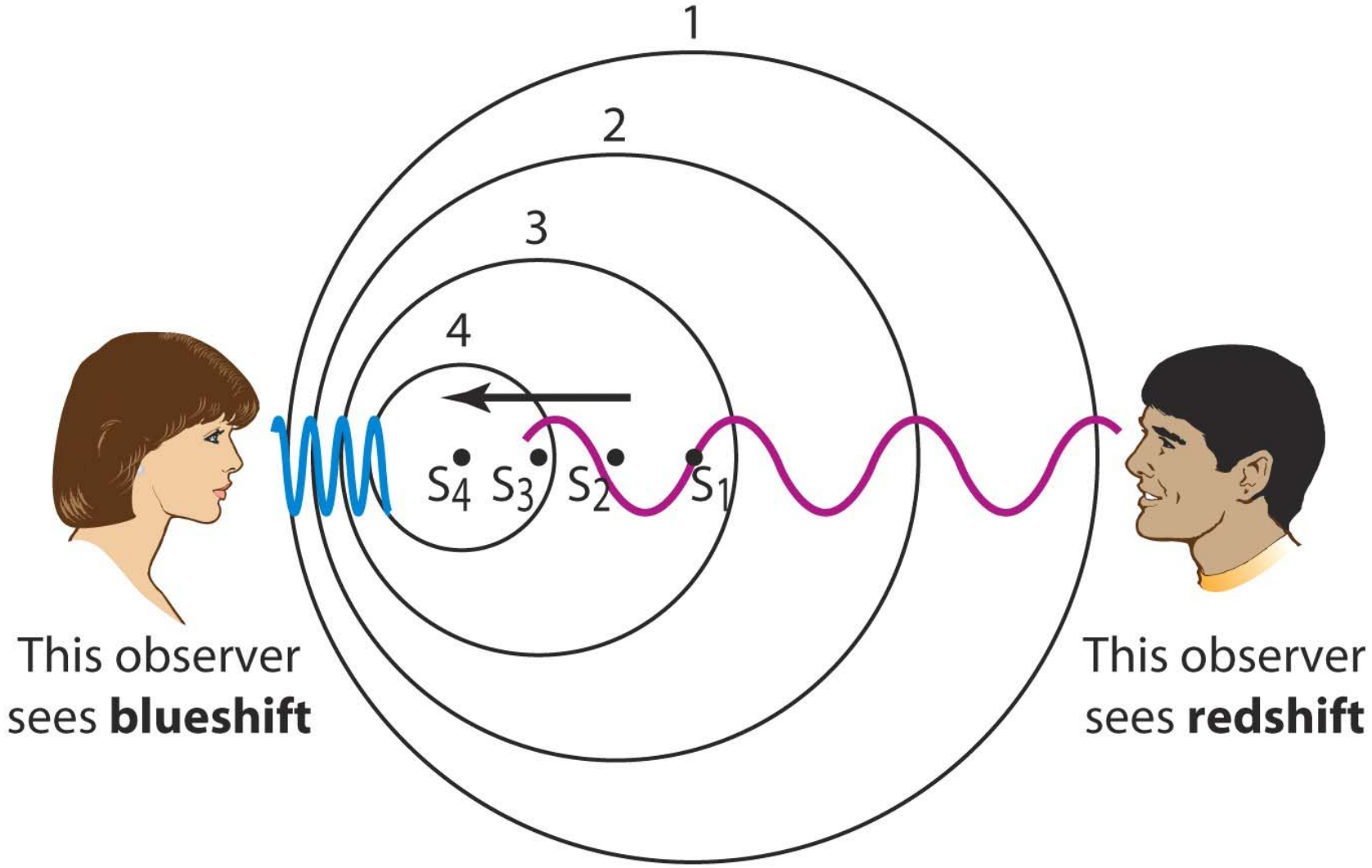
Source standing still



Source moving to right

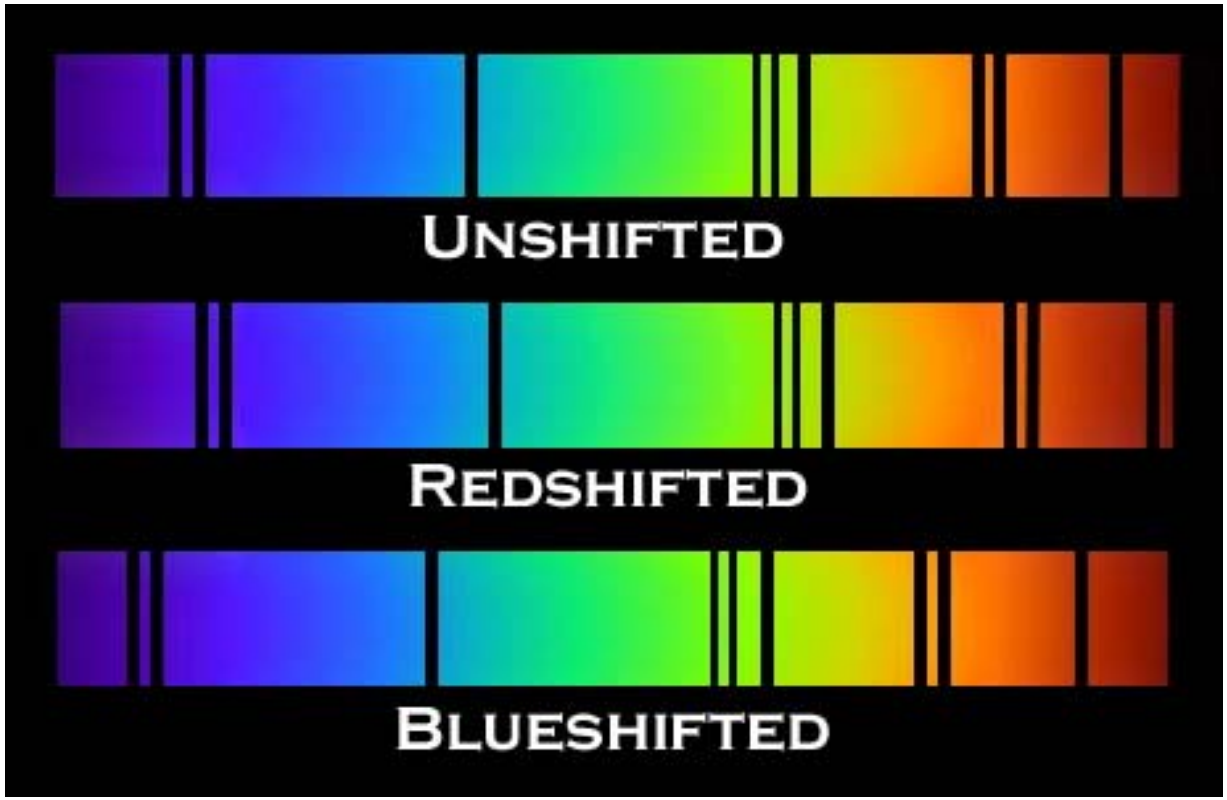
The Doppler Effect

The amount of the shift in wavelength depends on the relative velocity of the source and the observer

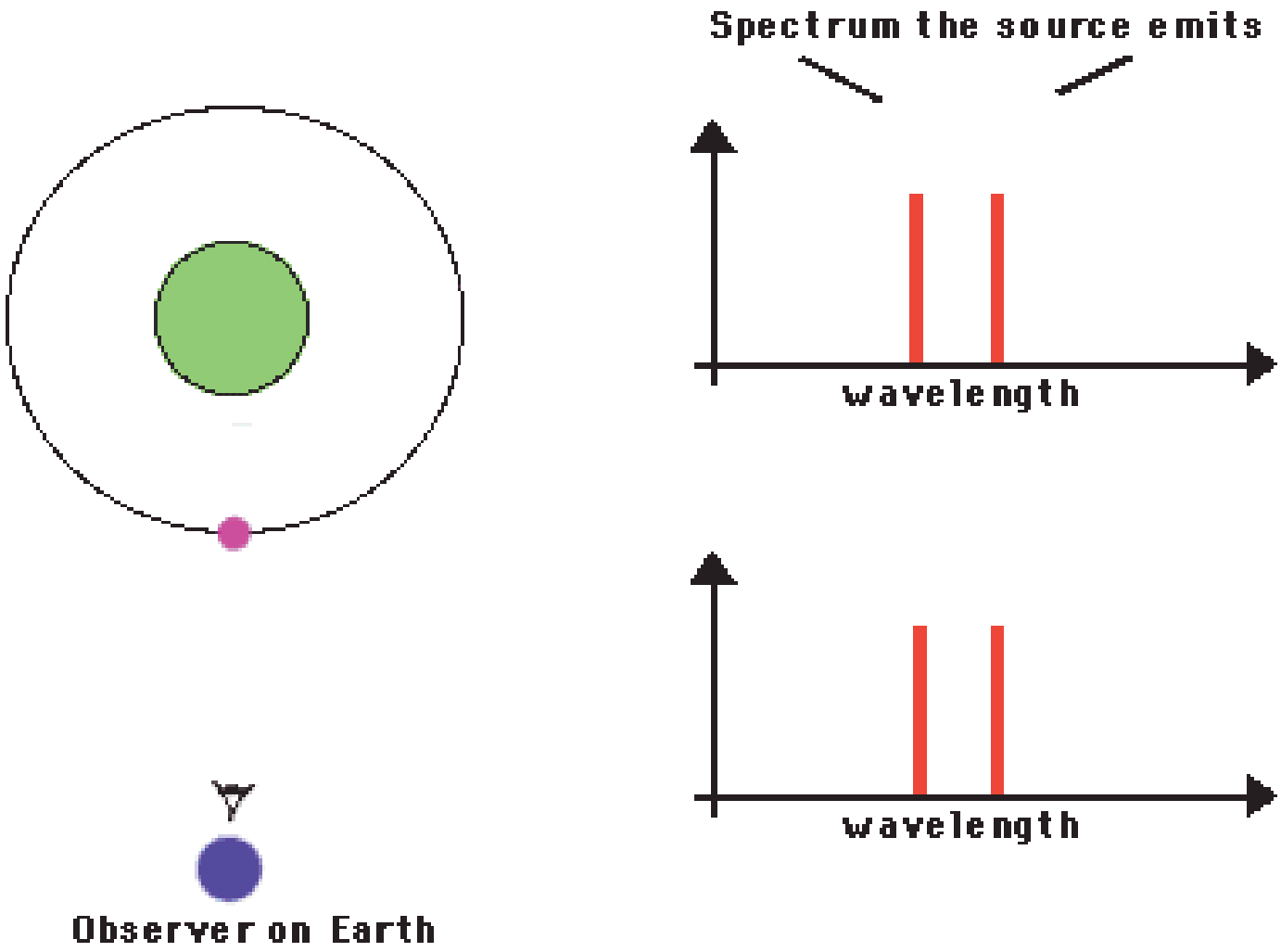


Applying Doppler Shift to Light

We can use the Doppler shift as a shift in the wavelength of spectral lines to determine the speed of the source of light– either **toward** or **away** from us.



Using Spectral Lines to Detect Line-of-Sight Motion



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Proper Motions vs. Radial Motions

- **Proper motion** is the part of an object's velocity perpendicular to the line of sight
- The Doppler shift only gives us the line-of-sight motion, not the proper motion