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# The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Quantum Odyssey

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전남 순천시 순천만



Girl with a Pearl Earring (Johannes Vermeer, circa 1965)

# Let there be Light!

THE BIG BANG  
BY KEEPWALKING07

A photograph of a lighthouse at night. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, with a bright beam of light radiating outwards. The sky is dark, with some stars visible. In the foreground, the silhouette of a cliff or rocky shore is visible. A small group of people can be seen standing near the lighthouse on the right side.

Let the **Light** guide us!

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The Pigeon Point Lighthouse, California

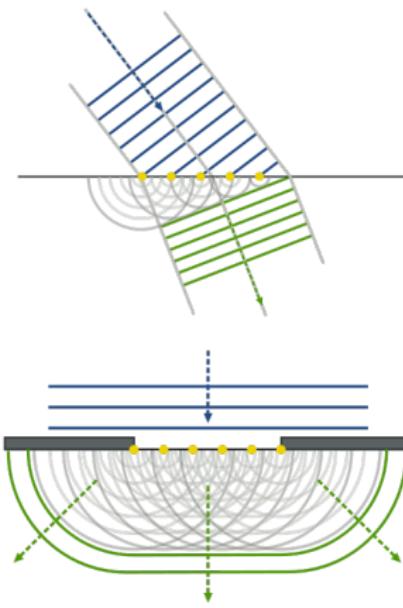
# What is Light?

# Light is a Wave?

(Treatise of Light, 1678)



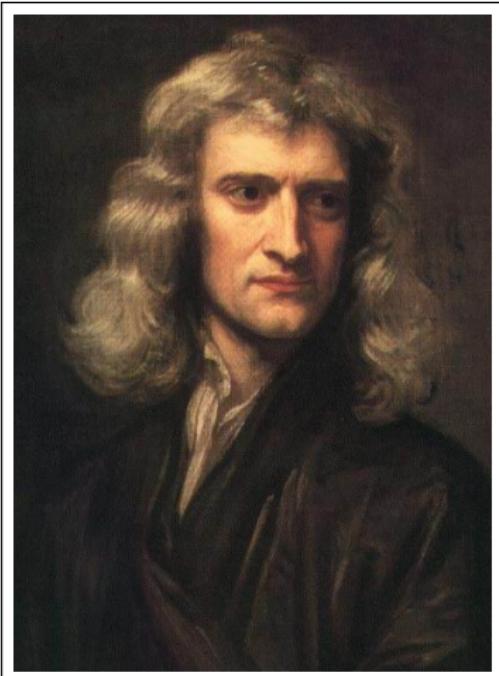
Christiaan Huygens (1629–1695)



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# Light Consists of Particles?

Opticks (Newton 1704)



Sir Isaac Newton (1643–1727)

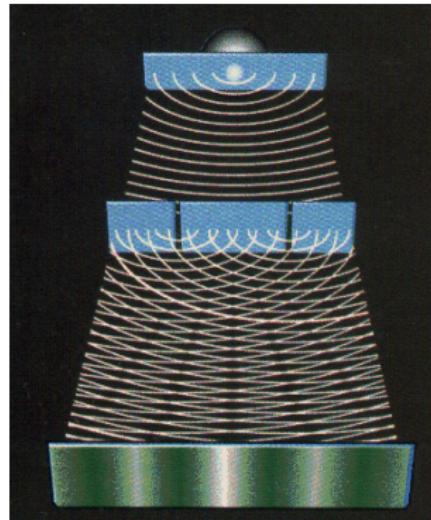


# Light is a Wave!

(Young, 1803\*)



Thomas Young (1773–1829)



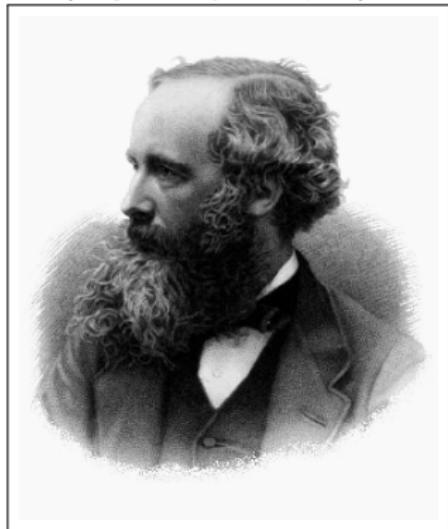
\*Young, Royal Society of London Philosophical Transactions Series I (1804)

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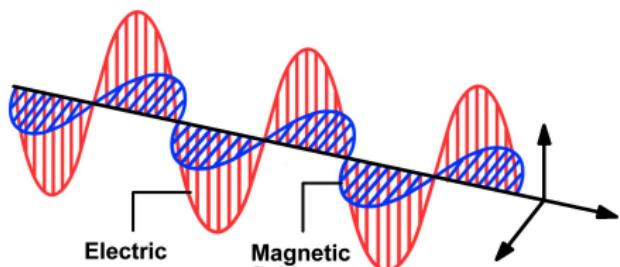
# Light is an Electromagnetic Wave!

(Maxwell, Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science, 1861)

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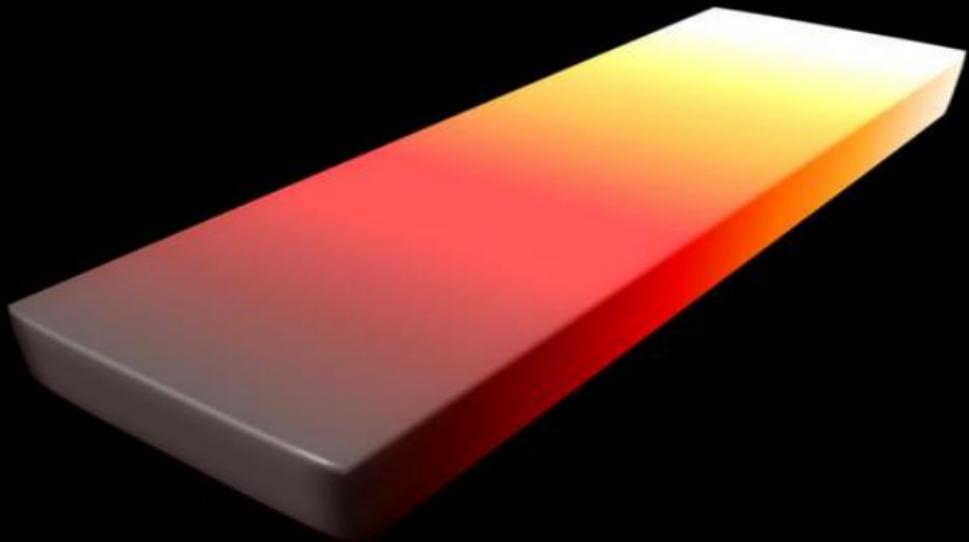
Jame C. Maxwell (1831–1879)



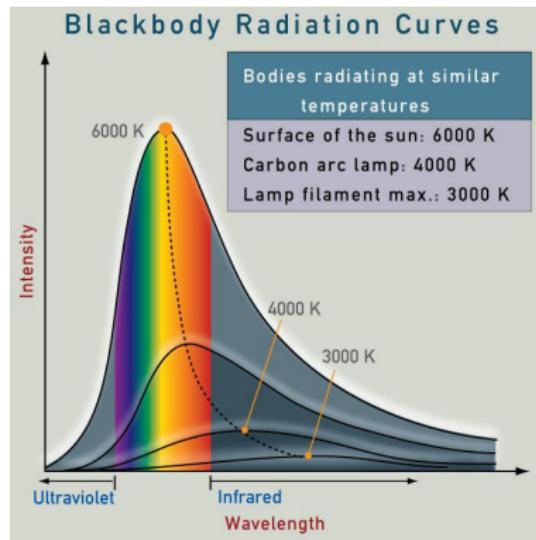
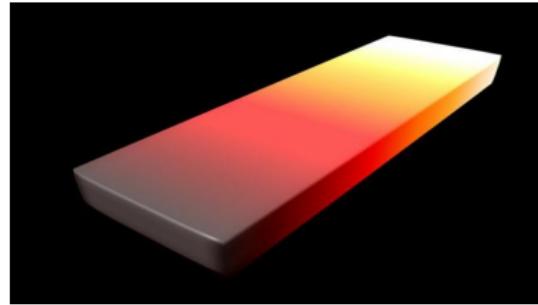
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- Faraday's induction law: “Change in magnetic field induces electric field.”
- Ampere's induction law: “Change in electric field induces magnetic field.”
- Even no need for medium!

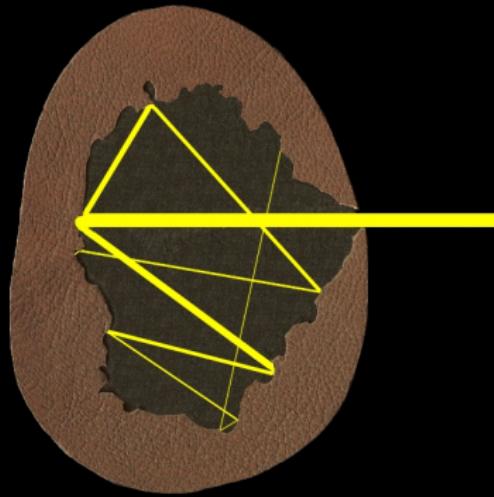
# New Challenges to the Theory of Light

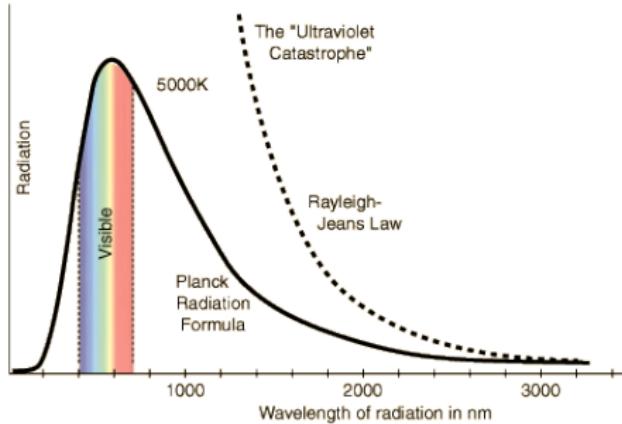
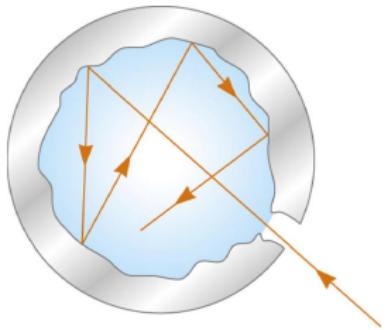






# Cavity as a Black-Body



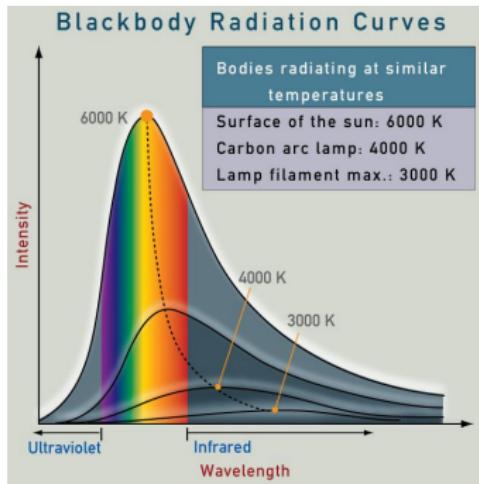


# Black-Body Radiation

(Planck, Ann. Physik, 1900a; Planck, Ann. Physik, 1900c; Planck, Verh. D. Phys. Ges. Berlin, 1900b)

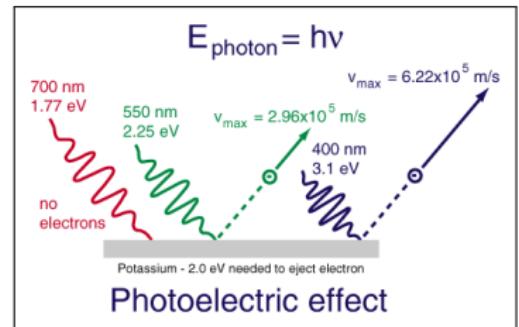
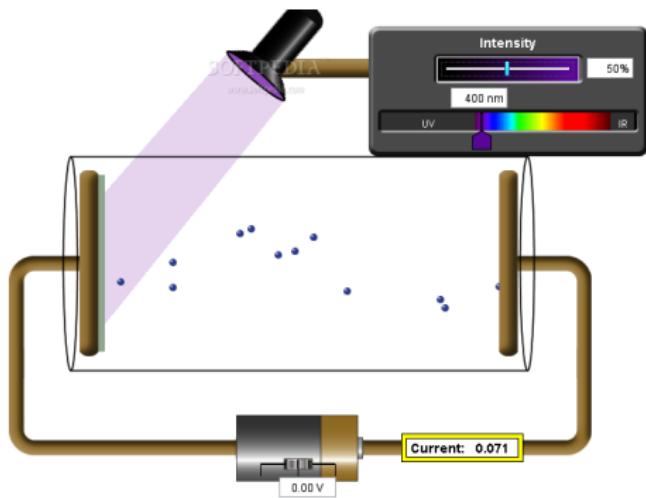


Max Planck (1858–1947)



$$\text{Intensity} \propto \frac{1}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}$$

$$(\text{energy})_{\text{photon}} = h \times (\text{frequency})$$



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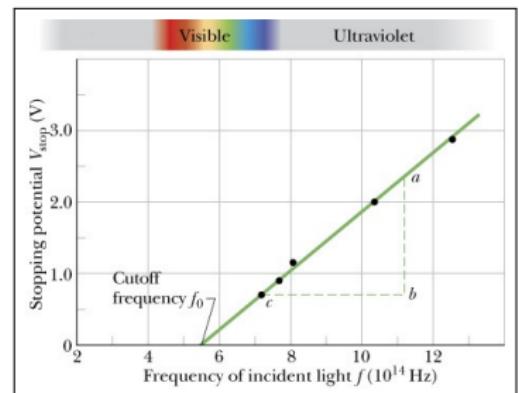
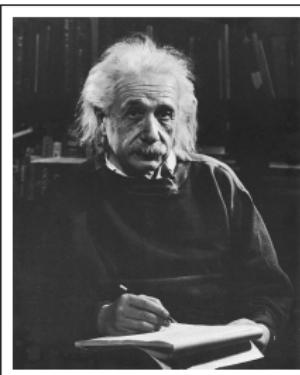
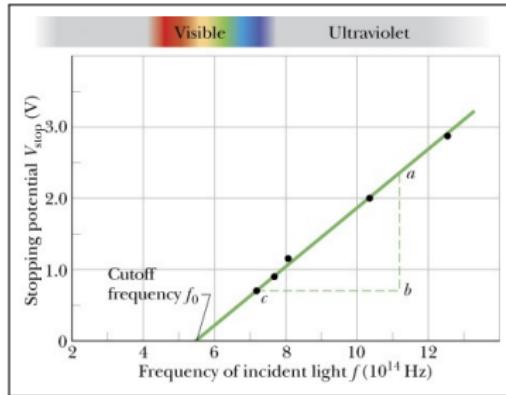
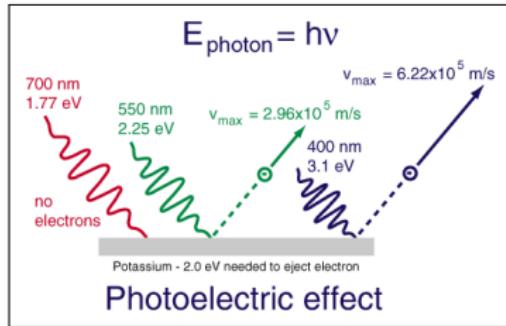


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# Photoelectric Effect

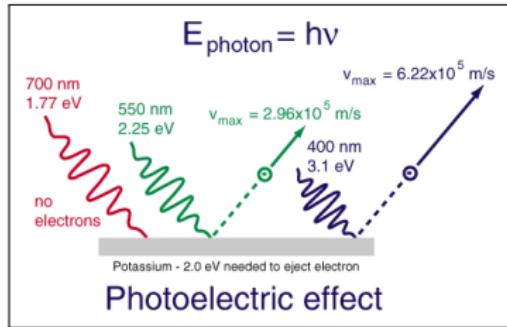
(Einstein, Ann. Phys., 1905)



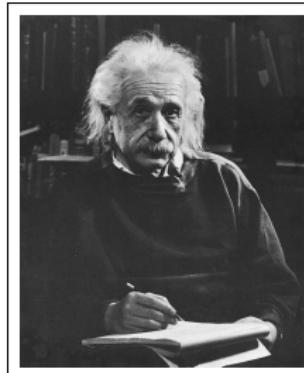
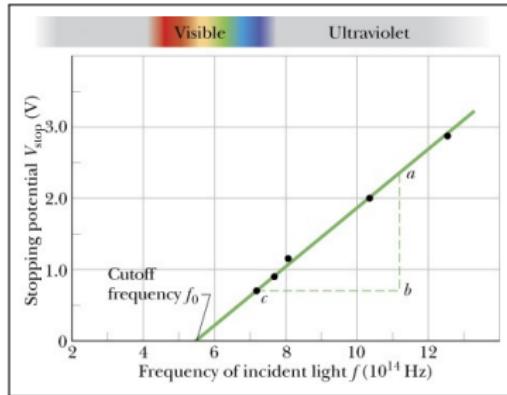
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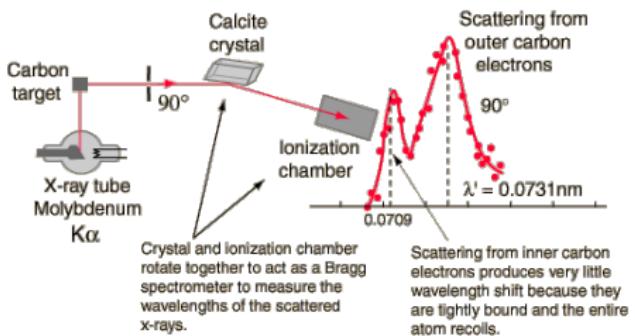
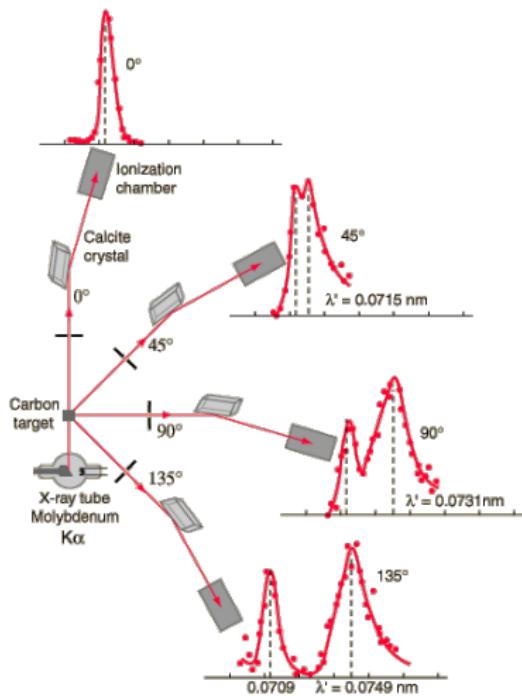
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$$E_{\text{photon}} = h\nu = \hbar\omega$$



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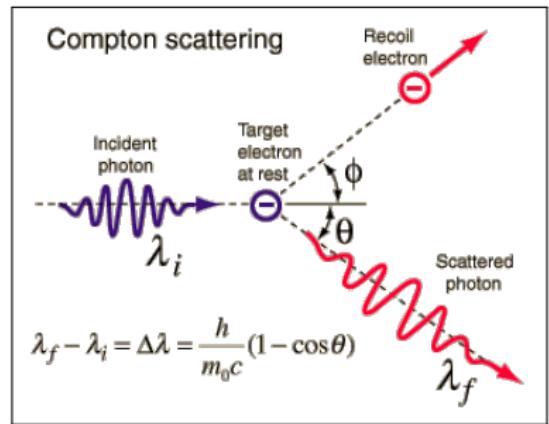
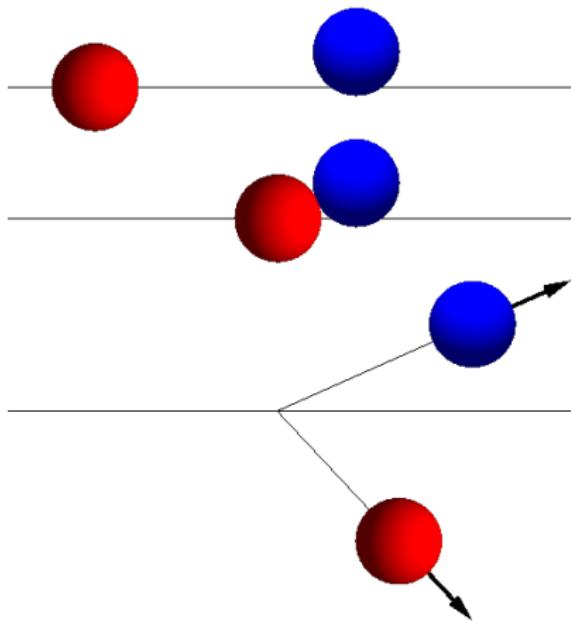


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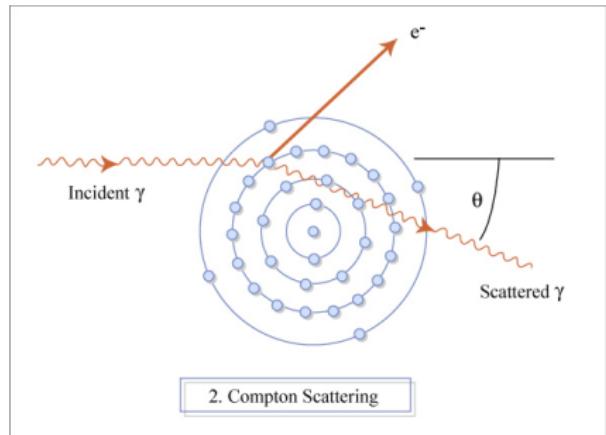
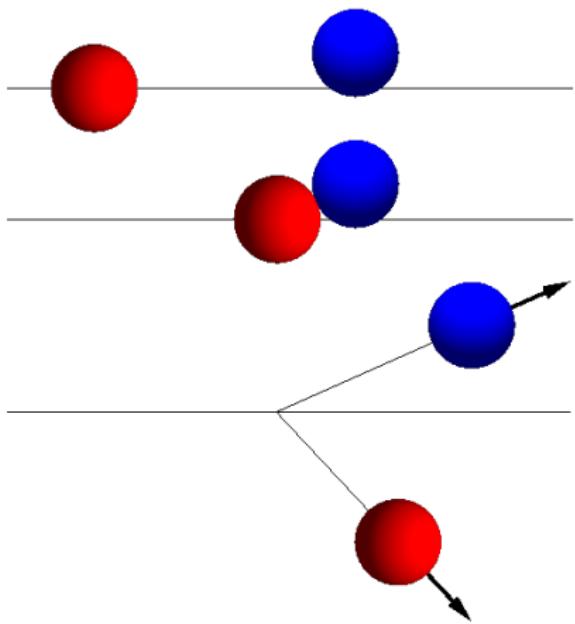
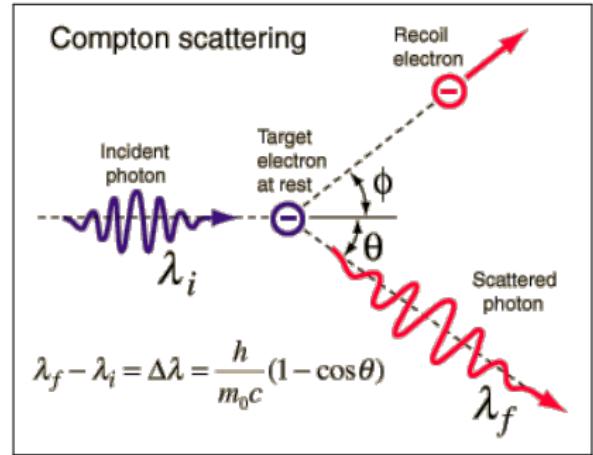
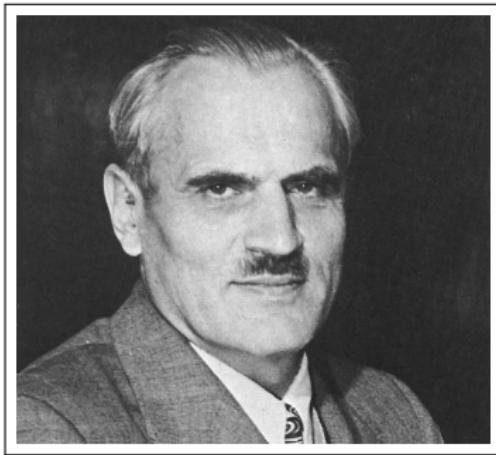


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2. Compton Scattering

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(Arthur Holly Compton, 1923)



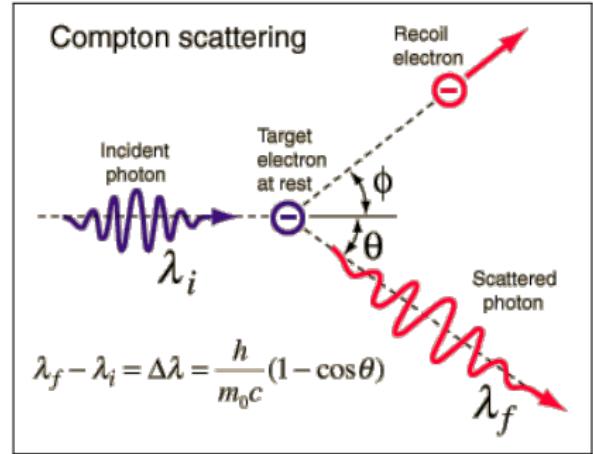
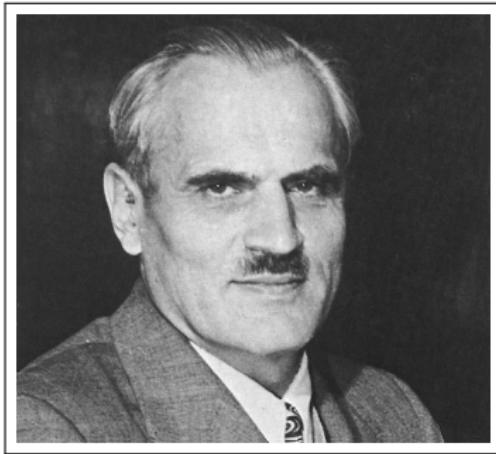
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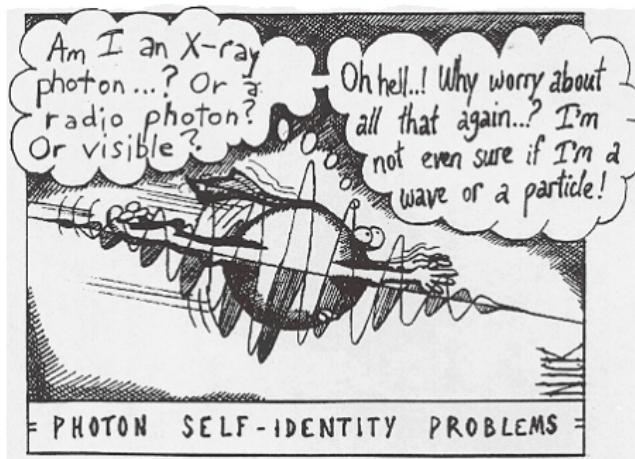
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$$(\text{energy})_{\text{photon}} = h \times (\text{frequency})$$

$$(\text{momentum})_{\text{photon}} = \frac{h}{(\text{wavelength})}$$

# Particles or Wave?

(Self-Identity Problem of Photons)



<http://claesjohnson.blogspot.com/>

## “Light Meets Dark.”



“The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.” Niels Bohr\*

We all thought that light is a wave.  
But it turns out that light is a particle, too.

We all know that electron is a particle.  
But could it be a wave, too?



# Wave-Particle Duality

(Broglie 1924)



Louis de Broglie (1892–1987)  
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- Light (a wave) has momentum (like a particle)

$$\text{(momentum)} = \frac{h}{\text{(wavelength)}}$$

- Why not a particle with momentum behaving as a wave?

$$\text{(wavelength)} = \frac{h}{\text{(momentum)}}$$

# Possible? ...?

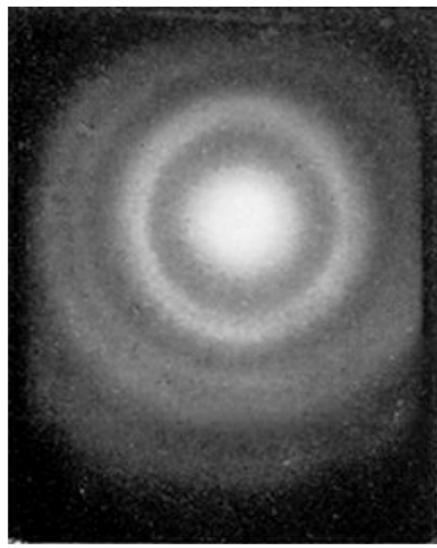


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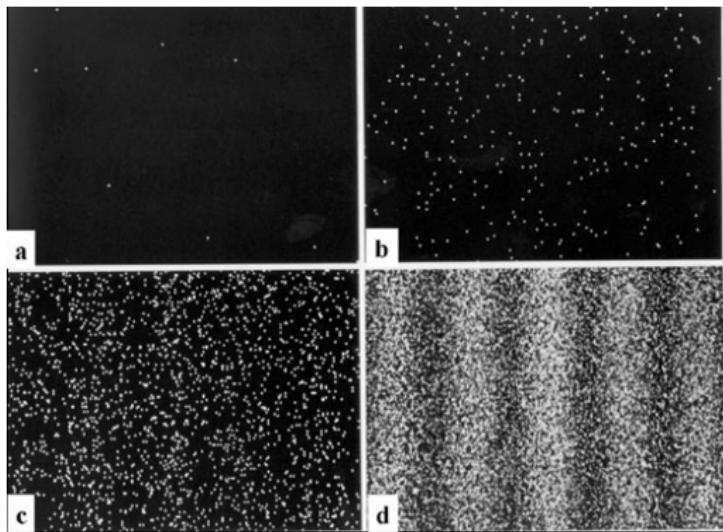
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# Electron Diffraction Experiments

(Davisson & Germer, Nature, 1927; Thomson, Proc. R. Soc. London A, 1928)



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(Hitachi Lab, 1994)

Electrons behave like a wave!

A true double-slit experiment with electrons by Jönsson, Z. Physik (1961).

The Hitachi experiment is an extension of Tonomura et al., Am. J. Phys. (1989).

# The 10 Most Beautiful Experiments in Physics

(Crease, Physics World, 2002; Crease, Physics World, 2002)

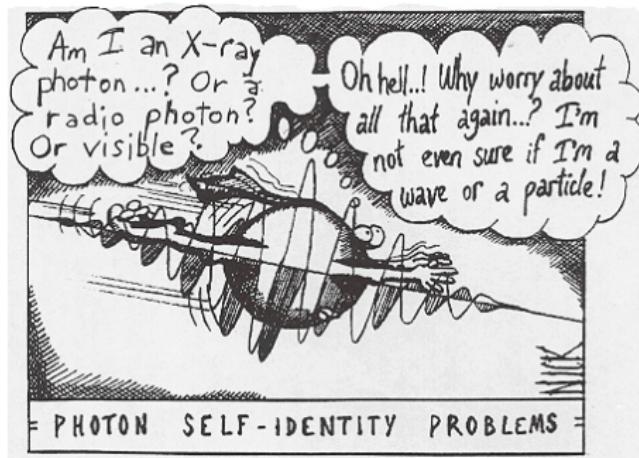
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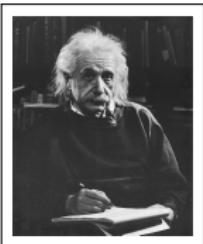
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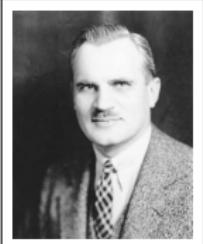
**Self-Identity Problem for ANY Particles!!**

# Wave-Particle Duality

(A. Einstein, 1902; A. H. Compton, 1923; L. de Broglie, 1924)



Let light (wave) have discrete energies!  
 $(\text{energy}) = h \times (\text{frequency})$



Let light (wave) have momentum!  
 $(\text{momentum}) = \frac{h}{(\text{wavelength})}$



Let particles behave like a wave with:  
 $(\text{frequency}) = h \times (\text{energy}) ,$

$$(\text{wavelength}) = \frac{h}{(\text{momentum})}$$

(energy) =  $h \times$  (frequency)

(momentum) =  $\frac{h}{(\text{wavelength})}$

# Baron Ashura vs Jekyll & Hyde

(bad and good analogies of wave-particle duality)



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## The complementarity principle

Once wave-like, not like particles!

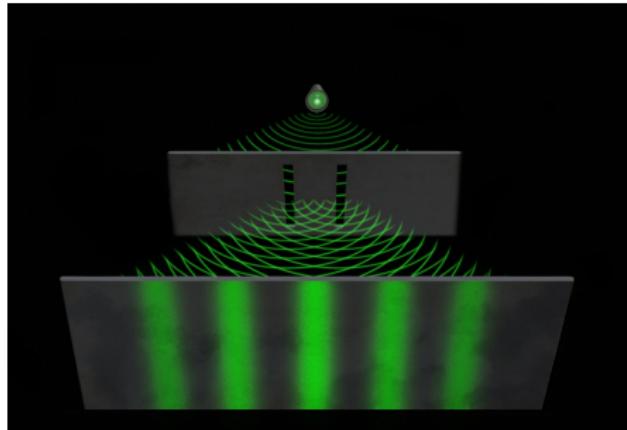
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# **Consequences?**

**(superposition & interference)**

# Interference of Particles

(How can it be possible?)



VS

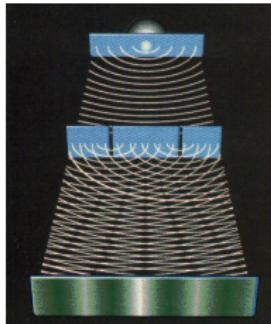


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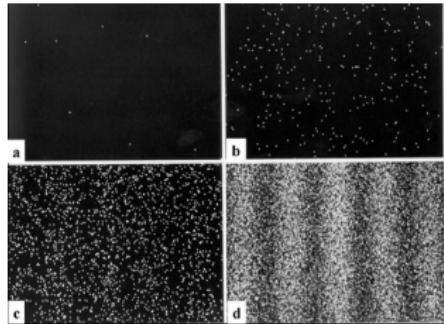
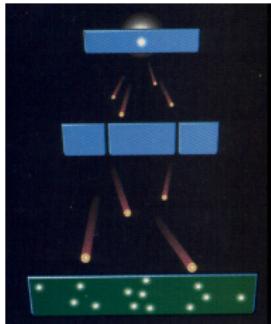
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# Interference of “Single” Particles

(one by one)



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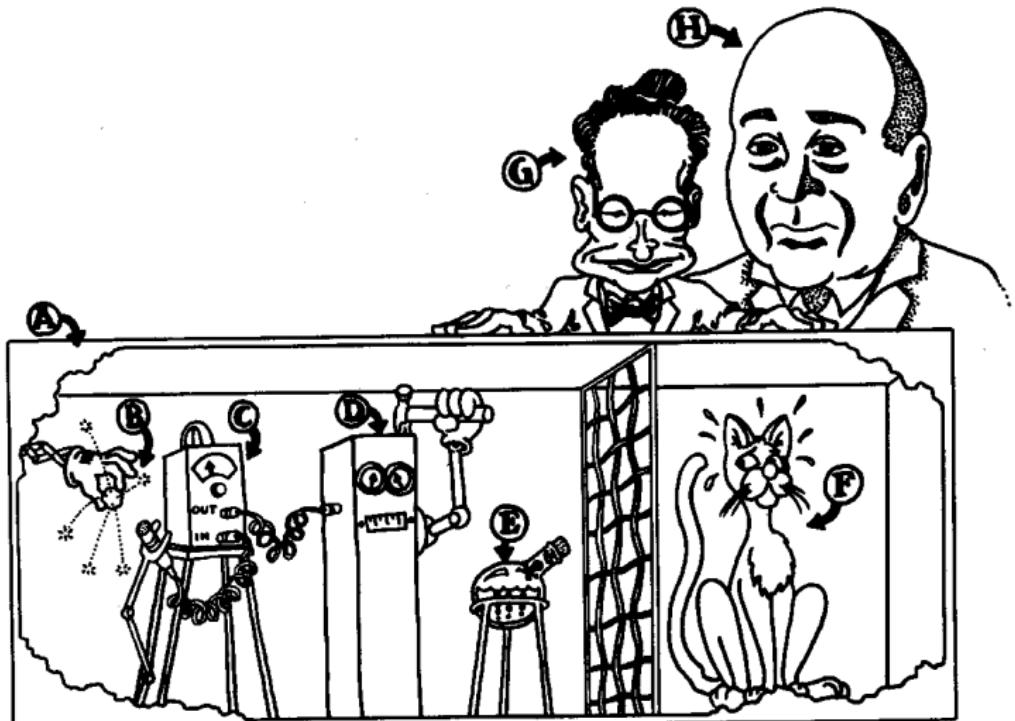


$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Psi_L + \Psi_R)$$

# “Superposition,” Does it Make Sense?



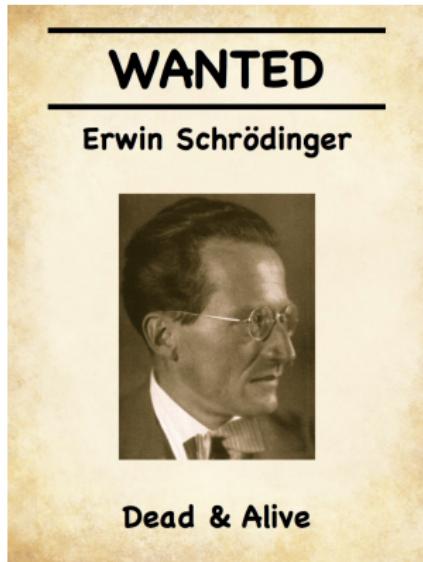
# Schrödinger's Cat (1935)



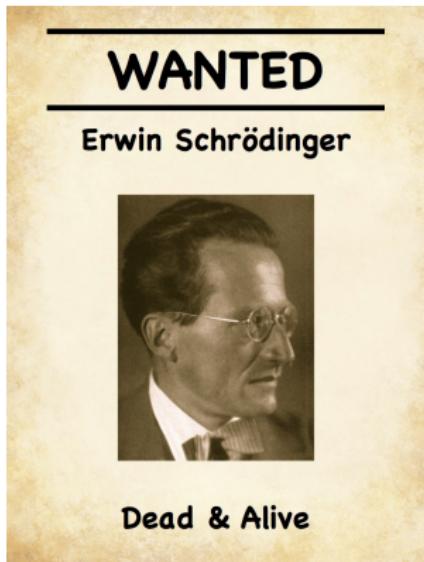
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William R. Warren, Jr. (1985)

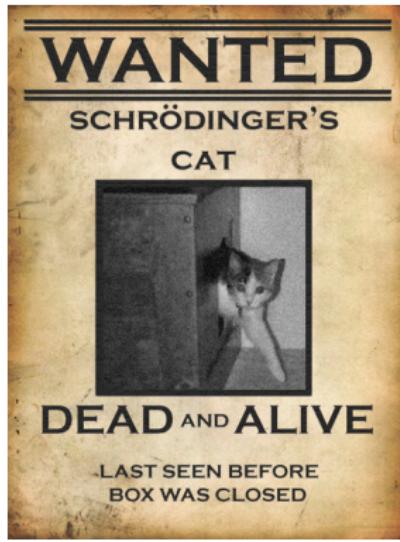
# The Enemy of The School



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**The Copenhagen School Wants  
Schrödinger  
Dead AND Alive.  
Take Schrödinger into custody  
dead and alive,  
and you will get A+.**



Bring Schrödinger's cat, too,  
**dead and alive,**  
and you'll get A++.

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