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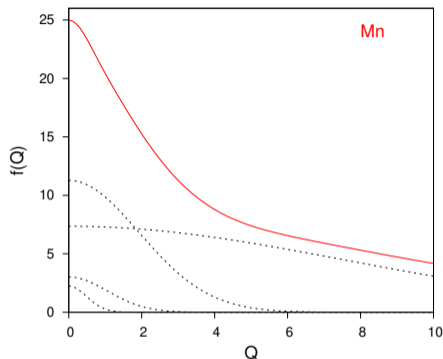


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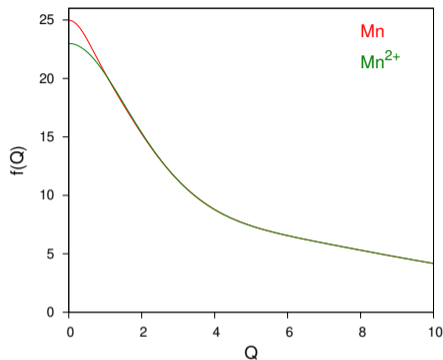


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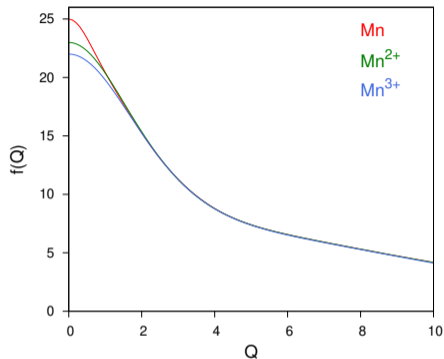


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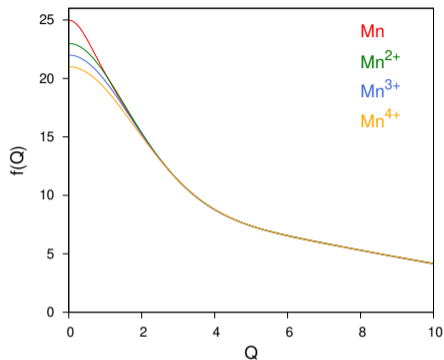


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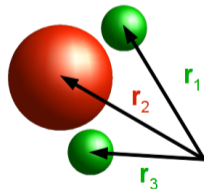
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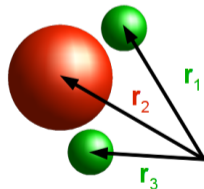
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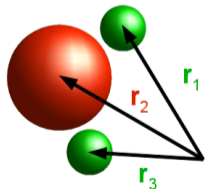
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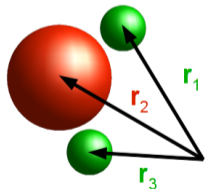
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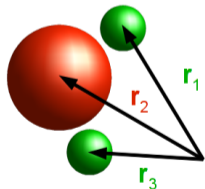
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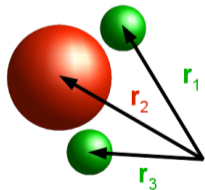
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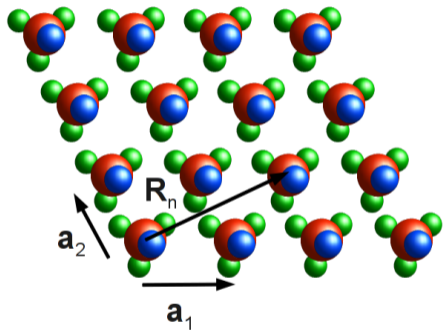


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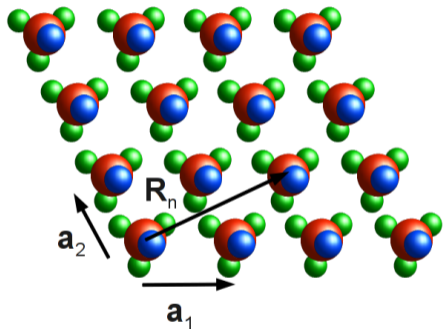


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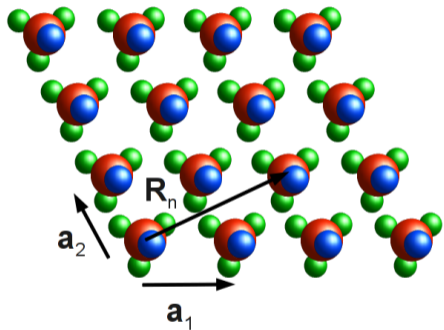
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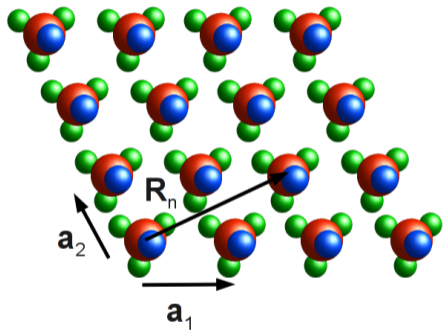
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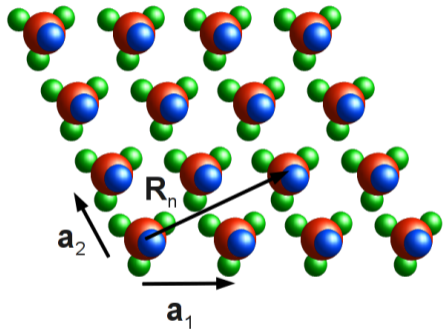
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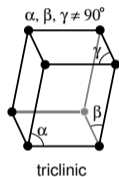
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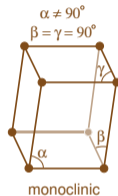
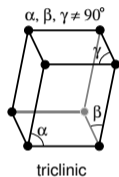
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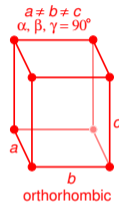
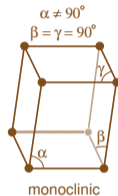
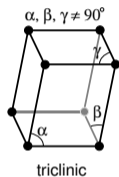
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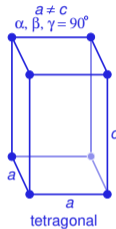
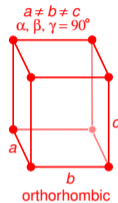
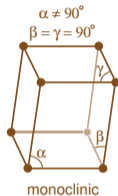
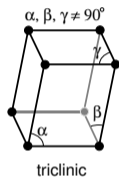
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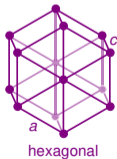
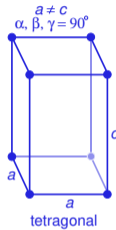
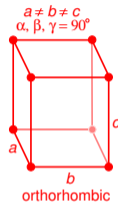
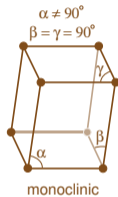
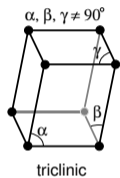
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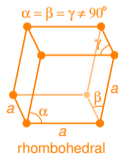
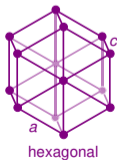
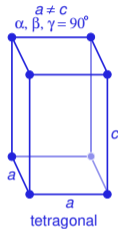
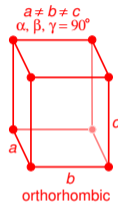
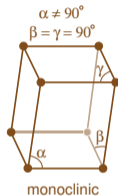
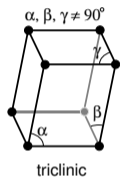
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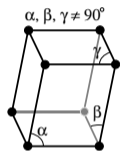
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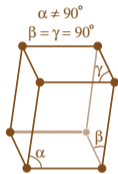
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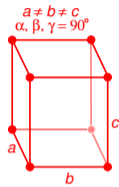
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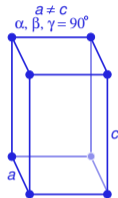
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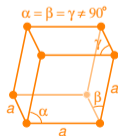
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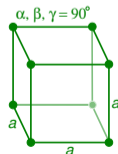
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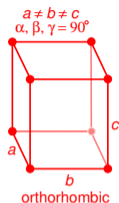


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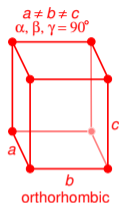
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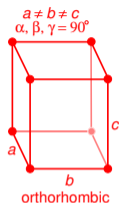


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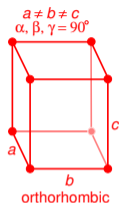
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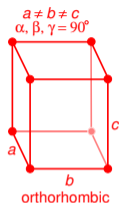
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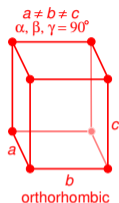
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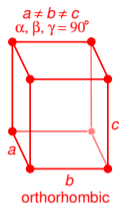
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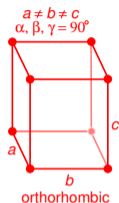
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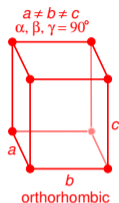
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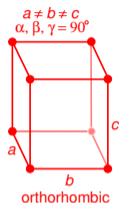
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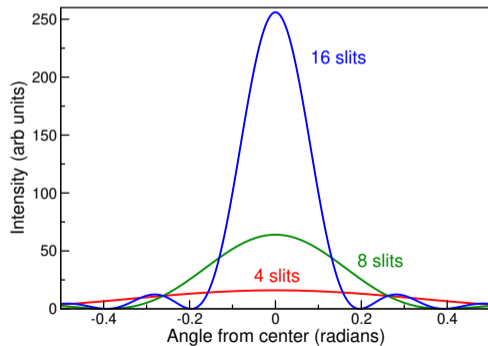
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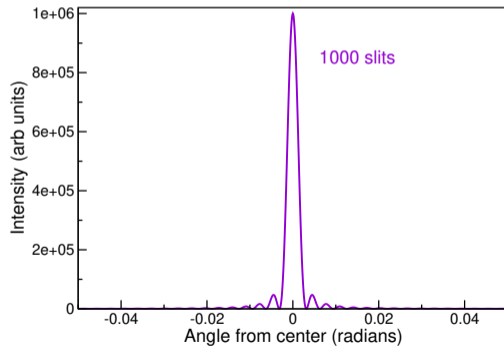
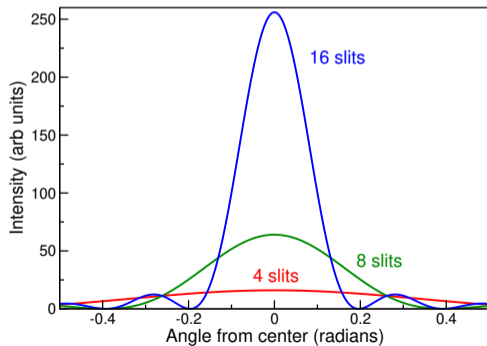


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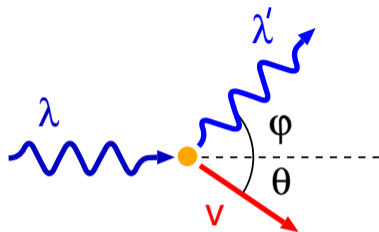


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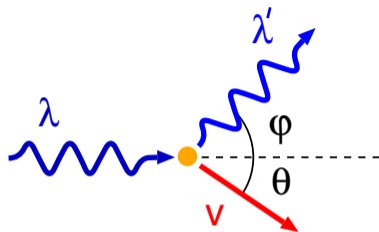


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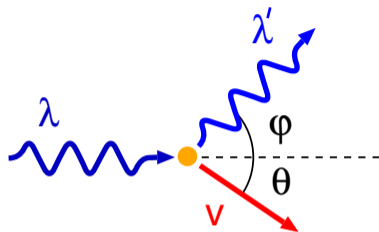


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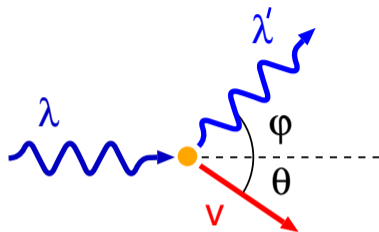


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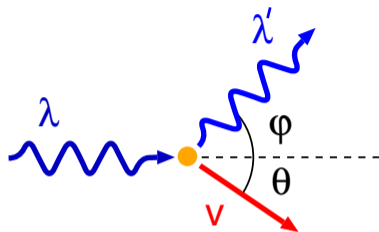


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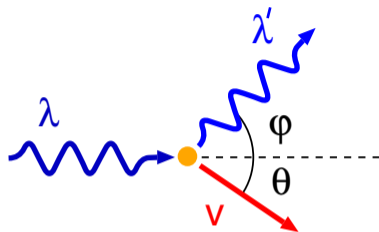
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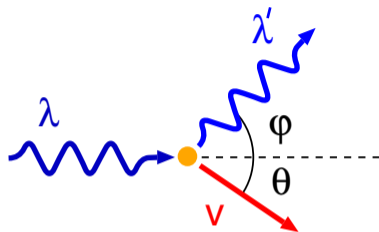
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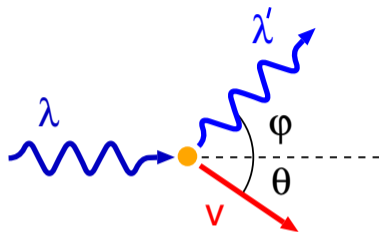
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After expansion, cancellation, and rearrangement, we obtain

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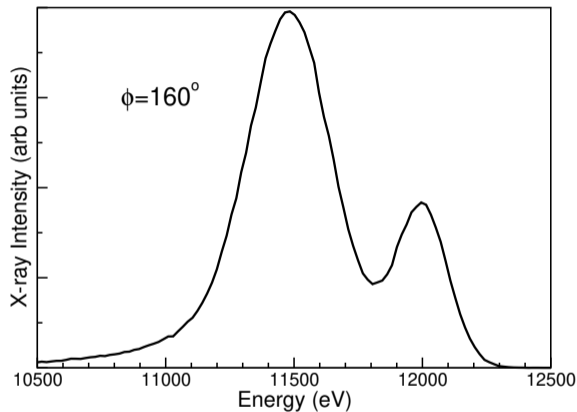
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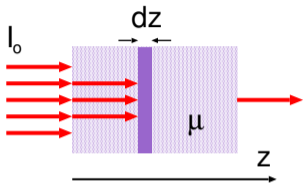
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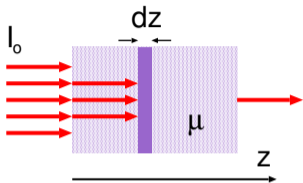


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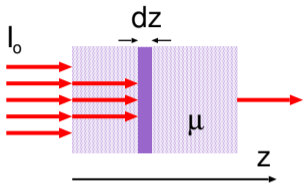


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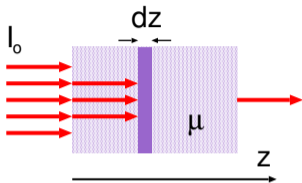
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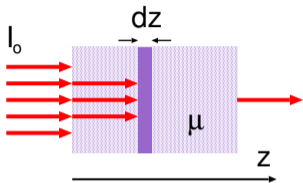
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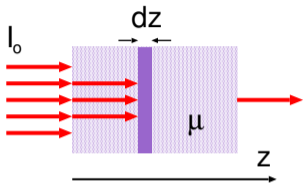


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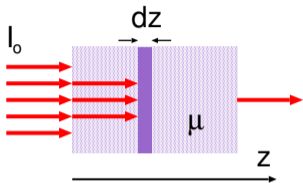
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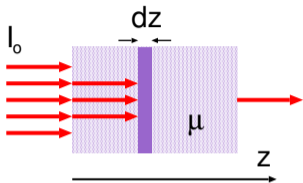
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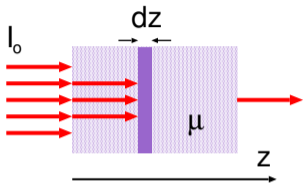
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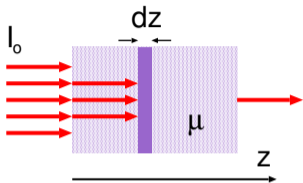
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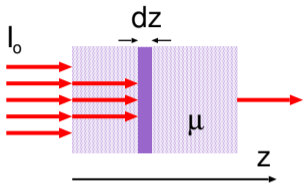
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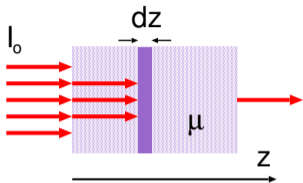
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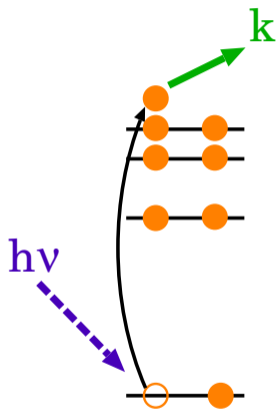
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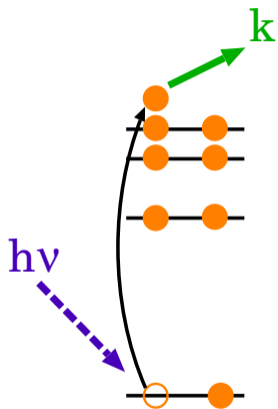
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This is just Beer's law with an absorption coefficient which depends on x-ray parameters.

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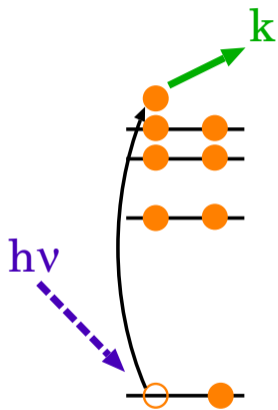


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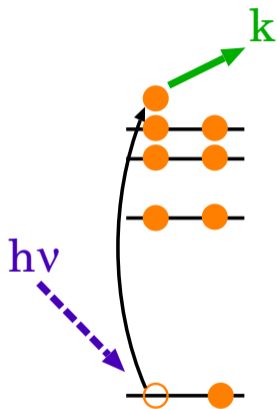
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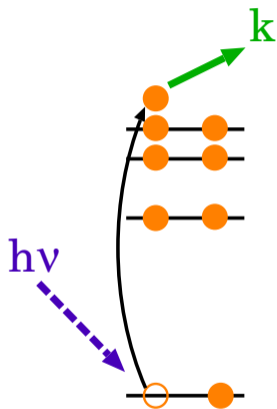


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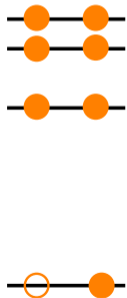
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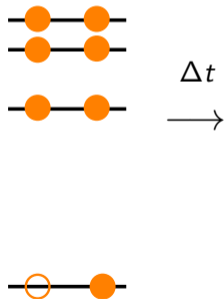


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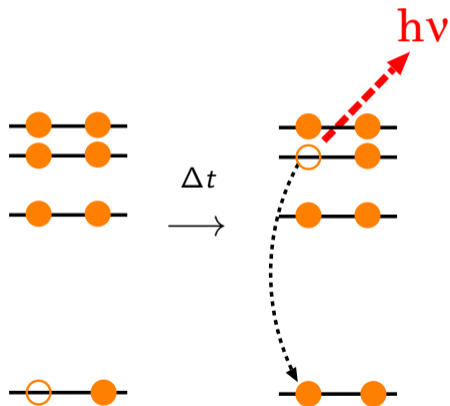
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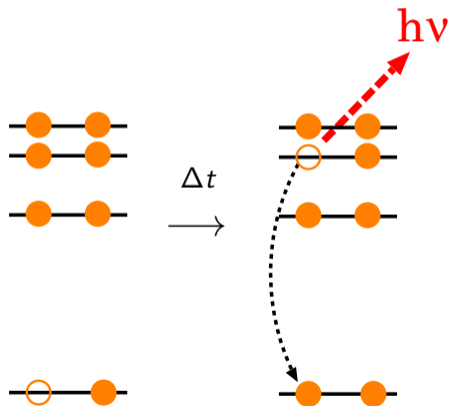
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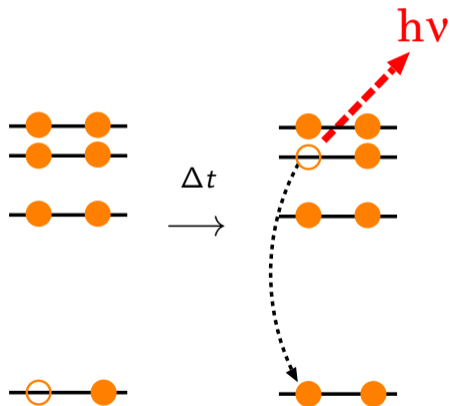
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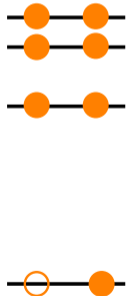
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Auger emission



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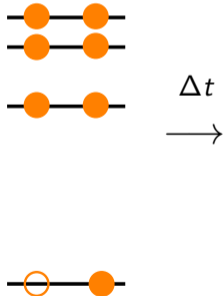


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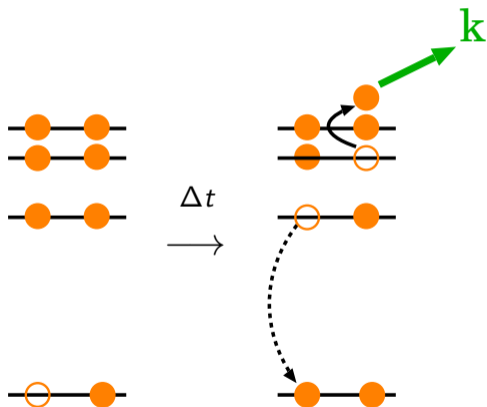
In the Auger process, a higher level electron will drop down in energy to fill the core hole



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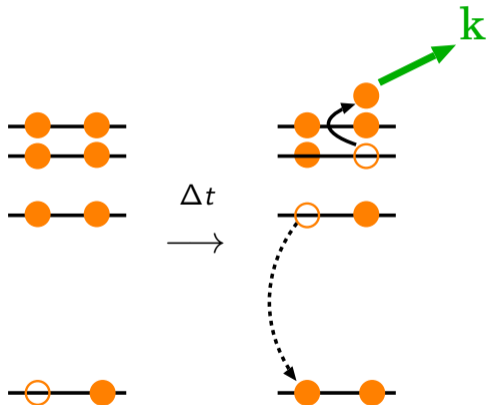
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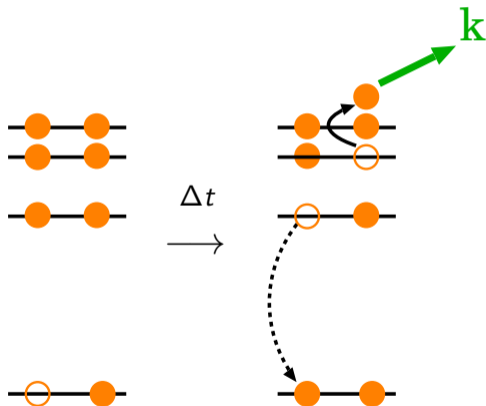
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So that the secondary electron is accompanied by fluorescence emissions at lower energies

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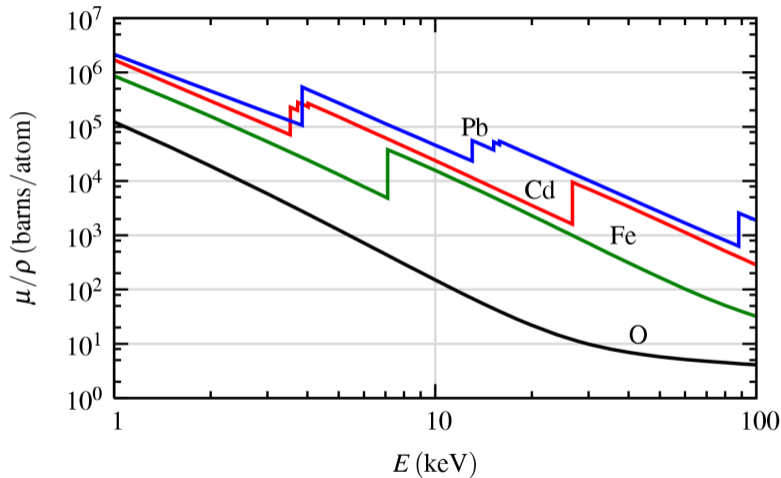
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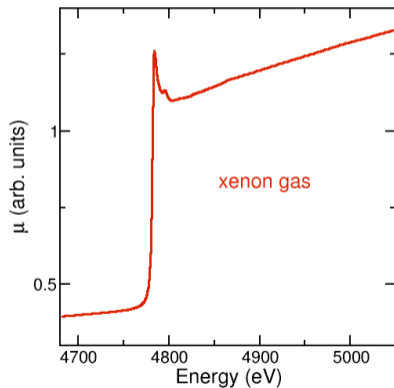
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Isolated gas atoms show a sharp jump and a smooth curve but atoms in a solid or liquid show fine structure after the absorption edge called XANES and EXAFS

