

# The World of Diverse Matter — The Distant Journey from Space to Earth

The Diversity of Materials Borne from the Collective  
Actions of Atoms, Electrons, and Molecules

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lecture

Modern Hi-Tech Society and Materials Science  
From Atoms to Solids



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# Lost in Hi-Tech Society

- People living today daily benefit from the advanced science and technology.
- Nevertheless, those hi-tech apparatus are becoming more and more like black-boxes. I fear that despite (or, because of?) the development of science and technology the science literacy of general public and youngster is deteriorating.
- Many people tend to view the science and technology as “somebody else’s business”.
- There are so many important issues on which people have to make decisions on the basis of good understanding of science and technology. Without scientific knowledge, people have no other choice than to blindly follow what media will tell them, or to rely on uneducated gut feeling.

# The Utility of Learning Physics

- The utility of learning science for those who are not science-major is that it helps to develop “**common sense**”. Armed with such common sense, one can immediately discern such questionable paranormal phenomena that contradicts the basic principles of physics, such as the law of energy conservation, the law of increasing entropy, and the principle of causality. Namely, one is able to exercise “**sound skepticism**”.
- By contrast, what is the best part of being a practicing physicist? I think the best of physicist’s joy is to encounter a novel phenomenon that overturn the pre-existing “**common sense**”.

# Lecture Plan

Lectures 1-4: Sachio Komamiya and Yasushi Suto **Elementary Particle Physics and Space**

“From Micro Particles to Macro Space”

Lectures 5-7: Yasuhiro Iye and Norimichi Kojima **Condensed Matter Science**

“The Diversity of Matter Born from the Actions of Atoms, Electrons, and Molecules”

## My lecture

Lecture 5: Modern Hi-Tech Society and Materials Science  
From Atoms to Solids

Lecture 6: Quantum World  
Nanoscience, Superconductivity, Superfluidity

Lectures 8-10: Yuichi Sugiyama **Pharmaceutical sciences**

“The Search for and Creation of Matter with Desirable Properties — Discoveries from the Field of Pharmaceutical Science”

Lectures 11-12: Toshihiko Koseki and Akira Toriumi **Materials Engineering**

“Changing Matter — From Matter to Material”

Lectures 13: Hiroshi Komiyama **Environmental and System Engineering**

“An Everlasting Future for Our Small Earth”

# Today's Talk

## Modern Hi-Tech Society and Materials Science

The Tale of Big and Small

Modern Hi-Tech Society and Materials Science

Some Fundamental Concepts in Physics

What is Condensed Matter Physics all about?

## From Atoms to Solids

Quantum Mechanics and Atomic Structure

From Atoms to Solids

# Textbook

(a bit of advertisement)

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21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**[最先端がわかる]** 東京大学物性研究所編  
堀風館



**13人の科学者が語る物質科学の最前線**

“針の先で1個の原子をつり上げる”、  
“電気を運ばない電子の流れ”…

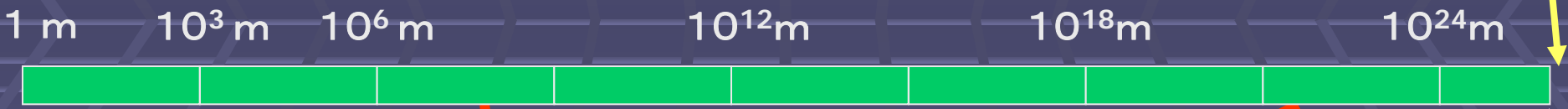
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# The Tales of Big and Small

# The Tale of Big: Traveling Up the Scale

the size of the universe



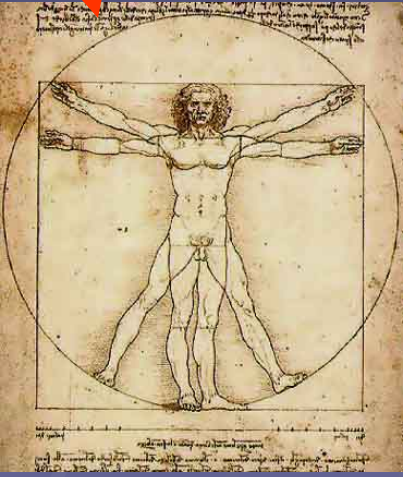
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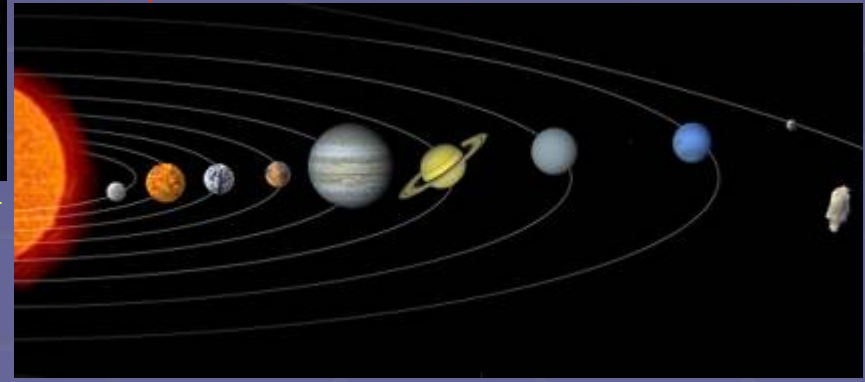
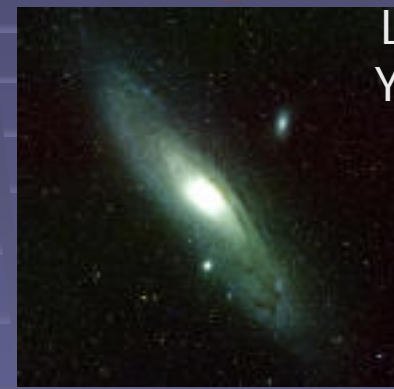
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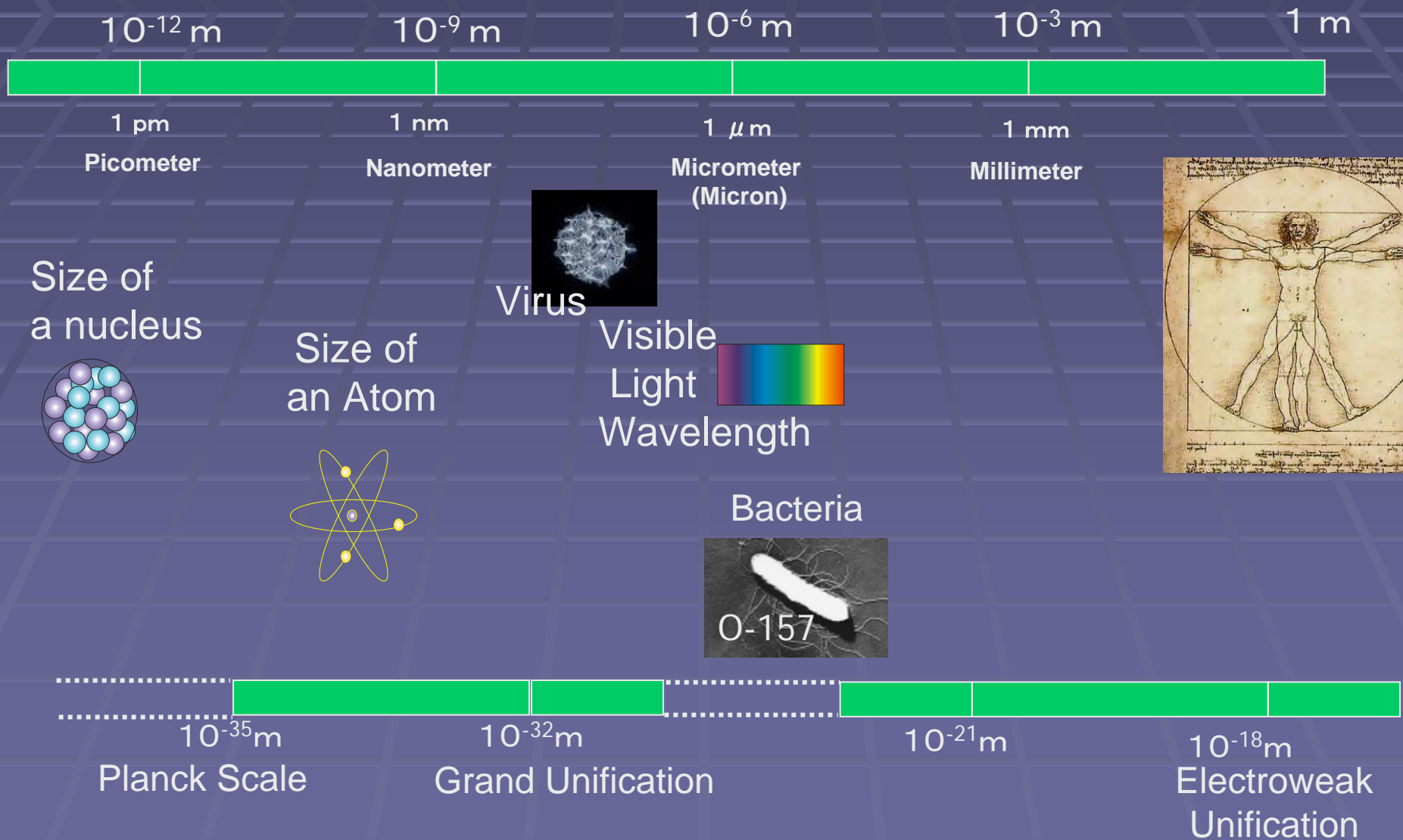
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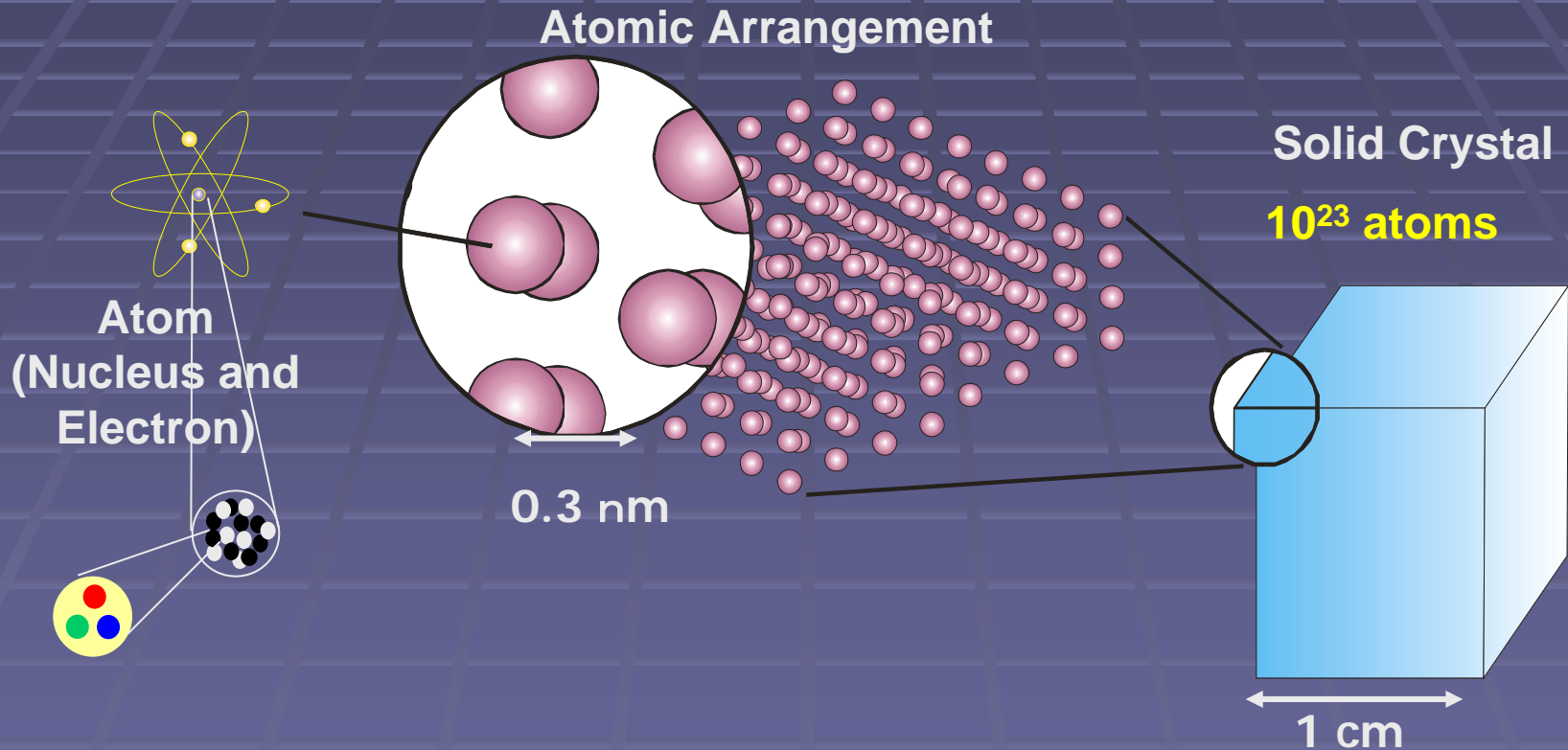
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# The Tale of Small: Traveling Down the Scale



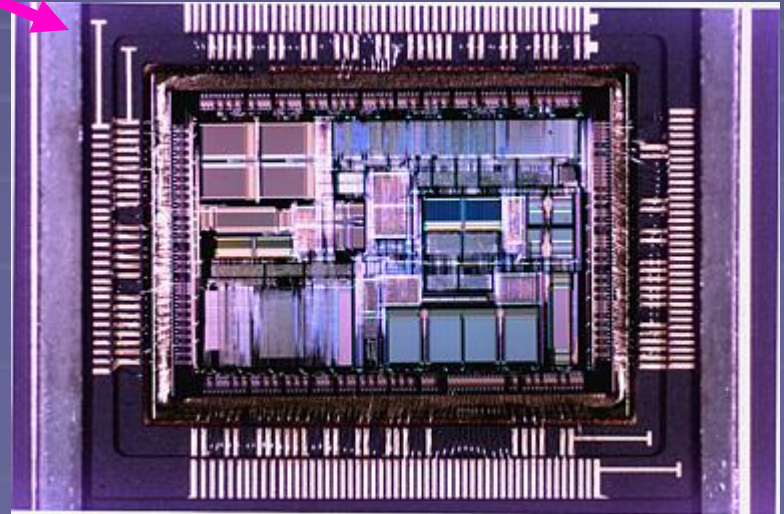
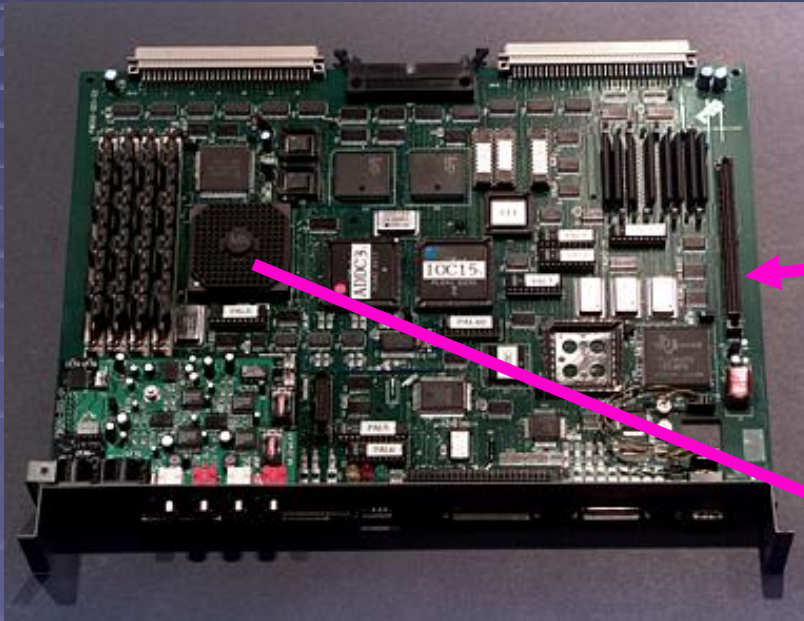
# The Hierarchical Structure of the Material World



# Modern Hi-Tech Society and Physics

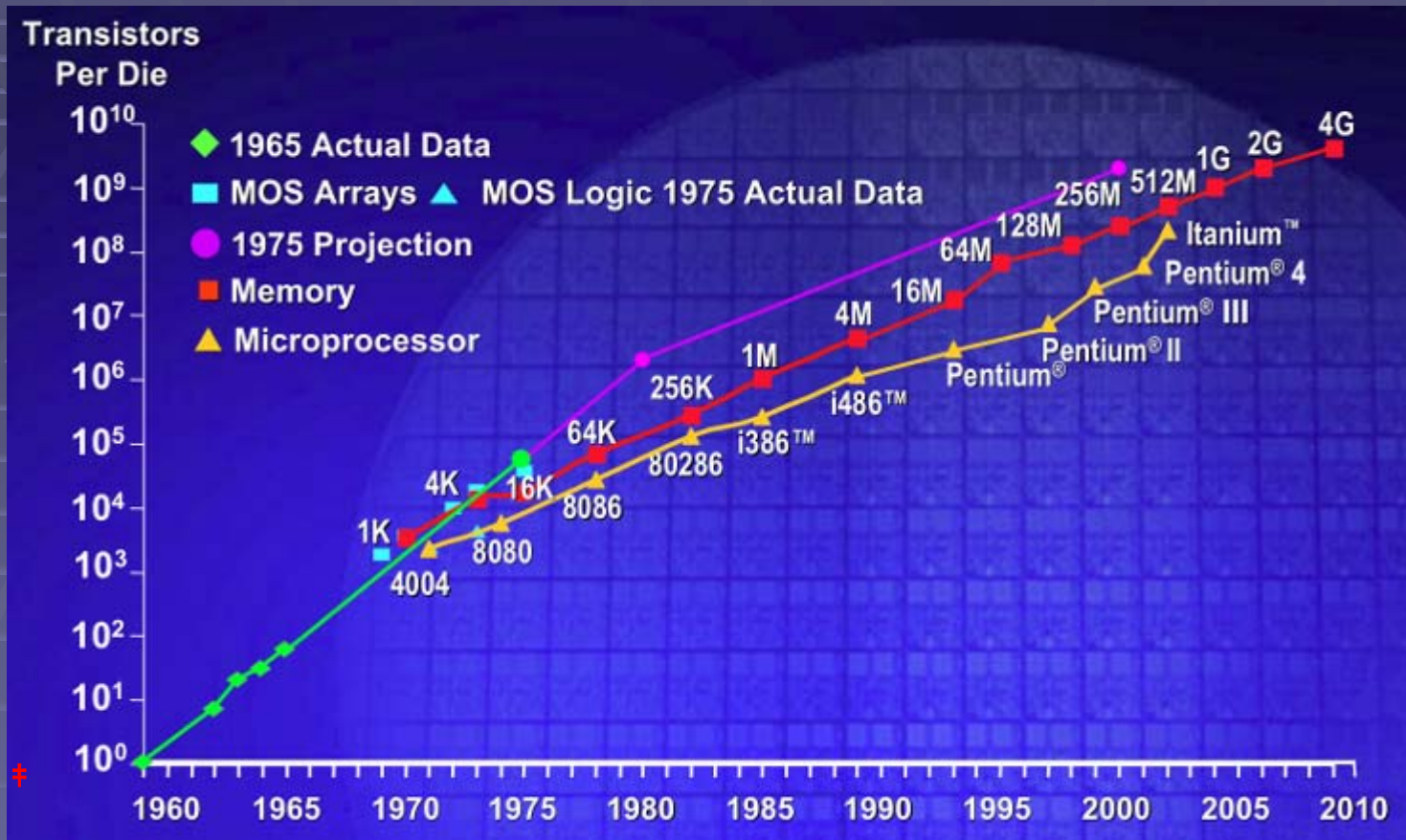
# Computers

## Personal Computer



The device operation is based on the theory of electrons' behavior in semiconductors as elucidated by condensed matter physics based on quantum mechanics

# Moore's Law



The degree of integration of LSI (Large Scale Integrated Circuit), in other words, the number of transistors that can be packed into a unit area doubles roughly every one-and-a-half years.

⇒ further details in Toriumi-Sensei's lecture

# Memory Devices

## Magnetic Hard Disk



Digital information stored as local magnetization of a ferromagnetic material.

## CD-ROM/DVD



Digital information recorded as undulation pattern on a plastic disk written and read with a laser beam.

## Semiconductor Memory Devices

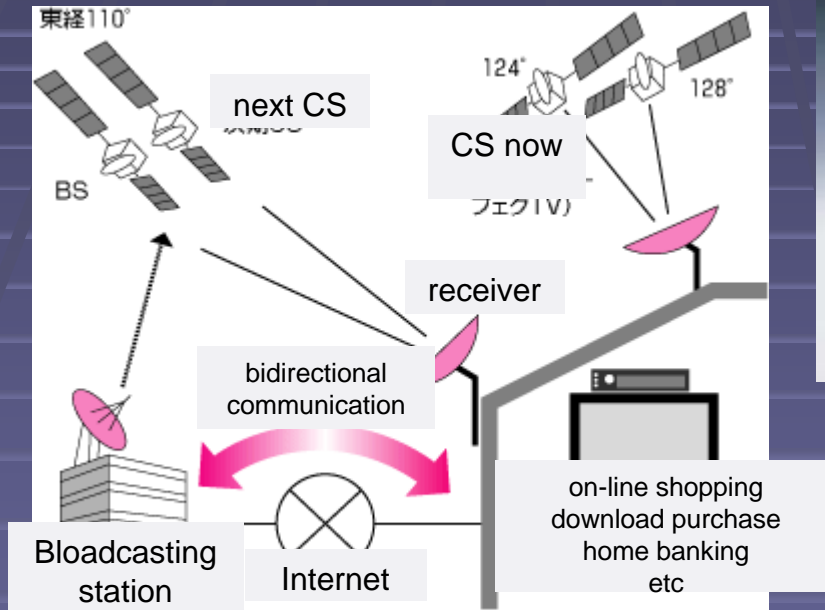
Flash Memory

Ferroelectric Memory

# Radio (High-Frequency) and Optical Communications



Mobile Phone



Satellite Communications  
Satellite Broadcasting



Optical Fiber



High Electron  
Mobility Transistor  
(HEMT)

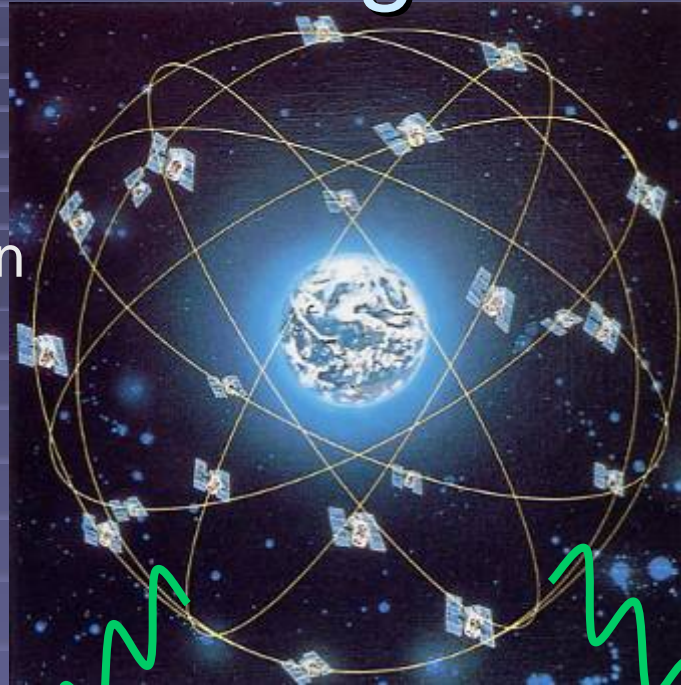
Light Emitting Diode (LED)  
Semiconductor Laser

# GPS (Global Positioning System) Navigation

24 satellites are stationed in orbit.

Position determination by “triangulation”

Accuracy in timing is essential. Satellites have an atomic clock on board



For **GPS** to function, proper corrections based on special and general theories of relativity are necessary.

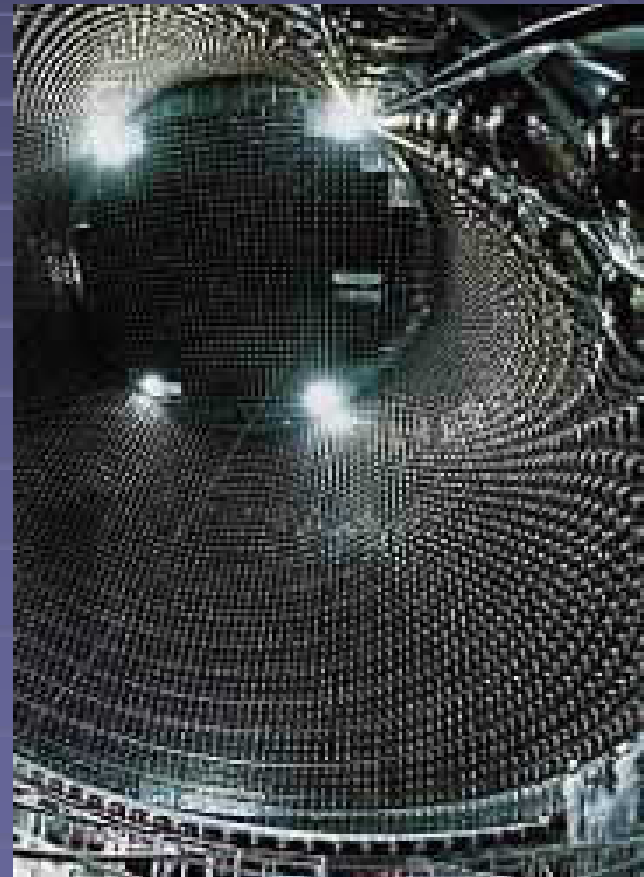


# At the Research Forefront of Astrophysics and Elementary Particle Physics

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CCD camera



Super-Kamiokande  
photomultipliers

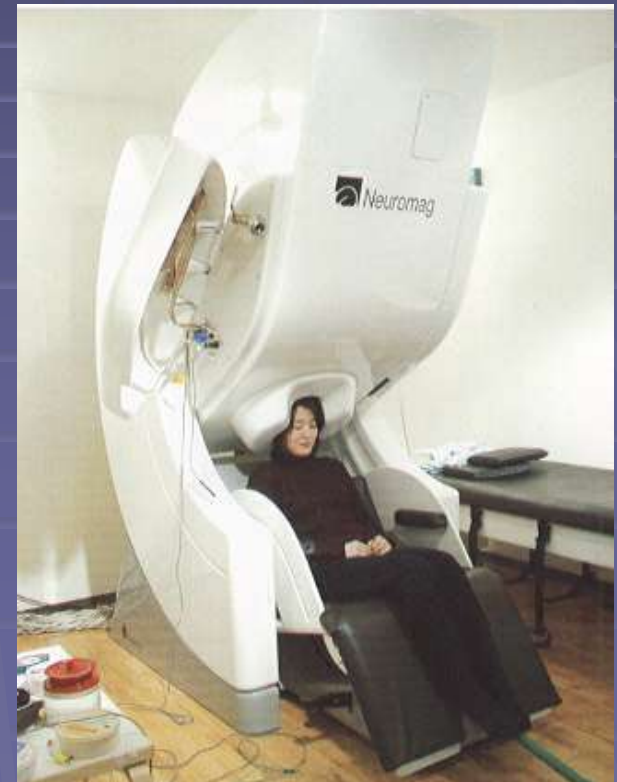


# For Medical Diagnostics

## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR)



## Magnetoencephalograph (MEG) Detection of weak magnetic signals by using a Superconducting Quantum Interference Device (SQUID)



# Also in many Daily Scenes

- Liquid Crystal (TV Display)
- High-Strength Fiber (Tennis Racquet)
- Polymer Gel (Disposable Diaper)
- Shape-Memory Alloy
- Fuel Cell
- Photocatalyst
- Solar Power
- .....

# Some Basic Concepts in Physics

# Causality

- No result precedes its cause.

The effect (physical consequence) of an event does not retroact on the past.

⇒ Time machines are impossible.

*cf.* “Delayed choice experiment” for the measurement problem in quantum mechanics

- Effect cannot propagate faster than the speed of light.

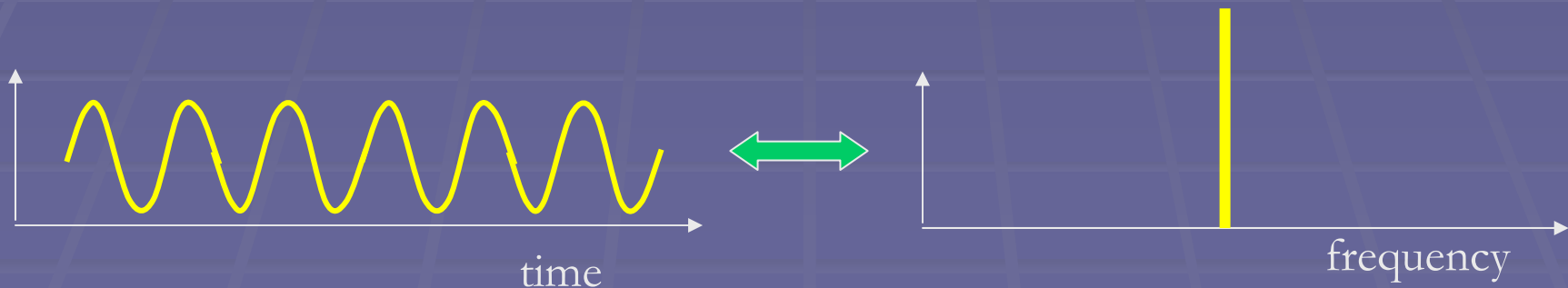
No causal relationship between two space-time that cannot be connected by the speed of light.

# Symmetry and Conservation Law

“Where there is a symmetry, there is a conservation law”

## Noether's theorem

- The homogeneity of space (the same physical law holds everywhere in the universe)
  - ⇒ the law of momentum conservation
- The isotropy of space (every spatial direction is equivalent)
  - ⇒ the law of angular momentum conservation
- The uniformity of time (the same physical law always holds)
  - ⇒ the law of energy conservation



# The Laws of Thermodynamics

- The first law: **Energy conservation**

⇒ There are no perpetual motion machines of the first kind.

There is no free lunch.  
*You cannot win.*

An engine that produces more energy than the input

An engine that converts thermal energy into work with efficiency 100%

- The second law: **Entropy always increases**

⇒ There are no perpetual motion machines of the second kind

Left alone, things tend to get messy.  
*You cannot break even.*

Entropy  $S$  : the degree of disorder of the system

The number of microscopic states

$$S = k_B \log \Omega$$

Boltzmann constant

- The third law: **The absolute zero of temperature is unreachable**

# Equilibrium/ Non-equilibrium

Physical system, when left alone, tend to relax toward equilibrium (a state with minimum free energy)

Free energy

$$F = U - TS$$

energy

temperature

entropy

This is nothing to do with the occult concept of “energy with no cost or effort”.

At absolute zero temperature ( $T=0$ ), the minimum energy state is realized (ground state). As the temperature is raised, the entropy term gain importance.

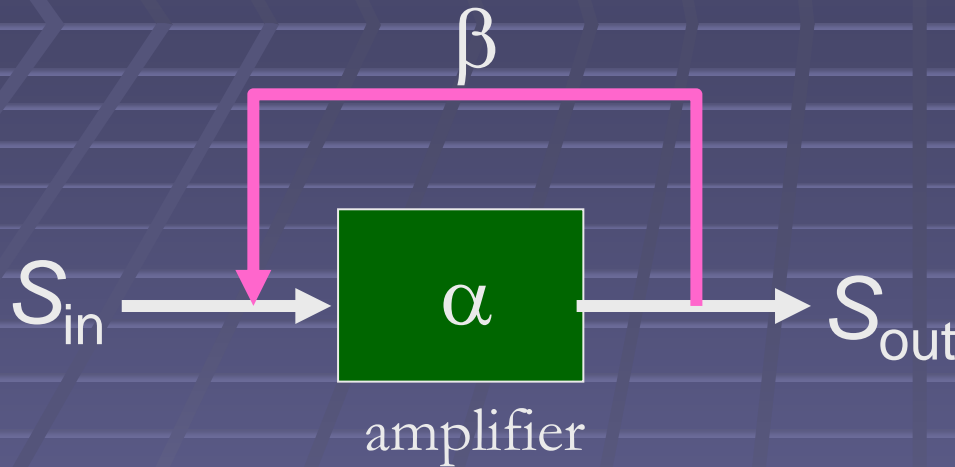
If the state with the smallest free energy changes  
⇒ Phase transition

# Linear / Nonlinear

- Linear equation: an equation that is first order with respect to variables
- Many physical phenomena are described with linear differential equations
  - Newton equation (classical mechanics), Maxwell equation (electrodynamics), Schroedinger equation (quantum mechanics)
  - Examples of nonlinear equation: Lorentz equation (chaotic dynamics), Navier-Stokes equation (fluid mechanics)
- For a linear equation, the superposition principle holds:  
If  $X$  and  $Y$  are solutions, then the sum  $X+Y$  is also a solution
- Nonlinear equations are far more difficult to solve than linear equations

# Feedback

Feeding some part of the output into input



$$S_{out} = \alpha S_{in}$$

$$S_{out} = \alpha (S_{in} + \beta S_{out})$$

$$S_{out} = \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \alpha\beta)} S_{in}$$

⇒ If  $\beta$  is negative (negative feedback)

$$S_{out} = \frac{\alpha}{(1 + \alpha|\beta|)} S_{in} \sim \frac{1}{|\beta|} S_{in} \text{ stability}$$

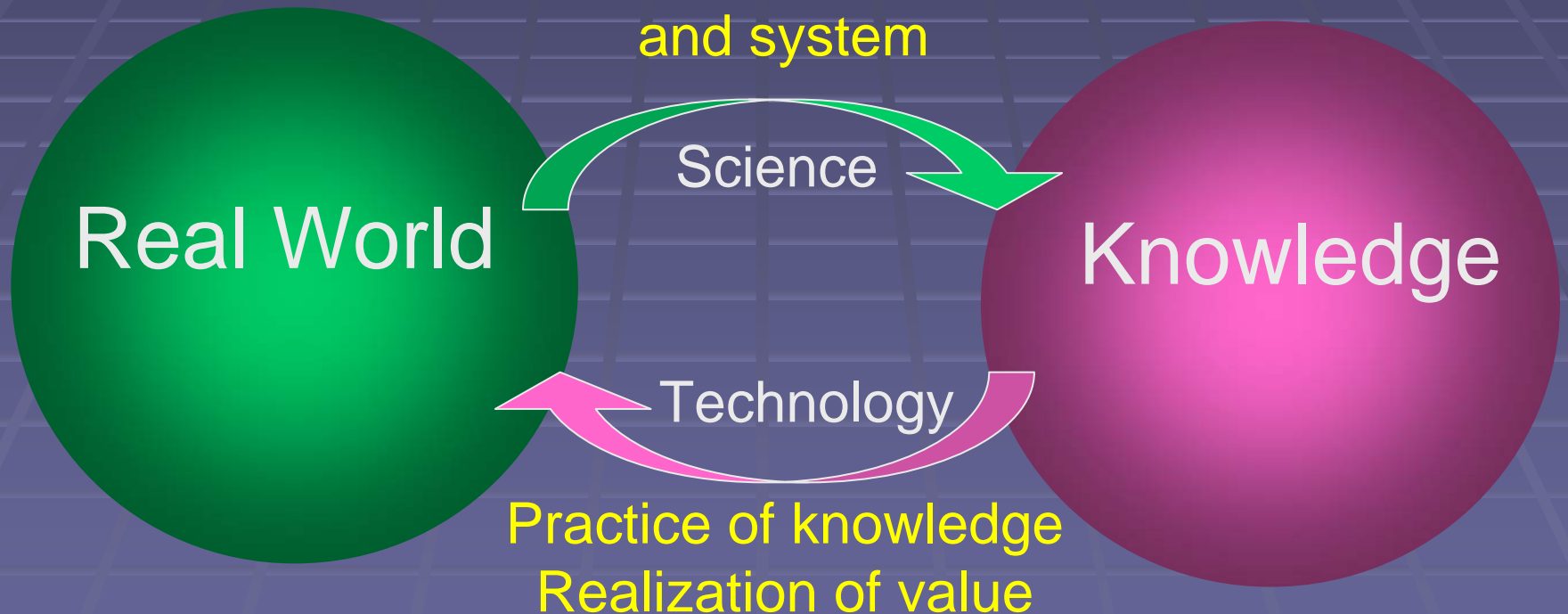
⇒ If  $\beta$  is positive (positive feedback)

$$S_{out} = \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \alpha\beta)} S_{in} \quad \alpha\beta = 1$$

What is Condensed Matter  
Physics all about?

# Science and Technology

Description of phenomena,  
Investigation of the principles,  
and system



# Mathematical and Physical Sciences

**Mathematics**

**Physics**

**Astronomy**

**Earth and Planetary  
Physics**

Astrophysics

Elementary Particle Physics  
(High Energy Physics)

Nuclear physics

Atomic and Molecular Physics

Plasma Physics

Condensed Matter Physics

Biophysics

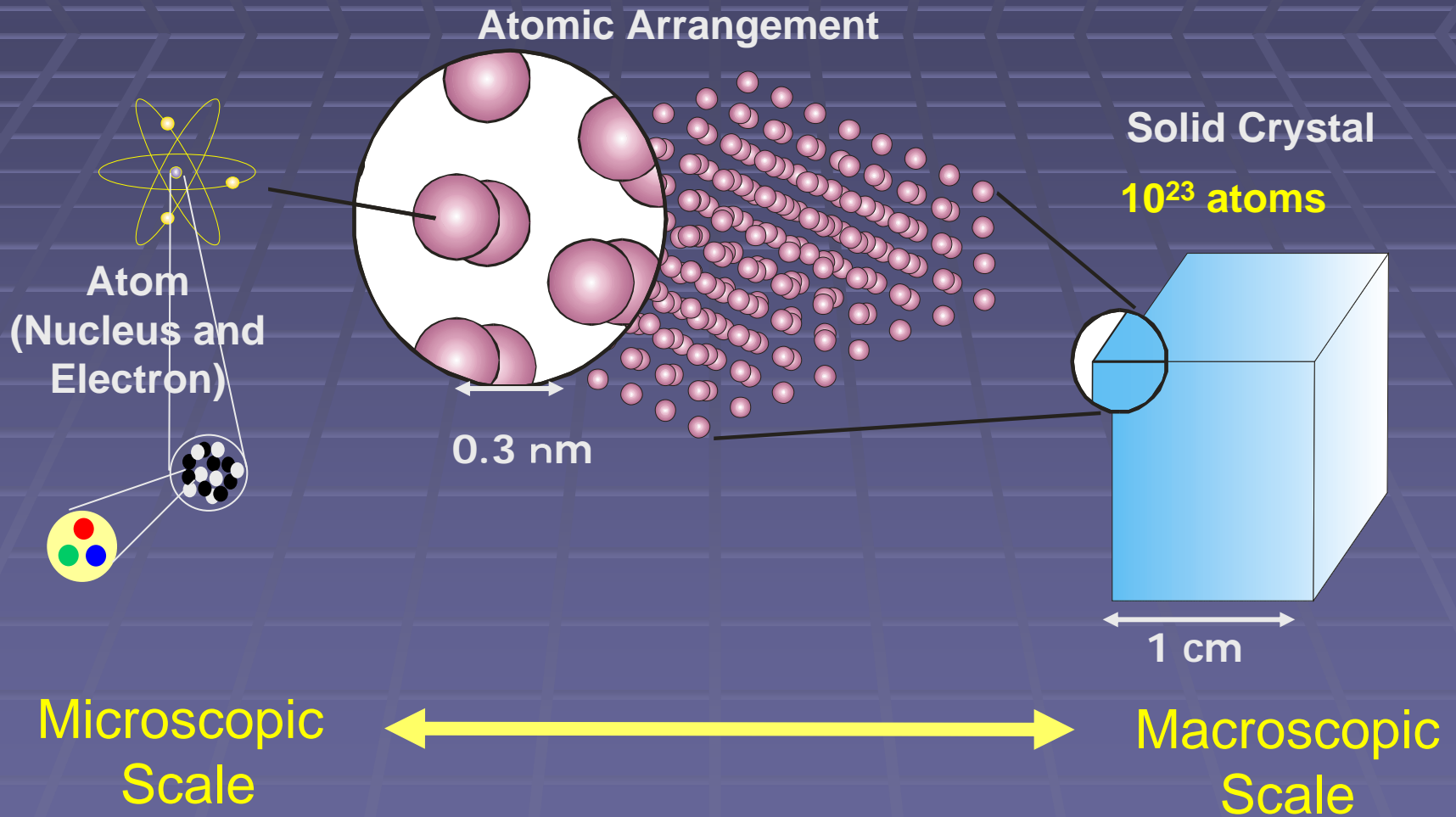
**Chemistry**

**Engineering**

# Physics Mindset

- **Physics mindset (pursuit of truth)** – seeking after **logical and fundamental understanding of the natural world**
  - **Unraveling the logical structure of nature**
- **Fundamental Questions of Elementary Particle Physics and Astrophysics**
  - What are the basic building blocks of nature?
  - How did the universe begin? How will it end?
- **Solid-State Physics (Condensed-Matter Physics)**
  - To unravel the properties exhibited by diverse materials.
  - Diversity and complexity are the essential ingredients.
  - Nevertheless it is not “stamp-collection”. Systematic understandings and governing principles are sought in the diversity of materials and their properties.

# The Hierarchical Structure of the Material World



# Physical World-View

## Reductionism

Understanding the behavior of a system by reducing it to the laws of a more basic system.

e.g. What are the ultimate building blocks and forces?

=> Elementary particle physics

However even if we have found the ultimate building blocks and forces, we are still far from understanding everything, because each level of nature has its own laws of physics.

## Emergent Properties

Systems of mutually interacting entities quite often exhibit novel and complex behavior that cannot be simply inferred from the properties of the individual entities.

Behavior of many body system => Phase transition

eg superconductivity, biological phenomena

"More is different." (P.W.Anderson)

# Workings of Condensed Matter Physics

- Efforts towards elucidation of various properties exhibited by diverse of materials **on the basis of the fundamental principles of physics**
  - Diversity does not mean “stamp-collection”. Universality and systematics are sought after.
- Characteristics of condensed matter physics
  - One can conduct controlled experiments. (as opposed to astrophysics, geophysics)
  - Small science (as opposed to Big Science)
  - Seamlessly connected to chemistry and applied physics. (and eventually to life sciences as well?)
- What does it mean that something is understood?
  - Comparison of theory and experiment: the cycle of modeling and experimental verification
  - The advent of computational physics

# Diversity of Materials and Variety of Their Properties

- Why is diamond so hard?
- Why is ruby red?
- Why can iron become magnet?
- Why does copper conducts well?
- How does superconductivity occur?
- Optical fiber
- Liquid crystal
- . . . . .



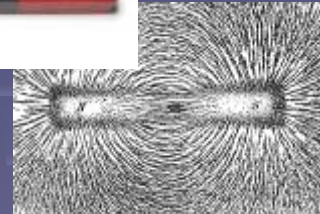
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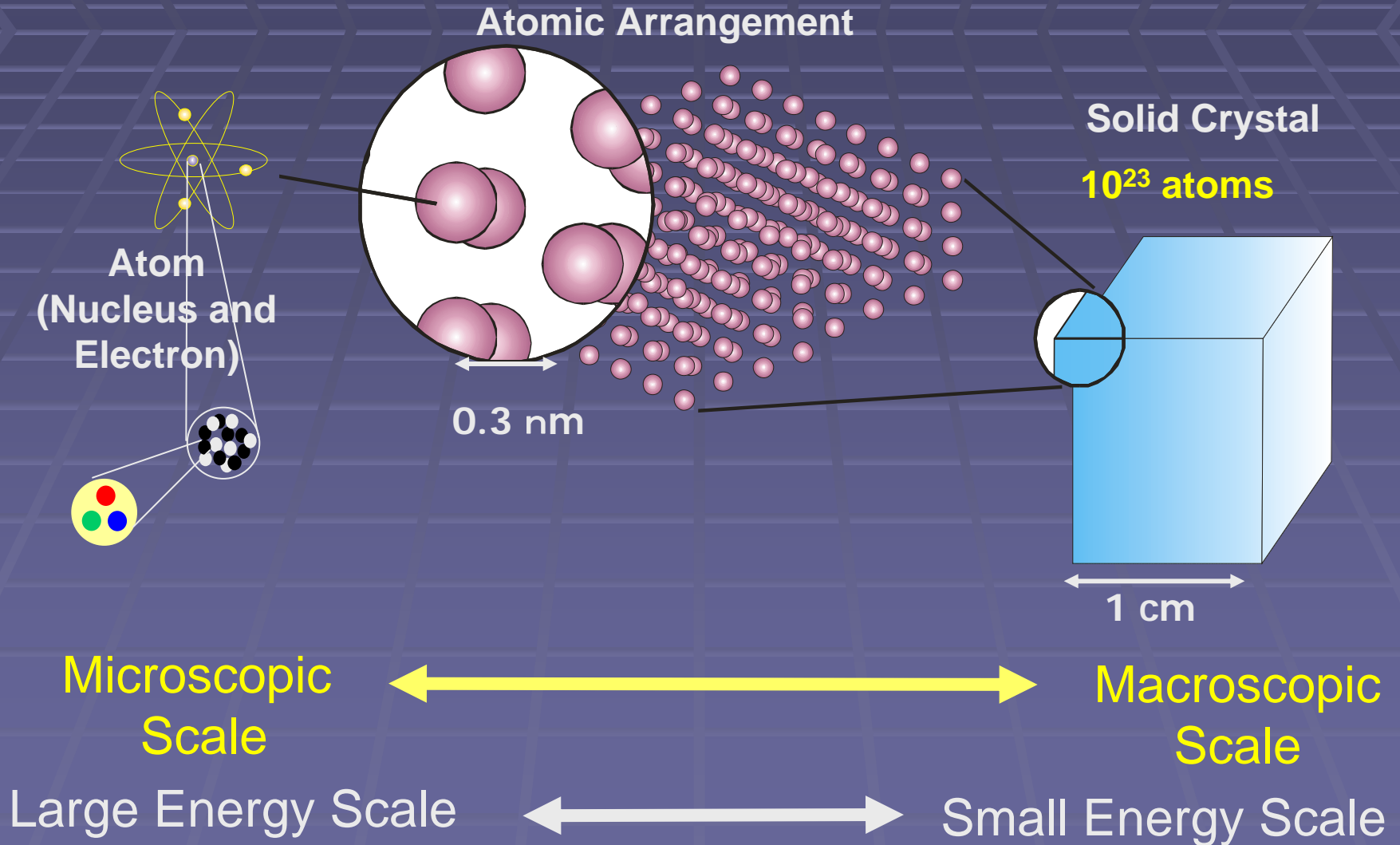


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# Energy Scale

The Unit of Energy :

Joule

$$J = \text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

Mass x Length<sup>2</sup>/Time<sup>2</sup>

Kinetic Energy

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

electron volt (eV)

The energy gained by an electron when it accelerates through an electrostatic potential of one volt

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

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

Planck  
Constant

$$h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

$$= 4.13 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s}$$

$$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

# The Actors in Solid State Physics

**Actors** (“elementary” particles) in solid state physics

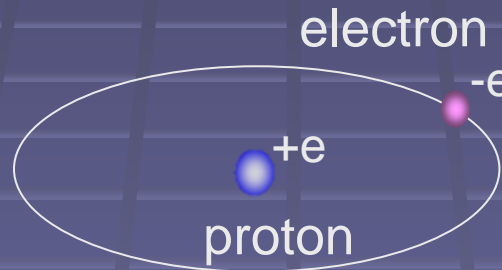
Electron

$$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Nucleus (Proton + Neutron)

$$m_e = 0.91 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

hydrogen  
atom



$$m_p \approx m_n \approx 1840 m_e$$

The interaction between the “elementary” particles:  
electromagnetic interaction

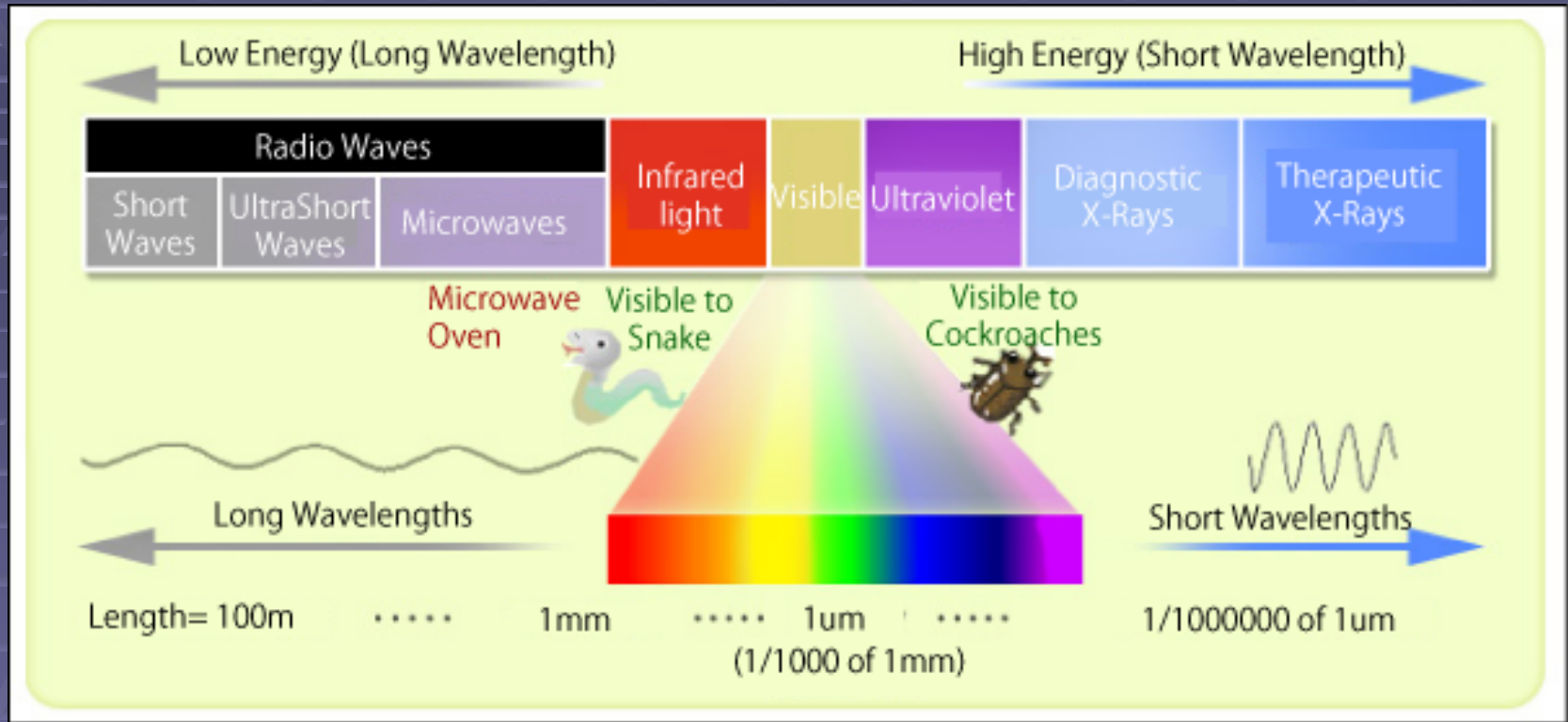
$$h\nu$$

$$h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

Light (Electromagnetic Waves)

Photon

# Light (Electromagnetic Waves)



From the Radiation Effects Research Foundation  
<http://www.rerf.or.jp/general/whatis/index.html> 2009/3

Wavelength, frequency and wave number of light with energy 1eV are

quantum of light : photon

$$h\nu = 1\text{eV} \leftrightarrow \nu = 2.42 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \frac{\nu}{c} = 8070 \text{ cm}^{-1} \leftrightarrow \lambda = 1240 \text{ nm}$$

# Objects of Condensed Matter Physics Research

Crystals (single crystal, polycrystal)

Disordered crystals (impurities, defects)

Amorphous, Glass, Quasicrystals

Liquids, Quantum fluids

Fine particles, Clusters

Surface, Interface

Artificial Crystals (Superlattices), Nanostructures

Soft matter (Polymers, Liquid crystals, Gels)

Cold Atoms (Bose condensate)

# Material Properties

- **Electrical Properties**

- Electrical Conduction (metal, insulator, semiconductor)
- Ferroelectricity
- Superconductivity

- **Magnetic Properties**

- Ferromagnetism (Why is iron magnetic? )

- **Optical Properties**

- Color of jewels, Metallic luster ,
- Light emission (LED, semiconductor laser)

# Matter and the Physical Environment

- Physical properties: response to an external perturbation
- The same material can exhibit different properties depending on the physical environment

Temperature

Pressure, stress

Electric field

Magnetic field

Interaction with light (electromagnetic wave)

Sample size

# The Structure of Atoms

# The Periodic Table of Elements

periodic table

	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8	1B	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	0		
1	<sup>1</sup> H															<sup>2</sup> He		
2	<sup>3</sup> Li	<sup>4</sup> Be									<sup>5</sup> B	<sup>6</sup> C	<sup>7</sup> N	<sup>8</sup> O	<sup>9</sup> F	<sup>10</sup> Ne		
3	<sup>11</sup> Na	<sup>12</sup> Mg									<sup>13</sup> Al	<sup>14</sup> Si	<sup>15</sup> P	<sup>16</sup> S	<sup>17</sup> Cl	<sup>18</sup> Ar		
4	<sup>19</sup> K	<sup>20</sup> Ca	<sup>21</sup> Sc	<sup>22</sup> Ti	<sup>23</sup> V	<sup>24</sup> Cr	<sup>25</sup> Mn	<sup>26</sup> Fe	<sup>27</sup> Co	<sup>28</sup> Ni	<sup>29</sup> Cu	<sup>30</sup> Zn	<sup>31</sup> Ga	<sup>32</sup> Ge	<sup>33</sup> As	<sup>34</sup> Se	<sup>35</sup> Br	<sup>36</sup> Kr
5	<sup>37</sup> Rb	<sup>38</sup> Sr	<sup>39</sup> Y	<sup>40</sup> Zr	<sup>41</sup> Nb	<sup>42</sup> Mo	<sup>43</sup> Tc	<sup>44</sup> Ru	<sup>45</sup> Rh	<sup>46</sup> Pd	<sup>47</sup> Ag	<sup>48</sup> Cd	<sup>49</sup> In	<sup>50</sup> Sn	<sup>51</sup> Sb	<sup>52</sup> Te	<sup>53</sup> I	<sup>54</sup> Xe
6	<sup>55</sup> Cs	<sup>56</sup> Ba	<b>L</b>	<sup>72</sup> Hf	<sup>73</sup> Ta	<sup>74</sup> W	<sup>75</sup> Re	<sup>76</sup> Os	<sup>77</sup> Ir	<sup>78</sup> Pt	<sup>79</sup> Au	<sup>80</sup> Hg	<sup>81</sup> Tl	<sup>82</sup> Pb	<sup>83</sup> Bi	<sup>84</sup> Po	<sup>85</sup> At	<sup>86</sup> Rn
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- 典型金属元素
- 半金属元素
- 非金属元素
- 遷移金属元素
- 希ガス

# Where Did Chemical Elements Come From?

⇒ Suto Sensei's lecture

1. At the time of Big Bang, lighter atomic nuclei such as hydrogen, helium, are produced
2. Stars are formed due to gravitation, then in the course of nuclear reaction in stars heavier atomic nuclei (up to iron) are formed. then they were scattered by supernova explosion.

Stars are pressure cookers of elements.

\* We are all made of “star-dusts”.

# The Periodic Table of Elements in Chinese

周期 族	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	I A												III A	IV A	V A	VI A	VII A	0
1	1 H 氫																	2 He 氦
2	3 Li 鋰	4 Be 鈹											5 B 硼	6 C 碳	7 N 氮	8 O 氧	9 F 氟	10 Ne 氖
3	11 Na 鈉	12 Mg 鎂											13 Al 鋁	14 Si 矽	15 P 磷	16 S 硫	17 Cl 氯	18 Ar 氬
4	19 K 鉀	20 Ca 鈣	21 Sc 釷	22 Ti 鈦	23 V 釩	24 Cr 鉻	25 Mn 錳	26 Fe 鐵	27 Co 鈷	28 Ni 鎳	29 Cu 銅	30 Zn 鋅	31 Ga 鎵	32 Ge 鍮	33 As 砷	34 Se 硒	35 Br 溴	36 Kr 氪
5	37 Rb 鉀	38 Sr 銻	39 Y 釷	40 Zr 鈷	41 Nb 鈮	42 Mo 鉬	43 Tc 錳	44 Ru 鈷	45 Rh 銠	46 Pd 鈀	47 Ag 銀	48 Cd 鎘	49 In 銦	50 Sn 錫	51 Sb 銻	52 Te 碲	53 I 碘	54 Xe 氙
6	55 Cs 銫	56 Ba 鋇	57-71 鐳系	72 Hf 鈷	73 Ta 鉭	74 W 鎢	75 Re 錳	76 Os 銱	77 Ir 銱	78 Pt 鉑	79 Au 金	80 Hg 汞	81 Tl 鉍	82 Pb 鉛	83 Bi 鉍	84 Po 釷	85 At 砒	86 Rn 氡
7	87 Fr 鈷	88 Ra 鐳	89-103 鐳系	104 Rf 釷	105 Db 鈮	106 Sg 鉬	107 Bh 錳	108 Hs 銱	109 Mt 錳	110 Ds 銱	111 Rg 銱	112 Uub 鎘	113 Uut 鉍	114 Uuq 鉛	115 Uup 銻	116 Uuh 碲	117 Uus 碘	118 Uuo 氙
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			89 Ac 鐳**	90 Th 釷	91 Pa 釷	92 U 鈾	93 Np 釷	94 Pu 鈾	95 Am 錒	96 Cm 錒	97 Bk 錒	98 Cf 錒	99 Es 鐳	100 Fm 鐳	101 Md 鐳	102 No 鐳	103 Lr 鐳	

■ 鹼金屬   
 ■ 鹼土金屬   
 ■ 鐳系元素   
 ■ 鐳系元素   
 ■ 過渡金屬  
■ 主族金屬   
 ■ 類金屬   
■ 非金屬   
■ 鹵素   
■ 惰性氣體

# The Periodic Table of Elements

periodic table

	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8	1B	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	0		
1	<sup>1</sup> H															<sup>2</sup> He		
2	<sup>3</sup> Li	<sup>4</sup> Be									<sup>5</sup> B	<sup>6</sup> C	<sup>7</sup> N	<sup>8</sup> O	<sup>9</sup> F	<sup>10</sup> Ne		
3	<sup>11</sup> Na	<sup>12</sup> Mg									<sup>13</sup> Al	<sup>14</sup> Si	<sup>15</sup> P	<sup>16</sup> S	<sup>17</sup> Cl	<sup>18</sup> Ar		
4	<sup>19</sup> K	<sup>20</sup> Ca	<sup>21</sup> Sc	<sup>22</sup> Ti	<sup>23</sup> V	<sup>24</sup> Cr	<sup>25</sup> Mn	<sup>26</sup> Fe	<sup>27</sup> Co	<sup>28</sup> Ni	<sup>29</sup> Cu	<sup>30</sup> Zn	<sup>31</sup> Ga	<sup>32</sup> Ge	<sup>33</sup> As	<sup>34</sup> Se	<sup>35</sup> Br	<sup>36</sup> Kr
	<sup>37</sup> Rb	<sup>38</sup> Sr	<sup>39</sup> Y	<sup>40</sup> Zr	<sup>41</sup> Nb	<sup>42</sup> Mo	<sup>43</sup> Tc	<sup>44</sup> Ru	<sup>45</sup> Rh	<sup>46</sup> Pd	<sup>47</sup> Ag	<sup>48</sup> Cd	<sup>49</sup> In	<sup>50</sup> Sn	<sup>51</sup> Sb	<sup>52</sup> Te	<sup>53</sup> I	<sup>54</sup> Xe

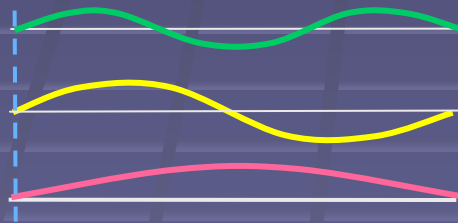
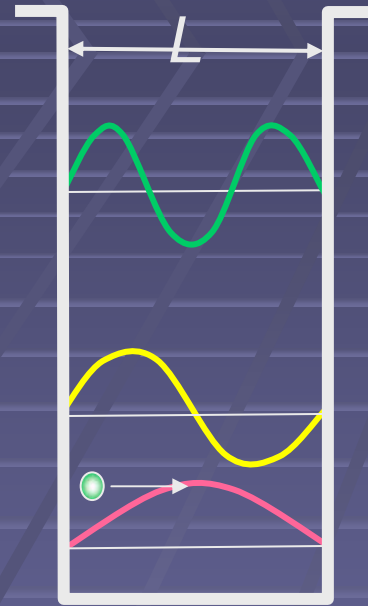
Why did the Periodic Law come about?

7	<sup>87</sup> Fr	<sup>88</sup> Ra	<b>A</b>															
	<b>L</b>	<sup>57</sup> La	<sup>58</sup> Ce	<sup>59</sup> Pr	<sup>60</sup> Nd	<sup>61</sup> Pm	<sup>62</sup> Sm	<sup>63</sup> Eu	<sup>64</sup> Gd	<sup>65</sup> Tb	<sup>66</sup> Dy	<sup>67</sup> Ho	<sup>68</sup> Er	<sup>69</sup> Tm	<sup>70</sup> Yb	<sup>71</sup> Lu		
	<b>A</b>	<sup>89</sup> Ac	<sup>90</sup> Th	<sup>91</sup> Pa	<sup>92</sup> U	<sup>93</sup> Np	<sup>94</sup> Pu	<sup>95</sup> Am	<sup>96</sup> Cm	<sup>97</sup> Bk	<sup>98</sup> Cf	<sup>99</sup> Es	<sup>100</sup> Fm	<sup>101</sup> Md	<sup>102</sup> No	<sup>103</sup> Lr		

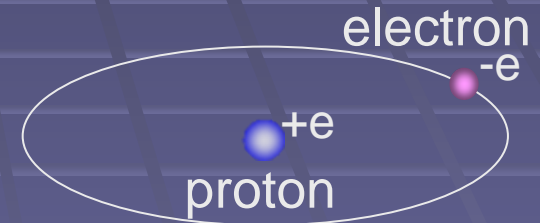
- 典型金属元素
- 半金属元素
- 非金属元素
- 遷移金属元素
- 希ガス

# The Quantization of Energy

According to quantum mechanics, an electron behaves both **particle-like** and **wave-like**.



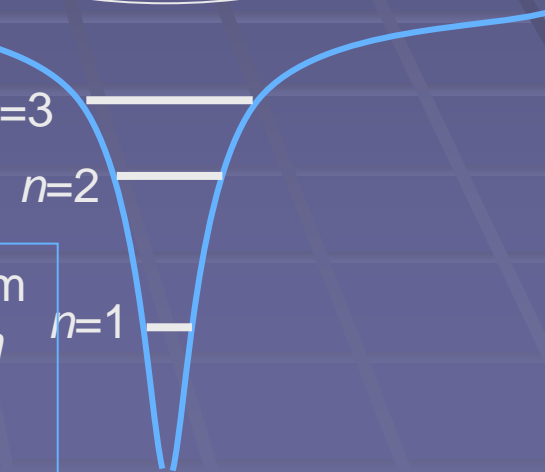
The Hydrogen Atom:  
an electron orbiting around an  
atomic nucleus (a proton)



Electron  
in a box

Standing Wave  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete Energy Levels  
(electrons' room)

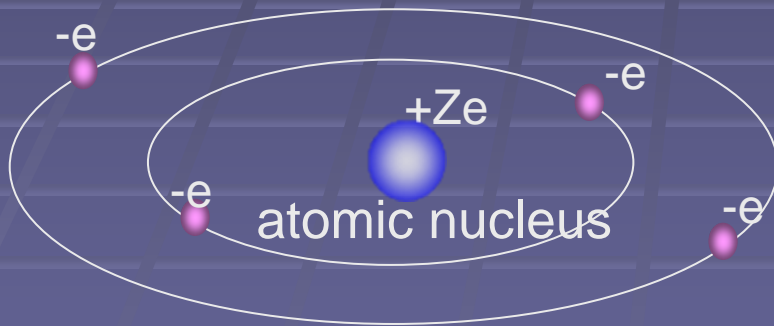
The index  $n$ , which represents energy level is called a quantum number. There are other kinds of quantum number  $l$ ,  $m$  which are concerned with rotation, and  $\sigma$  concerned with spin (rotation).  $\Rightarrow$  The energy level of an electron is represented by  **$(n, l, m, \sigma)$** .



# Electron Energy Levels of Atom

Multi-electron atom consists of a **nucleus with charge  $+Ze$**  at the center and  **$Z$  electrons** orbiting around it.

Each energy level can accommodate two electrons with different spin orientations

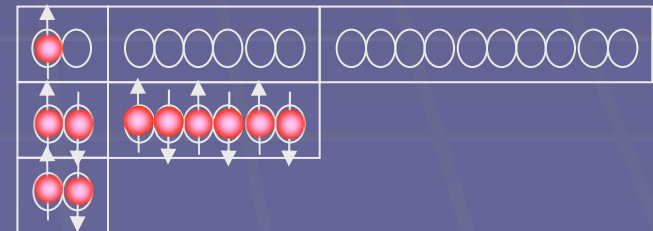
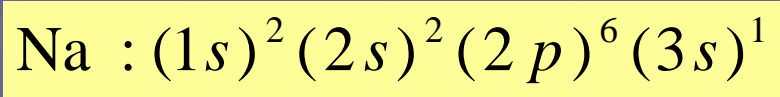


Hotel "ATOM"

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor                      1 room
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor                      1+3 rooms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor                      1+3+5 rooms
- .....

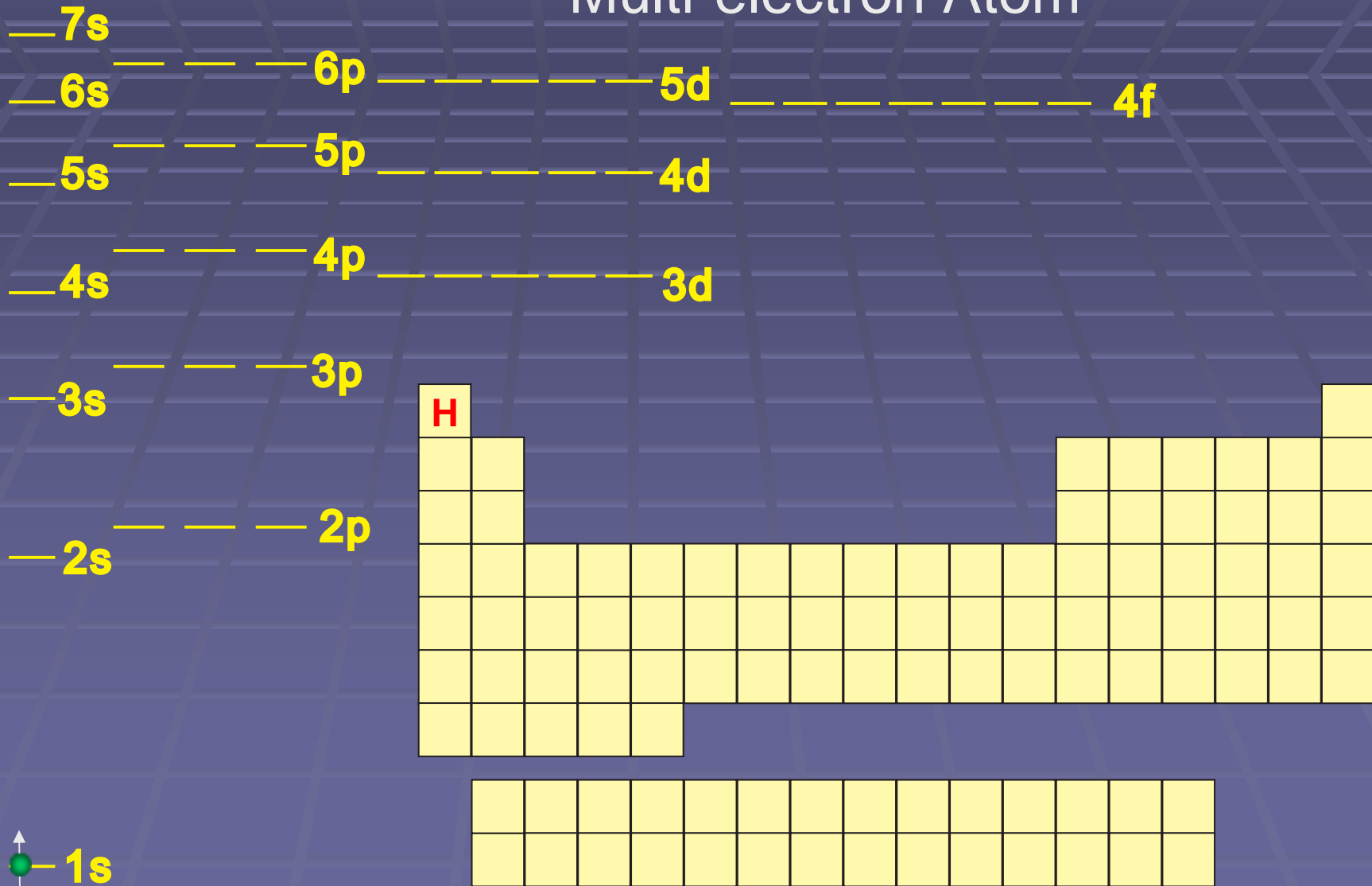
(Each room can accommodate two guests)

Na:  $Z=11$



# Filling the States with Electrons

## Multi-electron Atom

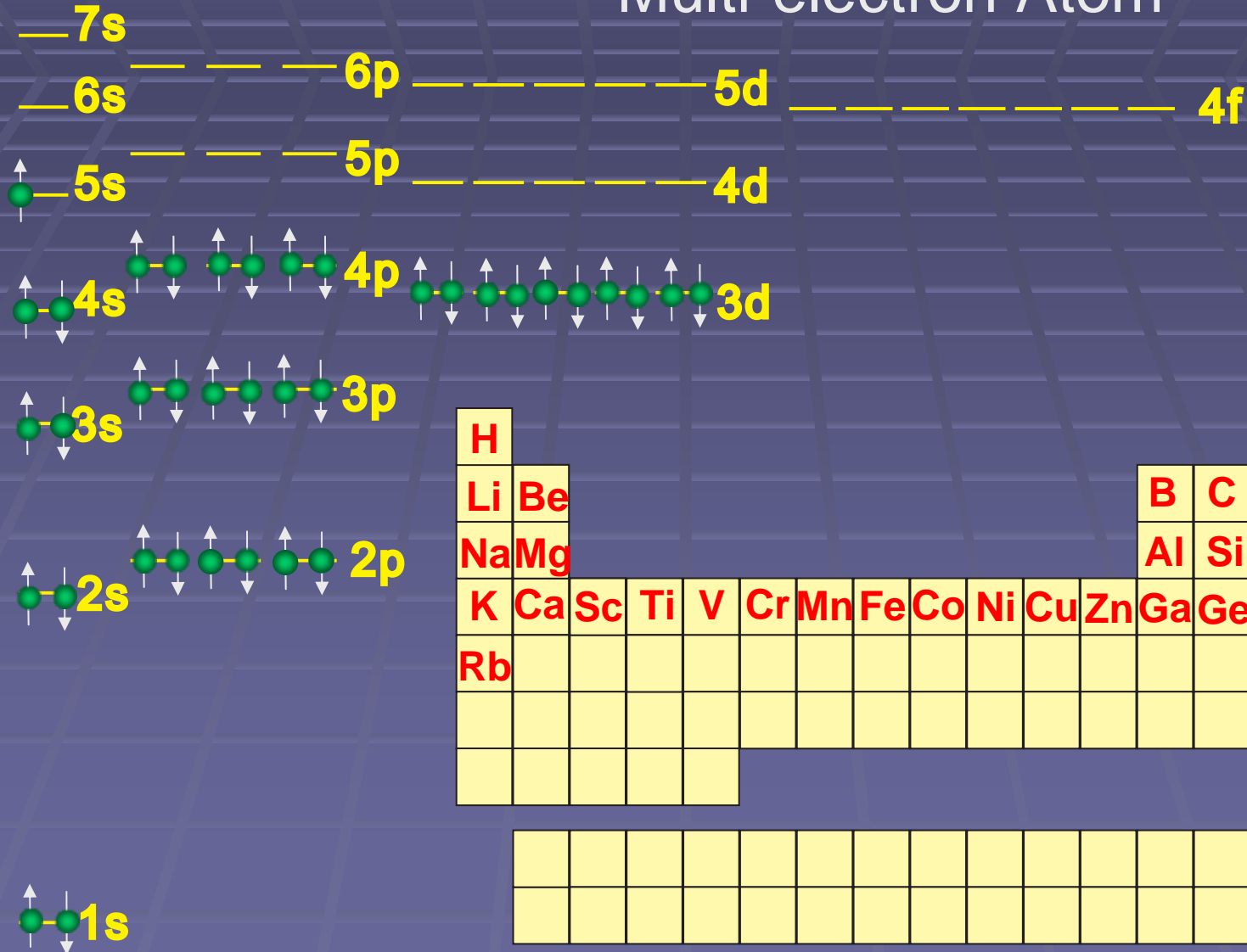






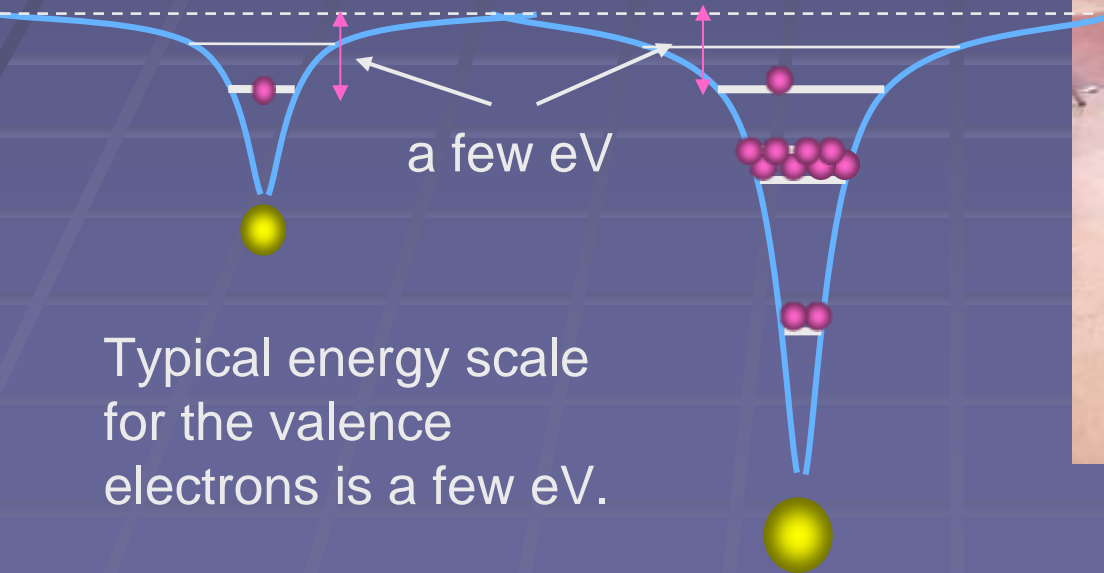
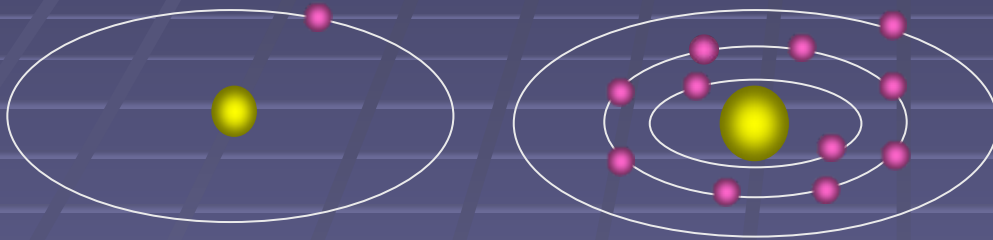
# Filling the States with Electrons

Multi-electron Atom



# Valence Electrons

- The outermost electrons (valence electrons) determine the chemical properties of the atom



The top-most tray always stays at the same position.

# The Periodic Table of Elements

Those electrons that governs the chemical properties of an atom are those in the outer-most shell (which can be easily separated from the atom) => **Valence Electrons**

The atoms with similar electron configuration of the outer-most shell exhibit similar chemical properties => **Periodic Law**

It is more important to understand why the periodic law holds, than to blindly memorize the periodic table.

However, it is certainly useful to memorize the periodic table.

If you try to memorize the periodic table, you should do so but along the column rather than along the row.  
(The reason should be clear for you by now.)

# The Electronic Energy Level of Atoms

While the larger the  $Z$  of the atom, the stronger the Coulomb attraction of the nucleus, the number of electrons that screen the force also increase. As a result, the energy level of the electrons in the outer-most shell always stays on the order of a few eV.

The relevant energy scale of solid state physics is on the order eV to meV

Temperature  $T \leftrightarrow$  Thermal Energy  $k_B T$

Boltzmann Constant  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Room Temperature  $T = 300 \text{ K} \leftrightarrow k_B T = 25 \text{ meV}$

The energy scale for chemistry (and biology) is on this order of magnitude.

# Familiar Examples

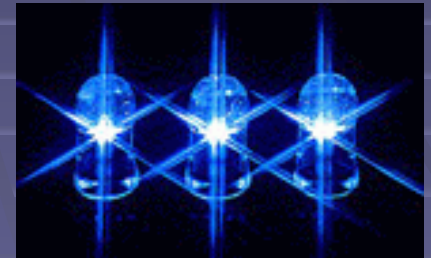
A battery is 1.5V

Electromotive force based on the exchange of electrons



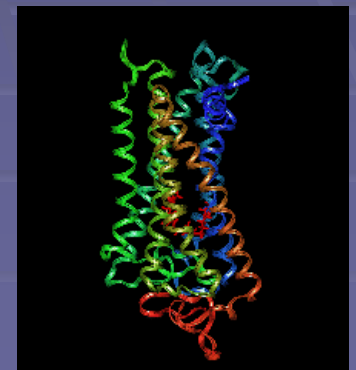
Laser Pointer

Red light  $\sim 1.5\text{eV}$ , Green light  $\sim 2.5\text{eV}$



Why is visible light in the order of  $\sim \text{eV}$  to begin with?

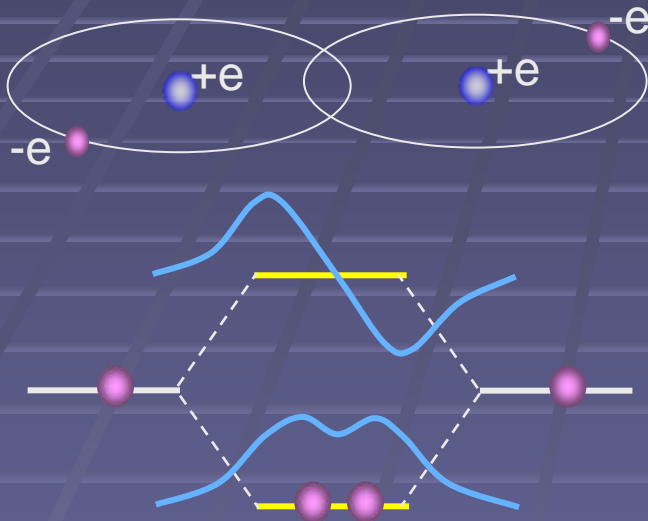
Rhodopsin : the light-receiving protein of the retina is in keeping with the energy range of visible light



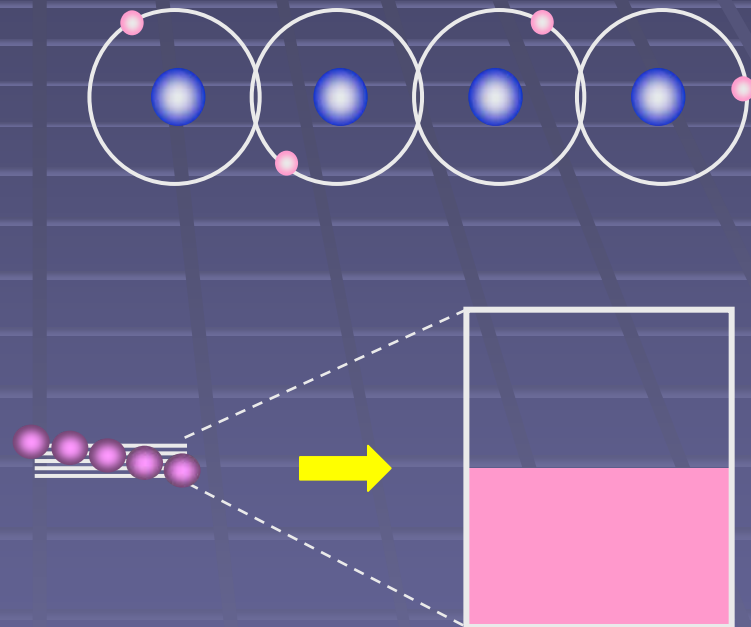
# From Atoms to Solids

# Putting Atoms Together

Hydrogen molecule :H<sub>2</sub>



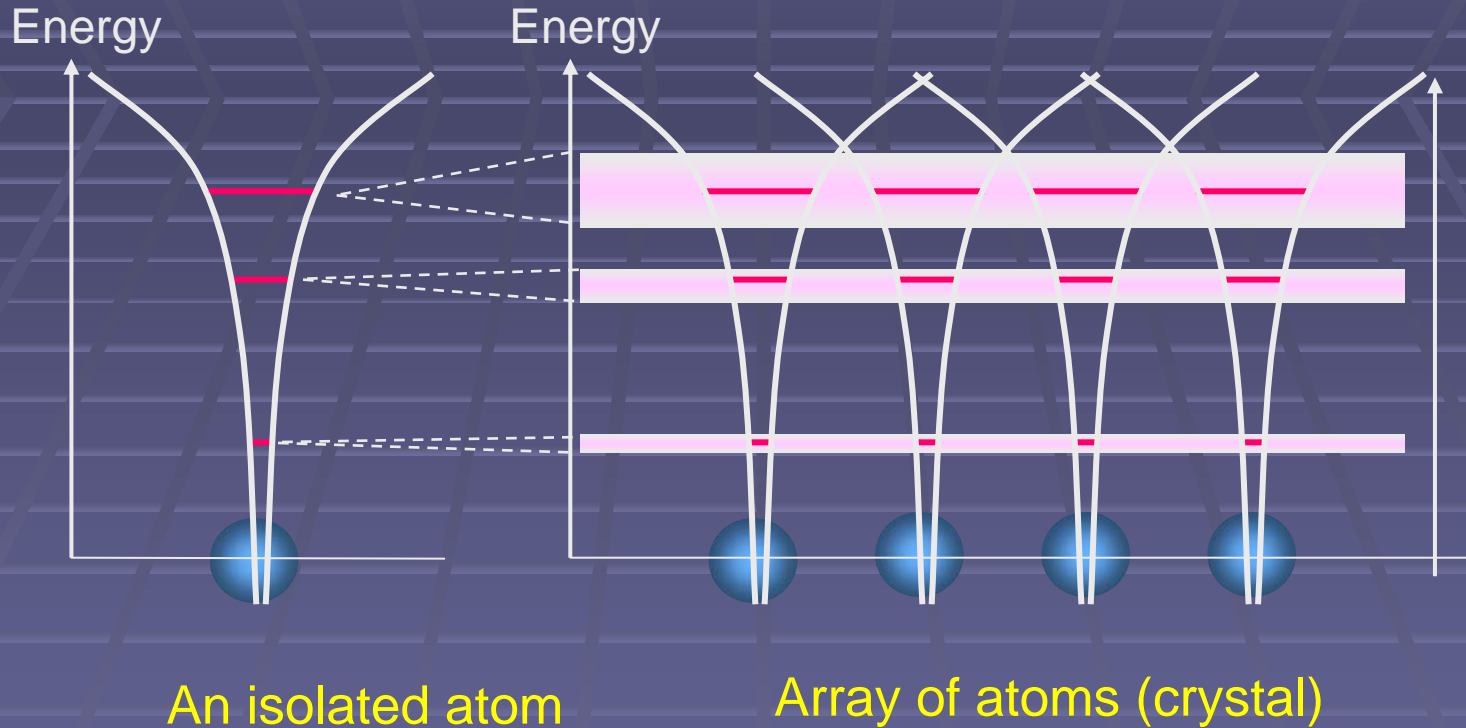
One-dimensional array of hydrogen atoms (hypothetical)



The transfer of electrons depends on the overlap of electron clouds of adjacent atoms.

With sufficient overlap, electrons can migrate over the entire crystal structure.

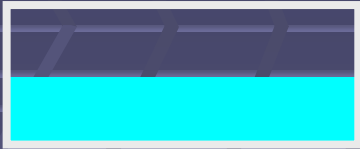
# Formation of Energy Band by Electron Transfer



Due to the transfer of electrons between adjacent atoms, each of the discrete electronic levels is broadened and forms an energy band.

# Metals and Insulators

Partially-filled band



Electrical current  
does flow

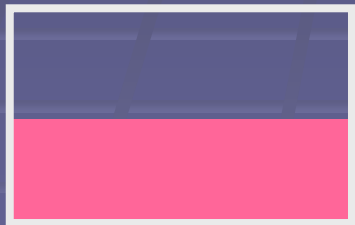
upon applying an electrical field

Filled band

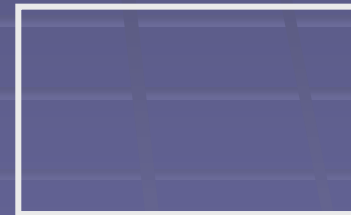


Electrical current  
does not flow

Energy ↑



Metal

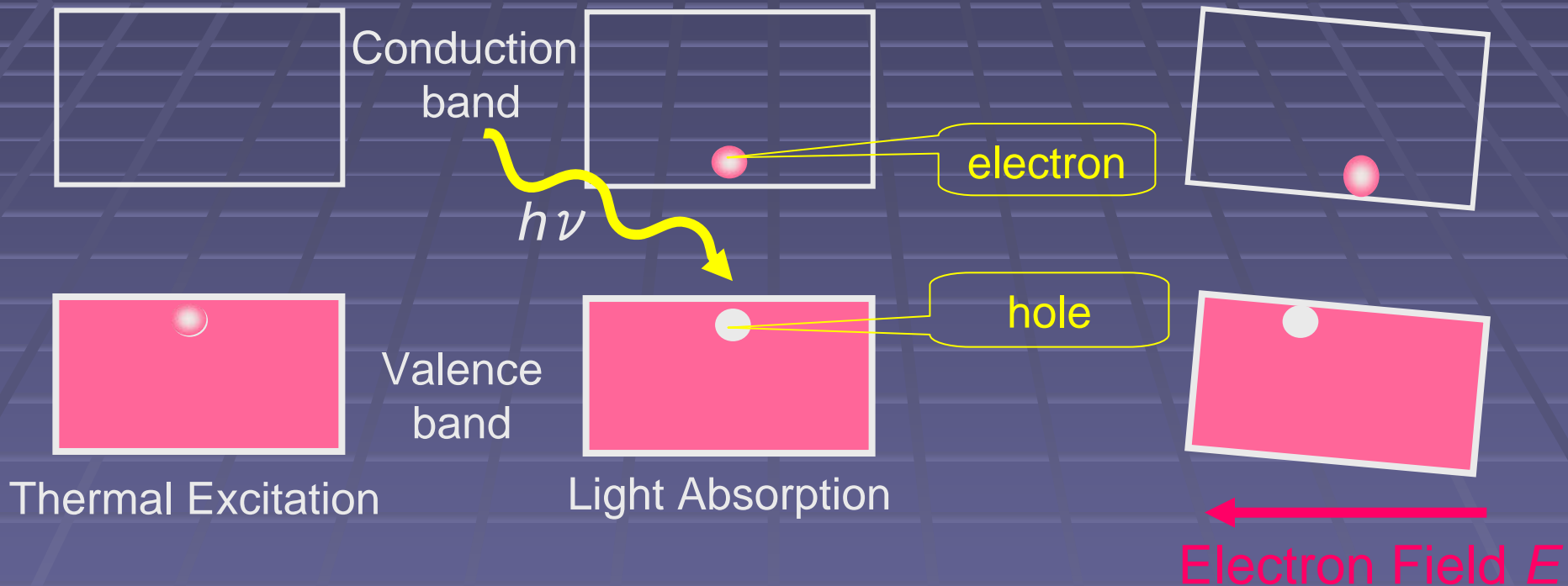


Insulator

(band Insulator)



# Electrons and Holes in Semiconductors



In semiconductors, low density carriers (electrons in the conduction band and holes in the valence band) are created by thermal excitation or photo-absorption and they conduct electricity.

# Summary

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  - Metal, insulator, and semiconductor