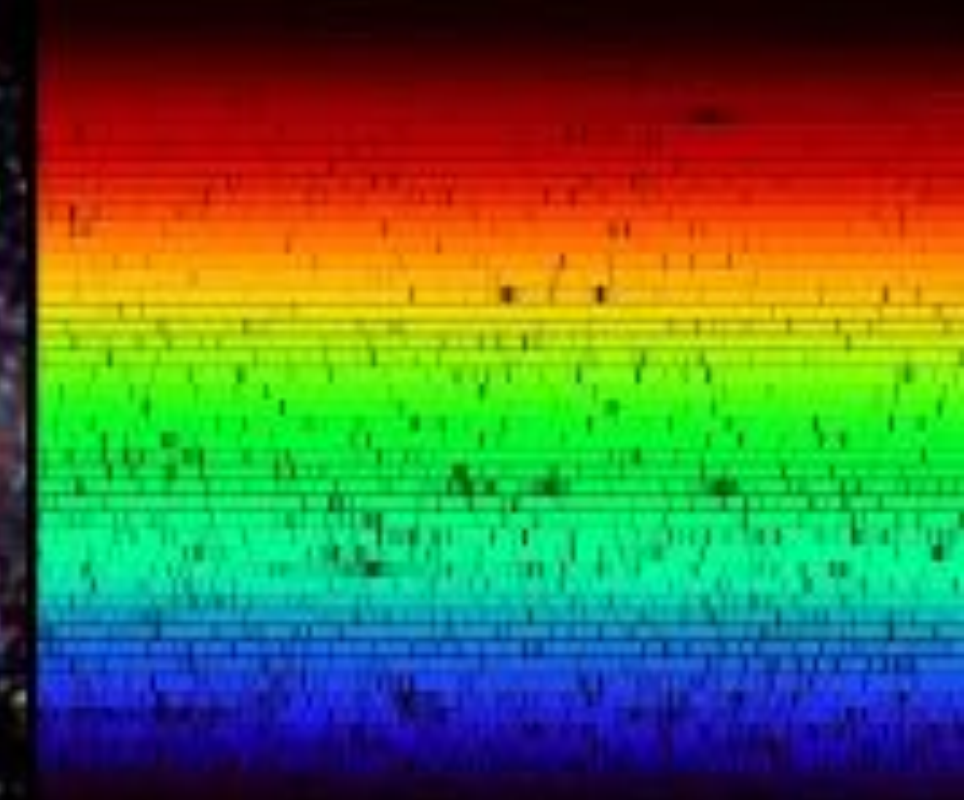




# ASTR/PHYS 2500: Foundations Astronomy



## Week 7: Still Stars

**Today: Stars cont.  
Midterm 1 Review**

**Tomorrow: VP Debate**

**Thursday: Midterm 1 Exam**

**HEAP Jamboree**

**Video available on Ubox:  
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# VP Debate - Science Policy

- The science that gets done in the US is the science that gets funded
  - Astronomy is primarily funded through the NSF, NASA, and DOE
    - NASA is 0.5% of the total budget, science activities make up <10% of that
- If a candidate does not choose to listen to scientists, they will make uninformed policy decisions that affect the progress of humanity
  - Human-induced climate change exacerbates droughts and storms (hence the increase in fires and hurricanes), costing billions
    - The scientific consensus about this is comparable to that on gravity
  - While how COVID-19 spread was somewhat unclear early on, it is better understood now and masks and social distancing are known to be effective
- Science is a METHOD: observe, theorize, explain, predict, argue; transparently

# Breakout Discussion

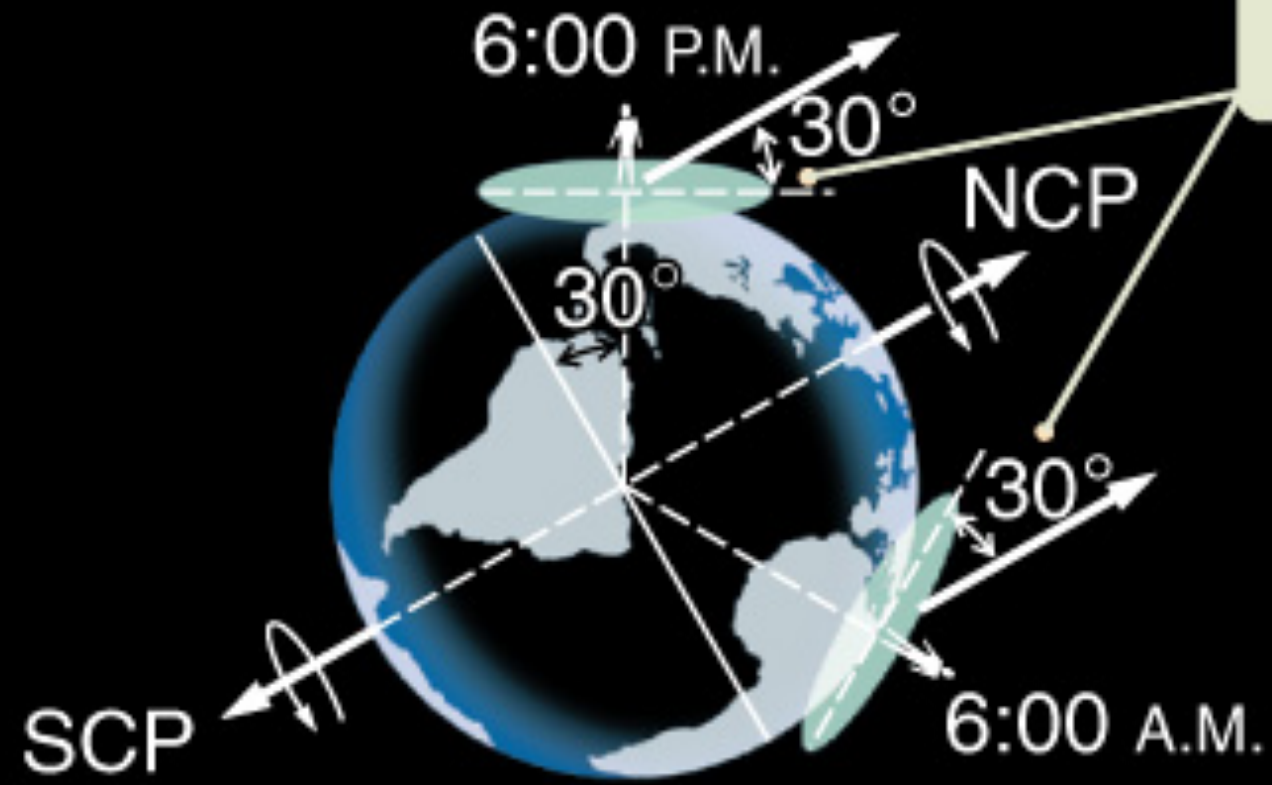
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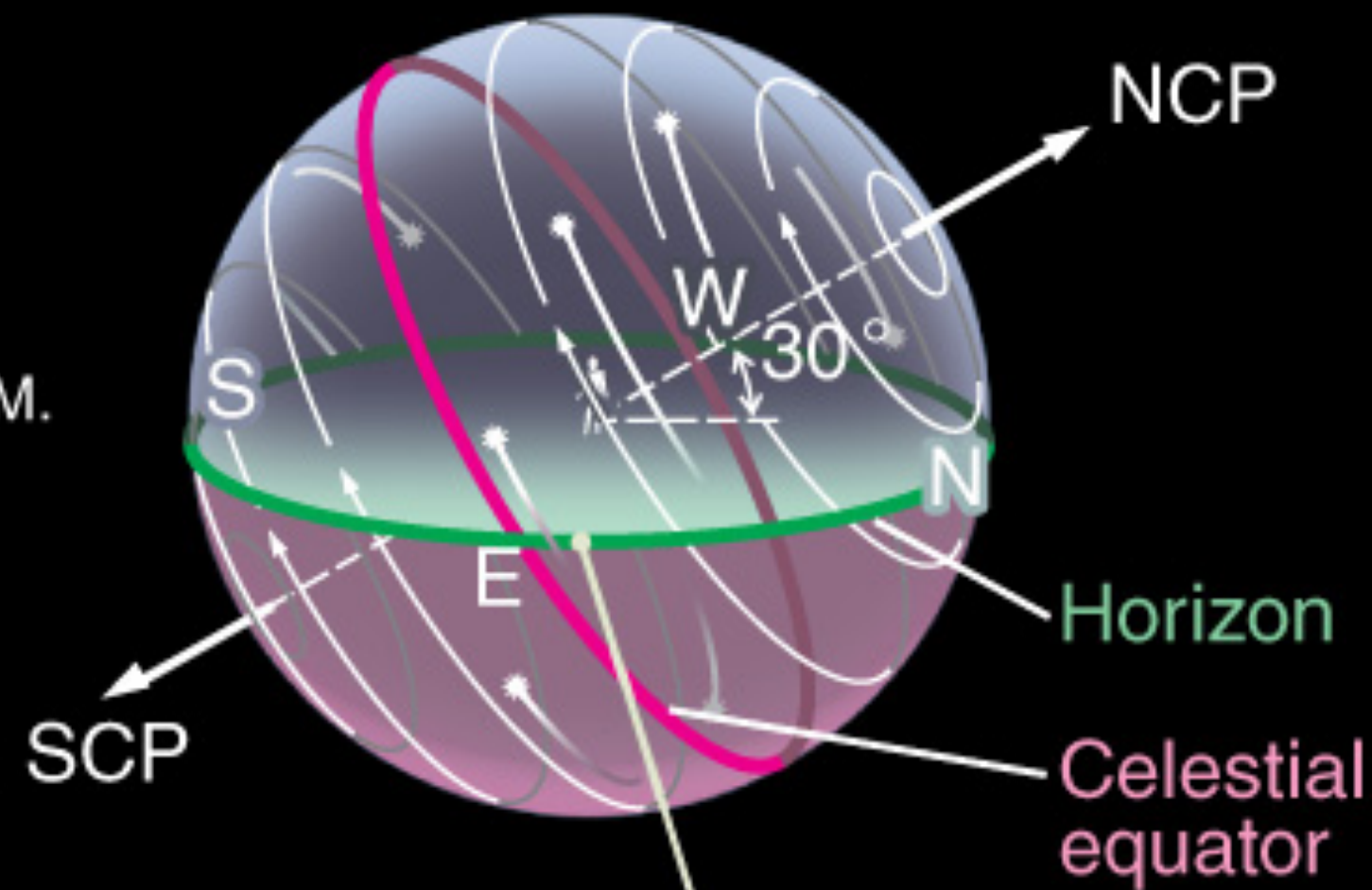
# Whiteboard

# Midterm 1 Review!

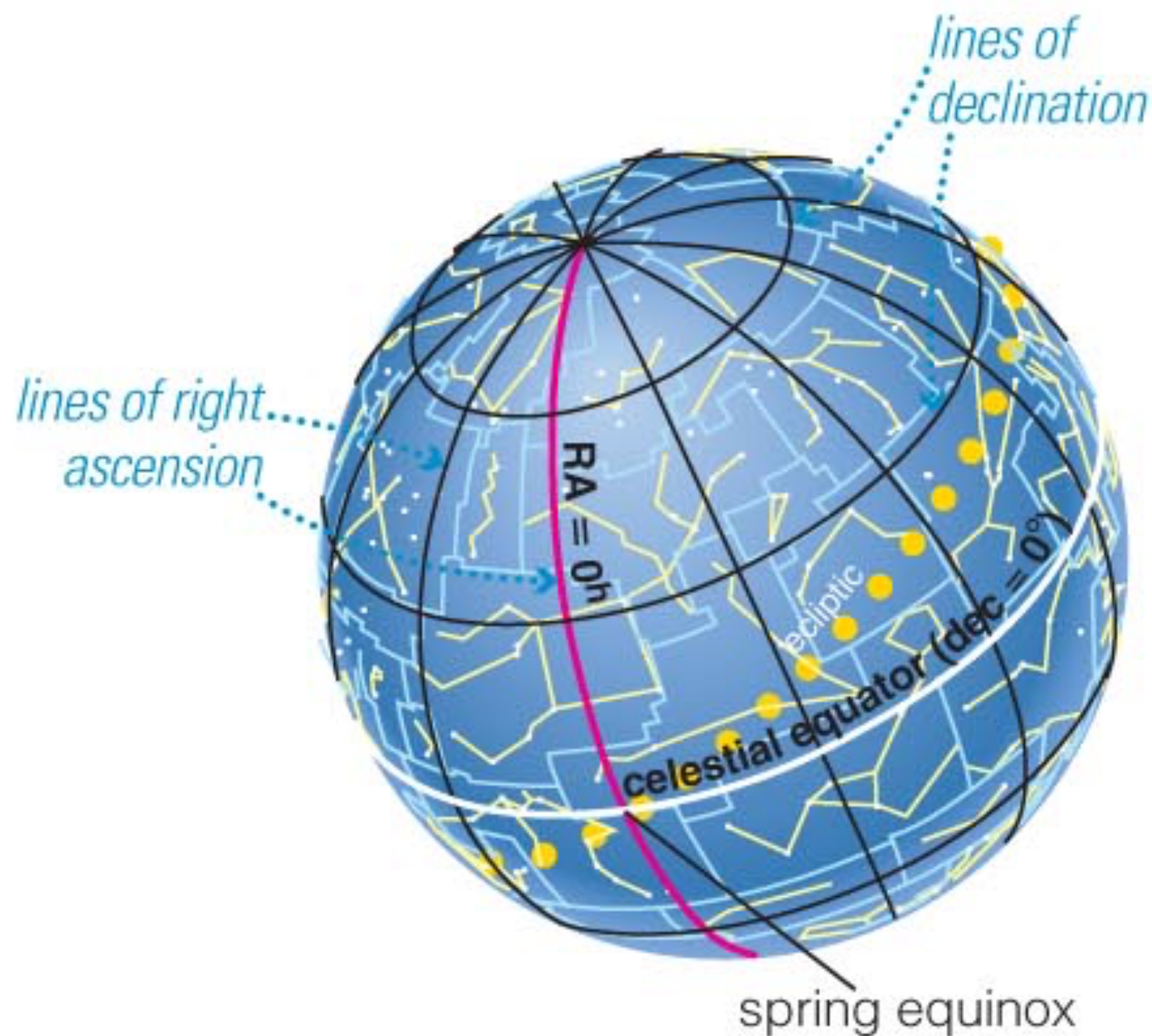
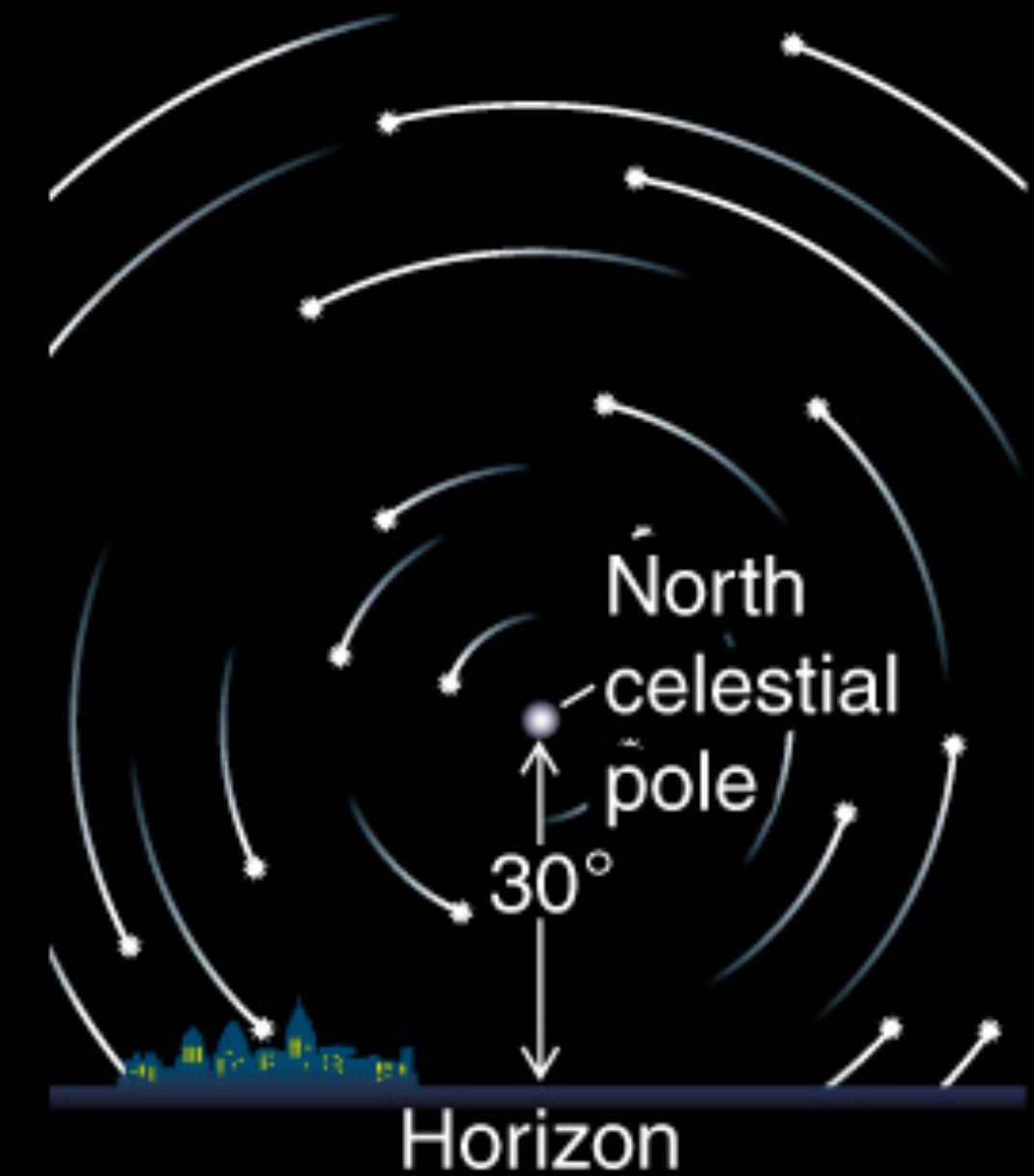
Latitude 30°N



**3** From locations other than the poles, the part of the sky we see is constantly changing.

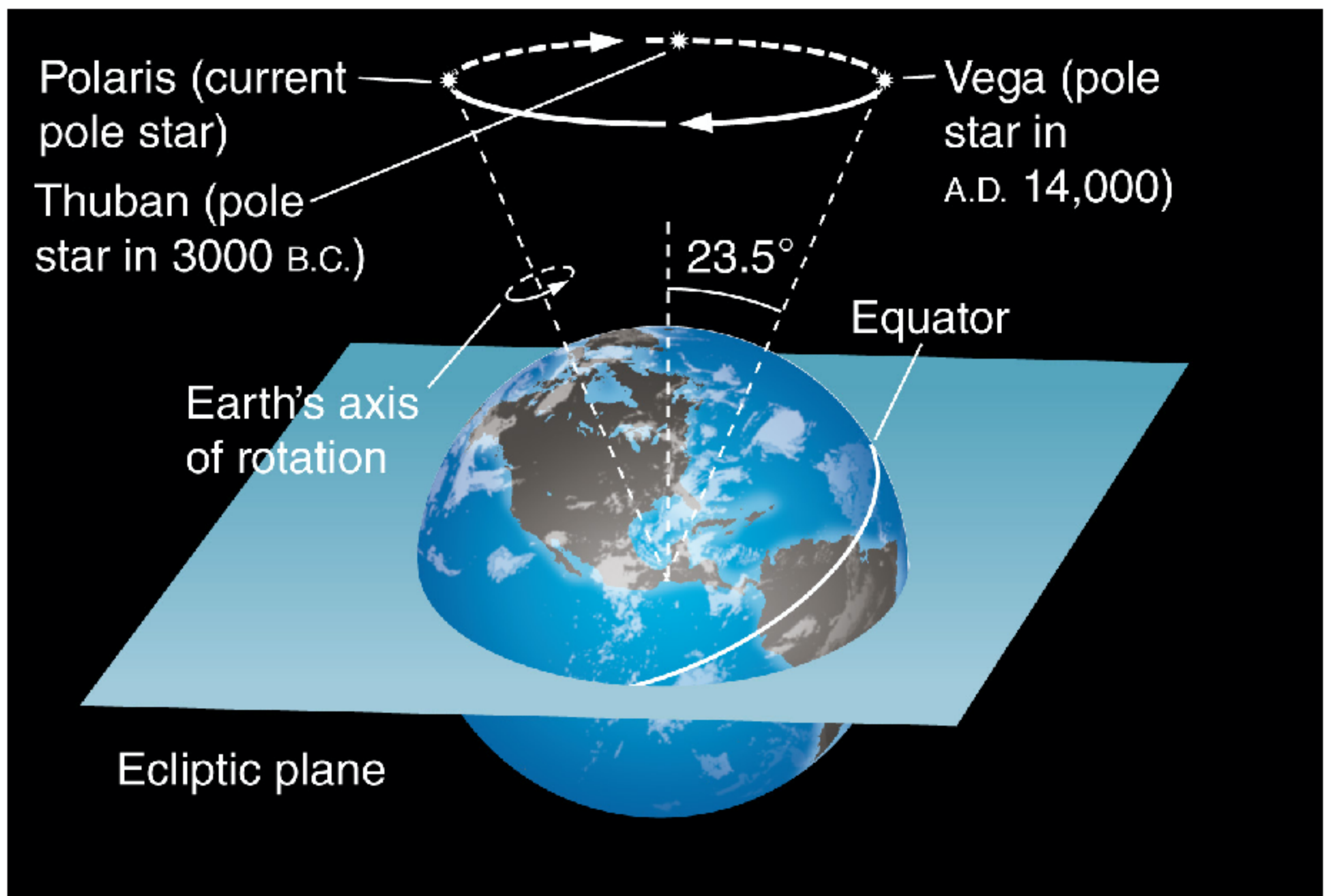
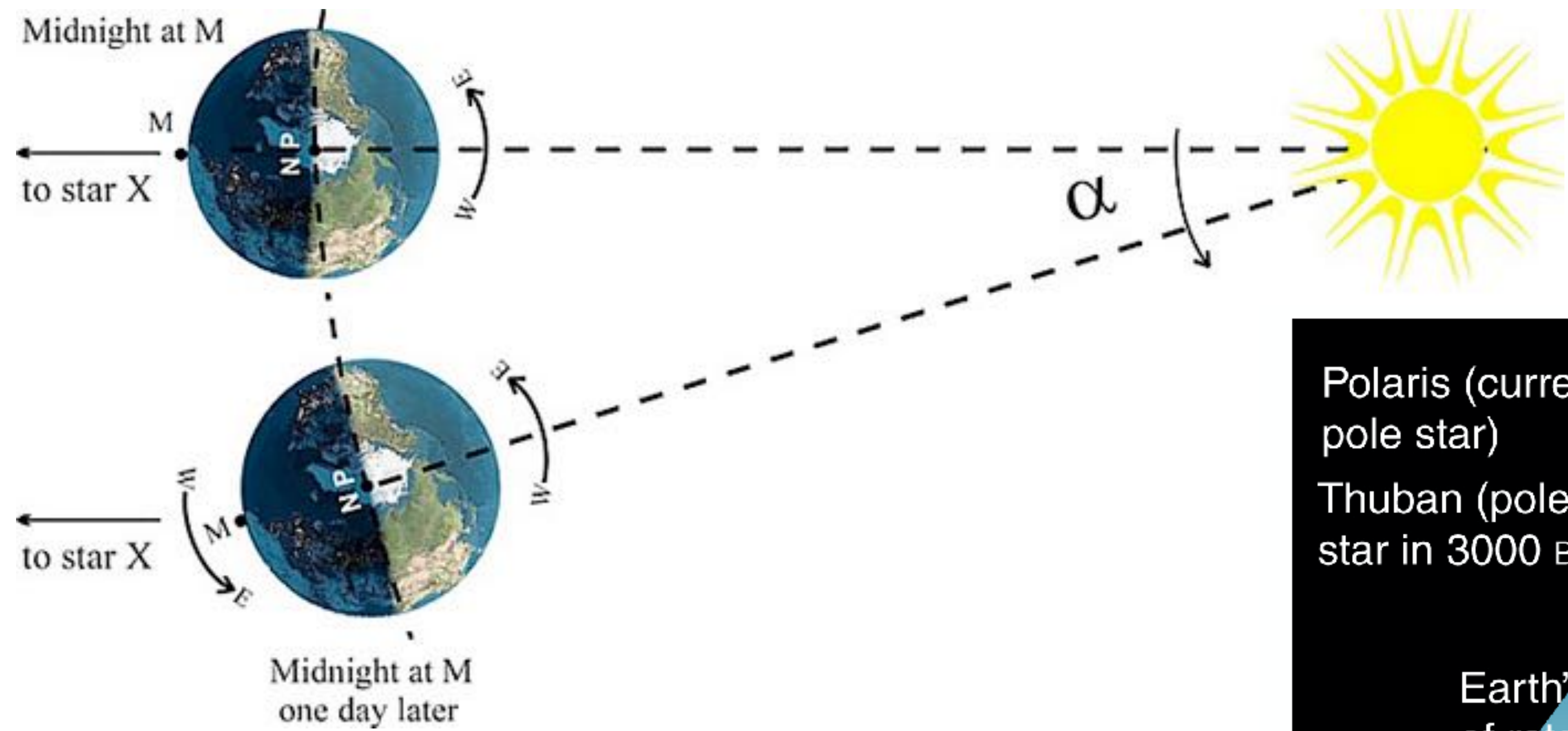


**4** Stars “rise” and “set” as the part of the sky we can see changes.

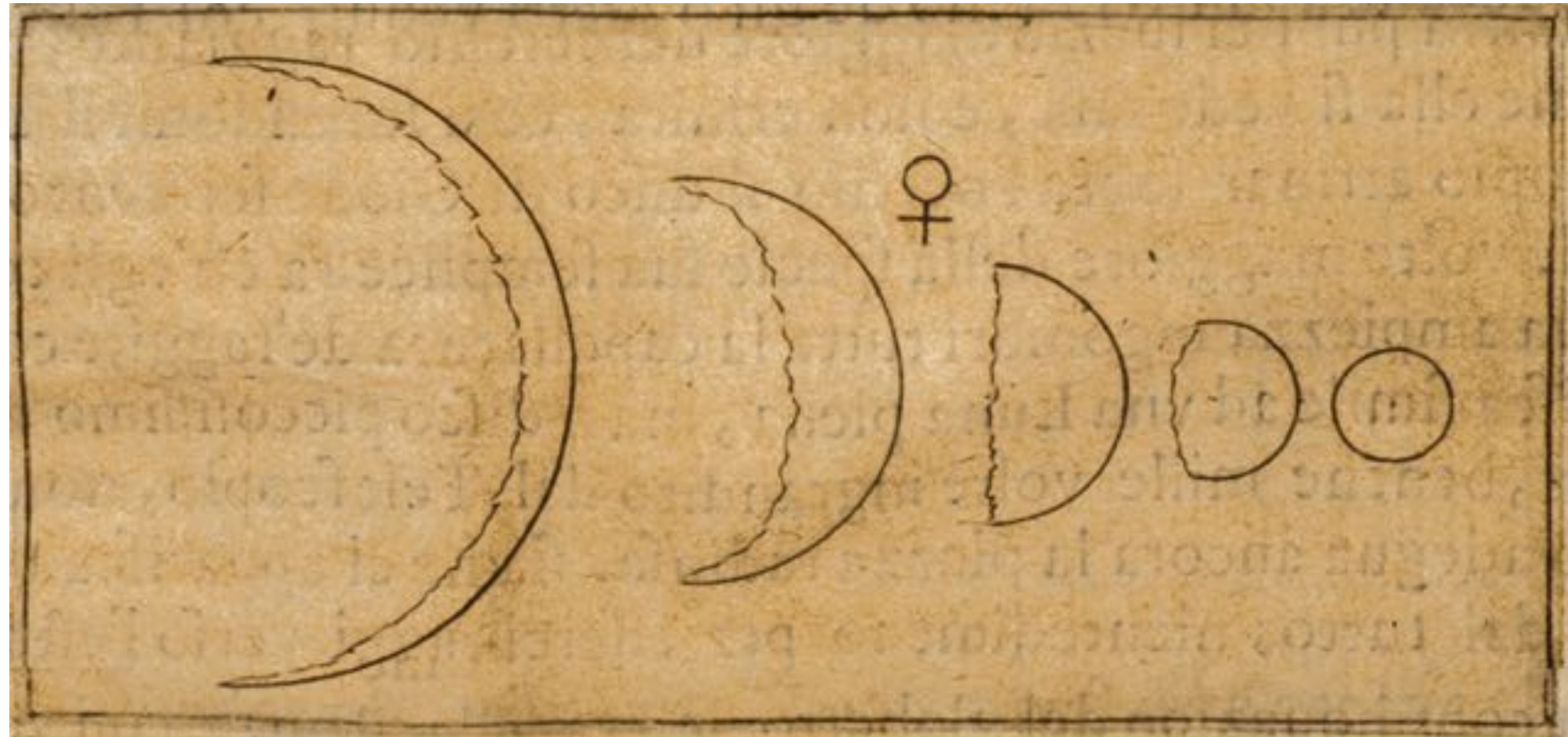


# Sky Coordinates (RA/Dec)

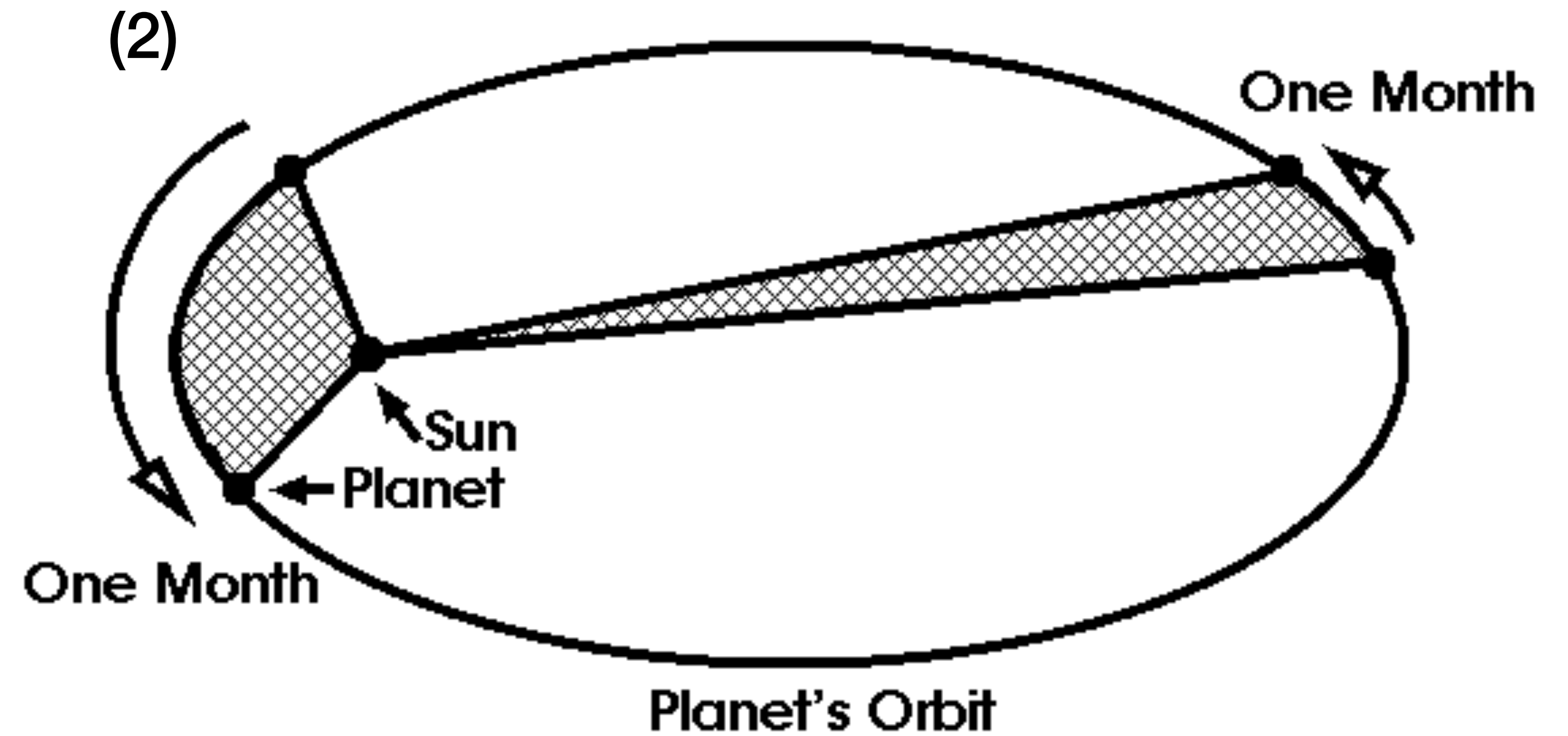
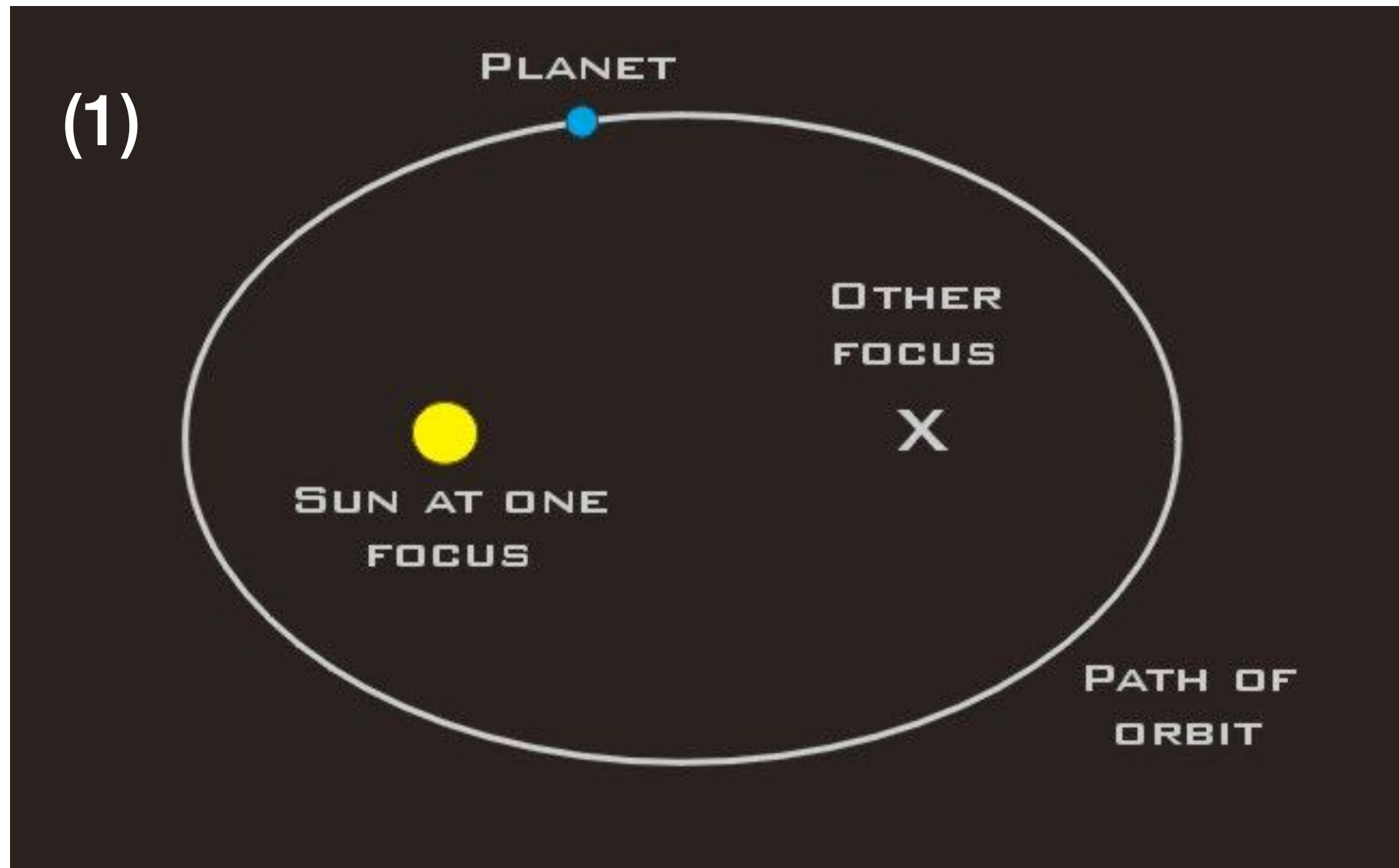
# Rise/Set Times & Precession



# How do Galileo's observations of Venus support the heliocentric model of the solar system?



# Kepler's 3 Laws



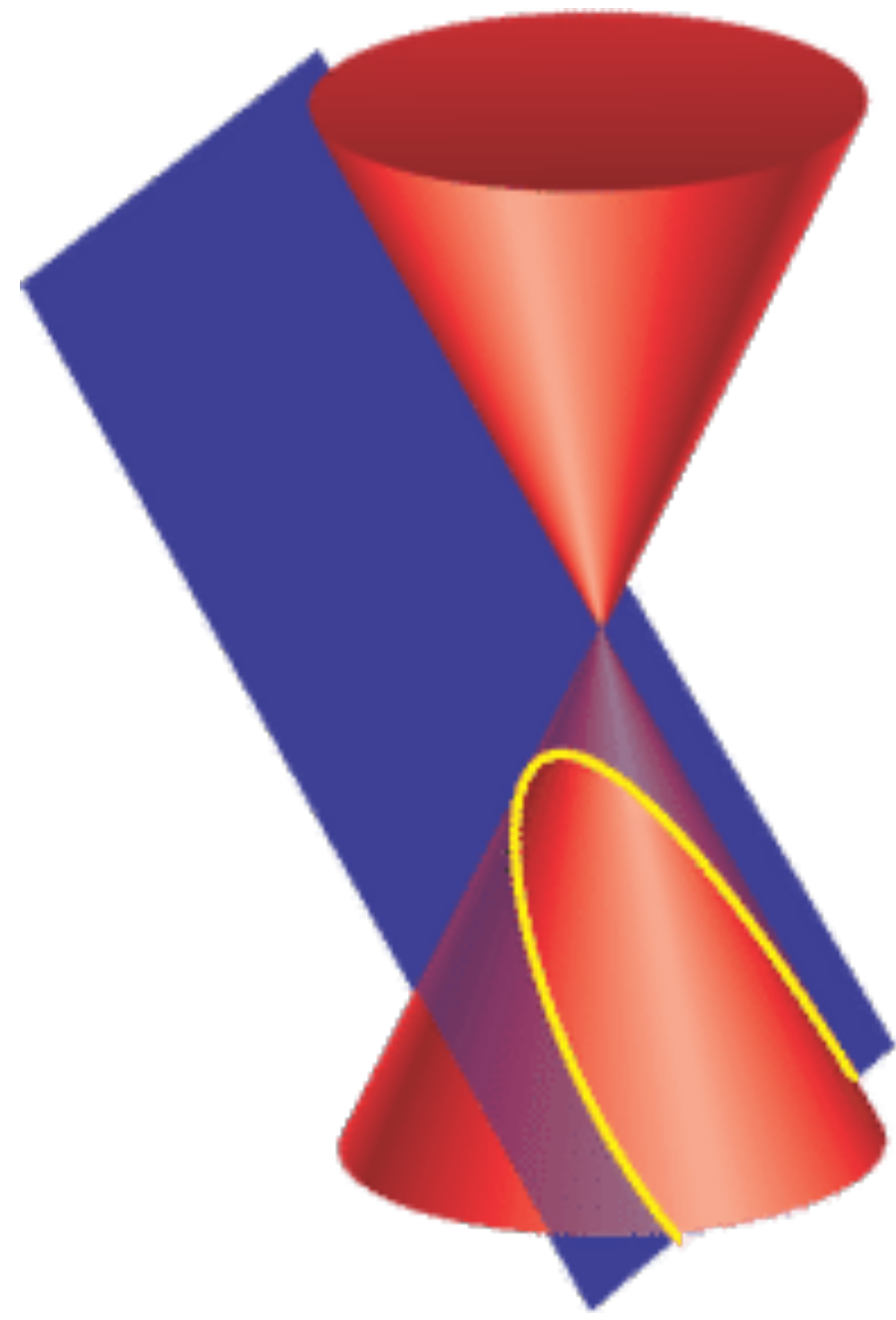
(3)

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M + m)} a^3$$

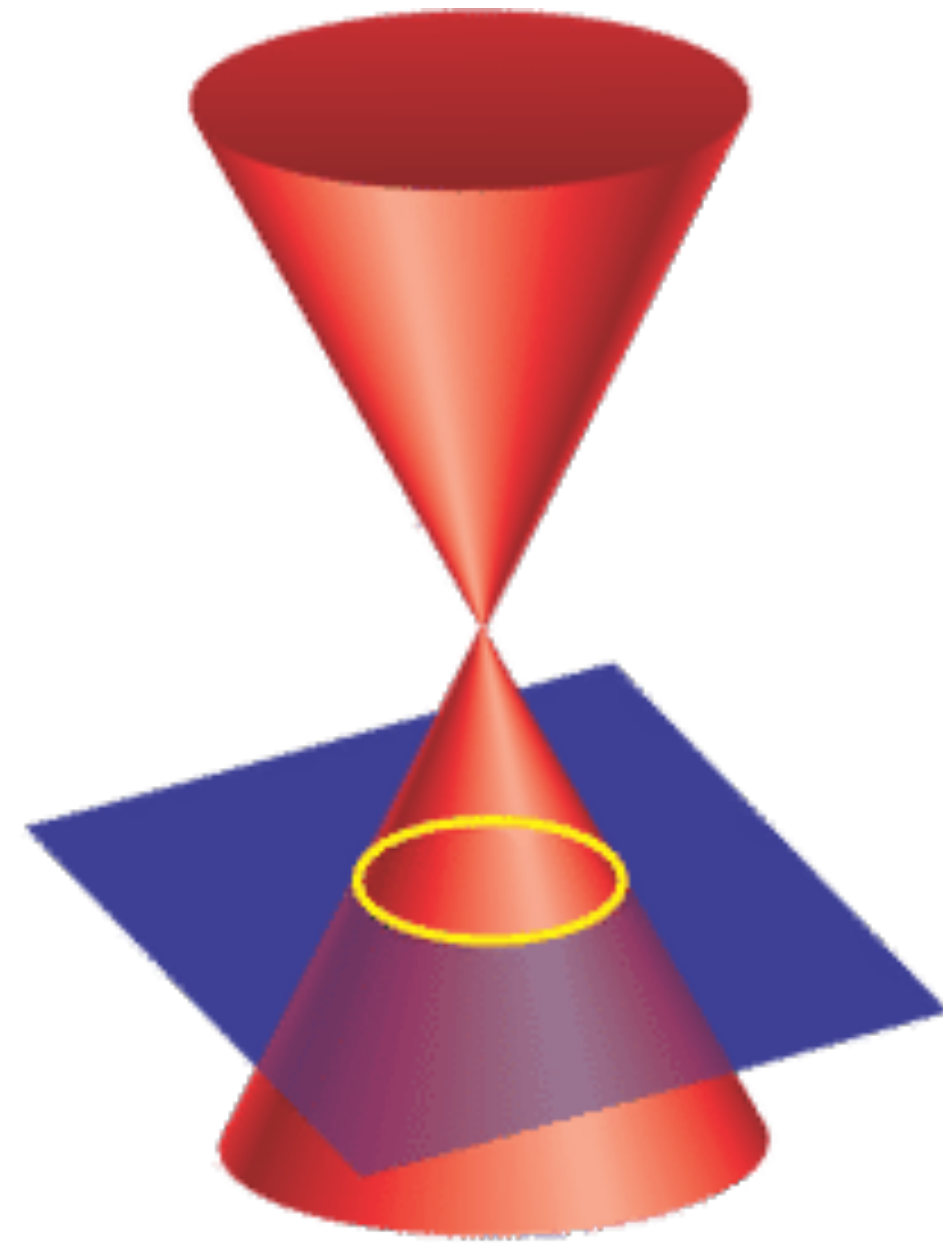


# Generic Orbits & Energetics

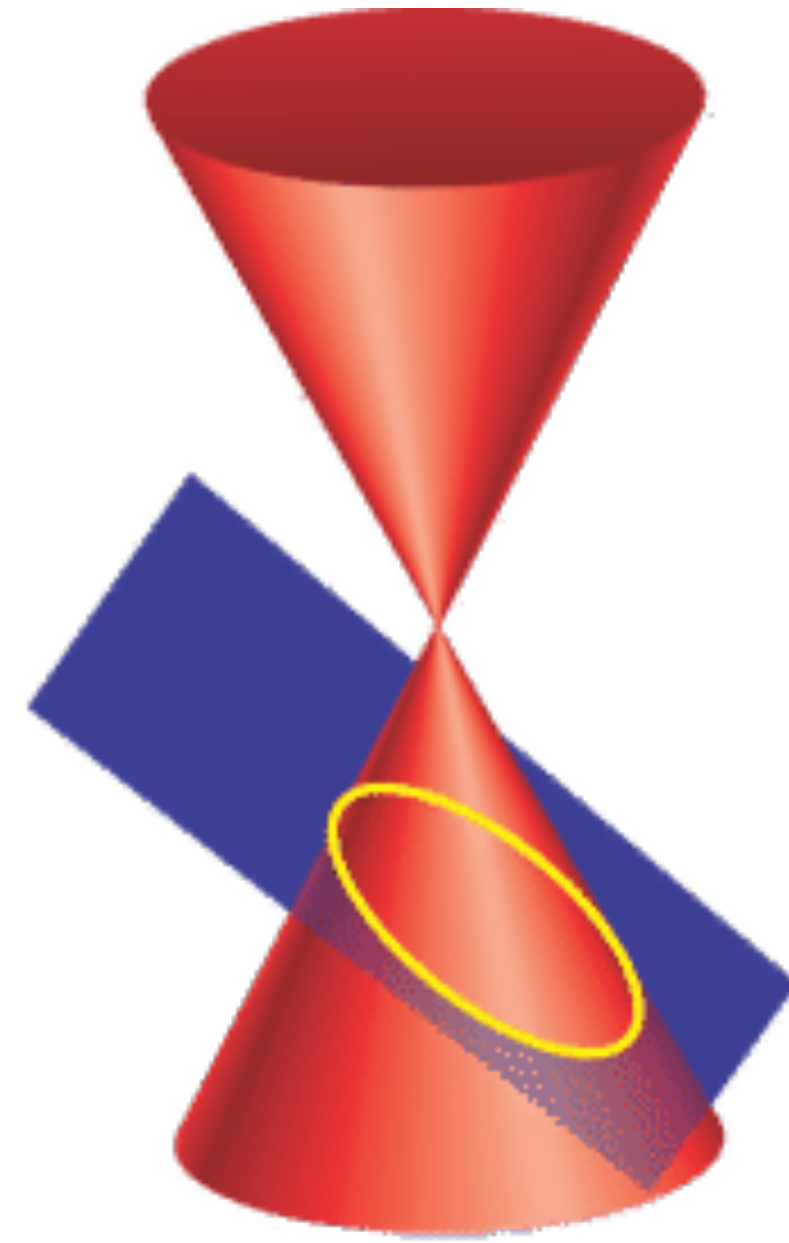
$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{GMm}{r}$$



Parabola  
 $e = 1$   
 $E_{\text{tot}} = 0$



Circle  
 $e = 0$   
 $E_{\text{tot}} < 0$  (minimum  
 for a given  $L$ )



Ellipse  
 $0 < e < 1$   
 $E_{\text{tot}} < 0$

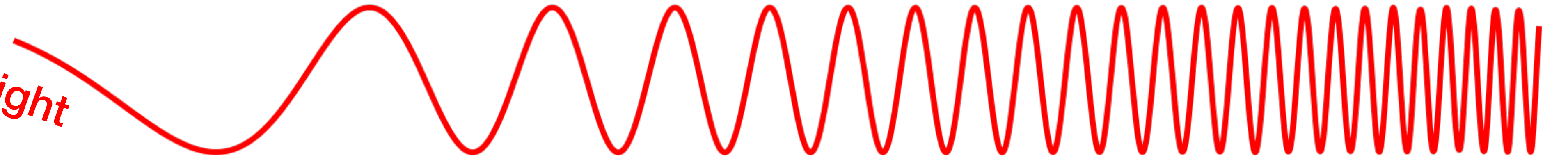


Hyperbola  
 $e > 1$   
 $E_{\text{tot}} > 0$

Penetrates Earth's Atmosphere?



*Light*



Radiation Type  
Wavelength (m)

**Radio**  
 $10^3$

**Microwave**  
 $10^{-2}$

**Infrared**  
 $10^{-5}$

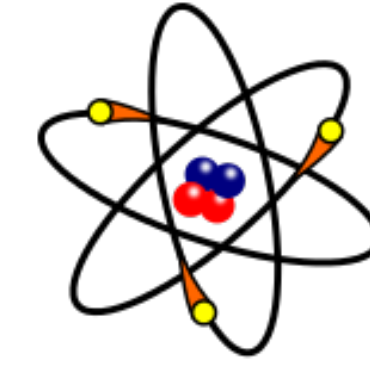
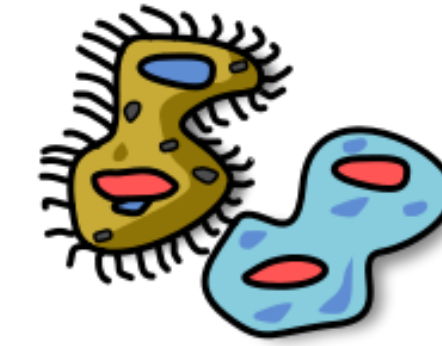
**Visible**  
 $0.5 \times 10^{-6}$

**Ultraviolet**  
 $10^{-8}$

**X-ray**  
 $10^{-10}$

**Gamma ray**  
 $10^{-12}$

Approximate Scale  
of Wavelength



Buildings

Humans

Butterflies

Needle Point Protozoans

Molecules

Atoms

Atomic Nuclei

Frequency (Hz)



$10^4$

$10^8$

$10^{12}$

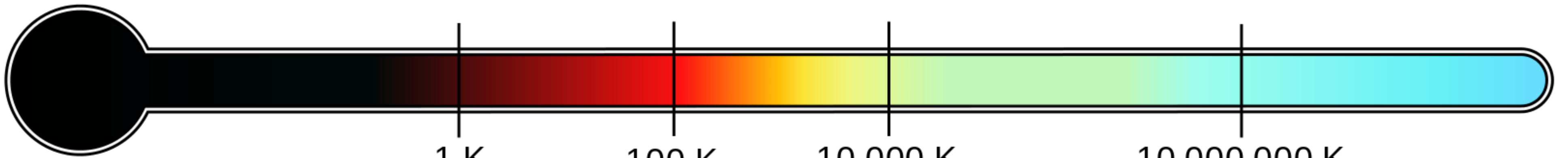
$10^{15}$

$10^{16}$

$10^{18}$

$10^{20}$

Temperature of  
objects at which  
this radiation is the  
most intense  
wavelength emitted



1 K  
-272 °C

100 K  
-173 °C

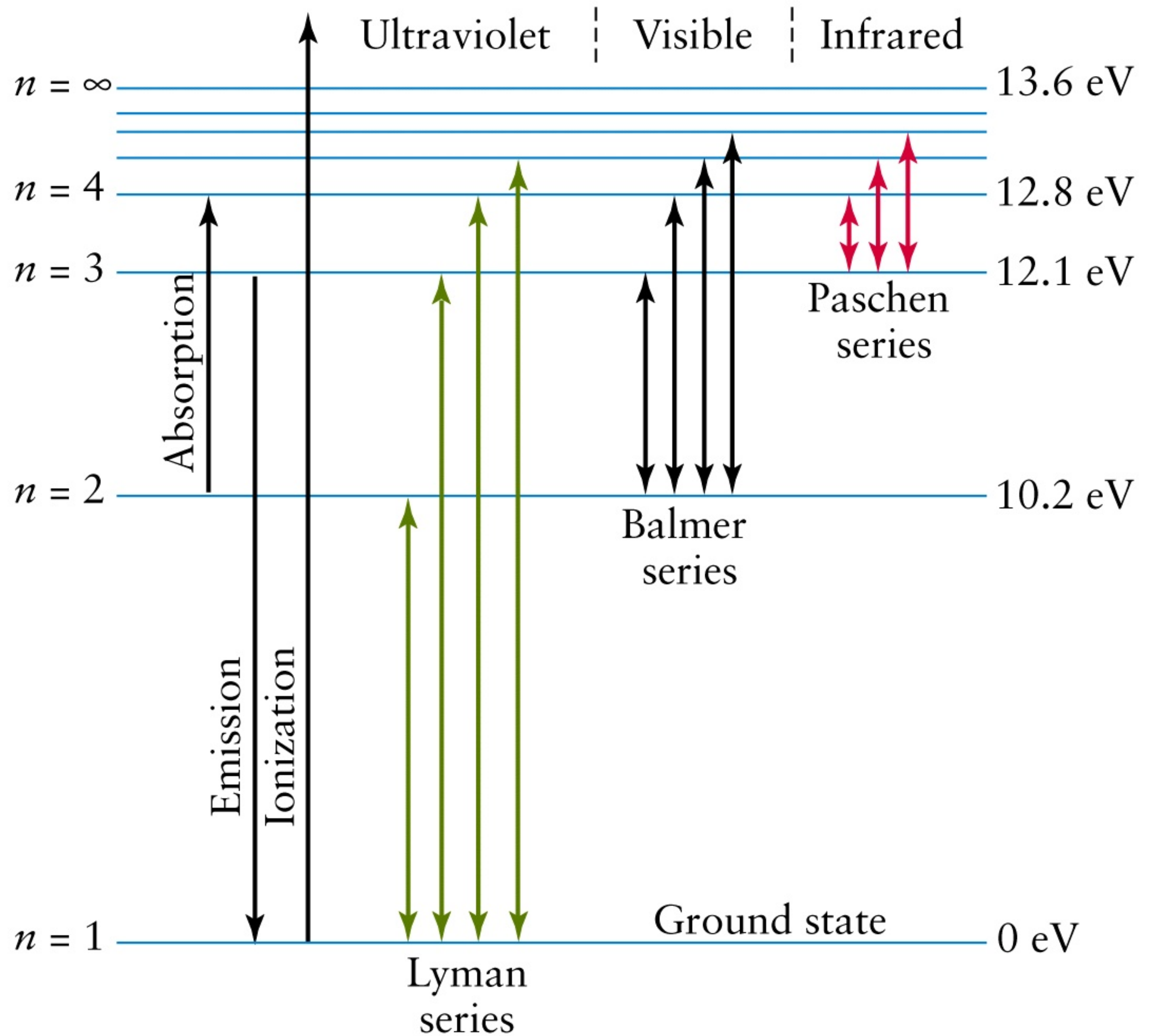
10,000 K  
9,727 °C

10,000,000 K  
~10,000,000 °C

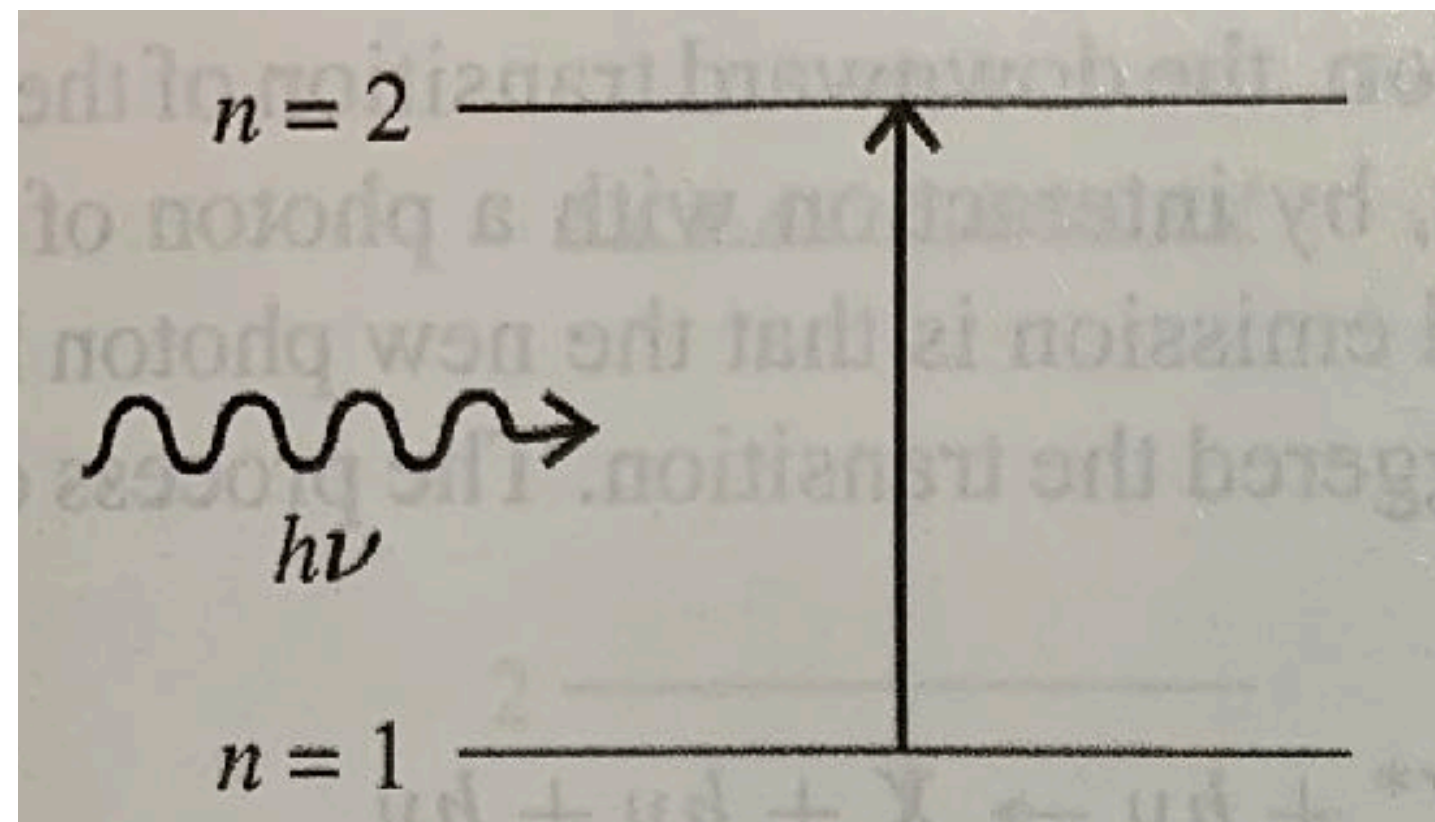
# Energy Levels

$$\Delta E = E_n - E_{n'} = (13.6 \text{ eV}) Z^2 \left[ \frac{1}{(n')^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right]$$

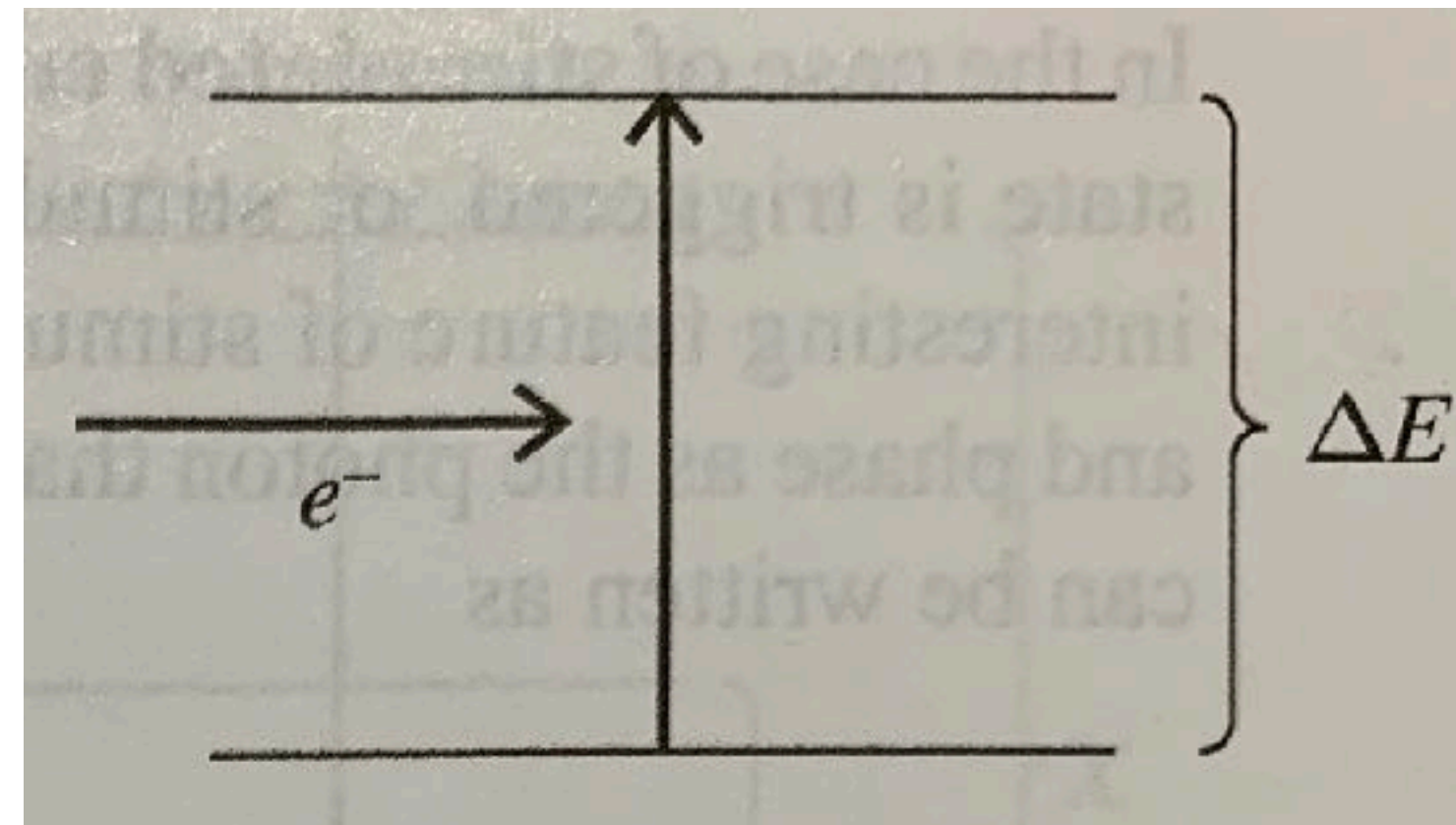
(Energies correspond to neutral hydrogen)



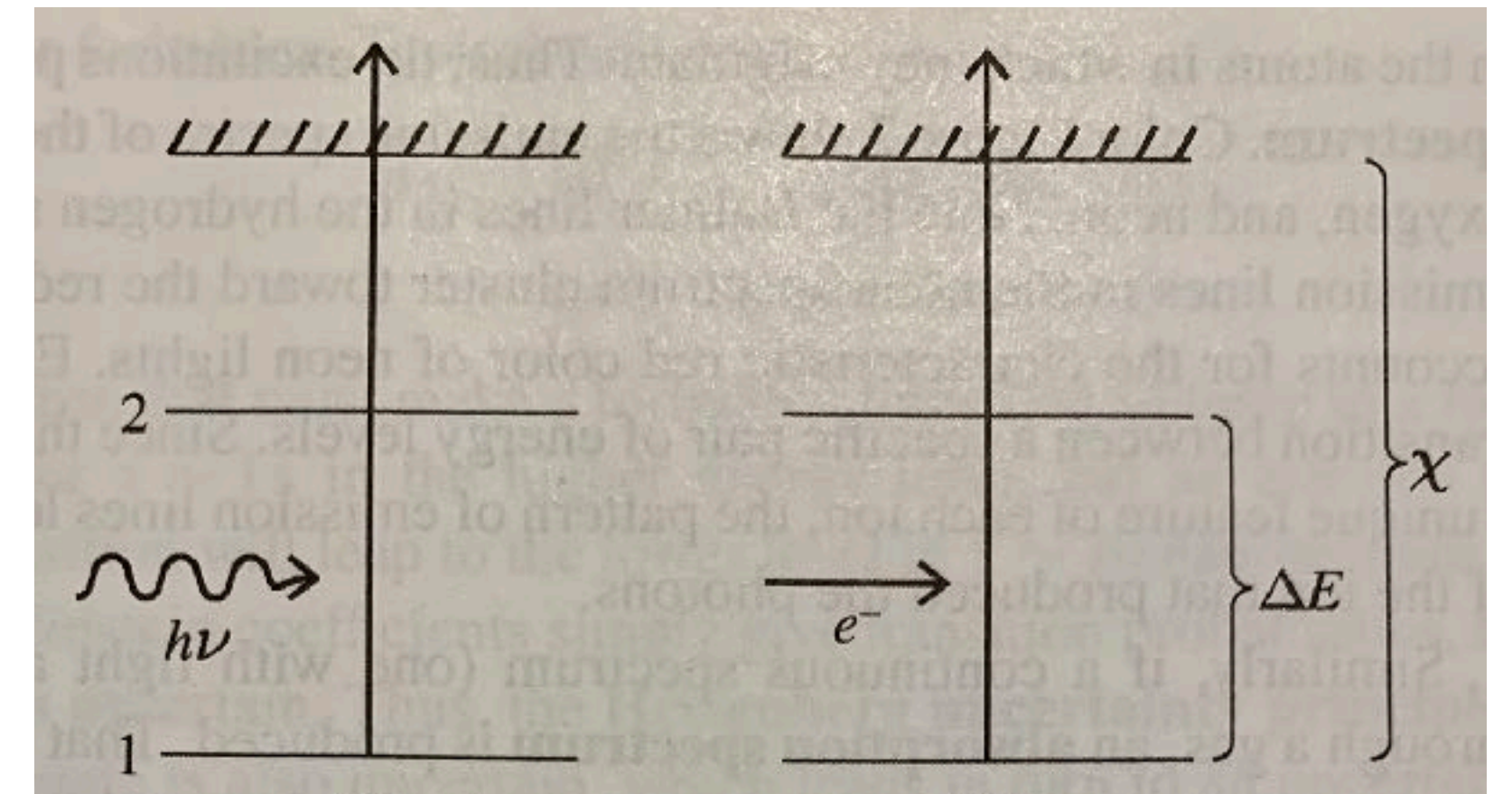
# Emission / Absorption Processes



Photoexcitation

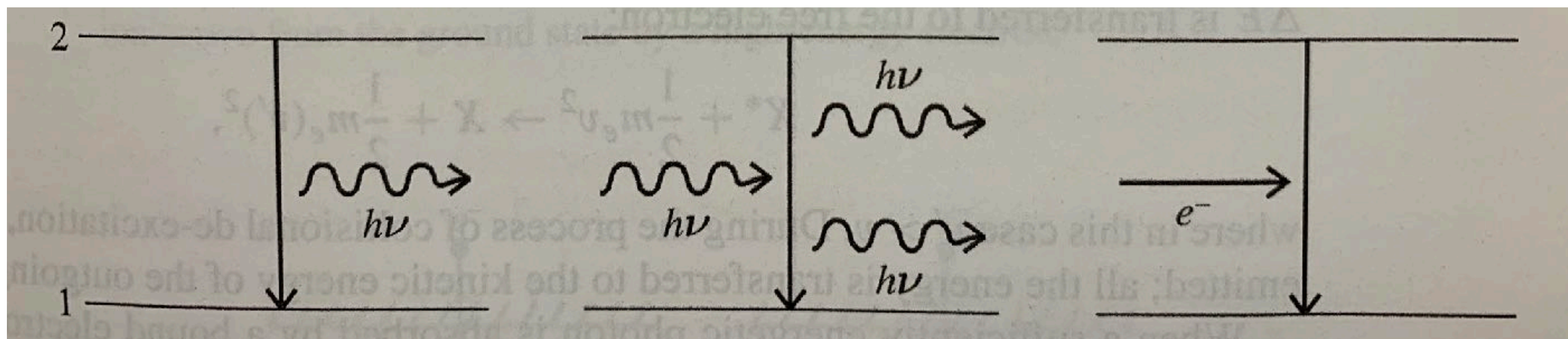


Collisional Excitation



Photoionization

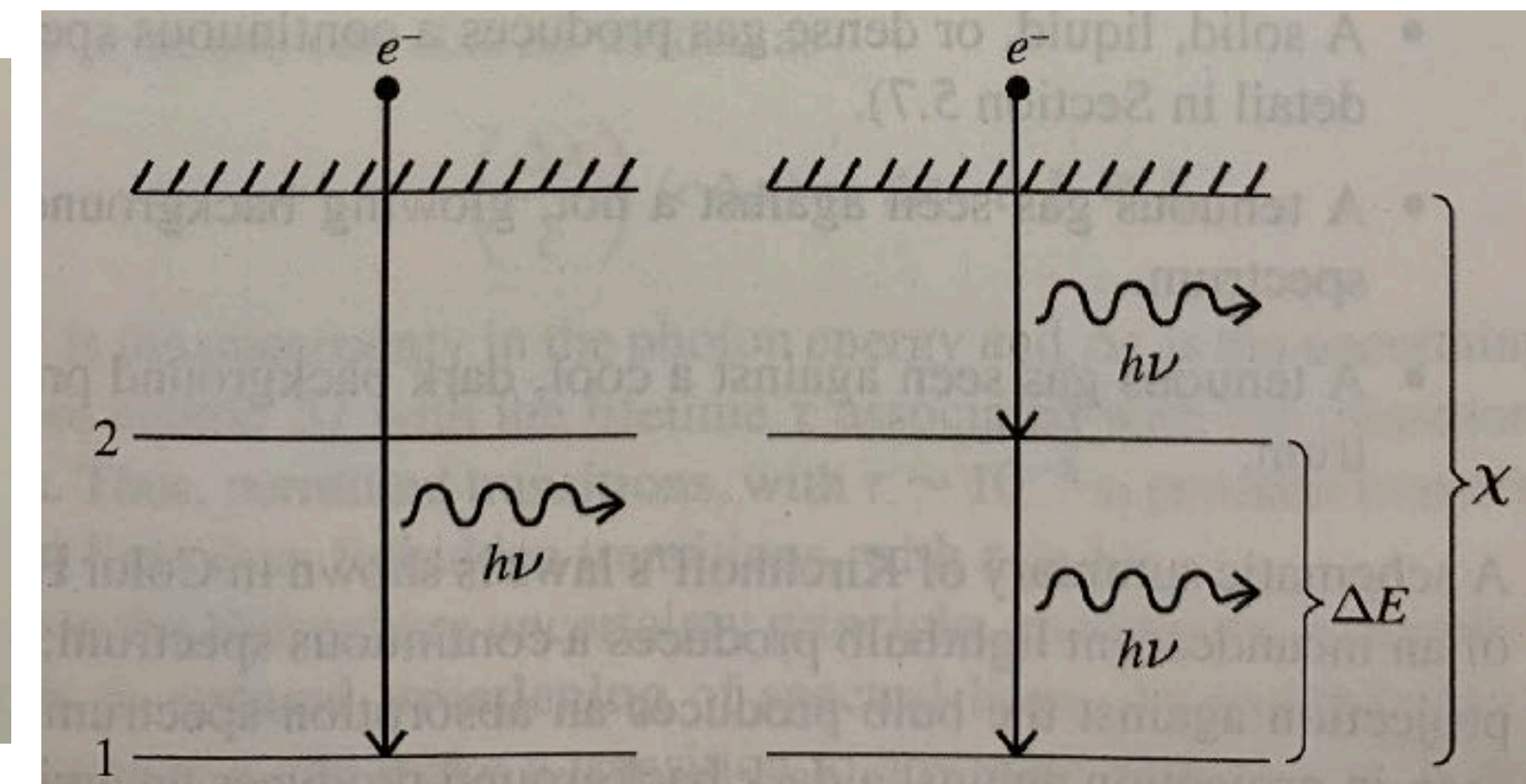
Collisional Ionization



Spontaneous Emission

Stimulated Emission

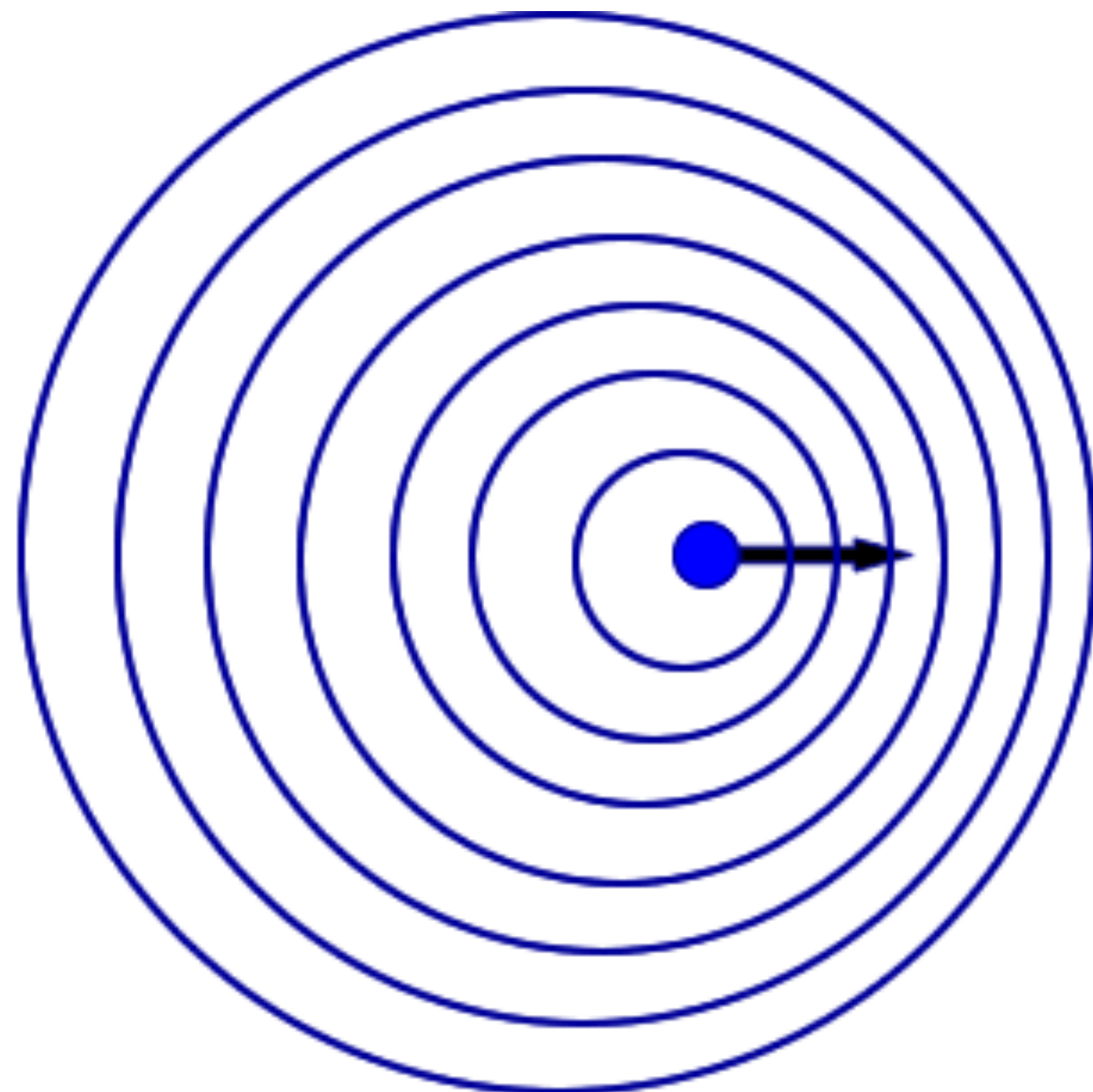
Collisional De-excitation



Radiative Recombination

# Doppler Shift

unshifted 



“blueshifted”

  
Shorter wavelength  
Higher frequency

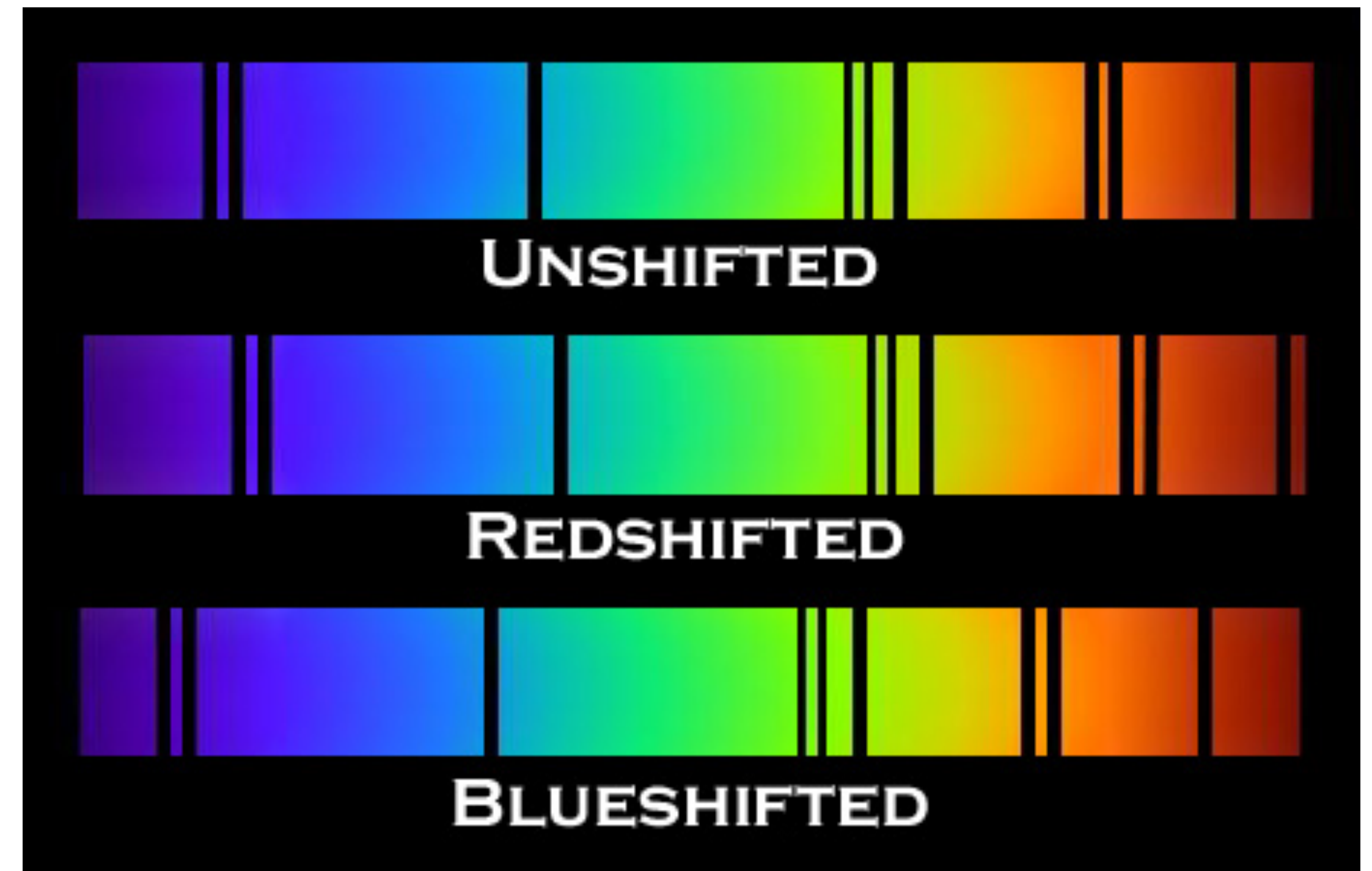
$$z = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu}$$

Longer wavelength  
Lower frequency

“redshifted”

unshifted 

Allows us to infer motions  
*along* the “line of sight”



# Lines are not delta functions!

i.e., the difference b/t energy levels is NOT exact

**Motion-induced Broadening**  
(small Doppler shifts cause lines to appear more broad)

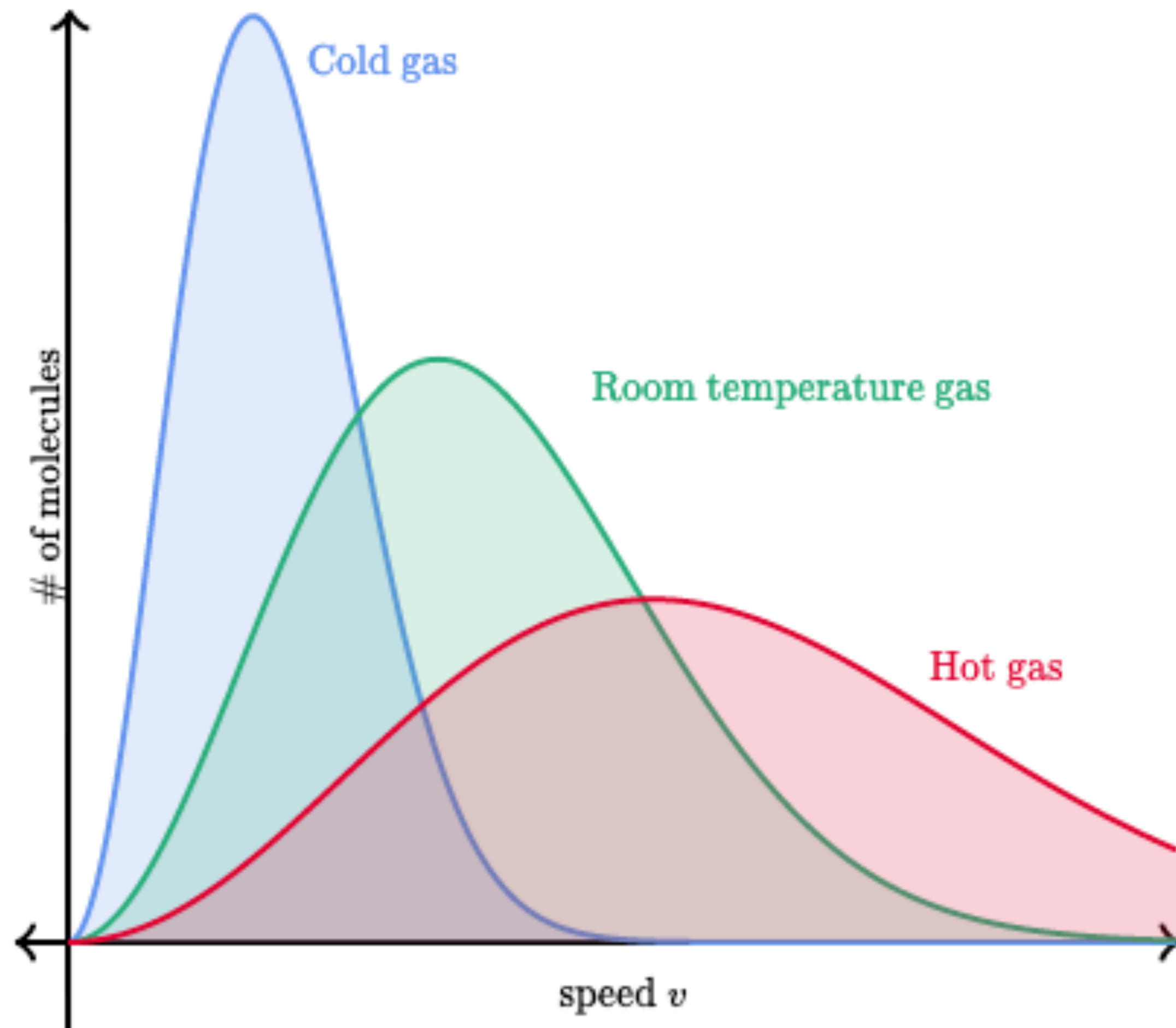
- Thermal Broadening
- Rotational Broadening
- Turbulent Broadening

**Other Types of Broadening**

- Natural Broadening
- Pressure Broadening
- Zeeman Broadening



# Velocity distribution of particles in thermal equilibrium have a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution



$$F(v)dv = 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 \exp \left( -\frac{mv^2}{2kT} \right) dv$$

$$F(E)dE = F(v) \frac{dv}{dE} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi kT}} \left( \frac{E}{kT} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{E}{kT} \right)$$

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$$\langle x \rangle = \int x f(x) dx$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

Avg. particle speed

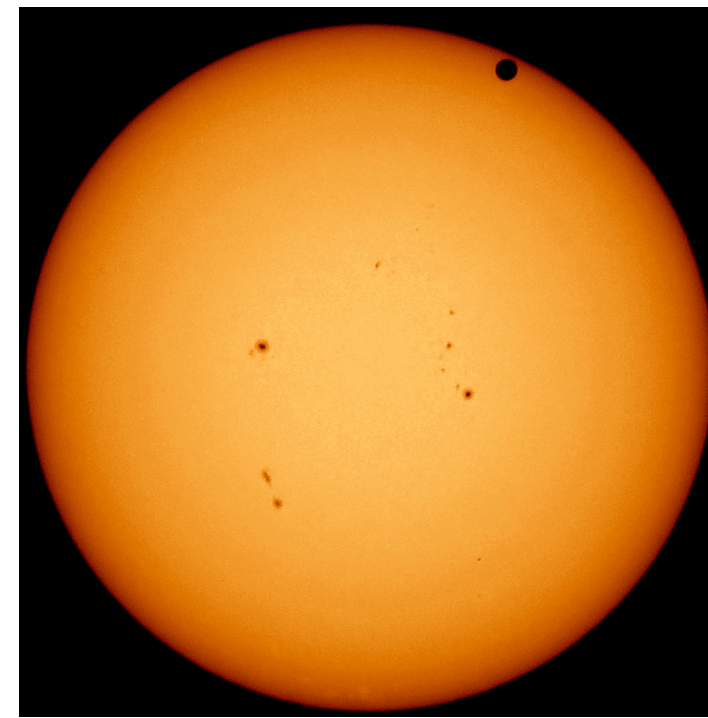
Avg. particle kinetic energy

# Radiative Transfer / Optical Depth / LTE

$$I_\nu = I_{0,\nu} \exp[-\tau_\nu(x)]$$

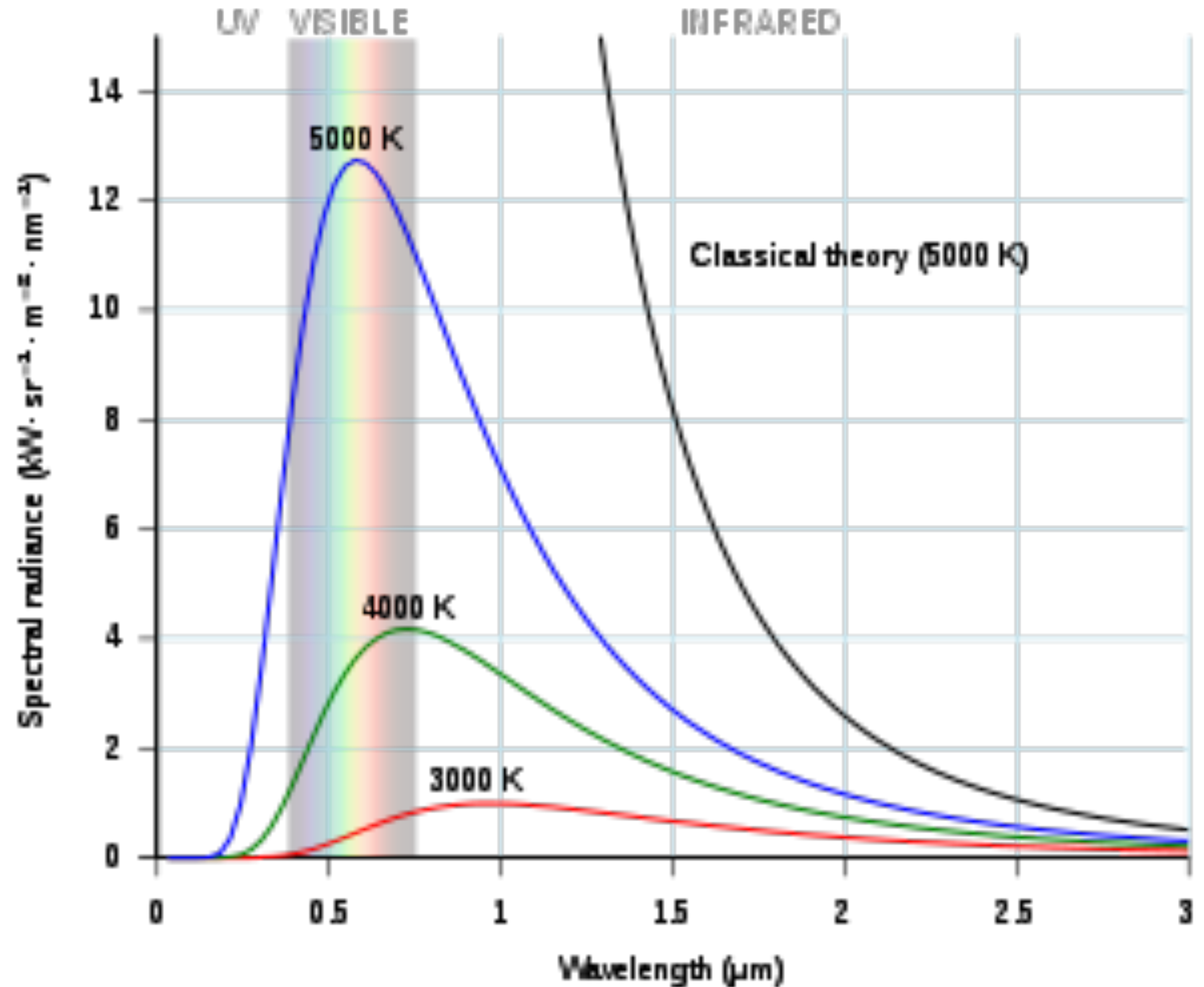
$$\tau = n\sigma x$$

$$\text{m.f.p. } \ell = \frac{1}{n\sigma}$$



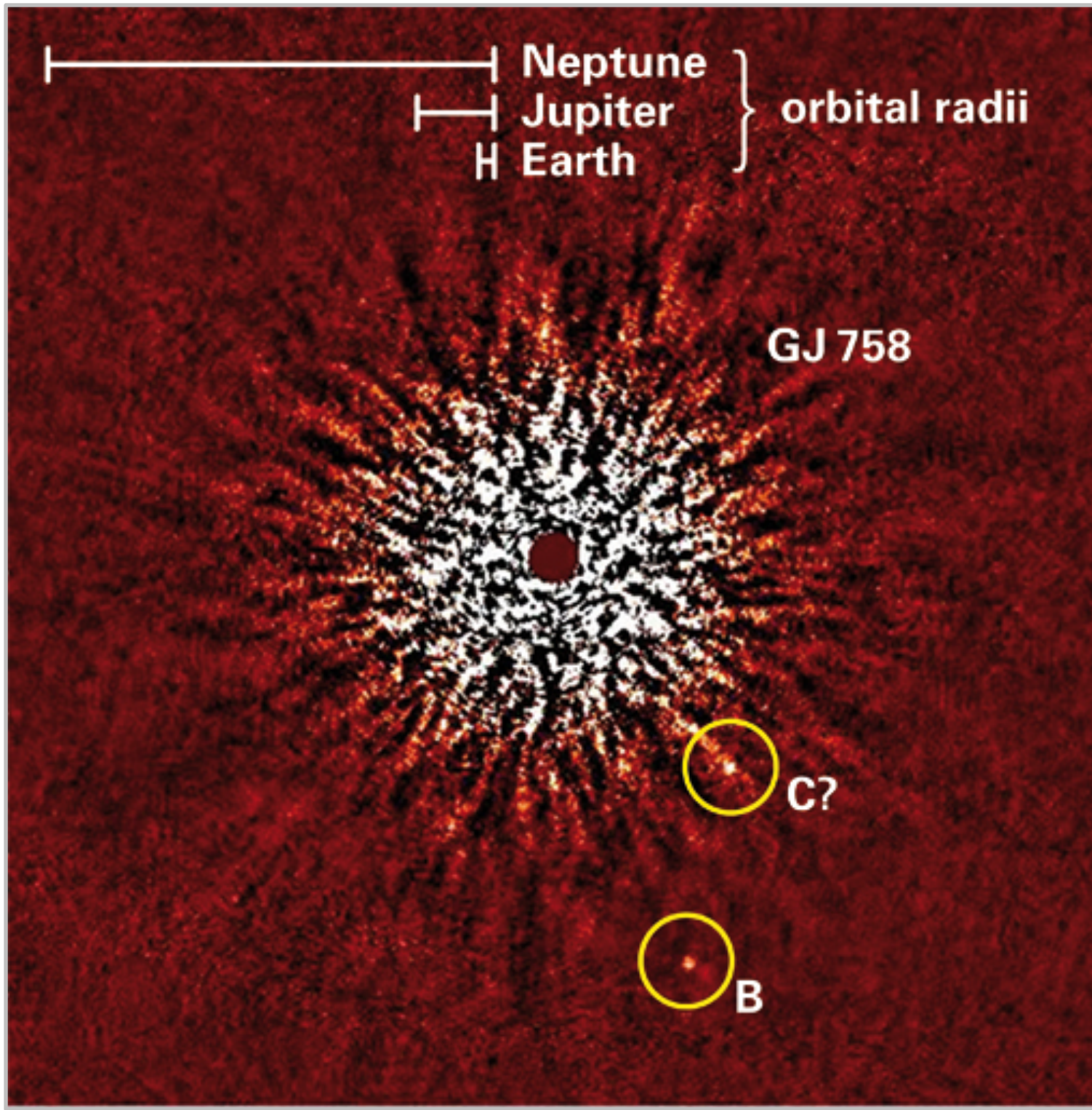
$$J_\nu = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_{\text{SB}} T^4$$



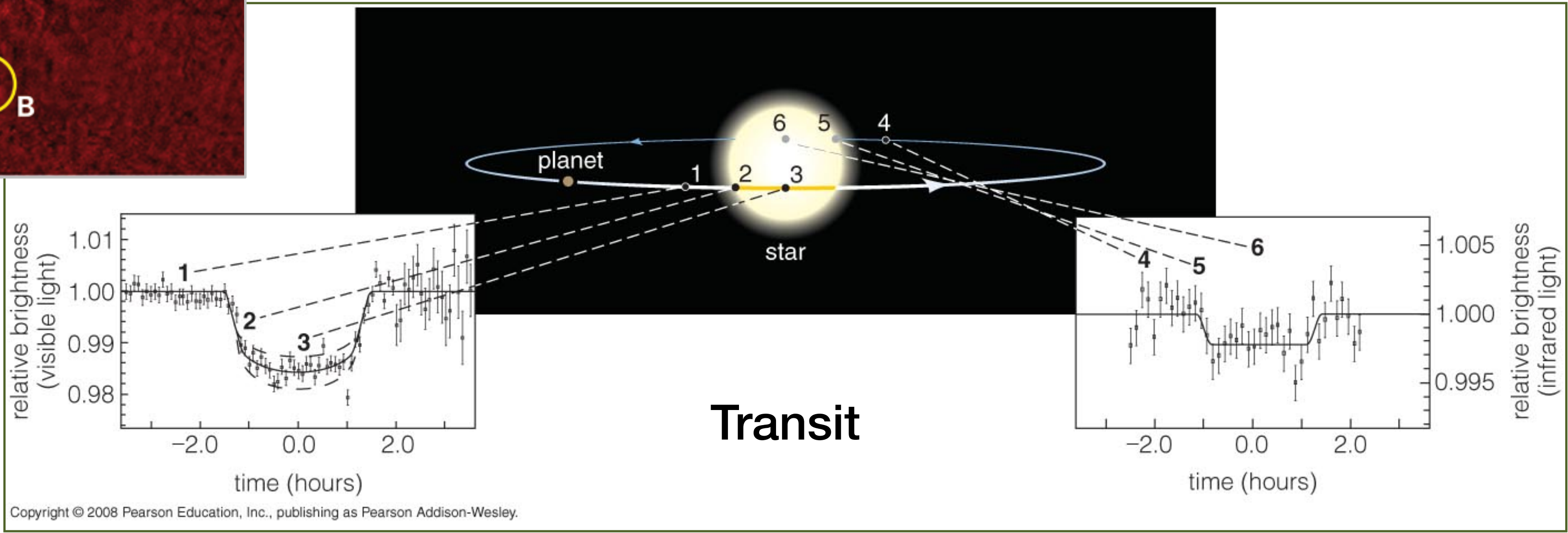
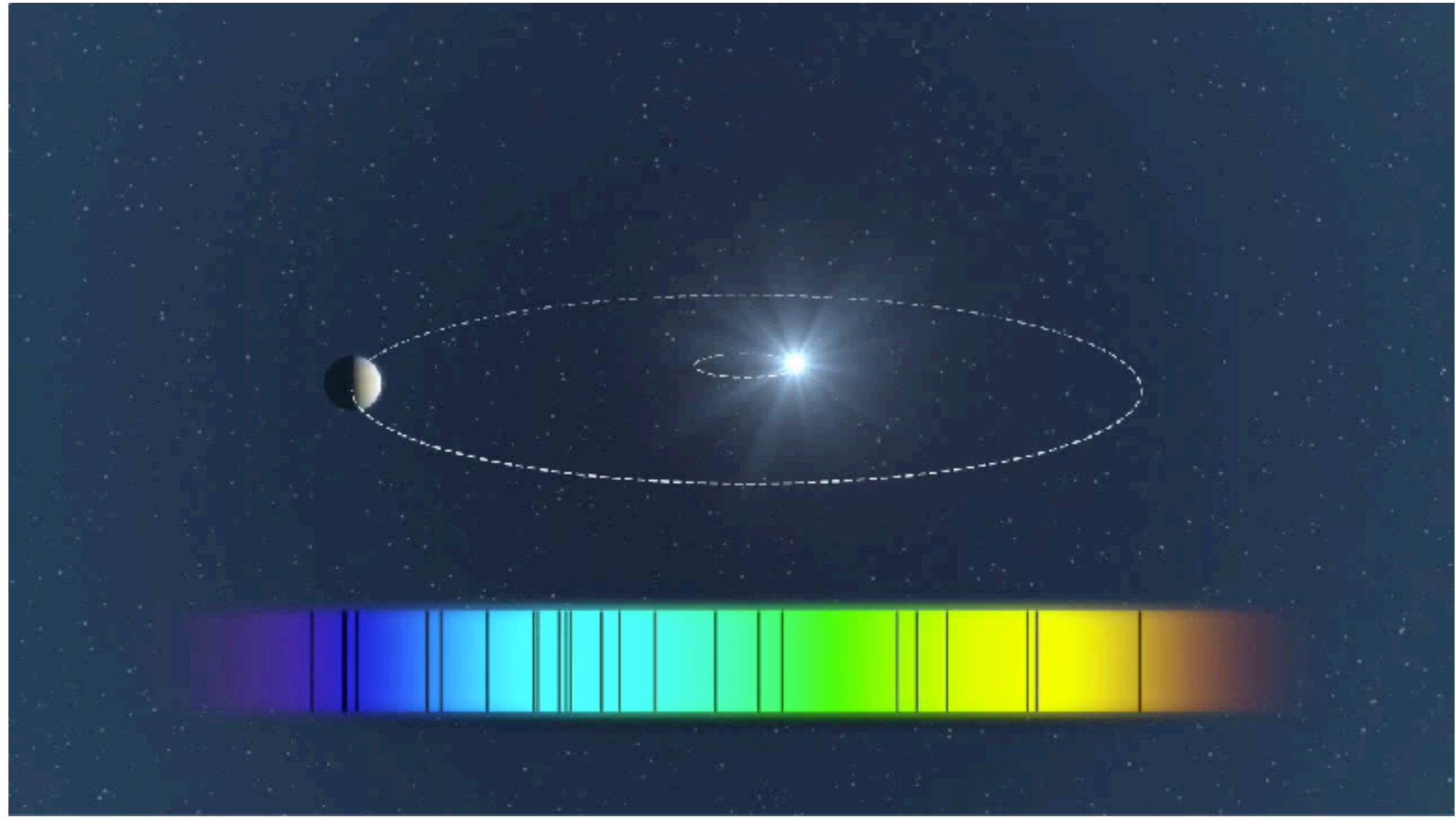


# Exoplanet Detection



Direct

Radial Velocity



# Measuring Stars

Parallax

$$d = \frac{1 \text{ pc}}{\pi''}$$

Inverse Square Law

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

Effective Temperature

$$T_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{L}{4\pi R^2 \sigma_{\text{SB}}} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$m_2 - m_1 = 2.5 \log(F_1/F_2)$$

Apparent Magnitude

$$m = C - 2.5 \log(F)$$

Absolute Magnitude

$$M_{\text{bol}} = 4.74 - \log(L/L_{\odot})$$

Distance Modulus

$$m - M = 5 \log \left( \frac{d}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$$