

## ❖ Origin of quantum theory

\* No adequate discussion of electronic structure is possible without reference to **quantum theory** and **wave mechanics**.

\* The development of quantum theory took place in two stages. In the older theories (1900–1925), the electron was treated as a **particle**. In more recent models, the electron is treated as a **wave** (hence the name wave mechanics).

\* At low temperatures, the radiation emitted by a hot body is mainly of low energy and occurs in the **infrared**, but as the temperature increases, the radiation becomes **dull red**, **bright red** and **white**. Attempts to explain this observation failed until, in 1901, **Planck** suggested that energy could be **absorbed** or **emitted** only in **quanta** of magnitude  $\Delta E$  related to the frequency of the radiation ( $\nu$ ). The proportionality constant is ***h***, the **Planck** constant ( $h = 6.626 * 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ ). eq. (1)

$$\Delta E = h * \nu \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

**E** = energy in **J**,    **\nu** = frequency in  $\text{s}^{-1}$  or **Hz**

$$C = \lambda * \nu \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

**C** = **speed of light** in a vacuum ( $2.998 * 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ), ( $\lambda$ =wave length, **m**).

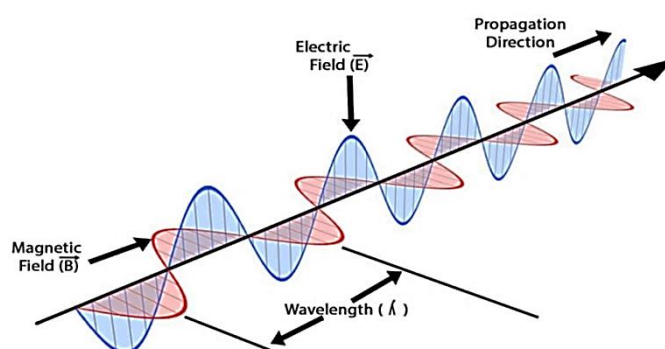
Since the frequency of radiation is related to the wavelength ( $\lambda$ ), we can rewrite eq. (1) in the form of eq. (3) and relate the energy of radiation to its wavelength.

$$\Delta E = \frac{h * C}{\lambda} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

## ❖ Electromagnetic (*EM*) Radiation

\* **Electromagnetic radiation:** Is a form of energy propagated through free space or through a material medium in the form of electromagnetic waves.

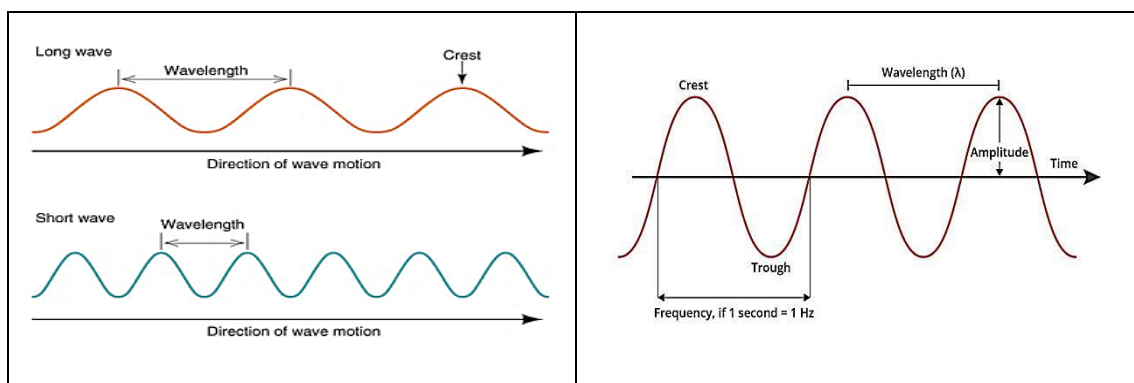
\* **EM radiation** is so-named because it has **electric** and **magnetic** fields that simultaneously.



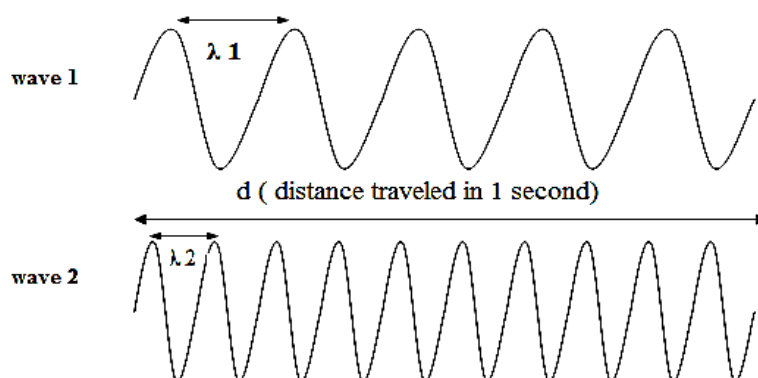
\* Electromagnetic radiation has the **dual nature**: it exhibits **wave properties** and **particulate (photon) properties**.

\* Electromagnetic radiation is an electromagnetic wave that travels through space at the speed of light, **C**.

\* Inverse relationship between wave size and frequency: as wavelengths get smaller, frequencies get higher.



\* In the diagram below, the distance (d) represents the distance the waves travel in 1 second.



\* **Wave 1** has **5** complete waves passing by in one second, while **Wave 2** has **10** waves passing by in the same time.

\* The frequency of **Wave 1** is 5 waves per second **5 Hz.**, While the frequency of **Wave 2** is **10 Hz.**

\* **wave:** - A disturbance that transmits energy through matter or space.

\* **Wavelength** (  $\lambda$  ): Is the distance between two consecutive peaks (crests) or troughs. ( $\lambda$  **Lambda**)

\* **Frequency** ( $\nu$ ): Number of waves that occurs in a given amount of time. ( $\nu$  **Nu**)

\* **Wavenumber**: Is the number of waves in one centimeter of light in a given wavelength; the reciprocal of the wavelength.

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^2 \text{ cm}, [1 \text{ cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m}].$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^6 \mu\text{m}, [1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}]$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^9 \text{ nm}, [1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}]$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^{10} \text{ \AA}, [1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}]$$

\* **EX.** An FM radio station broadcasts at a frequency of  $(91.5 * 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1})$ . Calculate the wavelength of the radio waves in m, cm, nm, and  $\text{\AA}$ .

**Ans.:-**  $C = \text{wavelength } (\lambda) * \text{frequency } (\nu)$

$$2.99 * 10^8 \text{ m/s} = \text{wavelength} * 91.5 * 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1} = 3.27 \text{ m}$$

$$3.27 \text{ m} * (1 * 10^2 \text{ cm} / 1 \text{ m}) = 3.27 * 10^2 \text{ cm}$$

$$3.27 \text{ m} * (1 * 10^6 \text{ }\mu\text{m} / 1 \text{ m}) = 3.27 * 10^6 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

$$3.27 \text{ m} * (1 * 10^9 \text{ nm} / 1 \text{ m}) = 3.27 * 10^9 \text{ nm}$$

$$3.27 \text{ m} * (1 * 10^{10} \text{ \AA} / 1 \text{ m}) = 3.27 * 10^{10} \text{ \AA}$$

\* **Ex.** The radiation emitted from the sodium vapor lamp has a wavelength of 589 nm, what is its frequency.

**Ans.:-**  $589 \text{ nm} * (1 \text{ m} / 1 * 10^9 \text{ nm}) = 589 * 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

$$\nu = (C / \lambda) = (3 * 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}) / (589 * 10^{-9} \text{ m}) = 5.09 * 10^{14} \text{ Sec}^{-1}$$

\* **H.W.** Find the wavelength of a radio wave with a frequency of 900 kHz. **(Ans. 330 m).**

\* **H.W.** Find the wavelength of a radio wave with a frequency of 90 MHz. **(Ans. 303 m).**