

# IB PhotoElectric Effect

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PhotoElectric Effect - When light strikes the surface of the material, electrons are emitted. The radiant energy supplies the work necessary to free the electrons from the material's surface causing a current.

## PhotoElectric Characteristics

- ① The photocurrent is proportional to the intensity of the light
- ② The KE of the electrons is dependent on the freq., but not on intensity
- ③ No photoemission occurs for light with a freq. below a certain cutoff freq.  $f_0$  regardless of intensity
- ④ Photocurrent is observed when the light freq. is greater than  $f_0$ , even if the intensity is low.

$f_0$  = Threshold Freq.

$f < f_0$  No photo Emission

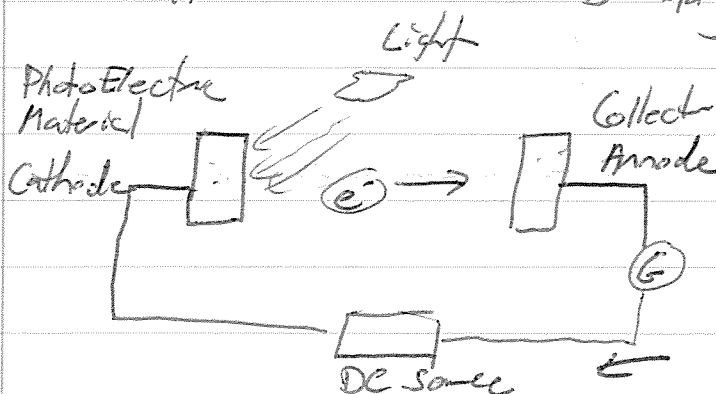
$f = f_0$  Electron freed, but no KE to move it

$f > f_0$  PhotoCurrent

$$KE = E - W$$

$$KE = hf - W$$

$W = \text{work/Energy needed to break the bonds holding the electron to the surface.}$



Pot. Diff is created causing  $e^-$  to move

Galvanometer etc collect can be stopping potential

Ex 1 A photon w/ a freq of  $8 \times 10^{14}$  Hz strikes a photoemissive surface whose work function is  $1.7 \times 10^{-19}$  J. Find

- 1) Max KE of the ejected photoelectrons
- 2) Threshold freq. of the surface

1)  $KE = hf - W$

$$6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s } (8 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) - 1.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 3.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

2)  $f_0$  at which max KE of the photoelectrons is just 0

$$0 = hf_0 - W$$

$$1.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = (6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}) f_0$$

$$W = hf_0$$

$$f_0 = 2.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

Ex 2 The work function of a metal is 2 eV. Find

- a) The threshold freq  $f_0$
- b) If the metal is illuminated w/ monochromatic light of wavelength  $(\lambda)$  550 nm, Find max v of electrons

a)  $KE = hf_0 - W$        $W = hf_0$        $2 \text{ eV} \times \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1 \text{ eV}} = 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

$$3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}) (f_0)$$

$$f_0 = 4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

Find Energy of the photon

b)  $E = hf$        $v = f\lambda$        $\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}) (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{5.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = 3.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Find KE

$$KE = E - W$$

$$KE = 3.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} - 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

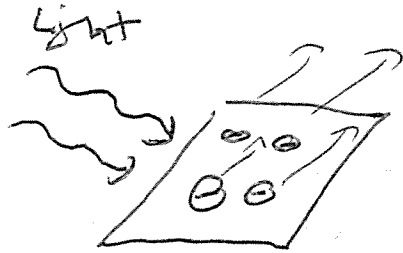
Find v

$$2 \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = 2 \left( \frac{.4 \times 10^{-19}}{m} \right) \quad \text{mass of Electron}$$

$$\sqrt{v^2} = \sqrt{\frac{.8 \times 10^{-19}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

# Photo Electric Effect IB

JJ Thomson - Explained that when light was incident, electrons are emitted from the metal surface



Electrons are called photoelectrons & result in a small electric current - Photo-Electric Effect:

- Electrons in the surface of the metal absorb enough energy from the incoming radiation to overcome the electrostatic force of the protons in the nucleus

## Key Findings

① Photon-Electron Emission depends on the color or freq. of the light.  $E = hf$   
 $\uparrow \text{freq} \Rightarrow \uparrow \text{KE of Electrons}$        $f > f_0$

② Intensity / Brightness  
No effect on KE of the photoelectrons, but had a proportionate effect on the number emitted  
 $\uparrow \text{Intensity} \Rightarrow \uparrow \# \text{ of Electrons}$

Could not be explained w/ wave theory

Einstein - photons (packets of light) collide & either rebound or transfer energy to the electrons

explain Intensity  
# of photons

Freq  
 $\uparrow F \Rightarrow \uparrow \text{KE}$

$f > f_0$



$$E = hf$$

① Find slope of graph  
 $h = \text{Planck's Const.}$

② Find min Energy to Eject an electron from the surface

Use line of Best fit

$$KE^0 = E - W$$

$W$  is work function

$$0 = hf_0 - W$$

$W$  - Work needed to free Elect. from surface

$$W = hf_0$$

$E$  - Energy of photon

Explain why Einstein photoelectric theory accounts for no electrons emitted from the surface of this metal if  $f_0$  is less than  $f_0$

If  $f < f_0$

$E = hf$  will be less than  $W$

So  $KE$  will be neg which can not happen

## Wave Nature of Matter ITB

- Yong's Double Slit Experiment showed light as <sup>having</sup> a wave nature  
Polarized & transverse
- Einstein Light as a Photon - Particle
- Result: Wave-Particle Duality - Light behaves as both

De Broglie - Any particle of matter with momentum  $p$ , has an associated wavelength. He called waves matter waves  
Hypothesized electrons have a dual nature acting as both particles & waves

De Broglie Wavelength Eqn 
$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$p$  = momentum of particle  $Ns$

$h$  = Planck's constant  $Js$

$\lambda$  = wavelength  $m$

\* We use relativistic mass ~~of~~ of particle. If ~~mass~~ <sup>particle's mass</sup> is much less than the speed of light, we use rest mass

Ex. Find the de Broglie wavelength of an electron that is accelerated through a potential difference of 30V

Pt I - Use Energy conversion to find velocity

$U = \frac{W}{q}$   $Uq = W$   $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \rightarrow W = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \rightarrow Uq = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

$30V \cdot 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C = \frac{1}{2} (9.1 \times 10^{-31} kg) v^2$   $v = 3.2 \times 10^6 m/s$

Pt II - De Broglie Wavelength

$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{h}{p} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$

$\lambda = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-34} Js}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} kg (3.2 \times 10^6 m/s)} = 2.3 \times 10^{-10} m$

## Application of DeBroglie Hypothesis

Electron Microscopes - Electrons have a shorter wavelength than visible light, that is why they are able to see deeper into matter than light microscopes.

# Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle - IB

Mechanics - we know exact position & momentum of a particle at any time

Wave-Particle Duality & quantum Mechanics - things are less certain

\* We only know the probability of a particle being in a certain place or having a particular momentum

Quantum Mechanics tells me that even w/ perfect equipment & ~~perfect~~ measurements, in the particle world there is still going to be uncertainty.

Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle - ~~states that~~ Simultaneous measurement of position & momentum of a particle will always have uncertainty

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

$\Delta x$  - position uncertainty

$\Delta p$  - momentum uncertainty

$h$  = Planck's constant

Ex. The velocity of an electron is  $1 \times 10^6 \frac{m}{s} \pm 0.01 \times 10^6 \frac{m}{s}$ .  
Find the max. precision that can be given in a simultaneous measurement of its position

Uncert. of Velocity

$$\frac{0.01 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}}{1 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}} \times 100 = 1\%$$

Momentum  
of electron

$$p = mv$$

$$= 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} (1 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}) = 9.1 \times 10^{-25} \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}}$$

Uncertainty of  
momentum Measurement

$$1\% \times 9.1 \times 10^{-25} \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}} = 9.1 \times 10^{-27} \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}}$$

## Uncertainty Principle

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

So Best position measurement for the electron will have an uncertainty given by

$$\Delta x (9.1 \times 10^{-31} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}}) = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}}{4\pi}$$

$$x = 5.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$