

- (a) Briefly describe two phenomena associated with the photoelectric effect that cannot be explained using a wave theory of light.

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1. *instantaneous emission*

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- (b) The maximum energy E_{MAX} of electrons emitted from a metal surface when illuminated by light of wavelength λ is given by the expression

$$E_{\text{MAX}} = hc \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

where h is the Planck constant and c is the speed of light.

- (i) Identify the symbol λ_0 .

threshold wavelength.

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- (ii) The variation with $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ of E_{MAX} for the metal surface is shown in Fig. 10.1.

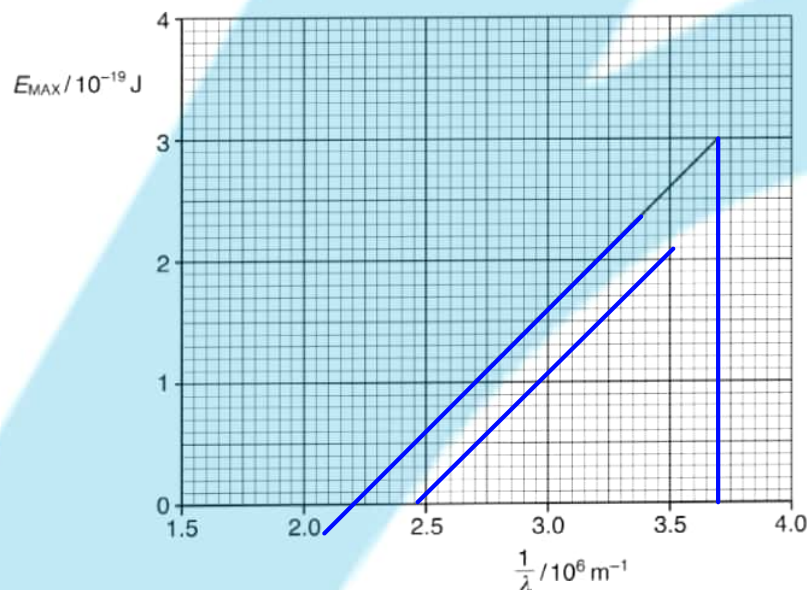


Fig. 10.1

1. Use Fig. 10.1 to determine the magnitude of λ_0 .

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda_0} = \frac{hc}{2.2}$$

$$\lambda_0 = 2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m} [1]$$

2. Use the gradient of Fig. 10.1 to determine a value for the Planck constant h .

$$\frac{3 \times 10^{-19}}{(3.7 - 2.2) \times 10^6} = 2 \times 10^{-25}$$

$$hc = 2 \times 10^{-25}$$

$$h = \frac{2 \times 10^{-25}}{3 \times 10^8}$$

$$6.66 \times 10^{-34}$$

$$h = 6.67 \text{ Js} [3]$$

- (c) The metal surface in (b) becomes oxidised. Photoelectric emission is still observed but the work function energy is increased.

On Fig. 10.1, draw a line to show the variation with $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ of E_{MAX} for the oxidised surface. [2]

[Total: 9]

A stationary isolated nucleus emits a γ -ray photon of energy 0.51 MeV.

(a) State what is meant by a *photon*.

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(b) For the γ -ray photon, calculate

(i) its wavelength,

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$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = 0.51 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 10^6$$

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{816 \times 10^{-16}}$$

wavelength = m [2]

(ii) its momentum.

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

momentum = N s [2]

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(c) (i) For this nucleus, determine the change in mass Δm during the decay that gives rise to the energy of the γ -ray photon.

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Δm = kg [2]

(ii) Explain why, after the decay, the nucleus is no longer stationary.

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(a) Describe the *photoelectric effect*.

It is the emission of e^- off of a surface of metal when photons of energy greater than the work function energy hit it. [2]

(b) Data for the work function energy ϕ of two metals are shown in Fig. 10.1.

	ϕ/J
sodium	3.8×10^{-19}
zinc	5.8×10^{-19}

Fig. 10.1

Light of wavelength 420 nm is incident on the surface of each of the metals.

(i) State what is meant by a *photon*.

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(ii) Calculate the energy of a photon of the incident light.

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{hc}{420 \times 10^{-9}} = 4.73 \times 10^{-19}$$

energy = 4.73×10^{-19} J [2]

(iii) State whether photoelectric emission will occur from each of the metals.

sodium: Yes

zinc: No [1]

[Total: 7]

(a) State what is meant by a *photon*.

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(b) A stationary cobalt-60 (${}^{60}_{27}\text{Co}$) nucleus emits a γ -ray photon of energy 1.18 MeV.

(i) Calculate the wavelength of the photon.

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = 1.18 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{1888 \times 10^{-16}} = 1.052 \times 10^{-12}$$

wavelength = 1.05×10^{-12} m [2]

(ii) Show that the momentum of the photon is 6.3×10^{-22} Ns.

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$
$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = 6.3 \times 10^{-22}$$

[2]

(c) Use information in (b)(ii) to determine the recoil speed of the cobalt-60 nucleus when the γ -ray photon is emitted.

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$$p = mv$$

$$v = \frac{p}{m} = \frac{6.3 \times 10^{-22}}{60 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}}$$

speed = 6.3×10^{-3} m s⁻¹ [2]

[Total: 8]