

# Introduction to Quantum Physics

## Blackbody Radiation

Any object at any temperature emits radiation.

→ Hypothetical object

Does not exist

Perfect absorber & emitter of radiation

Nothing is lost in the blackbody (wrt radiation)

## Stefan's Law

$$P = \sigma A e T^4 \rightarrow \text{Temperature of object (K)}$$

↓      ↓      ↓      ↗ emissivity of surface (for blackbody,  $e = 1$ )

Power  
(W)

constant

Surface  
Area of  
Object

## Wien's Law

$$\lambda_{\max} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK}$$

when  $T \uparrow$   $\lambda_{\max} \downarrow$

$T \uparrow$  Intensity  $\uparrow$

$T \uparrow$  Power  $\uparrow$

## Rayleigh-Jeans Law

$$I = \frac{2\pi c k_B T}{\lambda^4}$$

↙ Intensity      ↘ wavelength

↗ speed of light

↘ power per unit area

↘ temperature

Accurate only for large wavelengths

## Example

$$\lambda_{\max} T = 2898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK}$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{2898 \times 10^{-3}}{308} \text{ m}$$

$$= 9.41 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

## Planck's constant

$$E_n = n h f$$

$\downarrow$  Energy  
 $\downarrow$  +ve integer quantum number  
 $\rightarrow$  frequency  
 $\rightarrow$  Planck's constant

$\rightarrow$  Energy is Quantized

$E_n$  will always be a whole number multiple of  $hf$

## Planck's Wavelength Distribution function

$$I = \frac{2\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1)}$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J/s}$$

## Photoelectric Effect

When light is incident on certain metallic surfaces, electrons are emitted from these surfaces.

$$K_{\max} = e \Delta V_s$$

$\rightarrow$  Max Kinetic Energy

Charge of  
electron

Stopping potential



Voltage required to be applied  
across the metallic surface to stop  
the electron from moving to the  
other end of the surface.

Each metal has its own  $\Delta V_s$ .

$f_c \rightarrow$  Critical frequency

Minimum frequency required to emit electrons.

Higher the frequency of the light wave increases  
maximum kinetic energy of the emitted electron.

$$K_{\max} = hf - \phi \rightarrow \text{Work Function (eV)}$$

↓      ↓      ↘  
Max    Planck's    Frequency  
Kinetic   Constant  
Energy

↓  
Min energy required  
to free the electron  
from its atom.

Cutoff Frequency

$$\lambda_c = \frac{c}{f_c} = \frac{hc}{\phi}$$

↓      ↘  
cut off    cutoff frequency  
wavelength

Compton Effect

different  
frequency and

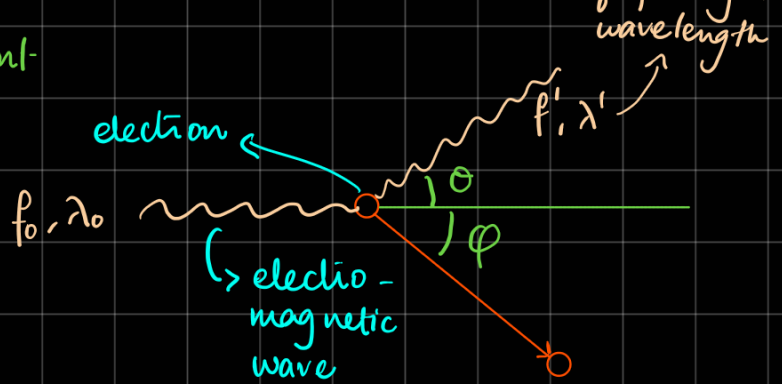
## Compton Effect

Planck's Constant

$$\lambda' - \lambda_0 = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

↓ striking wavelength  
new wavelength

$m_e c$  → Speed of light  
mass of electron



## Wave Properties of Particles

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

↓  
momentum

