
CBSE Class-12 Physics Quick Revision Notes
Chapter-11: Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter

- **Electric Discharge:**

The passage of an electric current through a gas is called electric discharge.

- **Discharge Tube:**

A hard glass tube along with the necessary arrangement, which is used to study the passage of electric discharge through gases at low pressure, is called a discharge tube.

- **Cathode Rays:**

Cathode rays are the stream of negatively charged particles, electrons which are shot out at a high speed from the cathode of a discharge tube at pressure below 0.01 mm of Hg.

- **Work Function:**

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- **Electron Emission:**

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- **Thermionic Emission:**

Here electrons are emitted from the metal surface with the help of thermal energy.

- **Field or Cold Cathode Emission:**

Electrons are emitted from a metal surface by subjecting it to a very high electric field.

- **Photoelectric Emission:**

Electrons emitted from a metal surface with the help of suitable electromagnetic radiations.

- **Secondary Emission:**

Electrons are ejected from a metal surface by striking over its fast moving electrons.

- **Forces Experienced by an Electron in Electric and Magnetic Fields:**

a) **Electric field:** The force F_E experienced by an electron e in an electric field of strength (intensity) E is given by,

$$F_E = eE$$

b) **Magnetic field:** The force experienced by an electron e in a magnetic field of strength B weber/m² is given by

$$F_B = Bev$$

where v is the velocity with which the electron moves in the electric field and the magnetic field, perpendicular to the direction of motion.

c) If the magnetic field is parallel to the direction of motion of electron, then, $F_B = 0$.

- **Photoelectric Effect:**

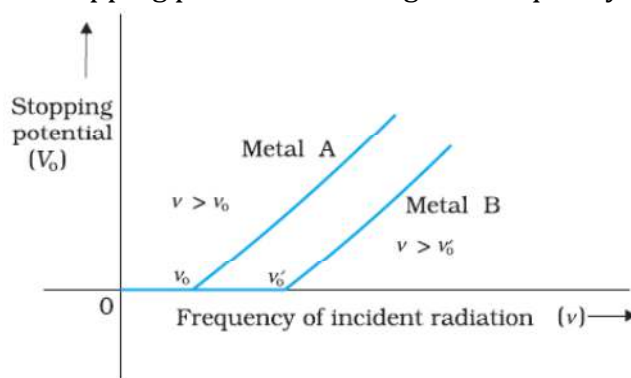
The phenomenon of emission of electrons from the surface of substances (mainly metals), when exposed to electromagnetic radiations of suitable frequency, is called photoelectric effect and the emitted electrons are called photoelectrons.

- **Maximum K. E of the Photoelectrons Emitted from the Metal Surface:**

$$K_{\max} = eV_0 = h\nu - \phi_0 \quad (\text{Einstein's Photoelectric equation})$$

- **Cut Off or Stopping Potential:**

The value of the retarding potential at which the photoelectric current becomes zero is called cut off or stopping potential for the given frequency of the incident radiation.

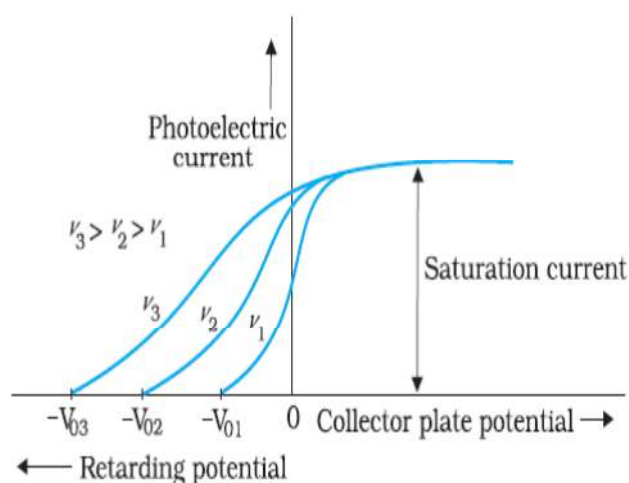
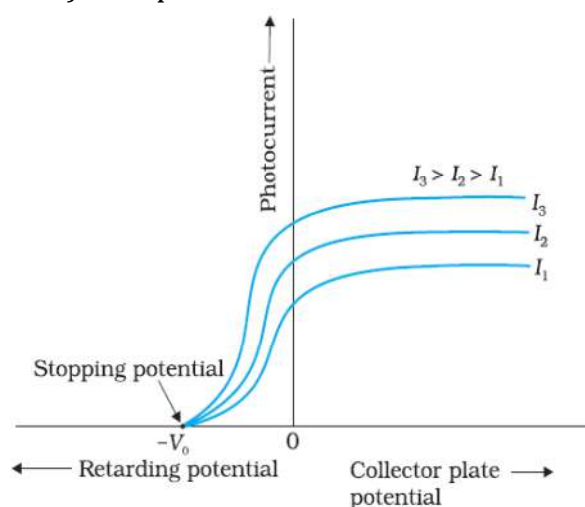


- **Threshold Frequency:**

The minimum value of the frequency of incident radiation below which the photoelectric emission stops altogether is called threshold frequency.

- **Laws of Photoelectric Effect:**

- For a given metal and a radiation of fixed frequency, the number of photoelectrons emitted is proportional to the intensity of incident radiation.
- For every metal, there is a certain minimum frequency below which no photoelectrons are emitted, however high is the intensity of incident radiation. This frequency is called threshold frequency.
- For the radiation of frequency higher than the threshold frequency, the maximum kinetic energy of the photoelectrons is directly proportional to the frequency of incident radiation and is independent of the intensity of incident radiation.
- The photoelectric emission is an instantaneous process.



- **Einstein's Theory of Photoelectric Effect:**

- a) Einstein explained photoelectric effect with the help of Planck's quantum theory.
- b) When a radiation of frequency ν is incident on a metal surface, it is absorbed in the form of discrete packets of energy called quanta or photons.
- c) A part of energy $h\nu$ of the photon is used in removing the electrons from the metal surface and remaining energy is used in giving kinetic energy to the photoelectron.
- d) Einstein's photoelectric equation is,

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = h\nu - w_0$$

Where w_0 is the work function of the metal.

- e) If ν_0 is the threshold frequency, then $w_0 = h\nu_0$

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- f) All the experimental observations can be explained on the basis Einstein's photoelectric equation.

- **Compton Shift:**

It is the phenomenon of increase in the wavelength of X-ray photons which occurs when these radiations are scattered on striking an electron. The difference in the wavelength of scattered and incident photons is called Compton shift, which is given by

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{m_0C}(1 - \cos\phi)$$

Where ϕ is the angle of scattering of the X-ray photon and m_0 is the rest mass of the electron.

- **Charge and Mass of an Electron by Thompson's Method:**

- a) J. J. Thomson devised an experiment to determine the velocity (v) and the ratio of the charge (e) to the mass (m) i.e., $\frac{e}{m}$ of cathode rays.
- b) In this method, electric field \vec{E} and magnetic field \vec{B} are applied on the cathode rays.
- c) In the region where they are applied perpendicular to each other and to the direction of motion of cathode rays,
Force due to electric field, FE = Force due to magnetic field FB ,

$$eE = Bev \Rightarrow V = \frac{E}{B}$$

Also,

$$\frac{e}{m} = \frac{E}{B^2R} = \frac{V/d}{B^2R} = \frac{Vx}{B^2lLd}$$

Where V = Potential difference between the two electrodes (i.e., P and Q), d = distance between the two electrodes, R = radius of circular arc in the presence of magnetic field B , x = shift of the electron beam on the screen, l = length of the field and L = distance between the centre of the field and the screen.

- **Milliken's Oil Drop Method:**

- a) This method helps to determine the charge on the electron.
- b) Let ρ be the density of oil, σ is the density of the medium in which oil drop moves and η the coefficient of viscosity of the medium, then the radius r of the drop is

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{9}{2} \frac{\eta V_0}{(\rho - \sigma) g}}$$

Where v_0 is the terminal velocity of the drop under the effect of gravity alone.

- c) At the terminal velocity v_0 , the force due to viscosity becomes equal to the electric weight of the body.
- d) The charge on oil drop is

$$q = \frac{18\pi\eta(V_1 + V_0)}{E} \sqrt{\frac{\eta V_0}{2(\rho - \sigma) g}}$$

Where v_1 is the terminal velocity of the drop under the influence of electric field and gravity and E is the applied electric field.

- **Photocell:**

- a) It is an arrangement which converts light energy into electric energy.
- b) It works on the principle of photoelectric effect.
- c) It is used in cinematography for the reproduction of sound.

- **Dual Nature of Radiation:**

Light has dual nature. It manifests itself as a wave in diffraction, interference, polarization, etc., while it shows particle nature in photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, etc.

- **Dual Nature of Matter:**

- a) As there is complete equivalence between matter (mass) and radiation (energy) and the principle of symmetry is always obeyed, de Broglie suggested that moving particles like protons, neutrons, electrons, etc., should be associated with waves known as de Broglie waves and their wavelength is called de Broglie wavelength.
- b) The de Broglie wavelength of a particle of mass m moving with velocity v is given by,

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

Where h is Planck's constant.

- **Davison and Germer Experiment:**

This experiment help to confirm the existence of de Broglie waves associated with electrons.

- **De Broglie Wavelength of an Electron:**

The wavelength associated with an electron bean accelerated through a potential.

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}} = \frac{12.3}{\sqrt{V}} \text{ \AA}$$

- de Broglie wavelength associated with the particle of momentum p is,

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

$$\lambda = \frac{1.22}{\sqrt{V}} \text{ nm}$$

Where V is the magnitude of accelerating potential.

- Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle:**

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \approx h / 2\pi$$

Where Δx is uncertainty in position & Δp is uncertainty in momentum

- Electron Microscope:**

- It is a device which makes use of accelerated electron beams to study very minute objects like viruses, microbes and the crystal structure of solids.
- It has a magnification of $\sim 10^5$.

- David-Germer Electron Diffraction Arrangement:**

