

Quantum physics

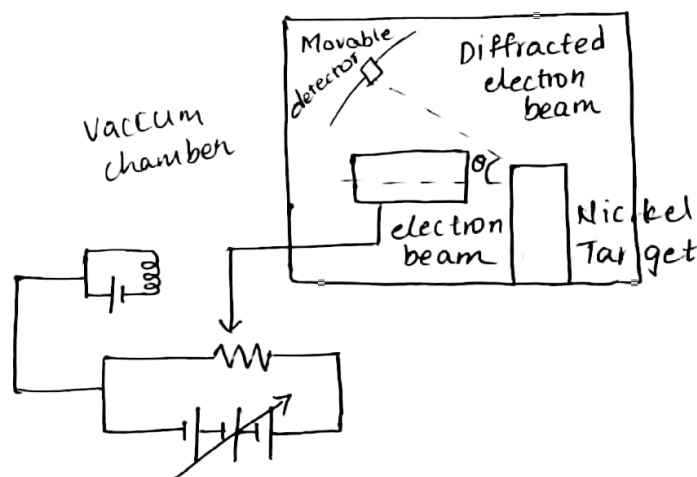
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1. Davisson and Germer experiment

The experimental setup for the Davisson and Germer experiment is enclosed within a vacuum chamber. Thus the deflection and scattering of electrons by the medium are prevented.



Construction:-

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Electron gun:-

An electron gun is a tungsten filament that emits electrons via thermionic emission i.e. it emits electrons when heated to a particular temperature.

Electrostatic particle accelerator;

Two opposite plates (+ve & -ve) are used to accelerate the electrons at a known potential.

collimator: The accelerator is enclosed within a cylinder that has a narrow passage for the electrons along its axis. Its function is to render a narrow and straight beam of electrons ready for acceleration.

Target:

The target is nickel crystal. The electron beam is fired normally on the nickel crystal. The crystal is placed such that it can be rotated about a fixed axis.

Detector:

A detector is used to capture the scattered electrons from the Ni crystal.

Justification:

In the Davisson and Germer experiment, waves are used in the place of electrons. These electrons formed a diffraction pattern. The dual nature of matter thus justified.

$$\lambda = h/p = h/\sqrt{2me}$$

$$= h/\sqrt{2mev} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where m - mass of electron

e - charge of electron

h - Planck's constant

$$n\lambda = 2d\sin(90^\circ - \theta/2) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

2. photoelectric effect The emission of electrons from a metal surface when illuminated by light (or) any other radiation of suitable wavelength.

→ other It was first observed by Heinrich in 1887.

work function: Minimum amount of energy needed to eject an electron from an atom in metal.

$$E_f = hf$$

$$E_f = k_{\max} + \phi$$

$$k_{\max} = hf - \phi$$

$$\phi_0 = h\nu_0$$

Threshold frequency (ν_0):

Frequency of light that carries photons with the amount of energy equal to the work function of a metal, will eject an electron with zero kinetic energy.

Threshold frequency is defined as the minimum frequency of incident light which can cause photo electric emission, i.e., This frequency is just able to eject electrons without giving additional energy.

Cutoff wavelength: For photoelectric effect to occur, the energy of photo must be greater than the work function, $\phi = h\nu$

As the wavelength of the incident light decreases but it is lower than the cut-off wavelength. the maximum kinetic energy of the photo electrons increases.

B. We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{kinetic energy max} &= e \text{ charge} \times \text{stopping potential} \\ &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{kinetic Energy } K.E = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \text{ V}$$

De-Broglie's Justification:

De-Broglie realised that if you use the wavelength associated with the electron, and assume that an integral number of wavelengths must fit in the circumference of an orbit.

De-Broglie's Hypothesis:

The concept that matter behave like a wave was proposed by Louis de Broglie in 1924

→ In 1924, de-broglie suggested that similar to light dual nature "every moving matter has a associated wave". The wave associated with the moving particle is known as matter wave (or) de-Broglie wave.