

- 8 Light of wavelength λ is incident on a metal surface having a work function energy Φ .

Photoelectrons of maximum kinetic energy E_{MAX} are emitted from the surface.

- (a) State an equation relating Φ , E_{MAX} and λ . Explain any other symbols you use.

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- (b) The variation with $1/\lambda$ of E_{MAX} is shown in Fig. 8.1.

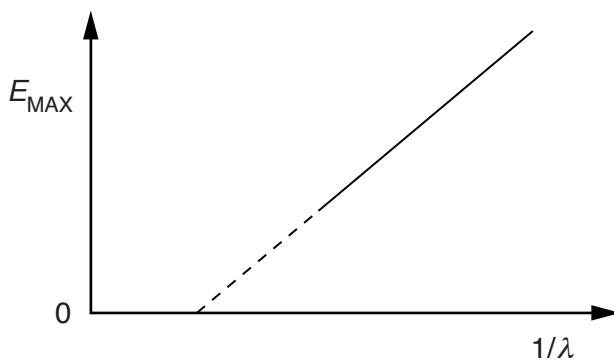


Fig. 8.1

- (i) By reference to your answer in (a), explain why the gradient of the line does not depend on the metal surface.

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- (ii) The work function energy of sodium is 2.28 eV.

Determine the minimum wavelength λ_0 at which E_{MAX} is zero.

$$\lambda_0 = \dots \text{ m} \quad [3]$$