

- 5 (a) Electrons are accelerated through a potential difference of 15 kV. The electrons collide with a metal target and a spectrum of X-rays is produced. The variation with wavelength λ of the intensity I of the emitted X-ray radiation is shown in Fig. 5.1.

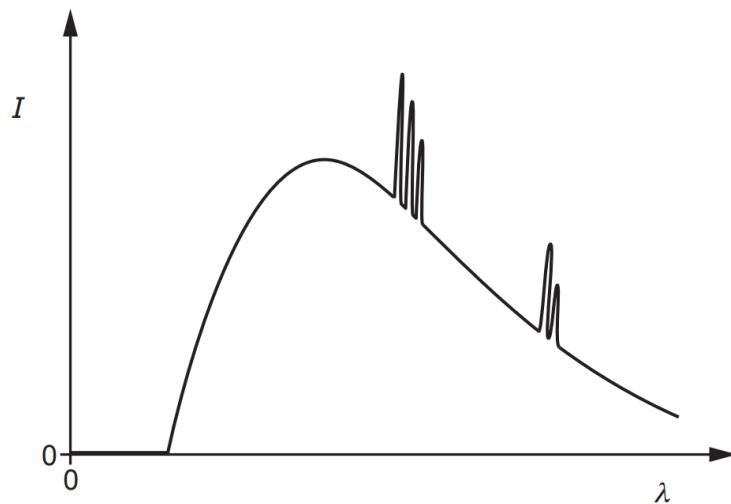


Fig. 5.1

- (i) Explain why there is a continuous distribution of wavelengths.

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- (ii) Explain why at certain wavelengths, there are narrow peaks of increased intensity.

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- (iii) Calculate the wavelength of the highest energy X-ray photon produced.

wavelength = m [2]

- (iv) Draw, on Fig. 5.1, the spectrum of X-ray produced if the potential difference is increased. [2]
- (b) An electron of mass 9.11×10^{-31} kg travelling at 3.00×10^7 m s⁻¹ passes through a narrow slit of width 1.00×10^{-10} m (comparable to the spacing of atoms in a crystal).
- (i) Calculate the uncertainty in momentum of the electron along the slit as it passes through the slit.

uncertainty in momentum = kg m s⁻¹ [2]

- (ii) Suggest the significance of this uncertainty.
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- (c) Explain how Einstein's photon model of light differs from the classical description of light as an electromagnetic wave in the way it explains
- (i) light intensity,
classical explanation:
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quantum explanation:
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- (ii) the absorption of light energy by a metal surface.
classical explanation:
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quantum explanation:

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- (d) The maximum kinetic energy E_{MAX} of electrons emitted from a metal surface is determined for different wavelengths λ of the electromagnetic radiation incident on the surface.

The variation with $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ of E_{MAX} is shown in Fig. 5.2.

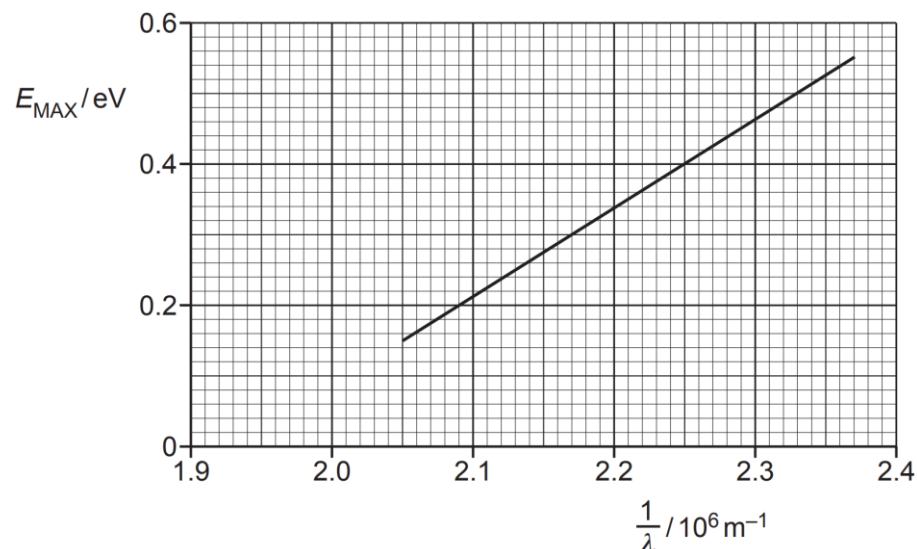


Fig. 5.2

- (i) Use Fig. 5.2 to determine the threshold frequency f_0 .

$$f_0 = \dots \text{ Hz} [2]$$

- (ii) The electromagnetic radiation is now incident on a metal with a larger work function energy than the metal in (d)(i).

On Fig. 5.2, sketch the variation with $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ of E_{MAX} .

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Section B

Answer **all** question from this Section in the spaces provided.