

Physics 30 – Lesson 29
The Photoelectric Effect

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1)

$$a) \quad E_{\text{photon}} = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$E_{\text{photon}} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{500 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}$$

$$\boxed{E_{\text{photon}} = 3.98 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

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$$b) \quad n_{\text{photons}} = \frac{E_{\text{total}}}{E_{\text{photon}}}$$

$$n_{\text{photons}} = \frac{100 \text{ J}}{3.98 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$\boxed{n_{\text{photons}} = 2.51 \times 10^{20} \text{ photons}}$$

c) For every photon an electron is emitted

$$n_{e^-} = n_{\text{photons}} \times \text{area}$$

$$n_{e^-} = \frac{2.51 \times 10^{20} \text{ photons}}{\text{m}^2} \times (0.050 \text{ m})^2$$

$$\boxed{n_{e^-} = 6.28 \times 10^{17} \text{ electrons}}$$

$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$

$$I = \frac{n_{e^-} \times q_{e^-}}{t}$$

$$I = \frac{6.28 \times 10^{17} e^- \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \frac{\text{C}}{e^-}}{1 \text{ s}}$$

$$\boxed{I = 0.101 \text{ A}}$$

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- A. The photocurrent will increase with increased intensity
- B. The photo current will not be affected by a change in frequency
- C. The kinetic energy of the photoelectrons will not change with intensity
- D. As frequency increases, the kinetic energy of the photoelectrons increases.

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$$W = hf_o$$

$$f_o = \frac{W}{h}$$

$$f_o = \frac{2.0 \text{ eV}}{4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\boxed{f_o = 4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}}$$

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$$W = hf_o = \frac{hc}{\lambda_o}$$

$$\lambda_o = \frac{hc}{W}$$

$$\lambda_o = \frac{4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s} (3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{4.6 \text{ eV}}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_o = 2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}}$$

5)

$$E_k = E_{\text{photon}} - W$$

$$E_k = \frac{hc}{\lambda} - hf_o$$

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$$E_k = h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda} - f_o\right)$$

$$170\text{nm} \rightarrow E_k = h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda} - f_o\right)$$

$$E_k = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \left(\frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{170 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} - 1300 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz} \right)$$

$$E_k = 3.08 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$300\text{nm} \rightarrow E_k = h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda} - f_o\right)$$

$$E_k = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \left(\frac{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} - 1300 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz} \right)$$

$$E_k = -1.99 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

negative E_k means no electron is emitted using 300nm

6)

$$E = W + E_k$$

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = W + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

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$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{W + \frac{1}{2}mv^2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} (3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{2.55 \text{ eV} \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{eV}} + \frac{1}{2} (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) (4.20 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})^2}$$

$$\lambda = 407 \text{ nm}$$

7)

$$E_k = E - W$$

$$qV = E - W$$

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$$V = \frac{hf - W}{q}$$

$$V = \frac{4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s} (7.52 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) - 2.2 \text{ eV}}{1e}$$

$$V = 0.913 \text{ V}$$

or

$$V = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} (7.52 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) - 2.2 \text{ eV} (1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}$$

$$V = 0.916 \text{ V}$$