



Work Function

Minimum energy required to just escape an electron from a metal surface.

$$\phi_0 = h\nu_0 = \frac{hc}{\lambda_0}$$

In electron volts (eV),

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{eV}) &= \frac{hc}{e\lambda} \\ &= \frac{12375}{\lambda(\text{\AA})} = \frac{12400}{\lambda(\text{\AA})} \end{aligned}$$

Photon

Tiny packets of light energy.

Energy of a photon:

$$E = h\nu$$

Mass of Photon

Rest mass of the photon is zero. But its effective mass:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= mc^2 = h\nu \\ \Rightarrow m &= \frac{E}{c^2} = \frac{h\nu}{c^2} = \frac{h}{c\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Also known as the kinetic mass of the photon.

Momentum of the Photon

$$\begin{aligned} p &= m \times c \\ p &= \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Einstein's Photoelectric Equation

$$K_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\max}^2 = h(\nu - \nu_0) = h\nu - h\nu_0$$

$$K_{\max} = hc \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

$$h\nu = h\nu_0 + K_{\max}$$

$$K_{\max} = eV_0\nu_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{2h(\nu - \nu_0)}{m}}$$

$$K_{\max} = eV_0 = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\max}^2 = eV_0$$

$$= hc \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right) = hc \left(\frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda}{\lambda\lambda_0} \right)$$

$$\nu_{\max} = \frac{2hc(\lambda_0 - \lambda)}{m\lambda_0\lambda}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{h}{e}(\nu - \nu_0) = \frac{hc}{e} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

$$= 12345 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter

Light has a dual nature—wave and particle-like nature.
