

Topic Review

For A Level Year 1 / AS AQA Physics
(Sections 1 and 2)

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Teacher's Introduction

This Topic Review covers the first 2 units of AQA Physics A Level and the AQA Physics AS Level. The aim is for this review to go over the topics in the specification in a focused but comprehensive way, allowing students to consolidate their learning and to prepare for their exams. The resource includes questions after each small topic to allow students to test their understanding and ability to apply what they have learnt. Worked answers are included with the questions so students can check their answers and see where they've gone wrong.

Each section of the review starts with a checklist of all the topics in the section, and what students should expect to know about the topic before moving on. This can be used as a self-assessment tool at the start of revision, so students know where to focus their time, or at the end to ensure they have no gaps in their learning.

Worked examples are provided for calculations throughout (including derivations where appropriate), giving students not only knowledge of the appropriate facts and equations, but how they are applied as well.



Key equations and definitions are highlighted with a key symbol.



Equations in the databook are marked with a star so students know what they have to memorise and what they can refer to the data book for in the exam.



Required practicals are covered in the appropriate topic, ensuring students have an understanding of how to perform the practical, and understand the physics behind the practical itself.



Exam tips are included regularly throughout to help students avoid misconceptions and common mistakes and to give students a steer on things they should particularly practise in revision.

Students should be able to work through this review in their own time, after they have completed the topic in lessons, or during revision. It would be a great accompaniment for students as they make their revision notes or an easy reference text as they do practice papers.

I hope that this review will be of real benefit.

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Chapter 1: Measurements and the

Chapter 1 checklist

By the end of this chapter you should be able to:

1.1

- Understand and use SI units.....
- Attach prefixes to SI units to denote scale
- Understand how other units are derived from SI units
- Use derived SI units
- Understand that equivalent units can have different uses
- Use and convert between equivalent units

1.2

- Understand the difference between random and systematic errors, how they avoid them
- Understand the meanings of:
 - Accuracy
 - Precision
 - Resolution
 - Repeatability
 - Reproducibility
- Estimate absolute uncertainties in measurements
- Convert to fractional and percentage uncertainties
- Combine uncertainties to find uncertainties in results
- Display uncertainties on graphs using error bars
- Find uncertainties on gradients and intercepts from a graph
- Identify anomalous results and some ways to get rid of them.....

1.3

- Use powers of 10 to discuss orders of magnitude
- Estimate orders of magnitude for some physical properties.....
- Estimate what order of magnitude a result might be from the values in an eq

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1.1 Use of SI units and their prefixes

When giving answers and discussing results, it's important to give the units you're using. An answer of 28 could mean seconds, metres, kilograms or anything else to someone else.

The scientific community uses a standard set of measurements called SI units for all measurements collected in the table below. These are the **base** SI units, meaning that they're in their base form.

Measurement	SI unit	
Mass	Kilogram	kg
Length	Metre	m
Time	Second	s
Temperature	Kelvin	K
Electric current	Ampere	A
Amount of substance	Mole	mol

Key term: Kelvin

A temperature increase or decrease of 1 K is the same as a temperature increase or decrease of 1 °C, but the values for kelvin are shifted up by 273, so that 0 K equals -273 °C.

For example,

$$0\text{ °C} = 273\text{ K}$$

$$50\text{ °C} = 323\text{ K}$$

$$-50\text{ °C} = 223\text{ K}$$

$$0\text{ K} = -273\text{ °C}$$

$$50\text{ K} = -223\text{ °C}$$

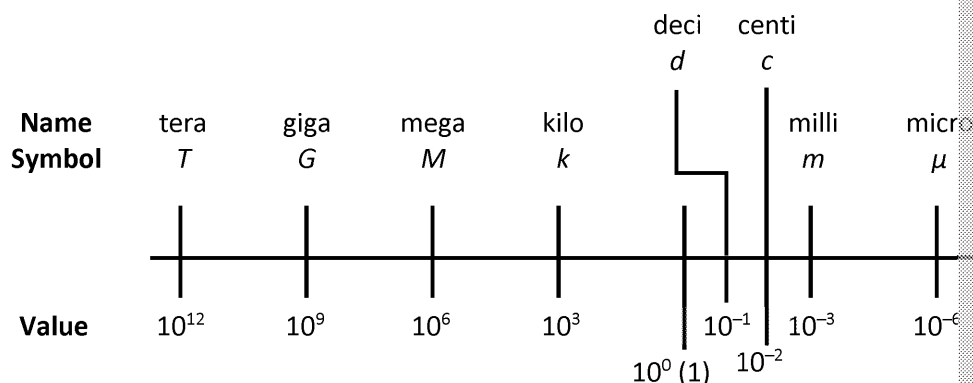
$$1000\text{ K} = 726\text{ °C}$$

Key term: Mole

A mole is the amount of substance in a sample containing 6.022 × 10²³ particles.

SI prefixes

We often use these units to express incredibly small or large measurements and alongside **prefixes** which give a multiplication factor describing the scale of the measurement.



Derived SI units

SI units can be used together to express more complicated ideas such as velocity, measured in metres per second (m s⁻¹), and density, which is measured in kilograms per metre cubed (kg m⁻³).

These are called **derived units** because they are derived from the base SI units.

Some of these combinations of SI units are used commonly enough to have their own names.

Measurement	Name	Symbol
Force	Newton	N
Energy	Joule	J
Power	Watt	W

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Exam tip

Units such as metres per second can be written as m/s or m s^{-1} .
 m s^{-1} is the format you'll see it used in exams, and what you should use.

Equivalent units

Many SI units will have **equivalent units** for use in particular contexts, for instance it is much easier to express energy in electron volts (eV) than in joules because of the size of the unit. Some useful units are collected below.

Name	Symbol	Equivalent unit
Electron volt	eV	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Light year	ly	$9.46 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$
Kilowatt-hour	kW h	$3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$

Questions

- Without looking, write down as many SI units as you can remember and what they measure.
- Convert the following temperatures to Kelvin:
(i) 0°C (ii) 100°C (iii) 37°C
 - Convert the following temperatures to Celsius:
(i) 150 K (ii) 275 K (iii) 368 K
- Write the following quantities in the base SI units, without prefixes:
(i) 3.752 Gm (ii) 2.8 ms (iii) 7.34 Mkg
 - Write the following quantities with appropriate SI prefixes:
(i) 0.0000087 A (ii) $28,329 \text{ mol}$ (iii) $24,892,000 \text{ kg}$

Remember that although kg has the kilo prefix meaning 10^3 , it is the base SI unit for mass.

- Convert 13 TeV (the operating energy at the Large Hadron Collider) to joules.
 - Convert 0.5 J to eV.
- A kilowatt-hour is a term used by energy companies to describe energy. It is the energy used by a 1000 watts over the course of one hour.
 - Calculate how many joules $5.48 \text{ kilowatt-hours}$ represents.
 - A kettle uses 0.0800 kW h boiling water. What is this energy in joules?
 - If an energy company charges 10p per kilowatt-hour, how much does it cost to boil this kettle?

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1.2 Limitation of physical measurements

No experiment is perfect and there will always be uncertainties and errors in any data. Errors aren't mistakes, but just a way of acknowledging the extent of our abilities.

Key terms

Accuracy is how close a measurement it is to the accepted value. If you measured 13.4 m s^{-2} and 9.9 m s^{-2} , the second is much more accurate when compared to 9.8 m s^{-2} .

Resolution in measurements is the smallest change in measurement that can be detected. It is the smallest division on a scale or the smallest place value digit on a digital meter. A ruler marked has a resolution of 1 mm.

Precision is how spread around the mean value the measurements are. It depends on the equipment used. A precise measurement isn't always an accurate measurement.

Repeatability is whether the *original experimenter* can get the same results from the same *equipment and techniques*.

Reproducibility is whether the same results can be found by a *different experimenter* using the same *equipment and techniques*.

Errors are split into two categories: **random** and **systematic**.

	Random errors	Systematic errors
What are they?	Naturally inconsistent readings	Errors that happen every time you take a reading
Where can they come from?	Human error Equipment being difficult to read Natural fluctuations in environment – power surges, wind, doors slamming	Equipment calibration Ambient conditions
How can we get rid of them?	Repeating the experiment Taking more data	Repeating the experiment using the same <i>equipment or technique</i> Systematic errors can be identified and corrected Look out for strange results that should be zero



Exam tip

When making a note of readings and doing calculations, it's important to

Use the same number of significant figures as the value with the smallest number of significant figures.

This ensures you keep as much information as possible, while not overstating the data.

The same is true for doing calculations – use the same number of significant figures as the number of significant figures given.

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Example

The height of a student is measured several times.

The student's height is measured as 1.645 m, 1.638 m, 1.65 m, 1.6512 m and 1.642 m. Calculate the mean of these measurements.

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{1.645 + 1.638 + 1.65 + 1.6512 + 1.642}{5} = 1.64524 \text{ m}$$

This is too many significant figures – the least accurate measurement given is 1.65 m so our answer should be to 3 significant figures.

So our mean value for the student's height is 1.65 m.

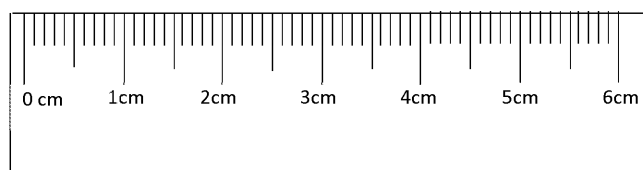
Uncertainty

Some pieces of equipment will have their uncertainty written on them, but if not:

- For digital readings the uncertainty is no smaller than **half the last digit on the display**. If a digital scale shows one decimal place the uncertainty is 0.05
- For analogue readings the uncertainty is no smaller than **half the smallest marking**.

Often when we're measuring, we take two readings. For instance when measuring the length of a rod, you take a reading at the 0 cm mark and at the point we're measuring the length at. The uncertainty is **same as** the last digit displayed or smallest marking.

The uncertainty of a reading is still half the last digit or smallest marking when a reference point is used. For instance, a thermometer isn't read in reference to the 0 °C mark, but is a single reading.

Example

For this ruler the smallest marking is 1 mm so the uncertainty is 0.5 mm.

1 mm for the total width of the ruler.

If we took a measurement of 2.3 cm, we should write this as 2.3 cm ± 0.1 cm.

For a range of readings, the uncertainty is given by half the range of the readings.

Example

Five readings of a car's speed are taken.

The readings are 11.7 m s⁻¹, 12.2 m s⁻¹, 11.8 m s⁻¹, 11.6 m s⁻¹ and 12.0 m s⁻¹.

What is the uncertainty of these readings?

The range of the readings is the smallest value taken from the largest value, 12.2 m s⁻¹ - 11.6 m s⁻¹ = 0.6 m s⁻¹.

So, the uncertainty of the readings is 0.3 m s⁻¹.

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**Exam tip**

Uncertainties shouldn't be more detailed than the corresponding measurement. A value of 2.4 with an uncertainty of 0.07882 has too many decimal places, instead of 0.1.

Fractional and percentage uncertainties

In the above example 0.1 cm is the **absolute uncertainty** meaning its actual value. We can use the uncertainty as a fraction or percentage of the measurement.

The fractional uncertainty is calculated as

$$\frac{\text{absolute uncertainty}}{\text{measured value}}$$

The percentage uncertainty is calculated as

$$\frac{\text{absolute uncertainty}}{\text{measured value}} \times 100\%$$

Fractional and percentage uncertainties make it a lot easier to compare the accuracy of measurements and units.

Example

For our measurement of 2.3 cm \pm 0.1 cm from above,

$$\text{Fractional uncertainty} = \frac{0.1 \text{ cm}}{2.3 \text{ cm}} = 0.043$$

$$\text{Percentage uncertainty} = \frac{0.1 \text{ cm}}{2.3 \text{ cm}} \times 100 = 4\%$$

We write this as 2.3 cm (1 ± 0.043) for the fractional uncertainty and 2.3 cm ($\pm 4\%$) for the percentage uncertainty.

Combinations of uncertainties

Often our final results will come from a combination of measurements and so we need to combine the uncertainties on the measurements into an uncertainty for the final result.

- If the result is found by **adding or subtracting** the measurements to or from each other, we add up the *absolute uncertainty* to find the uncertainty on the result.
- If the result is found by **multiplying or dividing** the measurements together, we add up the *percentage uncertainties* to find the uncertainty on the result.
- In the case of **powers**, we multiply the *percentage uncertainty* by the power.

You don't have to worry about uncertainties on more complicated logarithmic or exponential functions.

Example

Phil the Snail is on our ruler at the 6.8 cm mark. He is timed using a stopwatch to reach the 9.4 cm mark on the ruler. The precision of the ruler is 0.1 cm and the precision of the stopwatch is 1 s.

- How far does Phil travel? What is the absolute uncertainty?
- At what speed does Phil make his journey? What is the absolute uncertainty?

- To find out how far Phil travelled we simply do

$$9.4 \text{ cm} - 6.8 \text{ cm} = 2.6 \text{ cm}$$

To find the uncertainty on this we add the absolute uncertainties for both measurements. As both measurements are taken with the ruler, these uncertainties are both 0.1 cm.

$$0.1 \text{ cm} + 0.1 \text{ cm} = 0.2 \text{ cm}$$

So our full answer is 2.6 cm \pm 0.2 cm.

- To find the speed we divide the distance by the time taken.

$$2.6 \text{ cm} / 34 \text{ s} = 0.076 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$$

For the uncertainty, we add the percentage uncertainties

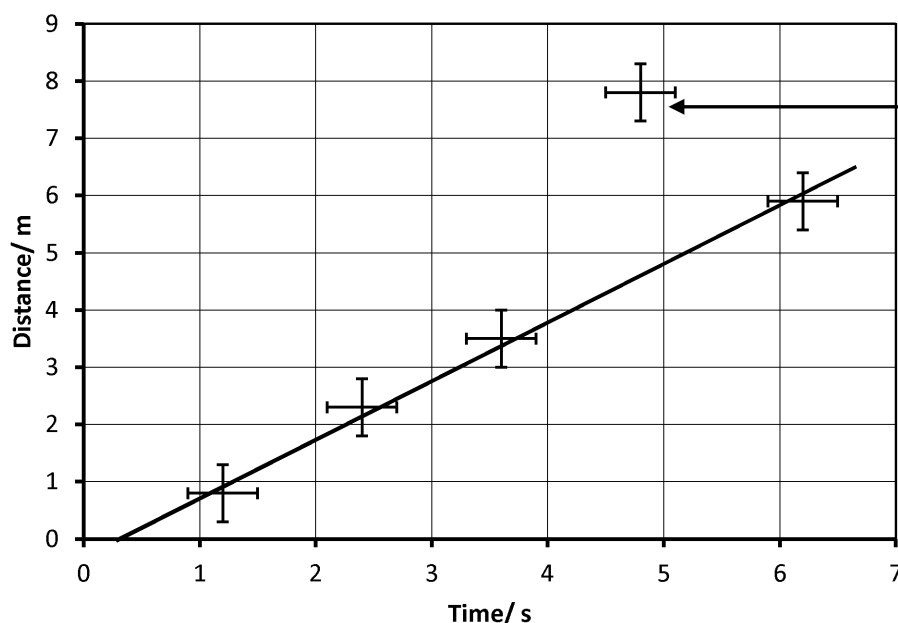
$$\left(\frac{0.2 \text{ cm}}{2.6 \text{ cm}} + \frac{1 \text{ s}}{34 \text{ s}} \right) \times 100\% = 11\%$$

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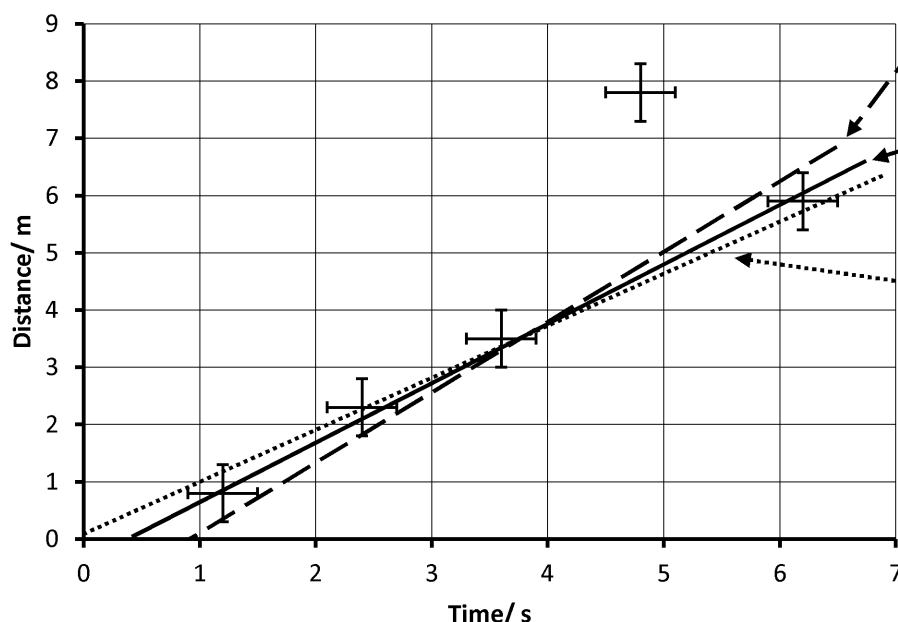
Uncertainties on graphs

When we plot out data we can show the uncertainty on our data points using error bars. The length of the error bar on each side of the data point is the size of the uncertainty.



A good line of best fit will fit through all the error bars. The line of best fit we choose is the **best line of best fit** which gives us our best gradient and best y-intercept.

To find the uncertainty on the gradient, we draw extra lines of best fit through the error bars as seen here. These are our **worst lines of best fit**.



The dashed line has the **greatest possible gradient** we can draw through the points. The dotted line has the **smallest possible gradient**. We can work with either of these gradients in our calculations.

The percentage uncertainty in the gradient is

$$\frac{|\text{best gradient} - \text{worst gradient}|}{\text{best gradient}} \times 100\%$$

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Similarly, to find the uncertainty on the y-intercept we *continue the same lines to* for the y-intercept.

The percentage uncertainty in the y-intercept is

$$\frac{|\text{best intercept} - \text{worst intercept}|}{\text{best intercept}} \times 100 \%$$

Discussing our results

After we have our results with uncertainties, we need to write a discussion of the

This should include

- a **conclusion** of any relationship you found
- how **accurate** and **precise** your results were
- whether your results would be **repeatable** and **reproducible**
- any **improvements** you could make to reduce error
- **further experiments** you could do to find out more about your conclusion

Questions

1. A high-precision digital weighing scale can give a precision of 0.1 g. What is the percentage uncertainty on a measurement from this scale?
2. A measurement of 17.53 g is made on the same scale as question 1. What is the percentage uncertainty on this measurement?
3. An experiment is carried out where a ball is dropped between two points. The time it takes to pass through both is timed and the speed calculated. List three sources of random and systematic errors.
4. A rectangular field is measured to have sides of length 15.07 m ± 0.05 m and 8.02 m ± 0.02 m. What is the field's area, including percentage uncertainty?
5. Plants are measured and temperatures taken at the location of the field. The results are as follows:

Plant height (m)	Temperature (K)
0.95	276
1.25	284
1.45	290
1.60	295
1.85	301

The uncertainty in plant height is 0.05 m and the uncertainty in temperature is 2 K.

Draw a graph of these results, including error bars, and determine the relationship between plant height and temperature, including its percentage uncertainty.

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1.3 Estimation of physical quantities

When discussing numbers and trying to find an estimate for an expected result, orders of magnitude are helpful. These provide a way of stating a general size of numbers when the actual value is not known.

Orders of magnitude come in handy when estimating physical quantities. You might not be able to tell the speed a car is travelling at just by looking, but we can confidently say it'll have a speed of order of magnitude of 10 m s^{-1} while an airplane is more likely to travel at an order of magnitude of 10^2 m s^{-1} .

Key term: Orders of magnitude

We use powers of 10 to express orders of magnitude, so 10^2 is 100, 10^3 is 1000. And 10^{-1} is 0.1, 10^{-2} is 0.01.

Orders of magnitude are useful for estimating. For example, 2500 has an order of magnitude of 10^3 because it's larger than 1000 but less than 10,000.

Estimating results

When multiplying or dividing numbers, orders of magnitude are especially helpful for estimating what scale our result will be on. We can just add the powers on the 10s together for multiplying and subtract them for dividing.

Example

$$\frac{276\,065 \times 7024 \times 0.0024}{2334 \times 0.48}$$

is a complicated equation that would be easy to get wrong, but if we use the orders of magnitude we have

$$\frac{10^5 \times 10^4 \times 10^{-3}}{10^3 \times 10^{-1}} = 10^4$$

This isn't our final answer, but it gives us useful information, and we can see the result is of the tens of thousands.



Exam tip

If an order of magnitude has a power applied to it, such as $(10^4)^2$, then we can simply multiply together the two powers to get 10^8 .



Exam tip

If a number would be rounded up (i.e. is ≥ 5), the rounded value is used. In the example, 7024 is rounded to 10^4 instead of 10^3 .

Below are some useful orders of magnitude in physics.

Radius of atom 10^{-10} m	Height of human 1 m	Radius of Earth 10^7 m	Earth-Sun distance 10^{11} m
Mass of electron 10^{-30} kg	Mass of human 100 kg	Mass of Earth 10^{25} kg	Mass of Sun 10^{30} kg

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Questions

1. What order of magnitude are:

- a) 4329?
- b) 0.0087?
- c) 60,038?

2. Find the order of magnitude of the answer to

$$\frac{28 \times 0.3 \times 784 \times 0.009}{45 \times 8300}$$

Compare this to the actual value.

3. The gravitational force between the Earth and the Sun is given by

$$\text{Force} = \frac{G \times \text{mass of Earth} \times \text{mass of Sun}}{(\text{distance from Earth to Sun})^2}$$

where G is $6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$.

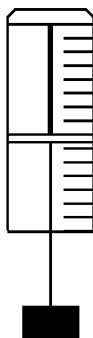
Determine the order of magnitude of this force.

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Exam style questions: Measurements and their errors

1. A wire is held between two bars. The upper bar is fixed while the lower bar is moved downwards. Masses are hung from the lower bar, exerting a force on the wire and causing it to stretch. The set-up of the experiment is shown below.



The stiffness of the wire, k , is calculated from the force exerted on the wire, F , and the extension of the wire, x , by using the equation

$$k = \frac{F}{x}$$

The results of the experiment are shown below.

Force, F / N	Extension, x / mm
1.00	0.60
2.00	1.10
3.00	1.90
4.00	2.40
5.00	2.90
6.00	3.60

The uncertainty on measured values for the force is ± 0.2 N.
The uncertainty on measured values for extension is ± 0.1 mm.

- a) State a suitable unit for the stiffness of the wire, k .
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- b) Draw a graph showing the results of the experiment with error bars.

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- c) From your graph, calculate a value for the stiffness of the wire, k , and its uncertainty.

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- d) State how the uncertainty in the value of the stiffness could be determined.

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2. An experiment is performed to determine the acceleration due to gravity. A piece of paper is balled up and dropped through two light gates, with the paper ball.

The acceleration of the paper ball can be found via

$$g = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t}$$

v_1 is the speed of the paper ball as it passes the first light gate, v_2 is the speed as it passes the second light gate, t is the time taken for the paper ball to pass between the two gates.

The results of the experiment are listed below.

$$v_1 = 1.87 \pm 0.01 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v_2 = 8.46 \pm 0.01 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$t = 1.03 \pm 0.05 \text{ s}$$

- a) Calculate a value for g from the results obtained from the experiment, and its percentage error.

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- b) The value for g found from the results of the experiment is lower than the accepted value of the scientific community. Repeated measurements do not decrease the error. State what type of error this is and how it could be removed.

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- c) State the meaning of the term 'anomalous result'.

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- d) The experiment is repeated with a different set-up to try and obtain a more accepted value for g .

The results of this experiment are shown below.

Measurement	Acceleration due to gravity, $g/\text{m s}^{-2}$
1	9.43
2	10.02
3	13.71
4	9.55

Calculate the mean of these measurements, after disregarding the anomalous result.

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- e) The percentage uncertainty on the mean of the results is 3 %. Discuss the accuracy and precision of the second experiment in comparison with the first experiment.

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Chapter 2: Particles and Radiation

2.1 Particles

Chapter 2.1 checklist

By the end of this chapter you should be able to:

2.1.1

- Explain a simple atomic model.....
- Give charges and masses for protons, neutrons and electrons.....
- Understand and explain what an isotope is
- Understand and use nuclide notation
- Determine the specific charge of different particles.....

2.1.2

- Understand how the strong force holds the nucleus together.....
- Explain alpha, beta and gamma decay including equations
- Understand how the neutrino conserves energy in beta decay

2.1.3

- Understand what a photon is.....
- Calculate the energy, frequency and wavelength of a photon
- Understand antiparticles and how their properties relate to normal matter.....
- Understand annihilation and calculate the energies involved.....
- Understand pair production and calculate the energies involved.....
- Understand how a PET scanner uses annihilation to create a map of bodily function.....

2.1.4

- Understand exchange particles roles in particle interactions.....
- Explain the electromagnetic force in terms of virtual photons
- Explain beta-decay and electron capture in terms of the weak nuclear force
- Use Feynman diagrams to explain particle interactions
- Understand the four fundamental forces and what role they play in particle physics.....

2.1.5

- Understand that cosmic rays produce high energy particles and how these particles interact.....
- Know basic details about muons, kaons and pions
- Understand how particle colliders are used to detect particles
- Classify particles as hadrons and leptons
- Classify hadrons as baryons and mesons.....
- Understand baryon and lepton numbers and strangeness.....
- Understand how neutrinos relate to electrons and muons.....

2.1.6

- Understand that hadrons are made up of quarks
- Describe properties of the up, down and strange quarks.....
- Give the quark make up of the proton, neutron, antiproton, antineutron, pion.....

2.1.7

- Use conservation laws to predict which interactions take place.....
- Understand that energy and momentum are conserved throughout physics.....
- Understand that charge and baryon and lepton numbers are conserved in all interactions.....
- State when strangeness is conserved and when it might not be.....

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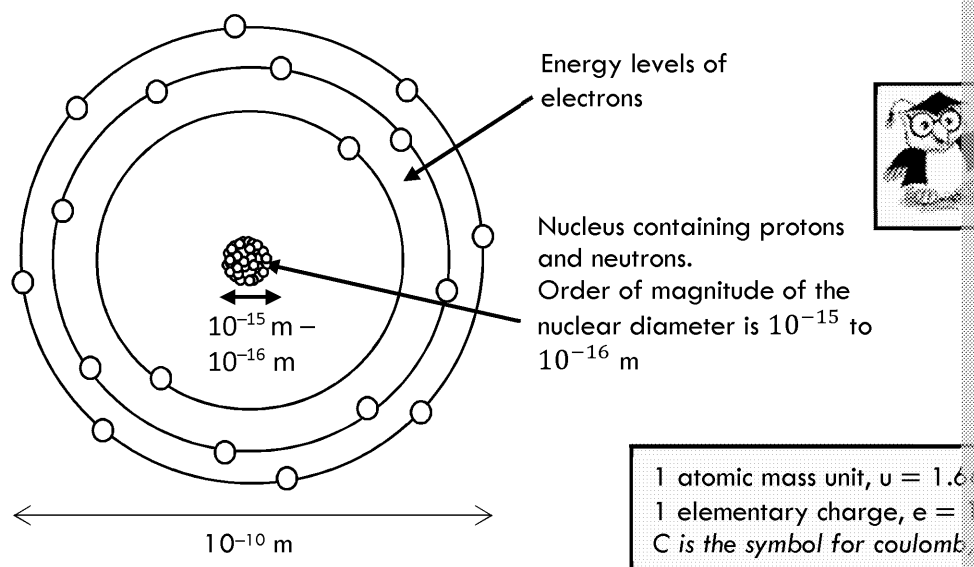


2.1.1 Constituents of the atom

All of the matter around you – your chair, your desk, even you – is made up of atoms. These atoms are the building blocks of the world around us.

Inside the atom

However, atoms aren't the end of the story. Each atom is made up of various subatomic particles. Here is a simple model of an atom with its different subatomic particles.



Each atom consists of a positively charged **nucleus** at the centre and negatively charged **electrons** orbiting this nucleus.

The nucleus is made up of **protons** and **neutrons**, which we call **nucleons**. The electrons are held in very specific **orbits** or **shells** around the nucleus.

	Symbol	Mass (atomic mass units, u)	
Proton	p	1	
Neutron	n	1	
Electron	e^-	1/2000	



Exam tip

You'll sometimes see charge written as Q in particle physics



Exam tip

When talking about mass, always include the units. So we write the mass of a proton as 1.66×10^{-27} kg, and the mass of an electron as 9.11×10^{-31} kg.

Electrons have much less mass than either protons or neutrons, which have roughly the same mass.

Despite making up most of the mass, the nucleus takes up very little space in the atom. Its diameter is between 10^5 and 10^6 times smaller than the atomic radius. Most of the atom is empty space.

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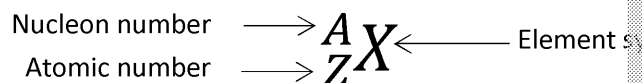


Isotopes

All atoms of the same element contain the same number of protons, which we call the **atomic number**. For example, every atom of oxygen has 8 protons in its nucleus so it has an atomic number of 8.

The total number of nucleons in a nucleus (protons and neutrons) gives us the **nucleon number**. We call this the **mass number** because it roughly gives us the weight of the nucleus in atomic mass units.

We can use the following representation, known as **nuclide notation**, to give all the information about a nucleus.



Key terms

Atomic number: number of protons in a nucleus

Nucleon number: number of nucleons (protons and neutrons) in a nucleus

Not all atoms of the same element have the same number of neutrons. This means they have the same charge (number of protons), but different masses. We say that atoms with the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons are **isotopes**.

For instance, there are three stable isotopes of oxygen, ^{16}O , ^{17}O and ^{18}O . They all have 8 protons and 10 neutrons respectively.

We can find the number of neutrons, N , by subtracting the atomic number from the nucleon number:

$$N = A - Z$$

We call nuclei of different isotopes of the same element **nuclides**.

Specific charge

All charged particles have a **specific charge**. This is the ratio of the charge of the particle to its mass.



$$\text{Specific charge} = \frac{\text{Charge}}{\text{Mass}}$$

Because electrons have so little mass, they have the largest specific charge of all particles.

When we talk about specific charges of different isotopes we tend to ignore the mass of the electrons. This is because their mass is so low.

Example

A $^{23}\text{Na}^+$ ion with a charge of +1 (i.e. one missing electron) has a specific charge of:

$$\frac{1e}{23u} = \frac{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}{23 \times 1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}} = 4.19 \times 10^6 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$$

Questions

- Write down how many protons, neutrons and electrons there are in the following nuclei:
 - $^{197}_{79}\text{Au}$
 - $^{127}_{53}\text{I}$
 - $^{40}_{18}\text{Ar}$
 - $^{12}_{6}\text{C}$
- Would you remove an electron, proton or neutron from an atom?
 - create a different element?
 - create an ion of the same element?
 - create a different isotope of the same element?
- Give the specific charge of a nucleus of $^{16}_8\text{O}$
 - Give the specific charge of an ion of $^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}^{2+}$

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2.1.2 Stable and unstable nuclei

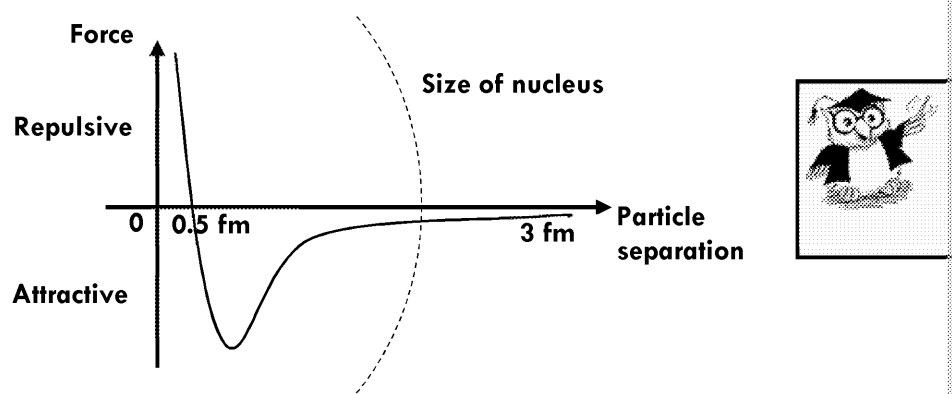
The strong nuclear force

Because protons are all positively charged and neutrons have no charge, there are many protons repelling each other and sending the nucleus of every atom flying apart.

We call this force the **strong nuclear force** or **strong interaction**. The strong nuclear force affects such as neutrons and protons, and affects them exactly the same way, regardless of their charge.

This strong force has a very limited range – it only affects particles over around 3 fm from the nucleus. In comparison, the electromagnetic force has infinite range, although it gets weaker the further away you get.

Below you can see how the strong nuclear force acts over the size of a nucleus.



As you can see, the strong force acts very strangely – from 3 fm down to 0.5 fm it is attractive, holding protons and neutrons held together tightly. But **below 0.5 fm** it is **repulsive**, keeping protons apart.

Nuclear decay

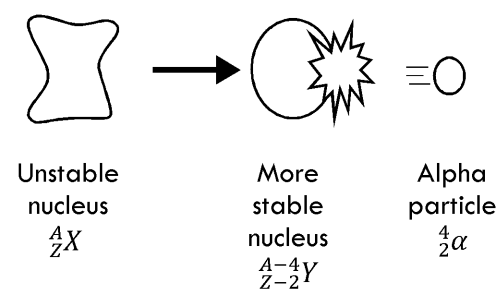
When you put multiple nucleons repelling and attracting each other into a nucleus, it can become unstable. The nucleus can eject particles or energy in an attempt to become stable.

There are three main ways this can happen: alpha, beta and gamma decay.

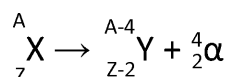
Alpha (α) decay

An unstable nucleus fires off an **alpha particle** (symbol: ${}^4_2\alpha$).

This leaves an alpha particle made of **2 protons and 2 neutrons**, and a new element with **fewer neutrons** than before.



α decay



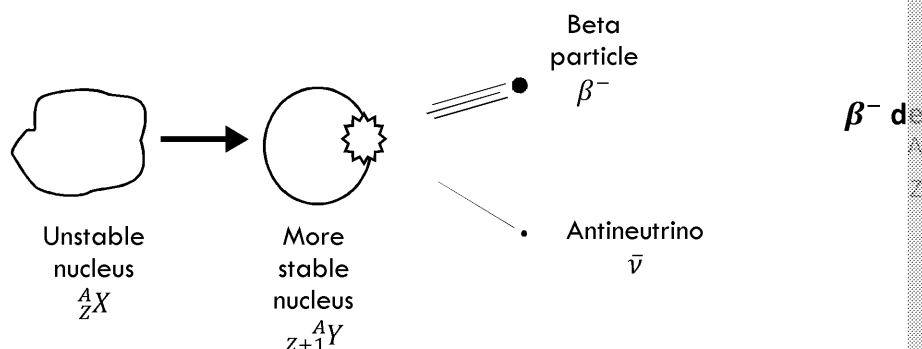
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Beta (β^-) decay

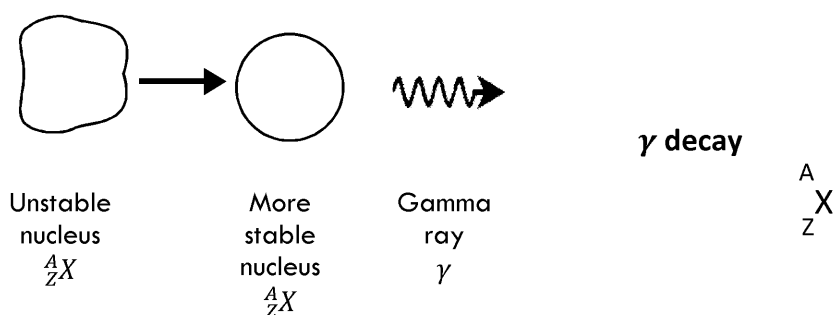
A neutron in the nucleus turns into a proton, giving off a **beta particle** (symbol: β^-) (symbol: $\bar{\nu}$).

This leaves a beta particle (which is an electron), an antineutrino and a new element **more proton** than before.



Gamma (γ) decay

An unstable nucleus gives off a burst of high-energy light called a **gamma ray** (symbol: γ). This leaves a gamma ray and the **same nucleus** as before, but with **less energy**.



Practical skills

Cloud chambers

- A cloud chamber is **a sealed container filled with vapour** – as charged particles pass through, they **ionise the vapour** by pulling electrons off the molecules in the vapour. This ionisation creates droplets of condensed vapour which we can see.
- Alpha particles are much heavier than beta particles so they ionise the vapour more easily.
- The strong, straight paths of multiple alpha particles can be seen to the naked eye.

Geiger counters

- A Geiger counter is used to detect radiation.
- When an α , β or γ particle hits the detector in a Geiger counter, it ionises the gas and causes a surge in current.
- Geiger counters can only give information on how many α , β or γ particles are detected. They cannot differentiate between types of radiation or give any information on the energy of the particles.

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The history of the neutrino

Neutrinos and **antineutrinos** are tiny, non-charged particles that interact very rarely.

There are billions of neutrinos produced by the sun passing through your body every second but we can't detect them because they interact so rarely.

When β^- decay was first discovered, it was found that the momentum of the new nucleus and the electron didn't cancel out – a third particle had to be carrying the extra momentum away.

This third particle didn't show up in cloud chambers so it couldn't be charged, and the energy of the decay was accounted for by the new nucleus and beta particle so it had to be very small.

This tiny, uncharged particle was called the neutrino.



Exam tip

The neutrino was hypothesised to account for missing momentum in β^- decay. The missing momentum could only be explained by a third tiny uncharged particle.

Questions

- State whether the following statements are true or false:
 - The strong force is limited to around 3 fm.
 - The strong force affects all charged particles.
 - The strong force affects protons and neutrons equally.
 - The strong force is responsible for keeping the whole atom together.
- Which type (or types) of nuclear decay:
 - Does not change the atomic number of the atom?
 - Significantly changes the mass of the atom?
 - Increases the atomic number of an atom by one?
 - Produces a charged particle?
- $^{215}_{84}\text{Po}$ can decay via both beta and alpha decay. Write down all possible types of decay.
You will find elements along with their atomic and nucleon numbers in the periodic table.
- Calculate the specific charge of an alpha particle.
- An atom of $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ decays in a chain, first by alpha decay, then by beta decay, then by alpha decay, then by beta decay, then by alpha decay. What element is the final product?

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2.1.3 Particles, antiparticles and photons

Light as a wave

Light is composed of electromagnetic waves – an electric wave and a magnetic wave.

Different wavelengths of light give different colours, with red light having a longer wavelength than blue light.

Photons: Light as a particle

When light hits a metal surface, electrons can be given off. These electrons have a specific energy depending on what wavelength of light hits the metal, implying that the light is carrying a specific energy. This couldn't happen with waves – waves carry a continuum of energy, so an electron could just absorb more energy by absorbing more of the wave.

Key term: Photon

A photon is a small packet of energy, thought of as a particle.

We represent a photon by the symbol γ .

Einstein realised that if we model light as a burst of energy in a wave packet called a **photon**, this problem is solved.

The energy, E , of a photon is given by

$$E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

Example

What is the energy for a photon of

- Red light ($f = 400 \text{ THz}$)?
- Blue light ($\lambda = 450 \text{ nm}$)?
- How does the energy of a photon relate to its wavelength and frequency?

a) $E = hf = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 400 \times 10^{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

b) $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{450 \times 10^{-9}} = 4.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

c) A higher energy photon will have a shorter wavelength and higher frequency.

Matter and antimatter

Enrico Fermi, an Italian physicist, discovered that for every particle there is an antiparticle.

The antiparticle for the proton is the antiproton, for the neutron it's the antineutron. The counterparts to common particles are listed below.

	Symbol	Mass/ u	Charge/ e
Antiproton	\bar{p}	1	-1
Antineutron	\bar{n}	1	0
Anti-electron (positron)	e^+	1/2000	+1
Antineutrino	$\bar{\nu}$	Almost zero	0

You'll notice that antiparticles have the **same mass** as their normal matter counterparts.

The symbol for an antiparticle is the symbol for the normal matter particle with a bar over it. For example, the antiparticle of an electron, the positron, which is e^+ , and the anti-muon, μ^+ .

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Annihilation

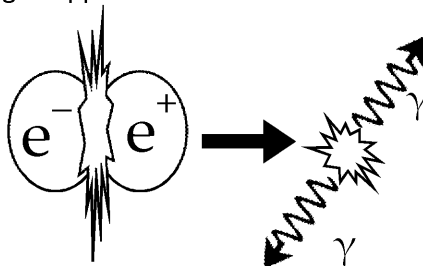
For an electron and positron annihilation, the following process occurs:

$$e^{-} + e^{+} \rightarrow 2\gamma$$

Key term: Annihilation

When a particle meets its antiparticle and they destroy each other. This means that they are replaced by energy with only 2 photons left behind.

Two photons are produced travelling in opposite directions to each other with equal energy. The creation of two photons travelling in opposite directions conserve momentum.



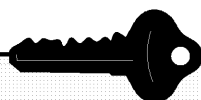
The minimum energy for each photon is E_0 , the **rest energy** of the electron. If the photons had kinetic energy, the photons will share this additional energy.

Key term: Rest Energy

A particle's rest energy is the energy it has purely from its mass, discounting other forms of energy like kinetic or potential energy.

We often refer to particles' masses in eV. This is their rest energy, which is related to their masses via $E = mc^2$

Particle's total energy = rest energy + kinetic energy



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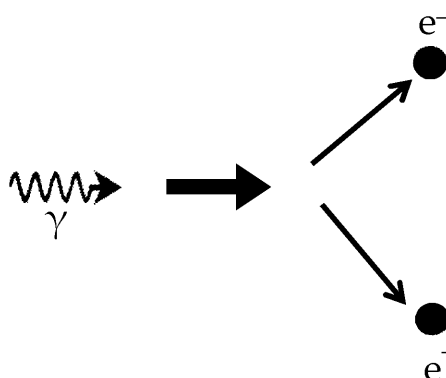
The gamma photons produced by annihilation can be detected because of their ability to penetrate a detector.

Pair production

If a photon has enough energy it can sometimes perform the opposite of annihilation, where one photon becomes a particle and its antiparticle.

The pair production of an electron-positron is shown by

$$\gamma \rightarrow e^{-} + e^{+}$$



For pair production to happen, the photon must have an energy of at least $2E_0$, where E_0 is the rest energy of the electron. Any additional energy the photon has is given to the particles as kinetic energy.

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Example

A photon of frequency 3.80×10^{20} Hz creates an electron-positron pair via pair production. The rest energy of an electron is 0.51 MeV.

- How much energy does the photon have?
- If the energy is split equally, how much kinetic energy do the electron and positron each have?

a) $E = hf$, so $E = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.80 \times 10^{20} = 2.52 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$

In eV, $\frac{2.52 \times 10^{-13}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 1.57 \text{ MeV}$

b) One half of the total energy = 0.79 MeV

Kinetic energy = total energy – rest energy = 0.28 MeV

PET scanner

Hospitals regularly make use of annihilation in PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scans.

PET scans allow us to see inside a patient's body. You can see a PET scan of a brain.

A nuclide which emits positrons is injected into the body and allowed to circulate. The positrons emitted quickly meet with electrons in the patient's body and annihilate.

This produces 2 photons at 180° from each other, which are detected. After many such events, the detected photons are used to map out a 3D picture of a patient's internal functions.

Questions

- A photon has wavelength 730 nm. Calculate its frequency.
 - A photon has frequency 5.00 THz. Calculate its wavelength.
- Calculate the energies of both of the photons in question 1.
- A proton has a rest energy of 1.50×10^{-10} J. Convert this to eV.
 - A photon has energy 103 eV. Convert this to joules.
- An electron and a positron with only their rest energy annihilate and two photons are produced.
 - What is the energy of each photon in joules?
 - What is the frequency of each photon?
- A photon of wavelength 7.55×10^{-26} m creates a proton-antiproton pair.
 - How much energy does the photon have in electron volts?
 - If the energy is split equally then how much kinetic energy do the proton and antiproton each have?

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2.1.4 Particle interactions

There are four **fundamental forces** affecting particle interactions:

- the electromagnetic force
- the weak nuclear force
- the strong nuclear force
- gravity

These forces are carried by **exchange particles** specific to the force. Some forces

Key term: Exchange particles

When fundamental particles interact with each other, they do this through exchange particles transfer forces and quantities such as charge from one particle to another.

Each of the fundamental forces has a different exchange particle, which is covered

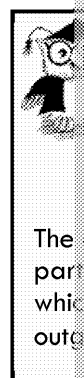
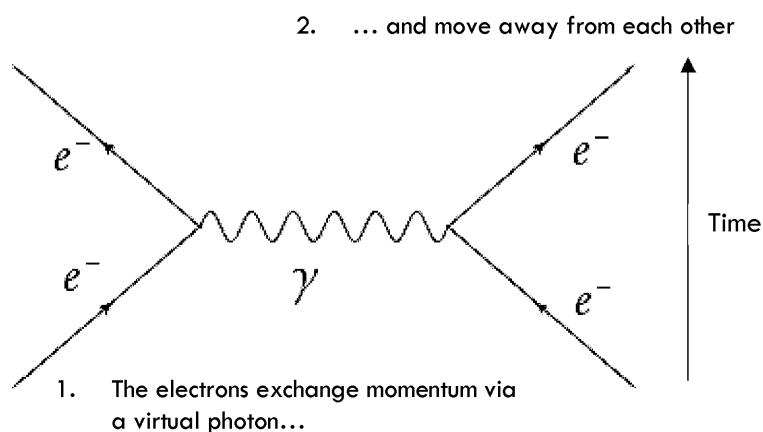
The electromagnetic force

The electromagnetic force affects charged particles and is responsible for phenomena such as magnetism. The exchange particles for the electromagnetic force are **virtual photons**.

Virtual photons differ from other photons in that they can't be detected – if we interact with them they wouldn't be able to complete any interaction between charged particles.

When two charged particles come close to each other they exchange a virtual photon, causing the two particles to repel or attract one another.

Imagine two electrons approaching each other. As they came closer they would experience a repulsive force which would cause them to move apart.



Similarly, two differently charged particles such as a proton and an electron approach each other, exchange a virtual photon, pulling the proton and electron together.

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The weak nuclear force

In beta-decay a neutron turns into a proton by giving off an electron and an antineutrino.

Beta-decay can't be caused by the electromagnetic force because it involves neutrons. The electromagnetic force only affects charged particles!

It can't be caused by the strong force either because it involves electrons and neutrons. The strong force doesn't affect.

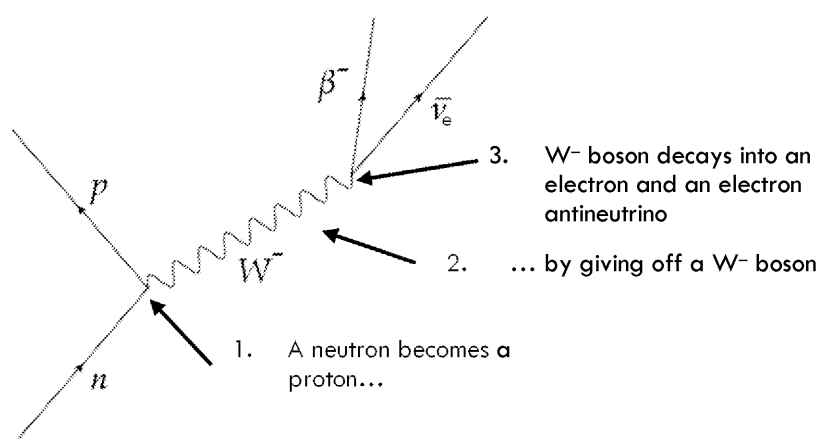
We need a third force – the **weak nuclear force**, sometimes just called the weak force.

The exchange particle for the weak force is the W boson.

	W ⁻ boson	W ⁺ boson	Photon
Mass/GeV	80	80	0
Range/fm	0.001	0.001	Inf
Charge/e	-1	+1	0

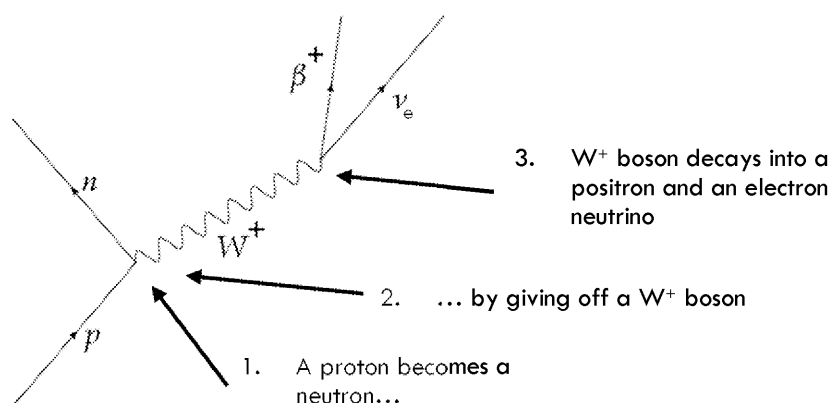
This weak force affects processes in the nucleus like beta-minus decay. This can be represented by a Feynman diagram.

β^- decay



There is also beta-plus, or β^+ , decay. In β^+ decay a proton in a nucleus turns into a neutron, which then decays into a positron and a neutrino.

β^+ decay

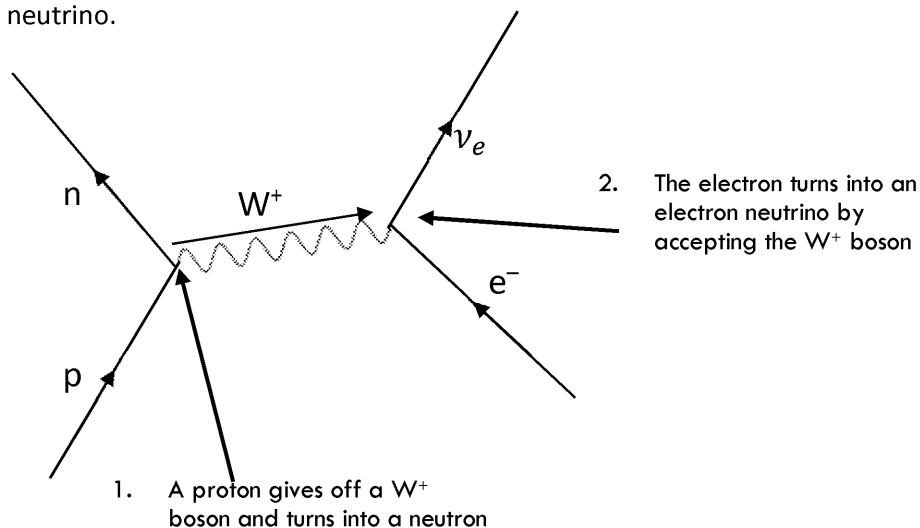


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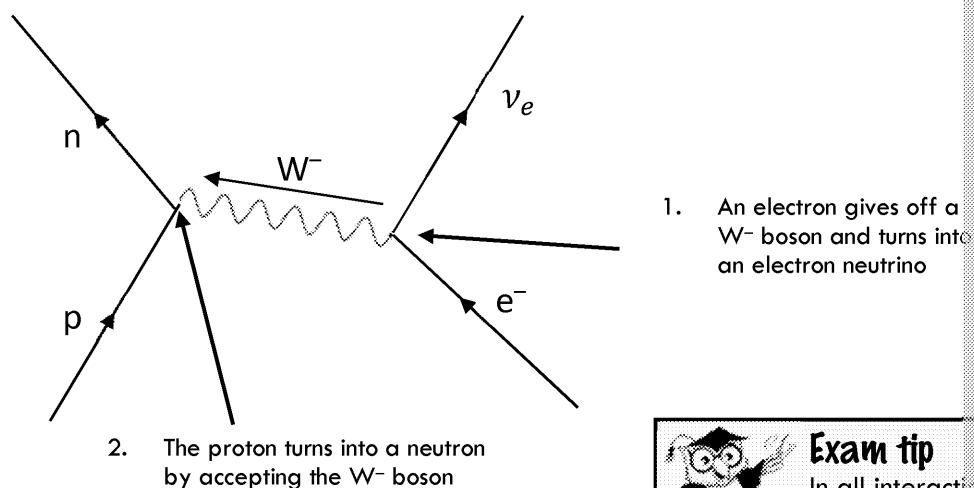
Electron capture

A proton can also turn into a neutron via a process called **electron capture**. This is when a proton turns into a neutron by giving off a W^+ boson, which turns one of the electrons in the atom into an electron neutrino.



Electron proton collisions

Electron proton collisions look similar to electron capture with one crucial difference. In this case, the electron emits a W^- boson, which turns a proton in the nucleus into a neutron.



Exam tip

In all interaction diagrams, the total charge is conserved. Check the charge of the particles before and after the interaction.

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The strong force and gravity

The strong force is what holds the nucleus together. Nucleons exchange pions, which attract each other. However, below 0.5 fm, the strong force is repulsive, keeping the nucleus from collapsing.

Gravity is the fundamental force you'll be most familiar with, as it's the force that holds the Earth together. While scientists understand the effects of gravity very well, they don't understand the quantum theory of gravity involved.

The graviton has never been observed – we assume it must exist because all the other forces have exchange particles. The graviton is one of the particles that particle accelerators such as the Large Hadron Collider are looking for.



Exam tip

You don't need to know the details of the processes for gravity, as scientists don't know.

Four fundamental forces

Force	Exchange particles	Exchange particle symbol	What particles does it affect?
Electromagnetic	Virtual photon	γ	Charged particles
Weak	W bosons	W^+ , W^-	Electrons, neutrinos, protons, neutrons
Strong	Pions	π^+ , π^- , π^0	Nucleons (protons and neutrons)
Gravity	Graviton	G	All particles

Questions

- Why can't the electromagnetic or strong forces be responsible for gravity?
- As an electron and proton approach each other they exchange a virtual photon and attract each other. Draw a Feynman diagram showing this electron-proton interaction.
- A proton turns into a neutron by giving off a W^+ boson. The W^+ boson then decays into a positron and a neutrino. Draw a Feynman diagram showing this process.
- Write down whether each of the following statements applies to the strong force.
 - Have a charge of +1 or -1.
 - Have infinite range.
 - Have no mass.
- For each of the statements below, write down which fundamental forces they apply to.
 - Affects electrons.
 - Affects neutrons.
 - Is responsible for a type of radioactive decay.
 - Has multiple exchange particles.

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2.1.5 Classification of particles

Discovering particles

When different types of particles were first being discovered in cloud chambers, scientists saw strange, isolated, or 'stray' tracks in the cloud chambers. These tracks weren't connected to the other tracks that came from outside the chamber.

The tracks were made by high energy particles originating in the upper atmosphere and were the result of high energy particle interactions. Common particles produced by cosmic rays include muons, pions, and kaons.

Key terms:

Muons are similar to electrons but much heavier. Muons decay into electrons.

Symbol: μ^-

Charge: -1

The antiparticle of a muon is the **antimuon**

Symbol: μ^+

Charge: +1

Key term: Pion

Pions are mesons that are held together by the strong force between quarks.

Symbol: π^+ , π^- , or π^0

Charge: +1, -1 or 0

Key term: Kaon

Kaons are particles that have a property called 'strangeness'. Kaons decay into pions and muons.

Symbol: K^+ , K^- , or K^0

Charge: +1, -1 or 0

Particles created by cosmic rays can also be detected using two Geiger counters. If a particle, the path of a stream of particles must pass both detectors. This helped scientists confirm that particles were in fact coming from high up in our atmosphere.

Scientists are still discovering new particles even today.

Scientists create new particles by slamming particles together at extremely high energies, as the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. When particles collide at these high energies, a large amount of energy is released in an instant and hundreds of new particles are created in showers.

It can be incredibly difficult to keep track of all of these interactions and particle showers. It takes a lot of scientists to collect and analyse such large amounts of data and even more scientists to run the colliders and keep them running.



Practical point

While experiments play the biggest part of verifying a discovery, scientists have to know what they're looking for first.

Computer models are used to model particle collisions that take place in an experiment, to direct scientists where to look and to help make sense of the huge amount of data collected.

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Hadrons

Protons, neutrons, pions and kaons are all known as **hadrons**.

Hadrons are **affected by the strong force**. The strong force doesn't interact with any particles that aren't hadrons.

Hadrons fall into one of two categories – **baryons** or **mesons**.

- Protons and neutrons are **baryons** and antiprotons and antineutrons are **antibaryons**.
- Pions and kaons are **mesons**.



Exam tip

Remember, hadrons interact via the strong force and the weak force and the electromagnetic force.

Key term: Baryon number

Baryon number, B , is a quantum number that is conserved in particle interactions.

- Baryons have a baryon number of +1.
- Antibaryons have a baryon number of -1.
- Everything else has a baryon number of 0.

Protons are the **only stable baryon**. All other baryons will decay to protons given enough time.



Exam tip

The only strange particles you'll have to worry about are kaons.

Strangeness

Some hadrons have a property known as **strangeness**. Strange particles are produced in strong interactions and decay via the weak interaction.

Strangeness, S , is conserved in strong interactions but not in weak interactions. In strong interactions, S can change by +1, -1 or 0.

Leptons

Electrons, muons and neutrinos (which can be electron neutrinos, ν_e , or muon neutrinos, ν_μ) are all **leptons**. Leptons interact through the weak interaction, gravity and the electromagnetic interaction if they are charged.

Leptons are **fundamental**. This means that they can't be broken down any more into smaller particles.

Key term: Lepton number

Lepton number, L , is a quantum number that is conserved in particle interactions.

Electrons and electron neutrinos have electron-lepton numbers of +1.

Positrons and electron antineutrinos have electron-lepton numbers of -1.

Everything else has an electron-lepton number of 0.

Muons and muon neutrinos have muon-lepton numbers of +1.

Antimuons and muon antineutrinos have muon-lepton numbers of -1.

Everything else has a muon-lepton number of 0.

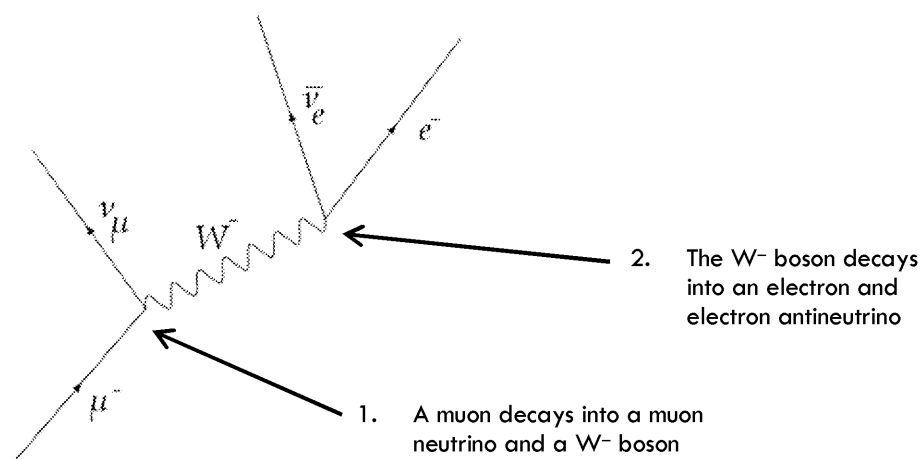
Lepton numbers are often stated without reference to which type of lepton number is being referred to.

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Muon decay

Below you can see the Feynman diagram of a muon decaying into an electron, an electron antineutrino, and a muon neutrino.

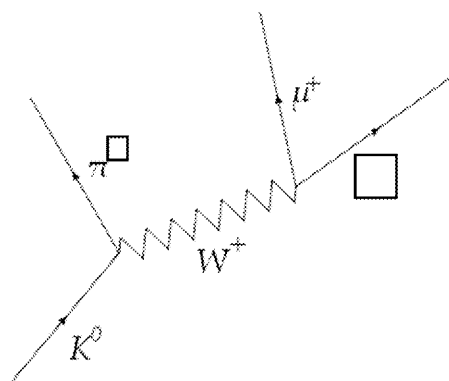


Questions

1. Fill in the table below

	Charge	Lepton number	Baryon number	
K^+	+1	0	0	
ν_e				
p				
\bar{n}				
e^-				
π^0				
μ^+				

2. Write whether each of the following statements are true or false. If the statements are wrong, explain why.
- A lepton is always charged.
 - All baryons and antibaryons have a baryon number of 1.
 - A particle cannot have a baryon number of 1 and a lepton number of 1.
 - All mesons are hadrons.
 - All hadrons are mesons.
3. A π^- meson decays into a μ^- and a $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ via a W^- boson. Draw a Feynman diagram for this decay.
4. Complete the Feynman diagram for kaon decay below.



5. Draw a Feynman diagram for antimuon decay.

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2.1.6 Quarks

All hadrons are made of fundamental particles called **quarks** and **antiquarks**. There are **up**, **down**, and **strange** quarks and antiquarks. This is called the quark's

	Quarks			
	Up u	Down d	Strange s	Up \bar{u}
Charge	+2/3	-1/3	-1/3	-2/3
Baryon number	1/3	1/3	1/3	-1/3
Strangeness	0	0	-1	0



Exam tip

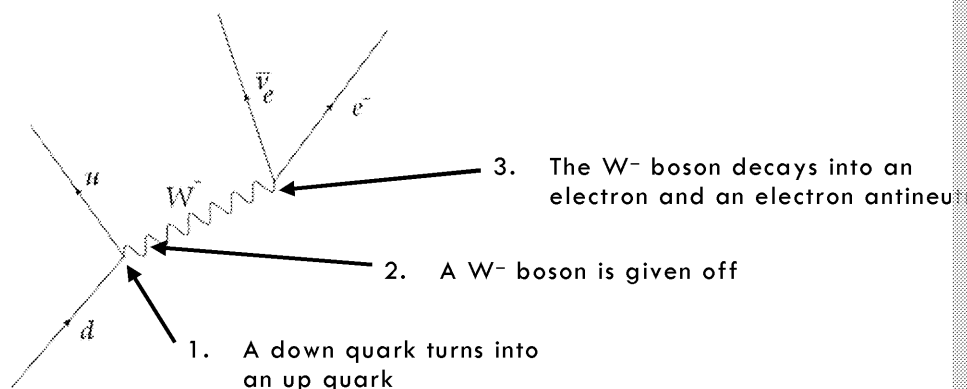
These properties are given in the exam data booklet for up, down

Baryons each contain 3 quarks (and antibaryons contain 3 antiquarks) while mesons are

Baryons	Quark make-up
p	uud
\bar{p}	$\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d}$
n	udd
\bar{n}	$\bar{u}\bar{d}\bar{d}$

Mesons
π^+
π^-
π^0
K^+
K^-
K^0

We can now have another look at β^- decay. A neutron turning into a proton represents $udd \rightarrow uud$; two of the quarks stay the same and one down quark turns into an up quark.



Questions

- Write down the baryon numbers, strangeness and charge for each
 - p (uud)
 - K^+ (u \bar{s})
 - $\bar{\Sigma}$ ($\bar{d}\bar{d}\bar{s}$)
- A Xi particle, Ξ^0 , has a strangeness of -2, a baryon number of 1 and a quark composition does the Xi particle have?
- A K^+ can decay via

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

For each of these particles, state their quark content.

If a strange antiquark can turn into a down antiquark, then track this to its placement in the products. Where could any additional quarks

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2.1.7 Conservation laws

Particle interactions follow **conservation laws** – the total properties of the particles before an interaction are the same as the total properties of the particles after an interaction.

This doesn't mean that each individual particle's properties don't change, but that the total properties for all the particles doesn't change.

Some conservation laws always apply and some only apply in certain cases.

Energy and momentum

Energy can't be created or destroyed, only changed into a new form. In all interactions, the total energy before a process is the same as the energy after a process. This takes into account kinetic energy and the rest energies that make up the particles' mass.

The same applies for momentum; if before an interaction none of the particles has momentum, the products of the interaction do, the momentums of the products will add up to zero.

Example

An electron travelling at 32 m s^{-1} interacts with an electron at rest. After the interaction, the first electron travels at 16 m s^{-1} in its original direction.

- What is the initial momentum of both electrons?
- What velocity does the second electron have after the interaction?

a) $p = mv$ so $p_{1(\text{before})} = m_e \times v_{1(\text{before})} = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \times 32 \text{ m s}^{-1} = 2.9 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$
 $p_{2(\text{before})} = m_e \times v_{2(\text{before})} = m_e \times 0 = 0 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$
 $p_{\text{total}} = 2.9 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$

- b) Momentum is conserved.

$$p_{\text{total}(\text{before})} = p_{\text{total}(\text{after})} \text{ so } m_e v_{1(\text{before})} + m_e v_{2(\text{before})} = m_e v_{1(\text{after})} + m_e v_{2(\text{after})}$$

We can divide everything by m_e to keep everything nice and simple.

$$v_{1(\text{before})} + v_{2(\text{before})} = v_{1(\text{after})} + v_{2(\text{after})}$$

$$v_{2(\text{after})} = v_{1(\text{before})} + v_{2(\text{before})} - v_{1(\text{after})} = 32 + 0 - 16 = 16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Particle interactions

There are also conservation laws in particles physics – interactions must follow these laws to be possible – we say that these are **allowed** interactions. Conservation laws allow us to predict whether an interaction is possible.



Charge, baryon number and lepton number are always conserved in all interactions.

Strangeness is conserved in strong and electromagnetic interactions, but is **not** conserved in weak interactions.

Quark character is conserved in strong and electromagnetic interactions, but is **not** conserved in weak interactions, as in beta-decay when an up quark changes to a down quark.

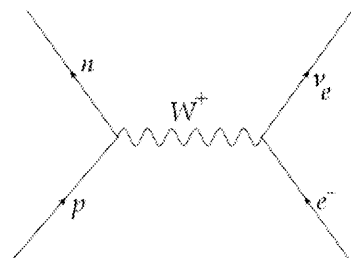
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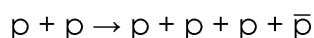
Questions

1. For each of the interactions below, track charge, baryon and lepton strangeness in the initial and final conditions and determine whether the interactions can occur. If they can, state which conservation laws are broken and therefore determine whether the interactions can occur.

- $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + e^+$
- $p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$
- $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- $\bar{p} + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^-$
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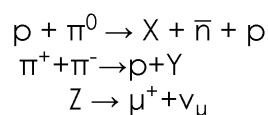


2. A proton in a particle accelerator hits into a stationary proton, producing a proton-antiproton pair in the interaction.



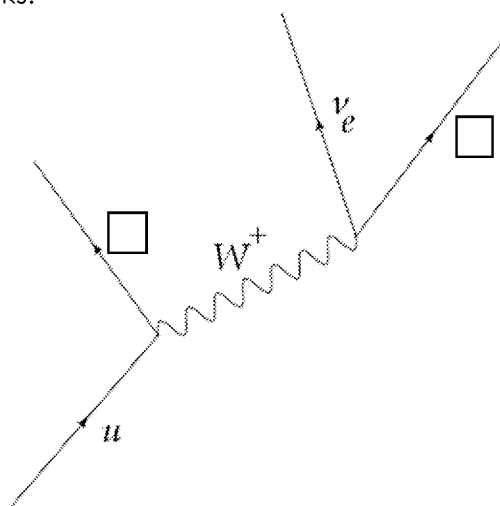
Determine the minimum kinetic energy the protons must have for this interaction to occur. Does this interaction follow other conservation laws? A proton's rest mass is 938 MeV.

3. The following interactions involve three imaginary particles, X, Y and Z.



Determine the charge and baryon and lepton numbers of X, Y and Z.

4. In β^+ decay a proton turns into a neutron. Complete the Feynman diagram for this process in terms of quarks.



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Exam style questions: Particles, antiparticles and photons

1. ${}^{245}_{98}\text{Cf}$ is an artificial element, created by bombarding Curium with α particles.

- a) How many protons and neutrons are in a nucleus of ${}^{245}_{98}\text{Cf}$?

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- b) Calculate the specific charge of a nucleus of ${}^{245}_{98}\text{Cf}$.

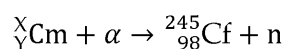
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- c) ${}^{245}_{98}\text{Cf}$ is produced in the interaction shown by the equation below

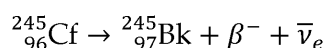


Determine the values of X and Y, showing your working.

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- d) ${}^{245}_{96}\text{Cf}$ decays via β^- in the decay process shown in the equation below



Why was the antineutrino shown in this process hypothesised?

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- e) Which fundamental force is responsible for the β^- decay of ${}^{245}_{96}\text{Cf}$?
Give reasons for your answer.

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- f) $^{245}_{96}\text{Cf}$ and $^{245}_{97}\text{Bk}$ are part of a decay chain.

$^{245}_{97}\text{Bk}$ decays to $^{225}_{89}\text{Ac}$ by 5 α decays and a number of β^- decays.

How many β^- decays does $^{245}_{97}\text{Bk}$ undergo in the decay chain to $^{209}_{83}\text{Bi}$?

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2. The K^- particle is a meson with a quark composition of $\bar{u}s$.

- a) Explain what is meant by the term meson.

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- b) Determine, explaining your answer, the charge, baryon number, lepton number and strangeness of the K^- particle.

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- c) The decay of the K^- particle is shown below.

$$K^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

Energy and momentum are conserved in this decay.

State **two** other quantities that are **conserved** and **one** quantity that is **not conserved** in this decay.

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- d) State which fundamental force is responsible for the decay of the K^- particle.

 e) The μ^- particle produced in the decay of the K^- particle can further decay.

$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + X$$

Identify X by ticking **one** box from the following list.

Electron, e^-

Positron, e^+

Electron neutrino, ν_e

Electron antineutrino, $\bar{\nu}_e$

Muon, μ^-

Antimuon, μ^+

Muon neutrino, ν_μ

Muon antineutrino, $\bar{\nu}_\mu$

Neutral pion, π^0

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2.2 Radiation

Section 2.2 checklist

By the end of this section you should be able to:

2.2.1

- Explain the photoelectric effect in terms of photons.....
- Understand how the wave model of light doesn't explain the photoelectric effect.....
- Calculate work functions, electron kinetic energy and photon energy.....
- Understand stopping potential

2.2.2

- Explain ionisation and excitation
- Understand where the electronvolt comes from.....

2.2.3

- Understand discrete energy levels in an atom
- Explain how electrons move between energy levels using photons of specific frequencies.....
- Calculate the energy of a photon required for an electron to move energy levels.....
- Understand how absorption and emission spectra are produced and what they tell us.....

2.2.3

- Understand how light and matter can act as both particles and waves
- Calculate a de Broglie wavelength for a particle
- Understand electron diffraction and why it suggests that electrons are waves.....
- Appreciate how our understanding of physics can change over time.....

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2.2.1 The photoelectric effect

When light above a certain frequency is shone onto a metal surface, electrons are emitted. This is the photoelectric effect.

Particles or waves?

- Electrons will only be given off from the surface of a metal if the frequency of the light is above the **threshold frequency, f_0** .
- Shining more light onto the metal surface will increase the **number** of electrons emitted, but not their **kinetic energy** and no matter how intense the light is, if the frequency is below the threshold frequency, no electrons will be released.
- This effect happens **straight away** – as soon as light is shone onto the metal.

Key term: Threshold frequency

The threshold frequency is the minimum frequency a photon can have to cause an electron to be emitted from a metal surface.

Below this frequency, no electrons are given off.

Different metals have different threshold frequencies.

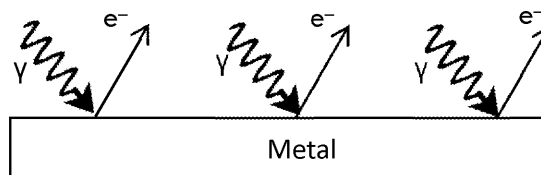
These properties can't be explained by a wave model of light, but Albert Einstein explained it by a particle model of light.

He called these particles of light **photons**.

	Can the wave model of light explain it?	Can the particle model explain it?
Electrons are given off instantly	No – it would take time to absorb energy from a wave.	Yes – As soon as a photon hits the metal, it can transfer its energy to an electron.
Electrons only given off above threshold frequency	No – any wavelength of light could be absorbed; you'd just have to wait until enough energy was absorbed from the wave.	Yes – A photon must have enough energy to overcome the work function of the metal.
Number but not energy of electrons given off increases in more intense light	No – more light would mean more energy could be absorbed by each electron, giving it higher energy. Electrons across the surface would all absorb light so the number wouldn't change.	Yes – More photons hitting the metal means more electrons can be emitted, but each electron only gets energy from one photon.

Photons hit the surface of the metal...

... and electrons are emitted.



The energy of a photon is given by

$$E = hf$$

or



$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

E = energy of photon
 f = frequency
 λ = wavelength
 h = Planck constant
 c = speed of light

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Work function

Key term: Work function

The work function, Φ , of a metal is the minimum energy a photon needs to reach to cause a metal to release electrons. Any additional energy is given to the electron.

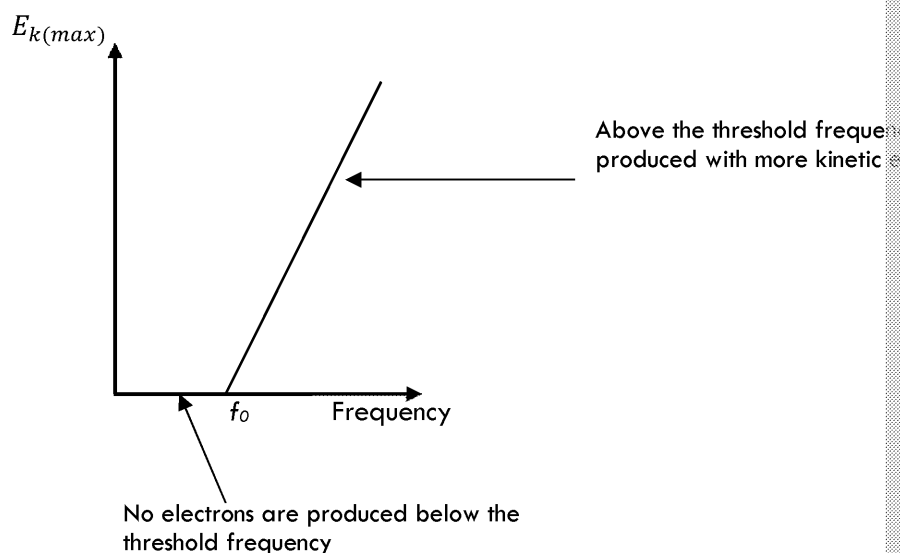


$$E = \Phi + E_{k(\max)}$$

$$\Phi = hf_0$$

$E_{k(\max)}$ = maximum kinetic energy available to the electron

The graph below shows the maximum kinetic energy of a released electron against frequency.



Example

A light of frequency 1.55×10^{15} Hz is shone onto a beryllium surface. Do electrons get released, and if so, what would their kinetic energy be?

The work function of beryllium is 4.98 eV

$$\text{Energy of light } E = hf = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 1.55 \times 10^{15} = 1.03 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{in eV } \frac{1.03 \times 10^{-18}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 6.42 \text{ eV}$$

This is above the work function so electrons will be released from the beryllium.

$$E_{k(\max)} = E - \Phi = 6.42 - 4.98 = 1.44 \text{ eV}$$

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Stopping potential

If we apply a potential to the metal we can attract the electrons back to the surface. If we apply a high enough potential, the electrons won't be able to escape at all – they have no energy to free the electrons.

The potential at which electrons can no longer be freed is the **stopping potential**. The maximum kinetic energy $E_{k(max)}$ of an electron is equal to its charge (in coulombs) multiplied by the stopping potential.

$$E_{k(max)} = e \times V_e$$

Key term: Stopping potential

The stopping potential is the potential required to stop electrons being released from a metal by the photoelectric effect.

Questions

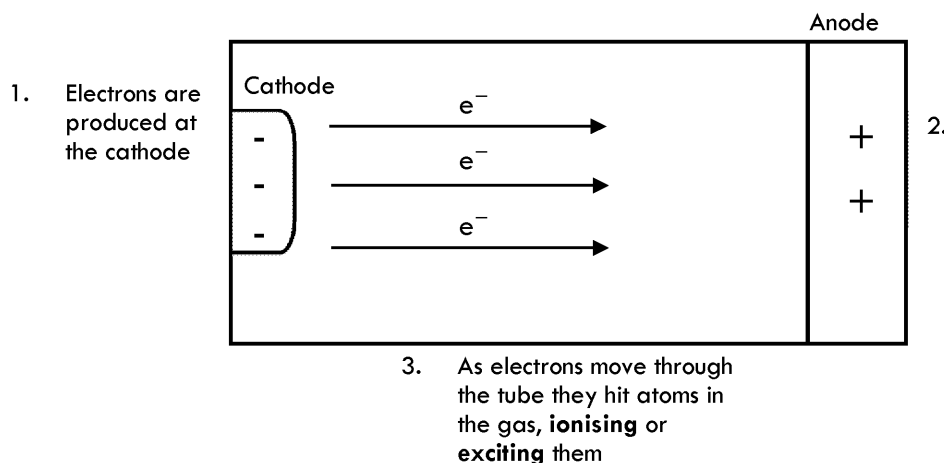
1. A piece of copper foil is connected up to an ammeter. When a red light is shone on the metal a current is measured, but not when a blue light is shone on it.
Explain why this is. Would there be any change with a more intense red light? Would there be any change with a more intense UV light?
2. a) Calculate the energy of a photon with a wavelength of 480 nm.
b) Calculate the frequency of a photon with an energy of 8.90 eV.
3. The threshold frequency for copper is 1.120 THz.
a) Calculate the work function for copper in
(i) joules (ii) electronvolts
b) Calculate the maximum kinetic energy of an electron that is emitted by a photon with energy 7.28 eV.
4. The work function for nickel is 5.15 eV.
a) What is this in joules?
b) What is the threshold frequency for nickel?
c) A photon with frequency 1.810 THz is shone onto nickel. What is the maximum kinetic energy of an electron given off?

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2.2.2 Collisions of electrons with atoms

A fluorescent tube is a tube filled with low pressure gas that has a potential difference across it. It has a positive charge at the anode and a negative charge at the cathode.



Ionisation

Fast moving particles can ionise atoms by colliding with the atom and knocking off electrons.

The electrons in a fluorescent tube can only ionise the gas atoms when they have high enough speed – the electrons in the gas atoms are strongly attracted to the nuclei of the gas atoms and need a lot of energy to overcome that attraction.

The energy required for ionisation differs from atom to atom and depends on how strongly the electrons are attracted to the nucleus.

We can find the ionisation energy by

$$\text{ionisation energy} = eV$$

Key term: Ion

A charged atom or molecule.
Negative ions have more electrons than protons.
Positive ions have more protons than electrons.

e = charge on an electron
 V = minimum potential difference



Exam tip

We use eV to express the small energies involved in particle physics. In most physics equations will often use SI units, so we have to convert to joules.
 $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

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Example

What potential is needed to ionise an atom with ionisation energy of 3.9 eV?

First we have to convert the ionisation energy to joules

$$3.9 \text{ eV} = 3.9 \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 6.24 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Then we use the formula above

$$V = \frac{\text{ionisation energy}}{e} = \frac{6.24 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 3.9 \text{ eV} \quad \text{The same number!}$$

This is because an electron volt is defined as the energy needed to move an electron through a potential difference of 1 V.

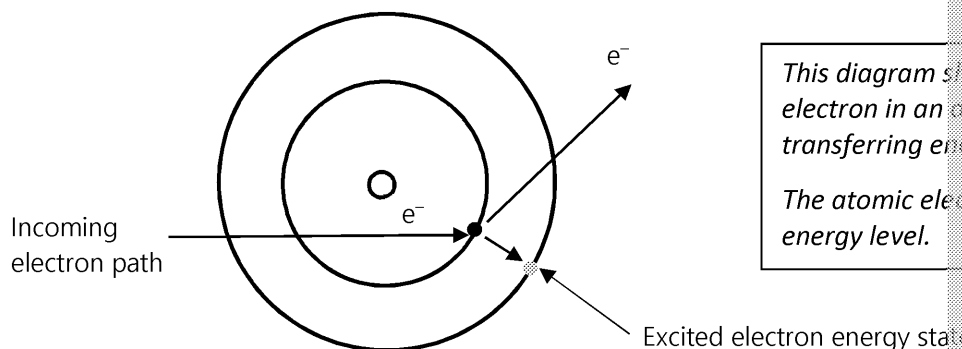
Excitation

An atom can absorb energy without being ionised – we call this **excitation**. When an electron is excited, it will move to a higher energy level.

An atom can only absorb very specific energies depending on the element.

- An electron *at this specific energy* will lose all kinetic energy, and the atom will absorb it.
- If an electron *doesn't have enough* energy to excite the atom, it will be deflected.
- If an electron has *more than* the specific amount of energy required for excitation, it will transfer the excess energy and continue with a lower energy.

Excitation energies are always less than ionisation energies because increasing the energy of an electron is much easier than removing the electron completely.



Questions

- Write whether the following statements refer to *excitation*, *ionisation*, or *neither*.
 - An electron collides with an atom, transferring energy.
 - The atom loses an electron.
 - The colliding electron must have at least a specific amount of energy.
 - An electron in the atom moves to a higher energy level.
 - The required energy is specific to the type of atom.
- An excitation energy for hydrogen is 2.5 eV. What would happen if a hydrogen atom with an electron in the ground state is hit by an electron with 1.7 eV, 3.9 eV, or 2.5 eV?
 - 1.7 eV
 - 3.9 eV
 - 2.5 eV
- Hydrogen has an ionisation energy of 13.6 eV. An electron with 13.6 eV of kinetic energy collides with a hydrogen atom. Describe what happens and how much kinetic energy the electron has after the collision.

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2.2.3 Energy levels and photon emission

Photons and energy levels

An electron in an atom can absorb a photon and go up an energy level but only if **equal to** the difference in energy levels.

Key terms

The **ground state** of an electron is its state when it is in the lowest possible energy level.

An **excited state** of an electron is its state when it has been excited to a higher energy level.

An excited atom is unstable – excited electrons leave vacancies in lower energy levels. When an electron de-excites, it will quickly *de-excite* to fill the vacancy.

An electron will de-excite by emitting a photon. The photon will have the exact energy difference between the energy levels.

The energy of a photon emitted or absorbed by an atom is given by

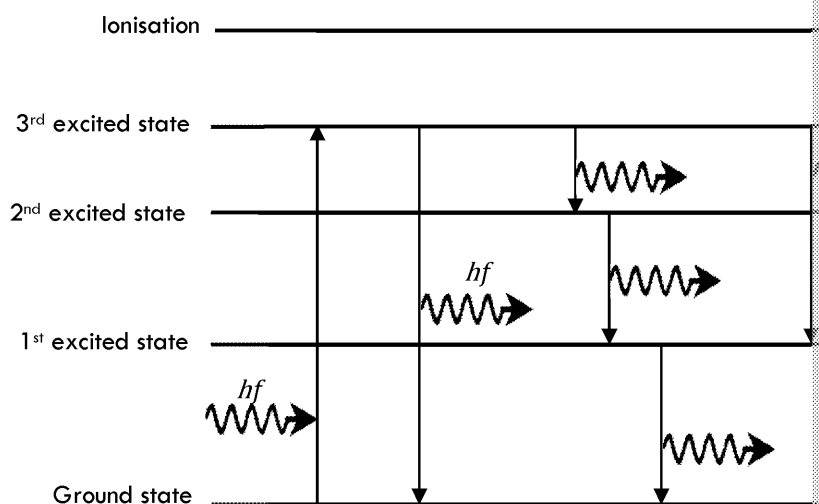


$$hf = E_1 - E_2$$

E_1 = energy level the electron starts in
 E_2 = energy level the electron ends in

Hydrogen energy levels

This diagram shows the energy levels for a hydrogen atom.



Energy levels are quoted in relation to the energy required for ionisation – they are negative values representing the attractive energies between the electron and the nucleus.

The arrows show an electron being excited to the 3rd excited state and then de-exciting to the ground state.

An electron can de-excite straight to the ground level or in stages, stopping at lower energy levels.

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Example

What are the energies of photons given off by an electron in the 2nd excited state to the ground state?

Straight to ground state: $hf = E_1 - E_2 = -1.5 - (-13.6) = 12.1 \text{ eV}$

Falls to 1st excited state... : $hf = E_1 - E_2 = -1.5 - (-3.4) = 1.9 \text{ eV}$

... and then the ground state: $hf = E_1 - E_2 = -3.4 - (-13.6) = 10.2 \text{ eV}$

Atomic Spectra

When a gas is heated, electrons are excited to a higher energy level. These electrons then fall back to lower energy levels, emitting photons of exactly the same energy as the difference in energy levels. This means that each gas has a unique set of frequencies which give a signature pattern for each gas.

The opposite can also happen; light passing through a substance will be absorbed by electrons, moving them to higher energy levels and so the resultant light will have that frequency missing.

Line spectra can be produced from absorption or emission of photons, and the discrete energy levels defined by the orbits of the atom.

Below is an emission spectrum from hydrogen

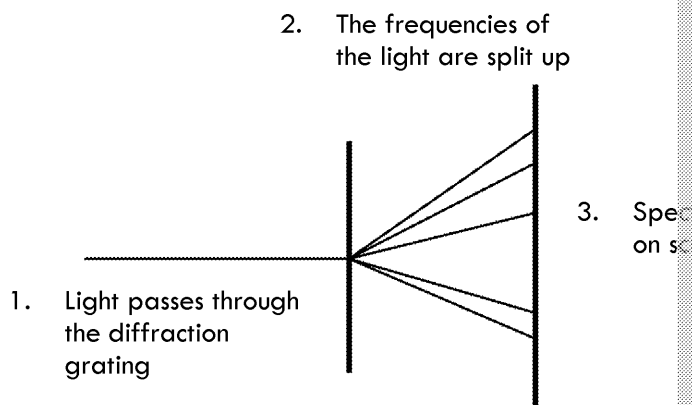


The lines are for frequencies of light given off by hydrogen. Each frequency corresponds to a transition between energy levels – the energies of the photons given off as electrons fall to lower energy levels.



Experiment

A **diffraction grating** is a piece of glass with a series of closely etched lines. As light passes through it, the light is split up into the different frequencies it contains by diffraction and interference.



If we heated up a gas and passed the light produced through a diffraction grating, we would see the discrete frequencies of light emitted as electrons de-excite. This is the emission spectrum of the gas.

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Questions

1. An emission spectrum for oxygen has emission lines at 687 nm and 777 nm.
 - a) Calculate the energies of the photons responsible for these emission lines.
 - b) What do these emission lines tell us about the structure of an atom?
 - c) How does an absorption spectrum differ from an emission spectrum?
2. A He^+ ion has a ground state of -54.4 eV , a first excited state of -13.6 eV , a second excited state of -6.0 eV , a third excited state of -3.4 eV and a fourth excited state of -1.5 eV .
 - a) Draw a diagram showing these energy levels.
 - b) A photon excites an electron to the third excited state.
 - (i) Draw this process on your diagram.
 - (ii) What is the energy of the photon in eV and J?
 - c) A photon excites an electron to the fourth excited state. The electron then falls to the second excited state, then falls to the first excited state and finally to the ground state, by emitting photons.
 - (i) Draw this process on your diagram.
 - (ii) Calculate the energies of all of the **emitted** photons in eV and J.
 - (iii) Calculate the frequencies of all of the **emitted** photons in Hz.

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2.2.4 Wave-particle duality

Light diffracting, refracting and reflecting shows that light is a wave. But as we saw, light can also act as particles – the photoelectric effect is an example of light acting as particles.

A French physicist, Louis de Broglie, thought that this might apply the other way around – particles traditionally thought of as particles could act as waves.



Experiment: Electron diffraction

It wasn't long before experiments were done to prove de Broglie correct.

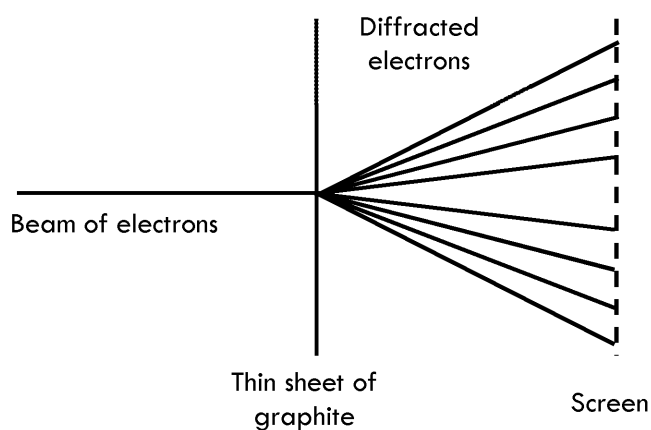
A beam of electrons was passed through the tiny gap between atoms, and was found to behave like waves.

This is similar to light diffracting when it gets passed through a thin slit.

This is despite evidence of electrons acting as particles, such as in the photoelectric effect. However, electrons bend in magnetic fields.

Below shows the set-up of the experiment, and the pattern seen on the screen.

The multiple rings are caused by different-sized gaps between atoms diffracting the electrons by different amounts.



The electrons in the beam that have been more diffracted have longer wavelengths.

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de Broglie wavelength

A particle's de Broglie wavelength is related to its particle properties.



$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{h}{p}$$

So a particle with higher momentum, p , will have a shorter wavelength (and will diffract less). Diffraction occurs when the size of the gap the particle is diffracting through is similar to the wavelength.

This applies to all matter – all particles have a de Broglie wavelength and similarly momentum.



Exam tip

Wavelengths of light are given in nm.
1 nm = 1×10^{-9} m.

Acceptance of wave–particle duality

Electrons had been discovered as particles in the late 19th century and light had been discovered as a wave in the 17th century!

Treating light as particles and electrons as waves went against years of accepted theories. Even well-established theories are approached critically, with thorough evaluation and testing against experimental evidence.

All new scientific discoveries have to agree with experiments to be accepted by the scientific community and must be peer reviewed before publication.

Scientific ideas such as quantum mechanics wouldn't have been able to progress without being an accepted theory.

Questions

- Give examples of light acting as a particle and as a wave.
 - Give examples of electrons acting as particles and as a wave.
- A photon has a wavelength of 6.3×10^{-7} m.

 - What is this in nanometers?
 - What is the momentum of this photon?
- Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of an electron moving at 8.0×10^6 m s⁻¹.
The mass of an electron is 9.1×10^{-31} kg.
- Calculate the speed of an electron with a de Broglie wavelength of 1.5×10^{-10} m.
- An electron and a muon are both travelling at 4.6×10^7 m s⁻¹.
The mass of an electron is 9.1×10^{-31} kg.
The mass of a muon is 1.9×10^{-28} kg.

 - Calculate the momentum for both.
 - Calculate the de Broglie wavelength for both.
 - In a diffraction experiment, which would be diffracted by a crystal?

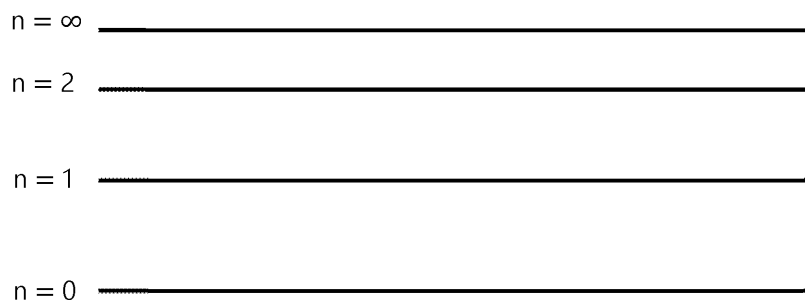
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Exam style questions: Radiation

1. When ultraviolet light interacts with an atom, atomic electrons can be ejected.

The energy level diagram of an electron in a sodium atom is shown below.



- a) Explain why electrons are only given off when light above a specific frequency is absorbed.

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- b) Calculate the minimum frequency of light required to ionise sodium from the first excited state.

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- c) Discuss what would happen to the electrons in an atom if a photon of light with a frequency that required for ionisation were absorbed.

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- d) An electron in the first excited state of a sodium atom absorbs a photon. Calculate the maximum velocity of this electron after the atom has absorbed the photon.

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- e) Explain how the ionisation of atoms by the absorption of light can be explained by the wave theory of light and how the particle model of light provides a better explanation.

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2. An electron is created via pair production. The electron travels at $0.99c$.

- a) State what is meant by the term pair production.

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- b) Describe what happens to any other products of pair production after their creation.

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- c) The electron is diffracted through the space between atoms. Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of the electron.

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- d) Explain how the diffraction pattern created by a muon travelling and diffracted would be different to that created by the electron.

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- e) State how the pair production of a muon would be different to that of an electron.

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Answers

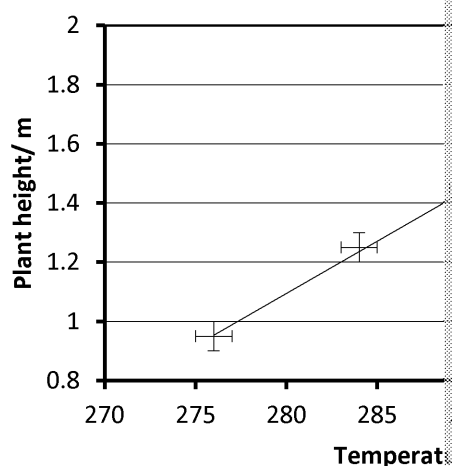
Chapter 1

1.1 Use of SI units and their prefixes

- Kilogram, kg, mass.
Metre, m, length.
Second, s, time.
Kelvin, K, temperature.
Ampere, A, electric current.
Mole, mol, amount of substance.
- a) (i) 273 K (ii) 373 K (iii) 310 K
b) (i) -123 °C (ii) 2 °C (iii) 95 °C
- a) (i) $3.752 \text{ Gm} = 3.752 \times 10^9 \text{ m} = 3,752,000,000 \text{ m}$ (ii) $2.8 \text{ ms} = 2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$
(iii) $7.34 \text{ Mkg} = 7.34 \times 10^6 \text{ kg} = 7,340,000 \text{ kg}$
b) (i) $0.0000087 \text{ A} = 8.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = 87 \mu\text{A}$ (ii) $28329 \text{ mol} = 28.329 \times 10^3 \text{ mol}$
(iii) $24892000 \text{ kg} = 24.892 \times 10^6 \text{ kg} = 24.892 \text{ Mkg}$
- a) $2.083 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$
b) $3.125 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$
- a) $5.48 \times 60 \times 60 \times 1000 = 19.7 \text{ MJ}$
b) $3\,600\,000 \times 0.08 = 288\,000 \text{ J}$
c) $10 \times 0.0800 = 0.800 \text{ p}$

1.2 Limitation of physical measurements

- 0.005 g
- Percentage uncertainty = $\frac{0.005}{17.53} \times 100 \% = 0.03 \%$
- Systematic – markers may be incorrectly placed, timer may be fast/slow
Random – ball may be dropped at an angle / with spin, delays in pressing timer, incorrect marker, wind, ball dropped from wrong height
- Area = $15.07 \times 14.7 = 221.5 \text{ m}^2$
Error = $\frac{0.02}{15.07} \times 100 \% + \frac{0.1}{14.7} \times 100 \% = 0.8 \%$
Area = $222 \text{ m}^2 \pm 0.81 \%$
- gradient = 0.035
max gradient = 0.040
min gradient = 0.032
 $\frac{|0.035 - 0.040|}{0.035} \times 100 \% = 14 \%$
gradient = $0.035 \pm 14 \%$



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1.3 Estimation of physical quantities

- 10^3
- 10^{-3}
- 10^4

$$2. \frac{10 \times 10^{-1} \times 10^3 \times 10^{-2}}{10 \times 10^4} \rightarrow 1 - 1 + 3 - 2 - (1 + 4) = -4$$

Order of magnitude = 10^{-4}

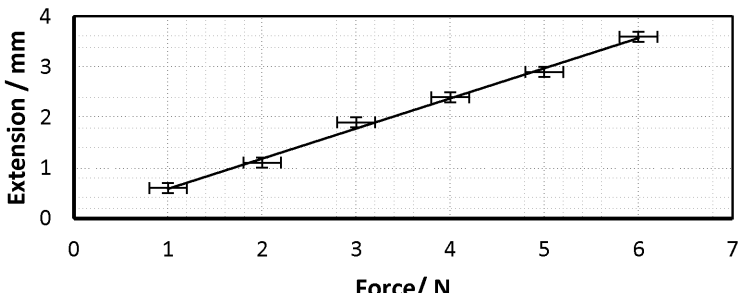
Actual value 1.6×10^{-4}

\therefore Order of magnitude gives close estimate of true value

$$3. \text{Force} \sim \frac{10^{-10} \times 10^{25} \times 10^{30}}{(10^{11})^2} \rightarrow -10 + 25 + 30 - (11 \times 2) = 23$$

Force $\sim 10^{23}$ N

Exam style questions

1a	N m ⁻¹ ✓
1b	<p>Axes labelled correctly and units ✓ Points placed correctly ✓ Line of best fit ✓ Error bars drawn correctly ✓</p> 
1c	<p>Stiffness = gradient ✓ Gradient = $\frac{\text{Change in y}}{\text{Change in x}} = \frac{3.55 - 0.60}{6.00 - 1.00}$ Gradient = 0.59 ✓ Error in gradient = best fit gradient – worst fit gradient Error in gradient = 0.59 – 0.64 (from steepest gradient) Error in gradient = ± 0.05 ✓ ($k = 0.59 \pm 0.05$ N m⁻¹)</p>
1d	<p>Repeat experiment ✓ Take more data ✓ Equipment with better resolution ✓</p>
2a	<p>$g = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t}$ $g = \frac{8.46 - 1.87}{1.03}$ ✓ $g = 6.40$ m s⁻² ✓ Uncertainty in $v_2 - v_1 = 0.01 + 0.01 = 0.02$ $v_2 - v_1 = 6.59 \pm 0.02$ m s⁻¹ Uncertainty in $g = \left(\frac{0.02}{6.59} \times 100\%\right) + \left(\frac{0.05}{1.03} \times 100\%\right)$ ✓ Uncertainty in $g = 5.16\%$ ✓</p>
2b	<p>Systematic error ✓ Possible improvements: ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. Replace/recalibrate equipment e.g. Swap paper ball for one less affected by air resistance
2c	Data which does not fit with the other data from the experiment ✓
2d	<p>Disregard third measurement ✓ $g_{\text{average}} = \frac{9.43 + 10.02 + 9.55}{3}$ $g_{\text{average}} = 9.67$ m s⁻² ✓</p>
2e	<p>Second set more accurate (closer to accepted value of 9.81 m s⁻²) ✓ Second set more precise (lower uncertainty) ✓</p>

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Chapter 2

2.1 Particles

2.1.1 Constituents of the atom

- Protons = 79, Neutrons = 118, Electrons = 79
 - Protons = 53, Neutrons = 74, Electrons = 53
 - Protons = 18, Neutrons = 22, Electrons = 18
 - Protons = 29, Neutrons = 34, Electrons = 27
- Proton
 - Electron
 - Neutron
- specific charge = $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}} = \frac{8 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}{16 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}} = 4.82 \times 10^7 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$
 - specific charge = $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}} = \frac{20 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}{40 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}} = 4.82 \times 10^6 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$

2.1.2 Stable and unstable nuclei

- True
 - False: The strong force affects hadrons, which can either be charged (like the proton) or neutral (like the neutron). There are also particles that are charged but not hadrons, like electrons, which are not affected by the strong force.
 - True
 - False: The strong force is responsible for holding the nucleus together, but the electromagnetic force holds the electrons to the nucleus.
- Gamma
 - Alpha
 - Beta
 - Positron
- Alpha – ${}^{215}_{84}\text{Po} \rightarrow {}^{211}_{82}\text{Pb} + \alpha$ ${}^{211}_{82}\text{Pb}$

Beta – ${}^{215}_{84}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{215}_{83}\text{Bi} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
- specific charge = $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}} = \frac{2 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}{4 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}} = 4.82 \times 10^7 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$
- ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow {}^{231}_{90}\text{Th} \rightarrow {}^{231}_{91}\text{Pa} \rightarrow {}^{227}_{89}\text{Ac} \rightarrow {}^{223}_{87}\text{Fr} \rightarrow {}^{223}_{88}\text{Ra}$ (Radium)

2.1.3 Particles, antiparticles and photons

- $f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{730 \times 10^{-9}} = 4.10 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$
 - $\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{5.00 \times 10^{12}} = 60.0 \mu\text{m}$
- $E = hf = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 4.1 \times 10^{14} = 2.72 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 - $E = hf = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 5.00 \times 10^{12} = 3.31 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$
- $E = \frac{1.50 \times 10^{-10}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19}} = 938 \text{ MeV}$
 - $E = 103 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} = 1.65 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$
- $E = \text{rest energy} = 0.51 \text{ MeV}$
 $0.51 \text{ MeV} = 8.17 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$
 - $f = \frac{E}{h} = \frac{8.17 \times 10^{-14}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34}} = 1.23 \times 10^{20} \text{ Hz}$
- $E = hf = 500 \text{ nJ} = 3.12 \text{ GeV}$
 - $\frac{3.12 \text{ GeV}}{2} = 1.56 \text{ GeV}$
kinetic energy = total energy – rest energy = $1.56 \times 10^9 - 938 \times 10^6 = 622 \text{ MeV}$

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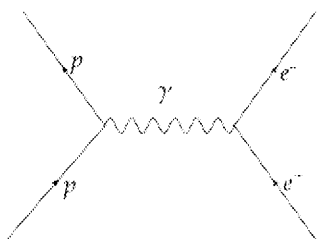
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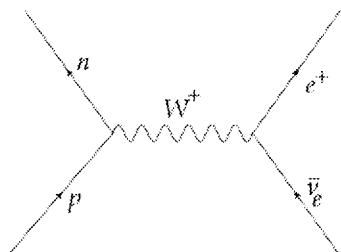
2.1.4 Particle interactions

1. Electromagnetic force only affects charged particles – neutrons and neutrinos are not
Strong force only affects hadrons – electrons and neutrinos aren't hadrons

2.



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4.
 - a) W bosons
 - b) Photon
 - c) Photon
5.
 - a) Electromagnetic, weak, gravity
 - b) Strong, weak, gravity
 - c) Strong, weak
 - d) Weak, strong

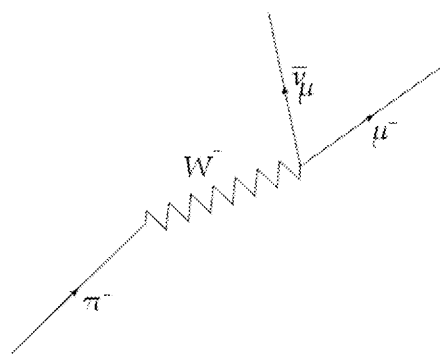
2.1.5 Classification of particles

1.

	Charge	Lepton number	Baryon number
K^+	+1	0	0
ν_e	0	+1	0
p	+1	0	1
\bar{n}	0	0	-1
e^-	-1	+1	0
π^0	0	0	0
μ^+	+1	-1	0

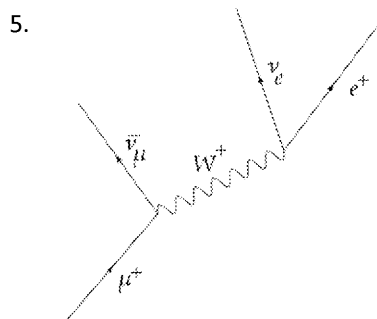
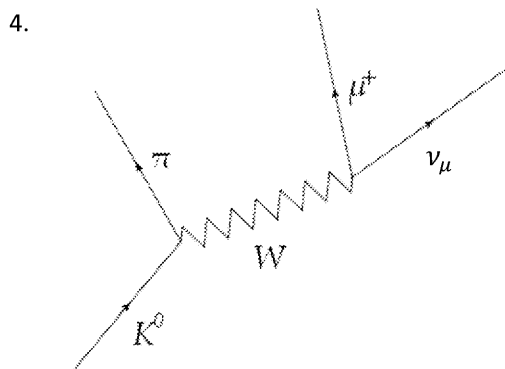
2.
 - a) False – neutrinos are uncharged leptons
 - b) False – antibaryons have baryon number -1
 - c) False
 - d) True
 - e) False – baryons are hadrons but not mesons

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2.1.6 Quarks

1. a) Baryon number = +1, strangeness = 0, charge = +1
b) Baryon number = 0, strangeness = +1, charge = +1
c) Baryon number = -1, strangeness = +1, charge = +1

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3. $u\bar{s} \rightarrow u\bar{d} + u\bar{d} + d\bar{u}$
 d/\bar{d} and u/\bar{u} produced as antiparticle pairs

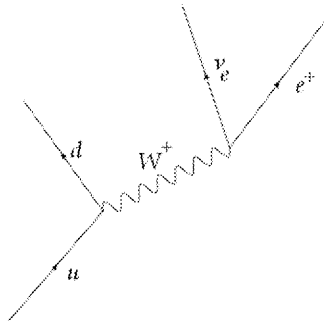
2.1.7 Conservation laws

1. a) Before $Q=0, B=1, L=1, S=0$ After $Q=0, B=0, L=0, S=0$ Baryon number not conserved
b) Before $Q=2, B=2, L=0, S=0$ After $Q=2, B=2, L=0, S=0$ Allowed
c) Before $Q=-1, B=0, L=1, S=0$ After $Q=-1, B=0, L=-1, S=0$ Lepton number not allowed
d) Before $Q=0, B=0, L=0, S=0$ After $Q=0, B=2, L=0, S=0$ Baryon number not allowed
e) Before $Q=0, B=1, L=1, S=0$ After $Q=0, B=1, L=1, S=0$ Allowed
2. Need to create a proton and an antiproton (extra energy = 1.876 GeV). All kinetic energy is therefore kinetic energy of this proton = 1.876 GeV. Charge, baryon number, lepton number conserved.
3. X, $Q=0, B=1, L=0$ Y, $Q=-1, B=-1, L=0$ Z, $Q=+1, B=0, L=1$

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Exam style questions

1a	Protons: 98 Neutrons: 147 ✓	1
1b	specific charge = $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$ specific charge = $\frac{98 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{245 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}}$ ✓ specific charge = $3.86 \times 10^7 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$ ✓	
1c	$X + 4 = 245 + 1$ $X = 242$ ✓ $Y + 2 = 98 + 0$ $Y = 96$ ✓	No C
1d	To account for missing momentum (in β decays) ✓	
1e	Weak force ✓ (Can't be strong force) because non-hadrons involved ✓ (Can't be electromagnetic) because uncharged particles involved ✓	
1f	$97 = 89 + 5 \times 2 - X \times 1$ ✓ $X = 2$ ✓	
2a	Hadron ✓ (Containing) a quark and an antiquark ✓	
2b	Charge = -1 , $Q_{\bar{u}} = -\frac{2}{3}$, $Q_s = -\frac{1}{3}$, $Q_{\bar{u}} + Q_s = -1$ ✓ Baryon number = 0 , $B_{\bar{u}} = -\frac{1}{3}$, $B_s = \frac{1}{3}$, $B_{\bar{u}} + B_s = 0$ ✓ Lepton number = 0 , $L_{\bar{u}} = 0$, $L_s = 0$, $L_{\bar{u}} + L_s = 0$ ✓ Strangeness = -1 , $s_{\bar{u}} = 0$, $s_s = -1$, $s_{\bar{u}} + s_s = -1$ ✓	No
2c	Conserved: baryon number, lepton number, charge ✓✓ Not conserved: strangeness ✓	Me
2d	Weak force ✓	
2e	Electron antineutrino, $\bar{\nu}_e$ ✓	

2.2.1 The photoelectric effect

- UV light has shorter wavelength / higher frequency, therefore more energy – over threshold
Red light longer wavelength / shorter frequency, therefore less energy – below threshold
More intense red – no change (i.e. no electrons released).
More intense UV – higher current – more electrons released.
- $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{480 \times 10^{-9}} = 4.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 - $f = \frac{E}{h} = \frac{8.90 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34}} = 2.15 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz} = 2150 \text{ THz}$
- $\Phi = hf = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 1120 \times 10^{12} = 7.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 - $\frac{7.42 \times 10^{-19}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 4.64 \text{ eV}$
 - $E_{k(\text{max})} = E - \Phi = 7.28 - 4.64 = 2.64 \text{ eV}$
- $5.15 \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 8.24 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 - $f_0 = \frac{\Phi}{h} = \frac{8.24 \times 10^{-19}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34}} = 1.24 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz} = 1240 \text{ THz}$
 - $E = hf = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 1810 \times 10^{12} = 1.20 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$
 $E_{k(\text{max})} = E - \Phi = 1.20 \times 10^{-18} - 8.24 \times 10^{-19} = 3.76 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 2.35 \text{ eV}$

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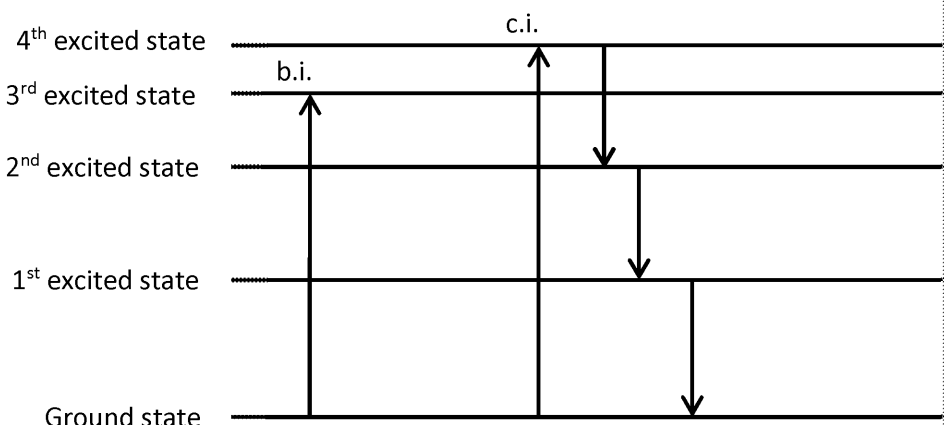
2.2.2 Collisions of electrons with atoms

1. a) Both b) Ionisation c) Both d) Excitation e) Both
2. a) Electron is deflected
b) Electron loses 2.5 eV of kinetic energy, continues with 1.4 eV of kinetic energy
c) Electron loses all its kinetic energy
3. The hydrogen atom loses an electron i.e. it is ionised. Electron loses 13.6 eV and com

2.2.3 Energy levels and photon emission

1. a) $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-24} \times 3 \times 10^8}{687 \times 10^{-9}} = 2.89 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-24} \times 3 \times 10^8}{780 \times 10^{-9}} = 2.55 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
b) Oxygen has energy levels that are $2.89 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ and $2.54 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ apart. This co
state, or combinations of 3 or more excited states.
c) Absorption – all wavelengths of light apart from those relating to energy levels
wavelengths relating to energy levels present. Emission – electrons must be fir
original excitation.

2. a)



- b) (i) See diagram (ii) $-54.4 - 3.4 = -51.0 \text{ eV} = -8.16 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Negative sign means photon is absorbed. Energy
- c) (i) See diagram
(ii) $4^{\text{th}} - 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ state} = 3.8 \text{ eV} = 6.1 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 $2^{\text{nd}} - 1^{\text{st}} \text{ state} = 7.6 \text{ eV} = 1.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
 $1^{\text{st}} - \text{ground} = 40.8 \text{ eV} = 6.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$
(iii) $4^{\text{th}} - 2^{\text{nd}} = f = \frac{E}{h} = 920 \text{ THz}$
 $2^{\text{nd}} - 1^{\text{st}} = f = \frac{E}{h} = 1800 \text{ THz}$
 $1^{\text{st}} - \text{ground} = f = \frac{E}{h} = 9900 \text{ THz}$

2.2.4 Wave-particle duality

1. a) Light as a particle – photoelectric effect
Light as a wave – refraction, diffraction, reflection
b) Electron as a particle – photoelectric effect, beams bending in magnetic fields
Electron as a wave – diffraction
2. a) $6.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 630 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 630 \text{ nm}$
b) $mv = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{630 \times 10^{-9}} = 1.05 \times 10^{-27} \text{ m kg s}^{-1}$
3. $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 8 \times 10^6} = 91 \text{ pm}$

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4. $v = \frac{h}{m\lambda} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 7.5 \times 10^{-12}} = 9.7 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
5. a) Electron, $p = mv = 4.6 \times 10^7 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} = 4.2 \times 10^{-23} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$
 Muon, $p = mv = 4.6 \times 10^7 \times 1.9 \times 10^{-28} = 8.7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$
- b) Electron, $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{4.2 \times 10^{-23}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
 Muon, $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{8.7 \times 10^{-21}} = 7.6 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$
- c) Electron will be diffracted more – less momentum, longer de Broglie wavelength

Exam-style questions

1a	Photon frequency proportional to energy ✓ (Below minimum frequency) not enough energy to overcome binding energy of electron ✓	
1b	$E = hf$ $f = E/h$ $f = \frac{3.76 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}{6.63 \times 10^{-34}} \checkmark$ $f = 9.07 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \checkmark$	
1c	Electron would move to higher energy level ✓ If the energy exceeded the gap between energy levels ✓	All
1d	$E_e = E_\gamma - E_{n=1}$ $E_e = 3.84 \text{ eV}$ $E_e = 6.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \checkmark$ $E_e = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $v = \sqrt{\frac{2E_e}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 6.14 \times 10^{-19}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}} \checkmark$ $v = 1.16 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1} \checkmark$	
1e	Electrons given off instantaneously ✓ Electrons given off above minimum frequency ✓ Energy of electrons doesn't vary with intensity of light ✓	
2a	A particle-antiparticle pair ✓ Created by a photon ✓	
2b	(Positron) moves off with equal magnitude and opposite direction velocity to electron ✓ (Positron is) annihilated after interacting with another electron ✓	
2c	$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$ $\lambda = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times 435} \checkmark$ $\lambda = 1.67 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \checkmark$	
2d	Muon has a higher mass, so higher momentum (and smaller de Broglie wavelength) ✓ (Muon diffraction pattern would have) less spacing between fringes ✓	
2e	Photon of higher energy required ✓ Antimuon would be produced (instead of positron) ✓	

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