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# Chapter 16

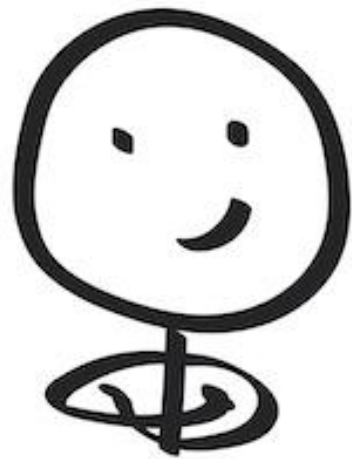
# Corpuscular Aspect of Light

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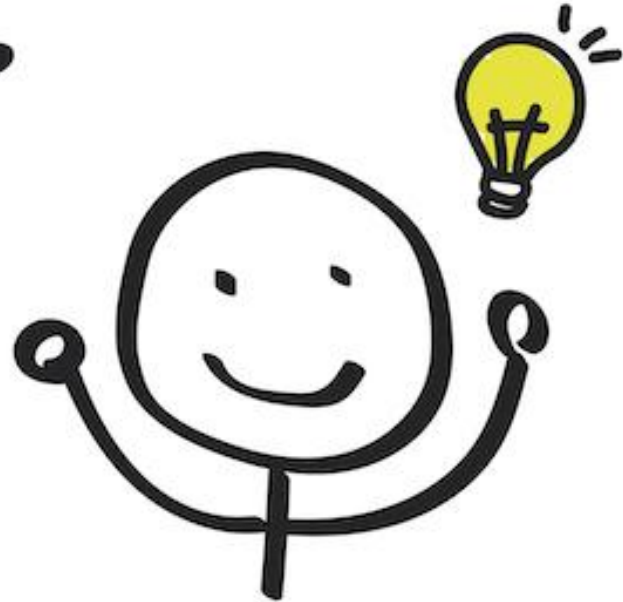
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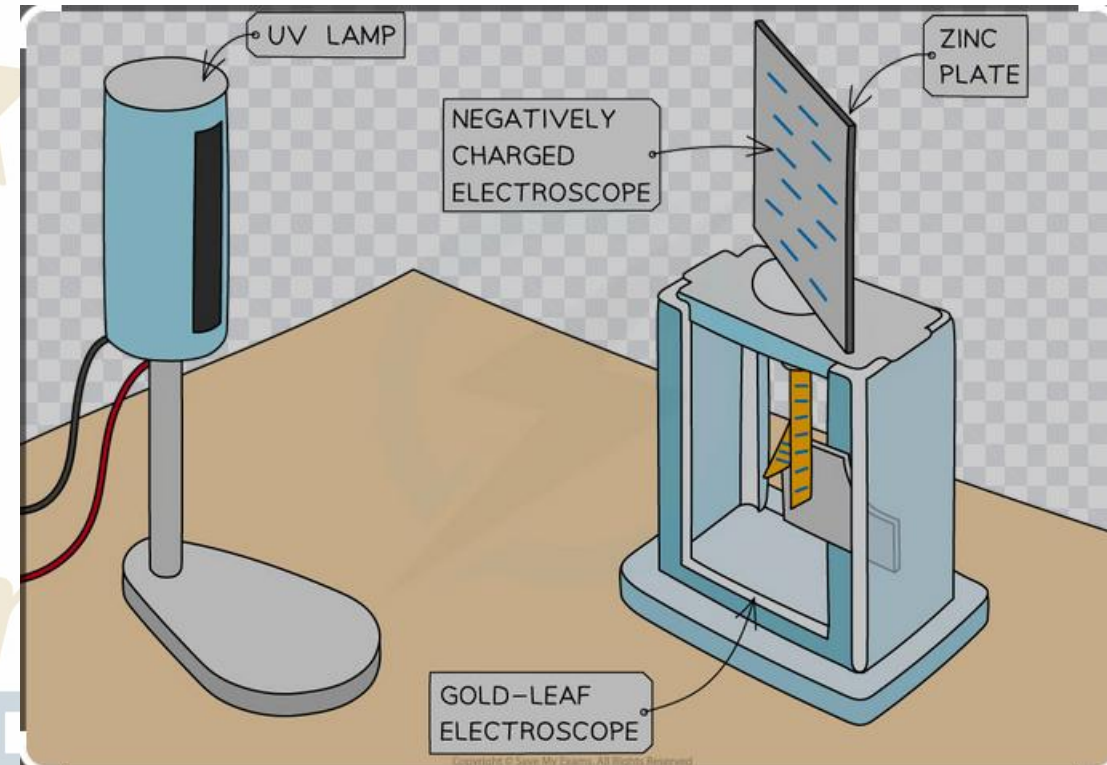
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## Exercise 1

Given: speed of light in vacuum  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ;  $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ .

The experiment represented in figure 1 may show evidence of this photoelectric effect.

A zinc plate is fixed on the conducting rod of an electroscope. The whole set-up is charged negatively.



## **Exercise 1**

**If we illuminate the plate by a lamp emitting white light rich with ultraviolet radiations (U.V), the leaves F and F' of the electroscope approach each other rapidly.**

**1) Due to what do the leaves approach?**

**The plate has excess of electrons.**

**When the plate is exposed to U.V radiations, electrons are extracted.**

**This explains the discharge of the electroscope**



## Exercise 1

2) The photoelectric effect shows evidence of an aspect of light. What is this aspect?

The photoelectric effect shows that the light possesses a corpuscular aspect of light or called particle aspect of light



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## Exercise 1

In an experiment using a plate of cesium, a convenient apparatus allows us to measure the maximum kinetic energy K.E of an emitted electron corresponding to the wavelength  $\lambda$  of the incident radiation.

The variation of K.E as a function of  $\lambda$  is represented in the graph of figure 2.

The aim of this part is to determine the value of Planck's constant  $h$  and that of the extraction energy  $W_0$  of cesium.

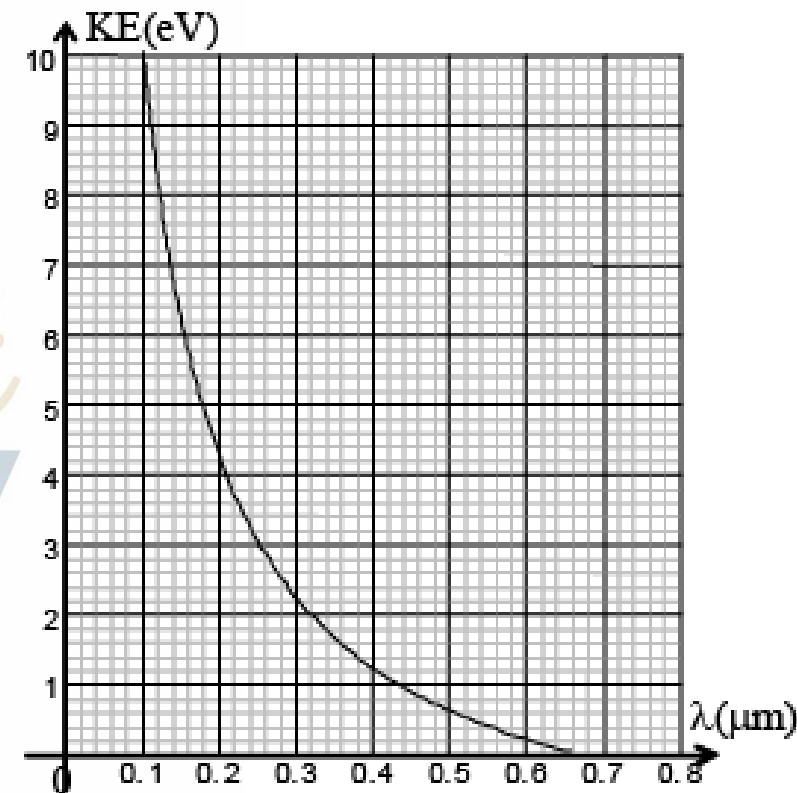


Fig.2

## Exercise 1

1) Write down the expression of the energy  $E$  of an incident photon, of wavelength  $\lambda$  in vacuum, in terms of  $\lambda$ ,  $h$  and  $c$

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

2) Show that the maximum kinetic energy  $K.E$  of an extracted electron may be written in the form  $K.E = \frac{a}{\lambda} + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

$$E = W_0 + K.E \Rightarrow K.E = E - W_0 \Rightarrow K.E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} - W_0$$

$$K.E = \frac{a}{\lambda} + b$$

$$\text{Where } a = hc \text{ and } b = -W_0$$

## Exercise 1

3) Deduce the expression of the threshold wavelength  $\lambda_0$  of cesium in terms of  $W_0$ ,  $h$  and  $c$ .

Using the previous equation:

$$\text{K. E} = \frac{hc}{\lambda_0} - W_0$$

For  $\text{K. E} = 0$

$$0 = \frac{hc}{\lambda_0} - W_0$$

$$W_0 = \frac{hc}{\lambda_0}$$



## Exercise 1

3) Referring to the graph:

a) Give the value of the threshold wavelength  $\lambda_0$  of cesium.

From the graph, for K. E = 0

$$\lambda_0 = 0.66\mu m$$

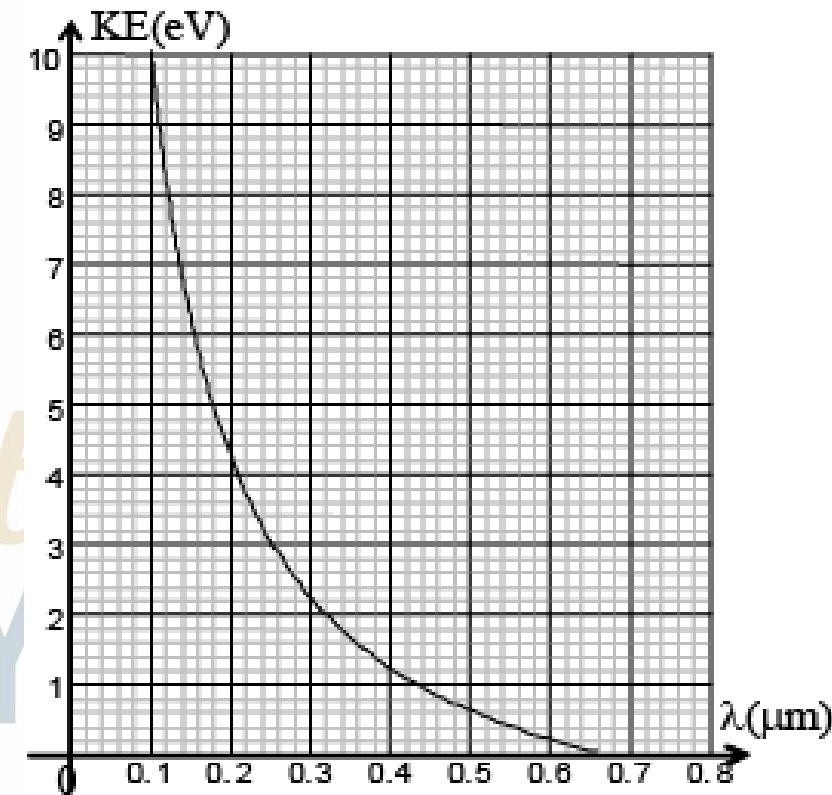


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## Exercise 1

b) Determine the value of  $W_0$  and that of  $h$ .

For  $\lambda_0 = 0.66\mu m$

K. E = 0

$$0 = \frac{hc}{0.66 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0 \dots \dots (1)$$

For  $\lambda = 0.18\mu m$

K. E = 5eV

$$5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = \frac{hc}{0.18 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0$$

$$8 \times 10^{-19} = \frac{hc}{0.18 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0 \dots \dots (2)$$

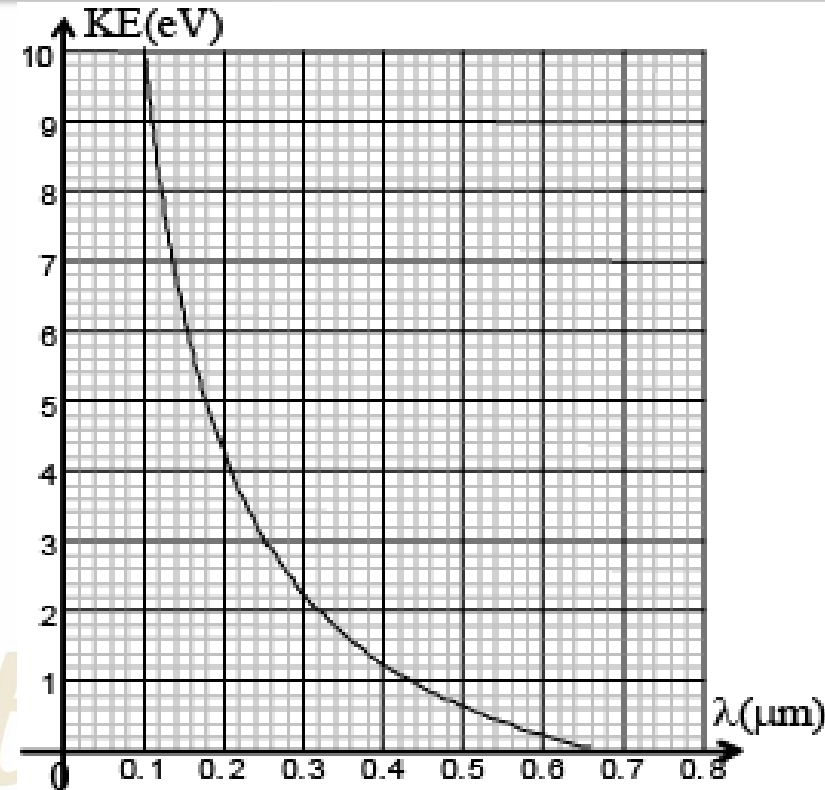


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## Exercise 1

$$\begin{cases} \frac{hc}{0.66 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0 = 0 \dots \dots \times (-1) \\ \frac{hc}{0.18 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0 = 8 \times 10^{-19} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{hc}{0.66 \times 10^{-6}} + W_0 = 0 \\ \frac{hc}{0.18 \times 10^{-6}} - W_0 = 8 \times 10^{-19} \end{cases}$$

**Add the two equation**

## Exercise 1

$$-\frac{h \times 3 \times 10^8}{0.66 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{h \times 3 \times 10^8}{0.18 \times 10^{-6}} = 8 \times 10^{-19}$$

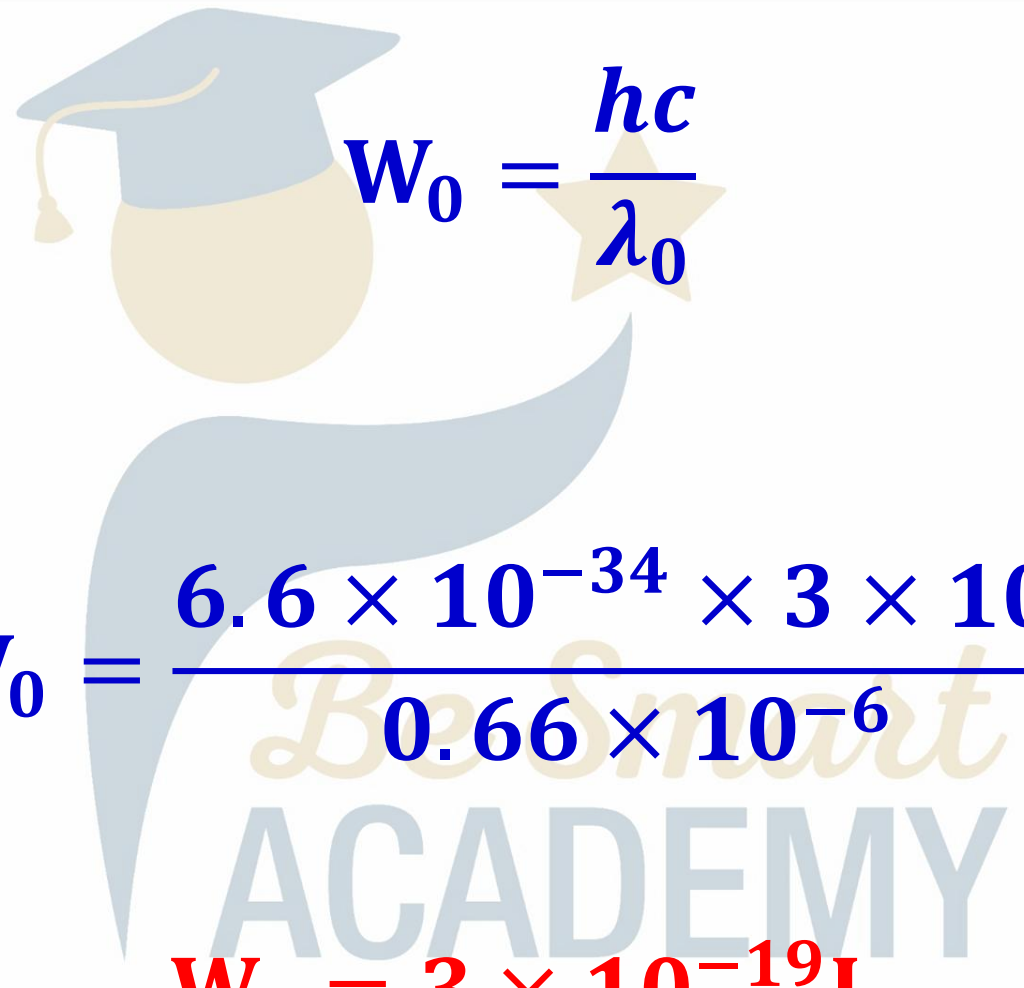
$$-4.54 \times 10^{14}h + 16.66 \times 10^{14}h = 8 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$12.12 \times 10^{14}h = 8 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$h = \frac{8 \times 10^{-19}}{12.12 \times 10^{14}}$$

$$h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$$

## Exercise 1


$$W_0 = \frac{hc}{\lambda_0}$$
$$W_0 = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{0.66 \times 10^{-6}}$$
$$W_0 = 3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$



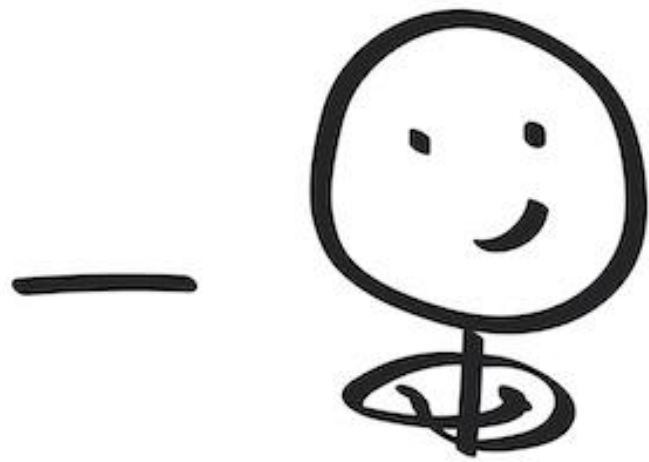
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## Exercise 2

The object of this exercise is to determine, Planck's constant ( $h$ ), as well as the threshold frequency  $\nu_0$  of potassium and the extraction energy  $W_0$  of potassium and that of cesium when illuminated by monochromatic radiation of adjustable frequency  $\nu$ .

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## Exercise 2

### Part A:

1) What aspect of light does the phenomenon of photoelectric effect show evidence of ?

The phenomenon of photoelectric effect show evidence of corpuscular (particle) aspect of light

2) A monochromatic radiation is formed of photons. Give two characteristics of a photon.

The photon have zero mass; speed in vacuum is  $c$  ; zero charge and energy  $E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

## Exercise 2

3) For a pure metal, the incident photons of a monochromatic radiation provoke photoelectric emission. Give the condition for this emission to take place.

The emission of electron from the metal occurs when:

$$E_{ph} > W_0$$

Or

$$\lambda < \lambda_0$$

Or

$$\nu > \nu_0$$



## Exercise 2

**Part B:** In the first experiment we use potassium, a convenient apparatus is used to measure the kinetic energy K.E of the electrons corresponding to frequency  $\nu$  of the incident radiation. The obtained results are tabulated in the following table:

$\nu(\text{Hz})$	K.E(e.V)
$6 \times 10^{14}$	0.25
$7 \times 10^{14}$	0.65
$8 \times 10^{14}$	1.05
$9 \times 10^{14}$	1.45
$10 \times 10^{14}$	1.85

**Given**  
 $1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$

## Exercise 2

1) Show that the kinetic energy of an extracted electron may be written in the form:  $K.E = a\nu + b$ .

$$E = W_0 + K.E$$

$$h\nu = W_0 + K.E$$

$$K.E = h\nu - W_0$$

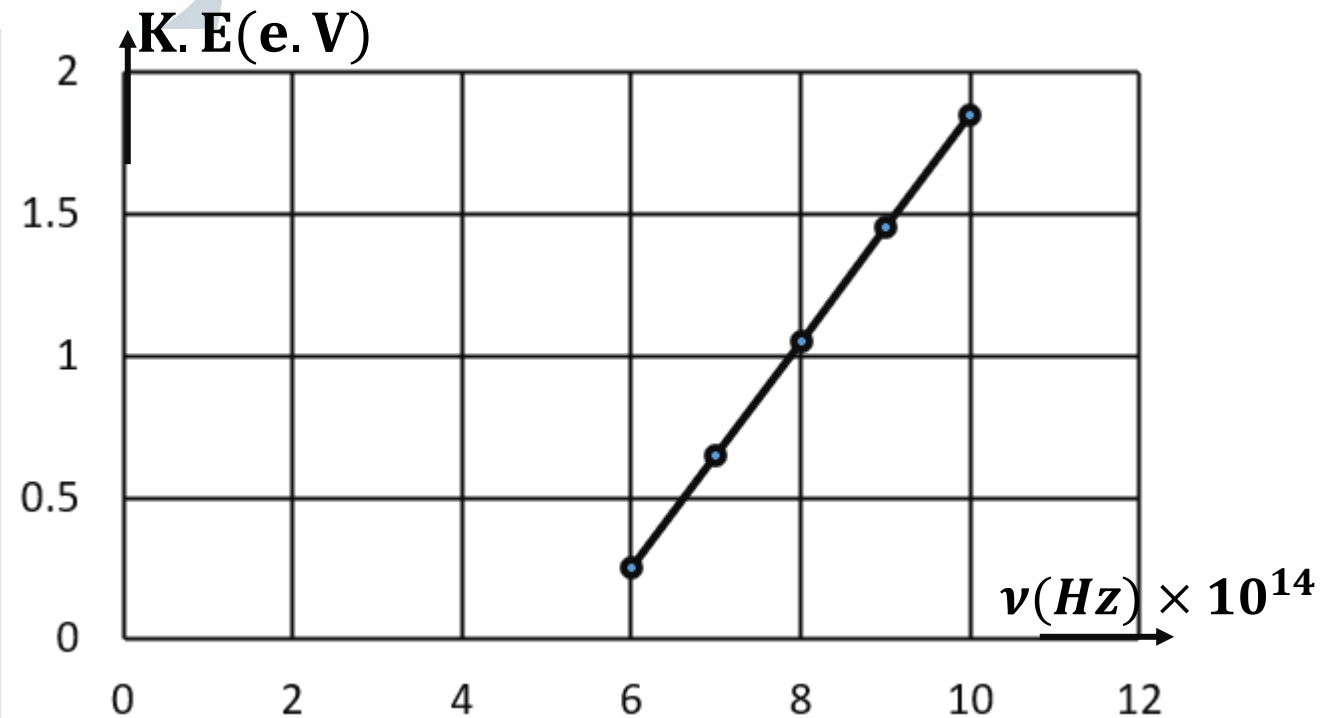
$$K.E = a\nu + b$$

Where  $a = h$  and  $b = -W_0$

## Exercise 2

2) Plot, on the graph paper, the curve representing the variation of the kinetic energy K.E versus  $\nu$ , using the following scale:  
x-axis:  $1\text{cm} \rightarrow 10^{14}\text{Hz}$ . Y-axis:  $1\text{cm} \rightarrow 0.5\text{eV}$

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## Exercise 2

3) Using the graph, determine: the value of Planck's constant  $h$ , and the threshold frequency  $\nu_0$  of potassium.

The obtained curve is straight line not passing through the origin having a slope  $h$

$$h = \frac{K.E_2 - K.E_1}{\nu_2 - \nu_1} \quad \rightarrow \quad h = \frac{(1.85 - 0.25) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{(10 - 6) \times 10^{14}}$$

$$h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$$

## Exercise 2

The electron is extracted without velocity ( $K.E = 0$ );

The metal is illuminated with a radiation of frequency  $\nu_0$  equal to threshold frequency.

The threshold frequency corresponds to the intersection of the obtained line with the axis of abscissa.

$$\nu_0 = 5.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$



## Exercise 2

3) Deduce the value of the extraction energy  $W_0$  of potassium.

$$W_0 = h \times \nu_0$$

$$W_0 = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \times 5.5 \times 10^{14}$$

$$W_0 = 3.52 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$W_0 = \frac{3.52 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$W_0 = 2.2 \text{ eV}$$

## Exercise 2

### Part C:

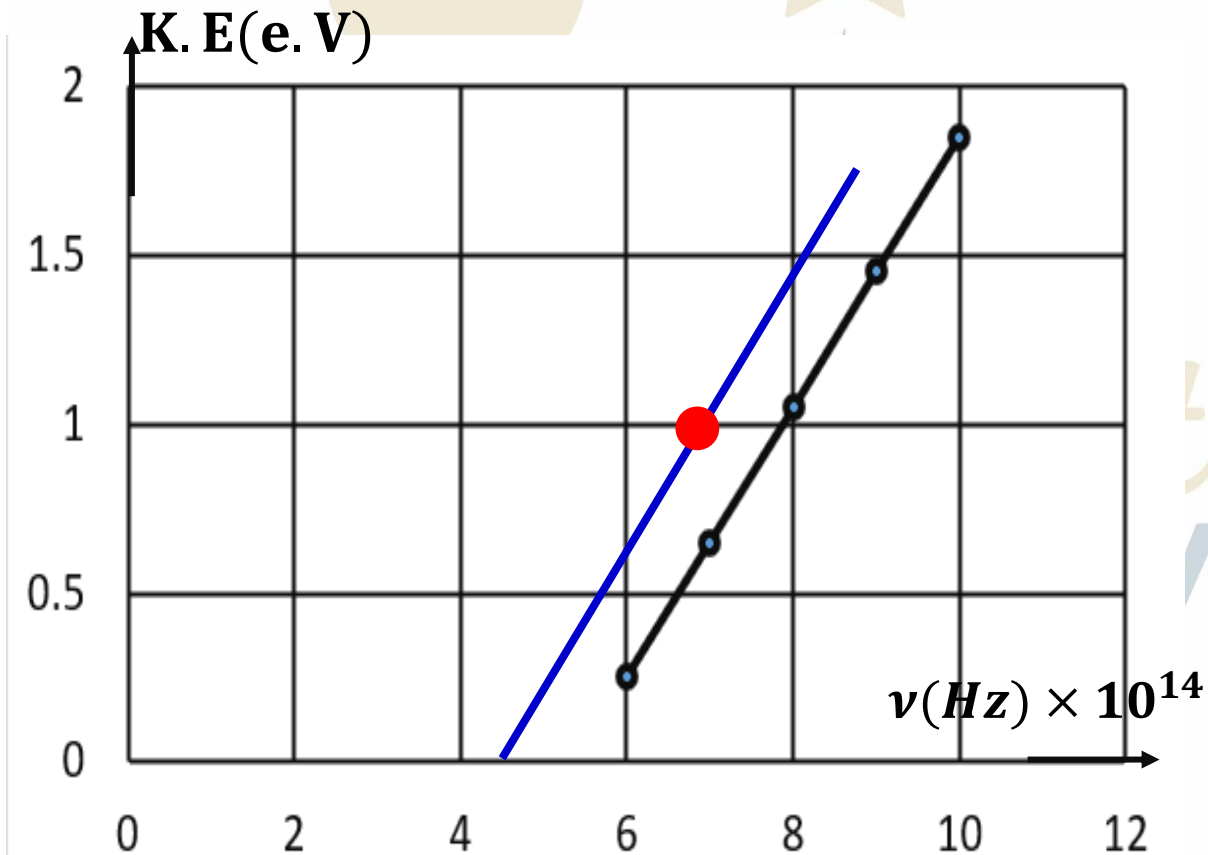
In the second experiment cesium have been used instead of potassium, we obtain the following values:

$$K.E = 1 \text{ eV for } \nu = 7 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz } \nu = 7$$

- 1) Plot, with justification on the preceding system of axes, the graph of the variation of K.E as a function of  $\nu$ .

## Exercise 2

The new curve is parallel to the previous line and passing through the point  $(7 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} ; 1 \text{ eV})$ .



## Exercise 2

For cesium: K.E = 1 eV for  $\nu = 7 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ .

2) Deduce from this graph the extraction energy  $W'_0$  of cesium.

Using the relation:  $E = w'_0 + K.E \Rightarrow w'_0 = h\nu - K.E$

$$W'_0 = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \times 7 \times 10^{14} - 1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$w'_0 = 3.02 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$w'_0 = \frac{3.02 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \Rightarrow w'_0 = 1.9 \text{ eV}$$

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