November



December



• English Presentation

Each student is expected to choose a topic related to optoelectronics and make a 15 min. in-class presentation in English. The presentation will be evalued based on following: relevance to the selected topic to the course, the knowledge of the student on the topic, presentation skills. A sign-up sheet is available.

Submission of presentation title and one-paragraph summary required on Nov. 22 (Mon.) during class.



Wave properties for light: interference, diffraction, waveguide

But certain things cannot be explained by wave nature of light.

Photoelectron effects: electron emission when light shines on metal



- Amount of emitted electrons depends on light intensity
- Same minimum voltage for current flow regardless of light intensity
- → Same max. kinetic energy for emitted electrons regardless of light intensity?
- → What determines the max. kinetic energy of emitted electrons, or Vs?





This results cannot be explained by wave nature of light.

Einstein's explanation: Light delivers energy in chunks (photon)

$$E_{photon} = hv \cong \frac{1.24}{\lambda[\mu m]} eV$$

(h: Planck's constant =6.63x10⁻³⁴ Joule-sec)



The spectrum of light emitted from an heated object heat => oscillation of charges inside the object => EM radiation (Black Body radiation) Very detailed analysis is possible for black body radiation (Rayleigh-Jeans Law)

→ Determines the max. EM emission from a heated object at a given temperature



when hv < kT.











How can photons explain what we have learned: reflection, interference



