

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$1.00 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \quad c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

Element	Silver	Copper	Potassium	Lead	Aluminum	Magnesium	Platinum
Work Function	4.50 eV	4.75 eV	2.29 eV	4.25 eV	4.10 eV	3.66 eV	5.50 eV

A metal surface is irradiated with ultra-violet light with a wavelength of 220 nm. The maximum velocity of electrons emitted from the surface have a speed of $2.30 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$.

- a) What is the work function of the metal?

$$KE_{\text{max}} = hf - \phi$$

Using $c = \lambda f$ and a little algebra gives

$$\phi = \frac{hc}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}mv_{\text{max}}^2$$

$$\phi = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{(220 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})} - \frac{1}{2}(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(2.30 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$\phi = 8.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Convert this into electron volts gives

$$\phi = (8.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}) \frac{(1.00 \text{ eV})}{(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J})} = 5.5 \text{ eV}$$

- b) What is the most likely metal composing the surface based on the table given above?

The most likely metal on the surface is platinum.