

9.3 Conservation of Electric Energy

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• potential difference 电势差 • kinetic energy 动能

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **conservation of electric energy**.

You must be able to:

- relate the change in a charge's **kinetic energy** to $W = q \Delta V$
- apply **conservation of energy** 能量守恒 to a charge moving through a potential difference
- define and use the **electron volt** 电子伏特 (eV)
- find the final **speed** of a charge accelerated through a potential difference

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ **Energy from a potential difference**

$\Delta KE = q \Delta V$: the field does work $q \Delta V$ on a charge that falls through ΔV .

■ **The electron volt**

1 eV is the energy an electron gains through 1 V: $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$.

■ **Final speed**

Set $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = q \Delta V$ and solve for v .

2 Practice

2.1 An electron moves through a potential difference of 50 V. State the energy it gains, in eV. [1]

2.2 Convert 3.0 eV to joules ($e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C). [2]

2.3 A $+2.0 \mu\text{C}$ charge moves through 300 V. Find the energy it gains, in joules. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 One electron volt equals [1]

A	B
C	D

A 1 J

B 1.6×10^{-19} J

C 1 V

D 1 C

3.2 A charge accelerated through a potential difference ΔV gains kinetic energy [1]

A	B
C	D

A $q/\Delta V$

B $q \Delta V$

C $\Delta V/q$

D $\frac{1}{2}q \Delta V^2$

3.3 A proton ($m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg, $q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C) accelerates from rest through 500 V.

(a) Find its kinetic energy in joules. [2]

(b) Find its final speed. [2]