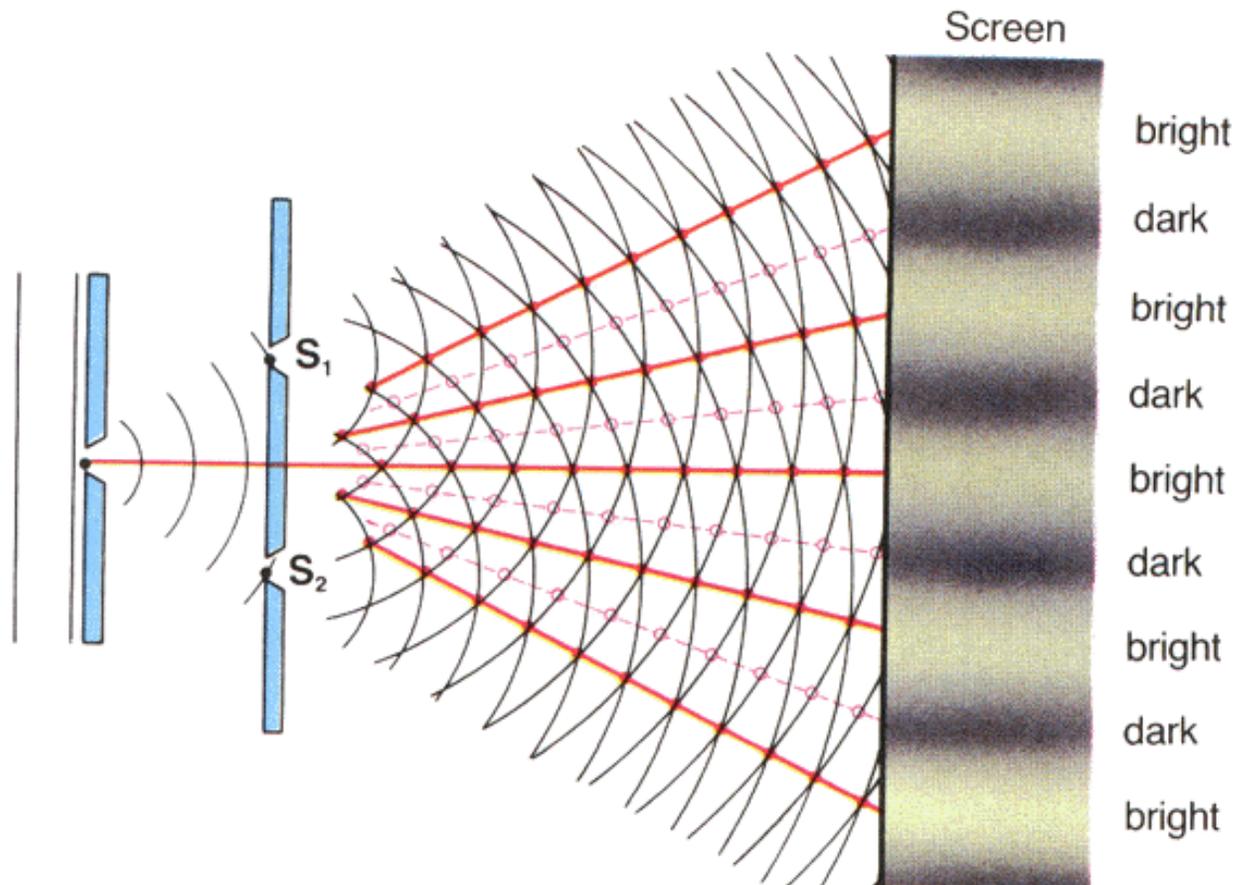


# Modern Physics (Phys. IV): 2704

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# The Wavelike Nature of Light

## Interference Patterns



# Maxwell's Equations: Integral Form

## Maxwell's Equations

Differential form

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

## Maxwell's Equations

Integral form

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\int \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

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# Maxwell's Equations: Plane Wave

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$$

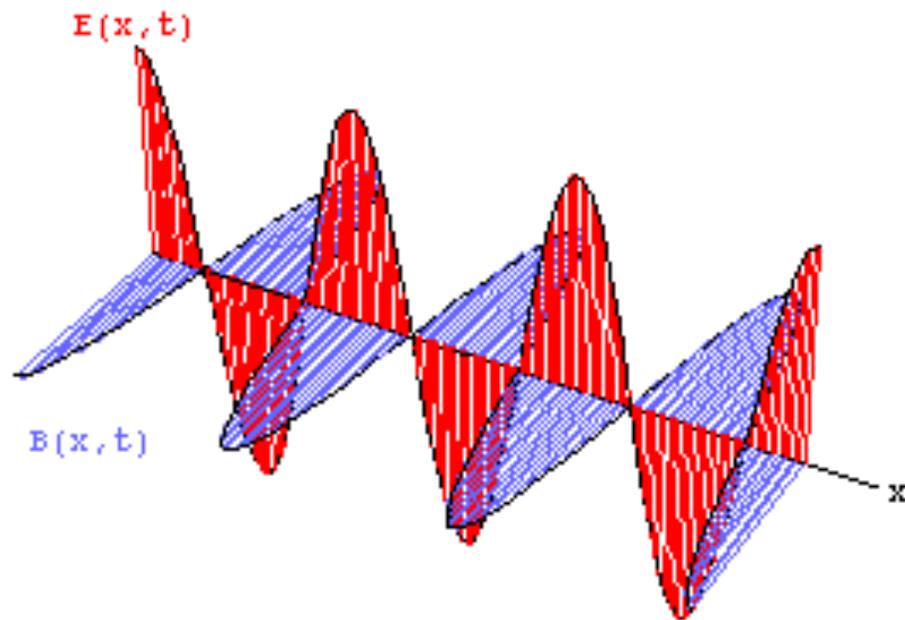
$$\frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x^2} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t^2}$$

$$E = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$B = B_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

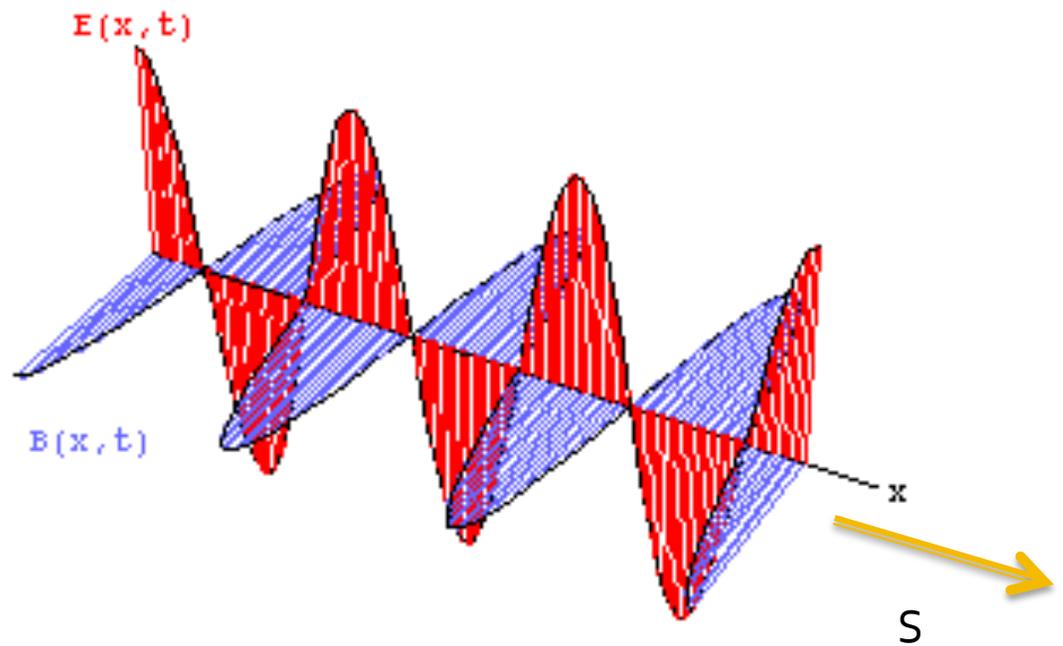
$$\omega/k = c$$

$$E_0/B_0 = c$$



# Poynting Flux

- $\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})/\mu_0$  is the Poynting flux of an EM wave
  - $\mathbf{S}$  has units of energy per time per area = power per area
  - Intensity  $I = \langle |\mathbf{S}| \rangle$
  - Energy =  $S \cdot A \cdot t$



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# Light Waves

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \text{"wave number"}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu \quad \text{"angular frequency"}$$

$$\omega/k = \nu\lambda = c$$

$$E_0/B_0 = c$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \hat{i}$$

$$|\vec{S}|_{\max} = \frac{E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} = \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c}$$

$$\langle |\vec{S}| \rangle = \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c} \langle \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \rangle$$

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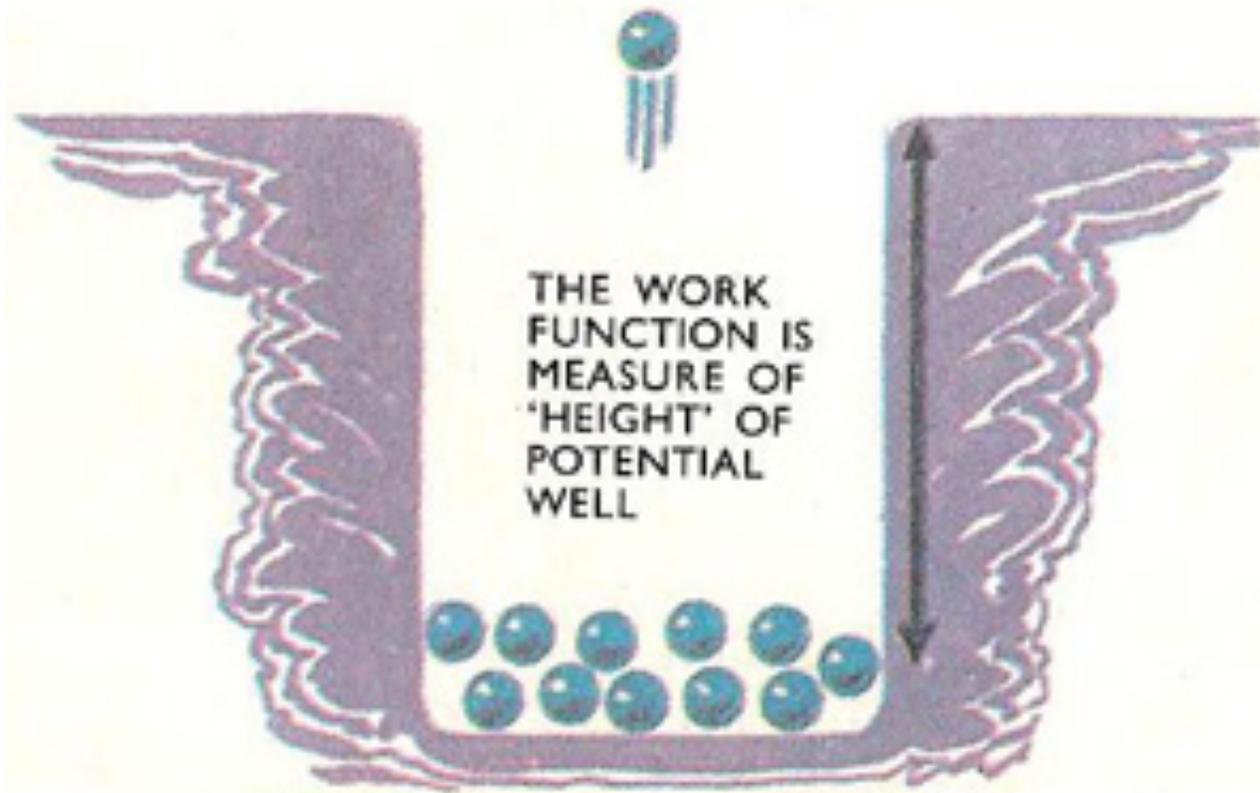
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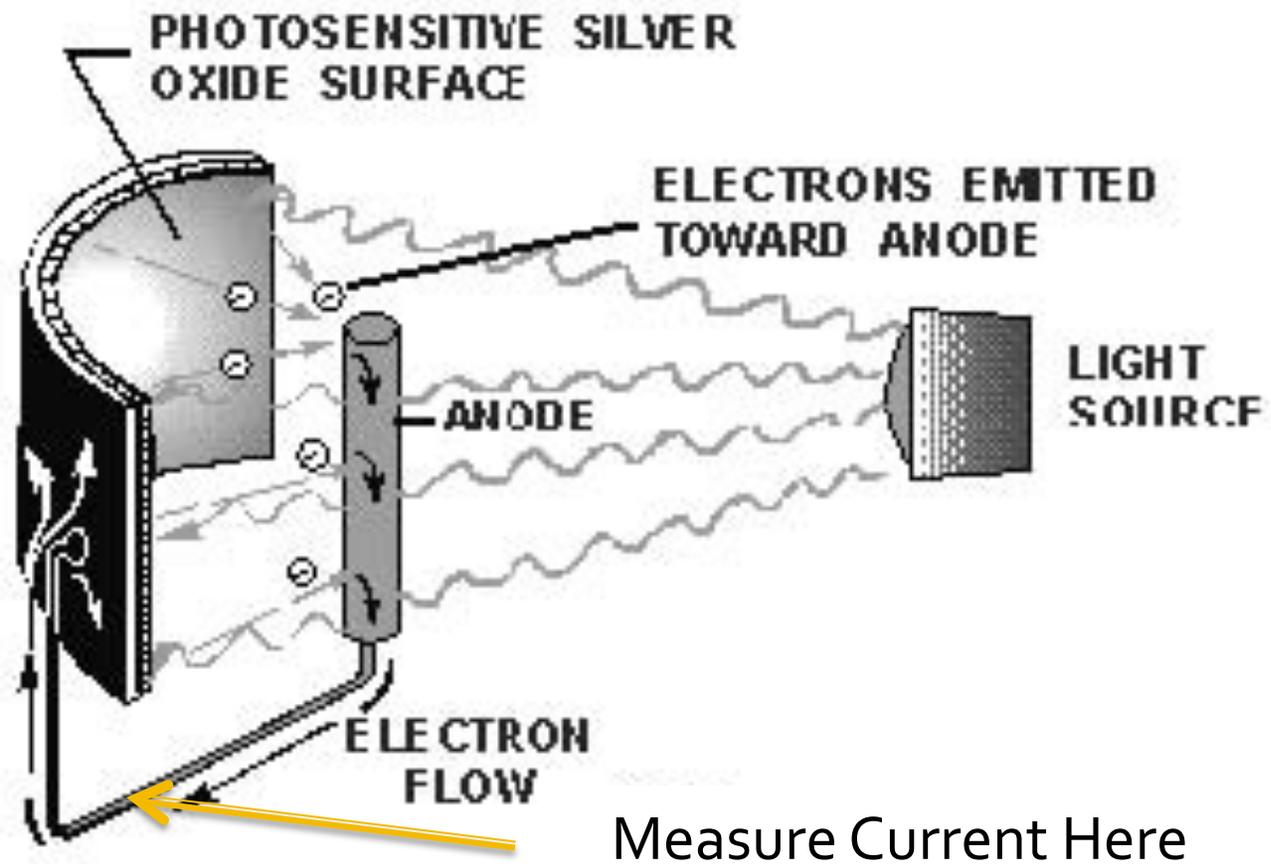
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# Work Function



Electrons need surplus energy equal to or greater than the work function of a material to escape

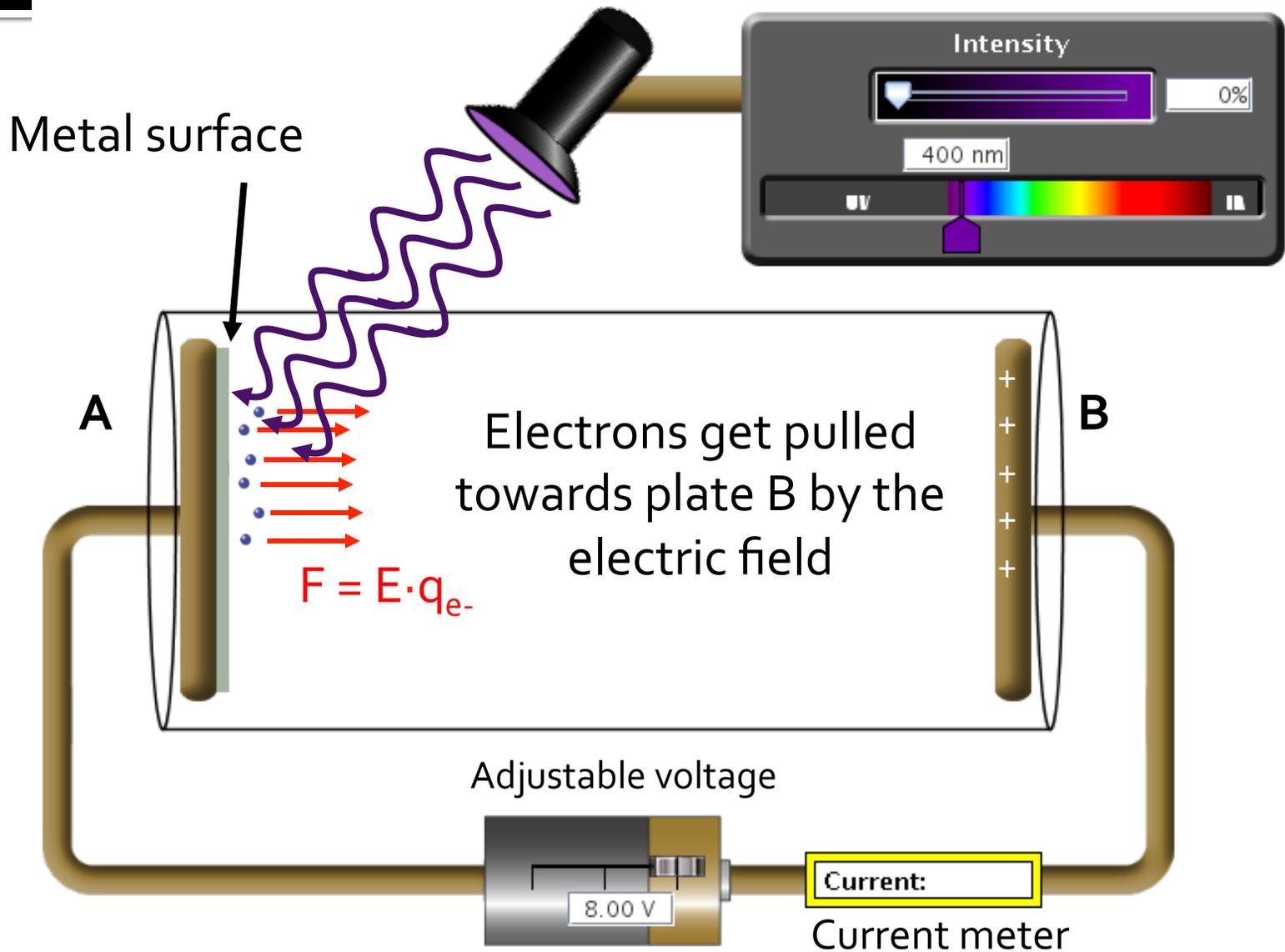
# Photocell



# Photoelectric Classical Prediction

- I. Maximum kinetic energy of the electrons should be proportional to intensity of light (since  $qE$  accelerates them!)
- II. Electrons should be ejected by light of any frequency/wavelength
- III. Electrons may not be ejected immediately (takes time to deliver enough energy)

# Stopping Potential Experiment



# Classical Prediction

Here, electrons stopped before reaching electrode

Each electron that pops out is accelerated and hits the plate on the right side.

# of electrons = constant  
sec

So current is constant!

Current

not  $I = V/R$  !!

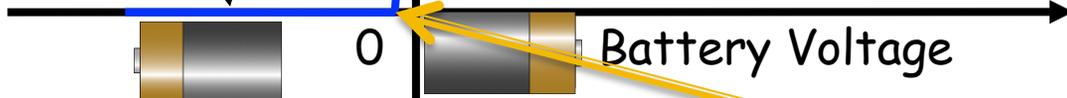
Classically, the height would vary with intensity, but not with wavelength/frequency

Classically, the stopping potential would increase with intensity, but not with wavelength/frequency

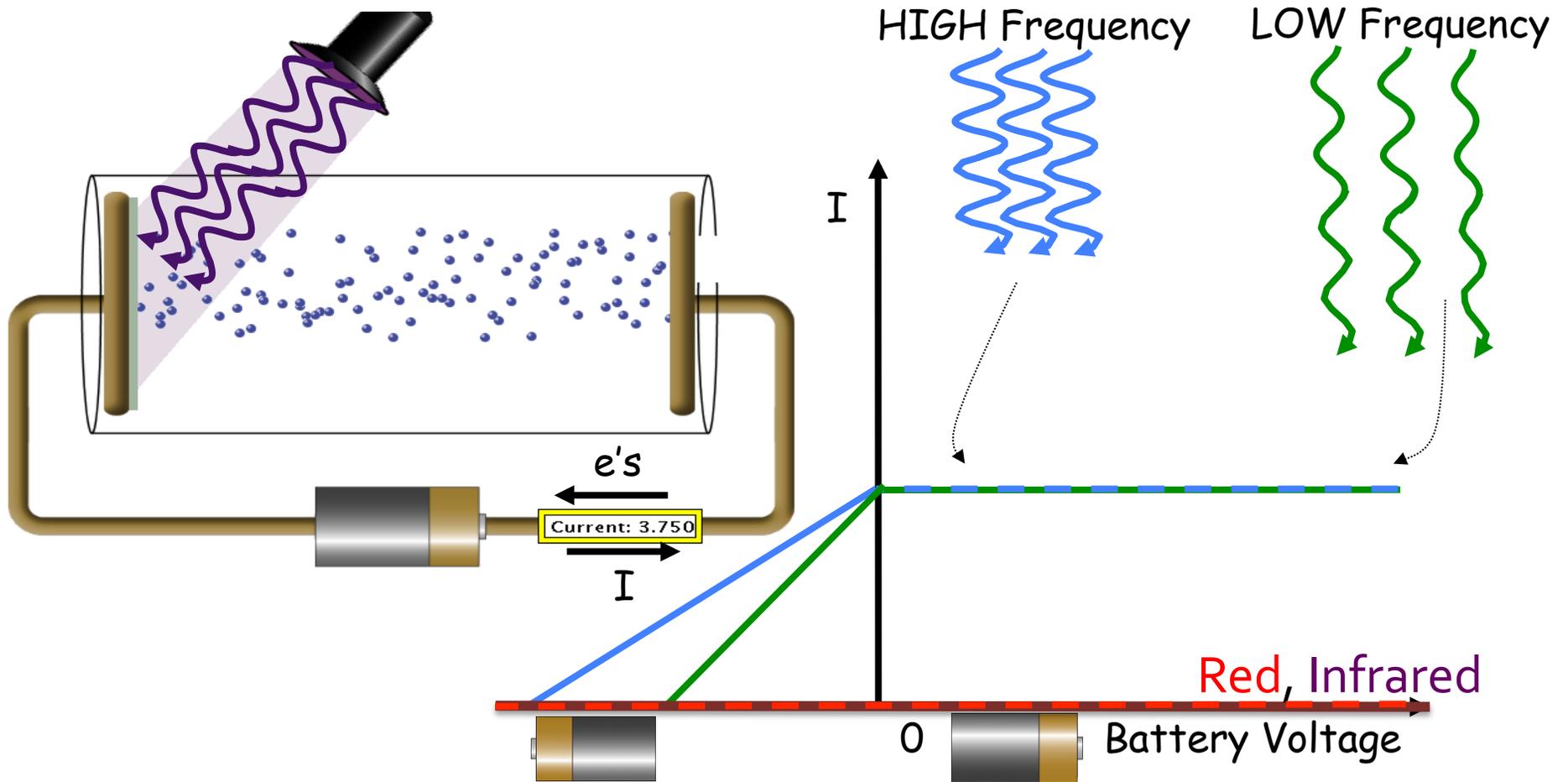
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Battery Voltage

reverse  $V$ ,  
electrons decelerated



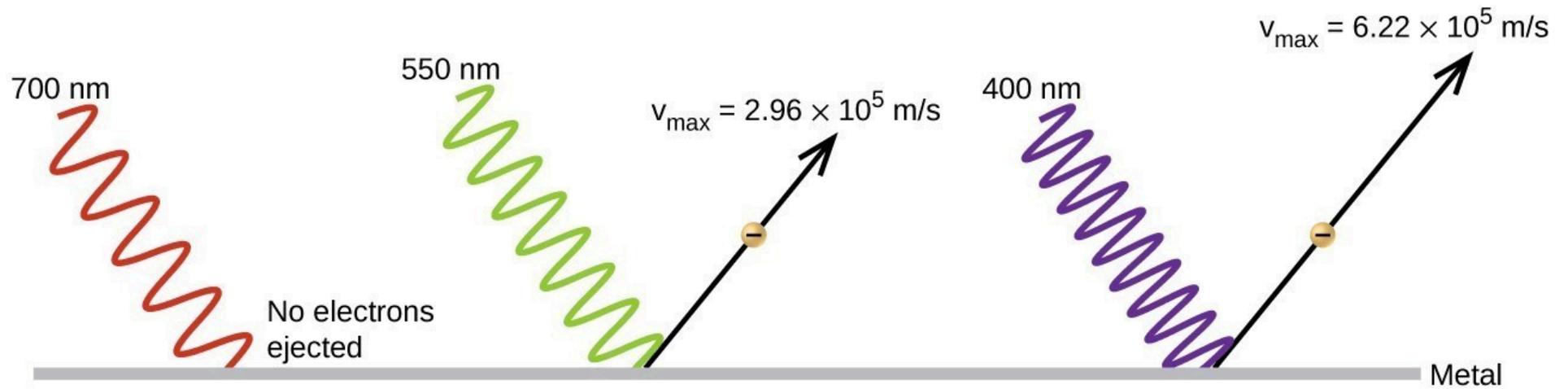
# Reality



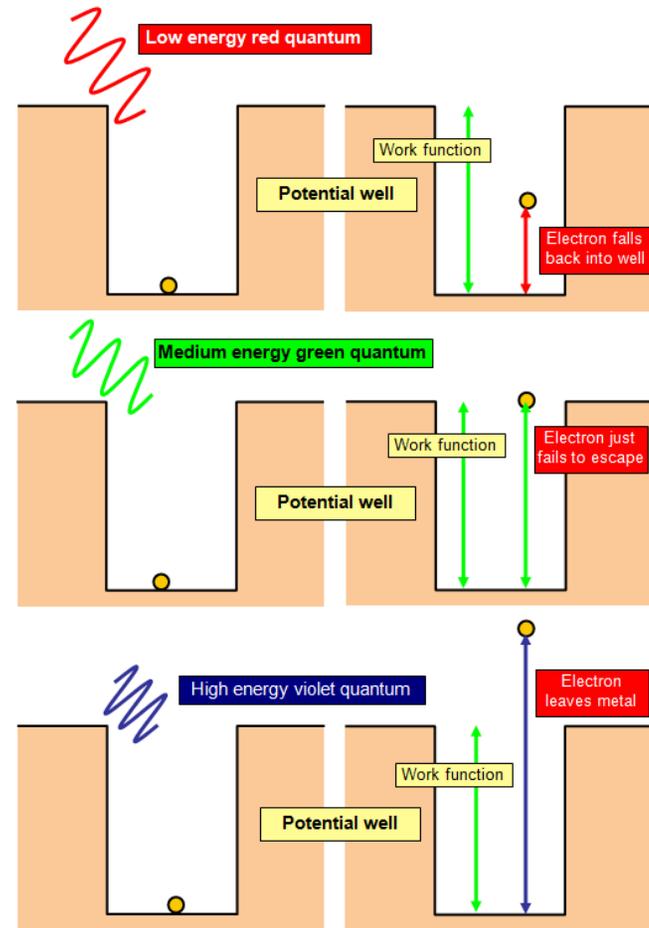
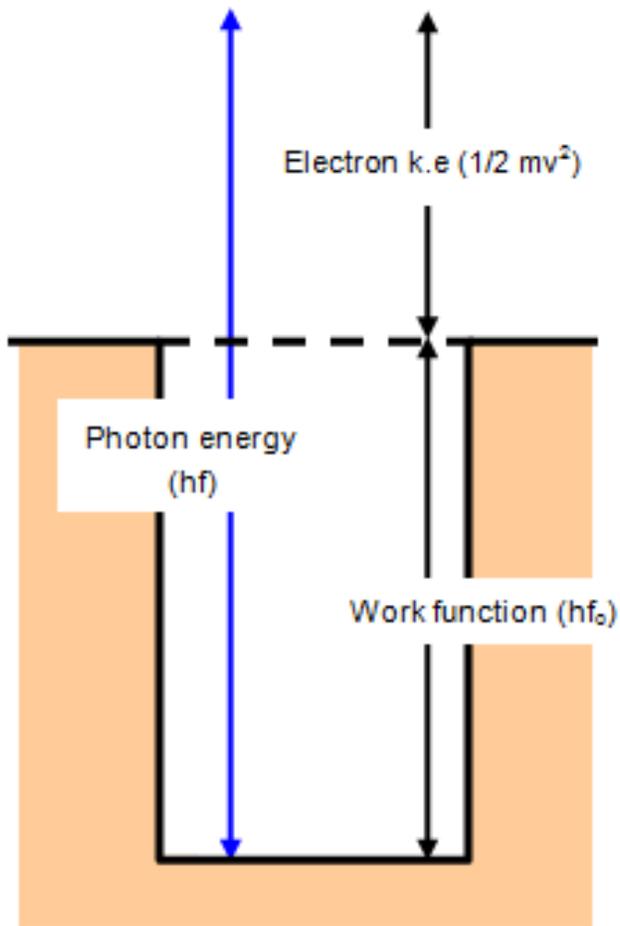
# Photoelectric Reality

- I. For fixed wavelength/frequency, the maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons is independent of intensity
- II. The photoelectric effect only occurs above a threshold frequency (below a threshold wavelength)
- III. First photoelectrons can be emitted almost instantaneously

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# Kicker Analogy

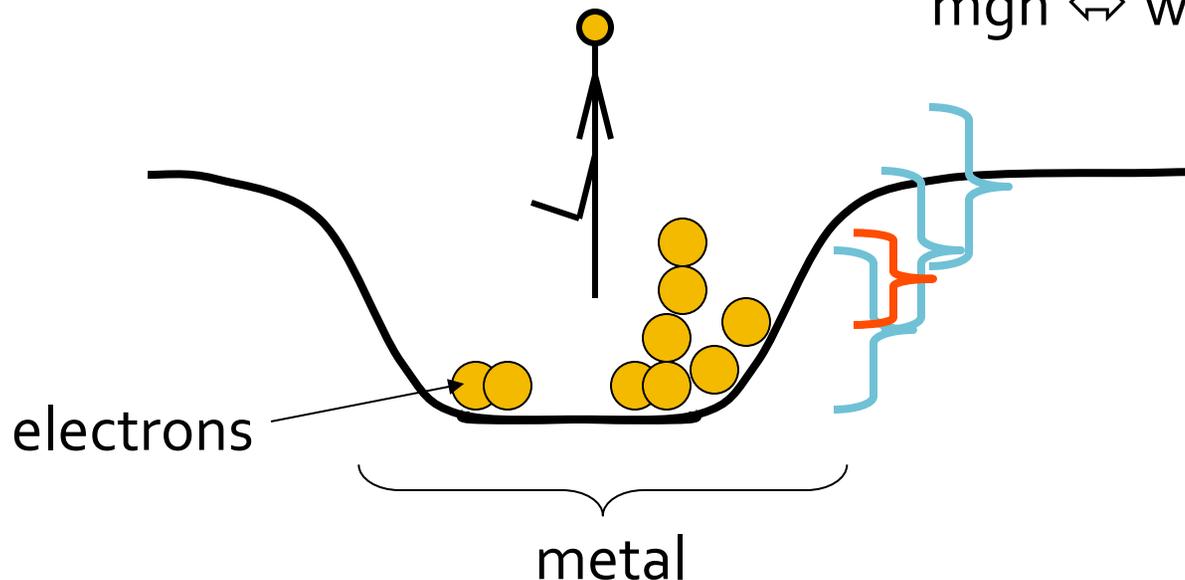
Light like a Kicker... Puts in energy.  
All concentrated on one ball/electron.  
Blue kicker always kicks the same,  
harder than red kicker always kicks.

Ball emerges with:

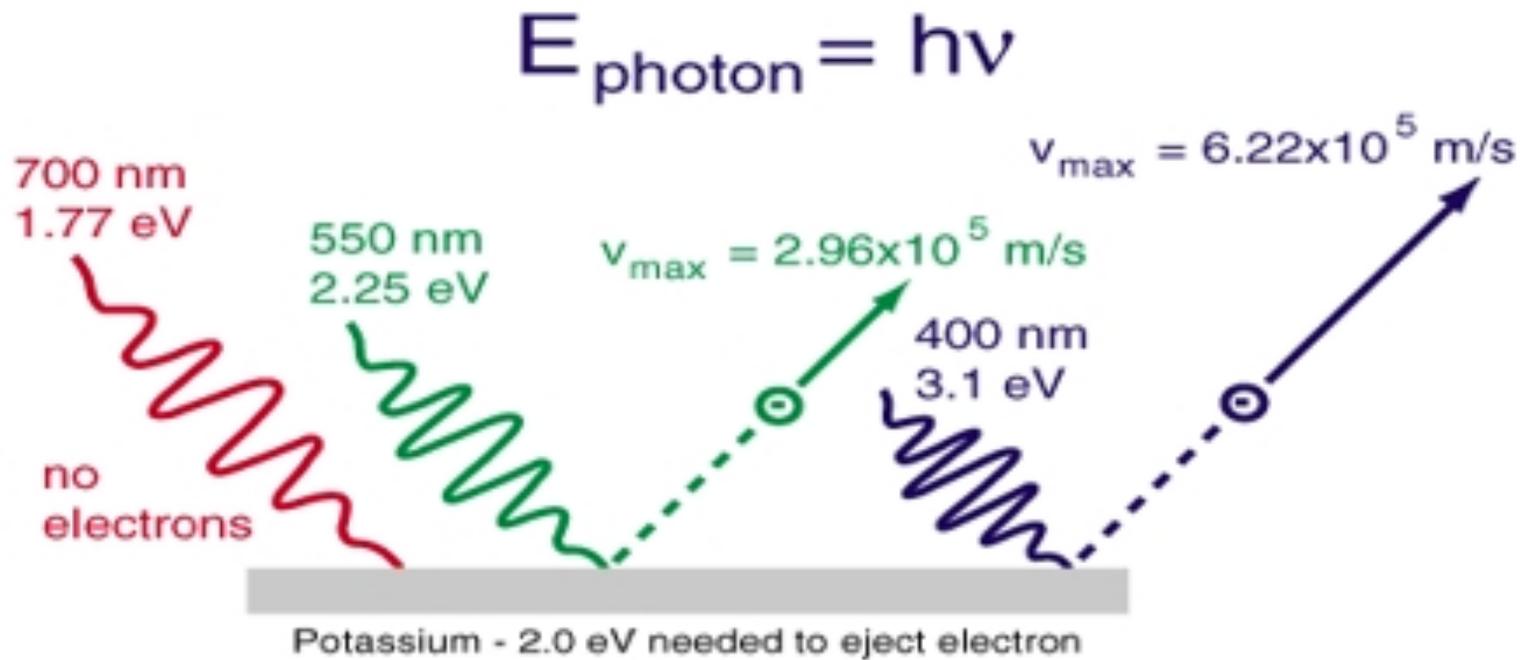
$$KE = \text{kick energy} - mgh$$

$mgh$  = energy needed to  
make it up hill and out.

$mgh \Leftrightarrow$  work function.



# Photoelectric Effect



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- Electron kinetic energy

$$K_{\max} = h\nu - \phi_0$$

- threshold when stopping potential is zero, or

$$K_{\max} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h\nu = \phi_0$$

critical frequency

$$\nu_c = \phi_0 / h$$

critical wavelength

$$\lambda_c = c / \nu_c = hc / \phi_0$$

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Note  $E = h\nu$  for photon

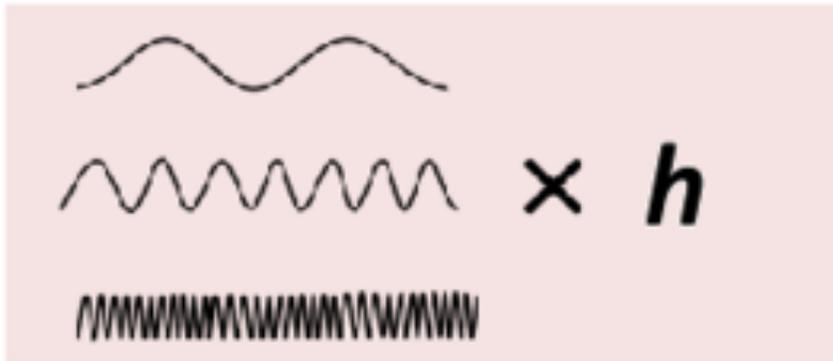
$$\begin{aligned} E^2 &= (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \\ &= (pc)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow h\nu &= pc & \Rightarrow p &= h\nu / c \\ & & &= h / \lambda \end{aligned}$$

# Planck's Constant

The Planck Constant:  $h$

a proportionality between frequency ( $\nu$ ) and energy



$$E = h\nu$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$\hbar = h/(2\pi)$$

# Typical energies

Each photon has: Energy =  $h\nu$  = Planck's constant \* Frequency  
 (Energy in Joules) (Energy in eV)

$$E=h\nu=(6.626*10^{-34} \text{ J-s})*(f \text{ s}^{-1})$$

$$E=h\nu=(4.14*10^{-15} \text{ eV-s})*(v \text{ s}^{-1})$$

$$E=hc/\lambda=(1.99*10^{-25} \text{ J-m})/(\lambda \text{ m})$$

$$E=hc/\lambda=(1240 \text{ eV-nm})/(\lambda \text{ nm})$$

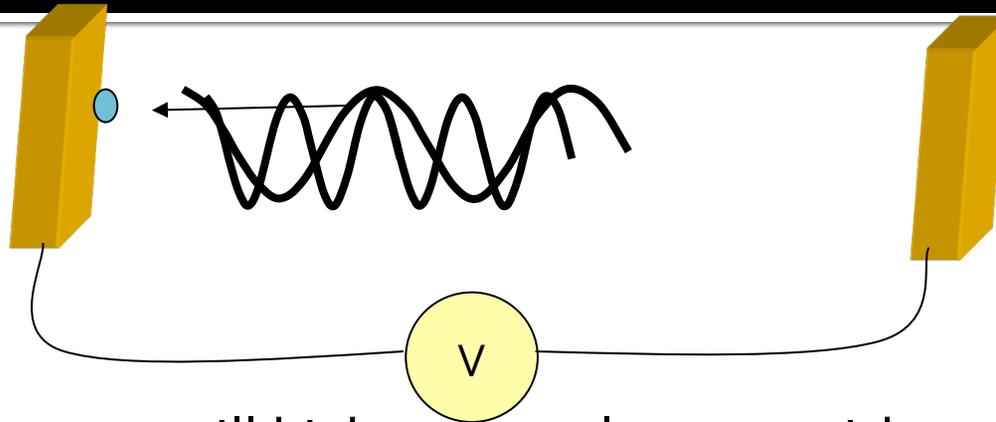
Red Photon: 650 nm

$$E_{\text{photon}} = \frac{1240 \text{ eV-nm}}{650 \text{ nm}} = 1.91 \text{ eV}$$

Work functions of metals (in eV):

Aluminum	4.08 eV	Cesium	2.1	Lead	4.14	Potassium	2.3
Beryllium	5.0 eV	Cobalt	5.0	Magnesium	3.68	Platinum	6.35
Cadmium	4.07 eV	Copper	4.7	Mercury	4.5	Selenium	5.11
Calcium	2.9	Gold	5.1	Nickel	5.01	Silver	4.73
Carbon	4.81	Iron	4.5	Niobium	4.3	Sodium	2.28

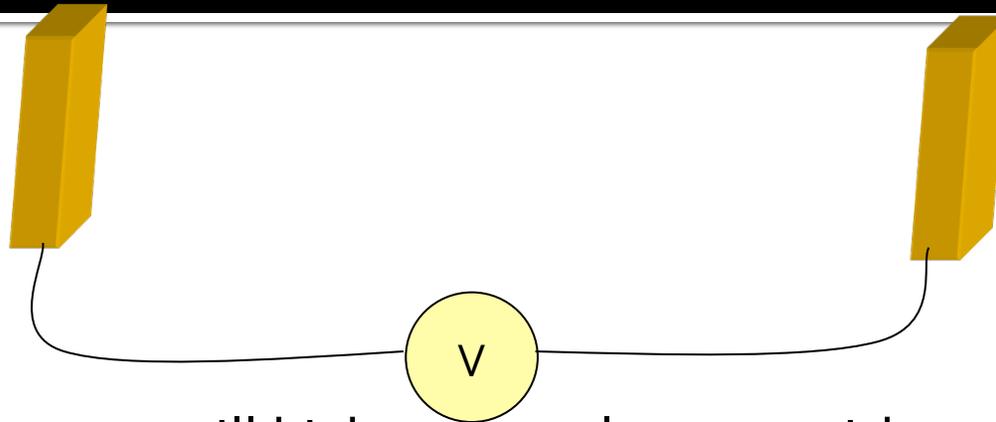
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A photon at 300 nm will kick out an electron with an amount of kinetic energy,  $KE_{300}$ . If the wavelength is halved, the energy of the electron coming out is...

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$$KE_{300} = h\nu - \phi$$

$$KE_{150} = 2h\nu - \phi$$

$$= 2(h\nu - \phi) + \phi$$

$$= 2KE_{300} + \phi$$

$$> 2KE_{300}$$