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## Optics

( Arindam Kundagrami and Ayan Banerjee )

## Modern Physics

( Bheemalingam Chittari and Partha Mitra )

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The background of the slide features a scenic landscape. The upper portion shows a clear blue sky with soft, wispy white clouds. Below the sky, a range of mountains is visible, their peaks partially obscured by a layer of mist or low-lying clouds. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the light from the sky and the silhouettes of the distant mountains. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, whites, and soft greys, creating a serene and atmospheric setting.

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### Experiments:

1. Electron Diffraction,
2. Photo Electric effect,
3. Frank Hertz,
4. Velocity of Light,
5. Stefan Boltzmann

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Lab Notes format for each experiment:

- Title:
- Aims(s):
- Working Principle/Formula:
- Experimental Setup/Schematic Diagrams:
- Data/Readings/Table/Plot:
- Analysis:
- Source of Errors:
- Conclusions:

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### Source of Errors:

- Systematic Error   
Instrument resolution,
- Environmental factors   
Temperature, secondary source feed back, etc..
- Not sufficient readings   
Fluctuations in readings/measurements, etc..
- Human Error 
- Faulty Instruments 

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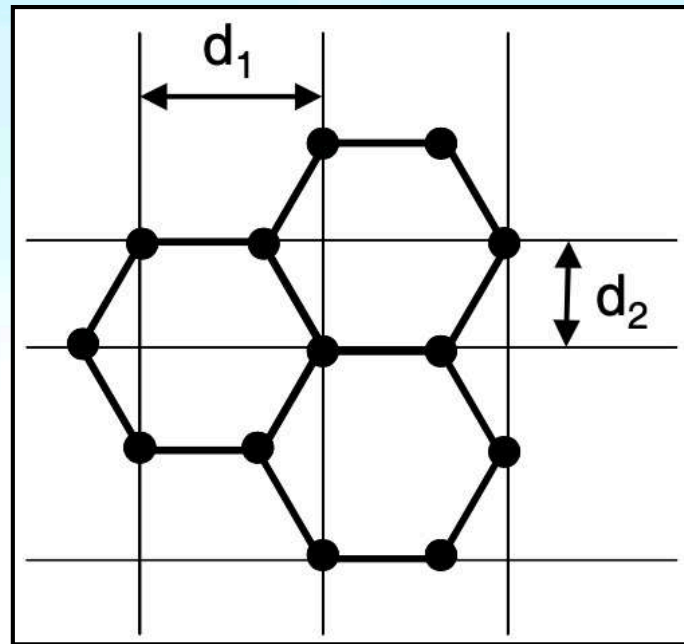
This particle wave nature is confirmed from the experimental observation on the [diffraction of electrons](#) in crystalline Nickel structure

Davisson and Germer in 1927

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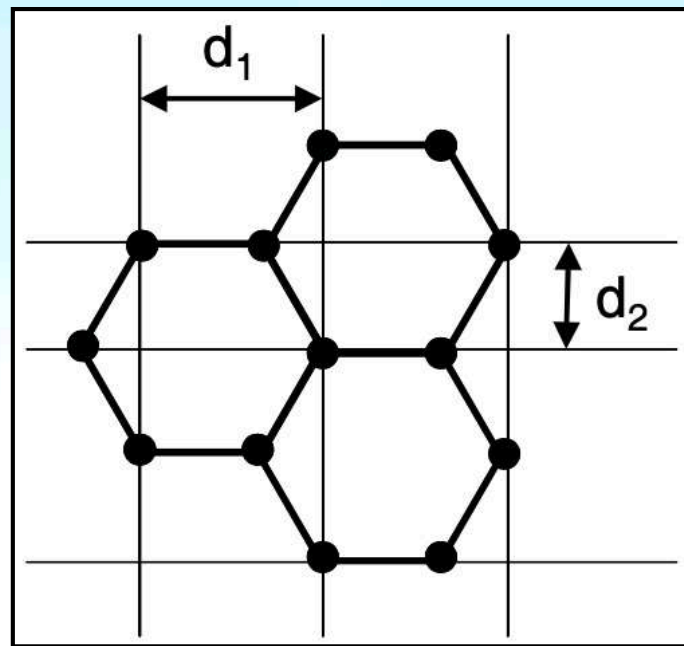


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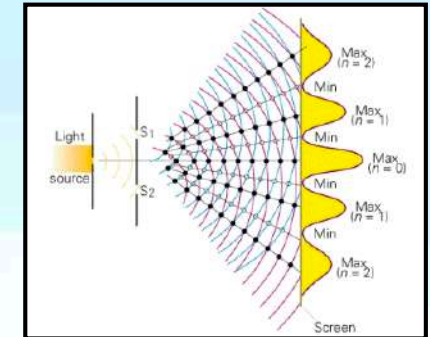
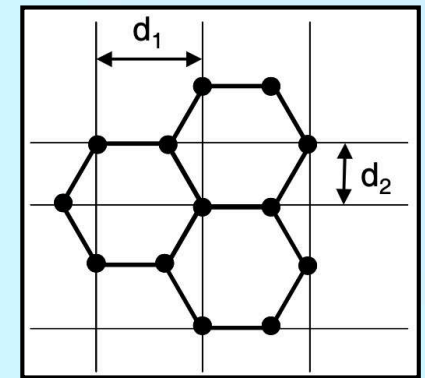
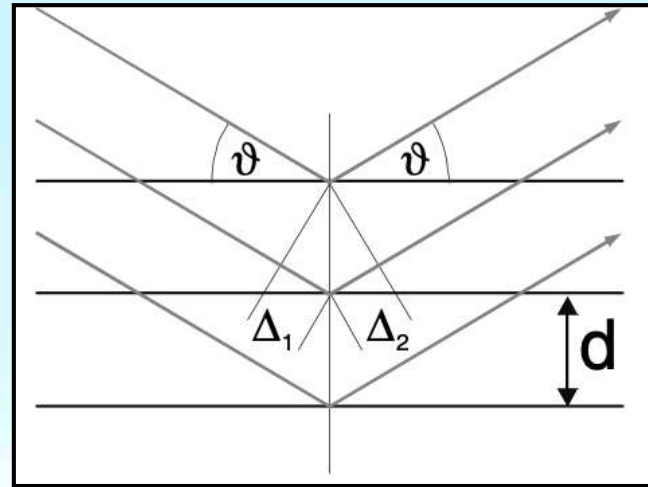


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When we expose such a crystal lattice to *monochromatic x-rays* or *mono-energetic electrons*, and, additionally assuming that those have a wave nature, then each element in a lattice plane acts as a “scattering point”, at which a spherical wave- let forms.

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- These spherical wavelets create a “reflected” wave front. The wavelength  $\lambda$  remains unchanged with respect to the “incident” wave front, and the radiation directions which are perpendicular to the two wave fronts fulfil the condition “angle of incidence = angle of reflection”
- The constructive interference arises in the neighbouring rays reflected at individual lattice planes when their path differences  $\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 2d \sin \vartheta$

Bragg's Condition:

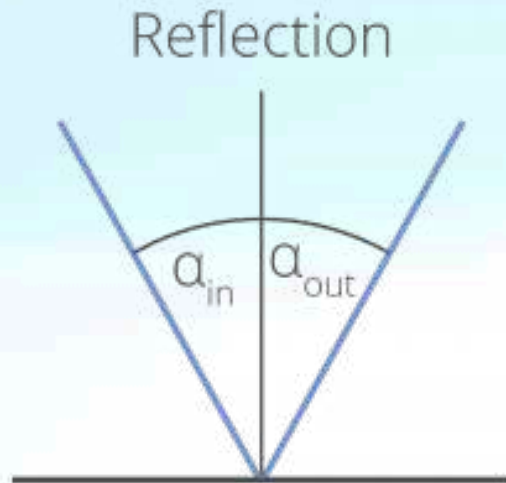
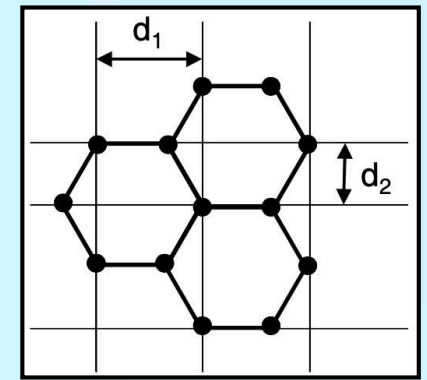
$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \vartheta$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   $d$  = lattice plane spacing,  $\vartheta$  = diffraction angle

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Diffraction is observed in two ways:

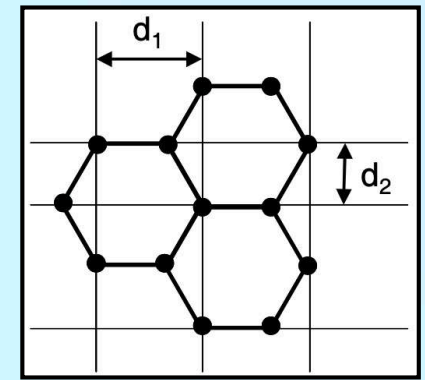


Davisson and Germer in 1927

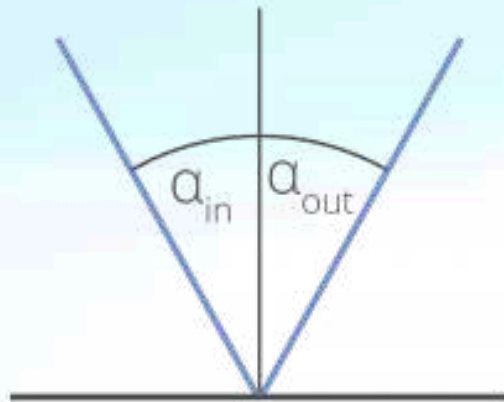
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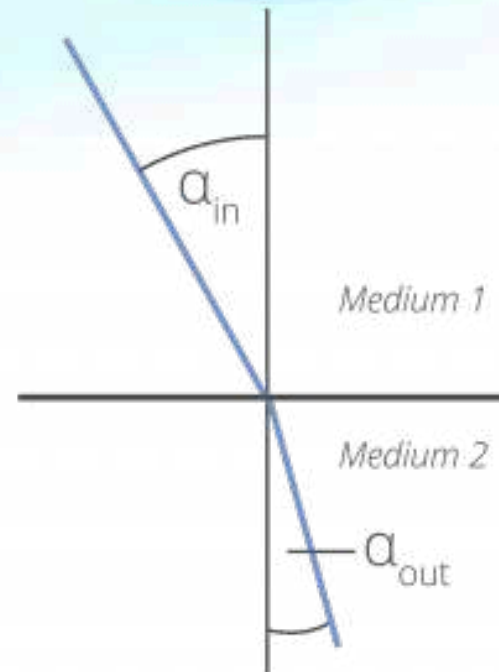


Reflection



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Transmission

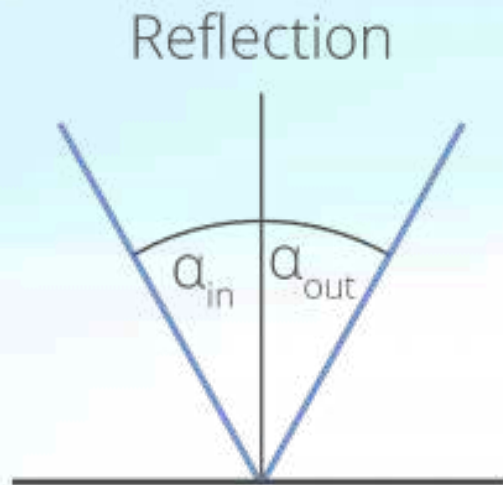


G. P. Thomson in 1928

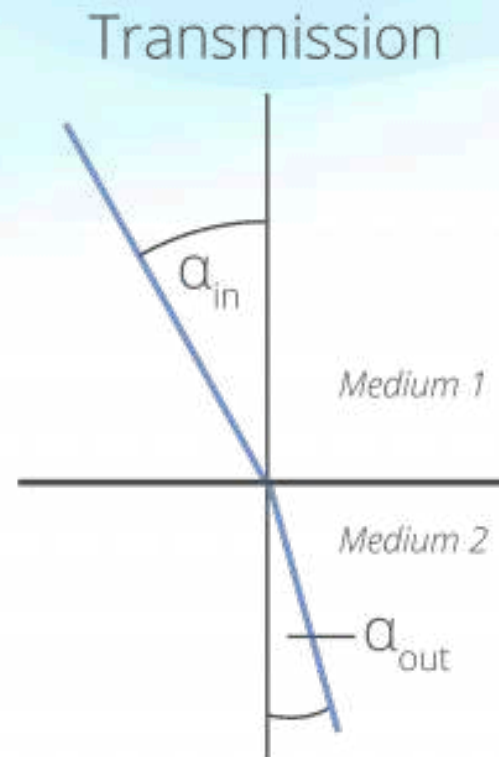
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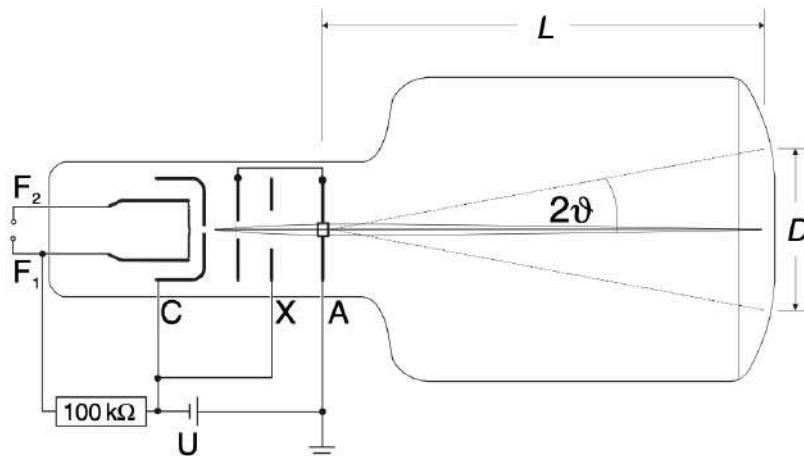
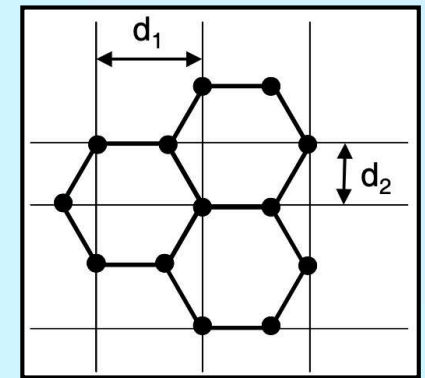


Fig. 4: Schematic sketch for determining the diffraction angle.  
 $L = 13.5\text{ cm}$  (distance between graphite foil and screen),  
 $D$ : diameter of a diffraction ring observed on the screen  
 $\vartheta$ : diffraction angle  
For meaning of  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $C$ ,  $X$  and  $A$  see Fig. 5.

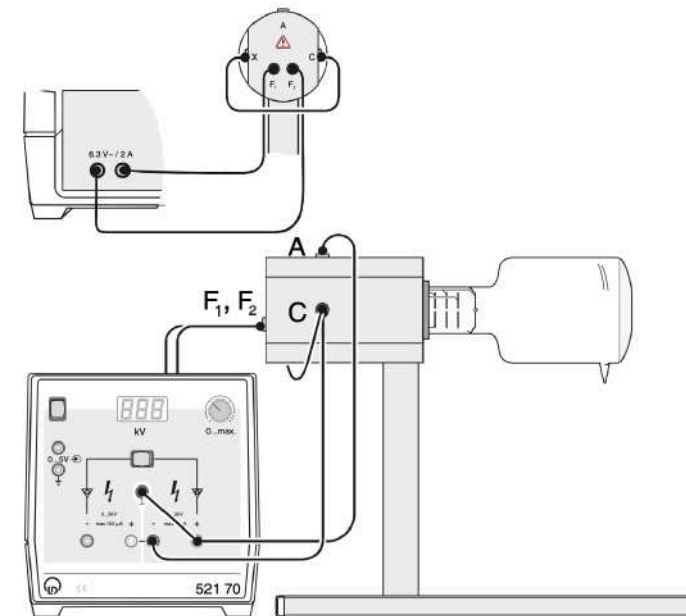


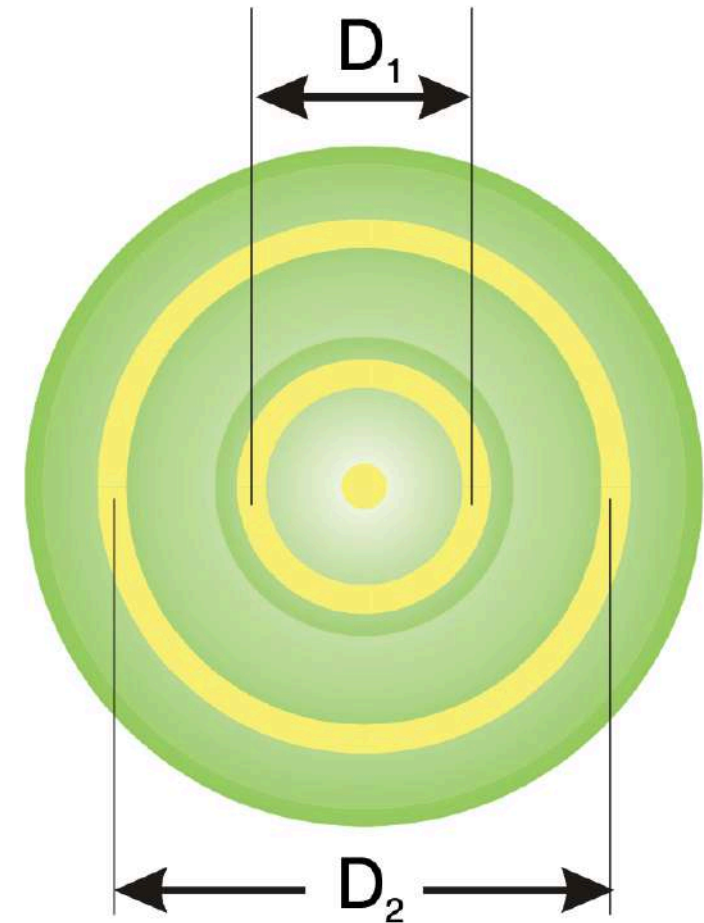
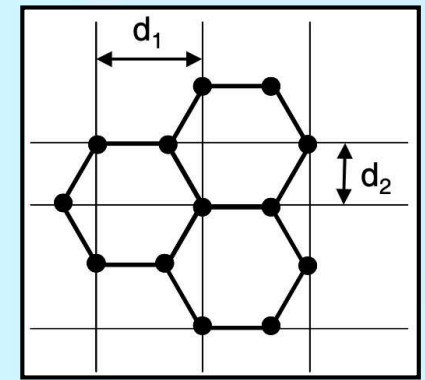
Fig. 5: Experimental setup (wiring diagram) for observing the electron diffraction on graphite. Pin connection:  
 $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ : sockets for cathode heating  
 $C$ : cathode cap  
 $X$ : focusing electrode  
 $A$ : anode (with polycrystalline graphite foil see Fig. 4)



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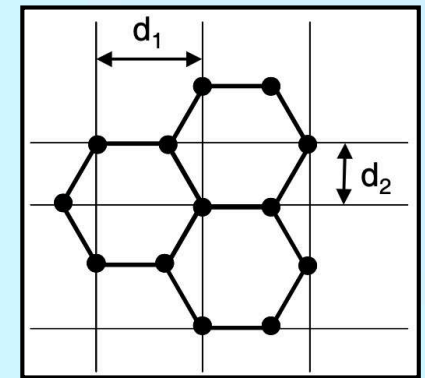
## 1. Electron Diffraction,

- The electrons emitted by the hot cathode a small beam is singled out through a pin diagram.
- After passing through a focusing electron-optical system the electrons are incident as sharply limited monochromatic beam on a polycrystalline graphite foil.
- The atoms of the graphite with different space lattice which acts as a diffracting grating for the electrons.
- On the fluorescent screen appears a diffraction pattern of two concentric rings which are centred around the undiffracted electron beam
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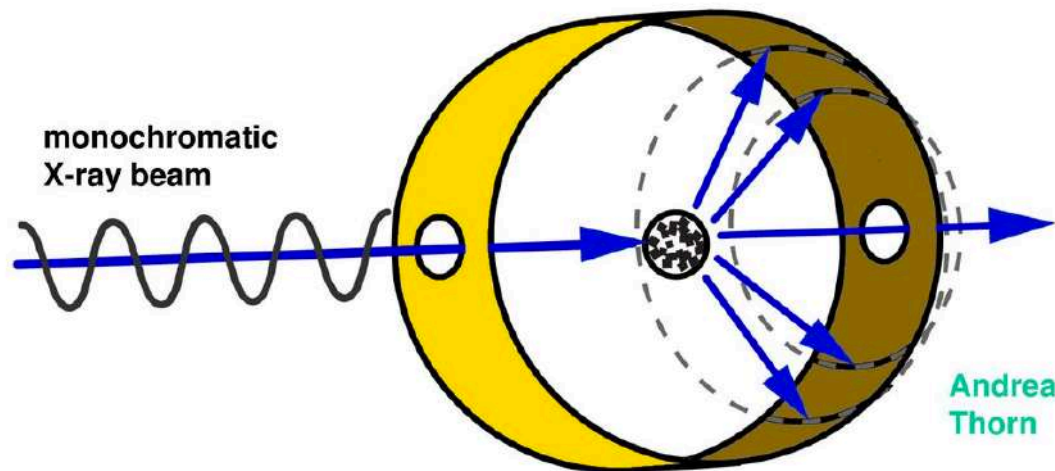


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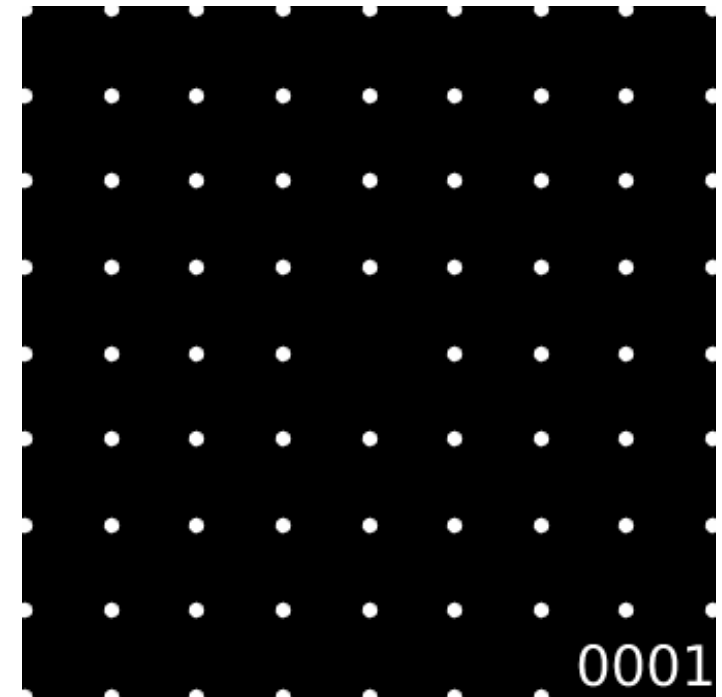
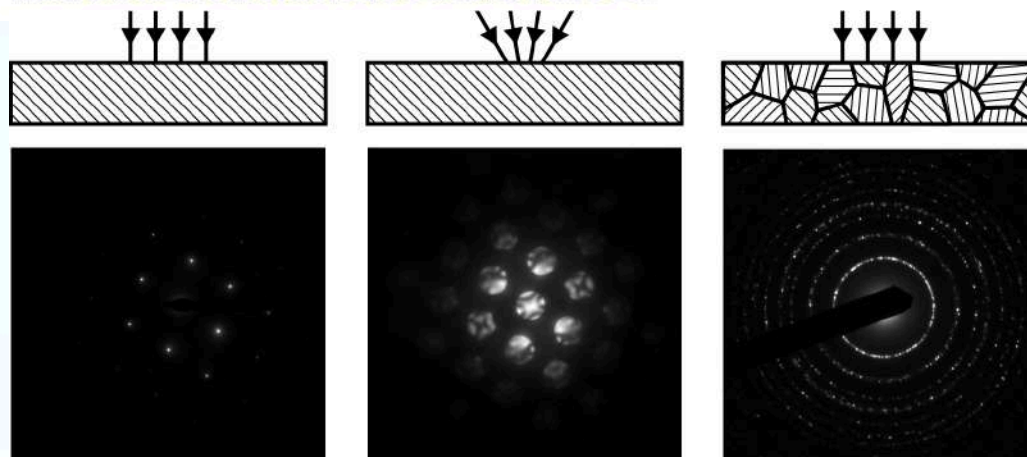
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### The Debye-Scherrer method (Göttingen, 1915)

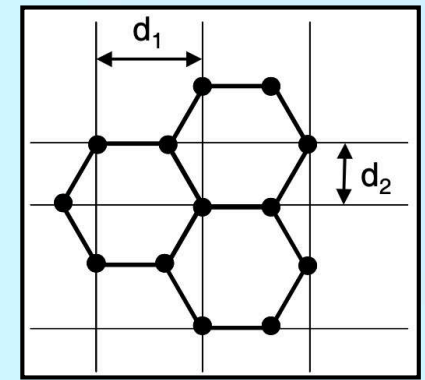


Since the microcrystals are in all possible orientations, the diffraction pattern consists of concentric cones with diffraction angles  $2\theta$ . These can be recorded with a cylindrical film or area detector. The intensities are measured as a function of  $\theta$ .



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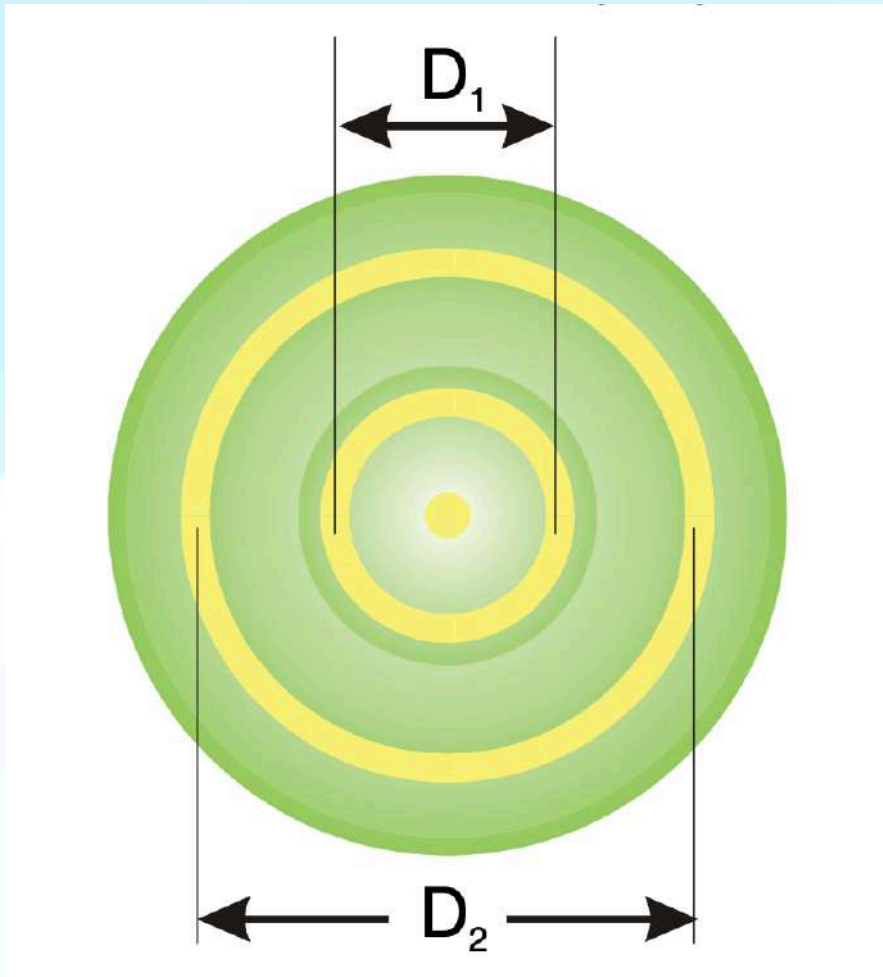
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{P}$$

- The diameter of the concentric rings changes with the wavelength  $\lambda$  and thus with the accelerating voltage  $U$

$$e \cdot U = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2m}(mv)^2 = \frac{1}{2m}P^2$$

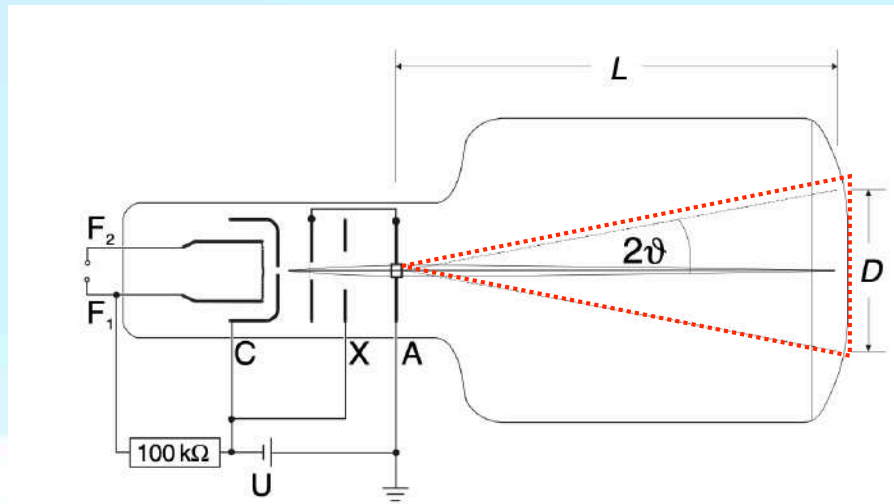
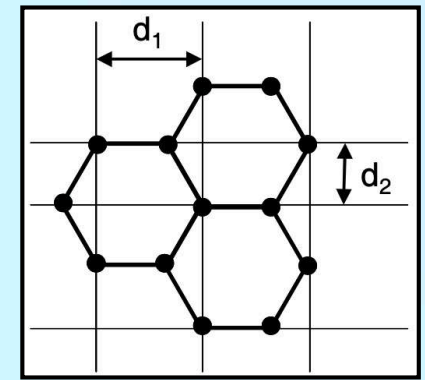
$$P = \sqrt{2m \cdot e \cdot U}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2m \cdot e \cdot U}}$$



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## 1. Electron Diffraction,



$$\tan (2\vartheta) = \frac{D}{2L}$$

$$\frac{\sin 2\vartheta}{\cos 2\vartheta} = \frac{D}{2L}$$

$$2 \sin \vartheta \sim \frac{D}{2L} \text{ for } \vartheta \rightarrow 0$$

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \vartheta$$

$$n\lambda = d \times 2 \sin \vartheta$$

$$\lambda = d \times \frac{D}{2L}; \quad n = 1$$

And We have,

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2m \cdot e \cdot U}}$$

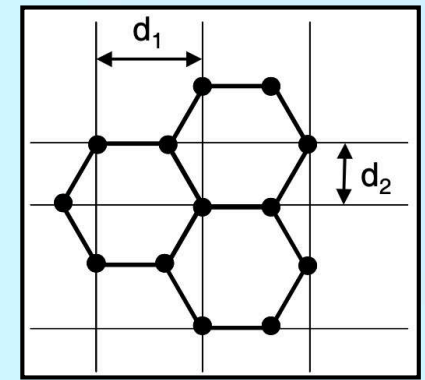
Now we have relation between D vs U:

$$D = \frac{2.L \cdot h}{d\sqrt{2m \cdot e \cdot U}}$$

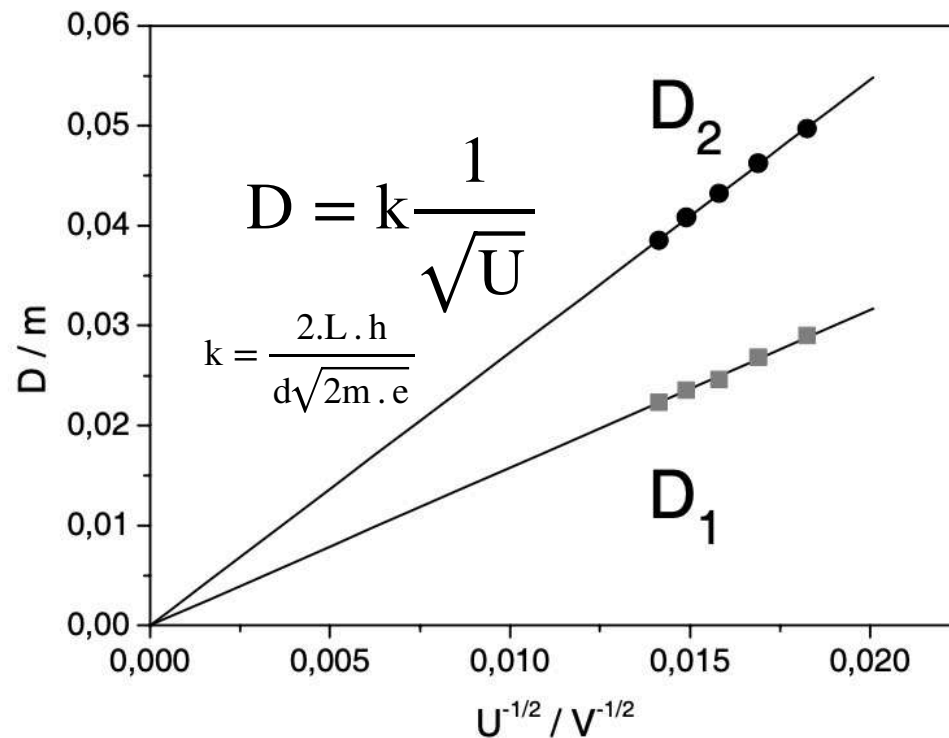
$$L = 13.5 \text{ cm}$$

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## 1. Electron Diffraction,



- a) Determination of wavelength of the electrons
- b) Verification of the de Broglie's equation
- c) Determination of lattice plane spacings of graphite



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Most of the metals under influence of radiation, emit electrons

Albert Einstein in 1905

- That the **emission** process **depends strongly** on **frequency** of radiation.
- For each metal there **exists a critical frequency** such that light of lower frequency is unable to liberate electrons, while light of higher frequency always does.
- The emission of electron occurs within a very short time interval after arrival of the radiation and number of electrons is strictly proportional to the intensity of this radiation.
- These facts are strong evidence that the **energy of the radiation is quantised**:

$$E = h\nu$$

$h$  : Planck's constant,  $\nu$  : Frequency

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- Energy of the bound electrons in metal is:

$$E = e . \phi \quad \phi : \text{work function}$$

Then for the emission of the electrons,

$$h\nu > e . \phi$$

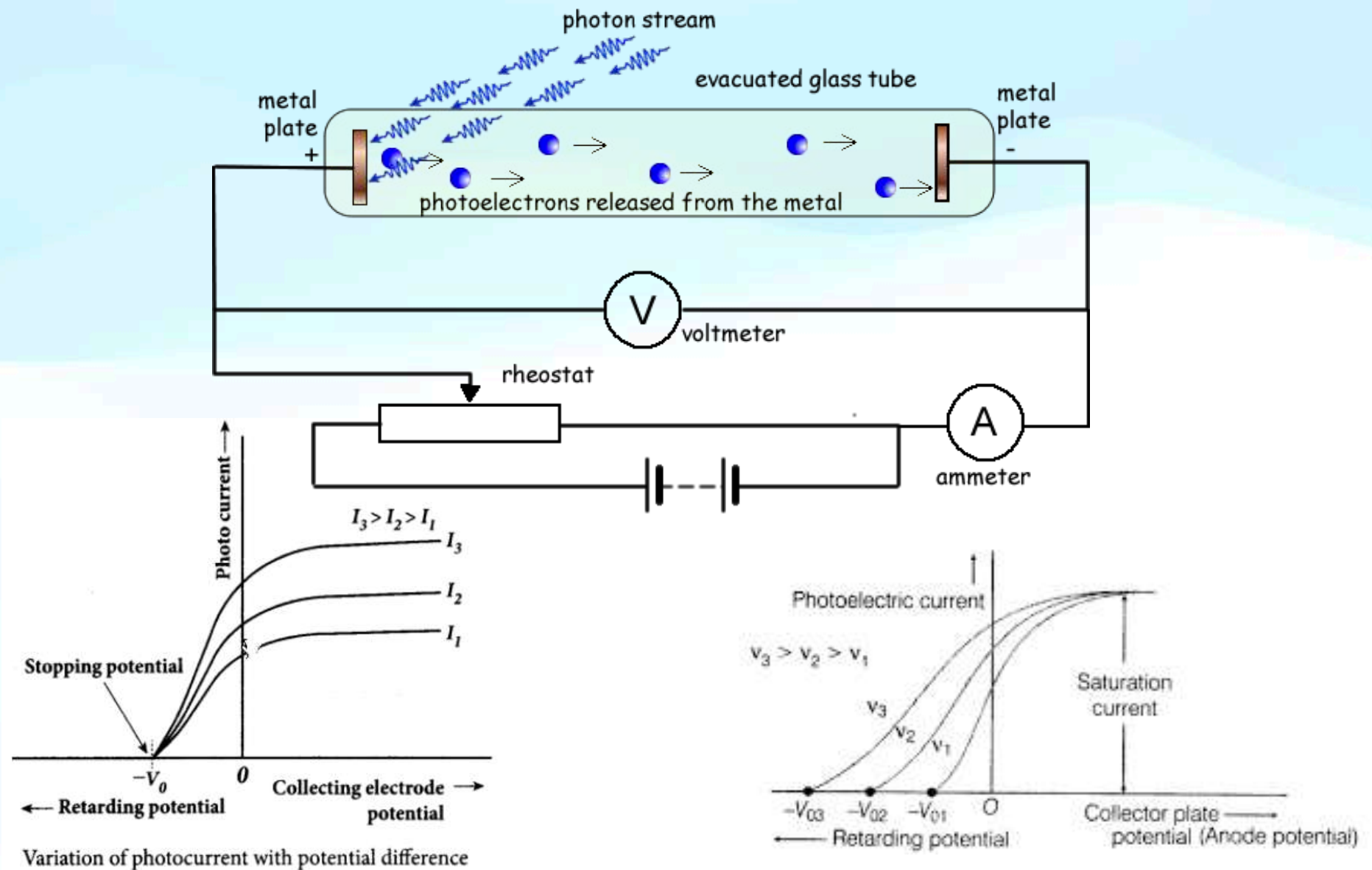
With the additional velocity of the electrons,

$$h\nu = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + e . \phi$$



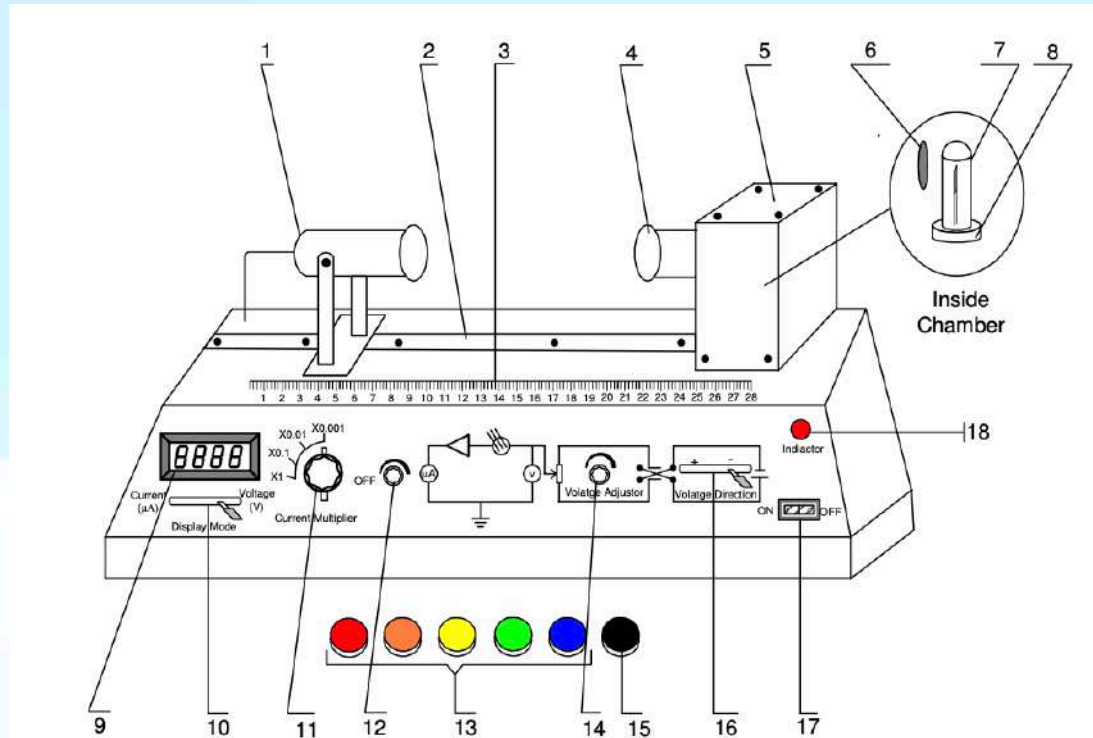
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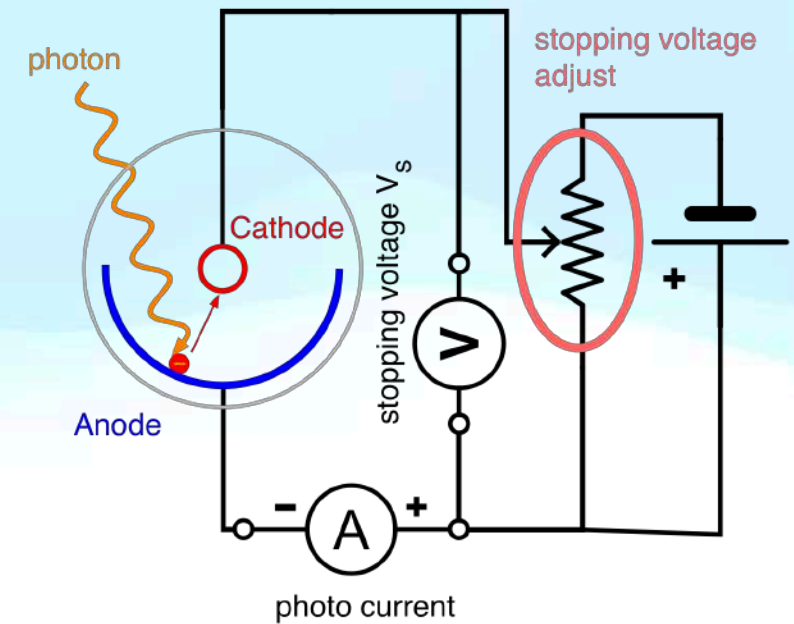


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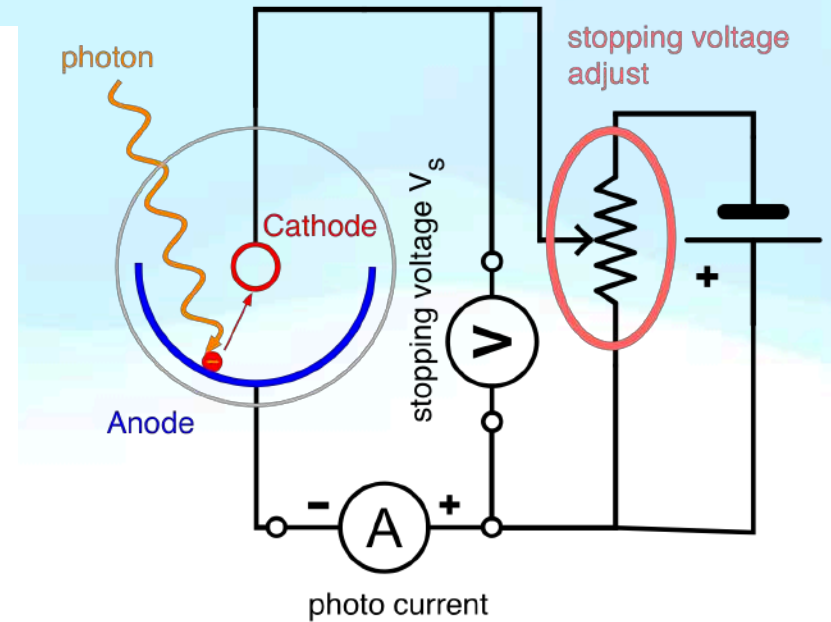
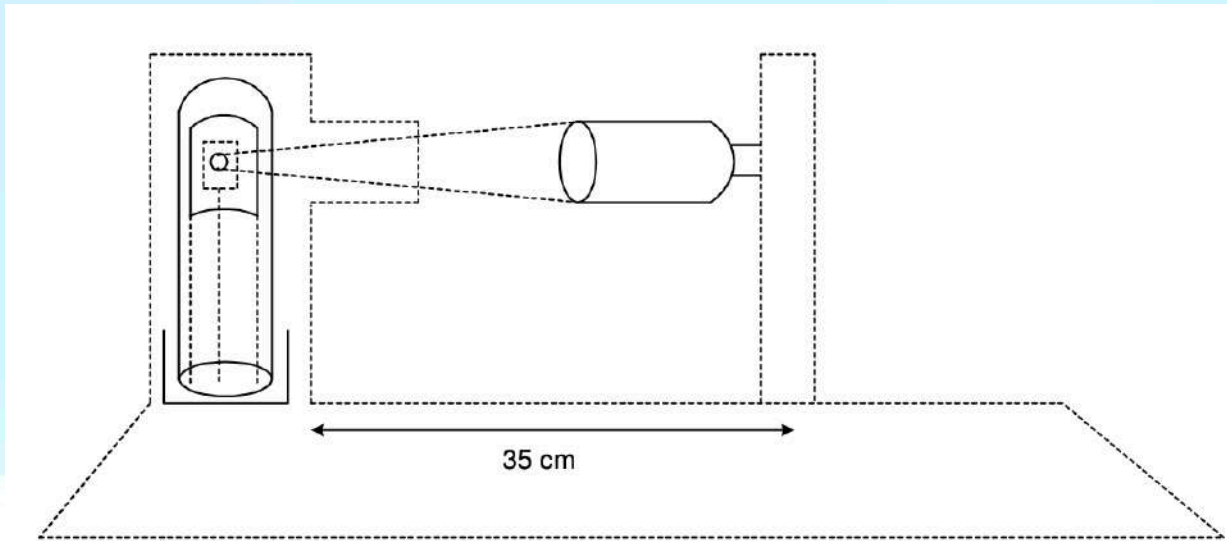


1-Light source, 2-Guide, 3-Scale, 4-Drawtube, 5-Cover, 6-Focus lens, 7-Vacuum Phototube, 8-Base for holding the Phototube, 9-Digital Meter, 10-Display mode switch, 11-Current multiplier, 12-Light intensity switch, 13-Filter set, 14-Accelerate voltage adjuster, 15-Lens cover, 16-Voltage direction switch, 17-Power switch, 18-Power indicator.



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## 2. Photo Electric effect,



- The light source is used to shine light on a photodiode to generate a photo current.
- We stop the photocurrent by applying a potential with retarding potential technique
- The potential required to stop the photocurrent is called as stopping potential ( $V_s$ ), and the kinetic energy of the electrons is defined as  $E_e = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = eV_s$

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$$E_e = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = eV_s$$

Then,

$$h\nu = eV_s + e \cdot \phi$$

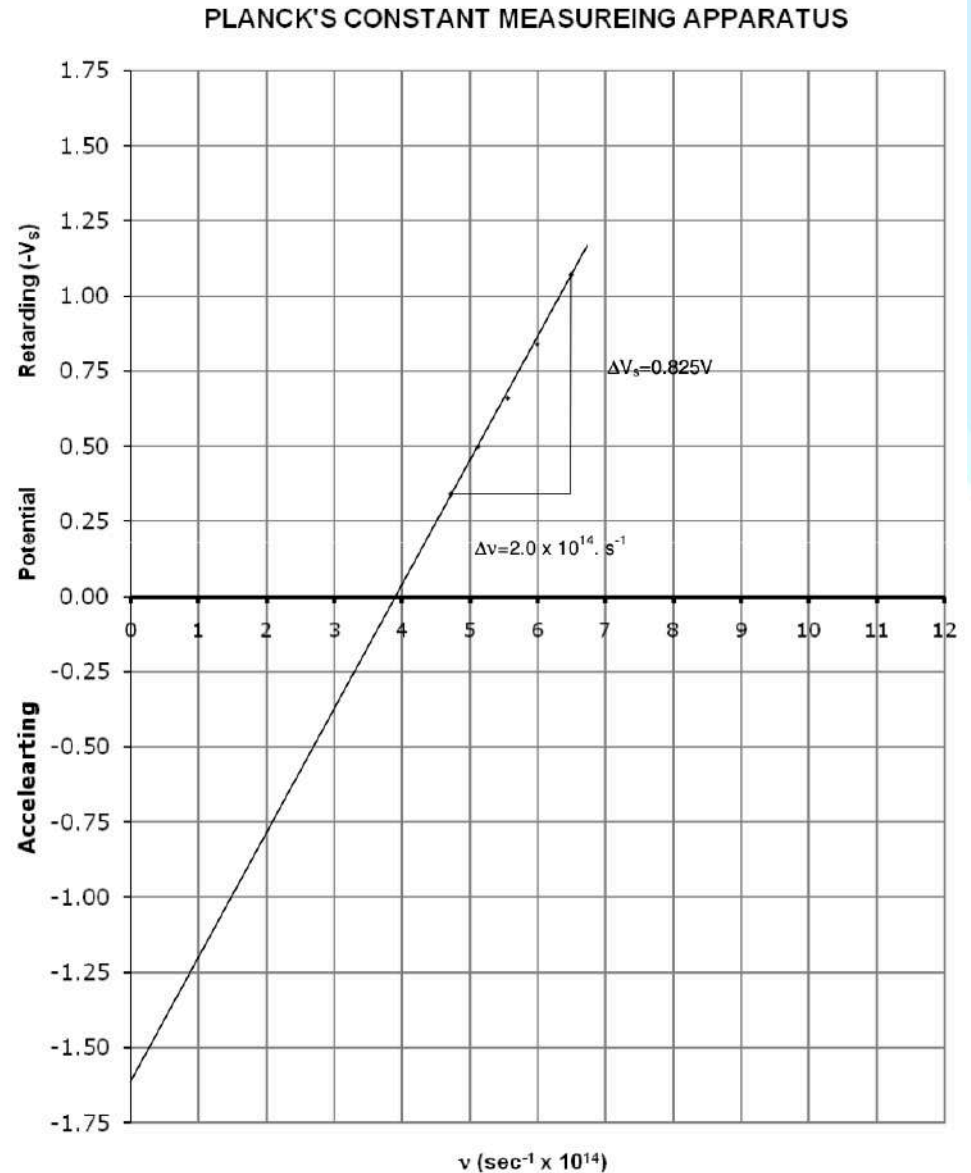
$$V_s = \frac{h}{e}\nu - \phi$$

$$V_s = -\phi \text{ for } \nu = 0$$

- Determination of Planck's Constant

Form the slope of the equation:

$$V_s = \frac{h}{e}\nu - \phi$$



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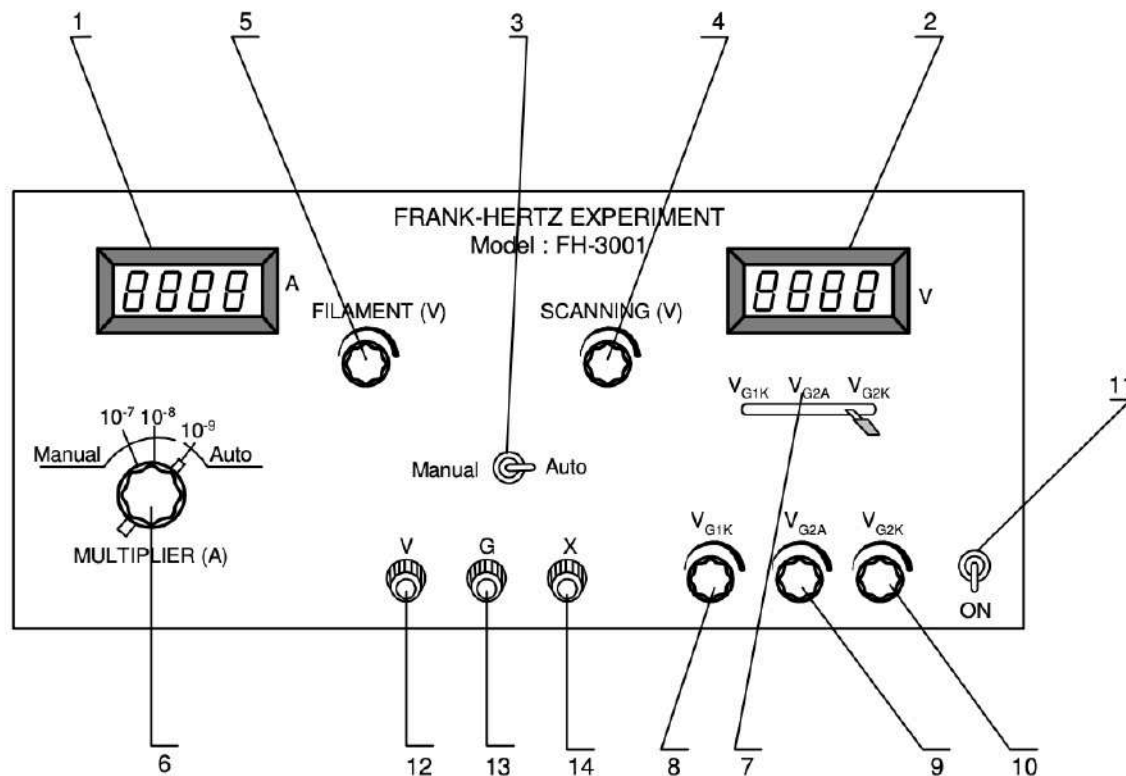
Atoms emit radiations at discrete frequencies

Frank and Hertz in 1914

- From Bohr's model, the frequency of the radiation  $\nu$  is related to the change of energy levels through  $\Delta E = h\nu$ .
- It is then expected to be that transfer of the energy to atomic electrons by any mechanism should always be in **discrete amounts**.
- One such mechanism of energy transfer is through the **inelastic scattering of low-energy electrons**.
  1. It is possible to **excite atoms** by low energy **electron bombardment**.
  2. The **energy transferred from electrons** to the atoms always had **discrete values**.
  3. The **values** so obtained for the energy levels were in **agreement** with **spectroscopic results**.

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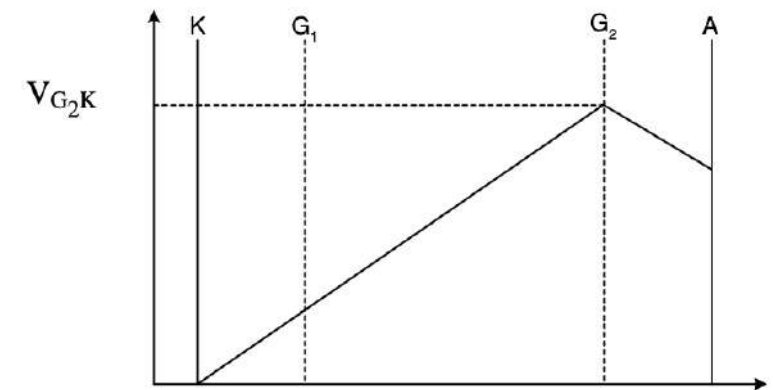
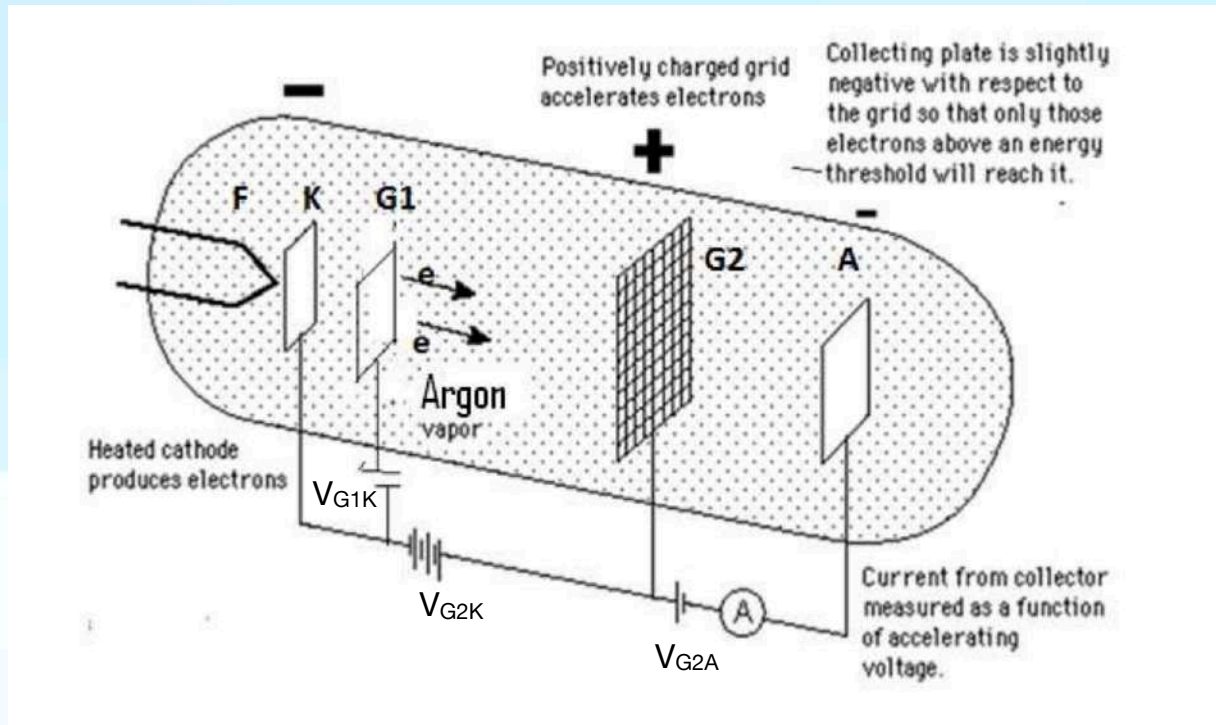
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- 1) Ammeter
- 2) Voltmeter
- 3) Manual - Auto Switch
- 4) Scanning Voltage Knob
- 5) Filament Voltage Knob
- 6) Current Multiplier Knob
- 7) Voltage Display Selector:  $V_{G_1K}$ ,  $V_{G_2A}$  or  $V_{G_2K}$
- 8)  $V_{G_1K}$  Adjust knob : 1.3 - 5V
- 9)  $V_{G_2A}$  Adjust Knob : 1.3 - 15 V
- 10)  $V_{G_2K}$  Adjust knob : 2.0 - 90V
- 11) Power Switch
- 12) Y-Output Terminal
- 13) Ground Terminal
- 14) X-output Terminal

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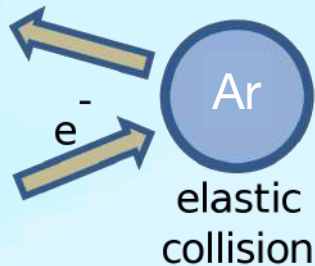




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An elastic collision conserve the kinetic energy, where as the inelastic collision is not



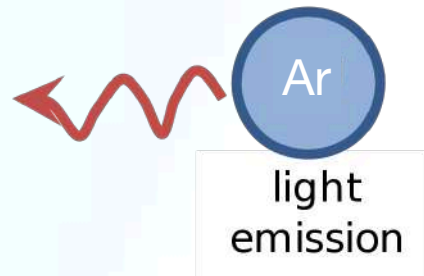
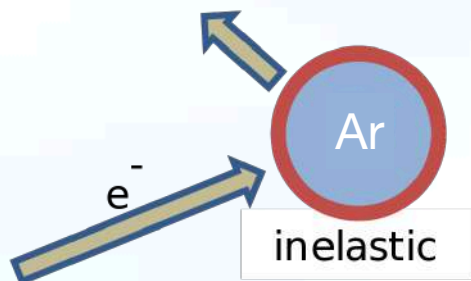
1. Low energy electrons undergo elastic collision with the Argon atoms and don't change their energy but changes their direction.

3. During the elastic collision the current shows the linear behaviour.

5. The higher energy (increasing of  $V_{G2K}$ ), electrons undergo inelastic collision and loose their energy. The energy is transferred to the Argon atoms, and they get excited.

7. During the inelastic collision the current drops drastically

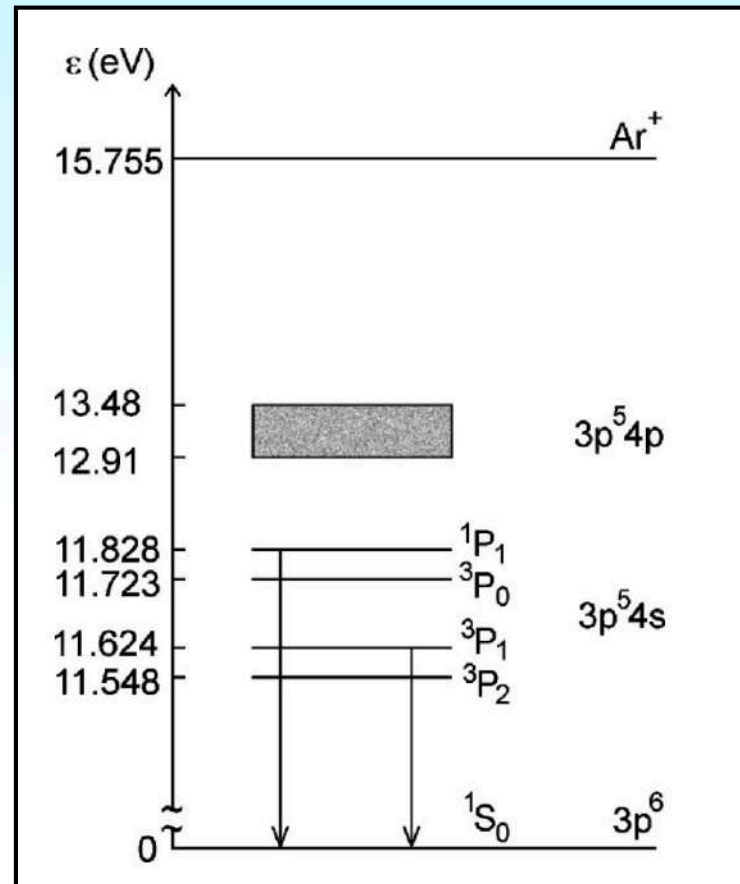
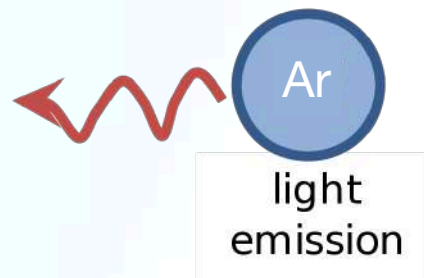
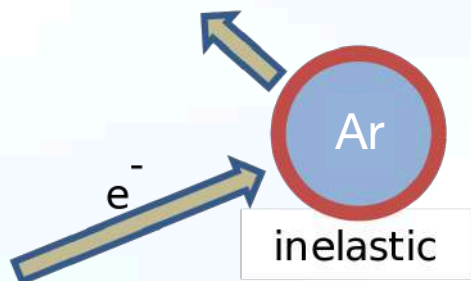
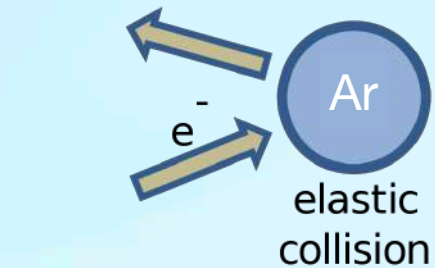
9. The excited Argon atoms subsequently emits light and returns to its original state.



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**Ar**  
**Argon**

Atomic number  
protons / electrons

**18**

Electron Affinity  
[kJ/mol]

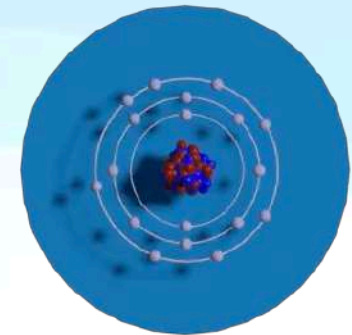
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Electronegativity  
(Pauling scale)

**N/A**

Ionization Energy  
[eV]

**15.759**



**[Ne] 3s<sup>2</sup> 3p<sup>6</sup>**

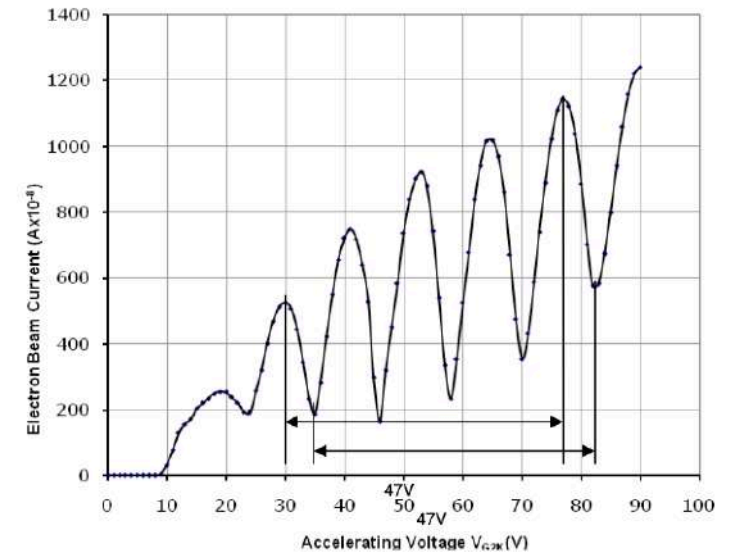
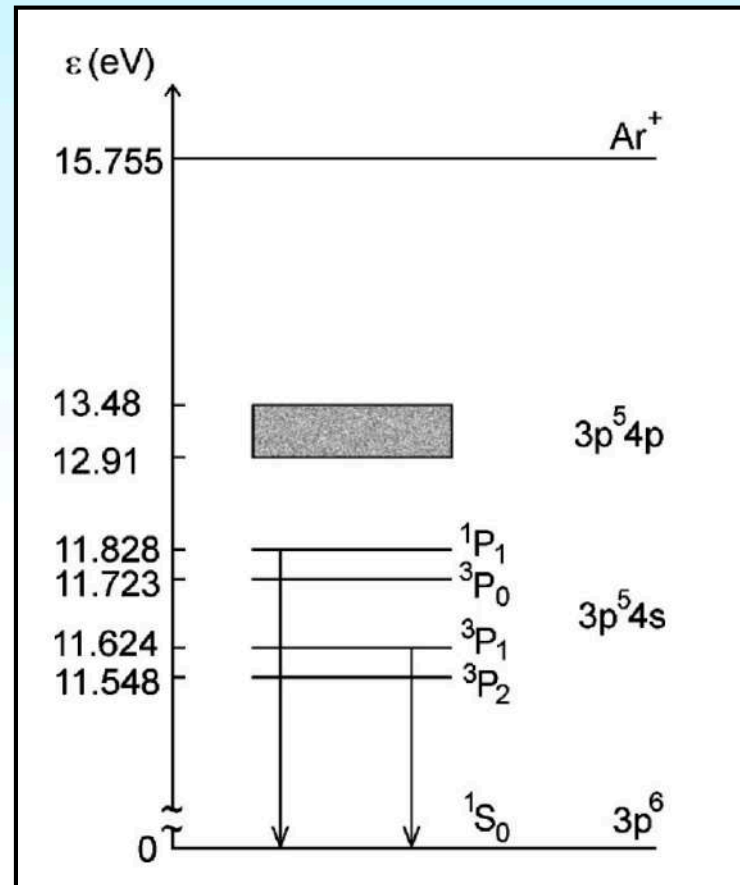
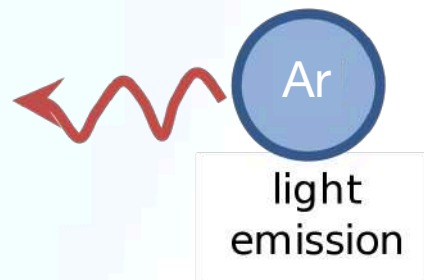
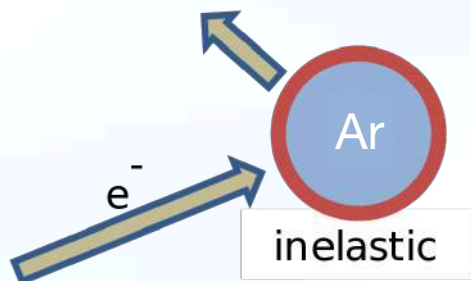
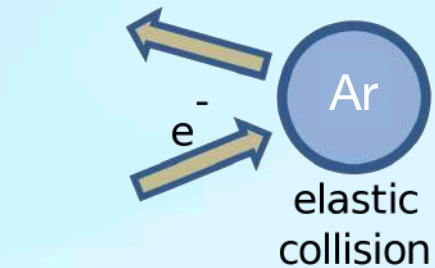
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3s ☐ 3p ☐ 3d ☐  
2s ☐ 2p ☐  
1s ☐

Argon atomic first excited stable state is at 11.83 eV

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The existence of atomic energy levels put forward by Bohr is proved directly

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A periodic light is an electromagnetic signal which intensity is dependent on time, and change its phase by distance.

$$I = I_0 + \Delta I_0 \cdot \cos(2\pi \cdot \nu \cdot t)$$

We can write simply as alternative signal

$$U = a \cdot \cos(2\pi \cdot \nu \cdot t)$$

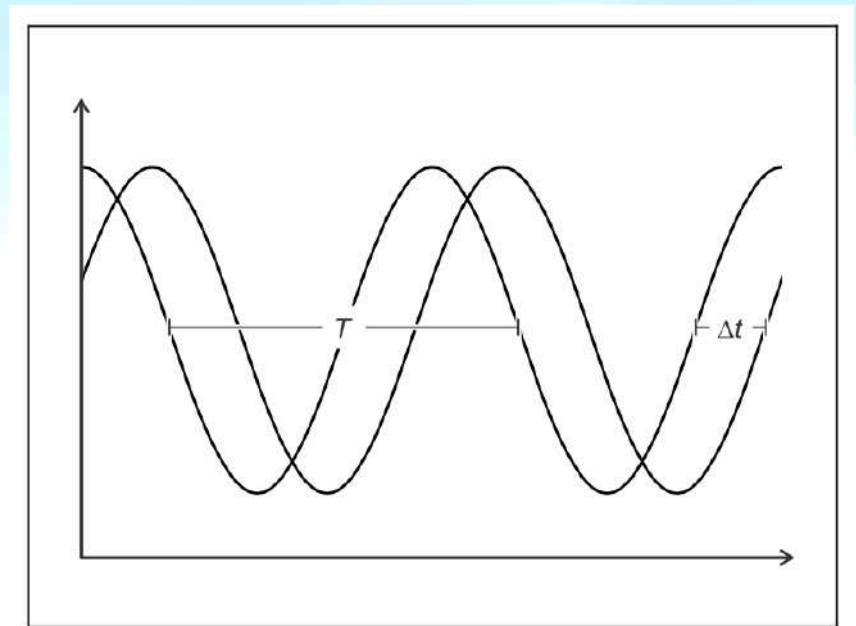
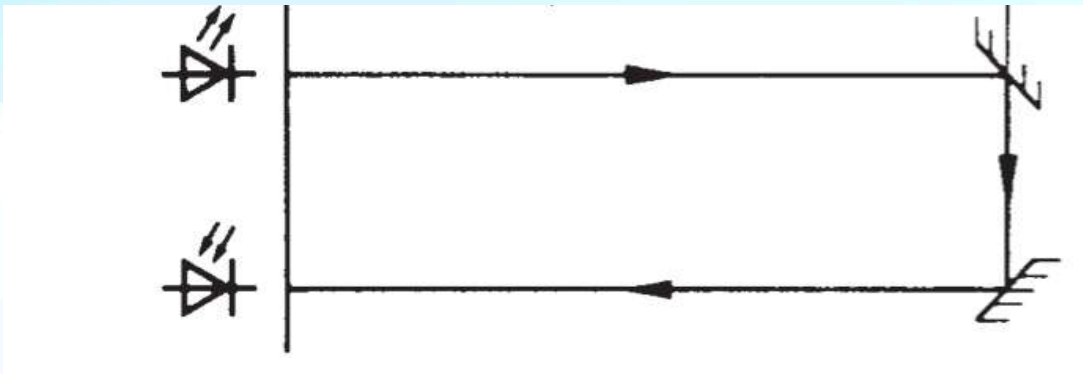


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## 4. Velocity of Light,

It will show a phase difference at the receiver as

$$U = a \cdot \cos(2\pi \cdot \nu \cdot t - \Delta\phi)$$

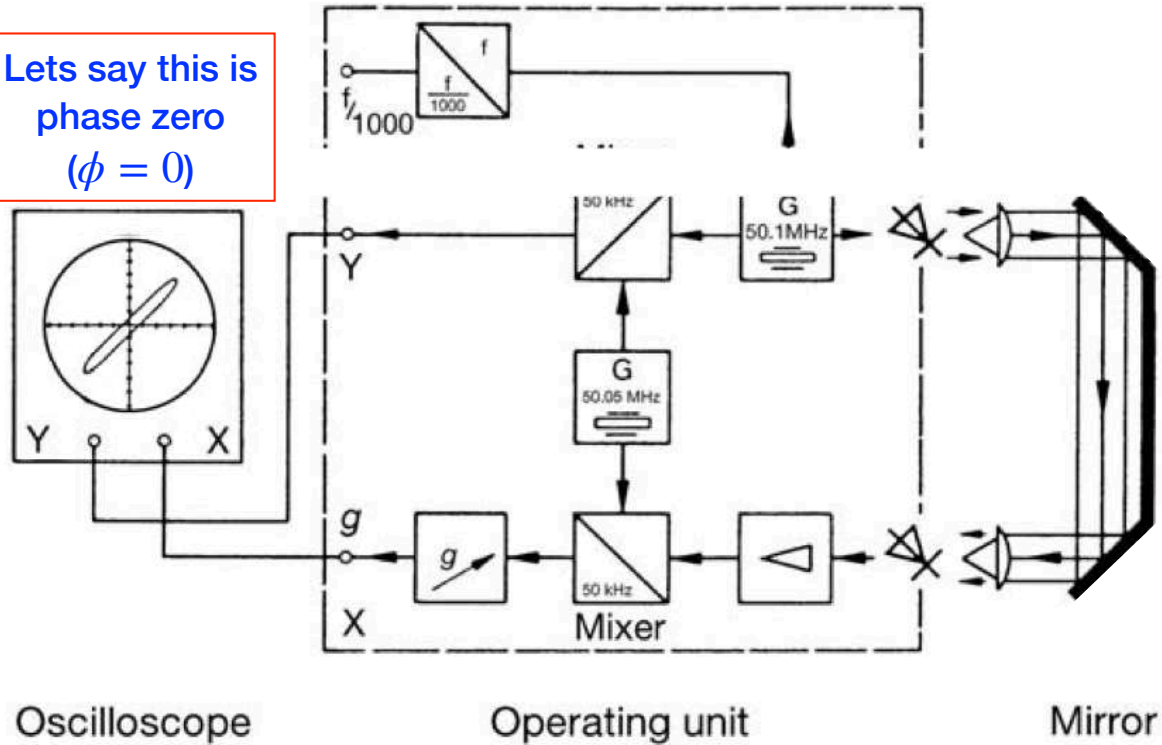


Lets make a path difference for a known phase difference by measuring the phase at the receiver

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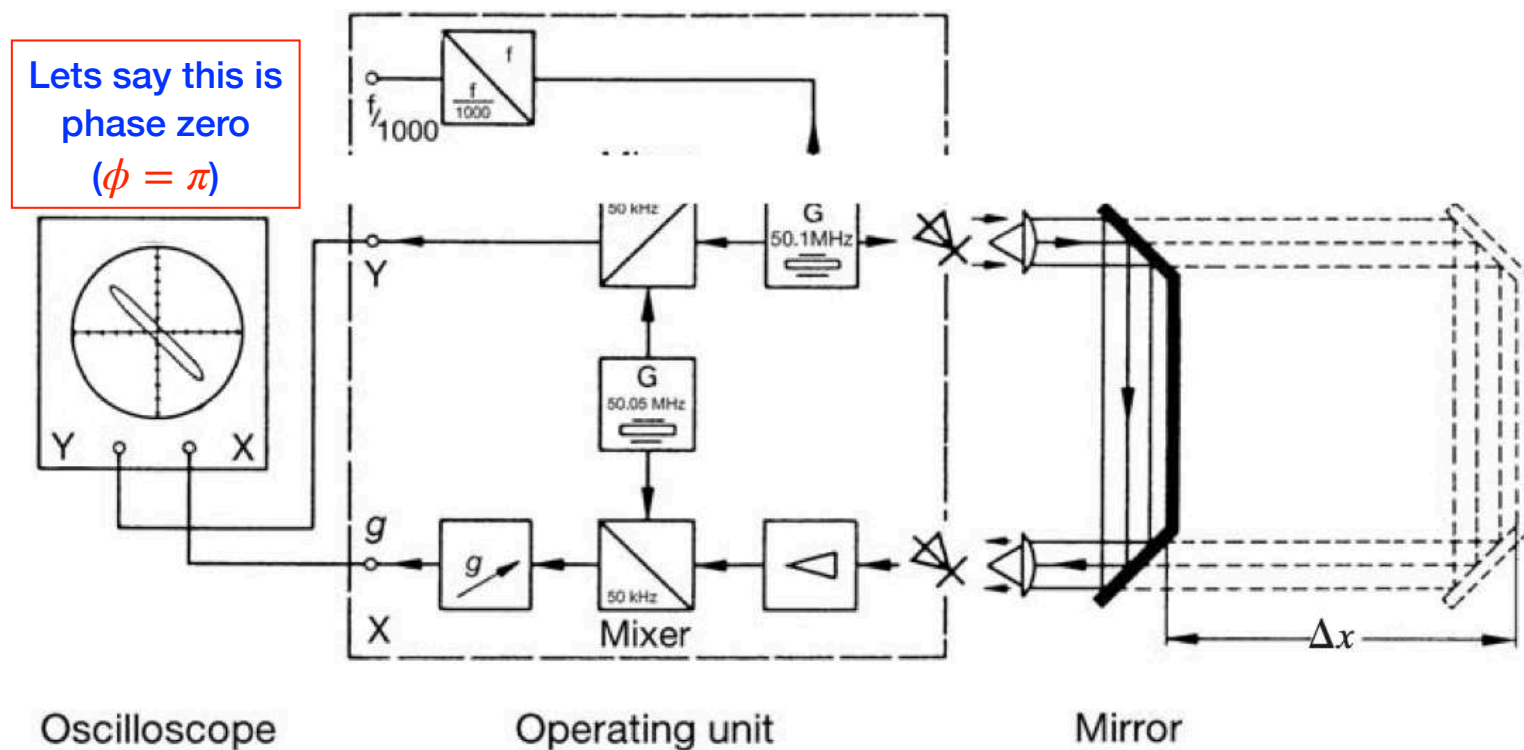
## 4. Velocity of Light,

Lets say this is  
phase zero  
( $\phi = 0$ )



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The extended path light path is  $\Delta l = 2 \cdot \Delta x$

For the phase difference ( $\Delta\phi = \pi$ ) the time required is  $\Delta t = 1/2f$ ,  $f$  is modulation frequency

$$\text{The velocity of light is } C = \frac{\Delta l}{\Delta t} = 4f \cdot \Delta x$$



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## 4. Velocity of Light, Determination of Refractive index:

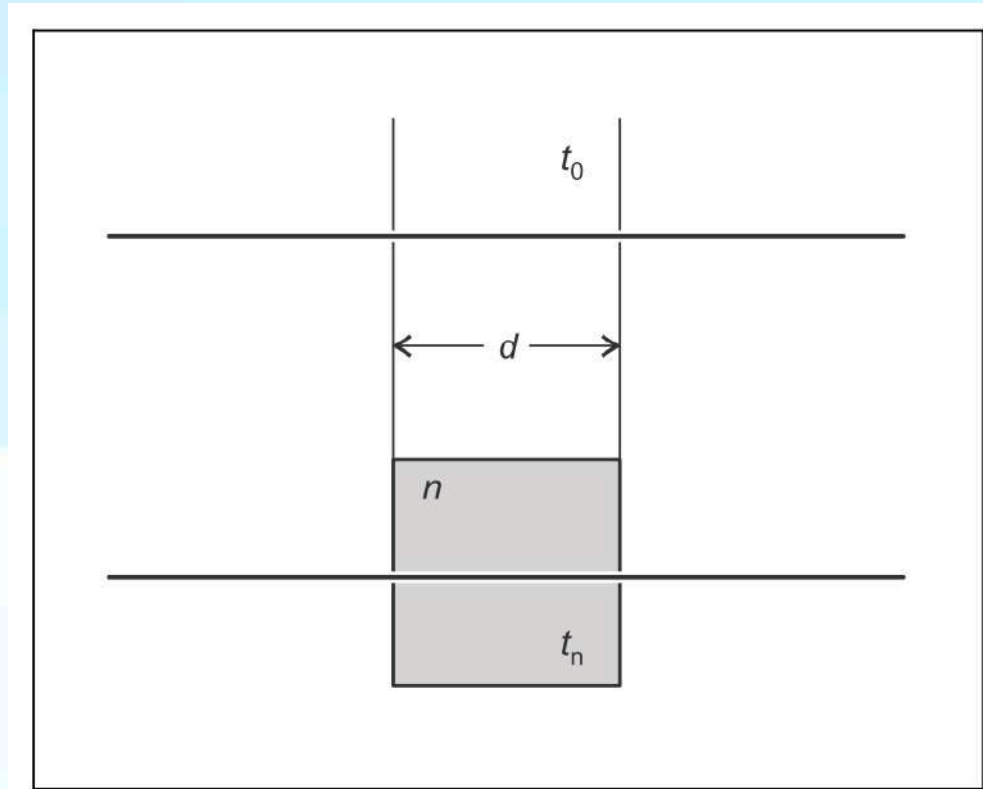


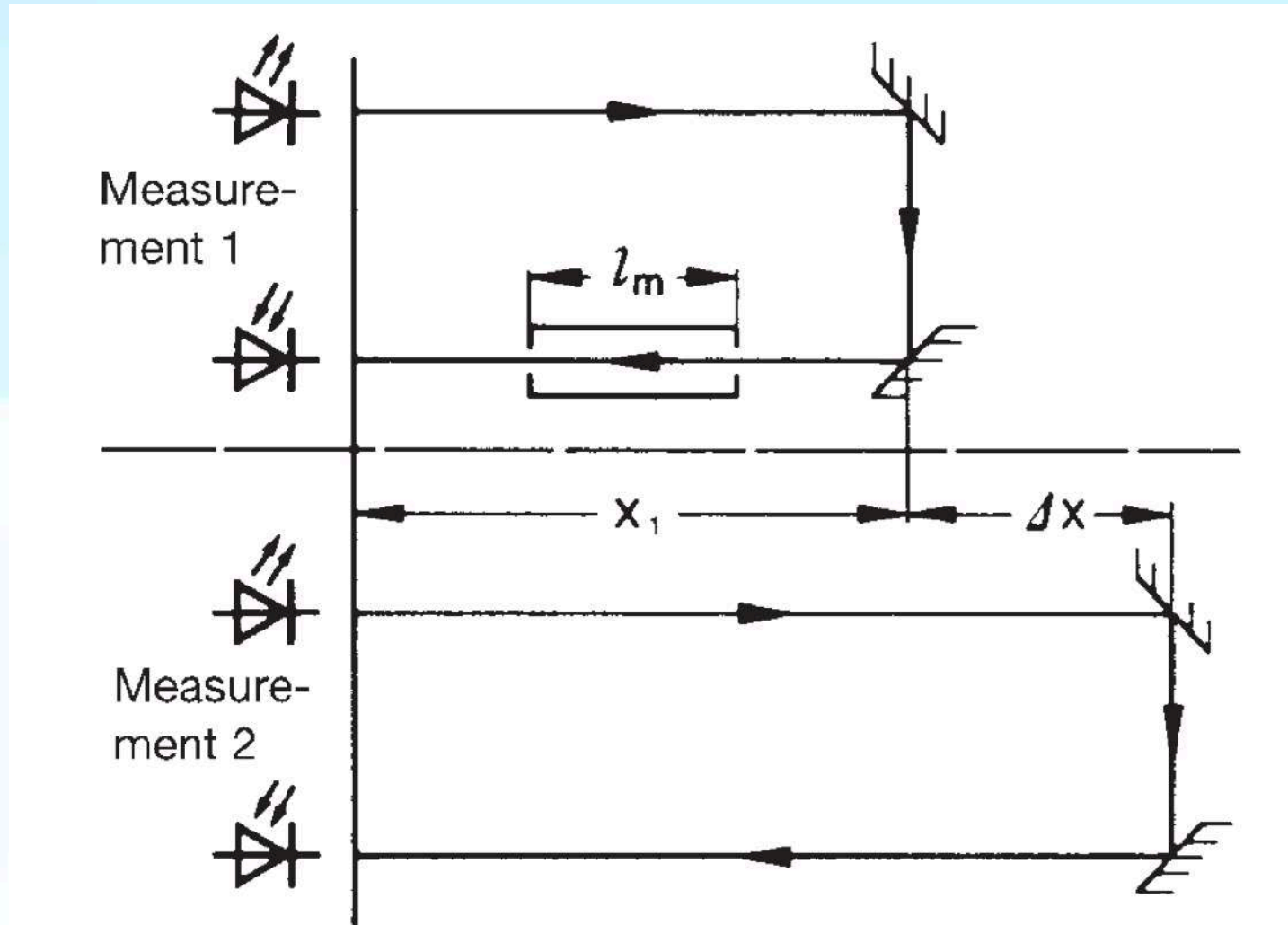
Fig. 1 In a medium with the refractive index  $n$  light propagates at a lower velocity than in vacuum. This leads to a change in the propagation time  $t$  of light along a path of length  $d$ .

Velocity of light in medium is:

$$C_M = \frac{C}{n}$$

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Refractive index of the medium is:

$$n = \frac{C}{C_M} = \frac{2.\Delta x}{l_m} + 1 + \frac{k.C}{f.l_m}$$

$$\frac{k.C}{f.l_m} \sim 6.k, \text{ for 1m water medium}$$

$$\frac{k.C}{f.l_m} \sim 20.k, \text{ for 30cm resin medium}$$

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For the energy flux density  $L$  of a black body:

The energy emitted per unit area and unit time,  $E = \frac{dL(T, \lambda)}{d\lambda}$

$T$  is temperature,

$\lambda$  is wavelength and within the interval  $d\lambda$ ,

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Planck's formula states :

$$\frac{dL(T, \lambda)}{d\lambda} = \frac{2C^2 h \lambda^{-5}}{e^{\frac{hC}{\lambda K T}} - 1}$$

Integrating over full wave length range :

$$\int_{\lambda=0}^{\lambda=\infty} dL(T, \lambda) = \int_{\lambda=0}^{\lambda=\infty} \frac{2C^2 h \lambda^{-5}}{e^{\frac{hC}{\lambda K T}} - 1} d\lambda$$

Flux density is

$$L(T, \lambda) = \frac{2\pi^5}{15} \cdot \frac{K^4}{C^2 h^3} \cdot T^4$$

$$L(T, \lambda) = \sigma \cdot T^4$$

with:  $c$  = velocity of light  
( $3.00 \cdot 10^8$  [m/s])

$h$  = Planck's constant  
( $6.62 \cdot 10^{-34}$  [J · s])

$k$  = Boltzmann's constant  
( $1.381 \cdot 10^{-23}$  [J · K<sup>-1</sup>])

with  $\sigma = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}$  [W · m<sup>-2</sup> · K<sup>-4</sup>]

Stefan-Boltzmann law

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Stefan-Boltzmann law  $L \sim T^4$  is also valid for 'grey body'

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For a fixed distance between filament and thermopile, the energy flux  $\phi$  which hits the thermopile is proportional to  $L(T)$ :

Then we can write,

$$\phi \sim L \sim T^4$$

We know that the flux ( $\phi$ ) is proportional to the thermo-electric e.m.f ( $U_{\text{therm}}$ ) of the thermopile

$$\phi \sim U_{\text{therm}}$$

So,

$$U_{\text{therm}} \sim T^4$$

Assuming the thermopile is at zero temperature. We should remember that thermopile can radiate at room temperature ( $T_R$ ) due to  $T^4$  law, so we have  $U_{\text{therm}} = f(T)$ . We neglect  $T_R$  in our experiment

Finally we have,

$$\log U_{\text{therm}} = 4 \log T + \text{const}$$

*Slope of the above straight line equation should be equal to 4*

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The absolute temperature  $T = t + 273$  of the filament is calculated from the measured resistances  $R(t)$ , ( $t$  = temperature in centigrade)

$$R(t) = R_o(1 + \alpha t^2 + \beta t^3)$$

Zero temperature resistance can be estimated

$$R_o = \frac{R(t_R)}{(1 + \alpha t^2 + \beta t^3)}$$

with $R_0$	= resistance at 0 °C
$\alpha$	= $4.82 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}$
$\beta$	= $6.76 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ K}^{-2}$

Then it is easy to estimate the temperature from the resistance measured at temperature

$$T = 273 + \frac{1}{2\beta} \left[ \sqrt{\alpha^2 + 4\beta \left( \frac{R(t)}{R_o} - 1 \right)} - \alpha \right]$$

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$R(t_R)$  and  $R(t)$  are found by applying Ohm's law, e.g. by voltage and current measurements across the filament.

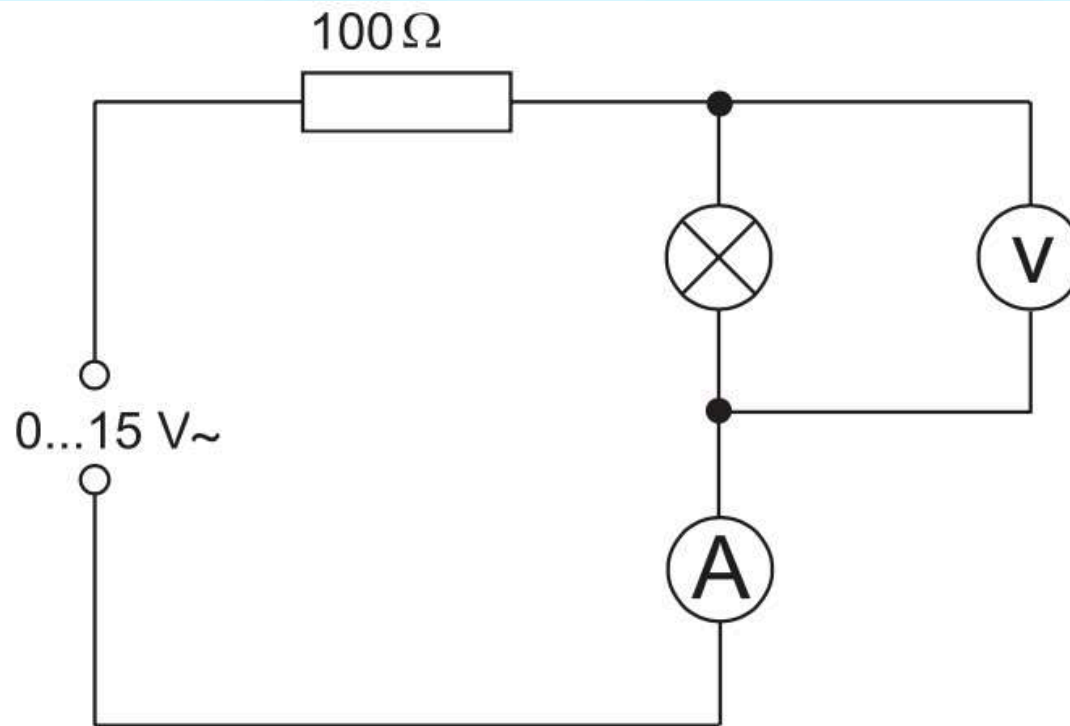


Fig. 3: Circuit for measuring the resistance of the lamp at room temperature.

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We can find the slope from data ( $\log U_{\text{therm}}$  vs  $T$ ) fitted to a straight line

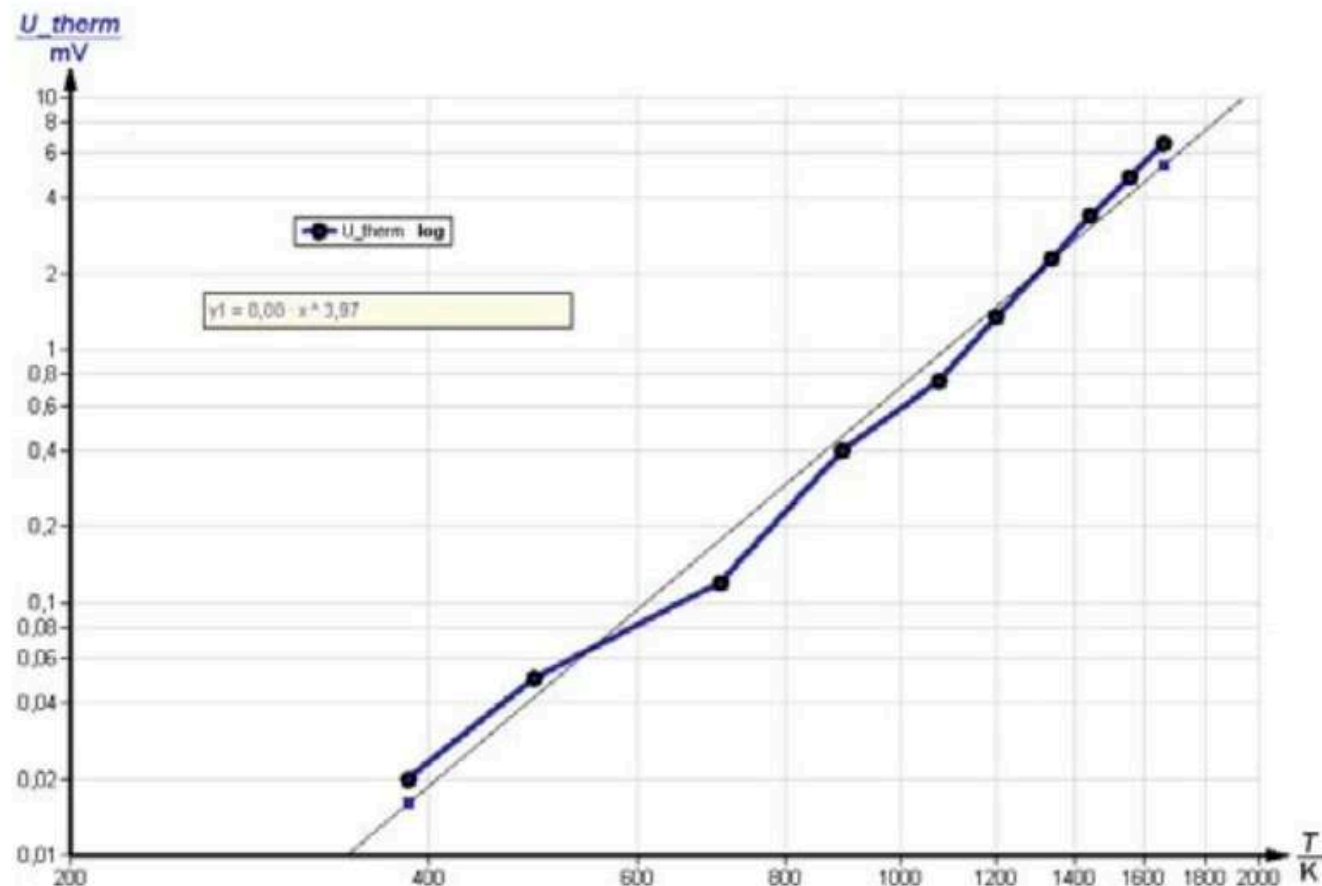


Fig. 7: Example of measurement results

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Todo list in each experiments:

### 1. Electron Diffraction (Estimate the Planck's Constant)

- 5 Different voltage between 3kV to 5kV
- For each voltage at least 5 readings of diameter of each ring

### 2. Velocity of Light (Find the speed of light and refractive index of medium)

- At least 10 Readings of  $c$  in air
- 5 readings in medium

### 3. Photo Electric effect (Estimate the Planck's Constant)

- For each value of frequency, at least 5 readings averages.
- Two graphs of stopping potential vs frequency at two different intensities, either by varying distance or bulb current.

### 4. Frank Hertz (Determination of Ar gas first excited state)

- At least two (three preferable) sets of readings by varying Extraction voltage and retardation voltage

### 5. Stefan Boltzmann (Verify the Stefan Boltzmann Law)

- Room temperature Resistance of bulb at 5 different current
- $V$  vs  $I$
- At least 5 reading in bulb glowing condition.

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Marks division (Total 100 Marks)

1. Lab notes (30 Marks),
  - Each experiment carried 6M
2. Midsem VIVA (25 Marks)
  - After minimum three experiments done by all sub-groups
3. Endsem Practical (35 Marks),
4. Endsem VIVA (10 Marks)

**All the best**