

9 (a) State what is meant by the photoelectric effect.

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(b) The photoelectric effect is investigated in two stages using the circuit shown in Fig. 9.1.

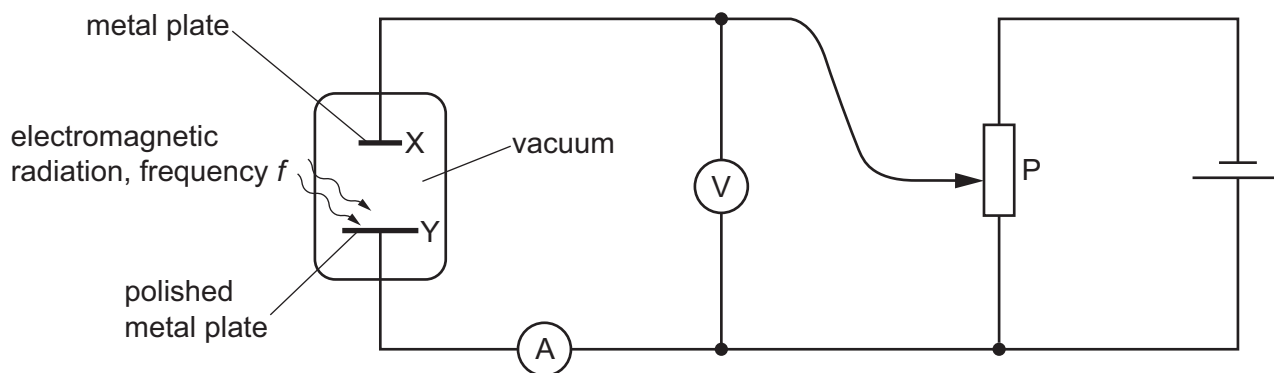


Fig. 9.1

The polished metal plate Y is illuminated with electromagnetic radiation of frequency f and constant power.

In stage 1 of the investigation, frequency f is set to a constant value of 2.5×10^{15} Hz. The current I in the ammeter is varied by adjusting the potentiometer P. Fig. 9.2 shows the variation of I with the voltmeter reading V . There is a value V_S of V at which the current just falls to zero.

In stage 2 of the investigation, stage 1 is repeated for different values of frequency. As frequency f is varied, the voltmeter reading V_S at which the current just falls to zero is measured. Fig. 9.3 shows the variation of V_S with f .

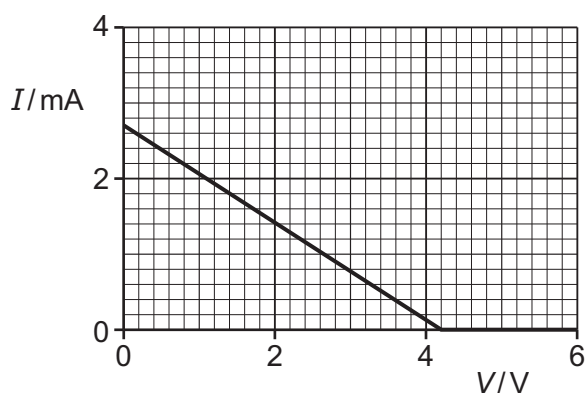


Fig. 9.2

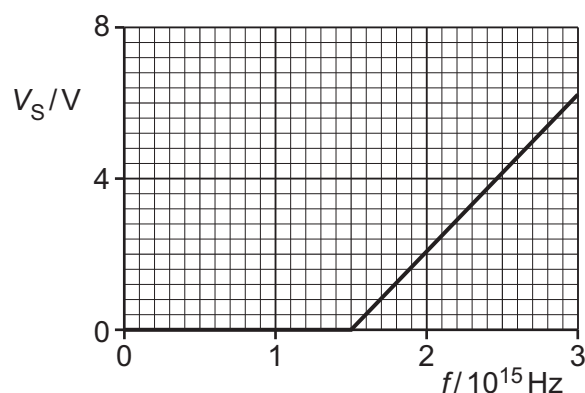


Fig. 9.3





- (i) Explain, with reference to photons, why V_S depends on the frequency of the incident electromagnetic radiation.

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- (ii) State **three** quantitative conclusions that can be drawn from the results in Fig. 9.2 and Fig. 9.3. Use the space for any working.

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