

- 6 A photocell is connected in a series circuit with a variable d.c. power supply and a sensitive ammeter as shown in Fig. 6.1.

The photocell is illuminated with electromagnetic radiation of wavelength 264 nm and power 3.8 mW and photoelectrons are emitted. The potential difference  $V$  between the collector C and emitter E in the photocell is adjusted and the photocurrent  $I$  is measured. Fig. 6.2 below shows the graph of  $I$  against  $V$ .

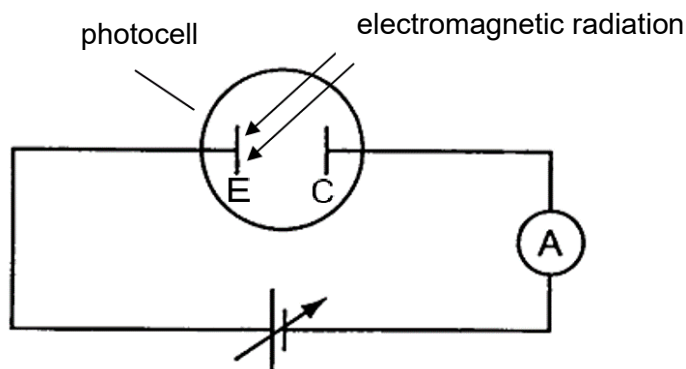


Fig. 6.1

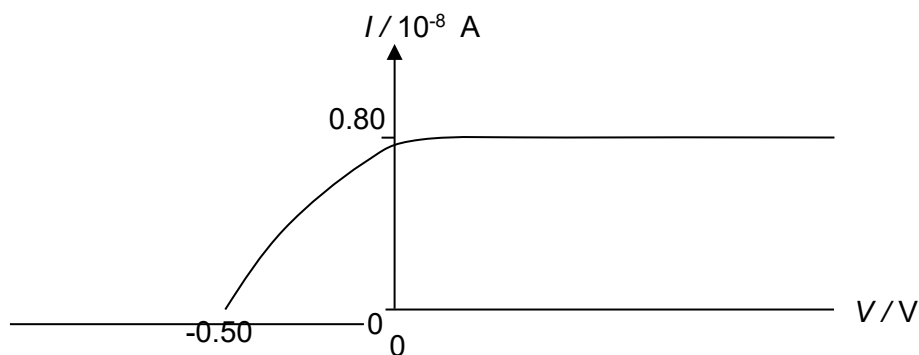


Fig. 6.2

- (a) Explain why the photocurrent does not continue to increase for positive values of  $V$ .

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**(b) (i)** Determine the energy of a photon of the incident electromagnetic radiation.

energy = ..... J [1]

**(ii)** Calculate the rate at which the photons are incident on the emitter.

rate of photon incidence = ..... s<sup>-1</sup> [2]

**(iii)** Show that the maximum rate of photoelectron emission is  $5.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

**(iv)** Suggest a reason for the difference between **(b)(ii)** and your answer in **(b)(iii)**. [1]

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- (c) (i) Calculate the work function energy of the emitter.

work function energy = ..... J [1]

- (ii) The emitter is replaced with another emitter of **half** the work function energy.  
On Fig. 6.2, sketch a graph to show the new variation with  $V$  of  $I$ . [2]