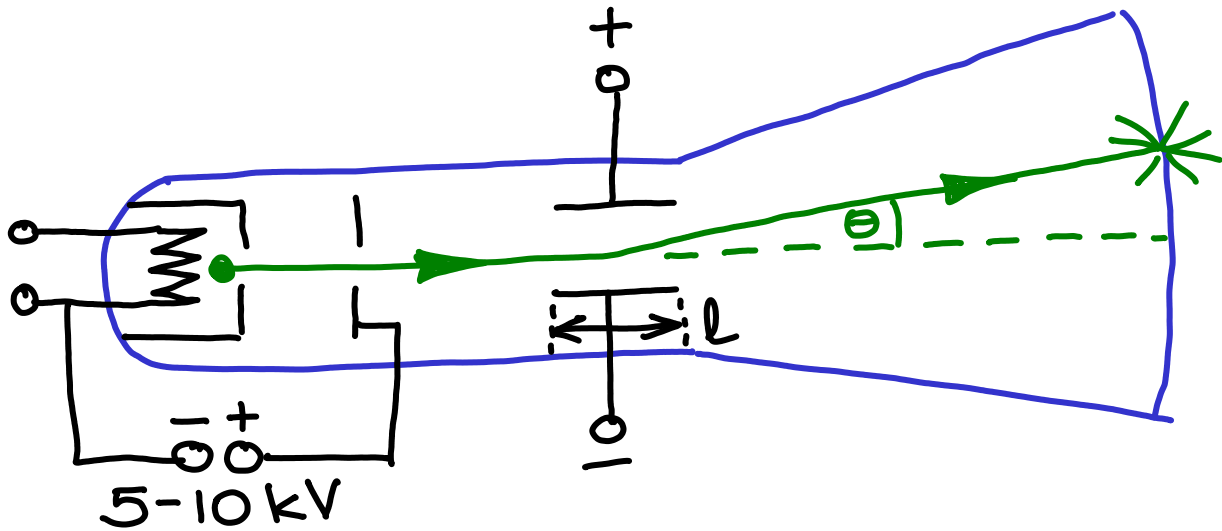


# Electrons (cathode rays)

Joseph John Thomson, 1897  
(1906, Nobel)



$$\frac{q}{m} = \frac{E \tan \theta}{B^2 l}$$

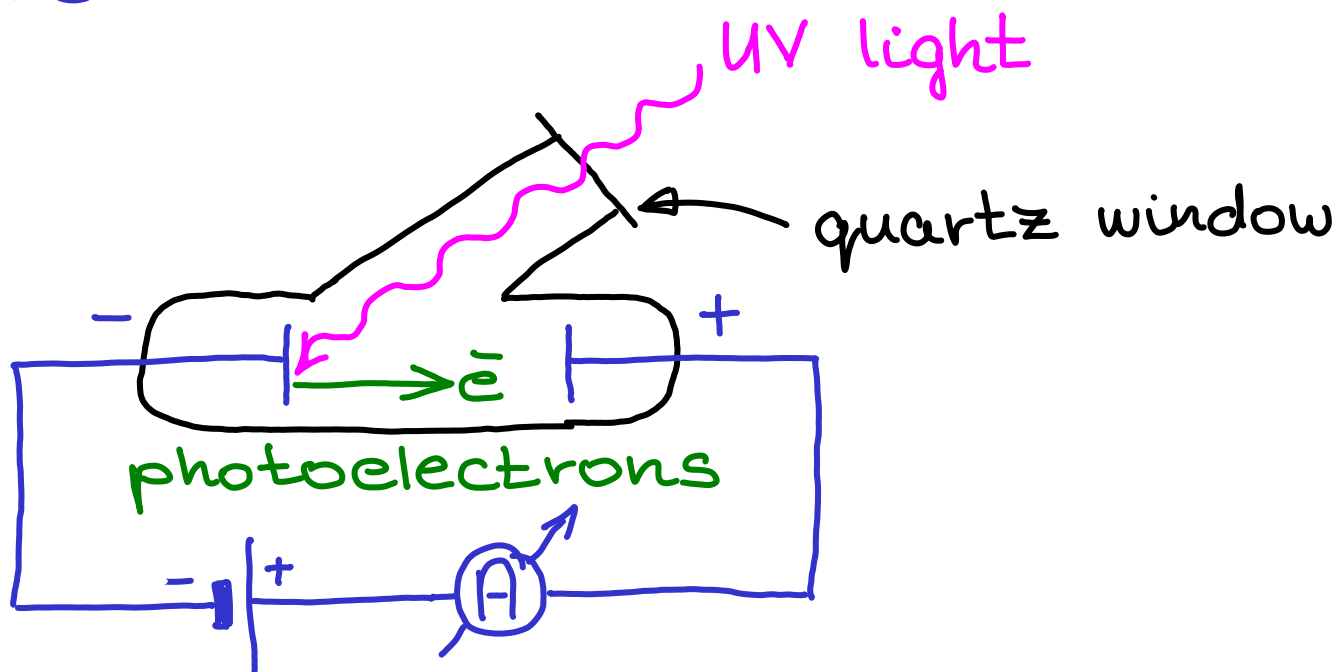
$$\underbrace{\frac{E}{B} = v_0}_{\text{velocity selector}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{q}{m} = 1.76 \cdot 10^{11} \frac{C}{kg}}$$

charge to mass ratio of the electron,  
or electric charge density of the  
electron.

# Photoelectric effect

When light shines on the surface of a metal, electrons are emitted by the metal.



Heinrich Hertz, 1887

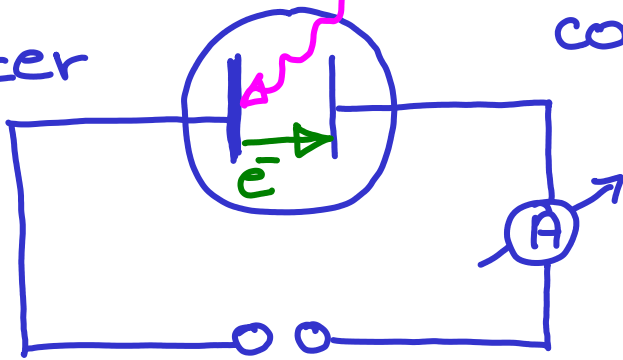
Philipp von Lenard (1905, Nobel)

Albert Einstein (1921, Nobel)

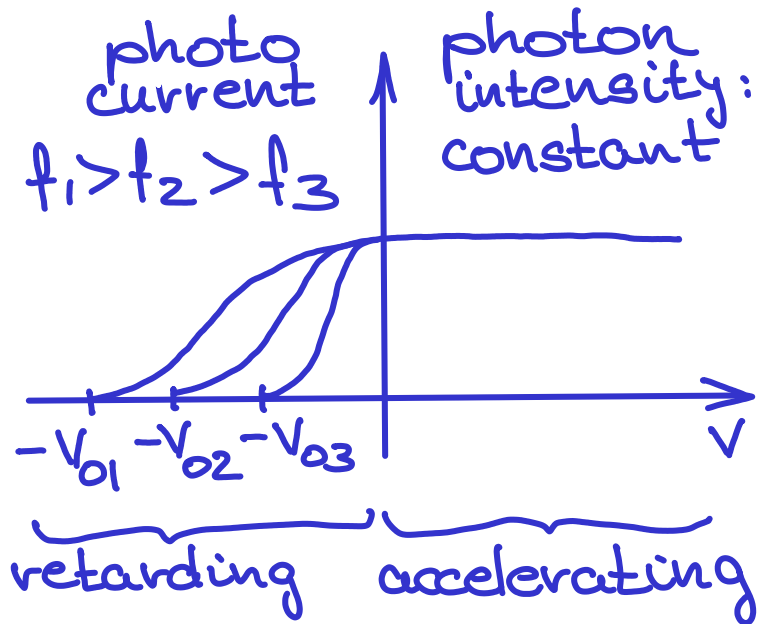
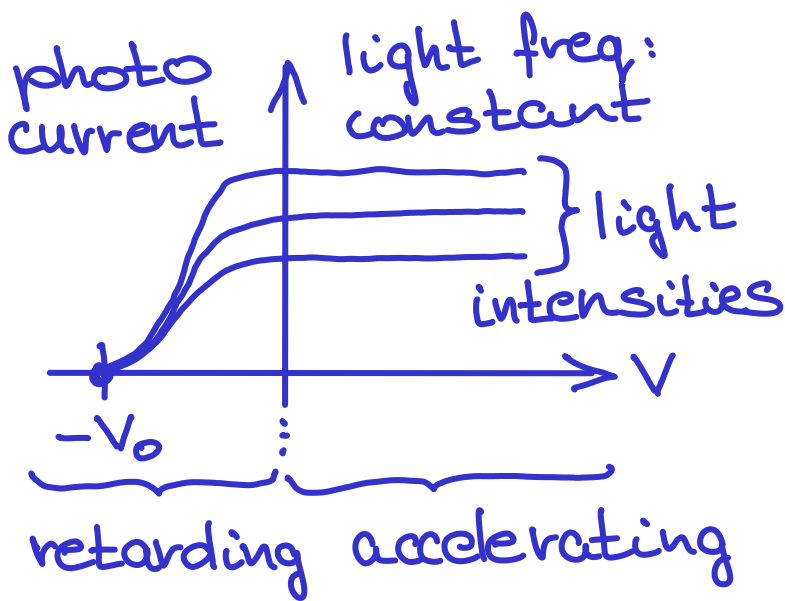
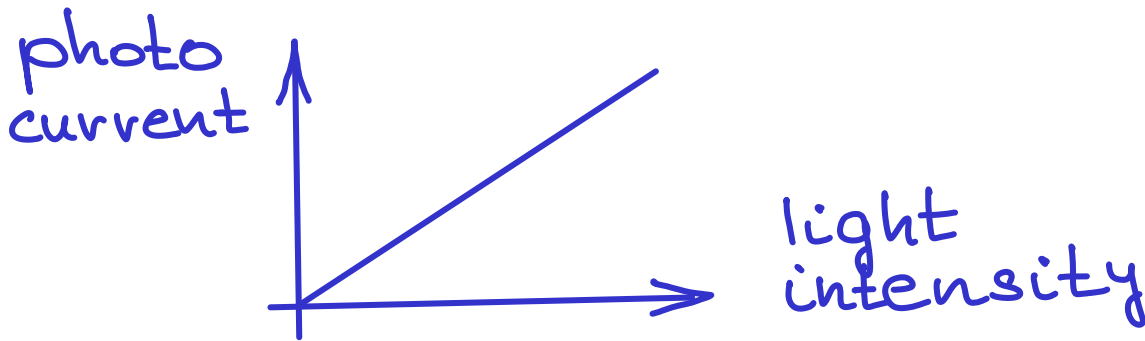
# Photoelectric effect 2.

(photo) cathode:  
emitter

anode:  
collector



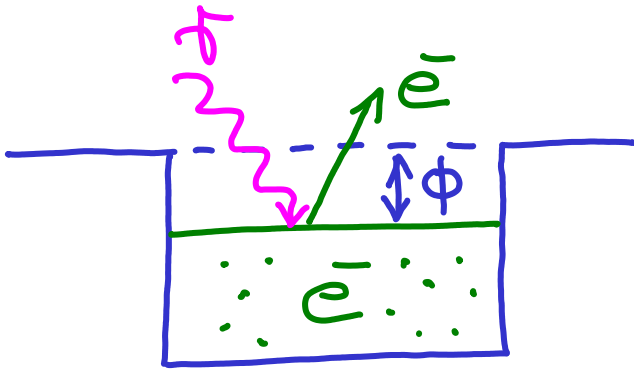
- + : accelerating } potential  
+ - : retarding }



Even at very low light intensities, the photoelectrons appear quickly:

(Lenard: 0.1s, later experiments:  $\approx 1$ ns.)

# Einstein's explanation, 1905 (1921, Nobel Prize)



Light is quantized:

$$E_{\gamma} = hf$$

red: 1.8 eV, blue: 3.1 eV

$$E_{\gamma} = hf = \phi + \frac{1}{2} m_e v_e^2$$

$$hf = \phi + eV_0$$

$KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$   
is ok, b/c  
 $v$  is low!

The energy of ONE photon is taken by ONE electron.

$\phi$ : work function of the cathode

|             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Na: 2.36 eV | Al: 4.20 eV | Cu: 4.48 eV |
| K: 2.29 eV  | Zn: 4.33 eV | Ag: 4.64 eV |

Millikan:

$$KE = eV_0 = hf - \phi$$

