# PHYSICS 2DL – SPRING 2010

#### MODERN PHYSICS LABORATORY

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# 2Day in 2DL

- Review Errors from Chi-squared fits
- Theory of experiment 3.
- Theory of experiment 4-6 in lab this week.
- You will choose your lab schedule and lab partner this week in lab if you haven't yet.
- You start doing the labs next week
- HW #1 due next week in lab.

# **Error Propagation HW Example**

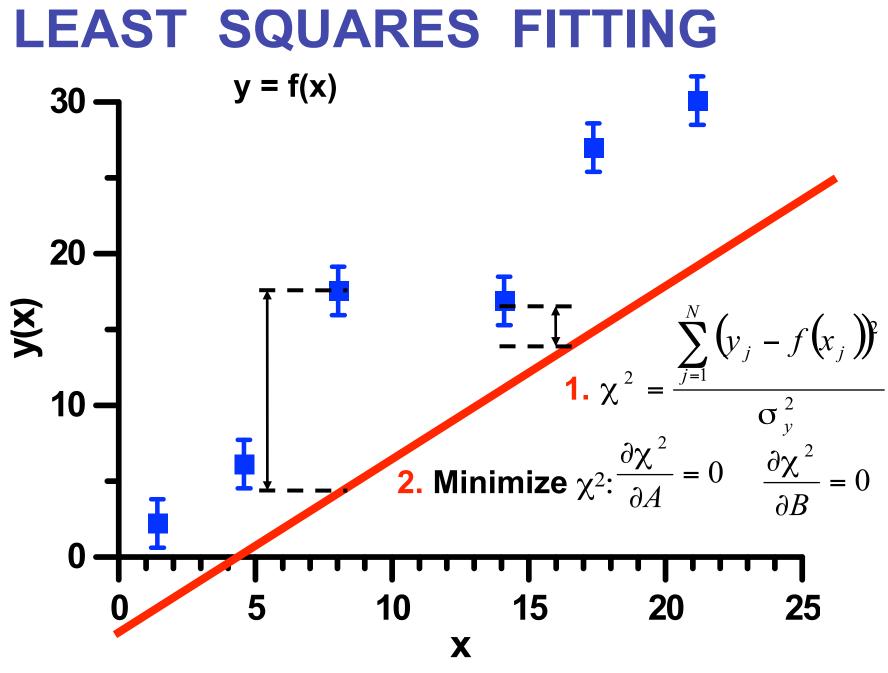
- Using a stopwatch, with uncertainty of 0.1 sec, measure period to better than the resolution of the stopwatch.
- E.g., one period takes ~0.5±0.1 sec,
- 5 periods takes 2.4±0.1 sec, how long is each period?
- =0.48±0.02 sec
- 20 periods takes 9.4±0.1 sec, how long is each period?
- 0.470±0.005 sec

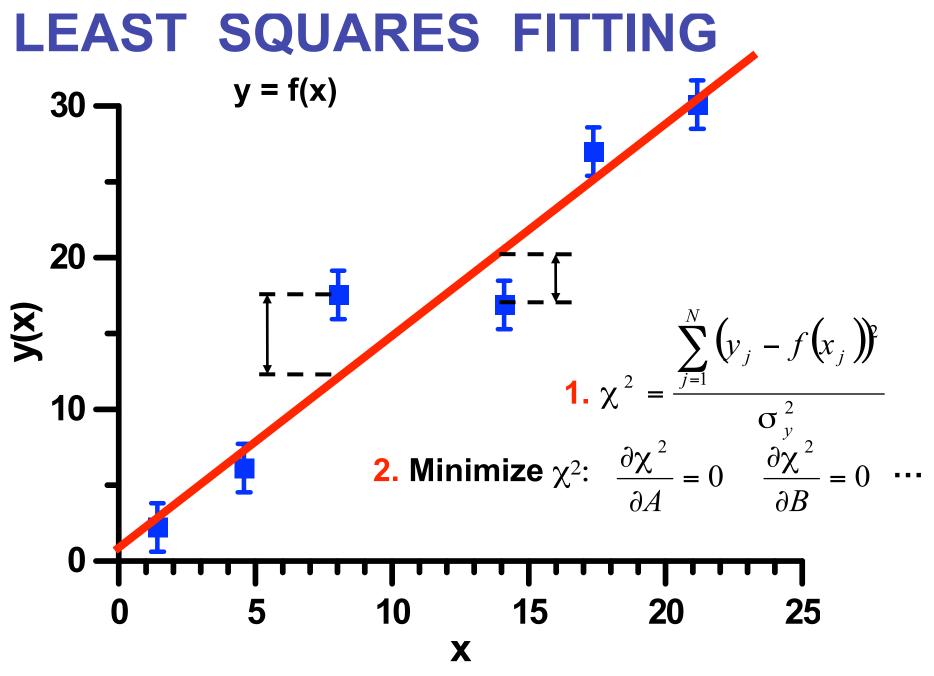
#### **Error propagation**

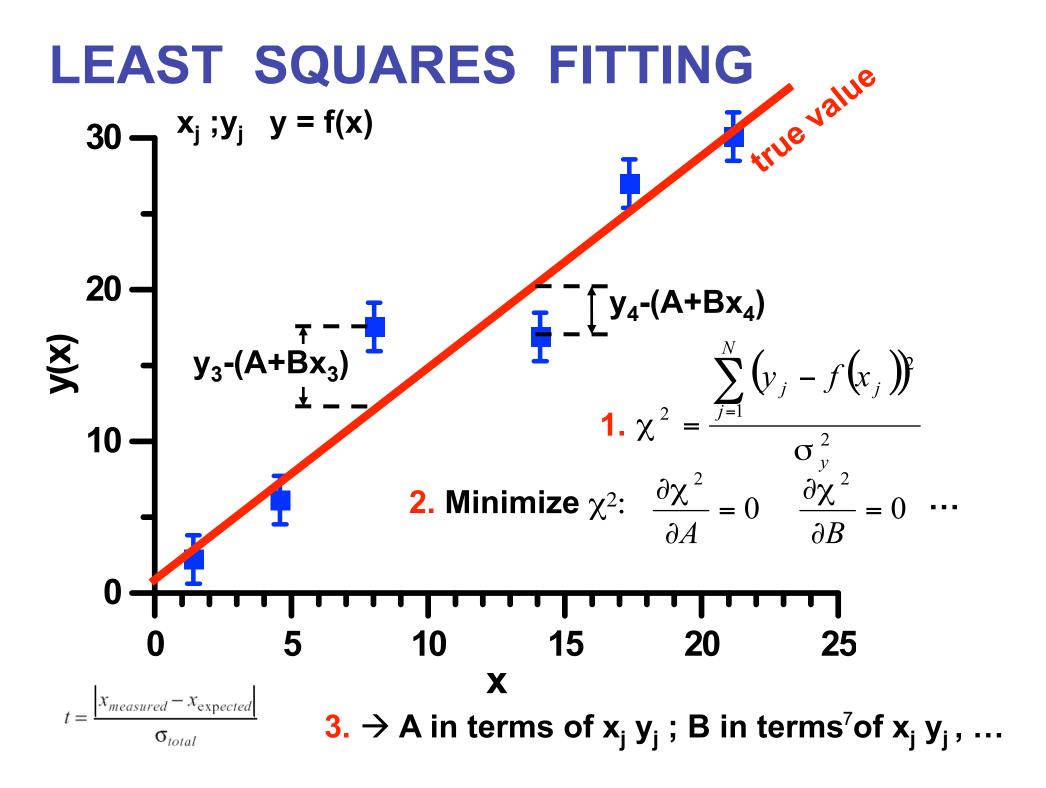
$$\delta q = \left| \frac{dq}{dx} \right| \delta x$$

$$q = q(x, y, z)$$

$$\delta q = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}\delta x\frac{1}{j}^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial y}\delta y\frac{1}{j}^{2} + \dots + \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial z}\delta z\frac{1}{j}\right)^{2}\right)}$$





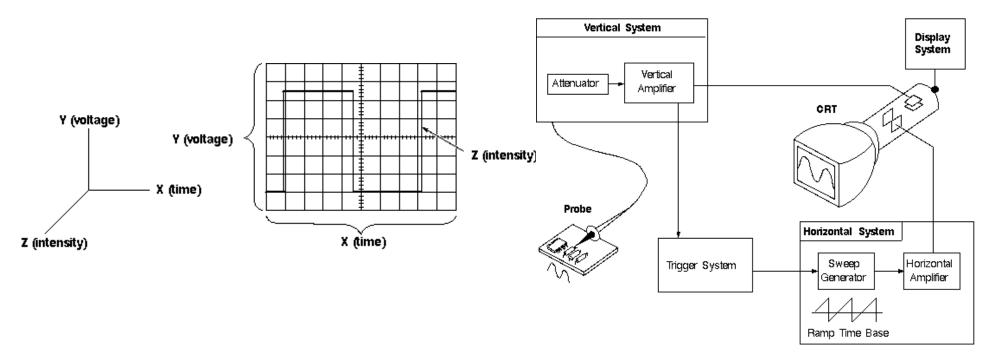


### Electronics Recap for Lab 3

• You should play around with lab equipment this week.

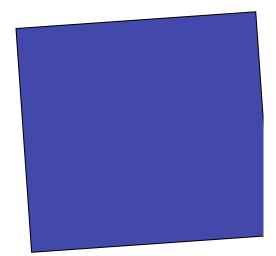
•You can determine the time and voltage values of a signal.

- •You can calculate the frequency of an oscillating signal.
- •You can tell if a malfunctioning component is distorting the signal.
- •You can find out how much of a signal is direct current (DC) or alternating current (AC).
- •You can tell how much of the signal is noise and whether the noise is changing with time.



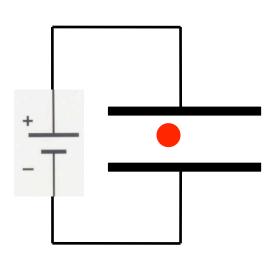


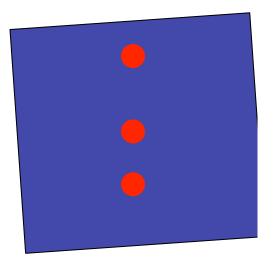




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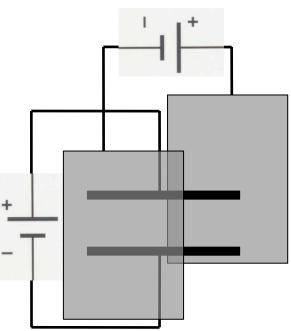


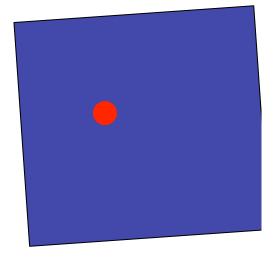


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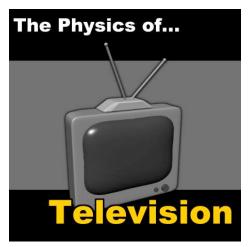


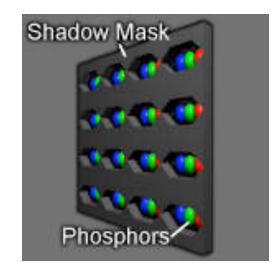
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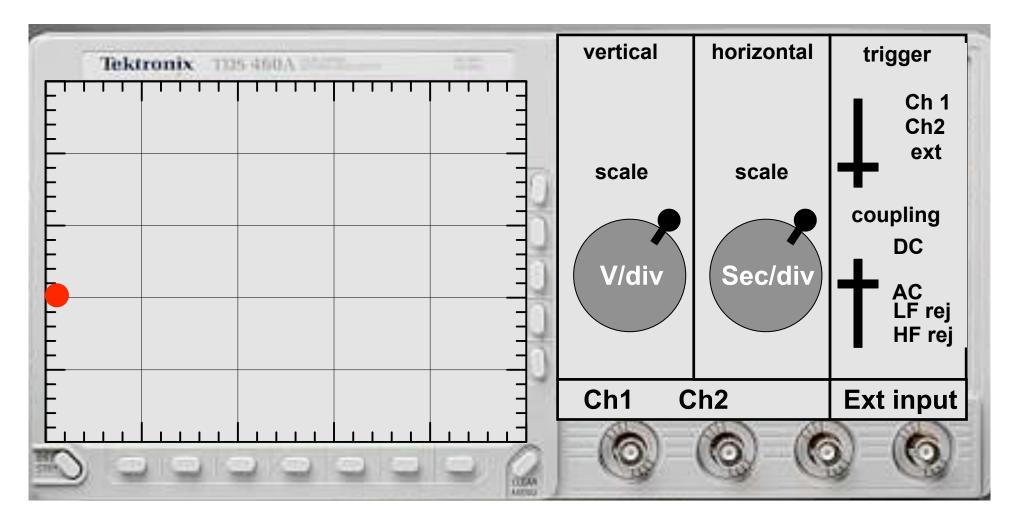


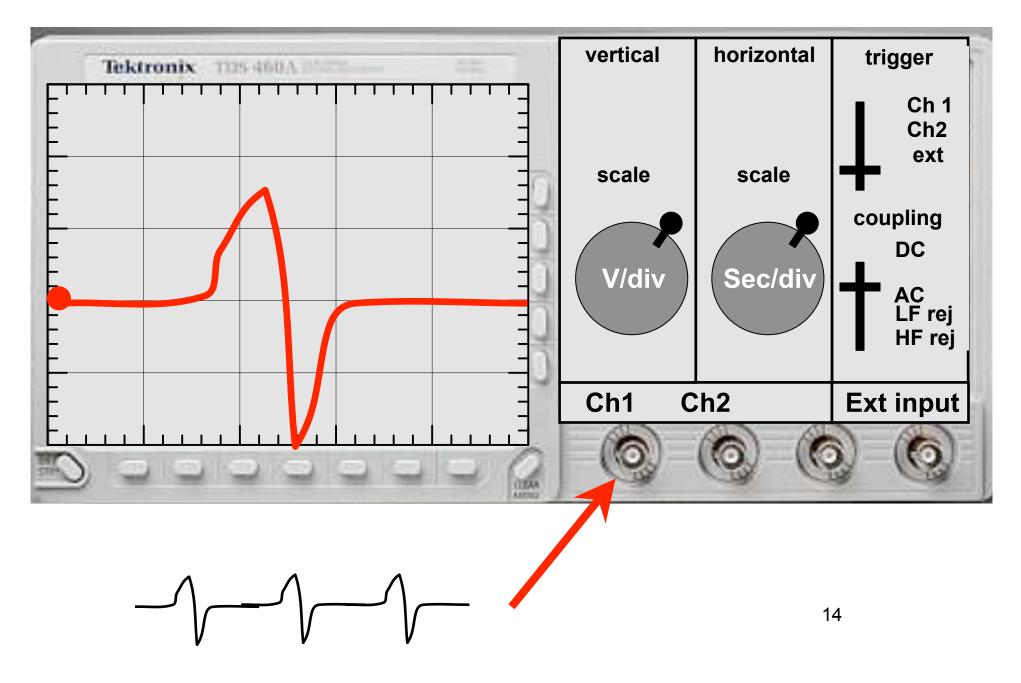


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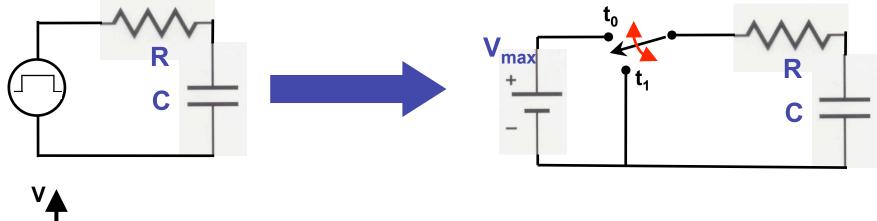


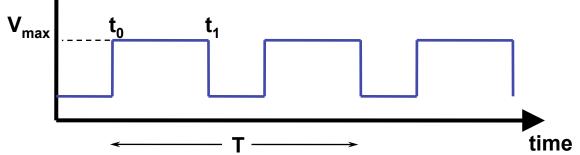






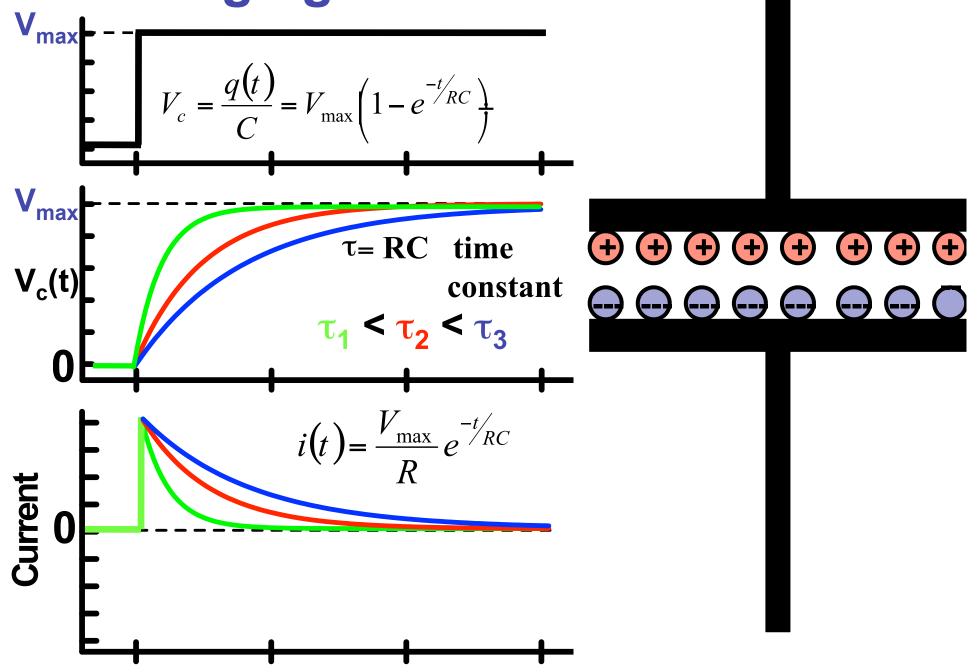




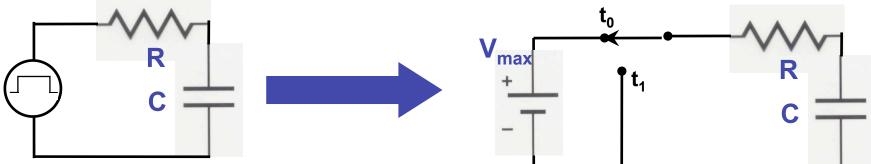


$$\sum_{k} i_{k} = 0$$
$$\sum_{k} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{A} V_{k} = \sum_{j} E_{j}$$

#### **RC: charging**



### **RC circuit: charging**



Loop rule:

$$V_{\max} = V_R + V_C$$

$$V_{\max} = iR + \frac{q}{C} = R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C}$$

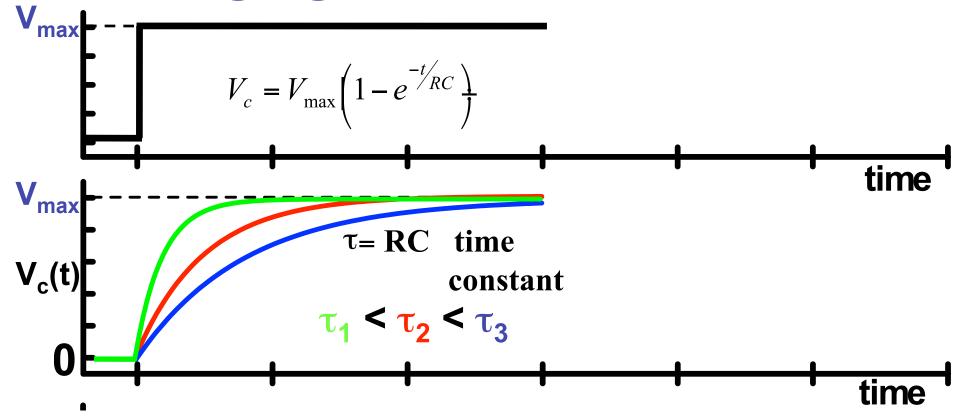
$$q(t) = CV_{\max} \left(1 - e^{-t/RC}\right)$$

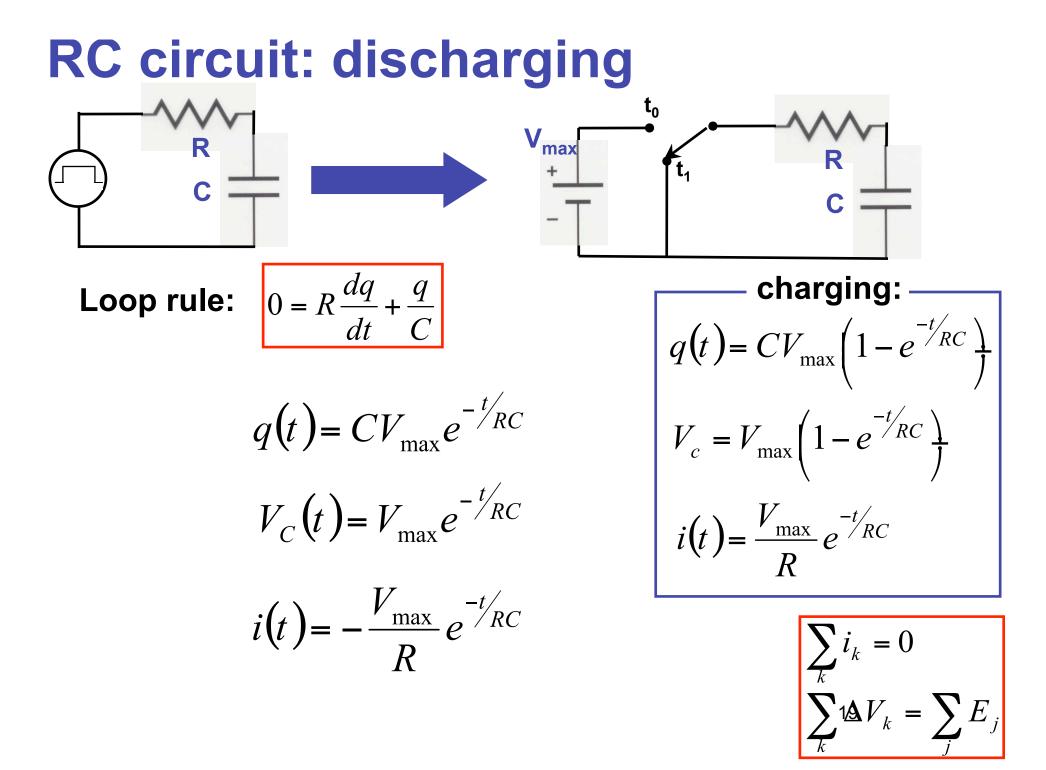
$$V_{c} = \frac{q(t)}{C} = V_{\max} \left( 1 - e^{-t/RC} \right)$$

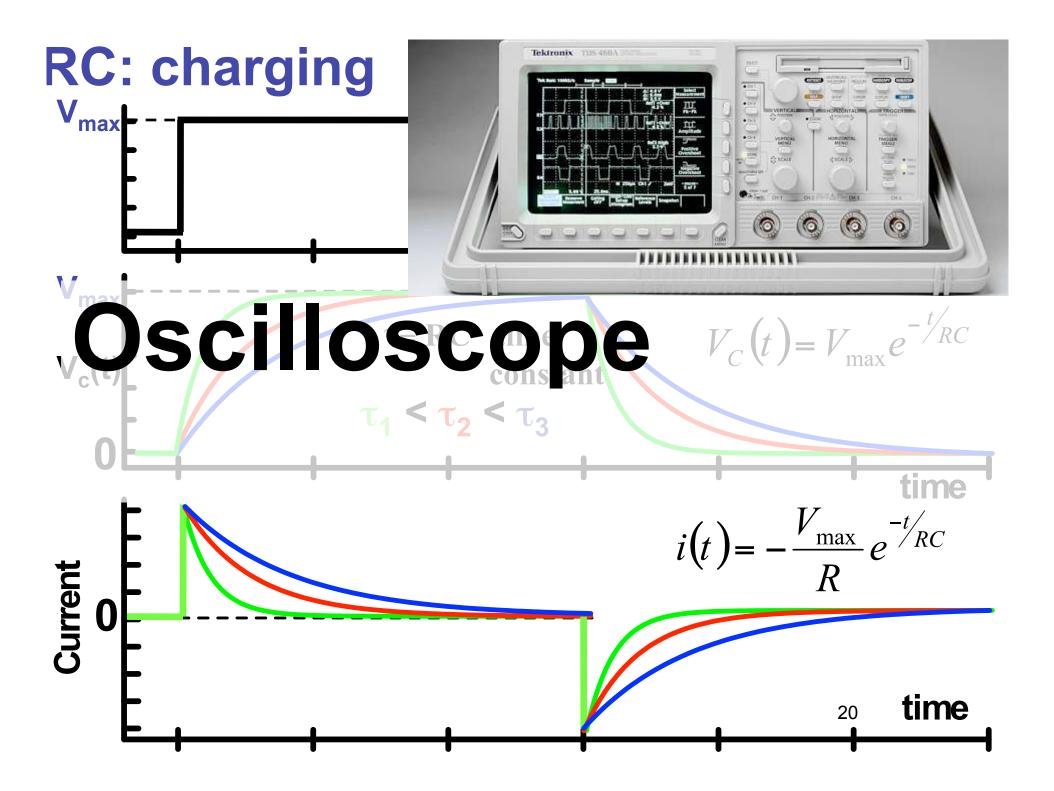
$$i(t) = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{V_{\max}}{R} e^{-t/RC}$$

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$$\sum_{k} V_{k} = \sum_{j} E_{j}$$

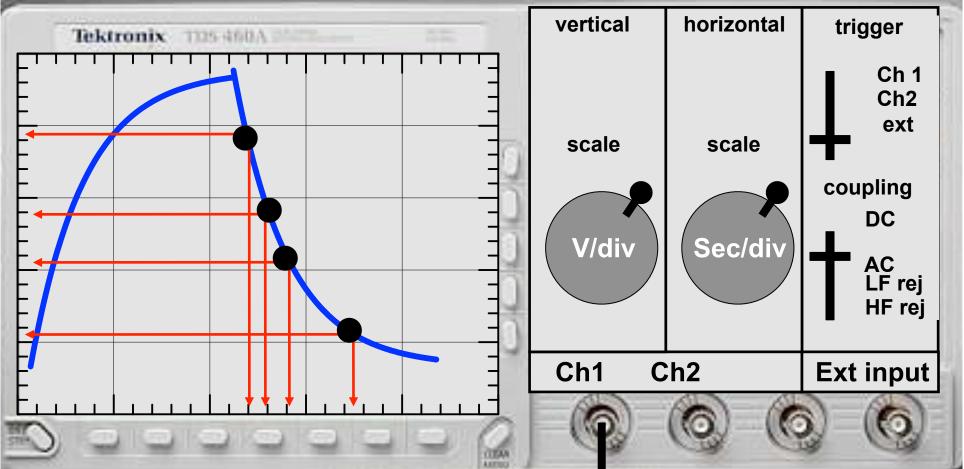
#### **RC: charging**







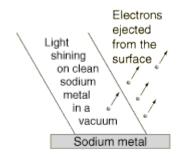
#### **Exp 1: RC circuits**



 $V_C(t) = V_{\max} e^{-t/RC}$ 

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#### Use Oscilloscope to get Planck's Constant in the Photoelectric Effect

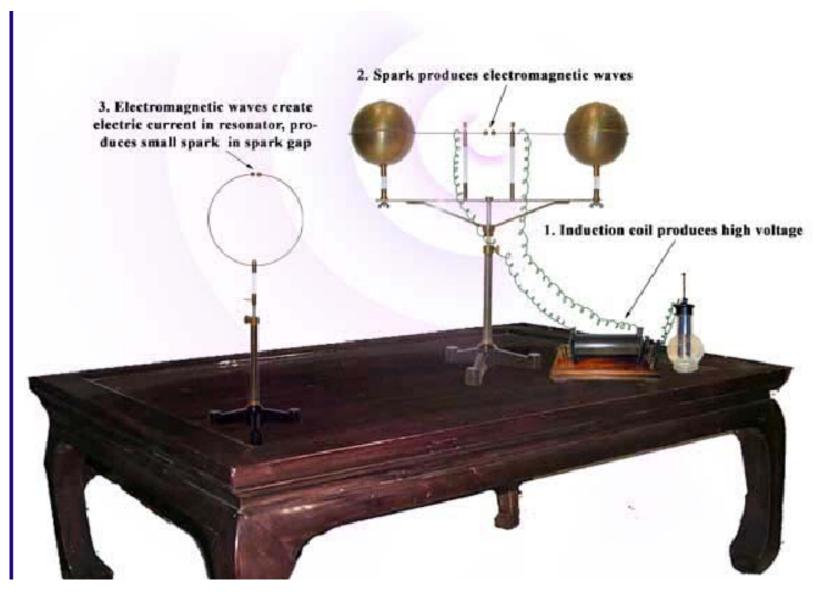


# The Photoelectric Effect

- The explanation marked one of the major steps toward quantum theory.
- The remarkable aspects of the photoelectric effect when it was first observed were:
- 1. The electrons were emitted immediately no time lag!
- 2. Increasing the intensity of the light increased the number of photoelectrons but not their maximum kinetic energy!
- 3. Red light will not cause the ejection of electrons, no matter what the intensity!
- 4. A weak violet light will eject only a few electrons, but their maximum kinetic energies are greater than those for intense light of longer wavelengths!

•The Photoelectric Effect was first observed by H. Hertz using a spark gap generator.

•He found he could increase the sensitivity of the gap by illumination with UV light

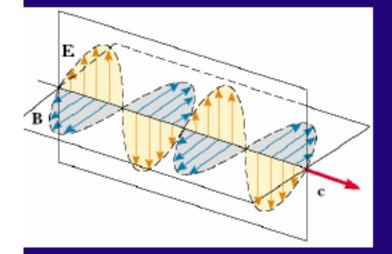


#### The Photo Electric Effect: Nobel Prize for Einstein

Maxwell's Equations  $\rightarrow$  EM Wave Properties

- Hertz & Electromagnetic Waves (Experiment) Description of Photoelectric Effect
  - Failure of classical physics (why?)
- Einstein's "Quantum" Interpretation inspired by Max Planck
- Bottomline :
  - How EM waves propagate
  - Interaction of EM waves with Matter
- How to prove that Einstein was right : Measure "h"
  - Find it is same as in Blackbody radiation

#### EM Waves

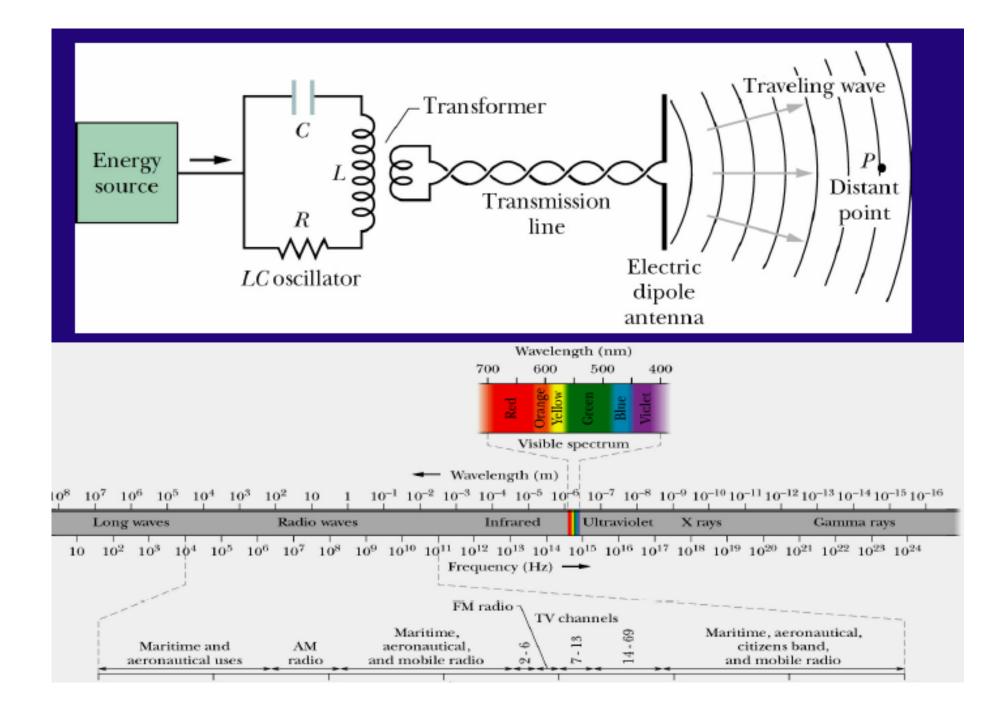


Energy Flow in EM Waves : Poynting Vector  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$ ident on  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (AE - B Sin^2)$ 

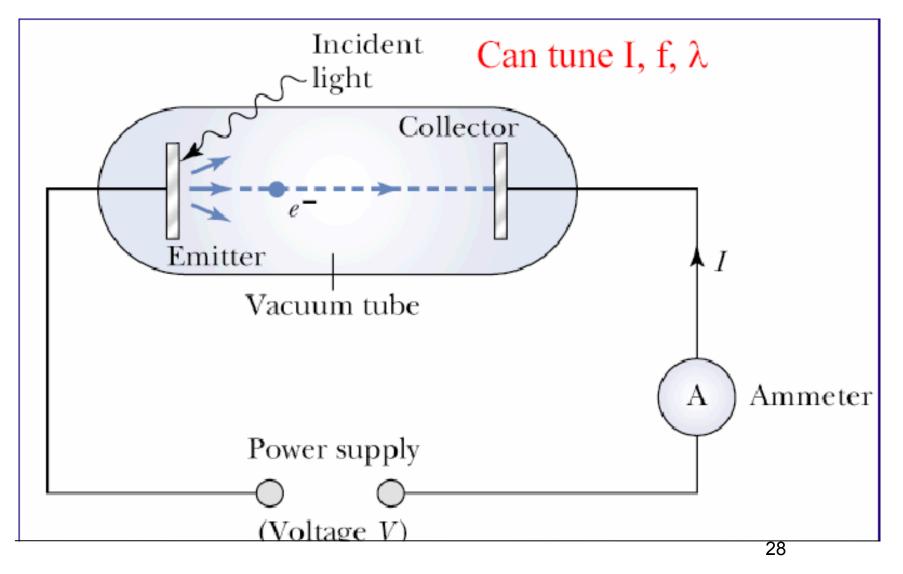
Power incident on an area A  $= \vec{S}.\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( AE_0 B_0 Sin^2 (kx - \omega t) \right)$ 

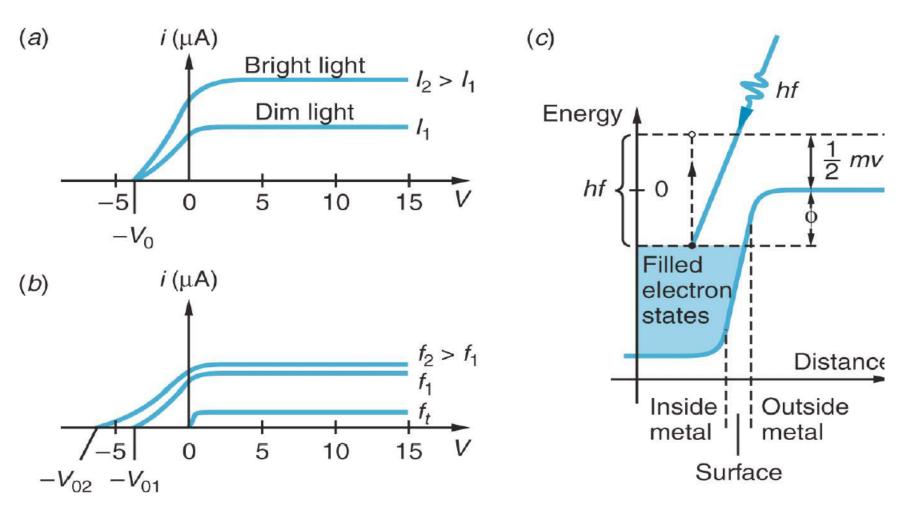
Intensity of Radiation I =  $\frac{1}{2\mu_0 c}E_0^2$ 

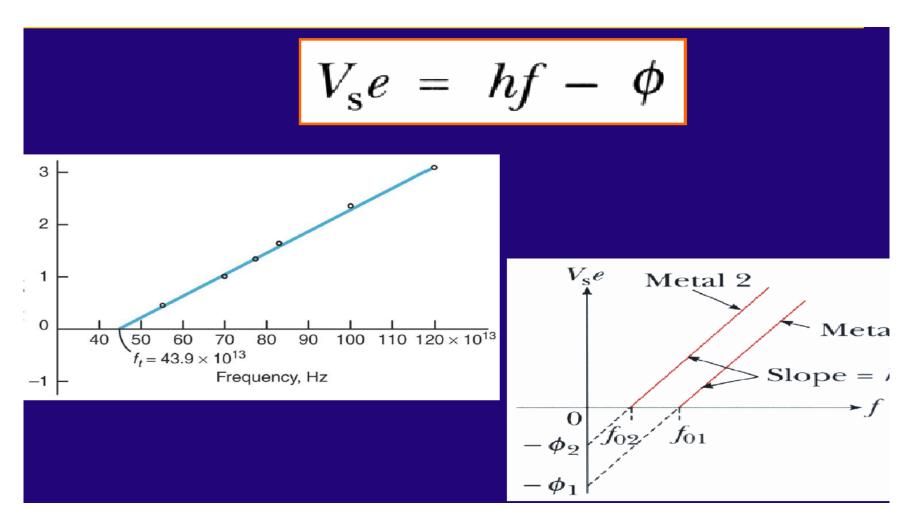
Larger the amplitude of Oscillation More intense is the radiation

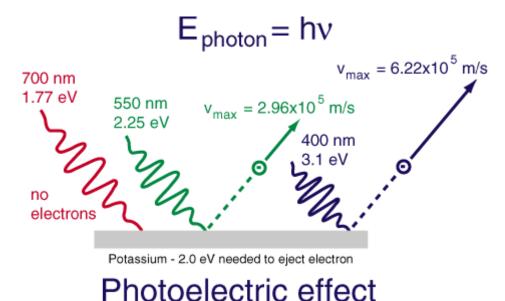


# PE Experiment in 2DL





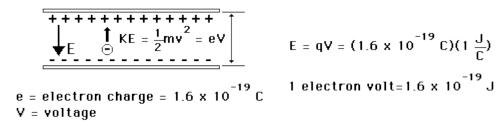




 <u>Analysis of data</u> from the photoelectric experiment showed that the energy of the ejected electrons was proportional to the frequency of the illuminating light.

- This showed that whatever was knocking the electrons out had an energy proportional to light frequency.
- This showed that the interaction must be like that of a particle which gave all of its energy to the electron!
- This fit in well with <u>Planck's hypothesis</u> that light could exist only in discrete bundles with energy E = hf

## An Aside on eV



A convenient <u>energy</u> unit, for <u>atomic</u> and <u>nuclear</u> processes, is the energy given to an electron by accelerating it through 1 <u>volt</u> of electric potential difference. The work done on the <u>charge</u> is given by the charge times the voltage difference.

• The abbreviation for electron volt is eV.

#### Photoelectric Effect

#### Early Photoelectric Effect Data Maximum photoelectron kinetic energy in eV Electrons ejected from a sodium ٠ metal surface were measured as an electric current. Finding the opposing voltage it took to stop all The fact that this plot was not dependent upon the intensity of the Light below a frequency of incident light implied that the $4.39 \times 10^{14}$ Hz the electrons gave a measure of the maximum kinetic energy of the interaction was like a particle which gave all its energy to the electron and or wavelength longer ejected it with that energy minus than 683 nm would that which it took to escape the not eject electrons electrons in electron volts. surface. 4 6 8 10 12 -X 10 Frequency, Hz The minimum energy required to eject an electron from the surface is Data from Millikan, 1916 ٠ called the photoelectric work function. The threshold for this element corresponds to a wavelength of 683 nm. Using this wavelength in the Planck gamma relationship gives a photon energy of -ray 1.82 eV

- Accepted Value of h=6.626 × 10<sup>-34</sup> J.sec
- You measure freq = 45 THz with uncertainty:
- dF=4.5 THz
- What is best estimate for the Uncertainty in Energy = hF?
- $E = 3.0 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-20} J$

