

# ***Lecture 2:***

## ***Cathode Theory***

- Yesterday, we discussed the properties we care about – quantum efficiency, emittance and brightness. Today we'll begin to see what we can theoretically expect.
- We'll discuss the basic electronic structure of materials, the origin of the surface barrier and the electron emission statistics.
- We'll derive the cathode emission current and emittance for thermal, photo-electric and field emission. For photoemission, we'll discuss the three types of cathodes.
- We'll look at the effect of surface roughness on emittance
- We'll derive the expressions for the space charge limited current
- ...and come up with the ultimate brightness!

Modern Theory and Applications of Photocathodes  
W.E. Spicer & A. Herrera-Gómez  
SAC-PUB-6306 (1993)

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<http://www.philiphofmann.net/surflec3/index.html>

# Electronic structure of Materials

- In an atom, electrons are bound in states of defined energy
- In a molecule, these states are split into rotation and vibration levels, allowing the valence electrons to have a range of discrete values
- In a solid, these levels merge, forming bands of allowed energies, with gaps between them. In general these bands confine both the energy and linear momentum of the electrons. These bands have an Electron Density of States (EDoS) that governs the probability of electron transitions.
- For now, we will be concerned with the energy DoS, and not worry about momentum. For single crystal cathodes (GaAs, Diamond), the momentum states are also important.
- Calculated using a number of methods: Tight binding, Density functional theory. Measured using photoemission spectroscopy.

# DOS Examples

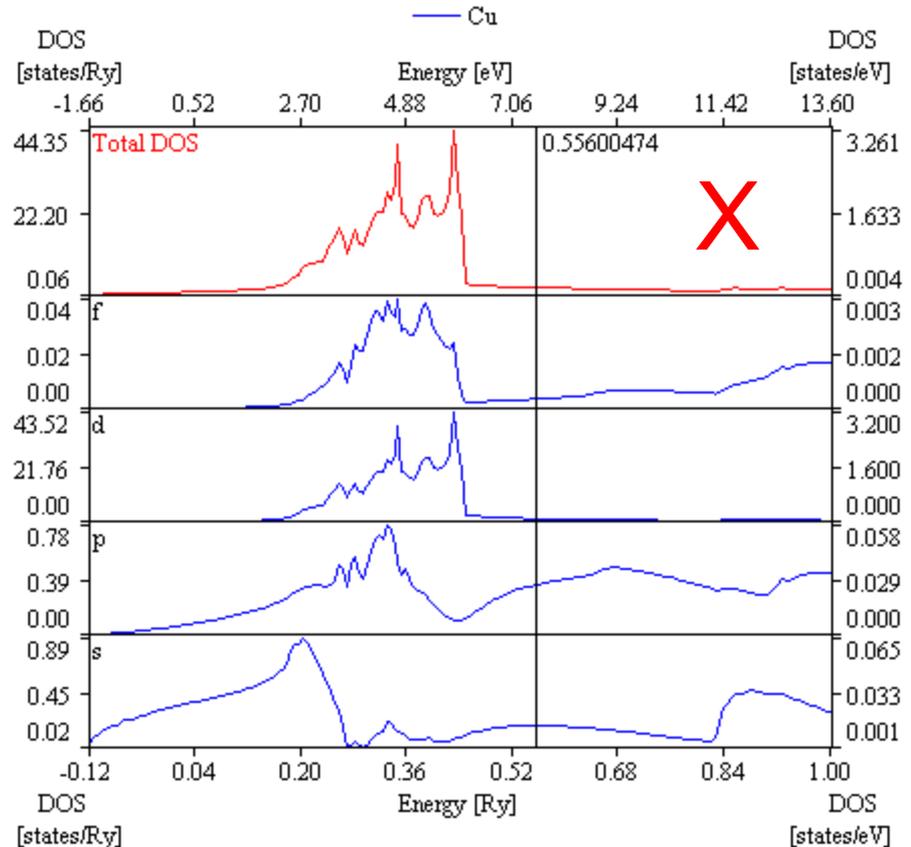
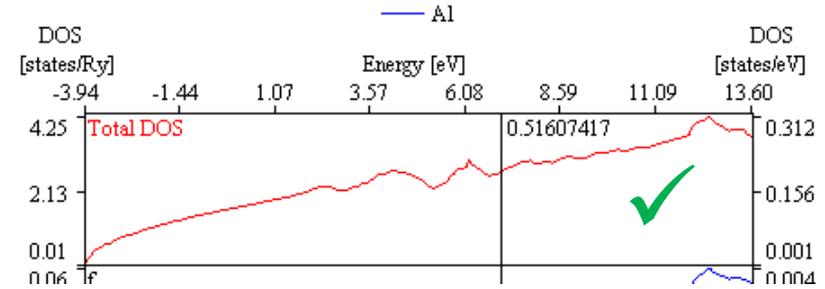
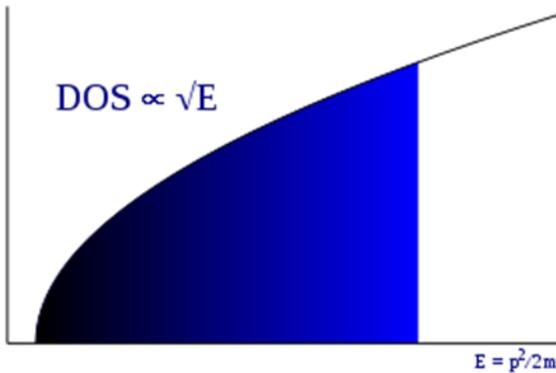
- For a free electron gas in 3 dimensions, with the “particle in a box” problem gives:

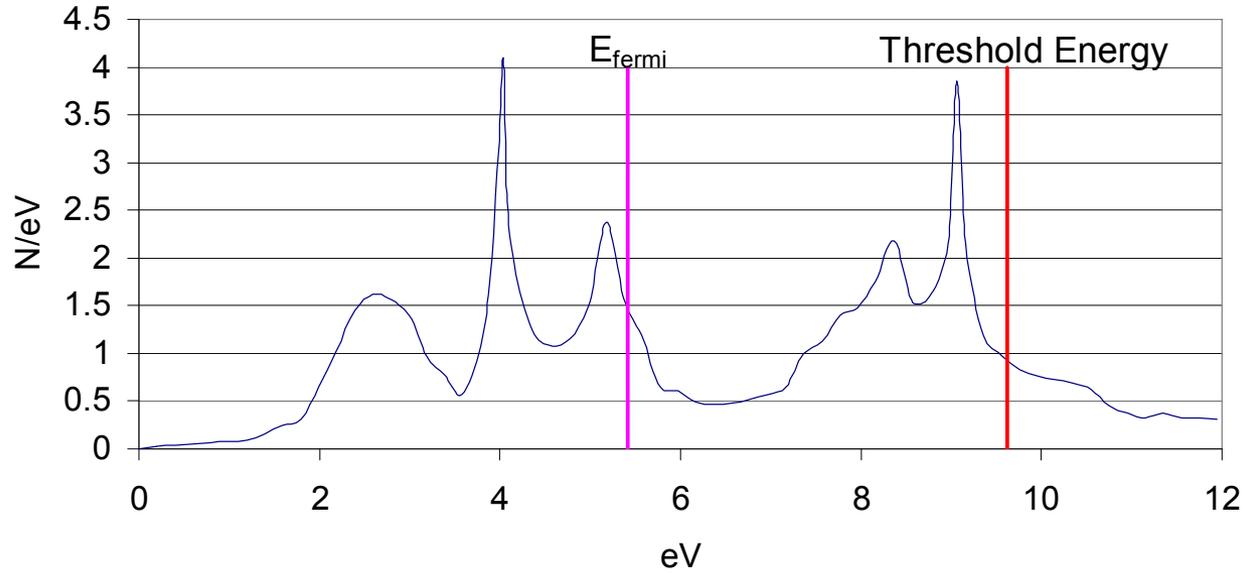
$$E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m = (\hbar^2 / 2m) (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2)$$

- For periodic boundary conditions:

$$k_x = (2\pi/L) n_x; n_x = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

- The number of states in a sphere in k-space goes as  $V \propto k^3$
- The Density of States (states/eV) is then  $\propto V/E \propto E^{1/2}$
- This is good for simple metals, but fails for transition metals





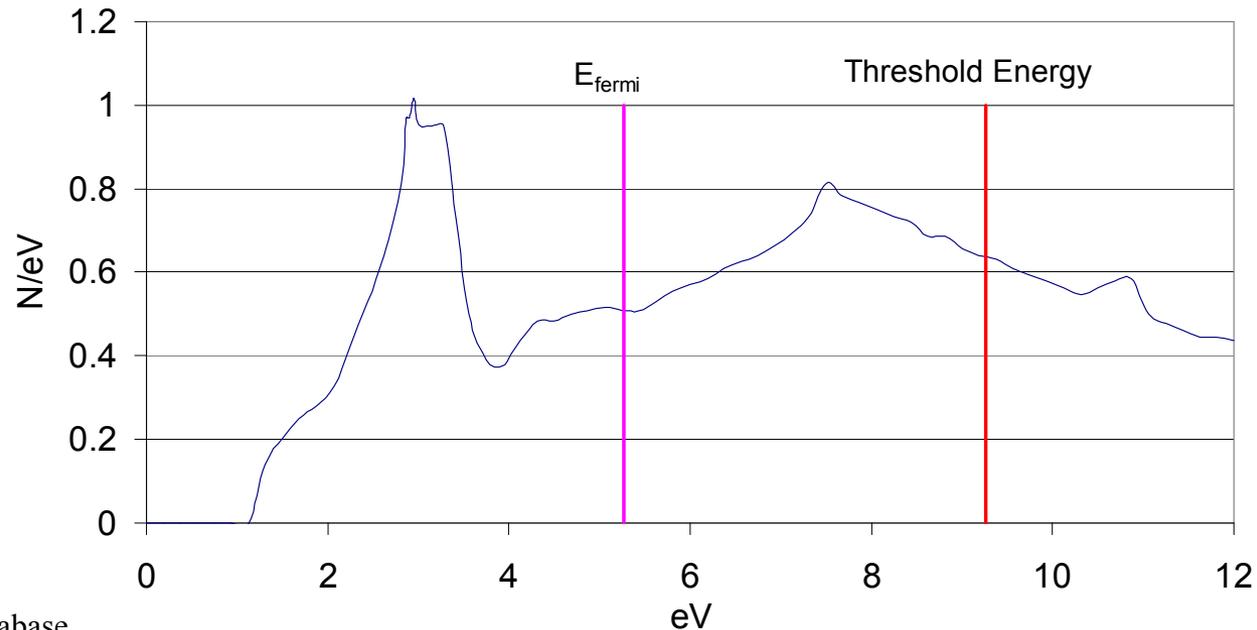
### Density of States for Nb

Large number of empty conduction band states promotes unproductive absorption

### Density of States for Lead

Pb 6p valance states  
Lack of states below 1 eV limits unproductive absorption at higher photon energies

### Lead Density of States



# Occupancy: the Fermi-Dirac Distribution

- As fermions, electrons obey the Pauli exclusion principle. Thus the energy distribution of occupied states (DOS) is given by the Fermi-Dirac (F-D) function,

$$f_{FD} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/k_B T}}$$

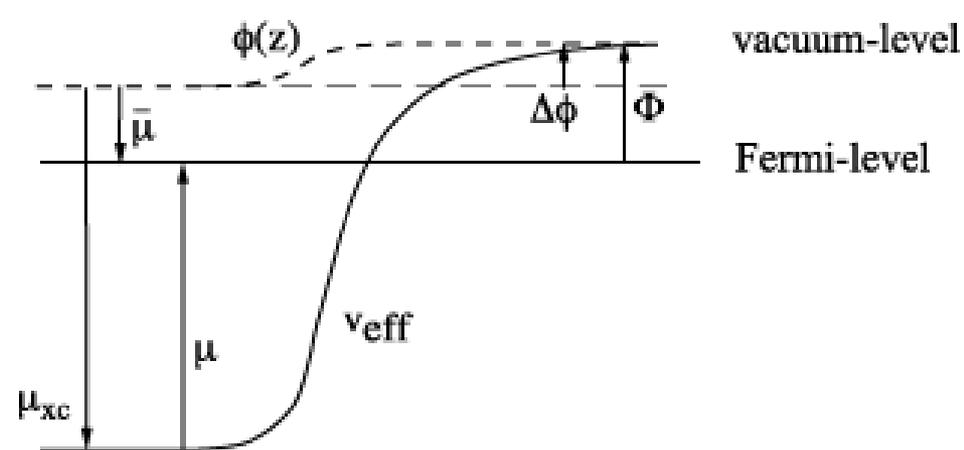
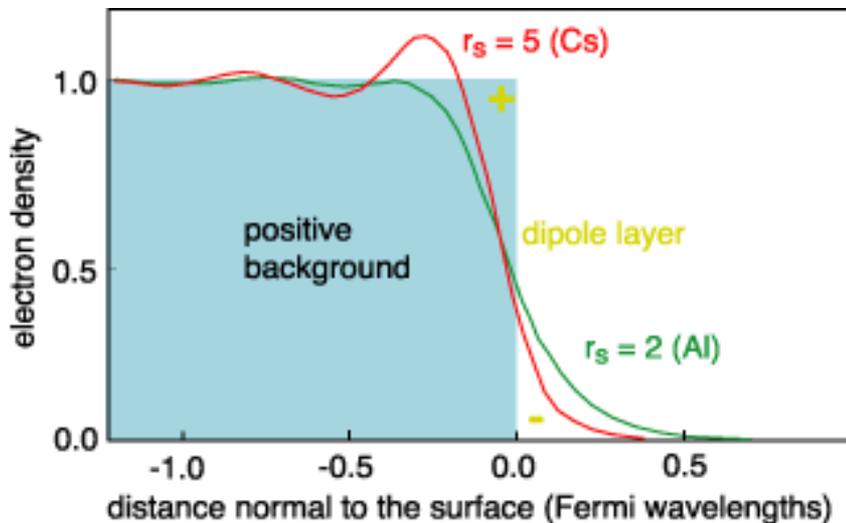
- The temperature dependence of this distribution is typically not important for field emission and photoemission, but is critical for thermionic emission
- For  $T=0$ , this leads to full occupancy of all states below  $E_F$  and zero occupancy for all states above  $E_F$

# Surface Barrier

- As discussed yesterday, the workfunction is the energy required to extract an electron from the surface
- This has two parts, the electrostatic potential binding the electrons in the bulk, and the surface dipole which occurs due to “spill-out” electrons

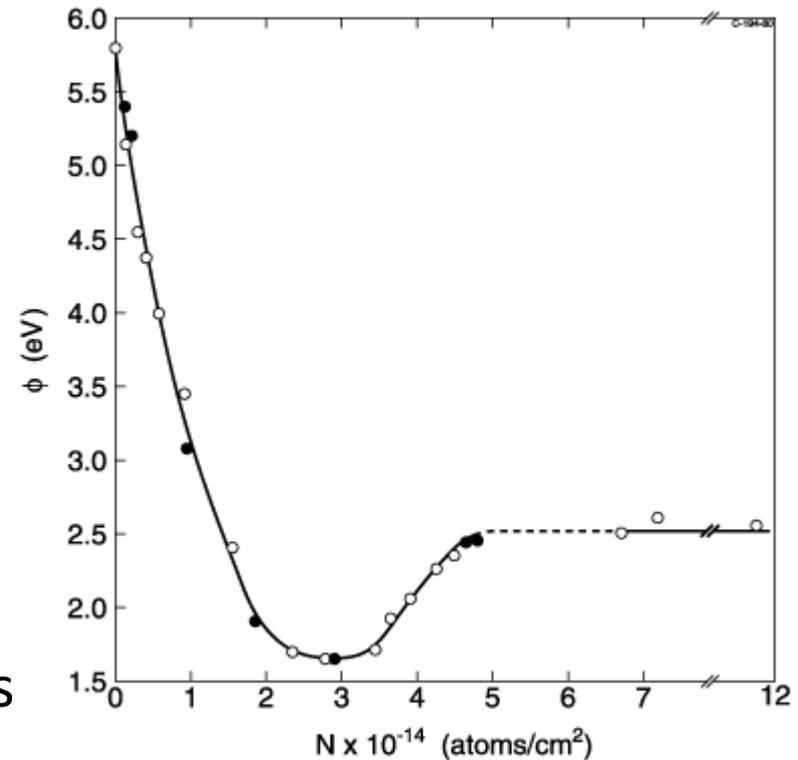
$$\Phi = \phi(+\infty) - \mu = \Delta\phi - \bar{\mu}.$$

surface  
bulk



# Surface Barrier

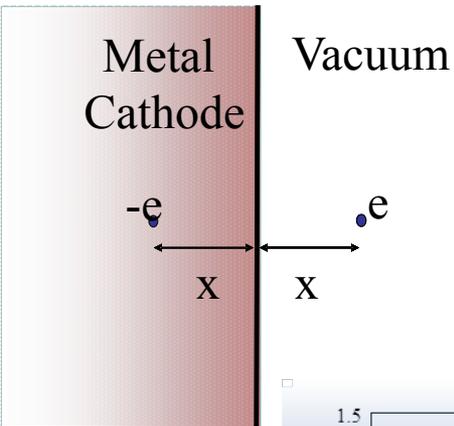
- This surface dipole portion can be modified by adsorbates
- We use alkali metals to reduce the workfunction of cathodes
  - Cs on Ag
  - Cs on W
  - Cs-O on GaAs
- Adsorbates can also raise  $\phi$ 
  - This is the motivation behind laser cleaning of metal cathodes
- Note that different faces of a crystal can have different surface dipoles, and therefore different workfunctions



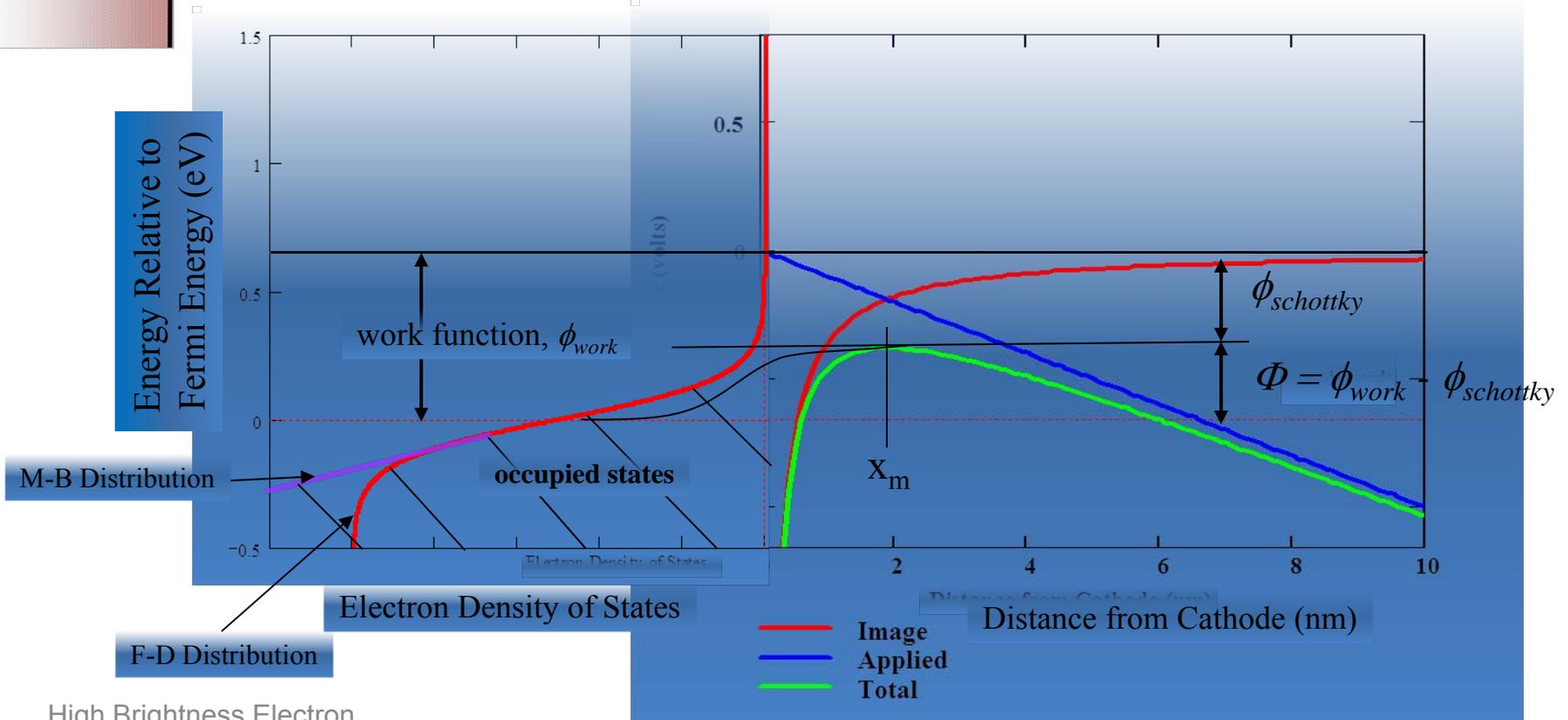
*Workfunction change upon the adsorption of K on W(110)*  
R. Blaszczynszyn et al, Surf. Sci. **51**, 396 (1975).

Workfunctions of metals have values between about 1.5 eV and 5.5 eV.

# Fields Near the Cathode



$$e\Phi = e\phi_{work} - \frac{e^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 x} - eE_0x$$



# *Electron Emission Equations and Emittance*

Now that we have a idea of how the electrons are confine to the surface, let's focus on helping them escape

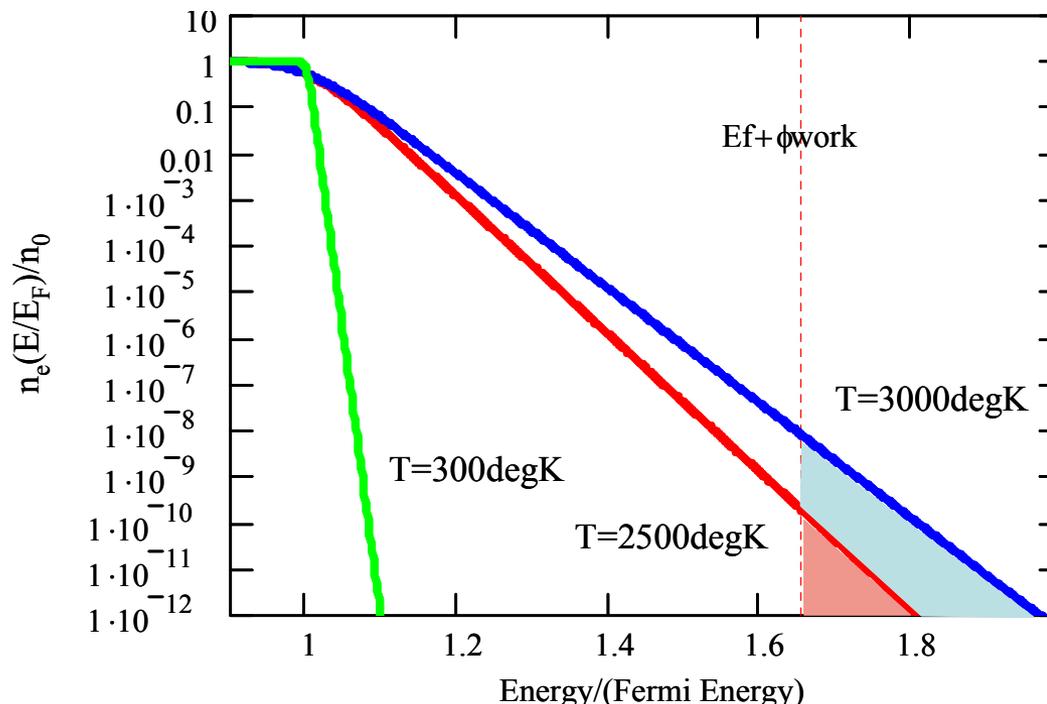
We develop the emission equations, and estimate the emittance of each method. This ultimate emittance is often called the thermal emittance, due to the Maxwell-Boltzmann (MB) distribution of thermionic emitters. Strictly speaking, the term 'thermal emittance' should only be applied to thermionic emission, but the concept of thermal emittance or the intrinsic emittance of the cathode can be applied to the three forms of electron emission:

1. thermionic emission
2. field emission
3. photo-electric emission

# Thermionic Emission(1)

In order for an electron to escape a metal it needs to have sufficient kinetic energy in the direction of the barrier to overcome the work function,

$$\frac{mv_x^2}{2} > e\phi_{work} \Rightarrow v_x > \sqrt{\frac{2e\phi_{work}}{m}}$$

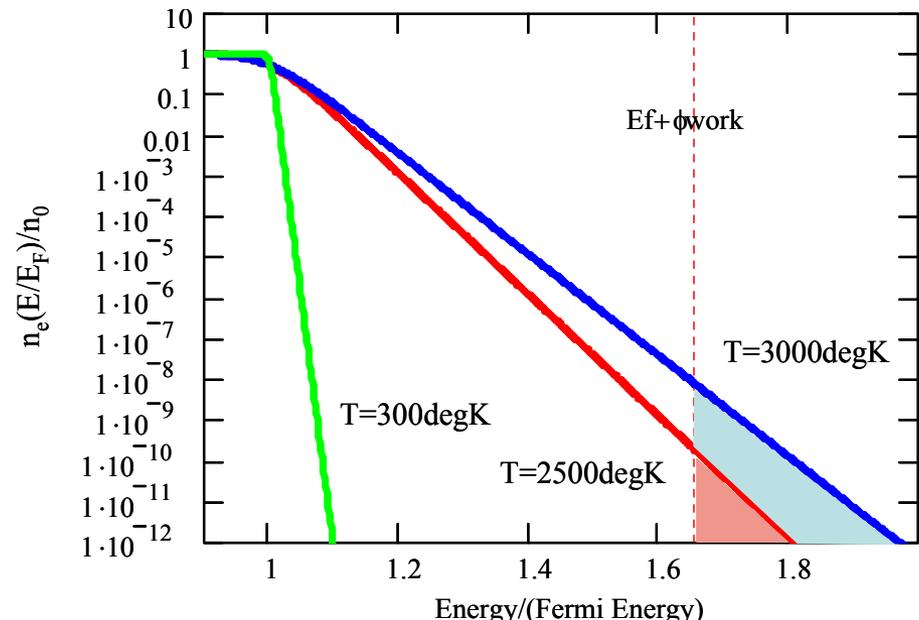


Since only the high energy tail of the F-D distribution will matter, we can neglect the material density of states

# Thermionic Emission(2)

- Assume that the cathode has an applied electric field large enough to remove all electrons from the surface, so there are no space charge effect, but low enough to not affect the barrier height. Then the thermionic current density for a cathode at temperature,

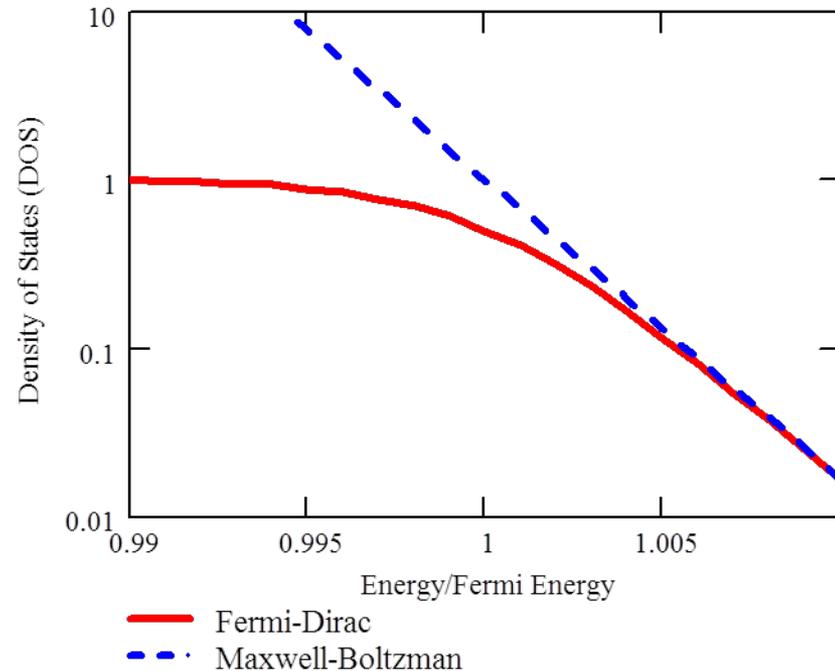
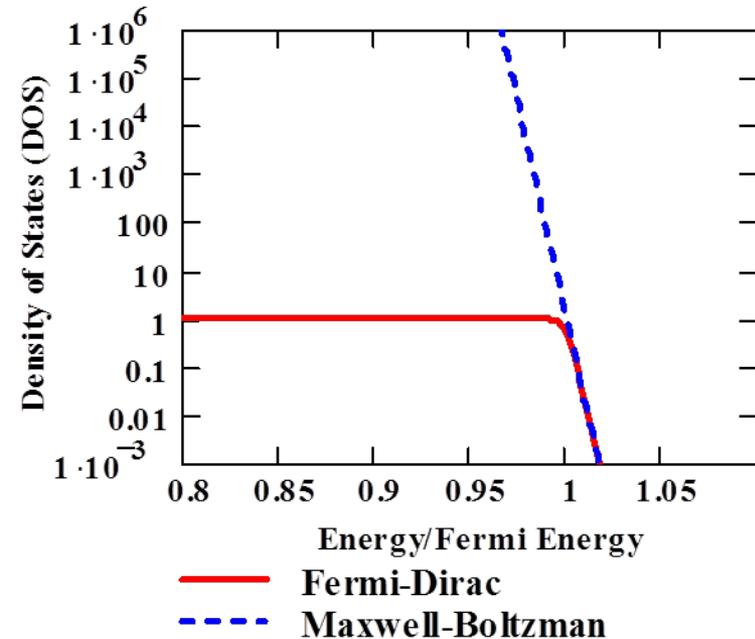
$$j_{thermionic} = n_0 e \langle v_x \rangle = n_0 e \int_{v_x > \sqrt{\frac{2e\phi_{work}}{m}}} v_x f_{FD} d\vec{v}$$



# Comparison of M-B and F-D Distributions

$$f_{MB} = e^{-E/k_B T}$$

$$f_{FD} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_F)/k_B T}}$$



- If we are only considering the high energy tail, we can use the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

## Thermionic Emission (3)

The interactions involving the high energy electrons in the tail of the Fermi-Dirac density of states allows its replacement with the classical, Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution,

$$j_{thermionic} = n_0 e \int_{v_x > \sqrt{\frac{2e\phi_{work}}{m}}} v_x f_{MB} d\vec{v} = n_0 e \int_{v_x > \sqrt{2e\phi_{work}/m}} v_x e^{-\frac{m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}{2k_B T}} d\vec{v}$$

Performing these simple integrals gives the thermionic current density,

$$j_{thermionic} = 2n_0 e \left( \frac{2k_B T}{m} \right)^2 e^{-\phi_{work}/k_B T}$$

## *Thermionic Emission(4)*

- Or with a small change in the leading constants, gives the Richardson-Dushman equation for thermionic emission,

$$j_{thermionic} = A(1 - r)T^2 e^{-\phi_{work}/k_B T}$$

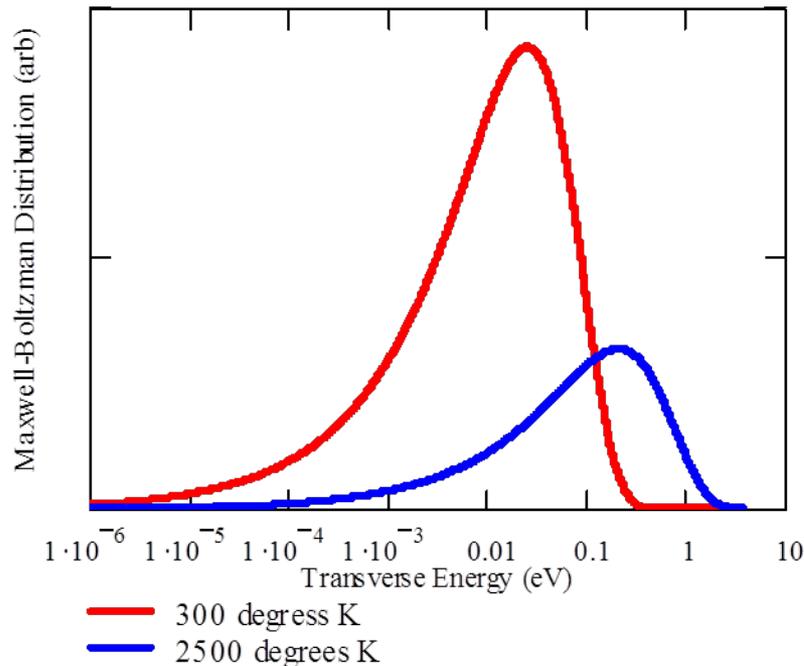
- Here A is 120 amp/cm<sup>2</sup>/degK<sup>2</sup>, and (1-r) accounts for the reflection of electrons at the metal surface. The reflection and refraction of electrons as they transit the surface is discussed in a later section. In terms of fundamental quantities, the universal constant A is ["Solid State Physics", by Ashcroft and Mermin, p. 363]

$$A = -\frac{em}{2\pi^2\hbar^3}$$

# Thermionic Emittance (1)

- The velocity distribution for thermally emitted electrons is obtained from the derivative of Maxwell-Boltzmann particle distribution,

$$\frac{1}{n_e} \frac{dn(v_x)}{dv_x} = \frac{m}{k_B T} v_x e^{\frac{-mv_x^2}{2k_B T}}$$



**Maxwell-Boltzmann electron energy distributions at 300 degK where the rms electron energy spread is 0.049 eV, and at 2500 degK corresponding to an rms energy spread of 0.41 eV. The initial spread in transverse velocity due to the electron temperature gives the beam angular divergence and hence its thermionic emittance.**

# Thermionic Emittance (2)

- Following Lawson [Lawson, p. 209], we assume the normalized emittance is evaluated close to the cathode surface where the electron flow is still laminar (no crossing of trajectories) and any correlation between position and angle can be ignored. In this case, normalized cathode emittance is given by,

$$\epsilon_N = \beta\gamma\sigma_x\sigma_{x'}$$

- The root-mean-square (rms) beam size,  $\sigma_x$ , is given by the transverse beam distribution which for a uniform radial distribution with radius R is R/2. The rms divergence is given by

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{\langle p_x \rangle}{p_{total}} = \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} \frac{\sqrt{\langle v_x^2 \rangle}}{c}$$

- The normalized, rms thermal emittance is then

$$\epsilon_n = \sigma_x \frac{\sqrt{\langle v_x^2 \rangle}}{c}$$

# Thermionic Emittance (3)

- The mean squared transverse velocity for a M-B velocity distribution is,

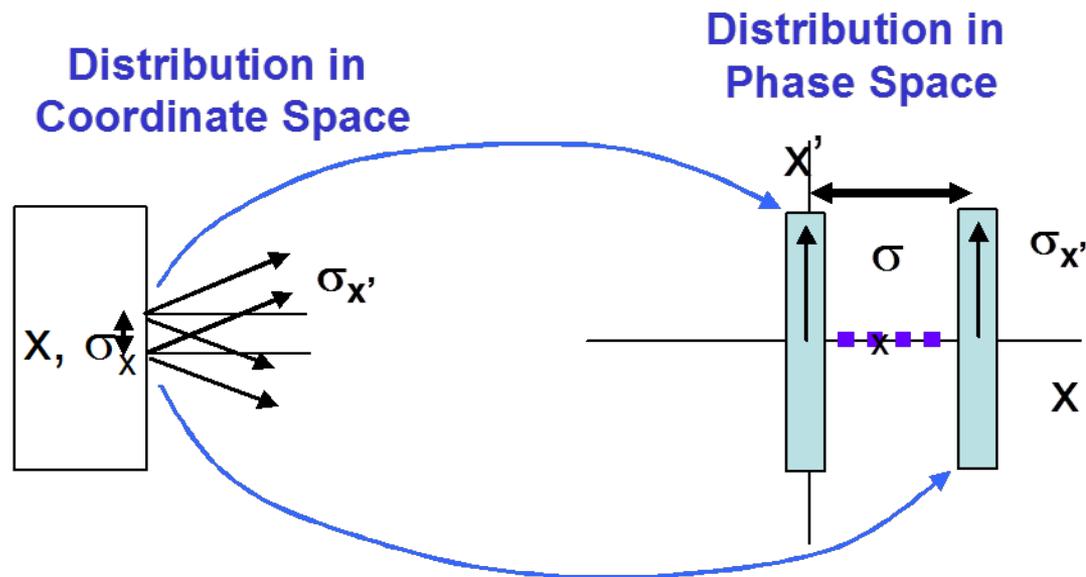
$$\langle v_x^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty v_x^2 e^{-\frac{mv_x^2}{2k_B T}} dv_x}{\int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{mv_x^2}{2k_B T}} dv_x} = \frac{k_B T}{m}$$

- Therefore the thermionic emittance of a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution at temperature, T, is

$$\epsilon_{thermionic} = \sigma_x \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{mc^2}}$$

# Thermionic Emittance (4)

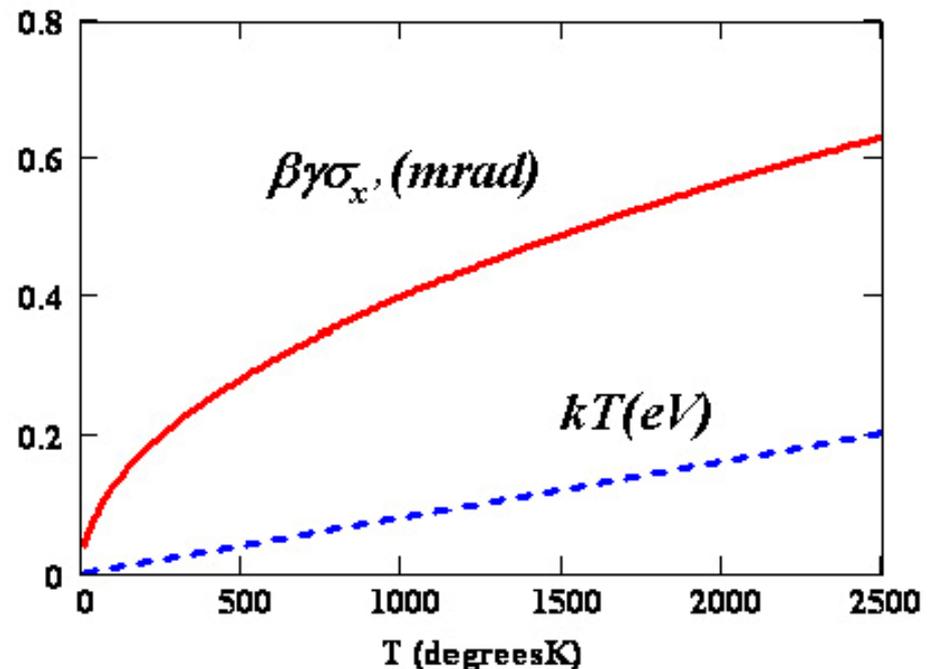
- The divergence part of the cathode emittance contains all the physics of both the emission process and the cathode material properties and as such summarizes much of the interesting physics of the emission process. The beam size in coordinate space simply traces out the angular distribution to form the transverse phase space distribution as illustrated.



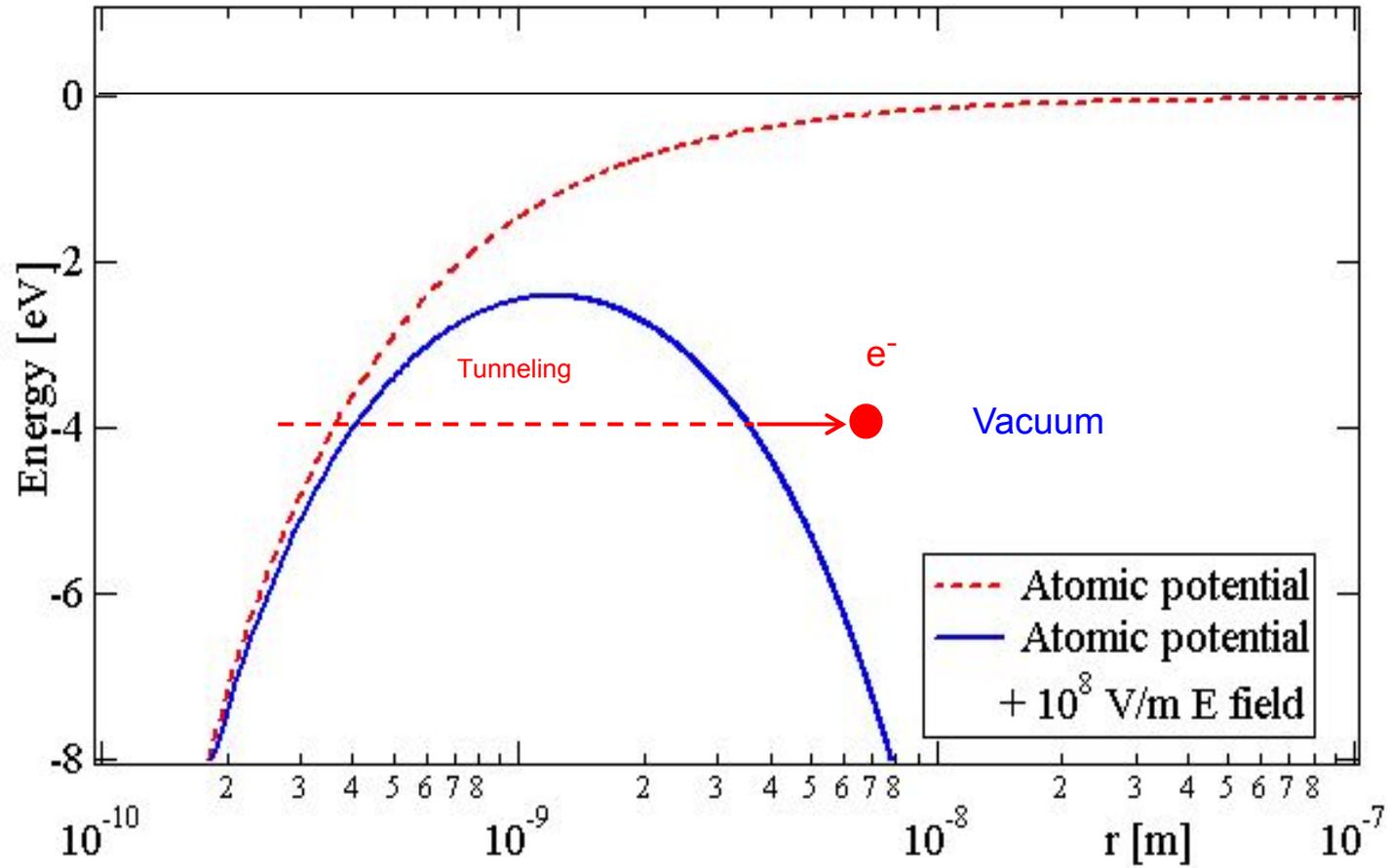
# Thermionic Emission (5)

- Given that  $\sigma_x$  depends upon the particular transverse distribution being used, there is often a serious ambiguity which arises when expressing the thermal emittance in terms of "microns/mm". The confusion results in not knowing whether rms or flat top radii are used for the transverse radius. Therefore we suggest quoting a quantity called the normalized divergence, which for thermionic

$$\Delta_{thermionic} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{m c^2}}$$



# Field Emission



# Field Emission (1)

- Field emission occurs when electrons tunnel through the barrier potential under the influence of very high fields of  $10^9$  V/m or more. Since emission is by tunneling the effect is purely quantum mechanical and requires an extremely high electric field to lower the barrier enough for useful emission.

$$j = \int n(E_x, T) D(E_x, E_0) dE_x$$

- where the supply function,  $n(E_x, T)$ , is the flux of electrons incident upon the barrier with energies between  $E_x$  and  $E_x + dE_x$ . The barrier is same as that shown earlier and is determined by the work function, the image charge and the applied electric field,  $E_0$ . The transmission of electrons through this barrier is given by the transparency function,  $D(E_x, E_0)$ .
- The tunneling probability is significant only for electrons very close to  $E_F$ , so the material DoS is generally not important

## Field Emission (2)

- The transparency function was solved by Nordheim for the barrier produced by the image charge and the applied field (Schottky potential),

$$\phi_{Schottky}(x) = -\frac{e^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 x} - eE_0x$$

- The result is

$$D(E_x, E_0) = \exp \left[ \frac{-8\pi\sqrt{2m}}{3he} \frac{E_x^{3/2}}{E_0} \theta \left( \frac{\sqrt{e^3 E_0}}{\phi_{work}} \right) \right]$$

- $\theta(y)$  is the Nordheim function which to a good approximation is given by

$$\theta(y) = 1 - 0.142y - 0.855y^2$$

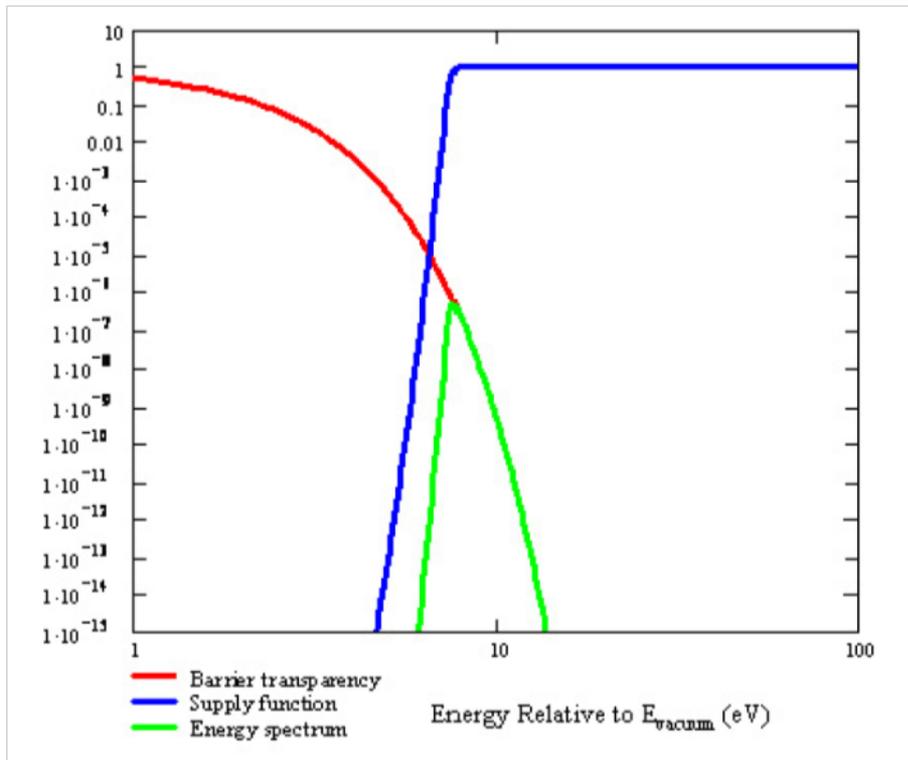
# Field Emission (3)

- The supply function for a Fermi-Dirac electron gas was also derived by Nordheim,

$$n(E_x, T) = \frac{4\pi m k_B T}{h^3} \ln \left( 1 + e^{\frac{E_x - E_F}{k_B T}} \right)$$

- Combining the supply and transparency functions gives the electron energy spectrum,

$$N_{field}(E_x, E_0, T) = n(E_x, T) D(E_x, E_0)$$

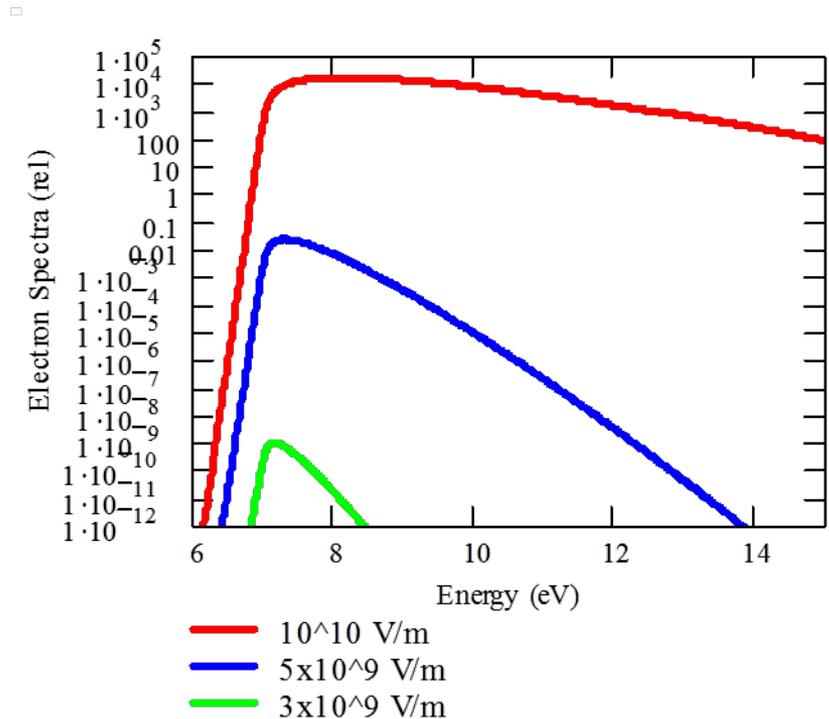
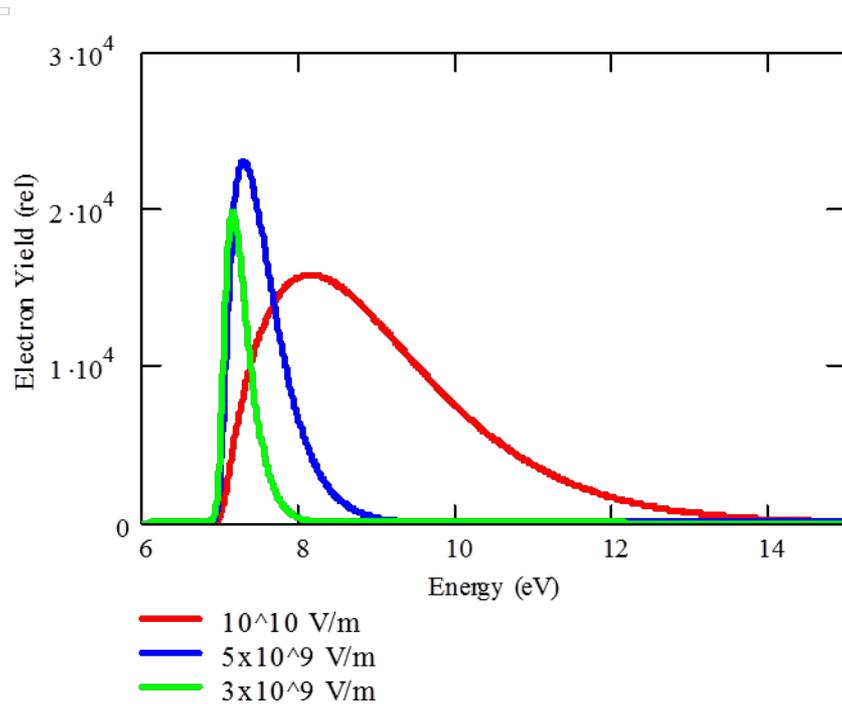


**“Field Emission in Vacuum Microelectronics,” G. Fursey, Kluwer Academic/Plenum, 2005**

# Field Emission (4)

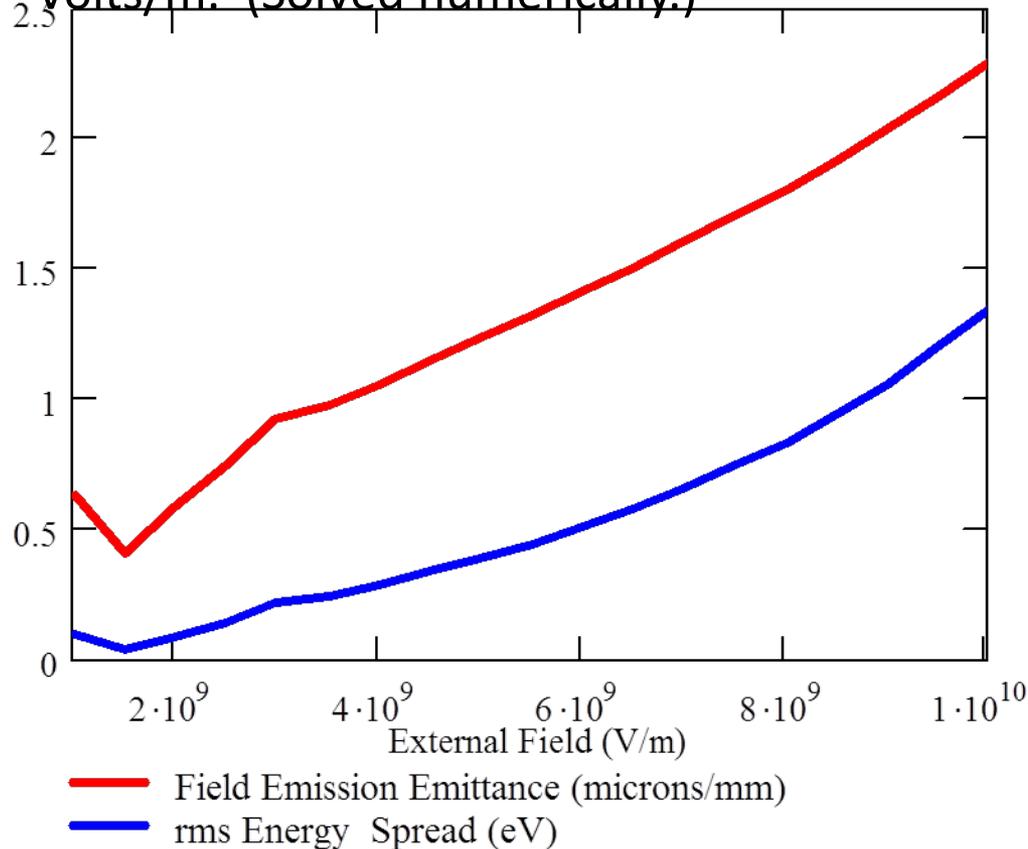
- Electron spectra for field emission electrons for various applied fields. Left: Electron emission spectra plotted with a linear vertical scale and with arbitrarily normalization to illustrate the spectral shapes.

Right: The spectral yields plotted logarithmically to illustrate the strong dependence of yield and shape upon applied field.



# Field Emission Emittance

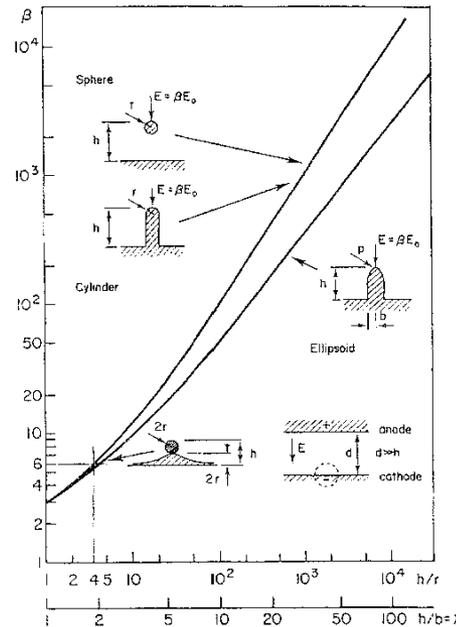
- Armed with the energy spectra the rms energy spread and the field emission emittance are numerically computed for external fields between  $10^9$  and  $10^{10}$  Volts/m. (Solved numerically.)



# Field Enhancement Factor, $\beta$

- In field emission the electron yield is exponentially sensitive to the external field and any significant current requires fields in excess of  $10^9$  V/m. Such high fields are difficult to achieve but are possible using pulsed high voltages and/or field-enhancing, sharp emitters.

$$E = \beta E_0$$

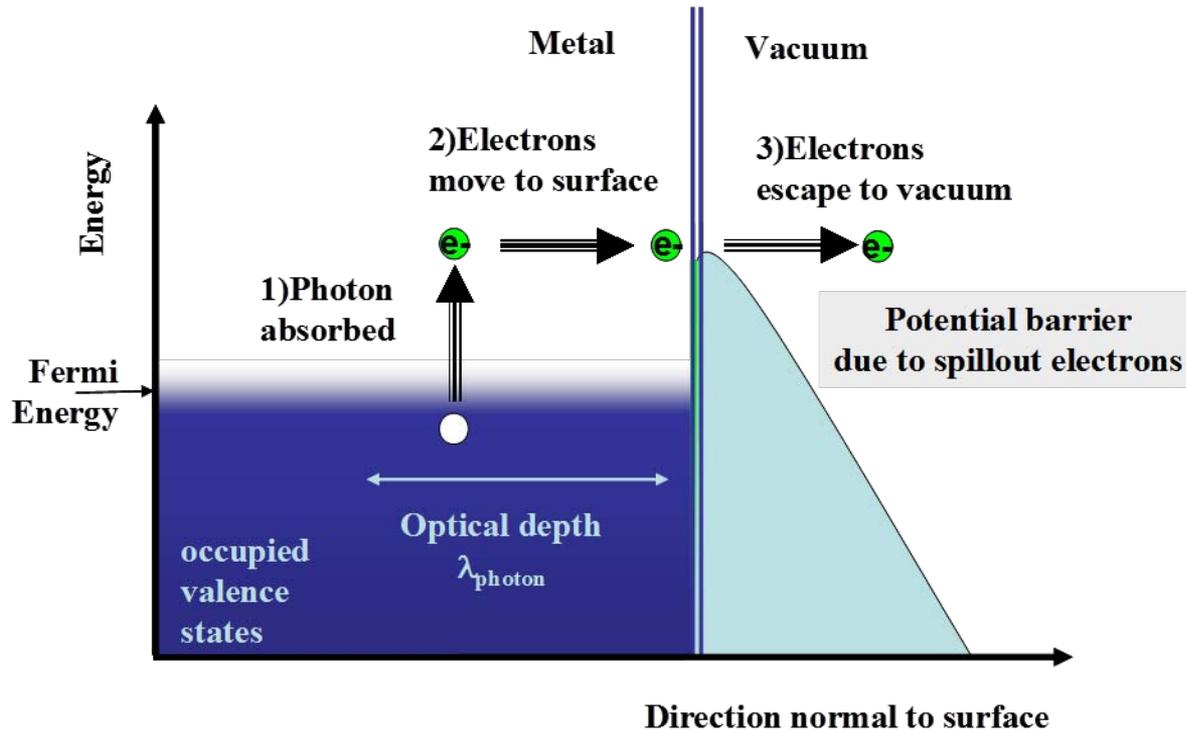


A collated representation of the field enhancement factors  $\beta$  associated with various idealised microprotrusion geometries. (From Rohrbach [31], with permission.)

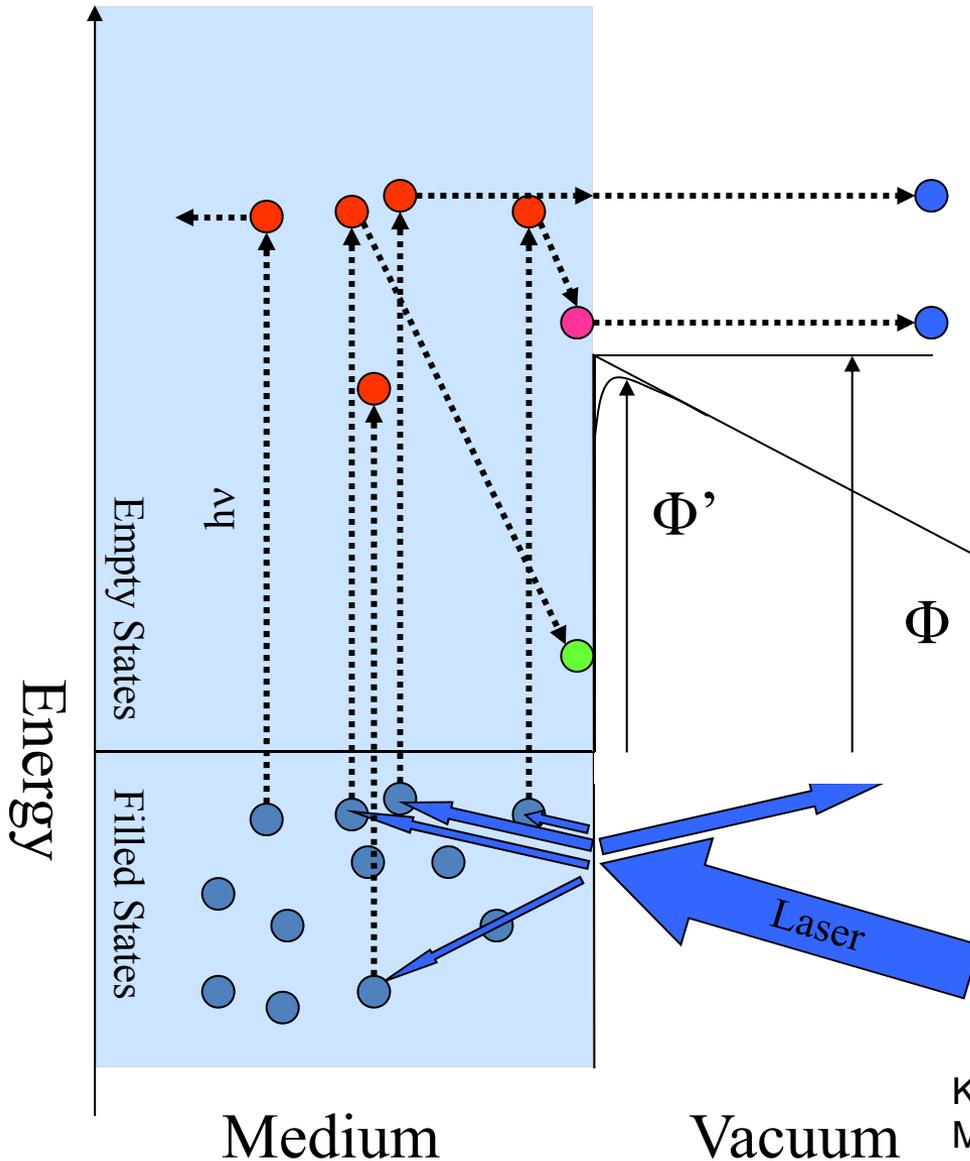
**“High Voltage Vacuum Insulation, Basic Concepts and Technological Practice,”**  
**Ed. Rod Latham, Academic Press 1995**

# Photo-Electric Emission

- Photoelectric emission from a metal can be described by the three steps of the Spicer model:
  1. Photon absorption by the electron
  2. Electron transport to the surface
  3. Escape through the barrier



# Three Step Model of Photoemission in Metal

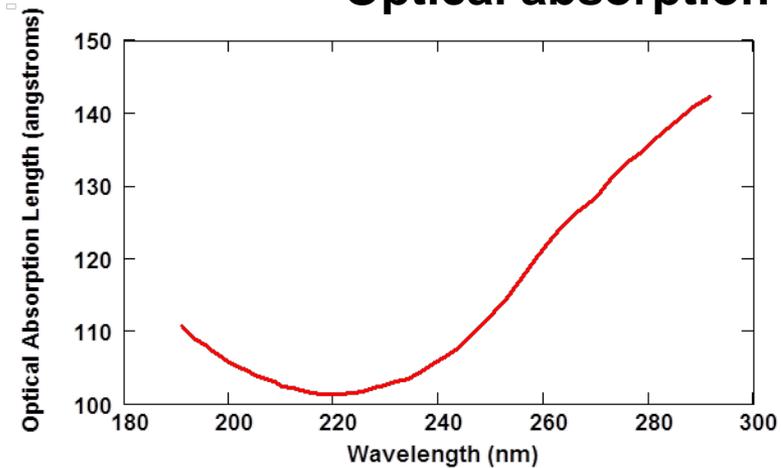


- 1) Excitation of  $e^-$  in metal  
Reflection (angle dependence)  
Energy distribution of excited  $e^-$
- 2) Transit to the Surface  
 $e^-e^-$  scattering  
Direction of travel
- 3) Escape surface  
Overcome Workfunction  
Reduction of  $\Phi$  due to applied field (Schottky Effect)

Integrate product of probabilities over all electron energies capable of escape to obtain Quantum Efficiency

# Step 1: Absorption of Photon

## Optical absorption length and reflectivity of copper



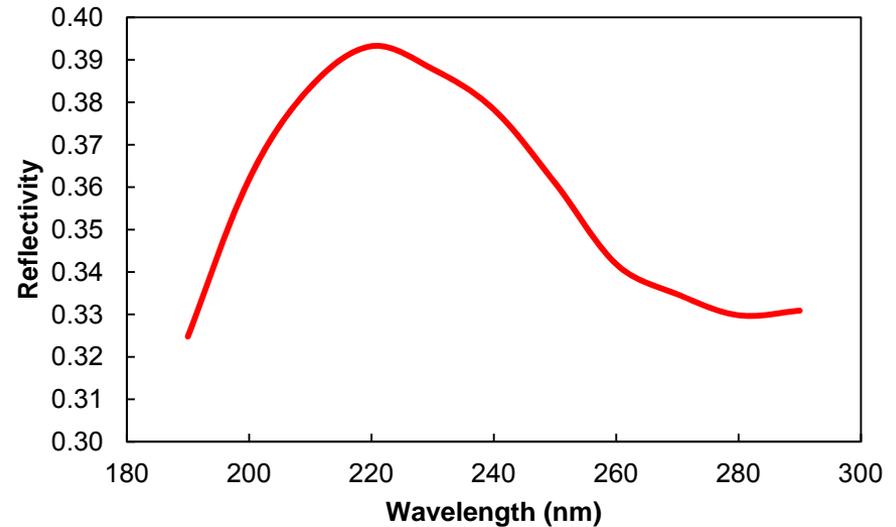
The optical skin depth depends upon wavelength and is given by,

$$\lambda_{opt} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi k}$$

where  $k$  is the imaginary part of the complex index of refraction,

$$\eta = n + ik$$

and  $\lambda$  is the free space photon wavelength.



The reflectivity is given by the Fresnel relation in terms of the real part of the index of refraction,

$$\text{Reflectivity} = R(n_1(\omega), n_2(\omega), \theta_i)$$

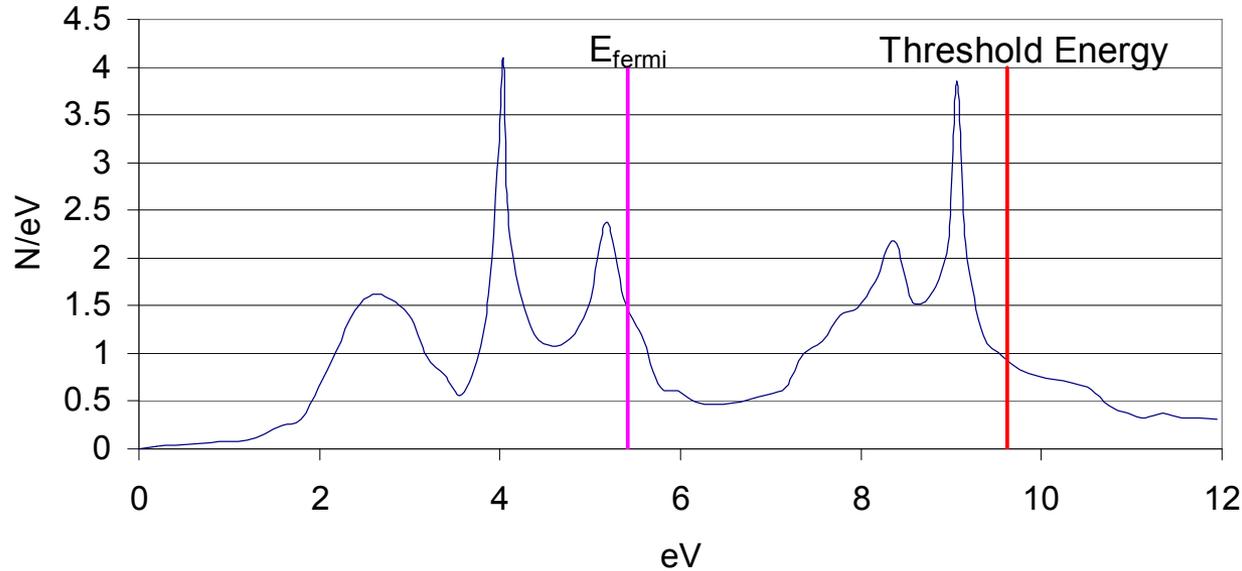
# Step 1 – Absorption and Excitation

Fraction of light absorbed:  $I_{ab}/I = (1-R)$

Probability of absorption and electron excitation:

$$P(E, \omega) = \frac{N(E)N(E + \hbar\omega)}{\int_{E_f - \hbar\omega}^{E_f} N(E')N(E' + \hbar\omega)dE'}$$

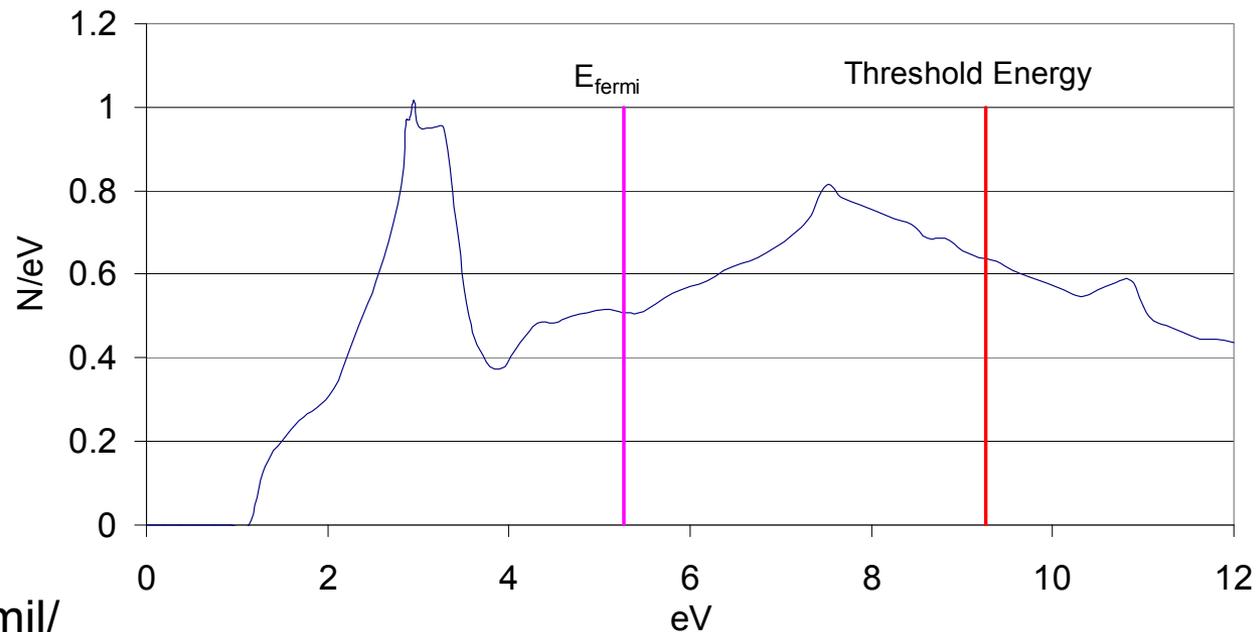
- $N(E)$  is the Density of states. The above assumes  $T=0$ , so  $N(E)$  is the density of filled states capable of absorbing, and  $N(E+\hbar\omega)$  is the density of empty states for the electron to be excited into.
- Only energy conservation invoked, conservation of  $k$  vector is not an important selection rule (phonon scattering and polycrystalline)
- We assume the matrix element connecting the initial and final state is constant (not energy dependent)



## Density of States for Nb

Large number of empty conduction band states promotes unproductive absorption

Lead Density of States

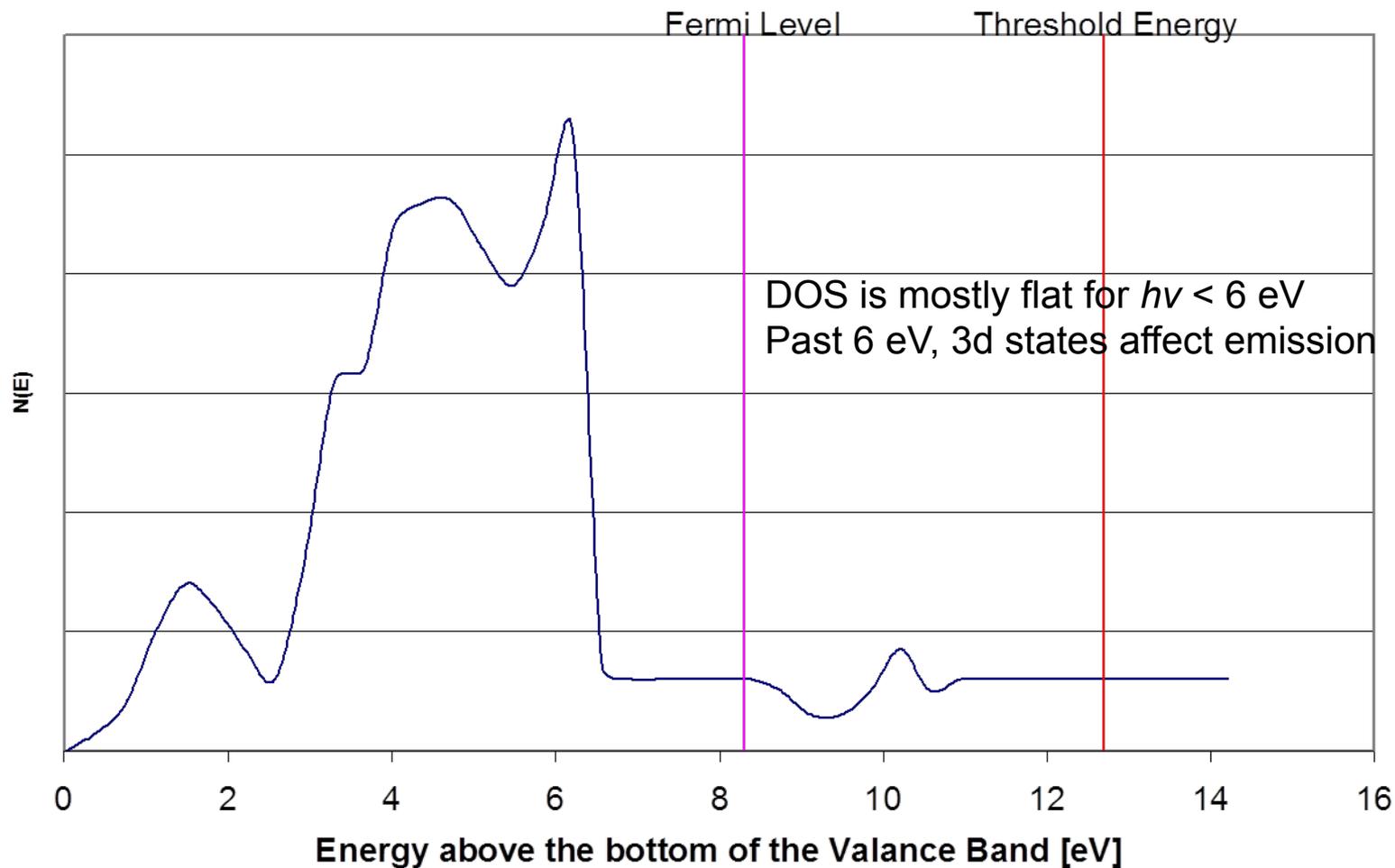


## Density of States for Lead

Lack of states below 1 eV limits unproductive absorption at higher photon energies

# Copper Density of States

Fong&Cohen, Phy. Rev. Letters, 24, p306 (1970)



## Step 2 – Probability of reaching the surface w/o $e^-$ - $e^-$ scattering

$$F_{e-e}(E, \omega, \theta) = \frac{\lambda_e(E + \hbar\omega) / \lambda_{ph}(\omega)}{1 + \lambda_e(E + \hbar\omega) / \lambda_{ph}(\omega)} C(E, \omega, \theta)$$

$$\lambda_{ph} = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi k}$$

- $e^-$  mean free path can be calculated
  - Extrapolation from measured values
  - From excited electron lifetime (2 photon PE spectroscopy)
  - Comparison to similar materials
- Assumptions
  - Energy loss dominated by e-e scattering
  - Only unscattered electrons can escape
  - Electrons must be incident on the surface at nearly normal incidence  
=> Correction factor  $C(E, \nu, \vartheta) = 1$

## *Step 2 – Probability of reaching the surface w/o $e^-e^-$ scattering*

- In the near-threshold regime, an  $e^-e^-$  event is unlikely to leave either electron with energy sufficient to escape
  - Treat scattering as a loss mechanism
  - Can ignore other scattering mechanisms
- Assume the probability,  $S$ , of an excited electron of energy  $E > E_f$  interacting with a valence electron of energy  $E_0 < E_f$  and imparting energy  $\Delta E$  is proportional to:
  - The number of electrons,  $N(E_0)$ , with energy  $E_0$ .
  - The number of empty states,  $N(E_0 + \Delta E)$ , with energy  $E_0 + \Delta E$ .
  - The number of empty states,  $N(E - \Delta E)$  with energy  $E - \Delta E$ .

$$S(E, E_0, \Delta E) \propto N(E_0) N(E_0 + \Delta E) N(E - \Delta E)$$

- Again, we assume the matrix elements connecting these states are not energy dependent, so that the probability depends only on the DoS

## Step 2 – Probability of reaching the surface w/o $e^-e^-$ scattering

To obtain the total probability of scattering for an electron of energy  $E$  by an electron of energy  $E_0$ , we must integrate over all possible energy transfers,  $\Delta E$ :

$$S(E, E_0) \propto \frac{E - E_f}{E_f - E_0} \int_{E_f - E_0}^{E - E_f} d(\Delta E) N(E_0) N(E - \Delta E) N(E_0 + \Delta E)$$

The total scattering probability of an excited electron is obtained by integrating over all possible “valence” electron energies, yielding

$$S(E) \propto \int_{2E_f - E}^{E_f} dE_0 \int_{E_f - E_0}^{E - E_f} d(\Delta E) N(E_0) N(E - \Delta E) N(E_0 + \Delta E)$$

The lower limit of integration represents the kinematic limitation that  $E + E_0 \geq 2E_f$ .

## Step 2 – Probability of reaching the surface w/o $e^-e^-$ scattering

The lifetime of the excited state,  $\tau(E)$ , is inversely proportional to this scattering probability:  $\tau(E) \propto 1/S(E)$

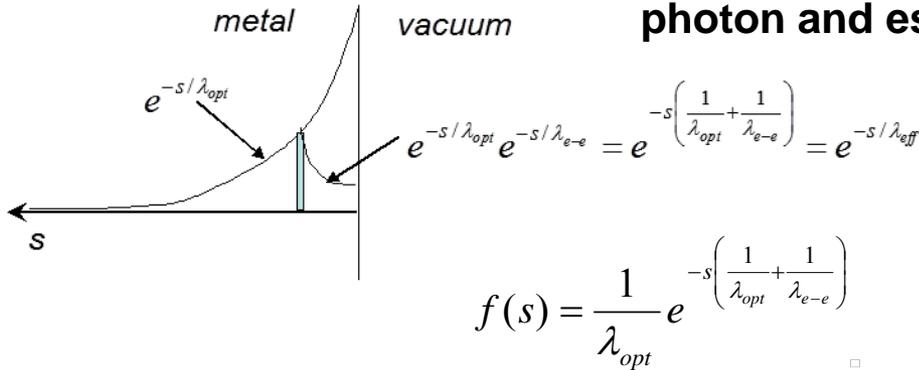
The scattering length,  $\lambda_e(E)$ , is related to the lifetime by the velocity. We assume a free electron-like velocity, using  $E_f$  as the zero of energy for metals and the bottom of the conduction band for semiconductors:

$$\lambda_e(E) = v(E) \tau(E) = \frac{\lambda_0 \sqrt{E - E_f}}{\int dE_0 \int d(\Delta E) N(E_0) N(E - \Delta E) N(E_0 + \Delta E)}$$
$$2E_f - E \quad E_f - E_0$$

$\lambda_0$  is a constant that is chosen so that the e-e scattering length (the length over which the intensity of unscattered electrons is  $1/e$  of the initial intensity) matches a known value of the electron's mean free path at a single energy for a given material.

# Step 2: Transport to the Surface

$F_{e-e}$ : Probability electron at depth  $s$ , absorbs a photon and escapes without scattering.



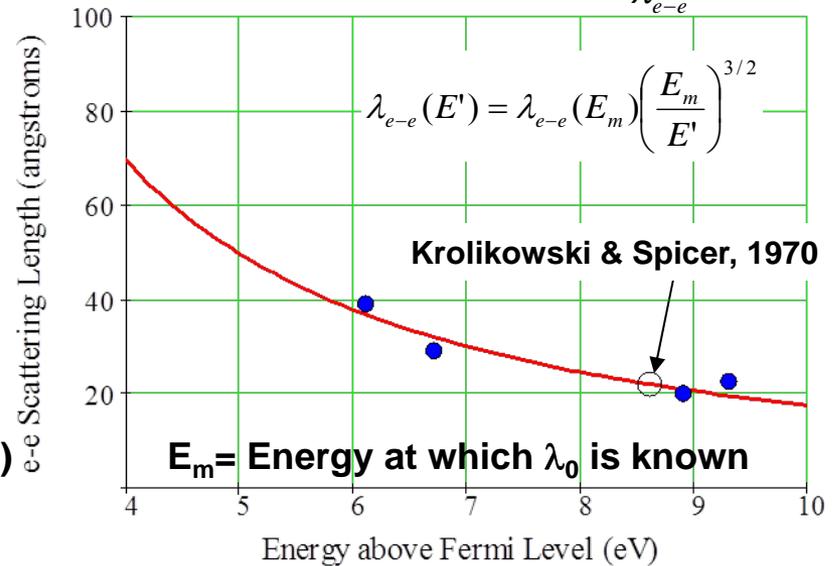
$$P_{excited}(s) = \frac{e^{-s \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_{opt}} \right)}}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-s/\lambda_{opt}} ds} = \frac{e^{-s/\lambda_{opt}}}{\lambda_{opt}}$$

$$F_{e-e} = \int_0^{\infty} f(s) ds = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}}{\lambda_{e-e}}}$$

Assume the electron-electron scattering length can be averaged over energy:

$$\bar{\lambda}_{e-e}(\hbar\omega) = \frac{\int_{\phi_{eff}}^{\hbar\omega} \lambda_{e-e}(E) dE}{\int_{\phi_{eff}}^{\hbar\omega} dE} = \frac{2\lambda_0 E_m^{3/2}}{\hbar\omega \sqrt{\phi_{eff}}} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\phi_{eff}}{\hbar\omega}} \right)}$$

This assumes  $N(E) = \text{constant}$  (more on this later)  
Dave uses  $F_{e-e}$  instead of  $T(E, \omega)$



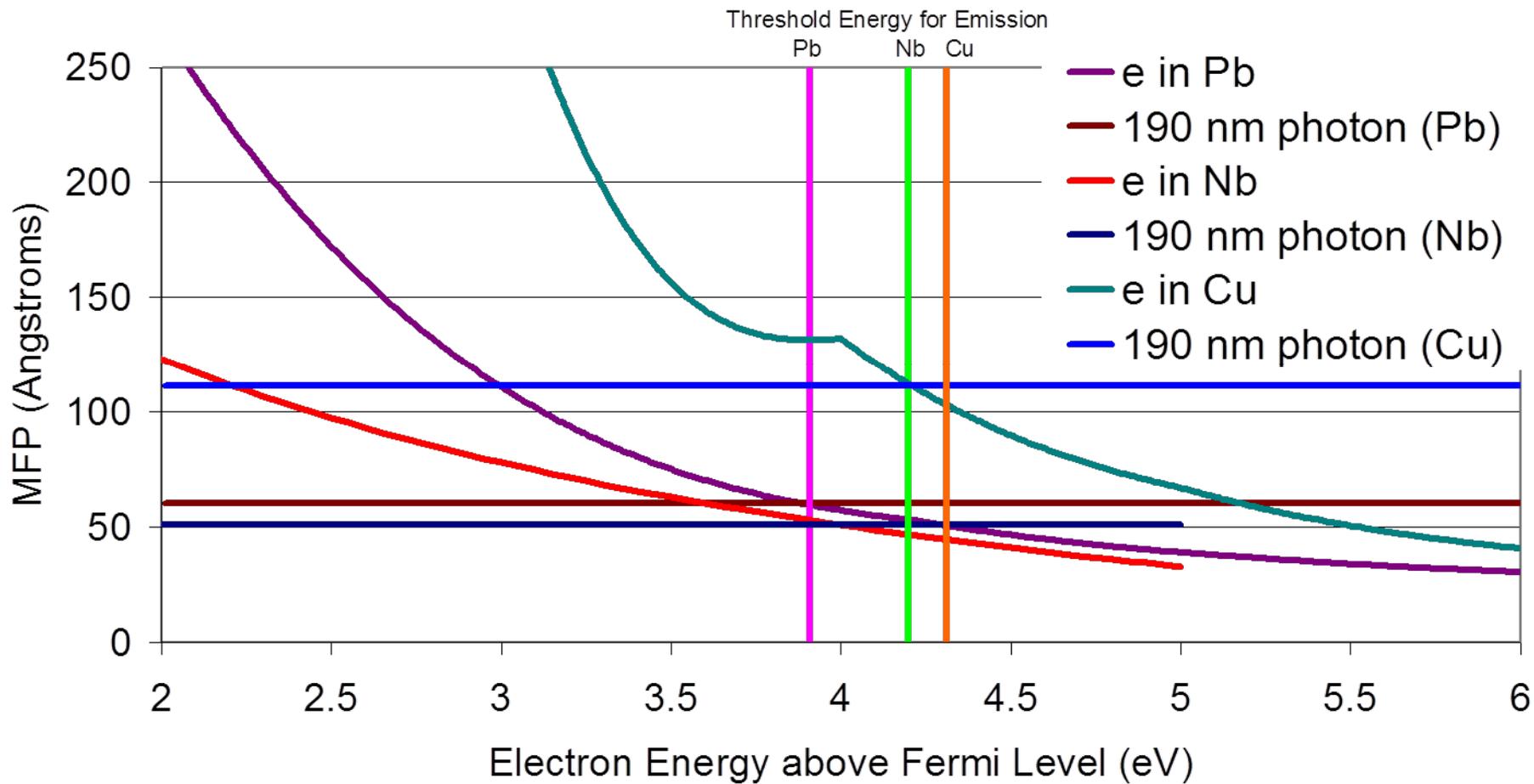
*Step 2 – Probability of reaching the surface w/o  $e^-e^-$  scattering*

The probability that an electron created at a depth  $d$  will escape is  $e^{-d/\lambda_e}$ , and the probability per unit length that a photon is absorbed at depth  $d$  is  $(1/\lambda_{ph}) e^{-d/\lambda_{ph}}$ . Integrating the product of these probabilities over all possible values of  $d$ , we obtain the fraction of electrons that reach the surface without scattering,  $F_{e-e}(E, \omega)$ ,

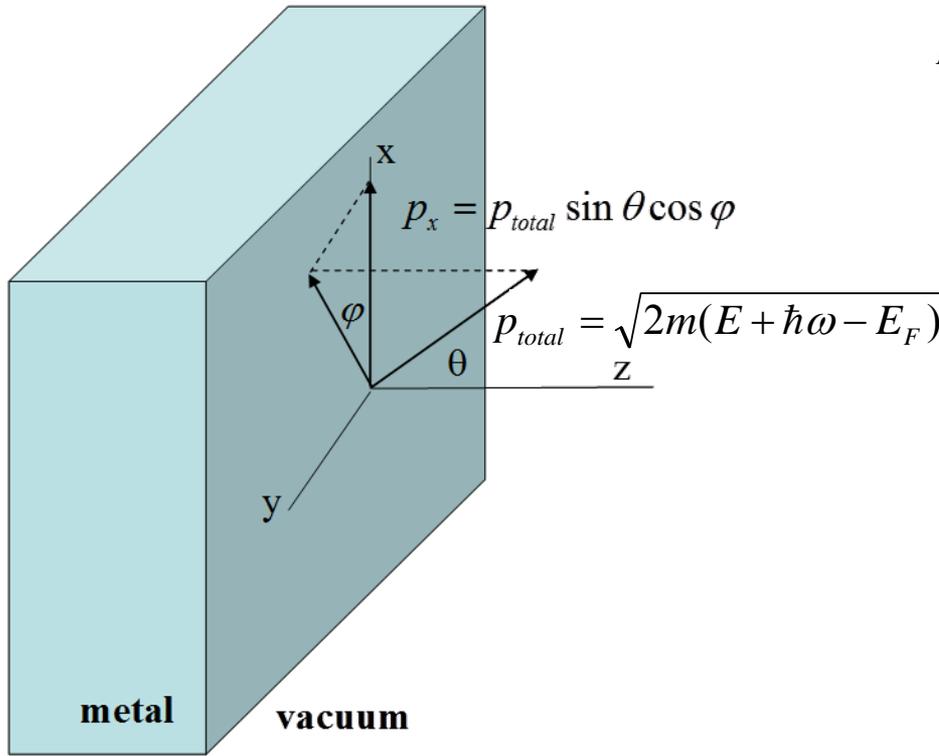
$$F_{e-e}(E, \omega) = \frac{\lambda_e(E + \hbar\omega)/\lambda_{ph}(\omega)}{1 + \lambda_e(E + \hbar\omega)/\lambda_{ph}(\omega)}$$

Homework: Show this

# Electron and Photon Mean Free Path in Lead, Copper and Niobium



# Step 3: Escape Over the Barrier



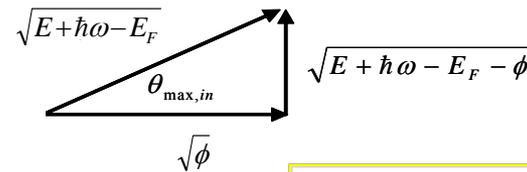
$$p_{total} = \sqrt{2m(E + \hbar\omega - E_F)}$$

$$p_{normal} = \sqrt{2m(E + \hbar\omega - E_F)} \cos \theta$$

**Escape criterion:**

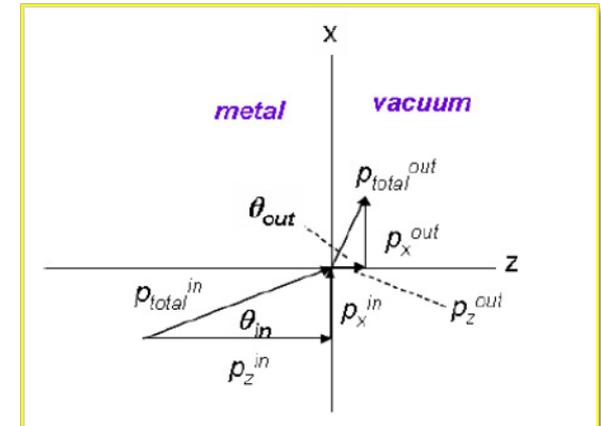
$$\frac{p_{normal}^2}{2m} > \phi_{eff}$$

$$\cos \theta_{max} = \frac{p_{normal}}{p_{total}} = \sqrt{\frac{\phi_{eff}}{E + \hbar\omega - E_F}}$$



While photoemission is regarded quantum mechanical effect due to quantization of photons, emission itself is classical. I.e., electrons do not tunnel through barrier, but classically escape over it.

This is analogous to Snell's law in optics

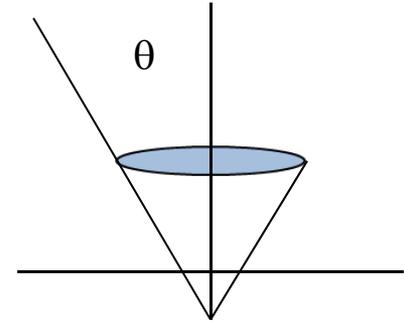


# Step 3 - Escape Probability

- Criteria for escape:  $\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k_{\perp}^2}{2m} > \phi$

- Requires electron trajectory to fall within a cone defined by angle:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{k_{\perp \min}}{|\vec{k}|} = \left( \frac{\phi}{E + \hbar\omega - E_F} \right)^{1/2}$$



- Fraction of electrons of energy E falling with the cone is given by:

$$D(E) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{\theta} \sin \theta' d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\phi}{E + \hbar\omega - E_F} \right)^{1/2} \right)$$

- For small values of  $E - E_{\tau}$ , this is the dominant factor in determining the emission. For these cases:

$$QE(\nu) \propto \int_{\phi + E_f - \hbar\omega}^{E_f} D(E) dE$$

- This gives:

$$QE(\nu) \propto (h\nu - \phi)^2$$

# EDC and QE

At this point, we have  $N(E, \hbar\omega)$  - the Energy Distribution Curve of the emitted electrons:

$$\text{EDC}(E, \hbar\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) P(E, \omega) F_{e-e}(E, \omega) D(E)$$

To obtain the QE, integrate over all electron energies capable of escape:

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) \int_{\phi + E_f - \hbar\omega}^{E_f} P(E, \omega) F_{e-e}(E, \omega) D(E) dE$$

More Generally, including temperature:

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) \frac{\int_{E_f + \phi - \hbar\omega}^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega) (1 - F(E + \hbar\omega)) N(E) F(E) \int_{\cos\theta_{\max}(E)}^1 d(\cos\theta) F_{e-e}(E, \omega, \theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}{\int_0^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega) (1 - F(E + \hbar\omega)) N(E) F(E) \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}$$

D. H. Dowell et al., Phys. Rev. ST-AB **9**, 063502 (2006)

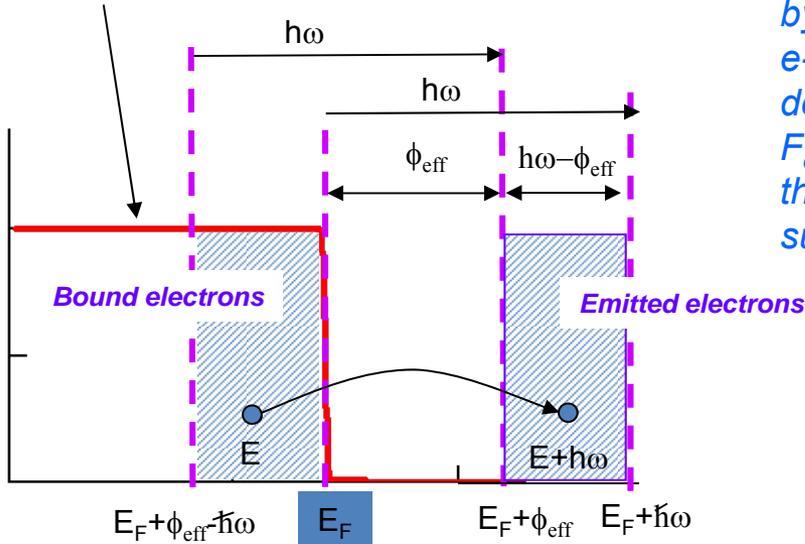
# Photo-Electric Emission

## Elements of the Three-Step Photoemission Model

### Step 1: Absorption of photon

*Fermi-Dirac distribution at 300degK*

$$f_{FD}(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_F)/k_B T}} \quad \phi_{eff} = \phi - \phi_{schottky}$$



### Step 2: Transport to surface

*Electrons lose energy by scattering, assume e-e scattering dominates,  $F_{e-e}$  is the probability the electron makes it to the surface without scattering*

### Step 3: Escape over barrier

*Escape criterion:*  $\frac{p_{normal}^2}{2m} > \phi_{eff}$

$$p_{total} = \sqrt{2m(E - E_F + \hbar\omega)}$$

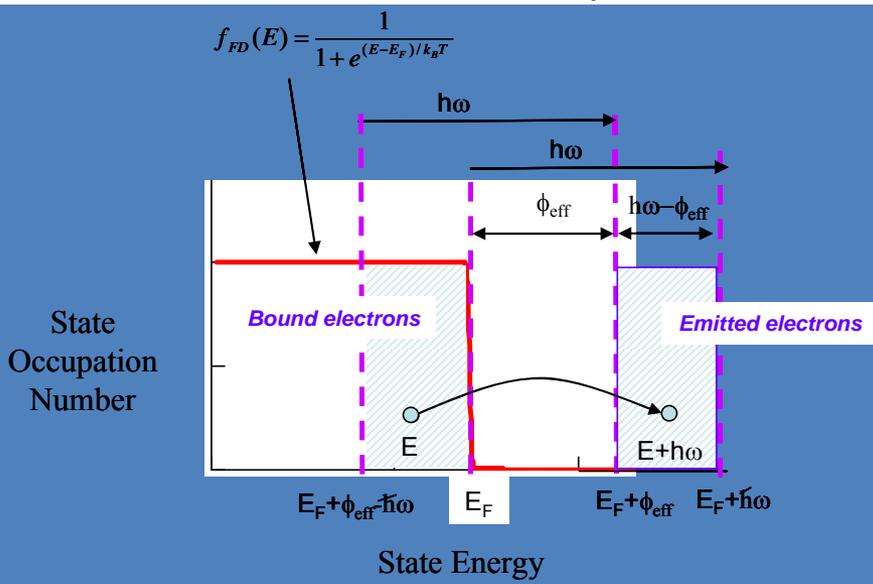
$$p_{normal} = \sqrt{2m(E - E_F + \hbar\omega)} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta_{max} = \frac{p_{\perp}}{p_{total}} = \sqrt{\frac{\phi_{eff}}{E - E_F + \hbar\omega}}$$

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) \frac{\int_{E_F + \phi_{eff} - \hbar\omega}^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega)(1 - f_{FD}(E + \hbar\omega))N(E)f_{FD}(E) \int_{\cos \theta_{max}(E)}^1 d(\cos \theta) F_{e-e}(E, \omega, \theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}{\int_{E_F - \hbar\omega}^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega)(1 - f_{FD}(E + \hbar\omega))N(E)f_{FD}(E) \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}$$

# Derivation of QE

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) \frac{\int_{E_F + \phi_{\text{eff}} - \hbar\omega}^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega)(1 - f_{FD}(E + \hbar\omega))N(E)f_{FD}(E) \int_{\cos\theta_{\text{max}}(E)}^1 d(\cos\theta)F_{e-e}(E, \omega, \theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}{\int_{E_F - \hbar\omega}^{\infty} dE N(E + \hbar\omega)(1 - f_{FD}(E + \hbar\omega))N(E)f_{FD}(E) \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}$$



**If we assume  $N(E)=\text{constant}$ , and a approximate  $F-D$  with step function since  $k_B T \ll E_F$ :**

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega))F_{e-e}(\omega) \frac{\int_{E_F + \phi_{\text{eff}} - \hbar\omega}^{E_F} dE \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi \sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_{\text{eff}}}{E + \hbar\omega}}}{\int_{E_F - \hbar\omega}^{E_F} dE \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}$$

**The QE is then given by:**

$$QE(\omega) = \frac{1 - R(\omega)}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{opt}}(\omega)}{2\lambda_{e-e}(E_m)} \frac{\hbar\omega\sqrt{\phi_{\text{eff}}}}{E_m^{3/2}} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{\phi_{\text{eff}}}{\hbar\omega}}\right)} \frac{(E_F + \hbar\omega)}{2\hbar\omega} \left[1 - 2\sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_{\text{eff}}}{E_F + \hbar\omega}}\right]^2$$

# QE for a metal

$E$  is the electron energy

$E_F$  is the Fermi Energy

$\phi_{eff}$  is the effective work function

$$\phi_{eff} = \phi_W - \phi_{Schottky}$$

$$QE(\omega) = (1 - R(\omega)) F_{e-e}(\omega)$$

## Step 3: Escape over the barrier

$$\frac{\int_{E_F + \phi_{eff} - \hbar\omega}^{E_F} dE \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d(\cos\theta)}{\sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_{eff}}{E + \hbar\omega}}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}{\int_{E_F - \hbar\omega}^{E_F} dE \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\Phi}$$

### Step 1: Optical Reflectivity

~40% for metals

~10% for semi-conductors

### Optical Absorption Depth

~120 angstroms

Fraction ~ 0.6 to 0.9

### Step 2: Transport to Surface

e-e scattering (esp. for metals)

~30 angstroms for Cu

e-phonon scattering (semi-conductors)

Fraction ~ 0.2

•Azimuthally isotropic emission  
Fraction = 1

•Fraction of electrons within max internal angle for escape,  
Fraction ~0.01

•Sum over the fraction of occupied states which are excited with enough energy to escape,

Fraction ~0.04 45

$$QE \sim 0.5 * 0.2 * 0.04 * 0.01 * 1 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$$

# “Prompt”

Metals have very low quantum efficiency, but they are prompt emitters, with fs response times for near-threshold photons:

To escape, an electron must be excited with a momentum vector directed toward the surface, as it must have

$$\frac{\hbar^2 k_{\perp}^2}{2m} > \phi$$

The “escape” length versus electron-electron scattering is typically under 10 nm in the near threshold case. Assuming a typical hot electron velocity of  $10^6$  m/s, the escape time is 10 fs.

(this is why the LCLS has a Cu photocathode)

W.F. Krolikowski and W.E. Spicer, Phys. Rev. 185, 882 (1969)  
D. H. Dowell *et al.*, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 9, 063502 (2006)  
T. Srinivasan-Rao *et al.*, PAC97, 2790

# Schottky Effect and Field Enhancement

- Schottky effect reduces work function

$$\Delta\phi_{schottkey} [eV] = \alpha \sqrt{E \left[ \frac{V}{m} \right]}$$

$$\alpha = e \sqrt{\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0}} = 3.7947 \times 10^{-5} [e\sqrt{Vm}]$$

- Field enhancement

Typically,  $\beta_{eff}$  is given as a value for a surface. In this case, the QE near threshold can be expressed as:

$$QE = B(h\nu - \phi_0 + \alpha\sqrt{\beta_{eff}E})^2$$

# Field Enhancement

Let us consider instead a field map across the surface, such that

$$E(x,y) = \beta(x,y)E_0$$

For “infinite parallel plate” cathode, Gauss’s Law gives:

$$\frac{1}{A} \int_A \beta(x,y) dx dy = 1$$

In this case, the QE varies point-to-point. The integrated QE, assuming uniform illumination and reflectivity, is:

$$QE = \frac{B \int_{\text{emission area}} (h\nu - \phi_0 + \alpha\sqrt{\beta(x,y)E})^2 dx dy}{A}$$

Relating these expressions for the QE:

$$(h\nu - \phi_0 + \alpha\sqrt{\beta_{\text{eff}}E})^2 = \frac{\int_{\text{emission area}} (h\nu - \phi_0 + \alpha\sqrt{\beta(x,y)E})^2 dx dy}{A}$$

# Field Enhancement

Solving for effective field enhancement factor:

$$\beta_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2 E_0} \left( \frac{\int_{\text{emission area}} (h\nu - \phi_0 + \alpha \sqrt{\beta(x, y) E_0})^2 dx dy}{A} \right)^{1/2} - (h\nu - \phi_0) \Big)^2$$

**Not Good** – the field enhancement “factor” depends on wavelength

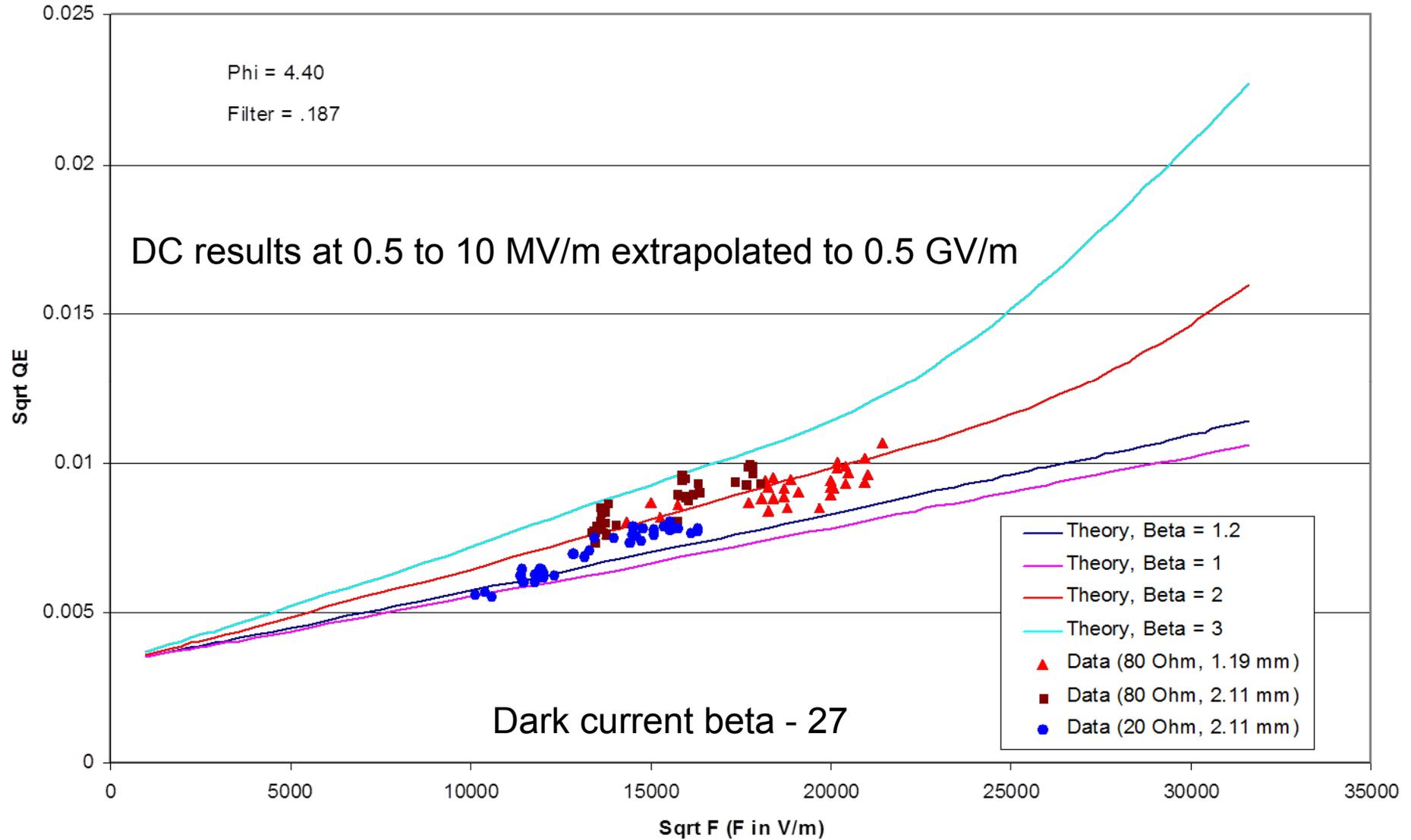
In the case where  $h\nu = \phi_0$ , we obtain  $\beta_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{A} \int_{\text{emission area}} \beta(x, y) dx dy = 1$

Local variation of reflectivity, and non-uniform illumination, could lead to an increase in beta

Clearly, the field enhancement concept is very different for photoemission (as compared to field emission). **Perhaps we should use a different symbol?**

# Sqrt QE vs Sqrt F, KrF on Cu

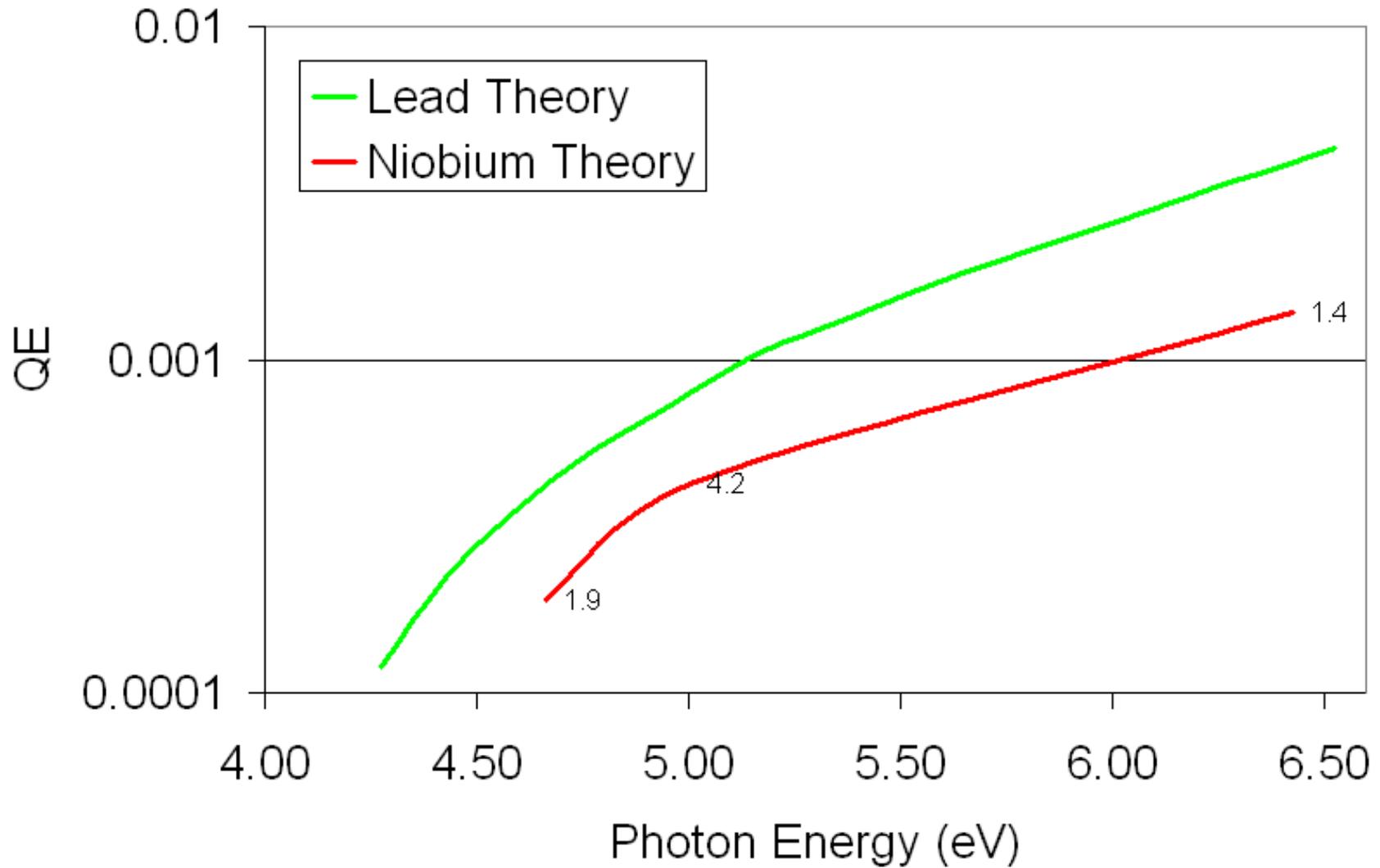
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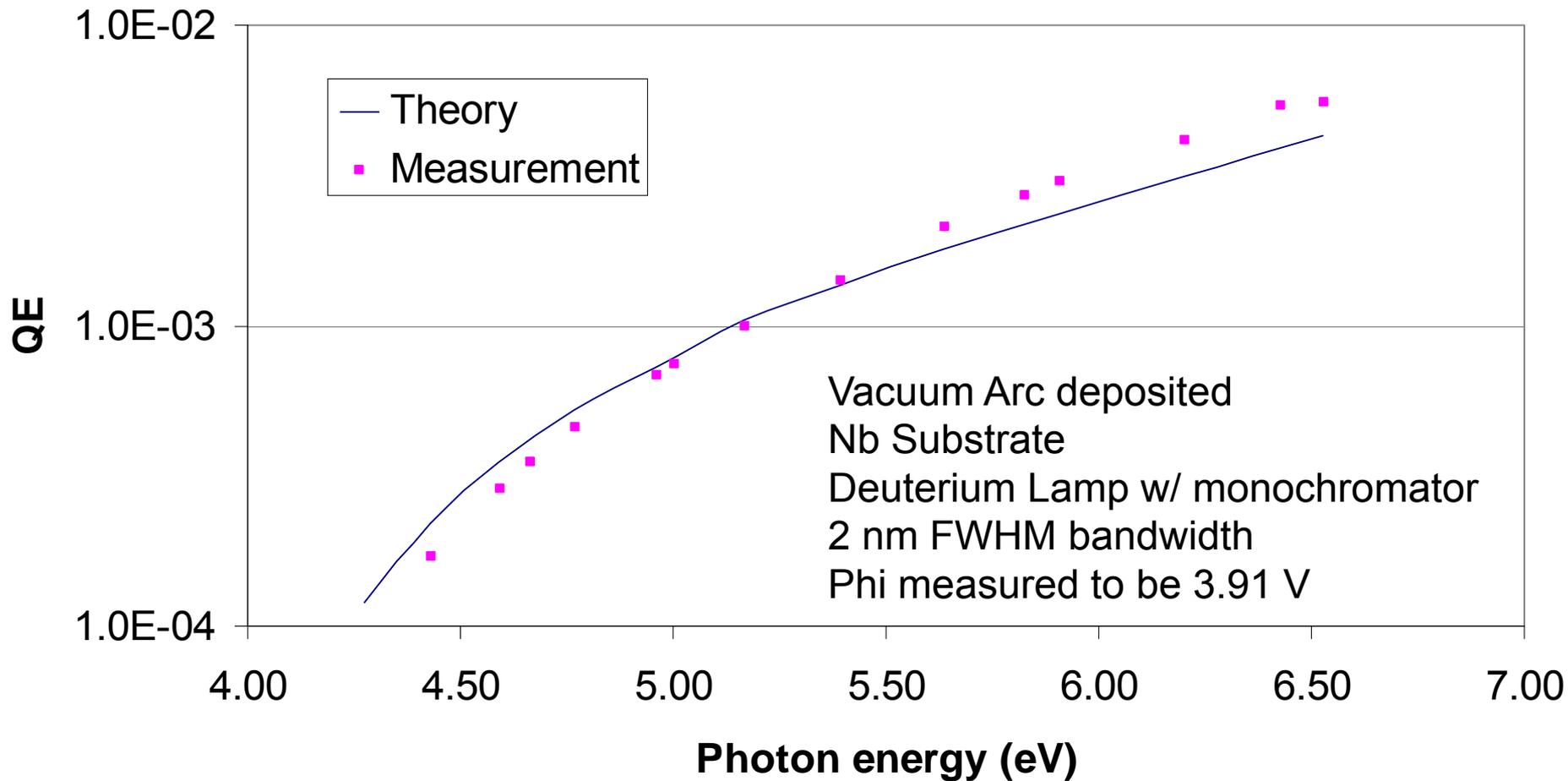
# Implementation of Model

- Material parameters needed
  - Density of States
  - Workfunction (preferably measured)
  - Complex index of refraction
  - $e$  mfp at one energy, or hot electron lifetime
  - Optional – surface profile to calculate beta
- Numerical methods
  - First two steps are computationally intensive, but do not depend on  $\phi$  – only need to be done once per wavelength (Mathematica)
  - Last step and QE in Excel (allows easy access to EDCs, modification of  $\phi$ )
  - No free parameters (use the measured  $\phi$ )

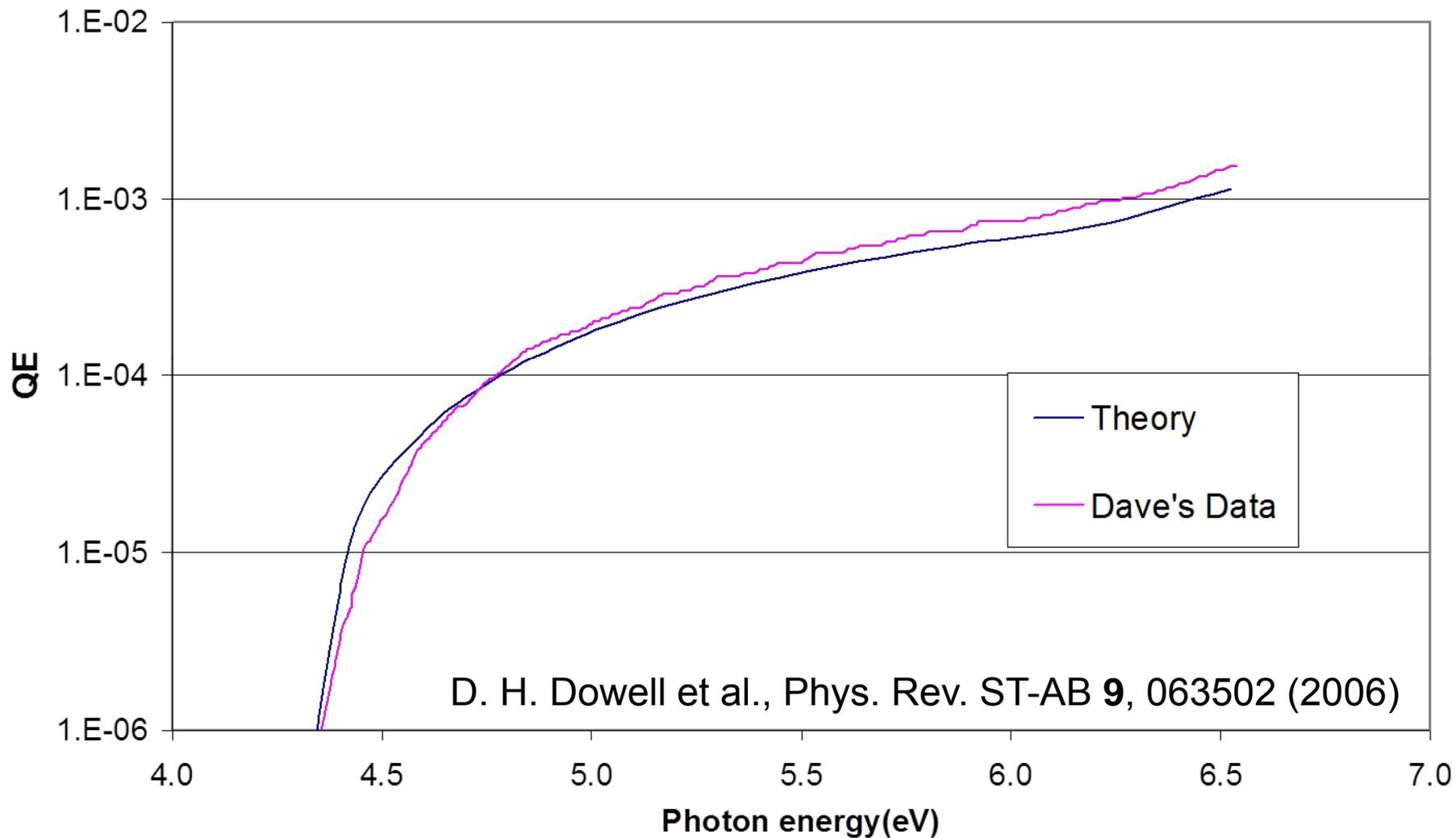
Predicted QE for Pb & Nb



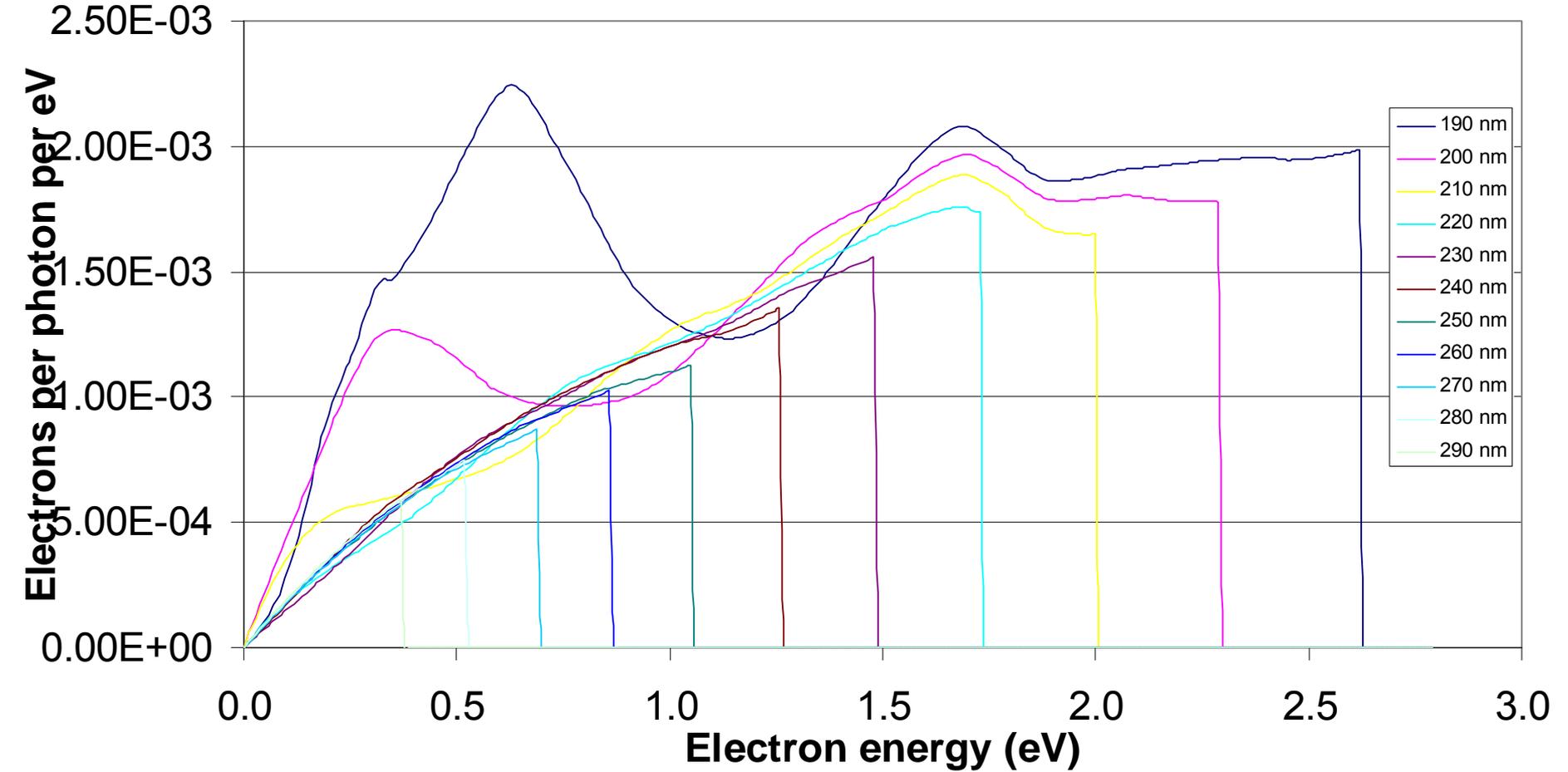
# Lead QE vs Photon energy



## Copper QE vs Photon Energy

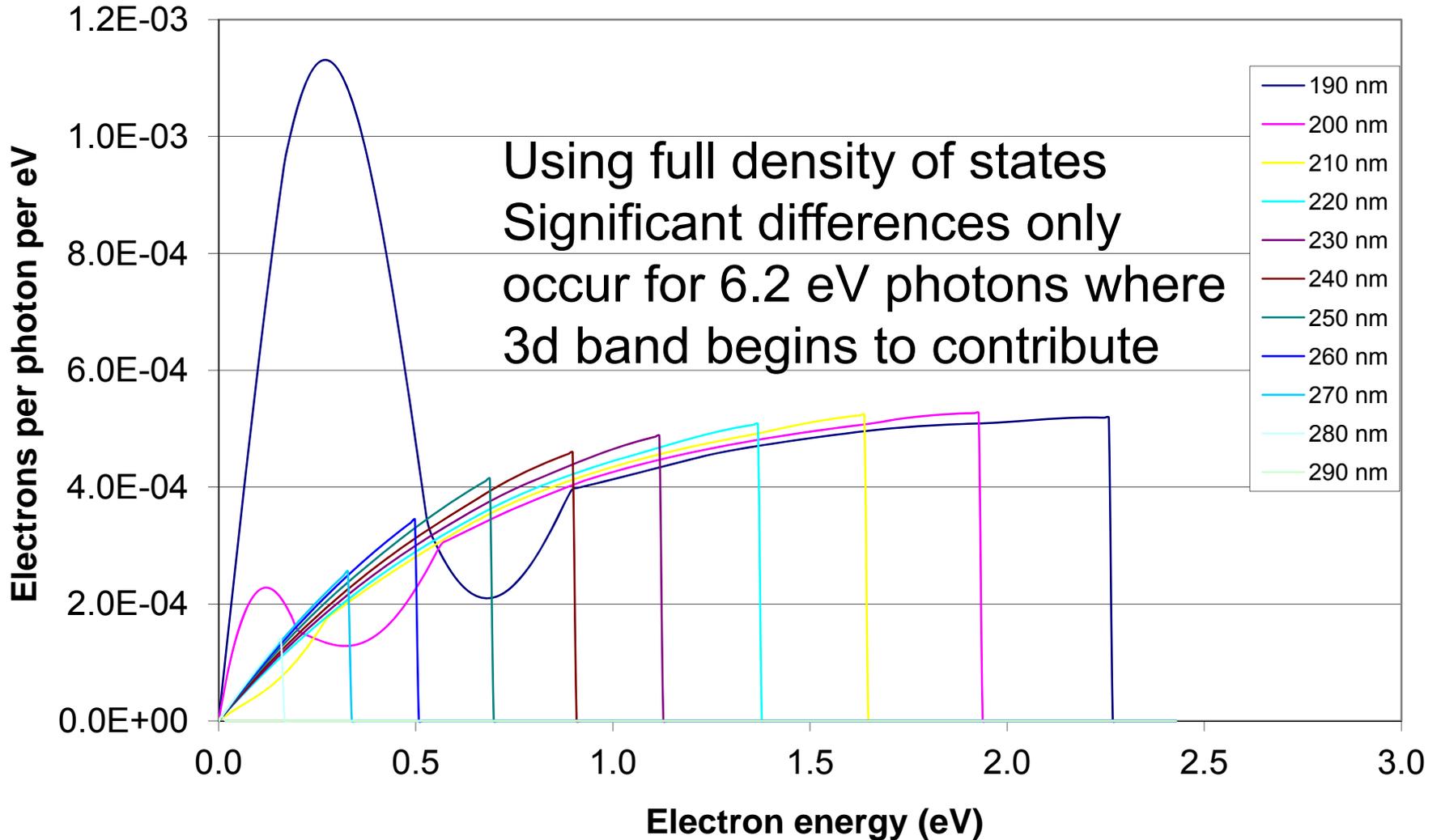


# Energy Distribution Curves



# Calculated EDC for Copper

## Energy Distribution Curves - Copper



# Improvements

- Consider momentum selection rules
- Take electron heating into account
- Photon energy spread (bandwidth)
- Consider once-scattered electrons (Spicer does this)
- Expand model to allow spatial variation
  - Reflectivity
  - Field
  - Workfunction?

# Photo-Electric Emittance (1)

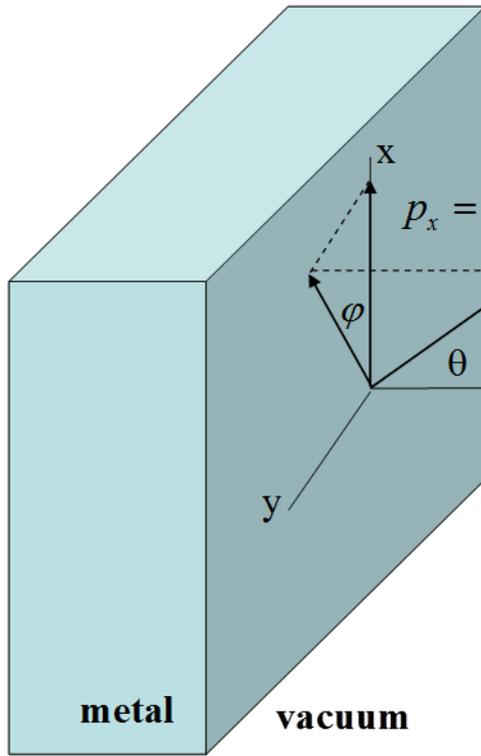
- The mean square of the transverse momentum is related to the electron distribution function,  $g(E, \theta, \phi)$ , just inside the cathode surface,

$$\langle p_{tot}^2 \rangle = \frac{\int \int \int g(E, \theta, \varphi) p_x^2 dE d(\cos\theta) d\varphi}{\int \int \int g(E, \theta, \varphi) dE d(\cos\theta) d\varphi}$$

- The  $g$ -function and the integration limits depend upon the emission processes. We assume for the three-step photo-emission model that  $g$  depends only on energy, and that we can use the flat DoS,

$$g_{photo} = (1 - f_{FD}(E + \hbar\omega)) f_{FD}(E)$$

# Derivation of Photo-Electric Intrinsic Emittance



$$p_x = p_{total} \sin \theta \cos \varphi$$

$$p_{total} = \sqrt{2m(E + \hbar\omega - E_F)}$$

$$p_x = p_{total} \sin \theta \cos \varphi = \sqrt{2m(E + \hbar\omega - E_F)} \sin \theta \cos \varphi$$

$$\varepsilon_n = \sigma_x \frac{\langle p_x^2 \rangle^{1/2}}{mc}$$

$$\langle p_x^2 \rangle = 2m \frac{\int_{E_F - \hbar\omega + \phi_{eff}}^{E_F} (E + \hbar\omega - E_F) dE}{\int dE} \frac{\int_0^1 \sin^2 \theta d(\cos \theta)}{\int d(\cos \theta)} \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \varphi d\varphi}{\int d\varphi}$$

***Intrinsic emittance for photoemission from a metal***

$$\varepsilon_n = \sigma_x \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$

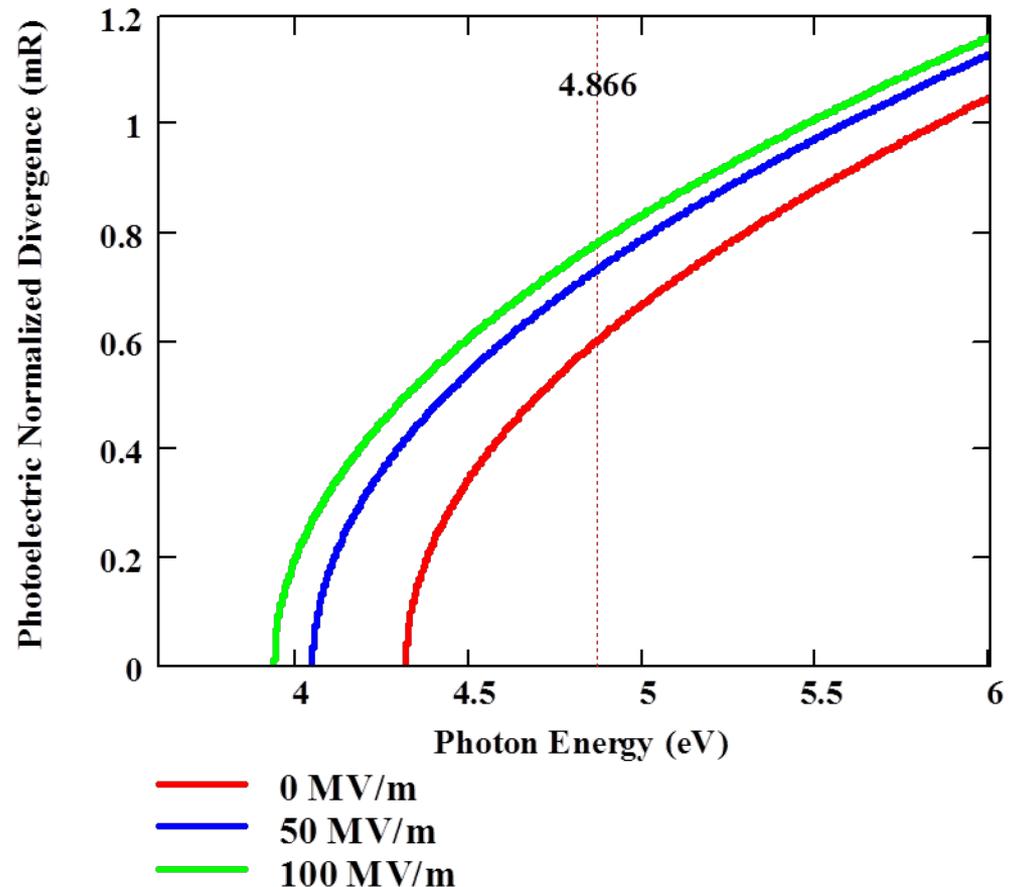
# Photo-Electric Emittance (3)

- Normalized divergence vs. photon energy for various applied fields

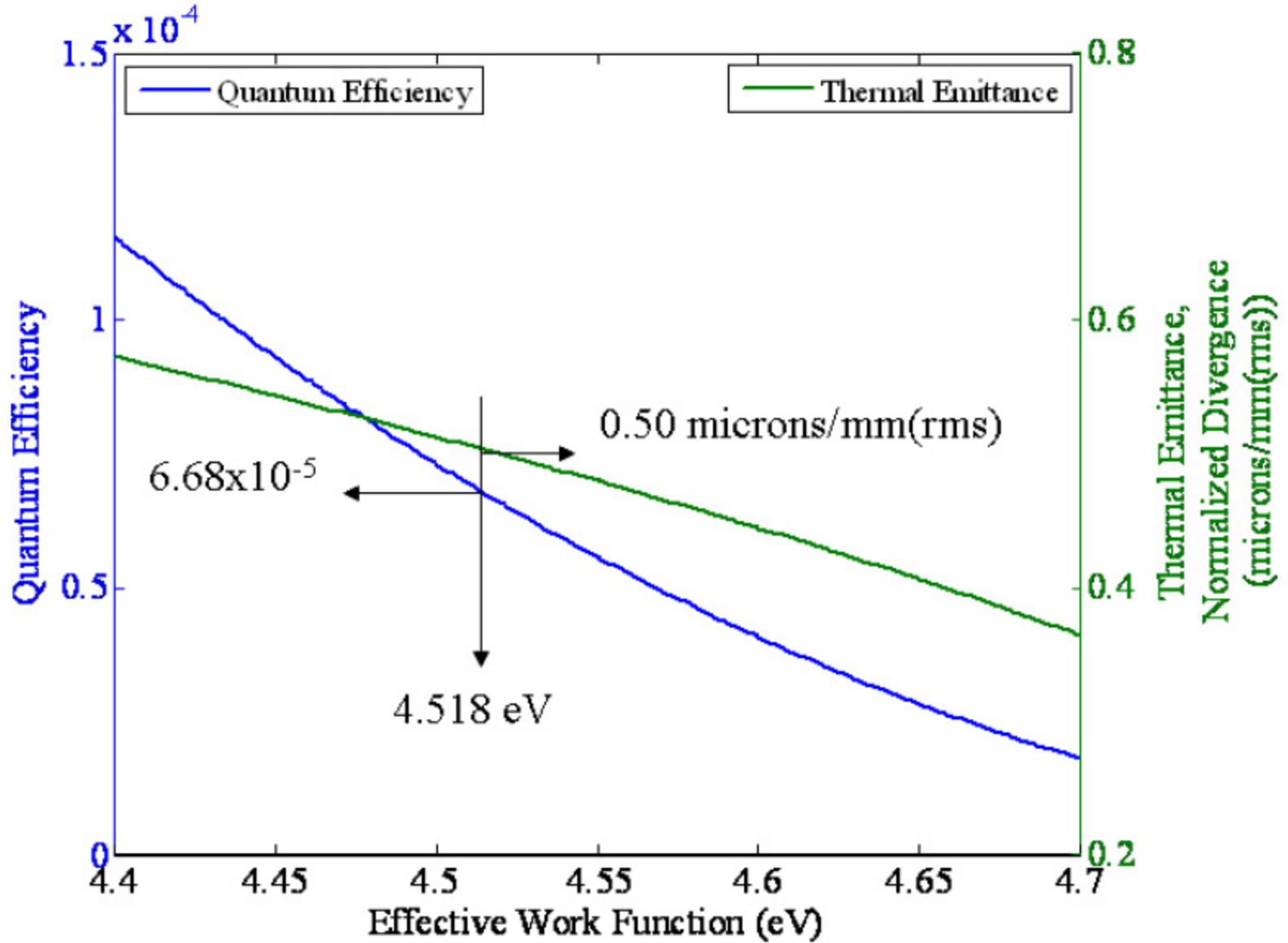
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$$\Delta_{photo} = \beta\gamma\sigma_{x'}^{photo} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$

$$\epsilon_{photo} = \sigma_x \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$



# Photo-Electric Emittance & QE

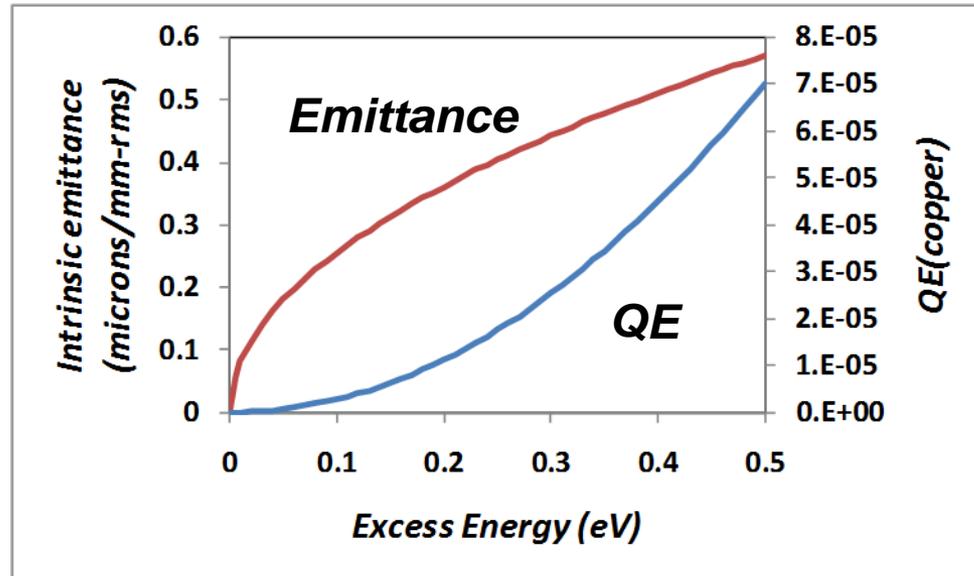


# QE & Emittance are related via the excess energy

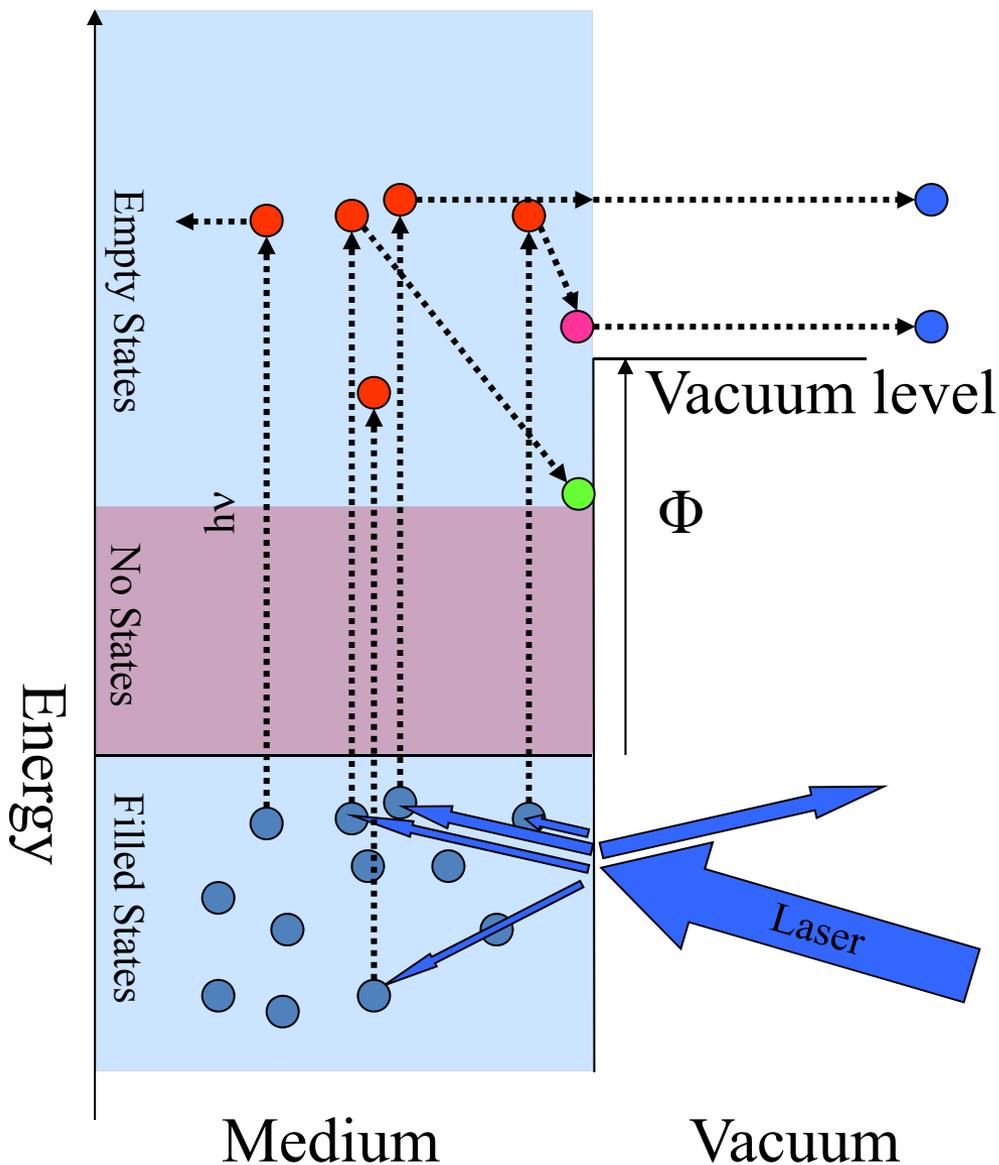
**Define the excess energy as:**  $E_{excess} = \hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}$

$$QE = \frac{(1-R(\hbar\omega)) (E_F + \hbar\omega)}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}}{\lambda_{e-e}}} \frac{1}{2\hbar\omega} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_{eff}}{E_F + \hbar\omega}} \right)^2 \approx \frac{(1-R(\hbar\omega))}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}}{\lambda_{e-e}}} \frac{E_{excess}^2}{8\phi_{eff} (E_F + \phi_{eff})}$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\sigma_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{E_{excess}}{3mc^2}}$$



# Three Step Model of Photoemission - Semiconductors



- 1) **Excitation of  $e^-$**   
Reflection, Transmission, Interference  
Energy distribution of excited  $e^-$
- 2) **Transit to the Surface**  
 $e^-$ -phonon scattering  
 $e^-e^-$  scattering  
Random Walk
- 3) **Escape surface**  
Overcome Workfunction  
Multiple tries

Need to account for Random Walk in cathode suggests Monte Carlo modeling

# Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb (Alkali Antimonides)

Work function 2.05 eV,  $E_g = 1.6$  eV

Electron-phonon scattering length  
~5 nm

Loss per collision ~0.1 eV

Photon absorption depth  
~20-100 nm

Thus for 1 eV above threshold, total path length can be ~500 nm (pessimistic, as many electrons will escape before 100 collisions)

This yields a response time of  
~0.6 ps

Alkali Antimonide cathodes have been used in RF guns to produce electron bunches of 10's of ps without difficulty

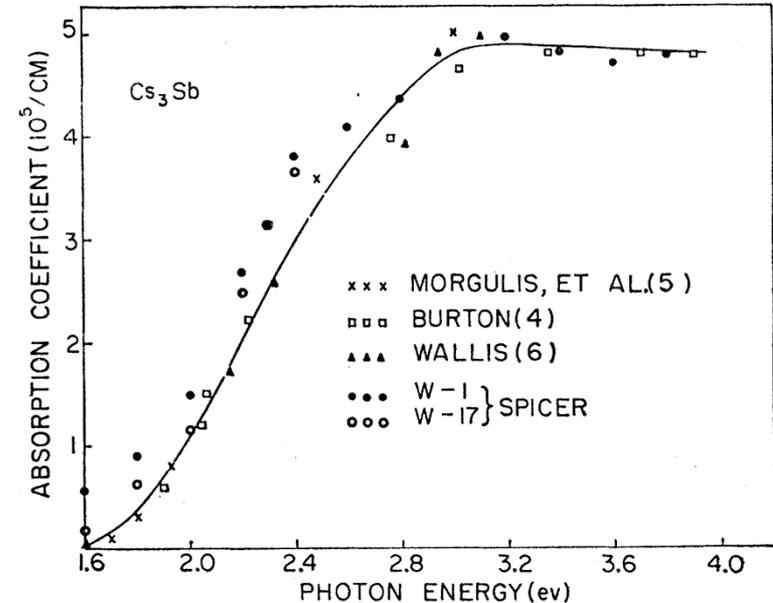


FIG. 1. Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb absorption coefficients obtained by various workers. A coefficient of 10<sup>5</sup>/cm at 3.0 eV was assumed in the present work.

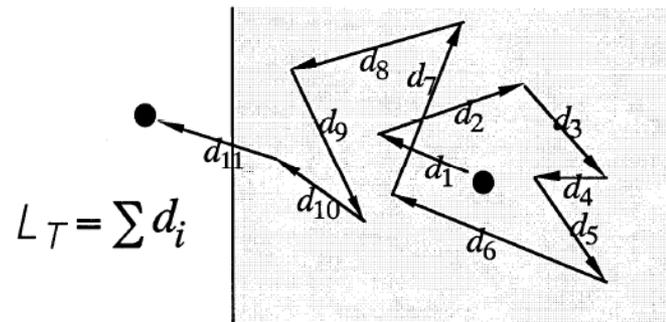


Figure 4. Transport of a photoemitted electron when the electron-phonon scattering is dominant. The integrated path,  $L_T$ , is the sum of the distances traveled between collisions.

D. H. Dowell *et al.*, *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, **63**, 2035 (1993)

W.E. Spicer, *Phys. Rev.*, **112**, 114 (1958)

## Assumptions for $K_2CsSb$ Three Step Model

- 1D Monte Carlo (implemented in Mathematica)
- $e^-$ -phonon mean free path (mfp) is constant
- Energy transfer in each scattering event is equal to the mean energy transfer
- Every electron scatters after 1 mfp
- Each scattering event randomizes  $e^-$  direction of travel
- Every electron that reaches the surface with energy sufficient to escape escapes
- Cathode and substrate surfaces are optically smooth
- $e^-$ - $e^-$  scattering is ignored (strictly valid only for  $E < 2E_{\text{gap}}$ )
- Field does not penetrate into cathode
- Band bending at the surface can be ignored

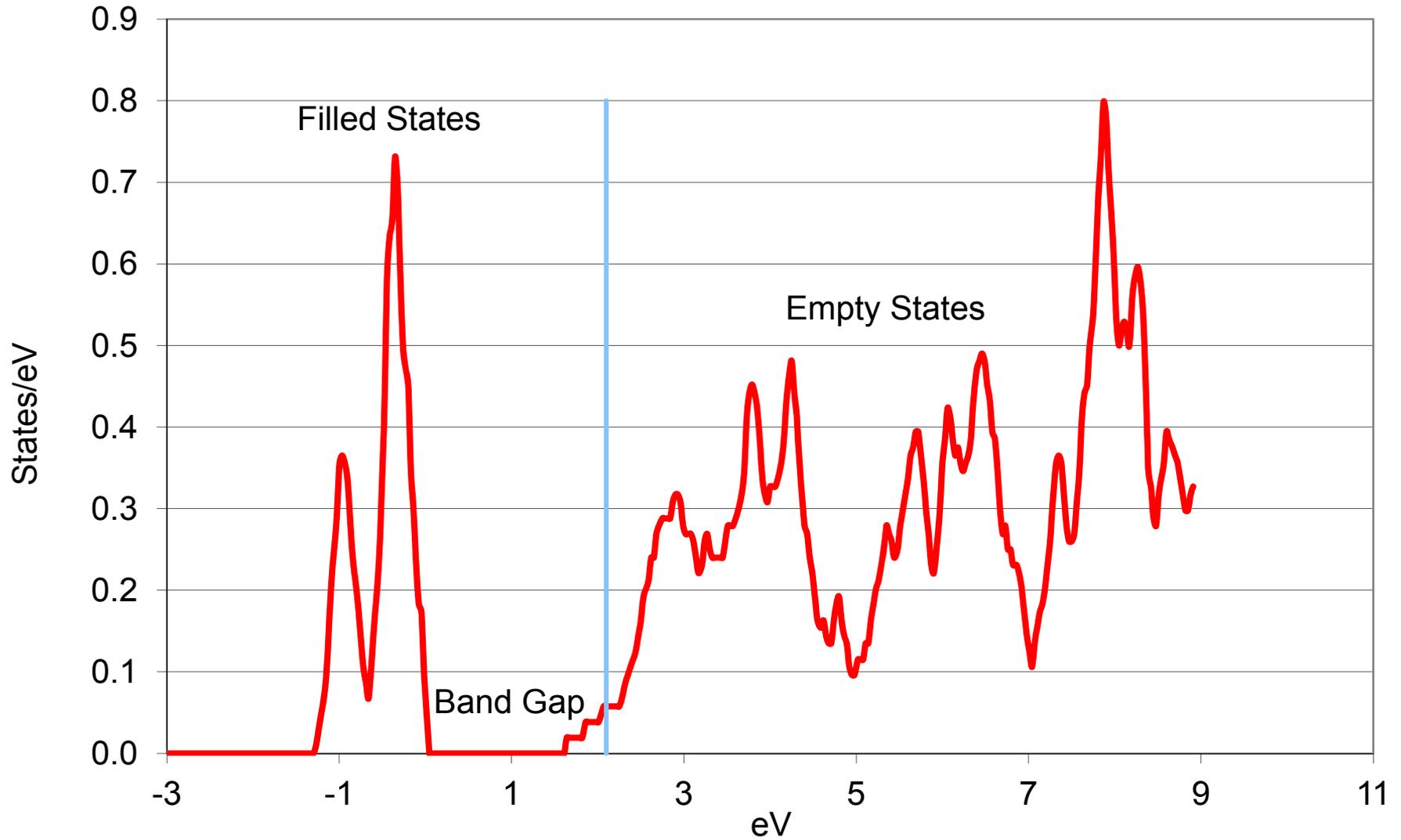
## Parameters for $K_2CsSb$ Three Step Model

- $e^-$ -phonon mean free path
- Energy transfer in each scattering event
- Number of particles
- Emission threshold ( $E_{\text{gap}} + E_A$ )
- Cathode Thickness
- Substrate material

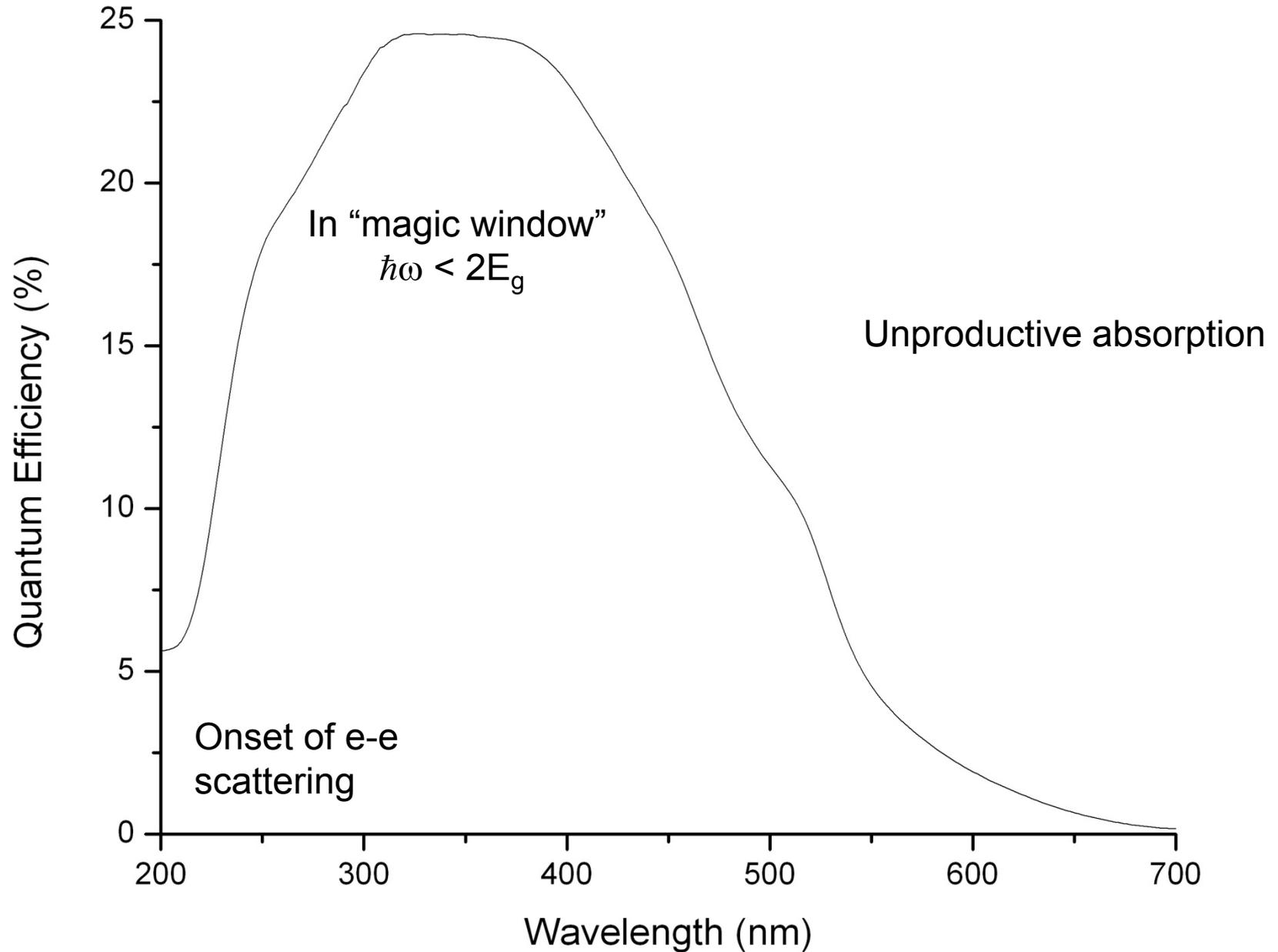
Parameter estimates from:

Spicer and Herrea-Gomez, Modern Theory and Applications of Photocathodes, SLAC-PUB 6306

# $K_2CsSb$ DOS

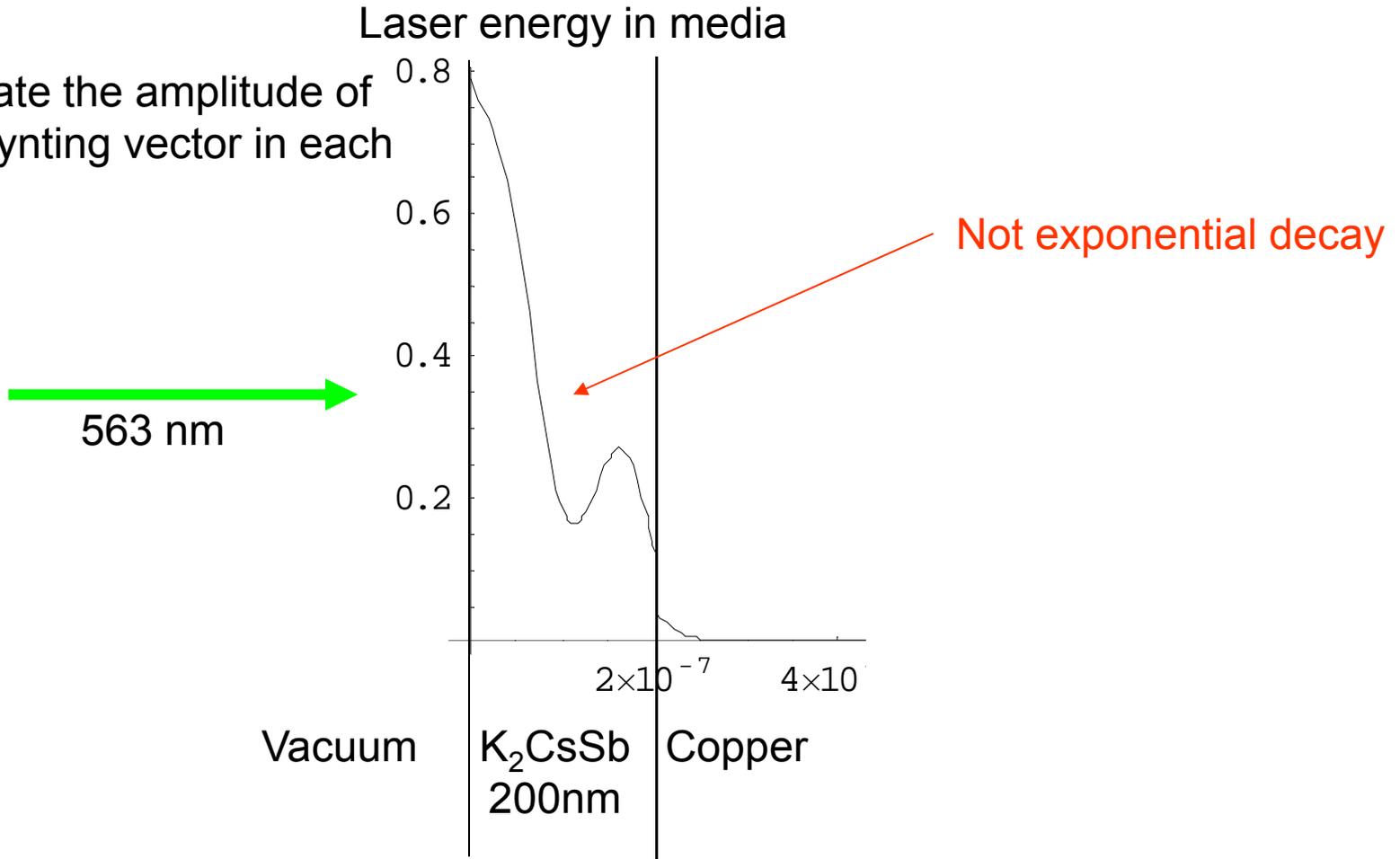


# Spectral Response – Bi-alkali

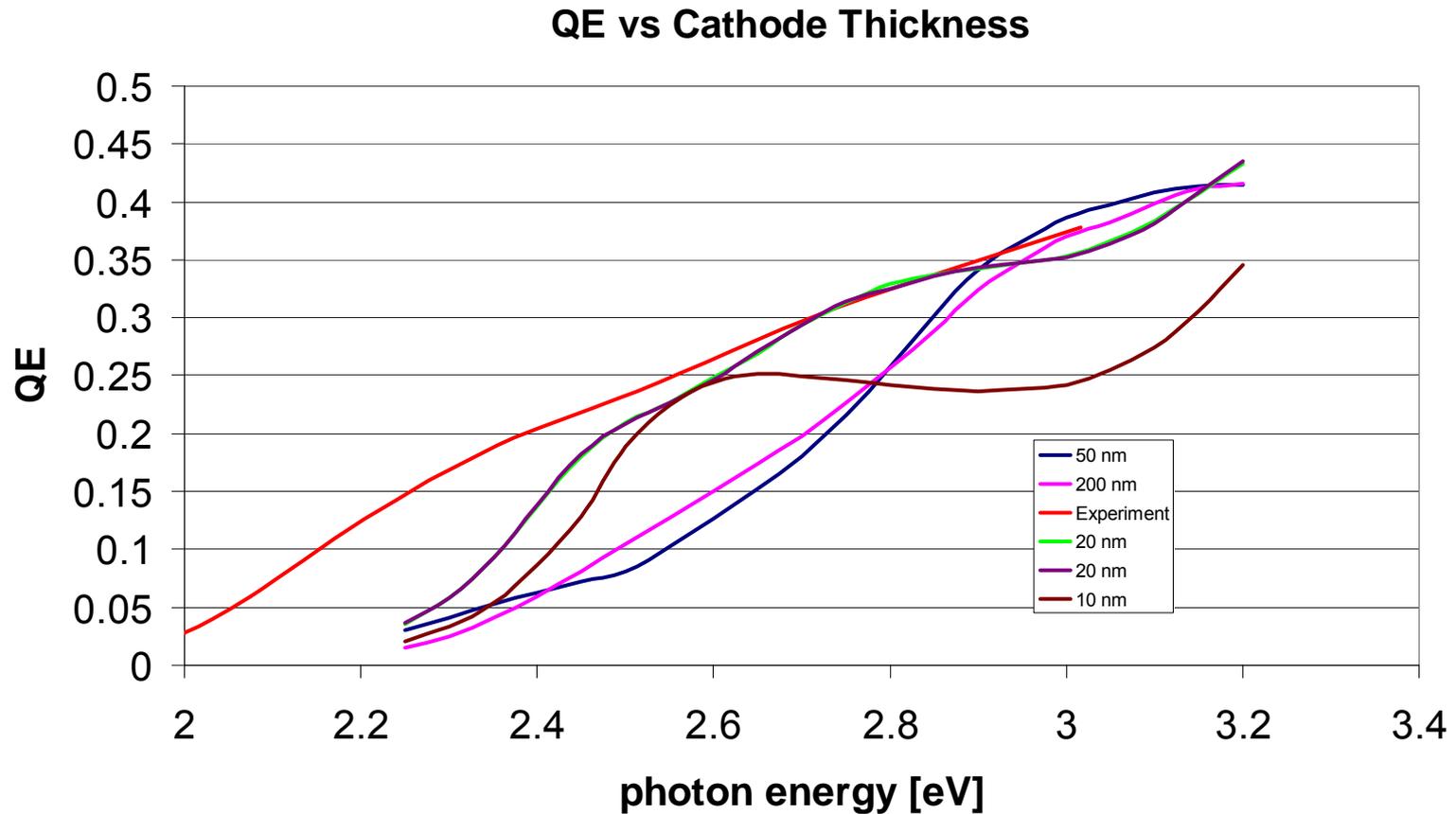


# Laser Propagation and Interference

Calculate the amplitude of the Poynting vector in each media

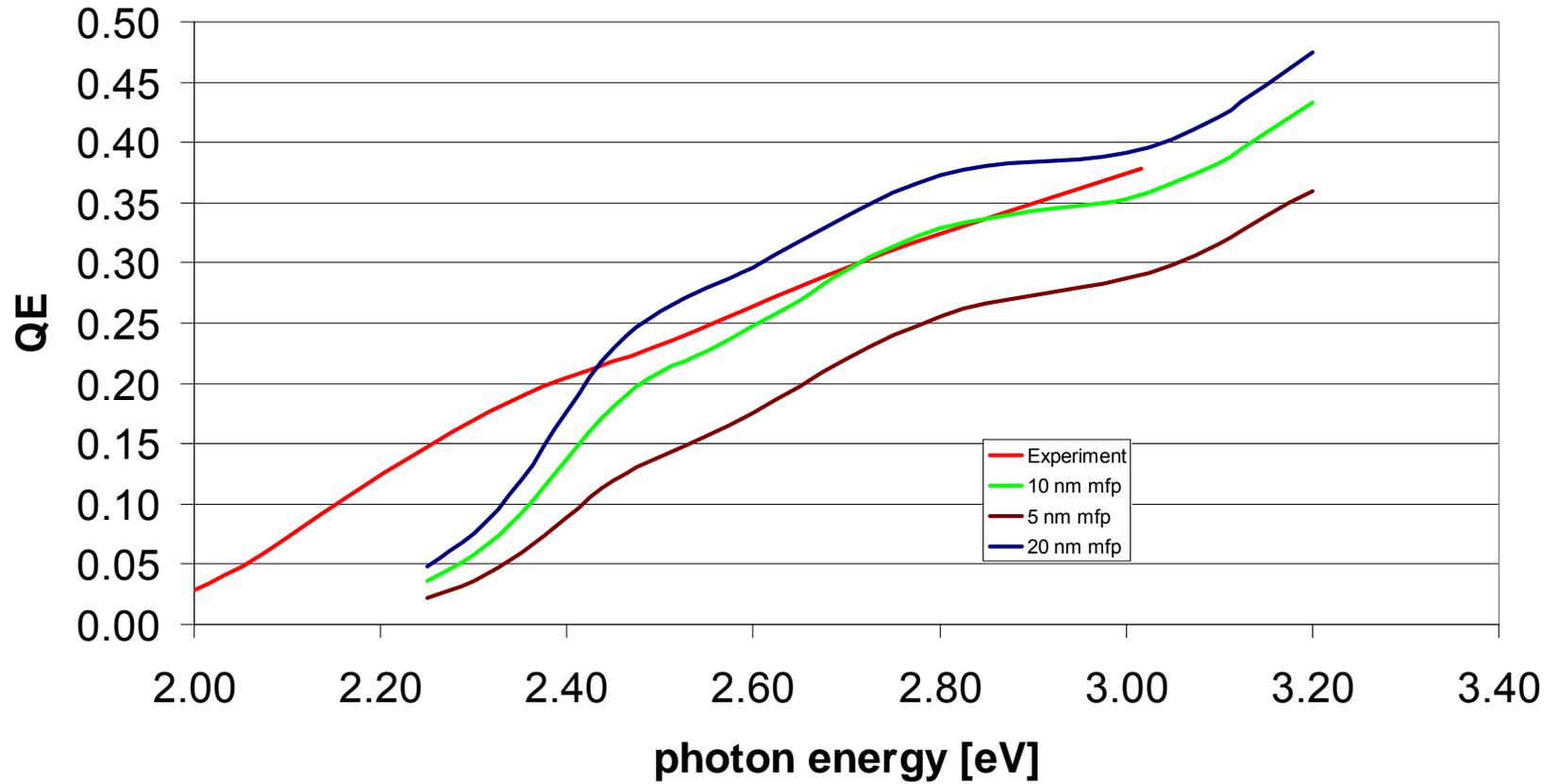


# Monte Carlo for $K_2CsSb$

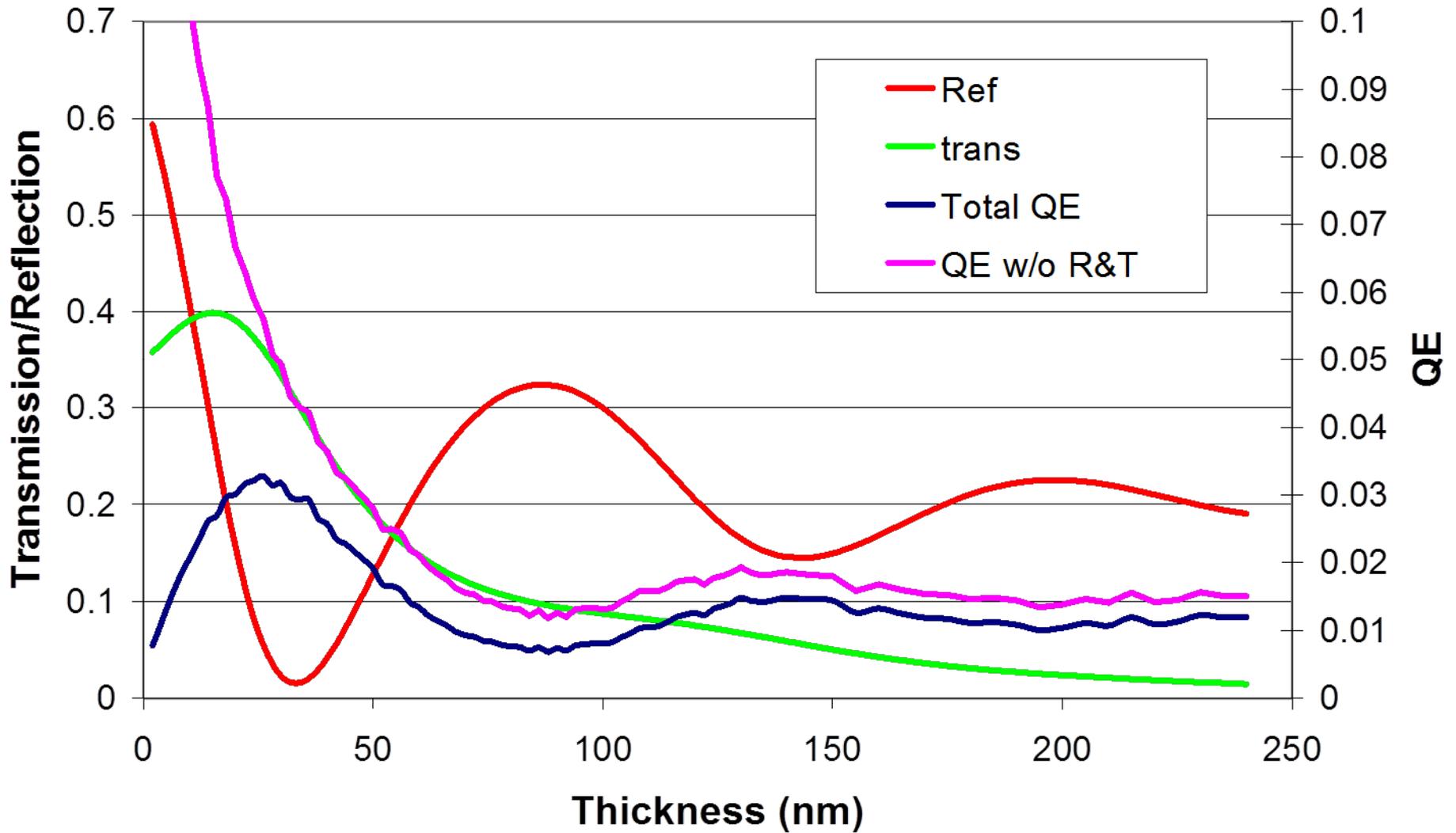


Data from Ghosh & Varma, J. Appl. Phys. **48** 4549 (1978)

### QE vs Mean Free Path

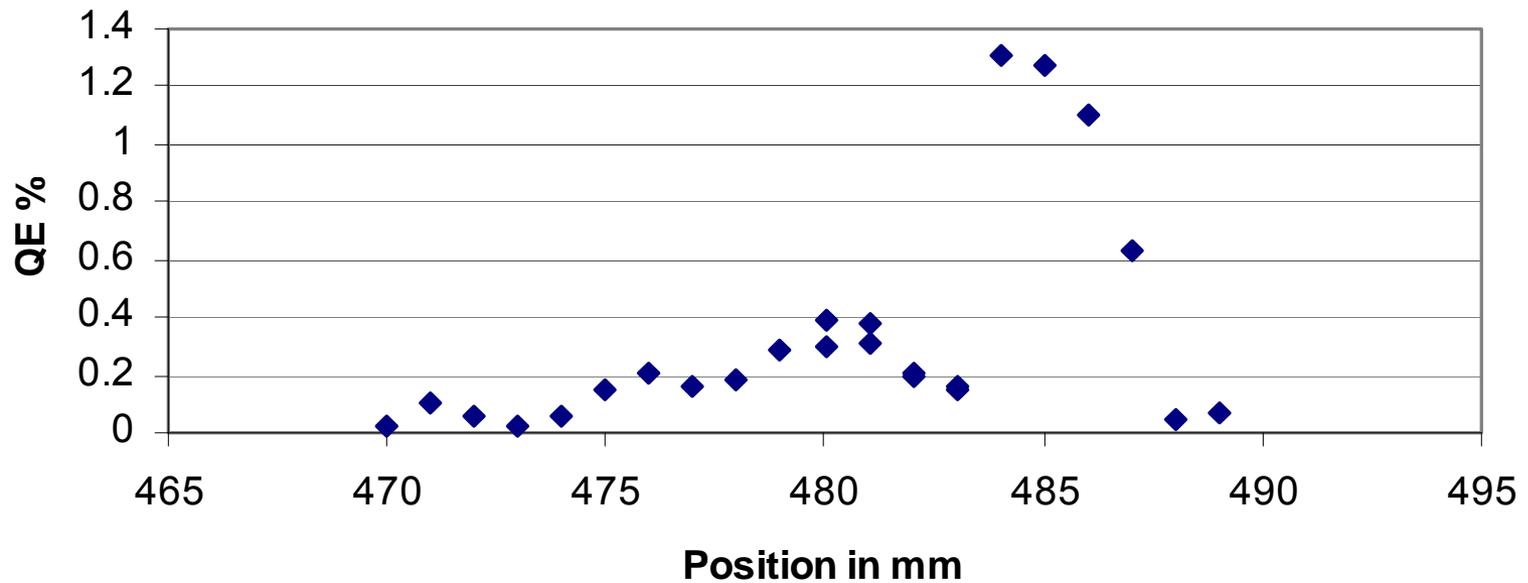


## Thickness dependence @ 543 nm

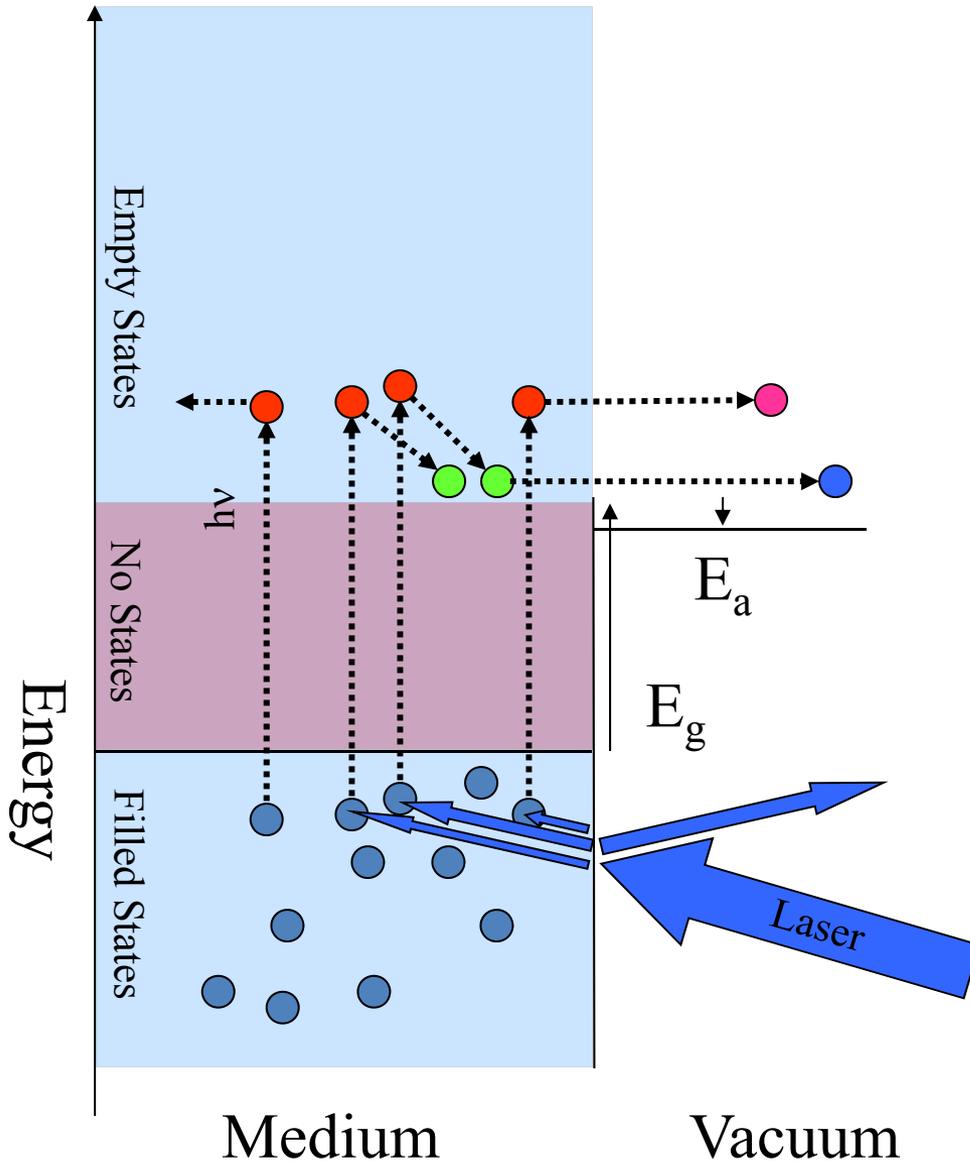


# Spatial Variation of QE for a Thin $K_2CsSb$ Cathode

QE in reflection mode



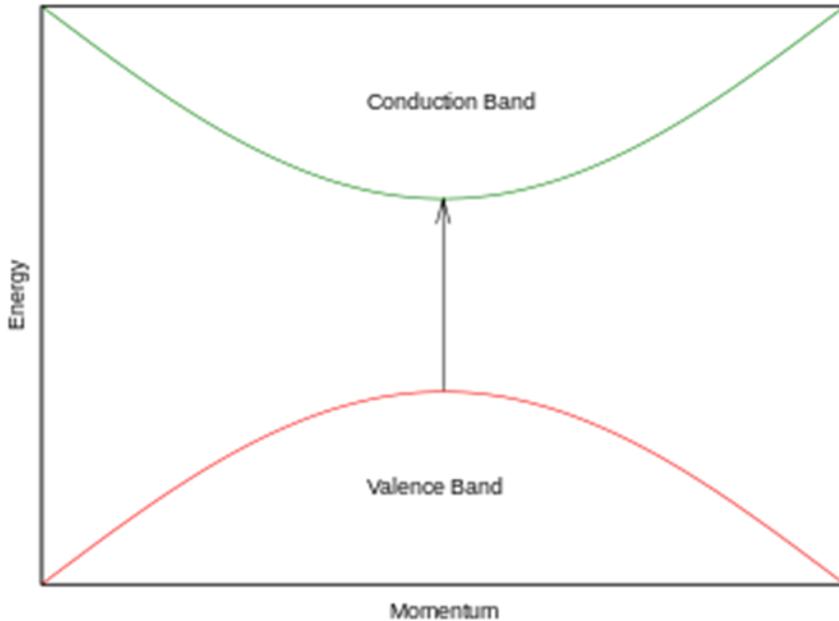
# Three Step Model – NEA Semiconductors



- 1) Excitation of  $e^-$   
Reflection, Transmission,  
Interference
- 2) Transit to the Surface  
 $e^-$ -lattice scattering  
thermalization to CBM  
diffusion length can be  $1\mu\text{m}$   
recombination  
Random Walk  
Monte Carlo  
Response Time (10-100 ps)
- 3) Escape surface

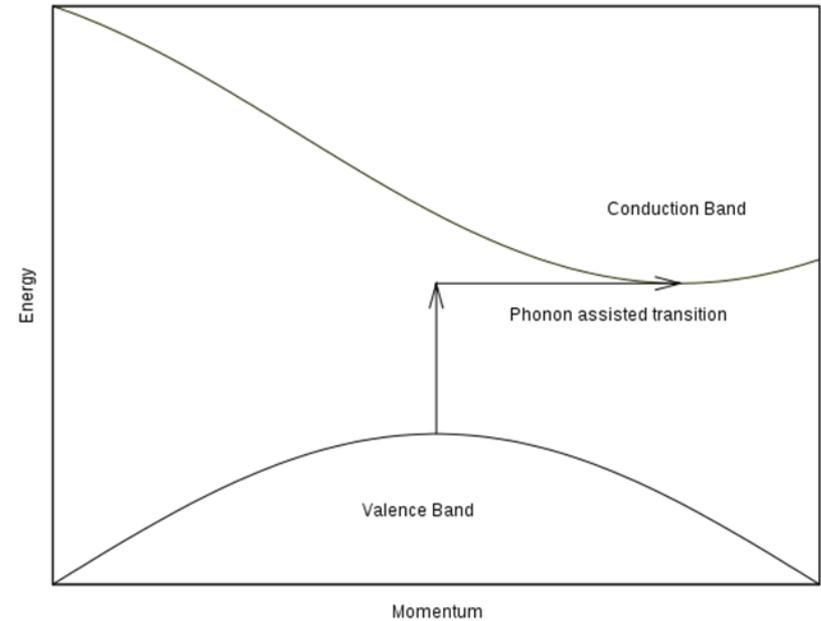
# Direct and Indirect band gap materials

Direct Band Gap



Conservation of energy and crystal momentum

Indirect Band Gap

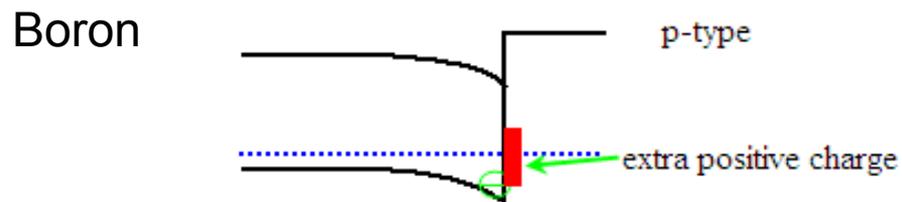
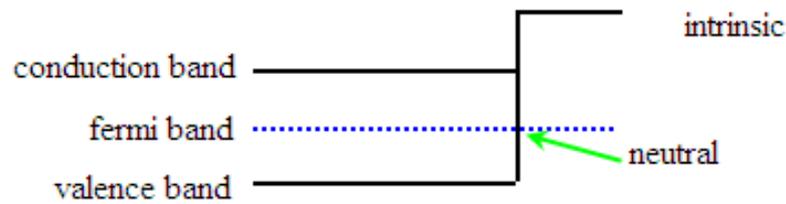
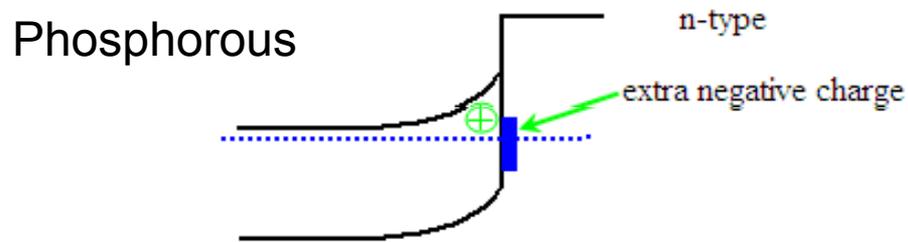


Conservation of energy, mediated by phonon for conservation of crystal momentum

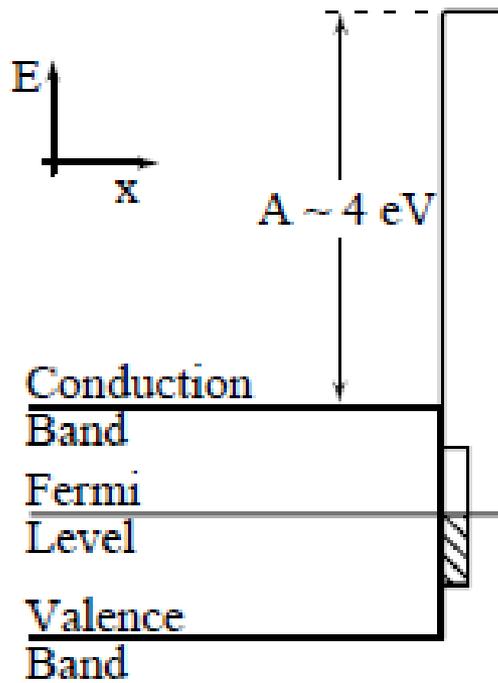
Deeper absorption depth  
Longer life time

E-ph scattering is also important  
Electron decays to bottom of conduction band  
Surface dipole produces NEA

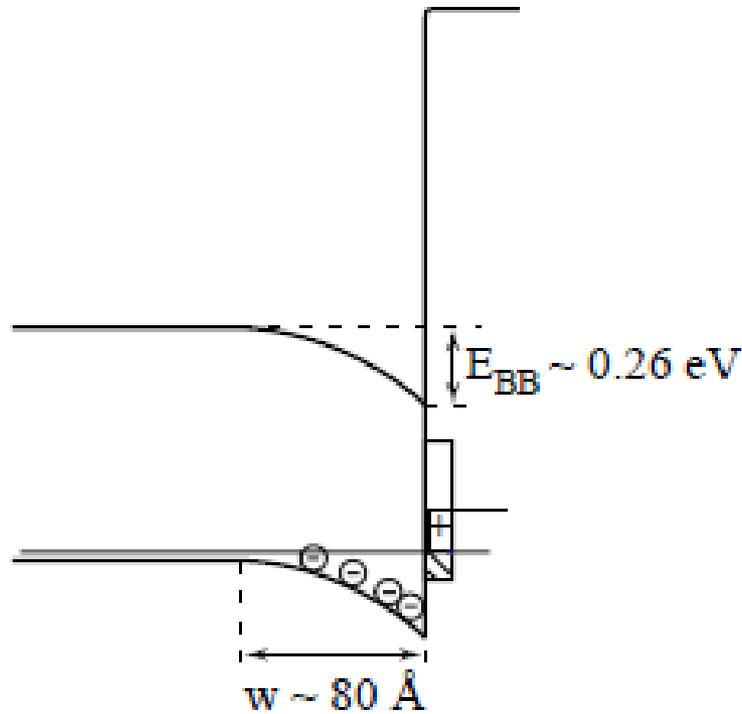
# Effect of Doping GaAs



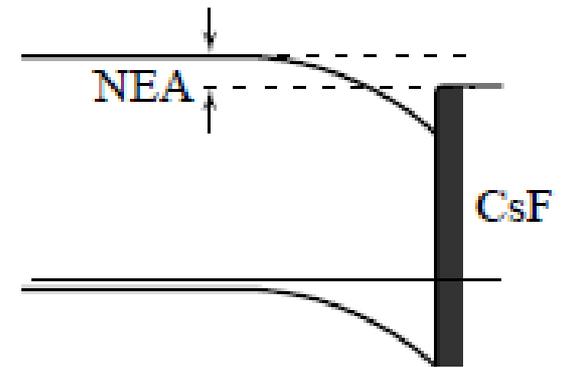
# NEA GaAs



**Intrinsic GaAs**



**p-doped GaAs**

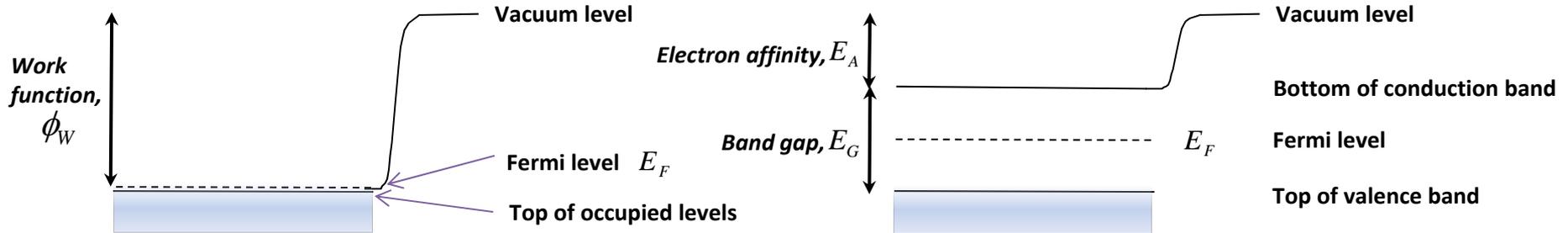


**CsF creates NEA**

# Intrinsic Emittance: Estimates for metal and semiconductor cathodes

Metal energy levels  
 $T \sim 300 \text{ degK}$

Semiconductor energy bands  
 $T \sim 300 \text{ degK}$



$$\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\sigma_x} = \frac{\sqrt{\langle p_x^2 \rangle}}{mc}$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{metal,n}}{\sigma_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_W}{3mc^2}}$$

$$E_{excess,metal} = \hbar\omega - \phi_W$$

$$E_{excess,semi} = \hbar\omega - E_G - E_A$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{semi,n}}{\sigma_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - E_G - E_A}{3mc^2}}$$

*BUT it's not so simple for NEAs: Due to electron-phonon scattering the excited electrons can thermalize with the lattice, giving an NEA like GaAs a thermal-like emission component:*

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{GaAs,n}}{\sigma_x} = A_{slow} \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{mc^2}} + A_{fast} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - E_G - E_A}{3mc^2}}$$

*This gives rise to a slow thermionic-like emission and a fast prompt photoelectric emission which is dependent upon wavelength band gap energy and affinity.*

# *Emittance Summary*

- The intrinsic emittance of the source is the ultimate limit for the volume of phase space
- The intrinsic emittance for thermionic emission is approximately 0.3 microns/mm for a cathode temperature of 2500 degK.
- The photo-electric emittance for a copper cathode ranges between 0.5 to 1 micron/mm depending upon the photon wavelength
  - Going to higher photon energy improves QE, but also increases emittance
- The field-emission emittance is found to vary between 0.5 to 2 microns/mm for fields from  $10^9$  to  $10^{10}$  V/m, and hence has larger emittance for the same source size than the other two processes.
- Now we'll address space charge and calculate the ultimate emittance we can achieve

Space Charge Limit (SCL) is different for DC diode and short pulse photo-emission

**Space Charge Field Across a Diode, Child-Langmuir law:**

$$J_{CL} = \frac{4}{9} \epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2e}{m}} \frac{V^{3/2}}{d^2}$$

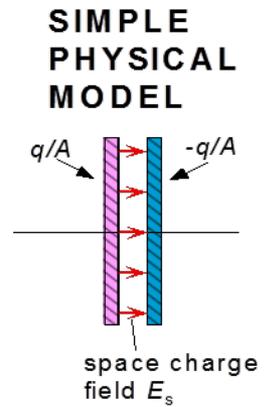
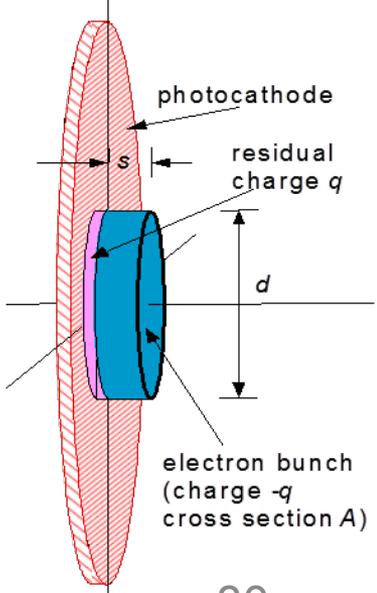
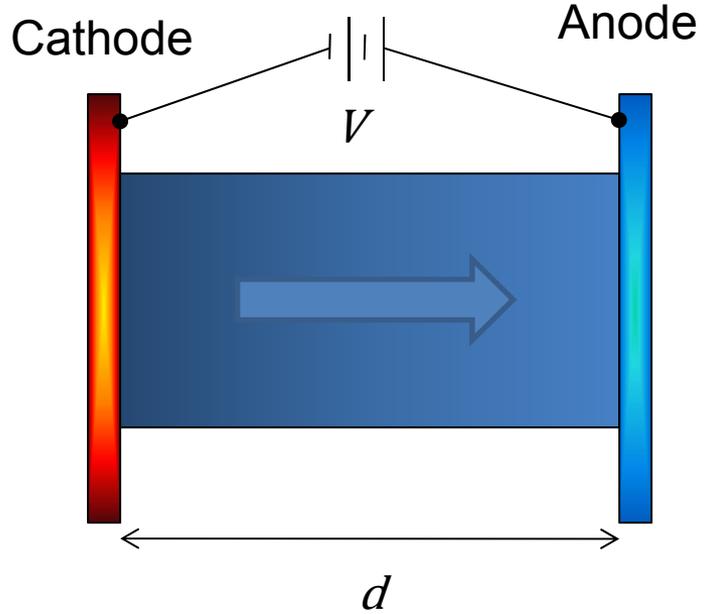
**For more complicated geometries:**

$$I = P \cdot V^{3/2}$$

**Where P is the perveance of the cathode**

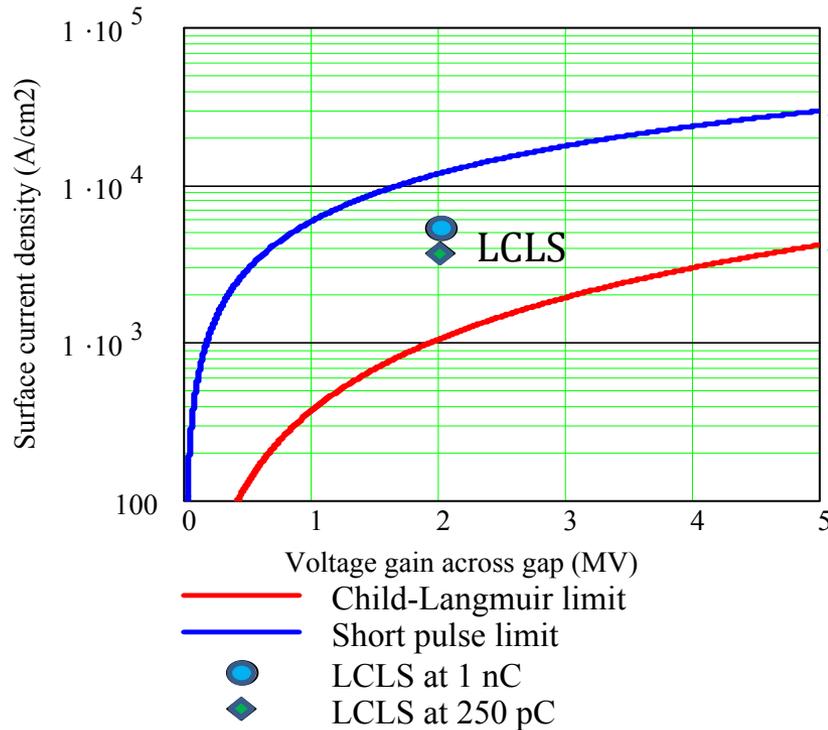
**Space Charge Field Across a Short Electron Bunch from a Laser-driven Photocathode, parallel plate (capacitor) model:**

$$\sigma_{SCL} = \epsilon_0 E_{applied}$$



Drawing by A. Vetter

# Comparison of space charge limits for Child-Langmuir and Short Pulse Geometries/Conditions



$$J_{SCL} = \frac{\epsilon_0 E_{applied}}{\tau_{laser}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d \cdot \tau_{laser}}$$

$$J_{CL} = \frac{4}{9} \epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{2e}{m}} \frac{V^{3/2}}{d^2}$$

***LCLS typically operates at approximately half the space charge limit for short pulse emission and a factor of 4 to 5 higher than the space charge limit given by the Child-Langmuir law.***

# Intrinsic Emittance: The Brightest Beam Possible Starts at the Cathode\*

Assume all linear and non-linear space charge effects can be corrected/compensated for, the cathode is perfectly flat and the cathode physics is correct. Then the lower limit on the emittance depends on the intrinsic emittance for the divergence and the space charge limit for the beam size:

$$\mathcal{E}_{smallest} = \underbrace{\sigma_{x,SCL}(E_{cathode})}_{\text{space charge limit}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{E}_n}{\sigma_x}}_{\text{intrinsic emittance}} \quad (\text{microns/mm-rms})$$

photoemission                      thermionic emission

$$\sigma_{x,SCL} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{bunch}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 E_{cathode}}}$$

$$f(T) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{photoemission}}{\sigma_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{smallest,pe} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{bunch}(\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}(E_{cathode}))}{12\pi\epsilon_0 E_{cathode} mc^2}}$$

$$f(T) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{thermionic}}{\sigma_x} = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{mc^2}}$$

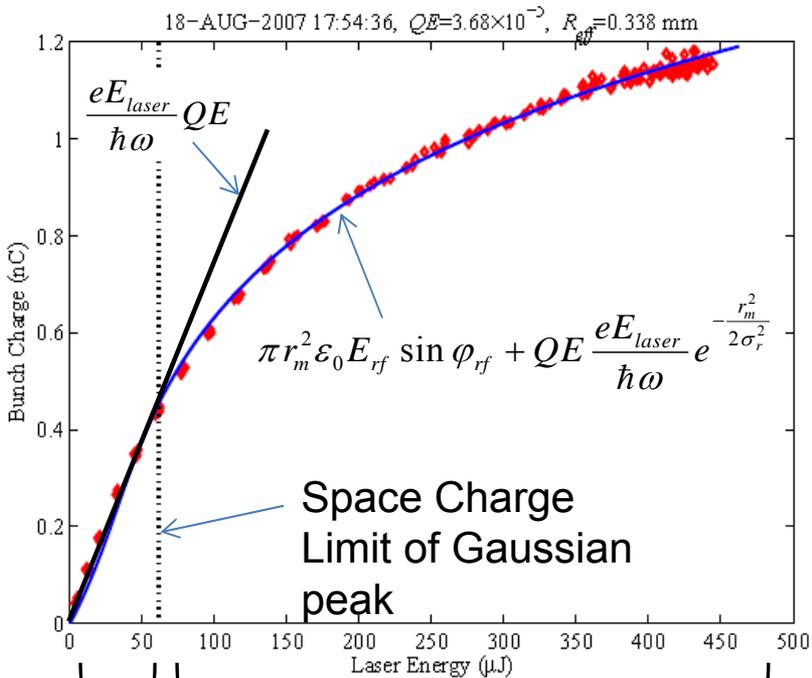
$$\mathcal{E}_{smallest,thermal} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{bunch} k_B T}{4\pi\epsilon_0 E_{cathode} mc^2}}$$

$$B_{4D}^{max} \propto \frac{Q/e}{(\mathcal{E}_n^{min})^2} \approx \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 E_a}{e f^2(T_i)}$$

Max brightness is charge-independent!

\*I. Bazarov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., **102** (2009) 104801

# Transverse Electron Beam Shape: The beam core is clipped at the SCL



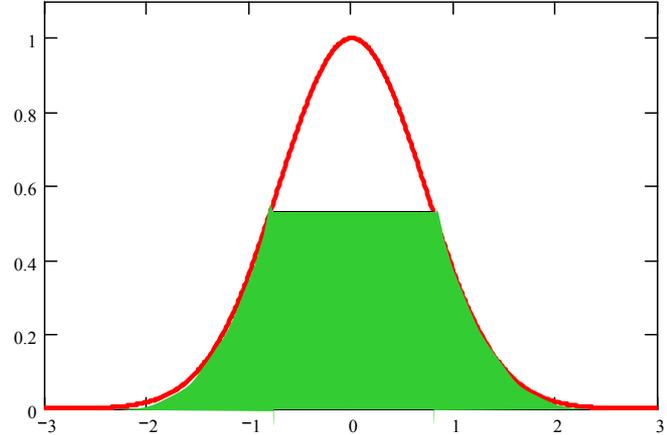
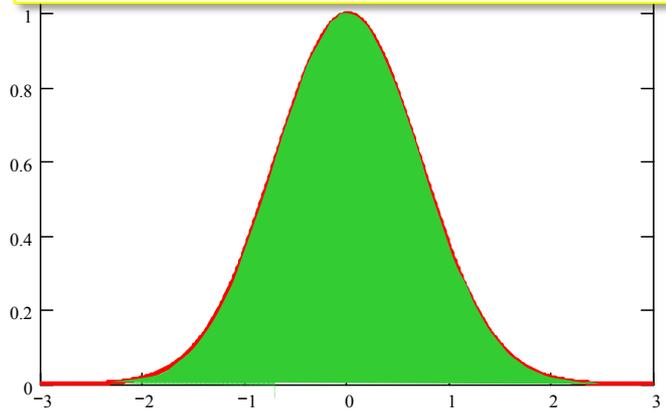
- Produces a flat, uniform transverse distribution in the beam core.
- Flattens hot spots.

*QE Limited Emission* ←

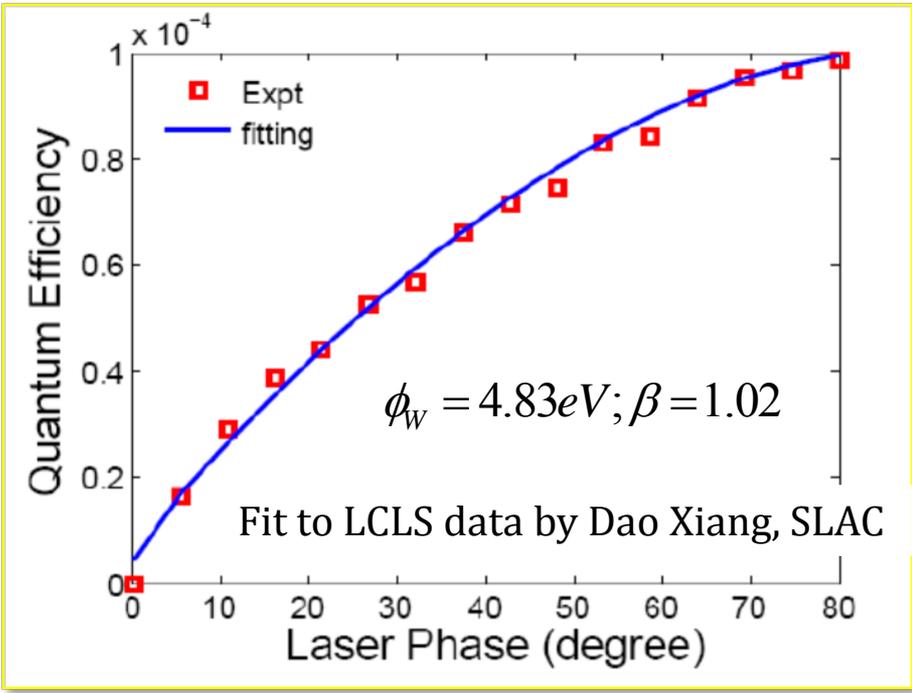
→ *Space Charge Limited Emission*

radial distribution follows laser & QE

radial distribution saturates at the applied field



# Derivation of Schottky Scan Function:



Emitted charge vs. launch phase

**Begin with the QE for a metal cathode:**

$$QE = \frac{1-R}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}}{\lambda_{e-e}}} \frac{E_F + \hbar\omega}{2\hbar\omega} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_{eff}}{E_F + \hbar\omega}} \right)^2$$

**where the effective work function is**

$$\phi_{eff} = \phi_W - e \sqrt{\frac{e\beta E_{rf} \sin \phi_{rf}}{4\pi\epsilon_0}}$$

**Putting this into the QE formula gives,**

$$QE = \frac{1-R}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}}{\lambda_{e-e}}} \frac{E_F + \hbar\omega}{2\hbar\omega} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{E_F + \phi_W - e \sqrt{e\beta E_{rf} \sin \phi_{rf} / (4\pi\epsilon_0)}}{E_F + \hbar\omega}} \right)^2$$

**Everything is known except for material work function,  $\phi_W$ , and the field enhancement factor,  $\beta$ . Fit Schottky scan data to find them.**

# QE Uniformity: Space Charge Emittance Near the Cathode

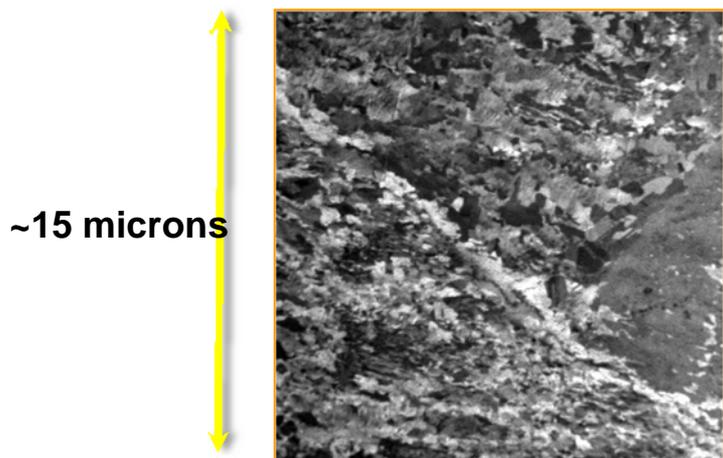
The emittance due to space charge expansion of an initial modulation with spatial frequency  $f_s$  and total beam current,  $I$ , is

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{n,sc} = \frac{\sigma_x}{2\pi f_s} \sqrt{\frac{I}{I_0}} \quad \text{emittance for 100\% modulation depth}$$

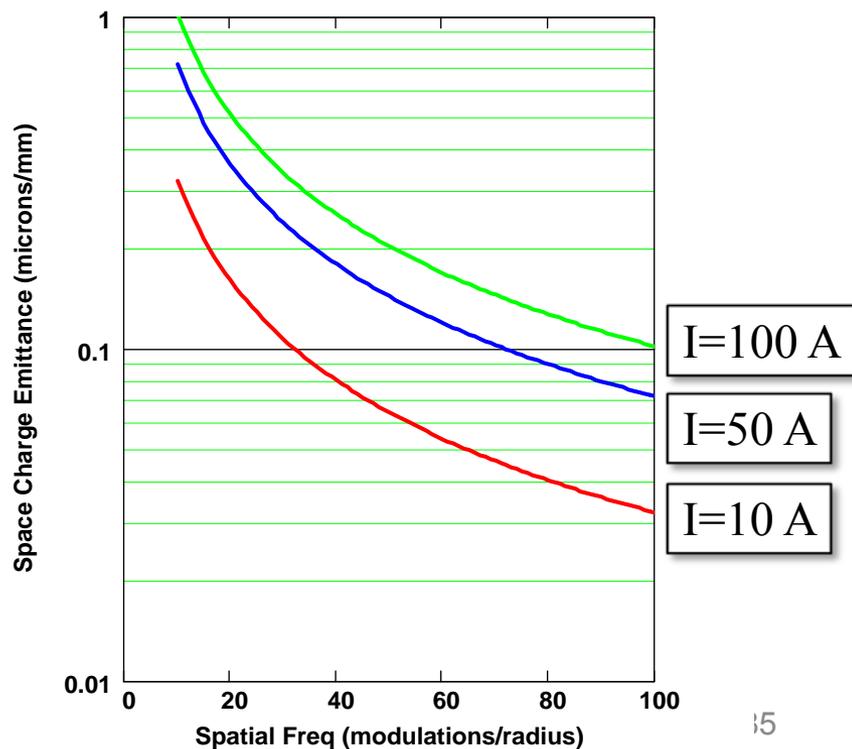
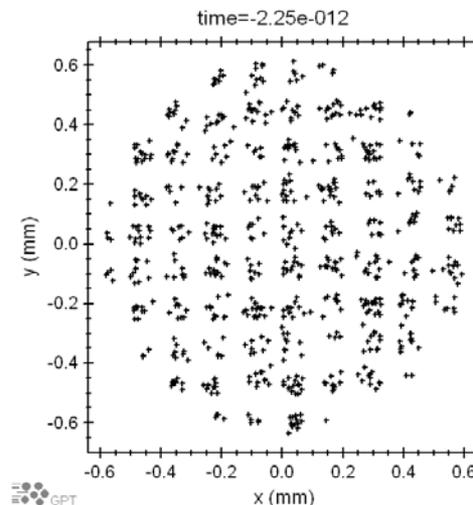
$I_0$  is the characteristic current:  $I_0 = \frac{ec}{r_e} \approx 17kA$

The spatial frequency,  $f_s$ , (modulations/radius) is the number of vertical surface modulations or waves across the radius of emission.

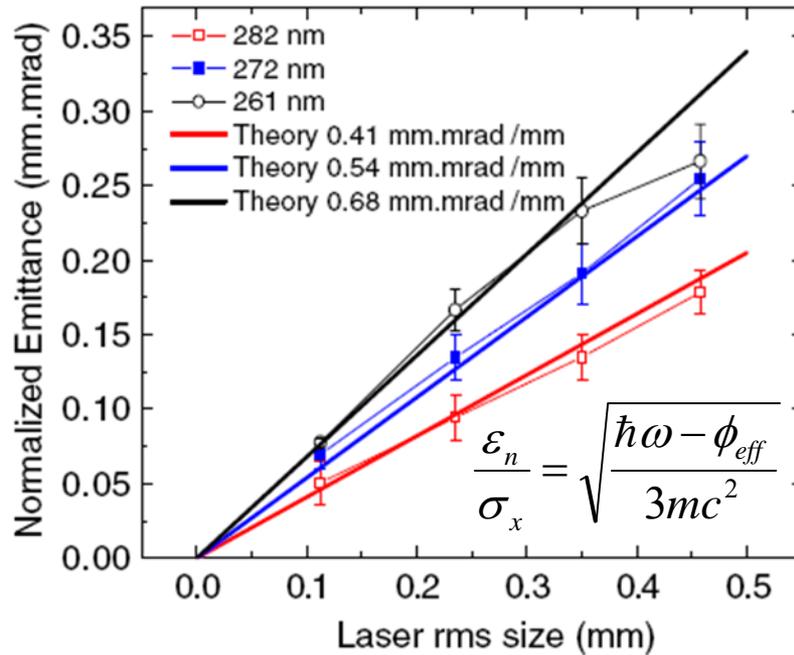
This frequency can be quite high as seen in PEEM images at 266 nm:



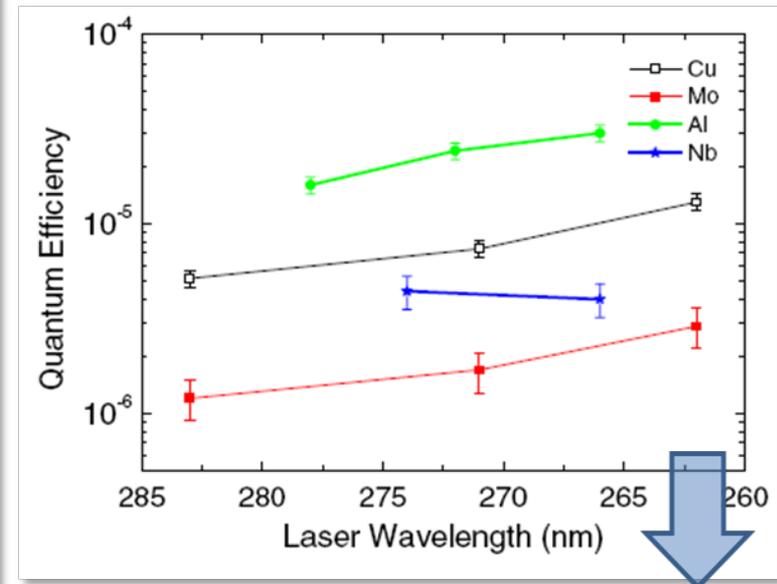
PEEM measurement compliments of H. Padmore, ALS-LBNL



# Intrinsic Emittance: Expt. and Theory for metals



C.P. Hauri et al., PRL **104**,234802(2010)



Wavelength (nm)	Photon Energy (eV)	QE (expt)	Effective Work Function (eV)	Intrinsic Emittance (microns/mm-rms)		Expt./Theory
				Theory	Expt.	
261[Hauri]	4.75	1.2E-05	4.58	0.33	0.68	2.1
272[Hauri]	4.56	7.0E-06	4.44	0.28	0.54	1.9
282[Hauri]	4.40	5.0E-06	4.30	0.25	0.41	1.6
253[Ding]	4.86	6.7E-05	4.52	0.50	0.90	1.8

**Expt.-to-theory is ~2, consistent with other experiments**

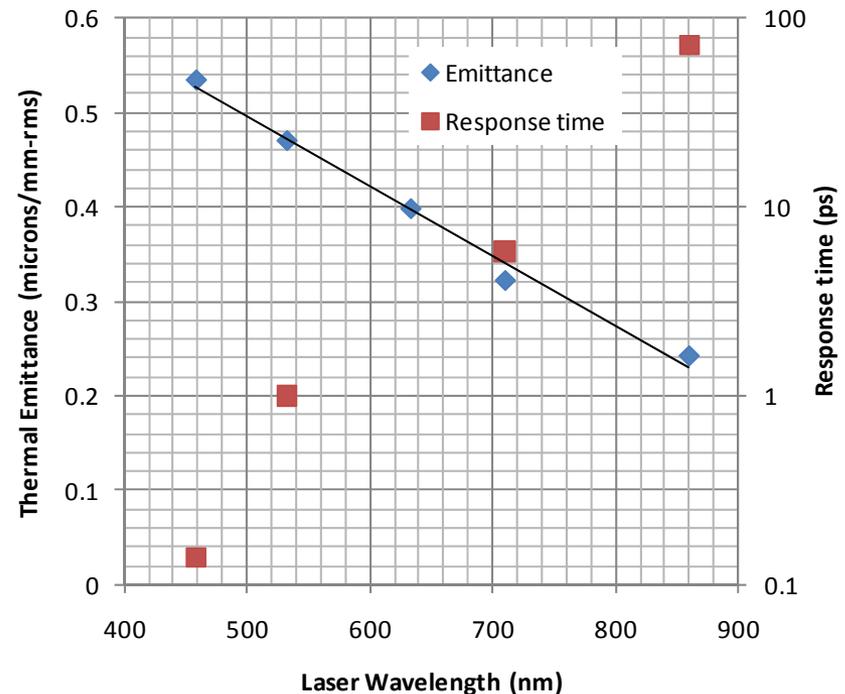
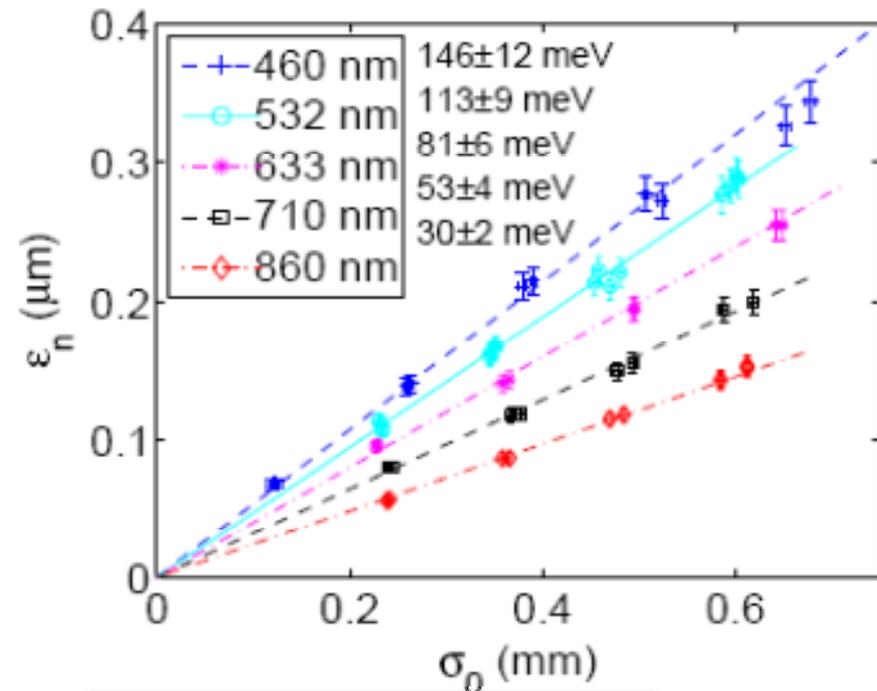
# Intrinsic Emittance of GaAs:

## Response time and emittance depend upon photon wavelength

*Due to electron-phonon scattering the delayed-emission electrons can reach thermal equilibrium with the lattice, giving the intrinsic emittance of GaAs a thermal-like emission component (given by  $kT$ ) as well as prompt emission (given by the excess energy) part.*

**Several good features: low intrinsic emittance, long photon wavelength, low roughness**

**But: The slow response time will be problematic for use in high frequency RF guns & Requires excellent vacuum**



I. V. Bazarov et al., Proceedings of PAC07

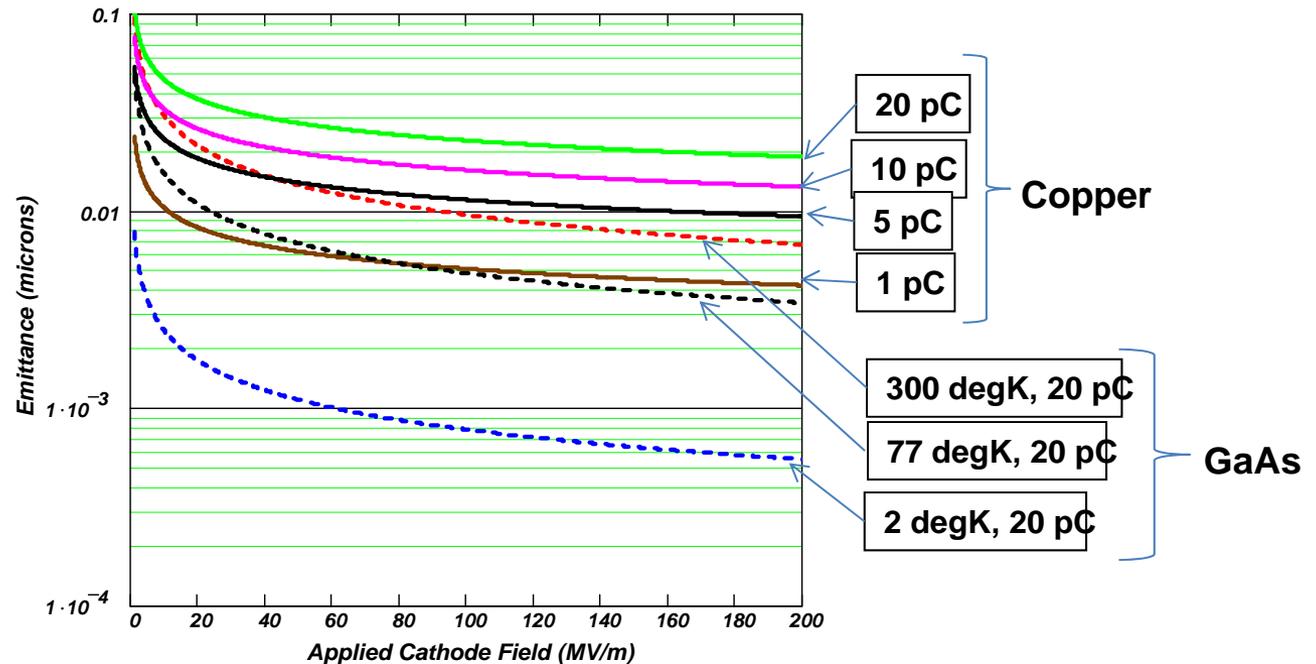
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Plot of data taken from I.V. Bazarov et al.,  
Appl. Phys. 103 (2008)054901 and Proceedings of PAC07 87

# Intrinsic Emittance: Reducing the cathode emittance

What cathode will allow us to achieve 0.01 micron at 20 pC?

## Intrinsic emittance vs. cathode field



**-Achieving 0.01 micron emittance will require higher cathode fields to keep the laser beam size small unless the cathode has a very small intrinsic emittance.**

**-It appears metal cathodes have too high an intrinsic emittance above a couple of pC**

**-This will also be true for PEA cathodes such as CsTe and CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb**

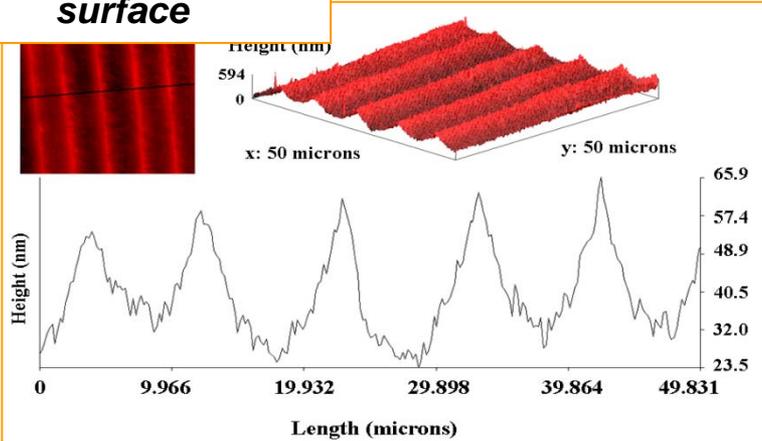
**-NEA cathodes like GaAs can work at 20 pC, and if cooled, produce even lower emittances?**

# Intrinsic Emittance: Cathode Surface Roughness

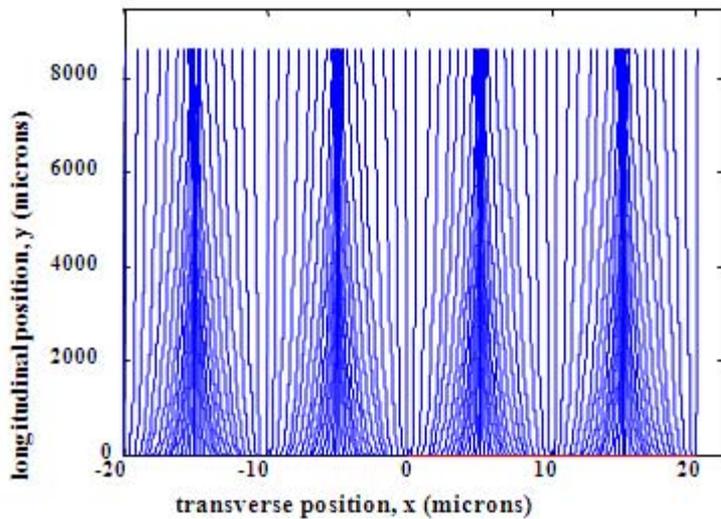
*Emittance Growth Due to Non-Uniform Emission & Field Enhancement*

*-Highest cathode field not necessary best emittance-*

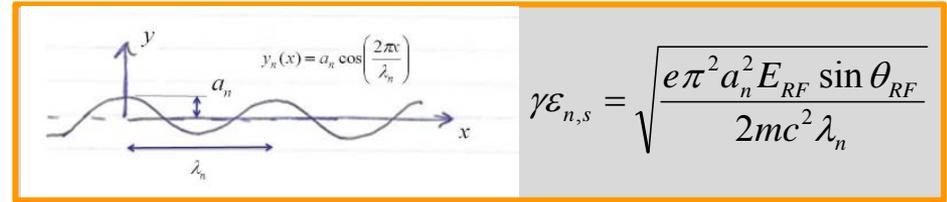
**AFM measurement  
of a sample cathode  
surface**



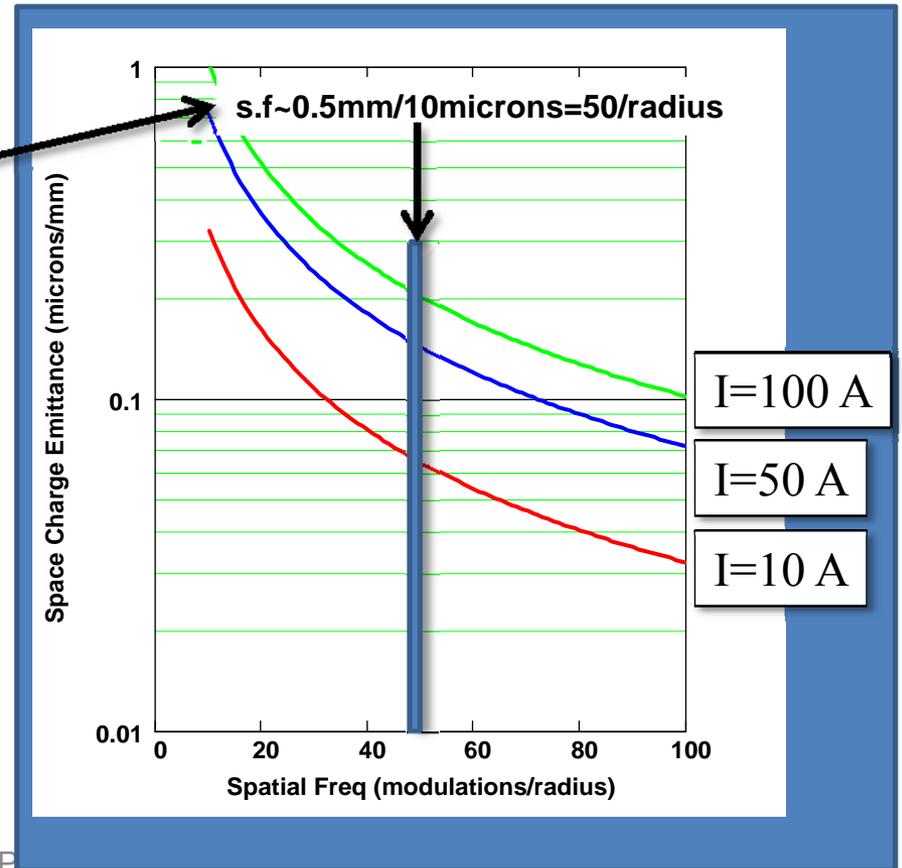
**Modulation amplitude = 20 nm  
Spatial wavelength = 10 microns  
Emittance = 0.15 microns/mm-rms**



**Emittance Growth Due to Field Enhancement**



*D. Xiang et al., PAC07, pp. 1049-1051*



# Concluding Thoughts

- As much as possible, it is best to link models to measured parameters, rather than fitting
  - Ideally, measured from the same cathode
- Whenever possible, QE should be measured as a function of wavelength. Energy Distribution Curves would be *wonderful!*
- Spicer's Three-Step model well describes photoemission from most metals tested so far
- The model provides the QE and EDCs, and a Monte Carlo implementation will provide temporal response
- The Schottky effect describes the field dependence of the QE for metals (up to 0.5 GV/m). Effect on QE strongest near threshold.
- Field enhancement for a "normal" (not needle, grating) cathode should have little effect on average QE, though it may affect a "QE map"
- A program to characterize cathodes is needed, especially for semiconductors (time for Light Sources to help us)

*Thank You!*