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Higher work function means higher energy needed, therefore a higher frequency of photons needed to eject electrons.

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