

# Announcements

Homework 2 due **TODAY!**

Homework 3 due on Feb 8 (next Wednesday).

# Last time

- Photoelectric experiment
- What is a photon
- Kinetic energy of a photon  
 $K_{\max} = hf - \Phi$
- Stopping potential  
 $K_{\max} = eV_s$

# Today

- Black body radiation

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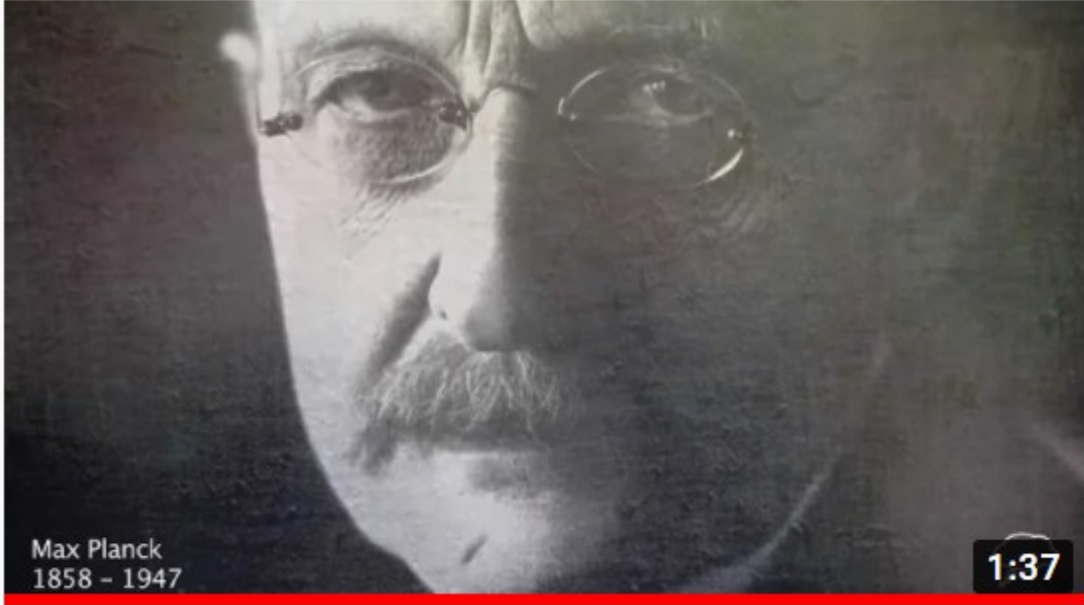
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$$K_{max} = hf - \phi$$

# What is Planck's revolutionary discovery?



Max Planck  
1858 - 1947

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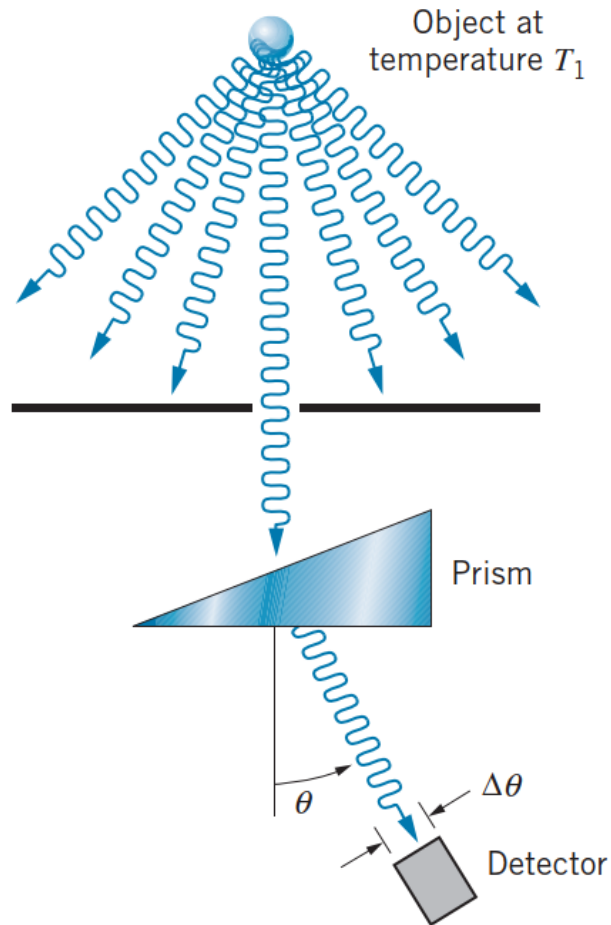
# Heated objects emit light

Which one is the hottest?

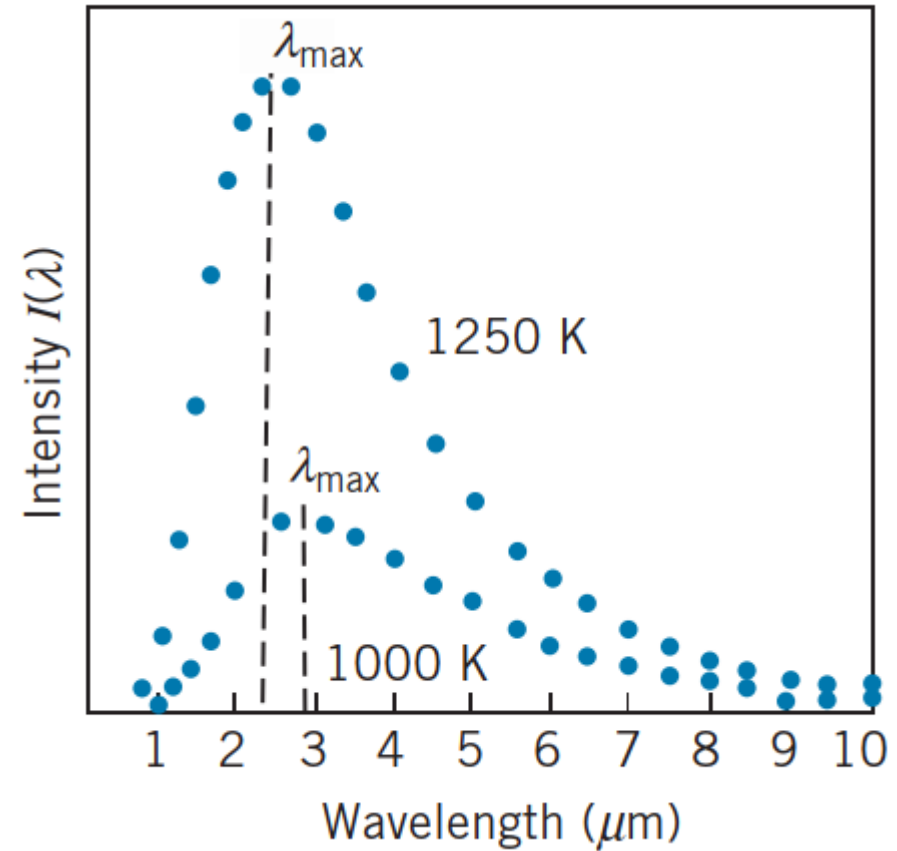




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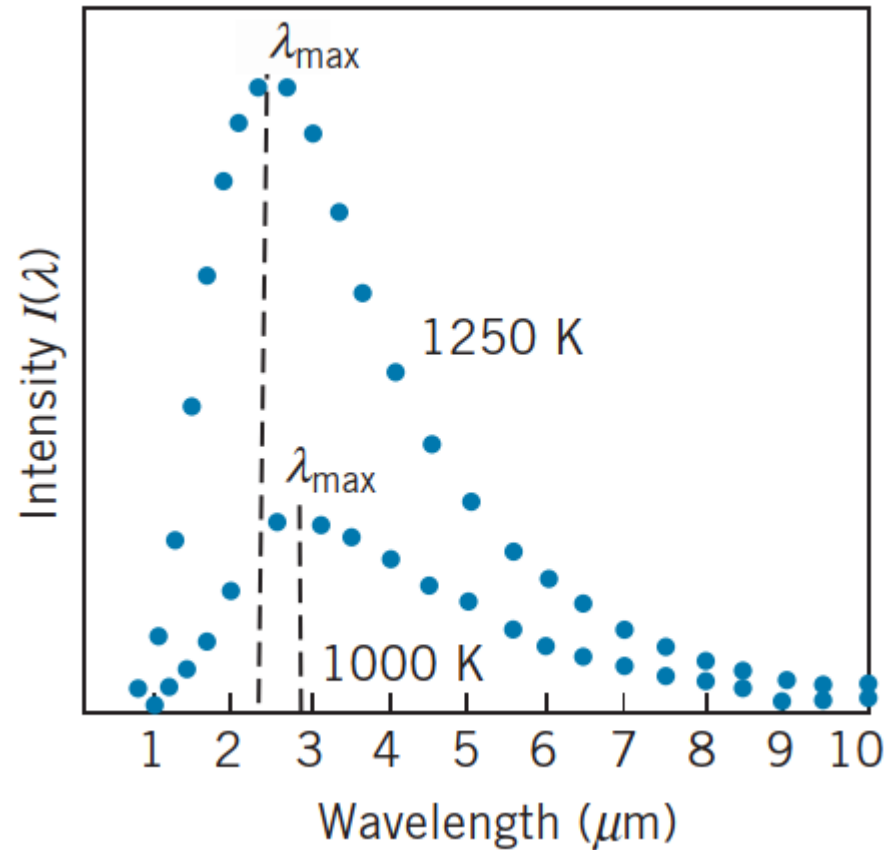


Intensity: energy per unit time per unit area



Two interesting observations here.  
Can you find them?

# Spectrum of thermal radiation $I(\lambda)$



## Stefan-Boltzmann Law

$$\text{Total intensity } I = \sigma T^4$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4} \text{ Stefan-Boltzmann constant}$$

## Wien's Displacement Law:

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$$

# Spectrum of thermal radiation $I(\lambda)$



Use the approximation  $\lambda_{\max} T = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$  to estimate

Sun:  $T = 6000\text{K}$   
Room:  $T = 300\text{K}$   
Universe:  $T = 3\text{K}$

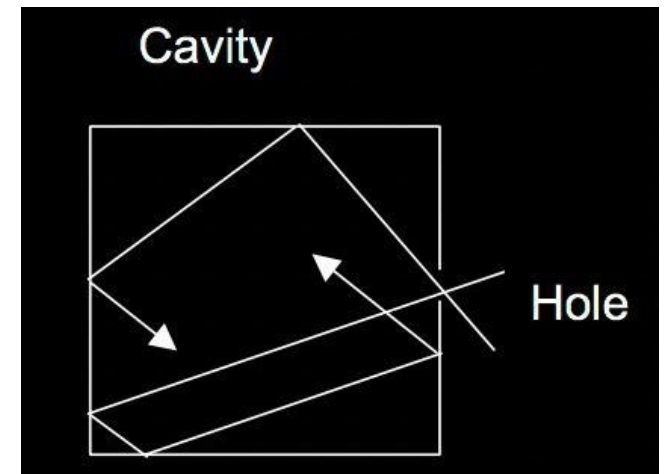
$\lambda_{\max}$   
500nm  
10,000nm  
1mm  
thermal vision

# Black body radiation

**Black body:** An idealized object which absorbs all incident EM radiation and emits non directly. (A simplification so that calculations will be independent of the material property)

Idealized black body: a small hole to a cavity

- Light bounces around inside and is unlikely to directly get out
- But some thermalized radiation will make it out
- When a black body reaches thermal equilibrium, the intensity of the emitted EM radiation equals the absorbed radiation



# Classical crisis for black body radiation

- The classical calculations of the spectral intensity ( $dI/d\lambda$ ) of the emitted radiation versus EM wavelength, as a function of the temperature yields (details skipped):

**Rayleigh-Jeans Law**

$$\frac{dI}{d\lambda} = \frac{2\pi ckT}{\lambda^4}$$

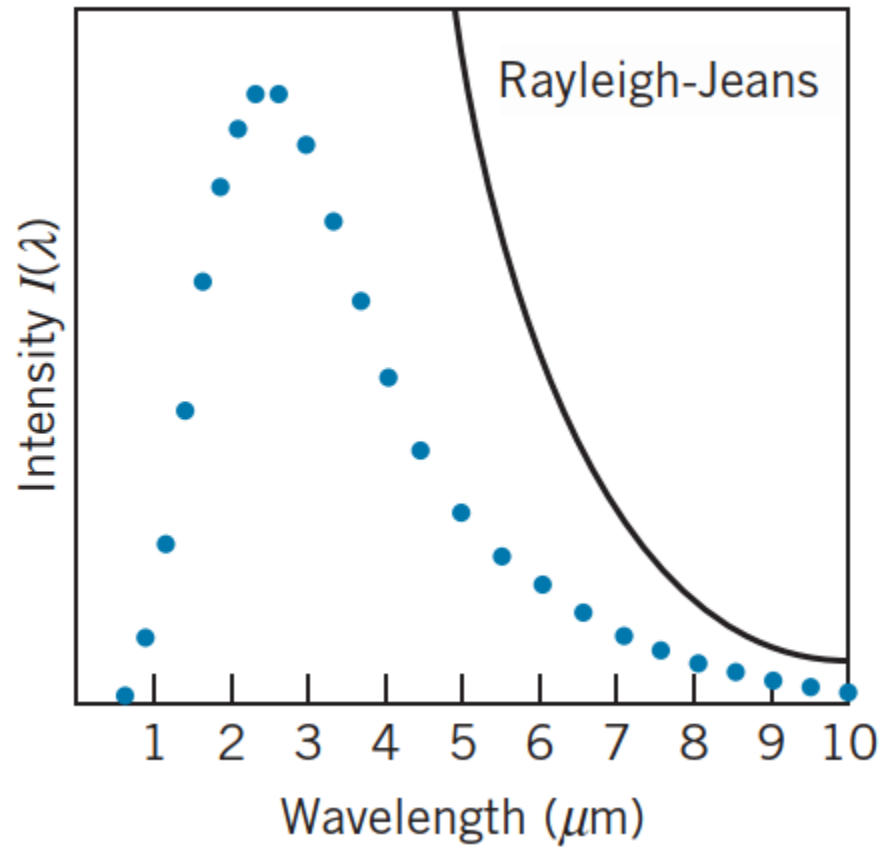
$c$  = speed of light; Boltzmann constant  $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} J/K$

*Problem* with Rayleigh-Jeans law: total intensity integrated over all wavelengths is infinite!

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2\pi ckT}{\lambda^4} d\lambda \propto -\frac{1}{\lambda^3} \Big|_0^{\infty} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

Obviously something wrong...

# Ultraviolet catastrophe



- fits reasonably well for long wavelength light
- but strongly deviates for **short wavelengths**

# Planck radiation formula

Max Planck derived the spectral intensity of black body radiation from a new assumption: each atomic oscillator making up a black body can emit or absorb energy only in **interger multiples** of a **basic quantity of energy**

$$E_n = n \varepsilon \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

**No longer continuous as in classical physics!**

energy of each of the quanta is determined by the frequency

$$\varepsilon = h f$$

f is the frequency, Planck's constant  $h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$

$N_n$ : number of oscillators with energy  $E_n$

$$N_n = A e^{-E_n/kT} = A e^{-n\varepsilon/kT}$$

$$N = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N_n = A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\varepsilon/kT} = \frac{A}{1 - e^{-\varepsilon/kT}}$$

$$A = N(1 - e^{-\varepsilon/kT})$$

$$N_n = N(1 - e^{-\varepsilon/kT}) e^{-n\varepsilon/kT}$$

$$\text{b/c } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{nx} = \frac{1}{1 - e^x}$$



## Average energy $E_{av}$

$$E_{av} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N_n E_n = (1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n\epsilon) e^{-n\epsilon/kT}$$

~~take~~  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{nx} = \frac{1}{1-e^x}$ , take derivative

$$d(\quad) = d(\quad)$$

$$d\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{nx}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{nx} dx, \quad d\left(\frac{1}{1-e^x}\right) = -\frac{1}{(1-e^x)^2} \cdot (-e^x) dx = \frac{e^x}{(1-e^x)^2} dx$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{nx} = \frac{e^x}{(1-e^x)^2}$$

$$\text{set } x = -\frac{\epsilon}{kT}$$

$$\epsilon = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$E_{av}(\lambda) = (1 - e^{-x}) \epsilon \cdot \frac{e^x}{(1-e^x)^2} = \frac{\epsilon e^x}{1-e^x} = \frac{\epsilon}{e^{-x} - 1} = \frac{\epsilon}{e^{\epsilon/kT} - 1} = \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

## $I(\lambda)$ prediction

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4} u(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4} N(\lambda) E_{av}(\lambda) / V$$

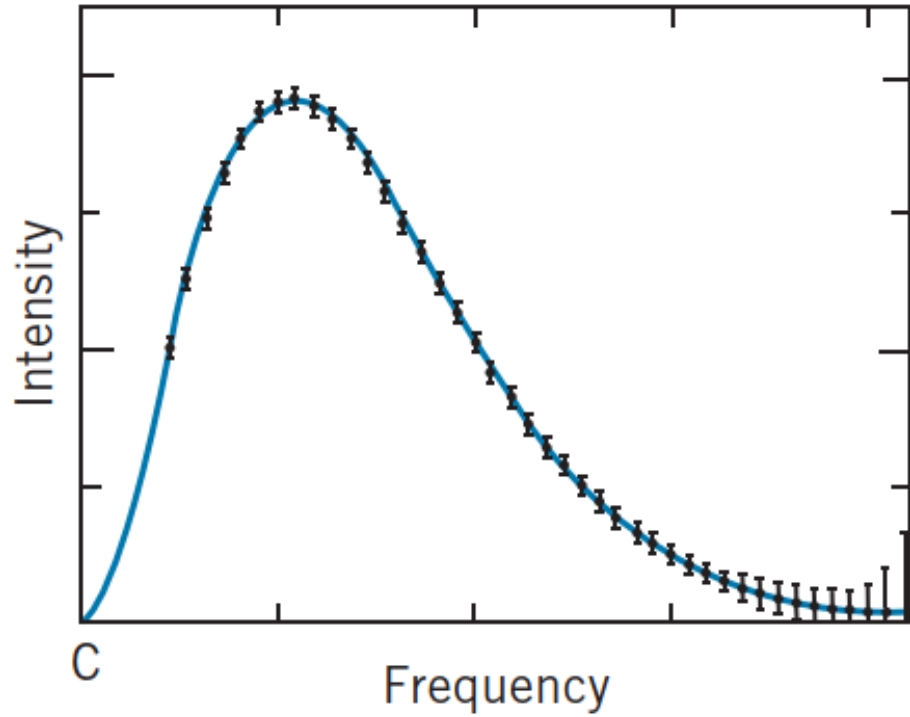
$u(\lambda)$  energy density

$$N(\lambda) d\lambda = \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} d\lambda$$

# of standing waves btw  $\lambda$  &  $\lambda+d\lambda$

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4} \cdot \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} \cdot \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{V} = \boxed{\frac{2\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}}$$

# Let's test Planck's prediction



- cosmic microwave background spectrum
- exactly fit (error bars enlarged 400x)
- estimated universe temperature 2.7K

## Let's test Planck's prediction

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### Stefan-Boltzmann Law

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$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$  Stefan-Boltzmann constant

- Find total power through integration (hint: use variable of  $x = hc / \lambda kT$  for the integration)

$$I = \frac{2\pi^5 hc^2}{15} \left( \frac{k_B T}{hc} \right)^4 = \underbrace{5.67 \times 10^{-8}}_{\text{Stefan-Boltzmann constant!}} T^4$$

Stefan-Boltzmann constant!

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### Wien's Displacement Law:

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- Find peak wavelength from Planck's formula through setting the derivative to 0  
(hint: use variable of  $x = hc / \lambda kT$  )

$$\lambda_{\max} T = 0.002898 \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$$

Wien's displacement law!

Let's test Planck's prediction

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

- At the long wavelength limit,  $x = hc / \lambda kT \ll 1$ , do a Taylor expansion

$$I_\lambda = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} \simeq \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{hc / \lambda k_B T} = \frac{2\pi ck_B T}{\lambda^4}$$

Recovers Rayleigh-Jeans law!

- Short wavelength:  $x = hc / \lambda kT \gg 1$

$$I_\lambda = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} \simeq \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} e^{-hc/\lambda k_B T}$$

Falls exponentially to zero

Ultraviolet catastrophe solved!