

Black body radiation

Black body - absorbs all energy, thermalizes, emits thermal radiation

(example spectrum)

y-axis how much energy is emitted per unit wavelength

Wien's law (1893) empirical law

spectral energy density = $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume} \cdot \text{wavelength}} = \frac{f(\lambda T)}{\lambda^5}$

Nobel Prize, 1911

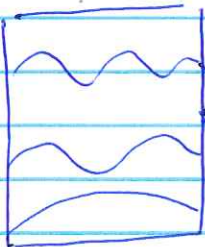
where $f(\lambda T)$ - universal function

$b \approx 2.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$

$\lambda T_{\text{max}} = b$ - Wien's displacement constant

Model of a black body - closed cavity

Because of the boundary conditions \rightarrow standing waves



1D: $n \cdot \frac{\lambda_n}{2} = L \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}$

wave vector $k_n = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi n}{L}$

How many modes?

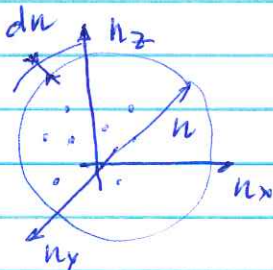
$\Delta N = \frac{\pi}{L} \Delta n$

3D: Standing waves in x, y, z

$k_x = n_x \frac{\pi}{L_x}, k_y = n_y \frac{\pi}{L_y}, k_z = n_z \frac{\pi}{L_z}$

total wavevector

$2\pi\nu/c = k^2 = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2} = \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2}$



Number of modes b for wavenumber values $k = |\vec{k}| \pm k + dk$

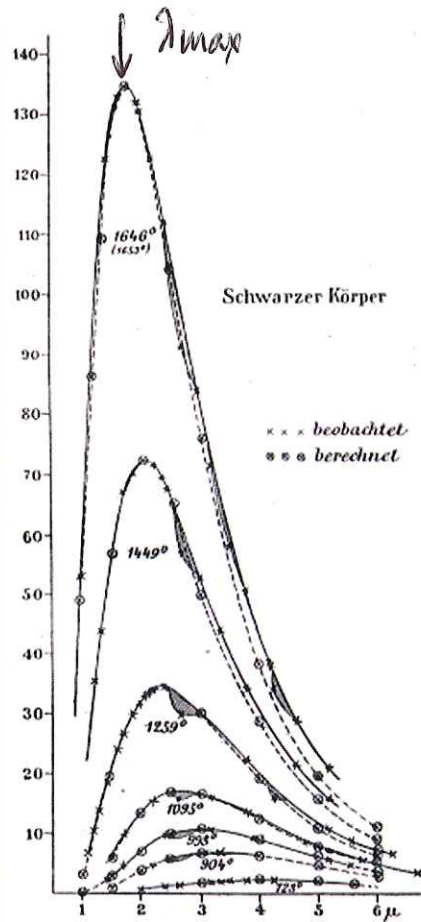
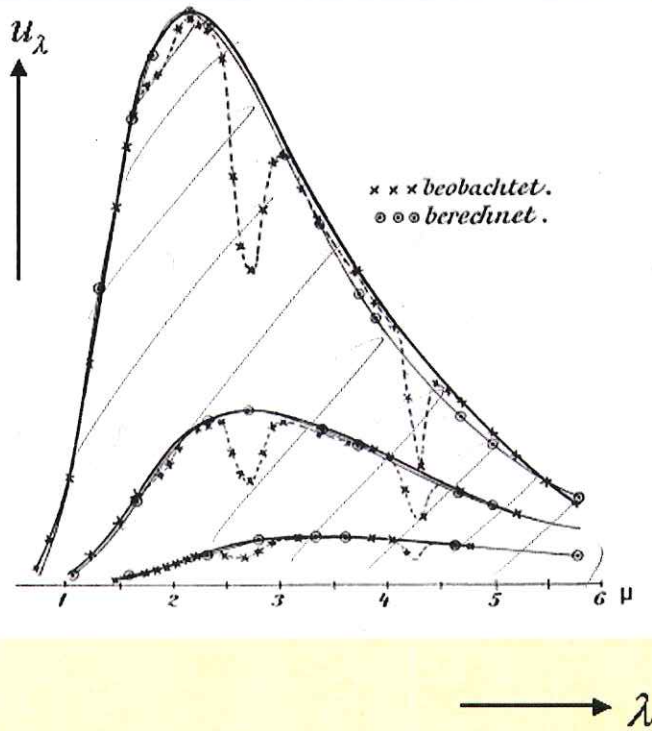
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area of the spherical layer

$dN_{\text{modes}} = 4\pi n^2 dn \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot 2$

(to account for k_x, y, z all > 0) $\rightarrow \frac{1}{8}$ (polarization)

Die Messungen von Lummer und Pringsheim



spectral mode
density

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$$\frac{\text{Number of modes}}{\text{Volume} \cdot d\nu} = \frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3}$$
$$= \frac{\pi \left(\frac{2L}{c}\right)^3 \nu^2 d\nu}{V} = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu$$

Energy density

$$u_\nu d\nu = \langle \text{energy per mode} \rangle \cdot \text{spectral density}$$

Classical physics \rightarrow Boltzmann distribution

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty E e^{-E/k_B T} dE}{\int_0^\infty e^{-E/k_B T} dE} = k_B T \frac{\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx} = k_B T$$

$$u_\nu d\nu = \frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3} k_B T d\nu \quad \text{equipartition of energy}$$

in terms of $\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu}$: $d\nu = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2} d\lambda$

$$u_\lambda d\lambda = -u_\nu d\nu = \frac{8\pi}{c^2} \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \frac{c^2}{\lambda^2} k_B T \left(\frac{c}{\lambda^2}\right) d\lambda$$

$$u_\lambda d\lambda = 8\pi k_B \cdot \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^5} d\lambda \quad \text{Rayleigh-Jeans expression}$$

follows Wien's law

Works well for large λ , diverges at small λ

$$\int_0^\infty u_\lambda d\lambda = 8\pi k_B T \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^4} = \frac{8\pi k_B T}{3} \frac{1}{\lambda^3} \Big|_0^\infty \rightarrow$$

total amount of radiating energy diverges

Vergleich der Strahlungsgesetze

Wien $u_\lambda = 8\pi hc \lambda^{-5} \exp\left\{-\frac{hc}{k\lambda T}\right\}$

Planck $u_\lambda = 8\pi hc \lambda^{-5} \left[\exp\left\{\frac{hc}{k\lambda T} - 1\right\}\right]^{-1}$

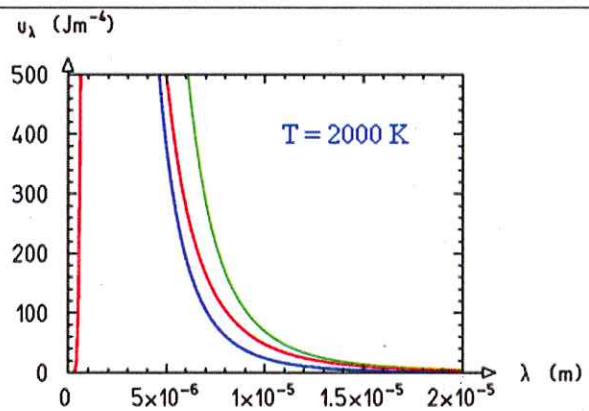
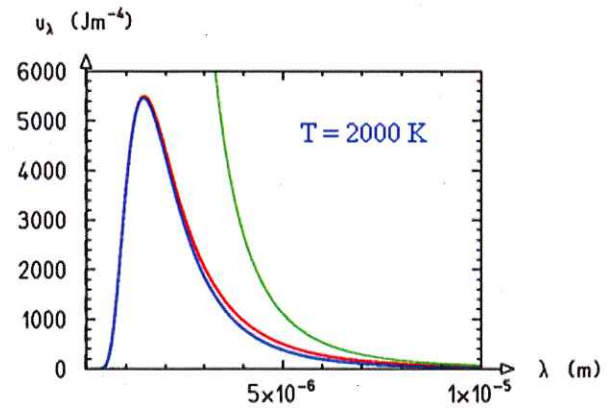
Reyleigh-Jeans $u_\lambda = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT$

Vor Plancks Arbeiten waren die Konstanten nicht bekannt.

Das Plancksche Gesetz beschreibt den gesamten Wellenlängenbereich.

Das Wiensche Gesetz ist eine gute Näherung bei kurzen Wellenlängen.

Das Rayleigh-Jeans-Gesetz ist eine gute Näherung bei großen Wellenlängen. Es divergiert für kleine Wellenlängen.



Planck's quantization

Energy of each mode is quantized, namely it can only have values

$$E_n = nh\nu$$

In this case the average energy per mode

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n e^{-E_n/k_B T}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-E_n/k_B T}} = \frac{h\nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-h\nu \cdot n/k_B T}}{k_B T \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-(h\nu/k_B T) \cdot n}}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{h\nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-dn}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-dn}} \quad d = \frac{h\nu}{k_B T}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-dn} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-d}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-dn} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial d} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-dn} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial d} \left(\frac{1}{1-e^{-d}} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-d}}{(1-e^{-d})^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = h\nu \frac{e^{-d}}{1-e^{-d}} = h\nu \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1}$$

$$\langle E \rangle \rightarrow k_B T \quad \text{for } \nu \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow h\nu e^{-h\nu/k_B T} \quad \nu \rightarrow \infty$$

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$$u_\nu d\nu = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 \cdot h\nu \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} d\nu =$$

$$= \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \nu^3 \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} d\nu$$

and rewriting it through λ s

$$u_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{8\pi h c}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} d\lambda$$

energy density states "inside the box"

The radiation flux (intensity)

$$I = u \cdot c \frac{dE}{dt \cdot dA} = \frac{dE}{\frac{dx}{c} \cdot dA} = c \cdot \frac{dE}{dV} = c \cdot u$$

$$I_\lambda d\lambda = c \cdot u_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{8\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} d\lambda$$

Total emitted radiation

$$I(\pi) = \int_0^\infty I_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{8\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} d\lambda$$

$$= \int_0^\infty 8\pi h c^2 \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^5} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T} \\ \lambda = \frac{hc}{x k_B T} \\ d\lambda = -\frac{hc}{x^2 k_B T} dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= 8\pi h c^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{e^x - 1} \frac{hc}{x^2 k_B T} dx \cdot x^5 \left(\frac{k_B T}{hc}\right)^5 =$$

$$= 8\pi h c^2 \left(\frac{k_B T}{hc}\right)^4 \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} = \pi^4/15$$

Total emitted intensity

$$I(T) = \left(\frac{8\pi^5 k_B^4}{15h^3 c^2} \right) T^4$$

$\delta = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{W}{m^2 K^4}$ Stephan - Boltzmann constant

Luminosity of the star

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \cdot I = 4\pi R^2 \cdot \delta T^4$$

