

1900 'Revolution' 1925

Classical Physics seemed to explain everything, but... | series of startling discoveries → Quantum Mechanics

Resumé of Classical Physics

1. **Matter** particles moving under Newton's laws (1687)
2. **Electromagnetic radiation** obeying Maxwell's eqs. (1864)  
waves

A. Resumé of Classical Physics Physics up to ~1900

Universe consists of two types of things: **Matter + Electromagnetic radiation**

1. **Matter** particles (mass  $m$ ) moving under Newton's laws of mechanics (1687)  
[2nd law:  $F = \frac{dp}{dt} = m \frac{dv}{dt} = ma$ ]  
→ motion **predetermined** if the momenta + positions of all particles are known at any instant.

Explains:

- sound transmission Newton
- hydrodynamics Euler
- kinetic theory of gases
- thermodynamics (from statistical mechanics) Boltzmann
- even tried mechanical theory of light !?

2. **Electromagnetic radiation** obeys Maxwell's eqs. (1864)

based on 4 empirical laws

- Coulomb's law  $F(\uparrow \downarrow)$
- Biot-Savart law  $F(\uparrow \uparrow)$
- Faraday's law of induction

Maxwell's eqs.

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial x^2}$$


$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial x^2}$$

Wave eqs.


Elec. + Mag. fields,  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ , propagate through space as waves of velocity  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1} = \text{vel. of light}$

line integral of  $\vec{E} =$  rate of change of magnetic flux


line integral of  $\vec{B} =$  enclosed  $\vec{j}$  + rate of ch. of electric flux




Coulomb 1735-1806  
(Franklin, Michell,....)




Biot 1774-1862  
(Savart 1791-1841)



Maxwell 1831-1879



Faraday 1791-1867  
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Ampere 1775-1836

Colour perception 1849-70  
 Saturn rings 1856/7  
 Kinetic theory of gases 1859-78 (indep. of Boltzmann)  
**4 Maxwell eqs 1855/6**  
 EM waves have velocity of light 1862  
 Talkative, with a Scotch brogue

A quote from Feynman's Lectures in Physics:

From a long view of the history of mankind, there can be little doubt that the most significant event of the 19<sup>th</sup> century will be judged as Maxwell's discovery of the laws of electrodynamics. The American Civil War will pale into provincial insignificance in comparison with this important scientific event of the same decade.

Motivated by Maxwell's work, Hertz (1886/7) discovered electromagnetic waves in the laboratory and measured their velocity ( $v = f\lambda$ ) to be velocity of light  $c$ .

Electromagnetic radiation from a spark-gap oscillator was detected using a simple loop antenna with a small spark-gap as a receiver

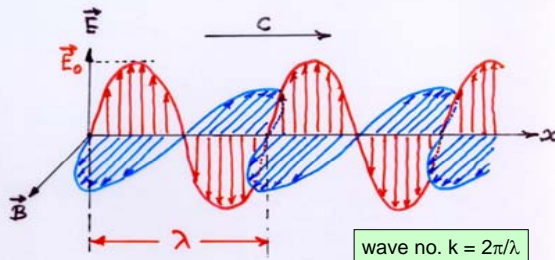


oscillator freq.  $f \sim 5 \times 10^8$  Hz  $\rightarrow \lambda \sim 60$  cm ("Radio")

EM radiation has all the properties of light (reflection, refraction, polarization, interference)

Maxwell's eq. unify optics, electricity & magnetism.

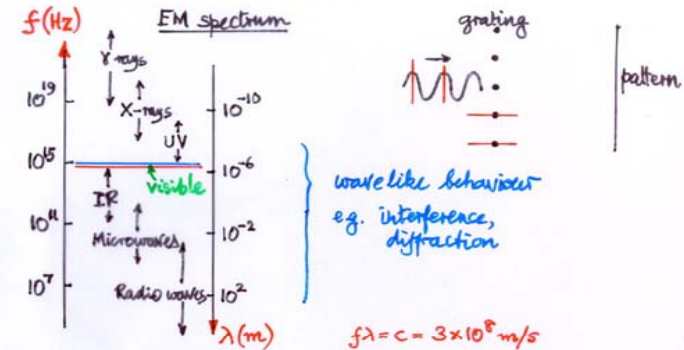
EM wave:  
 $\vec{E}, \vec{B}$  are vectors



e.g.  $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \sin 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{\lambda} - ft \right) = \vec{E}_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$f$  = frequency (no. of times up+down/sec.)

Velocity  $c = \frac{\text{coeff. of } t}{\text{coeff. of } x} = \frac{f}{1/\lambda} = f\lambda$   
(use dimensions to check formula:  $s^{-1}m$ )



Classical Physics:

- Matter - Particles (Newton's laws)
- EM rad<sup>n</sup> - Waves (Maxwell's eqs.)

“In a few years, all the great physical constants will have been approximately estimated, and the only occupation which will then be left to men of science will be to carry these measurements to another place of decimals.”

Maxwell's 1871 inaugural lecture at the University of Cambridge....expressing the common view, with which he disagreed

Only measure the next decimal place !

Kind a microscopic questions we wish theory to answer:

- Why sodium vapour emits yellow light?
- Why hydrogen has the chemical properties it has?
- Why an uranium nucleus disintegrates?
- Why silver conducts electricity?
- Why sulphur is an insulator?

Classical Physics does not provide answers.

## Outstanding problems around 1900

- (a) Black body radiation
- (b) Photoelectric effect
- (c) Stability, spectra and size of atoms

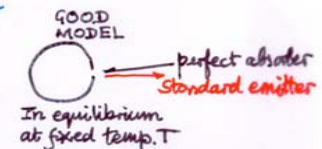
### (a) Black-body radiation

- What is BB rad<sup>n</sup>?

Every body emits + absorbs electromag. radiation of all wavelengths (called 'thermal' radiation)

A black body absorbs all radiation

- perfect absorber (+ emitter)
- therefore, a standard



- Empirical observations about spectrum of BB rad<sup>n</sup> ~ 1890's

- (i) Universal spectrum - depends only on T (indep. of shape or material of cavity) (Wiedemann)

(ii)  $\lambda_m \sim \frac{1}{T}$  Wien's displacement law  
 $\lambda$  at max. of distribution

Expt.  $\rightarrow \lambda_m T = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m.K}$

dull red  $T = 700\text{C}$   $\lambda_m \approx 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$   
 bright red  
 white  $T = 5000\text{C}$   $\lambda_m = 5.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$  (550 nm)  
 blue

(iii) Total energy density  
 $u_{\text{tot}} = \int u(\lambda) d\lambda \sim T^4$  Stefan-Boltzmann law

Total power radiated/unit area from a BB  
 $R = \frac{1}{4} c u_{\text{tot}} = \sigma T^4$   
 Stefan-Boltzmann const  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Estimate the power radiated at room temp. by  $1 \text{ m}^2$  of a black body

0.4 W    4W    40W    **400W**    4.2W

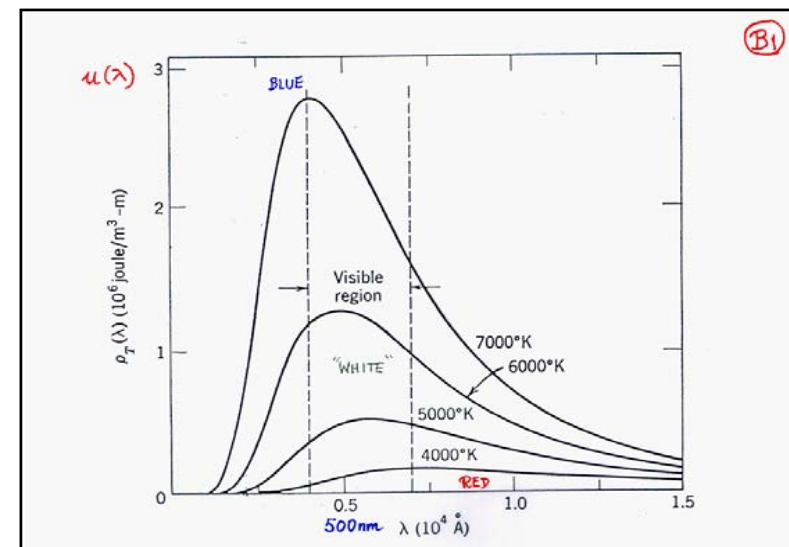
$P = RA = \sigma AT^4 = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} (293)^4 \text{ W} = 420 \text{ W}$

Total P =  $0.75 \times 1.5 \times 0.42 \text{ kW} \times 250 \text{ people} \sim 100 \text{ kW}$

Can an object glow green from thermal radiation?

Yes    No.

550 nm



• Classical Physics prediction of BB spectrum



Model: oscillating charges in the surface of the cavity emit and absorb radiation. In equilibrium, nodes at surface, since there is no energy transfer  $\rightarrow$  standing waves

Can show no. of standing waves/unit vol./unit wavelength

$$N(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^3} \quad (\text{indep. of shape of cavity})$$



Average energy of oscillator  $\bar{E} = kT$  (see below)  
 $k = \text{Boltzmann's constant}$

$\therefore$  Energy density of BB rad<sup>n</sup>/unit wavelength

$$u(\lambda) = N(\lambda)\bar{E} = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT \quad \text{Rayleigh-Jeans formula}$$

Black body radiation

fixed T  $\bar{E} = kT$

# standing waves per unit vol. =  $\frac{8\pi}{\lambda^3}$

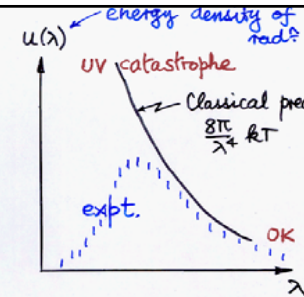
Note: Calculation of  $\bar{E}$

# oscillators of energy E

follows from classical stat. mechanics  $N(E) = Ce^{-E/kT}$   
 (Maxwell-Boltzmann distrib<sup>n</sup>)

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\int_0^\infty E N(E) dE}{\int_0^\infty N(E) dE} = \frac{\int_0^\infty E e^{-E/kT} dE}{\int_0^\infty e^{-E/kT} dE} = kT$$

$$\left( \text{since } \int E e^{-E/kT} dE = -kT \int \frac{d}{dE} (e^{-E/kT}) dE = -kT [E e^{-E/kT}]_0^\infty + kT \int_0^\infty e^{-E/kT} dE \right)$$



B2

• Planck's idea

Expts. at Berlin  $\rightarrow$  Rubens Oct. 7, 1900  $\rightarrow$   $u(\lambda) = \frac{A}{\lambda^5 (e^{B/\lambda T} - 1)}$

Rubens checked  $\forall$  ... but so far just an empirical formula.

Planck wrestled for 8 weeks - then as an act of desperation

Planck asserts the energy of an oscillator of freq.  $f$  cannot vary continuously but must take one of the values  $E = 0, hf, 2hf, \dots, nhf, \dots$  energy quantised!

Planck showed this assertion gives (see below)

$$u(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \left( \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} \right) \quad \text{as above, but with A, B fixed in terms of } h$$

Presented to Berlin Phys. Soc. Dec. 14, 1900 Birth of quantum physics.

Planck's formula: Recall  $\bar{E} \equiv \frac{\int E N(E) dE}{\int N(E) dE}$  with  $N(E) = Ce^{-E/kT}$

$$\text{Now } \bar{E} \equiv \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n N(E_n)}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(E_n)} = \frac{0 + hf e^{-hf/kT} + 2hf e^{-2hf/kT} + \dots}{1 + e^{-hf/kT} + e^{-2hf/kT} + \dots}$$

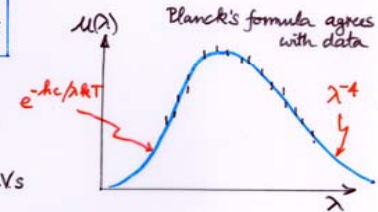
$$= \frac{hf x (1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots)}{1 + x + x^2 + \dots} = hf x \frac{(1-x)^{-2}}{(1-x)^{-1}} = \frac{hf x}{1-x} = \frac{hf}{x^{-1} - 1} = \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT} - 1}$$

$$\therefore u(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \bar{E} = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

using  $f = c/\lambda$

Fit function to data  $\rightarrow$  Planck's constant

$$h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} = 4.1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eVs}$$



$$h = 4.13 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV s}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

therefore

$$hc = 12.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eV m}$$

$$= 1240 \text{ eV nm}$$

• Insight into why Planck's assertion works

$$\left(f = \frac{c}{\lambda}\right)$$

$hf \ll kT$   $hf \gg kT$

$E = nhf$

$n=1$

$hf \ll kT$  (large  $\lambda$ ) E's look continuous

$$e^{hf/kT} - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{hf}{kT} + \dots\right) - 1 \approx \frac{hf}{kT}$$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT} - 1} \approx \frac{hf}{hf/kT} = kT$$

the classical result

$hf \gg kT$  (v. small  $\lambda$ )

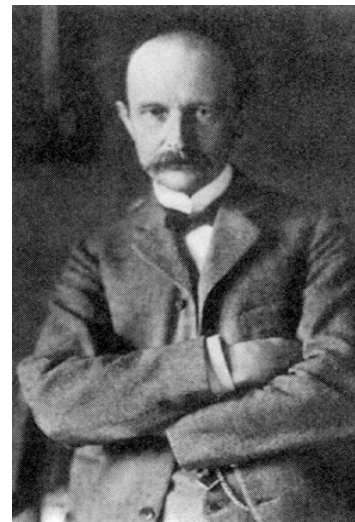
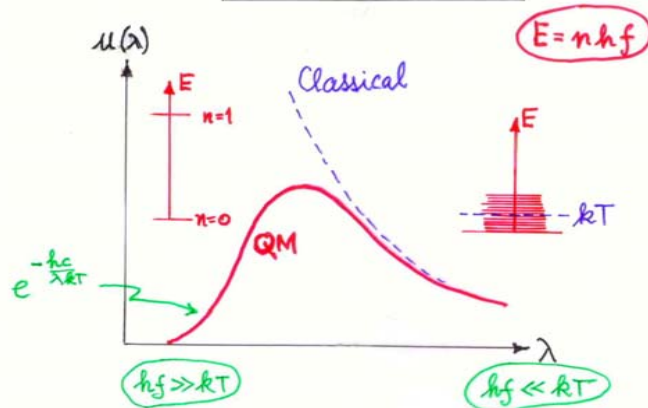
oscillator mainly in  $E=0$  state.  
The chance of the others is suppressed  
by the Boltzmann factor  $\exp(-nhf/kT)$ .

• Can use Planck's spectral distribution to derive

Q5: Stefan-B. law  $R = \sigma T^4$  + show  $\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15 c^2 h^3} = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Q10: Wien's law  $\lambda_m = c/T$  with  $c = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$

$$u(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \frac{hc/\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$



Max Planck (1858-1947)

Nobel prize 1918

Q5 Stefan's law

Energy density of BB  $u(\lambda) = 8\pi \frac{hc}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{a/\lambda} - 1}$  where  $a \equiv \frac{hc}{kT}$

$$u_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^{\infty} u(\lambda) d\lambda = 8\pi hc \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{a/\lambda} - 1} d\lambda$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{a}{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{a}{x}$ ,  $d\lambda = -\frac{a}{x^2} dx$   $\begin{cases} \lambda=0 \rightarrow x=\infty \\ \lambda=\infty \rightarrow x=0 \end{cases}$

$$u_{\text{tot}} = 8\pi hc \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^5}{a^5} \frac{1}{e^x - 1} \frac{a}{x^2} dx = \frac{8\pi hc}{a^4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} \leftarrow \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{c}{4} u_{\text{tot}} = \frac{2\pi^5}{15} hc^2 \left(\frac{kT}{hc}\right)^4 = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15c^2 h^3} T^4$$

Insert the values of  $k, c, h$  and show  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Now try the exciting Q6!

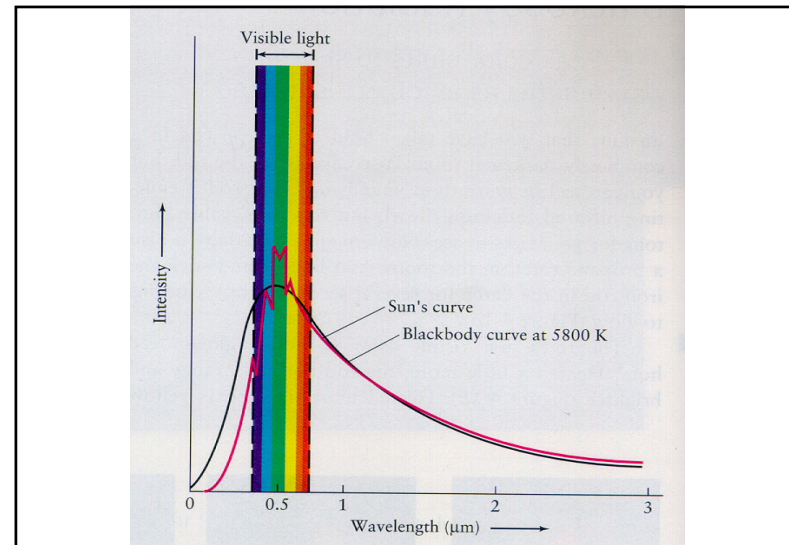
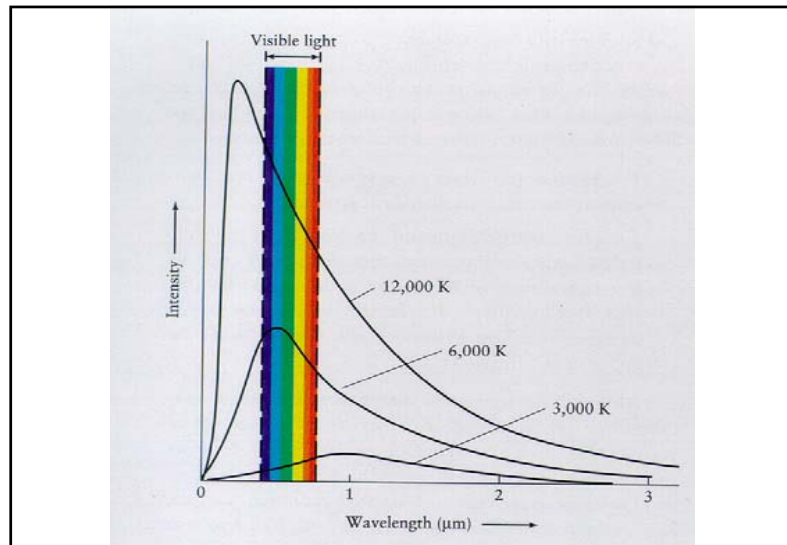
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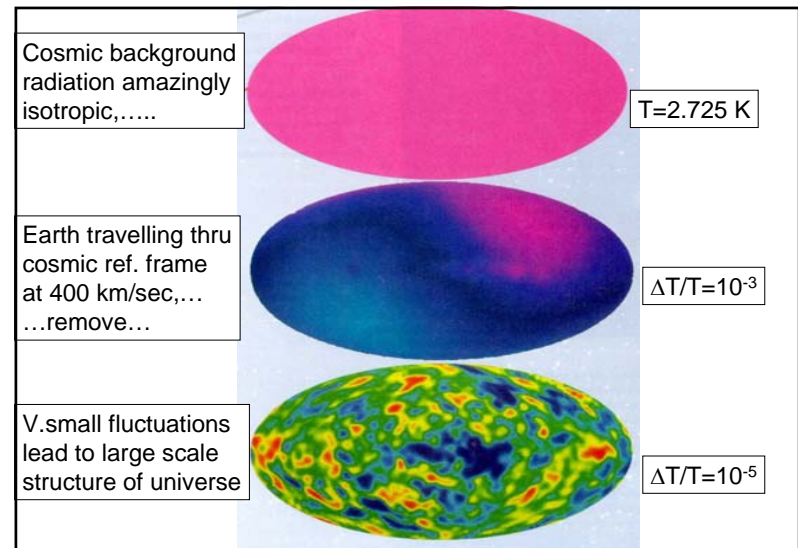
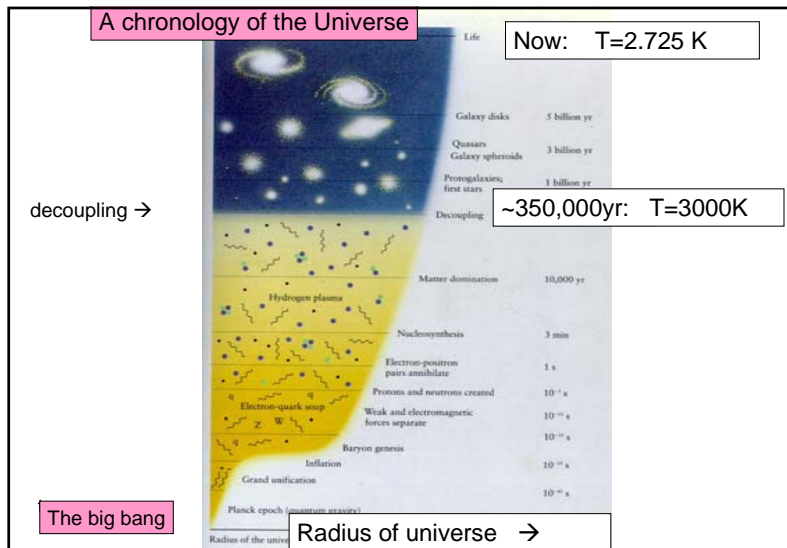
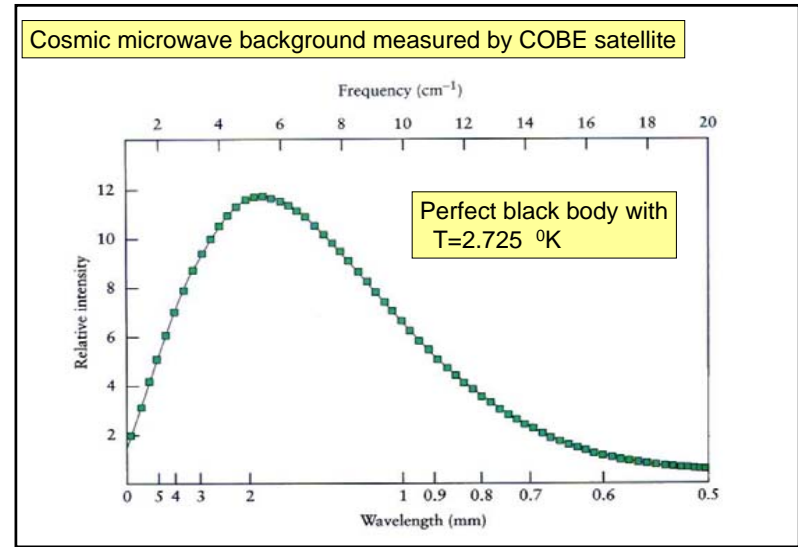
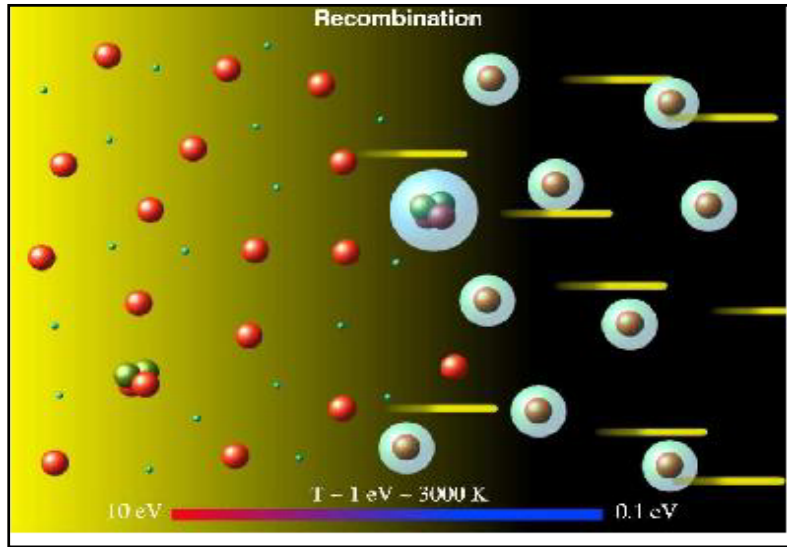
$$u_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^{\infty} u(\lambda) d\lambda = 8\pi hc \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{a/\lambda} - 1} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^5}$$
 where  $a \equiv \frac{hc}{kT}$

Let  $x = \frac{a}{\lambda}$   $\begin{cases} \lambda=0 \leftrightarrow x=\infty \\ \lambda=\infty \leftrightarrow x=0 \end{cases}$

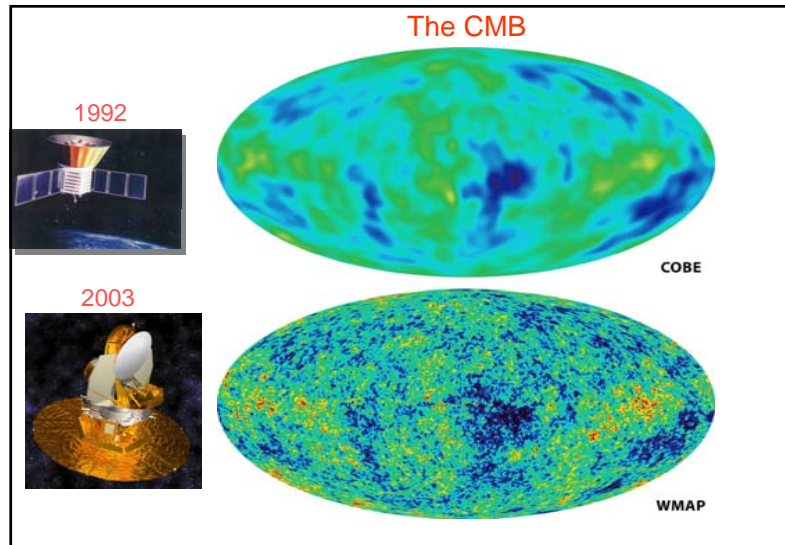
$$\frac{dx}{d\lambda} = -\frac{a}{\lambda^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^2} = -\frac{dx}{a}$$

$$u_{\text{tot}} = 8\pi hc \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^x - 1} \frac{x^3}{a^3} \frac{dx}{a} = \frac{8\pi hc}{a^4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} = \frac{8\pi^5 (kT)^4}{15 (hc)^3}$$









A peep ahead...

Each chunk of Cu obeys same classical laws:  
same coefft. of expansion,  
same conductivity, etc

Cu atom

When quantities of dimension of  $h$ , are the order of, or less than  $h$ , we must use quantum mechanics

Already prejudiced! We cannot draw this picture of a Cu atom

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(a) Black body radiation  
 $E(\text{oscillator}) = 0, hf, 2hf, \dots$

(b) Photoelectric effect

(c) Stability, spectra and size of atoms

(b) Photo electric effect

Max. K.E. of  $e$ 's  $= \left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right)_{\text{max}} = eV_0$

According to wave model of light we would expect the more the incident rad!:

- the more the current (seen)
- the larger the stopping potential  $V_0$  not seen!  
the max. K.E. of  $e$  is unchanged!

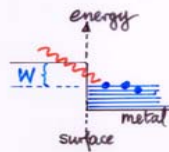
Graph: current vs.  $V$ . The x-axis is labeled  $V$  and has a point  $-V_0$  marked as '(stopping pot!)'. Two curves are shown: 'high intensity rad.' and 'low intensity rad.'. The high intensity curve has a higher saturation current. The low intensity curve has a lower saturation current. The x-axis is also labeled '(pot. between A and C)'. A note says '(if  $V > 0$   $e$ 's attracted to A,  $V < 0$  - repelled from A)'. The y-axis is labeled 'current'.

### Einstein's explanation of photoelectric effect (1905)

Energy of EM wave comes in **localized** bursts of size  $hf$ , and such a quantum may be completely transferred to an electron in the metal

$$K.E._{max} = hf - W$$

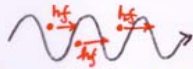
$W$  is min. energy  $e$  needs to escape from the metal  $\equiv$  work function



Einstein: way ahead of his time

$E = hf - W$  only universally accepted in  $\sim 1914$  (Millikan established relation - N. Prize '23)

By 1909 Einstein (+him alone) interpreted quanta as **photons** - only accepted in 1923



Note: timescale of emission  $\sim 10^{-9}$ s. Multiple absorptions do not happen (except with v. intense laser)

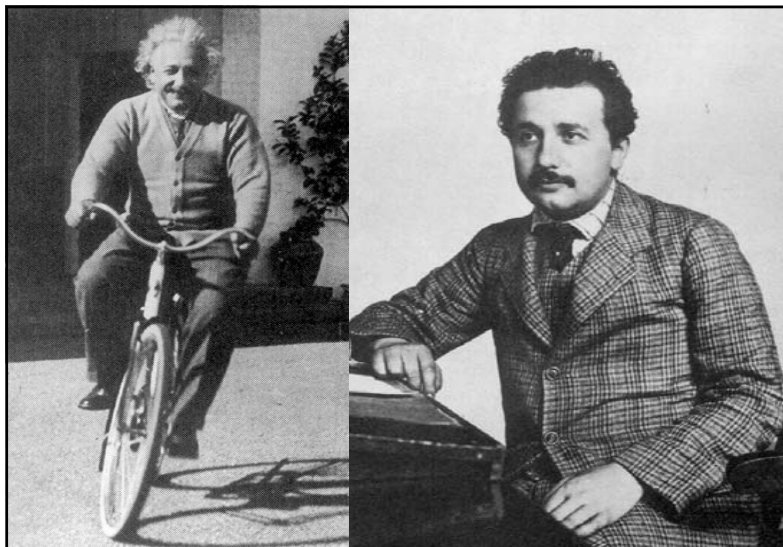
Note: If  $hf < W$  then  $e$  loses energy in metal, which heats up.

### A. Einstein 1905

N. Prize 1921  
 • Ann. Physik 17 p.132, March 1905  
 explained **photoelectric effect**

• Ann. Physik 17 p.549, May 1905  
 explained **Brownian motion** and provided strong proof of the reality of atoms

• Ann. Physik 17 p.891, June 1905  
 invention of the theory of **Special relativity**



Exer: Photoelect. effect  $E_{max}$  of  $e = hf - W$

$$hc = 1240 \text{ eV nm}$$

When light of wavelength 300nm is incident on potassium, the emitted electrons have maximum K.E. of 2.03 eV.

(a) What is the energy of the photon?

$$E_\gamma = hf = hc/\lambda = 1240/300 = 4.13 \text{ eV}$$

(b) What is the work function for potassium?

$$W = E_\gamma - E_{max} = 4.13 - 2.03 = 2.10 \text{ eV}$$

(c) What would be the max. K.E. of the electrons if the incident light had wavelength of 430 nm?

$$E_{max} = E_\gamma - W = 1240/430 - 2.10 = 0.78 \text{ eV}$$

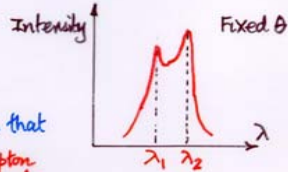
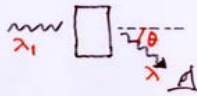
(d) What is the threshold wavelength for the photoelectric effect on potassium?

$$\lambda_{th} = hc/W = 1240/2.10 = 590 \text{ nm}$$

(6) Compton effect 1923

N. Prize 1927

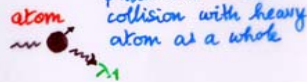
Definite confirmation of **photons** came by measuring the scattering of X-rays (energetic em radiation) by electrons.



Observe a compt.  $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$  such that  

$$\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos\theta)$$
 Compton formula  
 indep. of material and of  $\lambda_1$

Explanation of two peaks: billiard-ball type collisions of photons of  $E = hf$  with



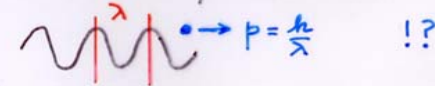
Photons carry momentum  $p = \frac{hf}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$  as well as energy  $E = hf$

According to classical theory  $E = pc$  for electromag. wave  
 This is consistent with the relativistic energy-mom.<sup>m</sup> relation

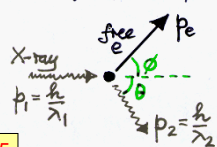
$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2 \quad \text{\textit{see page 5 of hand outs}}$$

if the rest mass of the photon  $m_0 = 0$ .

That is photons are massless, have velocity  $c$ , energy  $E = hf$  and momentum  $p = \frac{hf}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$



Proof of Compton formula



conservation of momentum:

$$\vec{p}_e = \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2$$

$$p_e^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1 p_2 \cos\theta$$

conservation of energy:

$$(E_x + E_e)_{\text{final}} = (E_x + E_e)_{\text{initial}}$$

$$p_2 c + \sqrt{(mc^2)^2 + p_e^2 c^2} = p_1 c + mc^2 \quad \text{\textit{cancel c and square}}$$

$$(mc^2 + p_e^2)^2 = [(p_1 - p_2) + mc^2]^2$$

$$(mc^2)^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1 p_2 \cos\theta = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1 p_2 \cos\theta + 2mc(p_1 - p_2) + (mc^2)^2$$

$$2mc(p_1 - p_2) = 2p_1 p_2 (1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\times h \quad \frac{p_1 - p_2}{p_1 p_2} = \frac{1}{mc} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

see page 5 of handout

• Verify  $h$  has the dimensions of angular momentum

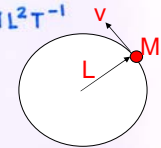
$$h = \frac{E}{f} = \frac{\text{force} \times \text{dist}}{T^{-1}} = \frac{\text{mass} \times \text{acceler.}^2 \times \text{dist.}}{T^{-1}} = \frac{MLT^{-2}L}{T^{-1}} = ML^2T^{-1}$$

angular momentum = mass  $\times$  velocity  $\times$  length =  $ML^2T^{-1}$

• Verify  $\frac{h}{mc}$  has dimensions of length

$$\frac{h}{mc} = \frac{\text{mom.}^2 \times \text{length}}{\text{mom.}^2} = L$$

e.g.  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos\theta)$



Useful combinations

$$hc = \left( \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV}\cdot\text{s} \right) (2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 1240 \text{ nm}\cdot\text{eV}$$

electron rest-mass energy  $mc^2 = 0.511 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$

- What is an appropriate wavelength of radiation to show the Compton effect?  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos \theta)$

$$\frac{h}{mc} = \frac{hc}{mc^2} = \frac{1240 \text{ eV nm}}{0.511 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}} = 2.43 \text{ pm} \quad \leftarrow 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

Want  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1$  to be  $\geq 0.01 \lambda_1$ , say  
 $\sim 10^{-12} \text{ m}$ , so  $\lambda_1 \lesssim 10^{-10} \text{ m}$  (X-rays)

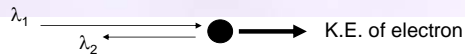
- If  $\lambda_1 = 6 \text{ pm}$ ,  $\theta = 180^\circ$  then find  $\Delta \lambda$  and (K.E.)<sub>e</sub>

$$\Delta \lambda \equiv \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - (-1)) = 2 \frac{h}{mc} = 4.86 \text{ pm}$$

$$\therefore \lambda_2 = 10.86 \text{ pm}$$

$$(\text{K.E.})_e = \frac{hc}{\lambda_1} - \frac{hc}{\lambda_2} = 1240 \left[ \frac{1}{6 \times 10^{-3}} - \frac{1}{10.86 \times 10^{-3}} \right] \text{ eV} = 93 \text{ keV}$$

$$E = pc = hc/\lambda$$



## Outstanding problems around 1900

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$$E(\text{oscillator}) = 0, hf, 2hf, \dots$$

- (b) Photoelectric effect

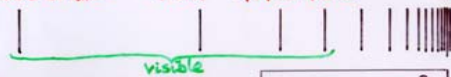
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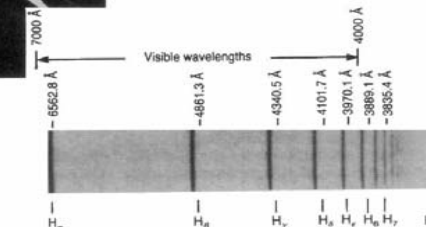
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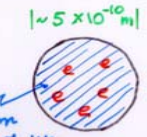


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• Model of the atom

Thomson's model He discovered the electron in 1897 and proposed a 'plum-pudding' model (1903)



$\sim 5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

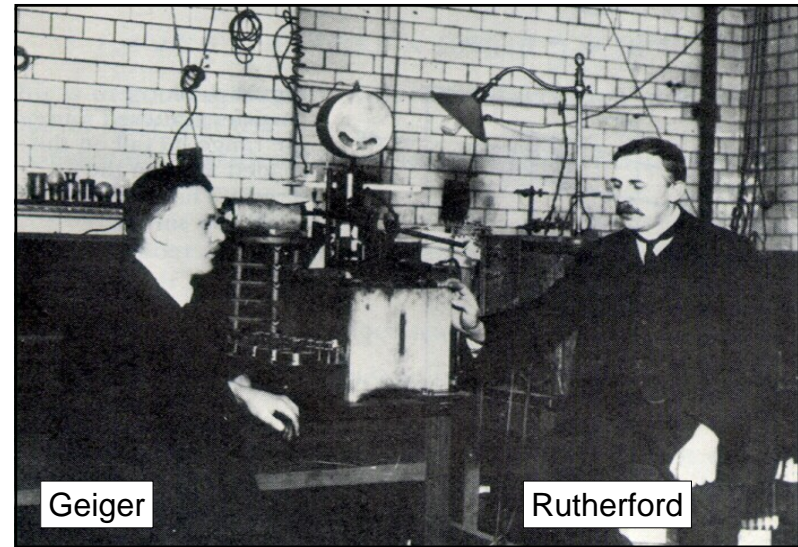
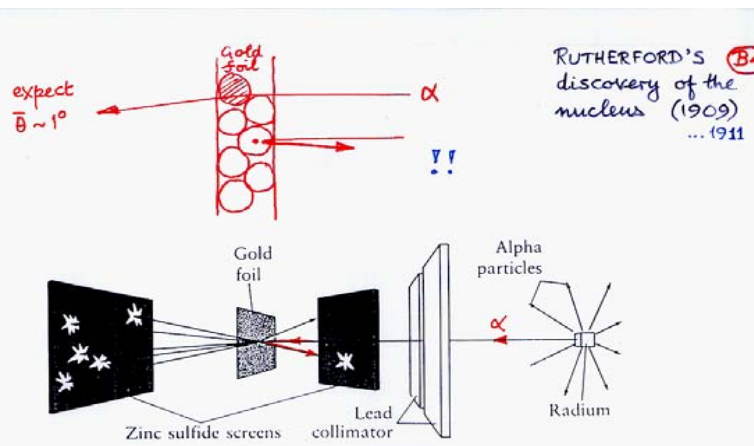
uniform sphere of +ve charge (so atom is neutral)

Note: accelerating e's emit radiation, so e's slow down and we have continuous spectrum. Nevertheless it was the accepted model up to 1909

Rutherford scattering + the nuclear atom

RA <sup>Student from NZ</sup> Geiger + Marsden (Rutherford) scattered  $\alpha$  particles thro' gold foil

heavy particles ( $\sim 4 \text{ mp}$ ) of charge  $+2e$  (helium nuclei)

expect  $\bar{\theta} \sim 1^\circ$

Gold foil

$\alpha$

!!

RUTHERFORD'S <sup>B4</sup> discovery of the nucleus (1909) ... 1911

Zinc sulfide screens

Gold foil

Lead collimator

Alpha particles

Radium

Geiger's and Marsden's scattering experiment with alpha particles and gold foil.

1 in 20,000 ( $d_{\text{foil}} = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$ )





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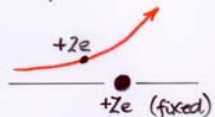
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Rutherford's nuclear atom (all mass concentrated in v. small positively charged nucleus)



Scattering formula derived from repulsive force  $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2eZe}{r^2}$  fitted the observed angular distribution.

Still the major flaw: e continuously accelerated (towards centre) radiated energy, spirals in in  $10^{-12}$  secs!



ENTER BOHR

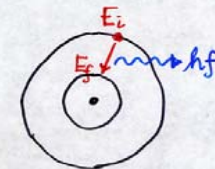
First, a bit of history....

- Gold has  $Z=79$ , but original Ruth. exper. gave  $Z=97$  and  $114$ ?
- Rutherford first presented his model on March 7th 1911 to the Manchester Literary & Philosophical Society
- Exactly same society to which Dalton presented his hypothesis on Mass of Chemical Elements, a century before.

Bohr postulates for H atom

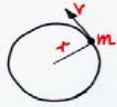
1. e moves in circular orbits under Coulomb attract<sup>n</sup>
2. e does not radiate in orbit
3. Only allowed orbits have angular mom<sup>m</sup>  
 $L (=mvr) = n \frac{h}{2\pi} = n\hbar \quad n=1,2,...$
4. Transition from orbit of energy  $E_i \rightarrow$  orbit  $E_f$  is accompanied by emission of radiation of frequency  $f$

$$E_i - E_f = hf$$



Bohr model predictions for energy levels + spectrum

(B5)



(i) balancing forces:  $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{e_m^2}{r^2}$  ( $e_m^2 \equiv \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ )

(ii) quantiz<sup>n</sup> of angular mom<sup>n</sup>:  $\left. \begin{aligned} \therefore mv^2r &= e_m^2 \\ mv r &= n\hbar \end{aligned} \right\} v = \frac{e_m^2}{n\hbar}$

from (ii)  $r = \frac{n\hbar}{mv} = n^2 \frac{\hbar^2}{me_m^2}$  (radii of allowed orbits  $n=1,2,\dots$ )

Allowed energies of electron (see also Q18)

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + V(r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e_m^2}{r} - \frac{e_m^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{e_m^2}{r} = -\frac{me_m^4}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

from (i)

General relation  
 $\Delta V = -F \Delta r$   
 $F = -dV/dr$   
 eg Coulomb force  
 $F = -\frac{e_m^2}{r^2}, V = -\frac{e_m^2}{r}$

Possible radiation



$$f = \frac{E_i - E_f}{h} = \frac{me_m^4}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{h} \left[ -\frac{1}{n_i^2} + \frac{1}{n_f^2} \right] \therefore \frac{1}{\lambda} = \underbrace{\frac{me_m^4}{4\pi c \hbar^3}}_R \left[ \frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2} \right]$$

$f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$        $R = \text{Rydberg const.}$