

Blackbody Radiation

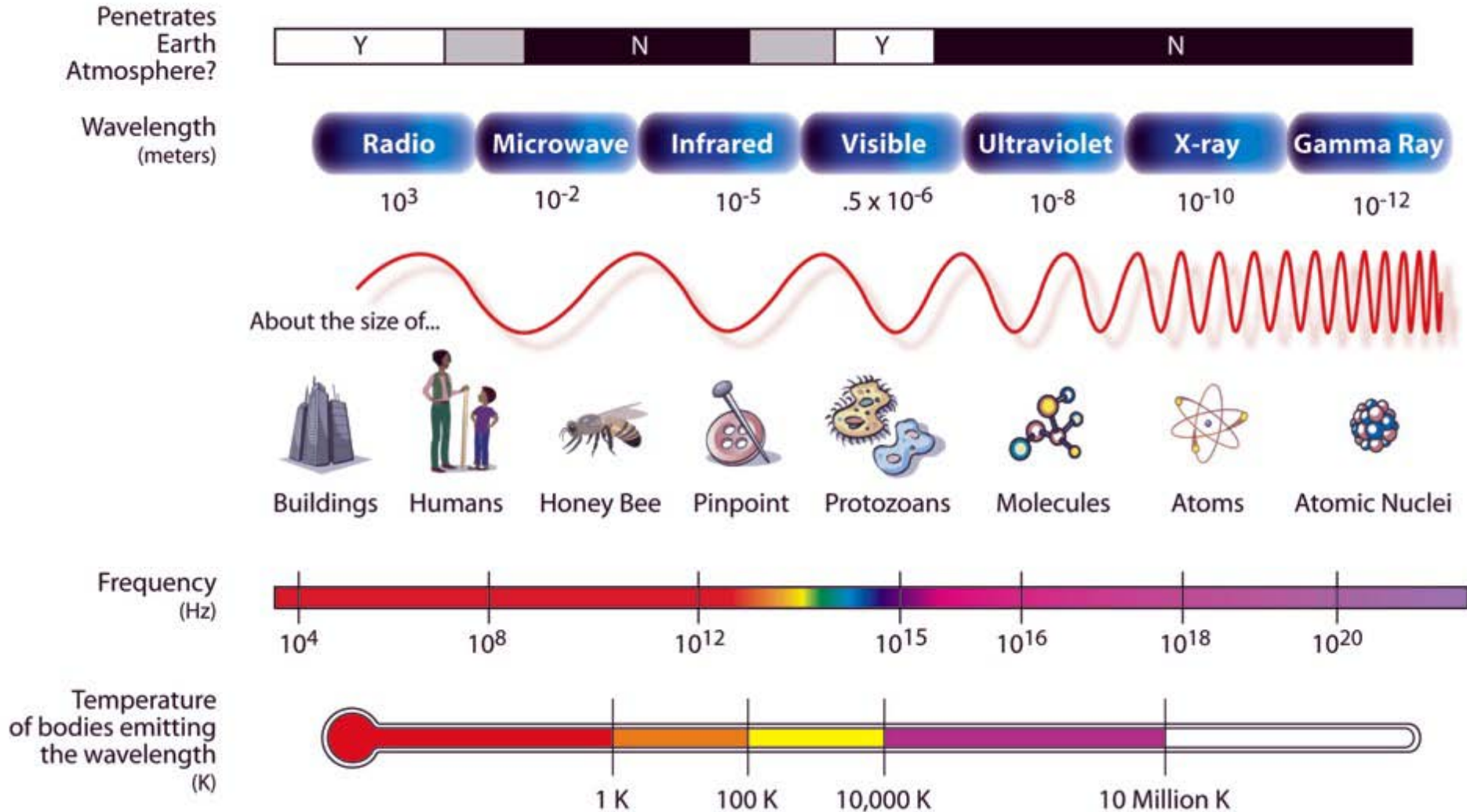
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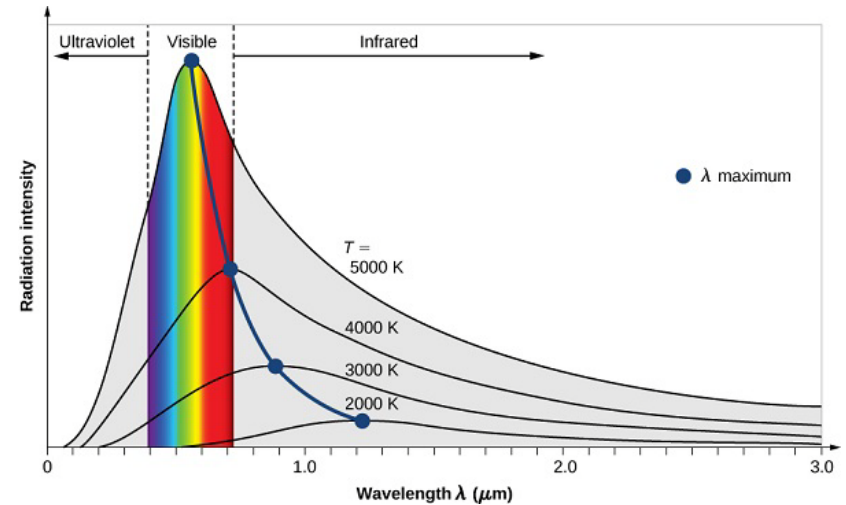


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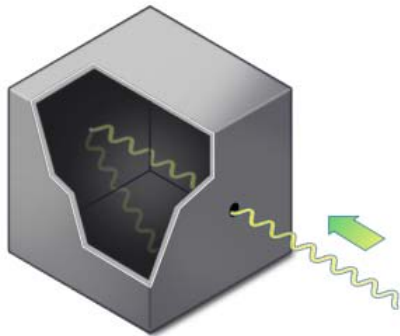
THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



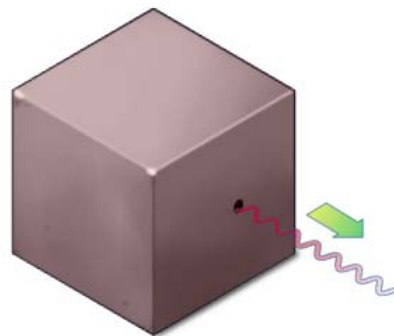
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All incident radiation is absorbed



Emitted radiation is only a function of radiator's temperature (T)

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Blackbody Radiation Measurements around 1900

Wien's Formula

$$\rho(\nu, T) = \alpha \nu^3 \exp(-\beta \nu / T)$$

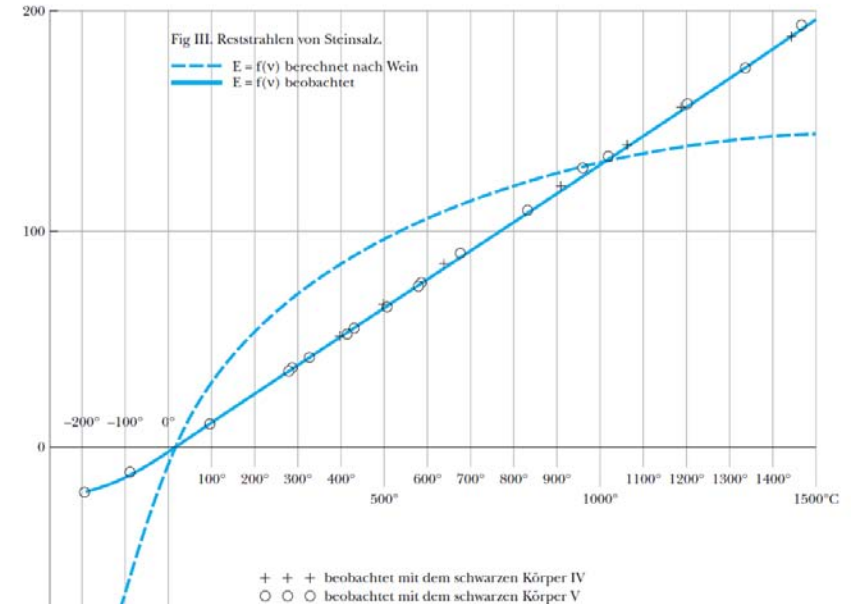
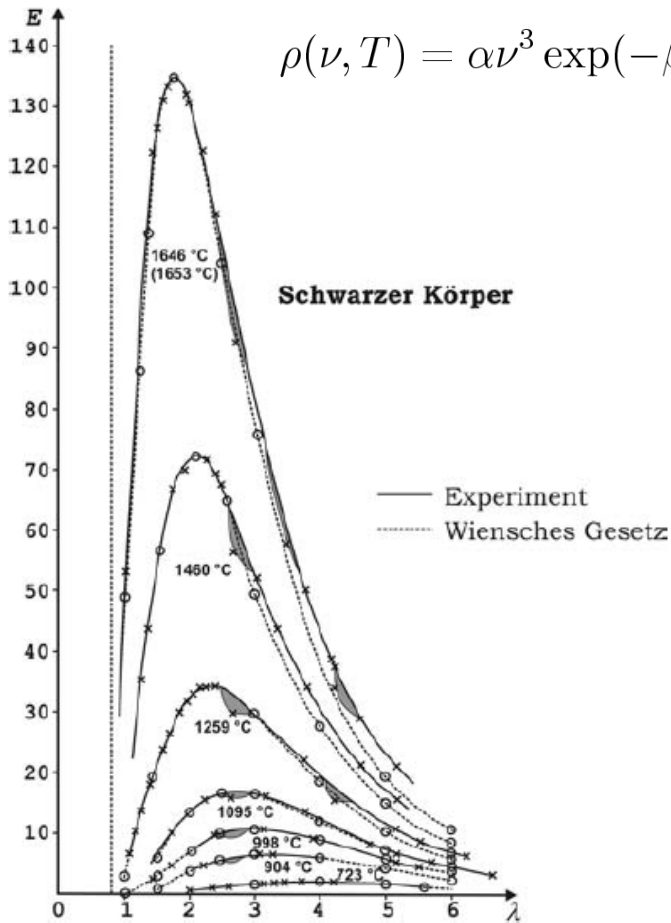


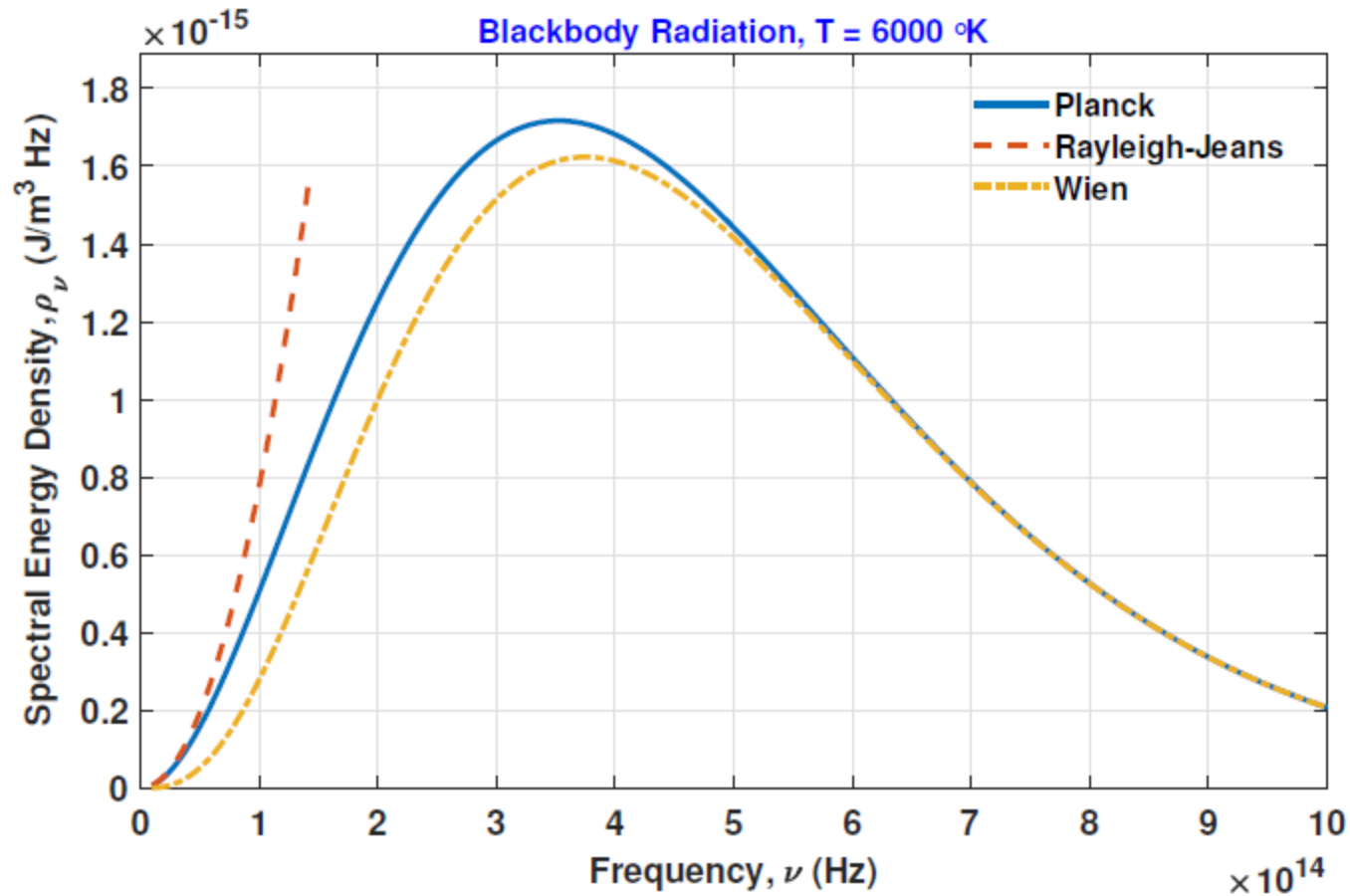
Figure 3.7 Comparison of theoretical and experimental blackbody emission curves at $51.2 \mu\text{m}$ and over the temperature range of -188° to 1500°C . The title of this modified figure is "Residual Rays from Rocksalt." *Berechnet nach* means "calculated according to," and *beobachtet* means "observed." The vertical axis is emission intensity in arbitrary units. (From H. Rubens and S. Kurlbaum, *Ann. Physik*, 4:649, 1901.)

Spectrum of the thermal radiation emitted by a blackbody, measured by Lummer and Pringsheim in 1900 and compared to Wien's radiation law

<http://users.df.uba.ar/dmitnik/fisica4/articulos/cuantica/Lummer.pdf>

https://physlab.lums.edu.pk/images/e/e5/Phys_ref2.pdf

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Electromagnetic Cavity Modes

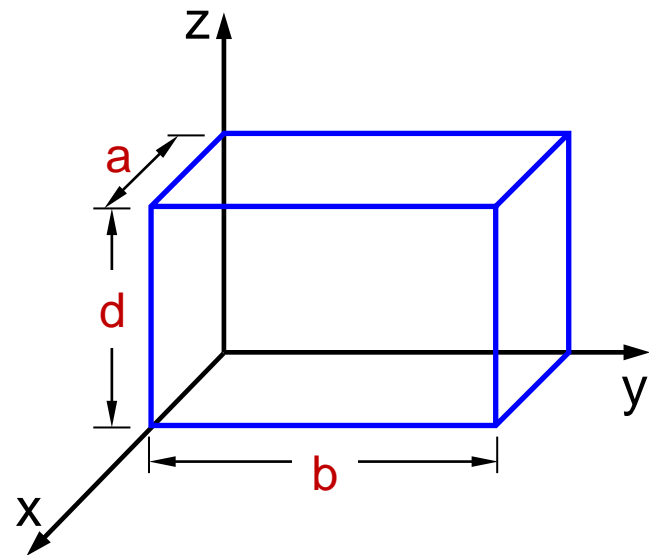
TE_{mpq} Modes

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_x &= C \frac{j\omega\mu_0}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
 E_y &= -C \frac{j\omega\mu_0}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
 E_z &= 0, \\
 H_x &= -C \frac{1}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \cos\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
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 H_z &= C \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

TM_{mpq} Modes

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_x &= -D \frac{1}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right) \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
 E_y &= -D \frac{1}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right) \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \sin\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
 E_z &= D \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \cos\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
 H_x &= D \frac{j\omega\epsilon_0 n^2}{k_c^2} \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{b}y\right) \cos\left(\frac{q\pi}{d}z\right), \\
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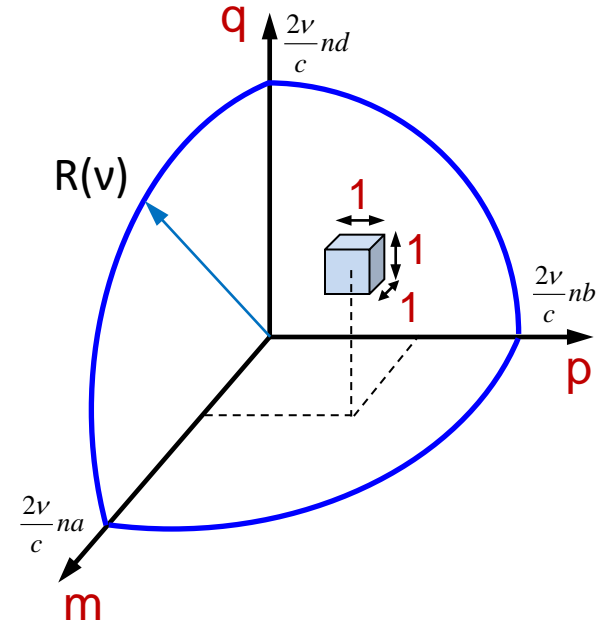
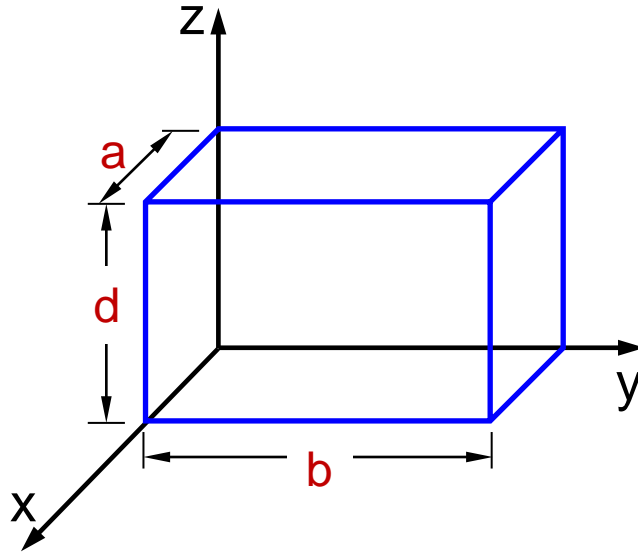
From Maxwell's equations
Electromagnetic Knowledge



Dispersion Relation

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_0^2 n^2 &= \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right)^2, \\
 \omega_{mnq} &= \frac{c}{n} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q\pi}{d}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2\pi\nu}{c}\right)^2 n^2$$

$$m^2 + p^2 + q^2 = \left(\frac{2\nu}{c}\right)^2 a^2 n^2 = \left(\frac{2\nu na}{c}\right)^2$$

$$N(\nu) = \frac{(1/8) \text{ cavity volume}}{\text{volume of a mode}} = \frac{(1/8)(4/3)\pi(2\nu na/c)^3}{1 \times 1 \times 1} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \frac{\nu^3 n^3 a^3}{c^3}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\nu) = \frac{N(\nu)}{\text{Volume} = a^3} = \frac{8}{3}\pi \frac{\nu^3 n^3}{c^3}$$

Density of Electromagnetic Modes per Frequency:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{N}(\nu)}{d\nu} = \frac{8\pi\nu^2 n^3}{c^3}$$

Blackbody Radiation

From Boltzmann's statistics (energy of an *em* mode between E and $E+dE$):

$$p(E)dE = A \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) dE$$

Boltzmann's Constant

$$k_B = 1.380649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/}^\circ\text{K}$$

Normalization $\int_0^\infty p(E)dE = 1 \implies A = \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \exp(-E/k_B T) dE} = \frac{1}{k_B T}$

Average Energy per Electromagnetic Mode:

$$\langle E \rangle = \int_0^\infty E p(E) dE = \int_0^\infty E \frac{1}{k_B T} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) dE = k_B T$$

Rayleigh-Jeans Equation

$$\rho(\nu, T) = \frac{d\mathcal{N}(\nu)}{d\nu} k_B T = \frac{8\pi\nu^2 n^3}{c^3} k_B T$$

Blackbody Radiation

Planck's Equation

$$\rho(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi\nu^2 n^3}{c^3} \frac{h\nu}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}$$

Boltzmann Statistics – Discrete Energy States

$$p(E_i) = A \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p(E_i) = 1 \implies A = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \exp(-E_i/k_B T)} = \frac{1}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}\right)}$$

Planck's Energy Quantization $E_i = ih\nu$ $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E \rangle &= A \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} E_i \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}\right) = A [1h\nu e^{-h\nu/k_B T} + 2h\nu e^{-2h\nu/k_B T} + \dots] = \\ &= A \frac{h\nu \exp(-h\nu/k_B T)}{[1 - \exp(-h\nu/k_B T)]^2} = \frac{h\nu}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Blackbody Radiation

$$\rho(\nu, T) = \underbrace{\frac{8\pi\nu^2 n^3}{c^3}}_{\text{Number of em modes}} \underbrace{h\nu}_{\text{photon energy}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}}_{\text{Number of photons/mode}}$$

Spectral Power per Unit Area

$$dP_{avg} = \frac{8\pi n^2 \nu^2}{c^2} \frac{h\nu}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1} d\nu = P_{avg,\nu} d\nu,$$

$$dP_{avg} = \frac{8\pi n^2 c}{\lambda_0^4} \frac{hc/\lambda_0}{\exp(hc/\lambda_0 k_B T) - 1} d\lambda_0 = P_{avg,\lambda_0} d\lambda_0$$

Spectral Radiant **Exitance** per Frequency (W/m²Hz)

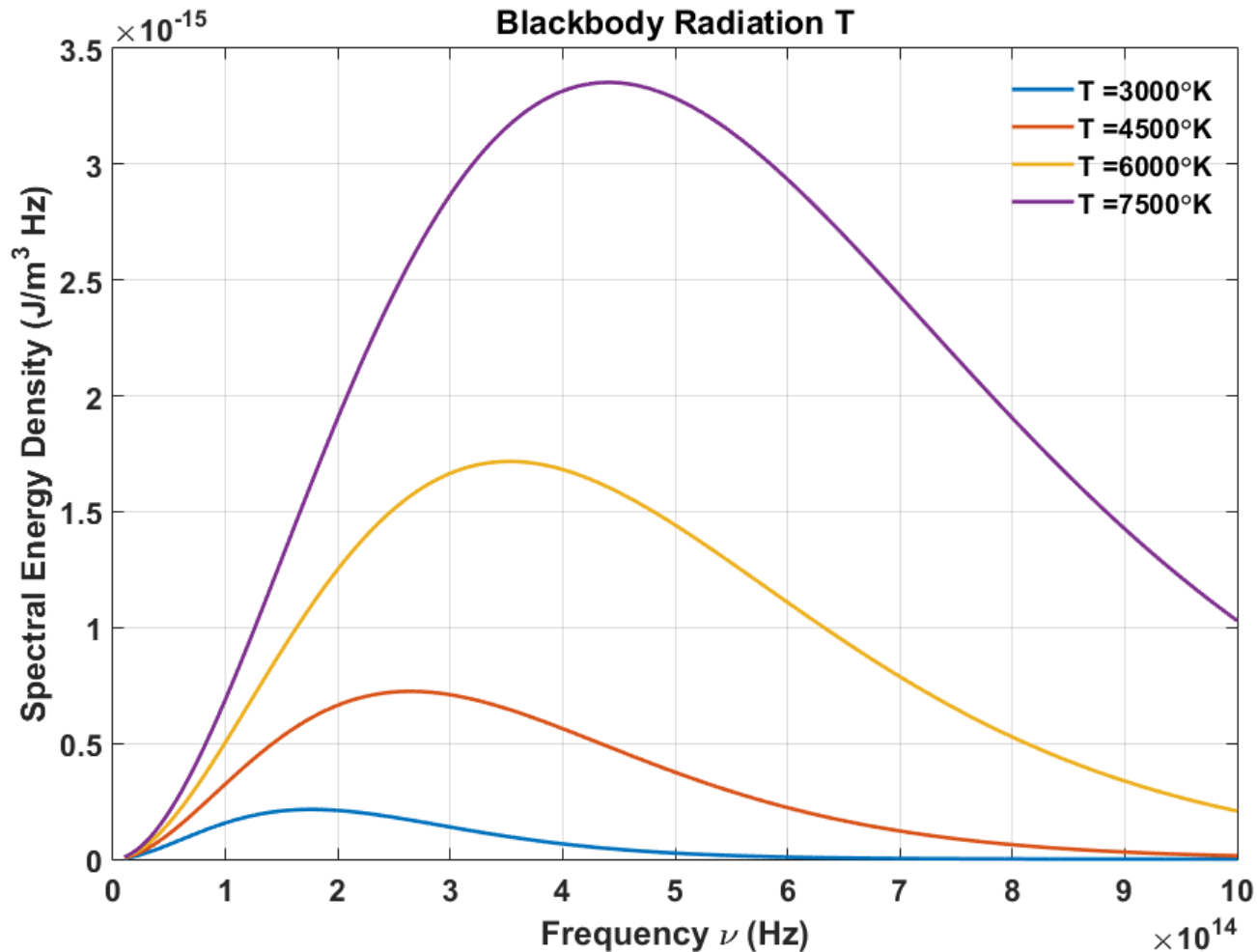
$$M_\nu(\nu) = \frac{2\pi n^2 \nu^2}{c^2} \frac{h\nu}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}$$

$$M_{\lambda_0} = \frac{2\pi n^2 c}{\lambda_0^4} \frac{hc/\lambda_0}{\exp(hc/\lambda_0 k_B T) - 1},$$

$$M_\lambda = \frac{2\pi c}{n^2 \lambda^4} \frac{hc/\lambda}{\exp(hc/\lambda n k_B T) - 1}.$$

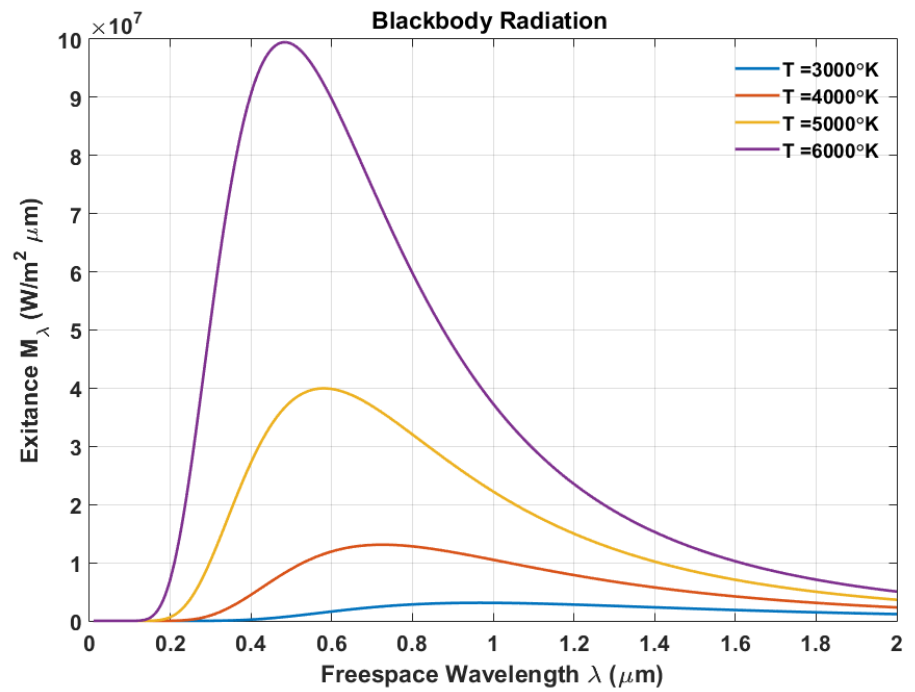
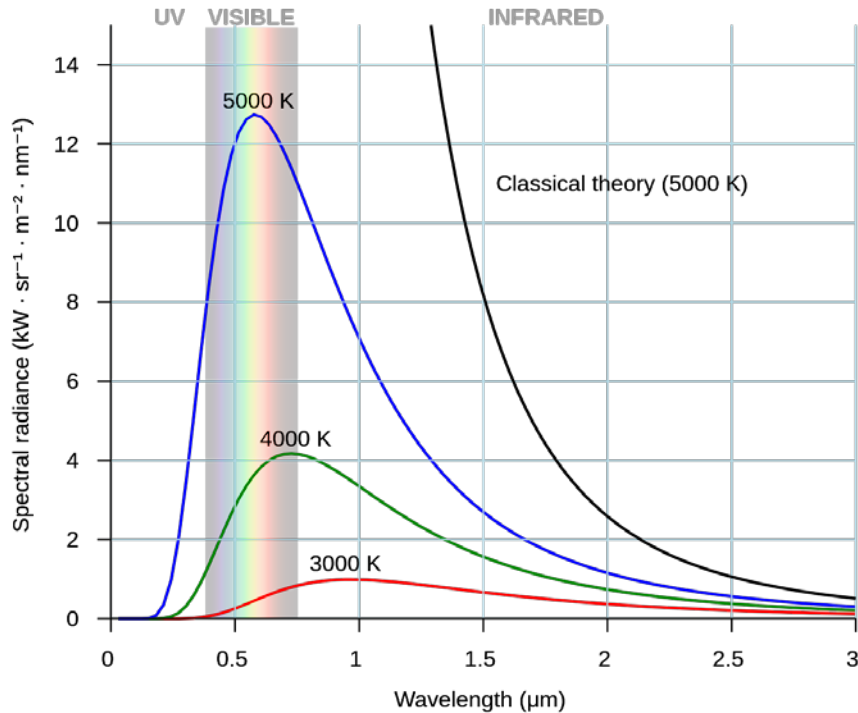
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$$\rho(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi\nu^2 n^3}{c^3} \frac{h\nu}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}$$



Blackbody Radiation

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-body_radiation

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Stefan-Boltzmann Law

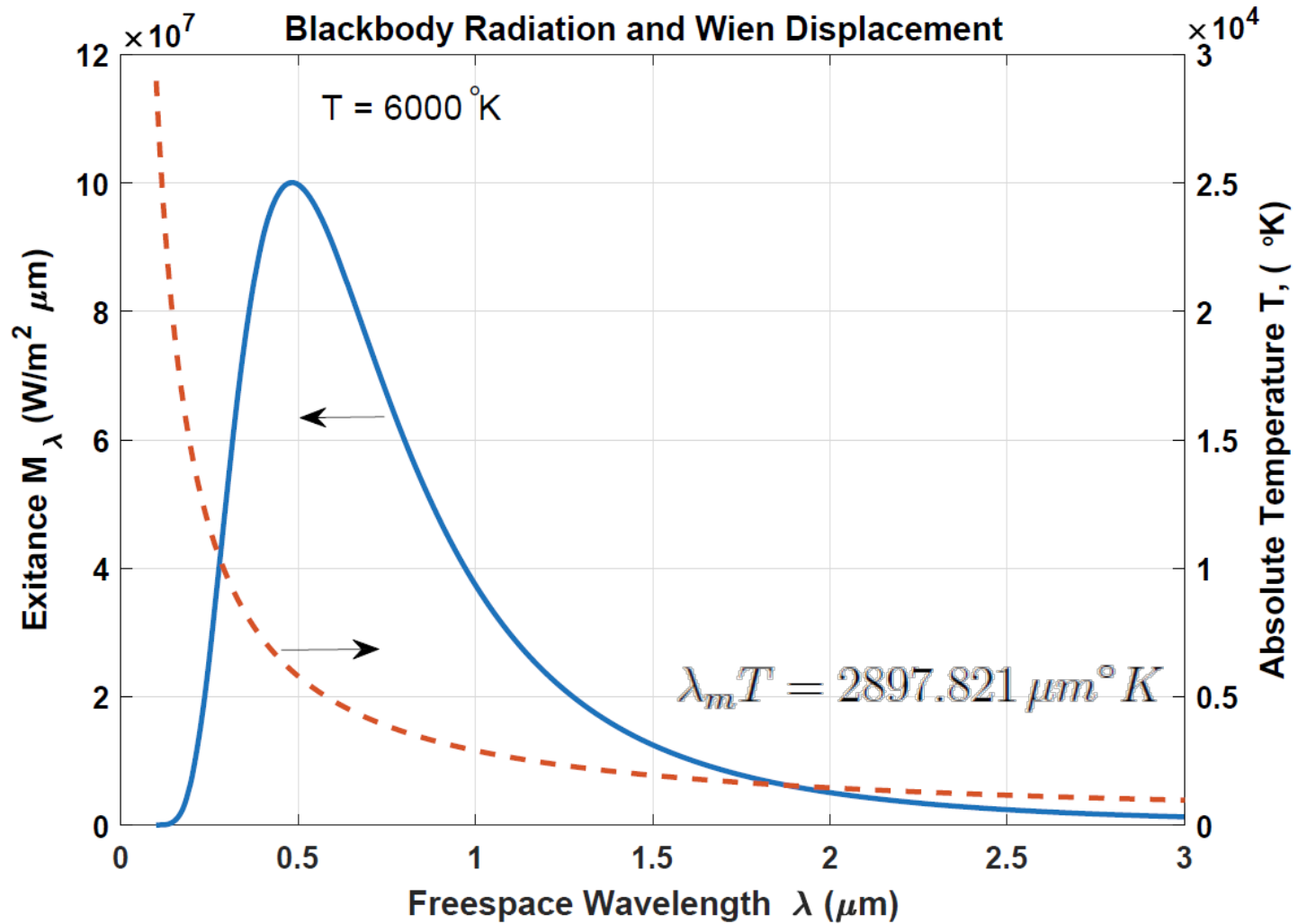
$$M = \int_0^{\infty} M_{\lambda_0} d\lambda_0 = \left(\frac{2\pi^5 k_B^4}{15h^3 c^2} \right) n^2 T^4 = \sigma n^2 T^4$$
$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-4}$$

Wien's Displacement Law

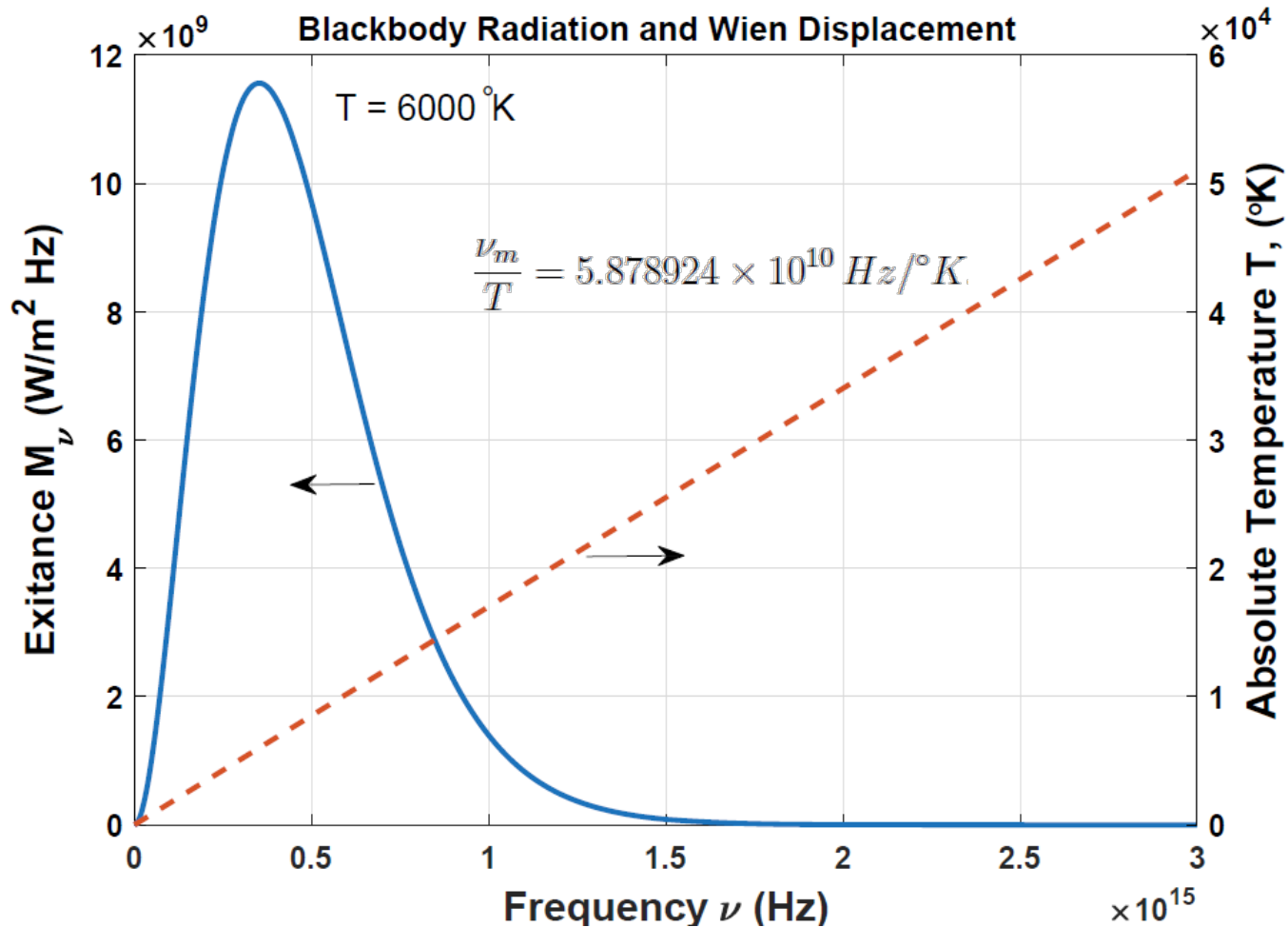
$$\frac{dM_{\lambda_0}(\lambda_{0,max})}{d\lambda_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{hc}{\lambda_{0,max} k_B T} = 4.96511423 \Rightarrow \lambda_{0,max} T = 2897.821 \mu\text{m}^\circ\text{K}$$

$$\frac{dM_\nu(\nu_{max})}{d\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h\nu_{max}}{k_B T} = 2.82143937 \Rightarrow \frac{\nu_{max}}{T} = 5.878924 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz}/^\circ\text{K}$$

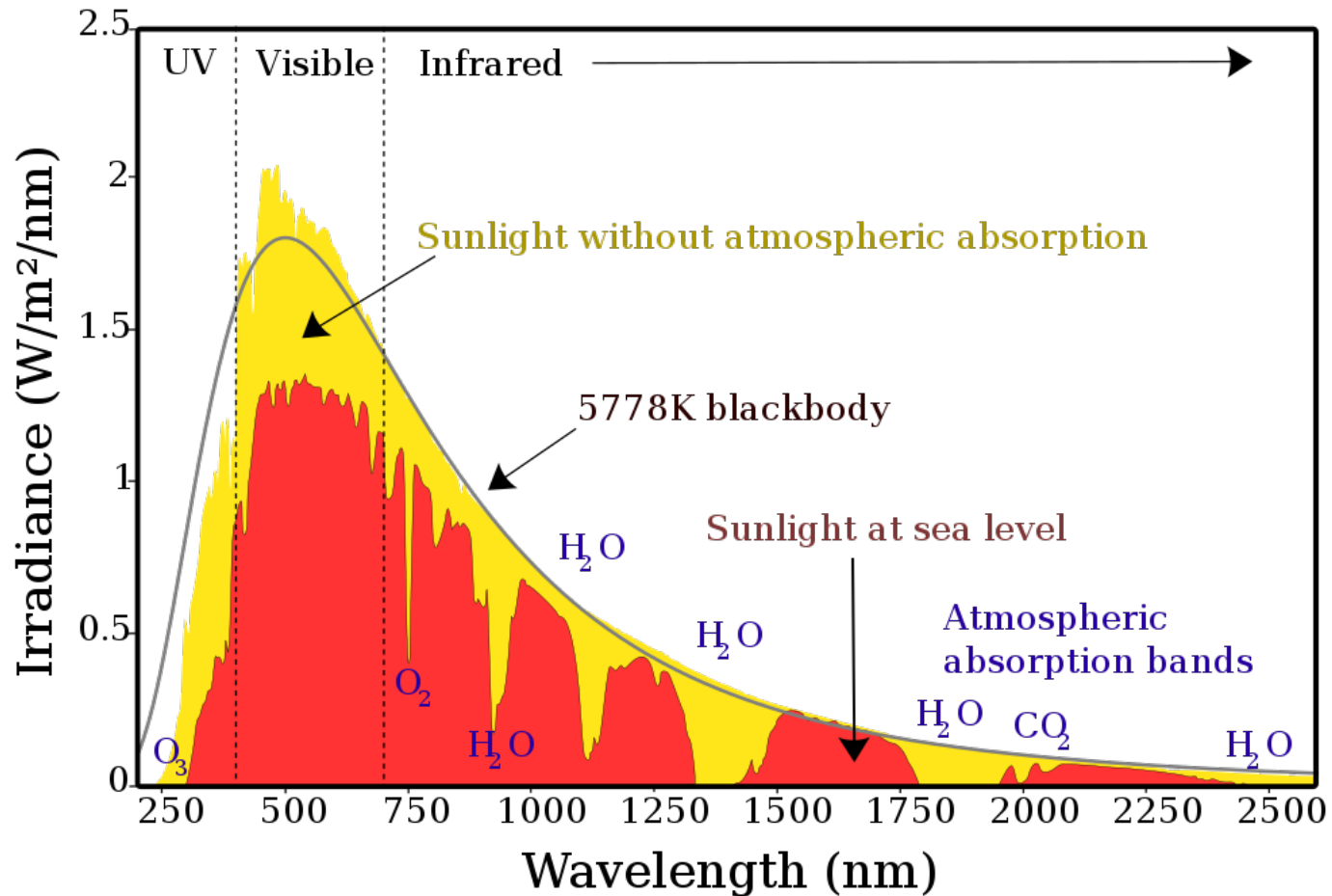
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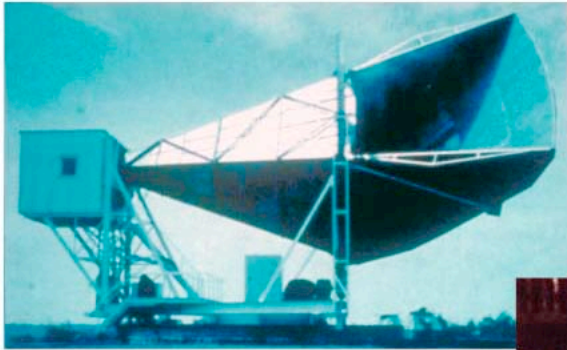
Spectrum of Solar Radiation (Earth)



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Discovery of Cosmic Background Radiation

It was first observed inadvertently in 1965 by Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey.

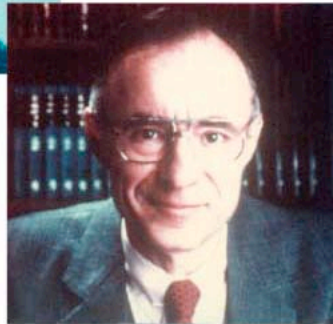


Microwave Receiver

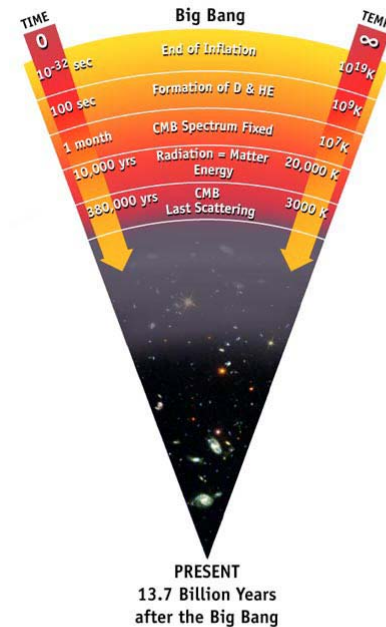


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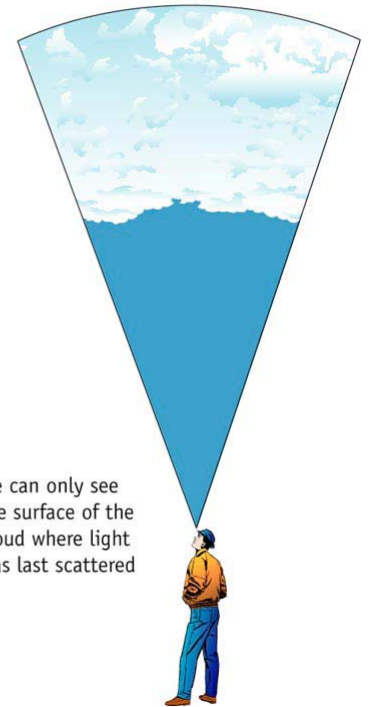
Robert Wilson



Arno Penzias



The cosmic microwave background Radiation's "surface of last scatter" is analogous to the light coming through the clouds to our eye on a cloudy day.



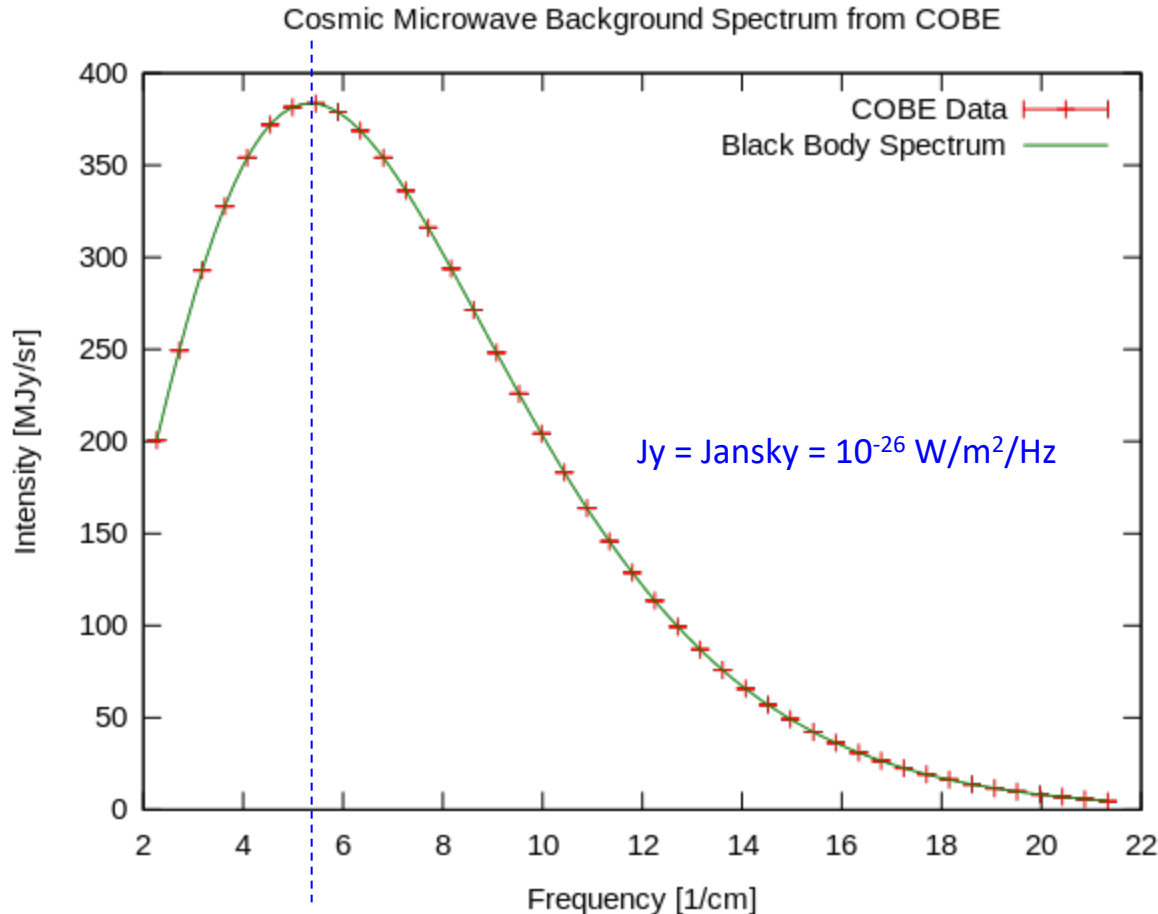
We can only see the surface of the cloud where light was last scattered

A. Penzias and R. Wilson shared the 1978 Nobel prize in physics for their discovery.

http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov/universe/bb_tests_cmb.html

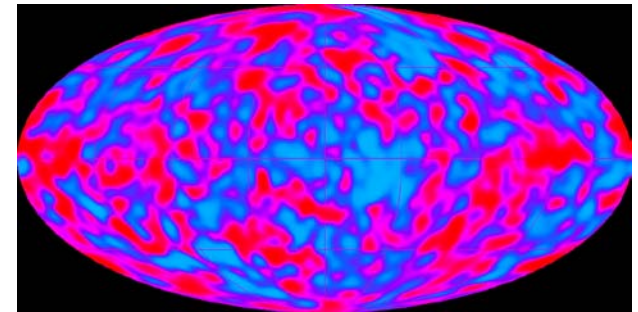
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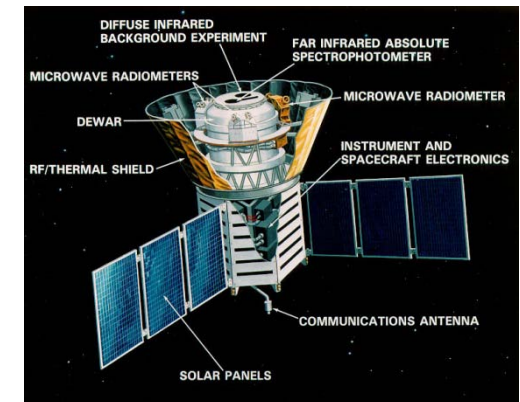


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The famous map of the CMB anisotropy formed from data taken by the COBE spacecraft.

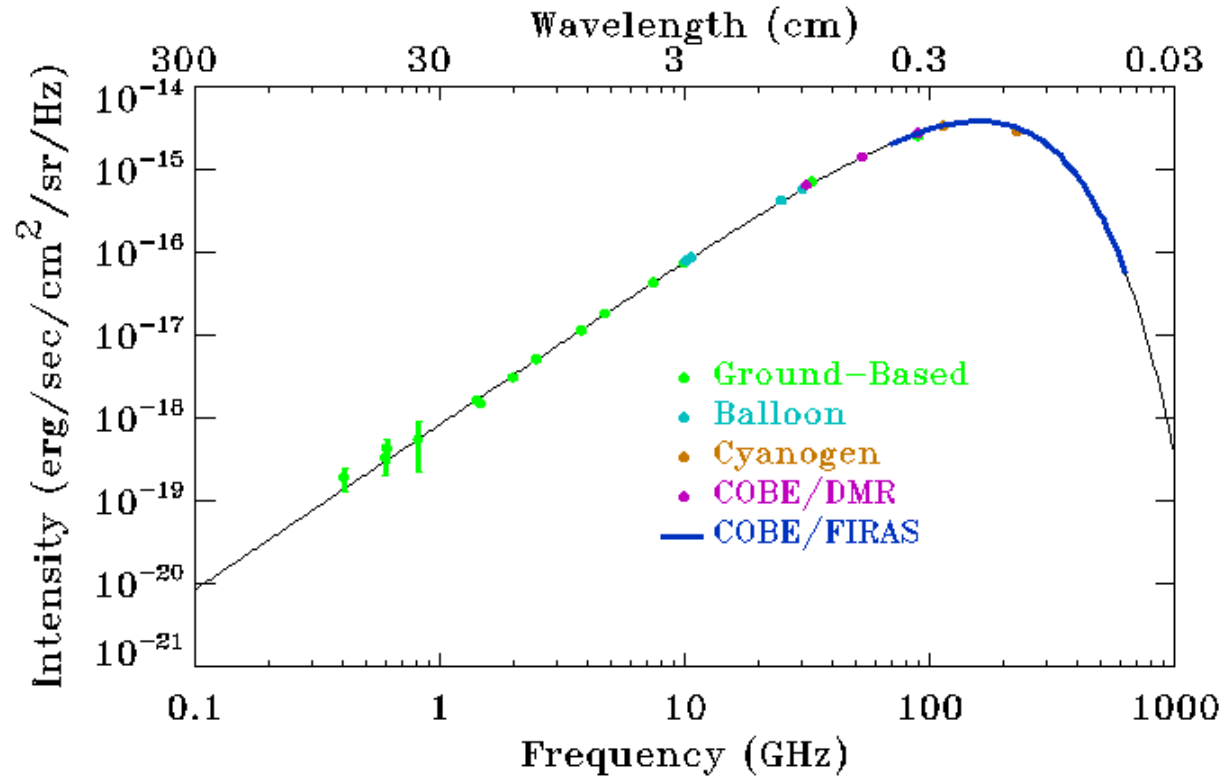


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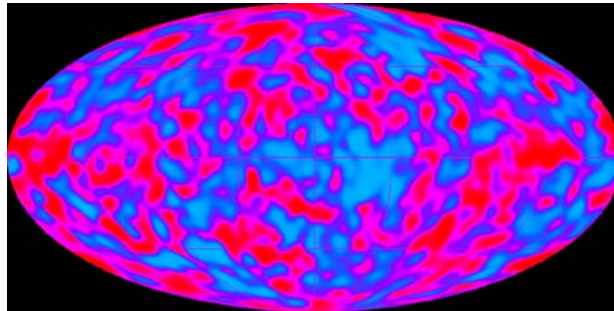
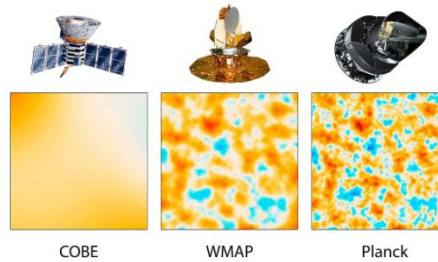
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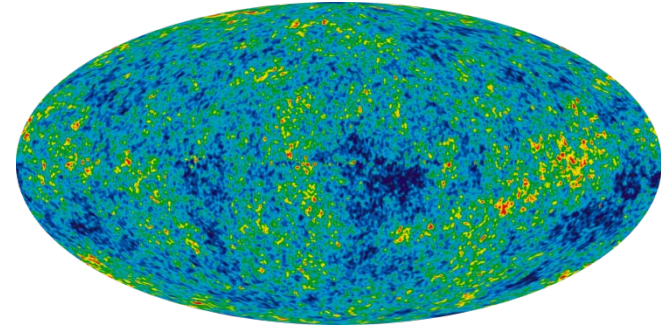
The most precise measurements of the CMB spectrum at the millimeter wavelengths near its peak were made by the [Far Infrared Absolute Spectrophotometer \(FIRAS\)](#) instrument aboard the [Cosmic Background Explorer \(COBE\)](#) satellite. [FIRAS](#) determined the CMB temperature to be $2.725 \pm 0.001 \text{ K}$, with deviations from a perfect blackbody limited to less than 50 parts per million in intensity.

http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/archive/arcade/cmb_intensity.html

Cosmic Background Radiation

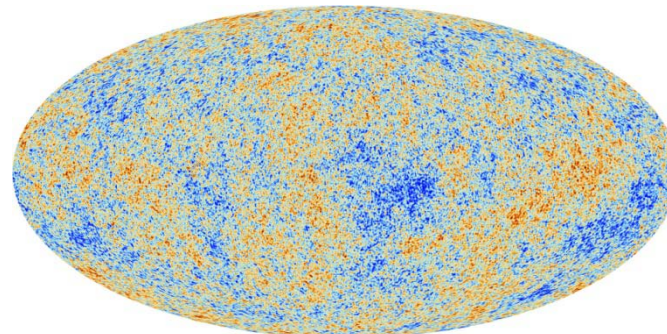


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All-sky mollweide map of the CMB, created from 9 years of WMAP data

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Cosmic Background Radiation by PLANK spacecraft (ESA) 2013.

https://www.esa.int/Science_Exploration/Space_Science/Planck/Planck_and_the_cosmic_microwave_background

Temperature Anisotropy
 $dT/T \sim 1/100000$ or $1/1000000$