

# *Blackbody Radiation and Optical Sources*

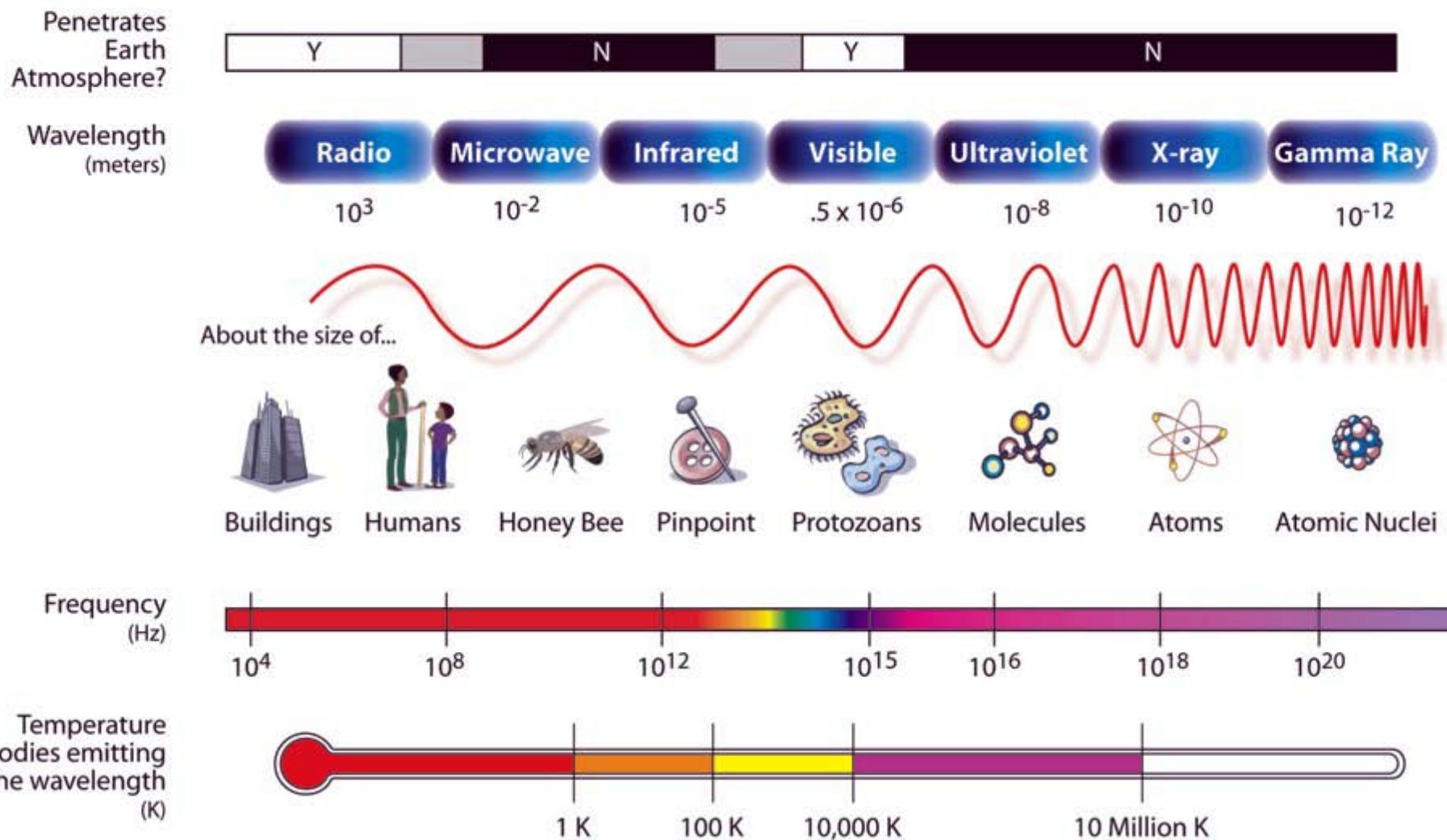
**Optical Engineering**

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# THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



# Wave-Particle Duality of Light

**De Broglie (1924):**  $\lambda = h / p$ ,  
 **$h = 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J sec}$** ,  $p$  = momentum  
(exact according to **NIST 2018-2019**)

Φορτίο Ηλεκτρονίου:  **$e = 1.602176634 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulombs}$**  (exact value according to **NIST 2018-2019**)

## Photons (zero rest mass)

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$E = pc$$

## Particles (non-zero rest mass)

$$E = \sqrt{p^2c^2 + m_0^2c^4}$$

$$E = mc^2 = (KE) + m_0c^2$$

$$pc = \sqrt{(KE)^2 + 2(KE)m_0c^2}$$

$$m = m_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{\sqrt{(KE)^2 + 2(KE)m_0c^2}}$$

# Light Sources

## Incoherent Light Sources

Incandescent Sources

Blackbody Radiators

Discharge Lamps

Line (Spectral) Sources

High-Intensity Sources

Fluorescent Lamps

**Light Emitting Diodes (LED)**

## Coherent Light Sources

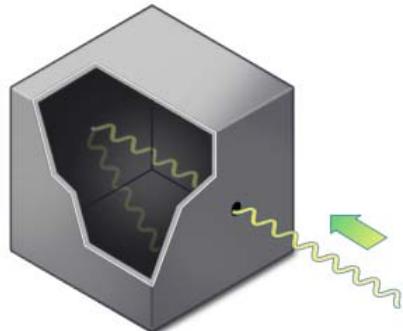
**LASERS**

(Light Amplification via Stimulated Emission of Radiation) (LASER)

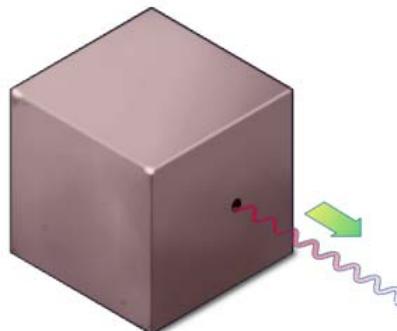
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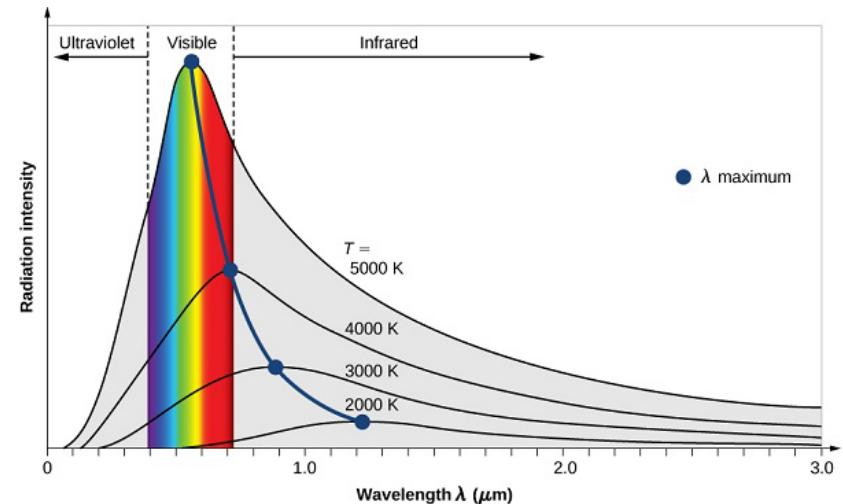
Blackbody Radiator



All incident radiation is absorbed



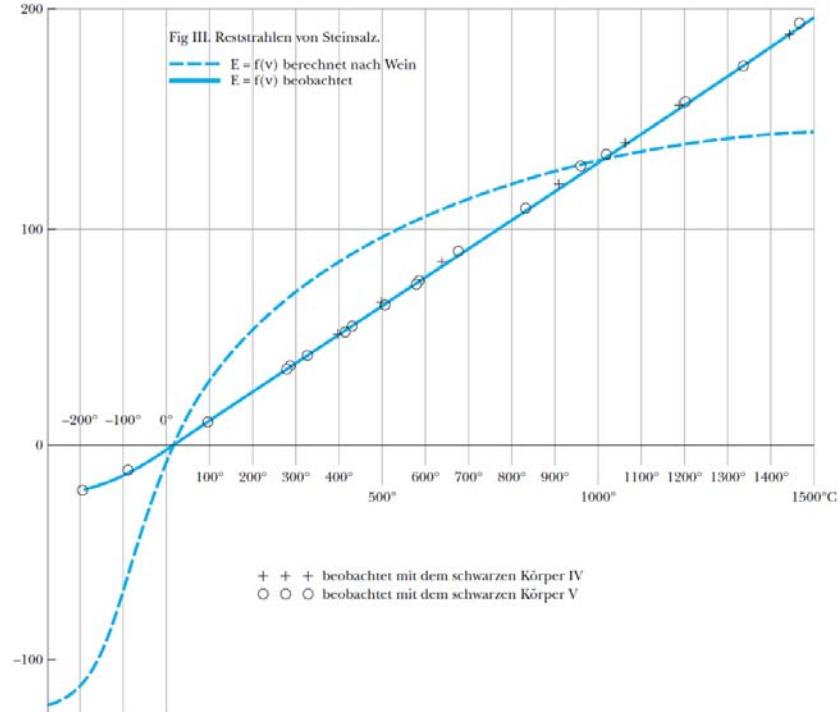
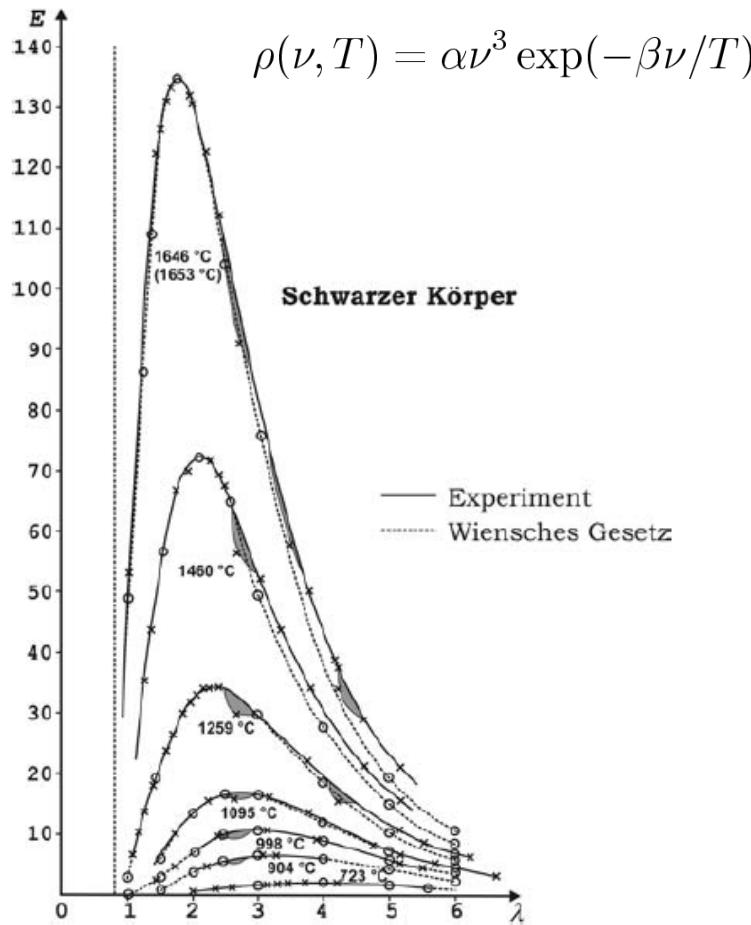
Emitted radiation is only a function of  
radiator's temperature ( $T$ )



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# Blackbody Radiation Measurements around 1900

## Wien's Formula



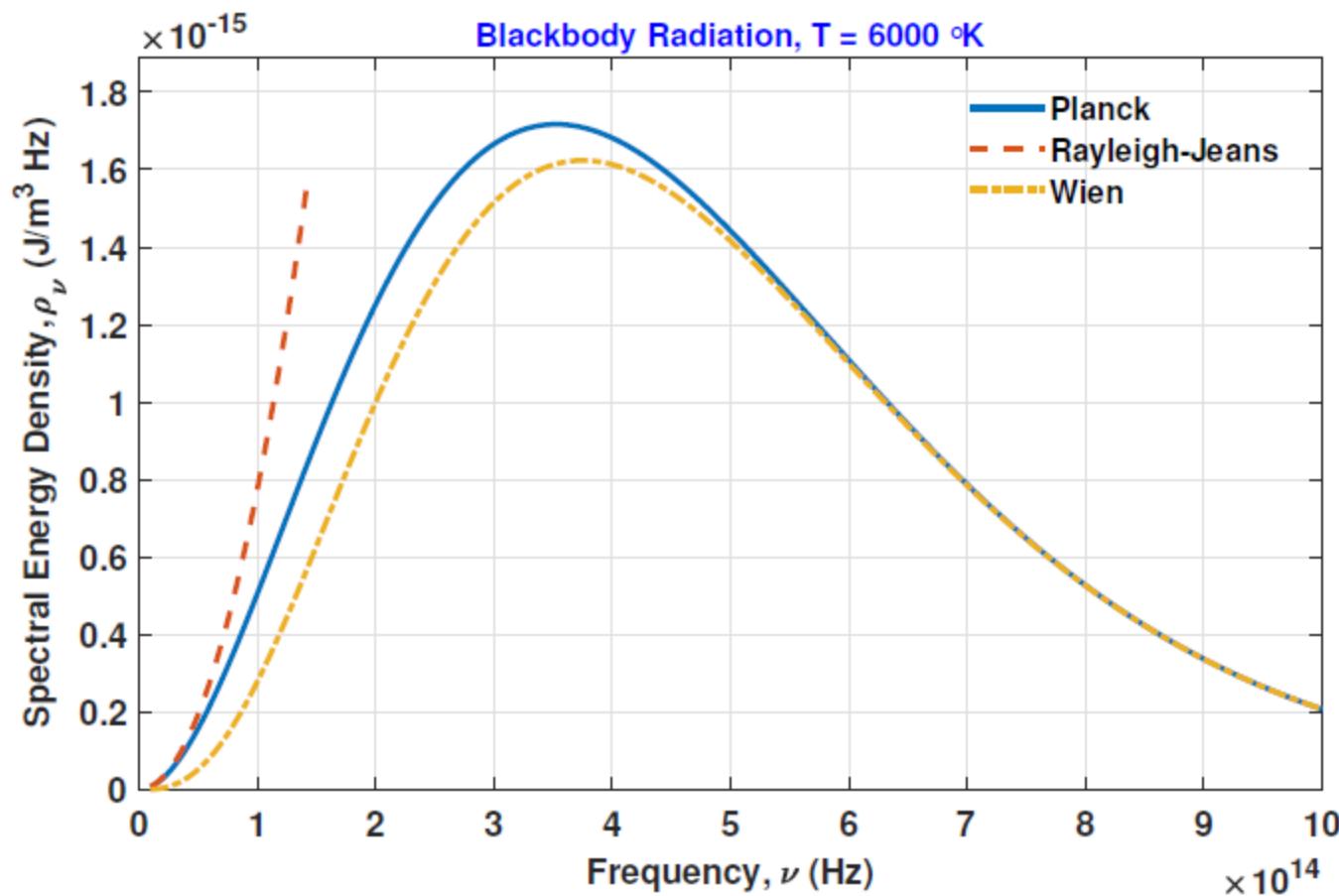
**Figure 3.7** Comparison of theoretical and experimental blackbody emission curves at 51.2  $\mu\text{m}$  and over the temperature range of  $-188^\circ$  to  $1500^\circ\text{C}$ . The title of this modified figure is "Residual Rays from Rocksalt." *Berechnet nach* means "calculated according to," 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>

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# Blackbody Radiation



# Electromagnetic Cavity Modes

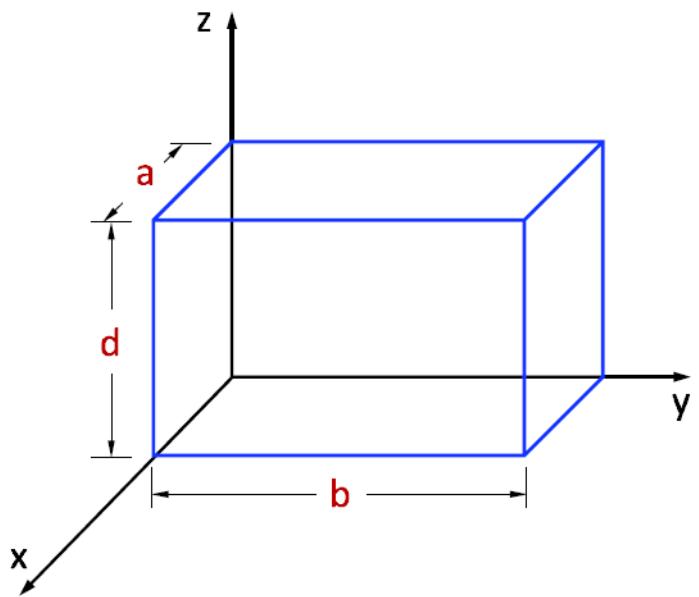
## TE<sub>mpq</sub> Modes

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

## TM<sub>mpq</sub> 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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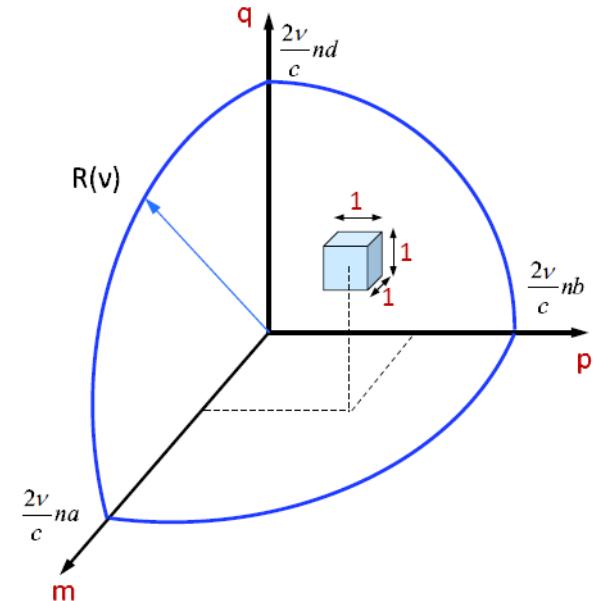
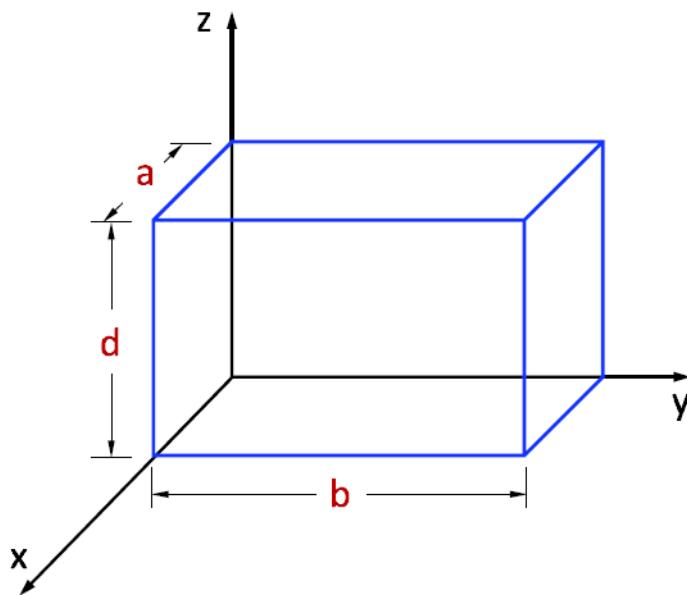
From Maxwell's equations  
Electromagnetic Knowledge



## Dispersion Relation

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

# Blackbody Radiation



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Boltzmann Statistics – Discrete Energy States

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

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

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

# Blackbody Radiation

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

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/m<sup>2</sup>Hz)

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

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

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

# Blackbody Radiation

## Stefan-Boltzmann Law

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_0^\infty M_{\lambda_0} d\lambda_0 = \left( \frac{2\pi^5 k_B^4}{15h^3 c^2} \right) n^2 T^4 = \sigma n^2 T^4 \\ \sigma &= 5.670374419 \times 10^{-8} \frac{W}{m^2 \circ K^4} \end{aligned}$$

## Wien's Displacement Law

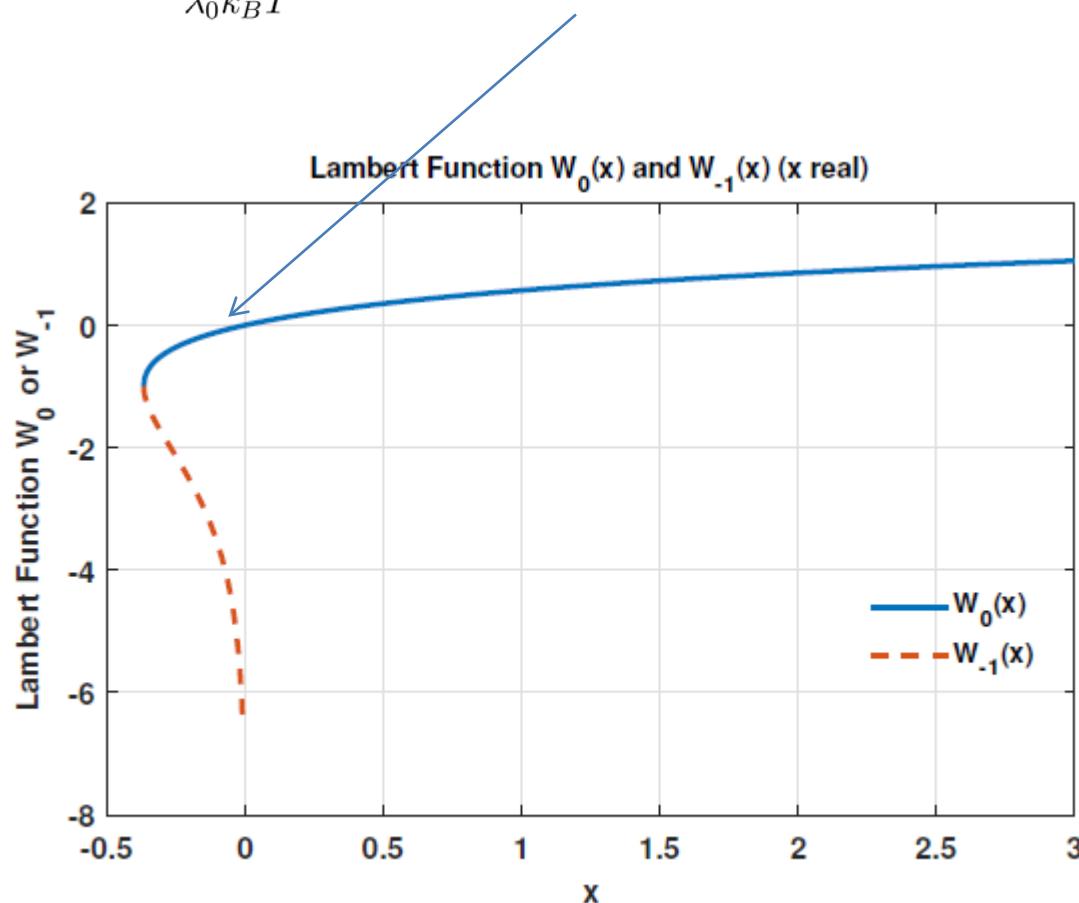
$$\frac{dM_{\lambda_0}(\lambda_{0,max})}{d\lambda_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{hc}{\lambda_{0,max} k_B T} = 4.965114231 \Rightarrow \lambda_{0,max} T = 2897.772 \mu m^\circ K$$

$$\frac{dM_\nu(\nu_{max})}{d\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h\nu_{max}}{k_B T} = 2.82143937 \Rightarrow \frac{\nu_{max}}{T} = 5.878926 \times 10^{10} Hz/\circ K.$$

## Wien's Displacement Law - Use of Lambert Function

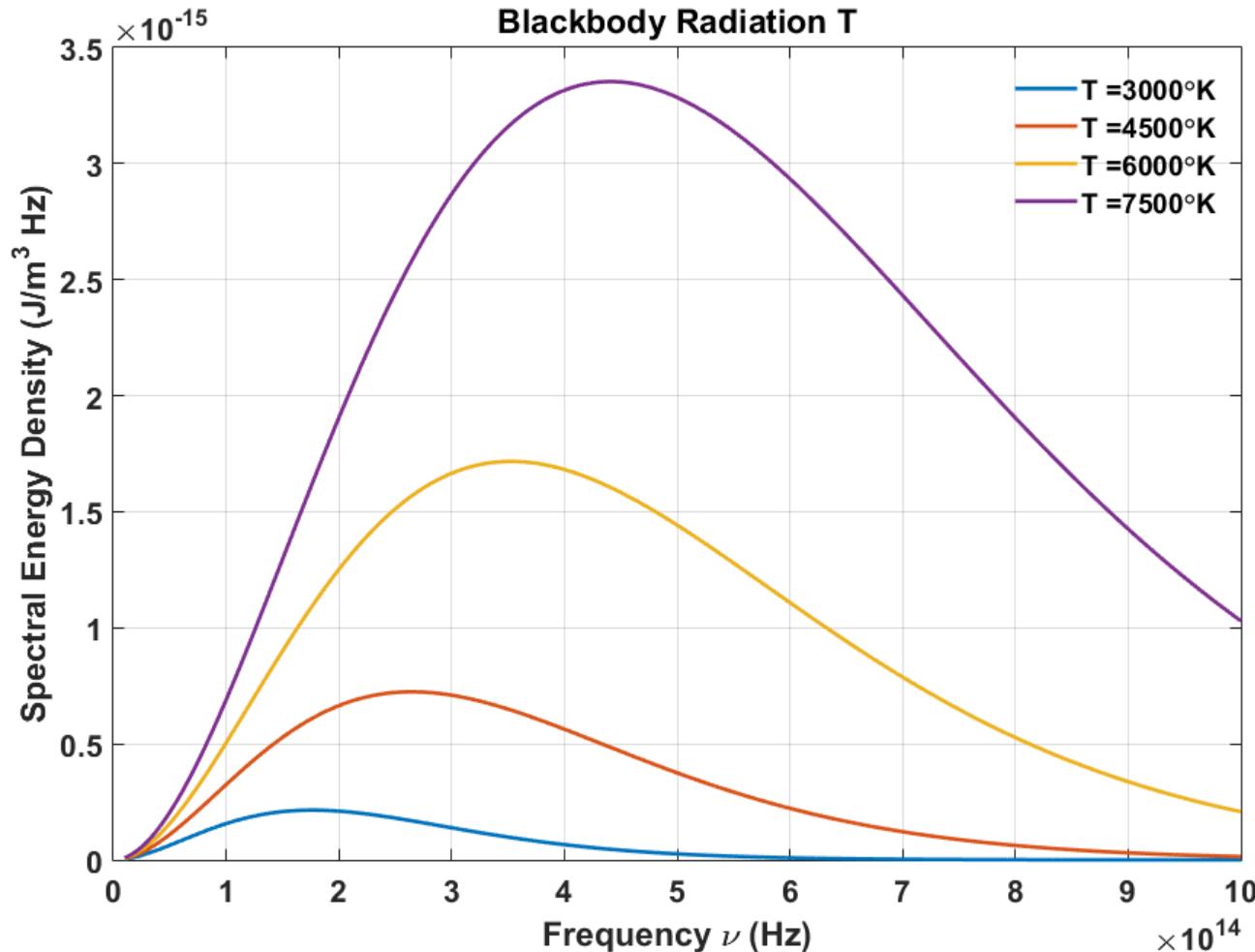
$$\frac{dM_{\lambda_0}}{d\lambda_0} = 0 \implies xe^x - 5e^x + 5 = 0 \implies$$

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda_0 k_B T} = x = 5 + W_0(-5e^{-5}) = 4.965114231$$



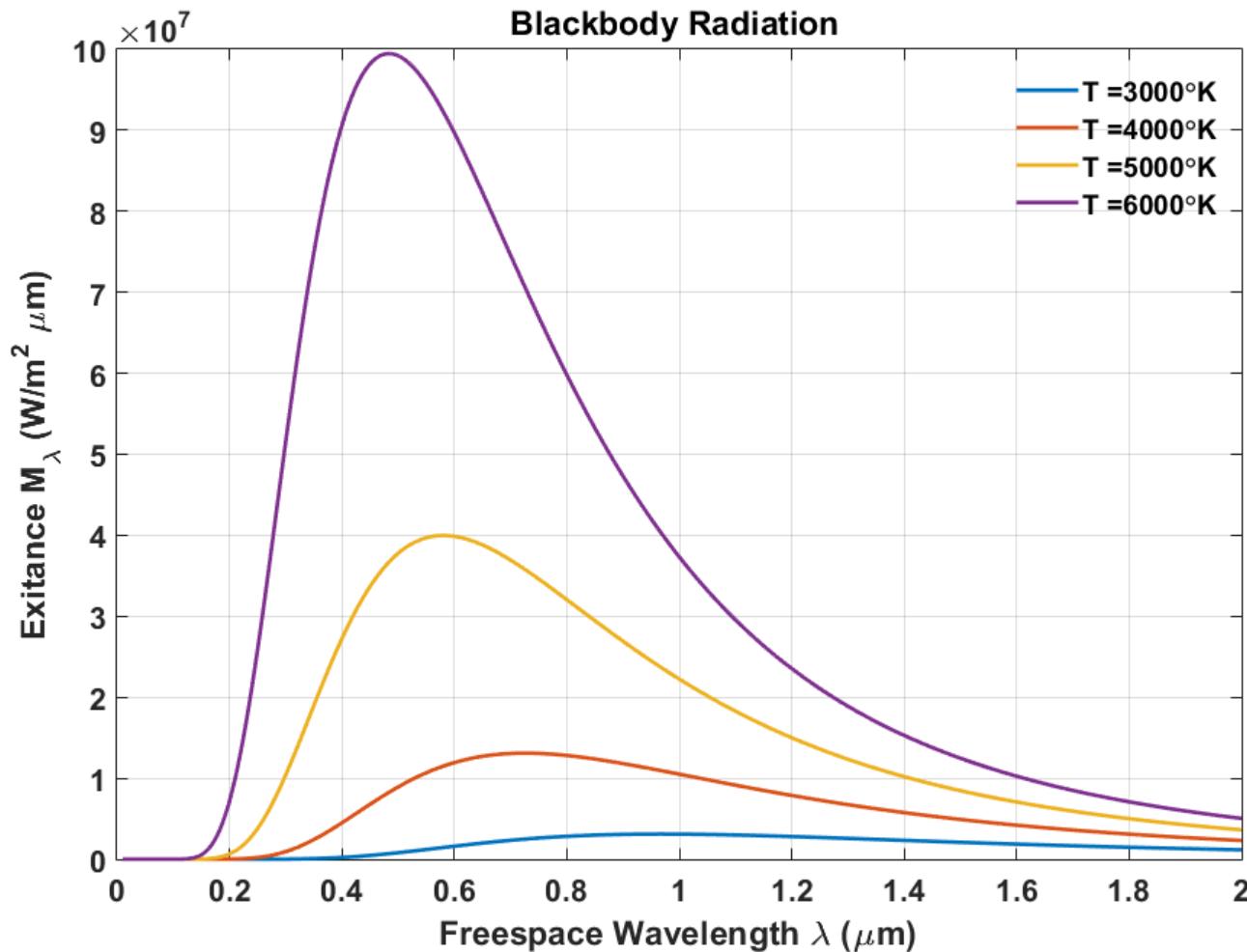
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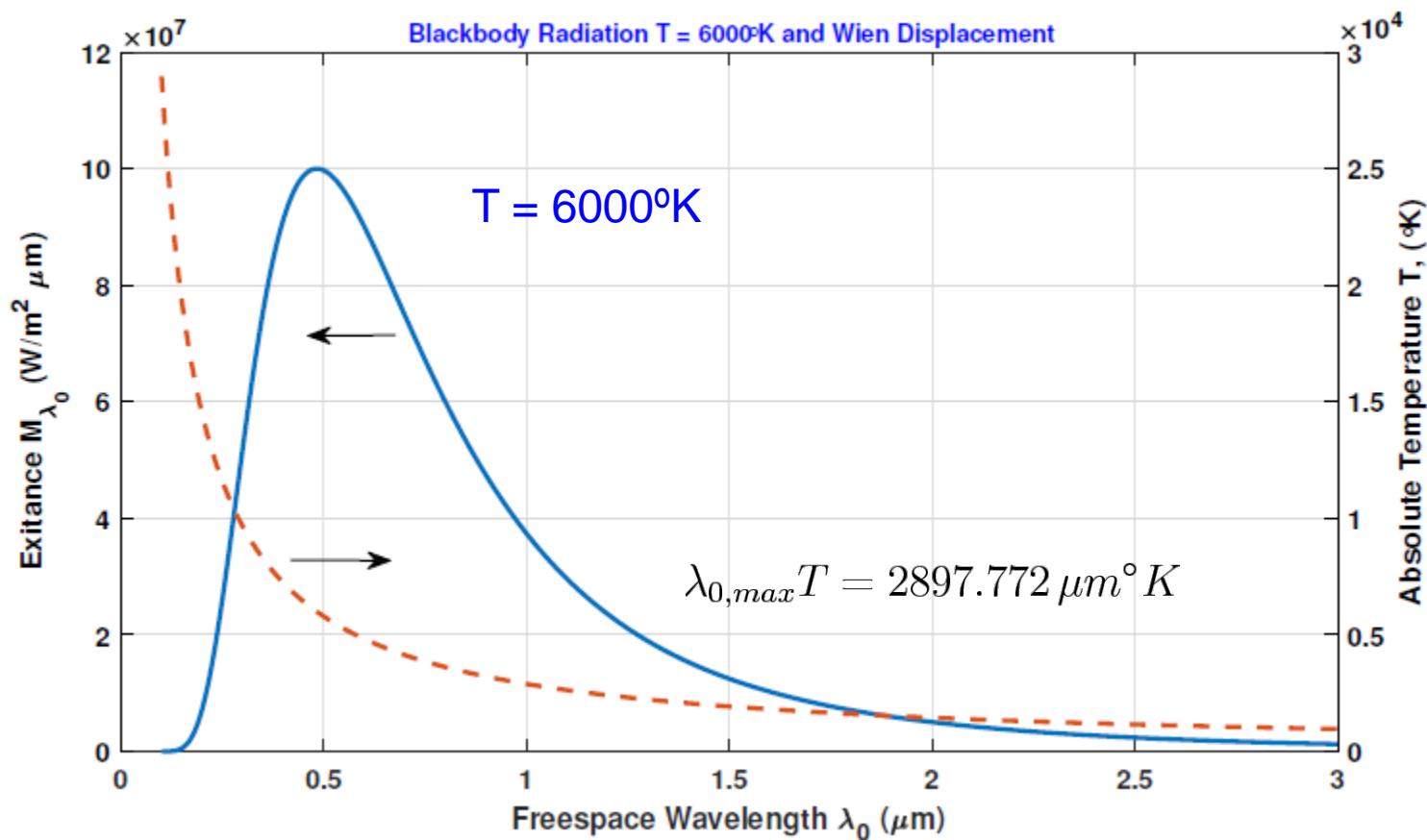


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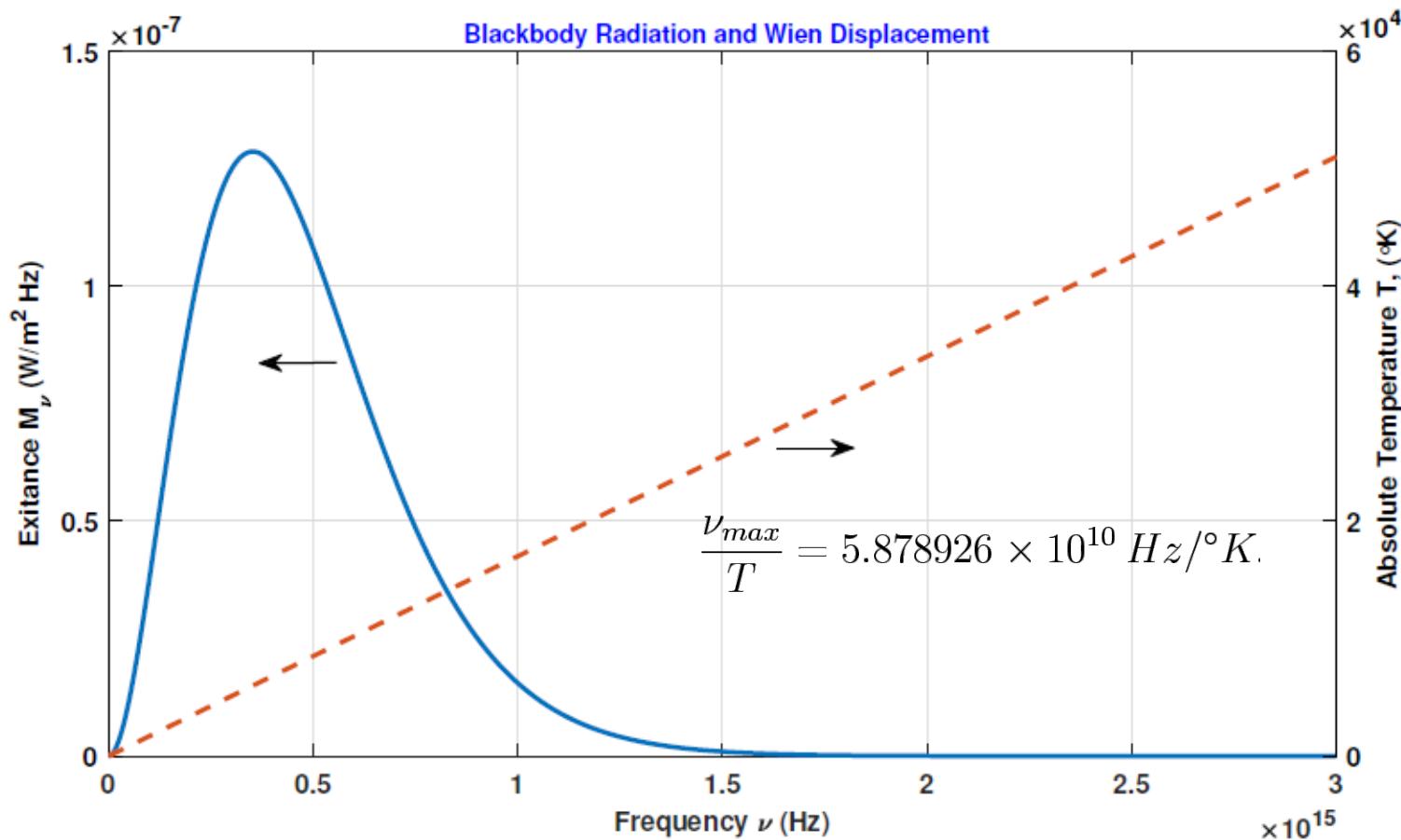
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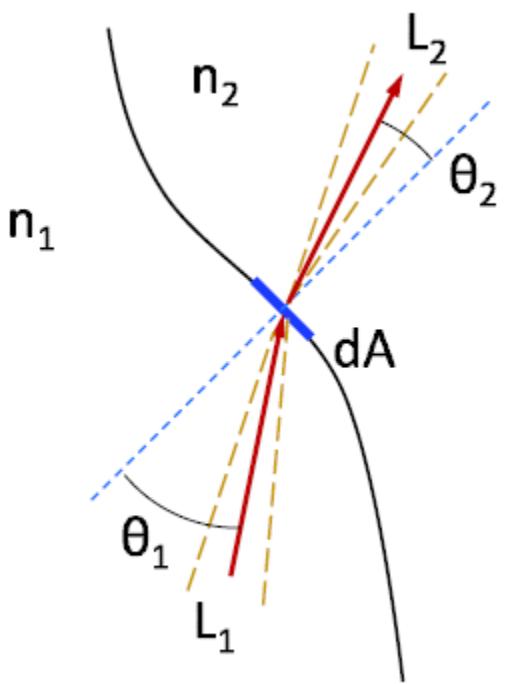
# Blackbody Radiation – Spectral Exitance



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# Blackbody Radiation – Radiance Conservation



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Neglecting Reflections

$$d^2 P_1 = L_1 \cos \theta_1 dA \sin \theta_1 d\theta_1 d\phi = d^2 P_2 = L_2 \cos \theta_2 dA \sin \theta_2 d\theta_2 d\phi \implies$$

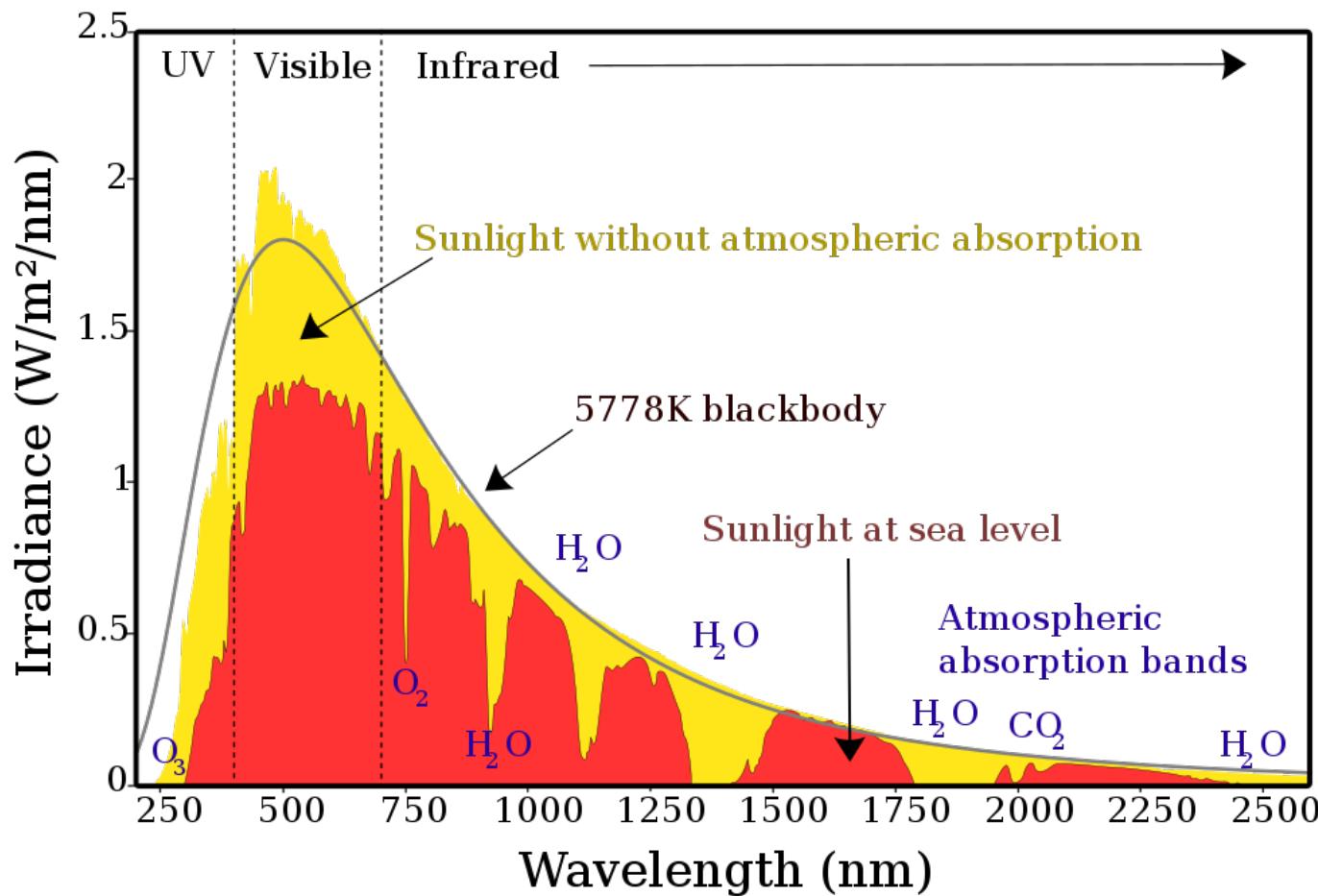
$$L_1 = L_2 \frac{\cos \theta_2 d\theta_2}{\cos \theta_1 d\theta_1} \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = L_2 \frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \implies$$

$$\boxed{\frac{L_1}{n_1^2} = \frac{L_2}{n_2^2} = L_0} \iff \boxed{\frac{M_1}{n_1^2} = \frac{M_2}{n_2^2} = M_0},$$

However Total Internal Reflection occurs

$$\begin{aligned} dP &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta_{max}} L_i dA \cos \theta \sin \theta d\phi d\theta = 2\pi L_i dA \frac{\sin^2 \theta_{max}}{2} \\ &= \pi L_i dA \frac{1}{n_i^2} = \frac{M_i}{n_i^2} dA = M_0 dA, \end{aligned}$$

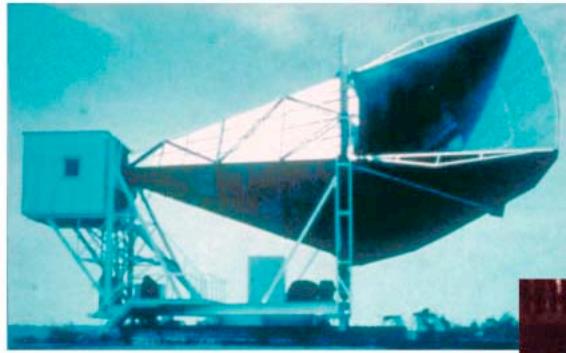
# Spectrum of Solar Radiation (Earth)



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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.

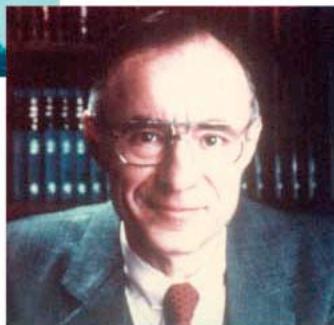


Microwave Receiver



Robert Wilson

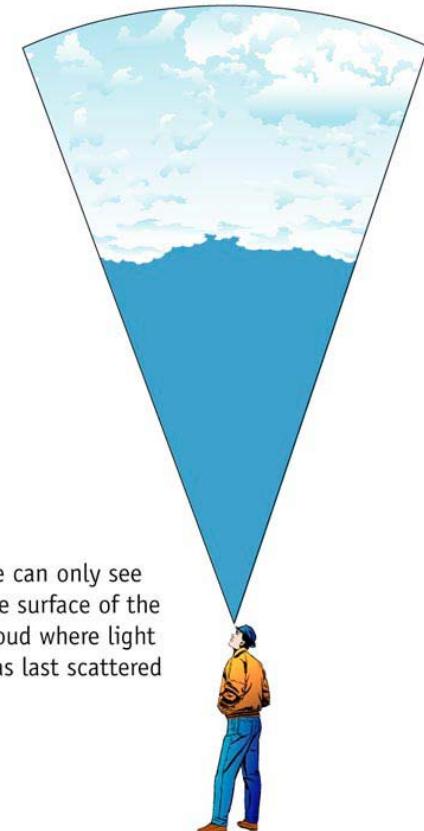
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Arno Penzias



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.



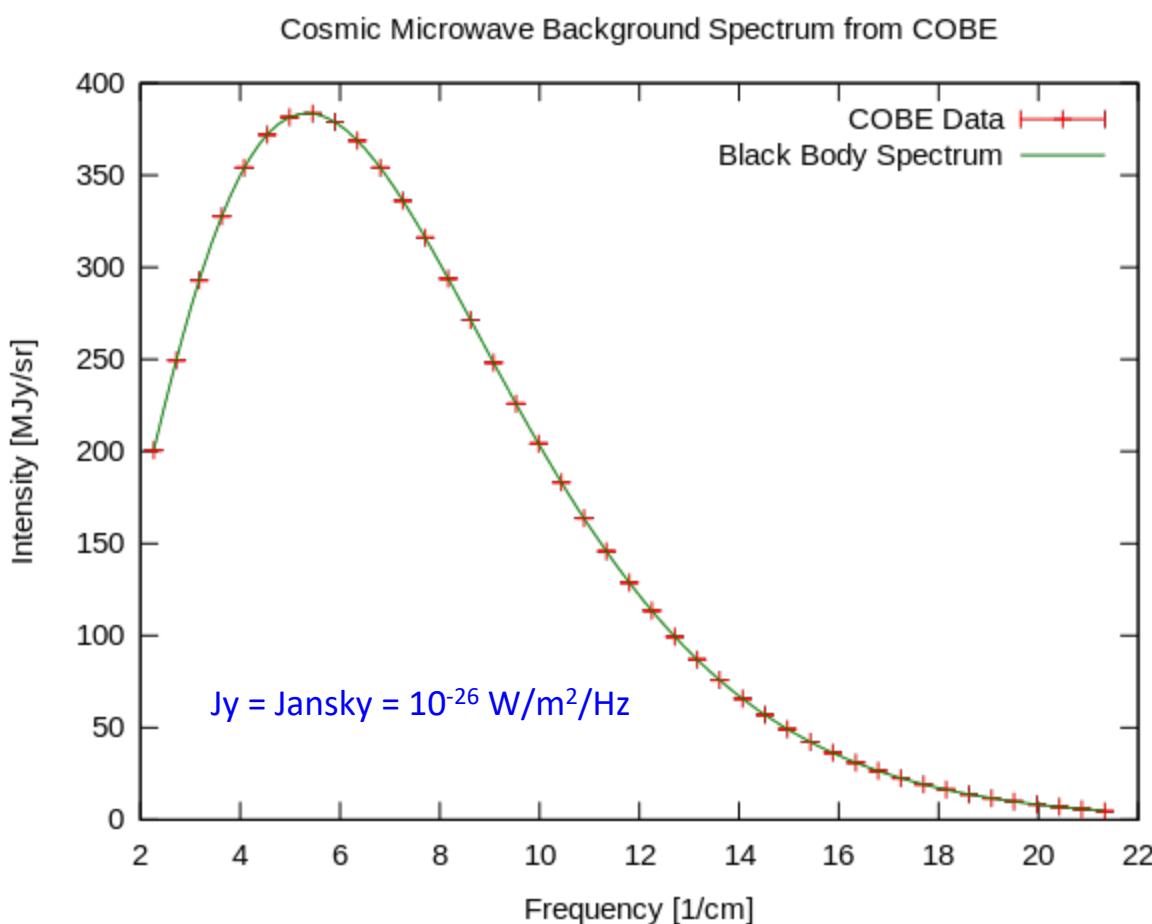
We can only see  
the surface of the  
cloud where light  
was last scattered

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

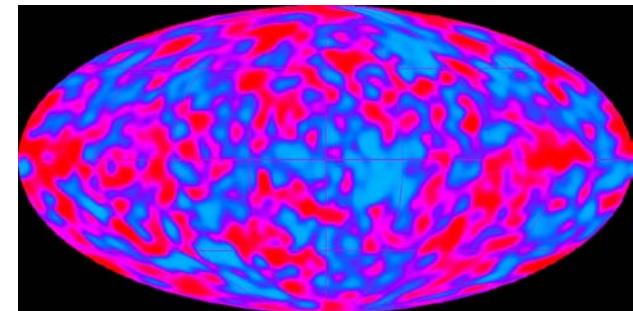
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# COsmic Background Explorer (COBE)

Data from COBE showed a perfect fit between the blackbody curve predicted by Big-Bang Theory and that observed in the microwave background.  $T = 2.725 \text{ K}$ ,  $v_{\max} = 160.29 \text{ GHz}$ , ( $\lambda_0 = 1.870 \text{ mm}$ )



Arno Penzias & Robert Wilson  
Nobel Prize 1978



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

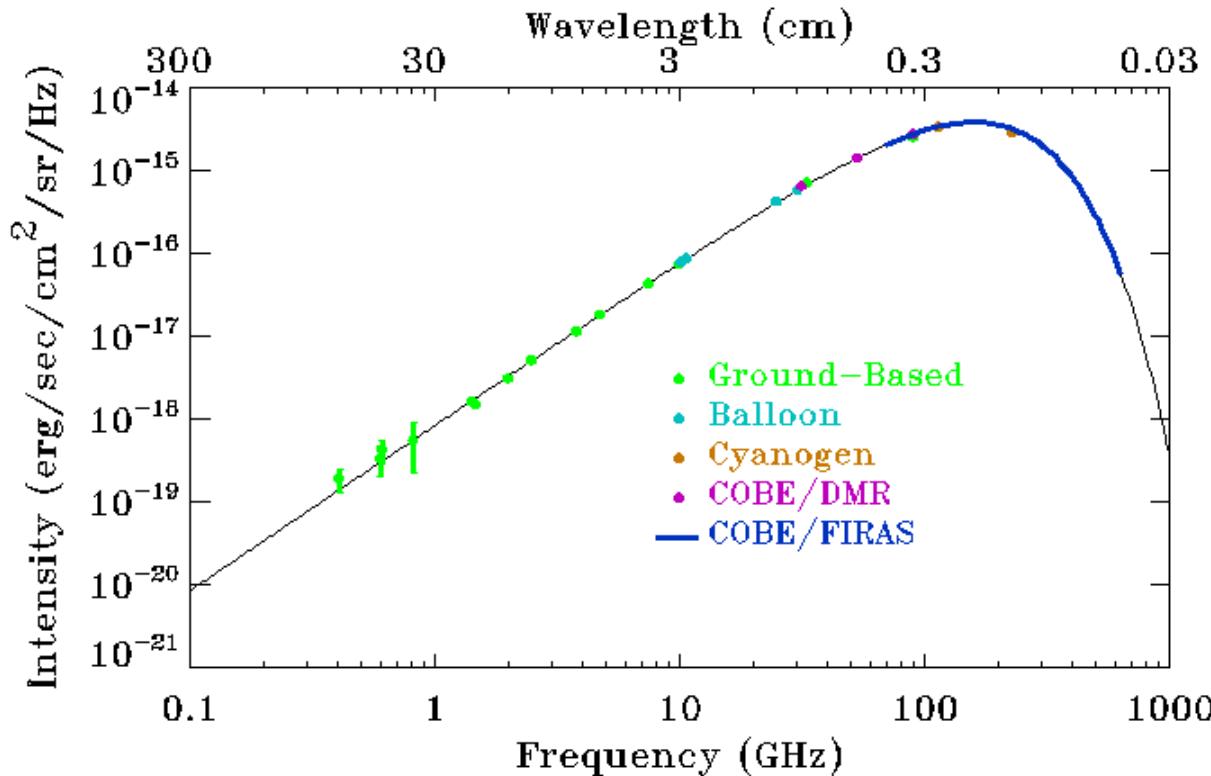
*The CMB is a snapshot of the oldest light in our Universe, imprinted on the sky when the Universe was just 380,000 years old. It shows tiny temperature fluctuations that correspond to regions of slightly different densities, representing the seeds of all future structure: the stars and galaxies of today.*

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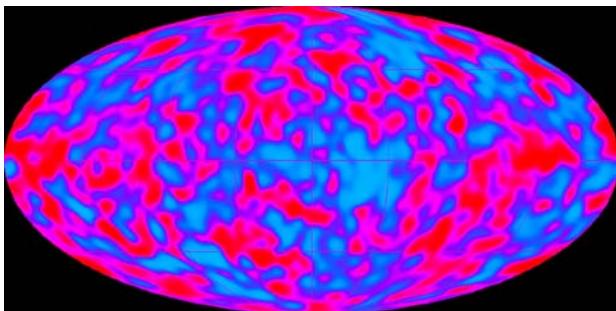
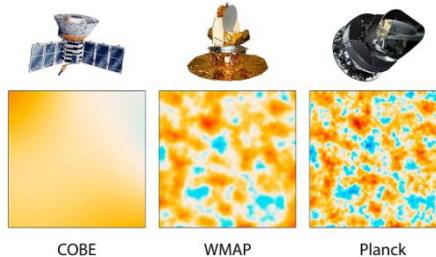
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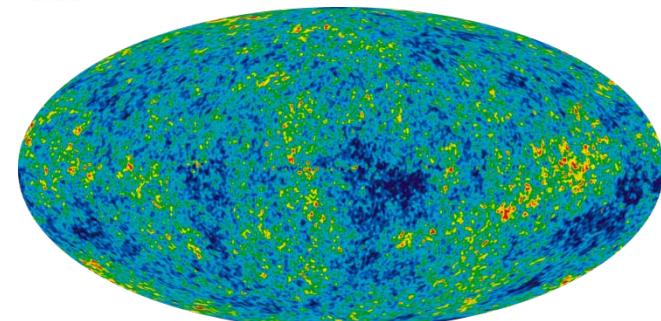
The most precise measurements of the CMB spectrum at the millimeter wavelengths near its peak were made by the Far Infrared Absolute Spectrophotometer (FIRAS) instrument aboard the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite. FIRAS determined the CMB temperature to be  $2.725 \pm 0.001$  K, with deviations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

[http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/archive/arcade/cmb\\_intensity.html](http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/archive/arcade/cmb_intensity.html)

# Cosmic Background Radiation

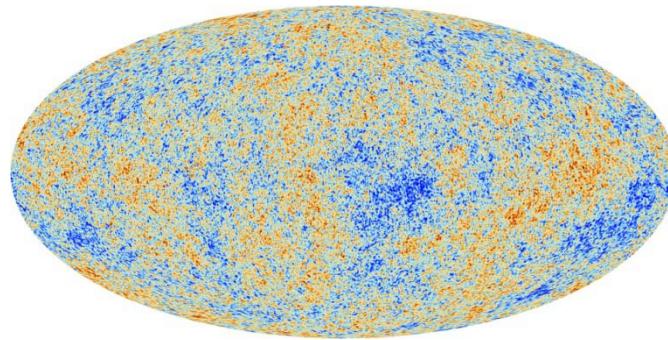


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All-sky [mollweide](#) map of the [CMB](#), created from 9 years of [WMAP](#) data

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Cosmic Background Radiation by PLANK spacecraft (ESA) 2013.

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

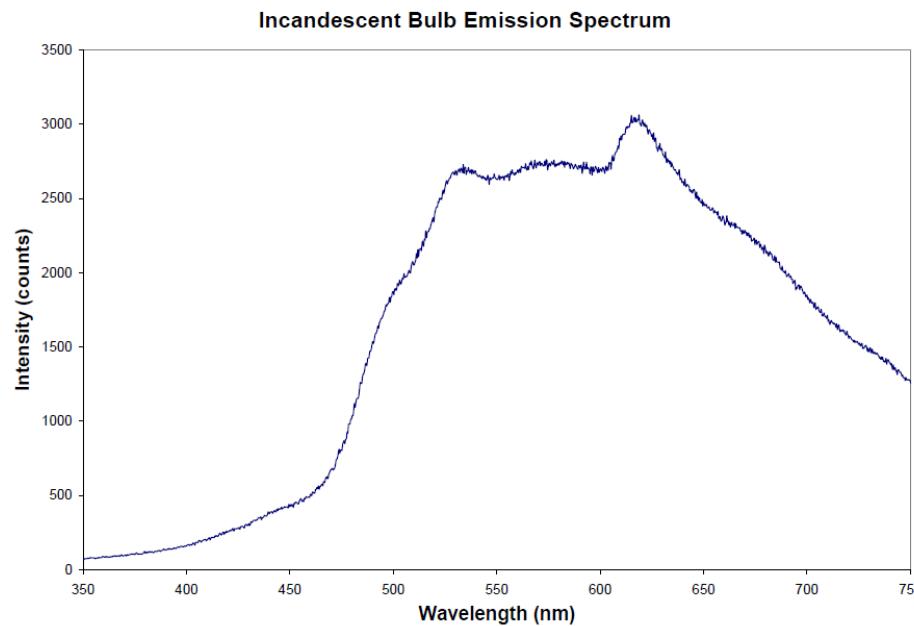
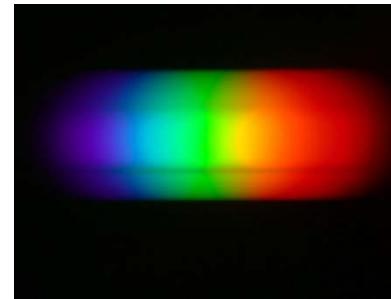
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# Incandescent Lamp

Lamp



Spectrum



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# Compact Fluorescent Lamp

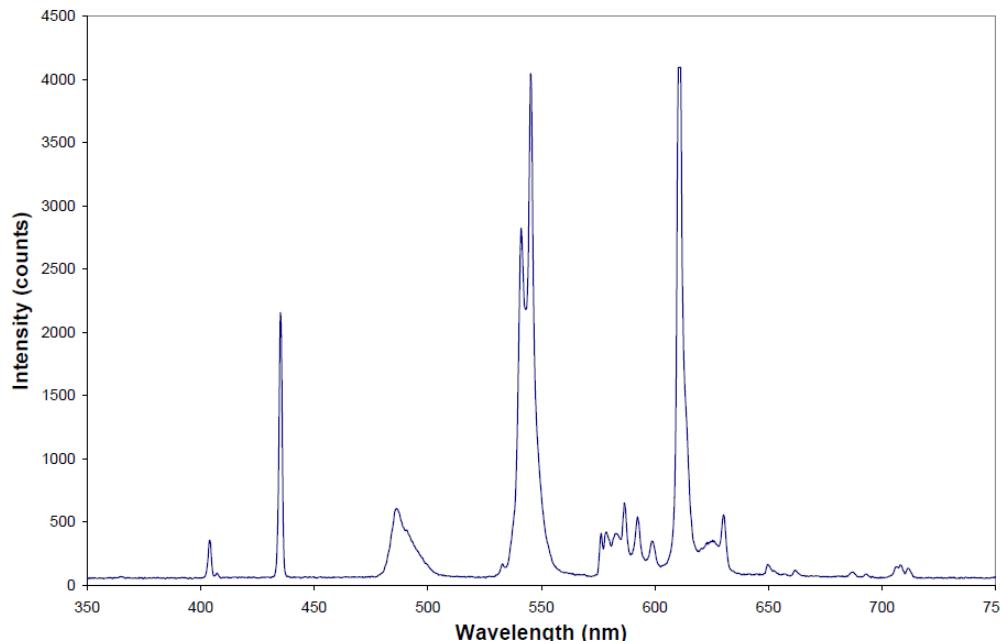
Lamp



Spectrum



Compact Flourescent Bulb Emission Spectrum



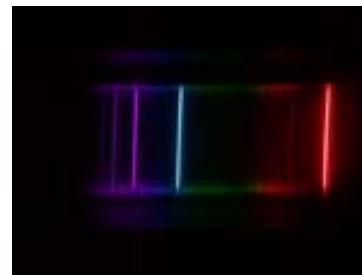
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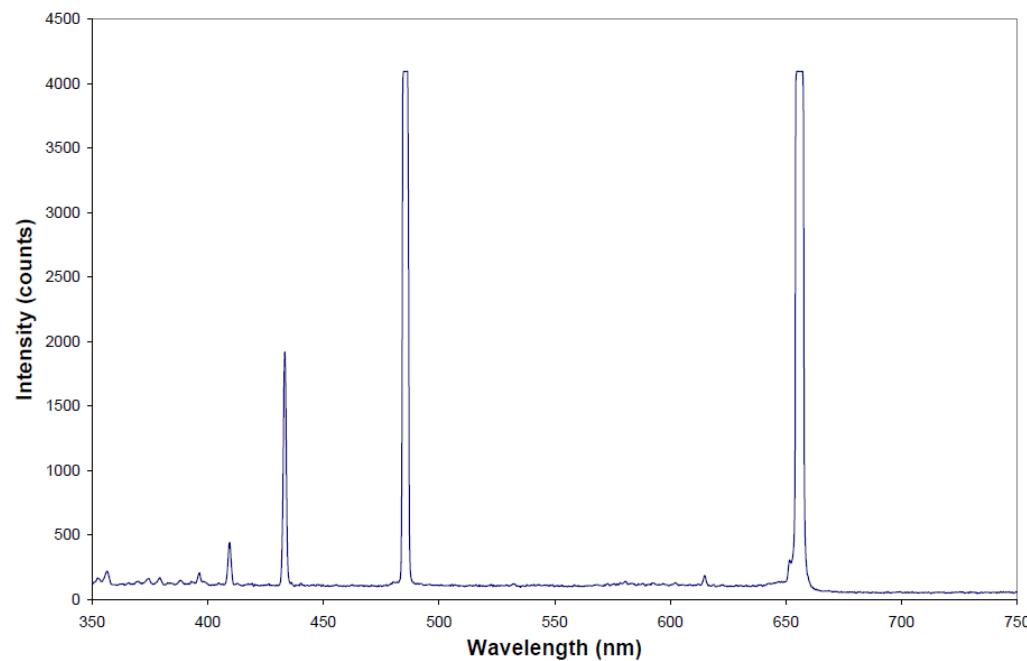
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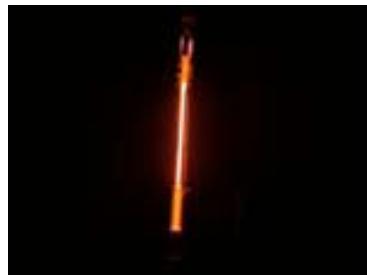
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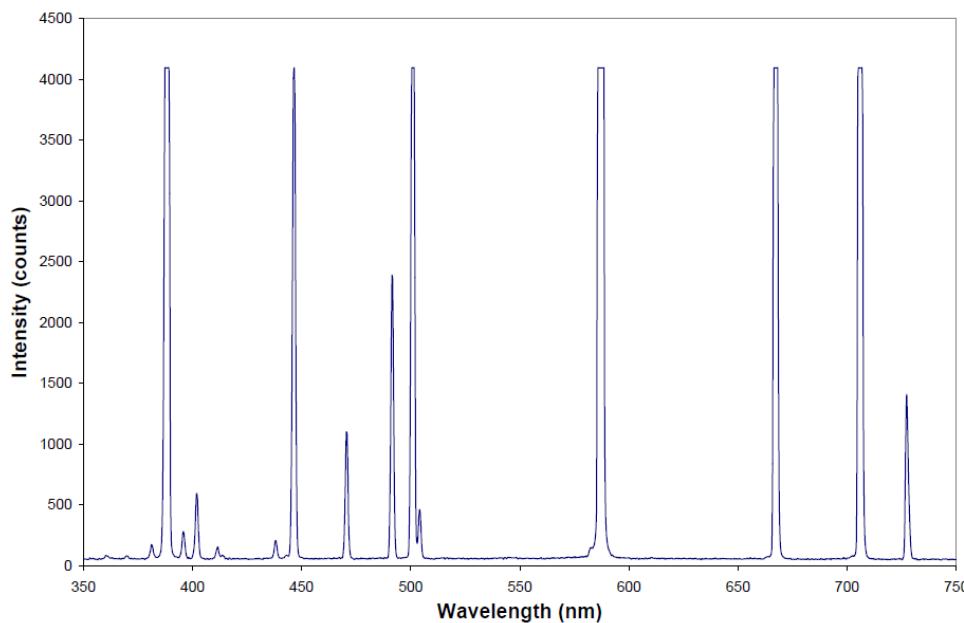
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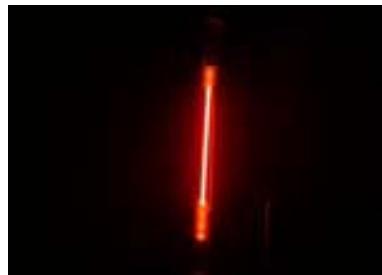
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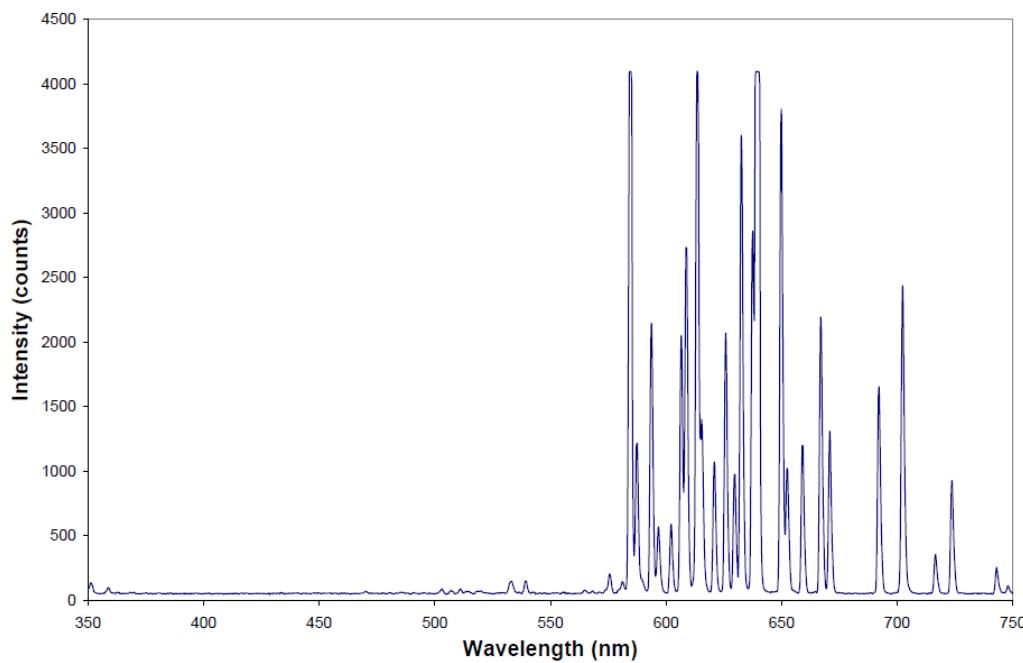
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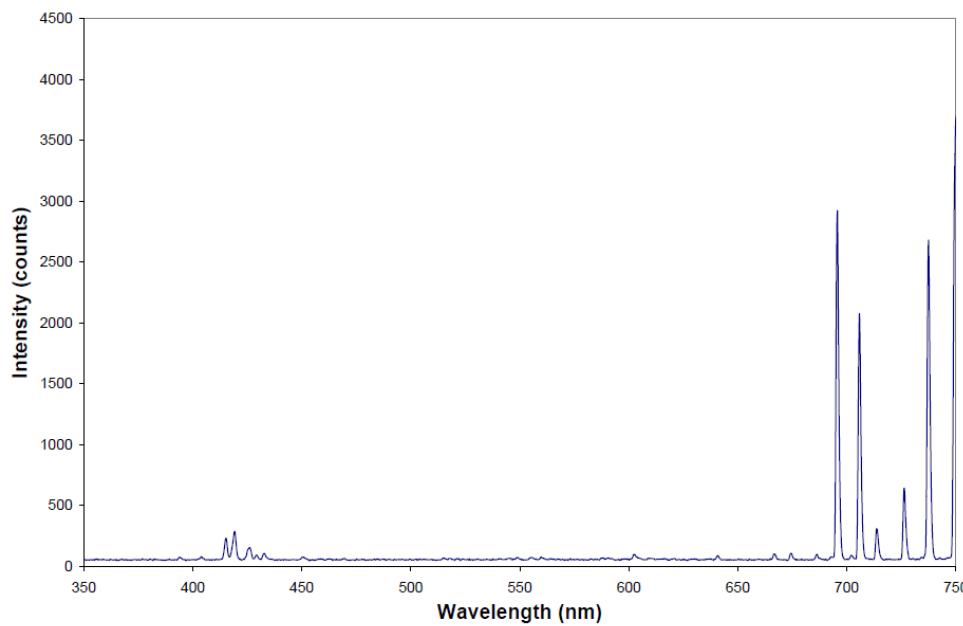
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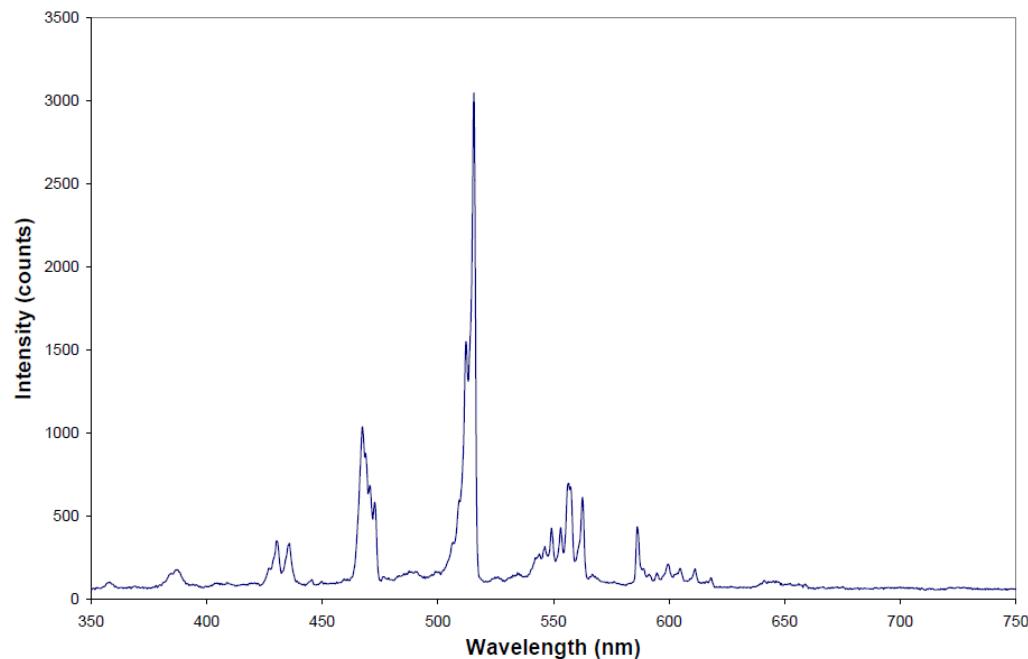
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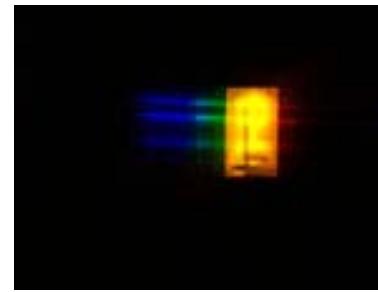
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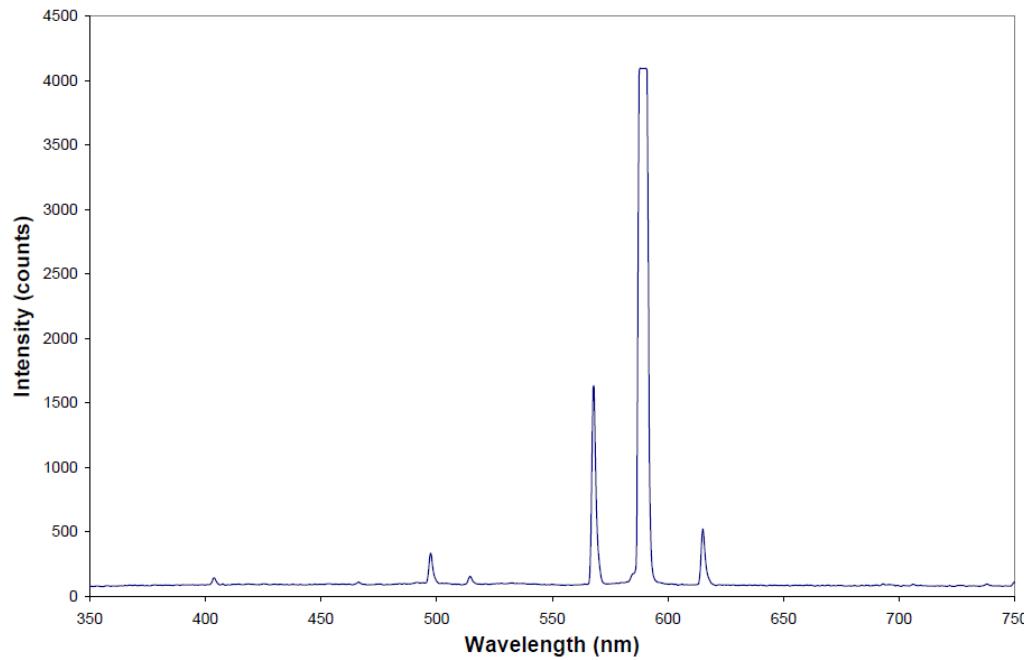
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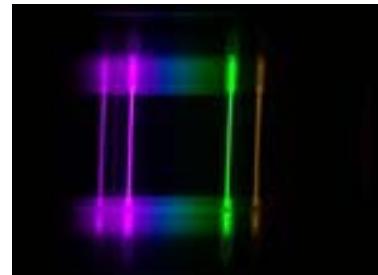
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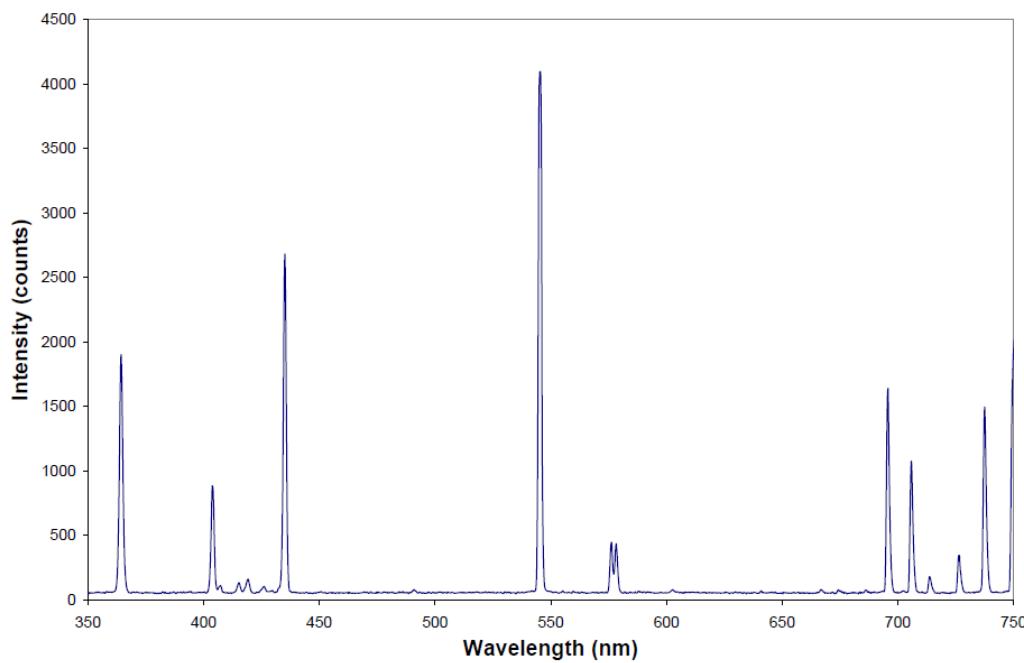
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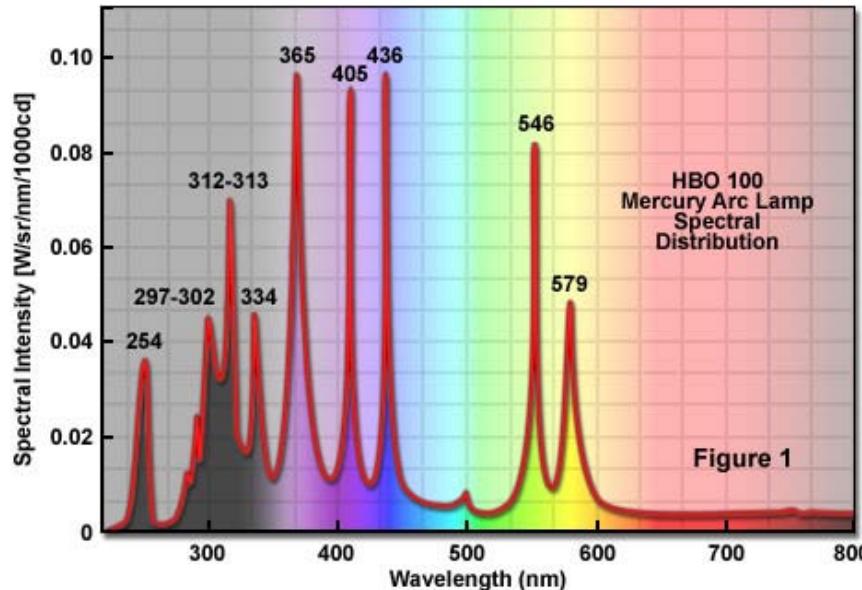


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# Mercury Arc Lamp



Mercury Arc Lamp Luminance Profile and Light Flux Distribution

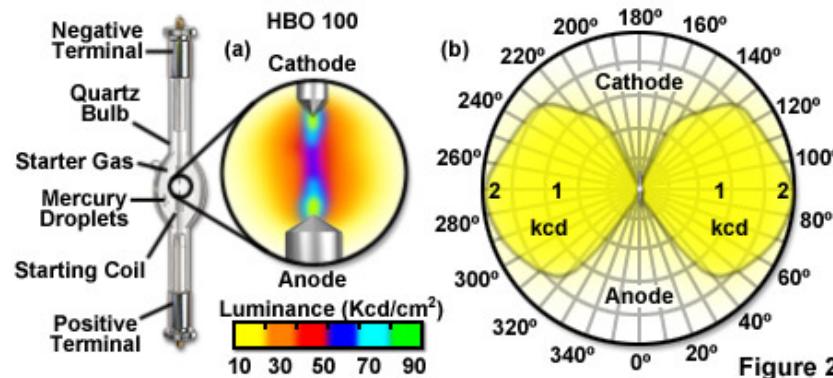
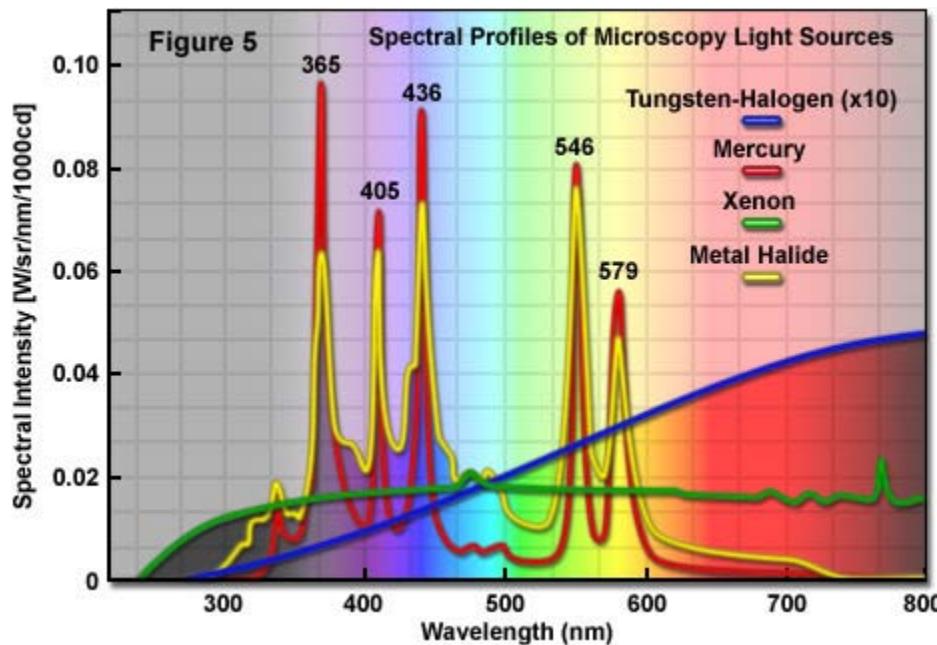


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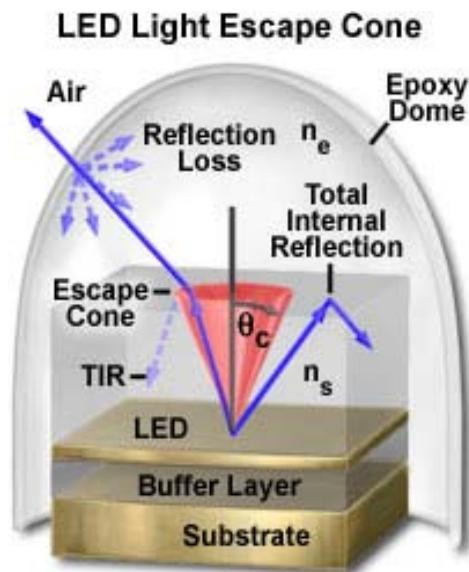
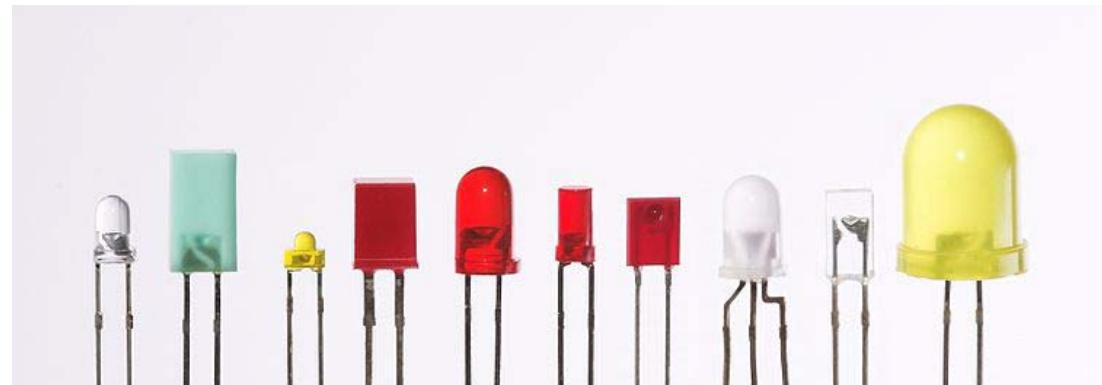
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# Spectral Profiles of Microscopy Light Sources



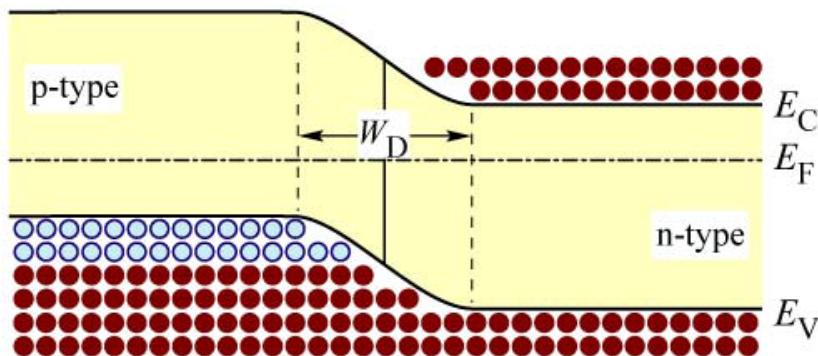
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# Light Emitting Diodes (LED)

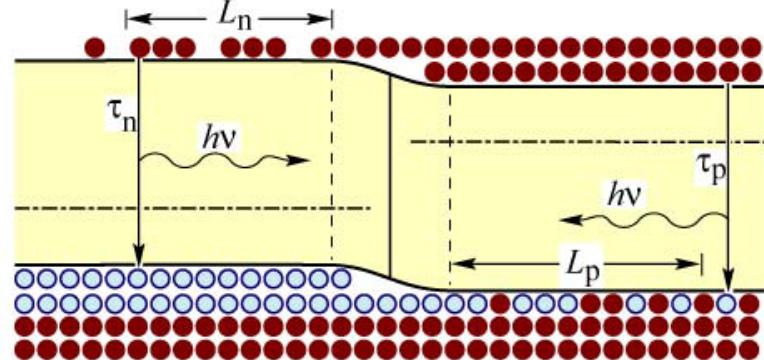


# Light Emitting Diodes (LED)

(a) Homojunction under zero bias



(b) Homojunction under forward bias



(c) Heterojunction under forward bias

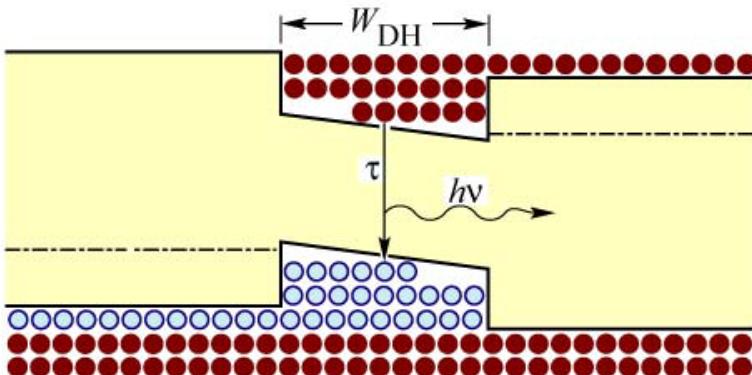


Fig. 4.6. P-n homojunction under (a) zero and (b) forward bias. (c) P-n heterojunction under forward bias. In homojunctions, carriers diffuse, on average, over the diffusion lengths  $L_n$  and  $L_p$  before recombining. In heterojunctions, carriers are confined by the heterojunction barriers.

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# Light Emitting Diodes (LED)

	<b>Color</b>	<b><u>Wavelength (nm)</u></b>	<b>Voltage (V)</b>	<b>Semiconductor Material</b>
	<u>Infrared</u>	$\lambda > 760$	$\Delta V < 1.9$	<u>Gallium arsenide</u> (GaAs) <u>Aluminium gallium arsenide</u> (AlGaAs)
	<u>Red</u>	$610 < \lambda < 760$	$1.63 < \Delta V < 2.03$	<u>Aluminium gallium arsenide</u> (AlGaAs) <u>Gallium arsenide phosphide</u> (GaAsP) <u>Aluminium gallium indium phosphide</u> (AlGaInP) <u>Gallium(III) phosphide</u> (GaP)
	<u>Orange</u>	$590 < \lambda < 610$	$2.03 < \Delta V < 2.10$	<u>Gallium arsenide phosphide</u> (GaAsP) <u>Aluminium gallium indium phosphide</u> (AlGaInP) <u>Gallium(III) phosphide</u> (GaP)
	<u>Yellow</u>	$570 < \lambda < 590$	$2.10 < \Delta V < 2.18$	<u>Gallium arsenide phosphide</u> (GaAsP) <u>Aluminium gallium indium phosphide</u> (AlGaInP) <u>Gallium(III) phosphide</u> (GaP)
	<u>Green</u>	$500 < \lambda < 570$	$1.9 < \Delta V < 4.0$	<u>Indium gallium nitride</u> (InGaN) / <u>Gallium(III) nitride</u> (GaN) <u>Gallium(III) phosphide</u> (GaP) <u>Aluminium gallium indium phosphide</u> (AlGaInP) <u>Aluminium gallium phosphide</u> (AlGaP)
	<u>Blue</u>	$450 < \lambda < 500$	$2.48 < \Delta V < 3.7$	<u>Zinc selenide</u> (ZnSe), <u>Indium gallium nitride</u> (InGaN), <u>Silicon carbide</u> (SiC) as substrate, <u>Silicon</u> (Si)
	<u>Violet</u>	$400 < \lambda < 450$	$2.76 < \Delta V < 4.0$	<u>Indium gallium nitride</u> (InGaN)
	<u>Purple</u>	multiple types	$2.48 < \Delta V < 3.7$	Dual blue/red LEDs, blue with red phosphor, or white with purple plastic
	<u>Ultra-violet</u>	$\lambda < 400$	$3.1 < \Delta V < 4.4$	<u>diamond</u> (235 nm), <u>Boron nitride</u> (215 nm), <u>Aluminium nitride</u> (AlN) (210 nm) <u>Aluminium gallium nitride</u> (AlGaN) (AlGaInN) — (to 210 nm)
	White	Broad spectrum	$\Delta V = 3.5$	Blue/UV diode with yellow phosphor

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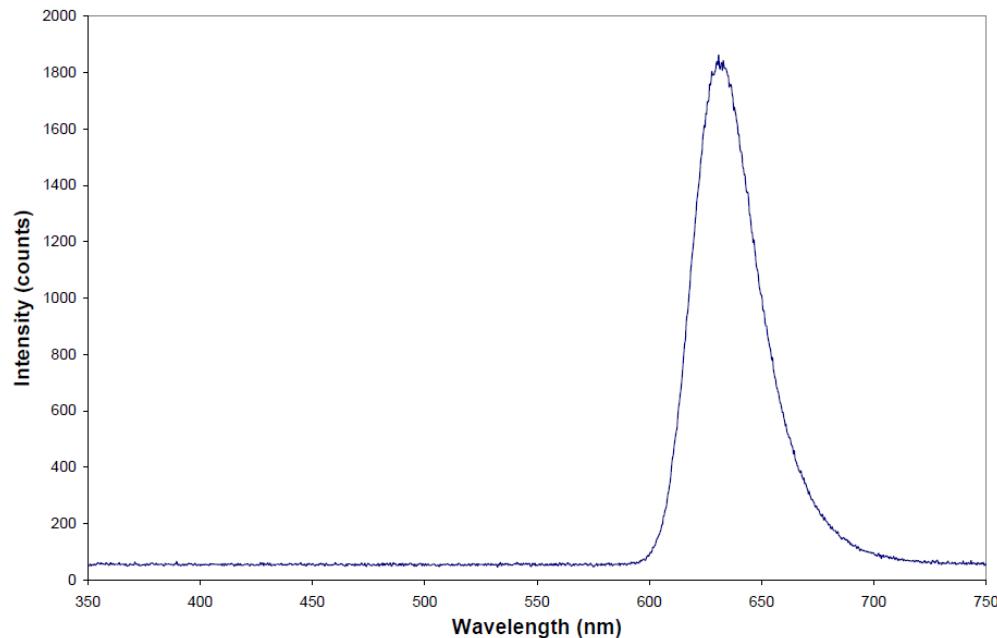
Lamp



Spectrum



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# Green LED

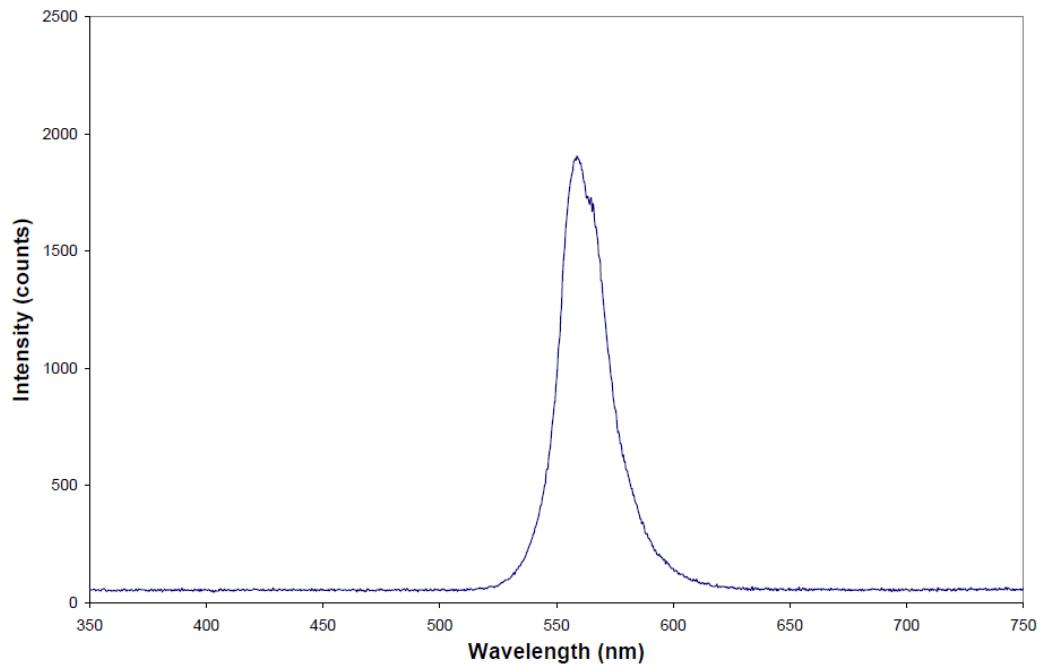
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# Light Emitting Diodes Spectra

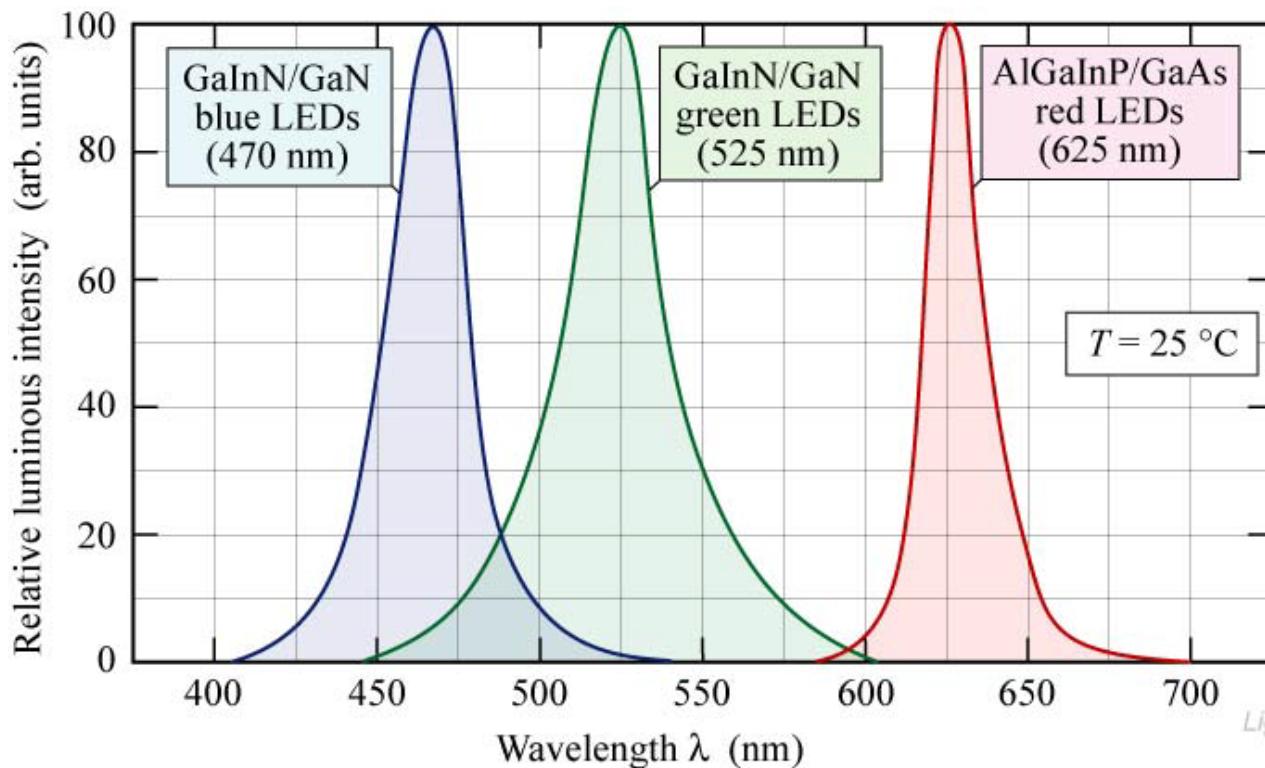


Fig. 12.16. Typical emission spectrum of GaInN/GaN blue, GaInN/GaN green, and AlGaInP/GaAs red LEDs at room temperature (after Toyoda Gosei Corp., 2000).

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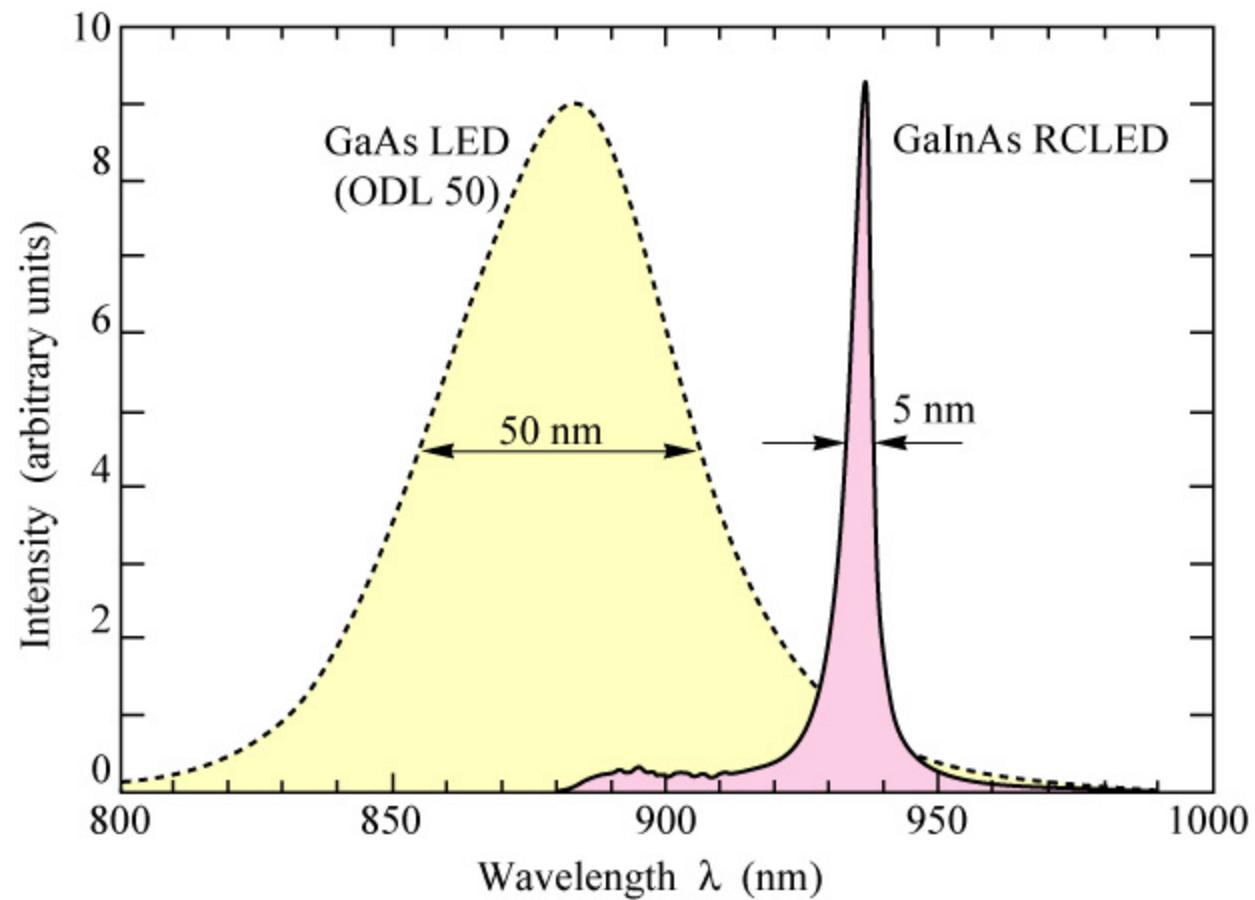


Fig. 15.6. Comparison of the emission spectra of a GaAs LED emitting at 870 nm (AT&T ODL 50 product) and a GaInAs RCLED emitting at 930 nm (after Hunt *et al.*, 1993).

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# White LED Sources

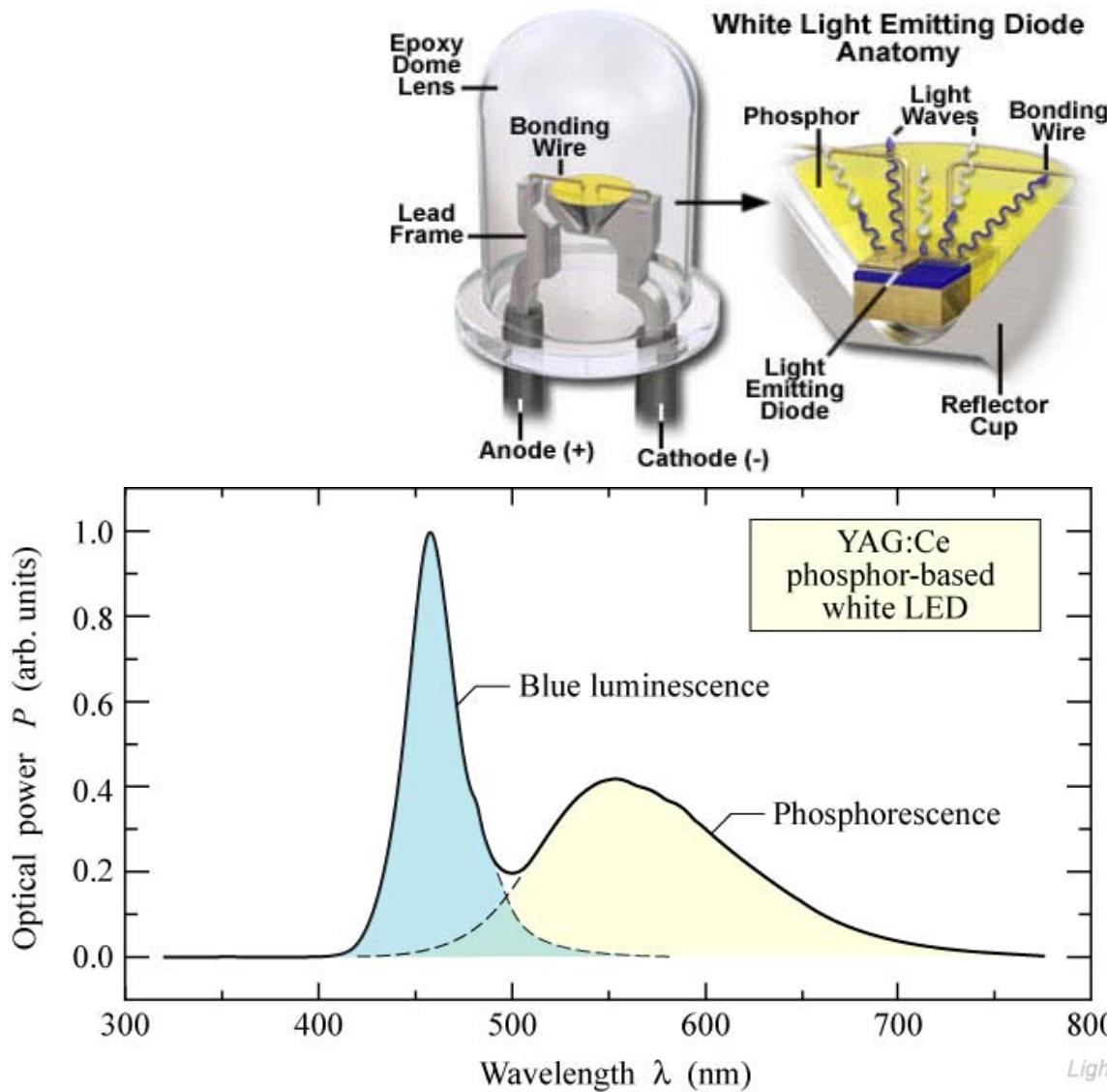
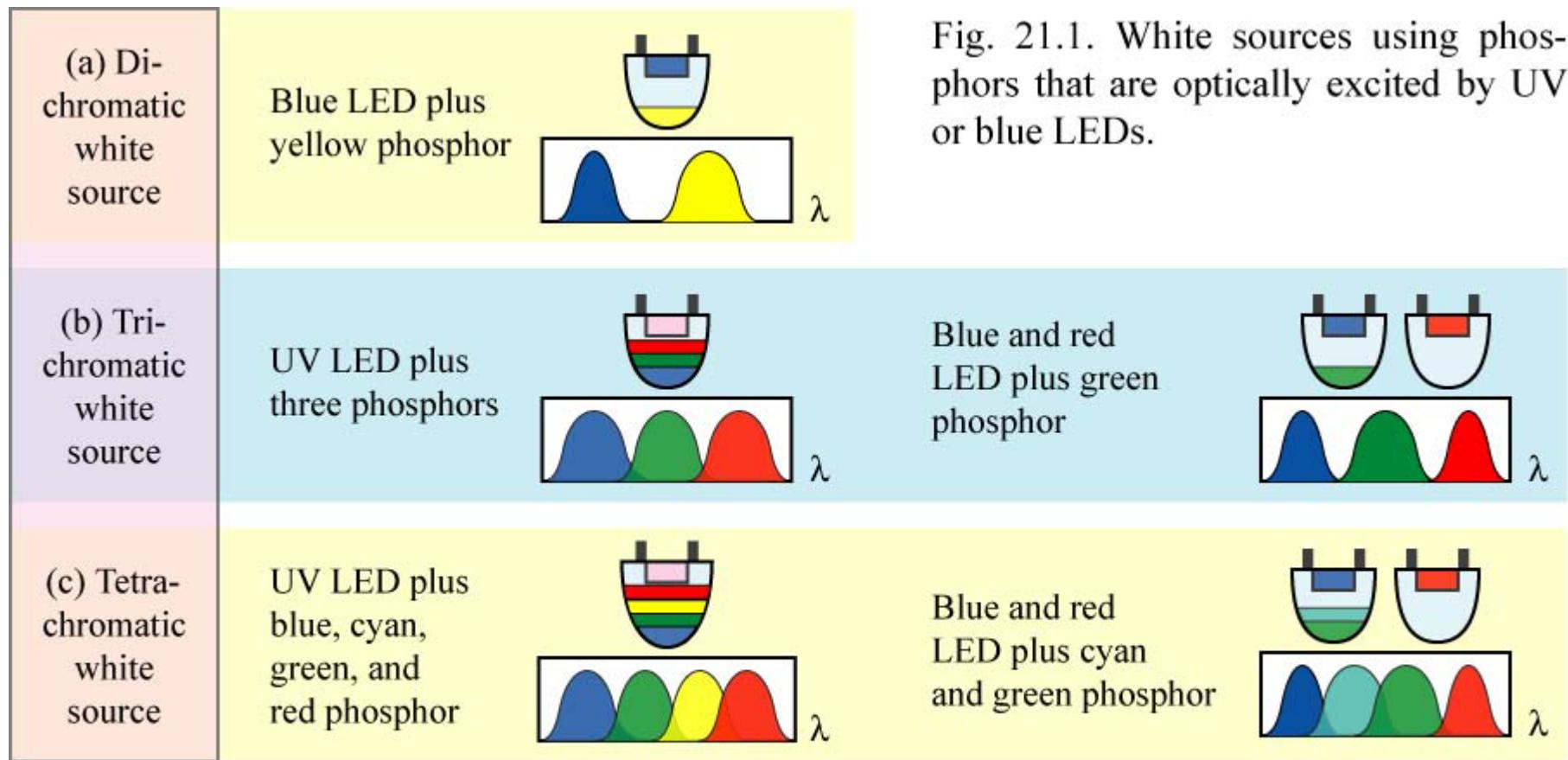


Fig. 21.8. Emission spectrum of a phosphor-based white LED manufactured by Nichia Corporation (Anan, Tokushima, Japan).

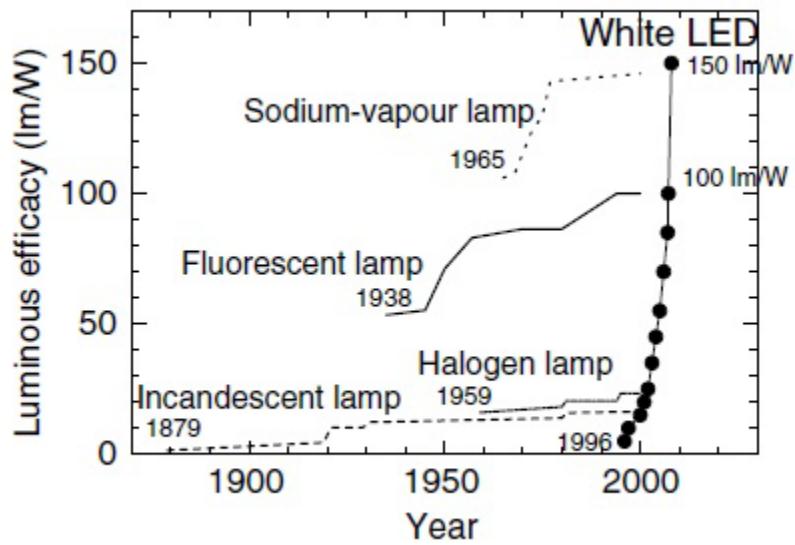
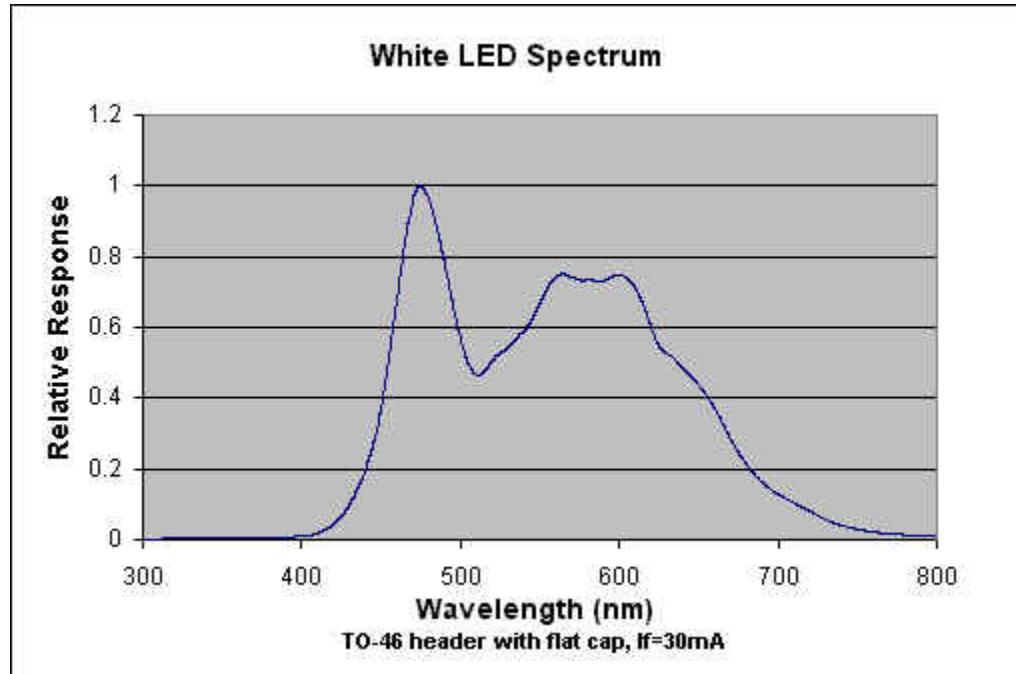
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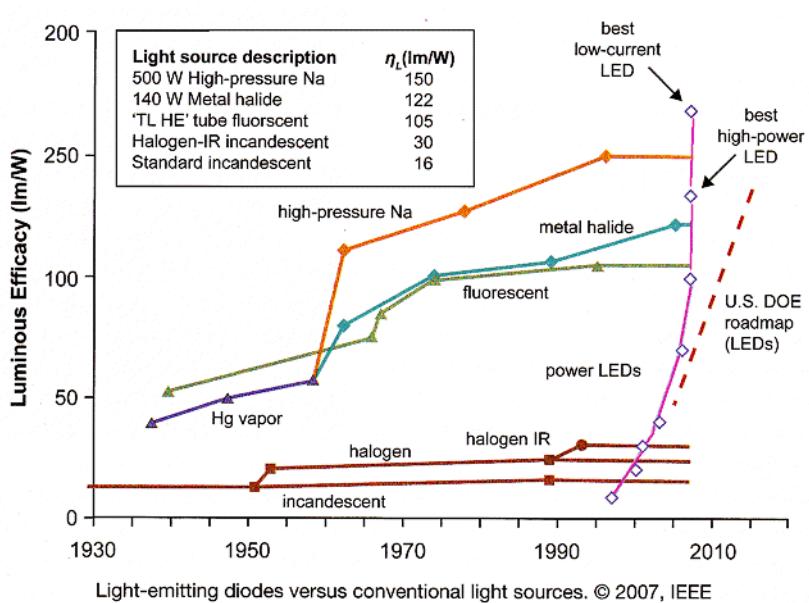
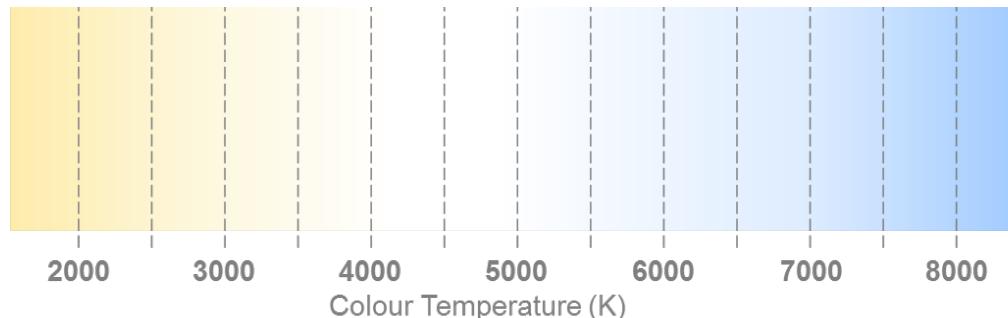


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**Day White** – 5,000 to 6,000 Kelvins  
**Cool White** – 7,000 to 7,500 Kelvins

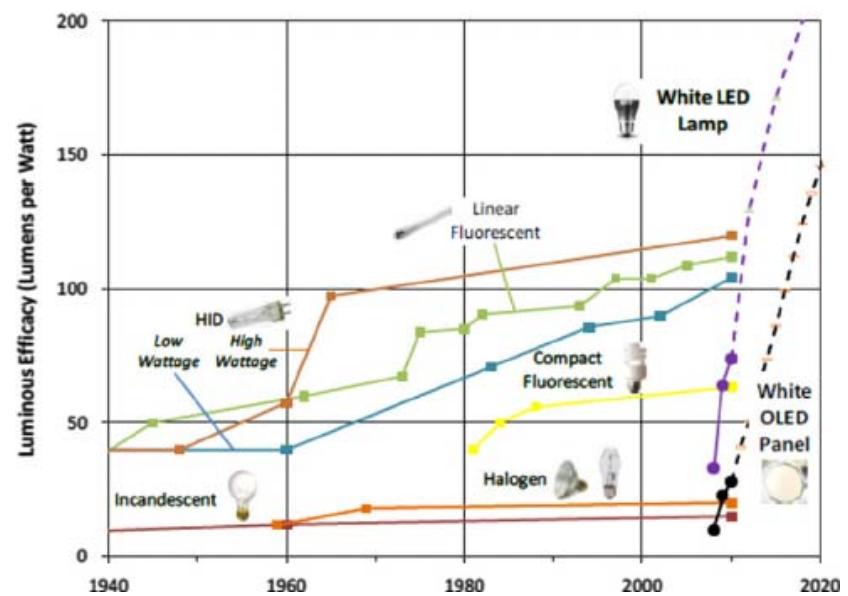
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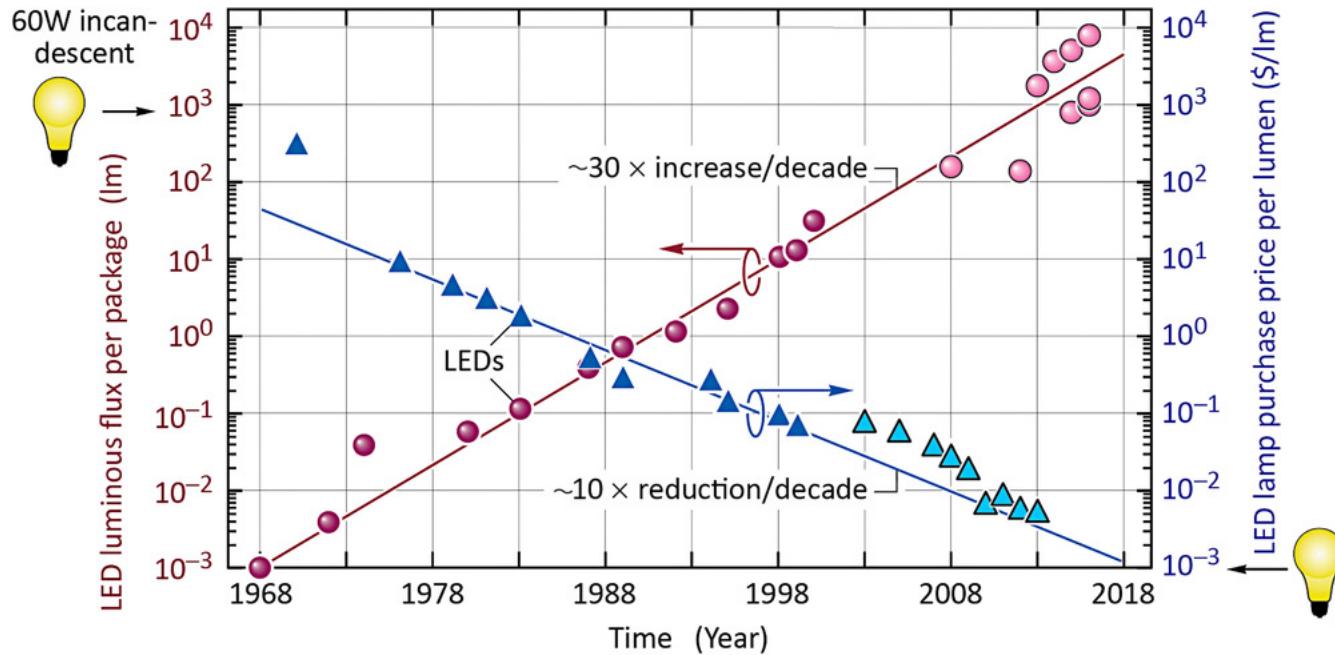


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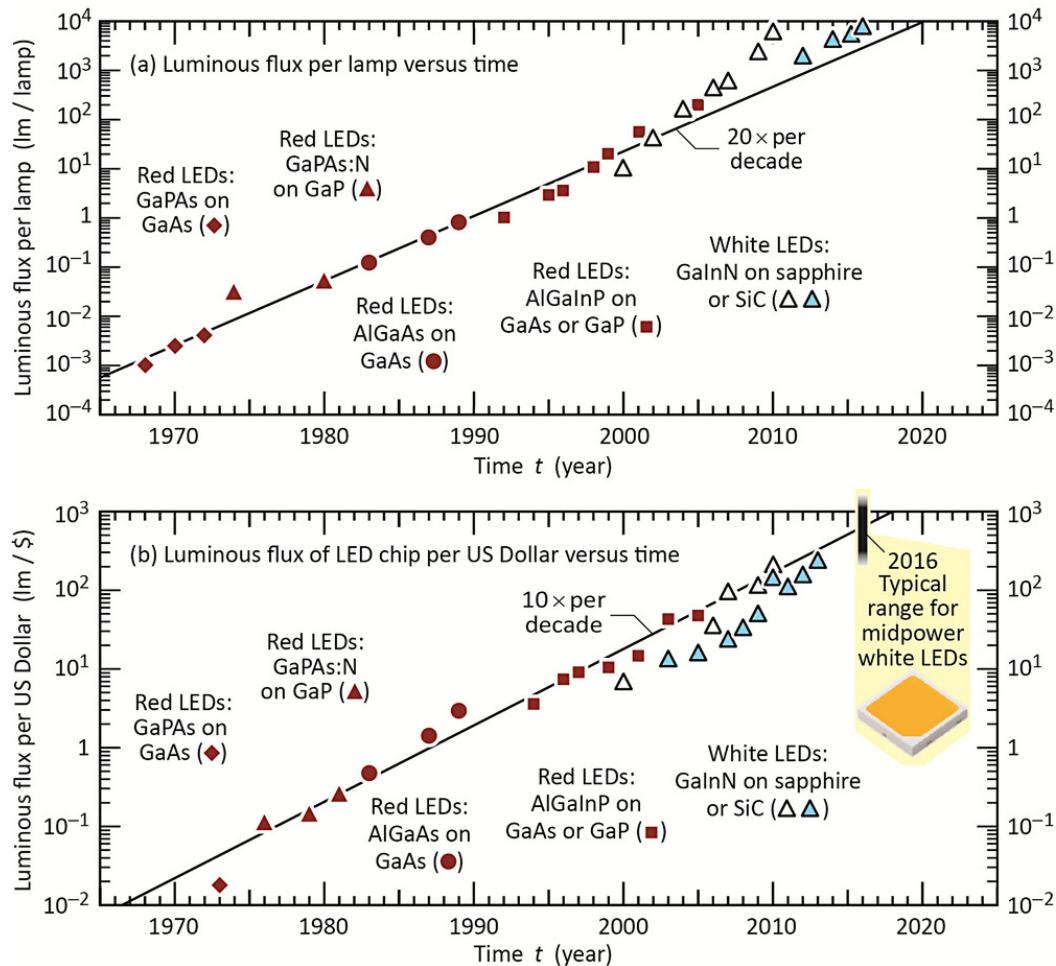
# White LED Sources



LED luminous flux per package and LED lamp purchase price per lumen versus year. Also shown are the values for a 60 W incandescent tungsten-filament light bulb with a luminous efficiency of 17 lm/W and a luminous flux of 1000 lm with an approximate price of 1.00 US\$

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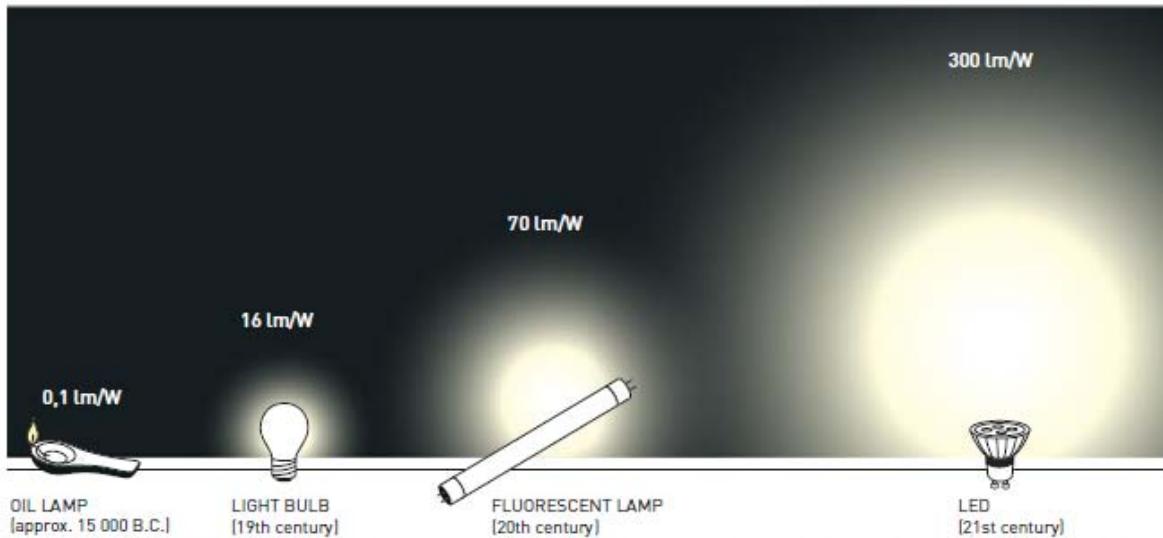
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# White LED Sources



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**EFFICIENT BLUE LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES LEADING TO BRIGHT AND ENERGY-SAVING WHITE LIGHT SOURCES**



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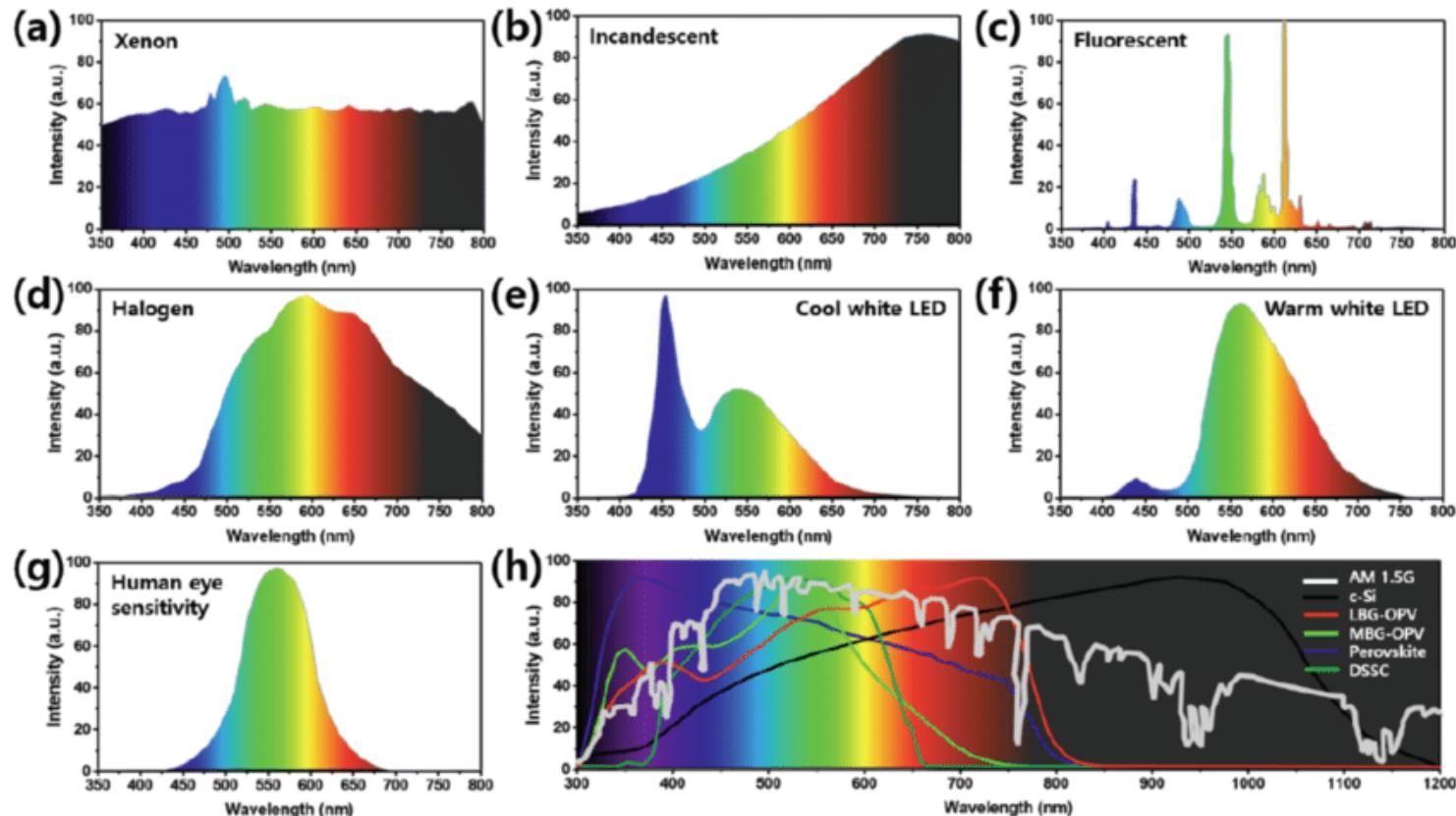


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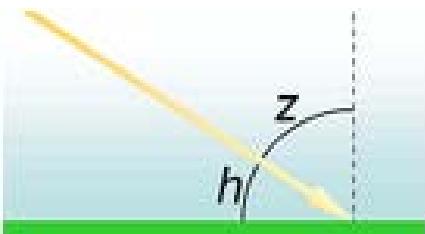
# Comparison of Spectra of Various Sources



Spectra of the different indoor light sources. (a) Xenon lamp, (b) incandescent lamp, (c) fluorescent lamp, (d) halogen lamp, (e) cool white LED, (f) warm white LED, (g) human eye sensitivity spectrum, and (h) AM 1.5G spectrum overlaid with spectral response of various photovoltaic devices.

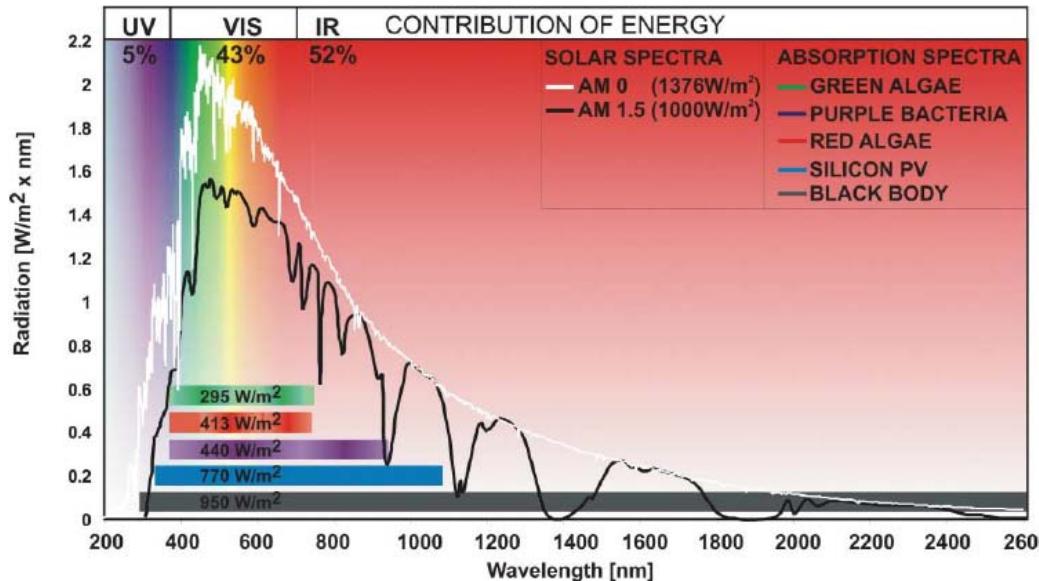
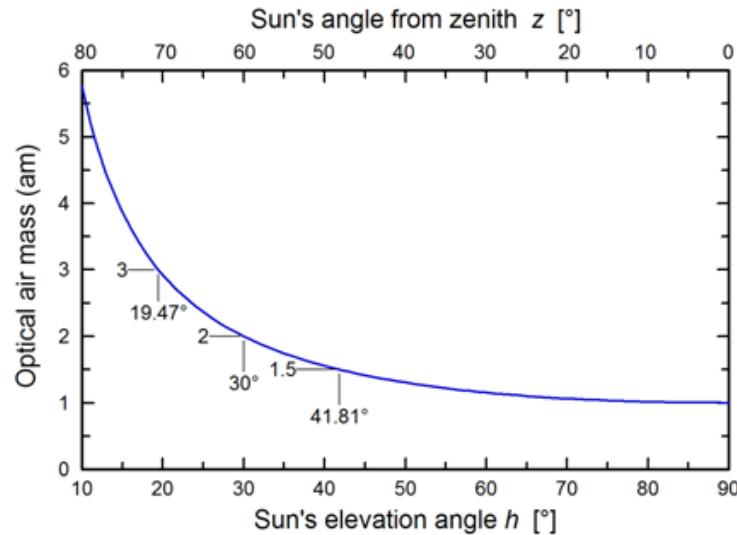
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# Atmospheric Mass Solar Spectrum



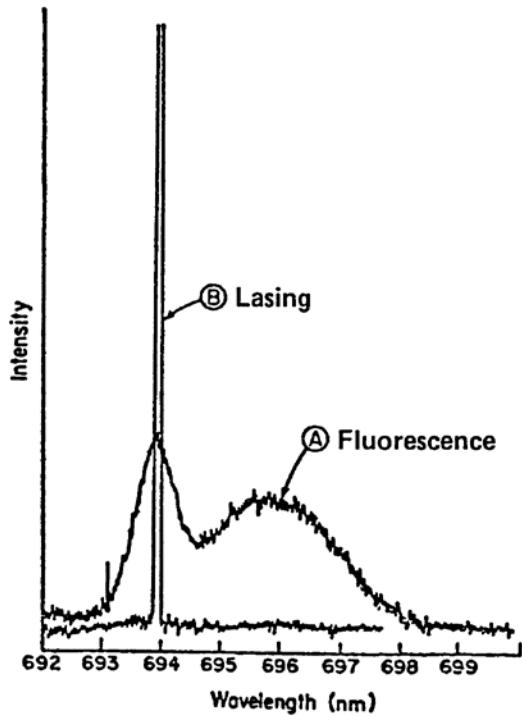
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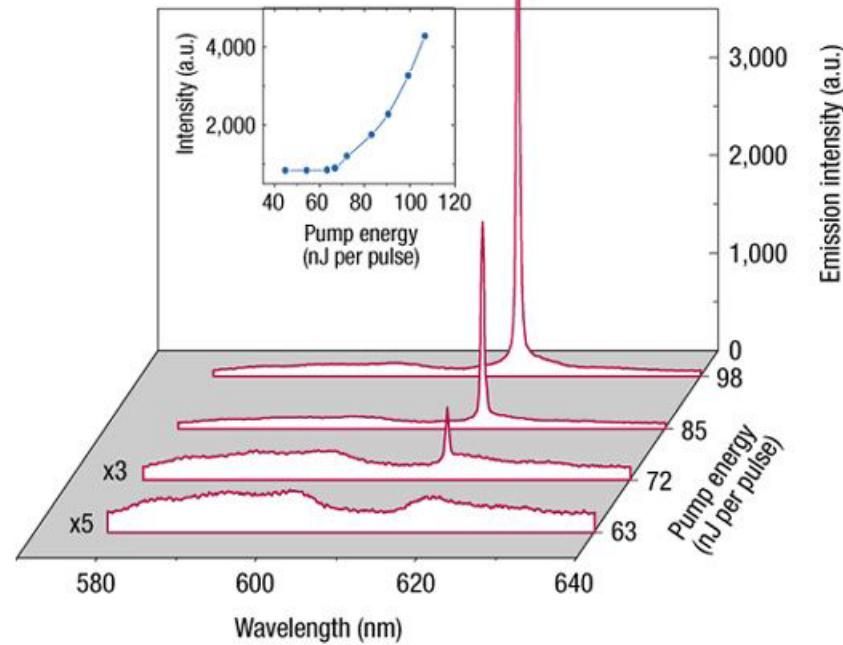
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# Fluorescence and Lasing



Light emitted from a ruby becomes more monochromatic as the pumping energy is increased. A) Fluorescence output below lasing threshold. B) Lasing above threshold.

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# Red Laser Pointer

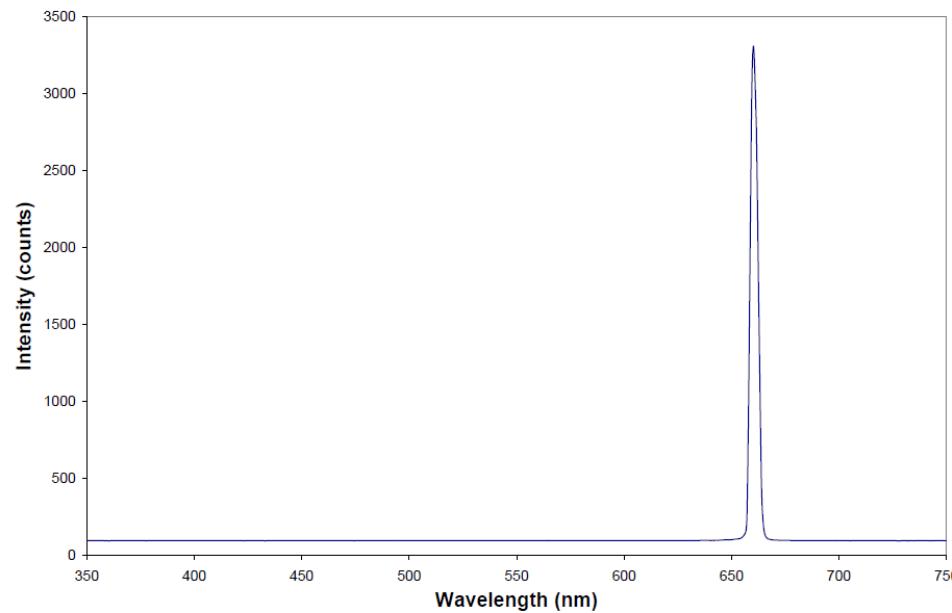
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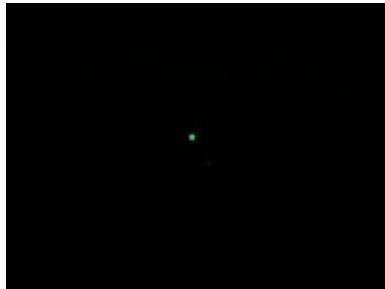
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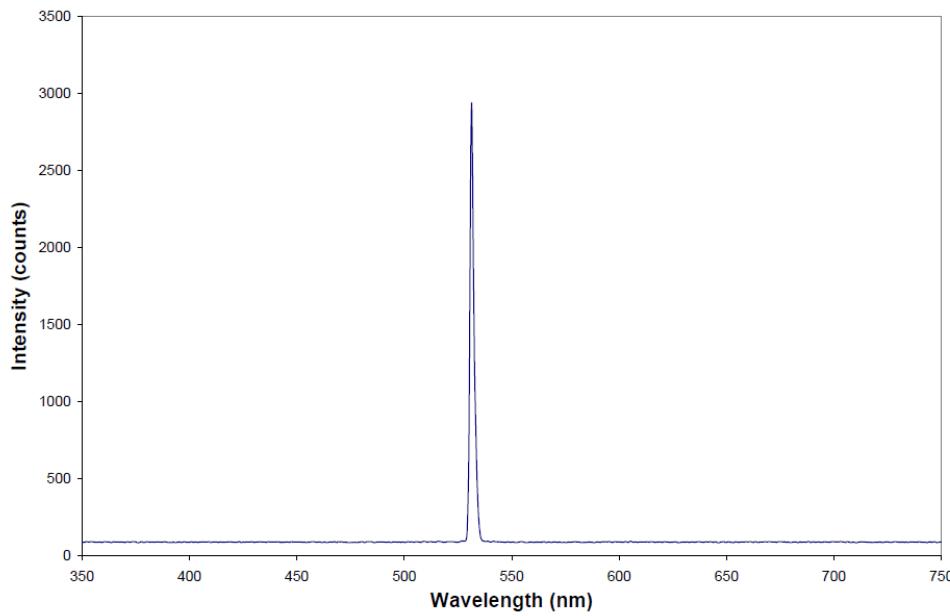
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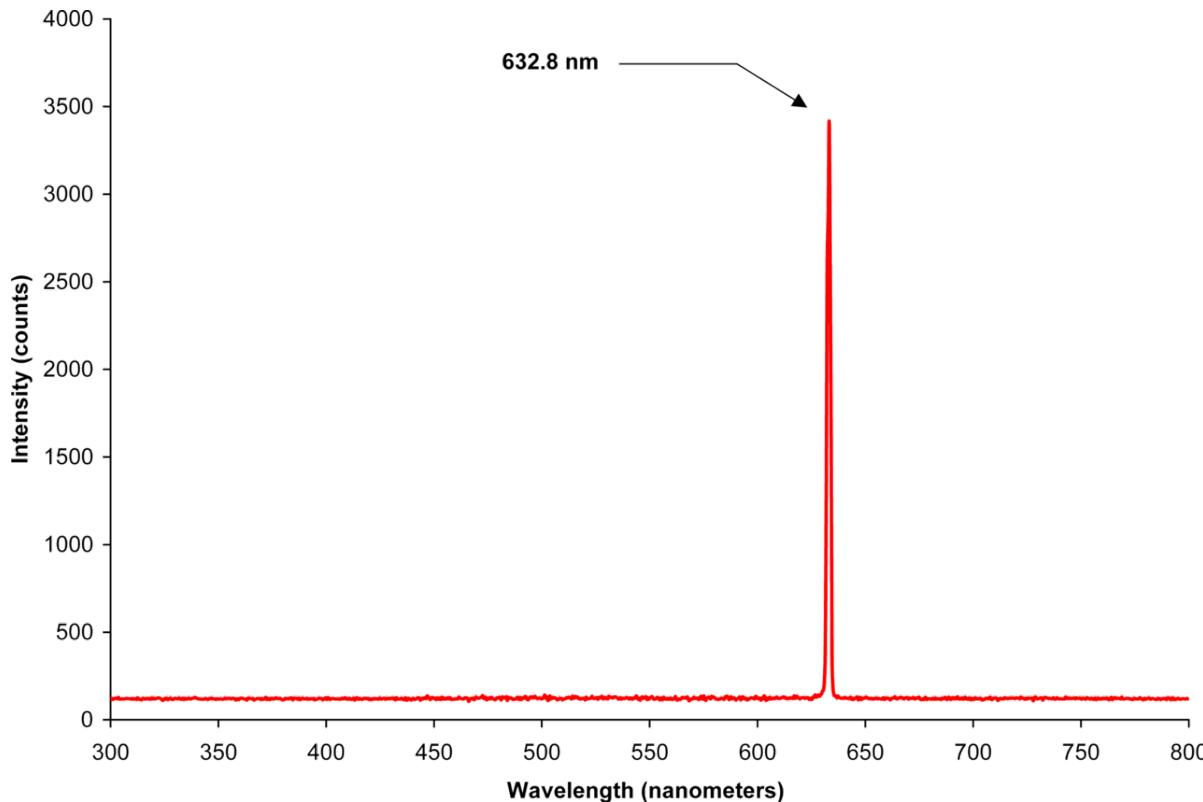


Green Laser Emission Spectrum



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## He-Ne Laser (red color)

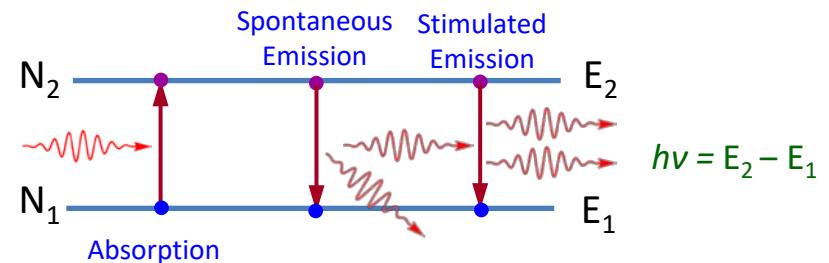
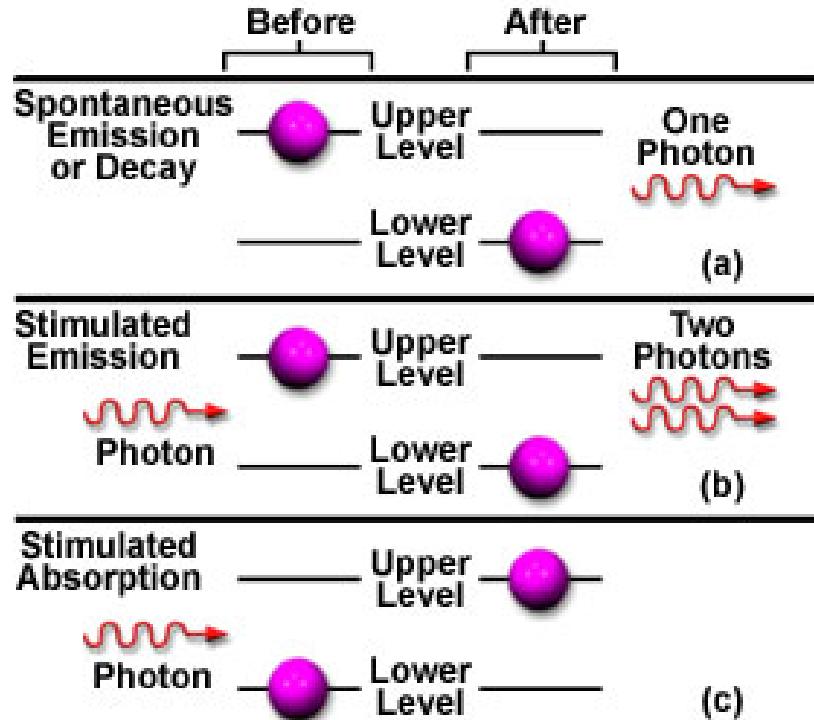


Spectrum of a He-Ne laser illustrating its very high spectral purity (limited by the measuring apparatus). The 0.002 nm bandwidth of the stimulated emission medium is well over **10,000** times narrower than the spectral width of a light-emitting diode with the bandwidth of a single longitudinal mode being much narrower still.

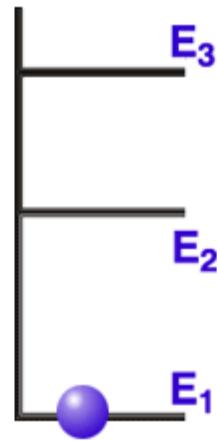
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# Einstein's Radiative Processes

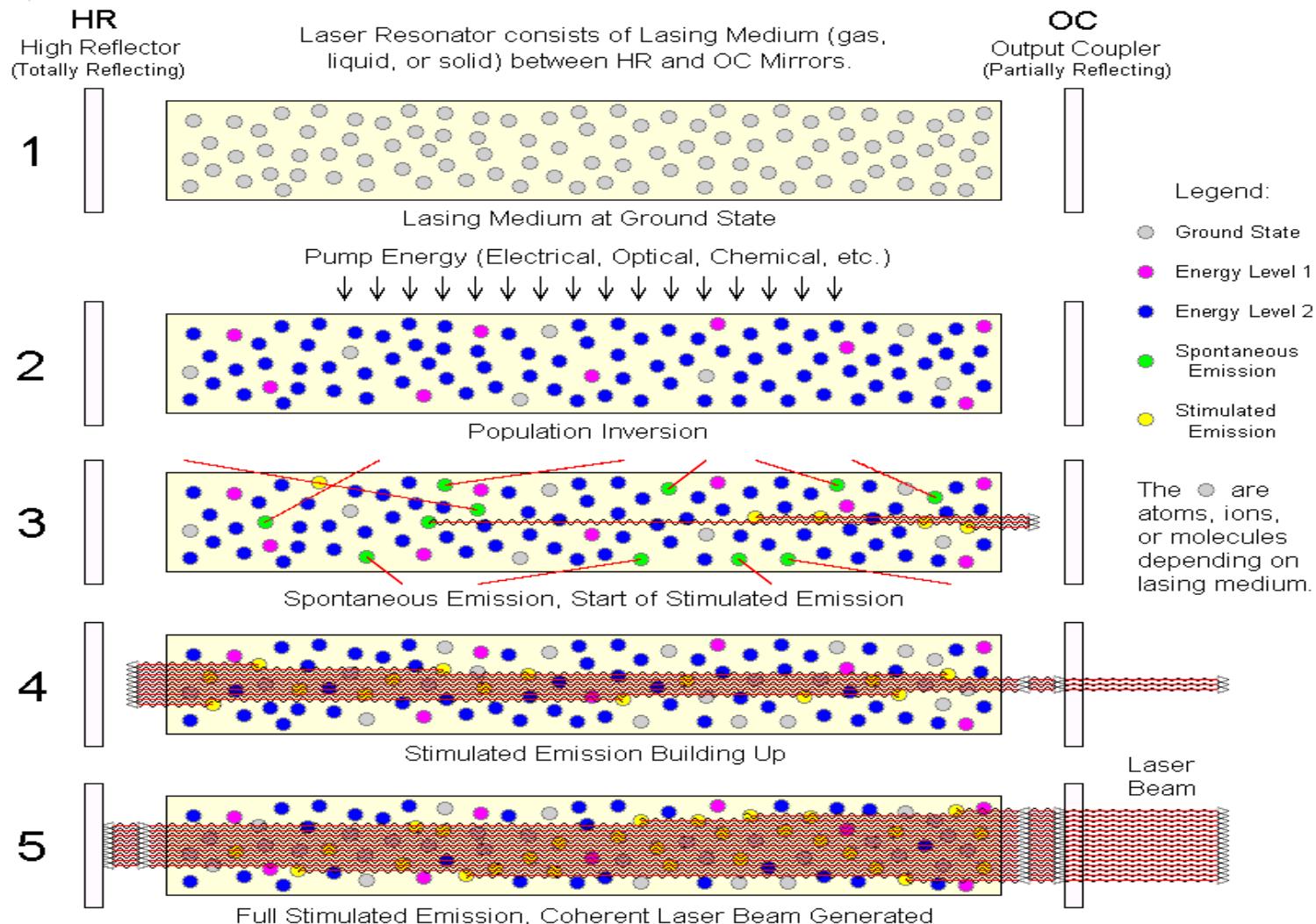
## Spontaneous and Stimulated Processes



# Stimulated Emission



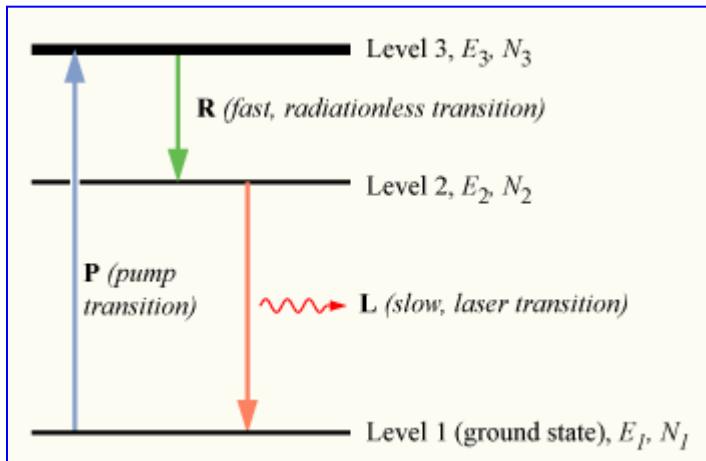
# Laser Operation Basics



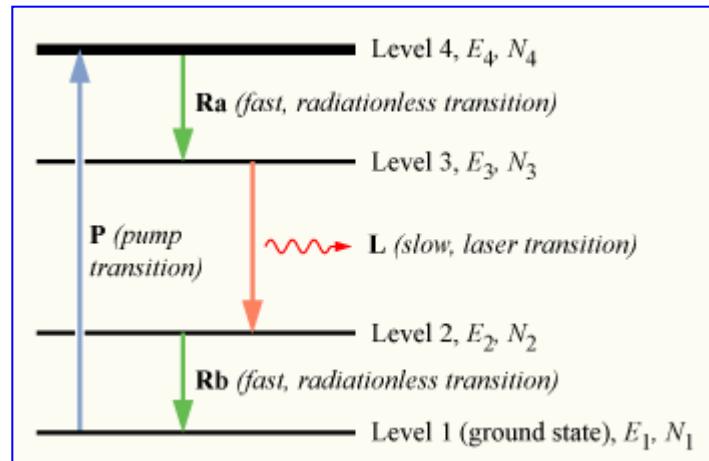
## Basic Laser Operation

# 3-Level and 4-Level Lasers

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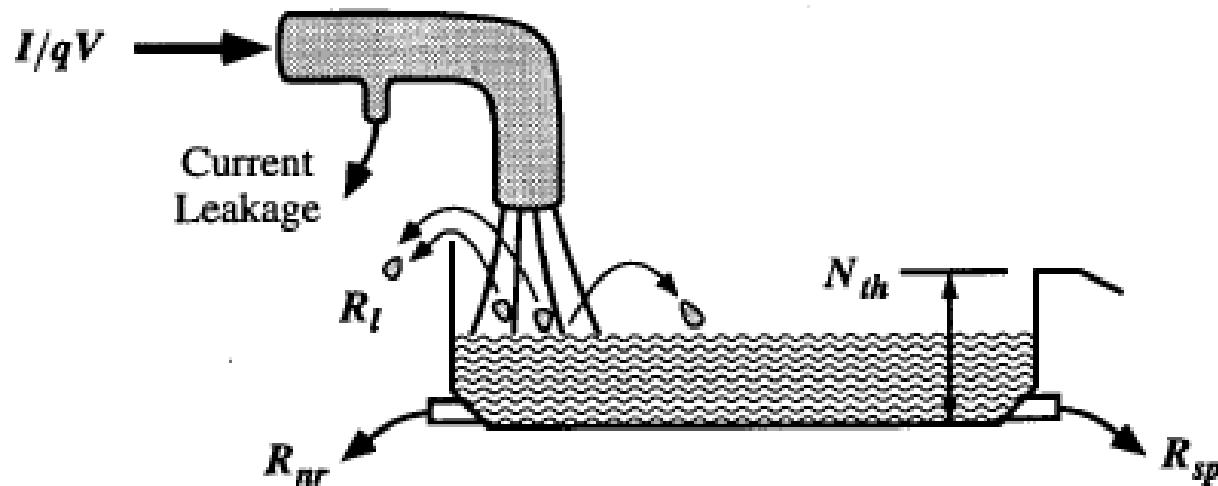


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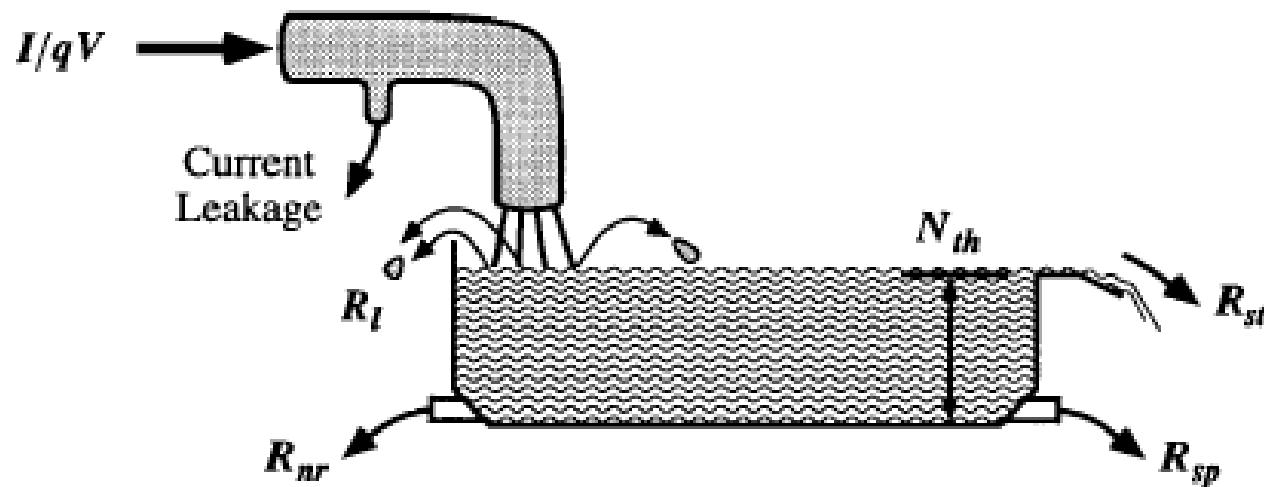


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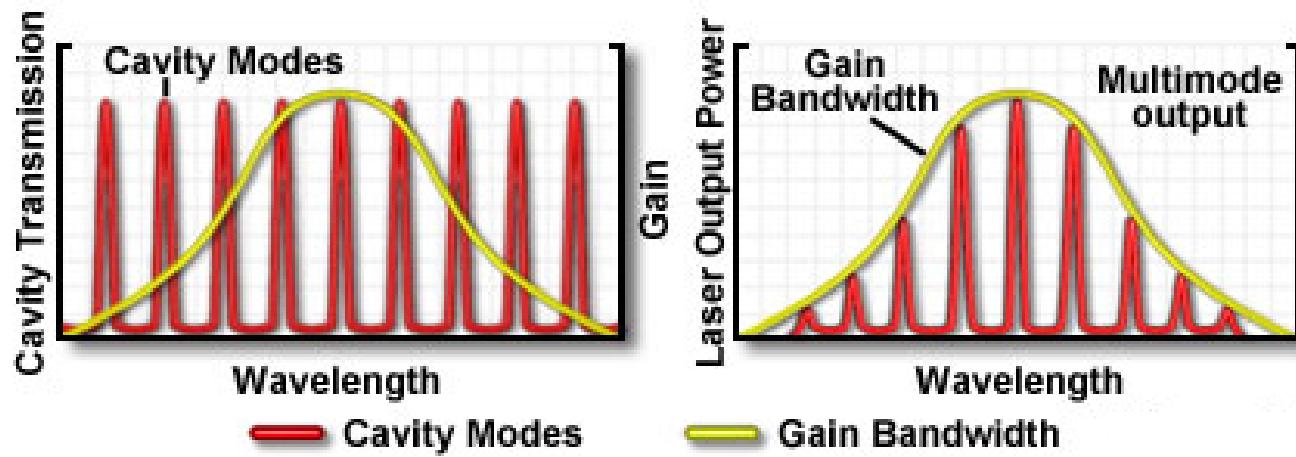
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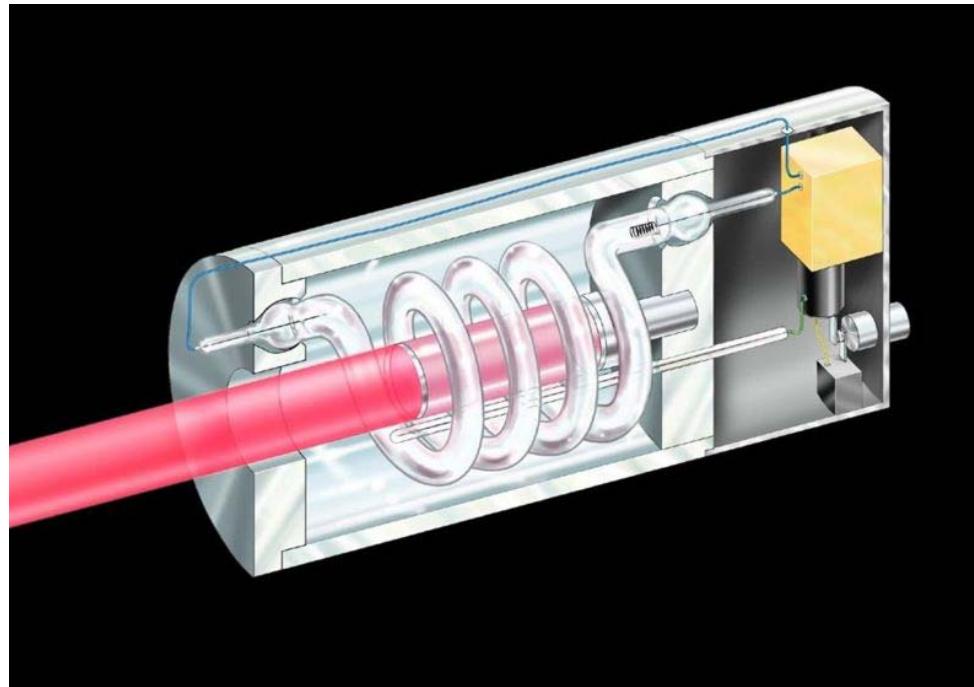
## Laser Above Threshold



## Cavity Resonance Modes and Gain Bandwidth



## First Demonstrated Laser Operation (Ruby laser – Mainman -1960)

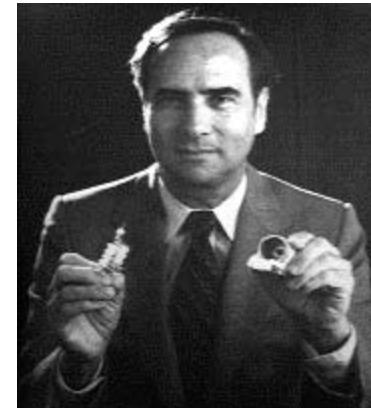


Actual Picture of Laser Lamp and Ruby Rod



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Theodore H. Mainman (1927-2007)



# Common Laser Types

LASERS	TYPE	WAVELENGTH	COLOR	TYPICAL OPERATION
He–Cd	gas	441.6nm	violet	c. w.
Ar ion	gas	488.0nm	violet	c. w.
		514.5nm	green	c. w.
He–Ne	gas	632.8nm	red	c. w.
ruby	solid	693.4nm	red	pulsed
GaAs	solid	840.0nm	i. r.	c. w. pulsed
Nd:YAG	solid	1.06 $\mu$ m	i. r.	pulsed
Nd:glass	solid	1.06 $\mu$ m	i. r.	pulsed
CO <sub>2</sub>	gas	10.6 $\mu$ m	i. r.	c. w. pulsed

# Common Gas Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
<a href="#">Argon laser</a>	454.6 nm, 488.0 nm, 514.5 nm (351 nm, 363.8, 457.9 nm, 465.8 nm, 476.5 nm, 472.7 nm, 528.7 nm, also <a href="#">frequency doubled</a> to provide 244 nm, 257 nm)	Electrical discharge	<a href="#">Retinal phototherapy</a> (for <a href="#">diabetes</a> ), <a href="#">lithography</a> , <a href="#">confocal microscopy</a> , <a href="#">spectroscopy</a> pumping other lasers.
<a href="#">Carbon dioxide laser</a>	10.6 $\mu\text{m}$ , (9.4 $\mu\text{m}$ )	Transverse (high power) or longitudinal (low power) electrical discharge	Material processing ( <a href="#">cutting</a> , <a href="#">welding</a> , etc.), <a href="#">surgery</a> , <a href="#">dental laser</a> , <a href="#">military lasers</a> .
<a href="#">Carbon monoxide laser</a>	2.6 to 4 $\mu\text{m}$ , 4.8 to 8.3 $\mu\text{m}$	Electrical discharge	Material processing ( <a href="#">engraving</a> , <a href="#">welding</a> , etc.), <a href="#">photoacoustic spectroscopy</a> .
<a href="#">Excimer laser</a>	193 nm (ArF), 248 nm (KrF), 308 nm (XeCl), 353 nm (XeF)	<a href="#">Excimer</a> recombination via electrical discharge	<a href="#">Ultraviolet lithography</a> for <a href="#">semiconductor</a> manufacturing, laser <a href="#">surgery</a> , <a href="#">LASIK</a> .
<a href="#">Helium-neon laser</a>	632.8 <a href="#">nm</a> (543.5 nm, 593.9 nm, 611.8 nm, 1.1523 $\mu\text{m}$ , 1.52 <a href="#">μm</a> , 3.3913 $\mu\text{m}$ )	Electrical discharge	<a href="#">Interferometry</a> , <a href="#">holography</a> , <a href="#">spectroscopy</a> , <a href="#">barcode</a> scanning, alignment, optical demonstrations.
<a href="#">Krypton laser</a>	416 nm, 530.9 nm, 568.2 nm, 647.1 nm, 676.4 nm, 752.5 nm, 799.3 nm	Electrical discharge	Scientific research, mixed with <a href="#">argon</a> to create "white-light" lasers, light shows.
<a href="#">Nitrogen laser</a>	337.1 nm	Electrical discharge	Pumping of dye lasers, measuring air pollution, scientific research. Nitrogen lasers can operate <a href="#">superradiantly</a> (without a resonator cavity). Amateur laser construction. See <a href="#">TEA laser</a>
<a href="#">Xenon ion laser</a>	Many lines throughout visible spectrum extending into the <a href="#">UV</a> and <a href="#">IR</a> .	Electrical discharge	Scientific research.

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# Some Chemical Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
Hydrogen fluoride laser	2.7 to 2.9 $\mu\text{m}$ for <a href="#">Hydrogen fluoride</a> (<80% <a href="#">Atmospheric transmittance</a> )	Chemical reaction in a burning jet of <a href="#">ethylene</a> and <a href="#">nitrogen trifluoride</a> ( $\text{NF}_3$ )	Used in research for laser weaponry, operated in <a href="#">continuous wave</a> mode, can have power in the <a href="#">megawatt</a> range.
Deuterium fluoride laser	~3800 nm (3.6 to 4.2 $\mu\text{m}$ ) (~90% <a href="#">Atm. transmittance</a> )	chemical reaction	<a href="#">US military laser prototypes</a> .
COIL ( <a href="#">Chemical oxygen–iodine laser</a> )	1.315 $\mu\text{m}$ (<70% <a href="#">Atmospheric transmittance</a> )	Chemical reaction in a jet of <a href="#">singlet delta oxygen</a> and iodine	<a href="#">Military lasers</a> , scientific and materials research. Can operate in continuous wave mode, with power in the megawatt range.
Agil ( <a href="#">All gas-phase iodine laser</a> )	1.315 $\mu\text{m}$ (<70% <a href="#">Atmospheric transmittance</a> )	Chemical reaction of chlorine atoms with gaseous <a href="#">hydrazoic acid</a> , resulting in excited molecules of <a href="#">nitrogen chloride</a> , which then pass their energy to the iodine atoms.	Scientific, weaponry, aerospace.

# Dye (Liquid) Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
Dye lasers	390-435 nm ( <a href="#">stilbene</a> ), 460-515 nm ( <a href="#">coumarin</a> 102), 570-640 nm ( <a href="#">rhodamine</a> 6G), many others	Other laser, flashlamp	Research, <a href="#">laser medicine</a> , <sup>[2]</sup> <a href="#">spectroscopy</a> , <a href="#">birthmark removal</a> , <a href="#">isotope separation</a> . The tuning range of the laser depends on which dye is used.

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# Some Metal-Vapor Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
<a href="#">Helium-cadmium</a> (HeCd) metal-vapor laser	325 nm, 441.563 nm		Printing and typesetting applications, <a href="#">fluorescence</a> excitation examination (i.e. in U.S. paper currency printing), scientific research.
<a href="#">Helium-mercury</a> (HeHg) metal-vapor laser	567 nm, 615 nm	Electrical discharge in metal vapor mixed with <a href="#">helium</a> buffer gas.	Rare, scientific research, amateur laser construction.
<a href="#">Helium-selenium</a> (HeSe) metal-vapor laser	up to 24 wavelengths between red and UV		Rare, scientific research, amateur laser construction.
<a href="#">Helium-silver</a> (HeAg) metal-vapor laser <sup>[3]</sup>	224.3 nm		Scientific research
<a href="#">Strontium Vapor Laser</a>	430.5 nm		Scientific research
<a href="#">Neon-copper</a> (NeCu) metal-vapor laser <sup>[3]</sup>	248.6 nm	Electrical discharge in metal vapor mixed with <a href="#">neon</a> buffer gas.	Scientific research
<a href="#">Copper vapor laser</a>	510.6 nm, 578.2 nm	Electrical discharge	Dermatological uses, high speed photography, pump for dye lasers.
<a href="#">Gold</a> vapor laser	627 nm		Rare, dermatological and <a href="#">photodynamic therapy</a> uses. <sup>[4]</sup>
<a href="#">Manganese</a> (Mn/MnCl <sub>2</sub> ) vapor laser	534.1 nm	Pulsed electric discharge	<a href="#">Optics</a> <a href="#">Communications</a> . 51 (6): 387. 1987. Missing or empty  title= ( <a href="#">help</a> )

# Some Solid-State Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
<a href="#">Ruby laser</a>	694.3 nm	Flashlamp	<a href="#">Holography</a> , <a href="#">tattoo removal</a> . The first type of visible light laser invented; May 1960.
<a href="#">Nd:YAG laser</a>	1.064 μm, (1.32 μm)	Flashlamp, <a href="#">laser diode</a>	Material processing, <a href="#">rangefinding</a> , laser target designation, surgery, <a href="#">tattoo removal</a> , hair removal, research, pumping other lasers (combined with <a href="#">frequency doubling</a> to produce a green 532 nm beam). One of the most common high power lasers. Usually pulsed (down to fractions of a <a href="#">nanosecond</a> ), <a href="#">dental laser</a>
<a href="#">NdCrYAG</a> laser	1.064 μm, (1.32 μm)	<a href="#">solar radiation</a>	Experimental production of nanopowders. <sup>[5]</sup>
<a href="#">Er:YAG</a> laser	2.94 μm	Flashlamp, <a href="#">laser diode</a>	Periodontal scaling, <a href="#">Dental laser</a> , Skin Resurfacing
<a href="#">Neodymium</a> YLF ( <a href="#">Nd:YLF</a> ) solid-state laser	1.047 and 1.053 μm	Flashlamp, laser diode	Mostly used for pulsed pumping of certain types of pulsed <a href="#">Ti:sapphire</a> lasers, combined with <a href="#">frequency doubling</a> .
<a href="#">Neodymium</a> doped <a href="#">Yttrium orthovanadate</a> ( <a href="#">Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub></a> ) laser	1.064 μm	laser diode	Mostly used for continuous pumping of <a href="#">mode-locked</a> Ti:sapphire or dye lasers, in combination with <a href="#">frequency doubling</a> . Also used pulsed for marking and micromachining. A frequency doubled nd:YVO <sub>4</sub> laser is also the normal way of making a <a href="#">green laser pointer</a> .
<a href="#">Neodymium doped yttrium calcium oxoborate</a> Nd:YCa <sub>4</sub> O(BO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> or simply Nd:YCOB	~1.060 μm (~530 nm at second harmonic)	laser diode	Nd:YCOB is a so-called "self-frequency doubling" or SFD laser material which is both capable of lasing and which has nonlinear characteristics suitable for <a href="#">second harmonic generation</a> . Such materials have the potential to simplify the design of high brightness green lasers.
<a href="#">Neodymium glass</a> (Nd:Glass) laser	~1.062 μm ( <a href="#">Silicate glasses</a> ), ~1.054 μm ( <a href="#">Phosphate glasses</a> )	Flashlamp, laser diode	Used in extremely high power ( <a href="#">terawatt</a> scale), high energy ( <a href="#">megajoules</a> ) multiple beam systems for <a href="#">inertial confinement fusion</a> . Nd:Glass lasers are usually <a href="#">frequency tripled</a> to the <a href="#">third harmonic</a> at 351 nm in laser fusion devices.
<a href="#">Titanium sapphire</a> (Ti:sapphire) laser	650-1100 nm	Other laser	Spectroscopy, <a href="#">LIDAR</a> , research. This material is often used in highly-tunable <a href="#">mode-locked infrared</a> lasers to produce <a href="#">ultrashort pulses</a> and in amplifier lasers to produce ultrashort and ultra-intense pulses.
<a href="#">Thulium</a> YAG (Tm:YAG) laser	2.0 μm	Laser diode	<a href="#">LIDAR</a> .
<a href="#">Ytterbium</a> YAG (Yb:YAG) laser	1.03 μm	Laser diode, flashlamp	<a href="#">Optical refrigeration</a> , materials processing, ultrashort pulse research, multiphoton microscopy, <a href="#">LIDAR</a> .

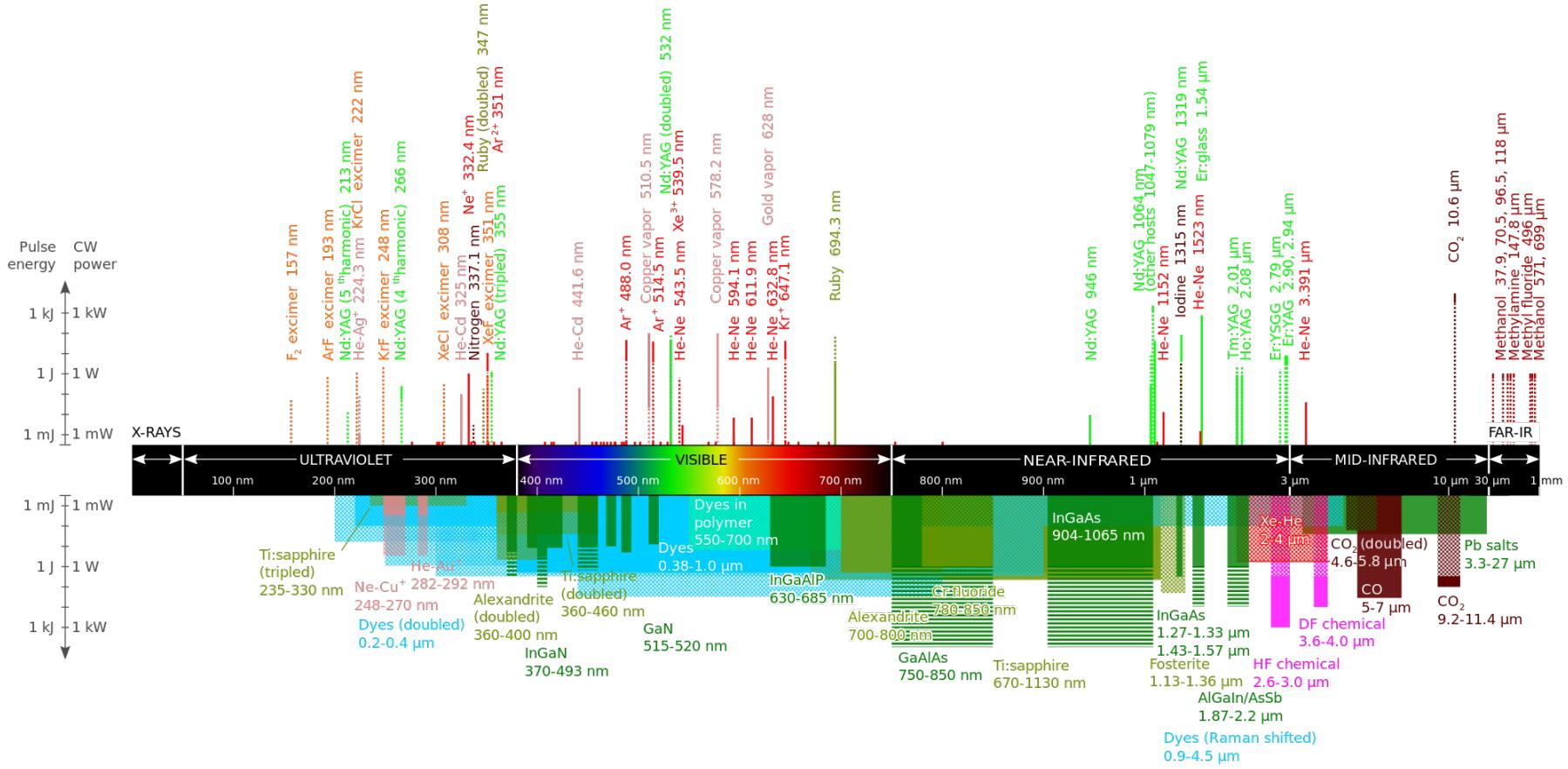
# Some Solid-State Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
<a href="#">Holmium</a> YAG (Ho:YAG) laser	2.1 $\mu\text{m}$	Laser diode	Tissue ablation, <a href="#">kidney stone</a> removal, <a href="#">dentistry</a> .
<a href="#">Chromium</a> ZnSe (Cr:ZnSe) laser	2.2 - 2.8 $\mu\text{m}$	Other laser (Tm fiber)	MWIR laser radar, countermeasure against heat-seeking missiles etc.
<a href="#">Cerium</a> doped <a href="#">lithiumstrontium</a> (or <a href="#">calcium</a> ) <a href="#">aluminum fluoride</a> (Ce:LiSAF, Ce:LiCAF)	~280 to 316 nm	Frequency quadrupled Nd:YAG laser pumped, <a href="#">excimer</a> laser pumped, <a href="#">copper vapor laser</a> pumped.	Remote atmospheric sensing, <a href="#">LIDAR</a> , optics research.
<a href="#">Promethium</a> $^{147}\text{Pm}$ doped <a href="#">phosphate glass</a> ( $^{147}\text{Pm}^{+3}$ :Glass) solid-state laser	933 nm, 1098 nm	??	Laser material is radioactive. Once demonstrated in use at <a href="#">LLNL</a> in 1987, room temperature 4 level lasing in $^{147}\text{Pm}$ doped into a lead-indium-phosphate glass <a href="#">étalon</a> .
<a href="#">Chromium</a> doped <a href="#">chrysoberyl</a> (alexandrite) laser	Typically tuned in the range of 700 to 820 nm	Flashlamp, laser diode, <a href="#">mercury arc</a> (for <a href="#">CW</a> mode operation)	<a href="#">Dermatological</a> uses, <a href="#">LIDAR</a> , laser machining.
<a href="#">Erbium</a> doped and <a href="#">erbium-ytterbium</a> codoped glass lasers	1.53-1.56 $\mu\text{m}$	Laser diode	These are made in rod, plate/chip, and optical fiber form. Erbium doped fibers are commonly used as <a href="#">optical amplifiers</a> for <a href="#">telecommunications</a> .
Trivalent <a href="#">uranium</a> doped <a href="#">calcium fluoride</a> (U:CaF <sub>2</sub> ) solid-state laser	2.5 $\mu\text{m}$	Flashlamp	First 4-level solid state laser (November 1960) developed by <a href="#">Peter Sorokin</a> and Mirek Stevenson at <a href="#">IBM</a> research labs, second laser invented overall (after Maiman's ruby laser), <a href="#">liquid helium</a> cooled, unused today. [1]
Divalent <a href="#">samarium</a> doped <a href="#">calcium fluoride</a> (Sm:CaF <sub>2</sub> ) laser	708.5 nm	Flashlamp	Also invented by Peter Sorokin and Mirek Stevenson at <a href="#">IBM</a> research labs, early 1961. <a href="#">Liquid helium</a> cooled, unused today. [2]
<a href="#">F-Center</a> laser.	2.3-3.3 $\mu\text{m}$	Ion laser	Spectroscopy

# Some Semiconductor Lasers

Laser gain medium and type	Operation wavelength(s)	Pump source	Applications and notes
<a href="#">Semiconductor laser diode</a> (general information)	0.4-20 μm, depending on active region material.		<a href="#">Telecommunications</a> , <a href="#">holography</a> , <a href="#">printing</a> , weapons, machining, welding, pump sources for other lasers, <a href="#">high beam headlights for automobiles</a> . <sup>[7]</sup>
<a href="#">GaN</a>	0.4 μm		<a href="#">Optical discs</a> . 405 nm is used in <a href="#">Blu-ray Discs</a> reading/recording.
<a href="#">InGaN</a>	0.4 - 0.5 μm		<a href="#">Home projector</a> , primary light source for some recent small projectors
<a href="#">AlGaInP, AlGaAs</a>	0.63-0.9 μm	Electrical current	<a href="#">Optical discs</a> , <a href="#">laser pointers</a> , data communications. 780 nm <a href="#">Compact Disc</a> , 650 nm general <a href="#">DVD</a> player and 635 nm <a href="#">DVD for Authoring</a> recorder laser are the most common lasers type in the world. Solid-state laser pumping, machining, medical.
<a href="#">InGaAsP</a>	1.0-2.1 μm		<a href="#">Telecommunications</a> , solid-state laser pumping, machining, medical..
lead salt	3-20 μm		
<a href="#">Vertical cavity surface emitting laser</a> (VCSEL)	850–1500 nm, depending on material		Telecommunications
<a href="#">Quantum cascade laser</a>	Mid- <a href="#">infrared</a> to far-infrared.		Research, Future applications may include collision-avoidance radar, industrial-process control and medical diagnostics such as breath analyzers.
<a href="#">Hybrid silicon laser</a>	Mid- <a href="#">infrared</a>		Low cost silicon integrated <a href="#">optical communications</a>

# Commercially Available Lasers



**Wavelengths of commercially available lasers.** Laser types with distinct laser lines are shown above the wavelength bar, while below are shown lasers that can emit in a wavelength range. The height of the lines and bars gives an indication of the maximal power/pulse energy commercially available, while the color codifies the type of laser material (see the figure description for details). Most of the data comes from Weber's book *Handbook of laser wavelengths*, with newer data in particular for the semiconductor lasers

# Masers/Lasers Discovery



## The Nobel Prize in Physics 1964

FOR FUNDAMENTAL WORK IN THE FIELD OF QUANTUM ELECTRONICS, WHICH HAS LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF OSCILLATORS AND AMPLIFIERS BASED ON THE MASER-LASER PRINCIPLE



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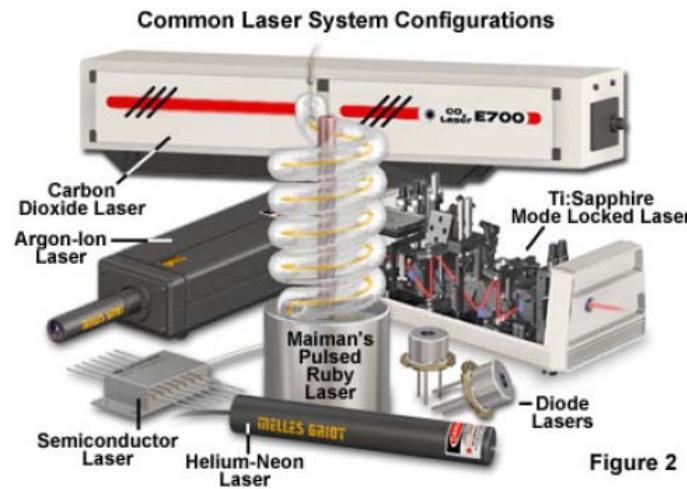
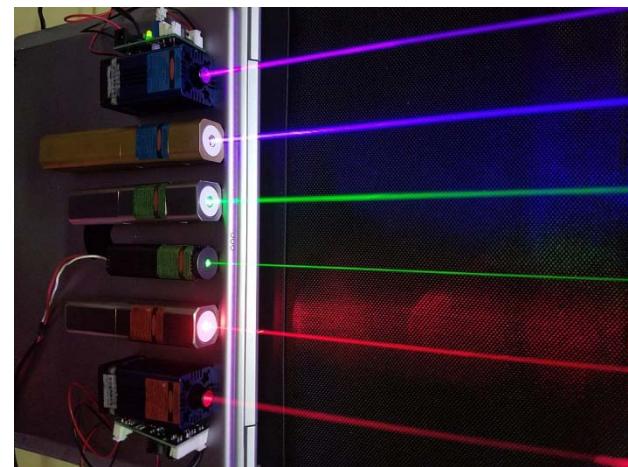
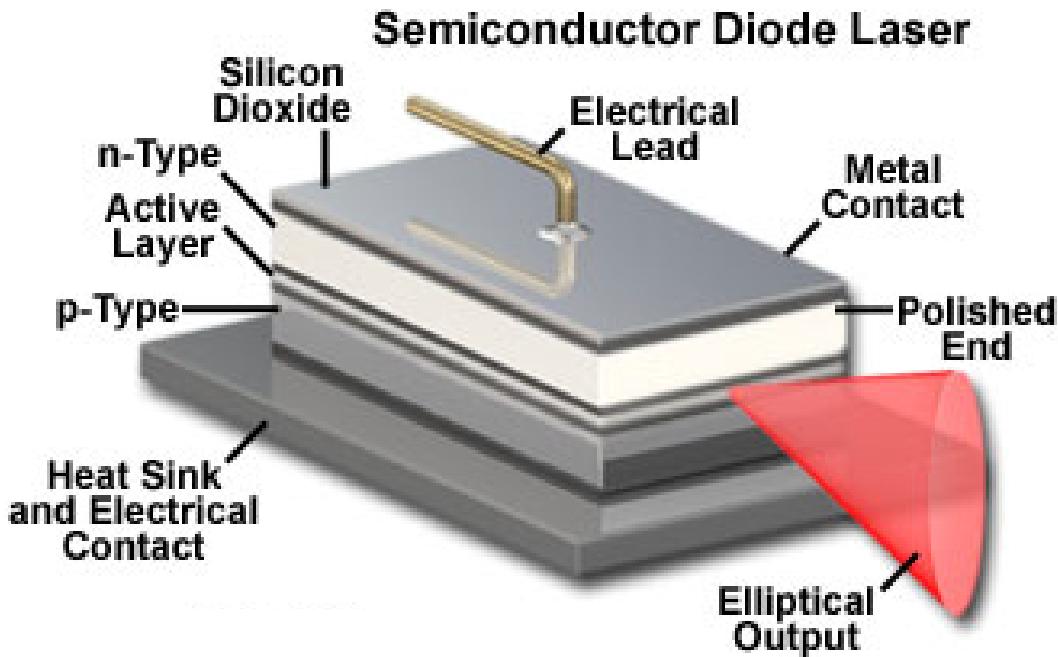
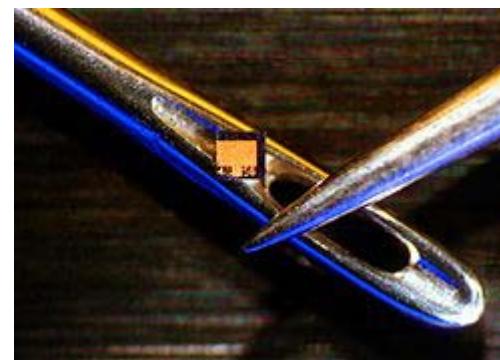


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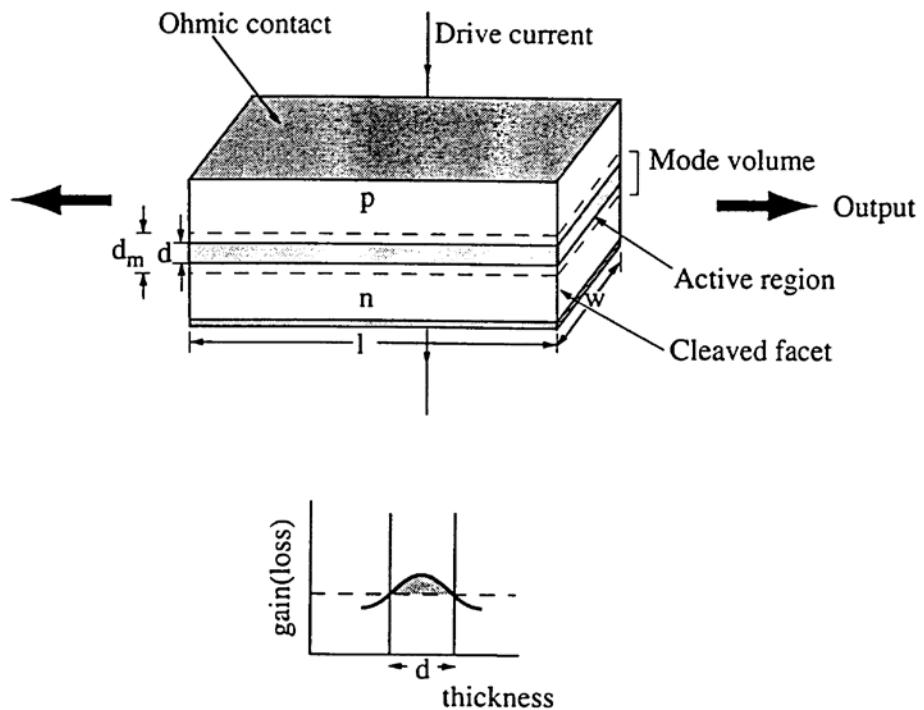
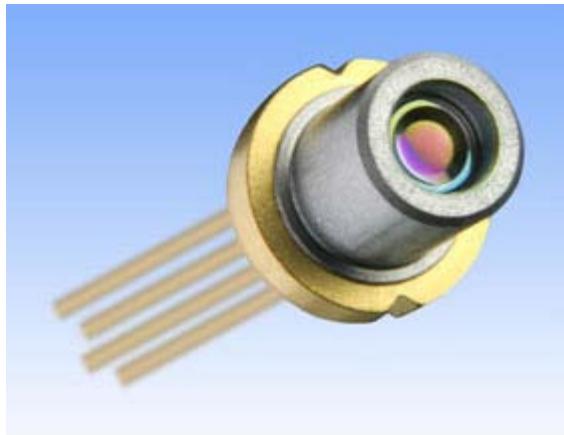
# Semiconductor Laser Diode (LD)



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# Semiconductor Cleaved-Facet Laser



Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd. 1490nm wavelength semiconductor laser (OL4636L-ET) that can transmit up to 2.5Gbps at an output level of 15mW, the industry's highest level over a temperature range of -40 to 85°C. This semiconductor laser is suitable for use in outdoor FTTH (Fiber-to-the-home) equipment.

**Schematic of a broad-area junction laser with cleaved facets.**

P. Bhattacharya, *Semiconductor Optoelectronic Devices*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1997.

# Semiconductor Laser Diode (LD)

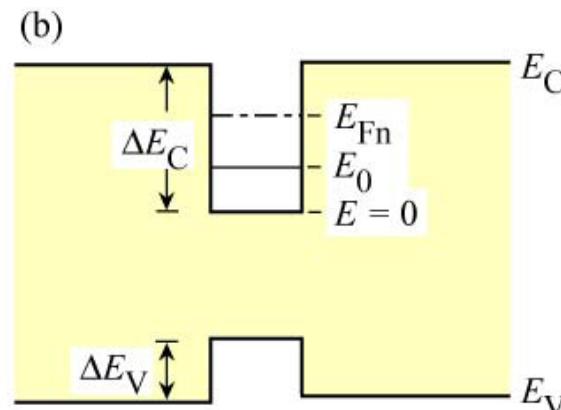
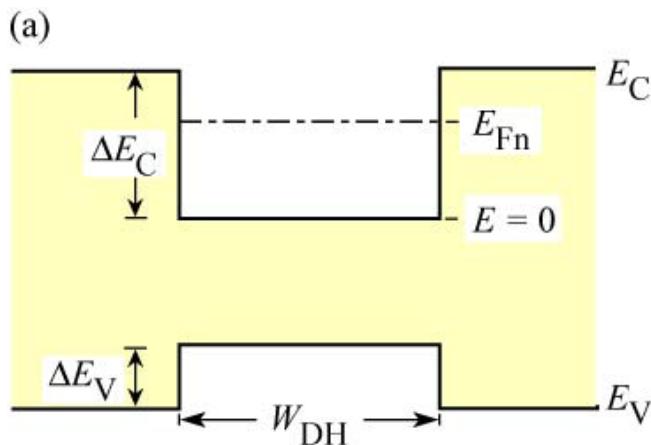
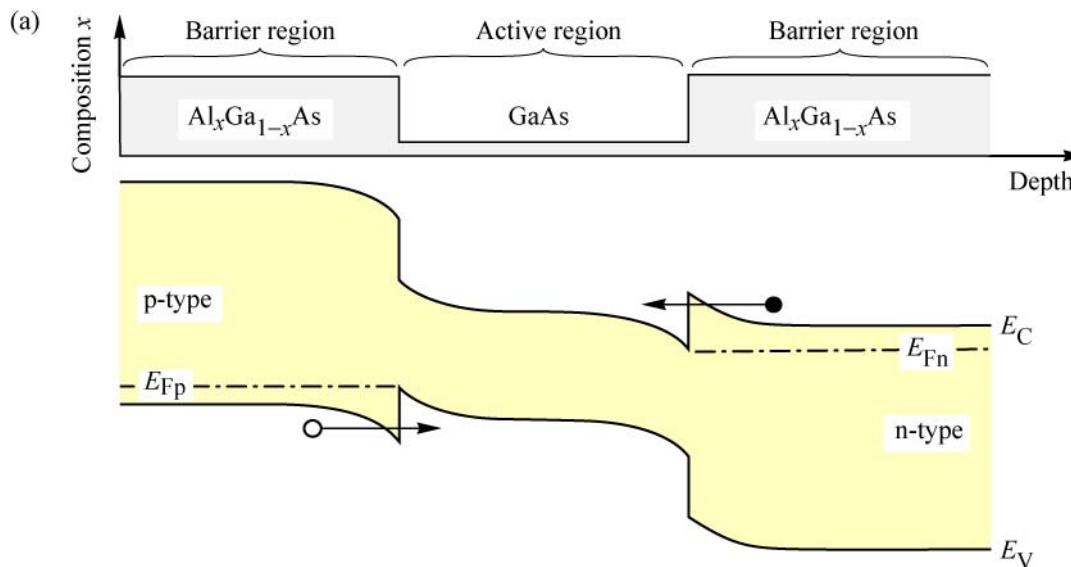
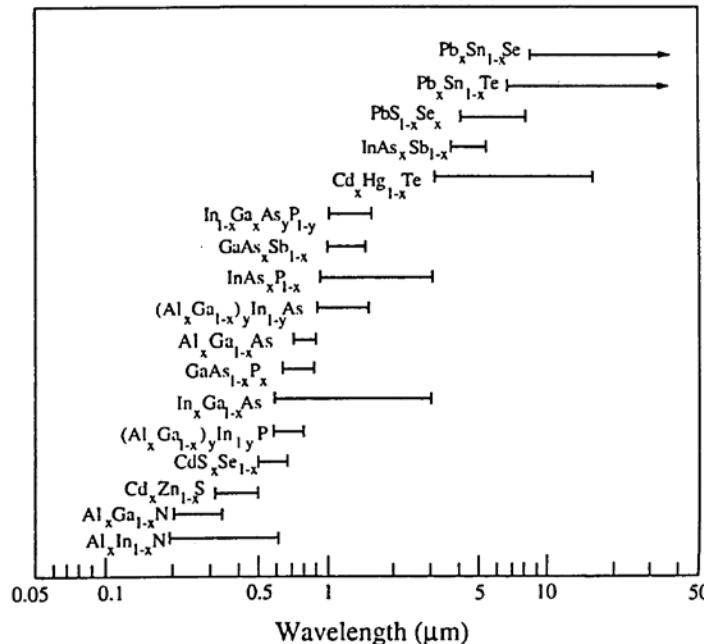


Fig. 4.10. Fermi level ( $E_{Fn}$ ) and subband level ( $E_0$ ) in (a) a double heterostructure and (b) a quantum well structure.

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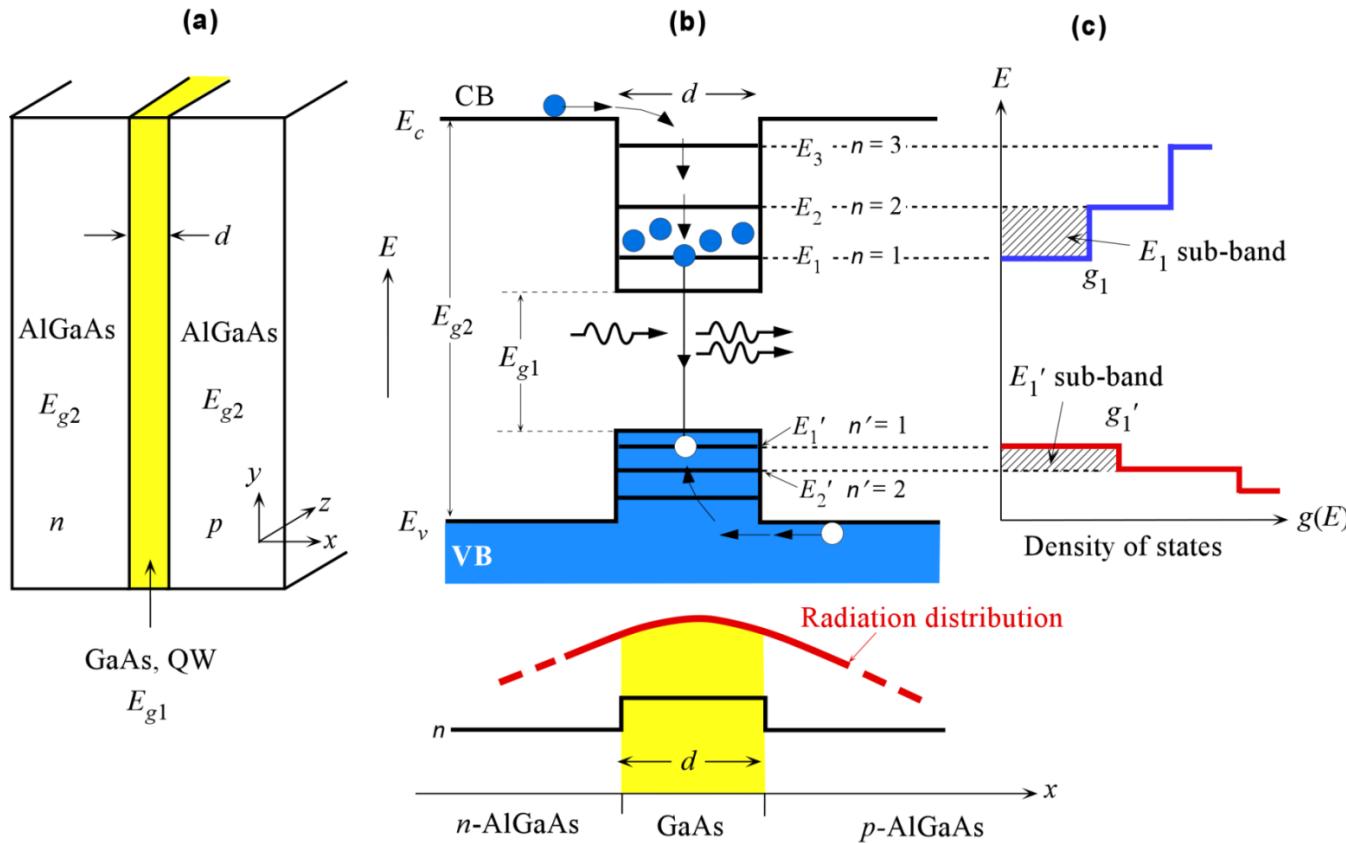
# Semiconductor Lasers



**Compound and alloy semiconductor lasers. The narrow bandgap devices require cooling for operation.**

**B. E. A. Saleh and M. C. Teich, *Fundamentals of Photonics*. New York: Wiley, 1991.**

# Semiconductor Quantum-Well Lasers

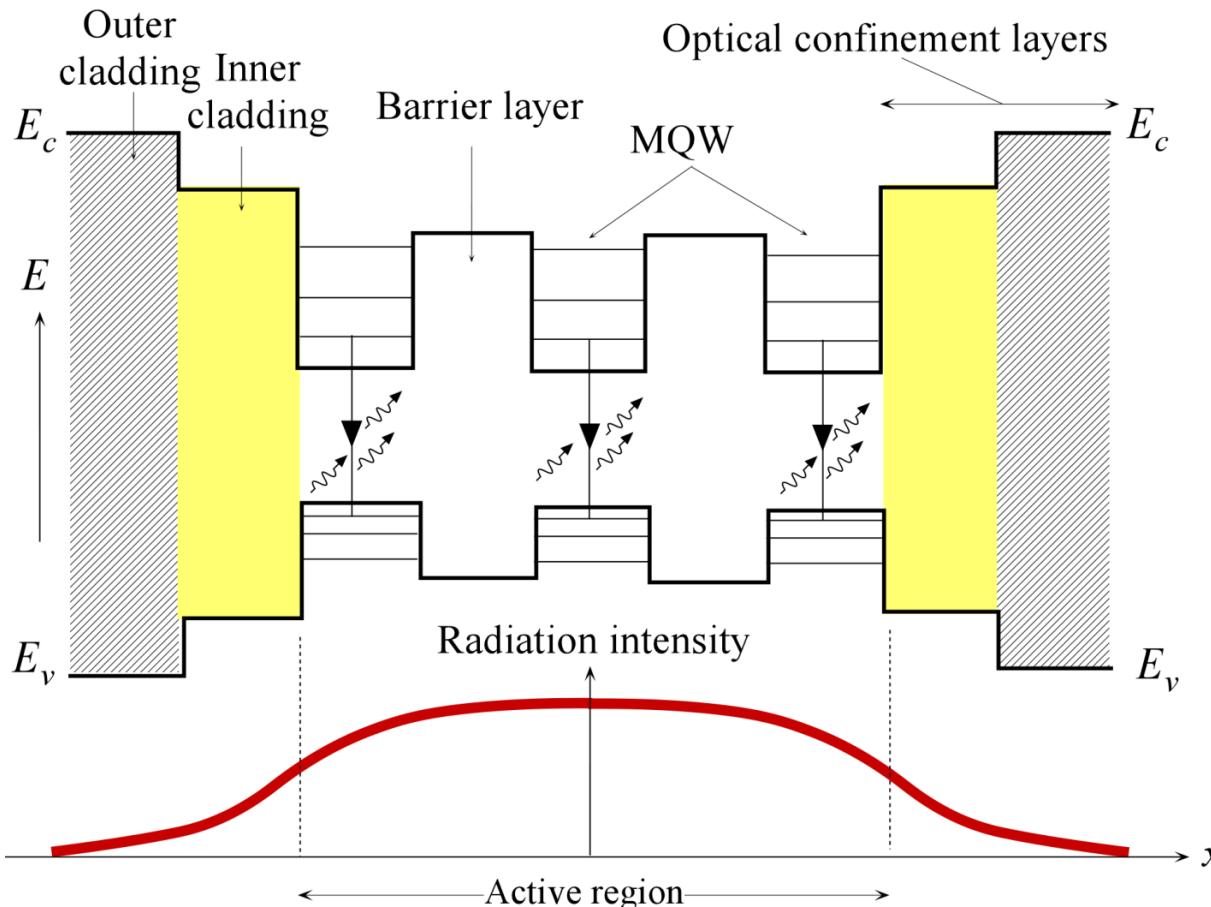


**(a)** A single quantum well (SQW) of bandgap  $E_{g1}$  sandwiched between two semiconductors of wider bandgap  $E_{g2}$ . **(b)** The electron energy levels, and stimulated emission. The electrons and holes are injected from  $n$ -AlGaAs and  $p$ -AlGaAs respectively. The refractive index variation tries to confine the radiation to GaAs but  $d$  is too thin, and most of the radiation is in the AlGaAs layers rather than within  $d$ . **(c)** The density of states  $g(E)$  is a step-like function, and is finite at  $E_1$  and  $E_{1'}$ . The  $E_1$  sub-band for electrons and  $E_{1'}$  sub-band for holes are also shown. The electrons in the  $E_1$  sub-band have kinetic energies in the  $yz$ -plane.

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# Semiconductor Quantum-Well Lasers



A simplified schematic diagram of multiple quantum well (MQW) heterostructure laser diode. Electrons are injected by the forward current into quantum wells. The light intensity distribution is also shown. Most of the light is in the active region.

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# Semiconductor Lasers



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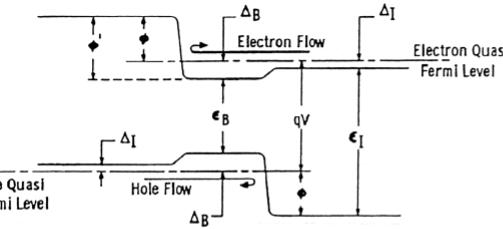
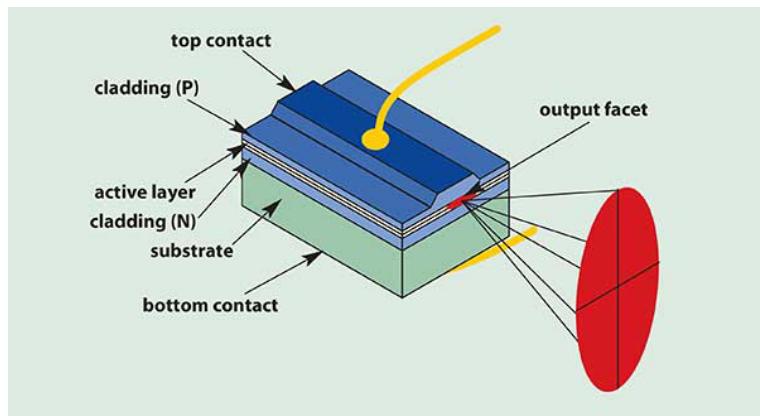


Figure 6: An energy diagram of a semiconducting heterojunction showing that electrons pass the barrier while holes are reflected, or vice versa depending upon the doping and ratios of band gaps on either side of the junction. Combining two junctions, it is possible to confine charge carriers to the region of the lower bandgap as well as photons in a double heterostructure laser. The drawing is taken from a paper by H. Kroemer, Proc. IREE 51, 1782 (1963).

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