

# Radiation

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The energy emitted by a body in the form of heat by virtue of its temp is called thermal radiation

All bodies above absolute zero of temperature emit radiant energy .

Sun is a powerful source of radiant energy .

# Properties of thermal radiation

i. EM

ii.  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

iii. IR  $8000 \text{ \AA} - 20,000 \text{ \AA}$

iv. Reflection, refraction ,  
interference, diffraction,  
polarisation.

# Absorptance, Reflectance and Transmittance

Let  $Q$  – incident radiation

$Q_1$  – qty absorbed,  $Q_2$  - reflected,  $Q_3$   
– transmitted ( $Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$ )

Absorbing power or absorptance  $a = Q/Q_1$ .

Reflecting power or Reflectance  $r = Q/Q_2$ .

Transmitting power or transmittance  $t = Q/Q_3$ .

$$a + r + t = 1, \quad \text{if } t = 0, \quad a + r = 1$$

ie. poor reflectors are good absorbers and vice versa.

# Absorptive powers

i) Dull copper – 13%

ii) Indian ink – 85%

iii) Shellac – 72%

iv) Lamp black – 98%

**Note:**  $a$ ,  $r$  and  $t$  are independent of the nature of material of the body, but depend upon the wavelength of the incident radiation and the nature of the surface.

Absorptance will be different for different wavelengths corresponding to a particular wavelength is called 'monochromatic absorptance' or 'spectral absorptive power'  $a_{\lambda}$ .

# Spectral absorptive power

For a particular  $\lambda$  is defined as the ratio of the heat energy absorbed in a certain time to the total heat energy incident upon it in the same time within a unit wavelength range around the wavelength  $\lambda$  .

ie. b/w (  $\lambda - 1/2$  ) and (  $\lambda + 1/2$  )

Fraction of energy absorbed in the wave length range  $d\lambda$  (  $\lambda - d \lambda / 2$  ) and (  $\lambda + d \lambda / 2$  ) =  $a_\lambda d\lambda$  <sup>b/w</sup>

# Emissive power 'e'

Of a body at a particular temperature is the total energy radiated per sec per unit area.



# Spectral emissive power or monochromatic emittance $e_\lambda$

Of a body for a particular  $\lambda$  is defined as the quantity of radiant energy emitted per sec per unit area of the surface within **unit wavelength range** around the wavelength  $\lambda$  .

ie. b/w (  $\lambda - 1/2$  ) and (  $\lambda + 1/2$  )

Energy radiated in the **wave length range  $d\lambda$**  (  $\lambda - d \lambda / 2$  ) and (  $\lambda + d \lambda / 2$  ) =  $e_\lambda d\lambda$

Radiant emittance or emissive power 'e'

Radiant emittance  $e$  is the total energy emitted by a body /sec / unit area for all possible wavelengths ranging from 0 to infinity .

$$e = \int e_{\lambda} d\lambda \quad \text{limit 0 to infinity}$$

# Emissivity $\epsilon$

Is the ratio of the emissive power of a body to the emissive power of a black body at the same temp.

$$\text{Emissivity } \epsilon = e/E$$

$$\text{Emissive power } e = \epsilon E$$

# Intensity of the radiation

Is defined as the amount of heat energy falling /sec/ unit area held at right angles to the radiation .

$I \propto 1/r^2$ . inverse square law.

Intensity also depends on the strength of the source.

# Spectral intensity $I_\lambda$

Is defined as the amount of heat energy incident /sec/ unit area held at right angles to the radiation in a unit wave length range around  $\lambda$ .

# Black body

Not possible in practice. A perfectly black body is one which absorbs completely the radiations of all wavelengths falling on it hence appears black. (  $r = t = 0$  ,  $a = 1$  )

Lamb black or platinum black are approximate – absorb nearly 98%.

Fery Black body - double walled hollow sphere having a small opening and a conical projection opposite to the opening. On heating opening act as black body emitting black body radiation .

# Black body ( full or total ) radiation

Radiation emitted by a perfectly black body, when it is heated to a suitably high temperature is called black body radiation. (contains all possible wavelengths).



# Prevost's theory of Heat exchange

- i. All bodies above  $0\text{K}$  emit heat to the surroundings and gain heat from the surroundings at all times.
- ii. The amount of radiation emitted increases with temperature.
- iii. Rate of emission depends on the temperature of body and nature of surface.

# Prevost's theory of Heat exchange

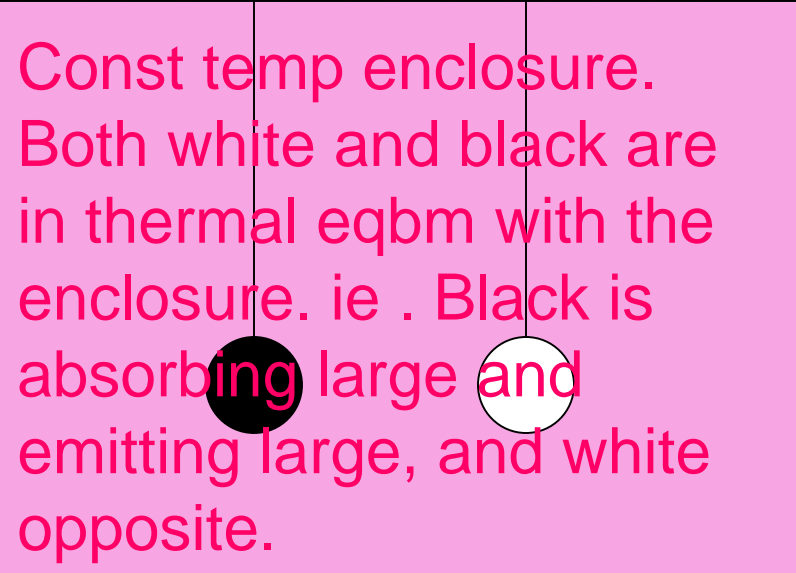
- iv. Rate of emission is not affected by the surroundings.
- v. Continuous exchange of heat b/w body and surroundings.
- vi. Fall or rise in temperature of a body is the net result of exchange of heat between the body and the surroundings.

A body is in thermal equilibrium with its surroundings. Is it static or dynamic equilibrium . Defend.

Dynamic.

Continuous exchange of heat is going on.

Good absorbers are  
Good emitters Poor  
absorbers Poor  
emitters Good.



Const temp enclosure.  
Both white and black are  
in thermal eqbm with the  
enclosure. ie . Black is  
absorbing large and  
emitting large, and white  
opposite.

The diagram shows a pink rectangular enclosure. Inside, a black sphere and a white sphere are suspended by thin vertical lines. The text explains that both spheres are in thermal equilibrium with the enclosure. The black sphere absorbs and emits radiation at a large rate, while the white sphere does the opposite.

Prevost's theory –  
dynamic eqbm

# Kirchhoff's Law

At any given temperature , the ratio of the emissive power to the absorptive power corresponding to a certain wavelength is constant for all bodies and this constant is equal to the emissive power of a perfectly black body at the same temperature and corresponding to the same wavelength.

# Kirchhoff's Law - Proof

Consider a uniformly heated enclosure maintained at temp  $T$ .  
 $a_\lambda$  - absorptive power

$dQ$  - amount of heat having wavelength b/w  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda+d\lambda$  incident on a **unit surface area /s.**

Energy absorbed =  $a_\lambda dQ$

Energy reflected or transmitted

$$= dQ - a_\lambda dQ = dQ (1 - a_\lambda)$$

Energy emitted /s in the wavelength range  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda + d\lambda$  = emissive power  $e_\lambda d\lambda$

Total energy coming from the body /sec/unit area ( $\lambda$  and  $\lambda + d\lambda$ ) =  $dQ (1 - a_\lambda) + e_\lambda d\lambda$

Body and enclosure are in thermal eqbm.  
ie. heat coming from body = heat incident.

$$dQ (1 - a_\lambda) + e_\lambda d\lambda = dQ$$

$$e_\lambda d\lambda = a_\lambda dQ \quad (\text{general eqn})$$

$$\text{For black body } E_\lambda d\lambda = dQ \quad (a_\lambda = 1)$$

$$\text{Ratio gives } e_\lambda / E_\lambda = a_\lambda$$

$$e_\lambda / a_\lambda = E_\lambda \quad \text{Kirchhoff's law.}$$

# Kirchhoff's Law - Applications

**Central photosphere emits continuous. Comparatively cooler chromosphere contains**  
i) Red glass appears red at room temperature as it absorbs green light strongly. If it is heated in a furnace glows with green light.

ii)  $H_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $Ca$ ,  $Na$  etc in Fraunhofer lines in solar spectrum.

**gaseous form absorb some wavelength.**  
iii) Silvered surface of thermos do not absorb as well as radiate much.

iv) Piece of china with dark painting on it, if heated to 1300K and examine in dark room, dark paintings appear much brighter than white portion.



## Stefan's law of black body radiation

‘The total amount of heat energy radiated per second per unit area of a perfect black body is directly proportional to the fourth power of the absolute temperature of the surface of the body . ‘

$$E \propto T^4. \quad E = \sigma T^4.$$

$$‘\sigma’ = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{Wm}^{-2}\text{K}^{-4}. \quad -$$

Stefan's constant .

Note :

- Stefan derived experimentally in 1879 and Boltzmann gave a theoretical proof based on thermodynamical considerations. Hence its also known as Stefan – Boltzmann law.
- Not a law of cooling . Tells only about the amount of heat radiated by the body by virtue of its temperature, irrespective of what it gains.
- Applicable for whole range of wavelength.

# Newton's law of cooling

The rate of loss of heat is proportional to the difference of temperature between the body and surroundings.

A BB at abs temp  $T$  surrounded by another at  $T_0$ .

Inner body's emission is received by outer and vice versa.

Net loss of energy / unit area /sec =  $E = \sigma(T^4 - T_0^4)$

$$= \sigma(T^2 - T_0^2)(T^2 + T_0^2)$$

$$= \sigma(T - T_0)(T + T_0)(T^2 + T_0^2)$$

$$= 4\sigma T_0^3(T - T_0)$$

( taking  $T \approx T_0$  . ) if  $A$  is total area ,

Total rate of loss =  $4Ae\sigma T_0^3(T - T_0)$

$e$ - emissivity of the body

**ie. rate of loss  $\propto (T - T_0)$**



Explain the statement :

Stefan's constant is

$$5.674 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}^4.$$

Calculate energy radiated /min from the filament of an incandescent lamp at 3000K, if the surface area is  $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$  and its emissivity is 0.425.

$$E = \epsilon \sigma A T^4.$$
$$= 11712 \text{ J/min}$$

If the temp of a black body is increased from 300K to 1200K, by what factor will the rate of emission increase?

$$E = \sigma T^4.$$

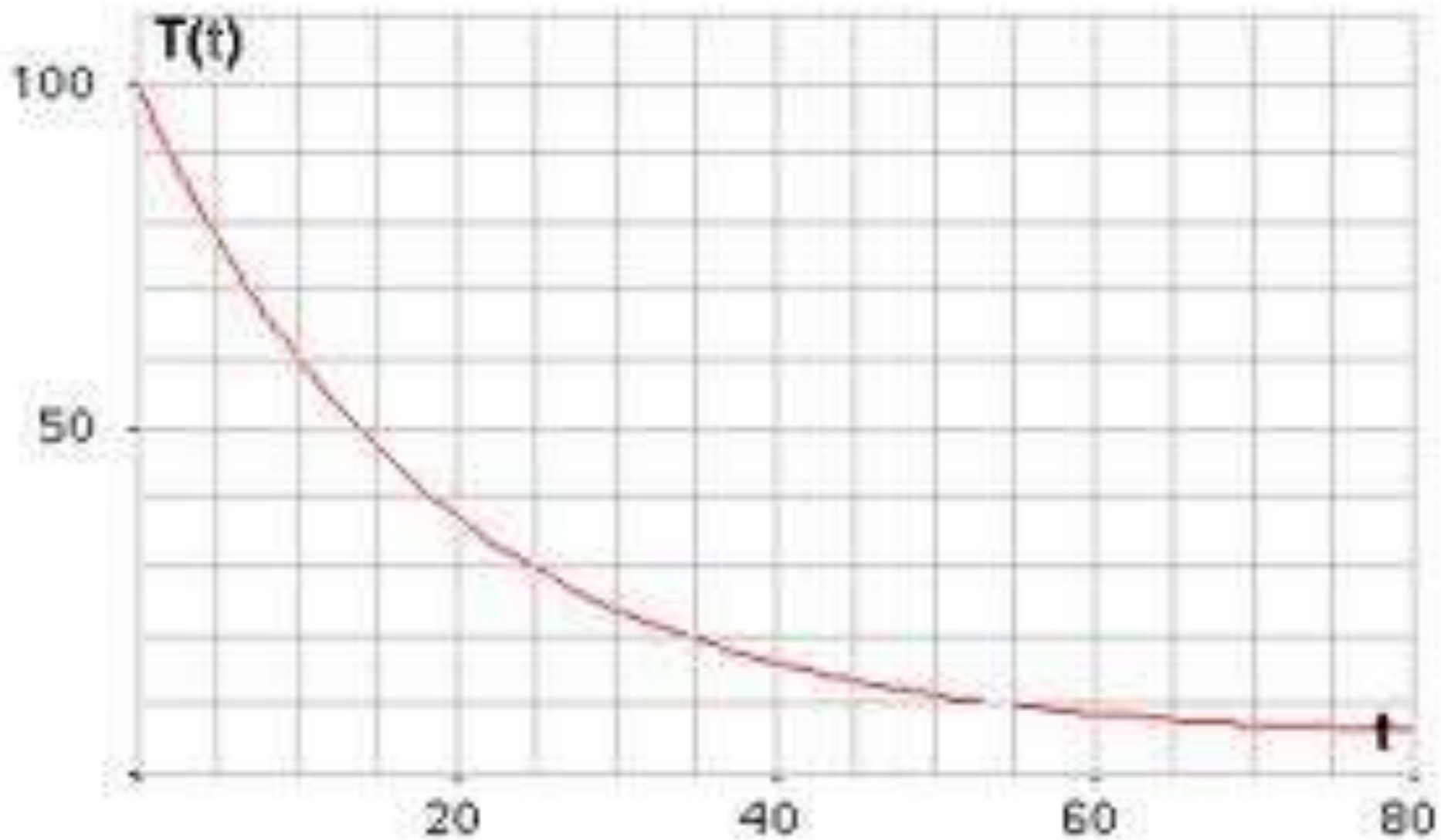


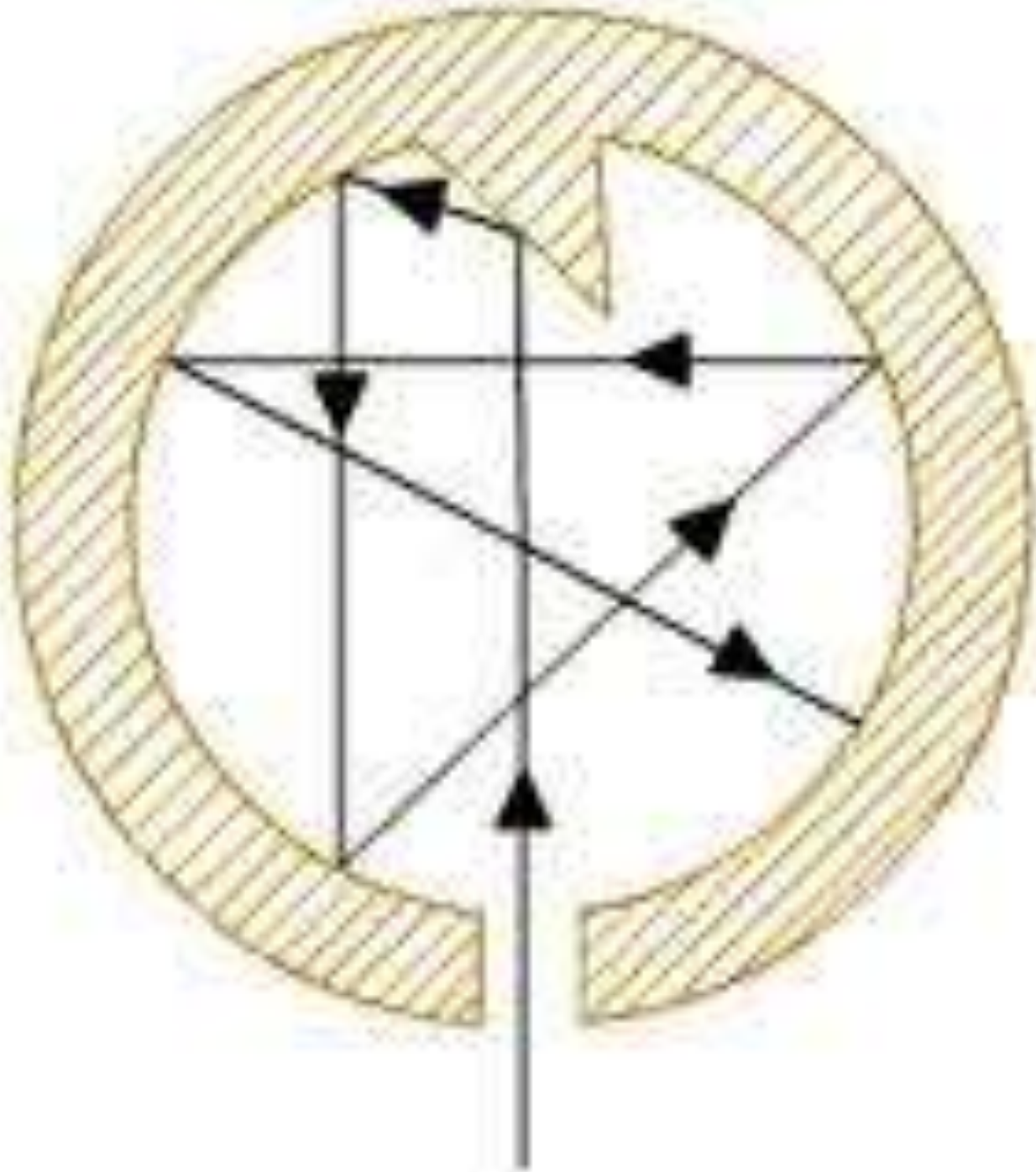
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dimension of  
Stefan's  
constant?

What is  
emissivity of a  
BB?

One

# Cooling curve







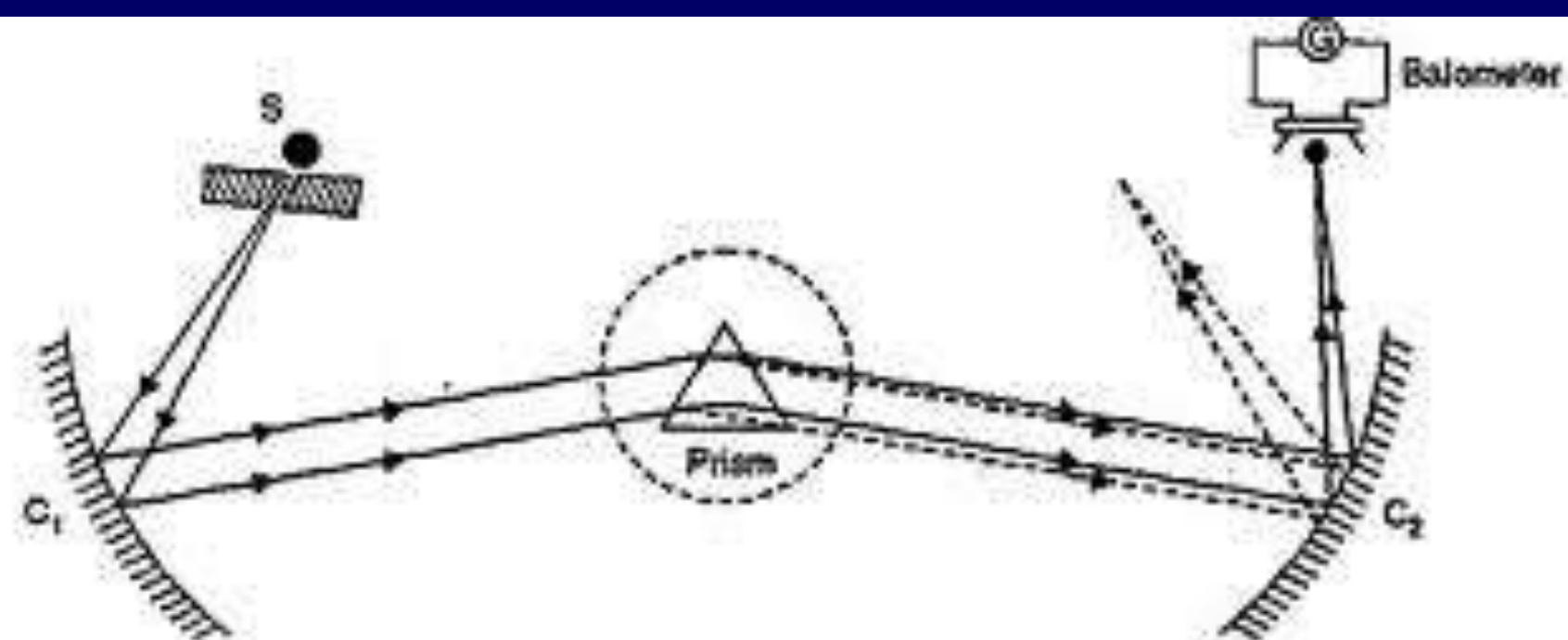
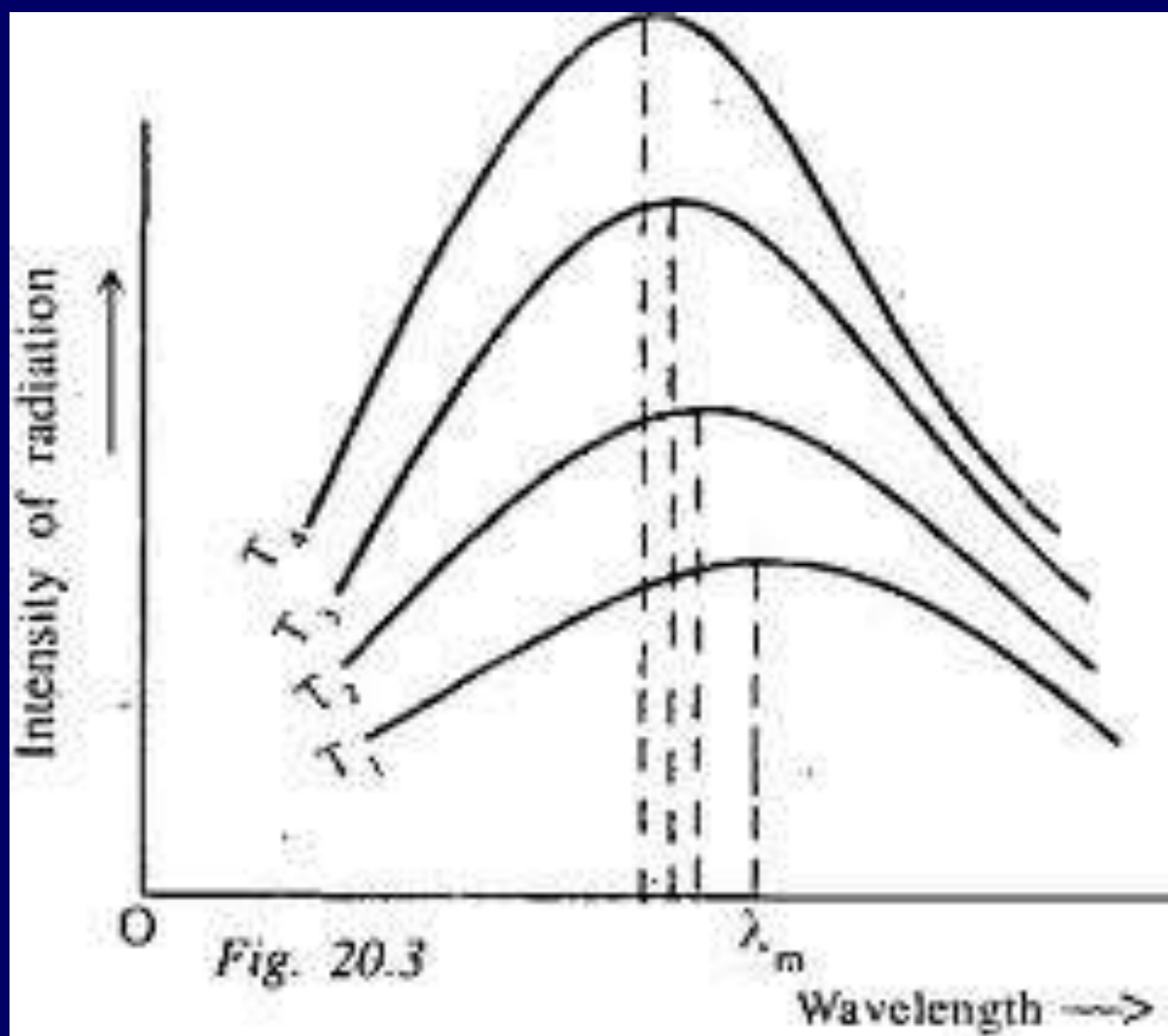
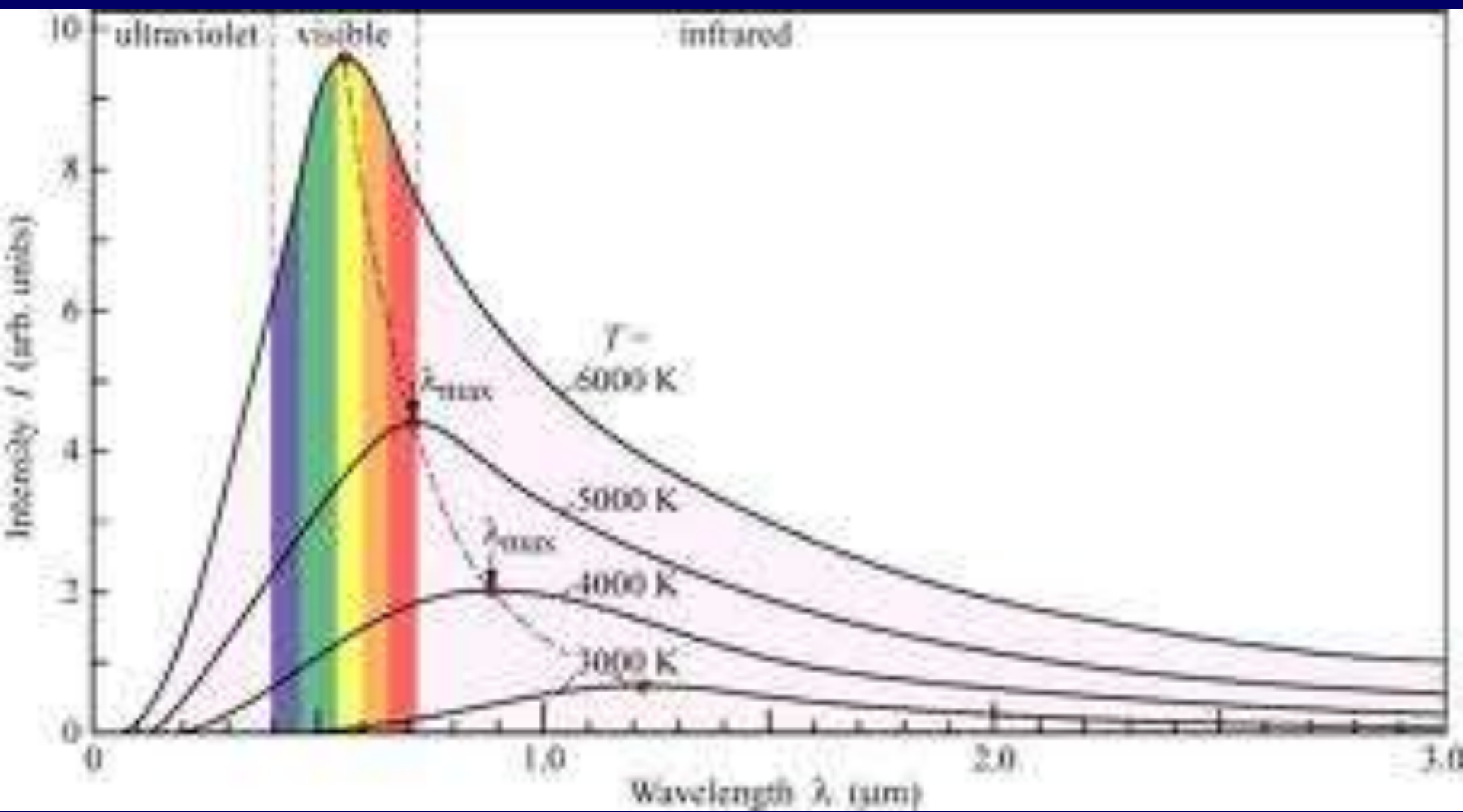
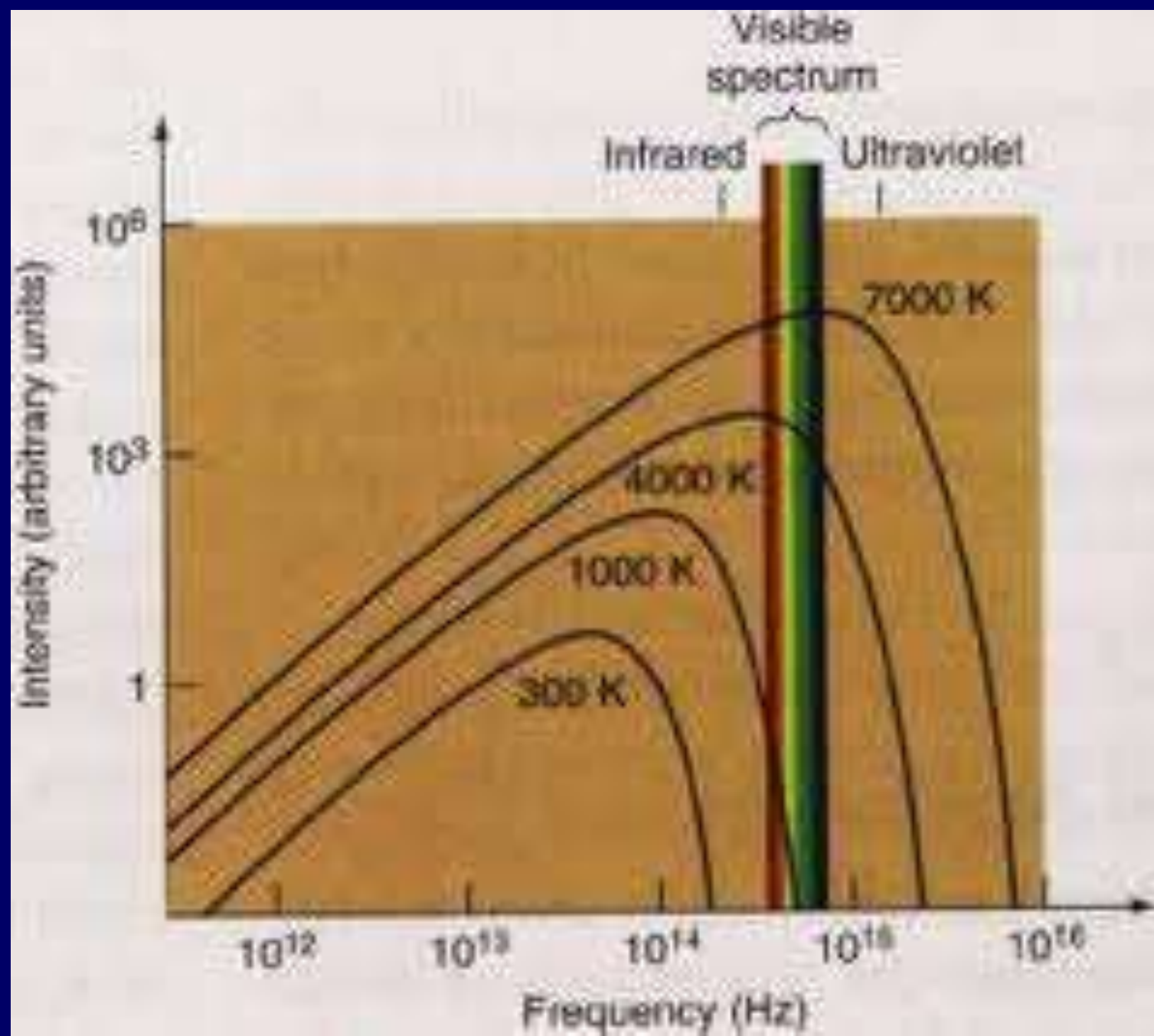


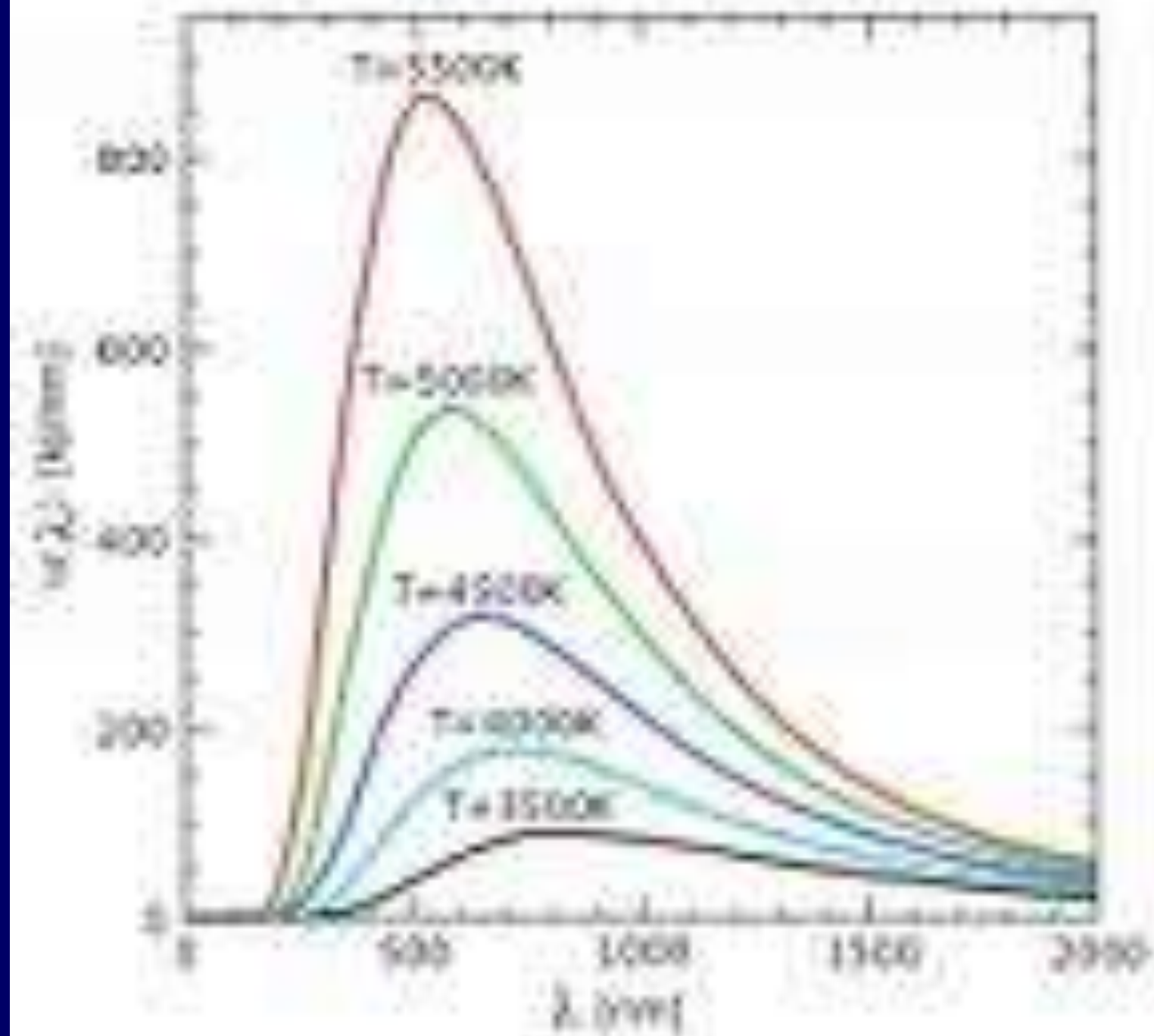
Fig. 27.5. Experimental arrangement for studying the distribution of energy in the spectrum of black body

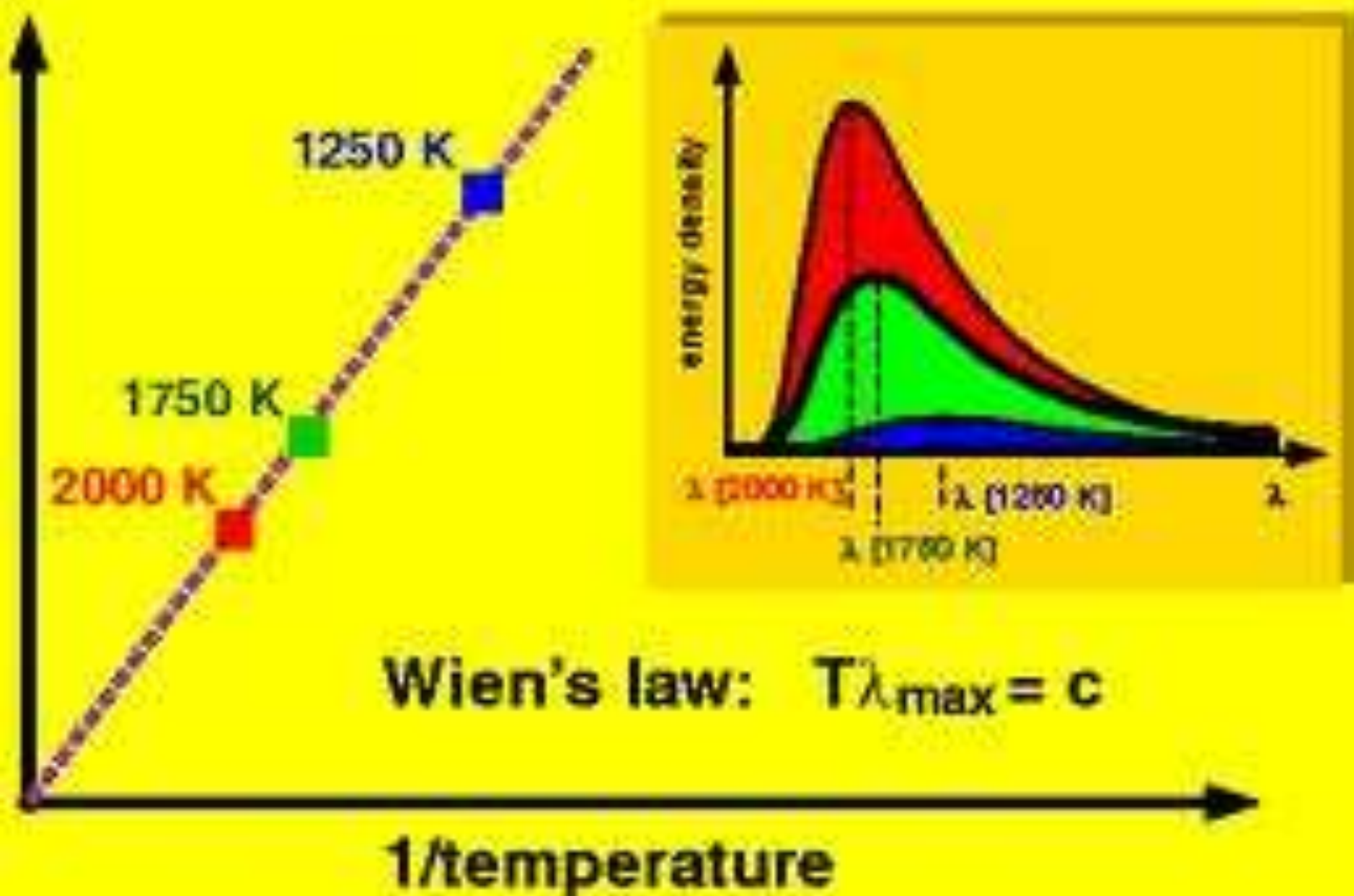












# Distribution of energy in Black body radiation - Salient points.

- i) Energy distribution is not uniform . Energy initially increases with wavelength , becomes max corresponding to  $\lambda_{\max}$  and then begins to decrease.
- ii) Most of energy is associated with intermediate wavelength.

iii) Corresponding to each wavelength, there is an increase in energy emission with increase in temperature.

iv) The area under each curve represents total energy  $\int e_{\lambda} d\lambda$  limit 0 to  $\lambda$ . Area increases with increase in temperature and is directly proportional to fourth power of temperature. ( Stefan's law )

vi. With increase in temperature of BB, the maxima of the curves shift towards shorter wavelengths. **ie.  $\lambda_{\max} \propto 1/T$ .**

**Wein's law** - Product of max wavelength corresponding to maximum radiant energy and the corresponding absolute T is a constant.

$$\lambda_m T = b, \text{ constant.}$$

**b** - Wein's constant =  $2.88 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK}$

Eg: when a body is heated more and more , colour changes from red to yellow.

Stars with low surface temperature appear red and higher surface temperature appear yellow and extremely high surface temperature appear blue.

Importance of Wein's displacement law.

Can be used to determine temperature of heavenly bodies like sun, stars, moon etc.



For sun  $\lambda_{\max} \approx 4753 \text{ \AA}$ ,

$$T_{\text{sun}} = 6076 \text{ K}$$

For moon  $\lambda_{\max} \approx 14 \text{ micron}$ .

$$T_{\text{moon}} = 206.3 \text{ K}$$

Sketch typical black body radiation curves for temperature  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , where  $T_1 > T_2$ .

Which is hotter – a  
red star or a green  
star ?

Green

In a coal oven , the cavities in the burning coal pieces look brighter than the surface of the coal.  
Explain.

Cavity behaves like a black body

‘Black body radiations are white’ . comment.

White radiation is one which includes **all wavelengths**. BB emits continuous spectrum having all wavelengths.

Describe an experiment to show that good emitters are good absorbers.

A body with a large reflectivity is a poor emitter . Why ?

Poor absorber ,  
hence.

Why does a BB appear brighter than the polished surface, when both are heated to the same temperature ?

BB emits more.



Why does a piece of red glass when heated and taken out glow with green light ?

At low temp, red glass absorbs green colour strongly.

At high temp, emits green strongly .

Heat is generated continuously in an electric heater but its temperature becomes constant after some time .why ?

Stage is reached , when the rate at which heat is generated by electric current becomes equal to the rate at which heat is lost by radiation .( thermal eqbm)

A sphere , a cube and a thin circular plate, all made of the same material and having the same mass are initially heated to a temp of  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  . Which of these objects will cool fastest and which one slowest when left in air at room temp. ? GR

Thin circular plate has largest surface area.

Sphere has smallest surface area.

Animals curl into a ball when they are very cool. Why ?

To minimise  
surface area and  
radiation loss .

What is perfect white  
and perfect black  
body ?

A hot body radiates hot radiations? Do cold bodies radiate cold radiations?