Quiz 1 Blue Books will be returned to Student Affairs office (Ground Floor, Urey Hall Extension) this Wednesday by 10am (usually you can pick it up Tuesday 2pm)

Regrade Requests must get to TA within 7 days Frivolous regrade requests will lead to loss of points

Quiz 2 is This Friday

Quiz 2 will emphasize Sections 1.6-1.10 (inclusive) [But you will need to know concepts from earlier sections]



Physics 2D Lecture Slides Lecture 9: Jan 21st 2004

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Ch 2 : Quantum Theory Of Light

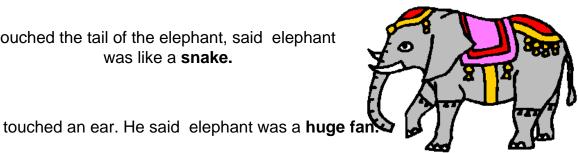
- What is the nature of light?
 - When it propagates ?
 - When it interacts with Matter?
- What is Nature of Matter?
 - When it interacts with light ?
 - As it propagates ?
- **Revolution in Scientific Thought**
 - Like a firestorm of new ideas (every body goes nuts!..not like Evolution)
 - Old concepts violently demolished, new ideas born - Interplay of experimental findings & scientific reason
- One such revolution happened at the turn of 20th Century
 - Led to the birth of Quantum Theory & Modern Physics

Blindmen & an Elephant

touched the trunk of the elephant, said elephant was like a branch of a tree.



touched the tail of the elephant, said elephant was like a snake.





felt a leg of the elephant., elephant was like a **pillar**.

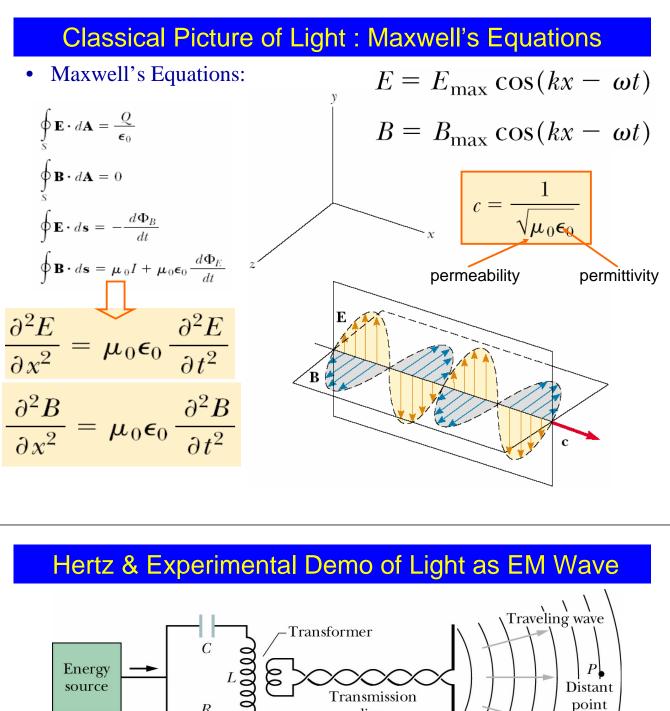


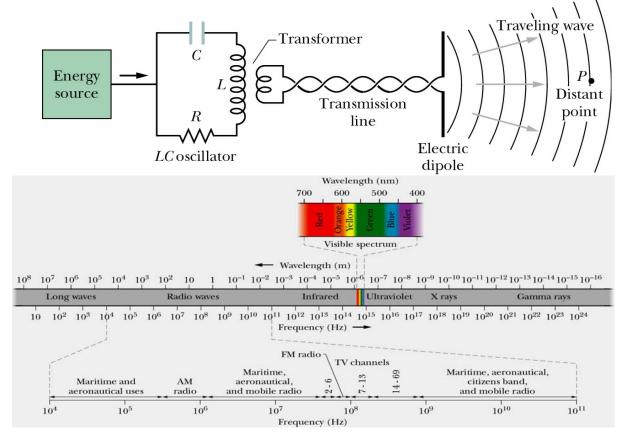
touched the side of the elephant, said the elephant was like a wall



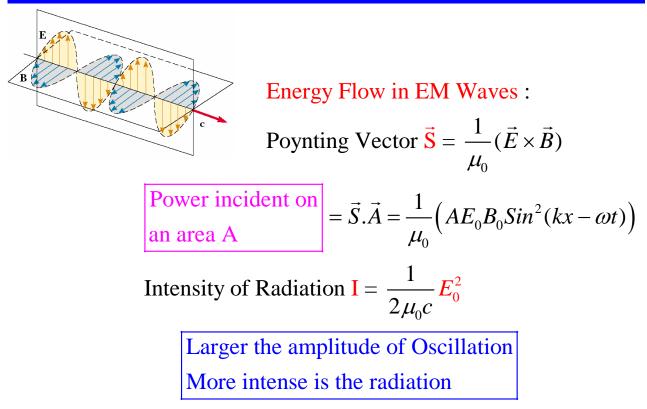
The Physicist: Gentlemen, all five of you have touched only one part of the Elephant.....elephant is all of above

LIKEWISE WITH LIGHT !





Properties of EM Waves: Maxwell's Equations

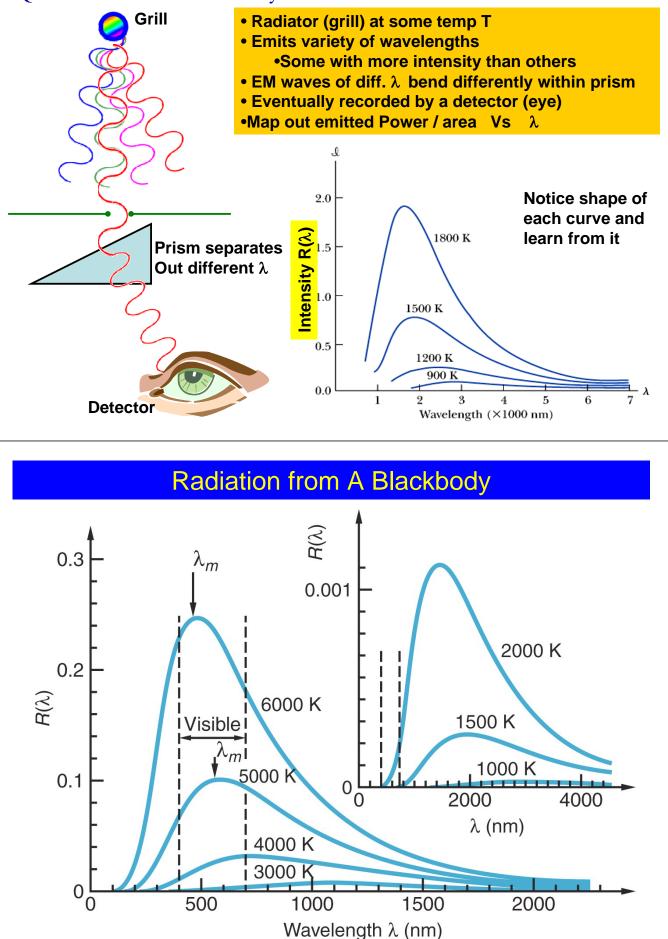


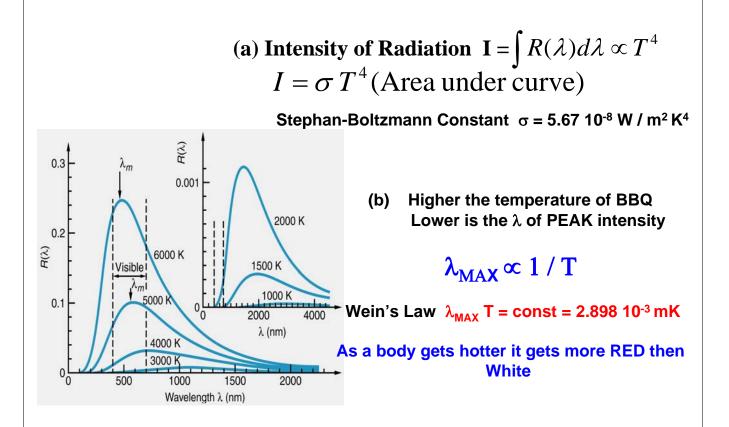
Disasters in Classical Physics (1899-1922)

- Disaster → Experimental observation that could not be explained by Classical theory (Phys 2A, 2B, 2C)
 - Disaster # 1 : Nature of Blackbody Radiation from your BBQ grill
 - Disaster # 2: Photo Electric Effect
 - Disaster # 3: Scattering light off electrons (Compton Effect)
- Resolution of Experimental Observation will require radical changes in how we think about nature
 - \rightarrow QUANTUM MECHANICS
 - The Art of Conversation with Subatomic Particles

Nature of Radiation: An Expt with BBQ Grill

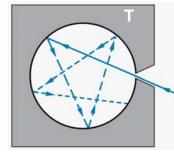
Question : Distribution of Intensity of EM radiation Vs T & λ





Reason for different shape of $R(\lambda)$ Vs λ for different temperature? Can one explain in on basis of Classical Physics (2A,2B,2C) ??

Blackbody Radiator: An Idealization



Classical Analysis:

- Box is filled with EM standing waves
- Radiation reflected back-and-forth between walls
- Radiation in thermal equilibrium with walls of Box

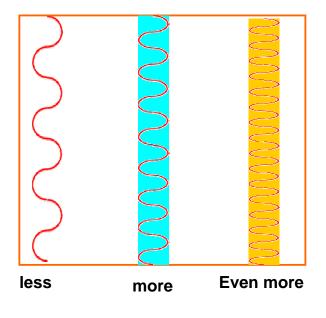
• How may waves of wavelength λ can fit inside the box ?

Blackbody Absorbs everything Reflects nothing All light entering opening gets absorbed (ultimately) by the cavity wall

Cavity in equilibrium T w.r.t. surrounding. So it radiates everything It absorbs

Emerging radiation is a sample of radiation inside box at temp T

Predict nature of radiation inside Box ?



The Beginning of The End ! How BBQ Broke Physics

Classical Calculation

of standing waves between Wavelengths λ and λ +d λ are

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$$\lambda$$
)d $\lambda = \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} \bullet d\lambda$; V = Volume of box = L³

Each standing wave contributes energy E = kT to radiation in Box

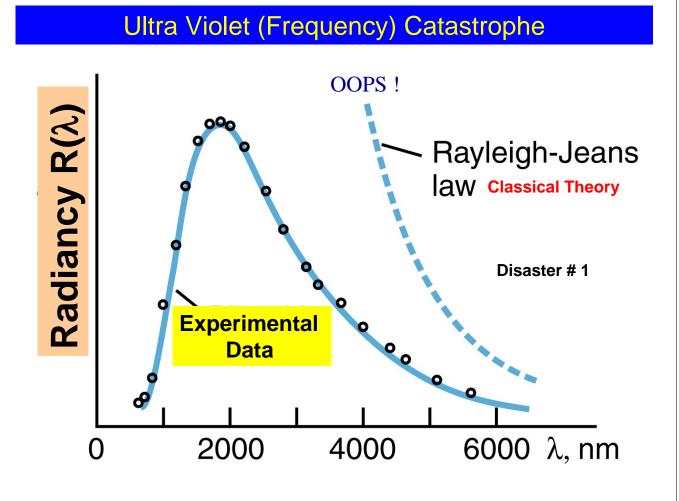
Energy density $u(\lambda) = [\# \text{ of standing waves/volume}] \times \text{ Energy/Standing Wave}$

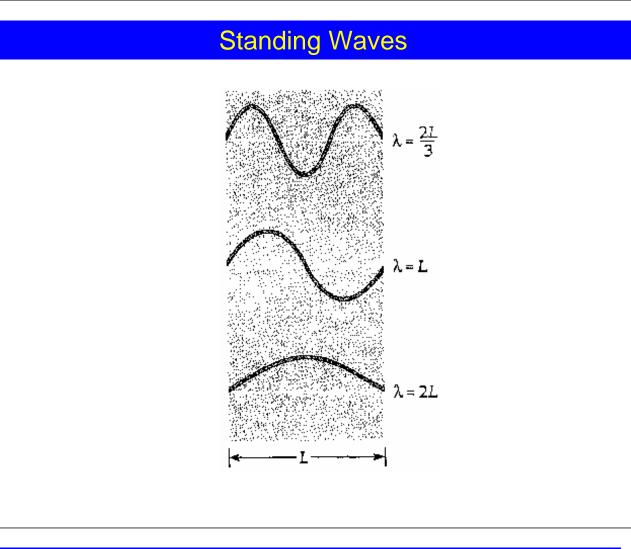
$$= \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} \times \frac{1}{V} \times kT = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT$$

Radiancy $R(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4}u(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4}\frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda^4} kT$

Radiancy is Radiation intensity per unit λ interval: Lets plot it

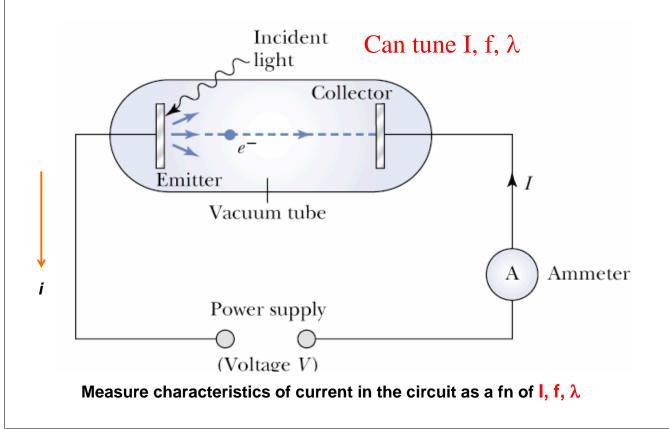
Prediction : as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (high frequency) $\Rightarrow R(\lambda) \rightarrow Infinity ! Oops !$





Disaster # 2 : Photo-Electric Effect

Light of intensity I, wavelength λ and frequency ν incident on a photo-cathode

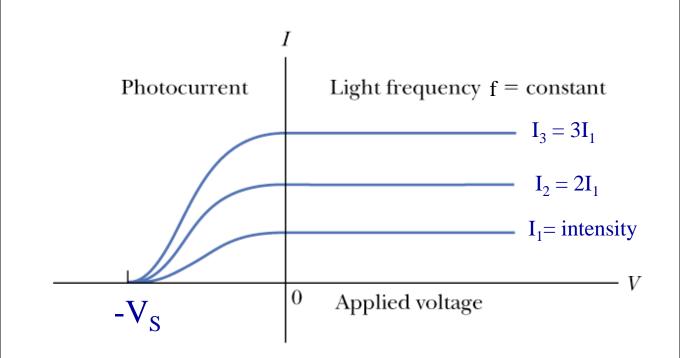


- Rate of electron emission from cathode
 - From current i seen in ammeter
- Maximum kinetic energy of emitted electron
 - By applying retarding potential on electron moving towards Collector plate

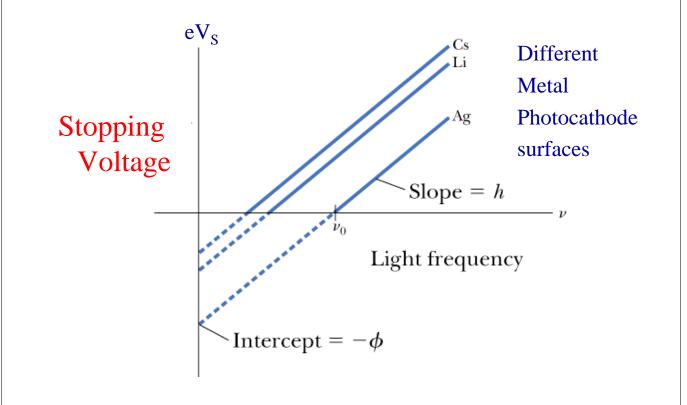
» K_{MAX} = eV_S (V_S = Stopping voltage) » Stopping voltage → no current flows

- Effect of different types of photo-cathode metal
- Time between shining light and first sign of photocurrent in the circuit

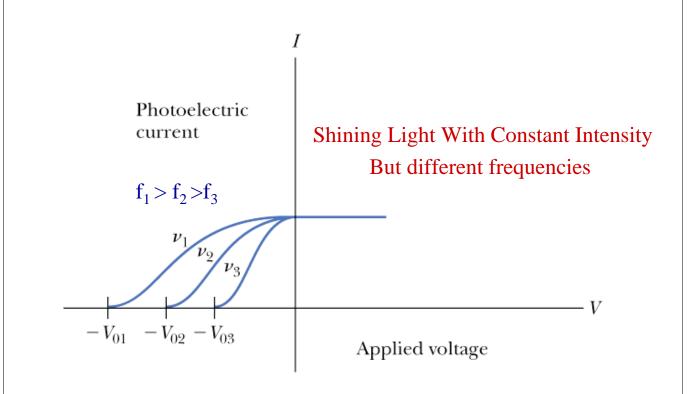
Observations : Current Vs Frequency of Incident Light



Stopping Voltage V_s Vs Incident Light Frequency



Retarding Potential Vs Light Frequency



Conclusions from the Experimental Observation

- Max Kinetic energy K_{MAX} independent of Intensity I for light of same frequency
- No photoelectric effect occurs if light frequency f is below a threshold no matter how high the intensity of light
- For a particular metal, light with f > f₀ causes photoelectric effect IRRESPECTIVE of light intensity.
 – f₀ is characteristic of that metal
- Photoelectric effect is instantaneous !...not time delay

Can one Explain all this Classically !

Classical Explanation of Photo Electric Effect

- As light Intensity increased $\Rightarrow \vec{E}$ field amplitude larger
 - E field and electrical force seen by the "charged subatomic oscillators" Larger

• $\vec{F} = e\vec{E}$

- More force acting on the subatomic charged oscillator
- \Rightarrow More energy transferred to it
- ⇒ Charged particle "hooked to the atom" should leave the surface with more Kinetic Energy KE !! The intensity of light shining rules !
- As long as light is <u>intense enough</u>, light of ANY frequency f should cause photoelectric effect
- Because the Energy in a Wave is uniformly distributed over the Spherical wavefront incident on cathode, thould be a noticeable time lag ΔT between time is incident & the time a photo-electron is ejected : Energy absorption time
 - How much time ? Lets calculate it classically.

Classical Physics: Time Lag in Photo-Electric Effect

- Electron absorbs energy incident on a surface area where the electron is confined ≅ size of atom in cathode metal
- Electron is "bound" by attractive Coulomb force in the atom, so it must absorb a minimum amount of radiation before its stripped off
- Example : Laser light Intensity $I = 120W/m^2$ on Na metal
 - Binding energy = 2.3 eV= "Work Function"
 - Electron confined in Na atom, size $\cong 0.1$ nm ... how long before ejection ?
 - Average Power Delivered P_{AV} = I . A, $A = \pi r^2 \cong 3.1 \ x \ 10^{-20} \ m^2$
 - If all energy absorbed then $\Delta E = P_{AV}$. $\Delta T \implies \Delta T = \Delta E / P_{AV}$

$$\Delta T = \frac{(2.3eV)(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \, J/eV)}{(120W/m^2)(3.1 \times 10^{-20} \, m^2)} = 0.10 \, S$$

- Classical Physics predicts Measurable delay even by the primitive clocks of 1900

- But in experiment, the effect was observed to be instantaneous !!
- Classical Physics fails in explaining all results & goes to DOGHOUSE !