

Lecture 15

Bose gases 1

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Quantum Gases (Module IV)

Bose statistics of photons

Module IV: Quantum gases

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Quantum gas

Consider a system of $N = \sum_j n_j$ free quantum particles with number n_j of particles in each *quantum* state ϵ_j

Fermions: $n_j = 0, 1$

Bosons: $n_j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Canonical partition function:

Conditioned sum weighted by the Boltzmann factor over all microstates with $\{n_j\}$ partition of particles between the energy levels $\{\epsilon_j\}$, such that energy and number of particles in that microstate are

$$E_N = \sum_j n_j \epsilon_j, \quad N = \sum_j n_j$$

$$Z_N = \sum_{\{n_j\}} e^{-\beta E_N} = \sum_{\{n_j\}} e^{-\beta \sum_j \epsilon_j n_j}, \text{ with } \sum_j n_j = N \text{ (fixed)}$$

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Grand-canonical partition function:

Unconditioned sum weighted by the Gibbs factor over all microstates with $\{n_j\}$ partition of particles between the energy levels $\{\epsilon_j\}$,

$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\{n_j\}} e^{-\beta \sum_j (\epsilon_j - \mu) n_j}$$

$$\Xi = \sum_{\{n_j\}} e^{-\beta \sum_j (\epsilon_j - \mu) n_j} = \prod_j \sum_{n_j} e^{-\beta (\epsilon_j - \mu) n_j}$$

Quantum gas: Thermodynamic properties

Grand-canonical partition function:

$$\Xi = \prod_j \left(\frac{1}{1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)}} \right)^{\mp 1} \quad , \quad \begin{cases} \text{top sign: fermions} \\ \text{bottom sign: bosons} \end{cases}$$

Landau free energy:

$$\Omega(T, V, \mu) = -PV = -kT \log \Xi$$

$$\Omega = \mp kT \sum_j \log \left[1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)} \right]$$

$\sum_j \equiv$ sum over all quantum states

Quantum gas: Thermodynamic properties

Pressure:

$$PV = \pm kT \sum_j \log \left(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)} \right)$$

Average number of particles:

$$\langle N \rangle = \sum_j \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)} \pm 1}$$

Average energy:

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_j \frac{\epsilon_j}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)} \pm 1}$$

Quantum Gas: Density of states

Replace the sum over quantum states by an integral over energy weighted by the density of states as a function of energy:

$$\sum_j \equiv \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon)$$

Quantum density of states

Lets take for example the average number of particles

$$\begin{aligned}\langle N \rangle &= \sum_j \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)} \pm 1} \\ &= \int d\epsilon \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} \pm 1} \sum_j \delta(\epsilon_j - \epsilon) \\ &= \int d\epsilon \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} \pm 1} D(\epsilon)\end{aligned}$$

Density of states: the number of allowed quantum states per unit energy for a particle at a given energy ϵ :

$$D(\epsilon) \equiv \sum_j \delta(\epsilon_j - \epsilon)$$

Density of states: Thermodynamics of quantum gases

$$\sum_j \equiv \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon)$$

Pressure:

$$PV = \pm kT \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \log(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)})$$

Average number of particles:

$$\langle N \rangle = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log \Xi = \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} \pm 1} = \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \langle n \rangle_\epsilon$$

Average energy:

$$\langle E \rangle = \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \frac{\epsilon}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} \pm 1} = \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \langle n \rangle_\epsilon \epsilon$$

Photons:

Light: traveling electromagnetic (EM) waves

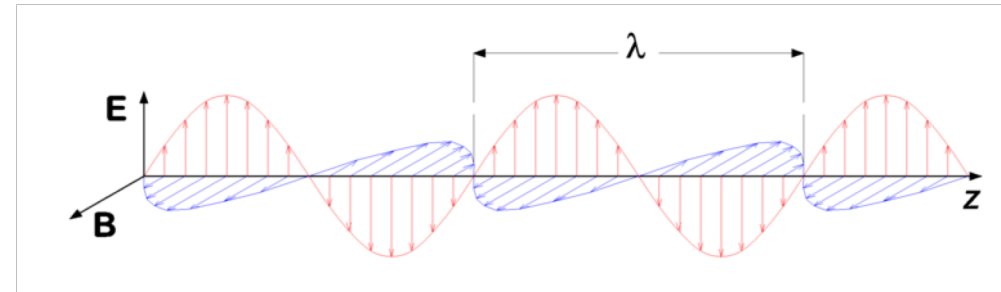
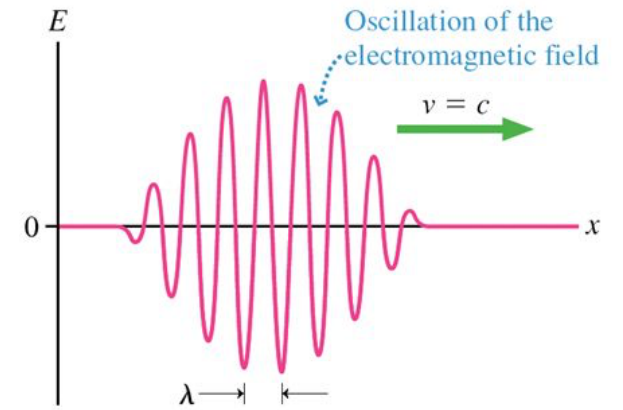
- EM modes are described by

➤ wavevector \vec{k} , which is restricted to discrete values $\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}$

➤ frequency of an EM mode is $\omega = c|\vec{k}| = ck$

- EM mode has two transverse modes

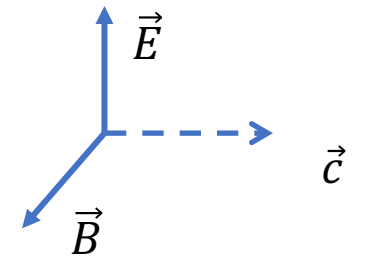
$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0, \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$



Photons: quanta of light

- Each EM mode is populated by photons, each with a quanta of energy:

$$\epsilon = \hbar kc = \hbar \omega$$



Equilibrium state of a photon gas:

EM modes in an L^3 periodic box

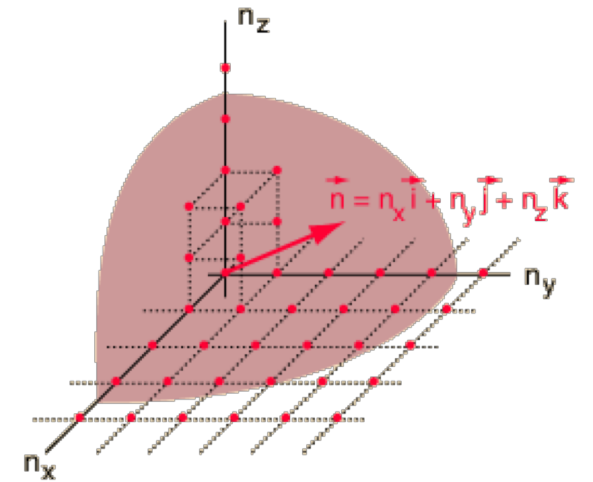
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Number of photons $n_{\vec{k}}$ occupying EM mode with wavevector $\vec{k} \equiv$ quantum state of the electromagnetic field (quantum state is represented by a state vector \vec{n} or wavevector \vec{k})



Photon gas: uncountable, $\mu \equiv 0$

Grand-canonical partition function:

$$\Xi = \prod_j \sum_{n_j} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - \mu)n_j} \rightarrow \Xi = \prod_{\vec{n}} \sum_{n_k} e^{-\beta\epsilon_k n_k}$$

Grand-canonical partition function at a given wavenumber k :

$$\Xi(k) = \sum_{n_k=0}^{\infty} e^{-n_k \beta \hbar c k} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar c k}}$$

$$\Xi = \prod_{\vec{n}} \Xi(k) = \prod_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar c k}}$$

Photon gas: $\mu = 0$

Grand-canonical partition function

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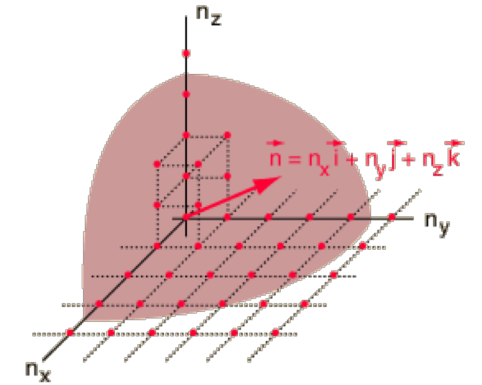
Landau potential:

$$\Omega(T, V) = -kT \sum_{\vec{n}} \log \Xi(k) = kT \sum_{\vec{n}} \log(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar c k})$$

Photon Density of states

$\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}$ is the quantization of the wavevector with the size of the box

\vec{n} is a state vector.



$$\sum_{\vec{n}} = \sum_{n_x} \sum_{n_y} \sum_{n_z} \approx 2 \int d\vec{n} = \int dn D_n(n), \quad D_n(n) = 2 \times 4\pi n^2$$

$$\sum_{\vec{n}} = 2 \frac{L^3}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\vec{k} = \int dk D(k), \quad D(k) = \frac{V}{\pi^2} k^2$$

- Sum over modes is replaced by an integral in the limit of sufficiently large volume or high enough T , such that there are many states with $\epsilon_n = \frac{2\pi\hbar c}{L} n \leq kT$ contributing to the sum
- Factor **2** accounts for the two transverse polarizations

Density of states

$D_n(n)dn = 2 \times 4\pi n^2 dn$ number of modes with quantum number between n and $n+dn$

- Number of modes with wavenumber between k and $k + dk =$ Number of modes with frequency between ω and $\omega + d\omega$

$$D(k)dk = D_\omega(\omega)d\omega \rightarrow D_\omega(\omega) = \frac{V}{\pi^2 c^3} \omega^2$$

- Number of modes with frequency between ω and $\omega + d\omega =$ Number of modes with energy between ϵ and $\epsilon + d\epsilon$

$$D_\omega(\omega)d\omega = D_\epsilon(\epsilon)d\epsilon \rightarrow D_\epsilon(\epsilon) = \frac{V}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} \epsilon^2$$

Photon gas: thermodynamic properties

Photon Gas in thermodynamic equilibrium: thermal radiation

Blackbody:

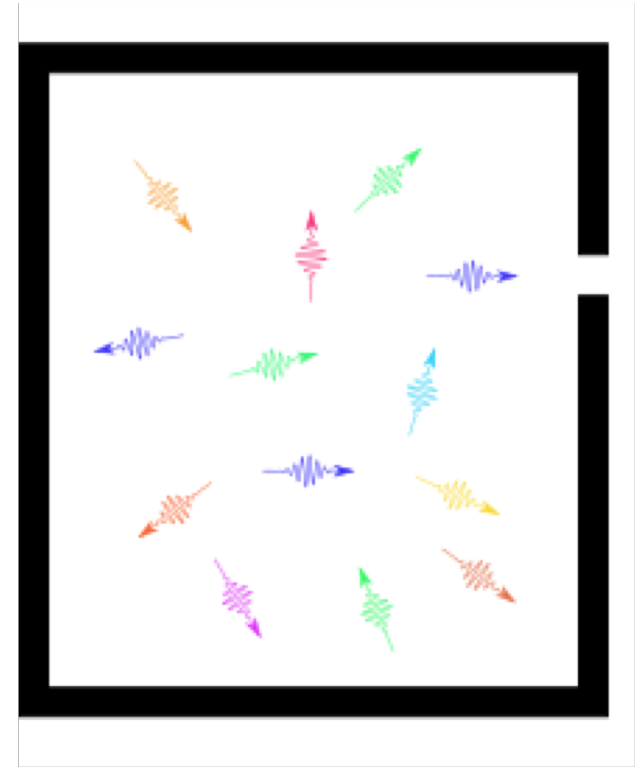
Idealized body that absorbs/emits photons of any wavelength and reflects none.

Absorbed energy = emitted energy (at each frequency)

Blackbody radiation:

Blackbody radiation is the radiation emitted by a black body at temperature T

At finite temperature, a blackbody will glow with a «colour» depending on T



Planck distribution:

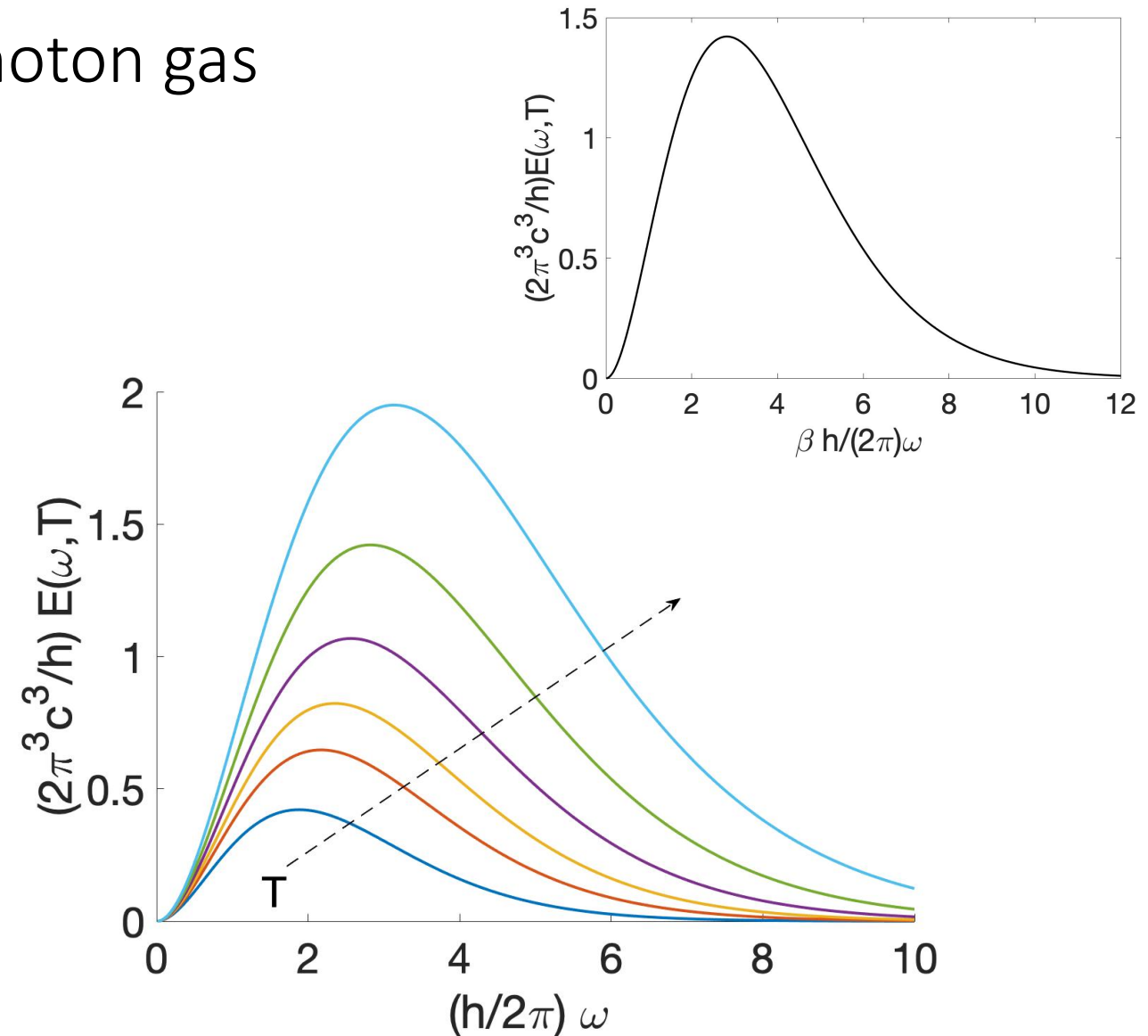
Spectral energy distribution of a photon gas

Average energy of a photon gas:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle E \rangle(T, V) &= \int d\epsilon \frac{D(\epsilon)\epsilon}{e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1} = \int d\omega \frac{D_\omega(\omega)\hbar\omega}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1} \\ &= \frac{V\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}\end{aligned}$$

*Energy per unit volume at a given frequency ω
(spectral energy density)*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} &= \int d\omega \mathcal{E}(\omega, T) \\ \mathcal{E}(\omega, T) &= \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}\end{aligned}$$



Wien's displacement law

$$\omega_{max}(T) \approx \zeta \frac{kT}{\hbar}, \zeta \approx 2.822$$

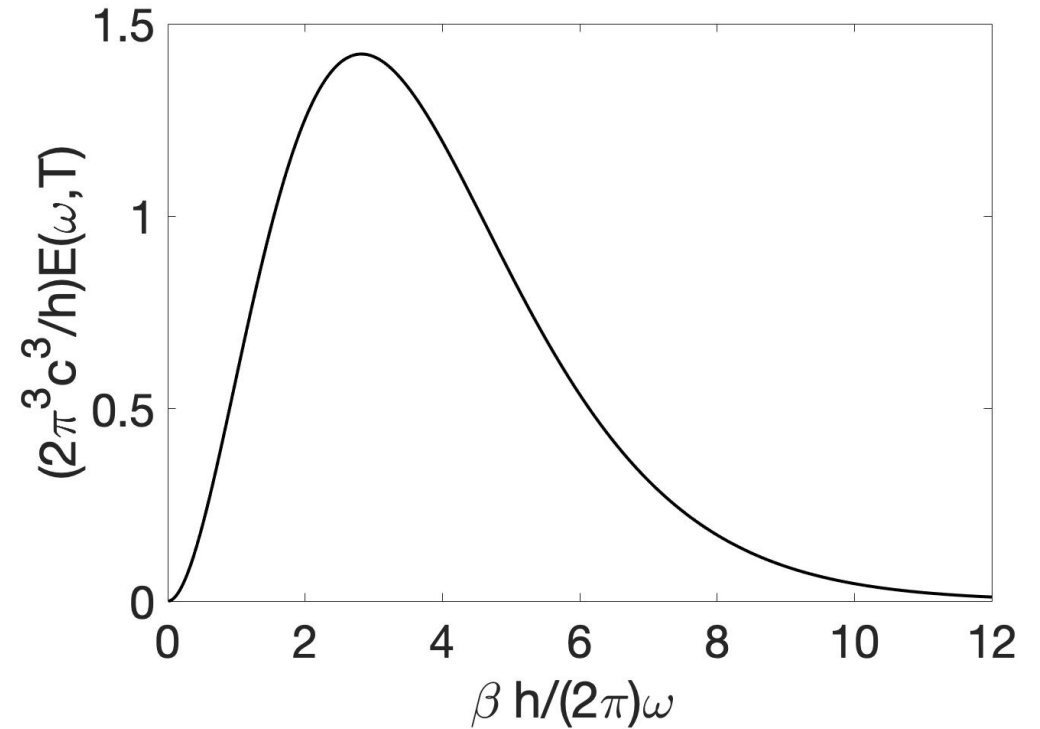
Frequency with the max spectral density

(frequency with maximum light intensity)

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}(\omega, T)}{d\omega} = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$3 - \zeta = 3e^{-\zeta}, \zeta = \beta \hbar \omega_{max}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, T) = \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1}$$



Planck distribution

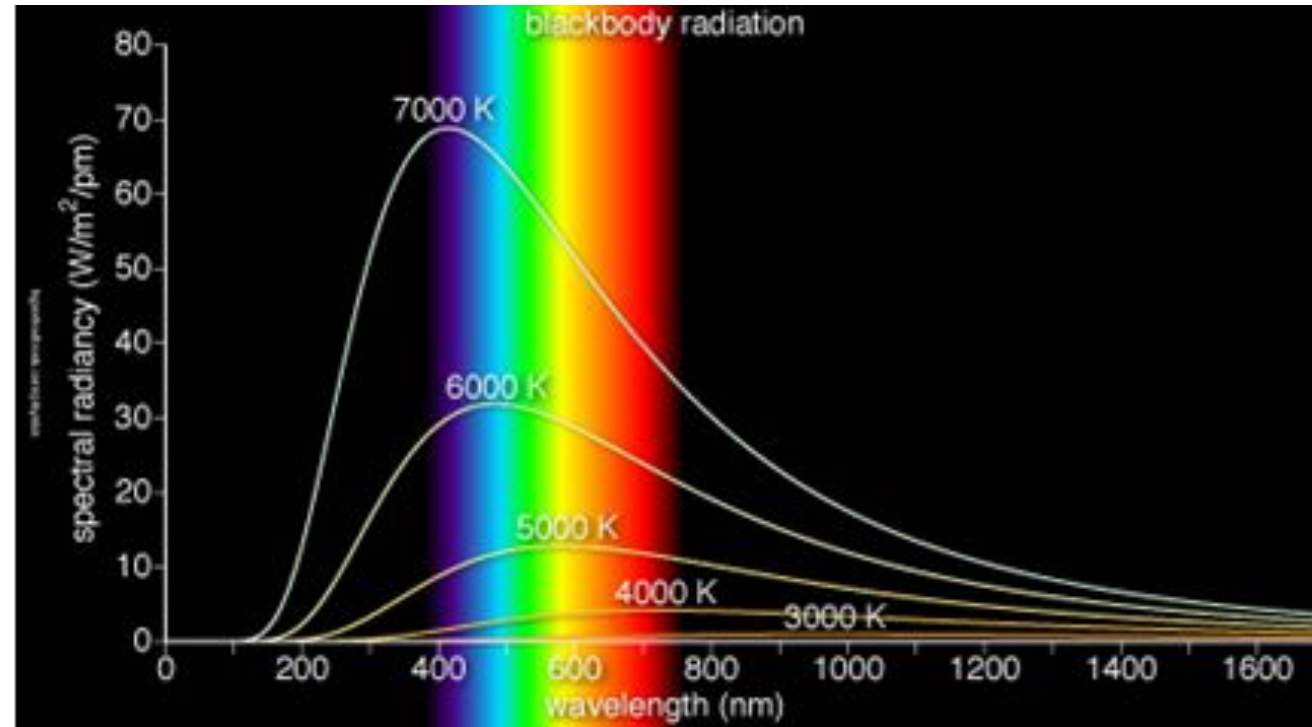
Spectral energy density

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} = \int d\omega \mathcal{E}(\omega, T)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, T) = \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, T) d\omega = u(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$u(\lambda) = \frac{8h\pi c}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\beta hc/\lambda} - 1}$$



Rayleigh-Jeans ultraviolet catastrophe

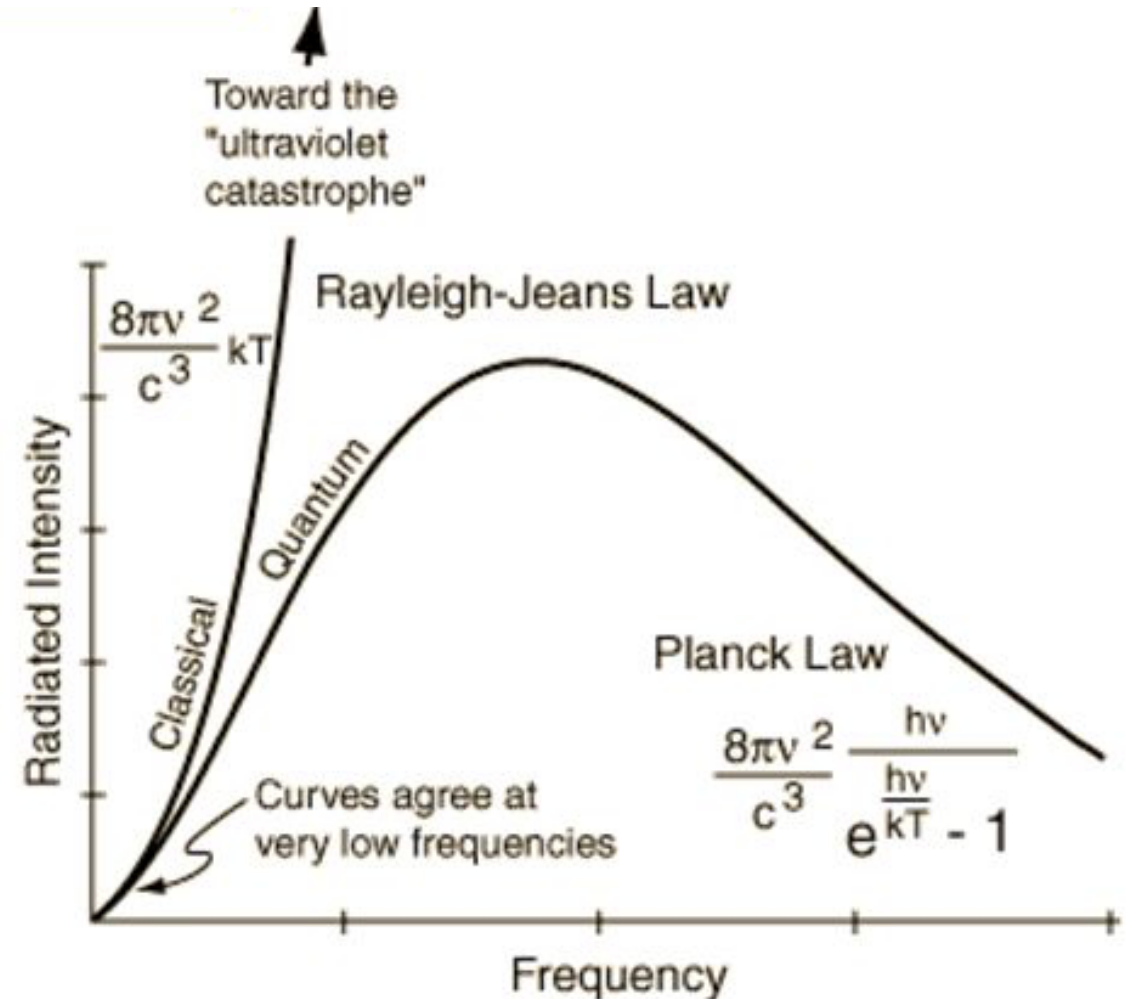
Classical limit $\hbar\omega \ll kT$

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, T) = \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, T) \approx \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{\beta\hbar\omega} \approx kT \omega^2$$

Equipartition of the average energy density for each mode \rightarrow

Energy density increases with frequency leading to the ultraviolet catastrophe



Stephan's law: Emission energy density $\sim T^4$

Total energy per unit volume emitted at T

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} = \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1}$$

Substitute: $x = \beta \hbar \omega$

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} = \frac{(kT)^4}{\pi^2 c^3 \hbar^3} I_3, \quad I_3 = \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} = \frac{\pi^2 k^4}{15 c^3 \hbar^3} T^4$$

Free energy of a photon gas

Because $\mu = 0$ for photons $F(T, V) \equiv \Omega(T, V)$

$$F(T, V) = kT \int d\omega D(\omega) \log(1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon}) = \frac{VkT}{\pi^2 c^3} \int d\omega \omega^2 \log(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})$$

Integration by parts

$$F(T, V) = -\frac{V\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \int d\omega \omega^3 \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}$$

$$F(T, V) = -\frac{V\pi^2}{45\hbar^3 c^3} (kT)^4$$

Equation of state

Radiation Pressure

$$PV = -kT \int d\omega D(\omega) \log(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}) = -F(T, V)$$

$$F(T, V) = -\frac{V\pi^2}{45\hbar^3 c^3} (kT)^4$$

$$P = \frac{\pi^2}{45\hbar^3 c^3} (kT)^4$$

$$P = \frac{\langle E \rangle}{3V} \rightarrow \langle E \rangle = 3PV$$

Entropy

$$F(T, V) = -\frac{V\pi^2}{45\hbar^3 c^3} (kT)^4$$

$$S(V, T) = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_V = \frac{4V\pi^2 k^4}{45\hbar^3 c^3} T^3 \sim T^3$$

Heat capacity

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{V} = \frac{\pi^2 k^4}{15c^3 \hbar^3} T^4$$

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T} \right)_V = \frac{4V\pi^2 k^4}{15\hbar^3 c^3} T^3 \sim T^3$$

By comparison with the ideal gas, where $C_V = \frac{3Nk}{2}$ is independent of T

Density of photons at a given T

Average occupation number for the state with frequency ω

$$\langle n_\omega \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$$

Average number of photons at temperature T

$$\langle N \rangle(T, V) = \int d\omega D(\omega) \langle n_\omega \rangle = \frac{V}{\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\omega^2}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$$

Density of photons at T:

$$\rho(T) = \frac{\langle N \rangle}{V} = \left(\frac{kT}{\hbar c} \right)^3 \frac{I_2}{\pi^2}, \quad I_2 = \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^2}{e^x - 1} \approx 2.404$$