

# ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

## 1. Types of electromagnetic radiation

Use different resources to sort the types of electromagnetic radiation according to rising wavelength, find sources, uses and mention if an overdose is/is not harmful.

radio waves, X-rays, infrared radiation, microwaves, light, gamma rays, ultraviolet radiation

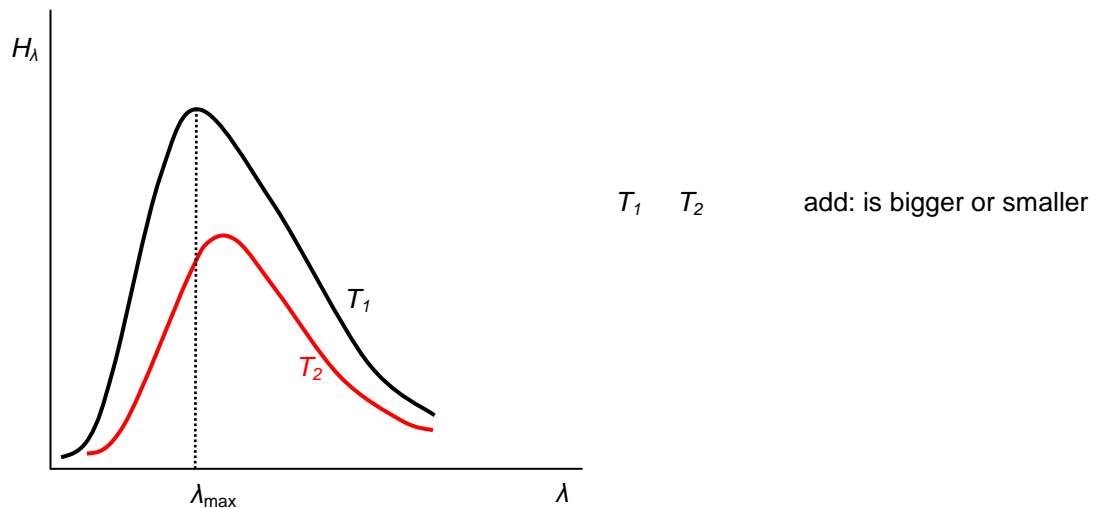
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic\\_spectrum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic_spectrum)

type of elmag. wave	source	use	danger

## 2. Black body radiation

**BB** = ideal object, which absorbs ALL the radiation of any  $\lambda$  falling on it and emits the radiation which depends ONLY on its TEMPERATURE

sketch BB:



$H_\lambda$  ... energy emitted from  $1\text{m}^2$  of the inner area during one second

- for higher  $T$  energy emitted at any wavelength is bigger
- even at 1000 K a very low amount of light is produced
- Stefan's law:  
*The total energy radiated of all wavelengths per unit area per unit time by a BB is proportional to the fourth power of its thermodynamic temperature*

$$E = \sigma T^4$$

$$E = \text{area} \times \text{time} \times \sigma T^4$$

$$\sigma = 5.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4} \quad \text{Stefan constant}$$

- non-black body radiation

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

$\varepsilon$  ... emissivity, less than 1 for non-black body

- Wien's displacement law

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = b$$

$$b = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K} = \text{const.} \quad \text{Wien constant}$$

- quantized energy of electromagnetic radiation

Planck (1900):

*Energy of electromagnetic radiation is released or absorbed only in multiples of some smallest amounts of energy = energy of a quantum  $E_q$*

$$E_q = hf \quad h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} \quad \text{Planck constant}$$

<http://www.mhhe.com/physsci/astronomy/applets/Blackbody/frame.html>

<http://www.astro.ufl.edu/~oliver/ast3722/lectures/BasicDetectors/DetectorBasics.htm>

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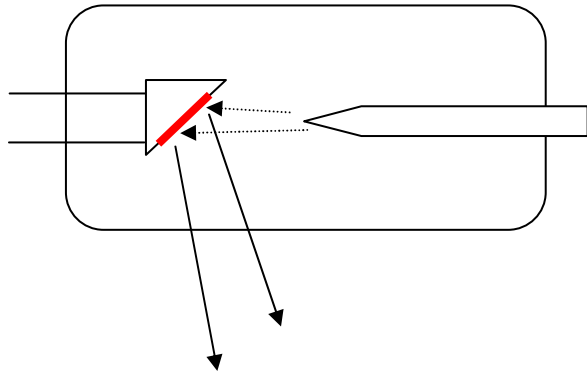
### Questions:

- Why do we have indoor and outdoor coloured films (setup for cameras)?
- Which quantity corresponds to the area under the BB emission graph? How is it related to the temperature of BB?
- Tungsten is used to make filament lamps, its melting point is 3 380 °C. Why is it used?
- The Sun emits the maximum amount of energy at 500 nm. Assuming that it is a BB, calculate its surface temperature.
- BB,  $T = 2\,000 \text{ K}$ ,  $A = 0.5 \text{ m}^2$ 
  - At which wavelength is the maximum amount of energy emitted?
  - How much total energy is emitted in a minute?
  - What is the energy of a quantum at  $\lambda_{\max}$
  - How many quanta of  $\lambda_{\max}$  represent energy of 1 mJ?

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### 3. X-rays

- source – X-ray tube



- principle – electrons (1) produced by thermionic emission on cathode (2) are accelerated towards anode (3); as they hit the target (4) about 0.5% of their  $E_k$  is converted into the X-rays (5)

Label the parts of the X-ray tube with the numbers from the previous text.

- intensity – number of e (current)
- $\lambda$  - speed of e – voltage, affects the penetrating power

- properties
  1. travel in straight lines
  2. penetrate materials ( $\lambda$ )
  3. are not deflected in el. or mag. field (as they are short wavelength elmag. radiation)
  4. can eject e from matter by photoelectric emission
  5. can ionize gas
  6. cause fluorescence of suitable substances
  7. affect a photographic layer/plate
- uses
  1. medicine – radiographs (=X-ray photographs) – penetrate muscles but not bone
  2. industry – inspections of internal imperfections – welded joints, materials, ...
  3. X-ray crystallography – diffraction on a crystal lattice – structure of materials (typical patterns)

<http://cz7asm.wz.cz/fyz/index.php?page=renzar>

#### 4. Photometry

Photometry deals with the measurement of visible light as perceived by human eyes.

**Luminous intensity ( $I$ )** – physical quantity – is a measure of the wavelength-weighted power emitted by a light source in a particular direction per unit solid angle.

**Candela ( $cd$ )** – an SI base unit

= luminous intensity of a source that emits monochromatic green light with a frequency of 540 THz ( $540 \times 10^{12}$  Hz) in a given direction and that has a radiant intensity in this direction of 1/683 watts per steradian.

*Example:* A common candle emits light with roughly 1 cd luminous intensity. (100 W bulb – 135 cd, LED – 0.005 cd, photoflash – 1000000 cd).

**Luminous flux ( $\Delta\Phi$ )** – physical quantity – is the total perceived power emitted in all directions. (*Attention:* Luminous intensity is the perceived power per unit solid angle. Luminous intensity is also not the same as the radiant intensity, the corresponding objective physical quantity, used in radiometry)

**Lumen ( $lm$ )** – the SI derived unit

= luminous flux emitted uniformly by a point light source of luminous intensity one candela across a solid angle of one steradian.

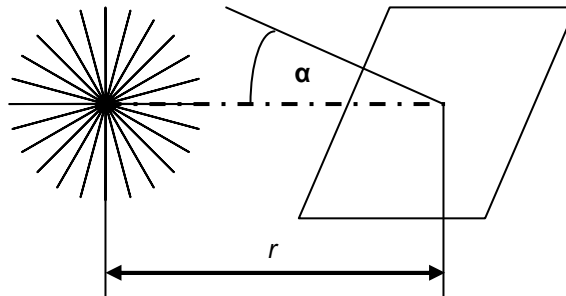
(Alternatively, an isotropic one-candela light-source emits a total luminous flux of exactly  $4\pi$  lumens  $\approx$  12.6 lm.)

**Illuminance ( $E$ )** – physical quantity – is the total luminous flux incident on a surface, per unit area. It is a measure of the intensity of the incident light.

**Lux ( $lx$ )** – the SI derived unit  
= illuminance produced by luminous flux of one lumen falling uniformly and perpendicularly on a surface one meter square.

$$E = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta A}$$

$$E = \frac{I \cos \alpha}{r^2}$$



**Questions:**

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**Answers:**

4. 6 073 °C

5. 1.45 μm  
27.36 MJ  
 $1.37 \times 10^{-19}$  J  
 $7.3 \times 10^{15}$