

Last time: accelerated charges  $\rightarrow$  radiation

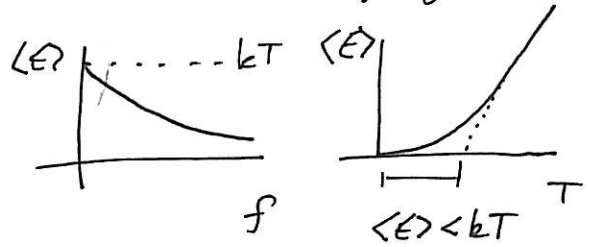
$$P(t) = \frac{q^2 a^2(t)}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3}$$

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- if energy is discrete, i.e. only allow  $\Delta E = h\nu$  changes

assumption of  $\langle E \rangle = kT$  only valid at low freq!

- derived  $\langle E \rangle = \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$   
 $\neq k_B T!$



This time: forget atoms, just consider EM waves/modes.

• from last time, can't explain thermal rad by  $E \propto \text{Malmo}$

• empirically: thermal rad depends ONLY on  $T$

temp = measure of energy in atomic motion, avg

BUT insensitive to details of its origin

SO must our model be!

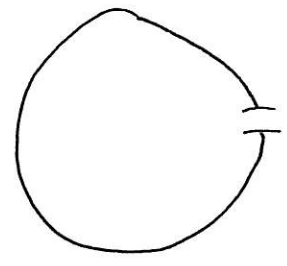
Model • Box impenetrable to rad, perfectly mirrored

• inside, tiny bit of hot gas / acc chgs / hot matter

• want fr equil

• enough hot atoms: box filled w/ BBody Rad

our box has a "photon gas" inside, also a black body



- tiny hole to view ... negl. escape  
what's inside?

- consider a single oscillating charge emitting EM waves

without container, waves escape

- charge radiates away  $E$  ... stops eventually

with container: perfectly reflecting walls

- eventually every EM wave re-absorbed!

- absorption re-accel charge, causing new emission = scattering

Basically, charges BATTLE in their own radiation  
absorb / re-emitted in diff dir = scattering

PLUS radiation of all other atoms also absorbed & re-emitted

③  
? what if some atoms absorb better than emit?  
hot/cold spots?

- NO** - good emitter = good absorber (Kirchhoff's Law)
- microscopic (later) - excitation & reverse have same probability
  - must be so to conserve energy... no run-away buildup

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• So, in our box, emission/absorption finely balanced  
Uniform  $T$  reached, energy density uniform

from eqn,  
require: {

- homogeneous
- isotropic
- net unpolarized
- shape independent

also follows: RAD depends only on  $T$

? how to calculate energy density?

first, figure out EM waves inside!

EM rad inside: waves in free space! from Maxwell:

$$\nabla^2 E = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{full wave eqn})$$

one solution: real part of planewave!

$$E = A e^{i(k \cdot r - \omega t)} = E_0(r) e^{-i\omega t}$$

↑  
spatial var.  
BC's

(where

$$\nabla^2 E_0 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E_0 = 0$$

spatial wave eqn)

reminders:  $k$  = spatial periodicity  
 $\omega$  = temporal periodicity

$$v_{\text{wave}} = \frac{\omega}{k} = 1f$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

(vector in 3D)

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

if energy is quantized, a la Planck

$$U = \hbar\omega \quad \vec{p} = \hbar\vec{k} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{c}$$

(classical: all have avg  $kT$ )  
(cf  $|\vec{p}| = \frac{E}{c}$  rel!)

also know  $\nabla \cdot E = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  2 possible  $E$ - $k$  dirs

2 possible polarizations/states

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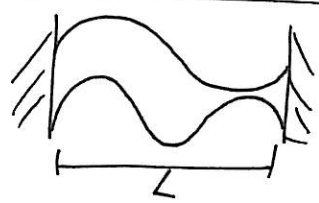
(1D:  $E(x,t) = E_0 \sin(\omega t)$ ,  $E_0 = A \sin(kx)$ )

• Getting the energy of all EM waves in the box?  
first count them!

• take, literally, a BOX 

- equal, must have standing waves
- other modes destructively interfere  $\hat{=}$  die (transients)
- geometry of box  $\Rightarrow$  allowed modes
- any EM wave:  $\frac{1}{2}$  energy in B,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in E
- use Planck to get avg energy

First: 1D model



2 mirrors (metal)

• allowed modes need  $E=0$  at ends!

thus  $\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m}$   $m \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $\frac{1}{2}$  wavelengths "fit")

$\Rightarrow \omega_m = \frac{m\pi}{L} c$  ( $\lambda f = c, \omega = 2\pi f$ )

allowed frequencies are discrete

$\Rightarrow$  field  $\vec{E}_m(z,t) = A_m \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{m\pi z}{L}\right)}_{E_0} \cos(\omega_m t)$

(Same as  $y(z,t)$  for a string...)

Spectrum? how many modes in  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega] \Rightarrow$  intensity

$m = \frac{L\omega}{\pi c}$   
condition: waves fit

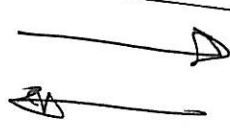
differentiate  $\frac{dm}{d\omega} = \frac{L}{\pi c}$

- or -  $dm = \left(\frac{L}{\pi c}\right) d\omega$  Number of modes  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega]$

Classically,  $kT$  average energy per mode  
( $\frac{1}{2}kT$  in  $E$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}kT$  in  $B$ )

Mean energy  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega] = (\text{energy per mode})(\text{modes})$   
 $= \underline{\underline{kT dm = kT \left(\frac{L}{\pi c}\right) d\omega}}$

- energy of radiation is freq - indep, classically
- leads to spectrum divergence as before

Power? Standing wave = Superposition of 

each  $\rightleftarrows$  wave takes  $\Delta t = L/c$  to cross box = energy xfer

$P = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{\text{2x energy per wave}}{\text{transit time}}\right) = \frac{kT L / \pi c}{L/c} d\omega$

$P = \frac{kT}{2\pi} \Delta\omega$   $\Delta\omega = \text{bandwidth}$

Can measure this: plug  $\mu$ wave receiver into a hot bar...

bar at 1000K, bandwidth  $\Delta f = 100 \text{ MHz}$

$\Rightarrow P \sim 10^{-12} \text{ W}$  measurable!

! how cosmic background rad discovered

How about a 3D box?  $(L_x)$  by  $(L_y)$  by  $(L_z)$

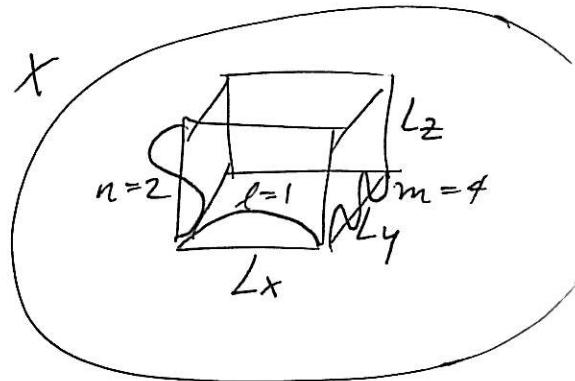
• Standing waves "fit" in all 3 dir

• need 3 integers to characterize modes!

$l = \# \frac{1}{2} \text{ wavelengths along } x$

$m = \# \text{ along } y$

$n = \# \text{ along } z$



then

$$k_x L_x = l\pi$$

$$k_y L_y = m\pi$$

$$k_z L_z = n\pi$$

(equiv.  $L = \frac{n\lambda}{2}$  in 1-D)

$$k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}, \quad \omega = kc$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \pi c \sqrt{\frac{l^2}{L_x^2} + \frac{m^2}{L_y^2} + \frac{n^2}{L_z^2}}$$

frequency  
quant of waves  
in a box

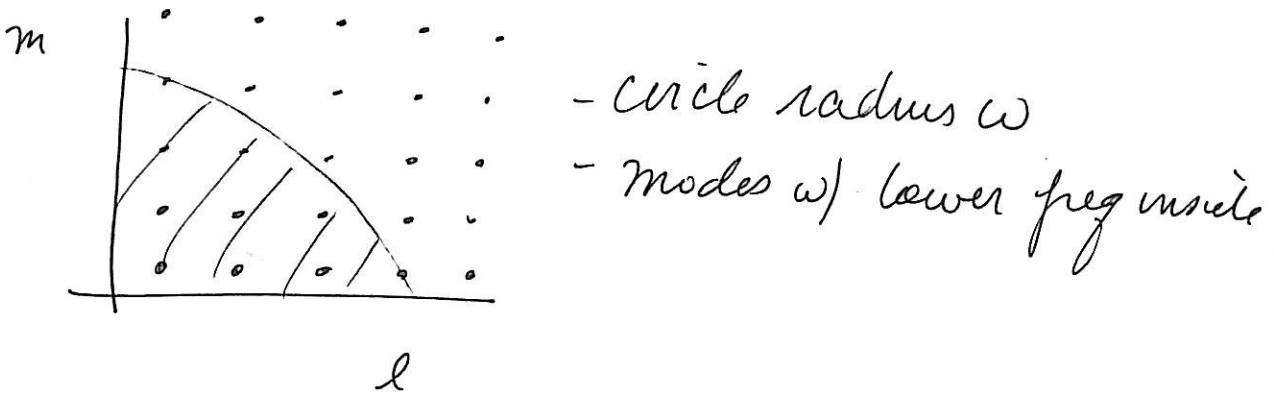
? given  $l, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , how many standing wave modes ~~of~~ have freq  $< \omega$

e.g., say  $\omega < \pi c \sqrt{3}$  then allowed are  $\{l, m, n\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 100 \\ 010 \\ 001 \\ 110 \\ 101 \\ 011 \end{matrix} \right\}$  i.e. 6

Graphically: Surfaces of constant  $\omega$  are ellipsoids  
axes  $\left( \frac{L_x \omega}{\pi c}, \frac{L_y \omega}{\pi c}, \frac{L_z \omega}{\pi c} \right)$

- for a given  $\omega$ , count modes inside ellipsoid
- since  $l, m, n > 0$  only need one quadrant

e.g. 2D



• if modes are closely spaced, or  $L_i \gg \lambda$   
# modes  $\approx$  volume

• quasi-continuous; only need SCATTERING to hold



for an ellipsoid  
 $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi abc$

$$\Rightarrow N(\omega) \approx \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \left(\frac{L_x \omega}{\pi c}\right) \left(\frac{L_y \omega}{\pi c}\right) \left(\frac{L_z \omega}{\pi c}\right)$$

$$N(\omega) = \left(\frac{\omega^3}{6\pi^2 c^3}\right) V \quad V = \text{volume of box}$$

Assumption OK? if  $V = 1 \text{ m}^3$ ,  $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$  (greenish)  
 $N \sim 10^{13}$  ! no problem

(quantum phys: neat things when this BREAKS)

Actually, forgot polarization ... 2x more

$$N(\omega) = \frac{\omega^3}{3\pi^2 c^3} V \quad \text{modes with freq } < \omega$$

in  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega]$ , there are

$$dN = \left(\frac{dN}{d\omega}\right) d\omega = \left(\frac{\omega^2 V}{\pi^2 c^3}\right) d\omega \quad \text{modes}$$

• now we just need energy per mode!

classically:  $k_B T$  each

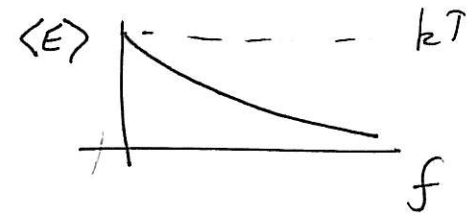
$$\Rightarrow u(\omega) d\omega = \left(\frac{k_B T \omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3}\right) d\omega \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{energy per volume} \\ \text{for rad with } \omega \text{ in } [\omega, \omega + d\omega] \end{array} \right.$$

Raleigh-Jeans ... UV catastrophe!

now we re-use our earlier general result:

- if energy only comes in discrete bundles of  $\hbar\omega$
- using Boltzmann factor for occupation

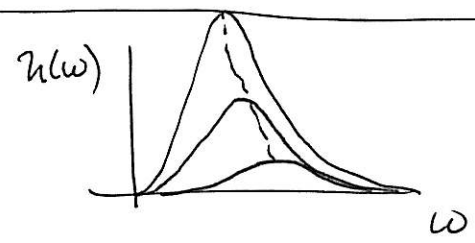
$$\langle E \rangle = (\hbar\omega) \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1}$$



• avg energy is  $k_B T$  only at low freq / high temp

average energy per unit volume for freq  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega]$  ?

$$u(\omega) d\omega = \frac{U(\omega) d\omega}{V} = \frac{dN \langle E \rangle}{V} = \frac{\hbar\omega^3}{\pi^2 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1} \right) d\omega$$



all prop. displayed by exp't!

- explicit appearance of  $\hbar$  means discreteness is KEY
- high  $\omega$ : avg energy per mode NOT  $k_B T$ ; reduced "UV cutoff" at high freq!

• low  $\omega$ :  $\frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1} \sim \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\omega} \Rightarrow u(\omega) d\omega \approx \frac{k_B T \omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3} d\omega$

reproduce classical result at low f

• peak in spectrum, shifts with  $T$ !

how about energy density versus  $\lambda$ ? CAREFUL! (11)

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega} \Rightarrow |d\omega| = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda^2} |d\lambda|$$

~~$u(\omega)d\omega = u(\lambda)d\lambda$~~   $u(\lambda)d\lambda = \left(\frac{2\pi c}{\lambda^2}\right) u(\omega) d\omega$

keep in mind the  $d\lambda$ ,  $d\omega$  when "translating"

$$u(\lambda) d\lambda = \left(\frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}\right) d\lambda$$

homework: •  $u(\lambda)$  peaks at  $\lambda_{\text{peak}} T = \text{const}$

Wien's displ law - scaling property

• Can also show total energy  $\sim T^4$

e.g.  $\frac{U(\text{tot})}{V} = \int u(\omega) d\omega = b T^4$

(not Stefan-Boltzmann; that's for power)

$P = \frac{1}{4} c u \Rightarrow P = \gamma T^4$   $\gamma = \frac{\pi^2 k^4}{60 c^2 h^3}$  by similar arg.

key point: primary variable is

$$\eta = \frac{h\omega}{kT} = \frac{hc}{\lambda kT}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\text{photon/wave energy}}{\text{thermal energy}} = \text{only real parameter!}$$

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$$u(\omega) d\omega = \left(\frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{\hbar}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\eta^3 d\eta}{e^\eta - 1}\right) \quad \text{"universal curve"}$$

- max at  $\eta \approx 3$

- must scale: if peak is  $\lambda_1$  at  $T_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  at  $T_2$

$$\text{then } \frac{\hbar\omega_1}{kT_1} = \frac{\hbar\omega_2}{kT_2} \quad \text{or } \lambda_1 T_1 = \lambda_2 T_2$$

Can go further: radiation pressure

$$P = \frac{1}{3} u$$

pressure  $\sim$  mean energy density "photon gas"

recall relativity: massless,  $p = \frac{E}{c}$

momentum  $p \Rightarrow$  force  $\Rightarrow$  pressure  $P$

HW Hints

$$\text{rate of heat loss} = P_{\text{out}} - P_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{body}} - P_{\text{sur}} = \sigma(T_b^4 - T_s^4)$$

balance rate of energy export!

$$\delta Q = \frac{\delta E}{\delta t} = \delta P$$