

Group activity

What temperature is associated with the curve?

Wien's displacement law: $f_{\max} = 5.87 \times 10^{10} T$, $T = \frac{f_{\max}}{5.87 \times 10^{10}} = \frac{10^{13} \text{ Hz}}{5.87 \times 10^{10}} = 170 \text{ K}$

Ask student to give Rayleigh-Jeans law:

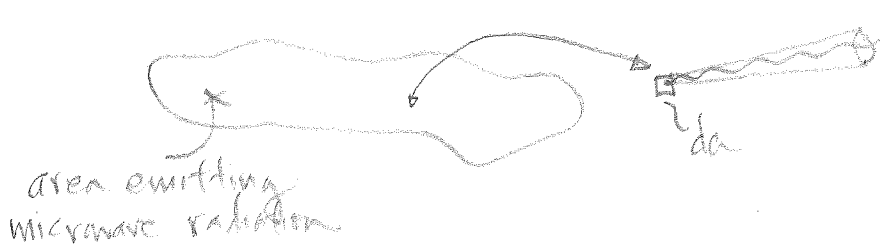
and give the units

$$B_{\lambda}(f, T) = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} T$$

$$[B_{\lambda}(f, T)] = \text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$$

We can use the Rayleigh-Jeans law instead of the full Planck law in microwave remote sensing at typical Earth surface temperatures with very little error.

What is so great about spectral brightness?



$B_{\lambda}(f, T, \theta, \phi) =$ spectral brightness @ frequency f , temperature T , and direction (θ, ϕ) .

An important property of spectral brightness is that it is constant along any ray (path of propagation) in free-space!

In other words, spectral brightness is invariant with distance.

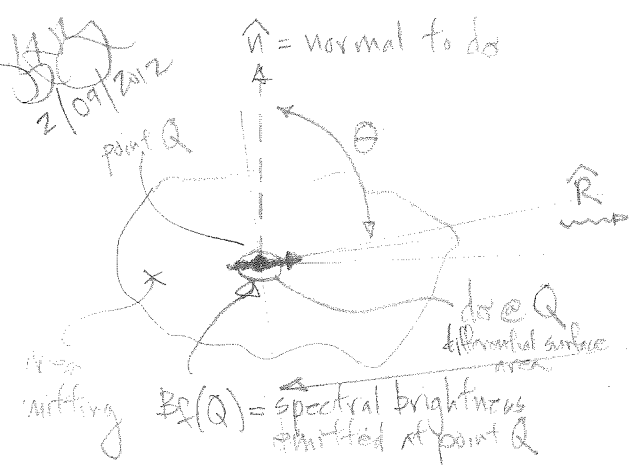
It doesn't "spread out" like power density (recall $S_R \sim 1/R^2$).

Therefore, any change in spectral brightness is due to the properties of the medium through which the radiation propagates!

Media leave their "fingerprints" on spectral brightness and in remote sensing we use these fingerprints to identify the media and its properties.

Brightness ($\text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$) is also invariant with distance.

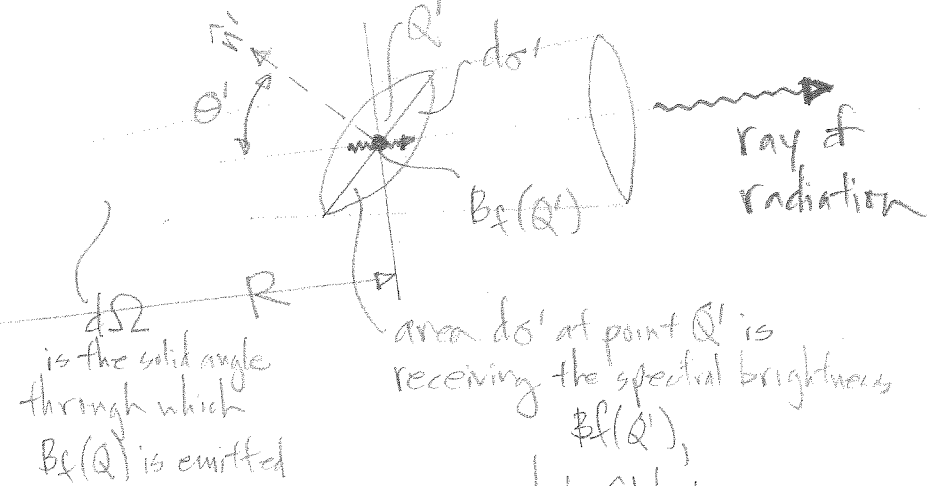
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$B_\lambda(Q)$ = spectral brightness emitted at point Q

$$B_\lambda(Q) = \frac{W}{\omega^2 \cdot \text{sr} \cdot \text{Hz}}$$

$$= \frac{J/s}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{sr} \cdot \text{Hz}}$$



$d\Omega$ is the solid angle through which $B_\lambda(Q)$ is emitted

area ds' at point Q' is receiving the spectral brightness $B_\lambda(Q')$,
 $ds' = \hat{n}' \cdot ds'$

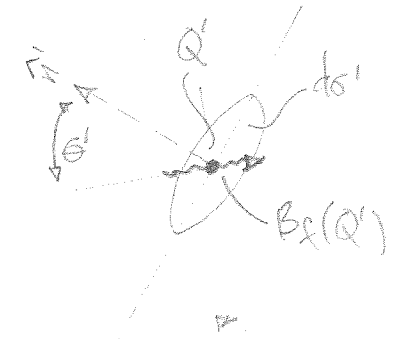
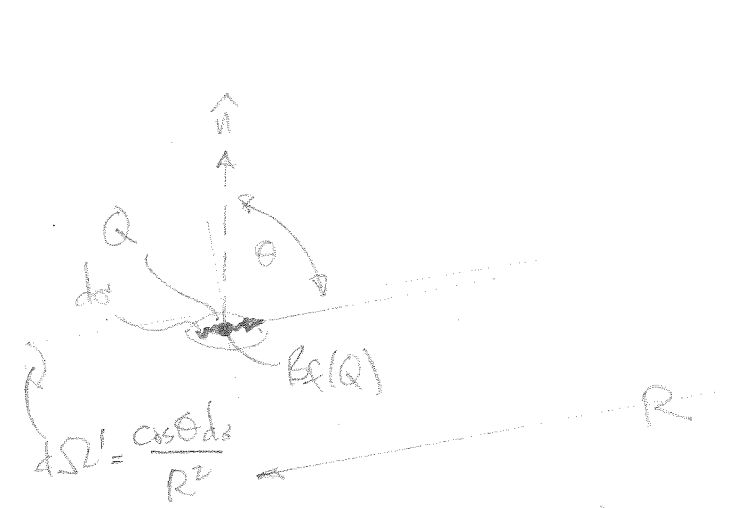
$$d\Omega = \frac{\text{subtended area}}{R^2} = \frac{\hat{R} \cdot ds'}{R^2} = \frac{\hat{R} \cdot \hat{n}' ds'}{R^2} = \frac{\cos \theta' ds'}{R^2}$$

where $\cos \theta' ds'$ is the area "seen" by ds at point Q

energy emitted by ds at point Q

$$dE = [(B_\lambda(Q) \hat{R}) \cdot ds'] d\Omega dt dt = [B_\lambda(Q) \hat{R} \cdot \hat{n}' ds'] d\Omega dt dt = B_\lambda(Q) \underbrace{\cos \theta ds'}_{\text{area emitting}} \frac{\cos \theta' ds'}{R^2} dt dt = B_\lambda(Q) \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta' ds' ds'}{R^2} dt dt$$

reverse perspective



energy incident on ds' at Q'

$$dE' = [(B_\lambda(Q') \hat{R}) \cdot ds'] d\Omega' dt dt = B_\lambda(Q') \hat{R} \cdot \hat{n}' ds' d\Omega' dt dt$$

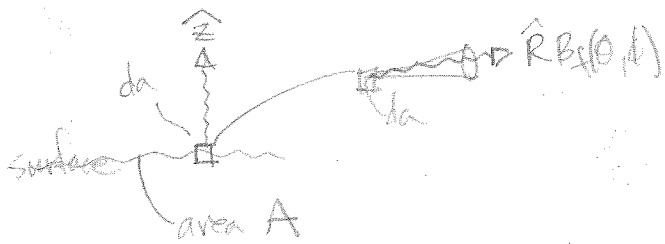
$$= B_\lambda(Q') \cos \theta' ds' \frac{\cos \theta ds}{R^2} dt dt = B_\lambda(Q') \frac{\cos \theta' \cos \theta ds ds'}{R^2} dt dt$$

By conservation of energy,
 $dE = dE'$, so...

$B_\lambda(Q) = B_\lambda(Q')$ spectral brightness is invariant with distance! 2

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Total hemispherical radiation emitted by a blackbody surface



$$P_{rad} = \int_A \int_{4\pi} B_{\lambda}(\theta, \phi) \hat{R} \cdot \hat{n} \, d\Omega \, dA \, d\lambda$$

total power radiated by surface

$$B = \int_0^{\infty} B_{\lambda}(\lambda, T) \, d\lambda = \text{total brightness over all frequencies} = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi}$$

[B] = W · m⁻² · sr⁻¹

but this doesn't look like the Stefan-Boltzmann law that we know!

Stefan-Boltzmann law
 $\sigma = 5.673 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$

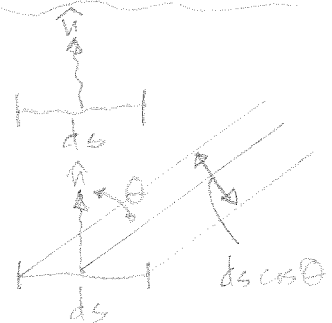
Find P_{rad}

$$P_{rad} = \int_A \int_{4\pi} B(\theta, \phi) \hat{R} \cdot \hat{n} \, d\Omega \, dA = \int_A \int_{4\pi} B(\theta, \phi) \hat{R} \cdot \hat{z} \, dA \, d\Omega = \int_A \int_{4\pi} B(\theta, \phi) \hat{R} \cdot (\hat{R} \cos\theta - \hat{\phi} \sin\theta) \, dA \, d\Omega$$

\hat{z} in spherical coordinates

$$= \int_A \int_{4\pi} B(\theta, \phi) \cos\theta \, dA \, d\Omega$$

cosine law! effective area that radiates decreases with θ



blackbody brightness is isotropic, i.e. the same in every direction!

$$P_{rad} = \int_A \int_{4\pi} B \cos\theta \, dA \, d\Omega$$

effective area $\rightarrow 0$ as $\theta \rightarrow \pi/2$

(no dependence on θ and ϕ in the Planck law)

$$P_{rad} = \int_A \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left\{ \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi} \cos\theta \right\} \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, dA = \int_A \left\{ \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi} 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta \right\} dA$$

$$= \int_A \left\{ \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right\} dA = A \sigma T^4 = \text{power radiated by surface of area A}$$

$\sigma T^4 =$ radiant emittance of a blackbody surface

this is more familiar!

$$[\sigma T^4] = \text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$$

Planck Law

