

Chapter 45. The Nature of Light **(光的本质)**

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45-1 Introducing The Photon (光子概念的引入)

Interference (干涉), diffraction (衍射).....
wave-like

Black-body radiation (黑体辐射), Photoelectric Effect (光电效应), Compton Effect (康普顿效应).....
Particle-like

Light is *both* a particle and a wave (光既是粒子又是波).

Light is neither a classical particle nor a classical wave.

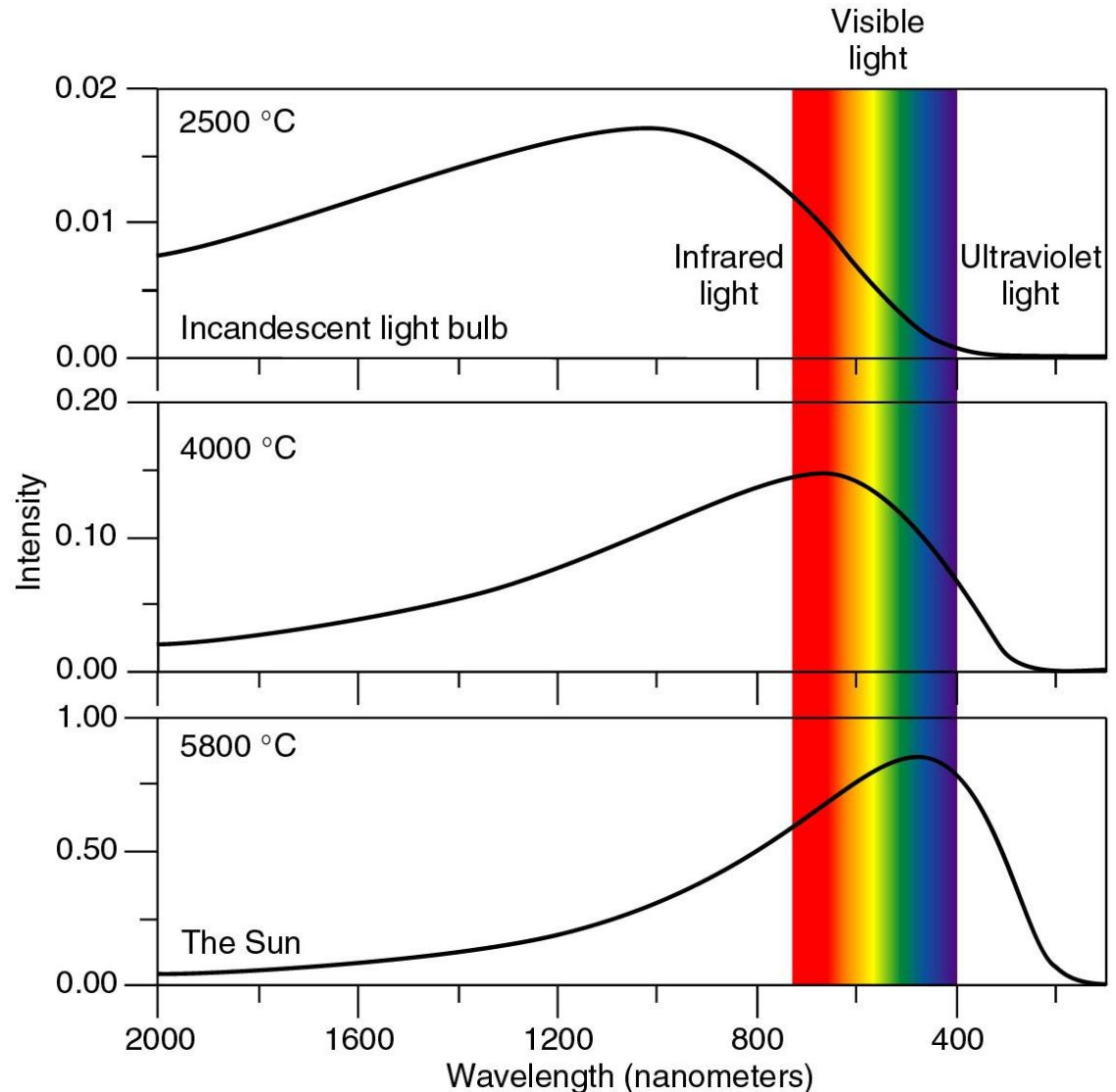
(既不是传统的粒子也不是传统的波)

Thermal radiation (热辐射)

—the sun light, incandescent (白炽灯)

普通灯泡, 炭火

($T > 1000^\circ\text{C}$)



45-2 Black-Body Radiation (黑体辐射)

➤ Stefan-Boltzmann law

—The total radiated energy per area:

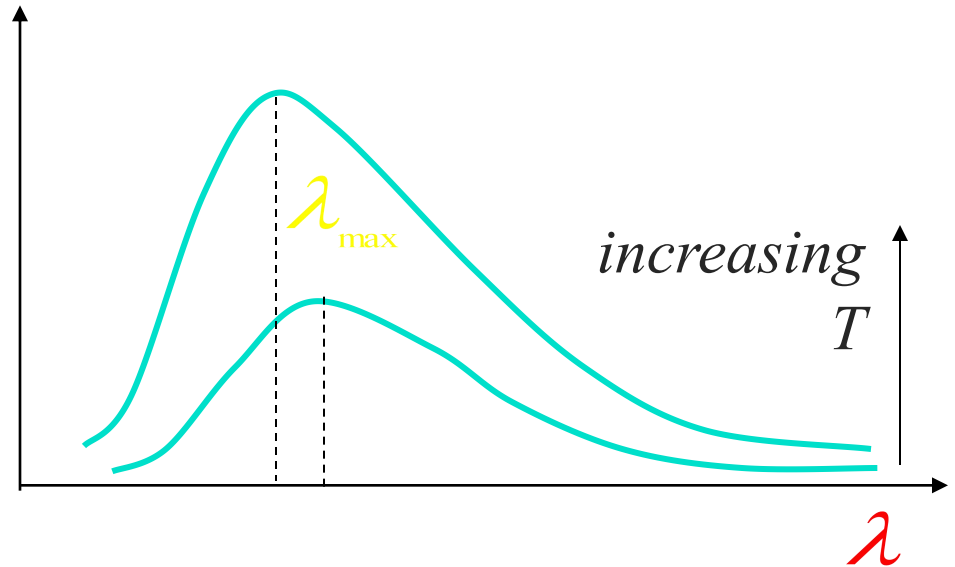
$$I(T) = \sigma T^4$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4}$$

$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{dI}{d\lambda}$$

$$I(T) = \int_0^{\infty} R(\lambda, T) d\lambda$$

$R(\lambda)$



➤ Wien displacement law:

$$T\lambda_m = b$$

$$b = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$$

With a λ_m of 500 nm for sun radiation, the temperature of sun:

$$T_{\text{sun}} = \frac{b}{\lambda_m} \approx 6000 \text{ K}$$

Planck's Radiation Law (普朗克辐射定律)

- Wien's line at short wavelength:
- Rayleigh-Jeans line at long wavelengths:
- Planck's Law (1900):

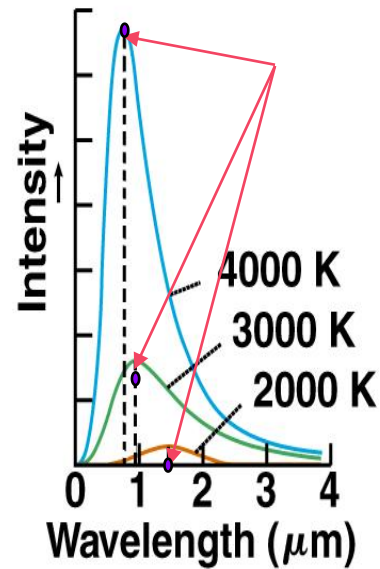
$$R(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1)} = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{(e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1)}$$

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

- Wien's Law:

$$T\lambda_m = b$$

$$\frac{h\nu}{kT} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT} = 2.82$$



Born in 1858

Planck's function fits the observed data

Max Planck assumed energy of photon is quantized.

$$E = h\nu,$$

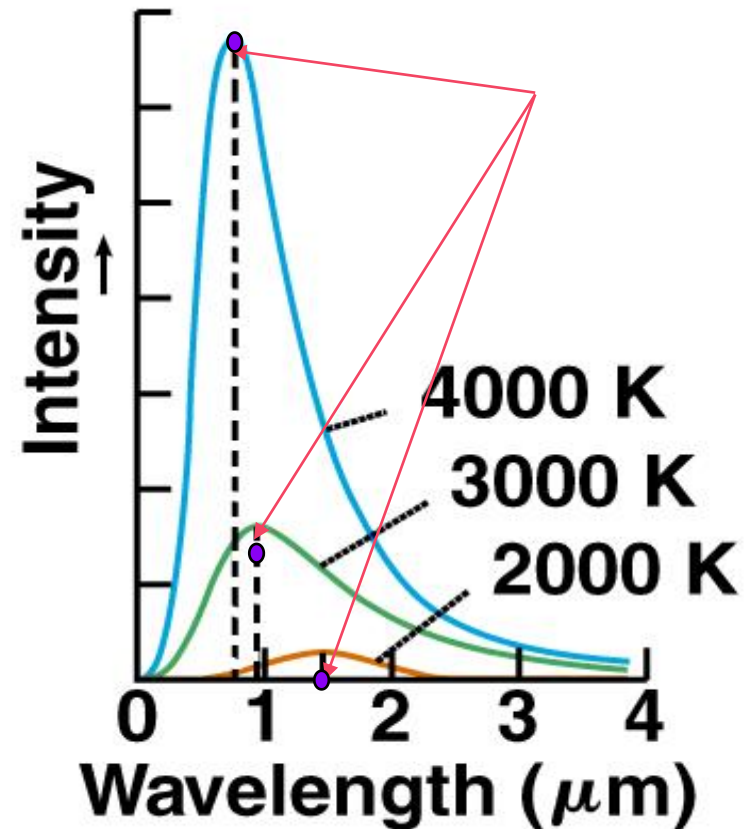
$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$$

The beginning of quantum physics.

1905, Einstein introduced
the photon

Planck(1918), Wien(1911)

Noble Prize



Feature of Photon (光子的性质)

➤ Wave feature of light:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_m \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t), \quad \vec{E} = \vec{E}_m e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \quad \text{wave vector,} \quad \omega \text{ frequency}$$

➤ Photon—quantum of light:

$$M_{\text{photon}} = 0$$

$$E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$$

$$p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \hbar k$$

45-3 Photoelectric Effect (光电效应)

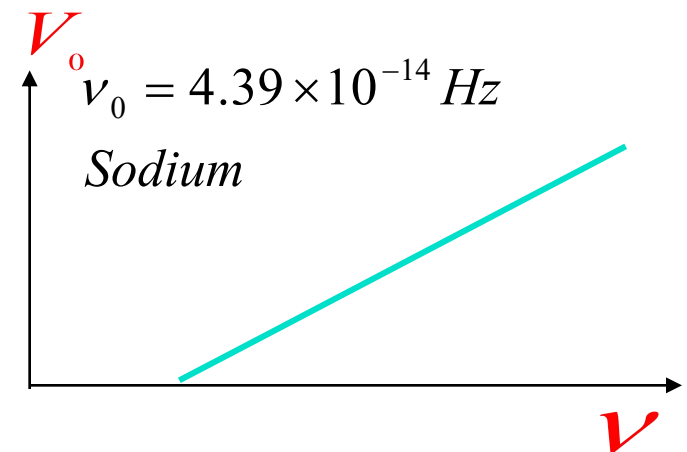
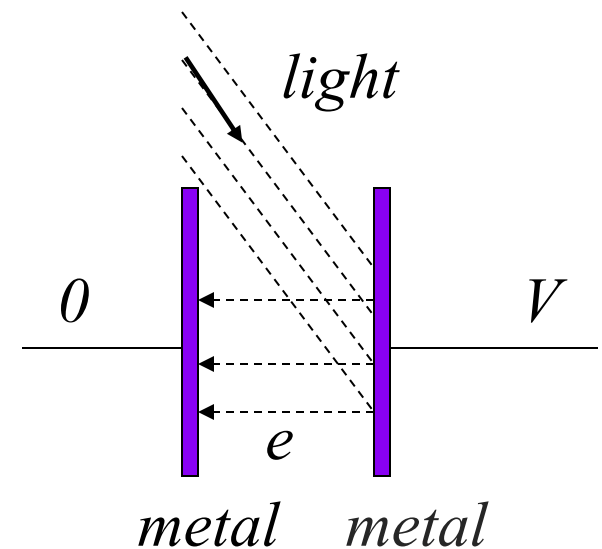
➤ Kinetic energy:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = eV_0$$

V_0 is stopping potential

➤ Problems facing to classical physics:

- 1. Intensity problem
- 2. Frequency problem
- 3. Time delay problem



Einstein's Photon Theory (1921 Nobel Prize)

- Quantum of light (later comes photon) was first introduced by Einstein

$$h\nu = K + \phi = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \phi$$

ϕ is work function

- Cutoff frequency: $h\nu_0 = \phi$

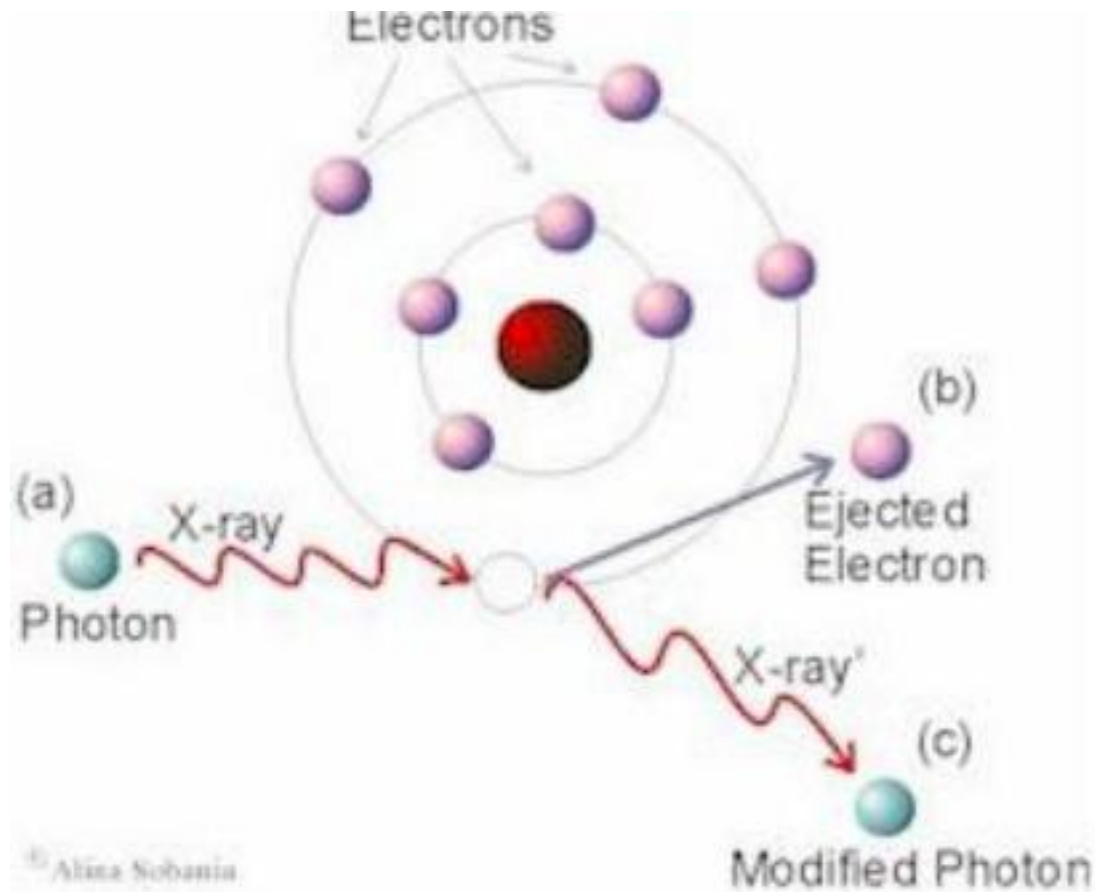
$$1 \text{ eV} : \nu_{eV} = 2.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

- Relation between stopping potential and frequency:

$$V = \frac{h}{e}\nu - \frac{\phi}{e}$$

45-5 Compton Scattering (1923, 康普顿散射)

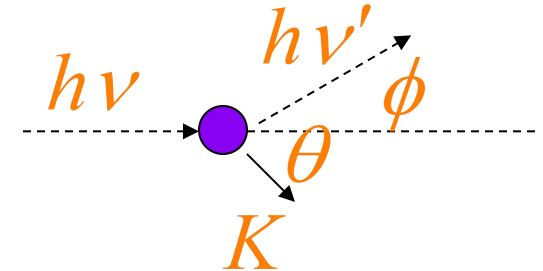
The 1927 Nobel Prize, see Page 1021



Explanation

Photon is already particle:

$$E = h\nu = \hbar\omega, \quad p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \hbar k$$



➤ **Scattering by electron:**

$$h\nu + m_0c^2 = h\nu' + mc^2 \Rightarrow \frac{hc}{\lambda_0} = \frac{hc}{\lambda'} + m_0c^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\frac{h}{\lambda_0} = \frac{h}{\lambda'} \cos \phi + \frac{m_0v}{\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}} \cos \theta,$$

$$\frac{h}{\lambda_0} \sin \phi = \frac{m_0v}{\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}} \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta \lambda = \lambda' - \lambda_0 = \frac{h}{m_0c} (1 - \cos \phi)$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_c = \frac{h}{m_0c} = 0.00243 \text{ nm}$$