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An object can absorb/emit radiation: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Absorption} \uparrow T \\ \text{Emission} \downarrow T \end{array} \right\}$

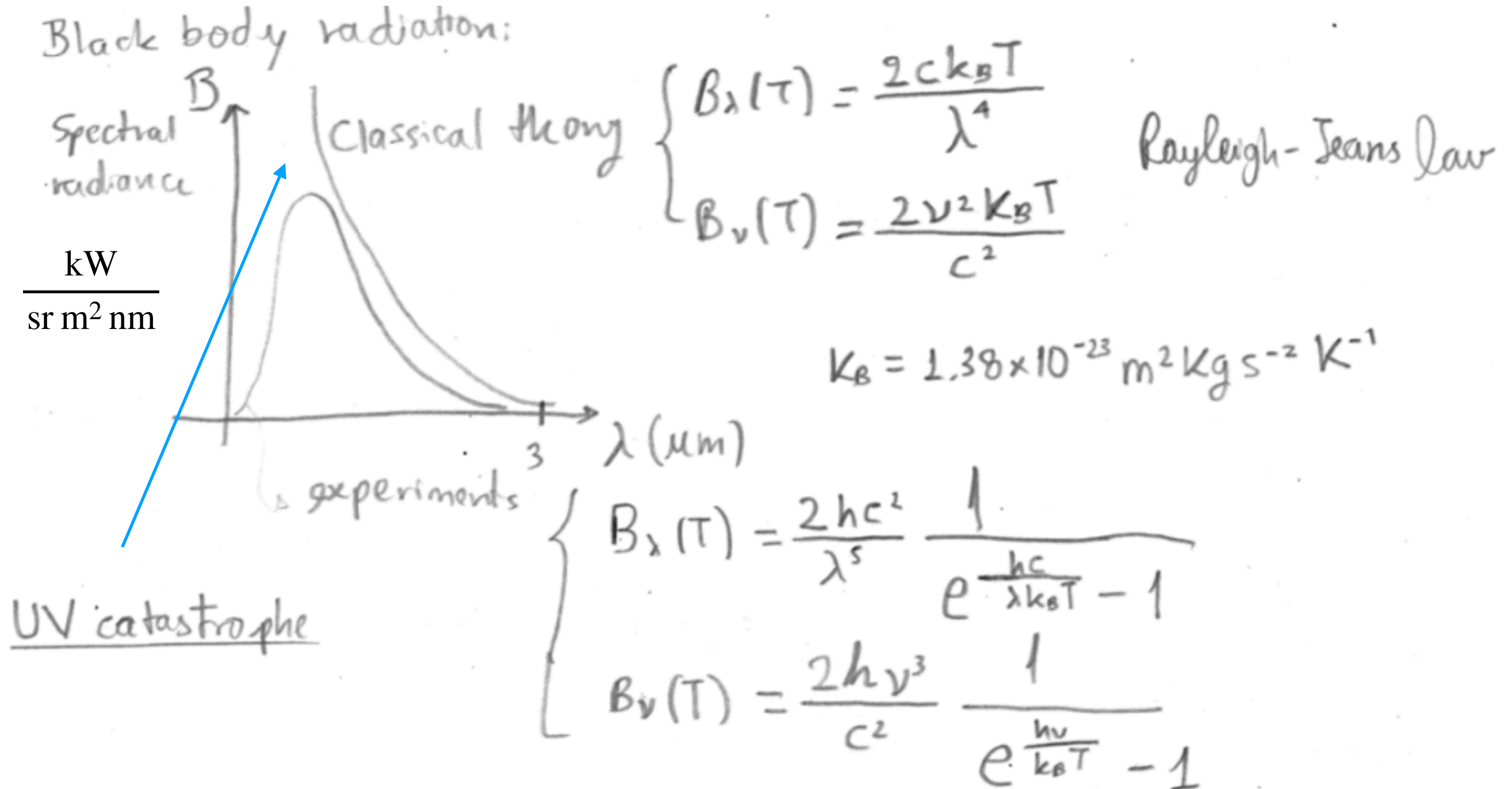


Kirchoff's law: $Abs = Emission \Rightarrow T = ct. \Rightarrow$ thermal eq.

Black body: Does not reflect radiation

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- **1900** - M. Planck proposes quantisation of EM radiation

Planck: EM can only be em./abs in discrete packets:

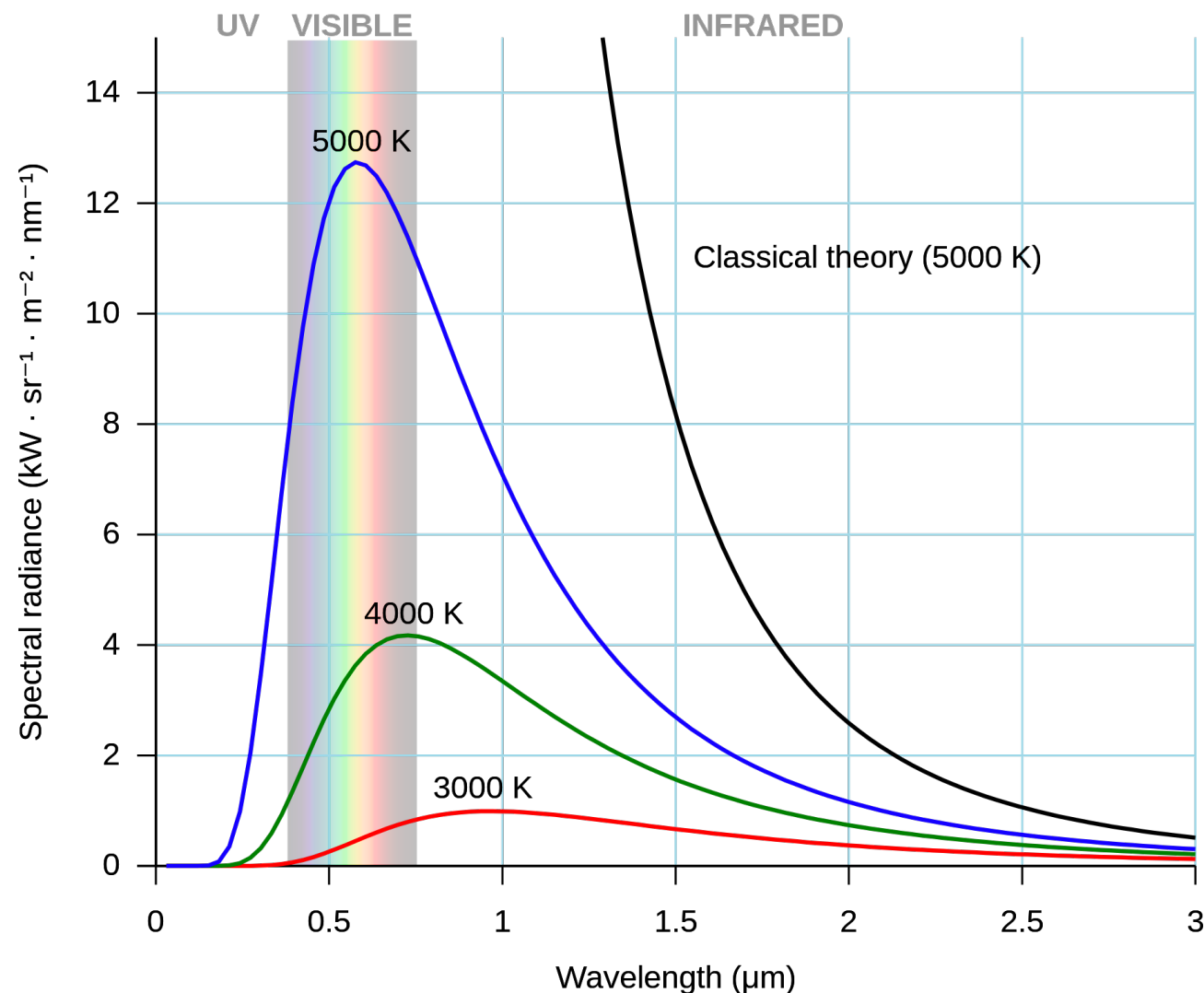
$$E_{\text{quanta}} = h\nu = h \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

- $E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$
- $\vec{p} = \hbar\vec{k}$

$$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

De Broglie relation:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{h}{p} \Rightarrow E = pc$$



UV catastrophe

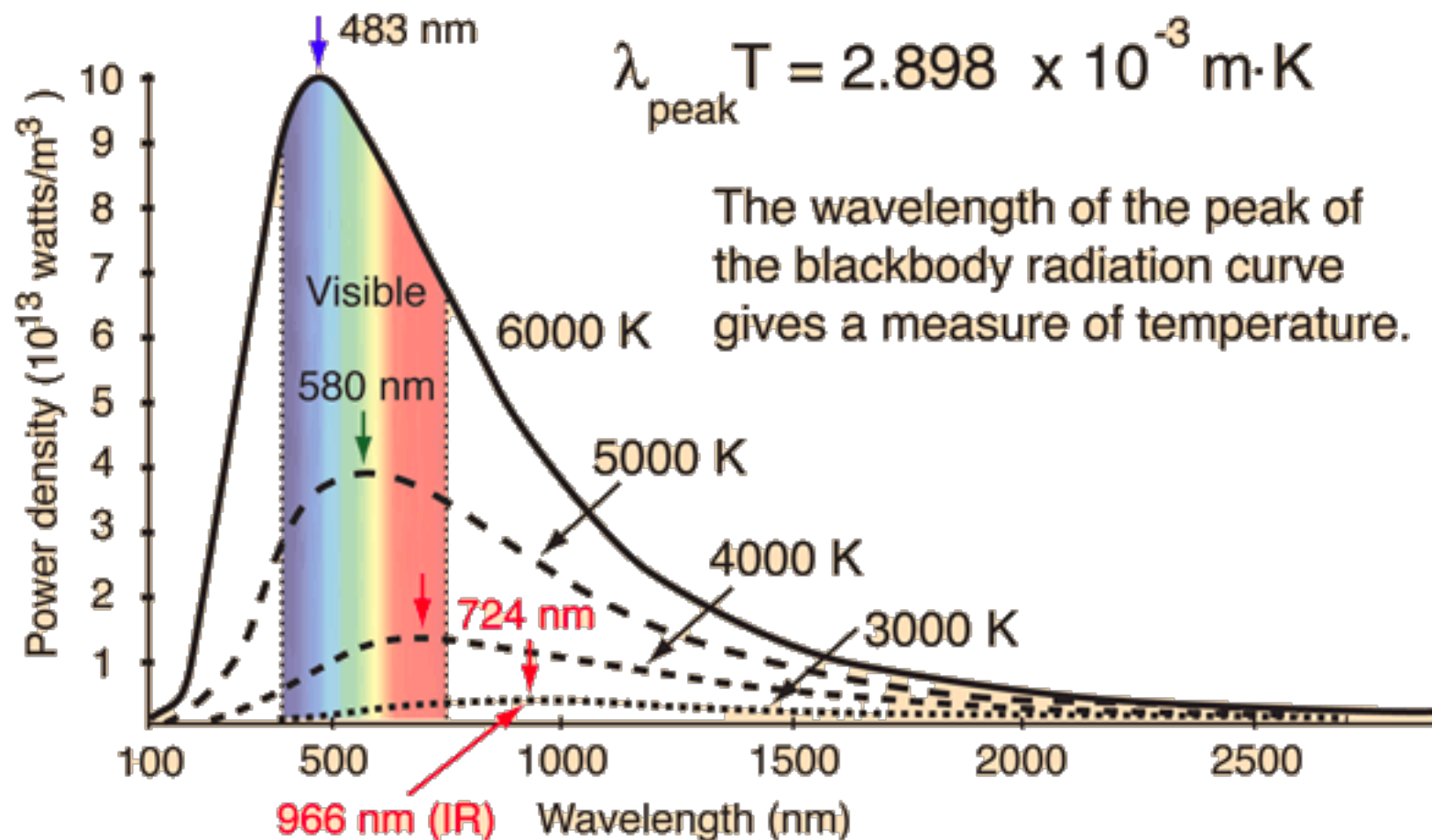
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- Wien's displacement law:

λ at which an object emits more radiation.

$$\lambda_{\text{max peak}} = \frac{b}{T} \quad ; \quad b = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK}$$

$$\nu_{\text{peak}} = \frac{\alpha}{h} kT \approx 5.879 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{Hz}}{\text{K}} \cdot T$$



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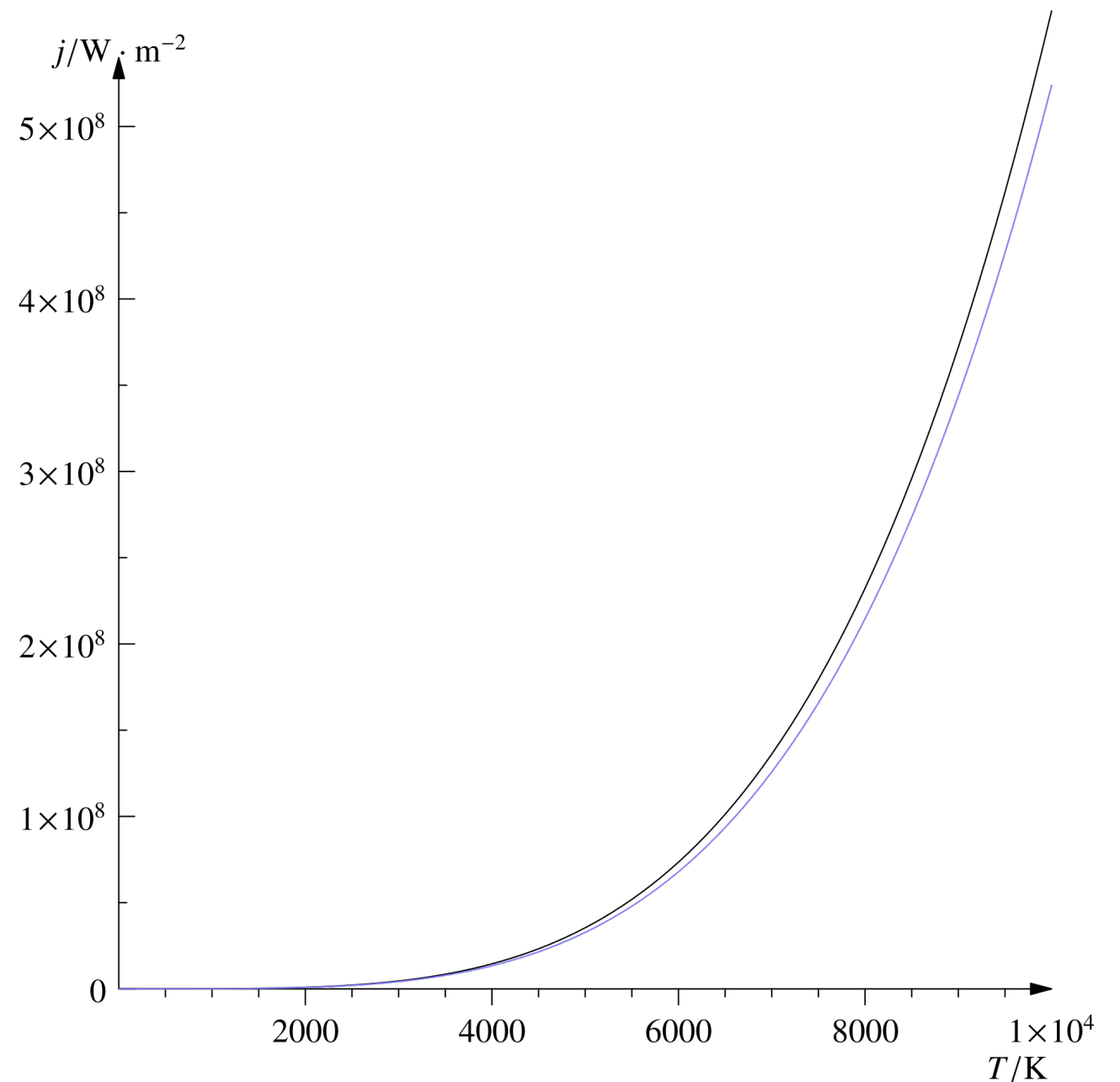
- **Stefan-Boltzmann law:**

Total radiation emitted at
all λ :

$$j = \sigma T^4 \left[\frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15c^2 h^3} = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \text{K}^4}$$

↳ SB constant



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- Planck's constant: h

The units of h are units of angular momentum.

$$E_\gamma = h\nu$$

Units of h :

$$[h] = \frac{[E]}{[\nu]} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[T^{-1}]} = [ML^2T^{-1}]$$

$$[h] = \underset{\uparrow}{L} \cdot \underset{\uparrow}{[MLT^{-1}]} = [r] \cdot [p] = \underset{\uparrow}{[L]}$$

Length Momentum

Angular momentum

Example:

Spin 1/2 particle

$$|\vec{S}| = \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$