

# Lecture 4

Temperature measurement – Chapter 8

# What is temperature trying to characterize?

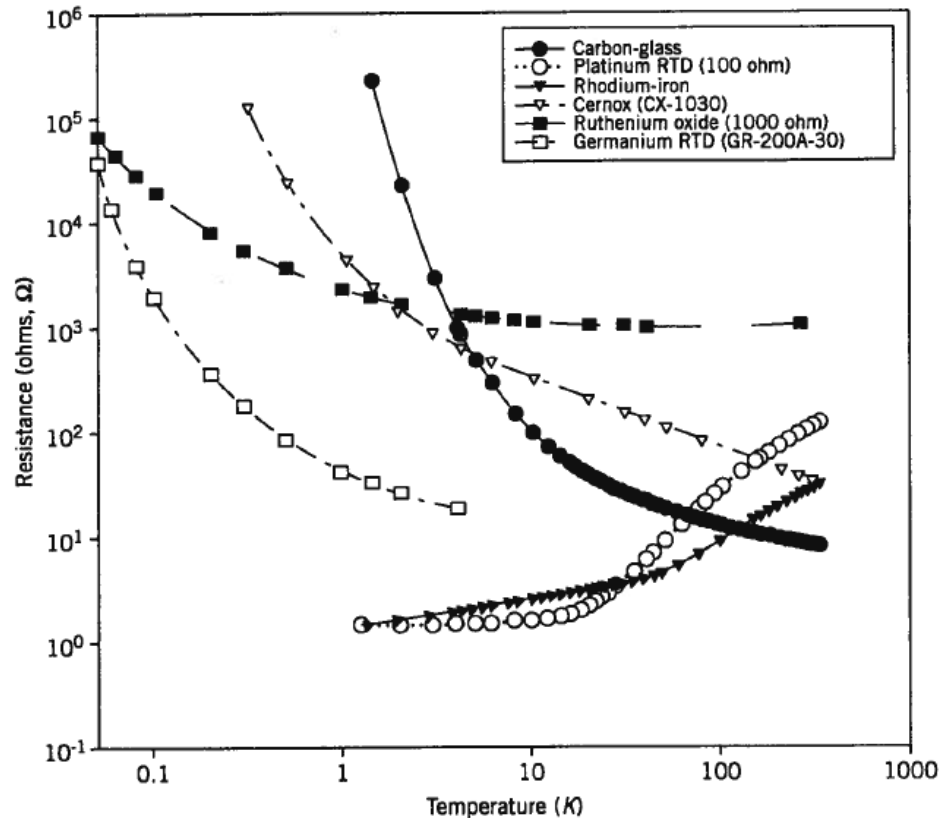
- Temperature is a measure of the internal energy of matter.
  - Gas constant given in J/mole K
  - Boltzmann's constant given in J/atom K
  - Avogadro's constant relates moles to atoms
  - $RT$ ,  $kT$  represent the thermal energy of moles or atoms
- Temperature is defined by certain energy transitions (*How were those energy transitions defined?*)
  - Ice-water equilibrium at atmospheric pressure is  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Water-water vapor equilibrium at atmospheric pressure is  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Triple point of water 273.16 K ( $0.01^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - Triple point of hydrogen – 13.8 K
  - Melting point of gold at 1 atm – 1337.33 K
  - Melting point of gallium at 1 atm – 302.91 K
- Wikipedia has an interesting article on how absolute zero is defined.
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute\\_zero](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute_zero)

# Types of temperature sensors

- Thermometers based on liquid expansion
- Resistance temperature devices
- Thermistors
- Thermocouples
- Optical sensors based on absorption of radiated energy
  - Semiconductor
  - Pyrometer
  - Thermopile

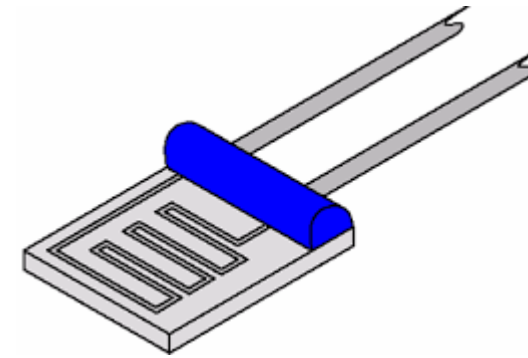
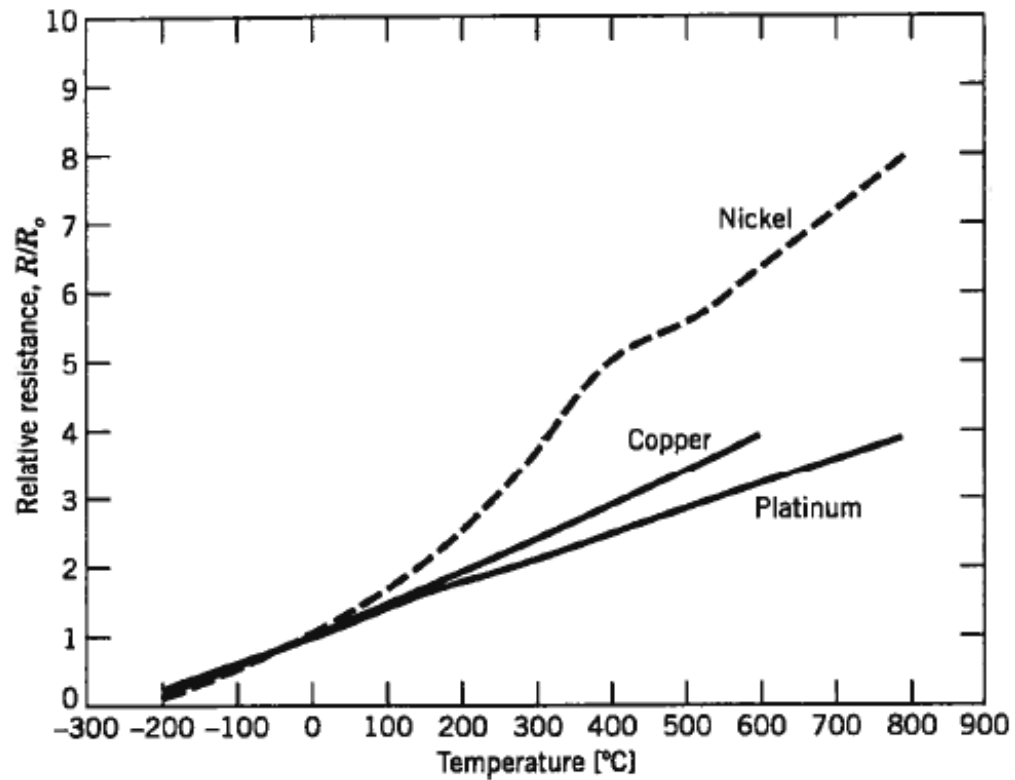
# Temperature devices based on resistance change with temperature

- Resistance of metals increases with increasing temperature
  - Mean free path of electrons decreases as the amplitude of the oscillation of the atoms increases.
  - Sensors based on this principle in metals are called RTD's
- Resistance of semiconductors and semiconducting oxides decreases with temperatures
  - Greater fraction of electrons can exceed the valence electron-conduction electron bandgap as the thermal energy of the electrons increases.
  - Sensors based on these materials are generally called thermistors.



**Figure 8.4** Resistance as a function of temperature for selected materials used as temperature sensors. (Adapted from Yeager, C. J. and S. S. Courts, A Review of Cryogenic Thermometry and Common Temperature Sensors, *IEEE Sensors Journal*, 1 (4), 2001.)

# RTD's



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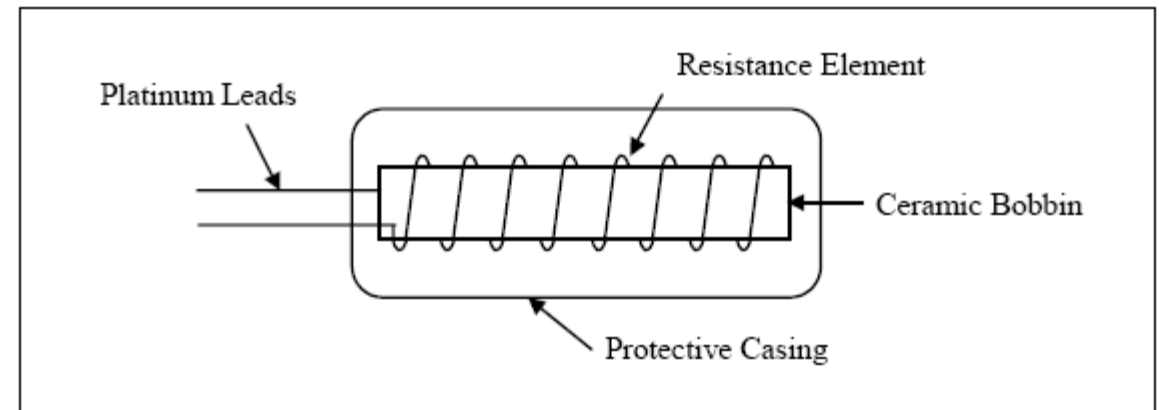


Figure 7-14. Typical RTD – resistance temperature detectors

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# Platinum is material of choice for RTD's due to high linearity and stability (Cu oxidizes)

Linearity  $\pm 0.3\%$  from 0-200°C and  $\pm 1.2\%$  from 200-800°C.

Strain gages are based on resistance changes of this magnitude so RTD designers avoid or compensate and correct for strain in Pt.

Constants depend on purity.

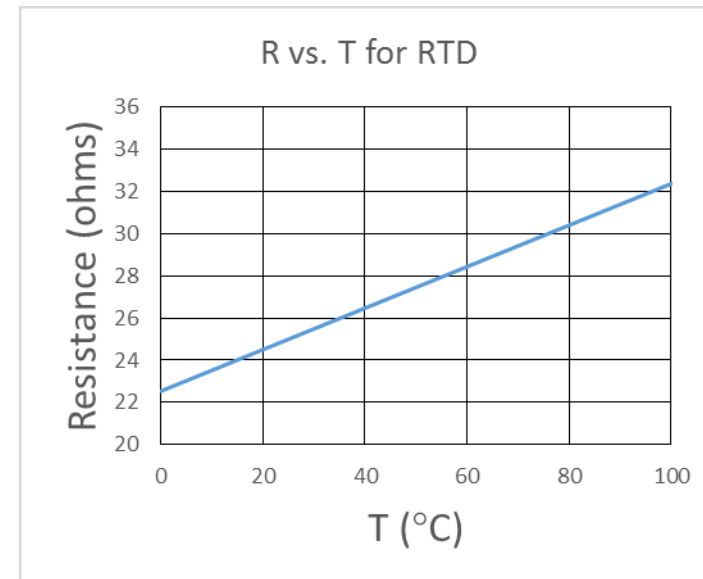
Can have uncertainty as low as  $\pm 0.005^\circ\text{C}$ .

Wheatstone bridges typically used to measure R. Must correct for leadwire resistance.

$$R = R_o \left( 1 + \alpha (T - T_o) + \beta (T - T_o)^2 + \dots \right)$$

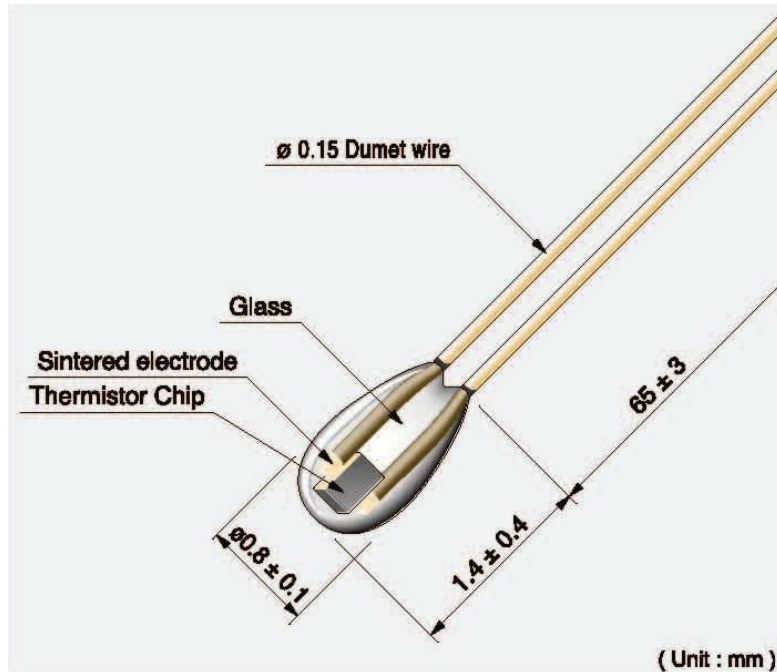
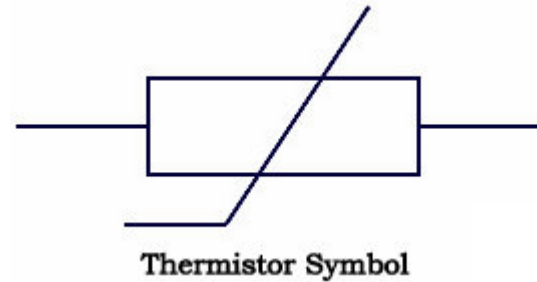
$$\cong R_o \left( 1 + \alpha (T - T_o) \right)$$

$$\alpha_{Pt} = 0.003927 / ^\circ\text{C}$$

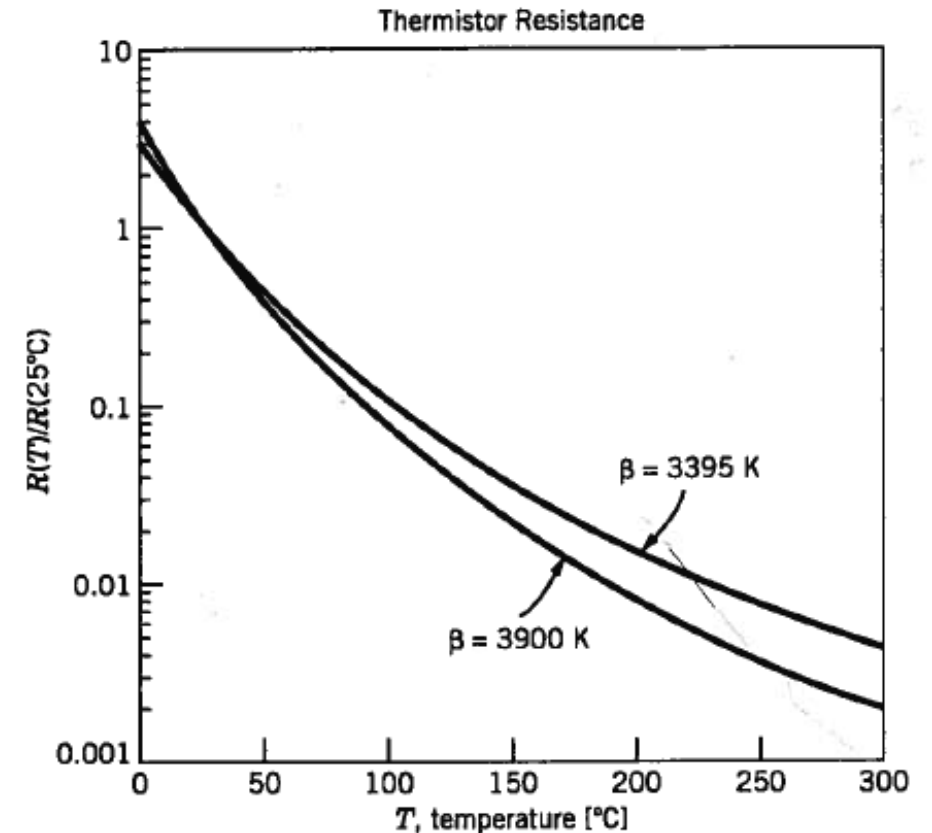


# Thermistors typically decrease in resistance with increasing temperature

$$R = R_o \exp \left[ \beta \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_o} \right) \right]$$



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# Thermoelectric temperature measurement

$$\alpha_{AB} = \left[ \frac{\partial(emf)}{\partial T} \right]_{open\ circuit}$$

*Seebeck Effect*

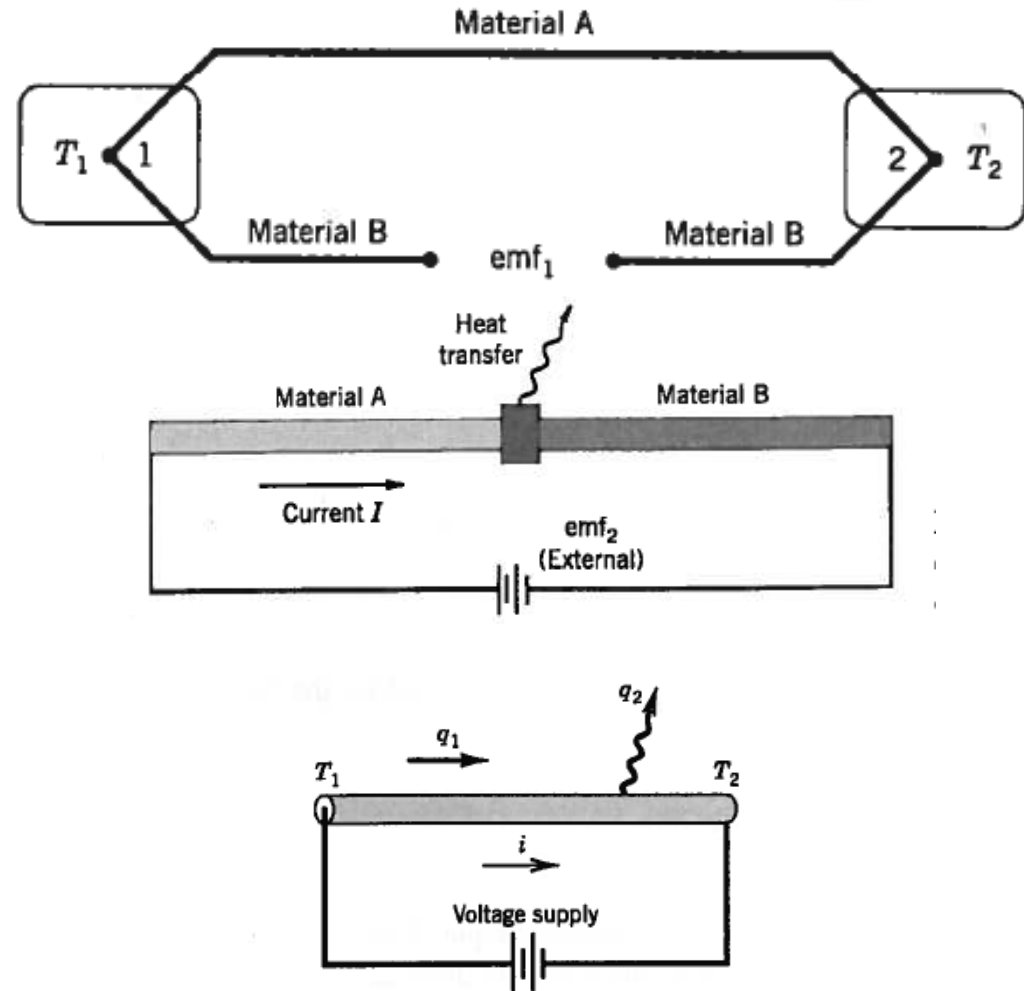
$$Q = \pi_{AB} I$$

*Peltier Effect*

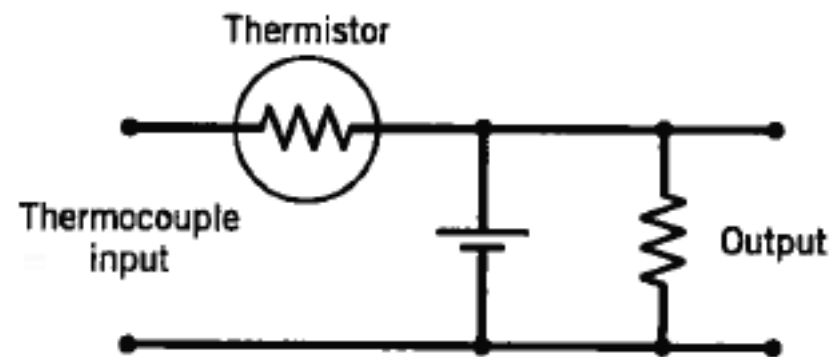
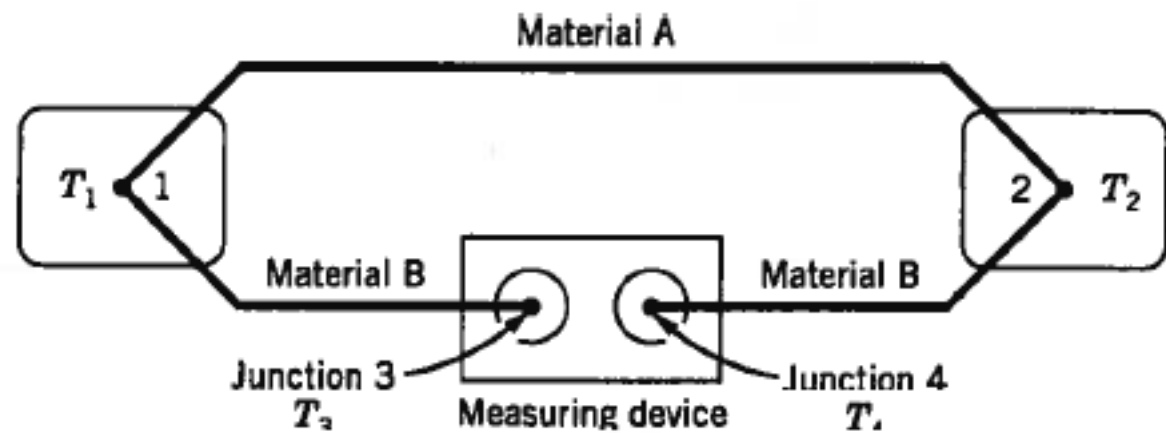
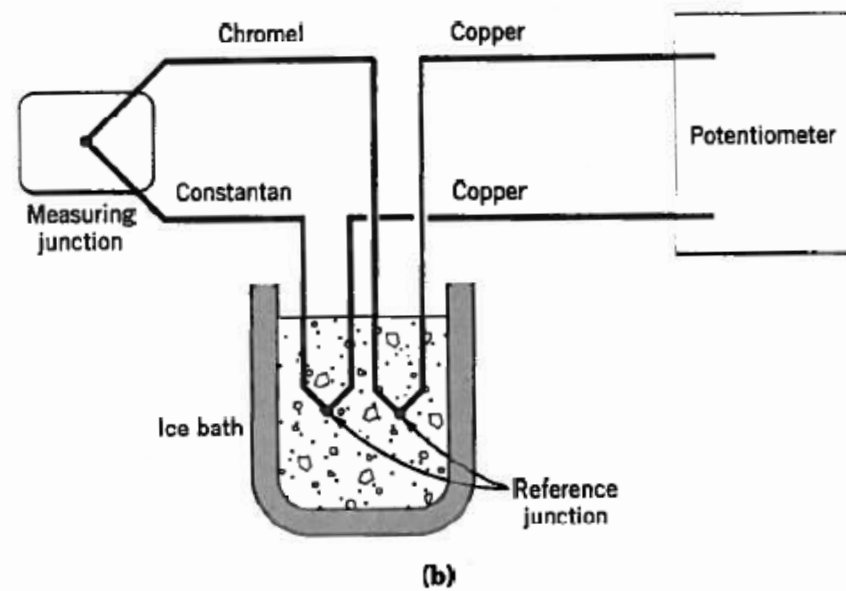
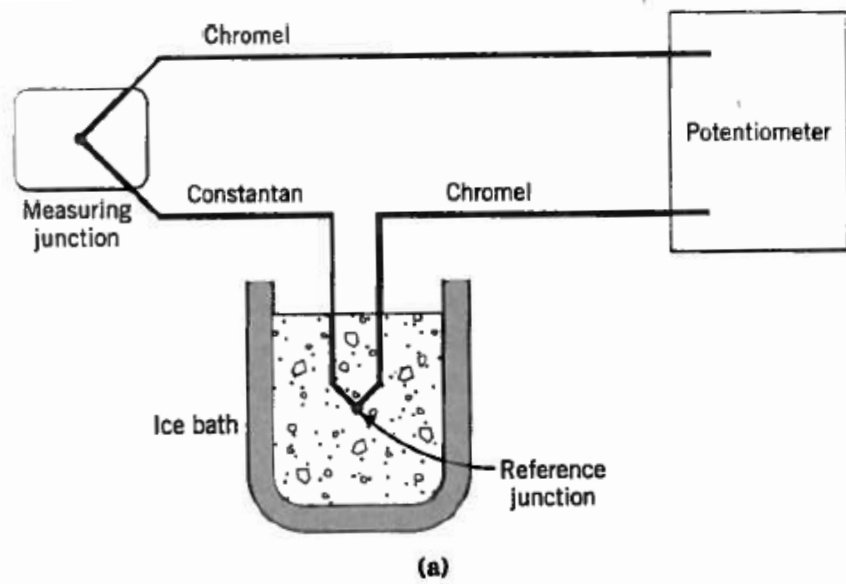
$$\pi_{AB} = \alpha_{AB} T$$

$$Q_{\sigma} = \sigma I (T_1 - T_2)$$

*Thomson Effect*



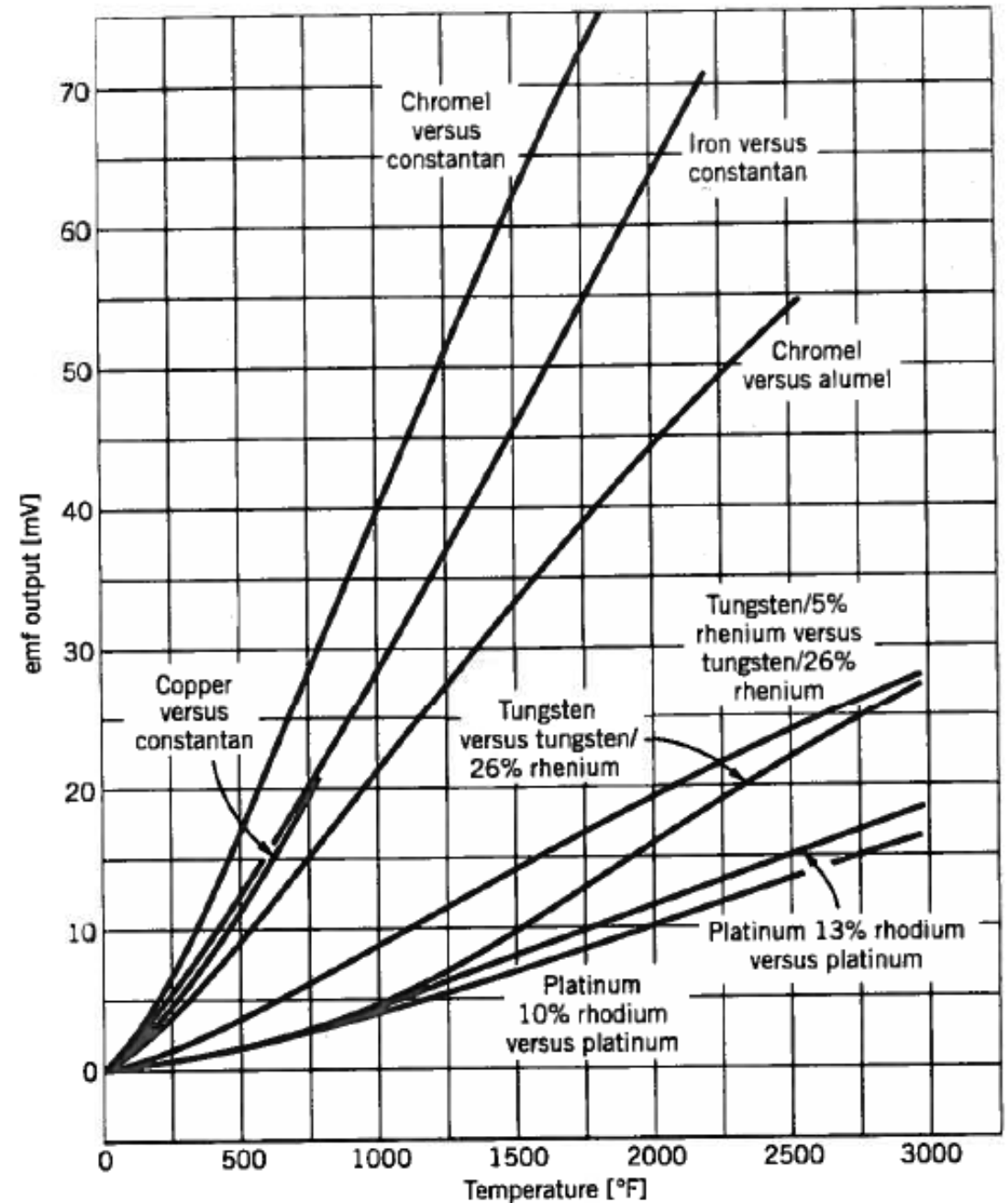




# Thermocouple combinations

**Table 8.4** Thermocouple Designations

Type	Material Combination		Applications
	Positive	Negative	
E	Chromel(+)	Constantan(-)	Highest sensitivity (<1000°C)
J	Iron(+)	Constantan(-)	Nonoxidizing environment (<760°C)
K	Chromel(+)	Alumel(-)	High temperature (<1372°C)
S	Platinum/ 10% rhodium	Platinum(-)	Long-term stability high temperature (<1768°C)
T	Copper(+)	Constantan(-)	Reducing or vacuum environments (<400°C)



**Table 8.5** Standard Thermocouple Compositions<sup>a</sup>

Type	Wire		Expected Systematic Uncertainty <sup>b</sup>
	Positive	Negative	
S	Platinum	Platinum/10% rhodium	±1.5°C or 0.25%
R	Platinum	Platinum/13% rhodium	±1.5°C
B	Platinum/30% rhodium	Platinum/6% rhodium	±0.5%
T	Copper	Constantan	±1.0°C or 0.75%
J	Iron	Constantan	±2.2°C or 0.75%
K	Chromel	Alumel	±2.2°C or 0.75%
E	Chromel	Constantan	±1.7°C or 0.5%

*Alloy Designations*

Constantan: 55% copper with 45% nickel

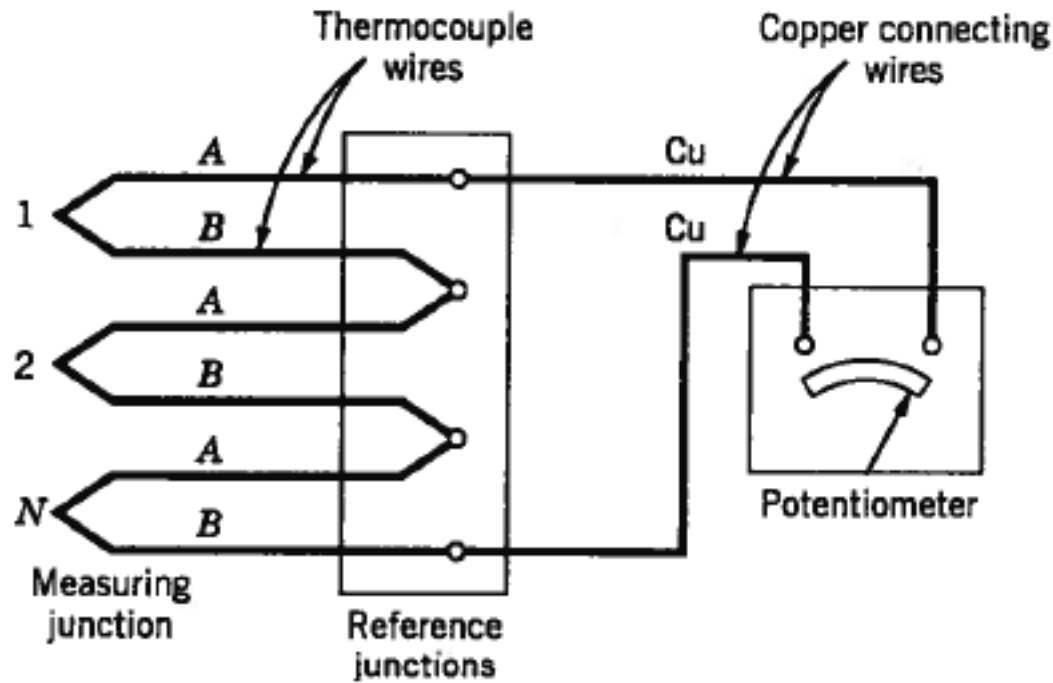
Chromel: 90% nickel with 10% chromium

Alumel: 94% nickel with 3% manganese, 2% aluminum, and 1% silicon

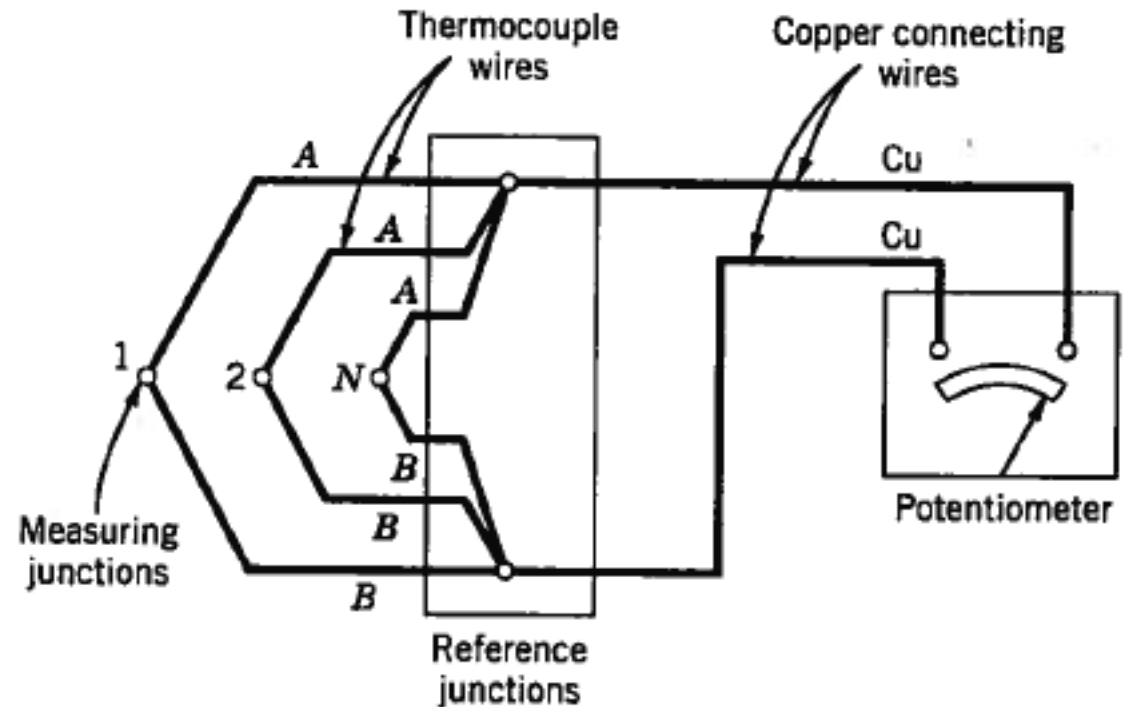
<sup>a</sup>From Temperature Measurements ANSI PTC 19.3-1974.

<sup>b</sup>Use greater value; these limits of error do not include installation errors.

# Thermopile vs. thermocouples in parallel.



$$emf = \sum_{i=1}^N (emf)_i$$



$$emf = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (emf)_i$$

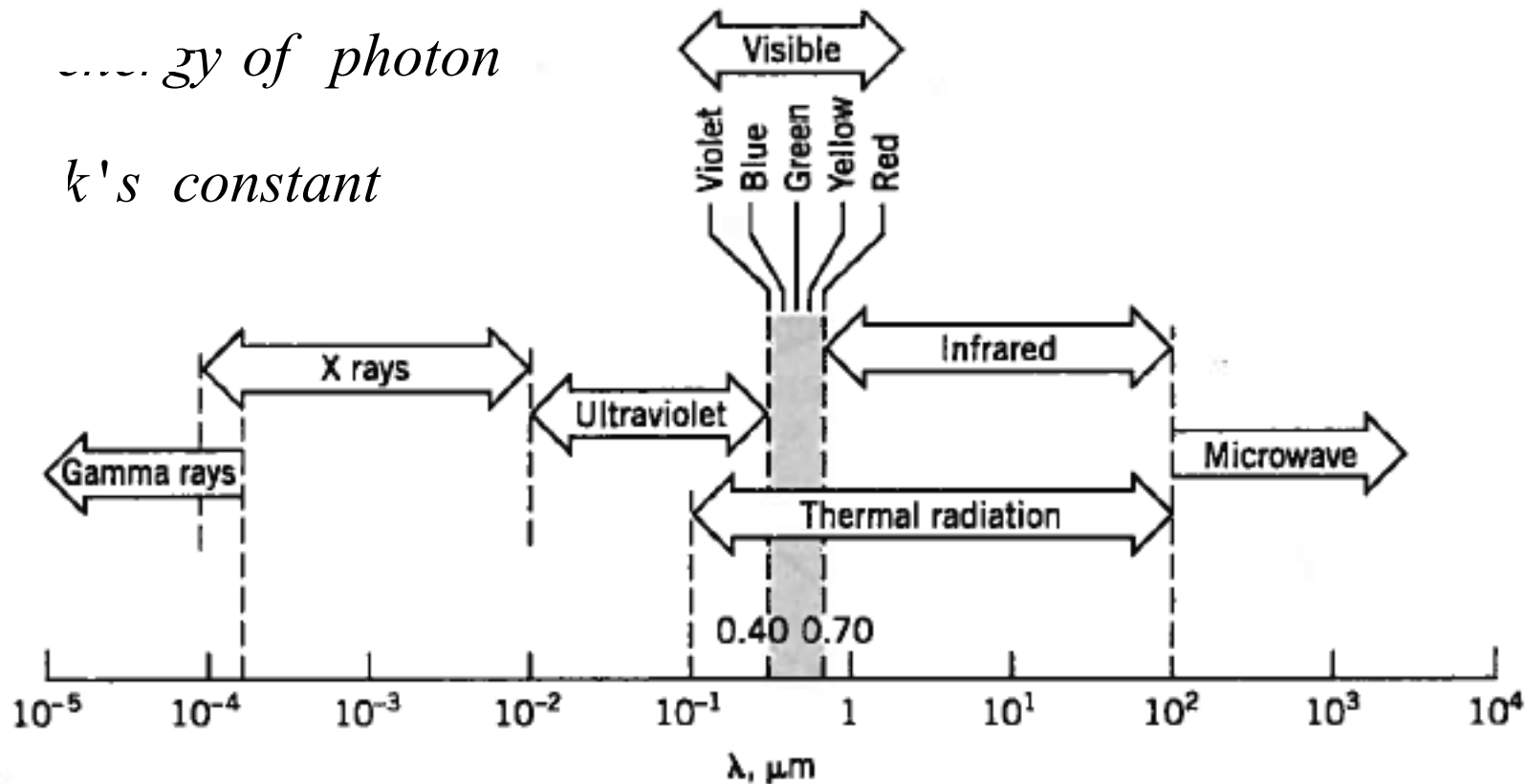
# Radiative temperature measurements

## Electromagnetic spectrum

$$E = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

Energy of photon

$h$  Planck's constant



# Ideal, blackbody radiator

$$E_b = \sigma T^4$$

$\sigma$  = emissivity

$$E_{b\lambda} = \frac{2\pi h_p c^2}{\lambda^5 \left[ \exp(h_p c / k_B T) - 1 \right]}$$

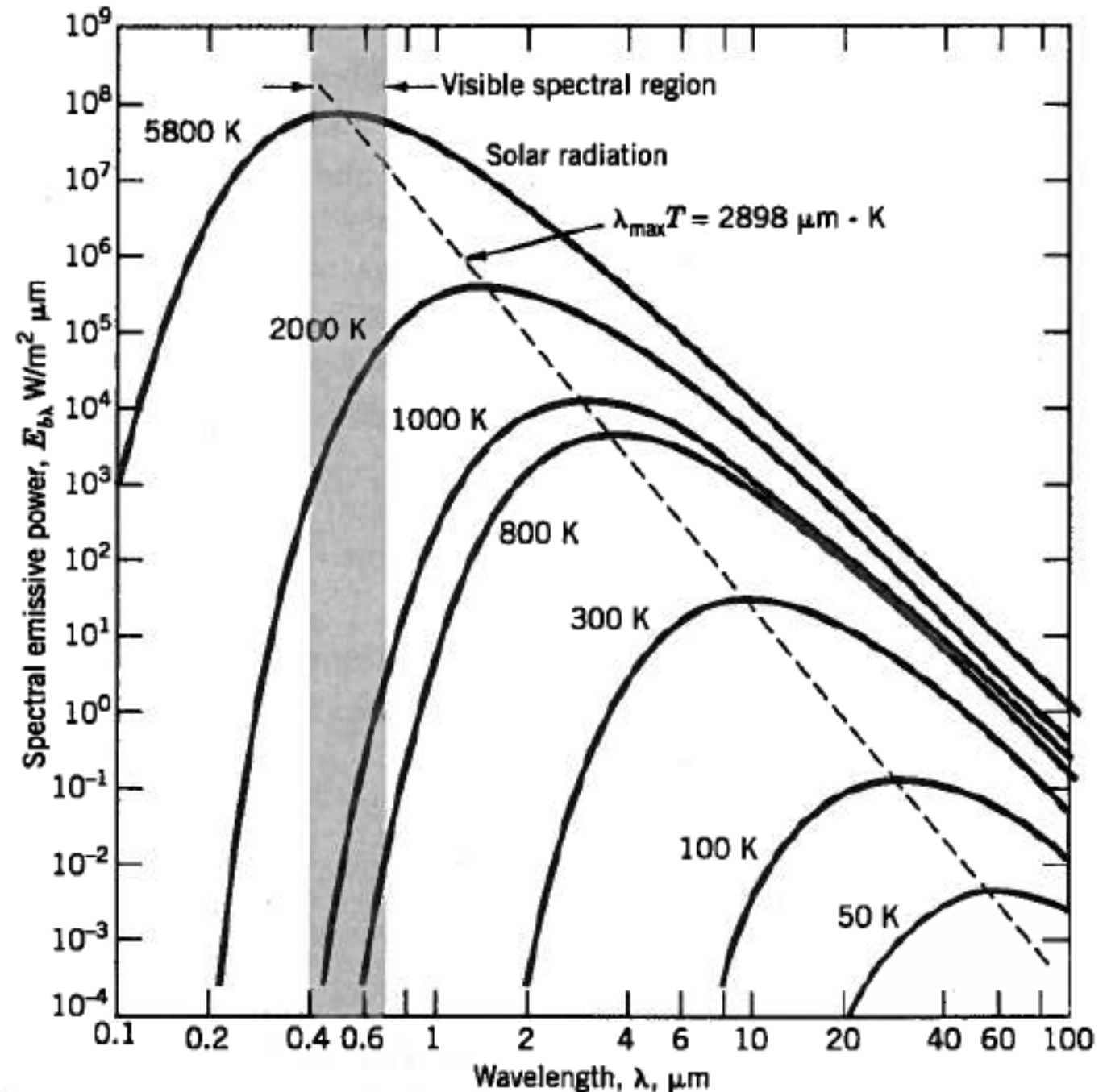
= total emissive power

$\lambda$  = wavelength

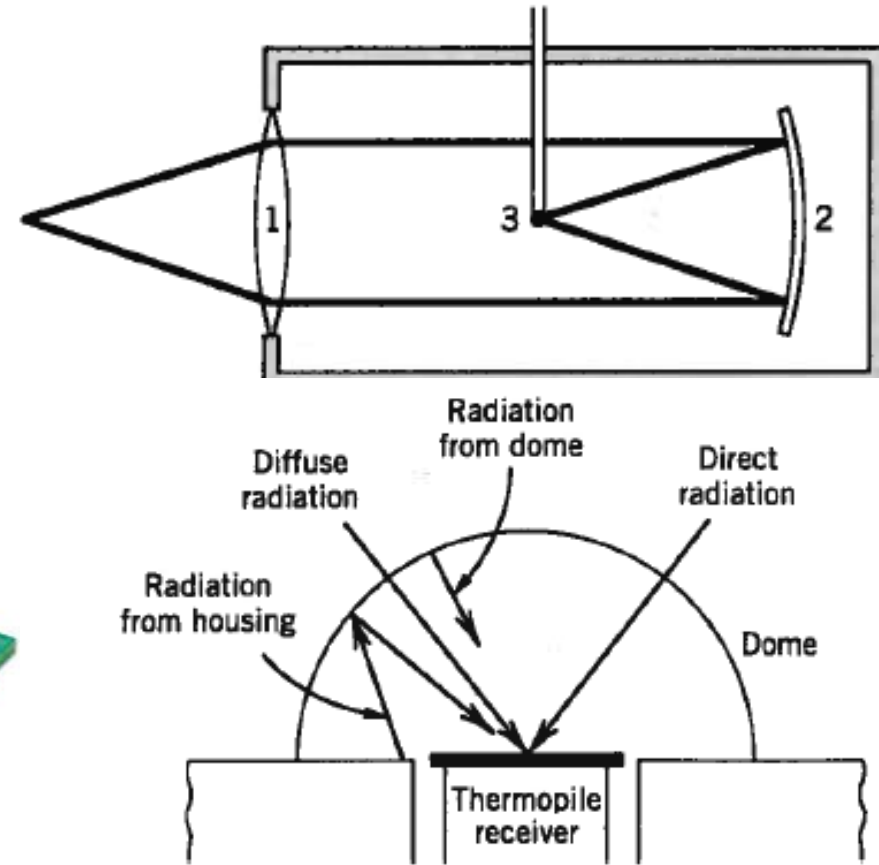
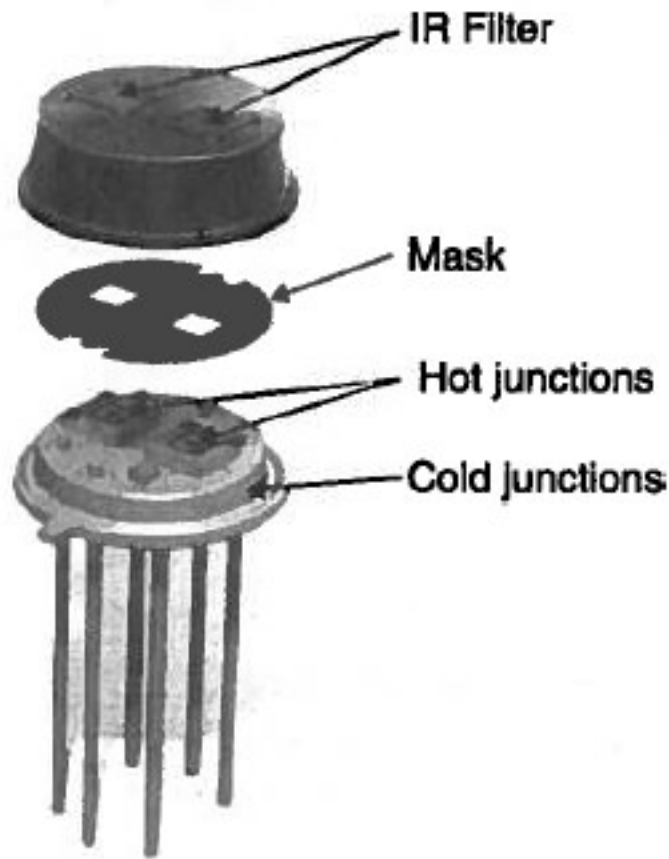
$c$  = speed of light

$h_p$  = Planck's constant

$k_B$  = Boltzmann's constant



Radiometer uses thermopile to measure temperature rise from (optical) radiation hitting hot junction.



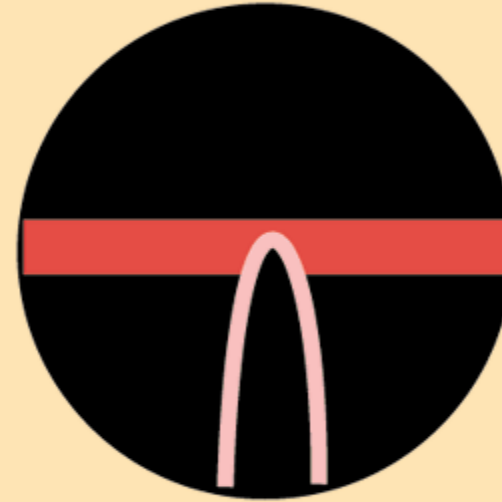
## Disappearing-Filament Pyrometer Lamp Superimposed on Target



Temperature  
Reading is  
Too Low



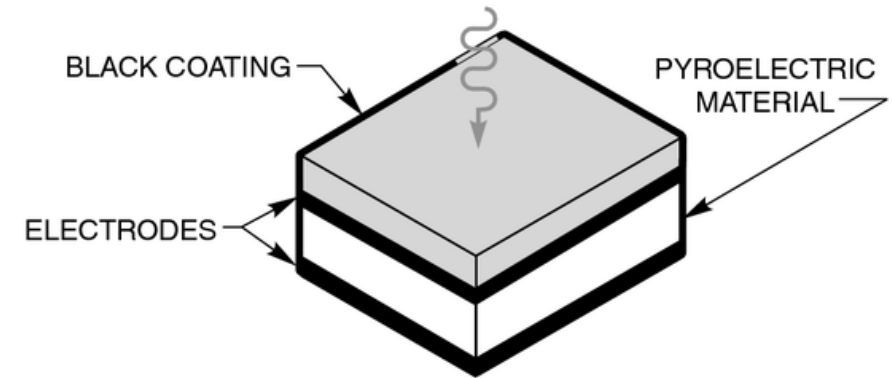
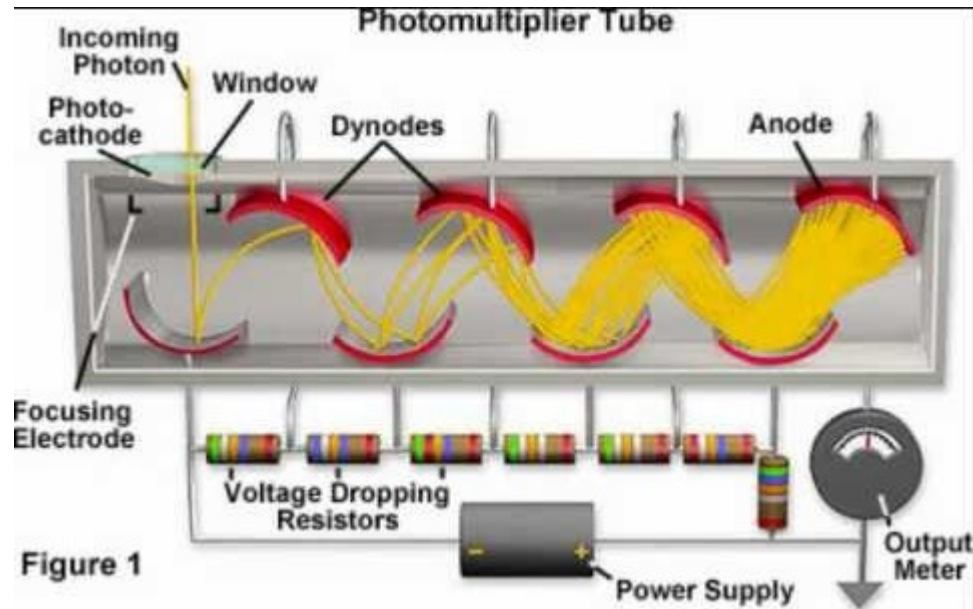
Correct  
Temperature  
Reading



Temperature  
Reading is  
Too High



# Photomultiplier tubes, semiconductor photovoltaic sensors, pyroelectric sensors



Pyroelectricity is like piezoelectricity except heat generates charge

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IR cameras work just like regular digital cameras but the sensor array is composed of a narrow band gap semiconductor in the IR region or microbolometers – can have 0.1°C resolution

- Sensor types – cooled arrays

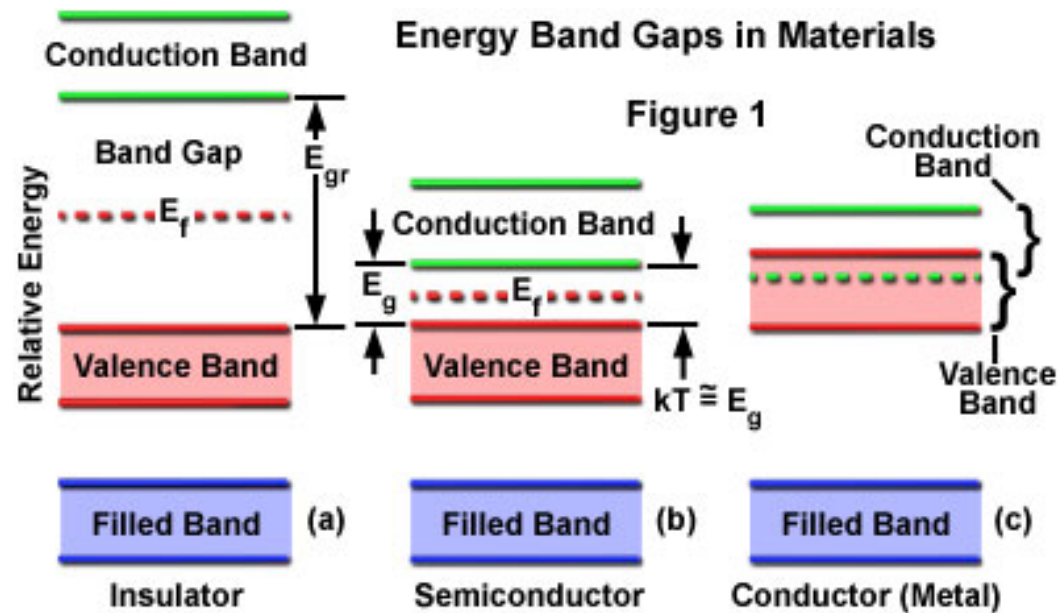
- indium antimonide (3-5  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- indium arsenide
- mercury cadmium telluride (MCT) (1-2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3-5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 8-12  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- lead sulfide
- lead selenide

- Sensor types – uncooled arrays

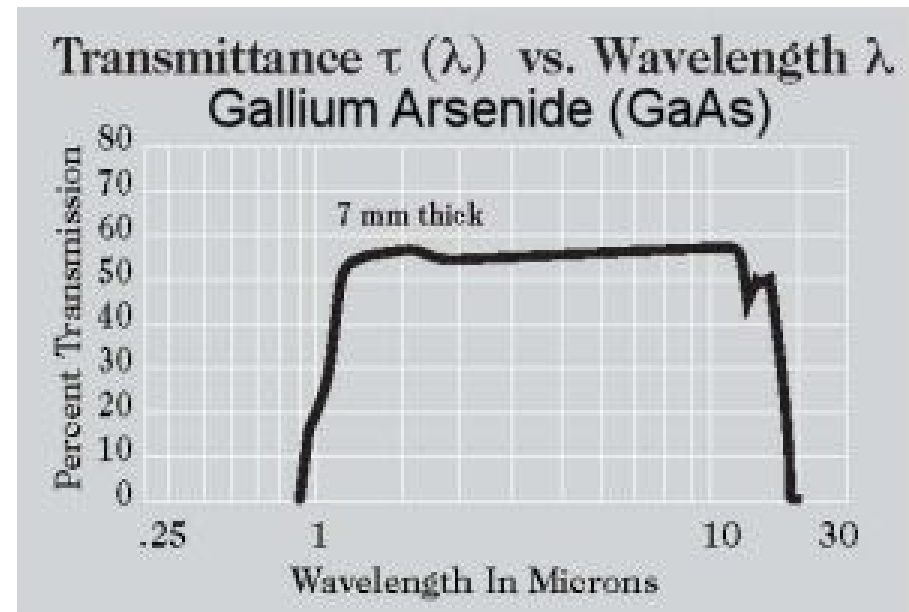
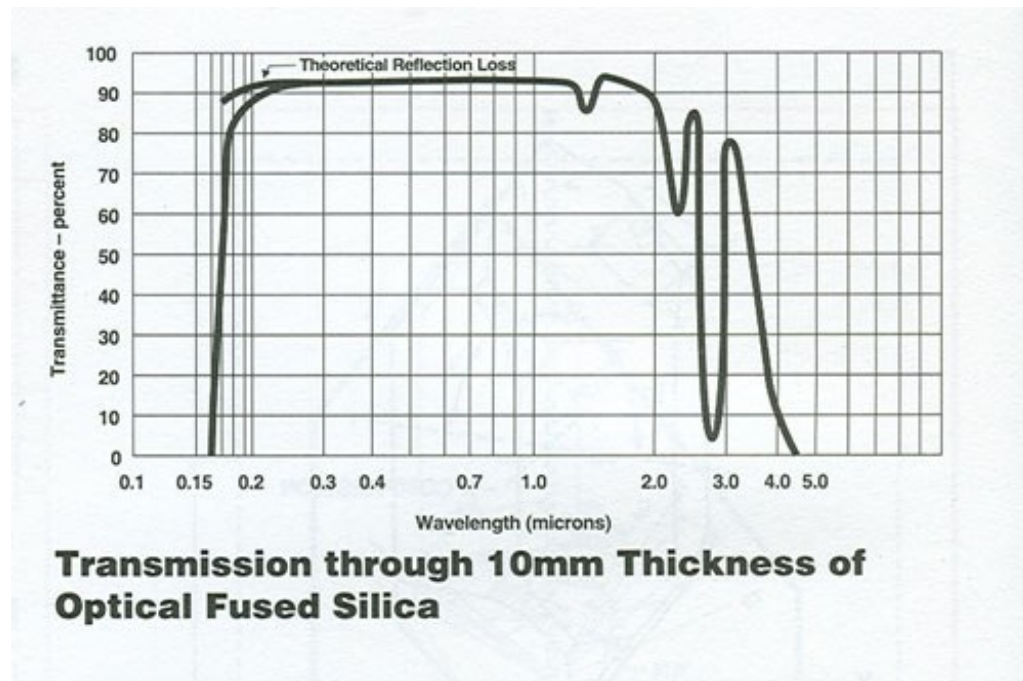
- vanadium(V) oxide (metal insulator phase change material, for microbolometer arrays)
- lanthanum barium manganite (LBMO, metal insulator phase change material)
- amorphous silicon
- lead zirconate titanate (PZT)
- lanthanum doped lead zirconate titanate (PLZT)
- lead scandium tantalate (PST)
- lead lanthanum titanate (PLT)

# Narrow band gap means larger wavelength

$$E = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$



# Transmittance of different materials in the UV to IR range – IR optics



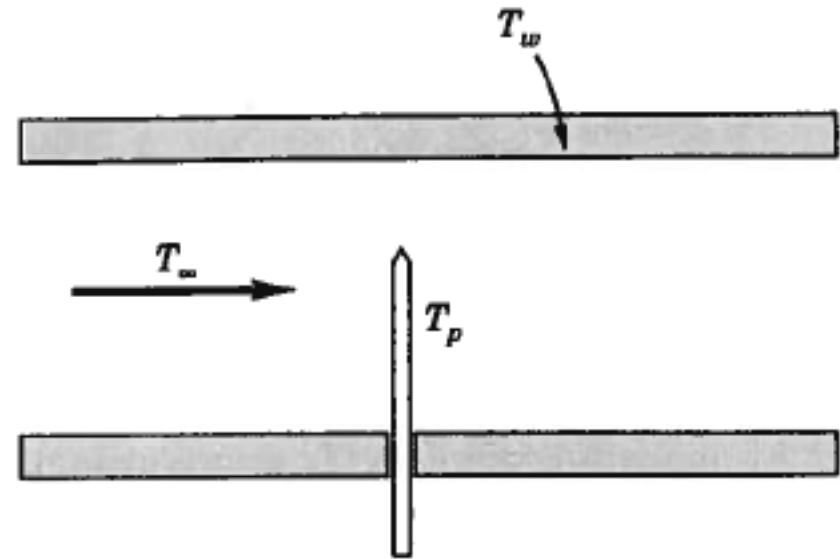
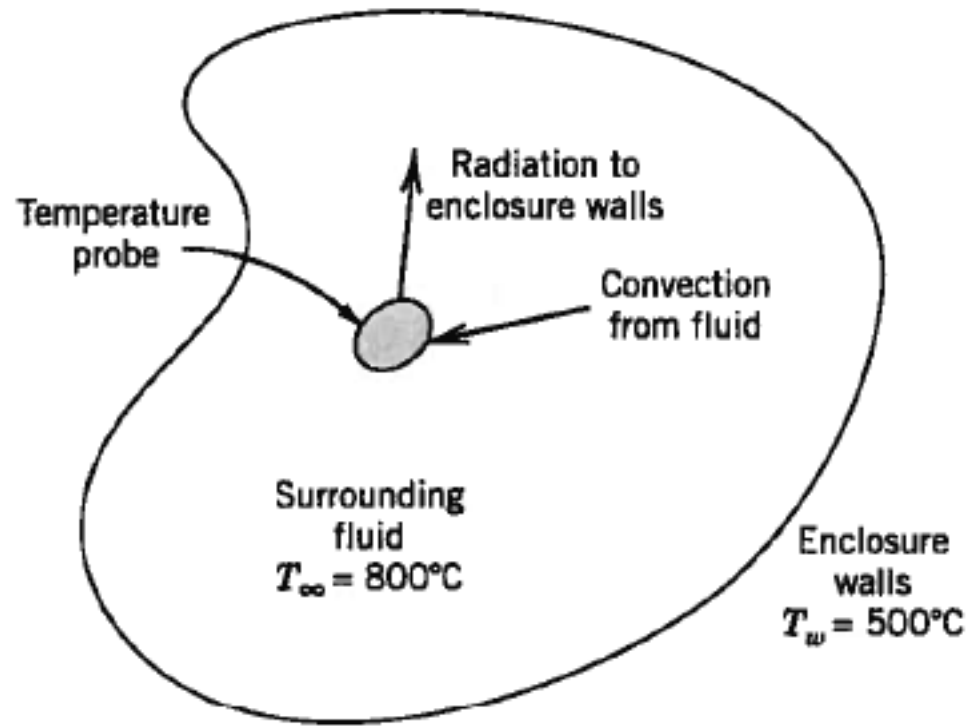
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# Errors in temperature measurement

- Insertion errors
  - Conduction errors – use long, slender probes ( $L/d > 50$ )
  - Radiation errors – radiation shields
  - Recovery errors – transfer of kinetic energy fluid to create heat
- Effects of plugs and extension wire
  - Non-isothermal connections
  - Loading errors
- Material evolution – sensors age, corrode, get coated
- Ground loops, induced currents from magnetic fields
- Reference junction inaccuracies

# Errors in temperature measurement



Exposed thermocouple would read  $\sim 640^{\circ}\text{C}$  for  $800^{\circ}\text{C}$  fluid. Radiation shield with emissivity of 1 would raise sensor temperature to  $\sim 700^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Choosing a shield with low emissivity raises sensed temperature to  $\sim 770^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

# Estimating probe temperature for tube with different wall and gas temperatures

From Figliola p. 360-362

Sum of convective heat transfer from gas must equal radiative heat loss to wall when in thermal equilibrium.

$$q_c + q_r = 0$$

$$q_c = hA_s (T_\infty - T_o) \quad q_r = FA_s \varepsilon \sigma (T_w^4 - T^4)$$

$$hA_s (T_\infty - T_p) = FA_s \varepsilon \sigma (T_p^4 - T_w^4)$$

$$(T_p - T_\infty) = \frac{F \varepsilon \sigma}{h} (T_w^4 - T_p^4)$$

$$\sigma = \text{Stefan - Boltzmann constant} = 5.669 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W / m}^2 \text{ K}^4$$

$\varepsilon$  = emissivity

F = view factor

$$T_\infty = 800^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$T_w = 500^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$h = 100 \text{ W / m}^2 \text{ }^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$F, \varepsilon \sim 1$$

$$T_p = 642.5^\circ \text{ C}$$

*Note that lower emissivity probe or shielding would decrease difference.*