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## Blackbody Radiation (cont.)

Frequency dependence of the density of energy:

$$u(\omega) d\omega = \frac{\hbar \omega^3 d\omega}{\pi^2 c^3 (e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1)} = \frac{\hbar x^3 (kT)^3}{\hbar^3 \pi^2 c^3} \frac{dx kT}{\hbar (e^x - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 (kT)^4 dx}{c^3 \hbar^3 \pi^2 (e^x - 1)} = \frac{(kT)^4}{c^3 \pi^2 \hbar^3} \tilde{u}(x) dx \quad (2)$$

$x = \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{\hbar}{kT} d\omega$

$$\tilde{u}(x) dx = \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} dx \quad (1)$$

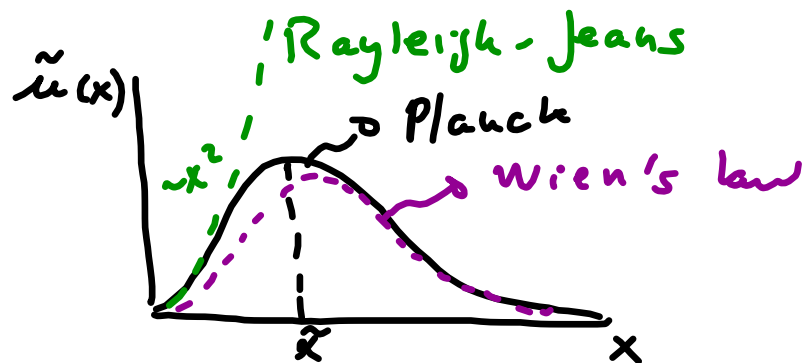
If  $x \ll 1 \Rightarrow \hbar\omega \ll kT$  (low frequency)

Then

$$\tilde{u}(x) \sim \frac{x^3}{1-x^{-1}} = x^2 \quad \text{Rayleigh-Jeans classical behavior.}$$

If  $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \hbar\omega \gg kT$

$$\tilde{u}(x) \sim x^3 e^{-x} \quad \text{Wien's law}$$



No ultraviolet catastrophe.

$$\bar{x} = 2.8214$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \tilde{u}(x) dx = \frac{\pi^4}{15} \approx 6.49$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} dx = 6 \quad (\text{Wien's law})$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^2 dx \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{catastrophe.}$$

Now let's calculate  $U/V$ .

$$\frac{U}{V} = \int_0^{\infty} u(\omega) d\omega \quad \textcircled{2} = \frac{(kT)^4}{\pi^2 c^3 h^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} =$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2 k^4 T^4}{15 h^3 c^3} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\frac{U}{V} \propto T^4 \quad \text{Stefan - Boltzmann's law}$$

$T$  dependence of radiation flow:

photons will come out through effusion:

$$R = \frac{1}{4} n \langle u \rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \frac{U}{V} c = \frac{\pi^2 k^4 T^4}{60 \hbar^3 c^2} = \sigma T^4$$

$\frac{1}{4}$  replace by  $\frac{1}{4}$  because we care about the rate of energy that is being effused.

$c$  (speed of the photons)

Stephan's constant.

Since  $\mu = 0$  for photons it means that

$g = 1$  then

$$\ln \mathcal{Z}(V, T) = \frac{PV}{kT} = - \sum_{\epsilon} \ln(1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT}) \rightarrow$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sum \rightarrow \int} - \int a(\epsilon) \ln(1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT}) d\epsilon$$

$$\text{with } a(\epsilon) = \frac{2V4\pi p^2 dp}{h^3} = \frac{2V4\pi \epsilon^2/c^2 d\epsilon}{ch^3}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi V \epsilon^2 d\epsilon}{c^3 h^3} \quad (4)$$

$$\epsilon = \hbar\omega = \hbar ck = pc$$

Then

$$\ln \tilde{Z}(V, T) \stackrel{(4)}{=} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{8\pi V}{c^3 h^3} \underbrace{\epsilon^2}_{\substack{\sim \\ \mu}} \underbrace{\ln(1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT})}_V d\epsilon =$$

$$= - \frac{8\pi V}{c^3 h^3} \left[ \frac{\epsilon^3}{3} \ln(1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT}) \right]_0^{\infty} -$$

$$- \frac{1}{3kT} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^3 e^{-\epsilon/kT}}{1 - e^{-\epsilon/kT}} d\epsilon = \frac{8\pi V}{3c^3 h^3 kT} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^3 d\epsilon}{e^{\epsilon/kT} - 1} =$$

$$= \frac{PV}{kT} \quad (5)$$

From (5):

$$\begin{aligned}
 PV &= \frac{8\pi V}{3c^3 h^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^3 d\epsilon}{e^{\epsilon/kT} - 1} = \frac{8\pi V (kT)^5}{3c^3 h^3 kT} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} \\
 &= \frac{8\pi^5 V (kT)^4}{45 c^3 h^3} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{\pi^2 V (kT)^4}{15 c^3 h^3} \right] \textcircled{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon/kT = x \quad d\epsilon = kT dx$   
 $\underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1}}_{\pi^4/15}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} U$$

$$\therefore P = \frac{1}{3} \frac{U}{V}$$



$$F = E - TS = \cancel{TS} - PV + \underset{0}{\mu N} - \cancel{TS} = -PV$$

$$= -\left[\frac{U}{3}\right]$$

$$\textcircled{3} U \propto VT^4$$

$$S = \frac{U - F}{T} = \frac{U + \frac{U}{3}}{T} = \frac{4U}{3T} \propto VT^3$$

$$S = \gamma VT^3$$

$$C_V = T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_V = T \gamma \left. \frac{\partial VT^3}{\partial T} \right|_V = T \gamma 3VT^2$$

$$= 3\gamma VT^3 = 3S$$

Then if  $V T^3 = \text{constant} \Rightarrow dS = 0$

adiabatic transformation.

Since  $P \propto T^\gamma \Rightarrow T \propto P^{1/\gamma}$

$\therefore V T^3 \propto V P^{3/\gamma}$  or  $V^{4/3} P = \text{constant}$

also  $\Rightarrow dS = 0$

adiabatic.

Average number of photons in the cavity:

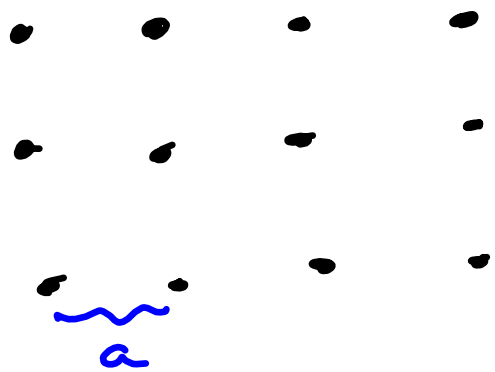
$$\bar{N} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{g(\omega) d\omega}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{V \omega^2 d\omega}{\pi^2 c^3 (e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{V}{\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega^2 d\omega}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1} = \frac{V}{\pi^2} \frac{\zeta(3) (kT)^3}{\hbar^3 c^3} \propto VT^3$$

Eq. 14.6 App. E:  $\zeta(3) \approx 2.4$

$\hbar\omega/kT = x$   
 $d\omega = \frac{kT}{\hbar} dx$  and  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{e^x - 1}$

## Lattice vibrations in solids: phonons.



Solids are formed by a regular array of atoms that can vibrate about their equilibrium positions.

$a$ : lattice constant.

The  $N$  atoms that form the solid are located at  $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_N)$ .

The solid's energy is minimized when the atoms are at  $(\bar{x}_1^{(0)}, \dots, \bar{x}_N^{(0)})$  (equilibrium position). Let  $(\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_i^{(0)}) = \bar{u}_i$ : a atomic displacement

Then,

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \dot{x}_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \dot{u}_i^2$$

↙  
kinetic energy

$$\phi \equiv \phi(\{x_i\}) = \phi(\{\bar{x}_i^{(0)}\}) + \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{x_i = \bar{x}_i^{(0)}} (x_i - \bar{x}_i^{(0)}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{x_i = \bar{x}_i^{(0)}} (x_i - \bar{x}_i^{(0)}) (x_j - \bar{x}_j^{(0)}) + \dots$$

↙  
potential

$$H = \phi_0 + \left\{ \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m \dot{u}_i^2 + \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij} u_i u_j \right\}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{\{x_i = x_i^{(0)}\}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{we assume} \\ x_i - x_i^{(0)} = u_i \text{ small!} \end{array}$$

Notice that  $\alpha_{ij}$  form a matrix. We can make a change of basis so that  $\alpha_{ij}$  becomes diagonal. The eigenvectors will be linear combinations of the atomic displacements and are called "normal modes". The eigenvectors

$\omega_s$  are the normal mode frequencies.

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^{3N} r_j u_j$$

Now

$$H' = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{q}_i^2 + \omega_i^2 q_i^2)$$

$\omega_i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, 3N$ ) frequencies of the normal modes.

The problem has been transformed into studying the behavior of  $3N$  non-interacting 1D harmonic oscillators.

Classically: distortions of the lattice  $\Rightarrow$  sound waves.

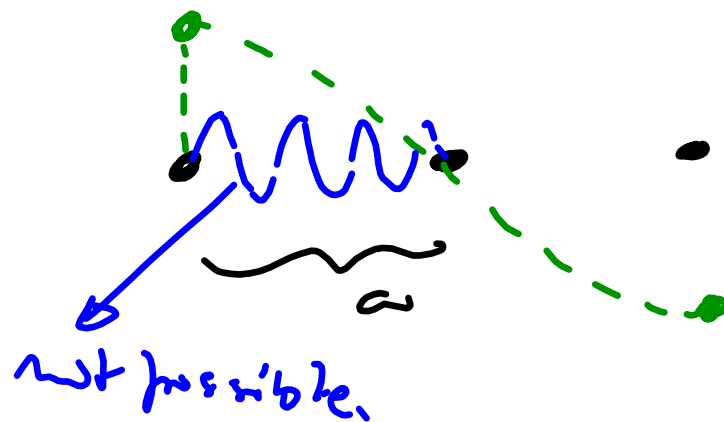
Q.M: we will call the "particles" populating the harmonic oscillators levels "phonons".

Notice: now there are  $3N$  oscillators which means that  $\omega_s$  cannot go to infinity as for photons where the number of oscillators was not determined.

But  $\mu=0$  as for photons because the number of phonons, i.e. how many particles populate each oscillator is not defined.



Phonons behave like photons at low  $T$   
 but when going to high  $T$  and higher  
 frequencies are populated the behavior is  
 different because there is a cut-off.



$\lambda = 2a$  is the smallest  
 wave length.

Now

$$E\{n_i\} = \phi_0 + \sum_i (n_i + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega_i$$

zero-point energy

Occupation number of the phonon levels or state of excitation of the oscillator.

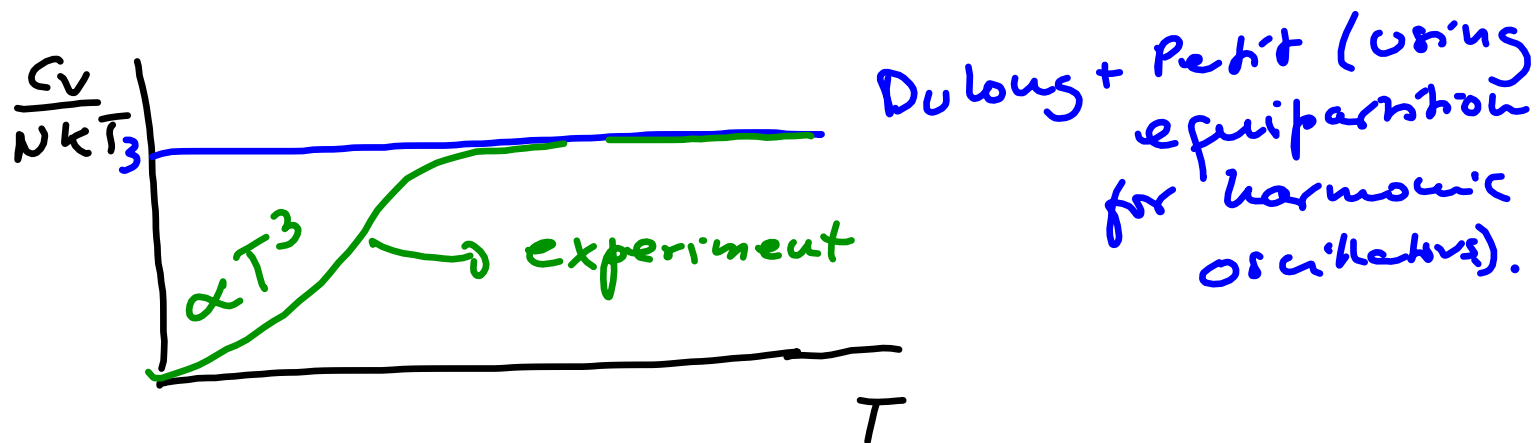
$$\therefore U(T) = \left\{ \phi_0 + \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_i \right\} + \sum_i \frac{\hbar \omega_i}{e^{\hbar \omega_i / k_B T}}$$

energy of the solid

at  $T=0$  - Binding energy of the solids.

$$C_V(T) = \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \Big|_V = k \sum_i \frac{(h \omega_i / kT)^2 e^{h \omega_i / kT}}{(e^{h \omega_i / kT} - 1)^2}$$

Paradox in the early 20 century:



$C_V \propto T^3$  at low  $T$  (could not be explained).