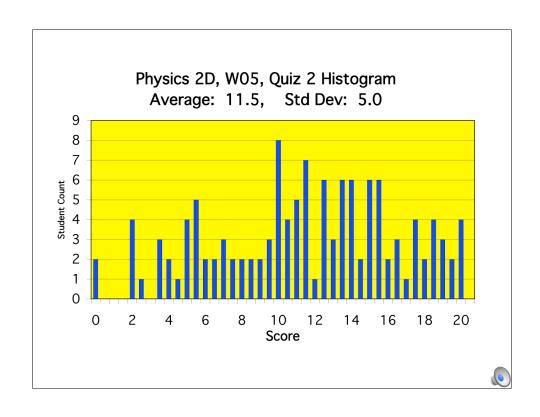


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Conservation of Mass-Energy: Nuclear Fission

$$M_1$$
 + M_2 + M_3 Nuclear Fission

$$Mc^{2} = \frac{M_{1}c^{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u_{1}^{2}}{c^{2}}}} + \frac{M_{2}c^{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u_{2}^{2}}{c^{2}}}} + \frac{M_{3}c^{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u_{3}^{2}}{c^{2}}}} \Rightarrow M > M_{1} + M_{2} + M_{3}$$

Loss of mass shows up as kinetic energy of final state particles Disintegration energy per fission $Q=(M-(M_1+M_2+M_3))c^2 = \Delta Mc^2$

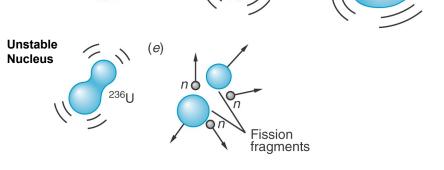
$$^{236}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{143}_{55}\text{Cs} + ^{90}_{92}\text{Rb} + 3^{1}_{0}\text{n}$$
 (1 AMU= 1.6605402×10⁻²⁷ kg = 931.49 MeV)
 Δ m=0.177537u=2.9471×10⁻²⁸ kg = 165.4 MeV= energy release/fission =peanuts

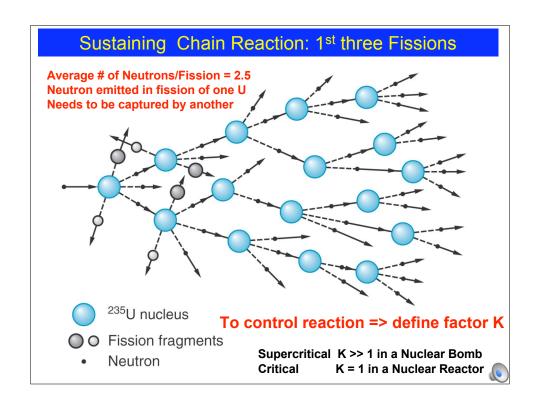
What makes it explosive is 1 mole of Uranium = 6.023 x 10²³ Nuclei!!

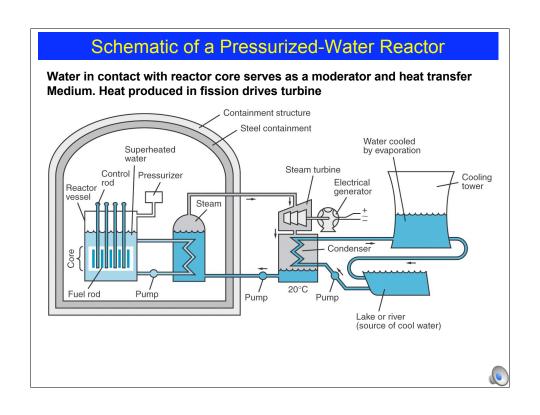


Al (a) (b) Excited U Oscillation Deforms Nucleus

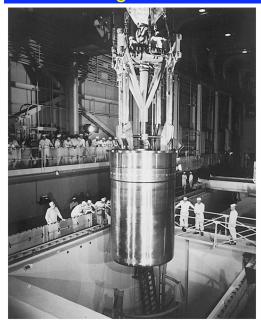
Nuclear Fission Schematic: "Tickling" a Nucleus







Lowering Fuel Core in a Nuclear Reactor



First Nuclear reactor :Pennsylvania 1957

Pressure Vessel contains:
14 Tons of Natural Uranium
+ 165 lb of enriched Uranium

Power plant rated at 90MW, Retired (82)

Pressure vessel packed with Concrete now sits in Nuclear Waste Facility in Hanford, Washington



Nuclear Fusion: What Powers the Sun

Opposite of Fission

Mass of a Nucleus < mass of its component protons+Neutrons Nuclei are stable, bound by an attractive "Strong Force"

Think of Nuclei as molecules and proton/neutron as atoms making it

Binding Energy: Work/Energy required to pull a bound system (M) apart leaving its components (m) free of the attractive force and at rest:

$$Mc^{2} + BE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_{i}c^{2}$$

$$^{2}_{1}H + ^{2}_{1}H = ^{4}_{2}He + 23.9 \text{ MeV} =$$
Deuterium = Helium + Released Energy

Think of energy released in Fusion as Dissociation energy of Chemistry

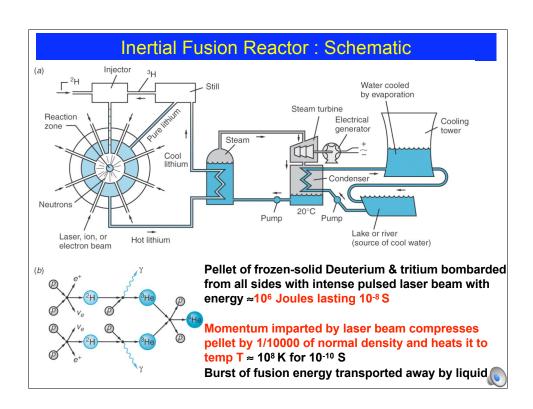
Sun's Power Output = 4×10^{26} Watts $\Rightarrow 10^{38}$ Fusion/Second !!!!



Nuclear Fusion: Wishing For The Star

- Fusion is eminently desirable because
 - More Energy/Nucleon
 - (3.52 MeV in fusion Vs 1 MeV in fission)
 - ${}^{2}\text{H} + {}^{3}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^{4}\text{He} + n + 17.6 \text{ MeV}$
 - Relatively abundant fuel supply, No danger like nuclear reactor going supercritical
- Unfortunately technology not commercially available
 - What's inside nuclei => protons and Neutrons
 - Need Large KE to overcome Coulomb repulsion between nuclei
 - About 1 MeV needed to bring nuclei close enough together for Strong Nuclear Attraction → fusion
 - · Need to
 - heat particle to high temp such that thermal energy E= kT ≈ 10keV → tunneling thru coulomb barrier
 - Implies heating to $T\approx 10^8\,\text{K}$ (like in stars)
 - Confine Plasma (± ions) long enough for fusion
 - » In stars, enormous gravitational field confines plasma

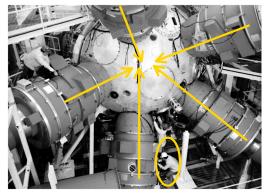


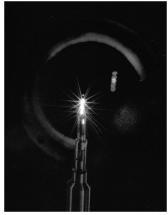


A Powerful Laser: NOVA @ LLNL

Size of football field, 3 stories tall

Generates 1.0 x 10¹⁴ watts (100 terawatts)



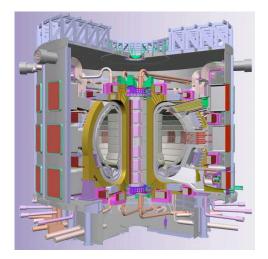


10 laser beams converge onto H pellet (0.5mm diam)

Fusion reaction is visible as a starlight lasting 10^{-10} S Releasing 10^{13} neutrons



ITER: The Next Big Step in Nuclear Fusion



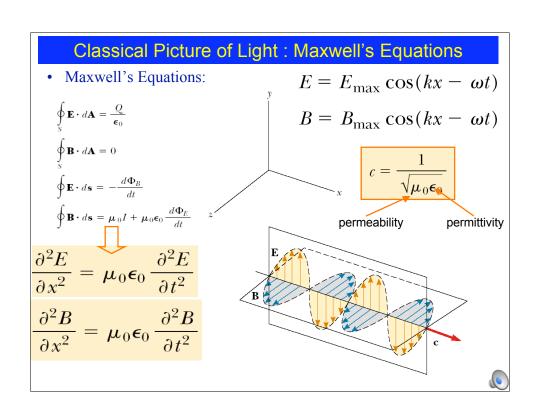
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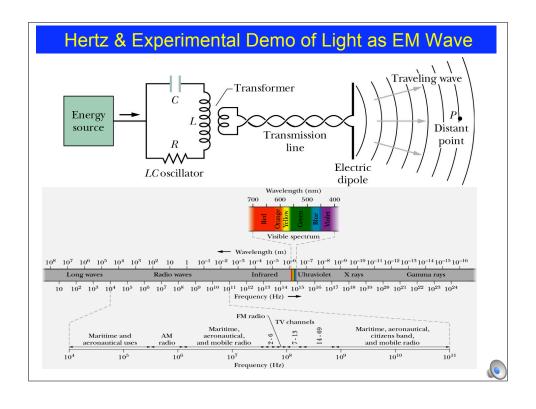


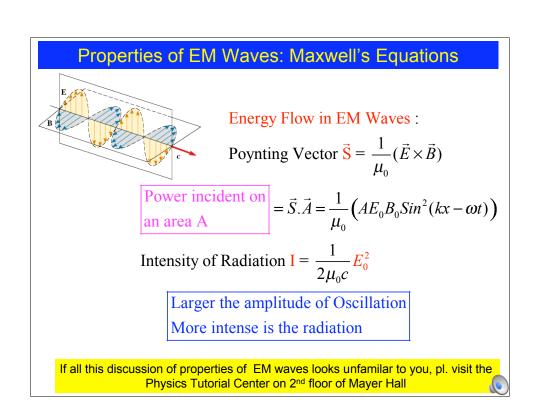
Ch 3: Quantum Theory Of Light

- What is the nature of light?
 - When it propagates ?
 - When it interacts with Matter?
- What is Nature of Matter?
 - When it interacts with light?
 - As it propagates?
- Revolution in Scientific Thought
 - Like a firestorm of new ideas (every body goes nuts!..not like Evolution)
 - Old concepts violently demolished, new ideas born
 - Interplay of experimental findings & scientific reason
- One such revolution happened at the turn of 20th Century
 - Led to the birth of Quantum Theory & Modern Physics





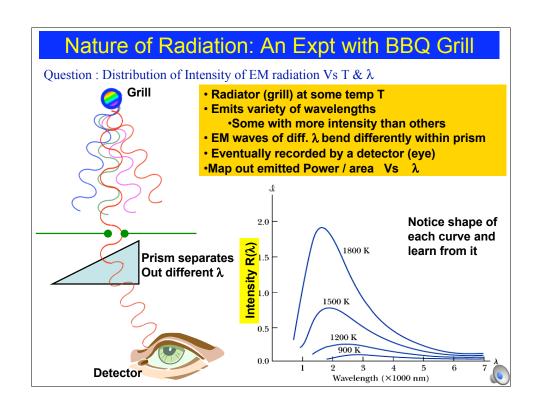


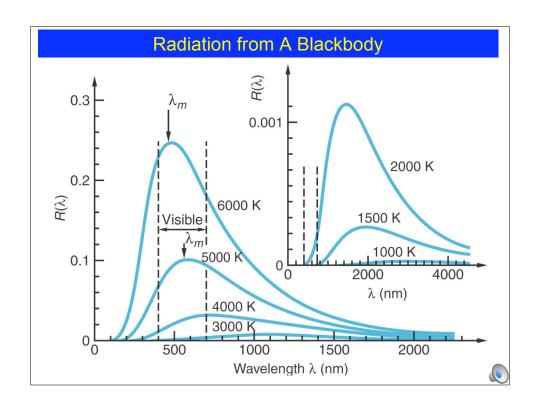


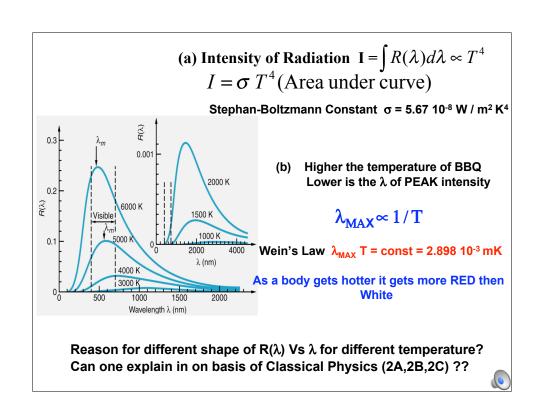
Disasters in Classical Physics (1899-1922)

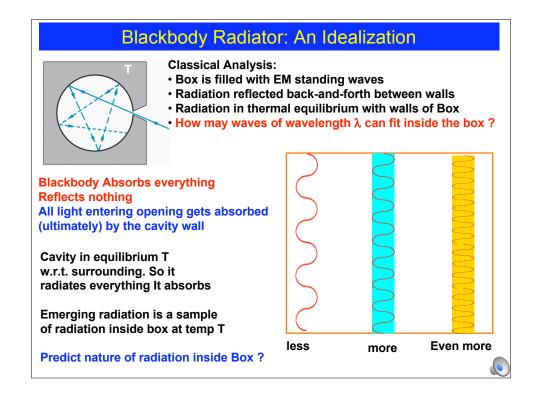
- Disaster → Experimental observation that could not be explained by Classical theory (Phys 2A, 2B, 2C)
 - Disaster # 1 : Nature of Blackbody Radiation from your BBQ grill
 - Disaster # 2: Photo Electric Effect
 - Disaster # 3: Scattering light off electrons (Compton Effect)
- Resolution of Experimental Observation will require radical changes in how we think about nature
 - → QUANTUM MECHANICS
 - The Art of Conversation with Subatomic Particles

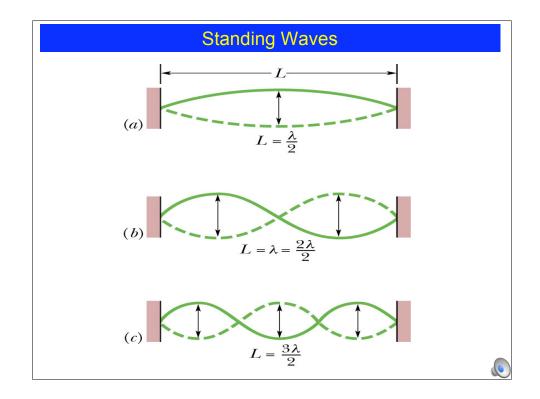












The Beginning of The End! How BBQ Broke Physics

Classical Calculation

of standing waves between Wavelengths λ and λ +d λ are

$$N(\lambda)d\lambda = \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} \bullet d\lambda$$
; $V = Volume of box = L^3$

Each standing wave contributes energy E = kT to radiation in Box

Energy density $u(\lambda) = [\# \text{ of standing waves/volume}] \times \text{Energy/Standing Wave}$

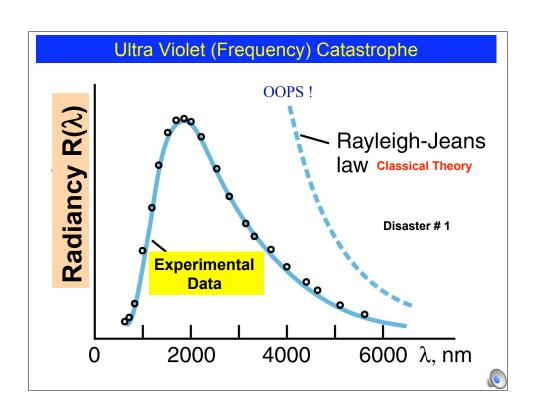
$$= \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda^4} \times \frac{1}{V} \times kT = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT$$

Radiancy
$$R(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4}u(\lambda) = \frac{c}{4}\frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} kT = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda^4} kT$$

Radiancy is Radiation intensity per unit λ interval: Lets plot it

Prediction : as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (high frequency) $\Rightarrow R(\lambda) \rightarrow Infinity ! Oops !$





That was a Disaster ! (#1)

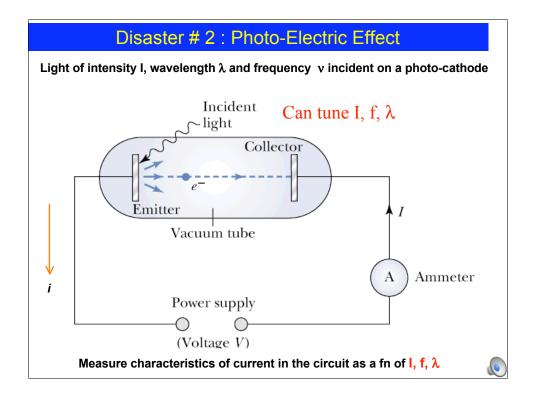
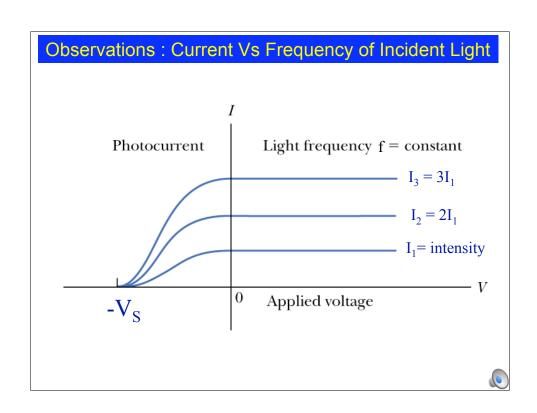
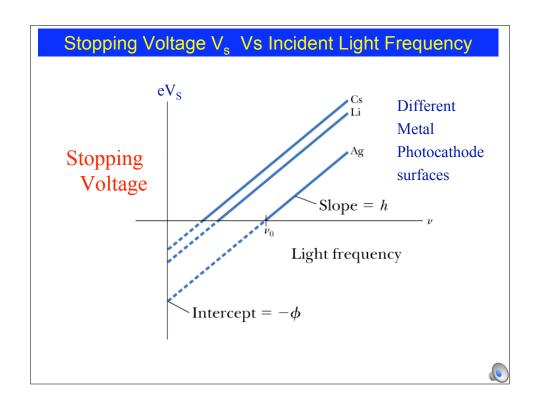


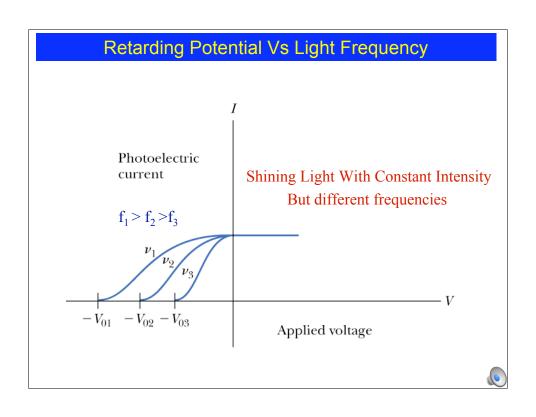
Photo Electric Effect: Measurable Properties

- Rate of electron emission from cathode
 - From current *i* seen in ammeter
- Maximum kinetic energy of emitted electron
 - By applying retarding potential on electron moving towards Collector plate
 - » K_{MAX} = eV_S (V_S = Stopping voltage)
 » Stopping voltage → no current flows
- Effect of different types of photo-cathode metal
- Time between shining light and first sign of photocurrent in the circuit









Conclusions from the Experimental Observation

- Max Kinetic energy K_{MAX} independent of Intensity I for light of same frequency
- No photoelectric effect occurs if light frequency f is below a threshold no matter how high the intensity of light
- For a particular metal, light with f > f₀ causes photoelectric effect IRRESPECTIVE of light intensity.
 - f₀ is characteristic of that metal
- Photoelectric effect is instantaneous !...not time delay

Can one Explain all this Classically!