3. Experimental Basis of Quantum Physics, 2 lecture 14, October 2, 2017

# housekeeping

#### exam 1 was last friday ;)

actually, next one is scheduled for Friday, 3 Nov

I may make it a week early

Homework, chapter 3 in Thornton and Rex:

I moved some problems into the following week

I remembered - all by myself - to unlock the dropbox

Shameless plug:

ISP220

#### Honors option

we're good.

I'm slow: this week

#### Derivations:

pep talk



### unravelling

the 19th Century

### **11 catastrophes**

- 1. specific heats of gases and solids
- 2. atomic spectra
- 3. photoelectricity
- 4. ether
- 5. electron theory
- 6. discovery of electron
- 7. x-rays
- 8. radioactivity
- 9. radioactive elements
- 10. nuclear radiations
- 11. blackbody radiation



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Albert Michelson from his book, *Light Waves and Their Uses*, 1903

The more important fundamental laws and facts of physical science have all been discovered and these are now so firmly established that the possibility of their ever being supplanted in consequence of new discoveries is exceedingly remote...Many other instances [of 'apparent exceptions'] might be cited, but these will suffice to justify the statement that our future discoveries must be looked for in the sixth place of decimals.

very famous quote which he lived to regret

### the pace picks up

The decade of 1888-1898 was the warm-up to rapidly changing circumstances

We'll barrel through 11 separate catastrophes from this one decade

then, I'll come back to some of the details

### 1898 Marie Skodowska Curie

1857-1934



#### believe it or not true-love stories in physics are rare!





MR. and MRS. MINIVER together again



### **10. nuclear radiations**

### a force of nature

### a transplanted New Zealander

JJ student at Cambridge 1897

aggressive, fun, and driving, commanded respect and received affection from everyone who worked with him - interested only in discovery

"There is always someone, somewhere, without ideas of his own, who will measure that accurately."

# X-rays and Becquerel rays ionized gases to the same degree

actually concentrated on radioactivity, making quantitative measurements





Ernest Rutherford 1871-1937

### 1899

Ernest Rutherford

1871 - 1937

the nuclear physics' 800 lb gorrilla



I have to keep going, as there are always people on my track. The best sprinters in this road are Becquerel and the Curies.

The epitome of the aggressive scientist... but I mean that in a good way.





He measured the actual current from radioactive decays.

1899: he carefully isolated 2 components of radiation:

one stopped by thin aluminum

one highly penetrating

and one more



### then, it gets really strange.

### **11. blackbody radiation**

in the
1890's
things were
heating up

I mean, literally.

color = temperature

why?



Gassan Sadatoshi



### everything with a temperature radiates electromagnetic waves



### sun



# Sun's warmth? notsomuch



# a range

## of wavelengths for each temperature











with radiation inside



falls at long

wavelengths

Maxwell-like theory: no limit to the number of different short wavelengths (= high frequencies) that could fit

### a universal phenomenon...

Why is there such a strict relationship between temperature and color?

Heat seems to be related to

Electromagnetism...independent of the material.

Why? Was a major late 19th century question.

### the solution to heat radiation

came in 1900 and then expanded in 1905



Max Planck 1858-1947

one of the good guys

remember the Data:

### Planck could only get a solution

### if he restricted energies of emitted electromagnetic radiation into bundles



### what in the world does that mean?

### Good question:

"It was an act of desperation. For six years I had struggled with the blackbody theory. I knew the problem was fundamental and I knew the answer. I had to find a theoretical explanation at any price..."

### **Energy of radiation is parceled in particular amounts**

Planck: "bundles Philip Lenard 1902: "quanta" Planck's Law:

E = nhf

 $h = 6.62606896(33) \times 10^{-34}$  J-sec

Planck's Constant – itsy bitsy...n is an integer





for a given frequency (wavelength)

the only energies that can be radiated: 1hf, 2hf, 3hf, 4hf....

So, for 10 micron infrared wave,  $E = n(3 \times 10^{-13} J)$ 

E's must be =  $3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ ,  $6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ ,  $9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ ...

that is: 5 x 10<sup>-13</sup> J, 7.8 x 10<sup>-13</sup> J, etc are not possible

(c = 
$$\lambda f$$
  
 $f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$   
(gth)  
 $E = nhf = n\frac{hc}{\lambda}$ 

### it's as if

#### no matter how hard you pump

your amplitude is choppy



# the lack of light at the short wavelengths

### = high frequencies?

Energy



a maximum E, depending on temperature classically, all frequencies are probable



Classical radiation theory predicted an infinite amount of energy at high frequencies....the "Ultraviolet Catastrophe" frequency

the lack of light at the short wavelengths = high frequencies? But, for Planck: n = 8 n = 7 a maximum E, E = nhfdepending on n = 6 temperature n = 5 n = 4 Energy n = 3 n = 2 n = 1 frequency The number of high frequency oscillations are much fewer than low frequencies: 20

Wavelength, p

each quantum has <u>more energy</u>...but there are <u>fewer of them</u>.

### for Planck

EM can be any frequency radiator (the container wall) can produce only particular frequencies

electromagnetic waves

can still be anything

the radiator walls "quantize" emission



Not a statement about EM! A statement about the material radiators of energy!

## perfect analogy

sound

piano

sound can be any frequency piano can produce only particular frequencies



Not a statement about sound! A statement about pianos!





deflection AF= GE ۲ = am  $a_{\gamma} = E = gE = gV$ m = mry = ayt tau Q = Vy L Ux Ny = aV L md Tx  $V_{y} = tan Q = q \frac{VL}{md v_{x}^{2}} \rightarrow G = \frac{VL}{v_{x}^{2}} \left( \frac{q}{m} \right)$ 50  $\left(\begin{array}{c} q\\ m\end{array}\right) = \frac{VG}{B^2Ld}$ 

9 = 2×10" C/kg he find 9. = 10 C/hq. He did Ht ions (protons!) the found charge from banding. ... an he v? - , used for the m(v) weasurements Why JJ? · Vacuum . mind-set

9/m is weither "q" nor "m" a cloud -- water vapor JJ: x. vays weate ions which fall exst march the electrical conductivity "CLOUL ~ 1899 he estimated 9=.1.1×10°C -- 2.3×10<sup>-19</sup>C Chamber" "crude"

Robert Milliken 1906 extreme precision air Adjust E to counter aut gravity oil drop 9 7QE = mqtotal charge  $E = V_d$ B Each drop: many electrons Q = mgd mass of drop V Constraining them fall on drop F<sub>D</sub> = 6 TT a S v drop Toble after table of Q's looked for common divisor ) equilibrium "e" = 1.60217733×10-19 Millikin ... vitin 173 ) p, mass density of drops