

# ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY

Star: A cloud of hot gas, mainly comprising of Hydrogen. Hydrogen undergoes fusion reaction to produce Helium and releases large amount of energy.

Galaxy: A collection of stars.

Luminosity: It is the total power of radiation emitted from the surface of star.

• SI Unit: Watt (W)

Luminosity of a star depends upon the surface area of the star and the temperature of the surface.

(Luminosity of any star can be calculated using Stephan-Boltzmann Law)

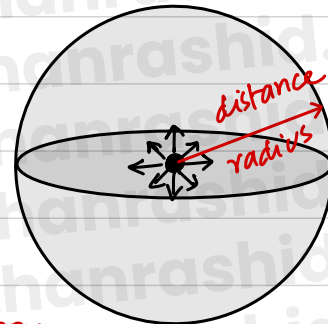
Radiant Flux Intensity: The total power of radiation incident per unit surface area

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Luminosity}}{\text{Surface Area}}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{L}{A} = \frac{L}{4\pi r^2} \text{ or } \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

radius

distance from the center to star to any point X



→ S.A of a sphere  
" $4\pi r^2$ "

$$I = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

SI Unit:  $\text{Wm}^{-2}$

(It can be referred as Luminous Intensity)

Standard Candles: "These are bodies of known Luminosity in the outer space". Examples include Cepheid Variables and Type I-A SuperNova.

These bodies are used as reference to calculate the Luminosity of a distant body in outer space.

Black Body : A body that is a perfect absorber and a perfect emitter of all electromagnetic radiations.

- Black body is not necessarily black
- Ice is a black body for light and heat as  
→ it emits all colors → it is a good absorber of heat
- Stars are assumed to be black bodies as they radiate out energy equally in all directions.

1. Black body is a perfect absorber
2. Black body is a perfect emitter
3. Black body is a diffused emitter (emits energy equally in all directions)

Radiations emitted off from a Black Body are called Black Body radiations.

Laws that can be applied on a Black body are

1. Stephan-Boltzmann Law
2. Wein's Displacement Law

### Stephan - Boltzman Law

"The total power of radiation emitted from the surface of a star is directly proportional to its surface area, and to thermodynamic temperature of the surface powered four."

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L \propto A \\ L \propto T^4 \end{array} \right\} L \propto AT^4 \rightarrow \boxed{L = \sigma AT^4}$$

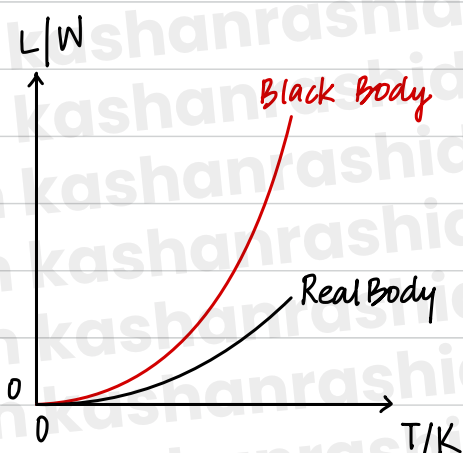
It is used to calculate the max power of radiation that can be emitted at a temp  $T$ .

$A$ : surface area of the star

$T$ : surface temperature

$L$ : Luminosity

$\sigma$ : Stephan-Boltzman constant ( $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$ )



- Real body emits less radiations per unit time than an ideal body.

For two stars of same Luminosity  $A \propto \frac{1}{T^4}$

$$L = \sigma A T^4$$

$$\frac{L}{\sigma} = A T^4$$

$$A_1 T_1^4 = A_2 T_2^4$$

$$\text{as } A = 4\pi r^2 \text{ or } A = \pi d^2 \text{ so}$$

$$\sqrt{d_1^2 T_1^4} = \sqrt{d_2^2 T_2^4}$$

$$d_1 T_1^2 = d_2 T_2^2$$

if constant

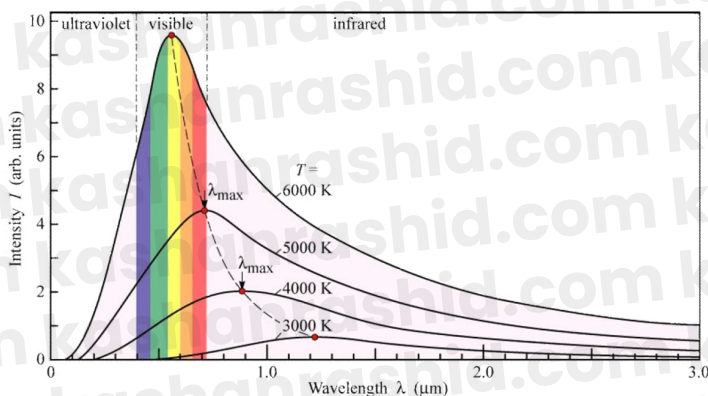
For same Luminosity

→ Smaller sized star will be hotter!

Less Area → more Temperature

### Wein's Displacement Law

"Wavelength of max intensity emitted from the surface of a star is inversely proportional to the thermodynamic temperature of the surface."



→ At higher temperatures, shorter wavelengths are emitted more often.

$$\lambda_{\max} \propto \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\lambda_{\max} T = \text{constant}$$

$$\lambda_1 T_1 = \lambda_2 T_2$$

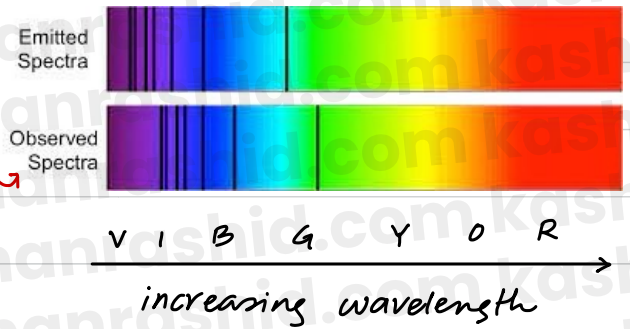
Wavelength with max intensity



## Red Shift:

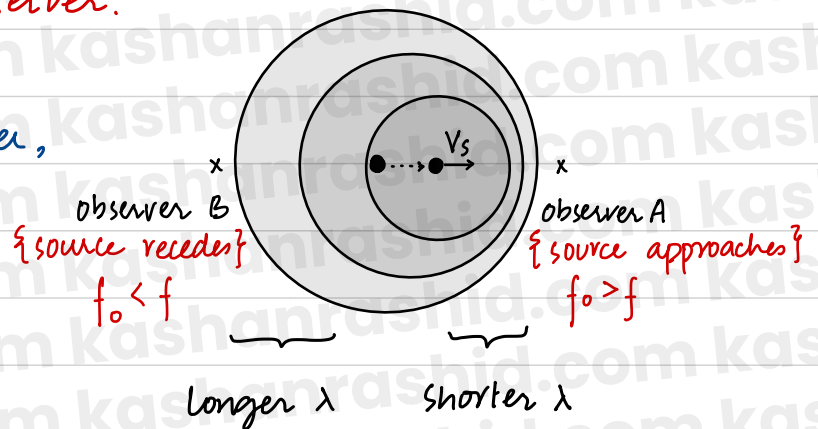
Results from same Temp body in lab  $\rightarrow$

Results from light coming from a distant star  $\rightarrow$



"It is increase in observed wavelength of light as star moves away from observer."

$\rightarrow$  When star moves away from observer, the observed  $\lambda$  is longer than actual and observed  $f$  is lesser than actual. (Red Shift)



$\rightarrow$  When star moves towards the observer, the observed  $\lambda$  is shorter than actual and observed  $f$  is greater than actual. (Blue Shift)

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\uparrow v \propto \Delta \lambda \uparrow$$

$\Delta \lambda$ : change in wavelength

$\lambda$ : actual wavelength

\*  $v$ : speed of source/star

$c$ : speed of light

Similarly

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c}$$

The spectrum of the light coming from a distant star is compared with that of a stationary body in lab of the same temperature. The difference in  $\lambda$  is used to determine its relative speed of moving away.

$\rightarrow$  Red Shift proves that universe is expanding! Its because stars and galaxies are moving away from one another.



## Hubble's Law.

The relative speed of a star moving away from the observer is directly proportional to the distance of that star from observer.

• star/galaxy •

$$v \propto d$$

$$v = H_0 d$$

$v$ : relative speed

$d$ : distance

$H_0$ : Hubble's constant  $2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$

\* find  $v$  using Red Shift

\* use  $v$  to find distance of that galaxy.

- The more distant the galaxy is from us, the faster it is moving away from us.

- All galaxies are moving away from us and from one another.

→ This proves the universe is expanding.

- It means they must have been closer at one point in time

- The existence of an outward velocity proves that Big Bang should have occurred.

## Cosmic Microwave Background Radiations

→ Universe is filled microwaves everywhere

→ These radiations were of shorter wavelengths when formed but the expansion of universe would have increased their wavelength.

→ The abundance in their quantity also proves that a huge explosion would have caused them as no body is large enough to fill the universe this way.

→ Hence CMBR also prove the Big Bang Theory.