

# Radiation

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*Thermal radiation.:*

”That electromagnetic radiation emitted by a body as a result of its temperature”.

Thermal radiation is restricted to a limited range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

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fig. 8.1 i Holman

## ***Blackbody radiation***

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A *blackbody* is a perfect radiator.

Three characteristics:

- It absorbs all incident radiation
- It radiates more energy than any real surface at the same temperature
- The emitted radiation is independent of direction

Also:

Blackbody radiation obey certain simple laws

## *Stefan-Boltzmann's law*

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The total power radiated from a *blackbody* is calculated from *Stefan-Boltzmann's law*:

$$E_b = \sigma \cdot T^4$$

where  $E_b$  = total power radiated per unit area from  
a *blackbody* ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )  
 $\sigma = 5.669 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)$ . (Stefan-Boltzmann  
constant)  
 $T$  = absolute temperature (K)

## *Planck distribution law*

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The wavelength distribution of emitted blackbody radiation is determined from the *Planck distribution law*:

$$E_{\lambda,b}(\lambda, T) = \frac{C_1}{\lambda^5 \cdot [\exp(C_2 / (\lambda \cdot T)) - 1]}$$

where  $C_1 = 2\pi \cdot h \cdot c_o^2 = 3.742 \cdot 10^8 \text{ W} \cdot \mu\text{m}^4 / \text{m}^2$

$$C_2 = (h \cdot c_o / k) = 1.439 \cdot 10^4 \mu\text{m K}$$

$$\lambda = \text{wavelength } (\mu\text{m})$$

$$T = \text{absolute temperature } (T)$$

$h$  = Planck constant

$k$  = Boltzmann constant

$c_0$  = speed of light in vacuum

## *Result of increasing temperature on radiation*

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- Higher intensity
- Shorter wavelength  $\Leftrightarrow$  higher frequency



## *Wien's displacement law*

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The wavelength of maximum emissive power is determined by *Wien's displacement law*:

$$\lambda_{max} \cdot T = C_3 = 2897.8 \mu m K$$

## *Radiation from real surfaces*

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Real surfaces:

- emit and absorb less than blackbodies
- reflect radiation
- emit and absorb differently depending on angle and wavelength
- do not obey the simple laws

*Fig. 12.16 i Incropera*

## *Spectral emissivity and total emissivity*

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To account for "real surface"- behavior we introduce the *spectral emissivity*, defined by

$$E_{\lambda}(\lambda, T) = \varepsilon_{\lambda}(\lambda, T) \cdot E_{\lambda,black}(\lambda, T)$$

and the *total emissivity* defined by

$$E = \varepsilon \cdot E_b = \varepsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot T^4$$

( $\varepsilon = \text{integrated average}$ )

## *Gray diffuse body*

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To simplify matters it is common to assume the emissivity to be independent on wavelength and direction. Such a surface is called a *gray diffuse body*, for which

$$E_{\lambda}(\lambda, T) = \varepsilon_{\lambda} \cdot E_{\lambda, black}(\lambda, T)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\lambda} = \text{constant} = \varepsilon \quad (0 < \varepsilon < 1)$$

## *Absorptivity, reflectivity, transmittivity*

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Incident radiation may be *absorbed, reflected* or *transmitted*

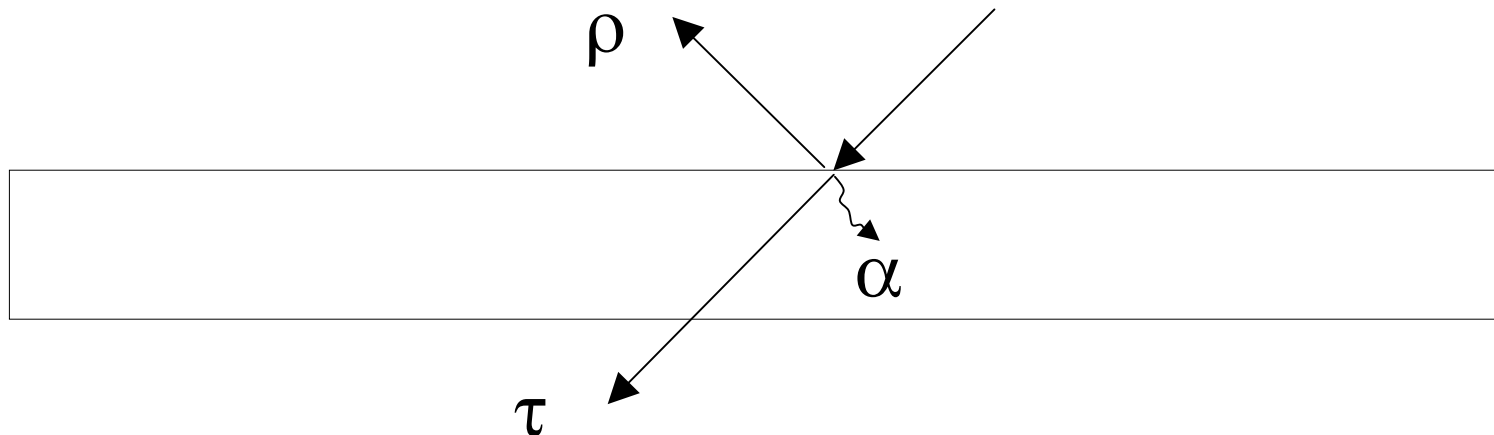
We define

*Absorptivity*  $\alpha$ : Fraction of incident radiation absorbed

*Reflectivity*  $\rho$ : Fraction of incident radiation reflected

*Transmittivity*  $\tau$ : Fraction of incident radiation transmitted

thus  $\alpha + \rho + \tau = 1$



## *Kirchhoff's identity*

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The (total) emissivity and the (total) absorptivity of a surface are equal at equal temperatures:

$$\varepsilon = \alpha$$

## *Radiation exchange between blackbodies*

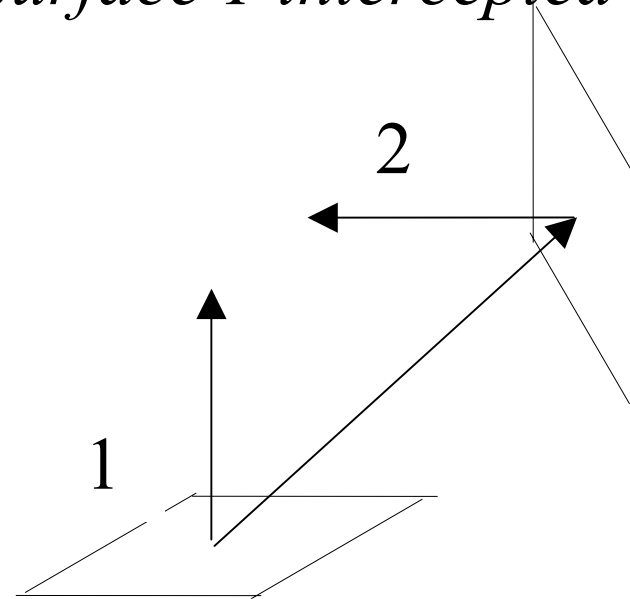
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To calculate radiation exchange we must take into account

- surface areas
- surface geometries
- position in relation to each other

This is done by the *shape factor*,  $F_{12}$

$F_{12}$  = fraction of radiation leaving surface 1 intercepted by surface 2.





## *Net exchange of radiation, law of reciprocity*

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Net exchange of radiation between blackbodies:

$$q_{1-2} = F_{12} \cdot A_1 \cdot (E_{b1} - E_{b2}) = F_{12} \cdot A_1 \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

Law of reciprocity

$$F_{12} \cdot A_1 = F_{21} \cdot A_2$$

## *Shape factors*

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Shape factors are often difficult to calculate

See diagrams and formulas in

Holman, Figs 8.12-8.16 and  
CFT pp. 45-47

Important special case:

Small (convex) surface (1) surrounded by other surface (2):

$$\Rightarrow F_{12} = 1.$$

## Radiation exchange between real surfaces, simple case

For the special case of  $F_{12} = 1$  the exchange is calculated as

$$q_{1-2} = \varepsilon_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot (E_{b1} - E_{b2}) = \varepsilon_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

Comparing to Newton's law of cooling:

$$q = h_r \cdot A_1 \cdot (T_1 - T_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow h_r = \varepsilon_1 \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4) / (T_1 - T_2) = \varepsilon_1 \cdot h_{r, black}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{r, black} = f(T_1, T_2), \text{ from table!}$$

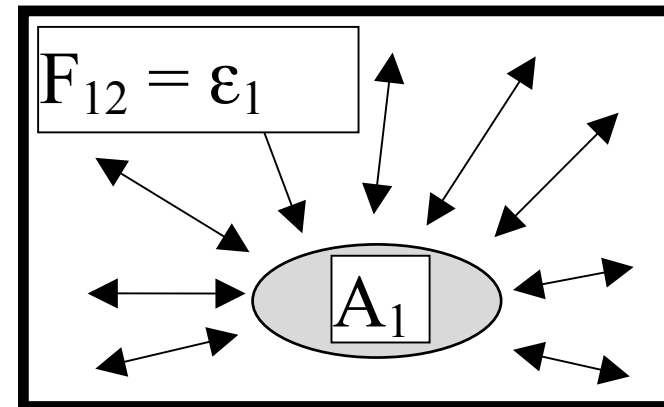


Table p.30 in CFT

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## *Total emissivities of selected materials*

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Material	Temp (°C)	Emissivity $\epsilon$
Aluminum, commercial sheet	100	0.09
Copper, polished	100	0.052
Iron, dark-gray surface	100	0.31
Glass, smooth	22	0.94
Snow-white enamel varnish	23	0.906
Black shiny lacquer	24	0.875
Roofing paper	21	0.91
Porcelain, glazed	22	0.92
Red brick	23	0.93
Al-paints	100	0.27-0.67

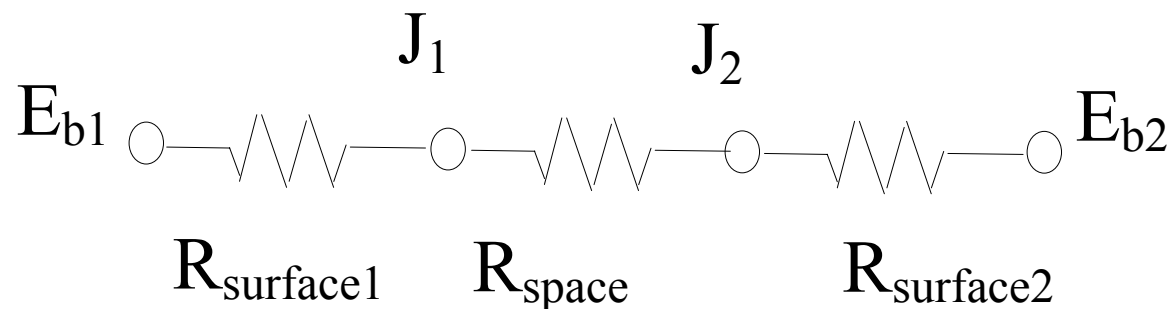
## Radiation exchange calculated by resistance networks

Consider the blackbody emissive power as the driving potential

$$q_{1-2} = (E_{b1} - E_{b2}) / R_{rad} = \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4) / R_{rad}$$

Consider the radiation resistance as the sum of surface and space resistances

$$R_{rad} = R_{surface1} + R_{space} + R_{surface2}$$



## *Radiation exchange by resistance networks, assumptions*

*Assume:*

- All surfaces are gray,
- All surfaces are uniform in temperature.
- Reflective and emissive properties are constant over the surfaces.

*Define:*

- *Irradiation*,  $G$  = total radiation / (unit time, unit area)
- *Radiosity*,  $J$  = total radiation leaving / (unit time, unit area)  
(including reflected radiation)

*Assume* these properties are uniform over each surface.

## *Surface resistance:*

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Radiosity = emitted radiation + radiation reflected:

$$J = \varepsilon \cdot E_b + \rho \cdot G$$

where  $\varepsilon$  = emissivity

$\rho$  = reflectivity of surface

Assume surfaces opaque ( $\tau=0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \rho = 1 - \alpha = 1 - \varepsilon$$

(as  $\alpha = \varepsilon$ ).

$$\Rightarrow J = \varepsilon \cdot E_b + (1 - \varepsilon) \cdot G$$

or 
$$G = (J - \varepsilon \cdot E_b) / (1 - \varepsilon)$$



The net energy leaving the surface per unit area:

$$\begin{aligned} q / A &= J - G = \varepsilon \cdot E_b + (1 - \varepsilon) \cdot G - G = \\ &= \varepsilon \cdot E_b - \varepsilon \cdot G = \varepsilon \cdot (E_b - G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{\varepsilon \cdot A}{1 - \varepsilon} \cdot (E_b - J) = \frac{(E_b - J)}{(1 - \varepsilon) / (\varepsilon \cdot A)}$$

Consider  $(E_b - J)$  as the driving potential.

$$\Rightarrow R_{surface} = (1 - \varepsilon) / (\varepsilon \cdot A)$$

## *Space resistance:*

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Radiation from 1 to 2 (per unit time):  $J_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot F_{12}$  .

Radiation from 2 to 1 (per unit time):  $J_2 \cdot A_2 \cdot F_{21}$ .

Net exchange of radiation:

$$q_{12} = J_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot F_{12} - J_2 \cdot A_2 \cdot F_{21} = (J_1 - J_2) \cdot A_1 \cdot F_{12} = (J_1 - J_2) \cdot A_2 \cdot F_{21}$$

(as  $A_1 \cdot F_{12} = A_2 \cdot F_{21}$  ).

Consider  $(J_1 - J_2)$  as the driving potential,

$$\Rightarrow R_{space} = 1/(A_1 \cdot F_{12})$$

## *Heat exchange due to radiation, two bodies*

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$$q = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{R_{rad}} = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{R_{surface1} + R_{space} + R_{surface2}} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_1 \cdot A_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 \cdot F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_2 \cdot A_2}}$$

### *Special case, two parallel infinite plates*

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$$F_{12} = 1 \text{ and } A_1 = A_2 \quad \frac{q}{A} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1}$$

### *Special case, two concentric cylinders or spheres*

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$$F_{12} = 1 \quad \frac{q}{A_1} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{A_1}{A_2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1\right)}$$

$$\text{If } A_1 \ll A_2 \quad q / A_1 = \varepsilon_1 \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

## *Three body problem*

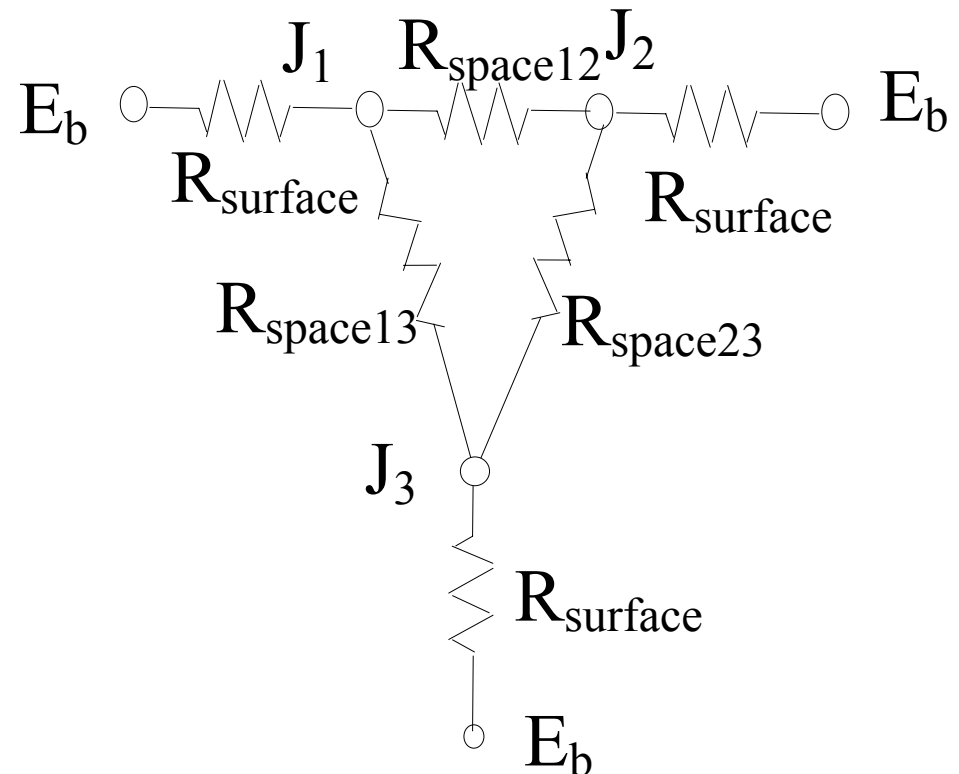
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- Calculate all resistances.
- For the nodes  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$  and  $J_3$ , the sum of the energy flows into each of the nodes must be zero.

Example, node  $J_1$

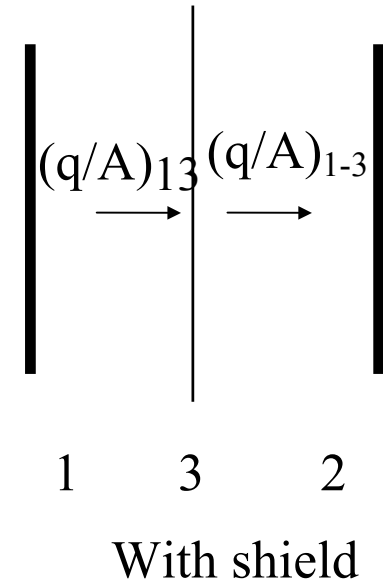
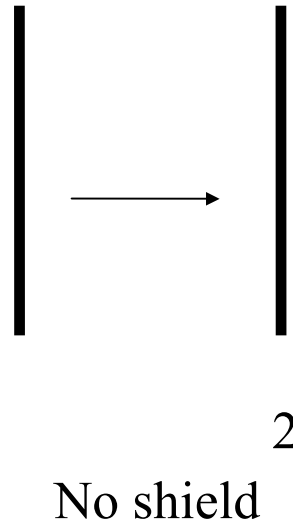
$$\frac{E_{b1} - J_1}{\left(\frac{1 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_1 \cdot A_1}\right)} + \frac{J_2 - J_1}{A_1 \cdot F_{12}} + \frac{J_3 - J_1}{A_1 \cdot F_{13}} = 0$$

- Solve  $J_1 - J_3$  !
- Calculate the heat exchanges!



## Radiation shields

$$\frac{q}{A} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{1/\epsilon_1 + 1/\epsilon_2 - 1}$$



$$(q/A)_{1-3} = (q/A)_{3-2} = (q/A)$$

$$\frac{q}{A} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_3^4)}{1/\epsilon_1 + 1/\epsilon_3 - 1} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_3^4 - T_2^4)}{1/\epsilon_3 + 1/\epsilon_2 - 1}$$

Everything is known except the temperature  $T_3$ .

***Simplest case, all emissivities equal:***

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$$T_1^4 - T_3^4 = T_3^4 - T_2^4 \Rightarrow T_3^4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (T_1^4 + T_2^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{A} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{1 / \varepsilon_3 + 1 / \varepsilon_2 - 1}$$

Emissivities assumed equal,  $\Rightarrow$  heat flux *reduced to half*

## *Multiple shields of equal emissivities*

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It may be shown by similar reasoning that the heat flux will be reduced to

$$(q / A)_{\text{with shields}} = \frac{1}{n + 1} \cdot (q / A)_{\text{without shields}}$$

where  $n$  is the number of shields.



## *Different emissivities*

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Two plates with equal emissivities  $\varepsilon_1$

One shield of different emissivity  $\varepsilon_2$ :

$$(q / A)_{\text{with shields}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{2}{\varepsilon_1} - 1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1} (q / A)_{\text{without shields}}$$

$\varepsilon_2 \ll \varepsilon_1 \Rightarrow$  largest decrease in heat flux

Assume  $\varepsilon_1 = 1. \Rightarrow$

$$(q / A)_{\text{with shields}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2 - 1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1} (q / A)_{\text{without shields}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \varepsilon_2 \cdot (q / A)_{\text{without shields}}$$

thus equal to *one half the emissivity of the shield.*