#### Reminders: Quiz Thursday Midterm October 14th

#### **Learning Goals:**

- Qualitatively describe the spectrum of thermal radiation and how this depends on temperature.
- Determine the temperature of an object using the peak wavelength for its thermal radiation
- Predict the total power of radiation from an object given its temperature, surface area, and emissivity
- Explain why the emissivity of an object is higher for objects that are better absorbers
- Argue that for a system whose temperatures are not changing, the heat current into any part equals the heat current out of that part
- Predict the surface temperature of an object give the heat current absorbed and/or heat currents from the interior





Which graph best represents the spectrum of radiation from the red hot ball in the picture?



## Blackbody spectrum

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/blackbody-spectrum/blackbody-spectrum\_en.html

DEMO: https://youtu.be/qsMhK9MKXRo Which graph best represents the spectrum of radiation from the red hot ball in the picture?



DEMO: https://youtu.be/RVLMzQk83q4

Alternate: https://youtu.be/oae5fa-f0S0?t=59











T = 12,000K

Total power is proportional to T9  
Heat surface  
area  

$$H = A \cdot e \cdot \sigma \cdot T4$$
  
 $Stefan-Boltzmann constant 5.67 \times 10^8 \frac{W}{m^2 \cdot K^4}$ 



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- B) Larger for the black object
- C) The same for both objects and greater than zero.
- D) The same for both objects and equal to zero.
- E) The same for both objects and less than zero.

Assume that there are no conduction or convection effects. **EXTRA:** Which object is emitting more radiation?



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> Equilibrium=Dconsl. T =D no net heat current

: Hobcorbed - Hemitted = 0

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Assume that there is no air in the oven and the objects are insulated from the walls so there is no conduction or convection.



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EMISSIVITY:

- Perfect absorber = "blackbody" emits the most thermal radiation for a given temperature.

- Other objects: define  

$$e = \frac{H}{H_{blackbody}}$$
  
 $e = 1$  blackbody  
 $e = 0$  perfect  
mirror

### TOTAL POWER FROM THERMAL RADIATION





Yoltar heats their little planet (far from any stars) with a 1GW heater. If they wish to double the equilibrium *surface* temperature of their planet, they should increase the power of their heater to

- A) 1.21GW
- B) 2GW
- C) 4GW
- D) 8GW
- E) 16GW



Hint: where does the energy from the heater go?



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# A harder (but really interesting!) problem.

A planet with radius r = 6400km lies at a distance R = 150,000,000km from a yellow star with temperature T = 5700K and radius  $R_s = 695,000$ km. Estimate the surface temperature of the planet.

The planet has **albedo** (fraction of incident light reflected) A = 0.37 and emissivity *e* close to 1.

