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## (b) Stefan's Law and Wien's Displacement Law

## Stefan's Law

The integral of the spectral radiancy R(v,T) over all frequency v is the total energy emitted per unit time per unit area from a black body at temperature T. It is called the radiancy  $R(T) = \int_{0}^{\infty} R(T,v) dv$  or intensity I of radiated electromagnetic wave.

According to Stefan's law intensity I of radiated electromagnetic wave is proportional to fourth power of absolute temperature (T).

 $I = \sigma T^4$  where  $\sigma$  is known as Stefan's Boltzmann constant.

The value of  $\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15c^2 h^3}$  where k is Boltzmann constant, c is speed of light and h is Plank's

constant. The value of  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} W / m^2 - {}^{0}K^4$ 

From the Stefan's law, one can calculate the Power *P* of radiated electromagnetic wave. So power is given by  $P = \sigma AT^4$  where *A* is surface area of black body from which electromagnetic wave radiated.

## Wien's Displacement Law

The plot between energy density of blackbody radiation and frequency shows that maximum frequency  $(v_{max})$  is shifted towards right as temperature increases. Wien's displacement law stated that maximum frequency  $(v_{max})$  is directly proportional to absolute

temperature  $v_{\text{max}} = \frac{c}{\lambda_{\text{max}}} = \frac{4.9663}{h} kT$