

**Physics.** — “*The characteristics of tungsten and the candle power of the black body*”. By C. ZWIKKER. (Communicated by Prof. P. ZEEMAN).

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The importance of tungsten for the glowlamp and radio industry, as well as the scientific interest we have in an extensive knowledge of the physical properties of a material, which may be obtained in a very pure state, have lead me to a redetermination of the diverse properties of this metal at high temperatures. The final results have been collected in table I.

The temperature has been measured by an optical pyrometer method, making use of PLANCK's radiation law. The value of  $C_2$  which occurs in this formula is taken as  $14\,330 \mu$  degr. The basispoint used for the temperature scale is the melting point of gold, for which the value of  $1336^\circ$  KELVIN is adopted. The melting point of the sample of gold, used by me, which was kindly supplied to us by Dr. v. HETEREN, was in concordance with the goldpoint of the Physikalisch Technische Reichsanstalt.

The spectral emissivity has been determined by comparing the inner and outer brightness of a tungsten rod in which a hole had been drilled and which was raised to a high temperature by different methods. With this so determined spectral emissivity  $e_\lambda$ , the true temperature  $T$  has been calculated from the observed „brightness temperature”  $S$  by the relation:

$$\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{S} = \frac{\lambda 2,303 \log e_\lambda}{C_2}.$$

Electrical measurements have been performed by a compensation method. The standard resistance and the standard element had been verified by the P. T. R. The *resistivity* was obtained from the electrical resistance of a tungsten filament of known dimensions; the *total radiation* from the wattage input of this filament.

Corrections have been made for the cooling at the filament junctions.

The brightness given in the table is the normal candle power, expressed in International Candles. The photometric standard lamps had been standardized by the P. T. R. in 1922. The candle power was given by the P. T. R. in Hefner Candles and was converted by us to International Candles, assuming that:

$$1 \text{ I.C.} = 1,11 \text{ H.C.}$$

TABLE I. The characteristics of tungsten.

| Temperature | Spectral emissivity<br>$\lambda = 0.665$ | Brightness temperature<br>$\lambda = 0.665$ | Colour temperature | Resistivity    | Total radiation        | Brightness            | Thermionic emission   | Rate of vaporization                 | Thermal conductivity                    | Thomson-effect                        |
|-------------|--|---|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| $T$         | $e_\lambda$                              | $S_\lambda$                                 | $T_c$              | $\rho$         | $\eta$                 | $B$                   | $i$                   | $m$                                  | $k$                                     | $\sigma$                              |
| 1200        | 0.458                                    | 1150  | 1210               | 30.9           | 1.70                   | 0.0071                |                       |                                      |   |                                       |
| 1300        | 0.456                                    | 1240  | 1312               | 34.0           | 2.70                   | 0.0311                |                       |                                      |   |                                       |
| 1400        | 0.454                                    | 1331  | 1414               | 37.1           | 3.94                   | 0.117                 |                       |                                      |   |                                       |
| 1500        | 0.451                                    | 1421  | 1517               | 40.2           | 5.52                   | 0.370                 | $0.102 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $1.78 \cdot 10^{-22}$                |   |                                       |
| 1600        | 0.449                                    | 1510  | 1619               | 43.4           | 7.90                   | 1.07                  | $0.102 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.78 \cdot 10^{-20}$                |   |                                       |
| 1700        | 0.446                                    | 1597  | 1722               | 46.7           | 10.7                   | 2.62                  | $0.812 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.02 \cdot 10^{-18}$                |   |                                       |
| 1800        | 0.444                                    | 1685  | 1825               | 49.9           | 14.1                   | 5.75                  | $0.490 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | 38.0                                 | 1.22                                    | -18                                   |
| 1900        | 0.442                                    | 1773  | 1929               | 53.2           | 18.6                   | 12.3                  | $0.257 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 932                                  | 1.26                                    | -20                                   |
| 2000        | 0.440                                    | 1859  | 2033               | 56.7           | 24.0                   | 23.2                  | $0.112 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $15.5 \cdot 10^{-15}$                | 1.29                                    | -22                                   |
| 2100        | 0.438                                    | 1945  | 2137               | 60.1           | 30.5                   | 42.4                  | 0.00427               | 214                                  | 1.31                                    | -24                                   |
| 2200        | 0.435                                    | 2028  | 2242               | 63.5           | 38.2                   | 72.0                  | 0.0141                | $2.24 \cdot 10^{-12}$                | 1.33                                    | -26                                   |
| 2300        | 0.432                                    | 2111  | 2347               | 66.9           | 47.2                   | 116.5                 | 0.0437                | 19.5                                 | 1.35                                    | -28                                   |
| 2400        | 0.430                                    | 2193  | 2452               | 70.5           | 57.3                   | 185                   | 0.123                 | 138                                  | 1.37                                    | -30                                   |
| 2500        | 0.427                                    | 2275  | 2557               | 74.0           | 69.4                   | 279                   | 0.302                 | 833                                  | 1.39                                    |                                       |
| 2600        | 0.424                                    | 2357  | 2663               | 77.6           | 83.5                   | 409                   | 0.776                 | $4.17 \cdot 10^{-9}$                 | 1.405                                   |                                       |
| 2700        | 0.422                                    | 2437  | 2770               | 81.2           | 100.5                  | 598                   | 1.74                  | 20.4                                 | 1.42                                    |                                       |
| 2800        | 0.420                                    | 2517  | 2878               | 84.8           | 119.0                  | 823                   | 3.74                  | 83.3                                 | 1.43                                    |                                       |
| 2900        | 0.417                                    | 2596  | 2986               | 88.5           | 139                    | 1110                  | 7.57                  | 309                                  |   |                                       |
| 3000        | 0.415                                    | 2675  | 3094               | 92.3           | 162                    | 1490                  | 14.9                  | $1.05 \cdot 10^{-6}$                 |   |                                       |
| 3100        | 0.413                                    | 2753  | 3202               | 97.0           | 189                    | 1960                  | 28.1                  | 3.31                                 |   |                                       |
| 3200        | 0.411                                    | 2829  | 3311               | 99.9           | 221                    | 2530                  | 50.5                  | 10.0                                 |   |                                       |
| 3300        | 0.409                                    | 2903  | 3422               | 103.8          | 254                    | 3250                  | 87.7                  | 26.3                                 |   |                                       |
| 3400        | 0.407                                    | 2978  | 3533               | 107.8          | 291                    | 4080                  | 149                   | 70.8                                 |   |                                       |
| degr. K     |  | degr. K                                     | degr. K            | $\mu\Omega$ cm | Watts $\text{cm}^{-2}$ | I.C. $\text{cm}^{-2}$ | Amp. $\text{cm}^{-2}$ | gr. $\text{cm}^{-2}$<br>sec. $^{-1}$ | Watts $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>degr. $^{-1}$ | $\mu\text{V} \cdot \text{degr.}^{-1}$ |

For the purpose of measuring the *thermionic emission* lamps were constructed in which the filament was surrounded by an electrode in the usual manner. A positive charge given to this electrode collected the emitted electrons. The electron emission is given by the formula:

$$i = AT^2 e^{-\frac{b}{T}} \text{ Amp./cm}^2$$

in which

$$A = 60,2$$

$$b = 52230.$$

The rate of vaporization has been determined from the decrease in diameter of a glowing tungsten filament maintained at a constant temperature, as calculated from the increase of its resistance, measured as a function of time. For the rate of vaporization the following formula holds:

$$\log m = 11,92 - \frac{4,84 \cdot 10^4}{T} - 0,368 \log T - 0,00016 T.$$

From the observed temperature variation near the leads, *heat conductivity* determinations were made. The positive and the negative filament end showed a somewhat different temperature variation. This is caused by the *Thomson effect*; the Thomson coefficient can be calculated from the ratio of the temperature gradients at both leads.

The *colour temperature* of tungsten at a temperature  $T$  is defined as

TABLE II. The candle power of the black body

| $T$         | $B$                  |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 1300        | 0.015                |
| 1336        | 0.111                |
| 1400        | 0.261                |
| 1500        | 0.818                |
| 1600        | 2.26                 |
| 1700        | 5.74                 |
| 1800        | 12.4                 |
| 1900        | 25.7                 |
| 2000        | 50.1                 |
| 2100        | 91.6                 |
| 2200        | 156                  |
| 2300        | 256                  |
| 2400        | 410                  |
| 2500        | 620                  |
| 2600        | 915                  |
| $^{\circ}K$ | I.C./cm <sup>2</sup> |

the temperature of the black body to obtain the same energy distribution in the visible spectrum as tungsten gives. The colour temperature is of great importance because of the possibility to calculate the candle power of the black body from the relation between brightness temperature, colour temperature and candle power of tungsten by the formula:

$$B_{\text{Black Body at } T_c} = B_{\text{Tungsten at } S} \cdot e^{\frac{C_2}{2.303 \lambda} \left( \frac{1}{S} - \frac{1}{T_c} \right)}$$

Furthermore direct candle power determinations have been done of the black body. In this study the pyrometer bench was used as a micro-photometer, it being standardized for white as well as for red (monochromatic) light. The red and the white brightness of the black body were measured in immediate succession, the red brightness determining the temperature. These measurements extended over the temperature range from 1300 to 2600° K, and were in complete concordance with the brightness measurements of tungsten filaments. Our data on the candle power of the black body are given in table II.

These measurements give for the least mechanical equivalent of light the value:

$$M = 0,00146 \text{ Watts per Intern. Lumen.}$$

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