

A blackbody of surface area 10 cm^2 is heated to 127°C and is suspended in a room at temperature 27°C . Calculate the initial rate of loss of heat from the body to the room.

For a blackbody at temperature T , rate of emission is

$$u = \sigma AT^4 \quad (\because e = 1 \text{ for blackbody in eq. } u = e\sigma AT^4)$$

Also, when kept in a room at temperature T_0 , rate

of absorption is $u_0 = \sigma AT_0^4$

Hence, net rate of loss of heat is $u - u_0 = \sigma A(T^4 - T_0^4)$

$$\text{Here, } A = 10 \text{ cm}^2 = 10 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$T = 400 \text{ K}, \quad T_0 = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$u - u_0 = (5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}) (10 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2) [(400)^4 - (300)^4] \text{ K}^4$$

$$\boxed{u - u_0 = 0.99 \text{ W}}$$