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# Computer Graphics III – Radiometry

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# Summary of basic radiometric quantities

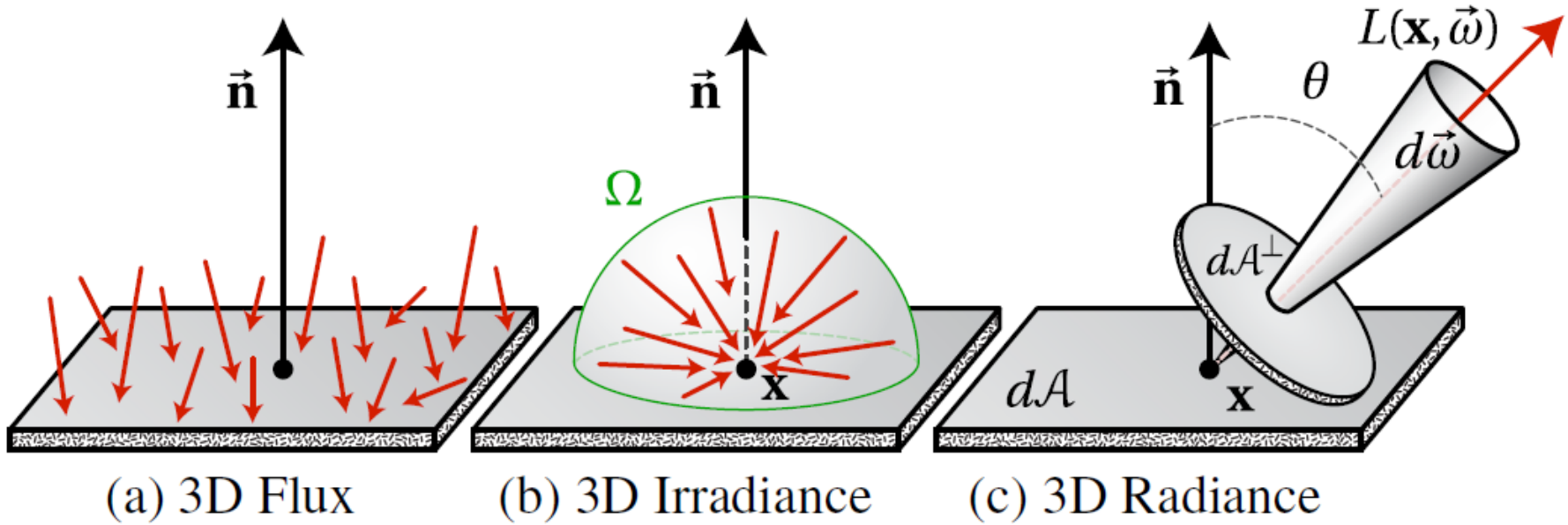


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# **Direction, solid angle, spherical integrals**

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# Direction in 3D

- **Direction** = unit vector in 3D

- Cartesian coordinates

$$\omega = [x, y, z], \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

- Spherical coordinates

$$\omega = [\theta, \varphi]$$

$$\theta \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\theta = \arccos z$$

$$\varphi = \arctan \frac{y}{x}$$

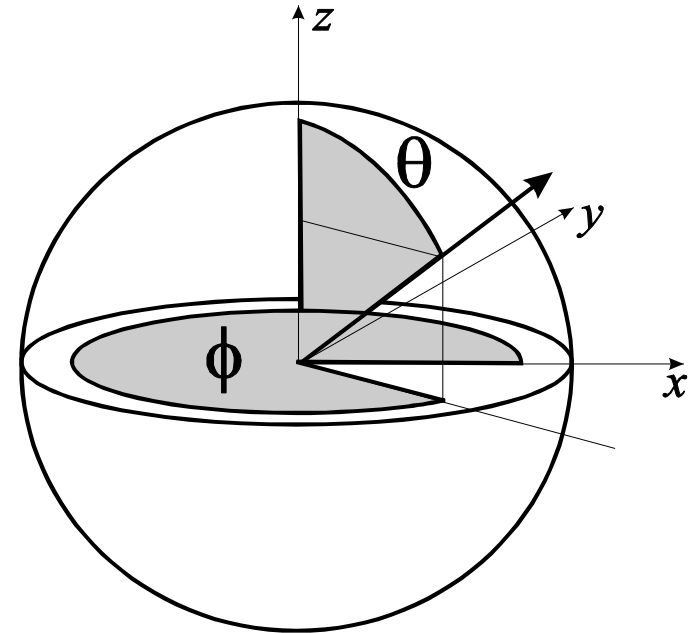
$$x = \sin \theta \cos \varphi$$

$$y = \sin \theta \sin \varphi$$

$$z = \cos \theta$$

- $\theta$  ... *polar angle* – angle from the  $Z$  axis

- $\phi$  ... *azimuth* – angle measured counter-clockwise from the  $X$  axis



# Function on a unit sphere

- Function as any other, except that its argument is a direction in 3D
- Notation
  - $F(\omega)$
  - $F(x,y,z)$
  - $F(\theta,\phi)$
  - ...
  - Depends in the chosen representation of directions in 3D

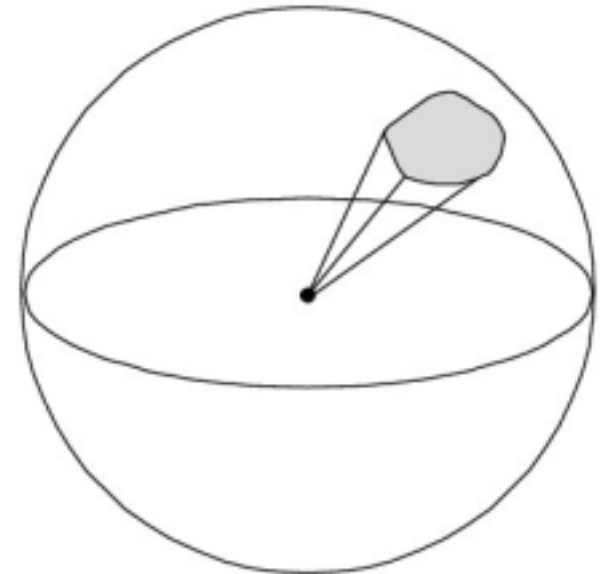
# Solid angle

## ■ Planar angle

- Arc length on a unit circle
- A full circle has  $2\pi$  radians (unit circle has the length of  $2\pi$ )

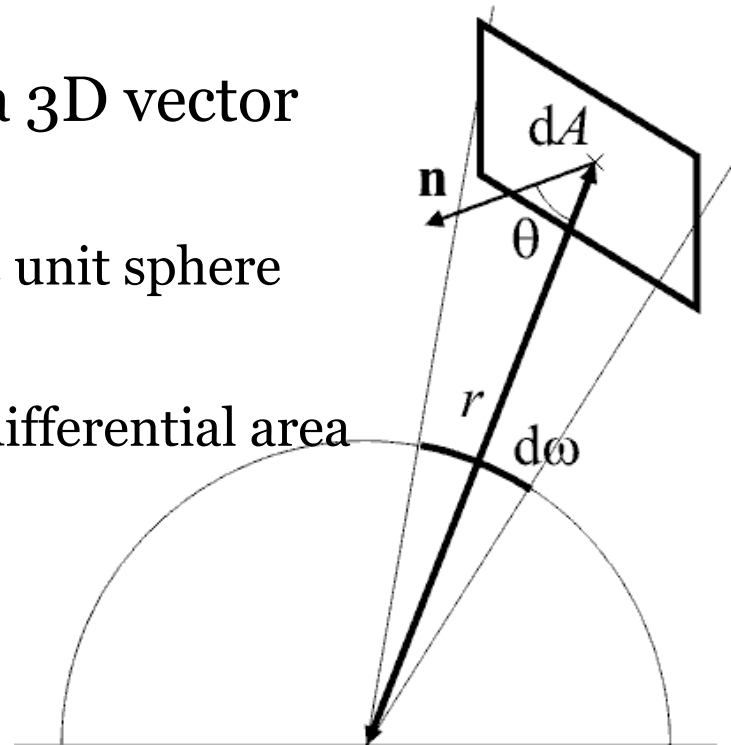
## ■ Solid angle (steradian, sr)

- Surface area on an unit sphere
- Full sphere has  $4\pi$  steradians



# Differential solid angle

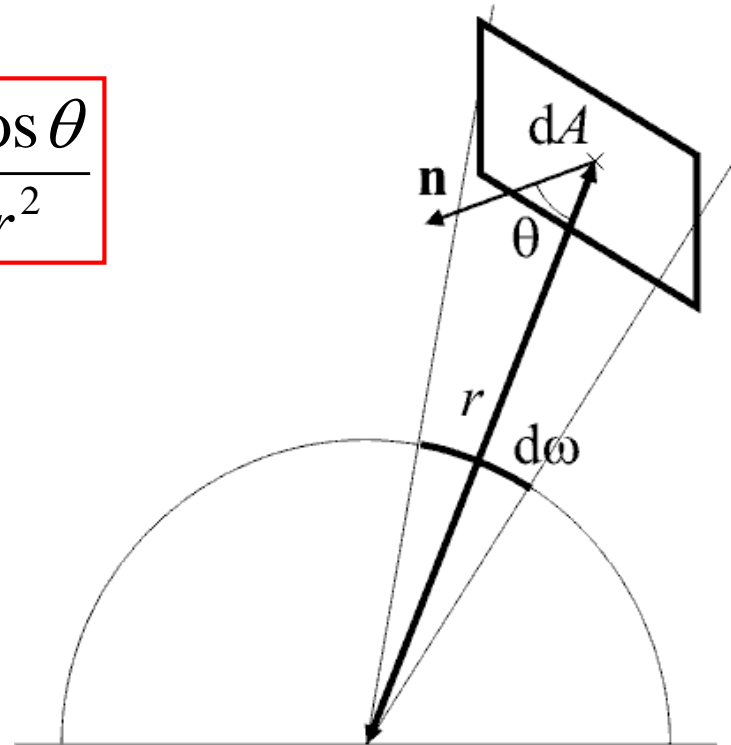
- “Infinitesimally small” solid angle around a given direction
- By convention, represented as a 3D vector
  - Magnitude ...  $d\omega$ 
    - Size of a differential area on the unit sphere
  - Direction ...  $\omega$ 
    - Center of the projection of the differential area on the unit sphere



# Differential solid angle

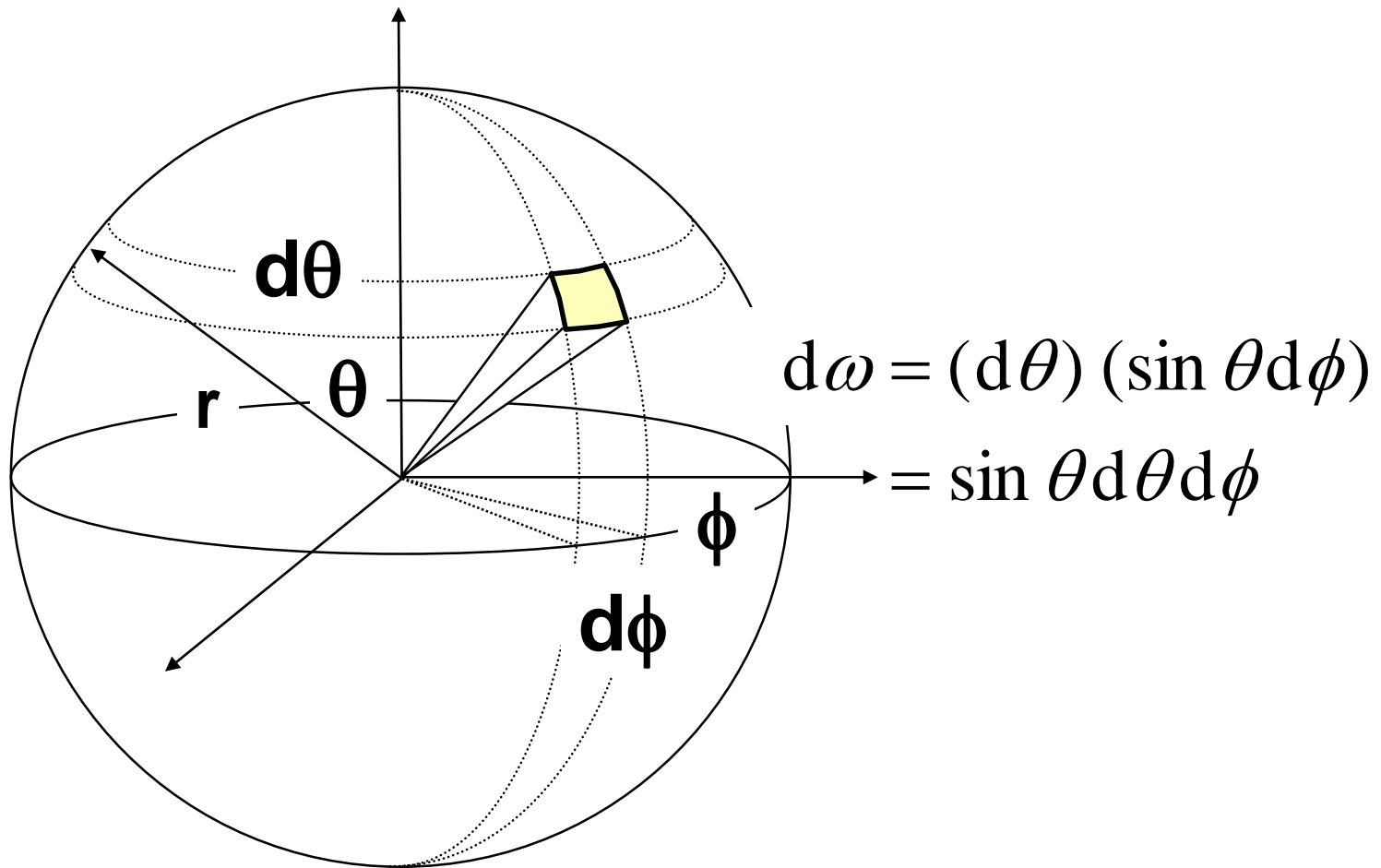
- (Differential) solid angle subtended by a differential area

$$d\omega = dA \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2}$$





# Differential solid angle



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# **Radiometry and photometry**

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# Radiometry and photometry

- “**Radiometry** is a set of techniques for measuring electromagnetic radiation, including visible light.
- Radiometric techniques in optics characterize the distribution of the radiation's power in space, as opposed to **photometric** techniques, which characterize the light's interaction with the human eye.”

(Wikipedia)

# Radiometry and photometry

## ■ Radiometric quantities

- Radiant energy  
(zářivá energie) – Joule
- Radiant flux  
(zářivý tok) – Watt
- Radiant intensity  
(zářivost) – Watt/sr
- *Denoted by subscript  $e$*

## ■ Photometric quantities

- Luminous energy  
(světelná energie) –  
Lumen-second, a.k.a.  
Talbot
- Luminous flux  
(světelný tok) – Lumen
- Luminous intensity  
(svítivost) – candela
- *Denoted by subscript  $v$*

# Relation between photo- and radiometric quantities

- Spectral luminous efficiency  $K(\lambda)$

$$K(\lambda) = \frac{d\Phi_{\lambda}}{d\Phi_{e\lambda}}$$

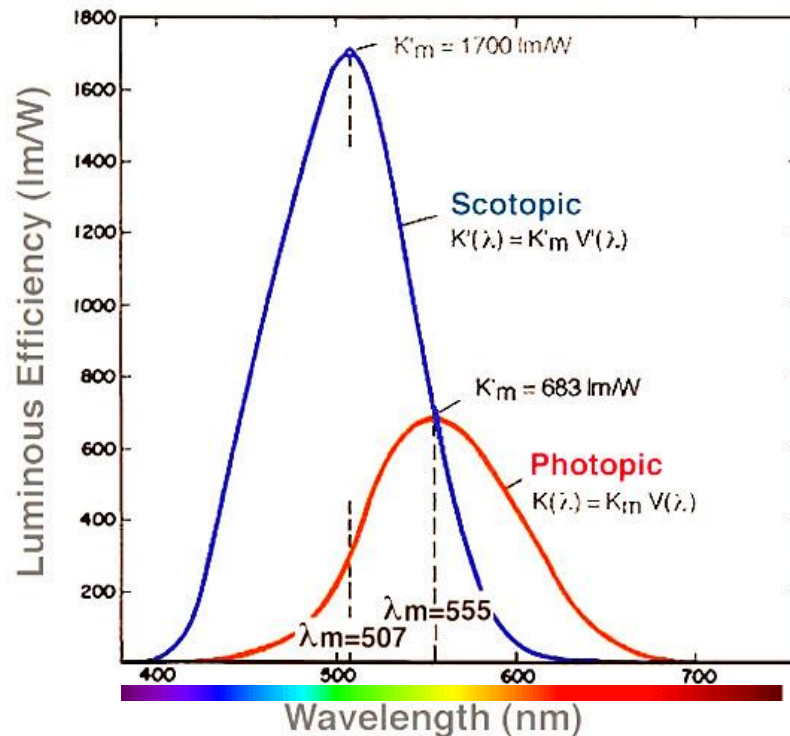


Figure 9. The scotopic and the photopic curves of spectral luminous efficacy (non-normalised values).

# Relation between photo- and radiometric quantities

- Visual response to a spectrum:

$$\Phi = \int_{380 \text{ nm}}^{770 \text{ nm}} K(\lambda) \Phi_e(\lambda) d\lambda$$

# Relation between photo- and radiometric quantities

- **Relative spectral luminous efficiency  $V(\lambda)$** 
  - Sensitivity of the eye to light of wavelength  $\lambda$  relative to the peak sensitivity at  $\lambda_{\max} = 555 \text{ nm}$  (for photopic vision).
  - CIE standard 1924

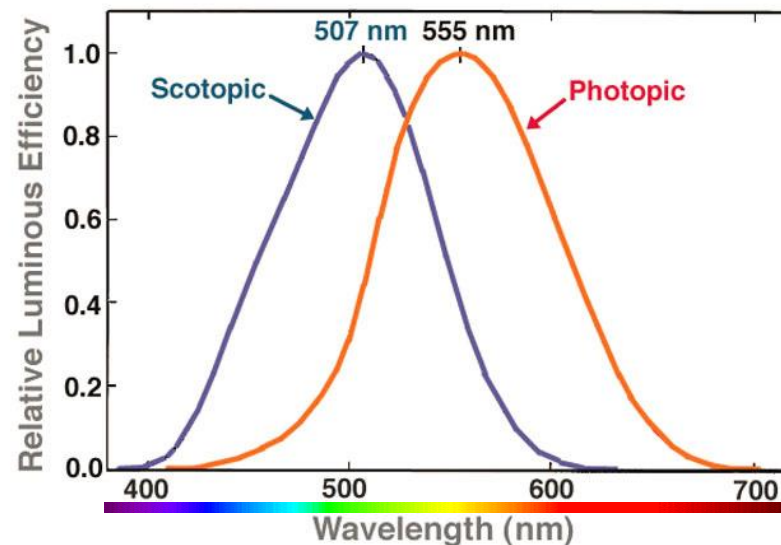


Figure 10. The scotopic and the photopic curves of relative spectral luminous efficiency as specified by the CIE (normalised values).

# Relation between photo- and radiometric quantities

## ■ Radiometry

- More fundamental – photometric quantities can all be derived from the radiometric ones

## ■ Photometry

- Longer history – studied through psychophysical (empirical) studies long before Maxwell equations came into being.



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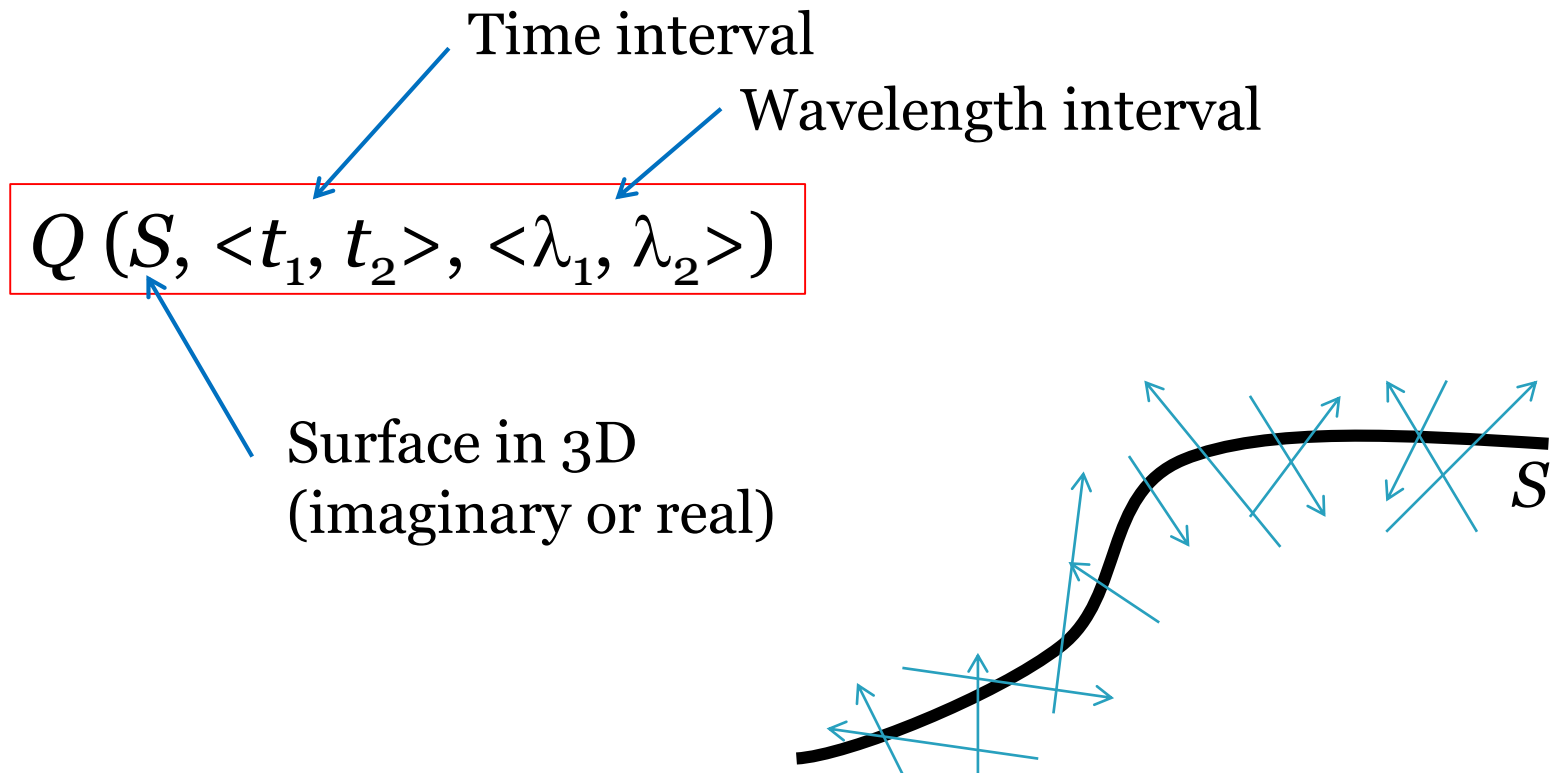
# **Radiometric quantities**

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# Transport theory

- Empirical theory describing flow of “energy” in space
- **Assumption:**
  - Energy is continuous, infinitesimally divisible
  - Needs to be taken so we can use derivatives to define quantities
- Intuition of the “energy flow”
  - Particles flying through space
  - No mutual interactions (implies linear superposition)
  - Energy density proportional to the density of particles
  - This intuition is abstract, empirical, and has nothing to do with photons and quantum theory

# Radiant energy – $Q$ [ $J$ ]



- **Unit:** Joule,  $J$

# Spectral radiant energy – $Q$ [J]

- Energy of light at a specific wavelength
  - „Density of energy w.r.t wavelength“

$$Q_\lambda(S, \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle, \lambda) = \lim_{\substack{d(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \rightarrow 0 \\ \lambda \in \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle}} \frac{Q(S, \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle, \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle)}{\mu \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle} = \text{formally} = \frac{dQ}{d\lambda}$$

- We will leave out the subscript and argument  $\lambda$  for brevity
  - We always consider spectral quantities in image synthesis
- **Photometric quantity:**
  - Luminous energy, unit Lumen-second aka Talbot

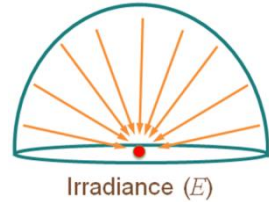
# Radiant flux (power) – $\Phi$ [W]

- How quickly does energy „flow“ from/to surface  $S$ ?
  - „Energy density w.r.t. time“

$$\Phi(S, t) = \lim_{\substack{d\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \rightarrow 0 \\ t \in \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle}} \frac{Q(S, \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle)}{\mu\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle} = (\text{formálně}) = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

- **Unit:** Watt –  $W$
- **Photometric quantity:**
  - Luminous flux, unit Lumen

# Irradiance— $E$ [ $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ ]



- What is the spatial flux density at a given point  $\mathbf{x}$  on a surface  $S$ ?

$$E(\vec{x}) = \lim_{\substack{d(S) \rightarrow 0 \\ \vec{x} \in S, S \subseteq P}} \frac{\Phi_i(S)}{\mu(S)} = (\text{formálně}) = \frac{d\Phi_i}{dS}$$

- Always defined w.r.t some point  $\mathbf{x}$  on  $S$  with a specified surface normal  $N(\mathbf{x})$ .
  - **Irradiance DOES depend on  $N(\mathbf{x})$**  (Lambert law)
- We're only interested in light arriving from the “outside” of the surface (given by the orientation of the normal).

# Irradiance – $E$ [ $W.m^{-2}$ ]

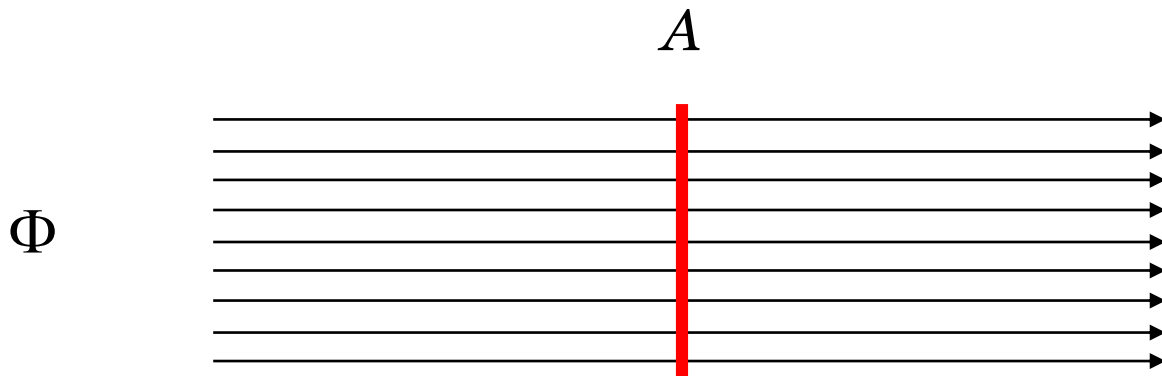
- **Unit:** Watt per meter squared –  $W.m^{-2}$
- **Photometric quantity:**
  - Illuminance, unit Lux =  $lumen.m^{-2}$

light meter  
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# Lambert cosine law

- Johan Heinrich Lambert, *Photometria*, 1760

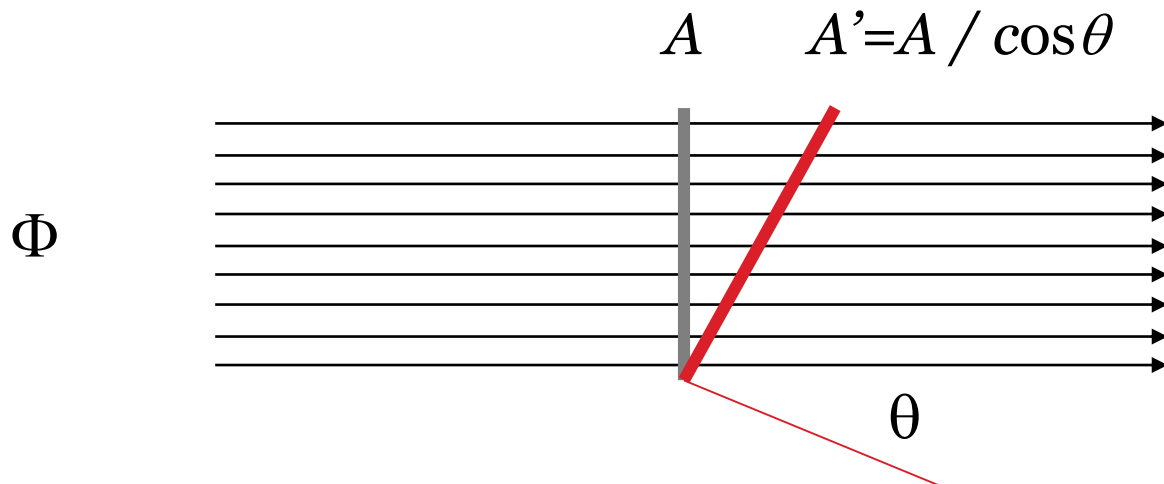


$$E = \frac{\Phi}{A}$$



# Lambert cosine law

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$$E' = \frac{\Phi}{A'} = \frac{\Phi}{A} \cos \theta$$

# Lambert cosine law

- Another way of looking at the same situation

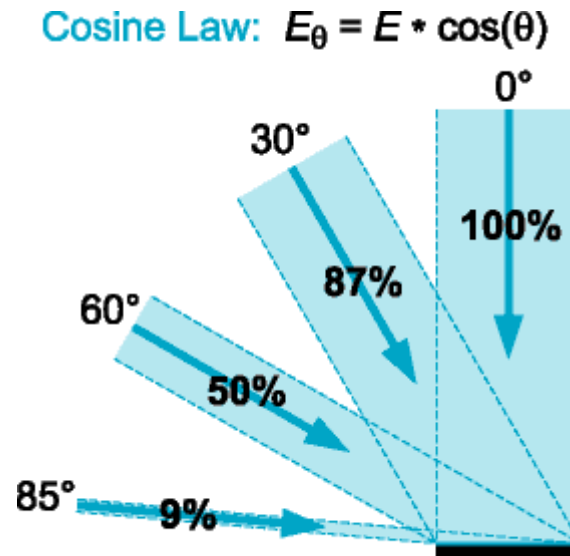
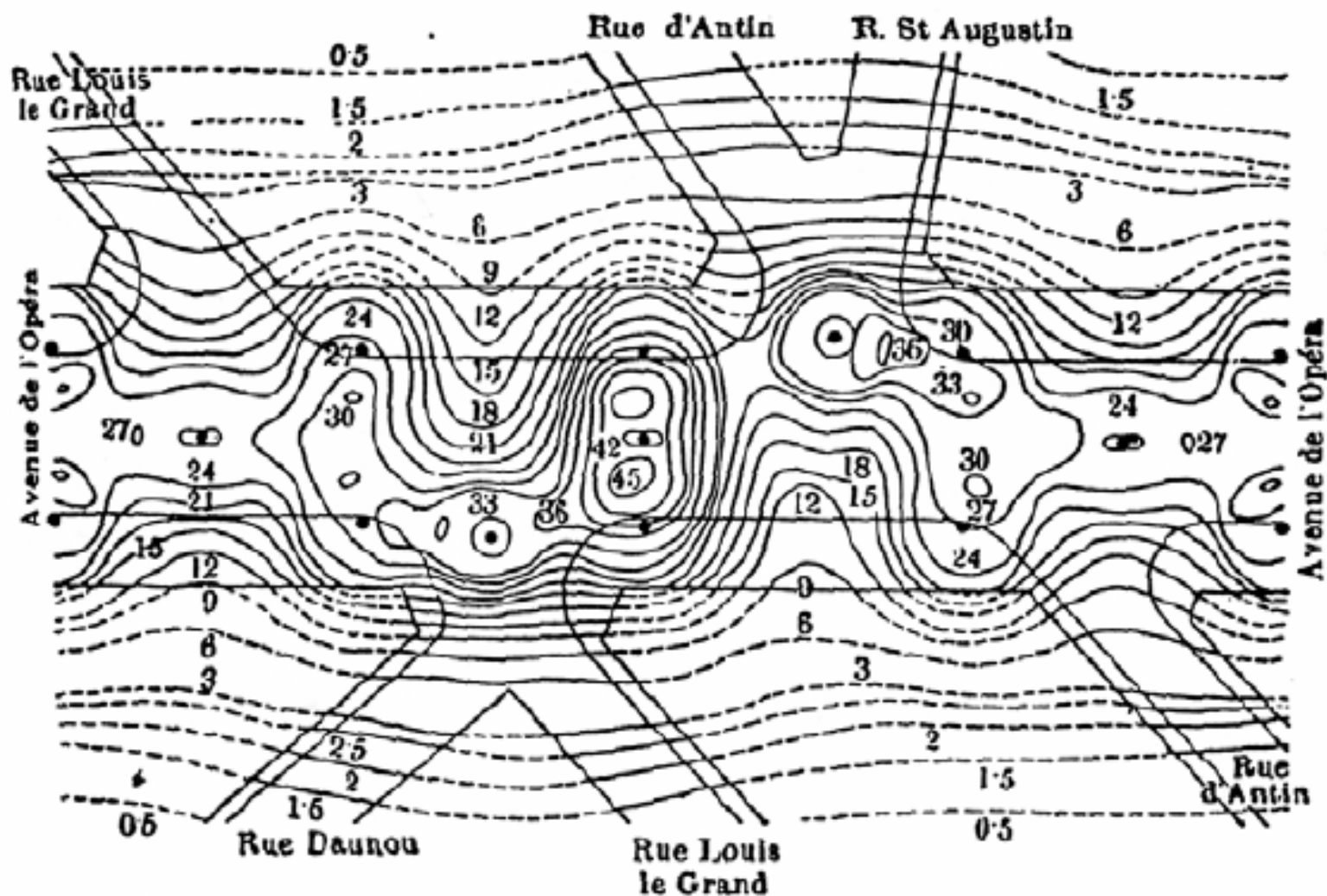


Fig. 6.3 Lambert's cosine law.

# Irradiance Map or Light Map



# Typical Values of Illuminance [ $\text{lm}/\text{m}^2$ ]

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<b>Sunlight plus skylight</b>	<b>100,000 lux</b>
<b>Sunlight plus skylight (overcast)</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Interior near window (daylight)</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Artificial light (minimum)</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Moonlight (full)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Starlight</b>	<b>0.0003</b>

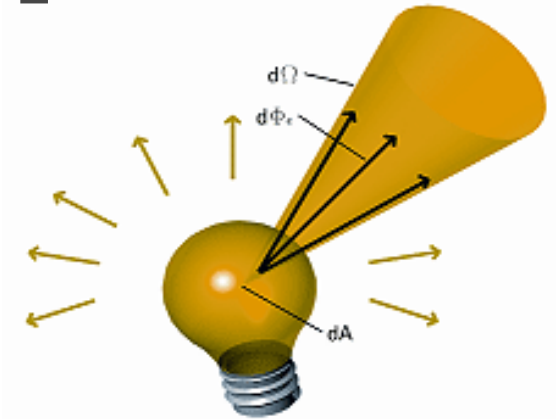
# Radiant exitance – $B$ [ $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ ]

- Same as irradiance, except that it describes *exitant* radiation.
  - The exitant radiation can either be directly emitted (if the surface is a light source) or reflected.
- **Common name: radiosity**
- **Denoted:  $B, M$**
- **Unit: Watt per meter squared –  $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$**
- **Photometric quantity:**
  - Luminosity, unit Lux =  $\text{lumen}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$

# Radiant intensity – $I$ [ $\text{W}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$ ]

- Angular flux density in direction  $\omega$

$$I(\omega) = \frac{d\Phi(\omega)}{d\omega}$$



- **Definition:** Radiant intensity is the power per unit solid angle emitted by a point source.
- **Unit:** Watt per steradian –  $\text{W}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$
- **Photometric quantity**
  - Luminous intensity,  
unit Candela ( $\text{cd} = \text{lumen}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$ ), **SI base unit**

# Point light sources

- Light emitted from a single point
  - Mathematical idealization, does not exist in nature
- Emission completely described by the radiant intensity as a function of the direction of emission:  $I(\omega)$ 
  - **Isotropic point source**
    - Radiant intensity independent of direction
  - **Spot light**
    - Constant radiant intensity inside a cone, zero elsewhere
  - **General point source**
    - Can be described by a **goniometric diagram**
      - Tabulated expression for  $I(\omega)$  as a function of the direction  $\omega$
      - Extensively used in illumination engineering

# Spot Light

- Point source with a directionally-dependent radiant intensity
- Intensity is a function of the deviation from a reference direction  $\mathbf{d}$  :

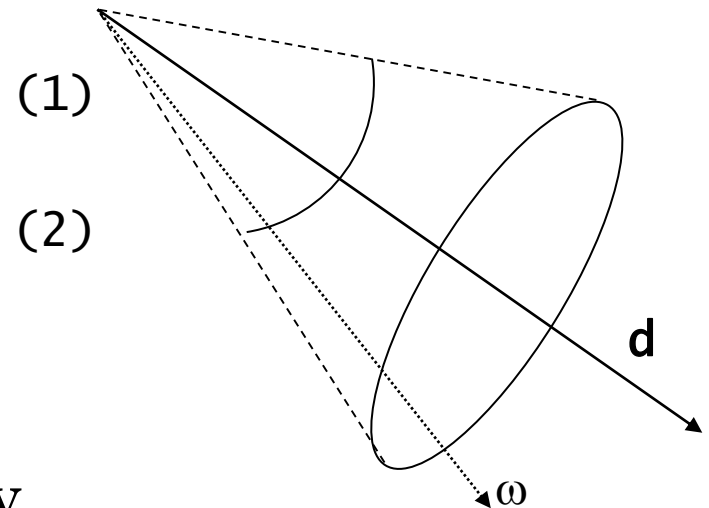
$$I(\omega) = f(\angle\omega, \mathbf{d})$$

- E.g.

$$I(\omega) = I_o \cos \angle(\omega, \mathbf{d}) = I_o (\omega \cdot \mathbf{d})$$

$$I(\omega) = \begin{cases} I_o & \angle(\omega, \mathbf{d}) < \tau \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- What is the total flux emitted by the source in the cases (1) a (2)?  
(See exercises.)





# Light Source Goniometric Diagrams

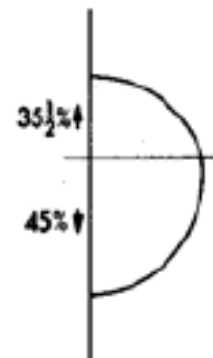
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Porcelain-enameled ventilated standard dome with incandescent lamp



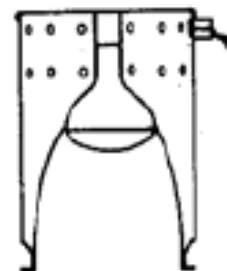
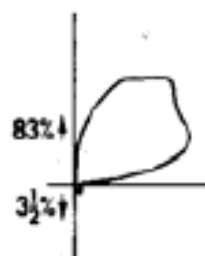
Pendant diffusing sphere with incandescent lamp



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Concentric ring unit with incandescent silvered-bowl lamp



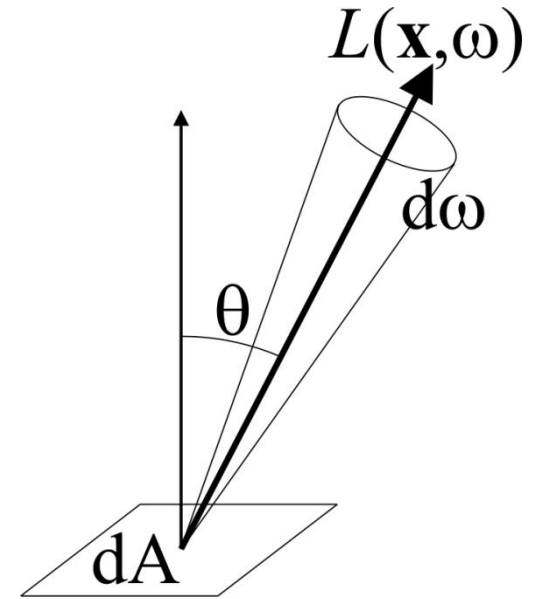
R-40 flood with specular anodized reflector skirt; 45° cutoff



# Radiance – $L$ [ $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$ ]

- Spatial and directional flux density at a given location  $\mathbf{x}$  and direction  $\omega$ .

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \frac{d^2\Phi}{\cos\theta dA d\omega}$$

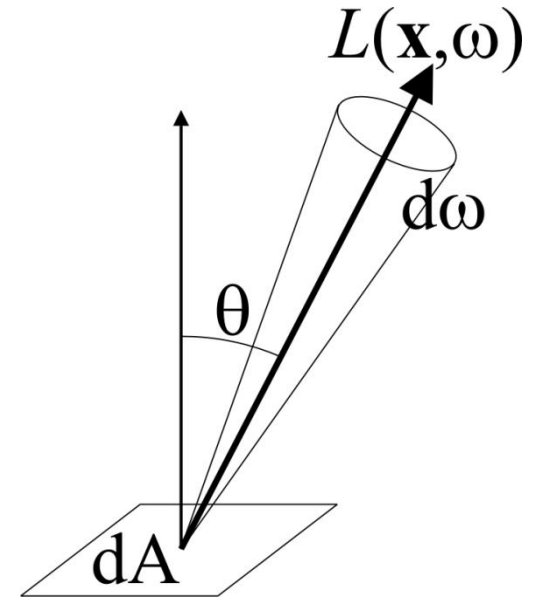


- **Definition:** *Radiance* is the power per unit area **perpendicular to the ray** and per unit solid angle in the direction of the ray.

# Radiance – $L$ [ $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$ ]

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- **Unit:**  $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{sr}^{-1}$
- **Photometric quantity**
  - Luminance, unit **candela.m<sup>-2</sup>** (a.k.a. Nit – used only in English)

# The cosine factor $\cos \theta$ in the definition of radiance

- $\cos \theta$  compensates for the decrease of irradiance with increasing  $\theta$ 
  - The idea is that **we do not want** radiance to depend on the mutual orientation of the ray and the reference surface
- If you illuminate some surface while rotating it, then:
  - **Irradiance does change with the rotation** (because the actual spatial flux density changes).
  - **Radiance does not change** (because the flux density change is exactly compensated by the  $\cos \theta$  factor in the definition of radiance). And that's what we want.

# Typical Values of Luminance [ $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ ]

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<b>Surface of the sun</b>	<b>2,000,000,000 nit</b>
<b>Sunlight clouds</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Clear day</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Overcast day</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Moon</b>	<b>0.03</b>

# The Sky Radiance Distribution

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Plate 5-16. Fisheye view of clear sky at the South Pole. (Photographed by the author)

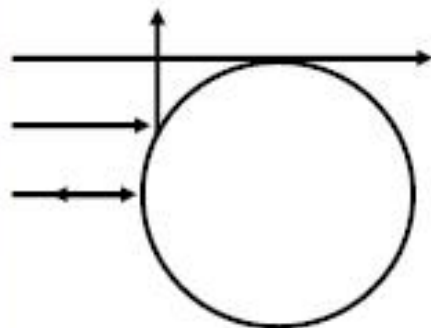


Plate 5-17. View of slightly hazy sky in Wisconsin. (Photographed by the author)

**From Greenler, Rainbows, halos and glories**

# Gazing Ball $\Rightarrow$ Environment Maps

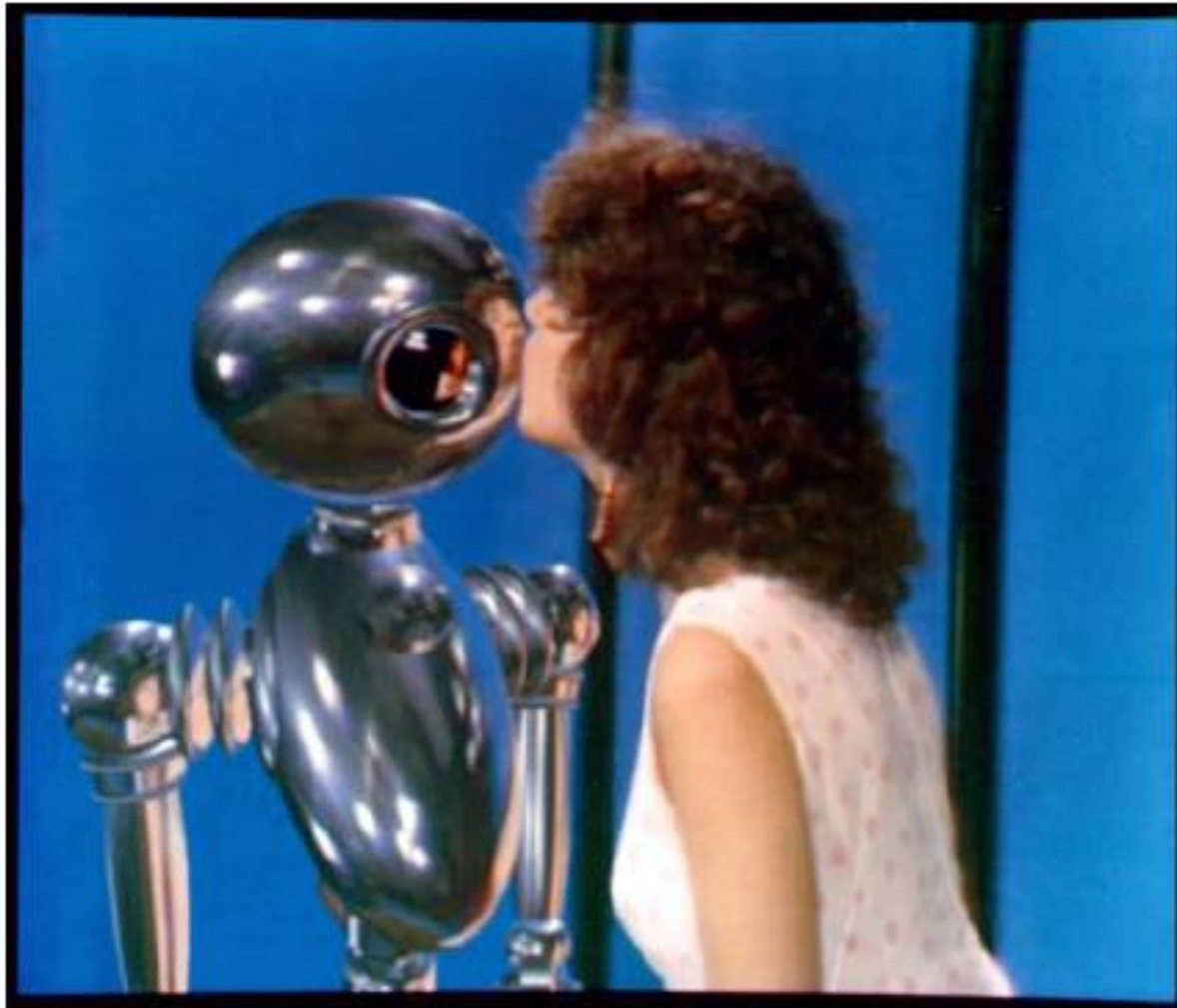
Miller and Hoffman, 1984



- Photograph of mirror ball
- Maps all spherical directions to a to circle
- Reflection direction indexed by normal
- Resolution function of orientation

# Environment Maps

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***Interface, Chou and Williams (ca. 1985)***



# Env maps – Terminator II

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVE-7x9Usvw>



# Calculation of the remaining quantities from radiance

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{H(\mathbf{x})} L(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cos \theta \, d\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \int_A E(\mathbf{x}) \, dA_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \int_A \int_{H(\mathbf{x})} L(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cos \theta \, d\omega \, dA_{\mathbf{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$\cos \theta \, d\omega =$  projected solid angle

$H(\mathbf{x}) =$  hemisphere above the point  $\mathbf{x}$

# Area light sources

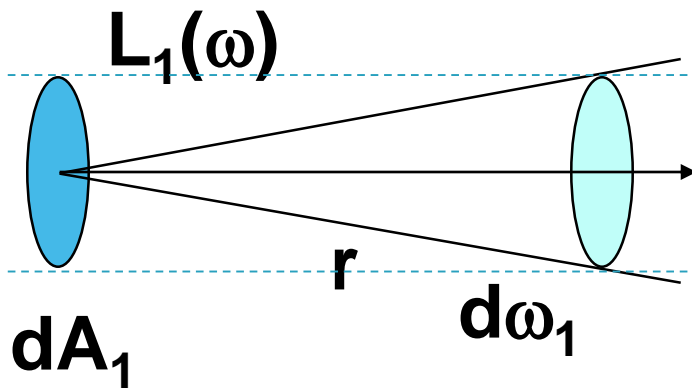
- Emission of an area light source is fully described by the emitted radiance  $L_e(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$  for all positions on the source  $\mathbf{x}$  and all directions  $\omega$ .
- The total emitted power (flux) is given by an integral of  $L_e(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$  over the surface of the light source and all directions.

$$\Phi = \int_A \int_{H(\mathbf{x})} L_e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cos \theta \, d\omega \, dA$$

# Properties of radiance (1)

- **Radiance is constant along a ray in vacuum**
  - ❑ Fundamental property for light transport simulation
  - ❑ This is why radiance is the quantity associated with rays in a ray tracer
  - ❑ Derived from energy conservation (next two slides)

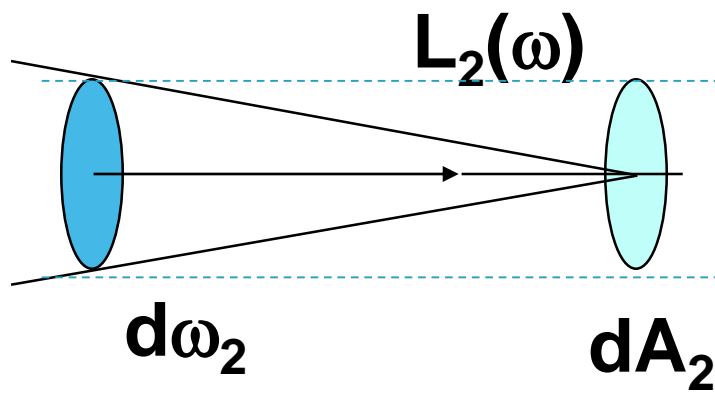
# Energy conservation along a ray



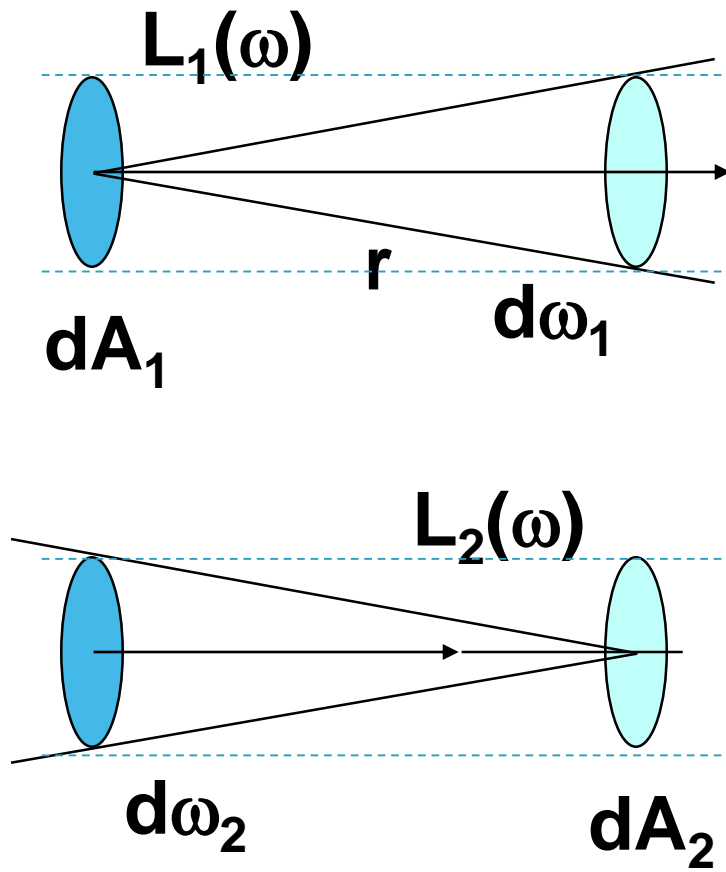
$$L_1 d\omega_1 dA_1 = L_2 d\omega_2 dA_2$$

emitted  
flux

received  
flux



# Energy conservation along a ray



$$L_1 d\omega_1 dA_1 = L_2 d\omega_2 dA_2$$

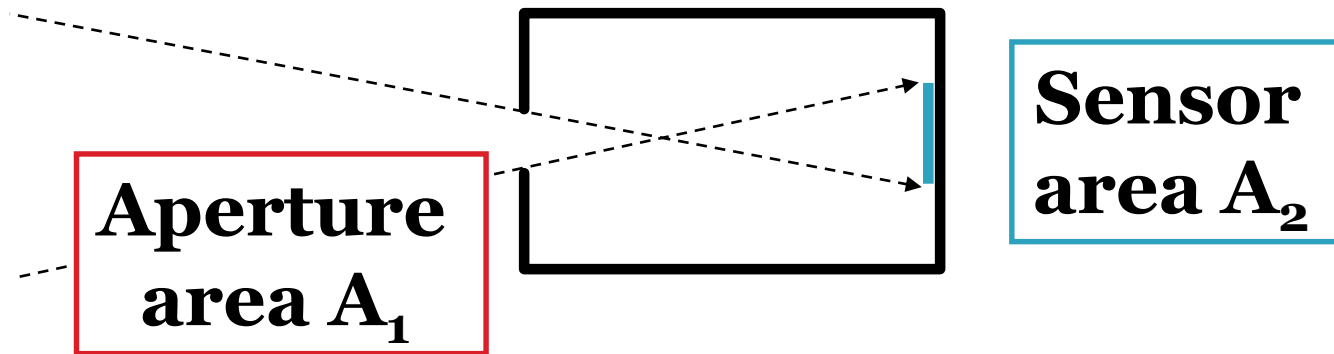
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{T} &= d\omega_1 dA_1 = d\omega_2 dA_2 = \\ &= \frac{dA_1 dA_2}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

ray throughput

$$L_1 = L_2$$

# Properties of radiance (2)

- **Sensor response** (i.e. camera or human eye) is directly proportional to the value of **radiance** reflected by the surface visible to the sensor.



$$\underline{R} = \int_{A_2} \int_{\Omega} L_{in}(\mathbf{A}, \omega) \cdot \cos \theta \, d\omega \, dA = \underline{L_{in} \cdot T}$$

# Incoming / outgoing radiance

- Radiance is **discontinuous** at an interface between materials
  - Incoming radiance –  $L^i(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ 
    - radiance just before the interaction (reflection/transmission)
  - Outgoing radiance –  $L^o(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ 
    - radiance just after the interaction



# Radiometric and photometric terminology

<b>Fyzika</b> <i>Physics</i>	<b>Radiometrie</b> <i>Radiometry</i>	<b>Fotometrie</b> <i>Photometry</i>
Energie <i>Energy</i>	Zářivá energie <i>Radiant energy</i>	Světelná energie <i>Luminous energy</i>
Výkon (tok) <i>Power (flux)</i>	Zářivý tok <i>Radiant flux (power)</i>	Světelný tok (výkon) <i>Luminous power</i>
Hustota toku <i>Flux density</i>	Ozáření <i>Irradiance</i>	Osvětlení <i>Illuminance</i>
dtto	Intenzita vyzařování <i>Radiosity</i>	??? <i>Luminosity</i>
Úhlová hustota toku <i>Angular flux density</i>	Zář <i>Radiance</i>	Jas <i>Luminance</i>
??? Intensity	Zářivost <i>Radiant Intensity</i>	Svítivost <i>Luminous intensity</i>

# Next lecture

- Light reflection on surfaces, BRDF