

The Light Field

Rays and throughput

Form factors

Light field representations

Hemispherical illumination

Illumination from uniform area light sources

Shadows: Blockers, umbras and penumbras

Radiosity

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Rays and Throughput

Throughput = Measuring Rays

Define an infinitesimal beam as the set of rays intersecting two differential surface elements

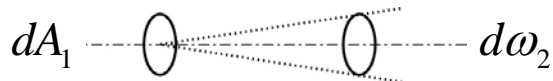


$$dT = \frac{dA_1 dA_2}{r^2}$$

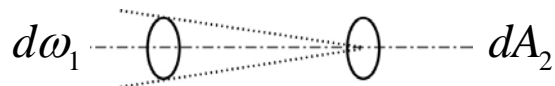
Measure the number of rays in the beam
This quantity is called the *throughput*

Throughput = Measuring Rays

Parameterize rays wrt to source or receiver



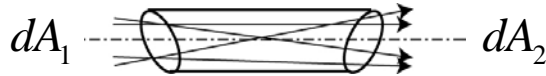
$$dT = dA_1 d\omega_1 = dA_1 dA_2 / r^2$$



$$dT = dA_2 d\omega_2 = dA_1 dA_2 / r^2$$

Throughput = Measuring Rays

Tilting the surfaces parameterizes the rays
wrt to the tilted surface



$$dT = \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{r^2} dA dA' = d\vec{\omega} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

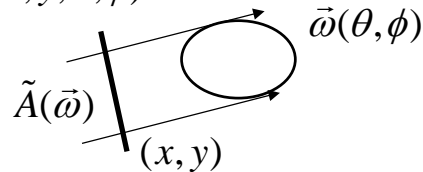
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Parameterizing Rays: $S^2 \times R^2$

Parameterize rays by $r(x, y, \theta, \phi)$

Projected area



Measuring the number that hit the shape

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \int_{S^2} d\omega(\theta, \phi) \int_{R^2} d\tilde{A}(x, y) \\ &= \int_{S^2} \tilde{A}(\theta, \phi) d\omega(\theta, \phi) \\ &= 4\pi \tilde{A} \end{aligned}$$

Sphere:

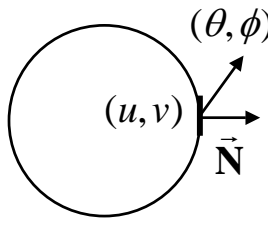
$$T = 4\pi \tilde{A} = 4\pi^2 r^2$$

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Parameterizing Rays: $M^2 \times S^2$

Parameterize rays by $r(u, v, \theta, \phi)$

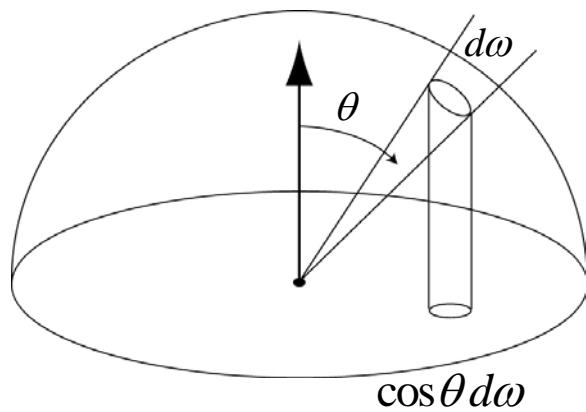


$$T = \underbrace{\left[\int_{M^2} dA(u, v) \right]}_S \underbrace{\left[\int_{H^2(\vec{N})} \cos \theta d\omega(\theta, \phi) \right]}_?$$

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Projected Solid Angle



$$\int_{H^2} \cos \theta d\omega = \pi$$

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$$T = \underbrace{\left[\int_{M^2} dA(u, v) \right]}_S \underbrace{\left[\int_{H^2(\vec{N})} \cos \theta d\omega(\theta, \phi) \right]}_\pi$$

Sphere: $T = \pi S = 4\pi^2 r^2$

Crofton's Theorem: $4\pi \bar{A} = \pi S \Rightarrow \bar{A} = \frac{S}{4}$

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Types of Throughput

1. Infinitesimal beam of rays

$$dT(dA, dA') = d\vec{\omega} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{|x - x'|^2} dA(x) dA(x')$$

2. Differential-finite beam

$$T(dA, A') dA = \left[\int_{\Omega} \cos \theta d\omega(x') \right] dA(x) = \left[\int_{A'} \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{|x - x'|^2} dA(x') \right] dA(x)$$

3. Finite-finite beam

$$T(A, A') = \iint_{A \Omega} d\vec{\omega} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iint_{A A'} \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{|x - x'|^2} dA(x') dA(x)$$

Special case is one object with area A

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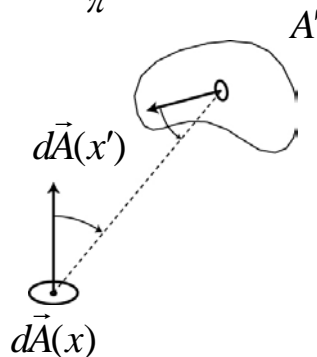
Form Factors

Differential Form Factor

Probability of a ray leaving $dA(x)$ hitting A'

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A' | dA) &= \frac{T(dA, A')dA}{T(dA)} = \frac{T(dA, A')dA}{\pi dA} = \frac{T(dA, A')}{\pi} \\ &= \int_{A'} \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{\pi |x - x'|^2} dA(x') \end{aligned}$$

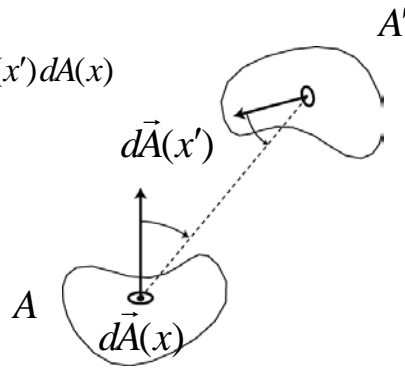
$$\int_{A'} G(x, x') dA(x') \equiv \int_{A'} \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{\pi |x - x'|^2} dA(x')$$



Form Factor

Probability of a ray leaving A hitting A'

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A' | A) &= \frac{T(A', A)}{T(A)} \\ &= \frac{1}{A} \iint_{A A'} \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta'}{\pi |x - x'|^2} dA(x') dA(x)\end{aligned}$$



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Conservation of Radiance

Conservation of Throughput

- **Throughput conserved during propagation**
 - **Number of rays conserved**
 - **Assuming no attenuation or scattering**
- **n^2 (index of refraction) times throughput invariant under the laws of geometric optics**
 - **Reflection at an interface**
 - **Refraction at an interface**
 - **Causes rays to bend (kink)**
 - **Continuously varying index of refraction**
 - **Causes rays to curve; mirages**

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Conservation of Radiance

Radiance is the ratio of two conserved quantities:

- 1. Power**
- 2. Throughput**

$$L(r) = \lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\Phi(\Delta T)}{\Delta T} = \frac{d\Phi}{dT}$$

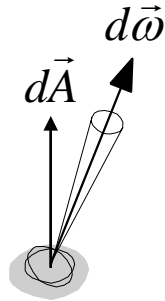
\therefore Radiance conserved

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Surface Radiance

Definition 1: The surface *radiance* (*luminance*) is the intensity per unit projected area leaving a surface



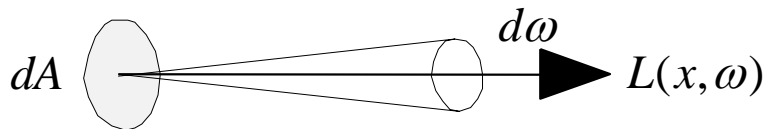
$$L(x, \omega) \equiv \frac{d\Phi(x, \omega)}{d\vec{\omega} \cdot d\vec{A}}$$

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Field Radiance

Definition 1: The field *radiance* (*luminance*) at a point in space in a given direction is the power per unit solid angle per unit area perpendicular to the direction

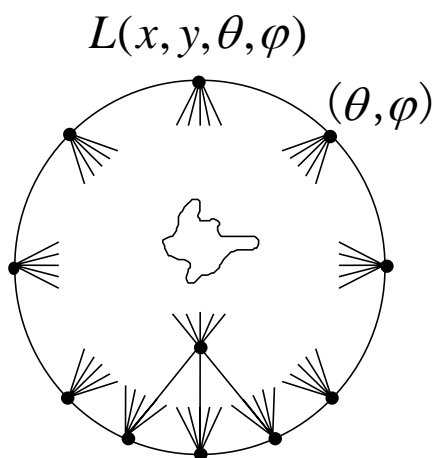


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Light Field Representations

Spherical Light Field



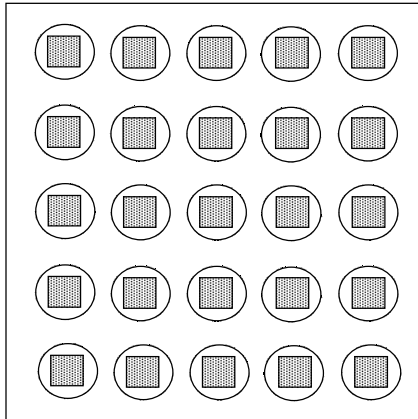
Capture all the light leaving
an object - like a hologram

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Two-Plane Light Field



2D Array of Cameras



2D Array of Images

$$L(u, v, s, t)$$

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Environment Maps

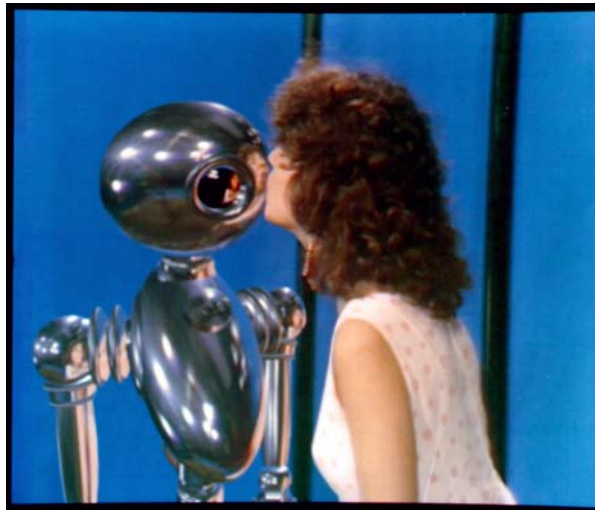


Miller and Hoffman, 1984 $L(\theta, \phi)$

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Environment Maps



Interface, Chou and Williams (ca. 1985)

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The Sky



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

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Irradiance from a Hemisphere

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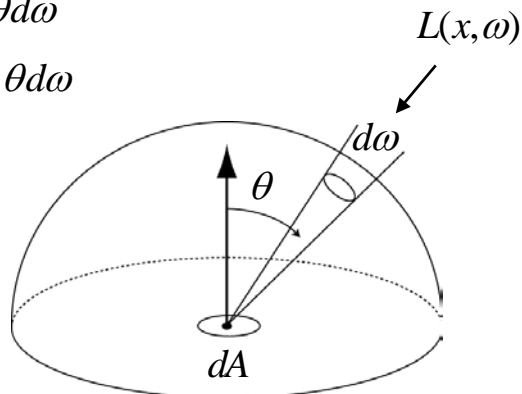
$$d\Phi(x) = L(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega dA = dE dA$$

$$dE(x) = L(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$

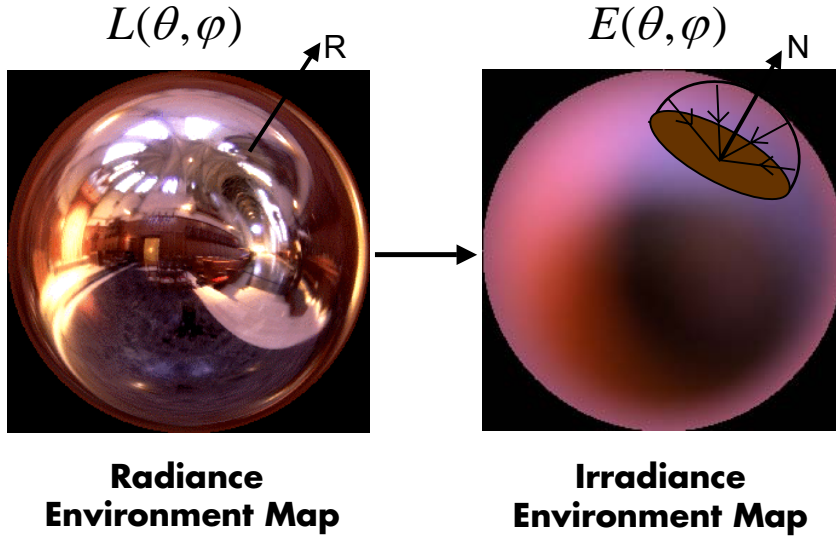
$$E(x) = \int_{H^2} L(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$



Light meter



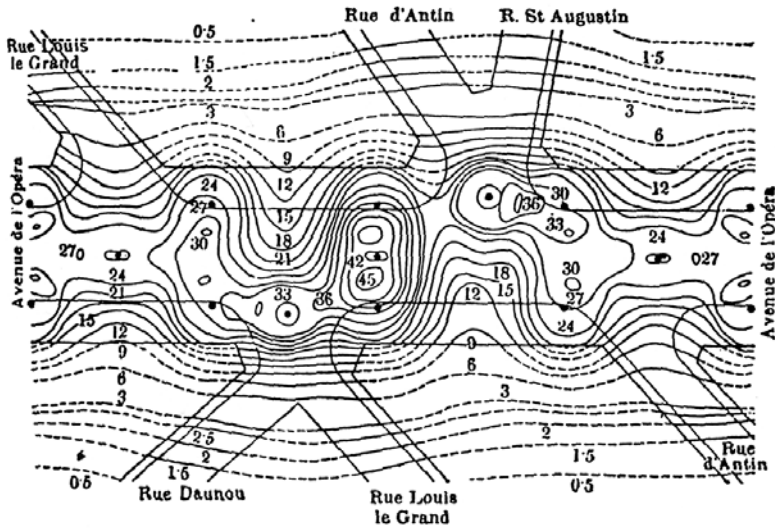
Irradiance Environment Maps



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Irradiance Map or Light Map



Isolux contours

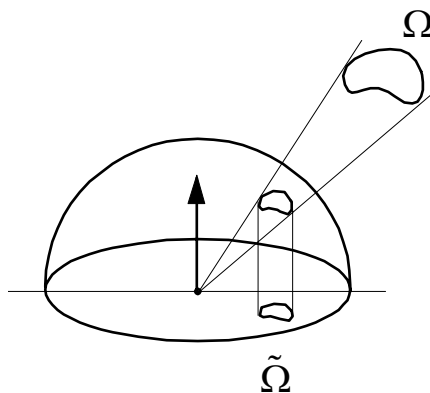
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Uniform Area Sources

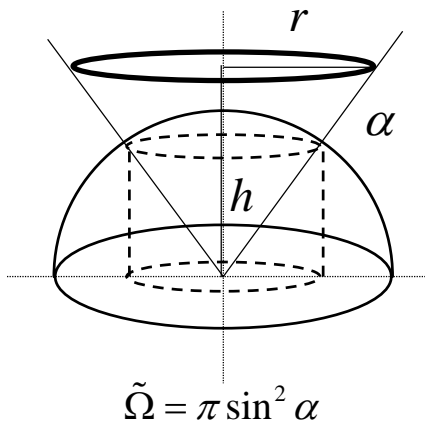
Irradiance from an Area Source

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \int_{H^2} L \cos \theta d\omega \\ &= L \int_{\Omega} \cos \theta d\omega \\ &= L \tilde{\Omega} \end{aligned}$$



Disk Source

Geometric Derivation



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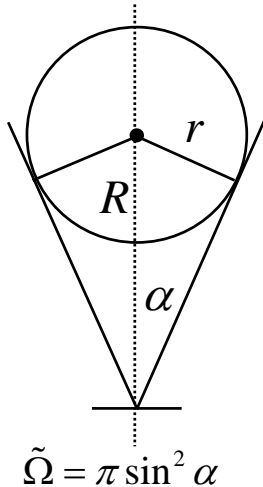
Algebraic Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Omega} &= \int_1^{\cos \alpha} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta \, d\phi \, d \cos \theta \\ &= 2\pi L \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2} \Big|_1^{\cos \alpha} \\ &= L\pi \sin^2 \alpha \\ &= L\pi \frac{r^2}{r^2 + h^2}\end{aligned}$$

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Spherical Source

Geometric Derivation



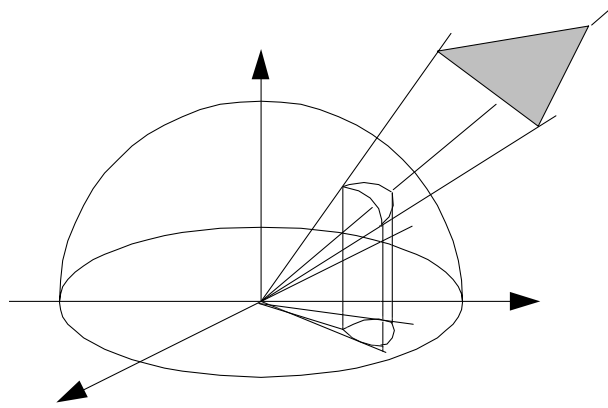
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Algebraic Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Omega} &= \int \cos \theta \, d\omega \\ &= \pi \sin^2 \alpha \\ &= \pi \frac{r^2}{R^2}\end{aligned}$$

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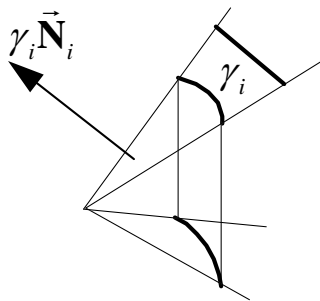
Polygonal Source



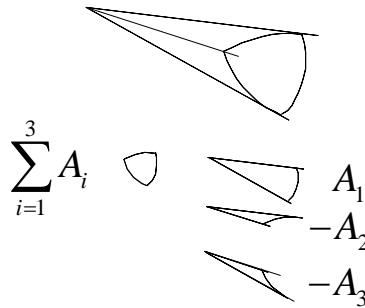
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Lambert's Formula



$$A_i = \gamma_i \vec{N}_i \cdot \vec{N}$$



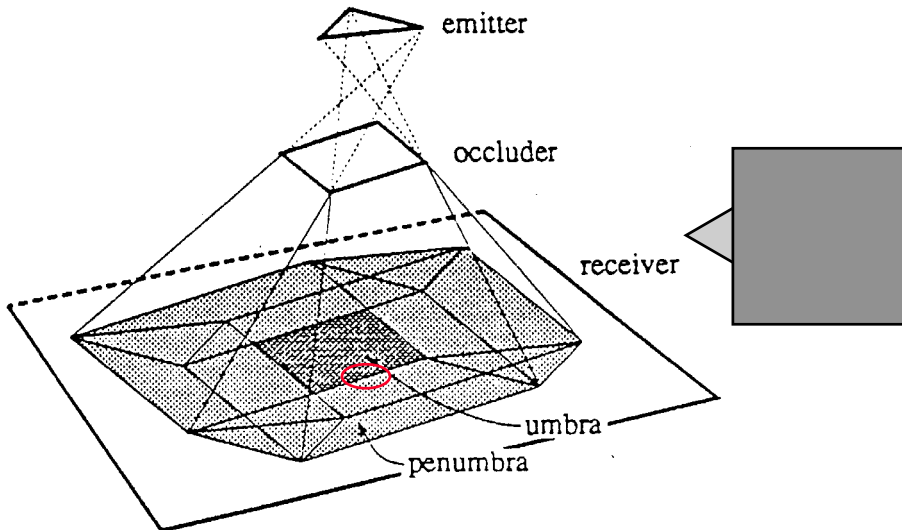
$$\sum_{i=1}^3 A_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n A_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \vec{N}_i \cdot \vec{N}$$

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Penumbras and Umbras



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Radiosity

Radiosity and Luminosity

Definition: The *radiosity (luminosity)* is the energy per unit area leaving a surface.

$$M(x) \equiv \frac{d\Phi_o}{dA}$$

$$\left[\frac{W}{m^2} \right] \left[\frac{lm}{m^2} = lux \right]$$

This is officially referred to as the *radiant (luminous) exitance*.

Uniform Diffuse Emitter

$$d\Phi_o(x) = L_o(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega dA = M dA$$

$$dM(x) = L_o(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$

$$M(x) = \int_{H^2} L_o(x, \omega) \cos \theta d\omega$$

$$M = \int L \cos \theta d\omega = \pi L$$

$$L = \frac{M}{\pi}$$

The Sun

Solar constant (normal incidence at zenith)

Irradiance **1353 W/m²**

Illuminance **127,500 lm/m² = 127.5 kilolux**

Solar angle

$\alpha = .25$ degrees = **.004 radians (half angle)**

$\Omega = \pi \sin^2 \alpha = \mathbf{6 \times 10^{-5}}$ steradians

Radiance

$$L = \frac{E}{\tilde{\Omega}} = \frac{1.353 \times 10^3 \text{ W} / \text{m}^2}{6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr}} = 2.25 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{sr}}$$