

# Energy Density

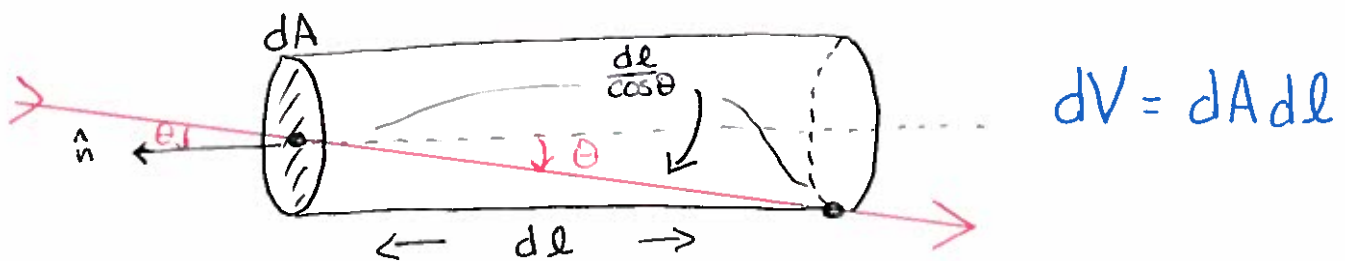
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$$du_\nu = \frac{dE_\nu}{dV} \leftarrow \text{differential volume} \quad \text{erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} (\text{Hz}^{-1})$$

if  $\nu$  subscript

How is energy density related to  $I_\nu$ ?

Imagine a light ray passing through  $dA$  at an angle  $\theta$ . In a time  $dt$ , it traces out a length of  $\frac{dl}{\cos\theta}$



$$c dt = \text{length of light ray} \quad dV = \frac{dl}{\cos\theta}$$

$$du_\nu = \frac{I_\nu \cos\theta dA d\Omega dt}{dA dl} = I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega \frac{dt}{dl}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dl} = \frac{1}{c \cdot \cos\theta}$$

$$du_\nu = \frac{I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega}{c \cdot \cos\theta}$$

$$u_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int I_\nu d\Omega \quad \text{erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$$

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 $\cancel{\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}} \text{ erg} \cdot \cancel{\text{cm}^{-2}} \cdot \cancel{\text{ster}^{-1}} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1} \times \cancel{\text{ster}}$