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Numerical Data

Speed of light	$c = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
Mass of the Hydrogen atom	$m_H = 1.67 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$
Mass of the Helium atom	$m_{He} = 3.97 m_H$
Size of a nucleon	$\approx 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$
Mass of the electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$
Charge of electron	$e = 4.80 \times 10^{-10} \text{ e.s.u.}$
Gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ dyne cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-2}$
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ deg}^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Radiation constant	$a = 7.566 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ deg}^{-4}$
Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg s}$
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-16} \text{ erg deg}^{-1}$
Energy of 1 eV	$= 1.60 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$
Deceleration parameter	$q_0 = -0.55$
Angstrom	$1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 5.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}$
Parsec	$1 \text{ pc} = 3.086 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}$
Mean earth-sun distance	$1 \text{ AU} = 1.496 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}$
Solar radius	$R_{\odot} = 6.96 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$
Solar mass	$M_{\odot} = 1.99 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$
Solar luminosity	$L_{\odot} = 3.85 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Effective temperature of Sun	$T_{\odot} = 5781 \text{ K}$
Absolute magnitude of the Sun	$M_V = +4.8$
Solar abundance	$X = 0.707, Y = 0.274, Z = 0.0189$
Thomson scattering cross-section	$\sigma_T = 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$
1 Jansky	$1 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-23} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$
# ergs/Joule	$= 10^7$
# arcseconds/radian	$= 206,265$
# of seconds/year	$= 3.156 \times 10^7$
Typical seeing	$1''$
Recombination coefficient, α_r	$= 3.1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Photon energy required to ionize hydrogen	$= 13.6 \text{ eV}$
H α , H β wavelengths (respectively)	$= 656 \text{ nm}, 488 \text{ nm}$
HI λ 21 cm wavelength	$= 21.106 \text{ cm}$
A $_{j,i}$ (21 cm line)	$= 2.876 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$
γ (21 cm line)	$= 9.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Ly α wavelength	$= 121.567 \text{ nm}$
Ionization frequency of hydrogen	$= 3.29 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$

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Equations (cgs units assumed unless otherwise indicated)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F} &= ma = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} & \mathcal{F} &= \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2} & a &= \frac{v^2}{r} \\
 \mathcal{F}_{rad} &= \frac{2f}{c} A \cos^2\theta & \mathcal{F}_{rad} &= \frac{f}{c} A \cos\theta & \theta_{res} &\sim \lambda/D \\
 E &= mc^2 & \lambda &= h/p & E &= h\nu & \lambda\nu &= c & \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0} &= \frac{v}{c} & cz &= H_o D \\
 dE &= I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega d\nu dA dt & f_\nu &= \int I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega & L &= \int F dA & d\Omega &= \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \\
 f &= F \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 & F &= \pi I \text{ (stellar surface)} & \Omega &= \frac{\pi\theta^2}{4} \\
 u &= \frac{4\pi}{c} J & \mathcal{P}_{rad} &= \frac{1}{3} u & \mathcal{P}_{particles} &= nkT = \frac{\rho}{\mu m_H} kT & \mu &\equiv \frac{\langle m \rangle}{m_H} \\
 \mu &= \frac{1}{2X + 3Y/4 + Z/2} & & \text{ionized} \\
 \text{Black Body : } B_\lambda(T) &= \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} & B_\nu(T) &= \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{(e^{h\nu/kT} - 1)} \\
 B_\lambda(T) &= \frac{2ckT}{\lambda^4} & B_\nu(T) &= \frac{2kT\nu^2}{c^2} & B_\lambda(T) &= \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} e^{-(\frac{hc}{\lambda kT})} & B_\nu(T) &= \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} e^{-(\frac{h\nu}{kT})} \\
 \lambda_{max}T &= 0.29 & F &= \sigma T^4 & u &= aT^4 & N_i \text{ [photons/s]} &= L_i/(h\nu) \\
 \ell &= \frac{1}{\kappa\rho} = \frac{1}{\sigma n} = \frac{1}{\alpha} & \tau_\nu &= \int -\kappa_\nu \rho dr = \int -\alpha_\nu dr \\
 \gamma &= v\sigma & t &= \frac{1}{nv\sigma} & & \text{collision rate per unit volume: } \nu &= n_1 n_2 \gamma \\
 \frac{dI_\nu}{dr} &= -\alpha_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu & \frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} &= I_\nu - S_\nu & S_\nu &= \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu} \\
 I_\nu &= I_{\nu_0} e^{-\tau_\nu} + S_\nu(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) & I_\nu &= I_{\nu_0} e^{-\tau_\nu} + B_\nu(T)(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) & & \text{(LTE)} \\
 T_{B_\nu} &= T_{B_{\nu_0}} e^{-\tau_\nu} + T(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) & & \text{(LTE, } h\nu \ll kT) \\
 T_{eq} &= \left[\frac{(1-A)L_\odot}{16\pi\sigma r^2} \right]^{1/4} & \text{Kepler's 3rd law: } & \left[\frac{P}{\text{yr}} \right]^2 = \left[\frac{a}{\text{AU}} \right]^3 \\
 U &= R_s n_e^{2/3} = \left(\frac{3N_*}{4\pi\alpha_r} \right)^{1/3} & \langle v \rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{m}} & v_{mp} &= \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}} & d < c\Delta t
 \end{aligned}$$

Thermal Bremsstrahlung :

$$j_\nu = 5.44 \times 10^{-39} \left(\frac{Z^2}{T_e^{1/2}} \right) n_i n_e g(\nu, T_e) e^{-\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT_e} \right)}$$

$$g(\nu, T_e) = 11.962 T_e^{0.15} \nu^{-0.1} \quad (\text{radio})$$

$$\left[\frac{n_e}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right] = (1.55 \times 10^{-19} f_X) \left[\frac{L_X}{\text{erg s}^{-1}} \right]^{0.5} \left[\frac{V}{\text{kpc}^3} \right]^{-0.5} \left[\frac{T_e}{\text{K}} \right]^{-0.25}$$

$$\text{where} \quad f_X = \left[g_X \left(e^{-\frac{E_1}{kT_e}} - e^{-\frac{E_2}{kT_e}} \right) \right]^{-0.5} \quad (\text{X-ray})$$

Synchrotron :

$$j_\nu = c_5(\Gamma) N_0 B_\perp^{\frac{(\Gamma+1)}{2}} \left(\frac{\nu}{2c_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\Gamma)}{2}} \quad \alpha_\nu = c_6(\Gamma) N_0 B_\perp^{\frac{(\Gamma+2)}{2}} \left(\frac{\nu}{2c_1} \right)^{\frac{-(\Gamma+4)}{2}}$$

$$I_\nu = f(\Gamma) B_\perp^{-1/2} \nu^{5/2} (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \quad [\text{where } f(\Gamma) \equiv c_5(\Gamma)/c_6(\Gamma)]$$

$$r = 1706.5 \frac{E}{m_e c^2} \frac{1}{B} \quad \alpha = -(\Gamma - 1)/2 \quad n(E) = N_0 E^{-\Gamma} \Rightarrow n_{CRe} = \int N_0 E^{-\Gamma} dE$$

$$\tau = c_6(\Gamma) N_0 B_\perp^{\frac{\Gamma+2}{2}} \left(\frac{\nu}{2c_1} \right)^{\frac{-(\Gamma+4)}{2}} l$$

Lines :

$$\Delta E = E_i - E_j = \left(\frac{1}{j^2} - \frac{1}{i^2} \right) \left(\frac{m_e c^4}{2\hbar^2} \right) = h\nu \quad \Delta v = 2.15 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{T}{\text{\AA}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{N_{II}}{N_I} = \frac{1}{n_e} \left[\frac{2\pi m_e kT}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} e^{-\chi_i/kT} \quad \frac{N_i}{N_j} = \frac{g_i}{g_j} e^{-(E_i - E_j)/kT} \quad g_i = 2i^2$$

$$\Phi_D(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}b} \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{b^2} \right) \quad b = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2kT}{m} \right)}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{HI} = 1.823 \times 10^{18} \int T_B(HI_{21\text{cm}}) dv \quad \text{cm}^{-2} \quad (v \text{ in } \text{km s}^{-1})$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{H_2} = 2.3 \times 10^{20} \int T_B[CO(J=1-0)] dv \quad \text{cm}^{-2} \quad (v \text{ in } \text{km s}^{-1})$$

$$M_{HI} = 2.35 \times 10^5 D^2 \int f_\nu dv \quad (f_\nu \text{ in } \text{Jy}, v \text{ in } \text{km s}^{-1}, D \text{ in } \text{Mpc}, M_{HI} \text{ in } M_\odot)$$

Cosmology

$$H_0 D_L = cz \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} (1 - q_0) z \right] \quad z < 1$$

The Electromagnetic Spectrum

Gamma Ray: $\lambda < 0.01 \text{ nm}$

X-ray: $0.01 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 10 \text{ nm}$

UV: $10 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 400 \text{ nm}$

Visible: $400 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 700 \text{ nm}$

IR: $700 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 1 \text{ mm}$

Microwave: $1 \text{ mm} < \lambda < 10 \text{ cm}$

Radio¹: $\lambda > 10 \text{ cm}$

¹The radio regime is sometimes taken to include the microwave.