# Remote Sensing tools from Ground, Airborne and Space: Measuring radiation and designing instruments



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# My current home:







## Unique Aircraft Instrumentation



Water Cloud above Platteville - July 27<sup>th</sup>

### NASA ER2 - Oct 2017







**Platforms:** Ground based, Langley B200, NASA P3, NASA DC8

#### **Experiments:**

DEVOTE, **DC3**, DISCOVER-AQ CA, STEAR, DISCOVER-AQ CO, STEAR, **SEAC4RS**, DISCOVER-AQ CO, **UMBC Humidification Measurements** 

# HARP Polarimeter Family:





## HARP VNIR Telescope











Multi-Angle Observation



Notice that sunglint Is not visible in all angles



**Multiple Angles** 



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# HARP2 on PACE Satellite – Launch 2023



# The electromagnetic spectrum



Practical but somewhat arbitrary IR classification that I like:

Near Infrared (NIR)= 0.7-1.3  $\mu$  m Short wave infrared SWIR = 1.3-2.3  $\mu$ m Mid wave Infrared (MWIR) = 2.3-4  $\mu$ m Thermal IR (TIR) = 4-14  $\mu$ m, Far IR or extreme IR = 14 - 300  $\mu$ m Microwave = 1mm-1m

### **Atmospheric scatterers**



## **Spectral Characteristics of Atmospheric Transmission and Sensing Systems**





Solar Spectrum at different levels:



http://lasp.colorado.edu/sorce/instruments/sim/sim\_science.htm



## Phase Function diagram for Rayleigh scattering



# Observing geometry from Space:



# **Basic Concepts of Radiation Scattering**



 Scattering can be broadly defined as the redirection of radiation out of the original direction of propagation, usually due to interactions with molecules and particles

- Reflection, refraction, diffraction etc. are actually all just forms of scattering
- Matter is composed of discrete electrical charges (atoms and molecules – dipoles)
- Light is an oscillating EM field excites charges, which radiate EM waves
- •These radiated EM waves are *scattered waves*, excited by a source external to the scatterer
- The superposition of incident and scattered EM waves is what is observed





#### 1. Elastic scattering

the wavelength (frequency) of the scattered light is the same as the incident light (Rayleigh and Mie scattering)

#### 2. Inelastic scattering

the emitted radiation has a wavelength different from that of the incident radiation (Raman scattering, fluorescence)

#### 3. Quasi-elastic scattering

the wavelength (frequency) of the scattered light shifts (e.g., in moving matter due to Doppler effects)

(1) The wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of the incident radiation

(2) The size of the scattering particle, usually expressed as the non-dimensional size parameter, **x**:

$$x = \frac{2\pi r}{\lambda}$$

**r** is the radius of a spherical particle,  $\lambda$  is wavelength

(3) The particle optical properties relative to the surrounding medium: the complex refractive index

Scattering regimes:

Х	<< 1	l :	Rayle	eigh	scatte	ering
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- x ~ 1 : Mie scattering
- x >>1 : Geometric scattering

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#### 1) Single scattering

Photons scattered only once
Prevails in optically thin media (τ << 1), since photons have a high probability of exiting the medium (e.g., a thin cloud) before being scattered again</li>
Also favored in strongly absorbing media (ω << 1)</li>

#### 2) Multiple scattering

Prevails in optically thick, strongly scattering and non-absorbing media
Photons may be scattered hundreds of times before emerging



#### Aerosol and Clouds WS2014

Extinction

#### Extinction = removal of light from its travel path due to both absorption and scattering

- $I_{\lambda}$  Incident light intensity
- $I_\lambda(s)$  Outgoing light intensity
- ds Differential travel path through a medium of volume dV, section area dA and radius r
- $\beta_{ext}(\lambda)$  Coefficient (or strength) of attenuation

(We also define:  $\beta_{\text{scatt}}$  and  $\beta_{\text{abs}}$ )

The Beer-Lambert-Bouguer extinction law

 $I_{\lambda}(s) = I_{\lambda}(0) \ e^{-\int b_{ext}(\lambda) \mathrm{d}s} = I_{\lambda}(0) \ e^{-\tau(\lambda)}$ 

 $\tau(\lambda) \qquad \text{Optical thickness of the volume (unitless).} \\ \text{Depends on the medium: absorption and scattering of both molecules and particles} \\$ 



# Other important parameters:

- $\omega_{o}$  (single scattering albedo)
  - Probability of scattering over extinction
  - Ratio between scattering coefficient and extinction coefficient

 $\omega$ o =  $\beta$ scatt/ $\beta$ ext

- g (asymmetry parameter):
  - Defines the fraction of radiation scattered in the forward versus backward direction

## **Illustration of scattering process**



Size	Number concentration
~10⁻⁴ µm	< 3×10 <sup>19</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>
< 0.1µm	~10 <sup>4</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>
0.1-1 µm	~10 <sup>2</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>
> 1 µm	~10 <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>
5-50 µm	10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>
~100 µm	~10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
10-10 <sup>2</sup> µm	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>5</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
0.1-3 mm	10-10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
0.1-3 mm	1-10 <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
~1 cm	10 <sup>-2</sup> -1 m <sup>-3</sup>
~1 cm	<1 m <sup>-3</sup>
~10 cm	<10 <sup>-4</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
~10-100 m	<1 km <sup>-3</sup>
	Size $\sim 10^{-4} \mu m$ $< 0.1 \mu m$ $0.1 - 1 \mu m$ $> 1 \mu m$ $5 - 50 \mu m$ $\sim 100 \mu m$ $10 - 10^2 \mu m$ 0.1 - 3 m m 0.1 - 3 m m 0.1 - 3 m m $\sim 1 c m$ $\sim 10 c m$ $\sim 10 - 100 m$

Substance	n <sub>r</sub>	n <sub>i</sub> (n = n <sub>r</sub> + <i>i</i> n <sub>i</sub> )
Water	1.333	0
Water (ice)	1.309	0
NaCl (salt)	1.544	0
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1.426	0
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1.521	0
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.55	$0$ ( $\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$ )
Carbon	1.95	-0.79 (λ = 550 nm)
Mineral dust	1.56	-0.006 (λ = 550 nm)

The most significant absorbing component of atmospheric particles is elemental carbon (soot); reflected in the large value of the imaginary part of the refractive index.

Other common atmospheric particles are purely scattering.



The scattering phase function, or *phase function*, gives the angular distribution of light intensity scattered by a particle at a given wavelength

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#### Aerosol and Clouds WS2014 Dr. Luca Lelli – Un. of Bremen Mie scattering phase function





Rainbow: for large particles (x = 10,0000), the forward and backward peaks in the scattering phase function become very narrow (almost non-existent). Light paths are best predicted using geometric optics and ray tracing

Primary rainbow: single internal reflection Secondary rainbow: double internal reflection

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#### Fogbow

spikes in scattering phase function present but not sharp as for rainbows. Hence the separation of colors (due to varying refractive index) is not as vivid as a normal rainbow.



## Mie scattering phase function Aerosol and Clouds WS2014 Dr. Luca Lelli – Univ. of Bremen Glory x=30 Glory Fogbow Corona Forward Diffraction Peak Glory x=100 Glory opposite end of the phase function from the corona. Sun at the back. Glories have vivid colors if the range of drop sizes in the fog is relatively narrow, otherwise white

#### Mie scattering phase function Aerosol and Clouds WS2014 Dr. Luca Lelli – Univ. of Bremen



Corona

for intermediate values of the size parameter (x), the forward scattering peak is accompanied by weaker sidelobes.

If you were to view the sun through a thin cloud composed of identical spherical droplets (with x = 100 or less), you would see closely spaced rings around the light source. The angular position of the rings depends on wavelength, so the rings would be colored. This is a corona.

Because few real clouds have a sufficiently narrow distribution of drop sizes, coronas are usually more diffuse and less brightly colored.

Rainbow Measurements: of Cloud Droplet Size Distribution F-M. Breon, P. Goloub, 1998.



**Figure 3.** Polarized phase function  $Pp(\gamma)$  as a function of scattering angle for cloud droplet size distributions as in eq. (3). In Fig. 3a, we show how  $Pp(\gamma)$  varies with the wavelength. Fig. 3b illustrates the variation of  $Pp(\gamma)$  with the size distribution variance.





# My first Measurement of Cloud Microphysics using the Polarized Cloudbow

## Rainbow Camera Prototype Measurement Commercial Flight Beijing New York - August 14 2005



Cloudbow: Almost invisible in the regular picture but stands out in the polarized image!!!
### Rainbow Camera Prototype Measurement Commercial Flight Beijing New York - August 14 2005



Measurements using a \$200 digital camera and a \$10 polarizer sheet

Scattering Angle

### HARP - Unique Aerosols and Cloud Measurements

**Cloud Droplet Size Retrievals** 



## **Back to Aerosols**





## **Aerosol Particles**



Smoke Smoldering Phase









# Interactions between Aerosols and Molecules with Radiation:



### **Aerosol size determination from space**



Fine particles from smoke

Coarse dust particles

#### **Size Distribution**



Aerosol Optical Depth







440nm Prescribed fire in Arizona 2017 DoLP

**HARP – Unique Aerosol and Cloud Measurements** 

# Light Scattering Fundamentals and Measurements



SPSAS on Atmospheric Aerosols

# **Electromagnetic Waves**

Transverse wave with 2 components E and B

# $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$

- Does not need material medium to travel
- Propagates with the speed of light in vacuum





## Dipole (Molecular) Scattering



# Polarization Perpendicular to Scattering Plane



# **Polarization Parallel to Scattering Plane**



## Phase Function diagram for Rayleigh scattering





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## Information from Polarization



Figure 7.12: Degree of polarization of light scattered by water droplets of different size. The dotted curve is for a droplet of diameter 0.1  $\mu$ m, the dashed curve for 0.5  $\mu$ m, the solid curve for 1.0  $\mu$ m;  $\lambda = 0.55 \mu$ m and n = 1.33. The incident light is unpolarized.

## Electromagnetic Spectrum



# **Electromagnetic Spectrum**



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# The Solar Spectrum



# Sensitivity of Human Eye



### **Color Image Reconstruction**



- The radiances are measured at different wavebands, called "channels".
- Different channels provides information on different properties of the Earth' surface.
- One method of analysis is when the images observed at different wavebands can be combined to result in a "true color image".







## Image processing RGB Image



#### Image processing



At this MODIS image of the Mississippi River delta you can see clouds, coastline, river, the zones of phytoplankton bloom and pollution in the coastal ocean, etc.

#### Image processing



# True color images are an important source of information about natural disasters like these wildfires in California in autumn 2003.

IoE 184 - The Basics of Satellite Oceanography. 3. Remote Sensing of the Sea

### What is a digital image?



Digital Number (DN)

### **Radiometric Resolution**

• The sensitivity of remote sensing detectors to differences in signal strength as it records the radiant flux.



 These digital numbers will be calibrated to absolute fluxes [W m<sup>-2</sup> μm<sup>-1</sup>] or radiances [W m<sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> μm<sup>-1</sup>]



### **Examples of imaging capabilities**







**30m** 15m VNIR, 30m SWIR 6 bands

ASTER

9 bands









4m 4 bands



9 bands

### **Spectral Resolution**



# **Classes of Spectral Imagers**





Airborne Visible Infrared Imaging Spectrometer (AVIRIS) Datacube of Sullivan's Island Obtained on October 26, 1998

 $1m = 10^6 \ \mu m = 10^{10} nm$ 

### Image processing









### **Aerosol size determination from space**



Fine particles from smoke

Coarse dust particles

### Generalized Spectral Reflectance Envelopes for Deciduous and Coniferous Trees





### Typical Spectral Reflectance Curves for Vegetation, Soil, and Water



#### **Vegetation Spectral Properties:**










# Radiation measurements from the ground



In preparation for our experimental measurement's day we will focus on SunPhotometers and Sky Radiometers

In particular the NASA AERONET system: <u>https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/</u>

GODDARD SPACE F	LIGHT CENTER	+ Visit NASA.gov
AEROSOL ROBOTIC NETWORK https://youtu.be/i CJW3JsBI4		
+ AEROSOL OPTICAL DEPTH	+ AEROSOL INVERSIONS + SOLAR FLUX + OCEAN	N COLOR + MARITIME AEROSOL
Web Site Feature	AERONET Data Synergy Tool - Access Earth Science o	data sets for AERONET sites
-Home	Recent Product Releases (navigation links also available above	e and milert marginj.
Home	8 February 2019: Version 3 Inversion Uncertainty Estimates for Selected Product Download Tool Version 3 Lunar AOD Measurements (Provisional) - Web Displa	ts - Estimated Uncertainty Description -
+ AEROSOL/FLUX NETWORKS	15 October 2018:	
+ CAMPAIGNS	Version 3 Level 1.5 and Level 2.0 Hybrid inversion products - H	ybrid Description - Web Display
+ COLLABORATORS	11 January 2018: Version 3 Level 1.5 and Level 2.0 Almucntar inversion products - Almucantar Description - Web	
+ DATA	Display	
+ LOGISTICS	5 January 2018: Version 3 Level 2.0 AOD and SDA products - AOD and SDA Des	scription - Web Display
+ NASA PROJECTS	MISSION	
+ OPERATIONS	The AERONET (AErosol RObotic NETwork) project is a federation	n of ground-based remote sensing aerosol
+ PUBLICATIONS	networks established by NASA and PHOTONS (PHOtométrie pour le Traitement Opérationnel de Normalisation Satellitaire; Univ. of Lille 1, CNES, and CNRS-INSU) and is greatly expanded by networks	
+ SITE INFORMATION	(e.g., RIMA, AeroSpan, AEROCAN, and CARSNET) and collabor universities, individual scientists, and partners. For more than 25 y	verses, the project has provided long-term,
+ STAFF	properties for aerosol research and characterization, validation of se databases. The network imposes standardization of instruments.	atellite retrievals, and synergism with other
+ SYSTEM DESCRIPTION	AFRONET collaboration provides globally distributed observations	s of spectral aerosol optical depth (AOD)
AERONET DATA ACCESS DATA SYNERGY TOOL	inversion products, and precipitable water in diverse aerosol regim three data quality levels: Level 1.0 (unscreened), Level 1.5 (cloud-s 2.0 (quality-assured). Inversions, precipitable water, and other Au	bes. Version 3 AOD data are computed for screened and quality controlled), and Level OD-dependent products are derived from

#### Retrieval scheme:

#### Forward model:

-Spectral and angular scattering by particles with different sizes, compositions and shapes - Accounting for multiple scattering in atmosphere



(Dubovik and King, JGR, 2000)



Observations

- Direct solar
- Almucantar
- Principal Plane Scan





Numerical inversion: -Accounting for noise -Solving III-posed problem - Setting a priori constraints

> aerosol particle sizes, refractive index, single scattering albedo, etc.



### The averaged optical properties of various aerosol types



#### Utilizing polarization Cape Verde aerosol



#### Cape Verde aerosol Fitting polarization





Retrieval using combinations of up-looking Ground-based and down-looking satellite observations



**Retrieved:** 

#### <u>Aerosol Properties</u>:

- size distribution
- real ref. ind.
- imag. ref. ind

(AERONET sky channels)

#### Surface Parameters:

-BRDF (MISR channels) -Albedo (MODIS IR channels)

## Phase Function diagram for Rayleigh scattering



## Observing geometry from Space:



## **Field Measurement's Day**



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# Our Experimental Measurement's day:

- Field trip to the MAC (Contemporaneous Art Museum)
- Measurements from the roof top of the building observing solar and sky radiances with a simple manual photometer from your smart phone.
  - The intent is to illustrate how to make measurements and convert it to scientific variables but it is not to actually perform a fully calibrated scientific measurement
- First you will characterize and understand better the sensors in your Smart Phone:
  - Photometer
  - Camera
  - Inclinometers, accelerometers, compass, GPS, etc.
- Second you will perform actual atmospheric measurements and compare results with AERONET





Ibirapuera Park Across the Street from MAC



# What to bring:

- We plan to use personal Smart phones for the measurement
  - Students will be divided in teams of 3 people
  - Important to have at least one smartphone per team
- Not required but very useful to have a laptop computer for data analysis (plotting, etc.).
- Sunscreen, hat, long sleeves for wind and sun blocking
- Water bottle or mug.
- Lunch boxes will be provided by the School.



#### Important notes:

- The museum is a safe/secure place but, keep in mind that you are bringing smartphones, laptops and other belongings at your own risk.
- You can visit the whole museum but our experimental activities will happen only the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> floors.

Important: You are not allowed to bring backpacks to any other floors!!! In fact, it is better to keep your backpacks in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor rooms dedicated to our group.

• Across the street from the museum there is the beautiful Ibirapuera Park that you should consider visiting. While in the Park be always careful with your belongings (computer, cameras, phones, etc.).

# Apps to download to your computer:

• There are three Apps that we plan to use in this experiment:



Physics toolbox suite



GPS Status



#### Photometer PRO – Lux Light Meter & Tools

Note: Aple Iphone's will have a different photometer App but it should work similarly



If your phone is limited in memory space, start with the Photometer Pro – Lux Light Meter. You may be able to use this App only for all measurements.

## Division in groups

- Students will be divided in teams of 3 people
  - There must be at least one smartphone per team.
  - It would be useful if each team had at least one laptop computer for data analysis.
- The student teams will be split into 4 groups lead by a professor and monitors.
- The Professors will coordinate the groups to perform experimental activities in the laboratories and on the roof of the museum.
- Each group will have an assigned 2 hours window to perform the laboratory characterization of their phone.

## Computer and Data analysis

- A laptop computer is not required for participation in the course but it is highly recommended.
- We will have data analysis and measurement activities for which the laptop computer will be highly beneficial. The work will be done in groups of 3 students so, it is highly advisable to have at least one computer in each group.

## Software requirements

- Any data analysis software (including excel) can be used to the general data analysis but we will be basin all our measurements and data analysis on Python.
- I highly recommend everybody to install and get some familiarity with Python. In particular, I recommend Python 2.7 in the Anaconda distribution.

## Poster Session

• Student teams will prepare a poster with results from their experiment to present to the whole group of students. We will have a poster session in the last Thursday of the event.

## Extra slides





## **UMBC** AirHARP and AirSPEX from ER2





HARP cloud retrievals can be done for any pixel in the FOV, even for **heterogeneous clouds**, like this case (left) from LMOS on June 19, 2017.

Polarized radiance is converted to reflectance (Rp) and parametrically matched to Mie phase functions:

$$R_P = \frac{\pi \sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}}{F_0 \cos \vartheta_z} = \alpha P_{12}(\vartheta) + \beta \cos^2 \theta + \gamma$$

Evaluating this relationship on the solar principal plane gives the *effective radius*  $(r_{eff})$  and *variance*  $(v_{eff})$  of a cloud scene from the recovered Mie P<sub>12</sub>.

0.5

0.4

0.1

Level 2 retrieval algorithms and adaptation of HARP data to GRASP for aerosol retrieval are underway.





HARP Pioneering Hyper-Angular Capability from Space will Provide Full Cloudbow Retrievals from Small Area (~4x4km)



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## HARP CubeSat Polarimeter

HARP Pioneering Hyper-Angular Capability will Provide Full Cloudbow Retrievals from Small Area (< 4x4km from space)







# Evaluation of Cloud 3D Properties





#### AirHARP Data Set by Vanderlei Martins, Brent McBride and H. Barbosa

