# Lecture 2 Overview of Light in Water

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http://marketingdeviant.com/wp-content/uploads/ 2008/01/underwater-light-beams.jpg

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Fig. 3.27. Relationships among the various quantities commonly used in hydrologic optics. [reproduced from Mobley (1994), by permission]

Tracing light from the Sun and into the Ocean

#### The Source

#### What is the intensity and color of the Sun?



The bright sun, a portion of the International Space Station and Earth's horizon are featured in this space wallpaper photographed during the STS-134 mission's fourth spacewalk in May 2011. The image was taken using a fish-eye lens attached to an electronic still camera. *credit: NASA* 

http://www.space.com/12934-brightness-sun.html

# Black body radiation

- Any object with a temperature >0K emits electromagnetic radiation (EMR)
- Planck's Law : The spectrum of that emission depends upon the temperature (in a complex way)

#### • Sun *T*~ 5700 K

So it emits a spectrum of EMR that is http://aeon.physics.weber.edu/jca/PHSX1030/Images/blackbody.jpg maximal in the visible wavelengths





#### **Blackbody Radiation**



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% Planck's Law.
% Define the constants in the equation
h=6.63*10^(-34); % Planck's constant (J s)
c=3*10^8; % speed of light (m/s)
Ts=5700; % blackbody temperature of the sun(K)
Te=288; % blackbody temperature of the Earth (K)
k=1.38*10^(-23); % Boltzman's constant (J/K)
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% Define a range of wavelengths over which to calculate the emission
L=0.05:.05:50; % 0 to 50 (um)
L=L/1000000; % convert to (m)
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% Caculate the spectral energy density of the blackbodies

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Bs=(2*h*c*c)./(L.^5.*(exp(h*c./(L*k*Ts))-1));% J s (m^2/s^2)/m^5 = J/s/m3 =
W/m3 or W/m2/m
% Convert to the same units as measured solar irradiance (W/m2/nm)
Bsnm=(Bs*10^-9)/10000;
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#### **Blackbody Radiation**



#### Earth's atmosphere

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# Spectrum of energy that we measure is different from Planck's Law predictions



- at Earth surface
  - Atmospheric gases
  - (O<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O)
- beneath Ocean surface
  - Water
  - Particulate and dissolved constituents

http://lasp.colorado.edu/home/sorce/files/2011/09/fig01.gif

#### In the absence of the atmosphere

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- What is the color of the sky?
- What is the angular distribution of incident light?

# In the presence of the atmosphere

- What is the color of the sun?
- What is the color of the sky?
- What is the angular distribution of incident light?
- So the atmosphere
  - Reduces the intensity
  - Changes the color
  - Changes the angular distribution
- Consider
  - Natural variations in  $E_{solar}(\lambda)$
  - Measurement-induced variations in  $E_{solar}(\lambda)$
- Try it for yourself in the radiometric properties lab

# Impact of clouds on $E_{solar}(\lambda)$

- Intensity
- Color
- Angular distribution
- Impact on remote sensing



#### Now we are at the Ocean surface

Surface effects



This photograph of the Bassas da India, an uninhabited atoll in the Indian Ocean, has an almost surreal quality due to varying degrees of sunglint. *credit: NASA/JSC* 

As light penetrates the ocean surface and propagates to depth, what processes affect the light transfer?

- Absorption
- Scattering
- Re-emission

#### Case study 1: Consider an ocean that has not particles but does have absorption

• Is there a natural analog?



The Rio Negro in 2010 *Credit:* MODIS Rapid Response Team NASA GSFC

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http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-4NPGeVA5zVs/T-iCGJp3GII/AAAAAAAAAAAAEaI/3cTvA31bth4/s1600/encontro-do-negro-e-solimoes.jpg

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http://www.mongabay.com/images/pictures/brazilrio\_negro\_beach\_close.html

#### Case study 2: Consider an ocean that has no absorption but does have particles

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http://image1.masterfile.com/em\_w/02/86/00/848-02860004fw.jpg

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http://www.co2.ulg.ac.be/peace/ objects/218-01.JPG

https://www.bigelow.org/enews/English%20Channel%20Bloom.jpg

While these examples have generally considered the whole visible spectrum, it is important to realize that within narrow wavebands, the ocean may behave as a pure absorber or pure scatterer and thus appear nearly "black" or "white" in that waveband

- Pure absorber in near infrared
- Close to pure scatterer in the uv/blue (clear water)

From space the ocean color ranges from white to black generally in the green to blue hues

• All of these observed variations are due to the infinite combination of absorbers and scatterers

MODIS image of phytoplankton bloom in the Barents Sea observed on August 14, 2011 (image credit: NASA)



Now consider the process of absorption and scattering in the ocean

- As you look down on the ocean surface, notice variations in color, clarity and brightness
- These are your clues for quantifying absorption and scattering
  - Color: blue to green to red
  - Clarity: clear to turbid
  - Brightness: dark to bright

#### IOPs: beam attenuation

- Absorption, a
- Scattering, b
- Beam attenuation, c (a.k.a. beam c, ~transmission)

#### easy math: a + b = c

- IOPs are
  - Dependent upon particulate and dissolved substance in the aquatic medium;
  - Independent of the light field (measured in the absence of the sun)



http://www.darkroastedblend.com/2010/06/inside-wave-epic-photography-by-clark.html







#### Loss due solely to absorption



 $\Phi_{\mathsf{a}}$  Absorbed Radiant Power

 $\Phi_{\mathsf{t}}$ 

Transmitted Radiant Power

#### Loss due solely to scattering



 $\Phi_{\rm b}$  Scattered Radiant Flux

Transmitted Radiant Power

#### Loss due to beam attenuation (absorption + scattering)



#### **Conservation of radiant power**



#### **Beam Attenuation Theory**



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### Following the same approach... Absorption Theory



#### **Scattering Theory**



Scattering has an angular dependence described by the volume scattering function (VSF)

 $\beta(\theta, \phi)$  = power per unit steradian emanating from a volume illuminated by irradiance =  $\frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta \Omega} \frac{1}{\delta V} \frac{1}{E}$ 



Fig. 1.5. The geometrical relations underlying the volume scattering function. (a) A parallel light beam of irradiance E and cross-sectional area dA passes through a thin layer of medium, thickness dr. The illuminated element of volume is dV.  $dI(\theta)$  is the radiant intensity due to light scattered at angle  $\theta$ . (b) The point at which the light beam passes through the thin layer of medium can be imagined as being at the centre of a sphere of unit radius. The light scattered between  $\theta$  and  $\theta + \Delta \theta$  illuminates a circular strip, radius sin  $\theta$  and width  $\Delta \theta$ , around the surface of the sphere. The area of the strip is  $2\pi \sin \theta \Delta \theta$  which is equivalent to the solid angle (in steradians) corresponding to the angular interval  $\Delta \theta$ .

E =  $\Phi/\delta S$  [µmol photon m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]



$$\delta V = \delta S \delta r$$

$$3(\theta,\phi) = \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta\Omega} \frac{1}{\delta S\delta r} \frac{\delta S}{\Phi_o} = \frac{1}{\Phi_o} \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta r\delta\Omega}$$

#### Volume Scattering Function (VSF)

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# Calculate Scattering, b, from the volume scattering function



#### Summary of the IOPs

Quantity	SI units	Recommen- ded symbol	Historic symbol
(real) index of refraction	dimensionless	n	m
absorption coefficient	m <sup>-1</sup>	а	а
volume scattering function	m <sup>-1</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup>	β	σ
scattering phase function	sr <sup>-1</sup>	β	р
scattering coefficient	m <sup>-1</sup>	b	S
backward scattering coefficient	m <sup>-1</sup>	$b_{\rm b}$	b
forward scattering coefficient	m <sup>-1</sup>	$b_{\rm f}$	f
beam attenuation coefficient	m <sup>-1</sup>	c	α
single-scattering albedo	dimensionless	ῶorω	ρ

Table 3.1. Terms, units, and symbols for inherent optical properties.

Note:

c = a + b

 $\omega$  is not solid angle in this case  $\omega = b/c$  single scattering albedo



#### **Apparent Optical Properties**

- Derived from Radiometric parameters
  - Ratios or gradients
- Depend upon
  - light field
  - IOPs
- What is the color and brightness of ocean?
- How does sunlight penetrate ocean?
- How does angular distribution of light vary in ocean?



#### AOPs: Angularity of light



$$L(\theta, \varphi) \text{ (}\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}\text{)}$$
$$E_{d} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} L(\theta, \varphi) \cos\theta \ d\Omega$$
$$E_{od} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} L(\theta, \varphi) \ d\Omega$$

Each radiometric quantity has inherent angularity in the measurement. How might you use that information?



#### AOPs: Average Cosines



Ratios of radiometric parameters

$$\frac{E_{d}}{E_{od}} = \frac{\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} L(\theta, \varphi) \cos\theta \, d\Omega}{\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} L(\theta, \varphi) \, d\Omega}$$

 $\overline{\mu_d} = E_d / E_{od}$ sources of variability?

#### AOPs: Brightness and Color



$$L(\theta, \varphi) (\mu \text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1})$$

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Which quantities provide brightness and color information? How can we compare quantities across time and space?

#### AOPs: Reflectance



• Ratios of radiometric quantities

$$R = \frac{E_{u}}{E_{d}}$$
$$R_{RS} = \frac{L_{u}}{E_{d}}$$

#### Sources of variability?

#### AOPs: Attenuation of light



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How can these radiometric quantities be used to describe the attenuation of light with depth?

#### AOPs: Attenuation of light



Gradient of radiometric parameters

dE/dz = -KE

 $E(z) = E(0) e^{-K(z) z}$ 

K = diffuse attenuation coefficient



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#### AOPs: Attenuation of light

Do not confuse diffuse attenuation (K) with beam attenuation (c)

- $K \neq c$  but does depend on c
- c ≡ beam attenuation, IOP
- K ≡ diffuse attenuation, AOP





K provides a measure of light penetration in the ocean Now that we have some vocabulary and definitions

• Trace light through the water column



Fig. 3.27. Relationships among the various quantities commonly used in hydrologic optics. [reproduced from Mobley (1994), by permission]

#### Radiative Transfer Equation relates the IOPs to the AOPs

# Radiative Transfer Equation



Fig. 1.6. The processes underlying the equation of transfer of radiance. A light beam passing through a distance, dr, of medium, in the direction  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , loses some photons by scattering out of the path and some by absorption by the medium along the path, but also acquires new photons by scattering of light initially travelling in other directions ( $\theta'$ ,  $\phi'$ ) into the direction  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ .

absorption along path r  $-a L(z,\theta,\phi)$ 

scattering out of path r  $-b L(z,\theta,\phi)$ 

scattering into path r  $\int_{4\pi} \beta(z,\theta,\phi;\theta',\phi') L(\theta',\phi') \delta\Omega'$ 

Consider the radiance,  $L(\theta, \phi)$ , as it varies along a path **r** through the ocean, at a depth of **z** 

<u>d L( $\theta$ , $\phi$ )</u>, what processes affect it? dr

 $dz = dr \cos\theta$ 

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$$\cos\theta \, \underline{d} \, \underline{L(\theta, \phi)}_{dz} = -a \, \underline{L(z, \theta, \phi)} - b \, \underline{L(z, \theta, \phi)} + +_{4\pi} \beta(z, \theta, \phi; \theta', \phi') \underline{L(\theta', \phi')} \delta\Omega'$$

If there are sources of light (e.g. fluorescence, raman scattering, bioluminescence), that is included too:

 $a(\lambda_1,z) L(\lambda_1,z,\theta',\phi') \rightarrow (quantum efficiency) \rightarrow L(\lambda_2,z,\theta,\phi)$ 

#### An example of the utility of RTE

 $\begin{array}{l} \cos\theta \underline{d} \ L(\theta, \phi) \ = -a \ L(z, \theta, \phi) - b \ L(z, \theta, \phi) + \int_{4\pi} \beta(z, \theta, \phi; \theta', \phi') L(\theta', \phi') \delta\Omega' \\ dz \end{array}$ 

Divergence Law (see Mobley 5.10) Integrate the equation over all solid angles (4  $\pi$ ),  $\delta\Omega$ 

$$\frac{d\bar{E}}{dz} = -c E_{o} + b E_{o}$$

$$\frac{1}{\bar{E}} \frac{d\bar{E}}{dz} = -a \frac{Eo}{\bar{E}}$$

$$K_{\bar{E}} = \frac{a}{\bar{\mu}}$$

$$a = K_{\bar{E}} \overline{\mu}$$
 Gershun's Equation

Now you will spend the next four weeks considering each of these topics in detail