

# Optical and Radiative Properties of Ice Clouds Lei Bi & Ping Yang

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# Outline

- Ice Clouds & Science Background
- Development of Data Library
  - Select representative ice crystal habits
  - Most updated refractive index
  - State-of-the-art computational methods
- Perspectives & Summary



### Comprehensive Ice Crystal Habits

### Exclusively nonspherical Endless ice habits

Bailey and Hallett, 2008

### Cirrus clouds modulate outgoing far-infrared radiation



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### Spectral Signature: Sensitivity



### Ice Cloud Model



My research effort is to develop new techniques and enhance the current modeling capabilities to improve, refine and extend current ice scattering model..

### Refractive Index: 15-100 µm



Warren & Brandt (2008)

### Ice Crystal Habit: Droxtal



- Dominant in the uppermost portions of cirrus clouds
- 20-Faced Polyhedron
  - 12 isosceles trapezoid
  - 6 rectangular
  - 2 hexagonal





Source : Andy Heymsfield

### Ice Crystal Habit: Hollow Bullet Rosettes

Photo from Stephen G. Warren



Yang et al (2008)



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### Ice Crystal Habit: Aggregates



CPI Imag (Um & McFarquhar, 2009)

(Xie, 2011)





Compact aggregate of columns (Yang et al 1998)

### Ice Crystal Habits











Incorporated Roughness Condition



Surface roughness were observed for single crystals and polycrystalline ice by using an electronic microscope. Images adapted from Cross, 1968!



### **Essence of Radiative Interaction**

Electromagnetic wave

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\mu}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$$



### Solution of Maxwell's Equations & Mathematically Equivalents

Van de Hulst (1957)





### A Combination of Methods



Electromagnetic Spectrum (Image Credit: NASA) 14

### Discrete-Dipole-Approximation (DDA) Method

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#### SCATTERING AND ABSORPTION OF LIGHT BY NONSPHERICAL DIELECTRIC GRAINS

#### EDWARD M. PURCELL AND CARLTON R. PENNYPACKER Lyman Laboratory, Harvard University Received 1973 June 4; revised 1973 July 6

#### ABSTRACT

A method is described for calculating approximate extinction, absorption, and scattering cross-sections for dielectric grains of arbitrary shape, with dimensions comparable to or smaller than the wavelength of the incident radiation. The grain is modeled by an array of N polarizable elements in vacuum. The elements are located on a simple cubic lattice, and N is of order of magnitude 100. The polarizability of an element is such that an unbounded array would exhibit, according to the Clausius-Mossotti relation, the bulk dielectric constant of the grain material. The complex vector amplitude of each oscillator in the array, which is driven by the field of the incident wave and the fields of all the other oscillators, is determined by an iterative procedure. From the N amplitudes all the cross-sections, including differential cross-sections, are obtained. The method was tested by comparing the cross-sections computed for "spherical" clusters of oscillators with exact Mie theory values for the corresponding dielectric spheres. Computed cross-sections are presented for five different grain shapes and three different complex refractive indices.

Subject headings: interstellar matter - opacities - polarization

ApJ 333 848 (1988)

 $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \vec{E}_{inc}(\vec{r}) + \int_{V} d^{3}r' \vec{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \chi(\vec{r}') \vec{E}(\vec{r}')$  $\vec{G}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = [\vec{I} + \frac{1}{k^{2}} \nabla V] \frac{\exp(ik|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)}{4\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$ 

Efficient parallel-version codes (DDSCAT, ADDA) have been designed(Draine, 2006, ;Yurkin, 2006).

### **Time-Domain Methods**



### Geometric-Optics Method



In a more rigorous sense, this method is of physics-geometric optics hybrid (PGOH).

Basic Principle Ray / Beam / "Photon", Intensity, Polarization, Phase Ray/Beam Tracing Snell's Law, Fresnel Formulas Fraunhofer Diffraction



# Ray/Beam-tracing Algorithm



- (a) Larger size parameter, larger number of rays
- (b) Number of beams is irrelevant to size parameter.

Similar studies: Popov, 1996; Borovoi, 2003

### Inhomogeneous Plane Waves



$$V_r = \sqrt{\left\{m_r^2 - m_i^2 + \sin^2\theta_i + \sqrt{(m_r^2 - m_i^2 - \sin^2\theta_i)^2 + 4m^2m_r^2}\right\}/2}$$

$$N_{i} = \cos\theta_{i} \sqrt{\left\{-(m_{r}^{2} - m_{i}^{2} - \sin^{2}\theta_{i}) + \sqrt{(m_{r}^{2} - m_{i}^{2} - \sin^{2}\theta_{i})^{2} + 4m^{2}m_{r}^{2}}\right\}/2}$$

$$E\exp(-kN_{i}l)\exp(ikN_{r}\hat{e}_{t}\cdot r)$$

# Edge-Effect

### • <u>Question:</u>

How to understand the difference between extinction efficiency factors simulated from the PGOH and exact methods (e.g. DDA)?



## **Localization Principle**

Mie formula:

$$S_{1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)} (a_{n}\pi_{n} + b_{n}\pi_{n})$$
$$S_{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)} (a_{n}\pi_{n} + b_{n}\pi_{n})$$

A term of the order n corresponds to a ray passing the origin at a distance

 $(n+1/2)\lambda/2\pi$ 

Van de Hulst (1957)





### **Extinction Efficiency**

$$Q_{ext} = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 - \frac{4 m \exp\{i(m-1)kL\}}{(m+1)^2 - (m-1)^2 \exp(i2mkL)} \right\}$$







### **Extinction and Absorption**





### **Diffraction and External Reflection**



(Bi et al, 2010)

# Impact of the Number of particle's Orientations



Increasing the number of orientation of model particles!

Temperature dependent refractive index





## T-matrix

$$E^{inc}(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} a_{mn} Rg M_{mn}(r) + b_{mn} Rg N_{mn}(r)$$

$$E^{sca}(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} p_{mn} M_{mn}(r) + q_{mn} N_{mn}(r)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{mn} \\ q_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{n'=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m'=-n'}^{n'} \begin{bmatrix} T_{mnm'n'}^{11} & T_{mnm'n'}^{12} \\ T_{mnm'n'}^{21} & T_{mnm'n'}^{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{m'n'} \\ b_{m'n'} \end{bmatrix}$$
Extended Boundary Condition Method (Waterman, 1965)

$$E(r) = E^{inc}(r) + \int_{V} d^{\beta} r' G(r, r')(m^{2} - 1)E(r')$$

Mie-theory: inscribed sphere Iteration: remaining volume

Accurate; Stable; Efficient for random orientation

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### **EBCM T-matrix and new T-matrix**



### Summary

- Single-scattering property datasets have been computed for the wavelengths from 15~99 μm:
  - Using the updated ice index reported in Warren and Brandt;
  - Improved accuracy of scattering calculations
  - 9 representative ice crystal habits
- Perspectives:
  - Temperature dependence (ice crystal habit and refractive index)
  - Volume-integration T-matrix calculation to further improve the efficiency and accuracy