CHARACTERIZING COSMIC DUST PARTICLES WITH PHOTOPOLARIMETRY

Why we should care about the dust morphology

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Characterizing the life cycle of dust



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GOALS

- •Photopolarimetry as a tool for characterizing dust particles.
- Dust morphology matters



PART 1

- Characterizing cosmic dust particles. Getting profit of Solar System research.
- Electromagnetic radiation. Definitions.
- Cosmic Dust Laboratory.
- Photopolarimetry as a tool for characterizing dust particles. Examples.

PART 2 (Practical Exercises)

- Dust morphology effect.
 - 1.Experimental data.
 - 2.Model/Scattering Databases.



COSMIC DUST...





... in the SOLAR SYSTEM



WHY? COMETARY DUST BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR PLANETARY SYSTEM

Comet 67P Churyumov-Gerasimenko





ESA/Rosetta/MPS for OSIRIS Team MPS/UPD/LAM/IAA/SSO/INTA/UPM/DASP/IDA

WHY? PLANETARY ATMOSPHERES



(KNOWLEDGE OF DUST SIZE AND COMPOSITION IS MANDATORY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR IMPACT ON CLIMATE)

Temperature profile Radiative balance Atmospheric dinamic







ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS







Terrestrial aerosols Are they so different to cosmic dust?

Volcanic ash

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Some definitions



OUR TOOL: ELECTROMAGNETIC LIGHT SCATTERING



RADIATIVE BALANCE OF THE ATMOSPHERE







Degrees of polarization

Degree of linear polarization

$$DLP = \frac{\sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}}{I}$$

Extended degree of linear polarization

$$EDLP = \frac{-Q}{I}$$

$$\begin{split} U &= 0 \Rightarrow |EDLP| = DLP \\ EDLP &> 0 \Rightarrow \text{vibration} \\ \bot \text{scattering plane.} \end{split}$$

Degree of circular polarization

$$DCP = \frac{V}{I}$$

In case of single scattering of natural incident light, i.e., $(I_0, Q_0, U_0, V_0) \propto (1, 0, 0, 0)$:







RADIATIVE BALANCE OF THE ATMOSPHERE



Thermal Emission

Mishchenko, Larry & Travis, 2002 Transfer of polarized light in Planetary atmosphere Hovenier, Van der Mee & Domke, 2004

Scattering



HOW: Polarimetry

Stellar light becomes linearly polarized when scattered by a dust cloud and/or reflected by a regolith



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SIZE (a) vs SIZE PARAMETER (x)









- Complicated shapes
- Mixture compositions
- Broad size distributions



Complex computations

Simplified model particles;

Limited shapes and/or shapes









The Problem: Modelling scattering properties of dust grains SIZE PARAMETER $x=2\pi r/\lambda$





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THE EXPERIMENT IAA COSMIC DUST LABORATORY







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$$\Phi_{sca} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi^2 D^2} \mathbf{F} \Phi_0$$

n2

λ=405 nm, 480 nm, 514 nm, 640 nm



Randomly oriented particles => all sattering planes equivalent F (λ , θ) Mirror symmetry (6 independent elements) van de Hulst, Light scattering by small particles, 1957



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Data from Frattin et al, MNRAS, 484, 2019

The simplest combination of optical elements (polarizer + modulator) gives the F₁₁ and DLP

Photopolarimetry as a powerful tool SOME EXAMPLES



Venus clouds

Composed mainly by CO2 and thick cloud layers





What is the composition of the clouds of Venus?

Several suggestions, water, H_2O ice, carbon suboxide (C_3O_2), solid $CO_2...$





WHY POLARIZATION

Information on the refractive index of the particles (spherical particles)

Mie calc. at 0.55 micron; reff=1.05 micron



Calculations based on results by Hansen & Hovenier, 1974



TITAN

- The only natural satellite in the Solar System with a thick atmosphere.
- The atmosphere of this moon may resemble that of our planet in its early days, before primitive living organisms enriched it with oxygen via photosynthesis.
- Resembling that of Earth (N_2 ;94%) but small traces of oxygen and water. Methane (CH_4) plays a similar role to that of water in Earth's atmosphere.



TITAN AEROSOLS

Pioneer 11 (Tomasko 1980;Tomasko & Smith 1982) Voyager (West et al. 1983) strong polarization data near 90° => gradient of particles size very small spherical particles



Voyager intensity data strong forward peak => Large spherical particles (Rages & Pollack, 1981; West et al. 1983)

West & Smith, Icarus, 1991

Fluffy MgSilicates



Volten et al. A&A, 470(1), 377,2007

Debris disk HR4796A

SPHERE/IRDIS Chen et al. ApJ 898, 2020



GROWING DUST GRAINS. PLANETESIMALS

HR4796A debris disk (Gemini Planet Imager)





POLARIMETRY FOR CHARACTERIZING COMETARY DUST.



Polarimetry: Cometary Dust



Relative quantity does not depend on the DLP number of particles

$$LP = \frac{I_{par} - I_{per}}{I_{par} + I_{per}}$$



Ground-Based polarimetry of Comets







OBSERVATIONS & EXPERIMENTAL DLPs



Observational data from Database of Comet Polarimetry (Kiselev et al. 2005)



Experimental data from Granada-Amsterdam Light Scattering Database (Muñoz et al. 2012)



67P Churyumov-Gerasimenko (ESA)

2004-2017 ESA Rosetta



OSIRIS provides unique observations of intensity of the light scattered by dust within 67P coma.

OSIRIS@ROSETTA U-Shaped Phase Functions



OBSERVATIONS & EXPERIMENTAL Phase Functions micron-sized dust grains





What type of dust particles

OSIRIS U-Shape PFs AND GB obs bell-shaped DLP



U-shaped phase functions produced for very large particles?





CONCLUSION: large absorbing porous particles can reproduce both sets of observations



Markkanen et al. 2018; Moreno et al. 2017; Muñoz et al . 2020;



Observations: Bertini et al. 2017, Rosenbush et al 2017

PART 2 Practical exercises using experimental data & Model/Scattering Databases



Spherical vs irregular









sphere vs irregular particle





sphere vs irregular particle





SPHERICAL MODEL vs COSMIC DUST FOR







LABORATORY TEST Testing the spherical model







Experimental data freely available at the Granada-Amsterdam Light Scattering Database <u>www.iaa.es/scattering</u> Muñoz et al. JQSRT, 113, 565-574, 2012.



Granada - Amsterdam Light Scattering Database

What is in this database?

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https://scattering.iaa.csic.es/



LABORATORY TEST Testing the spherical model for retrieving grain sizes in resonance regimes Experiments.





MARTIAN DUST ANALOG

SHAPES: SPHERICAL/NONSPHERICAL





Dabrowska et al. Icarus, 250, 83-94, 2015.

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LABORATORY TEST

Testing the spherical model for retrieving grain sizes in the Rayleigh-resonance, resonance and Geometric Optics regimes. Experiments.





Forsterite samples Spheres vs realistic dust





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L D2,5 x250 300 um



Testing at CODULAB the effect of retrieving particle size by assuming the spherical model for natural dust particles





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Best fitted values (Mie theory) vs actual values

mforsterite=n+ik=1.65+i1E-5

The use of the Mie model for analysing polarimetric observations might prevent locating dust particles with sizes of the order of or larger than the wavelength of the incident light.



Simulated (sub)millimetre disc polarization (spheres vs irregular dust)

Monte Carlo code RADMC-3D Dullemond et al. 2012



Polarization fraction Pf (%) =P/I ; $P \equiv \sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}$ Dashed white contours optical depth 0.1

- 0.8

- 0.6

- 0.4

- 0.2

0.0

- 0.60

- 0.45

- 0.30

- 0.15

0.00

- 0.6

- 0.4

- 0.2

- 0.0

- 0.45

- 0.30

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0.00



Lin et al. MNRAS, 520, 2023



4.3 SIZE EFFECT ON THE SCATTERING PATTERN. mm-sized vs μ m-sized compact dust grains. λ =520 nm



Muñoz et al. ApJ, 846 (1), 2017. Muñoz et al. ApJS, 247, 2020.





Volten et al. et al. A&A, 470, 2007 Muñoz et al. ApJS, 247, 2020.



Practical Information for computing light scattering by spherical and nonspherical particles



The Problem: Modelling scattering properties of dust grains SIZE PARAMETER $x=2\pi r/\lambda$



x~30 (T-matrix: e.g. Mishchenko & Travis, JQSRT, 1998)

T-matrix codes for computing light scattering by nonspherical particles

<u>SCATTPORT</u>



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(DDA: Draine & Flatau, JOSA 1994; Yurkin & Hoekstra, JQSRT 2011)

x~10-12



<u>A multiple sphere T-matrix FORTRAN code for use on parallel</u> <u>computer clusters</u>



The Problem: Modelling scattering properties of dust grains

SIZE PARAMETER x=2 π r/ λ



Light scattering by large particles in the Ray Optics approximation



COMPUTE SCATTERING PRPERTIES



Scattering properties Databases





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