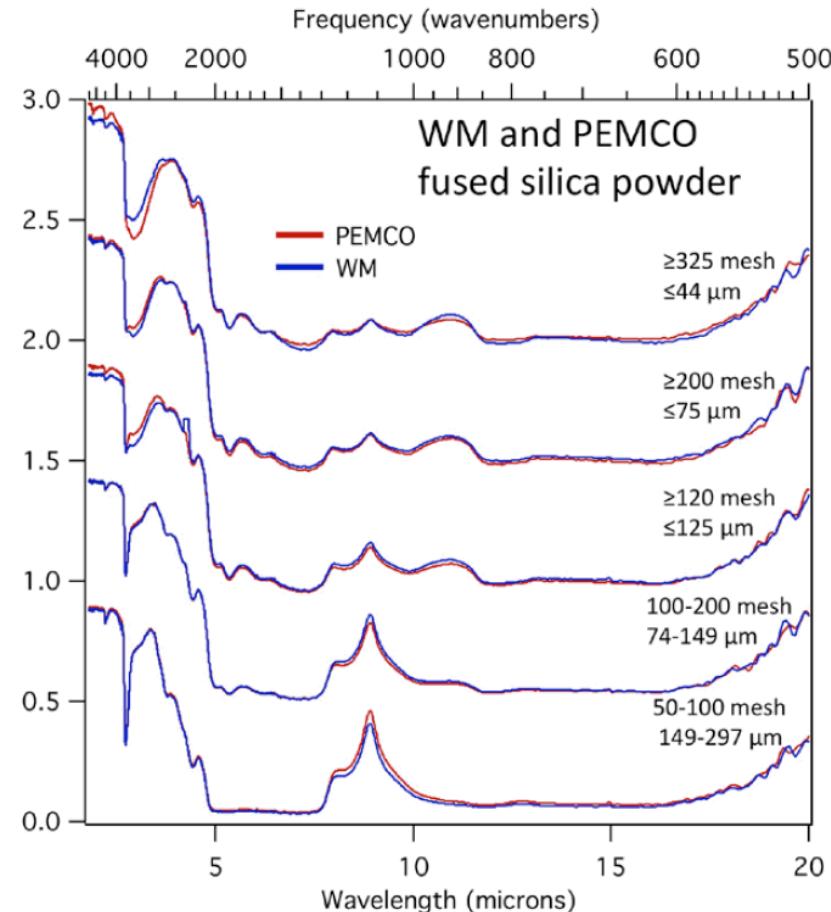


# Inverse Micro-Scale Modeling: *A Numerically Invertible Reflectance Model for an Optically Thick Deposit*

## HARD Solids Independent Review

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- **Goal:** In a collaboration with the Micro-Scale Forward Modeling Team, develop a morphologically aware spectral library via physics-based modeling
- **Method:** Develop radiative transfer (RT) model with parametric inputs that can be varied in optimizing model fit to measurements
  - Incorporate fundamental physical properties ( $n, k$ ) and account for morphological characteristics – particle size distribution (PSD), shape, and packing density
  - Optimized, the model should demonstrate agreement with reflectance spectra...
  - ...while the extracted parameters should demonstrate agreement with independent measurements of related properties



- **Focus:** Match model to reflectance spectra of silica powders from Micro-Scale Measurements team



- We had been applying the Kubelka-Munk (K-M) 2-stream model to chemical deposits of arbitrary optical thickness
  - K-M model widely applied to paints and pigments
  - Provides simple analytical expression (attractive!)
  - K-M model's scattering and absorption coefficients, as well as interface reflectance terms, depend on  $n$ ,  $k$ , and morphology
  - But this dependence is not explicitly defined...
  - So, as of late 2012, we were stuck using a phenomenological model
- Met with Michael Mishchenko, Jacek Chowdhary, Brian Cairns, et al. (NASA GISS / Columbia Univ.) on 11/14/12

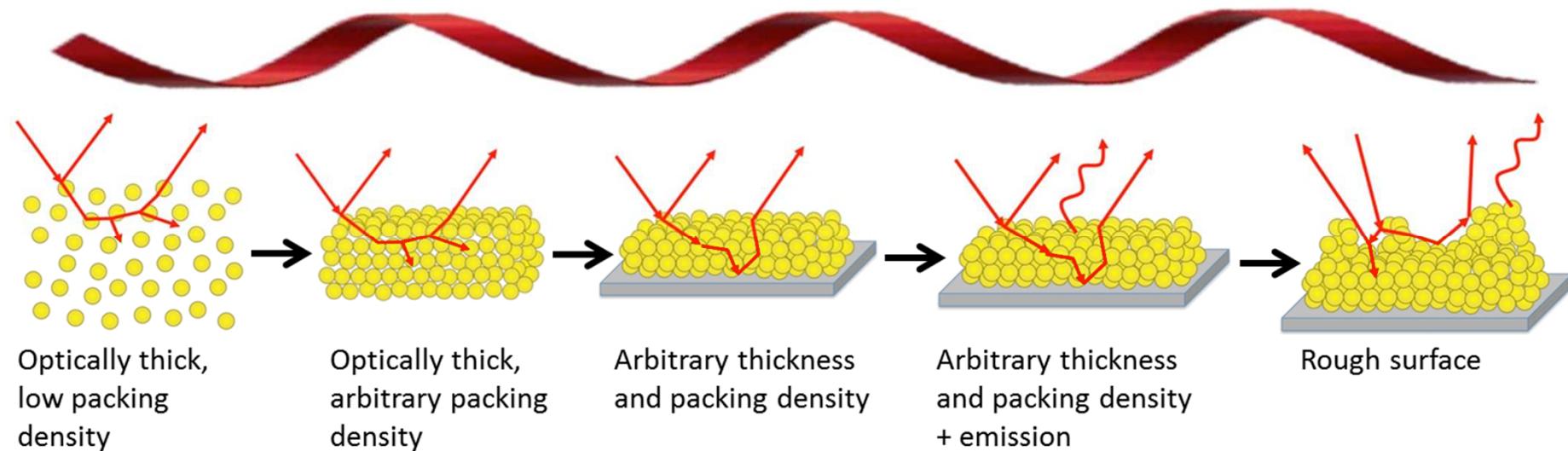


## Acknowledgments: Michael's Suggested 5-Step Plan

- 1) Optically thick deposit, accounting for packing density w/ static structure factor (SSF) + quasi-crystalline approximation (QCA)  
– *Ambartsumian invariant imbedding solution*
- 2) Variable optical thickness with adding-doubling solution
- 3) Incorporate thermal emission for optically thick deposit
- 4) Incorporate thermal emission for variable optical thickness
- 5) Allow for macroscopic undulations of the upper boundary  
– *Monte Carlo modeling of surface scatter*

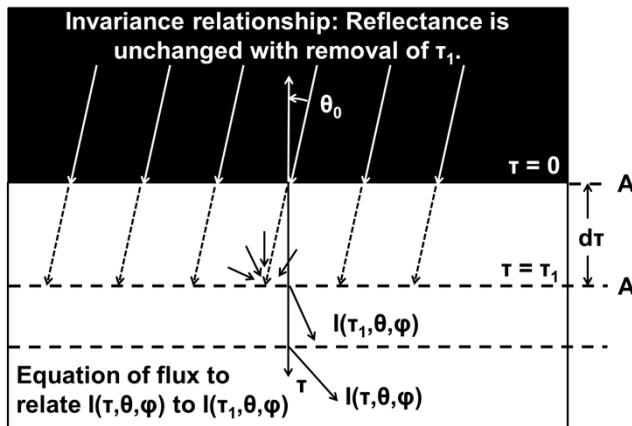
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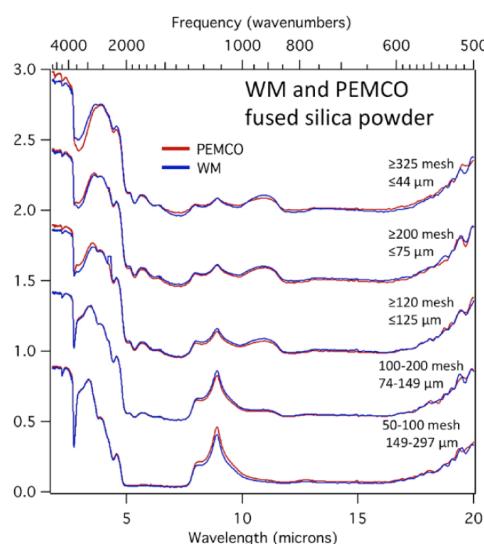
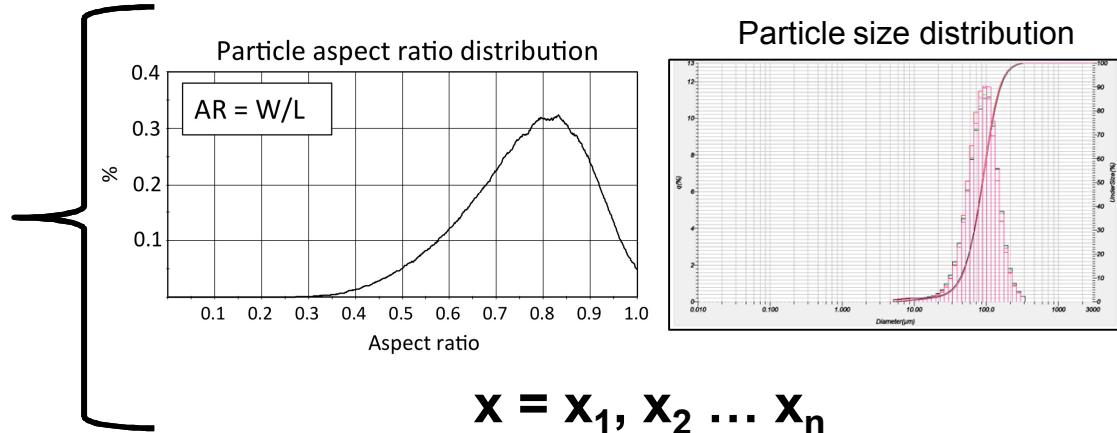


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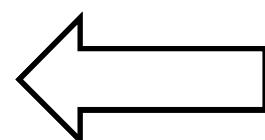
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## (2) Model Input Parameters



## (3) Optimizing Model to Data

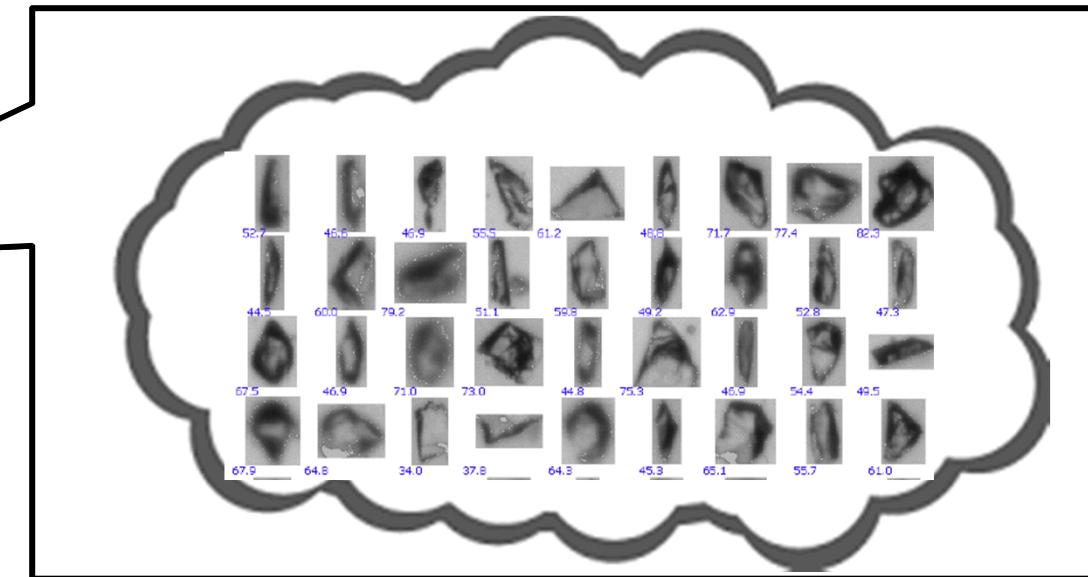


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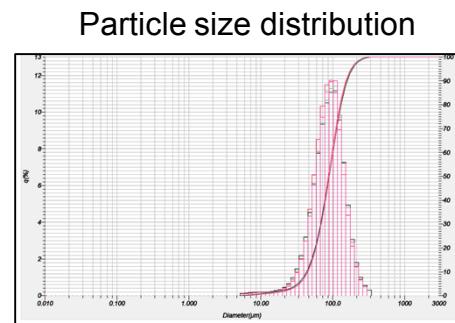
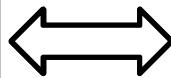
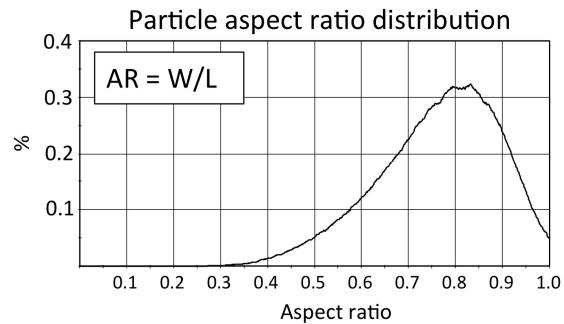
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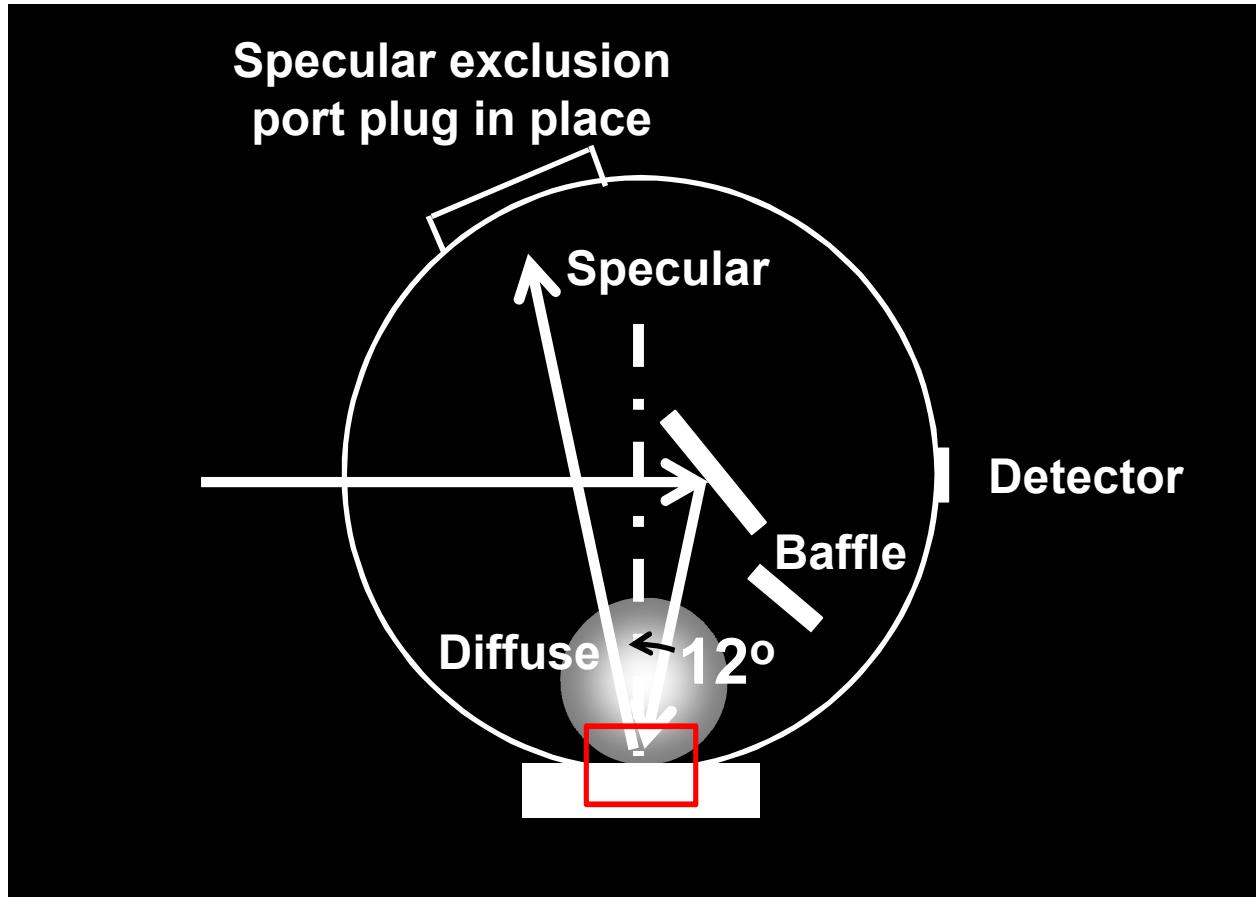
# RT Model Attempts to Approximate Physics



What factors might be “folded into” each model approximation, and how much crosstalk exists between these approximations?



# Ambartsumian Nonlinear Integral Equation

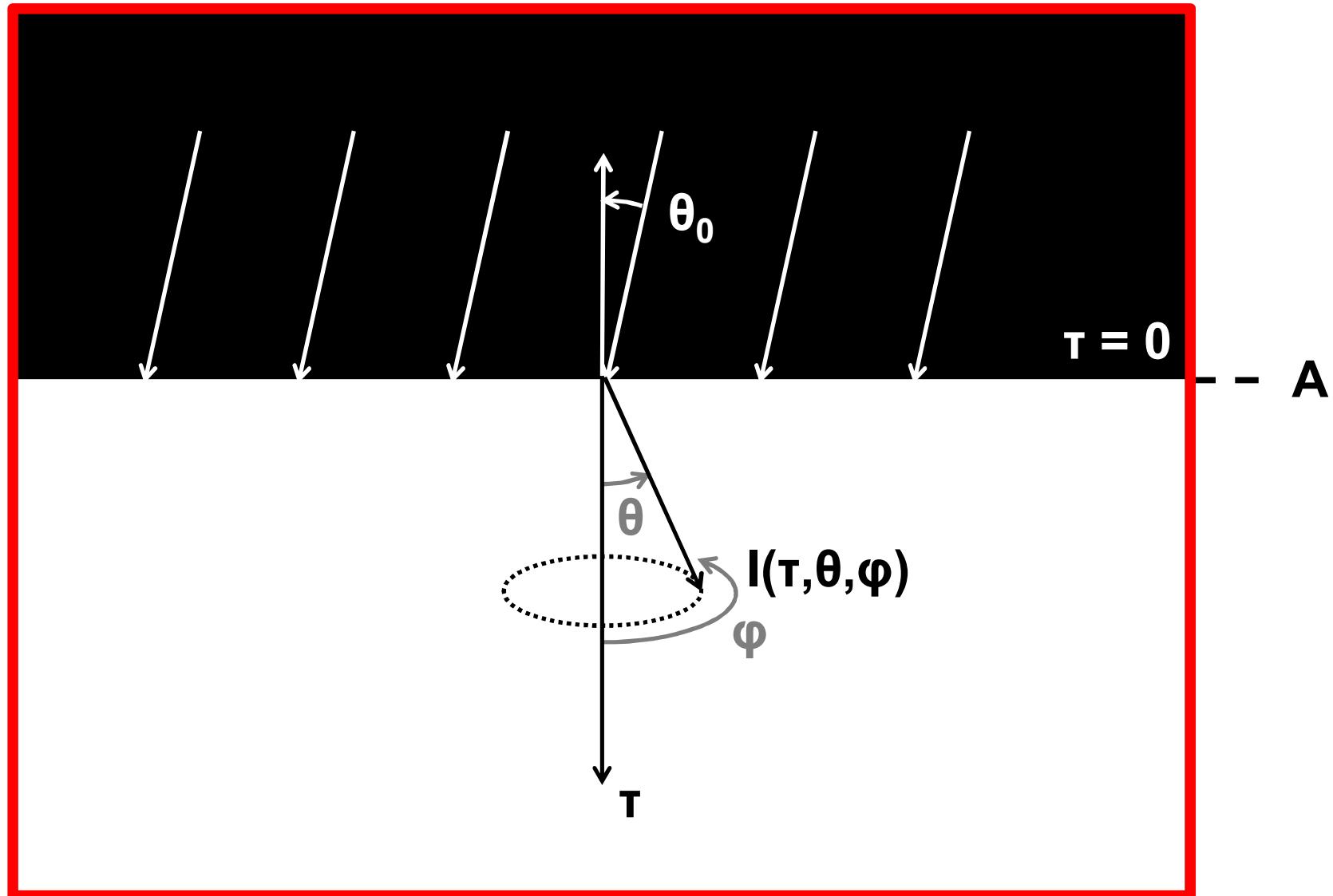


Measuring plane albedo with  $12^\circ$  incidence angle

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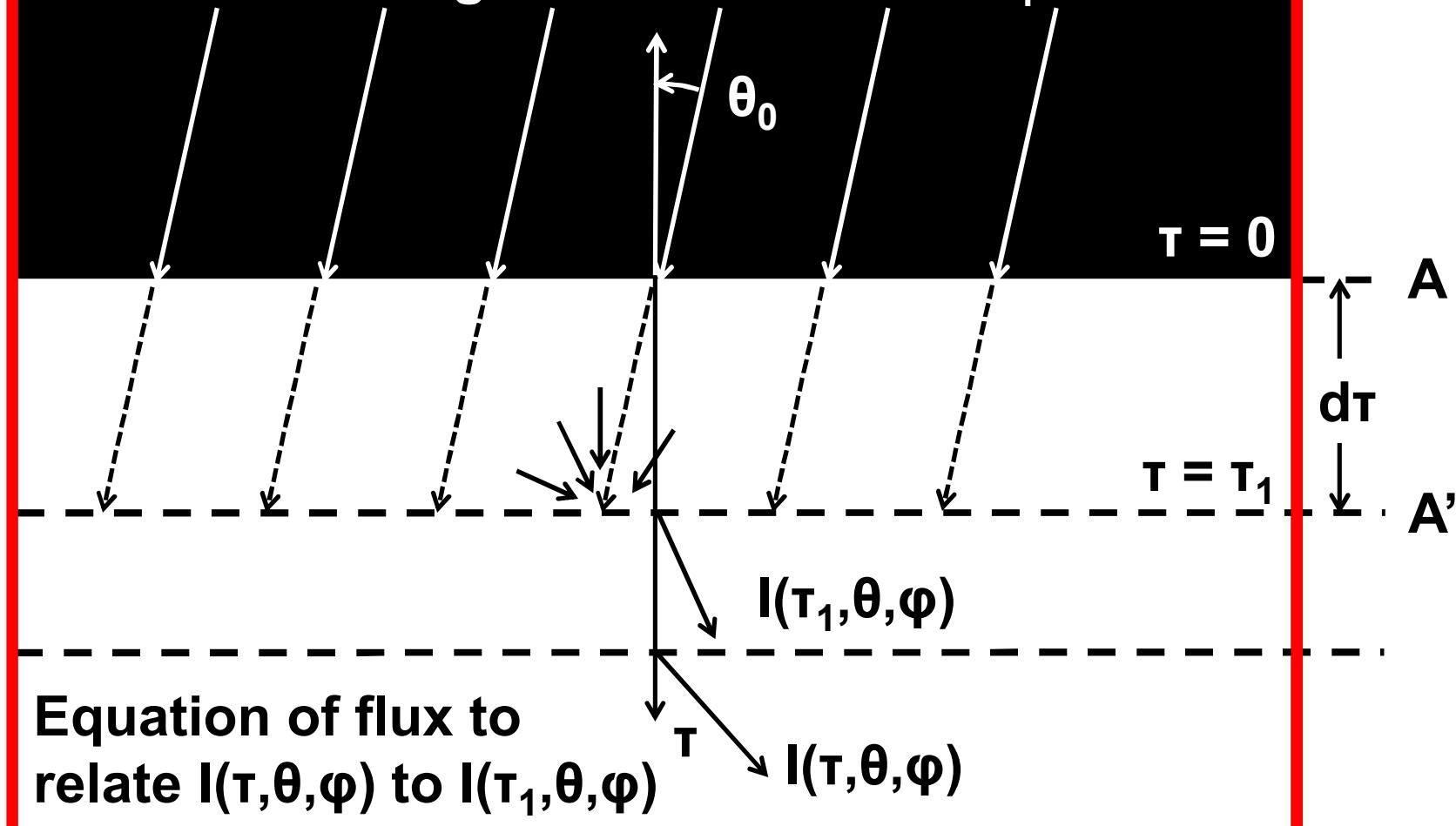


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Invariance relationship: Reflectance is unchanged with removal of  $\tau_1$ .



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$$(\mu + \mu_0) R^m(\mu, \mu_0) = \frac{\varpi}{4} P^m(-\mu, \mu_0)$$

E. G. Yanovitskij, *Light scattering in Inhomogeneous Atmospheres*, Trans. by S. Ginsheimer and O. Yanovitskij, Springer (1997).

$$\begin{aligned} & + \frac{\varpi}{2} \mu_0 \int_0^1 P^m(\mu, \mu') R^m(\mu', \mu_0) d\mu' \\ & + \frac{\varpi}{2} \mu \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(\mu', \mu_0) d\mu' \\ & + \varpi \mu \mu_0 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(-\mu', \mu'') \\ & \quad \cdot R^m(\mu'', \mu_0) d\mu' d\mu'' \end{aligned}$$

**$P^m, \varpi$**    **$R^m$**

# Ambartsumian Nonlinear Integral Equation



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**FORTRAN codes**

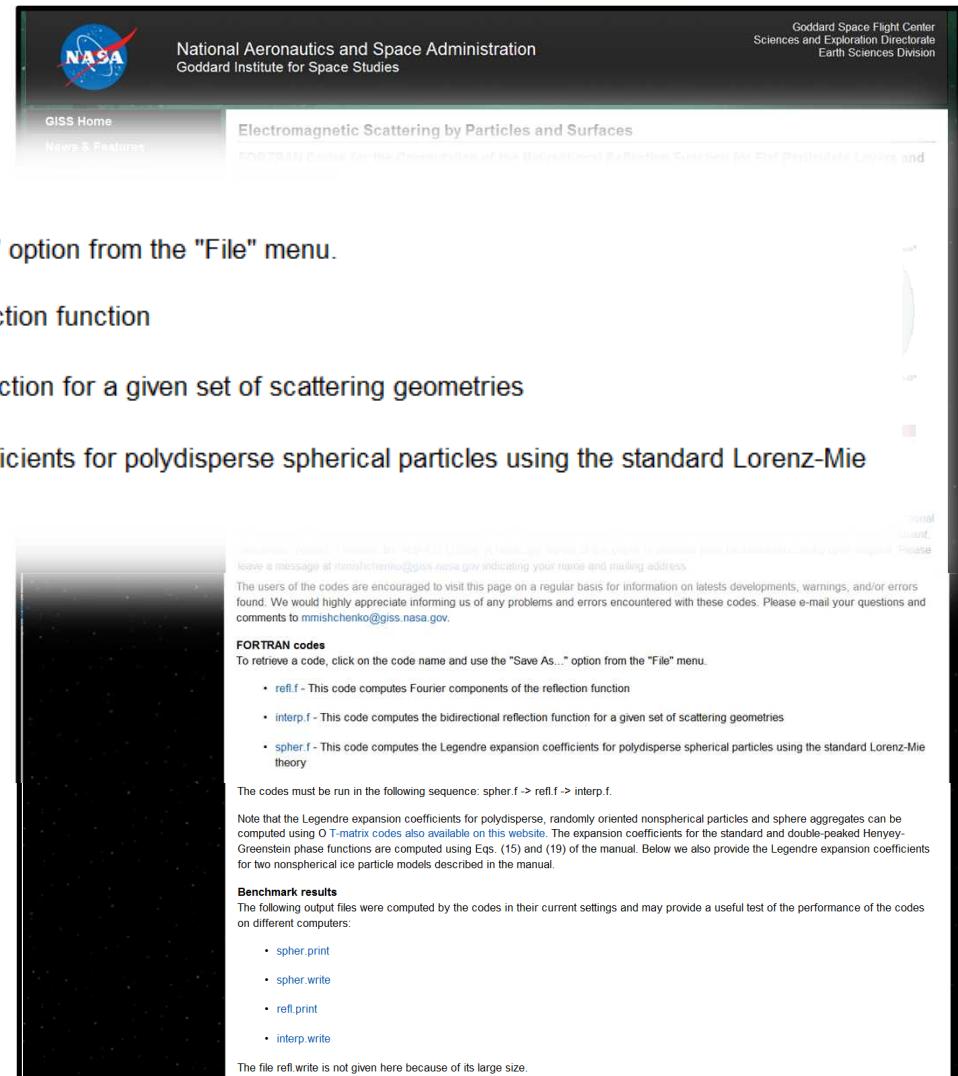
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Note that the Legendre expansion coefficients for polydisperse, randomly oriented nonspherical particles and sphere aggregates can be computed using O-T-matrix codes also available on this website. The expansion coefficients for the standard and double-peaked Henyey-Greenstein phase functions are computed using Eqs. (15) and (19) of the manual. Below we also provide the Legendre expansion coefficients for two nonspherical ice particle models described in the manual.

**Benchmark results**

The following output files were computed by the codes in their current settings and may provide a useful test of the performance of the codes on different computers:

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- [refl.print](#)
- [interp.write](#)

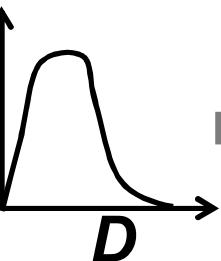
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# Solution Provided by Michael Mishchenko (NASA GISS)

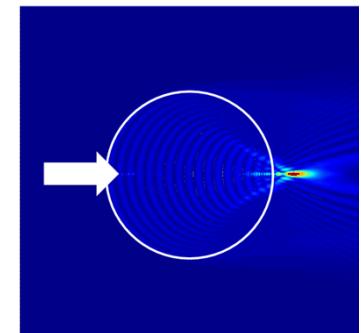
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$N(D)$



$P^m, \tilde{\omega}$



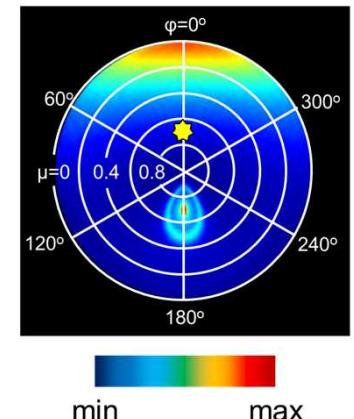
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**Step #2:**  $P^m, \tilde{\omega} \rightarrow R^m$

$$+ \frac{\varpi}{2} \mu \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(\mu', \mu_0) d\mu'$$

$$+ \varpi \mu \mu_0 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(-\mu', \mu'') \cdot R^m(\mu'', \mu_0) d\mu' d\mu''$$

**Step #3:**  $R^m + \mu_0 \rightarrow \text{BRDF}(\mu_0)$





# Calculating $P^m$ , $\tilde{\omega}$



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## CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF A CURRENT FORTRAN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE $T$ -MATRIX METHOD FOR RANDOMLY ORIENTED, ROTATIONALLY SYMMETRIC SCATTERERS

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**Abstract**—We describe in detail a software implementation of a current version of the  $T$ -matrix method for computing light scattering by polydisperse, randomly oriented, rotationally symmetric particles. The FORTRAN  $T$ -matrix codes are publicly available on the World Wide Web.

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T^{11} & T^{12} \\ T^{21} & T^{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \pi D/\lambda > 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

procedure convenient in massive computer calculations for particle polydispersions, and Ref. 5 presents benchmark  $T$ -matrix computations for particles with non-smooth surfaces (finite circular cylinders). A general review of the  $T$ -matrix method can be found in Ref. 7.

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### 2. BASIC DEFINITIONS

The single scattering of light by a small-volume element  $dv$  consisting of randomly oriented, rotationally symmetric, independently scattering particles is completely described by the ensemble-averaged extinction,  $C_{ext}$ , and scattering,  $C_{scat}$ , cross sections per particle and the dimensionless

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## Applicability of regular particle shapes in light scattering calculations for atmospheric ice particles

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We ascertain the usefulness of simple ice particle geometries for modeling the intensity distribution of light scattering by atmospheric ice particles. To this end, similarities and differences in light scattering by axis-equivalent, regular and distorted hexagonal cylindric, ellipsoidal, and circular cylindric ice particles are reported. All the results pertain to particles with sizes much larger than



erably larger than the wavelengths of the incoming solar radiation, especially in the visible spectral region. Therefore, the geometrical optics approximation offers a conceptually simple although time-consuming way to simulate single scattering by almost arbitrarily shaped scatterers.<sup>1–5</sup> Whereas these papers take more and more complex particle geometries such as bullet rosettes, dendrites, or polycrystals into account, in this paper we examine the possibility of representing the scattering proper-

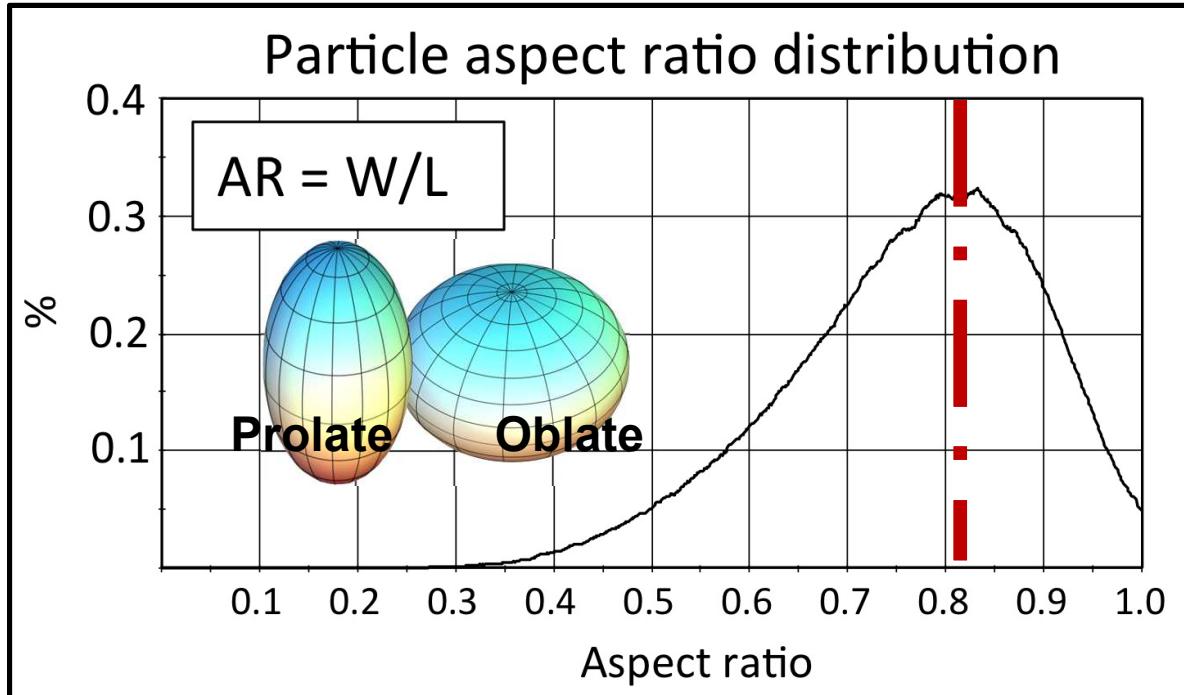
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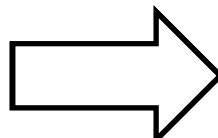
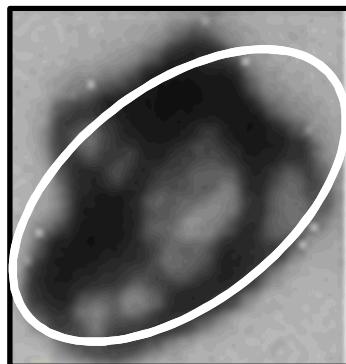
On the other hand, the three (two) semiaxes of an ellipsoid (circular cylinder) allow for a variability of particle shapes that may cover to some extent the natural variability of atmospheric ice crystal habits.

Another motivation arises from uncertainties in our knowledge of real ice particle shapes. The study of observationally derived two-dimensional ice crystal shadow images<sup>6</sup> or replicas<sup>7,8</sup> clearly demonstrates that solid hexagonal columns or plates are a strong idealization of atmospheric ice crystals. However, statistically reliable shape information is difficult to extract from these data, partly because of the strong natural variability. Therefore it appears reasonable to ascertain the use of nonhexagonal but still simple geometries as substitutes for a polydisperse of complicated ice particle shapes.

Because of the lack of sharp edges, ellipsoids do not provide strong halos that are characteristic of regular hexagonal particles. However, the absence of these features, as reported in a number of radiance measurements in or above cirrus clouds,<sup>9,10</sup> emphasizes the potential use of nonhexagonal par-



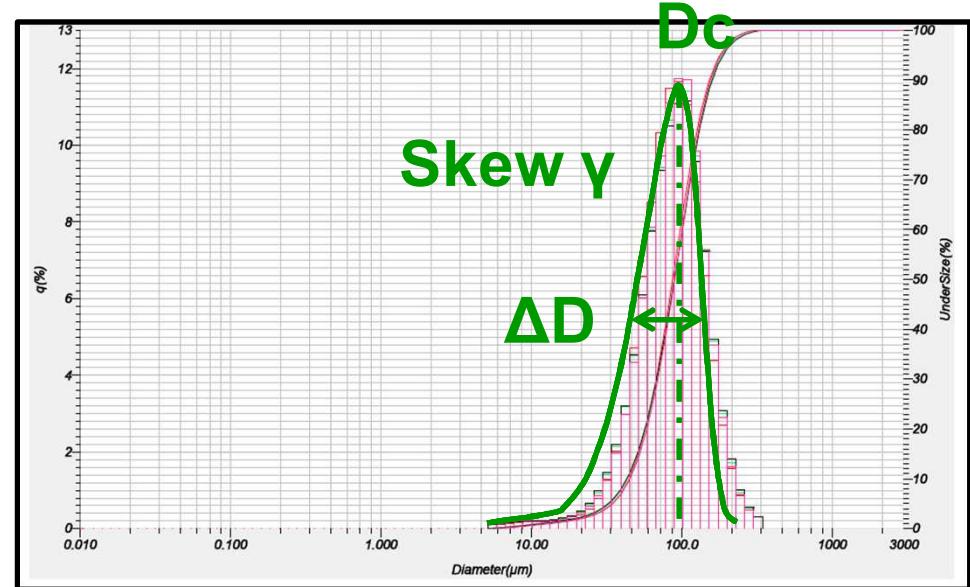
- 2 shape bins:  $AR = 0.8$  (one bin each per prolate, oblate)
- Silica powders not really spheroidal → Treat particle as silica/air mixture



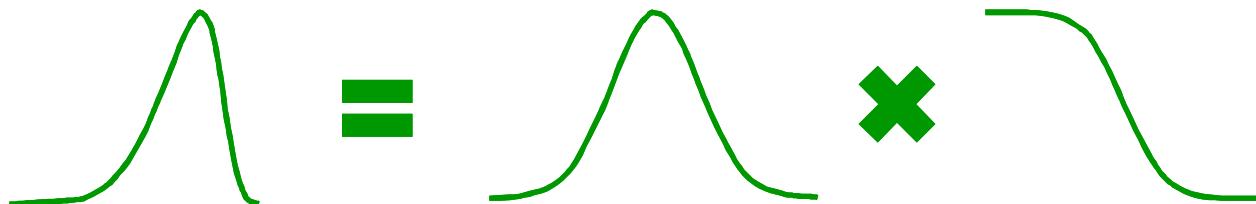
$$\varepsilon_{\text{eff}} = \varepsilon_{\text{sil}} \left[ 1 + \frac{3f_{\text{air}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{air}} - \varepsilon_{\text{sil}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{air}} + 2\varepsilon_{\text{sil}}} \right)}{1 - f_{\text{air}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{air}} - \varepsilon_{\text{sil}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{air}} + 2\varepsilon_{\text{sil}}} \right)} \right]$$



- Approximate with **skewed volume** log-normal distribution
- Expression with 3 parameters:  $r_g$ ,  $\sigma_g$ ,  $\gamma$



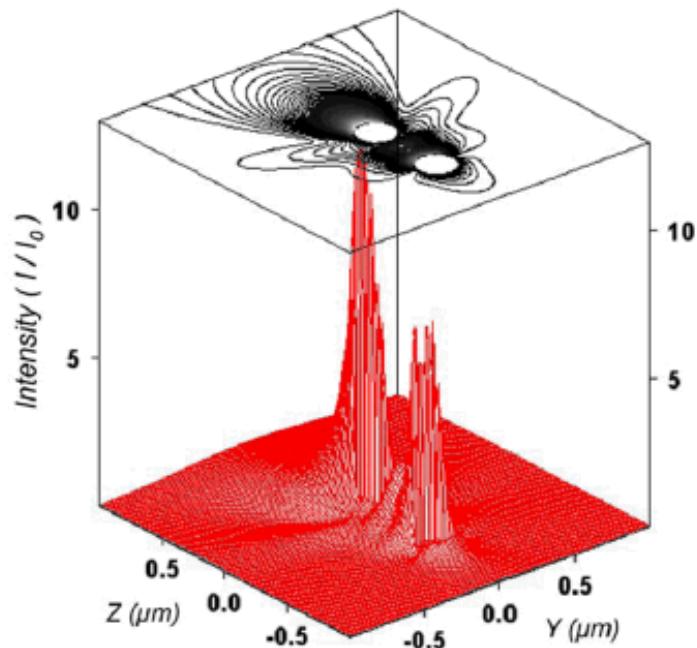
$$n(r) = \text{constant} \times r^{-4} \exp \left[ -\frac{(\ln r - \ln r_g)^2}{2 \ln^2 \sigma_g} \right] \times 2 \left[ 1 + \text{erf} \left( \frac{\alpha(\ln r - \ln r_g)^2}{2\sqrt{2} \ln^2 \sigma_g} \right) \right]$$



# “Patching” the Scattering Properties

- The radiative transfer equation (RTE) is strictly applicable only for sparse media (packing density < 1%)
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  - Acts as a multiplier to the scattering cross section and phase function
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J.-C. Auger and B. Stout, “Local field intensity in aggregates illuminated by diffuse light: T matrix approach,” *Appl. Opt.* **47**, 2897-2905 (2008).

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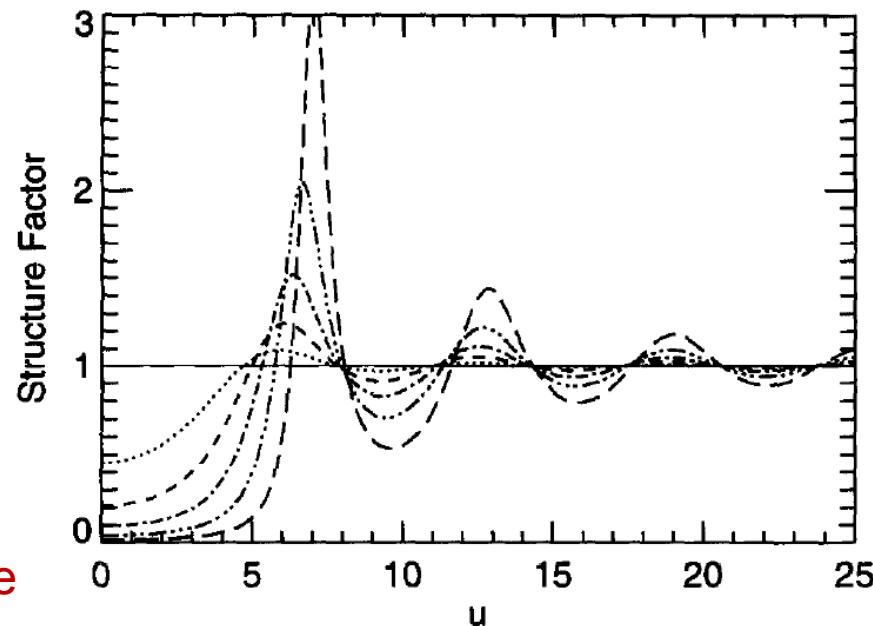
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  - $S(\theta) = F(f_{\text{SSF}}, u)$

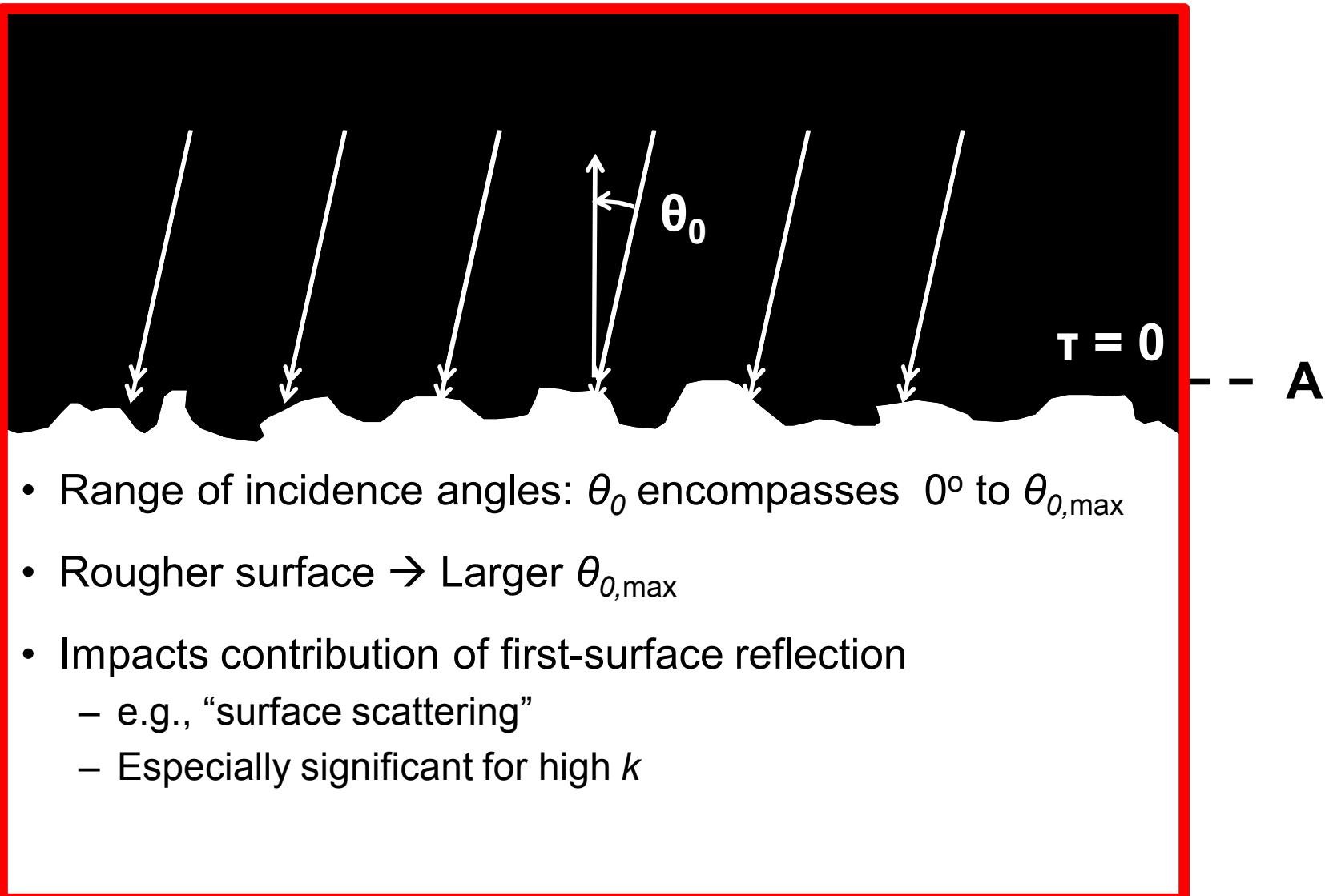
$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{8\pi r_0}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) && \text{Scattering angle} \\ &= 4 \left( \frac{\pi D}{\lambda} \right) \times \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) && \\ && \text{Size} \\ && \text{parameter} \end{aligned}$$

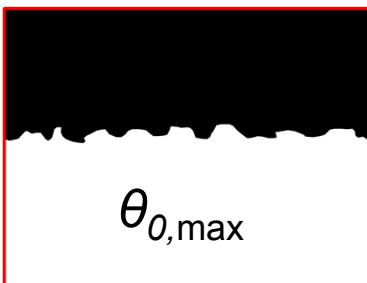
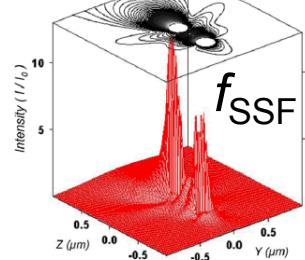
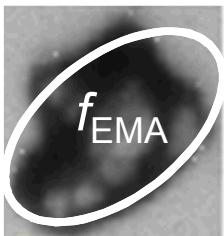
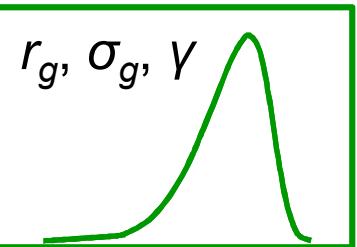
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M. I. Mishchenko, “Asymmetry parameters of the phase function for densely packed scattering grains,” JQSRT **52**, 95-110 (1994).

## Macroscopic Undulations of Upper Boundary



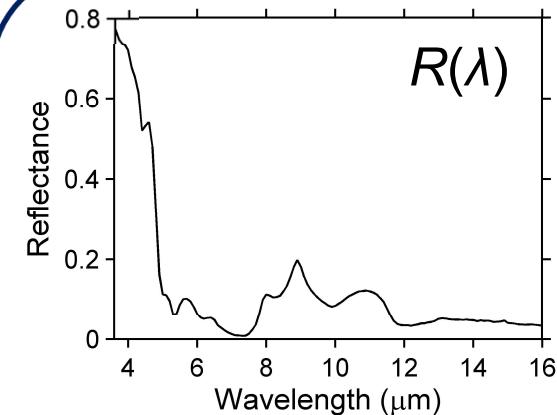


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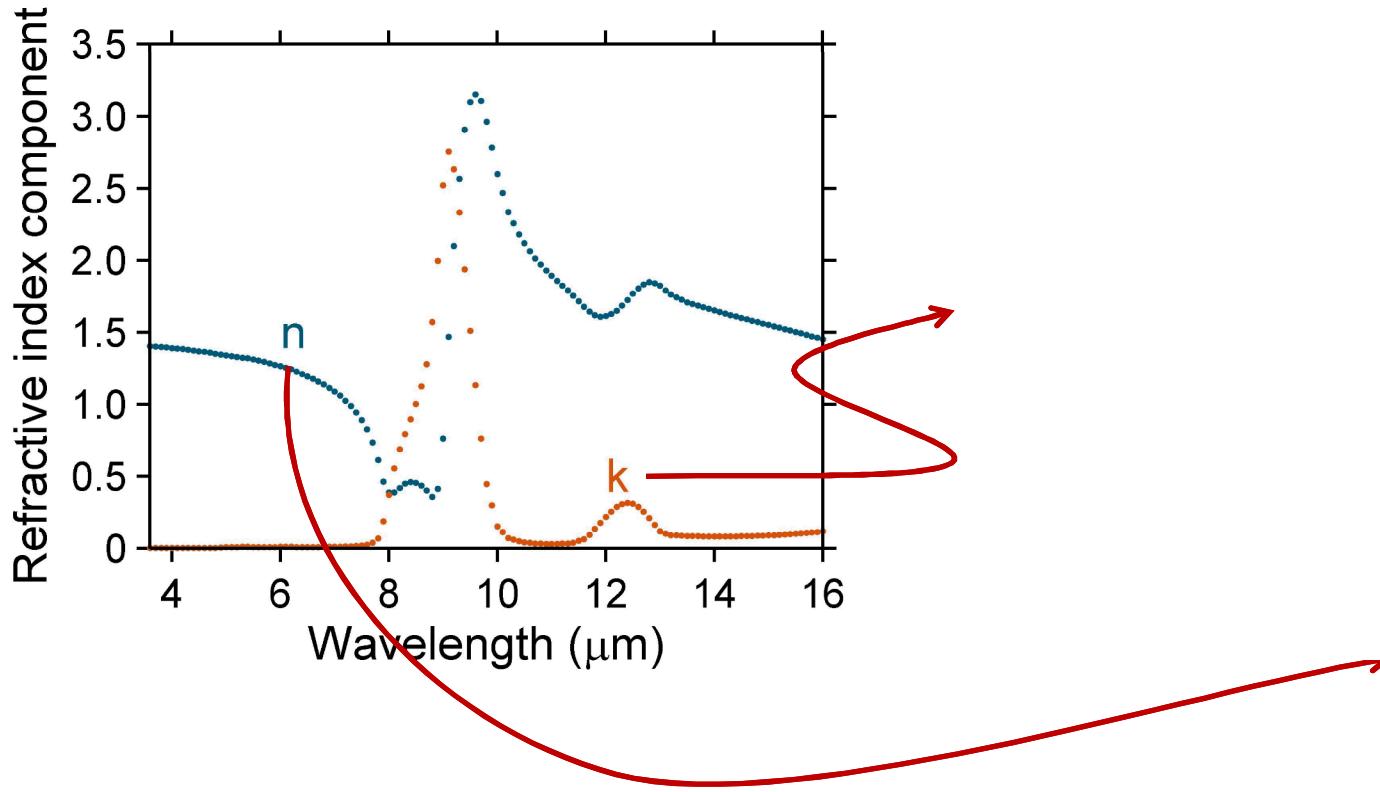
$$\begin{aligned} & (\mu + \mu_0) R^m(\mu, \mu_0) \\ &= \frac{\omega}{4} P^m(-\mu, \mu_0) \\ &+ \frac{\omega}{2} \mu_0 \int_0^1 P^m(\mu, \mu') R^m(\mu', \mu_0) d\mu' \\ &+ \frac{\omega}{2} \mu \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(\mu', \mu_0) d\mu' \\ &+ \omega \mu \mu_0 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 R^m(\mu, \mu') P^m(-\mu', \mu'') \\ &\quad \cdot R^m(\mu'', \mu_0) d\mu' d\mu'' \end{aligned}$$

Computational Model



Compare to measured reflectance spectrum

# Wavelength Dependence: Literature $n$ and $k$ for Silica, 3.6-16 $\mu\text{m}$



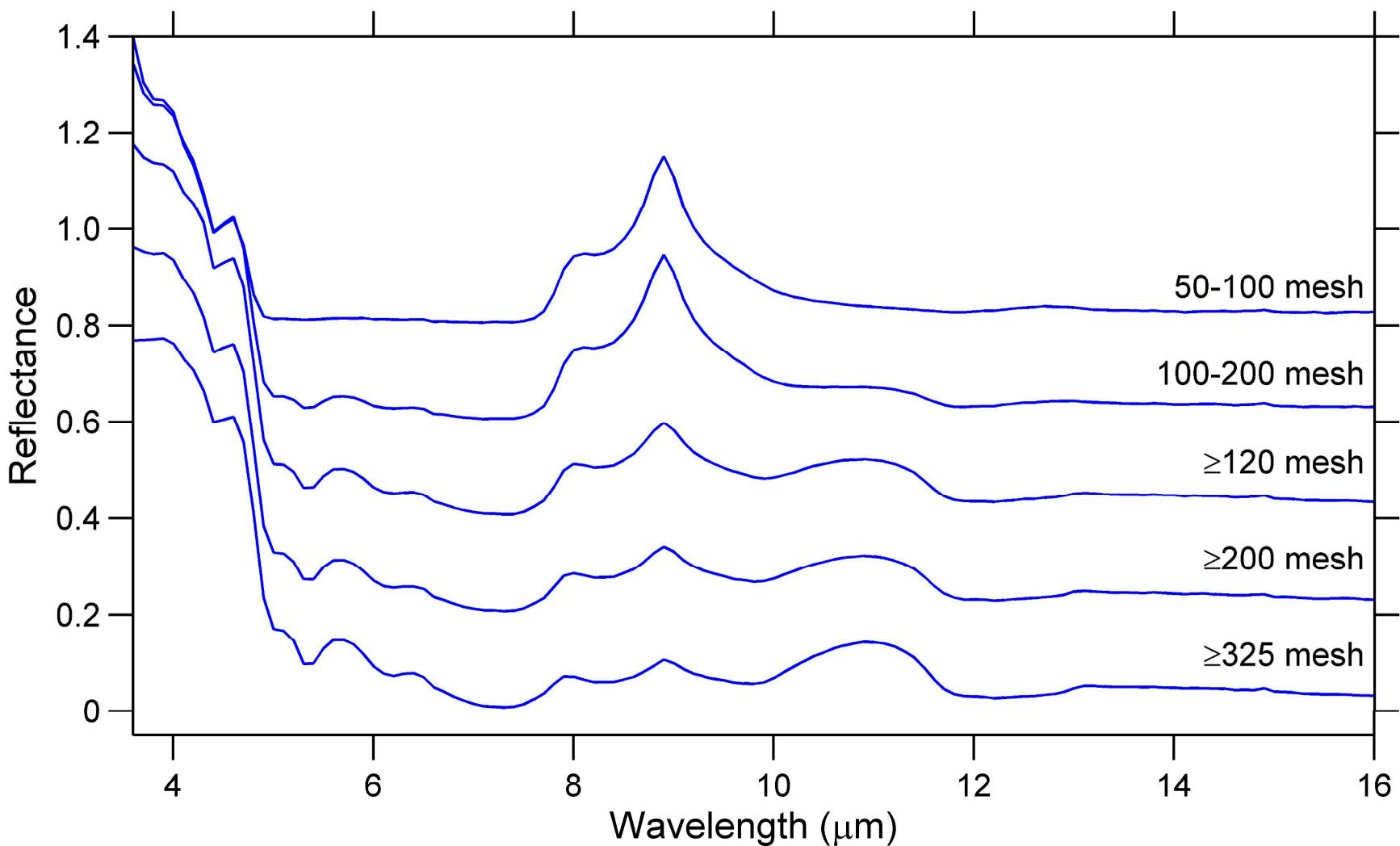
- 125  $\lambda$ s: 3.6-16  $\mu\text{m}$  @ 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution
- The 125  $\lambda$ -dependent calculations are divided among 64 processors (4 nodes, 16 cores/node)
- The Jacobian (matrix of 1<sup>st</sup>-order partial derivatives) is numerically determined through forward difference calculations.
- The Hessian (matrix of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order partial derivatives) is numerically approximated from special properties of the sum-of-squares:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |T_i(\mathbf{x})|^2$$

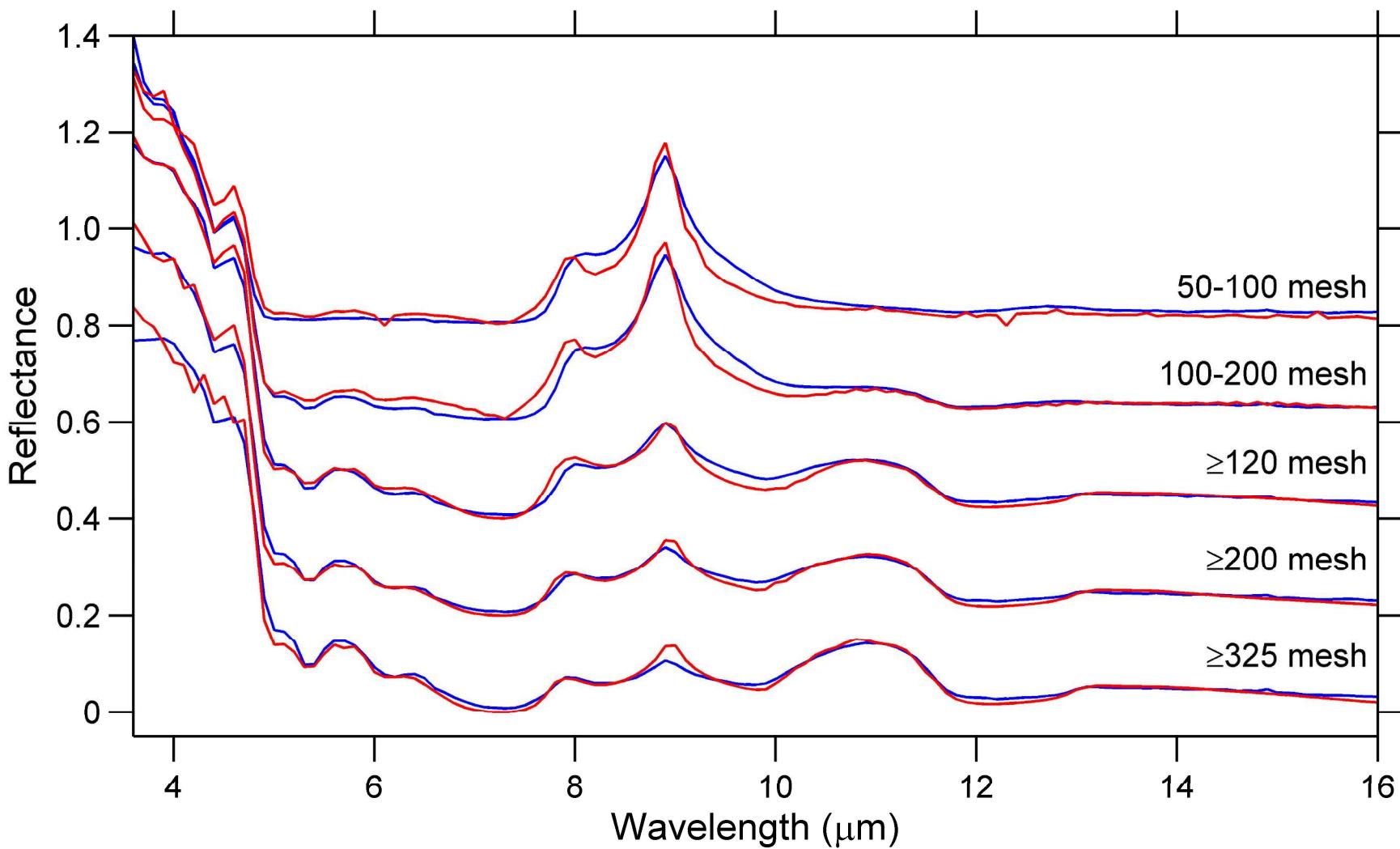
$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} = F \left( \overset{0}{\cancel{T_i(\mathbf{x})}} \cdot T_i''(\mathbf{x}), |T_i'(\mathbf{x})|^2 \right)$$

- (But the original guess for  $\mathbf{x}$  has to be reasonably close)

# Measured Reflectance Spectra of Silica Model Systems



## Modeled Reflectance Spectra of Silica Model Systems



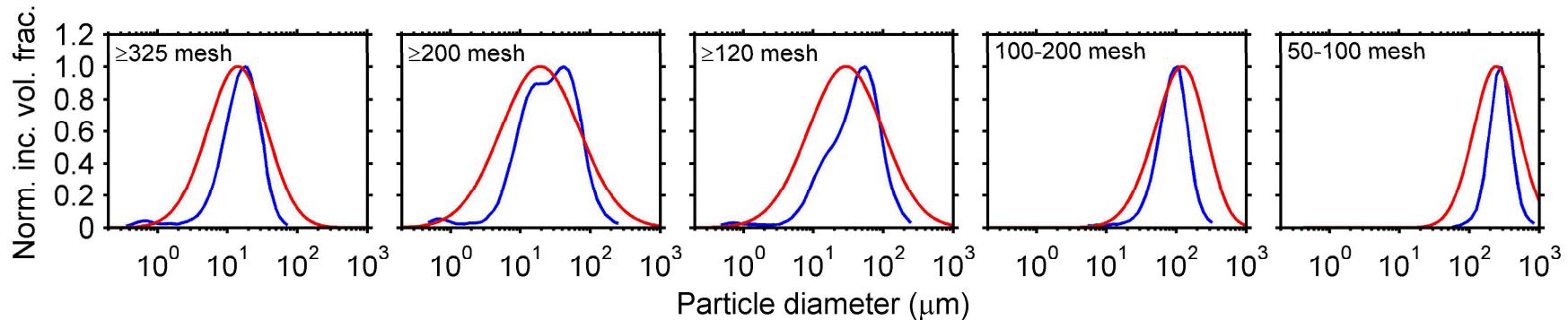
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free parameters  
and I can fit an  
elephant.”*

K. Lumme and A. Penttilä,  
“Model of light scattering by  
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Quant. Spectrosc. & Rad.  
Trans. **112**, 1658-1670  
(2011).

*Are the fits  
extracting  
physical  
parameters?*

*Or are we just  
shape-fitting?*

## Measured PSDs vs Reflectance-Extracted PSDs



Mesh	$f_{\text{EMA}}$	$f_{\text{SSF}}$	$\theta_0$
$\geq 325$	0.058	0.34	0-31°
$\geq 200$	0.046	0.79	0-47°
$\geq 120$	0.009	0.60	0-66°
100-200	0.24	0.81	0-89°
50-100	0.29	0.89	0-89°

## Playing the Devil's Advocate

- Spectral agreement suffers between 8-10  $\mu\text{m}$ 
  - So is the agreement “good enough?”
  - Assuming accurate  $n/k$  values (?), is the disagreement due to the model approximations? To the numerical inversion?
  - Is another factor needed in the model?
- Extracted PSDs are wider than those measured via laser diffraction
  - How good are the laser diffraction measurements?
- Measurement-vs-model comparisons are limited to  $\pi D/\lambda \geq 1$  (thus far)
  - Narrower size distributions to be measured and modeled
- Given the variability of  $f_{\text{SSF}}$ , is it having the expected impact?
- Why is  $f_{\text{EMA}}$  so much larger for coarse particles than for fine particles?
  - Should  $f_{\text{EMA}} = F(\pi D/\lambda)$ ?

# Task Summary, Relationships to Other Tasks, and Next Steps

- Numerically invertible model provides the means to account for particle size effects in the reflectance spectra of particulate media
  - Computational model is based on fundamental physical properties ( $n, k$ )
  - Extracted parameters can be compared to auxiliary measurements
  - The PSD agreement is encouraging (we are not just fitting an elephant)...
  - ... but we desire improved understanding of the  $f_{\text{EMA}}$  and  $f_{\text{SSA}}$  trends.
- Our effort directly links to the other *HARD Solids* tasks
  - **Laboratory Optical Measurements**: Modeling more materials as  $n, k$  become available
  - **Laboratory System Measurements**: Considering increased system complexity
  - **Forward Microscale Modeling**: Numerically inverting more advanced models
  - **Validation Framework**: Performing Bayesian calibration via Dakota
  - **System Model**: Providing morphologically aware input spectra
- Next: Increased rigor and system complexity
  - Assist with model validation effort → Begin to define what is “good enough”
  - Implement  $P_m, \tilde{\omega}$  in adding-doubling solution for deposits of variable optical thickness  
(On to Step #2 on Michael’s list!)

**Thanks! Questions?**

