# Lecture 2 Overview of Light in Water

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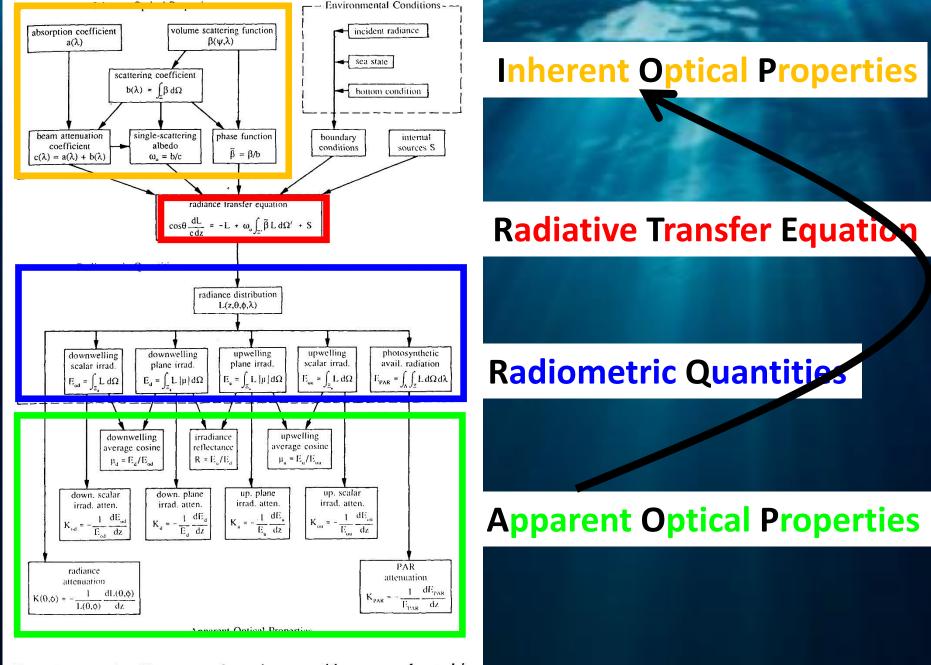


Fig. 3.27. Relationships among the various quantities commonly used in hydrologic optics. [reproduced from Mobley (1994), by permission]

# Tracing light from the Sun into the Ocean

#### The Source

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

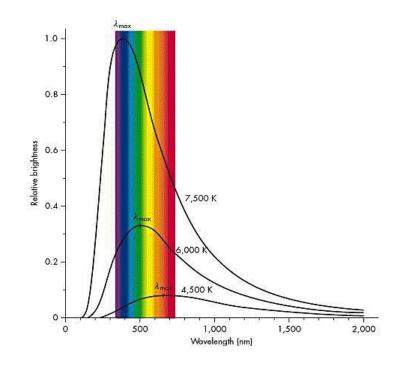


The bright sun, a portion of the International Space Station and Earth's horizon are featured in this space wallpaper photographed during the STS-134 mission's fourth spacewalk in May 2011. The image was taken using a fish-eye lens attached to an electronic still camera.

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### 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 maximal in the visible wavelengths



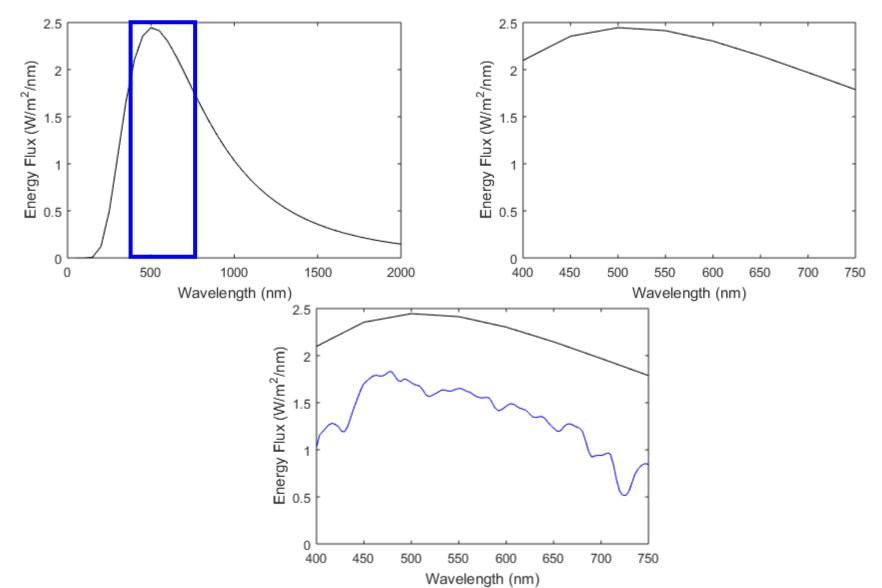
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$$B(\lambda, T) = \frac{2hc^{2}}{\lambda^{5} \left( \exp\left[\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}\right] - 1 \right)}$$

### Blackbody Radiation

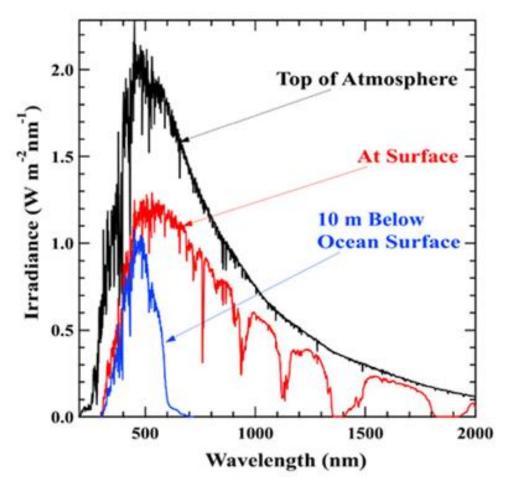
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% Planck's Law.
% Define the constants in the equation
h=6.63*10^(-34); % Planck's constant (J s)
c=3*10^8; % speed of light (m/s)
                                                                   % blackbody temperature of the sun(K)
Ts=5700:
Te=288; % blackbody temperature of the Earth (K)
k=1.38*10^(-23); % Boltzman's constant (J/K)
% 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)
% Caculate the spectral energy density of the blackbodies
Bs=(2*h*c*c)./(L.^5.*(exp(h*c./(L*k*Ts))-1));% J s (m^2/s^2)/m^5 = J/s/m^3 = J/s/m^3
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

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



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

- 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

### In the absence 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?

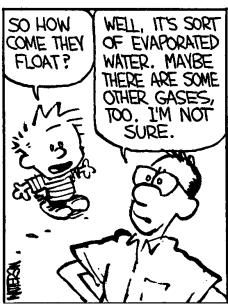
### In the **presence** of the atmosphere

- 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

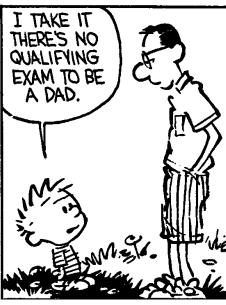
### Impact of clouds on $E_{solar}(\lambda)$

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



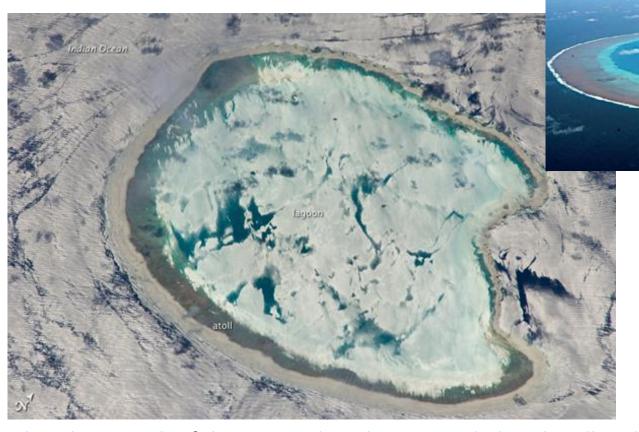






#### Now we are at the Ocean surface

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

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Is there a natural analog?



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

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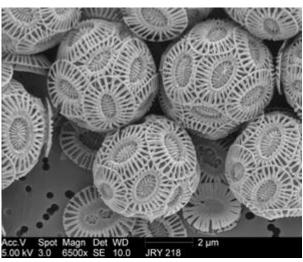
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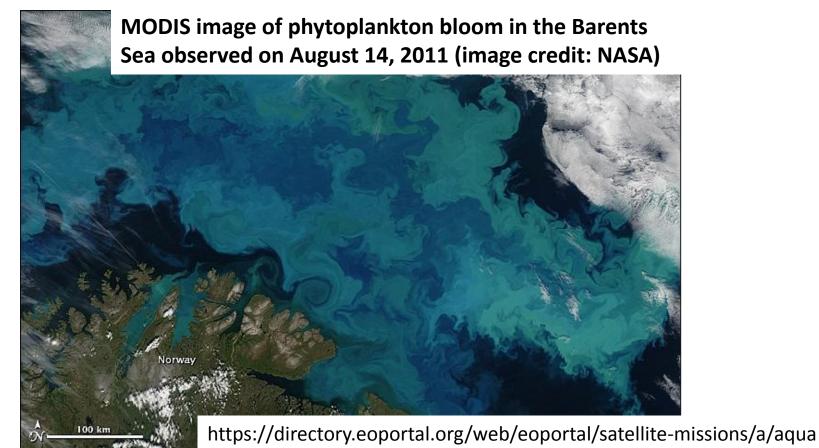
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While these examples have generally considered the whole visible spectrum, it is important to realize that within narrow wavebands, the ocean may behave as a pure absorber or pure scatterer and thus appear nearly "black" or "white" in that waveband

- Pure absorber in near infrared (water absorption)
- 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



# Now consider the process of absorption and scattering in the ocean

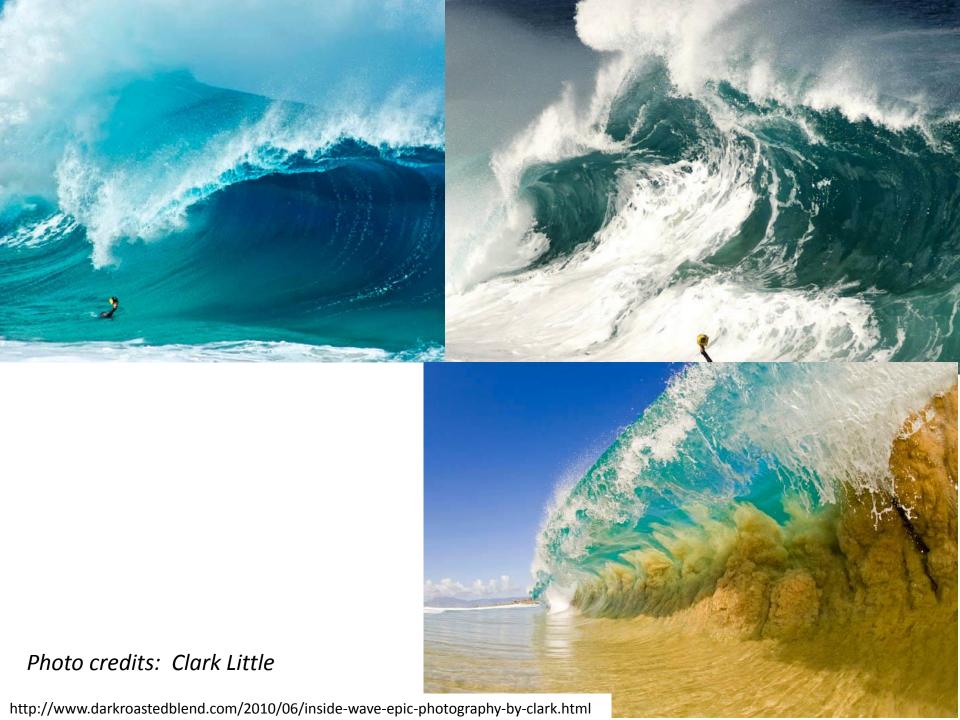
- As you look down on the ocean surface, notice variations in color, clarity and brightness
- These are your clues for quantifying absorption and scattering
  - Color: blue to green to red
  - Clarity: clear to turbid
  - Brightness: dark to bright

### IOPs: Inherent Optical Properties

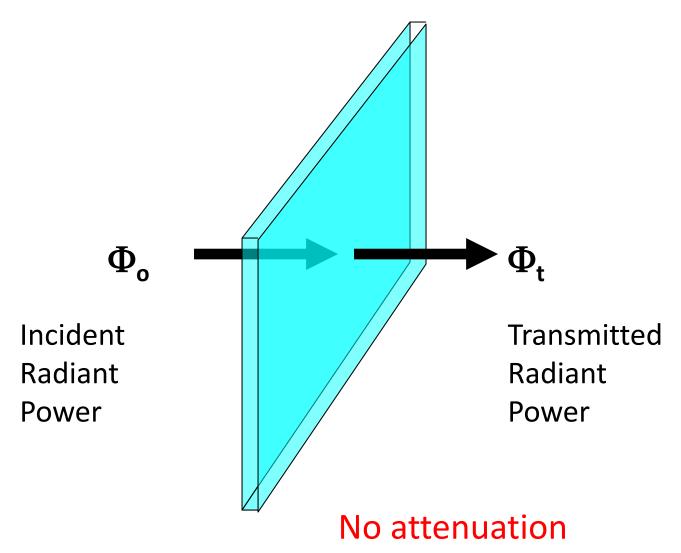
- Absorption, a
- Scattering, b
- Beam attenuation, c (a.k.a. beam c, ~transmission)

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

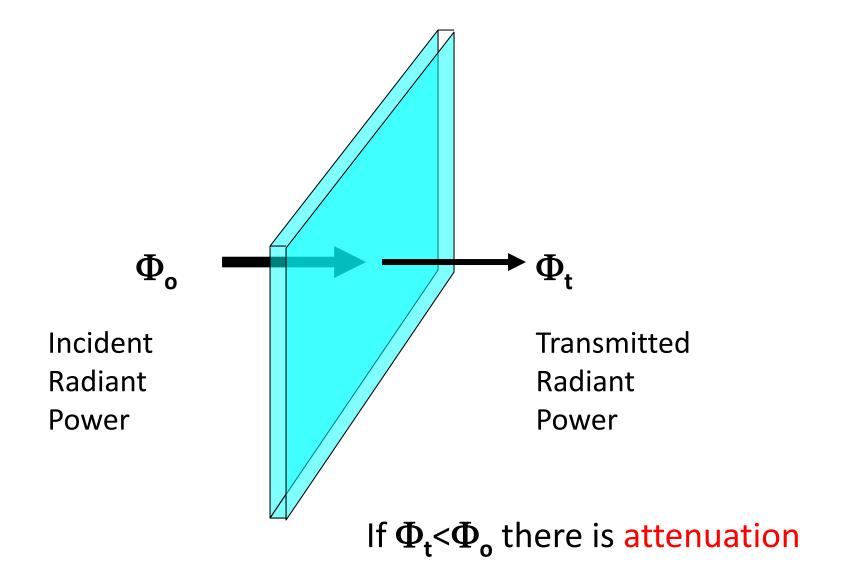
- IOPs are
  - Dependent upon particulate and dissolved substances in the aquatic medium;
  - Independent of the light field (measured in the absence of the sun)



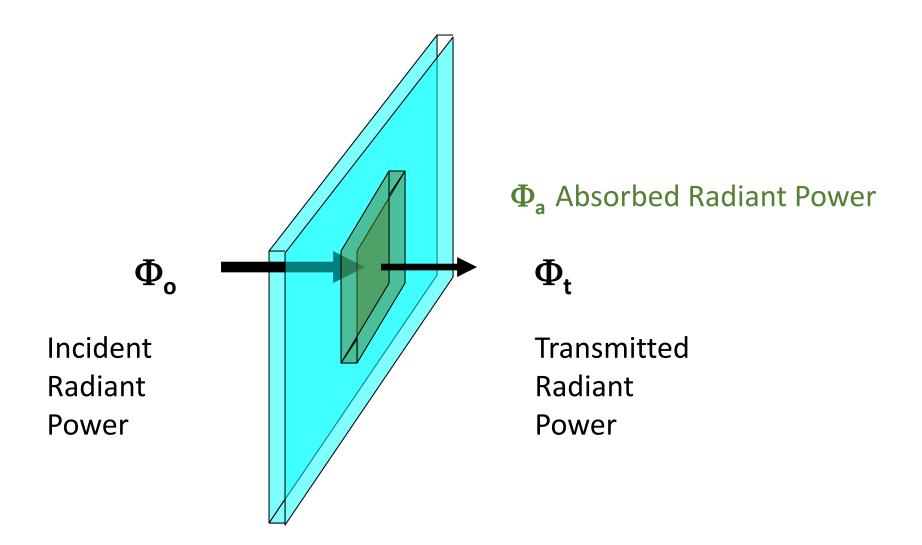
# Before *measuring* IOPs it is helpful to Review IOP *Theory*



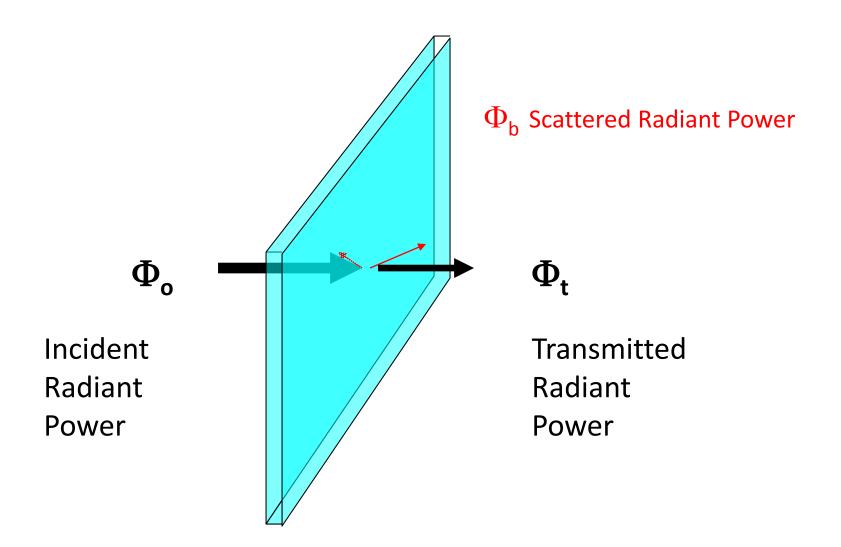
### **IOP** *Theory*



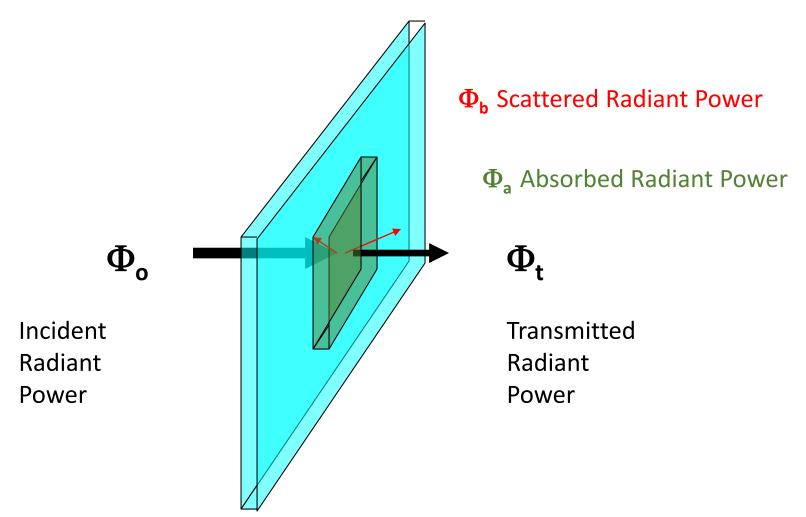
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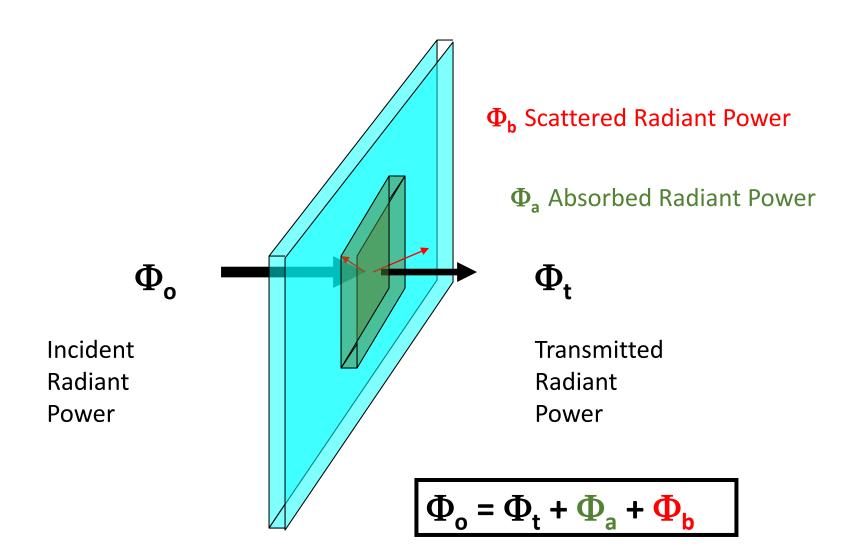
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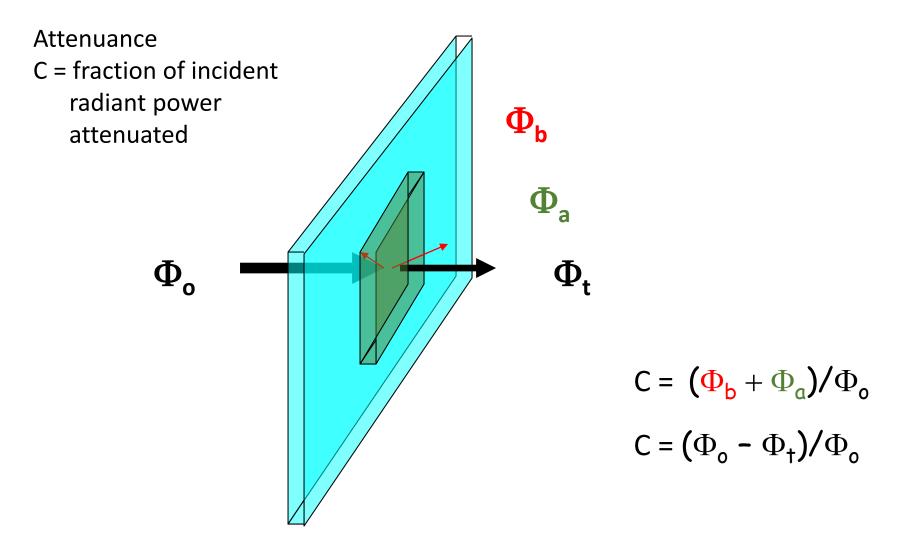
# Loss due to beam attenuation (absorption + scattering)



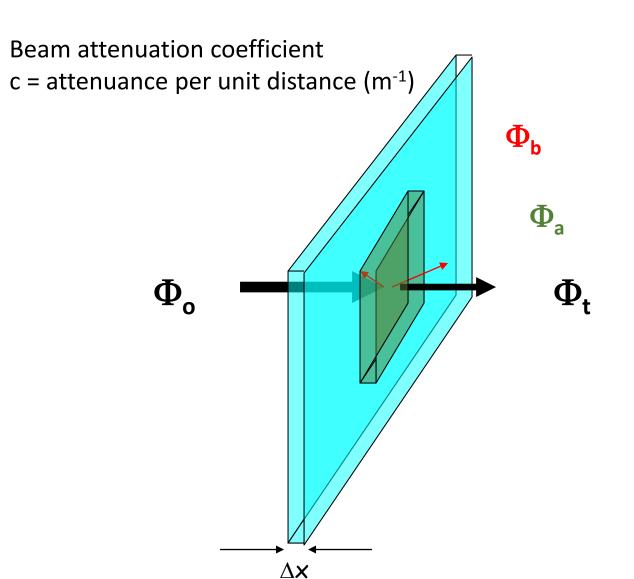
### Conservation of radiant power



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$$c = C/\Delta x$$

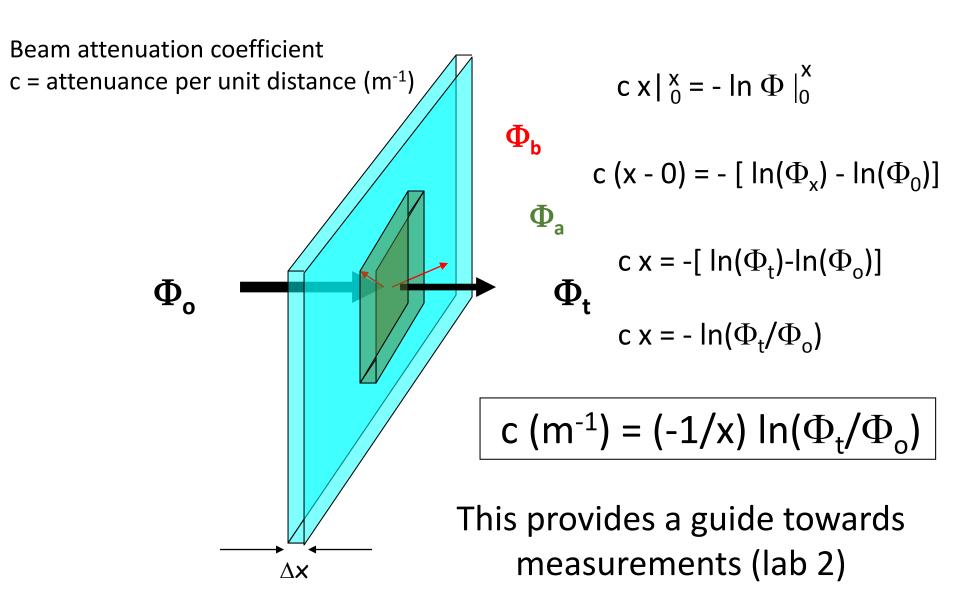
$$c\Delta x = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} -\Delta \Phi / \Phi$$

integrate

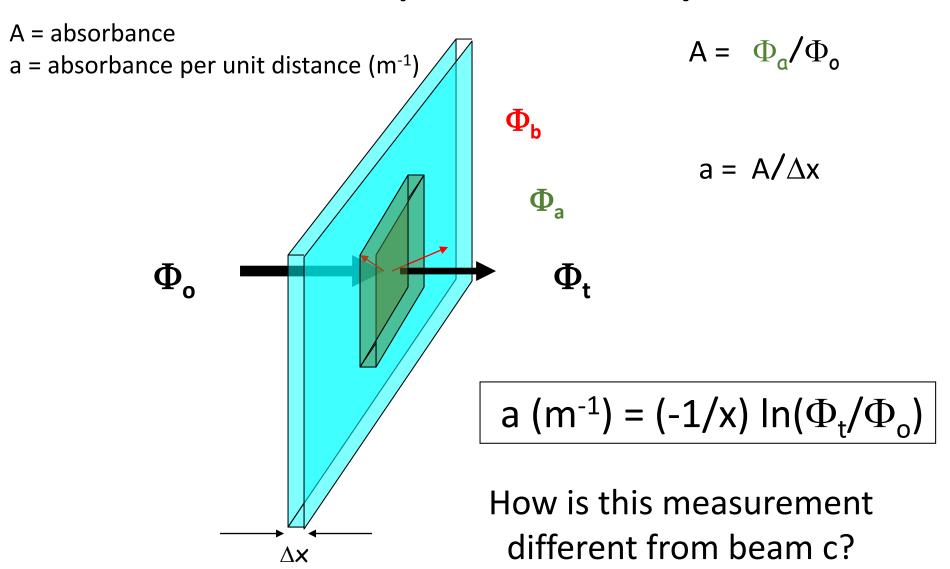
$$\int_0^x c dx = -\int_0^x d\Phi/\Phi$$

$$c x \mid_{0}^{x} = - \ln \Phi \mid_{0}^{x}$$

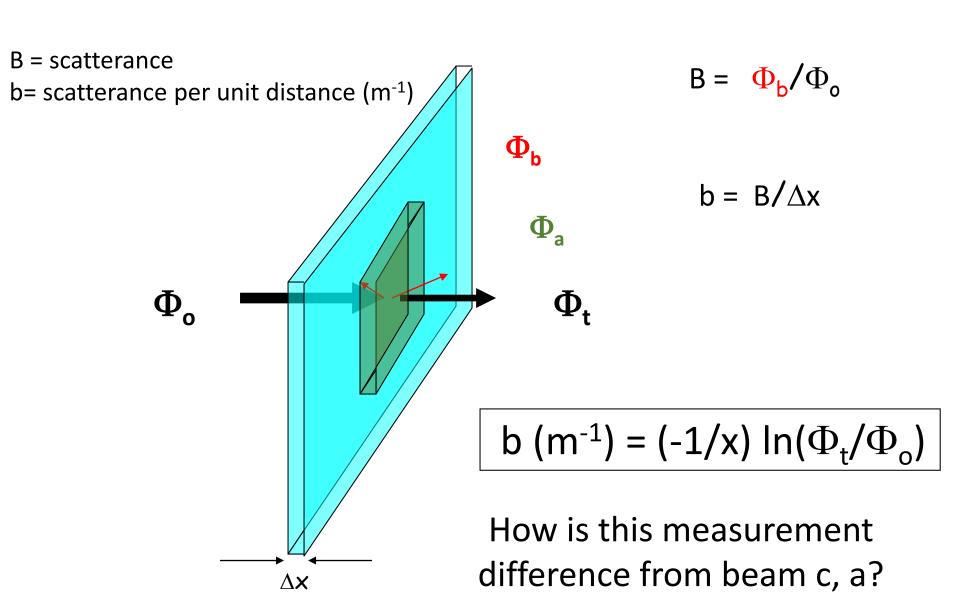
### **Beam Attenuation Theory**



# 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 =  $\frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta\Omega}$   $\frac{1}{\delta V}$   $\frac{1}{E}$ 

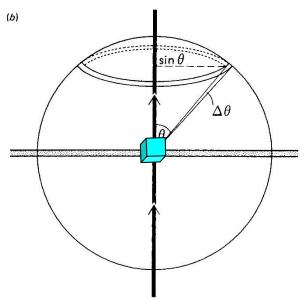


Fig. 1.5. The geometrical relations underlying the volume scattering function. (a) A parallel light beam of irradiance E and cross-sectional area  $\mathrm{d}A$  passes through a thin layer of medium, thickness  $\mathrm{d}r$ . The illuminated element of volume is  $\mathrm{d}V$ .  $\mathrm{d}I(\theta)$  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  $\Delta \theta$ .

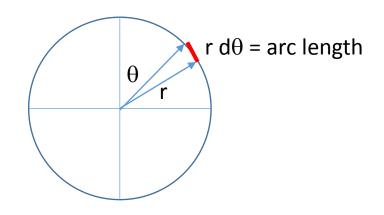
E =  $\Phi/\delta$ S [μmol photon m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]

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

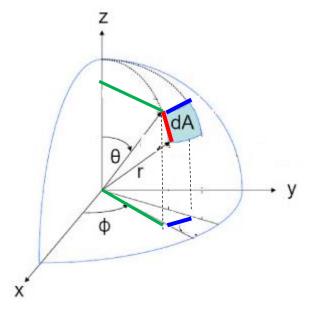
$$\delta r \uparrow$$
 $\delta s \quad E \uparrow$ 

$$\beta(\theta,\phi) = \underline{\delta\Phi} \quad \underline{1} \quad \underline{\deltaS} \qquad = \underline{1} \quad \underline{\delta\Phi}$$
$$\underline{\delta\Omega} \quad \underline{\deltaS\deltar} \quad \underline{\Phi}_0 \qquad \underline{\Phi}_0 \quad \underline{\delta r}\underline{\delta\Omega}$$

### A note about solid angles



- Arc length of a circle
  - =  $r d\theta$



- Area on a sphere, dA
  - $\rightarrow$  r d $\theta$
  - $\rightarrow$  r sin $\theta$  d $\phi$
  - $sin\theta d\theta d\phi$

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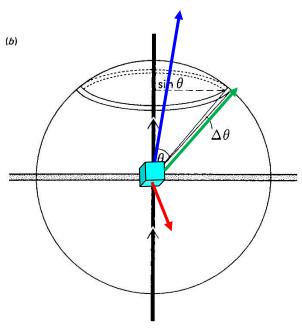
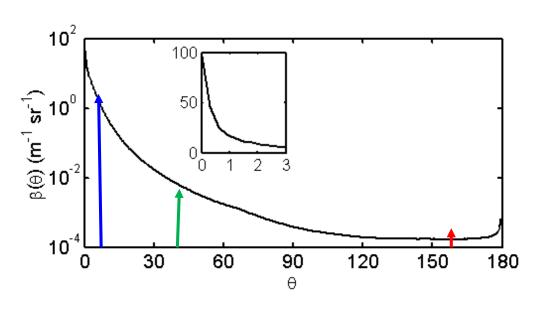


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$$\beta(\theta,\phi) = \underline{1} \underline{\delta \Phi}$$

$$\Phi_0 \delta r \delta \Omega$$

$$b = \int_{4\pi} \beta(\theta, \phi) d\Omega$$
 What is dΩ?

$$b = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \beta(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

### Calculate Scattering, b, from the volume scattering function

$$b = \int_{4\pi} \beta(\theta, \phi) \, \delta\Omega$$

If there is azimuthal symmetry

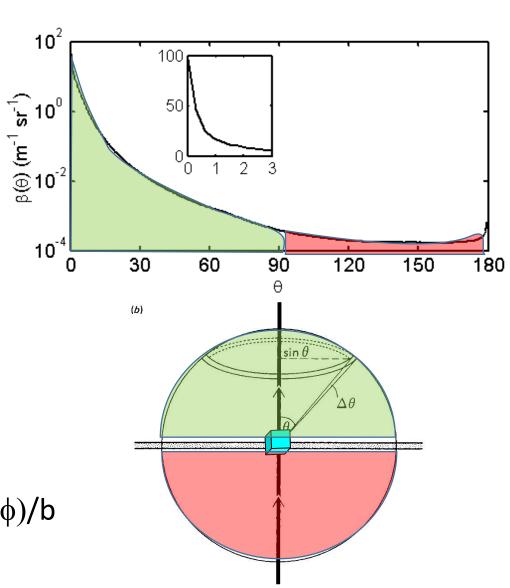
$$b = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi} \beta(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta \, \delta\theta$$

$$b_f = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \beta(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta \delta\theta$$

$$b_b = 2\pi \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \beta(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta \delta\theta$$

Phase function:  $\beta(\theta, \phi) = \beta(\theta, \phi)/b$ 

These are spectral!



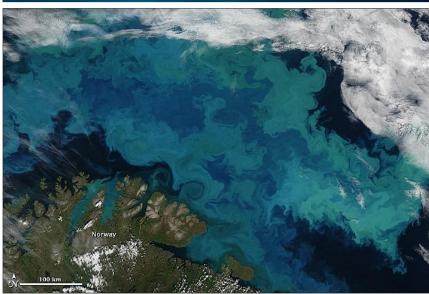
### Inherent Optical Properties

- Absorption, a
- Scattering, b, and volume scattering function,  $\beta$
- Beam attenuation, c

### Apparent Optical Properties

- Derived from Radiometric measurements
  - Above or within ocean
  - Ratios or gradients
- Depend upon
  - light field
  - IOPs
- AOPs describe:
  - Depth of sunlight penetration (diffuse attenuation)
  - Angular distribution of sunlight (average cosine)
  - Ocean color and brightness (reflectance)





#### Now that we have some vocabulary Trace a beam of sunlight through the ocean

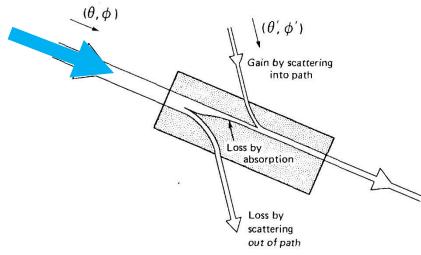
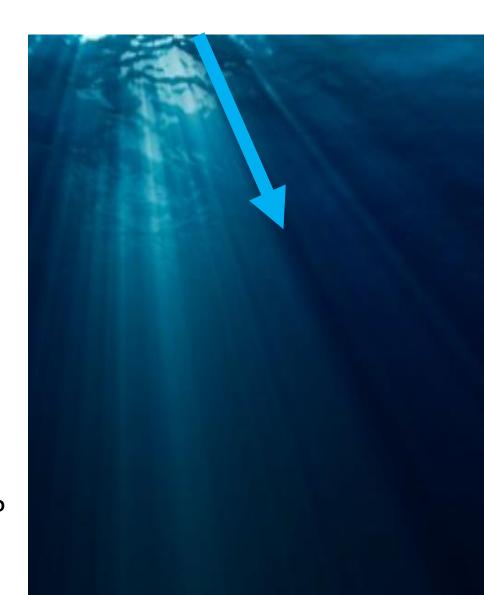


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- Describe the beam of sunlight as radiance, **L**, traveling along a path described by the zenith and azimuth angles,  $\theta$  and  $\phi$
- What processes impact the beam?



### Radiative Transfer Equation

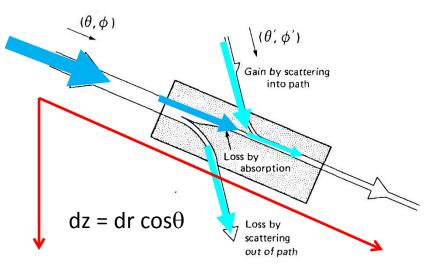


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absorption along path r -a  $L(z,\theta,\phi)$ 

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

d L(θ,φ), what processes affect it? dr

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

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

### Radiative Transfer Equation

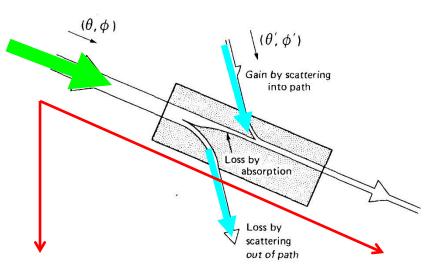


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 $\underline{d} L(\theta, \phi)$ , what processes affect it?

$$cosθ d L(θ,φ) = -a L(z,θ,φ) - b L(z,θ,φ) +  $\int_{4π} β(z,θ,φ;θ',φ') L(θ',φ') δΩ'$$$

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

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

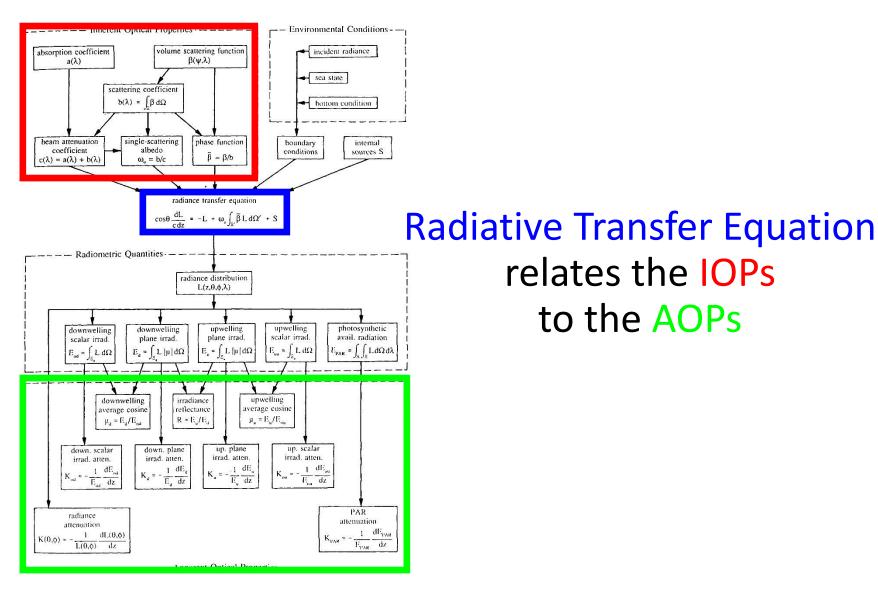


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