

# Intro to Instrumentation and Field Measurements in Remote Sensing

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# Course Goals

- Learn the importance of field measurements
- Learn how to take field measurements
- Learn about DIRS instruments

# Course Description

- Friday: Introduction
- Monday: Introduction (con't) and DIRS instruments exhibition
- Tuesday: Lab: Reflectance measurements
- Wednesday: Lab: LIDAR measurements

# Definitions

- **Remote Sensing:**

“Remote sensing is the science of obtaining information about objects or areas from a distance, typically from aircraft or satellites.”

- **Field Measurements or Groundtruth or Ground-based data or reference data or ancillary data:**

“Observations or measurements made at or near the surface of the earth in support of remote sensing.”

# Motivation

## Why is it important?

- Validation: comparison to see how close a model to the field measurements is (accuracy)
- Calibration or Correction: adjust model to be more precise (data fitting)

# Motivation Examples

Include:

- Javier's example (over water mea.)
- Paul's example (LIDAR and trees?)

# Field Data Collection Area of Study

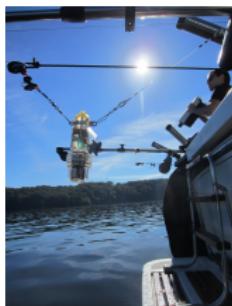


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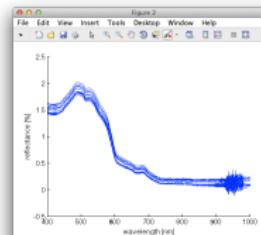
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Water Samples

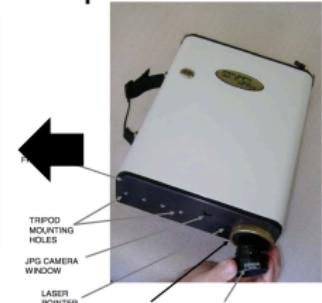


Lab Analysis



Water Leaving Reflectance

Spectroradiometer



Backscattering

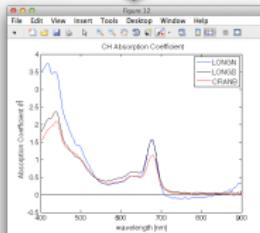
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## Lab Measurements

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### Spectrophotometer



IOPs

Hydrolight



Filtration and Spectrophotometric Analysis



Concentrations



# Field Data Collection (con't)

2013 and 2014 Seasons

		IOPs		Concentrations		Reflectances		Backscattering	
Date		Ponds	Lake	Ponds	Lake	Ponds	Lake	Ponds	Lake
2013	25-Aug	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	19-Sep	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
	26-Sep	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
2014	17-May	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
	02-Jun	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
	11-Jul	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	28-Aug	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
	29-Sep	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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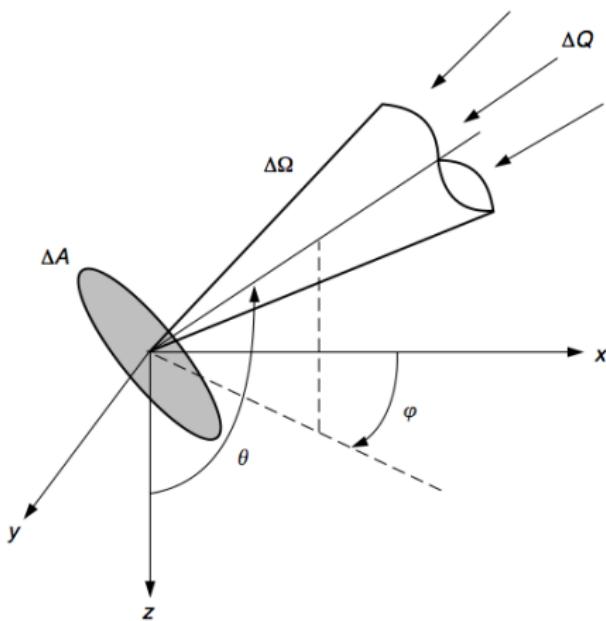
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# Kind of Measurements

- Reflectance: Radiometer
- Concentration: Spectrophotometer
- Location: GPS

# Radiometric Quantities: Radiance



$\Delta Q$ : radian energy  
incident

$\Delta t$ : time interval

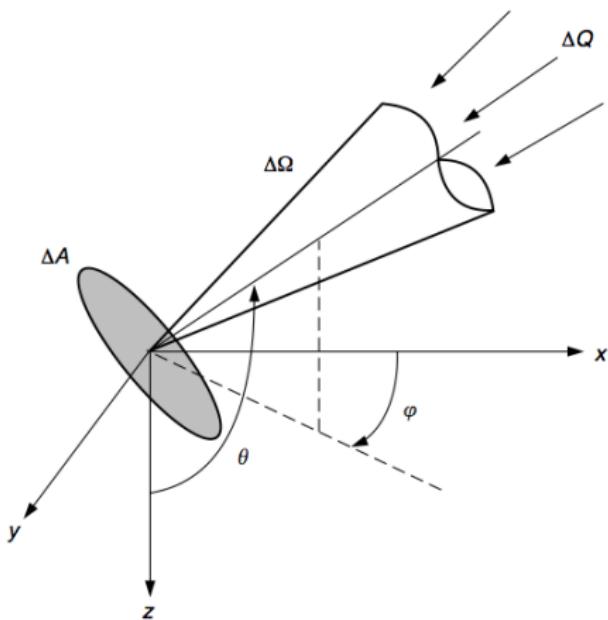
$\Delta A$ : surface area at  
location  $(x,y,z)$

$\Delta\Omega$ : solid angle in  
direction  $(\theta,\varphi)$

$\Delta\lambda$ : photons wavelength  
interval

$$L(x, y, z, t, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) \equiv \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t \Delta A \Delta \Omega \Delta \lambda} \quad [Js^{-1} m^{-2} sr^{-1} nm^{-1}] \quad (1)$$

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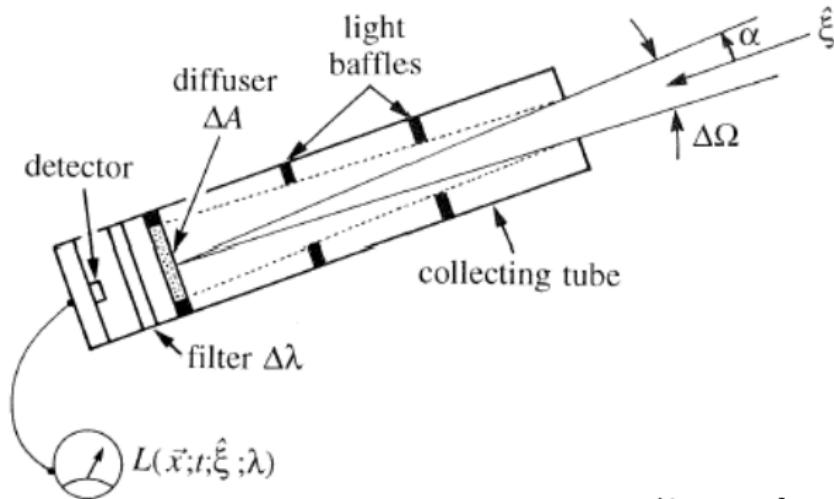
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$$L(x, y, z, t, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) \equiv \frac{\partial^4 Q}{\partial t \partial A \partial \Omega \partial \lambda} \quad [Js^{-1} m^{-2} sr^{-1} nm^{-1}] \quad (1)$$

# Radiance Sensor

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(Source: [Mobley, 2010])

# Radiometric Quantities: Irradiance

**Spectral downwelling scalar irradiance** at depth  $z$ :

$$E_{od}(z, \lambda) = \int_{2\pi_d} L(z, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) d\Omega \quad [Wm^{-2}nm^{-1}] \quad (2)$$

**Spectral upwelling scalar irradiance** at depth  $z$ :

$$E_{ou}(z, \lambda) = \int_{2\pi_u} L(z, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) d\Omega \quad [Wm^{-2}nm^{-1}] \quad (3)$$

**Spectral scalar irradiance** at depth  $z$ :

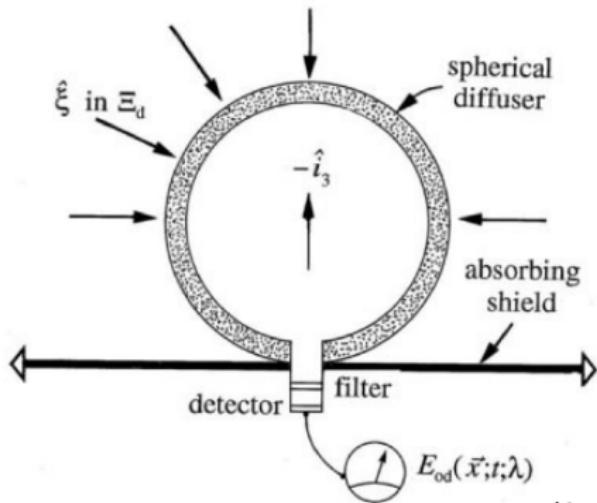
$$E_o(z, \lambda) \equiv E_{od}(z, \lambda) + E_{ou}(z, \lambda) \quad (4)$$

$$= \int_{4\pi} L(z, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) d\Omega \quad (5)$$

# Scalar Irradiance Sensor

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(Source: [Mobley, 2010])

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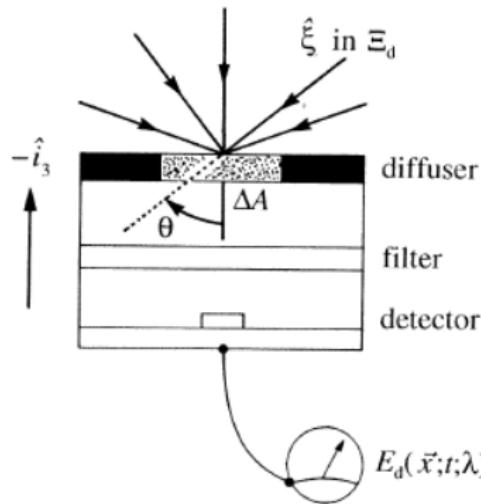
**Spectral downwelling plane irradiance** at depth  $z$ :

$$E_d(z, \lambda) = \int_{2\pi_d} L(z, \theta, \varphi, \lambda) |\cos\theta| d\Omega \quad [Wm^{-2}nm^{-1}] \quad (6)$$

Photosynthetic available radiation, **PAR**:

$$PAR(z) \equiv \int_{350nm}^{700nm} \frac{\lambda}{hc} E_o(z, \lambda) d\lambda \quad [photons s^{-1}m^{-2}] \quad (7)$$

# Planar Irradiance Sensor



(Source: [Mobley, 2010])

# Reflectance

- **Irradiance reflectance:**

$$R(z, \lambda) \equiv \frac{E_u(z, \lambda)}{E_d(z, \lambda)} \quad (8)$$

- **Remote sensing reflectance (water):**

$$R_{rs}(\theta, \varphi, \lambda) \equiv \frac{L_w(\theta, \varphi, \lambda)}{E_d(\lambda)} \quad [sr^{-1}] \quad (9)$$

where  $L_w$  is the **water-leaving radiance**

- **Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF):**

$$r_{BRDF} = \frac{L(\theta_o, \phi_o)}{E(\theta_i, \phi_i)} \quad [sr^{-1}] \quad (10)$$

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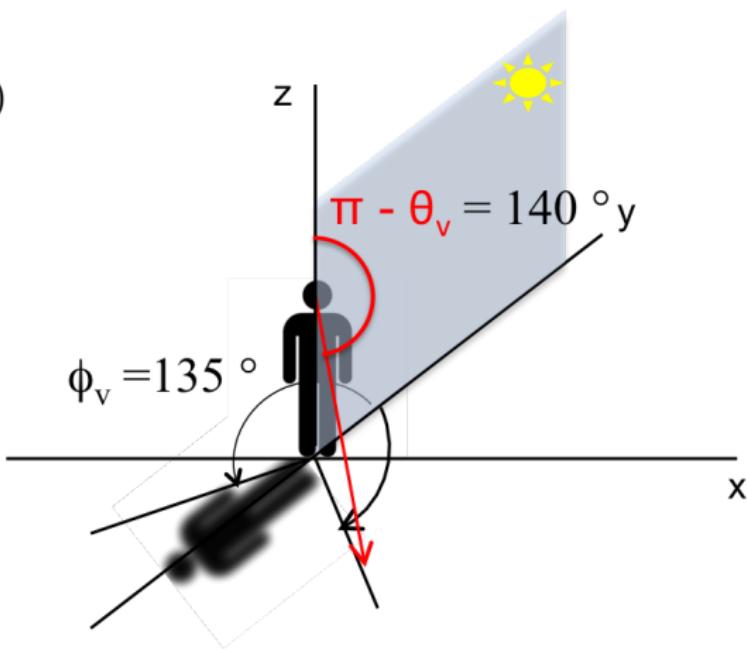
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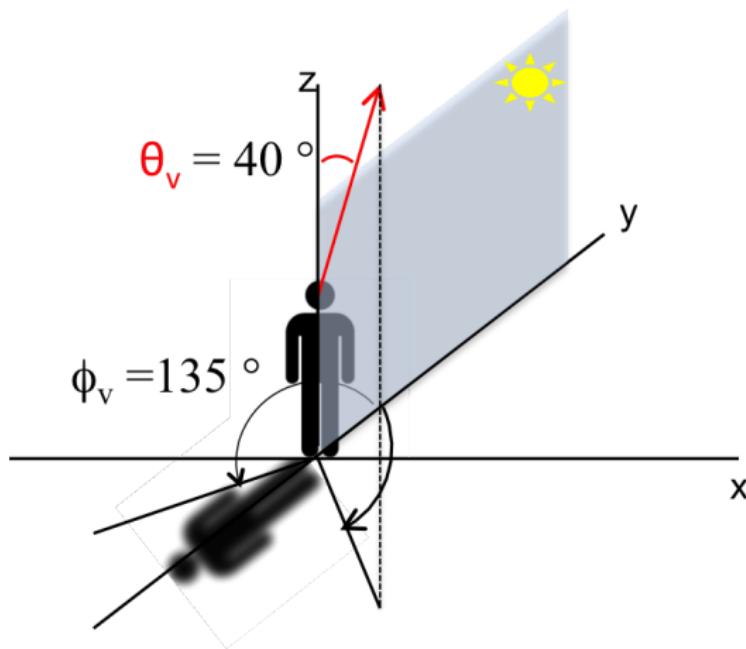
# Remote-Sensing Reflectance

- 3 measurements:
  - $L_g$  (spectralon)
  - $L_t = L_r + L_w$  (water)
  - $L_{sky}$
- Remote-sensing reflectance:
$$R_{rs} = L_w/E_d$$
$$= (L_t - L_r)/E_d$$

with  $L_r = 0.028 * L_{sky}$

  - $E_d = L_g * \pi$
  - $\phi$  : azimuthal angle
  - $\theta$  : zenith angle





# Diffuse white reference panel (Spectralon)

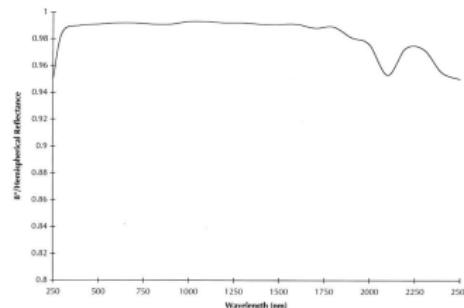
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- For a Lambertian surface:

$$L = \frac{E_d r}{\pi} \Rightarrow E_d = \frac{L\pi}{r}$$

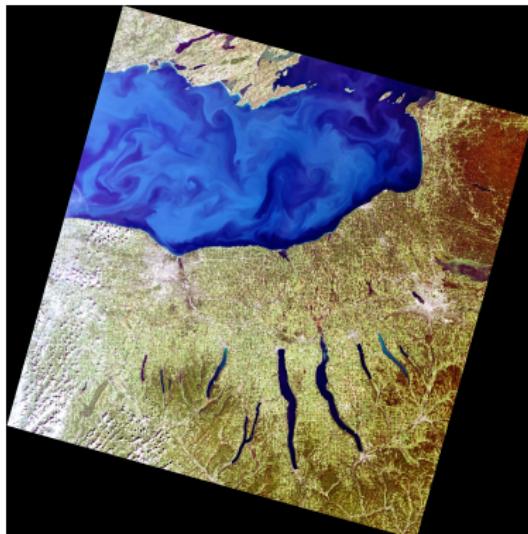
- For spectralon  $r \approx 1$   
( $\approx 100\%$ )  
 $\Rightarrow E_d = L\pi$



Thanks for your attention!

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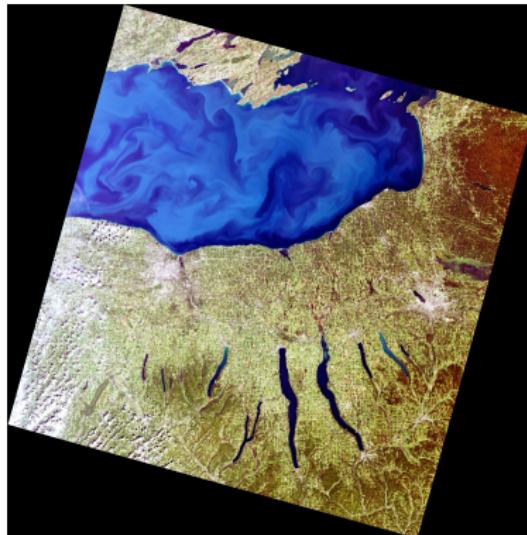
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