



(Kandinski, 1926)

FRACTAL DUST PARTICLES: LIGHT SCATTERING AND ADSORPTION ANOMALIES

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**ALMOST-KNOWN KNOWNNS ABOUT
FRACTAL DUST PARTICLES LIGHT
SCATTERING IN VARIOUS DOMAINS
OF PHYSICS
(AND POSSIBLE ASTROPHYSICAL
APPLICATIONS)**

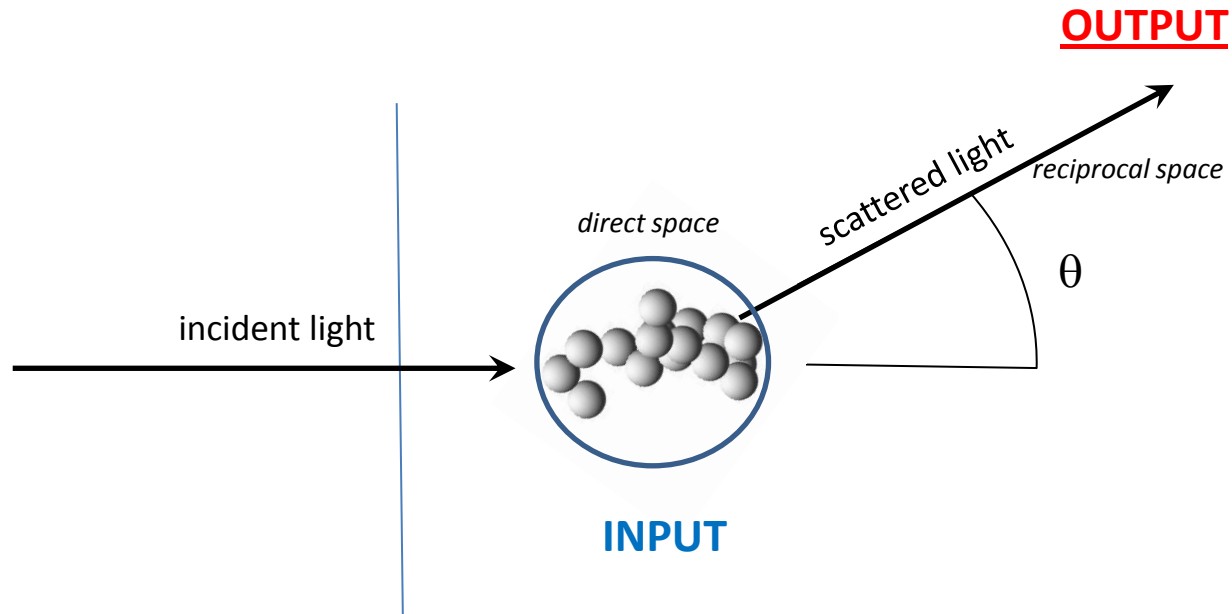
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WHY IS THE INVERSE SCATTERING PROBLEM SO DIFFICULT?

- **direct problem** → scattering is computed solving the Maxwell equations with the correct limit conditions



INPUT = scatterer

OUTPUT = 4 functions, e.g.: Stokes parameters $S_i(\theta, \lambda)$

depend on a number of independent parameters
(θ, λ, m , distribution of the matter in the scatterer, size-distribution)

THE FREE NUMERICAL PROGRAMS TO DO SO...

The screenshot shows the SCATTPORT website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Contact', 'Disclaimer', and 'ScattPort Page Information'. The main header features the 'SCATTPORT' logo and a message: 'Thank you for the support of our online survey. Now we evaluate the results.' Below the header, the page is organized into several sections:

- Home** -> Light Scattering Software (09 | 11 | 2011)
- Main Menu**: Home, Light Scattering News, Short Articles, FAQ, Conferences, Vacant Positions, Wriedt Group, Scattport concept.
- Programs**: Light Scattering Software, Mie Type Codes, Particle on Surface, Multiple Part. Scatt., T-Matrix Codes, Point Matching Codes, Generalized Multipole, Method of Moments.
- PROGRAMS**: List of electromagnetic scattering programs.
 - 3D GLMT**: Multiple Particle Scattering. Written by Gouesbet, Gérard. Monday, 07 November 2011 13:34. Description: 3D representation of the scattering of a Gaussian beam by a homogeneous spherical particle based on the far-field version of GLMT to visualize the scattering of a Gaussian beam by a homogeneous, isotropic and spherical particle arbitrarily located in the beam. Supplementary resources with the book: Gérard Gouesbet and Gérard Gréhan. Generalized Lorenz-Mie Theories. Springer, Berlin Heidelberg, 2011, ISBN 978-3-642-17193-2. > Link (Nov 7, 2011). Last Updated on Monday, 07 November 2011 13:49.
 - CDA**: Multiple Particle Scattering. Written by Baptiste Auguie. Wednesday, 27 July 2011 12:32. Description: Coupled-dipole simulations of sparse plasmonic nanoparticle assemblies using the cda package. Last Updated on Wednesday, 27 July 2011 12:43.
 - TAUMIE**: Mie Type Codes. Written by Pine, D. Friday, 28 October 2011 07:48.
 - TMATRIX_D**: T-Matrix Codes.
- Latest Additions**:
 - > 4th Conference on Computational Thermal Radiation in Participating Media (CTPRM-4)
 - > Workshop Scattering 2012
 - > WORKSHOP INVERSE PROBLEMS 2012
 - > LIP2012, Rouen 2012
 - > 3D GLMT
 - > taumie
 - > Méline
 - > ELS 13, Taormina, 2011
 - > CDA
 - > Coupled-dipole simulations of sparse plasmonic nanoparticle assemblies using the cda package
- Special**: Gustav Mie, Mie Theory 1908-2008, Classic Papers.

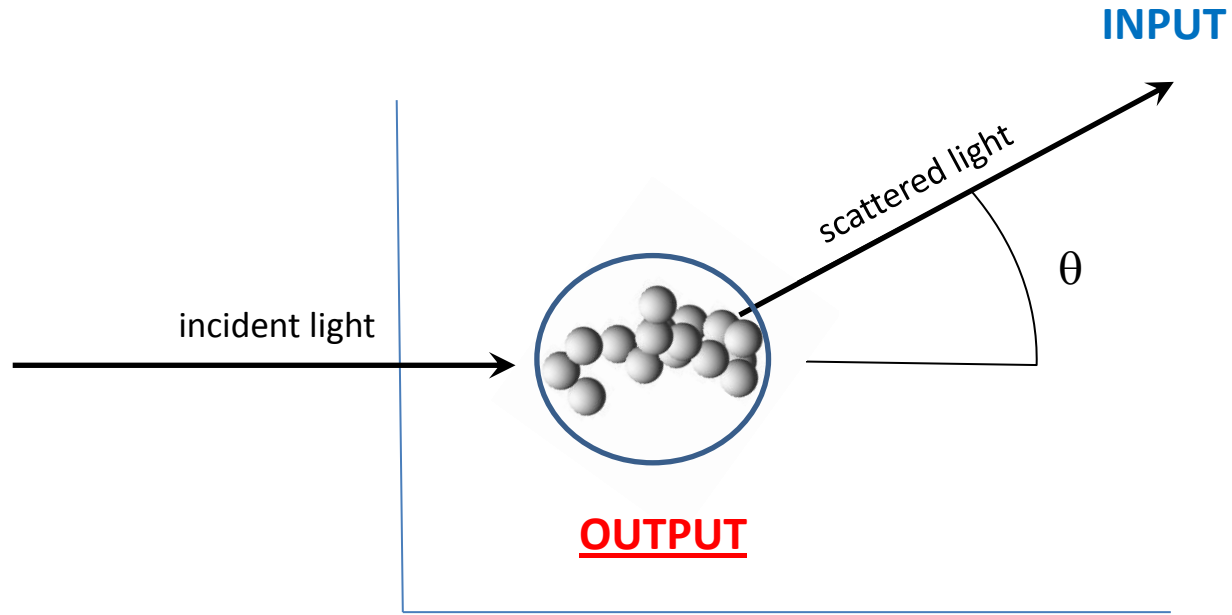
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<http://www.t-matrix.de/>

≈300 free numerical codes of electromagnetic scattering by particles or surfaces!

WHY IS THE INVERSE SCATTERING PROBLEM SO DIFFICULT?

- **inverse problem** → we know the Stokes parameters, what is the scatterer?



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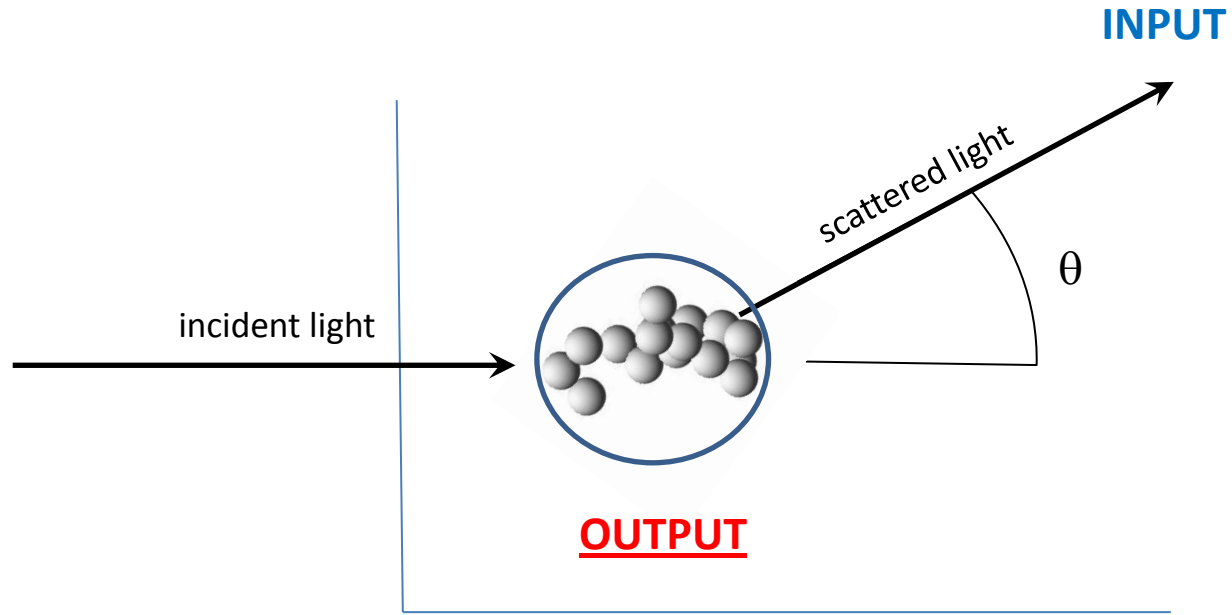
*the information is spread over 4 functions of
a number of variables and parameters*

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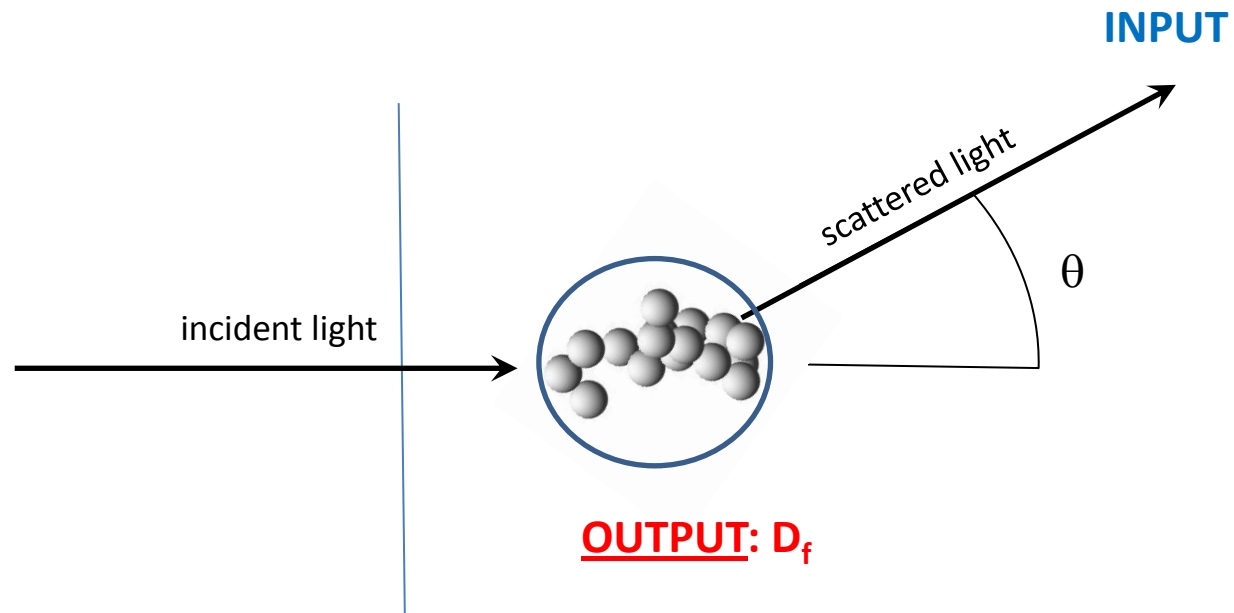


- *The inverse problem would be simple if we knew where is hidden the value of this or that parameter in the Stokes parameter functions*

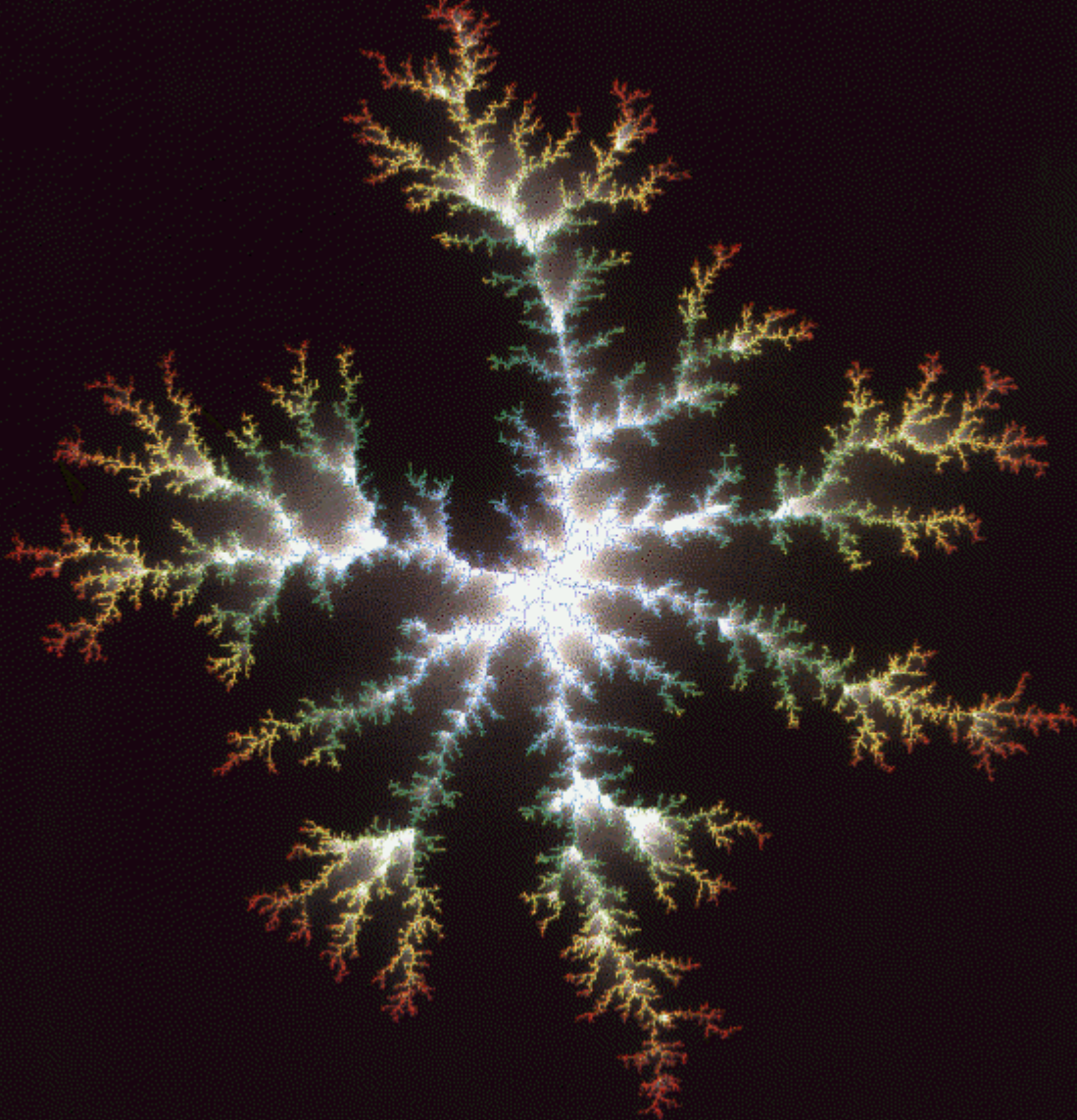
actually, some examples are known but they are rare...

EXAMPLE OF AN INVERSE SCATTERING PROBLEM: / ESTIMATE THE FRACTAL DIMENSION /

- Inverse problem → *we know the intensity scattered by fractal aggregate of homogeneous grains, what is the value of the fractal dimension?*

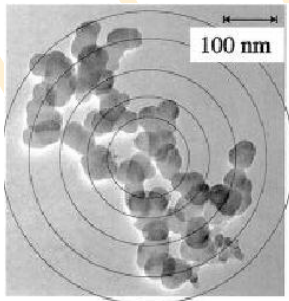


INTERLUDE: WHAT IS A FRACTAL AGGREGATE?

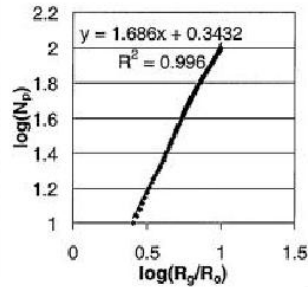


REMINDER OF WHAT IS A FRACTAL AGGREGATE

- In a diluted cold fluid, grains tend to stick together to form fractal aggregates, following a process called: Cluster-Cluster Aggregation (CCA)

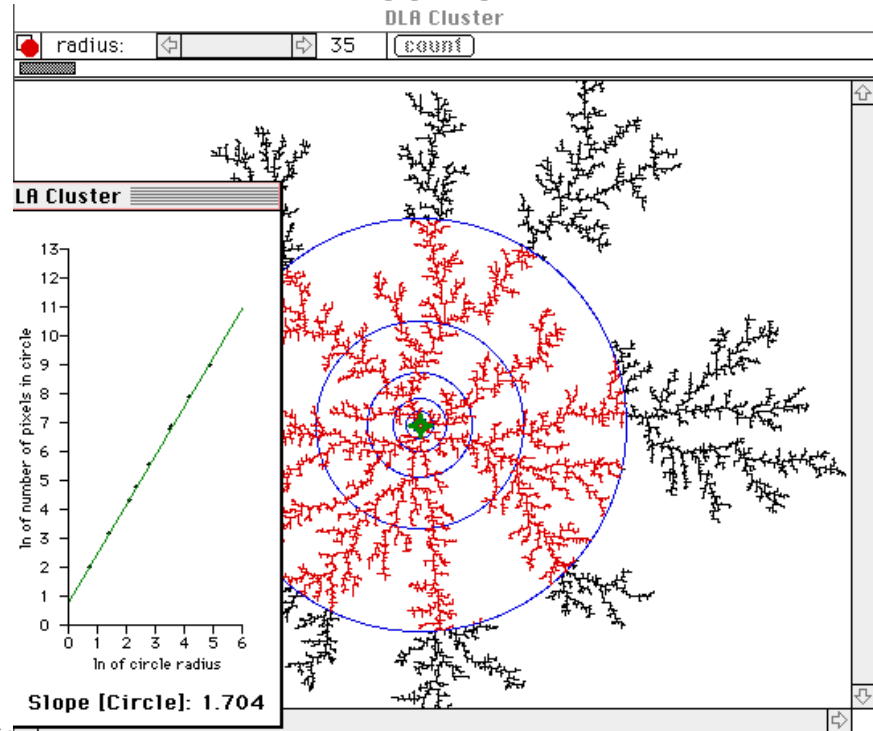


(a)



(b)

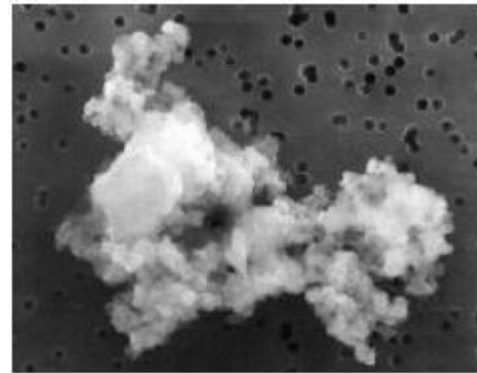
$$N \cong c R^{D_f}$$



- a fractal aggregate is entirely defined (in the statistical sense) by:
 - its reduced radius of gyration, R_g/a
 - its fractal dimension, D_f
 - Its prefactor, c

FRACTAL AGGREGATE GALLERY 0.

was it fractal before collection?
at least → this is aggregate of grains!



Brownlee particle

FRACTAL AGGREGATE GALLERY 1.

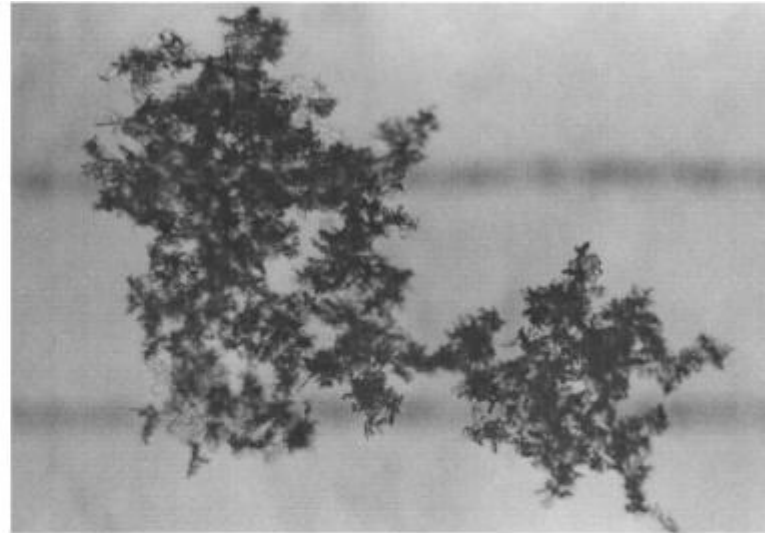
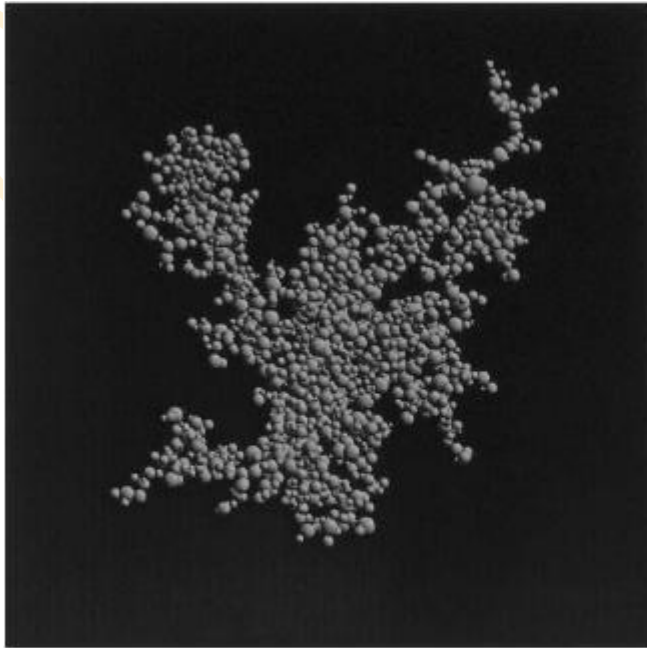
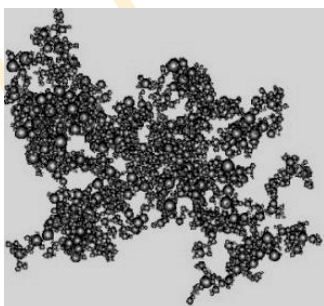


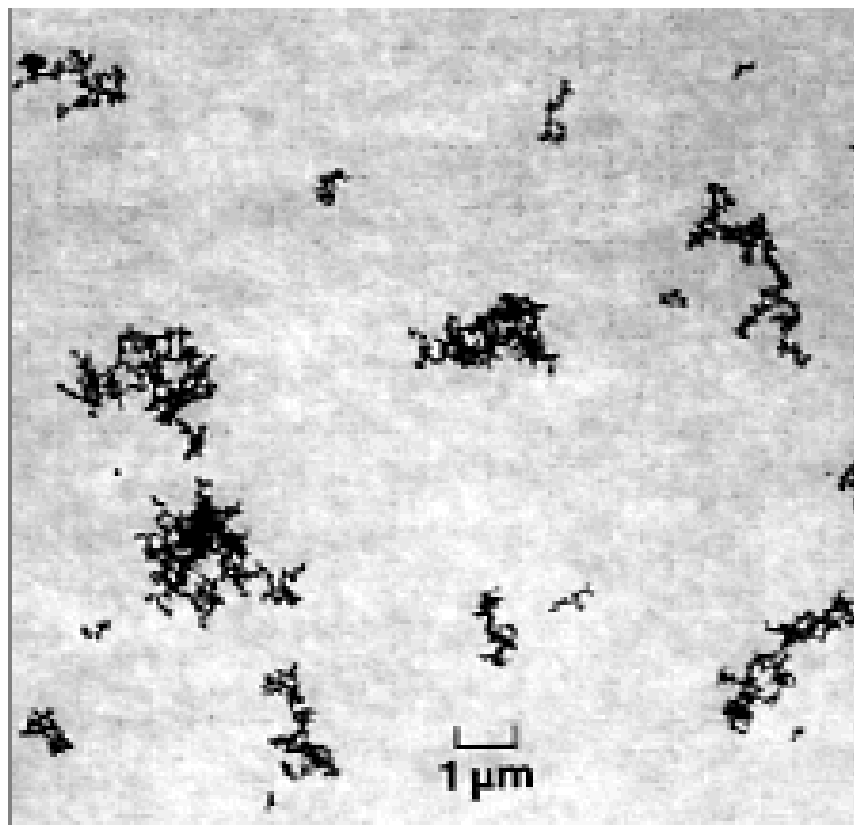
FIG. 2. Images in 3D of a generated snowflake consisting of 1760 particles: (a) top view and (b) front view. (c) A picture of an observed snowflake is also shown for comparison; the two faint lines behind the observed snowflake are separated by 5 mm.

snowflakes (*Maruyama & Fujiyoshi, 2005*)

FRACTAL AGGREGATE GALLERY 2.



numerical

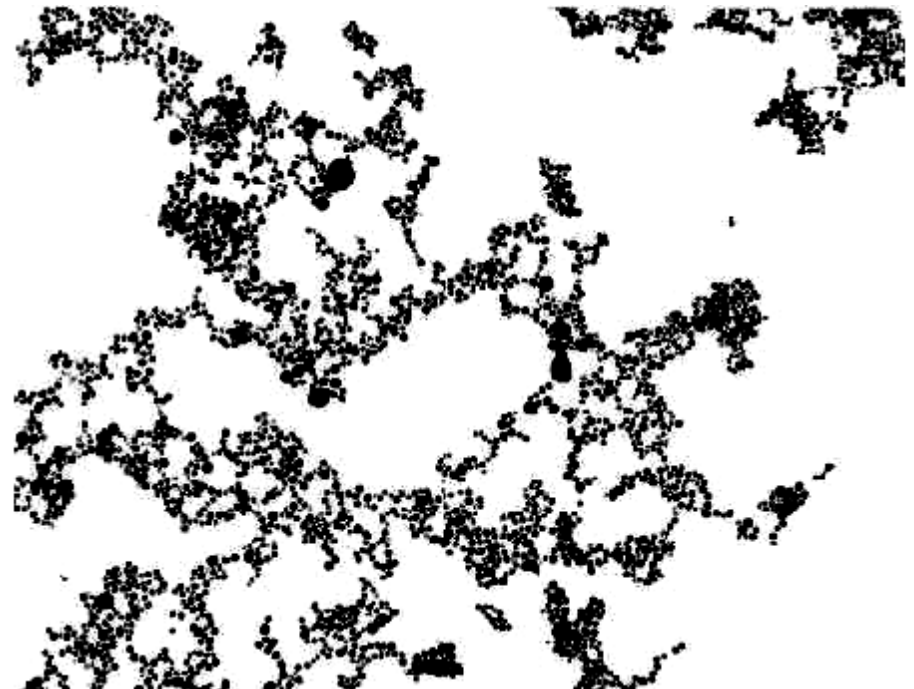


Au colloidal particles (*Weitz et al, 1985*)

FRACTAL AGGREGATE GALLERY 3.

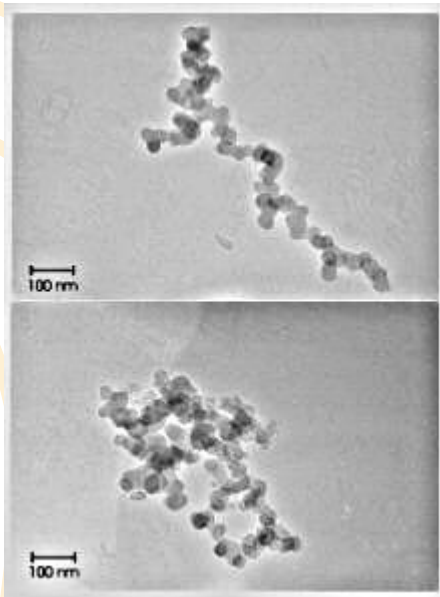


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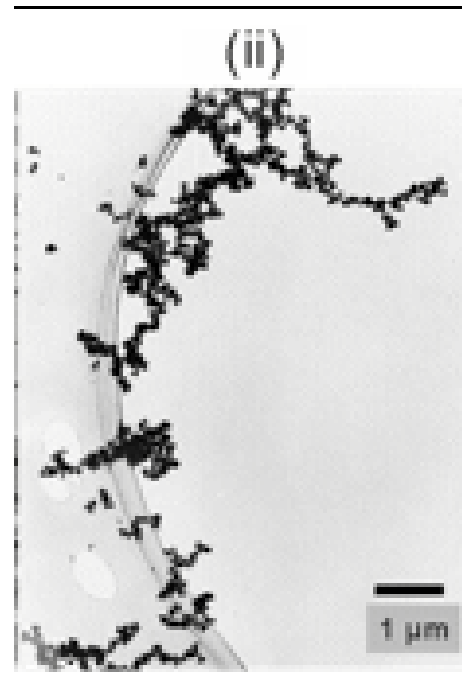


Latex colloidal particles

FRACTAL AGGREGATE GALLERY 4.

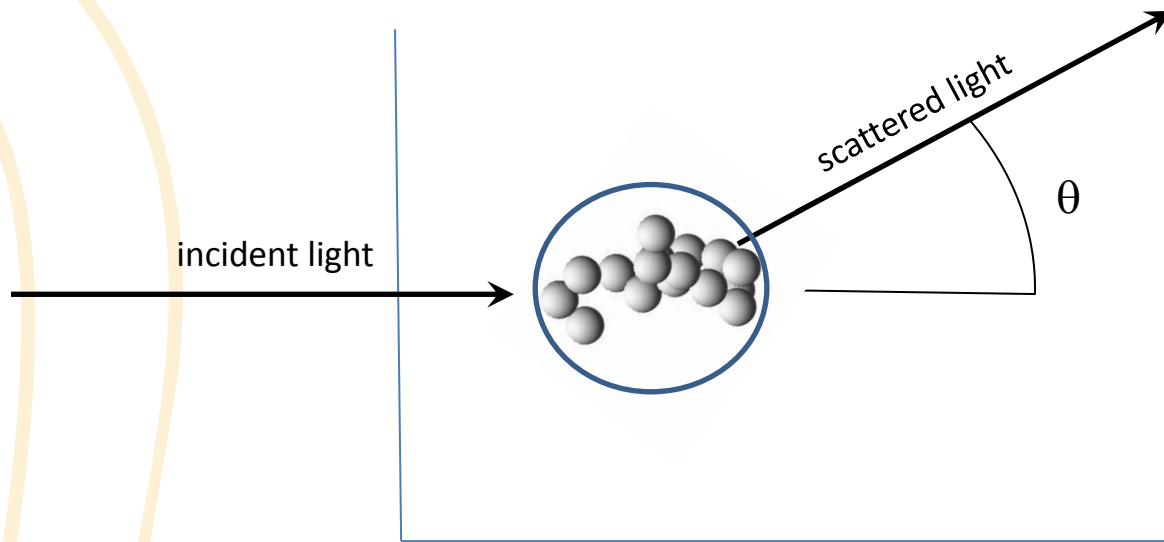


Diesel smoke (*Xiong & Friedlander, 2001*)



laboratory generated meteoric smoke (*Saunders & Plane, 2006*)

THE SAS (SMALL-ANGLE SCATTERING) AS A TOOL TO MEASURE THE FRACTAL DIMENSION OF OPTICAL SOFT PARTICLES



(INTRA) SINGLE-SCATTERING ASSUMPTION...

- Scattering quantities for **isotropic fractal aggregate of homogeneous grains of radius a** under single-scattering assumption, must depend on:

5 parameters

- the scattering angle
- the size parameter
- the shape parameter
- the fractal dimension
- the prefactor
- the complex refractive index

→ θ

→ $x = 2\pi a/\lambda$

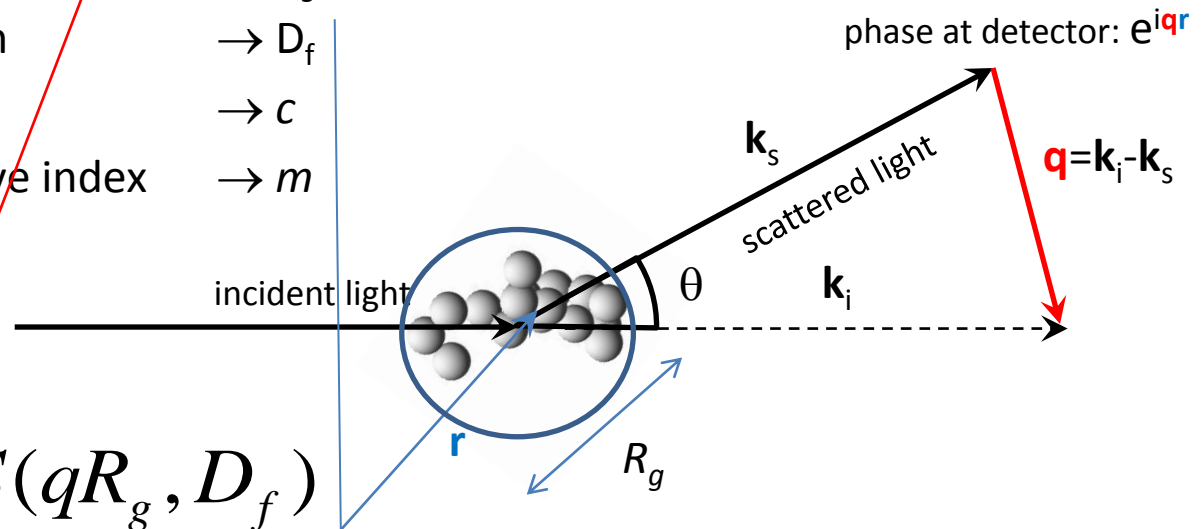
→ R_g/a

→ D_f

→ c

→ m

} single parameter: $qa = 2x \sin(\theta/2)$



$$I_N(q) = c I_1(qa, m) S(qR_g, D_f)$$

1-grain scattering structure factor

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WHAT ABOUT THE STRUCTURE FACTOR?

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1-grain scattering structure factor

$$S = \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}_j} \right|^2$$

depends only on R_g

$$= \exp(-q^2 R_g^2 / 3) \text{ when } qR_g < 1$$

$$= \frac{A}{(qR_g)^{D_f}} \text{ when } 1 < qR_g$$

scaling with exponent D_f

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PUTTING ALL TOGETHER (SAS = VERSUS θ)

In terms of the quantities θ et λ , these results write:

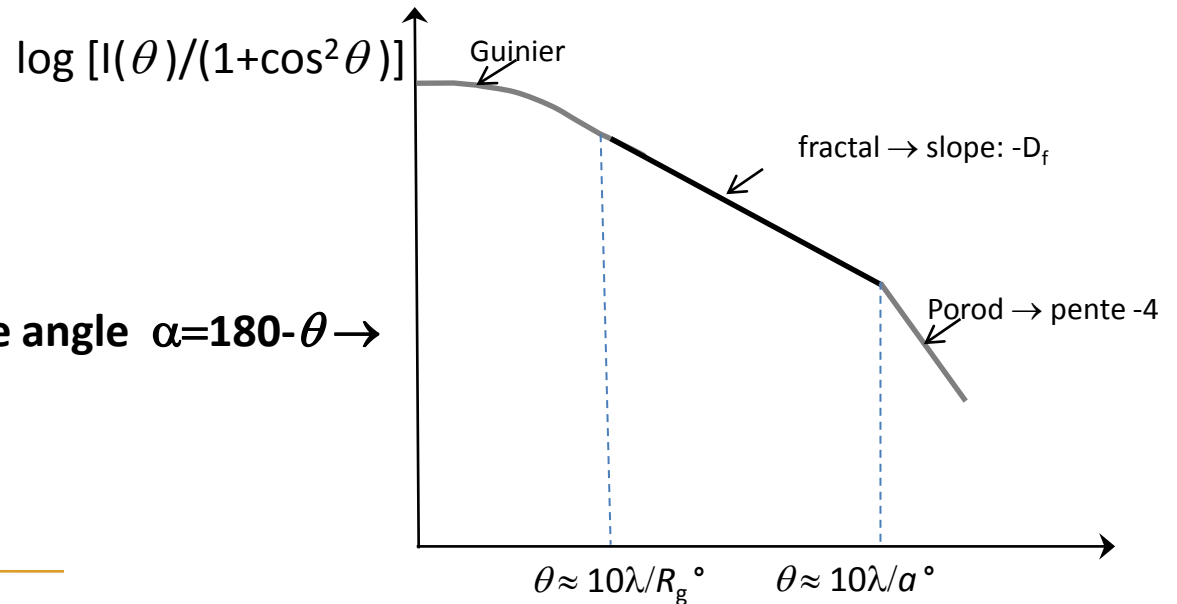
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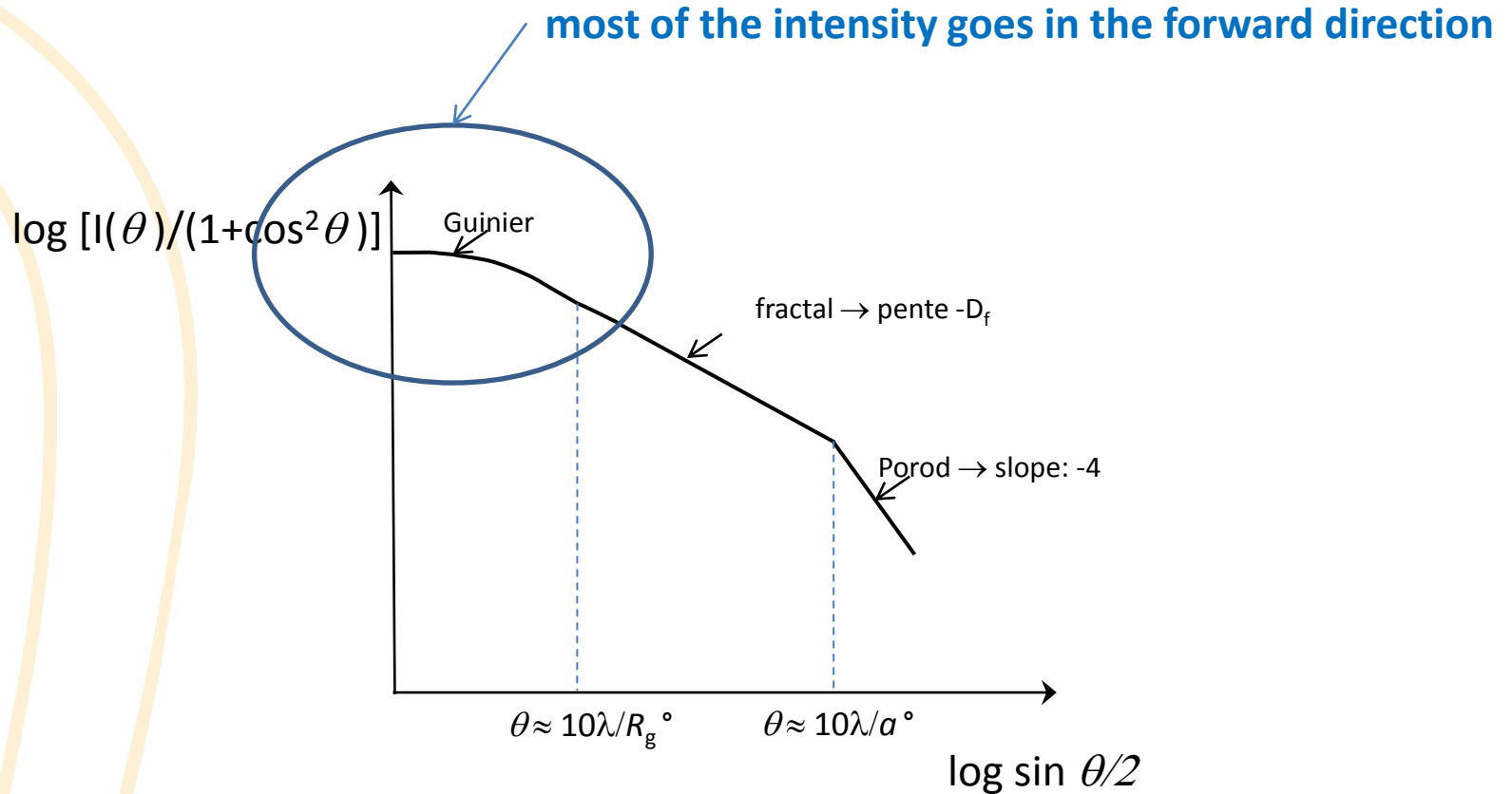
for the small values of θ (Guinier regime)
 for the intermediate values of θ (fractal regime)

Rayleigh $\propto (1+\cos^2\theta)/\lambda^4$



varying the phase angle $\alpha=180-\theta \rightarrow$

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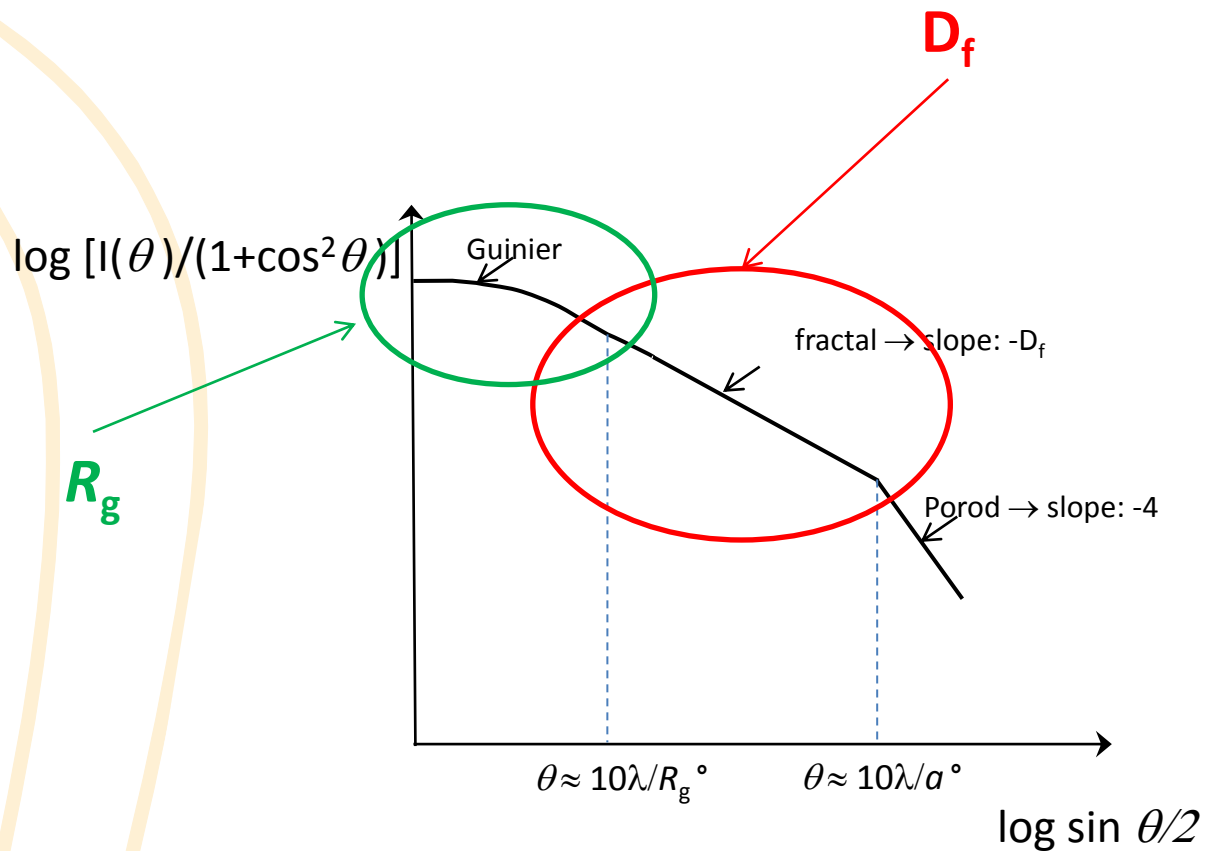


– **Conditions:**

- $|m-1| \ll 1$
- $|2ka(m-1)| \ll 1$

(optically soft particles)
(small grains)

2 PARAMETERS CAN BE MEASURED IN SAS : R_g AND D_f



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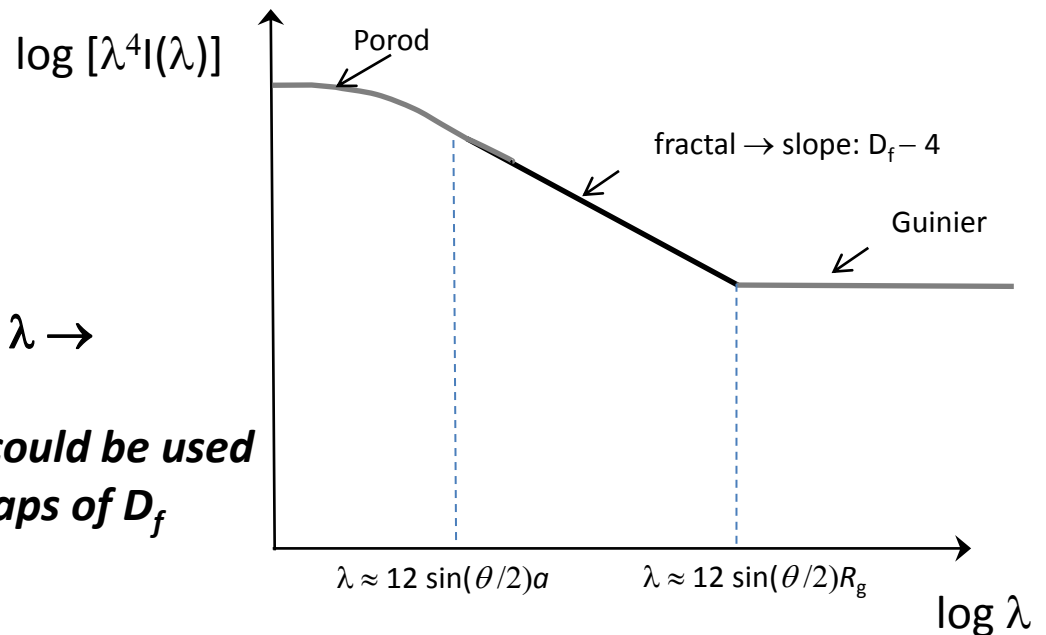
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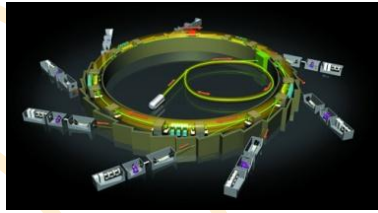
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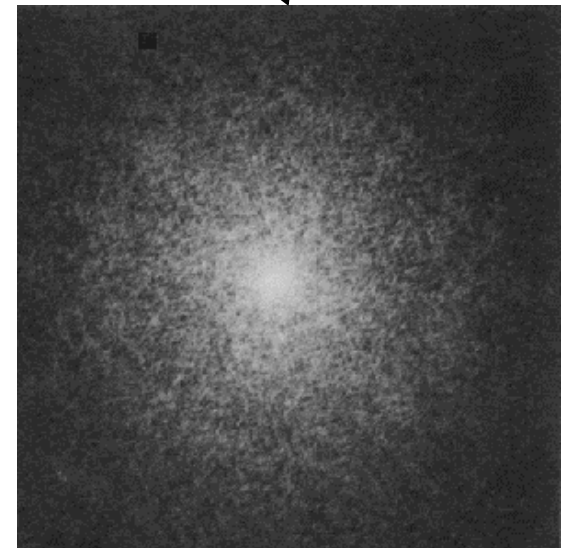
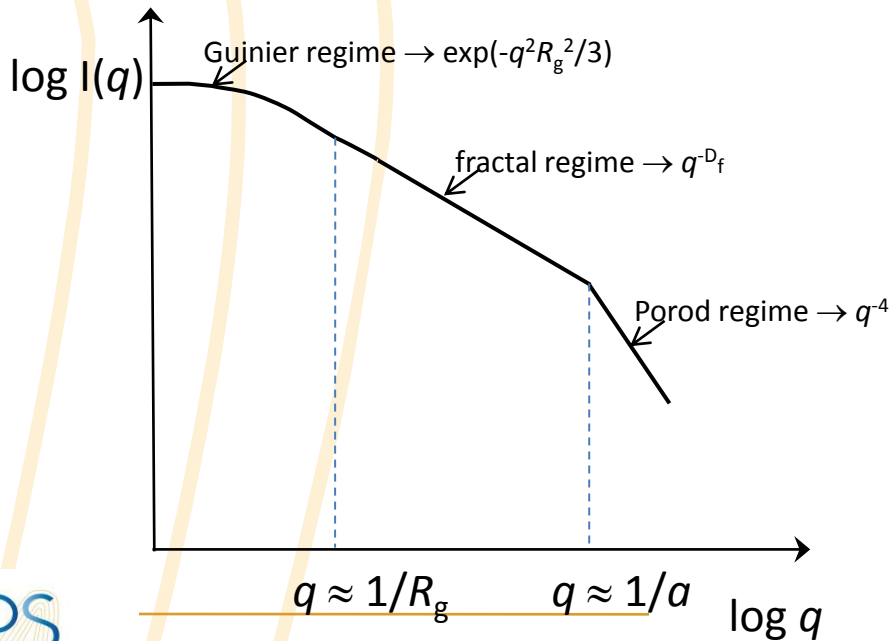
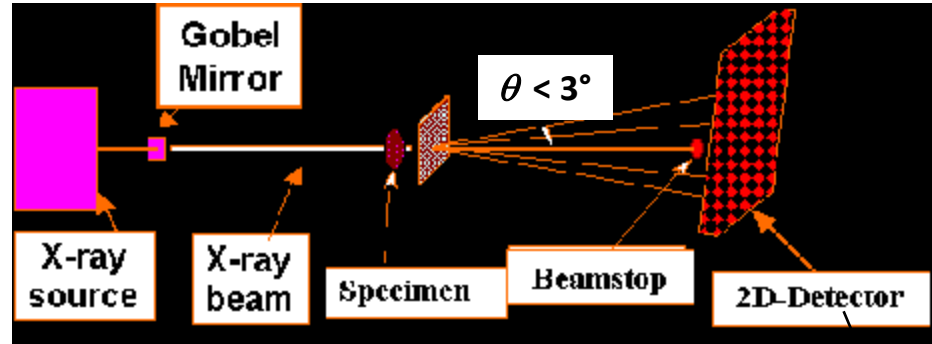
varying the wavelength $\lambda \rightarrow$

***ultraspectral imaging could be used
to have spatial maps of D_f***

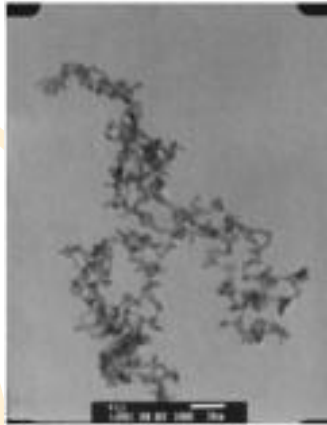
CURRENT APPLICATION : SAXS



Soleil synchrotron



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Pt fractal nanoparticles (*Min et al, 2007*)

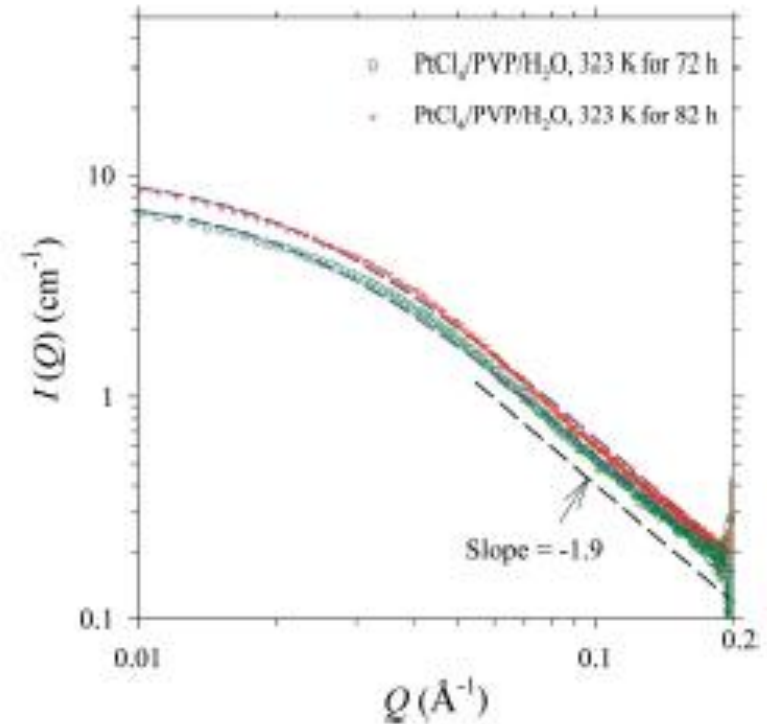
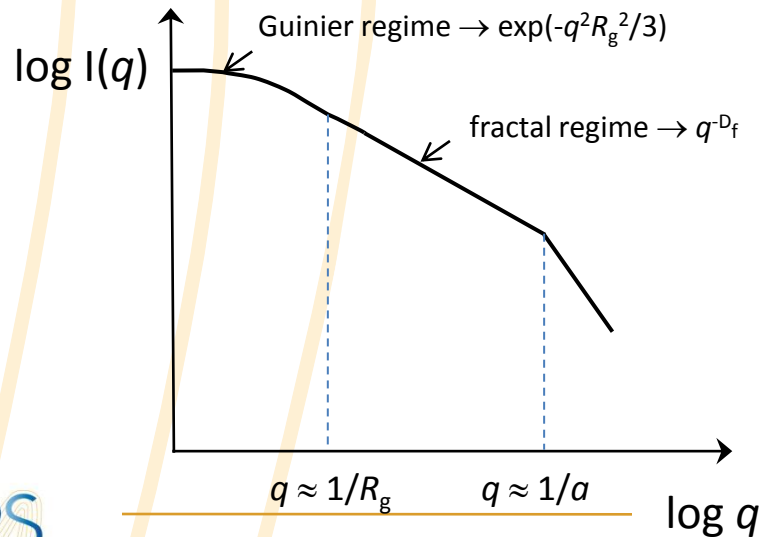
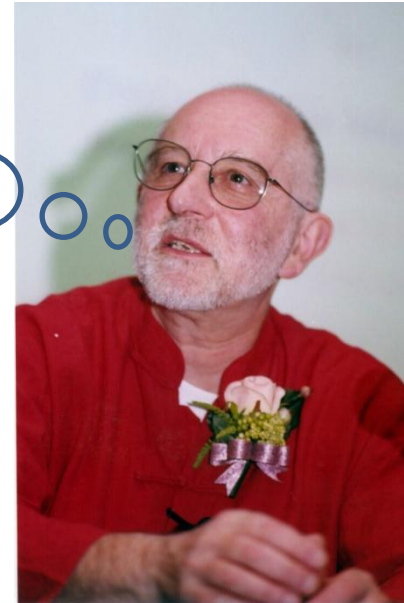


Figure 4
SAXS data for the aqueous solution of PtCl_6/PVP after 72 and 82 h annealing at 323 K.

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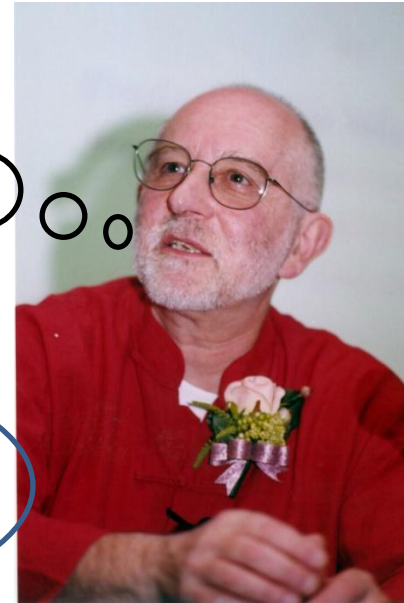
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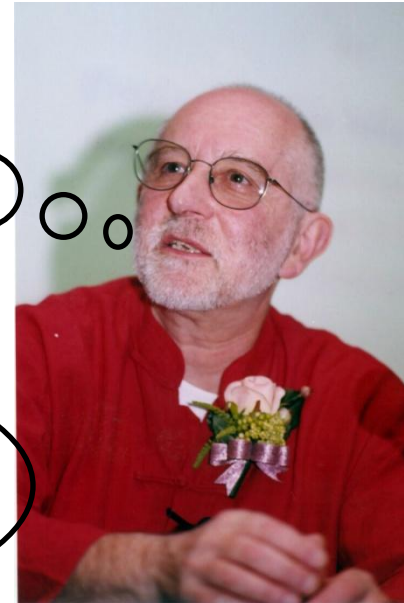
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Botet et al, 1995

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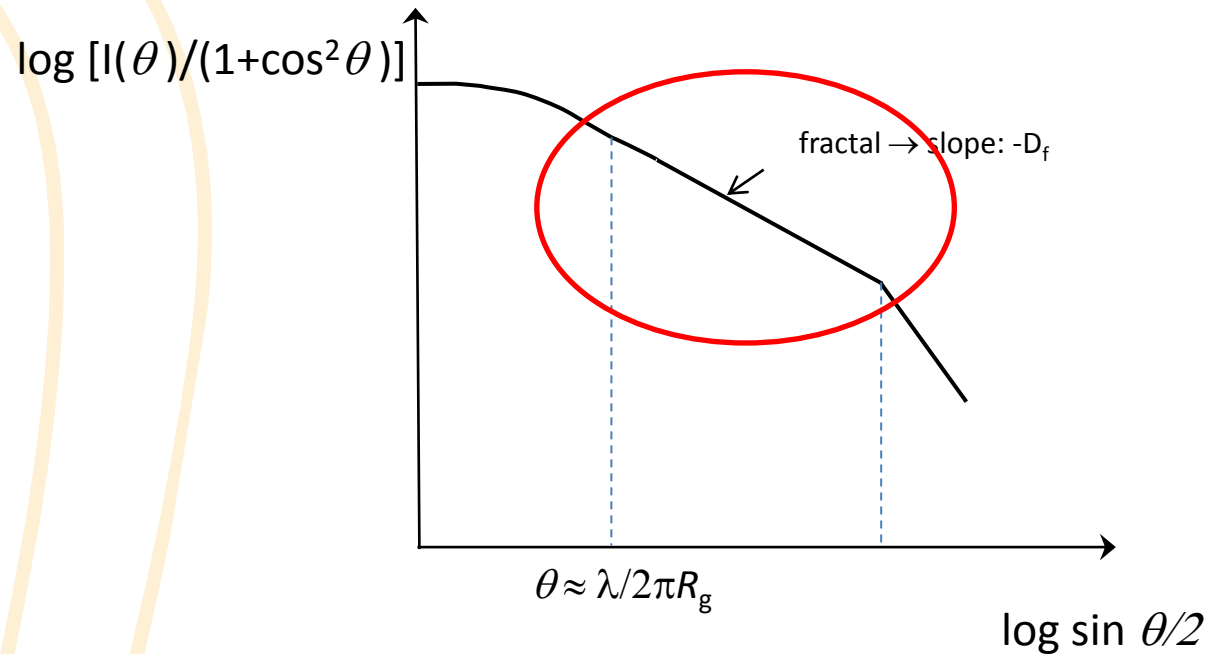
**the mean-field assumption is valid when
the material is far from optical resonance**



Shalaev, 2000

...AND THE CONCLUSION ABOUT MULTIPLE-SCATTERING

The fractal relation $S(q) \sim q^{-D_f}$ is robust!
It is valid whenever $D_f \leq 2$ and material far from resonance



when $D_f > 2$, we lose the information about the fractal dimension because the light is 'trapped' inside loops of particles

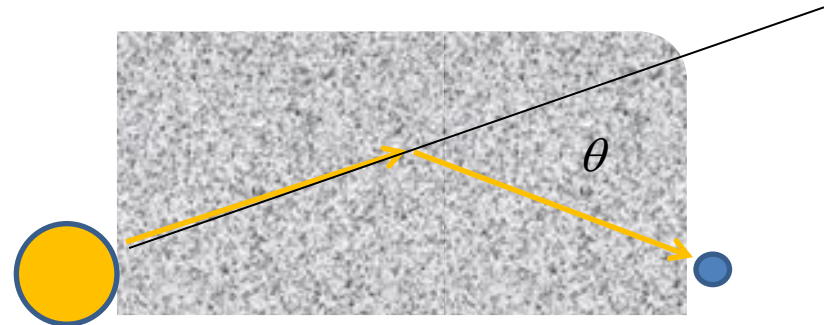
– **Conditions:**

- off-resonance and $D_f \leq 2$
- $ka \ll 1$ (small grains)

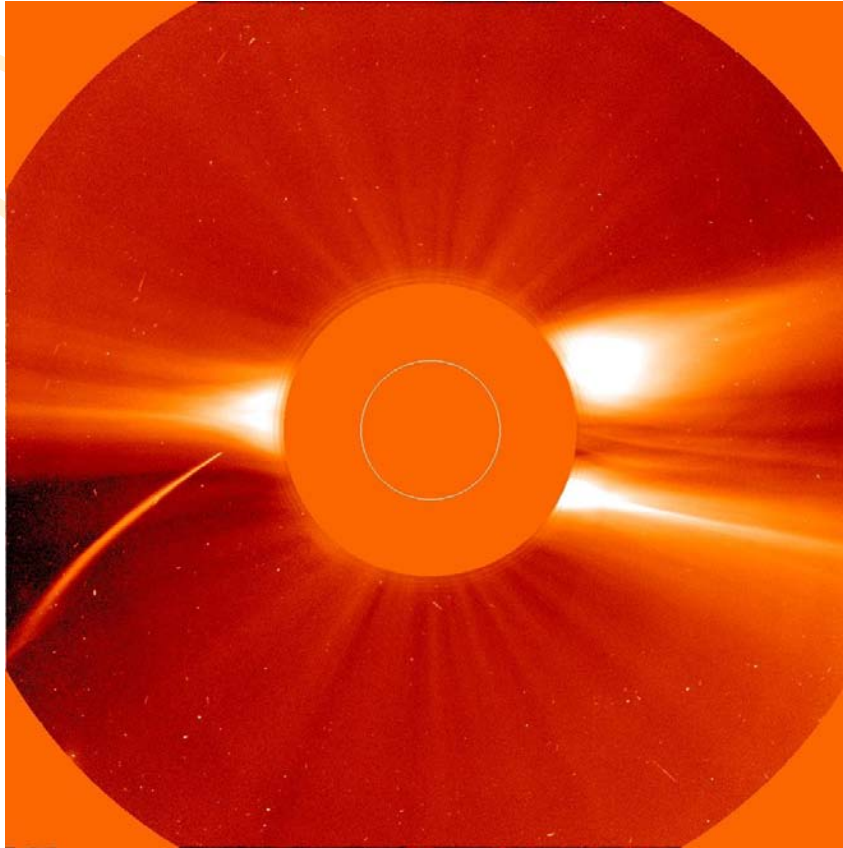
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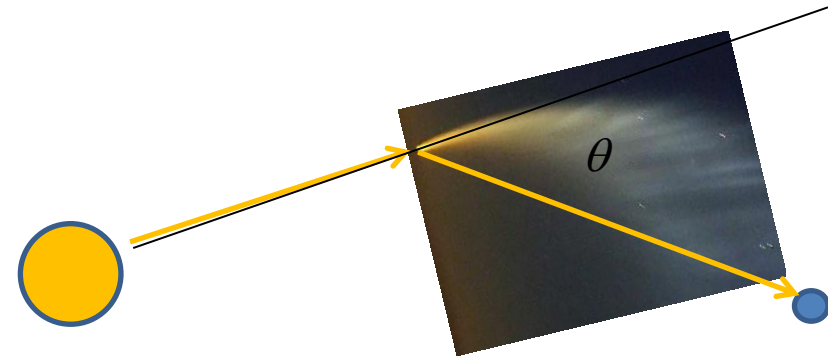
zodiacal light
(photo: Beletsky)



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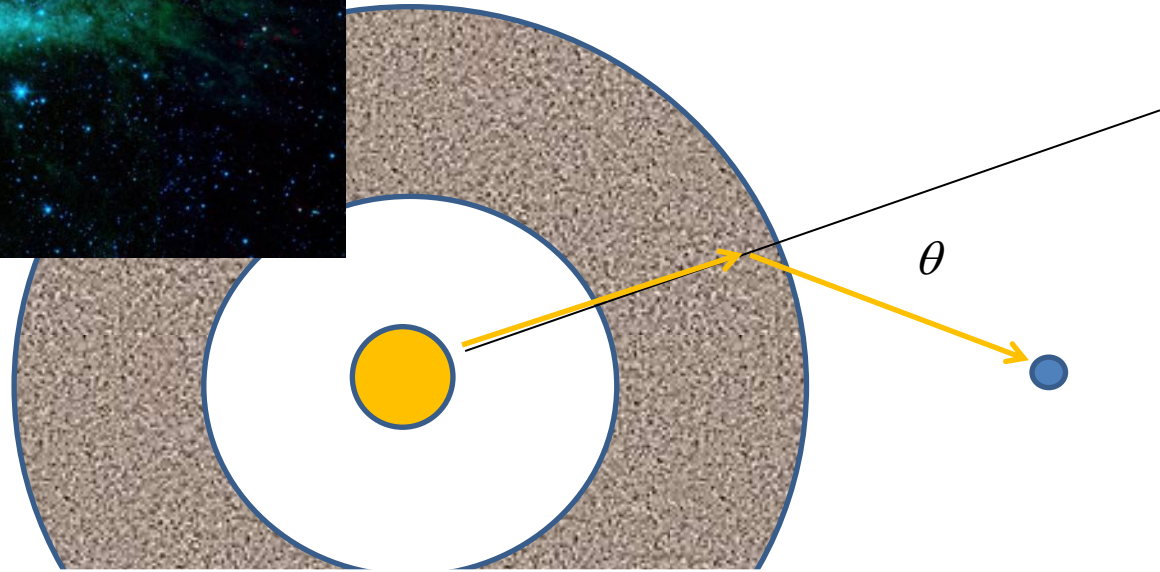
sungrazer comets
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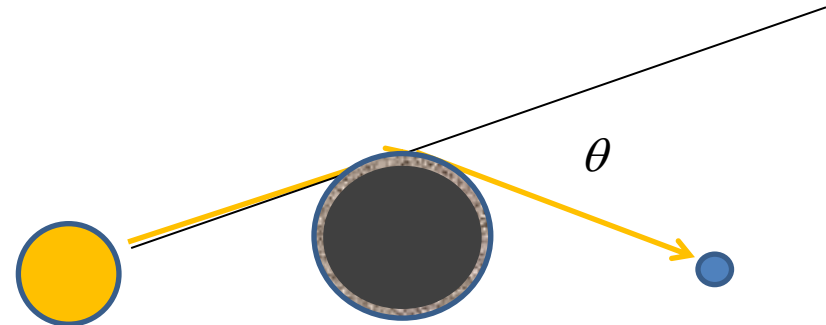
planetary nebula – *infrared image*
(photo: NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope)



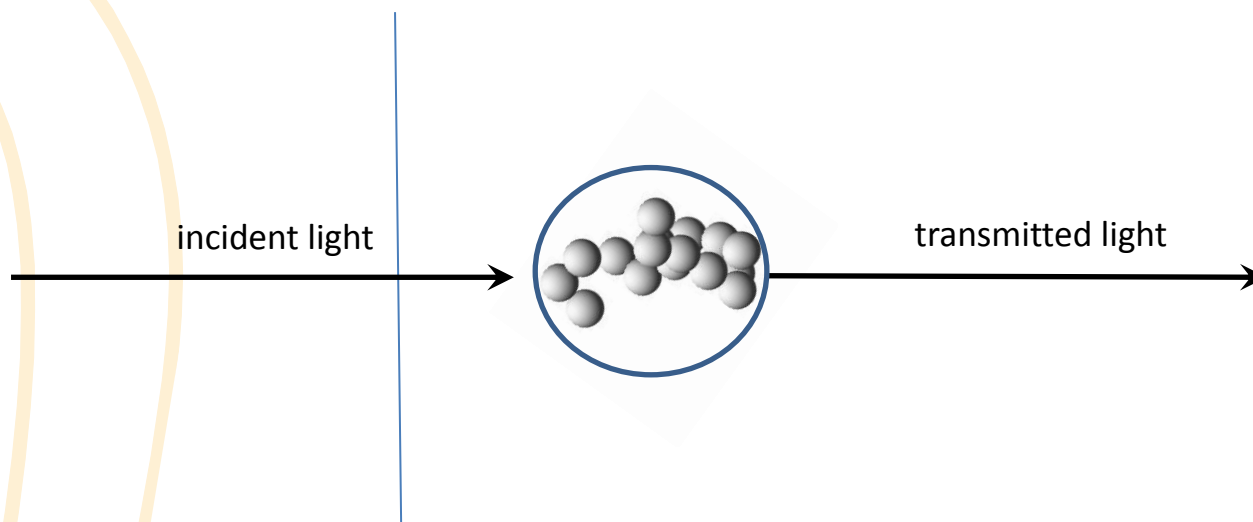
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upper atmospheres in forward diffusion
(photos: NASA-JPL)



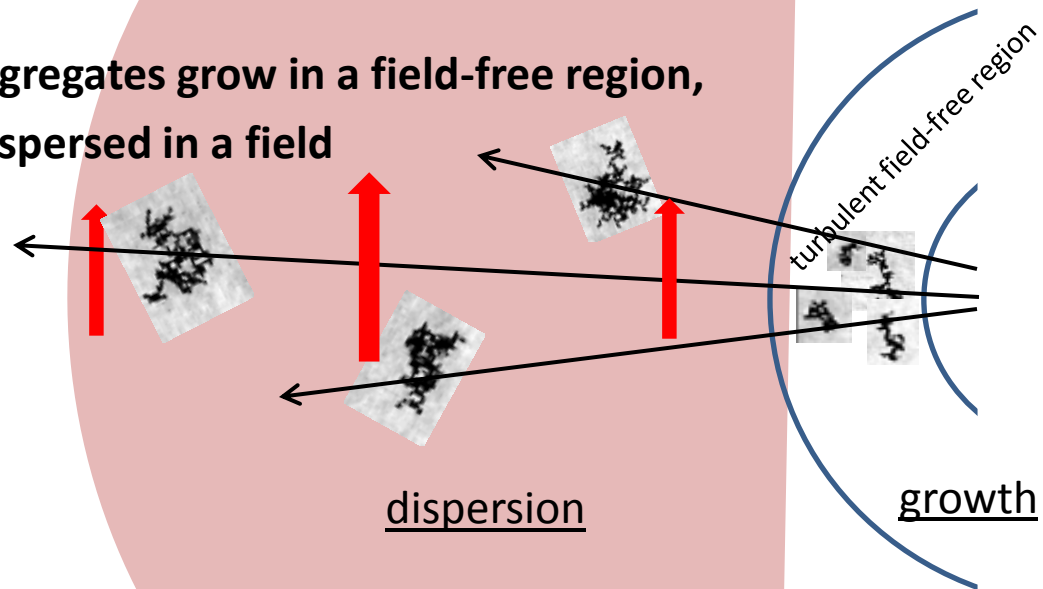
THE POLARIZATION OF FORWARD TRANSMITTED LIGHT AS A TOOL TO MEASURE SIZE OF ALIGNED ABSORBING AGGREGATES



1) FRACTAL AGGREGATES DISPERSED IN A FIELD

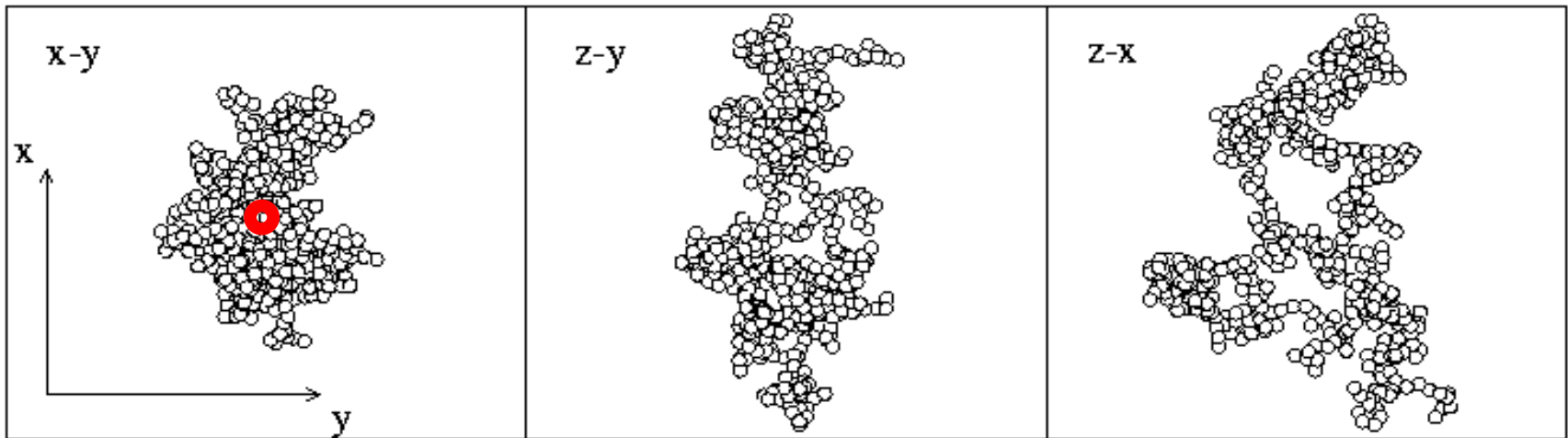
- anisotropy of aggregates can appear in 2 different conditions:

- 1) fractal aggregates grow in a field-free region, then, are dispersed in a field



THE NATURAL ANISOTROPY OF DISORDERED FRACTAL AGGREGATES

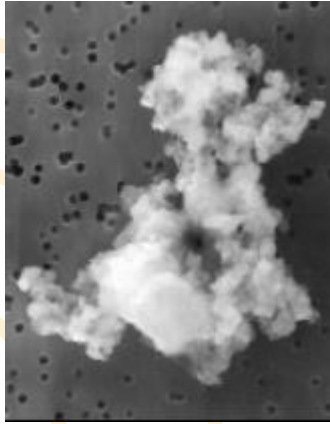
- disordered fractal aggregates are *statistically* isotropic
- but when placed in an oriented field, they can exhibit anisotropy due to irregularity in shape



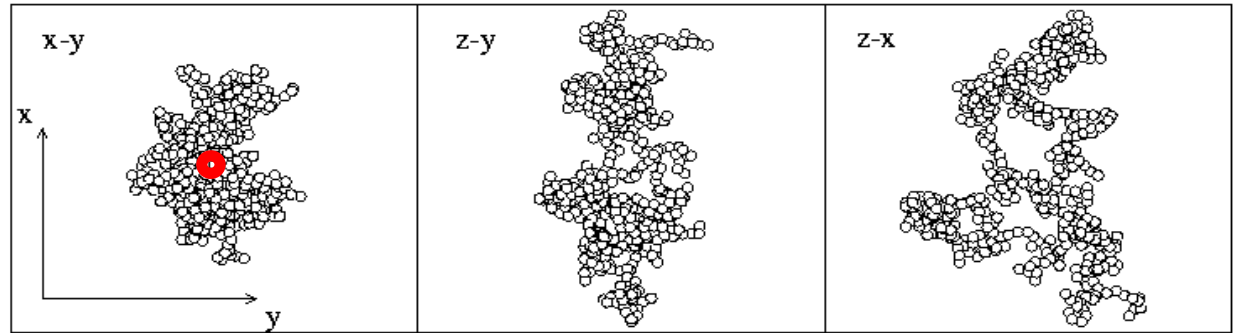
a same $N=512$ CCA aggregate of fractal dimension 2, with the axis of smallest inertia moment aligned along z

- what about the polarization of the light transmitted through a cloud of such aligned aggregates?...

THE NATURAL ANISOTROPY OF DISORDERED FRACTAL AGGREGATES



IDP collected in the stratosphere

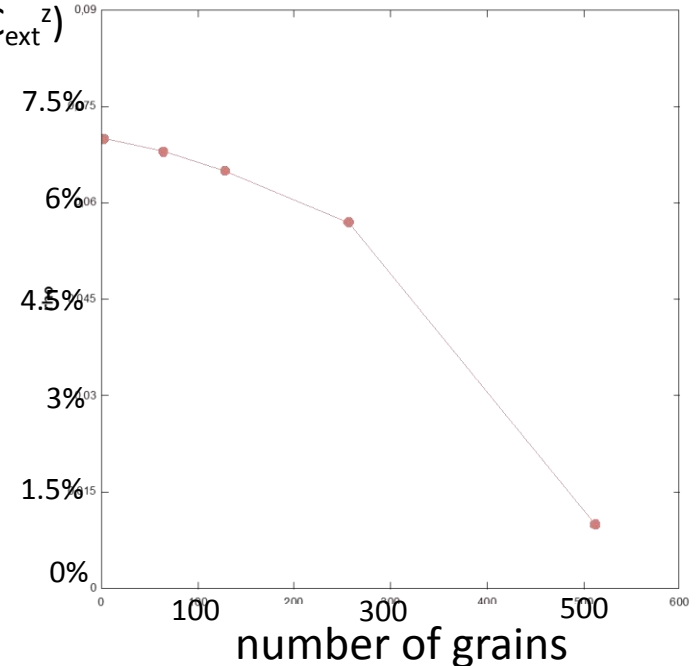


differential extinction parameter

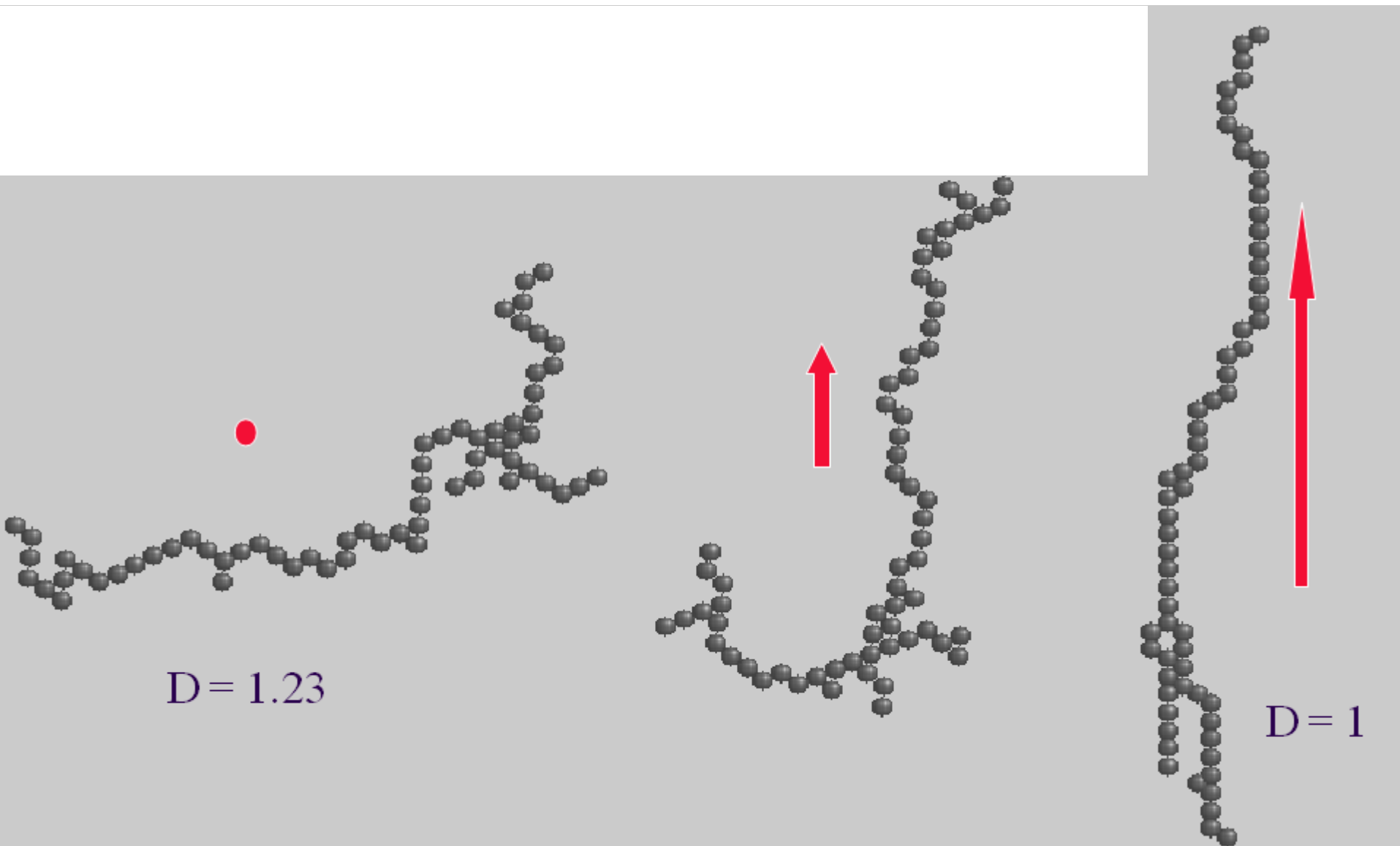
$$\rho = 2(C_{\text{ext}}^y - C_{\text{ext}}^z) / (C_{\text{ext}}^y + C_{\text{ext}}^z)$$

- the polarization due to differential cross-sections decreases with the aggregate size

This is an example of relation:
polarization degree / size of the particles



2) FRACTAL AGGREGATES GROW IN A FIELD REGION



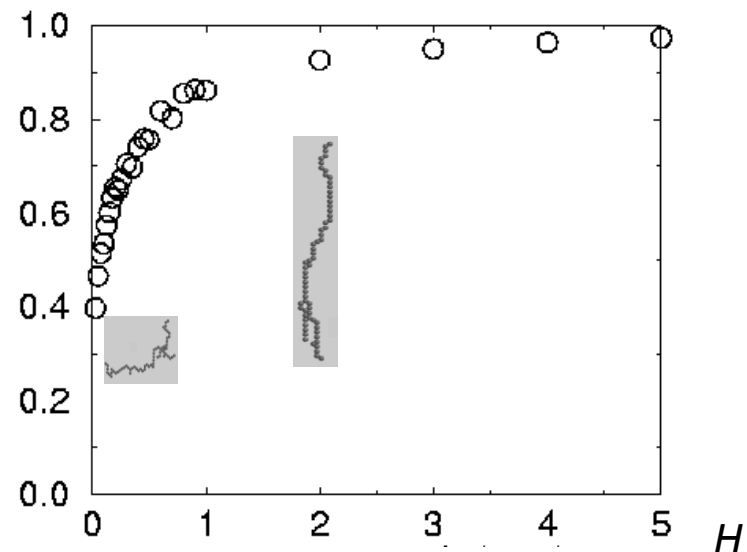
2) FRACTAL AGGREGATES GROW IN A FIELD REGION

- This case is analogous to a critical system in a field, then:

$$\text{anisotropy} \sim H^{1/\delta}$$

(not so) large fields \Rightarrow aggregates \approx rods

(...but precise studies are lacking...)



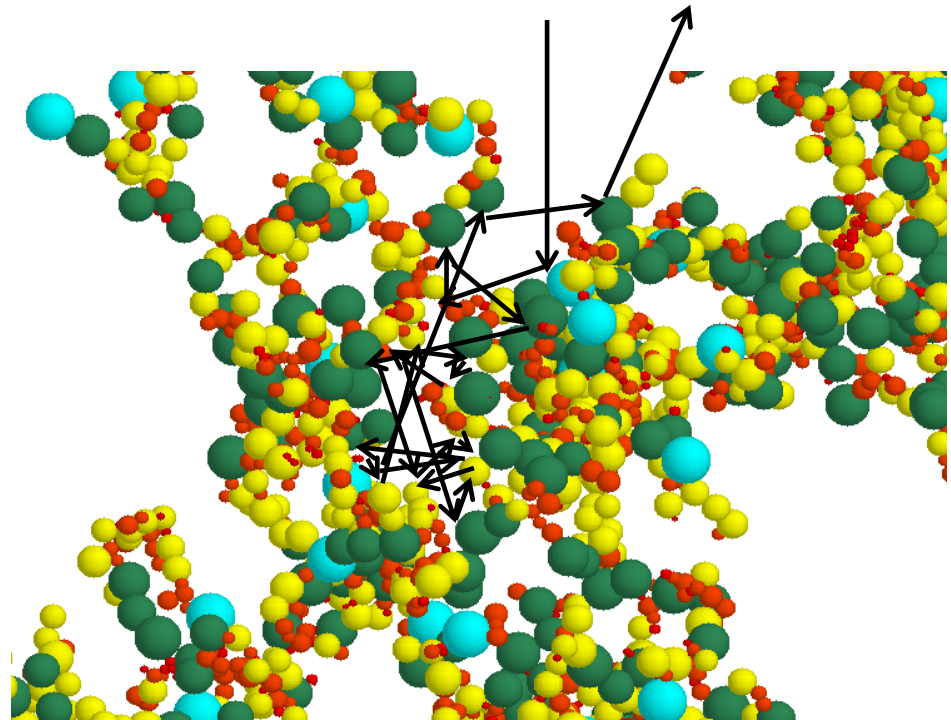
ANOMALOUS AD/ABSORPTION ON FRACTAL AGGREGATES AND CONSEQUENCES

- Fractal aggregates are very efficient to trap diffusing molecules
they are 'maze-like' porous materials

⇒ The apparent proportion of adsorbed gas molecules is **much larger** than expected from the theory

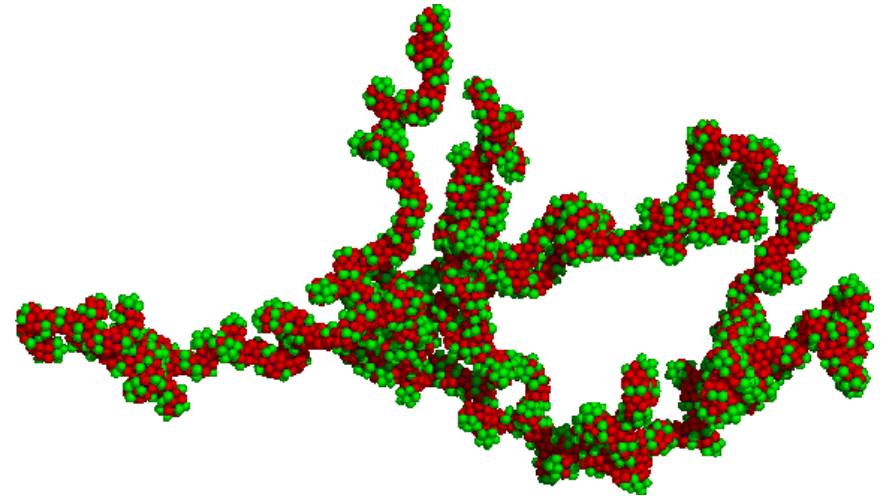
- when $D_f \leq 2$ → because of the large specific surface
- When $D_f > 2$ → because of the large specific surface + trapping

and there are consequences...
(*though not considered up to now...*)



ANOMALOUS AD/ABSORPTION ON FRACTAL AGGREGATES AND CONSEQUENCES

- Fractal aggregates are very efficient to trap diffusing molecules
they are effective natural chemical reactors!
- ⇒ 1) when P/T large enough, aggregates appear as aggregates of **coated grains**
- ⇒ 2) **infrared radiation from vibrational modes** of the adsorbed gas molecules is more intense



do you want to detect special molecules? → look where fractal aggregates are!

SUMMARIZING...

- The information about the scatterers is mixed over the Stokes parameters functions
- It would be very much interesting to know analysis windows (*in the scattering angle, in the wavelength*) of the Stokes parameters, which carry simply relevant information. We know a few examples:
 - the Small-Angle-Scattering gives the value of fractal dimension and mean radius of gyration when scatterers are fractal aggregates with $D_f < 2$
 - the absorption for light transmitted may give the size of aggregates
- ... but many other examples are missing
 - for example: how can we deduce the value of the refractive index in a robust way?
 - adsorption of molecules lead easily to coated grains → which change in the Stokes parameters functions?
 - ...